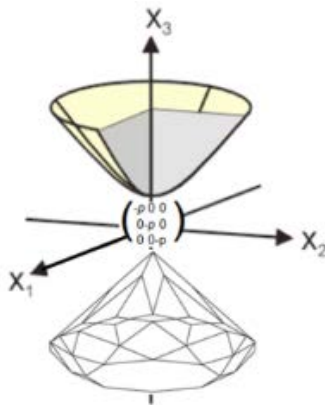
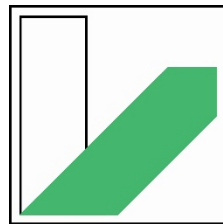


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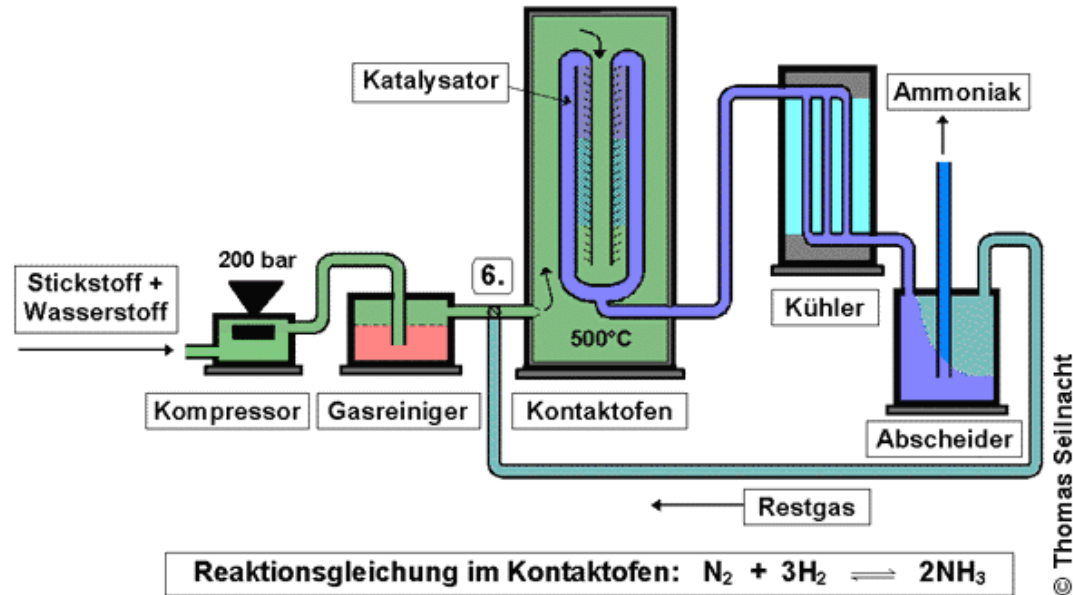


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Haber-Bosch High Pressure Process

Die Ammoniaksynthese nach dem Haber-Bosch-Verfahren



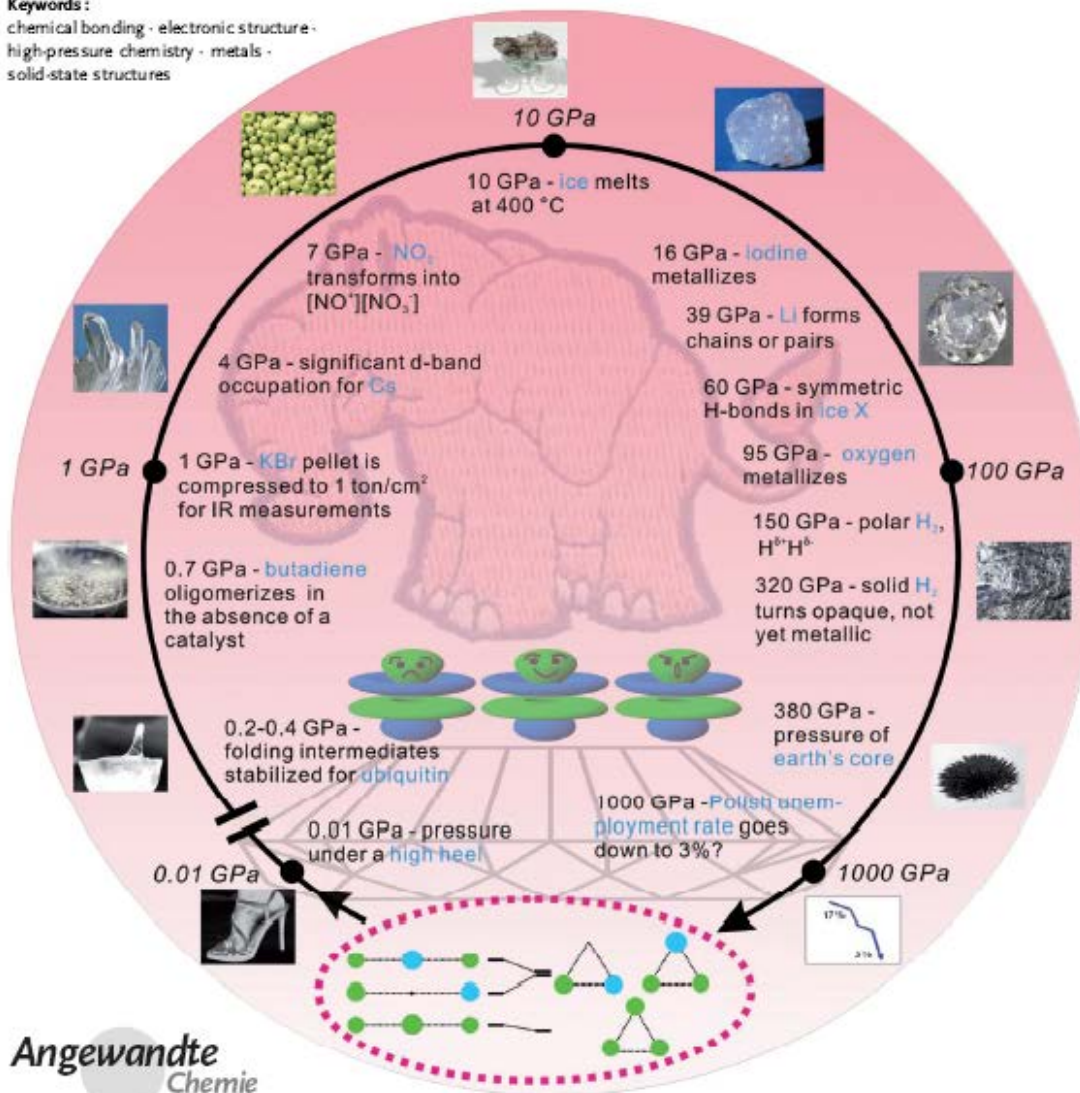
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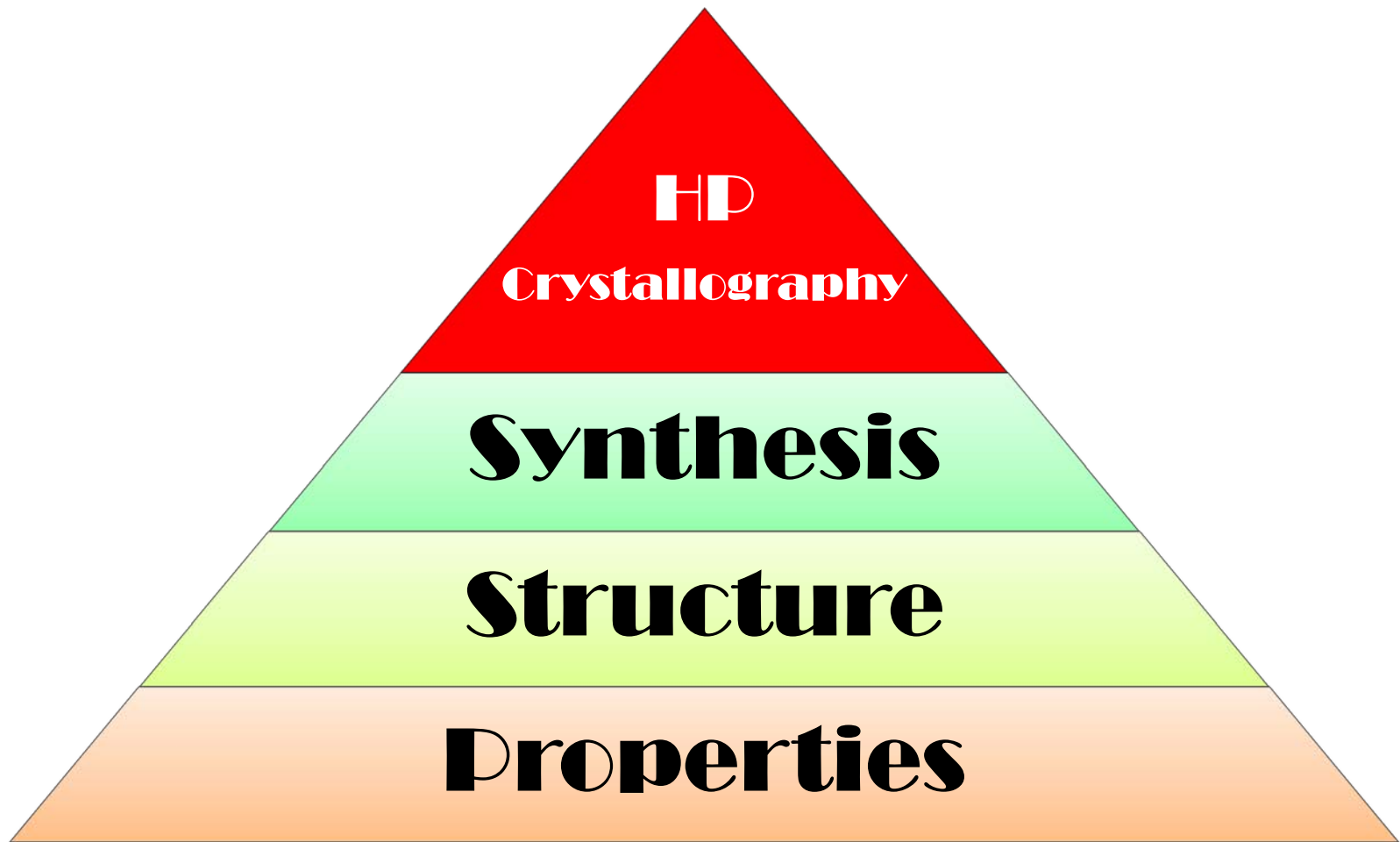
The Chemical Imagination at Work in *Very Tight Places*

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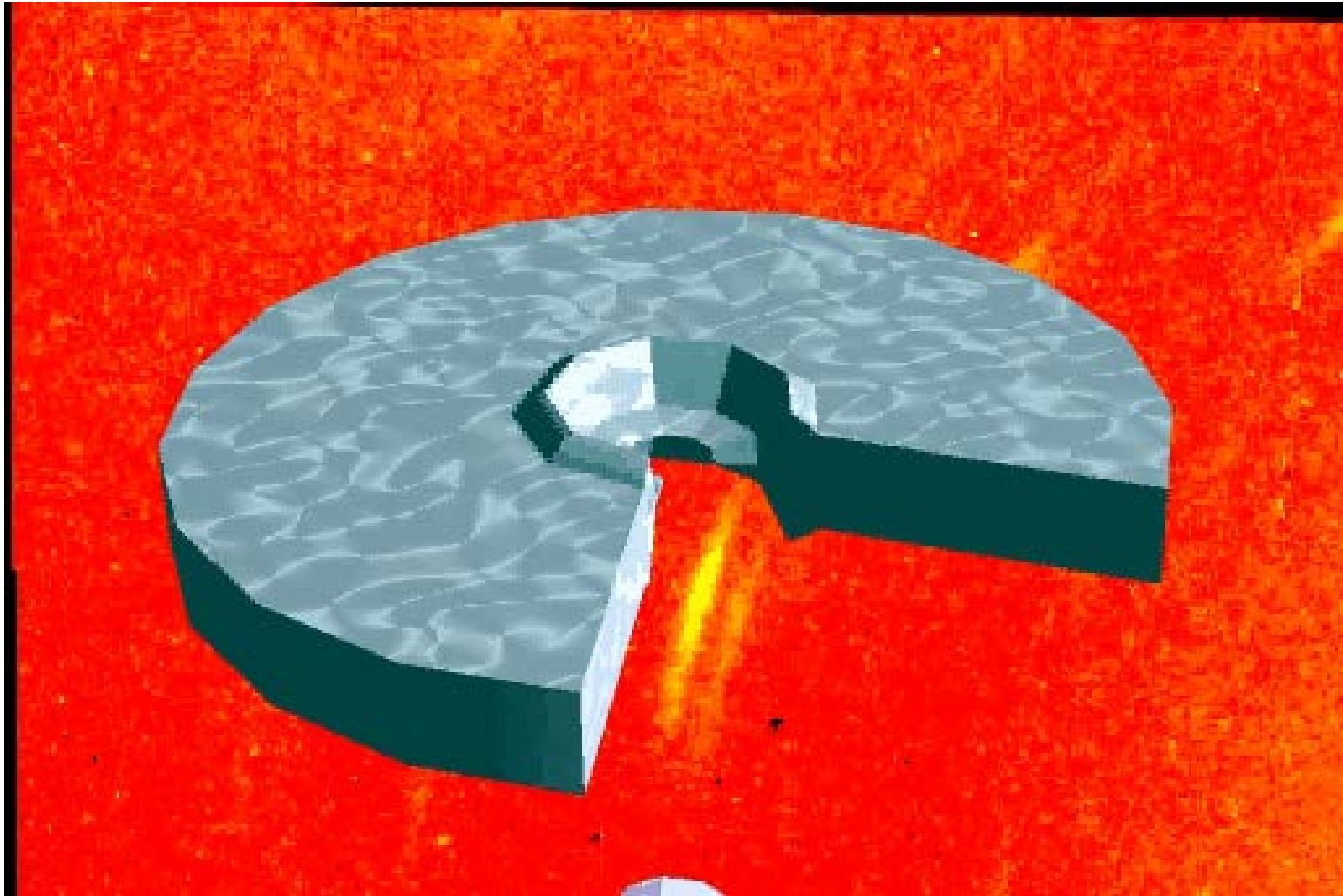
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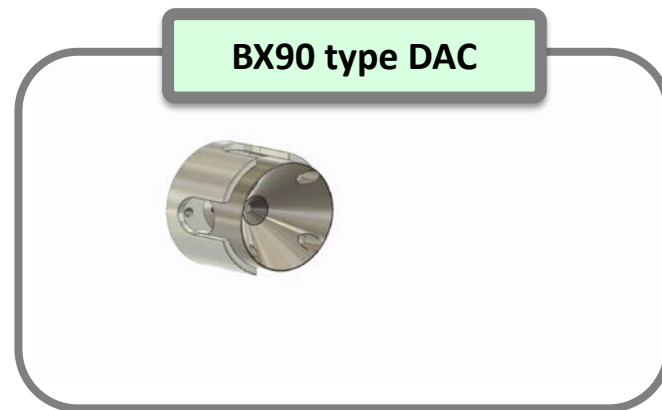
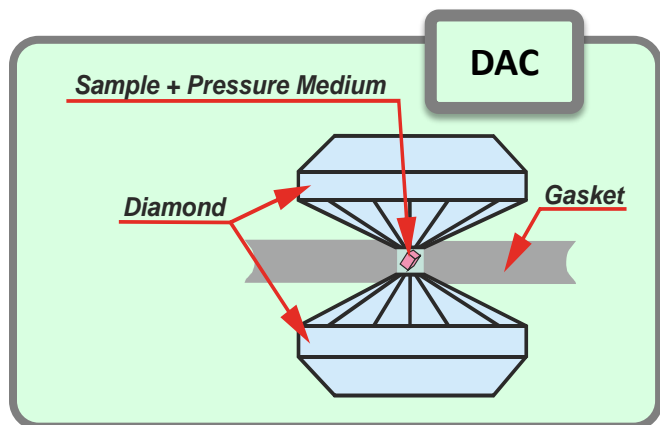
What are we searching for in extreme environments?



Diamond Anvil Cell (DAC) Technique

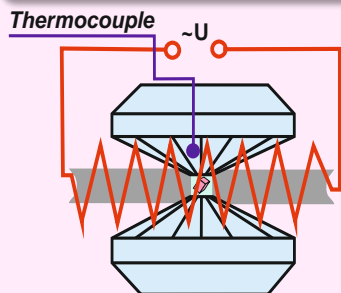


DAC Technique

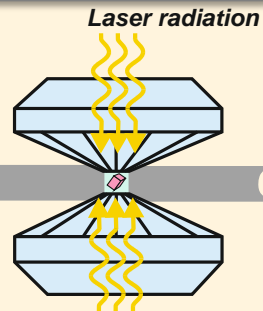


How to heat the sample inside DAC?

Resistive Heating



Laser Heating



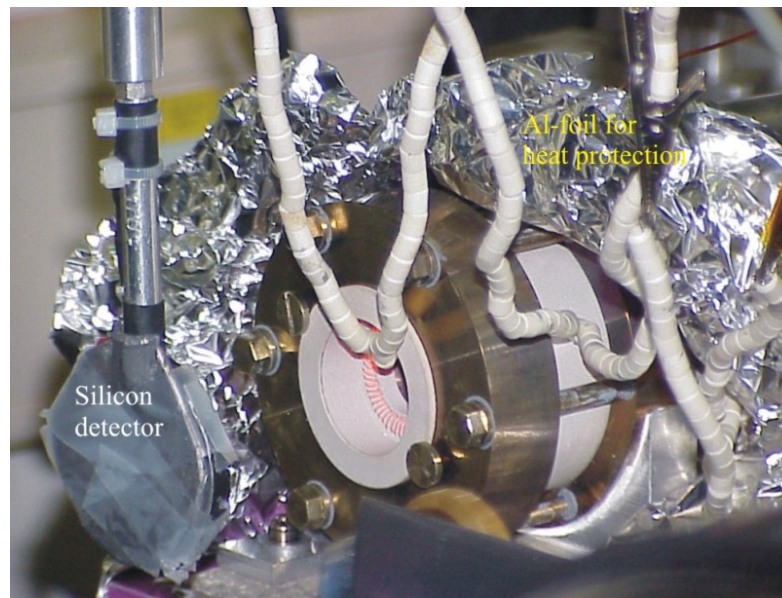
- Direct temperature measurement
- Possibility to heat any substance

• Maximum $T \sim 1200$ K

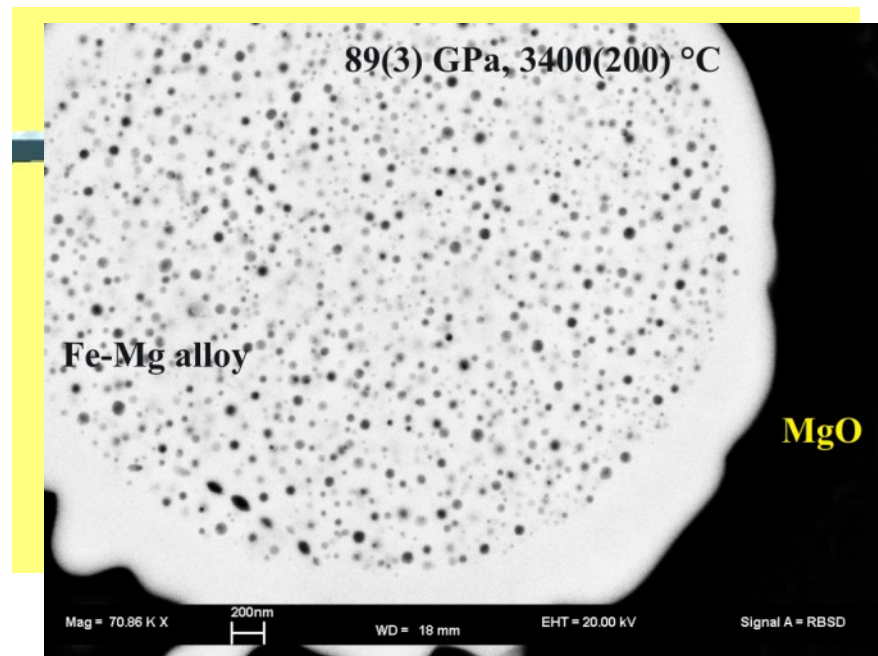
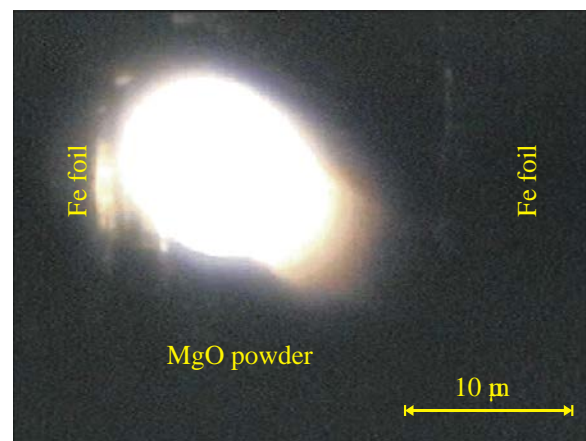
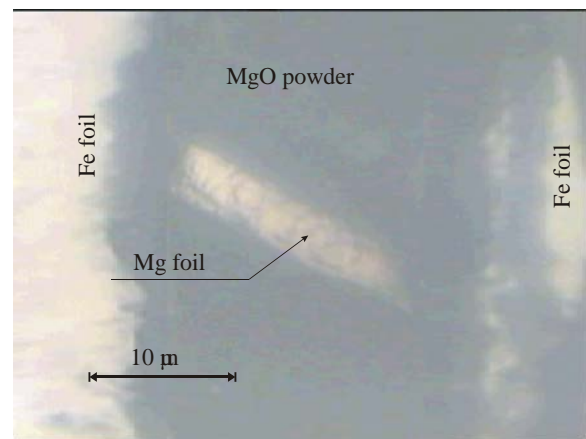
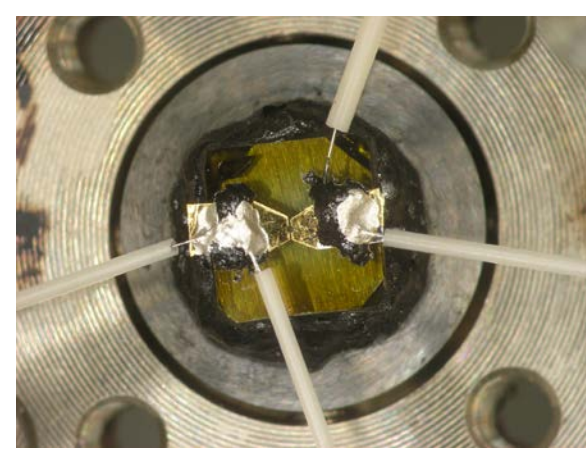
- Very high maximum T

- Temperature is estimated using the gray body approximation of Planck's law
- Impossibility to heat materials with low absorption at laser wavelength
- High temperature gradients

Dubrovinskaia et al., 2003



Dubrovinskaia et al., 2005

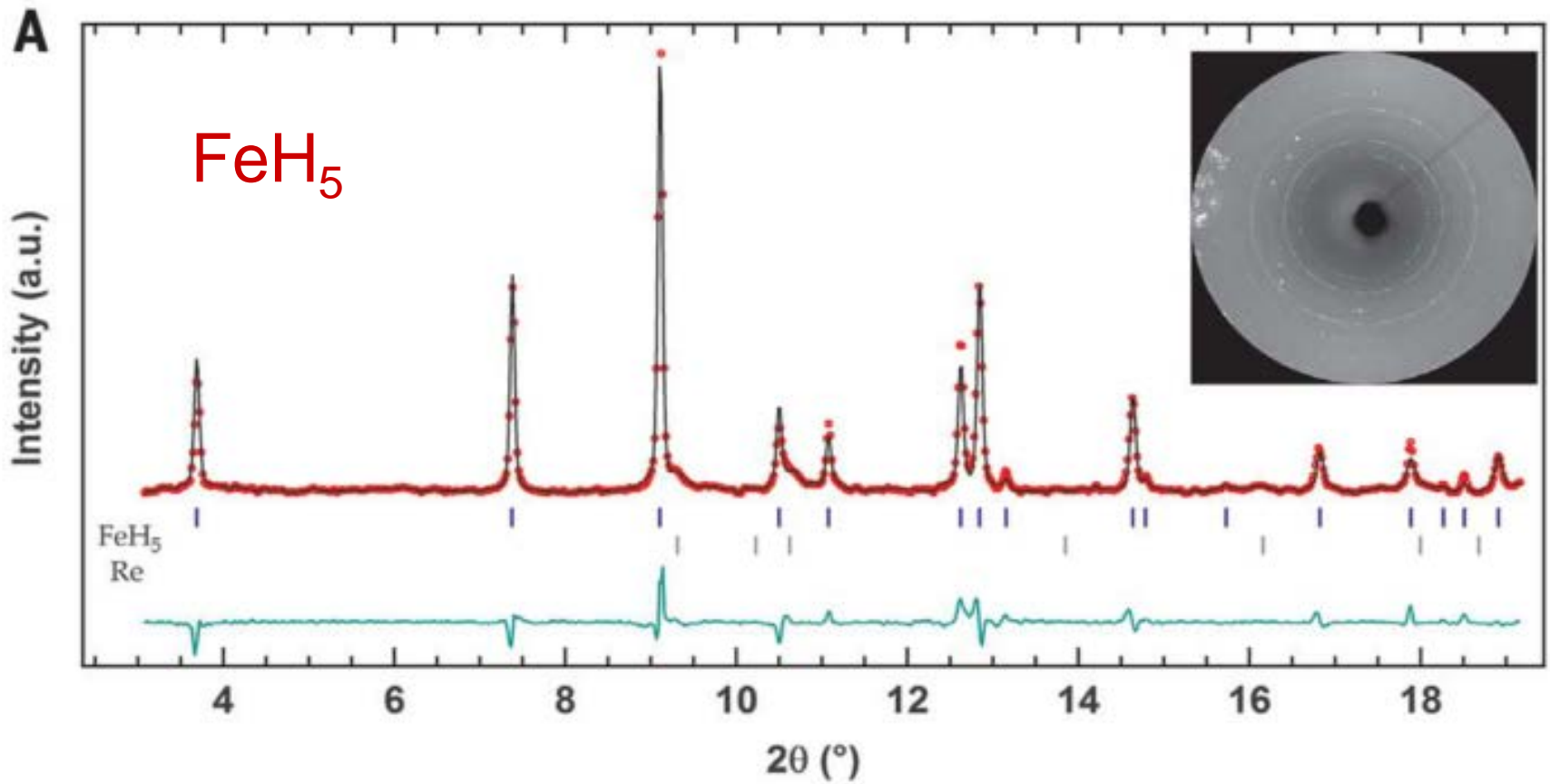


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Fe-Mg alloying

Powder XRD



Pépin et al. Science, 2016

Powder XRD

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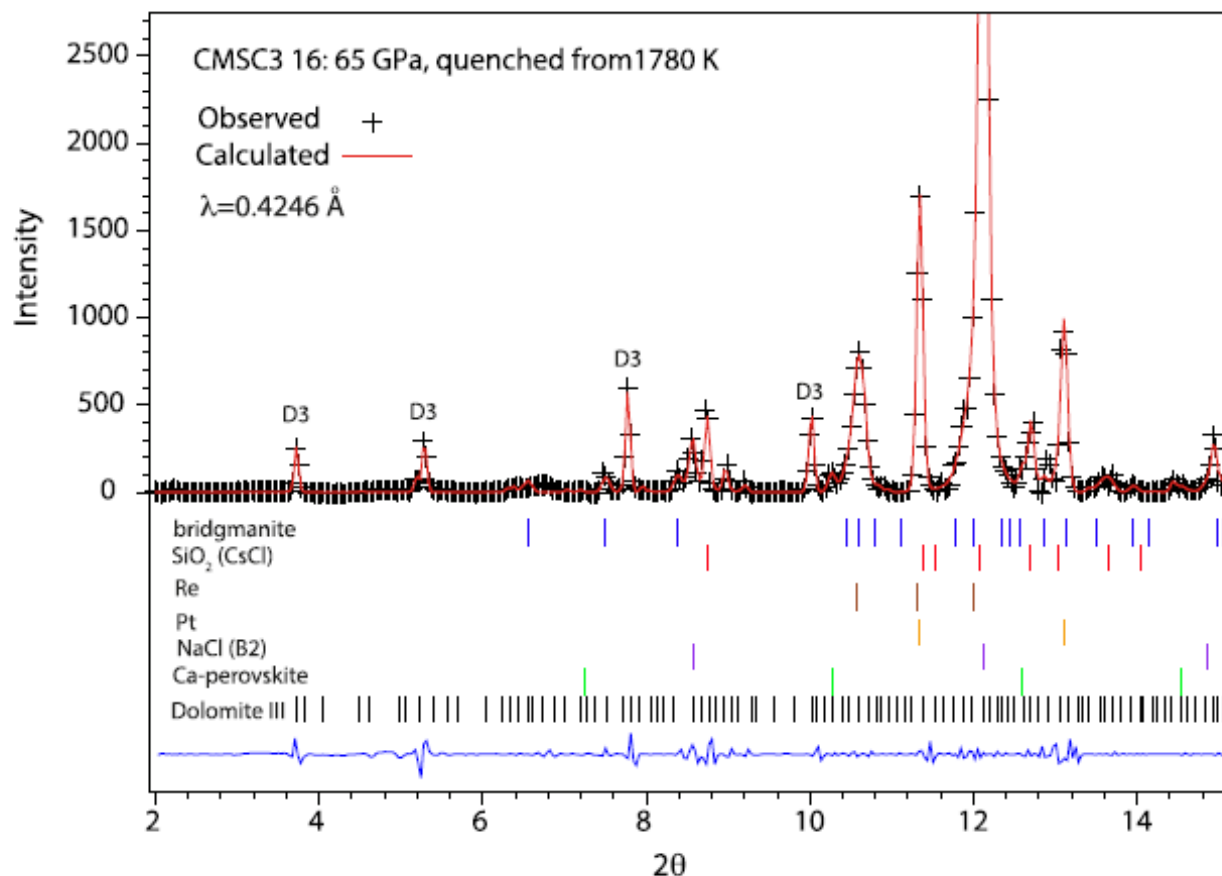
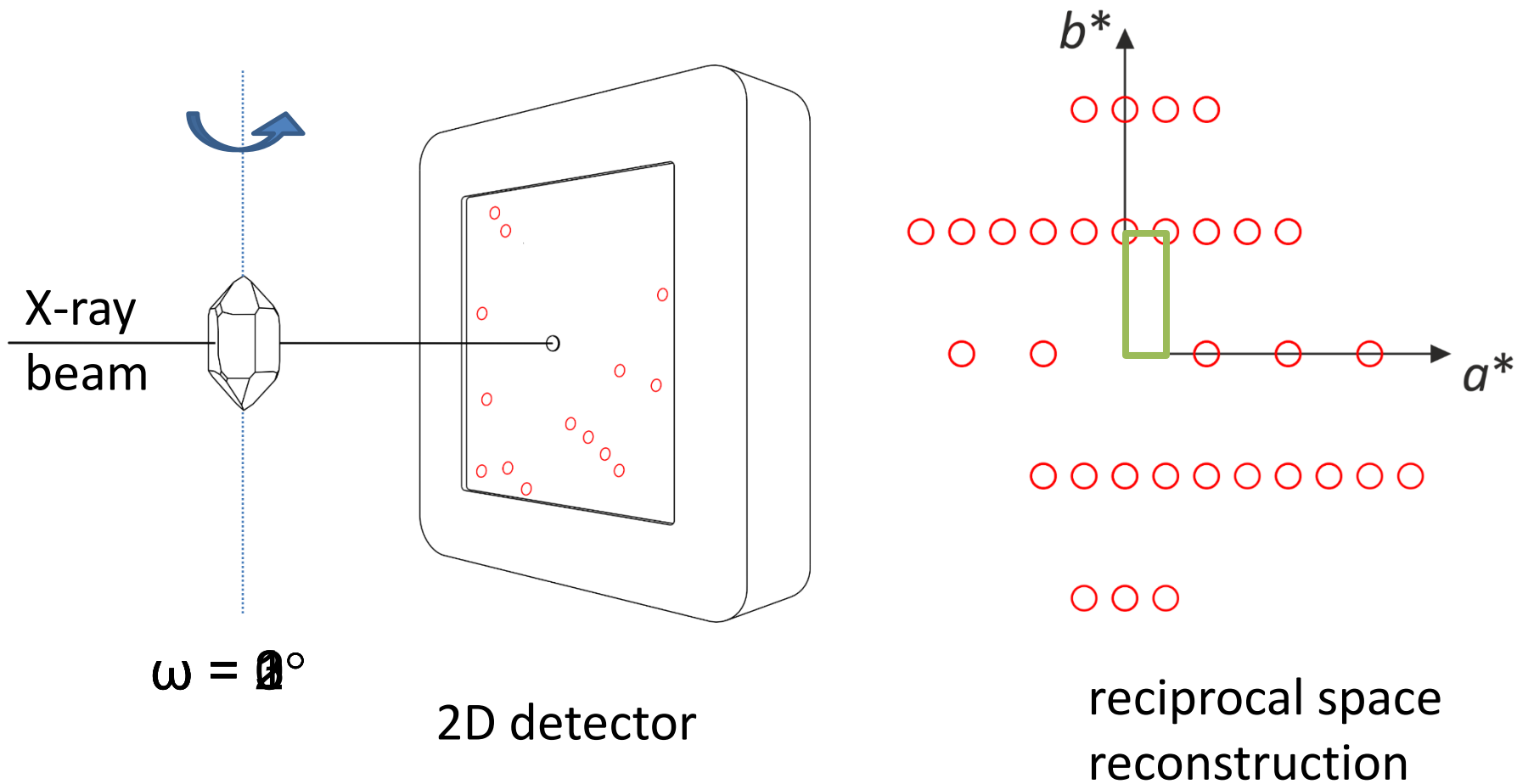


