

Solid State Chemistry - Materials Science

High Pressures - High Temperatures

In Situ : Synthesis, Structure, Properties



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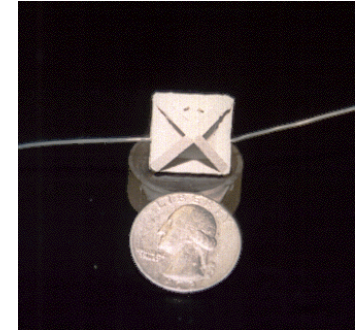
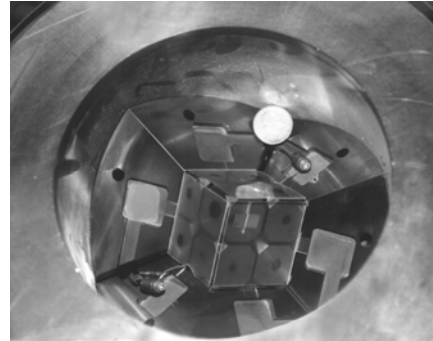
Catalysis ; Magnetics ; Ceramics ; Thin Films, Nanoparticles



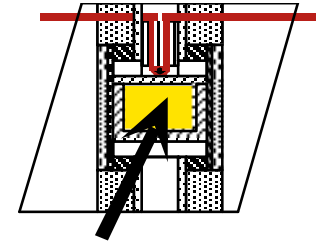
EPSRC Portfolio : RI-Birkbeck-UCL : CRA Catlow, P Barnes, PFM

"Functional Materials" : Laboratory + Synchrotron + Theory

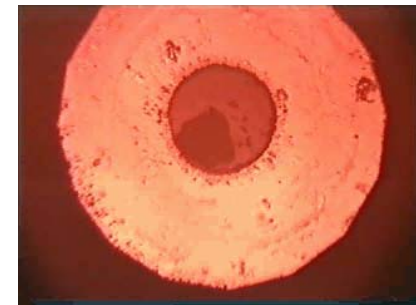
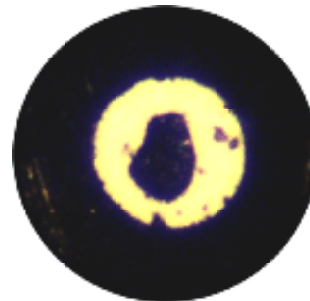
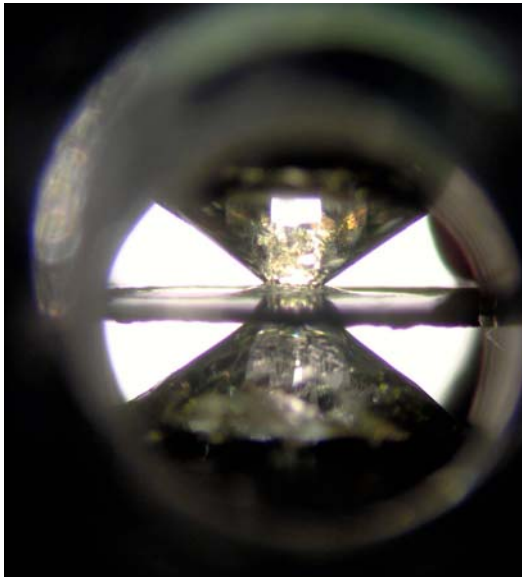
High P-T Solid State Chemistry Synthesis, In Situ Studies



*Multi-anvil
Piston cylinder*



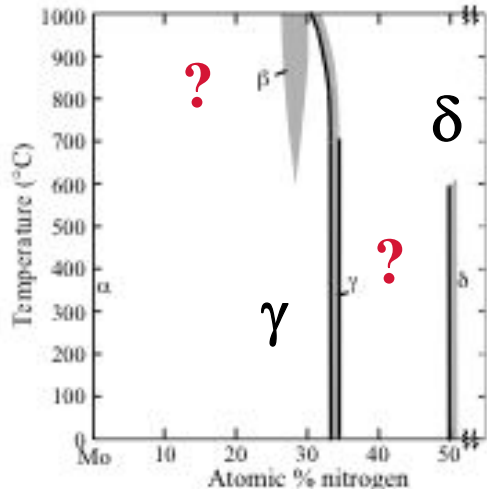
Diamond anvil cell ; laser heat



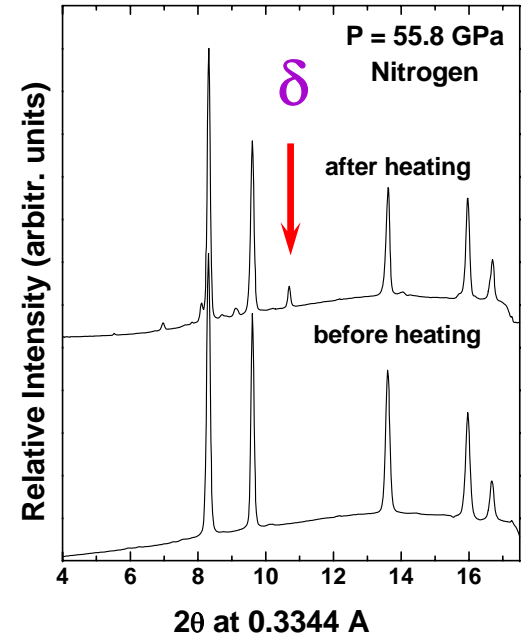
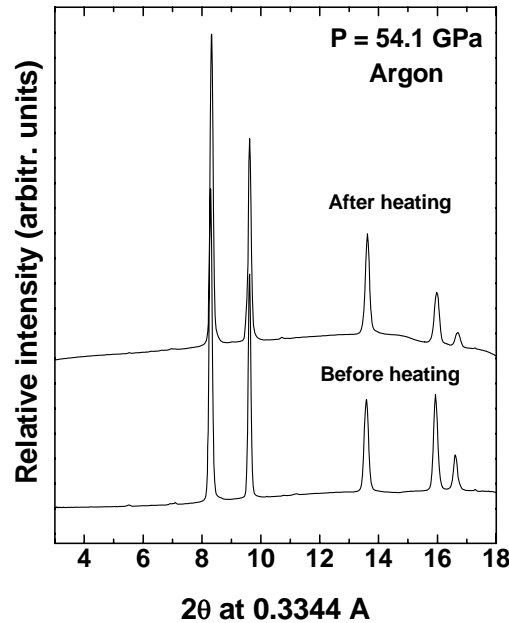
*Focusing ; high penetration (to 100 keV)
diffraction, imaging, spectroscopy : 3-G*

Transition metal nitrides, carbides

High hardness : high T_c : $\delta\text{MoN}-\gamma\text{Mo}_2\text{N} : \text{NbN}-\text{MoN}$?



