

Supplementary Information

Complex cation and spin orders in the high pressure ferrite CoFe_3O_5

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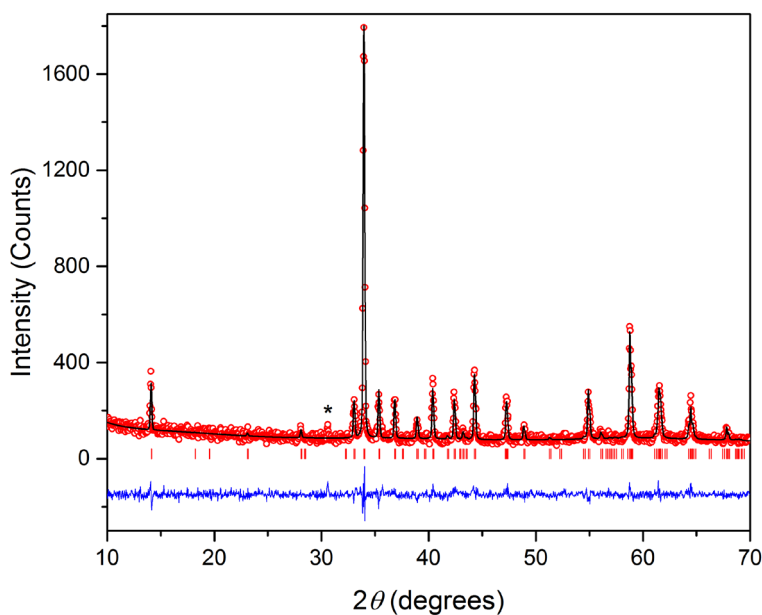


Figure S1. Rietveld fit to powder X-ray diffraction pattern of CoFe_3O_5 obtained using a Bruker D2 diffractometer at room temperature, with asterisk showing reflection from Cu K_β radiation. ($\chi^2 = 1.3$, $R_{wp} = 10.8\%$ and $R_p = 8.4\%$).

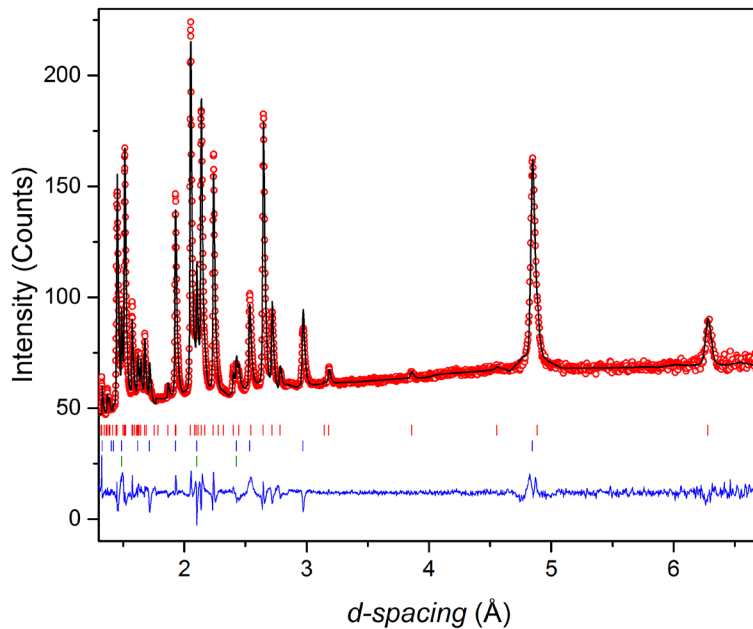


Figure S2. Rietveld analysis of high resolution neutron diffraction pattern of CoFe_3O_5 obtained at 400 K, with red tick marks presenting the nuclear reflections of $\text{Co}_{0.58}\text{Fe}_{3.42}\text{O}_5$, blue tick marks as $\text{Co}_{0.95}\text{Fe}_{2.05}\text{O}_4$ and the green tick marks indicate the nuclear peaks of $\text{Co}_{0.86}\text{Fe}_{0.14}\text{O}$. ($\chi^2 = 13.1$, $R_{\text{wp}} = 10.7\%$ and $R_{\text{p}} = 12.9\%$)

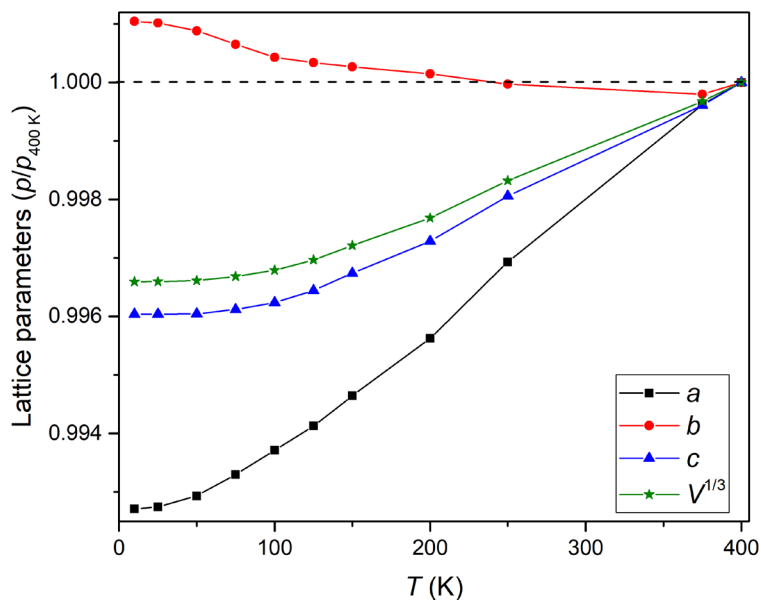


Figure S3. Changes in the lattice parameters relative to 400 K values obtained from PND ($a_{400\text{ K}} = 2.9048(2)$, $b_{400\text{ K}} = 9.7865(8)$ and $c_{400\text{ K}} = 12.5884(6)$ Å).