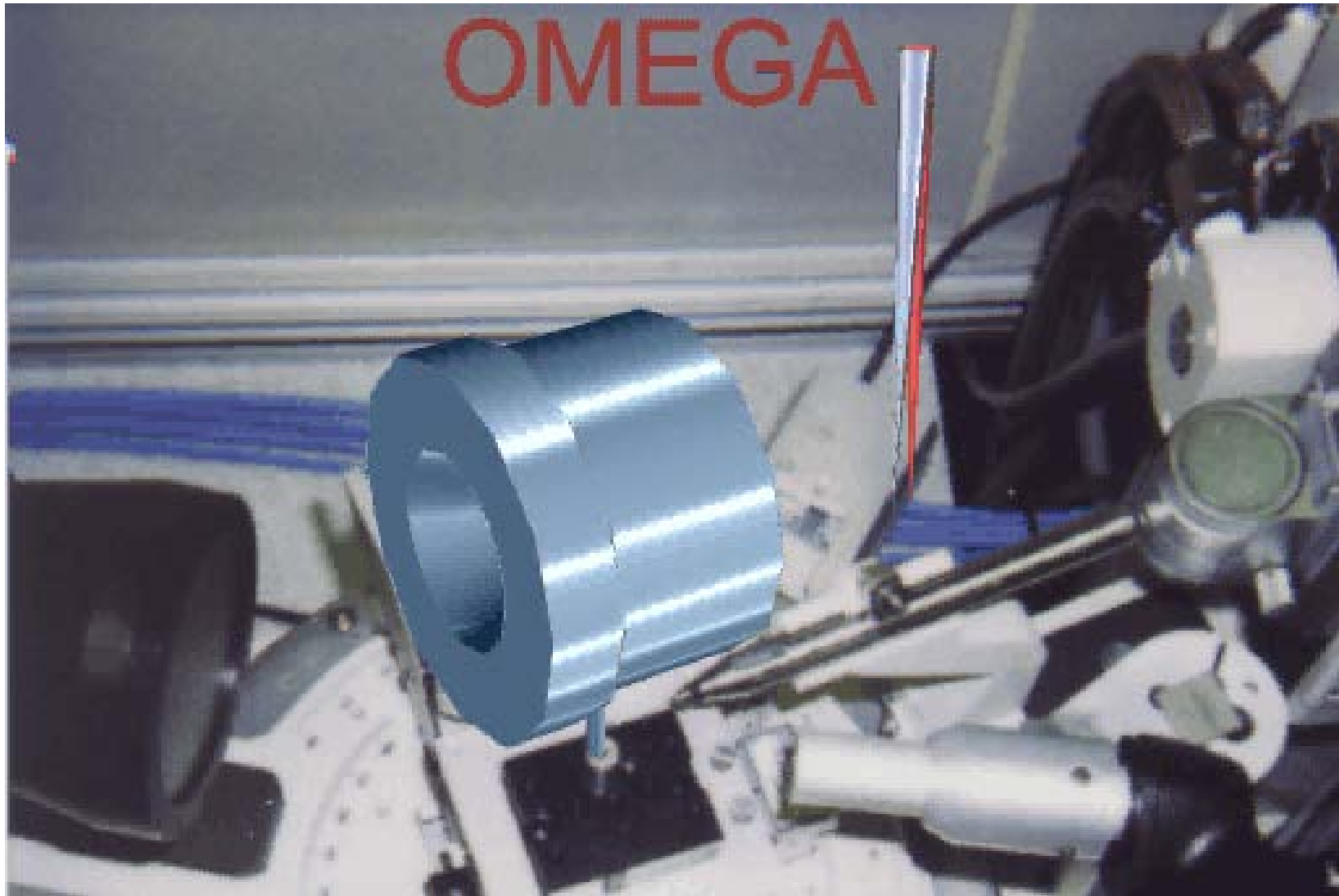
Fig. 5. Full profile GSAS fit to a diffraction pattern in sample CMSC3_16 taken at 65 GPa and quenched from 1780 K. The diffraction pattern shows the presence of a carbonate phase with multiple peaks that index to a dolomite III structured phase (Merlini et al., 2012). The pattern also shows the presence of bridgmanite and Ca-perovskite, which are products of a decarbonation reaction between carbonate and stishovite (also present).

Structure solution

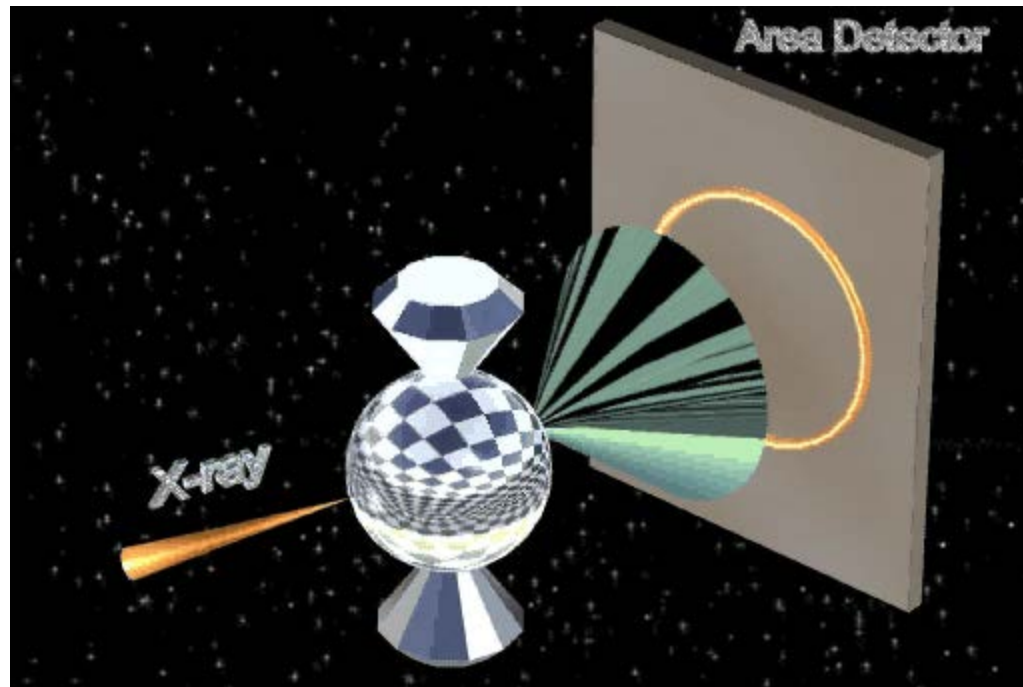
Single-crystal XRD



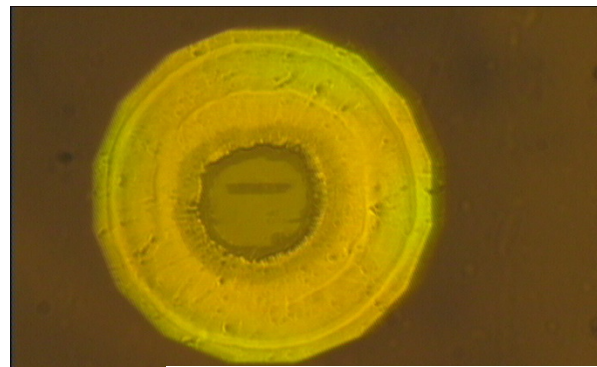
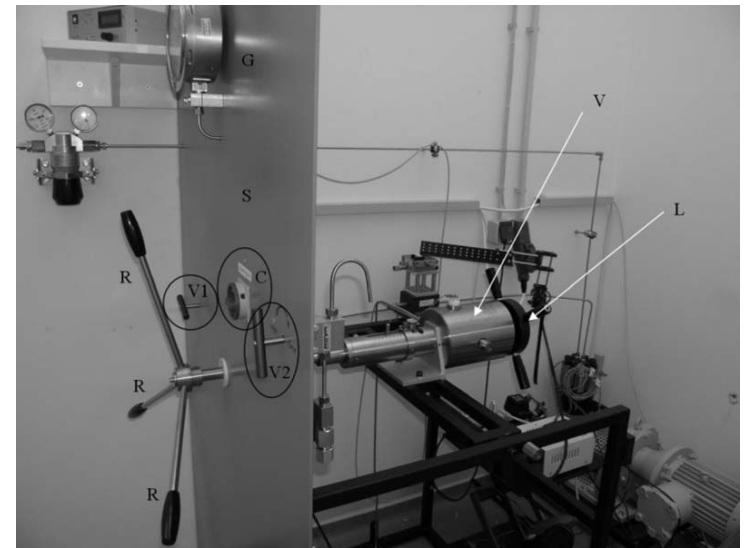
Principle of DAC Technique



Principals of DAC Technique



**Large stresses in DACs
tend to destroy crystals...**



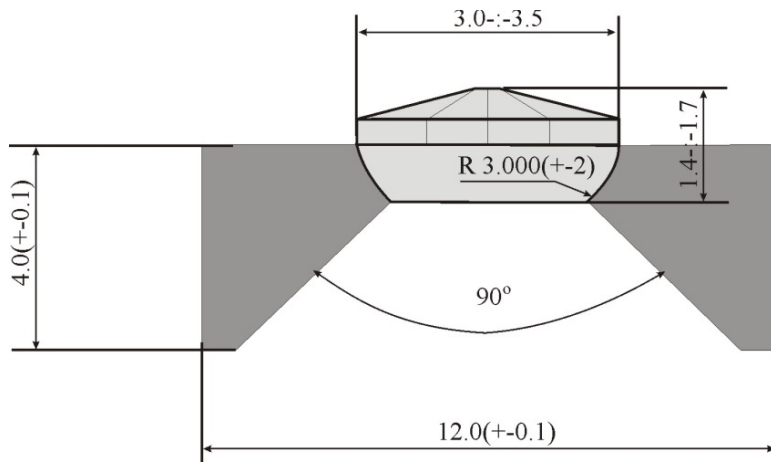
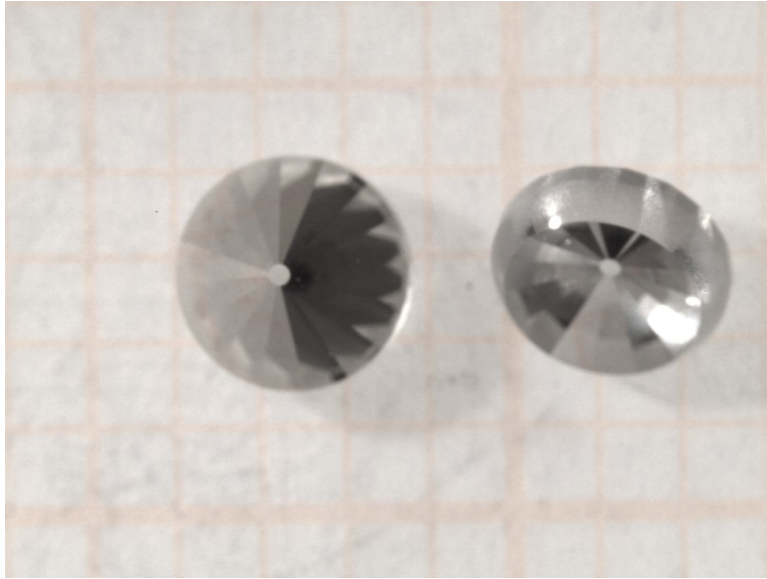
γ -B, 70(2) GPa

**...but quasi-hydrostatic noble gases
(He, Ne) pressure transmitting media
preserve them!**

Kurnosov et al., Rev. Sci. Instr., 2007

Zarechnaya et al., PRB 2010

Principals of DAC Technique



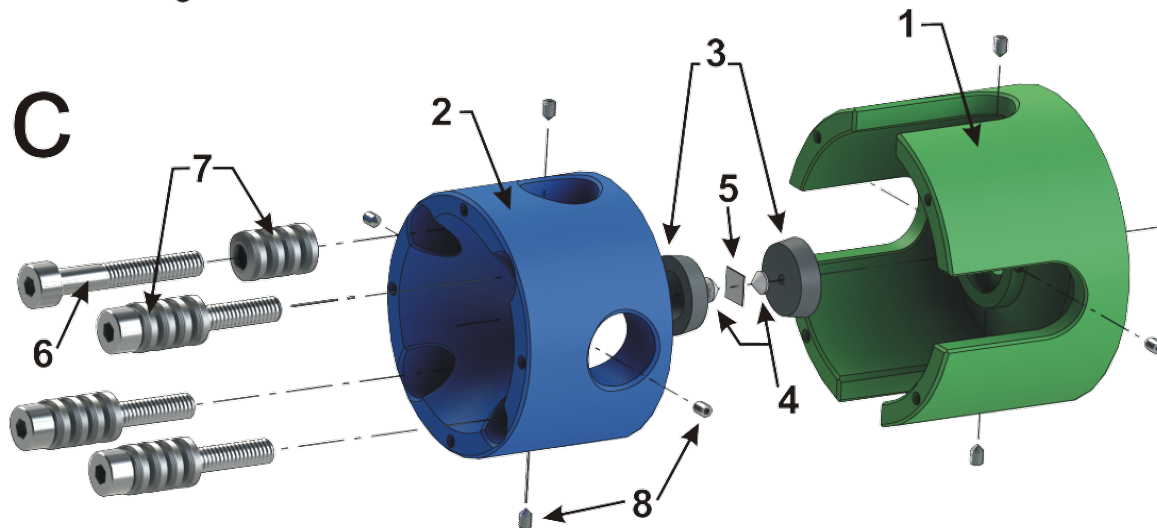
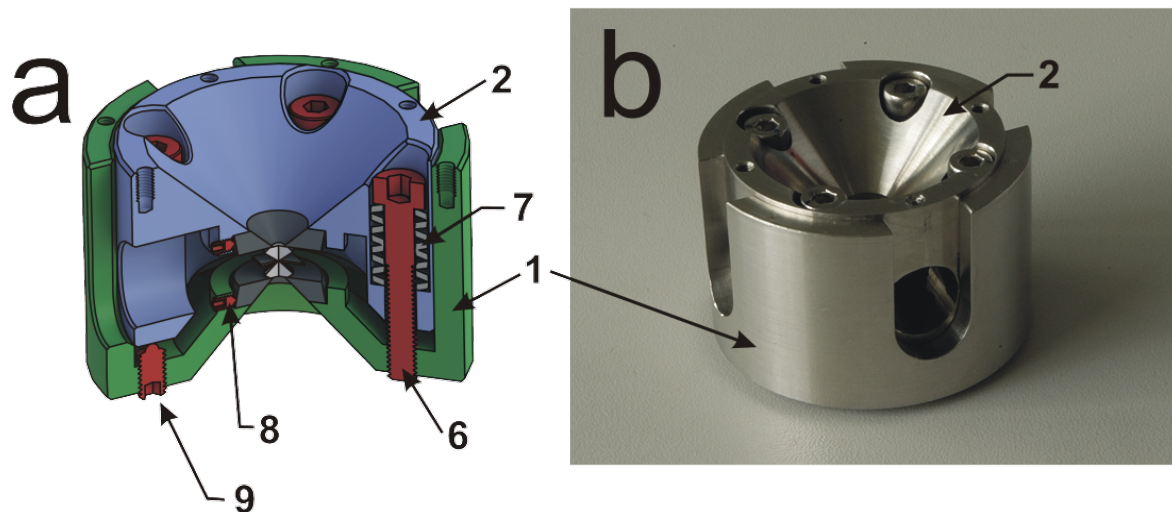
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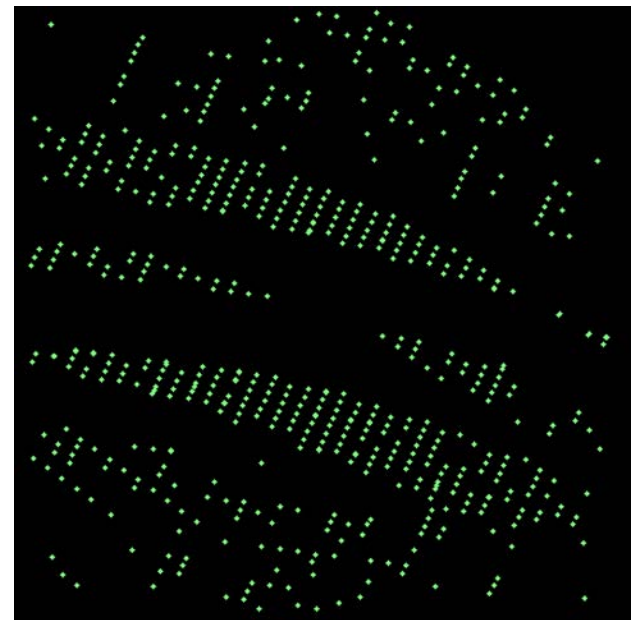
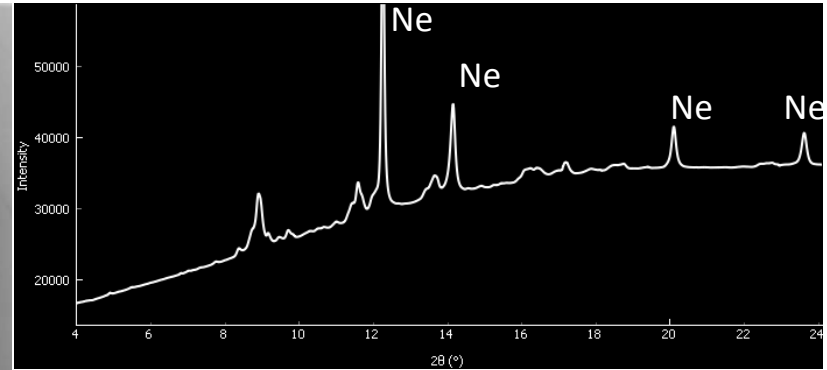
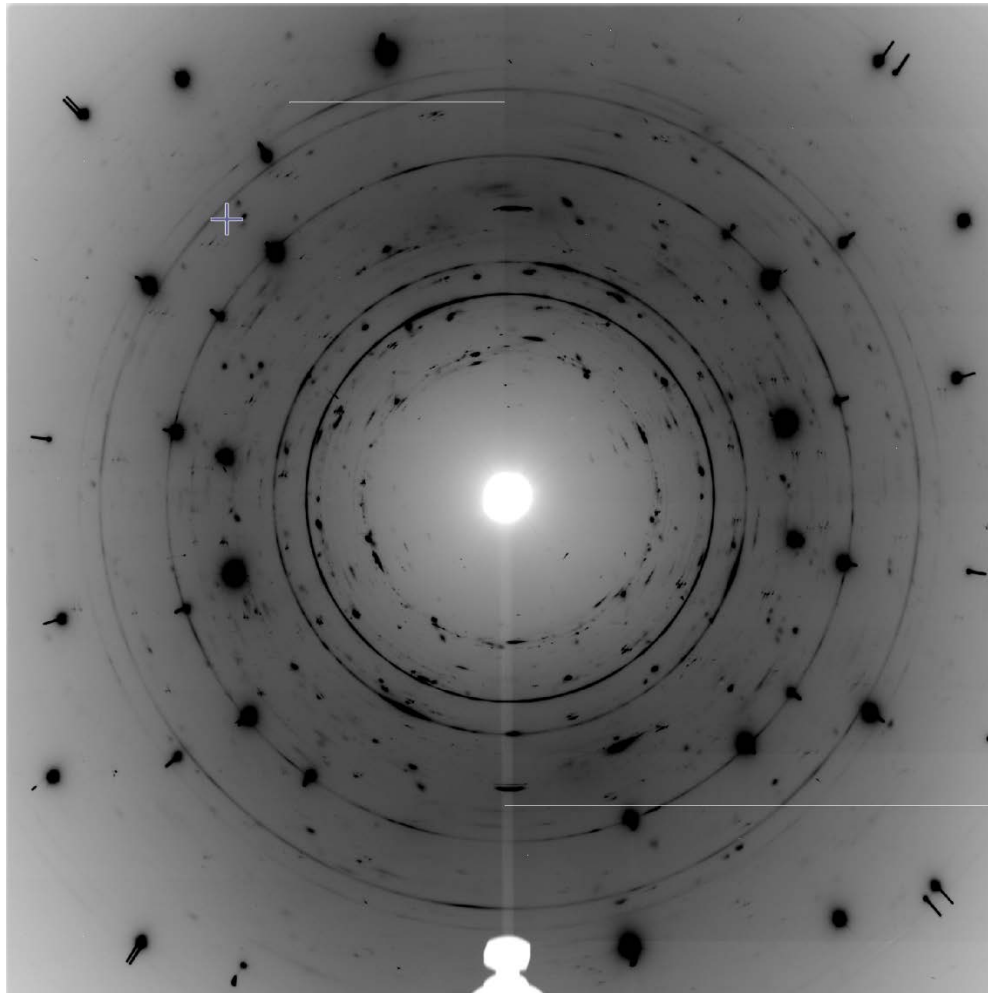


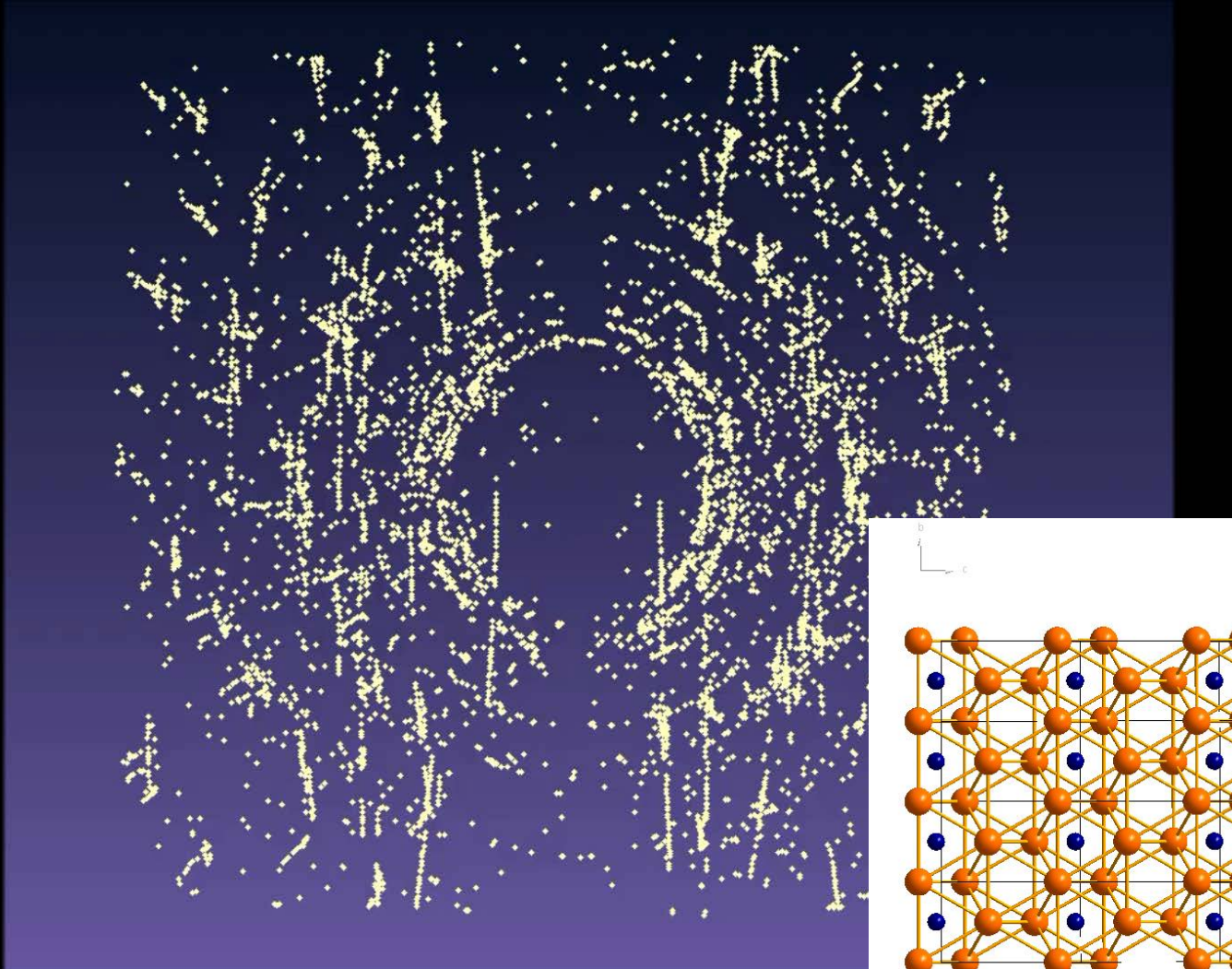
BX90 diamond anvil cell design

a – section view, b – photograph of a loaded cell, c – exploded view. (1 – outer cylinder part; 2 – inner piston part; 3 – diamond supporting plates; 4 – diamond anvils; 5 – metallic gasket; 6 – M4 (#8-32) screws for generating loading force; 7 – pack of conical spring washers (Belleville springs); 8 – setscrews for diamond anvils alignment; 9 – safety setscrews

