

In situ X-ray diffraction study of perovskites in the system $\text{MgSiO}_3\text{-Al}_2\text{O}_3$: determination of equation of state

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In situ high-pressure X-ray diffraction experiments for aluminous perovskite of $\text{Mg}_{0.9}\text{Al}_{0.2}\text{Si}_{0.9}\text{O}_3$ composition and MgSiO_3 perovskite were performed up to 10 GPa using synchrotron radiation to determine the equation of state. Perovskite was compressed in diamond anvil cell using pressure transmitting medium (ethanol-methanol solution, mixing ratio was 4:1 in volume), together with pressure standard material (ruby chips and Au ramps). Generated pressure was determined by ruby fluorescence method and/or equation of state of Au. All experiments were performed at hydrostatic pressure conditions. Bulk modulus of the aluminous perovskite at room temperature was obtained as $K_{T0} = 216 \pm 1.2 \text{ GPa}$, when $K_{T0}' = 4$ was assumed. This K_{T0} value is significantly lower than that of MgSiO_3 perovskite.