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High-Pressure Minerals

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11 This article is dedicated to occurrence, relevance, and structure of minerals whose formation
12 involves high pressure. This includes minerals that occur in the interior of the Earth as well as
13 minerals that are found in shock-metamorphized meteorites and terrestrial impactites. I discuss
14 the chemical and physical reasons which render the definition of high-pressure minerals
15 meaningful, in distinction from minerals that occur under surface-near conditions on Earth or at
16 high temperatures in space or on Earth. Pressure-induced structural transformation in rock-
17 forming minerals define the basic divisions of Earth's mantle in the upper mantle, transition
18 zone, and lower mantle. Moreover, solubility of minor chemical components in these minerals
19 and the occurrence of accessory phases are influential in mixing and segregating chemical

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20 elements in Earth as an evolving planet. Brief descriptions of the currently known high-pressure
21 minerals are presented. Over the past ten years more high-pressure minerals have been
22 discovered than during the previous fifty years, based on the list of minerals accepted by the
23 IMA. The previously unexpected richness in distinct high-pressure mineral species allows for
24 assessment of differentiation processes in the deep Earth.

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28 **Introduction**

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

30 The pressure in Earth ranges from atmospheric to 136 GPa at the core-mantle boundary, and
31 further, to 360 GPa in the center of the Earth (Dziewonski and Anderson 1981). These
32 gravitationally generated pressures are not high on a general scale of planetary or stellar objects,
33 where gravitational energy balances or overcomes the electronic binding energy in atomic
34 matter such as in the interior of giant planets or where it vastly exceeds it such as in the interior
35 of Sun-like stars or beyond (Hund 1936, Landau and Lifshitz 1985). Thus, even in the deepest
36 parts of Earth matter is well within the range of chemical bonding between discrete atoms
37 rather than that of dense or degenerate plasma. However, in Earth the pressures are high
38 enough to modify the chemical behavior of elements and thereby the compounds that they
39 form and the crystalline or liquid structures that these compounds assume. Roughly, the
40 difference of 100 GPa between Earth's surface and the bottom of the lower mantle corresponds
41 to an increase in energy of $\sim 1\text{eV}/e^-$. This approximate value may be obtained from relating the

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42 average contraction of the volume of a valence electron in rock-forming minerals over a
43 pressure-intervall of 100 GPa to energy through the Mie-Grüneisen equation (Bukowinski 1994).
44 This increase in energy is equivalent to a temperature of the order 10000K. However, the
45 temperature at the inner core-outer core boundary is less than 6000 K (Boehler 1993, Shen et al.
46 1998, Anzelini et al. 2013, Zhang et al. 2016) and less than 3000 K in the mantle (Brown and
47 Shankland 1981, Korenaga 2008). Hence, in Earth's deep mantle the effect of pressure on the
48 properties of matter dominates over the effect of temperature. The general effect of pressure
49 on chemical bonding is a consequence of the nature of electrons as fermions: The Pauli
50 exclusion principle restricts the occupancy of an electronic state to two electrons with up- and
51 down spin. In consequence, increasing pressure induces an increase in electron kinetic energy
52 with a power $2/3$ whereas their binding potential energy increases with power $1/3$ (Landau and
53 Lifshitz 1985). Hence, at sufficiently high pressure the kinetic energy causes electrons to be
54 released from their bond states resulting in a electron fermion plasma that is spatially confined
55 by the Coulomb attraction through the nuclei (Hund 1936, Landau and Lifshitz 1985). These
56 processes occur at pressures beyond the pressure range within Earth. However, the
57 approximate scale of the pressure-induced increase in electron energy in Earth has observable
58 effects on the chemical behavior of elements because it is of a magnitude comparable to energy
59 differences between valence electronic states in solids which are of the order 1eV. This
60 distinguishes Earth from smaller planets like Mercury and Mars. The increase of kinetic energy
61 of the electrons is observable as shifting and broadening of their energy states. Within this
62 context the local density of the different orbital states is relevant: d- and f- electrons exhibit
63 pressure-induced shifting and broadening at lower pressures than s- and p-electrons (Duthrie
64 and Pettifor 1977, Nellis et al.1988, Holzapfel 1995). Eventually, these states overlap with other
65 electronic states and thereby reconfiguration of bonding and antibonding states with

66 subsequent structural transitions may occur. Particularly relevant for Earth is the occupation of
67 Si 3d states which are empty and markedly above valence level at reference conditions but
68 partially hybridize with the 3s and p states under pressures of the deeper Earth mantle where Si
69 assumes a six-fold coordination by O anions (Li et al. 1993, Wu et al. 2012, Du and Tse 2017).
70 The change in coordination corresponds into a rearrangement of valence orbital states from sp^3
71 toward a 3p-dominated state hybridized with 3s and 3d states (Li et al. 1993, Wu et al. 2012, Du
72 and Tse 2017). Similarly, 4d states become involved in bonding for Ca at pressures
73 corresponding to the mid mantle (Oganov et al. 2010) and one can expect Ca to exhibit overall a
74 chemical behavior similar to Sc at reference conditions.

75 Other noticeable results of pressure induced changes in electronic states are isolator-metal
76 transitions and high spin-low spin transitions. These electronic transitions affect the redox
77 potential of elements with occupied d-states, notably Fe (for a review, see Sturhahn et al. 2005
78 and Lin et al. 2013), and thereby induce depth-dependent changes in the relative stability of Fe
79 and other transition metal elements in their various oxidation states (Frost et al. 2004, Frost
80 and McCammon 2008, Rohrbach and Schmidt 2011) and the partitioning of elements between
81 oxidized and reduced states in coexisting phases over an extended pressure range (Li and Agee
82 1996, Tschauner et al 1998, Righter and Campbell 2009).

83 Since the increase in kinetic energy is overall more noticeable for outer shell electrons and for
84 shells with high occupancy (f- over d- over p- over s-shells (Duthrie and Pettifor 1977)) quite
85 often trends of compression-induced structural changes in elements and compounds mimic
86 structures and properties of their higher Z equivalents in the same row or adjacent right row in
87 the period table at lower pressure: For instance, the stable form of carbon at standard
88 conditions is graphite. Diamond, the fully sp^3 -bonded three dimensional network structure of

89 carbon becomes stable above 1.94 GPa at 0 K (Kennedy and Kennedy 1976). The stable phases
90 of Si and Ge under standard conditions are isotypic to diamond. Both elements undergo a
91 variety of transitions with increasing pressure and ultimately assume the α -Sn structure above
92 10 GPa (Jamieson 1963). Sn itself is dimorphic at reference conditions with the metastable
93 diamond-like β -Sn structure and the metallic α -Sn structure, which remains stable up to 20 GPa
94 where α -Sn transforms into a fcc-structure (Olijnik and Holzapfel 1984). Pb assumes this fcc
95 structure at ambient pressure already and transforms to a hexagonal, dense-packed phase
96 above 10 GPa (Takahashi et al. 1969).

97 We see that the sequence of pressure-induced transformations is reproduced by the change of
98 structure with increasing Z within the group V elements. Moreover, better screening of outer
99 shell electrons from the nuclei causes a general change in physical properties from insulating to
100 semiconducting to metallic (C to Si to Ge to Sn to Pb). This change is reproduced by the
101 pressure-driven increase in electron kinetic over binding energy and pressure causes isolator-
102 metal transitions for many elements and compounds. The correlation between Z and the
103 pressures of phase transitions can be well observed for a group of similar elements such as rare
104 earths (Holzapfel 1995). We note that this trend does not accommodate particular intermediate
105 structures, hence, it does not define a law of pressure-induced transitions but a pattern. In this,
106 somewhat vague, sense it also applies for compounds. The role of cations and anions in
107 polyatomic structures is not simply additive. Moreover, the geometric density of packing is an
108 insufficient parameter in assessing pressure-induced structural transformations: The fcc lattice is
109 geometrically denser than the bcc lattice, but the alkali halides undergo pressure-induced
110 transitions from the former to the latter, because, within a simple ionic bonding concept, the
111 anion is generally more compressible than the cation or, more generally, the electron-density
112 distribution around the cation- and anion nuclei determines which structure is assumed at a

113 given pressure, while compression affects anions and cations differently. In fact, upon pressure-
114 induced phase transformations cation-anion distances generally increase with increasing
115 pressure but molar volume decreases because the coordination of cation and anion increase
116 (Shannon and Prewitt 1968, Prewitt and Downs 1998).

117 High pressure modifies the chemical behaviour of elements within the pressure range of Earth
118 but it does not evoke entirely new structure types. Rather, under compression compounds and
119 elements assume structures which their higher-Z analogues assume at low or ambient pressure.
120 This observation holds at least to about 100-200 GPa where indeed distinct types of structures
121 occur which lack any equivalent at ambient conditions, such as the cubic-gauche phase of N
122 (Eremets et al. 2004), or transparent sodium whose structure is controlled by a large electron
123 density in antibonding orbitals which act equivalently to a small interstitial ion (Wang et al.
124 2006).

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

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130 **1.2 Earth materials and high pressure**

131 The examination of pressure-induced changes in chemical and physical properties has prevailed
132 over more than a century and continues to be an important domain in condensed matter
133 chemistry and –physics (Mao et al. 2018). Already P.C. Bridgman (1924), the doyen of high-
134 pressure research, examined the effects of pressures in the GPa-range on minerals, and V.M.

135 Goldschmidt (1937) inferred the geochemical effects of pressure in the Earth's interior. The
136 study of pressure-induced phenomena in geologically relevant materials comes with the
137 additional technical challenge of the corresponding increase in temperature with pressure along
138 a geothermal gradient. Over the second half of the 20th century experimental research of
139 minerals and rocks at high pressures has progressed from a 10th of a GPa to hundreds of GPa
140 along with a steady improvement of experimental and analytical techniques (Ahrens 1988,
141 Eremets 1996, Hemley and Mao, 1998, Mao et al. 2017). The discovery of natural occurrences of
142 high-pressure phases has usually followed the trace of experimental synthesis. More recently,
143 genuine high-pressure minerals were discovered that have not yet been synthesized.
144 Furthermore, the complexity of natural minerals which almost always contain minor- and trace-
145 components outlines a petrologically relevant space of chemical parameters that experiments
146 can fill for the benefit of understanding the geochemistry of the deep Earth: For instance, the
147 observation of a high Si-content in recently discovered liuite (FeTiO₃-perovskite, Ma and
148 Tschauner 2018) points toward a previously unknown high compatibility of Ti in Fe-rich
149 bridgmanite. Some shock-metamorphic minerals are dominated by endmembers that evade
150 static synthesis and allow for assessment of mixing relations that were previously poorly
151 constrained or inaccessible such as in the akimotoite-hemleyite system (Bindi et al. 2017,
152 Tschauner et al. 2018) or the Ca-Eskola component in tissintite (Ma et al. 2016). These findings
153 have to be placed into the petrologic context of mantle melt extraction and metasomatism. The
154 previously unexpected richness in distinct high-pressure mineral species allows for assessment
155 of differentiation processes in the deep Earth.

156 The new developments in the study of minerals that form at high pressure ask for a more
157 specific conceptual assessment. What defines a high-pressure mineral, if there is no particular
158 pressure-range and are no particular high-pressure structures? A previous review of high

159 pressure minerals (Prewitt and Downs 1998) predates the discovery of about two thirds of the
160 high-pressure minerals that are currently known. Other previous reviews of minerals that form
161 at high pressures have focused on a specific type of formation such as shock-metamorphism
162 (Langenhorst and Deutsch 2012), meteorites (Rubin and Ma 2017, Tomioka and Miyahara 2017)
163 or inclusions in diamonds (Kaminsky 2012). Here we provide an overview about high-pressure
164 minerals themselves. We also attempt to provide a definition for these minerals, which places
165 them in the context of geochemical, geophysical, and planetary phenomena and their
166 investigation. Since the formation of high-pressure minerals marks fundamental divisions in the
167 interior of the Earth it is important to find a general definition of this group of minerals, if
168 possible.

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170 **2. Definition of high-pressure minerals**

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

175 Minerals in general are naturally occurring, crystalline phases with well-defined composition and
176 structure, which have formed without human intention (Nickel and Grice 1998). A first, general
177 definition of high-pressure minerals may encompass any mineral whose stability field does not
178 overlap with ambient pressure. This definition appears as clear as it is simple, but, in fact, it is
179 prone to create more confusion than clarification: For instance, the research of so called
180 ultrahigh pressure metamorphic rocks that occur in continental roots is centered on minerals
181 which form and break down at pressures that are minor fractions of the stability field of

182 minerals like forsterite or periclase. However, neither forsterite nor periclase are high-pressure
183 minerals because their stability field extends to ambient pressure. Thus, the absolute scale of
184 pressure does not provide a good criterion for high-pressure minerals. This fundamental point
185 was already mentioned above and is illustrated in Figure 1 which shows the relation of the
186 density increase in percent upon pressure-induced phase transitions of minerals as function of
187 their density as reference conditions. One notices that the gain in density decreases the higher
188 the initial density is. The plot can also read as illustration of the trend of pressure-induced
189 transformations towards phases equivalent to ambient pressure phases of elements with higher
190 Z.

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

199 Incipient high-pressure minerals are phases which form by sterical reconfigurations of structural
200 patterns but without fundamental changes in bonding. Examples are coesite, ellenbergerite,
201 jadeite, ice-VII. In contrast, we define high-pressure minerals as minerals whose structure is
202 established through a marked change in chemical bonding of its constituent elements. Usually
203 this change in bonding is correlated with a change in coordination of ions. Examples are

204 stishovite, akimotoite, and bridgmanite. The stability fields of both, incipient- and proper high-
205 pressure minerals do not extend to ambient pressure.

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

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

220 Therefore, we use the ionic radii concept only in the negative by defining a high-pressure
221 mineral as a phase which assumes a structure-type at elevated pressure although it's ambient
222 pressure effective ionic radii place it far outside the tolerance fields for this structure. Incipient
223 high-pressure phases remain within or in proximity of these tolerance fields. Despite the rather
224 generic approximation of bonding the effective ionic radii allow us to define fields of structure-
225 types for given stoichiometries (Goldschmidt 1934). These fields of structure types (hereafter:
226 'structure fields') are defined by ranges and ratios or radii and have been used successfully in

227 material science and chemistry (e.g. Roth 1957, Kugimiya and Steinfink 1968, Manjon et al.
228 2007). Here we use these radii relations to identify structures whose formation is not
229 compatible with ambient pressure solid state chemistry but we leave aside the specifics of this
230 change in bonding as it will be very different for metals like iron and for compounds like silica:
231 For instance, bridgmanite is MgSiO_3 in a perovskite-type structure with an effective A- and B
232 cation- radii of 0.8 and 0.4 while ABO_3 –perovskites have radii of A and B above 0.95 and 0.8,
233 respectively (Fig. 9). Hence, bridgmanite is a high-pressure mineral according to our definition.

234 It needs to be stressed that any such definition is in reference to 1 bar pressure and generally
235 the radii of ions in their coordinations within stable phases at that reference pressure should be
236 used. An attempt to assess more narrowly effective radii of high-pressure phases is equivalent
237 to an attempt to define high-pressure bonding. This is not our goal here. We only try to define a
238 qualitative measure for distinguishing high-pressure from incipient high- and from low-pressure
239 minerals.

240 The gradual pressure-induced shift of compounds across such structure fields has been explored
241 in systematic fashion for instance for ABO_4 compounds (Manjon et al. 2007). A possibly
242 ambiguity arises from a too narrow definition of structure-types. We avoid this issue by
243 considering structures as distinct only if they involve topologically different bond vectors in the
244 same sense as outlined by Nickel and Grice (1998). In this sense zircon- and scheelite-type
245 phases are not considered as distinct but rather mark a transition from an ambient to an
246 incipient high-pressure mineral or a transition between incipient or between high-pressure
247 phases, respectively. Also, dense solid molecular phases, for instance of N_2 , H_2O , CO_2 are
248 generally incipient high-pressure phases according to our scheme, whereas the covalently

249 bounded phase CO₂-V, polymeric N, or ionic ice-X are high-pressure phases proper (but have not
250 been found as minerals).

251 We note that the concept of effective radii is not very applicable for metallic, molecular, and
252 persistently covalently bonded structures. As we stated above, we consider transitions between
253 different arrangements of molecular species such as CO₂ as incipient high-pressure phases. For
254 strictly covalently bonded and for metallic systems we return to the general observation of
255 'chemical pressure' that we outlined in the introduction. For instance, iron and taenite (α - and γ -
256 iron) are the ambient and high-temperature mineral polymorphs of Fe, whereas hexaferrum (ϵ -
257 Fe) is a high-pressure mineral because its structure is isotypic to that of the next lower row of
258 group 8b elements in the periodic table. Equivalently, diamond, isotypic with silicon, is a high-
259 pressure mineral polymorph of carbon etc. This additional criterion also removes occasional
260 ambiguity of radii-relations for structure fields of some compounds such as for rutile- and pyrite-
261 type AB₂ compounds (see section 3.5)

262 Thus, our definition is:

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

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

268 For metals, molecular compounds, and other compounds which do not fit well into the ionic
269 radii concept, we define a high-pressure mineral as

270 b. a phase that assumes a structure isotypic or closely structurally related to the stable
271 structure of phases with higher-Z elements of the same rows in the periodic table: such
272 as Diamond-silicon-germanium, CO₂-V – cristobalite etc.

273 Both criteria overlap, for instance stishovite is a high-pressure mineral according to the first as
274 well as second criterium being isotypic to β-GeO₂, to cassiterite (SnO₂), plattnerite (β-PbO₂),
275 and rutile.

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

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

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

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293 **3.1 Elements and alloys**

294 **General aspects of elements and alloys under high pressure**

295 Already in the introduction we have outlined the basic trends of pressure-induced changes
296 in chemical properties of the elements and the accompanying sequences of structural
297 transformations. Elements which occur in the native state in nature do not always form
298 condensed phases, for example the noble gases. Others occur as condensed elemental
299 phases but do not undergo structural transitions within the pressure range of the Earth's
300 interior such as gold and the platinum group elements (PGEs). We only discuss elemental
301 materials which have been found as high-pressure minerals. The recently discovered natural
302 $\delta\text{-N}_2$ is discussed along with other molecular phases and minerals further below (section 3.4).

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304 **Diamond**

305 The stable phase of carbon at standard conditions is graphite. Following a positive Clapyeron
306 slope graphite transforms into diamond above 1.94 GPa at 0 K (Kennedy and Kennedy 1976).
307 Diamond is the high-pressure phase of carbon: Although the ionic radius concept applies
308 neither to graphite nor to diamond, we apply the 2nd criterion of a high-pressure phase,
309 isotypism with higher-Z elements of the same group in the periodic table: Si, Ge, $\alpha\text{-Sn}$, which
310 all assume the diamond-structure. This criterion is also consistent with the actual drastic
311 changes in chemical bonding from an sp^2 -bonded carbon sheets with interlayer p-bonding to
312 a three-dimensional sp^3 -bonded covalent network structure (Pauling 1960).

313 Fullerite (Buseck et al. 1992) is a low-pressure/high-temperature polymorph of C that occurs
314 in a variety of natural environments on Earth and in space (Buseck 2002). Compression
315 induces polymerization of fullerite (Sundqvist 1999). Dynamic compression can induce the
316 transformation from graphite to polymerized C₆₀ (Luo et al. 2005). The peak shock-pressures
317 in many carbonaceous chondrites are well in the range of these polymerization conditions
318 (Scott et al. 1992). Hence, polymerized C₆₀ is expected to occur in nature. These polymers are
319 to be considered as incipient high-pressure phases. They assume higher density through
320 partial formation of new bonds rather than a complete change in bonding character such
321 as it is the case for the transition from graphite to diamond. We note that none of these
322 crystalline C₆₀-polymers have been clearly identified in nature and consequently established
323 as minerals. Chaoite, a structurally insufficiently characterized carbon-phase from the Ries-
324 impact crater (ElGoresy and Donnay 1968) has a unit cell of 8.948×8.948×14.078 Å³ and may
325 be such a partially polymerized fullerene-polymorph. El Goresy et al. (2003) reported
326 another carbon-phase of unknown structure from the Popigai impact crater which also
327 exhibits a very large unit cell.