Structure solution

Powder XRD vs Single-crystal XRD



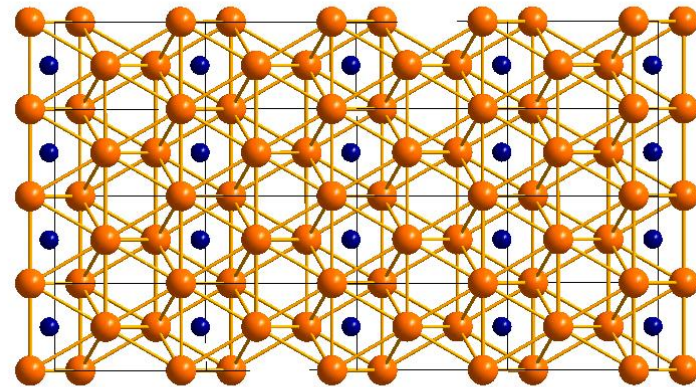


ID11, ESRF

193 (2) GPa

3700(250) K

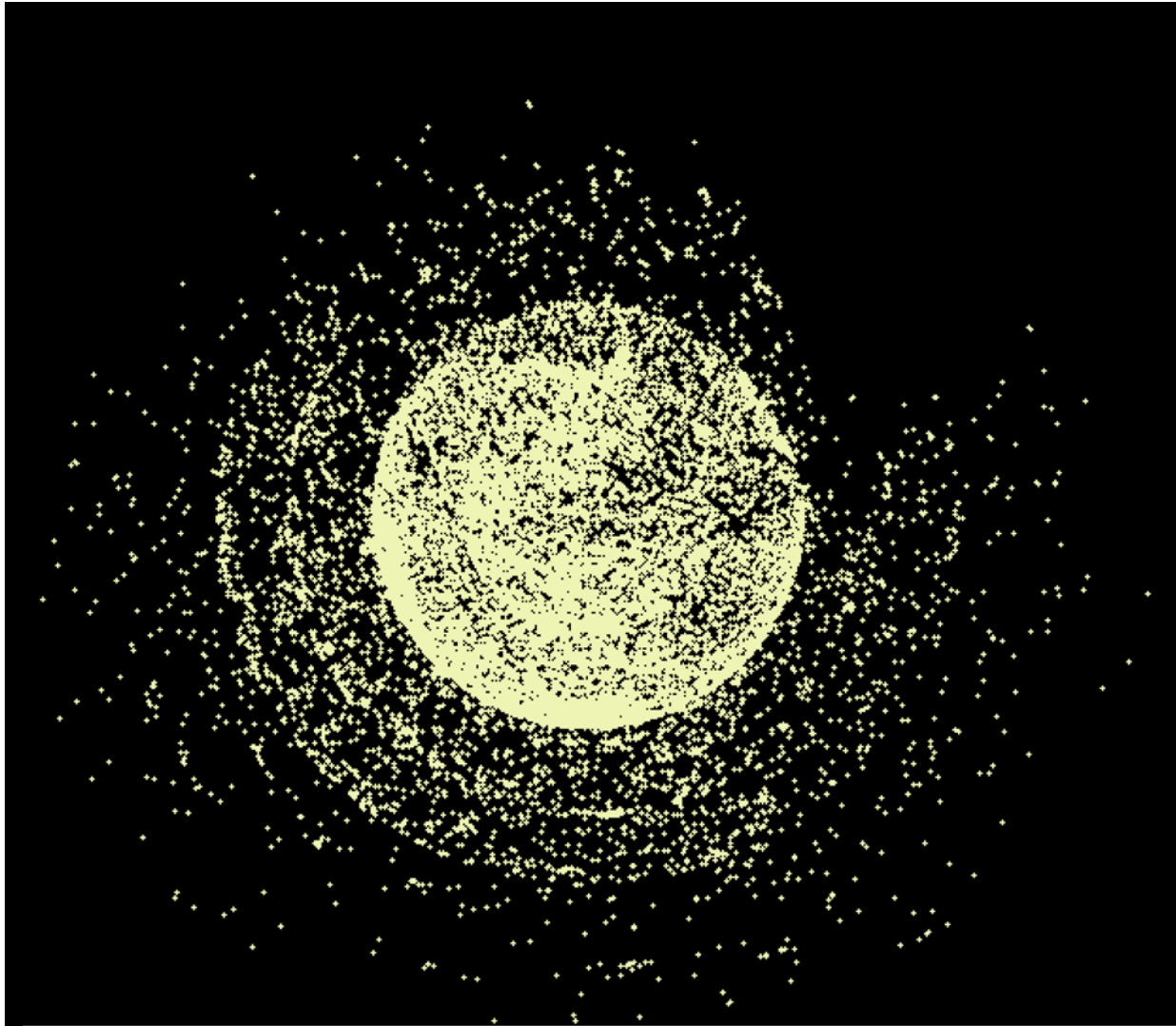
Quenched



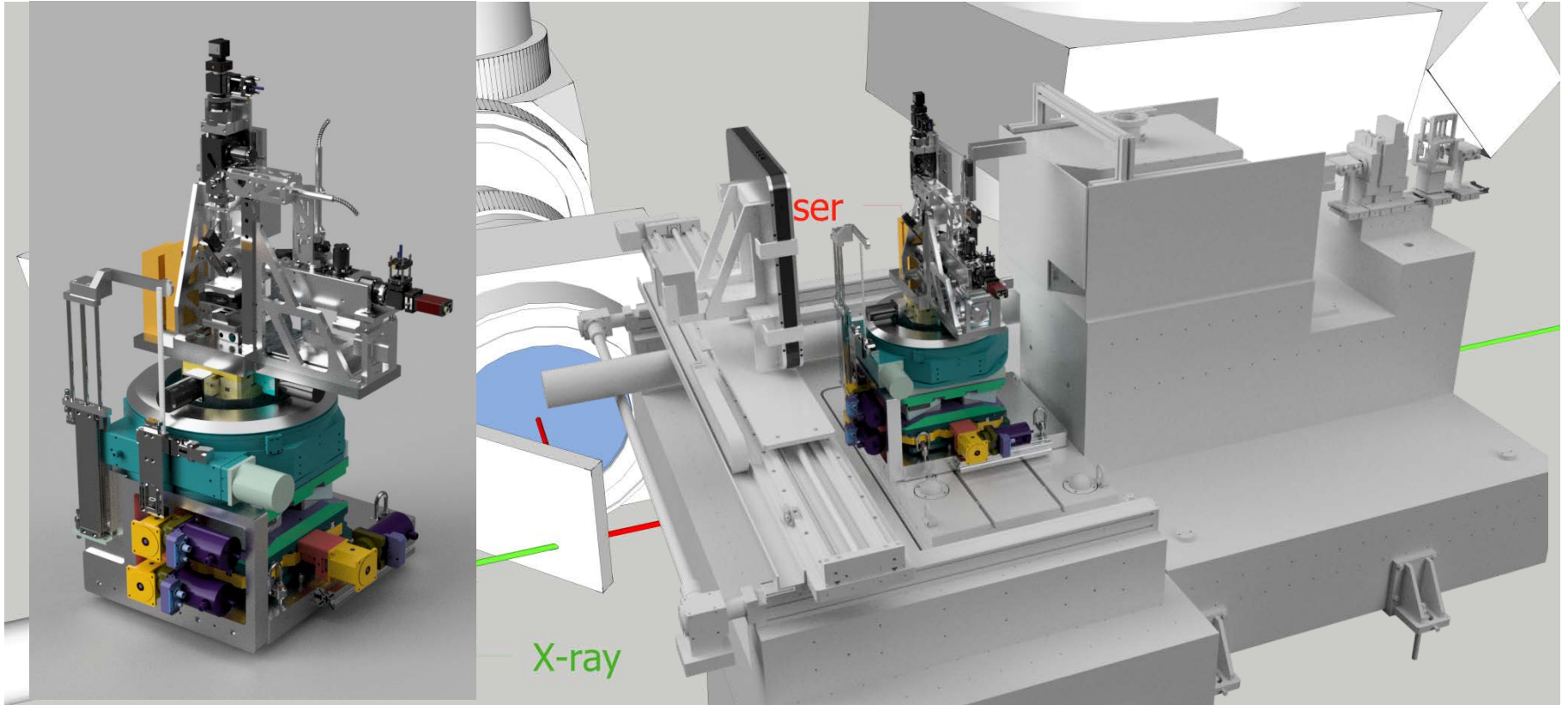
CrysAlisPro (c) 39.43c

Re₂C, $P2_1/n$, 187 reflections, $R_{int}=2.1\%$, $R1=6.6\%$

Reciprocal space



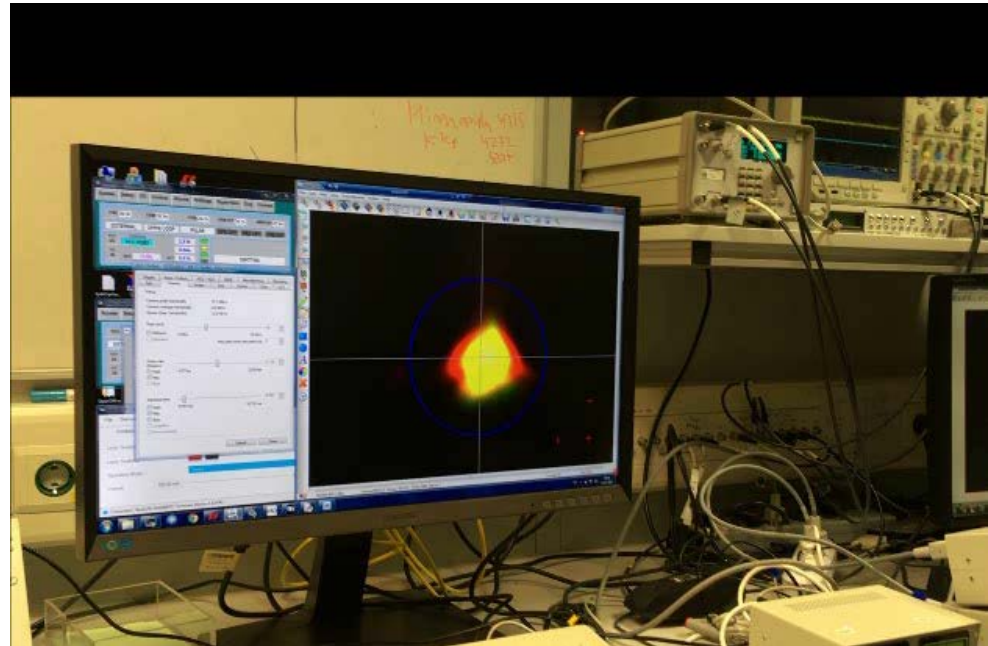
Single-crystal XRD with ω - 2θ setup



Bykova et. al. (2019), RSI *to be published*

Single Crystal Diffraction at high-P,T

P02.2, PETRA III



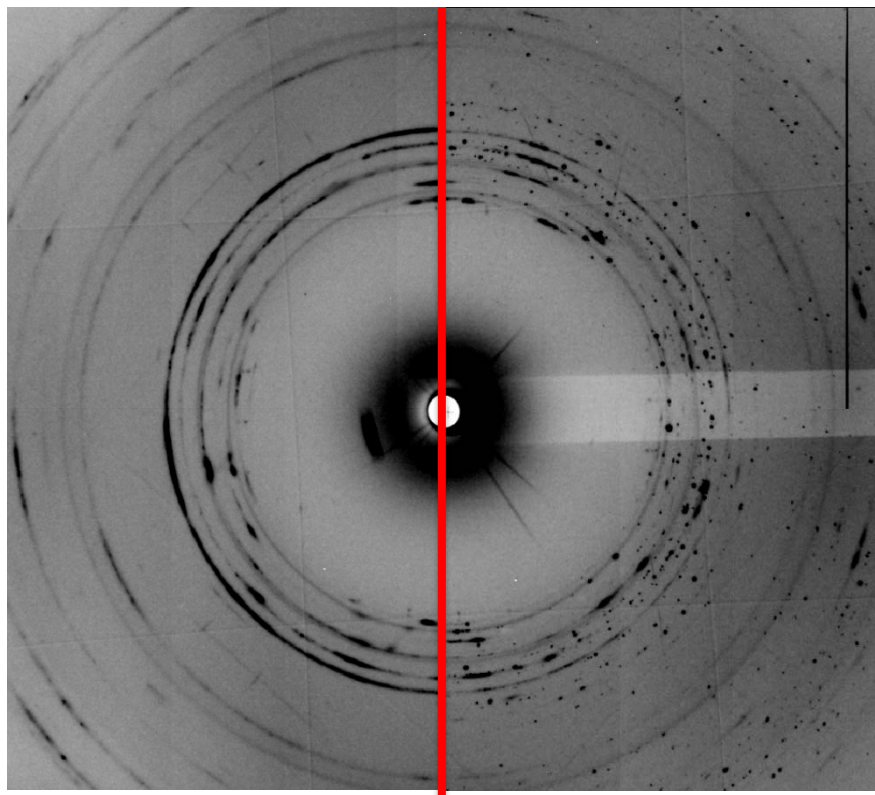
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Single-crystal XRD with ω - 2θ setup

Crystal structure of B8-FeN at 55 GPa

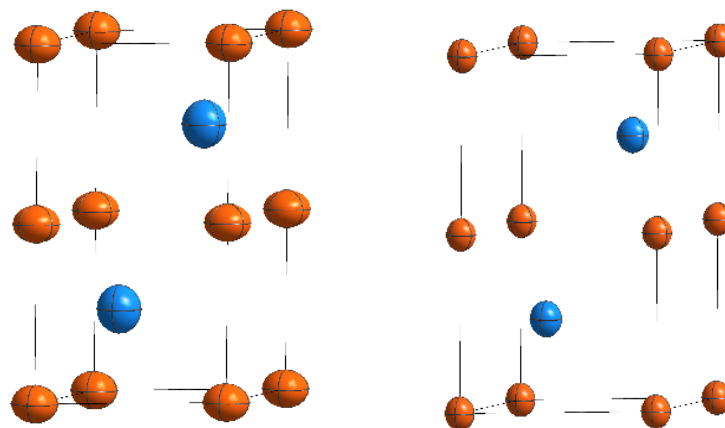


Cold diffraction. 55 GPa
FeN + ϵ -N₂ + Fe₃N₂

Hot diffraction. 55 GPa
FeN + FeN₂

HPHT behavior of iron nitrides

Bykova et. al. (2019), RSI to be published



$T \sim 1900$ K

$a = 2.6689(4)$ Å

$c = 4.8394(6)$ Å

$V = 29.85(1)$ Å³

$R_1/wR_2 = 7.7/7.9\%$

$\langle U_{eq} \rangle = 0.025(4)$ Å²

$T = 293$ K (quenched)

$a = 2.6392(4)$ Å

$c = 4.8142(15)$ Å

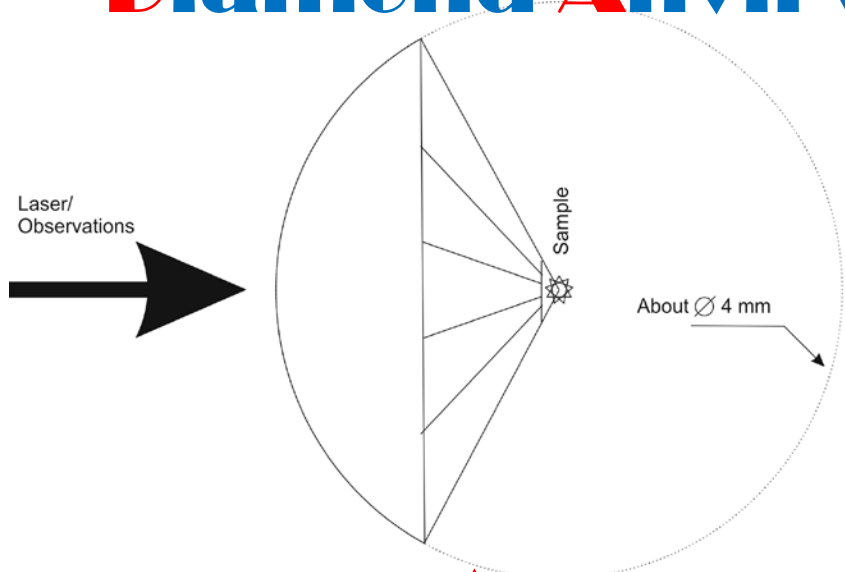
$V = 29.04(1)$ Å³

$R_1/wR_2 = 4.3/4.5\%$

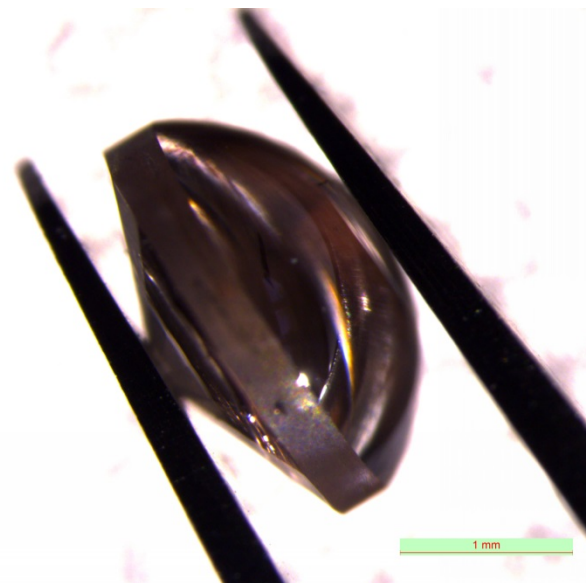
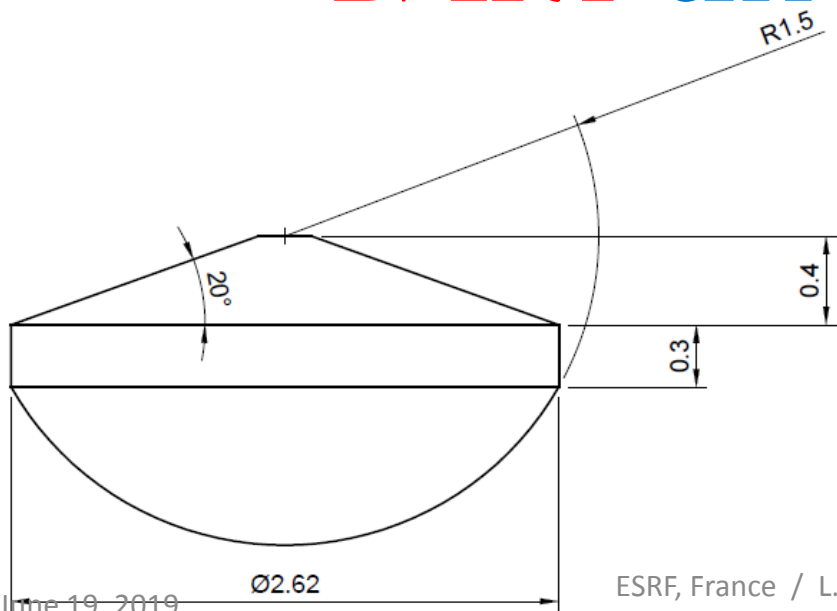
$\langle U_{eq} \rangle = 0.013(4)$ Å²

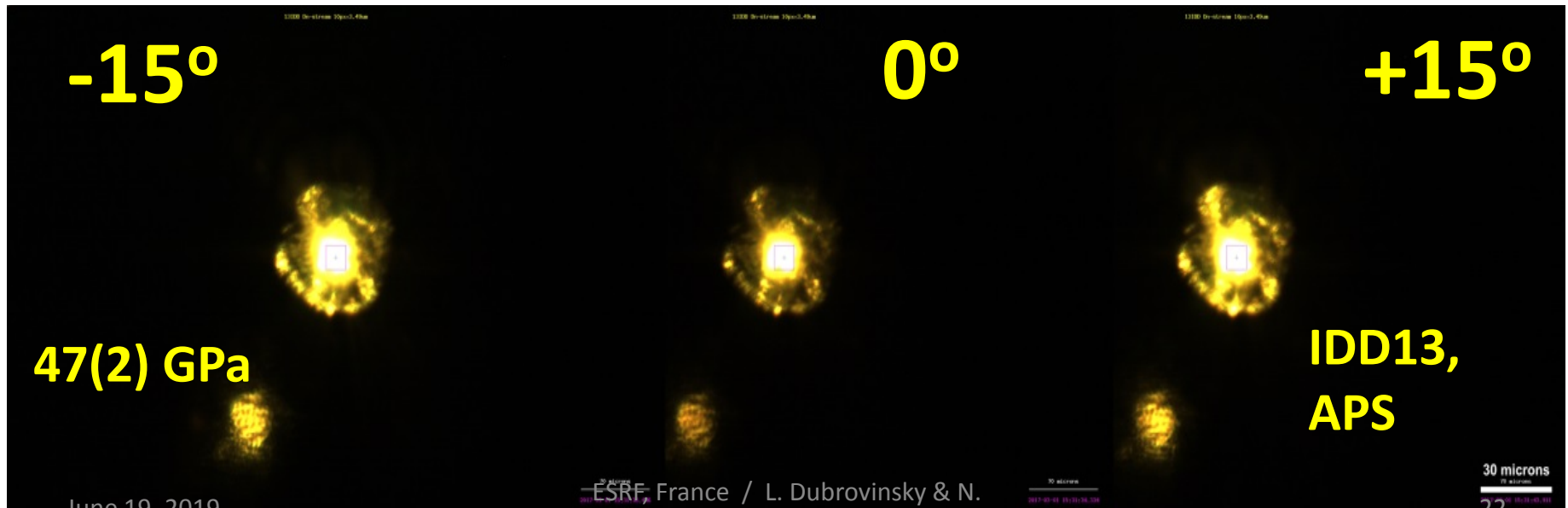
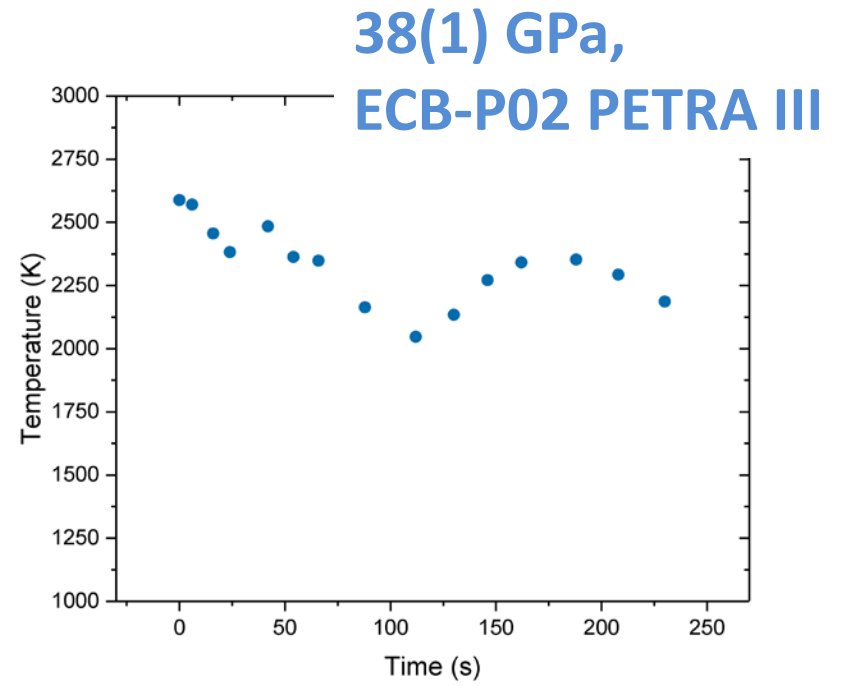
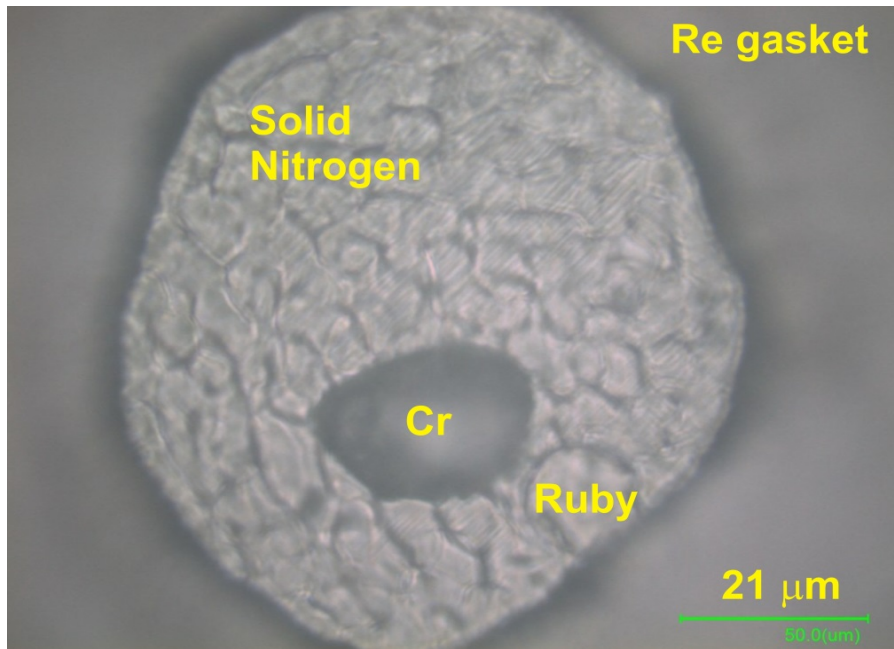
Both the unit cell volume and thermal displacement parameters become larger, thus giving evidence that we indeed collected single-crystal XRD during laser heating.

Diamond Anvil with Round Table



DART anvil design

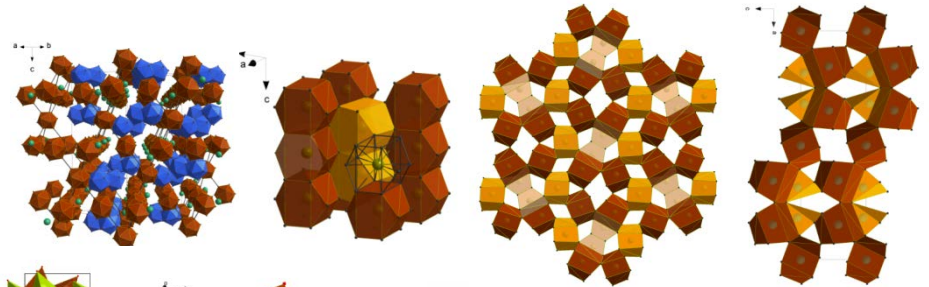




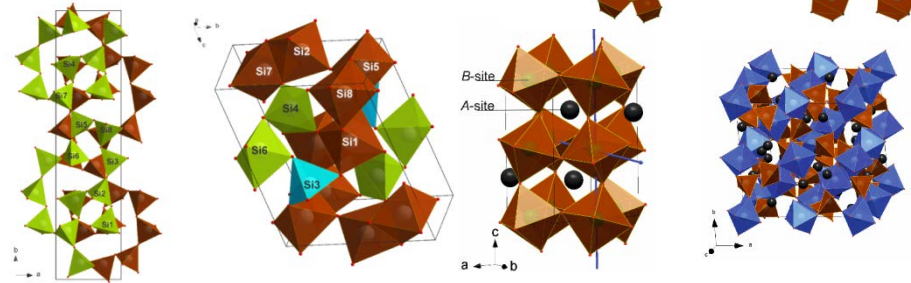
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Examples of studied materials

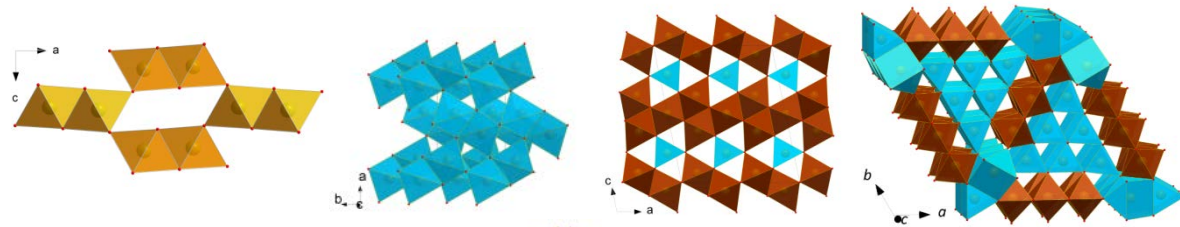
Boron modifications and boron-rich borides (Al-, Fe-, Mg-, Co-borides)



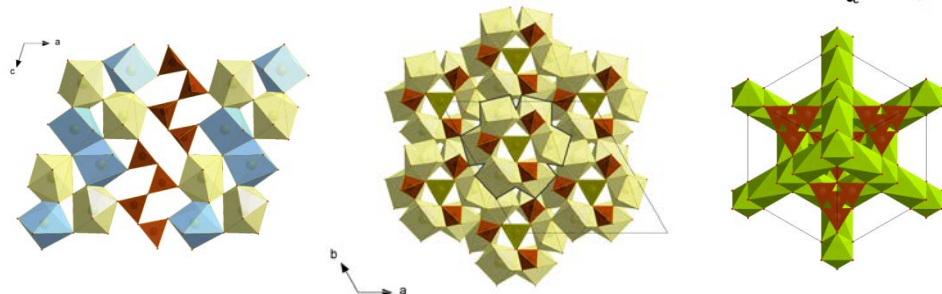
Silica and silicates



Oxides and oxyhydroxides of iron



Carbonates (Fe, Mn, Co...)



Cerantola, V., *et al.* (2017) *Nat. Commun.*, 8, 15960.
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Scientific Case: Silica

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Pressure-induced amorphization of crystalline silica

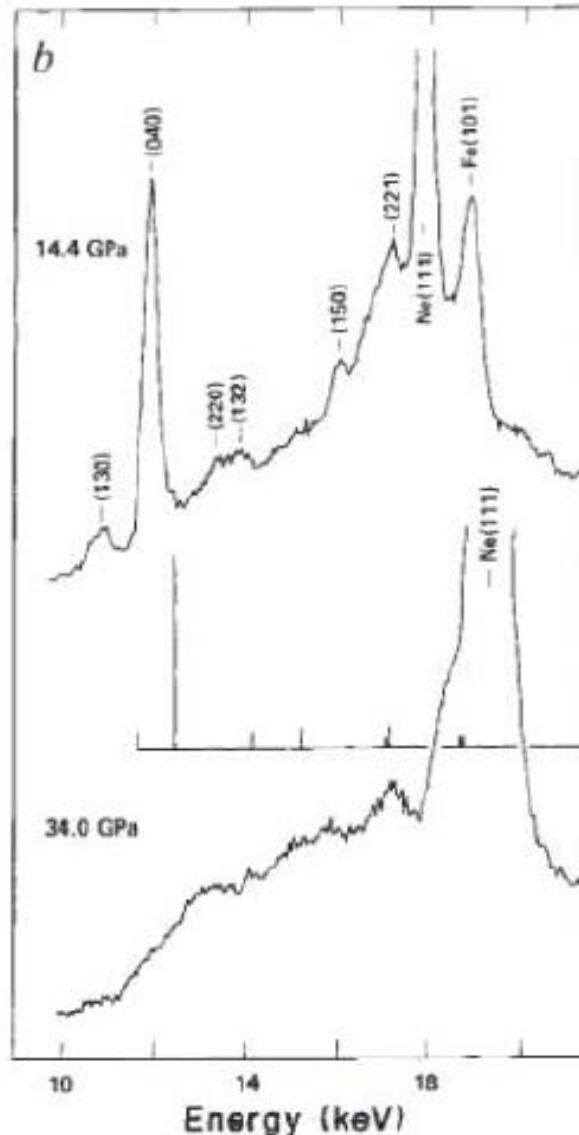
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The crystalline-to-amorphous transformation in the solid state is currently the subject of intense study. With the seminal discovery of amorphization of H₂O ice I under pressure¹, interest has focused on the possible occurrence of pressure-induced amorphization in other systems, the thermodynamic and mechanistic basis of the process, and the relationship between amorphization by pressure and by other means²⁻⁵. Here we report *in situ* synchrotron X-ray diffraction measurements of α -quartz and coesite in a diamond-anvil cell that demonstrate that these crystalline materials transform to amorphous solids at 25–35 GPa and 300 K. We show that an internally consistent thermodynamic description of the process is possible, extending into the pressure domain recent thermodynamic calculations of thermally-induced amorphization of silica polymorphs⁴. The measurements provide constraints on the equations of state and melting relations in this system at high pressures, shed light on the mechanism for glass formation in SiO₂ in laboratory shock-wave experiments and meteorite-impact events, and provide insights into the thermoelastic stability of tetrahedral network structures at high compression.

