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High-pressure single-crystal structural analysis of AlSiO₃OH Phase Egg

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Abstract

We present the first equation of state and structure refinements at high-pressure of single-crystal Phase Egg, AlSiO₃OH. Single-crystal synchrotron X-ray diffraction was performed up to 23 GPa. We observe the **b** axis to be the most compressible direction and the β angle to decrease up to 16 GPa and then to remain constant at a value of $\sim 97.8^\circ$ up to the maximum experimental pressure. Structure refinements performed at low pressures reveal a distorted octahedron around the silicon atom due to one of the six Si-O bond lengths being significantly larger than the other five. The length of this specific Si-O4 bond rapidly decreases with increasing pressure leading to a more regular octahedron at pressures above 16 GPa. We identified the shortening of the Si-O4 bond and the contraction of the vacant space between octahedral units where the hydrogen atoms are assumed to lie as the major components of the compression mechanism of AlSiO₃OH Phase Egg. The unit-cell volume decrease with pressure can be described by a third order Birch-Murnaghan equation of state with the following parameters: $V_0 = 214.1(2) \text{ \AA}^3$, $K_0 = 153(8) \text{ GPa}$ and $K_0' = 8.6(1.3)$.

INTRODUCTION

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26 Hydrous aluminosilicate phases show a larger temperature stability field than the respective Mg-
27 endmembers and are expected to be stable along a typical geotherm (Fukuyama et al. 2017).
28 Therefore, they are assumed to play an important role in the Earth's deep water cycle (Gatta et al.
29 2014, Pamato et al. 2015, Fukuyama et al. 2017). AlSiO₃OH Phase Egg is stable within the
30 transition zone (Sano et al. 2004, Fukuyama et al. 2017) and probably also in the upper lower
31 mantle up to pressures of 26 GPa at 1460 – 1600 °C (Pamato et al. 2015). Nanocrystalline diamond
32 inclusions with a 1:1 Al to Si composition were found, providing direct indication for its existence
33 within Earth's mantle (Wirth et al. 2007). AlSiO₃OH Phase Egg was first synthesized by Eggleton
34 et al. (1978) and its structure was first solved by Schmidt et al. (1998). Phase Egg has a monoclinic
35 structure with $P2_1/n$ space group (Figure 1) and the ideal formula AlSiO₃OH contains 7.5 wt%
36 H₂O. The crystal structure is made up by columns of edge-shared octahedra corner linked to the
37 other columns with hydrogen occupying the vacant space between columns (Schmidt et al. 1998)
38 bonded to the O4 oxygen atoms. Vanpeteghem et al. (2003) performed a X-ray powder diffraction
39 study on Phase Egg to a maximum pressure of 40 GPa at room temperature and described its
40 compressibility using a third order Birch-Murnaghan equation of state with a room pressure bulk
41 modulus $K_0 = 157(4)$ GPa and its pressure-derivative $K_0' = 6.5(4)$. This previous study has
42 highlighted the anisotropic compression response of Phase Egg with the shortest unit-cell axis being
43 the most compressible. Vanpeteghem et al. (2003) suggested that this behavior may be caused by a
44 larger compression of some of the O-O distances, but they have not performed structural
45 refinements at high pressure to support this hypothesis.

46 Here, we present the first single-crystal X-ray diffraction data on Phase Egg collected to a
47 maximum pressure of 23 GPa at ambient temperature using neon as a pressure-transmitting
48 medium. Our single-crystal data allows for the characterisation of the structural evolution of Phase
49 Egg with pressure and the clear identification of the compression mechanisms.

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METHODS

52 **Sample synthesis and characterization**

53 Phase Egg single-crystals were synthesized at 26 GPa and 1600 °C in a 1000 t Kawai type multi-
54 anvil apparatus at the Bayerisches Geoinstitut (BGI) (run number: S5050) using a mixture of
55 $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3:\text{Al}(\text{OH})_3:\text{SiO}_2$ in a wt.% ratio of 13.59:39.27:47.15 as starting composition. The run product
56 resulted in a mixture of Phase Egg, Al-phase D and Stishovite. Further details on the synthesis and
57 characterization are given in Pamato et al. (2015). The chemical composition of Phase Egg as
58 determined by microprobe analysis by Pamato et al. (2015) is $\text{Al}_{0.98(1)}\text{Si}_{0.92(1)}\text{O}_3\text{OH}_{1.39(5)}$.

