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2 **Equation of state and elasticity of the 3.65 Å phase- implications for the X-**
3 **discontinuity**

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16 **Abstract**

17 The 3.65 Å phase [MgSi(OH)₆] is likely to be formed by decomposition of
18 the hydrous 10 Å phase [Mg₃Si₄O₁₀(OH)₂.H₂O] at pressures of 9-10 GPa. In this
19 study, we use a combination of X-ray diffraction and *first principles* simulations
20 to constrain the equation of state and elasticity of the 3.65 Å phase. We find that
21 the equation-of-state results for the 3.65 Å phase, from X-ray diffraction data are
22 well represented by a third order Birch-Murnaghan formulation, with $K_0 = 83.0$
23 (± 1.0) GPa, $K'_0 = 4.9 (\pm 0.1)$ and $V_0 = 194.52 (\pm 0.02) \text{ \AA}^3$. Based on the *first*
24 *principles* simulations, the full single crystal elastic constant tensor with
25 monoclinic symmetry shows significant anisotropy with the compressional

26 components- $c_{11} = 156.2$ GPa, $c_{22} = 169.4$ GPa, $c_{33} = 189.3$ GPa, the shear
27 components $c_{44} = 55.9$ GPa, $c_{55} = 58.5$ GPa, $c_{66} = 74.8$ GPa, and $c_{46} = 1.6$ GPa; the
28 off diagonal components $c_{12} = 38.0$ GPa, $c_{13} = 26.5$ GPa, $c_{23} = 22.9$ GPa, $c_{15} = 1.5$
29 GPa, $c_{25} = 1.5$ GPa, and $c_{35} = -1.9$ GPa at zero pressure.

30 At depths corresponding to 270-330 km, seismological X- discontinuity
31 has been observed in certain regions. We find that the formation of 3.65 Å from
32 layered hydrous magnesium silicates (LHMS) such as 10 Å angstrom phases
33 occurs at around 9 GPa i.e., coinciding with the seismic X-discontinuity. The
34 LHMS phases have significant seismic anisotropy. Based on the full elastic
35 constant tensor, although among the dense hydrous magnesium silicate (DHMS)
36 phases, the 3.65 Å phase reveals considerably larger elastic anisotropy, it is
37 significantly smaller than the LHMS phases. This change in seismic anisotropy in
38 hydrous phases might be one of the plausible explanations for the seismic X-
39 discontinuity.

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41 **Key Words:** 3.65 Å phase, X-discontinuity, Mantle hydration, Elasticity, Equation
42 of state, High-Pressure

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44 **1. Introduction**

45 Hydrous phases play an important role in transporting water into the
46 Earth's interior. At crustal and shallower depths, layered hydrous silicates, such
47 as serpentine, talc, chlorite, muscovite, and phlogopite are predominant.
48 However at greater depths these hydrous phases become thermodynamically
49 unstable and they dehydrate and part of the released fluid migrates up to the arc

50 thus affecting the surrounding mantle. These fluids dictate the onset of hydrous
51 melting (Iwamori, 1998, 2007, Kawamoto, 2006, Frost, 2006) and may trigger
52 deep earthquakes (Brudzinski et al., 2007). Mantle hydration has also been
53 invoked to explain various geophysical observations including the '*inverted*
54 *moho*' in the mantle wedges (Bostock et al., 2002, Bezacier et al., 2010, 2013,
55 Mookherjee and Capitani, 2011), 'low velocity layers' in subducting lithosphere
56 (Abers, 2005, Chantel et al., 2012, Mookherjee and Bezacier, 2012, Kim et al.,
57 2012, 2013). In addition, unusually large delay times between the arrivals of the
58 two shear waves have also been explained by presence of hydrous phases in
59 certain subduction zone settings (Long and Silver, 2008, Katayama et al., 2009,
60 Bezacier et al., 2010, Jung et al., 2011, Mookherjee and Capitani, 2011).

61 However, dehydration is almost certainly incomplete and the remaining
62 fluid is partitioned into the dense hydrous magnesium silicate phase (DHMS). A
63 number of dense hydrous magnesium silicate phases have been identified based
64 on experiments conducted in the simplified three-component system, MgO-SiO₂-
65 H₂O which is representative of hydrated peridotite lithology (Ringwood and
66 Major, 1967, Gasparik, 1993, Prewitt and Downs, 1998, Angel, 2001, Clark et al.,
67 2004; Gleason et al., 2008). The 3.65 Å phase MgSi(OH)₆ is one such DHMS phase
68 that has been known for a while (Sclar, 1965). However, its crystal structure and
69 phase stability remained poorly understood until recent studies (Pawley et al.,
70 2011, Welch and Wunder, 2012; Wunder et al., 2011, 2012). Based on these
71 experiments, at pressures of 9-10 GPa, the hydrous 3.65 Å phase (MgSi(OH)₆) is
72 likely to be formed as breakdown product of the 10 Å phase
73 (Mg₃Si₄O₁₀(OH)₂.H₂O) (Pawley et al., 2011, Wunder et al., 2011, 2012). It is

74 capable of hosting significant amount of water ~ 35 wt%, and is one of the
75 largest repositories of water among all the known hydrous phases.

76 The 3.65 Å phase is a hydroxide perovskite. A typical perovskite mineral
77 phase has ABO_3 stoichiometry with corner sharing BO_6 octahedral units forming
78 a framework and a twelve fold coordinated A site. In the 3.65 Å phase the A site
79 is empty and the magnesium and silicon atoms occupy the octahedral units that
80 form the charge neutral framework, with hydroxyl groups forming hydrogen
81 bonds (Kleppe et al., 2012) (**Fig. 1**). The 3.65 Å phase has a primitive unit-cell
82 with a space group $P2_1$ with 28 atoms in the unit cell ($Z=2$) (Wunder et al., 2012).

83 Despite being one of the largest repositories of water among all the
84 known hydrous phases, its physical properties remain poorly understood. In this
85 study, we explore the equation of state and elasticity of 3.65 Å phase at high
86 pressures using synchrotron X-ray diffraction and complementary first principle
87 simulations.

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89 **2. Methods**

90 ***2. 1. Synthesis & High pressure X-ray diffraction***

91 The sample material used in this study is a fraction of that investigated in
92 three previous studies (Wunder et al., 2011, 2012; Welch and Wunder, 2012)
93 The synthesis was performed at 425 °C and 10 GPa for 77 hrs in the 800 ton
94 rotating multi-anvil press apparatus installed at the GeoForschungsZentrum GFZ,
95 Potsdam, Germany (Wunder et al., 2011). The electron probe microanalysis of
96 around forty-three crystals of 3.65 Å phase yielded a mean Mg/Si ratio of 1.02
97 (± 0.06) and the MgO and SiO₂ oxide mean analytical sum was 66.5 (± 3.2)
98 (Wunder et al. 2011). The water content of 3.65 Å phase was determined by

99 integrating the area (A_{OH}) under hydroxyl stretching frequency region (2800-
100 3800 cm^{-1}) from infrared spectroscopy (Wunder et al., 2011). Beer-Lambert law
101 ($c_{H_2O} = 1.8 \times \varepsilon A_{OH} \rho t$) with integrated molar absorption coefficient (ε) from linear
102 calibration of nominally anhydrous minerals, hydrous minerals, and hydrous
103 glasses (Libowitzky and Rossman, 1997) yielded $c_{H_2O} = 34.0 (\pm 3.0)$ wt%
104 (Wunder et al., 2011). The symbols (ρ) and (t) refer to the density and
105 thickness of sample of 3.65 Å phase. The details of the chemical analysis are
106 reported in two earlier studies (Wunder et al., 2011, 2012).

107 The sample was disaggregated and ground to a powder with particle-size
108 less than 5 μm . Three powder batches were compressed between 300 μm size
109 diamond culets using symmetric diamond anvil cells (Mao and Bell, 1980). The
110 samples were loaded in 150 μm diameter sample chambers drilled in rhenium
111 (Re) foils of 250 μm initial thickness, pre-indented to 30 to 40 μm . One or two
112 ruby spheres were placed close to the rim of the sample chambers and used as a
113 pressure calibrant (Mao et al., 1986). In one experiment (experiment 1, see Table
114 1) a small fragment of a 5 μm thick Au foil was also loaded as a pressure
115 calibrant. Ne was used as a pressure-transmitting medium. It was loaded at a
116 pressure of 1500 to 1900 bars either at the gas loading facility at the GFZ or at
117 that available at the Extreme Conditions Beamline (ECB) of PETRA III
118 synchrotron source at HASYLAB, Hamburg.

119 Angle-dispersive X-ray diffraction measurements were performed at high
120 pressures and ambient temperature at the ECB P02.2 of PETRA III (**Table 1**). The
121 energy of the monochromatic X-ray beam was 42.8 keV (corresponding to a
122 wavelength of 0.2897 Å) in experiment 1, 42.7 keV (0.2904 Å) in experiment 2

123 and 42.4 keV (0.2922 Å) in experiment 3. Additional details of the experimental
124 setup available at beamline P02.2 are reported elsewhere (Liermann et al.,
125 2010). The diamond facing the X-ray detector was supported by a plate of cubic
126 BN that is partially transparent to the X-ray radiation used in these experiments
127 providing access to a larger range of reciprocal space. The X-ray diffraction
128 images were collected with Perkin-Elmer XRD-1621 amorphous Si fast area
129 detectors using the QXRD software for signal readout (Rothkirch et al., 2013,
130 Jenings, 1997). Sample to detector distance and tilting of the detector with
131 respect to the X-ray beam direction were calibrated using a CeO₂ powder
132 standard (NIST 647a) and refined with the software Fit2D (Hammerseley, 1997).
133 The typical image acquisition consisted in the summation of ten 1 s exposures.