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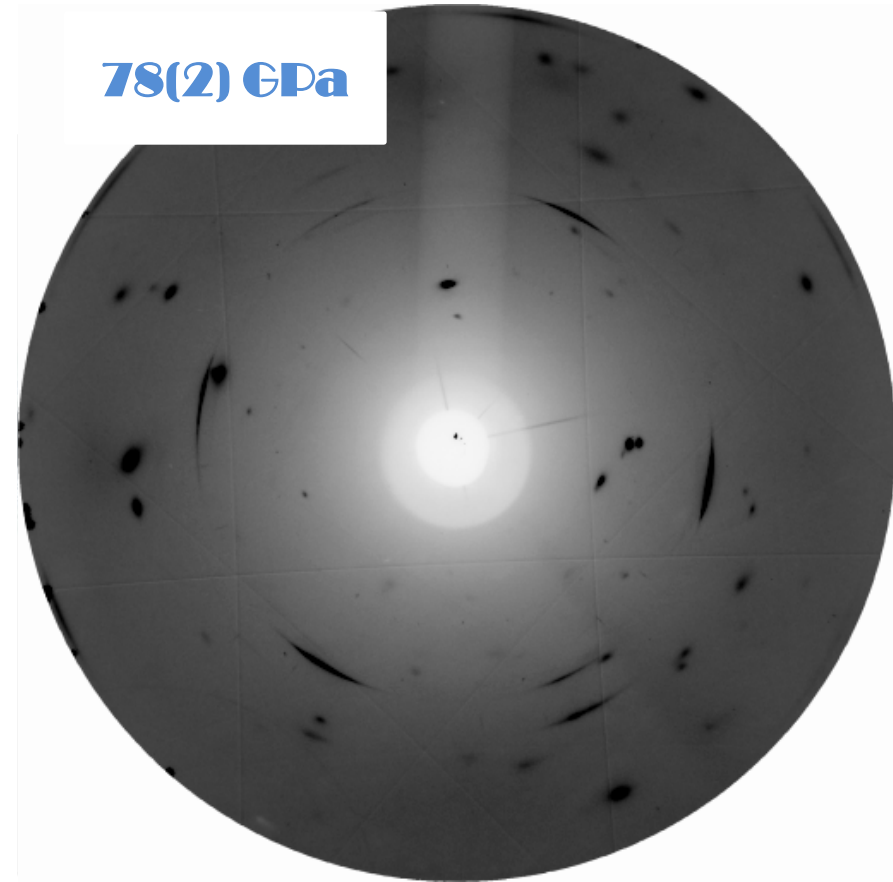
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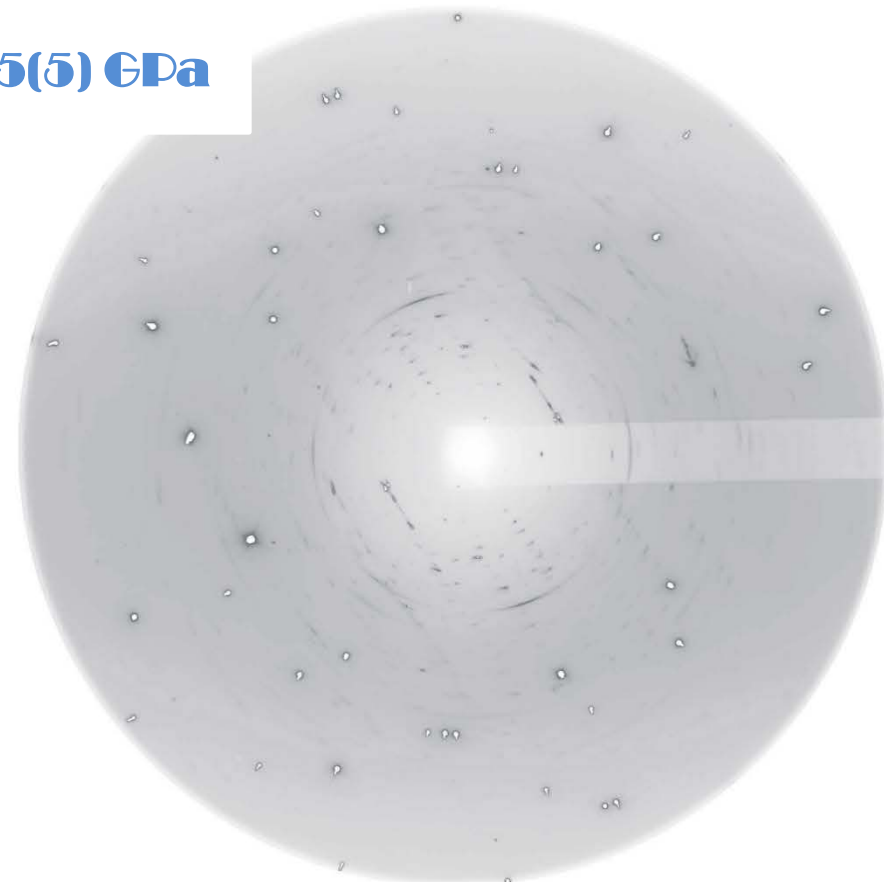
Scientific Case : Silica

Coesite, SiO_2

78(2) GPa



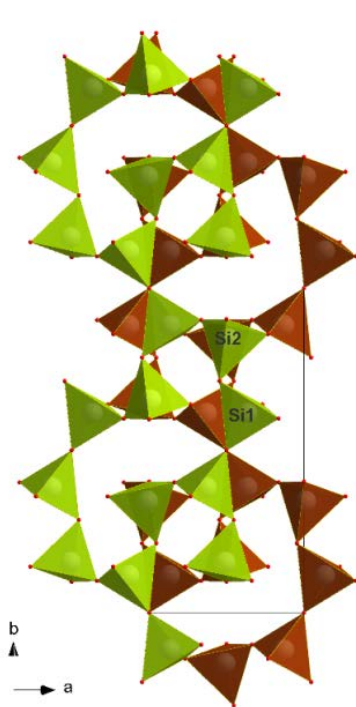
37.5(5) GPa



High pressure behavior of coesite

Spectroscopic and energy dispersive XRD data: amorphization above 20 GPa.

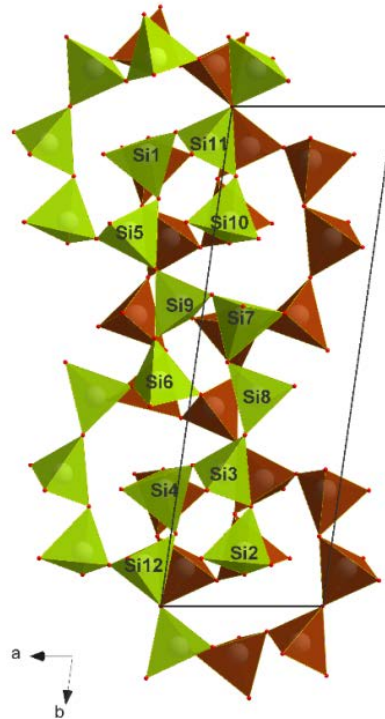
Single crystal: crystal survives till 80 GPa, 4 phase transitions to phases unknown before



Coesite-I at 6.5 GPa
 $C2/c$, $V = 467.2(8) \text{ \AA}^3$

$R_1 = 5.1 \%$

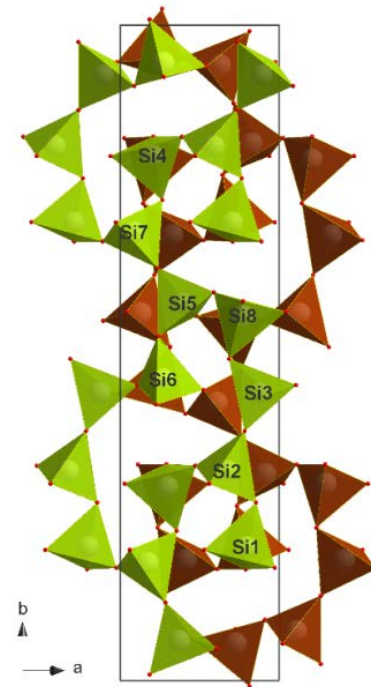
7 atoms in asymmetric unit; 302 independent reflections



Coesite-II at 27 GPa
 $P2_1/n$, $V = 886.8(4) \text{ \AA}^3$

$R_1 = 4.2 \%$

*24 atoms in asymmetric unit;
1535 independent reflections*

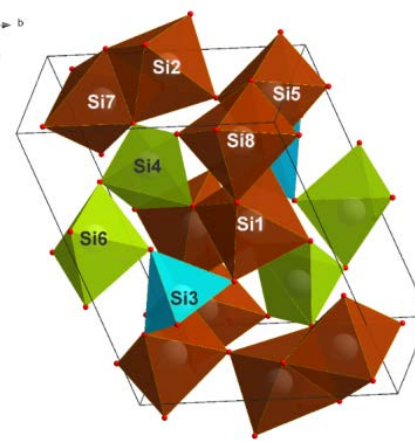
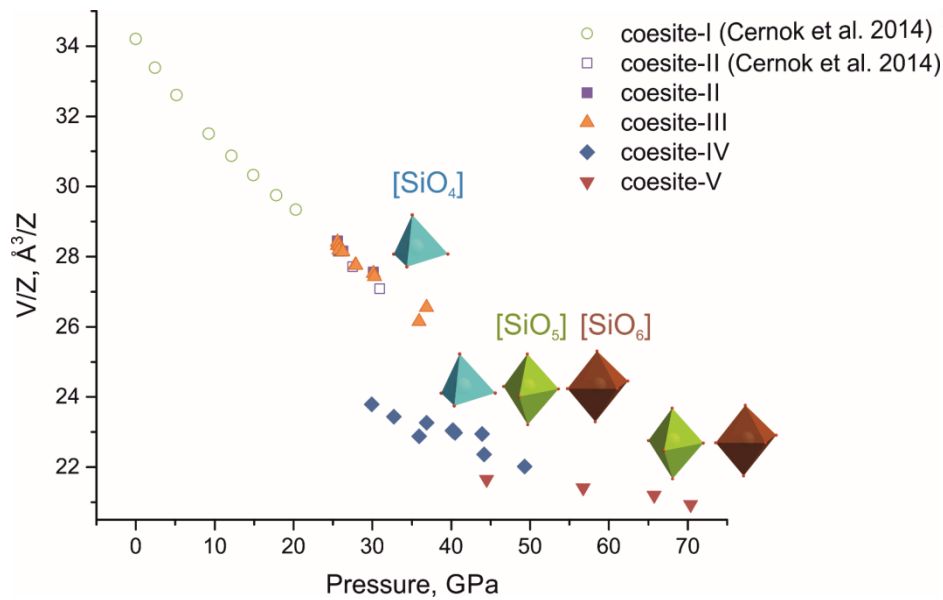


Coesite-III at 28 GPa
 $P-1$, $V = 666.2(7) \text{ \AA}^3$

$R_1 = 13.6 \%$

*37 atoms in asymmetric unit;
833 independent reflections*

High pressure behavior of coesite

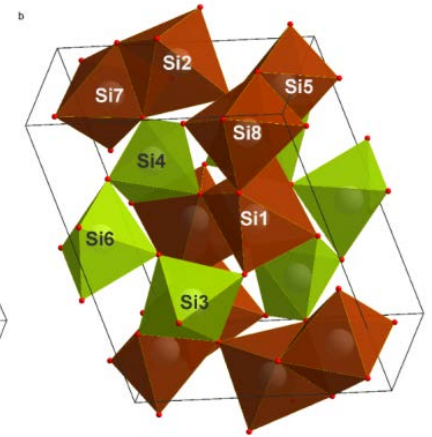


Coesite-IV at 49 GPa P -1,
 $V = 366.1(8) \text{ \AA}^3$

$R_1 = 6.3 \%$

24 atoms in asymmetric unit; 968 independent reflections

4, 5, 6 coordinated Si



Coesite-V at 57 GPa P -1,
 $V = 342.6(2) \text{ \AA}^3$

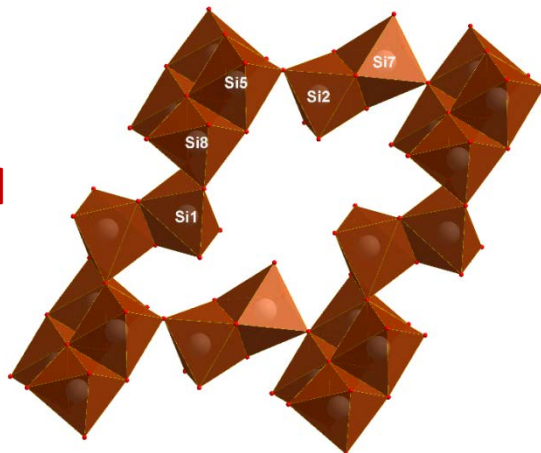
$R_1 = 7.3 \%$

24 atoms in asymmetric unit; 672 independent reflections

4, 6 coordinated Si

Face-shared $[\text{SiO}_6]$

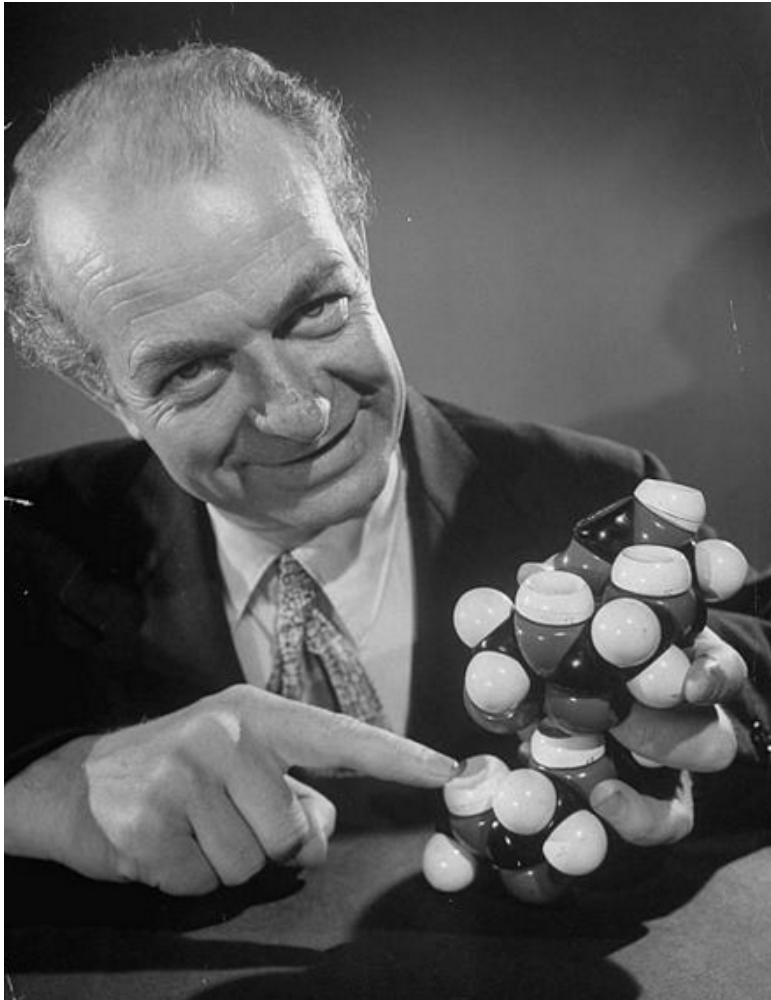
Close-packed fragments



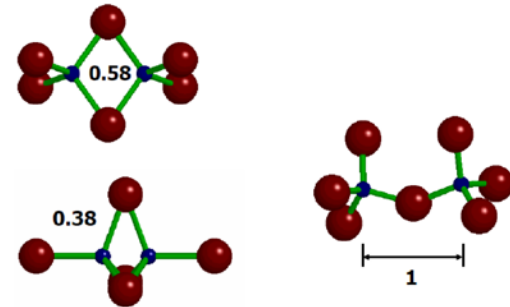
Observed for the first time:

- **Shared SiO_6 octahedra;**
- **Crystalline silica phase with silicon in 3 different coordinations;**
- **Crystalline silica phase with 5-coordinated Si**

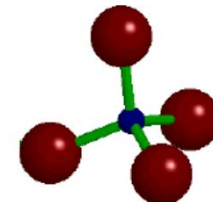
Breaking Pauling's rules



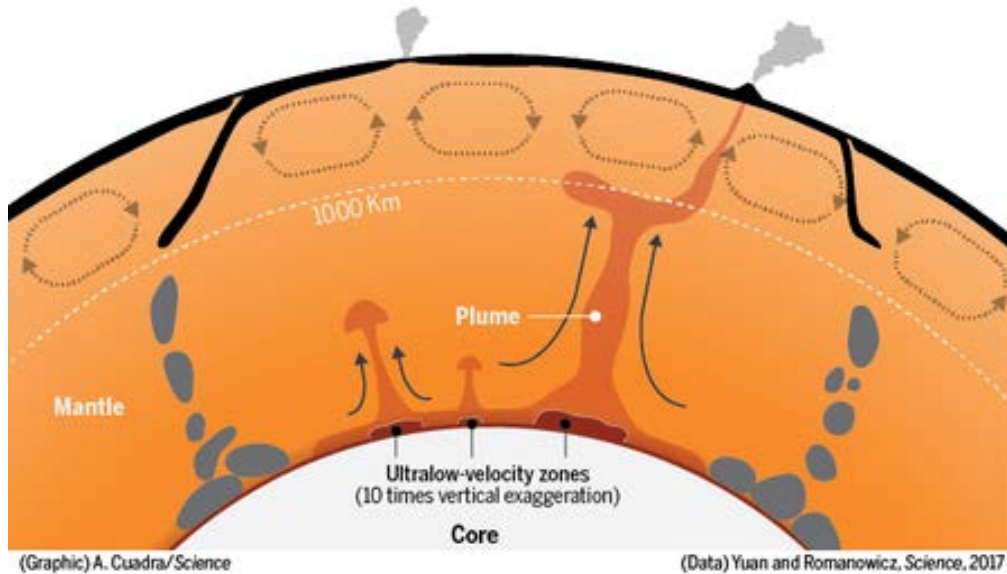
- **3rd rule:** The sharing of edges and particularly faces by two anion polyhedra decreases the stability of an ionic structure.



- **5th rule:** (the rule of parsimony) The number of essentially different kinds of constituents in a crystal tends to be small.

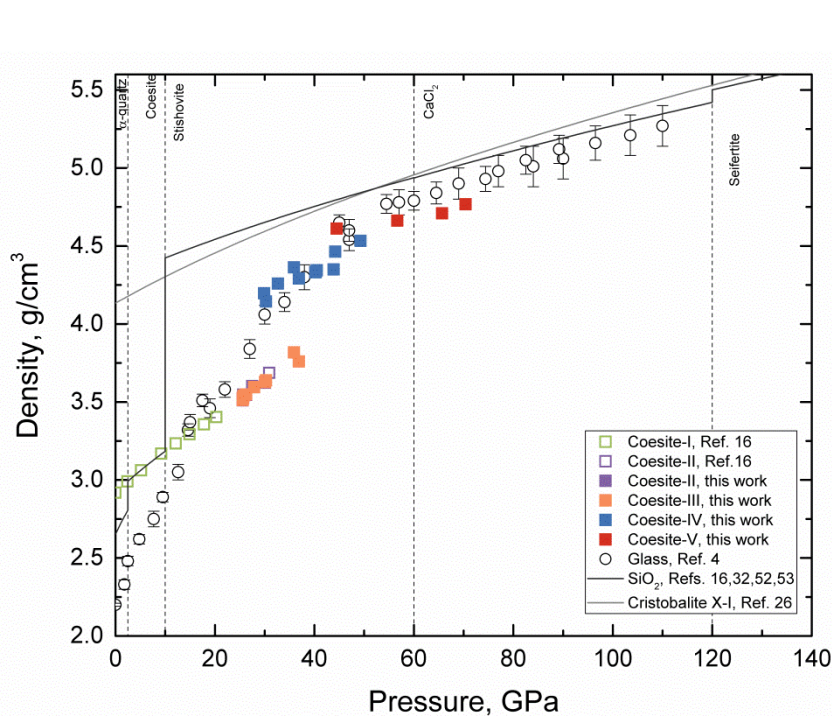


Silica and silicate melts in the deep Earth's interiors



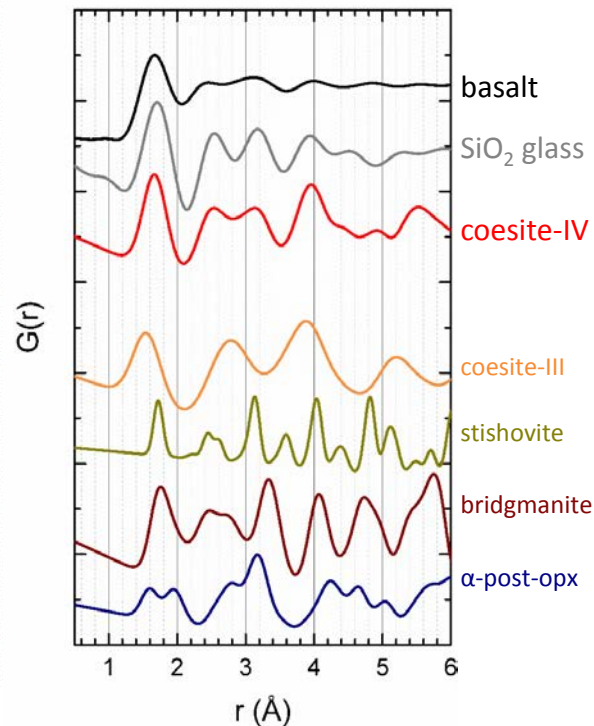
- Silica and silicate melts may exist at the top of the transition zone and at the core–mantle boundary.
- Local structure of the melts is still under debates.
- Structure of the melts influences on such important properties as density and compressibility, and also on the ability of the melt to incorporate other elements (like Mg and Fe).
- Elastic properties of the melts are important for understanding the dynamic behavior of the past and present Earth.

High pressure behavior of coesite and structure of silica glass

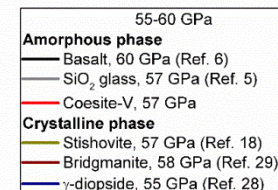
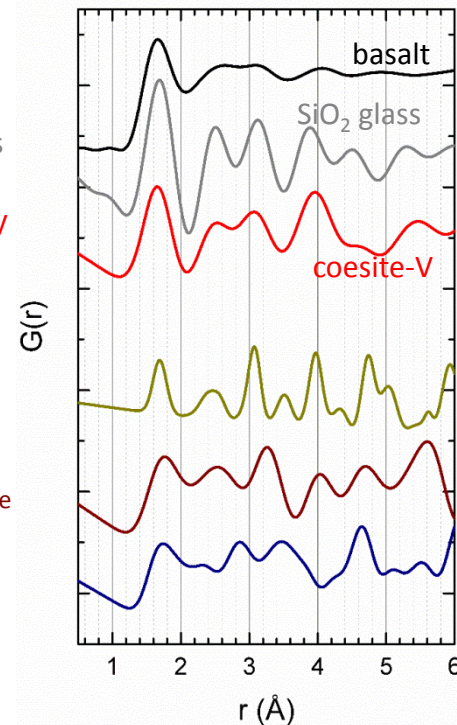


- Silica glass indeed contains shared octahedra and SiO₅ polyhedra (and not just a mixture of tetrahedra and octahedra in certain proportion)
- Densities of silica liquids with complex structures will be less than densities of crystalline high-pressure SiO₂ phases at the corresponding pressures. Such liquids should be seismically detectable.

28 – 38 GPa



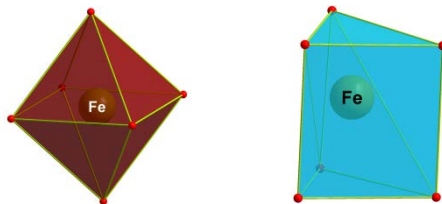
55 – 60 GPa



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Building blocks:



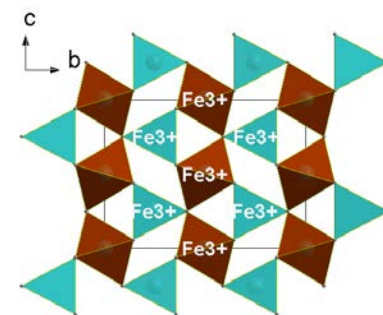
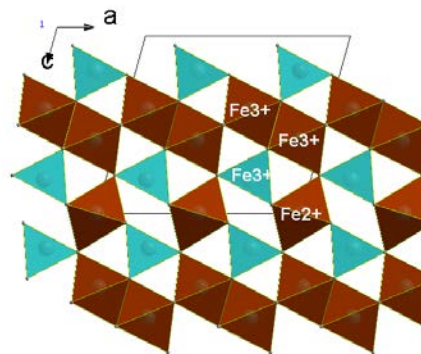
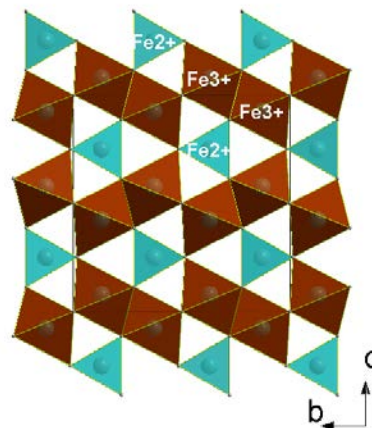
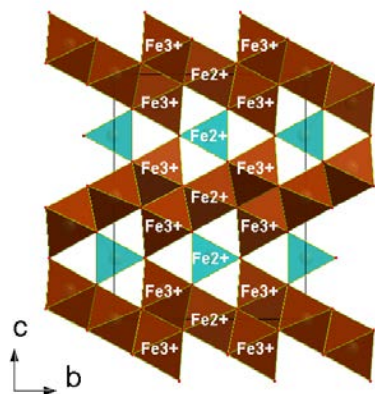
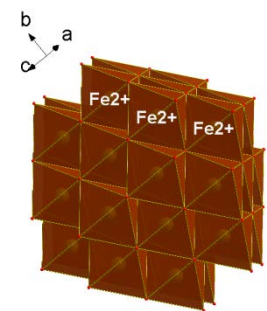
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ppv- Fe_2O_3



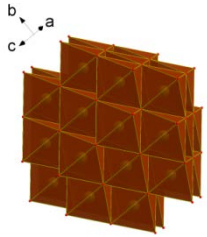
Lavina et al., 2011
Guignard and Crichton, 2014

Dubrovinsky et al., 2003

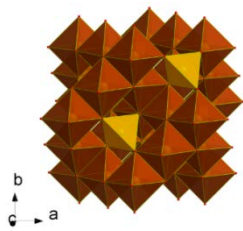
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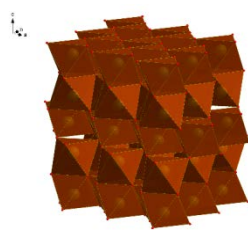
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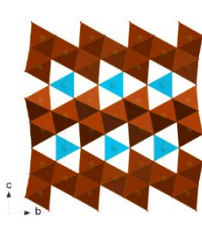
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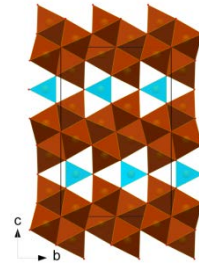
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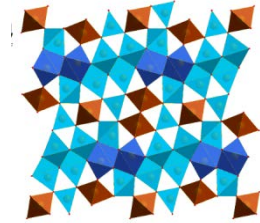
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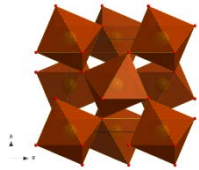
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P2₁/m-Fe₄O₅



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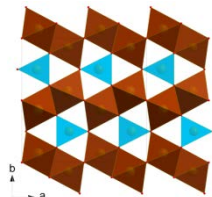


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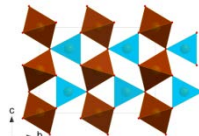


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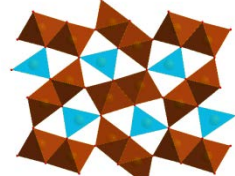
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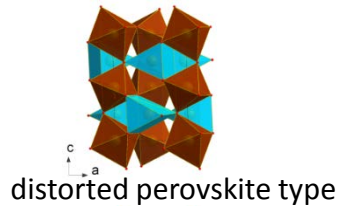
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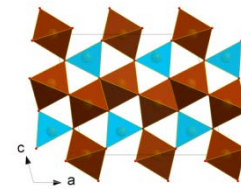
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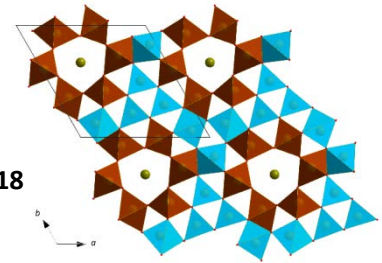
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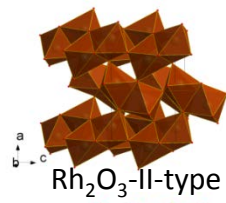
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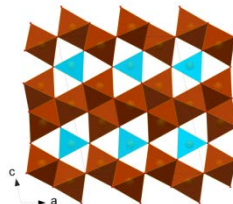
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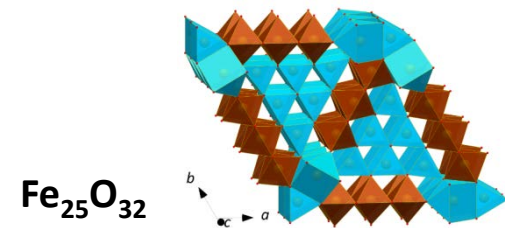
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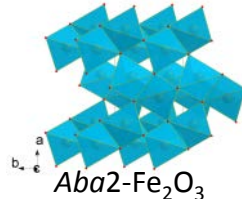
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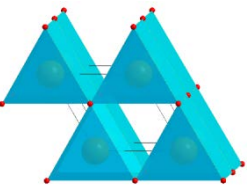
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Aba2-Fe₂O₃



WC-type FeO

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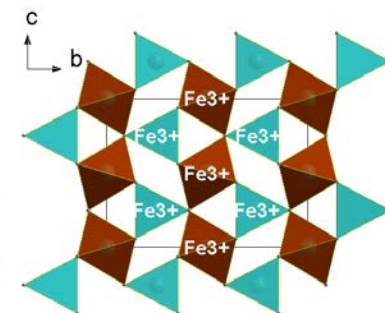
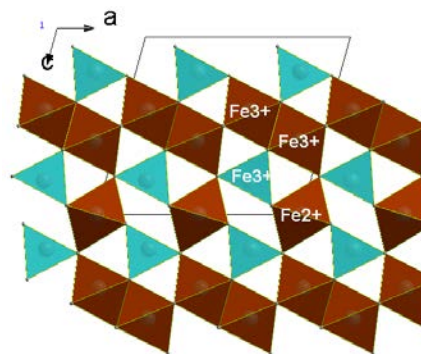
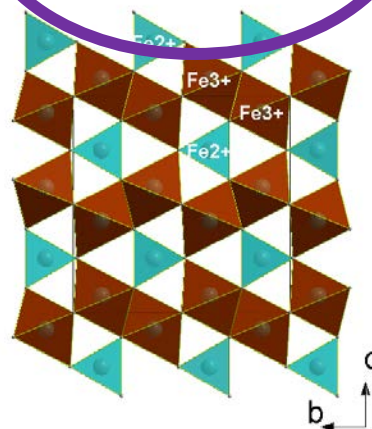
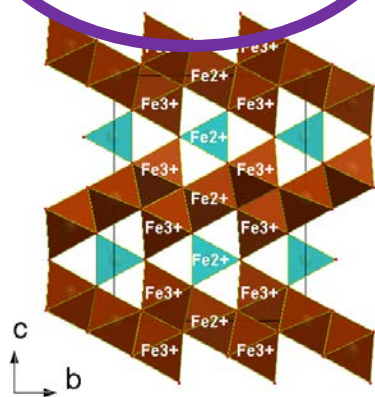
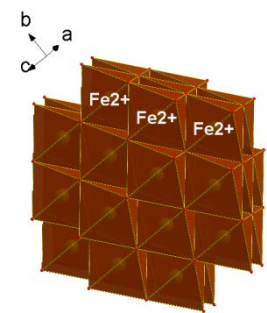
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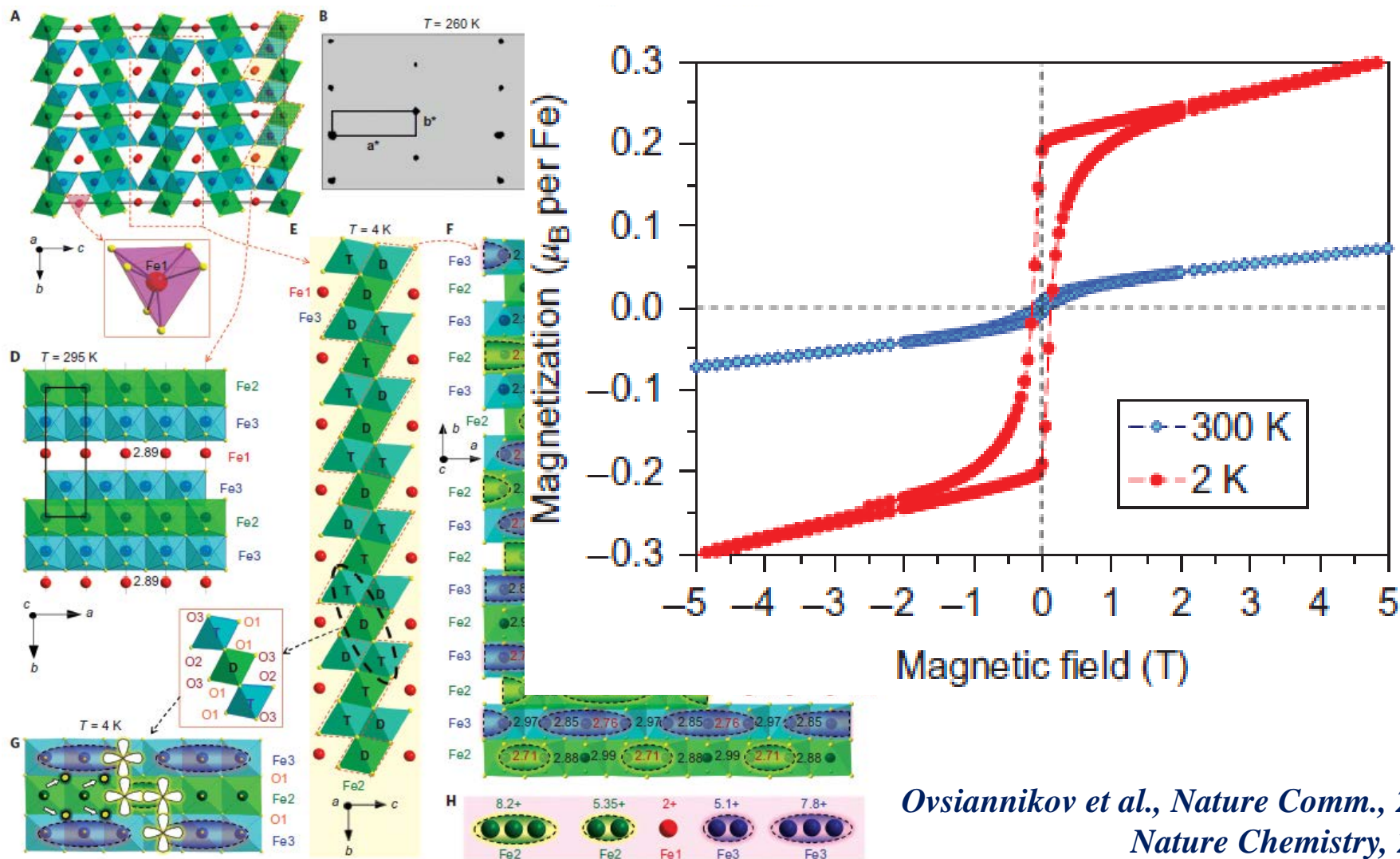
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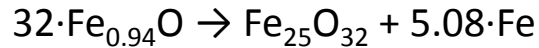