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

331 A number of metastable carbon phases with varying degrees of sp²- and sp³-bonding have
332 been predicted by computational methods (Oganov et al. 2013) or synthesized (Mao et al.
333 2003) but not yet been clearly identified in nature. Computational studies predict that
334 diamond transforms into the 'BC8-structure' at pressures far beyond those of the Earth's
335 interior but possibly metastable at ambient conditions (Mailhoit and McMahan 1991).

336 Despite its importance in the deep carbon cycle of Earth, ice planets, and stellar nebulae,
337 discussion on diamond can be cut short here because it has been extensively discussed in a
338 number of recent review papers (Shirey et al. 2013, Stachel and Luth 2015). The potential of
339 diamond to retain mineral inclusions with high residual pressures and the reconstruction of
340 the depth of entrapment of these inclusions has guided the discovery of high-pressure
341 minerals and -phases and we discuss this aspect of diamond research along with the high-
342 pressure mineral inclusions that were discovered that way.

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344 **Hexaferrum**

345 Iron assumes three distinct structures in nature: α -, γ -, and ϵ -Fe, which are the bcc, the fcc-
346 and the hcp-structures, respectively. Pure γ -Fe is stable only at temperatures above 800 K
347 (at the triple point) and ϵ -Fe forms at 300 K above 13 GPa following a steep, negative
348 Clapeyron slope of transition from α -Fe, and a gently positive Clapeyron slope of the
349 transition from the γ -Fe phase above 800 K (Boehler 1986). It appears to be largely ignored
350 that ϵ -Fe is actually an approved mineral with the name hexaferrum (Mochalov et al. 1998)
351 Since minerals are defined by structure and dominant endmember, 'iron' as a mineral is α -
352 Fe and γ -Fe is taenite, despite the fact that the latter often contains appreciable amount of
353 Ni (and is stabilized at 300 K through Ni): In taenite and its Ni-rich variety kamacite, Ni does
354 not assume sites different from Fe. Both, iron and taenite have been found as inclusions in
355 diamond (Kaminsky and Wirth 2011, Mikhail et al. 2014, Smith et al 2018). In some cases,
356 these inclusions have high remnant pressures of 1- 7 GPa which imply their entrapment in
357 diamond in the transition zone, Tschauner et al 2018b) but they represent the low-pressure
358 and the high-temperature phases of iron.

359 Since iron is a metallic, elemental phase, the ionic radius-concept cannot be applied and we
360 use our 2nd criterion to assess which of the natural iron-phases is a high-pressure mineral, if
361 any: the hcp-structure is assumed by the group VIIIb elements of the rows 5 and 6 (Pd-Os,
362 Rh-Ir), thus, hexaferrum is a high-pressure mineral according to our criterion as well as by
363 common notion. Type hexaferrum is stabilized by 35 at % Ir, Os, and Ru (Mochalov et al.
364 1998) and has not formed at high pressure. Hexaferrum is commonly assumed to be the
365 dominant phase in the Earth's inner core (Mao et al. 1990), although the presence of minor
366 chemical components may change the structure (Lin et al. 2002, Dubrovinski et al. 2007,
367 Tateno et al. 2010). Its melting curve fixes the temperature of the inner core-outer core
368 boundary, one of the few potentially accessible pivotal points of the temperature in the
369 deep Earth. Consequently the melting of iron at high pressure has been subject of extensive
370 research (Williams et al. 1987, Boehler 1993, Shen et al. 1998, Anzolini et al. 2013, Zhang et
371 al. 2016) but is complicated by the partitioning of unidentified light elements between outer
372 and inner core. According to the 'redox-freezing model' (Rohrbach and Schmidt 2011, Frost
373 and McCammon 2008) iron, taenite, and hexaferrum are potentially common accessories in
374 the Earth's transition zone and lower mantle. In this case, iron phases could serve as carrier
375 of siderophile elements like Re, and the platinum group elements. Hexaferrum has not
376 been found as inclusions in diamond. Because of the nearly isochoric path that connects a
377 residual pressure of above 13 GPa at 300 K of a hypothetical hexaferrum inclusion in
378 diamond with the pressure and temperature of entrapment at least up to the regime of
379 viscoelastic deformation of diamond and because of the slope of the taenite-hexaferrum
380 phase boundary (Boehler 1986) the presence of hexaferrum as inclusion in diamond would
381 imply entrapment below 900 km depth (see section 3.4 and Navon 1991, Navon et al. 2017,
382 Tschauner et al. 2018).

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384 **Complex intermetallics and quasicrystalline alloys.**

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

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

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405 **3.2 Pnictides and chalcogenides**

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407 **Allabogdanite**

408 Phosphides are minor accessories in iron-meteorites (Rubin and Ma 2017). In 2008 Dera et al.
409 discovered that the meteorite mineral allabogdanite, Fe_2P , is the result of a pressure-induced
410 transformation of barringerite, Fe_2P , at 8 GPa. The transition is based on a group-subgroup
411 relation from P-62m to Pnma and involves a shift of half of the P atoms relative to the Fe
412 sublattice (Dera et al. 2008). Allabogdanite is an incipient high-pressure mineral because its
413 formation involves pressure but no major change in bonding and coordination of P and Fe. The
414 cause of this pressure-induced transformation is shock-compression during the break-up of the
415 parent body of the iron-meteorites which host allabogdanite. As of yet, there is no systematic
416 study on unreversed shock induced transformations and reactions in pnictides and chalcogenides
417 in iron-meteorites, although they could contribute to a shock-metamorphic scale for iron-
418 meteorites that is as finely graded as that for stony meteorites.

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420 **Quingsongite and pnictides in the Earth's interior**

421 The hypothesis of redox freezing in the deeper mantle (Rohrbach and Schmidt 2011) implies the
422 possibility of a regime in the Earth's mantle where conditions are reducing enough to stabilize
423 pnictides. Occurrence of pnictides as minerals in the Earth is limited by the overall low
424 abundance of N in the mantle (Mikhail et al. 2014a). Diamonds contain up to 5000ppm N but
425 most type-I (N-bearing) diamonds exhibit much lower concentrations (Taylor et al. 1990).
426 Kaminsky and Wirth (2017) reported inclusions of nitrides and carbonitrides in diamonds from
427 the deeper mantle. Dobrzhinetskaya et al. (2014) reported the occurrence of quingsongite,

428 cubic BN, in the ultrahigh-pressure metamorphic rocks from the Luobusha complex in Tibet,
429 China. The cubic sphalerite-type structure of boron nitride is the high-pressure polymorph of BN
430 (Wentorf 1961), while at ambient conditions BN assumes a layered graphite-like structure.

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432 **3.3 Chalcogenides**

433 A wealth of studies has been dedicated to the Fe-S system at high pressures and temperatures
434 with the main goal of assessing the S-content in planetary cores (Fei et al. 1995, Bertka and Fei,
435 1997, Lin et al. 2004) These studies have revealed pressure-induced transformations in
436 stoichiometric pyrrhotite (troillite, FeS, Fei et al. 1995) and the formation of Fe- and Ni-sulfides
437 of stoichiometries different from those that occur at ambient pressure (Fei et al. 1997, Prewitt
438 et al. 2002). As of yet, none of these phases has been found in nature. Sulfides are minor
439 accessories in the Earth's mantle and take an important role in controlling the mobility of
440 chalcophile elements as well as PGEs. Pressure-effects on sulfides beyond the Fe-S system are
441 rarely studied. Observed phase transformations are mostly reversible (Fei et al. 1995).
442 Pyrrhotite, pentlandite, chalcopyrite (Richardson et al. 2001, Stachel and Harris 2008), and
443 mawkinawite (Agrosi et al. 2018) have been found as inclusions in diamonds, but possible high-
444 pressure structures or residual pressures were not conserved or documented. Shenzhuangite,
445 NiFeS₂, is isotypic to chalcopyrite and was discovered in the highly shocked Suizhou L6 chondrite
446 (Bindi et al. 2018). At ambient pressure Ni is rather incompatible in the chalcopyrite structure
447 and formation of shenzhuangite may have involved high pressure (Bindi et al. 2018).

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449 **3.4 Molecular compounds**

450 General aspects: Three types of abiotic molecular solids occur on Earth: water-ice, clathrates of
451 H₂O with other molecules like CH₄, and former fluids that are trapped in diamond, retained
452 elevated pressure and crystallized upon ascent. These occurrences are minor in comparison with
453 the terrestrial abundance of molecular compounds in fluid or gaseous state.

454 Some of these molecular phases are to be classified as incipient high-pressure minerals, because
455 they represent sterically denser packing of their constituent molecules than the low- or ambient
456 pressure polymorphs. Efficient packing becomes possible when librational modes are
457 suppressed upon compression (Hemley and Dera 2000). Upon further compression these
458 materials enter the regime of enhanced intermolecular interaction through resonance-bonding
459 and ultimately the formation of extended network structures, which are genuine high-pressure
460 phases or, in competition with such structures, decomposition. Examples are N₂ and CO₂ which
461 both exhibit upon compression a sequence of molecular phases but ultimately transform into
462 extended network structures at ~ 140 GPa (N₂, Eremets et al. 2004) and 23-25 GPa (CO₂-V, Iota
463 et al. 1997). CO₂-V competes with decomposition to diamond and oxygen (Tschauner et al. 2001,
464 Takafuji et al. 2006, Litasov et al. 2011). None of these high-pressure phases have been found in
465 nature and the known abiotic molecular minerals are low-temperature or intermediate-pressure
466 phases. We do not discuss the known methane-clathrates here since they are rather low-
467 temperature minerals (Kvevolden 1993). Along with the few molecular intermediate pressure
468 minerals we mention a few occurrences of dense molecular phases which are not yet approved
469 as minerals because they elucidate processes in the Earth's interior that involve fluids.

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472 **Nitrogen**

473 Upon compression solid N₂ undergoes a number of phase transformations which impose denser
474 sterical arrangement of the N₂ molecules along with suppression of librational modes (Bini et al.,
475 2000). In 2017 Navon et al. reported spectroscopic evidence for inclusions of N₂ in natural
476 diamonds from Junia, Brazil, at residual pressures of 10 GPa. Subsequent SAEDS on of such
477 inclusions inside FIB-milled sections of diamond is consistent with the δ -N₂-structure (Cromer et
478 al. 1981). δ -N₂ is not yet an approved mineral. It would falls into the class of incipient high-
479 pressure minerals because it's structure reflects marked suppression of molecule rotation
480 compared to α -, and β -N₂ (Bini et al. 2000). Here, it is worth mentioning for two reasons: 1) δ -N₂
481 illustrates the potential of diamond of retaining small mineral inclusions at high residual
482 pressures. 2) These residual pressures allow for constraining the pressure and temperatures of
483 entrapment of the inclusions. This method has been applied to inclusions of ice-VII (Tschauner
484 et al. 2018b) and of dense CO₂ in diamonds (Navon 1991). Figure 3 gives an overview of the
485 current residual pressures inclusions of dense molecular mineral and phases in diamond and the
486 reconstruction of their entrapment conditions in the Earth's mantle. N₂ as a free phase in
487 diamond has been explained as exsolution of N from the diamond lattice within the Earth's
488 transition zone (Navon et al. 2017).

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491 **Ice-VII**

492 Ice-VII was approved as mineral in 2017 (Tschauner et al. 2018b). Ice-VII is the stable form of ice
493 above 2.4 GPa and is closely related to the anti-cuprite structure (Kuhs et al. 1984). The
494 structure can also be described as the superposition of two cristobalite-like networks translated
495 by $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{4}$. However, ice-VII is a H-bonded network where two protons establish mutually

496 molecular bonds to adjacent O though their dynamic disorder. Consequently, ice-VII is a
497 sterically denser arrangement of an H-bonded H₂O network than it's lower- and ambient
498 pressure polymorphs ice-Ih,-II, -III, -IV, -V, -IV, and -XI (Petrenko and Whitworth 1999). Ice-VII is,
499 therefore, an incipient high-pressure mineral. Further compression of ice-VII does not induce
500 sterical rearrangement of water molecules but a gradual weakening of the H-bond (Holzapfel et
501 al. 1984, Goncharov et al. 1998) which eventually results in the transition to ice X with ionic
502 bonds of protons ordered on Wyckoff sites 4b, along the space diagonals between the oxygen
503 ions in an exact anti-cuprite configuration (Holzapfel et al. 1984). This phase, ice X, represents
504 particular case of a high-pressure phase because it exhibits H-O bonding that does not exist at
505 ambient pressure but at the same time, it is structurally nearly equal to ice-VII besides the
506 ordering along with the shift of H from the partially occupied site 8c to fully occupied 4b. The
507 transition from ice-VII to X had been originally estimated to occur around 40 GPa (Holzapfel et al.
508 1984, Goncharov et al. 1998) but subsequent studies have proposed markedly higher pressures
509 (e.g. Guthrie et al. 2013), until recent work on annealed ice-crystals has established a pressure
510 of 30 GPa (Grande et al. 2019).

511 Ice-VII has been observed as inclusions in sublithospheric diamonds. It is remnant of diamond-
512 forming C-H-O rich fluid and occurs along with other inclusions which formed out of the fluid
513 such as halite, and magnesian calcite, and minerals which have formed during mantle
514 metasomatism such as ilmenite. All known ice-VII inclusions contain between 0.5-4 mol% NaCl.
515 These ice-VII inclusions as well as other mineral inclusions in the same diamonds have high
516 residual pressures in the range of 4 to 23(2) GPa which allow for constraining the pressures and
517 temperatures of their entrapment (Figure 3, Tschauner et al. 2018b).

518 Along with the discovery of hydrous ringwoodite (Pearson et al. 2014, see section 3.6) the
519 natural occurrences of ice-VII identify actual regions of past hydrous metasomatism in the
520 Earth's mantle whereas previous experimental studies only assess the general possibility of such
521 processes. A recent evaluation of seismic data with respect to elastic signatures of water-
522 bearing dense silicates indicate that the average transition zone mantle is rather dry with local
523 wet spots of ~ 0.6 wt% of chemically bound water (Houser 2016). Ice-VII inclusions are likely
524 related to such wet spots.

525 Ice-VI

526 The melting points of ice phases -II, -III, -IV, and -V are below 300 K (Petrenko and Whitworth
527 1999) and these phases are not expected to be observed in natural environments on Earth
528 although they may occur in icy moons and planets. Ice-VII and ice-VI melt above 300 K. Kagi et
529 al. (2000) evaluated IR transmission spectra of a diamond and assigned part of the absorption
530 bands related to the O-H asymmetric stretching vibration to ice-VI. However, no structure
531 analysis has been reported and ice-VI is not an approved mineral. The narrow stability field of
532 ice-VI could be instrumental in assessing the P-T conditions of aqueous fluids in the shallow
533 sublithospheric mantle.

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535 **Carbondioxide**

536 No solid phase of CO₂ is an approved mineral, but optical spectroscopy has provided evidence
537 for molecular CO₂ inclusions in diamond at residual pressures of 2-5 GPa (Navon 1991,
538 Schrauder and Navon 1993). Therefore, we discuss CO₂ here. A recent overview of the known
539 synthetic phases of CO₂ is given in Datchi and Weck (2014). At ambient pressure CO₂ crystallizes

540 as dry ice (CO₂-I) at 194 K and the solid-fluid transition line crosses 300 K at about 1 GPa (Downs
541 and Somayazulu 1996). A large number of solid phases of carbon dioxide have been synthesized
542 and the effect of pressure can be summarized as follows: Up to about 23-25 GPa phase
543 transformations are governed by sterical rearrangements of CO₂ molecules and through
544 suppression of librational modes (Hanson and Jones 1981, Aoki et al. 1994). Above 23-25 GPa,
545 CO₂ assumes network structures closely related or isotypic to cristobalite (Iota et al. 1997,
546 Datchi et al. 2014). This major change in chemical bonding is kinetically inhibited at low
547 temperatures and may result in changes of the CO₂ molecule configuration and intermolecular
548 resonance bonding (Iota et al. 2007), while at high temperatures CO₂ network phases are not as
549 stable as the equivalent silica-phases, because they decompose upon melting into diamond and
550 oxygen (Tschauner et al. 2001, Takafuji et al. 2006, Litasov et al. 2011). Hence, in comparison to
551 aluminophosphate and to silica, the flexibility, and hence stability, of the tetrahedral network
552 upon compression follows the trend AlPO₄ > SiO₂ > CO₂ with the former recovering their
553 coordination upon pressure-release (Tse and Klug 1992), silica transforming to stable phase with
554 different coordination of Si, and CO₂ breaking down into its constituents. The network-
555 structures CO₂-V and -VI (Tschauner et al. 2001, Datchi et al. 2014) are high-pressure phases
556 due to the marked change in extended C-O bonding from molecular to an extended network
557 structure equivalent to the covalent network structures of SiO₂, the oxide of the next heavier
558 group VI element in the periodic table. The dense molecular phases CO₂-II, -III, and -IV (Datchi
559 and Weck 2014) are incipient high-pressure phases.

560 Both, absorption bands from the bending and asymmetric stretching related bands of molecular
561 CO₂ are not uncommon observations in infrared spectra of fibrous diamonds. Interestingly, the
562 IR absorption band of the C-O asymmetric stretching vibration of CO₂ in diamonds has an
563 energy of around 2350 cm⁻¹ - 2380 cm⁻¹ which implies residual pressures in the range of 2-5 GPa

564 and pressures of entrapment in diamond of 5 to 7 GPa (Figure 3, Navon 1991, Schrauder and
565 Navon 1993, Tschauner 2019, Hanson and Jones, 1981). In addition, partially resolved splitting
566 of this band indicates interaction with other phonon states which is also characteristic for CO₂
567 phases at elevated pressure (Hanson and Jones 1981). No diffraction data of these CO₂-
568 inclusions have been obtained but the energy of the vibron corresponds to those of CO₂-II (Aoki
569 et al. 1994). Hainschwang and Notari (2011) observed that the reported energies of different
570 CO₂-related modes observed in single diamonds give different pressures and do not match the
571 spectrum of any known phase of CO₂. Possibly CO₂ is not occurring as free phase in diamond
572 inclusions, but is captured in a clathrate or 'filled ice'. Similar to inclusions of ice-VII, inclusions
573 of CO₂ in diamond are not expected to represent the average composition of the diamond-
574 forming fluid but rather a by-product of the breakdown of carbonate during diamond formation.
575 Thus, CO₂ or CO₂-bearing clathrate constrains pressure-temperature conditions of diamond
576 formation from carbonaceous melts and fluids (Schrauder and Navon 1993).

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578 **3.5 Halides**

579 Pressure-induced phase transformations in halides have been studied experimentally. The
580 transition of alkali halides from the NaCl- to the CsCl-structure as a function of effective ionic
581 radii and pressure has been a hallmark in the understanding of the effect of strong compression
582 on solids (Born and Huang 1954, Bassett et al. 1968, Sato-Sørensen 1983). The high-pressure
583 phases of halite and sylvite form above 20 GPa and have not yet been observed in nature. As we
584 discussed above with respect to hexaferrum, their occurrence as inclusions in diamond would
585 imply entrapment in deep in the lower mantle of Earth. Halite-sylvite solid solutions have been
586 reported as inclusions in diamonds at remnant pressures as high as 10 GPa (Tschauner et al.

587 2018b). Also other halides have been reported as inclusions in diamond: Sylvite, CaCl_2 , cottunite
588 (PbCl_2) (Wirth et al. 2009), sellaite (MgF_2), and a compound $(\text{Na,K})\text{Cl}\cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (Tschauner et al.
589 2018b). These phases occur in their ambient pressure structures but their occurrence within
590 diamond reflects elevated pressure of formation. It is noteworthy that pressure favors the
591 formation of hydrous alkali halides such as monohydrohalite (Driesner and Heinrich 2007).

