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3 **The equilibrium boundary of the reaction $\text{Mg}_3\text{Al}_2\text{Si}_3\text{O}_{12} + 3\text{CO}_2 =$**
4 **$\text{Al}_2\text{SiO}_5 + 2\text{SiO}_2 + 3\text{MgCO}_3$ at 3-6 GPa**

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14 **Abstract**

15 The stability of CO₂ fluid in the Earth's mantle is restricted by the carbonation of rock-
16 forming minerals. Among those, the reaction with garnet is of particular interest because it
17 constrains the stability of CO₂ fluid in eclogites, whose minerals have been found in the CO₂-bearing
18 diamonds. In this work, we determined the equilibrium boundary for the reaction $\text{Mg}_3\text{Al}_2\text{Si}_3\text{O}_{12}$
19 (Prp) + 3CO₂ (F) = Al₂SiO₅ (Ky) + 2SiO₂ (Coe/Qz) + 3MgCO₃ (Mgs) over the pressure interval 3-6
20 GPa using a multianvil press. Owing to the slow kinetics, the reaction was studied in both forward
21 (left to right) and reverse (right to left) directions in experiments with durations extending up to 260
22 h. Our newly determined boundary is situated 3 GPa / 950±50 °C, 4.5 GPa / 1075±25 °C, and 6 GPa
23 / 1250±50 °C and has the equation $P(\text{GPa}) = 0.0099 \times T (\text{°C}) + 6.3165$. The boundary crosses the

24 graphite-to-diamond transition curve near 4.5 GPa and 1100 °C. Thus, the assemblage garnet + CO₂
25 fluid is stable in the diamond stability field under *P-T* conditions of the continental geotherm with a
26 heat flow of 40 mW/m².

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Nomenclature

Alm	almandine	Fo	forsterite
Carb	carbonate	Gr	graphite
Coe	coesite	Grs	grossular
Cpx	clinopyroxene	Grt	garnet
Crn	corundum	Ky	kyanite
Di	diopside	Mgs	magnesite
Dia	diamond	Opx	orthopyroxene
Dol	dolomite	Prp	pyrope
En	enstatite	Qz	quartz
F	fluid	Sd	siderite

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32 Introduction

33 The presence of CO₂ fluid during crystallization of some lithospheric diamonds is evidenced
34 by findings of solid (Schrauder and Navon 1993; Chinn 1995; Barannik et al. 2021) and liquid CO₂
35 (Tomilenko et al. 2001; Smith et al. 2015) inclusions in natural diamonds. Systematic studies of
36 CO₂-bearing diamonds revealed inclusions of eclogitic minerals (Chinn 1995; Ragozin et al. 2002;
37 Ragozin et al. 2009). However, the stability of CO₂ in the diamond stability field in eclogites
38 (besides redox conditions) is restricted by carbonation reactions of clinopyroxene and garnet
39 (Hammouda and Keshav 2015) (Fig. 1).

40 It was experimentally shown, that clinopyroxene in the case of pure diopside is unstable with
41 CO₂ in the *P-T* range of diamond stability (Luth 1995; 2006). However, the addition of iron to

42 clinopyroxene expands its stability to the P - T conditions of lithospheric diamond formation (Martin
43 and Hammouda 2011) (Fig. 1).

44 For a long time, conclusions about garnet stability with CO_2 were based on the work by
45 Knoche et al. (1999) in which the reaction boundary:



47 is situated at higher temperatures than most estimates for lithospheric diamond formation (Shirey et
48 al. 2013; Stachel and Luth 2015) (Fig. 1). In the study by Knoche et al. (1999), several starting
49 mixtures were employed. The most robust results were obtained using the oxide-carbonate starting
50 mixture in experiments at 5.2 and 7.5 GPa and a duration of 4-6 h (Fig. 2a).

51 Recently, Bataleva et al. (2020b) reported new experimental data on the reaction boundary.
52 They also used the oxide-carbonate starting mixture but in longer experiments with a duration
53 extending up to 10-60 h (Fig. 2a). A comparison of these two studies shows that the reaction
54 boundary shifts to lower temperatures as the run duration increases (Fig. 2). These observations and
55 low conversion of the initial reagents into garnet indicate slow kinetics of the decarbonation
56 reaction. Since in both works, the reaction was mainly studied only in the decarbonation direction,
57 the established reaction boundaries may deviate to higher temperatures relative to the equilibrium
58 one owing to slow kinetics.

59 In order to exclude kinetic factors and determine the equilibrium boundary, we have
60 investigated the reaction in both carbonation and decarbonation directions in multianvil experiments
61 at 3-6 GPa, 900-1500 °C, and a duration of up to 260 h.

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63 **Experimental procedure**

64 Two starting materials were employed to study the reaction from both sides. The first one (A)
65 is a sandwich of natural pyrope powder, $\text{Mg}_{2.95}\text{Fe}_{0.05}\text{Al}_2\text{Si}_3\text{O}_{12}$, and $\text{Ag}_2\text{C}_2\text{O}_4$ as a CO_2 source. The

66 second one (B) is a mixture of reagent grade SiO_2 , Al_2O_3 , and natural magnesite ($< 0.1\%$ impurities)
67 from Brumado (Bahia, Brazil), blended in a molar ratio of 3:1:3. Prior to mixing the oxides were
68 annealed at $1000\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ and magnesite at $300\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ for 1 hour.

69 Experiments were run using a DIA-type 1500-ton press. Eight tungsten carbide cubes with 12-
70 mm truncations were employed as anvils of the inner stage. Octahedra with an edge length of 20.5
71 mm with ground edges and corners made of semisintered CaO-doped ZrO_2 ceramics (Shatskiy et al.
72 2010) were employed as pressure media. The high temperature was generated using a tubular
73 graphite heater 4.0/4.5 mm in inner/outer diameter and 11 mm in length. The samples were loaded
74 in graphite or platinum capsules insulated from the heater by a MgO-SiO₂ sleeve made of talc fired
75 at $1000\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ for 1 h. The temperature was monitored with a W97%Re3%-W75%Re25%
76 thermocouple inserted through the heater walls and electrically insulated by Al_2O_3 tubes. No
77 pressure correction on emf was applied. A pressure calibration was performed by monitoring the
78 resistance changes in Bi at 2.5 and 7.7 GPa at room temperature and using known phase transitions
79 in SiO_2 (quartz-coesite) and CaGeO_3 (garnet-perovskite) at $1100\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ (Shatskiy et al. 2018).

80 High-pressure cells with oxide-carbonate mixtures were dried for 1 night at $200\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ in a
81 vacuum furnace just before the experiment. The cells containing samples with $\text{Ag}_2\text{C}_2\text{O}_4$ were
82 prepared just before the experiment and loaded in the press without drying to avoid oxalate
83 decomposition.

84 Experiments were performed by compression to a desirable load (3-6.5 MN) at a rate of 1
85 MN/h, heating to the target temperature at a rate of $50\text{ }^\circ\text{C}/\text{min}$ and maintenance within $2\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ of the
86 desired value in a temperature control mode. After the required time, the power was turned off,
87 resulting in a temperature drop to $<100\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ in 10 s, followed by decompression at a rate of 1 MN/h.

