

Investigation of the crystal structure of a low water content hydrous olivine to 29.9 GPa: A high-pressure single-crystal X-ray diffraction study

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ABSTRACT

Olivine is the most abundant mineral in the Earth's upper mantle and subducting slabs. Studying the structural evolution and equation of state of olivine at high-pressure is of fundamental importance in constraining the composition and structure of these regions. Hydrogen can be incorporated into olivine and significantly influence its physical and chemical properties. Previous infrared and Raman spectroscopic studies indicated that local structural changes occur in Mg-rich hydrous olivine (Fo \geq 95; 4883–9000 ppmw water) at high-pressure. Since water contents of natural olivine are commonly <1000 ppmw, it is inevitable to investigate the effects of such water contents on the equation of state (EoS) and structure of olivine at high-pressure. Here we synthesized a low water content hydrous olivine (Fo₉₅; 1538 ppmw water) at low SiO₂ activity and identified that the incorporated hydrogens are predominantly associated with the Si sites. We performed high-pressure single-crystal X-ray diffraction experiments on this olivine to 29.9 GPa. A third-order Birch-Murnaghan equation of state (BM3 EoS) was fit to the pressure-volume data, yielding the following EoS parameters: $V_{T0} = 290.182(1) \text{ \AA}^3$, $K_{T0} = 130.8(9) \text{ GPa}$, and $K'_{T0} = 4.16(8)$. The K_{T0} is consistent with those of anhydrous Mg-rich olivine, which indicates that such low water content has negligible effects on the bulk modulus of olivine. Furthermore, we carried out the structural refinement of this hydrous olivine as a function of pressure to 29.9 GPa. The results indicate that, similar to the anhydrous olivine, the compression of the M1-O and M2-O bonds are comparable, which are larger than that of the Si-O bonds. The compression of M1-O and M2-O bonds of this hydrous olivine are comparable with those of anhydrous olivine, while the Si-O1 and Si-O2 bonds in the hydrous olivine are more compressible than those in the anhydrous olivine. Therefore, this study suggests that low water content has negligible effects on the EoS of olivine, though the incorporation of water softens the Si-O1 and Si-O2 bond.

Keywords: Hydrous olivine, structural refinement, single-crystal X-ray diffraction, high pressure

INTRODUCTION

The incorporation of water into mantle nominally anhydrous minerals (NAMs) has been a hot topic of geophysics and geochemistry, as it strongly influences the physical and chemical properties of NAMs. Among the main mineral phases in the upper mantle, olivine is undoubtedly the center of the topic, due to its large abundance in the mantle (Ita and Stixrude 1992). Natural mantle-derived olivine can contain a few to hundreds of parts per million weight of water (e.g., Bell and Rossman 1992; Beran and Libowitzky 2006; Peslier 2010). Several factors affect the water solubility of olivine, including pressure, temperature, oxygen fugacity, water fugacity, and silica activity (e.g., Fei et al. 2018; Kohlstedt et al. 1996; Mosenfelder et al. 2006; Qin et al. 2018; Smyth et al. 2006). Experimental studies have suggested that the maximum is as high as 8900 ppmw (Smyth et al. 2006).

The incorporation of hydrogen in olivine and its effects on the various physical and chemical properties have long been investigated (e.g., Jacobsen et al. 2008; Mao et al. 2010; Chen et al. 2011; Ghosh et al. 2013; Manghnani et al. 2013; Wang et al. 2019). Vibrational spectroscopy (such as infrared spectroscopy) has been mostly employed to qualitatively and quantitatively determine the extent of incorporation of hydrogen. In a Fourier transform infrared spectrum, the O-H vibrational bands are within the region of 3000–3700 cm⁻¹. However, the mechanisms of hydrogen incorporation, as constrained by the locations of these vibrational bands have long been controversial. The most significant controversy concerns which substitution mechanism accounts for the high-frequency O-H bands above 3450 cm⁻¹. Some of the previous studies have interpreted these bands in terms of the 2H⁺ for Mg²⁺ substitution associated with the Mg vacancies, based on the polyhedral O-O edge lengths (e.g., Kudoh et al. 2006; Smyth et al. 2006; Hushur et al. 2009; Manghnani et al. 2013). However, other studies have attributed these bands to the 4H⁺ for Si⁴⁺ substitution associated with the Si vacancies, based on the compositional

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effects on the incorporation of water (e.g., Matveev et al. 2001; Berry et al. 2005, 2007; Kovács et al. 2010).

Recently, combined nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR), vibrational spectroscopy and first-principles calculation studies have led to a conclusion that the high-frequency O-H bands above 3450 cm^{-1} in olivine are due to the 4H^+ for Si^{4+} substitution associated with the Si vacancies, which is the predominant hydration mechanism in olivine, and the 2H^+ for Mg^{2+} substitution associated with the Mg vacancies is responsible for the low-frequency ($<3400\text{ cm}^{-1}$) O-H bands (e.g., Balan et al. 2011, 2017; Umemoto et al. 2011; Xue et al. 2017).