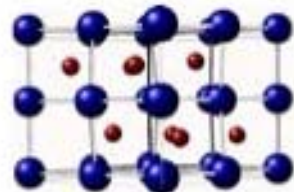
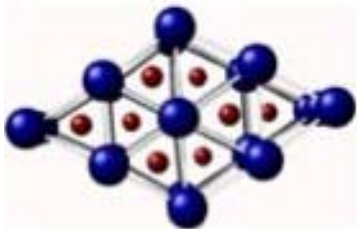
P = 1 atm phase diagram



$\gamma\text{-Mo}_2\text{N} + \text{Ar}$
No transition

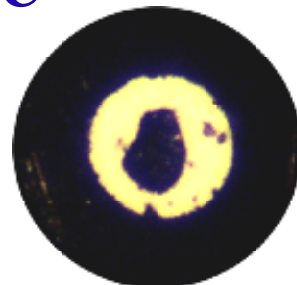
$\gamma\text{-Mo}_2\text{N} + \text{N}_2$
growth of $\delta\text{-MoN}$

Laser-heated DAC



Hexagonal $\delta\text{-MoN}$

Cubic
 $\gamma\text{-MoN}_{1-x}$



Nitride Spinel $P \sim 10\text{-}12 \text{ GPa} ; T \sim 1200\text{-}1500^\circ\text{C}$



Zerr *et al Nature* **1999**, 400, 340

Leinenweber *et al Chem. Eur. J.* **1999**, 5, 3076

***Incompressible : high-hardness
high- T stability (in N_2 , air ?)***

$$K_0 = 290 \text{ GPa}$$

$$H_V : 30\text{-}43 \text{ GPa}$$

$$\alpha\text{-Al}_2\text{O}_3 : H_V = 32 \text{ GPa}$$

$$\alpha\text{-}, \beta\text{-Si}_3\text{N}_4 : H_V = 20 \text{ GPa}$$

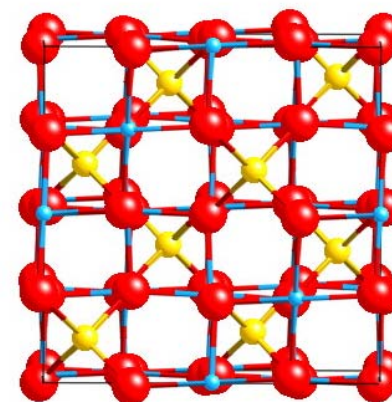
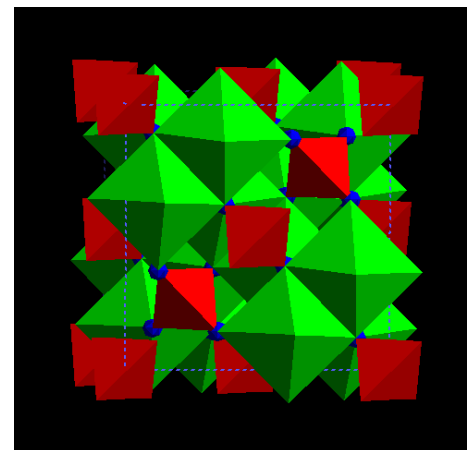
Synchrotron : Synthesis, K_0

Soignard *et al J. Phys. C* **2001**, 13, 555

Zerr *et al J Am Ceram Soc* **2002**, 85, 86

Shock wave : large-scale powder synthesis :

Sekine et al Appl. Phys. Lett. **2000**, 76, 3706

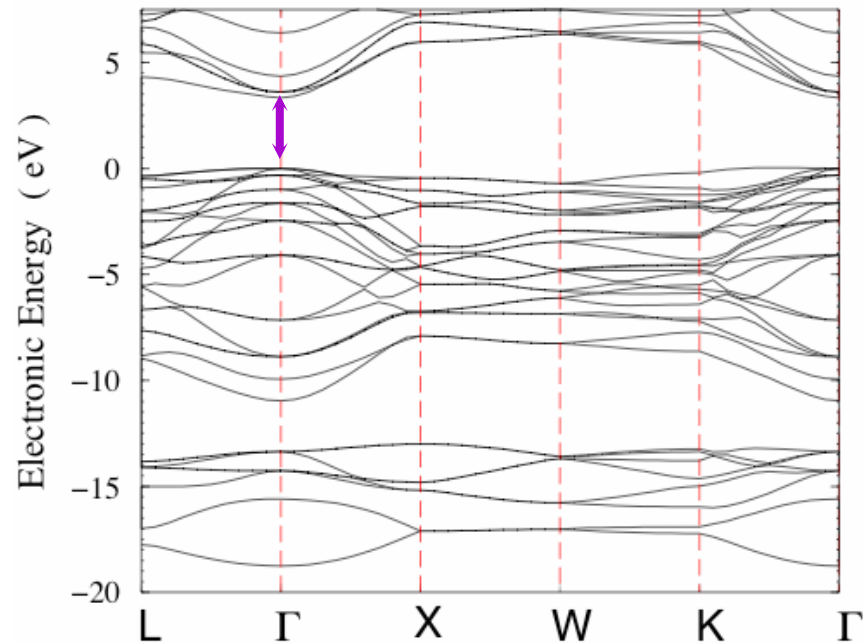


Wide direct-gap : 2-4 eV ?

Mo, Ching et al, PRL **1999**

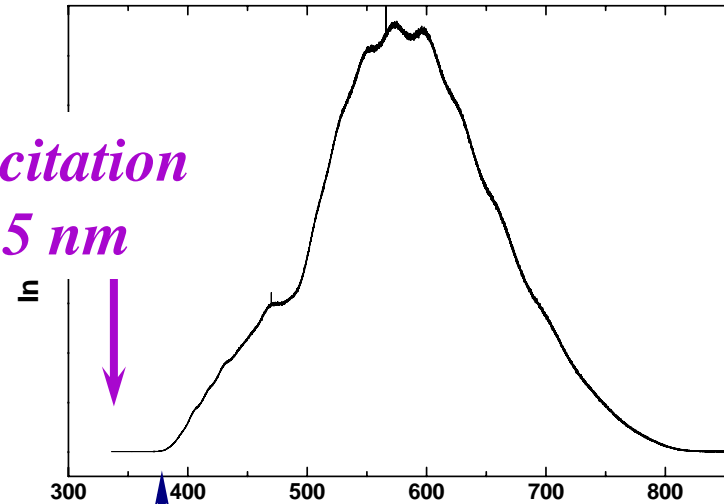
J. Dong et al, PRB **2000, 2004**

***Leitch et al J Phys Cond Mat* **2004**
XAS, XES : ALS**



laboratory PL ; CL

*excitation
325 nm*



onset 3.2 eV ?