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Decomposition of iron oxides at HPHT



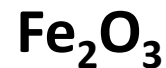
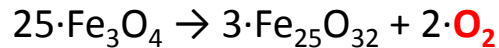
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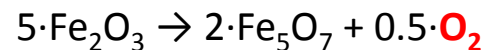
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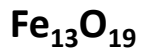
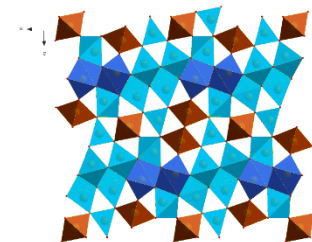
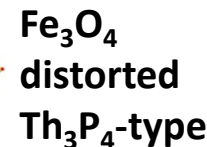
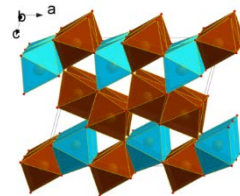
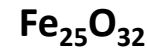
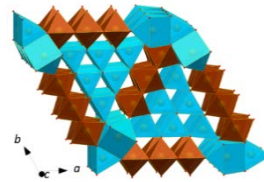
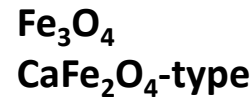
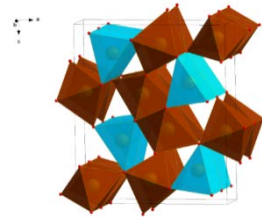
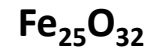
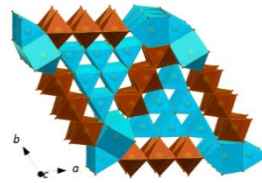
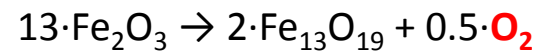
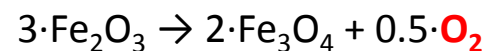
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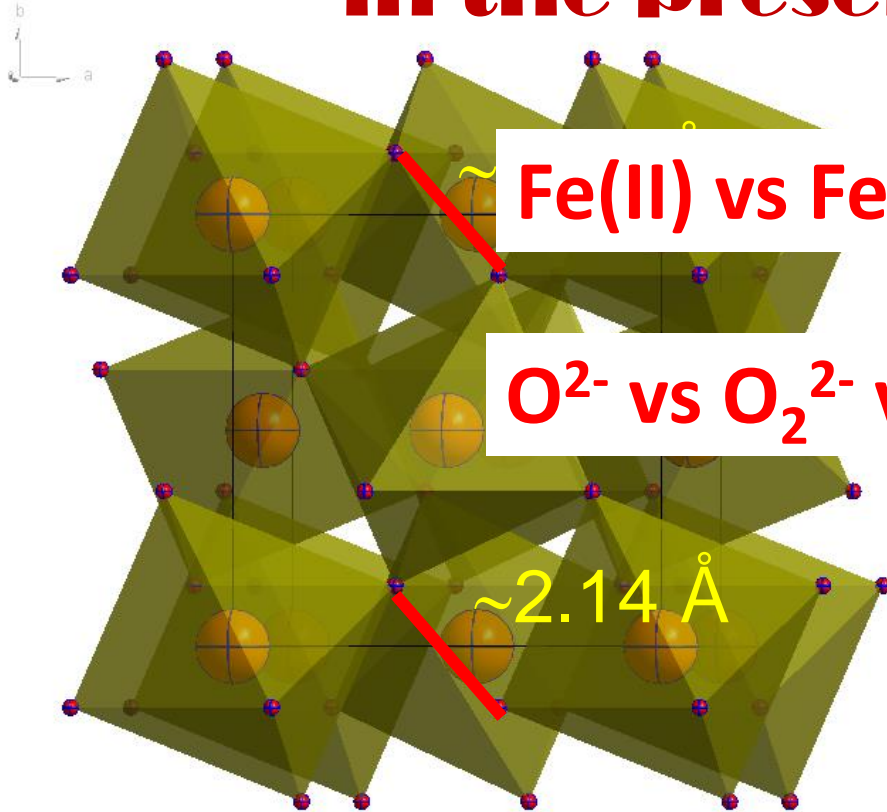
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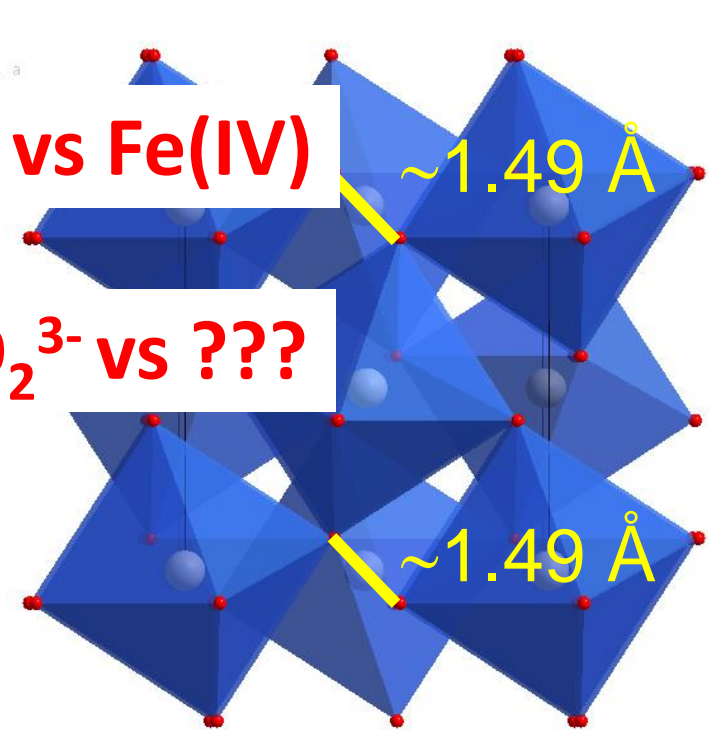
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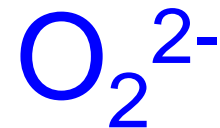
High Pressure iron oxides in the presence of oxygen



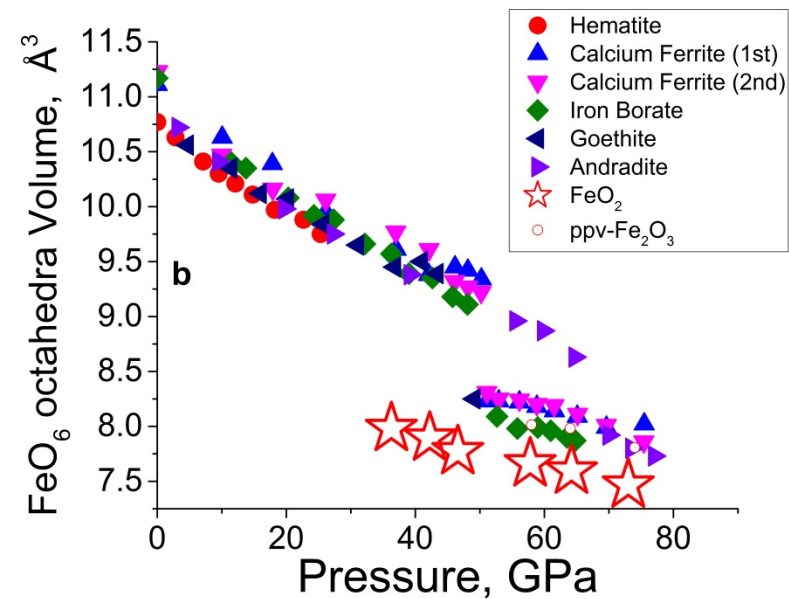
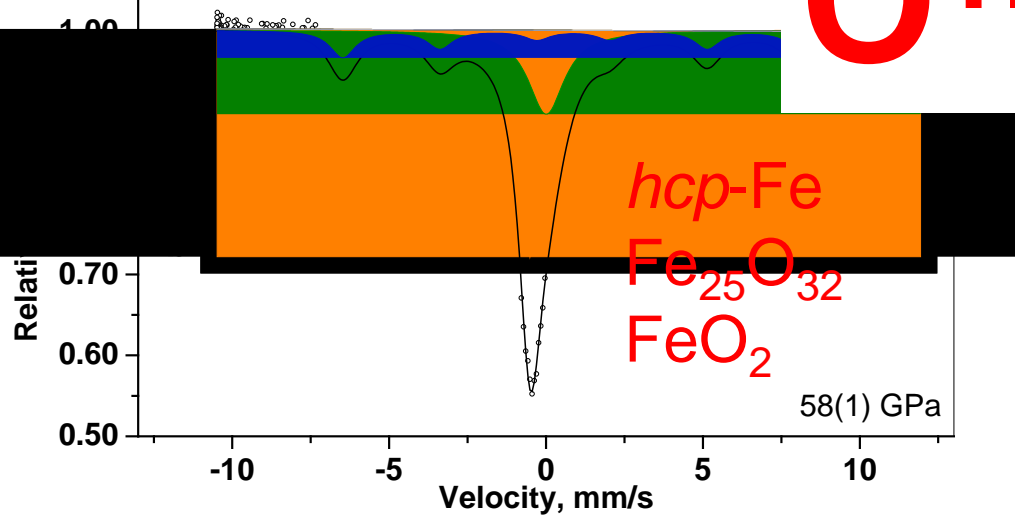
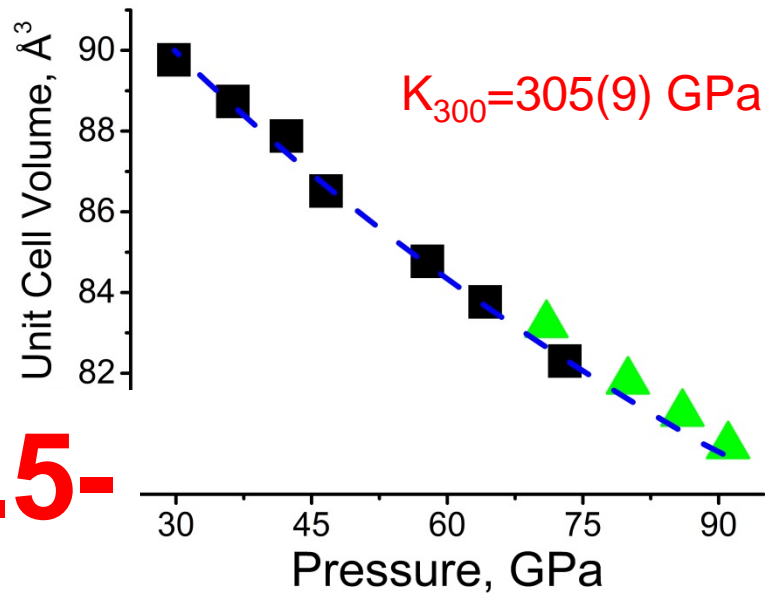
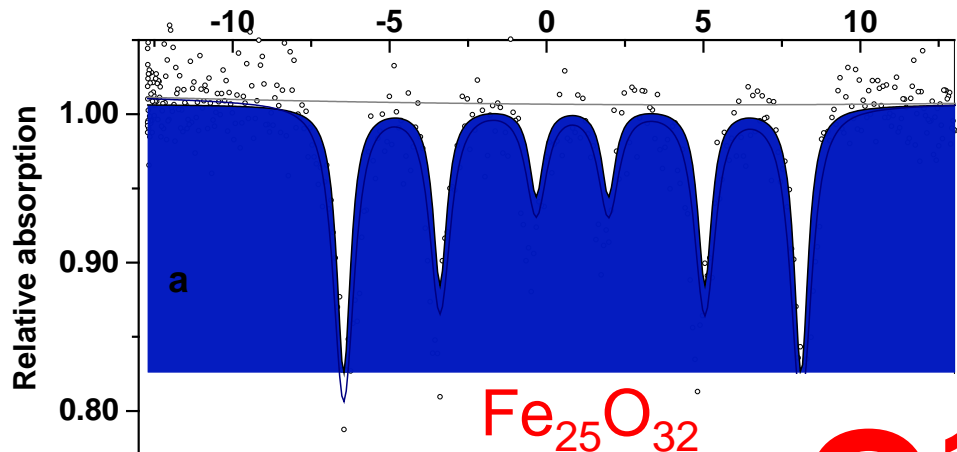
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HP-PdF₂-type structure



MgO₂, 0 GPa
Pyrite-type structure



E. Koemets et al., 2019



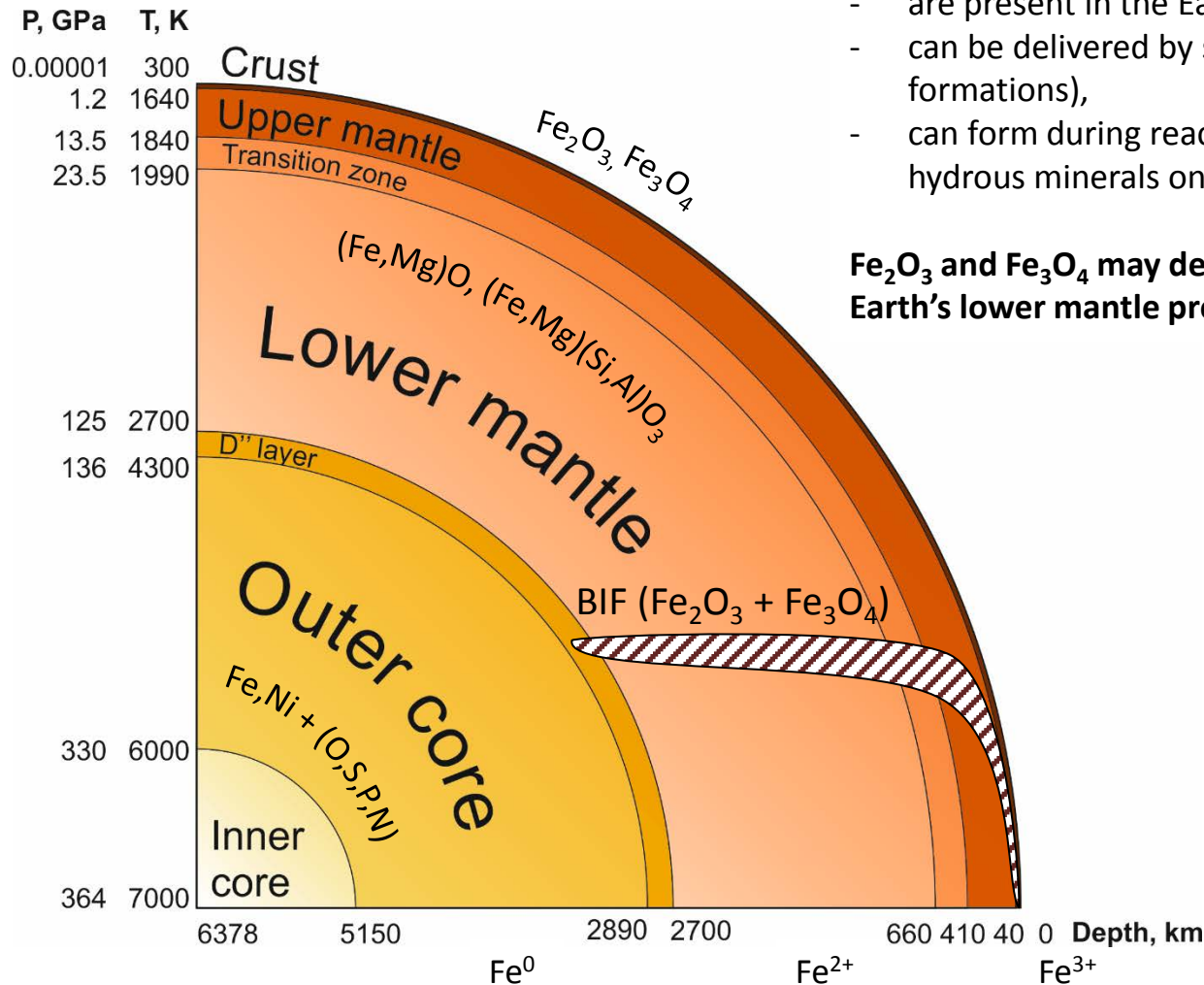
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Iron oxides in the deep Earth's interiors

Oxides of iron:

- are present in the Earth's deep interiors (mainly Fe^{2+}),
- can be delivered by subducting slabs (banded iron formations),
- can form during reaction with water from subducted hydrous minerals on the border with core (D'' layer).

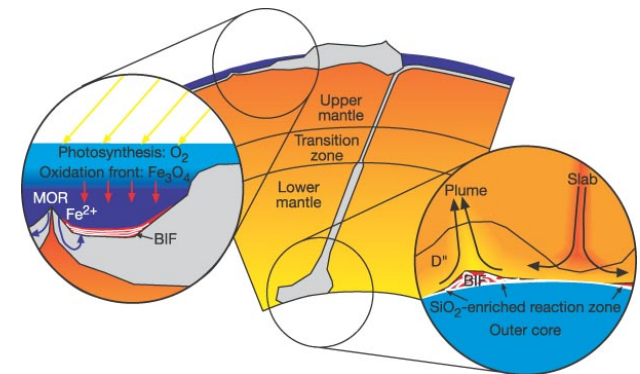
Fe_2O_3 and Fe_3O_4 may decompose at the conditions of the Earth's lower mantle producing oxygen fluids

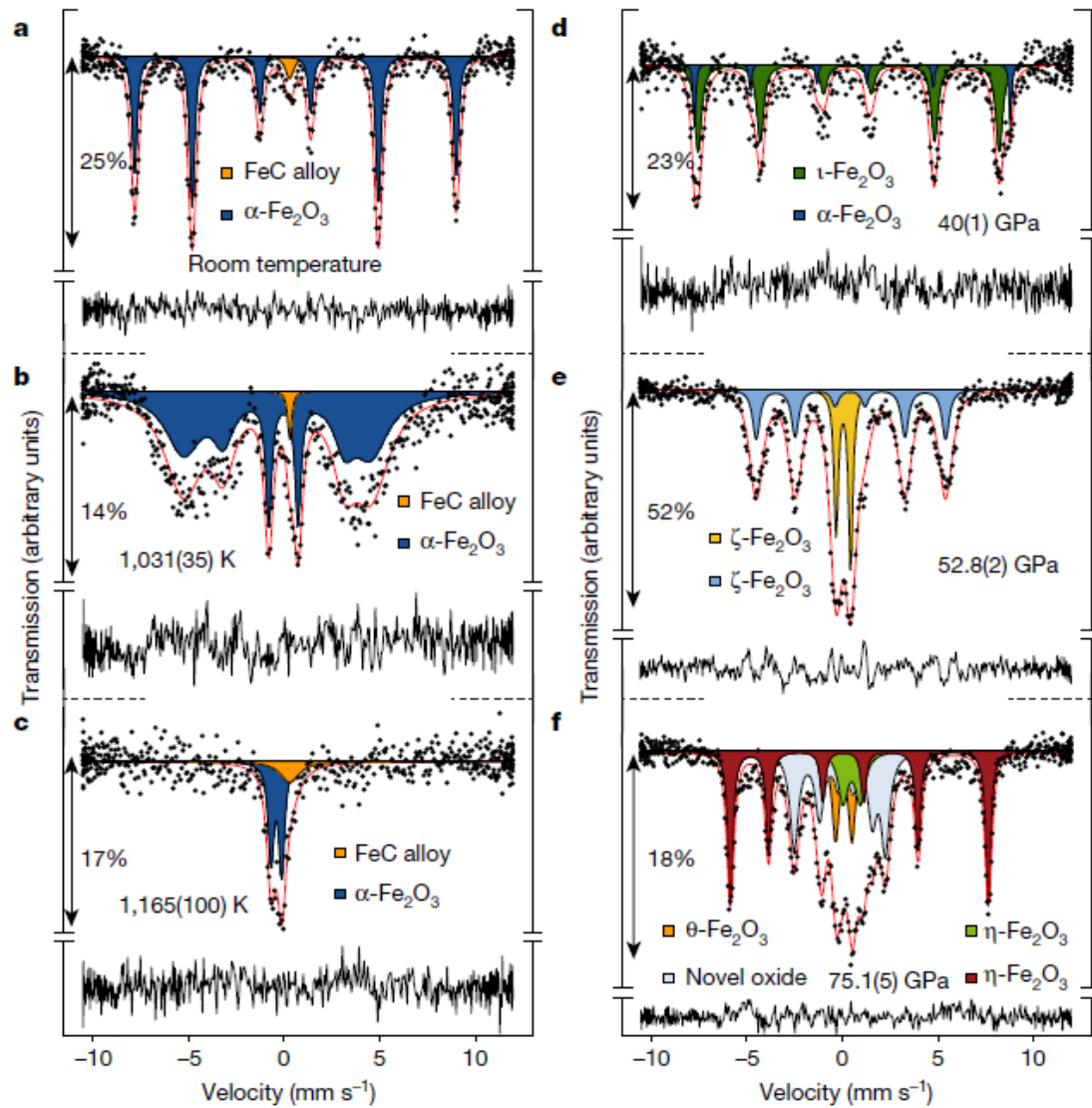


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Subducted banded iron formations as a source of ultralow-velocity zones at the core-mantle boundary

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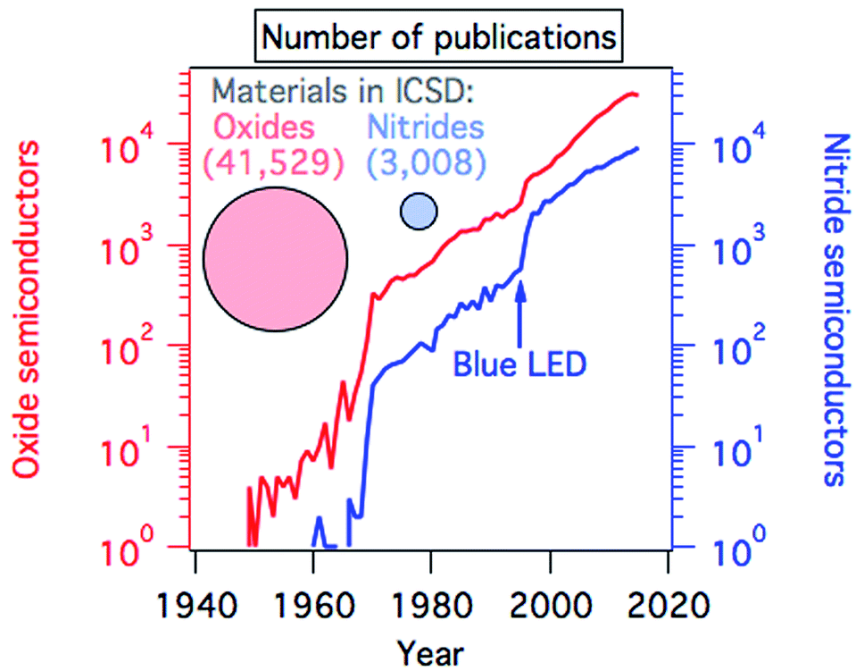


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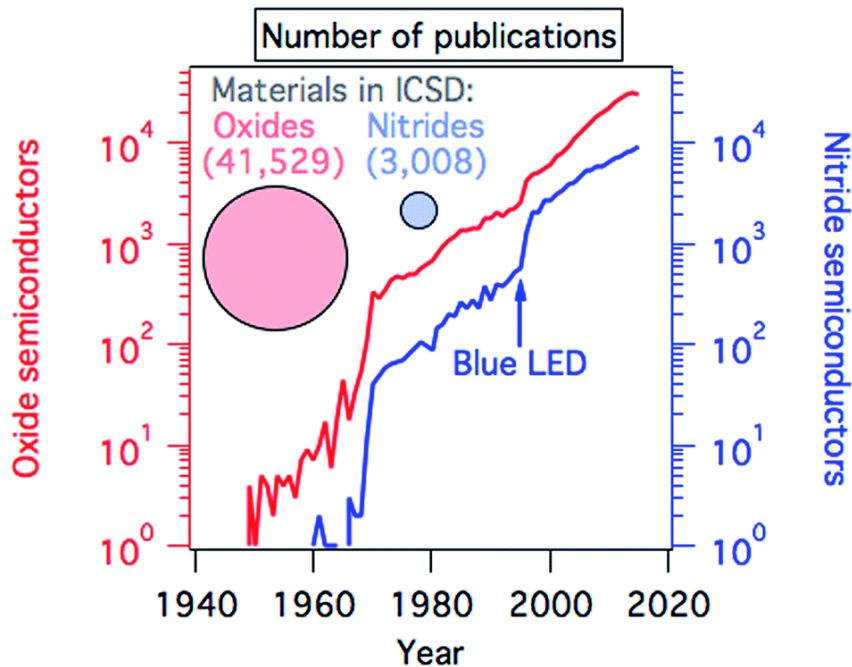
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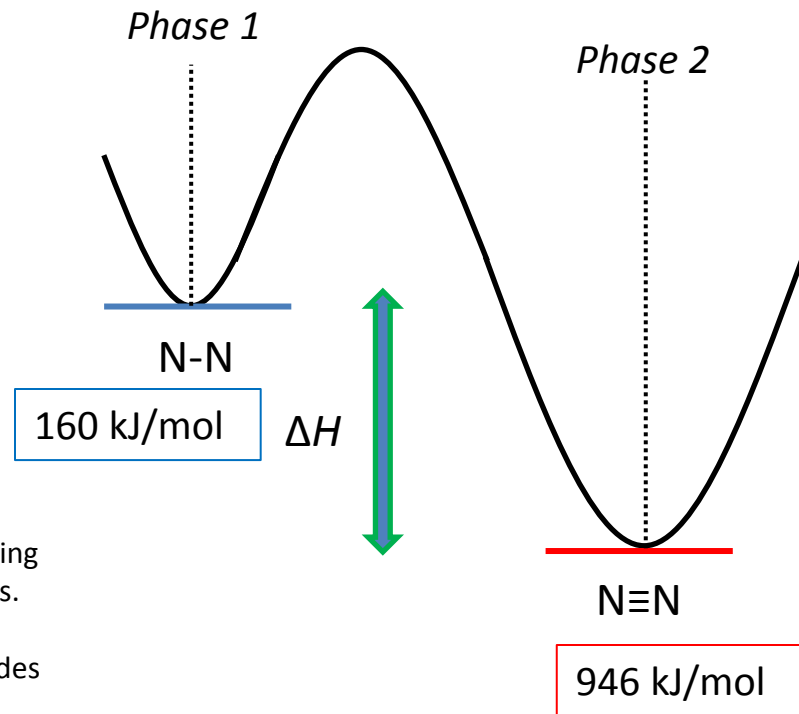
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Novel nitrides synthesized at high-pressure high-temperature conditions

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Stable Calcium Nitrides at Ambient

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High Pressure Synthesis of Marcasite-Type Rhodium Pernitride

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Supporting Information

ABSTRACT: Marcasite-type rhodium nitride was successfully synthesized in a direct chemical reaction between a rhodium metal and molecular nitrogen at 43.2 GPa using a laser-heated diamond-anvil cell. This material shows a low zero-pressure bulk modulus of $K_0 = 235(13)$ GPa, which is much lower than those of other platinum group nitrides. This finding is due to the weaker bonding interaction between metal atoms and quasi-molecular dinitrogen units in the marcasite-type structure, as proposed by theoretical studies.