88 The recovered samples were mounted into epoxy, ground in an axial direction using
89 sandpapers, and polished using a 3- μm diamond paste. After sample cleaning in benzene and carbon

90 coating, the samples were analyzed with MIRA 3 LMU scanning electron microscope (Tescan
91 Orsay Holding, Brno-Kohoutovice, Czech Republic), coupled with an INCA energy-dispersive X-
92 ray micro-analysis system 450. Raman spectra for SiO₂ were collected on a Horiba Jobin Yvon
93 LabRAM HR800 Raman microspectrometer with the 532.1 nm solid-state laser.

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95 **Experimental results**

96 *The starting material Mg₃Al₂Si₃O₁₂ + Ag₂C₂O₄*

97 At 6.0 GPa / 1100, 1200 °C, 4.5 GPa / 950-1050 °C, and 3.0 GPa / 900 °C in the starting
98 mixture A, initial pyrope reacts with CO₂ to form kyanite, coesite, and magnesite (Figs. 3, 4a-j, 5,
99 Table 1). The reaction was established in graphite and Pt capsules (Fig. 4a, d, f, h). Newly formed
100 phases are represented by a granular aggregate at the interface between pyrope and silver, formed as
101 a result of Ag₂C₂O₄ decomposition (Fig. 4b, e, g, i, j). At 1100, 1200 °C and 6 GPa, coesite and
102 kyanite form short prismatic crystals, while magnesite forms isometric crystals up to 10 μm in size
103 (Fig. 4c, e). The grain size of the newly formed phases at lower temperatures does not exceed 5 μm
104 (Fig. 4g, i, j). Kyanite forms needle-shaped crystals in the magnesite matrix, while coesite forms
105 irregular-shaped clusters (Fig. 4 i, j).

106 As temperature increases to 1200 °C at 4.5 GPa and 1000, 1100 °C at 3 GPa, the reaction
107 between pyrope and CO₂ has run to completion. The samples are represented by an aggregate of
108 pyrope crystals, 20-50 μm in size, with rounded irregular shape and layers of metallic silver (Fig.
109 4k, l). No newly formed phases appear at the pyrope-silver interface (Fig. 4l). The pyrope aggregate
110 contains voids, the size and number of which are greatest near the boundary with silver. Besides, the
111 pyrope crystals also contain numerous round voids with a size of 1-2 μm (Fig. 4l). The observed
112 voids indicate the presence of CO₂ fluid during garnet recrystallization. The absence of newly

113 formed phases indicates that pyrope is thermodynamically stable with CO₂ fluid under given *P-T*
114 conditions.

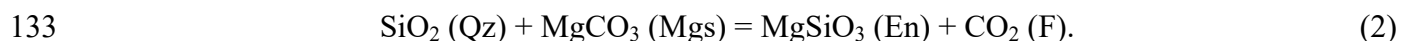
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116 *The starting material 3SiO₂ + Al₂O₃ + 3MgCO₃*

117 At 6.0 GPa / 1100, 1200 °C and 4.5 GPa / 950-1050 °C, the samples in both Pt and graphite
118 capsules are represented by an aggregate of coesite, kyanite, and magnesite crystals with a grain size
119 of 5-15 μm (Figs. 3, 6a-b, Table 1).

120 As temperature increases to 1300-1500 °C at 6.0 GPa, 1100-1250 °C at 4.5 GPa, and 1000-
121 1100 °C at 3 GPa pyrope is formed (Fig. 3, Table 1). At 4.5 and 6 GPa, the high-temperature
122 samples are mainly represented by a porous aggregate of pyrope crystals (Fig. 6c, d), while as
123 temperature decreases the fraction of residual kyanite, coesite, and magnesite increases (Fig. 6f-g).
124 Pyrope forms irregularly shaped grains with roundish outlines 20-50 μm in size. The grains contain
125 round voids 1-3 μm in size (Fig. 6e). Numerous round voids within crystals and in the intergranular
126 space indicate the presence of CO₂ fluid. No melting occurs in the entire *P-T* range up to 1500 °C
127 and 6 GPa (Fig. 6c-e).

128 At 3.0 GPa, 1000 and 1100 °C, the samples are represented by a porous aggregate of enstatite,
129 pyrope, corundum, and minor amounts of kyanite ± quartz (Fig. 5a), and magnesite (Fig. 6h-l). At
130 3.0 GPa and 1100 °C, the sample contains polyphase clusters with concentric zoning. The clusters
131 consist of magnesite core, then enstatite surrounded by garnet and corundum (Fig. 5i). The
132 formation of enstatite proceeds via the reaction:



134 Enstatite contains alumina, however, its distribution is very inhomogeneous and varies from pure
135 enstatite to enstatite containing up to 3-5 mol% Al₂O₃. At 3.0 GPa and 1000 °C, irregular-shaped
136 clusters of alumina appear within enstatite aggregate, which also contains inclusions of magnesite

137 (Fig. 6j-l). Pyrope grows to well-shaped isometric crystals up to 50 μm in size concentrated at the
138 LT sample side (Fig. 6j). Both spongy-textured enstatite and rounded voids in garnet crystals
139 indicate the presence of CO_2 fluid phase during the experiment (Fig. 6h-l). The growth of enstatite
140 in coexistence with corundum (Fig. 6k) in the pyrope stability field ($> 1.5\text{-}2.0$ GPa) is due to a
141 nucleation problem of pyrope, which was pointed out early (Boyd and England 1959).

142 According to our data at 3.0 GPa, the assemblage En + CO_2 becomes stable at 950 ± 50 $^\circ\text{C}$
143 (Fig. 7). It should be also emphasized that reaction (2) was established in both forward (left to right)
144 and reverse (right to left) directions (Fig. 7). At 900 $^\circ\text{C}$, the formation of coesite and magnesite from
145 the mixture A (pyrope-oxalate) was established (Fig. 4h-j), while at 1000 $^\circ\text{C}$, enstatite with CO_2 was
146 formed from the mixture B (oxide-carbonate) (Fig. 6j-l). The established boundary is ~ 200 $^\circ\text{C}$
147 cooler than that established by Litasov and Shatskiy (2019) *in situ* at a synchrotron radiation facility
148 (Fig. 6). Considering the longer duration of our quench experiments, 260 h, compared to the *in situ*
149 ones, < 0.5 h, the discrepancy is due to insufficient run duration and the use of low-temperature
150 assembly as a starting mixture in the previous study. It should also be noted that our experiments at
151 3 GPa and experimental data (Koziol and Newton 1995), obtained by studying the forward and
152 reverse reactions in experiments lasting tens and hundreds of hours, indicate the presence of a kink
153 on the reaction line, which could be associated with the quartz-coesite transformation (Fig. 7). Thus,
154 the slow kinetics of decarbonation reactions imposes restrictions on their study *in situ* using
155 synchrotron radiation at least at temperatures below 1200-1300 $^\circ\text{C}$.

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157 Discussion

158 Results of the study of the forward reaction (carbonation in the system garnet-oxalate) and the
159 reverse reaction (decarbonation in the system oxide-carbonate) are presented in Fig. 3. As can be
160 seen, the stability fields of the assemblages Grt + CO_2 and Ky + Coe + Mgs, obtained in the oxide-

161 carbonate system, coincide with those obtained in the pyrope-oxalate system (Fig. 3). Thus, the
162 established position of the reaction boundaries is thermodynamically justified. According to our
163 data, the equilibrium boundary of reaction (1) passes through 3 GPa / 950 ± 50 °C, 4.5 GPa /
164 1075 ± 25 °C, and 6 GPa / 1250 ± 50 °C with a slope of ~ 10 MPa/°C.

