High Pressure Physics Research

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Materials Deformation

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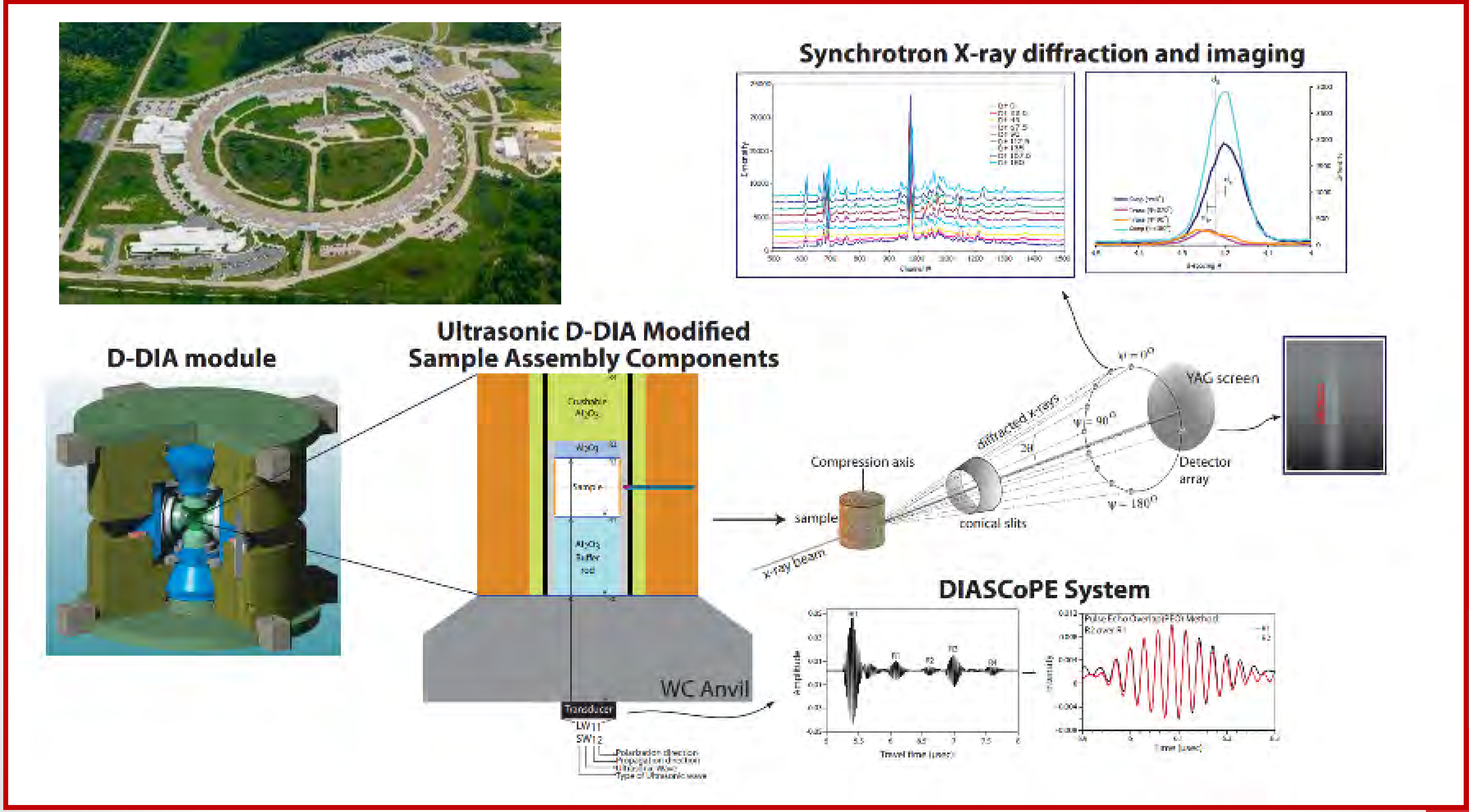
Expertise:

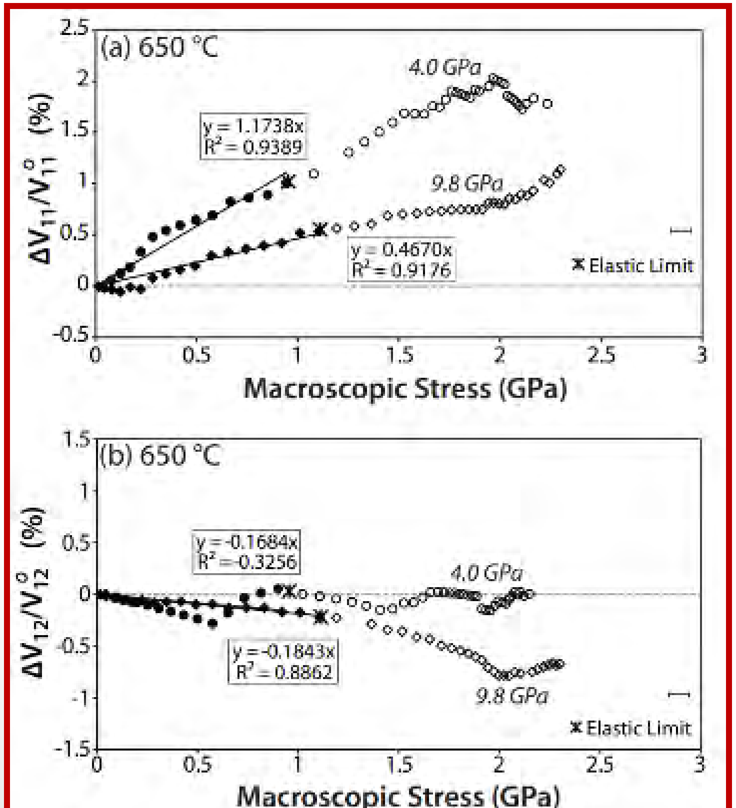
High Pressure Rock Deformation

High Pressure studies of Deformation and the Acoustoelastic effect



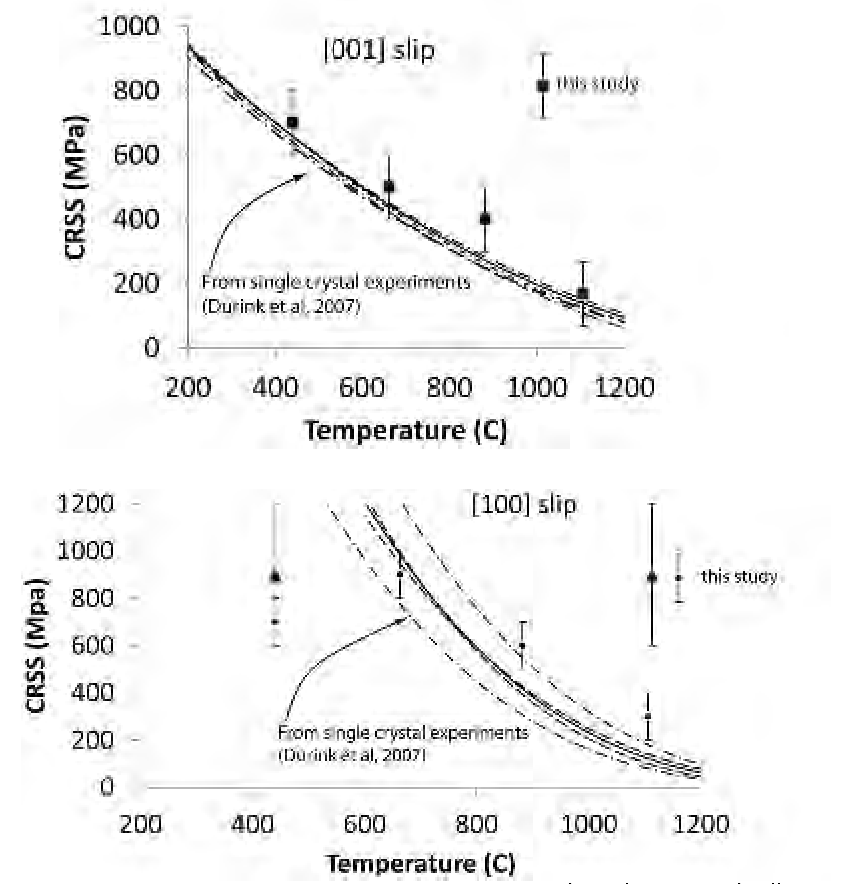
High Pressure studies of Deformation and the Acoustoelastic effect

Compression- and shear-wave velocities are a function of compressive stress



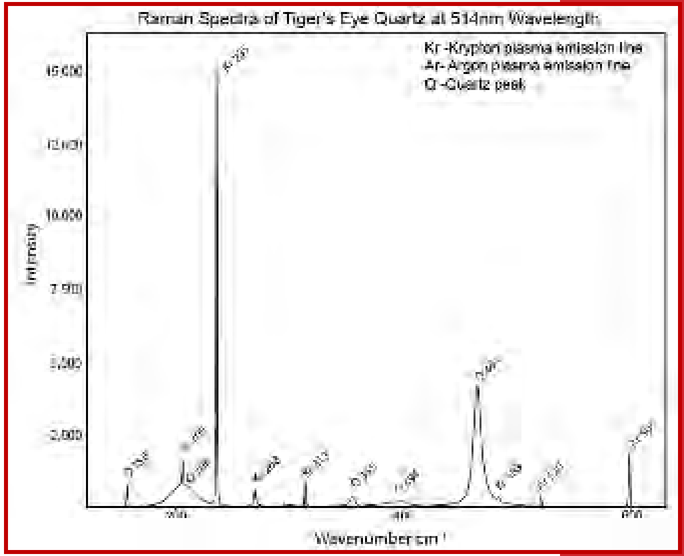
(Traylor, Whitaker & Burnley, in prep)

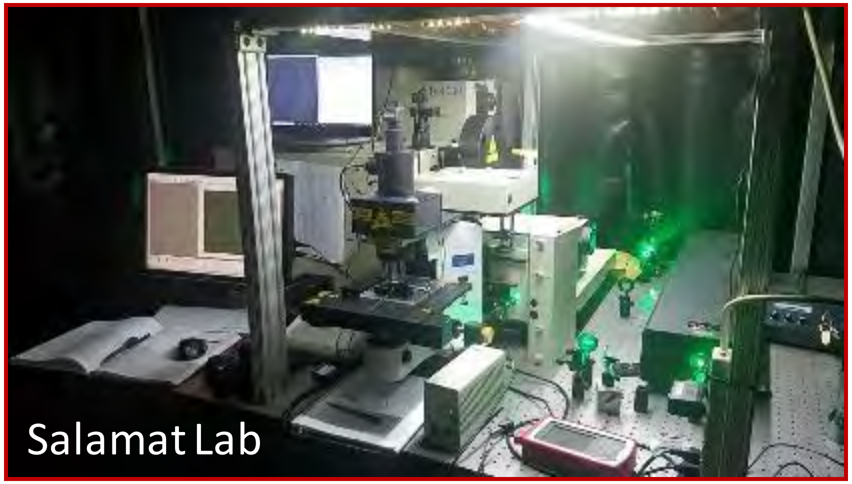
Details of multiple slip systems derived from a single multi step experiment