Nitrides are attractive materials not only in the field of fundamental crystal chemistry but also in industrial applications.¹ In the 2000s, platinum group nitrides (PtN₂, OsN₂, IrN₂, and PdN₂) were remarkably discovered in a direct chemical reaction between platinum group elements and molecular fluid nitrogen at high pressures and temperatures.^{2–7} The new class of compounds attracted much attention due to the unusual crystal chemistry as well as intriguing mechanical properties (e.g., $K_0 = 428$ GPa for IrN₂) owing to the strong bonding interaction between noble metals and nitrogen.^{2–7} However, to the best of our knowledge, there has been no experimental evidence of a successful synthesis of rhodium nitride, although theoretical studies suggest that rhodium is likely to form RhN₂ with a marcasite-type structure.^{8,9}

ABSTRACT: The knowledge of stoichiometries of alkaline earth metal nitrides, where nitrogen can exist in polynitrogen forms, is of significant interest for understanding nitrogen bonding and its applications in energy storage. For calcium nitrides, there were three known crystalline forms, CaN₂, Ca₂N, and Ca₃N₂, at ambient conditions. In the present study, we demonstrated that there are more stable forms of calcium nitrides than what is already known to exist at ambient and high pressures. Using a global structure searching method, we theoretically explored the phase diagram of CaN_x and discovered a new CaN phase that is thermodynamically stable at Ca₂N. Four other stoichiometries, namely, Ca₂N₃, CaN₃, Ca₃N₄, and Ca₄N₅, predicted CaN_x compounds contain a rich variety of polynitrogen extended chains (N_∞). Because of the large energy difference between CaN_x crystals with polynitrogens is expected to be highly

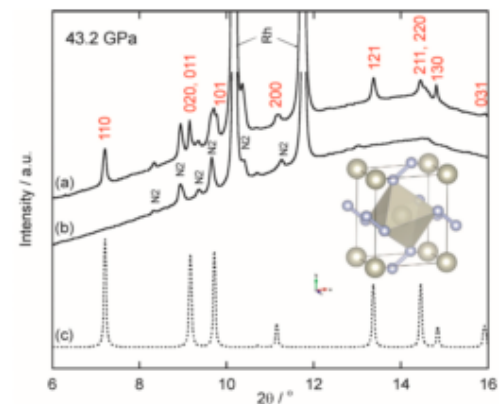
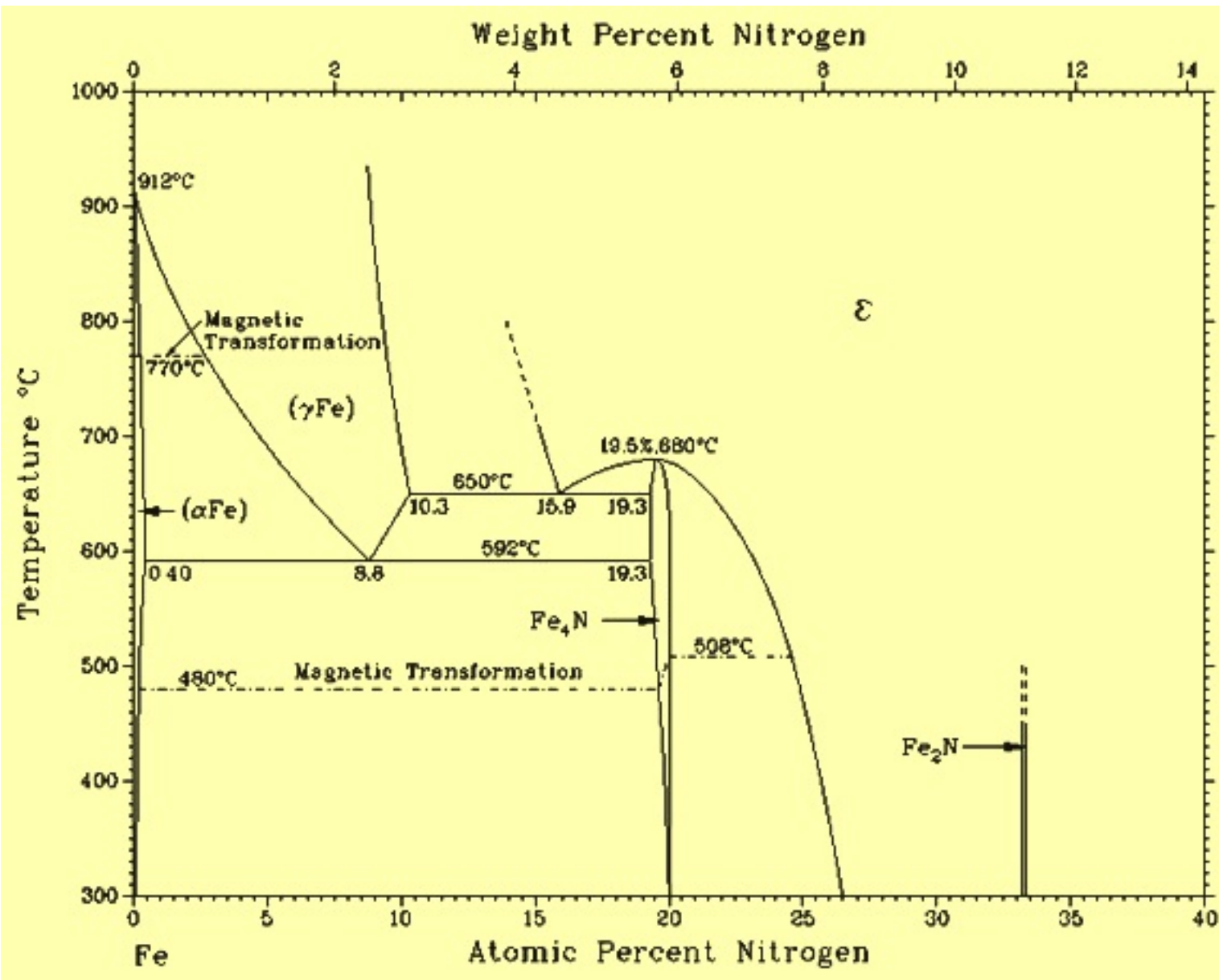
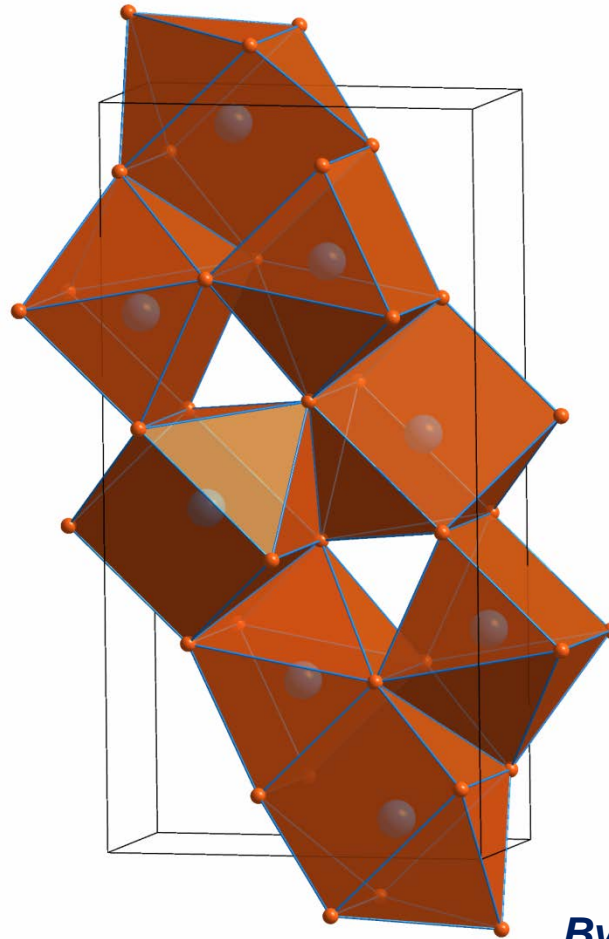
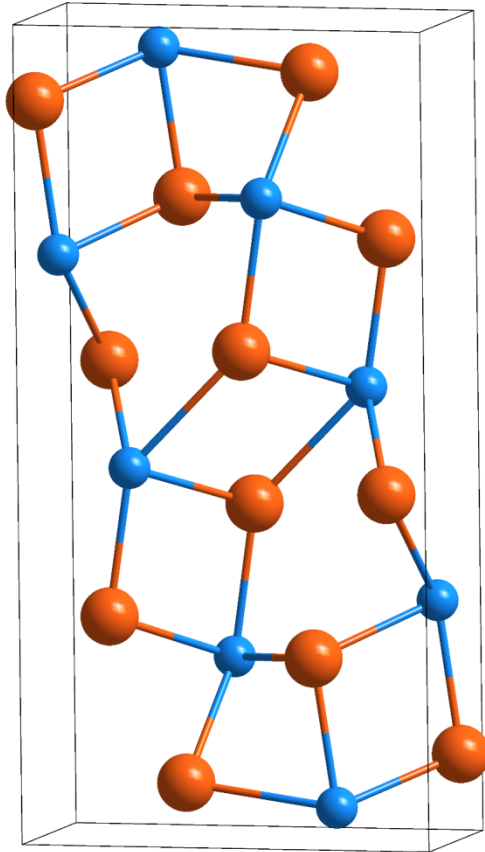


Figure 1. (a) XRD pattern of the sample measured after heating at 43.2 GPa. The diffraction peaks, which are labeled with the Miller indices, correspond to marcasite-type rhodium nitride, RhN₂. Other peaks are due to the residual rhodium metal¹⁰ and solid nitrogen.¹¹ (b) XRD pattern of the unheated region. N₂ represents the solid nitrogen with a rhombohedral structure.¹¹ (c) Simulated XRD pattern of marcasite-type RhN₂ at 43.2 GPa together with a schematic illustration of the crystal structure for marcasite-type RhN₂. Large and small balls represent rhodium and nitrogen atoms, respectively. The lattice constants and atomic positional parameters were taken from the present results and from the theoretical calculation study,⁸ respectively.



Novel iron nitrides

Fe_3N_2 ~50 GPa 1900(100) K



Structure type of Cr_3C_2

Pnma

$a = 5.4227(6) \text{ \AA}$

$b = 2.6153(3) \text{ \AA}$

$c = 10.590(11) \text{ \AA}$

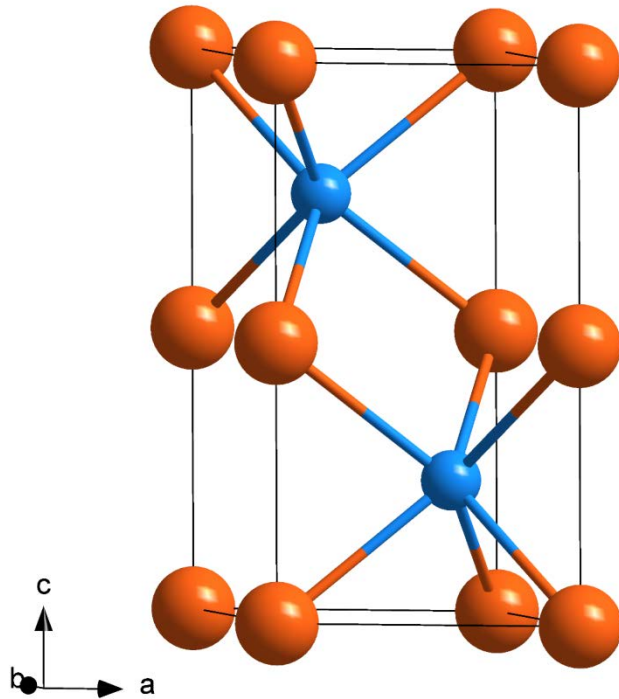
$R_1 = 3.1\%$

Bykov et al. Nat. Comm. (2018)

Novel iron nitrides

B8-type FeN

50 GPa



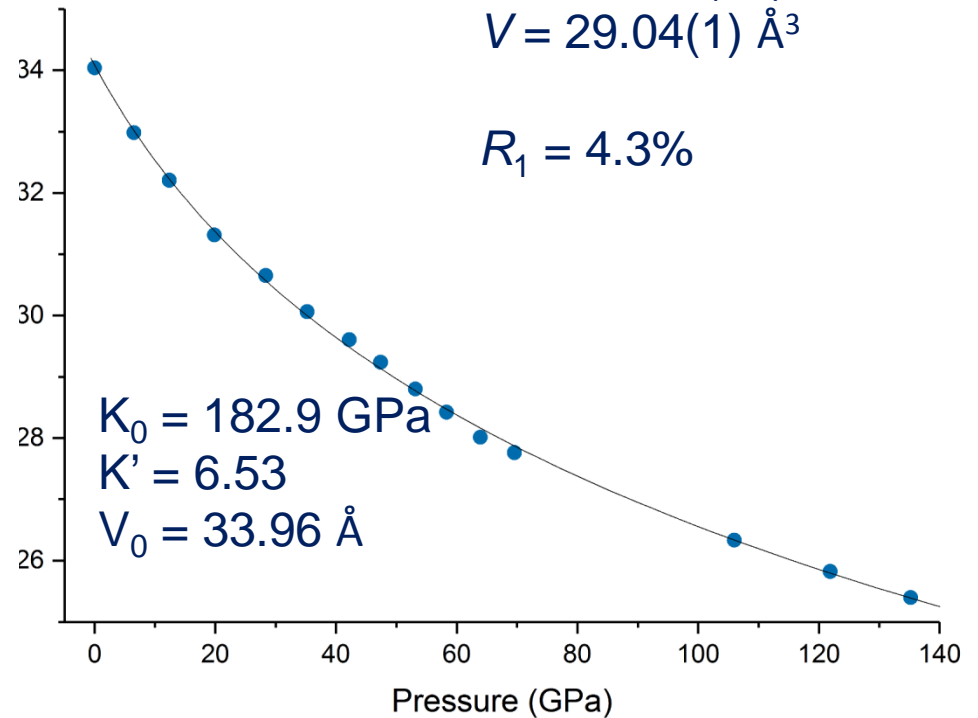
$P6_3/mmc$

$a = 2.6392(4) \text{ \AA}$

$c = 4.8142(15) \text{ \AA}$

$V = 29.04(1) \text{ \AA}^3$

$R_1 = 4.3\%$



Clark et al. Angew. Chemie Int. Ed. (2017)

June 19, 2019

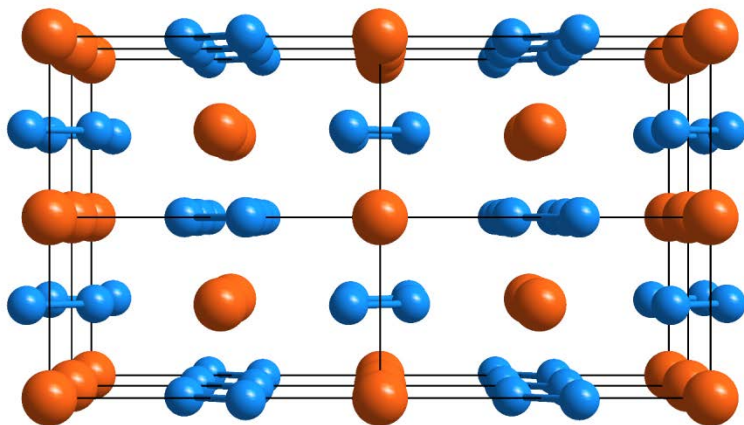
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Novel iron nitrides

Marcasite-type FeN_2

~58 GPa



a
c

Bykov et al. Nat. Comm. (2018)

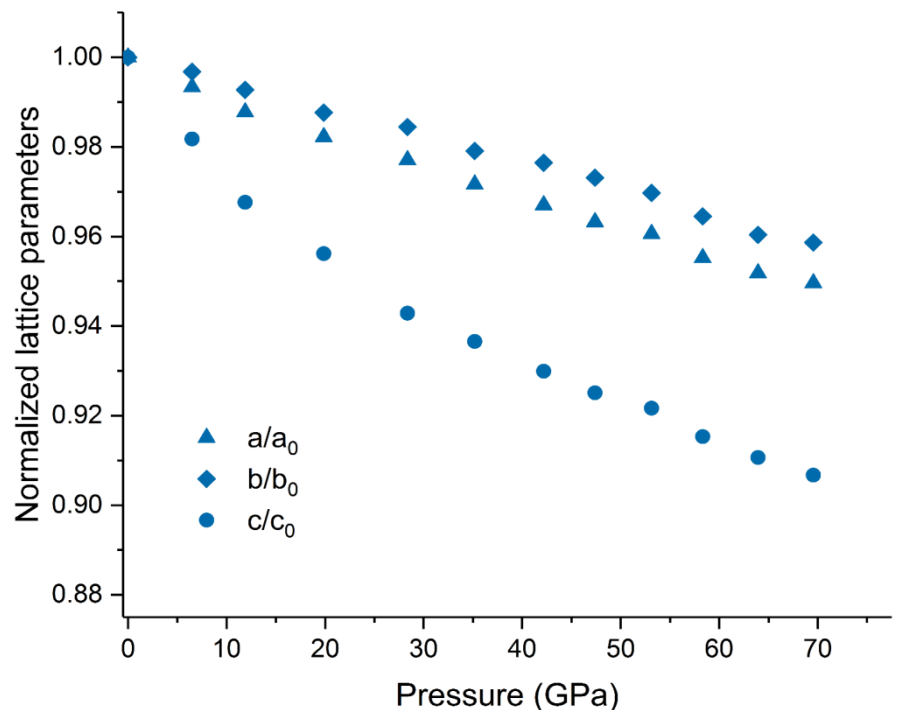
$K_0 = 270 \text{ GPa}$, Ti^{4+}N_2 : $K_0 = 360 \text{ GPa}$
 $K' = 3.4$ Ir^{4+}N_2 : $K_0 = 428 \text{ GPa}$
 $V_0 = 47.32 \text{ \AA}^3$

Young et al. PRL 2006
Bhadram et al. Chem Mater. 2016

$Pn\bar{m}$

$a = 4.4308 \text{ \AA}$ $b = 3.7218 \text{ \AA}$ $c = 2.4213 \text{ \AA}$
 $R_1 = 5.7\%$

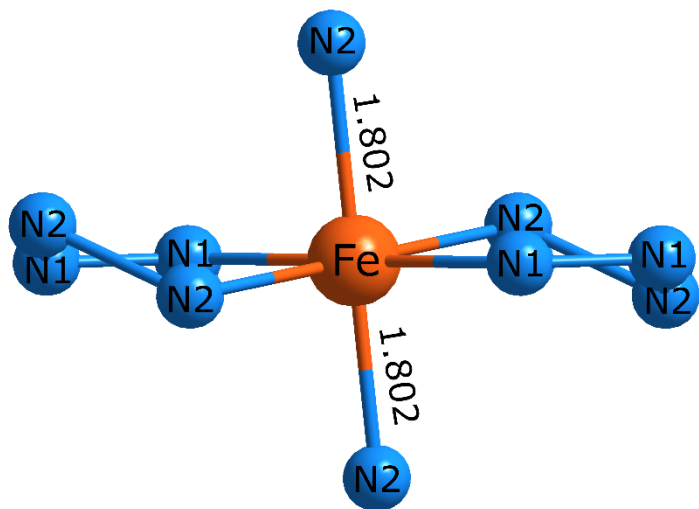
$d(\text{N-N}) = 1.317 \text{ \AA}$ at 60 GPa



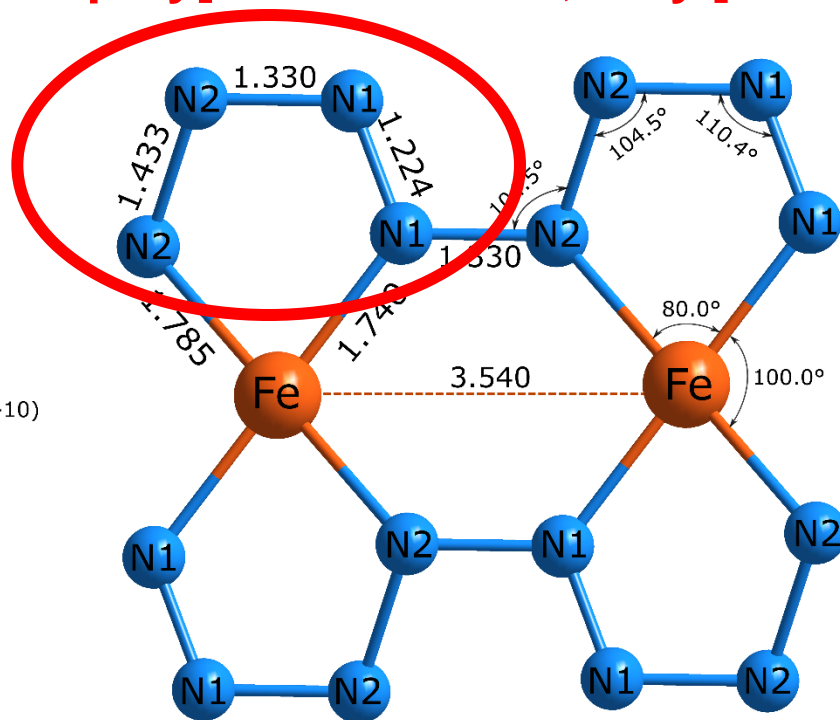
Novel iron nitrides



135 GPa, 2700(200) K



catena-poly[tetraz-1-ene-1,4-diyl] anions



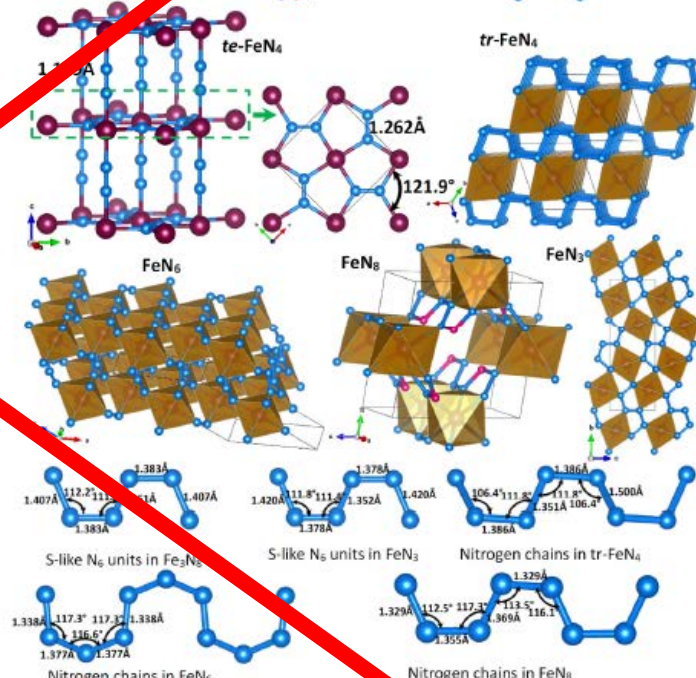
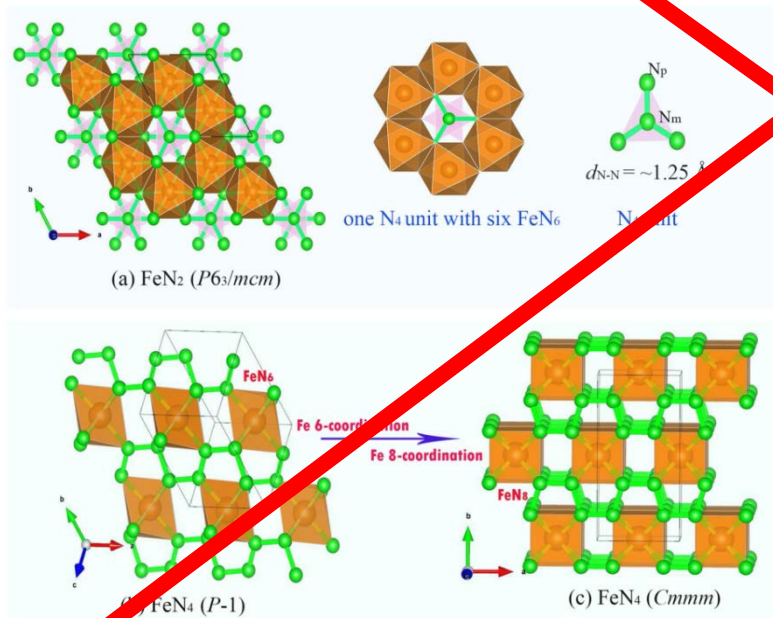
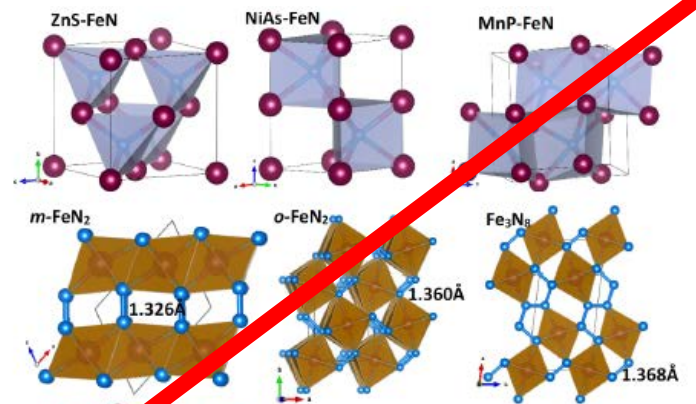
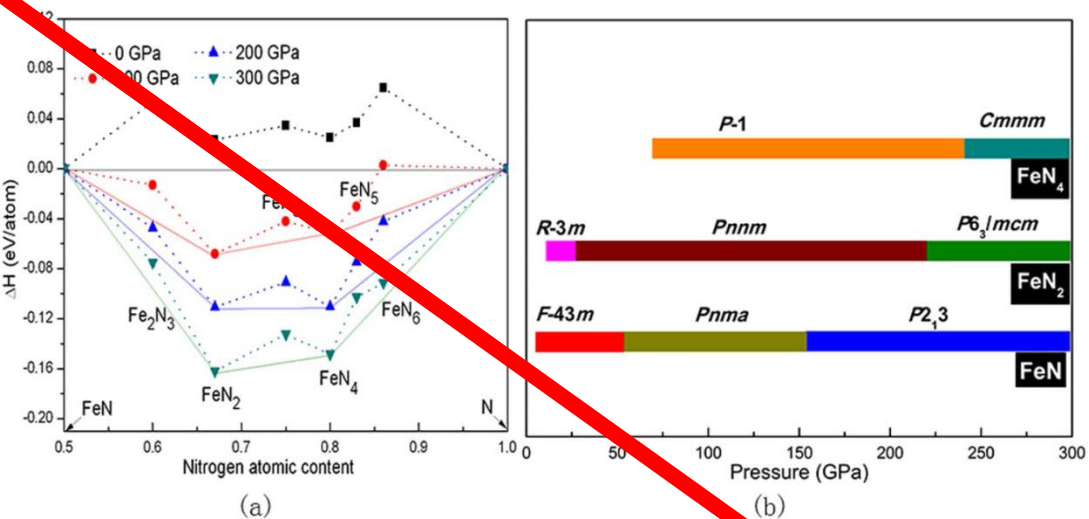
P-1

$a = 2.5079(5)$, $b = 3.5270(14)$, $c = 3.5402(6)$ Å
 $\alpha = 105.08(2)$, $\beta = 110.231(16)$, $\gamma = 92.05(2)^\circ$

$R_1 = 7.2\%$

Bykov et al. *Nat. Comm.* (2018)

FeN₄ – nitride with polymeric nitrogen chains



Chen et al, 10.1038/s41598-018-29038-w

Wu et al., 10.1021/acs.chemmater.8b02972

Synthesis and crystal structure of $\text{ReN}_8 \cdot x\text{N}_2$

Synthesized at 106 GPa and 2700 K

Space group *Immm*

Structure at 135 GPa:

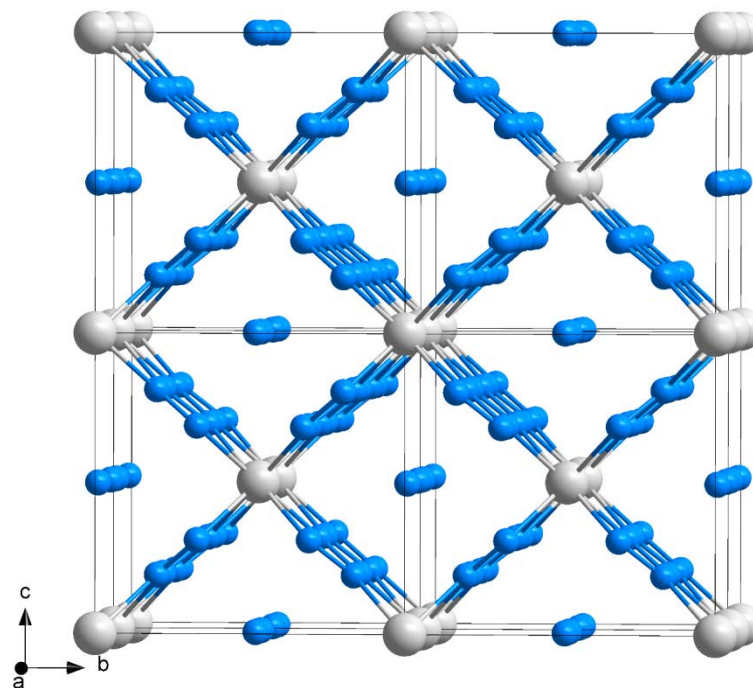
$a = 3.4475(7) \text{ \AA}$

$b = 6.491(11) \text{ \AA}$

$c = 6.048(3) \text{ \AA}$

$R_1 = 6.8\%$

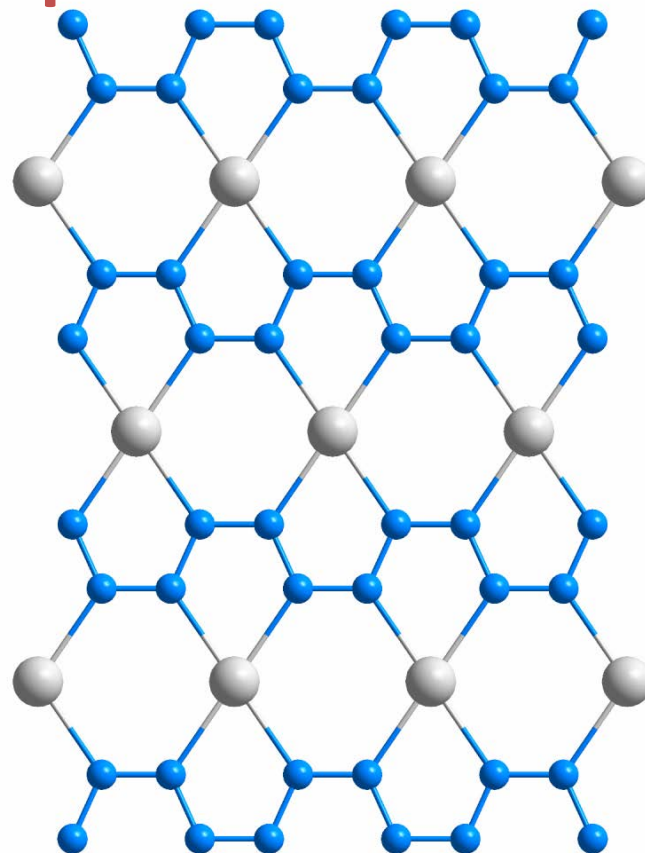
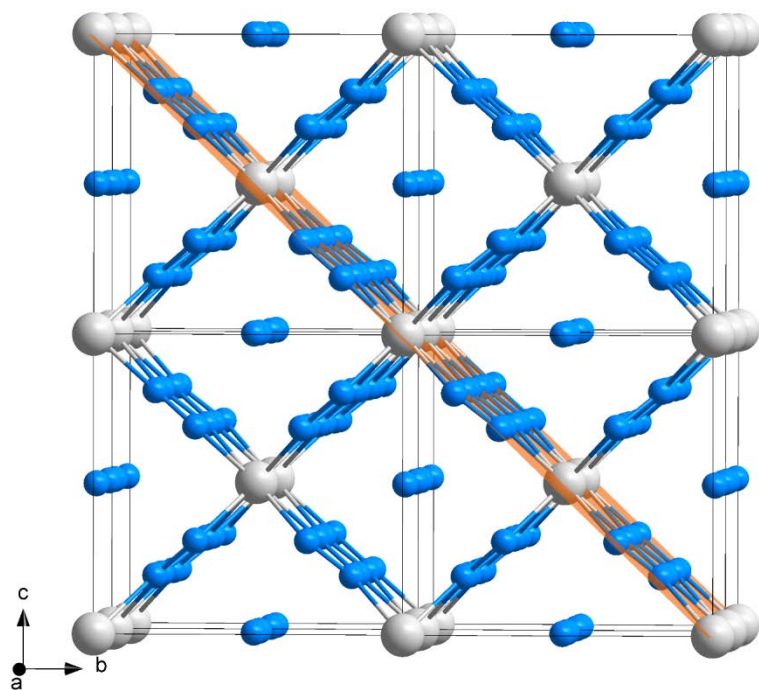
Chemical formula $\text{ReN}_8 \cdot 0.7\text{N}_2$



M. Bykov et al. Angewandte Chemie (2018)

Synthesis and crystal structure of $\text{ReN}_8 \cdot x\text{N}_2$

A high-pressure inclusion compound

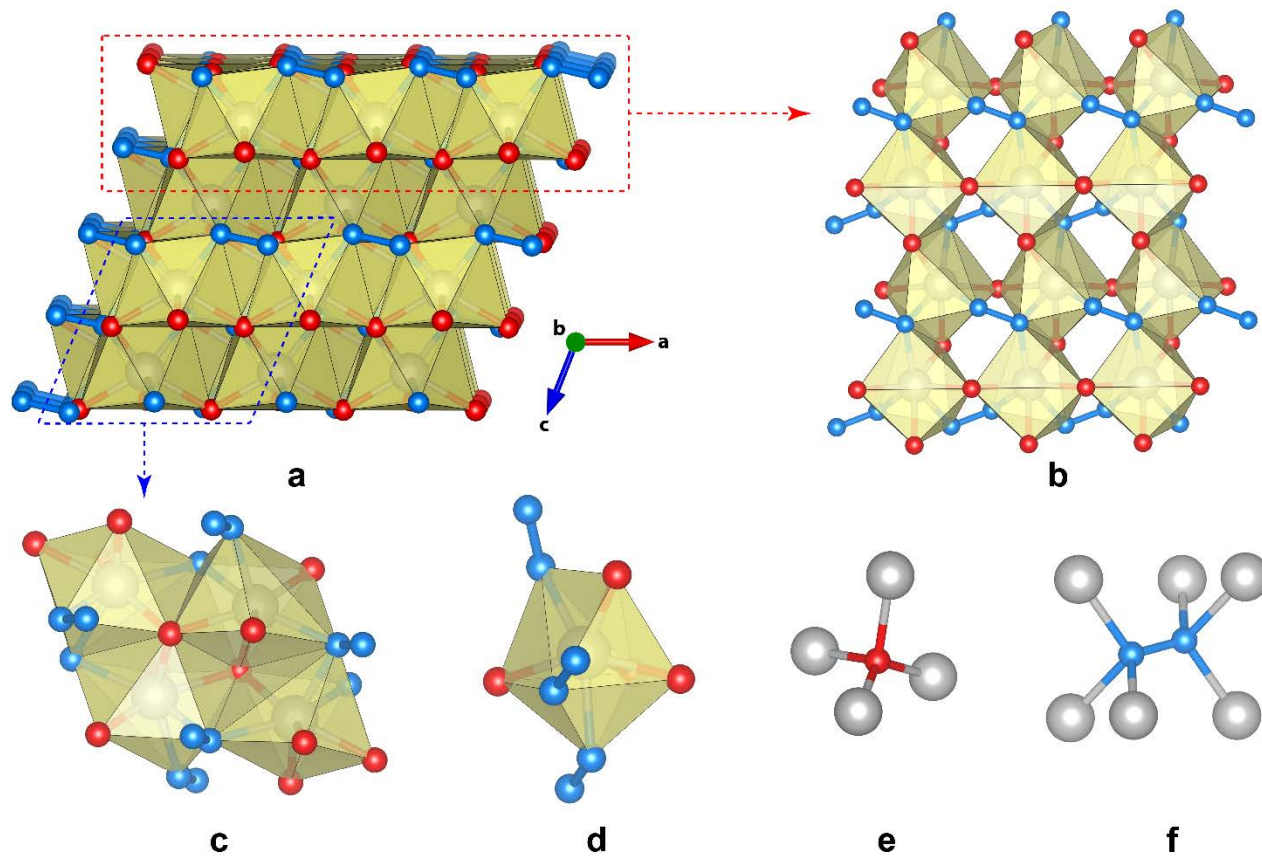


Polydiazenediyl $[-\text{N}=\text{N}-]_{\infty}$

Plane (0 1 1)

M. Bykov et al. Angewandte Chemie (2018)

Rhenium nitride pernitride $\text{Re}_2(\text{N}_2)\text{N}_2$ stable at ambient conditions



Re atoms – gray, N1 atoms – blue,
N2 atoms – red.