However, most of these studies on the hydrogen incorporation mechanism were performed at ambient conditions. Very recently, an in situ high-pressure Fourier transform infrared spectroscopy (FTIR) study on hydrous olivine has revealed hydrogen transfer between the Si storage sites with pressure (Yang et al. 2019). Therefore, it is important to investigate the effects of the hydrogen transfer on the structure and equation of state (EoS) of olivine at high-pressure. However, compared to anhydrous olivine (Mao et al. 1970; Liu 1975; Durben et al. 1993; Liu and Mernagh 1993; Andraut et al. 1995; Downs et al. 1996; Zha et al. 1998; Zhang 1998, 2017b, 2019; Rouquette et al. 2008; Nestola et al. 2011; Finkelstein et al. 2014; Angel et al. 2018), high-pressure studies on hydrous olivine are relatively limited (e.g., Manghnani et al. 2013). At ambient temperature, high-pressure powder X-ray diffraction (PXRD) experiments revealed that olivine containing several thousand parts per million weight of water retains its structure to $\sim 34\text{ GPa}$. However, high-pressure Raman spectroscopy (RS) has detected subtle discontinuous changes around 20 GPa (Hushur et al. 2009; Manghnani et al. 2013).

Previous studies suggested that the incorporation of several thousand parts per million weight of water ($\geq 4883\text{ ppmw}$) has effects on the elasticity and EoS of olivine (e.g., Jacobsen et al. 2008; Hushur et al. 2009; Mao et al. 2010; Manghnani et al. 2013); however, the water contents of natural mantle olivine are commonly $<1000\text{ ppmw}$ (e.g., Peslier 2010). Therefore, it is inevitable to investigate the effects of relatively low water content on the EoS and structure of olivine at high-pressure. High-pressure single-crystal X-ray diffraction (SCXRD) is a powerful tool for investigating the pressure-induced changes in the crystal structure and provides the most reliable unit-cell parameter data to determine the EoS (Angel et al. 2000; Dubrovinsky et al. 2010). With high-pressure SCXRD, one can determine the effects of pressure on the compression of the individual coordination polyhedron, and thus examine the effects of incorporation of hydrogen associated with cationic vacancies. As a result, SCXRD may be able to investigate the effects of minor water content on the olivine structure at high-pressure. Here we report a high-pressure SCXRD study to investigate the EoS and structural evolution of a low water content hydrous Mg-rich olivine (Fo_{95} ; 1538 ppmw water). Furthermore, the effects of water on the EoS and high-pressure structure of olivine will be discussed.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Synthesis of hydrous olivine

The olivine used in this study was synthesized by the method of high-pressure solid-solid reactions using a multi-anvil pressure apparatus at the Institute of Geochemistry, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Guiyang, China. The sample assembly

was similar to that used in our previous studies (Fan et al. 2017; Xu et al. 2018). To obtain hydrous olivine, we used an omphacite + brucite [$\text{Mg}(\text{OH})_2$] mixture as the starting material. Several natural omphacite crystals with grain sizes of $\sim 200\text{--}400\text{ }\mu\text{m}$, were selected from a crushed large eclogitic omphacite. The brucite powder was used as the water source surrounding omphacite crystals in the experimental platinum capsule. We used a Ni foil as the oxygen buffer in the synthesis (Rauch and Keppler 2002; Xu et al. 2018). This sample assembly allowed olivine to grow at low SiO_2 activity. The sample was first compressed to 4.0 GPa over 35 min and then heated to $1200\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ in 30 min . After a run duration of 24 h , the olivine crystals ($100\text{--}400\text{ }\mu\text{m}$ size) were obtained from the quenched run product.

Chemical and FTIR analysis

Selected crystals with sizes larger than $\sim 100\text{ }\mu\text{m}$ were used for electron microprobe analysis (EMPA). Analyses were performed with a JEOL Hyperprobe JXA-8500F microscope, operating at a 15 kV accelerating voltage, 20 nA beam current, and the beam size of $10\text{ }\mu\text{m}$. The empirical chemical formula was calculated as $\text{Mg}_{1.90419}\text{Ni}_{0.08919}\text{Fe}_{0.01523}\text{Si}_{0.99121}\text{O}_4$ based on the EMPA data (Supplemental Table S1). The composition of the sample expressed in end-member molar percentages is $\text{Fo}_{95}\text{Lie}_5$, where Fo and Lie are forsterite (Mg_2SiO_4) and liebenbergite (Ni_2SiO_4), respectively.

Unpolarized FTIR was employed to analyze the incorporation of water in the olivine. We obtained two crystals without any inclusions or fractures from the quenched products for the FTIR analysis, and the grain size was $\sim 400\text{ }\mu\text{m}$. The experimental details can be seen in Xu et al. (2018). The obtained FTIR spectra (Fig. 1) were very similar to previous studies on synthetic olivine (Lemaire et al. 2004; Smyth et al. 2006) and indicated that the sample has four strong peaks at 3612 , 3577 , 3565 , and 3555 cm^{-1} , and a weaker peak at 3477 cm^{-1} . These peaks are associated with the Si site (Kohlstedt et al. 1996; Lemaire et al. 2004; Berry et al. 2005, 2007; Walker et al. 2007; Xue et al. 2017). Additionally, a broad peak located between 3100 and 3400 cm^{-1} confirmed that the 2H^+ for Mg^{2+} substitution also takes place in the synthetic olivine, but its extent is insignificant, relative to that at Si sites (Lemaire et al. 2004; Xue et al. 2017). The water content was estimated from integrated absorbances using the calibration of Bell et al. (2003), and the result was $1538(37)\text{ ppmw}$.

