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Phase transitions in the mantle: effect on microstructures and seismic observables









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Phase Transformations, MicrostructurEs, and their Seismic Signals from the Earth's mantle











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In-situ study by multigrains crystallography of deformation of (Mg,Fe),SiO, wadsleyite at conditions of the 410 km depth discontinuity

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600 km

Geological context and topic



Earth's mantle transition zone :

- Dominated by wadsleyite (wd) in its upper part and by ringwwodite (rw) in its lower part
- · Controls the sink or the stagnation of subducting slab
- · Takes part in the global mantle convection
- · Ellusive observations of seismic anisotropy
- Possible sources of anisotropy :
- deformation-induced LPO of wd and/or rw
- martensitic transformations of ol > wd > rw





Vs anisotropy, Panning and Romaniwicz, 2006

In this study, we investigate the plastic deformation of wadsleyite to test if it can be source of seismic anisotropy in the mantle transition zone

> first in-situ deformation study on dry wadslevite at mantle transition zone pressures and temperatures



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Phase transformations in the mantle



Main phase transitions in a pyrolitic composition

410 km: olivine to wadsleyite

520 km: wadsleyite to ringwoodite

660 km: ringwoodite / garnet to bridgmanite + ferropericlase + Ca-perovskite

D": bridgmanite to post-perovskite



Sharp transition of physical properties

- Reflectors
- Wave conversions



Microstructural imprint

- Anisotropy before and after the phase transformation
- Waveform and polarity of reflected / converted waves



Phase transitions detectability



Wave reflections atop D"



Locations of observations of D" reflections overlaid on the tomography model of Grand, 2002.

Cobden et al, 2015







γ = 12 MPa/K



Lower mantle tomography and phase change mapping

Daoyuan Sun¹ and Don Helmberger¹

JOURNAL OF GEOPHYSICAL RESEARCH, VOL. 113, B10305, doi: 10.1029/2007JB005289, 2008



Pv to pPv transition in the mantle?

Mineralogical effects on the detectability of the postperovskite boundary

Brent Grocholski^{a,1}, Krystle Catalli^a, Sang-Heon Shim^a, and Vitali Prakapenka^b

PNAS | February 14, 2012 | vol. 109 | no. 7 | 2277

Experimental evidence for perovskite and post-perovskite coexistence throughout the whole D" region

Denis Andrault ^{a,*}, Manuel Muñoz ^b, Nathalie Bolfan-Casanova ^a, Nicolas Guignot ^e, Jean-Philippe Perrillat ^d, Giuliana Aquilanti ^d, Sakura Pascarelli ^d

D. Andrault et al. / Earth and Planetary Science Letters 293 (2010) 90-96

Thickness and Clapeyron slope of the post-perovskite boundary

Krystle Catalli¹, Sang-Heon Shim¹ & Vitali Prakapenka²

NATURE Vol 462 10 December 2009





Laser-heated DAC Starting material: Enstatite, 14% Fe Pressure medium: Argon

Conversion to Pv at ~90 GPa Conversion to pPv at various P and T Continuous monitoring with XRD



Langrand et al Nat Comm 10, 5680 (2019).



P02.2





 τ : transformation time scale





Langrand et al Nat Comm 10, 5680 (2019).

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Transformation kinetics Effect of grain size ?





Pv – pPv transformation Seismic detectability









Effect of kinetics and phase coexistence loop

Seismic attenuation in a phase change coexistence loop

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Physics of the Earth and Planetary Interiors 176 (2009) 124-131

Constraining the kinetics of mantle phase changes with seismic data

S. Durand, F. Chambat, J. Matas and Y. Ricard

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Geophys. J. Int. (2012) 189, 1557–1564

Reflection coefficient at 410 km vertically incident SH wave 10 km thick olivine-wadsleyite loop Horizontal axis: transformation kinetics Vertical axis: wave period

































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On the detectability of the Pv-pPv transformation







Fast at D" pressure and temperature conditions

- Experimental (grains ~ 1 μ m): 10⁻¹ à 10³ s,
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Potential

- Cut-off frequency : thickness of Pv / pPv coexistence layer
- Amplitude measurements : kinetics of phase transformation
 - \rightarrow temperature / grain size







Microstructures



Transformation Mechanism?

