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High-Pressure Minerals

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This article is dedicated to occurrence, relevance, and structure of minerals whose formation involves high pressure. This includes minerals that occur in the interior of the Earth as well as minerals that are found in shock-metamorphized meteorites and terrestrial impactites. I discuss the chemical and physical reasons which render the definition of high-pressure minerals meaningful, in distinction from minerals that occur under surface-near conditions on Earth or at high temperatures in space or on Earth. Pressure-induced structural transformation in rock-forming minerals define the basic divisions of Earth’s mantle in the upper mantle, transition zone, and lower mantle. Moreover, solubility of minor chemical components in these minerals and the occurrence of accessory phases are influential in mixing and segregating chemical
elements in Earth as an evolving planet. Brief descriptions of the currently known high-pressure
minerals are presented. Over the past ten years more high-pressure minerals have been
discovered than during the previous fifty years, based on the list of minerals accepted by the
IMA. The previously unexpected richness in distinct high-pressure mineral species allows for
assessment of differentiation processes in the deep Earth.

Introduction

1. General aspects of compression of matter over large pressure ranges

The pressure in Earth ranges from atmospheric to 136 GPa at the core-mantle boundary, and
further, to 360 GPa in the center of the Earth (Dziewonski and Anderson 1981). These
gravitationally generated pressures are not high on a general scale of planetary or stellar objects,
where gravitational energy balances or overcomes the electronic binding energy in atomic
matter such as in the interior of giant planets or where it vastly exceeds it such as in the interior
of Sun-like stars or beyond (Hund 1936, Landau and Lifshitz 1985). Thus, even in the deepest
parts of Earth matter is well within the range of chemical bonding between discrete atoms
rather than that of dense or degenerate plasma. However, in Earth the pressures are high
enough to modify the chemical behavior of elements and thereby the compounds that they
form and the crystalline or liquid structures that these compounds assume. Roughly, the
difference of 100 GPa between Earth’s surface and the bottom of the lower mantle corresponds
to an increase in energy of \( \sim 1eV/e \). This approximate value may be obtained from relating the
average contraction of the volume of a valence electron in rock-forming minerals over a
pressure-interval of 100 GPa to energy through the Mie-Grüneisen equation (Bukowinski 1994).
This increase in energy is equivalent to a temperature of the order 10000K. However, the
temperature at the inner core-outer core boundary is less than 6000 K (Boehler 1993, Shen et al.
1998, Anzelini et al. 2013, Zhang et al. 2016) and less than 3000 K in the mantle (Brown and
Shankland 1981, Korenaga 2008). Hence, in Earth’s deep mantle the effect of pressure on the
properties of matter dominates over the effect of temperature. The general effect of pressure
on chemical bonding is a consequence of the nature of electrons as fermions: The Pauli
exclusion principle restricts the occupancy of an electronic state to two electrons with up- and
down spin. In consequence, increasing pressure induces an increase in electron kinetic energy
with a power 2/3 whereas their binding potential energy increases with power 1/3 (Landau and
Lifshitz 1985). Hence, at sufficiently high pressure the kinetic energy causes electrons to be
released from their bond states resulting in a electron fermion plasma that is spatially confined
by the Coulomb attraction through the nuclei (Hund 1936, Landau and Lifshitz 1985). These
processes occur at pressures beyond the pressure range within Earth. However, the
approximate scale of the pressure-induced increase in electron energy in Earth has observable
effects on the chemical behavior of elements because it is of a magnitude comparable to energy
differences between valence electronic states in solids which are of the order 1eV. This
distinguishes Earth from smaller planets like Mercury and Mars. The increase of kinetic energy
of the electrons is observable as shifting and broadening of their energy states. Within this
context the local density of the different orbital states is relevant: d- and f- electrons exhibit
pressure-induced shifting and broadening at lower pressures than s- and p-electrons (Duthrie
and Pettifor 1977, Nellis et al.1988, Holzapfel 1995). Eventually, these states overlap with other
electronic states and thereby reconfiguration of bonding and antibonding states with
subsequent structural transitions may occur. Particularly relevant for Earth is the occupation of Si 3d states which are empty and markedly above valence level at reference conditions but partially hybridize with the 3s and p states under pressures of the deeper Earth mantle where Si assumes a six-fold coordination by O anions (Li et al. 1993, Wu et al. 2012, Du and Tse 2017). The change in coordination corresponds into a rearrangement of valence orbital states from sp\(^3\) toward a 3p-dominated state hybridized with 3s and 3d states (Li et al. 1993, Wu et al. 2012, Du and Tse 2017). Similarly, 4d states become involved in bonding for Ca at pressures corresponding to the mid mantle (Oganov et al. 2010) and one can expect Ca to exhibit overall a chemical behavior similar to Sc at reference conditions.

Other noticeable results of pressure induced changes in electronic states are isolator-metal transitions and high spin-low spin transitions. These electronic transitions affect the redox potential of elements with occupied d-states, notably Fe (for a review, see Sturhahn et al. 2005 and Lin et al. 2013), and thereby induce depth-dependent changes in the relative stability of Fe and other transition metal elements in their various oxidation states (Frost et al. 2004, Frost and McCammon 2008, Rohrbach and Schmidt 2011) and the partitioning of elements between oxidized and reduced states in coexisting phases over an extended pressure range (Li and Agee 1996, Tschauner et al 1998, Righter and Campbell 2009).

Since the increase in kinetic energy is overall more noticeable for outer shell electrons and for shells with high occupancy (f- over d- over p- over s-shells) quite often trends of compression-induced structural changes in elements and compounds mimic structures and properties of their higher Z equivalents in the same row or adjacent right row in the period table at lower pressure: For instance, the stable form of carbon at standard conditions is graphite. Diamond, the fully sp\(^3\)-bonded three dimensional network structure of...
carbon becomes stable above 1.94 GPa at 0 K (Kennedy and Kennedy 1976). The stable phases of Si and Ge under standard conditions are isotypic to diamond. Both elements undergo a variety of transitions with increasing pressure and ultimately assume the \( \alpha \)-Sn structure above 10 GPa (Jamieson 1963). Sn itself is dimorphic at reference conditions with the metastable diamond-like \( \beta \)-Sn structure and the metallic \( \alpha \)-Sn structure, which remains stable up to 20 GPa where \( \alpha \)-Sn transforms into a fcc-structure (Olijnik and Holzapfel 1984). Pb assumes this fcc structure at ambient pressure already and transforms to a hexagonal, dense-packed phase above 10 GPa (Takahashi et al. 1969).

We see that the sequence of pressure-induced transformations is reproduced by the change of structure with increasing \( Z \) within the group V elements. Moreover, better screening of outer shell electrons from the nuclei causes a general change in physical properties from insulating to semiconducting to metallic (C to Si to Ge to Sn to Pb). This change is reproduced by the pressure-driven increase in electron kinetic over binding energy and pressure causes isolator-metal transitions for many elements and compounds. The correlation between \( Z \) and the pressures of phase transitions can be well observed for a group of similar elements cuh as rare earths (Holzapfel 1995). We note that this trend does not accommodate particular intermediate structures, hence, it does not define a law of pressure-induced transitions but a pattern. In this, somewhat vague, sense it also applies for compounds. The role of cations and anions in polyatomic structures is not simply additive. Moreover, the geometric density of packing is an insufficient parameter in assessing pressure-induced structural transformations: The fcc lattice is geometrically denser than the bcc lattice, but the alkali halides undergo pressure-induced transitions from the former to the latter, because , within a simple ionic bonding concept, the anion is generally more compressible than the cation or, more generally, the electron-density distribution around the cation- and anion nuclei determines which structure is assumed at a
given pressure, while compression affects anions and cations differently. In fact, upon pressure-
induced phase transformations cation-anion distances generally increase with increasing
pressure but molar volume decreases because the coordination of cation and anion increase
(Shannon and Prewitt 1968, Prewitt and Downs 1998).

High pressure modifies the chemical behaviour of elements within the pressure range of Earth
but it does not evoke entirely new structure types. Rather, under compression compounds and
elements assume structures which their higher-Z analogues assume at low or ambient pressure.
This observation holds at least to about 100-200 GPa where indeed distinct types of structures
occur which lack any equivalent at ambient conditions, such as the cubic-gauche phase of N
(Eremets et al. 2004), or transparent sodium whose structure is controlled by a large electron
density in antibonding orbitals which act equivalently to a small interstitial ion (Wang et al.
2006).

It is understood that these trends of ‘chemical pressure’ are not meant to substitute for more
minute ab initio calculations of electronic band structure or orbital configurations but to
illustrate some general features of the effect of pressure on crystal structures. However, it is this
generality that is required for defining high-pressure minerals.

1.2 Earth materials and high pressure

The examination of pressure-induced changes in chemical and physical properties has prevailed
over more than a century and continues to be an important domain in condensed matter
chemistry and –physics (Mao et al. 2018). Already P.C. Bridgman (1924), the doyen of high-
pressure research, examined the effects of pressures in the GPa-range on minerals, and V.M.
Goldschmidt (1937) inferred the geochemical effects of pressure in the Earth's interior. The study of pressure-induced phenomena in geologically relevant materials comes with the additional technical challenge of the corresponding increase in temperature with pressure along a geothermal gradient. Over the second half of the 20th century experimental research of minerals and rocks at high pressures has progressed from a 10th of a GPa to hundreds of GPa along with a steady improvement of experimental and analytical techniques (Ahrens 1988, Eremets 1996, Hemley and Mao, 1998, Mao et al. 2017). The discovery of natural occurrences of high-pressure phases has usually followed the trace of experimental synthesis. More recently, genuine high-pressure minerals were discovered that have not yet been synthesized. Furthermore, the complexity of natural minerals which almost always contain minor- and trace-components outlines a petrologically relevant space of chemical parameters that experiments can fill for the benefit of understanding the geochemistry of the deep Earth: For instance, the observation of a high Si-content in recently discovered liuite (FeTiO$_3$-perovskite, Ma and Tschauner 2018) points toward a previously unknown high compatibility of Ti in Fe-rich bridgmanite. Some shock-metamorphic minerals are dominated by endmembers that evade static synthesis and allow for assessment of mixing relations that were previously poorly constrained or inaccessible such as in the akimotoite-hemleyite system (Bindi et al. 2017, Tschauner et al. 2018) or the Ca-Eskola component in tissintite (Ma et al. 2016). These findings have to be placed into the petrologic context of mantle melt extraction and metasomatism. The previously unexpected richness in distinct high-pressure mineral species allows for assessment of differentiation processes in the deep Earth.

The new developments in the study of minerals that form at high pressure ask for a more specific conceptual assessment. What defines a high-pressure mineral, if there is no particular pressure-range and are no particular high-pressure structures? A previous review of high
pressure minerals (Prewitt and Downs 1998) predates the discovery of about two thirds of the high-pressure minerals that are currently known. Other previous reviews of minerals that form at high pressures have focused on a specific type of formation such as shock-metamorphism (Langenhorst and Deutsch 2012), meteorites (Rubin and Ma 2017, Tomioka and Miyahara 2017) or inclusions in diamonds (Kaminsky 2012). Here we provide an overview about high-pressure minerals themselves. We also attempt to provide a definition for these minerals, which places them in the context of geochemical, geophysical, and planetary phenomena and their investigation. Since the formation of high-pressure minerals marks fundamental divisions in the interior of the Earth it is important to find a general definition of this group of minerals, if possible.

2. Definition of high-pressure minerals

A distinction between high-pressure and other minerals has to be based on the chemical and structural features which are bound to and are characteristic of high pressures of formation. Moreover, a definition of high-pressure minerals has to be sufficiently general to encompass the range of compounds and structures that have been observed in nature.

Minerals in general are naturally occurring, crystalline phases with well-defined composition and structure, which have formed without human intention (Nickel and Grice 1998). A first, general definition of high-pressure minerals may encompass any mineral whose stability field does not overlap with ambient pressure. This definition appears as clear as it is simple, but, in fact, it is prone to create more confusion than clarification: For instance, the research of so called ultrahigh pressure metamorphic rocks that occur in continental roots is centered on minerals which form and break down at pressures that are minor fractions of the stability field of
minerals like forsterite or periclase. However, neither forsterite nor periclase are high-pressure minerals because their stability field extends to ambient pressure. Thus, the absolute scale of pressure does not provide a good criterion for high-pressure minerals. This fundamental point was already mentioned above and is illustrated in Figure 1 which shows the relation of the density increase in percent upon pressure-induced phase transitions of minerals as function of their density as reference conditions. One notices that the gain in density decreases the higher the initial density is. The plot can also read as illustration of the trend of pressure-induced transformations towards phases equivalent to ambient pressure phases of elements with higher Z.

Most of the, in many respects quite interesting and important, minerals in ultra-high pressure metamorphic rocks are stabilized by volume reductions due to sterical rearrangements of tetrahedral silicate or alumosilicate-networks without any fundamental change of chemical bonding of the silicate. Primarily sterical pressure-induced structural changes should be conceptually separated from structural changes that originate in pressure-induced changes in bonding. Therefore, within the regime of minerals whose stability range does not overlap with ambient pressure we distinguish a) incipient high-pressure minerals and b) high-pressure minerals proper.

Incipient high-pressure minerals are phases which form by sterical reconfigurations of structural patterns but without fundamental changes in bonding. Examples are coesite, ellenbergerite, jadeite, ice-VII. In contrast, we define high-pressure minerals as minerals whose structure is established through a marked change in chemical bonding of its constituent elements. Usually this change in bonding is correlated with a change in coordination of ions. Examples are...
stishovite, akimotoite, and bridgmanite. The stability fields of both, incipient- and proper high-pressure minerals do not extend to ambient pressure.

This basic distinction raises the question how to define a fundamental change in chemical bonding for a vast class of compounds and structure-types. Ab initio methods of calculating electronic band structure cannot provide a general criterion because they only address, though often rather accurately, specific states in specific structures. For a constrained set of elements and structures this may work well: For instance the change in c/a ratio of hexagonal dense packed transition metals as function of Z and of pressure can be best addressed by such calculations (see for instance Duthrie and Pettifor 1977, Holzapfel 1995). However, it cannot serve as criterion for phases as different in structure and bonding character as stishovite, hexaferrum, or bridgmanite.

In need of a criterion for many different structures and compositions we have to abstract from direction-dependent electronic properties. This throws us back onto the concept of effective ionic radii (Goldschmidt 1934, Pauling 1960, Shannon 1976). However, we also have to avoid the issues of applying a quasi-classical bond model to structures where direction-dependent distributions of states are evidently important.

Therefore, we use the ionic radii concept only in the negative by defining a high-pressure mineral as a phase which assumes a structure-type at elevated pressure although it’s ambient pressure effective ionic radii place it far outside the tolerance fields for this structure. Incipient high-pressure phases remain within or in proximity of these tolerance fields. Despite the rather generic approximation of bonding the effective ionic radii allow us to define fields of structure-types for given stoichiometries (Goldschmidt 1934). These fields of structure types (hereafter: ‘structure fields’) are defined by ranges and ratios or radii and have been used successfully in
material science and chemistry (e.g. Roth 1957, Kugimiya and Steinfink 1968, Manjon et al. 2007). Here we use these radii relations to identify structures whose formation is not compatible with ambient pressure solid state chemistry but we leave aside the specifics of this change in bonding as it will be very different for metals like iron and for compounds like silica: For instance, bridgmanite is MgSiO$_3$ in a perovskite-type structure with an effective A- and B cation- radii of 0.8 and 0.4 while ABO$_3$–perovskites have radii of A and B above 0.95 and 0.8, respectively (Fig. 9). Hence, bridgmanite is a high-pressure mineral according to our definition. It needs to be stressed that any such definition is in reference to 1 bar pressure and generally the radii of ions in their coordinations within stable phases at that reference pressure should be used. An attempt to assess more narrowly effective radii of high-pressure phases is equivalent to an attempt to define high-pressure bonding. This is not our goal here. We only try to define a qualitative measure for distinguishing high-pressure from incipient high- and from low-pressure minerals. The gradual pressure-induced shift of compounds across such structure fields has been explored in systematic fashion for instance for ABO$_4$ compounds (Manjon et al. 2007). A possibly ambiguity arises from a too narrow definition of structure-types. We avoid this issue by considering structures as distinct only if they involve topologically different bond vectors in the same sense as outlined by Nickel and Grice (1998). In this sense zircon- and scheelite-type phases are not considered as distinct but rather mark a transition from an ambient to an incipient high-pressure mineral or a transition between incipient or between high-pressure phases, respectively. Also, dense solid molecular phases, for instance of N$_2$, H$_2$O, CO$_2$ are generally incipient high-pressure phases according to our scheme, whereas the covalently
bounded phase CO$_2$-V, polymeric N, or ionic ice-X are high-pressure phases proper (but have not been found as minerals).

