Laser heating in the diamond anvil cell: The «basics»

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First scientific articles based on LH-DAC (WoS):

In canberra, Australia: Lin-Gun JIU (1974) discovery of the (Mg,Fe)SiO3 brigmanite, the major mineral on Earth. He then wrote ~10 other major articles based on LH-DAC.

In Washington-DC: By: T. YAGI, H.K. MAO, P.M. BELL (1978) Bridgmanite

In Hawaï (?), USA: L.C. MING and M.H. MANGHNANA (1979) Phase transition in MgF2

In Paris: A. LACAM, M. MADON, J.P. POIRIER (1980) Upper-Lower mantle discontinuity on Earth

First article using X-ray diffraction coupled with LH-DAC (WoS):

In canberra, Australia: Lin-Gun JIU (1974) discovery of the (Mg,Fe)SiO3 brigmanite.

First articles using synchrotron radiation coupled with LH-DAC (WoS):

In Washington-DC: Y. KUDOH, C.T. PREWITT, L.W. FINGER (1990). Bridgmanite EoS

In Mainz, Germany: R. BOEHLER, N. VONBARGEN, A. CHOPELAS (1990). Melting of Fe

First article using ESRF and LH-DAC (WoS):

S.K. Saxena, L.S. Dubrovinsky, P. Lazor et al. (1996) Breakdown of perovskite (MgSiO3) in the Earth's mantle

G. Fiquet, D. Andrault, A. Dewaele et al. (1998) P-V-T equation of state of MgSiO3 perovskite

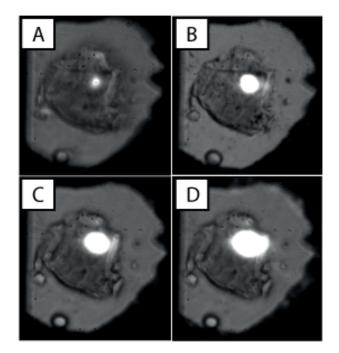
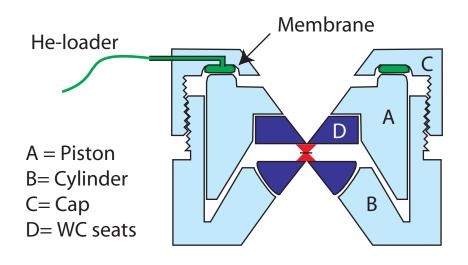
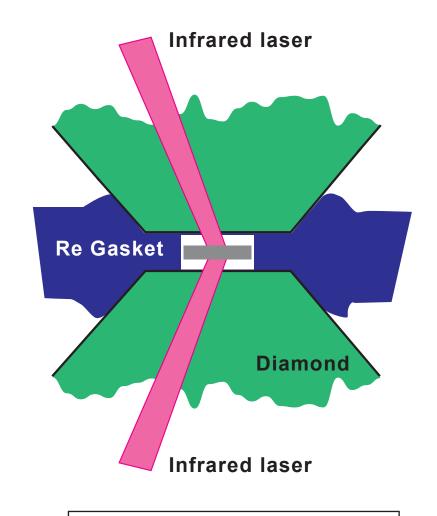


Photo: Pierru et al.

At the first glance, one could think that LH-DAC techniques did not evolved much in recent years



