# **Transitions in Hydrogen Under Pressure**

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#### PRESSURES IN THE VISIBLE UNIVERSE

Hydrogen gas in intergalactic space 10<sup>-32</sup> atm



Center of Jupiter -8 x 10<sup>7</sup> atm



Center of Earth  $3.6 \times 10^6$  atm.

Center of Neutron Star -10<sup>28</sup> atm  $\begin{array}{l} 10^3 \mbox{ atm } \approx \mbox{ kbar} \\ 10^6 \mbox{ atm } \approx \mbox{ Mbar} \\ 10 \mbox{ kbar } = 1 \mbox{ GPa} \\ 1 \mbox{ Mbar } = 100 \mbox{ GPa} \end{array}$ 

## **Effects of Extreme Pressures on Molecules**











 $P\Delta V \sim eV$ chemical bond strengths





### High-Pressure Technology: STATIC AND DYNAMIC COMPRESSION

- Static compression
  - Low temperature
  - High temperature
- Dynamic compression
  - Shock-wave
  - Isentropic
- Combined static/dynamic













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Aristotle (384-322 BC)

## 1. The aether

Adding to the four elements proposed by Empedocles: Earth, water, air, and fire

1.01

"Outside all the other spheres, the heavenly, fifth element, the aether is manifested in the stars and planets, moves in the perfection of circles."

## 2. Most abundant element



## **3. Tests of fundamental theory**

1.01

$$\hat{H} = \sum_{i}^{nuclei} \hat{T}(i) + \sum_{j}^{electrons} \hat{T}(j) +$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n} \sum_{i=1}^{e} \hat{V}(k,l) + \sum_{m=n>m}^{e} \sum_{m=n>m}^{e} \hat{V}(m,n) +$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{p>0}^{n} \hat{V}(o,p)$$



## 4. Chemical dichotomy



Halogens

1.01

H	<						- 17	?	-						-	н	2 He
3 Li	Be	]										5 B	°c	7 N	0	F	10 Ne
11 Na	12 Mg	1										13 AJ	14 Si	15 P	16 S	17 CI	18 Ar
19 K	20 Ca	21 Sc	22 Ti	23 V	24 Cr	25 Mn	<sup>26</sup> Fe	27 Co	28 Ni	29 Cu	30 Zn	31 Ga	32 Ge	33 As	34 Se	35 Br	36 Kr
37 Rb	38 Sr	39 Y	40 Zr	41 Nb	42 Mo	43 Tc	44 Ru	45 Rh	48 Pd	47 Ag	48 Cd	49 In	50 Sn	51 Sb	52 Te	63 	54 Xe
58 Cs	56 Ba	57 La	72 Hf	73 Ta	74 W	76 Re	78 Os	77 Ir	78 Pt	79 Au	Hg	01 TI	82 Pb	es Bi	Po	es At	ee Rn
87 Fr	Ra	Ac	104 Ru	106 Ha	106 Unh	107 Uns	108 Uno	109 Une	110 Unf								-



Ce	59 Pr	Nd	61 Pm	62 Sm	Eu	64 Gd	65 Tb	66 Dy	Ho	Er	Tm	Yb	71 Lu
90 Th	Pa	92 U	93 Np	Pu	95 Am	96 Cm	97 Bk	98 Cf	99 Es	100 Fm	101 Md	102 No	103 Lr



[Ashcroft, Physics World (1995)]

 $\hat{H} = \sum_{i=1}^{nuclei} \hat{T}_{(i)} + \sum_{j=1}^{electrons} \hat{T}_{(j)}$ 

## 5. Quantum system

*Fluid ground state* [Brovman et al., *JETP* (1974)]

'The Element of Uncertainty' 6. Potential energy material

1.01

- High energy density material (400 kJ/mole: 35 x TNT)
- High-T<sub>c</sub> superconductor? [Ashcroft, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* (1968)]
- Superconducting/superfluid?

[Babaev, Sudbo, & Ashcroft, Phys. Rev. Lett. (2005)]



# 8. Driven the development of many high-pressure techniques

- High compressibility (e.g., deformation of apparatus)
- Reactivity with metals (weaken apparatus, electrical leads)
- Weak x-ray scattering power
- Strong Raman cross-section but variable infrared absorption
- Large neutron cross-section (coherent, incoherent)

#### **Techniques Used Over Different P-T ranges**

Optical spectroscopy Raman, infrared spectroscopy Brillouin scattering X-ray diffraction (single xtal, polyxtal) X-ray inelastic scattering Neutron diffraction Neutron inelastic scattering Non-linear spectroscopy (e.g., CARS) NMR Electrical transport Ultrasonic Shock compression (Hugoniot) Isentropic compression

1.01

 $\rho/\rho_0 = 14$ 

at 300 GPa

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#### Hydrogen in condensed phase