Single-crystal X-ray diffraction at high-pressure

An olivine crystal with size ca. $40 \times 35 \times 7\text{ }\mu\text{m}$ was selected from the crushed FTIR sample, and was mounted onto a polymer holder for ambient SCXRD measurement. Then, the same sample was loaded into a short symmetric diamond-anvil cell (DAC) with two Type-I diamonds ($300\text{ }\mu\text{m}$ culets) mounted on Boehler-Almax-type WC seats, and this sample assembly allowed a $\pm 32^\circ$ opening angle. A rhenium gasket was indented to a thickness of $\sim 40\text{ }\mu\text{m}$ by the diamond anvils, and a $180\text{ }\mu\text{m}$ sample chamber was cut using a laser drilling following indentation. Gold powder was loaded as pressure marker (Fei et al. 2007). A small ruby sphere was loaded as the pressure indicator for the gas-loading with neon (Rivers et al. 2008).

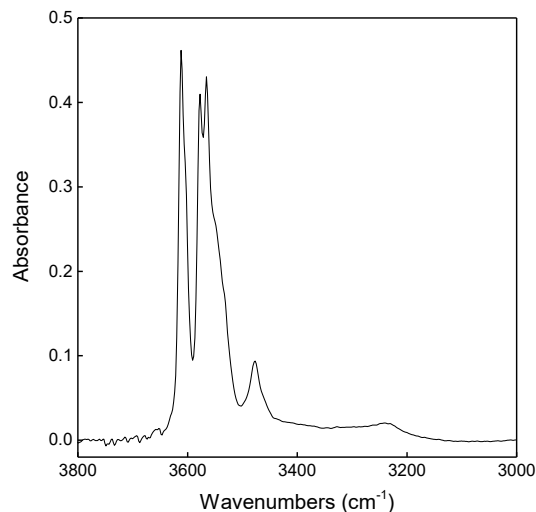


FIGURE 1. Selected unpolarized FTIR spectrum of hydrous olivine synthesized at 4 GPa and $1250\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$. Integration of the spectrum indicates an H_2O content of 1538 ppmw .

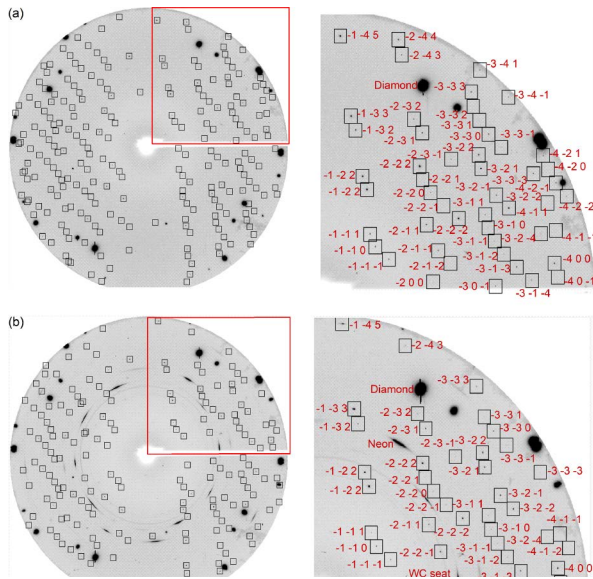
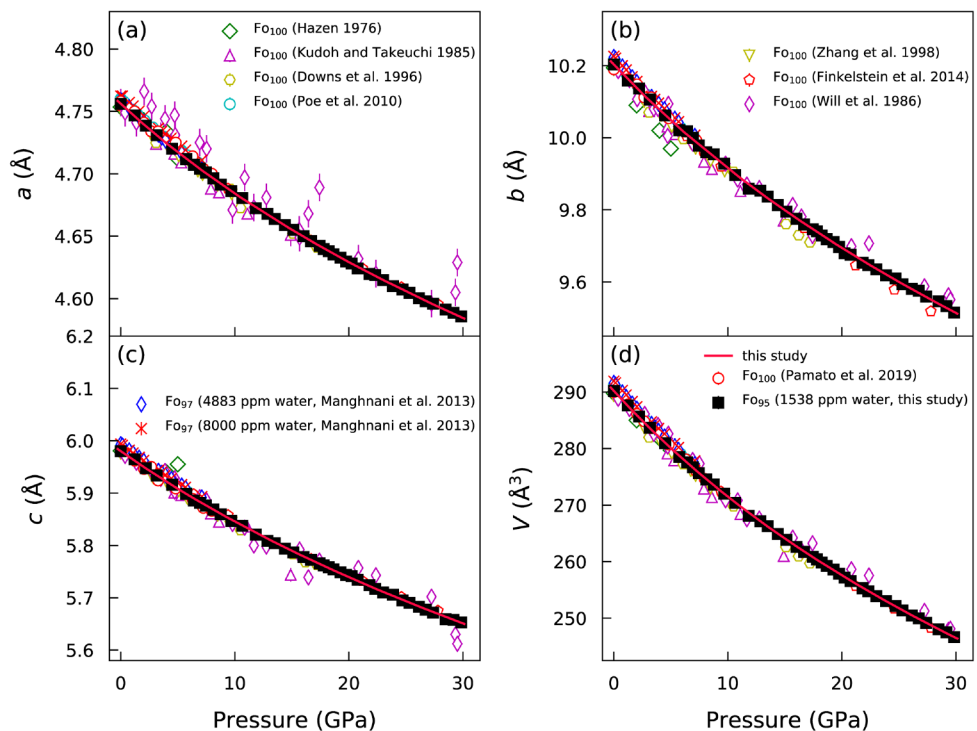


FIGURE 2. Single-crystal X-ray diffraction patterns of hydrous olivine at (a) $P = 1.2(1)$ GPa and (b) $P = 29.9(2)$ GPa. (Color online.)

