

Artificial Intelligence Methods for Discovering Novel Materials and Exotic Chemistry

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



The Nobel Prize in Physics 1914

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



Max von Laue



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



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

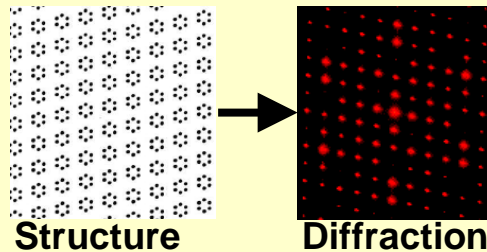


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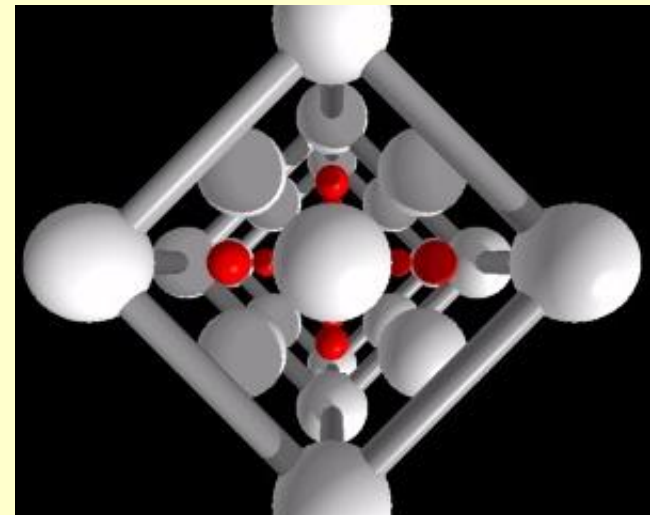
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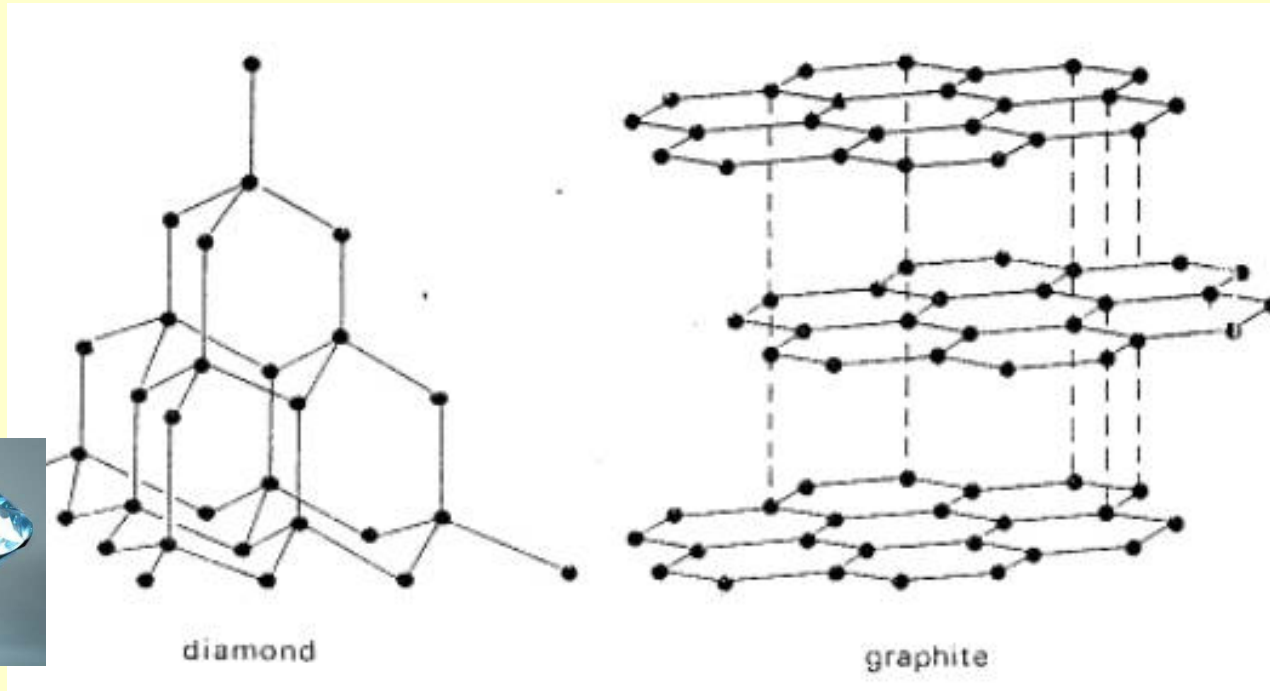


Zincblende ZnS.

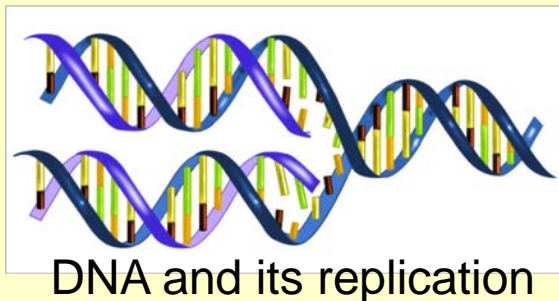
One of the first solved structures (1912-1913)



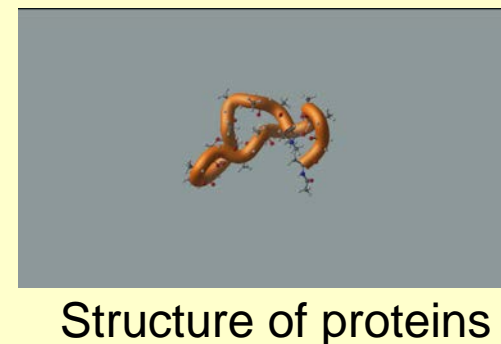
Structure determines properties of materials



Example: graphite and diamond have the same chemical composition, and their opposite properties are due to their different crystal structures.



Functions of biomolecules are determined by their structure

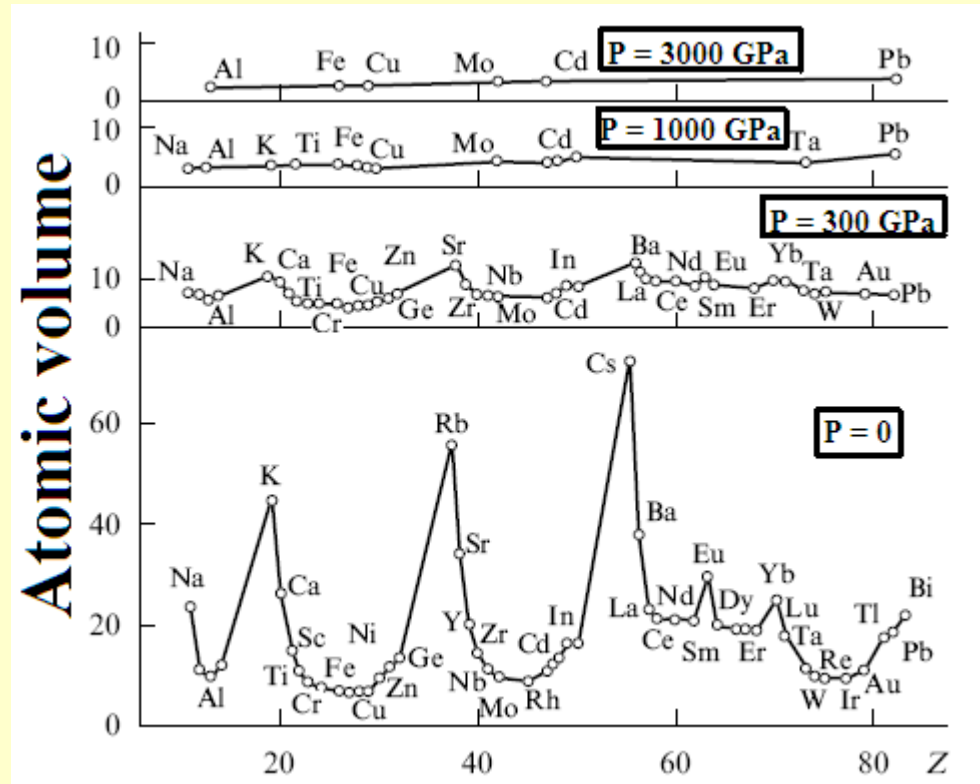


Under pressure, Periodic Law breaks down.

We understand the laws of nature only insofar as we understand their limitations

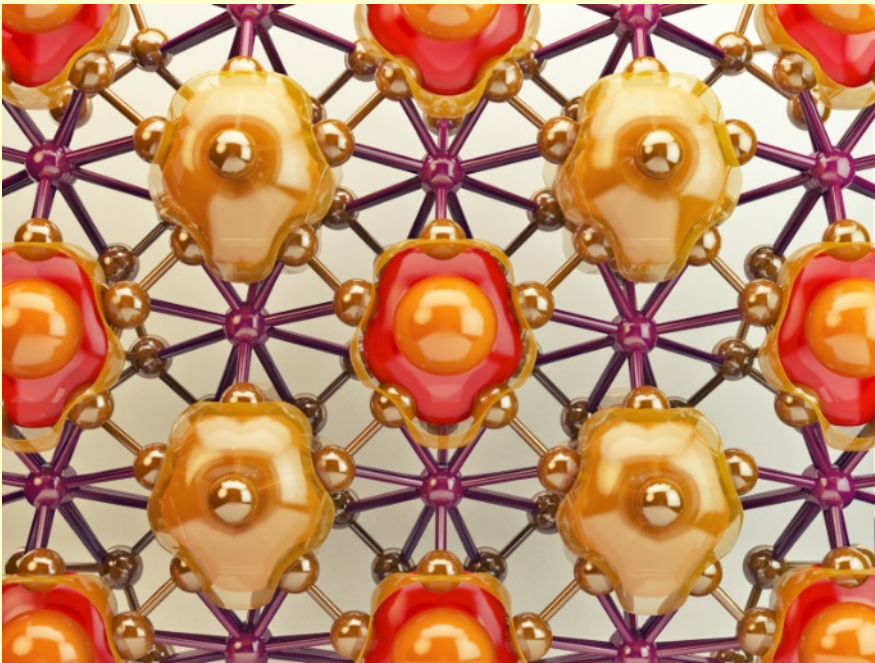


At 100 GPa oxygen becomes a superconductor!

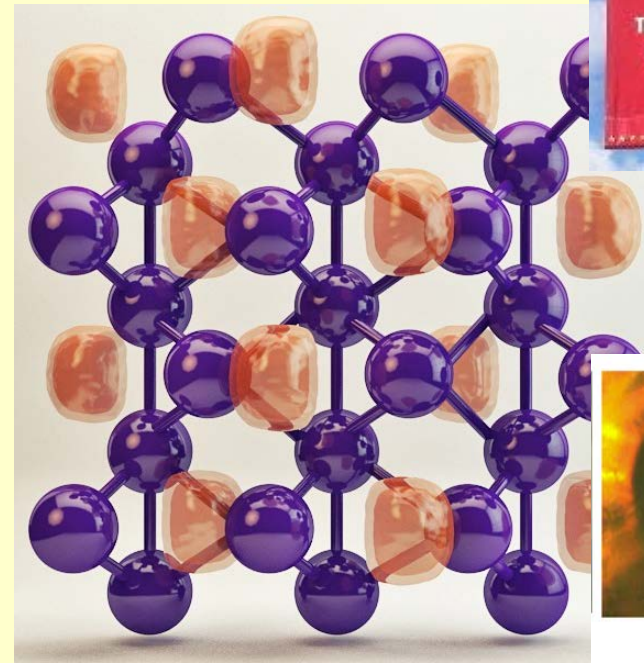


Periodic Law disappears at ultrahigh pressures (Al'tshuler, 1999)

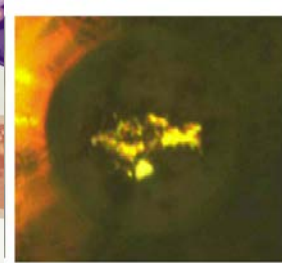
New chemistry of the elements under pressure



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

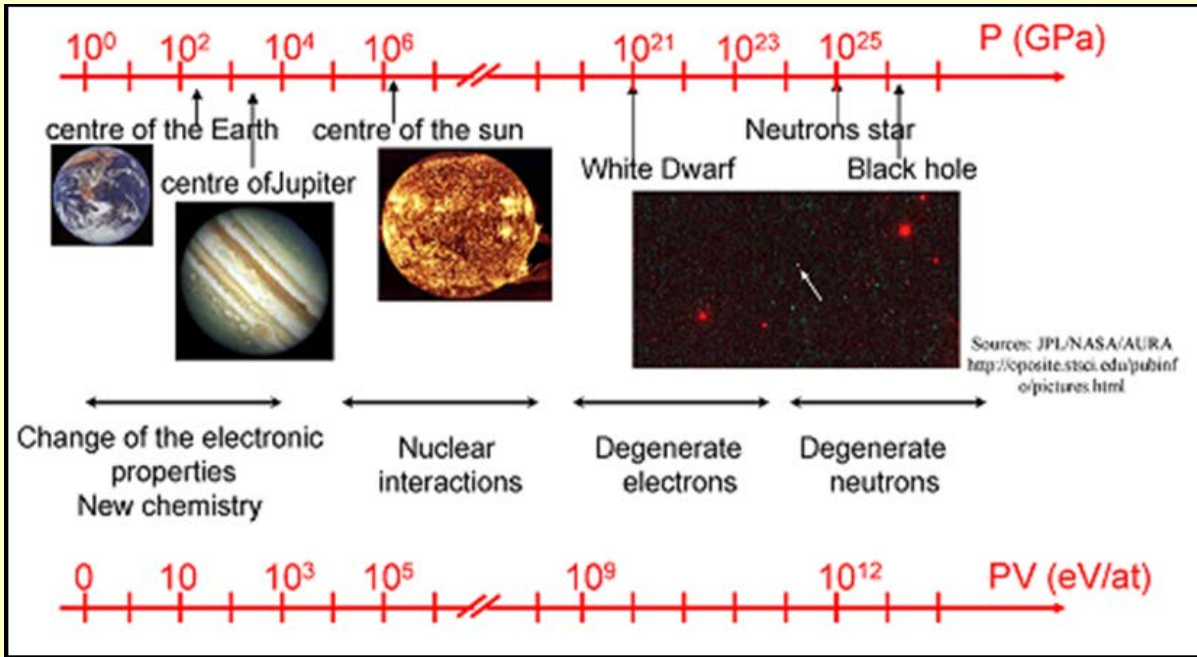


**High-pressure transparent
allotrope of sodium
(Ma & Oganov, *Nature*, 2009)**



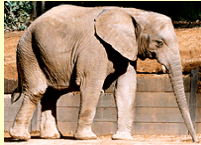
199 GPa

Most matter of the Universe is under pressure


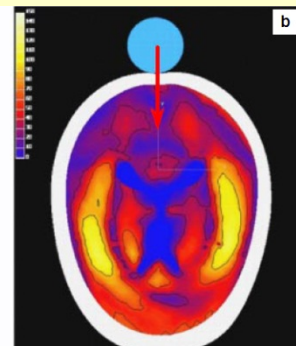
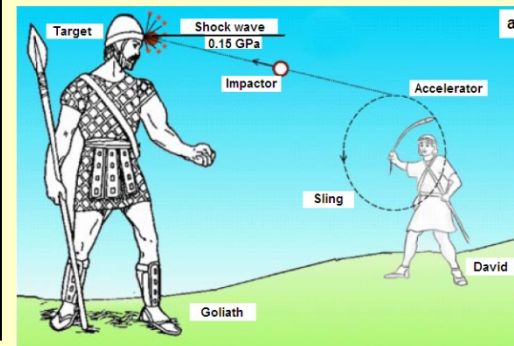


P.W. Bridgman
1946 Nobel laureate (Physics)

Units: 100 GPa = 1 Mbar = $\frac{200x}{\text{elephant}}$



$\frac{1}{200x}$

Briefly about big data

Big data have predictive power

We have:

~300,000 experimental (& >500,000 theoretical) inorganic crystal structures. For many of them, we have some physical properties (and for many, we don't).

Many studied syntheses of compounds.

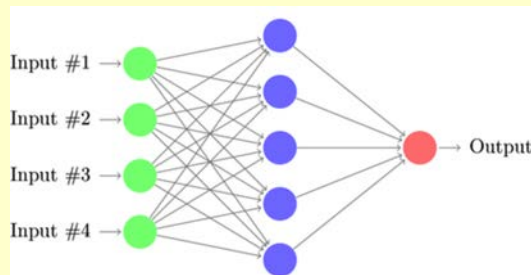
Many studied industrial production processes.

Big data analysis gives:

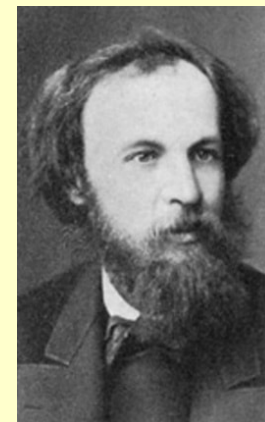
Fast predictions

Predictions where the full calculation would be too complicated.

Predictions where there's no theory.



