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Phase equilibria and mineral paragenesis on crustal materials under ultrahigh-pressure metamorphic conditions

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We carried out the ultrahigh-pressure experiments at 8.0 GPa under dry condition on the pelitic granulite from Hidaka metamorphic belt, Hokkaido to clarify the phase changes.

We found the assemblage of the Al2O3-deficient garnet with pyroxene components, significantly SiO2-oversaturated clinopyroxene containing a large amount of jadeite, kyanite and coesite in the charges. We obtained the following results from chemical and microscopic analyses of these minerals:

1. Contents of Na2O and K2O in clinopyroxene at UHP conditions should be constrained by the bulk composition of the system.

2. The amount of clinopyroxene increases with increasing SiO2, simultaneously with decreasing Na2O and K2O.

3. The tschermak content in clinopyroxene depends on the amount of kyanite in the system.

4. Coesite and kyanite buffer the solubility of Na2O and K2O in clinopyroxene at ultrahighpressure metamorphic conditions.

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