59 A single-crystal with dimensions $28 \times 77 \times 42 \mu\text{m}^3$ that showed sharp diffraction profiles, with a
60 full width at half maximum in omega scans below 0.06° , was selected from the run product and
61 measured at ambient conditions on a four-circle Huber diffractometer equipped with $\text{MoK}\alpha$
62 radiation and a point detector at BGI. A total of 25 reflections between 15° and 40° in 2θ were
63 centered using the eight-position centering method according to the procedure of King and Finger
64 (1979) implemented in the SINGLE operating software (Angel and Finger 2011). The unit-cell
65 lattice parameters were determined using vector-least-squares refinements (Table 1). Single-crystal
66 X-ray diffraction measurements for structure refinement at ambient conditions were performed at
67 BGI using an Oxford XCalibur diffractometer using $\text{MoK}\alpha$ radiation ($\lambda = 0.70937 \text{ \AA}$) operated at 50
68 kV and 40 mA. The system is equipped with a graphite monochromator and a Sapphire 2 CCD area
69 detector at a distance of 50.83 mm. Omega scans were chosen to obtain a large redundancy of the
70 reciprocal sphere up to $2\theta_{\text{max}} = 81^\circ$. Frames were collected for 10 seconds using a step size of 0.5° .
71 The CrysAlis package (Oxford Diffraction 2006) was used to integrate the intensity data taking into
72 account both Lorentz and polarization factors as well as an empirical absorption correction. The
73 observed reflections were consistent with the $P2_1/n$ space group, with a resulting discrepancy
74 factor, R_{int} , of 0.055. Structure refinements based on F^2 were performed using the ShelX program

75 (Sheldrick 2008) implemented in the WinGX system (Farrugia 2012). The atomic parameters
76 reported by Schmidt et al. (1998) were used as starting parameters and neutral scattering factors
77 (Ibers and Hamilton 1974) were employed for Si, Al and O. All atom positions were refined
78 allowing for anisotropic displacement parameters. We performed structure refinements at ambient
79 conditions with both fixed and refined occupancies for Si and Al in the two non-equivalent cation
80 sites, respectively. Within uncertainties, the two models gave identical results for atomic positions
81 and bond distances. The fully occupied model was therefore chosen for the following discussion. A
82 total of 55 parameters were refined using 1348 unique reflections with resulting discrepancy factor
83 $R1 = 0.054$. Atomic positions and displacement parameters are reported in the deposited CIF.

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85 **High-pressure experiments**

86 The Phase Egg single-crystal was loaded in a BX90 (Kantor et al. 2012) diamond-anvil cell (DAC)
87 equipped with 350 μm culet sized diamonds. A 200 μm rhenium gasket was pre-indented to ~60
88 μm and a 200 μm hole was cut. Ruby spheres were added for in situ pressure determination. The
89 gas-loading system installed at BGI (Kurnosov et al. 2008) was used to load neon at 1.5 kbar
90 pressure as a pressure transmitting medium.

91 High-pressure single-crystal X-ray diffraction was performed at the Extreme Conditions Beamline
92 P02.2 at PETRA III at the Deutsches Elektronen Synchrotron (DESY). Intensity data were collected
93 at 15 pressure points between 1.09 and 23.33 GPa using a focused monochromatic 0.2907 \AA beam
94 with a beam size of 2 x 4 μm^2 and a PerkinElmer area detector calibrated using a single-crystal of
95 enstatite. Diffraction images were collected in omega scans between -34° to $+34^\circ$ in 1° steps with
96 an exposure time of 1 s. The pressure in the cell was increased using a pressure membrane and
97 measured from the ruby Raman fluorescence shift according to the calibration of Dewaele et al.
98 (2008). Data integration was performed using the CrysAlis package (Oxford Diffraction 2006).

99 More than 520 reflections were used at all but two pressure points (120 and 371 reflections at 6.92
100 and 11.67 GPa respectively) to determine the unit-cell lattice parameters reported in Table 1.
101 Structure refinements were performed at 10 different pressure points following the same procedure
102 as used for the room pressure intensity data. However, given the smaller number of unique
103 reflections due to the restrictions imposed by the use of a DAC, the oxygen sites were refined
104 isotropically. At each pressure point, the atomic positions of the previous pressure were used as
105 starting parameters for the refinement. The number of unique reflections varied between 496 and
106 687 with R_{int} between 0.0246 and 0.1902, while the total number of parameters was reduced to 36.
107 The resulting discrepancy factors, $R1$, ranged between 0.0405 and 0.1059. Details of the structural
108 refinements, atomic positions and displacement parameters are reported in the deposited CIF.