			Ti = 50	Zr = 90	? = 180
			V = 51	Nb = 94	Ta = 182
			Cr = 52	Mo = 96	W = 186
			Mn = 55	Rh = 104,4	Pt = 197,4
			Fe = 56	Ru = 104,4	Ir = 198
			Ni = 59	Pd = 106,6	Os = 199
			Co = 59	Ag = 108	Hg = 200
			Cu = 63,4	Cd = 112	
			Zn = 65,2	U = 116	Au = 197?
			? = 68	Sr = 118	
			? = 70	Sb = 122	Bi = 210?
			As = 75	Te = 128?	
			S = 32	J = 127	
			Se = 79,4	Cs = 133	Tl = 204
			Br = 80	Ba = 137	Pb = 207
			K = 39	Rb = 85,4	
			Ca = 40	Sr = 87,6	
			? = 45	Ce = 92	
			?Er = 56	La = 94	
			?Yt = 60	Di = 96	
			?In = 75,6	Th = 118?	
H = 1					
	Be = 9,4	Mg = 24			
	B = 11	Al = 27,4			
	C = 12	Si = 28			
	N = 14	P = 31			
	O = 16	S = 32			
	F = 19	Cl = 35,5			
	Li = 7	Na = 23			

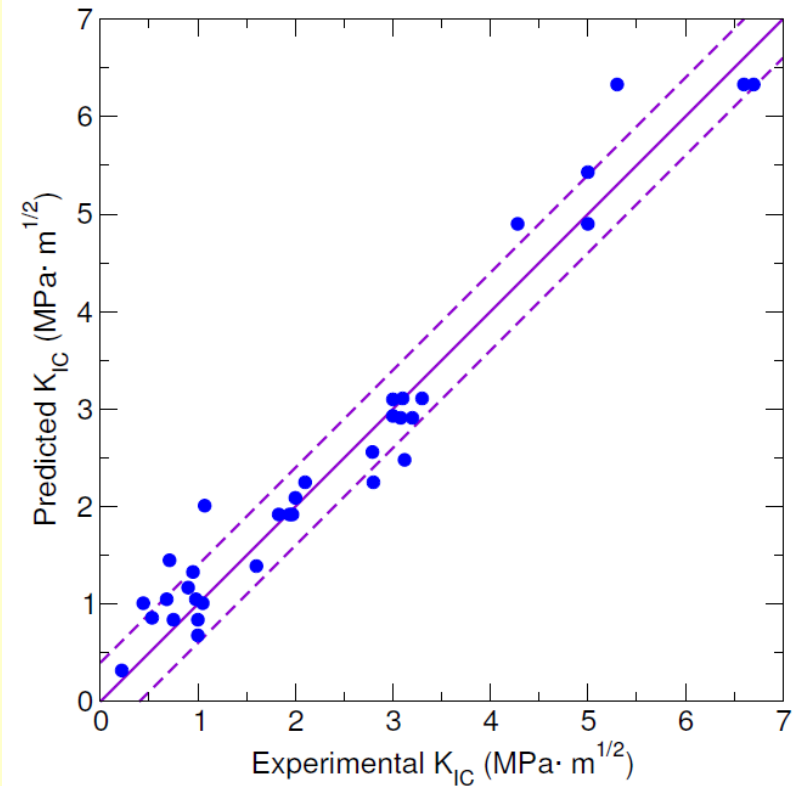
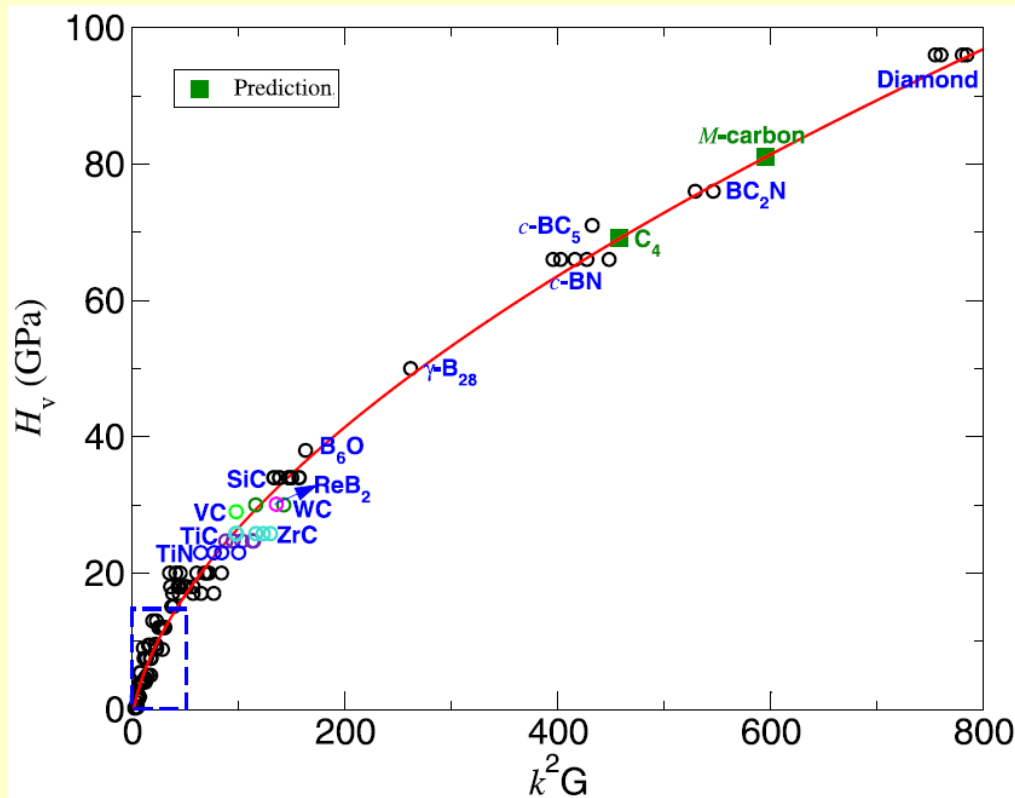


Predicting complex properties: hardness

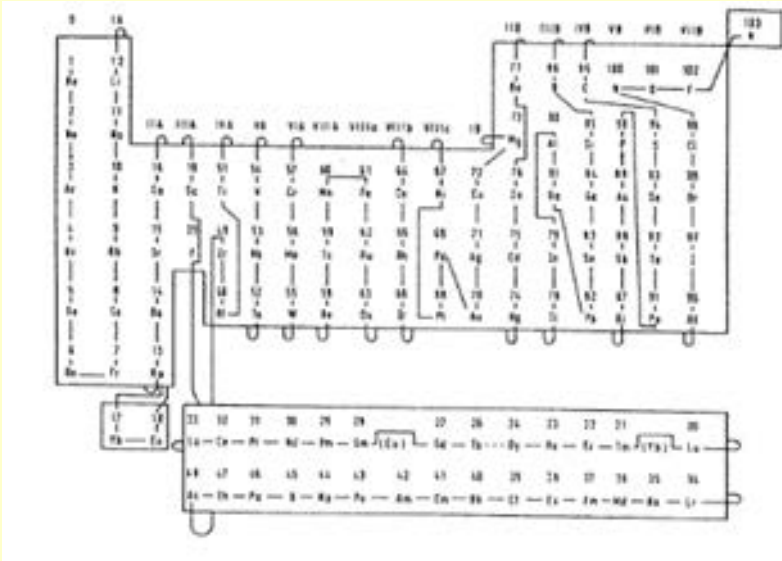
[Chen et al., 2011] and fracture toughness [Niu & Oganov, 2019]

$$H_v = 2(k^2G)^{0.585} - 3$$

$$K_{IC} = (1 + \alpha) \cdot V^{1/6} \cdot G \cdot (B/G)^{1/2}$$



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



Mendeleev numbers of the elements

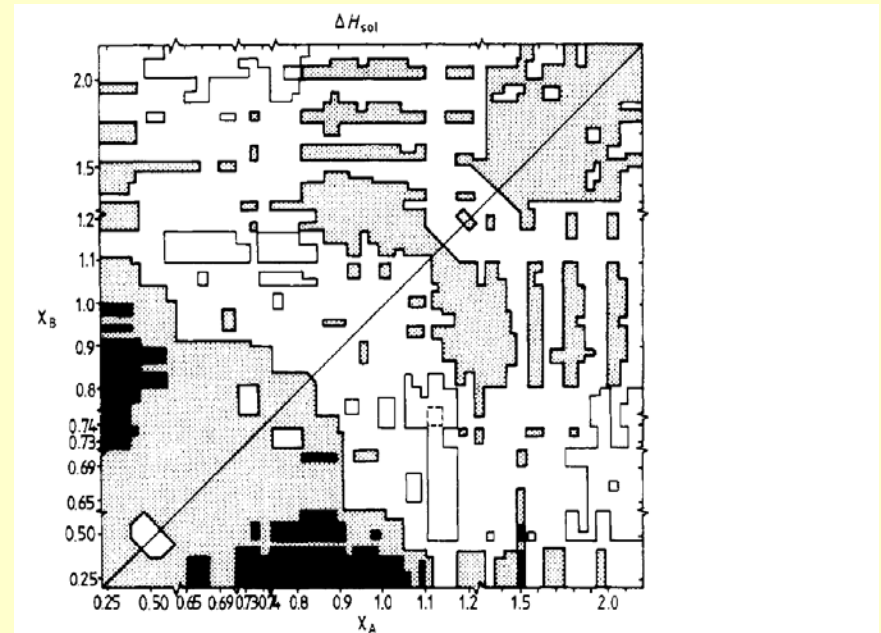
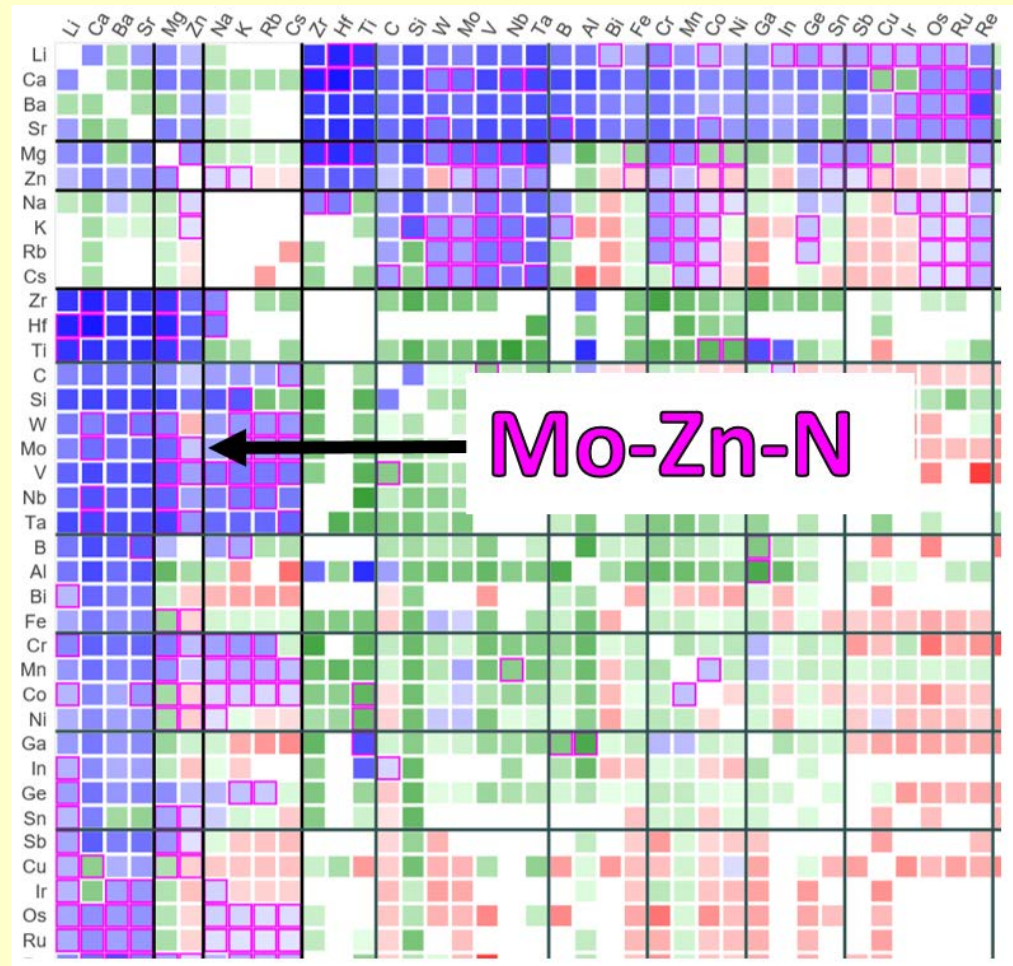


Figure 5. The heat of solution of B in liquid metal A according to the semi-empirical model of Miedema *et al* (1977). The full-solid lines and the diagonal correspond to the contour $\Delta H_{sol} = 0$. The dotted and full shaded regions correspond to $0 < \Delta H_{sol} < 200$ and $\Delta H_{sol}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

Enthalpies of formation of compounds

Example: search for new ternary nitrides (Sun, 2019)

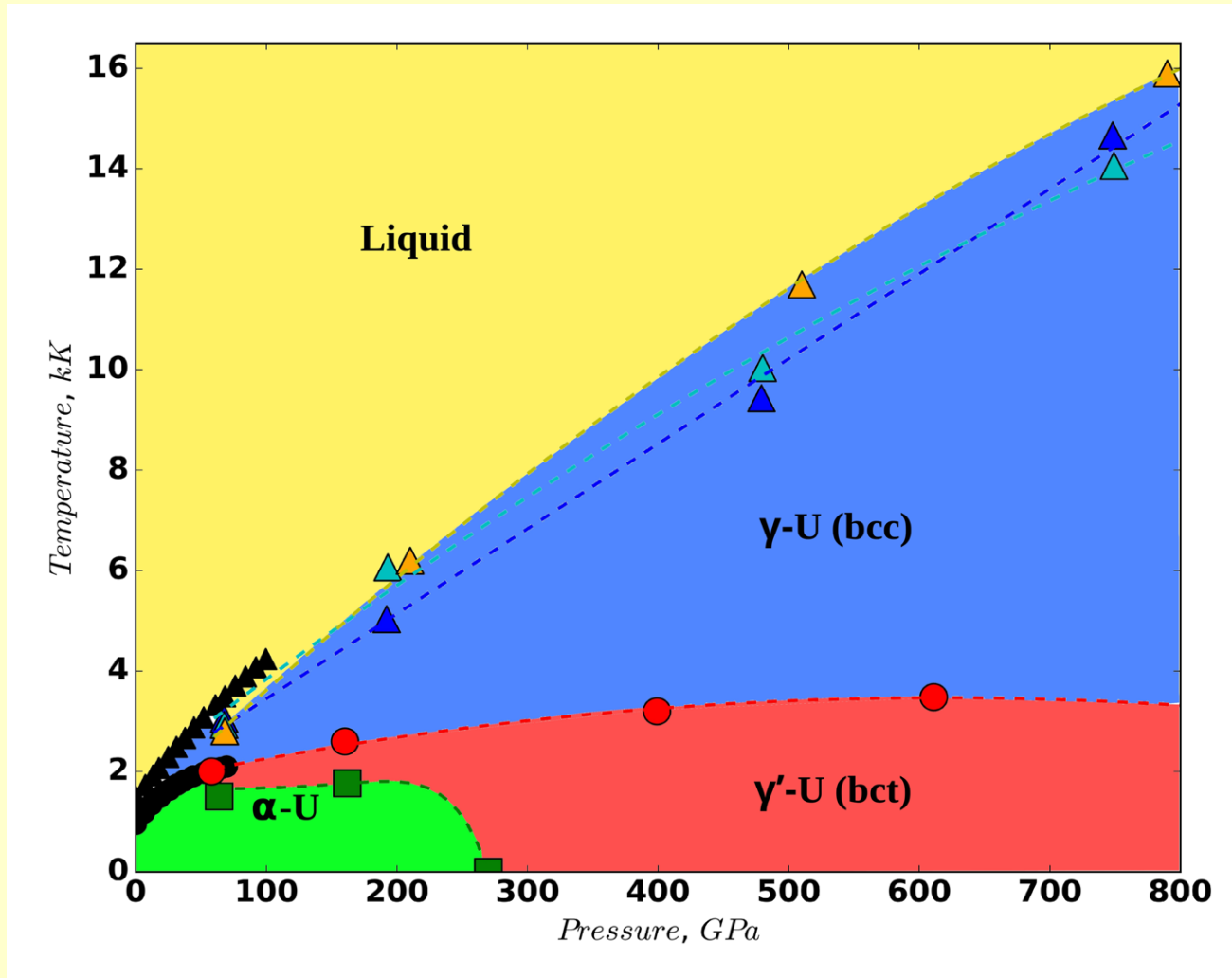


916 systems

246 contain stable nitrides

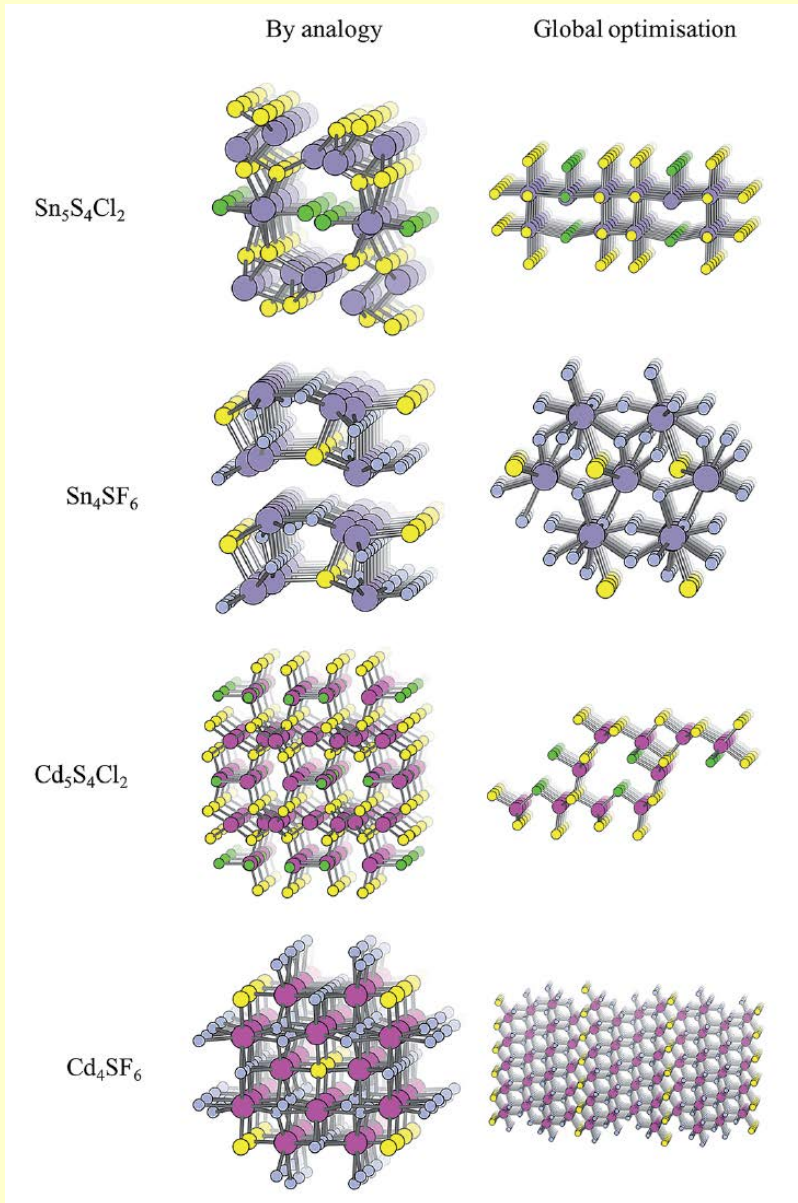
In 127 of them nitrides were not experimentally known

Machine learning can be used for accelerating simulations without loss of accuracy



Phase diagram of uranium obtained with machine learning (Kruglov & Oganov, submitted)

Data mining gives quick-n-reasonable answers, but beware!



