

*Energy Frontier Research in
Extreme Environment (EFree)*

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OUTLINE

- DOE-EFRC
 - Introduction of EFree
 - Extreme properties:
 - Nano XRD
 - Superconducting Si_2H_6
 - Highest H compound
 - Highest T_c element – Ca
 - Lowest melting T – Li
 - Bi2223 superconductor
 - Widest bandgap – He
 - Recoverable examples:
- PIA of nano Y_2O_3
 - Mesoporous diamond
 - Ce_3Al alloy
 - Perfect glass – long-range topological order
 - Mesoporous diamonds
 - Mesoporous quartz
- Summary

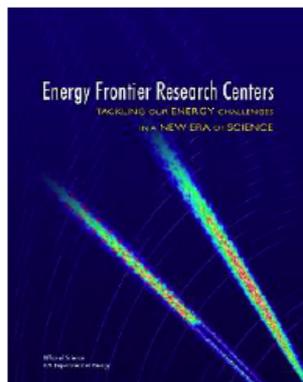
The Size of the Energy Challenge





Energy Frontier Research Centers

Tackling Our Energy Challenges in a New Era of Science



“To harness the most basic and advanced discovery research in a concerted effort to establish the scientific foundation for a fundamentally new U.S. energy economy. The outcome will decisively enhance U.S. energy security and protect the global environment in the century ahead.”

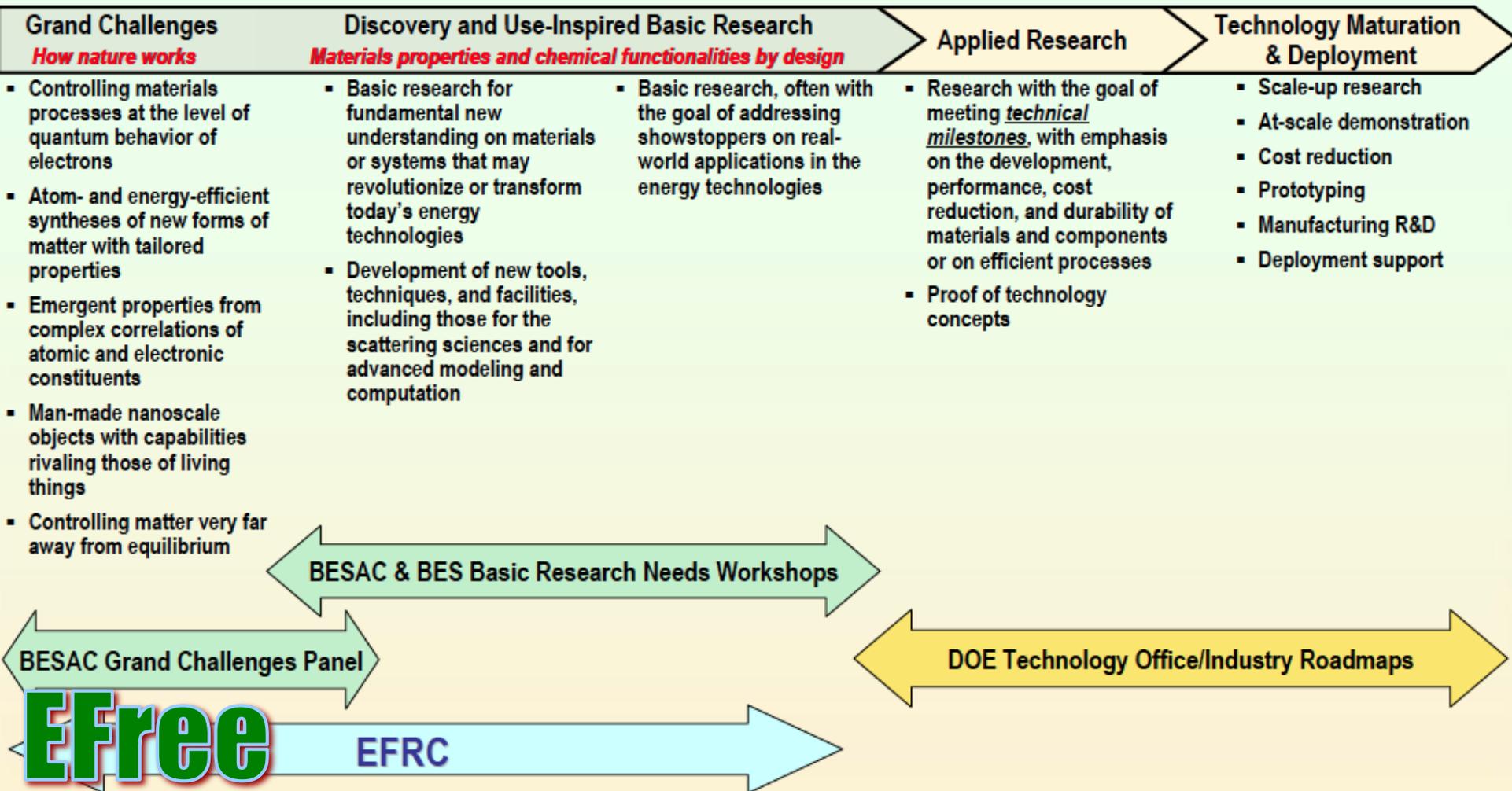
Key characteristics:

- To engage the talents of the nation’s researchers for the broad energy sciences
- To accelerate the scientific breakthroughs needed to create advanced energy technologies for the 21st century
- To pursue the fundamental understanding necessary to meet the global need for abundant, clean, and economical energy

Be Bold, Imaginative, and Impactful!

Basic and Applied Research Integration

How Nature Works ... Design and Control ... Technologies for the 21st Century

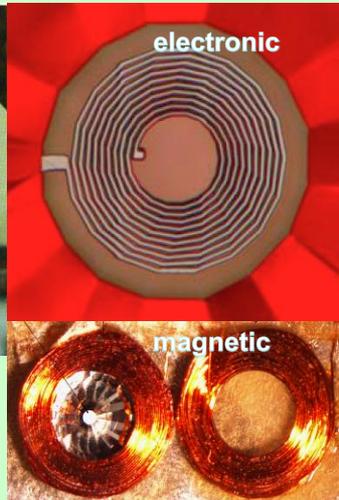
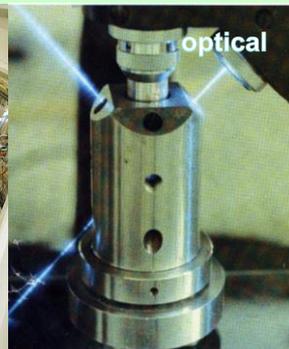
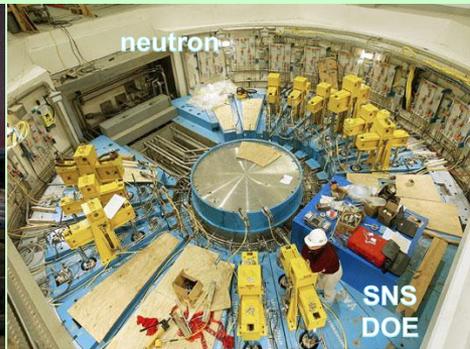


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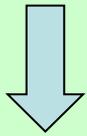
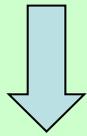


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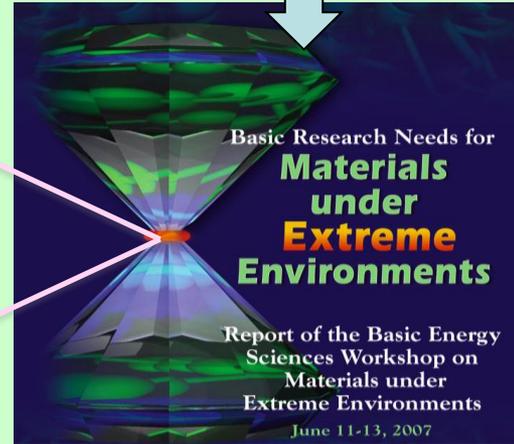
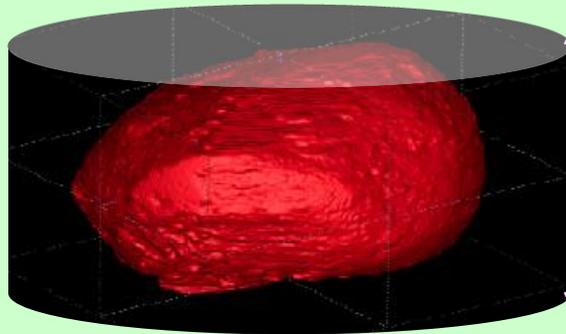
- *nearly unexplored*
- *> ten times unknown materials*
- *novel physics and chemistry*
- *extremely favorable properties for energy applications*



cutting-edge probes



novel
materials



novel
phenomena

Recovery for transformative energy applications



Energy Frontier Research in Extreme Environments

How is EFree distinct from other high-pressure programs?

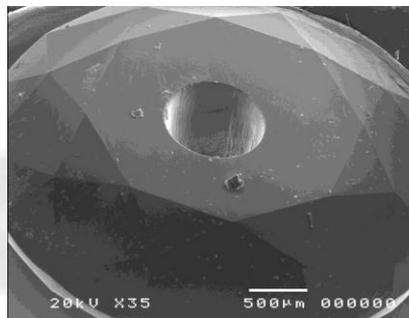
- *unprecedented team works for
the energy cause*
- *unprecedented advances of the
enabling high-pressure
technology*

Goals:

- Higher pressures
- High-low temperatures
- Larger sample volume
- Probing Accessibility
- Easier operation

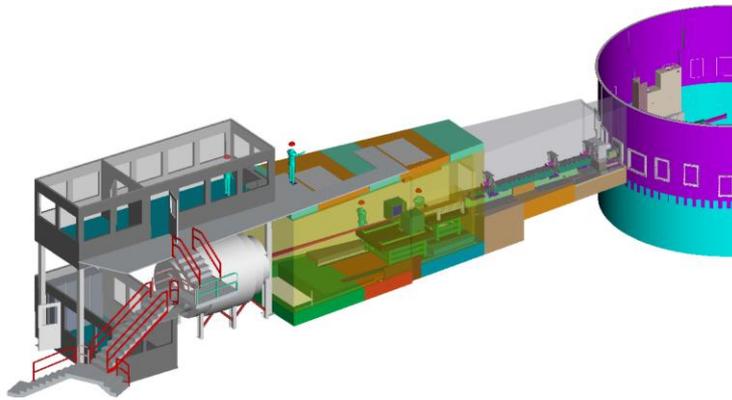
Equipment

- Eximer laser and FIB to shape diamond anvils
- CVD diamond anvils
- Radically different designs:
plate DAC, cross DAC



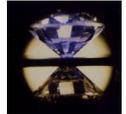
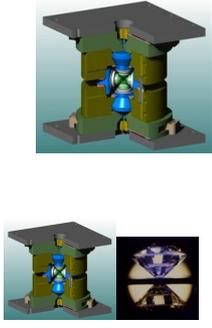
Enabled HP research on:
Hydrogen rich materials
Superconductors
Magnetic ordering
Amorphous structures
Light elements

Establishing HP-IDT at SNS-JIN
EFree is a resident user at SNS,
with a staff and PDs/students
SNS matches with full equipment
and 50-50 PD/student



Synchrotron for HP

Synchrotron Radiation

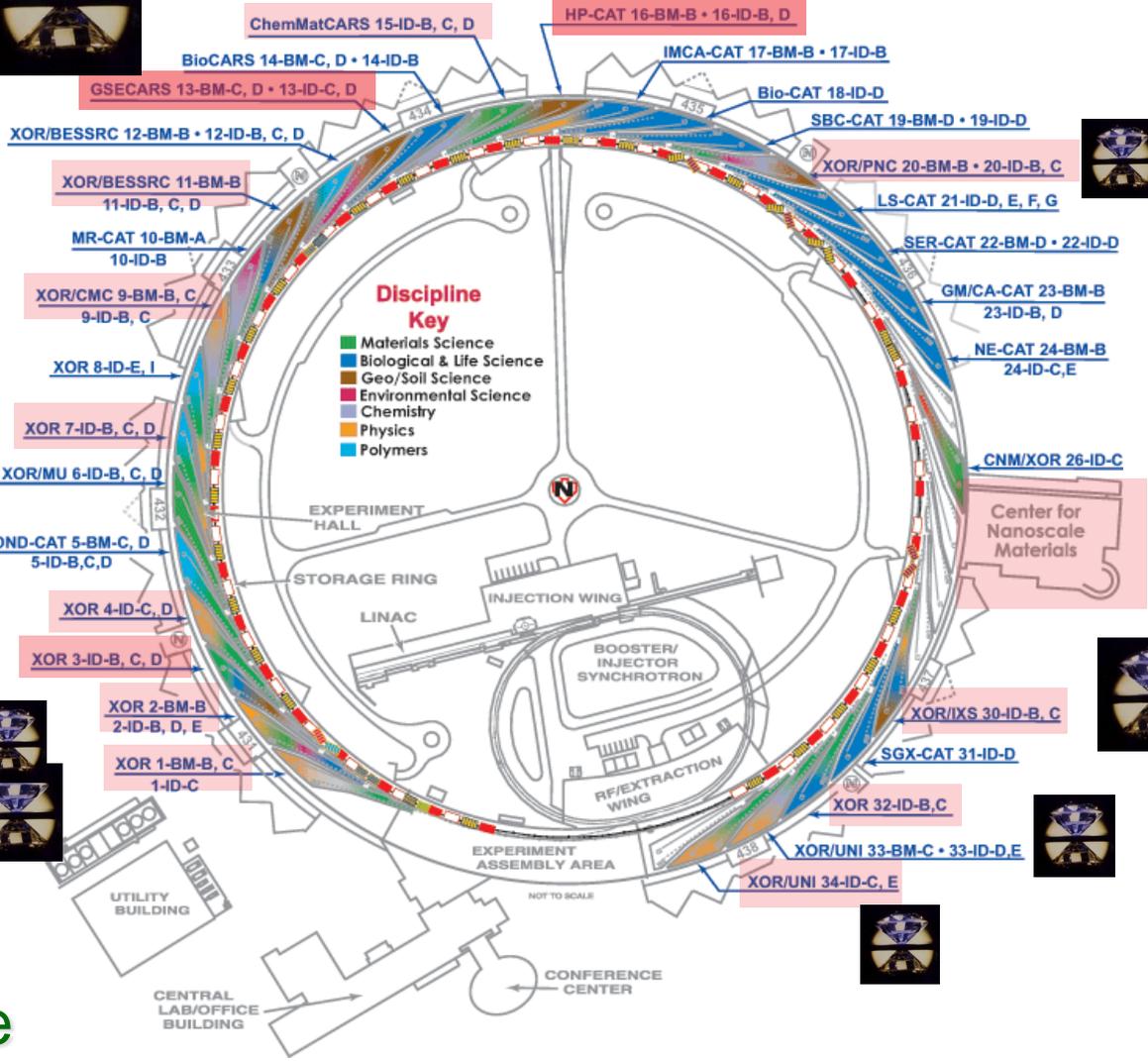


HP Beamlines
-HPCAT
Guoyin Shen
-GSECARS
are two most
Productive sectors

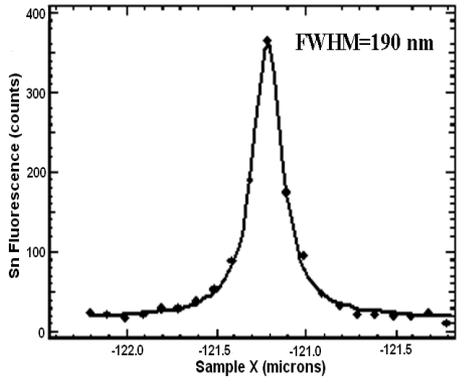
HP Experiments at
more than 13 other
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EFree supported
HPSynch enables
novel HP-SR science