165 Our and previous results are consistent at high temperatures. The reaction boundaries from
166 different studies converge at around 1400 °C and 7.5 GPa (Fig. 8a). However, at lower pressures,
167 the boundaries from the early studies are situated at higher temperatures than that established here.
168 The largest difference, 170 °C at 4.5 GPa, is observed between our boundary and that of Knoche et
169 al. (1999) established at the run duration of 1-8 h (Fig. 8a). The difference between our results and
170 that obtained by Bataleva et al. (2020b) in experiments with a duration of 10-60 h is smaller, 150 °C
171 at 3 GPa (Fig. 8a). The position of the boundaries from both previous works is based on the study of
172 decarbonation using the oxide-carbonate starting mixture. This explains the shift of these boundaries
173 to higher temperatures compared to the boundary established in this study in the forward and reverse
174 experiments of longer duration, up to 260 h.

175 In our experiments at 1200 °C and 4.5 GPa, pyrope does not react with CO₂ fluid even after
176 annealing for 25 h. While as temperature decreases to 1050 °C at 4.5 GPa, the Ky + Coe + Mgs
177 assemblage was formed after 166 h (Fig. 4g). Knoche et al. (1999) also conducted experiments in
178 the pyrope-oxalate system at 1000 and 1200 °C and 4.5 GPa with a duration of 8 h but the obtained
179 results are hard to interpret. According to powder XRD, both samples are represented by pyrope and
180 do not contain the carbonation products except for minor magnesite (Fig. 2a).

181 Besides, Knoche et al. (1999) conducted experiments with an oxide-carbonate-pyrope-oxalate
182 mixture at 6.4 GPa. However, no change in phase composition was observed over the studied
183 temperature range (Fig. 2a). The presence of kyanite, coesite, and magnesite in the starting material
184 should complicate unambiguous detection of newly formed products of the carbonation reaction if

185 any. On the other hand, the difference in the phase ratio, determined by powder XRD for small high-
186 pressure samples, is ambiguous.

187 The obtained results are in reasonable agreement with the longer 10-60-h experiments of
188 Bataleva et al. (2020b) conducted at 6.3 and 7.5 GPa (Figs. 2b, 3, 8a). Nevertheless, the results of
189 the low-temperature experiments at 3 GPa are inconsistent (Figs. 2b, 3, 8a). According to the data of
190 Bataleva et al. (2020b) at 3 GPa, the boundary of reaction (1) is located at 1100 °C, which is 150 °C
191 higher than that in our study (Fig. 8a). This difference is probably due to the insufficient run
192 duration in the study by Bataleva et al. (2020b), 60 h at 1050 °C and 3 GPa (Figs. 2b, 3). According
193 to our study at 3 GPa, the decarbonation occurs even at 1000 °C if the duration extends to 260 h. On
194 the other hand, the reverse, carbonation, reaction was established at 900 °C in the experiment with
195 the pyrope-oxalate composition and a duration of 150 h (Fig. 3).

196 In this study at 3 GPa, silica is represented by quartz at 1000 °C and coesite at 900 °C (Figs. 3,
197 9). This is consistent with the quartz-to-coesite transition boundary reported by Hemingway et al.
198 (1998). Unlike that, in the study by Bataleva et al. (2020b) at 3 GPa, silica is represented by coesite
199 to at least 1150 °C. In the study by Bataleva et al. (2020b), the high-temperature pressure calibration
200 was done at pressures exceeding 5.5 GPa using the graphite-to-diamond transition (Pal'yanov et al.
201 2002; Shatskii et al. 2002; Sokol et al. 2015), while the lower pressure, 3 GPa, was calibrated at
202 room temperature. A CsCl-bearing high-pressure cell employed in a split-sphere multi-anvil
203 apparatus (BARS) by Bataleva et al. (2020b) has a significant thermal pressure, similar to a NaCl-
204 bearing pressure medium in a Belt apparatus reported by Fukunaga et al. (1999). A comparison of
205 high-temperature and room-temperature pressure calibrations of BARS yields a 30 % pressure
206 increase with heating (Shatskiy et al. 2011). Therefore, the pressure overestimation may be an
207 alternative cause of the discrepancy in the results at 3 GPa. Given the potential kinetics problem and

208 the problem with pressure calibration at 3 GPa in Bataleva et al. (2020b), it is possible that the kink
209 on the boundary of reaction (1) suggested in their study is not real.

210 Despite the differences at 3 GPa, the extrapolation of our data to high pressures coincides with
211 the data of Bataleva et al. (2020b) obtained at 6.3 and 7.5 GPa (Fig. 8a). This is reasonable
212 considering the robust calibration of their experiments at these pressures and the absence of kinetic
213 problems at such high temperatures and durations of experiments. Linear approximation of our data
214 gives the following equation of reaction (1): $P(\text{GPa}) = 0.0099 \times T (\text{°C}) + 6.3165$ ($R^2 = 0.9908$) (Fig.
215 8a). The boundary crosses the graphite-to-diamond transition curve (Day 2012) near 4.5 GPa and
216 1100 °C, which means that the assemblage garnet + CO₂ fluid is stable in the diamond stability field
217 under P - T conditions of the continental geotherm with a heat flow of 40 mW/m² (Hasterok and
218 Chapman 2011) (Fig. 9).

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220 **Implications**

221 It is generally accepted that under mantle P - T conditions, reactions involving carbonates
222 proceed quickly and therefore the phase boundaries obtained in short experiments (several hours and
223 even minutes) are equilibrium. In this work, we found that this is not always the case. The study of
224 reaction (1) from both the forward (carbonation) and reverse (decarbonation) directions made it
225 possible to establish an equilibrium boundary, which is located below the boundaries determined
226 earlier in shorter decarbonation experiments (Fig. 8a). We found that at low temperatures of 900-
227 1100 °C at 3-6 GPa, the reaction time achieves 130-260 h. We also found that it is difficult to escape
228 from the slow kinetic problem if the reaction is studied from one side using a low-temperature high-
229 pressure oxide-carbonate assemblage as a starting mixture in the experiments with a duration of less
230 than 100 h. A similar problem can be expected when studying the reactions of CO₂ with garnets of a
231 more complex composition. According to thermodynamic calculations (Knoche et al. 1999;

232 Bataleva et al. 2020a; Vinogradova et al. 2021), the position of the reaction boundary shifts to lower
233 temperatures in the grossular-pyrope-almandine (Grs-Prp-Alm) series (Fig. 8b). However, the
234 experimentally established reaction boundaries for Prp₃₀Alm₇₀ and Prp₈₃Grs₁₇ garnets match with
235 the pyrope-CO₂ reaction boundary determined by the same authors (Bataleva et al. 2020a; Bataleva
236 et al. 2020b) at 7.5 and 3 GPa, respectively (Fig. 8). If we compare them with the boundary obtained
237 in the current work, then the boundary Prp₃₀Alm₇₀ + CO₂ at 3.0 GPa is situated higher in
238 temperature than that Prp + CO₂, which contradicts the calculations (Fig. 8b). In addition, the Ca/Mg
239 ratio in Prp₈₃Grs₁₇ differs from the bulk Ca# 50, which can be a result of incomplete conversion and
240 difference in the reaction rates of Ca and Mg components. Therefore, known data on reactions of
241 garnets and CO₂ requires an experimental refinement with an approach involving both forward
242 (carbonation) and reverse (decarbonation) experiments with a duration exceeding 100-150 h.