Ambient- and high-pressure SCXRD experiments were carried out with a six-circle diffractometer at the experimental station 13-BM-C of the Advanced Photon Source, Argonne National Laboratory. The experimental details can be seen in previous studies (e.g., Xu et al. 2017a; Zhang et al. 2017a). To obtain precise and sufficient data to constrain the unit-cell evolution with pressure, we collected the diffraction data at 40 different pressures over 0–29.9 GPa (Supplemental¹ Table S2), and at least 150 reflections (Fig. 2) were used to refine the unit-cell parameters at each pressure point. In addition, we collected diffraction data with increased coverage/more reflections (at least 550) with multiple detector

FIGURE 3. Evolution of unit-cell parameters as a function of pressure for the hydrous olivine in this study: (a) a , (b) b , (c) c , and (d) V . Mg-rich ($Fo \geq 95$) olivine from previous studies are also shown for comparison (Hazen 1976; Kudoh and Takeuchi 1985; Will et al. 1986; Downs et al. 1996; Zhang 1998; Poe et al. 2010; Manghni et al. 2013; Finkelstein et al. 2014; Pamato et al. 2019). Solid lines correspond to the BM3 EoS of this study. (Color online.)



positions at 11 different pressures for full structure determination (Supplemental¹ Table S3). The refinement of the unit-cell parameters and the data reduction were completed with the GSE_ADA/RSV software package (Dera et al. 2013). Structure refinements at various pressures were carried out with SHELXL, Olex2, and VESTA software packages (Sheldrick 2008; Dolomanov et al. 2009; Momma and Izumi 2011). We employed a previously reported olivine structure (Nord et al. 1982) as the initial model of the structure refinement. In the olivine structure ($M1M2TO_4$), there are two non-equivalent octahedral sites M1 and M2. In the ambient structural refinement, the T sites were fully occupied by Si, while the M1 and M2 sites are fully occupied by a mixture of Mg and Ni with a refinable ratio. We did not include Fe in the refinement as it has a similar electron number with Ni and its content is insignificant compared to Mg and Ni. Atoms sharing the same site were set to share the same fractional coordinates and atomic displacement parameters (ADP). Anisotropic ADP was applied to all atoms. Ambient structure refinement led to the Mg/Ni ratios of 91/9 and 98/2 for M1 and M2, respectively, which was consistent with the results of the chemical analysis. In the high-pressure structural refinements, the Mg/Ni ratios of M1 and M2 were fixed at 91/9 and 98/2, respectively, and isotropic ADP was applied to all atoms, due to the limited opening angle of the DAC. Unit-cell parameters, refinement details, atomic coordinates, as well as calculated polyhedral parameters including bond length and volume are listed in Supplemental¹ Tables S2–S6. The CIF can be obtained in the supplementary material¹.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Equation of state and compressional behavior of coordination polyhedral geometry

Upon compression, olivine retained its initial structure to the maximum pressure of 29.9(2) GPa. The unit-cell parameters of olivine decreased continuously with increasing pressure over the experimental range of 0–29.9 GPa, as shown in Figure 3. The pressure-volume (P - V) data were fit without any constraints, using a third-order Birch-Murnaghan (BM3) EoS (Birch 1947) with the program EoSFit7c (Angel et al. 2014; Gonzalez-Platas et al. 2016). The obtained EoS parameters including zero- P unit-

cell volume (V_0), isothermal bulk modulus (K_{T0}), and its pressure derivative (K'_{T0}) were $V_0 = 290.182(1) \text{ \AA}^3$, $K_{T0} = 130.8(9) \text{ GPa}$, and $K'_{T0} = 4.16(8)$, respectively. We also determined the EoS for each unit-cell edge using a BM3 EoS. The results are reported in Supplemental¹ Table S7, which shows that the b direction is the softest, while a is the stiffest; the axial compressibility scheme is $\beta_b > \beta_c > \beta_a$. The F_E - f_E plot (Birch 1978; Angel 2000) is shown in Figure 4, which shows that data for a , b , c , and V lie on inclined straight lines, and a weighted linear fit of the F_E - f_E data yielded K_{T0} and K'_{T0} , which are in excellent agreement with those indicated by the BM3 EoS fit (Supplemental¹ Table S7), indicating that the BM3 EoS is a reasonable choice to fit the high-pressure data.

To better understand the compression mechanism, we analyzed the polyhedral evolution with pressure using the structure refinements at high pressure. As in previous high-pressure studies on olivine and other mantle major minerals such as pyroxene (Zhang et al. 1997; Periotto et al. 2012; Xu et al. 2017b), in the hydrous olivine, the SiO_4 tetrahedron was much more incompressible than the M1O_6 and M2O_6 octahedra (Fig. 5). As shown in Figure 5, polyhedral volumes of M1O_6 and M2O_6 underwent nearly linear compression, accompanying the decrease of the unit-cell volume. M2O_6 is slightly more compressible than M1O_6 . The SiO_4 tetrahedron is much stiffer than M1O_6 and M2O_6 . The compressional behavior of the M1O_6 and M2O_6 is very close to that of the unit-cell volume (Fig. 5), thus controlling the bulk compression of the olivine structure. The bond lengths of M1-O, M2-O, and Si-O as a function of pressure are shown in Figures