Davies & Oganov (2018): 4 interesting semiconductors, and for each data mining gave a wrong structure:

-for $\text{Sn}_5\text{S}_4\text{Cl}_2$ by 24.7 meV/atom,

-for Sn_4SF_6 by 5.1 meV/atom,

-for Cd_4SF_6 by 0.2 meV/atom,

-for $\text{Cd}_5\text{S}_4\text{Cl}_2$ by 33.3 meV/atom.

Crystal Structure Prediction: Impossible is Possible

- Crystal structures and stable stoichiometries can be predicted
- New tool to explore matter at extreme conditions & discover novel materials
- Evolutionary crystal structure prediction, Maxwell's convex hull construction

Until recently, experiment was the only source of crystal structures



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Are Crystal Structures Predictable?

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"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

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

- Crystal structure prediction is an NP-hard problem.
Intractable?

Introduction(s) to crystal structure prediction


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Crystal structure prediction: reflections on present status and challenges

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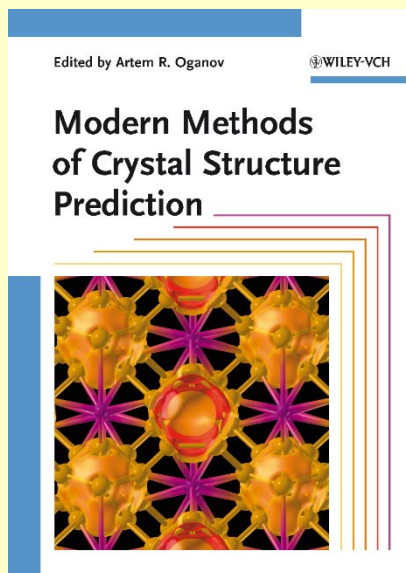
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Structure prediction drives materials discovery

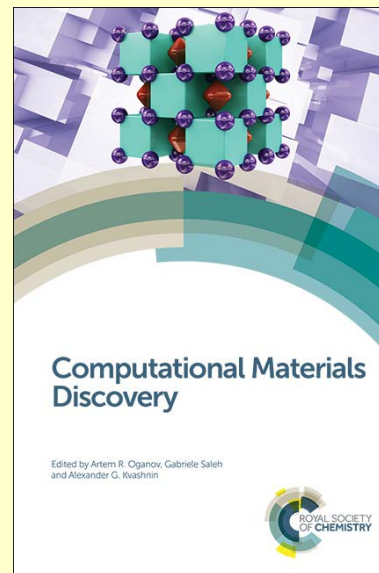
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Abstract | Progress in the discovery of new materials has been accelerated by the development of reliable quantum-mechanical approaches to crystal structure prediction. The properties of a material depend very sensitively on its structure; therefore, 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)

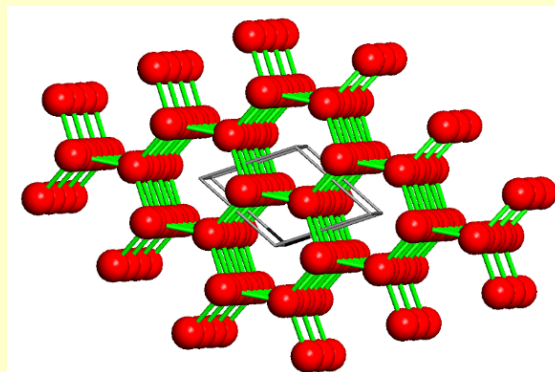
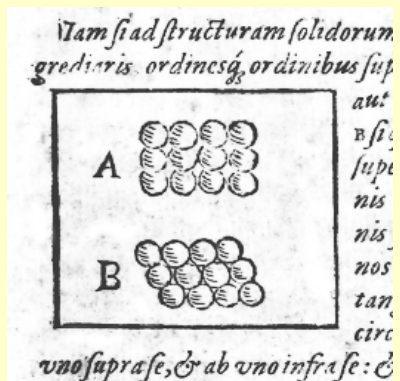


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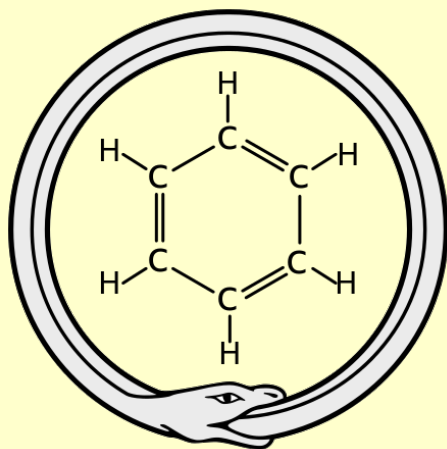


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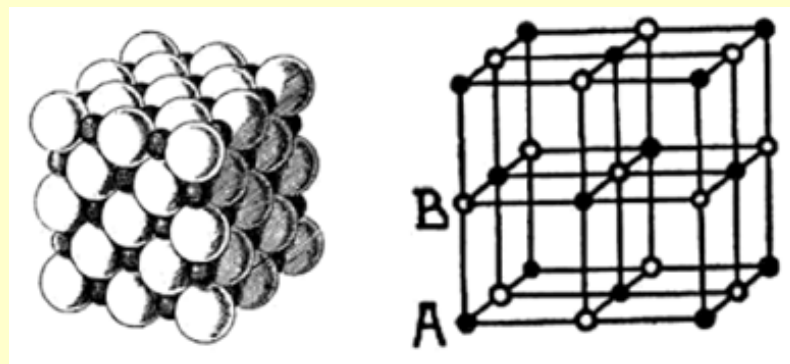
...Kepler's, Kekule's and Barlow's "predictions" we will rather call strikes of intuition



Kepler's (1611) and modern models of the structure of ice



Kekule's vision of the structure of benzene (1857)



Barlow's (1897) and Bragg's (1913) models of the structure of NaCl

The USPEX project (Universal Structure Predictor: Evolutionary Xtallography)

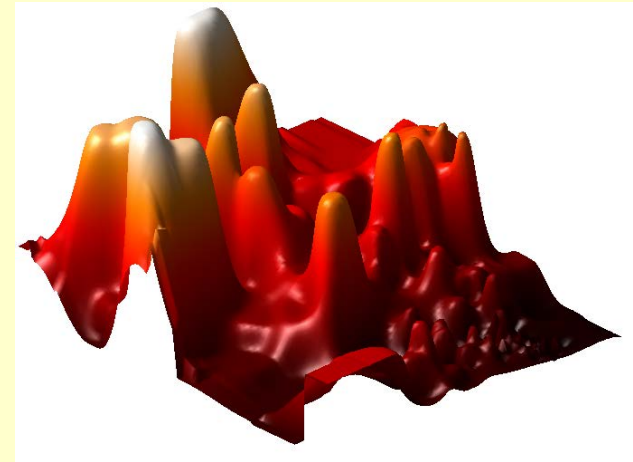
<http://uspex-team.org>

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

- Combination of evolutionary algorithm and quantum-mechanical calculations.
- >5000 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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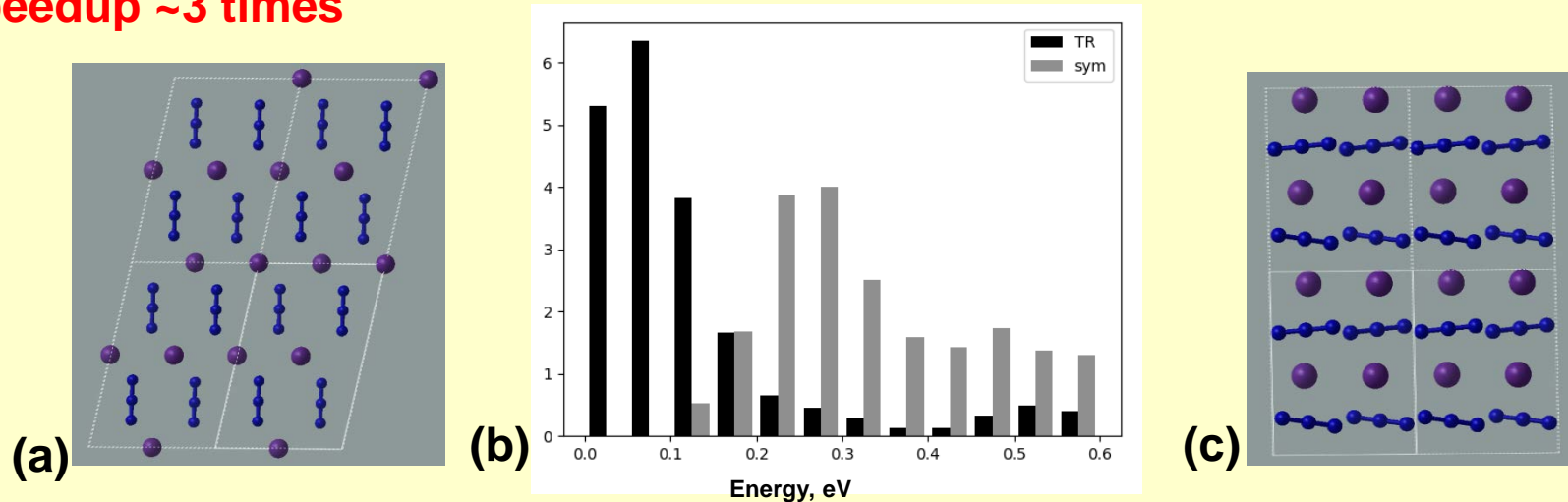
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$$\left(-\frac{\nabla^2}{2} + v_{e-n}[\rho(\mathbf{r})] + v_H[\rho(\mathbf{r})] + v_{xc}[\rho(\mathbf{r})]\right)\phi_i(\mathbf{r}) = \varepsilon_i\phi_i(\mathbf{r})$$

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

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

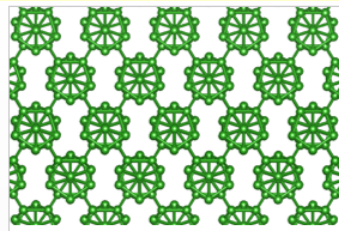
Speedup ~3 times



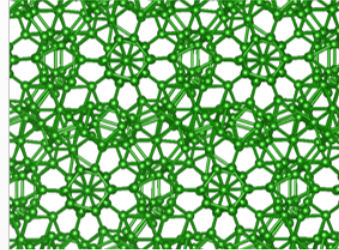
Example of KN_3 : (a) topological structure, (c) random symmetric structure, (b) energy distribution of topological (TR) and random symmetric structures

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

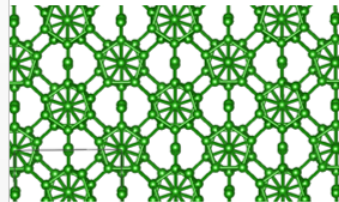
	Old USPEX	On-the-fly adaptation	Adaptation +topology	GPSO CALYPSO	SABC CALYPSO
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Success rate	100%	100%	100%	86%	100%



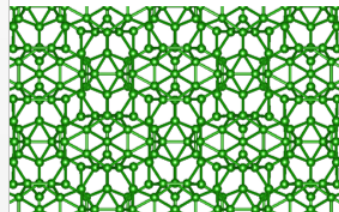
α -boron
 $E^{\text{DFT}} = -6.706$ eV/atom
Atoms: 12,
Space group: $R\bar{3}m$,
Core-hours: 10^3 AL-MTP vs. $3 \cdot 10^3$ DFT
 $|E^{\text{DFT}} - E^{\text{MTP}}| = 28.6$ meV/atom



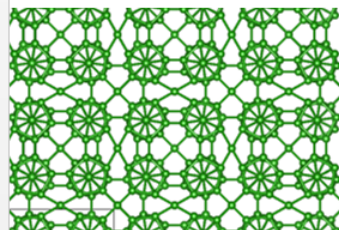
β -boron approximat
 $E^{\text{DFT}} = -6.704$ eV/atom,
Atoms: 106,
Space group: $P1$,
Core-hours: $7 \cdot 10^3$ AL-MTP vs. $6.6 \cdot 10^7$ DFT
 $|E^{\text{DFT}} - E^{\text{MTP}}| = 10.1$ meV/atom



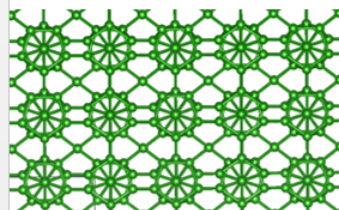
γ -boron
 $E^{\text{DFT}} = -6.678$ eV/atom
Atoms: 28,
Space group: $Pnnm$,
Core-hours: $2 \cdot 10^3$ AL-MTP vs. $2.5 \cdot 10^4$ DFT
 $|E^{\text{DFT}} - E^{\text{MTP}}| = 58.1$ meV/atom



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



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



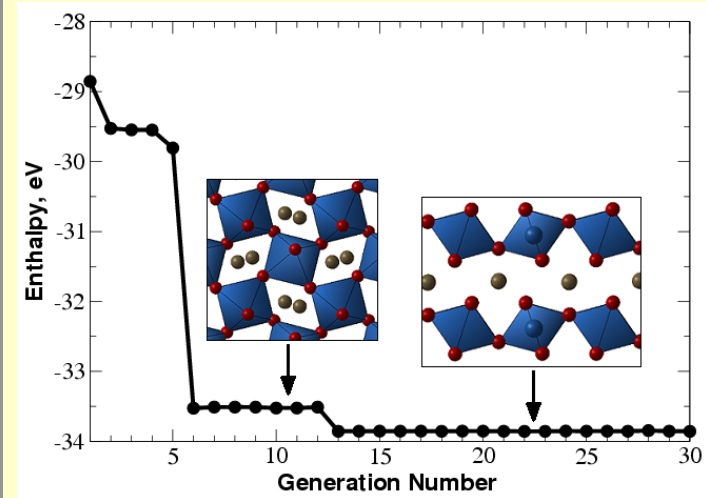
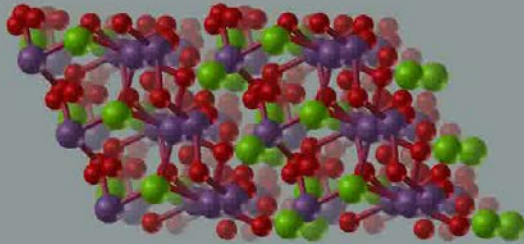
$E^{\text{DFT}} = -6.665$ eV/atom,
Atoms: 26,
Space group: $Cccm$,
Core-hours: $2 \cdot 10^3$ AL-MTP vs. $2.1 \cdot 10^4$ DFT
 $|E^{\text{DFT}} - E^{\text{MTP}}| = 13.6$ meV/atom

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 cI54 phase.
- Speedup by 100-10,000 times.

Test: MgSiO_3 at 120 GPa



120 GPa: post-perovskite is stable

[Oganov & Glass, J.Chem.Phys. 2006]

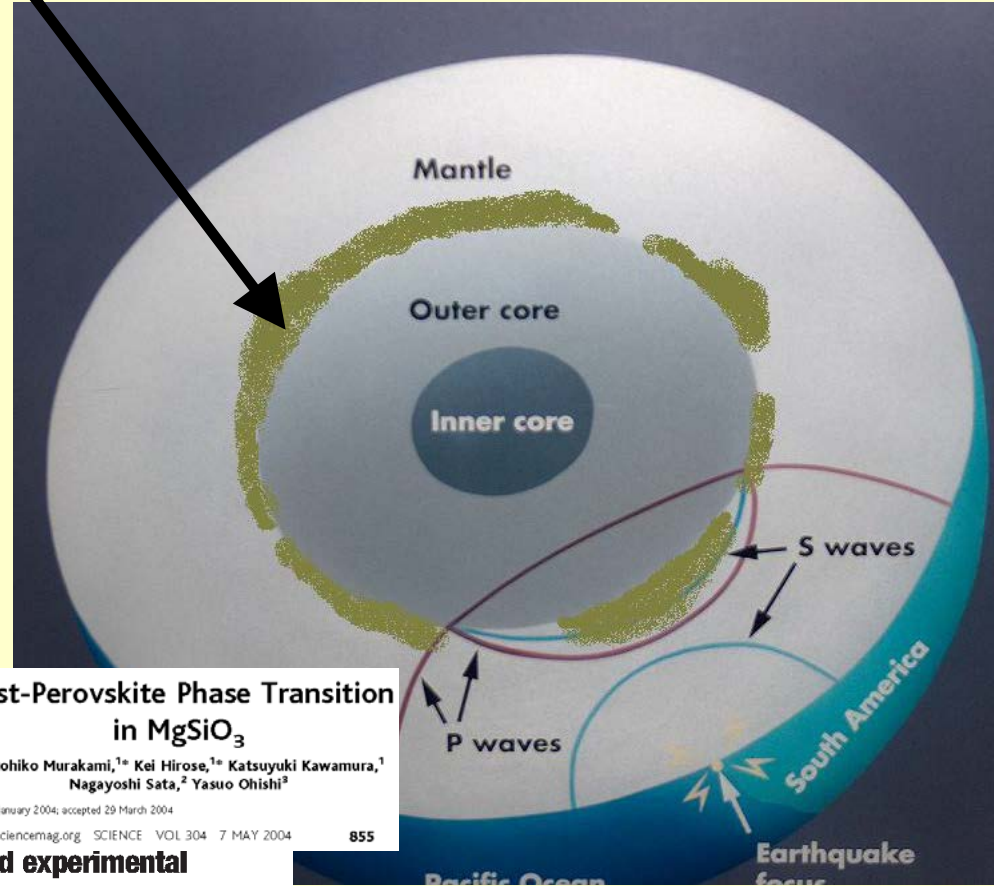
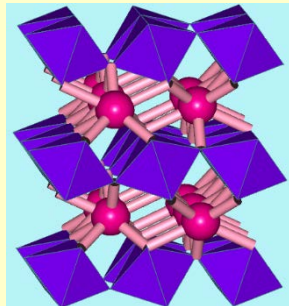
Properties of D'' layer (2700-2890 km) were explained by MgSiO_3 post-perovskite in 2004



D'' – root of hot spots

MgSiO_3 makes ~75 vol.% of lower mantle

Anomalies of D'':
seismic discontinuity,
anisotropy



Post-Perovskite Phase Transition in MgSiO_3

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Theoretical and experimental evidence for a post-perovskite phase of MgSiO_3 in Earth's D'' layer

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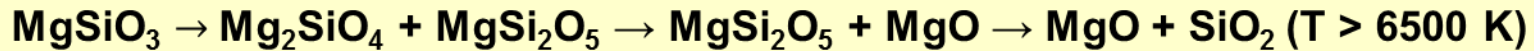
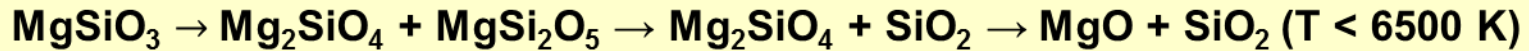
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Is there a post-post-perovskite?