243 The reaction boundary pyrope + CO₂ established in the present experiments is situated at
244 lower temperatures than that determined using thermodynamic calculations (Knoche et al. 1999;
245 Bataleva et al. 2020b; Vinogradova et al. 2021) (Fig. 8a). The difference may be because the
246 calculations do not account for the silicate solute lowering the activity of CO₂ in the fluid phase. We
247 also suspect that at pressures corresponding to the diamond stability field, the upper-temperature
248 limit of the CO₂ fluid stability in equilibrium with garnet of a more complex composition may be
249 limited by partial melting rather than carbonation reaction. This emphasizes the importance of
250 further studies of the stability of CO₂ fluid with garnets of a more complex composition.

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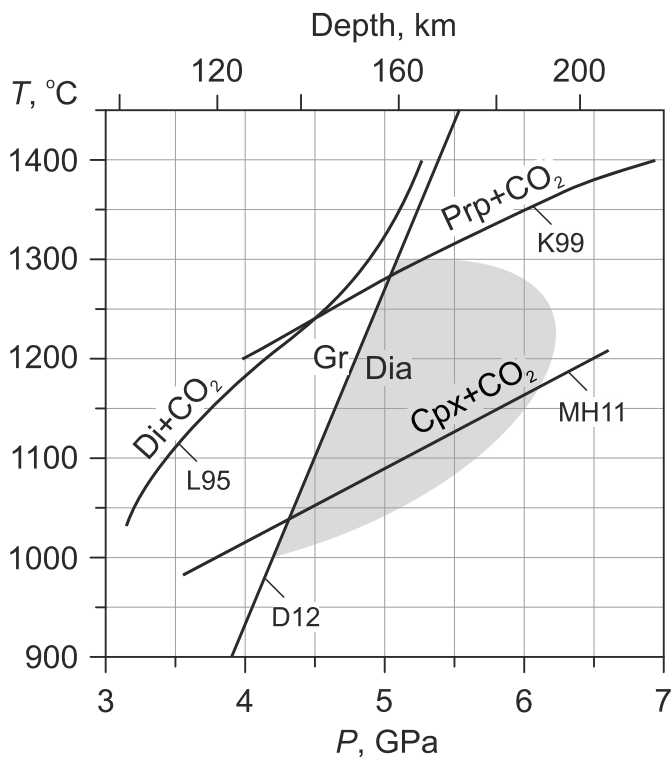
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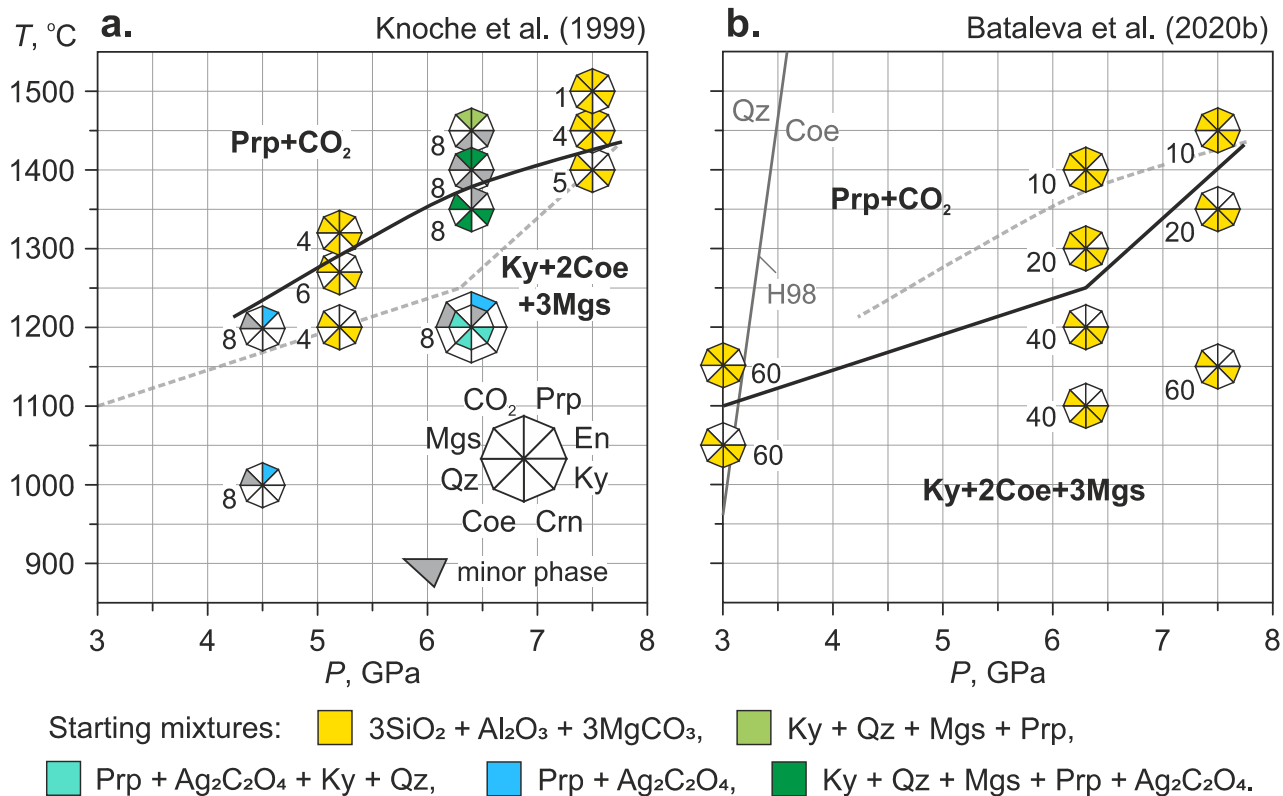
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345 **Figure captions**



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347 Fig. 1. Carbonation reactions of clinopyroxene and pyrope with CO₂ fluid in comparison with the
348 diamond-to-graphite transition and *P-T* conditions of lithospheric diamond formation (gray area)
349 (Shirey et al., 2013; Stachel and Luth, 2015). L95 – (Luth 1995); K99 – (Knoche et al. 1999), MH11
350 – (Martin and Hammouda 2011), D12 – (Day 2012). See the nomenclature section for abbreviations.
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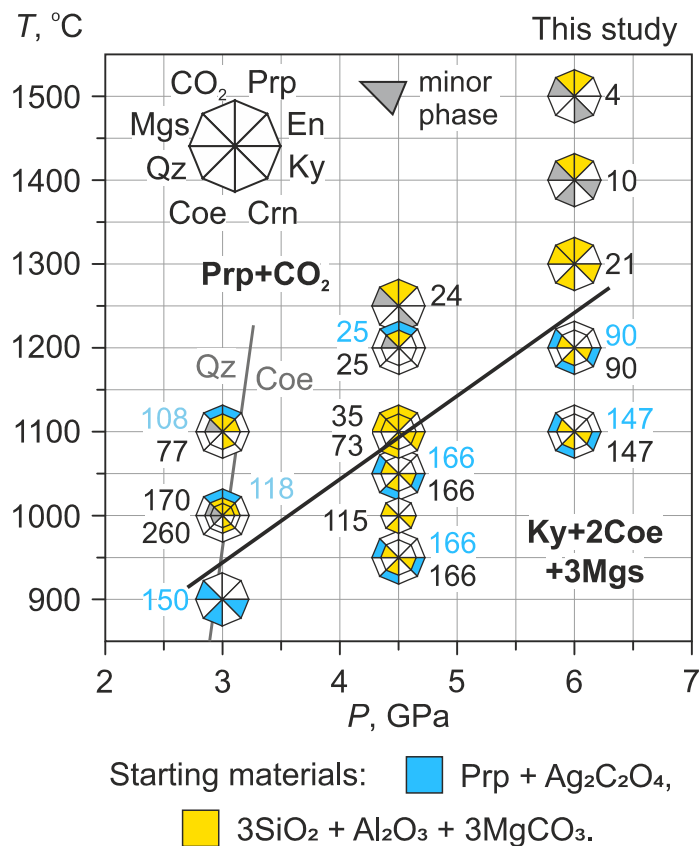