γ -Ge₃N₄; γ -Si₃N₄

Defects (N³⁻ vacancies ?) : Raman :

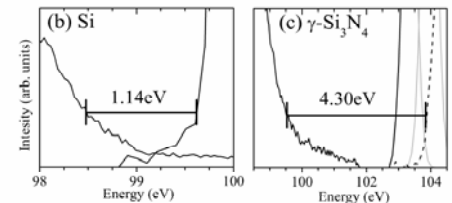
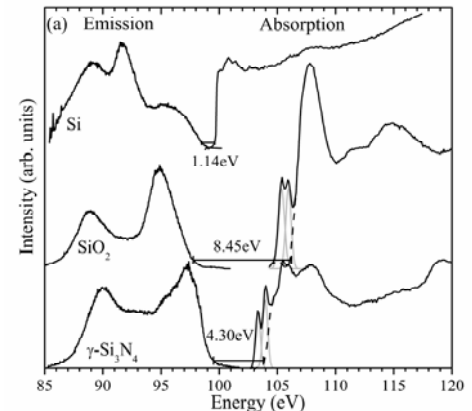
XRD : Chem. Mat. 16 (2004) 3533

ALS : synchrotron X-ray absorption, XES

Alex Moewes : Leitch et al J Phys Cond Mat (2004)

γ -Si₃N₄ : E_g = 4.3 eV

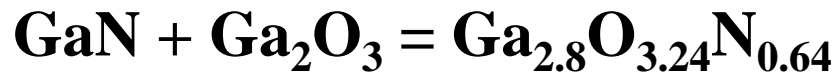
probe excited electronic states



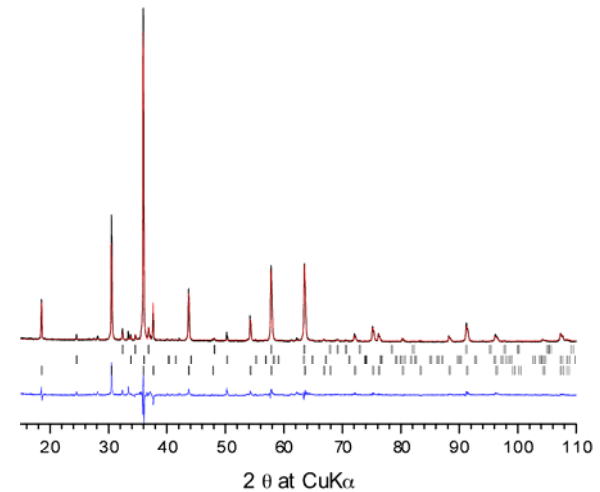
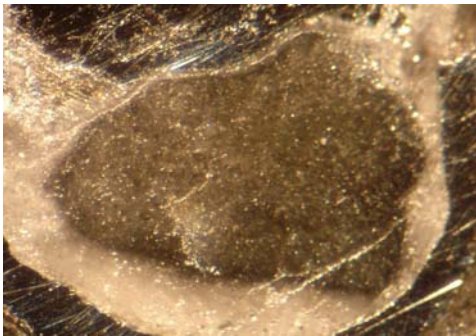
Ga-O-N spinels : Ga_3O_3N (cf : γ , δ - Al_2O_3 ; AlO_xN_y)

Chemical precursors + high- P,T synthesis : I. Kinski et al. :
 $Ga_{2.81}O_{3.57}N_{0.43}$ *Z Naturforsch.* (2005)

GaN/Ga_2O_3 mixtures : E Soignard et al *Chem Mat* 17 (2005) 5465



Ga^{3+} vacancies - octahedral sites



DAC + Multi-anvil

syntheses : $P \sim 5$ GPa ; 1200-1700°C

Wide-gap : luminescent; catalysis

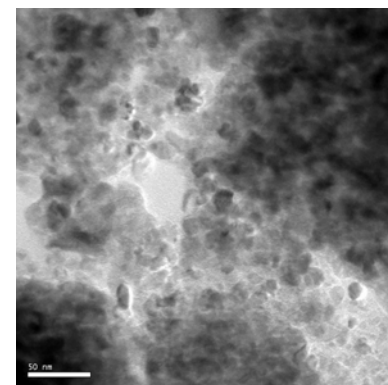
GaN ; Ga_2O_3 phase transitions : D. Machon et al *PRB* 2006

Ti₃N₄?

- **Predicted stable : spinel structure :** Ching et al PRB (2000)
- **But :** Ti + N₂ ; highly refractory, high density ; usually non-stoichiometric TiN_x
- **However :** X-ray amorphous "Ti₃N₄" : from precursors : Baxter et al (1996)

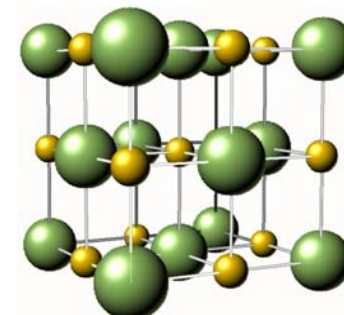
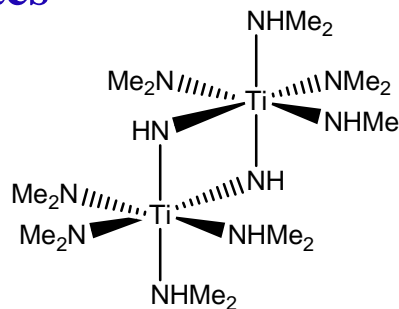
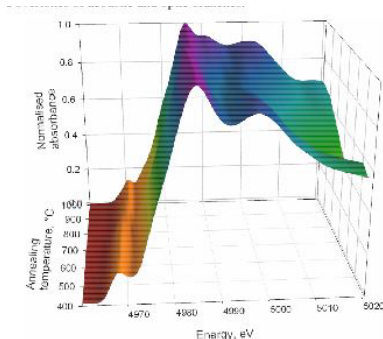
A. Hector, A. Jackson (Southampton) : O. Shebanova (UCL/RI) : characterise "amorphous" products : high-P,T treatment of precursors : JSSC 2006

