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Melting experiments in diamond anvil cells under the CMB condition

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Abstract

Interrogating physical processes that occur within the lowermost mantle is a key to understand Earth's evolution and present-day inner composition. Among such processes, partial melting has been proposed to explain mantle regions with ultralow velocities near the core-mantle boundary (CMB), but experimental validation at the appropriate temperature and pressure regimes remains challenging. A laser heated diamond anvil cell (DAC) has been widely used to study behavior of materials under the conditions of the Earth's deep interior. Although YAG, YLF lasers (wavelength is about 1 um) have been generally used for laser heating DAC experiments, use of metal absorber is required to heat the mantle materials. In contrast, the CO 2 laser with wavelength of about 10 µm can directly heat silicate materials. The issue of an axial temperature gradient in the sample has been resolved by introducing the double-sided laser heating technique. However, the double-sided laser heating using the CO2 laser is difficult because the wavelength of the laser is different from that of the visible light. In this study, we developed the double-sided heating system by using separate optical elements. In addition, I have improved an apparatus to charge with Ar gas which is used as the pressure medium. The details of the recent developments will be presented in the seminar.