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 354 Fig. 2. Previous experimental data on phase relations in the system pyrope- CO_2 reported by Knoche
 355 et al. (1999) (a) and Bataleva et al. (2020b) (b). The numbers near polyhedrons indicate the run
 356 duration in hours. H98 – (Hemingway et al. 1998). Please see the Nomenclature section for
 357 abbreviations. (Color online)

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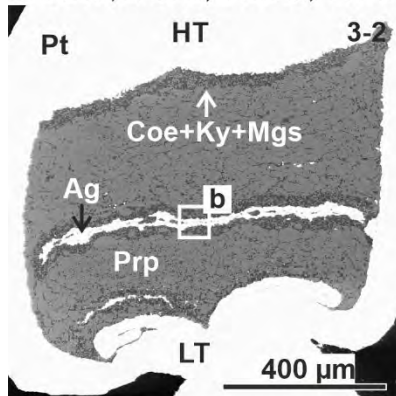


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 362 Fig. 3. Results of experiments on the $\text{Prp} + 3\text{CO}_2 = \text{Ky} + 2\text{Coe} + 3\text{Mgs}$ equilibrium boundary. The
 363 numbers near polyhedrons indicate the run duration in hours. The quartz-coesite transition is after
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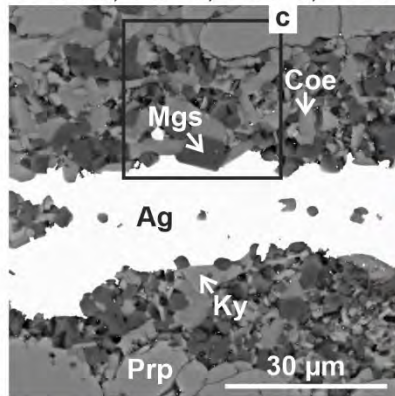
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Run #, pressure, temperature, run duration

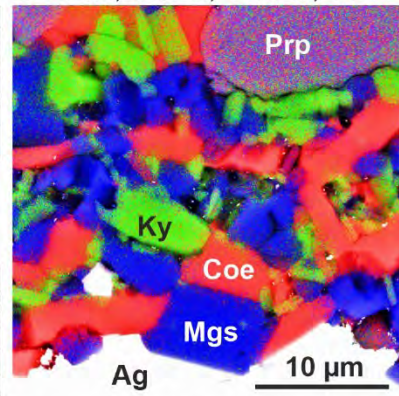
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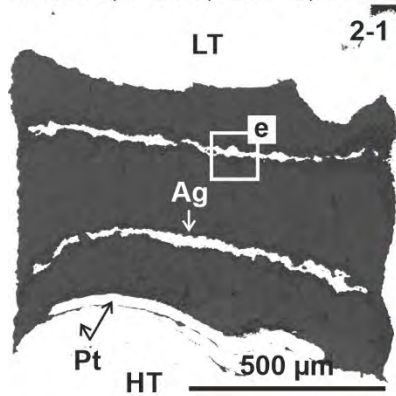
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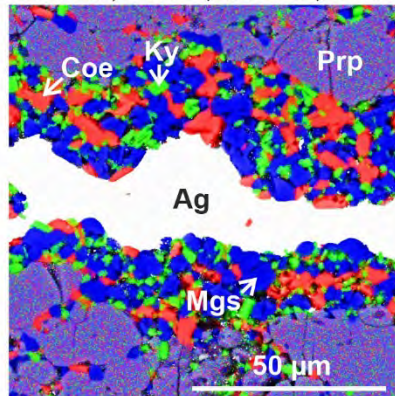
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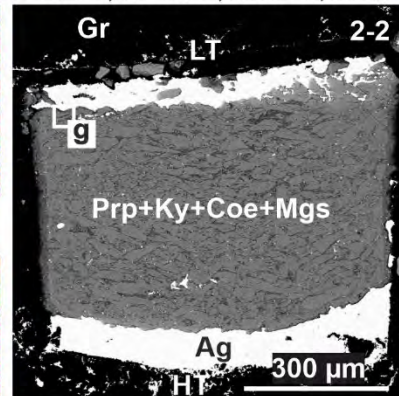
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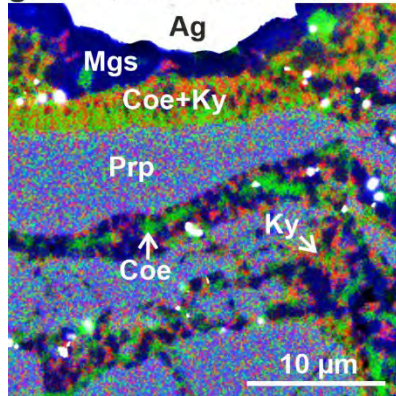
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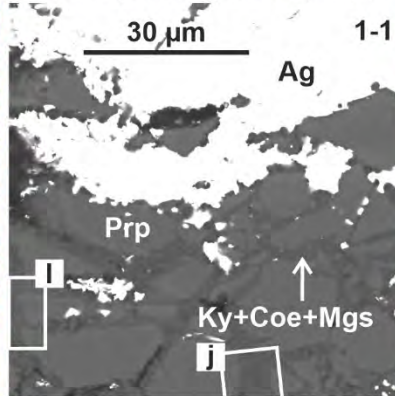
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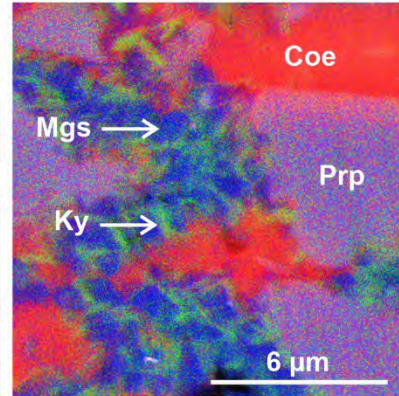
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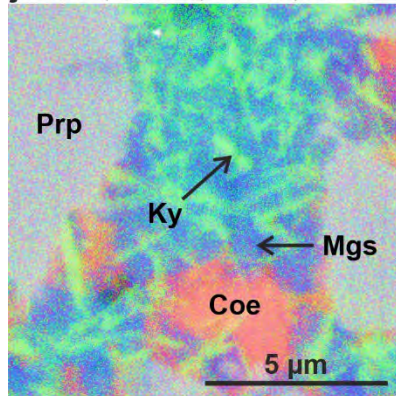
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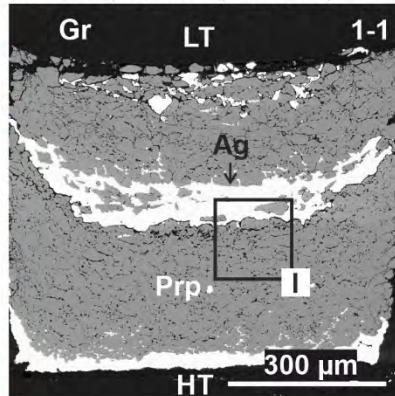
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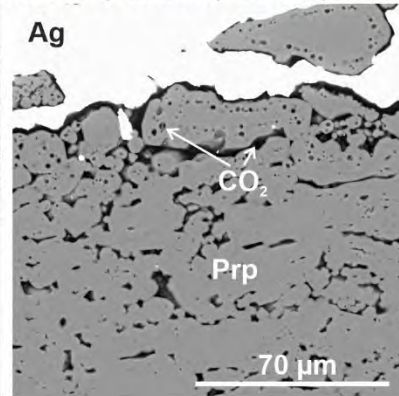
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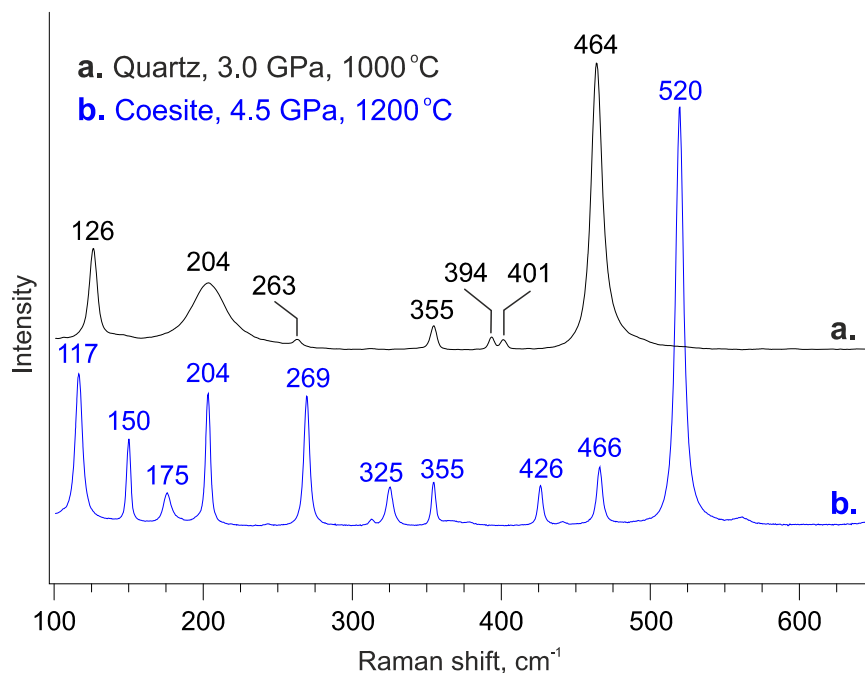
k. D248, 4.5 GPa, 1200°C, 25 h