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RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

111 **Compressibility of Phase Egg**

112 The unit-cell lattice parameters of Phase Egg are shown in Figure 2 as a function of pressure and
113 compared to literature data. No evidence for phase transitions can be observed in agreement with
114 the results reported by Vanpeteghem et al. (2003). A plot of the normalized pressure F versus the
115 Eulerian strain f (Angel 2000) indicates that a third order Birch-Murnaghan equation of state (EoS)
116 is required to fit the P - V data (Figure S1). The room pressure unit-cell volume, V_0 , the bulk
117 modulus, K_0 , and its pressure derivative, K_0' , were refined using the software EoSFit7c (Angel et al.
118 2014) resulting in the following EoS parameters: $V_0 = 214.08(17) \text{ \AA}^3$, $K_0 = 153(8) \text{ GPa}$ and $K_0' =$
119 $8.6(1.3)$ (Table 2). Note that in the fitting procedure the unit-cell volume collected at room pressure
120 was not considered in order to avoid biases due to the different techniques used (*in-house*
121 diffractometer with point detector vs. synchrotron radiation with a two-dimensional detector).
122 The V_0 obtained in this study is larger than that measured in earlier studies (Schmidt et al. 1998;
123 Vanpeteghem et al. 2003), but is in agreement with the unit-cell volume measured *in-house* at

124 ambient conditions for our sample (Figure 2A). The chemical analysis of our sample shows small
125 deficiencies of silicon and aluminum, which we assume to be substituted by hydrogen to ensure
126 charge balance. Schmidt et al. (1998) reported an Al:Si ratio close to unity and Vanpeteghem et al.
127 (2003) assumed unity based on the nominal composition of the starting material used to synthesize
128 Phase Egg. The presence of very small amounts of Al and Si vacancies in our sample, as well as the
129 different synthesis conditions (i.e. higher pressure and temperature used in this study) and the
130 different X-ray diffraction techniques used (single-crystal vs. powder diffraction) may explain the
131 difference in unit-cell volumes among the three studies. Note, however, that the room pressure
132 crystal structure refinements performed here gave identical results within uncertainties when
133 refining or fixing to unity the Al and Si occupancies. This implies that the effect of vacancies on the
134 crystal structure of Phase Egg cannot be resolved in our structural model.

135 The K_0 obtained in this study is in agreement with that reported in the high-pressure powder
136 diffraction study of Vanpeteghem et al. (2003) within uncertainties (Table 2). The pressure
137 derivative determined in this study is instead larger than that reported by Vanpeteghem et al.
138 (2003), resulting in a lower compressibility of our sample at high pressure. However, the F-f plot
139 constructed using the data reported by Vanpeteghem et al. (2003) (Fig. S2) reveals a kink at about
140 16 GPa with the lower pressure data suggesting a much steeper slope than the higher pressure data.
141 Therefore, the value of K' reported by Vanpeteghem et al. (2003) is likely an average between these
142 two clearly different compression behaviors. A change in compression mechanism is indeed
143 suggested by the high-pressure variation of the β angle which shows a rapid decrease with pressure
144 up to 16 GPa (Figure 2B) but then remains practically constant at a value of $\sim 97.8^\circ$ up to the
145 largest pressure reached both in this study and in the study of Vanpeteghem et al. (2003). This
146 change in compression behavior is clearly more pronounced in the powder data since we do not
147 observe a sharp kink in the F-f plot constructed with the data collected in this study. This is likely

148 due to the different stress states present in the powder and in the single-crystal diamond-anvil cell
149 experiments.