- **High T annealing :** microcrystalline TiN in "amorphous" matrix
- **Low T (<450°C) :** TiC_{0.22}N_{1.01}H_{0.07} : ~ Ti₃(N,C)₄
- **Amorphous matrix + nc-TiN (superhard nanocomposites ?)**
- **XAS/EXAFS - amorphous matrix : octahedral Ti :**

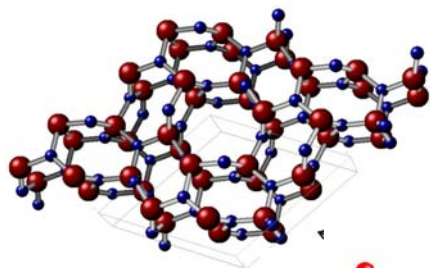


50-60% vacancies on cation and anion sites

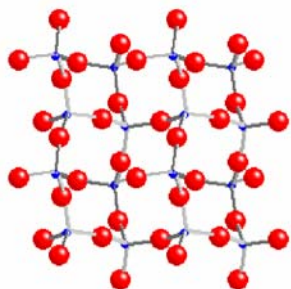
"ladder" structures



Light-element solids : C-O-N chemistry at high P,T

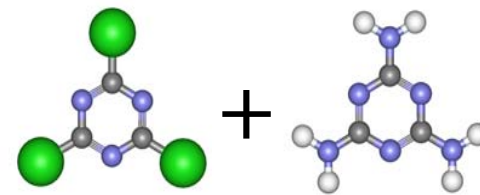
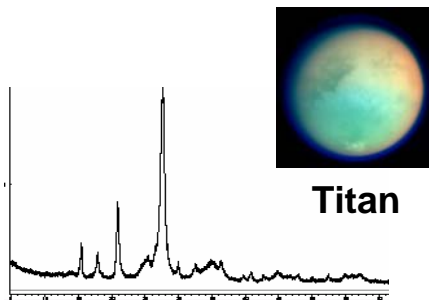
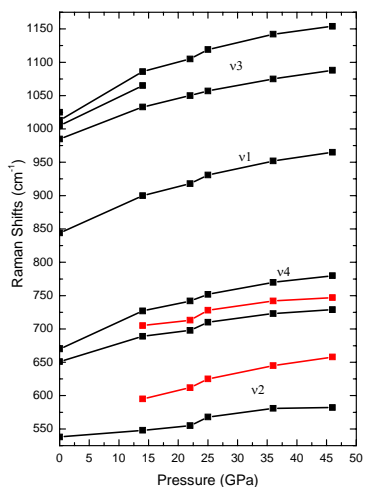
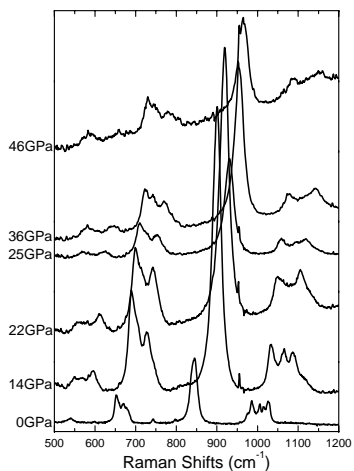


$\beta\text{-C}_3\text{N}_4$: *superhard* ?
M. Cohen, PRB 1985



$\text{CO}_2\text{-V}$: C-S Yoo, V Iota (1999)

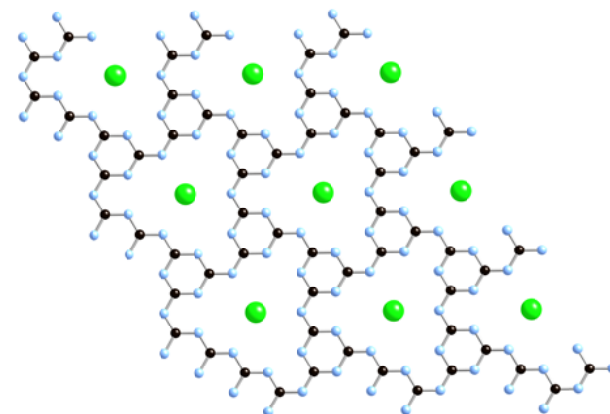
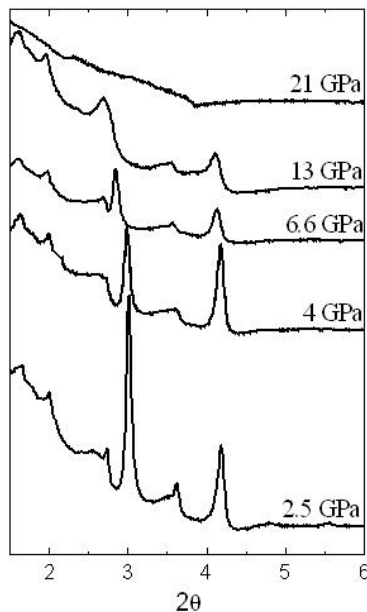
Na_3NO_4