Table S1. Lattice parameters, atomic coordinates and isotropic thermal displacements from powder synchrotron X-ray diffraction refinements in *Cmcm* space group of CoFe_3O_5 at 400 K (upper values) and 5 K (lower values). Estimated standard deviations in independent variables are shown in parentheses. $\chi^2 = 9.0$ and 7.5, $R_{\text{wp}} = 16.0$ and 19.1 %, and $R_{\text{p}} = 12.7$ and 16.4 % at 400 and 5 K, respectively.

$a / \text{\AA}$		$b / \text{\AA}$		$c / \text{\AA}$		Volume / \AA^3
2.90423(3)		9.77325(8)		12.58173(11)		357.117 (5)
2.88002(2)		9.78467(7)		12.52485(9)		352.950(5)
Atom	Site	x	y	z	Occ Fe/Co ^a	$B_{\text{iso}} / \text{\AA}^2$
M1	8 <i>f</i>	$\frac{1}{2}$	0.2393(1)	0.1159(1)	1/0	0.44(2)
			0.2385(1)	0.1166(1)		0.28(1)
M2	4 <i>a</i>	0	0	0	0.78/0.22	0.44
						0.28
M3	4 <i>c</i>	0	0.4915(1)	$\frac{1}{4}$	0.64/0.36	0.44
			0.4930(1)			0.28
O1	4 <i>c</i>	$\frac{1}{2}$	0.3352(6)	$\frac{1}{4}$	1	0.44
			0.3437(5)			0.28
O2	8 <i>f</i>	0	0.3600(4)	0.0448(3)	1	0.44
			0.3626(4)	0.0450(3)		0.28
O3	8 <i>f</i>	0	0.0923(5)	0.1422(3)	1	0.44
			0.0967(4)	0.1436(2)		0.28

^a Occupancies were fixed using values from the fit to 400 K neutron data.

Table S2. Irreducible representations (IrReps) and basis vectors (BV) for M1, M2 and M3 spin order in CoFe_3O_5 with propagation vector (0 0 0). The magnetically independent atoms are M1 at $(\frac{1}{2}, 0.242, 0.118)$, M2 at (0, 0, 0) and M3 at $(0, 0.483, \frac{1}{4})$. The symmetry related positions are generated by the operators 1: (x, y, z) , 2: $(x-\frac{1}{2}, -y+\frac{1}{2}, -z+1)$, 3: $(-x+1, y, -z+\frac{1}{2})$, 4: $(-x+\frac{1}{2}, -y+\frac{1}{2}, z+\frac{1}{2})$, 5: $(-x, y, -z+\frac{1}{2})$ and 6: $(x, -y+1, -z+1)$. Magnetic structures at 100-250 K were fitted using basis vector $\Gamma_4\psi_6$ for M1 and M2 spins. Magnetic structures at 10-75 K were fitted using basis vectors $\Gamma_3\psi_4$ and $\Gamma_4\psi_6$ for M1 spins, $\Gamma_4\psi_6$ for M2 spins, and $\Gamma_3\psi_4$ for M3 spins. Refined components are shown in Table S3.

IrReps	Γ_1	Γ_2	Γ_3	Γ_4	Γ_5	Γ_6	Γ_7	Γ_8
BV	ψ_1	ψ_2 ψ_3	ψ_4	ψ_5 ψ_6	ψ_7 ψ_8	ψ_9	ψ_{10} ψ_{11}	ψ_{12}
Atoms	m_x	m_y m_z	m_x	m_y m_z	m_y m_z	m_x	m_y m_z	m_x
M1_1	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
M1_2	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-
M1_3	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+
M1_4	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+
M2_1	+	+	+	+	+			
M2_5	-	-	+	+	+			
M3_1			+	+	+	+		+
M3_6			+	+	+	-	-	-

Table S3. Refined components and total magnetic moments (μ_B) at the three cation sites in CoFe_3O_5 between 10 and 250 K.

Sites	M1			M2	M3
T (K)	m_x	m_z	m_{Total}	$m_z = m_{\text{Total}}$	$m_x = m_{\text{Total}}$
10	1.82(3)	3.94(4)	4.34(3)	3.31(6)	2.56(5)
25	1.80(4)	3.95(5)	4.34(5)	3.34(8)	2.51(7)
50	1.68(4)	3.89(4)	4.24(4)	3.42(7)	2.20(7)
75	1.33(6)	3.85(5)	4.07(5)	3.41(8)	1.59(10)
100	0	3.53(5)	3.53(5)	3.80(8)	0
125	0	3.52(5)	3.52(5)	3.62(8)	0
150	0	3.40(4)	3.40(4)	3.45(7)	0
200	0	3.09(5)	3.09(5)	3.00(8)	0
250	0	2.54(5)	2.54(5)	2.21(8)	0