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593 **3.6 Oxides and hydroxides**

594 **General aspects:** The rocky part of Earth is dominated by compounds of Mg, Si, O as the most
595 abundant and Al, Ca, Fe as next common elements (Ringwood 1979, McDonough and Sun 1998).
596 The Earth surface, crust, and upper mantle are predominantly composed of silicates of these
597 elements. Oxides and hydroxides occur rather as accessory phases in these silicate rocks
598 (Haggerty 1991). As such oxides and hydroxides operate as carriers of minor and trace elements
599 which convey important geochemical information and influence the partitioning of minor
600 elements upon partial melting, such as the complex spinel in spinel-peridotite. At the boundary
601 between transition zone and lower mantle at 660 km depth and at pressures of 23-25 GPa a
602 major structural and chemical transition of the dominant chemical compounds $(\text{Mg,Fe})_2\text{SiO}_4$ and
603 $(\text{Mg,Fe})\text{SiO}_3$ transforms the rock-forming minerals ringwoodite and majorite into periclase and
604 bridgmanite (Fig. 2, Ringwood 1979, Ringwood And Irifune 1988, Ito and Takahashi 1989).
605 Periclase is an oxide and, as we argue below, bridgmanite is also an oxide rather than a silicate.
606 Hereby we define silicates as constituted by covalently bounded SiO_4 -units. Hence, the
607 boundary between transition zone and lower mantle is not only a seismic discontinuity but
608 marks the transition from fundamentally covalently bonded silicates, the salts of the silicic acid,
609 to dominantly ionically bonded oxides of the major elements Mg, Si, Fe, Ca, and Al.

610 It was mentioned in the introduction that the partial hybridization of the Si 3d states, empty at
611 ambient pressure, with the 3s and p states at the pressures of the deeper Earth mantle causes
612 the change in coordination of Si by oxygen from four to six. The change in coordination
613 corresponds to a rearrangement of valence orbital states from sp^3 toward a 3p-dominated state
614 hybridized with 3s and 3d states (Li et al. 1993, Wu et al. 2012, Du and Tse 2017) and these
615 authors have argued for an overall more ionic Si-O bonding in these structures and at these
616 pressures. Previously, the effect of pressure on silicates was assumed to enhance covalency
617 (Prewitt and Downs 1998). However a more recent re-evaluation of the charge density
618 distribution in stishovite by Kirfel et al. (2001) is more consistent with the more spherical charge
619 distribution of increased ionic bonding. Similarly, Cohen (1991) and Metsue and Tsuchiya (2012)
620 argue for an intermediate state of ionic and covalent bonding for stishovite. This is also
621 consistent with the observation that the spherical (ionic) form factor of Si yields systematically
622 better structure refinements for X-ray diffraction data of high pressure silicate phases than the
623 covalent one (J. Smyth, personal communication. This also agrees with the author's experience).
624 It should be noted that bonds between different atomic species are usually not pure cases of
625 either ionic or covalent bonding. The discrepancy between a more ionic or more covalent bond
626 character at high pressure is mediated if one recalls that pressure favors higher probabilities of
627 occupancy of higher orbital states, which for Si are the 3d states. The hybridization of 3d with
628 the 3s and -p states favors a charge distribution which is spatially overall more even than the
629 more directional sp^3 -bond state of Si^{4+} . The statement that pressure favours a more ionic Si-O
630 bonding should be taken in this sense.

631 The boundary between upper mantle and transition zone marks the change from the ambient
632 pressure stable phase of magnesium orthosilicate, forsterite, to the incipient high-pressure
633 phases wadsleyite, at 410 km, and ringwoodite, at 520 km depth (Akaogi et al. 1989). The

634 boundary between transition zone and lower mantle marks the change from incipient to the
635 proper high pressure phases bridgmanite and CaSiO_3 -perovskite (out of clinopyroxene and
636 garnet, see Fig. 2), plus periclase. Hence, the main divisions in what is commonly called bulk
637 silicate Earth are pressure-induced changes in chemical and physical properties expressed
638 through major structural transformations. The correlation between depth in Earth,
639 corresponding pressure, major seismic discontinuities and the corresponding structural and
640 chemical changes are illustrated in Figure 2. Although the elemental composition of the mantle
641 does not markedly change between the transition zone and the lower mantle the chemical
642 properties of the elements change, albeit reversibly.

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

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649 **Periclase and wüstite**

650 Periclase and wüstite are the monoxides of Mg and Fe in the halite-structure. Both minerals
651 occur at ambient pressure but are stable over an extremely large pressure range: Wüstite
652 assumes the nickeline structure above 90 GPa (Fei et al. 1994) and MgO remains in the halite-
653 structure to beyond the pressures of the Earth's mantle (Coppari et al. 2013). Below the 660 km
654 boundary between transition zone and lower mantle, ferromagnesian orthosilicate in the
655 ringwoodite structure (see below) decomposes into ferrous periclase and bridgmanite (see Fig. 2
656 and section about perovskites below). This makes periclase the third most abundant mineral in

657 Earth after bridgmanite and hexaferrum and the second most abundant mineral in the rocky
658 part of the Earth. Solid solutions between periclase and wüstite have been found as inclusions in
659 diamond (Kesson et al. 1994, Harte et al. 1999, Stachel et al. 2000, Brey et al. 2004, Smith et al.
660 2018). In a few cases periclase coexists with enstatite and this paragenesis has been interpreted
661 as retrograde transformation product of a bridgmanite-periclase assembly that was entrapped
662 in diamond in the lower mantle (Kesson et al. 1994, Harte et al. 1999, Stachel et al. 2000, Smith
663 et al. 2018). However, ferrous periclase also forms upon decomposition of carbonate under
664 upper mantle conditions (Brey et al. 2004) and the conclusion from periclase inclusions in
665 diamond onto a lower mantle source region is not always coercive.

666 Brucite

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

678 Ca-,Al- and Fe- oxyhydroxides, phase Egg

679 Experimental studies on the high pressure behaviour of hydrargylite (α -AlOOH), goethite (α -
680 FeOOH), and portlandite ($\text{Ca}(\text{OH})_2$) have revealed a number of high pressure phases, none of
681 which has yet been found in nature but may be important in retaining water to within the lower
682 mantle (Hu et al. 2016). Phase Egg is a dense hydrous aluminosilicate with layered structure
683 (Eggleton et al. 1978). We note that the high-pressure polymorph of portlandite 'Ca(OH)₂-III'
684 assumes the baddelyite-type structure above 12 GPa (Kunz et al. 1996), same as TiO₂ at above
685 20 GPa and SiO₂ above 90 GPa (see below). Recently, dense Al- and Fe-oxyhydroxides that do
686 not break down at lower mantle pressures have been synthesized (Zhang et al. 2018).

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

689 Rutile is one of the polymorphs of TiO₂ and also the structural prototype of many compounds
690 ranging from sellaite, MgF₂, to plattnerite (β -PbO₂), cassiterite, and ϵ -FeOOH, a high-pressure
691 polymorph of goethite (Otte et al. 2009).

692 In mineralogical textbooks, TiO₂ is commonly presented as trimorph with anatase as the stable
693 phase at reference conditions, brookite, as low-temperature-intermediate pressure, and rutile
694 as the high-pressure phase. However, srilankite, riesite, and akaogiite are further high-pressure
695 polymorphs of TiO₂ which are all approved minerals (Willgallis et al. 1983, El Goresy et al. 2001,
696 Tschauner et al. 2017). Upon compression rutile undergoes a series of transitions to phases of
697 the scrutinyite-type (α -PbO₂) above 3 GPa (Withers et al. 2003, Kojitani et al. 2018), the
698 baddeleyite-type above 12 GPa, and the cotunnite- (PbClO) type above 40 GPa (Olsen et al. 1999,
699 Sato et al. 1991). This sequence is in accordance with the general scheme of high-pressure
700 crystalline structures isotypic to ambient pressure phases of higher-Z elements. Scrutinyite-type
701 TiO₂ is the mineral srilankite, which usually contains high contents of ZrO₂ (Troitzsch et al. 2006).

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702 The ZrO₂-component reduces the phase transformation pressure from ~ 3 GPa to less than 0.3
703 GPa (Troitzsch et al. 2006). Srilankite is a rare high-grade metamorphic mineral but it occurs
704 also as minor accessory in metasomatized garnet peridotite (Wang et al. 1999). Endmember
705 srilankite has been reported from the Ries-impact crater (ElGoresy et al. 2001) and the Luobusha
706 complex in Tibet (Dobrzhinetskaya et al. 2019). Baddeleyite-type TiO₂ is the mineral akaogiite
707 and has also been found first at the Ries impact structure (El Goresy et al. 2001). Riesite is a
708 monoclinic polymorph of titania that is structurally related to srilankite but where Ti assumes
709 Wyckoff sites different from those in srilankite. Riesite represents probably a retrograde
710 transformation product of akaogiite (Tschauner et al. 2017).

711 Rutile-type structures occur for components AX₂ with a ratio r_A/r_X between 0.41 to 0.73
712 (Wyckhoff 1960) bordering to fluorite-type phases at higher ratio and at lower ratio to
713 tetrahedral network structures, like the anti-cuprite structure, such as ice-VII, or the various
714 low-pressure polymorphs of silica. Pyrite-type phases exhibit similar ratios of radii as rutile and
715 the two types of structures are related. The pyrite-structure has been proposed as ultra-high
716 pressure polymorph of silica (Kuwayama et al. 2006). Within this general scheme of structures
717 of AX₂-compounds srilankite and riesite are incipient high-pressure minerals, whereas akaogiite
718 is a high-pressure mineral with r_{Ti}/r_O in the field of rutile but assuming a distorted fluorite-type
719 structure instead.

720 The poststrutile titania minerals establish excellent indicators for shock-metamorphic pressures
721 in terrestrial impactites. Srilankite is a minor accessory in garnet peridotite, where it hosts Zr
722 and Hf. Conceivably, srilankite is replaced by akaogiite at greater depth. However, neither Ti-rich
723 srilankite nor akaogiite have yet been found as inclusions in sublithospheric diamonds, probably
724 because of the breakdown reaction of rutile + magnesite to geikielite + CO₂ (Ferry et al. 2002).

725 Nano-scale crystallites of post-rutile titania phases have been reported from eclogites where
726 they occur along interfaces of rutile lamellae but it is not yet clear if these occurrences
727 represent free phases or rather interfacial layers of reduced symmetry.

728

729 **Stishovite and seifertite**

730 Stishovite is silica in the rutile structure. Its discovery was a hallmark in the study of
731 astroblemes and shock metamorphism (Chao et al. 1962) and followed the synthesis of rutile-
732 type SiO₂ by less than one year (Stishov and Popova 1961). Stishovite is a common occurrence in
733 terrestrial impact sites such as Barringer crater (Chao et al. 1962, Ries (Chao 1967), Popigai (El
734 Goresy et al. 2001), Vredefort (Spray and Boonsee 2018). Recently stishovite was reported from
735 a lunar meteorite (Kaneko et al. 2015). Presence of stishovite in subducted crustal rock has been
736 inferred but as of yet it has been not been directly observed. The rate of obduction of such rocks
737 may not be high enough to permit conservation of stishovite but some of the coesite that has
738 been found as inclusions in eclogitic garnets has probably formed retrogradely from stishovite
739 (Liou et al. 2009).

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

744 Seifertite is silica in the scrutinyite-type structure. Stishovite follows the same trend of pressure-
745 induced phase transformations as rutile and evolves from rutile- to scrutinyite- to baddeleyite-
746 type (Hemley et al. 1994). Seifertite is an approved mineral that was found in the Shergotty and

747 Zagami martian meteorites (Dera et al. 2002, El Goresy et al. 2008). At pressures above 30 GPa
748 stishovite can accommodate Al_2O_3 and H_2O through coupled substitution (Lakhstanov et al.
749 2007), whereas at lower pressure stishovite does not accommodate other elements beyond
750 trace level.

751 For pure SiO_2 seifertite forms at pressures in excess of 70 GPa (Hemley et al. 1994), which is
752 generally considered too high for the peak shock pressures that the Shergotty meteorite had
753 experienced prior ejection from Mars (Fritz et al. 2005). Experimental studies (Dubrovinskaya et
754 al. 2001) showed that cristobalite transforms metastably to seiferite at pressures above 30 GPa,
755 which is more in accordance with independent assessments of the peak shock pressures of the
756 Shergotty meteorite. Thus, type seiferite in the Shergotty meteorite has probably formed from
757 cristobalite as precursor (Dera et al. 2002). A baddeleyite-type silica phase has been synthesized
758 (Hemley et al. 1994) but not reported as mineral.

759 Coesite

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

765 Diaplectic silica

766 Quartz-bearing bedrock at terrestrial impact sites is often transformed into vitreous silica but of
767 density higher than quartz itself. This, so called, diaplectic quartz is an example of pressure-
768 induced amorphization where compression induces a collapse of the ambient-pressure structure

769 but kinetic barriers are too high to allow for conversion into a stable high-pressure structure.
770 Shock-induced vitrification of quartz has been confirmed experimentally (Ahrens and Gregson
771 1964) and was also reported for other silica phases, including coesite (Luo et al. 2003). An
772 overview and detailed discussion of relevance and occurrence of diaplectic quartz is given by
773 Grieve et al. (1996) and Hamann et al. (2018). Tschauner et al. (2006) found that experimentally
774 generated diaplectic quartz, when statically recompressed in a diamond anvil cell at 300 K,
775 assumes the stishovite structure above 11 GPa. Because kinetic barriers for structural
776 rearrangement in silica are high, they proposed that diaplectic quartz is actually stishovite that
777 suffered local structural disordering upon shock-release. Static recompression shifts the slightly
778 displaced atoms back into their lattice-periodic sites. This hypothesis was recently confirmed by
779 in situ XRD experiments during dynamic compression of quartz and coesite (Gleason et al. 2018).
780 It remains to be noted that more longer periods of elevated temperature during and after
781 shock-release from natural impact events may shift the silica structure further and irreversibly
782 away from stishovite (Wackerle 1962) and that extended geologic time may also removes this
783 structural memory effect in diaplectic quartz (both is indicated by a decrease in density of
784 diaplectic quartz).

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

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

790 A group of AB_3O_8 phases can be derived from rutile through a correlated rotation of octahedra
791 along the four-fold axis of the rutile structure and reconnection to edge-sharing double-chains

792 along their outer two edges (Hyde and Anderson 1989). Consequently a channel opens along the
793 four-fold axis. Since this channel can be occupied by large cations or by H_3O^+ this geometric
794 structural operation provides the template for the hollandite-series manganates (Bystrøm and
795 Bystrøm 1950). Equivalently, the feldspars $\text{NaAlSi}_3\text{O}_8$, KAlSi_3O_8 , and $\text{CaAl}_2\text{Si}_2\text{O}_8$, albite, orthoclase,
796 and anorthite, assume hollandite-type structures in the 10 to above 25 GPa pressure range (Liu
797 1978, Yamada et al. 1984, Yagi et al. 1987, Gautron and Madon 1994), as well as synthetic Sr-,
798 Ba- and Pb-alumosilicate (Reid and Ringwood 1975, Downs et al. 1995). The crystal-chemical
799 equivalence of Al+Si and Mn^{4+} and the rutile-like octahedral framework in these structures mark
800 the silicate-hollandites as high-pressure minerals. Generally, minerals where all Si is six-fold
801 coordinated are high-pressure minerals. There are minerals which contain both six- and four-
802 fold coordinated Si such as majoritic garnets (see section 3.8) or even the Ca-silicate thaumasite
803 whose formation does not involve pressures above ambient (Effenberger et al. 1983). A
804 representation of the structure of silicate-hollandites is shown in Figure 4.

805 All silicate-hollandites are approved minerals. Lingunite, $\text{NaAlSi}_3\text{O}_8$ was first described by Gillet
806 et al. (2000) from an occurrence in the Sixiangkou L6 chondrite. Subsequently, liebermannite
807 KAlSi_3O_8 , and stöfflerite, $\text{CaAl}_2\text{Si}_2\text{O}_8$, were discovered in the Zagami shergottite (Ma et al. 2018,
808 Tschauer et al 2018). Langenhorst and Poirer (2000) had already reported KAlSi_3O_8 -hollandite
809 in a TEM study on the Zagami shergottite and Spray and Boonsee (2017) had reported Raman-
810 spectra and EBSD patterns of stöfflerite from shock melt veins in bed rock from the central uplift
811 of the Manicouagan impact structure. Hollandite-type post-feldspar phases are important
812 indicators for high shock-metamorphic pressures. They allow for narrowing the dynamic
813 pressures beyond the occurrence of maskelynite in shocked feldspathic rocks, terrestrial and
814 meteoritic. Formation of silicate-hollandites is bound to locally elevated temperatures
815 ('hotspots') or the vicinity of shock-melt veins where temperature above the principal Hugoniot

816 of feldspars is generated (Gillet et al. 2000, Ma et al. 2018) but below peak pressures where
817 melting occurs upon shock release (Ahrens et al. 1969, Sekine and Ahrens 1992). In the Zagami
818 shergottite stöfflerite occurs as intermediate between bytownitic maskelynite and intergrowth of
819 zagamiite (see below) and stishovite in the center of the hotspot. Hence, stöfflerite forms in a
820 regime of modest temperature between shock-amorphized plagioclase ('maskelynite') and the
821 stable phase assembly. Similarly lingunite and liebermannite have been found in proximity to
822 shock melt veins or as clasts with such veins (Gillet et al. 2000, Ma et al. 2018).

823 No occurrence of silicate-hollandites has been reported that is not shock-related. In the Earth's
824 mantle the possible occurrence of silicate-hollandites is limited in composition to liebermannite
825 with rather minor components of lingunite and stoefflerite and to a rather narrow pressure-
826 temperature interval of stability (Yagi et al. 1987). At high pressure liebermannite breaks down
827 to Na-ferrate type K-aluminate and stishovite, whereas at low pressure the stability range of
828 liebermannite is separated from orthoclase by intermediate decomposition into cymrite- and
829 wadeite-type silicates coexisting with coesite (Yagi et al. 1987). Similar intermediate
830 decomposition prior formation of high-pressure minerals occurs also in the cases of MgCr_2O_4
831 and FeCr_2O_4 (see below).

832 A recent experimental study (Zhou et al. 2017) reported lingunite80liebermannite20 to have a
833 stability field at temperatures above the geotherm, which bears possible relevance for
834 occurrences within shock melt veins but not for Earth. Stöfflerite had been synthesized by laser
835 heating in diamond anvil cells (Gautron and Madon 1994) but is not stable relative to zagamiite
836 and stishovite (Gautron et al. 1996, Liu et al. 2012).

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838 Maskelynite

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

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

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859 **Spinels and spinelloids**

860 **General**

861 Spinel and minerals with spinel-like structures assume an important role in the Earth's mantle
862 down to 660 km depth although they become dominant rock forming minerals only below 410
863 km depth (Fig. 2). Spinel are also prominent in other environments such as primitive meteorites
864 or interstellar dust (Rubin and Ma 2017). Many transition metal oxides that occur in igneous and
865 in some metamorphic rocks assume the spinel structure (Haggerty 1981). Spinel in spinel
866 peridotite is a complex solid solution of chromite, hercynite, magnetite, spinel, and other spinel
867 components. Olivine and wadsleyite, the major minerals of the Earth's upper mantle and
868 transition zone, assume structures closely related to spinel (Bragg and Brown 1926, Horiuchi and
869 Sawamoto 1981) and ringwoodite, the dominant phase in the lower part of the transition zone
870 is $(\text{Mg,Fe})_2\text{SiO}_4$ in a normal spinel structure (Binns et al. 1969, Sasaki et al. 1982). Hence, the
871 structure and properties of silicates and oxides AB_2O_4 with spinel- and related structures exert
872 strong influence on the geochemical and -physical evolution and properties of the mantle
873 through their abundance. Here we are mainly concerned with the high-pressure minerals among
874 those phases. We discuss postspinel high-pressure phases and place the important rockforming
875 minerals wadsleyite and ringwoodite into the context of high-pressure mineralogy.