150 The variation with pressure of the unit-cell axes is very anisotropic as already suggested by
151 Vanpeteghem et al. (2003). As can be seen from Figure 2C, the **b** axis is the most compressible
152 direction, despite being the shortest of the three unit-cell parameters. Linearized Birch-Murnaghan
153 EoS (Angel et al. 2014) were fitted to the data (Table 2). The bulk modulus for the compression
154 along the **b** axis is much lower than those along the other two axes (Table 2). Moreover, whereas
155 the **a** axis can be fitted using a second order Birch-Murnaghan EoS as the data plot on a horizontal
156 line in a F - f plot (Angle et al. 2000), both **b** and **c** axes have a very steep slope suggesting a larger
157 stiffening of the Phase Egg structure with pressure along these two directions. In order to compare
158 the axial compressibility obtained in this study with that obtained by Vanpeteghem et al. (2003), we
159 have refitted the published data using the same linearized Birch-Murnaghan EoS, since in the
160 mentioned study the axial behavior has been described using simple polynomials. Both **b** and **c** axes
161 appear to have identical M_0 within the uncertainties. However, the **a** axis of the sample investigated
162 in this study appears more compressible than that of the sample investigated by Vanpeteghem et al.
163 (2003). Moreover, the polynomial variation with pressure of the **a** axis reported in Vanpeteghem et
164 al. (2003) has a negative coefficient of the quadratic term which implies that this direction becomes
165 softer with increasing pressure. This further supports the hypothesis that the published data were
166 obtained in a different stress environment with respect to that present in our experiment. Since we
167 have not observed broadening of the single-crystal reflections up to the maximum pressure reached,
168 we expect that the condition in our study was effectively hydrostatic.

169 In crystals with orthorhombic or higher symmetry, the changes of the unit-cell lattice parameters
170 with pressure define the variation of the strain ellipsoid describing the distortion of the unstrained
171 crystal with increasing pressure (Nye 1985). However, in the case of monoclinic and triclinic

172 systems, unit-cell angles may also vary with pressure, therefore the largest and smallest lattice
173 changes in the crystal are not necessarily aligned parallel to the crystallographic axes.

174 The strain ellipsoid tensor components (Ohashi and Burnham, 1973) for Phase Egg which has a
175 monoclinic symmetry have been calculated from the unit-cell lattice parameters at each pressure
176 based on the Cartesian coordinate system with $\mathbf{X} // \mathbf{a}$ $\mathbf{Y} // \mathbf{b}$ and $\mathbf{Z} // \mathbf{c}^*$ according to the following
177 equations:

$$178 \quad e_{11} = \frac{a}{a_0} - 1 \qquad e_{22} = \frac{b}{b_0} - 1 \qquad e_{33} = \frac{c \sin \beta}{c_0 \sin \beta_0} - 1$$

$$179 \quad e_{13} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{c \cos \beta}{c_0 \sin \beta_0} - \frac{a \cos \beta_0}{a_0 \sin \beta_0} \right) \qquad e_{12} = e_{23} = 0$$

180 where the zero denotes the room pressure unit-cell parameters.

181 The principal strain components ϵ_{11} , ϵ_{22} and ϵ_{33} and their orientation with respect to the
182 crystallographic axes have been derived by diagonalization of the symmetrical strain tensor (Table
183 3). Due to the monoclinic symmetry, ϵ_{22} lies parallel to the \mathbf{b} axis and has indeed the largest
184 absolute values at all pressures indicating that this is the most compressible direction. The principal
185 strain components ϵ_{11} and ϵ_{33} lie on the \mathbf{a} - \mathbf{c} plane, the former being the stiffer direction at $\sim 30^\circ(2)$
186 from \mathbf{a} toward \mathbf{c} . This direction is approximately perpendicular to the plane (9 0 4) and represents
187 the direction along which columns of octahedra extend, having their shared edge perpendicular to
188 this direction. The value of the unit strain (Hazen et al. 2000) in the stiffest direction, i.e. its
189 fractional change per GPa remains invariant with pressure (Table 3), whereas the unit strain values
190 in the other two directions, and especially that along the \mathbf{b} axis, steadily decrease with pressure,
191 implying that their compression significantly contribute to the pressure derivative of the bulk
192 modulus. The orientation of the strain ellipsoid does not vary over the pressure range investigated in
193 this study.

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195 **High-pressure Structure**

196 The individual octahedral bond distances for Si and Al are shown in Figure 3. At ambient pressures,
197 the Si-O bond lengths are generally between 1.75 and 1.8 Å, with the exception of the Si-O4 bond
198 that shows a value of about 2 Å in agreement with the study of Schmidt et al. (1998). At lower
199 pressures, the coordination number of the silicon atom is therefore better described by 5 + 1.

