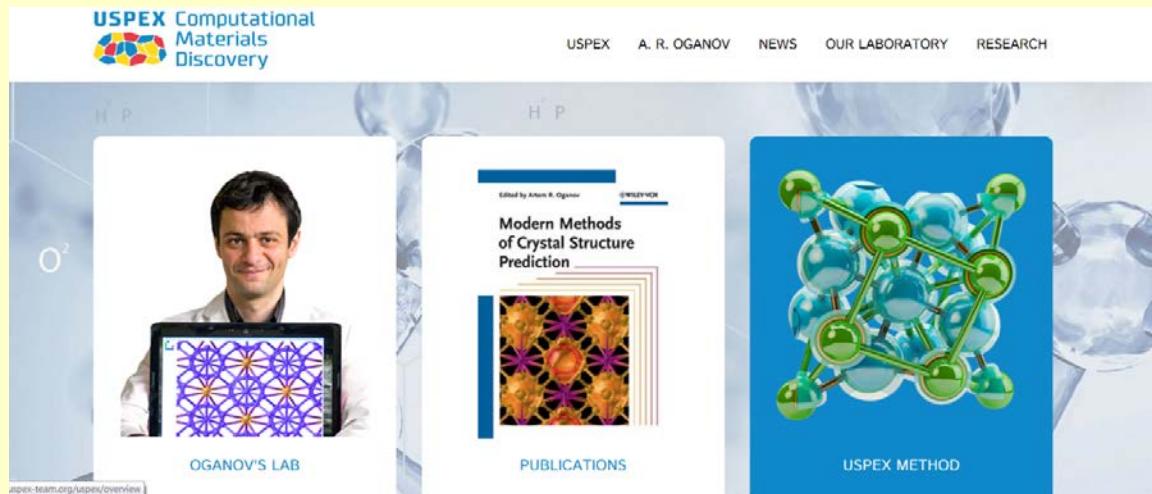




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The USPEX (Universal Structure Prediction: Evolutionary Xtallography) project

<http://uspex-team.org>



- The most popular code for computational materials design in the world (>7000 users from 83 countries).
- Effort of ~100 man-years.
- >1000 publications, 5 patents.
- Universal:
 - prediction of stable structure AND composition, 3D, 2D, 1D, 0D – systems.
 - optimization of physical properties,
 - prediction of phase transition mechanisms

Basic Facts on USPEX

- The most popular structure prediction code in the world (>7000 users).
- The largest and the most versatile code in this field. Many capabilities are unique.
- The fastest and the most reliable structure prediction code today.
- THE CODE IS FREE, but you have to agree to certain conditions of fair use (**register now!**).
- Every year ~2 USPEX workshops.
- USPEX mailing list (**join it!**). USPEX Forum (**use it!**).
- USPEX Facebook page (**join it!**).
- USPEX QQ group (group number 326701679 – **join it!**)
- ~10 visiting scholars every year in the Oganov laboratory.
- Support for citizen science: <http://uspex-at-home.ru>

*“USPEX” (“oo-spe-kh”) means “success” in Russian

Features of the USPEX code:

Algorithm:

- Evolutionary optimization (USPEX algorithm). Options to use random sampling, minima-hopping-like, particle-swarm optimization, metadynamics.
- Initialization using fully random, symmetric random structures, topological random, or user-fed structures.
- Fingerprint niching technique, local order parameter (ARO&Valle, 2009).

Types of runs:

- Global optimization of either the energy or properties (density, hardness, band gap, etc.)
- Pareto optimization of several properties simultaneously.
- Fixed-cell or variable-cell, fixed-composition or variable-composition runs are possible.
- For molecular crystals, can operate with ready-made molecules.
- Low-dimensional systems.
- Harvesting metastable states is possible.
- Phase transition pathways.

Software aspects:

- Interfaced with VASP, SIESTA, CP2k, QuantumEspresso, DMACRYS, GULP, ATK,...
- Excellent scaling on up to 10^{3-4} cores.

Analysis:

- Automatic detection of space groups.
- Benefits from powerful analysis and visualization code STM4.

Distribution:

- **USPEX code is freely available at: <http://uspex-team.org>**
- Distributed with a >130-page manual and >30 examples.

Statistics

- >7000 users from 83 countries.
- 1607 USA
- >>662 China
- 206 Russia
- 202 India
- 101 Japan
- 96 France
- 97 U.K.
- 82 Germany
- 65 S. Korea
- 50 Italy

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Crystal structure determines physical properties. Crystal structure determination was a major breakthrough.



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"for his discovery of the diffraction of X-rays by crystals"

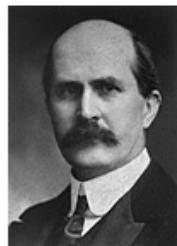


Max von Laue



The Nobel Prize in Physics 1915

"for their services in the analysis of crystal structure by means of X-rays"



Sir William Henry Bragg



William Lawrence Bragg



The Nobel Prize in Chemistry 1985

"for their outstanding achievements in the development of direct methods for the determination of crystal structures"

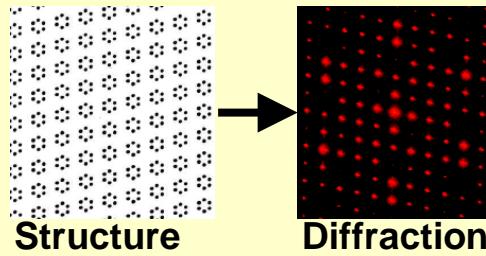


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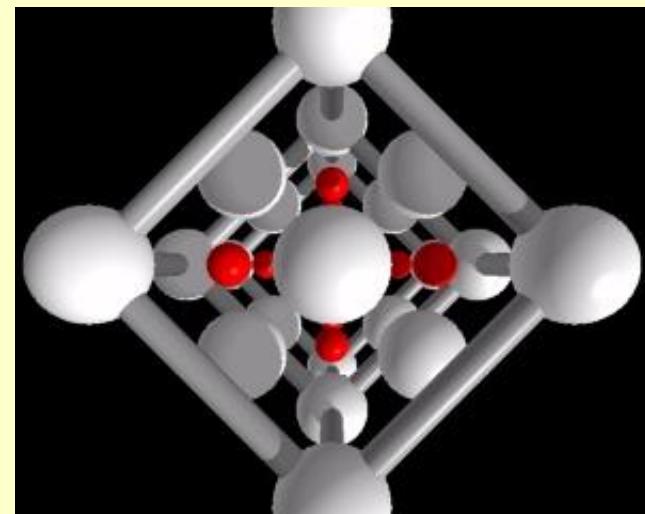


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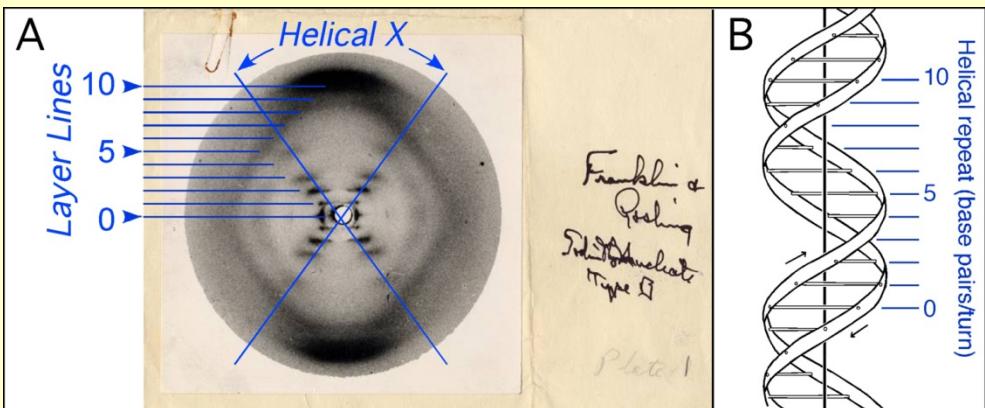
(from <http://nobelprize.org>)



Zincblende ZnS.
One of the first solved
structures (1912-1913)



X-ray diffraction: window into the structure of matter



Determination of the structure of DNA
(Watson, Crick, 1953)

Some of Nobel prizes based on X-ray diffraction

Nobel Prizes for X-ray Crystallography [edit]

| Year [hide] ♦ | Laureate | Prize | Rationale |
|---------------|--------------------------------|-----------|--|
| 1914 | Max von Laue | Physics | "For his discovery of the diffraction of X-rays by crystals" ^[118] an important step in the development of X-ray spectroscopy. |
| 1915 | William Henry Bragg | Physics | "For their services in the analysis of crystal structure by means of X-rays" ^[119] |
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| 1962 | Max F. Perutz | Chemistry | "for their studies of the structures of globular proteins" ^[120] |
| 1962 | John C. Kendrew | Chemistry | "for their studies of the structures of globular proteins" ^[120] |
| 1962 | James Dewey Watson | Medicine | "For their discoveries concerning the molecular structure of nucleic acids and its significance for information transfer in living material" ^[121] |
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| 1964 | Dorothy Hodgkin | Chemistry | "For her determinations by X-ray techniques of the structures of important biochemical substances" ^[122] |
| 1972 | Stanford Moore | Chemistry | "For their contribution to the understanding of the connection between chemical structure and catalytic activity of the active centre of the ribonuclease molecule" ^[123] |
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| 1976 | William N. Lipscomb | Chemistry | "For his studies on the structure of boranes illuminating problems of chemical bonding" ^[124] |
| 1985 | Jerome Karle | Chemistry | "For their outstanding achievements in developing direct methods for the determination of crystal structures" ^[125] |
| 1985 | Herbert A. Hauptman | Chemistry | "For their outstanding achievements in developing direct methods for the determination of crystal structures" ^[125] |
| 1968 | Johann Deisenhofer | Chemistry | "For their determination of the three-dimensional structure of a photosynthetic reaction centre" ^[126] |
| 1988 | Hartmut Michel | Chemistry | "For their determination of the three-dimensional structure of a photosynthetic reaction centre" ^[126] |
| 1988 | Robert Huber | Chemistry | "For their determination of the three-dimensional structure of a photosynthetic reaction centre" ^[126] |
| 1997 | John E. Walker | Chemistry | "For their elucidation of the enzymatic mechanism underlying the synthesis of adenosine triphosphate (ATP)" ^[127] |
| 2003 | Roderick MacKinnon | Chemistry | "For discoveries concerning channels in cell membranes [...] for structural and mechanistic studies of ion channels" ^[128] |
| 2003 | Peter Agre | Chemistry | "For discoveries concerning channels in cell membranes [...] for the discovery of water channels" ^[128] |
| 2006 | Roger D. Kornberg | Chemistry | "For his studies of the molecular basis of eukaryotic transcription" ^[129] |
| 2009 | Ada E. Yonath | Chemistry | "For studies of the structure and function of the ribosome" ^[130] |
| 2009 | Thomas A. Steitz | Chemistry | "For studies of the structure and function of the ribosome" ^[130] |
| 2009 | Venkatraman Ramakrishnan | Chemistry | "For studies of the structure and function of the ribosome" ^[130] |
| 2012 | Brian Kobilka | Chemistry | "For studies of G-protein-coupled receptors" ^[131] |

Briefly about crystal structure prediction

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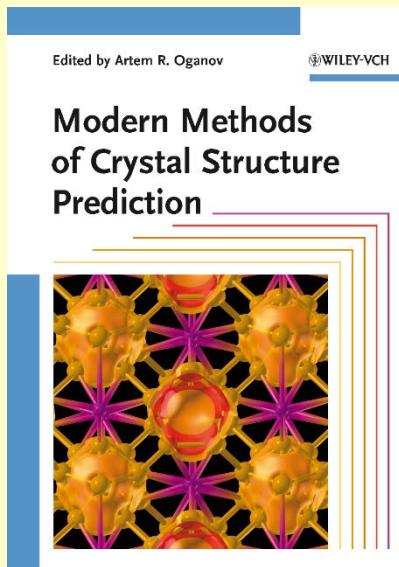
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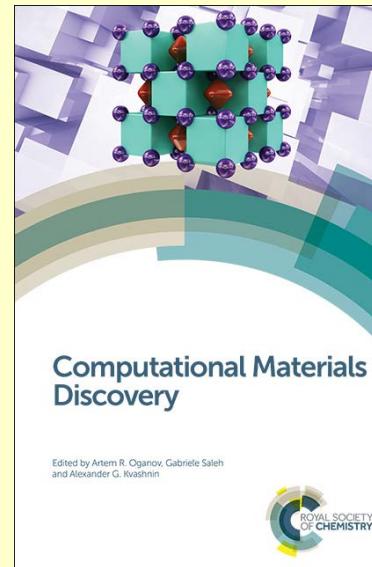
REVIEWS

Structure prediction drives materials discovery

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Abstract | Progress in the discovery of new materials has been accelerated by the development of reliable quantum mechanical approaches to crystal structure prediction. The properties of a material depend very sensitively on its structure; therefore, structure prediction is the key to computational materials discovery. Structure prediction was considered to be a formidable problem, but the development of new computational tools has allowed the structures of many new and increasingly complex materials to be anticipated. These widely applicable methods, based on global optimization and relying on little or no empirical knowledge, have been used to study crystalline structures, point defects, surfaces and interfaces. In this Review, we discuss structure prediction methods, examining their potential for the study of different materials systems, and present examples of computationally driven discoveries of new materials—including superhard materials, superconductors and organic materials—that will enable new technologies. Advances in first-principle structure predictions also lead to a better understanding of physical and chemical phenomena in materials.

Nature Reviews Materials (2019)



2018



Are Crystal Structures Predictable?

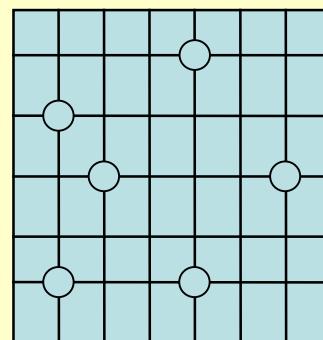
ANGELO GAVEZZOTTI*

“No”: by just writing down this concise statement, in what would be the first one-word paper in the chemical literature, one could safely summarize the present state of affairs

Need to find GLOBAL energy minimum.

Trying all structures is impossible:

$$C = \frac{1}{(V/\delta^3) [(V/\delta^3) - N]!N!} (V/\delta^3)!$$



| N _{atoms} | Variants | CPU time |
|--------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 | 1 | 1 sec. |
| 10 | 10 ¹¹ | 10 ³ yrs. |
| 20 | 10 ²⁵ | 10 ¹⁷ yrs. |
| 30 | 10 ³⁹ | 10 ³¹ yrs. |

RESEARCH NEWS

Crystal structure prediction – evolutionary or revolutionary crystallography?

S. L. Chaplot and K. R. Rao

CURRENT SCIENCE, VOL. 91, NO. 11, 10 DECEMBER 2006

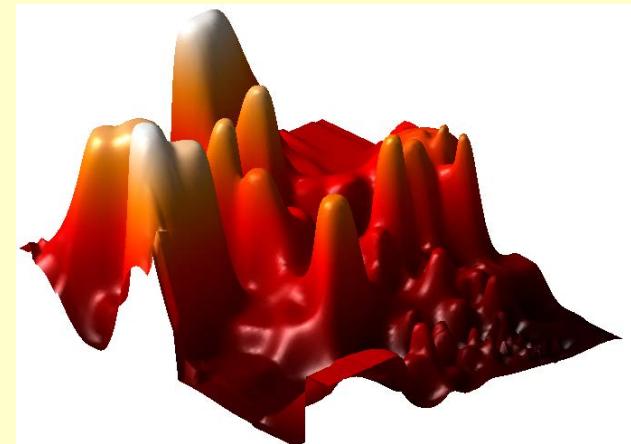
Overview of USPEX
(Oganov & Glass,
J.Chem.Phys. 2006)

The USPEX project (Universal Structure Predictor: Evolutionary Xtallography)

<http://uspx-team.org>

[Oganov A.R., Glass C.W., *J.Chem.Phys.* 124, 244704 (2006)]

- Combination of evolutionary algorithm and quantum-mechanical calculations.
- >7000 users.
- Solves «intractable» problem of structure prediction
 - 3D, 2D, 1D, 0D –systems,
 - prediction of phase transition mechanisms.
- Interfaced with: VASP, Quantum Espresso, CASTEP, FHI-aims, ABINIT, Siesta, Gaussian, ORCA, ATK, DFTB, MOPAC, GULP, LAMMPS, Tinker, DMACRYS



Energy landscape of Au₈Pd



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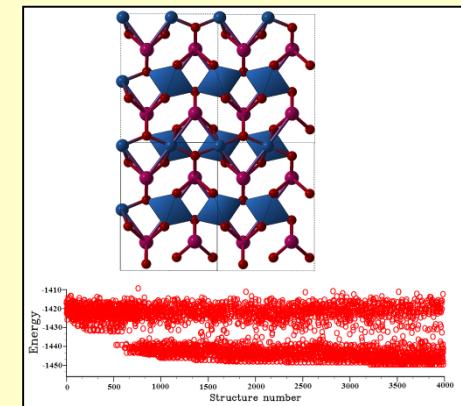
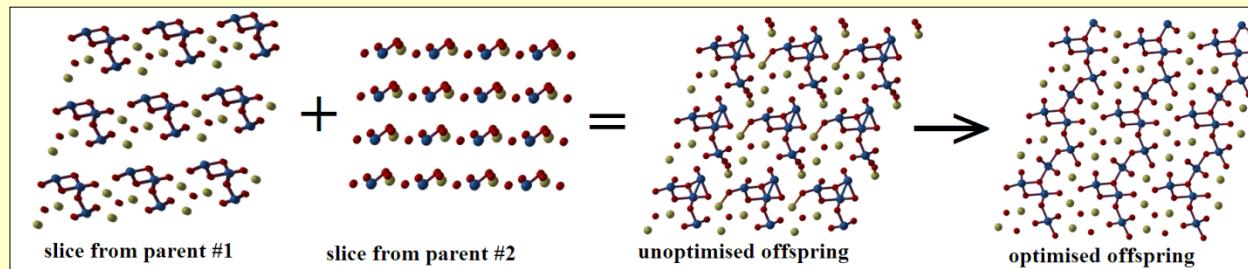
$$\left(-\frac{\nabla^2}{2} + v_{e-n}[\rho(\mathbf{r})] + v_H[\rho(\mathbf{r})] + v_{xc}[\rho(\mathbf{r})]\right)\phi_i(\mathbf{r}) = \varepsilon_i\phi_i(\mathbf{r})$$

$$E_{GG4,xc} = \int d\mathbf{r} F_{xc}(\rho, \frac{|\nabla\rho|}{2k_F\rho(\mathbf{r})})\rho(\mathbf{r})e_x[\rho(\mathbf{r})]$$

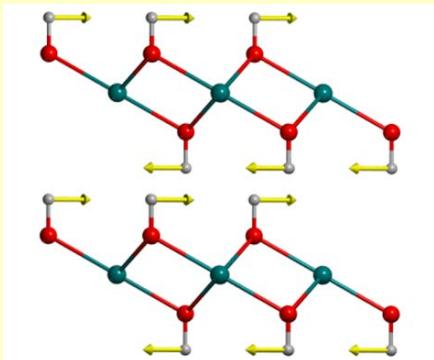
USPEX

(Universal Structure Predictor: Evolutionary Xtallography)

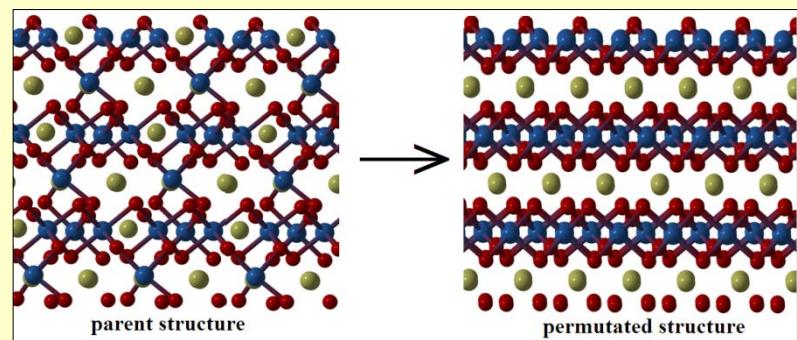
- (Random) initial population
- Evaluate structures by relaxed (free) energy
- Select lowest-energy structures as parents for new generation
- Standard variation operators:



(1) Heredity (crossover)



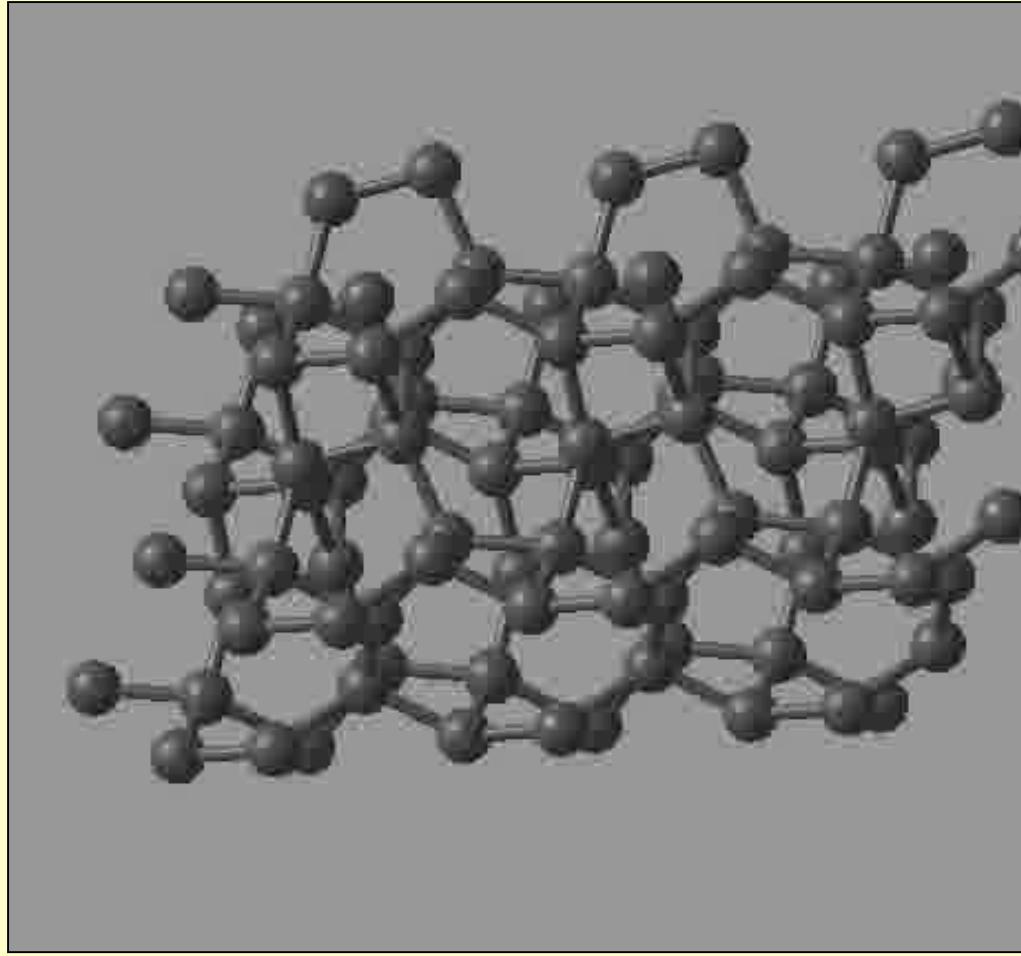
(2) Soft mode mutation



(3) Permutation

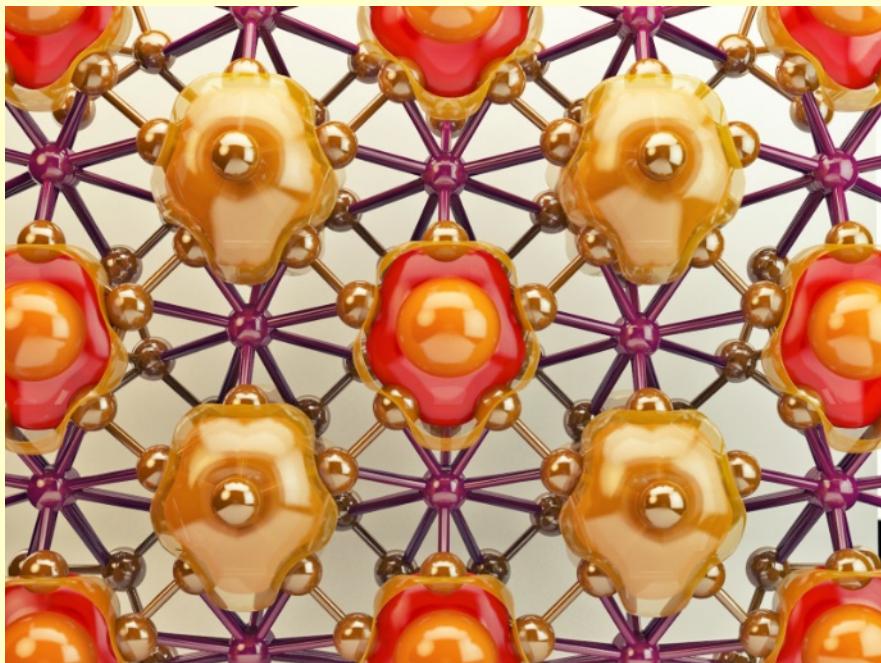
+(4) Transmutation, +(5) Rotational mutation, +(6) Soft-mode mutation, +...

