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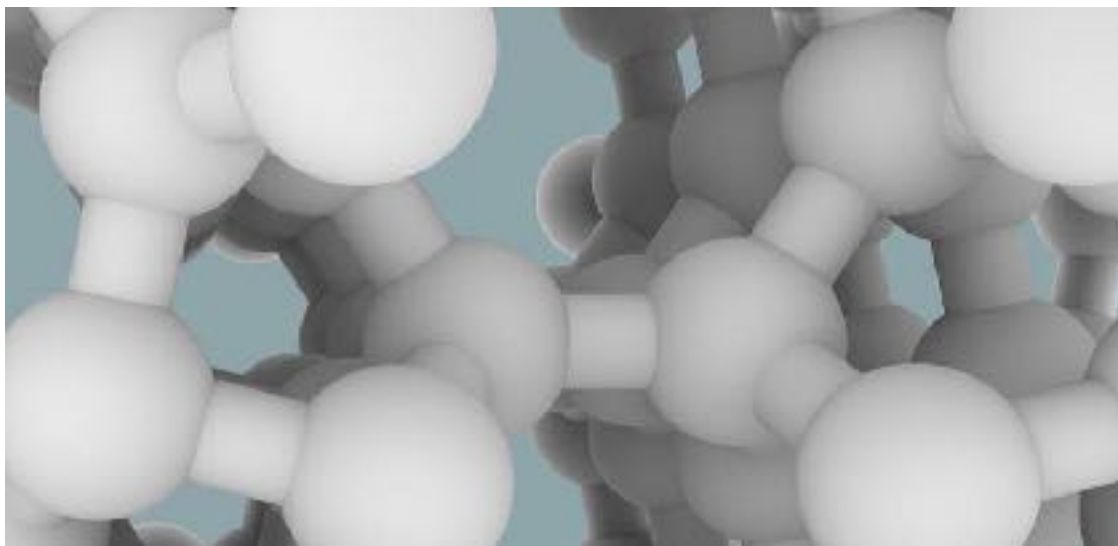
Computational condensed matter physics

Novel oxidation state of iron, peroxide  $\text{FeO}_2$ :  
Understanding physical properties and implication to geoscience

crystal structure searching

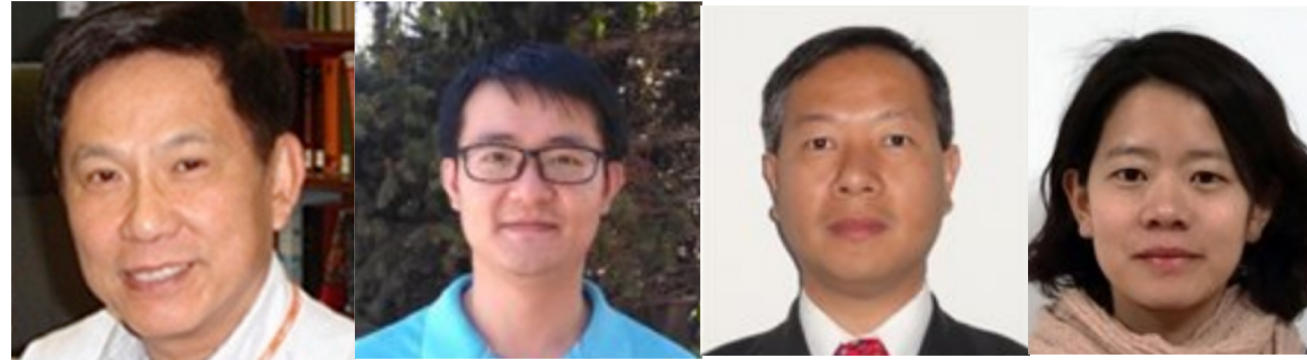
Geoscience

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# Collaborations

FeO<sub>2</sub>H<sub>x</sub> experimental synthesis



National Natural Science Foundation of China



Computational study of correlation effect of FeO<sub>2</sub>



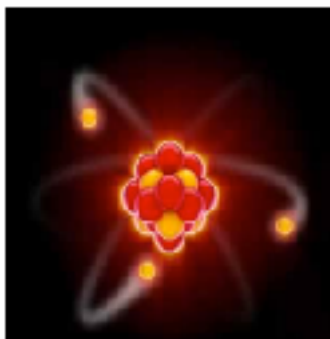
Material – plasma  
interaction experiment



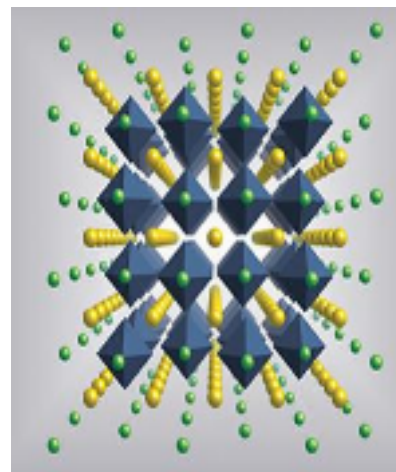
Computational Crystal Structure Prediction







Top 1000-Talents Award



high pressure  
energy



high pressure  
functional materials

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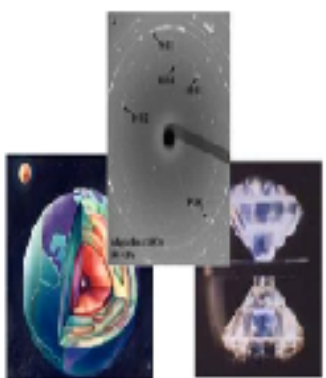


high pressure chemistry

high pressure nano science



Superhard material



Earth & planetary sciences



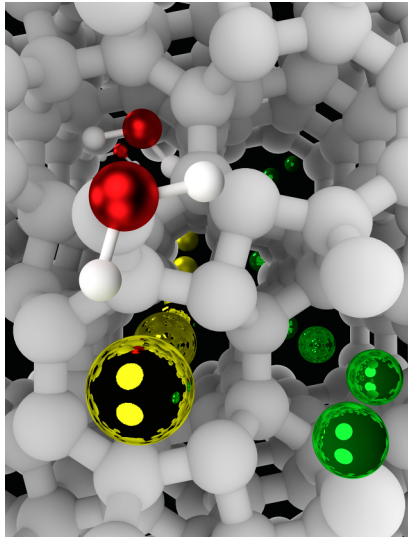
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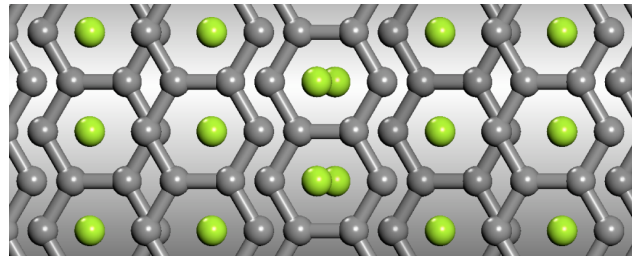
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Synchrotron Sources



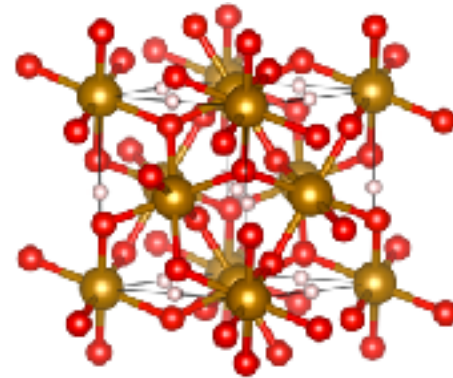
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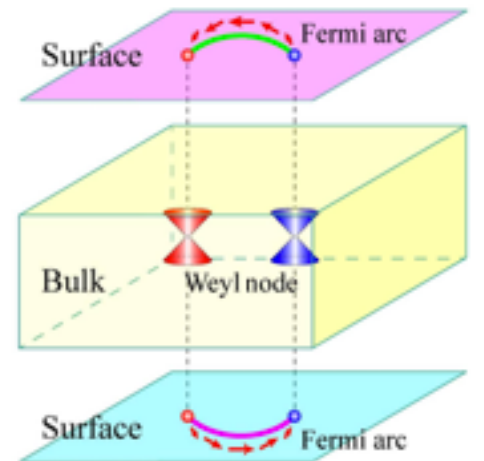
New silicon



New Carbide

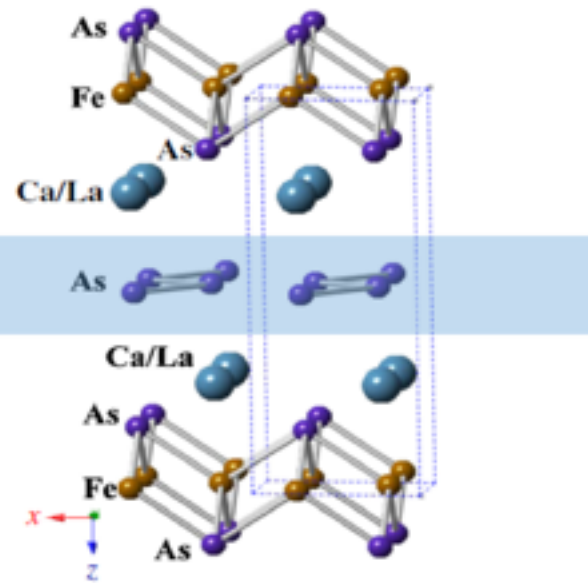


FeO<sub>2</sub>

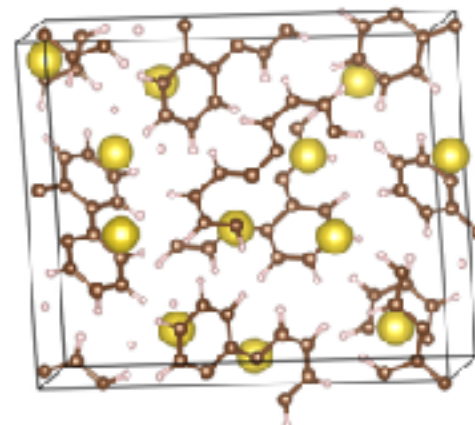


TI under pressure

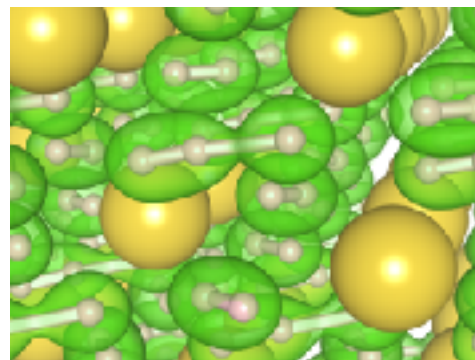
(Ca<sub>1-x</sub>La<sub>x</sub>FeAs<sub>2</sub>: 112)



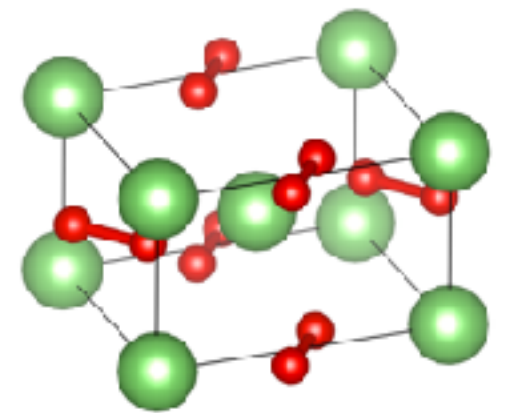
FeAs superconductivity



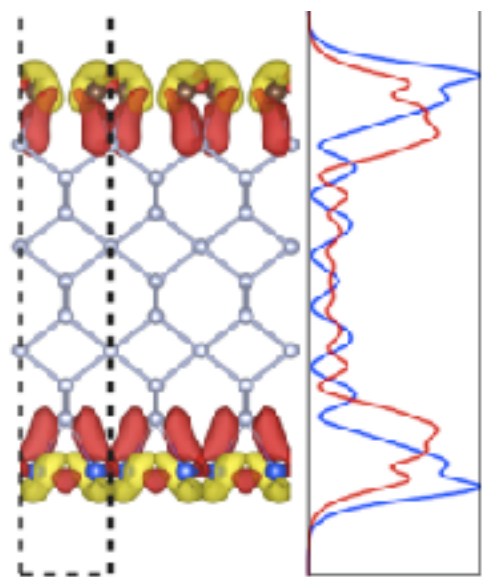
Organic superconductivity



Hydrides under pressure



New superoxide



artificial low dim. materials



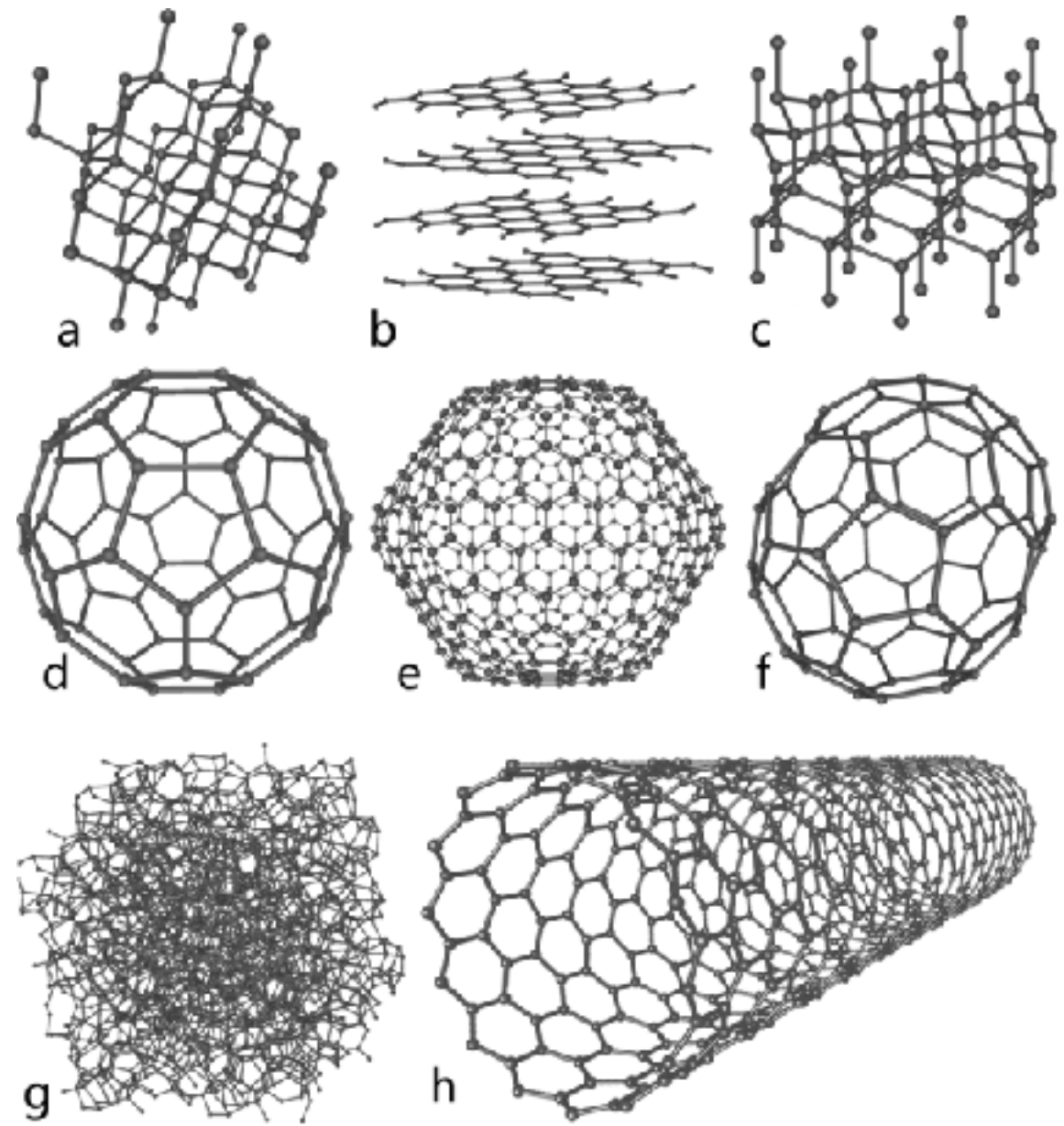


# Under Pressure, graphite turns into diamond



$sp^3$  diamond

$sp^2$  graphite



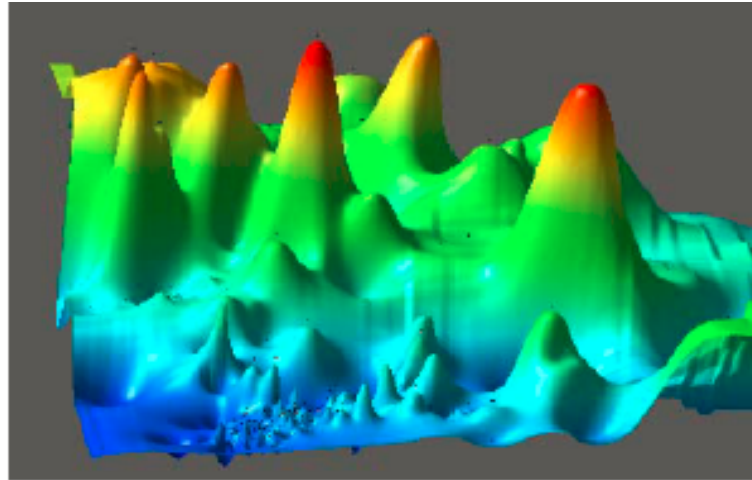
@ ambient conditions

1. Graphite is the ground state
2. Diamond is very stable
3. Many metastable phases coexist



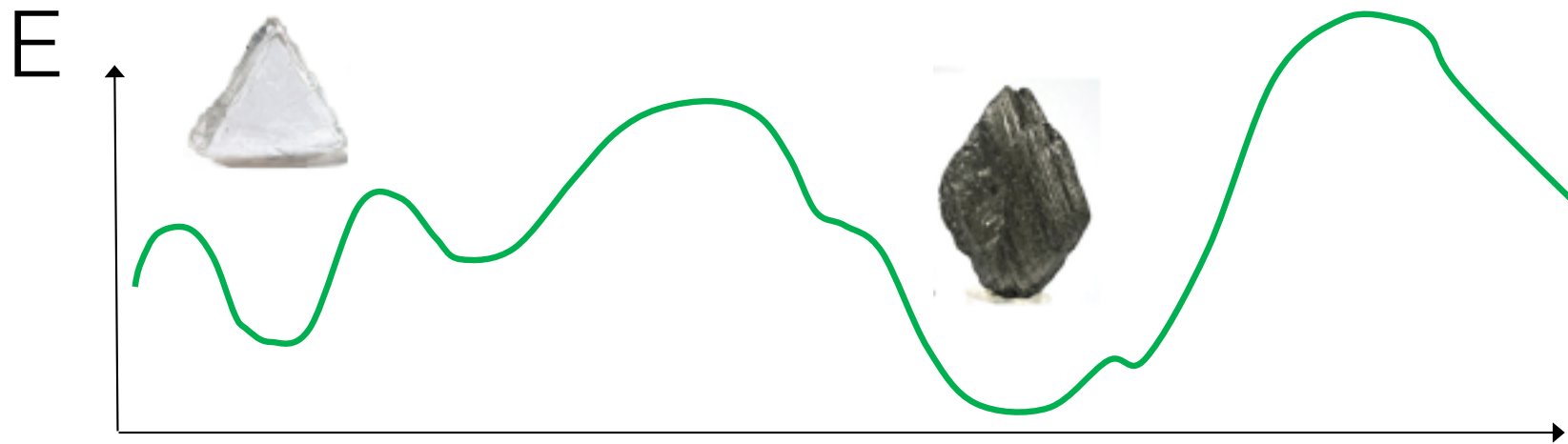
# Energy Landscape changes with pressure