134 Measurements were performed during compression and decompression.
135 The maximum pressure reached was 41 GPa. Pressure was systematically
136 determined by ruby fluorescence shift spectroscopy. The uncertainty on
137 pressure was propagated from the estimated uncertainty on the wavelength of
138 the ruby R₁ fluorescence line and corrected for the unavoidable non-
139 hydrostaticity in the sample chamber at high pressures. The effect of
140 nonhydrostatic stress was calculated based on the diffraction peaks broadening
141 associated to microstrain in the sample. An X-ray diffraction line broadening
142 model and a simple isotropic crystallite strain model (de Keijser et al., 1983;
143 Lutterotti and Scardi, 1990) are implemented in MAUD software package
144 (Lutterotti et al., 1999). The analysis was performed after subtraction of the
145 instrumental broadening (calibrated based on the analysis of the x-ray
146 diffraction of the CeO₂ standard). Sample microstrain was converted to stress by

147 using the isotropic Young's modulus $E = \frac{9K_H G_H}{3K_H + G_H}$ (where K_H is the Hill
148 aggregate bulk modulus and G_H is the Hill aggregate shear modulus) determined
149 from our ab initio computations (see section 3.2 Elasticity). X-ray diffraction
150 images of Au were collected at selected pressures in experiment 1 and pressure
151 determined by using the equation of state by (Heinz and Jeanloz, 1984) for
152 comparison with the results from ruby. The pressures determined with the two
153 methods were in agreement within reciprocal uncertainties.

154 Each X-ray diffraction image was then integrated with Fit2D and the
155 lattice parameters of phase the 3.65 Å and of gold (in experiment 1) were refined
156 with the Le Bail full-spectrum fit approach using MAUD software (**Fig. 2**). The
157 estimated uncertainties of the unit-cell parameters refined with the Le Bail fit
158 may be potentially biased by incorrect weighting of the strong background in our
159 high-pressure x-ray diffraction images (for a general discussion of error
160 estimated uncertainties see Post and Bish, 1989). In order to give a more
161 conservative statement of the uncertainties we have performed parallel
162 refinements based on individual peak fitting of few intense diffraction lines
163 which are least affected by overlaps (002, 110, -110, 020, 021, 210, -210, 103, -
164 103, 004, 220, -220, 114, 1-14, 130, -130, 204, 312, -312). The results of the two
165 procedures are in very close agreement for all the spectra. Based on the positive
166 comparison we have accepted the values of the unit cell parameters from Le Bail
167 fit (which exploits the information from the whole diffraction image) and only
168 corrected their uncertainties in order to have consistency with the results of the
169 individual peaks fitting. The refined cell parameters of all the experimental runs
170 are reported in the online supplementary material (**Tables ST1, ST2**).

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172 **2.2. First principles simulation**

173 We performed *first-principles* quantum mechanical calculations based on
174 the density functional theory (DFT) (Hohenberg and Kohn, 1964, Kohn and Sham,
175 1965). DFT has been widely used to study the structure, energetics and elasticity
176 of geophysically relevant mineral phases (Cohen, 1987, Oganov et al., 2002,
177 Wentzcovitch and Stixrude, 2010). We have investigated the 3.65 Å phase with a
178 widely used approximation to the exchange-correlation functional: the
179 generalized gradient approximation (GGA) (Perdew and Wang, 1986, Perdew et
180 al., 1992, 1996). We have used the highly accurate projector augmented wave
181 method (PAW) (Kresse and Joubert, 1999) as implemented in the Vienna ab
182 initio simulation package (VASP) (Kresse and Hafner, 1993, Kresse and
183 Furthmuller, 1996a,b, Kresse and Joubert, 1999). For the first principles
184 simulations, we used a model crystal structure of 3.65 Å phase based on recent
185 studies (Wunder et al., 2011, 2012; Welch and Wunder, 2012). We determined
186 the energy-volume relationship of the 3.65 Å phase using GGA computations
187 with PAW methods. All computations were performed on the primitive unit cell
188 of 3.65 Å phase with $P2_1$ space group. We used an energy cut-off $E_{\text{cut}} = 1000$ eV
189 and a Monkhorst-Pack (Monkhorst and Pack, 1976) $2 \times 2 \times 2$ k -point mesh,
190 yielding 2 k points in the irreducible wedge of the Brillouin zone. A series of
191 convergence tests demonstrated that these computational parameters yield total
192 energies that are converged within 5 meV/atom. Previous studies have shown
193 that DFT captures the relevant physics of hydrous and hydrogen-bearing
194 nominally anhydrous minerals (Brodholt and Refson, 2000, Chheda et al., 2014,
195 Mainprice et al., 2007, 2008, Mookherjee and Tsuchiya, 2015, Panero and

196 Stixrude, 2004, Tsuchiya, 2013, Walker et al., 2007) with varying bond strengths
197 from strong hydroxyls to the weak interlayer forces (Fumagalli and Stixrude,
198 2007, Militzer et al., 2011, Mookherjee and Stixrude, 2006, 2009, Mookherjee
199 and Capitani, 2011, Stackhouse et al., 2004, Stixrude, 2002, Tsuchiya et al., 2002,
200 2005, 2008, Tsuchiya and Tsuchiya, 2009). Based on previous computational
201 studies GGA yields better results for hydrogen bearing mineral systems
202 (Mookherjee and Mainprice, 2014, Tsuchiya et al., 2005, 2008). In addition,
203 computational studies on molecular water (H₂O) and ice (Hamann, 1997) show
204 that the GGA method (Perdew et al., 1996) gives excellent results for energetics
205 and elasticity of hydrogen bearing systems. Hence, we calculated the full elastic
206 constant tensor of the 3.65 Å phase using the GGA (PAW) method. To calculate
207 the elasticity, we strained the lattice and let the internal degrees of freedom of
208 the crystal structure relax consistent with the symmetry: elastic constants are
209 obtained through the changes in stress tensor ($\underline{\sigma}$) with respect to applied strain
210 ($\underline{\epsilon}$). We apply positive and negative strains of magnitude 1% in order to
211 accurately determine the stresses in the appropriate limit of zero strain. The
212 details of the method are outlined in (Stixrude and Lithgow-Bertelloni, 2005).
213 We have calculated the elastic anisotropy of 3.65 Å using the petrophysical
214 software (Mainprice, 1990).

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216 **3. Results**

217 ***3.1. Equation of state***

218 The X-ray diffraction patterns of the 3.65 Å phase from all the three
219 experimental runs consist of several tens of reflections, often overlapping, with
220 d-spacings ranging between 4.5 and 0.95 Å. The most intense and characteristic

221 (002) peak occurs at 3.65 Å. All the images present peaks from Ne pressure
222 transmitting medium. In several diffraction images, mostly from experiment 1,
223 we noticed diffraction peaks corresponding to the 10 Å phase. The presence of
224 the 10 Å phase in the synthesis products was noted and discussed in a previous
225 study (Wunder et al., 2011). Due to the very small size of the synchrotron X-ray
226 beam, the sample region examined at each pressure was slightly different and
227 the fraction of 10 Å phase detected in our measurements varied from image to
228 image ranging from traces to about 10%.

229 Due to the complexity of the spectra we used Le Bail method, a full profile
230 fitting approach, to refine the unit cell parameters of the 3.65 Å phase using the
231 structural model proposed by Wunder et al., (2012). The Le Bail fits were
232 complemented by single peaks fitting of the main diffraction lines of the 3.65 Å
233 phase (see section 2.1). We measured the x-ray diffraction of the sample at
234 ambient pressure in the diamond anvil cell, before Ne gas loading. The refined
235 cell parameters are $a_0 = 5.116 \pm 0.005$ Å, $b_0 = 5.192 \pm 0.005$ Å, $c_0 = 7.339 \pm 0.010$
236 Å, $\beta_0 = 89.9 \pm 0.1$ degrees, in excellent agreement with the values $a_0 = 5.1131 \pm$
237 0.0003 Å, $b_0 = 5.1898 \pm 0.0003$ Å, $c_0 = 7.3303 \pm 0.004$ Å, $\beta_0 = 90.03 \pm 0.01$ degrees
238 determined by Wunder et al. (2012). The cell parameters of all the experimental
239 runs are reported in the supplementary sections (**Tables ST1, ST2**).

240 The compression behavior of the 3.65 Å phase is described using third-
241 and fourth-order finite strain equations of state (Birch, 1960; 1978) and $f_V - F_V$
242 relations (**Fig. 3**)

$$243 \quad F_V = K_0 + \left(\frac{3K_0}{2}\right) \left[(K'_0 - 4)f_V + \left(K_0 K''_0 + (K'_0 - 4)(K'_0 - 3) + \left(\frac{35}{9}\right) \right) f_V^2 \right] \quad (1)$$

244 where F_V is the normalized pressure, given by

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$$F_v = \frac{P}{3f_v(1+2f_v)^{5/2}}, \quad (2)$$

246 f_v is the volume Eulerian finite strain

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$$f_v = \frac{1}{2} \left[\left(\frac{V}{V_0} \right)^{-2/3} - 1 \right], \quad (3)$$

248 V_0 is the zero-pressure volume, K_0 is the zero-pressure bulk modulus, K'_0 is the
249 pressure derivative of the bulk modulus, and the K''_0 is the second derivative of
250 the bulk modulus with respect to pressure. In the third order finite strain
251 equations of state (Birch, 1960; 1978) the term $\left(K_0 K''_0 + (K'_0 - 4)(K'_0 - 3) + \left(\frac{35}{9} \right) \right)$
252 associated with the square of the volume Eulerian finite strain, f_v^2 in eq (1) is set
253 to zero.

254 The linear bulk moduli (K_l) were determined using linear finite strain
255 expression (Davies, 1974; Weaver, 1976; Meade and Jeanloz, 1990) and $f_l - F_l$
256 relationships (**Fig. 3**)

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$$F_l = K_l + m_l f_l \quad (4)$$

258 where F_l is the linear normalized pressure, given by

259
$$F_l = \frac{P}{f_l(1+2f_l)(1+2f_v)} \quad (5)$$

260 and f_l is the linear Eulerian finite strain, given by

261
$$f_l = \frac{1}{2} \left[\left(\frac{l}{l_0} \right)^{-2} - 1 \right], \quad (6)$$

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263 f_v is the volume Eulerian finite strain, as defined above in eq. (3), l and l_0 are the
264 length of a general lattice vector in the crystal and its length at zero pressure,
265 and m_l is related to elastic constants (Meade and Jeanloz, 1990).

266 In the fit of the experimental data, we fixed the ambient pressure unit cell
267 volume (and unit cell parameters) to the high precision values determined in our
268 previous study of the same material of the present high pressure study (Wunder
269 et al., 2012). The theoretical and experimental zero pressure volumes, V_0 , are in
270 good agreement with $V_0^{PAWGGGA} > V_0^{exp}$ by 3.8 % (the subscript *exp* refers to
271 experiments) (**Table 2, Fig. 3**). The third- and fourth-order Birch-Murnaghan
272 equation of state fits to the experimental data yield bulk moduli, K_0^{exp} of 83 (± 1)
273 GPa and 82 (± 1.7) GPa, respectively (**Table 2**). The bulk modulus predicted with
274 static calculations $K_0^{PAWGGGA}$ is equal to 80 GPa, in very good agreement with the
275 experimental value (**Table 2, Fig. 3**). The predicted zero pressure lattice
276 parameters from static calculations are greater than the experimental
277 determinations by $\sim 3.7, 2.2,$ and 0.6 % for $a_0, b_0,$ and c_0 , respectively (**Table 2,**
278 **Fig. 3**).