l. D248, 4.5 GPa, 1200°C, 25 h



367 Fig. 4. BSE images of samples recovered from experiments with the pyrope-oxalate starting material
368 (A). HT – high-temperature and LT – low-temperature sample sides. The gravity vector is directed
369 downward. Color images were taken in the element mapping mode. The numbers at the upper right
370 corners of the images with a general view are sample numbers. See the nomenclature section for
371 abbreviations. (Color online)

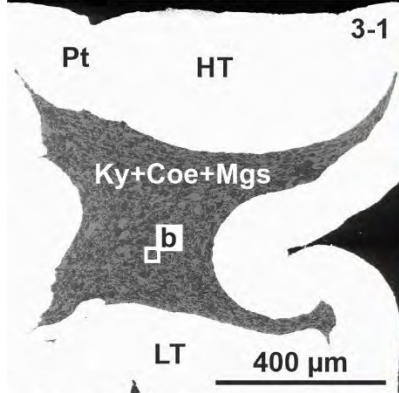


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373 Fig. 5. The Raman spectra of quartz (run D276, 3 GPa, 1000 °C, 170 h) (a) and coesite (run D248,
374 4.5 GPa, 1200 °C, 25 h) (b).

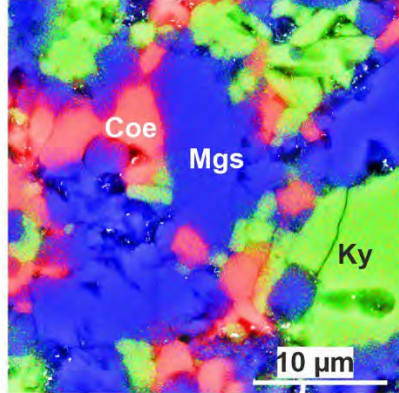
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B: $3\text{SiO}_2 + \text{Al}_2\text{O}_3 + 3\text{MgCO}_3$. Run #, pressure, temperature, run duration