Enthalpy

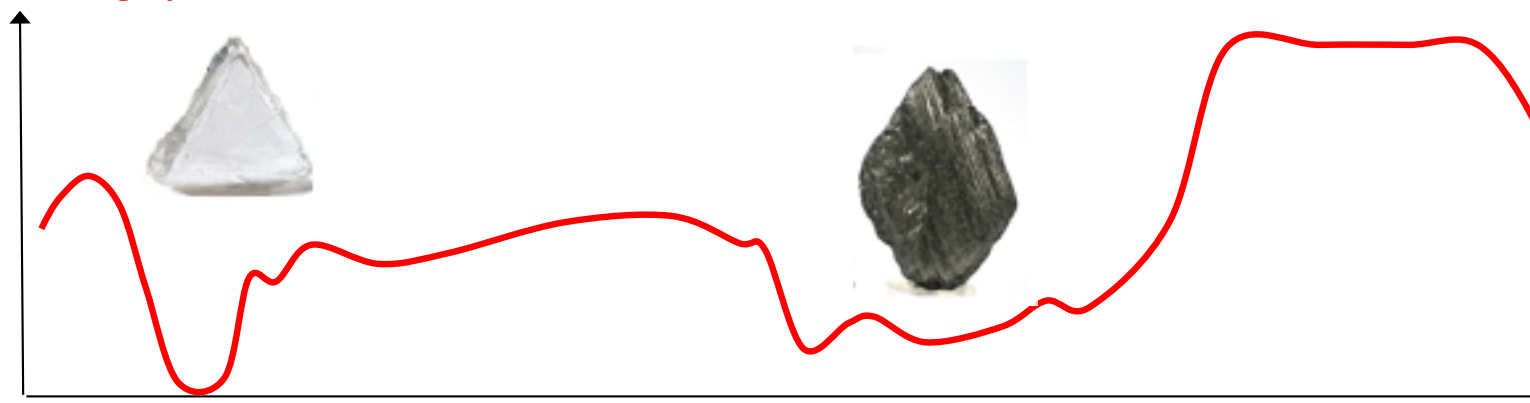


Real landscape is multi-dimensional

*Low pressure*

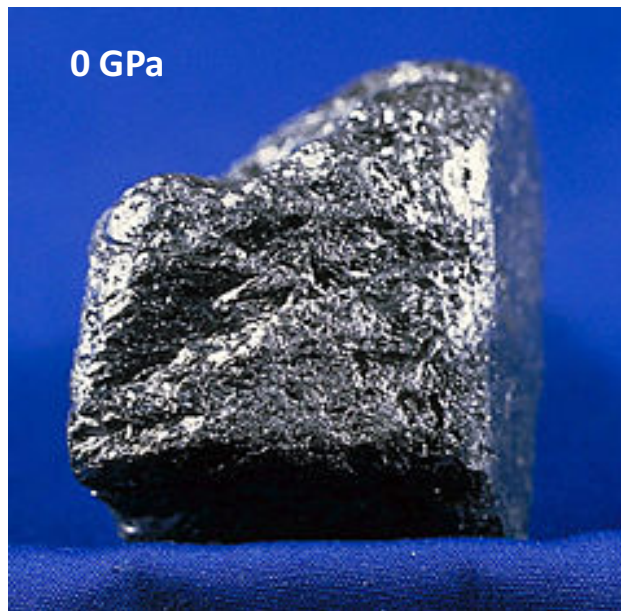


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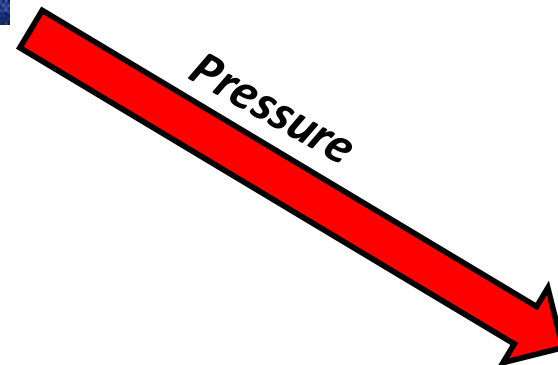


# Pressure induces structural transformation



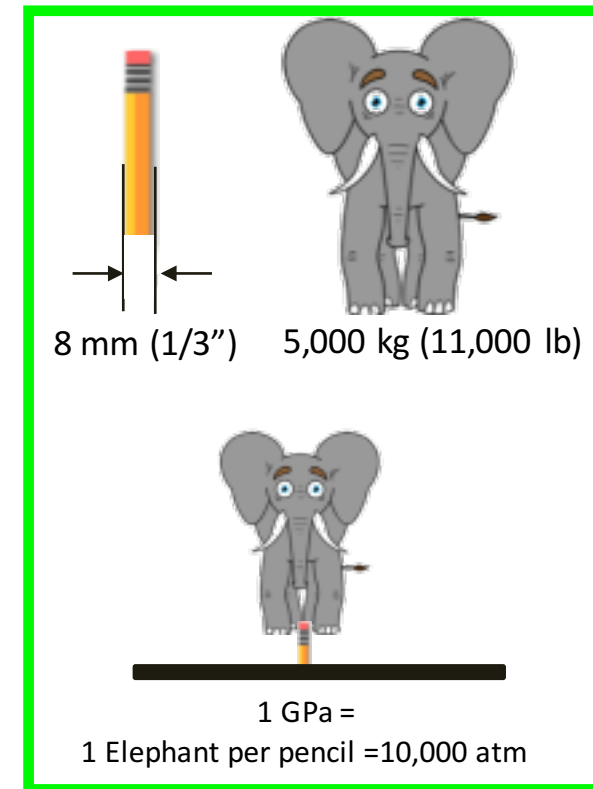
## GRAPHITE

- *hexagonal crystal*
- *Black and opaque*
- *Very soft*
- *electrical conductor*
- *thermally insulating*

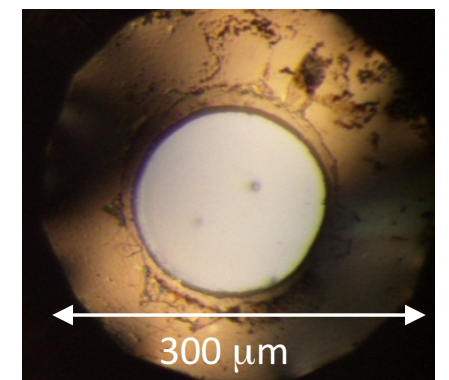
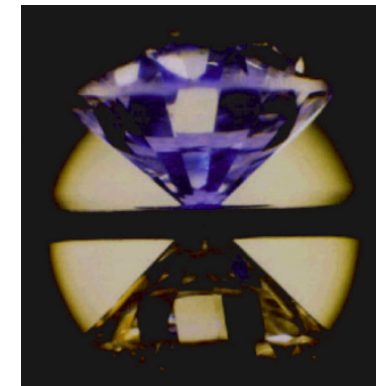
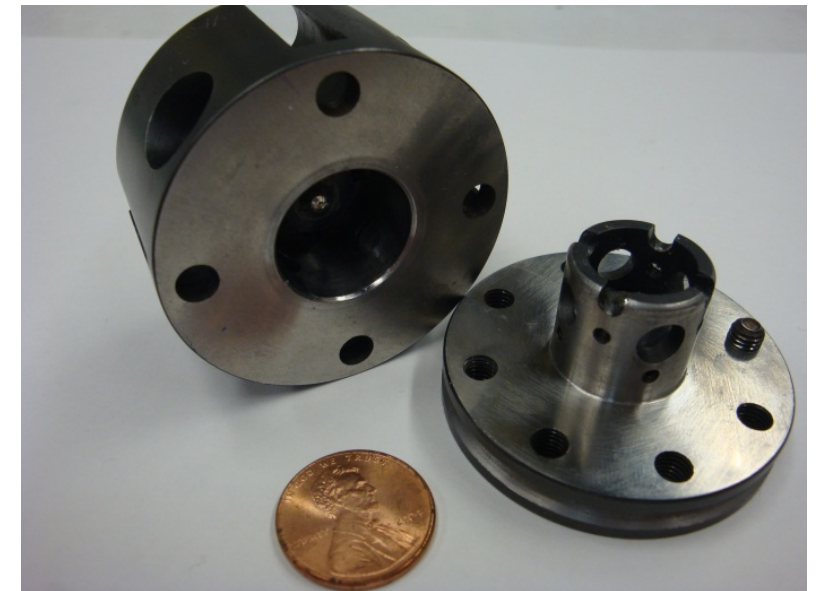
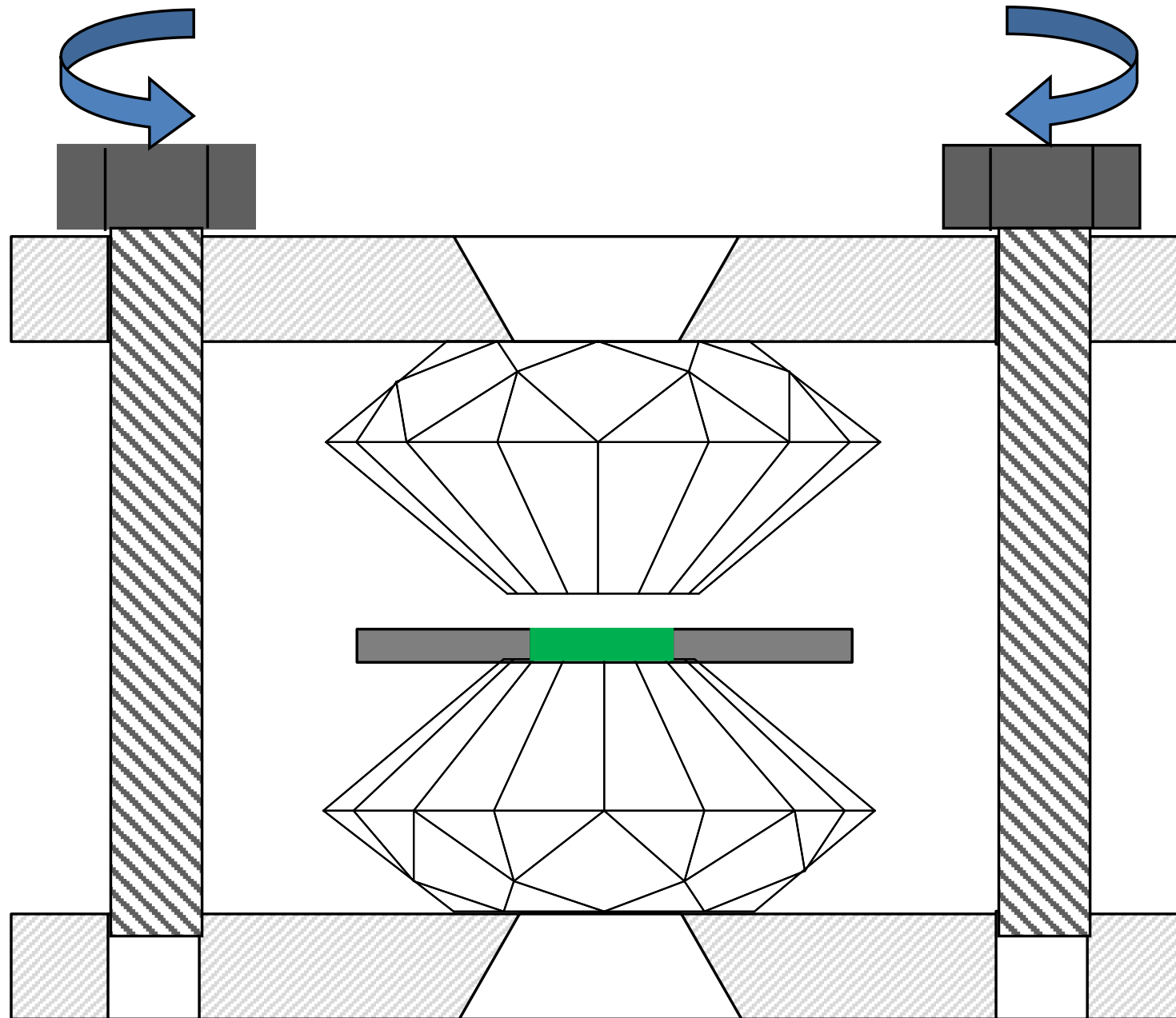


## DIAMOND

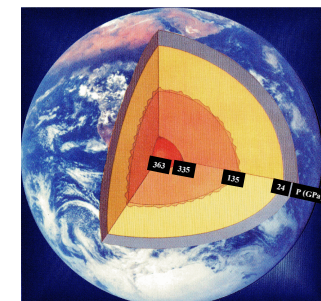
- *Cubic crystal*
- *Clear and transparent*
- *Hardest mineral known*
- *electrical insulator*
- *Highest thermal conductivity*



# Diamond anvil cell (exp.)



$1 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mm}^3$  @ 100 GPa  
(very thin slice of hair)



Center of the earth = 360 GPa



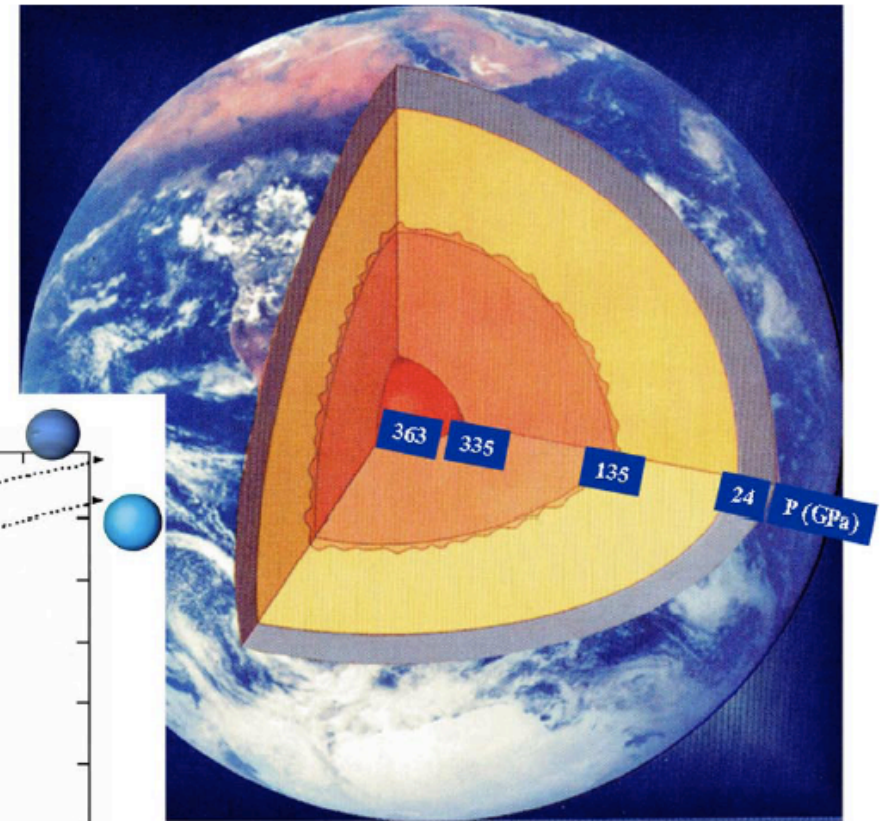
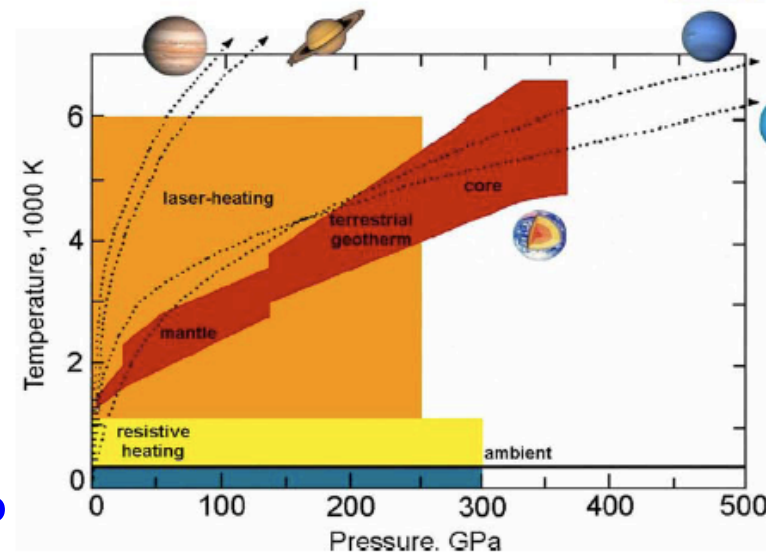
# Pressure ranges

1 GPa = 10 kbar  $\approx 10^4$  atm

At the center of Earth  $\sim 350$  GPa

At the center of Jupiter  $\sim 7$  TPa

At the center of some exoplanet  $\sim 100$  TPa



What is possible in the lab ?