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280 **3. 2. Elasticity**

281 The 3.65 Å phase has a monoclinic space group ($P2_1$) (Wunder et al.,
282 2012) and hence there are 13 non-zero independent elastic constants c_{ij} in the
283 second order elastic tensor: $c_{11}, c_{22},$ and c_{33} are the principal elastic constants;
284 $c_{44}, c_{55},$ and c_{66} are the shear elastic constants; and $c_{12}, c_{13}, c_{23}, c_{15}, c_{25}, c_{35},$ and c_{46}
285 are the seven off-diagonal elastic constants (Nye, 1985). In this study, we have
286 calculated the full elastic constant tensor of the 3.65 Å phase as a function of

287 pressure. At low pressures, the principal components of elasticity are similar in
 288 magnitude, $c_{11} \sim c_{22} \sim c_{33}$. Upon compression the elastic constants stiffen at
 289 different rates and at high pressures the elastic constants increase in the order
 290 $c_{33} > c_{22} > c_{11}$ (**Fig. 4**). At low pressures, the shear elastic constants show the
 291 relation, $c_{66} > c_{55} \sim c_{44}$ and at high pressures, $c_{66} > c_{55} > c_{44}$. The pressure
 292 dependence of the elasticity data can be described with the finite strain
 293 formulation (Stixrude and Lithgow-Bertelloni, 2005) (**Table 3**).

$$294 \quad c_{ijkl} = (1 + 2f_V)^{3.5} [c_{ijkl0} + b_1 f_V + 2b_2 f_V^2] - P \Delta_{ijkl}, \quad (7)$$

295 where, f_V is the finite Eulerian strain as defined in eq (3)

$$296 \quad b_1 = 3K_0(c'_{ijkl0} + \Delta_{ijkl}) - 7c_{ijkl0}, \quad (8)$$

$$297 \quad b_2 = 9K_0^2 c''_{ijkl0} + 3K_0'(b_1 + 7c_{ijkl0}) - 16b_1 - 49c_{ijkl0}, \quad (9)$$

$$298 \quad \text{and } \Delta_{ijkl} = -\delta_{ij}\delta_{kl} - \delta_{ik}\delta_{jl} - \delta_{il}\delta_{jk} \quad (10)$$

299 where c'_{ijkl0} and c''_{ijkl0} are the first and second derivatives of c_{ijkl} , with respect to
 300 pressure at ambient conditions. Δ_{ijkl} is equal to -3 for the principal constants (c_{iiii}
 301 in full tensor and c_{ii} in Voigt notation, with $i=1, 2, 3$), -1 for the off-diagonal
 302 elastic constants (c_{ijij} in full tensor and c_{ij} in Voigt notation, with $i=1, 2, 3, i \neq j$), -1
 303 for the shear constants (c_{ijij} in full tensor notation with $i=1, 2, 3, i \neq j$ and c_{ij} in
 304 Voigt notation with $i=4, 5, 6, i=j$), and 0 otherwise. δ_{ij} is the Kronecker delta
 305 ($\delta_{ij} = 1$ for $i=j$, and $\delta_{ij} = 0$, for $i \neq j$).

306 The isotropic bulk (K) and shear (G) moduli are determined using the relations

$$307 \quad K_{Voigt} = \left(\frac{1}{9}\right) [c_{11} + c_{22} + c_{33} + 2(c_{12} + c_{13} + c_{23})], \quad (11)$$

$$308 \quad K_{Reuss} = [s_{11} + s_{22} + s_{33} + 2(s_{12} + s_{13} + s_{23})]^{-1}, \quad (12)$$

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$$G_{Voigt} = \left(\frac{1}{15}\right) [c_{11} + c_{22} + c_{33} - (c_{12} + c_{13} + c_{23}) + 3(c_{44} + c_{55} + c_{66})], \quad (13)$$

310 and
$$G_{Reuss} = (15) [4(s_{11} + s_{22} + s_{33}) - (s_{12} + s_{13} + s_{23}) + 3(s_{44} + s_{55} + s_{66})]^{-1} \quad (14)$$

311 s_{ijkl} are the elastic compliances (the elastic compliance tensor is related to the
312 elastic constant tensor as $s_{ijkl}c_{klmn} = \delta_{im}\delta_{jn}$) and Voigt notation for the compliance
313 tensor is used. Average moduli (**Table 3**) are calculated as average of Voigt and
314 Reuss bounds (Hill average).

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316 **3. 3. Structure and Hydrogen bond**

317 Several hydrogen bearing condensed matter phases including ices and
318 hydrous mineral phases undergo symmetrization of hydrogen bonding upon
319 compression. For instance, at around 60 GPa, ice VII, and ice VIII transform to ice
320 X (Goncharov et al., 1996; Benoit et al., 1998). A similar transition occurs at ~5
321 GPa for β -CrOOH (Jahn et al., 2012), and at ~16-24 GPa for δ -AlOOD [Sano-
322 Furukawa et al., 2008]. DFT simulations on phase D also predicted hydrogen
323 bond symmetrization at 40 GPa (Tsuchiya et al., 2002). Experimental
324 investigations using infrared spectroscopy however, did not document hydrogen
325 bond symmetrization up to 40 GPa (Shieh et al., 2009). Extrapolation of
326 vibrational frequencies of hydroxyl stretch and hydrogen bonding indicated that
327 a hydrogen bond symmetrization is likely at higher pressure around 112 GPa
328 (Shieh et al., 2009). In a more recent X-ray diffraction study of phase D, a kink in
329 pressure-volume results at 40 GPa was interpreted as related to hydrogen bond
330 symmetrization (Hushur et al., 2011). The difference in the hydrogen bond
331 symmetrization pressure based on infrared and X-ray diffraction studies could in

332 part be related to the difference in the exact stoichiometry of the phase D
333 samples. The stoichiometry of the phase D used in X-ray diffraction study is
334 $\text{Mg}_{1.0}\text{Si}_{1.7}\text{H}_{3.0}\text{O}_6$ (Hushur et al., 2011) whereas the stoichiometry of phase D used
335 in the high-pressure infrared spectroscopic study by Shieh et al. (2009) is
336 inferred to be between $\text{Mg}_{1.11}\text{Si}_{1.89}\text{H}_{2.22}\text{O}_6$ (Yang et al., 1997) and
337 $\text{Mg}_{1.84}\text{Si}_{1.73}\text{H}_{2.81}\text{O}_6$ (Ohtani et al., 1997). These changes in the local arrangements
338 of the protons in the crystal structures of DHMS and related mineral phases have
339 serious effects on the bulk physical properties including bulk and shear modulus
340 (Tsuchiya and Tsuchiya, 2009, Hushur et al., 2011).

341 Based on our *first principles* simulations on the 3.65 Å phase, the hydroxyl
342 bond length $d(\text{O-H})$ increases by 12 % from ~ 0.99 to 1.14 Å upon compression
343 to ~ 50 GPa, whereas in the same pressure interval, the corresponding $d(\text{O}---\text{O})$
344 distance decrease by 55 % from 1.80 to 1.17 Å (**Fig. 5**). At around ~ 60 GPa the
345 hydrogen atom is located in the center of the $d(\text{O}---\text{O})$ unit (**Fig. 5**), thus we
346 observe symmetrization of the hydrogen bonding. The O-H---O angles
347 continuously decrease upon compression. However, in the 3.65 Å phase, the
348 hydrogen bond symmetrization occurs at a pressure (~ 60 GPa) exceeding its
349 thermodynamic stability (Wunder et al., 2011; 2012).

350 The Mg-Si-O framework of the 3.65 Å phase responds to increasing
351 pressure by two mechanism- (a) compression of octahedral units and (b) rigid
352 rotation of the octahedral units. The volume of the MgO_6 and SiO_6 octahedral
353 units reduces continuously upon compression, not reflecting the non-linear
354 dependence of the hydroxyl groups. The pressure dependence of the octahedral
355 units can be expressed by a finite strain expression with $K_0 = 102.0$ GPa, $K'_0 = 3.0$
356 and $V_0 = 12.72$ Å³ for MgO_6 units and $K_0 = 234.9$ GPa, $K'_0 = 2.6$ and $V_0 = 7.99$ Å³ for

357 the SiO_6 units. However, the octahedral rigid rotation as manifested by the
358 average Mg-O-Si angle shows linear behavior till the hydrogen bonds
359 symmetrize at ~ 60 GPa (**Fig. 5**). The absence of the A cation in this hydroxide
360 perovskite structure allows for greater octahedral rigid rotation than observed
361 for perovskite with the A cation site occupied, such as the MgSiO_3 . As a
362 consequence the bulk modulus of the 3.65 \AA phase is more than 60% softer than
363 that of MgSiO_3 perovskite (**Table 4**). The shear modulus of the phase 3.65 \AA , G_H
364 = 65.1 GPa is more than 60% softer than that of MgSiO_3 perovskite with $G_H = 175$
365 GPa (Sinogeikin et al., 2004).

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367 **4. Discussion**

368 Bulk elastic properties of mineral phases are sensitive to chemistry, in
369 particular water content (Smyth and Jacobsen, 2006). A bulk-modulus (K_0)-
370 density (ρ_0) systematics for major mantle phases, nominally anhydrous phases,
371 and hydrous phases in the MgO-SiO₂-H₂O system (MSH) reveals a positive
372 correlation (**Fig. 6**). As the water content increases within various hydrous
373 phases, significant reduction of density and bulk modulus is observed. Mineral
374 phases with silicon atom in octahedral coordination [Si^{VI}], such as stishovite, and
375 bridgmanite (perovskite) have greater density and bulk modulus (**Fig. 6**). Among
376 the hydrous phases, layered hydrous magnesium silicates (LHMS) such as
377 antigorite, talc, 10 \AA phase and brucite have lower density and bulk moduli. In
378 contrast, DHMS phases such as phase D with silicon atom in octahedral
379 coordination [Si^{VI}] have high both higher density and bulk modulus. Although,
380 the 3.65 \AA phase also has silicon atom in the octahedral coordination [Si^{VI}], the
381 amount of water content in 3.65 \AA phase is significantly greater than that in

382 phase D, other DHMS phases, and LHMS phases. This is the likely cause of the low
383 density of 3.65 Å phase (**Fig 6; Table 4**). The bulk modulus of 3.65 Å phase lies in
384 between LHMS and DHMS phases.