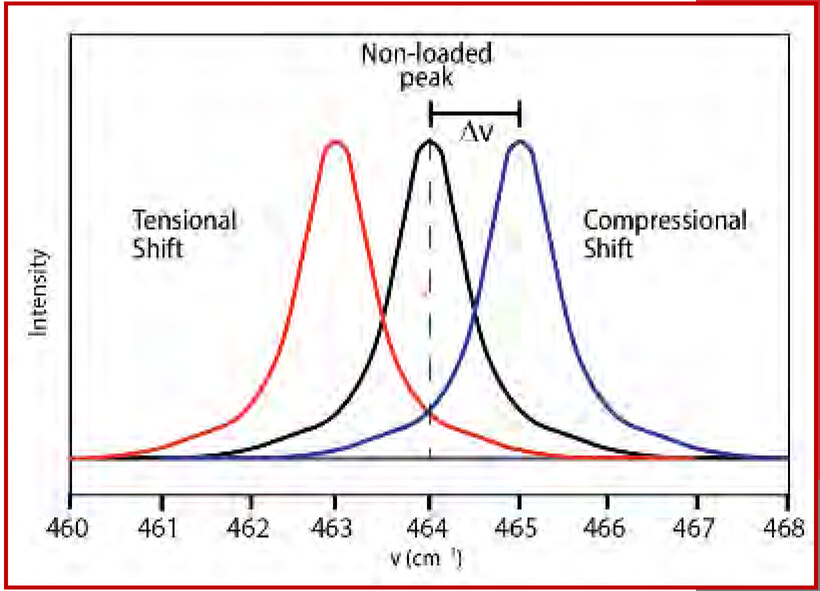


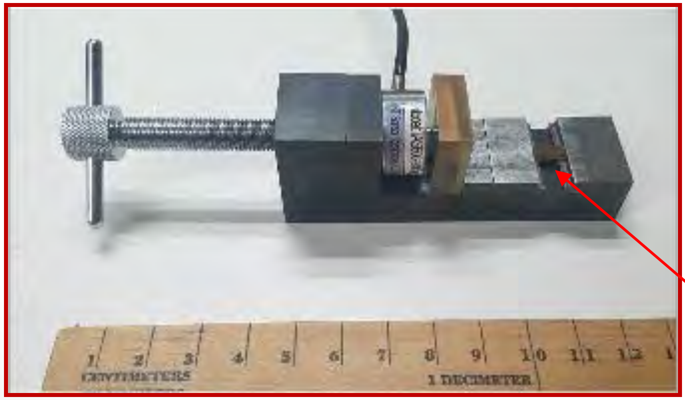
(Burnley & Kaboli, 2019)

