



Magnetism under high pressure

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Role of Pressure and Temperature on Magnetization: Planet Earth



How does pressure influence magnetic anomalies? titanomagnetite

Can we estimate pressure due to exhumation or shock? Verwey transition in magnetite Pyrrhotite inclusions in diamond

Influence of the inner core on the geometry and stability of the magnetic field? iron



The interactions of electrons between Fe-Fe give magnetite its remanence.

However, this interaction is indirect, passing through oxygen atoms.

Magnetite possesses three magnetic lattices which govern its magnetic characteristics.

Figure 3.4 (a) Sketch of $\frac{1}{4}$ of a unit cell of magnetite. The lattice parameter is *a*. Solid and hatched circles represent cations in tetrahedral (A-site) and octahedral (B-site) coordination, respectively, with O²⁻ ions (large open circles). (b)-(f) Bond angles for specific cation pairs in (a). Bond angles near 90° are unfavourable for superexchange coupling. [After Gorter (1954), with the permission of the publisher, Philips Research, Eindhoven, The Netherlands.]

Dunlop and Özdemir (1997)

Magnetism is very sensitive to the type and direction of applied stress





Magnetic properties are size and shape dependent Superparamagnetic vs. Single domain vs. Multi-domain

TEM images of iron foil bcc to hcp: a Martensitic phase transition

Non-compressed

Decompressed from 30 GPa



EFFECT OF NON-HYDROSTATICITY



tion of the behavior of the exchange integral as function of interatomic distance.

(hcp) phase.



Figure 4 Pressures of the onset of the $\alpha \rightarrow \epsilon$ (open bars) and $\epsilon \rightarrow \alpha$ transitions (filled bars) in different pressure media. The bars represents the uncertainty in pressure. (1) Huang *et al.*¹⁰, (2) Zou *et al.*¹¹



von Bargen and Boehler (1990)

Figure 5 Pressure ranges (solid lines) between the onset (open bars) and completion (filled bars) of (a) the $\alpha \rightarrow \varepsilon$ transition, (b) the $\varepsilon \rightarrow \alpha$ transition. The bars represent uncertainties in pressure. (1) Huang *et al.*¹⁰, (2) Zou *et al.*¹¹



X-ray magnetic circular dichroism (*XMCD*) shows *hcp-Fe* is *non-magnetic* at ~ 16 *GPa* X-ray emission spectroscopy shows *hcp-Fe* is *magnetic* up to 40 *GPa*





Spherical iron (>99.9%) particles with diameters of 1 to 5 μ m were loaded together with ruby and a pressure medium into a ~100 μ m sized hole formed in a Re gasket. Resistive heaters (not shown) surround the diamonds. The transparent pressure medium allows the iron particles to be imaged with a microscope.





Movement of iron induced by a magnet



Open symbols = movement Closed symbols = no movement Gilder and Glen (Science, 1998) Diamonds = failure





At 17 GPa and 260°C, we observed movement that allowed us to establish an equation of force couples between the magnetic attraction in one sense and viscosity in the opposite sense.

Two possibilities can explain the motion :

- Either hcp Fe is ferromagnetic.
- Or hcp Fe is paramagnetic with a very high bulk susceptibility with high crystalline anisotropy.



When a sample is placed in the measure region, it induces :

- An in-phase alternating current proportional to its susceptibility.
- A quadrature voltage that depends on its electrical conductivity and on its magnetic viscosity.

Studies on superconductivity detect changes on the order of millivolts. For our experiments, we needed to measure variations of micro- and nanovolts, so we had to significantly increase the number of windings.







BeCu Diamond Anvil Cell



Electromagnet : maximum field = 1.4 T









(a) NRM





(c) + 200 mT





(b) AF CLEANED

(d) *IRM_s*

(e) – *9mT*







(f) - /5 mT (g) – *23.5 mT*

(h)-*35 mT*

(i) *IRM*_s

(j) +9mT

Reversible vs. irreversible susceptibility









Experiment on multi-domain magnetite



We now insert the diamond cell into a 3axis, superconducting magnetometer to directly measure the full magnetic vector of material under pressure. Rubies placed in the center and edge allow us to directly measure the pressure gradient.



Experimental data- Fe





- (a) Saturation of isothermal remanent magnetization (SIRM) as a function of pressure.
- (b) Coercivity of remanence (Bcr) as a function of pressure.

Arrows show the pressure path

Why are the results seemingly so different?



VSM (*Vibrating sample magnetometer*) measurements on iron foil discs (*diameter 3 mm, height 0.25 - 2.5 mm*) 50





The data become more consistent after correcting for shape anisotropy.

• Iron has a higher remanent magnetization at 21.5 GPa than at initial conditions.

• For NaCl pressure medium, the *bcc-hcp* transition starts at 12.4 ± 0.3 *GPa*, with complete transformation to *hcp* at 17.8 ± 0.8 GPa (*von Bargen and Boehler, 1990*), so <u>bcc Fe cannot account for the magnetization at the higher pressures</u>.

• We attribute the remanence to an "anomalous" phase with slightly different lattice constants than bcc or hcp-- this is the same conclusion we are also arriving at with the invar (FeNi) alloys.









Geophysical Research Letters, 2002



Two independent experimental methods show that the magnetic properties of single domain magnetite (TMO) change significantly between 1 and 3 GPa.

Magnetic phase transition?

Geophysical Research Letters (2004)

AC susceptibility of multidomain titanomagnetite As Ti increases, less pressure is needed to lower Xmax or Ms



Relationship between λ_s and σ



Titanomagnetite (Ti concentration represented as TMXX)

The higher the magnetostriction, the more sensitive magnetization becomes to an external stress.

Full vector measurements: IRM acquisition and AF demagnetization







Median destructive field (MDF)



Pressure systematically enhances the magnetic properties of multidomain titanomagnetite, which are the principal carriers of magnetic remanence in nature.

Pressure makes multidomain titanomagnetite more single domainlike. This can potentially explain the origin of deeply rooted magnetic anomalies on Earth and other planets.

Gilder and Le Goff (GRL, 2008)

The Curie points of pure magnetite and titanomagnetite increase by 10-20°C / GPa.





Conclusions

- 1. The transition from bcc to hcp in Fe has an intermediate "anomalous" structural phase that is slightly more magnetic than the bcc phase. This is likely also true for the invar alloys.
- 2. Magnetite's magnetic properties are more stress-sensitive with increasing titanium concentration & non-reversible.
- 3. The shape effect has a non-negligible effect- especially on AC susceptibility measurements.
- 4. Future work will be at high P low T:



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