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Experimental study of Al, Fe-bearing phase H

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Abstract

Since aluminous phase H (MgSiO₄H₂ – AlOOH) is stable over the entire pressure range of the lower mantle, the hydrated subducting plate is considered to deliver a certain amount of water to the deepest lower mantle (Tsuchiya 2013; Nishi et al., 2014; Ohira et al., 2014; Walter et al., 2015). Compositional analysis of phase H grains synthesized from natural serpentine shows the presence of the Fe component in this phase (Nishi et al., 2015). This result suggests that phase H would also form solid solutions with ε -FeOOH, since ε -FeOOH is isostructural to phase H and δ -AlOOH. However, very few attempts have been made at these multicomponent systems, although Fe is one of the most important elements in the Earth's interior. In this presentation, we discuss the highpressure mineralogy of Al,Fe-bearing phase H based on the recent experimental results. Compositional changes and equation of state were examined using in-situ X-ray diffraction measurements in conjunction with a multi-anvil apparatus. The sintered diamond anvil was used for pressure generations up to 60 GPa. Preliminary results show that large amounts of Fe and Al are partitioned into phase H relative to bridgmanite. Also, high-pressure stability of δ -AlOOH was studied using a laser-heated diamond-anvil cell (DAC) technique up to 210 GPa. We found that δ -AlOOH transform to pyrite-type structure at high pressure above 190 GPa. These experimental results are supported by first-principles densityfunctional calculations.