Raman spectroscopic measurements of stress distribution







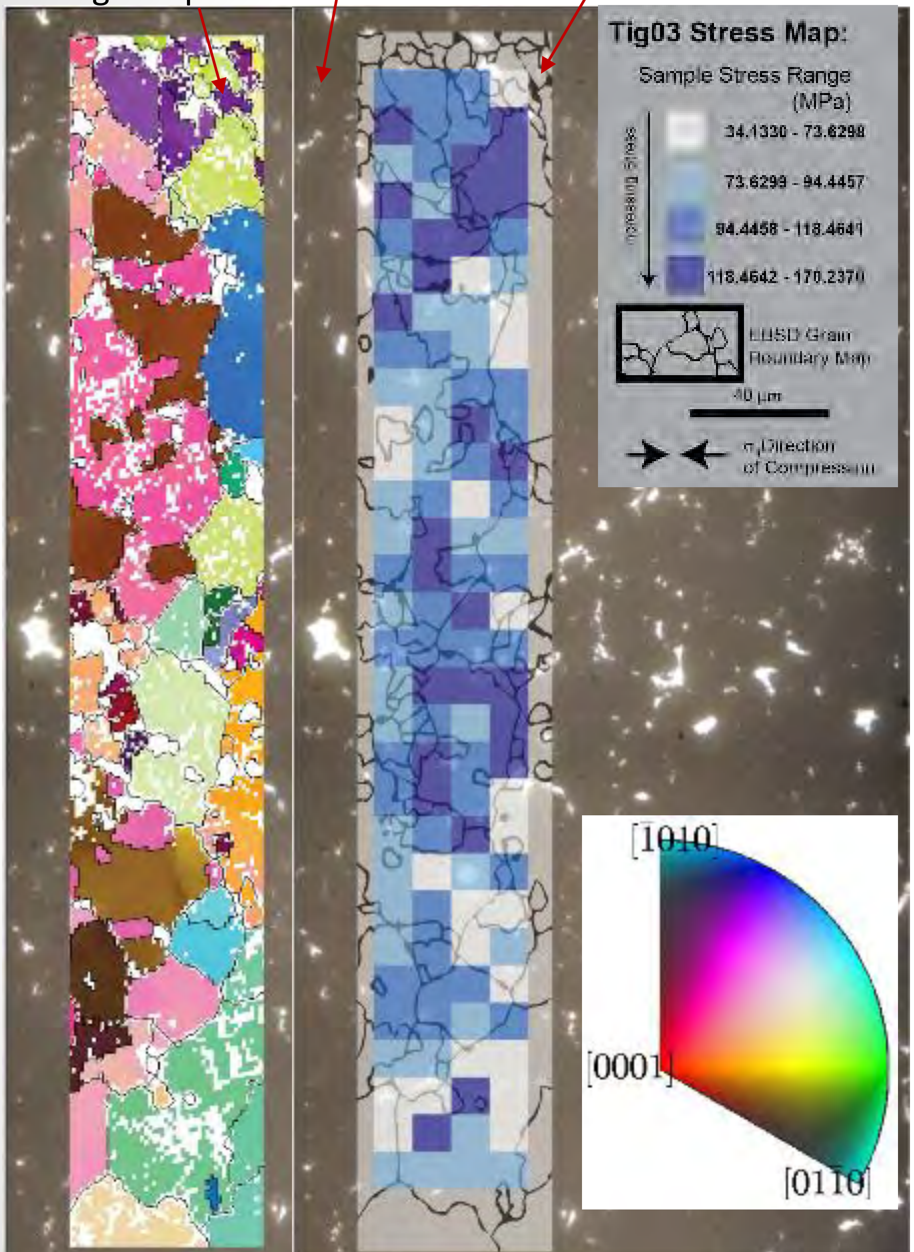


sample

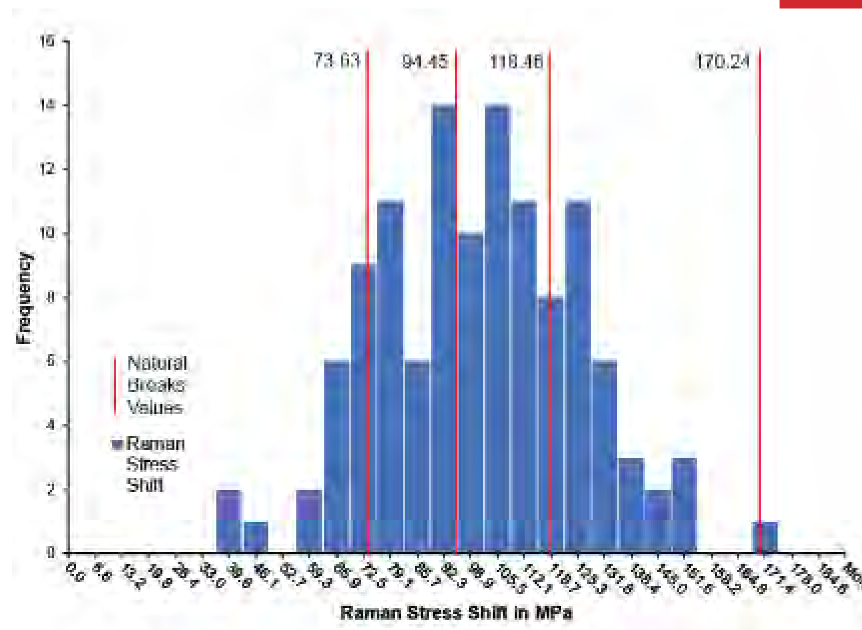
EBSD Orientation Image Map

optical image

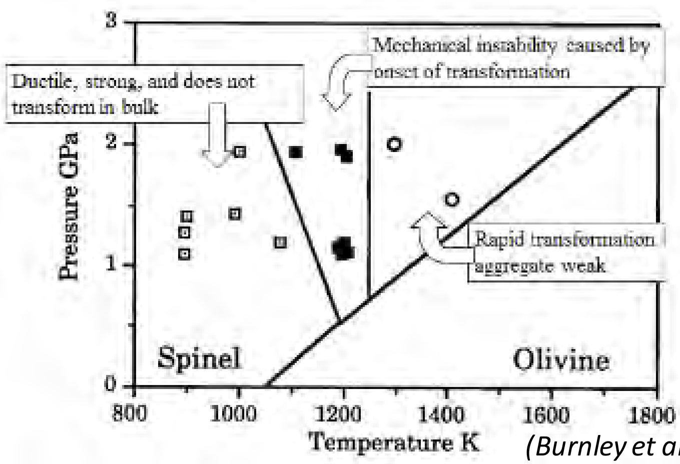
Stress map



- Peak shifts converted to sample stress using single crystal measurements

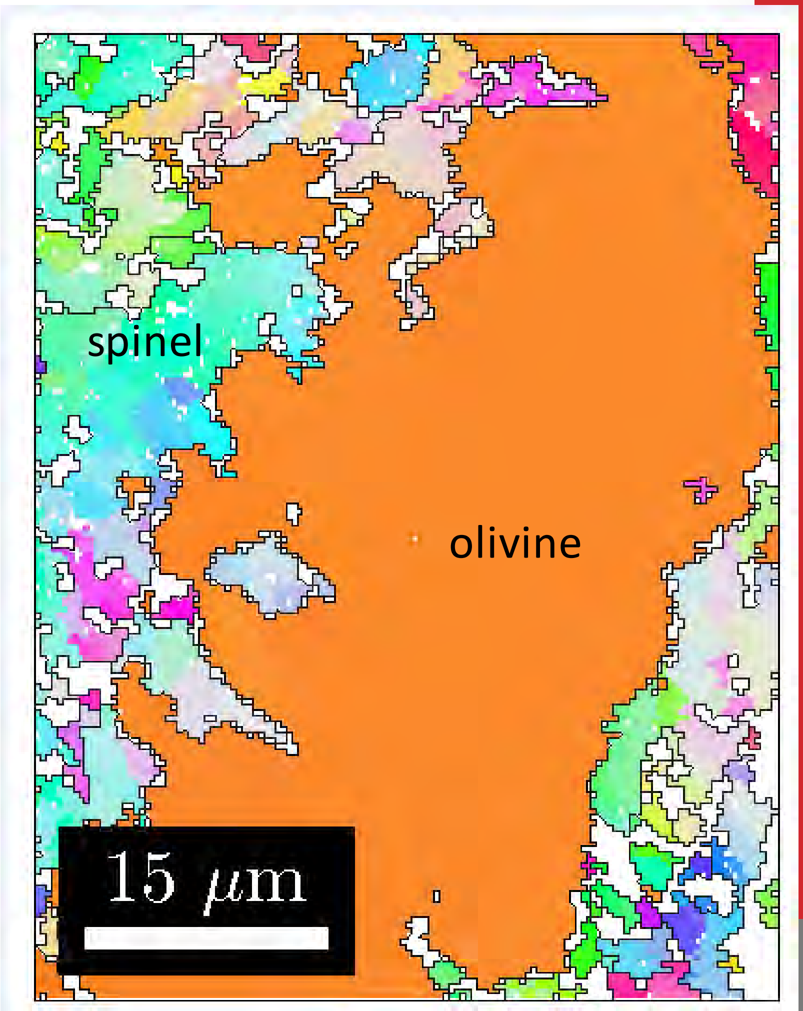


Interaction of Phase Transformation and Deformation



(Burnley et al.,1990)

- Growth of spinel in metastable olivine creates mechanical instability
- New microstructural analysis clarifies nature of instability



Electron Backscatter Diffraction Orientation Image Map

(Burnley et al., in prep)

Radioactive Materials and Radiation

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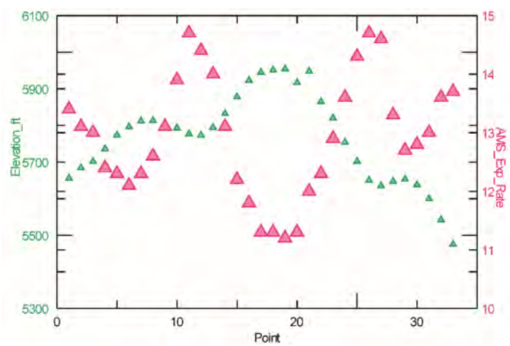
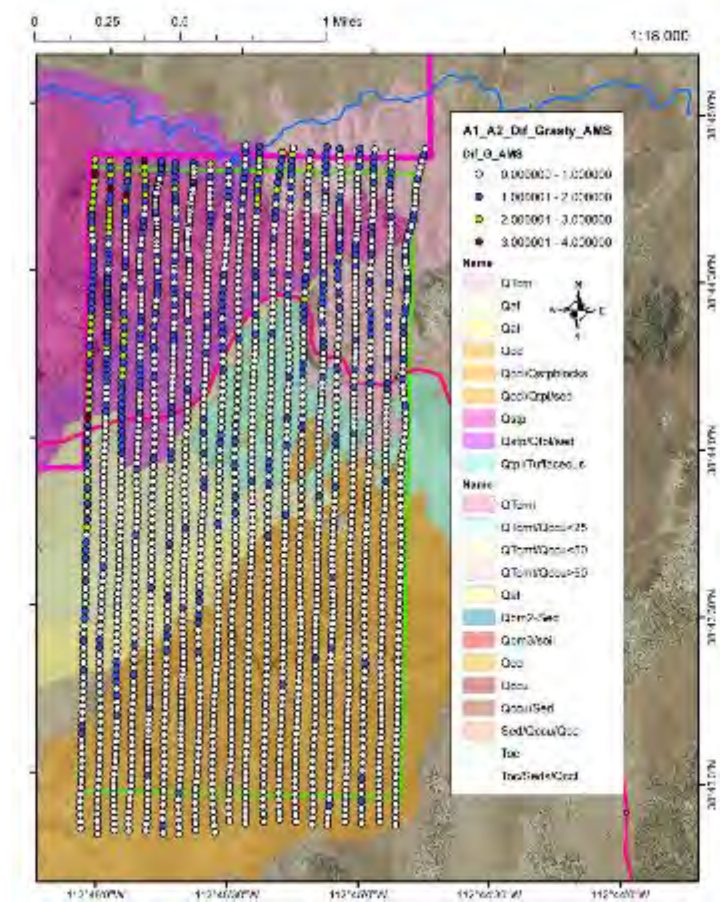
Gamma ray background radiation

γ-ray Background Radiation



- Predictive model based on legacy NURE data & geologic map units
- Most points within 1μR/hr
- Largest deviations associated with steep topography
- Led to D. Haber's PhD research on topographic corrections

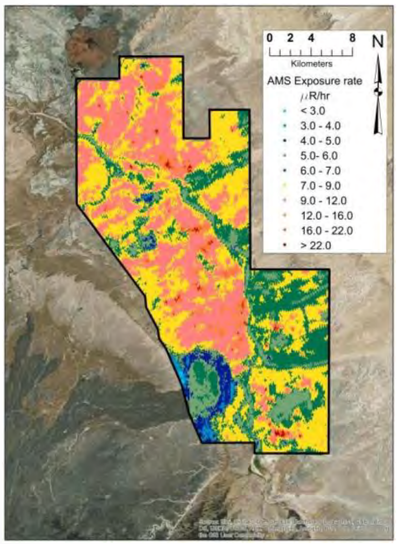
Difference between AMS flight data and predictive model



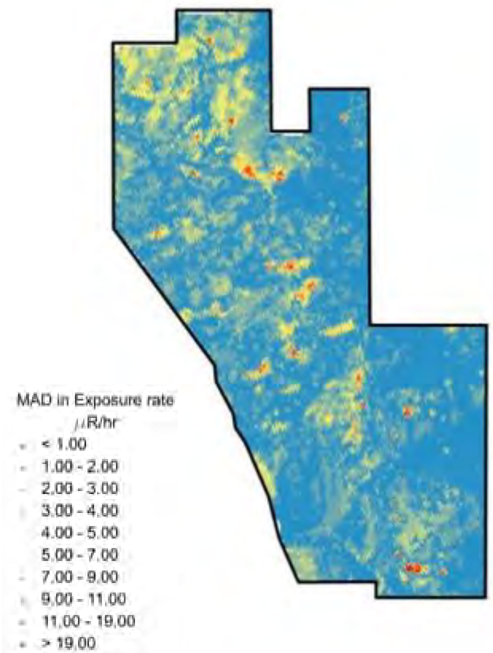
γ-ray Background Radiation

AMS flight data

Cameron, AZ

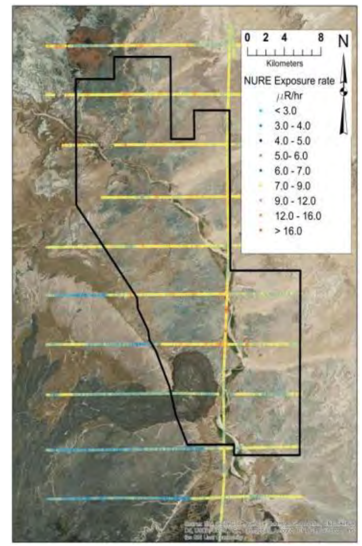


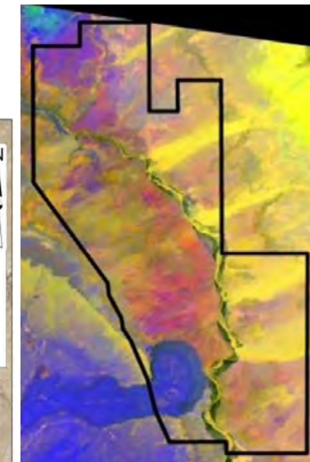
Difference between AMS data and model



Highlights Uranium mines

Model based on ASTER data, NURE survey & geologic map





(Adcock et al. 2019)

Theoretical and Computational

Condensed Matter and Materials Physics

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Expertise

- Novel states of matter: topological insulators and semimetals
- Superior bonding structures: superhard and supertough materials
- Intriguing quantum phenomena: superconductivity and magnetism
- Extreme mechanics: stress responses to complex large strains
- Ultimate thermodynamics: materials inside Earth and other planets

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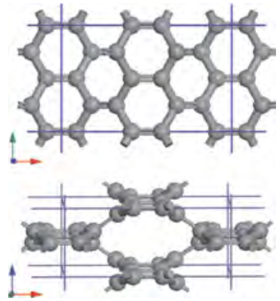
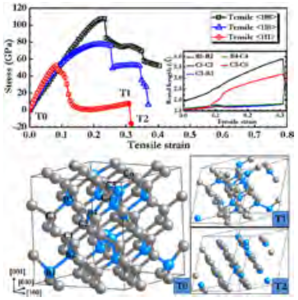
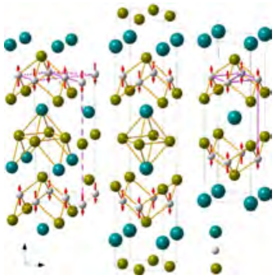


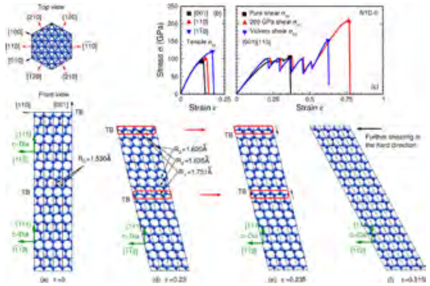
Nodal-ring Dirac semimetal states identified in bco-C_{16} crystal [Wang, Weng, Nie, Fang, Kawazoe, Chen, ***Phys. Rev. Lett.*** 116, 195501 (2016)].



