

## Supplementary Material

### The interaction of defects in mayenite structure

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**Table S1. Raman activity of mayenite after air, Ar and H<sub>2</sub> treatment**

initial						H <sub>2</sub> treated								ceramic		comments
Ar		Air centre		Air periphery		Ar centre		Ar centre		Air centre		Air periphery		at HT		
v	D half width	v	D half width	v	D half width	v	D half width	v	D half width	v	D half width	v	D half width	v	D half width	
						54.3	3.1	53.7	3.7	54.7	3.6	54.2	4.4			L <sub>1</sub>
61.7	4.0	61.9	5.3	60.0	7.3	59.4	6.9	59.0	7.8	59.7	7.4	59.8	8.1			
67.5	67.5			67.1	10.7	69.3	11.7			67.9	11.4	68.7	12.1			
75.2	10.7	74.0	16.3	73.4	10.5	76.1	7.8	73.1	18.9	76.7	10.7	77.2	9.4			
84.3	6.4	87.7	12.4	83.6	10.3	83.3	6.9	83.8	5.0	84.3	6.5	84.5	7.2	89.2	7.5	X <sub>1</sub>
92.3	6.7	93.4	5.8	93.8	15.9	91.4	8.5	92.7	10.7	92.6	12.1	91.7	8.9	95.1	11.5	X <sub>2</sub>
		97.4	5.9			96.4	8.2									
100.7	9.9	101.3	6.1			99.5	5.2	100.6	8.0	101.7	8.4	99.4	10.8			X <sub>3</sub>
107.7	7.2	107.3	11.1	107.4	16.4	105.9	9.0			107.7	6.4	108.0	5.4	107.2	19.6	
115.6	11.3	117.1	10.6	118.1	7.1	115.4	4.3	115.4	13.1	113.5	11.4	112.2	32.7	-	-	MO <sub>6</sub>
125.1	8.2	125.5	9.8	125.7	28.6			124.2	7.0	125.8	16.9			126.1	21.8	X <sub>4</sub>
131.5	7.3	132.0	8.3	133.7	27.3	131.7	48.8	130.6	7.8			136.9	20.8	139.3	30.3	
140.0	14.0	138.1	9.6	141.8	16.0			137.5	8.1	140.8	17.6	140.6	5.0	144.7	14.6	
		144.6	10.1					143.9	12.8			147.8	13.0			
		150.4	7.9													
155.5	24.6	158.1	21.0	154.1	20.0	157.4	14.5	155.4	14.6	159.9	25.4	159.2	15.0	156.4	13.1	X <sub>5</sub>
												167.0	24.8	166.1	10.9	
173.3	14.1	175.4	23.2	174.7	25.8	174.7	28.3	173.8	31.5	178.1	17.5	174.0	15.8	175.3	19.0	G <sub>1</sub> E <sub>g</sub> T(AlO <sub>4</sub> )
180.9	10.1															G <sub>2</sub> E <sub>g</sub> T(Ca <sup>2+</sup> ) AlO <sub>4</sub>
186.7	6.1									188.0	12.5	185.9	19.4	192.6	15.7	
		199.0	15.5	200.3	13.7					198.1	13.4	202.6	14.2			
						227.2	11.7									
237.0	21.5	238.2	20.9	237.8	20.0	239.0	16.7	231.9	16.6							CaO <sub>6</sub> E <sub>g</sub>
						249.5	11.5	246.8	24.5	243.4	25.7	248.7	28.9	- !	- !	





**Table S2. A comparison of bands correlation for calcium silicates and aluminates of garnet structure**

Grossular [17]/[18] $\text{Ca}_3\text{Al}_2(\text{SiO}_4)_3$			Mayenite $\text{Ca}_{3-x}(\text{Ca}, \text{Al})_2(\text{AlO}_4)_3$			comment		
$A_{1g}$	$E_g$	$F_{2g}$	$A_{1g}$	$E_g$	$F_{2g}$			
(Si-O) <sub>str.</sub>			1007 /1000	Si → Al	916			
		904					883	$v_3 \text{AlO}_4$
	880 /876						863	
			848 /821				830	
			827 /777		770			$v_1 \text{AlO}_4$
(Si-O) <sub>bend.</sub>			630 /623	Si → Al			520	$v_4 \text{AlO}_4$
		592						
			582				340	
	550 /540							
		529 /502						
			512					
			483					
$\text{R}(\text{SiO}_4)^+$			389 /405	Si → Al	326		326	
	376	373 /364				311		$v_2 \text{AlO}_4$
			351					
			333					
		320						
$\text{T}(\text{SiO}_4)^+$		181 /172		Si → Al		173		$E_g \text{T-AlO}_4$
$\text{T}(\text{Ca}^{2+})$		186 /194 <sub>w</sub>		Si → Al		190		
			280 /268				267	

