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imum for solar cycle 22 during 1996, then the ACRIM mean TSI was $0.0361 \pm 0.0006\%$ higher for the current minimum than for cycle 21 (Table 2 and Fig. 2). Degradation corrections for the ACRIM experiments are uncertain by less than $\pm 0.005\%$ per decade (4). The total rootmean-square uncertainty of the trend is also less than $\pm 0.005\%$, which indicates that the difference in ACRIM TSI between the solar minima in 1986 and 1996 is well resolved.

Similarly, the corresponding mean ERBS results changed by $0.0271 \pm 0.0036\%$ between 1986 and 1996 (Fig. 2). The ERBS uncertainty does not include sensor degradation, and significant changes of ERBS results can be observed in the record when no comparable signals are present in other TSI data (Figs. 1 and 2). Accelerated degradation during the rising activity phase of solar cycle 22 is likely, with an amplitude ranging up to the shift in the ERB/ERBS ratio (~0.03%). The ERBS trend is corroborative, but its degradation uncertainty limits it to qualitative interpretations.

The TSI trend is significant for direct solar climate forcing. The response of climate to TSI variation is complex, but a sensitivity is predicted by global circulation models at ~ 1 K per 1% change in TSI (18). If sustained, the ACRIM TSI trend is near that required to produce, on 200-year time scales, a climate change comparable to (but in the opposite sense of) the estimated 0.4 to 1.5 K average temperature decrease during the Little Ice Age climate anomaly (3, 19). The climatic effect of greenhouse warming over the next 50 to 100 years is estimated to be 1.5 to 4.5 K (19). By comparison, the TSI trend could produce additional warming of ~ 0.4 K in 100 years, a potentially significant contribution.

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rates of initial and mission degradation vary between experiments, but the degradation phenomena are common to most of them. It was further observed in the ACRIM I experiment that the rate of degradation was proportional to both the amount of solar exposure and the relative abundance of high energy, short-wavelength flux. During periods of intense solar magnetic activity, the enhanced amounts of highenergy, short-wavelength solar radiation increase the rate of degradation.

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Increased Compressibility of Pseudobrookite-Type MgTi₂O₅ Caused by Cation Disorder

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Compressibilities were determined for four pseudobrookite-type magnesium titanate (MgTi₂O₅) samples with different degrees of Mg-Ti disorder. Compressibilities of *a* and *c* axes in disordered MgTi₂O₅ were 10% and 7% greater, respectively, than those of a relatively ordered sample. The estimated bulk moduli for fully ordered and disordered MgTi₂O₅ are 167 ± 1 and 158 ± 1 gigapascals, respectively. This difference is an order of magnitude greater than that predicted by bulk modulus–volume systematics. Cation order, in addition to composition and structure information, is thus important when documenting the elasticity of crystalline phases. Elastic constants of mantle silicates that are subject to pressure-induced cation ordering must be reevaluated.

Pressure-volume equations of state (EOS) of crystalline solids impose important constraints on models of interatomic bonding, and they provide an essential foundation for interpreting seismic data from Earth's deep interior. Conventional wisdom suggests that EOS are principally dependent on only two variables: structure and composition. Summaries of mineral EOS parameters (1), for example, are tabulated according to these two variables. Details on the state of order-disorder—which may be important in characterizing the thermochemistry and

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transport properties of minerals as well as those of alloys, ceramics, and other crystalline phases—are usually omitted in discussions of EOS. Recent studies demonstrate that order-disorder phenomena may be affected by pressure in phases that display a nonzero volume of disordering ΔV_{dis} $= V_{\text{disordered}} - V_{\text{ordered}}$ (2). Silicate minerals commonly display ΔV_{dis} up to 0.5% (3, 4), and values exceeding 1% have been observed in oxides and sulfides (5). However, the extent to which differing states of order affect the physical properties of phases at high pressure is not known.

The comparative compressibility technique, in which several crystals are mounted in the same diamond-anvil cell experiment, can be used to discern subtle differ-

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ences in EOS. This method has been used, for example, to document otherwise unresolvable differences in the bulk moduli of wüstites with different degrees of oxygen deficiency (6), nonstoichiometric omphacitic pyroxenes (7), Fe-Mg wadsleyites (8), silicate spinels (9), and majoritic garnets (10). Here, we examined EOS of pseudobrookite-type MgTi₂O₅ (karrooite), a dense oxide that displays a wide range of ordered states (11).

