In situ X-ray measurements on mm-sized samples at high p-T in the Large Volume Press at P61B, PETRA III

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PS16.1 New opportunities in high-pressure research

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P61B LVP Mission

Applications in geo- and material sciences:

For 50% beam time:

- Phase relations:
 - Transformation/nucleation
 - Melting curves (solidus/liquidus)
 - Equations of state
- Crystallography (later w/ CAESAR or monochromator)
- Controlled rock deformation
- Melt viscosimetry measurements
- Structure of amorphous materials

For 50% experiment time:

- Synthesis of novel (recoverable) materials
 - Band-gap tuning/semiconductors, optical windows, super-hard/conductive, catalyzers, hydrogen storage
- In-house tests/research
- 'Rapid access' (short-term proposal, no external review)

Complementary in situ techniques:

- Ultrasonic interferometry
- Acoustic Emissions testing
- Electrical conductivity (pending)



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First publications using X-rays

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Extreme conditions research using the large-volume press at the P61B endstation, PETRA III

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Development

Beamline layout

The Large Volume Press (LVP) extreme conditions beamline (50% X-rays, 50% stand alone)



Development

Research

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High-pressure techniques

Standard assemblies for in situ hydrostatic high-pressure experiments

'Kawai' 6-8 mode

Recovered assembly after compression





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Summary

High-pressure techniques

Standard assemblies for in situ studies of rock deformation

'Cubic' 6-6 mode (p = 0.5 - 4 GPa)



New! Large cBN anvil (X-ray transparent)

Compatible with Acoustic Emissions (AE) detection

'Cubic' triple-6 mode (p > 5 GPa)

← 38 mm →



X-ray transparent sintered diamond anvils





The whitebeam X-ray microscope

X-ray radiography

- PCO.edge 5.5 MP sCMOS
 - True global & rolling shutter
 - 100 fps @ full-resolution (up to 1000 fps for ROI)
 - Live view & frame capture
 - LVP Z-stage imaging scan
- Double objectives (5x, 10x)
 - high-resolution
 - full beam
- Scintillators (thickness):
 - **GGG:Eu** 20, 40 μm
 - LuAG:Ce

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- 20, 40 µm
- GaGG:Ce-HL
 - 150, 200 µm, ultra-bright



D1 & D2 at +10°, -10° D1 & D2 at +5°, -5°



D1 at +23



2. Ideal for low-Z (X-ray transparent) samples.

 \rightarrow multiple samples in one experiment

Various

positions

measurement

1. High spatial resolution (define gauge volume)

 \rightarrow avoid high temperature & pressure gradients

- 3. Fast acquisition (10-100 s) covering large Q-range.



X-ray powder diffraction using white beam

Instrumentation

HP techniques

Development

Beamline software tools

Available from the website

 Data file conversion HDF5 (nxs) → txt and GSAS2 formats



Simultaneous P and T estimation in a cell
assembly using pressure standards

Why? To simplify the HP assembly

Cell Assembly (Kawai-type Apparatus, to 16 GPa)



Problems with thermocouple

- Can break any time / report false readings
- Does not measure true sample T
 - Typical > 30 °C gradient
- Requires (unknown) pressure correction on emf
- Disturbs pressure distribution / adds stress
 - or hot spots/instability in case of drilled furnace

11.43 mm

Development

Beamline software tools

Simultaneous P and T estimation in cell assembly using pressure standards

Ideal PT marker candidates are :

- Highly symmetric (cubic structure),
- Plastically isotropic,
- Non-reactive,
- Stable over large PT ranges,
- Good compressibility or thermal pressure (i.e. expansion)

Example combinations:

High compressibility, low thermal pressure

- NaCl (B1/B2), KCl and other salts/halides Moderate compressibility, thermal pressure
- SiC (cubic form)
- MgO

Low compressibility, high thermal pressure

Many metals, including Pt, Au, Ni, ...



Development

Beamline software tools

Simultaneous P and T estimation in cell assembly using pressure standards



Least parallel isochors minimize PT uncertainties for equivalent errors in the lattice constants from a best fit





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Acoustic Emissions testing

Methodology (MA6-6 compression)

'16/12' AE assembly in the LVP



triggered (raw) waveforms and pre-calculated AE characteristics of events.

Acoustic Emissions testing

Some results on cracking of silica glass in situ

Adaptable MATLAB scripts for processing require only:

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Manuscript in preparation

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Ultrasonic Interferometry

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Wave speed measurements

Ultrasonic Interferometry: Now available at P61B



General method

(1) A LiNbO3 sensor of choice on the back of a mirror polished anvil, transmits a pulse and receives an echo.

(2) Simultaneous imaging (**radiography**) provides sample length with sub-pixel resolution (< 1 μ m).

(3) Wave speed at given P,T is calculated to determine elastic moduli (with density information) and/or pressure.

→ Simultaneous measurement of P and S wave travel time, density, and sample length.

 \rightarrow Acquisition routine is scripted using python.



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Dedicated user operation at P61B

- LVP upgraded for wide range of *in situ* and *ex situ* experiments for wide P and T ranges.
- Ge-detectors provide excellent XRD data quality, high count rate (200+ kcps), low acquisition time.
- Development of user-friendly GUIs and tools.

Support for new *in situ* experiments

- 1. Controlled rock deformation (2 Ge-SSD)
- 2. Acoustic Emissions (AE) w/ deformation
- 3. Ultrasonic wave speed measurements (using 26 mm or 32 mm WC cubes)
- 4. Falling sphere viscosimetry (w/ GaGG:Ce scint.)

Thank you for your attention!

Look for a poster by Dr. Christian Lathe in CMWS



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