Current maximum pressure in DAC  $\sim 350$  GPa

Can achieve multi-TPa in shock-wave experiments

Aluminum subjected to 400 TPa in underground nuclear explosion

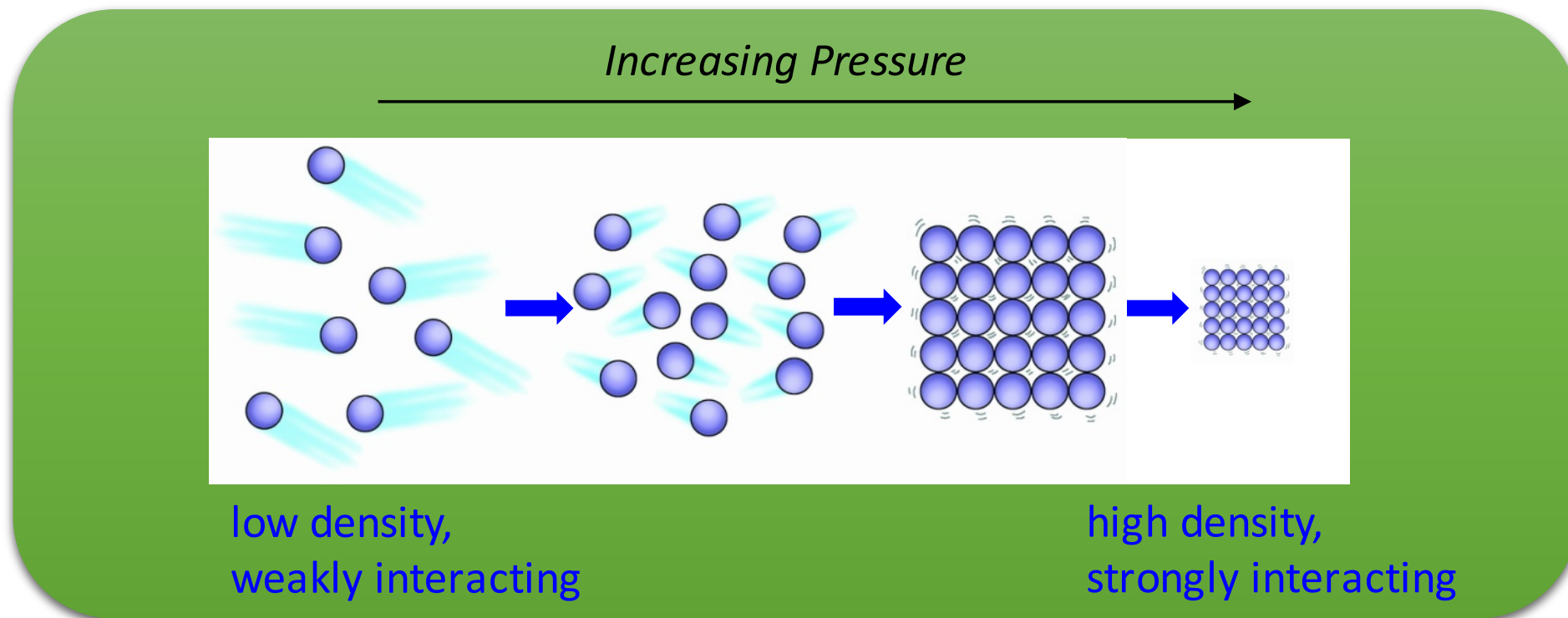
Development of apparatus for multi-TPa experiment, laser driven shock wave pre-compression, National Ignition Facility (NIF) etc

# Conventional wisdom for elements is

Group→	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
↓Period																			
1	1 H																		2 He
2	3 Li	4 Be											5 B	6 C	7 N	8 O	9 F	10 Ne	
3	11 Na	12 Mg											13 Al	14 Si	15 P	16 S	17 Cl	18 Ar	
4	19 K	20 Ca	21 Sc	22 Ti	23 V	24 Cr	25 Mn	26 Fe	27 Co	28 Ni	29 Cu	30 Zn	31 Ga	32 Ge	33 As	34 Se	35 Br	36 Kr	
5	37 Rb	38 Sr	39 Y	40 Zr	41 Nb	42 Mo	43 Tc	44 Ru	45 Rh	46 Pd	47 Ag	48 Cd	49 In	50 Sn	51 Sb	52 Te	53 I	54 Xe	
6	55 Cs	56 Ba	* 71 Lu	72 Hf	73 Ta	74 W	75 Re	76 Os	77 Ir	78 Pt	79 Au	80 Hg	81 Tl	82 Pb	83 Bi	84 Po	85 At	86 Rn	
7	87 Fr	88 Ra	* * 103 Lr	104 Rf	105 Db	106 Sg	107 Bh	108 Hs	109 Mt	110 Ds	111 Rg	112 Cn	113 Uut	114 Fl	115 Uup	116 Lv	117 Uus	118 Uuo	
			* 57 La	58 Ce	59 Pr	60 Nd	61 Pm	62 Sm	63 Eu	64 Gd	65 Tb	66 Dy	67 Ho	68 Er	69 Tm	70 Yb			
			* * 89 Ac	90 Th	91 Pa	92 U	93 Np	94 Pu	95 Am	96 Cm	97 Bk	98 Cf	99 Es	100 Fm	101 Md	102 No			



# Oxygen is a superconducting metal under compression



## Oxygen, O<sub>2</sub>

Atmospheric pressure

colorless gas, diatomic molecules

This panel shows oxygen at atmospheric pressure. It features a glass jar with a metal clasp, which is empty, representing the colorless gas. To the right, several red diatomic oxygen molecules (O<sub>2</sub>) are shown. A small inset image shows a blue sky with white clouds over a green field.

High pressure (>10 GPa)

O<sub>8</sub>

S. Desgreniers (2009)

This panel shows oxygen at high pressure (>10 GPa). On the left is a photograph of a small, bright orange crystal sample. To the right is a red ball-and-stick model of an O<sub>8</sub> molecule, which has a cage-like structure of eight oxygen atoms.

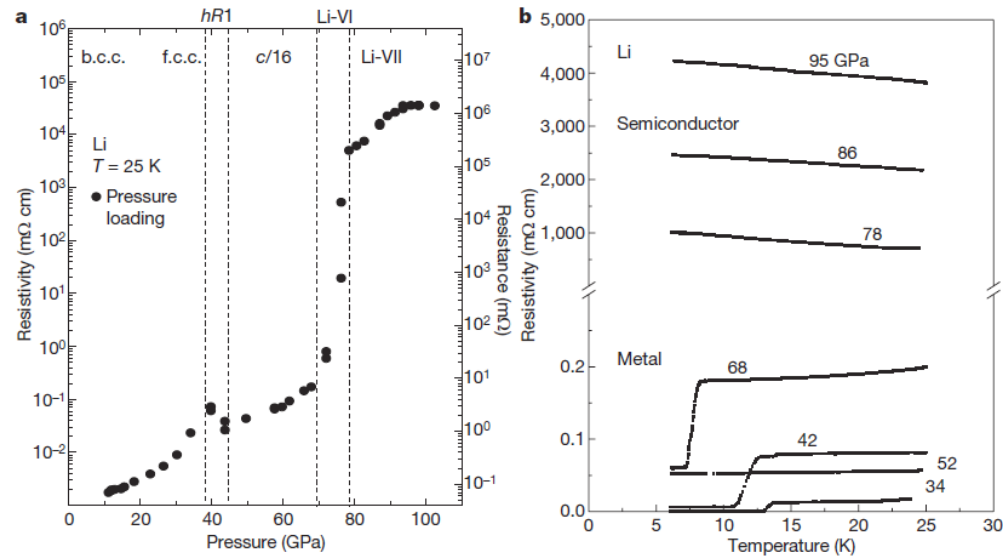
Higher pressure (>100 GPa)

**Metallic oxygen**

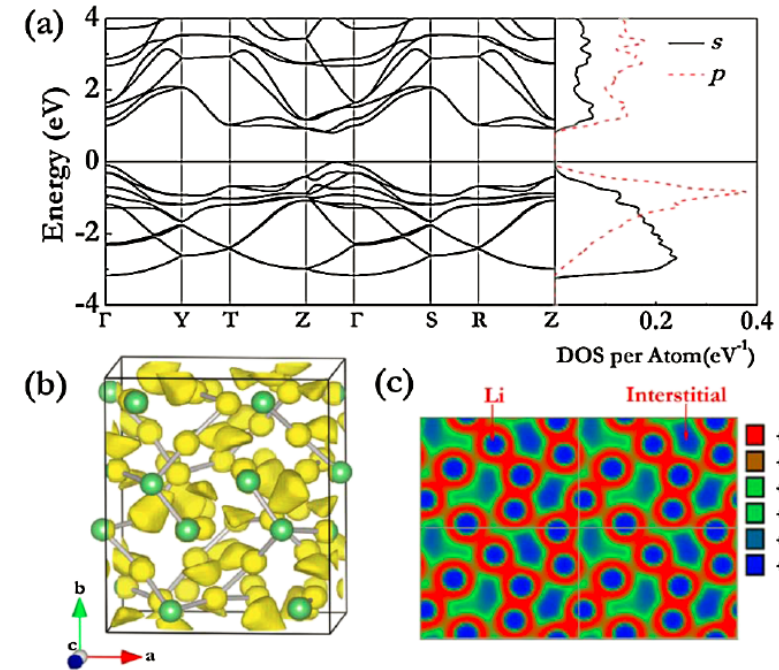
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This panel shows oxygen at higher pressure (>100 GPa), where it becomes metallic oxygen. The image shows a photograph of a metallic-looking sample, labeled 'c)'. The text 'Metallic oxygen' is written to the right of the image. Below the image is the citation: Weck et al., *Phys. Rev. Lett.*, **102** 255503 (2009).

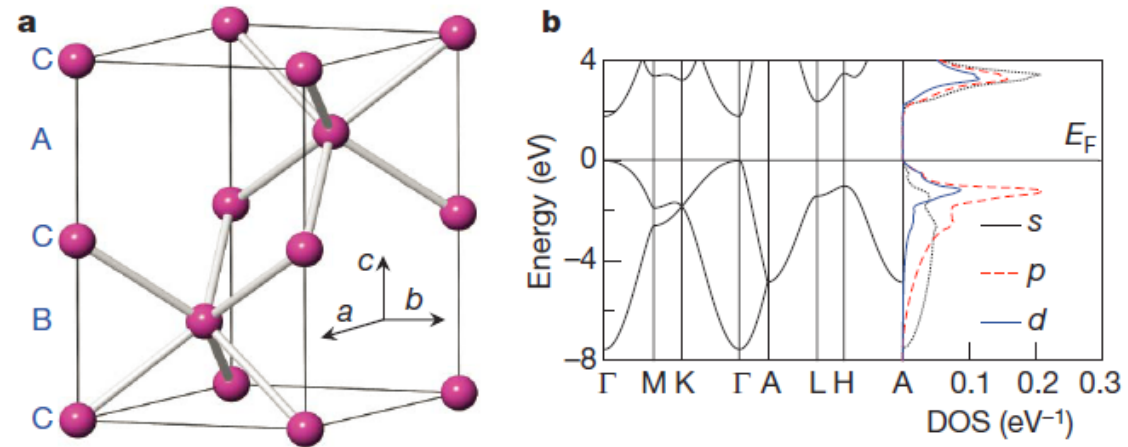
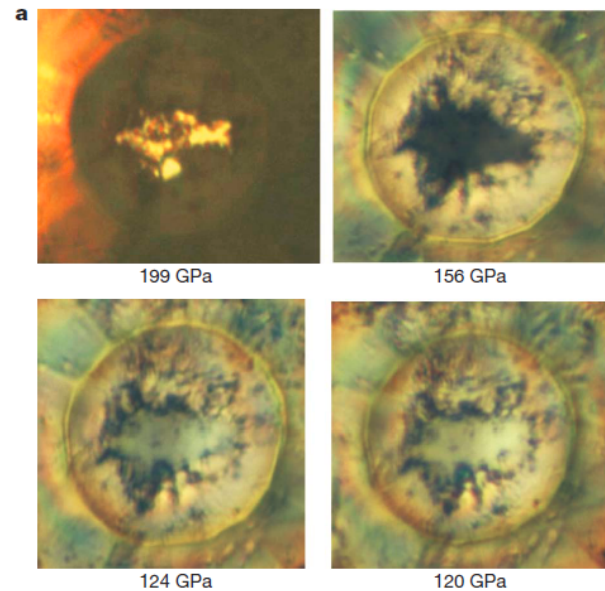
# Alkali metals are insulators under compression



*Nature* **458** 186 (2009)



*Phys. Rev. Lett.* **106** 015503 (2011)



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- Under pressure, it is common to find unexpected physical properties of most elements
- Atomic configuration determines materials property