We note that the concept of effective radii is not very applicable for metallic, molecular, and persistently covalently bonded structures. As we stated above, we consider transitions between different arrangements of molecular species such as CO$_2$ as incipient high-pressure phases. For strictly covalently bonded and for metallic systems we return to the general observation of ‘chemical pressure’ that we outlined in the introduction. For instance, iron and taenite (α- and γ-iron) are the ambient and high-temperature mineral polymorphs of Fe, whereas hexaferrum (ε-Fe) is a high-pressure mineral because its structure is isotypic to that of the next lower row of group 8b elements in the periodic table. Equivalently, diamond, isotypic with silicon, is a high-pressure mineral polymorph of carbon etc. This additional criterion also removes occasional ambiguity of radii-relations for structure fields of some compounds such as for rutile- and pyrite-type AB$_2$ compounds (see section 3.5)

Thus, our definition is:

A high-pressure mineral is a naturally occurring crystalline phase whose stability field does not extend to ambient pressure and whose structure reflects a marked change in chemical bond character compared to ambient pressure. This change in bond character is quantified by

- a structure that is clearly not consistent with the ambient pressure effective ionic radii of this compound.

For metals, molecular compounds, and other compounds which do not fit well into the ionic radii concept, we define a high-pressure mineral as
b. a phase that assumes a structure isotypic or closely structurally related to the stable structure of phases with higher-Z elements of the same rows in the periodic table: such as Diamond-silicon-germanium, CO$_2$-V – cristobalite etc.

Both criteria overlap, for instance stishovite is a high-pressure mineral according to the first as well as second criterium being isotypic to $\beta$-GeO$_2$, to cassiterite (SnO$_2$), plattnerite ($\beta$-PbO$_2$), and rutile.

With respect to Earth the distinction between ambient-, incipient high-, and high-pressure minerals is meaningful because it delineates the major zones in the Earth’s mantle: Crust, upper mantle, transition zone, lower mantle, and core (Fig. 2). It also removes the confounded use of the term ‘high-pressure’ for natural environments of vastly different pressure ranges.

Consequently, we list minerals according to their structures which in their turn indicate the relevant pressure induced changes in chemical bonding. For instance, bridgmanite is listed as perovskite-type oxide rather than as inosilicate along with enstatite.

Reference is always the state of matter at thermodynamic reference conditions. Hence, a mineral like periclase, whose stability range extends from ambient pressure to beyond the pressures in the Earth’s core ranks as an ambient-pressure mineral. Such minerals are discussed here only in context with high-pressure minerals. Emphasis is on high-pressure minerals. Placing these minerals into context requires occasional discussion of incipient high-pressure minerals and experimentally synthesized high-pressure phases that are related to high-pressure minerals or are currently not approved as minerals.
3.1 Elements and alloys

General aspects of elements and alloys under high pressure

Already in the introduction we have outlined the basic trends of pressure-induced changes in chemical properties of the elements and the accompanying sequences of structural transformations. Elements which occur in the native state in nature do not always form condensed phases, for example the noble gases. Others occur as condensed elemental phases but do not undergo structural transitions within the pressure range of the Earth’s interior such as gold and the platinum group elements (PGEs). We only discuss elemental materials which have been found as high-pressure minerals. The recently discovered natural $\delta$-$N_2$ is discussed along with other molecular phases and minerals further below (section 3.4).

Diamond

The stable phase of carbon at standard conditions is graphite. Following a positive Clapyeron slope graphite transforms into diamond above 1.94 GPa at 0 K (Kennedy and Kennedy 1976). Diamond is the high-pressure phase of carbon: Although the ionic radius concept applies neither to graphite nor to diamond, we apply the 2nd criterion of a high-pressure phase, isotypism with higher-Z elements of the same group in the periodic table: Si, Ge, $\alpha$-Sn, which all assume the diamond-structure. This criterion is also consistent with the actual drastic changes in chemical bonding from an $sp^2$-bonded carbon sheets with interlayer p-bonding to a three-dimensional $sp^3$-bonded covalent network structure (Pauling 1960).
Fullerite (Buseck et al. 1992) is a low-pressure/high-temperature polymorph of C that occurs in a variety of natural environments on Earth and in space (Buseck 2002). Compression induces polymerization of fullerite (Sundqvist 1999). Dynamic compression can induce the transformation from graphite to polymerized C\textsubscript{60} (Luo et al. 2005). The peak shock-pressures in many carbonaceous chondrites are well in the range of these polymerization conditions (Scott et al. 1992). Hence, polymerized C\textsubscript{60} is expected to occur in nature. These polymers are to be considered as incipient high-pressure phases. They assume higher density through partial formation of new bounds rather than a complete change in bonding character such as it is the case for the transition from graphite to diamond. We note that none of these crystalline C\textsubscript{60}-polymers have been clearly identified in nature and consequently established as minerals. Chaoite, a structurally insufficiently characterized carbon-phase from the Ries-impact crater (ElGoresy and Donnay 1968) has a unit cell of 8.948×8.948×14.078 Å\textsuperscript{3} and may be such a partially polymerized fullerenepolymorph. El Goresy et al. (2003) reported another carbon-phase of unknown structure from the Popigai impact crater which also exhibits a very large unit cell.

Lonsdaleite, the 2H polytype of diamond (which represents the 3C-polytype of the Si-structure) had been reported but the presumed type material was recently shown to be diamond (3C) with large density of stacking faults (Nemeth et al. 2014).

A number of metastable carbon phases with varying degrees of sp\textsuperscript{2}- and sp\textsuperscript{3}-bonding have been predicted by computational methods (Oganov et al. 2013) or synthesized (Mao et al. 2003) but not yet been clearly identified in nature. Computational studies predict that diamond transforms into the ‘BC8-structure’ at pressures far beyond those of the Earth’s interior but possibly metastable at ambient conditions (Mailhoit and McMahan 1991).
Despite its importance in the deep carbon cycle of Earth, ice planets, and stellar nebulae, discussion on diamond can be cut short here because it has been extensively discussed in a number of recent review papers (Shirey et al. 2013, Stachel and Luth 2015). The potential of diamond to retain mineral inclusions with high residual pressures and the reconstruction of the depth of entrapment of these inclusions has guided the discovery of high-pressure minerals and -phases and we discuss this aspect of diamond research along with the high-pressure mineral inclusions that were discovered that way.

Hexaferrum

Iron assumes three distinct structures in nature: $\alpha$, $\gamma$, and $\varepsilon$-Fe, which are the bcc, the fcc- and the hcp-structures, respectively. Pure $\gamma$-Fe is stable only at temperatures above 800 K (at the triple point) and $\varepsilon$-Fe forms at 300 K above 13 GPa following a steep, negative Clapeyron slope of transition from $\alpha$-Fe, and a gently positive Clapeyron slope of the transition from the $\gamma$-Fe phase above 800 K (Boehler 1986). It appears to be largely ignored that $\varepsilon$-Fe is actually an approved mineral with the name hexaferrum (Mochalov et al. 1998). Since minerals are defined by structure and dominant endmember, ‘iron’ as a mineral is $\alpha$-Fe and $\gamma$-Fe is taenite, despite the fact that the latter often contains appreciable amount of Ni (and is stabilized at 300 K through Ni): In taenite and its Ni-rich variety kamacite, Ni does not assume sites different from Fe. Both, iron and taenite have been found as inclusions in diamond (Kaminsky and Wirth 2011, Mikhail et al. 2014, Smith et al. 2018). In some cases, these inclusions have high remnant pressures of 1-7 GPa which imply their entrapment in diamond in the transition zone, Tschauner et al. 2018b) but they represent the low-pressure and the high-temperature phases of iron.
Since iron is a metallic, elemental phase, the ionic radius-concept cannot be applied and we use our 2\textsuperscript{nd} criterion to assess which of the natural iron-phases is a high-pressure mineral, if any: the hcp-structure is assumed by the group VIII\textsubscript{b} elements of the rows 5 and 6 (Pd-Os, Rh-Ir), thus, hexaferrum is a high-pressure mineral according to our criterion as well as by common notion. Type hexaferrum is stabilized by 35 at \% Ir, Os, and Ru (Mochalov et al. 1998) and has not formed at high pressure. Hexaferrum is commonly assumed to be the dominant phase in the Earth’s inner core (Mao et al. 1990), although the presence of minor chemical components may change the structure (Lin et al. 2002, Dubrovinski et al. 2007, Tateno et al. 2010). Its melting curve fixes the temperature of the inner core-outer core boundary, one of the few potentially accessible pivotal points of the temperature in the deep Earth. Consequently the melting of iron at high pressure has been subject of extensive research (Williams et al. 1987, Boehler 1993, Shen et al. 1998, Anzolini et al. 2013, Zhang et al. 2016) but is complicated by the partitioning of unidentified light elements between outer and inner core. According to the ‘redox-freezing model’ (Rohrbach and Schmidt 2011, Frost and McCammon 2008) iron, taenite, and hexaferrum are potentially common accessories in the Earth’s transition zone and lower mantle. In this case, iron phases could serve as carrier of siderophile elements like Re, and the platinum group elements. Hexaferrum has not been found as inclusions in diamond. Because of the nearly isochoric path that connects a residual pressure of above 13 GPa at 300 K of a hypothetical hexaferrum inclusion in diamond with the pressure and temperature of entrapment at least up to the regime of viscoelastic deformation of diamond and because of the slope of the taenite-hexaferrum phase boundary (Boehler 1986) the presence of hexaferrum as inclusion in diamond would imply entrapment below 900 km depth (see section 3.4 and Navon 1991, Navon et al. 2017, Tschauner et al. 2018).
Complex intermetallics and quasicrystalline alloys.

In the highly shocked Khatryka carbonaceous chondrite a number of hitherto unknown intermetallic compounds and quasicrystalline phases with constituent Al were observed such as Icosahedrite, Al$_{63}$Cu$_{24}$Fe$_{13}$ (Bindi et al. 2011). Coexistence with ahrensite (Hollister et al. 2014) and a subsequent experimental dynamic compression study (Asimow et al. 2016) showed that their formation is bound to elevated pressures probably upon cooling of metallic melt during shock-release. Elevated pressures appear to extend the formation regime of quasicrystals in the Fe-Ni-Al system and allows for formation of quasicrystals which have not been obtained at ambient pressure (Asimow et al. 2016). The mechanism of formation of quasicrystals makes these naturally occurring phases typical examples of intermediate-pressure minerals.

Various carbides and silicides of iron and other transition metal elements have been reported from iron-meteorites and ureillites (see Rubin and Ma 2017 for a review), as inclusions in diamonds (Kaminisky and Wirth 2009, Smith et al. 2018), fulgurites (Essene and Fisher 1986), and from various terrestrial localities including the Luobusha ultrahigh-pressure metamorphic terrain (Dobrzhinetskaya et al. 2009). The formation processes of some of these occurrences have involved high pressures but these phases can also be synthesized at ambient pressure. Therefore, we do not discuss them here further as not genuinely high-pressure minerals.
3.2 Pnictides and chalcogenides

Allabogdanite

Phosphides are minor accessories in iron-meteorites (Rubin and Ma 2017). In 2008 Dera et al. discovered that the meteorite mineral allabogdanite, Fe₂P, is the result of a pressure-induced transformation of barringerite, Fe₂P, at 8 GPa. The transition is based on a group-subgroup relation from P-62m to Pnma and involves a shift of half of the P atoms relative to the Fe sublattice (Dera et al. 2008). Allabodganite is an incipient high-pressure mineral because its formation involves pressure but no major change in bonding and coordination of P and Fe. The cause of this pressure-induced transformation is shock-compression during the break-up of the parent body of the iron-meteorites which host allobogdanite. As of yet, there is no systematic study on unreversed shock induced transformations and reactions in pnictides and chalcogenides in iron-meteorites, although they could contribute to a shock-metamorphic scale for iron-meteorites that is as finely graded as that for stoney meteorites.

Quingsongite and pnictides in the Earth’s interior

The hypothesis of redox freezing in the deeper mantle (Rohrbach and Schmidt 2011) implies the possibility of a regime in the Earth’s mantle where conditions are reducing enough to stabilize pnictides. Occurrence of pnictides as minerals in the Earth is limited by the overall low abundance of N in the mantle (Mikhail et al. 2014a). Diamonds contain up to 5000ppm N but most type-I (N-bearing) diamonds exhibit much lower concentrations (Taylor et al. 1990). Kaminsky and Wirth (2017) reported inclusions of nitrides and carbonitrides in diamonds from the deeper mantle. Dobrzhinetzkaya et al. (2014) reported the occurrence of quingsongite,
cubic BN, in the ultrahigh-pressure metamorphic rocks from the Luobusha complex in Tibet, China. The cubic sphalerite-type structure of boron nitride is the high-pressure polymorph of BN (Wentorf 1961), while at ambient conditions BN assumes a layered graphite-like structure.

3.3 Chalcogenides

A wealth of studies has been dedicated to the Fe-S system at high pressures and temperatures with the main goal of assessing the S-content in planetary cores (Fei et al. 1995, Bertka and Fei, 1997, Lin et al. 2004). These studies have revealed pressure-induced transformations in stoichiometric pyrrhotite (troilite, FeS, Fei et al. 1995) and the formation of Fe- and Ni-sulfides of stoichiometries different from those that occur at ambient pressure (Fei et al. 1997, Prewitt et al. 2002). As of yet, none of these phases has been found in nature. Sulfides are minor accessories in the Earth’s mantle and take an important role in controlling the mobility of chalcophile elements as well as PGEs. Pressure-effects on sulfides beyond the Fe-S system are rarely studied. Observed phase transformations are mostly reversible (Fei et al. 1995).

Pyrrhotite, pentlandite, chalcopyrite (Richardson et al. 2001, Stachel and Harris 2008), and mawkinawite (Agrosi et al. 2018) have been found as inclusions in diamonds, but possible high-pressure structures or residual pressures were not conserved or documented. Shenzhuangite, NiFeS₂, is isotypic to chalcopyrite and was discovered in the highly shocked Suizhou L6 chondrite (Bindi et al. 2018). At ambient pressure Ni is rather incompatible in the chalcopyrite structure and formation of shenzhuangite may have involved high pressure (Bindi et al. 2018).

3.4 Molecular compounds
General aspects: Three types of abiotic molecular solids occur on Earth: water-ice, clathrates of H$_2$O with other molecules like CH$_4$, and former fluids that are trapped in diamond, retained elevated pressure and crystallized upon ascent. These occurrences are minor in comparison with the terrestrial abundance of molecular compounds in fluid or gaseous state.

Some of these molecular phases are to be classified as incipient high-pressure minerals, because they represent sterically denser packing of their constituent molecules than the low- or ambient pressure polymorphs. Efficient packing becomes possible when librational modes are suppressed upon compression (Hemley and Dera 2000). Upon further compression these materials enter the regime of enhanced intermolecular interaction through resonance-bonding and ultimately the formation of extended network structures, which are genuine high-pressure phases or, in competition with such structures, decomposition. Examples are N$_2$ and CO$_2$ which both exhibit upon compression a sequence of molecular phases but ultimately transform into extended network structures at ~ 140 GPa (N$_2$, Eremets et al. 2004) and 23-25 GPa (CO$_2$-V, Iota et al. 1997). CO$_2$-V competes with decomposition to diamond and oxygen (Tschauner et al. 2001, Takafuji et al. 2006, Litasov et al. 2011). None of these high-pressure phases have been found in nature and the known abiotic molecular minerals are low-temperature or intermediate-pressure phases. We do not discuss the known methane-clathrates here since they are rather low-temperature minerals (Kvevolden 1993). Along with the few molecular intermediate pressure minerals we mention a few occurrences of dense molecular phases which are not yet approved as minerals because they elucidate processes in the Earth’s interior that involve fluids.

