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Topics: Planetary Geophysics, Physical Chemistry, and Habitability

Questions:

How does ocean chemistry (Na,Mg,Ca,Cl,SO₄,NH₃...) -influence circulation, ice stability, water-rock reactions? -change with pressure exceeding 10,000 bar(1GPa)?

What are drivers for geochemical cycling on Europa, Ganymede, etc...? Vance et al. 2007, 2014, 2016

Goals:

Extend aqueous chemistry models (GSW,PHREEQC,FREZCHEM) in P, T, m by developing equations of state based on sound speeds. Vance and Brown 2010, 2013

Contribute to future exploration of habitability: -seismic, -chemical and isotopic