# Highest superconductivity $T_c$ of elements under pressure

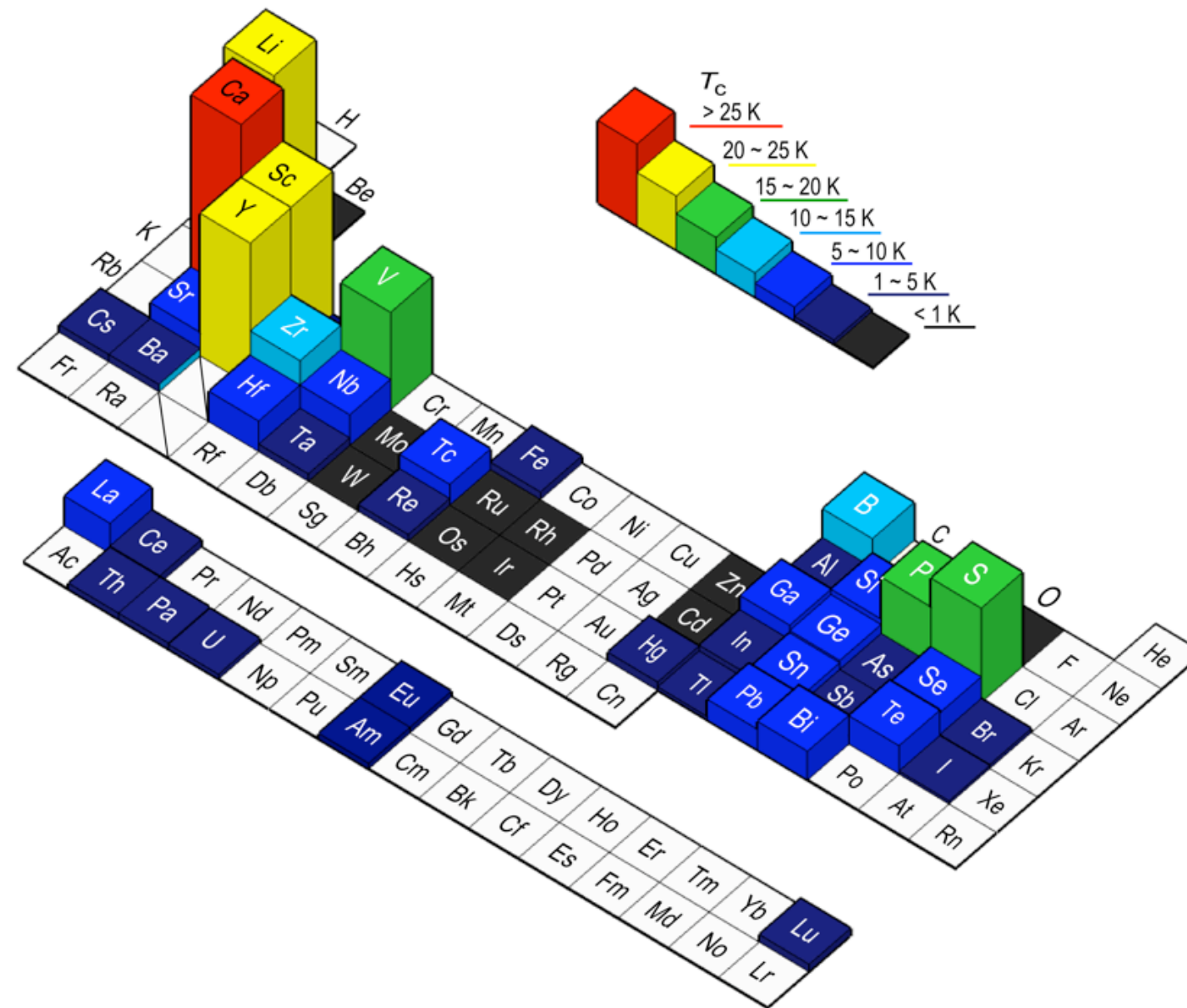
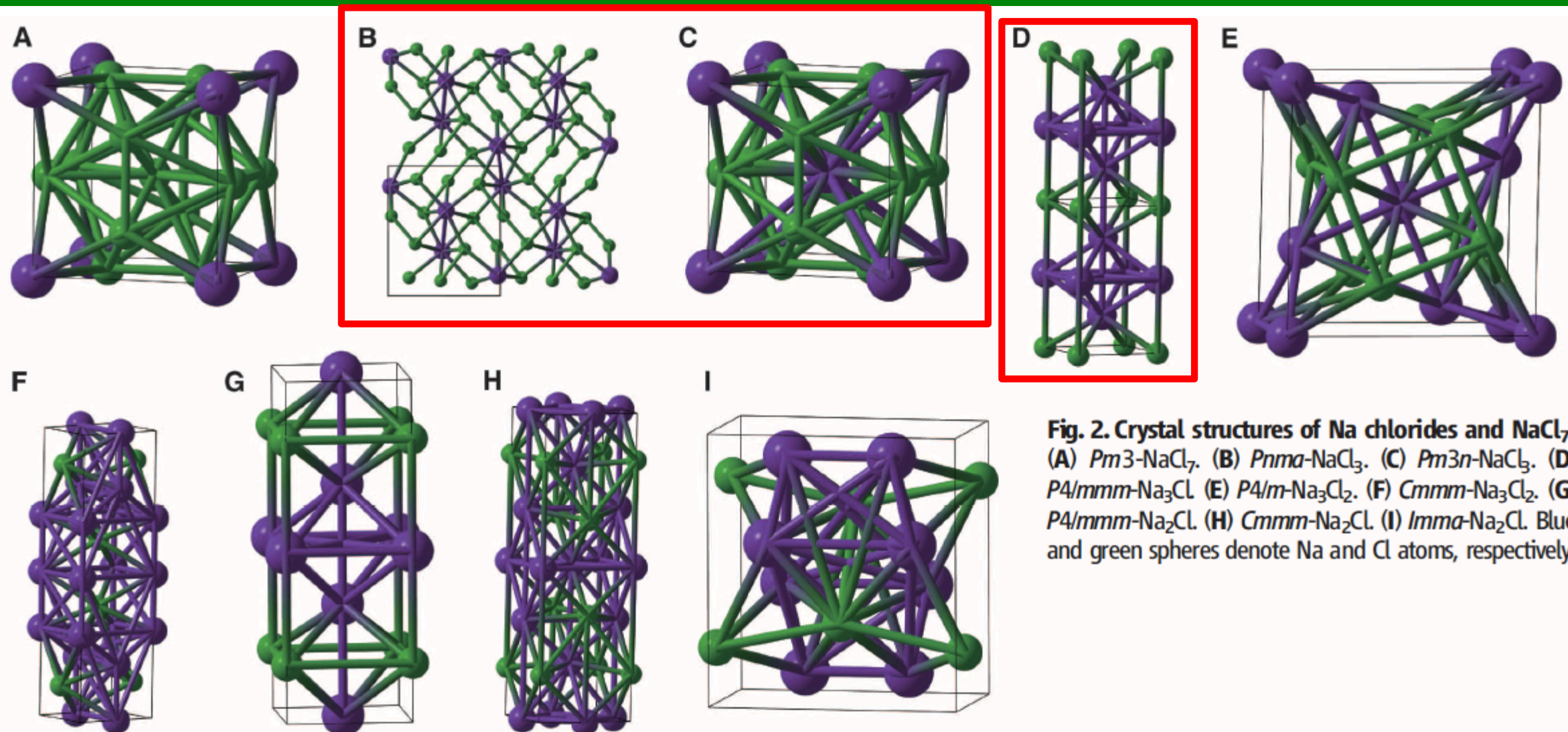


Image courtesy of Dr. Takahiro Matsuoka

30 elements are superconductors at ambient pressure  
53 elements are superconductors under pressure

# High-Pressure Chemistry:

## What is the chemical formula for sodium chloride?



## Unexpected Stable Stoichiometries of Sodium Chlorides

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conventional superconductivity reaches 200 K

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

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MgB<sub>2</sub> with T<sub>c</sub>=39 K was highest

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# Observation of the Wigner-Huntington transition to metallic hydrogen

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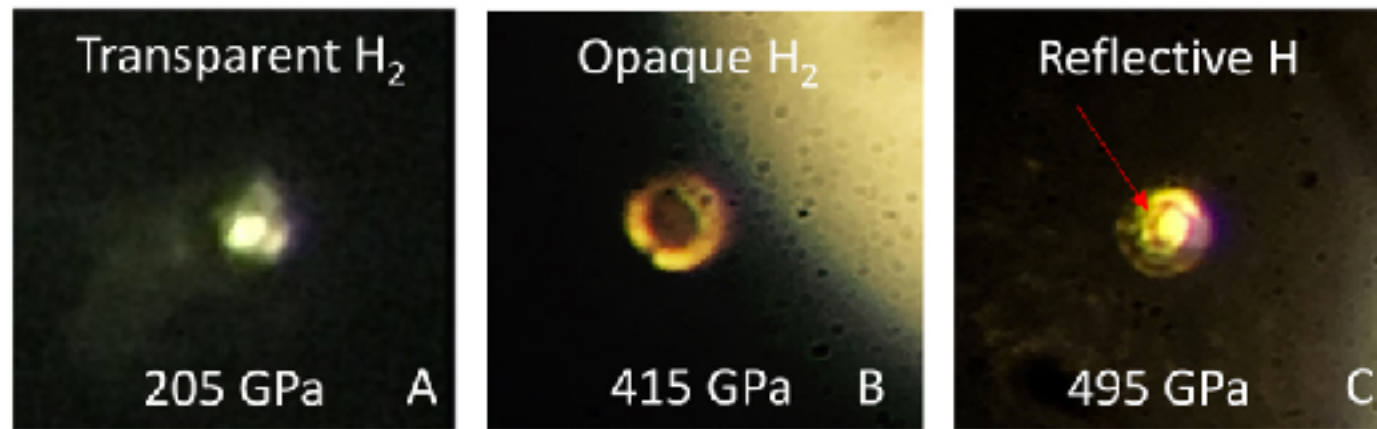
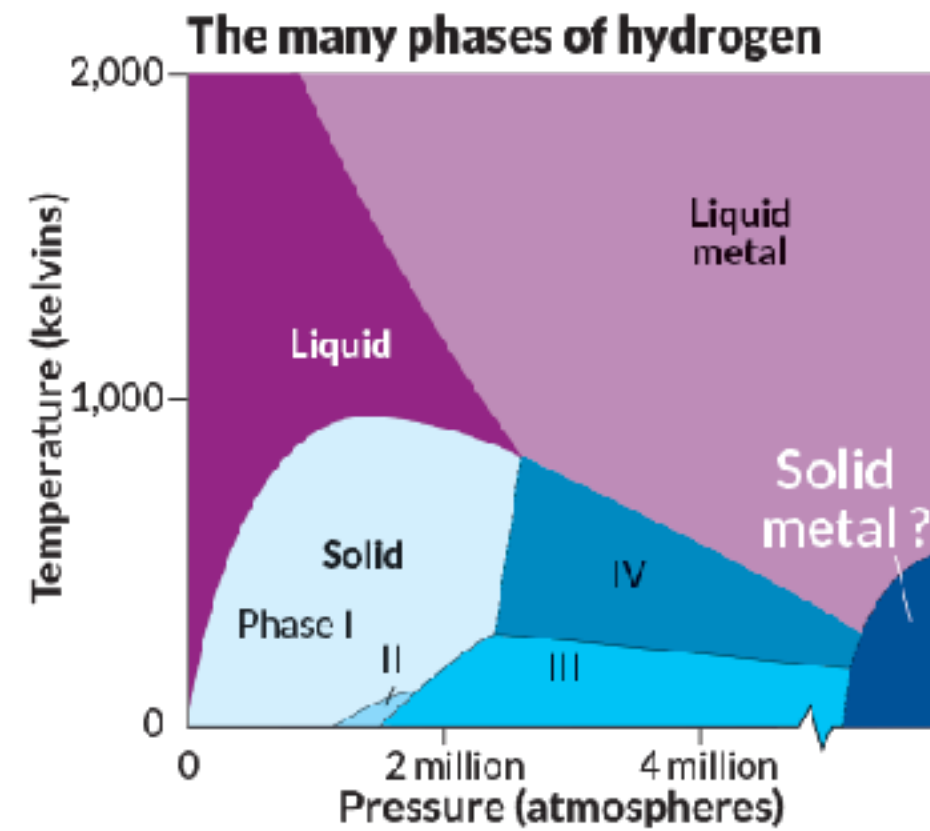


Fig. 2. Photographs of hydrogen at different stages of compression. Photos were taken with an iPhone camera at the ocular of a modified stereo microscope, using LED illumination in the other optical path of the

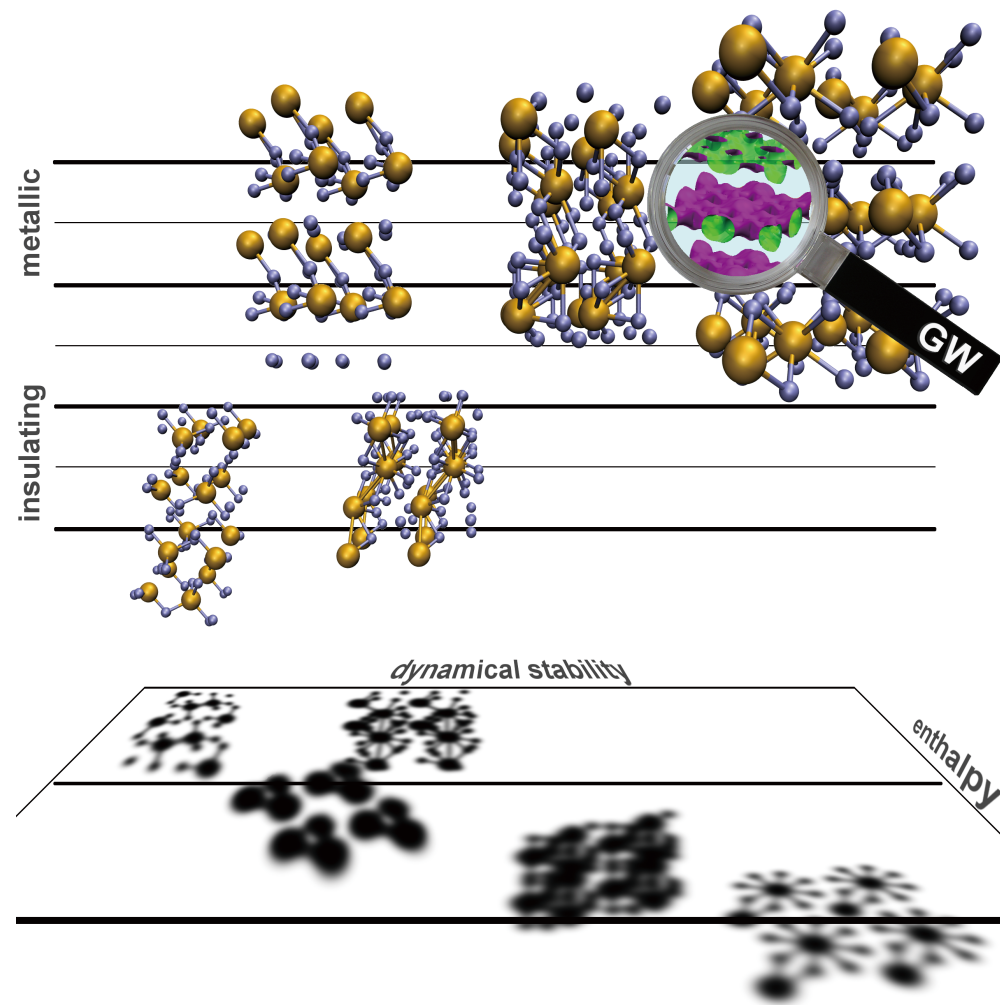






# computational approaches


## Electronic structure analysis



## Atomic position predictions

**USPEX**  
*Universal Structure Predictor: Evolutionary Xtallography*

*Ab Initio Random Structure Searching*

 **UCL**

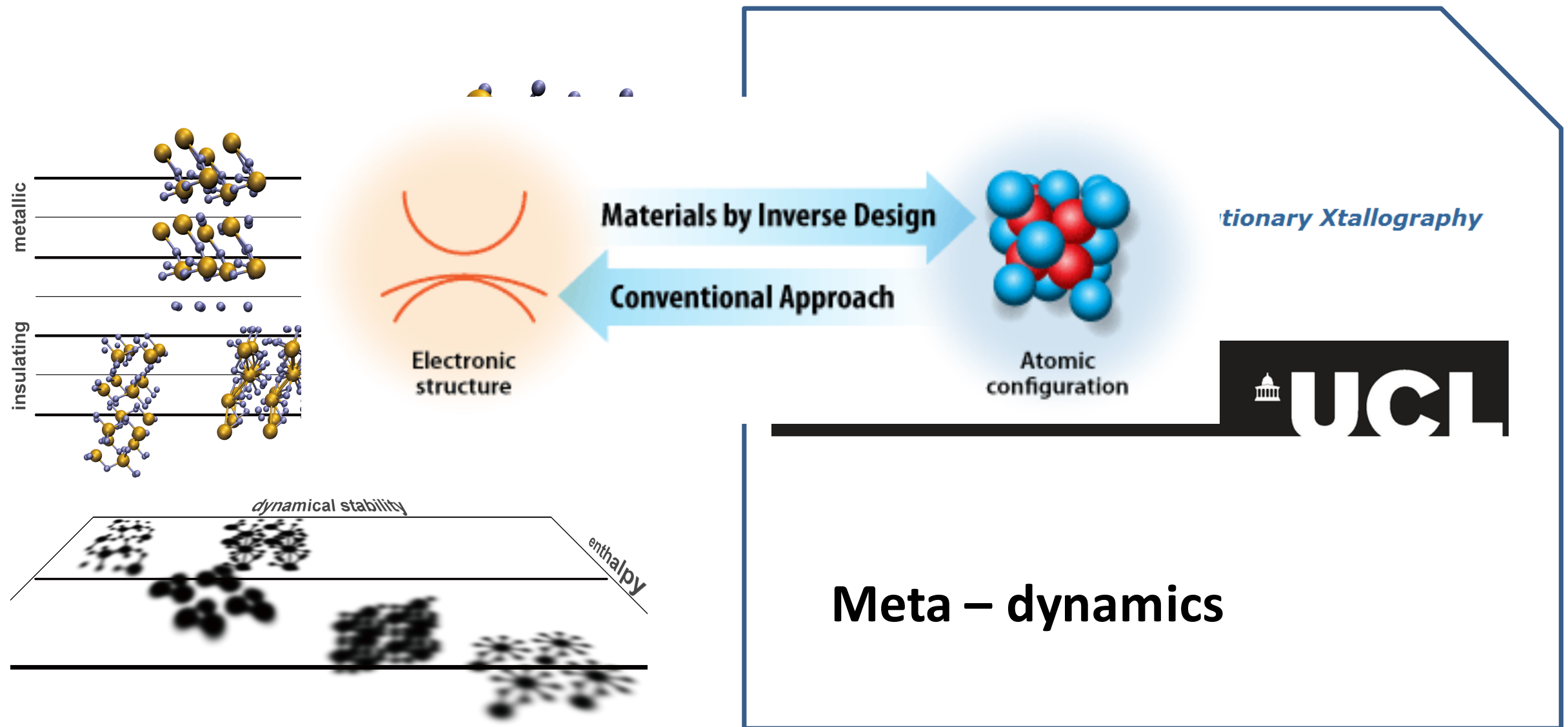
**Meta – dynamics**



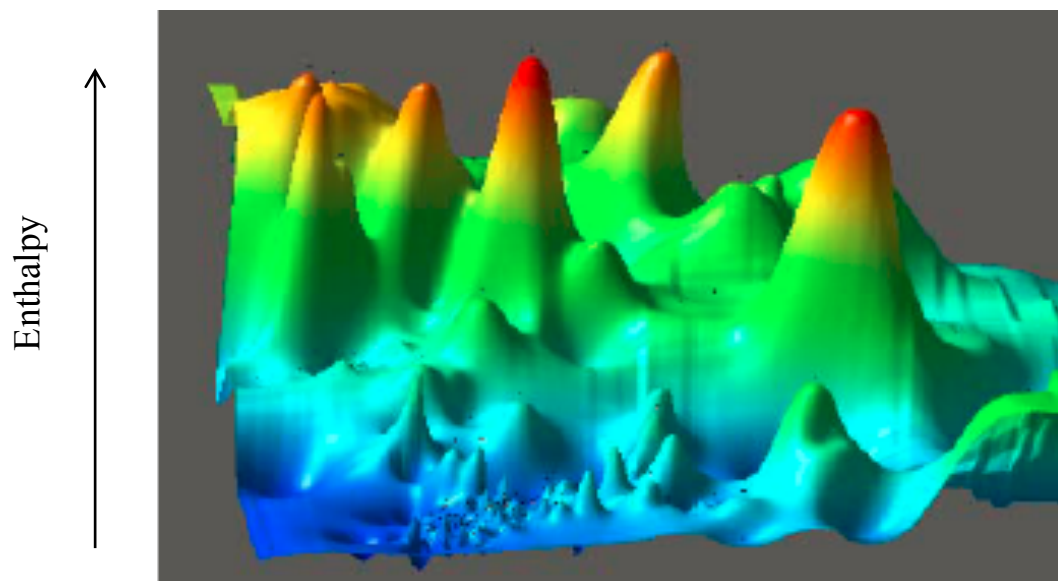
# computational approaches

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# Prediction crystal structure



- Make a random unit cell
- Throw the required numbers of each atom type into the cell at random
- Relax under the quantum mechanical forces and stresses
- Look at lowest-energy or other interesting structures

Searching method



First principles calculations

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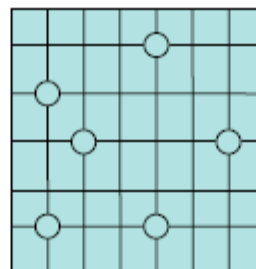
## Are Crystal Structures Predictable?