Strong inheritance of texture between perovskite and post-perovskite in the D" layer

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If martensitic (with orientation relationships):

- Texture memory
- Deformation history preserved
- Anisotropy

If no orientation relationships

- Loss of memory
- Random texture
- Loss of anisotropy





Tsuchiya et al, 2004 simulations MgSiO₃





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Oganov et al, 2005 simulations MgSiO₃





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simulations MgSiO₂



- Diamond anvil cell sitting on a rotation stage
- Collect images at every rotation step
- Typical numbers
 - Rotation range: $\Delta \omega = 45^{\circ}$
 - Rotation step: $\delta \omega = 0.5^{\circ}$
 - 90 diffraction images per P/T point
- Allows to map orientations of individual grains inside a diamond anvil cell, at mantle P/T conditions.



Nisr et al, High Pres. Res. 2014



Typical numbers

- ~10⁴ spots per P/T point
- Random walk through orientation space to identify grains
- ~ 10⁶ iterations
- ~ 5.10² to 5.10³ indexed grains per P/T point



Ilustration: Wejdemanna and Poulsen, *J. Appl. Cryst.* 2016

Results

Average sample

- Fine matrix vs. grains volume ratio
- Phase proportions

Grain scale, for each indexed grain

- Orientation
- Relative volume

Potential for deep Earth Mineralogy

 Follow mineral microstructures at deep Earth mantle pressure AND temperatures

> Nisr et al, J. Geoph Res. 2012 Nisr et al, High Pres. Res. 2014 Rosa et al, J. Appl. Cryst. 2015 Rosa et al, J. Geoph Res. 2016 Langrand et al, J. Appl. Cryst. 2017



Pv – pPv transformation in NaCoF₃

ID 27



- Rhenium gasket
- Run duration: ~10s of hours for each T



Pv to pPv, 900 K

NaCoF₃ Perovskite Before Transformation P = 14.1 GPa - T = 900 K



NaCoF₃ post-Perovskite After Transformation P = 17.5 GPa - T = 900 K



Merkel et al, in prep.



NaCoF₃ Perovskite **Before Transformation** P = 14.1 GPa - T = 900 KFine matrix: 47 % Extracted spots: 62232 Indexed spots: 61 % Indexed grains: 1028 Pv - 100 Pv - 010 Pv - 001 Indexed Pv grains







Number of grains multiplied by 3 Fine matrix: 47% to 22%

Orientation concentrations for $(001)_{Pv}$ ~ Orient conc for $(001)_{Pv}$

Orientation concentrations for $(100)_{Pv}$ ~ Orient conc for $(010)_{Pv}$

In favor of a Dobson-like mechannism

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Experiment START

Pv, experimental 1028 grains orientations



END

pPv, experimental 2946 grain orientations



Simulation

pPv, Dobson orientation relationships 2056 grain orientations





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Add random nucleation for the missing 900 grains









pPv to Pv, 900 K

NaCoF₃ post-perovskite Before Transformation P = 17.8 GPa - T = 900 K



NaCoF₃ Perovskite After Transformation P = 13.4 GPa - T = 900 K



Merkel et al, in prep.



NaCoF₃ Perovskite NaCoF₃ post-perovskite After Transformation **Before Transformation** P = 17.5 GPa - T = 900 KP = 12.5 GPa – T = 900 K Fine matrix: 68 % Fine matrix: 4 % Extracted spots: 4715 Extracted spots : 17635 Indexed spots: Indexed spots: 60 % 62 % Indexed grains: 1317 Indexed grains: 271 pPv - 001 pPv - 100 pPv - 010 Pv - 100 Pv - 010 Pv - 001



Take home messages





























Perspective: microstructural studies along a deep mantle geotherm



Combining multigrain crystallography and in-situ laser-heating in the DAC

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Detectability of the transition

- Effect of kinetics
- Dependence of wave period → thickness of Pv-pPv coexistence
- Amplitude of reflection → kinetics → temperature

Microstructures

- Texture memory at the $Pv \rightarrow pPv$ transition
- Loss of texture at the pPv \rightarrow Pv transition

Poster of E. Ledoux later today on wadsleyite and anisotropy in the transition zone

Poster of J. Gay later today on bridgmanite and lower mantle

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