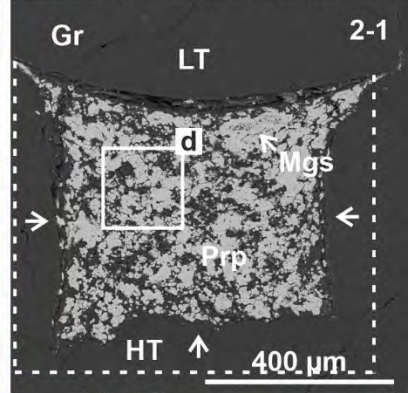
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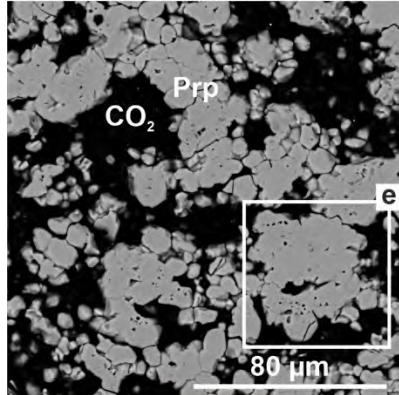
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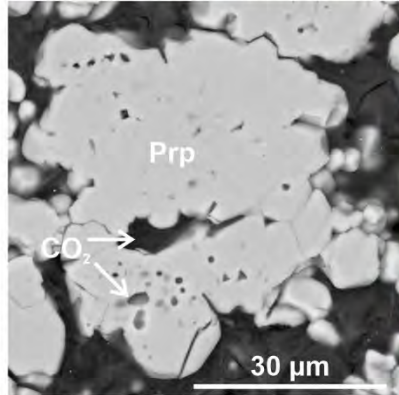
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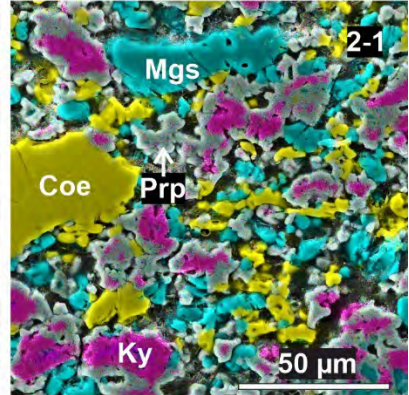
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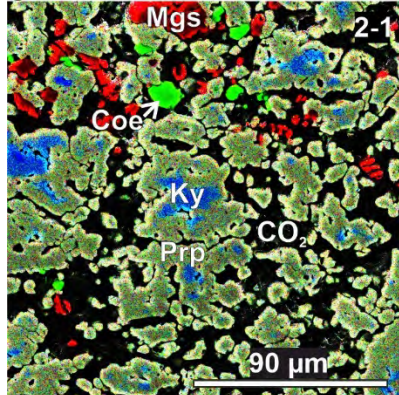
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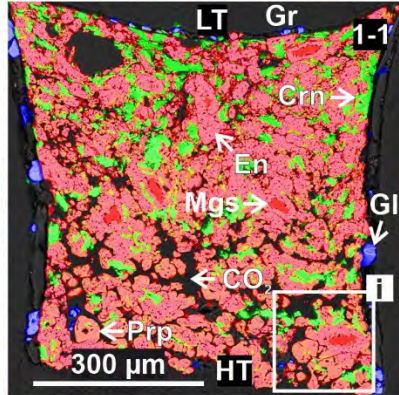
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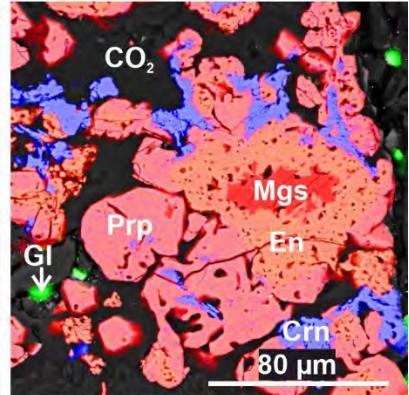
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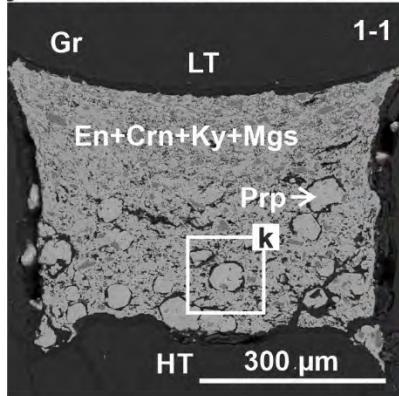
h. D207, 3 GPa, 1100°C, 77 h



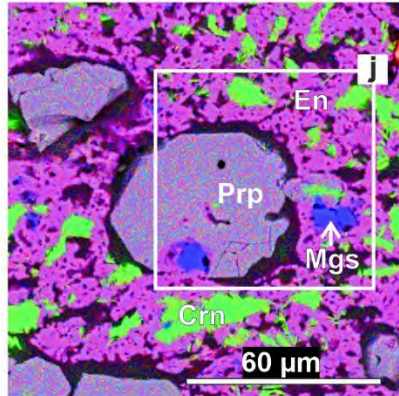
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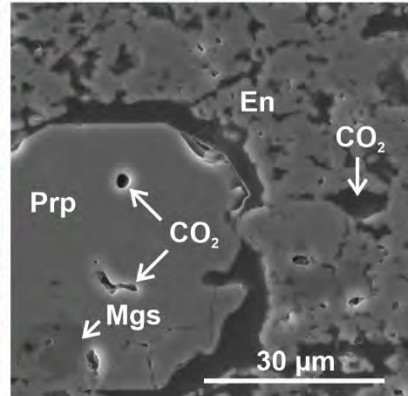
j. D346, 3 GPa, 1000°C, 260 h



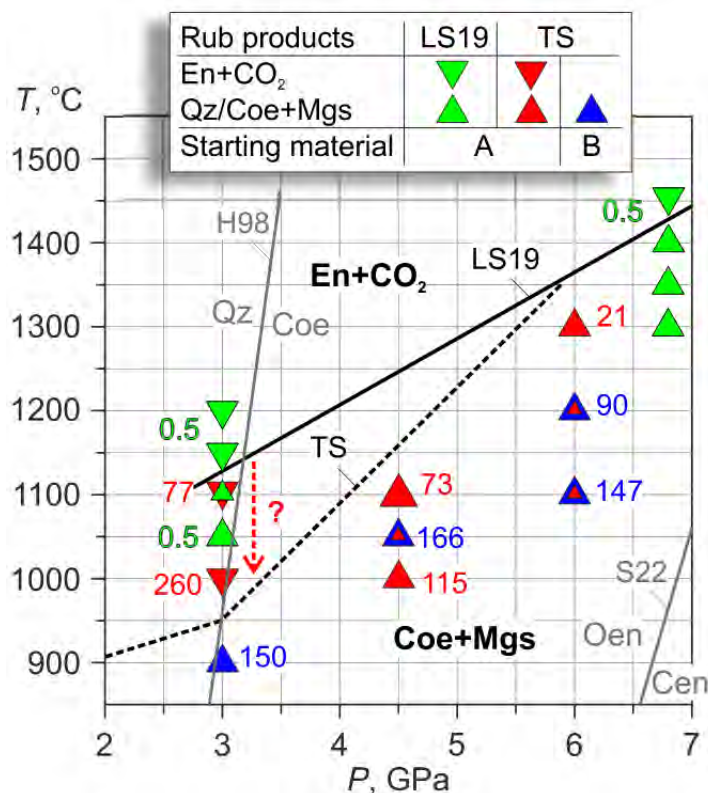
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l. D346, 3 GPa, 1000°C, 260 h