876 The definition of structure fields for compounds AB_2O_4 is less straightforward than for ABO_3 or
877 ABO_4 (see below). In part this is owed to the possibility of inversion between the octahedral and
878 tetrahedral site in the spinel structure (Gibbs et al. 2008) and in part to the marked distortion of
879 [6]-fold coordinated polyhedra in spinelloids and post-spinel structures. Kugimiya and Steinfink
880 (1968) defined structure fields for AB_2X_4 compounds based on more than thousand structure
881 files. They found that by using a measure of bond strength as additional parameter structure
882 fields can be clearly delineated over a large range of compositions and effective ionic radii. Since
883 we are mainly concerned with oxides, a conventional plot of radii r_A versus r_B is sufficient (Fig. 5)
884 and we prefer this here for consistency. Within this frame, tetrahedral network structures like

885 the Be-silicate phenakite are found for low r_A/r_B at low r_B . Olivine and similar spinelloids occupy
886 an intermediate range of values with r_A above 1.05 and r_B up to ~ 0.65 , above which post-spinel
887 phases of the harmunite ($\text{CaFe}_2\text{O}_4^-$), the marokite ($\text{CaMn}_2\text{O}_4^-$), and the CaTi_2O_4 -type are favored.
888 Spinels occur for r_A below 1.05 and radii ratios around ~ 0.8 to ~ 1.0 . Combined high r_A and r_B
889 define the mentioned post-spinels and AB_2O_4 -perovskites (Fig. 5). Harmunite ($\text{CaFe}_2\text{O}_4^-$),
890 marokite- ($\text{CaMn}_2\text{O}_4^-$), and CaTi_2O_4 -type postspinel structures are assumed at high pressure by
891 many compounds that are spinels at reference conditions such as the mineral spinel itself
892 (Akaogi et al. 1999), magnesioferrite (Andrault and Bolfan-Casanova 2001, Chen et al. 2017),
893 magnetite (Fei et al. 1998, Ricolleau and Fei 2016), chromite (Chen et al. 2003, Ishii et al. 2014,
894 2016, Ma et al. 2019) and ulvospinel (Nishio-Hamame et al. 2012, Ma et al. 2018). These
895 structures establish the high-pressure phases within the AB_2O_4 system.

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897 **Wadsleyite and olivine**

898 Olivine, the main phase of the upper mantle is the solid solution between forsterite Mg_2SiO_4 and
899 fayalite Fe_2SiO_4 . The olivine structure exhibits a distorted hcp-like arrangement of the oxide-ions
900 though deviation from the regular hcp arrangement is much more pronounced (Bragg and
901 Brown 1926, Wyckoff 1960, Hyde and Anderson 1989). Similarly, the anion lattice of wadsleyite
902 is best described as a distorted ccp anion lattice. Hence in comparison with olivine, the anion
903 lattice obeys an ABA- rather than ABC-stacking sequence. Wadsleyite contains edge-sharing
904 dimers of silicate-tetrahedra and is therefore a sorosilicate, whereas olivine is a nesosilicate with
905 only one tetrahedral site. In olivine the tetrahedra share sites with octahedra whereas in
906 wadsleyite they only share corners. These differences in connectivity are illustrated in Fig. 6.
907 More detailed discussions of these structures are found in (Prewitt 1980). Properly spoken, the

908 two octahedral units in olivine (M1 and M2-sites) are combinations of orthorhombic sphenoids
909 (symmetry 22) and in wadsleyite the three M-sites, are combinations of domata (symmetry mm),
910 whereas in ringwoodite (Mg_2SiO_4 -spinel) the single equivalent site is a proper octahedron. One
911 notes the decreases in distortion of the M-sites from olivine over wadsleyite to ringwoodite
912 along with the pressure of the stability fields. The distortion of the M-sites reflects the deviation
913 of the anion lattice from hcp (olivine), and ccp (wadsleyite and ringwoodite). In cubic spinels like
914 ringwoodite, the anion lattice is very close to a regular ccp lattice (Hyde and Anderson 1989).

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

923 Compression of olivine at 300 K to 40 and to above 80 GPa induces a sequence of transitions to
924 other spinelloid phases (Finkelstein et al. 2014), which have not been observed in nature. Guyot
925 and Reynard (1992) reported a phase with olivine composition, closer to regular hcp anion
926 lattice, and with cation disorder in TEM studies of a highly shocked meteorite but this phase
927 may be identical or similar to forsterite-III (Finkelstein et al. 2014). Xie et al. (2014) reported a
928 phase with olivine structure but composition $(\text{Mg,Fe})\text{SiO}_3$ from the highly shocked Tenham L6
929 chondrite, also based on TEM studies. These interesting phases are not approved minerals.

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931 Wadsleyite is an approved mineral and was discovered by Price et al. (1983) in the Peace River
932 L6 chondrite. Thereafter, it has been found in numerous shocked chondrites. Although
933 entrapment conditions of high-pressure inclusions observed in terrestrial diamonds extend well
934 within the stability of field of wadsleyite (Navon et al. 2017, Tschauer et al. 2018) this major
935 rock-forming mineral of the transition zone has not yet been found as terrestrial mineral.
936 Endmember wadsleyite is 7.6% denser than forsterite. By its range of stability as well as by our
937 schematics of structure fields, wadsleyite is an incipient high-pressure mineral (Fig. 5). In thin
938 sections of standard thickness wadsleyite is noticeable through its strong emerald-green color in
939 transmission (with Fe-contents of less than 10 at%). Wadsleyite-II is a polytype of wadsleyite
940 that can accommodate chemically bound water (Smyth et al. 2005) but has not yet been found
941 in nature.

942 **Crystal chemical aspects and related phases:** The wadsleyite structure is less compatible for
943 Fe_2SiO_4 than olivine and ringwoodite (see below) and Fe-contents above 20-30mol% Fe_2SiO_4
944 result in coexistence with more Fe-rich phases, which are either olivine at lower or ahrensite
945 (see below) at higher pressure (Akaogi et al. 1989). Even shock-metamorphic iron-rich olivine
946 has been found to transform into assemblies of wadsleyite (>52) and ahrensite (>50) rather than
947 Fe-dominant wadsleyite (Hu et al. 2017). However, recently Bindi et al. (2019) reported the
948 discovery of Fe-dominant wadsleyite, defining the endmember asimowite (Table 1), At higher
949 $f\text{O}_2$ and within the wadsleyite stability field Fe-rich orthosilicate exsolves magnetite or
950 transforms into other ferric spinelloids, depending on pressure and temperature (Woodland et
951 al. 2000). These Fe-rich silicate spinelloids have not yet been found in nature.

952 Hydrous wadsleyite

953 In 1987 J. Smyth (Smyth 1987) discovered that wadsleyite can dissolve H₂O up to several mol%.

954 The magnesium-silicate structure adapts to the water content through a transition governed by

955 a direct group-subgroup transition (I_{mm} → I_{2/m}). Smyth (1987) proposed that the transition

956 zone is much more hydrous than the upper mantle of the Earth. Ever thereafter this proposition

957 has been matter of active debate. A global stratification of the mantle along a scheme of relative

958 water abundance: 'dry' (upper mantle) – 'wet' (transition zone) – 'dry' (lower mantle) would

959 control water- and, generally, incompatible element recycling in the mantle (Bercovici and

960 Karato 2003, Hirschmann 2006). While the actual abundance of water in the deeper mantle is

961 not yet well understood, a combination of mineralogical, seismic, and experimental results

962 places increasingly better constraints on this parameter: Huang et al. (2005) provided

963 constraints of the water content of the transition zone based on mantle electrical conductivity.

964 Houser (2016) correlated experimentally determined sound velocities in hydrous and dry

965 wadsleyite and ringwoodite with seismic velocities and concluded on a generally dry transition

966 zone (comparable to the upper mantle) with few wet regions. The observation of hydrous

967 ringwoodite (Pearson et al. 2014) and ice-VII (Tschauner et al. 2018b) as inclusions in diamond

968 show that at least some regions of the transition zone mantle, which are also involved in

969 diamond formation, are quite hydrous. On the other hand diamond formation in the mantle

970 inevitably involves metasomatism through fluids and we cannot safely conclude the entire

971 transition zone to be subject to continuous hydrous metasomatism.

972 In shocked meteorites, wadsleyite represents shock-metamorphic levels S4 or higher (Stöfler et

973 al. 2018). In meteorites where wadsleyite is found, peak shock pressures and temperatures

974 were too low to allow for bulk rock olivine transformation. Shock compression is superadiabatic.

975 Hence, temperatures which are high enough to permit bulk rock transformation of olivine into

976 wadsleyite cause back-transformation or bulk rock melting upon adiabatic release. This is the

977 reason why incipient- and high-pressure minerals are never found as bulk rock phases in shock-
978 metamorphic environments. Instead, minerals like wadsleyite are found at locations of high
979 local temperature such as shock-melt veins and -pockets (Sharp and DeCarli 2016). Wadsleyite is
980 the only silicate mineral that has been synthesized in shock-recovery experiments (Tschauner et
981 al. 2009). Its formation on experimental sub-microsecond time scales implies crystal growth
982 rates of the order 1 – 10 m/s.

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984 **Ringwoodite and Ahrensite**

985 Whereas olivine and wadsleyite are spinelloids, ringwoodite and ahrensite are Mg_2SiO_4 and
986 Fe_2SiO_4 in the proper spinel structure (Akimoto et al. 1965, Akimoto and Fujisawa 1968).
987 Endmember ringwoodite is 16% denser than forsterite. The degree of inversion in ringwoodite is
988 less than 4 mol% (Hazen et al. 1993). Type ahrensite and all occurrences of ahrensite that the
989 author is aware of have not shown inversion beyond uncertainty (Ma et al. 2016). Hence, both
990 phases should properly be written as SiMg_2O_4 and SiFe_2O_4 with $\text{A}^{[4]}\text{B}^{[6]}\text{O}_4$ as the structure
991 formula of normal spinel. Si-O bond distances increase from $1.63 \pm 0.02 \text{ \AA}$ in olivine and
992 wadsleyite to 1.67 \AA in ringwoodite. Yet, Si-O bond distances in bridgmanite, akimotoite, and
993 stishovite are in the range of 1.7-1.8 \AA which may serve to define predominantly ionic Si-O
994 bonding in phases with constituent Si (see introductory paragraph of section 3.6 and the
995 paragraph about perovskites below). Of course, the coordination of Si by O is six-fold in
996 akimotoite and bridgmanite whereas in ringwoodite it is four-fold. This already implies an
997 extension of the bond for sterical reasons (Shannon and Prewitt 1969). However, a vacancy-
998 stabilized silicate spinel with partial inversion was recently described from shock-melt vein
999 matrices and exhibits Si-O bond distances of 1.72-1.75 \AA (Ma et al. 2017, 2019) – similar to

1000 akimotoite and bridgmanite. Taken together, ringwoodite and ahrensite are at the border
1001 between incipient- and high-pressure minerals. However, the strong preference for the normal
1002 spinel structure in ringwoodite and ahrensite places these two minerals rather into the class of
1003 incipient high-pressure minerals. Accordingly, the shift from ambient conditions structure
1004 stability fields in the r_A/r_B plot (Fig. 5) is less pronounced for the transition from forsterite and
1005 fayalite to ringwoodite and ahrensite respectively, than from enstatite to akimotoite or
1006 bridgmanite (see below, Fig. 8). At around 23 GPa ringwoodite decomposes into periclase and
1007 bridgmanite whereas endmember ahrensite decomposes above 15 GPa into wuestite and
1008 stishovite (Ito and Yamada, 1982, Ito and Takahashi 1989) .

1009 Ringwoodite has been discovered in the Tenham L6-chondrite (Binns 1969) and subsequently
1010 been found in many highly shocked meteorites (for an overview: see Stöfler et al. 2018,
1011 Langenhorst and Deutsch 2012, Rubin and Ma 2017). Its occurrence is bound to the immediate
1012 vicinity of clasts within shock melt veins where the temperature at high dynamic pressure was
1013 sufficient to overcome the kinetic barrier of transforming shock-compressed olivine into its high-
1014 pressure polymorphs (Sharp and deCarli 2006). In thin sections of standard thickness
1015 ringwoodite is distinguished by a cornflower blue to purple color (when using parallel polarizers,
1016 see Fig. 7). This intense color is observed even for ringwoodite with bulk composition
1017 corresponding to chrysolite olivine (Fa < 10 mol%). Synthetic ringwoodite of similar thickness
1018 and composition has a deep green to bluish green color (e.g. in Schmandt et al. 2014). Similarly,
1019 the one observed terrestrial hydrous ringwoodite inclusion in diamond had a deep green color
1020 (Pearson et al. 2014). The reason for both, the deep color, and the difference in color between
1021 natural and synthetic ringwoodite is unknown.

1022 Ahrensite, γ -Fe₂SiO₄, has been approved as mineral based on chemical and structural occurrence
1023 of this phase in the Tissint shergottite at the rim of shock-melt pockets which border to fayalitic
1024 rims of olivine crystals (Ma et al. 2016) but there is an earlier report about the occurrence of γ -
1025 Fe₂SiO₄ in the Umbarger L4 chondrite based on TEM analysis (Xi et al. 2002). In standard thin
1026 sections ahrensite has a bluish- to emerald green color (Ma et al. 2016).

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1028 **Crystal chemical aspects:** The solid solution between ringwoodite and ahrensite appears to be
1029 gapless (Fei et al. 1991): Solid solutions in the 30-60 mol% Ahr range have been found in nature
1030 and samples with 5-20 mol% Ahr have been synthesized. The solid solution follows a symmetric
1031 mixing model. Since this has not been reported for the full set of known synthetic and natural
1032 occurrences, we show this relation here in Figure 6.

1033 Co₂SiO₄, and Liebenbergite (Ni₂SiO₄) also transform into spinel phases at elevated pressure (Yagi
1034 et al. 1974, Morimoto et al. 1974) and break down into constituent oxides at higher pressures. A
1035 general thermodynamic assessment of silicate-spinels and their transformations can be found in
1036 Navrotsky (1987).

1037 Hydrous ringwoodite

1038 Smyth et al. (2003) found that ringwoodite can dissolve up to 5mol% H₂O in its structure. In
1039 2014 Pearson et al. reported the discovery of a natural hydrous ringwoodite in a sublithospheric
1040 diamond from the Juina locality in Brazil. Hydrous ringwoodite was primarily identified through
1041 its Raman-spectrum. The relevance of hydrous ringwoodite has been discussed above already.

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1044 Vacancy-stabilized silicate spinel with high degree of inversion

1045 As mentioned above inversion is a very minor parameter for the silicate spinels ringwoodite and
1046 ahrensite, yet, in 2017 Ma et al. (2017, 2019) found in the matrix of shock melt veins in the
1047 Tenham L6-chondrite a tetragonally distorted phase with spinel structure but composition
1048 $\text{Mg}_2\text{Si}_3\text{O}_7$. Since the structure is exactly that of a spinel mapped onto subgroup $I4_2/mnn$ the
1049 structural formula has to be written as $(\text{Si}, \square)_2(\text{Mg}, \text{Si})\text{O}_{4-\delta}$. Interatomic distances imply that
1050 inversion is achieved through correlation of Si on the M-site with vacancies on the T-site rather
1051 than with Mg (Ma et al. 2019). Hence the hypothetical endmember of the inverted component is
1052 $(\text{Si}, \square)_2\text{Si}(\text{O}, \square)_4$. The presence of ~ 25 mol% of this component causes a spontaneous
1053 deformation of the unit cell of ringwoodite from cubic to tetragonal. A second occurrence of this
1054 phase has been found in the Sinxian L6-chondrite (Ma et al. 2019). In both meteorites this phase
1055 accounts for ~ 40vol% of the shock melt matrix. It does not occur in the similarly highly shocked
1056 Acfer040 L6-chondrite. This phase is considered a tetragonal variety of ringwoodite because the
1057 endmember component $(\text{Si}, \square)_2\text{Si}(\text{O}, \square)_4$ is below 50 mol% in all known occurrences.

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1059 **Post-spinel phases of transition metal oxides**

1060 In igneous and in some metamorphic rocks at ambient pressure and within the pressures range
1061 of the spinel-peridotite stability field transition metal elements like Fe, Cr, Ti, Mn often occur as
1062 spinel-type oxides. usually in complex solid solution. Magnetite and magnesiochromite have also
1063 been found as inclusions in lithospheric diamonds and in fibrous rims of diamonds (Sobolev et al.
1064 1997). Experimental studies have shown these spinels to break down in a complex fashion by

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1065 formation of simple oxides like periclase or sesquioxides like eskolaite plus ludwigite-type
1066 oxides (Akaogi et al. 1999, Ishii et al. 2014, 2015) which, at higher pressure recombine into
1067 AB_2O_4 -compounds of the Ca-ferrate (harmunite), Ca-titanate, and Ca-manganite (marokite) type
1068 (Fig. 9a,b). However, not all of these structures occur for each spinel composition. For $MgAl_2O_4$
1069 (Akaogi et al.1999) and $MgCr_2O_4$ (Ishii et al. 2015) only the Ca-titanate, but not the Ca-ferrate
1070 type structure appears to have a stability field but for $FeCr_2O_4$ both phases have been observed
1071 experimentally (Ishii et al. 2014) and in nature (Chen et al. 2003, Ma et al. 2019). In experiments
1072 the postspinel phase of $MgFe_2O_4$ has been reported to assume the marokite-type structure
1073 (Andrault and Bolfan-Casanova 2001) but the $MgFe_2O_4$ -postspinel mineral maohokite assumes
1074 the Ca-titanate structure (Chen et al. 2017). For magnetite a marokite- (Fei et al. 1999) and a
1075 harmunite-type high-pressure phase are known but the former may be metastable (Ricolleau
1076 and Fei 2009).

1077 Spinel grains in shocked martian and lunar meteorites which border to shock melt pockets and –
1078 veins have been transformed into some of these post-spinel phases. In particular, maohokite
1079 ($MgFe_2O_4$ in the Ca-titanate type structure (Chen et al. 2017)), xieite (Ca-titanate type $FeCr_2O_4$,
1080 Chen et al. 2003), chenmingite (Ca-ferrate type $FeCr_2O_4$ (Ma et al. 2019, Chen et al. 2003), and
1081 tschaunerite (Ca-titanate type $FeTi_2O_4$, Ma et al. 2018) have been found and approved as
1082 minerals. Vestaitite and schreyerite are titanates with constituent Cr and V where edge-sharing
1083 dimers of face-sharing titanate octahedra establish a network similar to the postspinel but can
1084 also be described as a polysome of the α - PbO_2 -type post-rutile and the pseudobrookite
1085 structure (Döbelin et al. 2006). Schreyerite forms at GPa-level pressures in the roots of orogens
1086 formed through continent-continent collisions (Döbelin et al. 2006) and vestaitite is a shock-
1087 metamorphic mineral found in an H-chondrite (Pang et al. 2017).

1088 Xieite is found right at the border of shock melt pockets and replaces chromite through
1089 incongruent growth (Chen et al. 2003). Chenmingite occurs as lamellae in shocked chromite
1090 grains in the proximity of shock melt pockets and is replaced by xieite closer to the melt, in
1091 accordance with the experimental phase diagram (Ma et al.. 2019). Tschaunerite has been
1092 found in the kernel of a transformed ulvospinel-imenite grain trapped in a shock melt pocket in
1093 the Tissint shergottite (Ma et al. 2018). The outer part of this grain was oxidized to feiite (see
1094 below) and ilmenite had reacted with melt and transformed into liuite (see below).

1095 In a plot of r_A versus r_B the stability fields of the marokite-, harmunite-, and CaTi_2O_4 -structures
1096 border the spinel stability field toward larger cation radii, following the general trend of
1097 pressure-induced transformations (Fig. 5). As discussed above we consider these postspinel
1098 phases of chromite, magnesiochromite, and ulvospinel as high-pressure minerals.

1099 **Feiite**

1100 Structurally related to the AB_2O_4 postspinel phases but of different stoichiometry is the X_4O_5
1101 series of oxides with X = Fe (Lavina et al. 2011), Mg (Ballaran et al. 2015), and Ti, Cr (Ishii et al.
1102 2014, 2015, Ma et al. 2018). AB_2O_4 -postspinel are composed of rows of corner-sharing
1103 octahedra which run along the short axis of the unit cell and are connected through corner-
1104 sharing dimers in the plane perpendicular to the short axis (Fig.8a,b). The interstitial channels
1105 are also filled by a transition metal cation which assumes a rather irregular polyhedron with high
1106 coordination. The octahedra in these structures are more or less strongly distorted. In feiite and
1107 in ludwigite-type X_4O_5 these rows of corner-sharing octahedra are linked to adjacent rows
1108 through joined corners into corrugated sheets with two- and three-member rows, respectively
1109 (Fig. 9c,d). Similar structural patterns as in the postspinel transition metal oxides are assumed by
1110 pseudobrookite and related minerals, where, however, the rows of corner-sharing distorted

1111 octahedra are offset as dimers (Wyckhoff 1960). In 2018 feiite, $(\text{Fe,Ti,Cr})_4\text{O}_5$ was approved as
1112 mineral (Ma et al. 2018). It occurs at the rim of a former ulvospinel-ilmenite grain that was
1113 trapped in a shock-melt pocket in the Tissint shergottite and transformed into tschaunerite,
1114 liuite, and feiite.