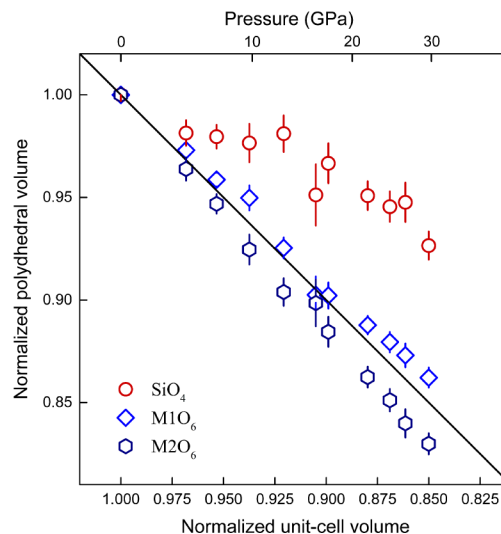


FIGURE 5. Normalized polyhedral volume as a function of a normalized unit-cell volume at different pressures. The solid line represents the $y = x$ line. The error bars were calculated using the method described by Zhang et al. (2019). (Color online.)

6–8. During compression from 0 to 29.9 GPa, the mean bond length of M1-O and M2-O shortened by 5 and 7%, respectively. By comparison, the Si-O bonds were much stiffer, only shortened by 2% over the experimental pressure range.

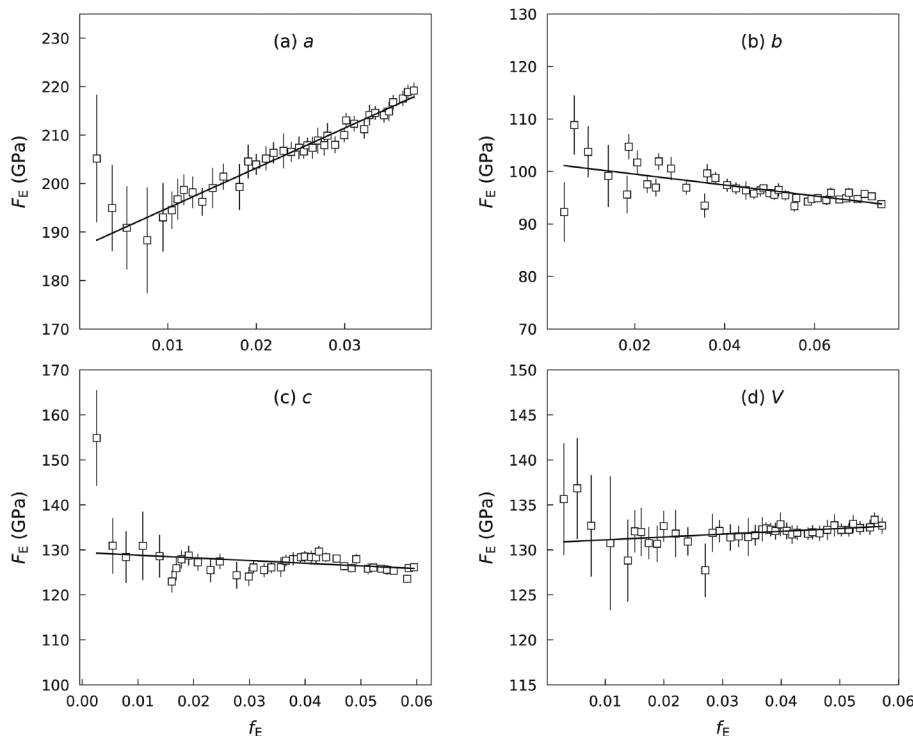


FIGURE 4. Eulerian strain-normalized pressure (f_E - F_E) plot (Angel 2000) [$F_E = P/3f_E(1 + 2f_E)^{5/2}$]; $f_E = [(V_0/V)^{2/3} - 1]/2$] of a (**a**), b (**b**), c (**c**), and V (**d**) for the hydrous olivine in this study.

Effects of water on compression behavior of olivine

We compared the EoS results of the hydrous olivine in this study to those of Mg-rich ($Fo \geq 95$) olivine from previous studies. To make the comparison reasonable, only the data collected using high-pressure SCXRD from the previous studies were considered. The EoS determination of Hazen (1976) was based on only four pressure measurements to a maximum pressure of 5 GPa, and such data coverage should be insufficient to allow robust refinements of three EoS parameters (V_{T0} , K_{T0} , and K'_{T0}), thus we did not consider it. The EoS study of Kudoh and Takéuchi (1985) was based on seven pressure measurements within 3.1–14.9 GPa, as they used a 4:1 mixture of methanol and ethanol as the pressure medium, and only five data (3.1–8.6 GPa) were collected under hydrostatic conditions (Angel et al. 2007). Therefore, for the same reason mentioned above, we did not consider the EoS results of Kudoh and Takéuchi (1985) as well. Finally, the EoS parameters of anhydrous Fo_{100} obtained by Downs et al. (1996), Zhang (1998), Poe et al. (2010), and Finkelstein et al. (2014) were considered. Due to the effects of the trade-off between the K_{T0} and K'_{T0} , we refitted the P - V data of the previous studies (Downs et al. 1996; Zhang 1998; Poe et al. 2010; Finkelstein et al. 2014) and this study with fixed $K'_{T0} = 4.2$ that is the value for the anhydrous Fo_{100} suggested by a high-pressure Brillouin light scattering study (Zha et al. 1996). By doing so, the fitting of the P - V data of the previous studies yielded K_{T0} of 124(3)–130.4(4) GPa, which are comparable to the K_{T0} derived from the fitting of the P - V data in this study [130.5(2) GPa]. Therefore, low water content (1538 ppmw) could have negligible effects on the K_{T0} of olivine. However, previous studies on hydrous olivine with water

contents larger than or equal to 4883 ppmw suggested that such water contents reduce the bulk modulus of olivine (Jacobsen et al. 2008; Mao et al. 2010; Manghnani et al. 2013).