Nitrogen
Upon compression solid $\text{N}_2$ undergoes a number of phase transformations which impose denser sterical arrangement of the $\text{N}_2$ molecules along with suppression of librational modes (Bini et al., 2000). In 2017 Navon et al. reported spectroscopic evidence for inclusions of $\text{N}_2$ in natural diamonds from Junia, Brazil, at residual pressures of 10 GPa. Subsequent SAEDS on of such inclusions inside FIB-milled sections of diamond is consistent with the $\delta$-$\text{N}_2$-structure (Cromer et al. 1981). $\delta$-$\text{N}_2$ is not yet an approved mineral. It would falls into the class of incipient high-pressure minerals because it’s structure reflects marked suppression of molecule rotation compared to $\alpha$-, and $\beta$-$\text{N}_2$ (Bini et al. 2000). Here, it is worth mentioning for two reasons: 1) $\delta$-$\text{N}_2$ illustrates the potential of diamond of retaining small mineral inclusions at high residual pressures. 2) These residual pressures allow for constraining the pressure and temperatures of entrapment of the inclusions. This method has been applied to inclusions of ice-VII (Tschauner et al. 2018b) and of dense CO$_2$ in diamonds (Navon 1991). Figure 3 gives an overview of the current residual pressures inclusions of dense molecular mineral and phases in diamond and the reconstruction of their entrapment conditions in the Earth’s mantle. $\text{N}_2$ as a free phase in diamond has been explained as exsolution of N from the diamond lattice within the Earth’s transition zone (Navon et al. 2017).

**Ice-VII**

Ice-VII was approved as mineral in 2017 (Tschauner et al. 2018b). Ice-VII is the stable form of ice above 2.4 GPa and is closely related to the anti-cuprite structure (Kuhs et al. 1984). The structure can also be described as the superposition of two cristobalite-like networks translated by $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{4}$. However, ice-VII is a H-bonded network where two protons establish mutually
molecular bonds to adjacent O though their dynamic disorder. Consequently, ice-VII is a sterically denser arrangement of an H-bonded H$_2$O network than it’s lower- and ambient pressure polymorphs ice-Ih,-II, -III, -IV, -V, -IV, and –XI (Petrenko and Whitworth 1999). Ice-VII is, therefore, an incipient high-pressure mineral. Further compression of ice-VII does not induce sterical rearrangement of water molecules but a gradual weakening of the H-bond (Holzapfel et al. 1984, Goncharov et al. 1998) which eventually results in the transition to ice X with ionic bonds of protons ordered on Wyckoff sites 4b, along the space diagonals between the oxygen ions in an exact anti-cuprite configuration (Holzapfel et al. 1984). This phase, ice X, represents particular case of a high-pressure phase because it exhibits H-O bonding that does not exist at ambient pressure but at the same time, it is structurally nearly equal to ice-VII besides the ordering along with the shift of H from the partially occupied site 8c to fully occupied 4b. The transition from ice-VII to X had been originally estimated to occur around 40 GPa (Holzapfel et al. 1984, Goncharov et al. 1998) but subsequent studies have proposed markedly higher pressures (e.g. Guthrie et al. 2013), until recent work on annealed ice-crystals has established a pressure of 30 GPa (Grande et al. 2019).

Ice-VII has been observed as inclusions in sublithospheric diamonds. It is remnant of diamond-forming C-H-O rich fluid and occurs along with other inclusions which formed out of the fluid such as halite, and magnesian calcite, and minerals which have formed during mantle metasomatism such as ilmenite. All known ice-VII inclusions contain between 0.5-4 mol% NaCl. These ice-VII inclusions as well as other mineral inclusions in the same diamonds have high residual pressures in the range of 4 to 23(2) GPa which allow for constraining the pressures and temperatures of their entrapment (Figure 3, Tschauner et al. 2018b).
Along with the discovery of hydrous ringwoodite (Pearson et al. 2014, see section 3.6) the natural occurrences of ice-VII identify actual regions of past hydrous metasomatism in the Earth’s mantle whereas previous experimental studies only assess the general possibility of such processes. A recent evaluation of seismic data with respect to elastic signatures of water-bearing dense silicates indicate that the average transition zone mantle is rather dry with local wet spots of ~0.6 wt% of chemically bound water (Houser 2016). Ice-VII inclusions are likely related to such wet spots.

Ice-VI

The melting points of ice phases –II, -III, -IV, and –V are below 300 K (Petrenko and Whitworth 1999) and these phases are not expected to be observed in natural environments on Earth although they may occur in icy moons and planets. Ice-VII and ice-VI melts above 300 K. Kagi et al. (2000) evaluated IR transmission spectra of a diamond and assigned part of the absorption bands related to the O-H asymmetric stretching vibration to ice-VI. However, no structure analysis has been reported and ice-VI is not an approved mineral. The narrow stability field of ice-VI could be instrumental in assessing the P-T conditions of aqueous fluids in the shallow sublithospheric mantle.

Carbondioxide

No solid phase of CO$_2$ is an approved mineral, but optical spectroscopy has provided evidence for molecular CO$_2$ inclusions in diamond at residual pressures of 2-5 GPa (Navon 1991, Schrauder and Navon 1993). Therefore, we discuss CO$_2$ here. A recent overview of the known synthetic phases of CO$_2$ is given in Datchi and Weck (2014). At ambient pressure CO$_2$ crystallizes
as dry ice (CO$_2$-I) at 194 K and the solid-fluid transition line crosses 300 K at about 1 GPa (Downs and Somayazulu 1996). A large number of solid phases of carbon dioxide have been synthesized and the effect of pressure can be summarized as follows: Up to about 23-25 GPa phase transformations are governed by sterical rearrangements of CO$_2$ molecules and through suppression of librational modes (Hanson and Jones 1981, Aoki et al. 1994). Above 23-25 GPa, CO$_2$ assumes network structures closely related or isotypic to cristobalite (Iota et al. 1997, Datchi et al. 2014). This major change in chemical bonding is kinetically inhibited at low temperatures and may result in changes of the CO$_2$ molecule configuration and intermolecular resonance bonding (Iota et al. 2007), while at high temperatures CO$_2$ network phases are not as stable as the equivalent silica-phases, because they decompose upon melting into diamond and oxygen (Tschauner et al. 2001, Takafuji et al. 2006, Litasov et al. 2011). Hence, in comparison to aluminophosphate and to silica, the flexibility, and hence stability, of the tetrahedral network upon compression follows the trend AlPO$_4$ > SiO$_2$ > CO$_2$ with the former recovering their coordination upon pressure-release (Tse and Klug 1992), silica transforming to stable phase with different coordination of Si, and CO$_2$ breaking down into its constituents. The network-structures CO$_2$-V and –VI (Tschauner et al. 2001, Datchi et al. 2014) are high-pressure phases due to the marked change in extended C-O bonding from molecular to an extended network structure equivalent to the covalent network structures of SiO$_2$, the oxide of the next heavier group VI element in the periodic table. The dense molecular phases CO$_2$-II, -III, and -IV (Datchi and Weck 2014) are incipient high-pressure phases. Both, absorption bands from the bending and asymmetric stretching related bands of molecular CO$_2$ are not uncommon observations in infrared spectra of fibrous diamonds. Interestingly, the IR absorption band of the C-O asymmetric stretching vibration of of CO$_2$ in diamonds has an energy of around 2350 cm$^{-1}$ - 2380 cm$^{-1}$ which implies residual pressures in the range of 2-5 GPa.
and pressures of entrapment in diamond of 5 to 7 GPa (Figure 3, Navon 1991, Schrauder and Navon 1993, Tschauner 2019, Hanson and Jones, 1981). In addition, partially resolved splitting of this band indicates interaction with other phonon states which is also characteristic for CO₂ phases at elevated pressure (Hanson and Jones 1981). No diffraction data of these CO₂-inclusions have been obtained but the energy of the vibron corresponds to those of CO₂-II (Aoki et al. 1994). Hainschwang and Notari (2011) observed that the reported energies of different CO₂-related modes observed in single diamonds give different pressures and do not match the spectrum of any known phase of CO₂. Possibly CO₂ is not occurring as free phase in diamond inclusions, but is captured in a clathrate or ‘filled ice’. Similar to inclusions of ice-VII, inclusions of CO₂ in diamond are not expected to represent the average composition of the diamond-forming fluid but rather a by-product of the breakdown of carbonate during diamond formation. Thus, CO₂ or CO₂-bearing clathrate constrains pressure-temperature conditions of diamond formation from carbonaceous melts and fluids (Schrauder and Navon 1993).

3.5 Halides

Pressure-induced phase transformations in halides have been studied experimentally. The transition of alkalihalides from the NaCl- to the CsCl-structure as a function of effective ionic radii and pressure has been a hallmark in the understanding of the effect of strong compression on solids (Born and Huang 1954, Bassett et al. 1968, Sato-Sørensen 1983). The high-pressure phases of halite and sylvite form above 20 GPa and have not yet been observed in nature. As we discussed above with respect to hexaferrum, their occurrence as inclusions in diamond would imply entrapment in deep in the lower mantle of Earth. Halite-sylvite solid solutions have been reported as inclusions in diamonds at remnant pressures as high as 10 GPa (Tschauner et al.
2018b). Also other halides have been reported as inclusions in diamond: Sylvite, CaCl$_2$, cottunite (PbCl$_2$) (Wirth et al. 2009), sellaite (MgF$_2$), and a compound (Na,K)Cl$\cdot$5H$_2$O (Tschauner et al. 2018b). These phases occur in their ambient pressure structures but their occurrence within diamond reflects elevated pressure of formation. It is noteworthy that pressure favors the formation of hydrous alkalihalides such as monohydrohalite (Driesner and Heinrich 2007).

3.6 Oxides and hydroxides

**General aspects:** The rocky part of Earth is dominated by compounds of Mg, Si, O as the most abundant and Al, Ca, Fe as next common elements (Ringwood 1979, McDonough and Sun 1998). The Earth surface, crust, and upper mantle are predominantly composed of silicates of these elements. Oxides and hydroxides occur rather as accessory phases in these silicate rocks (Haggerty 1991). As such oxides and hydroxides operate as carriers of minor and trace elements which convey important geochemical information and influence the partitioning of minor elements upon partial melting, such as the complex spinel in spinel-peridotite. At the boundary between transition zone and lower mantle at 660 km depth and at pressures of 23-25 GPa a major structural and chemical transition of the dominant chemical compounds (Mg,Fe)$_2$SiO$_4$ and (Mg,Fe)SiO$_3$ transforms the rock-forming minerals ringwoodite and majorite into periclase and bridgmanite (Fig. 2, Ringwood 1979, Ringwood And Irifune 1988, Ito and Takahashi 1989). Periclase is an oxide and, as we argue below, bridgmanite is also an oxide rather than a silicate. Hereby we define silicates as constituted by covalently bounded SiO$_4$-units. Hence, the boundary between transition zone and lower mantle is not only a seismic discontinuity but marks the transition from fundamentally covalently bonded silicates, the salts of the silicic acid, to dominantly ionically bonded oxides of the major elements Mg, Si, Fe, Ca, and Al.
It was mentioned in the introduction that the partial hybridization of the Si 3d states, empty at ambient pressure, with the 3s and p states at the pressures of the deeper Earth mantle causes the change in coordination of Si by oxygen from four to six. The change in coordination corresponds to a rearrangement of valence orbital states from sp$^3$ toward a 3p-dominated state hybridized with 3s and 3d states (Li et al. 1993, Wu et al. 2012, Du and Tse 2017) and these authors have argued for an overall more ionic Si-O bonding in these structures and at these pressures. Previously, the effect of pressure on silicates was assumed to enhance covalency (Prewitt and Downs 1998). However a more recent re-evaluation of the charge density distribution in stishovite by Kirfel et al. (2001) is more consistent with the more spherical charge distribution of increased ionic bonding. Similarly, Cohen (1991) and Metsue and Tsuchiya (2012) argue for an intermediate state of ionic and covalent bonding for stishovite. This is also consistent with the observation that the spherical (ionic) form factor of Si yields systematically better structure refinements for X-ray diffraction data of high pressure silicate phases than the covalent one (J. Smyth, personal communication. This also agrees with the author’s experience).

It should be noted that bonds between different atomic species are usually not pure cases of either ionic or covalent bonding. The discrepancy between a more ionic or more covalent bond character at high pressure is mediated if one recalls that pressure favors higher probabilities of occupancy of higher orbital states, which for Si are the 3d states. The hybridization of 3d with the 3s and -p states favors a charge distribution which is spatially overall more even than the more directional sp$^3$-bond state of Si$^{[4]}$. The statement that pressure favours a more ionic Si-O bonding should be taken in this sense.

The boundary between upper mantle and transition zone marks the change from the ambient pressure stable phase of magnesium orthosilicate, forsterite, to the incipient high-pressure phases wadsleyite, at 410 km, and ringwoodite, at 520 km depth (Akaogi et al. 1989). The
boundary between transition zone and lower mantle marks the change from incipient to the proper high pressure phases bridgmanite and CaSiO$_3$-perovskite (out of clinopyroxene and garnet, see Fig. 2), plus periclase. Hence, the main divisions in what is commonly called bulk silicate Earth are pressure-induced changes in chemical and physical properties expressed through major structural transformations. The correlation between depth in Earth, corresponding pressure, major seismic discontinuities and the corresponding structural and chemical changes are illustrated in Figure 2. Although the elemental composition of the mantle does not markedly change between the transition zone and the lower mantle the chemical properties of the elements change, albeit reversibly.

Besides the carrier phases of the main elements in the rocky part of the Earth, Mg, Si, Fe, Ca, Al, also phases which contain less common elements as constituents such as oxides of Ti of Cr undergo equivalent transitions to incipient- and high-pressure minerals. Most of them have been discovered in shocked meteorites or terrestrial impactites and their potential geochemical role inside Earth is not yet understood.

**Periclase and wüstite**

Periclase and wüstite are the monoxides of Mg and Fe in the halite-structure. Both minerals occur at ambient pressure but are stable over an extremely large pressure range: Wüstite assumes the nickeline structure above 90 GPa (Fei et al. 1994) and MgO remains in the halite-structure to beyond the pressures of the Earth’s mantle (Coppari et al. 2013). Below the 660 km boundary between transition zone and lower mantle, ferromagnesian orthosilicate in the ringwoodite structure (see below) decomposes into ferrous periclase and bridgmanite (see Fig. 2 and section about perovskites below). This makes periclase the third most abundant mineral in
Earth after bridgmanite and hexaferrum and the second most abundant mineral in the rocky part of the Earth. Solid solutions between periclase and wüstite have been found as inclusions in diamond (Kesson et al. 1994, Harte et al. 1999, Stachel et al. 2000, Brey et al. 2004, Smith et al. 2018). In a few cases periclase coexists with enstatite and this paragenesis has been interpreted as retrograde transformation product of a bridgmanite-periclase assembly that was entrapped in diamond in the lower mantle (Kesson et al. 1994, Harte et al. 1999, Stachel et al. 2000, Smith et al. 2018). However, ferrous periclase also forms upon decomposition of carbonate under upper mantle conditions (Brey et al. 2004) and the conclusion from periclase inclusions in diamond onto a lower mantle source region is not always coercive.

Brucite

Brucite was reported along with magnesioferrite as lamellae in a periclase inclusion within a diamond from Juina, Brazil, (Palot et al. 2016), a locality known for diamonds with inclusions that are retrograde transformation products of transition zone and lower mantle minerals (Stachel et al. 2000, Walter et al. 2011, Navon et al. 2017) and of an inclusion of ringwoodite (Pearson et al. 2014). Palot et al (2016) took the brucite-lamellaeas indication for the former presence of aqueous fluid which altered periclase into brucite, and subsequently periclase + magnesioferrite as breakdown product of a former lower mantle phase of the feiite type (see below). Brucite itself undergoes a reversible distortive structural transition to an orthorhombic phase at 7 GPa (‘brucite-II’). At higher pressures, a phase isotypic to anatase has been calculated to be stable (Hermann & Mokherjee 2016). However, geothermal temperatures destabilize brucite at mantle pressures relative to periclase and aqueous fluid (Fei et al. 1994).

Ca,-Al- and Fe- oxyhydroxides, phase Egg
Experimental studies on the high pressure behaviour of hydrargylite ($\alpha$-AlOOH), goethite ($\alpha$-
FeOOH), and portlandite (Ca(OH)$_2$) have revealed a number of high pressure phases, none of
which has yet been found in nature but may be important in retaining water to within the lower
mantle (Hu et al. 2016). Phase Egg is a dense hydrous aluminosilicate with layered structure
(Eggleton et al. 1978). We note that the high-pressure polymorph of portlandite ‘Ca(OH)$_2$-III’
assumes the baddelyite-type structure above 12 GPa (Kunz et al. 1996), same as TiO$_2$ at above
20 GPa and SiO$_2$ above 90 GPa (see below). Recently, dense Al- and Fe-oxyhydroxides that do
not break down at lower mantle pressures have been synthesized (Zhang et al. 2018).

**Rutile- and post-rutile-type phases**

Rutile is one of the polymorphs of TiO$_2$ and also the structural prototype of many compounds
ranging from sellaite, MgF$_2$, to plattnerite ($\beta$-PbO$_2$), cassiterite, and $\varepsilon$-FeOOH, a high-pressure
polymorph of goethite (Otte et al. 2009).