Four synthetic $MgTi_2O_5$ crystals were annealed at 600°, 700°, 1000°, and 1400°C. Single-crystal x-ray diffraction techniques were used to characterize the orthorhombic (space group *Bbmm*) unit-cell parameters and to determine the crystal structure and ordered



Fig. 1. Variations of unit-cell dimensions for four ordered variants of $MgTi_2O_5$. The *b* axis displays similar compressibility (that is, the four lines of *b* versus pressure are essentially parallel). This behavior contrasts with that of the *a* and *c* axes; axes of the disordered end member are more compressible by 10% and 7%, respectively, relative to the more ordered variant. The almost fully ordered specimen P600 was annealed at 600°C for 35 days, the relatively disordered specimen P1400 was quenched rapidly from 1400°C, and specimens P700 and P1000 with intermediate states of order were annealed at 700° and 1000°C, respectively.

state of each sample (Table 1). Ambientpressure unit-cell parameters for the most ordered crystal of this study are a = 9.712 Å, b = 10.019 Å, c = 3.736 Å, volume = 363.52 Å³; those for the most disordered crystal are a = 9.760 Å, b = 9.979 Å, c =3.748 Å, volume = 365.00 Å³. The ordered form of MgTi₂O₅ is denser than the disordered form-a commonly observed situation for close-packed oxide and silicate phases (2). These observed unit-cell parameters can be used to estimate ambient-pressure unit-cell volumes for fully ordered and fully disordered MgTi₂O₅ (Table 1). Estimated volumes for ordered and disordered end members are 363.2 and 365.3 Å³, respectively—a 0.6% difference. Bulk modulus-volume systematics (12), which document an inverse relation between unit-cell volume and bulk modulus (K) of isostructural compounds, thus predict that disordered MgTi₂O₅ should be about 0.6% more compressible than the ordered variant.

Pseudobrookite has two nonequivalent, octahedrally coordinated cation sites, denoted M1 and M2; each formula unit has one M1 and two M2 sites. In fully disordered MgTi₂O₅ the average compositions of both M1 and M2 are (Mg_{0,33}Ti_{0.67}). Our most disordered crystal, which was rapidly quenched from 1400°C after annealing for 5 hours, has the formula (Mg_{0.515}Ti_{0.485})(Ti_{0.758}Mg_{0.242})₂O₅. In our



Fig. 2. Relative volume (V/V_0) for MgTi₂O₅ crystals versus pressure. The partially disordered specimen P1400 is about 5% more compressible than the almost fully ordered specimen P600.

most ordered crystal, annealed at 600°C for 35 days, the composition is $(Mg_{0.93}Ti_{0.07})$ $(Ti_{0.965}Mg_{0.035})_2O_5$. The four crystals (Table 1) thus represent a wide range of Mg-Ti ordered states. These four ordered variants were mounted in one diamond-anvil cell (9). Unitcell parameters for all four crystals were determined at 13 pressures, and x-ray intensity data were collected for the most ordered and disordered samples at seven pressures to 7.51 GPa (13).

The *b*-axis compressibility (Fig. 1) is about 0.0024 GPa-1 for all four ordered variants, but the compressibilities of the a and c axes in disordered MgTi₂O₅ are 10%and 7% greater, respectively, than corresponding values for the ordered phase. Axial compression ratios thus vary from 1.58:2.02:1.00 for the most ordered crystal to 1.63:1.85:1.00 for the most disordered crystal. Resulting K values for these two MgTi₂O₅ crystals (assuming the pressure derivative of K, K' = 4) are 166.8 \pm 0.9 and 160.2 \pm 0.7 GPa, respectively—a 4% difference (Fig. 2). Intermediate Mg-Ti ordered states display intermediate K (Table 1 and Fig. 3). We extrapolate K for fully ordered and fully disordered MgTi₂O₅ to be 167.3 ± 1.0 and 157.6 ± 1.0 GPa—a 6%



Fig. 3. Observed isothermal bulk modulus *K* (assuming K' = 4) for four MgTi₂O₅ crystals versus disorder parameter *X*. Extrapolated bulk moduli for fully ordered (*X* = 0) and fully disordered (*X* = 0.67) MgTi₂O₅ are 167.3 ± 1.0 and 157.6 ± 1.0 GPa, respectively.

Table 1. Observed ambient-pressure unit-cell parameters, refined octahedral cation occupancies, and
isothermal bulk moduli (assuming $K' = 4$) for four samples of MgTi ₂ O ₅ , and estimated values for fully
ordered and disordered end members. Ideal values are extrapolated from observed unit-cell parameters
and bulk moduli in this table. Numbers in parentheses are estimated errors in terms of last significant
digits.