No: MgSiO_3 post-perovskite decomposes inside super-Earths, expect complex structure of super-Earths:



[Niu & Oganov, *Sci. Rep.* 2015]

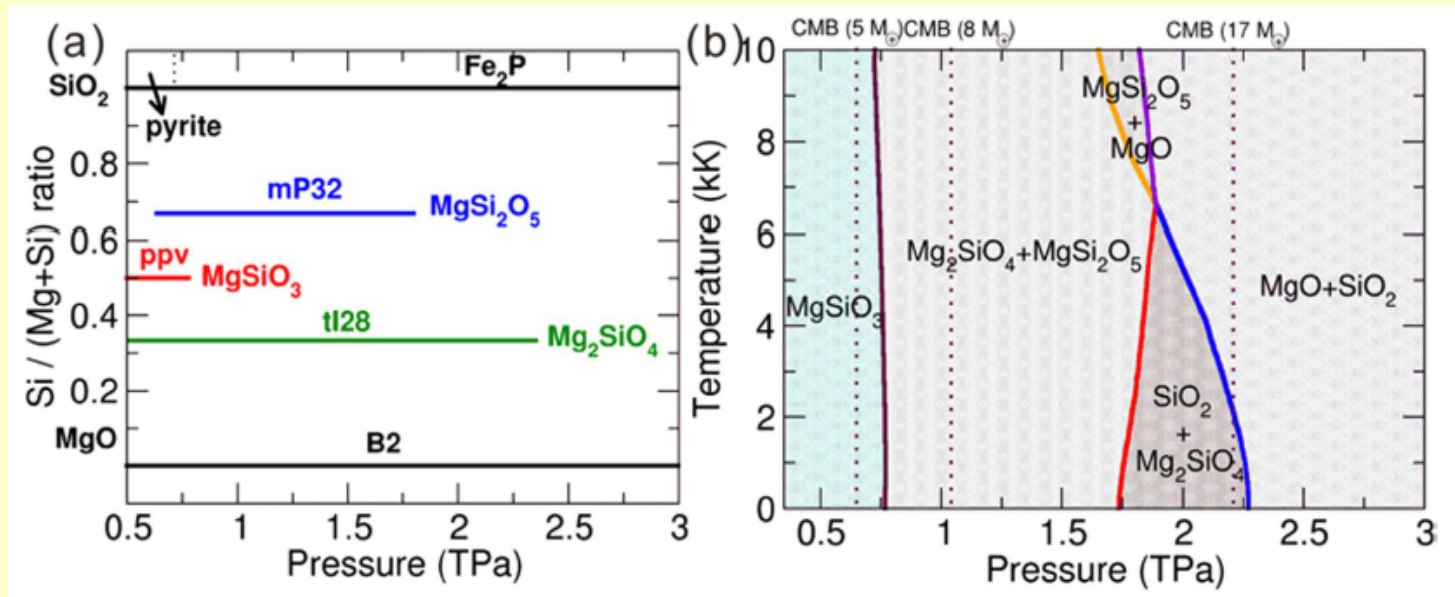
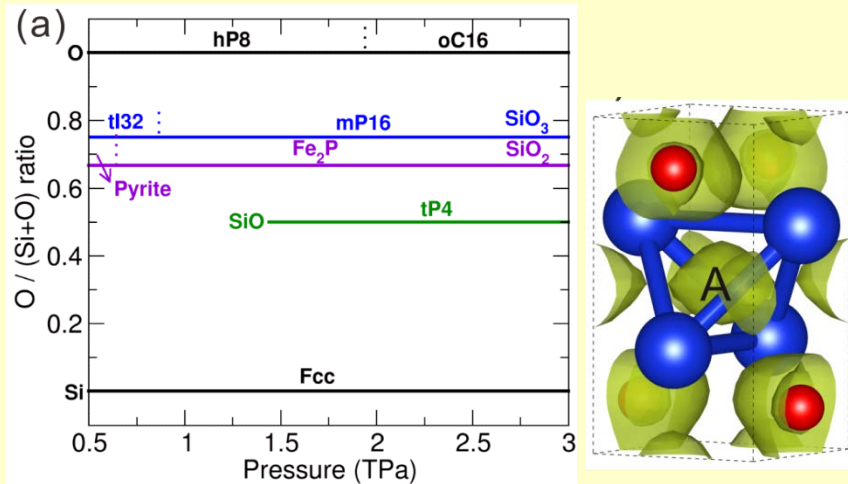
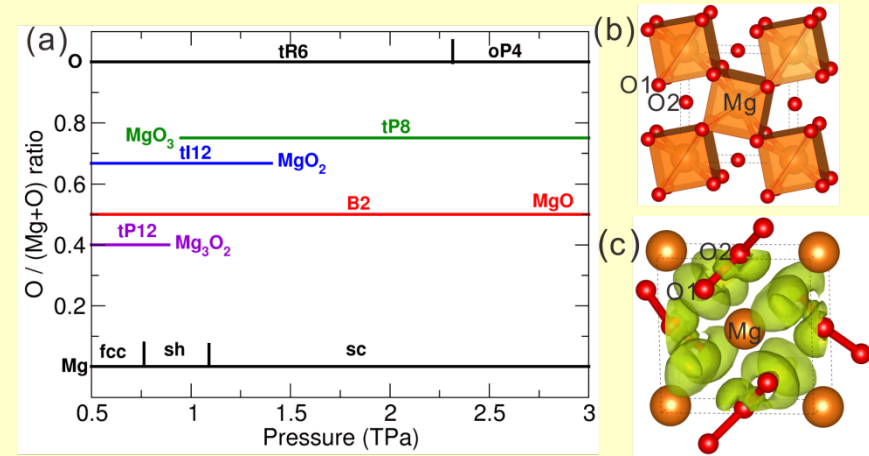


Figure 4. (a) Pressure-composition phase diagram of the pseudo-binary MgO-SiO₂ system. (b) P-T phase diagram of MgSiO₃. The core-mantle boundary (CMB) pressures of super-Earths and mega-Earths with 5, 8 and 17 M_⊕ are also plotted by vertical dashed lines.

Do we really know what's inside planets? “Forbidden” MgO_2 , Mg_3O_2 , SiO_3 , AlO_2 etc. are stable at planetary pressures



Si-O phase diagram and structure of **SiO**
(Niu & Oganov, *Sci. Rep.* 2015)



Mg-O phase diagram and structure of **MgO₃**
(Niu & Oganov, *Sci. Rep.* 2015;
Zhu & Oganov, *PCCP* 2012)

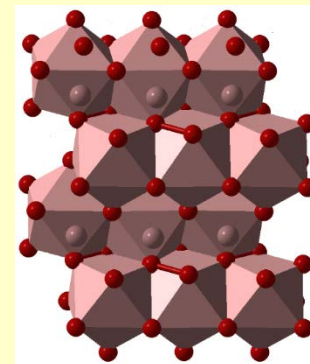
Al-O system:

Stable aluminum “oxide peroxides”:

$\text{Al}_4\text{O}_7 = \text{Al}_4\text{O}_5[\text{O}_2]$, stable at 330-443 GPa

$\text{AlO}_2 = \text{Al}_2\text{O}_2[\text{O}_2]$, stable at >332 GPa

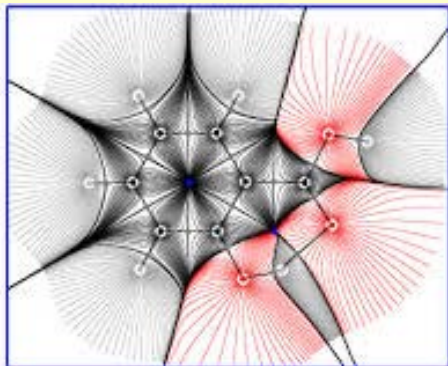
(Liu, Oganov, Kresse, *Sci. Rep.* 2015)



Structure of **AlO₂**

Predicting Unusual Compounds

- "Forbidden" stoichiometries become stable: Na_3Cl , etc.
- Unusual valence/oxidation states appear: Cl^{2-} , Cs^{5+} , etc.
- He becomes chemically active.
- Unusual properties: e.g., room-temperature superconductivity.

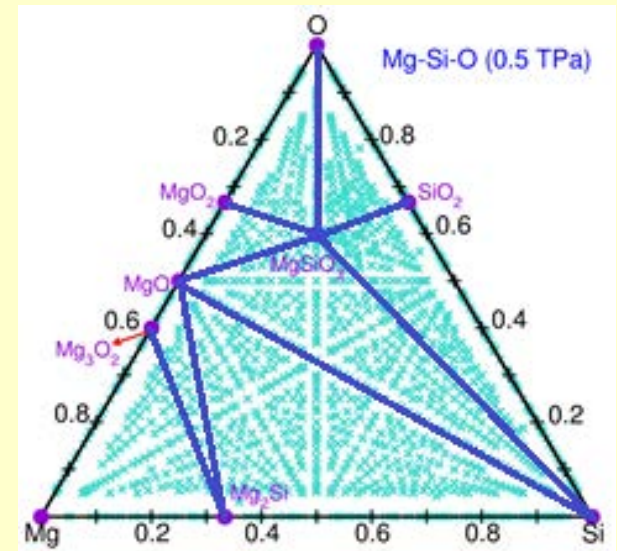
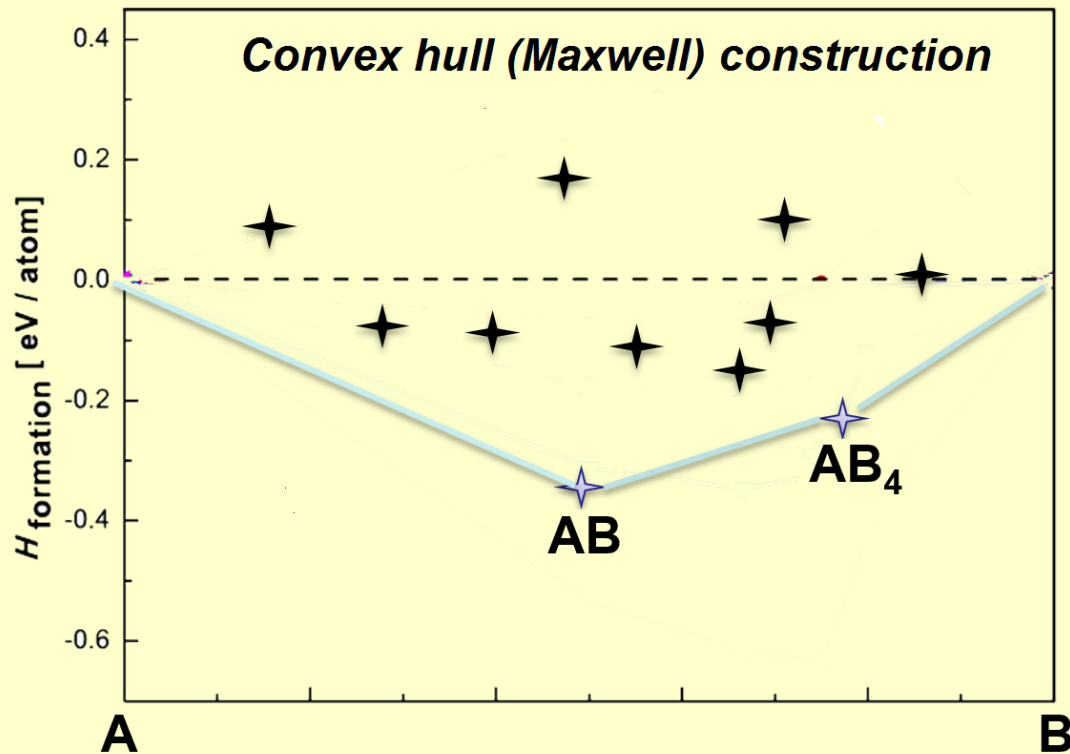


Bader analysis:

- Reasonable atomic charges (close to Pauling)

USPEX can automatically find all stable compounds in a multicomponent system.

Thermodynamic stability in variable-composition systems

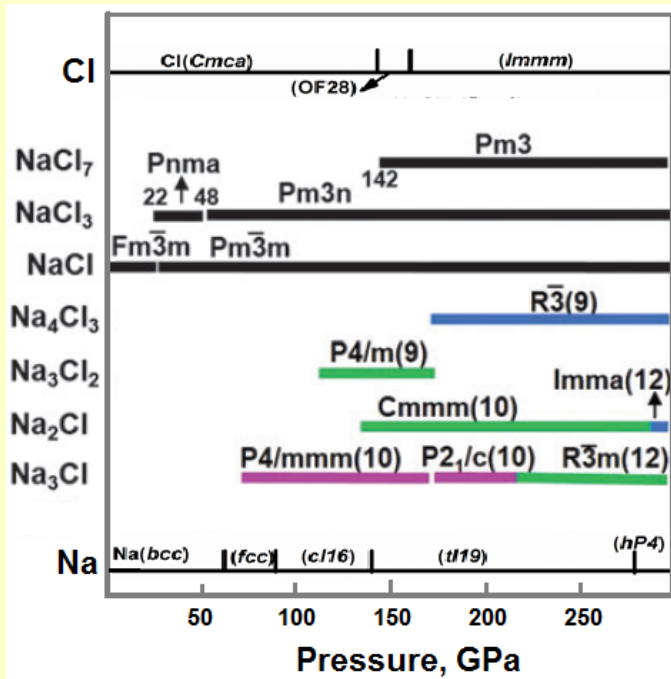


**3-component convex hull:
Mg-Si-O system at 500 GPa
(Niu & Oganov, *Sci. Rep.* 2015)**

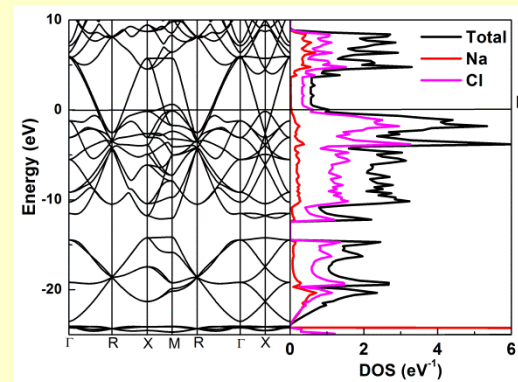
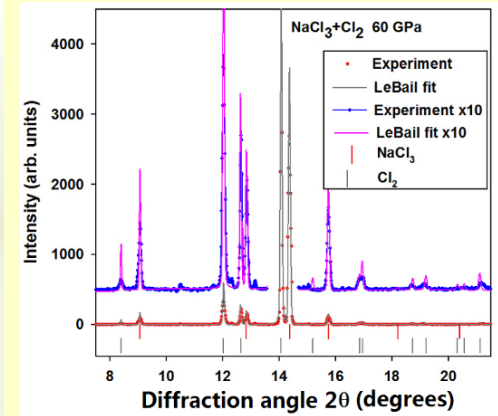
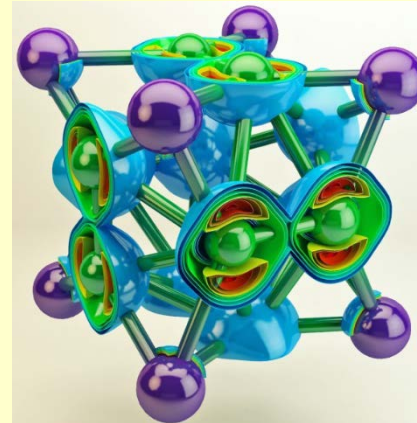
Stable structure must be below all the possible decomposition lines !!

Unexpected chemistry of sodium chloride(s) :

Na_3Cl , Na_2Cl , Na_3Cl_2 , NaCl , NaCl_3 , NaCl_7 are stable under pressure. Why? (Zhang, Oganov, Goncharov, *Science*, 2013).



Stability fields of sodium chlorides



Chemical anomalies:

-Divalent Cl in Na_2Cl !

-Coexistence of metallic and ionic blocks in Na_3Cl !

-Positively charged Cl in NaCl_7 !