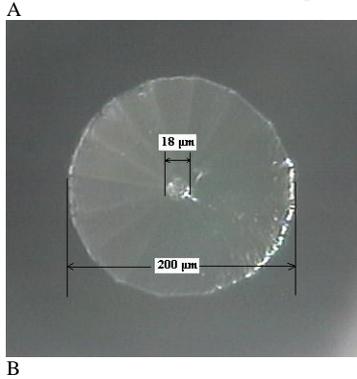
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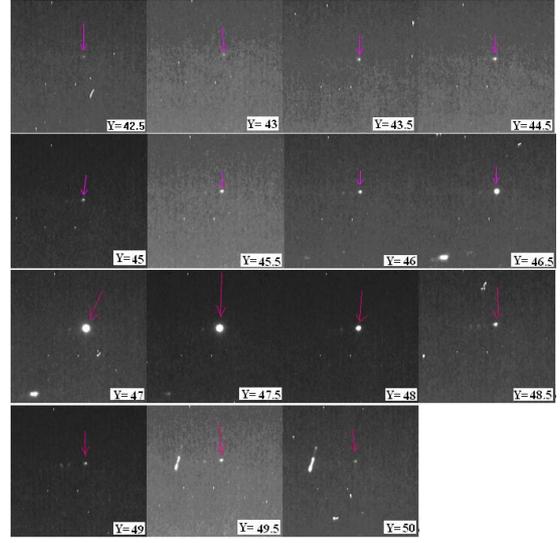
Lin Wang et al., *PNAS*
107, 6140 (2010)



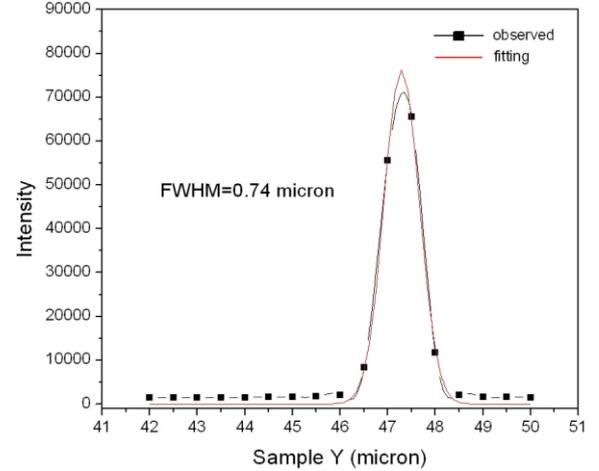
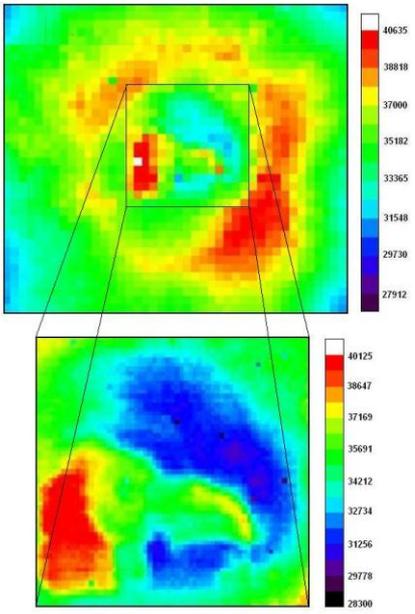
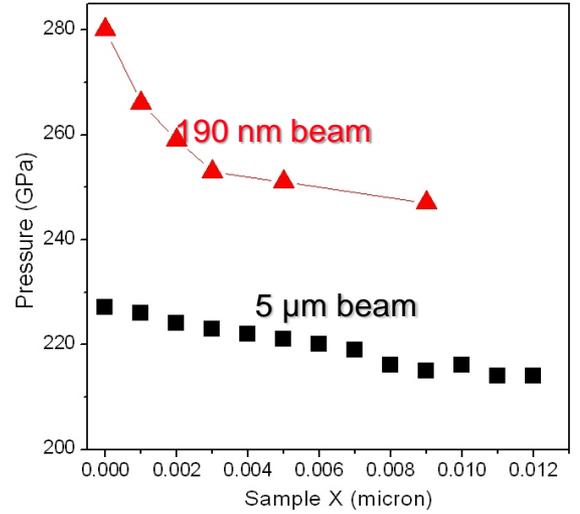
Separate submicron Pt, Re, Fe samples



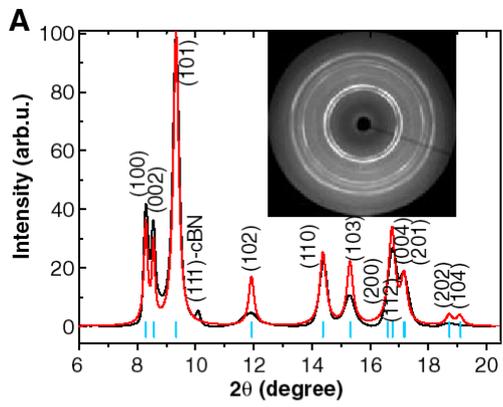
Conduct single-crystal XRD on submicron powder



Observe 20 GPa/ μm *P* gradient & peak-pressure in 1- μm area

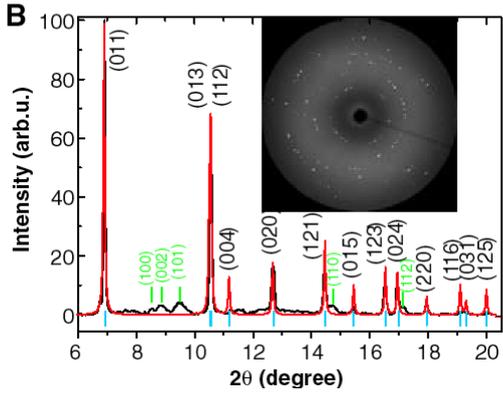
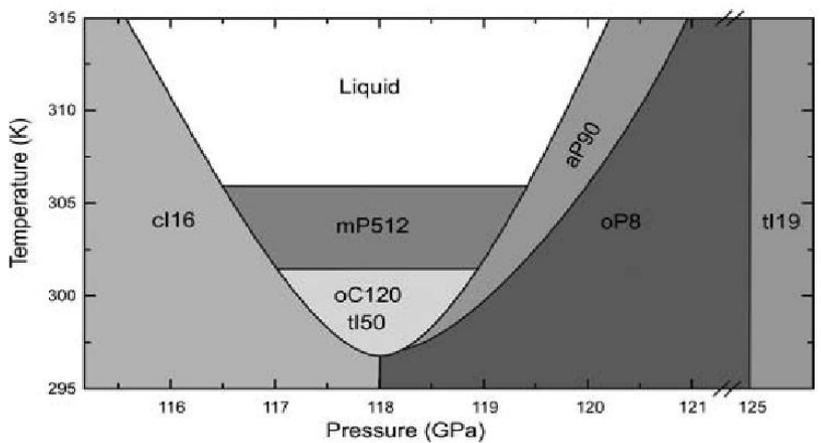


The need of submicron x-ray beam



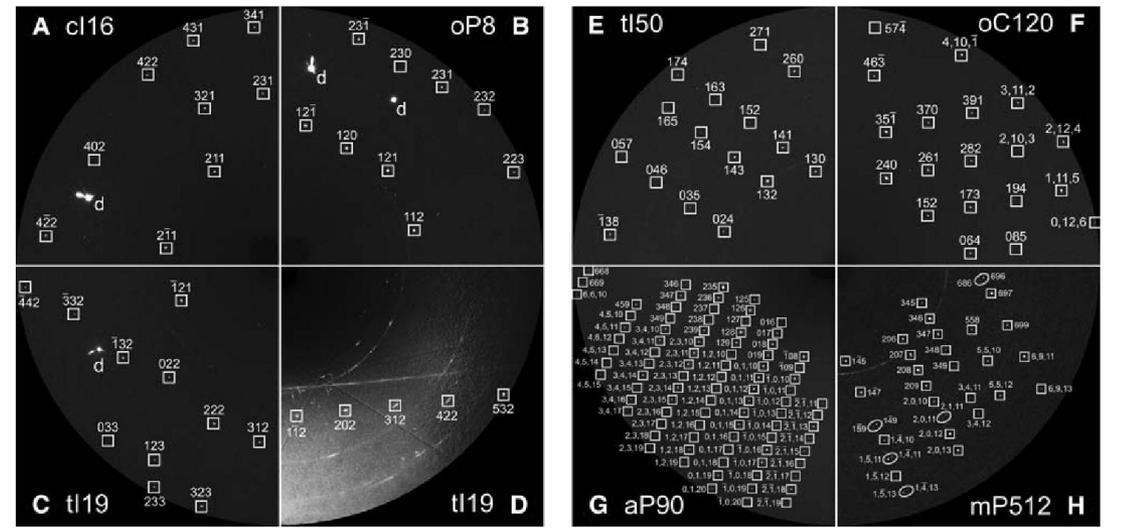
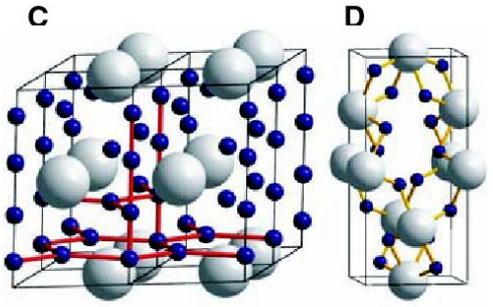
SiH₄ Eremets et al.,
Superconductivity in silane,
Science **319**, 1506 (2008)

Most HP structures were determined with μm-size powder XRD; assignments were questionable.



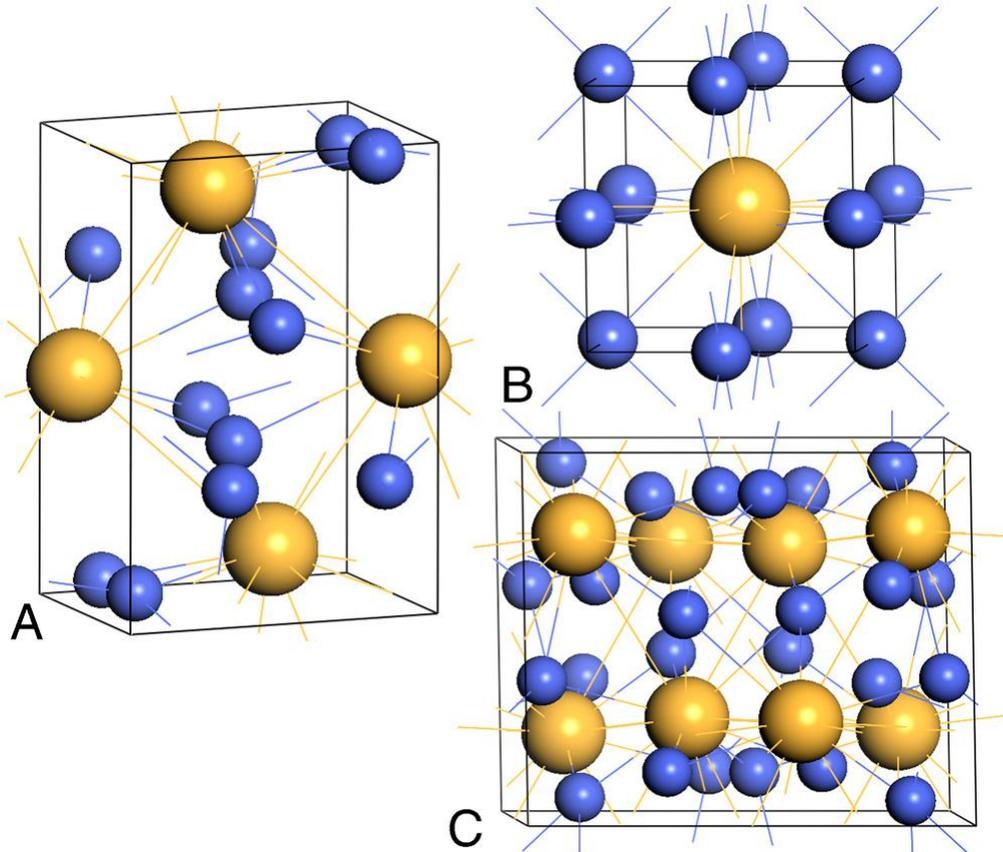
Gregoryanz et al., Structural diversity of sodium
Science **320**, 1054 (2008)

Na Single-crystal XRD gives definitive answer, but requires crystals larger than the x-ray probe.

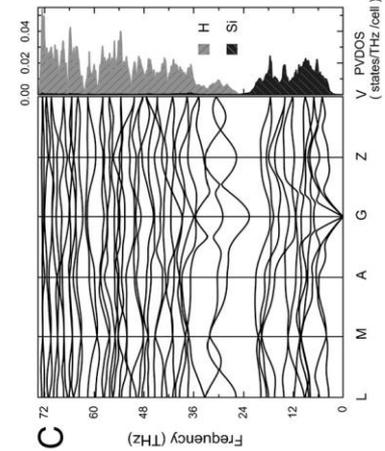


HP disilane (Si_2H_6) has $T_c > 100\text{K}$?