<i>T</i> (°C)	a (Å)	b (Å)	c (Å)	V (Å ³)	Х*	K (GPa)
Ideal (ordered) 600 700 1000 1400 Ideal (disordered)	9.7031 9.7115(5) 9.7264(3) 9.7461(6) 9.7597(4) 9.7785	10.0262 10.0189(3) 10.0092(3) 9.9875(4) 9.9789(4) 9.9638	3.7329 3.7362(2) 3.7409(2) 3.7464(4) 3.7478(3) 3.7495	363.17 363.52(3) 364.19(3) 364.67(4) 365.00(3) 365.32	0 0.070(5) 0.203(3) 0.404(5) 0.485(5) 0.667	167.3 166.8(9) 163.4(7) 161.8(7) 160.2(7) 157.6

*Ti in M1 = X; Mg in M1 = 1 - X; Ti in M2 = 1 - X/2; Mg in M2 = X/2.

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difference, which is an order of magnitude greater than that predicted by K-V systematics. This unexpected 6% change is greater than the variations in K observed for the entire compositional range of Mg-Fe solid solution in many oxides and silicates (2).

The observed dependence of K on Mg-Ti ordering is a consequence of the differential compressibilities of weaker Mg²⁺–O and stronger Ti⁴⁺–O bonds. The structure parallel to the *b* axis features an alternating sequence of one M1 and two M2 octahedra. Compressibility along this direction, therefore, is always the average of one Mg-O and two Ti-O bonds, regardless of the state of Mg-Ti order. Compression along the *a* and *c* axes, by contrast, is dictated primarily by M2 octahedra, which form a continuous edge-sharing octahedral linkage in the (010) plane. In ordered MgTi₂O₅, the M1 (Mg) octahedron is relatively compressible with an octahedral K of 172 \pm 4 GPa, whereas the M2 (Ti) octahedron is relatively rigid with an octahedral K of 250 \pm 7 GPa. In disordered MgTi₂O₅, M1 and M2 octahedra display the same compressibilities, with an average K of 225 GPa. Crystal compression of this disordered variant is less constrained along the a and c axes, and is thus more isotropic.

High pressure has been observed to induce ordering in many silicates (3, 14), including most of the major phases postulated for Earth's mantle (15). This pressureinduced ordering will affect EOS in two ways. First, the typically negative volume of ordering (2) will reduce room-pressure unitcell volume, V₀, of mantle phases equilibrated at high pressure; indeed, this negative $\Delta V_{\rm dis}$ is the driving force for pressureinduced ordering. Second, ordering will itself affect elastic constants by subtle alteration of compression mechanisms, especially in cases of mixed-valence cation ordering, such as MgTi₂O₅. We conclude that phases with significant ΔV_{dis} greater than 0.1%, including olivines, spinels, pyroxenes, carbonates, and feldspars (2), may also display EOS that are order-dependent.

EOS for geophysically relevant materials are usually made assuming rapid and reversible pressure-temperature-volume systematics. This assumption is invalid for phases that display order-disorder, because V₀, compressibility, and presumably thermal expansivity are functions of the state of order. Given this situation, seismic velocities alone may be insufficient to resolve compositional effects from those of ordering in some minerals. Determination of EOS of minerals relevant to mantle conditions must thus be performed in situ, on crystals that have ordered states equilibrated with respect to both temperature and pressure.

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Implications of Satellite OH Observations for Middle Atmospheric H₂O and Ozone

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Satellite observations by the Middle Atmosphere High Resolution Spectrograph Investigation (MAHRSI) have produced global measurements of hydroxyl (OH) in the atmosphere. These observations reveal a sharp peak in OH density near an altitude of 65 to 70 km and are thus consistent with observations from the Halogen Occultation Experiment (HALOE) on the NASA Upper Atmosphere Research Satellite (UARS), which showed an unexplained H_2O layer at the same level. Analysis of stratopause (about 50 kilometers) OH measurements and coincident ozone observations from the Cryogenic Infrared Spectrometers and Telescopes for the Atmosphere (CRISTA) experiment reveals that the catalytic loss of ozone attributable to odd-hydrogen chemistry is less than that predicted with standard chemistry. Thus, the dominant portion of the ozone deficit problem in standard models is a consequence of overestimation of the OH density in the upper stratosphere and lower mesosphere.

The hydroxyl radical is arguably the single most important natural oxidizing agent in Earth's atmosphere (1), yet OH is very difficult to measure because of its high reactivity and thus its extremely low atmospheric abundance. In the middle atmosphere

catalytic loss of atmospheric ozone (O_3) (2–4). Although previous ground-based and satellite platforms have produced extensive databases on middle atmospheric O_3 and H_2O (the parent molecule of OH), the MAHRSI and CRISTA observations have provided the first coincident observations of OH and O_3 at the stratopause (~50 km) and above (5, 6). In this region, the photochemistry of O_3 and odd hydrogen (H + OH + HO₂, denoted by HO_x) is thought to be relatively simple, whereas in the stratosphere HO_x chemistry is coupled to other catalytic cycles involving chlorine and ni-

(between \sim 15 and 90 km altitude), OH is

known to play a fundamental role in the

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