**Without any empirical information,
method reliably predicts materials**



Carbon at 100 GPa – diamond structure is stable

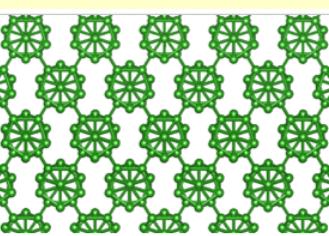
Predicting new crystal structures without empirical information



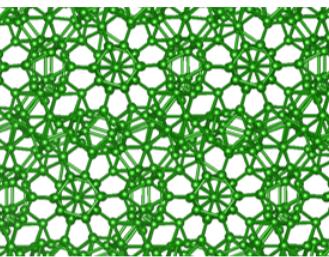
New superhard structure of boron
(Oganov et al., *Nature*, 2009)



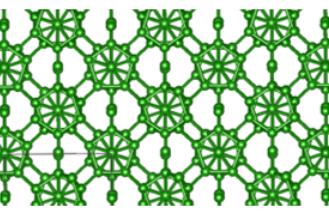
High-pressure transparent
allotrope of sodium
(Ma, Eremets, Oganov, *Nature*, 2009)



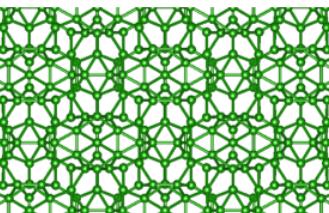
α -boron
 $E^{\text{DFT}} = -6.706 \text{ eV/atom}$
Atoms: 12,
Space group: $R\text{-}3m$,
Core-hours: 10^3 AL-MTP vs. $3 \cdot 10^3 \text{ DFT}$
 $|E^{\text{DFT}} - E^{\text{MTP}}| = 28.6 \text{ meV/atom}$



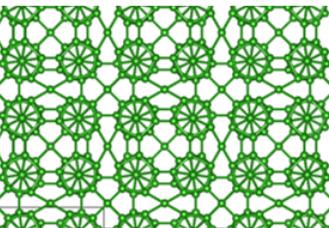
β -boron approximant
 $E^{\text{DFT}} = -6.704 \text{ eV/atom}$,
Atoms: 106,
Space group: $P1$,
Core-hours: $7 \cdot 10^3 \text{ AL-MTP}$ vs. $6.6 \cdot 10^7 \text{ DFT}$
 $|E^{\text{DFT}} - E^{\text{MTP}}| = 10.1 \text{ meV/atom}$



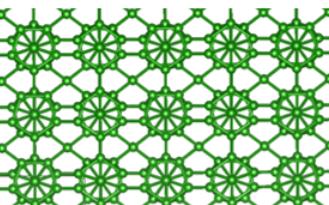
γ -boron
 $E^{\text{DFT}} = -6.678 \text{ eV/atom}$
Atoms: 28,
Space group: $Pnmm$,
Core-hours: $2 \cdot 10^3 \text{ AL-MTP}$ vs. $2.5 \cdot 10^4 \text{ DFT}$
 $|E^{\text{DFT}} - E^{\text{MTP}}| = 58.1 \text{ meV/atom}$



$E^{\text{DFT}} = -6.667 \text{ eV/atom}$,
Atoms: 54,
Space group: $Im\text{-}3$,
Core-hours: $3 \cdot 10^3 \text{ AL-MTP}$ vs. $3.5 \cdot 10^5 \text{ DFT}$
 $|E^{\text{DFT}} - E^{\text{MTP}}| = 7.3 \text{ meV/atom}$



$E^{\text{DFT}} = -6.667 \text{ eV/atom}$,
Atoms: 52,
Space group: $P\bar{4}2m$,
Core-hours: $3 \cdot 10^3 \text{ AL-MTP}$ vs. $3.2 \cdot 10^5 \text{ DFT}$
 $|E^{\text{DFT}} - E^{\text{MTP}}| = 37.3 \text{ meV/atom}$



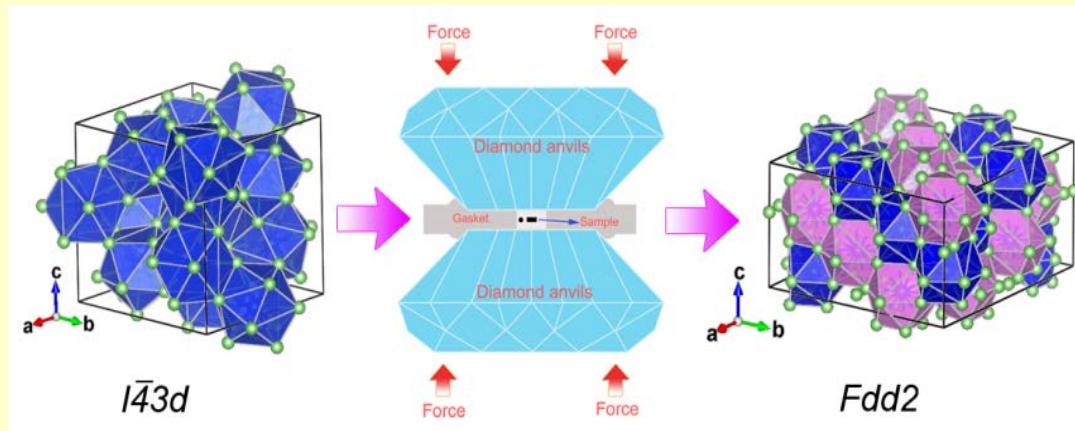
$E^{\text{DFT}} = -6.665 \text{ eV/atom}$,
Atoms: 26,
Space group: $Cccm$,
Core-hours: $2 \cdot 10^3 \text{ AL-MTP}$ vs. $2.1 \cdot 10^4 \text{ DFT}$
 $|E^{\text{DFT}} - E^{\text{MTP}}| = 13.6 \text{ meV/atom}$

Handling complexity with machine learning: boron allotropes

(E.Podryabinkin, E. Tikhonov, A. Shapeev,
A.R. Oganov, PRB, 2019)

- **ML potential with active learning (Shapeev, 2018). 800 parameters.**
- **MAE = 11 meV/atom.**
- **Reproduced α -, β -, γ -, T52 phases of boron.**
- **Predicted low-energy metastable cubic cl154 phase.**
- **Speedup by >100 times.**

Structure of $\text{Li}_{15}\text{Si}_4$ with 152 atoms/cell: record complexity, promise for Li-batteries

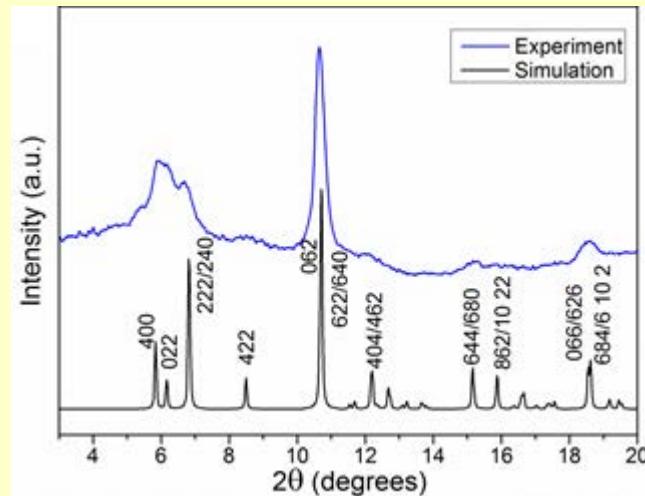


Structural transformation of $\text{Li}_{15}\text{Si}_4$ at 7 GPa. New phase has more attractive properties for use in Li-batteries.

Evolutionary metadynamics is a hybrid of:

- Metadynamics (Martonak, Laio, Parrinello, PRL 2003)
- Evolutionary algorithm USPEX (Oganov & Glass, JCP 2006)

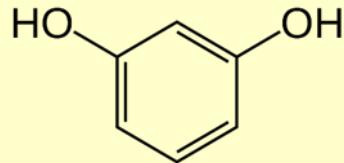
It includes q-vectors and allows system size to change spontaneously



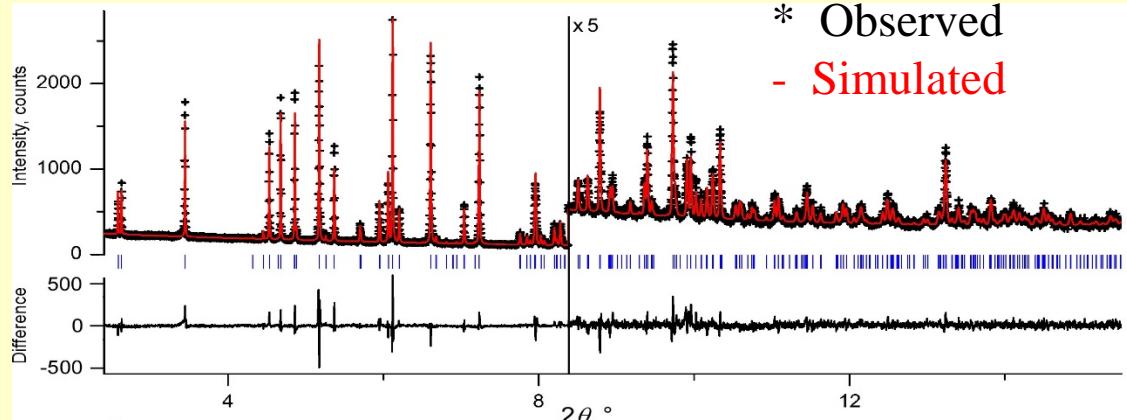
XRD of $Fdd2\text{-Li}_{15}\text{Si}_4$ at 18 GPa

[Zeng & Oganov, *Adv. Energy Mat.*, 2015]

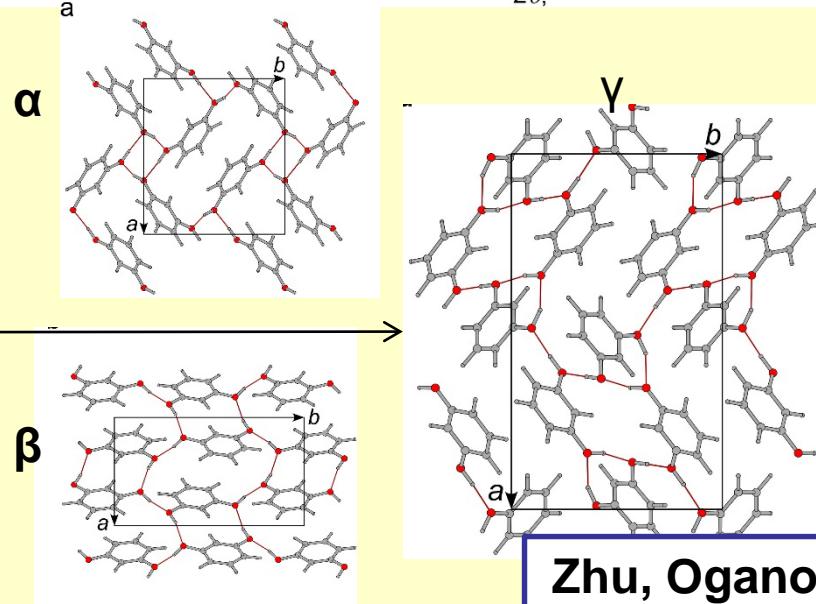
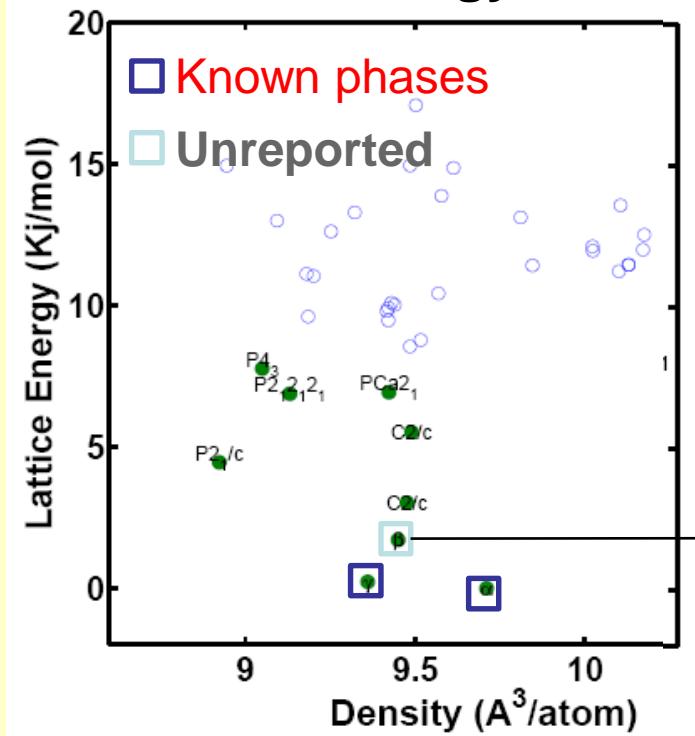
USPEX can handle molecular crystals: solved γ -resorcinol



Powder XRD comparison



Lattice Energy Plot

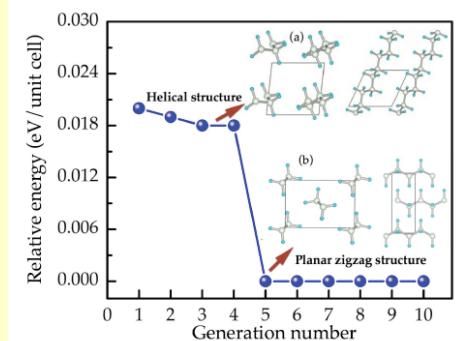
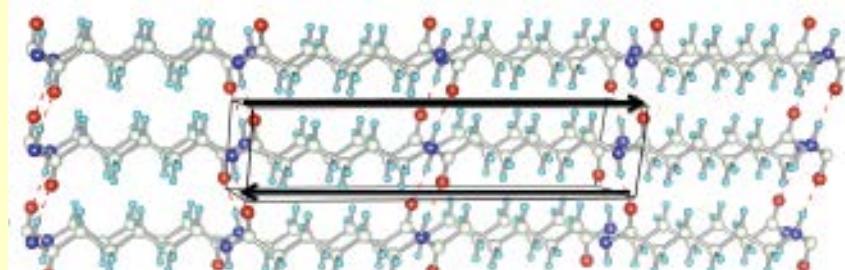


Zhu, Oganov, et al,
JACS, 2016

Prediction of new polymers for flexible capacitors

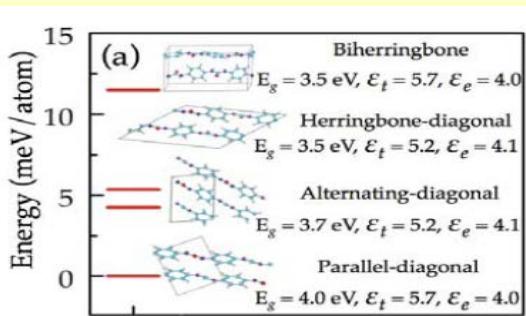
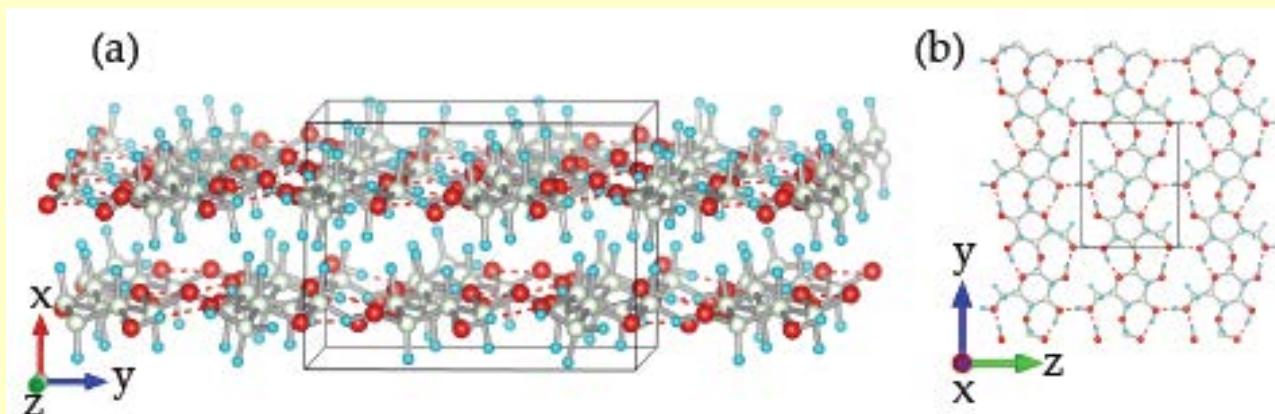
(Zhu, Sharma, Oganov: *J.Chem.Phys.* 2014, *Nature Commun.* 2014)