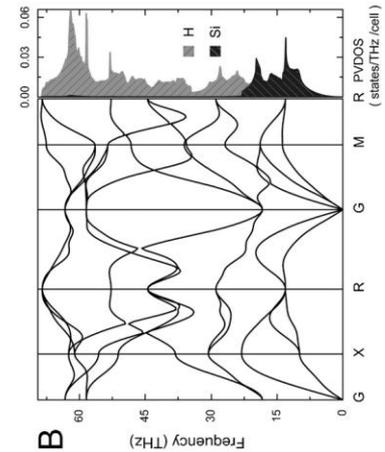
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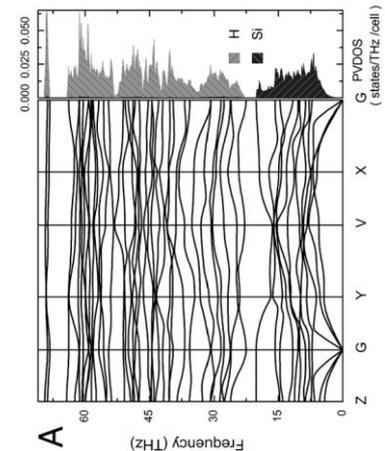
$\text{Pm}\bar{3}\text{m}$
 275 GPa
 T_c **134K**



$\text{C2}/\text{c}$
 300 GPa
 T_c 34 K

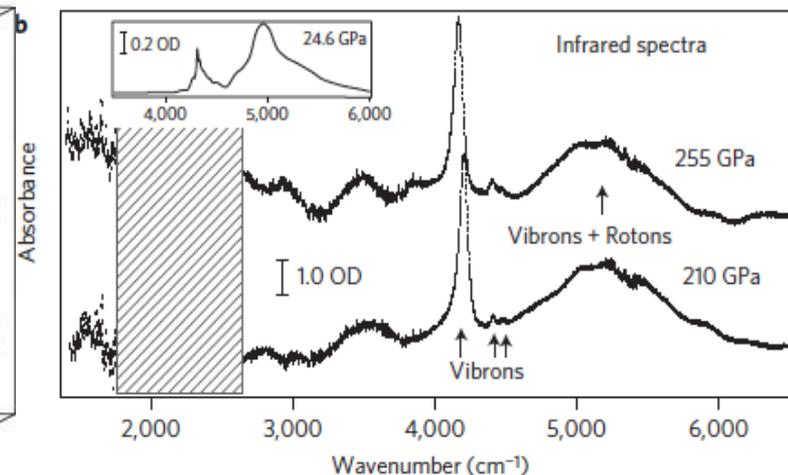
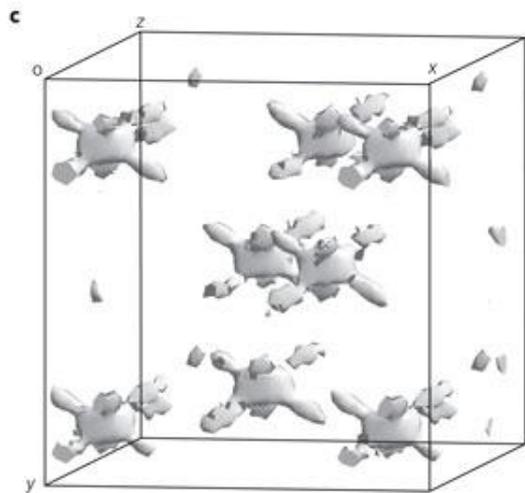
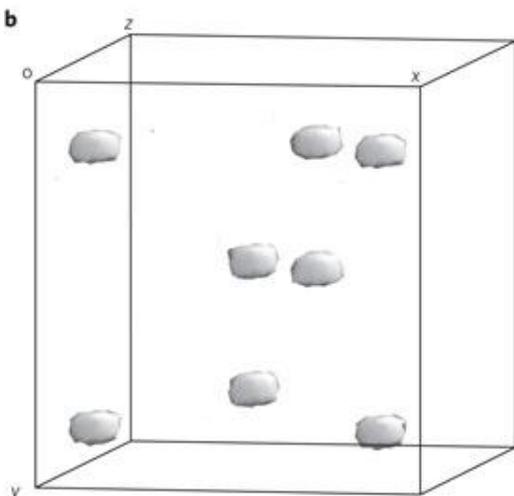
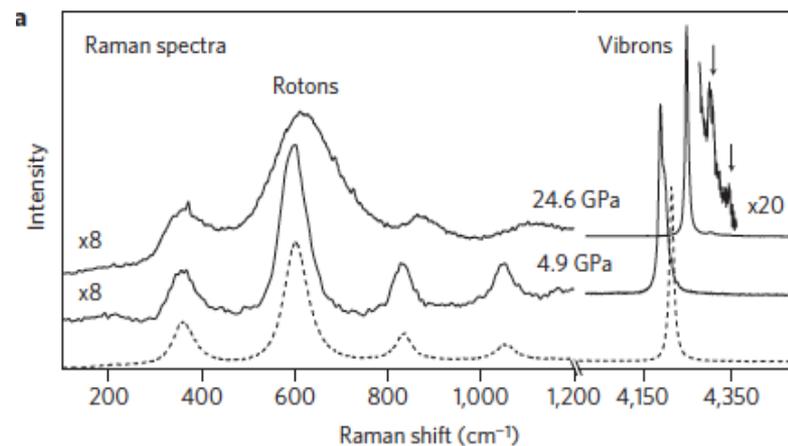
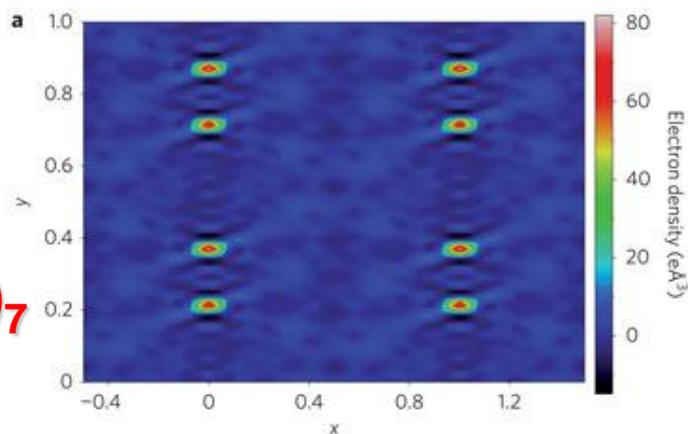


$\text{P}\bar{1}$
 175 GPa
 T_c 65-80 K



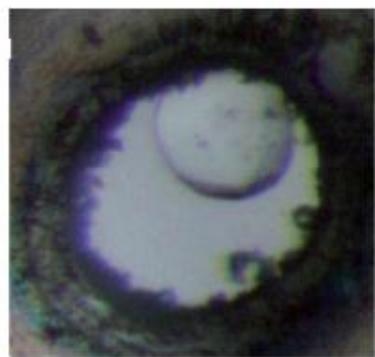
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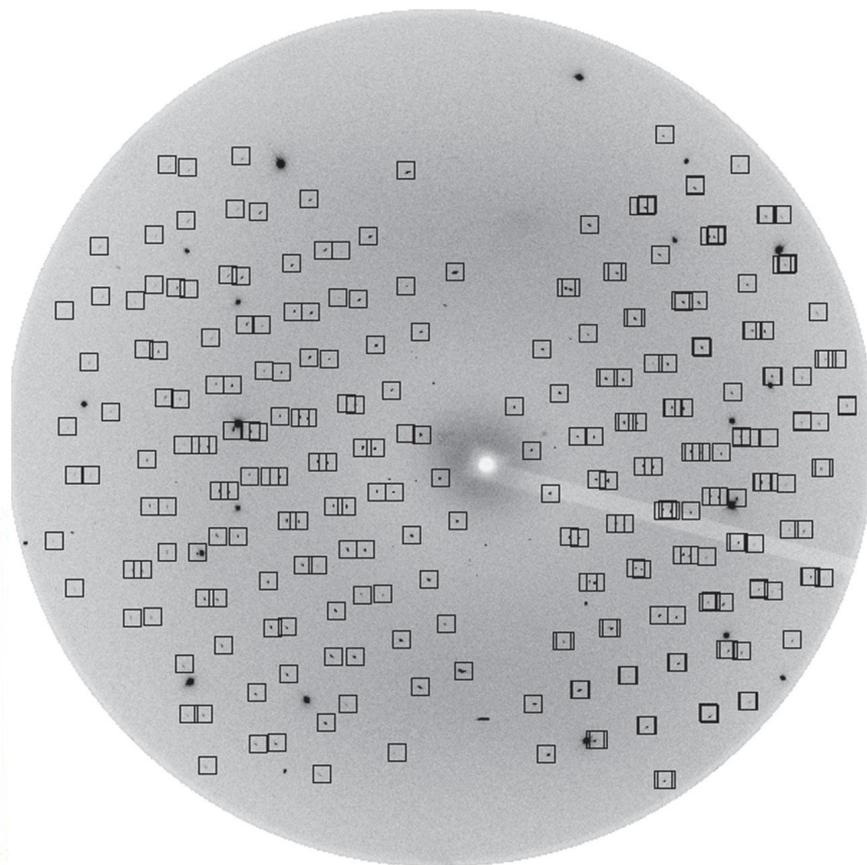
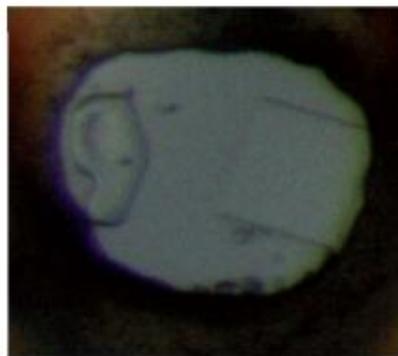
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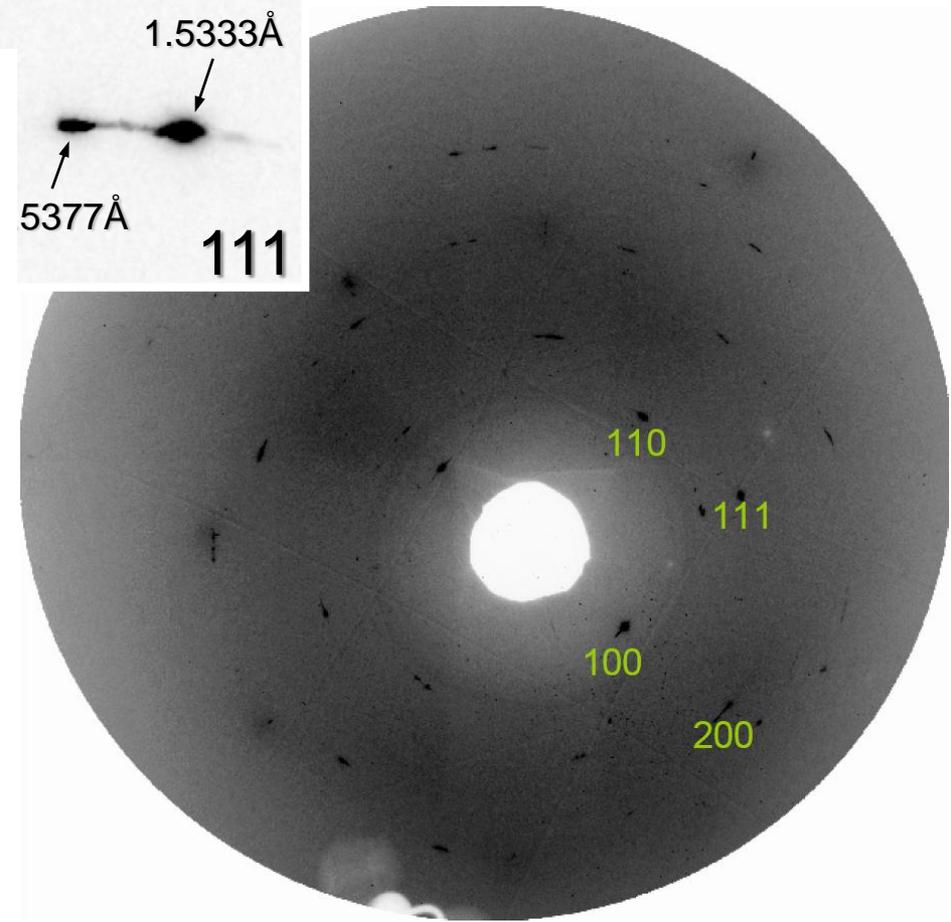
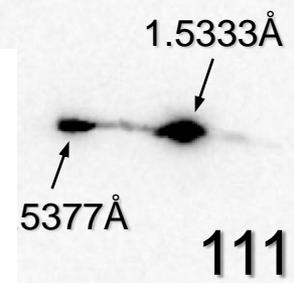
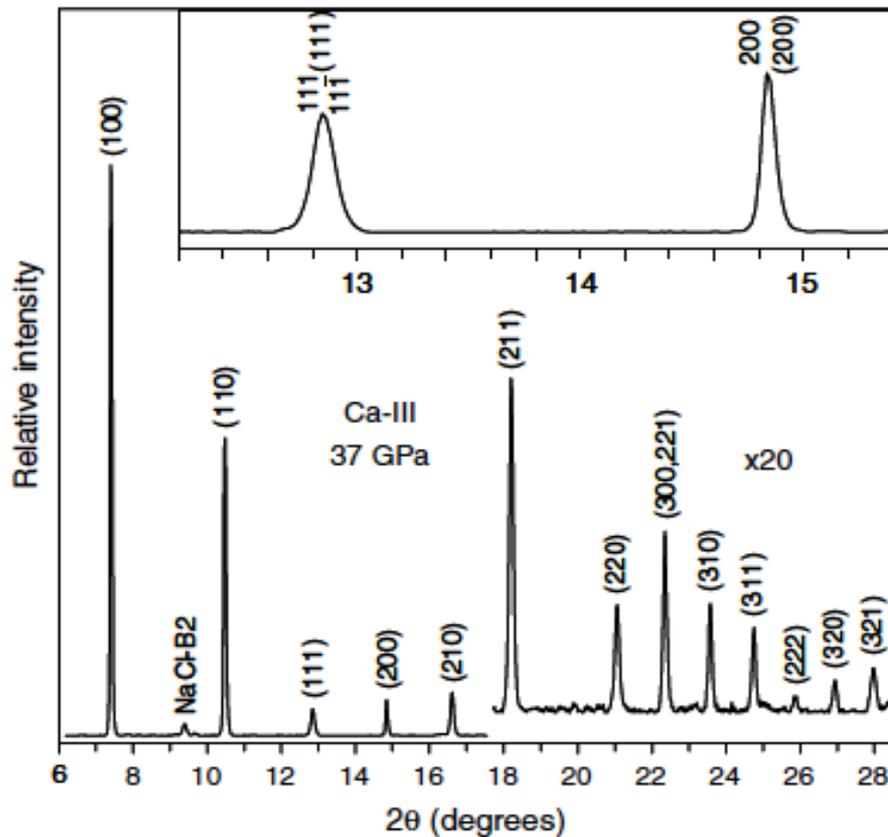