$\text{C}_3\text{N}_3\text{Cl}_3$

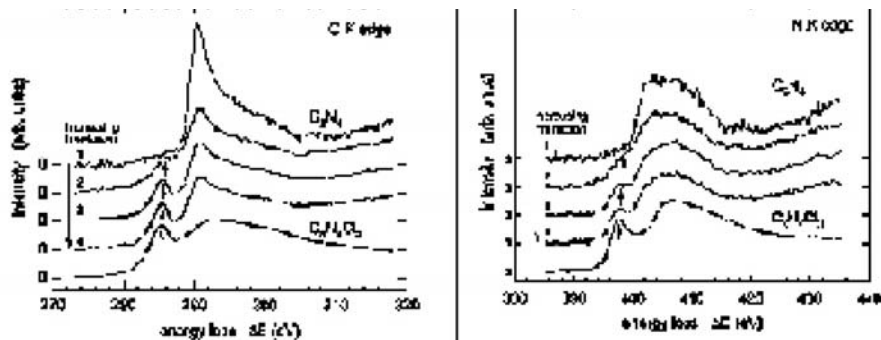
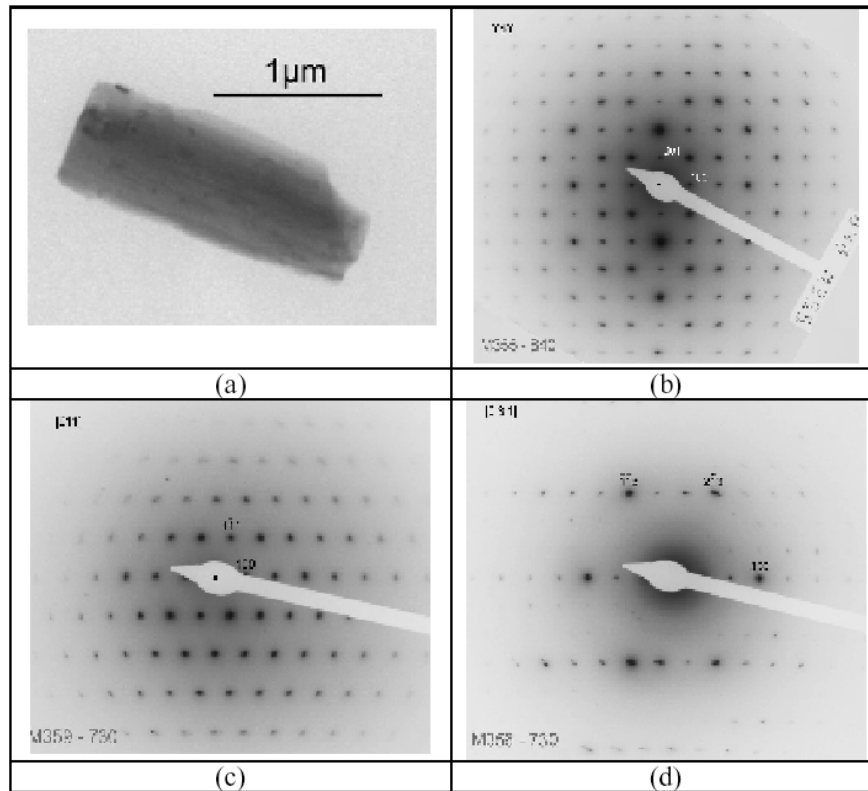
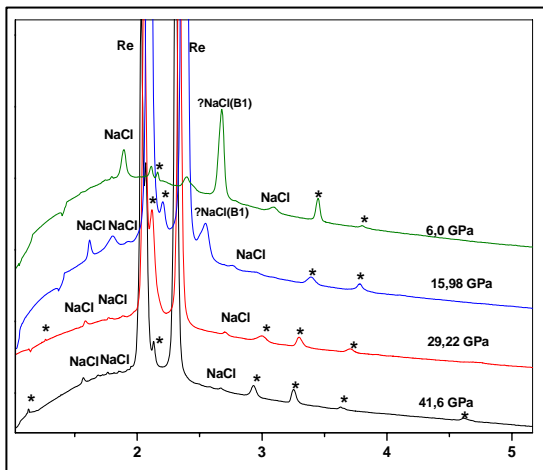
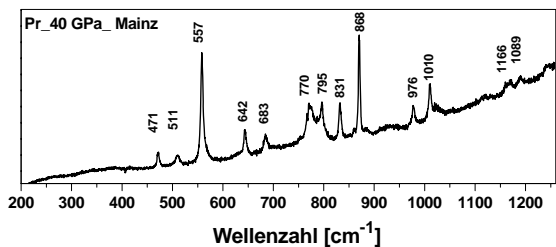
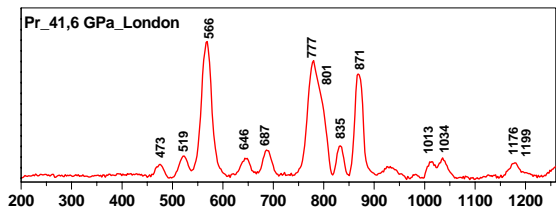
$\text{C}_3\text{N}_6\text{H}_6$

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*Pressure-induced
amorphisation*

$H_4C_2N_2$ at 40 GPa : laser heat



E. Horvath-Bordon, R. Riedel, A. Zerr, O. Shebanova, D. Machon, G. Miehe, P. v. Achen, P. Kroll, E. Lowther : Darmstadt-London

Diamond anvil : megabar, high-T : laser heat

- **tight focus / collimation to 1-5 μm**
(heat load on optics : focusing : access)
- **mono ADXRD (+ white beam ED : imaging)**
multi-wavelength : scattering, spectroscopy
- **high flux (low-Z materials) : 3-G +**

