

# Workshop on Diffraction at Low-Temperature and High-Pressure at I15 – Extreme Condition Beam Line

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# Aim of this Workshop

**Diffraction at high pressure** is a routinely used technique to explore structural properties of condensed matter. This technique is now being combined with **extreme temperature** conditions.

## **Present I15 user group:**

Earth/planetary science

Solid-state chemistry/materials science

Elemental/**cryogenic physics at high pressure**

Liquid state behaviour

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The goal of this workshop is to highlight the importance of **low-temperature** structural data at high pressures in conjunction with **electronic, magnetic, and optical properties** and ...

**... to discuss potential experiments on I15.**



# Diffraction at Low-T and High-P

## -a selection-

- Membrane DAC,  $T > 46$  K (Le Toullec et al., High Pressure Research **8**, 691 (1992))
- $^4\text{He}$  EOS from single x-tal,  $T > 46$  K (P. Loubeyre et al., PRL **71**, 2272 (1993))
- $\text{D}_2$  EOS from powder,  $T = 83$  K (Kawamura et al., SSC **119**, 29 (2001))
- $\text{O}_2$  at  $T > 19$  K (Akahama et al., PRB **64**, 054105 (2001))
- EOS of Zn at  $T = 40$  K (Takemura et al., J. Phys. Condens. Matter **14**, 10563 (2002))
- EOS of  $\text{CeCu}_2\text{Ge}_2$  at  $T = 10$  K (Onodera et al., SSC **123**, 113 (2002))
- FeGe,  $T = 80$  K (Pedrazzini et al., PRL **98**, 047204 (2007))

...but many other elements/compounds to be studied below 10K:

- $\text{H}_2$ , molecular solids and cryo-crystals
- High- $T_c$  superconductivity in iron pnictides
- ...

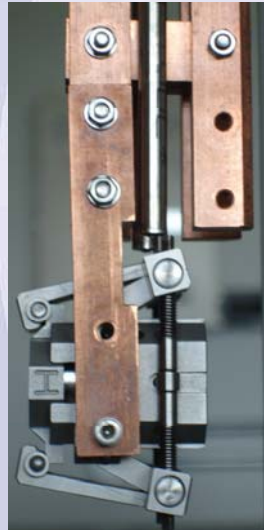


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  - CCD 'Ruby' ( $\phi=135\text{ mm}$ ,  $48\ \mu\text{m}$  pixel size), including CrysAlis suite (Ox Diff)
  - Image plate 'MAR345' ( $\phi=345\text{ mm}$ ,  $100\ \mu\text{m}$  pixel size)
  - Raman spectrometer
  - *Equipment for  $\rho(T)$ ,  $\chi(T)$ ,  $c_p(T)$  at high-p*
  - ...
- Samples
  - Elements
  - Molecular crystals
  - Correlated electron systems (including pnictide superconductors)
  - ...

# Programme

- 9:40 – 10:05      **Low Temperature Powder and Single Crystal Studies of Elements**  
Prof. Malcom McMahon (The University of Edinburgh)
- 10:05 – 10:30      **Resonant x-ray diffraction from electronic phase separations  
in quantum phase transitions**  
Dr Marc de Vries (University of St. Andrews)
- 10:30 – 10:50      Coffee break
- 10:50 – 11:15      **High Pressure, Low Temperature Studies of  
Unconventional Superconductivity and Novel Quantum Order**  
Dr Emma Pugh (University of Cambridge)
- 11:15 – 11:40      **Recent examples of pressure-induced phase transitions in  
strongly correlated electron systems**  
Prof. Mohsen Abd-Elmeguid (University Cologne, Germany)
- 11:40 – 12:45      Discussion
- 12:45 – 13:30      Lunch
- 13:30 – 15:00      Tours to I15



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# Discussion:

1. Setting up cryostat on 2nd table (offline jobs)
2. Commissioning (online; beam time needed in addition to maintenance time)
3. What kind of additional probe is most useful?
4. Allocating beam time for experiments
5. Upgrading cryostat