200 A rapid reduction of the bond distance between the Si and the O4 atoms with pressure is clearly
201 visible in Figure 3. The reduction between ambient conditions and the highest pressure point at 23.3
202 GPa is more than 9%, where the majority of this reduction has been already reached at ~ 16 GPa.
203 Above this pressure, the Si octahedral coordination is much more regular and the Si-O4 bond
204 becomes as stiff as the other Si-O bond distances (Figure 3). The Si-O4 bond contributes mainly to
205 the compressions of the **b** and **c** axis. The stiffest Si-O bond is the Si-O3 which does not show any
206 significant compression. All other Si octahedral bonds have similar compression rates and their
207 bond distances reduce by ~1.5 – 2% up to the highest pressure measured.

208 The compression of the Al octahedron is more uniform when compared to the Si octahedron, with
209 two Al-O4 and one Al-O2 bond distances showing similar compressibilities, i.e. bond distance
210 reductions between 3.7 and 4.4 % in the studied pressure range. The Al-O1 bond distance decreases
211 by ~ 2.3% and one of the Al-O3 bond distances reduces by ~ 1.4% between room pressure and 23.3
212 GPa. The other Al-O3 bond distance shows practically no compression, since the O3 atom connects
213 the Si and the Al octahedron and forms the stiffest Si-O3 bond (Fig. 3).

214 The analysis of O-O distances reveals a more complicated compression mechanism than the simple
215 picture suggested by Vanpeteghem et al. (2003). These authors indicated as a possible explanation
216 for the large compressibility of the **b** axis the fact that the largest O-O distance lies in a direction
217 nearly parallel to this axis as opposed to shorter O-O distances which are nearly parallel to the **a** and
218 **c** directions. This reasoning is based on the assumption that longer distances are more compressible
219 than shorter ones. However, this appears to be an invalid assumption in the case of Phase Egg,
220 where the O-O distances involving the O4 atoms are most compressible independently from their

221 value and direction. This is likely a consequence of the major compression of the Si-O4 bond. For
222 example, the O4-O1 and O4-O2 distances which are perpendicular to the **b** direction (and therefore
223 do not contribute to its compressibility) are relatively short but decrease by more than 4% in the
224 pressure range investigated (Figure 4), whereas the longer distance indicated by Vanpeteghen et al.
225 (2003), which correspond in our study to the O4-O4 distance and contributes to the compressibility
226 of the **b** direction, decreases only by ~ 3.8% (Figure 4). As expected, the distances between the
227 oxygen belonging to the shared octahedral edges are the least compressible and decrease less than
228 1% in the pressure range investigated, except for the O3-O4 shared edge which undergoes a 3.3%
229 reduction between room pressure and 23.3 GPa (Figure 4). Only two O-O distances show a major
230 compressibility, e.g. the O3-O3 distance between the columns of Al octahedra across the voids
231 (Figure 1B). This distance which lies parallel to the **b** direction decreases by more than 9% up to
232 23.3 GPa (Figure 4) and is therefore responsible for the large compressibility of this axis.

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IMPLICATIONS

235 Phase Egg is a member of the Al₂O₃-SiO₂-H₂O system. In contrast to the Mg-Si endmember, the
236 phases in the aluminum system are stable at temperatures of a typical mantle geotherm (Fukuyama
237 et al. 2017). Phase Egg and several other phases are therefore good candidates for water transport
238 into the Earth's deep mantle through subduction of sediments and oceanic crust. Direct evidence for
239 the occurrence of Phase Egg in the Earth's mantle comes from the chemical composition of a
240 diamond inclusion that showed a 1:1 Al to Si ratio and was assigned to Phase Egg (Wirth et al.
241 2007).

242 The most prominent feature in the high-pressure behavior of Phase Egg is the change in
243 compression behavior of the Si-O4 bond in the Si-octahedron. Computational studies on the δ -
244 AlOOH structure suggest that the compressibility of the structure is related to hydrogen bonding
245 symmetrization (Tsuchiya et al. 2002). Based on this, Vanpeteghem et al. (2003) suggested that a

246 stiffening of the H-O bonds could explain the curvature of the pressure dependence of the *b*-lattice
247 parameter observed at high pressure for Phase Egg. From our findings, it is more likely that the
248 regularization and further stiffening of the silicon octahedron is the reason for the change in
249 compressional behavior above 16 GPa.