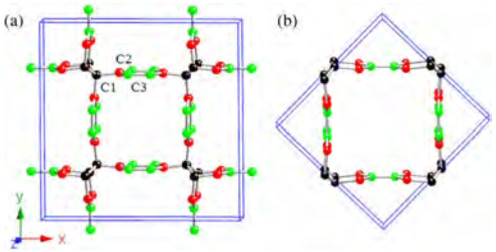
Superhard B_3C in diamond structure [Zhang, et al., ***Phys. Rev. Lett.*** 114, 015502 (2015)].



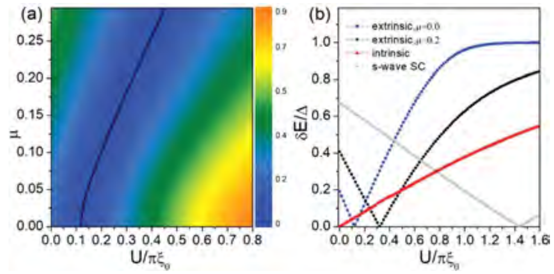
Magnetic Dirac materials $CaMnBi_2$ and $SrMnBi_2$ [Zhang, et al., ***Nature Commun.*** 7, 13833 (2016)].



Extreme mechanics of nanotwinned diamond [Li, Sun, Chen, ***Phys. Rev. Lett.*** 117, 116103 (2016)].

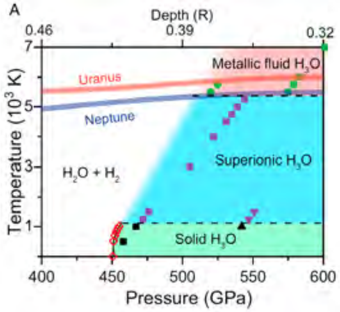


Nodal-net Dirac semimetal states in a graphene network structure [Wang, Nie, Weng, Kawazoe, Chen, ***Phys. Rev. Lett.*** 120, 026402 (2018)].

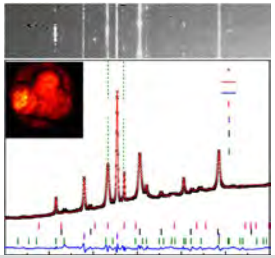


Kondo physics in 2D topological superconductors [Wang, et al., ***Phys. Rev. Lett.*** 122, 087001 (2019)].

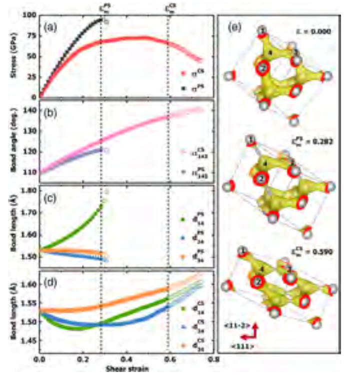
Helium-bearing compound FeO_2He predicted to stabilize at deep-Earth conditions [Zhang, et al., ***Phys. Rev. Lett.*** 121, 255703 (2018)].

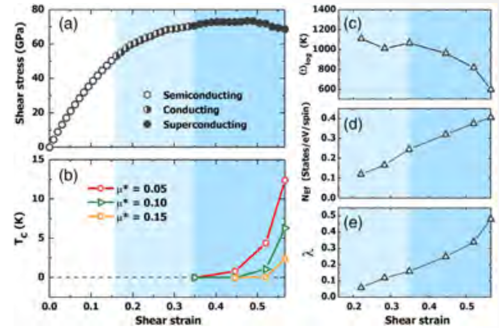


Prediction of novel H_3O and implications for the magnetic fields of Uranus and Neptune [Huang, et al., ***Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci.*** 117, 5638 (2020)].



Pressure-stabilized divalent ozonide CaO_3 and its
impact on Earth's oxygen cycles [Wang, et al., ***Nature Commun.*** 11, 4702 (2020)].





Metallization and superconductivity in diamond [Liu, et al., ***Phys. Rev. Lett.*** 123, 195504 (2019); ***Phys. Rev. Lett.*** 124, 147001 (2020)].

Further Reading (selected papers by Chen Group, 2015-2020)

Anomalous Stress Response of Ultrahard WB_n Compounds, Li, Zhou, Zheng, Ma, Chen, ***Phys. Rev. Lett.*** 115, 185502 (2015).

Ultralow-Frequency Collective Compression Mode and Strong Interlayer Coupling in Multilayer Black Phosphorus, Dong, et al., ***Phys. Rev. Lett.*** 116, 087401 (2016).

Extraordinary Indentation Strain Stiffening Produces Superhard Tungsten Nitrides, Lu, Li, Ma, Chen, ***Phys. Rev. Lett.*** 119, 115503 (2017).

Xenon iron oxides predicted as potential Xe hosts in Earth's lower mantle, Peng, Song, Liu, Li, Miao, Chen, Ma, ***Nature Commun.*** 11, 5227 (2020).

Electronic and Magnetic Properties at High Pressure

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Expertise:

- Experimental high pressure measurements
- Magnetism
- Superconductivity

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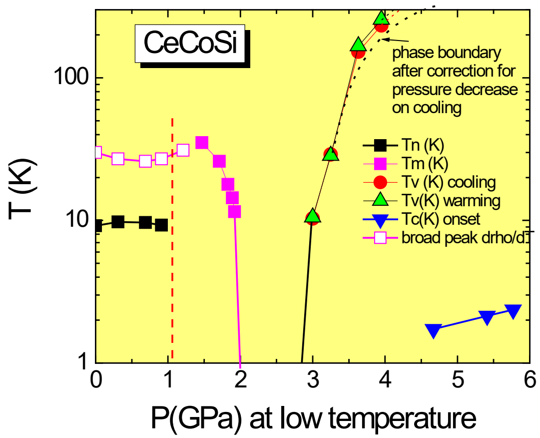
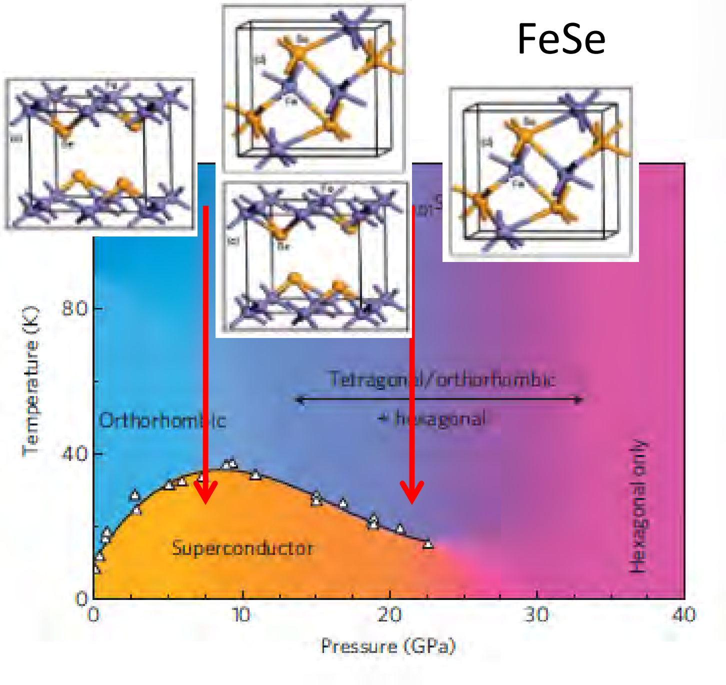
Superconductivity

Quantum Design PPMS at UNLV

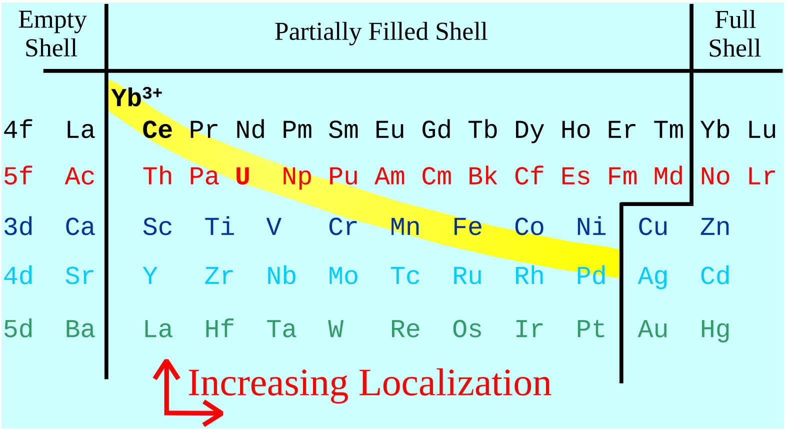
- Measurements from 0.3 K to 400 K
  - Heat capacity, electric and thermal transport, and AC/DC magnetization
- Pressure cells to measure electrical properties (clamp to 3 GPa and diamond anvil cell to >100 GPa)





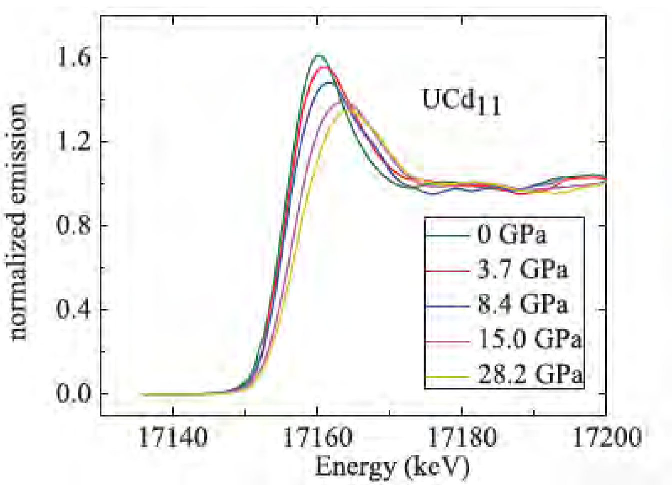
Addition of high pressure synchrotron experiments (diffraction and X-ray absorption) allows mapping of complex superconducting phase diagrams