385 The bulk sound velocity (V_{ϕ})-density (ρ_0) systematics also exhibits a
386 positive correlation for the mineral phases in the $\text{MgSiO}_3\text{-H}_2\text{O}$ join. Among the
387 major mantle phases with MgSiO_3 stoichiometry, the density and bulk sound
388 velocity of the upper mantle phase clinoenstatite is the lowest followed by
389 majorite garnet, stable at the transition zone conditions, and the lower mantle
390 phase- bridgmanite (perovskite) being the densest among the three. The 3.65 Å
391 phase, stable in the lower part of the upper mantle, has a density lower than
392 clinoenstatite (**Fig. 6**). The V_{ϕ} - ρ systematics with a linear correlation: $V_{\phi} = 0.19$
393 $+1.87\rho$, could be used to constrain the degree of mantle hydration in the cores
394 of the cold subduction zones where temperature could be low enough to allow
395 the presence of 3.65 Å phase (Wunder et al., 2012).

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397 **5. Implications**

398 The appearance of 3.65 Å phase at 9-10 GPa, i.e., 270-330 km, from the
399 breakdown of 10 Å phase might be related to the observed seismic 'X-
400 discontinuity' (Revenaugh and Jordan, 1991). The X-discontinuity, although not
401 a global discontinuity, is quite widespread and has been observed at several
402 locations world wide in the depth range of 270-330 km (Revenaugh and Jordan,
403 1991, Deuss and Woodhouse, 2002, Bageley and Revenaugh, 2008 and
404 references therein). Based on the varying depth, it is likely that the X-
405 discontinuity might have multiple origins (Bageley and Revenaugh, 2008).

406 Several mineralogical transitions have been invoked to explain the X-
407 discontinuity, including phase transitions, such as from orthoenstatite (OEn) to
408 high-pressure clinoenstatite (HPCen) (Angel et al., 1992, Woodland, 1998,
409 Jacobsen et al., 2010) and from coesite (Coe) to stishovite (St) transition
410 (Williams and Revenaugh, 2005, Pushcharvosky and Pushcharvosky, 2012, Chen
411 et al., 2015). Formation of stishovite in eclogites requires either presence of
412 excess silica or exsolution of silica component from calcium clinopyroxene
413 (Knapp et al., 2013). However, a recent experimental study suggests that
414 exsolution of silica from calcium clinopyroxene is not a feasible mechanism to
415 explain X-discontinuity (Knapp et al., 2013). Other proposed explanations
416 include the appearance of anhydrous phase B ($\text{Mg}_{14}\text{Si}_5\text{O}_{24}$) from a reaction of
417 olivine (Mg_2SiO_4) and periclase (MgO) (Ganguly and Frost, 2006) or the forming
418 of hydrous phases such as phase A [$\text{Mg}_7\text{Si}_2\text{O}_{14}\text{H}_6$] (Liu, 1987, Revenaugh and
419 Jordan, 1991).

420 The LHMS such as antigorite and talc that are stable at shallower depths
421 along the subduction zone exhibit strong elastic anisotropy which is defined as
422 $AV_{P,S} = 100(V_{P,S \text{ Max}} - V_{S,P \text{ Min}})/\langle V_{P,S} \rangle$, where $V_{P,S \text{ Max}}$ and $V_{S,P \text{ Min}}$ are the maximum
423 and minimum (orientation dependent) compressional or shear acoustic velocity
424 and $\langle V_{P,S} \rangle$ is the average P, -S wave velocity (Mainprice et al., 2008; Mookherjee
425 and Capitani, 2011; Bezacier et al., 2013). The strong anisotropy, in particular
426 shear anisotropy (AV_S) could explain the large shear wave delay time observed
427 in the mantle wedges in certain subduction zone settings such as Ryukyu
428 (Katayama et al., 2009). Upon compression the shear (AV_S) and compressional
429 (AV_p) elastic anisotropies of LHMS reduce significantly. The X-discontinuity

430 might also be related to a discontinuity in seismic anisotropy owing to the
431 considerable difference in the elastic anisotropies of LHMS at shallower depths
432 and DHMS at larger depths (**Fig. 7**). The DHMS phases such as phase A (Sanchez-
433 Valle et al., 2008), superhydrous phase B (Pacalo and Weidner, 1996), and phase
434 D (Mainprice et al., 2007; Rosa et al., 2012) phase exhibit lower elastic
435 anisotropy. However, in comparison to the DHMS phases, 3.65 Å phase has
436 10%(?) higher shear elastic anisotropy and its anisotropy increases upon
437 compression (**Fig. 7**). A detailed understanding of the slip system activities and
438 high-pressure deformation fabrics of DHMS is required to relate single crystal
439 elastic anisotropy to the seismological observation.

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Figure Captions

849 **Figure 1.** (a) Ternary diagram in (mol %) modified from (Wunder et al., 2012)
850 showing various hydrous phases in the MgO-SiO₂-H₂O (MSH) system,
851 including 3.65 Å phase. Mineral abbreviations and stoichiometry: ant-
852 antigorite (Mg_{2.8}Si₂O₅(OH)₄), br- brucite (Mg(OH)₂), tlc- talc
853 (Mg₃Si₄O₁₀(OH)₂); 10 Å - 10 Å phase (Mg₃Si₄O₁₀(OH)₂.H₂O), 3.65 Å- 3.65 Å
854 phase (MgSi(OH)₆), clinohum- clinohumite (Mg₉Si₄O₁₆(OH)₂), chond-
855 chondrodite (Mg₅Si₂O₈(OH)₂), phA- phase A (Mg₇Si₂O₈(OH)₆), phB- phase
856 B (Mg₁₂Si₄O₁₉(OH)₂), ShyB- superhydrous phase B (Mg₁₀Si₃O₁₀(OH)₄),
857 phD- phase D (MgSi₂H₂O₆), phE- phase E (Mg_{2.23}Si_{1.81}H_{2.8}O₆), cen- clino
858 enstatite (MgSiO₃), mj- majorite (MgSiO₃), pv- bridgmanite/perovskite
859 (MgSiO₃), ol- olivine (Mg₂SiO₄), wad-wadsleyite (β-Mg₂SiO₄), ri-
860 ringwoodite (γ-Mg₂SiO₄). (b-d) Crystal structure of the 3.65 Å phase from
861 *first principles* simulations corresponding to the unit-cell volume of 200
862 Å³. There are several O-H---O units that loosely form a “crankshaft”
863 pattern that run parallel to the z-direction. This is highlighted by a dashed
864 line and is evident when the crystal structure is viewed down the y-axis
865 and x-axis. These patterns become prominent as the symmetrization of
866 hydrogen bond occurs. The O-H and H---O bond lengths become equal.
867 Note that the O(1)-H(1)---O(1) and O(2)-H(2)---O(2) do not exhibit
868 symmetrization. The crystal structure is viewed down the y-axis, x-axis
869 and z- axis in the (b), (c), and (d) respectively.

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871 **Figure 2.** X-ray diffraction pattern, plotted after background subtraction, of the
872 3.65 Å phase at ambient pressure (in the diamond anvil cell), 9.9 GPa,

873 19.3 GPa, 30.4 GPa, 41.0 GPa and in decompression at 25.2 GPa, 8.0 GPa
874 and 0.1 GPa. In the ambient pressure spectrum the black open circles
875 represent the collected data and the black line denotes the Le Bail
876 refinement. The black crosses denote the presence of amounts up to 10 %
877 of 10 Å phase. The black asterisks indicate Ne peaks. The vertical red and
878 black tick marks denote the peak positions corresponding to the 3.65 Å
879 phase and the 10 Å phase calculated at ambient conditions. The most
880 intense diffraction peaks of the 3.65 Å phase are labeled in the pattern
881 collected at 0.1 GPa in decompression (at the top of the figure). Note in all
882 the patterns the intense peak at 3.65 Å that is characteristic of the phase.

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884 **Figure 3.** Equation of state and linear compressibility of the 3.65 Å phase from
885 experiment and *first principles* simulations -(**a**) plot of pressure vs. unit-
886 cell volume; (**b**) plot of lattice parameters *a*, *b*, and *c* vs. unit-cell volume;
887 (**c**) plot of lattice parameter *b* vs. unit cell volume. The green shaded area
888 represents a 2° interval within which the experimental data lies. The *first*
889 *principles* simulation results shows very little deviation from ~90°
890 indicating only a slight distortion from the orthorhombic symmetry; (**d**)
891 finite strain (f_V) vs normalized pressure (F_V) plot. The third-order and
892 fourth order finite strain fits are represented by dashed green line and
893 green line respectively. (**e**) linear normalized pressure (f_i) vs linear
894 normalized pressure (F_i) for the lattice parameter *a*, *b*, and *c*.

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896 **Figure 4.** Full elastic constant tensor vs. pressure- (**a**) three principal elastic
897 constants, (**b**) six off diagonal elastic constants, and (**c**) four shear elastic

898 constants, **(d)** bulk and shear modulus vs. pressure. The Voigt and Reuss
899 limits are indistinguishable for the bulk modulus at all pressures. For the
900 shear modulus, the two limits diverge out at high pressure; **(e)** elastic
901 anisotropy as a function of pressure; **(f)** aggregate compressional (V_P) and
902 shear (V_S) wave velocity at static condition as function of pressure. Also
903 shown is the (V_P/V_S) ratio as a function of pressure.

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905 **Figure 5.** Behavior of proton under compression - (a) O-H (hydroxyl) and O---H
906 (hydrogen) bond lengths as a function of density/pressure; (b) plot of O-
907 H bond distance as a function of O---O distances, the “black line”
908 represents the condition for symmetric hydrogen bonding i.e., O-H bond
909 distance = half of O---O distance; (c) the angle between the O-H vector and
910 the O---O vector. An angle of 180° indicates strong hydrogen bonding and
911 as in the case of O(5)-H(4)---O(4) and O(6)-H(3)---O(3) at high pressures;
912 (e) plot of MgO_6 and SiO_6 relative compression octahedral volume as a
913 function of pressure indicate that MgO_6 is more compressible than the
914 SiO_6 units. Inset shows the plot of Mg-Si-O angle as a function of pressure.

