

放射光 X 線その場観察と川井式マルチアンビル装置を用いた 30 GPa までのクロム
苦土鉱の相関係の解明
In situ X-ray observations of phase transitions in MgCr₂O₄ to 30 GPa using Kawai-type
multianvil apparatus

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Phase relations in MgCr₂O₄ (magnesiochromite) have been studied up to 30 GPa and 1600 °C, using a large volume Kawai-type multianvil apparatus and in situ X-ray diffraction measurements system installed at SPring-8/BL04B1. MgCr₂O₄ spinel dissociates into Mg₂Cr₂O₅ (orthorhombic type) + Cr₂O₃ (eskolate) at 9 GPa and 1200 °C, and then reunion to higher pressure phase (CaTi₂O₄ type) at 22 GPa and 1200 °C. Moreover, another high-pressure phase was observed above CaTi₂O₄ type structure phase, and this phase was unquenchable to ambient condition. In addition, pressure-induced phase transition in MgCr₂O₄ was confirmed without decomposition under cold compression process. In this cause, Magnesiochromite is directly transformed to high-pressure phase through the mixture of spinel and high-pressure phase. In this study, CaFe₂O₄ type and ε-phase, which reported in earlier studies in MgAl₂O₄ were not observed. The Birch-Murnaghan equation of state was used for least-squares fitting of the volume data (assuming $K_0' = 4$). Thus, determined zero-pressure bulk modulus (K_0) of the CaTi₂O₄ type MgCr₂O₄ was 195 GPa.

In this presentation, we will discuss further details of high-pressure phase relation and physical properties of high-pressure phases in MgCr₂O₄ series.

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