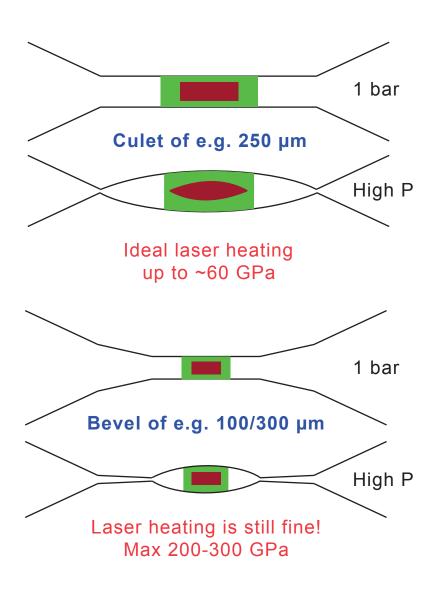




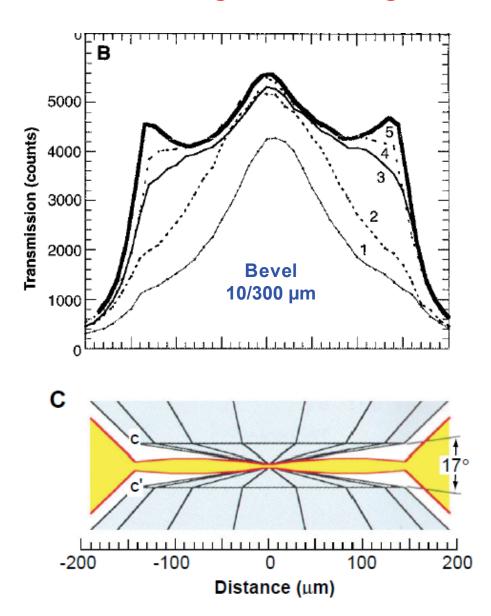
Calibrant => Pressure
Radiation => Temperature

In fact, there is a continual, and critical, evolution in the control of experimental conditions for a large part thanks to the use of synchrotron radiation

What is the limitation in pressure generation when using laser heating?



No laser heating is possible without some space (microns) between the hot sample and the cold diamonds

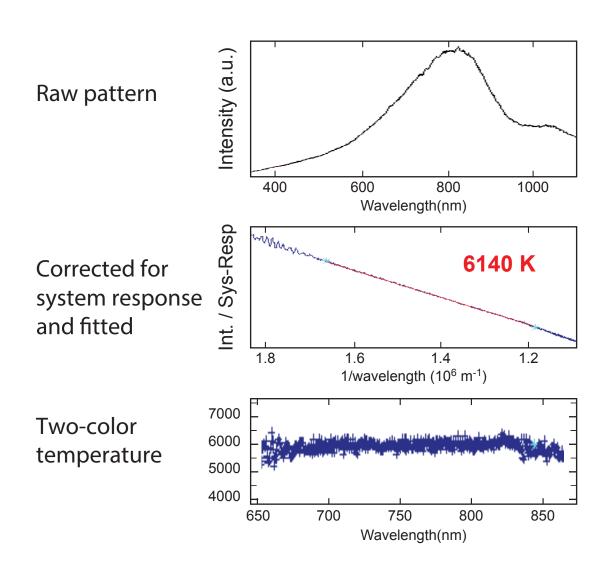


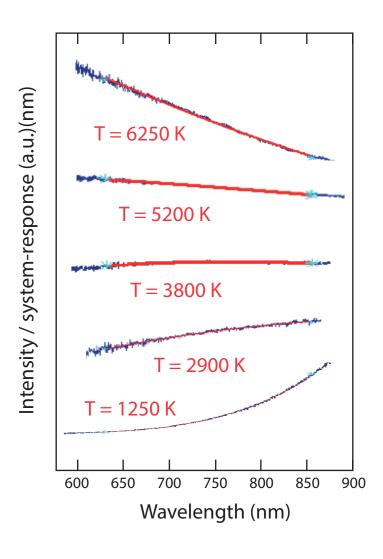
The maximum pressure is ~300 GPa today for temperatures of several 1000 K

What is the temperature limitation in the LH-DAC?

