High-pressure synchrotron X-ray diffraction studies of potassium and complex carbonates

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Diamond-anvil cell technique for high static pressure generation





750 GPa / 6000 K



Matter under extreme conditions: PHYSICS

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Conventional superconductivity at 203 kelvin at high pressures in the sulfur hydride system

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Unexpected Stable Stoichiometries of Sodium Chlorides

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NaCl₃ (60 GPa)

Matter under extreme conditions: EARTH SCIENCES



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Matter under extreme conditions: PLANETARY SCIENCES

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Evidence for a new phase of dense hydrogen above 325 gigapascals

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BL04 "Diffractometry in hard X-rays":

a high-pressure X-ray diffraction beamline at the VEPP-3 storage ring of the Siberian Synchrotron Radiation Centre (Budker Institute of Nuclear Physics, Novosibirsk)

- Si (111) monochromator: 33.7 keV / 0.3685 Å (diamond transparency!)
- MAR345 image plate detector (34.5 cm in diameter)
- Unit cell and Rietveld structure refinement of materials under extreme conditions









High-pressure studies of geomaterials: alkali and complex carbonates



Deep carbon cycle

I. High-pressure phases of potassium carbonate K₂CO₃: *ab initio* quantum modeling



Search of structures by USPEX evolutionary algorithm

I. High-pressure phases of potassium carbonate K_2CO_3 : *ab initio* quantum modeling



Energy minimization

I. High-pressure phases of potassium carbonate K₂CO₃: *in situ* synchrotron X-ray diffraction





High-pressure phases of potassium carbonate K₂CO₃:

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in situ synchrotron X-ray diffraction

Rietveld refinement: theoretical *P*-1 structure (blue), γ-K₂CO₃ (black), and K₂CO₃ ·1.5H₂O (red)



Unique crystal chemistry:

- combination of carbonate, sulfate, and [Si(OH)₆]^{2–} anions
- extensive H-bonding net



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From Greek 'thaumazein' (to be surprised)



P6₃ a = 11.056 Å, c = 10.414 Å, V = 1102.5 Å³ $[Si(OH)_6]^{2-}$ octahedral anions – an extreme pressure feature:

- 'Phase D' MgSi₂(OH)₂O₄ (P > 30 GPa)
- Hydroxide perovskite MgSi(OH)₆ (P > 10 GPa)



Thaumasite sulfate attack (TSA)





Diffraction patterns of thaumasite compressed in methanol : ethanol : H_2O (quasi)hydrostatic pressure medium (16:3:1 vol.)



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Effect of helium on structure and compression behavior of SiO₂ glass

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The behavior of volatiles is crucial for understanding the evolution of the Earth's interior, hydrosphere, and atmosphere. Noble gases as neutral species can serve as probes and be used for examining gas solubility in silicate melts and structural responses to any gas inclusion. Here, we report experimental results that reveal a strong

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Conclusions

- A high pressure *P*-1 structure predicted for K₂CO₃ from ab initio calculations was experimentally confirmed (but at lower *P*)
- No phase transitions were observed in *thaumasite* under RT compression up to amorphization above 5 GPa
- Helium is not an inert, but a penetrating medium for thaumasite-like compounds
- Pressure-induced penetration of He into thaumasite structure stabilizes it against amorphization



Raman spectra of thaumasite at high pressure









Structural transformation in natural cordierite at 4.5 GPa, associated with pressure-induced excess hydration



Pressure dependences of the volume and lattice parameters of cordierite (Cccm)



 $(Mg,Fe)_2[Al_4Si_5O_{18}]^*0.45H_2O \rightarrow 0.72H_2O$