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916 **Figure 6.** Bulk moduli and density systematics for various hydrous mineral
917 phases in MSH ternary system. Bulk moduli and density data for the
918 mineral phases are colored based on their water content. The dark
919 symbols represent lower or no water content whereas lighter symbols
920 represent water rich phases. Please see the vertical color scale in the right.
921 The color scale helps to distinguish the dry, nominally anhydrous, and
922 hydrous phases. The symbol sizes are also proportional to water content.

923 Hence the darker symbols are smaller in size, and lighter symbols are
924 larger in size. The abbreviations for the minerals are same as in Fig. 1a.
925 Inset shows the plot of bulk sound velocity along the MgSiO₃-H₂O join
926 with bridgmanite, majorite, clinoenstatite, 3.65 Å phase, and H₂O. All data
927 are from literature, reported in **Table 4**.

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929 **Figure 7.** Maximum compressional (AV_p) and shear (AV_s) elastic anisotropy for
930 LHMS and DHMS phases as a function of pressure. Mineral abbreviations-
931 ant refers to antigorite, ShyB refers to superhydrous phase B. Elastic
932 anisotropy data for LHMS and DHMS are from, B13- Bezacier et al.,
933 (2013); M08- Mainprice et al., 2008; S08- Sanchez-Valle et al., (2008);
934 M07- Mainprice et al., (2007); R12- Rosa et al., (2012); PW96- Pacalo and
935 Weidner (1996). The X-discontinuity and the mantle transition zone are
936 denoted by the orange and the grey band, respectively. Also shown are
937 the stability fields of antigorite, ~ 7 GPa (Liu, 1986; Ulmer and
938 Trommsdorff, 1995), 10 Å phase ~9 GPa (Pawley and Wood, 1995;
939 Pawley et al., 2011) and the formation of the 3.65 Å phase at 9 GPa. The
940 3.65 Å phase is likely to decompose to HPCen and water beyond 500 °C
941 (Wunder et al., 2011).

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Table 1. Details of experimental conditions explored in this study

Exp #	λ (Å)	E (keV)	P _{min} (GPa)	P _{max} (GPa)	Pressure Callibrant	Pressure generation method
I ^a	0.2897	42.80	1e ⁻⁰⁵	41.00	Ruby, Au	gas-membrane
II ^b	0.2904	42.70	6.20	26.30	Ruby	gas-membrane
III ^b	0.2922	42.43	1.00	5.90	Ruby ^c	manual

^a data were collected for both compression and de-compression paths; ^b data were collected only for compression path; ^c pressure was measured offline.

Table 2. Finite strain fit parameters for bulk and linear compressibility.

	V_0 (\AA^3)	K_0 (G Pa)	K'	K''
<i>Experiments (this study)</i>				
4 th	194.52* (0.02)	77 (2)	7.9 (0.8)	-0.7 (0.2)
3 rd	194.52 (0.02)	83 (1)	4.9 (0.2)	
<i>First principles simulation (this study)</i>				
4 th	202.02	80	3.4	-0.05
<i>Experiments (this study)</i>				
	l_0 (\AA)	K_l (G Pa)	m_l	
<i>a</i>	5.1131 (0.0003)	208.6 (1.1)	685.9 (18.8)	
<i>b</i>	5.1898 (0.0003)	293.3 (1.2)	-66.8 (20.9)	
<i>c</i>	7.3303 (0.0004)	282.3 (1.4)	767.6 (27.6)	
β	90.03° (0.01)			
<i>First principles simulation (this study)</i>				
<i>a</i>	5.170	224.8 (1.5)	-77.5 (13.3)	
<i>b</i>	5.267	241.6 (7.4)	-125.7 (7.4)	
<i>c</i>	7.420	261.1 (9.9)	201.2 (115)	
β	89.69°			

*The experimental V_0 were measured in GFZ [*Wunder et al., 2012*]

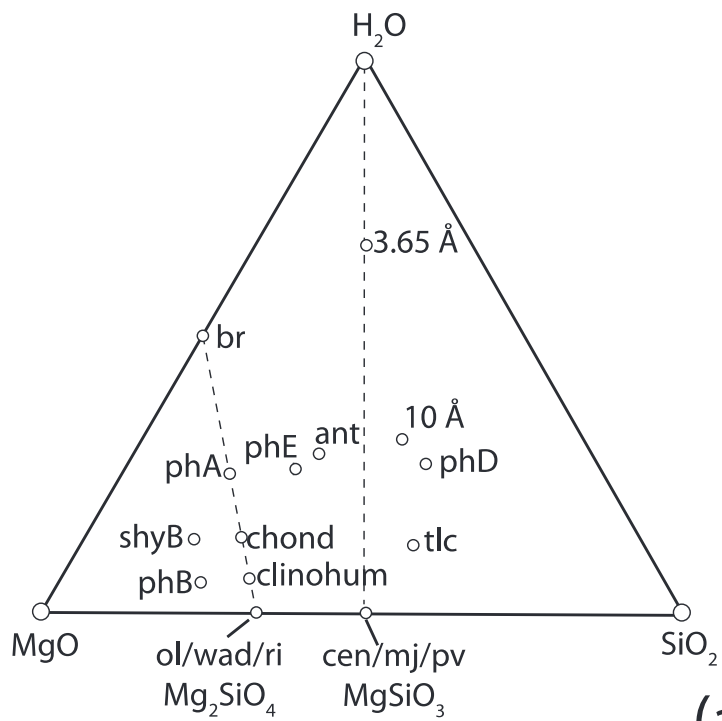
Table 3 Full elastic constant tensor (C_{ij}), bulk (K), and shear (G) modulus for 3.65 Å phase as a function of pressure, volume, and density.

P [GPa]	V [Å ³]	ρ [g/cm ³]	C ₁₁	C ₂₂	C ₃₃	C ₄₄	C ₅₅	C ₆₆	C ₄₆	C ₁₂	C ₁₃	C ₂₃	C ₁₅	C ₂₅	C ₃₅	K _V	K _H	K _R	G _V	G _H	G _R
-5.9	220	2.33	126.5	128.4	131.1	46.1	50.9	53.4	-2.3	20.2	22.4	17.3	-0.8	-0.7	1.7	56.2	56.2	56.2	51.8	51.7	51.5
-2.9	210	2.44	134.9	148.0	156.7	52.7	53.0	64.1	-0.3	27.4	18.6	18.5	0.6	0.6	-0.2	63.2	63.1	63.1	59.0	58.6	58.3
0.8	200	2.56	162.9	173.8	194.1	54.9	59.8	77.4	1.9	40.8	29.5	24.0	2.2	2.7	-2.1	79.9	79.9	79.8	67.5	66.7	65.9
5.4	190	2.70	197.5	206.8	241.3	60.6	67.3	92.7	4.7	55.4	37.2	30.7	3.9	3.6	-4.9	99.1	99.0	99.0	79.0	77.4	75.8
11.2	180	2.85	246.9	264.4	316.3	70.3	78.3	110.3	8.5	82.0	60.1	49.2	5.0	4.3	-9.1	134.5	134.3	134.1	94.2	91.7	89.3
18.5	170	3.02	286.8	298.7	388.0	75.5	89.8	130.1	12.3	102.3	77.6	64.9	7.4	6.4	-13.4	162.6	162.0	161.5	107.7	103.9	100.1
27.6	160	3.21	358.3	371.3	477.6	82.0	105.3	151.1	16.2	140.3	105.2	95.2	9.5	7.9	-18.4	209.8	209.3	208.7	125.4	120.1	114.8
39.1	150 ¹	3.42	449.6	458.4	600.4	86.5	130.6	172.9	22.1	190.3	154.3	142.4	13.4	9.1	-25.8	275.8	274.9	273.9	146.1	138.5	130.8
53.8	140	3.66	568.2	636.0	801.2	95.3	153.7	195.5	25.8	273.1	229.3	241.7	21.0	7.7	-35.6	388.2	385.7	383.2	173.0	162.2	151.5
72.6	130	3.94	705.2	771.0	950.7	83.0	170.2	231.0	33.1	367.8	308.3	328.2	26.1	13.4	-41.5	492.8	490.5	488.2	191.7	173.0	154.2
97.0	120	4.27	881.8	964.1	1138.8	59.1	189.9	275.5	41.8	499.0	418.0	444.7	31.8	23.2	-48.2	634.3	632.1	629.9	213.1	175.4	137.7
<i>finite strain fit</i>																					
0.0	202	2.54	156.2	169.4	189.3	55.9	58.5	74.8	1.6	38.0	26.5	22.9	1.5	1.5	-1.9	76.2	76.1	76.1	66.0	65.1	64.4
			7.2	7.3	11.1	1.5	1.7	3.2	0.6	3.2	2.7	1.6	0.3	0.3	-0.6	4.8	4.9	4.8	2.4	2.3	2.1

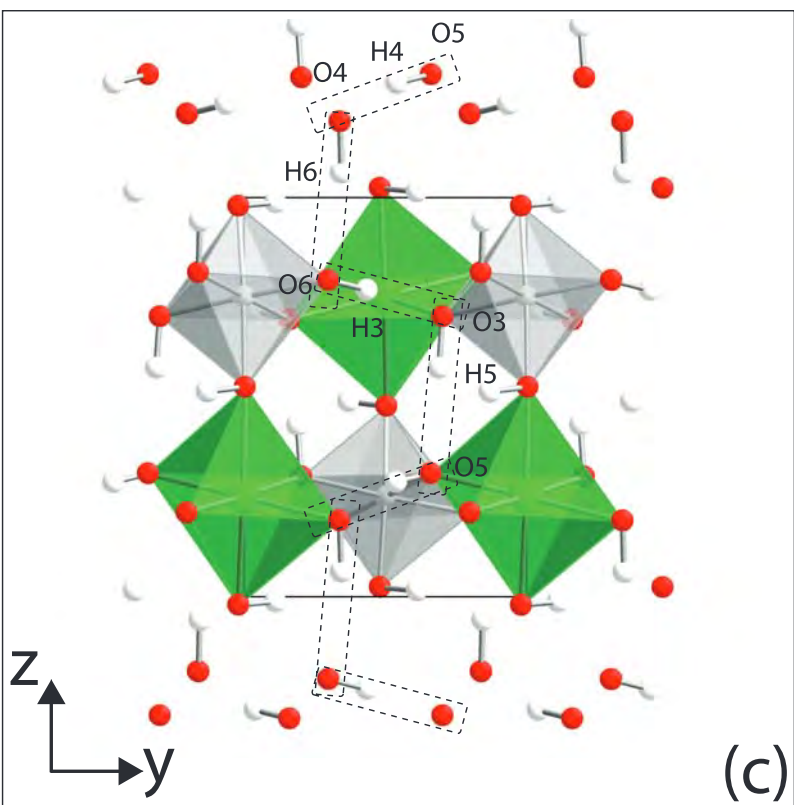
¹elasticity data up to volume of 150 Å³ were used to constrain the finite strain fit parameters.

