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Report:

The experiment HS349 was remarkably successful in that a large number (45) of high-quality powder diffraction data of CaTiOSiO_4 could be recorded at various combinations of pressure and temperature in the range between 0 to 5 GPa and 300 to 700 K.

The data were of good quality and allowed (i) an unambiguous location of the $\text{P}2_1/a \leftrightarrow \text{A}2/a$ phase transition in P-T space, (ii) the extraction of a P-V-T equation of state of titanite in the range of interest, and (iii) full scale Rietveld refinements of the structural parameters at various pressures and temperatures.

(i) Phase transition at high-temperature and high-pressure: By following the evolution of the only two non-overlapping $k+l=\text{odd}$ reflections we were able to monitor the $\text{P}2_1/a \leftrightarrow \text{A}2/a$ phase transition in P-T space. We found the phase transition to have a negative slope of -175 K/GPa (Fig. 1). This suggests that the high-pressure phase transition located at 3.5 GPa (Kunz et al. 1996) seems to be related to the high-temperature phase transition around 825 K (e.g. Zhang et al., 1997), rather than to the _____

one at 495 K (e.g. Kek et al., 1997).

(ii) P-V-T-equation of state: a preliminary analysis based on an inversion of the 3rd-order Birch-Murnaghan equation of state (Fiquet et al., 1998) yields the following results (K' = fixed at 4, a_c = fixed at 0)

P2₁/a phase: $K_{298.0} = 104(3)$, $(\partial K_{T,0}/\partial T)_P = -0.02(3)$ GPaK⁻¹, $V_{298.0} = 369.4(8)$ Å³, $\alpha_0 = 2.7(4) \cdot 10^{-5}$

A2/a-phase: $K_{298.0} = 123(5)$, $(\partial K_{T,0}/\partial T)_P = -0.05(2)$ GPaK⁻¹, $V_{298.0} = 367.8(6)$ Å³, $\alpha_0 = 1.4(5) \cdot 10^{-5}$.

For both sets of results the isothermal bulk-modulus is lower than the one reported from a room-temperature study of Angel et al (1998). Remarkably, however, the $V_{298.0}$ extracted from our data coincides exactly with the experimental value measured for an ideal end-member titanite (Xirouchakis et al., 1997).

(iii) Rietveld refinement: Simultaneous refinement of **titanite** and quartz, which was added as an internal standard, was possible for all data-sets. Weighted profile R-values ranged between 1.5 % and 3.0 %. $R(F^2)$ for titanite varied between 5.5% and 8.5 % . Further work on these results will focus on the evolution of the structure as a function of temperature and pressure.

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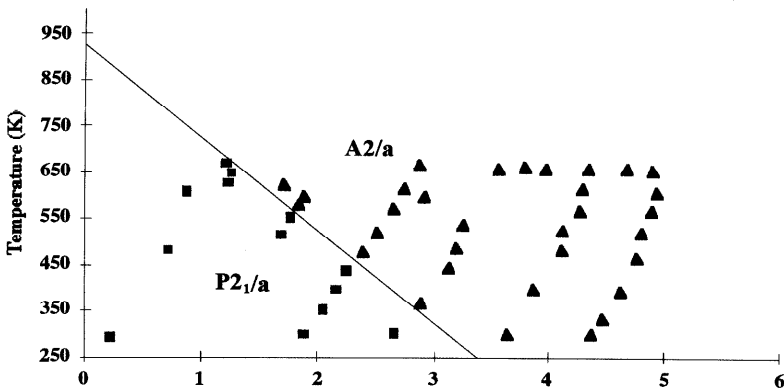


Fig. 1: Phase boundary in P-T space between P2₁/a and A2/a phase of CaTiOSiO₄