Nylon-6
test

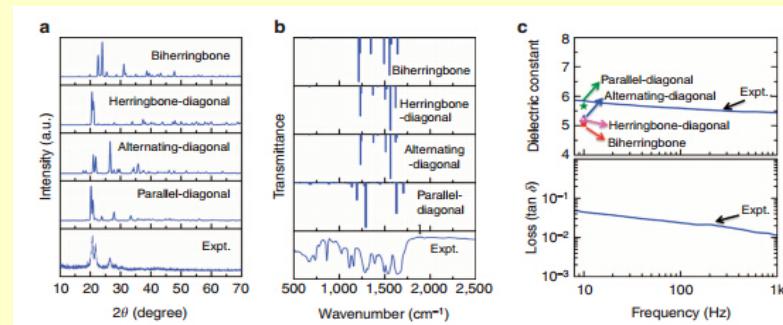


Test on polyethylene

Cellulose
test

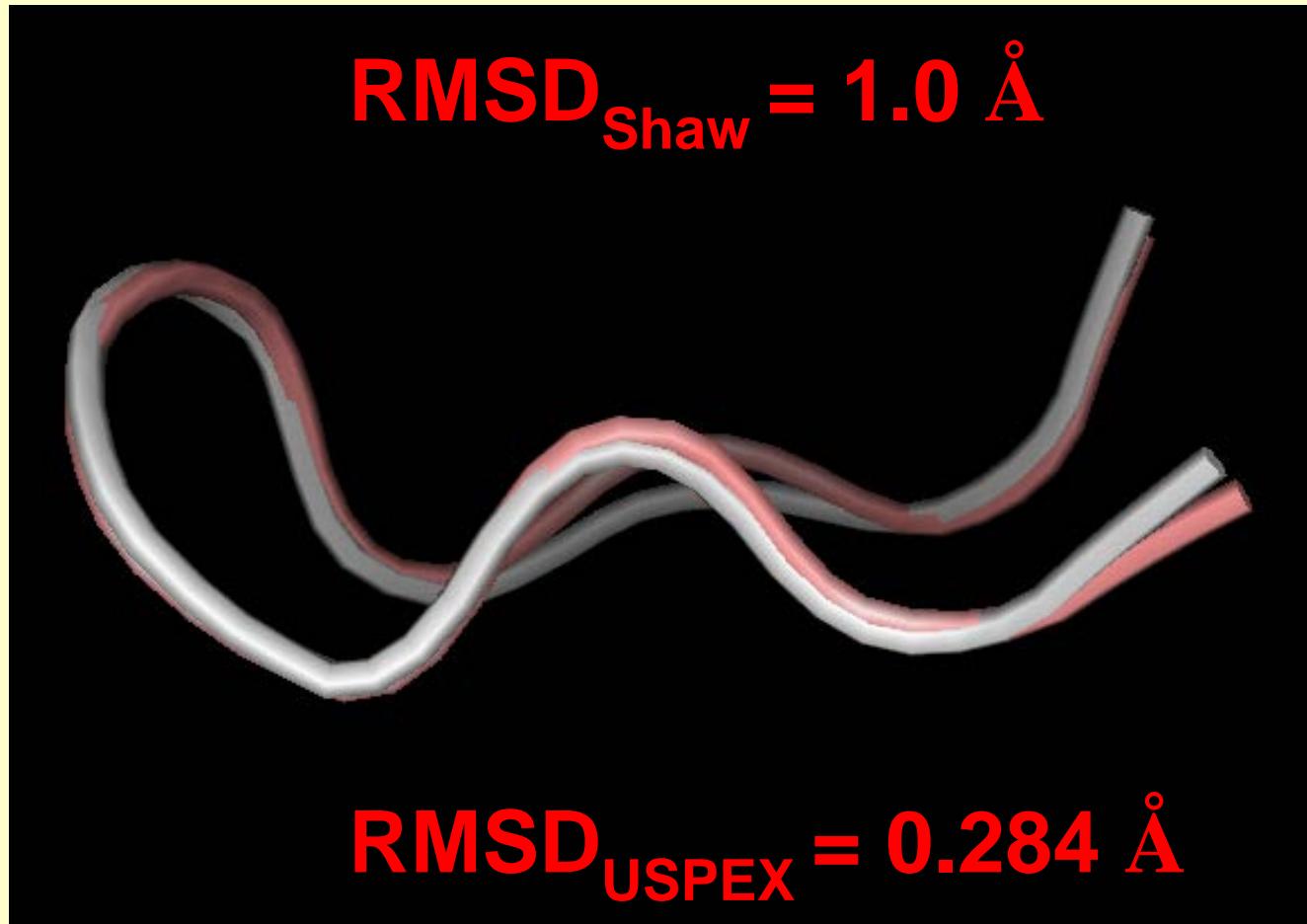


Prediction of 3 new high-k polymers

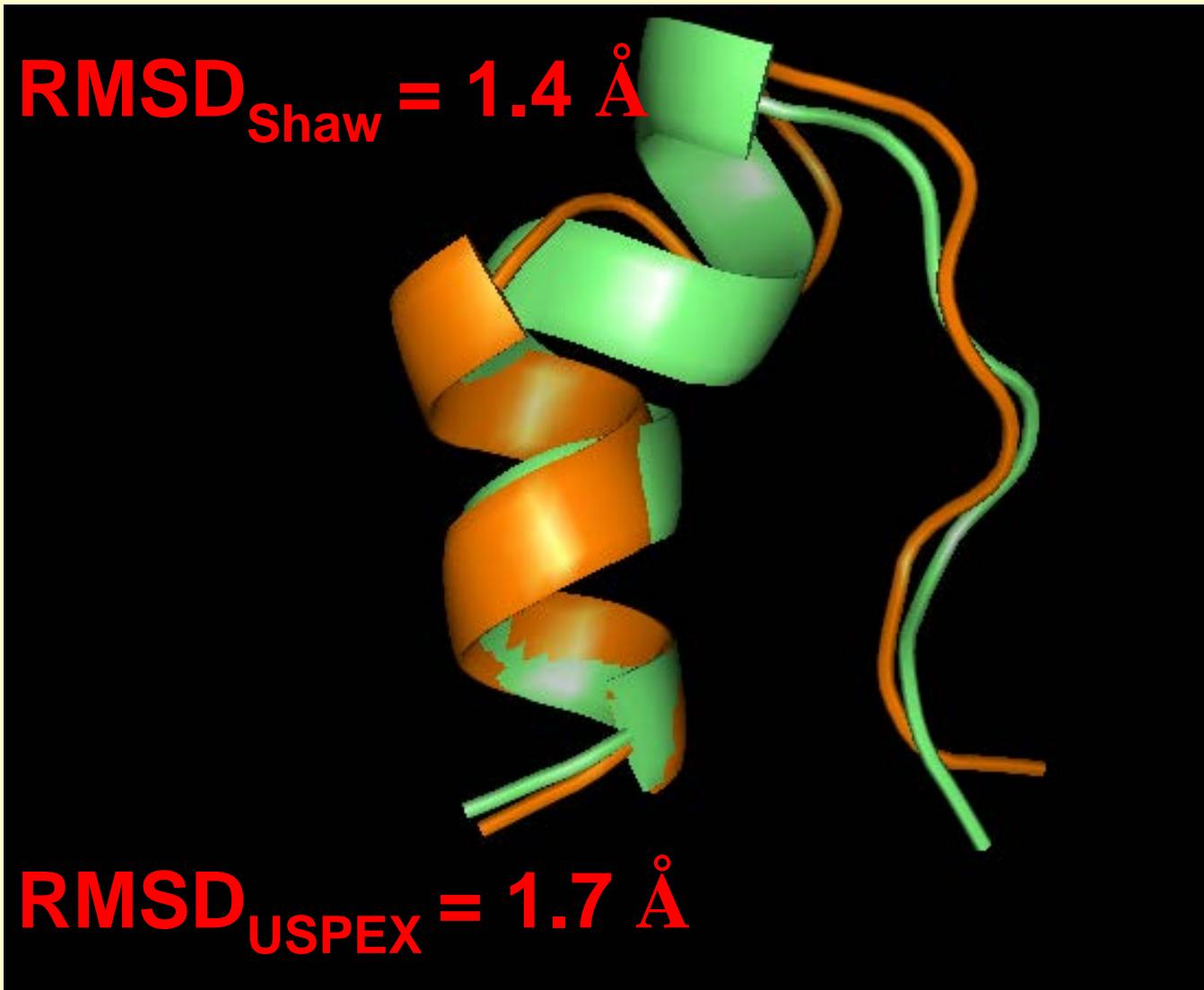


Experimental proof

First steps to protein structure prediction with USPEX: chignolin (I. Kruglov, 2018)

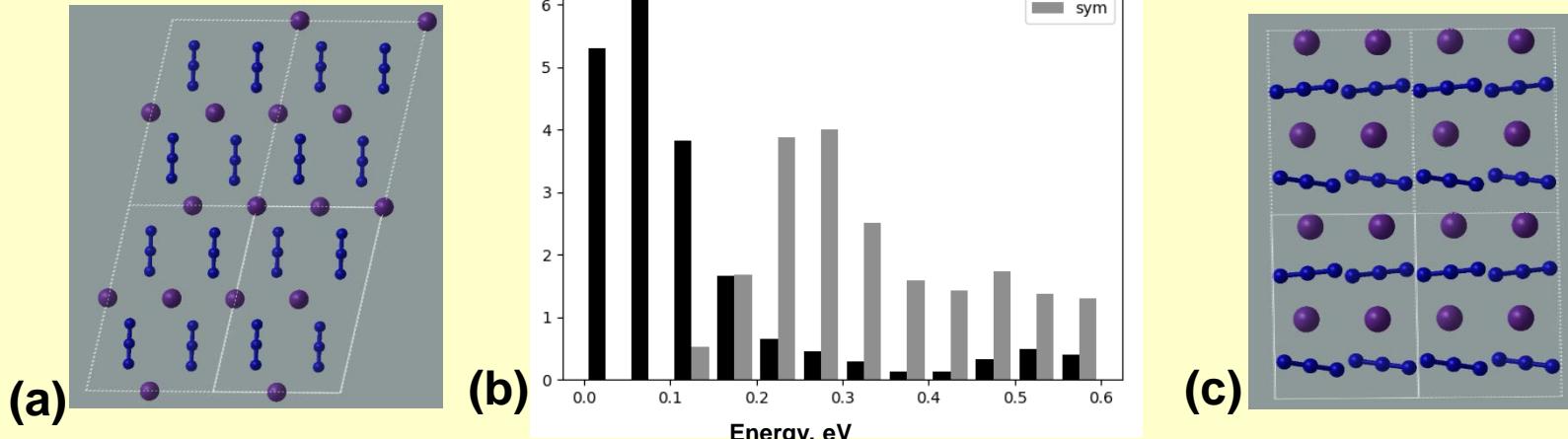


Towards protein structure prediction: test on Trp-cage (I. Kruglov, 2018)



New methodological development: topological structure generator (Bushlanov, Blatov, Oganov, 2019)

Speedup ~3 times



Example of KN_3 : (a) topological structure, (c) random symmetric structure, (b) energy distribution of topological (TR) and random symmetric structures

Statistics (100 runs) of USPEX performance on MgAl_2O_4 (28 atoms/cell) at 100 GPa

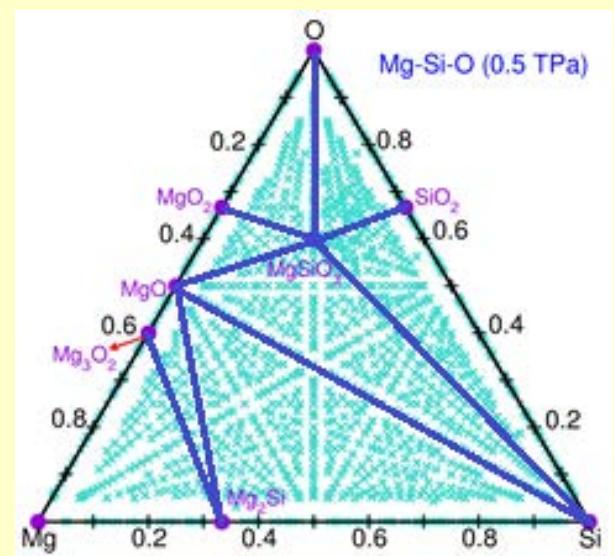
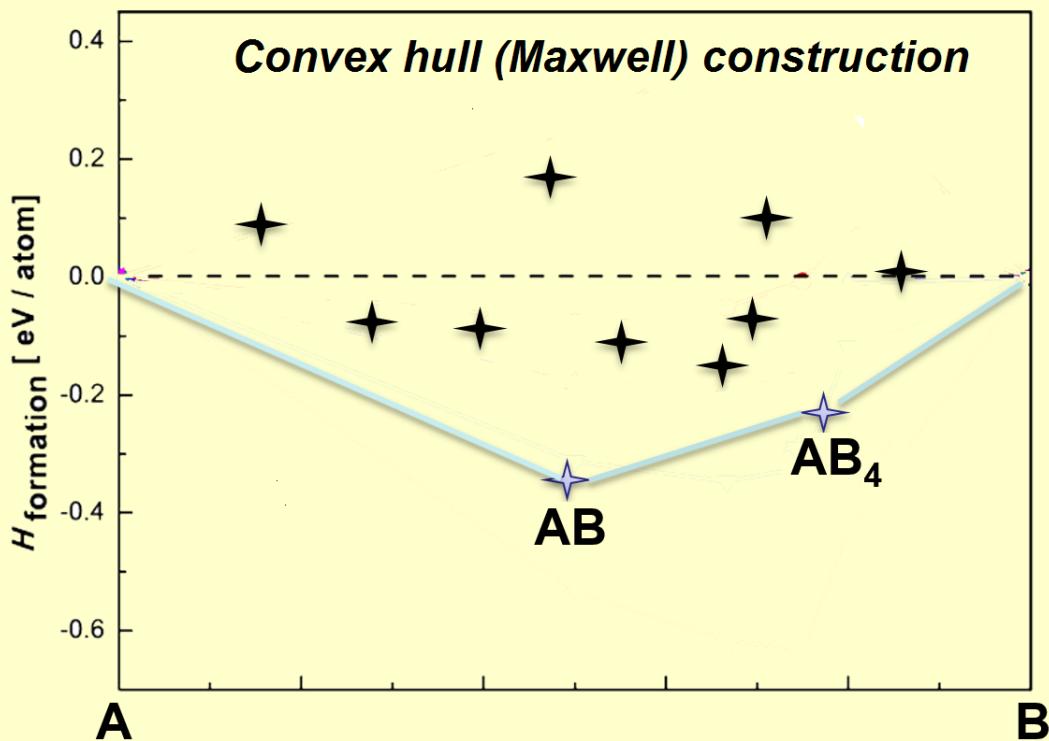
| | Original | On-the-fly adaptation | On-the-fly adaptation AND topology |
|---------------------|----------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|
| <No. of structures> | 1307 | 1069 | 368 |
| Success rate | 100% | 100% | 100% |

Prediction of stable structure for a given chemical composition is possible.

Now, let's predict the chemical composition!

To predict thermodynamic stability, we must use the Maxwell construction (the **convex hull**)

Thermodynamic stability in variable-composition systems

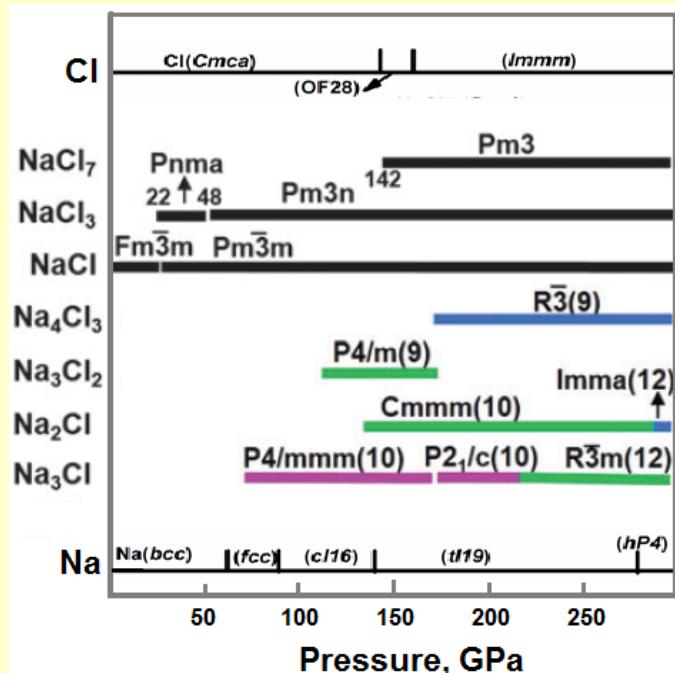


3-component convex hull:
Mg-Si-O system at 500 GPa
(Niu & Oganov, *Sci. Rep.* 2015)

Stable structure must be below all the possible decomposition lines !!

Predictive power of modern methods:

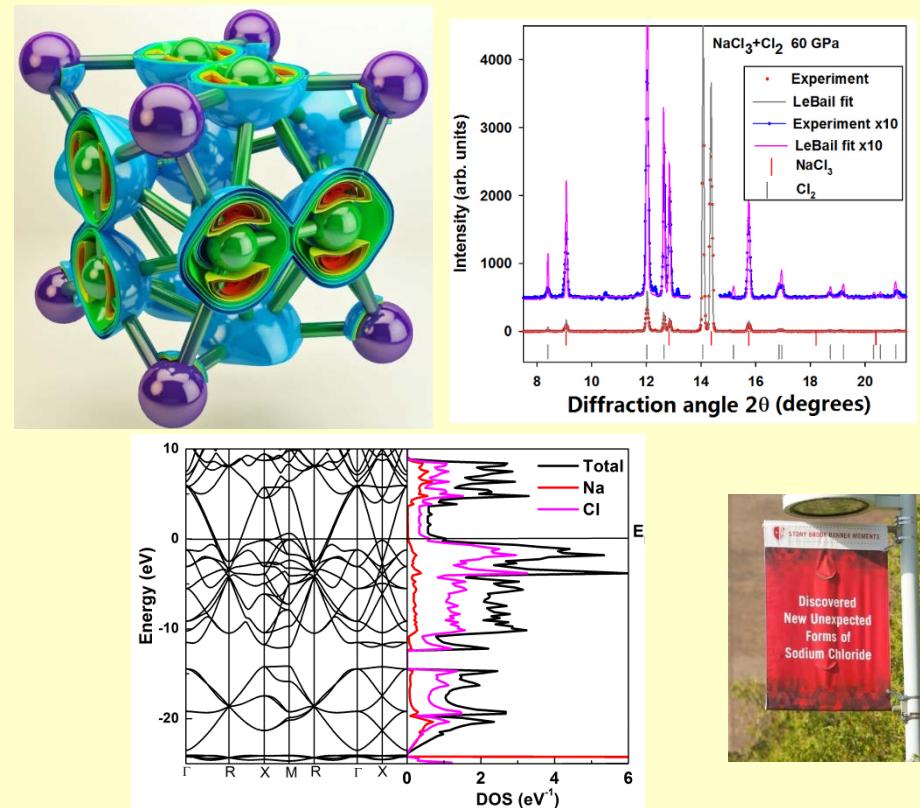
Na_3Cl , Na_2Cl , Na_3Cl_2 , NaCl , NaCl_3 , NaCl_7 are stable under pressure [Zhang, Oganov, et al. *Science*, 2013].



Stability fields of sodium chlorides

Chemical anomalies:

- Divalent Cl in $\text{Na}_2\text{Cl}!$
- Coexistence of metallic and ionic blocks in $\text{Na}_3\text{Cl}!$
- Positively charged Cl in $\text{NaCl}_7!$



NaCl_3 : atomic and electronic structure, and experimental XRD pattern

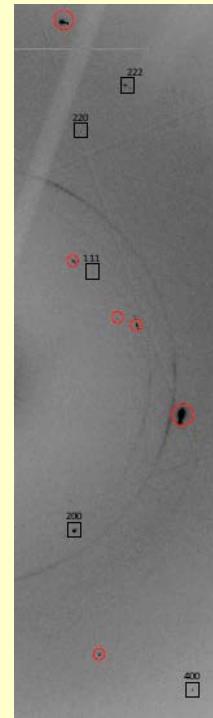
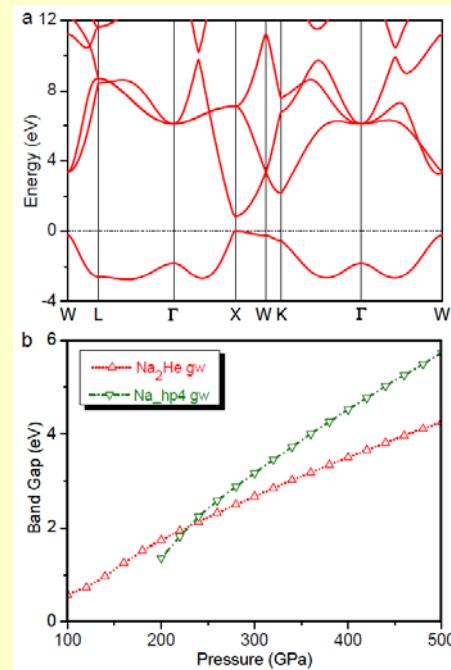
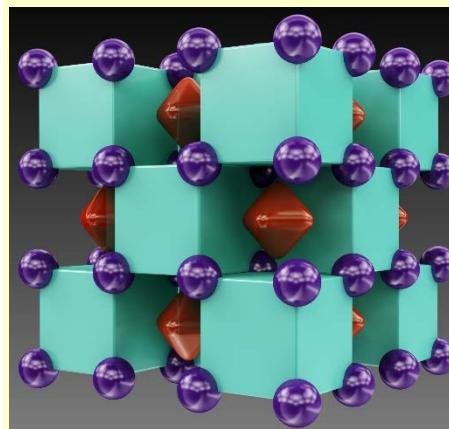
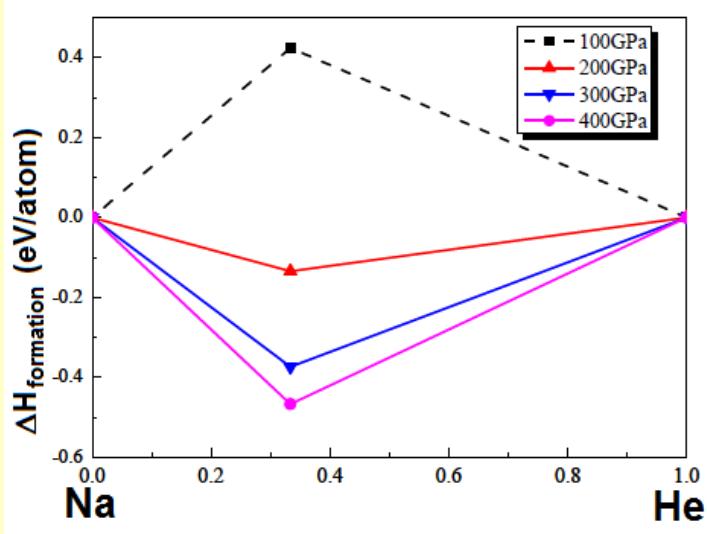
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Helium chemistry? Yes!

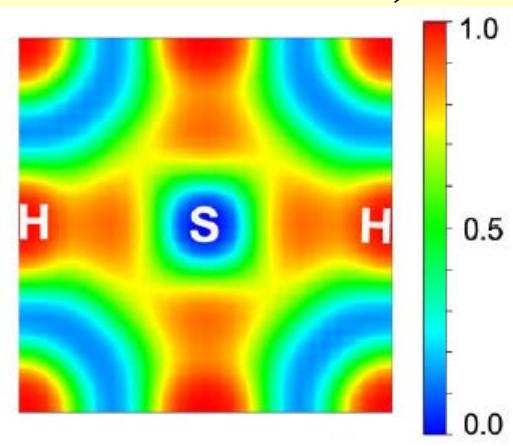
[Dong, Oganov, Goncharov, *Nature Chemistry* 2017]

- Helium is the 2nd most abundant element in the Universe (24 wt.%).
- No stable compounds are known at normal conditions. Under pressure: van der Waals compound NeHe_2 (Loubeyre et al., 1993).



1. Na_2He is stable at >113 GPa, at least up to 1000 GPa.
2. New stable helium compounds: Na_2HeO (Dong & Oganov, 2017); CaF_2He , MgF_2He (Liu, 2018).

Highest-T_c superconductivity: new record, 203 Kelvin (Duan et al., *Sci. Rep.* 4, 6968 (2014))



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Pressure-induced metallization of dense $(\text{H}_2\text{S})_2\text{H}_2$ with high- T_c superconductivity

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The high pressure structures, metallization, and superconductivity of recently synthesized H_2 -containing compounds $(\text{H}_2\text{S})_2\text{H}_2$ are elucidated by *ab initio* calculations. The ordered crystal structure with $P1$ symmetry is determined, supported by the good agreement between theoretical and experimental X-ray diffraction data, equation of states, and Raman spectra. The $Ccmm$ structure is favorable with partial hydrogen bond symmetrization above 37 GPa. Upon further compression, H_2 molecules disappear and two intriguing metallic structures with $R3m$ and $Im-3m$ symmetries are reconstructive above 111 and 180 GPa, respectively. The predicted metallization pressure is 111 GPa, which is approximately one-third of the currently suggested metallization pressure of bulk molecular hydrogen. Application of the Allen-Dynes-modified McMillan equation for the $Im-3m$ structure yields high T_c values of 191 K to 204 K at 200 GPa, which is among the highest values reported for H_2 -rich van der Waals compounds and MH_3 type hydride thus far.

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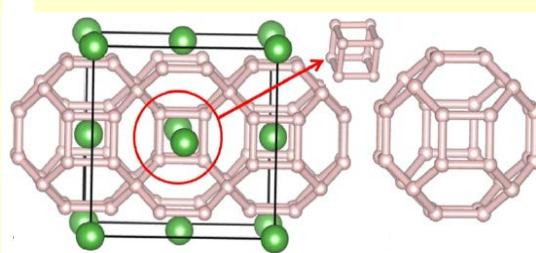
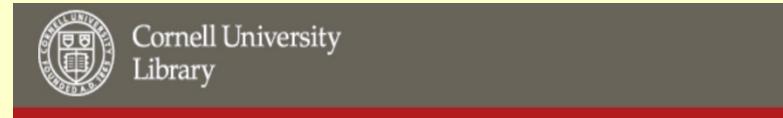
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A superconductor is a material that can conduct electricity without resistance below a superconducting transition temperature, T_c . The highest T_c that has been achieved to date is in the copper oxide system¹: 133 kelvin at ambient pressure² and 164 kelvin at high pressures³. As the nature of superconductivity in these materials is still not fully understood (they are not conventional superconductors), the prospects for achieving still higher transition temperatures by this route are not clear. In contrast, the Bardeen–Cooper–Schrieffer theory of conventional superconductivity gives a guide for achieving high T_c with no theoretical upper bound—all that is needed is a favourable combination of high-frequency phonons, strong electron–phonon coupling, and a high density of states⁴. These conditions can in principle be fulfilled for metallic hydrogen and covalent compounds dominated by hydrogen^{5, 6}, as hydrogen atoms provide the necessary high-frequency phonon modes as well as the strong electron–phonon coupling. Numerous calculations support this idea and have predicted transition temperatures in the range 50–235 kelvin for many hydrides⁷, but only a moderate T_c of 17 kelvin has been observed experimentally⁸. Here we investigate sulfur hydride⁹, where a T_c of 80 kelvin has been predicted¹⁰. We find that this system transforms to a metal at a pressure of approximately 90 gigapascals. On cooling, we see signatures of superconductivity: a sharp drop of the resistivity to zero and a decrease of the transition temperature with magnetic field, with magnetic susceptibility measurements confirming a T_c of 203 kelvin. Moreover, a pronounced isotope shift of T_c in sulfur deuteride is suggestive of an electron–phonon mechanism of superconductivity that is consistent with the Bardeen–Cooper–Schrieffer scenario. We argue that the phase responsible for high- T_c superconductivity in this system is likely to be H_3S , formed from H_2S by decomposition under pressure. These findings raise hope for the prospects for achieving room-temperature superconductivity in other hydrogen-based materials.