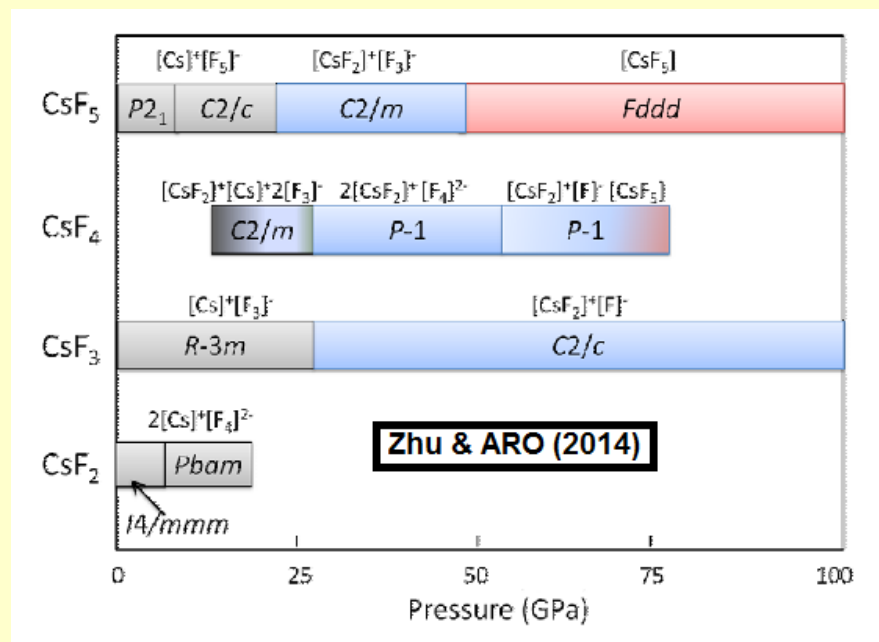
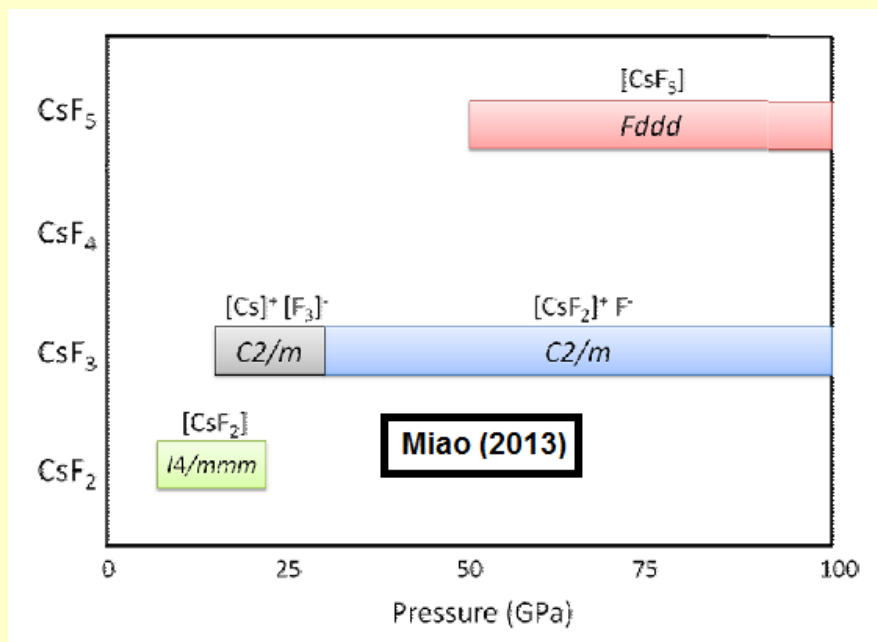
NaCl_3 : atomic and electronic structure, and experimental XRD pattern

[Zhang, Oganov, et al., *Science* (2013)]

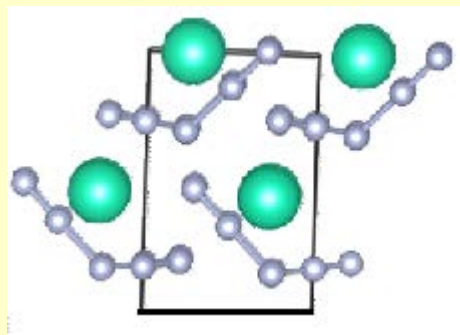
[Saleh & Oganov, *PCCP* (2015)]

“Forbidden” compounds can be practically useful

Cs-F



Phase diagram of the Cs-F - Miao (2013) and corrected (Zhu & ARO, 2014)



Structure of CsF₅, at 1 atm

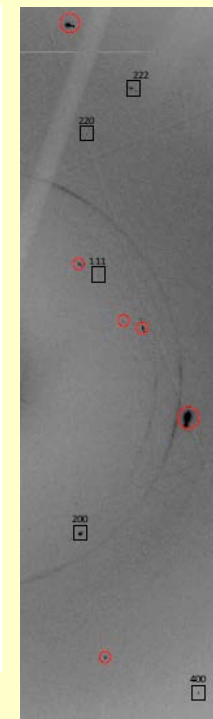
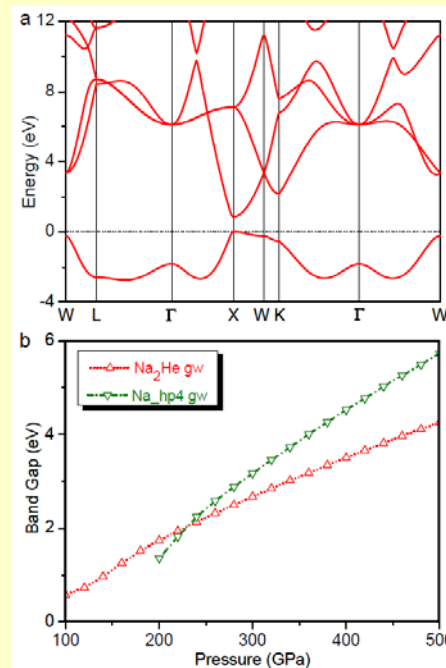
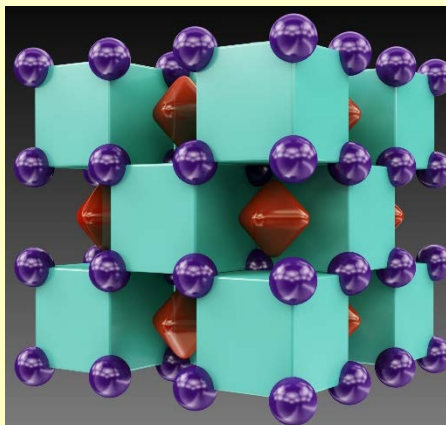
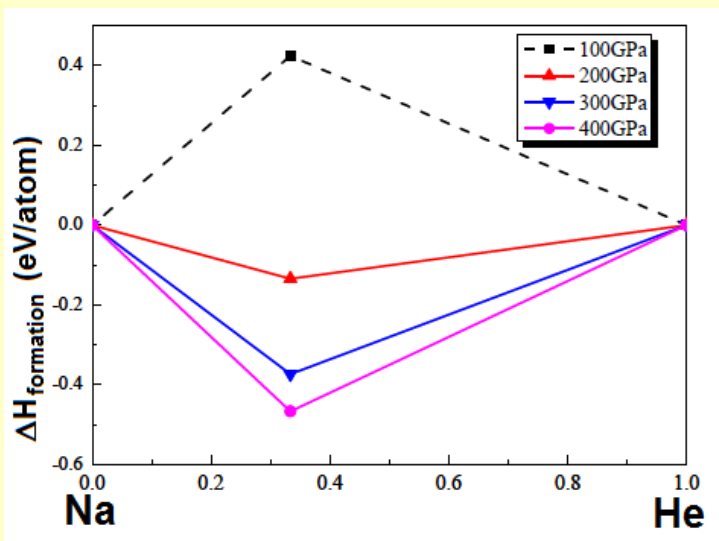
- Miao (2013): predicted (incorrectly) novel compounds using CALYPSO. Zhu & Oganov (2015) – new phase diagram using USPEX.
- CsF₂, CsF₃, CsF₅ are stable at 1 atm and can be used for fluorine storage. Decomposition temperatures ~250-400 K. US patent (2013).
- **At >40 GPa – Cs(V) in Fddd-CsF₅.**

[Zhu & Oganov, *Sci. Rep.* (2015)]

Helium chemistry? Yes!

(Dong, Oganov, Goncharov, *Nature Chemistry* 2017)

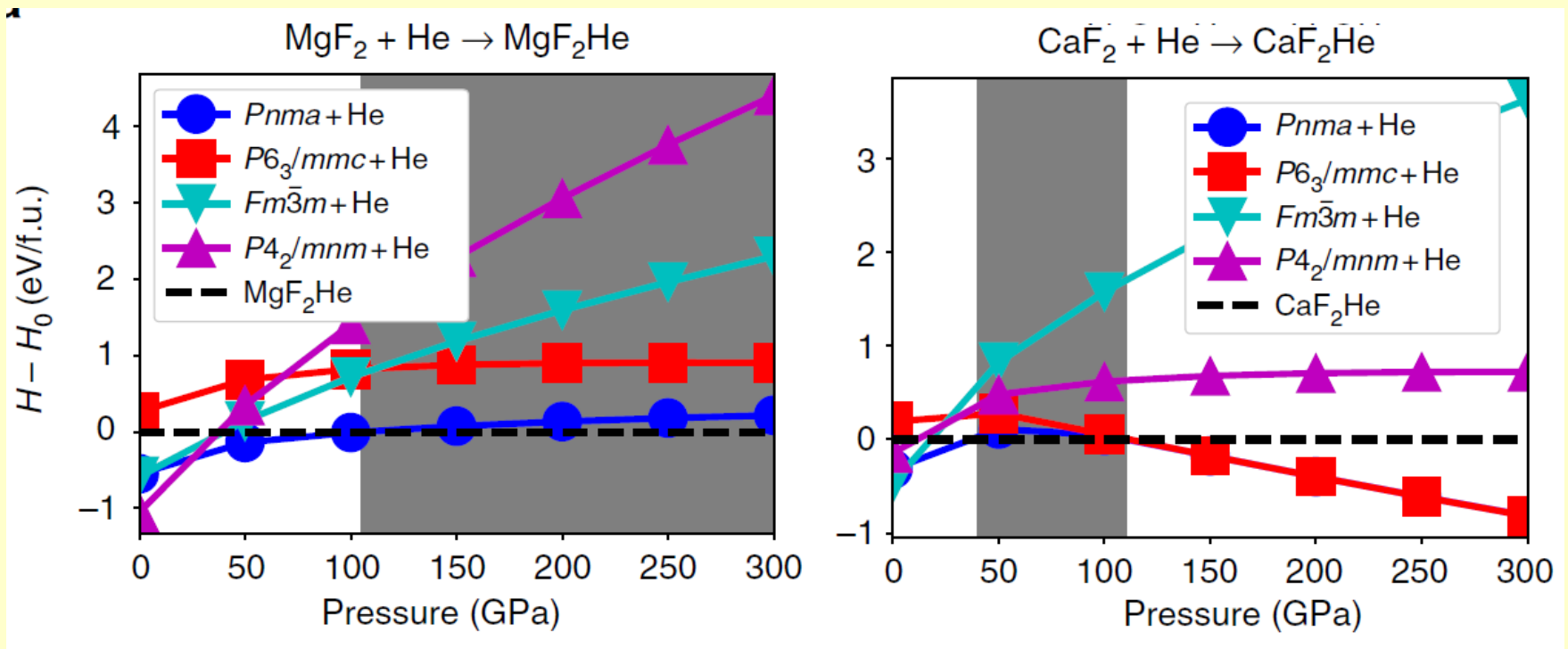
- Helium is the 2nd most abundant element in the Universe (24 wt.%).
- Helium: ionization potential = 24.39 eV (record!)
electron affinity = 0.08 eV
- No stable compounds are known at normal conditions. Under pressure: van der Waals compound NeHe₂ (Loubeyre et al., 1993).



1. Na₂He is stable at >120 GPa, at least up to 1000 GPa.
2. Stabilized by an acceptor of an electron pair on the “2e” site. Na₂HeO – stable already at 14 GPa.

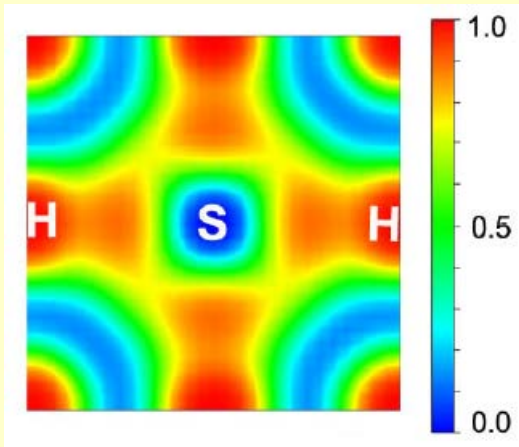
Noble gases are not inert under pressure (Liu et al., *Nature Comm.* 2018)

- Helium reacts with Na, Na₂O, H₂O, SiO₂, MgF₂, CaF₂, ...
- Noble gases can be retained in Earth's mantle (and core?).



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

H-S



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

SUBJECT AREAS:
THEORY AND
COMPUTATION
CONDENSED MATTER PHYSICS

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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 $Cccm$ 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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Conventional superconductivity at 203 kelvin at high pressures in the sulfur hydride system

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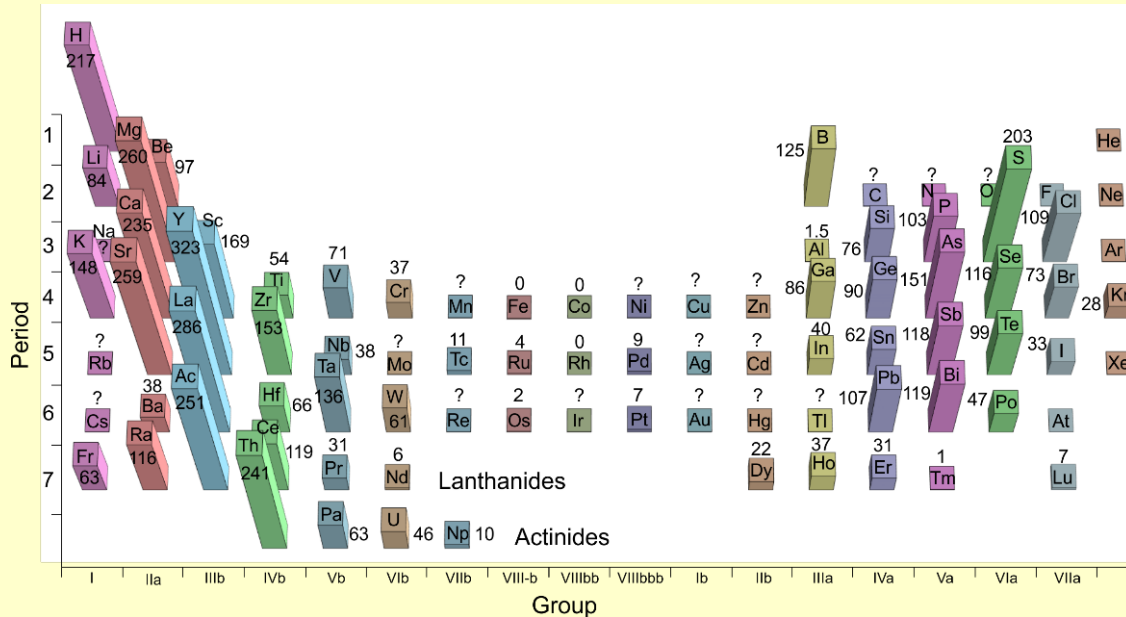
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A superconductor is a material that can conduct electricity without resistance below a superconducting transition temperature, T_c . The highest T_c that has been achieved to date is in the copper oxide system¹: 133 kelvin at ambient pressure² and 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_2S , formed from H_2S_2 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)).

Superconductivity is linked with Mendeleev's Table

[Semenok & Oganov, JPCL, 2018]

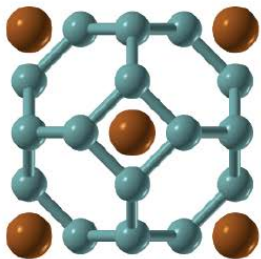


Distribution of Tc for hydrides

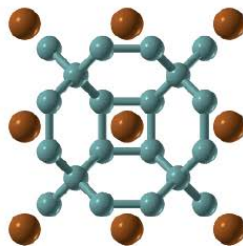
LaH₁₀: record Tc (260 K @ 190 GPa)
(Somayazulu et al., 2019).

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

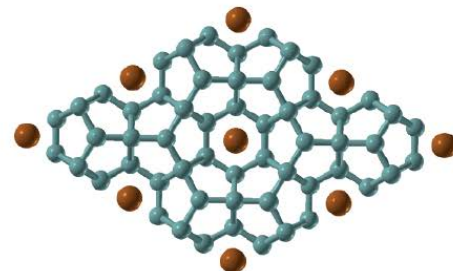
ThH₁₀: Tc=241 K at 100 GPa
(Kvashnin & Oganov, 2018).