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:

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

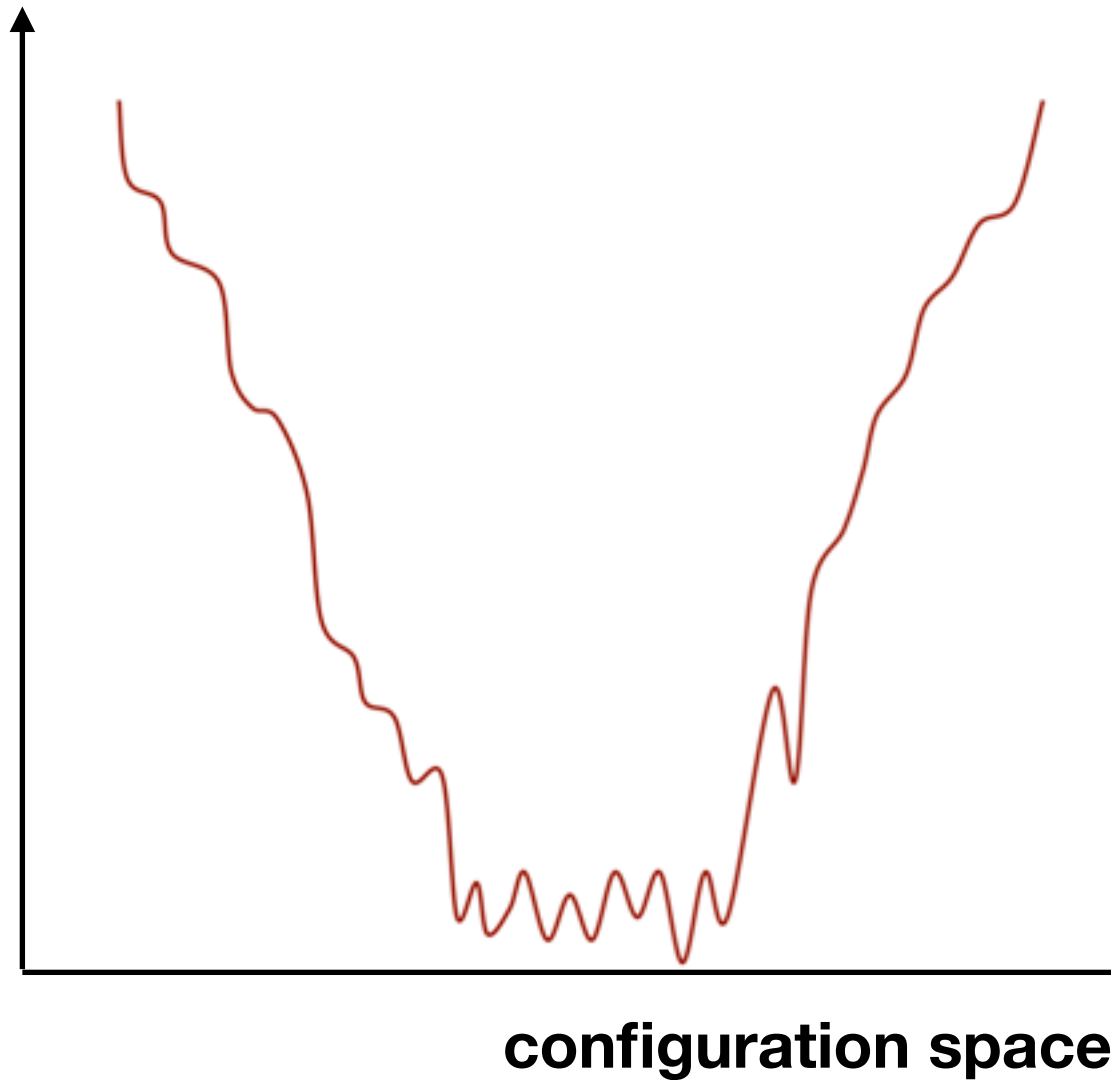


$N_{\text{atoms}}$	Variants	CPU time
1	1	1 sec.
10	$10^{11}$	$10^3$ yrs.
20	$10^{25}$	$10^{17}$ yrs.
30	$10^{39}$	$10^{31}$ yrs.



# Computational structure prediction

**Total Energy**



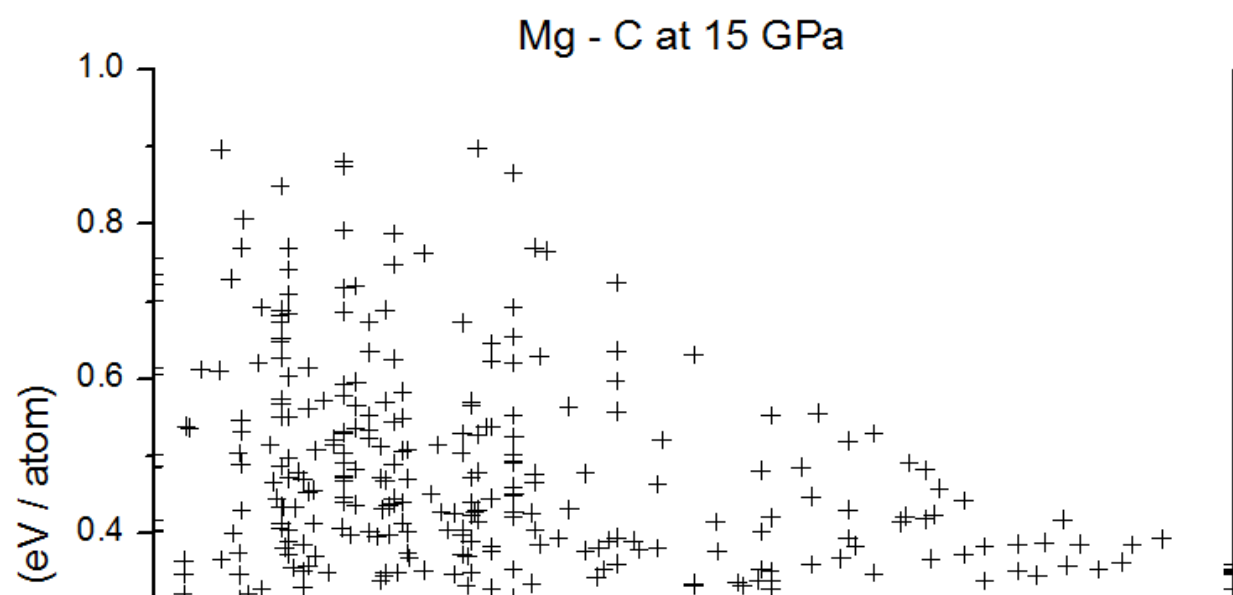
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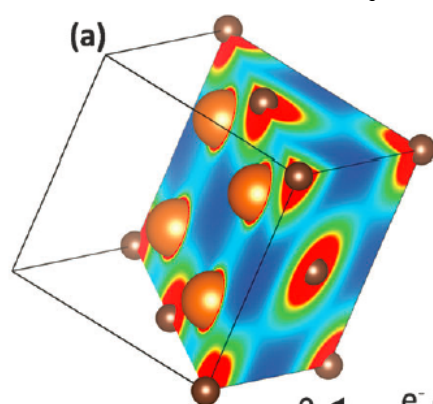
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# In silico experiments

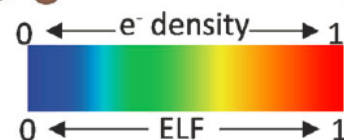
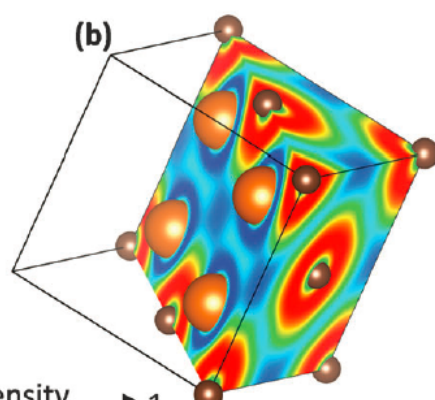


contain the rare  $[\text{C}=\text{C}=\text{C}]^{4-}$  group. Herein, we present the formation of a third carbide of magnesium, namely  $\text{Mg}_2\text{C}$ . This compound is stabilized at pressures above 15 GPa, but is fully recoverable to ambient conditions and contains the very unusual  $\text{C}^{4-}$  methanide anion. [12,15]

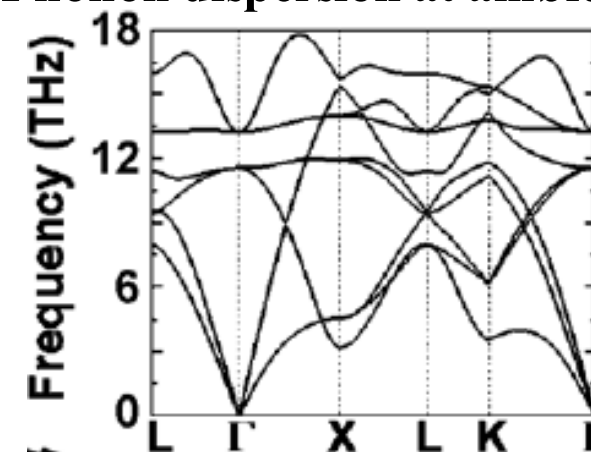
Electron density



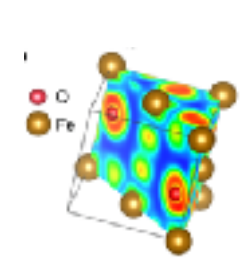
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Phonon dispersion at ambient







# Contents of FeO<sub>2</sub> presentation

FeO<sub>2</sub> : prediction and experimental synthesis

FeO<sub>2</sub> : Detailed theoretical work

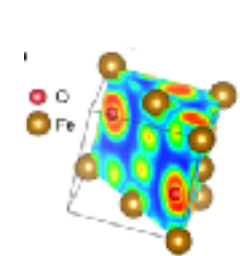
What should be done

## LETTER

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## FeO<sub>2</sub> and FeOOH under deep lower-mantle conditions and Earth's oxygen-hydrogen cycles

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# Computational prediction

*in 2014*

duckyoung, I am interested in  
new Fe-O compound at high pressure



especially iron-rich oxides

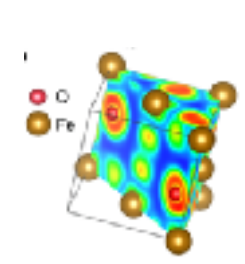
I can try but .....



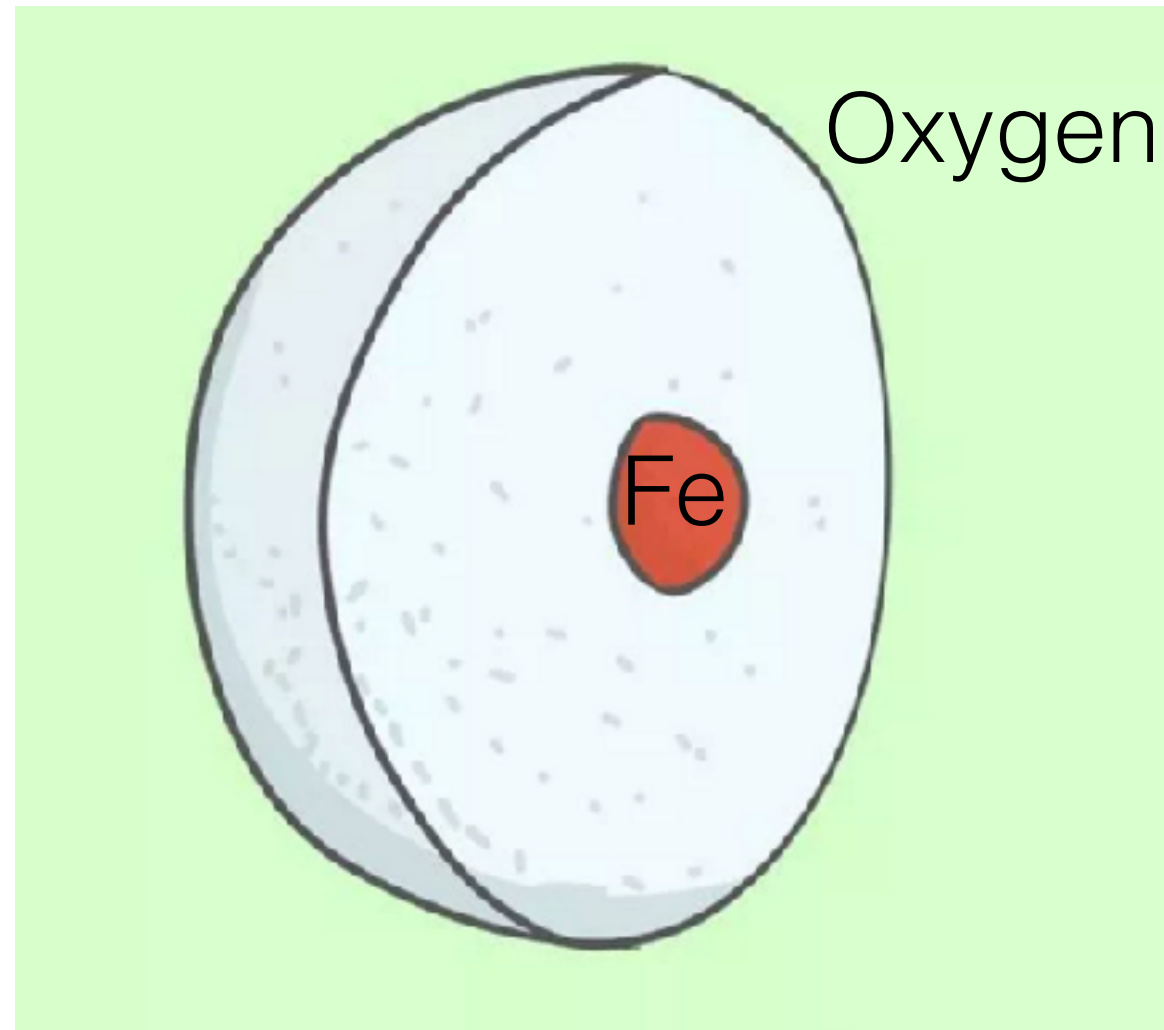
Binary crystal structure searching is easy !  
standard DFT calculations for Fe and Fe-O compounds are not reliable  
But pressure reduces e-e correlation effects in general

It is not straightforward to determine reliable pressure regime  
for standard DFT calculations to Fe-O systems





# The simplest model of the earth

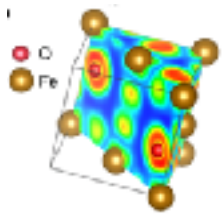


For realistic model, we need Si, Mg, O .....

