IR spectra of silica (SiO2) polymorphs

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Silica SiO2 not exactly used in observation quartz, amorphous SiO2, annealed SiO2 (cristobalite)





T Tauri star Hen 3-600A

(protoplanetary disk of about solar mass)

Honda et al. APJ 585, L59 (2003)

forsterite orthoenstatite glassy olivine Silica (quartz)



 annealed silica
 + amorphous Silicate
 + crystalline silicates (En90, Fo)

 9, 12.6, 20.5-22
 +
 9.8
 +
 11.2, 16, 23, 33 um

 16 um
 Size small and large (>10 um)

Quartz-like Crystals Found in Planetary Disks



cristobalite

(cristobalite is on the left, and tridymite on the right). NASA JPL Spitzer

9.3 μm feature matching amorphous silica (obsidian, tektite), 12.6 μm absent





Fujiwara et al. (GFW2009)

Fig. 1.— Top: The IRS spectrum of HD 15407 and the results of SED fitting with a model. Bottom: The residuals subtracted by the best-fit spectrum model.



Melis et al. 2010 APJ717, L57



A shocked lunar meteorite Asuka-881757

Ohtani et al. **PNAS Early Edition, 2010**



Figure 1. Optical microscopic image of coesite.



Figure 2. TEM images of a) coesite and b) stishovite.

stishovite

Sample _silica (SiO2) polymorphs

→ IR measurements (mir&fir) (KBr&PE) (Nicolet 670)

fused quartz (FQ)

(Koike et al. 1994)

quartz (natural) (fine powder with ball mill)

cristobalite annealing at high temperature

coesite (by Ohtaka, Osaka University)
 FQ 6 GPa、 1300 °C 30min
stishovite (by Tani) (2000)
 quartz (natural) 13 GPa, 1200 °C, ?min

Annealing at 1220 K (947 °C) 4.5 – 5 h commercial SiO₂ (10-50 nm) (fused quartz) → cristobalite, tridymite





Fig. 13. Comparison of the IR spectrum of amorphous (a) with that of annealed silica (b) (T=1220 K, 5 h).

astronomers annealed silica

Fig. 12. Evolution of the MIR spectrum of silica that has been annealed at 1220 K. The annealing times are indicated. For clarity, the spectra have been shifted vertically: a, b, c, d, e by +7500, +6000, +4500, +3000, +2500 cm²/g, respectively. τ has been approximated to 4.5 ± 0.5 h.

Fabian et al. 2000 (A&A,364, 282)

Fused quartz annealed at 800 – 1200 °C

difficult to transform to cristobalite ?

(powder (fused quartz) 947 °C 4.5-5h \rightarrow cristobalite ?????) (Fabian et al. 2000)

800 °C 1h,1000 °C 1h, 5h, 7h1100 °C 48h1150 °C 8d1200 °C 1h, 3d

no change of infrared spectra

Fused quartz annealed at 1500 °C 3d, 6d cristobalite



Synthesize of cristobalite > 1400 °C

vitreous silica (fused quartz) 1400 °C ?h \rightarrow cristobalite Simon et al. 1953

0.4mm thick fused plate 1452 °C 16h $\rightarrow \alpha$ -cristobalite Plendl et al. 1967

2mm thick slab of vitreous SiO2 1540 °C 17h $\rightarrow \alpha$ -cristobalite Bates 1972

silica SiO2 1480 °C 8h $\rightarrow \alpha$ -cristobalite Ocana et al. 1987

Silica glass 1500 °C3d $\rightarrow \alpha$ - cristobalite Swainson et al. 2003

> (powder (fused quartz) 947 °C 4.5-5h \rightarrow cristobalite ?????) (Fabian et al. 2000) some impurity effects?



annealed fused Quartz at 1500 $^{\circ}C \rightarrow$ change of IR spectra

Fabian et al. 2000

powder (fused quartz) 947 °C 4.5-5h \rightarrow cristobalite, tridymite easily transformed ? even at 1200 °C not transformed, another effects (impurity) ???

cristobalite

- ●Annealing of fused quartz (70A & 400A)
 fused quartz 70 A → 1500 °C 6 days cristobalite
 fused quartz 400A → 1500 °C 3days cristobalite
- commercial cristobalite Omura (Omura Ceratec Inc.)
- natural

Cougar, Siskiyou Co., California, USA





Cristobalite & forsterite















HD 15407

Fujiwara et al., 2009 GFWS







Figure 5. Infrared absorption in cristobalite SiO₂ from 500 to 1500 cm⁻¹, showing persistence of doublet structure near 1100 cm⁻¹ up to 650 K. Note that there are too many lines for the O_h space group of references [40, 41].

Conclusion

(1) Silica SiO2 infrared spectra : characteristic peaks amorphous (fused quartz), cristobalite, coesite, quartz

- $9 \,\mu m$ all silica have strong peak (almost same intensity)
- 16 µm cristobalite & coesite
- 33 µm cristobalite & coesite
- 69 μm cristobalite (broad) & coesite (sharp)

(2) If cristobalite or coesite dust particles exist around debris disks, charcteristic peak at about 69 μ m may be detected, that is, broad peak or sharp peak may be found.

(3) Cristobalite ----- annealing temperature become low due to impurity ?

Stishovite ----- unstable ? (phase transition due to time dependence ??)