CaH₆
(T_c = 220–235 K)



LaH₁₀ (T_c = 274–286 K)
YH₁₀ (T_c = 305–326 K)



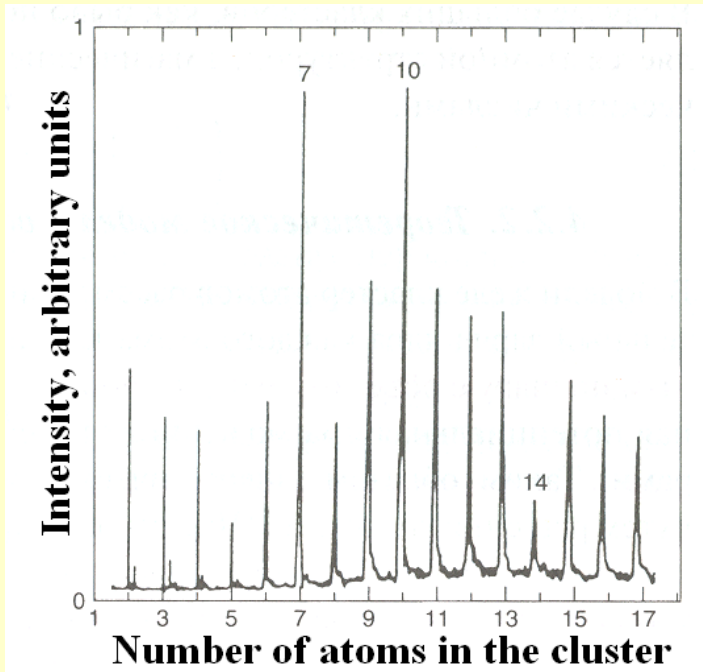
AcH₁₆
(T_c = 221–241 K)

AcH₁₀ (T_c = 226–251 K)
ThH₁₀ (T_c = 220–241 K)

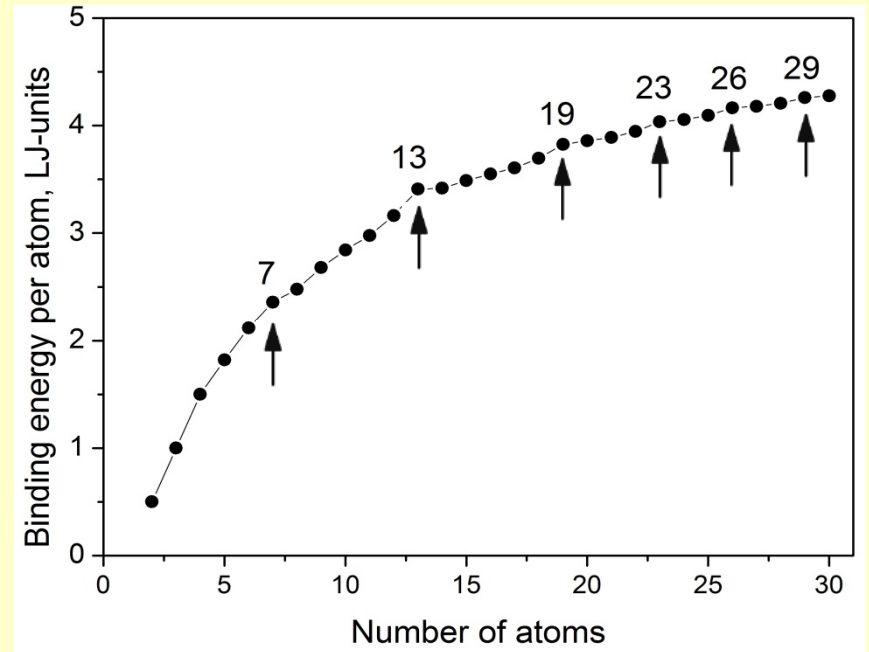
Predicting Stable Nanoclusters

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

Stability of nanoparticles: conditional

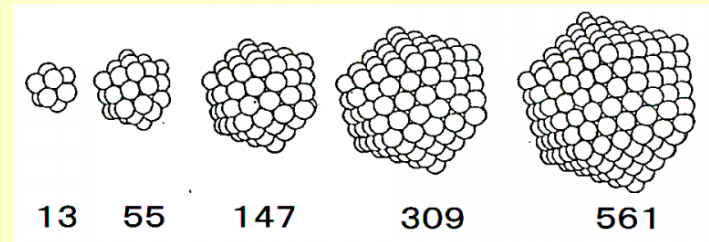


Mass spectrum of Pb_n clusters
(Poole & Owens, 2003)



Lennard-Jones clusters

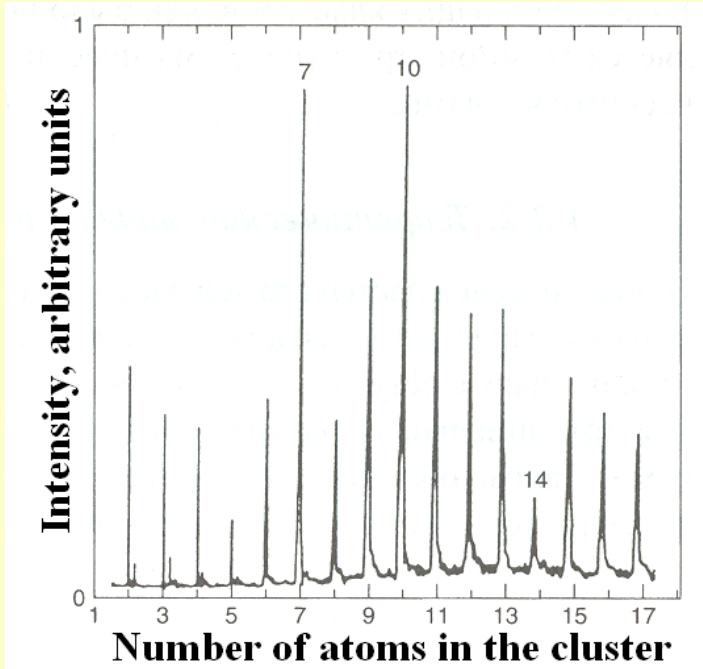
↑ – “magic” clusters



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

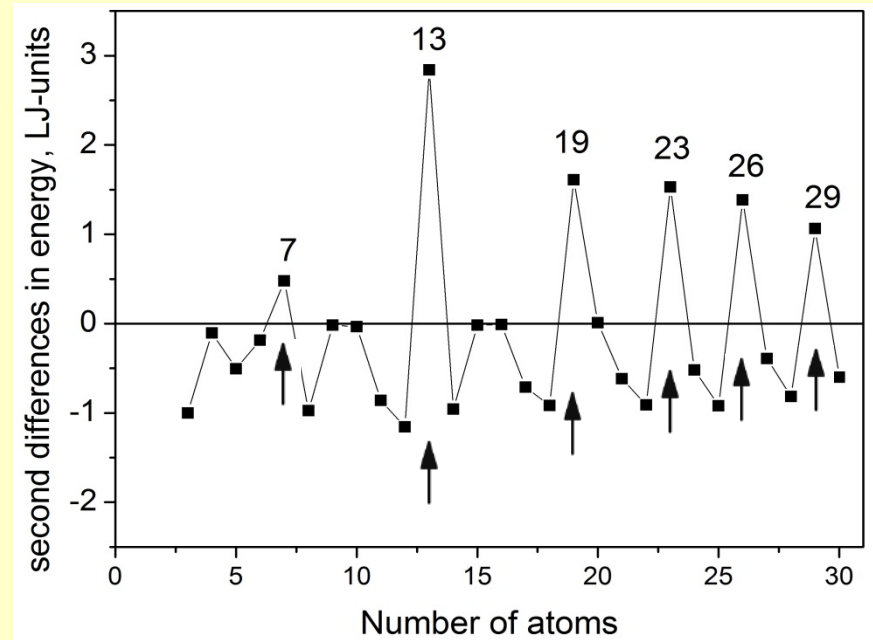


Mass-spectrum of Pb_n clusters
(from Poole & Owens, 2003)

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):

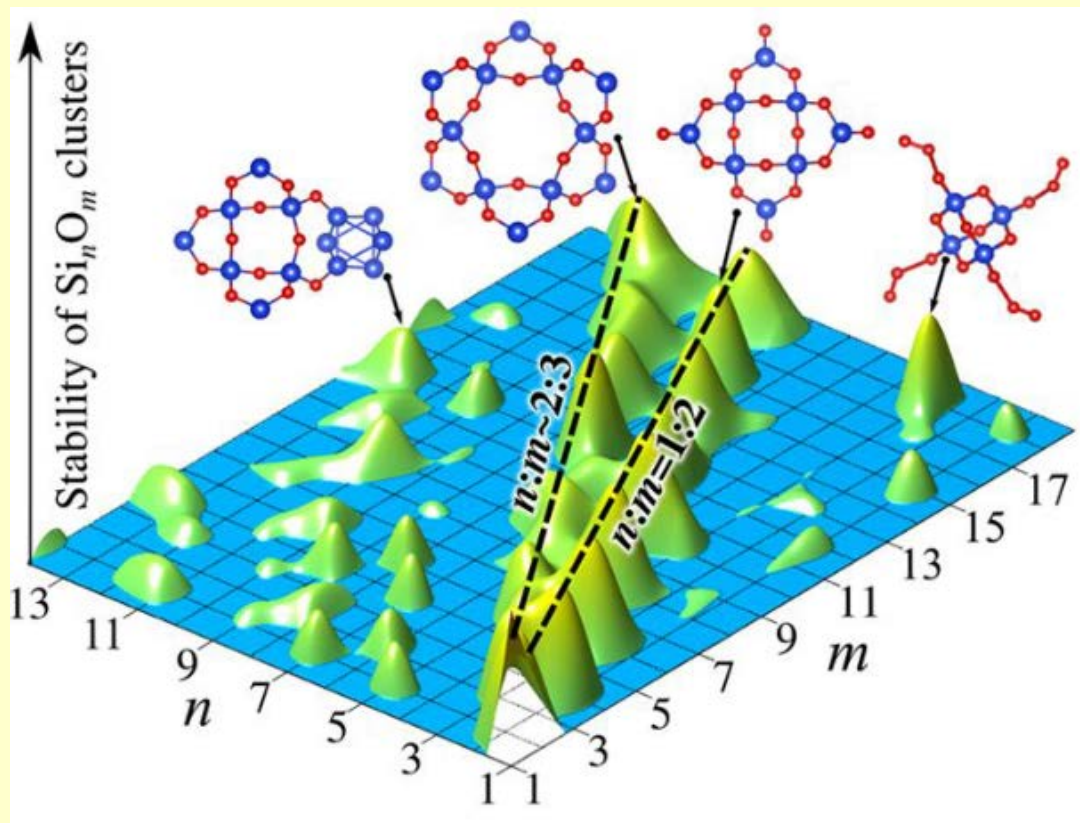
$$\Delta_x^2 E = E(m, n+1) + E(m, n-1) - 2E(m, n) > 0$$

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

Map of stability of Si-O clusters

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

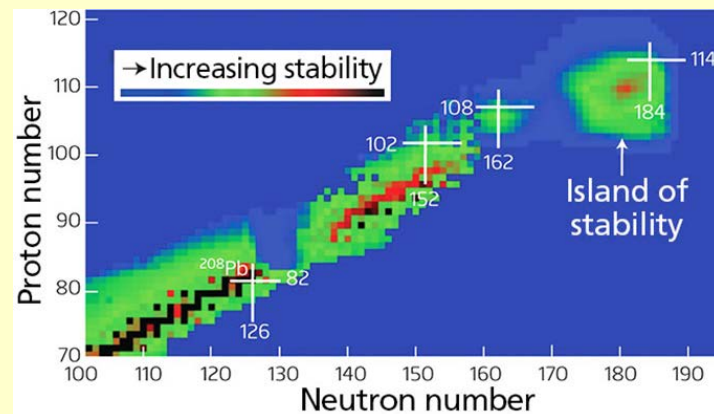
Si-O



Ridges of stability: SiO₂, Si₂O₃
Islands of stability: e.g., Si₄O₁₈

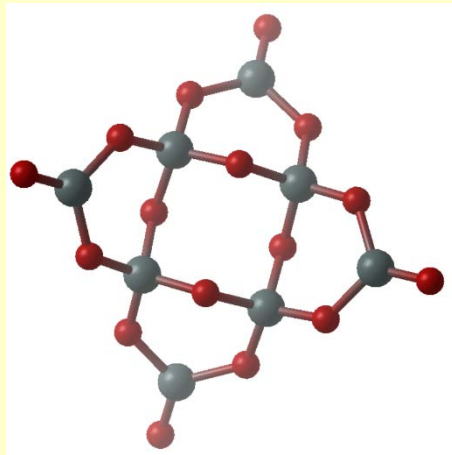
«Magic» nuclei: with filled proton or neutron shells (2, 8, 20, 28, 50, 82, 126 p or n)
(1s²/2p⁶/3d¹⁰2s²/4f⁸/4f⁶3p⁶5g¹⁰/5g⁸4d¹⁰3s²6h¹²)

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



Analogy with
magic atomic nuclei

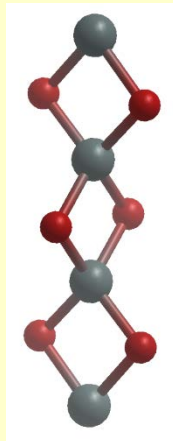
Si-O



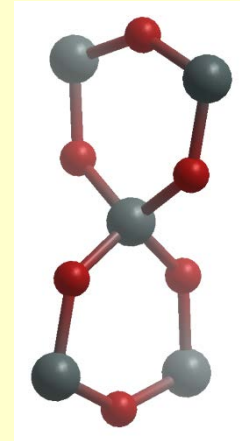
Si₈O₁₆



Si₈O₁₂

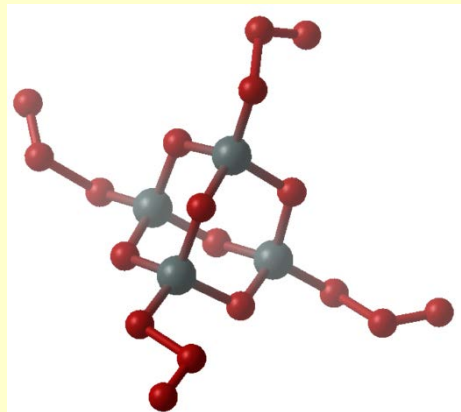


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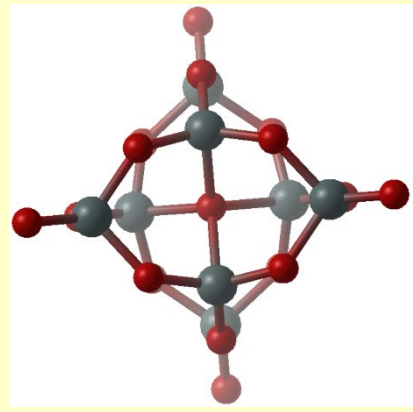


Si₅O₆

Magic clusters. Non-magnetic

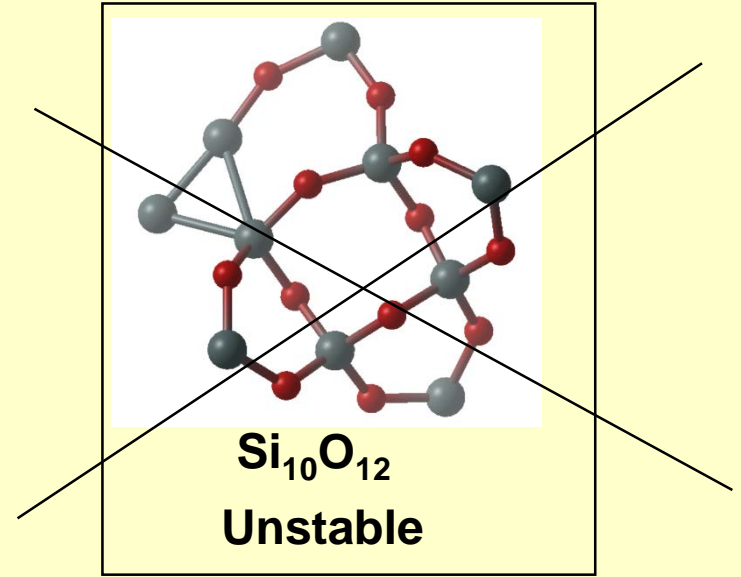


Si₄O₁₈



Si₈O₁₇

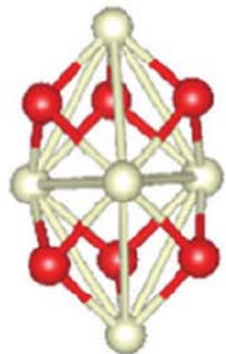
Magic magnetic(!) clusters. Excess of O



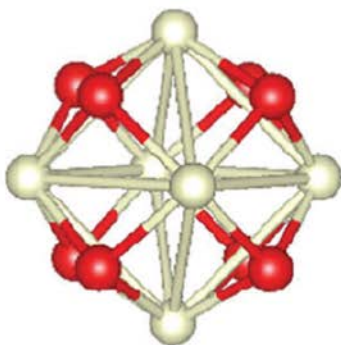
**Si₁₀O₁₂
Unstable**

Unusual compositions of transition metal oxide clusters

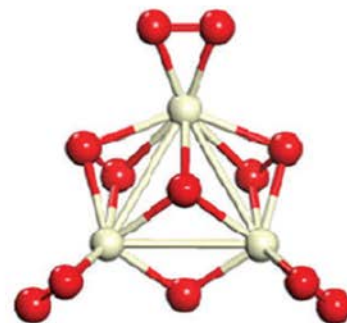
[Yu & Oganov, *Phys. Chem. Chem. Phys.*, 2018]



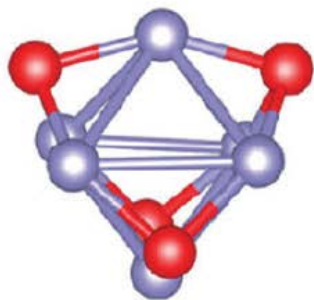
Ce_5O_6 (D_{3h} , 5A_1)



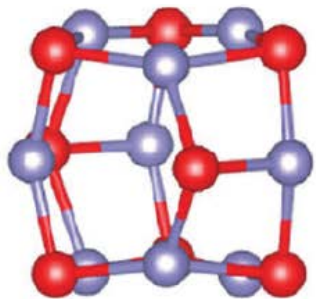
Ce_6O_8 (O_h , $^7A_{1g}$)



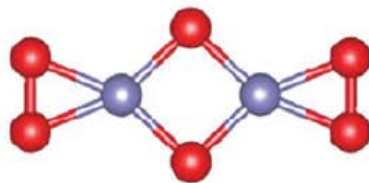
Ce_3O_{12} (C_s , $^3A'$)



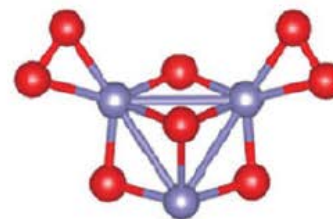
Fe_6O_4 (T_d , 1A_1)



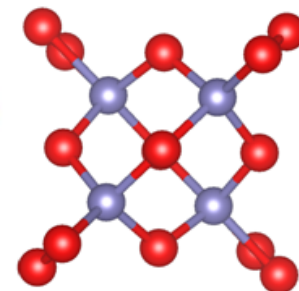
Fe_9O_8 (C_s , $^5A'$)



Fe_2O_8 (C_{2v} , 1A_2)



Fe_3O_8 (C_s , $^3A'$)



Fe_4O_{14} (D_{2d} , 1A)