#### 1898 – First liquified – 20 K 1899 – First solidified – 14 K



Sir James Dewar

#### X-ray diffraction

J=0 p-H<sub>2</sub> (hcp)

 $V_0 = 23.2 \text{ cm}^3/\text{mol}$ R(H<sub>2</sub>-H<sub>2</sub>) = 3.0 Å R(H-H) = 0.74 Å

[Keesom et al., Comm. Kamerlingh Onnes Lab (1930)]

THE ROTATIONAL MOTION OF MOLECULES IN CRYSTALS

By Linus Pauling Gates Chemical Laboratory, California Institute of Technology (Received May 7, 1930) [Phys. Rev. (1930)]



#### J=1 ordered state o-H<sub>2</sub> (Pa3)

[Mills and Schuch, Phys. Rev. Lett. (1964)]

#### **Molecular structure and bonding**

#### INTRAMOLECULAR POTENTIAL (pure; i.e., isolated molecule)



Origin of the chemical bond

- Valence bond (Heitler-London)
- Molecular orbital (Mulliken)
- Strong covalent bond: 4.53 eV
- 14 bound vibrational states

[Kolos & Wolniewicz, J. Chem. Phys. (1964-1974)]

#### **ISOLATED MOLECULE** Nearly spherical electron density





#### Intramolecular and intermolecular interactions

#### INTRAMOLECULAR POTENTIAL (pure; i.e., isolated molecule)

INTERMOLECULAR POTENTIAL (effective potential in condensed phase)



- Strong Raman cross-section
- No dipole-allowed IR absorption



- Binding energy 3.0 meV (35 K)
- Interactions: *Isotopic* + *Anisotropic* 
  - Leading anisotropic term is electric quadrupole-quadrupole (EQQ) interaction (odd J)

[Silvera, Rev. Mod. Phys. (1980)] Carnegie Institution

#### **Ortho-para distinction**



[Silvera, Rev. Mod. Phys. (1980)]

#### **Vibrational excitations**

#### $O, P, Q, R, S \dots \Delta J = -2, -1, 0, -1, 0, -2$



#### Lattice Modes



#### Vibrons



 $Q_{\Delta \nu}(J); e.g., Q_1(1)$ 

#### **PRESSURE EFFECTS**

- Rotational ordering
  - breakdown of J
- Molecular stability
  - lattice mode = vibron?
- Molecular interactions
  - molecular coupling?



#### UV Absorption (zero pressure)



#### Refractive Index of the Hydrogen Molecule

M. KARPLUS Department of Chemistry and Watson Laboratory,\* Columbia University, New York, New York (Received 13 March 1964)

$$\epsilon_{2}(\omega) = \frac{e^{2}}{\pi m^{2} \omega^{2}} \sum_{v,c} \int_{BZ} d\mathbf{k} |\mathbf{e} \cdot \mathbf{M}_{cv}(\mathbf{k})|^{2} \delta(E_{c}(\mathbf{k}) - E_{v}(\mathbf{k}) - \hbar\omega),$$
$$\mathbf{e} \cdot \mathbf{M}_{cv}(\mathbf{k}) = \langle \psi_{c\mathbf{k}} |\mathbf{e} \cdot \mathbf{p} | \psi_{v\mathbf{k}} \rangle$$

[J. Chem. Phys. Rev. (1964)]

[Sharp, J. Phys. Chem. Ref. Data (1979)]

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Room-Temperature Compression of Hydrogen Gas

Freezing at Room Temperature 5.4 GPa

[Mao and Bell, Science (1979)]

# High-pressure measurements of the Raman vibron



# Effect of compression on vibron frequencies





Molecule A

Molecule B

Compression Frequency Increase Orbital interactions *Frequency Decrease* 

[Labet, Hoffmann, & Ashcroft, J. Chem. Phys. (2012)]

#### Enhancement of vibrational coupling: combining Raman and IR spectroscopy



[Hanfland et al., Phys. Rev. Lett (1992)]

### **Crystal structure by high-pressure diffraction**

hexagonal close packed



#### Higher pressure transition: phase III





#### Infrared Vibron



[Hanfland et al. Phys. Rev. Lett. (1993); Hemley et al., *ibid.* (1994) Chen et al. *ibid* (1995)]

## Infrared spectroscopy of phase III: charge transfer instead of metallization





**Predicted Drude models** 

[Hanfland et al. Phys. Rev. Lett. (1993); Hemley et al., ibid. (1994) Chen et al. ibid (1995)]

## Vibrational spectroscopy of phase III: low to high frequency excitations

#### RAMAN

Absorbance





[Souza et al. Phys. Rev. Lett. (1997); Kohanoff et al., ibid (1999); Edwards & Ashcroft Nature (1999)]

- J no longer a good quantum number
- Vibron softening/orient. ordering
- Molecules persist to >320 GPa

[Loubeyre et al., Nature (2002)]