We also compared the compressions of bond lengths and polyhedral volumes of hydrous olivine in this study to those of anhydrous olivine from previous studies. As shown in Figures 6–9, the hydrous olivine Fo_{95} in this study and anhydrous Fo_{100} from Pamato et al. (2019) are in good agreement in the compression trends of M1-O, M2-O, and Si-O bonds. However, the compressions of bond lengths of anhydrous Fo_{100} from earlier high-pressure SCXRD studies (Hazen 1976; Kudoh and Takéuchi 1985) deviate the trends determined by this study and Pamato et al. (2019), which is possibly caused by the lower accuracy of diffractometers decades ago, as indicated by the larger uncertainties of the unit-cell parameters and bond lengths (Figs. 3, and 6–8). Therefore, we only further compared our results of the bond lengths to those of anhydrous Fo_{100} from Pamato et al. (2019).

We analyzed the pressure-bond length and pressure-polyhedral volume data of olivine in this study and Pamato et al. (2019) by using weighted linear regression (Figs. 6–9 and Supplemental¹ Table S8). Due to the data range of Pamato et al. (2019) was 0–7.66 GPa, only the data within the range of 0–10 GPa of this study were used to make the comparisons reasonable. As shown in Figures 6–7 and Supplemental¹ Table S8, the compressions of M1-O and M2-O between the anhydrous and hydrous olivine are similar. The M1-O bonds of the anhydrous Fo_{100} decrease near linearly with pressure and the rates are 0.0044(3)–0.0054(2) Å/GPa, which are comparable with the shrinking rates of the M1-O bonds for the hydrous Fo_{95} [0.0036(3)–0.0048(2) Å/GPa; Fig.

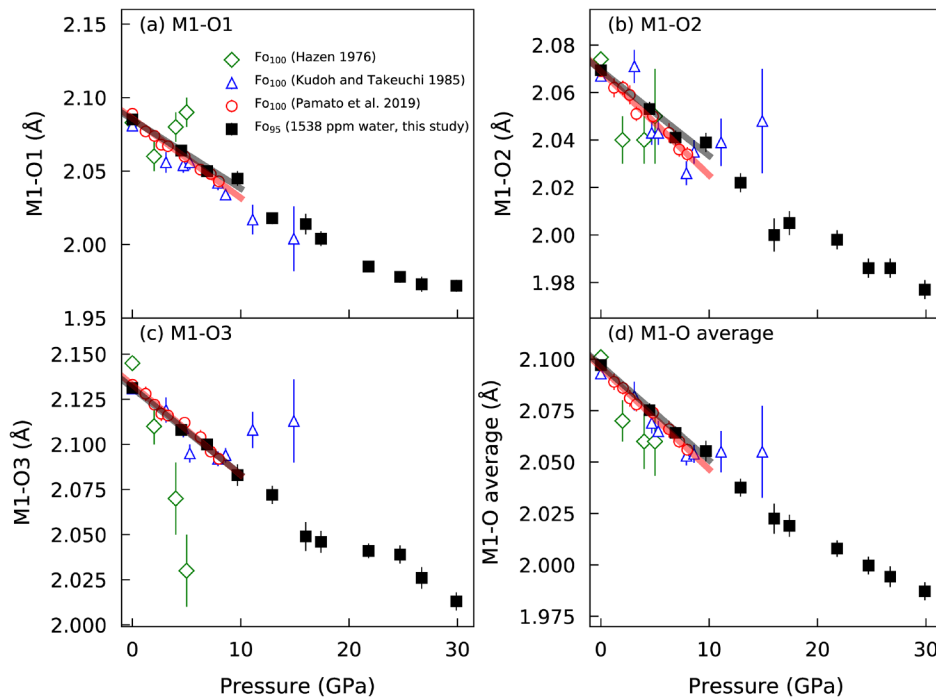


FIGURE 6. Pressure dependence of M1-O bond lengths for the hydrous olivine in this study: (a) M1-O1, (b) M1-O2, (c) M1-O3, and (d) M1-O average. Mg-rich ($Fo \geq 95$) olivine from previous studies are also shown for comparison (Hazen 1976; Kudoh and Takéuchi 1985; Pamato et al. 2019). The solid lines represent weighted linear regression results (Supplemental¹ Table S8) for the data of Pamato et al. (2019) (red lines) and this study (black lines). (Color online.)