- Old record $T_c=135$ K (Schilling, 1993) is broken: theorists (T. Cui, 2014) predicted new compound H_3S with $T_c \sim 200$ K.
- Confirmed by A. Drozdov et al. (*Nature* 525, 73 (2015)).

And the record is broken again: LaH₁₀ (T_c = 250-260 K at 170 GPa)



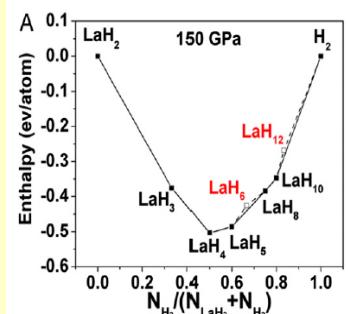
The maximal T_c ~ 250-260 K

Potential high-T_c superconducting lanthanum and yttrium hydrides at high pressure

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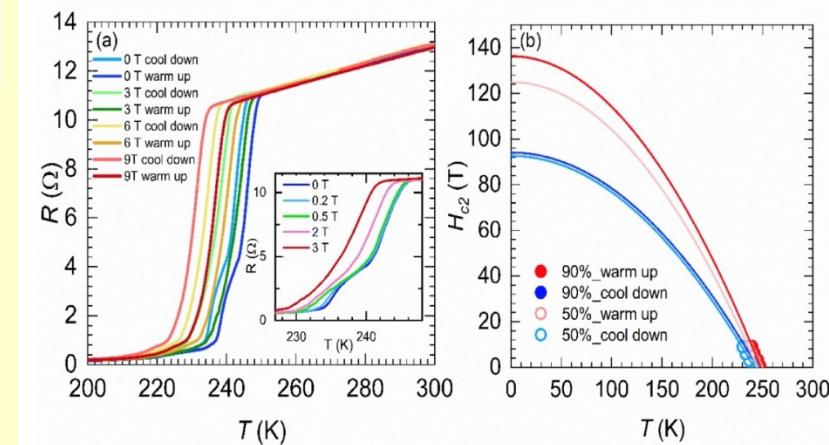
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...and record is broken again: mysterious S-C-H compound (T_c = 288 K at 267 GPa)

Room-temperature superconductivity in a carbonaceous sulfur hydride

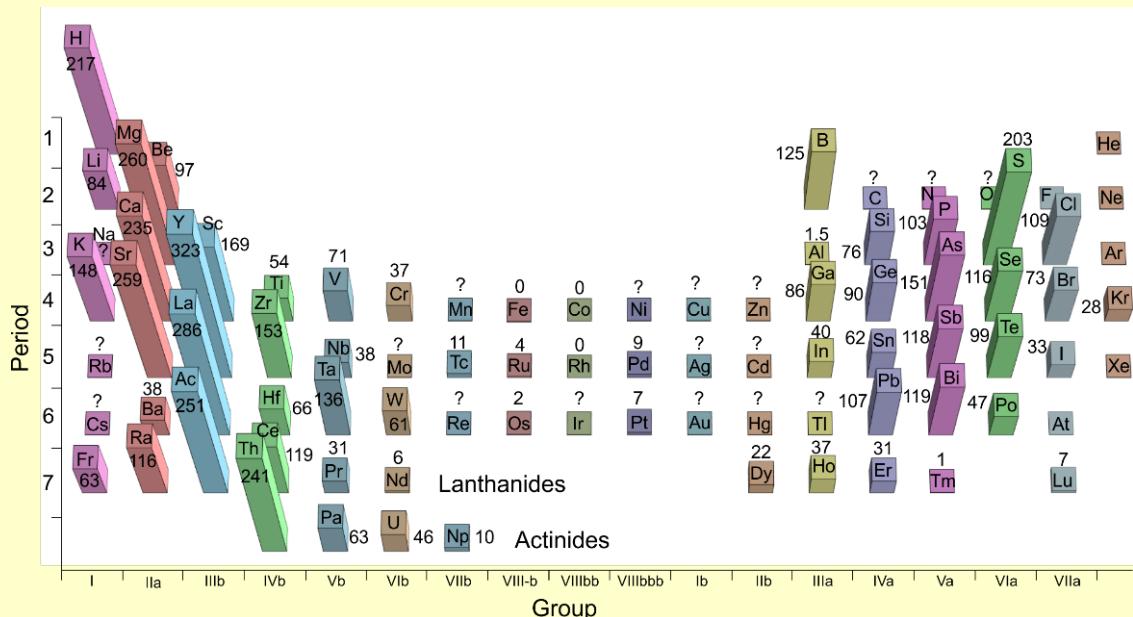
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One of the long-standing challenges in experimental physics is the observation of room-temperature superconductivity^{1,2}. Recently, high-temperature conventional superconductivity in hydrogen-rich materials has been reported in several systems under high pressure^{3,4,5}. An important discovery leading to room-temperature superconductivity is the pressure-driven disproportionation of hydrogen sulfide (H_2S) to H_3S , with a confirmed transition temperature of 203 kelvin at 155 gigapascals^{3,6}. Both H_2S and CH_4 readily mix with hydrogen to form guest–host structures at lower pressures⁷, and are of comparable size at 4 gigapascals. By introducing methane at low pressures into the $H_2S + H_2$ precursor mixture for H_3S , molecular exchange is allowed within a large assemblage of van der Waals solids that are hydrogen-rich with H_2 inclusions; these guest–host structures become the building blocks of superconducting compounds at extreme conditions. Here we report superconductivity in a photochemically transformed carbonaceous sulfur hydride system, starting from elemental precursors, with a maximum superconducting transition temperature of 287.7 ± 1.2 kelvin (about 15 degrees Celsius) achieved at 267 ± 10 gigapascals. The superconducting state is observed over a broad pressure range in the diamond anvil cell, from 140 to 275 gigapascals, with a sharp upturn in transition temperature above 220 gigapascals. Superconductivity is established by the observation of zero resistance, a magnetic susceptibility of up to 190 gigapascals, and reduction of the transition temperature under an external magnetic field of up to 9 tesla, with an upper critical magnetic field of about 62 tesla according to the Ginzburg–Landau model at zero temperature. The light, quantum nature of hydrogen limits the structural and stoichiometric determination of the system by X-ray scattering techniques, but Raman spectroscopy is used to probe the chemical and structural transformations before metallization. The introduction of chemical tuning within our ternary system could enable the preservation of the properties of room-temperature superconductivity at lower pressures.

Superconductivity is linked with Mendeleev's Table

[Semenok & Oganov, *JPCL*, 2018; *Curr. Opinion Solid St. Mater. Sci.*, 2020]

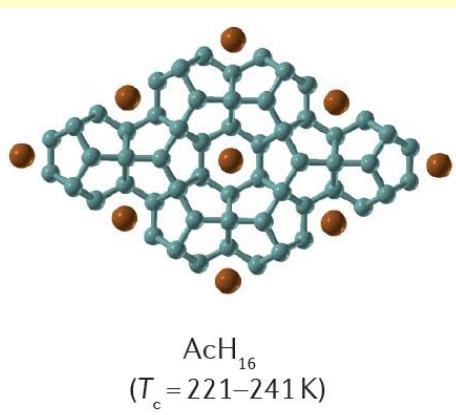
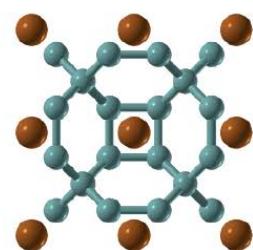
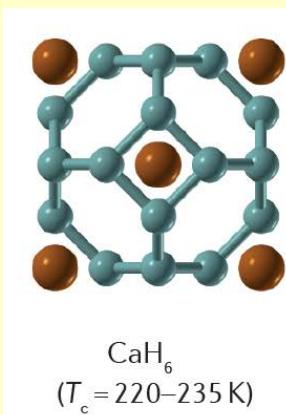


LaH_{10} : record T_c (260 K @ 190 GPa)
(Somayazulu et al., 2019).

Test of idea: Th and Ac hydrides have high- T_c superconductivity.

ThH_{10} : $T_c=241$ K at 100 GPa
(Kvashnin & Oganov, 2018).

Metal atom is **VERY** important!



YH_{10} ($T_c = 305\text{--}326$ K)

ThH_{10} ($T_c = 220\text{--}241$ K)

Polyhydride superconductors: surge of interest!

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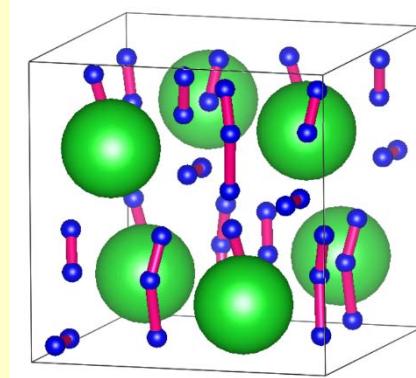
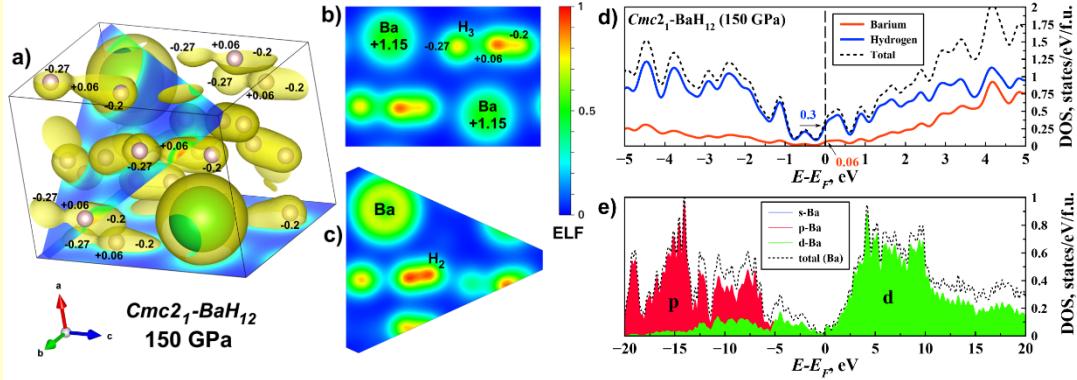
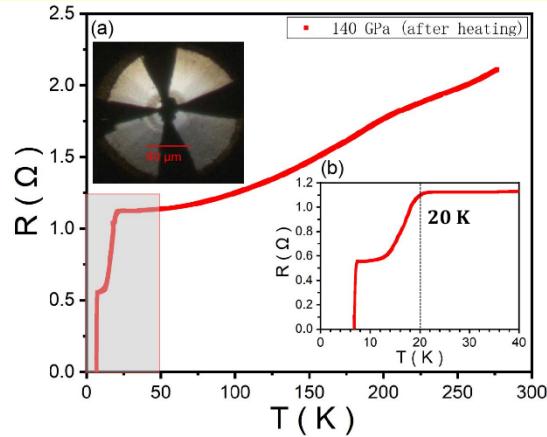
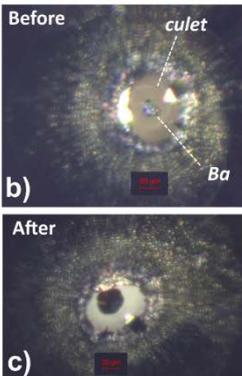
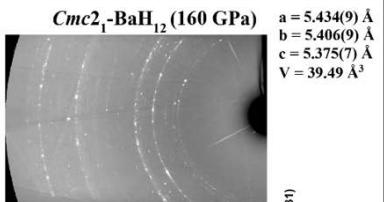
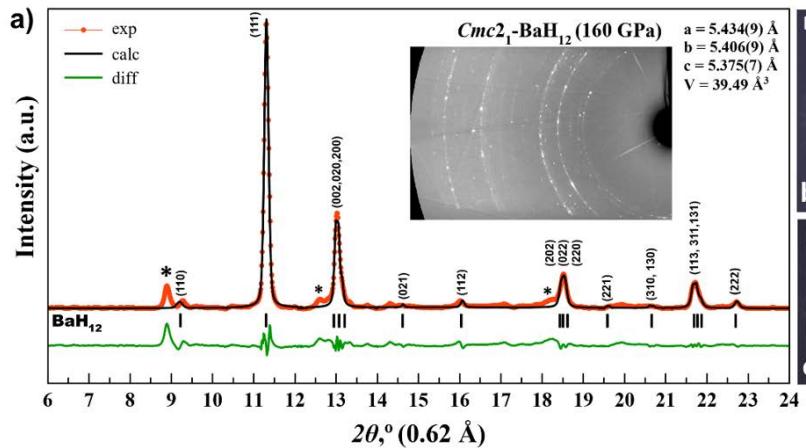
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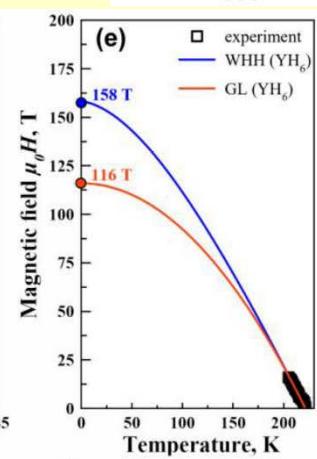
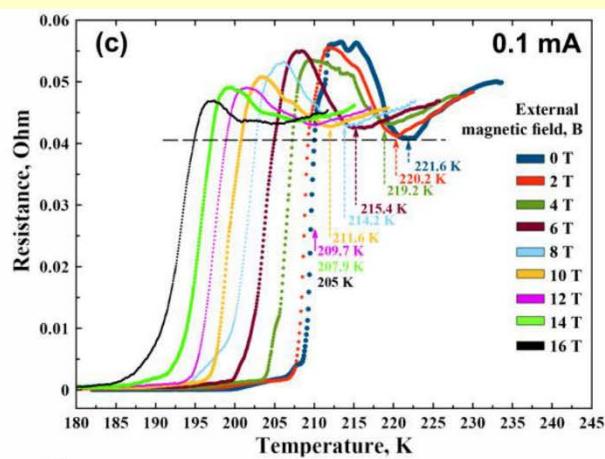
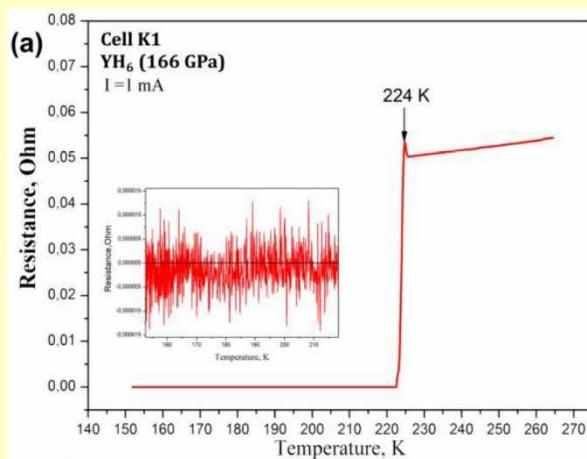
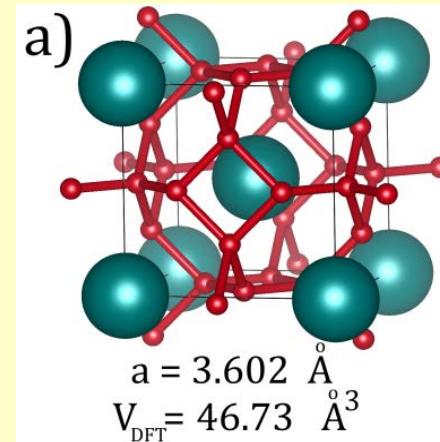
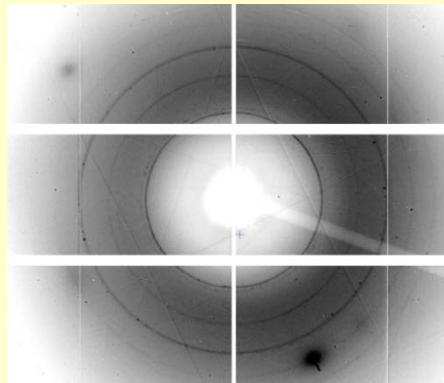
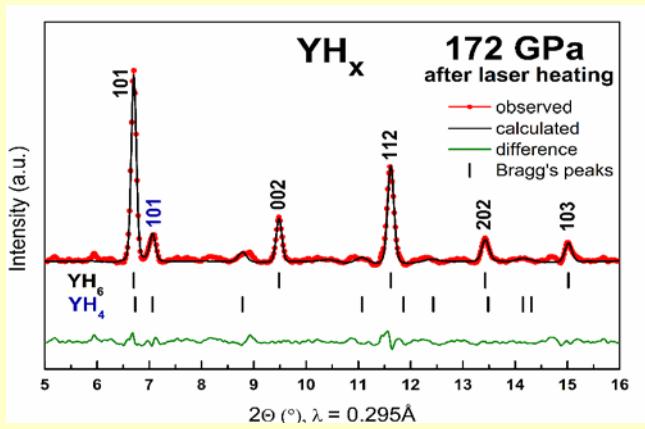
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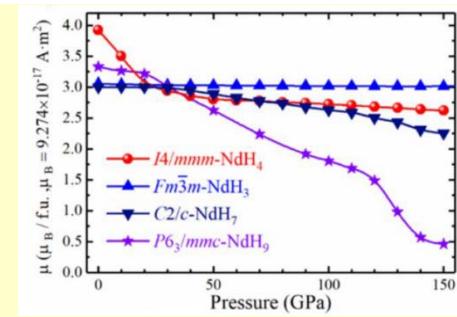
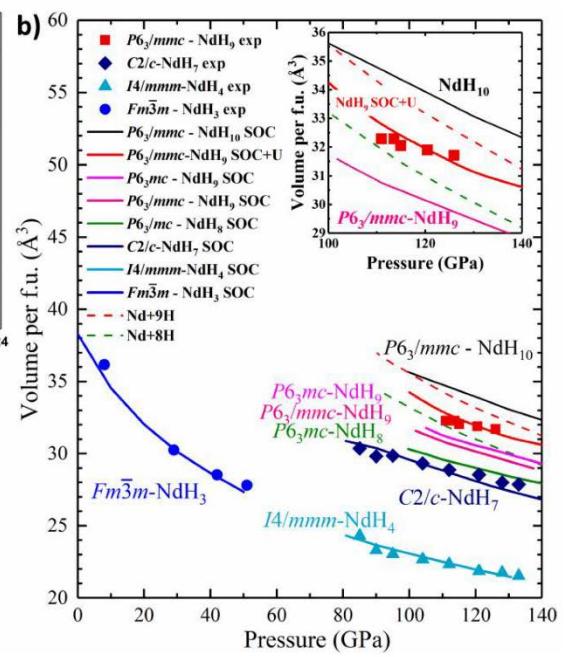
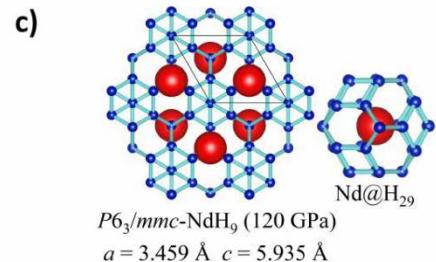
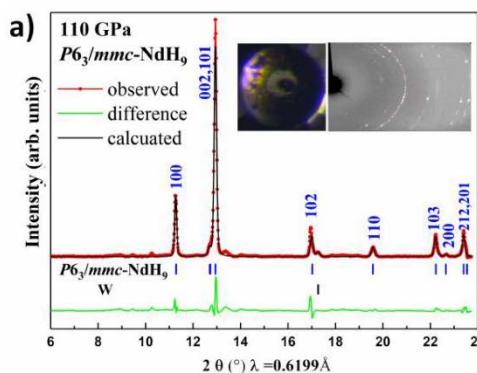
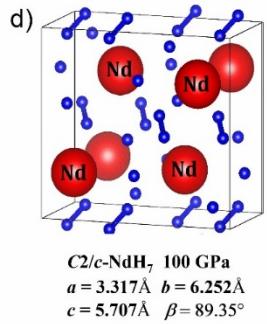
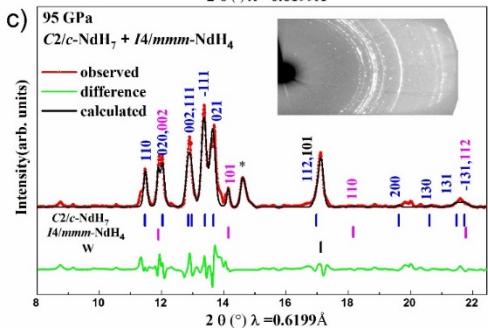
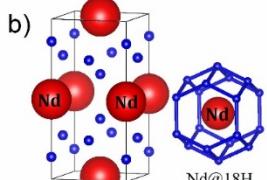
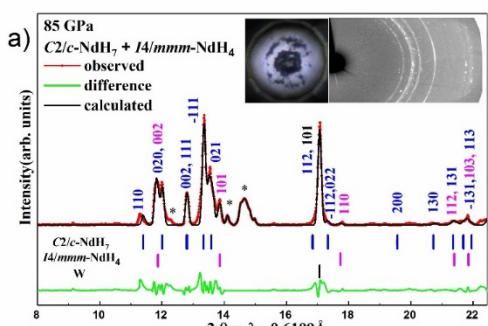


BaH₁₂ (H₂, H₃⁻ groups)

Yttrium hydride YH_6 ($T_C = 224 \text{ K}$, $B_C = 116\text{-}158 \text{ T}$)

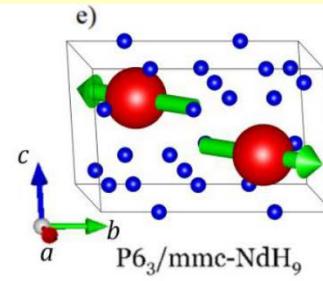
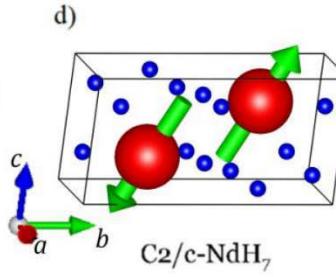