## *P-T* phase diagram of the solid hydrogens from vibrational spectroscopy to 200 GPa





# Theory challenge for phase III: preventing band overlap with the correct crystal structure

Molecular orientation and band overlap



[Kaxiras et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. (1992)]



[Pickard & Needs, *Nature Physics* (2007)]

#### **Dielectric Properties** *Refractive Index and Oscillator Models*



$$I(\nu) = A \sin\{4\pi B[1 + (\nu - \nu_0)C]\nu + D\}.$$

$$C = (1/n_0)(dn/d\nu)_{\nu_0}$$

$$n^2 - 1 = E_d E_0 / (E_0^2 - \hbar^2 \omega^2)$$
[Hemley et al., Nature (1991)]

- Oscillator model fits to  $\varepsilon(\omega)$
- Constrains the direct band gap not indirect gaps
- Direct measurements?

#### Visible absorption at ~300 GPa



[Friedli & Ashcroft, *Phys. Rev. B* (1977); [Ramaker et al., *Phys. Rev. Lett.* (1975)]

**342 GPa** [Narayana et al., *Natur*e (1998)]





**Carnegie Institution** 

>250 GPa [Mao & Hemley, Science (1989), *Rev. Mod. Phys.* (1994)]



Optical absorption

320 GPa

[Loubeyre et al. Nature (2002)]

- Variable sample thickness/ diamond absorption
- Direct gap, not indirect gap

### **Early Electrical Transport Measurements**



[Eremets et al., Frontiers in High-Pressure Science (2002)]



#### X-Ray Raman of dense hydrogen: direct measurements of the band gap



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#### **Evidence for new transitions**

**Electrical Conductivity Onset** 



[Eremets & Troyan, Nature Materials (2011)]

[Howie et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. (2012)]

Raman Evidence for New Phase

## Synchrotron infrared spectroscopy of phase IV





#### **Hydrogen Phase Diagram**



### **Hydrogen Phase Diagram**



## Phase IV is a graphene-based layer structure



[Naumov & Hemley, *Acct. Chem. Res.* (2014); see also, LeSar & Herschbach, *J. Phys. Chem.* (1981); Dixon et al., *Faraday Disc.* (1977)]



#### Molecular calculations for H<sub>n</sub> rings



# Distortions and relationship to graphene / graphite structures

[Naumov, Cohen & Hemley, Phys. Rev. B (2013)]

#### **DFT-GGA** Calculations



PEIERLS DISTORTION -> Residual Pairing



## Is hydrogen metallic at these *P-T* conditions?





Reflection

Reflection/ Transmission

360 GPa, 292 K

## Is hydrogen metallic at these *P-T* conditions?



- Transparent to at ۲ least 0.1 eV
- Plasma frequency a٠ < 0.2 eV
- Semiconducting or • semimetallic?
- **Transition to** ٠ semimetal at 270 GPa (phase VI'?)



### A new mechanism for hydrogen metallization



- Borderline of semiconductorsemimetal at 300 GPa
- Parallels to graphite (not alkali metals)
- > Higher pressures in solid?

[Cohen, Naumov, & Hemley *PNAS* (2013); Naumov & Hemley, *Acct. Chem. Res.* (2014)]

### Other structures of dense hydrogen: Topological semimetals and surface metallization



#### **Predicted metallic superfluid**



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### Juno Mission will let Jupiter tell us



August 5, 2011 Launch

• Size and existence of a core?

#### DENSE HYDROGEN: Dynamic (Shock) Compression

#### **ELECTRICAL CONDUCTIVTY**

Pump tube

Hydrogen gas

Metal impactor



#### HUGONIOT MEASUREMENTS



Lett. 87, 225501 (2001)]

[Weir et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. (1996)]



## High *P-T* Transition in Fluid Hydrogen



#### LASER DRIVEN DYNAMIC COMPRESSION



National Ignition Facility

**Carnegie Institution** 

- **Insulating to Conducting?**
- **Dissociation:** H<sub>2</sub> to H?
- **Pressure differences?**
- Relationship to the solid transition?

## High P-T Transition in Fluid Hydrogen



[Jeanloz & Hemley (Pls), NIF Discovery Science Campaign] **Evidence for changes in the hydrogen optical properties during the reverberation compression** 

#### We direct experiments at the National Ignition Facility to understand the materials in ultra-extreme conditions



#### **CONCLUSIONS AND OUTLOOK**

- 1. Dense hydrogen is a system of unexpected complexity.
- 2. There is no sign of the 'Wigner-Huntington metallization' to 340 GPa in phases III and IV (below 300 K).
- 3. The structure of phase IV is broadly consistent with the structures predicted theoretically.
- 4. There is a remarkable parallel between dense hydrogen and graphene that reveals a new mechanism for metallization.
- 5. New dynamic compression results reveal a transition in fluid starting at 140 GPa.

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