I do not known a limitation today

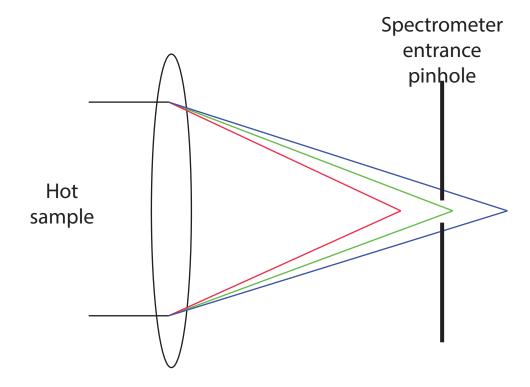
Temperature measurement at ID27



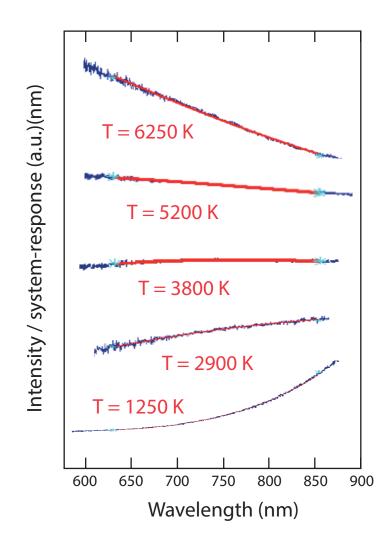


For measurement at high T, use reflective objectives!

Use of reflective objectives...

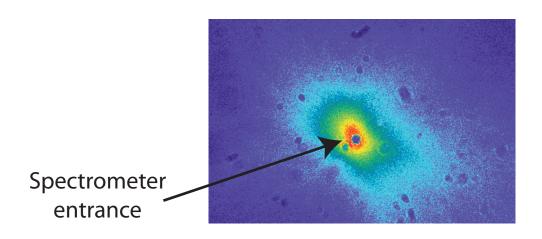


As we need the light intensity as a fonction of $\,\lambda$ any chromatic abheration disables the temperature measurement



How to be sure that the sample properties are measured in the laser hot spot?

Visualisation and alignement of the X-ray beam

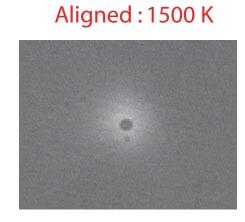


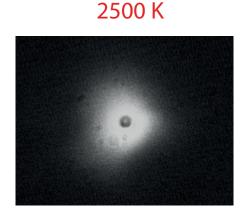
The use of pico or piezo motors is very convenient for the final optical alignements

Warning: The good optical alignement must be checked carrefully at high laser power!