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

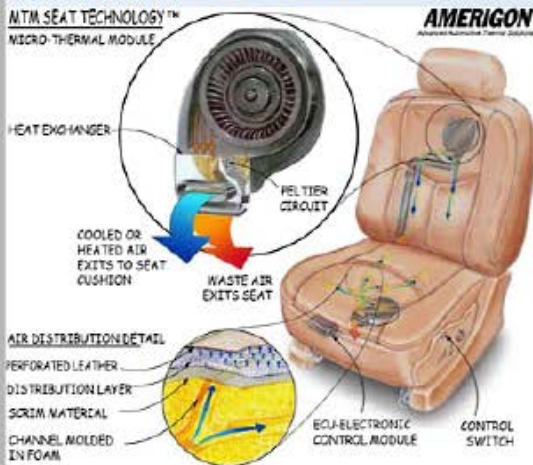
Applications

Water/Beer/Wine Cooler



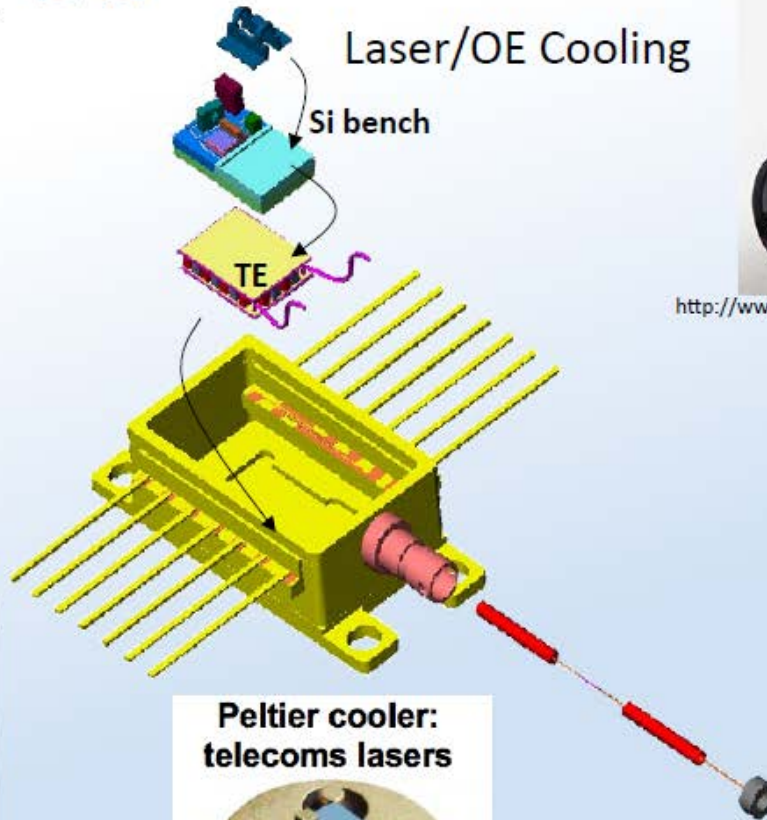
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Laser/OE Cooling



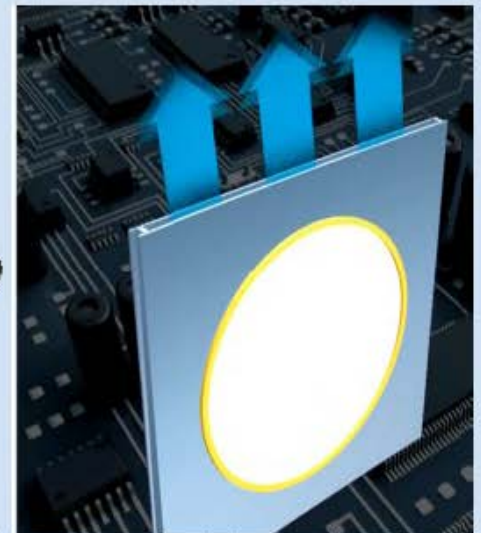
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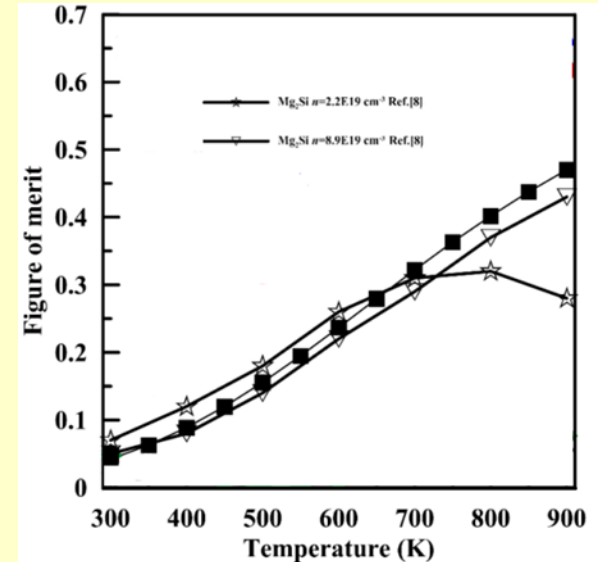
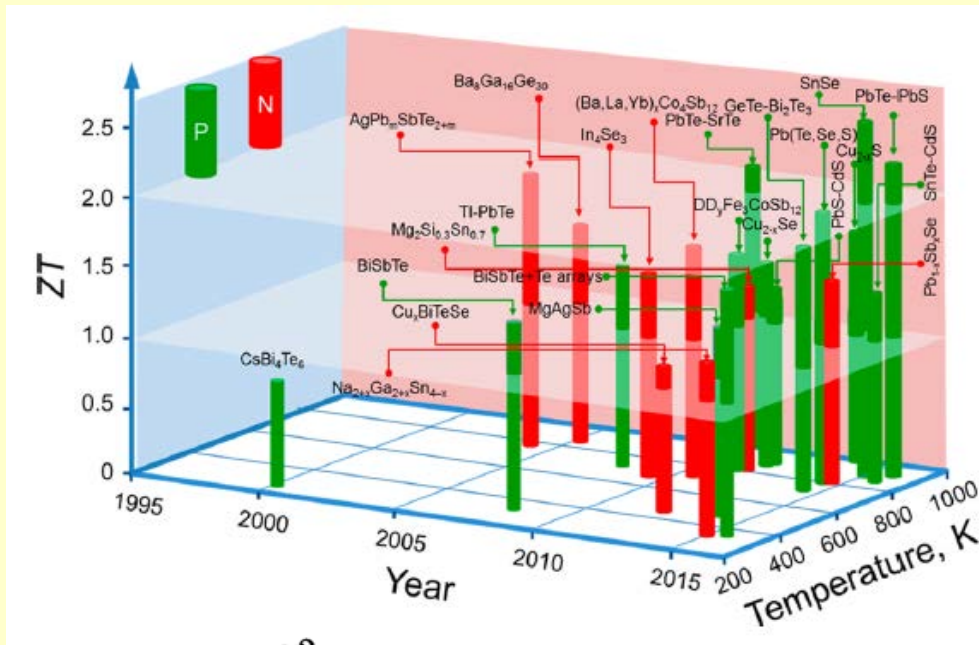


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How to improve efficiency of thermoelectric devices?

“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)]

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

$$S = \frac{8\pi^2 k_B^2}{3eh^2} m^* T \left(\frac{\pi}{3n} \right)^{2/3}$$

$$\eta = \frac{\Delta T}{T_H} \frac{\sqrt{1+zT} - 1}{\sqrt{1+zT} + \frac{T_C}{T_H}}$$

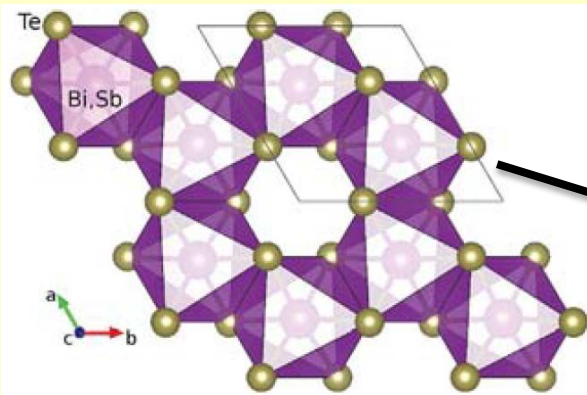
- efficiency

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

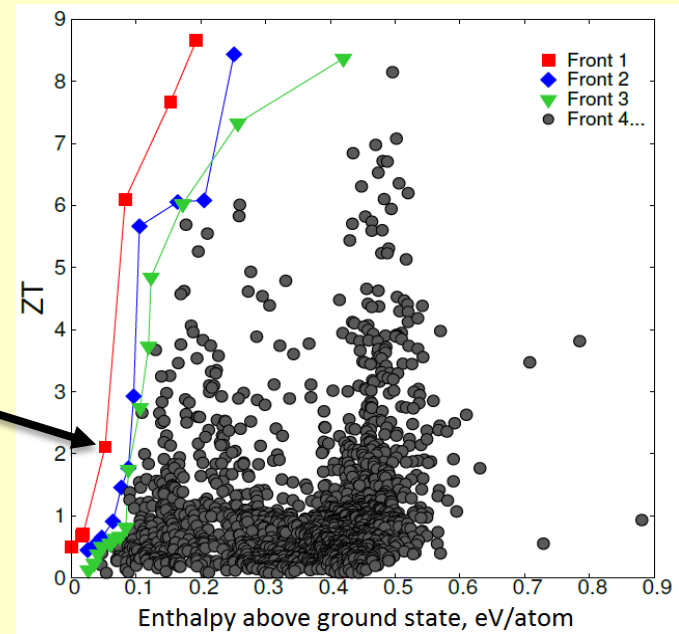
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Efficient technique for computational design of thermoelectric materials

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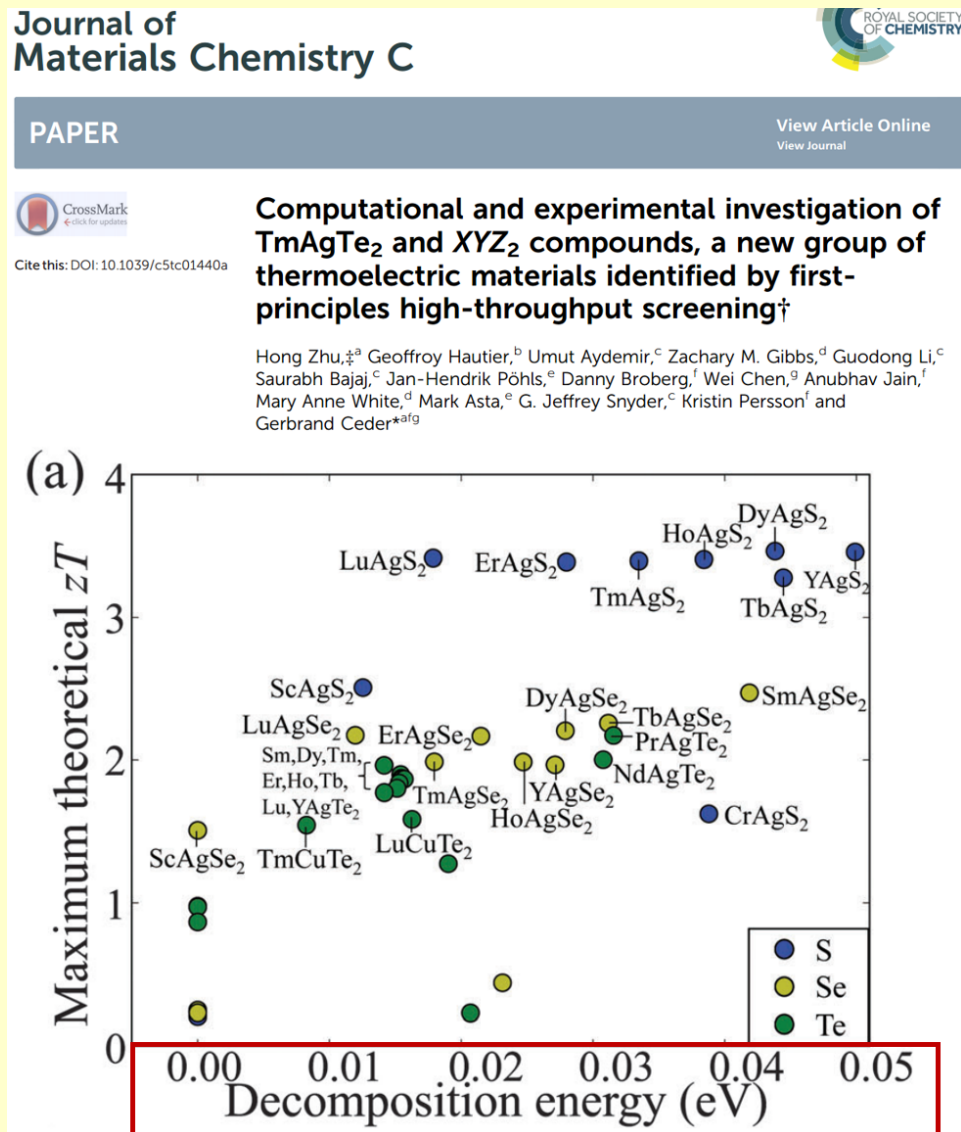


Predicted $P6_3cm$ structure of Bi_2Te_3



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

Similar conclusions from data mining

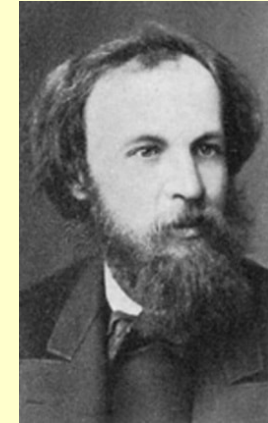
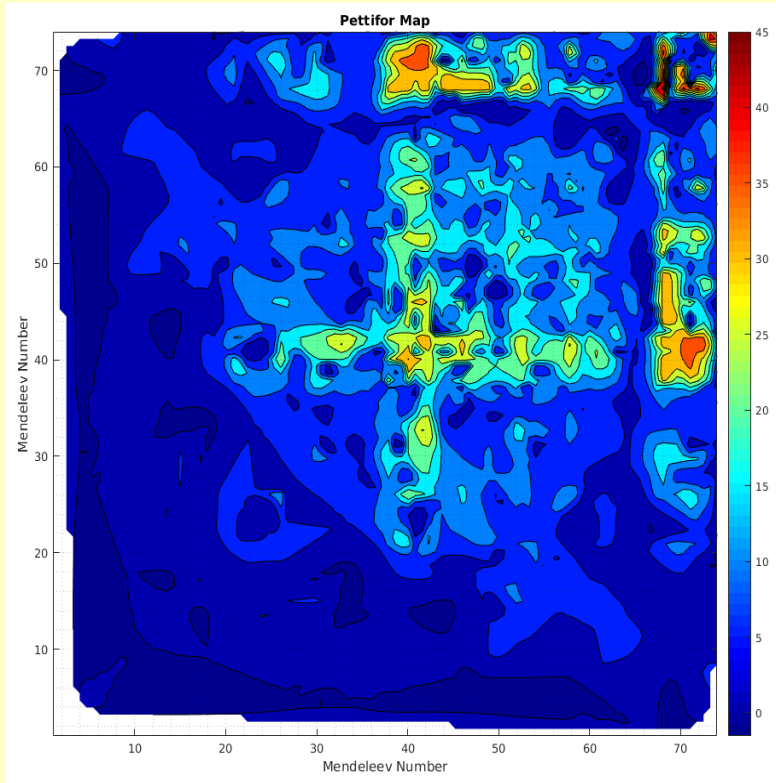


We can simultaneously optimize composition, structure, stability and other properties for a given chemical system.

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, 2018]



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

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

[Pettifor, 1984; Allahyari & Oganov, 2018]

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				

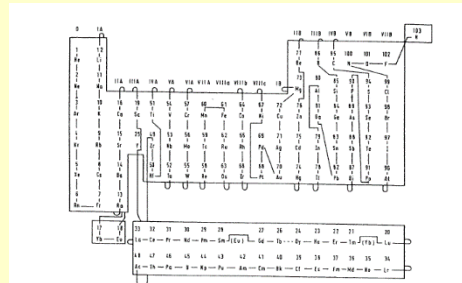
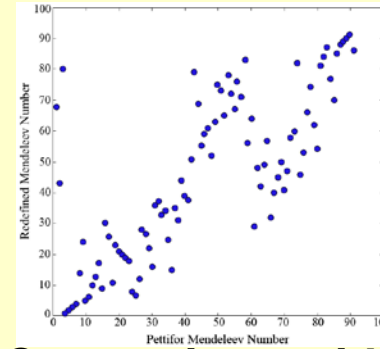
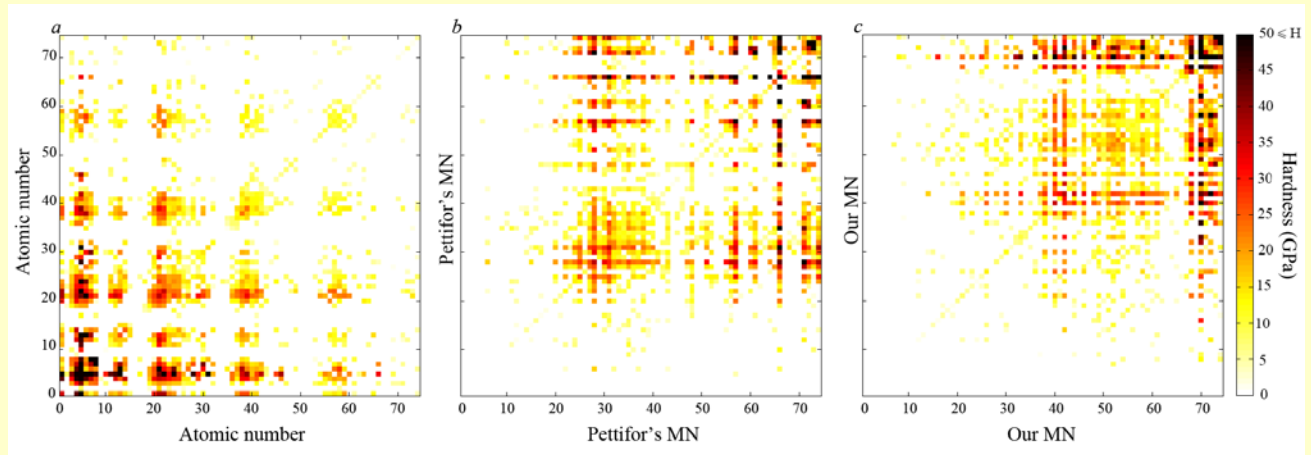


Fig. 1.8 The string running through this modified periodic table puts all the elements in sequential order, given by the relative ordering number *A*. From Pettifor (1988).