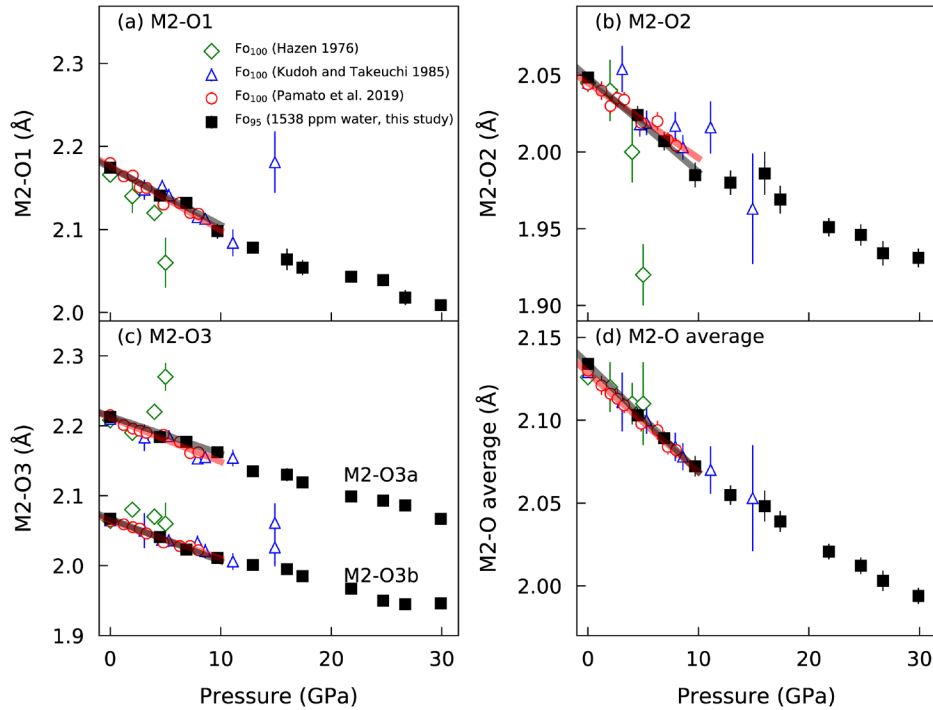


FIGURE 7. Pressure dependence of M2-O bond lengths for the hydrous olivine in this study: (a) M2-O1, (b) M2-O2, (c) M2-O3a and M2-O3b, and (d) M2-O average. Mg-rich ($Fo \geq 95$) olivine from previous studies are also shown for comparison (Hazen 1976; Kudoh and Takéuchi 1985; Pamato et al. 2019). The solid lines represent weighted linear regression results (Supplemental¹ Table S8) for the data of Pamato et al. (2019) (red lines) and this study (black lines). (Color online.)

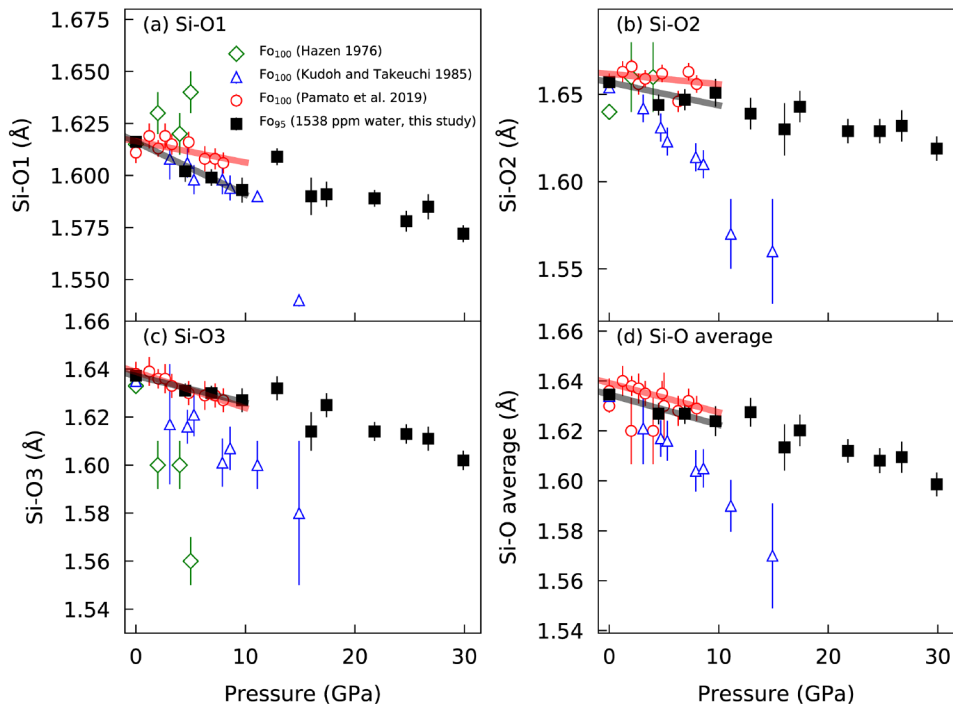


FIGURE 8. Pressure dependence of Si-O bond lengths for the hydrous olivine in this study: (a) Si-O1, (b) Si-O2, (c) Si-O3, and (d) Si-O average. Mg-rich ($Fo \geq 95$) olivine from previous studies are also shown for comparison (Hazen 1976; Kudoh and Takéuchi 1985; Pamato et al. 2019). The solid lines represent weighted linear regression results (Supplemental¹ Table S8) for the data of Pamato et al. (2019) (red lines) and this study (black lines). (Color online.)