Space group $P2_1/c$ (No. 14)

$a = 3.6254(17)$

$b = 6.407(7)$

$c = 4.948(3) \text{ \AA}$

$\beta = 111.48(6)^\circ$.

(a) The projection of the crystal structure along the b -axis. ,
(b, c) Fragments of the crystal structure of ReN_2 showing how ReN_7 polyhedra are connected with each other.

(d) Separate ReN_7 coordination polyhedron.

(e) Coordination of N2 atoms.

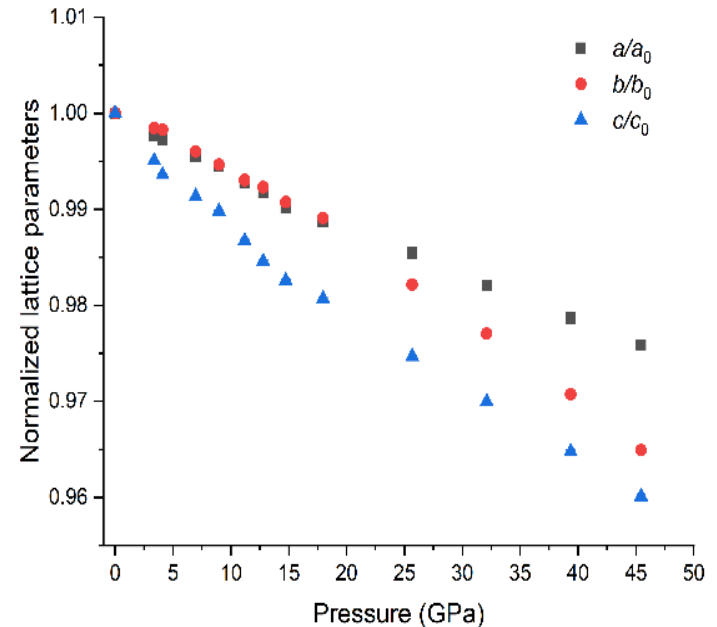
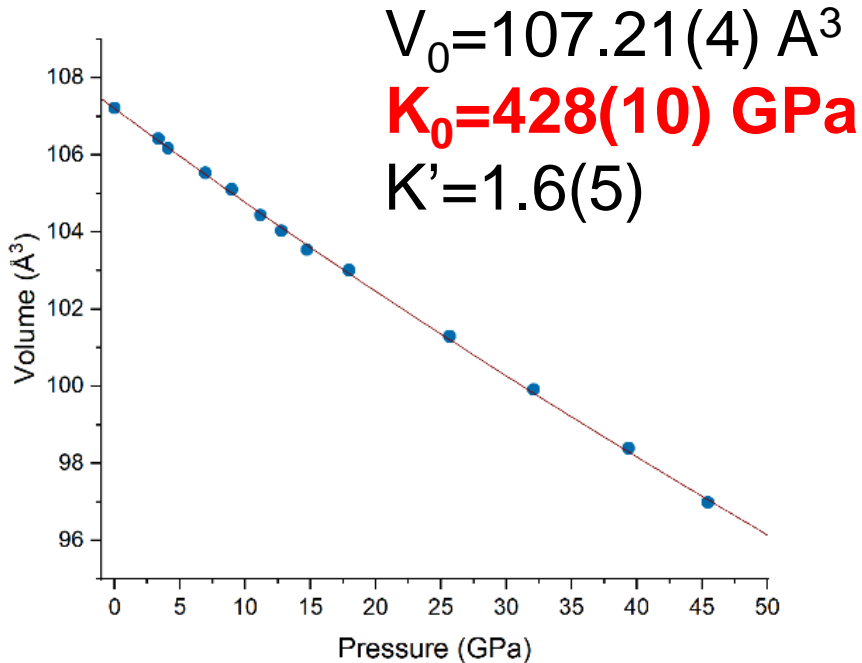
(f) Coordination of N1-N1 dumbbells.

Bykov et al. (2019), Nat Comm, accepted

<https://arxiv.org/ftp/arxiv/papers/1902/1902.09249.pdf>

Physical properties of $\text{Re}_2(\text{N}_2)\text{N}_2$

Ultraincompressible and superhard



Pressure-dependence of the unit-cell volume and normalized lattice parameters of ReN_2

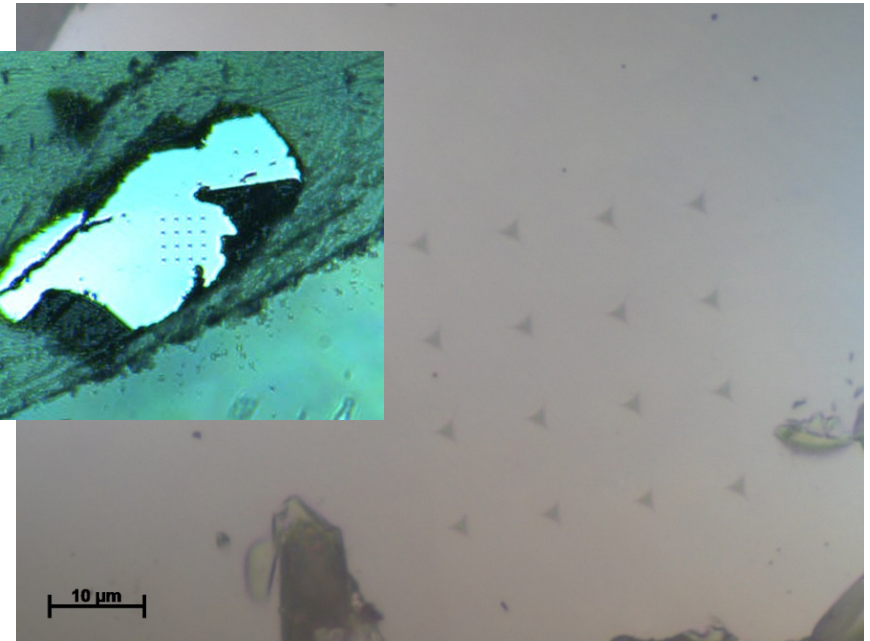
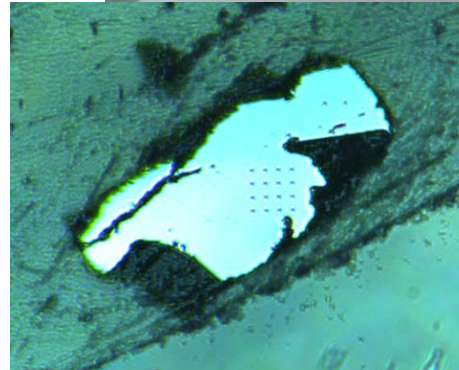
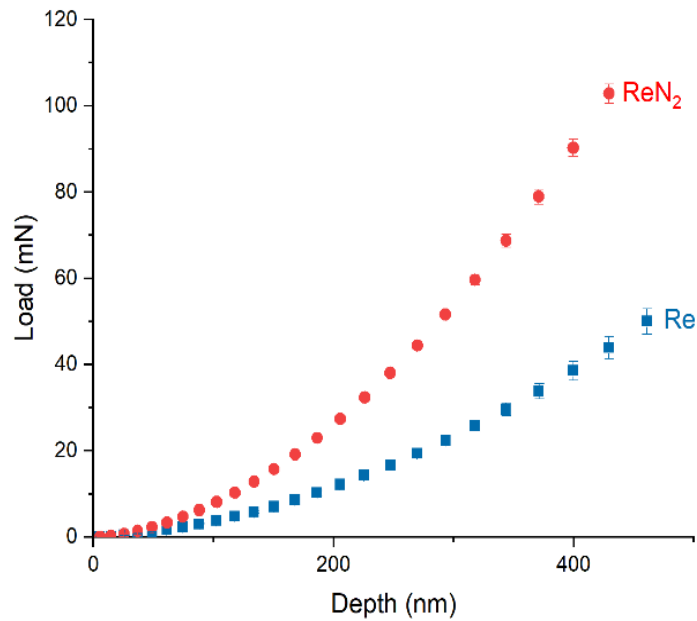
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Nanoindentation on Re and ReN₂

Ultraincompressible and superhard

Hardness **36.7(8) GPa**



Averaged indentation load-displacement data.

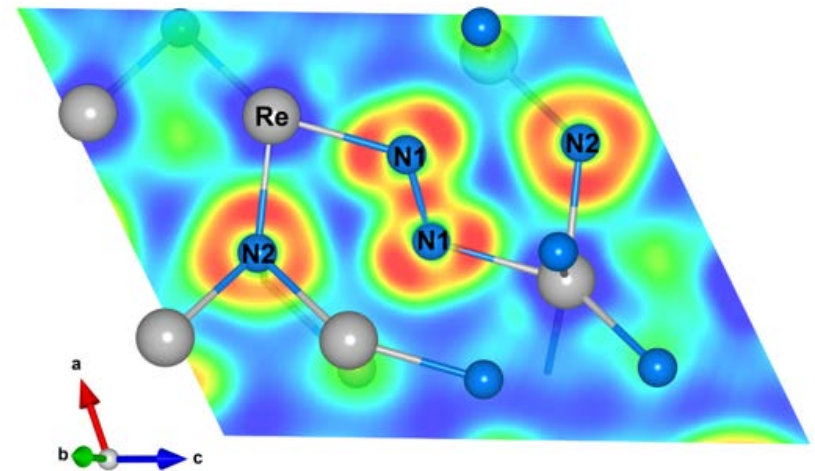
Nanoindenter G200 platform (KLA-Tencor, Milpitas, CA, USA), equipped with a Berkovich diamond tip (Synton MDP, Nidau, Switzerland) and featuring the continuous stiffness based method (CSM)

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Phonon and electronic structure calculations for ReN_2

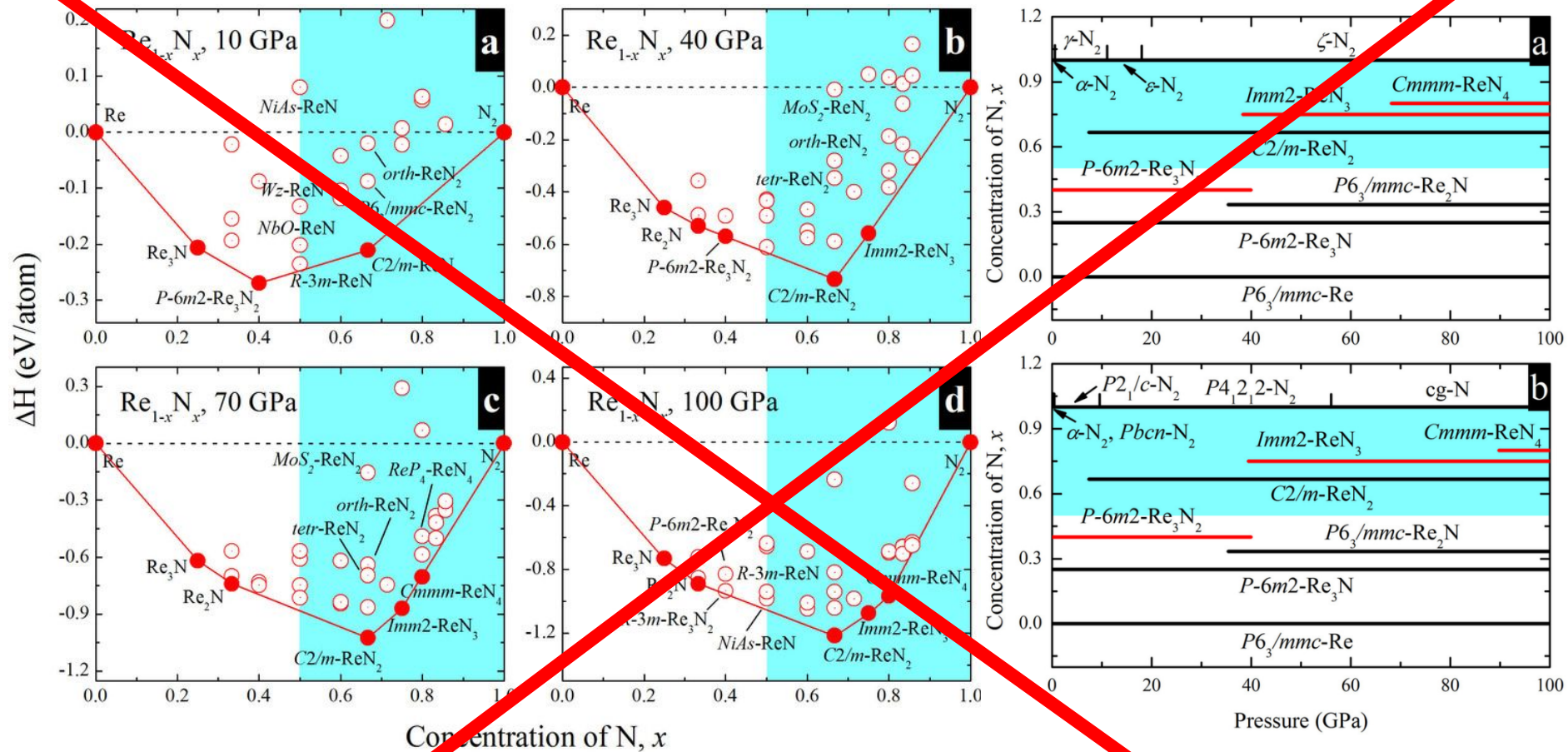
- Pernitride N1-N1 unit (N_2^{4-} anion)
- Different electronic properties of N2
- Metallic nature of the material



electron localization function

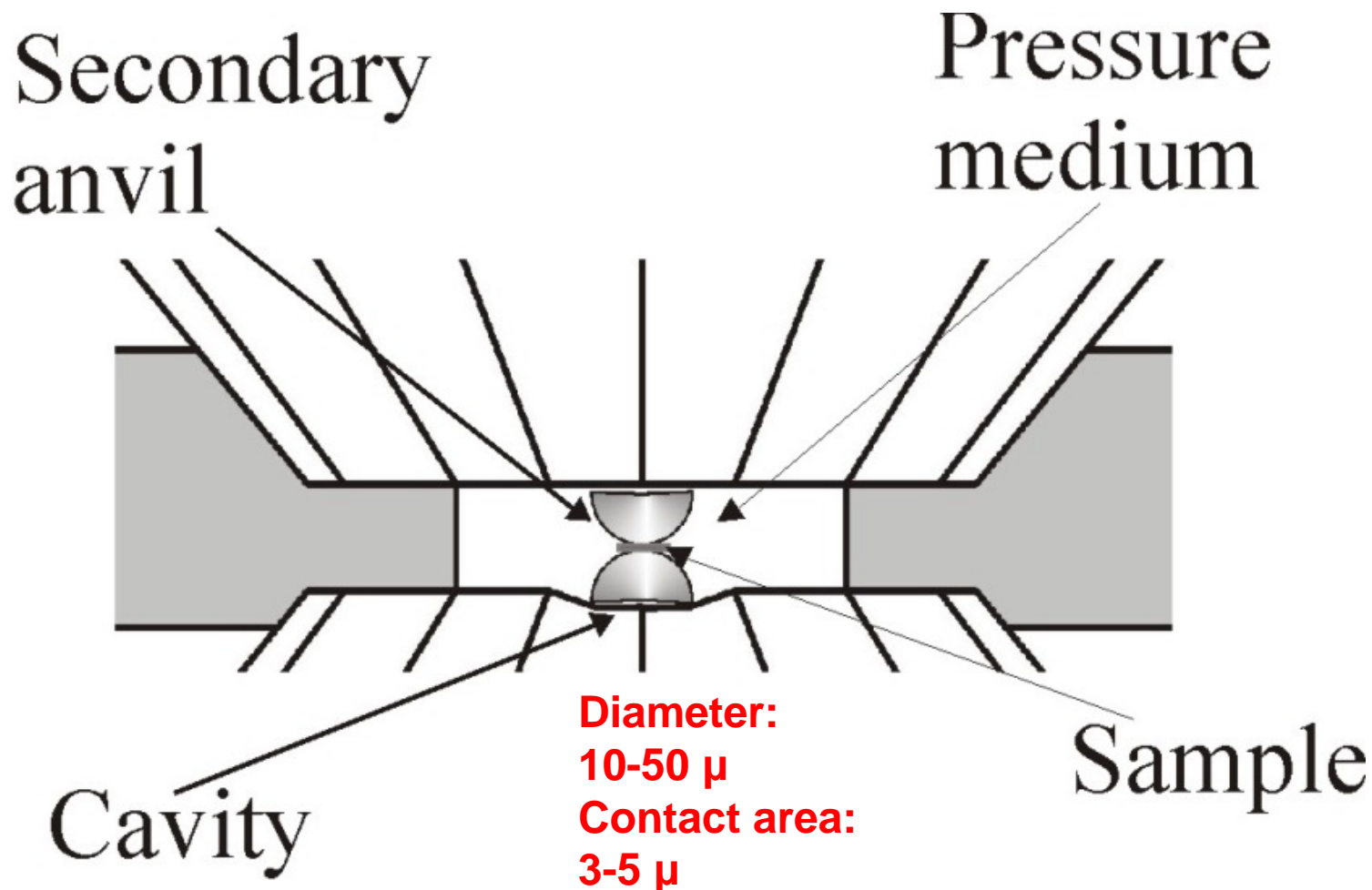
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Zhao et al., 10.1038/srep04797

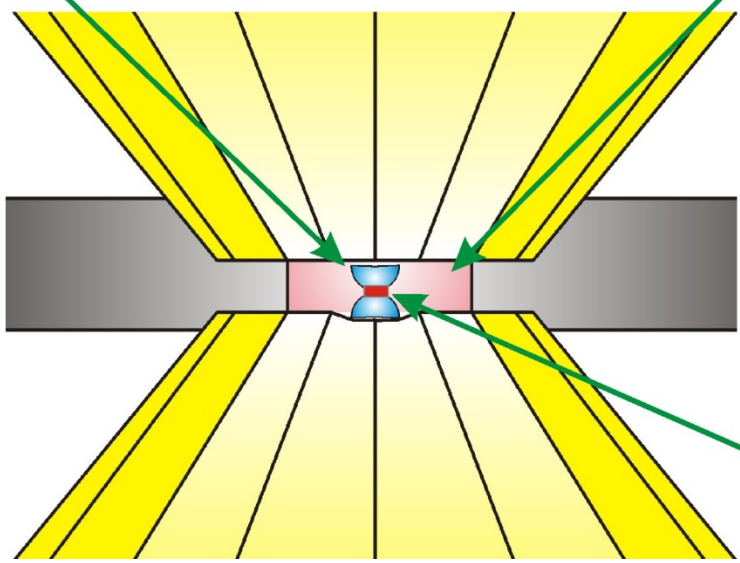
Double-stage DAC (dsDAC)



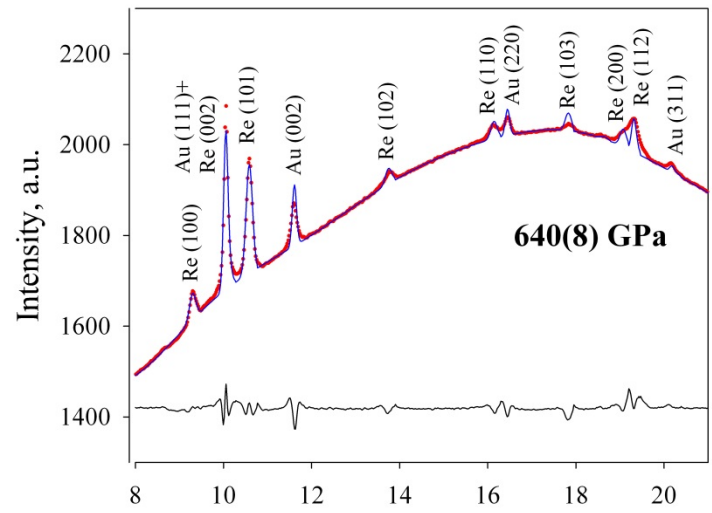
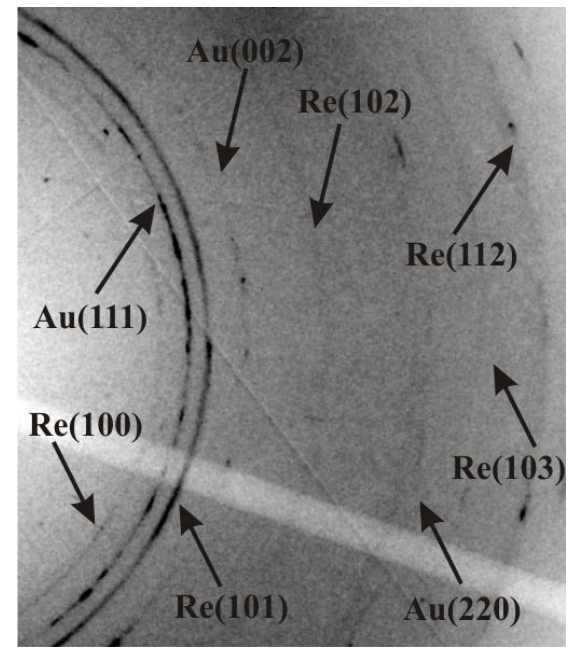
Dubrovinsky et al. Nature Comm. 2012

Secondary anvil

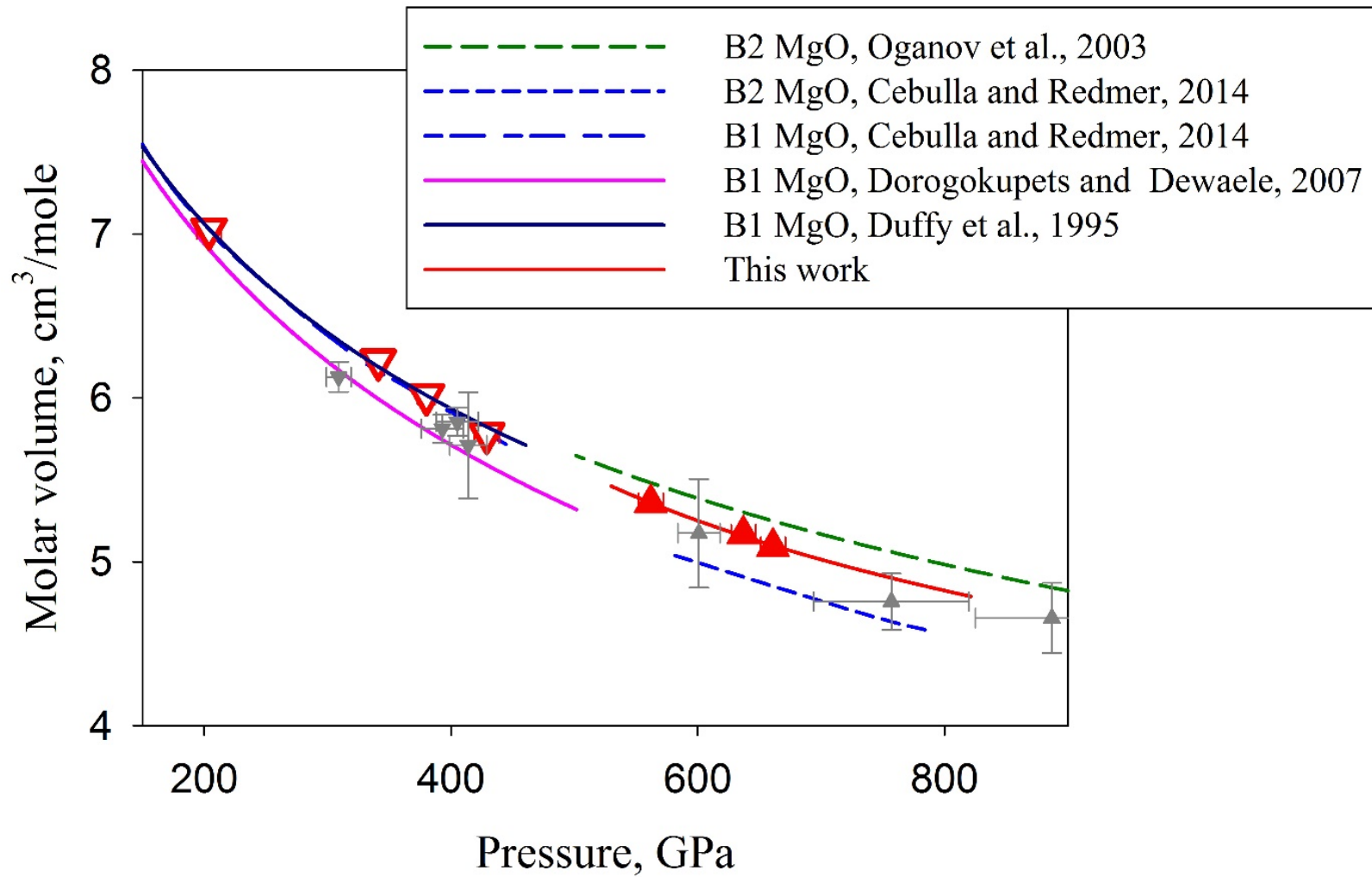
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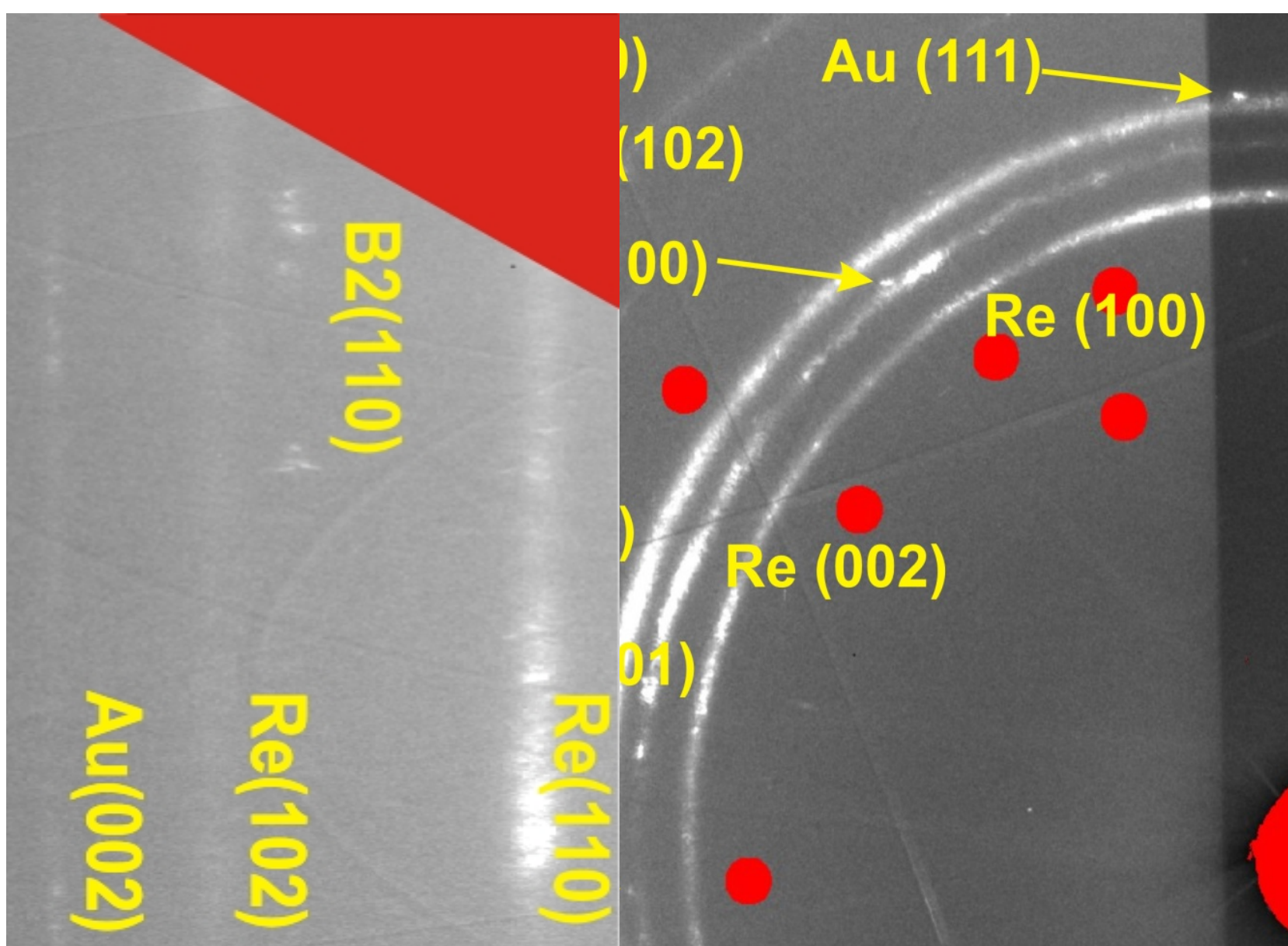


