

Laboratory Experiment on the Production of Perovskite by the Coalescence Between CaO and TiO₂ Particle

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The new model calculation which present significant improvements upon the work of Tsuji et al. has been suggested that hundreds of grain species are included in the equation of state to allow the high temperature condensates that are most abundant in the atmospheres of late-type M dwarfs and brown dwarfs. The first dust grain species to form are ZrO₂ for $T < 2000$ K and corundum (Al₂O₃) for $T < 1800$ K. Other stable species to appear at $T < 1600$ K are Ca₂Al₂SiO₇, Ca₂MgSi₂O₇, and CaMgSi₂O₆, as well as Ti₄O₇ and Ti₂O₃. These grains all compete with the formation of the perovskite CaTiO₃ and corundum. The condensation of perovskite is the principal cause of TiO depletion in the atmospheres of dwarfs later than about M6. CaTiO₃ dusts are hardly produced in laboratory. In a previous paper, we produced crystalline forsterite dust by the coalescence between MgO and SiO₂ smoke particle. In this experiment, CaTiO₃ particles were directly produced by the coalescence growth between CaO and TiO₂ smoke particles. Spherical particles with the size of 100-200 nm order were produced. We also produced massive amounts of perovskite powder in Ar gas (10 Torr). The optical spectra at 14.44 and 21.88 μ m can be identified as the perovskite. The evaporation source problem in laboratory experiment was also discussed on the formation of the perovskite.