In mineralogical textbooks, TiO$_2$ is commonly presented as trimorph with anatase as the stable
phase at reference conditions, brookite, as low-temperature-intermediate pressure, and rutile
as the high-pressure phase. However, srilankite, riesite, and akaogiite are further high-pressure
polymorphs of TiO$_2$ which are all approved minerals (Willgallis et al. 1983, El Goresy et al. 2001,
Tschauner et al. 2017). Upon compression rutile undergoes a series of transitions to phases of
the scrutinyite-type ($\alpha$-PbO$_2$) above 3 GPa (Withers et al. 2003, Kojitani et al. 2018), the
baddeleyite-type above 12 GPa, and the cotunnite- (PbClO) type above 40 GPa (Olsen et al. 1999,
Sato et al. 1991). This sequence is an accordance with the general scheme of high-pressure
crystalline structures isotypic to ambient pressure phases of higher-Z elements. Scrutinyite-type
TiO$_2$ is the mineral srilankite, which usually contains high contents of ZrO$_2$ (Troitzsch et al. 2006).
The ZrO$_2$-component reduces the phase transformation pressure from $\sim$ 3 GPa to less than 0.3 GPa (Troitzsch et al. 2006). Srilankite is a rare high-grade metamorphic mineral but it occurs also as minor accessory in metasomatized garnet peridotite (Wang et al. 1999). Endmember srilankite has been reported from the Ries-impact crater (ElGoresy et al. 2001) and the Luobusha complex in Tibet (Dobrzhinetskaya et al. 2019). Baddeleyite-type TiO$_2$ is the mineral akaogiite and has also been found first at the Ries impact structure (El Goresy et al. 2001). Riesite is a monoclinic polymorph of titania that is structurally related to srilankite but where Ti assumes Wyckoff sites different from those in srilankite. Riesite represents probably a retrograde transformation product of akaogiite (Tschauer et al. 2017).

Rutile-type structures occur for components AX$_2$ with a ration r$_A$/r$_X$ between 0.41 to 0.73 (Wyckhoff 1960) bordering to fluorite-type phases at higher ratio and at lower ratio to tetrahedral network structures, like the anti-cuprite structure, such as ice-VII, or the various low-pressure polymorphs of silica. Pyrite-type phases exhibit similar ratios of radii as rutile and the two types of structures are related. The pyrite-structure has been proposed as ultra-high pressure polymorph of silica (Kuwayama et al. 2006). Within this general scheme of structures of AX$_2$-compounds srilankite and riesite are incipient high-pressure minerals, whereas akaogiite is a high-pressure mineral with r$_T$/r$_O$ in the field of rutile but assuming a distorted fluorite-type structure instead.

The poststrutile titania minerals establish excellent indicators for shock-metamorphic pressures in terrestrial impactites. Srilankite is a minor accessory in garnet peridotite, where it hosts Zr and Hf. Conceivably, srilankite is replaced by akaogiite at greater depth. However, neither Ti-rich srilankite nor akaogiite have yet been found as inclusions in sublithospheric diamonds, probably because of the breakdown reaction of rutile + magnesite to geikielite + CO$_2$ (Ferry et al. 2002).
Nano-scale crystallites of post-rutile titania phases have been reported from eclogites where they occur along interfaces of rutile lamellae but it is not yet clear if these occurrences represent free phases or rather interfacial layers of reduced symmetry.

Stishovite and seifertite

Stishovite is silica in the rutile structure. Its discovery was a hallmark in the study of astroblemes and shock metamorphism (Chao et al. 1962) and followed the synthesis of rutile-type SiO$_2$ by less than one year (Stishov and Popova 1961). Stishovite is a common occurrence in terrestrial impact sites such as Barringer crater (Chao et al. 1962, Ries (Chao 1967), Popigai (El Goresy et al. 2001), Vredefort (Spray and Boonsee 2018). Recently stishovite was reported from a lunar meteorite (Kaneko et al. 2015). Presence of stishovite in subducted crustal rock has been inferred but as of yet it has been not been directly observed. The rate of obduction of such rocks may not be high enough to permit conservation of stishovite but some of the coesite that has been found as inclusions in eclogitic garnets has probaby formed retrogradely from stishovite (Liou et al. 2009).

As we mentioned already in the introduction: the rA/rB ratio (whether ionic or 'covalent') places silica into the range of tetrahedral network structures. Hence the formation of a rutile-type phase implies a drastic change in chemical bonding. Stishovite is the prototype of a fundamental pressure-induced change in bonding and coordination (Li et al. 1993).

Seifertite is silica in the scrutinyite-type structure. Stishovite follows the same trend of pressure-induced phase transformations as rutile and evolves from rutile- to scrutinyite- to baddeleyite-type (Hemley et al. 1994). Seifertite is an approved mineral that was found in the Shergotty and
Zagami martian meteorites (Dera et al. 2002, El Goresy et al. 2008). At pressures above 30 GPa, stishovite can accommodate $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ and $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ through coupled substitution (Lakhstanov et al. 2007), whereas at lower pressure stishovite does not accommodate other elements beyond trace level.

For pure $\text{SiO}_2$ seifertite forms at pressures in excess of 70 GPa (Hemley et al. 1994), which is generally considered too high for the peak shock pressures that the Shergotty meteorite had experienced prior ejection from Mars (Fritz et al. 2005). Experimental studies (Dubrovinskaya et al. 2001) showed that cristobalite transforms metastably to seifferite at pressures above 30 GPa, which is more in accordance with independent assessments of the peak shock pressures of the Shergotty meteorite. Thus, type seifferite in the Shergotty meteorite has probably formed from cristobalite as precursor (Dera et al. 2002). A baddeleyite-type silica phase has been synthesized (Hemley et al. 1994) but not reported as mineral.

Coesite

Coesite is an incipient high-pressure polymorph of silica, which is, along with diamond, an important indicator of pressures in the range of few GPa in ultrahigh pressure metamorphic rocks (Yang et al. 2007, Schertl et al. 1991) and for terrestrial impacts (Chao 1967). The structure of coesite bears similarity to the alumosilicate framework of feldspars and the $\text{Si}-\text{O}$ bond distance is nearly equal to that of quartz (Prewitt and Downs 1998).

Diaplectic silica

Quartz-bearing bedrock at terrestrial impact sites is often transformed into vitreous silica but of density higher than quartz itself. This, so called, diaplectic quartz is an example of pressure-induced amorphization where compression induces a collapse of the ambient-pressure structure.
but kinetic barriers are too high to allow for conversion into a stable high-pressure structure.

Shock-induced vitrification of quartz has been confirmed experimentally (Ahrens and Gregson 1964) and was also reported for other silica phases, including coesite (Luo et al. 2003). An overview and detailed discussion of relevance and occurrence of diaplectic quartz is given by Grieve et al. (1996) and Hamann et al. (2018). Tsuchauer et al. (2006) found that experimentally generated diaplectic quartz, when statically recompressed in a diamond anvil cell at 300 K, assumes the stishovite structure above 11 GPa. Because kinetic barriers for structural rearrangement in silica are high, they proposed that diaplectic quartz is actually stishovite that suffered local structural disordering upon shock-release. Static recompression shifts the slightly displaced atoms back into their lattice-periodic sites. This hypothesis was recently confirmed by in situ XRD experiments during dynamic compression of quartz and coesite (Gleason et al. 2018).

It remains to be noted that more longer periods of elevated temperature during and after shock-release from natural impact events may shift the silica structure further and irreversibly away from stishovite (Wackerle 1962) and that extended geologic time may also removes this structural memory effect in diaplectic quartz (both is indicated by a decrease in density of diaplectic quartz).

Computational studies of vitreous and molten silica also exhibit a gradual change from tetrahedral network to non-bridging states with 5-, 6-, and 7- fold coordinated Si which overall is better described as ionically rather than covalently bonded (Du and Tse 2017) (see above).

**Rutile-derived high-pressure minerals – silicate hollandites**

A group of AB$_3$O$_8$ phases can be derived from rutile through a correlated rotation of octahedra along the four-fold axis of the rutile structure and reconnection to edge-sharing double-chains.
along their outer two edges (Hyde and Anderson 1989). Consequently a channel opens along the
four-fold axis. Since this channel can be occupied by large cations or by H$_3$O$^+$ this geometric
structural operation provides the template for the hollandite-series manganates (Bystrøm and
Bystrøm 1950). Equivalently, the feldspars NaAlSi$_3$O$_8$, KAlSi$_3$O$_8$, and CaAl$_2$Si$_2$O$_8$, albite, orthoclase,
and anorthite, assume hollandite-type structures in the 10 to above 25 GPa pressure range (Liu
1978, Yamada et al. 1984, Yagi et al. 1987, Gautron and Madon 1994), as well as synthetic Sr-,
Ba- and Pb-alumosilicate (Reid and Ringwood 1975, Downs et al. 1995). The crystal-chemical
equivalence of Al$^+$Si and Mn$^{4+}$ and the rutile-like octahedral framework in these structures mark
the silicate-hollandites as high-pressure minerals. Generally, minerals where all Si is six-fold
coordinated are high-pressure minerals. There are minerals which contain both six- and four-
fold coordinated Si such as majoritic garnets (see section 3.8) or even the Ca-silicate thaumasite
whose formation does not involve pressures above ambient (Effenberger et al. 1983). A
representation of the structure of silicate-hollandites is shown in Figure 4.

All silicate-hollandites are approved minerals. Lingunite, NaAlSi$_3$O$_8$ was first described by Gillet
et al. (2000) from an occurrence in the Sixiangkou L6 chondrite. Subsequently, liebermannite
KAISi$_3$O$_8$, and stöfflerite, CaAl$_2$Si$_2$O$_8$, were discovered in the Zagami shergottite (Ma et al. 2018,
Tschauner et al 2018). Langenhorst and Poirer (2000) had already reported KAlSi$_3$O$_8$-hollandite
in a TEM study on the Zagami shergottite and Spray and Boonsee (2017) had reported Raman-
spectra and EBSD patterns of stöfflerite from shock melt veins in bed rock from the central uplift
of the Manicouagan impact structure. Hollandite-type post-feldspar phases are important
indicators for high shock-metamorphic pressures. They allow for narrowing the dynamic
pressures beyond the occurrence of maskelynite in shocked feldspathic rocks, terrestrial and
meteoritic. Formation of silicate-hollandites is bound to locally elevated temperatures
(‘hotspots’) or the vicinity of shock-melt veins where temperature above the principal Hugoniot
of feldspars is generated (Gillet et al. 2000, Ma et al. 2018) but below peak pressures where melting occurs upon shock release (Ahrens et al. 1969, Sekine and Ahrens 1992). In the Zagami shergottite stöfflerite occurs as intermediate between bytownitic maskelynite and integrowth of zagamiite (see below) and stishovite in the center of the hotspot. Hence, stöfflerite forms in a regime of modest temperature between shock-amorphized plagioclase (‘maskelynite’) and the stable phase assembly. Similarly lingunite and liebermannite have been found in proximity to shock melt veins or as clasts with such veins (Gillet et al. 2000, Ma et al. 2018).

No occurrence of silicate-hollandites has been reported that is not shock-related. In the Earth’s mantle the possible occurrence of silicate-hollandites is limited in composition to liebermannite with rather minor components of lingunite and stöfflerite and to a rather narrow pressure-temperature interval of stability (Yagi et al. 1987). At high pressure liebermannite breaks down to Na-ferrate type K-aluminate and stishovite, whereas at low pressure the stability range of liebermannite is separated from orthoclase by intermediate decomposition into cymrite- and wadeite-type silicates coexisting with coesite (Yagi et al. 1987). Similar intermediate decomposition prior formation of high-pressure minerals occurs also in the cases of MgCr$_2$O$_4$ and FeCr$_2$O$_4$ (see below).

A recent experimental study (Zhou et al. 2017) reported linguite80liebermannite20 to have a stability field at temperatures above the geotherm, which bears possible relevance for occurrences within shock melt veins but not for Earth. Stöfflerite had been synthesized by laser heating in diamond anvil cells (Gautron and Madon 1994) but is not stable relative to zagamiite and stishovite (Gautron et al. 1996, Liu et al. 2012).

Maskelynite
Equivalent to quartz, feldspars are also found to transform into a dense amorphous state if subjected to dynamic compression above 25 GPa (Milton & DeCarli 1962, Ahrens et al. 1969, Stöffler et al. 1991). These shock-amorphized feldspars are called maskelynite and are important indicators of high grade shock-metamorphism both in meteorites and at terrestrial impact sites (Stöffler et al. 2018). Within the present context it has to be asked if maskelynite is result of dynamic compression beyond the mechanic stability of the feldspar crystal structure but at temperatures too low to induce transformation into a crystalline high-pressure polymorph of feldspar, or, equivalent to quartz, product of disordering or retrograde transformation of such a dense polymorph. As of yet, no evidence for such a transformation has been reported. Using micro-diffraction the author has observed that synthetic maskelynite (from oligoclase) exhibits spatially isolated remnants of the feldspar structure at least up to 57 GPa. Accordingly, infrared and Raman-spectra of natural and synthetic maskelynite show feldspar-like features to this pressure (Fritz et al. 2005) and therefore represent these structural remnants of feldspar rather than the bulk vitreous material. Natural maskelynite exhibits a range of density and changing vibrational features (Fritz et al. 2005) which at least in part reflect structural changes from heating upon shock release.

In the Tissint- and Zagami shergottites the following sequence of phases is observed along the temperature gradient around hot spots: maskelynite → stöfflerite → zagamiite + stishovite with the latter representing the area of highest temperature (Tschauner and Ma 2017).

**Spinels and spinelloids**

**General**
Spinels and minerals with spinel-like structures assume an important role in the Earth’s mantle down to 660 km depth although they become dominant rock forming minerals only below 410 km depth (Fig. 2). Spinels are also prominent in other environments such as primitive meteorites or interstellar dust (Rubin and Ma 2017). Many transition metal oxides that occur in igneous and in some metamorphic rocks assume the spinel structure (Haggerty 1981). Spinel in spinel peridotite is a complex solid solution of chromite, hercynite, magnetite, spinel, and other spinel components. Olivine and wadsleyite, the major minerals of the Earth’s upper mantle and transition zone, assume structures closely related to spinel (Bragg and Brown 1926, Horiuchi and Sawamoto 1981) and ringwoodite, the dominant phase in the lower part of the transition zone is (Mg,Fe)\(_2\)SiO\(_4\) in a normal spinel structure (Binns et al. 1969, Sasaki et al. 1982). Hence, the structure and properties of silicates and oxides AB\(_2\)O\(_4\) with spinel- and related structures exert strong influence on the geochemical and -physical evolution and properties of the mantle through their abundance. Here we are mainly concerned with the high-pressure minerals among those phases. We discuss postspinel high-pressure phases and place the important rockforming minerals wadsleyite and ringwoodite into the context of high-pressure mineralogy.

The definition of structure fields for compounds AB\(_2\)O\(_4\) is less straightforward than for ABO\(_3\) or ABO\(_4\) (see below). In part this is owed to the possibility of inversion between the octahedral and tetrahedral site in the spinel structure (Gibbs et al. 2008) and in part to the marked distortion of [6]-fold coordinated polyhedra in spinelloids and post-spinel structures. Kugimiya and Steinfink (1968) defined structure fields for AB\(_2\)X\(_4\) compounds based on more than thousand structure files. They found that by using a measure of bond strength as additional parameter structure fields can be clearly delineated over a large range of compositions and effective ionic radii. Since we are mainly concerned with oxides, a conventional plot of radii r\(_A\) versus r\(_B\) is sufficient (Fig. 5) and we prefer this here for consistency. Within this frame, tetrahedral network structures like...
the Be-silicate phenakite are found for low \( r_A/r_B \) at low \( r_B \). Olivine and similar spinelloids occupy an intermediate range of values with \( r_A \) above 1.05 and \( r_B \) up to \( \sim 0.65 \), above which post-spinel phases of the harmunite (\( \text{CaFe}_2\text{O}_4 \)), the marokite (\( \text{CaMn}_2\text{O}_4 \)), and the \( \text{CaTi}_2\text{O}_4 \)-type are favored. Spinels occur for \( r_A \) below 1.05 and radii ratios around \( \sim 0.8 \) to \( \sim 1.0 \). Combined high \( r_A \) and \( r_B \) define the mentioned post-spinels and \( \text{AB}_2\text{O}_4 \)-perovskites (Fig. 5). Harmunite (\( \text{CaFe}_2\text{O}_4 \)), marokite- (\( \text{CaMn}_2\text{O}_4 \)), and \( \text{CaTi}_2\text{O}_4 \)-type postspinel structures are assumed at high pressure by many compounds that are spinels at reference conditions such as the mineral spinel itself (Akaogi et al. 1999), magnesioferrite (Andrault and Bolfan-Casanova 2001, Chen et al. 2017), magnetite (Fei et al. 1998, Ricolleau and Fei 2016), chromite (Chen et al. 2003, Ishii et al. 2014, 2016, Ma et al. 2019) and ulvospinel (Nishio-Hamame et al. 2012, Ma et al. 2018). These structures establish the high-pressure phases within the \( \text{AB}_2\text{O}_4 \) system.

