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High pressure phase relation in CaSiO3-FeSiO3 and its application to the lower mantle

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High pressure phase relation in CaSiO3-FeSiO3 at the lower mantle condition was studied by a laser-heated diamond anvil cell experiment, synchrotron X-ray radiation experiment and analytical electron microscopy. CaSiO3 perovskite was stable down to the condition of the lowermost part of the lower mantle, while a mixture of FeO and SiO2 was stable for FeSiO3, and CaSiO3 perovskite, FeO and SiO2 phases coexisted in the intermediate region of the CaSiO3-FeSiO3 system at the same high pressure and high temperature conditions. CaSiO3 perovskite has the Fe solubility of about 0.15 per formula unit at around 60 GPa and the Fe solubility seems to increase with pressure. All the Fe containing CaSiO3 perovskites in the present study were tetragonal at room temperature and high pressure.