Correlated-Electron Systems

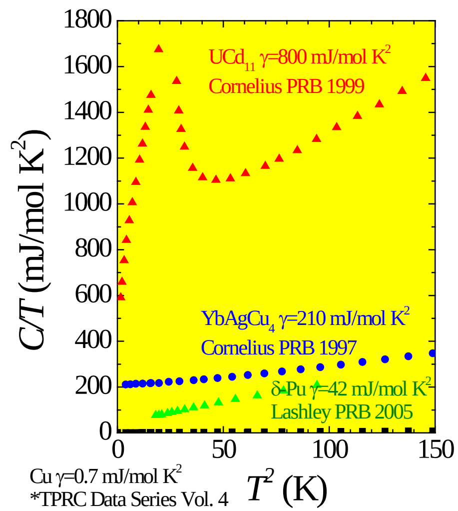


Modified periodic table

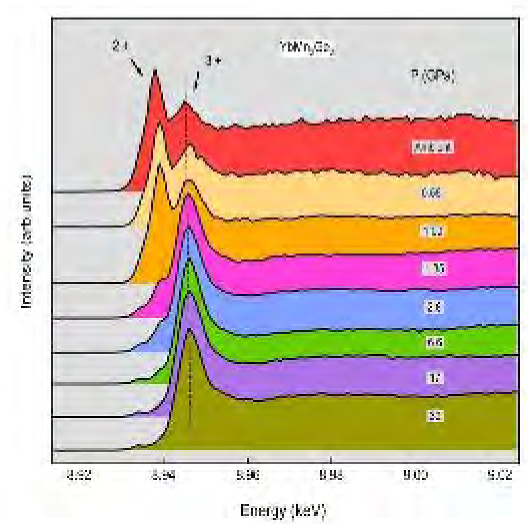
- Going from localized to delocalized electrons one often finds strong electron-electron correlations
- Correlated electron systems can yield interesting behavior: fluctuating valence, superconductivity, non-Fermi liquid, heavy fermion and many more



f-electron delocalization
X-ray absorption



Heavy fermions
Heat Capacity



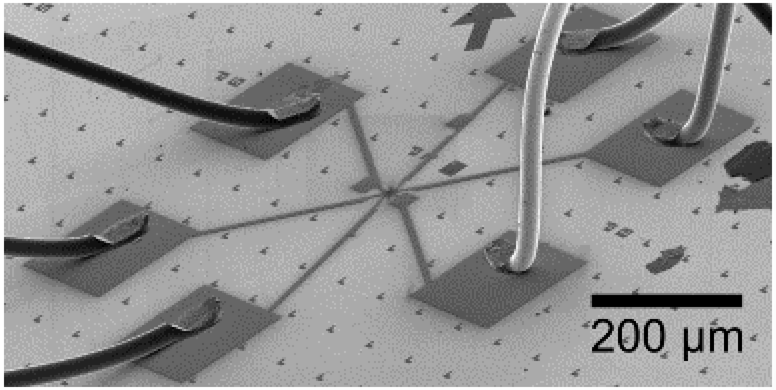
Fluctuating valence
X-ray fluorescence

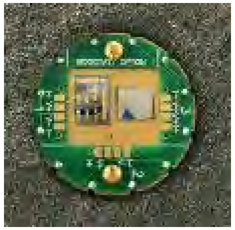
Island – Quantum computing, quantum sensing

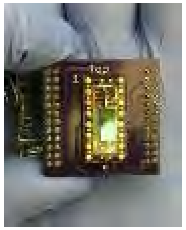
The Nanoscale Physics Group @ UNLV

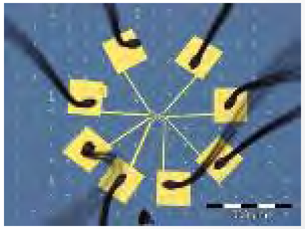
Areas of Research

- Nanotechnology, device physics
- Photodetection and quantum sensing
- Quantum computing, topological qubits
- Non-equilibrium, driven systems
- Superconductivity, proximity effects
- Low dimensional materials









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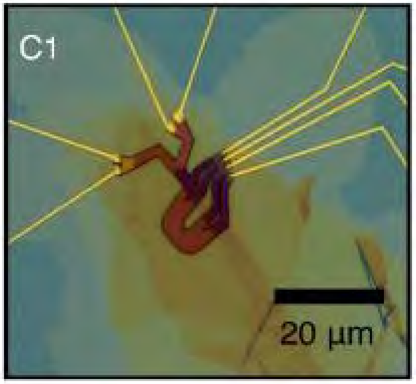
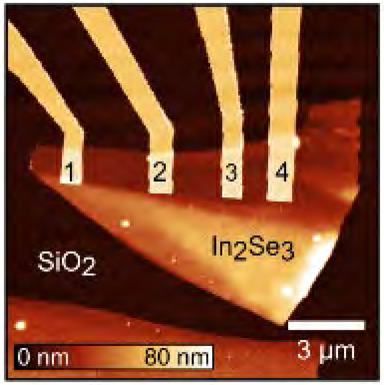
Island – Quantum computing, quantum sensing

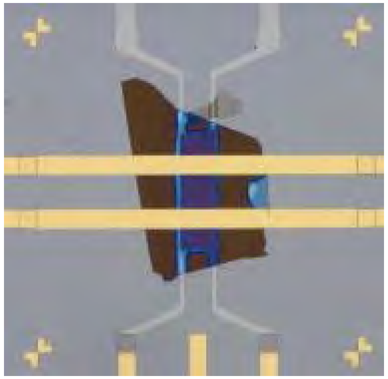
Quantum computing: Topological phases for fault-tolerant, universal quantum computing.

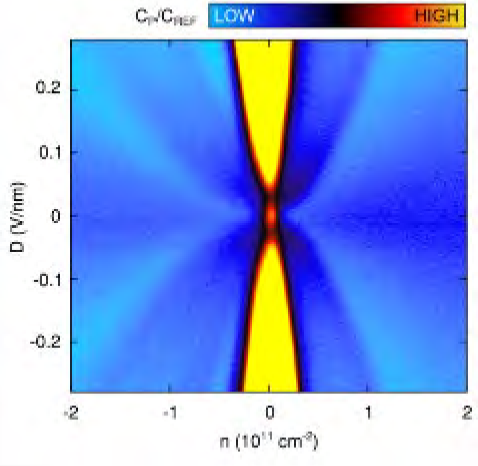
Industry-disruptive photodetectors: Ultra-sensitive phototransistors designed with 2D materials and heterostructures.

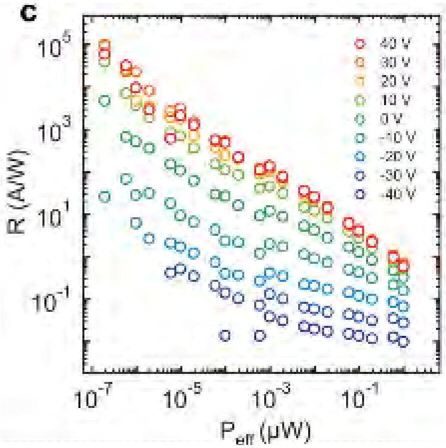
Transient phases of driven systems: Non-equilibrium response of pumped nanomaterials below the diffraction limit.

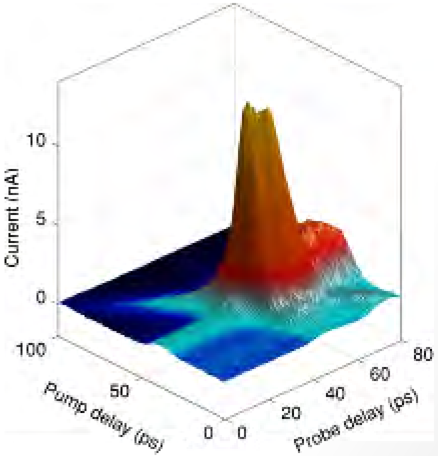












Island, J. O., et al. *Nature* **571** (2019): 85–89.

Island, J. O., et al. *Nano Letters* **15** (2015): 7853-7858.

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Island – Quantum computing, quantum sensing

Journal publications:

Spin-orbit-driven band inversion in bilayer graphene by van der Waals proximity effect
J.O. Island, X. Cui, C. Lewandowski, J.Y. Khoo, E.M. Spanton, H. Zhou, D. Rhodes, J.C. Hone, T. Taniguchi, K. Watanabe, L.S. Levitov, M.P. Zaletel, A.F. Young, Nature, **571**, 85-89 (2019). (arXiv)

Enhanced superconductivity in atomically thin TaS2
E. Navano-Moiatalla*, J.O. Island*, S. Manas-Valero, E. Pinilla-Cienfuegos, A. Castellanos-Gomez, J. Queieda, G. Rubio- Bollinger, L. Chirolli, J.A. Silva-Guilin, N. Agrat, G.A. Steele, F. Guinea, H.S.J. van der Zant, E. Coronado, Nature Communications, **15**, 7853 (2016). (arXiv)

Proximity-induced Shiba states in a molecular junction
J. O. Island, R. Gaudenzi, J. de Bruijckere, E. Burzuri, C. Franco, M. Mas-Torrent, C. Rovira, J. Veciana, T. M. Klapwijk, R. Aguado, H.S.J. van der Zant, Physical Review Letters, **118**, 117001 (2017). (arXiv)

T1S3 transistors with tailored morphology and electrical properties
J.O. Island, M. Barawi, R. Biele, A. Almazan, J.M. Clamagirand, J.R. Ares, C. Sanchez, H.S.J. van der Zant, J.V. Alvarez, R. D'Agosta, I.J. Ferrer, A. Castellanos-Gomez, Advanced Materials, **27**, 2595 (2015). (arXiv)

Environmental instability of few-layer black phosphorus
J.O. Island, G.A. Steele. H.S.J. van der Zant, and A. Castellanos-Gomez, 2D Materials, **2**, 011002 (2015). (arXiv)

Ultrahigh photoresponse of few-layer TiS3 nanoribbon transistors
J.O. Island, M. Buscema, M. Barawi, J.M. Clamagirand. J.R. Ares, C. Sanchez, I.J. Ferrer, G.A. Steele, H.S. J van der Zant, and A. Castellanos-Gomez, Advanced Optical Materials, **2**, 641 (2014). (arXiv)

Gate controlled photocurrent generation mechanisms in high-gain ln2Se3 phototransistors
J.O. Island*, S.I. Blanter*, M. Buscema, H.S.J. van der Zant, and A. Castellanos-Gomez, Nano Letters, **15**, 7853(2015). (arXiv)

Precise and reversible band gap tuning In single-layer MoSe2 by uniaxial strain
J.O. Island, A. Kuc, E.U. Diependaal, H.S.J. van der Zant, T. Heine, and A. Castellanos- Gomez, Nanoscale, **8,** 2589 (2016). (arXiv)