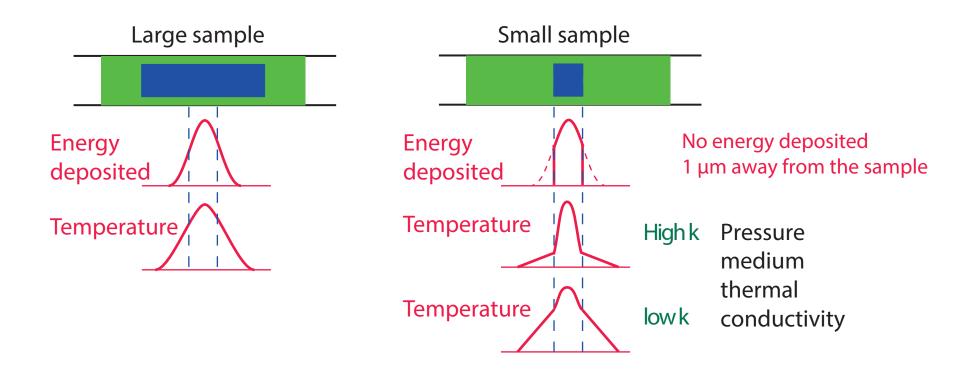
Alignement of the laser spot

Misaligned : 1500 K



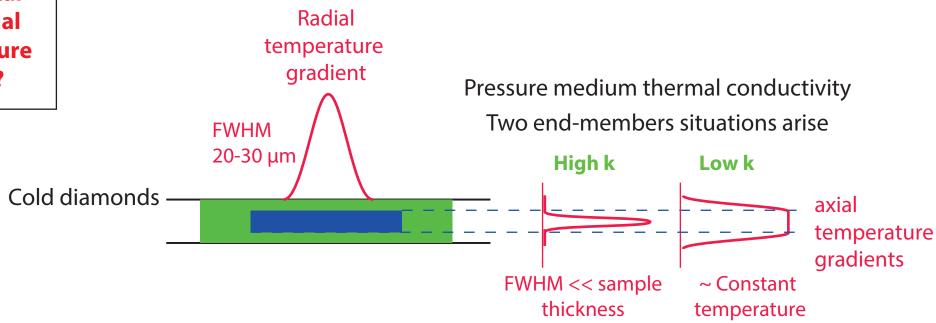


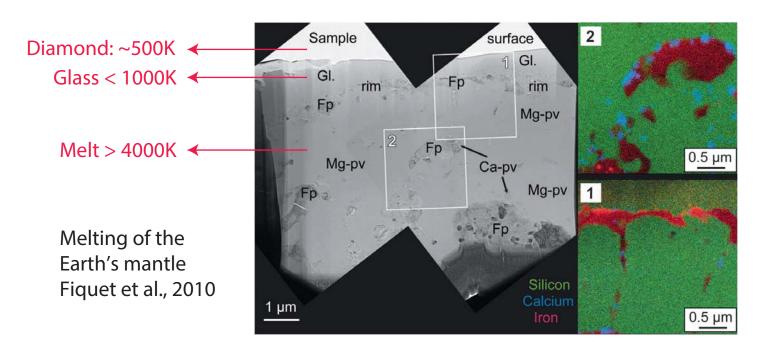
Can we resolve the radial temperature gradient using a very small sample?



No, in most cases, it makes the radial gradient even worse!

How critical is the radial temperature gradient?