Fe-O compounds are important to understand the Earth

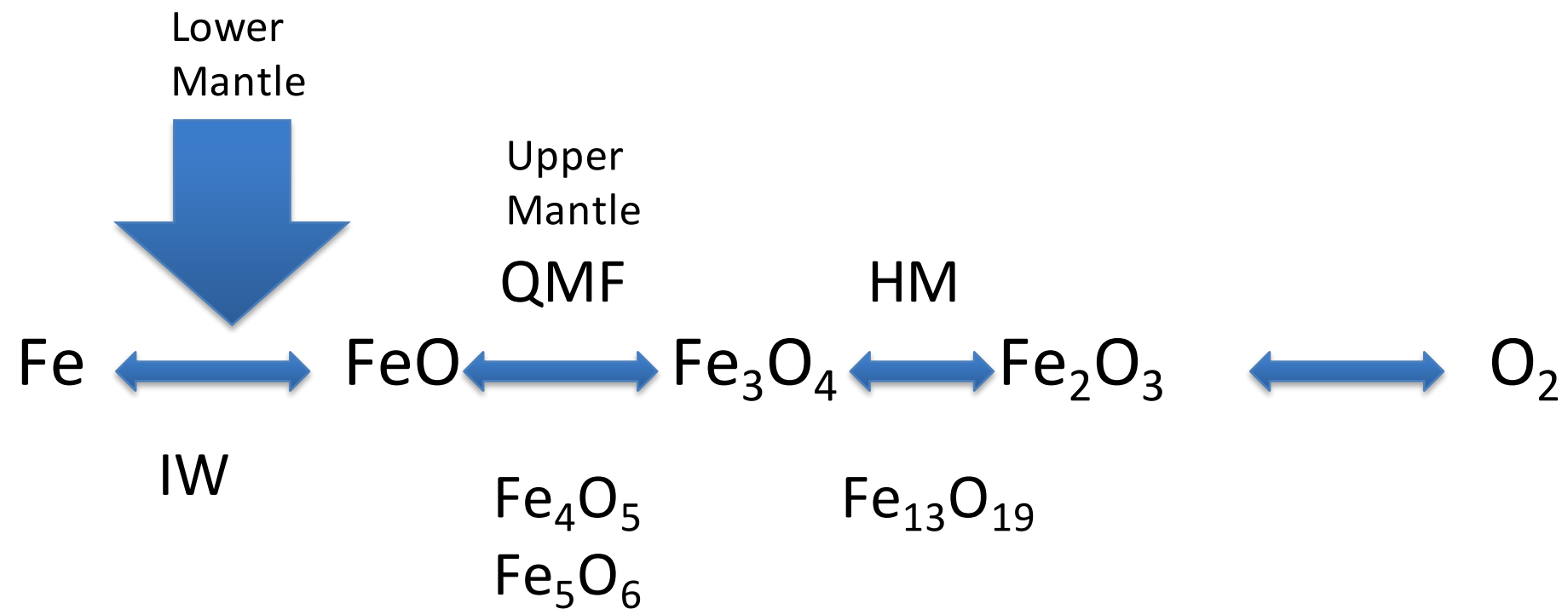
There are many iron compounds with two end members - FeO and Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>

such as Fe<sub>4</sub>O<sub>5</sub>, Fe<sub>32</sub>O<sub>25</sub>, Fe<sub>7</sub>O<sub>9</sub>, Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>, and Fe<sub>5</sub>O<sub>7</sub>

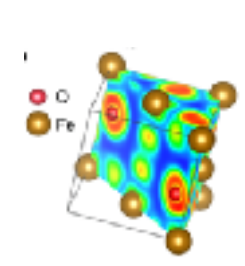


# Conventional Wisdom # 1

The mantle is uniformly reducing toward Fe



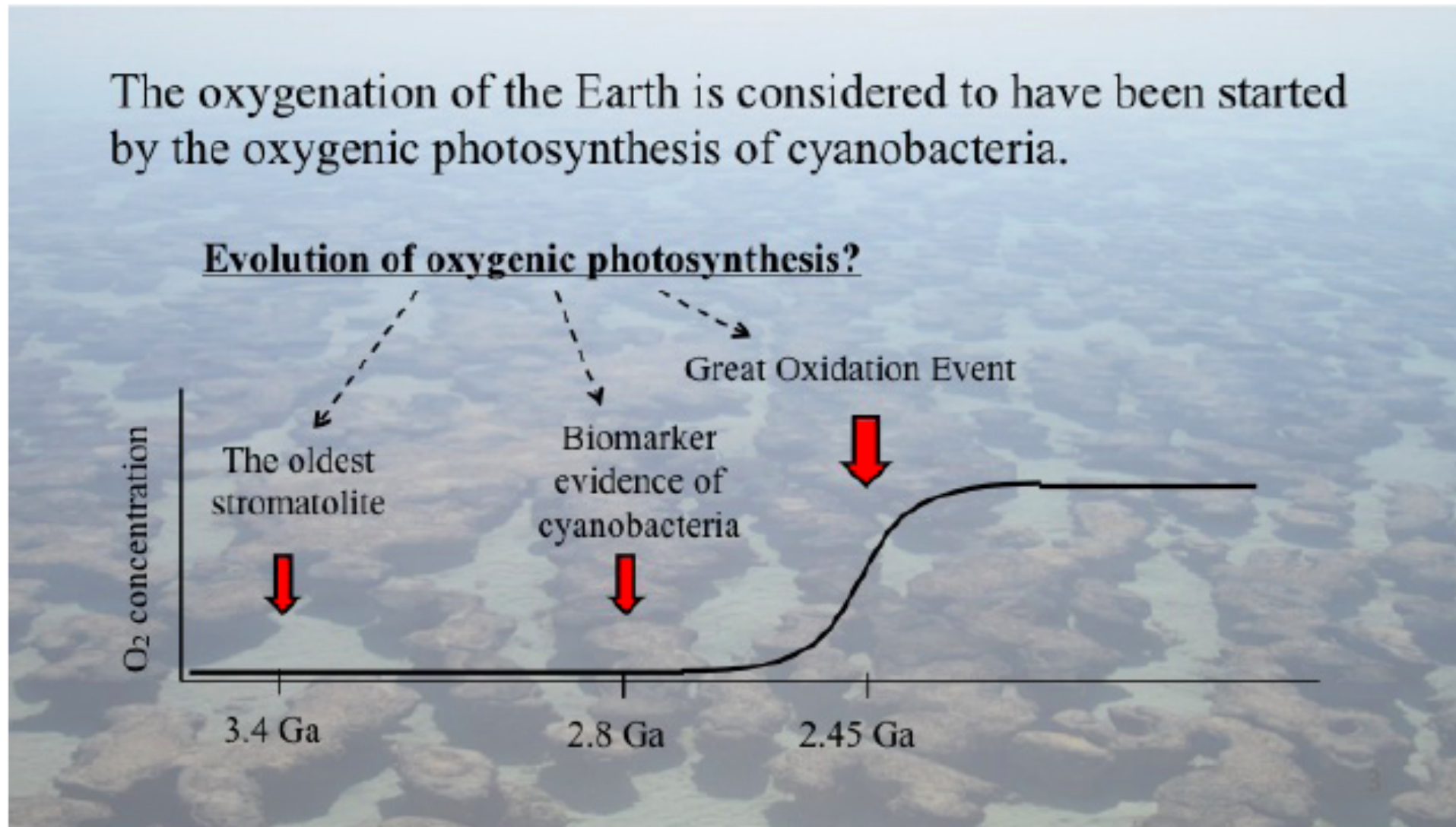


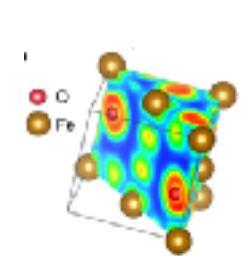


# Conventional Wisdom # 2

## The GOE is solely biogenic

The oxygenation of the Earth is considered to have been started by the oxygenic photosynthesis of cyanobacteria.





# Conventional Wisdom # 2

## The GOE is solely biogenic

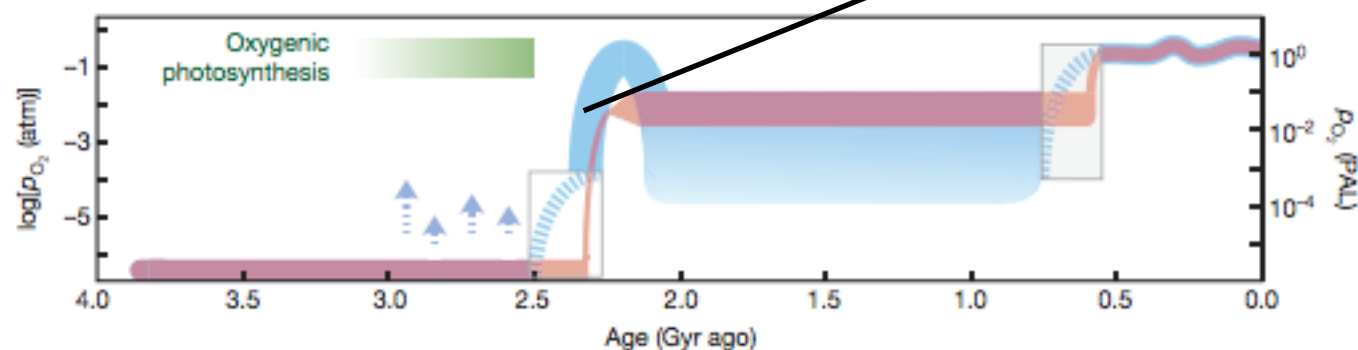
# REVIEW

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## The rise of oxygen in Earth's early ocean and atmosphere

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oxygenic photosynthesis of cyanobacteria

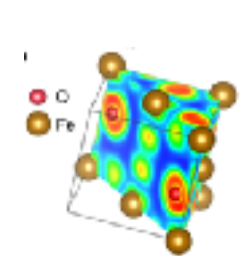


Evidence for oxygen-producing photosynthesis before the GOE

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### The Continuing Puzzle of the Great Oxidation Event

### Review



## Conventional Wisdom # 3

Hydrogen cycle is dictated by hydrous Mg and Al silicates

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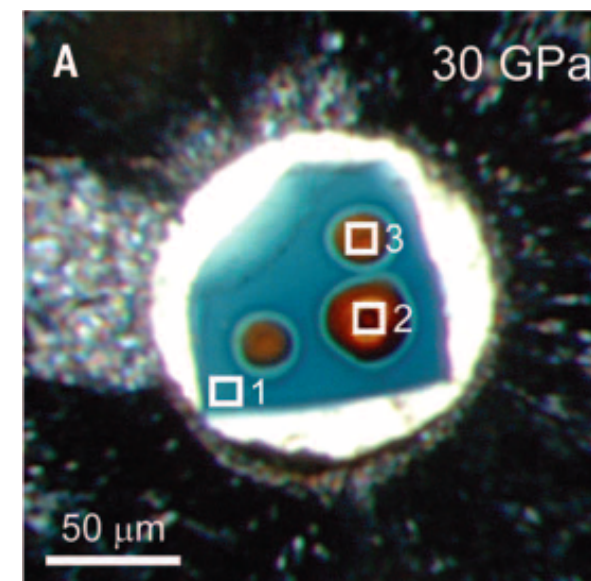
### Hydrous mantle transition zone indicated by ringwoodite included within diamond

D. G. Pearson<sup>1</sup>, F. E. Brenker<sup>2</sup>, F. Nestola<sup>3</sup>, J. McNeill<sup>4</sup>, L. Nasdala<sup>5</sup>, M. T. Hutchison<sup>6</sup>, S. Matveev<sup>1</sup>, K. Mather<sup>4</sup>, G. Silversmit<sup>7</sup>, S. Schmitz<sup>2</sup>, B. Vekemans<sup>7</sup> & L. Vincze<sup>7</sup>

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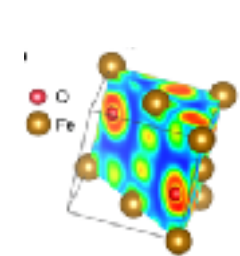
### Dehydration melting at the top of the lower mantle

Brandon Schmandt,<sup>1\*</sup> Steven D. Jacobsen,<sup>2\*</sup> Thorsten W. Becker,<sup>3</sup> Zhenxian Liu,<sup>4</sup> Kenneth G. Dueker<sup>5</sup>

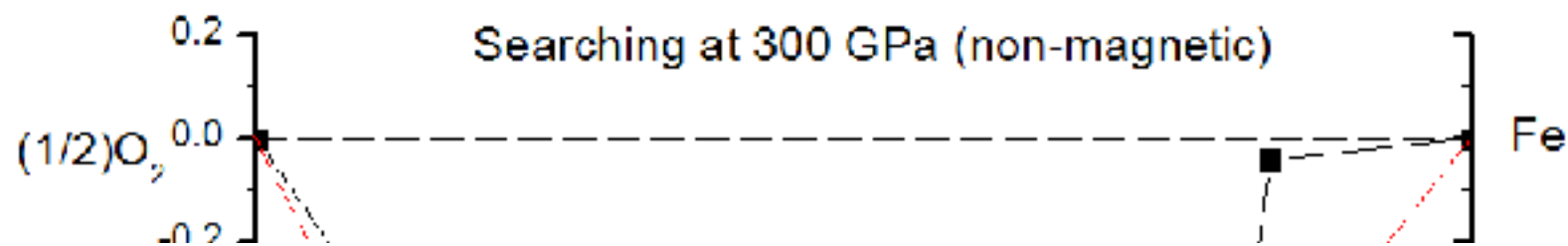


$(\text{Fe}, \text{Mg})_2\text{SiO}_4$  with  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  releases hydrogen





