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(Mg,Fe)₂SiO₄二成分系の ポストスピネル転移の相平衡関係
- 極めて鋭い660km 地震学的不連続の原因について

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**Binary phase relations of the postspinel transition in the system
(Mg,Fe)₂SiO₄- interpretation of extremely thin 660-km seismic discontinuity**

《概要》

Short wave-length seismic reflections from the 660-km discontinuity indicate that the 660-km discontinuity is extreme sharp, namely less than 2 km thick. Since the Earth's mantle is considered to consist of ferromagnesian silicates, and the 660-km discontinuity is usually attributed to dissociation of ringwoodite (Rw) to bridgmanite (Brg) + ferropericlase (fPc), the extreme sharpness of the 660-km discontinuity must be explained by the pressure interval of the Rw + Brg + fPc three-phase region.

However, the thickness less than 2 km corresponds to a pressure interval less than 0.1 GPa. Such a small pressure interval was difficult to investigate by means of high-pressure experiments. In this study, we have determined the binary loop of Rw + Brg + fPc at 1700 K by means of in situ X-ray diffraction in a multi-anvil press with special attention and thermochemical calculation. Our result shows the thickness of the Rw + Brg + fPc binary loop is essentially zero at mantle temperatures, which explains the sharpness of the 660-km discontinuity.