Wadsleyite and olivine

Olivine, the main phase of the upper mantle is the solid solution between forsterite \( \text{Mg}_2\text{SiO}_4 \) and fayalite \( \text{Fe}_2\text{SiO}_4 \). The olivine structure exhibits a distorted hcp-like arrangement of the oxide-ions though deviation from the regular hcp arrangement is much more pronounced (Bragg and Brown 1926, Wyckoff 1960, Hyde and Anderson 1989). Similarly, the anion lattice of wadsleyite is best described as a distorted ccp anion lattice. Hence in comparison with olivine, the anion lattice obeys an ABA- rather than ABC-stacking sequence. Wadsleyite contains edge-sharing dimers of silicate-tetrahedra and is therefore a sorosilicate, whereas olivine is a nesosilicate with only one tetrahedral site. In olivine the tetrahedra share sites with octahedra whereas in wadsleyite they only share corners. These differences in connectivity are illustrated in Fig. 6. More detailed discussions of these structures are found in (Prewitt 1980). Properly spoken, the
two octahedral units in olivine (M1 and M2-sites) are combinations of orthorhombic sphenoids (symmetry 22) and in wadsleyite the three M-sites, are combinations of domata (symmetry mm), whereas in ringwoodite (Mg$_2$SiO$_4$-spinel) the single equivalent site is a proper octahedron. One notes the decreases in distortion of the M-sites from olivine over wadsleyite to ringwoodite along with the pressure of the stability fields. The distortion of the M-sites reflects the deviation of the anion lattice from hcp (olivine), and ccp (wadsleyite and ringwoodite). In cubic spinels like ringwoodite, the anion lattice is very close to a regular ccp lattice (Hyde and Anderson 1989).

The olivine structure does not gradually approach the denser spinel structure upon compression (Hazen 1976). Instead, above 13-15 GPa and temperatures sufficiently high to overcome kinetic barriers, olivine transforms through a first order transition into wadsleyite (Rubie 1984, Yagi et al. 1987, Akaogi et al. 1989). The actual transition pressure depends on the Fe-content and obeys a positive Clapeyron slope (Akaogi et al. 1989). In the Earth’s mantle wadsleyite replaces olivine as principal rock-forming mineral below the 410 km discontinuity. This discontinuity in seismic velocities is believed to be directly caused by this structural transition. The transition influences the rheology of mantle rock (Rubie 1984).

Compression of olivine at 300 K to 40 and to above 80 GPa induces a sequence of transitions to other spinelloid phases (Finkelstein et al. 2014), which have not been observed in nature. Guyot and Reynard (1992) reported a phase with olivine composition, closer to regular hcp anion lattice, and with cation disorder in TEM studies of a highly shocked meteorite but this phase may be identical or similar to forsterite-III (Finkelstein et al. 2014). Xie et al. (2014) reported a phase with olivine structure but composition (Mg,Fe)SiO$_3$ from the highly shocked Tenham L6 chondrite, also based on TEM studies. These interesting phases are not approved minerals.
Wadsleyite is an approved mineral and was discovered by Price et al. (1983) in the Peace River L6 chondrite. Thereafter, it has been found in numerous shocked chondrites. Although entrapment conditions of high-pressure inclusions observed in terrestrial diamonds extend well within the stability of field of wadsleyite (Navon et al. 2017, Tschauner et al. 2018) this major rock-forming mineral of the transition zone has not yet been found as terrestrial mineral. Endmember wadsleyite is 7.6% denser than forsterite. By its range of stability as well as by our schematics of structure fields, wadsleyite is an incipient high-pressure mineral (Fig. 5). In thin sections of standard thickness wadsleyite is noticeable through its strong emerald-green color in transmission (with Fe-contents of less than 10 at%). Wadsleyite-II is a polytype of wadsleyite that can accommodate chemically bound water (Smyth et al. 2005) but has not yet been found in nature.

Crystal chemical aspects and related phases: The wadsleyite structure is less compatible for \( \text{Fe}_2\text{SiO}_4 \) than olivine and ringwoodite (see below) and Fe-contents above 20-30mol\% \( \text{Fe}_2\text{SiO}_4 \) result in coexistence with more Fe-rich phases, which are either olivine at lower or ahrensite (see below) at higher pressure (Akaogi et al. 1989). Even shock-metamorphic iron-rich olivine has been found to transform into assemblies of wadsleyite (>52) and ahrensite (>50) rather than Fe-dominant wadsleyite (Hu et al. 2017). However, recently Bindi et al. (2019) reported the discovery of Fe-dominant wadsleyite, defining the endmember asimowite (Table 1), At higher \( f\text{O}_2 \) and within the wadsleyite stability field Fe-rich orthosilicate exsolves magnetite or transforms into other ferric spinelloids, depending on pressure and temperature (Woodland et al. 2000). These Fe-rich silicate spinelloids have not yet been found in nature.

Hydrous wadsleyite
In 1987 J. Smyth (Smyth 1987) discovered that wadsleyite can dissolve H$_2$O up to several mol%.

The magnesium-silicate structure adapts to the water content through a transition governed by a direct group-subgroup transition (Imma $\rightarrow$ I2/m). Smyth (1987) proposed that the transition zone is much more hydrous than the upper mantle of the Earth. Ever thereafter this proposition has been matter of active debate. A global stratification of the mantle along a scheme of relative water abundance: ‘dry’ (upper mantle) – ‘wet’ (transition zone) – ‘dry’ (lower mantle) would control water- and, generally, incompatible element recycling in the mantle (Bercovici and Karato 2003, Hirschmann 2006). While the actual abundance of water in the deeper mantle is not yet well understood, a combination of mineralogical, seismic, and experimental results places increasingly better constraints on this parameter: Huang et al. (2005) provided constraints of the water content of the transition zone based on mantle electrical conductivity.

Houser (2016) correlated experimentally determined sound velocities in hydrous and dry wadsleyite and ringwoodite with seismic velocities and concluded on a generally dry transition zone (comparable to the upper mantle) with few wet regions. The observation of hydrous ringwoodite (Pearson et al. 2014) and ice-VII (Tschauner et al. 2018b) as inclusions in diamond show that at least some regions of the transition zone mantle, which are also involved in diamond formation, are quite hydrous. On the other hand diamond formation in the mantle inevitably involves metasomatism through fluids and we cannot safely conclude the entire transition zone to be subject to continuous hydrous metasomatism.

In shocked meteorites, wadsleyite represents shock-metamorphic levels S4 or higher (Stöffler et al. 2018). In meteorites where wadsleyite is found, peak shock pressures and temperatures were too low to allow for bulk rock olivine transformation. Shock compression is superadiabatic. Hence, temperatures which are high enough to permit bulk rock transformation of olivine into wadsleyite cause back-transformation or bulk rock melting upon adiabatic release. This is the
reason why incipient- and high-pressure minerals are never found as bulk rock phases in shock-
metamorphic environments. Instead, minerals like wadsleyite are found at locations of high
local temperature such as shock-melt veins and -pockets (Sharp and DeCarli 2016). Wadsleyite is
the only silicate mineral that has been synthesized in shock-recovery experiments (Tschauner et
al. 2009). Its formation on experimental sub-microsecond time scales implies crystal growth
rates of the order 1 – 10 m/s.

Ringwoodite and Ahrensite

Whereas olivine and wadsleyite are spinelloids, ringwoodite and ahrensite are Mg$_2$SiO$_4$ and
Endmember ringwoodite is 16% denser than forsterite. The degree of inversion in ringwoodite is
less than 4 mol% (Hazen et al. 1993). Type ahrensite and all occurrences of ahrensite that the
author is aware of have not shown inversion beyond uncertainty (Ma et al. 2016). Hence, both
phases should properly be written as SiMg$_2$O$_4$ and SiFe$_2$O$_4$ with A$^{[4]}$B$^{[6]}$O$_4$ as the structure
formula of normal spinel. Si-O bond distances increase from 1.63 ±0.02 Å in olivine and
wadsleyite to 1.67 Å in ringwoodite. Yet, Si-O bond distances in bridgmanite, akimotoite, and
stishovite are in the range of 1.7-1.8 Å which may serve to define predominantly ionic Si-O
bonding in phases with constituent Si (see introductory paragraph of section 3.6 and the
paragraph about perovskites below). Of course, the coordination of Si by O is six-fold in
akimotoite and bridgmanite whereas in ringwoodite it is four-fold. This already implies an
extension of the bond for sterical reasons (Shannon and Prewitt 1969). However, a vacancy-
stabilized silicate spinel with partial inversion was recently described from shock-melt vein
matrices and exhibits Si-O bond distances of 1.72-1.75 Å (Ma et al. 2017, 2019) – similar to
akimotoite and bridgmanite. Taken together, ringwoodite and ahrensite are at the border between incipient- and high-pressure minerals. However, the strong preference for the normal spinel structure in ringwoodite and ahrensite places these two minerals rather into the class of incipient high-pressure minerals. Accordingly, the shift from ambient conditions structure stability fields in the $r_A/r_B$ plot (Fig. 5) is less pronounced for the transition from forsterite and fayalite to ringwoodite and ahrensite respectively, than from enstatite to akimotoite or bridgmanite (see below, Fig. 8). At around 23 GPa ringwoodite decomposes into periclase and bridgmanite whereas endmember ahrensite decomposes above 15 GPa into wuestite and stishovite (Ito and Yamada, 1982, Ito and Takahashi 1989).

Ringwoodite has been discovered in the Tenham L6-chondrite (Binns 1969) and subsequently been found in many highly shocked meteorites (for an overview: see Stöffler et al. 2018, Langenhorst and Deutsch 2012, Rubin and Ma 2017). Its occurrence is bound to the immediate vicinity of clasts within shock melt veins where the temperature at high dynamic pressure was sufficient to overcome the kinetic barrier of transforming shock-compressed olivine into its high-pressure polymorphs (Sharp and deCarli 2006). In thin sections of standard thickness ringwoodite is distinguished by a cornflower blue to purple color (when using parallel polarizers, see Fig. 7). This intense color is observed even for ringwoodite with bulk composition corresponding to chrysolith olivine ($Fa < 10$ mol%). Synthetic ringwoodite of similar thickness and composition has a deep green to bluish green color (e.g. in Schmandt et al. 2014). Similarly, the one observed terrestrial hydrous ringwoodite inclusion in diamond had a deep green color (Pearson et al. 2014). The reason for both, the deep color, and the difference in color between natural and synthetic ringwoodite is unknown.
Ahrensite, $\gamma$-Fe$_2$SiO$_4$, has been approved as mineral based on chemical and structural occurrence of this phase in the Tissint shergottite at the rim of shock-melt pockets which border to fayalitic rims of olivine crystals (Ma et al. 2016) but there is an earlier report about the occurrence of $\gamma$-Fe$_2$SiO$_4$ in the Umbarger L4 chondrite based on TEM analysis (Xi et al. 2002). In standard thin sections ahrensite has a bluish- to emerald green color (Ma et al. 2016).

**Crystal chemical aspects:** The solid solution between ringwoodite and ahrensite appears to be gapless (Fei et al. 1991): Solid solutions in the 30-60 mol% Ahr range have been found in nature and samples with 5-20 mol% Ahr have been synthesized. The solid solution follows a symmetric mixing model. Since this has not been reported for the full set of known synthetic and natural occurrences, we show this relation here in Figure 6.

Co$_2$SiO$_4$, and Liebenbergite (Ni$_2$SiO$_4$) also transform into spinel phases at elevated pressure (Yagi et al. 1974, Morimoto et al. 1974) and break down into constituent oxides at higher pressures. A general thermodynamic assessment of silicate-spinels and their transformations can be found in Navrotsky (1987).

Hydrous ringwoodite

Smyth et al. (2003) found that ringwoodite can dissolve up to 5mol% H$_2$O in its structure. In 2014 Pearson et al. reported the discovery of a natural hydrous ringwoodite in a sublithospheric diamond from the Juina locality in Brazil. Hydrous ringwoodite was primarily identified through its Raman-spectrum. The relevance of hydrous ringwoodite has been discussed above already.
Vacancy-stabilized silicate spinel with high degree of inversion

As mentioned above inversion is a very minor parameter for the silicate spinels ringwoodite and ahrensite, yet, in 2017 Ma et al. (2017, 2019) found in the matrix of shock melt veins in the Tenham L6-chondrite a tetragonally distorted phase with spinel structure but composition Mg$_2$Si$_3$O$_7$. Since the structure is exactly that of a spinel mapped onto subgroup I4$_2$/mmn the structural formula has to be written as (Si,\(\square\))$_2$(Mg,\(\square\))O$_4$. Interatomic distances imply that inversion is achieved through correlation of Si on the M-site with vacancies on the T-site rather than with Mg (Ma et al. 2019). Hence the hypothetic endmember of the inverted component is (Si,\(\square\))$_2$Si(O,\(\square\))$_4$. The presence of \(\sim 25\) mol% of this component causes a spontaneous deformation of the unit cell of ringwoodite from cubic to tetragonal. A second occurrence of this phase has been found in the Sinxian L6-chondrite (Ma et al. 2019). In both meteorites this phase accounts for \(\sim 40\) vol% of the shock melt matrix. It does not occur in the similarly highly shocked Acfer040 L6-chondrite. This phase is considered a tetragonal variety of ringwoodite because the endmember component (Si,\(\square\))$_2$Si(O,\(\square\))$_4$ is below 50 mol% in all known occurrences.

Post-spinel phases of transition metal oxides

In igneous and in some metamorphic rocks at ambient pressure and within the pressures range of the spinel-peridotite stability field transition metal elements like Fe, Cr, Ti, Mn often occur as spinel-type oxides. usually in complex solid solution. Magnetite and magnesiochromite have also been found as inclusions in lithospheric diamonds and in fibrous rims of diamonds (Sobolev et al. 1997). Experimental studies have shown these spinels to break down in a complex fashion by
formation of simple oxides like periclase or sesquioxides like eskolaite plus ludwigite-type oxides (Akaogi et al. 1999, Ishii et al. 2014, 2015) which, at higher pressure recombine into AB₂O₄-compounds of the Ca-ferrate (harmunite), Ca-titanate, and Ca-manganite (marokite) type (Fig. 9a,b). However, not all of these structures occur for each spinel composition. For MgAl₂O₄ (Akaogi et al. 1999) and MgCr₂O₄ (Ishii et al. 2015) only the Ca-titanate, but not the Ca-ferrate type structure appears to have a stability field but for FeCr₂O₄ both phases have been observed experimentally (Ishii et al. 2014) and in nature (Chen et al. 2003, Ma et al. 2019). In experiments the postspinel phase of MgFe₂O₄ has been reported to assume the marokite-type structure (Andrault and Bolfan-Casanova 2001) but the MgFe₂O₄-postspinel mineral maohokite assumes the Ca-titanate structure (Chen et al. 2017). For magnetite a marokite-type (Fei et al. 1999) and a harmunite-type high-pressure phase are known but the former may be metastable (Ricolleau and Fei 2009).

Spinel grains in shocked martian and lunar meteorites which border to shock melt pockets and veins have been transformed into some of these post-spinel phases. In particular, maohokite (MgFe₂O₄ in the Ca-titanate type structure (Chen et al. 2017)), xieite (Ca-titanate type FeCr₂O₄, Chen et al. 2003), chenmingite (Ca-ferrate type FeCr₂O₄ (Ma et al. 2019, Chen et al. 2003), and tschaunerite (Ca-titanate type FeTi₂O₄, Ma et al. 2018) have been found and approved as minerals. Vestaite and schreyerite are titanates with constituent Cr and V where edge-sharing dimers of face-sharing titanate octahedra establish a network similar to the postspinel but can also be described as a polysome of the α-PbO₂-type post-rutile and the pseudobrookite structure (Döbelin et al. 2006). Schreyerite forms at GPa-level pressures in the roots of orogens formed through continent-continent collisions (Döbelin et al. 2006) and vestaite is a shock-metamorphic mineral found in an H-chondrite (Pang et al. 2017).
Xieite is found right at the border of shock melt pockets and replaces chromite through incongruent growth (Chen et al. 2003). Chenmingite occurs as lamellae in shocked chromite grains in the proximity of shock melt pockets and is replaced by xieite closer to the melt, in accordance with the experimental phase diagram (Ma et al. 2019). Tschaunerite has been found in the kernel of a transformed ulvospinel-imenite grain trapped in a shock melt pocket in the Tissint shergottite (Ma et al. 2018). The outer part of this grain was oxidized to feiite (see below) and ilmenite had reacted with melt and transformed into liuite (see below).