1115 **Crystal chemical aspects:** The natural $(\text{Fe},\dots)_4\text{O}_5$ shows that this type of structure is quite
1116 compatible with Ti and Cr (Ma et al. 2018). Experimental studies (Ballaran et al. 2015) showed
1117 the existence of a series of intermediate structures and solid solutions along the Fe_4O_5 -MgO
1118 joint.

1119 High-pressure polymorphism and sensitivity to compositional parameters makes the postspinel
1120 and the X_4O_5 transition metal oxides interesting probes of temperature at high pressure: For
1121 instance the occurrence of chenmingite in shocked shergottites is bound to lower temperatures
1122 than xieite (Ishii et al. 2014, 2015, Ma et al. 2018). Since the solubility of Ti and Cr in majoritic
1123 garnet increases with pressure, the occurrences of free postspinel phases in DMM appears not
1124 likely. However, the recent observation of an ilmenite inclusion in a sublithospheric diamond at
1125 a residual pressure of 10(2) GPa (Tschauner et al. 2018b) indicates that elements like Ti can be
1126 enriched sufficiently to form free phases in diamond-bearing mantle in the transition zone. If
1127 found as mantle-derived mineral inclusions in diamond these postspinel phases and feiite are
1128 potential probes of redox conditions through their ferric components. Inclusions with lamellar
1129 intergrowth of periclase with magnesioferrite have been suggested to have formed retrogradely
1130 from Mg-bearing feiite (Wirth et al. 2011).

1131 In an intermediate pressure regime transition metal spinels decompose into sesquioxides and
1132 ludwigite-type oxides (Ishii et al. 2014, 2015). Ludwigite-type oxides have not been observed so
1133 far in nature. Presently, their relevance is based on this absence of observation since it indicates

1134 that pyroxene lamellae in chromites from podiform chromitite bodies in ultrahigh pressure
1135 terrains are unlikely to reflect a former silicate-component in precursor xieite or chenmingite in
1136 the transition zone: Upon ascent xieite and chenmingite would have decomposed into eskolaite
1137 and ludwigite-type oxides but none of these phases have been observed in those rocks (Ishii et
1138 al. 2014, 2015, Akaogi et al. 2018). We note a single observation of eskolaite (Cr_2O_3) as inclusion
1139 in diamond (Sobolev et al. 1997) which may be product of break down of chromite to eskolaite
1140 and a ludwigite-type oxide at pressures of the deep upper mantle. However, the corresponding
1141 ludwigite-like oxide has not been observed. The mineral ludwigite, $\text{Mg}_2\text{Fe}^{3+}(\text{BO}_3)\text{O}_2$, is not a high
1142 pressure mineral but its structure is closely related to the oxides discussed in this section (Figure
1143 9d).

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1145 **Dense hexagonal oxide structures with octahedral layers**

1146 Corundum is the stable phase of Al_2O_3 at reference conditions ($\alpha\text{-Al}_2\text{O}_3$), it is also a phase of
1147 extremely high relative electron density (ρ/Z), similar to diamond and to periclase. Consequently,
1148 corundum does not undergo any structural transition up to ~ 70 to 90 GPa (Lin et al. 2005). At
1149 these high pressures Al_2O_3 is not expected to occur as a free phase. However, corundum is also
1150 the prototype of a large structure family of sesquioxides with ratio of cation-anion radii larger or
1151 equal to 1.0. At larger ratios sesquioxides assume the bixbyite- or related structures (Roth 1957).
1152 The corundum structure is composed of layers of octahedra, with trigonal faces oriented along
1153 6-axis, equivalent to hcp but with central octahedron on the 6_3 axis missing ('dioctahedral'
1154 layering). This arrangement is also the basic pattern of many hydroxides and oxyhydroxides and
1155 of the dioctahedral hydroxide sheets in phyllosilicates. Coupled substitution of the trivalent by a

1156 di- and a tetravalent cation comes in most cases with ordering and breaking of mirror symmetry
1157 perpendicular to 6-axis such as in case of ilmenite , R-3m.

1158 The occurrence of these dense octahedral phases at high pressure is rather limited by
1159 geochemical than structural constraints. Eskolaite had been reported as inclusion in a diamond
1160 (Sobolev et al. 1997) but the unit cell volume was not measured prior to extraction and the
1161 pressure of entrapment is therefore unknown. Ilmenite has been found in xenoliths from garnet
1162 peridotites, as exsolution in Cpx and olivine from deep lithospheric mantle (Griffin et al. 1992)
1163 and as inclusion in diamonds (Sobolev et al. 1997). Recently, an ilmenite inclusion was found
1164 that has been entrapped in a metasomatized, diamond-bearing region in the transition zone of
1165 Earth (Tschauner et al. 2018b).). This ilmenite was a 90-10 ilmenite geikielite solid solution. The
1166 entrapment path implies that upon release this inclusion transformed from ilmenite above 1000K
1167 14.6 GPa to > 18 GPa and <1500 K depending on the slope of the transition boundary (Fig. 11,
1168 Ming et al. 2006, Nishio-Hamame et al. 2012). Thus, the ilmenite inclusion is a retrograde
1169 transformation product of a (Fe,Mg)TiO₃-perovskite. Generally, the mixing gap between
1170 geikielite and ilmenite closes at pressures of a few GPa (Linton et al. 1999) and geikielite-
1171 dominated solid solution may be expected at conditions where sublithospheric mantle is
1172 subjected to infiltration by melts or fluids. However, inclusions in diamonds may not reflect the
1173 bulk composition of surrounding mantle or fluid. Incorporation of chemically bound water in
1174 iron-titanate results in formation of minerals of the hoegbohmite series (Heiny and Armbruster
1175 2002). LIL elements are too large to be adapted by the ilmenite or hoegbohmite structures.
1176 However, carmichealite and pyrochlor-related titanates of the crichtonite series are found in
1177 garnet peridotite xenoliths in kimberlites (Haggerty et al. 1983, Wang et al. 1999) and may
1178 replace ilmenite under conditions of extensive fluid metasomatism at lithospheric mantle
1179 pressures

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1182 **Akimotoite and hemleyite**

1183 Akimotoite is MgSiO_3 isotypic to ilmenite (Horiuchi et al. 1982). It's formation in the MgSiO_3
1184 system at pressures above 10 GPa was shown experimentally (Kawaii et al. 1974, Ito and Matsui
1185 1979) prior to its discovery as mineral in shock-melt veins of the Tenham- and the Acfer 040 L6-
1186 chondrites (Tomioka and Fujino 1997, Sharp et al. 1997, Ohtani et al. 2004, Ferroir et al. 2008).
1187 Subsequently, akimotoite has been found in many chondrites which have experienced high-
1188 grade shock metamorphism. Its occurrence is always bound to shock-induced melting: In the
1189 Tenham, Suizhou, and Yamato chondrites akimotoite occurs in transformed opx clasts that were
1190 trapped in shock melt veins (Tomioka and Fujino 1997, Ohtani et al. 2004, Ferroir et al. 2008,
1191 Tschauner et al. 2014, 2018). In difference to those occurrences, akimotoite in Acfer040 occurs
1192 within the melt matrix (Sharp 1997). Bindi et al. (2018) reported the occurrence of FeSiO_3 in the
1193 ilmenite structure in the Sinxian L6-chondrite. This phase was named hemleyite. Both
1194 akimotoite and hemleyite are approved minerals. The thermodynamic stability of akimotoite is
1195 limited to rather low hemleyite-content. In fact, synthesis of akimotoite with more than 3 mol%
1196 hemleyite has consistently failed (Ito and Takahashi 1989). Tschauner et al. (2018) refined
1197 structure and unit cells of shock-generated akimotoites and obtained a binary mixing model
1198 which is nearly ideal. Hence, within the MFS system Fe prefers available energetically favorable
1199 solid solutions over dissolution in akimotoite. Based on the structure refinements the low
1200 compatibility of Fe in the akimotoite structure has been related to the rigidity of the AO_6
1201 octahedra which are edge- and corner-sharing with the SiO_6 -octahedra (Tschauner et al. 2018)
1202 and the same argument has been brought forward in explaining the transition of akimotoite to

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1203 bridgmanite above 23-24 GPa based on the compressibility and evolution of the compressed
1204 structure of endmember akimotoite (Horiuchi et al. 1982).

1205 The r_A/r_B cation ratio and the r_A radii of akimotoite and hemleyite are far below the structure
1206 field of ilmenite- and corundum type phases (Fig. 10). Instead, magnesium and iron-
1207 metasilicates are within the range of tetrahedral chain structures, which is exactly what the
1208 stable phases at low pressures are (Fig. 10). Thus, akimotoite and hemleyite are high-pressure
1209 phases. Their formation reflects a major change in chemical bonding – notably of Si-O. The Si-O
1210 bond distances in akimotoite are 1.8 Å, which compares to the Si-O bond distances in stishovite
1211 and bridgmanite, whereas in ringwoodite the distance is 1.7 Å and and olivine and wadsleyite
1212 1.6-1.68 Å. The same observation holds for CaSiO_3 which also assumes an ilmenite-type
1213 structure at 7-11 GPa (Ito and Matsui 1979) but has not been found in nature. Akimotoite is an
1214 important marker of high shock metamorphic pressures in chondrites. Its occurrence in Earth
1215 appears to be limited by a) its narrow stability field, b) incompatibility of Fe. Both parameters
1216 disfavor akimotoite relative to majoritic garnet and bridgmanite in mantle rock. Stixrude and
1217 Lithgow-Bertelloni (2011) modeled pyrolitic mantle by including this mineral based on the work
1218 by Hirose and Fei (2002) which reported ~5 vol% akimotoite in transformed MORB in the 20-23
1219 GPa range but other experimental studies on similar systems did not report formation of
1220 akimotoite (Lee et al. 2004, Ishii et al. 2018).

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1223 **Zagamiite**

1224 Zagamiite is a dense layered structure of Ca-Si-Al oxide. The type material (Ma et al. 2016) and
1225 other natural occurrences (Beck et al. 2004) contain an appreciable amount of Na but an
1226 alkaline-free phase with same structure has been synthesized (Gautron et al. 1969, 1999, Akaogi
1227 et al. 2010). This phase was originally reported in experimental studies as CAS phase (Gautron et
1228 al. 1996, 1999), then observed in the Zagami martian meteorite by Beck et al. (2004) based on
1229 Raman spectroscopy and SEM-EDS. It was approved as mineral based on X-ray diffraction based
1230 structure analysis and electron microprobe analysis with the name zagamiite in 2016 (Ma et al.
1231 2016). Zagamiite appears to be common in shock-melt pockets of shergottites. Its rather narrow
1232 stability range (Akaogi et al. 2010, Liu et al. 2019) makes it a good pressure indicator for shock-
1233 metamorphism in feldspar-bearing rocks.

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1235 **Crystal chemistry:** The structure is composed of dioctahedral SiO_2 -layers with intermittent
1236 layers of face-sharing octahedra and larger polyhedra (Fig. 4a). The latter are occupied by Ca and
1237 alkalines whereas the face-sharing inter-layer octahedra are predominantly occupied by Al but
1238 with partial occupancy. The potentially extremely dense packing of the zagamiite structure is
1239 limited by close intercation distances in adjacent interlayer polyhedra. Mutual exclusion from
1240 these short distances results in partial occupancy and compositional variance with potential of
1241 accommodating protons.

1242 In the CAS system zagamiite breaks down into Na-ferrate type Ca-aluminate plus stishovite
1243 above 20 GPa. In Earth the occurrence of zagamiite would be constrained to basaltic crust
1244 subducted into the transition zone but in competition with aluminous phase D (Liu et al. 2019).
1245 We note that the stability range of zagamiite-like layered oxides has not been studied beyond
1246 the CAS system and its stability may vary in a more extended compositional space.

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1248 **Perovskite-type high-pressure minerals**

1249 **Bridgmanite**

1250 The seismic discontinuity at 660 km depth represents the boundary between transition zone
1251 and lower mantle of the Earth. As we discussed, this boundary marks a major change in
1252 chemical and physical properties of the rock forming minerals from structures based on
1253 tetrahedrally coordinated silicate-units to oxides of Mg, Si, Fe, Ca, and Al (Fig. 2). This change is
1254 accompanied by an increase in density (Dziewonski and Anderson 1981) and in rock viscosity
1255 (Forte and Mitrovica 2000). Moreover, the high solubility of water that characterizes transition
1256 zone minerals is probably not conveyed to lower mantle minerals (Schmandt et al. 2014). Both
1257 factors together make the transition zone-lower mantle boundary a division line where a
1258 substantial portion of subducted material becomes stagnant, releases fluid and causes extensive
1259 metasomatism in the transition zone and the shallow lower mantle (Schmandt et al 2014). The
1260 deeper parts of the lower mantle are suspected to contain ancient geochemical reservoirs
1261 although their spatial scale is not known (Helffrich and Wood 2001).

1262 The major mineral of the lower mantle is bridgmanite, $(\text{Mg,Fe})\text{SiO}_3$ in a GdFeO_3 -type perovskite
1263 structure (Fig. 12). This makes bridgmanite the most abundant mineral in Earth because it
1264 comprises ~ 80-90 mass% of the lower mantle, which by itself is 50 mass% of Earth (Ringwood
1265 1979). As in the case of akimotoite, $(\text{Mg,Fe})\text{SiO}_3$ is far outside the structure field of perovskites
1266 (Fig. 10). Starting with the low pressure pyroxene phases of MgSiO_3 and FeSiO_3 , enstatite and
1267 ferrosilite, a pressure-induced trend across the ilmenite- and into the perovskite-type field can
1268 be constructed similar to the trends for ABO_4 -type compounds (Manjon et al. 2007). This trend

1269 continues with the CaIrO_3 -type postperovskite phases (Murakami et al. 2004, Ono and Oganov
1270 2004).

1271 Ringwood was the first to show that the 660 km boundary implies existence of a 'postspinel'
1272 silicate phase (see Ringwood 1979). Based on crystal chemical reasoning and high-pressure
1273 experiments on aluminate-perovskites Reid and Ringwood (1975) proposed decomposition of
1274 ringwoodite into periclase and a perovskite- type MgSiO_3 phase. This hypothesis was confirmed
1275 by Liu (1975, 1976) through laser heating experiments on pyrope in a diamond anvil cell and
1276 subsequently by Ito and Matsui (1978), followed by studies of crystal structure (Ito et al. 1987),
1277 the phase boundary between ringwoodite and bridgmanite + periclase (Ito et al., 1981,
1278 Ringwood and Irifune 1988, Fei et al. 1996, Irifune et al. 1998), thermal expansion (Ross and
1279 Hazen, 1989), crystal chemical relations (Yagi et al. 1994), melting (Heinz et al. 1992, Zerr and
1280 Boehler 1994) and a wealth of other studies on structure, compressibility, elastic tensor, and
1281 thermoelastic properties which we cannot review here. The slope of the boundary between
1282 ringwoodite + garnet \leftrightarrow bridgmanite + periclase is slightly negative and, thus, the reaction
1283 endothermic (Irifune et al 1998). McCammon et al. (1997) observed that bridgmanite contains
1284 appreciable amounts of ferric iron. Subsequent experimental work under different redox
1285 conditions indicated that the presence of ferric iron in bridgmanite is result of a pressure-
1286 induced disproportionation of ferrous iron into metallic iron and ferric iron (Frost et al. 2004,
1287 Frost and McCammon 2008). The volume of the ferric Fe-O polyhedra in bridgmanite experience
1288 marked reduction at lower mantle pressures due to the high spin- low spin transition of ferric
1289 iron. This effect has been analyzed in a number of studies which are summarized by McCammon
1290 et al. (2013).

1291 Due to the high pressure of its stability field and the low kinetic barrier of back transformation
1292 to pyroxenes at lower pressure, the search for natural occurrences (and therefore, approval as a
1293 mineral) had focused on highly shocked meteorites (Mori 1994, Tomioka and Fujino 1997, Sharp
1294 et al. 1997) where release from high pressures and temperatures is fast (see below). Other than
1295 akimotoite, bridgmanite rapidly vitrifies in the beam of the electron microscope and direct
1296 structural information has to be obtained with different means.

1297 Ultimately MgSiO₃-perovskite was proved to exist in the highly shocked Tenham L6 chondrite by
1298 using synchrotron-micro diffraction in combination with electron microprobe analysis and
1299 named bridgmanite after Percy W. Bridgman (Tschauner et al. 2014). Bridgmanite occurs along
1300 with akimotoite in transformed enstatite clasts trapped in shock melt veins in the Tenham
1301 meteorite. Ma et al. (2016) also reported an occurrence in shock melt pockets of the Tissint
1302 shergottite where olivine and fayalite grains in the vicinity of the melt pockets were transformed
1303 into ringwoodite and ahrensite and at the immediate border have broken down to periclase plus
1304 bridgmanite and wuestite plus bridgmanite, respectively (Fig. 13).

1305 Subsequently, vitrified or vitrifying metasilicate intergrown with periclase in Tissint and other
1306 meteorites was identified as former bridgmanite (Miyahara et al. 2016, Hu and Sharp 2017).

1307 Direct observation of the terrestrial occurrence of bridgmanite is extant. Periclase-enstatite
1308 assemblies as inclusions in diamonds have been interpreted as former bridgmanite-periclase
1309 aggregates from the Earth's lower mantle (Kesson and Fitz Gerald 1991, Harte and Harris 1994,
1310 Harte et al. 1999, Stachel et al. 2000, 2008, Kaminsky 2012).

1311 Jeffbenite (Harris et al. 1997, Nestola et al. 2016), see section 3.6), a silicate phase with unique
1312 structure and garnet-like composition along the pyrope-almandine joint (Finger and Conrad

1313 2000), has been interpreted as retrograde transformation product of aluminous bridgmanite,
1314 based on experimental studies in the pyrope-almandine system (Armstrong et al. 2012).

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1316 **Crystal chemistry:** As a GdFeO₃-type perovskite, bridgmanite exhibits tilt of the corner-sharing
1317 SiO₆-octahedra to a degree where the polyhedron of the A-cation approaches a 6+6
1318 arrangement rather than the dodecahedron of the cubic perovskites (see Fig. 12 and for detailed
1319 discussion Ito et al. 1987, Ross and Hazen 1989). This strong distortion of the perovskite
1320 structure is rather pressure- and temperature-invariant (Stixrude and Cohen 1993, Fiquet et al.
1321 2000) and controls some of the crystal chemical properties of bridgmanite. For instance, the
1322 rigid inter-octahedral bonding probably accounts for the high Debye temperature of ~ 1000K
1323 and the high elastic moduli (Sturhahn et al. 2005), the high melting temperature (Zerr and
1324 Boehler 1994) and plastic deformation limit, and the absence of distortive phase transitions. As
1325 phase within the MFS system bridgmanite is not a binary but at least ternary solid solution
1326 because of the presence of ferric Fe. Ferric iron can be suppressed only for less than 4at% Fe in
1327 bridgmanite (Parise et al. 1990). Vanpethegem et al. (2006) presented structure analyses which
1328 showed ferric Fe to reside only on the A site. Crystal field splitting of ferric bridgmanite require
1329 more than one site for Fe³⁺ (Sturhahn et al. 2005). Hummer (2012) compared volume data for
1330 synthetic Fe-bearing bridgmanites and concluded that some ferric iron resides on the B-site as
1331 well. Natural bridgmanite is comparatively Fe-rich and follows the trend that Hummer proposed
1332 (Tschauner et al. 2014). The compatibility of ferric iron with the bridgmanite structure is
1333 relevant for the apparent, if not effective, redox state of the lower mantle. This compatibility for
1334 ferric iron has to be placed in context with the proposed disproportionation of ferrous iron at
1335 lower mantle pressures (Frost et al. 2004): In a static system the actual redox state could remain

1336 as reducing as bulk silicate Earth composition suggests but segregation of metallic iron could
1337 shift the redox state of the lower mantle toward more oxidized conditions.