Pettifor's construction



Comparison with Pettifor's numbers



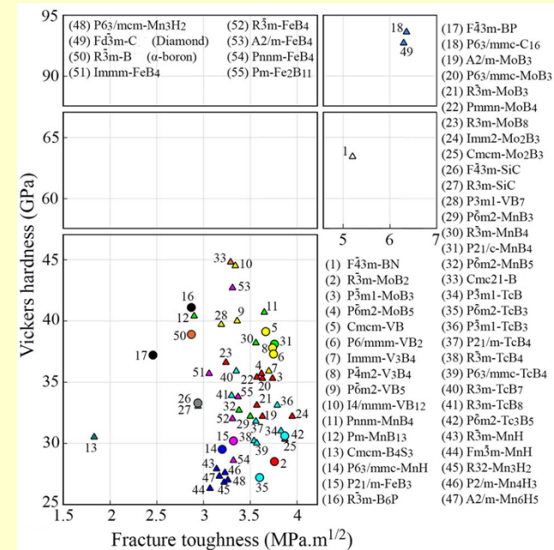
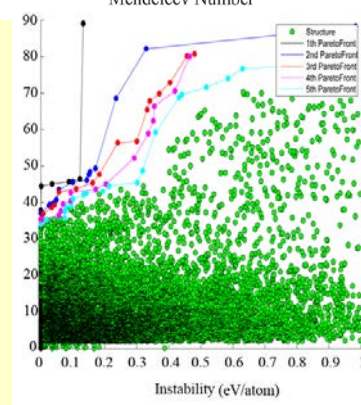
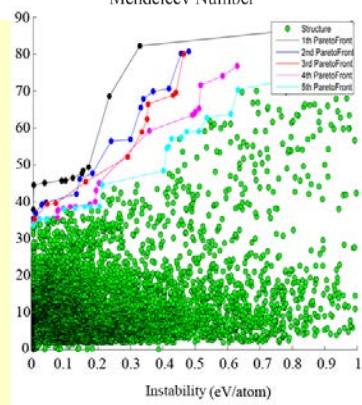
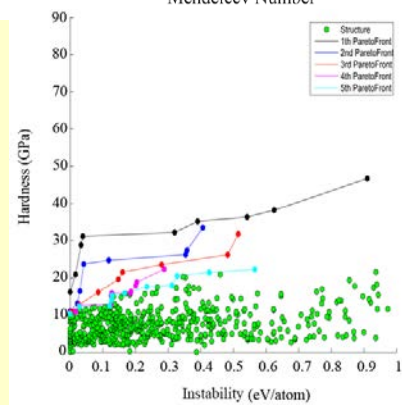
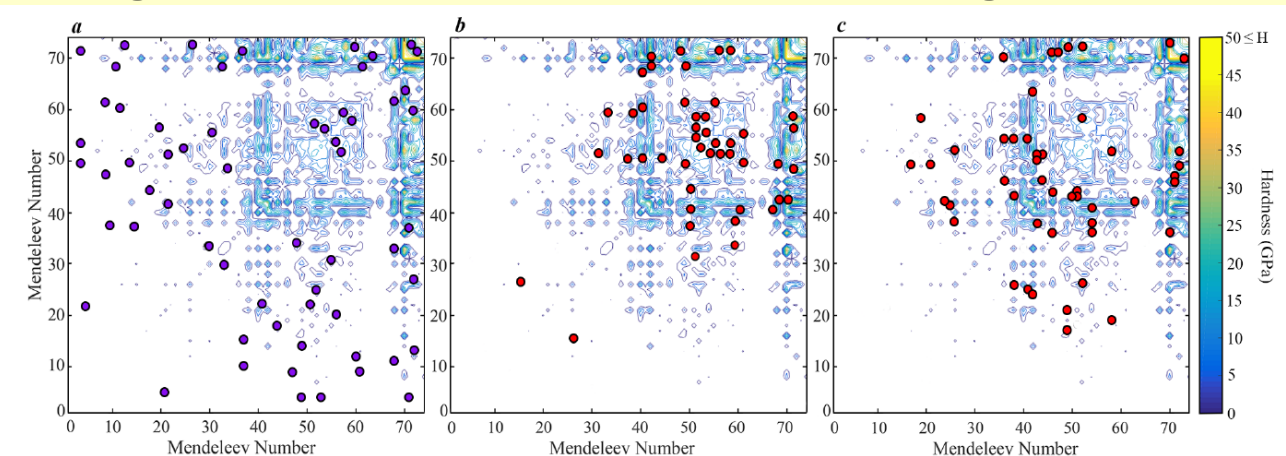
Grouping of hardness by (a) sequential number, (b) Pettifor's Mendeleev number, (c) our Mendeleev number

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

1st generation

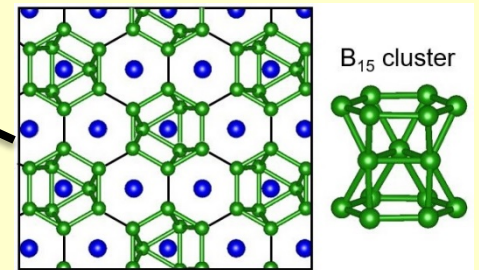
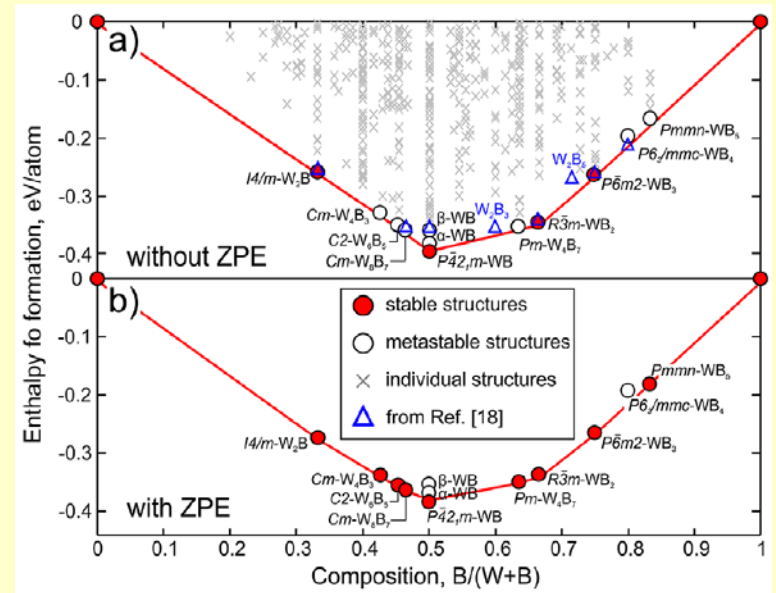
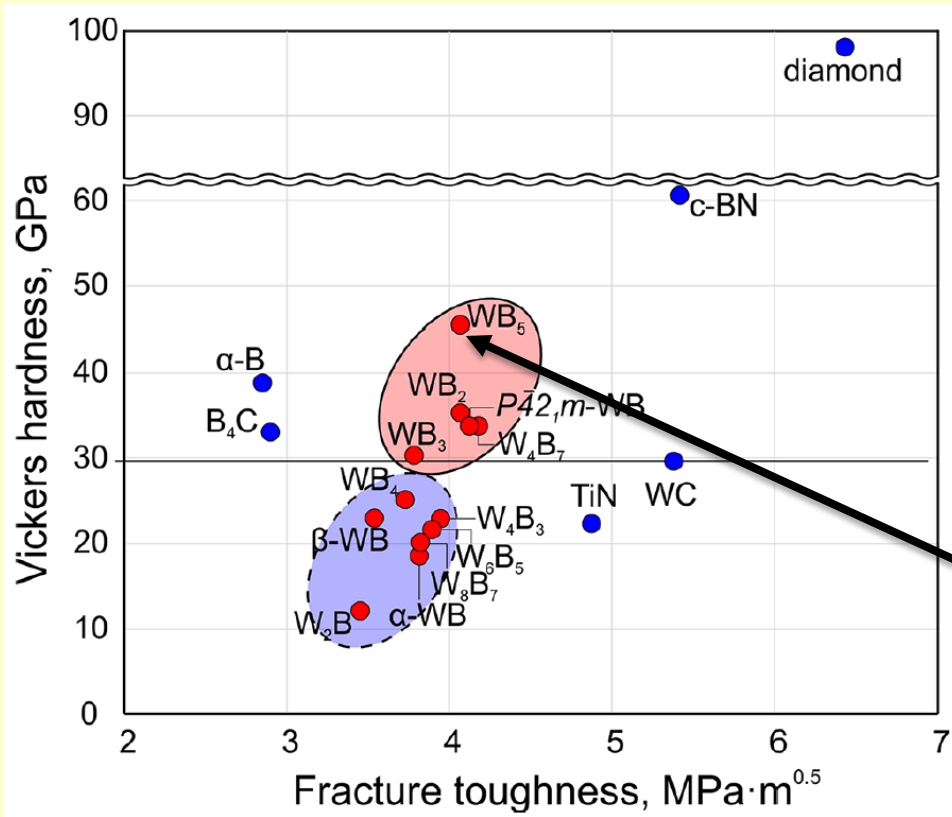
5th generation

10th generation



WB₅: new supermaterial

[Kvashnin & Oganov, J. Phys. Chem. Lett., 2018]



New material WB₅

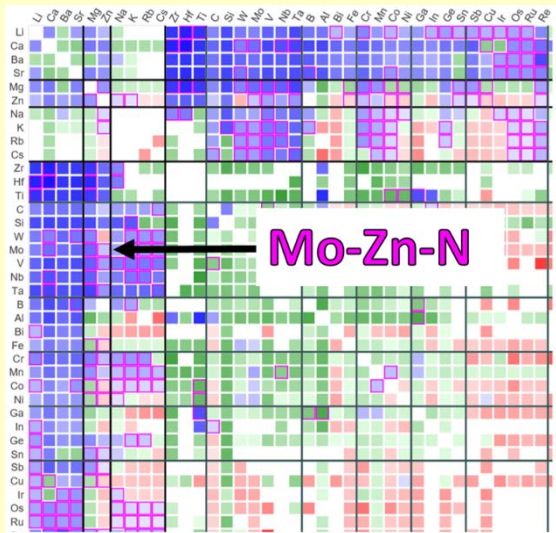


Tungsten carbide WC - standard

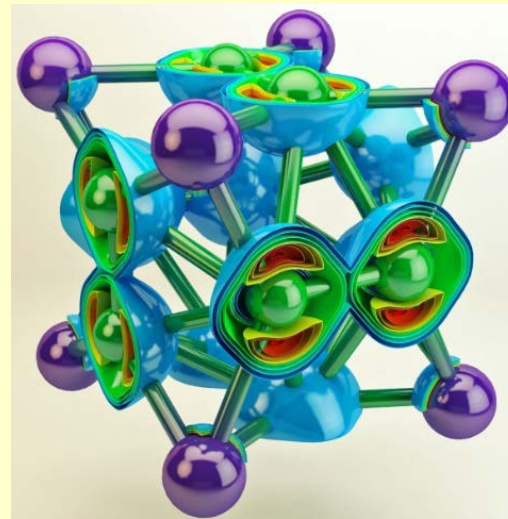


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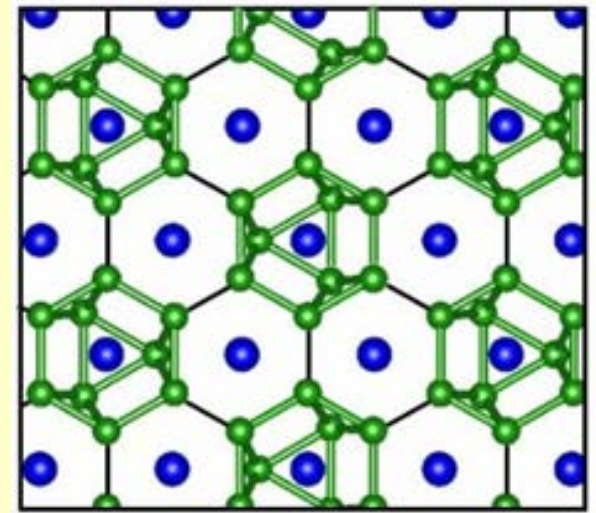
Advanced algorithms predict new supermaterials and help us understand nature



Power and limitations of machine learning



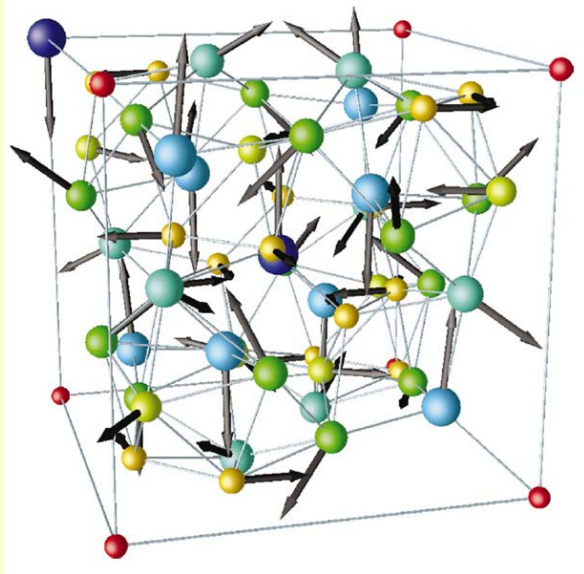
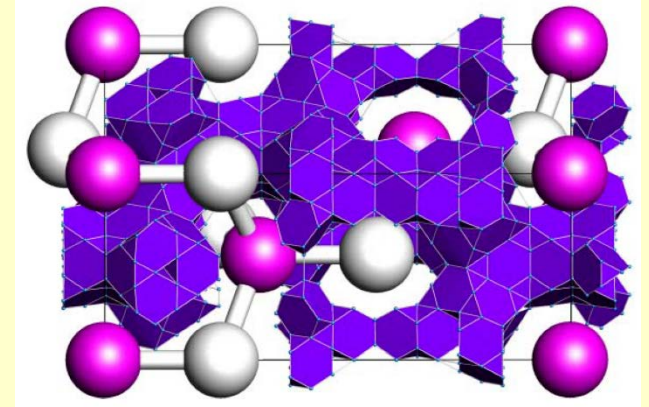
New unusual compounds & almost room-T superconductivity



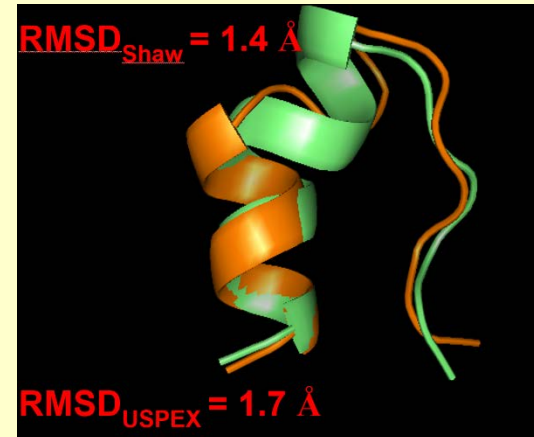
New superhard materials

Limitations/challenges of structure prediction methods

Complex metallic alloys: e.g., Samson phase, $\beta\text{-Mg}_2\text{Al}_3$: cF1168
(M. Feuerbacher et al., *Z. Kristallogr.* 222, 259 (2007)).

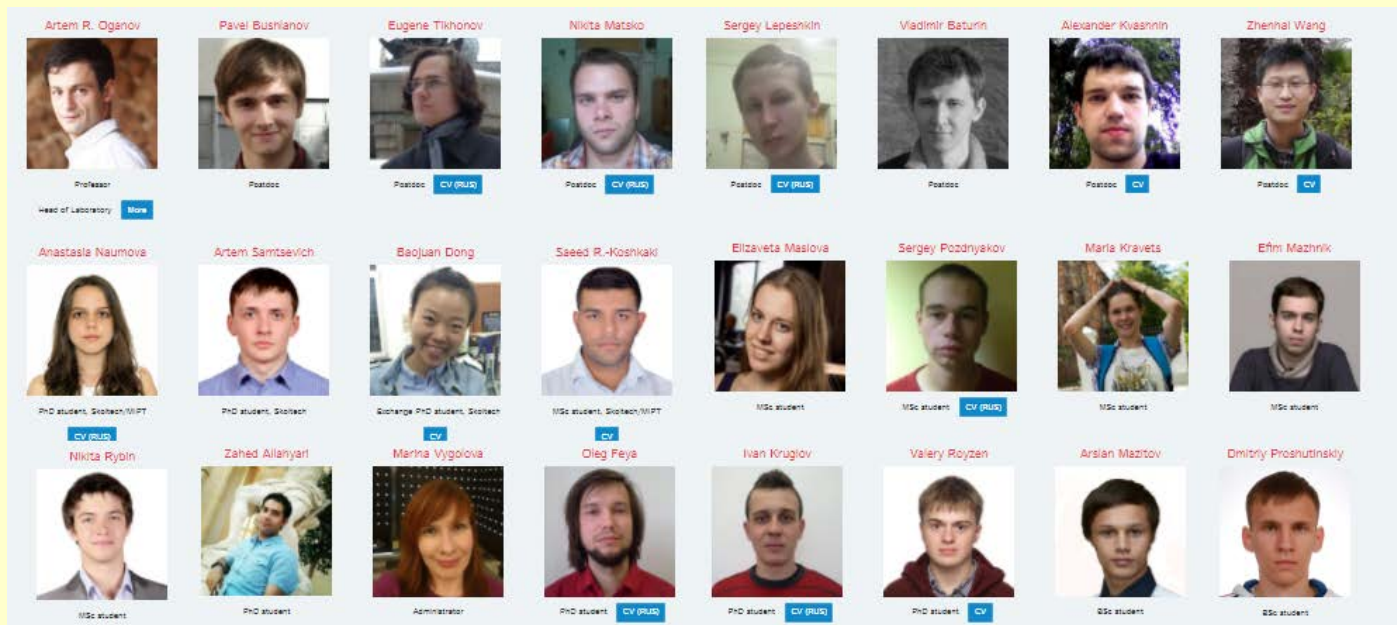


Non-collinear magnets: e.g., $\alpha\text{-Mn}$
(D. Hobbs, J. Hafner, D. Spisak, *PRB* 68, 014407 (2003)).

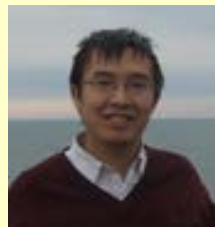


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