In a plot of $r_A$ versus $r_B$ the stability fields of the marokite-, harmunite-, and CaTi$_2$O$_4$-structures border the spinel stability field toward larger cation radii, following the general trend of pressure-induced transformations (Fig. 5). As discussed above we consider these postspinel phases of chromite, magnesiochromite, and ulvospinel as high-pressure minerals.

**Feiite**

Structurally related to the AB$_2$O$_4$ postspinel phases but of different stoichiometry is the X$_4$O$_5$ series of oxides with X = Fe (Lavina et al. 2011), Mg (Ballaran et al. 2015), and Ti, Cr (Ishii et al. 2014, 2015, Ma et al. 2018). AB$_2$O$_4$-postspinels are composed of rows of corner-sharing octahedra which run along the short axis of the unit cell and are connected through corner-sharing dimers in the plane perpendicular to the short axis (Fig. 8a,b). The interstitial channels are also filled by a transition metal cation which assumes a rather irregular polyhedron with high coordination. The octahedra in these structures are more or less strongly distorted. In feiite and in ludwigite-type X$_4$O$_5$ these rows of corner-sharing octahedra are linked to adjacent rows through joined corners into corrugated sheets with two- and three-member rows, respectively (Fig. 9c,d). Similar structural patterns as in the postspinel transition metal oxides are assumed by pseudobrookite and related minerals, where, however, the rows of corner-sharing distorted
octahedra are offset as dimers (Wyckhoff 1960). In 2018 feiite, $(\text{Fe, Ti, Cr})_4\text{O}_5$ was approved as mineral (Ma et al. 2018). It occurs at the rim of a former ulvospinel-ilmenite grain that was trapped in a shock-melt pocket in the Tissint shergottite and transformed into tschaunerite, liuite, and feiite.

**Crystal chemical aspects:** The natural $(\text{Fe, ...})_4\text{O}_5$ shows that this type of structure is quite compatible with Ti and Cr (Ma et al. 2018). Experimental studies (Ballaran et al. 2015) showed the existence of a series of intermediate structures and solid solutions along the $\text{Fe}_4\text{O}_5$-$\text{MgO}$ joint.

High-pressure polymorphism and sensitivity to compositional parameters makes the postspinel and the $X_4\text{O}_5$ transition metal oxides interesting probes of temperature at high pressure: For instance the occurrence of chenmingite in shocked shergottites is bound to lower temperatures than xieite (Ishii et al. 2014, 2015, Ma et al. 2018). Since the solubility of Ti and Cr in majoritic garnet increases with pressure, the occurrences of free postspinel phases in DMM appears not likely. However, the recent observation of an ilmenite inclusion in a sublithospheric diamond at a residual pressure of 10(2) GPa (Tschauner et al. 2018b) indicates that elements like Ti can be enriched sufficiently to form free phases in diamond-bearing mantle in the transition zone. If found as mantle-derived mineral inclusions in diamond these postspinel phases and feiite are potential probes of redox conditions through their ferric components. Inclusions with lamellar intergrowth of periclase with magnesioferrite have been suggested to have formed retrogradely from Mg-bearing feiite (Wirth et al. 2011).

In an intermediate pressure regime transition metal spinels decompose into sesquioxides and ludwigite-type oxides (Ishii et al. 2014, 2015). Ludwigite-type oxides have not been observed so far in nature. Presently, their relevance is based on this absence of observation since it indicates
that pyroxene lamellae in chromites from podiform chromitite bodies in ultrahigh pressure terrains are unlikely to reflect a former silicate-component in precursor xieite or chenmingite in the transition zone: Upon ascent xieite and chenmingite would have decomposed into eskolaite and ludwigite-type oxides but none of these phases have been observed in those rocks (Ishii et al. 2014, 2015, Akaogi et al. 2018). We note a single observation of eskolaite (Cr$_2$O$_3$) as inclusion in diamond (Sobolev et al. 1997) which may be product of break down of chromite to eskolaite and a ludwigite-type oxide at pressures of the deep upper mantle. However, the corresponding ludwigite-like oxide has not been observed. The mineral ludwigite, Mg$_2$Fe$^{3+}$(BO$_3$)O$_2$, is not a high pressure mineral but its structure is closely related to the oxides discussed in this section (Figure 9d).

Dense hexagonal oxide structures with octahedral layers

Corundum is the stable phase of Al$_2$O$_3$ at reference conditions (α-Al$_2$O$_3$), it is also a phase of extremely high relative electron density ($\rho/Z$), similar to diamond and to periclase. Consequently, corundum does not undergo any structural transition up to ~ 70 to 90 GPa (Lin et al. 2005). At these high pressures Al$_2$O$_3$ is not expected to occur as a free phase. However, corundum is also the prototype of a large structure family of sesquioxides with ratio of cation-anion radii larger or equal to 1.0. At larger ratios sesquioxides assume the bixbyite- or related structures (Roth 1957). The corundum structure is composed of layers of octahedra, with trigonal faces oriented along 6-axis, equivalent to hcp but with central octahedron on the 6$_3$ axis missing (‘dioctahedral’ layering). This arrangement is also the basic pattern of many hydroxides and oxyhydroxides and of the dioctahedral hydroxide sheets in phyllosilicates. Coupled substitution of the trivalent by a
di- and a tetravalent cation comes in most cases with ordering and breaking of mirror symmetry perpendicular to 6-axis such as in case of ilmenite, R-3m.

The occurrence of these dense octahedral phases at high pressure is rather limited by geochemical than structural constraints. Eskolaite had been reported as inclusion in a diamond (Sobolev et al. 1997) but the unit cell volume was not measured prior to extraction and the pressure of entrapment is therefore unknown. Ilmenite has been found in xenoliths from garnet peridotites, as exsolution in Cpx and olivine from deep lithospheric mantle (Griffin et al. 1992) and as inclusion in diamonds (Sobolev et al. 1997). Recently, an ilmenite inclusion was found that has been entrapped in a metasomatized, diamond-bearing region in the transition zone of Earth (Tschauner et al. 2018b). This ilmenite was a 90-10 ilmenite geikielite solid solution. The entrapment path implies that upon release this inclusion transformed from liuite above 1000 K 14.6 GPa to > 18 GPa and <1500 K depending on the slope of the transition boundary (Fig. 11, Ming et al. 2006, Nishio-Hamame et al. 2012). Thus, the ilmenite inclusion is a retrograde transformation product of a (Fe,Mg)TiO$_3$-perovskite. Generally, the mixing gap between geikielite and ilmenite closes at pressures of a few GPa (Linton et al. 1999) and geikielite-dominated solid solution may be expected at conditions where sublithospheric mantle is subjected to infiltration by melts or fluids. However, inclusions in diamonds may not reflect the bulk composition of surrounding mantle or fluid. Incorporation of chemically bound water in iron-titanate results in formation of minerals of the hoegbohmite series (Heiny and Armbruster 2002). LIL elements are too large to be adapted by the ilmenite or hoegbohmite structures. However, carmichaelite and pyrochlor-related titanates of the crichtonite series are found in garnet peridotite xenoliths in kimberlites (Haggerty et al. 1983, Wang et al. 1999) and may replace ilmenite under conditions of extensive fluid metasomatism at lithospheric mantle pressures.
Akimotoite and hemleyite

Akimotoite is MgSiO$_3$ isotypic to ilmenite (Horiuchi et al. 1982). It’s formation in the MgSiO$_3$ system at pressures above 10 GPa was shown experimentally (Kawai et al. 1974, Ito and Matsui 1979) prior to its discovery as mineral in shock-melt veins of the Tenham- and the Acfer 040 L6-chondrites (Tomioka and Fujino 1997, Sharp et al. 1997, Ohtani et al. 2004, Ferroir et al. 2008).

Subsequently, akimotoite has been found in many chondrites which have experienced high-grade shock metamorphism. Its occurrence is always bound to shock-induced melting: In the Tenham, Suizhou, and Yamato chondrites akimotoite occurs in transformed opx clasts that were trapped in shock melt veins (Tomioka and Fujino 1997, Ohtani et al. 2004, Ferroir et al. 2008, Tschauner et al. 2014, 2018). In difference to those occurrences, akimotoite in Acfer040 occurs within the melt matrix (Sharp 1997). Bindi et al. (2018) reported the occurrence of FeSiO$_3$ in the ilmenite structure in the Sinxian L6-chondrite. This phase was named hemleyite. Both akimotoite and hemleyite are approved minerals. The thermodynamic stability of akimotoite is limited to rather low hemleyite-content. In fact, synthesis of akimotoite with more than 3 mol% hemleyite has consistently failed (Ito and Takahashi 1989). Tschauner et al. (2018) refined structure and unit cells of shock-generated akimotoites and obtained a binary mixing model which is nearly ideal. Hence, within the MFS system Fe prefers available energetically favorable solid solutions over dissolution in akimotoite. Based on the structure refinements the low compatibility of Fe in the akimotoite structure has been related to the rigidity of the AO$_6$ octahedra which are egde- and corner-sharing with the SiO$_6$-octahedra (Tschauner et al. 2018) and the same argument has been brought forward in explaining the transition of akimotoite to
bridgmanite above 23-24 GPa based on the compressibility and evolution of the compressed
structure of endmember akimotoite (Horiuchi et al. 1982).

The \( r_A/r_B \) cation ratio and the \( r_A \) radii of akimotoite and hemleyite are far below the structure
field of ilmenite- and corundum type phases (Fig. 10). Instead, magnesium and iron-
metasilicates are within the range of tetrahedral chain structures, which is exactly what the
stable phases at low pressures are (Fig. 10). Thus, akimotoite and hemleyite are high-pressure
phases. Their formation reflects a major change in chemical bonding – notably of Si-O. The Si-O
bond distances in akimotoite are 1.8 Å, which compares to the Si-O bond distances in stishovite
and bridgmanite, whereas in ringwoodite the distance is 1.7 Å and and olivine and wadsleyite
1.6-1.68 Å. The same observation holds for CaSiO\(_3\) which also assumes an ilmenite-type
structure at 7-11 GPa (Ito and Matsui 1979) but has not been found in nature. Akimotoite is an
important marker of high shock metamorphic pressures in chondrites. Its occurrence in Earth
appears to be limited by a) its narrow stability field, b) incompatibility of Fe. Both parameters
disfavor akimotoite relative to majoritic garnet and bridgmanite in mantle rock. Stixrude and
Lithgow-Bertelloni (2011) modeled pyrolitic mantle by including this mineral based on the work
by Hirose and Fei (2002) which reported ~5 vol% akimotoite in transformed MORB in the 20-23
GPa range but other experimental studies on similar systems did not report formation of
akimotoite (Lee et al. 2004, Ishii et al. 2018).

Zagamiite
Zagamiite is a dense layered structure of Ca-Si-Al oxide. The type material (Ma et al. 2016) and other natural occurrences (Beck et al. 2004) contain an appreciable amount of Na but an alkaline-free phase with same structure has been synthesized (Gautron et al. 1969, 1999, Akaogi et al. 2010). This phase was originally reported in experimental studies as CAS phase (Gautron et al. 1996, 1999), then observed in the Zagami martian meteorite by Beck et al. (2004) based on Raman spectroscopy and SEM-EDS. It was approved as mineral based on X-ray diffraction based structure analysis and electron microprobe analysis with the name zagamiite in 2016 (Ma et al. 2016). Zagamiite appears to be common in shock-melt pockets of shergottites. Its rather narrow stability range (Akaogi et al. 2010, Liu et al. 2019) makes it a good pressure indicator for shock-metamorphism in feldspar-bearing rocks.

Crystal chemistry: The structure is composed of dioctahedral SiO$_2$-layers with intermittent layers of face-sharing octahedra and larger polyhedra (Fig. 4a). The latter are occupied by Ca and alkalines whereas the face-sharing inter-layer octahedra are predominantly occupied by Al but with partial occupancy. The potentially extremely dense packing of the zagamiite structure is limited by close intercation distances in adjacent interlayer polyhedra. Mutual exclusion from these short distances results in partial occupancy and compositional variance with potential of accommodating protons.

In the CAS system zagamiite breaks down into Na-ferrate type Ca-aluminate plus stishovite above 20 GPa. In Earth the occurrence of zagamiite would be constrained to basaltic crust subducted into the transition zone but in competition with aluminous phase D (Liu et al. 2019).

We note that the stability range of zagamiite-like layered oxides has not been studied beyond the CAS system and its stability may vary in a more extended compositional space.
Perovskite-type high-pressure minerals

Bridgmanite

The seismic discontinuity at 660 km depth represents the boundary between transition zone and lower mantle of the Earth. As we discussed, this boundary marks a major change in chemical and physical properties of the rock forming minerals from structures based on tetrahedrally coordinated silicate-units to oxides of Mg, Si, Fe, Ca, and Al (Fig. 2). This change is accompanied by an increase in density (Dziewonski and Anderson 1981) and in rock viscosity (Forte and Mitrovica 2000). Moreover, the high solubility of water that characterizes transition zone minerals is probably not conveyed to lower mantle minerals (Schmandt et al. 2014). Both factors together make the transition zone-lower mantle boundary a division line where a substantial portion of subducted material becomes stagnant, releases fluid and causes extensive metasomatism in the transition zone and the shallow lower mantle (Schmandt et al 2014). The deeper parts of the lower mantle are suspected to contain ancient geochemical reservoirs although their spatial scale is not known (Helffrich and Wood 2001).

The major mineral of the lower mantle is bridgmanite, (Mg,Fe)SiO$_3$ in a GdFeO$_3$-type perovskite structure (Fig. 12). This makes bridgmanite the most abundant mineral in Earth because it comprises ~ 80->90 mass% of the lower mantle, which by itself is 50 mass% of Earth (Ringwood 1979). As in the case of akimotoite, (Mg,Fe)SiO$_3$ is far outside the structure field of perovskites (Fig. 10). Starting with the low pressure pyroxene phases of MgSiO$_3$ and FeSiO$_3$, enstatite and ferrosilite, a pressure-induced trend across the ilmenite- and into the perovskite-type field can be constructed similar to the trends for ABO$_4$-type compounds (Manjon et al. 2007). This trend
continues with the CaIrO$_3$-type postperovskite phases (Murakami et al. 2004, Ono and Oganov 2004).

Ringwood was the first to show that the 660 km boundary implies existence of a ‘postspinel’ silicate phase (see Ringwood 1979). Based on chrrystal chemical reasoning and high-pressure experiments on aluminate-perovskites Reid and Ringwood (1975) proposed decomposition of ringwoodite into periclase and a perovskite- type MgSiO$_3$ phase. This hypothesis was confirmed by Liu (1975, 1976) through laser heating experiments on pyrope in a diamond anvil cell and subsequently by Ito and Matsui (1978), followed by studies of crystal structure (Ito et al. 1987), the phase boundary between ringwoodite and bridgmanite + periclase (Ito et al., 1981, Ringwood and Irifune 1988, Fei et al. 1996, Irifune et al. 1998), thermal expansion (Ross and Hazen, 1989), crystal chemical relations (Yagi et al. 1994), melting (Heinz et al. 1992, Zerr and Boehler 1994) and a wealth of other studies on structure, compressibility, elastic tensor, and thermoelastic properties which we cannot review here. The slope of the boundary between ringwoodite + garnet ↔ bridgmanite + periclase is slightly negative and, thus, the reaction endothermic (Irifune et al 1998). McCammon et al. (1997) observed that bridgmanite contains appreciable amounts of ferric iron. Subsequent experimental work under different redox conditions indicated that the presence of ferric iron in bridgmanite is result of a pressure-induced disproportionation of ferrous iron into metallic iron and ferric iron (Frost et al. 2004, Frost and McCammon 2008). The volume of the ferric Fe-O polyhedra in bridgmanite experience marked reduction at lower mantle pressures due to the high spin- low spin transition of ferric iron. This effect has been analyzed in a number of studies which are summarized by McCammon et al. (2013).
Due to the high pressure of its stability field and the low kinetic barrier of back transformation to pyroxenes at lower pressure, the search for natural occurrences (and therefore, approval as a mineral) had focused on highly shocked meteorites (Mori 1994, Tomioka and Fujino 1997, Sharp et al. 1997) where release from high pressures and temperatures is fast (see below). Other than akimotoite, bridgmanite rapidly vitrifies in the beam of the electron microscope and direct structural information has to be obtained with different means.