4.8 GPa



Simple cubic calcium above 30 GPa

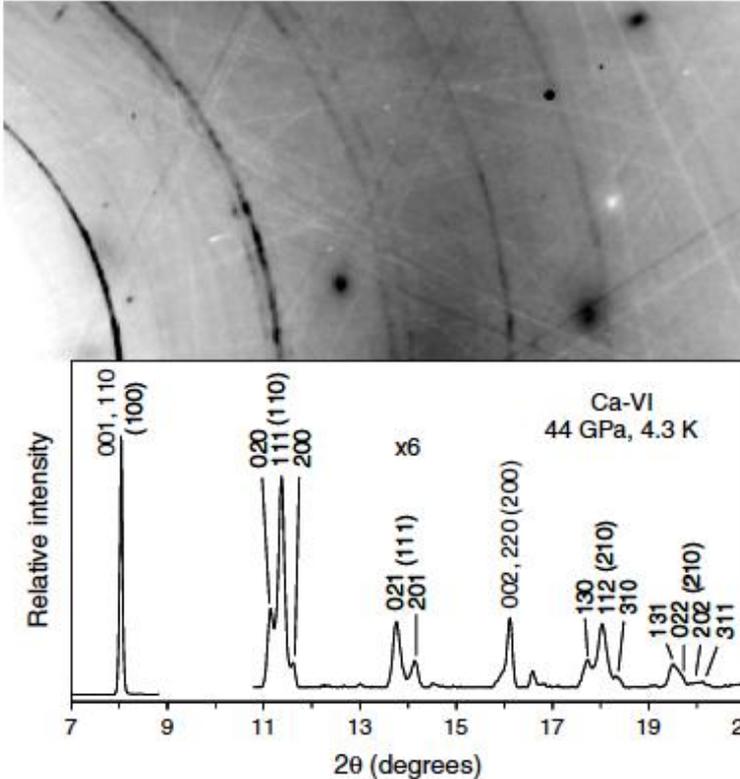
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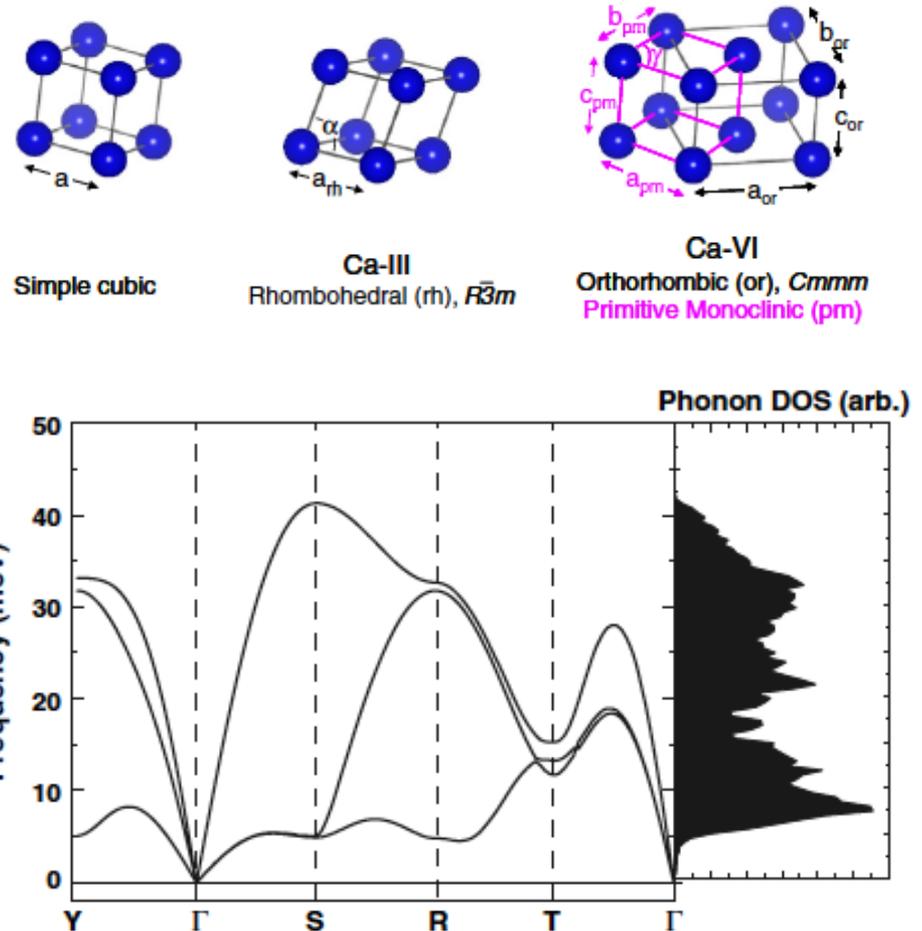
Picking sub- μm single crystal out of the polycrystalline XRD reveals rhombohedral distortion

EFree HP calcium is the element with highest $T_c=25K$

Wendy L. Mao, Lin Wang, Yang Ding, Wenge Yang, Wenjun Liu, Duck Young Kim, Wei Luo, Rajeev Ahuja, Yue Meng, Stas Sinogeikin, Jinfu Shu, & Ho-kwang Mao, *Proc. Nat. Acad. Sci. USA* 107, 9965 (2010)

