Electronic Supplementary Information for "Anomalous long-range repulsion between silica surfaces induced by density fluctuations in supercritical ethanol" by S. Mukai, T. Koyama, K. Tsujii and S. Deguchi.



Fig. S1. Panorama microscopic image showing a 2D array of silica particles (d = 5.0 µm) formed at the periphery of a circular diamond window (1.5 mm in diameter).



Fig. S2. Typical pressure profiles during experimental runs. Calculated decompression rates were 0.03 - 0.05 MPa/sec for the initial stages where d_s did not depend very much on the pressure, and 0.001 - 0.004 MPa/sec for the late stages where d_s depended keenly on the pressure.



Fig. S3. Optical microscopic image showing agglomerates of the silica particles (d = 5.0 µm) in supercritical ethanol containing 2 × 10⁻³ M of NaNO₃ (T = 276.4 °C, P = 35 MPa).



Fig. S4. Contour map of the dielectric constant of ethanol at high temperature and high pressure. Open red circles represent sets of temperature and pressure where the largest d_s values were observed. The map was constructed using data reported in ref. 1.

Movie captions

Movie S1. An image sequence showing structural change of a two-dimensional array made of monodisperse silica particles ($d = 5.0 \mu m$) in supercritical ethanol during isothermal decompression at 306.8 °C. The sequence was composed of still images taken every 10 seconds during decompression from 35.6 MPa to 10.2 MPa (blue curve in Fig. S2).

References

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