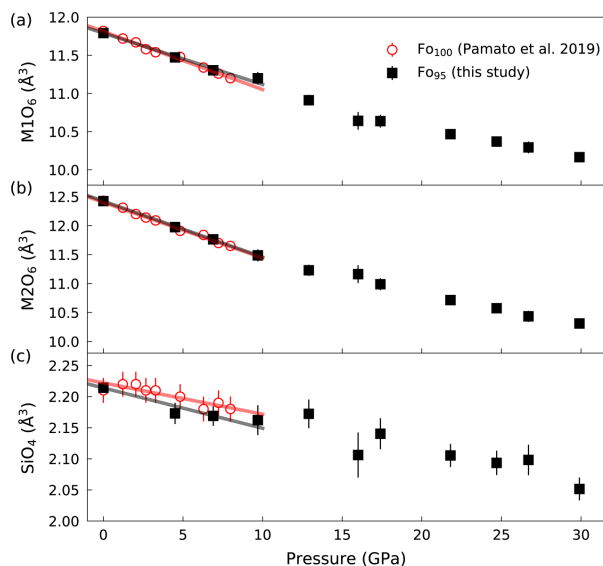


FIGURE 9. Pressure dependence of polyhedral volumes for the hydrous olivine in this study: (a) $M1O_6$, (b) $M2O_6$, and (c) SiO_4 . Mg-rich ($Fo \geq 95$) olivine from the previous study is also shown for comparison (Pamato et al. 2019). The solid lines represent weighted linear regression results (Supplemental¹ Table S8) for the data of Pamato et al. (2019) (red lines) and this study (black lines). (Color online.)

6]. Similarly, the M2-O bonds of these two olivines decrease with pressure at comparable rates of 0.0049(5)–0.0077(6) and 0.0053(3)–0.0069(6) Å/GPa for the anhydrous Fo_{100} and hydrous Fo_{95} (Fig. 7), respectively. The similarity in the compressions of M1-O and M2-O bond lengths between the anhydrous and hydrous olivine results in the comparable polyhedral ($M1O_6$ and $M2O_6$) compressibilities between the hydrous and anhydrous olivine (Fig. 9).

Compared with M1-O and M2-O, the Si-O bonds behave quite differently under pressure between the anhydrous and hydrous olivine (Fig. 8). As shown in Figure 8 and Supplemental¹ Table S8, for the anhydrous Fo_{100} , the Si-O1 and Si-O2 bonds decrease at very low rates of 0.0006(7) and 0.0010(5) Å/GPa, respectively. Additionally, the small values of the correlation coefficients ($R^2 = 0.394$ and 0.084 for the Si-O1 and Si-O2, respectively) indicate the variation of bond length is insensitive to the pressure change, while the compression of the Si-O3 is more significant as indicated by the higher shrinking rate (0.0015(1) Å/GPa) and R^2 (0.936). The Si-O1 and Si-O2 bonds in the hydrous Fo_{95} are more compressible than those in the anhydrous Fo_{100} . As shown in Figure 8 and Supplemental¹ Table S8, the bond lengths of the Si-O1 and Si-O2 of hydrous Fo_{95} decrease at rates of 0.0025(2) and 0.0013(6) Å/GPa, respectively, and the higher R^2 values (0.992 and 0.731 for the Si-O1 and Si-O2, respectively) also indicate that the bond length is more sensitive to the pressure change than that of the anhydrous Fo_{100} . On the other hand, the shrinking rate of the Si-O3 for the hydrous Fo_{95} [0.0011(1) Å/GPa] is lower than that for the anhydrous Fo_{100} [0.0015(1) Å/GPa]. In a view of the polyhedral compression, the SiO_4 tetrahedron in the hydrous Fo_{95} is more compressible than that in the anhydrous Fo_{100} olivine (Fig. 9).

IMPLICATIONS

Previous high-pressure spectroscopic and XRD studies suggested that the incorporation of several thousand parts per million weight of water (≥ 4883 ppmw) causes some local structural changes at high-pressure and affects the elasticity and EoS of olivine (e.g., Jacobsen et al. 2008; Hushur et al. 2009; Mao et al. 2010; Manghnani et al. 2013; Yang et al. 2019). However, the water contents of natural olivine are commonly <1000 ppmw (e.g., Peslier et al. 2010; Novella et al. 2015), and petrological experiments also suggested that the water storage capability of olivine in peridotite in the upper mantle is lower than 2000 ppmw (Ferot and Bolfan-Casanova 2012; Tenner et al. 2012). Therefore, the water contents of mantle olivine, in most cases, should be <2000 ppmw. In this study, the hydrous olivine was with moderate water content (1538 ppmw) that could be more expected in real mantle olivine than those in hydrous olivine from the previous studies. The EoS determination indicated that such low water content has negligible effects on the bulk modulus. In addition, the detailed structural refinements at high-pressure suggested that the compressions of the M1-O and M2-O bonds of the hydrous olivine in this study are similar to those of anhydrous olivine from the previous study. However, the compressions of the Si-O bonds were changed by the incorporation of water, and the Si-O1 and Si-O2 bond in the hydrous olivine are significantly more compressible than those in the anhydrous olivine. Our FTIR measurements indicated that the incorporation of hydrogen is predominantly associated with the vacancies in Si sites (Fig. 1), which is consistent with the fact that the incorporation of water softens the Si-O bonds instead of the M1-O and M2-O bonds (Figs. 6–9). However, the water-induced change in the compressional behavior of the Si-O bonds does not affect the bulk compression of olivine significantly. The incorporation of ~ 1500 ppmw does not significantly reduce the bulk modulus of olivine, which can be interpreted in terms of that such low water content has negligible effects on the compressional wave velocity, according to the Newton-Laplace equation approximation. Therefore, the results of this study indicate that the effects of incorporation of water on the elasticity and EoS of olivine could be significant only when the water content is at least higher than 1538 ppmw.

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