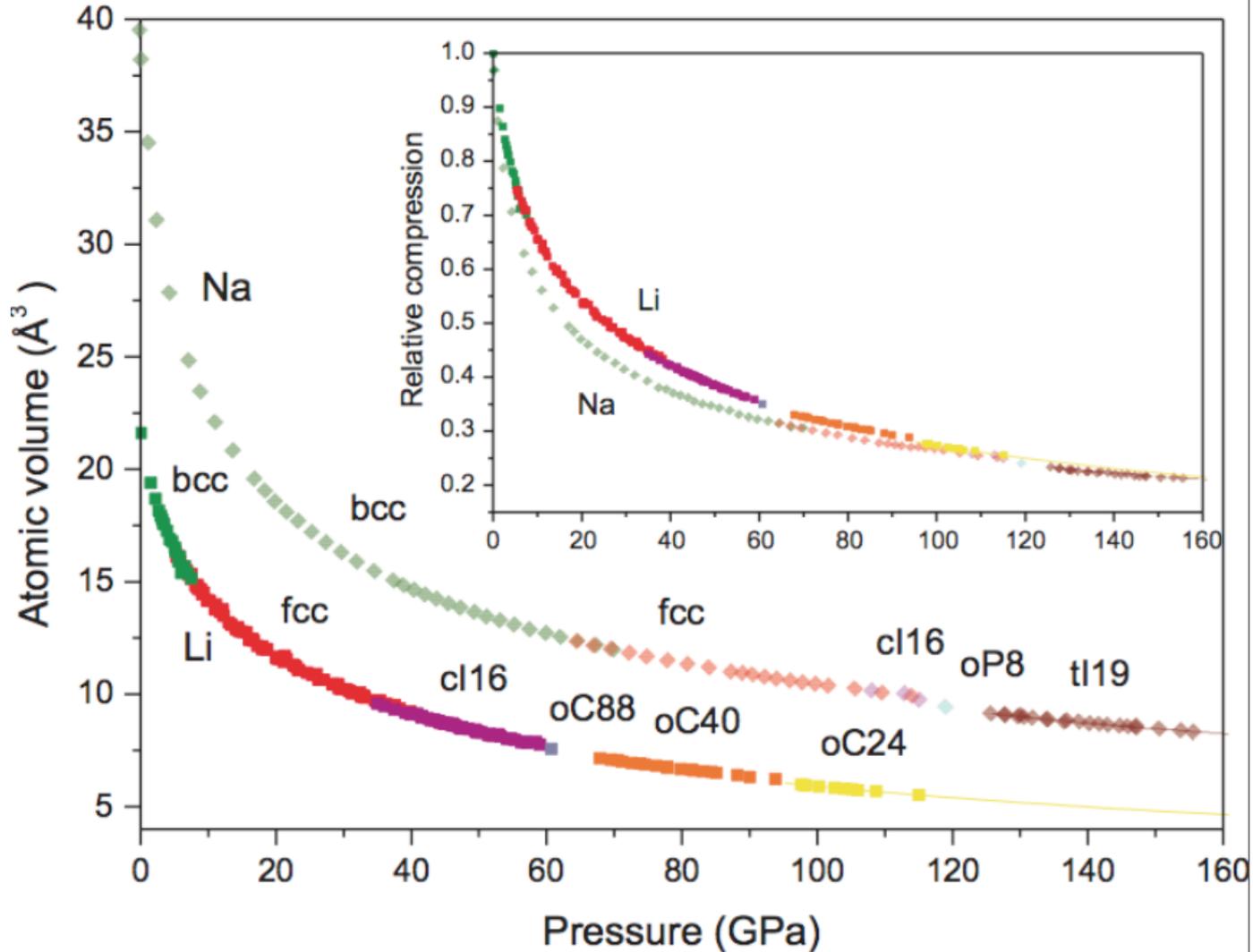


At low T, the superconducting Ca further distorted to orthorhombic $Cmmm$



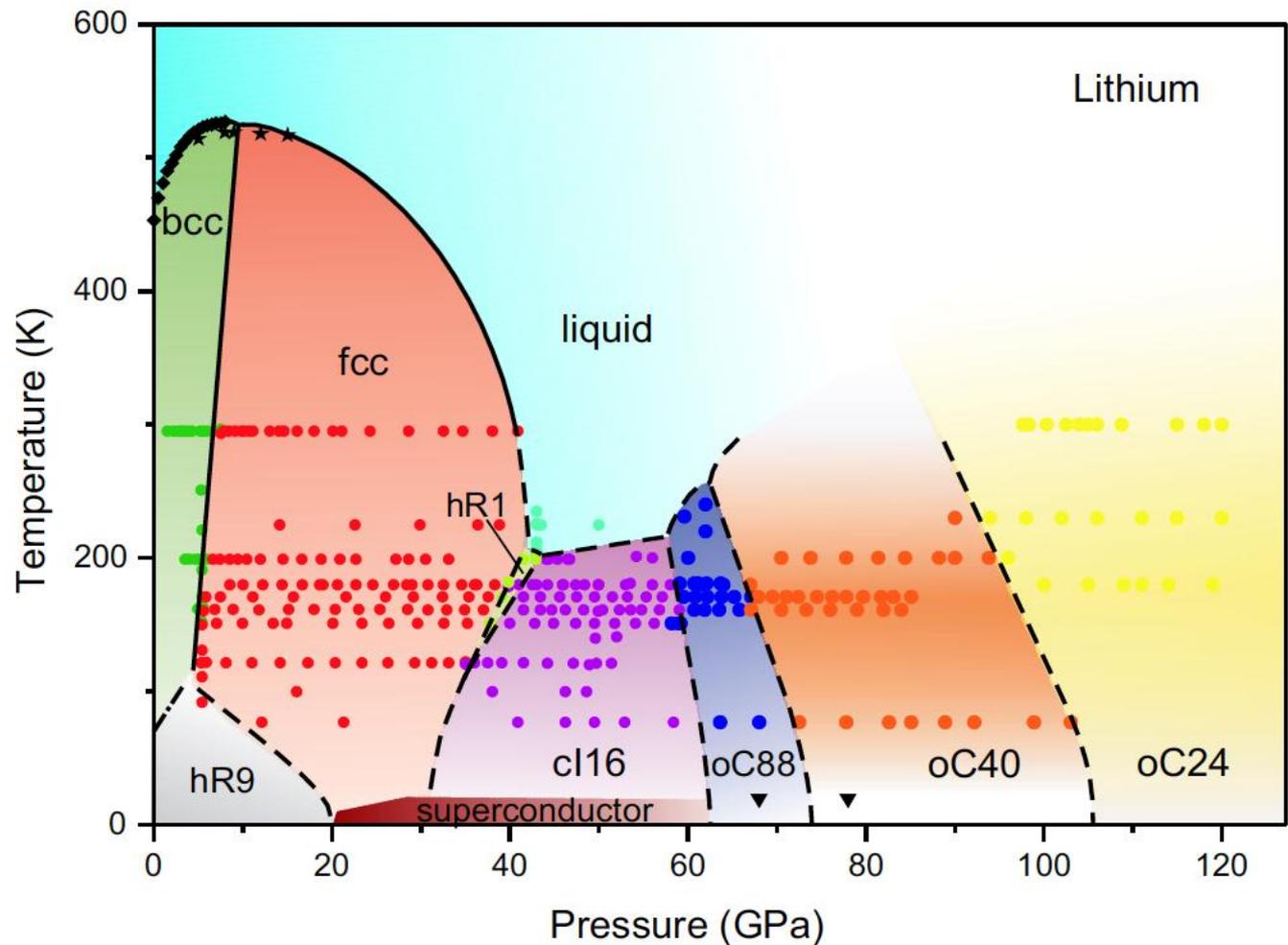
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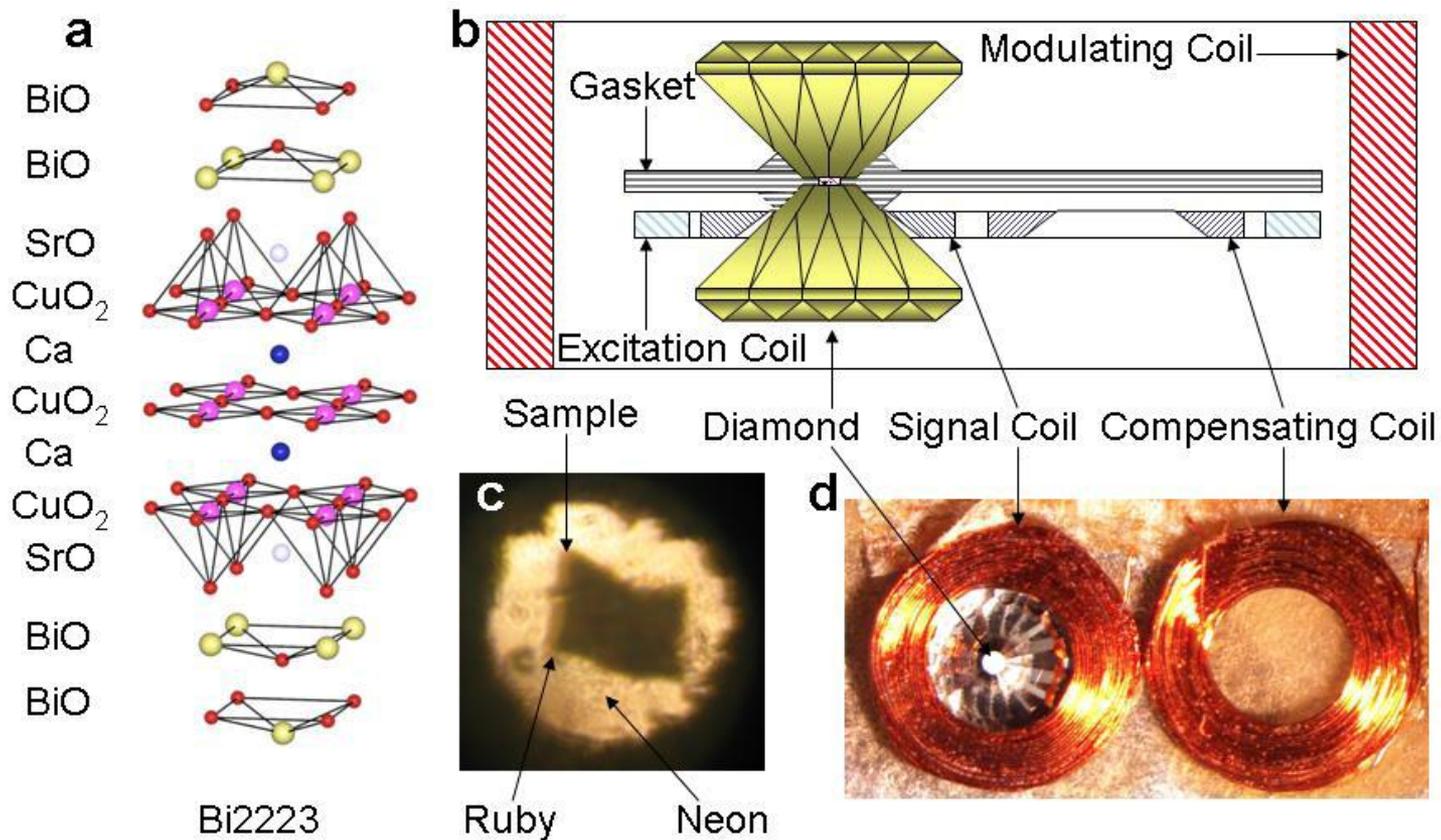
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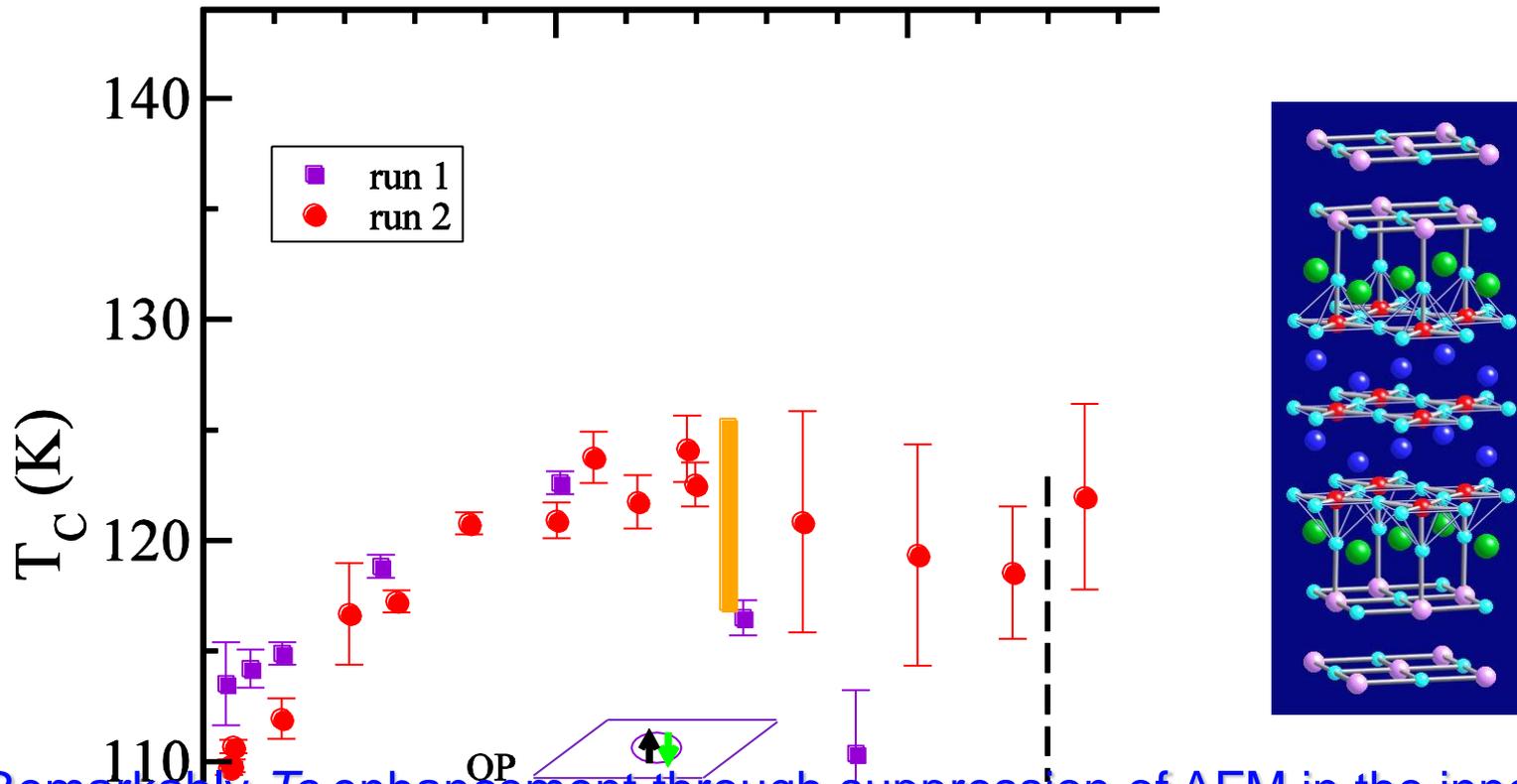


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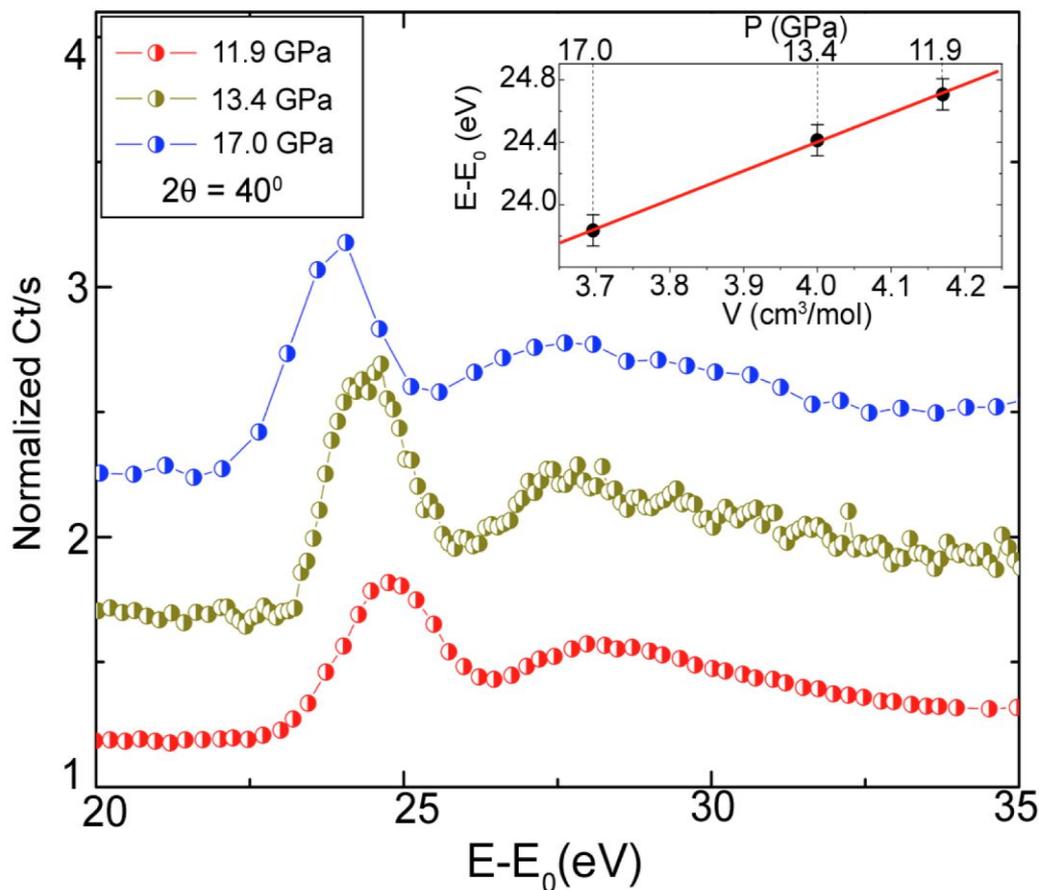


Remarkably T_c enhancement through suppression of AFM in the inner CuO_2 plane and optimization of competing pairing and phase ordering energy scales.

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Electronic Dynamics of Crystalline ^4He at High- P

Ho Kwang Mao, Eric L. Shirley, Yang Ding, Peter Eng, Yong Q. Ca, Paul Chow, Yuming Xiao, Jinfu Shu, Russell J. Hemley, Chichang Kao, & Wendy L. Mao, *PRL* 105, 186404 (2010)



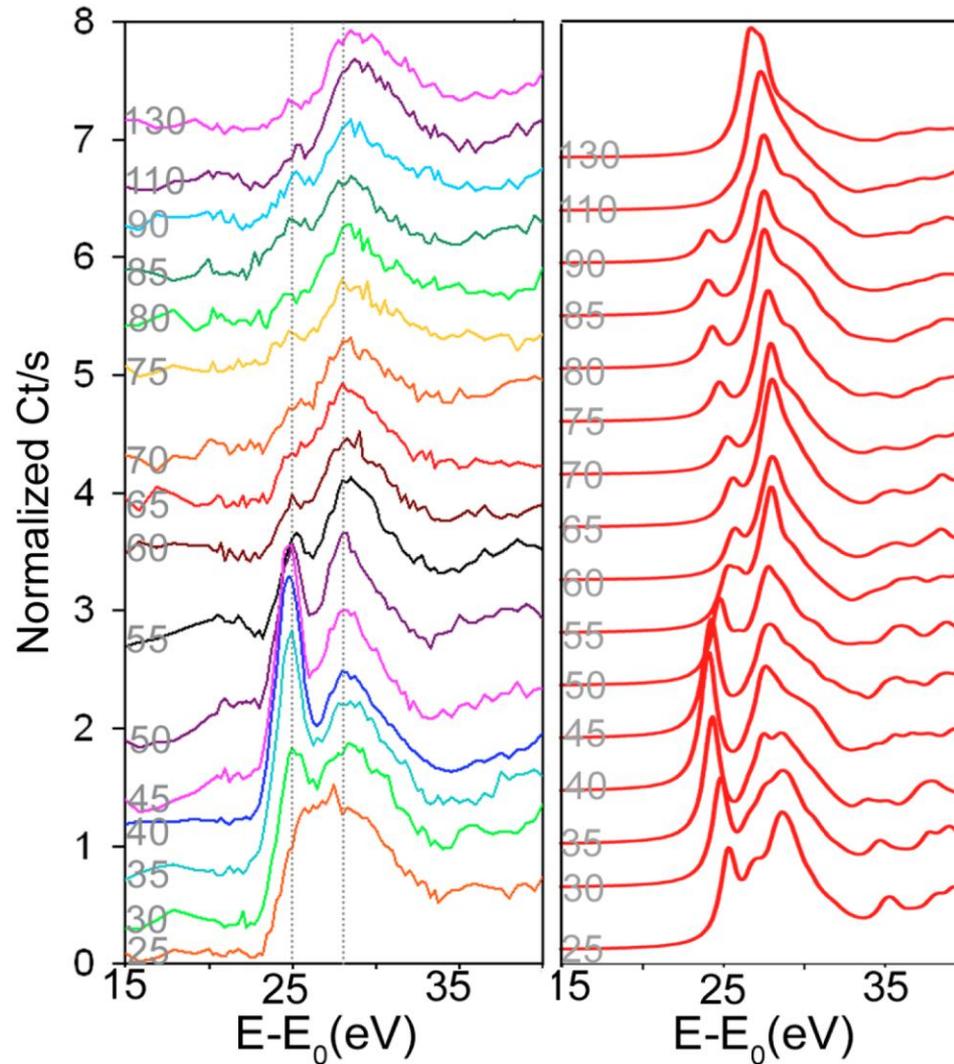
- Helium has the widest electronic band gap and highest metallization P
- “Optical spectrum”: cut-off edge, exciton, multiple excitations & continuum are now accessible by inelastic X-ray scattering (IXS)
- 11.9 GPa (GSECARS)
13.4 GPa (BL12XU, Taiwan Beamline, SPring-8)
17 GPa (HPCAT).