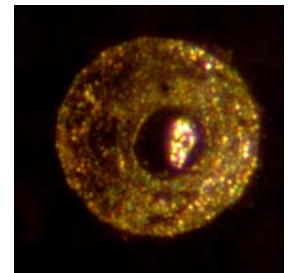
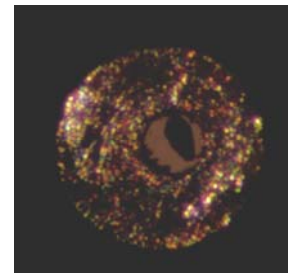
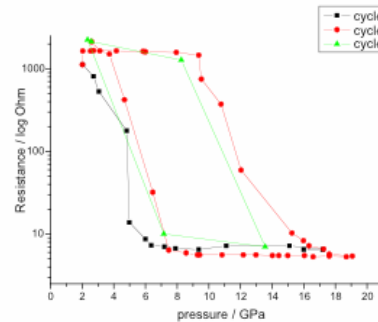
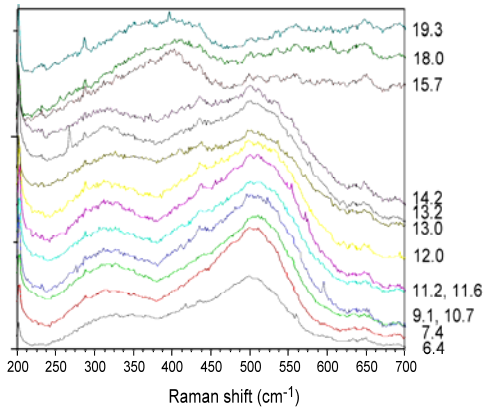
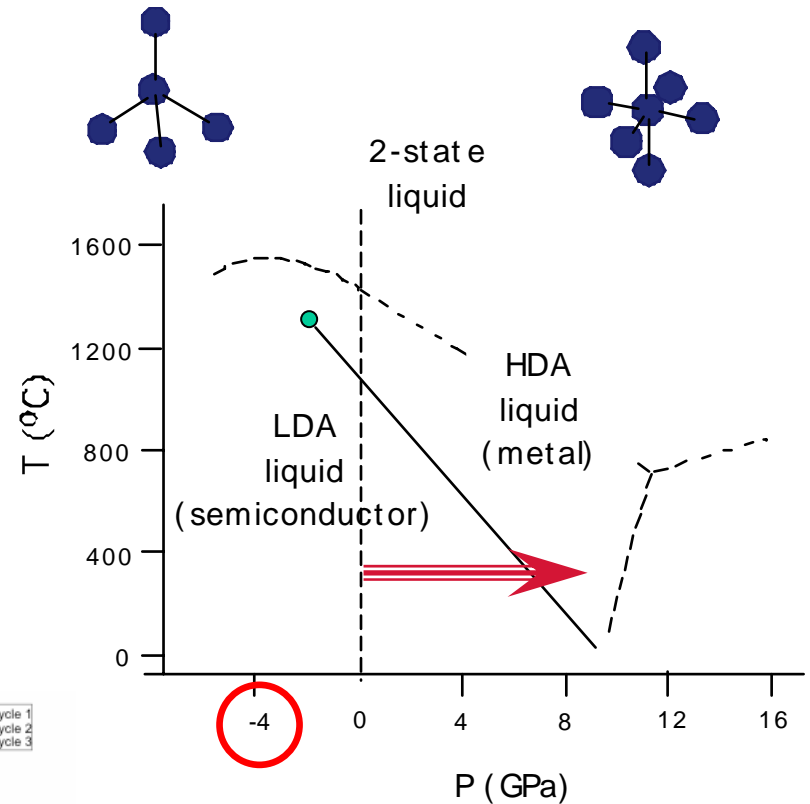
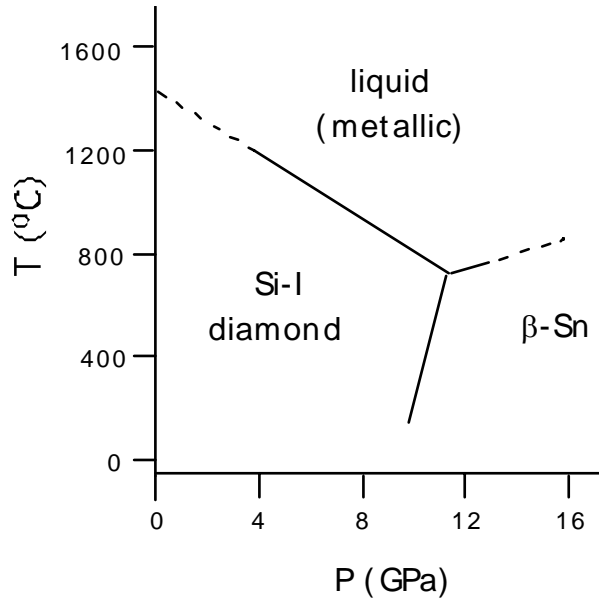
Multi-anvil (toroidal) cells - large volume

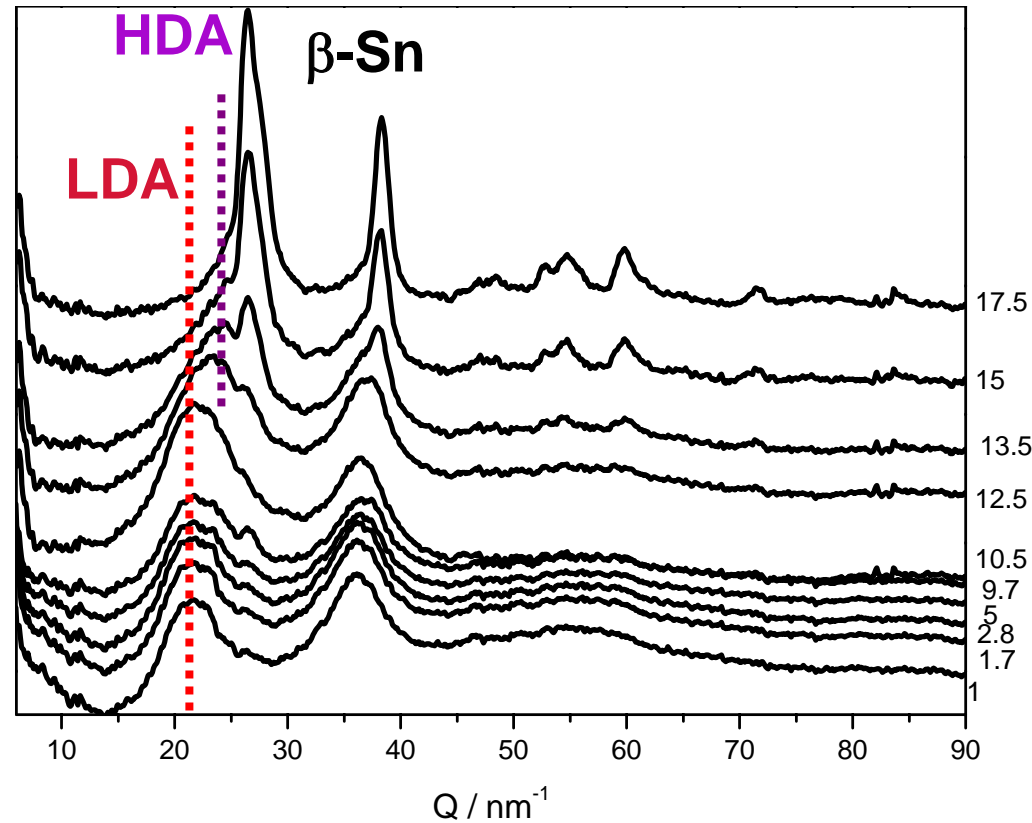
- **highly penetrating X-rays : capsule assemblies ;**
high-Z samples : >80-100 keV
- **white beam (ED; transmission/fluorescence imaging) ;**
monochromatic ADXRD
- **high intensity : rapid data collection : reaction**
kinetics, mapping inside reaction chambers

Liquids, Glasses, Amorphous Solids at High-P,T :