1338 Al_2O_3 dissolves in bridgmanite up to few mol% through coupled substitution on both A- and B-
1339 site (Andrault et al. 2003). It has been observed that Al- and Fe-solubility strongly correlate
1340 through the presence of ferric iron in the bridgmanite lattice (Vanpetheghem et al. 2006b, Frost
1341 and McCammon 2008). A ferric endmember $\text{Fe}(\text{Fe},\text{Si})\text{O}_3$ has been reported by Bykova et al.
1342 (2017). Ca and Ti have been found rather incompatible in bridgmanite but as we indicate below,
1343 type liuite, FeTiO_3 perovskite, contains ~ 40% bridgmanite.

1344 Transition metal elements in bridgmanite

1345 The solubility of Ni and Co in bridgmanite increases with pressure in chemical exchange with
1346 metallic iron (Tschauner et al. 1998). The pressure-dependence of the Ni-solubility scales with
1347 the reaction volume of the nickel-bunsenite system normalized by FeO (Campbell et al. 2006)
1348 and is therefore a general phenomenon that is probably related to the high-spin-low spin
1349 transition of ferric iron and the disproportionation of ferrous iron (Frost and McCammon 2008).
1350 Ohtani et al. (1997) reported partition coefficients of Ni, Co, Cr, Mn, V for bridgmanite and
1351 silicate melts at 24 GPa.

1352 Above 120-140 GPa bridgmanite transforms into a CaIrO_3 -type postperovskite phase (Murakami
1353 et al. 2004, Ono and Oganov 2004, Hirose 2006) following a positive Clapeyron slope. The
1354 possible effect of this transition onto the petrology of the lowermost lower mantle, the D''-layer
1355 (Fig. 2), is subject of active debate (for a review see Hirose 2006)

1356 As shock-metamorphic mineral, bridgmanite constraints dynamic compression processes in
1357 three ways: 1) through the high pressure of formation above 23 GPa, 2) through the steep

1358 increase of solidus and liquidus of bridgmanite-bearing rock above 23 GPa, 3) through the low
1359 kinetic barrier of back transformation into low pressure metasilicate phases or into glass.
1360 Combining these three parameters it could be shown that the peak shock pressures of the
1361 Tenham meteorite were 24-27 GPa at 2500-2700 K, and that the release path involves a regime
1362 of rapid cooling on the order of 100K/ μ s at pressures above 20 GPa (Tschauner et al. 2014).

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1364 CaSiO₃-perovskite

1365 CaSiO₃ follows a similar trend of pressure-induced transformation as MgSiO₃. At ambient
1366 pressure calcium metasilicate assumes a pyroxenoid structure (wollastonite, see Fig. 10) As in
1367 the case of MgSiO₃ a high-pressure ilmenite and a perovskite phase become stable above 10 and
1368 15 GPa, respectively (Ito and Matsui 1982). Upon release to ambient conditions both high-
1369 pressure phases vitrify spontaneously and consequently they have not been observed in
1370 shocked meteorites. Conservation as inclusions in diamonds at elevated residual pressure seems
1371 possible. Nestola et al. (2018) showed that inclusions with intergrowth of perovskite and
1372 wollastonite in diamonds from Juina, Brazil should be interpreted as former Ca (Si,Ti)O₃
1373 perovskite. A number of mixed Ca silicate-titanate-ferrate perovskites occur within the Ca-Ti-Fe-
1374 Si-O system at high pressures (Leineweber et al. 1995, 1997).

1375 CaSiO₃ perovskite is a cubic or pseudocubic tetragonal ABO₃ perovskite (Fig 11 a, recently re-
1376 evaluated by Chen et al. 2018). As figure 10 shows, the sequence wollastonite → CaSi-ilmenite
1377 → CaSi-perovskite does not follow a monotonous trend of r_A/r_B relations, such as MgSiO₃. In fact,
1378 CaSiO₃ does not transform directly from a pyroxenoid to ilmenite. Both phases are separated by
1379 a region of partial decomposition into coesite and breyite (see 3.9) (Ito and Matsui 1982). CaSiO₃
1380 perovskite has been synthesized in experimental studies on MORB-like bulk compositions at

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1381 lower mantle pressures (Hirose and Fei 2002, Lee et al. 2004, Liu et al. 2012, 2019, Ishii et al.
1382 2018) where it owes its presence to the high compatibility fo Al in bridgmanite which, by mass
1383 balance, inhibits formation of dense Ca-aluminates. Minor accessory CaSiO₃-perovskite may be
1384 important in the mantle as host of K as heat-generating element through the decay of ⁴⁰K into
1385 ⁴⁰Ca.

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1387 **The FeTiO₃-perovskites liuite and wangdaodeite**

1388 Wangdaodeite is FeTiO₃ in the LiNbO₃-type rhombohedral perovskite structure (Fig. 12c). It was
1389 discovered in the highly shocked Suizhou L6-chondrite by Xie et al. (2016) and is an approved
1390 mineral. The transformation of pure FeTiO₃ from the ilmenite to the LiNbO₃-type rhombohedral
1391 perovskite at 15 GPa was reported in an experimental study by Leineweber et al. (1995) and the
1392 transition was found to be reversible. The natural wangdaodeite appears to be stabilized by
1393 vacancies or minor chemical components that appear to inhibit back-transformation (Berry et al.
1394 2000). Experimental work (Ming et al. 2006, Akaogi et al. 2017) showed that above 20 GPa
1395 FeTiO₃ transforms from the rhombohedral LiNbO₃- to an orthorhombic GdFeO₃-type perovskite
1396 structure but upon reversal the GdFeO₃-type perovskite phase transforms directly back into
1397 ilmenite. Hence, wangdaodeite is a metastable structure. Its observation in shocked meteorites
1398 indicates that it can form at high stress rates and stress-release rates. The GdFeO₃-type
1399 perovskite phase was recently discovered in the Tissint meteorite and is also approved as a
1400 mineral with the name liuite (Ma et al. 2018). As in the case of wangdaodeite, pure endmember
1401 liuite is expected to transform back into ilmenite at ambient pressure but the type material
1402 contains ~ 40 mol% bridgmanite. Both liuite and wandaodeiite are high-pressure minerals since
1403 their rFe/rTo ratio is far outside the structure field of perovskites (Fig. 10).

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1404 As mentioned above, ilmenite as inclusion in diamond at 10-12 GPa remnant pressure is very
1405 likely a retrograde transformation product of liuite because the release path from mantle
1406 conditions intersects the ilmenite-liuite phase boundary (Figure 12, Tschauner et al. 2018b). We
1407 cannot anticipate a more detailed description of these new minerals here but point out the
1408 interesting fact that type liuite contains almost 40 mol% bridgmanite (Ma et al. 2018).

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1410 **3.7. Carbonates, Sulfates, and other minerals with complex anions.**

1411 The pressure effects on salts of complex anions have been studied experimentally to some
1412 extend (see for instance Manjon et al. 2007 for ABO_4 phases). Many of them, such as borates,
1413 tungstates, and molybdates are constituted by elements geochemically too rare to be expected
1414 to form free phases within the mantle although the partitioning of these elements between
1415 mantle phases is of geochemical interest. Sulfates are not expected in the mantle because the
1416 redox conditions support sulfides over sulfates or sulfites. Wirth et al. (2009) reported an
1417 inclusion of anhydrite from a diamond, probably reflecting local oxidizing conditions.

1418 Carbonates are of particular interest in the Earth's mantle because they take part in the deep
1419 carbon cycle (see for instance Shirey et al. 2013, Thomson et al 2016). High-pressure phase
1420 transformations of calcite and aragonite have been observed in experiments (Merlini et al. 2013,
1421 2014, Smith et al. 2018b), others have been predicted (Oganov et al. 2013). Navon (1991)
1422 reported infrared spectra of carbonate-bearing diamonds where the energy of the CO_3^-
1423 asymmetric stretching vibration indicates elevated remnant pressure of carbonate inclusions.
1424 Tschauner et al. (2018b, 2019) reported X-ray diffraction data of magnesian calcite inclusions
1425 and determined remnant pressures as high as 7.0 ± 0.5 GPa but no high-pressure polymorph of
1426 calcite or aragonite has been found so far. The absence of high-pressure polymorphs of calcite is

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1427 due to the magnesite-component in solid solution, which generates a large negative excess
1428 volume thus stabilizing the calcite structure relative to high-pressure polymorphs. Under mantle
1429 conditions carbonates break down through reaction with enstatite. In eclogitic environments
1430 carbonates are stabilized to higher pressure and temperature (Thomson et al. 2016) as cation-
1431 disordered dolomite. It is not yet clear why calcite inclusions in diamond contain rather high
1432 magnesite concentrations where disordered $(\text{Ca,Mg})\text{CO}_3$ is expected to decompose into
1433 magnesite and aragonite (Buob et al. 2006) upon cooling during ascent of their host diamonds in
1434 the mantle.

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1436 **3.8 Silicates**

1437 The most important rock forming silicates and silicic high-pressure oxides have already been
1438 discussed in the section about oxides and do not need to be recapitulated. Generally, silicates in
1439 the proper sense are based on covalently bonded SiO_4 or aluminosilicate as building blocks.
1440 Therefore silicates in the proper sense belong to the class of low- to intermediate-pressure
1441 minerals because their formation does not involve a major change in this fundamental chemical
1442 bonding pattern. Because of the abundance of Si and O, and the manifold topological
1443 possibilities of arranging isolated or corner-sharing aluminosilicate or silicate tetrahedral along
1444 with other ions, silicates are the dominant phases in the Earth's crust and upper mantle (Fig. 2)
1445 and occur in a vast number of mineral species. A general effect of pressure can be distinguished
1446 here as well: Structures assumed by silicates with constituent high-Z cations are assumed by
1447 silicates with smaller, less heavy cations at higher pressure. For example, walstroemite and
1448 cymrite are Ba-silicate minerals, wadeite is a K-Zr silicate. Breyite, the isotypic 'Ca-walstroemite'
1449 has been found as inclusions in diamonds that originate in the sublithospheric mantle (Stachel et

1450 al. 2000,2008, Anzolini et al. 2016, Brenker et al. 2018). Experimental studies show existence of
1451 K-Al cymrite and –wadeite phases (Yagi et al. 1994, Yong et al. 2006) which well could exist in
1452 deep subducted slabs but have not yet been found as minerals. This trend is in accordance with
1453 the direction of pressure-driven transformation observed for other chemical classes of minerals
1454 such as the elements and oxides (see Introduction). However, the structural flexibility of silicates
1455 also permits formation of a wealth of incipient high-pressure phases which have no equivalent
1456 at ambient pressure such as the minerals lawsonite, jeffbenite (see below) and of synthetic
1457 phases which potentially occur in Earth such as the ‘NAL-phase’ (Pamato et al. 2014), ‘phase Egg’
1458 (Eggleton et al. 1978), and a high pressure post-kaolin phase (Hwang et al. 2017).

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1460 **Dense hydrous Mg-silicates**

1461 Dense hydrous Mg-silicates are expected to occur in mantle peridotite dragged along with
1462 subducted slabs and metasomatized by hydrous fluid released from the slabs . Presently they
1463 have not been reported as minerals. Structurally they are not members of one family. Some, like
1464 phase B and E, are spinelloids, whereas phase A and G are layered structures composed of
1465 octahedral sheets with intermittent tetrahedra, and phase F is a dense octahedral layer
1466 structure (Prewitt and Downs 1998, Angel et al. 2001). The so called ‘10-Ångstroem phase’ is a
1467 mica closely related to phlogopite but with H₂O substituting for K and with much lower Al
1468 content (Comodi et al. 2005).

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1470 **Reidite**

1471 Silicates with high field strength elements as constituting cations undergo mainly reversible
1472 continuous transformations such as the transformation from zircon to reidite ($ZrSiO_4$ in the
1473 scheelite-type structure, Reid and Ringwood 1969, Glass et al. 2002). Reidite is important in
1474 identifying and dating terrestrial and martian impacts (Glass et al. 2002, Cavosie et al. 2015). The
1475 transition from zircon to reidite is caused by sublattice shift and subsequent loss of the mirror-
1476 symmetry perpendicular to the 4-fold axis. Thus, reidite is an incipient high-pressure mineral
1477 despite its relatively high pressure of formation. At higher pressure $ZrSiO_4$ and other silicates of
1478 high field strength elements ultimately break down into oxides (Tange and Takahashi 2004).

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1480 **Pyroxenes**

1481 Like the minerals of the olivine series pyroxenes have one tetrahedral and two distorted
1482 octahedral sites. However, pyroxenes are inosilicates and tilting or twisting of the chains of
1483 corner-sharing tetrahedra allows for accommodating a much larger range of structural and
1484 compositional variations than olivine. In particular, pyroxenes accommodate coupled
1485 substitution of monovalent ions on their M-sites along with Al substitution on the T-site or the
1486 substitution of two Al on M1 and T-site (Tschermak-component), which both is not possible in
1487 olivine. In addition to proper pyroxenes there are also pyroxenoids which exhibit different
1488 periodicities of the tetrahedral chains and amphiboles where two chains are combined to
1489 ribbons. Pyroxene-type silicates, pyroxenoids and amphiboles are low- to intermediate pressure
1490 minerals (Fig. 2) whereas high-pressure pyroxene-type polycarbonates (Oganov et al. 2013) have
1491 not been found as minerals. Hence, detailed account on pyroxenes and related structures is not
1492 within the scope of this paper and can be found elsewhere (Prewitt 1980). Pyroxenes react to
1493 elevated and high pressure through three principal mechanisms:

1494 1) Volume reduction through structural modification. Pyroxenes undergo reversible transitions
1495 upon compression. In particular above 5 -7 GPa enstatite undergoes a transition to a C2/c-type
1496 clinopyroxene, which is different for high-temperature clinoenstatite at ambient pressure (Angel
1497 et al. 1992). This high-pressure clinoenstatite is expected to occur in fertile mantle peridotite
1498 but has not yet been found as a mineral. It may be captured as inclusion with sufficiently high
1499 remnant pressure in P-type (peridotitic) diamonds. A large number of structural transitions in
1500 pyroxenes and pyroxenoids of different composition have been observed in experiments and
1501 are mostly confined to a regime of low-temperatures compared to the mantle geotherm but
1502 their occurrence in cold slabs has been discussed (Woodland and Angel 1997, Dera et al. 2013,
1503 Plonka et al. 2012, Xu et al. 2018).

1504 2) New endmembers such as jadeite $\text{NaAlSi}_2\text{O}_6$ occur at elevated pressure. Omphacite, a
1505 complex solid solution with dominant jadeite-component is a rock-forming mineral in eclogite
1506 (e.g. Liou et al. 2009).

1507 3) Coupled substitution which involves vacancies on the M1 site. This partial vacancy permits
1508 additional compression of the pyroxene structure. Thus, this mechanism combines chemical and
1509 structural aspects of the first and the second mechanism. The most prominent vacancy-based
1510 high-pressure pyroxene is the Ca-Eskola endmember $\text{Ca}(\text{Al},.)\text{Si}_2\text{O}_6$, which dominates over
1511 kushiroite (the Tschermak endmember $\text{Ca Al}(\text{Si},\text{Al})_2\text{O}_6$) at elevated pressures (McCormick 1980).
1512 Tissintite is a Ca-Eskola rich pyroxene which occurs in shocked meteorites (Ma et al. 2016) and
1513 terrestrial impactites (Walton et al. 2018). Tissintite defines regimes of intermediate dynamic
1514 pressure and temperatures during shock-metamorphism (Walton et al. 2018, Ma et al. 2016,
1515 Herd et al. 2011, Sharp et al. 2018).

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1517 **Garnets**

1518 Garnets are compounds with composition $X_3Y_2T_3O_{12}$, where T can be Si, Ge, Al, Ga, P, As, and
1519 even Li (in synthetic materials). Site X is a large, roughly dodecahedral site, Y is a smaller
1520 octahedral, and T is a tetrahedral site. Silicate-garnets are nesosilicates because the Si-
1521 tetrahedra are isolated although the Y-T sites form strong cage-like networks around site X, if Y
1522 is occupied by Al or Si. Sites X and Y can accommodate a large variety of cations with full or
1523 partial occupancy and consequently, there is a large number of silicate garnet endmembers
1524 (Grew et al. 2012). Pyrope-dominated complex garnet solid solutions are rock forming minerals
1525 in garnet-peridotite and in eclogite. High pressure favors Si substitution on site Y through
1526 coupled substitution $(Na + Si) = Al + Cr$ (Collerson et al. 2010). In addition the combined
1527 substitution of ferrous and ferric iron on sites X and Y is favoured by pressure (at given O-activity)
1528 and defines the skiaigite-endmember which is not stable at ambient pressure (Woodland et al.
1529 1999). Pressure favours accommodation of Si on the Y-site as majorite-component defined
1530 through the endmember majorite, $Mg_3(Mg,Si)_2Si_3O_{12}$, (Smith and Mason 1970) and Ca
1531 $_3(Mg,Si)_2Si_3O_{12}$ (Hazen et al. 1994). Majorite is a mineral which was discovered by Smith and
1532 Mason (1970) in the Coorara L6 chondrite but has been known as synthetic phase earlier
1533 (Ringwood 1967). Majorite and garnets with high majorite component have been found in
1534 shocked meteorites (Langenhorst and Deutsch 2012, Rubin and Ma 2017), terrestrial impactites
1535 (Staehele et al. 2011, Walton et al 2018) and as inclusions in terrestrial diamonds that have
1536 formed in the transition zone or lower mantle (Stachel&Harris 2008, Collerson et al. 2010).
1537 $Ca_3(Mg,Si)_2Si_3O_{12}$ has been synthesized but not yet been described as mineral but is a minor
1538 component in majorite and other garnets that formed at high pressures. This phase exhibits a
1539 tetragonal distortion of its unit cell from site ordering of Si and Mg (Hazen et al. 1994). Recently

1540 the time-scale of this site ordering has been used to assess time scales of temperature-release in
1541 shock melt veins (Tomioka et al 2017) in agreement with the assessments based on the
1542 occurrence of bridgmanite in similar highly shocked meteorites (Tschauner et al. 2014).
1543 Tetragonal distortion was also found in an almandine-majorite solid solution that occurred in a
1544 shock-melt pocket of the Shergotty martian meteorite (Ma et al. 2016).

1545 The stability of majorite-rich garnets extends to about 30 GPa where they transform into
1546 aluminous bridgmanite (Irifune et al. 1998). Containing both four- and six-fold coordinated Si
1547 majorite is an incipient high-pressure mineral. This is reflected in the gradually increasing
1548 occupancy of the Y-site by Si along with increasing pressure and its ultimate transformation into
1549 bridgmanite.

1550 Jeffbenite is a silicate with composition along the almandine-pyrope joint but of a structure very
1551 different from garnets (Conrad and Finger, Nestola et al. 2018). We have discussed it's possible
1552 relation to aluminous bridgmanite further above.

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1554 **3. 9 Phosphates**

1555 The general statements about silicates can be extended to phosphates which are also based on
1556 tetrahedral PO_4 building blocks with the possibility of polymerization (Huminicki and Hawthorne
1557 2002). One interesting difference between silicates and phosphates is the much larger flexibility
1558 of intertetrahedral P-O-P bonds. For instance, berlinite AlPO_4 can be compressed by about 50
1559 GPa without structural rearrangement other than a gradual approximation of adjacent tetrahedra
1560 (Klug and Tse 1994). Consequently, high pressure phase transformation in phosphates are
1561 mostly reversible and between structures related through group-subgroup relations (see for

1562 instance Errandonea and Manjon 2008). Tuite is a polymorph of anhydrous Ca triphosphate that
1563 forms above 10 GPa and occurs in shocked chondrites and shergottites (Xie et al. 2003). It's
1564 structure represents a denser rearrangement of a tetrahedral phosphate network with central
1565 channel, filled by Ca. Thus, tuite is an intermediate-pressure mineral. Similarly, merrillite forms
1566 through shock-induced dehydration of whitlockite above 5 GPa and this experimentally
1567 obtained finding may explain the dominance of merrillite over whitlockite in many
1568 extraterrestrial environments such as martian, lunar, and primitive meteorites (Adcock et al.
1569 2017).