Table 4. Density and bulk moduli for various hydrous mineral phases in the MSH ternary.

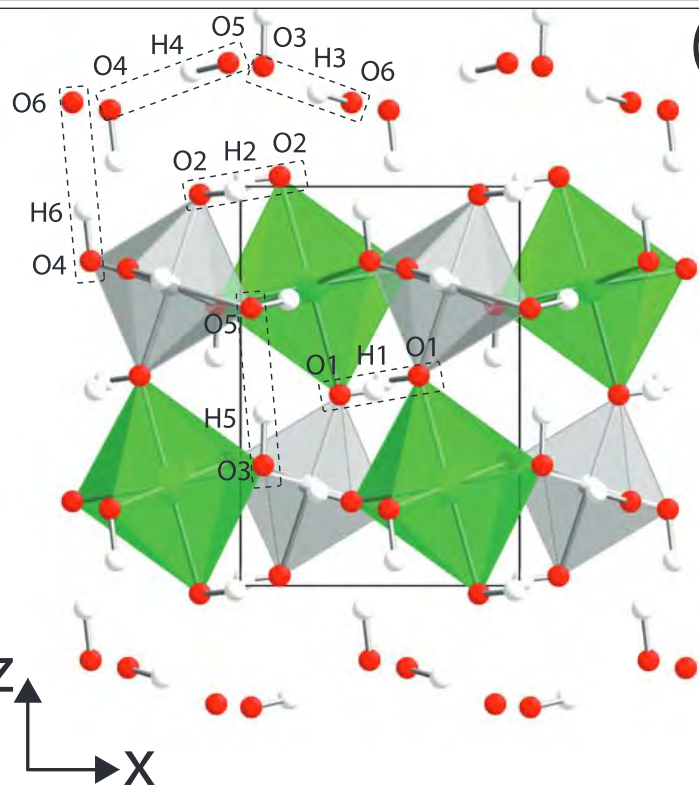
Mineral Phase	Formula	ρ_0 [gm cm ⁻³]	K_0 [GPa]	H ₂ O [wt%]	Reference
<i>MgO-SiO₂-H₂O end members</i>					
Periclase	MgO	3.585	160.2	0.00	Zha et al., (2000)
Stishovite	SiO ₂	4.287	294.0	0.00	Wang et al., (2012)
Ice-III	H ₂ O	1.159	9.3	100.00	Tulk et al., (1994)
Liquid water	H ₂ O	0.997	2.2	100.00	Kell et al., (1975)
<i>Normal mantle phases and nominally anhydrous mineral phases</i>					
Olivine	Mg ₂ SiO ₄	3.218	125.5	0.00	Downs et al., (1996)
Clinoenstatite	MgSiO ₃	3.301	118.3	0.00	Kungetal., (2005); Jackson et al., (2010)
Majorite	MgSiO ₃	3.522	159.8	0.00	Pacalo and Weidner, (1997)
Bridgemanite	MgSiO ₃	4.098	256.7	0.00	Yagi et al., (1978); Tange et al., (2012)
Hydrous olivine	Mg ₂ SiO ₄	3.180	125.4	0.90	Mao et al., (2010)
Hydrous wadsleyite	β -Mg ₂ SiO ₄	3.435	161.3	0.84	Mao et al., (2008)
Hydrous ringwoodite	γ -Mg ₂ SiO ₄	3.649	175.2	1.10	Mao et al., (2012)
<i>Layered hydrous magnesium silicates (LHMS)</i>					
Brucite	Mg(OH) ₂	2.380	43.8	30.89	Jiang et al., (2006)
Serpentine	Mg ₃ Si ₂ O ₅ (OH) ₄	2.620	68.5	13.00	Bezacier et al., (2013)
Talc	Mg ₃ Si ₄ O ₁₀ (OH) ₂	2.750	41.0	4.75	Pawley et al., (2002)
10 Å phase	Mg ₃ Si ₄ O ₁₀ (OH) ₂ .H ₂ O	2.676	39.0	9.50	Comodi et al., (2006)
<i>Dense hydrous magnesium silicates (DHMS)</i>					
3.65 Å phase	MgSi(OH) ₆	2.636	84.0	35.00	this study
clinohumite	Mg ₉ Si ₄ O ₁₆ (OH) ₂	3.187	119.4	2.90	Ross and Crichton, (2001)
chondrodrite	Mg ₅ Si ₂ O ₈ (OH) ₂	3.057	115.7	5.30	Ross and Crichton, (2001)
phase A	Mg ₇ Si ₂ O ₈ (OH) ₆	2.976	106.0	11.84	Sanchez-Valle et al., (2006)
phase B	Mg ₁₂ Si ₄ O ₁₉ (OH) ₂	3.368	163.0	2.43	Finger et al., (1989); Kudoh et al., (1995)
superhydrous phase B	Mg ₁₀ Si ₃ O ₁₀ (OH) ₄	3.327	154.0	6.49	Pacalo and Weidner, (1996)
phase D	MgSi ₂ H ₂ O ₆	3.459	166.0	18.49	Frost and Fei, (1999)
phase E	Mg _{2.23} Si _{1.81} H _{2.8} O ₆	2.920	93.0	13.60	Shieh et al., (2000)



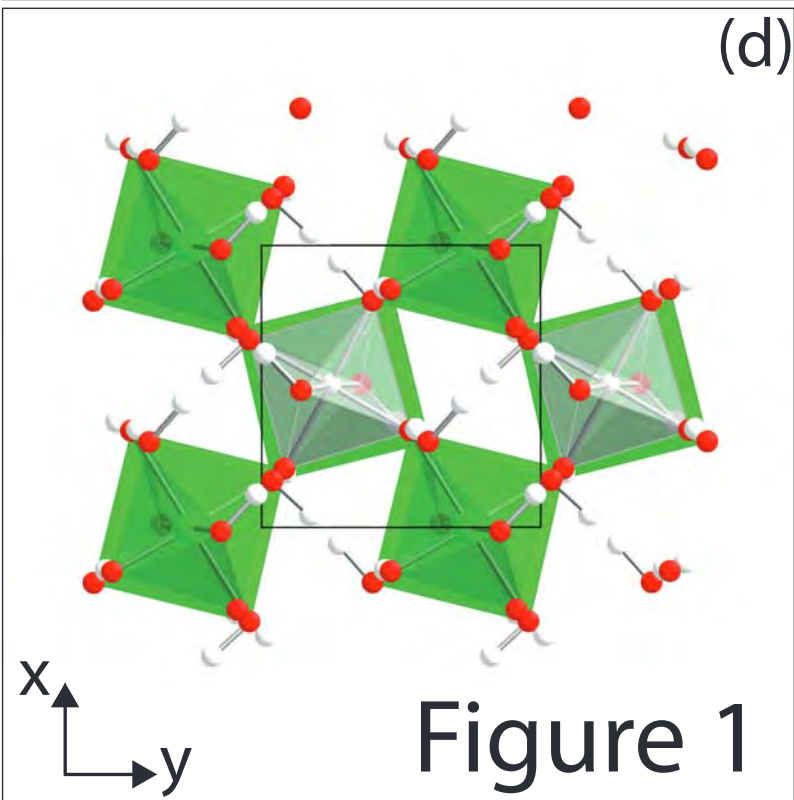
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Figure 1