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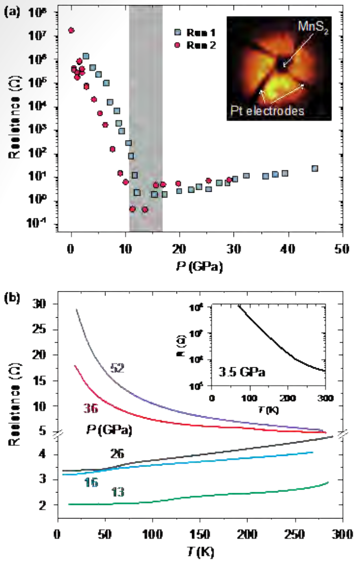
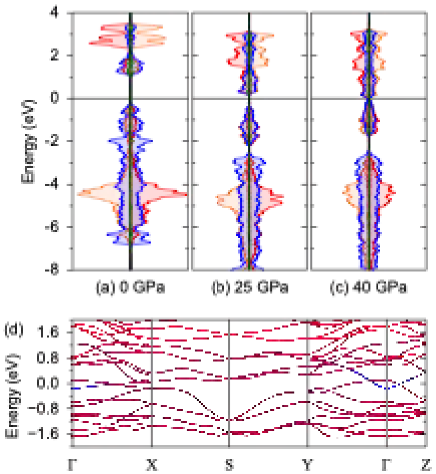
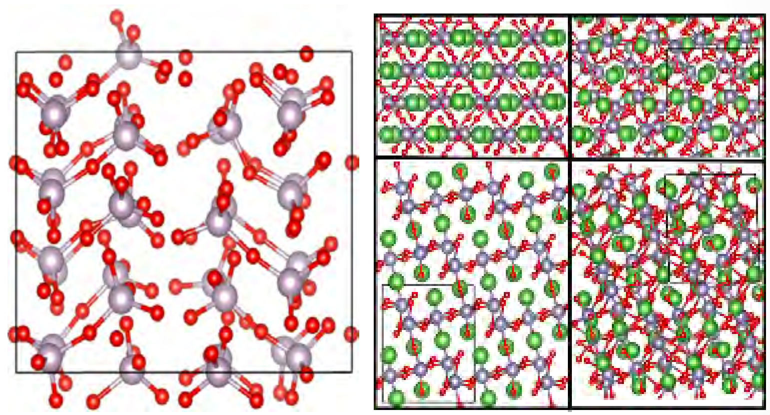
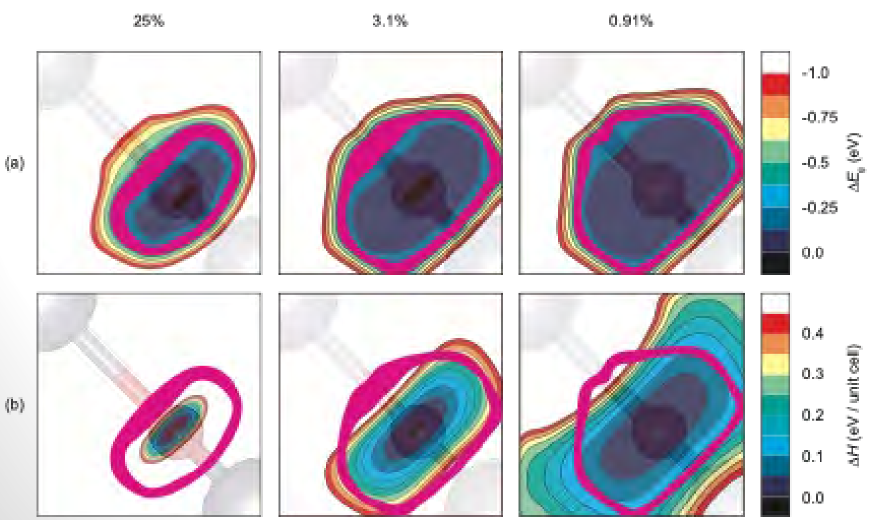




We primarily perform electronic structure simulations to understand pressure driven phenomenon particularly related to correlated electron systems and changes in bonding.

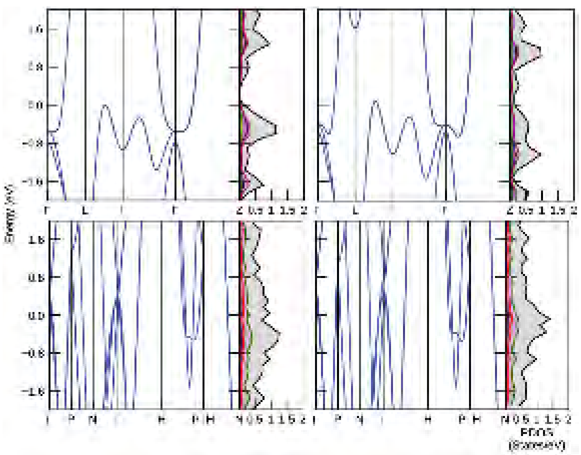


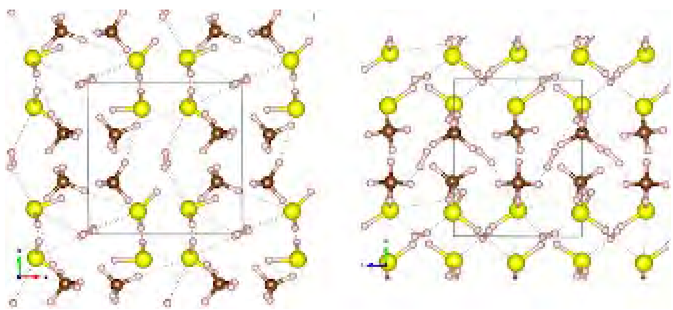
This includes molecular dynamics to understand the thermal behavior of materials and melts,

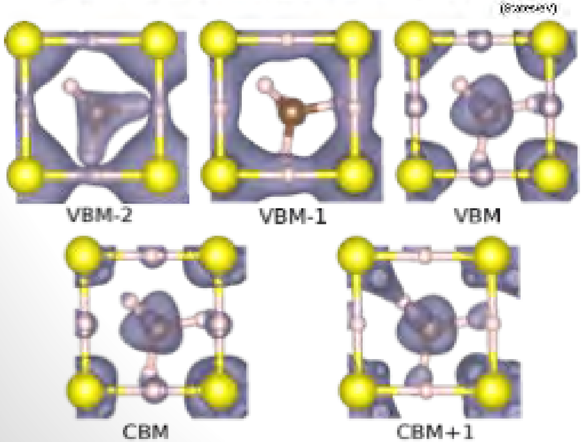


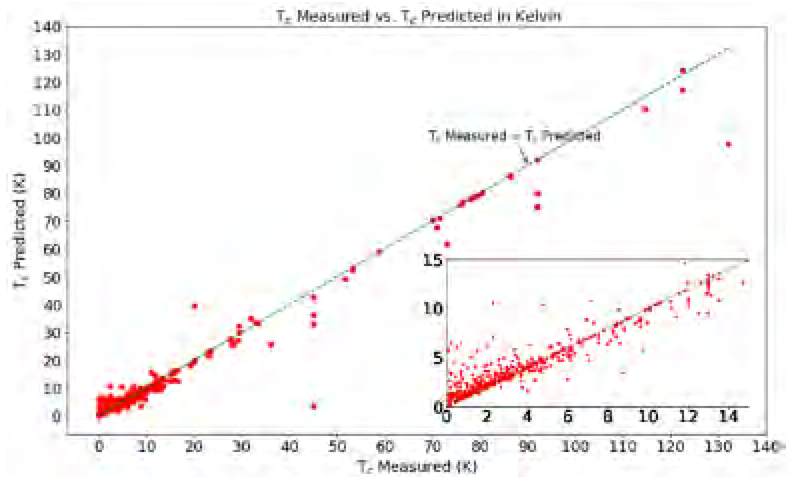
as well as crystal structure prediction and the electronic response to pressure driven perturbations in crystalline lattices.

Our group is also focused on understanding and predicting high temperature superconductivity in pressurized systems. As part of the team that reported room temperature superconductivity in a carbonaceous sulfur hydride system, we have been focused on understanding the molecular pathway to that system, the fundamental interactions driving its superconductivity, and building machine learning tools to predict such properties in new materials.









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Condensed Matter Theory

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Expertise

- Theoretical and computational studies of novel materials, such as cold atoms and molecules, superconductors and superfluids, and other highly correlated systems.
- Path-integral and diffusion quantum Monte Carlo simulations and other first-principles calculations.
- Functional variation, correlated-basis, mean-field, and other analytical approaches.

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Research Methods and Systems Studied

- Analytical Approach

  Quantum Hall effect; quantum transport phenomena, superconductor-insulator transitions; vibrational modes in glasses; and slow light in cold atoms.

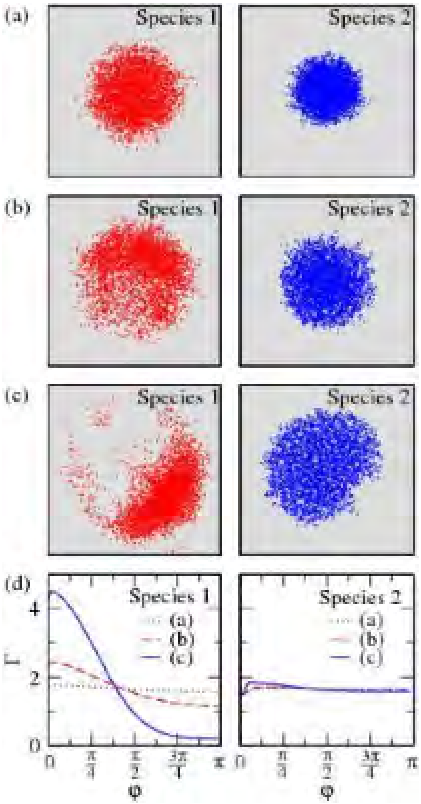
- Diffusion Quantum Monte Carlo Simulation

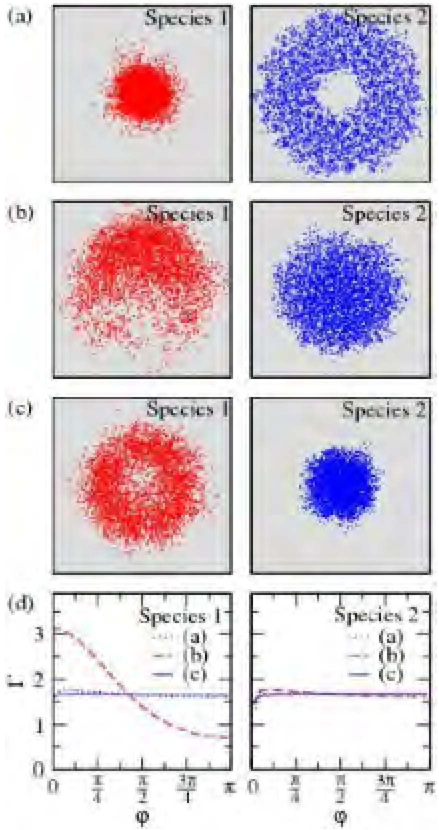
  Negative donor centers in semiconductors; hydrogen molecules in confinement; ionic hydrogen clusters; and helium clusters with modified interactions.