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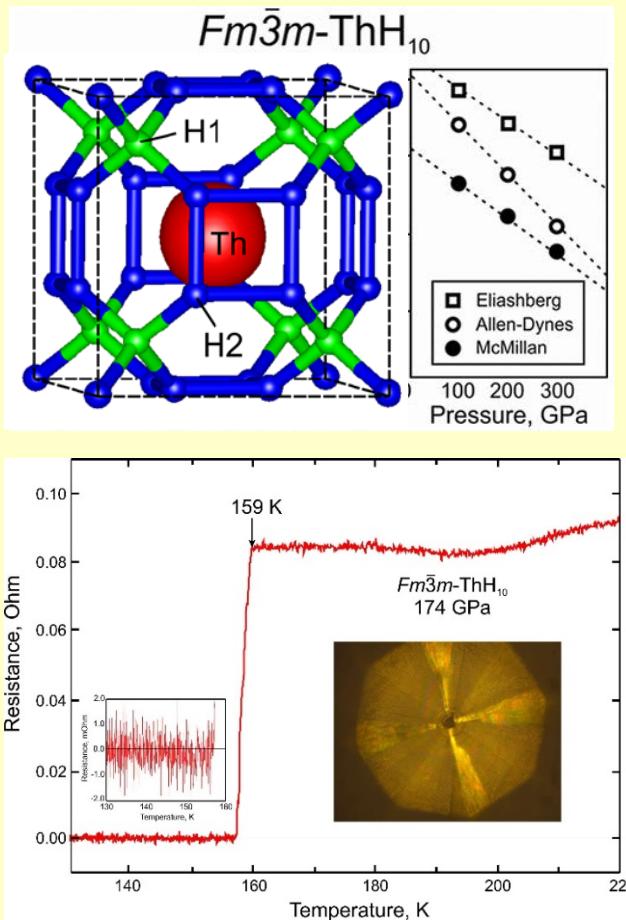


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$I4/\text{mmm-NdH}_4$

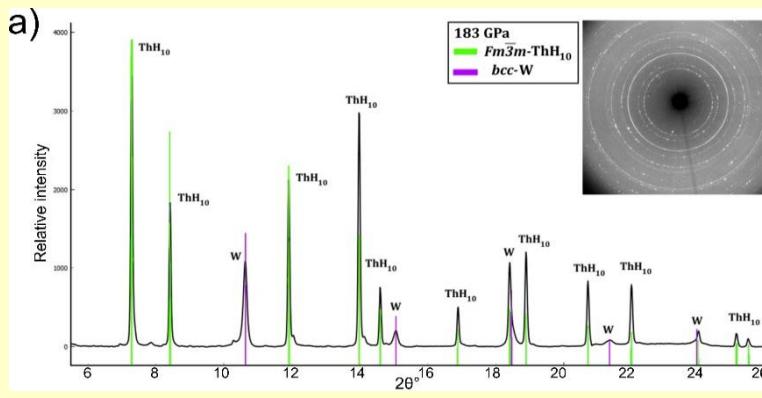


Thorium hydride ThH_{10} ($T_C = 159\text{-}161 \text{ K}$)



We predicted ThH₁₀ in 2018 -

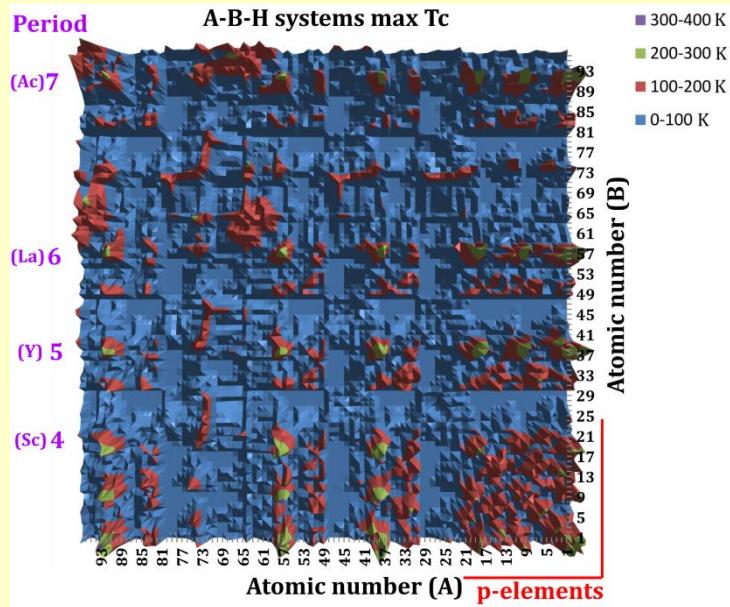
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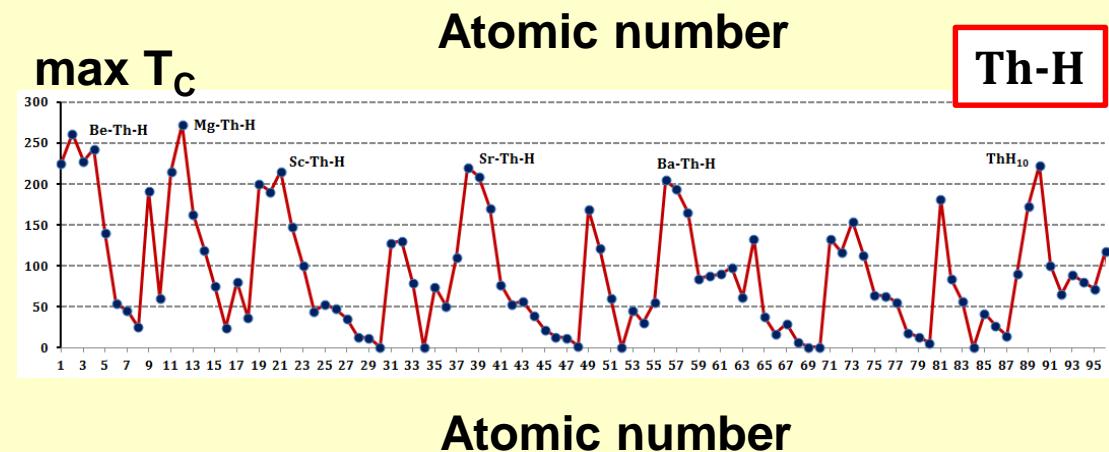
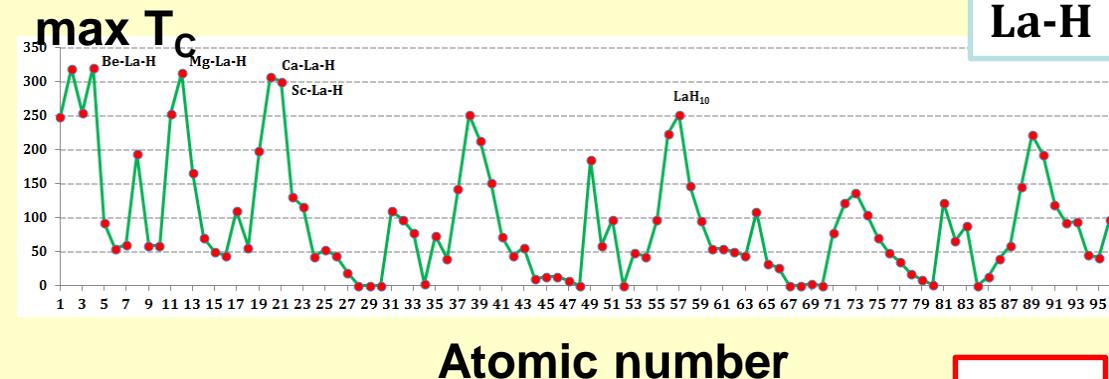
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|---|-----------|--|-----------|---|-----------|
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| Be | 0.026 | Np | 0.075 | Th | 1.37 |
| Cd | 0.55 | Os | 0.65 | Ti | 0.39 |
| Ga | 1.09 | Pa | 1.3 | Tl | 2.39 |
| Hf | 0.13 | Pb | 7.2 | U | 0.2 |
| Hg | 4.15 | Re | 1.7 | V | 5.3 |
| In | 3.40 | Rh | 0.0003 | W | 0.012 |
| Ir | 0.14 | Ru | 0.5 | Zn | 0.9 |
| La | 4.8 | Sn | 3.75 | Zr | 0.55 |
| Mo | 0.92 | Ta | 4.39 | | |
| Compound | T_c (K) | Compound | T_c (K) | Compound | T_c (K) |
| Nb_3Sn | 18.1 | MgB_2 | 39 | UPt_3 | 0.5 |
| Nb_3Ge | 23.2 | PbMo_6S_8 | 15 | UPd_2Al_3 | 2 |
| Cs_3C_{60} | 19 | $\text{YPd}_2\text{B}_2\text{C}$ | 23 | $(\text{TMTSF})_2\text{ClO}_4$ | 1.2 |
| Cs_3C_{60} | 40 | $\text{HoNi}_2\text{B}_2\text{C}$ | 7.5 | $(\text{ET})_2\text{Cu}[\text{Ni}(\text{CN})_2]\text{Br}$ | 11.5 |
| High- T_c superconductor | T_c (K) | High- T_c superconductor | T_c (K) | | |
| $\text{La}_{1.83}\text{Sr}_{0.17}\text{CuO}_4$ | 38 | $\text{Tl}_2\text{Ba}_2\text{Ca}_2\text{Cu}_3\text{O}_{10+x}$ | 125 | | |
| $\text{YBa}_2\text{Cu}_3\text{O}_{6+x}$ | 93 | $\text{HgBa}_2\text{Ca}_2\text{Cu}_3\text{O}_{8+x}$ | 135 | | |
| $\text{Bi}_2\text{Sr}_2\text{Ca}_2\text{Cu}_3\text{O}_{10+x}$ | 107 | $\text{Hg}_{0.8}\text{Tl}_{0.2}\text{Ba}_2\text{Ca}_2\text{Cu}_3\text{O}_{8.33}$ | 134 | | |

A glimpse at superconductivity of ternary hydrides



Ternary hydrides may have higher T_c at lower pressure and lower hydrogen content



Atomic number

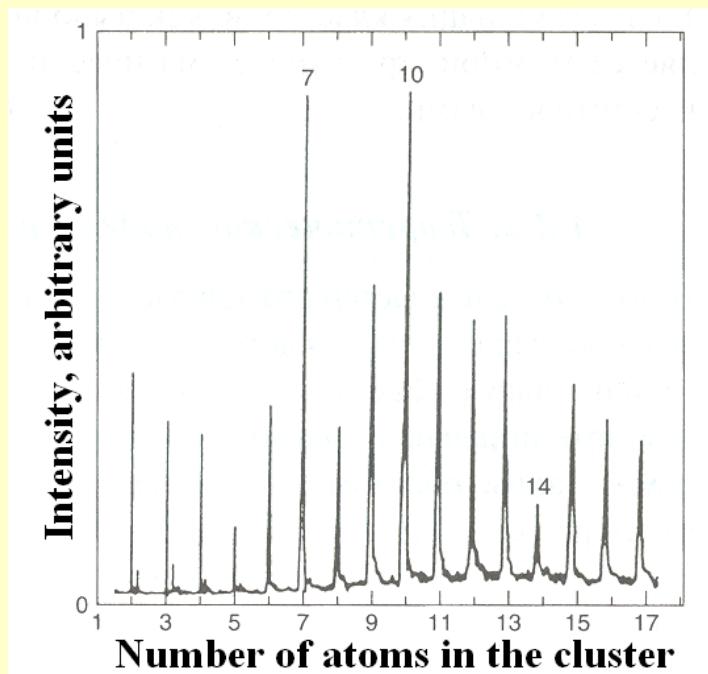
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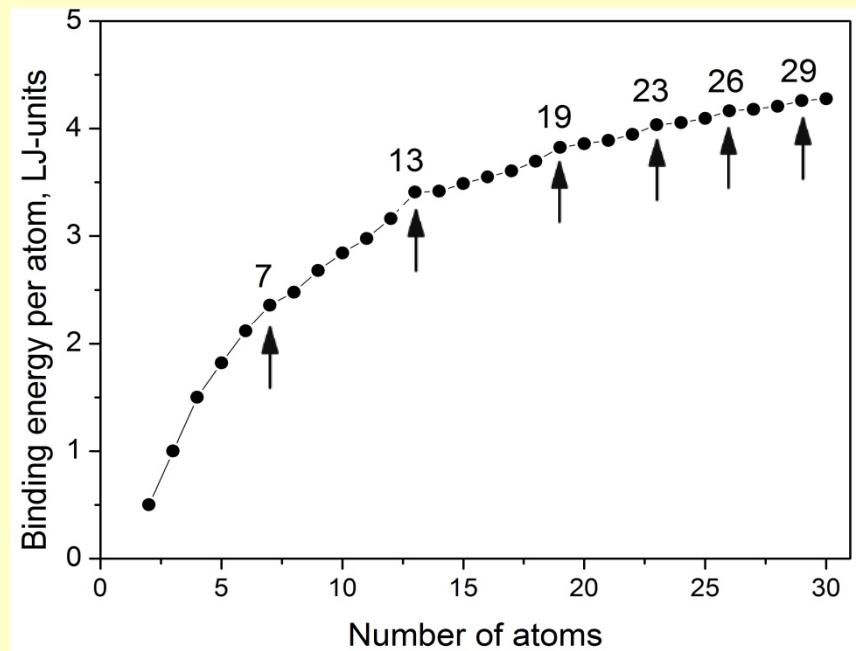
Predicting Stable Nanoclusters

- Only conditional stability. Magic clusters. Similar to atomic nuclei.
- Unusual stable compositions are typical.
- Explanation of carcinogenicity of oxide dust?

Stability of nanoparticles: conditional

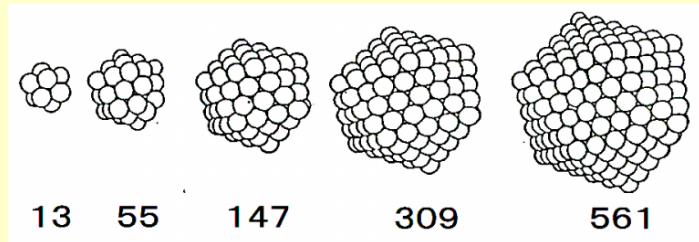


**Mass spectrum of Pb_n clusters
(Poole & Owens, 2003)**



Lennard-Jones clusters

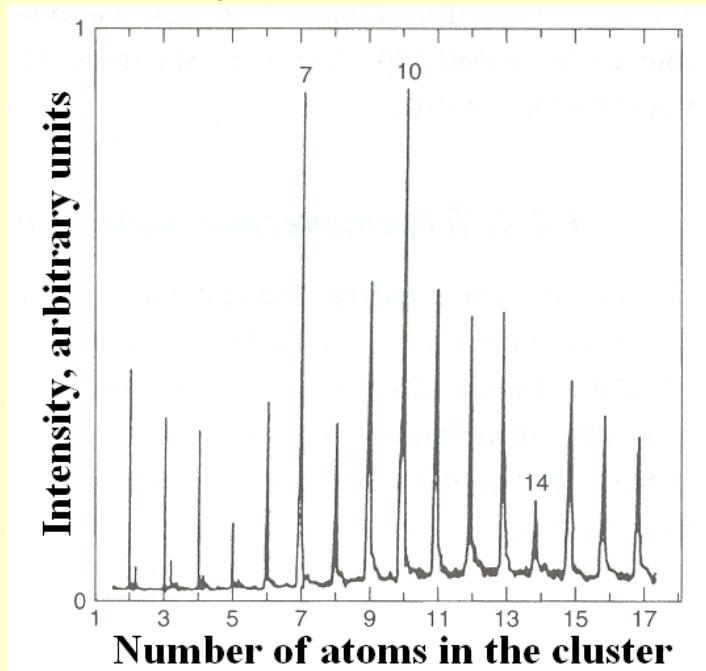
↑ – “magic” clusters



Stability grows with cluster size. We define stability relative to neighboring compositions. Especially stable clusters have filled electronic and/or structural shells.

Stability of clusters

Real system: Pb clusters

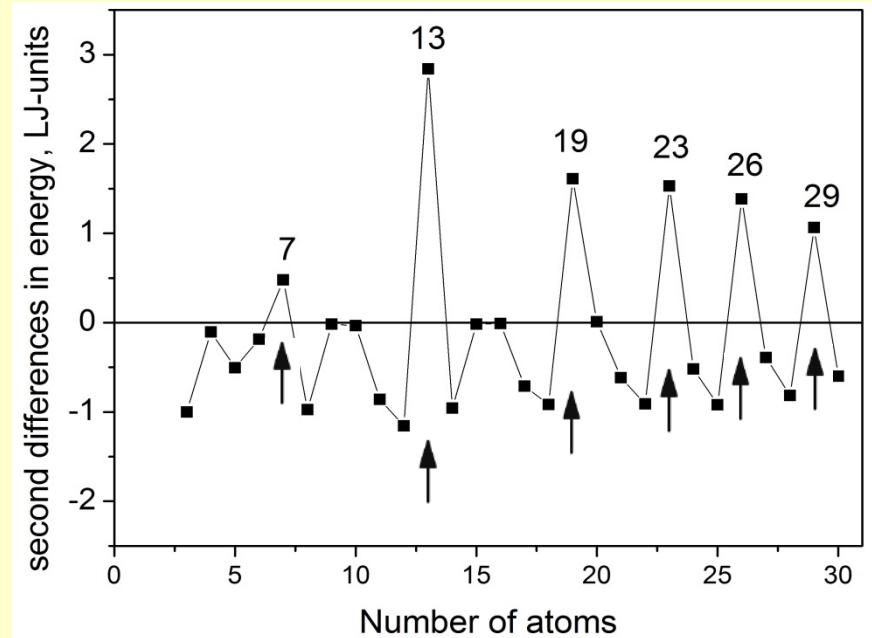


Mass-spectrum of Pb_n clusters
(from Poole & Owens, 2003)

Criterion of local stability (magic clusters):

$$\Delta^2 E = E(n+1) + E(n-1) - 2E(n) > 0$$

Model system: Lennard-Jones clusters



↑ – magic clusters.

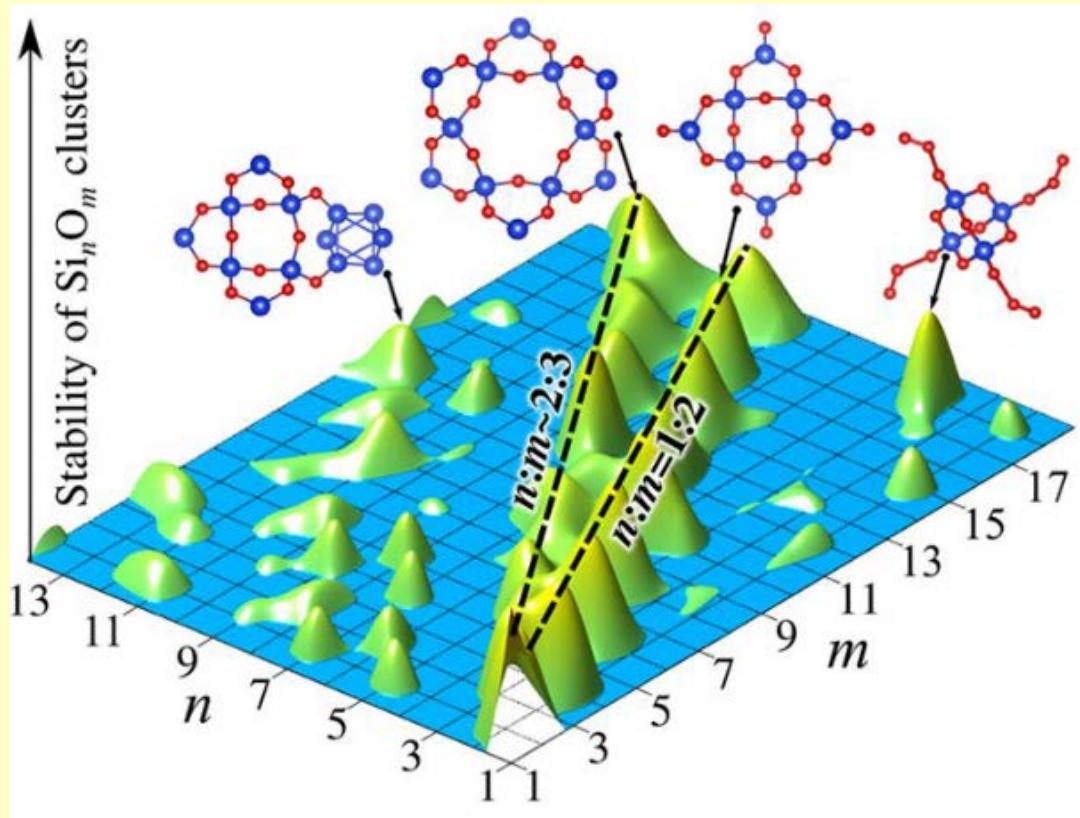
For binary clusters (A_mB_n):

$$\Delta_x^2 E = E(m, n+1) + E(m, n-1) - 2E(m, n) > 0$$

$$\Delta_y^2 E = E(m+1, n) + E(m-1, n) - 2E(m, n) > 0$$

Map of stability of Si-O clusters

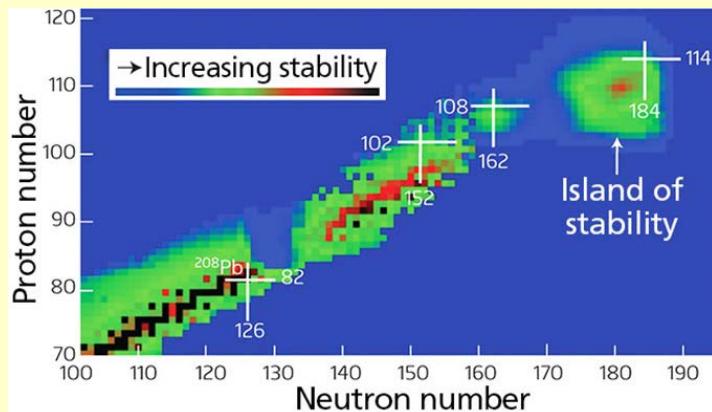
[Lepeshkin & Oganov, *J. Phys. Chem. Lett.* 2019]



Ridges of stability: SiO_2 , Si_2O_3
 Islands of stability: e.g., Si_4O_{18}

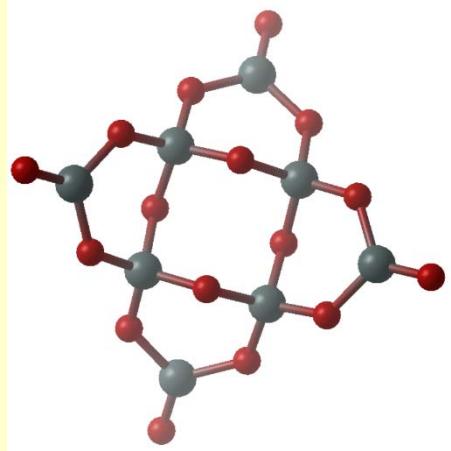
«Magic» nuclei: with filled proton or neutron shells (2, 8, 20, 28, 50, 82, 126 p or n)
 $(1s^2/2p^6/3d^{10}2s^2/4f^8/4f^63p^65g^{10}/5g^84d^{10}3s^26h^{12})$

Magic numbers of electrons = 2, 10, 18, 36, 54, 86, 118)