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Captions

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258 **Figure 1.** The structure of Phase Egg in the (010) and (100) plane. Silicon octahedra are shown in
259 dark blue and aluminum octahedra are light blue. The oxygen atoms are marked red and labeled
260 according to the nomenclature presented by Schmidt et al. (1998). The hydrogen atom (purple)
261 positions are taken from Schmidt et al. (1998) and are situated in the empty channels.

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263 **Figure 2.** (A) Unit-cell volume, (B) β angle and (C) relative unit-cell lattice parameters (a/a_0 , b/b_0
264 and c/c_0) of Phase Egg. Open circles represent the room pressure data measured in this study,
265 whereas filled circles are results from the high-pressure measurements. The solid curves represent
266 the third-order Birch-Murnaghan Equation of State fit. Literature data are shown for comparison
267 (Vanpeteghem et al. 2003, Schmidt et al. 1998 and Xue et al. 2006). Uncertainties are smaller or
268 comparable to the symbol size unless error bars are shown.

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270 **Figure 3.** (A) Si-O individual bond distances. The Si-O4 bond is elongated at room pressure and is
271 more compressible than all the other bonds. At pressures above 16 GPa the silicon octahedron
272 adopts a more regular shape and becomes stiffer. (B) Al-O individual bond distances. Open circles
273 represent room pressure data measured in this study, whereas filled circles are the high-pressure
274 results from this study. Uncertainties are smaller or comparable to the symbol size.

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276 **Figure 4.** Selected oxygen–oxygen distances. The O3-O3 bond distance is measured across the
277 voids between two columns of Al octahedra and shows the strongest reduction with pressure of all
278 O-O distances. Squared symbols represent bonds involving octahedral shared edges. Open symbols
279 represent room pressure data measured in this study, whereas filled symbols are the high-pressure
280 results from this study. Uncertainties are smaller or comparable to the symbol size.

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283 **Figure S1.** Eulerian finite strain, f , vs. normalized pressure, F , constructed using the V_0 obtained
284 from the equation of state fit. The solid line is the weighted linear fit through the data, its steep
285 slope indicates a $K' > 4$.

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287 **Figure S2.** Eulerian finite strain, f , vs. normalized pressure, F , constructed using the data reported
288 in Vanpeteghen et al. (2003). The solid line is the fit using the EoS parameters reported in the
289 mentioned study. A change of compression behavior is apparent at about 16 GPa.

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294 **TABLE 1.** Unit-cell lattice parameters and volumes of Phase Egg collected at different pressures.

295 Numbers in brackets refer to the uncertainty in the last given digit.

296	Pressure	a	b	c	Volume	β
297	[GPa]	[Å]	[Å]	[Å]	[Å ³]	[°]
	0.0001*	7.1835(2)	4.3287(2)	6.9672(2)	214.43(1)	98.201(2)
298	1.09(5)	7.1738(2)	4.3092(4)	6.9499(3)	212.69(2)	98.114(4)
	1.82(5)	7.1666(2)	4.2977(3)	6.9375(2)	211.553(17)	98.080(3)
299	3.09(7)	7.1613(3)	4.2819(4)	6.9249(3)	210.28(2)	98.007(5)
	4.15(8)	7.1505(4)	4.2632(7)	6.9107(5)	208.64(4)	97.953(8)
300	4.87(6)	7.1488(4)	4.2564(5)	6.9071(6)	208.14(3)	97.966(9)
	6.92(9)	7.1267(4)	4.2357(5)	6.8801(6)	205.74(3)	97.853(9)
301	9.74(10)	7.1128(3)	4.2132(3)	6.8639(4)	203.78(2)	97.838(6)
	11.67(9)	7.0951(6)	4.1968(6)	6.8456(7)	201.93(4)	97.842(11)
302	14.54(11)	7.0693(2)	4.1722(2)	6.8187(2)	199.252(12)	97.805(3)
	16.82(11)	7.0533(2)	4.1583(2)	6.8029(3)	197.687(14)	97.793(4)
303	17.27(15)	7.0529(2)	4.1561(3)	6.8030(3)	197.567(17)	97.800(5)
	18.56(13)	7.0424(4)	4.1452(4)	6.7950(5)	196.52(3)	97.814(8)
304	19.33(17)	7.0356(3)	4.1403(3)	6.7875(4)	195.886(19)	97.806(6)
	21.44(18)	7.0263(3)	4.1302(4)	6.7774(5)	194.86(3)	97.799(8)
305	23.33(18)	7.0138(3)	4.1209(3)	6.7661(4)	193.75(2)	97.802(6)