			247 /232					CaO <sub>6</sub>
Assumed to be T(Ca <sup>2+</sup> ) [18]			- /135				132	X <sub>4</sub>
			- /108				108	X <sub>3</sub>

### S3. Data on the frequency and half-width of the observed reflections for the luminescence of the studied single crystal samples

Single crystals												comment	Reduced ceramic		IR, air, powder [1]
initial						H <sub>2</sub> treated							v	D half width	
Ar		Air central		Air periphery		Ar		Air central		Air periphery					
v	D half width	v	D half width	v	D half width	v	D half width	v	D half width	v	D half width	v	D half width		
1224.3	46.7	1224.0	33.7	1225.0	48.3							E <sub>1</sub> O			
		1235.1	88.3												
						1257.8	59.0	1245.6	59.9	1251.5	69.0	E <sub>1</sub> R			
						1259.0	31.6	1259.9	31.8	1259.5	30.2	Δv <sub>0</sub>	1259.3	42.4	
						1271.1	142.7			1268.3	174.0				
1316.9	143.3							1333.2	233.7			Δv <sub>1</sub>	1310.8	196.5	
		1347.8	101.4			1357.3	22.2	1343.7	37.7	1353.0	60.1				
						1367.6	76.7	1359.8	26.7	1358.7	25.2		1388.1	72.1	
								1384.4	41.0	1387.6	39.1		1393.2	25.7	
1432.3	54.8			1423.7	278.1	1440.4	43.6					Δv <sub>2</sub>		1420	
1454.4	43.4	1450.9	82.0	1451.6	70.6	1459.9	93.4	1461.8	83.5	1444.4	75.6		1456.0	42.4	
								1490.4	24.8	1504.0	47.5				
		1534.1	57.6	1536.0	56.5			1511.7	38.2				1513.5	125.2	
1546.0	27.3	1547.1	25.9	1547.2	26.0	1552.4	29.1	1546.6	37.7	1553.4	36.3	Δv <sub>3</sub>	1560.7	50.1	
						1562.7	84.6			1585.7	132.3				
1612.3	36.0	1610.2	82.7	1610.8	78.3	1614.7	192.3	1615.5	163.7	1633.7	476.7		1641.3	73.3	
1621.4	405.7														
								1645.1	21.2						
						1680.1	48.9			1684.1	68.5		1673.2	304.8	
1716.1	47.6	1715.1	96.0	1717.6	101.8	1716.1	40.5	-	-	1722.4	33.4	EL1-		1734	
				1750.8	26.3					1751.0	62.9				

		1767.0	43.0	1769.7	36.0	1765.0	84.5	1764.8	29.9				1766.0	27.1	
								1786.2	151.3				1773.3	101.7	
1812.1	61.1	1807.3	58.8	1806.4	59.5	1813.1	37.1			1823.8	119.4	E4	1809.2	217.9	
1864.0	44.7	1863.0	79.0	1861.1	86.3	1851.3	60.6	1856.1	89.6	1859.4	37.9	EL2			
										1888.7	35.9				
1928.5	80.5	1929.2	49.8	1930.0	49.8	1919.7	99.6	1935.9	76.7	1931.6	84.6	EL3			
		1966.3	307.4	1961.1	335.8								1977.6	291.3	
2029.6	73.5	2031.2	46.5	2031.4	47.0	2031.1	77.3	2026.5	98.8	2028.9	82.0	EL4			
2129.8	58.5	2133.4	42.7	2133.7	42.7	2126.2	62.1	2133.7	74.3	2127.5	77.3	EL5			
2195								2213.5	73.6						

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