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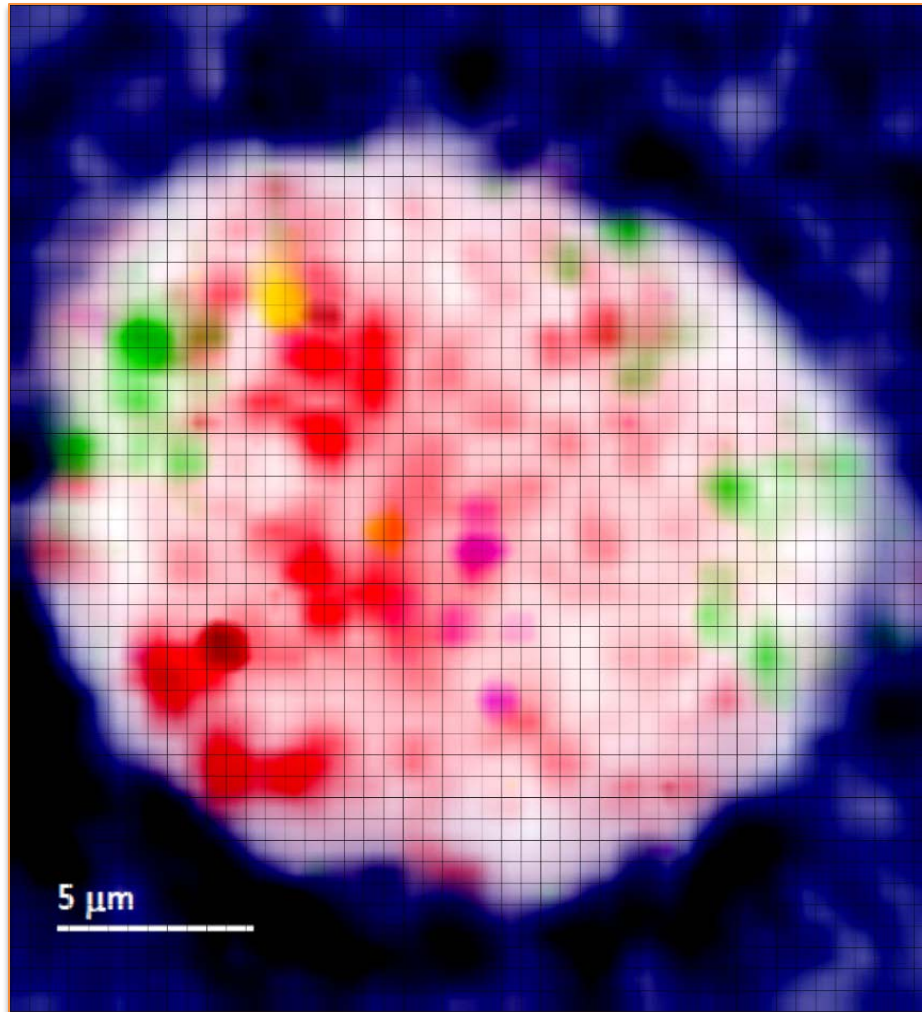
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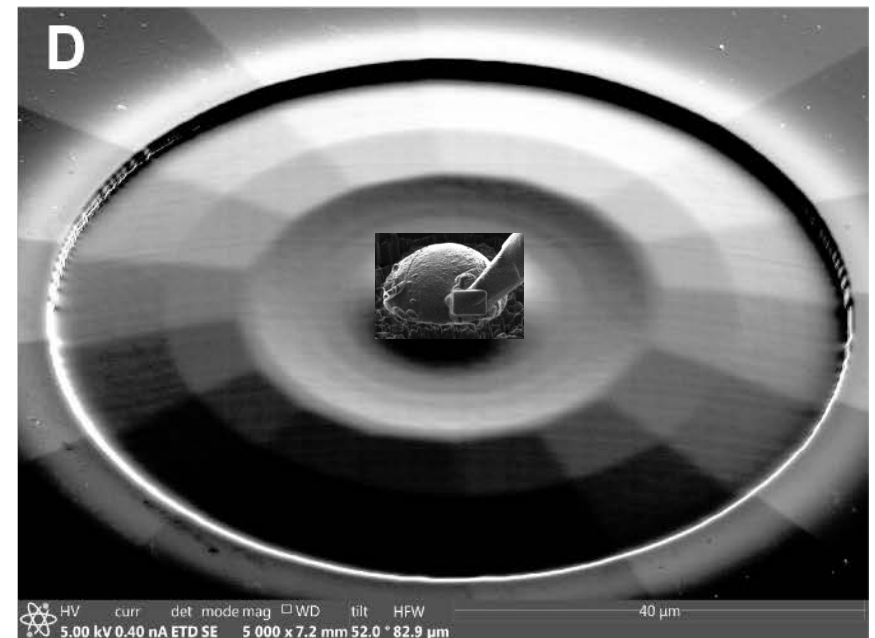
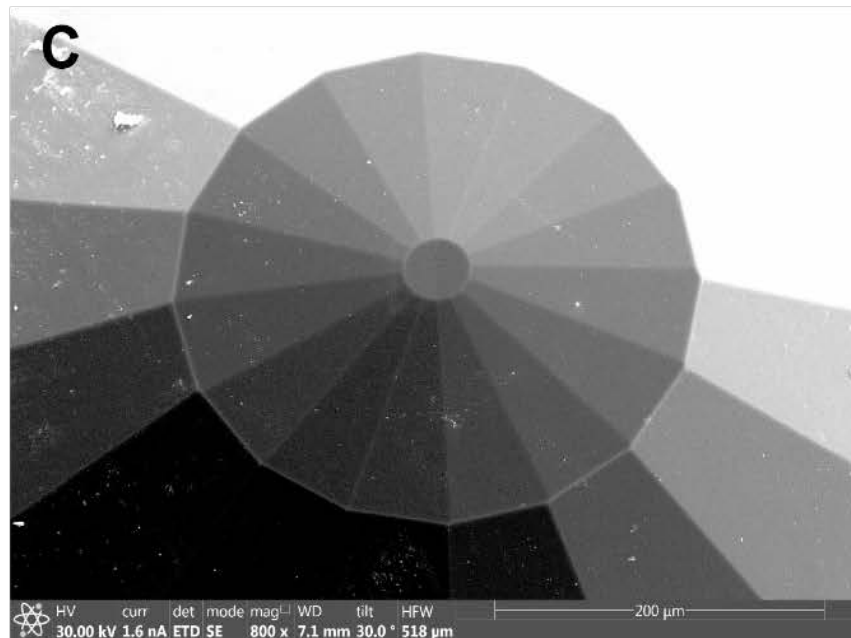
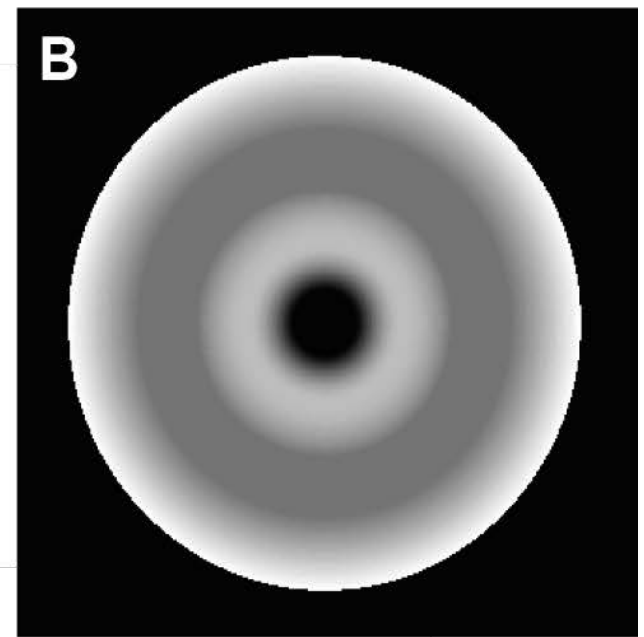
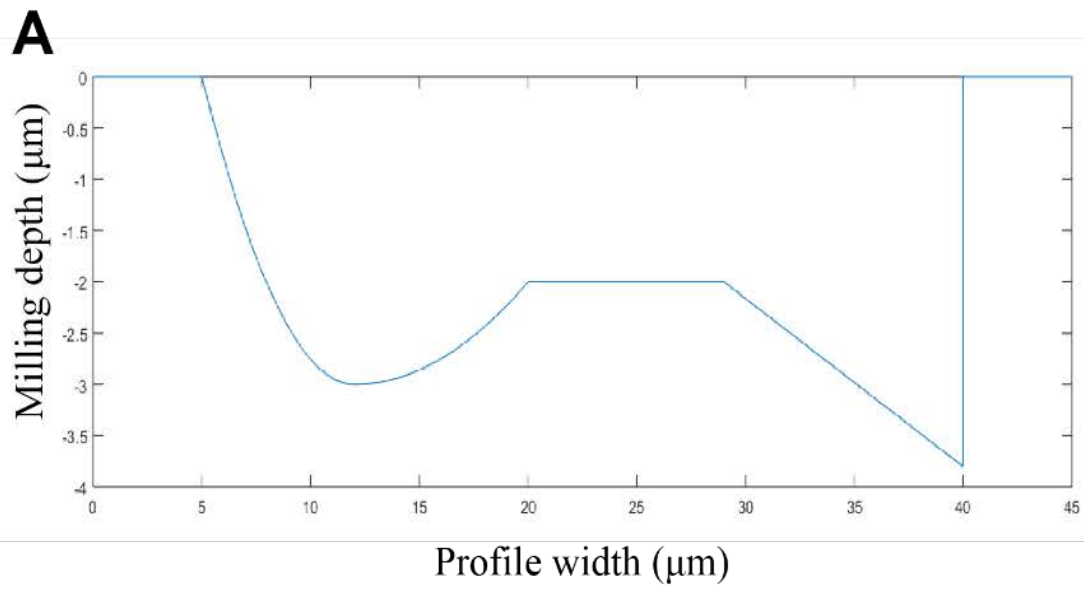


Dubrovinskaia et al., B1-B2 phase transition in MgO at ultra-high static pressure, PRX, revised

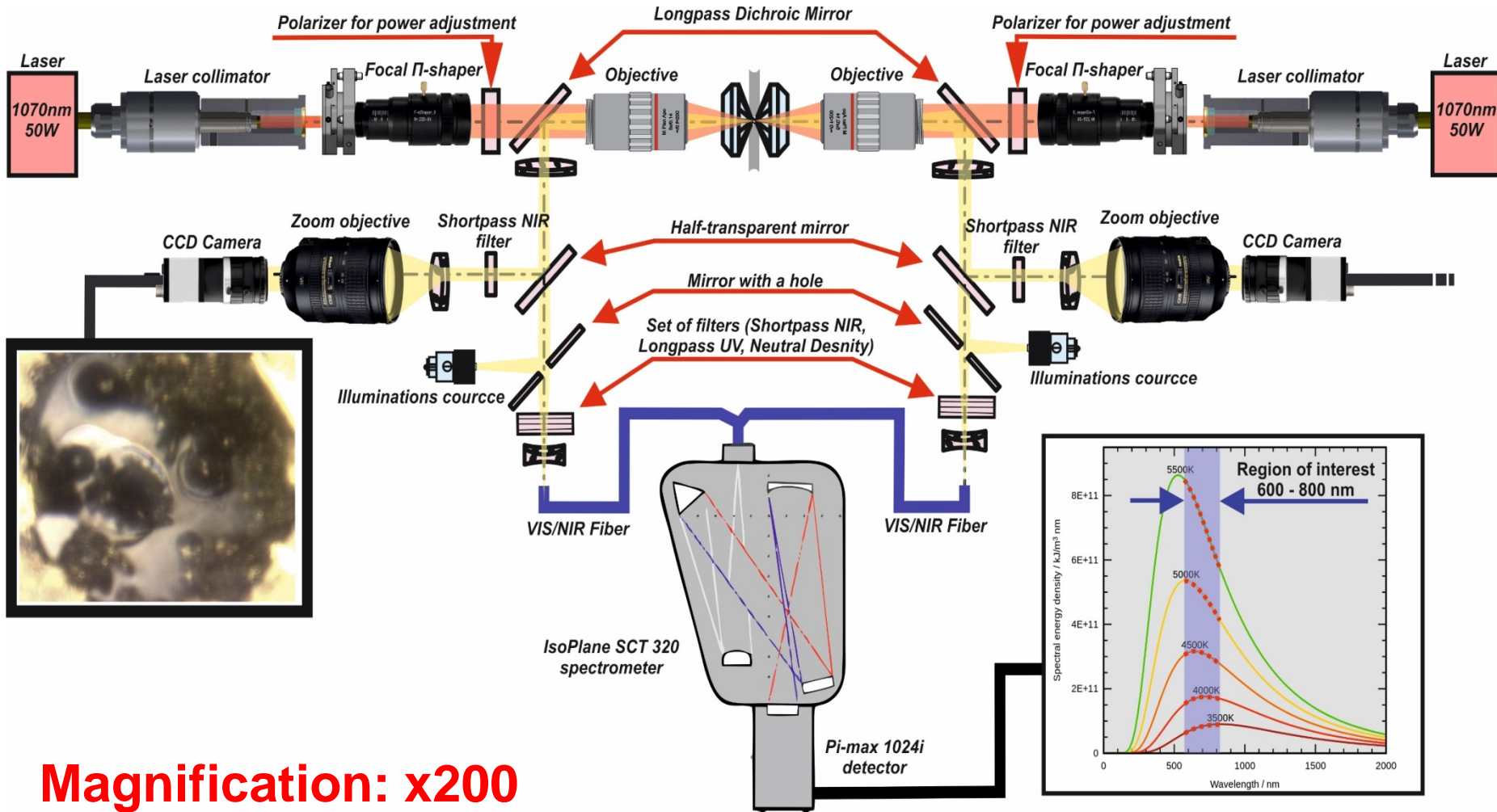
Distribution of several iron oxides in DAC at 215 GPa



- Re
- PPv-Fe₂O₃
- Fe₃O₄ (CaTi₂O₄-type)
- Fe₃O₄ (CaFe₂O₄-type)
- Fe₁₃O₁₉
- Fe₇O₁₂

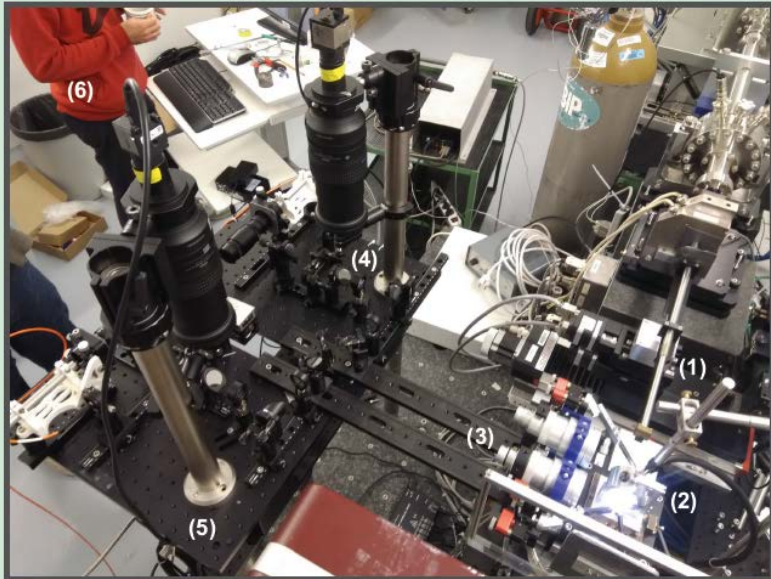


New LH setup design



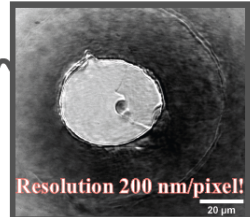
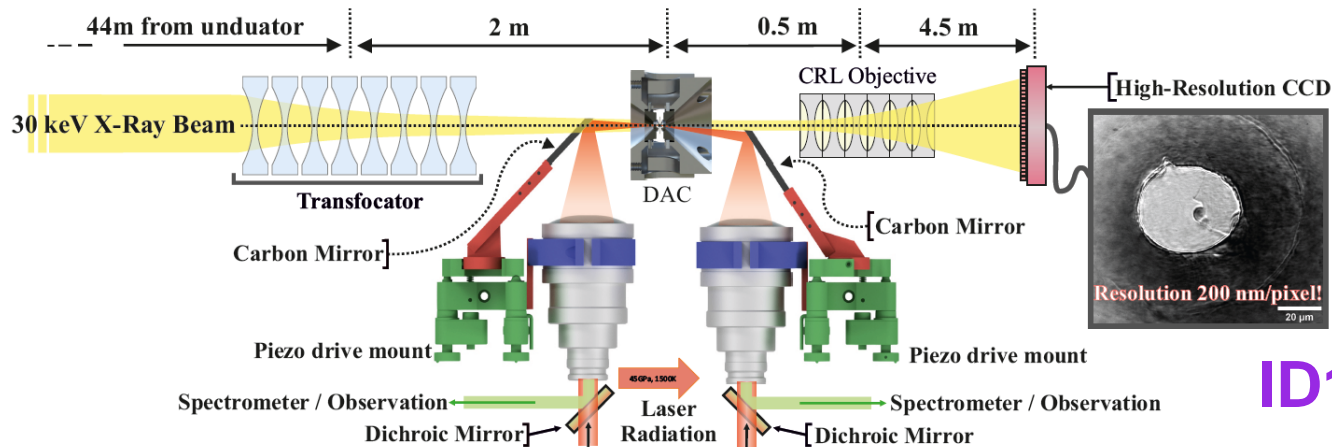
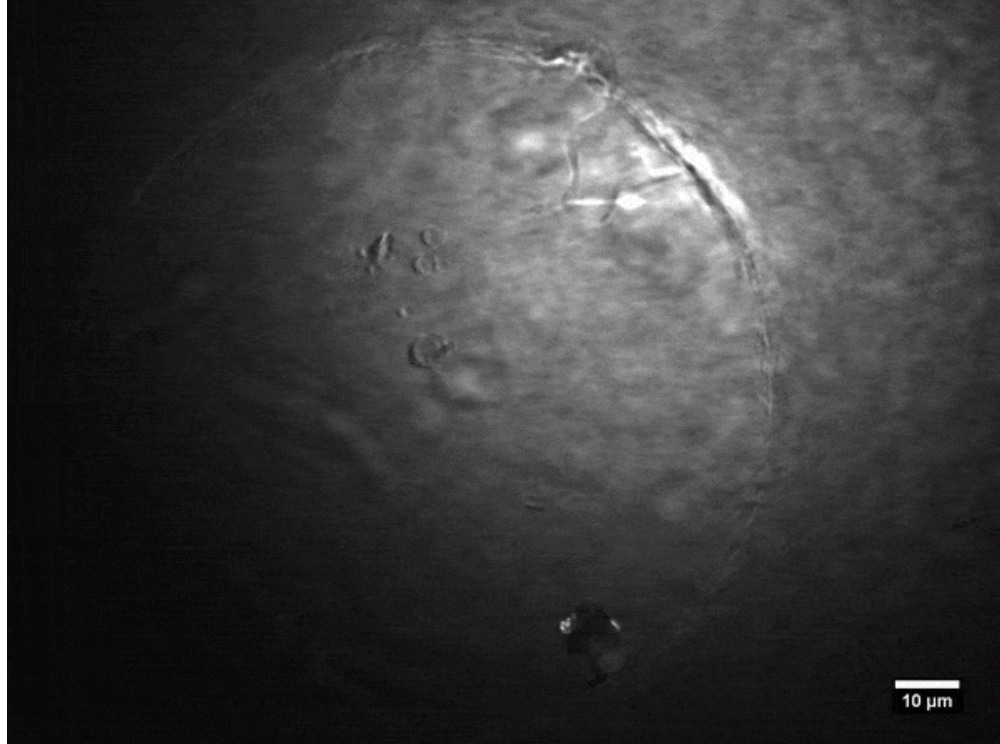
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(1) X-Ray Pinhole; (2) DAC; (3) Focusing and Targeting optics;
 (4) Upstream LH part; (5) Downstream LH part; (6) Egor Koemets (just a nice guy)

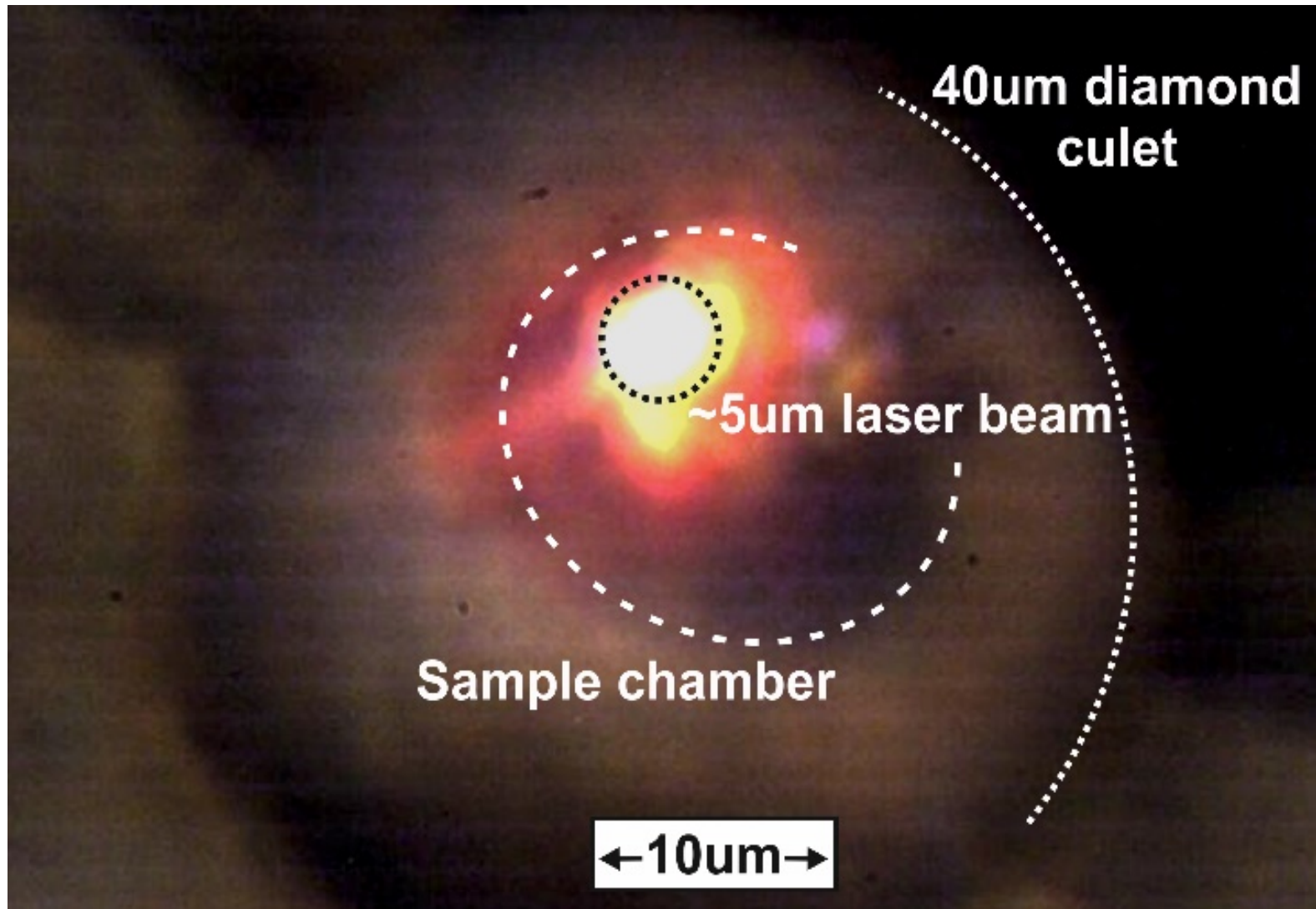
LD008/ Pt + H₂O / 18GPa / LH + rotation



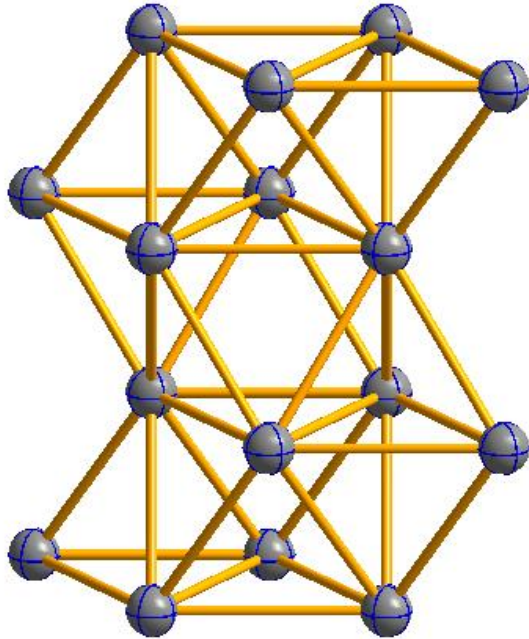
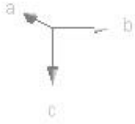
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Heating of Re-N in dsDAC



903(10) GPa (Anzellini et al., 2014)
1155(10) GPa (Dubrovinsky et al., 2012)



^p **Re**

P6₃/mmc

$a=2.2556(4) \text{ \AA}$

$c=3.6127(4) \text{ \AA}$

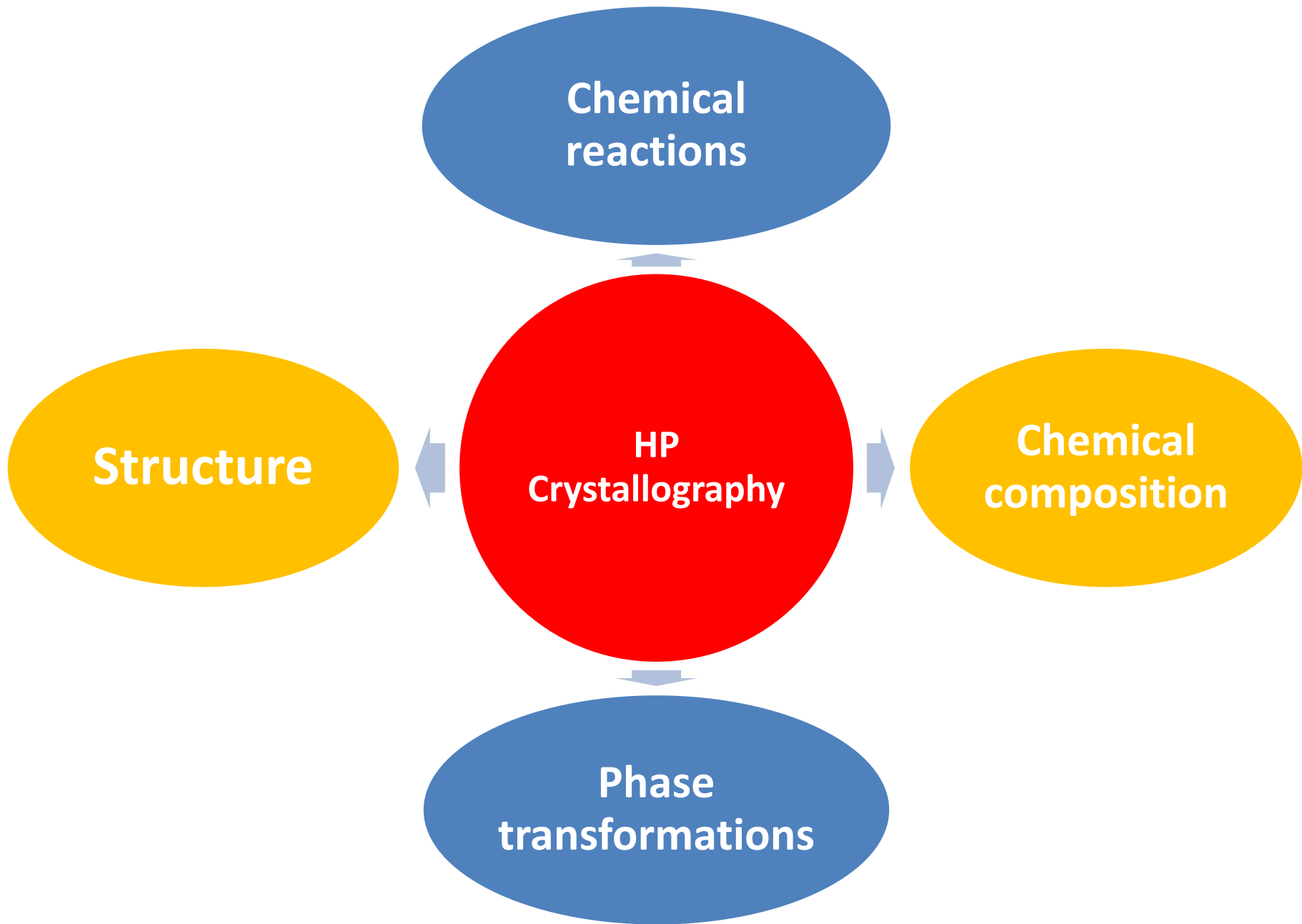
$V=15.92(2) \text{ \AA}^3$

$Z=2$

75 reflections

$R_{int}=5.6\%$

$R_1=6.2\%$



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