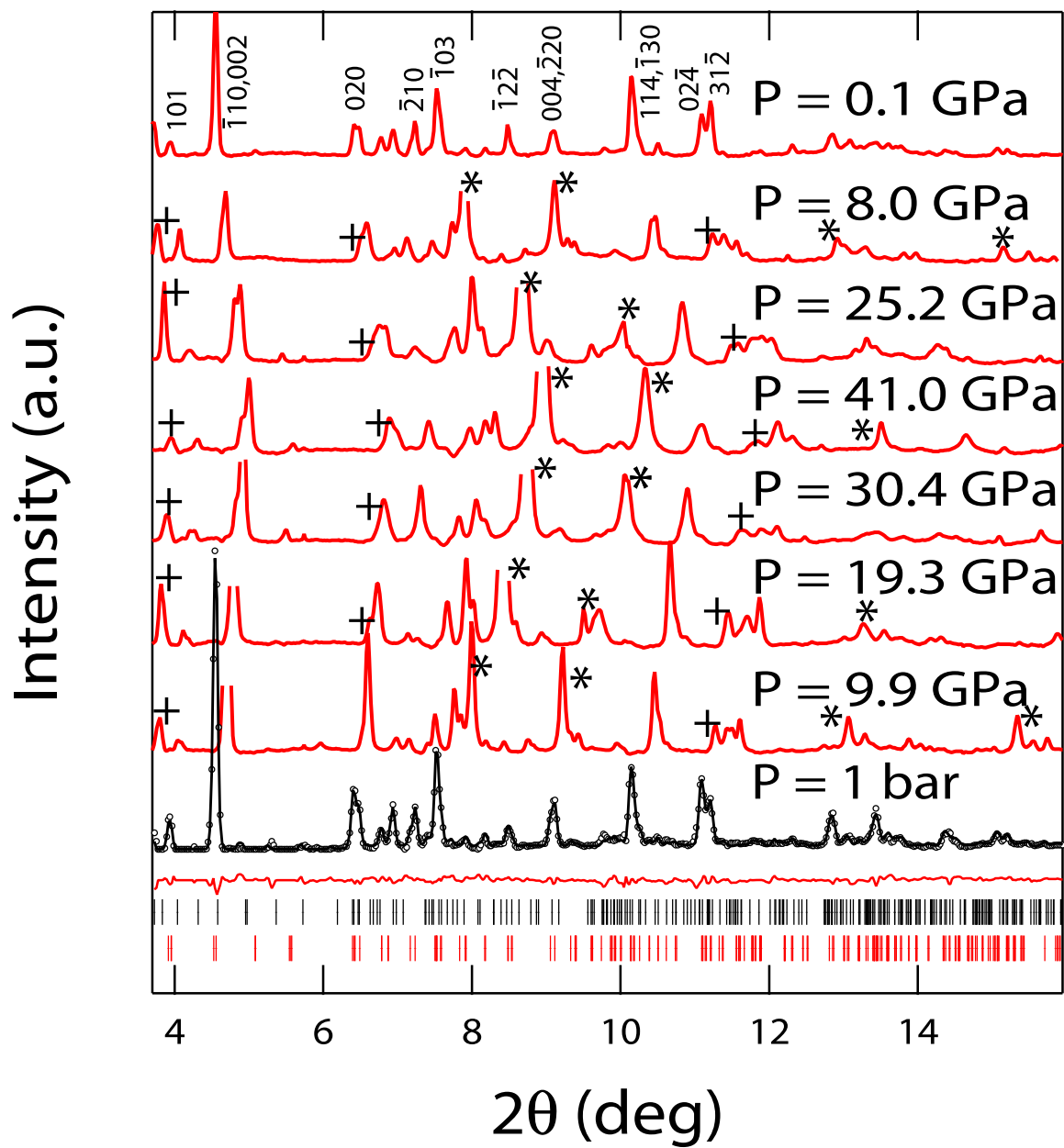


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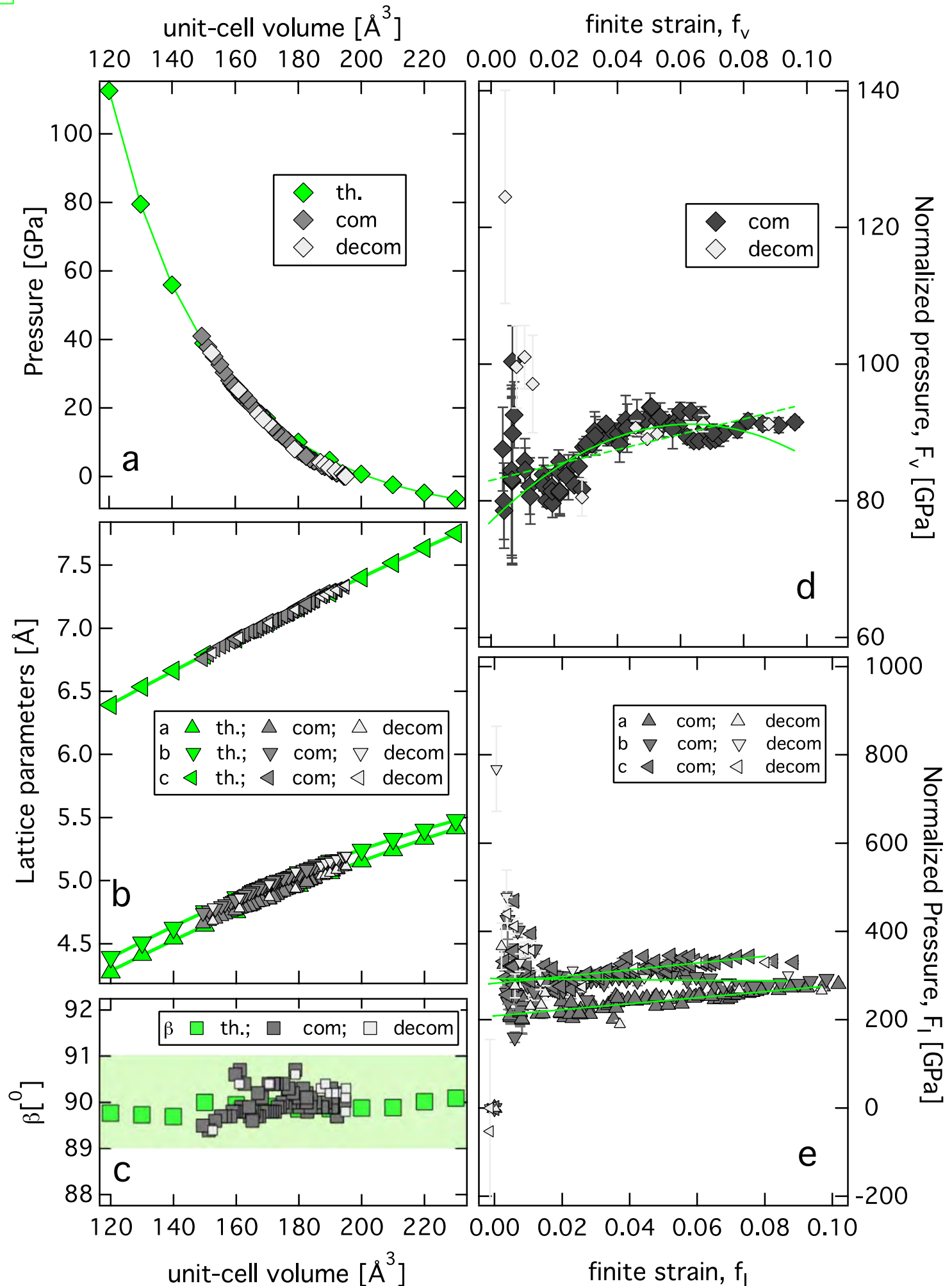
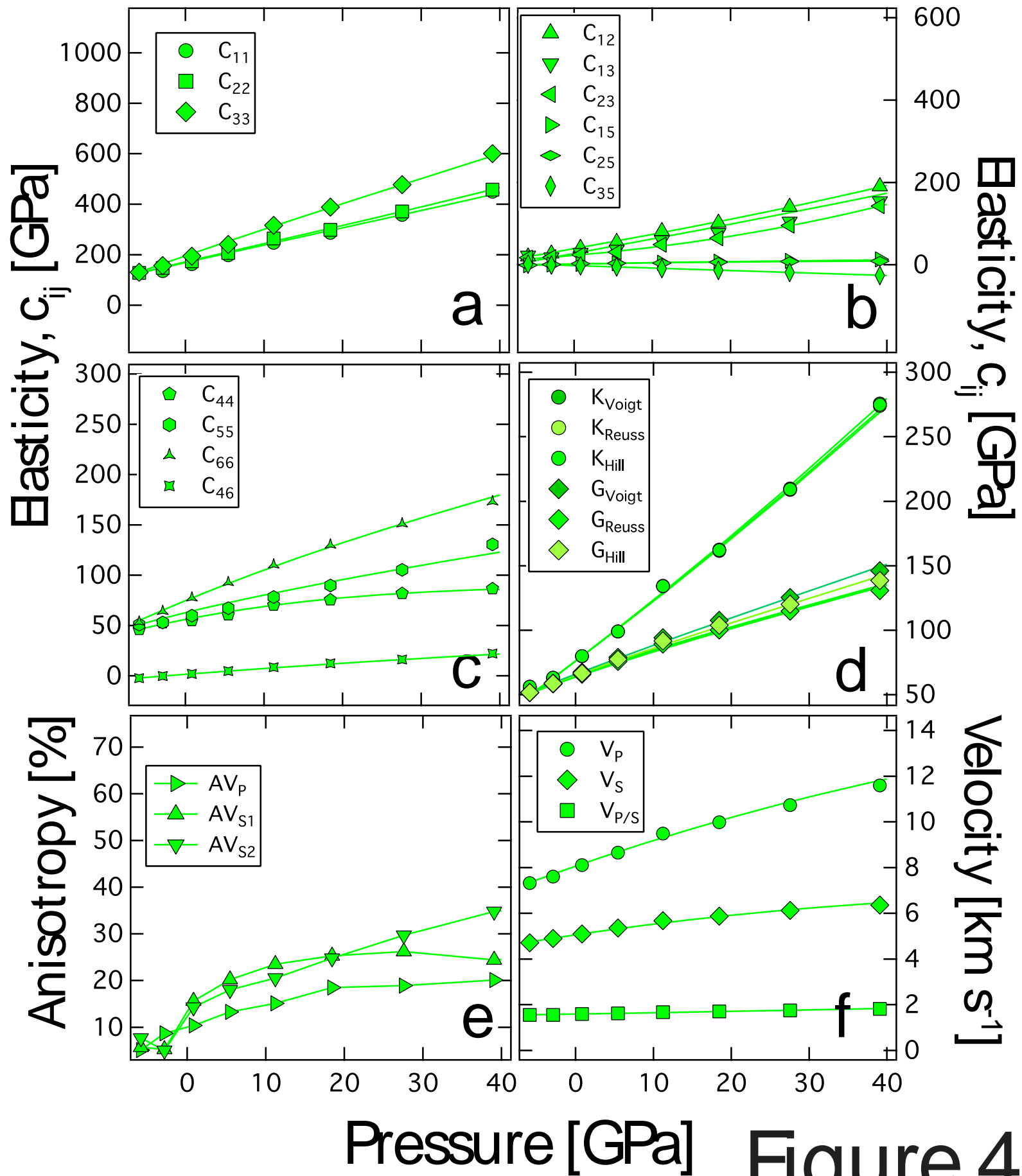


Figure 3



Pressure [GPa]