# First attempt at 300 GPa



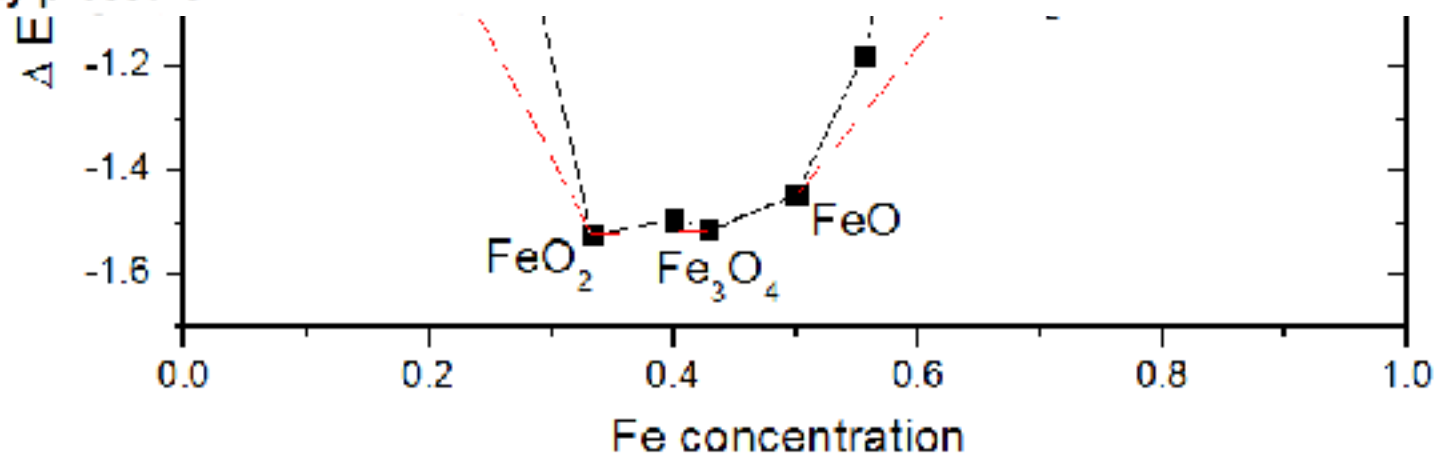
Hokwang Mao

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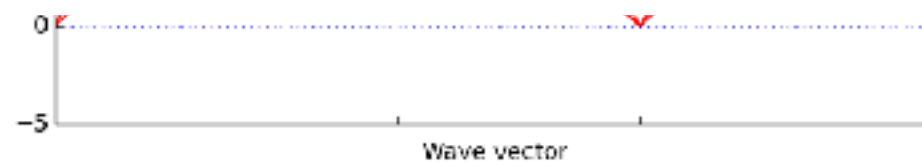
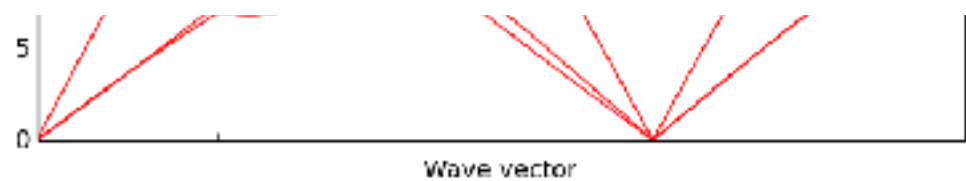
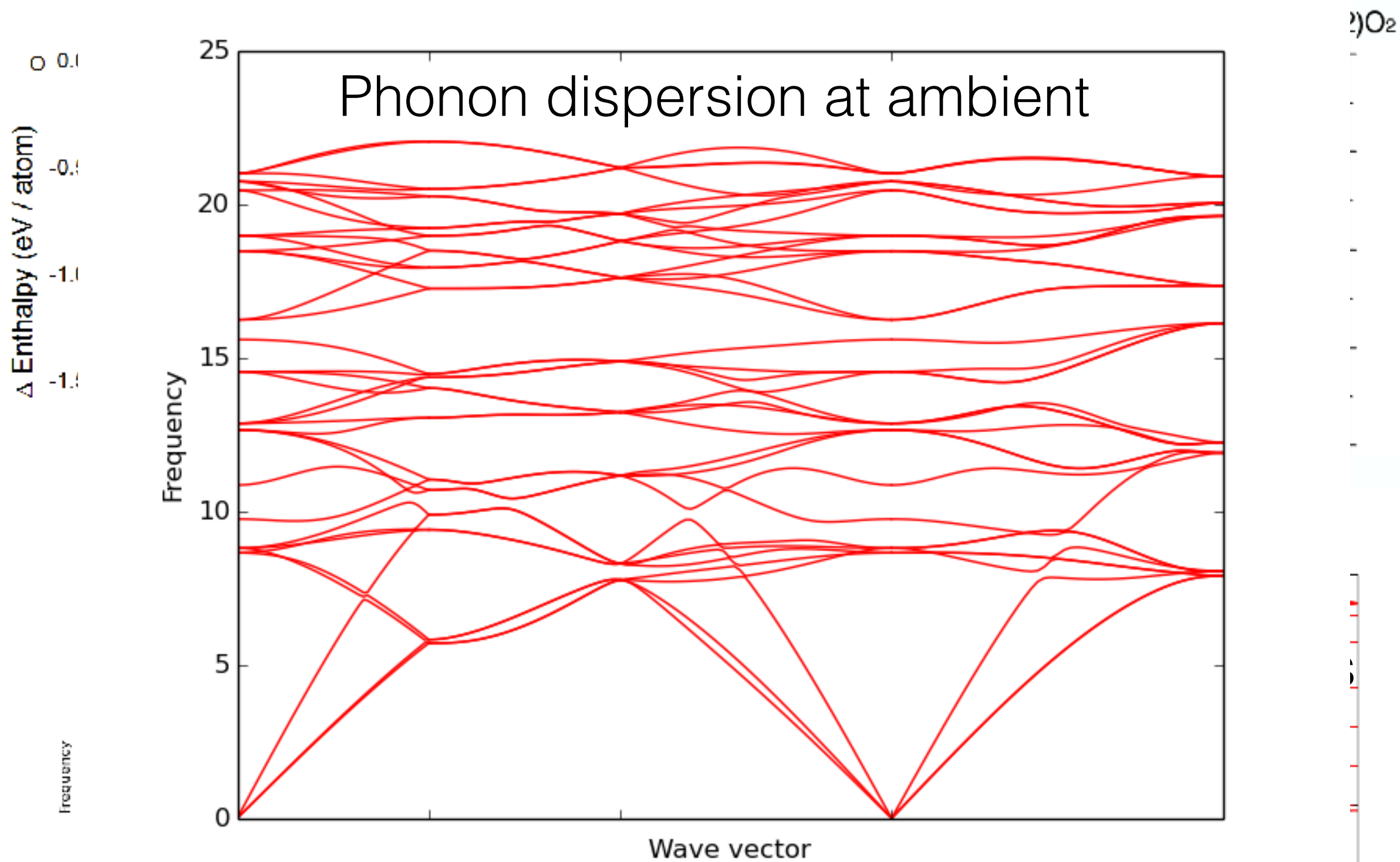
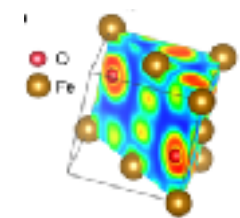
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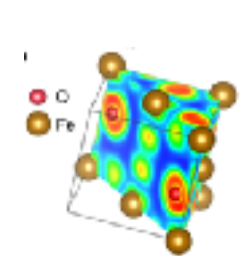
It is surprising that you found FeO<sub>2</sub> to be very stable. Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> is the highest known compound. A straight line should be drawn between Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and Fe, instead of Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> and Fe. In either case FeO<sub>2</sub> is very stable. Can you find its minimum stability pressure?



We chose the highest pressure at the Earth as a starting point because then standard DFT might not fail to calculate total energy

# Lowering pressures ...





As far as standard DFT works

$\text{FeO}_2$  is stable phase at high pressures

$\text{FeO}_2$  is a metastable form even at ambient pressure

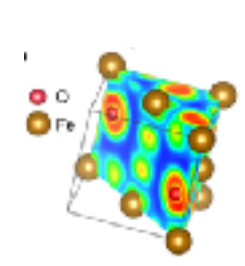
## Computational searches for iron oxides at high pressures

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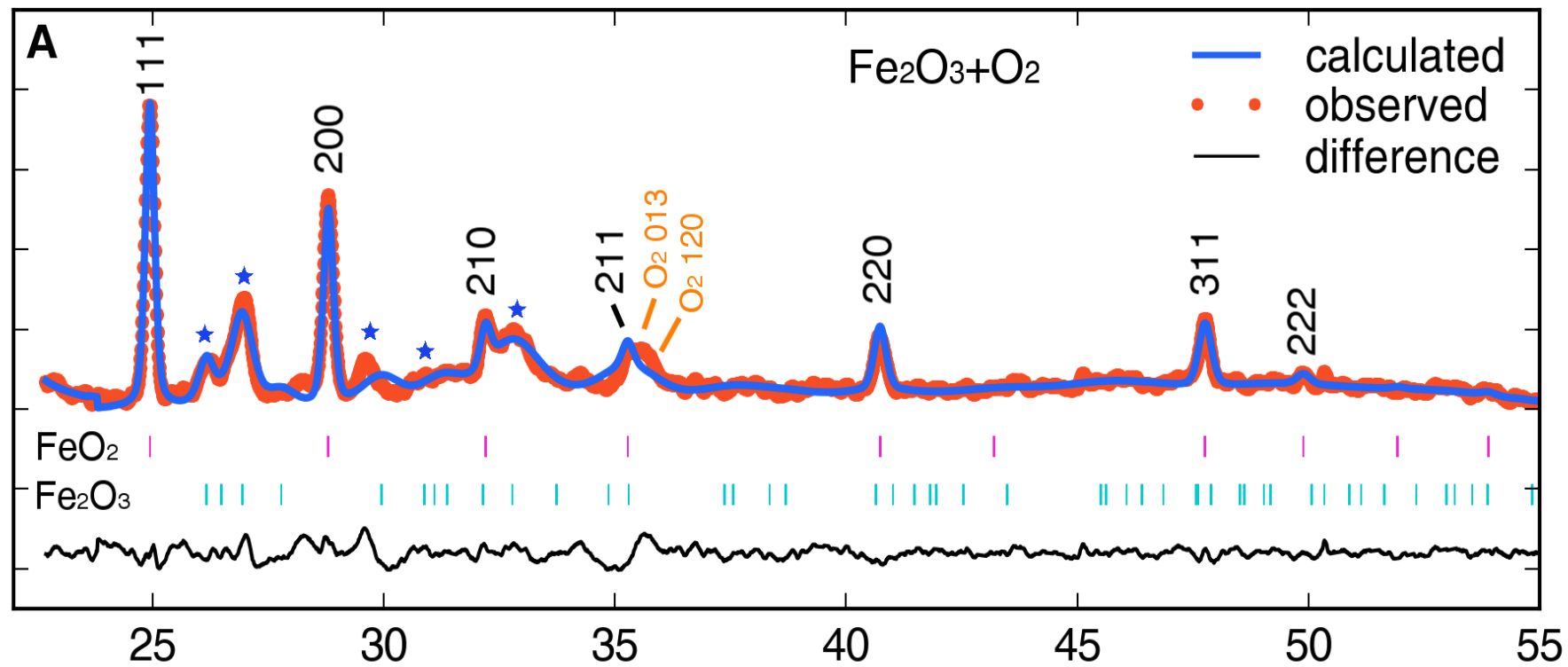
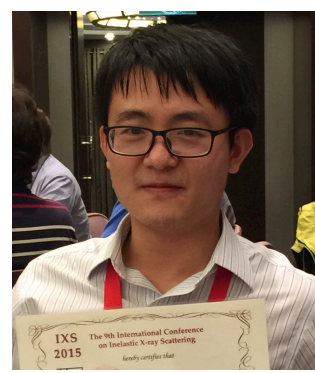
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# Experimental synthesis



with  $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3 + \text{O}_2$ , we found a pyrite-phase of Pa-3 peroxide -  $\text{FeO}_2$  at 76 GPa

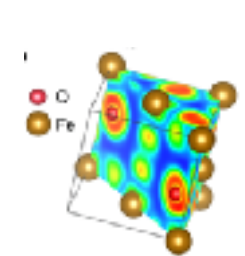
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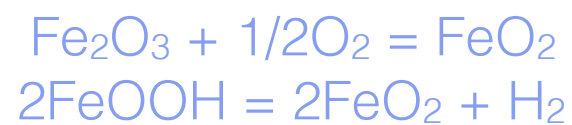
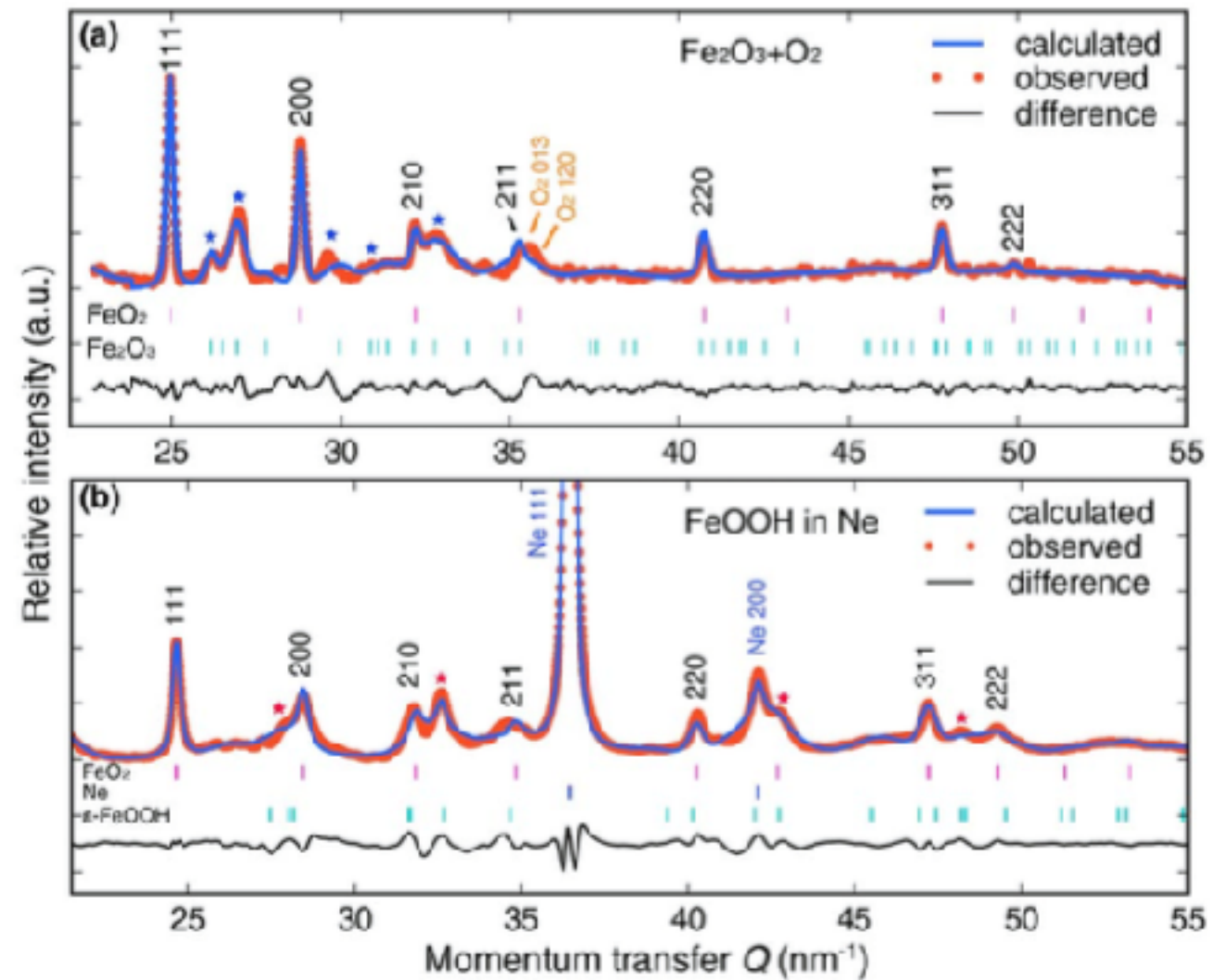
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An interesting

science

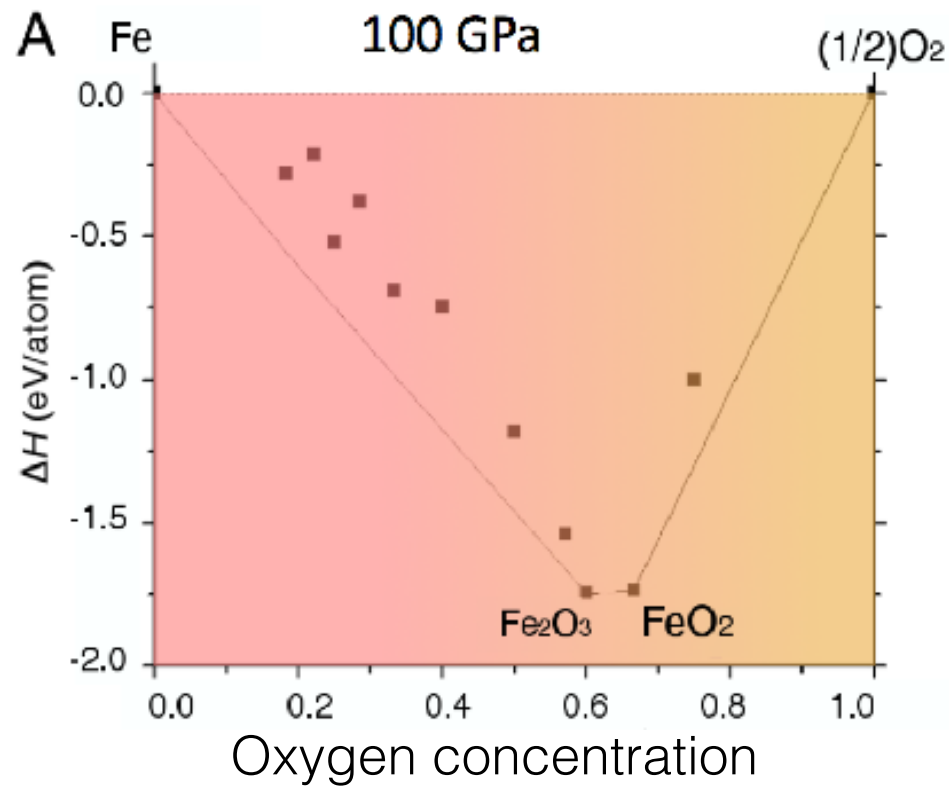
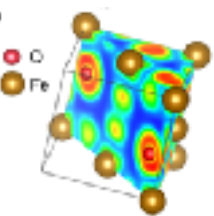