- Path Integral Quantum Monte Carlo Simulation

  Bosons trapped in potential wells in one dimension or two dimensions; Bose-Einstein condensation of cold atoms; and asymmetric distributions of Bose-Einstein condensates of boson mixtures.

An Example: Asymmetry of the Mixed Bose Condensates:





Asymmetric distributions of two Bose-Einstein condensates in the same trap with different cluster parameters.

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Novel chemistry and biology using highly ionizing radiation

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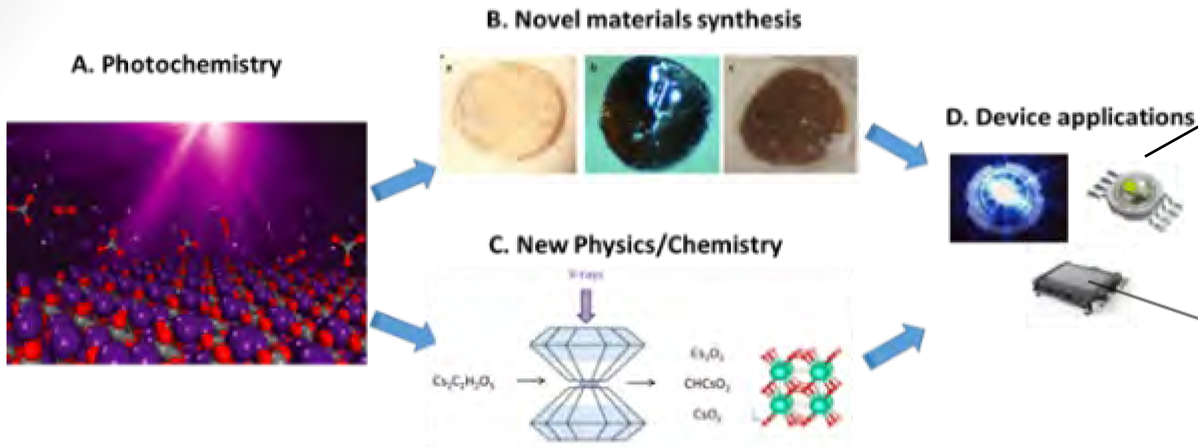
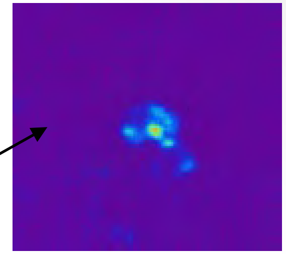
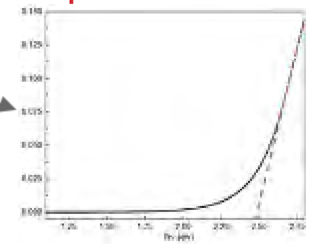
Pravica Group Research





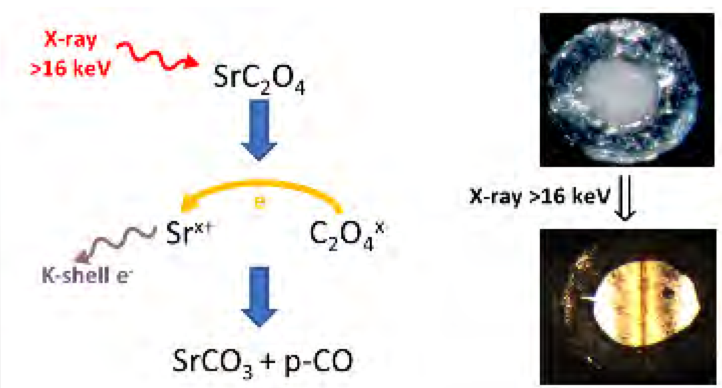
Optical mixer

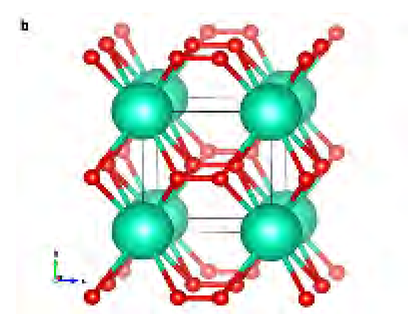


Wide bandgap semiconductor

Radiation-hardened sensors/direct energy conversion devices for EXTREME CONDITIONS or tuned solar materials

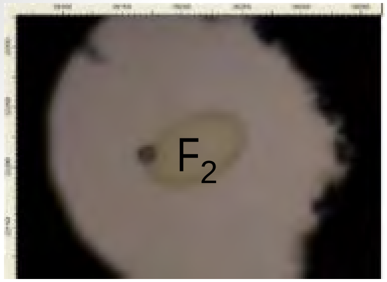
Useful hard x-ray photochemistry

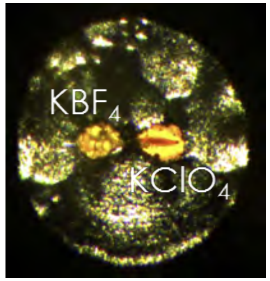




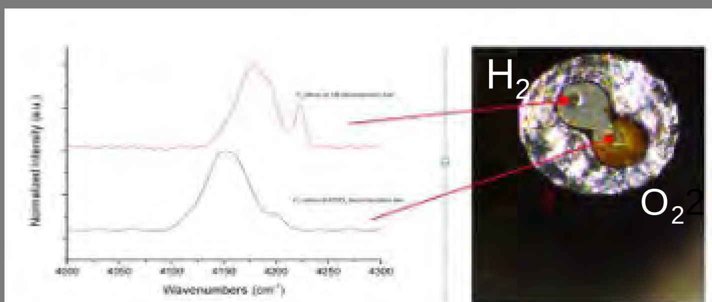
Novel structures of known materials produced With hard x-rays and high pressure (e.g. CsO_2)

High Pressure Fluorine Chemistry



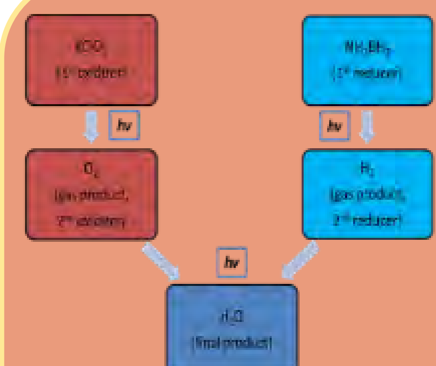


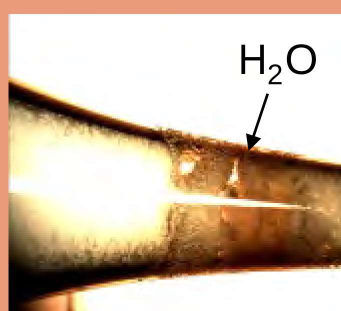
$$2F_2 + O_2 \xrightarrow{h\nu} 2OF_2 \text{ @ 3 GPa}$$



5 GPa

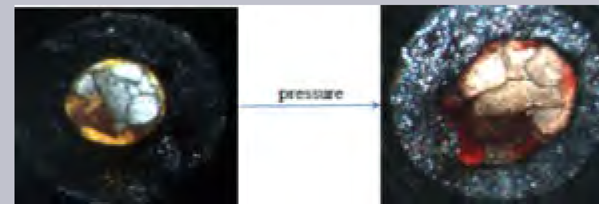
Molecular mixtures at high pressure





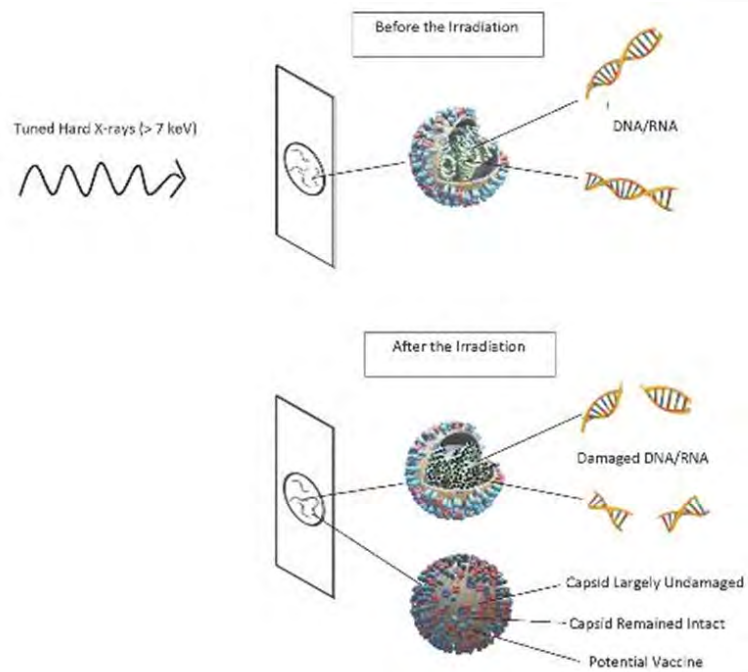
X-ray induced combustion

Inner shell chemistry at high pressure



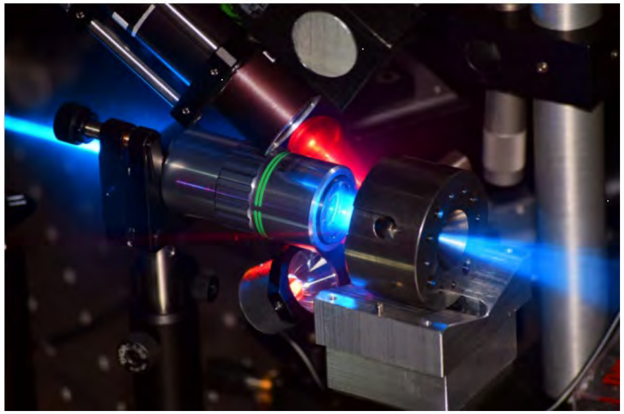
$$XeF_2 \xrightarrow{h\nu} Xe + F_2 \text{ (\textit{in situ} x-ray fluorination)}$$

$$HgF_2 + F_2 \xrightarrow{h\nu} HgF_4$$



Using tuned hard x-rays to damage viruses to create high quality vaccines by targeting specific molecular groups/bonds that resonantly absorb x-ray energy leading to decomposition chemistry.