1570 Finally, we note an extensive isotypism or homoiotypism between phosphates and silicates
1571 (Huminicki and Hawthorne 2002). The larger flexibility of intertetrahedral bonds or bonds
1572 between tetrahedra and other polyhedra in phosphates then accounts for more variability in
1573 chemical substitution than in the structurally equivalent silicates (e.g. olivine cannot
1574 accommodate coupled substitution of alkalines plus Al above trace level, in contrast to the
1575 olivine-like phosphates triphylite and lithiophorite). This larger flexibility also accounts for the
1576 observation that many phosphates assume structures at low or ambient pressure which are
1577 isotypic or closely related to incipient high-pressure silicates such as phosphate-ellenbergerite
1578 and ellenbergerite, phosphates of the mozartite- chopinite series and Mg-silicate spinelloids.
1579 However, for the same reason phosphates with octahedrally coordinated P do not exist.

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1581 **4. Summary**

1582 High-pressure minerals are a minor subset of the known minerals but they are key in
1583 understanding the deep Earth, shock-metamorphism, and in modeling other planets. Over the

1584 past decade the number of known high pressure minerals has largely increased. Therefore a
1585 comprehensive overview and a definition of high-pressure minerals is a timely matter.

1586 The pressures of the deeper interior of Earth are sufficient to cause noticeable differences in
1587 chemical behaviour of elements, notably in Si and Fe. These changes induce structural
1588 transformations of rock forming minerals, which mark the major divisions in the Earth's mantle:
1589 Upper mantle, transition zone, and lower mantle. The pronounced effect of pressure on the
1590 chemical and, consequently, the physical properties and structures of minerals makes Earth
1591 different from smaller rocky planets like Mars.

1592 Not only the major divisions in the Earth mantle but also structures and properties of many
1593 accessory minerals as well as those of the iron-rich metal in the core are controlled by the effect
1594 of pressure. Accessory high-pressure minerals reflect the differentiation of less and
1595 incompatible elements in the deeper mantle. This large array of pressure-induced structural
1596 changes and phases make it important to examine if high-pressure minerals can be defined as a
1597 distinct category of solid phases which differ from their equivalents at low or ambient pressure.
1598 We define high-pressure minerals by the general notion that their stability fields do not
1599 intersect ambient pressure. However, this criterion is insufficient and does not capture the
1600 effect of pressure-induced changes in chemical properties of the constituent elements.

1601 Therefore, we complement this criterion with two others: 1) that their structures place the high-
1602 pressure minerals clearly outside the structure tolerance fields defined through their ambient
1603 pressure ionic radii. 2) that their structures follow the correlation between pressure of phase
1604 stability and the nuclear charge number. Minerals whose stability field is beyond ambient
1605 pressure but whose structures are within the tolerance fields of their ionic radii are defined as
1606 incipient high-pressure minerals. Their structures reflect sterical rearrangements of atoms and

1607 polyhedral units under the effect of pressure but without basic changes in chemical bond states
1608 which occur in proper high-pressure minerals. The distinction between low-, incipient- and high-
1609 pressure minerals reflects the principal divisions in the Earth's mantle into upper mantle
1610 transition zone, and lower mantle and lower mantle and is therefore useful in correlating
1611 mineralogical observations with the geochemistry and –physics of the deep Earth.

1612 We discuss all currently known high-pressure minerals and a number of incipient high-pressure
1613 minerals and indicate their relevance in the study of the deep Earth, impacts, meteorites, and
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2473 **Table 1.**

2474 List of all approved high-pressure minerals and some incipient high-pressure minerals which are
2475 discussed in this paper. Incipient high-pressure minerals are printed in italics. Endmember
2476 composition, first reference of the approved mineral or announcement by the CNMNC, density
2477 of endmembers and the density of the stable polymorph at reference conditions are given. The
2478 reported densities of the type specimens of these minerals may be different if they contain
2479 noticeable amounts of other components.

Name	Composition	Reference	Density (Density of stable polymorph at ref. conditions) g/cm³
Elements and alloys			
Diamond	C	-	3.516 (graphite: 2.26)
Hexaferrum	Fe	Mochalov et al.	8.26 (iron: 7.88)

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		1998	
<i>δloc-N₂</i>	N ₂	Navon et al. 2017	1.767 ¹ (-)
Pnictides and Chalcogenides			
<i>Allabogdanite</i>	Fe ₂ P		6.86 (barringerite: 5.90)
Quingsongite	BN	Dobrzhinetskaya et al. 2014	3.488 (g-BN: 2.298)
<i>Shenzhuangite</i>	NiFeS ₂	Bindi et al. 2018	²
Molecular Minerals			
<i>Ice-VII</i>	H ₂ O	Tschauner et al. 2018b	2.07 (ice-Ih: 0.95)
<i>(CO₂-I)</i>	CO ₂	Schauder&Navon 1993	1.76 ¹ (-)
Oxides and Hydroxides			
<i>Coesite</i>	SiO ₂	Chao	3.04 (quartz: 2.65)
Stishovite	SiO ₂	Chao et al. 1962	4.28 (quartz: 2.65)

Seifertite	SiO ₂	Dera et al. 2002	4.37 (quartz: 2.65)
<i>Srilankite</i>	TiO ₂	Willgallis et al. 1983	4.39 (rutile: 4.25)
<i>Riesite</i>	TiO ₂	Tschauner et al. 2017	4.20 (rutile: 4.25)
Akaogiite	TiO ₂	ElGoresy et al. 2001	4.26 (rutile: 4.25)
Scrutinyite	PbO ₂	Taggart et al. 1988	9.87 (plattnerite: 9.70)
Lingunite	NaAlSi ₃ O ₈	Gillet et al. 2000	3.6 (albite: 2.6)
Liebermannite	KAlSi ₃ O ₈	Ma et al. 2018a	3.9 (orthoclase: 2.7)
Stöfflerite	CaAl ₂ Si ₂ O ₈	Tschauner et al. 2018	4.0 (anorthite:2.7)
<i>Wadsleyite</i>	Mg ₂ SiO ₄	Price et al. 1983	3.6 (forsterite: 3.2)
<i>Asimowite</i>	Fe ₂ SiO ₄	Bindi et al. 2019	4.8 ² (fayalite: 4.4)
<i>Ringwoodite</i>	Mg ₂ SiO ₄	Binns et al. 1969	3.8 (forsterite: 3.2)

<i>Ahrensite</i>	Fe ₂ SiO ₄	Ma et al. 2016	4.85 (fayalite: 4.4)
Maohokite	MgFe ₂ O ₄	Chen et al. 2017	5.33 (magnesioferrite: 4.5)
Chenmingite	FeCr ₂ O ₄	Ma et al. 2019	5.6 (chromite: 5.1)
Xieite	FeCr ₂ O ₄	Chen et al. 2003	5.8 (chromite: 5.1)
Tschaunerite	FeTi ₂ O ₄	Ma et al. 2018	5.5 (ulvøspinel: 5.0)
Feiite	(Fe,Ti) ₄ O ₅	Ma et al. 2018	5.4 (wüstite + ulvøspinel: 5.6)
Akimotoite	MgSiO ₃	Tomioka&Fujino 1997, Sharp et al. 1997	3.8 (enstatite:3.2)
Hemleyite	FeSiO ₃	Bindi et al. 2017	4.8 ³ (ferrosillite:3.6)
Wangdaodeite	FeTiO ₃	Xie et al. 2016	4.9 (ilmenite: 4.8)
Liuite	FeTiO ₃	Ma et al. 2018	5.5 (ilmenite: 4.8)
Zagamiite	CaAl ₂ Si _{3.5} O ₁₁	Ma et al. 2017, Beck et al. 2006	3.4-3.6
Bridgmanite	MgSiO ₃	Tschauner et al.	4.1 (enstatite:3.2)

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Silicates			
<i>Reidite</i>	ZrSiO ₄	Glass et al. 2002	5.16 (zircon: 4.67)
<i>Majorite</i>	Mg ₃ (Mg,Si) ₂ Si ₃ O ₁₂	Smyth&Mason 1970	3.8 (enstatite: 3.2)
<i>Jeffbenite</i>	Mg ₃ Al ₂ Si ₃ O ₁₂	Harris et al. 1997, Nestola et al. 2016	3.55 (pyrope: 3.55)
<i>Breyite</i>	Ca ₃ Si ₃ O ₉	Brenker et al. 2018	3.52 (wollastonite: 2.9)
<i>Jadeite</i>	NaAlSi ₂ O ₆		3.47
<i>Tissintite</i>	Ca(Al, ₂)Si ₂ O ₆	Ma et al. 2016	3.4 (kushiroite: 3.4)
Phosphates			
<i>Tuite</i>	Ca ₃ [PO ₄] ₂		3.47

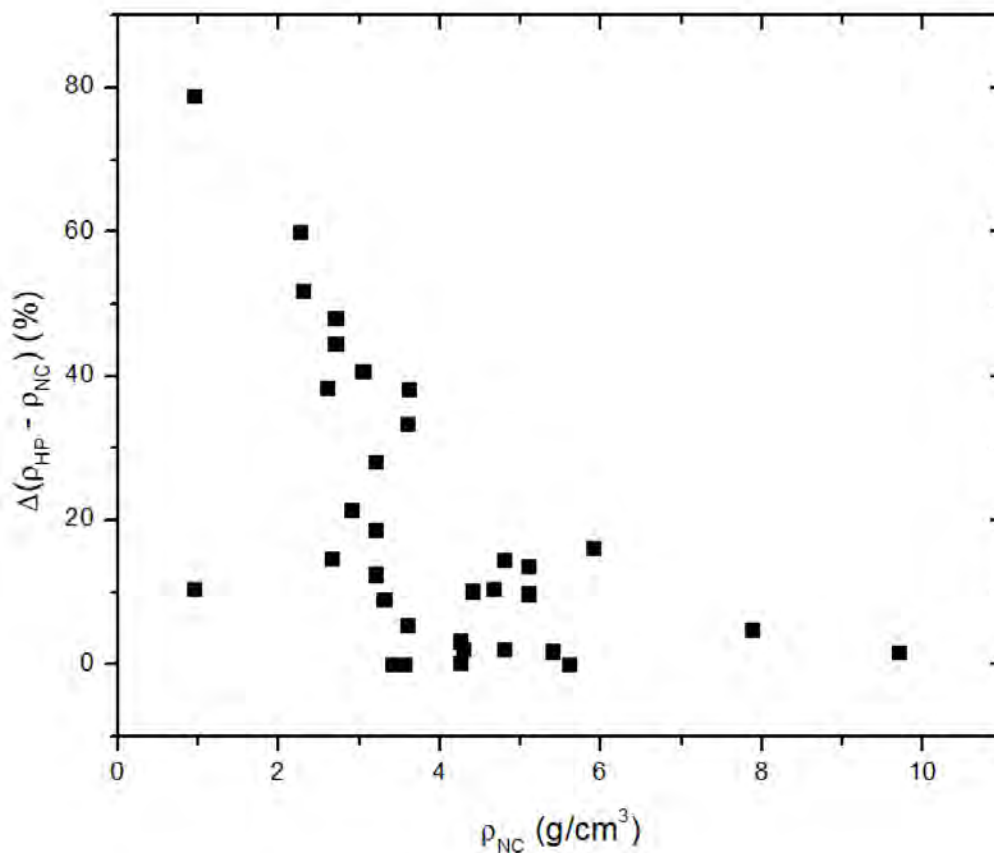
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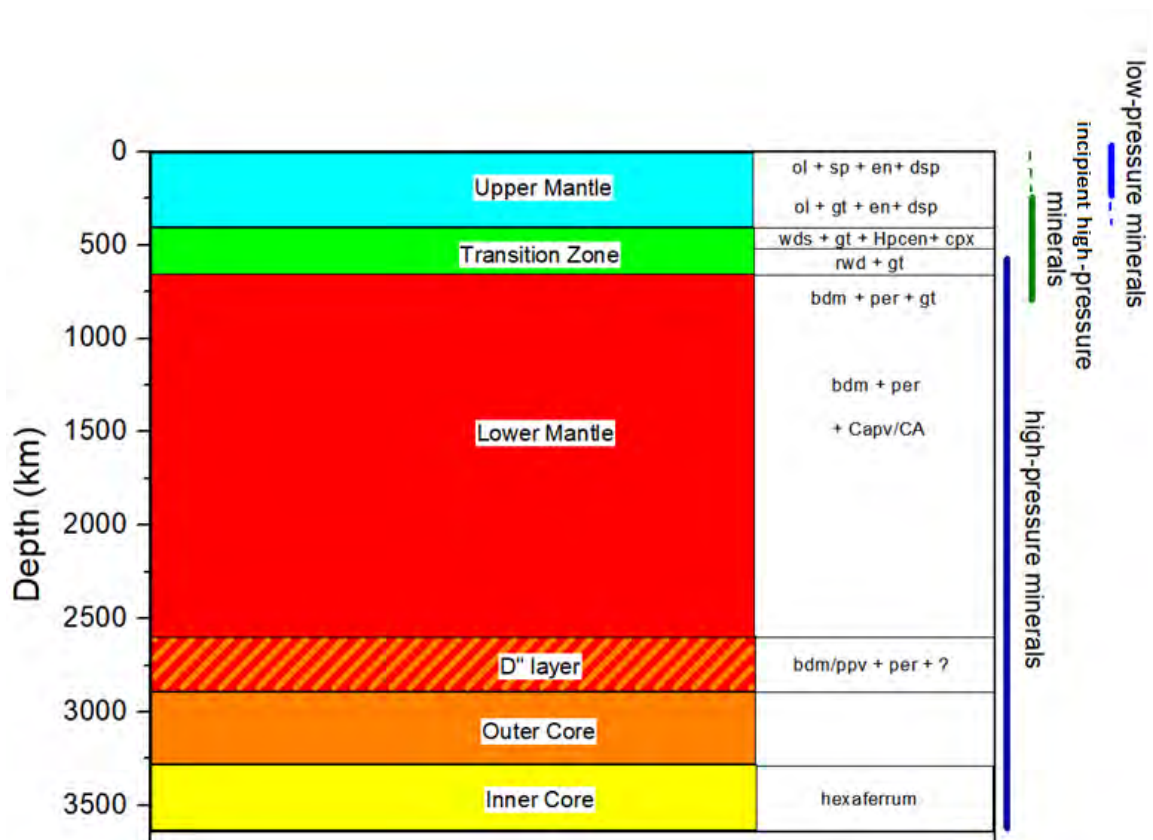
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2486 Figure 1: Difference in density of high- and ambient pressure mineral polymorphs in % as
2487 function of density of the polymorph stable at reference conditions. One notices that with
2488 increasing density at reference conditions, the density gain upon pressure-induced phase
2489 transformation decreases. This shows that absolute pressure or absolute density does not serve
2490 as a good criterion for defining high-pressure minerals. The Figure can also be read as
2491 illustration of the effect of pressure upon structures in general: High-pressure phases tend to be

2492 equivalent to low-pressure phases of compounds constituted by higher Z elements. For instance,
 2493 taking a polymorphic series such as SiO₂ or TiO₂, and use the density of each subsequent higher-
 2494 pressure polymorph as new reference point, the correlation of density-gain upon transition
 2495 moves along the depicted trend. The plotted data are taken from Table 1.

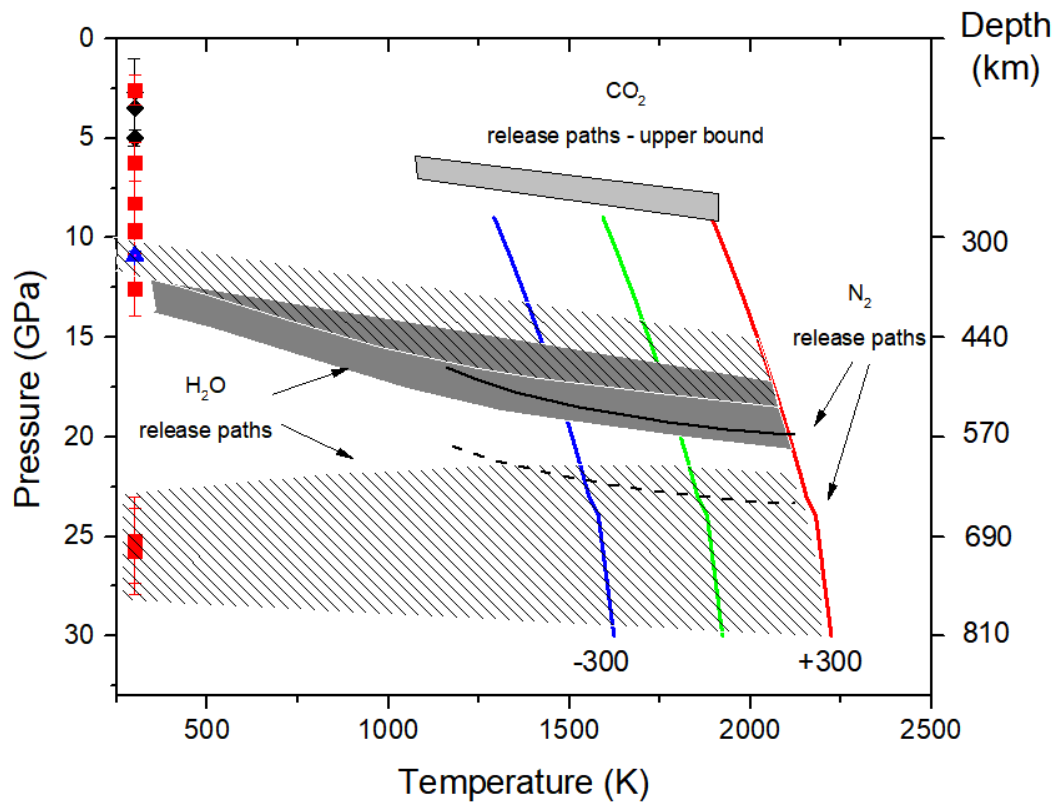


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2497 Figure 2: Schematic overview of the major divisions in Earth, their major rock-forming minerals,
 2498 and their classification as low-, intermediate-, and high-pressure minerals. The division between
 2499 core and mantle is primarily a change in bulk chemistry from compounds of Mg, Si, Al, Fe with O
 2500 in the mantle to a metallic iron-rich alloy in the core, liquid in the outer, and solid in the inner
 2501 core. The divisions of the mantle are primarily the result of pressure-induced changes in crystal
 2502 structures whereas the composition of upper-, lower-mantle, and transition zone are very

2503 similar. The Earth's crust is distinct from the mantle in both composition and basic structural
2504 features of its major minerals.

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2507 Figure 3: Residual pressures and source regions of dense molecular mineral inclusions in
2508 diamonds from the Earth's mantle. Red squares: ice-VII (Tschauer et al. 2018), Black diamonds:
2509 CO₂ (Navon and Schrauder 1994, Tschauer 2019), blue triangle: δ -N₂ (Navon et al. 2017). In all
2510 these studies the release paths were assessed as isochores with correction for thermal
2511 expansion and elasticity of diamond. These paths tie the current pressure of the inclusions
2512 (corrected for diamond relaxation, Angel et al. 2014) to the depth of entrapment in diamond.
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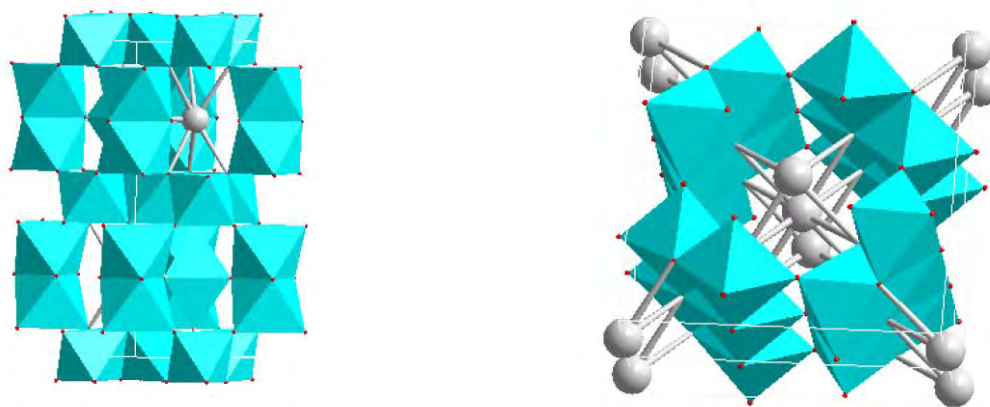
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2514 only give for reference the average mantle geotherm (Brown and Shankland 1981) and two
2515 adiabates 300 K higher and lower. Hashured and dark grey areas: Release paths for ice-VII, grey:
2516 CO₂ (after Schrauder and Navon 1994), black solid and dashed lines: N₂ (after Navon et al. 2017).