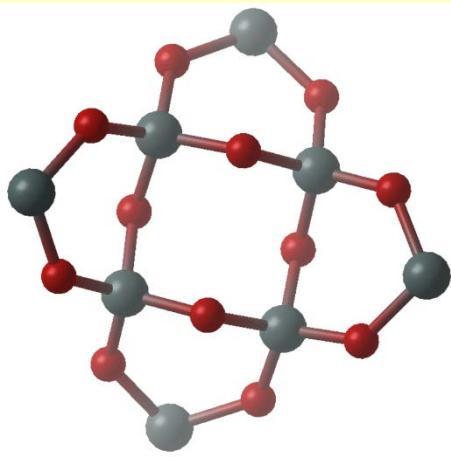


Analogy with
magic atomic nuclei

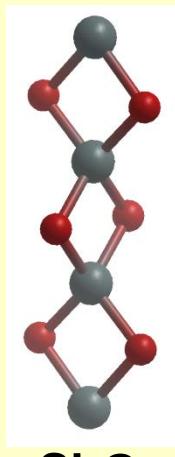
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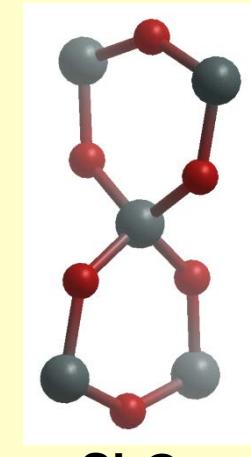
Si_8O_{16}



Si_8O_{12}

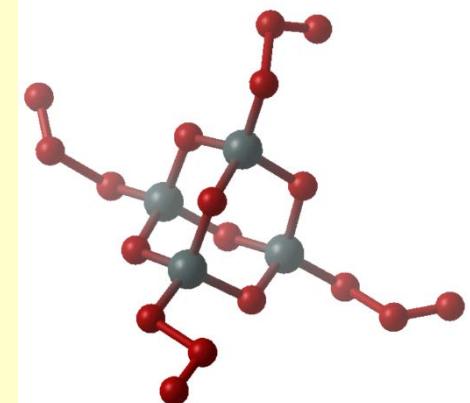


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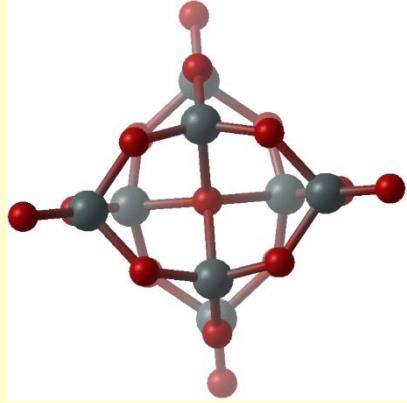


Si_5O_6

Magic clusters. Non-magnetic

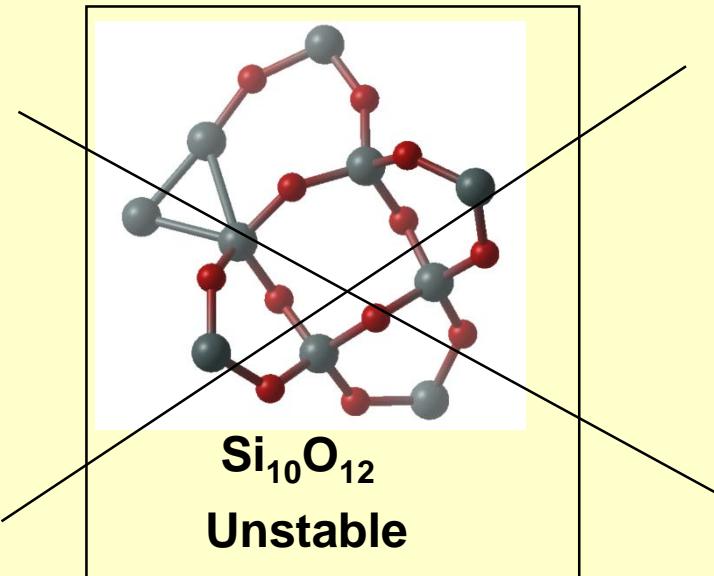


Si_4O_{18}



Si_8O_{17}

Magic magnetic(!) clusters. Excess of O

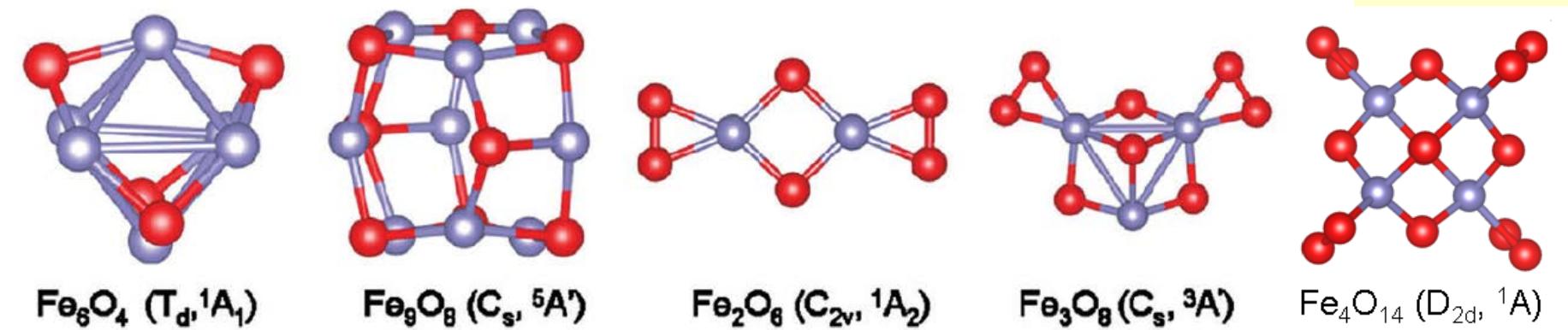
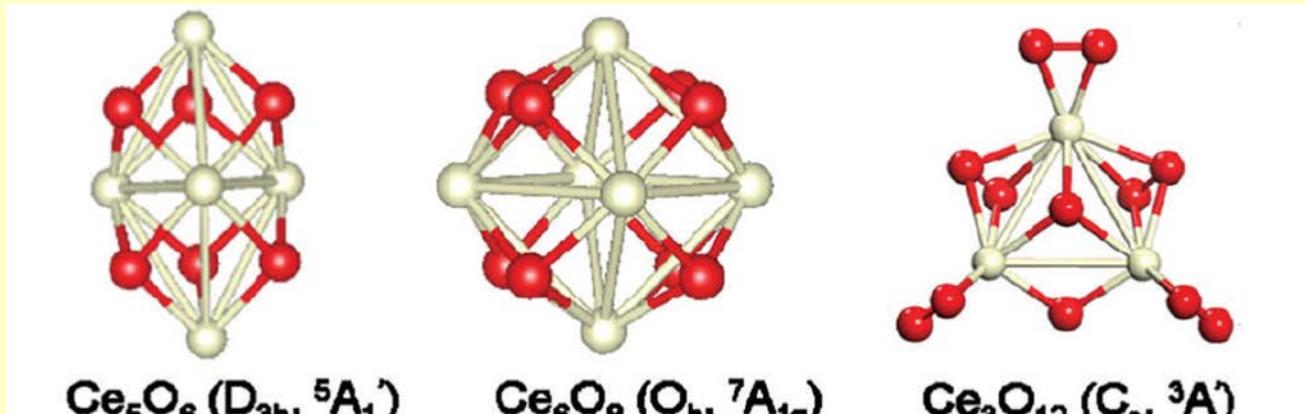


$\text{Si}_{10}\text{O}_{12}$

Unstable

Unusual compositions of transition metal oxide clusters

[Yu & Oganov, *Phys. Chem. Chem. Phys.*, 2018]



Do crystals grow from such particles?

Predicting Optimal Materials

- Superior thermoelectrics: possible!
- New superhard materials: WB_5 etc.
- Pareto optimization of properties & stability.
- Mendelevian search for exploring chemical space.

Towards materials design: example of thermoelectrics

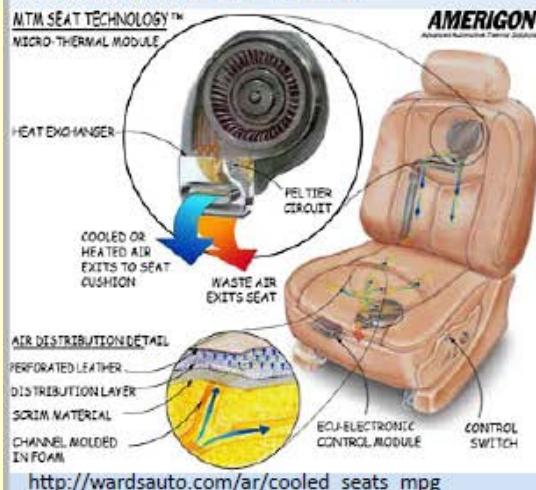
Applications

Water/Beer/Wine Cooler

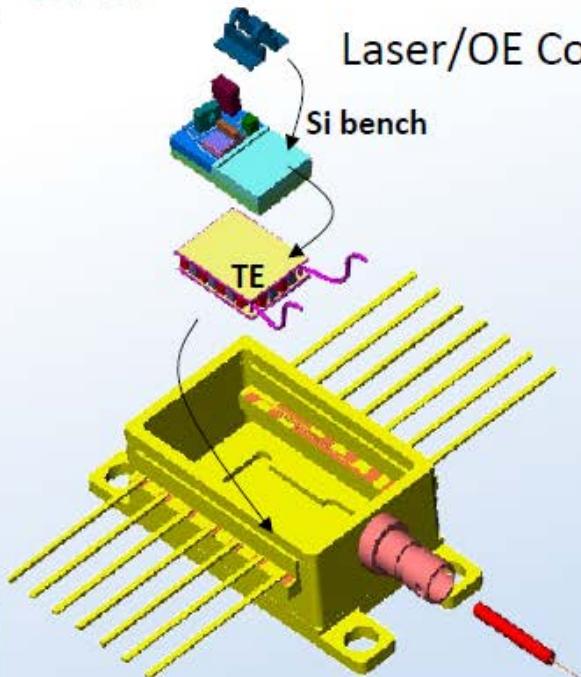


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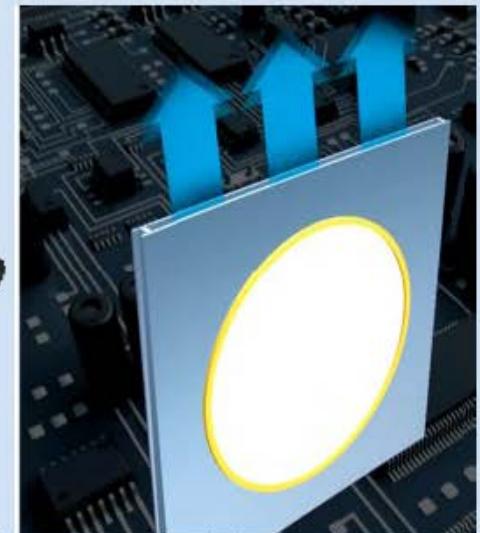
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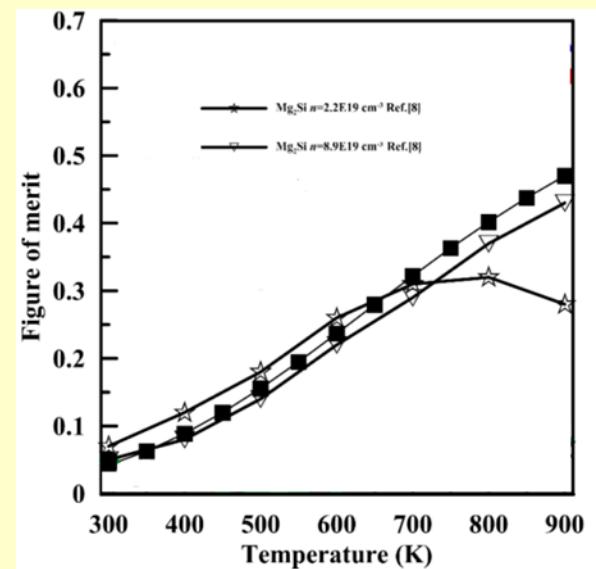
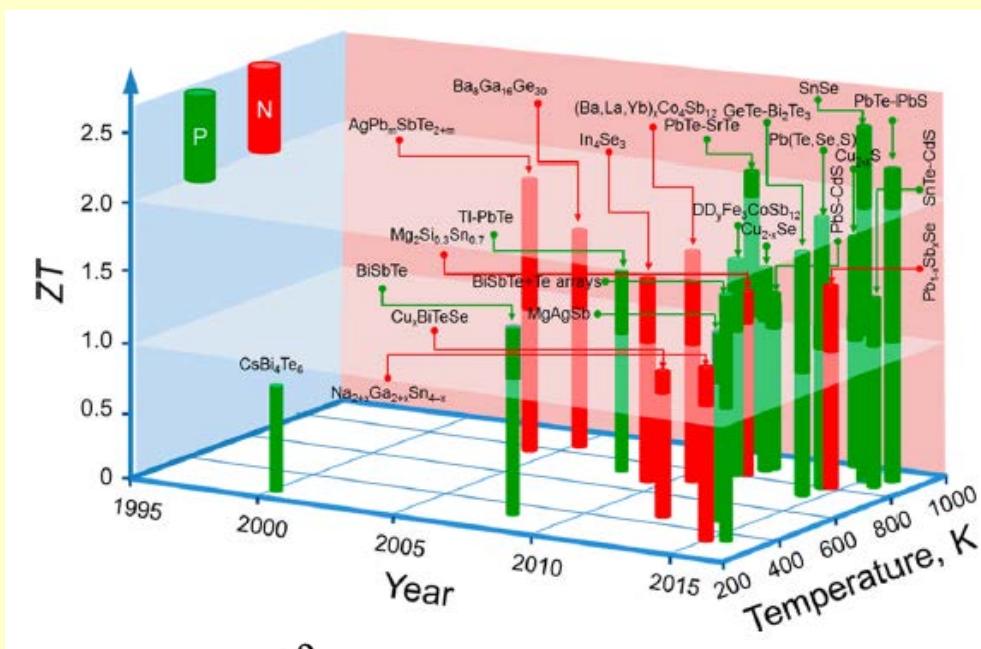


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How to improve efficiency of thermoelectric devices?

“One shouldn’t work on semiconductors, that is a filthy mess; who knows whether any semiconductors exist”

-W. Pauli, letter to R. Peierls (1931)



[Fan & Oganov (2018)]

$$ZT = \frac{\sigma S^2 T}{\kappa}$$

$$S = \frac{8\pi^2 k_{\text{B}}^2}{3e h^2} m^* T \left(\frac{\pi}{3n} \right)^{2/3}$$

$$\eta = \frac{\Delta T}{T_{\text{H}}} \frac{\sqrt{1+zT} - 1}{\sqrt{1+zT} + \frac{T_{\text{C}}}{T_{\text{H}}}}$$

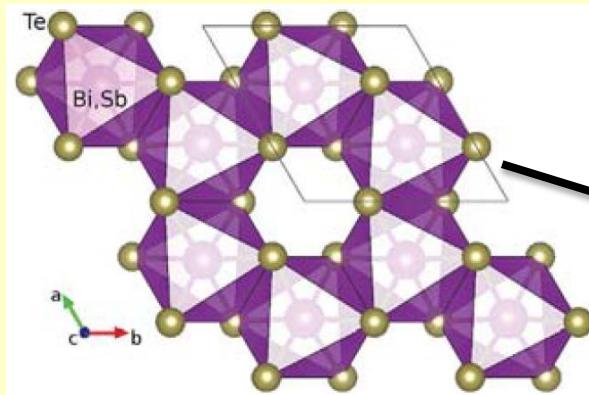
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Multiobjective (Pareto) optimization finds a new thermoelectric polymorph of Bi_2Te_3

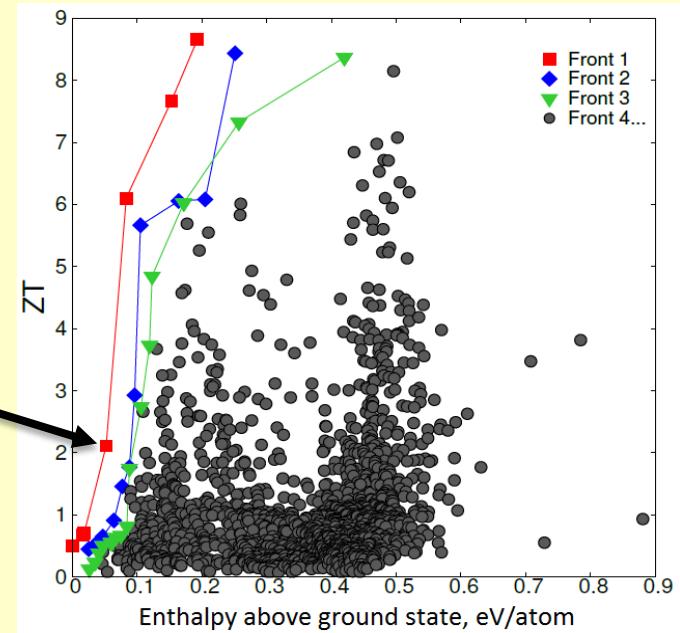
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Efficient technique for computational design of thermoelectric materials

Maribel Núñez-Valdez, Zahed Allahyari, Tao Fan, Artem R. Oganov

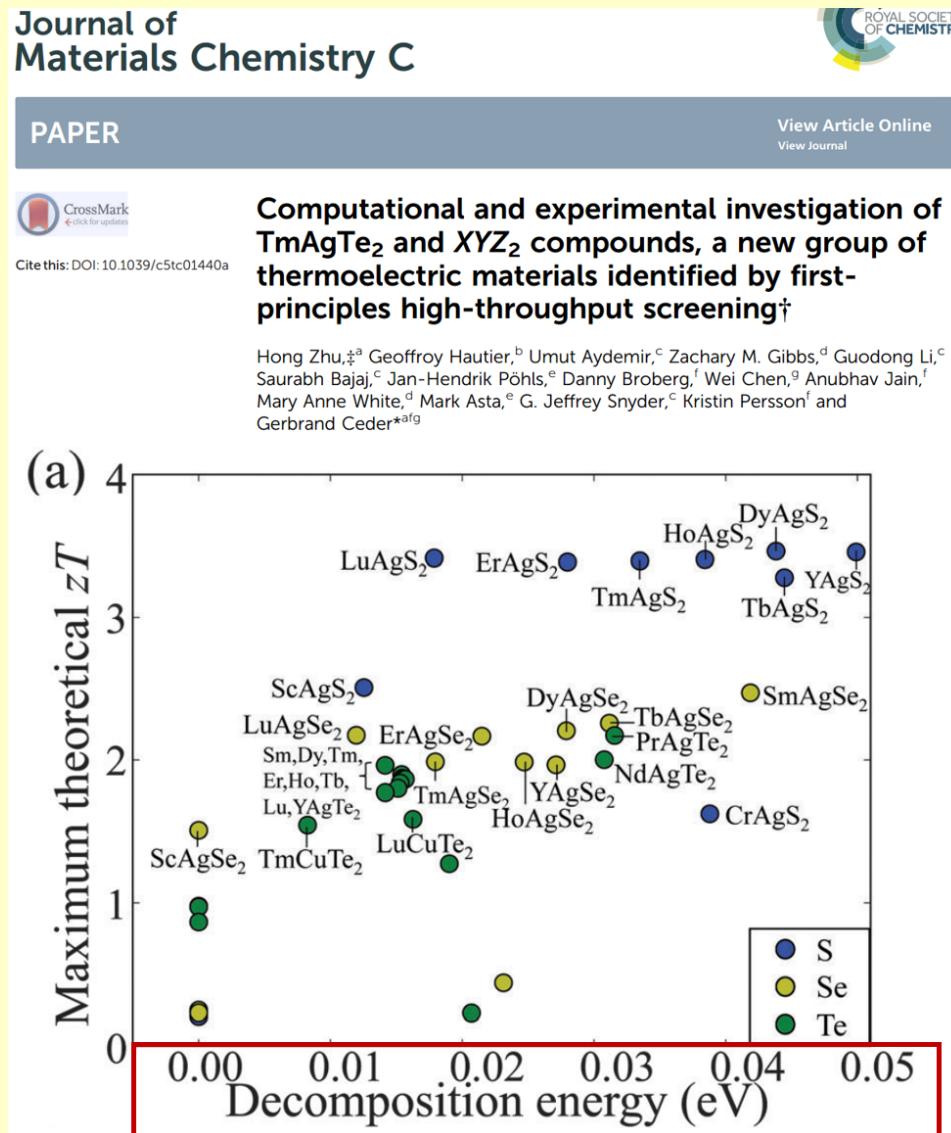


Predicted $P6_3cm$ structure of Bi_2Te_3

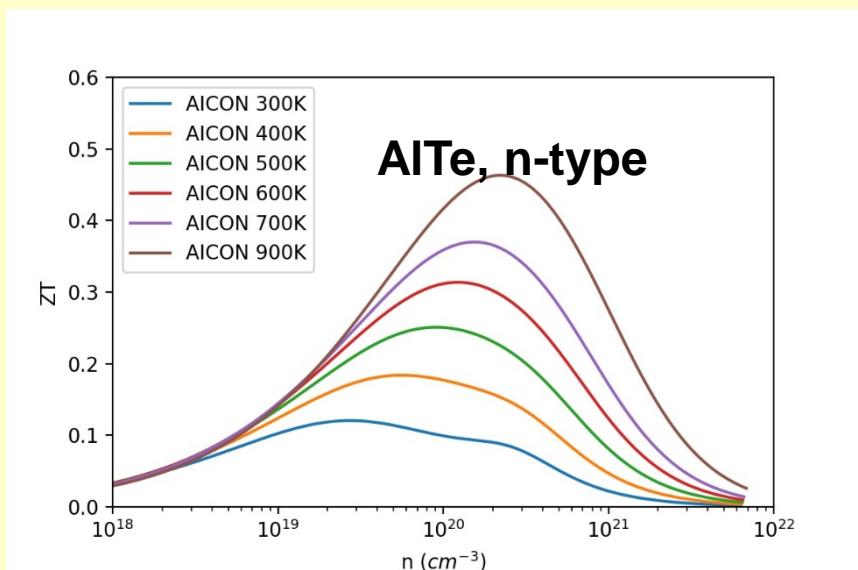
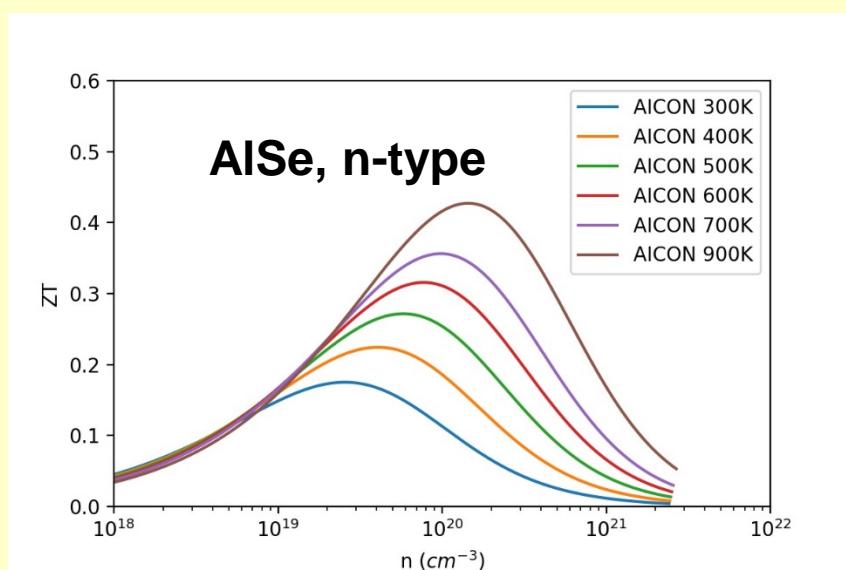
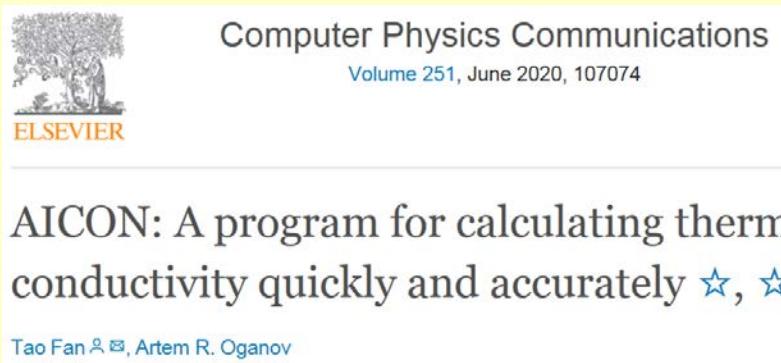


Pareto optimization of ZT and stability in the Bi-Te system

Similar conclusions from data mining



Fast and reliable calculations of thermoelectric properties are enabled by AICON program (Fan & Oganov, 2020; Fan & Oganov, submitted).