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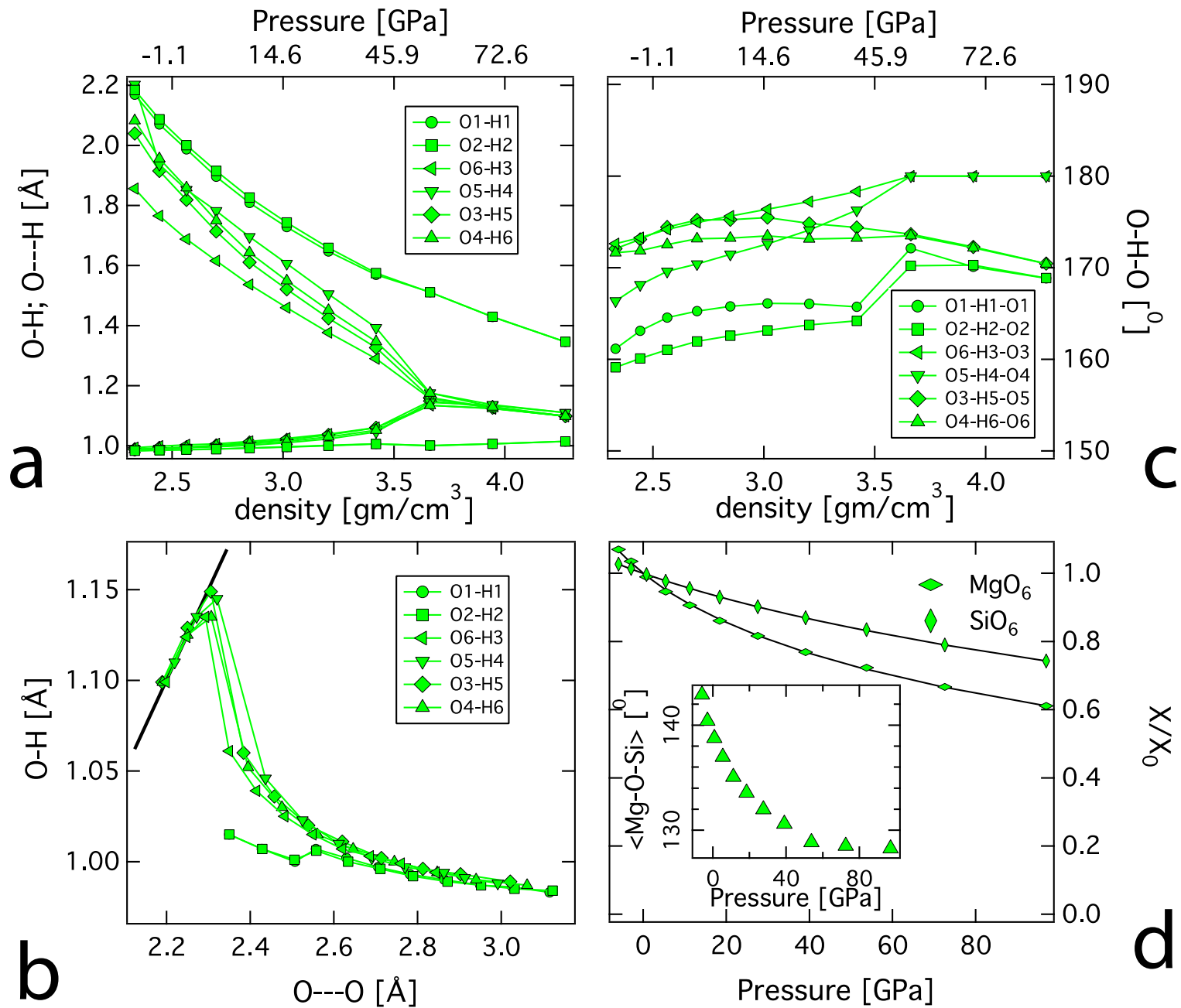


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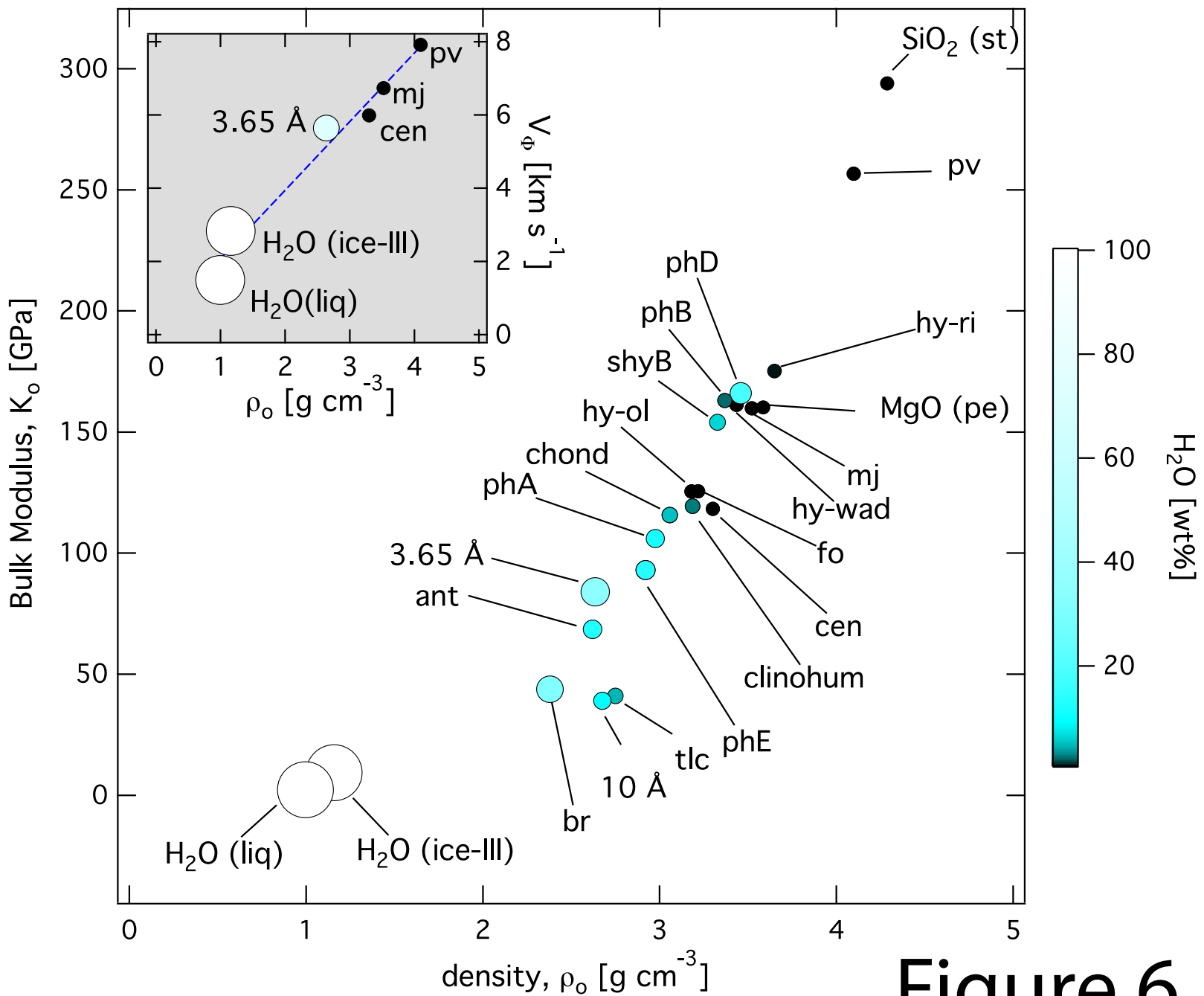


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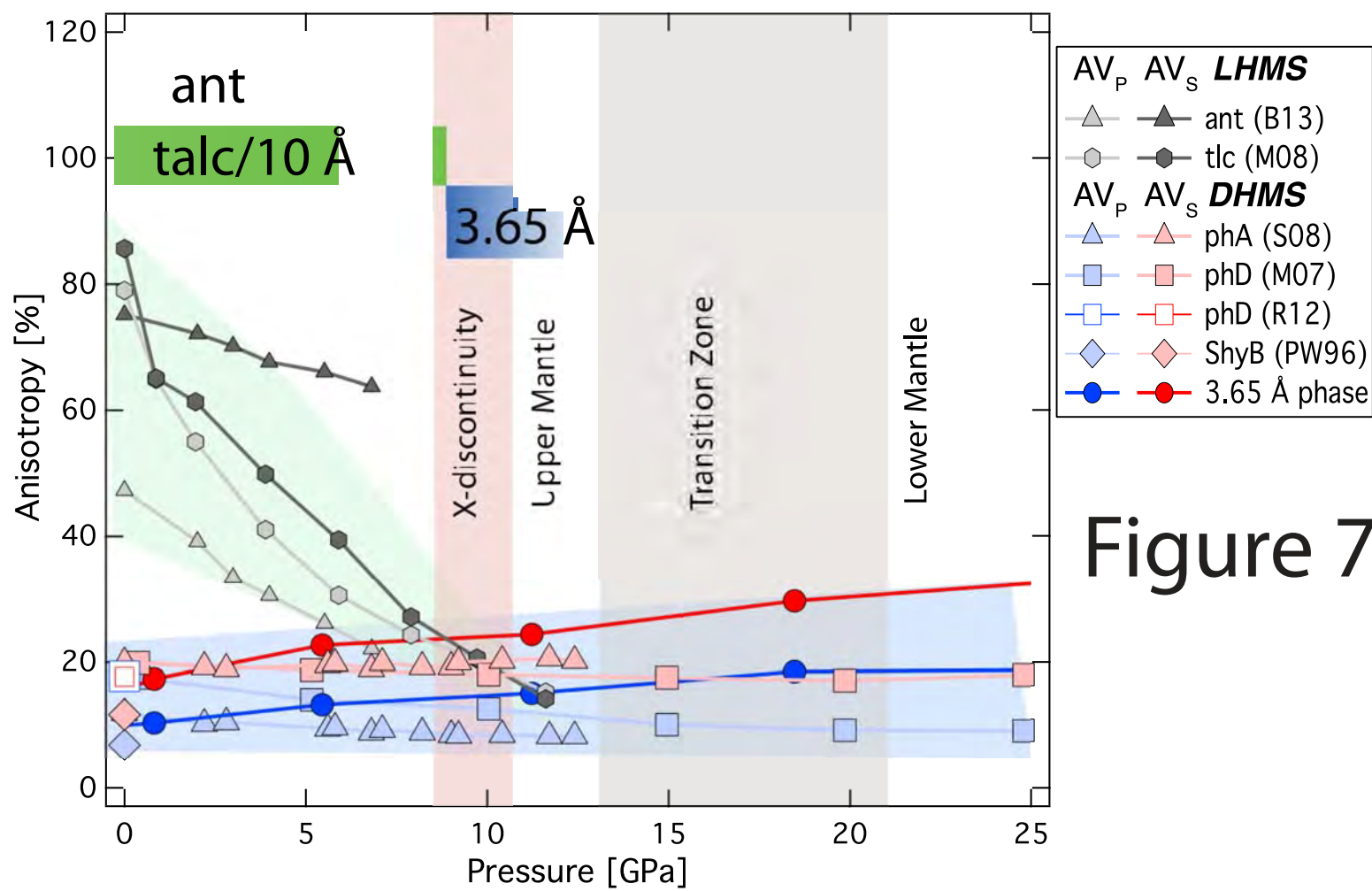


Figure 7