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2521 Figure 4: a Structural representation of zagamiite, $\text{Ca}_{1.601} \text{Si}_{5.131} \text{Al}_{3.763} \text{Na}_{0.199} \text{O}_{22.001}$, the

2522 dioctahedral layers are predominately occupied by Si, the face-sharing interlayer octahedral

2523 are partially occupied by Al.

2524 b. Representation of the silicate-hollandites lingunite, liebermannite, and stöfflerite. The central

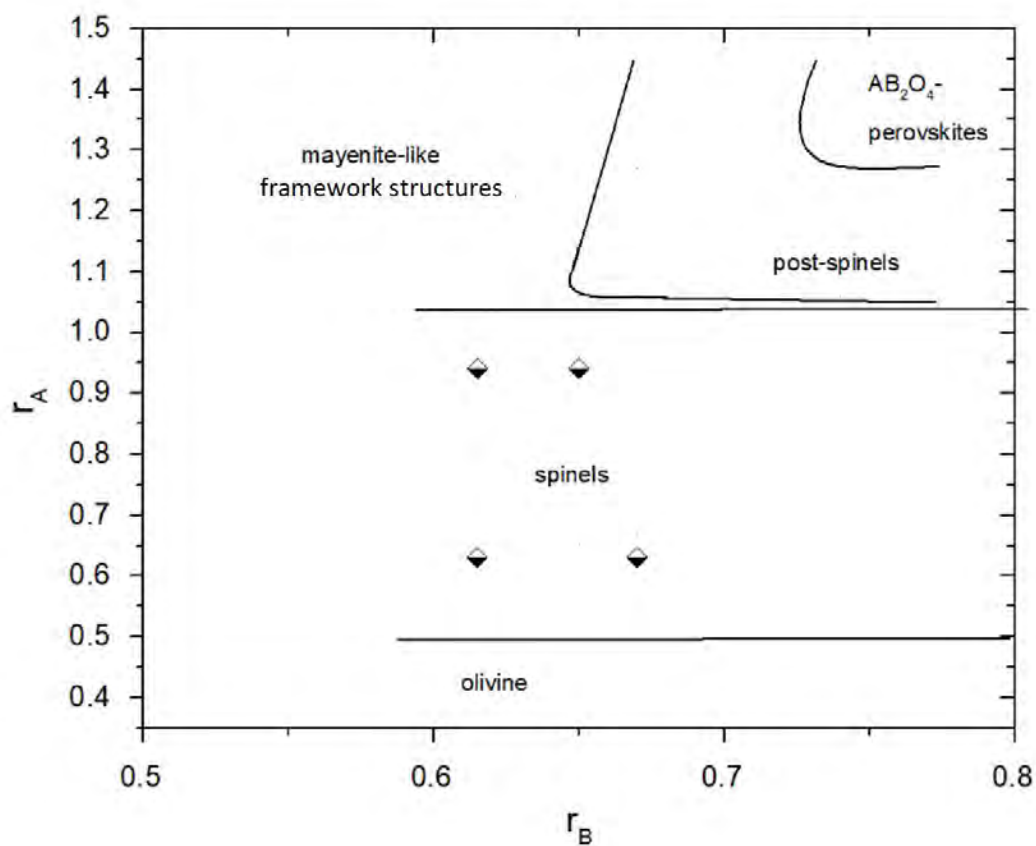
2525 channel is occupied by Na, K, and Ca, the octahedral sites by Si and Al.

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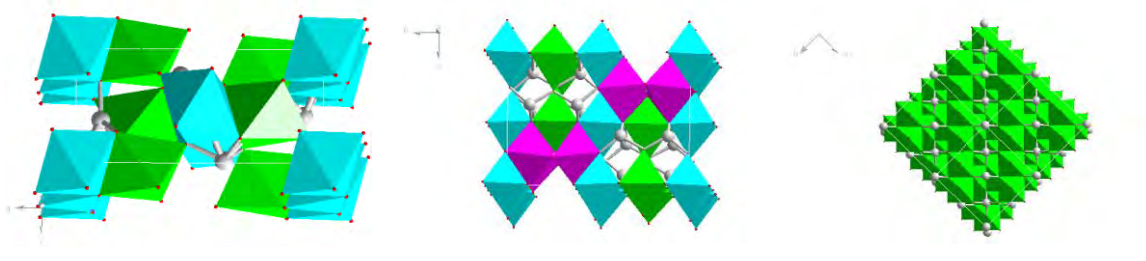
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2531 Figure 5. Relations of effective radii and structure fields of AB_2O_4 oxides (adapted from Glasser
2532 and Glasser 1963). The spinels magnesioferrite, chromite, magnesiochromite, and ulvospinel are
2533 indicated by half-filled diamonds. The corresponding high-pressure minerals maohokite (Chen et
2534 al. 2017), xieite (Chen et al. 2003), chenmingite (Ma et al. 2018), and tschaunerite (Ma et al.
2535 2018) are in the postspinel field which at ambient pressure is occupied by phases with $r_A > 1.05 \text{ \AA}$.
2536 It is noteworthy that the transition from spinels to postspinel AB_2O_4 is not direct but through a
2537 regime of partial decomposition into sesquioxides and ludwigite-type oxides (Nishio-Hamame et
2538 al. 2012, Ishii et al. 2014, 2016, Akaogi et al. 2018)

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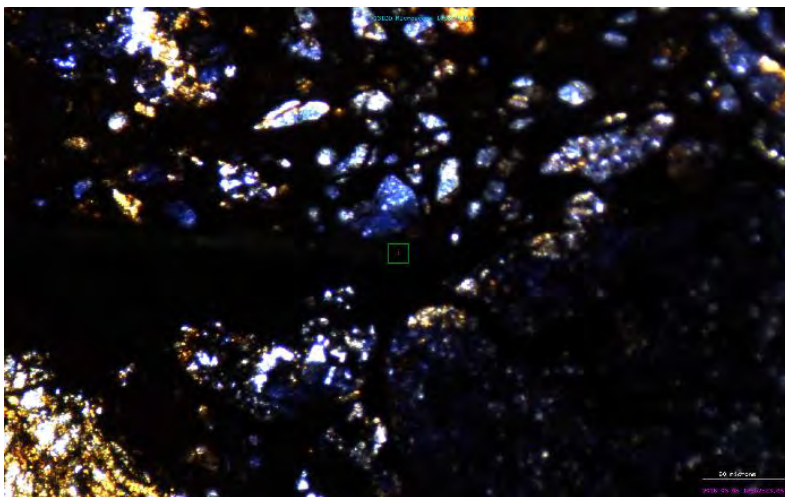


2542 Figure 6. Representations of the structures of olivine (a), wadsleyite (b), and ringwoodite (c).

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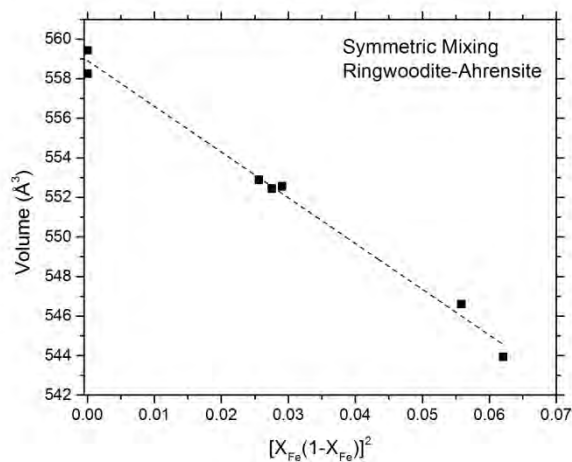
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2547 Figure 7. Acfer 040 L6 chondrite with cornflower-blue ringwoodite, center green rectangle has
2548 edge length 40 μm . Microscope image was taken with parallel polarizers. The apparent grains of
2549 ringwoodite are actually aggregates of μm -to sub μm -scale crystallites. This is typical for high-
2550 pressure minerals in shock-metamorphic environments: In shergottites and chondrites grain size
2551 is usually below μm in diameter, shock-melt veins in bedrock from terrestrial impact sites
2552 contains crystallites up to 5 μm in diameter (see for instance: Walton et al. 2018).

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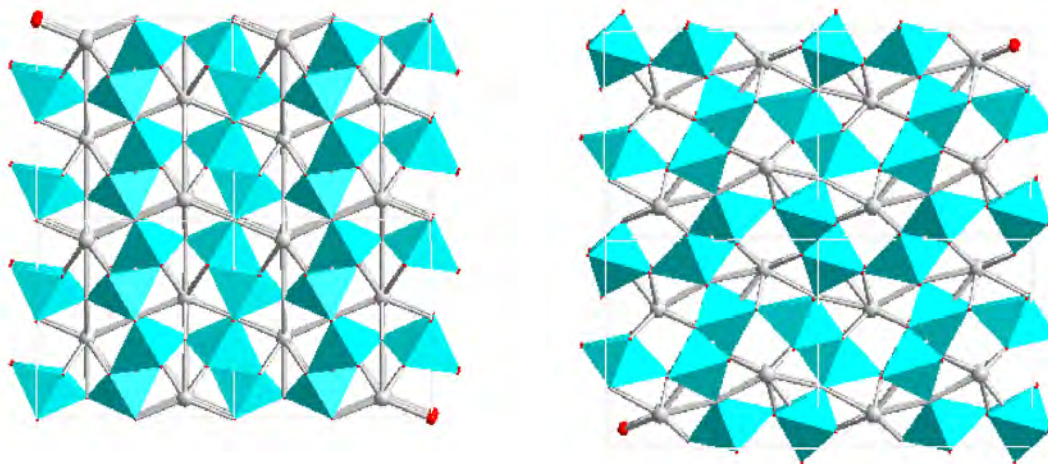


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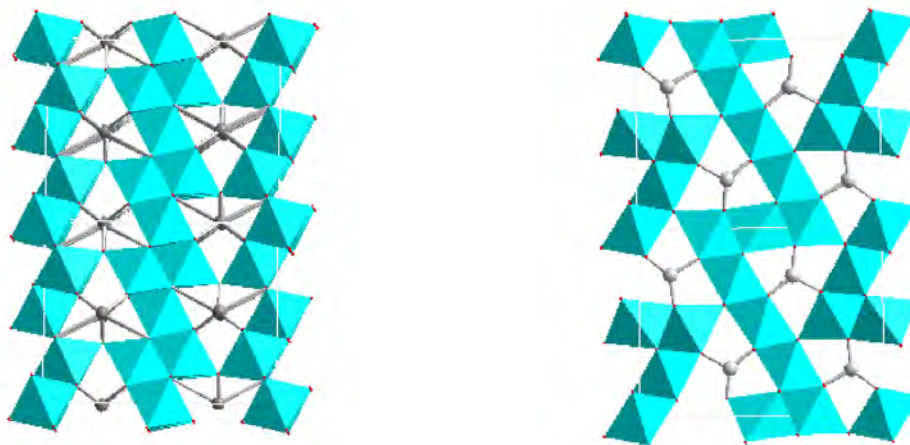
2556 Figure 8: Symmetric mixing relation in the ringwoodite-ahrensite binary system. Synthetic
2557 samples by Ito and Takahashi (1989), Hazen et al. (1992), and Horiuchi (). Type ahrensite is the
2558 data point with 56 mol% ahrensite.

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2562 Figure 9: Representations of high-pressure transition metal oxide structures. a. Xieite, the
2563 FeCr_2O_4 postspinel phase isotypic to CaTi_2O_4 (Chen et al. 2003). b. Chenmingite, the FeCr_2O_4
2564 postspinel phase isotypic to harmunite (CaFe_2O_4) (Ma et al. 2018). c. Feiite, $\text{Fe}_2(\text{FeTi})_2\text{O}_5$ (Ma et al.
2565 2018), d. $\text{Fe}(\text{Fe,Ti})_3\text{O}_5$ ludwigite, a synthetic high pressure phase that occurs in the Fe-Cr- and the
2566 Fe-Ti-oxide systems (Ishii et al. 2015, 2016).

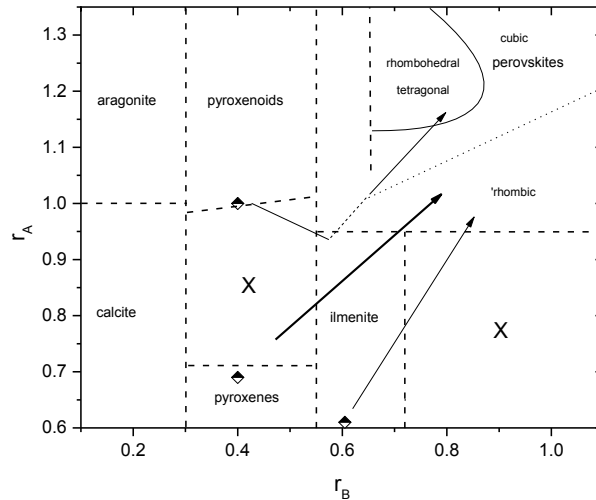
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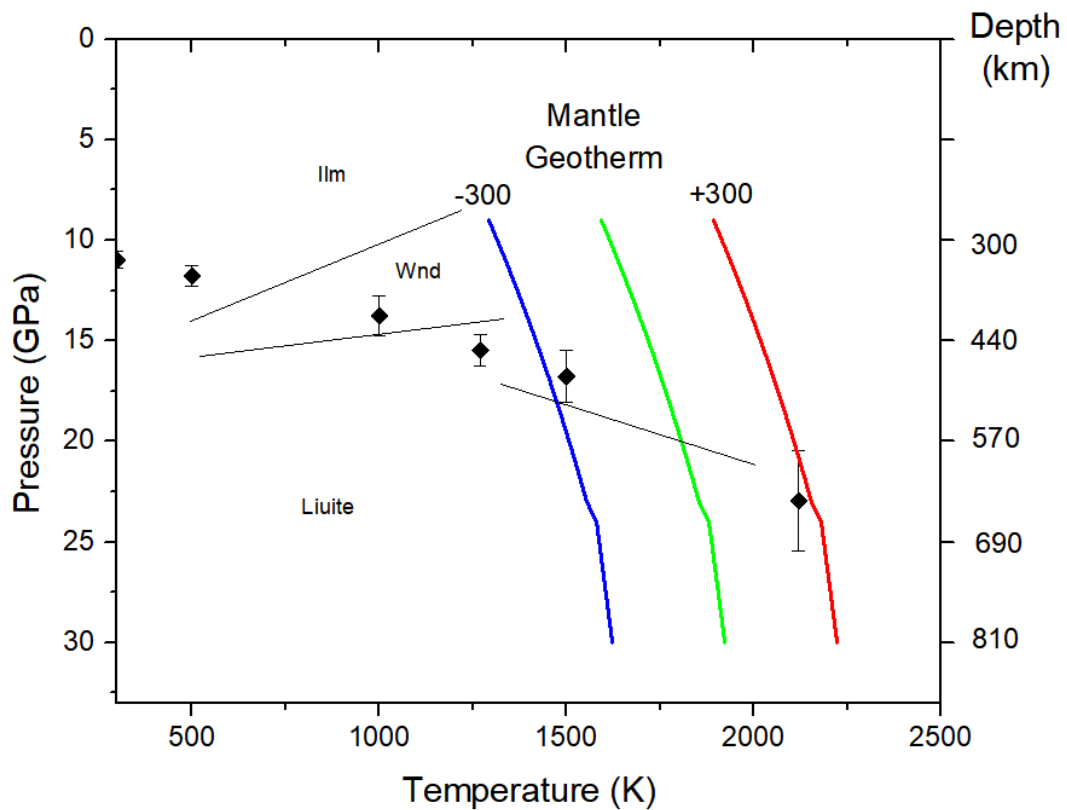
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Figure 10. Structure fields and effective ionic radii of ABO_3 -compounds after Roth (1957). Diamonds: radii of enstatite, wollastonite, and ilmenite at reference conditions. X = no known crystalline structures. Arrows indicate the 'trend' of structural evolution with pressure: While enstatite crosses the intermediate field of ilmenite-type structures through the transition sequence enstatite \rightarrow high-pressure clinoenstatite \rightarrow akimotoite \rightarrow 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.



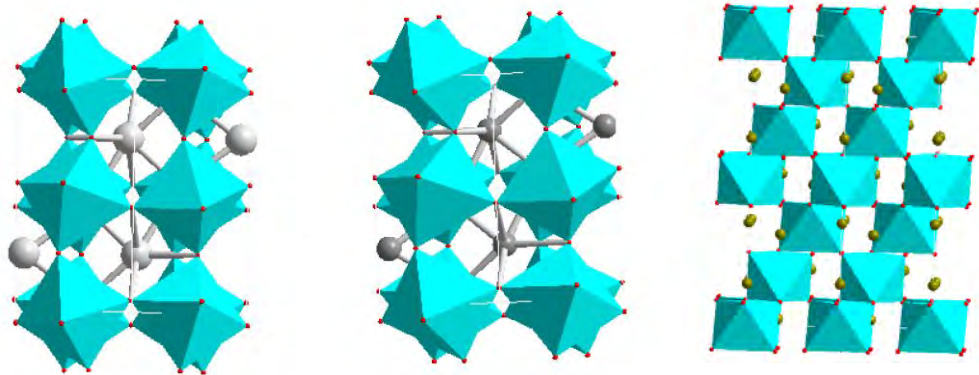
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2587 Figure 11: Entrapment path of an ilmenite inclusion (Ilm90Gk10) with 10 ± 1 GPa
2588 residual pressure in a sublithospheric diamond, after (Tschauner et al. 2018). The
2589 modeled entrapment path intersects for this composition the phase boundary to
2590 wandaodeite at 700 ± 60 K, 12.5 ± 0.4 GPa and, possibly, liuite above 1000 K 14.6 GPa
2591 to > 18 GPa and < 1500 K depending on the slope of the transition boundary (Ming et
2592 al. 2006, Nishio-Hamame et al. 2012). Thus, the ilmenite inclusion is a retrograde
2593 transformation product of (Fe,Mg)TiO₃-perovskite.

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Figure 12: Structural representations of bridgmanite, liuite, and wandaodeite, the

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three known perovskite-type high-pressure minerals: a. Bridgmanite (Mg,Fe)SiO₃, in

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standard setting Pnma of space group 62; b. liuite (Fe,Mg)(Ti,Si)O₃, in same setting

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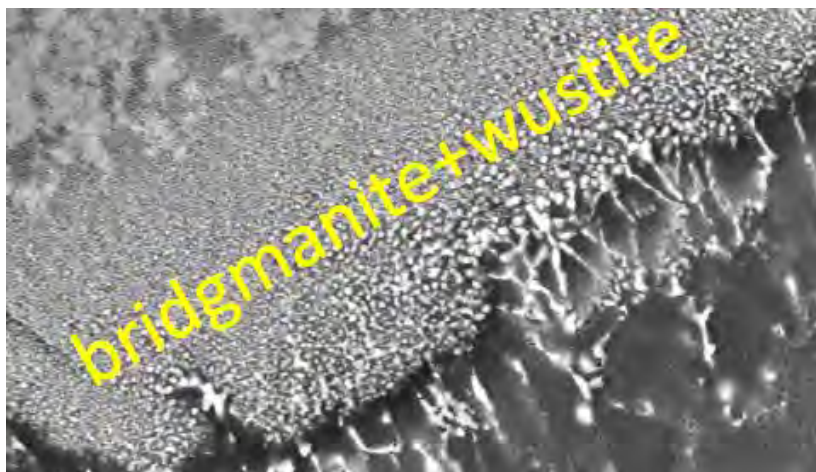
and with noticeably larger tilt of the octahedra than in bridgmanite; c.

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wangdaodeite FeTiO₃, is a rhombohedral perovskite of the LiNbO₃-type.

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Figure 13. Bridgmanite-wuestite intergrowth at the border of a shock-melt pocket in the Tissint

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shergottitic martian meteorite. The intergrowth occupies the diagonal band running from the

2607 lower left to the upper right corner of the image and coarsens toward the melt pocket in the
2608 lower right corner with idiomorphic wuestite. The much finer grained material in the upper left
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