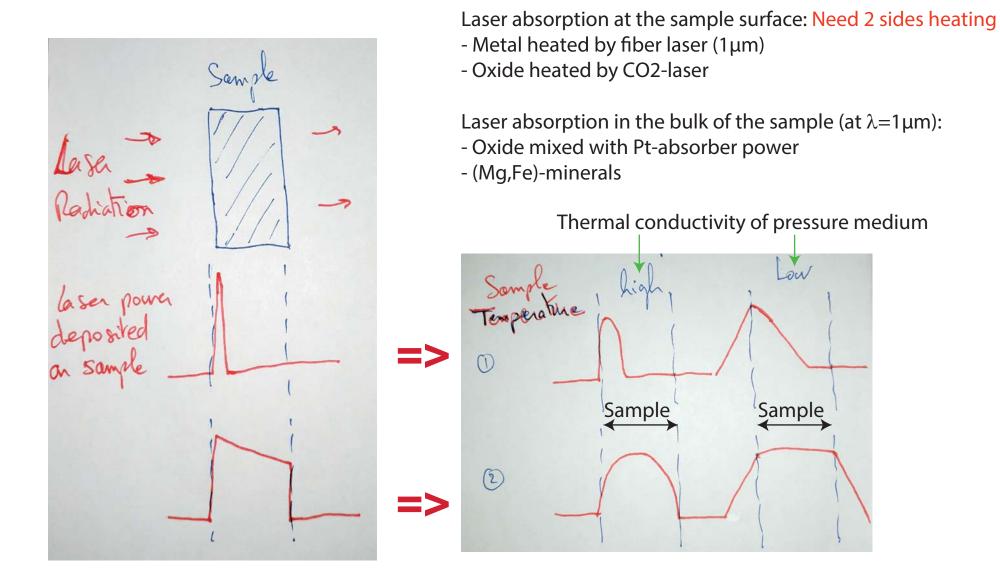




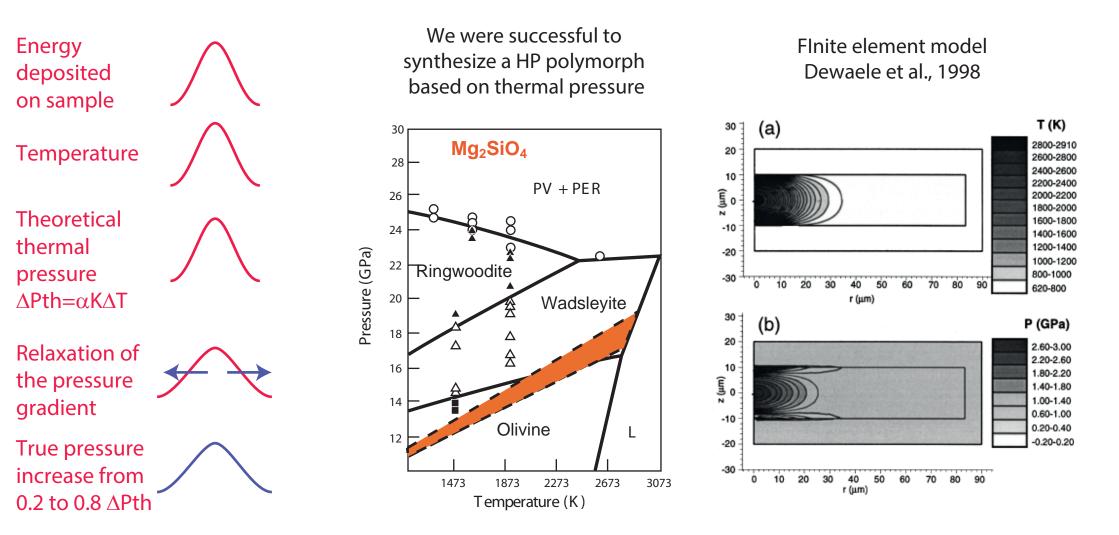
Take away message: Minimizing the axial temperature gradient is often the major difficulty

Do I need double sided laser heating for my sample?

(I promised to good LH-DAC colleagues a «transparent-like» figure in this talk)



What is the sample pressure in the laser spot?

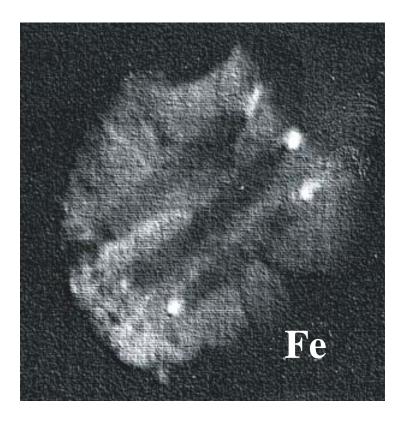


Pressure is significantly improved in the laser spot. It can be 2.5 GPa/1000K

=> It is not possible to measure a PVT EoS without an internal pressure calibrant (e.g. Pt for MgSiO3)

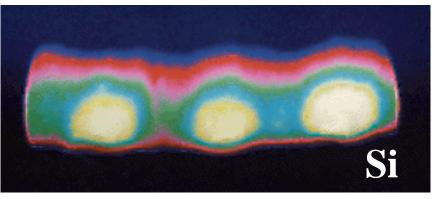
Any potential problem with chemical migration in the laser spot?

Yes, major problems!



Chemical analyses of olivine (Mg,Fe)2SiO4 recovered after laser scan of the laser over the entire sample surface

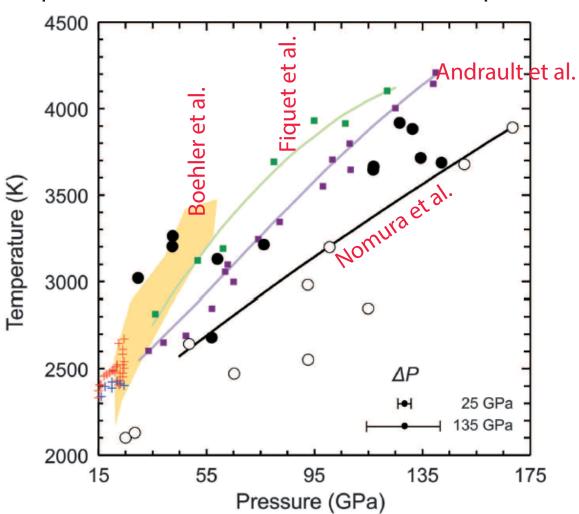
For this reason, the LH-DAC cannot provide constrains on the Equation of state of (Mg,Fe)-minerals; the interdiffusion is too easy.