Ultimately MgSiO$_3$-perovskite was proved to exist in the highly shocked Tenham L6 chondrite by using synchrotron-micro diffraction in combination with electron microprobe analysis and named bridgmanite after Percy W. Bridgman (Tschauner et al. 2014). Bridgmanite occurs along with akimotoite in transformed enstatite clasts trapped in shock melt veins in the Tenham meteorite. Ma et al. (2016) also reported an occurrence in shock melt pockets of the Tissint shergottite where olivine and fayalite grains in the vicinity of the melt pockets were transformed into ringwoodite and ahrensite and at the immediate border have broken down to periclase plus bridgmanite and wuestite plus bridgmanite, respectively (Fig. 13).

Subsequently, vitrified or vitrifying metasilicate intergrown with periclase in Tissint and other meteorites was identified as former bridgmanite (Miyahara et al. 2016, Hu and Sharp 2017). Direct observation of the terrestrial occurrence of bridgmanite is extant. Periclase-enstatite assemblies as inclusions in diamonds have been interpreted as former bridgmanite-periclase aggregates from the Earth’s lower mantle (Kesson and Fitz Gerald 1991, Harte and Harris 1994, Harte et al. 1999, Stachel et al. 2000, 2008, Kaminsky 2012).

Jeffbenite (Harris et al. 1997, Nestola et al. 2016), see section 3.6), a silicate phase with unique structure and garnet-like composition along the pyrope-almandine joint (Finger and Conrad
2000), has been interpreted as retrograde transformation product of aluminous bridgmanite, based on experimental studies in the pyrope-almandine system (Armstrong et al. 2012).

**Crystal chemistry:** As a GdFeO$_3$-type perovskite, bridgmanite exhibits tilt of the corner-sharing SiO$_6$-octahedra to a degree where the polyhedron of the A-cation approaches a 6+6 arrangement rather than the dodecahedron of the cubic perovskites (see Fig. 12 and for detailed discussion Ito et al. 1987, Ross and Hazen 1989). This strong distortion of the perovskite structure is rather pressure- and temperature-invariant (Stixrude and Cohen 1993, Fiquet et al. 2000) and controls some of the crystal chemical properties of bridgmanite. For instance, the rigid inter-octahedral bonding probably accounts for the high Debye temperature of ~ 1000K and the high elastic moduli (Sturhahn et al. 2005), the high melting temperature (Zerr and Boehler 1994) and plastic deformation limit, and the absence of distortive phase transitions. As phase within the MFS system bridgmanite is not a binary but at least ternary solid solution because of the presence of ferric Fe. Ferric iron can be suppressed only for less than 4at% Fe in bridgmanite (Parise et al. 1990). Vanpethegem et al. (2006) presented structure analyses which showed ferric Fe to reside only on the A site. Crystal field splitting of ferric bridgmanite require more than one site for Fe$^{3+}$ (Sturhahn et al. 2005). Hummer (2012) compared volume data for synthetic Fe-bearing bridgmanites and concluded that some ferric iron resides on the B-site as well. Natural bridgmanite is comparatively Fe-rich and follows the trend that Hummer proposed (Tschauner et al. 2014). The compatibility of ferric iron with the bridgmanite structure is relevant for the apparent, if not effective, redox state of the lower mantle. This compatibility for ferric iron has to be placed in context with the proposed disproportionation of ferrous iron at lower mantle pressures (Frost et al. 2004): In a static system the actual redox state could remain
as reducing as bulk silicate Earth composition suggests but segregation of metallic iron could
shift the redox state of the lower mantle toward more oxidized conditions.

Al$_2$O$_3$ dissolves in bridgmanite up to few mol% through coupled substitution on both A- and B-
site (Andrault et al. 2003). It has been observed that Al- and Fe-solubility strongly correlate
through the presence of ferric iron in the bridgmanite lattice (Vanpetheghem et al. 2006b, Frost
and McCammon 2008). A ferric endmember Fe(Fe,Si)O$_3$ has been reported by Bykova et al.
(2017). Ca and Ti have been found rather incompatible in bridgmanite but as we indicate below,
type liuite, FeTiO$_3$ perovskite, contains ~ 40% bridgmanite.

Transition metal elements in bridgmanite

The solubility of Ni and Co in bridgmanite increases with pressure in chemical exchange with
metallic iron (Tschauner et al. 1998). The pressure-dependence of the Ni-solubility scales with
the reaction volume of the nickel-bunsenite system normalized by FeO (Campbell et al. 2006)
and is therefore a general phenomenon that is probably related to the high-spin-low spin
transition of ferric iron and the disproportionation of ferrous iron (Frost and McCammon 2008).
Ohtani et al. (1997) reported partition coefficients of Ni, Co, Cr, Mn, V for brigdmanite and
silicate melts at 24 GPa.

Above 120-140 GPa bridgmanite transforms into a CaIrO$_3$-type postperovskite phase (Murakami
et al. 2004, Ono and Oganov 2004, Hirose 2006) following a positive Clapeyron slope. The
possible effect of this transition onto the petrology of the lowermost lower mantle, the D$''$-layer
(Fig. 2), is subject of active debate (for a review see Hirose 2006)

As shock-metamorphic mineral, bridgmanite constraints dynamic compression processes in
three ways: 1) through the high pressure of formation above 23 GPa, 2) through the steep
increase of solidus and liquidus of bridgmanite-bearing rock above 23 GPa, 3) through the low
kinetic barrier of back transformation into low pressure metasilicate phases or into glass.

Combining these three parameters it could be shown that the peak shock pressures of the
Tenham meteorite were 24-27 GPa at 2500-2700 K, and that the release path involves a regime
of rapid cooling on the order of 100K/μs at pressures above 20 GPa (Tschauner et al. 2014).

CaSiO$_3$-perovskite

CaSiO$_3$ follows a similar trend of pressure-induced transformation as MgSiO$_3$. At ambient
pressure calcium metasilicate assumes a pyroxenoid structure (wollastonite, see Fig. 10) As in
the case of MgSiO$_3$ a high-pressure ilmenite and a perovskite phase become stable above 10 and
15 GPa, respectively (Ito and Matsui 1982). Upon release to ambient conditions both high-
pressure phases vitrify spontaneously and consequently they have not been observed in
shocked meteorites. Conservation as inclusions in diamonds at elevated residual pressure seems
possible. Nestola et al. (2018) showed that inclusions with intergrowth of perovskite and
wollastonite in diamonds from Juina, Brazil should be interpreted as former Ca (Si,Ti)O$_3$
perovskite. A number of mixed Ca silicate-titanate-ferrate perovskites occur within the Ca-Ti-Fe-
Si-O system at high pressures (Leineweber et al. 1995, 1997).

CaSiO$_3$ perovskite is a cubic or pseudocubic tetragonal ABO$_3$ perovskite (Fig 11 a, recently re-
evaluated by Chen et al. 2018). As figure 10 shows, the sequence wollastonite → CaSi-ilmenite
→ CaSi-perovskite does not follow a monotonous trend of $r_A/r_B$ relations, such as MgSiO$_3$. In fact,
CaSiO$_3$ does not transform directly from a pyroxenoid to ilmenite. Both phases are separated by
a region of partial decomposition into coesite and breyite (see 3.9) (Ito and Matsui 1982). CaSiO$_3$
perovskite has been synthesized in experimental studies on MORB-like bulk compositions at
lower mantle pressures (Hirose and Fei 2002, Lee et al. 2004, Liu et al. 2012, 2019, Ishii et al. 2018) where it owes its presence to the high compatibility fo Al in bridgmanite which, by mass balance, inhibits formation of dense Ca-aluminates. Minor accessory CaSiO$_3$-perovskite may be important in the mantle as host of K as heat-generating element through the decay of $^{40}$K into $^{40}$Ca.

The FeTiO$_3$-perovskites liuite and wangdaodeite

Wangdaodeite is FeTiO$_3$ in the LiNbO$_3$-type rhombohedral perovskite structure (Fig. 12c). It was discovered in the highly shocked Suizhou L6-chondrite by Xie et al. (2016) and is an approved mineral. The transformation of pure FeTiO$_3$ from the ilmenite to the LiNbO$_3$-type rhombohedral perovskite at 15 GPa was reported in an experimental study by Leineweber et al. (1995) and the transition was found to be reversible. The natural wangdaodeite appears to be stabilized by vacancies or minor chemical components that appear to inhibit back-transformation (Berry et al. 2000). Experimental work (Ming et al. 2006, Akaogi et al. 2017) showed that above 20 GPa FeTiO$_3$ transforms from the rhombohedral LiNbO$_3$- to an orthorhombic GdFeO$_3$-type perovskite structure but upon reversal the GdFeO$_3$-type perovskite phase transforms directly back into ilmenite. Hence, wangdaodeite is a metastable structure. Its observation in shocked meteorites indicates that it can form at high stress rates and stress-release rates. The GdFeO$_3$-type perovskite phase was recently discovered in the Tissint meteorite and is also approved as a mineral with the name liuite (Ma et al. 2018). As in the case of wangdaodeite, pure endmember liuite is expected to transform back into ilmenite at ambient pressure but the type material contains $\sim$ 40 mol% bridgmanite. Both liuite and wandaodeite are high-pressure minerals since their rFe/rTo ratio is far outside the structure field of perovskites (Fig. 10).
As mentioned above, ilmenite as inclusion in diamond at 10-12 GPa remnant pressure is very likely a retrograde transformation product of liuite because the release path from mantle conditions intersects the ilmenite-liuite phase boundary (Figure 12, Tschauner et al. 2018b). We cannot anticipate a more detailed description of these new minerals here but point out the interesting fact that type liuite contains almost 40 mol% bridgmanite (Ma et al. 2018).

3.7. Carbonates, Sulfates, and other minerals with complex anions.

The pressure effects on salts of complex anions have been studied experimentally to some extend (see for instance Manjon et al. 2007 for ABO$_4$ phases). Many of them, such as borates, tungstates, and molybdates are constituted by elements geochemically too rare to be expected to form free phases within the mantle although the partitioning of these elements between mantle phases is of geochemical interest. Sulfates are not expected in the mantle because the redox conditions support sulfides over sulfates or sulfites. Wirth et al. (2009) reported an inclusion of anhydrite from a diamond, probably reflecting local oxidizing conditions.

Carbonates are of particular interest in the Earth’s mantle because they take part in the deep carbon cycle (see for instance Shirey et al. 2013, Thomson et al 2016). High-pressure phase transformations of calcite and aragonite have been observed in experiments (Merlini et al. 2013, 2014, Smith et al. 2018b), others have been predicted (Oganov et al. 2013). Navon (1991) reported infrared spectra of carbonate-bearing diamonds where the energy of the CO$_3^-$ assymmetric stretching vibration indicates elevated remnant pressure of carbonate inclusions. Tschauner et al. (2018b, 2019) reported X-ray diffraction data of magnesian calcite inclusions and determined remnant pressures as high as 7.0 ± 0.5 GPa but no high-pressure polymorph of calcite or aragonite has been found so far. The absence of high-pressure polymorphs of calcite is
due to the magnesite-component in solid solution, which generates a large negative excess volume thus stabilizing the calcite structure relative to high-pressure polymorphs. Under mantle conditions carbonates break down through reaction with enstatite. In eclogitic environments carbonates are stabilized to higher pressure and temperature (Thomson et al. 2016) as cation-disordered dolomite. It is not yet clear why calcite inclusions in diamond contain rather high magnesite concentrations where disordered (Ca,Mg)CO$_3$ is expected to decompose into magnesite and aragonite (Buob et al. 2006) upon cooling during ascent of their host diamonds in the mantle.

3.8 Silicates

The most important rock forming silicates and silicic high-pressure oxides have already been discussed in the section about oxides and do not need to be recapitulated. Generally, silicates in the proper sense are based on covalently bonded SiO$_4$ or aluminosilicate as building blocks. Therefore silicates in the proper sense belong to the class of low- to intermediate-pressure minerals because their formation does not involve a major change in this fundamental chemical bonding pattern. Because of the abundance of Si and O, and the manifold topological possibilities of arranging isolated or corner-sharing aluminosilicate or silicate tetrahedral along with other ions, silicates are the dominant phases in the Earth’s crust and upper mantle (Fig. 2) and occur in a vast number of mineral species. A general effect of pressure can be distinguished here as well: Structures assumed by silicates with constituent high-Z cations are assumed by silicates with smaller, less heavy cations at higher pressure. For example, walstroemite and cymrite are Ba-silicate minerals, wadeite is a K-Zr silicate. Breyite, the isotypic ‘Ca-walstroemite’ has been found as inclusions in diamonds that originate in the sublithospheric mantle (Stachel et
al. 2000, 2008, Anzolini et al. 2016, Brenker et al. 2018). Experimental studies show existence of K-Al cymrite and –wadeite phases (Yagi et al. 1994, Yong et al. 2006) which well could exist in deep subducted slabs but have not yet been found as minerals. This trend is in accordance with the direction of pressure-driven transformation observed for other chemical classes of minerals such as the elements and oxides (see Introduction). However, the structural flexibility of silicates also permits formation of a wealth of incipient high-pressure phases which have no equivalent at ambient pressure such as the minerals lawsonite, jeffbenite (see below) and of synthetic phases which potentially occur in Earth such as the ‘NAL-phase’ (Pamato et al. 2014), ‘phase Egg’ (Eggleton et al. 1978), and a high pressure post-kaolin phase (Hwang et al. 2017).

Dense hydrous Mg-silicates

Dense hydrous Mg-silicates are expected to occur in mantle peridotite dragged along with subducted slabs and metasomatized by hydrous fluid released from the slabs. Presently they have not been reported as minerals. Structurally they are not members of one family. Some, like phase B and E, are spinelloids, whereas phase A and G are layered structures composed of octahedral sheets with intermittent tetrahedra, and phase F is a dense octahedral layer structure (Prewitt and Downs 1998, Angel et al. 2001). The so called ‘10-Ångstroem phase’ is a mica closely related to phlogopite but with H₂O substituting for K and with much lower Al content (Comodi et al. 2005).

Reidite
Silicates with high field strength elements as constituting cations undergo mainly reversible continuous transformations such as the transformation from zircon to reidite (ZrSiO$_4$ in the scheelite-type structure, Reid and Ringwood 1969, Glass et al. 2002). Reidite is important in identifying and dating terrestrial and martian impacts (Glass et al. 2002, Cavosie et al. 2015). The transition from zircon to reidite is caused by sublattice shift and subsequent loss of the mirror-symmetry perpendicular to the 4-fold axis. Thus, reidite is an incipient high-pressure mineral despite its relatively high pressure of formation. At higher pressure ZrSiO$_4$ and other silicates of high field strength elements ultimately break down into oxides (Tange and Takahashi 2004).

Pyroxenes

Like the minerals of the olivine series pyroxenes have one tetrahedral and two distorted octahedral sites. However, pyroxenes are inosilicates and tilting or twisting of the chains of corner-sharing tetrahedra allows for accommodating a much larger range of structural and compositional variations than olivine. In particular, pyroxenes accommodate coupled substitution of monovalent ions on their M-sites along with Al substitution on the T-site or the substitution of two Al on M1 and T-site (Tschermak-component), which both is not possible in olivine. In addition to proper pyroxenes there are also pyroxenoids which exhibit different periodicities of the tetrahedral chains and amphiboles where two chains are combined to ribbons. Pyroxene-type silicates, pyroxenoids and amphiboles are low- to intermediate pressure minerals (Fig. 2) whereas high-pressure pyroxene-type polycarbonates (Oganov et al. 2013) have not been found as minerals. Hence, detailed account on pyroxenes and related structures in not within the scope of this paper and can be found elsewhere (Prewitt 1980). Pyroxenes react to elevated and high pressure through three principal mechanisms:
1) Volume reduction through structural modification. Pyroxenes undergo reversible transitions upon compression. In particular above 5 - 7 GPa enstatite undergoes a transition to a C2/c-type clinopyroxene, which is different for high-temperature clinoenstatite at ambient pressure (Angel et al. 1992). This high-pressure clinoenstatite is expected to occur in fertile mantle peridotite but has not yet been found as a mineral. It may be captured as inclusion with sufficiently high remnant pressure in P-type (peridotitic) diamonds. A large number of structural transitions in pyroxenes and pyroxenoids of different composition have been observed in experiments and are mostly confined to a regime of low-temperatures compared to the mantle geotherm but their occurrence in cold slabs has been discussed (Woodland and Angel 1997, Dera et al. 2013, Plonka et al. 2012, Xu et al. 2018).