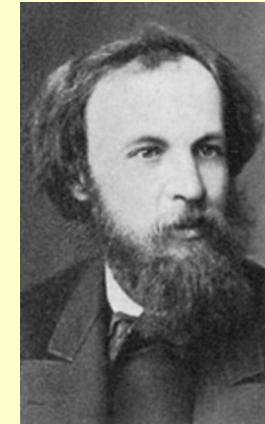
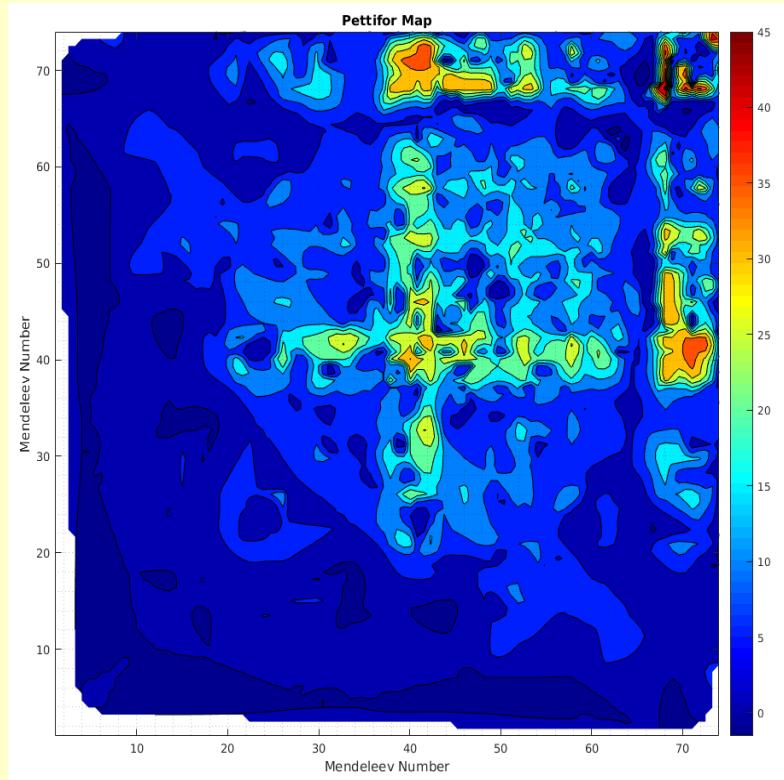


We can simultaneously optimize composition, structure, stability and other properties for a given chemical system.

Now, let's predict the best material(s) among all possible chemical systems!

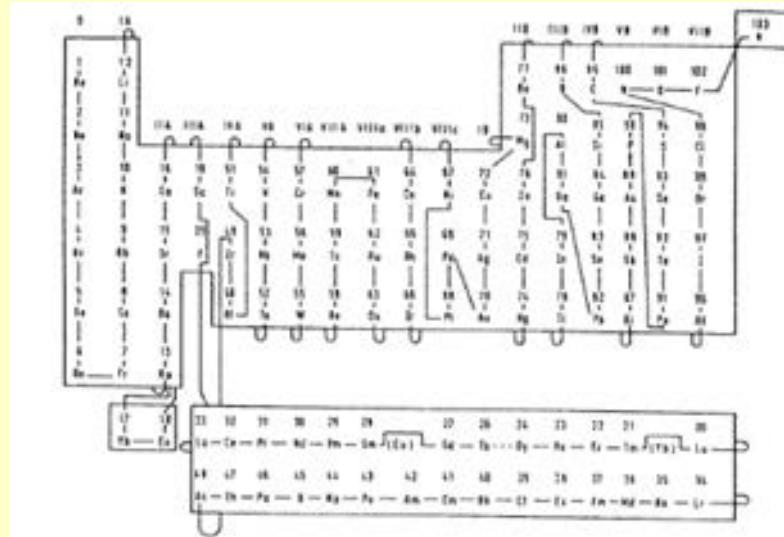
Mendelevian Search – breakthrough method for discovering best materials among all possible compounds

[Allahyari & Oganov, *NPJ Comp. Mat.*, 2020]



- **118 elements**
- **7021 binary systems**
- **273937 ternaries**
- **In each system - ∞ possible structures**

Mendeleev number (Pettifor, 1984). Prediction of stability, structure, and properties of materials



Mendeleev numbers of the elements

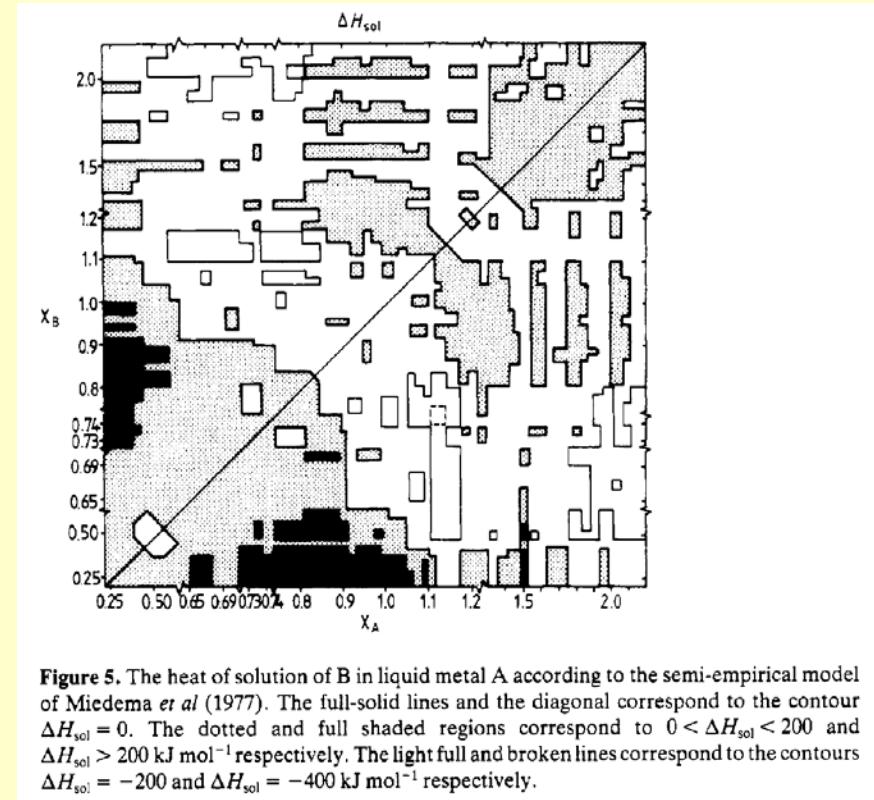


Figure 5. The heat of solution of B in liquid metal A according to the semi-empirical model of Miedema *et al* (1977). The full-solid lines and the diagonal correspond to the contour $\Delta H_{\text{sol}} = 0$. The dotted and full shaded regions correspond to $0 < \Delta H_{\text{sol}} < 200$ and $\Delta H_{\text{sol}} > 200 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ respectively. The light full and broken lines correspond to the contours $\Delta H_{\text{sol}} = -200$ and $\Delta H_{\text{sol}} = -400 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ respectively.

Enthalpies of formation of compounds

Mendeleev Number – a way to arrange elements and compounds by properties

[Pettifor, 1984; Allahyari & Oganov, *NPJ Comp. Mat.*, 2020; *J. Phys. Chem. C*, in press]

| Mendeleev Number | Atom | Mendeleev Number | Atom | Mendeleev Number | Atom |
|------------------|------|------------------|------|------------------|------|
| 1 | Fr | 32 | Tl | 62 | Po |
| 2 | Cs | 33 | U | 63 | Fe |
| 3 | Rb | 34 | Pa | 64 | Cu |
| 4 | K | 35 | Zr | 65 | Co |
| 5 | Ra | 36 | Pu | 66 | As |
| 6 | Ba | 37 | Np | 67 | Ni |
| 7 | Sm | 38 | Nb | 68 | Kr |
| 8 | Gd | 39 | Ta | 69 | Mo |
| 9 | Eu | 40 | In | 70 | I |
| 10 | Sr | 41 | Pb | 71 | Pd |
| 11 | Tm | 42 | Cd | 72 | Ir |
| 12 | Pm | 43 | Xe | 73 | Os |
| 13 | Ca | 44 | Ti | 74 | P |
| 14 | Na | 45 | Al | 75 | Ru |
| 15 | Ac | 46 | Bi | 76 | Pt |
| 16 | La | 47 | Sn | 77 | At |
| 17 | Yb | 48 | Hg | 78 | Rh |
| 18 | Tb | 49 | Zn | 79 | W |
| 19 | Y | 50 | Ga | 80 | Rn |
| 20 | Dy | 51 | V | 81 | Se |
| 21 | Ho | 52 | Mn | 82 | B |
| 22 | Ce | 53 | Sb | 83 | Au |
| 23 | Er | 54 | Te | 84 | S |
| 24 | Li | 55 | Cr | 85 | Br |
| 25 | Th | 56 | Ag | 86 | H |
| 26 | Lu | 57 | Be | 87 | C |
| 27 | Pr | 58 | Ge | 88 | Cl |
| 28 | Nd | 59 | Re | 89 | N |
| 29 | Mg | 60 | Si | 90 | O |
| 30 | Sc | 61 | Tc | 91 | F |
| 31 | Hf | | | | |

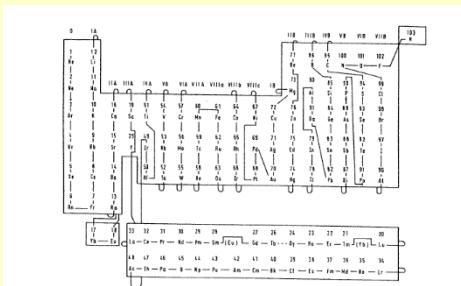
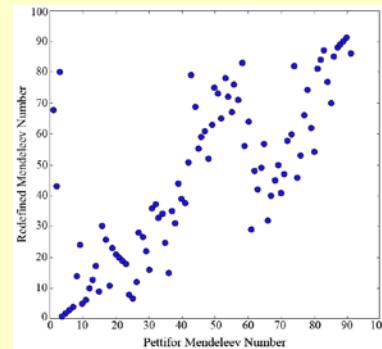
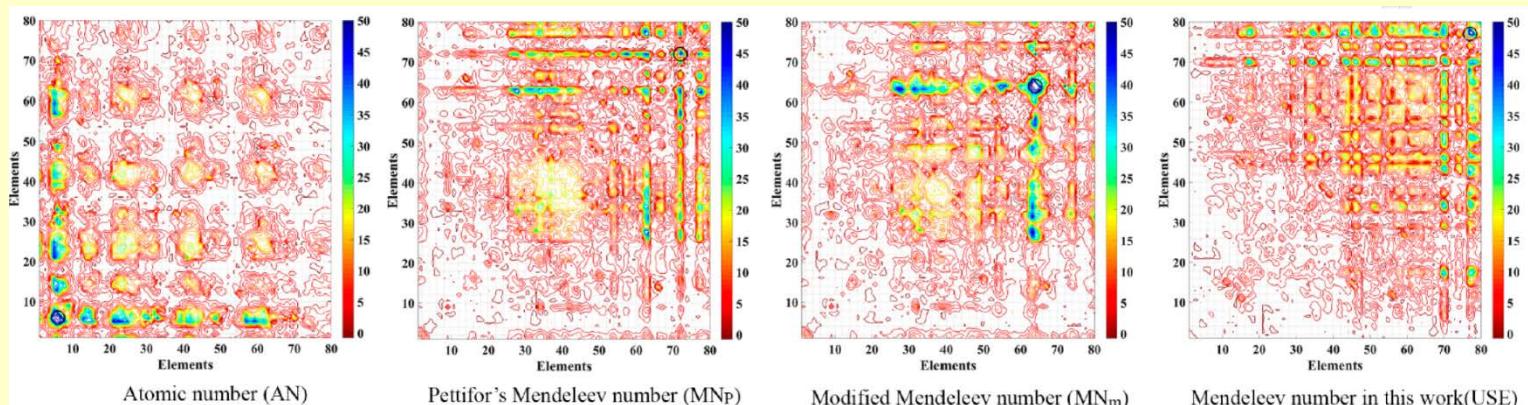


Fig. 1.8 The string running through this modified periodic table puts all the elements in sequential order, given by the relative ordering number, J . From Pettifor (1988).

Pettifor's construction



Comparison with Pettifor's numbers

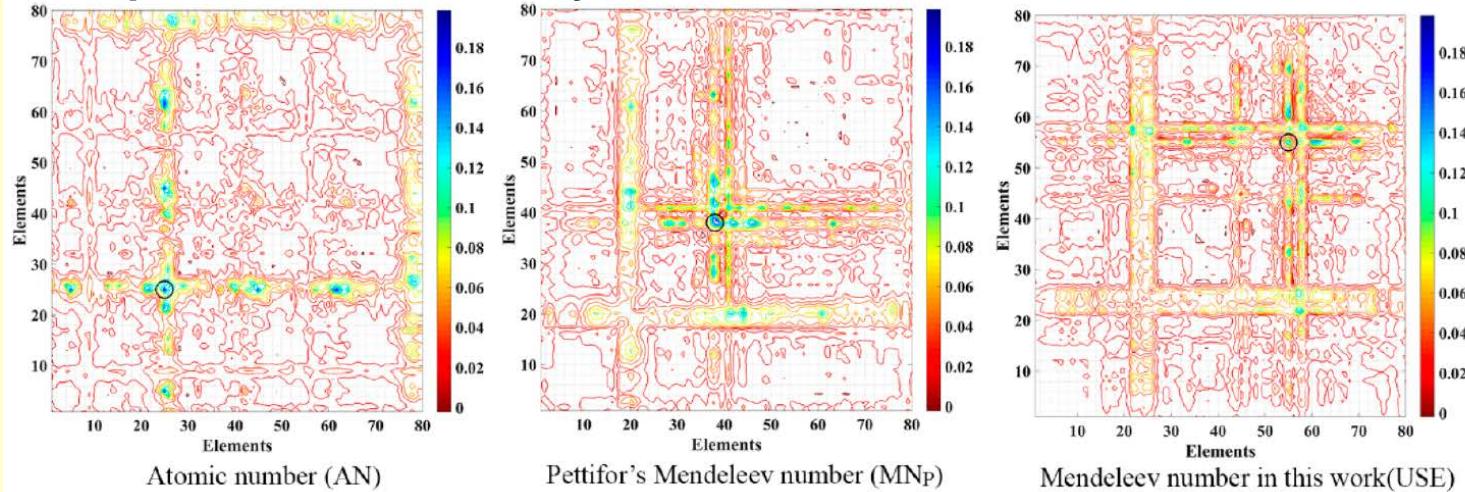


Grouping of hardness by (a) sequential number, empirical (Pettifor's and Glawe's) and our non-empirical Mendelev numbers.

Non-empirical Mendeleev numbers work best

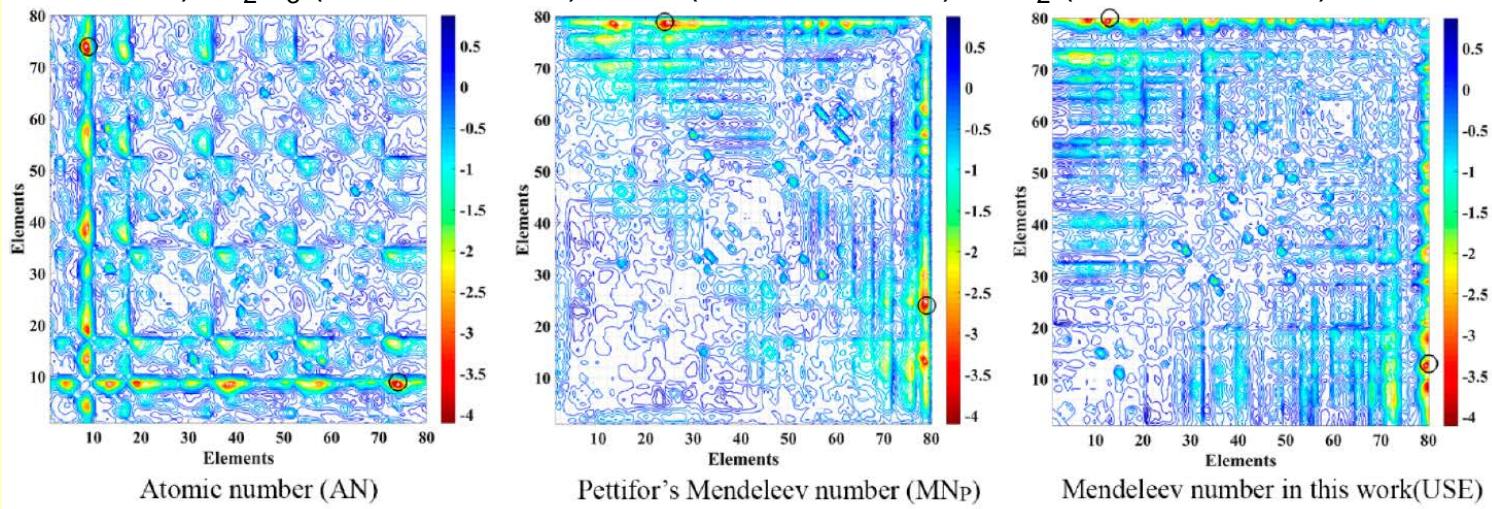
[Allahyari & Oganov, *J.Phys.Chem. C.*, in press]

Highly ferromagnetic phases are formed by Fe and Co, some lanthanoids and actinoids



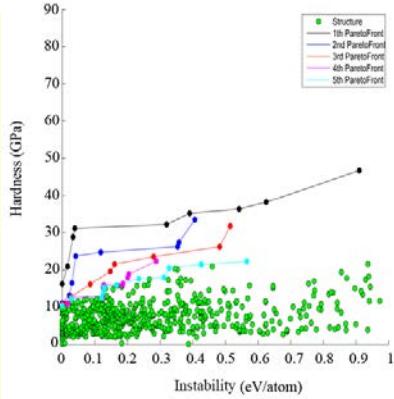
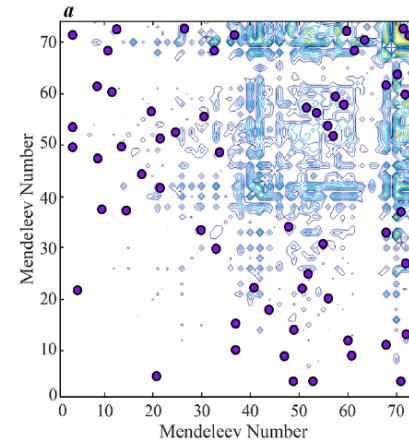
Most exothermic compounds are formed by very different elements:

ThF_4 (-4.11 eV/atom), AcF_3 (-4.09 eV/atom), CaF_2 (-3.92 eV/atom), ZrF_4 (-3.62 eV/atom), Th_4O_7 (-3.61 eV/atom), Y_2O_3 (-3.48 eV/atom), Al_2O_3 (-2.95 eV/atom), CaO (-2.95 eV/atom), SiO_2 (-2.79 eV/atom).

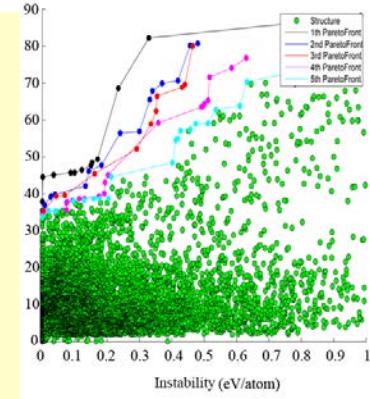
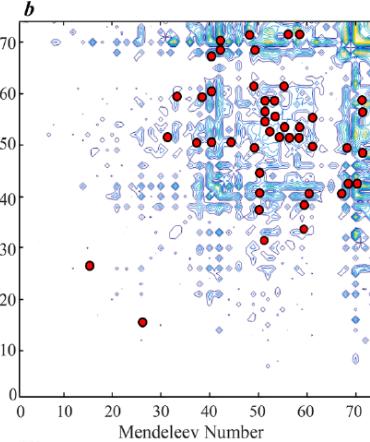


Mendelevian search for the hardest possible material: diamond and lonsdaleite are found!