306 * measured using the Huber diffractometer at BGI

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318 **TABLE 2.** EoS parameters resulting from Birch-Murnaghan equation of state fits for both bulk and
319 axial compressibilities of Phase Egg. The axial compressibilities from a previous powder diffraction
320 experiment (Vanpeteghem et al. 2003) have been recalculated in this study. Numbers in brackets
321 refer to the uncertainty in the last given digit.

	Vanpeteghem et al. (2003)		This study
	published	refitted	
V_0 (Å ³)		211.41 (11)	214.08 (17)
K_0 (GPa)	157 (4)	155 (5)	153 (8)
K'	6.5 (4)	6.7 (5)	8.6 (1.2)
a_0 (Å)		7.136 (6)	7.1848 (12)
M_{a0} (GPa)		942 (58)	833 (14)
M'_a		12*	12*
b_0 (Å)		4.322 (5)	4.327 (2)
M_{b0} (GPa)		226 (21)	240 (16)
M'_b		25 (3)	30 (3)
c_0 (Å)		6.930 (5)	6.963 (2)
M_{c0} (GPa)		498 (57)	497 (40)
M'_c		32 (7)	36 (7)

322 * Second-order Birch-Murnaghan EoS
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327 **TABLE 3.** Principal strain components, their orientation with respect to the crystallographic axes
328 and the resulting unit strain components for the strain ellipsoid of Phase Egg. Numbers in brackets
329 refer to the uncertainty in the last given digit.

P (GPa)	$\epsilon_{11} 10^{-3}$	$\epsilon_{22} 10^{-3}$	$\epsilon_{33} 10^{-3}$	$\epsilon_{11} \wedge \mathbf{a}$ (°)*	ϵ_{11}/GPa 10^{-3}	ϵ_{22}/GPa 10^{-3}	ϵ_{33}/GPa 10^{-3}
1.09(5)	-0.85 (8)	-4.50 (10)	-2.76 (8)	30.7	-0.78	-4.13	-2.54
1.82(5)	-1.71 (7)	-7.16 (8)	-4.59 (7)	28.0	-0.94	-3.93	-2.52
3.09(5)	-2.07 (8)	-10.81 (10)	-6.61 (8)	28.4	-0.67	-3.50	-2.14
4.15(5)	-3.24 (9)	-15.13 (17)	-8.85 (9)	29.5	-0.78	-3.65	-2.13
4.87(5)	-3.63 (9)	-16.70 (12)	-9.25 (10)	27.6	-0.74	-3.43	-1.90
6.92(5)	-5.96 (9)	-21.48 (12)	-13.61 (10)	30.4	-0.86	-3.10	-1.97
9.74(5)	-7.85 (8)	-26.68 (8)	-15.94 (9)	29.8	-0.81	-2.74	-1.64
11.67(5)	-10.39 (10)	-30.47 (15)	-18.51 (11)	29.1	-0.89	-2.61	-1.59
14.54(5)	-13.74 (7)	-36.16 (6)	-22.51 (8)	29.7	-0.94	-2.49	-1.55
16.82(5)	-15.89 (7)	-39.37 (6)	-24.83 (8)	30.0	-0.94	-2.34	-1.48
17.27(5)	-15.99 (7)	-39.87 (8)	-24.80 (8)	30.0	-0.93	-2.31	-1.44
18.56(5)	-17.51 (9)	-42.39 (10)	-25.92 (9)	30.3	-0.94	-2.28	-1.40
19.33(5)	-18.42 (8)	-43.52 (8)	-27.02 (9)	30.2	-0.95	-2.25	-1.40
21.44(5)	-19.69 (8)	-45.86 (10)	-28.47 (9)	30.0	-0.92	-2.14	-1.33
23.33(5)	-21.44 (8)	-48.01 (8)	-30.09(9)	30.2	-0.92	-2.06	-1.29

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331 * Angle between ϵ_{11} and \mathbf{a} toward \mathbf{c} .
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