New World of Materials In Extreme Environments

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EXTREME ENVIRONMENTS IN THE COSMOS

Energetic photon/particle flux Chemical extremes Electromagnetic extremes Pressures and temperatures



SUPERNOVAE AND NUCLEOSYNTHESIS











EARTH HAS A DEADLINE







EFFECTS OF PRESSURE ON GASES

Gas Laws: $P \times V =$ **Constant**

Robert Boyle 1627-1691

... perhaps the pressure of the air might have an interest in more phaenomena than men have hitherto thought."

"Touching the Spring of the Air" New Experiments in Physics and Mechanics, XLIII





Printed for Benjamin Alsop at the Angel and Bible in the Poultrey, over-against the Gaurch. 1604.





Compressing Atoms



[Fowler, Mon. Not. R. Soc. Astron. Soc. (1926); Bridgman, Phys. Rev. (1927)]

Compressing Atoms and Molecules







Ultimate state of molecules: "Metals" or "Valence Lattices"

[Bernal (1926); footnote in Wigner & Huntington, *J. Chem. Phys.* (1935)]



What happens when we bring atoms close together?



What happens when we bring atoms close together?



- Filling of s, p, d, ... orbitals
- Simple structures

Under Pressure

- Orbital hybridization (e.g., $s \rightarrow d$)
- Complex structures/electronic structure



P = F / A

[after T. Strobel]

50 kg (110 lbs) woman on 12 mm heel (1/2") = 43 atm (630 psi)



1 Elephant per pencil =10,000 atm



50,000 ton press (140 ft)

Institute of High Pressure Physics

Troitsk, Russia



Generating Extreme Pressures in the Laboratory

Static





>100's GPa (~0.5 TPa) ~ eV energies – valence electrons

Spectroscopies

Absorption/emission





Diffraction/Scattering



Inelastic Scattering







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Dynamic



>100's Mbars (1 Gbar) ~ keV energies – core electrons

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Touching the Spring of the Air



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[Eremets et al., Nature Materials (2004); J. Chem. Phys. (2004)]



100 GPa

High energy density material

0.83 eV/atom (single bond) 4.94 eV/atom (triple bond)



Touching the Spring of the Air O₈ Clusters [Lundegaard et al., Nature (2006); Fujihishi et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. (2006)] Solid Oxygen at 30 GPa (300 K)







'Water' at 100 GPa (1 Mbar)







Body Centered Cubic (BCC)

 $\mathrm{M}~\mathrm{A}~\mathrm{Y}\quad 1~5~,\quad 1~9~3~3$

PHYSICAL REVIEW

VOLUME 43

On the Constitution of Metallic Sodium

E. WIGNER AND F. SEITZ, Department of Physics, Princeton University (Received March 18, 1933)







199 GPa [Ma et al., *Natur*e (2009)]

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Bonding 'without nuclei'





[Miao, Naumov, Hoffmann, & Hemley, submitted]
Superconductivity

SUPERCONDUCTING ELEMENTS

23 produced under pressure; e.g., O, S, B, Fe, Li, Ca



 H_3S' $T_c = 203 K at 200 GPa$

[Drozdov et al., Nature (2015)]

 $HgBa_2Ca_2Cu_3O_{8+\delta}$

T_c = 164 K at 30 GPa)



[Gao et al., (1994); Lokshin et al. (2002)]





Novel Compounds

Elements from Noble to Ignoble

Xe(H₂)₈

[Somayazulu et al., *Nature Chem.* (2009)]



Xe 'bonding' with H₂





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WHY HYDROGEN IS INTERESTING



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WHY HYDROGEN IS INTERESTING

- 1. Tests of fundamental theory
- 2. Most abundant element
- 3. Very strong covalent bond
- 4. Chemical dichotomy
- 5. R-T superconductor?
- 6. Fluid ground state?
- 7. Superconducting/superfluid?
- 8. Energetic material (35 x TNT)
- 9. Path to inertial confinement fusion
- 10. Drives high P-T technique develop.