Γ -M Dispersion of single-crystal He electronic excitation

Mao et al, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* 105, 186404 (2010)

11.9GPa

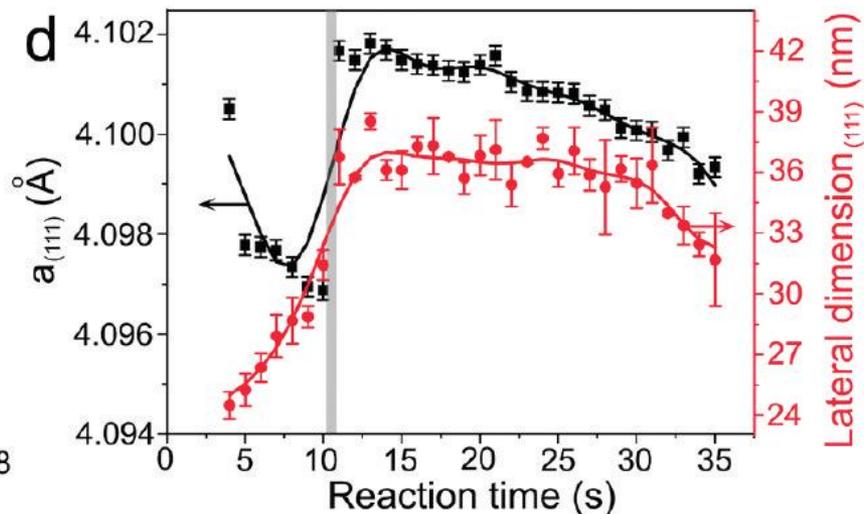
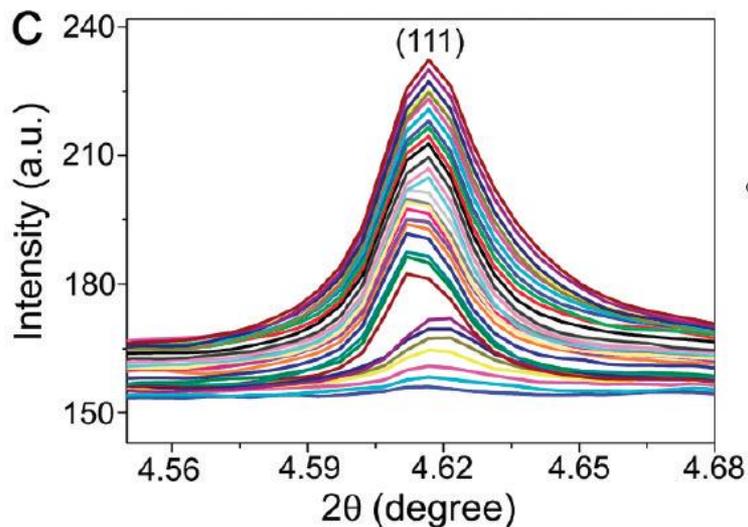
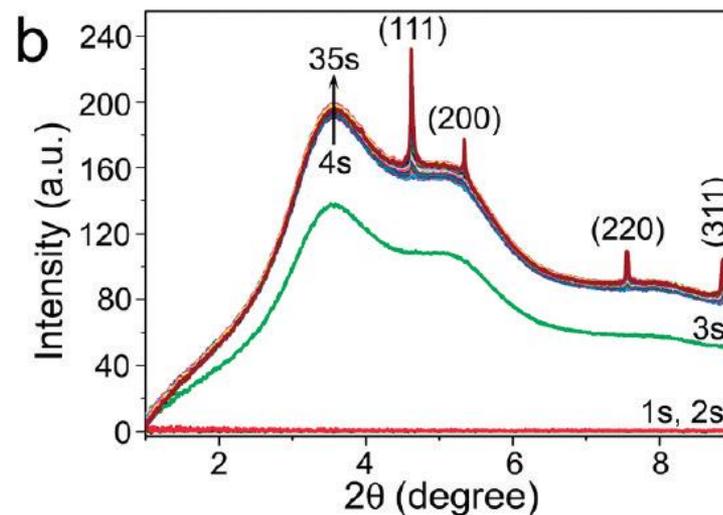
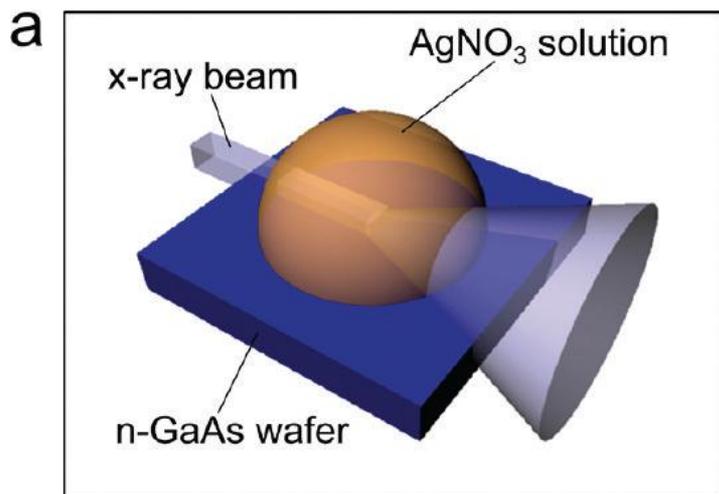
IXS from
GSECARS



Theory
(Eric
Shirley)

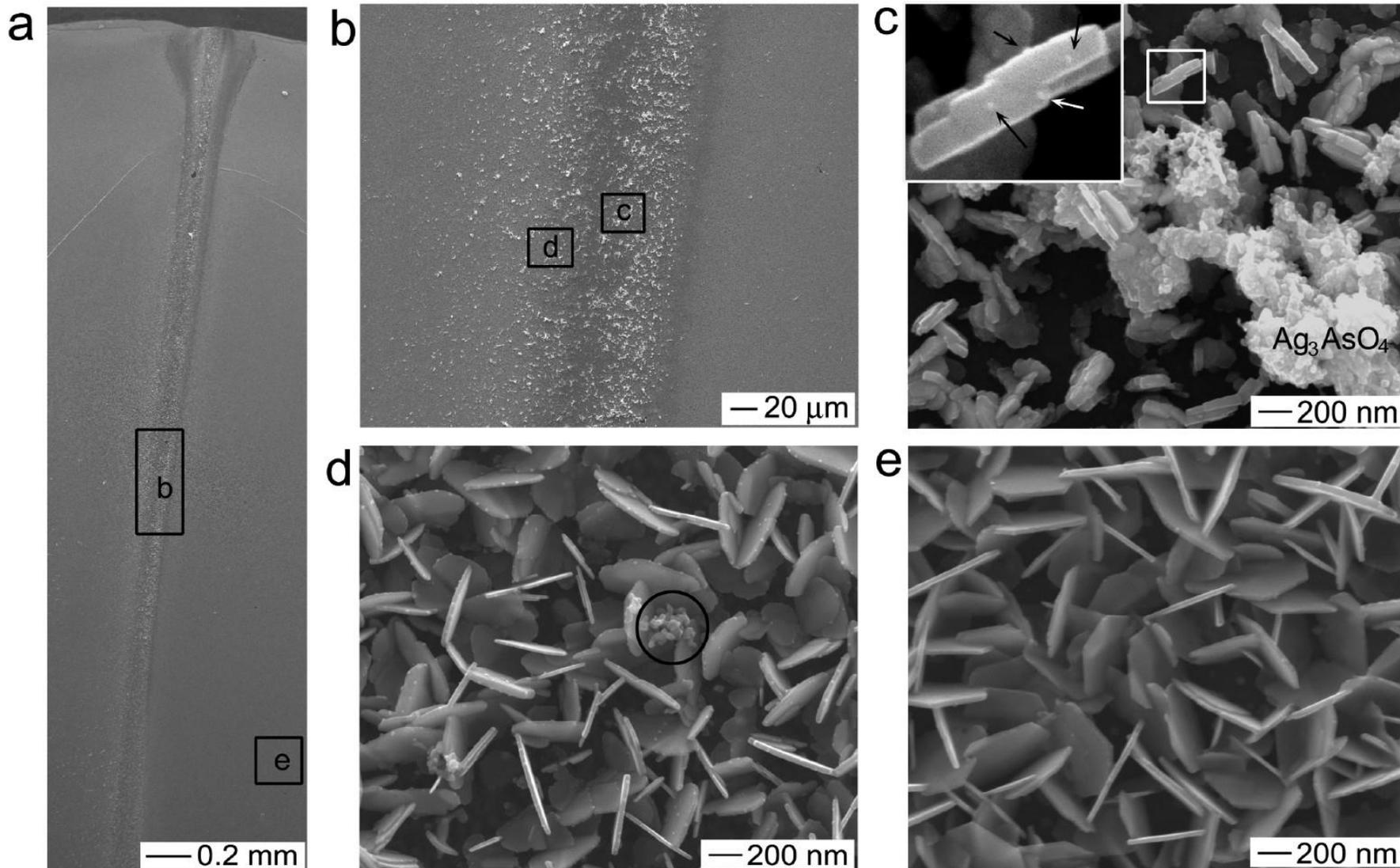
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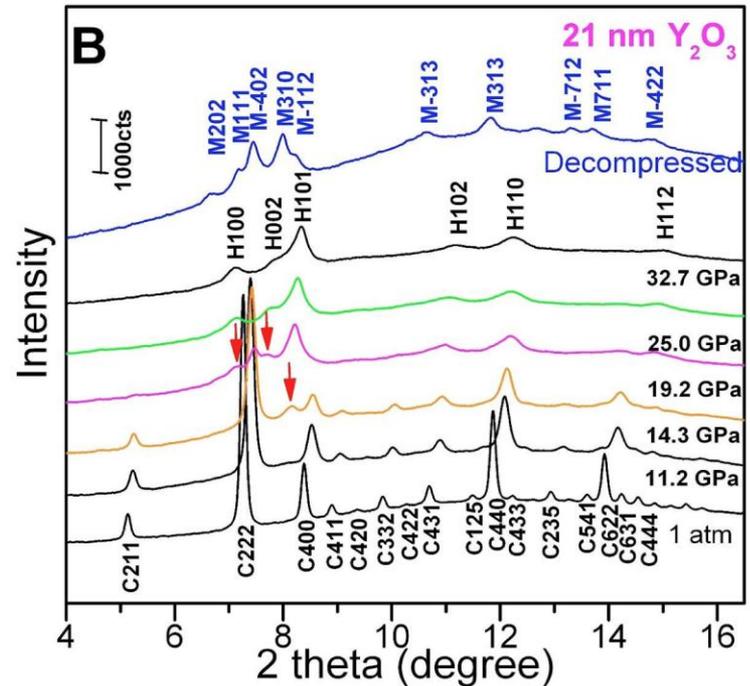
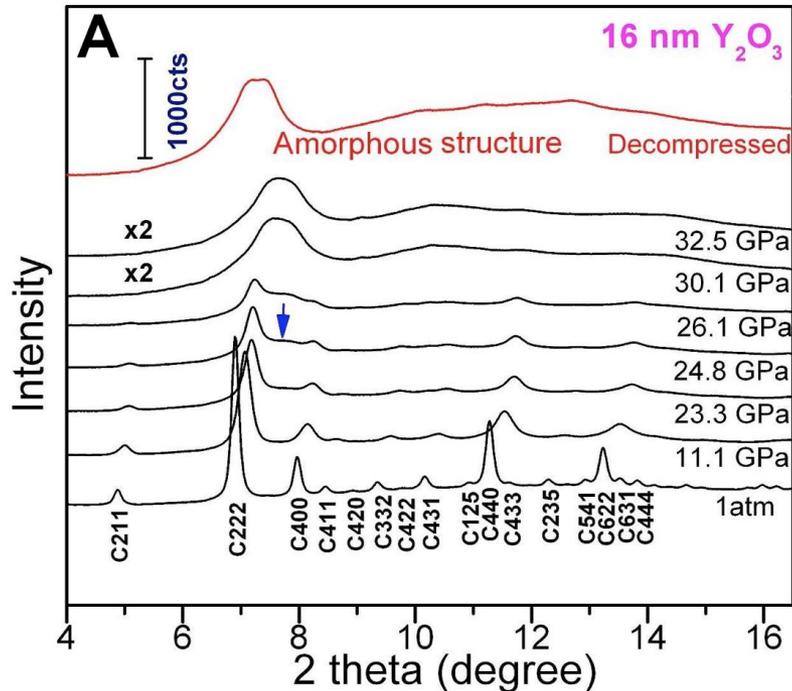


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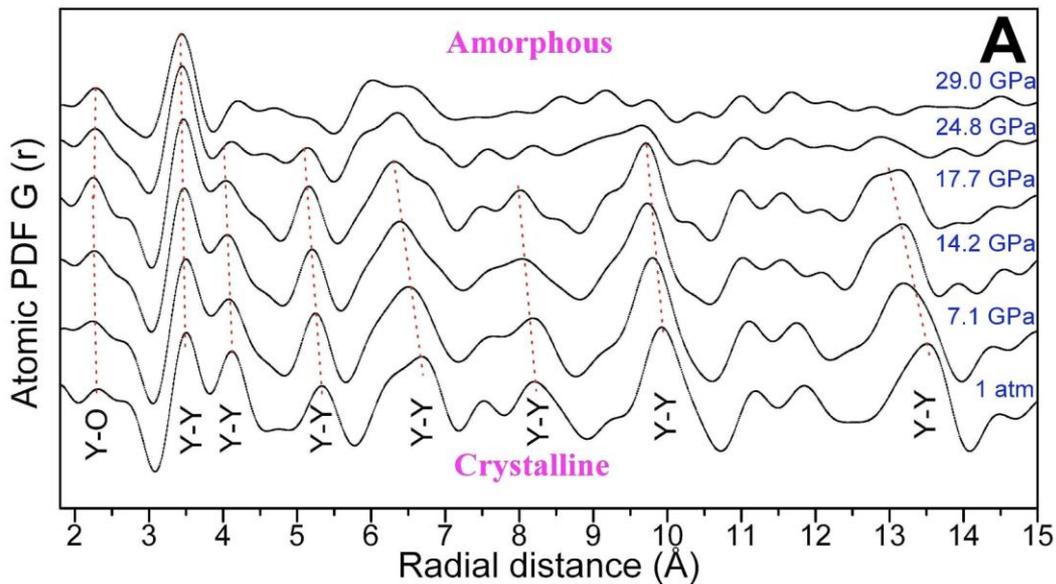
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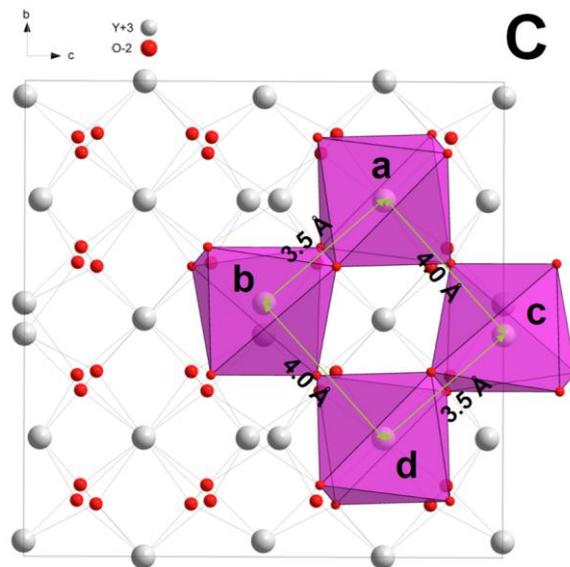
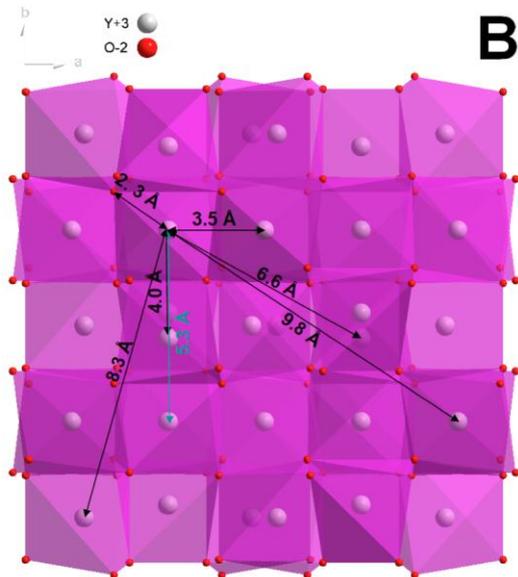
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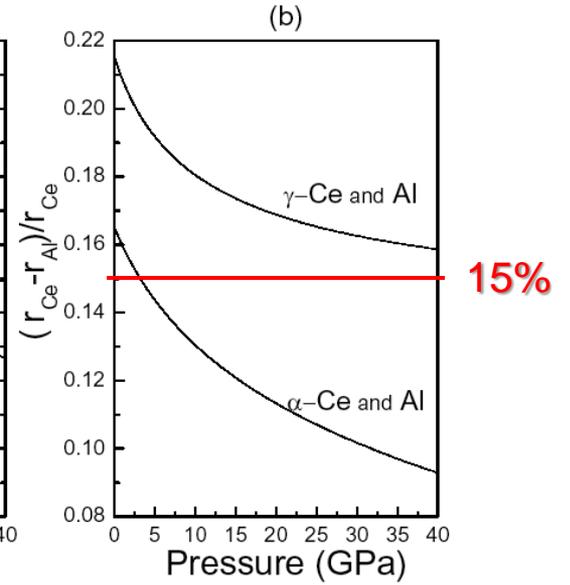
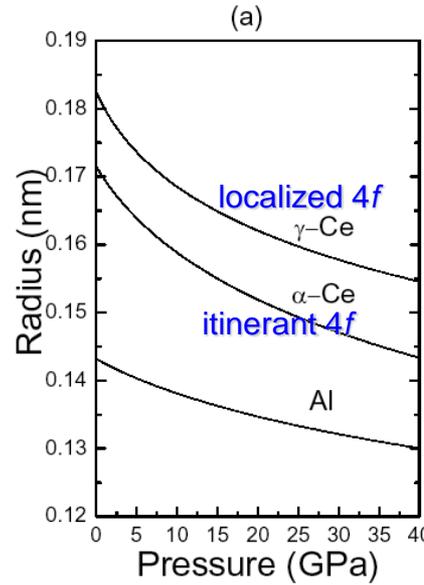
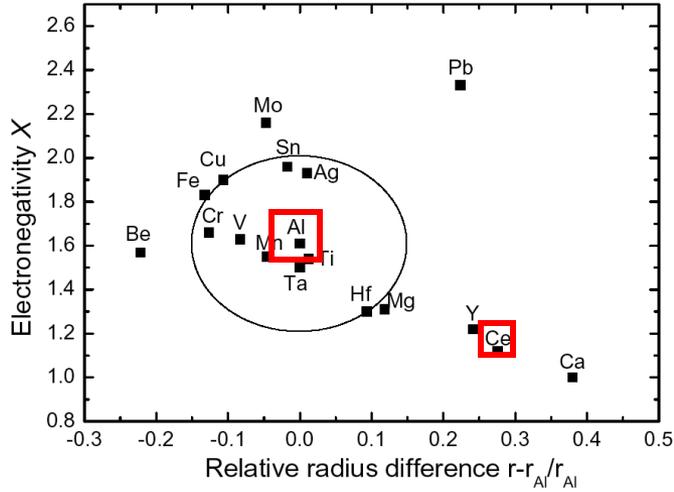
- Surface energy stabilizes the cubic Y_2O_3 and hindered its transition to monoclinic and hexagonal phases.
- Pressure breaks the linkages of YO_6 octahedra and amorphizes the crystal structure.
- The amorphous phase is recoverable after decompression