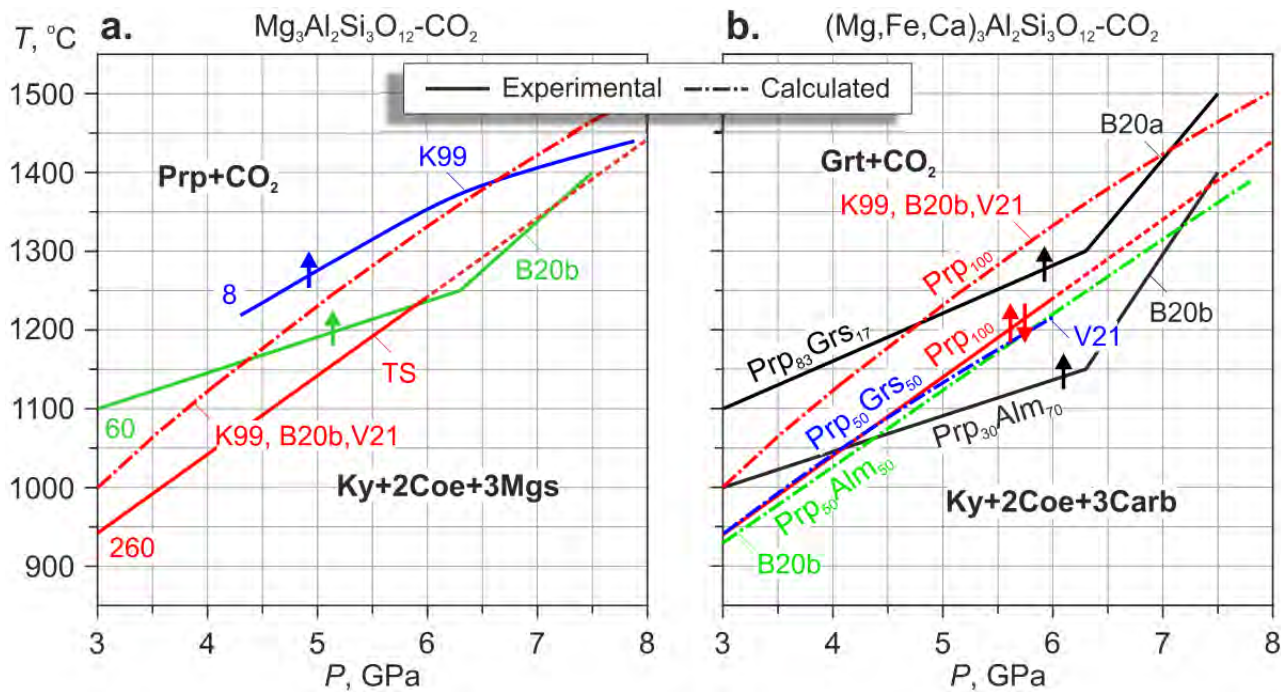


377 Fig. 6. BSE images of samples for the oxide-carbonate starting material (B) $3\text{SiO}_2+\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3+3\text{MgCO}_3$.
 378 Gl is SiO_2 , which remains after sample fixation with gel-type superglue. See the caption of Fig. 4 for
 379 further details. (Color online)
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 383 Fig. 7. The enstatite + CO₂ stability field inferred from the present experiments (TS) compared with
 384 those by Litasov and Shatskiy (2019) (LS19) obtained using *in situ* synchrotron radiation
 385 experiments. The black solid line is the $\text{En} + 2\text{CO}_2 = 2\text{Coe}/\text{Qz} + 2\text{Mgs}$ reaction boundary after
 386 Litasov and Shatskiy (2019). The dotted line is that the boundary plotted considering present
 387 experiments and data of Koziol and Newton (1995). The numbers near triangles indicate the run
 388 duration. Oen – orthoenstatite, Cen – clinoenstatite. H98 – (Hemingway et al. 1998), S22 –
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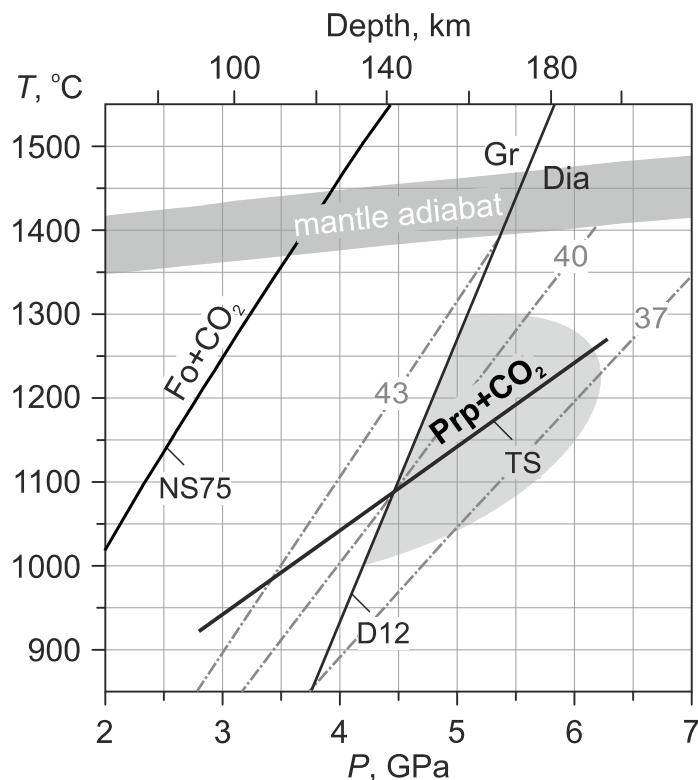
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Fig. 8. Intercomparison of this work (TS) with prior experimental (solid lines) and theoretical studies (dash-dotted lines) in the $\text{Mg}_3\text{Al}_2\text{Si}_3\text{O}_{12}\text{-CO}_2$ (a) and $(\text{Mg, Fe, Ca})_3\text{Al}_2\text{Si}_3\text{O}_{12}\text{-CO}_2$ (b) systems. K99 – (Knoche et al. 1999), B20a – (Bataleva et al. 2020a), B20b – (Bataleva et al. 2020b), V21 – (Vinogradova et al. 2021). The numbers indicate the duration of the lowest temperature experiments. The arrows indicate an approach to the reaction boundary from the LT and HT assemblage.

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410 Fig. 9. The pyrope+CO₂ reaction boundary established in this study (TS) relative to *P-T* conditions
411 of diamond formation (gray area) (Shirey et al., 2013; Stachel and Luth, 2015). Dash dotted lines are
412 continental geotherms with potential heat flow of 37, 40, and 43 mW/m² after (Hasterok and
413 Chapman 2011). NS75 – (Newton and Sharp 1975), MH11 – (Martin and Hammouda 2011), D12 –
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Table 1. Run conditions and results.

Run#	P, GPa	T, °C	t, h	#	Cap.	S.M.	Run products							
							Prp	En	Ky	Crn	Coe	Qz	Mgs	CO ₂
D312	3	900	150	1-1	Gr	A	r	-	+	-	+	-	+	-
D249	3	1000	118	1-4	Gr	A	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
D276	3	1000	170	2-3	Gr	B	+	+	-	+	-	r	r	+
D346	3	1000	260	1-1	Gr	B	+	+	+	+	-	-	r	+
D207	3	1100	77	1-1	Gr	B	+	+	-	+	-	r	r	+
D275	3	1100	108	2-1	Gr	A	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
D274	4.5	950	166	3-1	Gr	B	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	-
4-1				Gr	A	r	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	
D234	4.5	1000	115	1-1	Gr	B	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	-
D278	4.5	1050	166	3-3	Gr	B	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	-
2-2				Gr	A	r	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	
D226	4.5	1100	35	1-1	Gr	B	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	+
D233	4.5	1100	73	1-1	Gr	B	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	+
D248	4.5	1200	25	3-1	Gr	B	+	-	-	-	-	-	r	+
1-1				Gr	A	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
D219	4.5	1250	24	1-1	Gr	B	+	-	-	r	-	-	r	+
D238	6	1100	147	1-1	Gr	B	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	-
3-1				Pt	B	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	
3-2				Pt	A	r	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	
D247	6	1200	90	3-1	Gr	B	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	-
2-1				Pt	A	r	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	
D225	6	1300	20.5	2-1	Gr	B	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	+
D221	6	1400	9.5	2-1	Gr	B	+	-	r	-	r	-	r	+
D222	6	1500	4	2-1	Gr	B	+	-	-	r	-	-	r	+

Notes: t – run duration, # – sample number, S.M. – starting material, A – pyrope-oxalate, B – oxide-carbonate (3SiO₂+Al₂O₃+3MgCO₃), ‘+’ – phase is present, ‘-’ – phase is absent, r – relict. Please see the Nomenclature section for abbreviations.