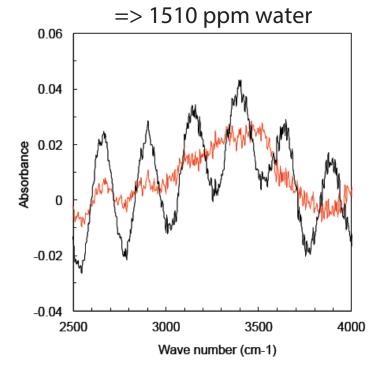
We need fast measurements => ESRF-EBS

Any potential problem of chemical pollution of the sample?

Reported solidus for various mantle compositions



Infrared absorption of the recovered sample



(Nomura et al., 2014) is a wet-solidus...

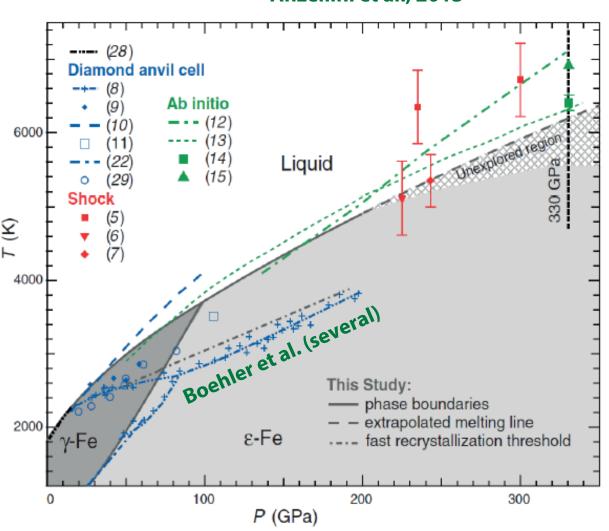
=> For high-T studies, always load your DAC in a glove bag under Ar/N2 flux

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Carbon diffusion





At very high temperature, carbon diffuses from the diamond anvils to metallic sample.

The Fe-C melting curve is much lower than that of pure Fe

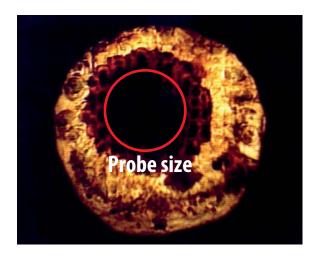
Only fast measurements can solve the melting curve of pure Fe

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How critical is the size of the X-ray probe?

Probe size >> hot spot

The laser can be scanned several minutes on the sample for partial homogeneization



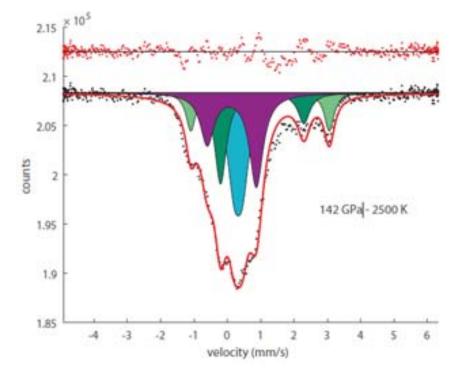
Then, the data set can be deconvoluted:

Mossbauer spectrum registered at ID18

Deconvolution of a mixture of

Fe2+ (LS & HS) in ferropericlase

Fe2+ (LS and IS) and Fe3+ (LS) in bridgmanite

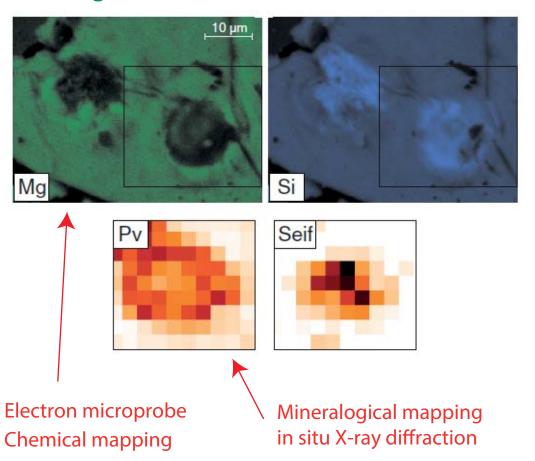


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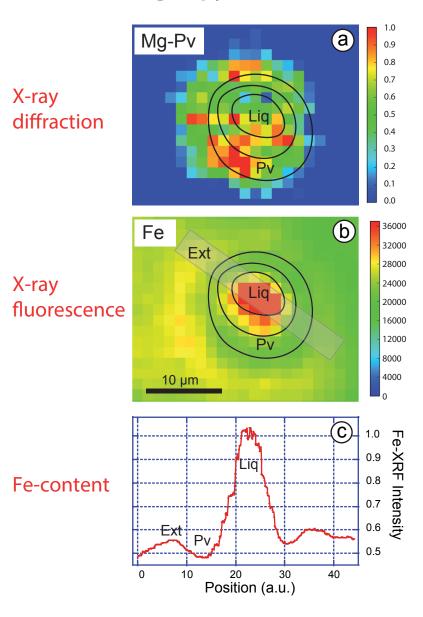
Probe size << hot spot + short acquisition time

=> This allows the mapping of the sample properties

Melting of a basalt at P=120 GPa



Melting of pyrolite at P=78 GPa



Is any type of measurement available in the LH-DAC at ESRF?

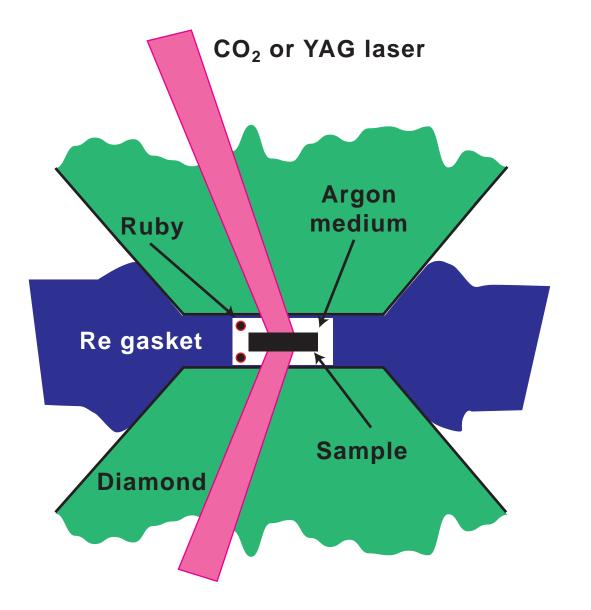
To date, these types of measurements were performed:

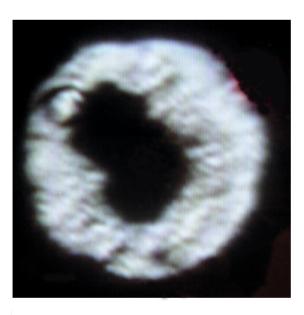
- X-ray diffraction
- X-ray absorption (XANES)
- Inelastic scattering (phonons)
- Mössbauer spectroscopy
- X-ray emission spectroscopy
- X-ray raman (?)
- and maybe others?

For some techniques, some limitations remain in:

- Acquisition time
- Size of the beam
- Absorption of diamond window

With the EBS-ESRF, many beamlines will offer a much smaller beam, which will make the LH-DAC system even more suited







Thanks for your attention!

Any comments on my «questions»?
Any additional question that «we» would comment?