Lin Wang, *et al*,
Phys Rev Lett 105
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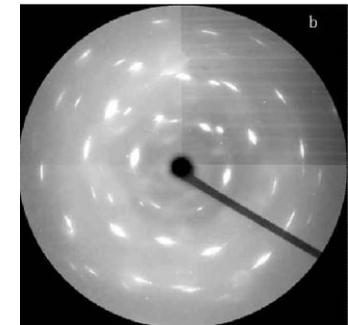
The formation of an unlikely alloy -- Ce_3Al



Hume-Ruthery Rule requires alloy components having similar atomic size & electronegativity. Ce and Al are far apart and do not form alloy.

Pressure induces 4f delocalization in Ce, bringing atomic size and electronegativity of Ce close to Al. Intermetallic compound and metallic glass Ce_3Al both convert to fcc alloy at high P . The novel alloy is stable when quenched to 1 bar.

Zeng *et al*, *PNAS* (2009), Zeng *et al.*, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* (2010)



XRD pattern of quenched fcc Ce_3Al alloy

Origin of Pressure-Induced Polyamorphism in $\text{Ce}_{75}\text{Al}_{25}$ Metallic Glass

Qiao-shi Zeng,^{1,2} Yang Ding,² Wendy L. Mao,^{1,3,4,5} Wenge Yang,^{2,6} Stas. V. Sinogeikin,⁶ Jinfu Shu,⁷
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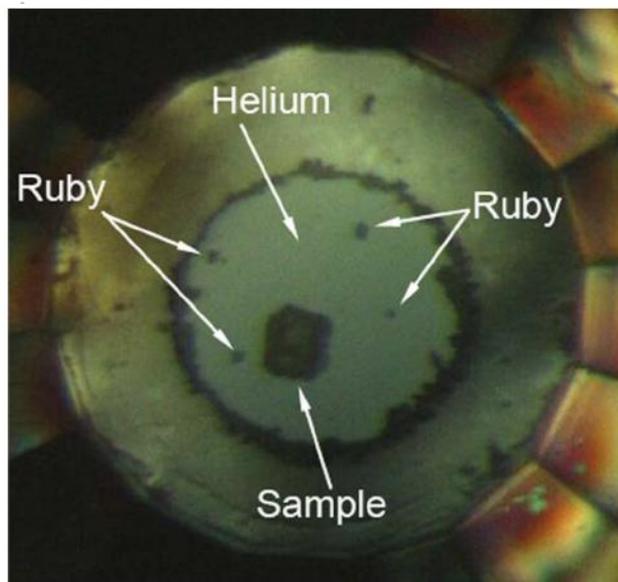
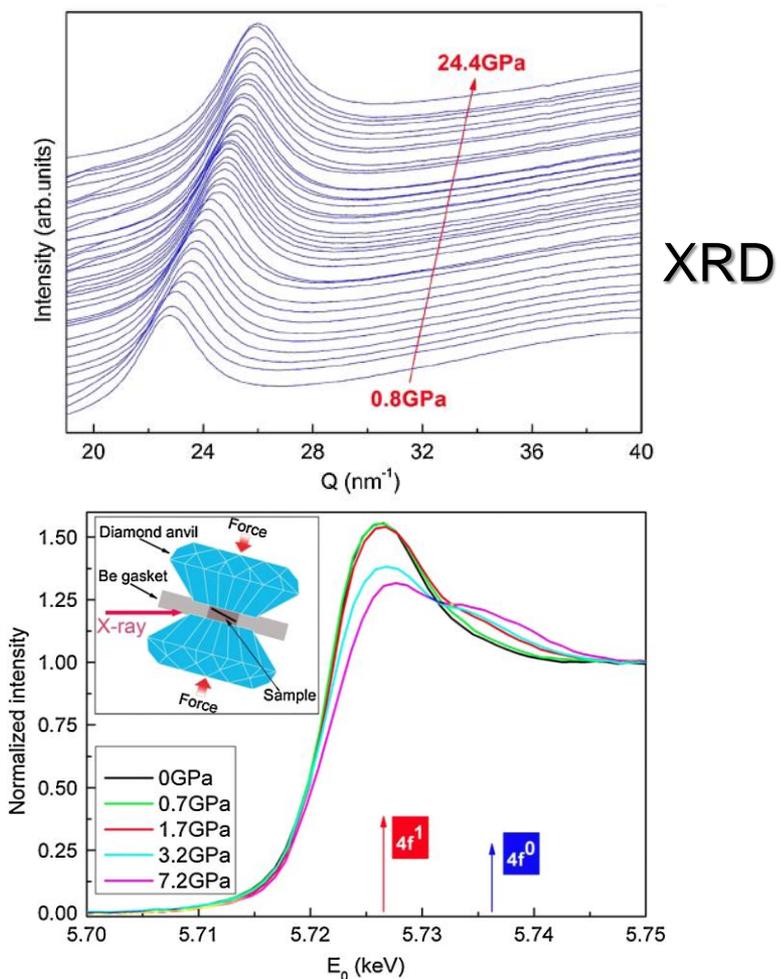
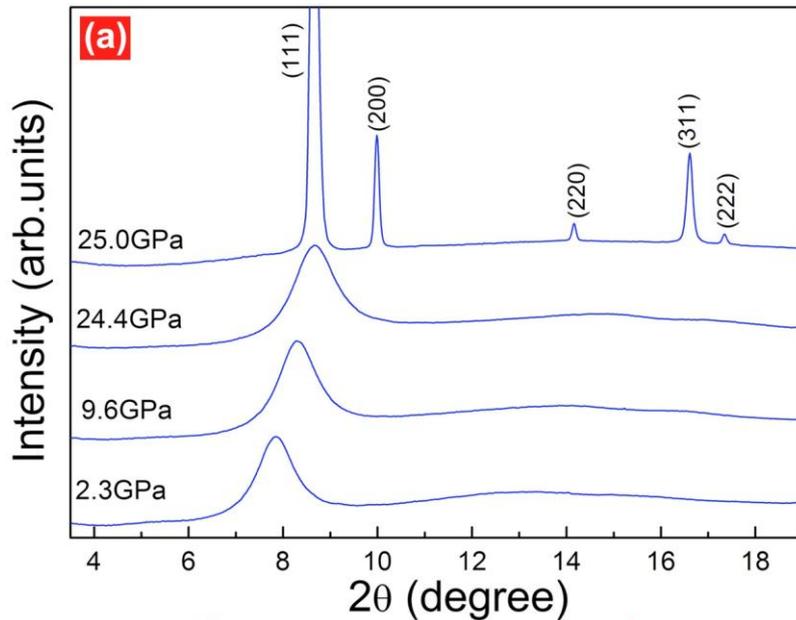


FIG. 1 (color online). Photomicrograph of sample loaded with helium in DAC at 0.8 GPa.

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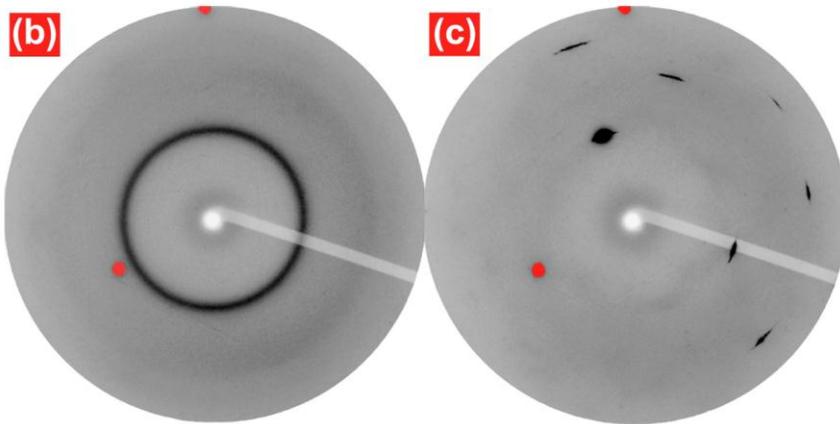


Glass with Long-Range Topological Order



- Challenging the fundamental concept, “glass does not have long-range order.”
- $\text{Ce}_{75}\text{Al}_{25}$ metallic glass crystallizes into a large single crystal at high pressure
- indicating **a long-range topological order.**

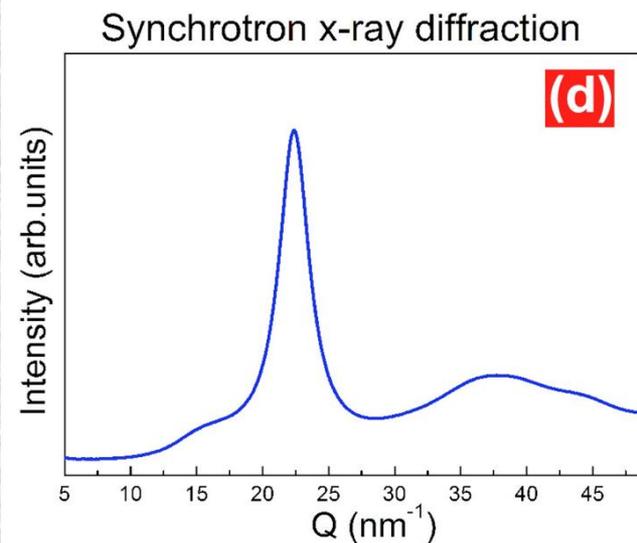
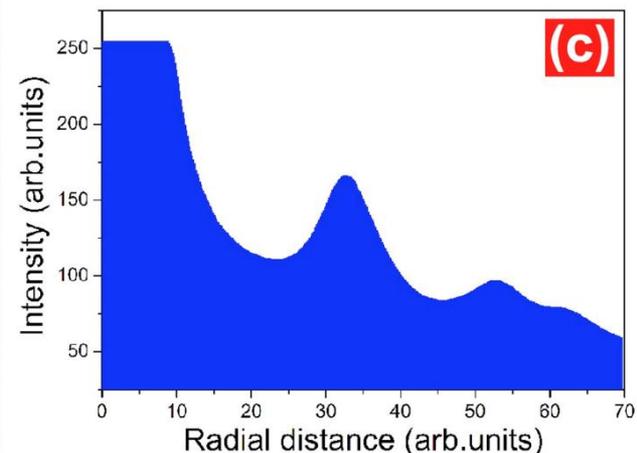
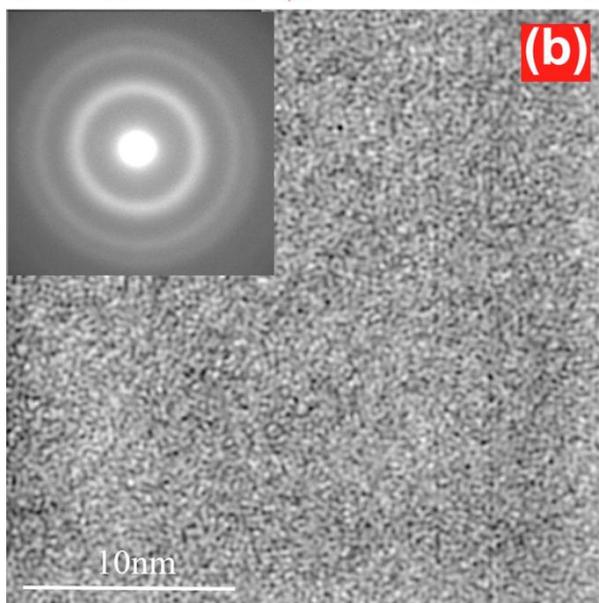
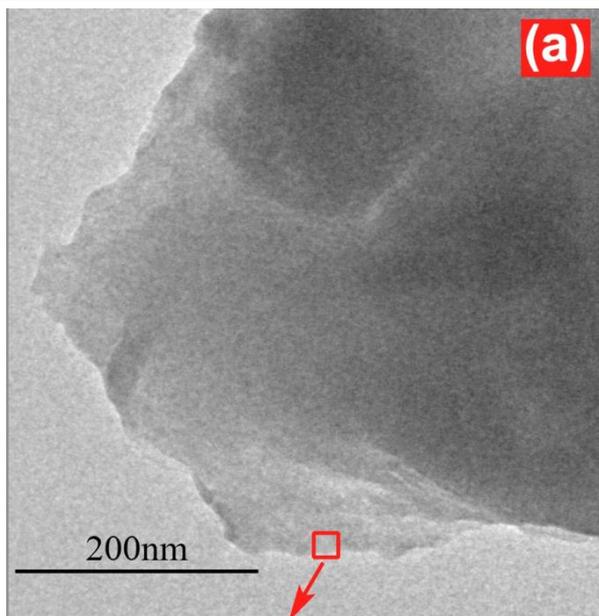
- metallic glass at the cutting-edge materials research
- Combination of high- P synchrotron x-ray diffraction, x-ray spectroscopy, electron diffraction, high-resolution TEM, and molecular dynamic simulation
- The discovery at high P is recoverable