"Polyamorphism" : Liquid-Liquid Phase Transitions

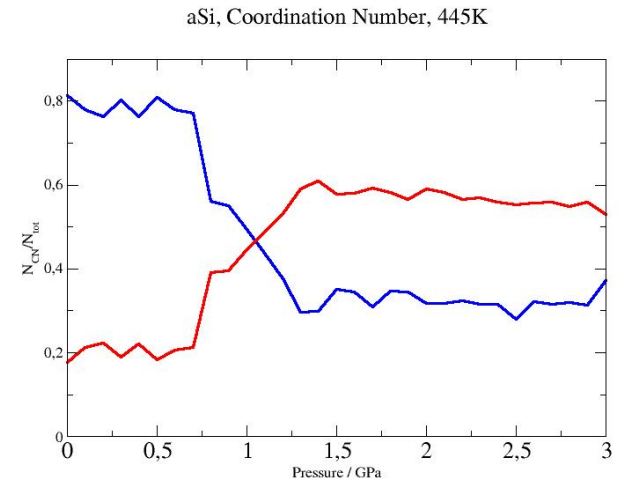
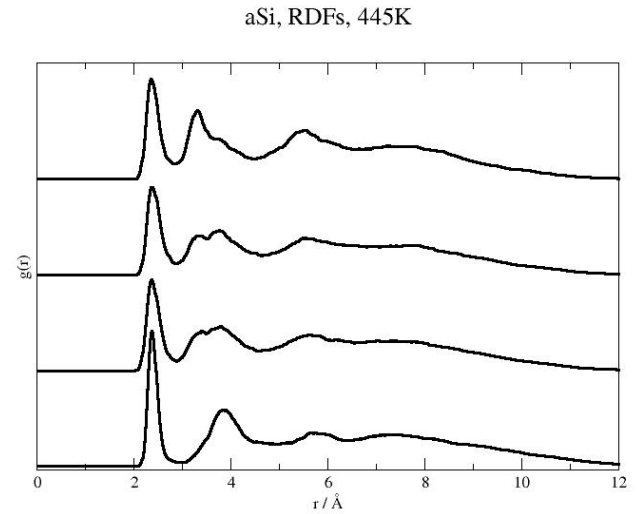
Amorphous Si : PIA : semiconductor LDA - metallic HDA





S(Q) : ESRF ID-15A (Dec 2005)

D. Daisenberger, D. Machon, M. Wilson, PFM



MD : Stillinger-Weber

Amorphous/liquid state studies: high-Q : high flux : time domain ?

In Situ Studies of Functional Materials



*EPSRC Portfolio P
Barnes, PFM,
CRA Catlow*

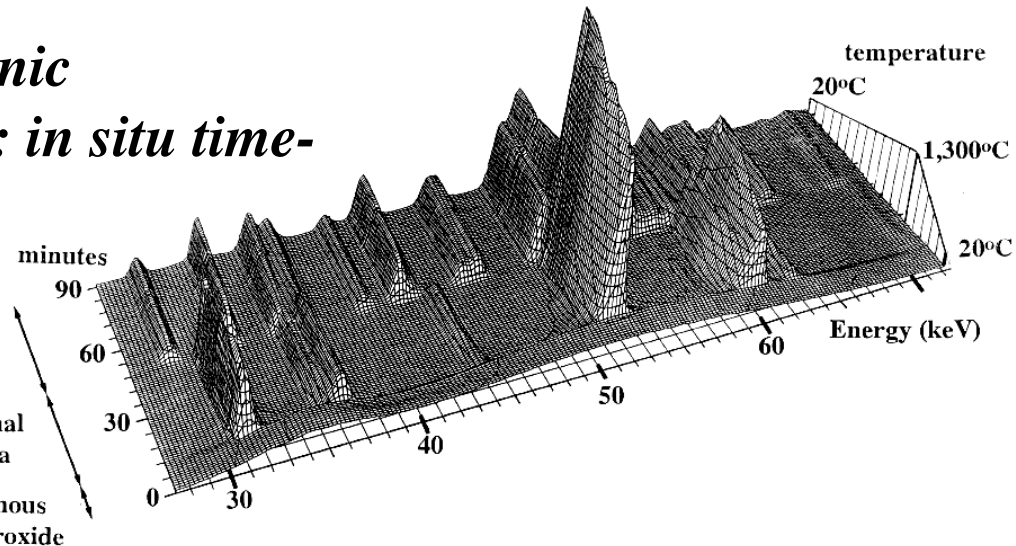


Catalysts ; Ceramics : Synthesis : In Situ Studies

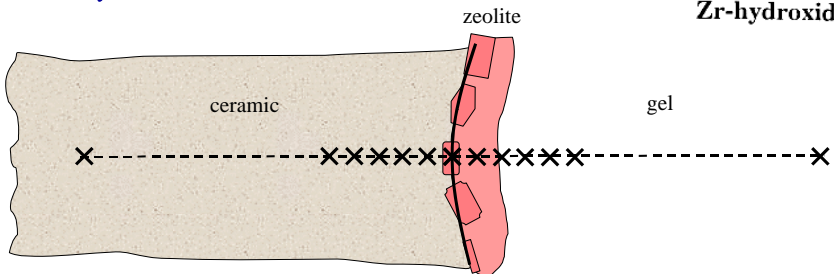
*P. Barnes, S. Jacques, O. Leynaud, P. Hutchins, R.
Cernik, M. Vickers, M. Sheehey*

- *highly penetrating beam : furnace/autoclave; high-Z samples*
- *white beam - energy dispersive - TEDDI*
- *time-resolved - 3-D imaging : reactor profiles :
diffraction, spectroscopy, transmission imaging*

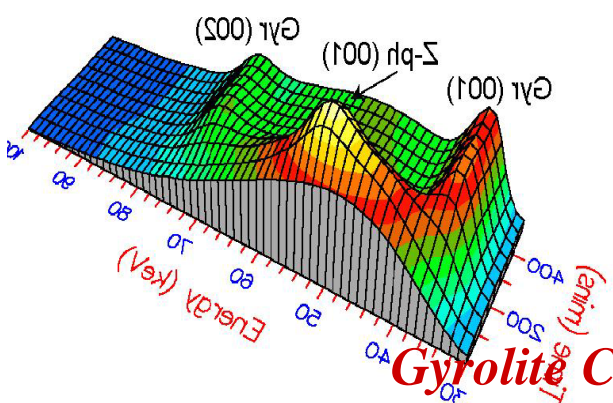
Amorphous-Tetragonal-Monoclinic crystallisation in ZrO_2 to $1300^\circ C$: in situ time-resolved ED-XRD