Salamat Group – Collaboration with MSTS



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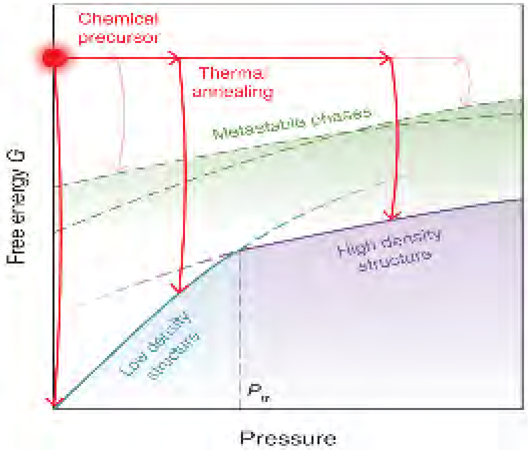
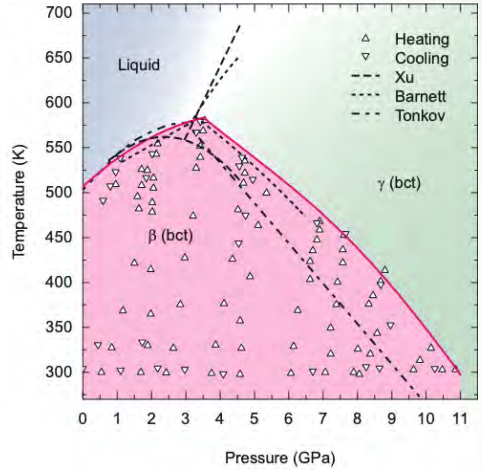
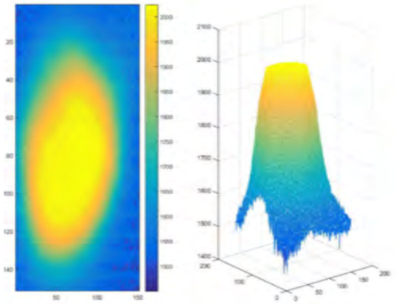
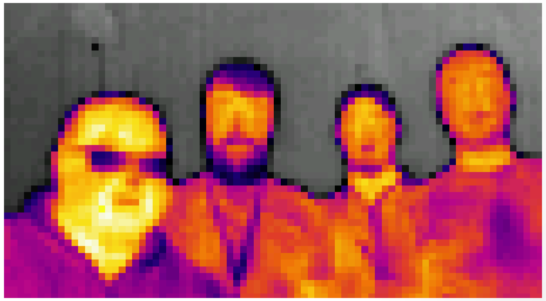
Metrology – accurate mapping of P, V, T





High temperature modelling – understanding emissivity under extreme conditions





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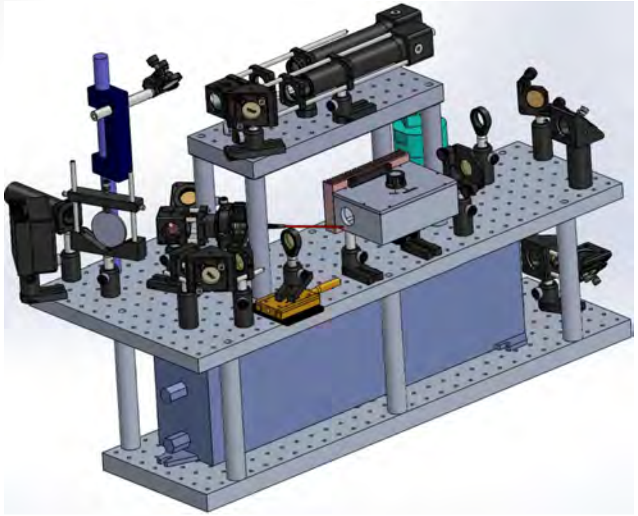
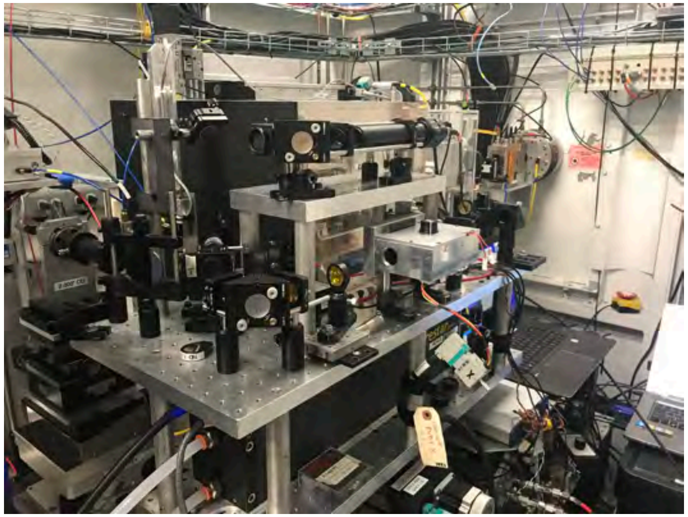
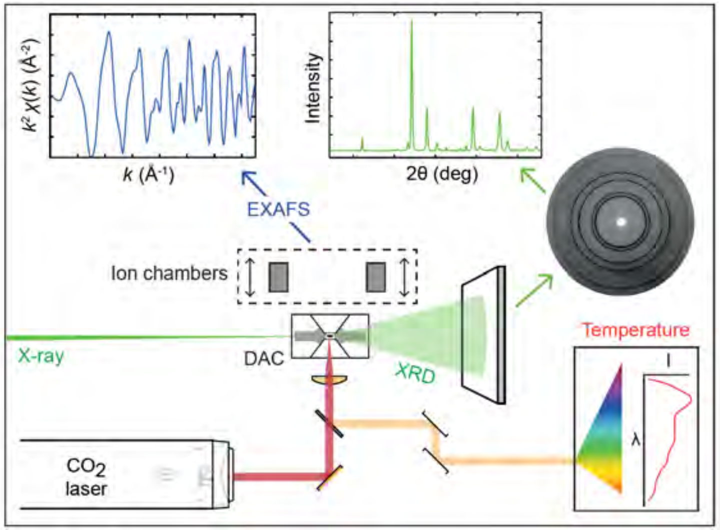
Warm dense matter – probed using EXAFS



- Development of a CO_2 laser heating
- Direct heating of non-metallic systems in a DAC
- First HTHP EXAFS measurements of insulators

- In situ and post heating measurements
- Determining absolute temperature from X-ray spectroscopy





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- Explore new physics beyond the Standard Model by precision measurements using quantum logically controlled molecular ions
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- Quantum transducer – link ion trap and superconducting quantum computers
- Experimental astrochemistry – cold ion-radical collisions

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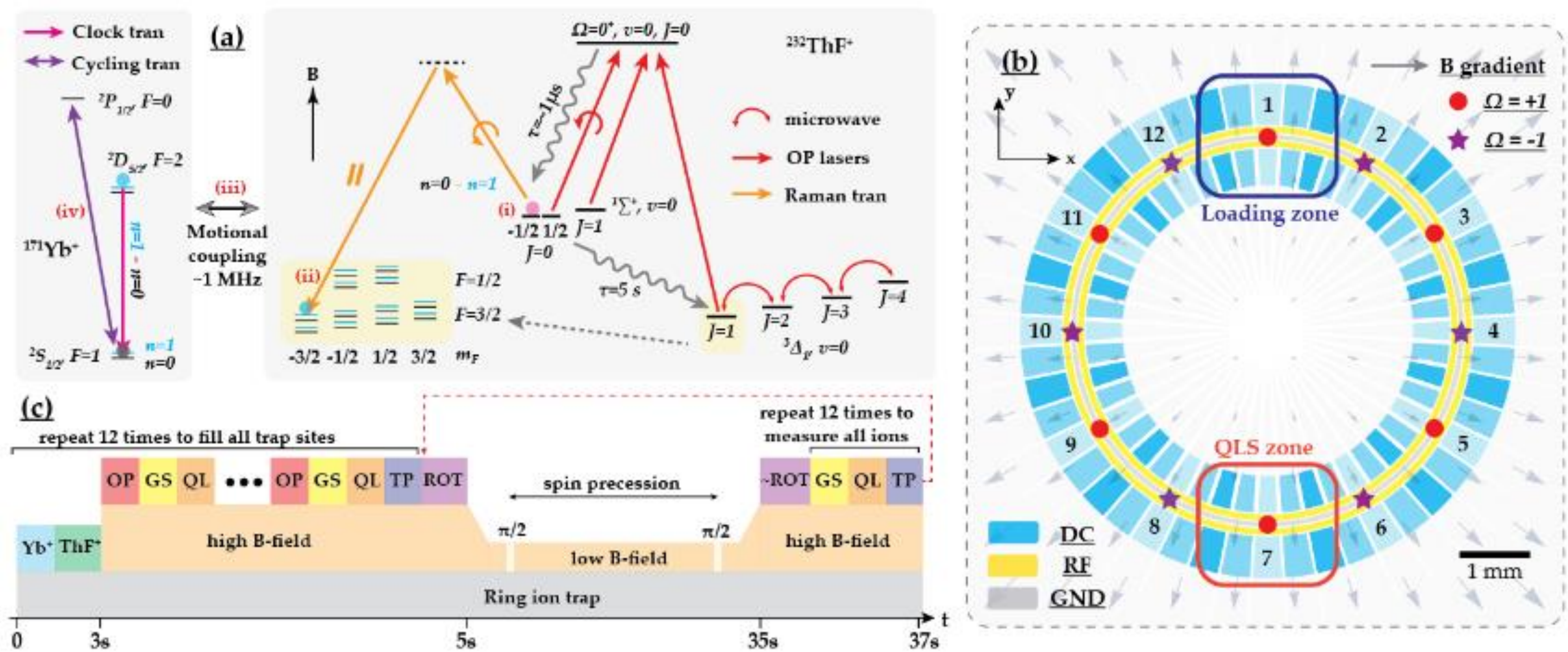
Search for *T,P*-odd symmetry violation



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