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Equations of state at multi-megabar pressure

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Abstract

Super Earths which have a few times of Earth's mass were found in the extra solar system. Thus, the compression behaviors of planetary materials at multimegabar pressure are important to understand the Super Earth's interior. Recently, we performed the compression studies for MgO, Al₂O₃, MgSiO₃, Fe and Fe-Ni alloy. Especially, MgSiO₃ post-perovskite is a most fundamental silicate phase in such huge terrestrial planets. Here we report the compression behavior of MgSiO₃ post-perovskite phase up to 280 GPa.

Mg₂SiO₄ olivine powder mixed with 5 wt.% Au powder was used as a starting material, and MgSiO₃ glass powder used as the thermal insulator. We used a symmetric-type diamond anvil cell with the diamond anvils of culet size of 35 and 100 um for high pressure generation. The olivine pellet was coated by thin (150-200 nm) gold layers by conventional sputtering method and loaded into a sample hole that had been drilled in a precompressed tungsten gasket. Sample was annealed by the double-sided laser heating system with fiber laser at each pressure condition to minimize the deviatoric stress in the sample. The unit cell volume of the sample was determined by the synchrotron X-ray diffraction experiment at the SPring-8 BL10XU beamline, Japan.

Although the equation of state (EoS) was highly influenced by the choice of the pressure scale, the EoS based on Tange *et al.*(2009)'s MgO scale was successfully consistent with the prediction by *ab initio* calculation. The volume difference between experimental and theoretical model was only 0.7% at 1 TPa.

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