2) New endmembers such as jadeite NaAlSi$_2$O$_6$ occur at elevated pressure. Omphacite, a complex solid solution with dominant jadeite-component is a rock-forming mineral in eclogite (e.g. Liou et al. 2009).

3) Coupled substitution which involves vacancies on the M1 site. This partial vacancy permits additional compression of the pyroxene structure. Thus, this mechanism combines chemical and structural aspects of the first and the second mechanism. The most prominent vacancy-based high-pressure pyroxene is the Ca-Eskola endmember Ca(Al$_{1-x}$)Si$_2$O$_6$, which dominates over kushiroite (the Tschermak endmember CaAl(Si,Al)$_2$O$_6$) at elevated pressures (McCormick 1980). Tissintite is a Ca-Eskola rich pyroxene which occurs in shocked meteorites (Ma et al. 2016) and terrestrial impactites (Walton et al. 2018). Tissintite defines regimes of intermediate dynamic pressure and temperatures during shock-metamorphism (Walton et al. 2018, Ma et al. 2016, Herd et al. 2011, Sharp et al. 2018).
Garnets

Garnets are compounds with composition \( X_3Y_2T_3O_{12} \), where T can be Si, Ge, Al, Ga, P, As, and even Li (in synthetic materials). Site X is a large, roughly dodecahedral site, Y is a smaller octahedral, and T is a tetrahedral site. Silicate-garnets are nesosilicates because the Si-tetrahedra are isolated although the Y-T sites form strong cage-like networks around site X, if Y is occupied by Al or Si. Sites X and Y can accommodate a large variety of cations with full or partial occupancy and consequently, there is a large number of silicate garnet endmembers (Grew et al. 2012). Pyrope-dominated complex garnet solid solutions are rock forming minerals in garnet-peridotite and in eclogite. High pressure favors Si substitution on site Y through coupled substitution \((\text{Na}^+ \text{Si}) = \text{Al} + \text{Cr} \) (Collerson et al. 2010). In addition the combined substitution of ferrous and ferric iron on sites X and Y is favoured by pressure (at given O-activity) and defines the skiagite-endmember which is not stable at ambient pressure (Woodland et al. 1999). Pressure favours accommodation of Si on the Y-site as majorite-component defined through the endmember majorite, \( \text{Mg}_3(\text{Mg, Si})_2\text{Si}_3\text{O}_{12} \), (Smith and Mason 1970) and Ca \( \text{Ca}_3(\text{Mg, Si})_2\text{Si}_3\text{O}_{12} \) (Hazen et al. 1994). Majorite is a mineral which was discovered by Smith and Mason (1970) in the Coorara L6 chondrite but has been known as synthetic phase earlier (Ringwood 1967). Majorite and garnets with high majorite component have been found in shocked meteorites (Langenhorst and Deutsch 2012, Rubin and Ma 2017), terrestrial impactites (Staehle et al. 2011, Walton et al 2018) and as inclusions in terrestrial diamonds that have formed in the transition zone or lower mantle (Stachel&Harris 2008, Collerson et al. 2010). Ca \( \text{Ca}_3(\text{Mg, Si})_2\text{Si}_3\text{O}_{12} \) has been synthesized but not yet been described as mineral but is a minor component in majorite and other garnets that formed at high pressures. This phase exhibits a tetragonal distortion of its unit cell from site ordering of Si and Mg (Hazen et al. 1994). Recently
the time-scale of this site ordering has been used to assess time scales of temperature-release in
shock melt veins (Tomioka et al 2017) in agreement with the assessments based on the
occurrence of bridgmanite in similar highly shocked meteorites (Tschauner et al. 2014).
Tetragonal distortion was also found in an almandine-majorite solid solution that occurred in a
shock-melt pocket of the Shergotty martian meteorite (Ma et al. 2016).

The stability of majorite-rich garnets extends to about 30 GPa where they transform into
aluminous bridgmanite (Irifune et al. 1998). Containing both four- and six-fold coordinated Si
majorite is an incipient high-pressure mineral. This is reflected in the gradually increasing
occupancy of the Y-site by Si along with increasing pressure and its ultimate transformation into
bridgmanite.

Jeffbenite is a silicate with composition along the almandine-pyrope joint but of a structure very
different from garnets (Conrad and Finger, Nestola et al. 2018). We have discussed it’s possible
relation to alminouns bridgmanite further above.

3.9 Phosphates

The general statements about silicates can be extended to phosphates which are also based on
tetrahedral PO$_4$ building blocks with the possibility of polymerization (Huminicki and Hawthorne
2002). One interesting difference between silicates and phosphates is the much larger flexibility
of intertetrahedral P-O-P bonds. For instance, berlinite AlPO$_4$ can be compressed by about 50
GPa without structural rearrangement other than a gradual approximation of adjacent tetrahedra
(Klug and Tse 1994). Consequently, high pressure phase transformation in phosphates are
mostly reversible and between structures related through group-subgroup relations (see for
instance Errandonea and Manjon 2008). Tuite is a polymorph of anhydrous Ca triphosphate that forms above 10 GPa and occurs in shocked chondrites and shergottites (Xie et al. 2003). It’s structure represents a denser rearrangement of a tetrahedral phosphate network with central channel, filled by Ca. Thus, tuite is an intermediate-pressure mineral. Similarly, merrillite forms through shock-induced dehydration of whitlockite above 5 GPa and this experimentally obtained finding may explain the dominance of merrillite over whitlockite in many extraterrestrial environments such as martian, lunar, and primitie meteorites (Adcock et al. 2017).

Finally, we note an extensive isotypism or homoiotypism between phosphates and silicates (Huminicki and Hawthorne 2002). The larger flexibility of intertetrahedral bonds or bonds between tetrahedra and other polyhedra in phosphates then accounts for more variability in chemical substitution than in the structurally equivalent silicates (e.g. olivine cannot accommodate coupled substitution of alkalines plus Al above trace level, in contrast to the olivine-like phosphates triphtylite and lithiophorite). This larger flexibility also accounts for the observation that many phosphates assume structures at low or ambient pressure which are isotypic or closely related to incipient high-pressure silicates such as phosphate-ellenbergerite and ellenbergerite, phosphates of the mozartite- chopinite series and Mg-silicate spinelloids. However, for the same reason phosphates with octahedrally coordianted P do not exist.

4. Summary

High-pressure minerals are a minor subset of the known minerals but they are key in understanding the deep Earth, shock-metamorphism, and in modeling other planets. Over the
The past decade the number of known high pressure minerals has largely increased. Therefore a comprehensive overview and a definition of high-pressure minerals is a timely matter.

The pressures of the deeper interior of Earth are sufficient to cause noticeable differences in chemical behaviour of elements, notably in Si and Fe. These changes induce structural transformations of rock forming minerals, which mark the major divisions in the Earth’s mantle: Upper mantle, transition zone, and lower mantle. The pronounced effect of pressure on the chemical and, consequently, the physical properties and structures of minerals makes Earth different from smaller rocky planets like Mars.

Not only the major divisions in the Earth mantle but also structures and properties of many accessory minerals as well as those of the iron-rich metal in the core are controlled by the effect of pressure. Accessory high-pressure minerals reflect the differentiation of less and incompatible elements in the deeper mantle. This large array of pressure-induced structural changes and phases make it important to examine if high-pressure minerals can be defined as a distinct category of solid phases which differ from their equivalents at low or ambient pressure.

We define high-pressure minerals by the general notion that their stability fields do not intersect ambient pressure. However, this criterion is insufficient and does not capture the effect of pressure-induced changes in chemical properties of the constituent elements. Therefore, we complement this criterion with two others: 1) that their structures place the high-pressure minerals clearly outside the structure tolerance fields defined through their ambient pressure ionic radii. 2) that their structures follow the correlation between pressure of phase stability and the nuclear charge number. Minerals whose stability field is beyond ambient pressure but whose structures are within the tolerance fields of their ionic radii are defined as incipient high-pressure minerals. Their structures reflect sterical rearrangements of atoms and...
polyhedral units under the effect of pressure but without basic changes in chemical bond states which occur in proper high-pressure minerals. The distinction between low-, incipient- and high-pressure minerals reflects the principal divisions in the Earth’s mantle into upper mantle transition zone, and lower mantle and lower mantle and is therefore useful in correlating mineralogical observations with the geochemistry and –physics of the deep Earth.

We discuss all currently known high-pressure minerals and a number of incipient high-pressure minerals and indicate their relevance in the study of the deep Earth, impacts, meteorites, and planetary interiors.

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Table 1.

List of all approved high-pressure minerals and some incipient high-pressure minerals which are discussed in this paper. Incipient high-pressure minerals are printed in italics. Endmember composition, first reference of the approved mineral or announcement by the CNMNC, density of endmembers and the density of the stable polymorph at reference conditions are given. The reported densities of the type specimens of these minerals may be different if they contain noticeable amounts of other components.

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Figure 1: Difference in density of high- and ambient pressure mineral polymorphs in % as function of density of the polymorph stable at reference conditions. One notices that with increasing density at reference conditions, the density gain upon pressure-induced phase transformation decreases. This shows that absolute pressure or absolute density does not serve as a good criterion for defining high-pressure minerals. The Figure can also be read as illustration of the effect of pressure upon structures in general: High-pressure phases tend to be
equivalent to low-pressure phases of compounds constituted by higher Z elements. For instance, taking a polymorphic series such as SiO$_2$ or TiO$_2$, and use the density of each subsequent higher-pressure polymorph as new reference point, the correlation of density-gain upon transition moves along the depicted trend. The plotted data are taken from Table 1.

Figure 2: Schematic overview of the major divisions in Earth, their major rock-forming minerals, and their classification as low-, intermediate-, and high-pressure minerals. The division between core and mantle is primarily a change in bulk chemistry from compounds of Mg,Si, Al,Fe with O in the mantle to a metallic iron-rich alloy in the core, liquid in the outer, and solid in the inner core. The divisions of the mantle are primarily the result of pressure-induced changes in crystal structures whereas the composition of upper-, lower-mantle, and transition zone are very
similar. The Earth’s crust is distinct from the mantle in both composition and basic structural features of its major minerals.

Figure 3: Residual pressures and source regions of dense molecular mineral inclusions in diamonds from the Earth’s mantle. Red squares: ice-VII (Tschauner et al. 2018), Black diamonds: \( CO_2 \) (Navon and Schrauder 1994, Tschauner 2019), blue triangle: \( \delta-N_2 \) (Navon et al. 2017). In all these studies the release paths were assessed as isochores with correction for thermal expansion and elasticity of diamond. These paths tie the current pressure of the inclusions (corrected for diamond relaxation, Angel et al. 2014) to the depth of entrapment in diamond. These end points are defined by intersection of the release path with the geotherm. Here we
only give for reference the average mantle geotherm (Brown and Shankland 1981) and two adiabates 300 K higher and lower. Hashured and dark grey areas: Release paths for ice-VII, grey: CO$_2$ (after Schrauder and Navon 1994), black solid and dashed lines: N$_2$ (after Navon et al. 2017).

Figure 4: a Structural representation of zagamiite, Ca$_{1.601}$Si$_{5.131}$Al$_{3.763}$Na$_{0.199}$O$_{22.001}$, the dioctahedral layers are predominantly occupied by Si, the face-sharing interlayer octahedral are partially occupied by Al. b. Representation of the silicate-hollandites lingunite, liebermannite, and stöfflerite. The central channel is occupied by Na, K, and Ca, the octahedral sites by Si and Al.
Figure 5. Relations of effective radii and structure fields of AB$_2$O$_4$ oxides (adapted from Glasser and Glasser 1963). The spinels magnesioferrite, chromite, magnesiochromite, and ulvospinell are indicated by half-filled diamonds. The corresponding high-pressure minerals maohokite (Chen et al. 2017), xieite (Chen et al. 2003), chenmingite (Ma et al. 2018), and tschaunerite (Ma et al. 2018) are in the postspinel field which at ambient pressure is occupied by phases with $r_A > 1.05$ Å. It is noteworthy that the transition from spinels to postspinel AB$_2$O$_4$ is not direct but through a regime of partial decomposition into sesquioxides and ludwigite-type oxides (Nishio-Hamame et al. 2012, Ishii et al. 2014, 2016, Akaogi et al. 2018).
Figure 6. Representations of the structures of olivine (a), wadsleyite (b), and ringwoodite (c).

Only the polyhedra with six-fold coordinates centra cations (M-sites, ‘octahedral’ sites) are indicated. Different M-sites are color-coded. Grey spheres = Si.

Figure 7. Acfer 040 L6 chondrite with cornflower-bue ringwoodite, center green rectangle has edge length 40 μm. Microscope image was taken with parallel polarizers. The apparent grains of ringwoodite are actually aggregates of μm-to subμm-scale crystallites. This is typical for high-pressure minerals in shock-metamorphic environments: In shergottites and chondrites the grainsize is usually below μm in diameter, shock-melt veins in bedrock from terrestrial impact sites contains crystallites up to 5 μm in diameter (see for instance: Walton et al. 2018).
Figure 8: Symmetric mixing relation in the ringwoodite-ahrensite binary system. Synthetic samples by Ito and Takahashi (1989), Hazen et al. (1992), and Horiuchi (). Type ahrensite is the data point with 56 mol% ahrensite.
Figure 9: Representations of high-pressure transition metal oxide structures. a. Xieite, the FeCr$_2$O$_4$ postspinel phase isotypic to CaTi$_2$O$_4$ (Chen et al. 2003). b. Chenmingite, the FeCr$_2$O$_4$ postspinel phase isotypic to harmunite (CaFe$_2$O$_4$) (Ma et al. 2018). c. Feiite, Fe$_2$(FeTi)$_2$O$_5$ (Ma et al. 2018), d. Fe(Fe,Ti)$_3$O$_5$ ludwigeite, a synthetic high pressure phase that occurs in the Fe-Cr- and the Fe-Ti-oxide systems (Ishii et al. 2015, 2016).
Figure 10. Structure fields and effective ionic radii of ABO$_3$-compounds after Roth (1957). Diamonds: radii of enstatite, wollastonite, and ilmenite at reference conditions. X = no known crystalline structures. Arrows indicate the ‘trend’ of structural evolution with pressure: While enstatite crosses the intermediate field of ilmenite-type structures through the transition sequence enstatite -> high-pressure clinoenstatite -> akimotoite -> bridgmanite, ilmenite itself undergoes a transition to a rhombohedral perovskite (wandaodeite) first before adapting the orthorhombic GdFeO$_3$-type perovskite structure (liuite). Wollastonite exhibits a more complex transformation behaviour with partial decomposition at intermediate pressure, formation of an ilmenite-type phase, then formation of a cubic or pseudo-cubic perovskite.
Figure 11: Entrapment path of an ilmenite inclusion (Ilm90Gk10) with $10 \pm 1$ GPa residual pressure in a sublithospheric diamond, after (Tschauner et al. 2018). The modeled entrapment path intersects for this composition the phase boundary to wandaodeite at $700 \pm 60$ K, $12.5 \pm 0.4$ GPa and, possibly, liuite above $1000$ K $14.6$ GPa to $> 18$ GPa and $< 1500$ K depending on the slope of the transition boundary (Ming et al. 2006, Nishio-Hamame et al. 2012). Thus, the ilmenite inclusion is a retrograde transformation product of $(\text{Fe,Mg})\text{TiO}_3$-perovskite.
Figure 12: Structural representations of bridgmanite, liuite, and wandaodeite, the three known perovskite-type high-pressure minerals: a. Bridgmanite (Mg,Fe)SiO$_3$, in standard setting Pnma of space group 62; b. liuite (Fe,Mg)(Ti,Si)O$_3$, in same setting and with noticeably larger tilt of the octahedra than in bridgmanite; c. wandaodeite FeTiO$_3$, is a rhombohedral perovskite of the LiNbO$_3$-type.

Figure 13. Bridgmanite-wuestite intergrowth at the border of a shock-melt pocket in the Tissint shergottitic martian meteorite. The intergrowth occupies the diagonal band running from the...
lower left to the upper right corner of the image and coarsens toward the melt pocket in the lower right corner with idiomorphic wuestite. The much finer grained material in the upper left corner of the image is ahrensite ($\gamma$-Fe$_2$SiO$_4$).