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Pressure and Temperature dependences of sound velocities of minerals in the Earth's mantle transition region

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Abstract

Elastic properties of mantle minerals are essential to picture the structure and mineralogy inside of the Earth by interpreting seismic observations. Using ultrasonic interferometry techniques combined with high-pressure and hightemperature experiments on synchrotron we are now able to measure simultaneously the pressure and temperature dependences of both P- and S- wave velocities in situ at middle-to-lowermost transition zone P and T conditions. Using this technique we have reported elastic properties of garnets, stishovite and hollandite phases up to 24 GPa and 1700 K. Here we present our recent measurements of sound velocities of CaSiO3 perovskite (CPv) up to 21 GPa and 1700 K. To determine the elastic properties of CPv by ultrasonic interferometry is an experimental challenge since it is unquenchable to room P,T. Thus, to this day, there is no accurate experimental determination of Ks,Ks',dKs/dT and G, G', dG/dT simultaneously at high-P,T. CPv is considered as an important mineral in the Earth's transition zone and lower mantle as it is substantially present in pyrolitic mantle and subducted mid-oceanic ridge basalts (MORB). Therefore the present determination of its elastic properties is of great importance to discuss seismic structure in mantle transition zone and lower mantle regions.