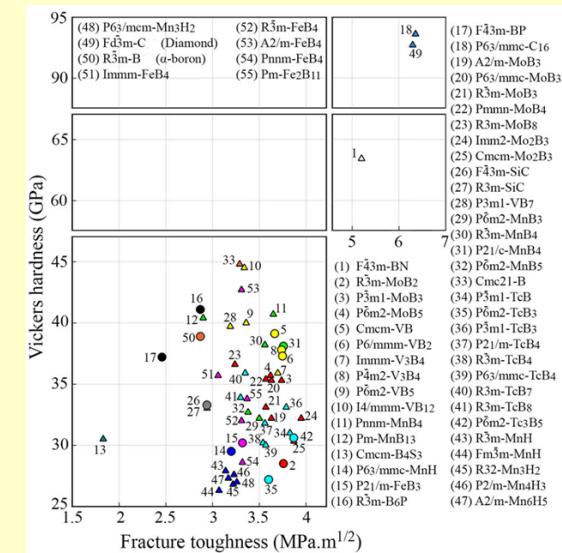
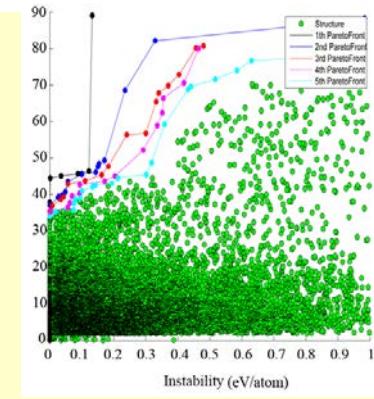
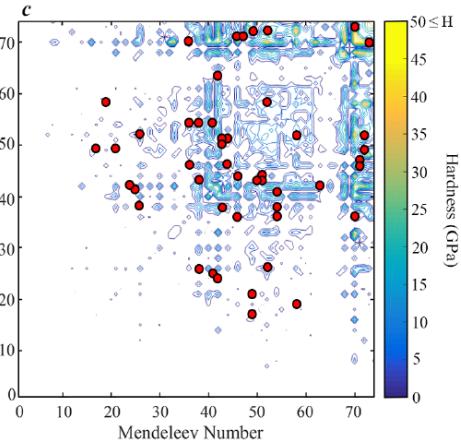
1st generation



5th generation

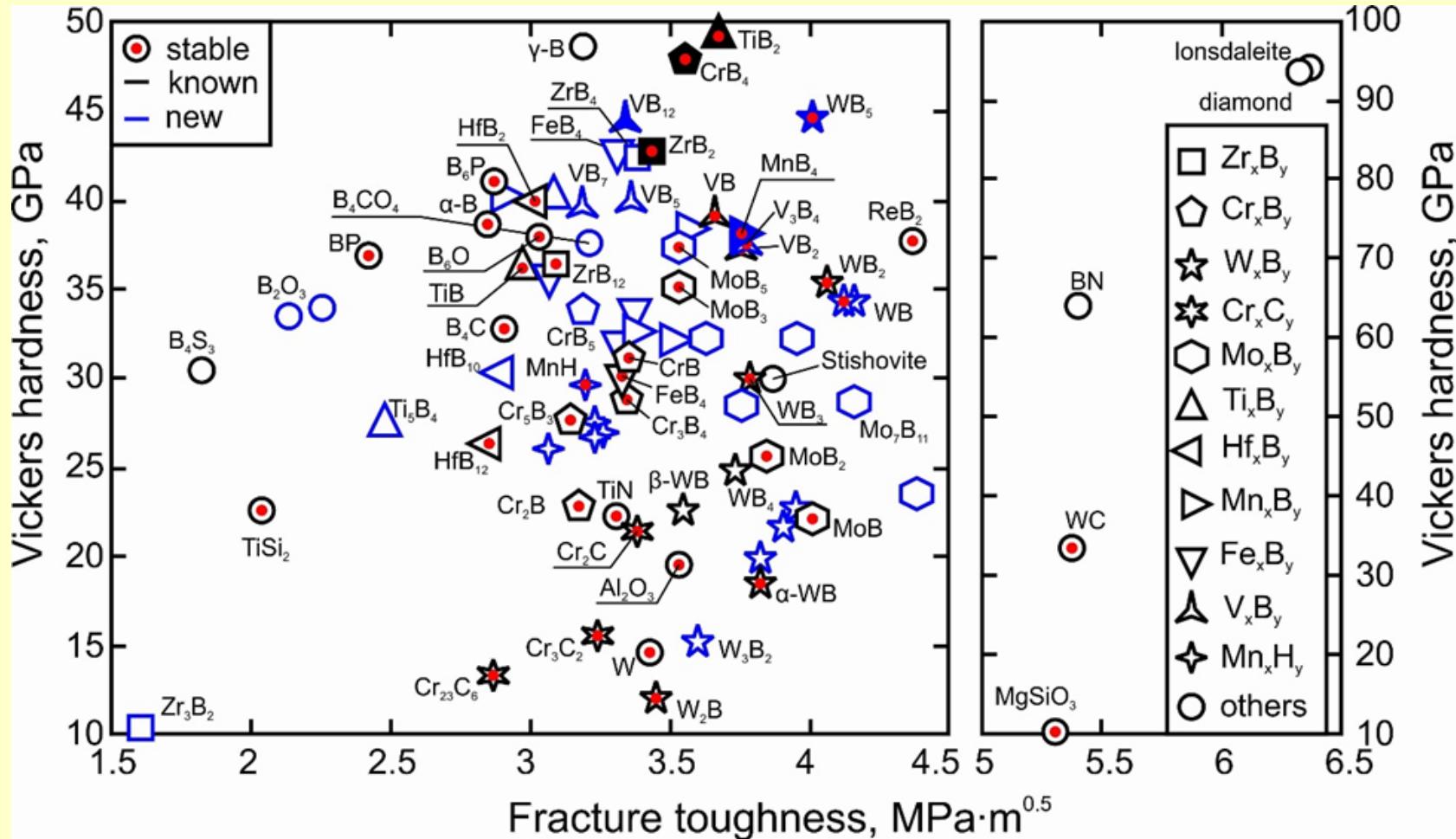


10th generation



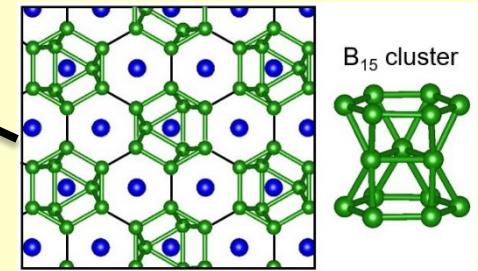
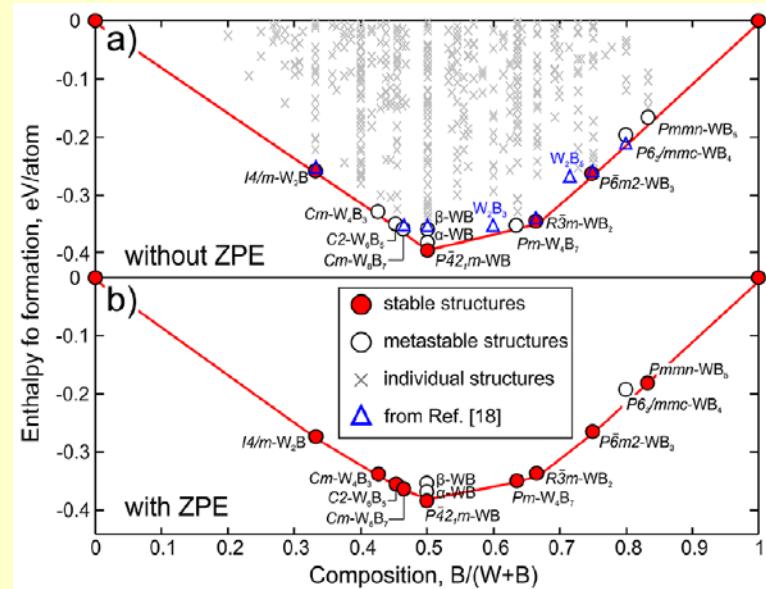
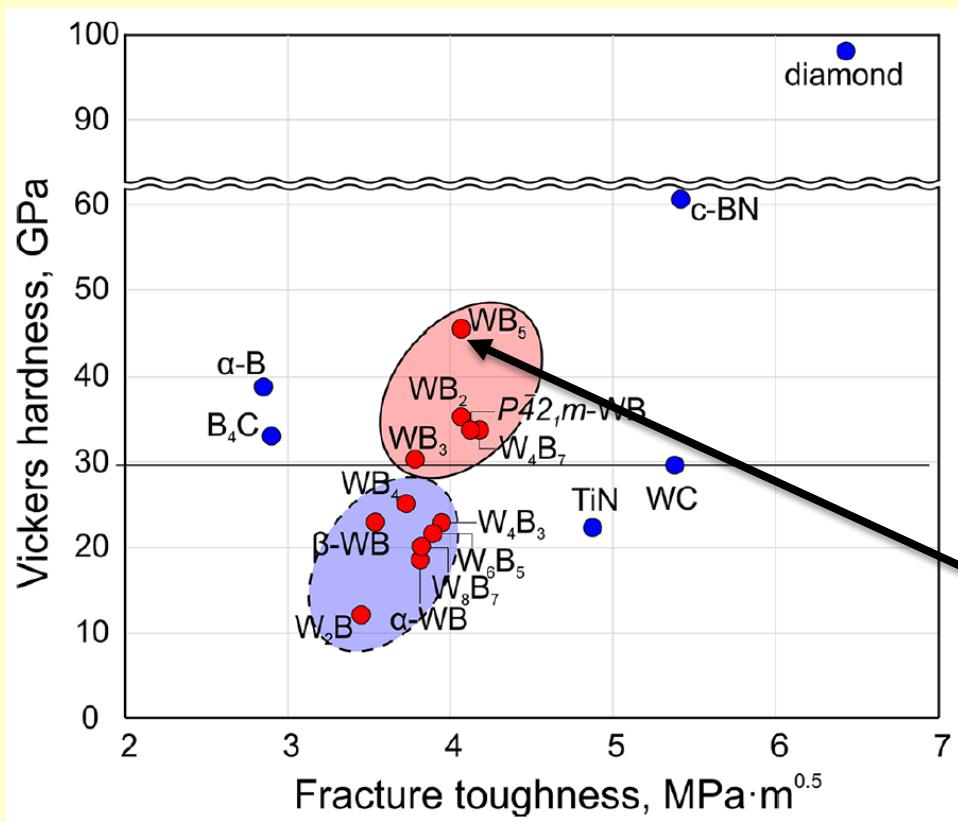
“Treasure” map of superhard materials

[Kvashnin, Allahyari, Oganov, *J. Appl. Phys.*, 2019]



WB_{5-x} : remarkable material

[Kvashnin & Oganov, *J. Phys. Chem. Lett.*, 2018; *Adv. Science*, 2020]



New material WB_5



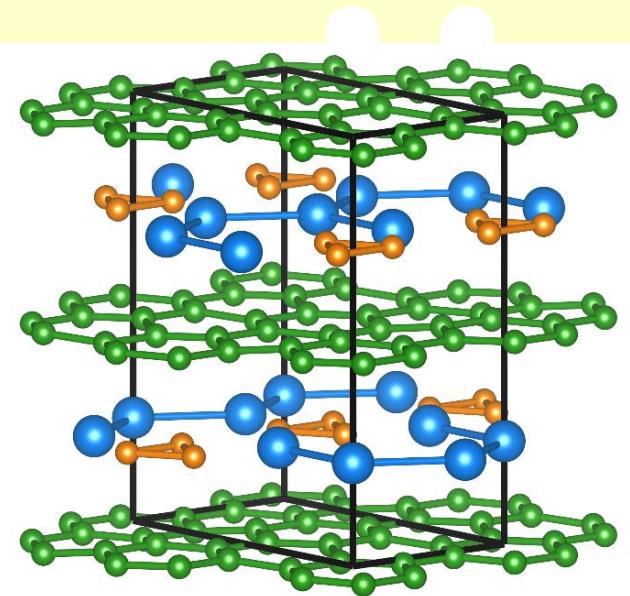
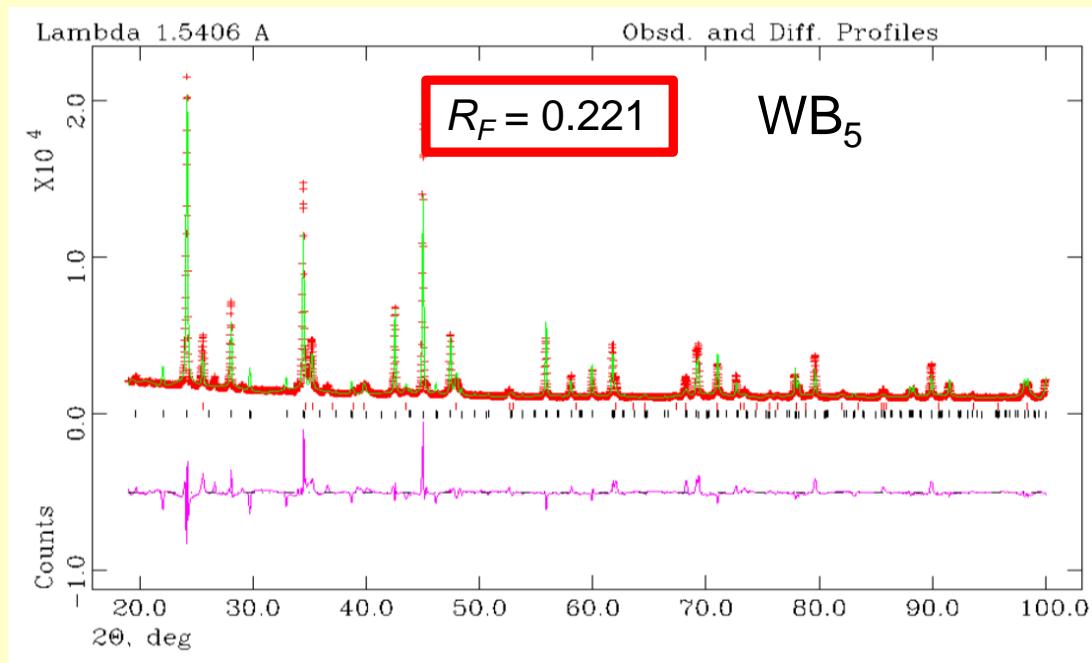
Tungsten carbide WC - standard



Synthesized by
V. Filonenko

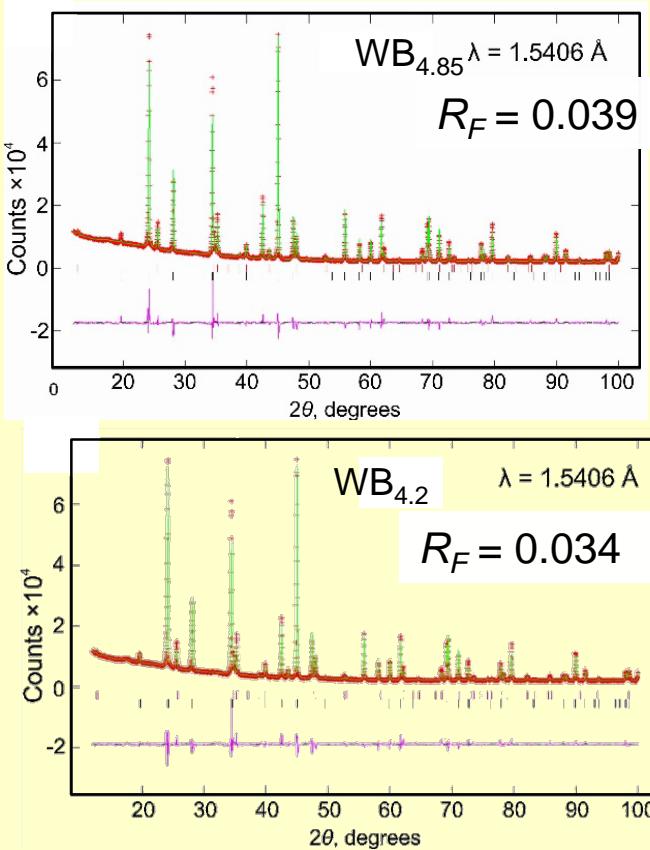
Crystal structure of WB_{5-x}

[Kvashnin & Oganov, *Adv. Science*, 2020]

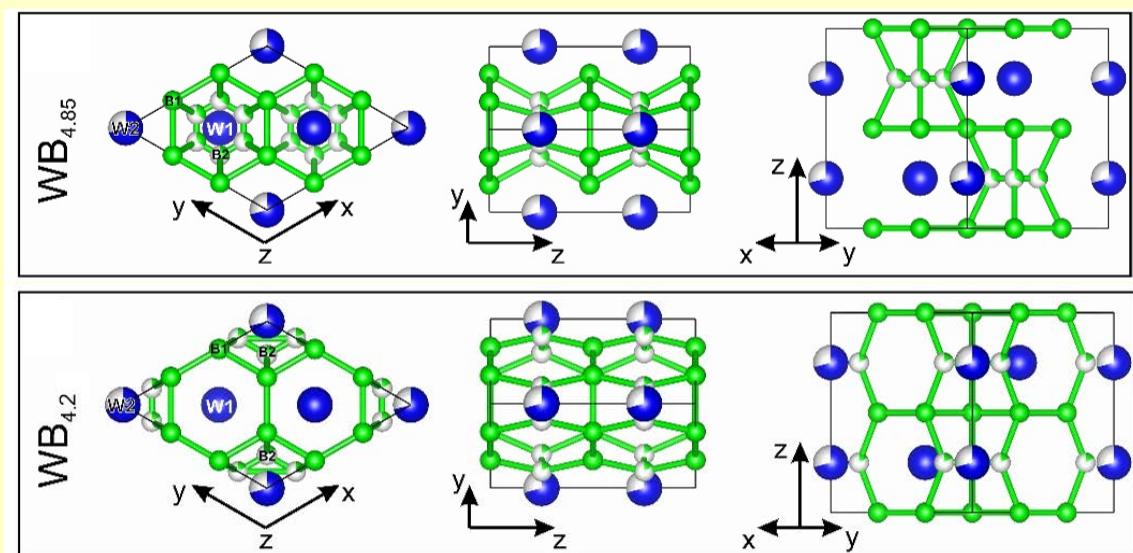


Experiments showed that the actual material has higher symmetry and a non-stoichiometric disordered structure

Crystal structure of WB_{5-x} (Kvashnin & Oganov, *Adv. Science*, 2020)



Synthesized material has composition WB_{5-x}
Two models match XRD



Crystal structure is disordered, actual composition is $\text{WB}_{4.2}$
(cf. $\text{MoB}_{4.7}$ – Rybkovskiy & Oganov, 2020).

Average structure consistent with the model of Lech et al. (2015) for “ WB_4 ”.

Bonus: very recent story of a material harder than diamond

- Fujii (PRL, 2020) claimed “pentadiamond” to have unique elastic moduli.
- Both machine learning and DFT calculations prove this wrong (Brazhkin & Oganov, arxiv.org).

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Pentadiamond outshines the original

A theoretical material made of carbon pentagons is lighter and stiffer than a standard diamond
by Sam Lennick JULY 6, 2020 | APPEARED IN VOLUME 98, ISSUE 26

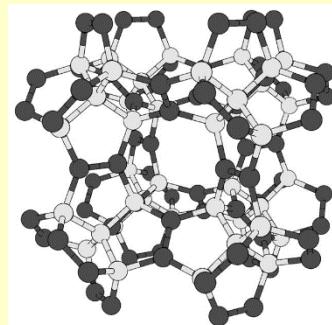


Table 1. Calculated elastic properties of pentadiamond in comparison with Y. Fujii et al. [1].

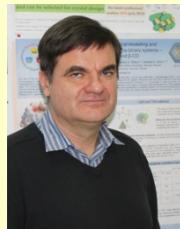
| Property | Y. <u>Fujii</u> et al. [1] | This work (Quantum ESPRESSO) | This work (VASP) | This work (machine learning) |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|------------------------------|
| a, Å | 9.195 | 9.184 | 9.191 | 9.195 |
| E-E(diam), meV/atom | 275 | 263 | 267 | - |
| C ₁₁ , GPa | 1715.3 | 539 | 537 | 409 |
| C ₁₂ , GPa | -283.5 | 105 | 106 | 118 |
| C ₄₄ , GPa | 1187.5 | 141 | 143 | 200 |
| B, GPa | 381 | 250 | 249 | 215 |
| G, GPa | 1113 | 172 | 169 | 176 |
| Y, GPa | 1691 | 420 | 413 | 415 |
| σ | -0.241 | 0.22 | 0.22 | 0.18 |
| H _v , GPa | 210 | 20 | 20 | 26 |

Our team. Where great minds do NOT think alike

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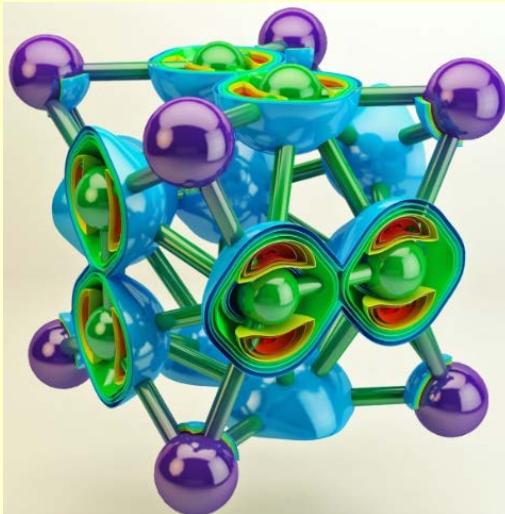
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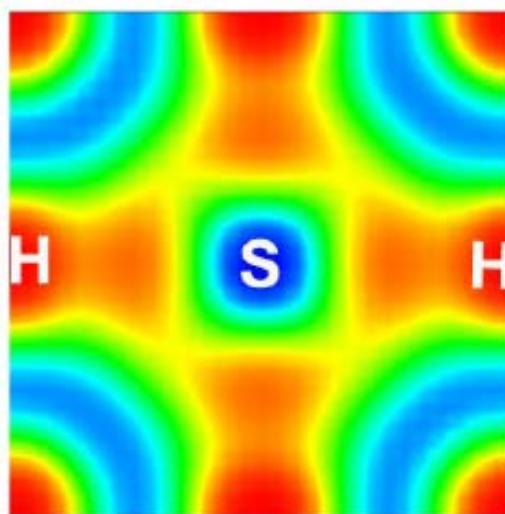
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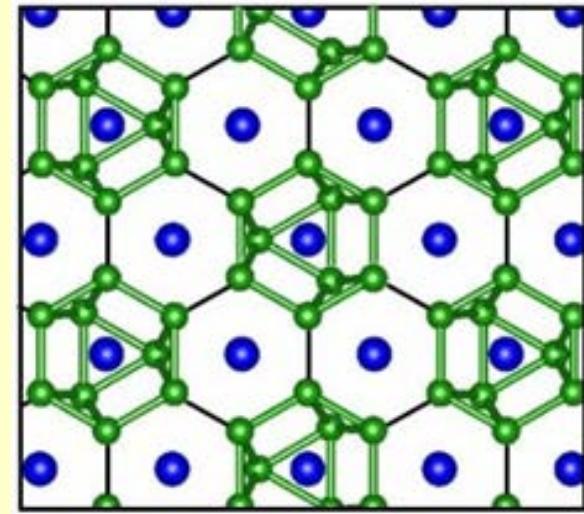
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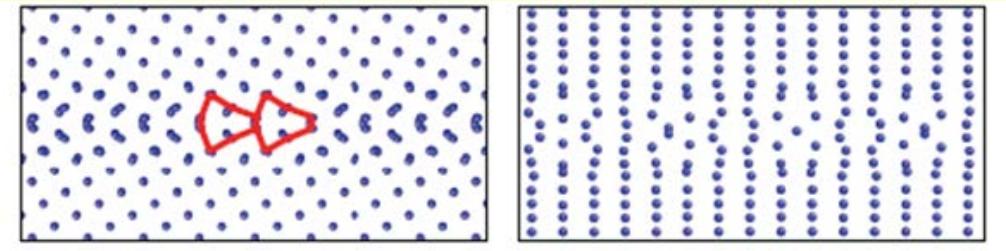
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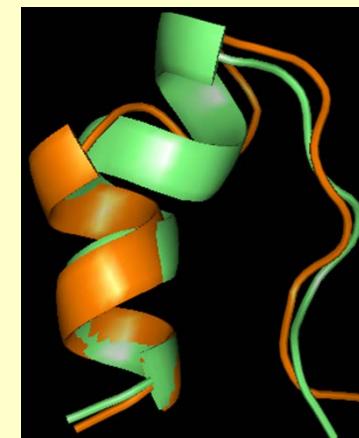
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