Fully quantum mechanical system: 'The Element of Uncertainty'

Hydrogen Phase Diagram . . • I Temperature (K) [Wigner & Huntington (1935)] Pressure (GPa)

High-Pressure Vibrational Spectra



Dipole allowed: *Phase Transition*



Hydrogen Phase Diagram





Hydrogen Phase Diagram



Phase IV is a graphene-based layer structure

C-graphene



H₆ 'aromatic cluster'

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



[Pickard et al., *Phys. Rev. B* (2012)]

Graphene-based layer structures for dense hydrogen

[Cohen, Naumov & Hemley, PNAS (2013)]





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



Absorbanc



360 GPa, 100 K

- Like graphite (not 'alkali' metals)!
- Borderline of semiconductor-semimetal

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

New View of Solid Metallic Hydrogen





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Predicted superconducting superfluid ultradense hydrogen (400 GPa)

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MAGNETIC VORTICES

[Abrikosov, *J.E.T.P.* (1964)]





>10³ Extrasolar Planets





Juno Mission to Jupiter



August 5, 2011 Launch



July14, 2016 Arrival Mission Goals

- Origin and evolution?
- Composition (e.g., H_2O)?
- *Gravity / magnetic fields?*
- Internal structure?
- Size and existence of a core?

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High P-T Transition in Fluid Hydrogen



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Complexity of Water



Novel Molecular Compounds



CH₄(H₂)₄ 33.4 wt% H₂

[Somayazulu et al., Science (1996); W. Mao et al. Chem. Phys. Lett. (2005)]





 $(H_2O)_2H_2$ α -quartz-type

[Strobel et al., *J. Phys. Chem.* (2011)]

 $(H_2S)_2H_2$ Al₂Cu type

[Strobel et al., *Phys. Rev. Lett.* (2010)]

PRECURSOR TO HIGH T_c 'H₃S' T_c = 203 K [Drozdov et al., Nature. (2015)]



 H_2O-H_2

11.3 wt% H₂

[Vos et al., *Phys. Rev. Lett.* (1993)]



Xe(H₂)₈ [Somayazulu et al., *Nature Chem.* (2009)]





Return to Earth

New dense silicates



Cmcm





[Santoro et al. PNAS (2012]]; Datchi et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. (2012)



Biology at Extremes



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Pressure / Temperature Effects on Membranes



Microbial viability to >25 kbar

Direct observations



[Sharma *et al., Science* (2002); **Pressure-induced directed evolution** [Vanlint *et al., mBio* (2011)]



~100 km deep ocean of Europa

Biology at Extremes



Protein dynamics under pressure



How can simulations inform structurefunction relations at high pressures?

> [Rodgers et al. In preparation]



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Implications for New Materials



Can we use these techniques to design, discover and synthesize new technological materials?

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[Fitzgibbons et al., Nature Mater. (2014)]

New Technological Materials



1. Discovery of sp³ carbon nanothreads



[Fitzgibbons et al., *Nature Mater.* 14, 43 (2014)]

2. Mesoporous 'dense' crystalline silica



[Stagno et al., *Phys. Chem. Minerals* (2015)]

3. New allotrope of silicon: Si₂₄



4. Li ion mobility in battery anodes





 NaC_{6} $T_{c} > 100 K$

Direct Band Gap [Kim et al., Nature Mater. (2015)]

5. Predicted high *T*_c superconductivity in dense carbides

[Lu et al., *Phys. Rev. B* (2016)]

Alternative Routes to Synthesis of Novel Phases

Diamond Synthesis General Electric, Co. (1954)







- Limited in size and quality from ٠ Nature and conventional synthesis
- **Optimized properties: strength,** ٠ toughness, doping

[Liang et al., Superhard Materials (2013)]

CONCLUSIONS AND OUTLOOK

- 1. High pressure is opening a new world of materials
- 2. New predictive models are needed to understand the bonding and other phenomena in these regimes
- 3. These findings provide new insights into materials under 'normal' conditions
- 4. The implications span the sciences, from astrophysics to biology
- 5. There is the prospect for the creation of new useful materials using these techniques

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