Growth of zeolite A 10 μm membrane

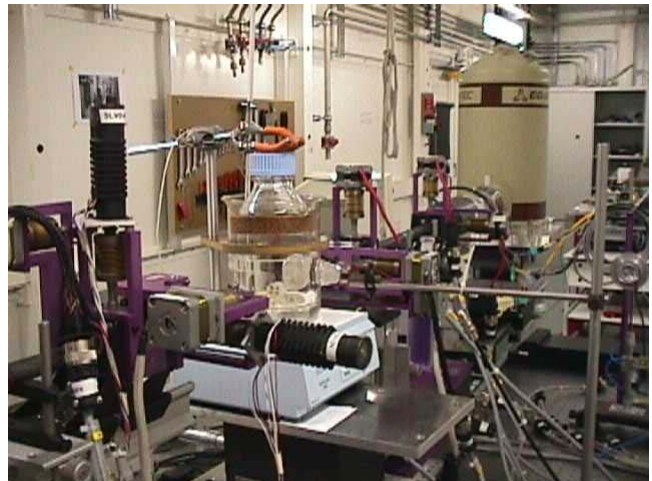


catalysis; hydrothermal processing; environmental geochemistry

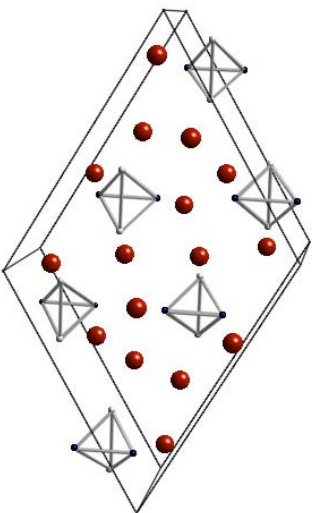
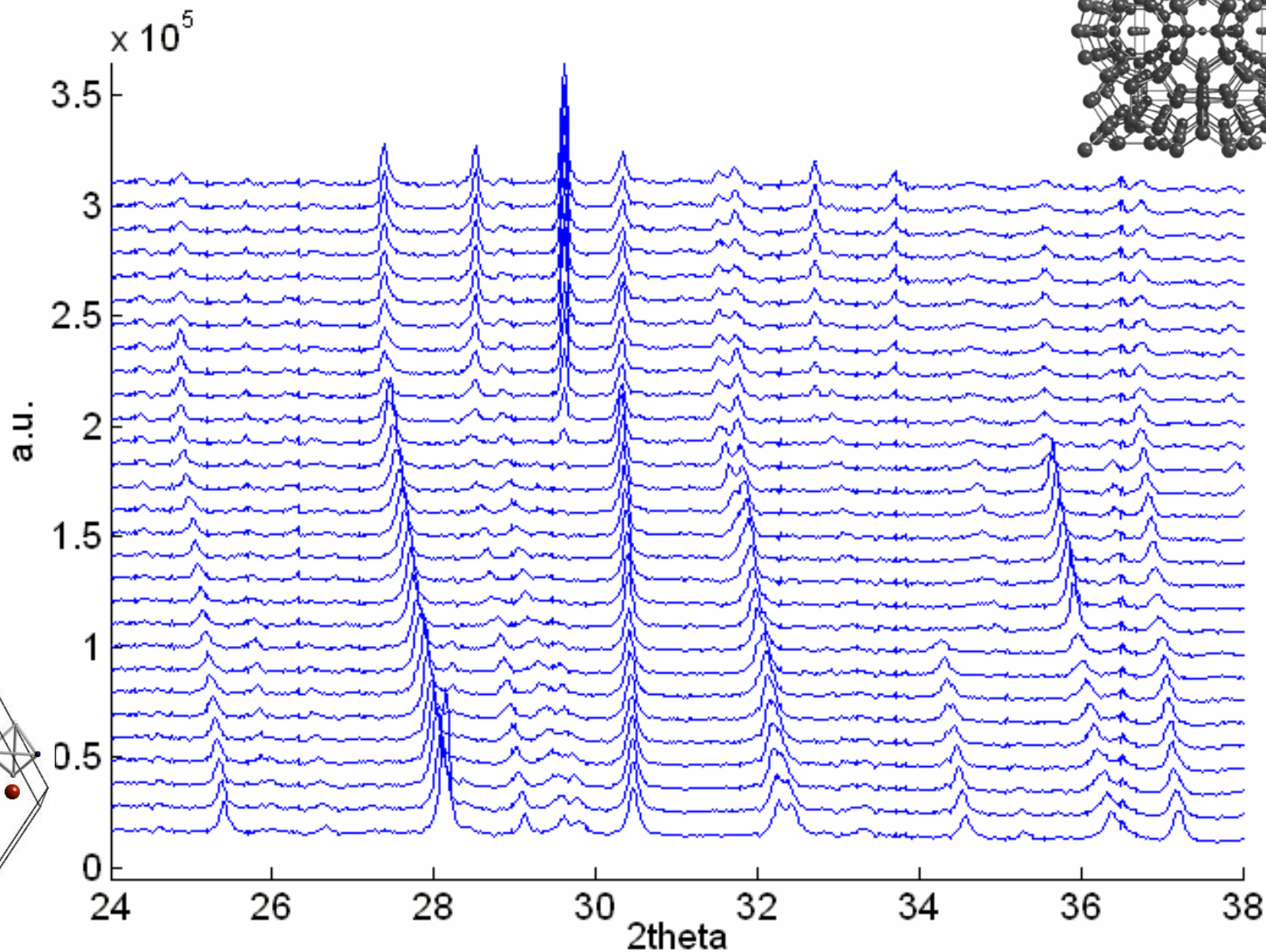
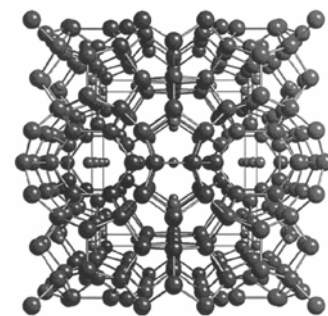


**pilot station :
ESRF**

**Gyrolite $Ca_{16}Si_{24}O_{60}(OH)_8 \cdot 14H_2O$
cement mineral : radwaste**



NaSi --> Na₈Si₄₆ : high T (ramp); high vac



RAPID2 detector: SRS 6.2

P Hutchins, O Leynaud, P Barnes, PFM et al

Studies at CHESS/ERL :

- *In situ* high-P,T chemistry : DACs : *tight focus*
- High flux : low-Z materials : *time-resolved reaction chemistry ? ; amorphous diffraction*
- Use X-ray beam to initiate reactions ? (*SHS* : *one pulse to initiate, one pulse to study: shock studies ?*)
- *Investigate excited states of solids ?*
- Large volume cells (multi-anvil, toroidal) : high penetration (<80-100 keV : sample assemblies; high-Z materials) : autoclaves, reaction chambers, catalytic reactors *XRD, imaging, tomography*
- Time resolution (*detectors*) : map reaction profiles (kinetics), mixing inside reactors