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Ce₇₅Al₂₅ metallic glass

*The sample:
HRTEM image
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show a typical
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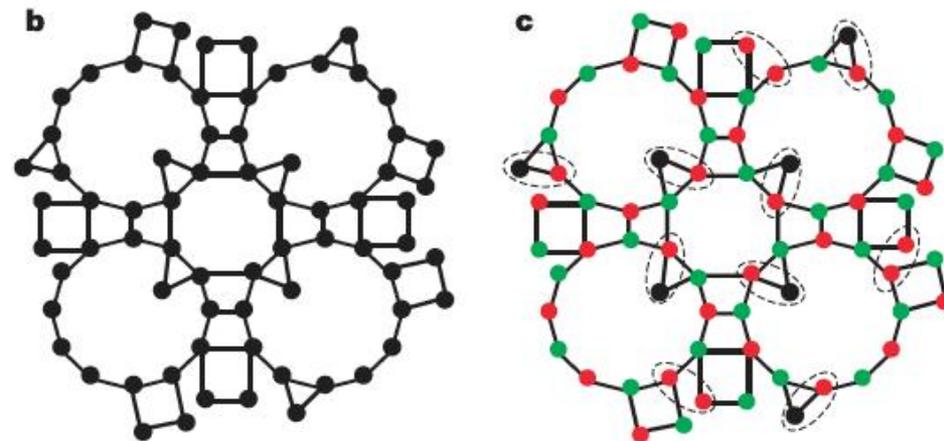
What is long-range topological order?

Topological versus chemical ordering in network glasses at intermediate and extended length scales

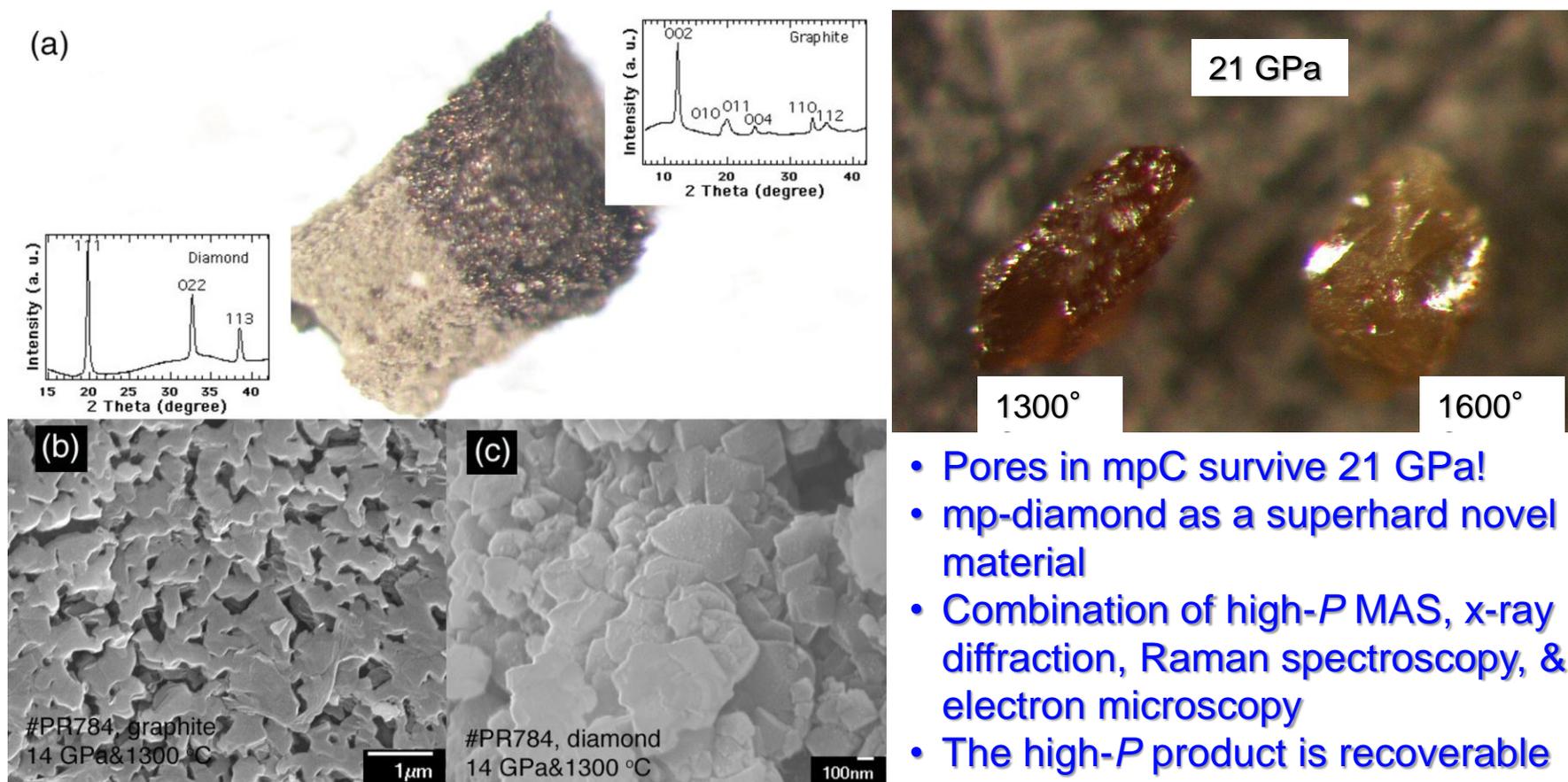
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- Only medium-range topological order has been observed in glass.
- Long-range topological order would mean a “perfect glass” according to the Kauzmann paradox.

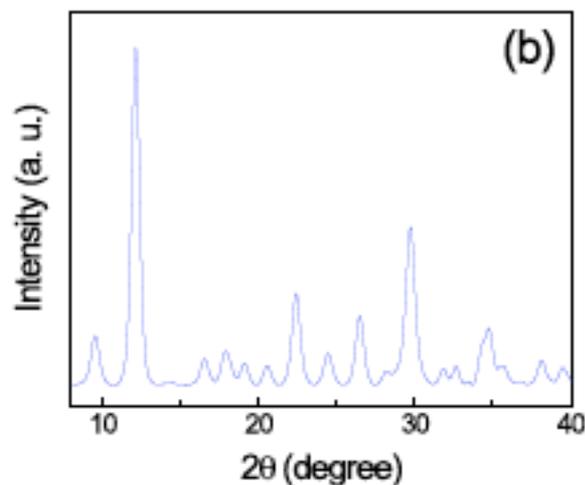
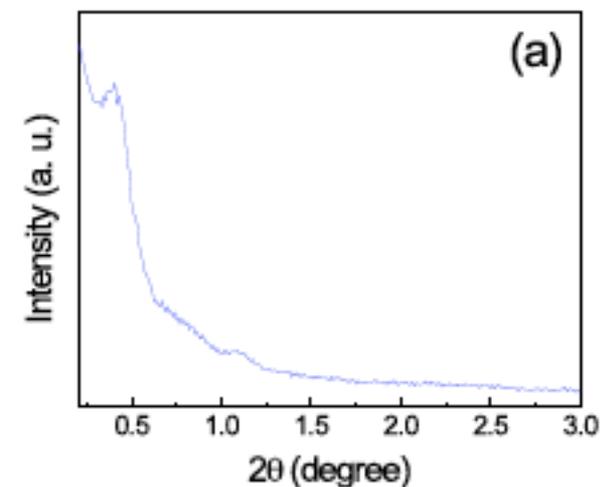
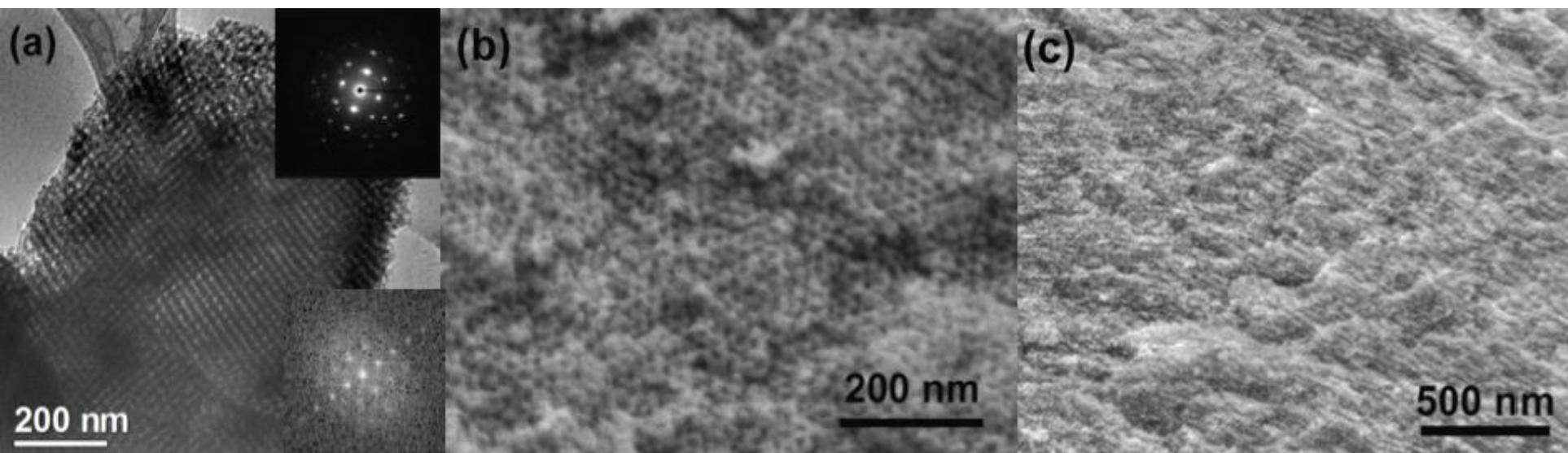


Conversion of mesoporous carbon to mesoporous diamond

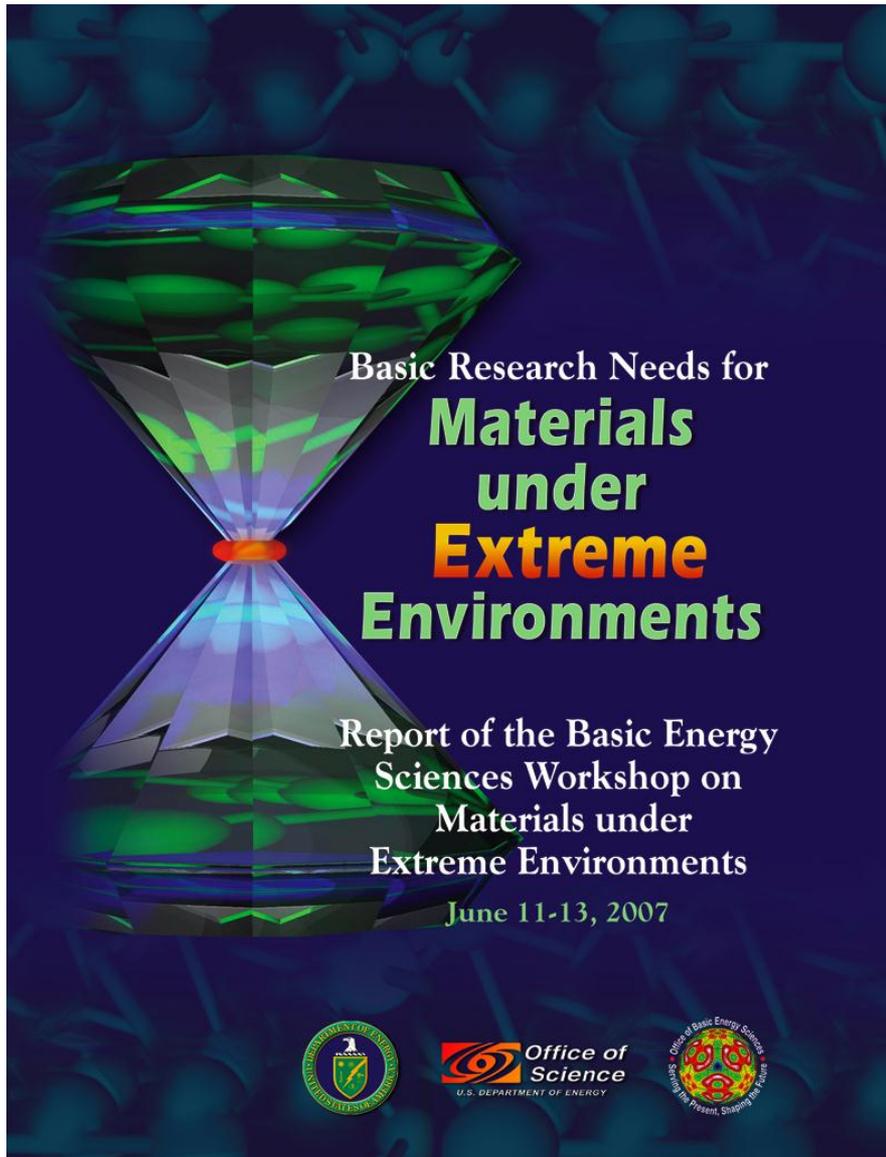


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- Conversion at 4 GPa
550° C
- Periodic fcc pores
- 15 nm connected pores
- Quartz is inert in hydrothermal environment
- Potential as molecular sieve



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