Dynamic Compression of Planetary Materials at Omega and EP

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Planetary Accretion and Early Solar System Evolution



Accretion History

Chemical and Thermal Evolution of Planets

Differentiation and Melting

Formation of Atmospheres

Formation of Satellites



Extra-Solar Planets: Abundance of Super-Earths





Standard Experimental Approaches



Washers Screw Cylinder Piston ~5cm



Gas Gun







Earth Interior Structure and Mineralogy





Earth vs Super Earth: Interior Structure and Mineralogy

Super Earth (10 Earth masses)



Earth Internal Dynamics





Interior Structure and Dynamics of Super-Earth Exoplanets

Mass-Radius Relationship

Internal Structure and Layering

Style of Mantle Convection

Plate Tectonics

Magnetic Field Generation

Experimental needs:

Crystal structure, equation of state, rheology, thermal expansivity, thermal conductivity

Effects of Pressure at the Atomic Scale

--Changing interatomic distances and bonding patterns (changing bond character and coordination, molecular \rightarrow extended)

--Electron delocalization (band broadening, gap closure, metallization)

--Electron transfer among atomic orbitals (s \rightarrow p, s \rightarrow d, p \rightarrow d)

--Exotic charge redistribution (electrides)

--Modifying the chemical identify of atoms (new periodic table, exotic stoichiometries)



Zhang et al., Nature Reviews: Materials, 2017

Dynamic Compression



Pulsed X-Ray Diffraction Under Dynamic Compression: Target Package



PXRDIP: X-Ray Diffraction Diagnostic



X-ray Source: Quasi-

monochromatic He_{α} x-rays generated with 1-ns laser pulse





X-Ray Energy Spectrum (Rygg et al., 2012)



Laser Drive and Pressure Determination



Thin sample (4 um thick) sandwiched between diamond layers

Several beams of Omega used to produce ramp loading. X-ray pulse generated using additional beams on a Cu, Fe, or Ge foil

Initial ramp pulse followed by 1 or 2 square pulses

VISAR used to record free surface velocity

Free surface velocity profile and (EOS) of diamond used to determine the stress state in the sample through the method of characteristics in which the equations of motion are integrated backwards in space and time

X-Ray Diffraction

 $h^2 + k^2 + l^2$

 a^2

1

 $\overline{d^2}$

E:

=

$$n\lambda = 2d\sin\theta$$









Ramp Compression of Magnesium Oxide (MgO)



Viscosity change in exoplanetary interiors Due to B1-B2 transition?



Karato, 2011





Results

Phase transition near 600 GPa

High-pressure phase consistent with B2 structure

Diffraction data recorded to peak pressure of 900 GPa.

Rocky Exoplanets: B2 MgO expected to be major phase in deep mantle

Coppari et al. Nature Geosciences, 2013

FY 15-16 Technical Advances at Omega and Omega-EP

- Development of high-energy Ge He_α source for greater spectral decoupling of backlighter and drive plasma X-rays resulting in improved SNR
- 2. Improved algorithms for background subtraction
- 3. Use of LiF windows for more precise pressure determinations
- 4. A backwards characteristics approach which models wave interactions through all sample layers
- 5. Use of hydrocodes to develop optimized laser pulse shapes to achieve a temporally steady shock wave



X-ray image plates showing enhanced signal quality using a Ge X-ray source and improved background subtraction





Planetary Cores:

Crystal structure of Fe

Effect of light elements

Melting curve



Earth Core Composition: Iron + ?



Iron-Silicon Alloys





Core light element plays a role in massradius relation, density structure, core dynamics, and magnetic field generation PXRDIP X-Ray Diffraction of Ramp Compressed Fe-Si Alloys:

Fe-7wt.%Si

Fe-15wt.%Si



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Effect of Light Element (Silicon) on Structure and Density of Exoplanetary Cores



X-ray diffraction recorded to 1314 GPa

Achieved sample compression of 2.5x, extended pressure range by nearly a factor of 5

Crystal structure depends on Si content:

7wt% Si → HCP

15wt% Si → BCC

Wicks et al., in prep.

Density reduction of Iron at core pressures due to Si incorporation



Vinet Equation of state fits:

Parameter	Fe-7Si	<u>Fe-15Si</u>
$V_0 (A^3)$	11.166(4)	11.266(1)
K_0 (GPa)	168(56)	168(30)
dK ₀ /dP	5.49(9)	6.0(6)

Density reduction relative to pure Fe:

Earth central pressure (363 GPa): -10% (Fe-7Si) to -14% (Fe-15Si)

3 M_E planet central pressure (~1150 GPa): -8% (Fe-7Si) to -14% (Fe-15Si)

Exoplanet Example: Kepler – 10b

 $\begin{array}{l} \text{Mass} = 3.33(49) \ \text{M}_{\text{E}} \\ \text{Radius} = 1.47(3) \ \text{R}_{\text{E}} \\ \text{Orbital period} = 0.84 \ \text{days} \end{array}$





Melting Curve of Iron: The Never-Ending Story?

Reinhard Boehler, Daniel Errandonea & Marvin Ross





Iron melting at 330 GPa: Temperature reference at Earth inner- core outer core boundary

Adiabatic extrapolation across outer core gives temperature on core side of the core-mantle boundary

High-Pressure Melting: The Case of Molybdenum





X-ray Diffraction of Shock-Compressed Molybdenum



100



380 GPa 450 GPa Mo 110 Mo 110 0 0 4 0 Left panel

Wang et al., PRB, 2015



Molybdenum Under Shock Compression: Summary



Molybdenum remains in the BCC structure until melting at 390 GPa

No phase transition at 210 GPa

Melting curve is steep, not shallow

Our results are consistent with latest DFT calculations including anharmonicity (Cazorla et al. 2012) and new Hugoniot sound velocity measurements





X-ray Diffraction Results from Ramp-Compressed Mo



BCC Molybdenum stable until 1050 GPa



Summary

Omega and EP provide unique capabilities to compress geological materials to conditions corresponding the deep interior of the Earth and extrasolar planets

Major Findings:

B1-B2 phase transition in MgO measured for the first time; Major structural feature in the mantle of super-Earth planets

Iron occurs in the HCP structure in super Earth planetary cores

The effect of Si on the density and phase of iron has been characterized up to 1300 GPa corresponding to expected central pressure of ~3.5 Earth mass planet

7 wt. % Si – HCP 15 wt.% Si -- BCC

The pressure-and density profiles of extrasolar planets are sensitive to light element core composition.

Shock melting of molybdenum has been detected, consistent with steep, not shallow, melting curve

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