Several chemical routes are found

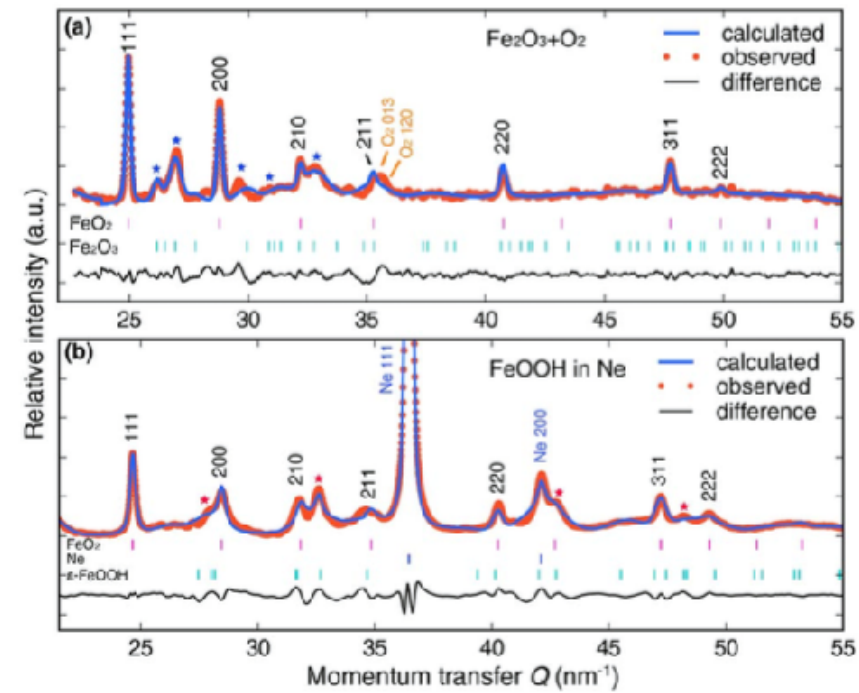


Now, it becomes more interesting story to geoscience

# Observation of FeO<sub>2</sub> at the DLM conditions



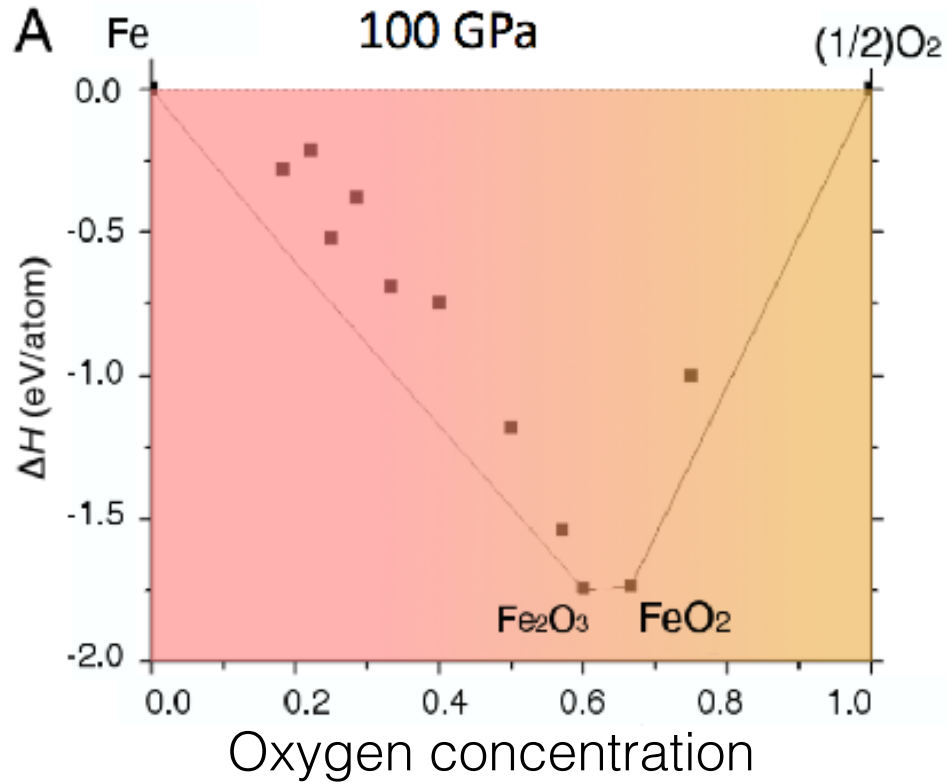
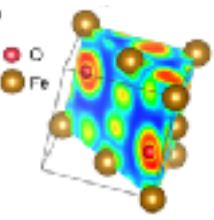
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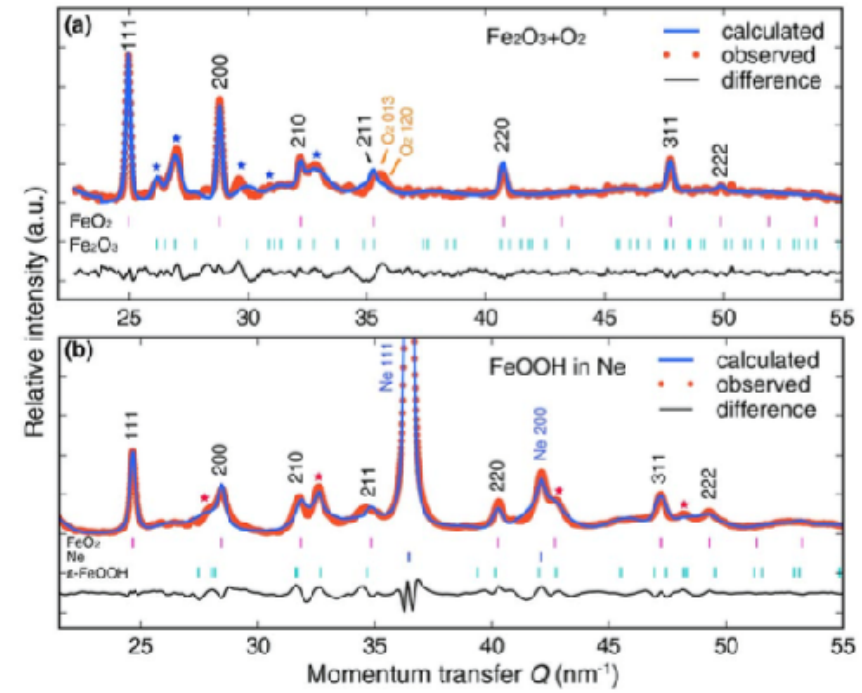
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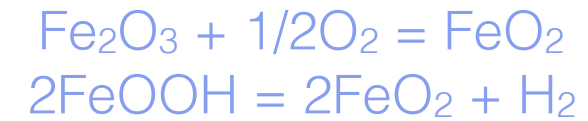
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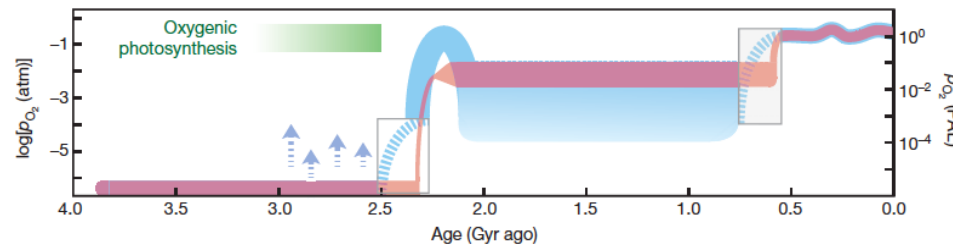
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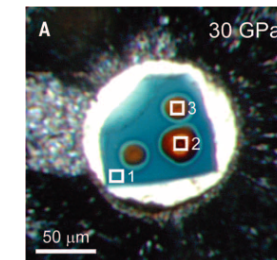
## A scenario based on our study



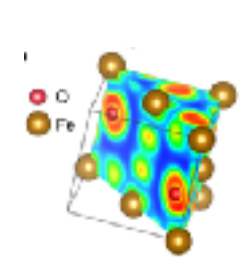
FeO<sub>2</sub> in DLM



FeO<sub>2</sub> plays as a oxygen reservoir  
(GOE may be abiogenic)

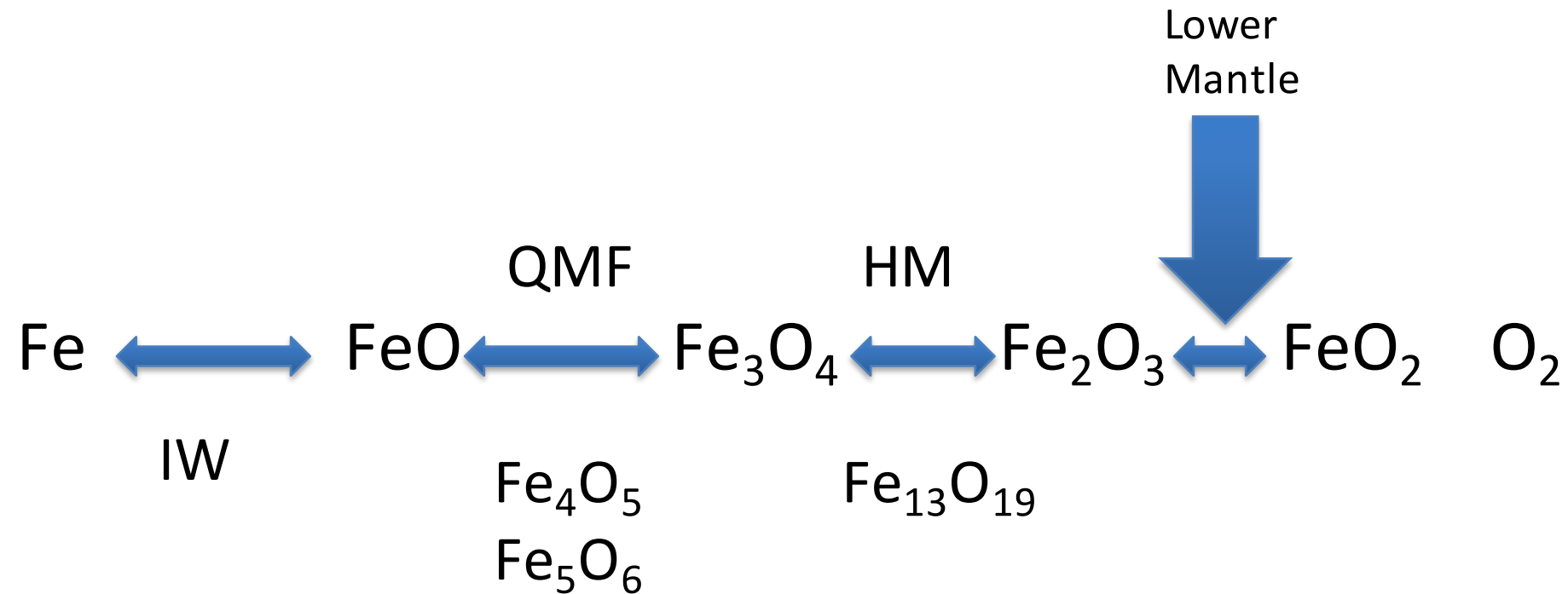


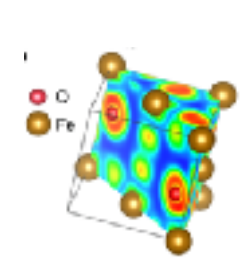
Fe oxidation dictates hydrogen cycle



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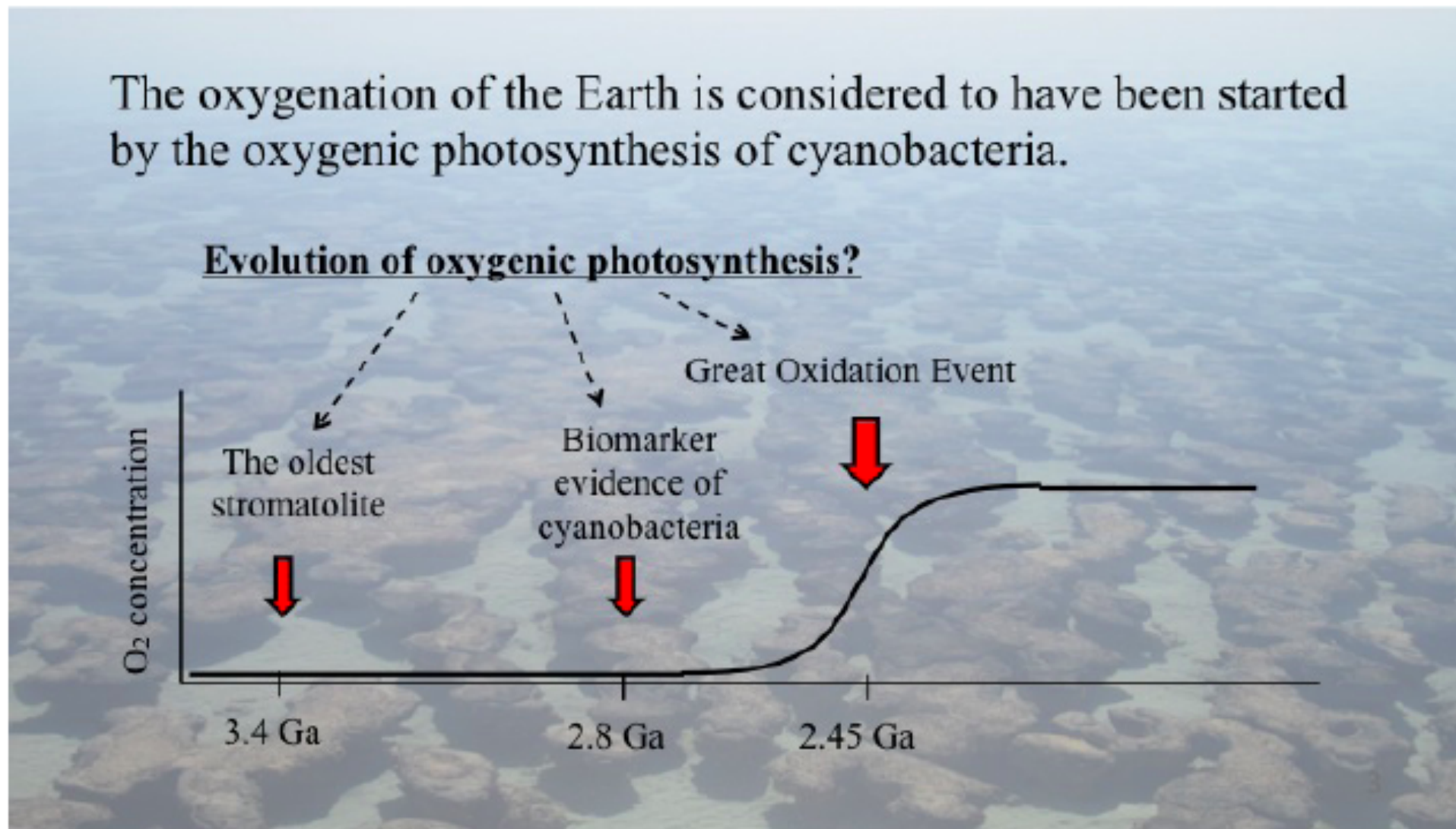
The mantle is **NOT** uniformly reducing toward Fe



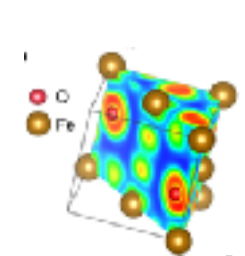


## Conventional Wisdom # 2

The GOE is **NOT** solely biogenic, **maybe.....**

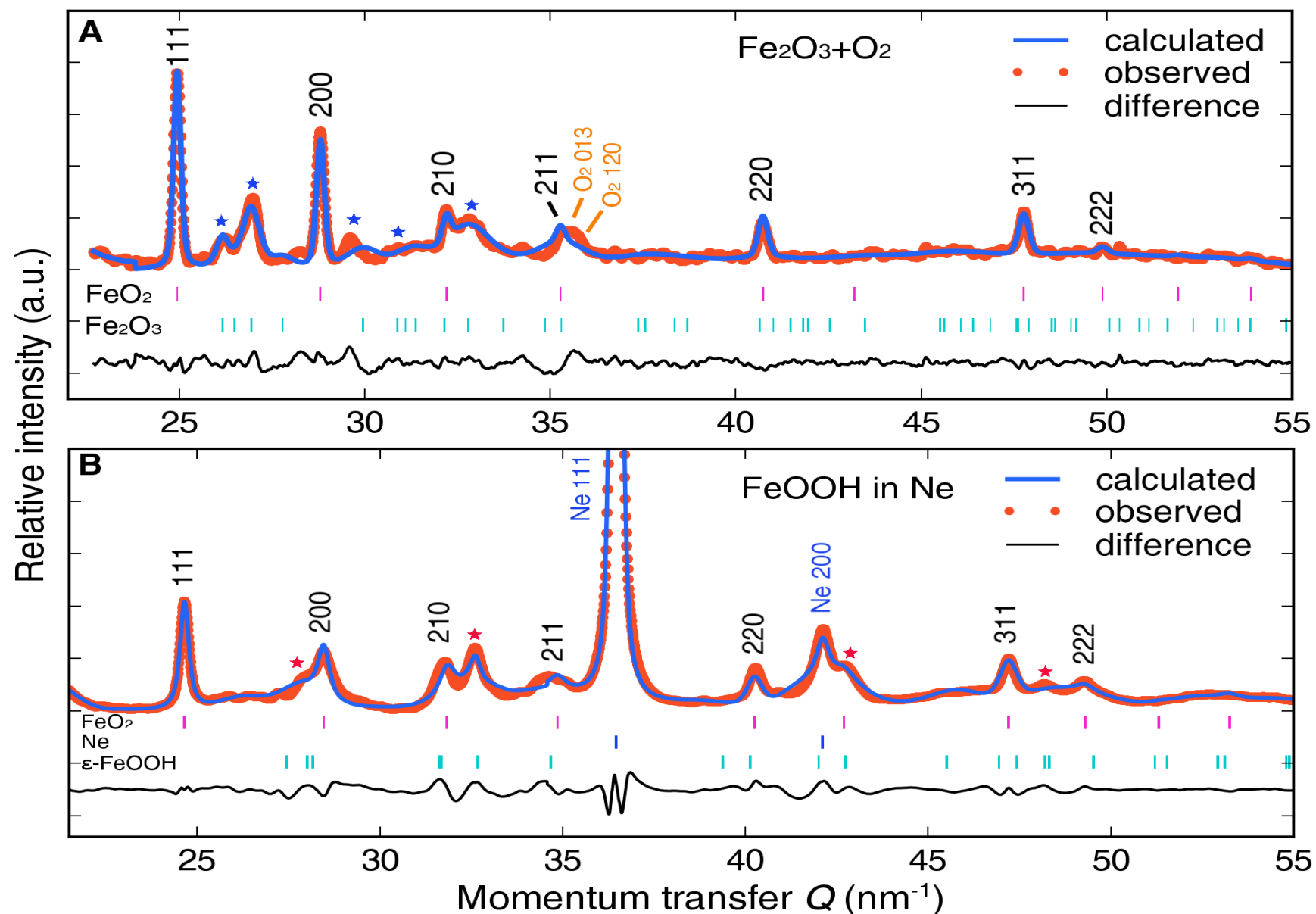






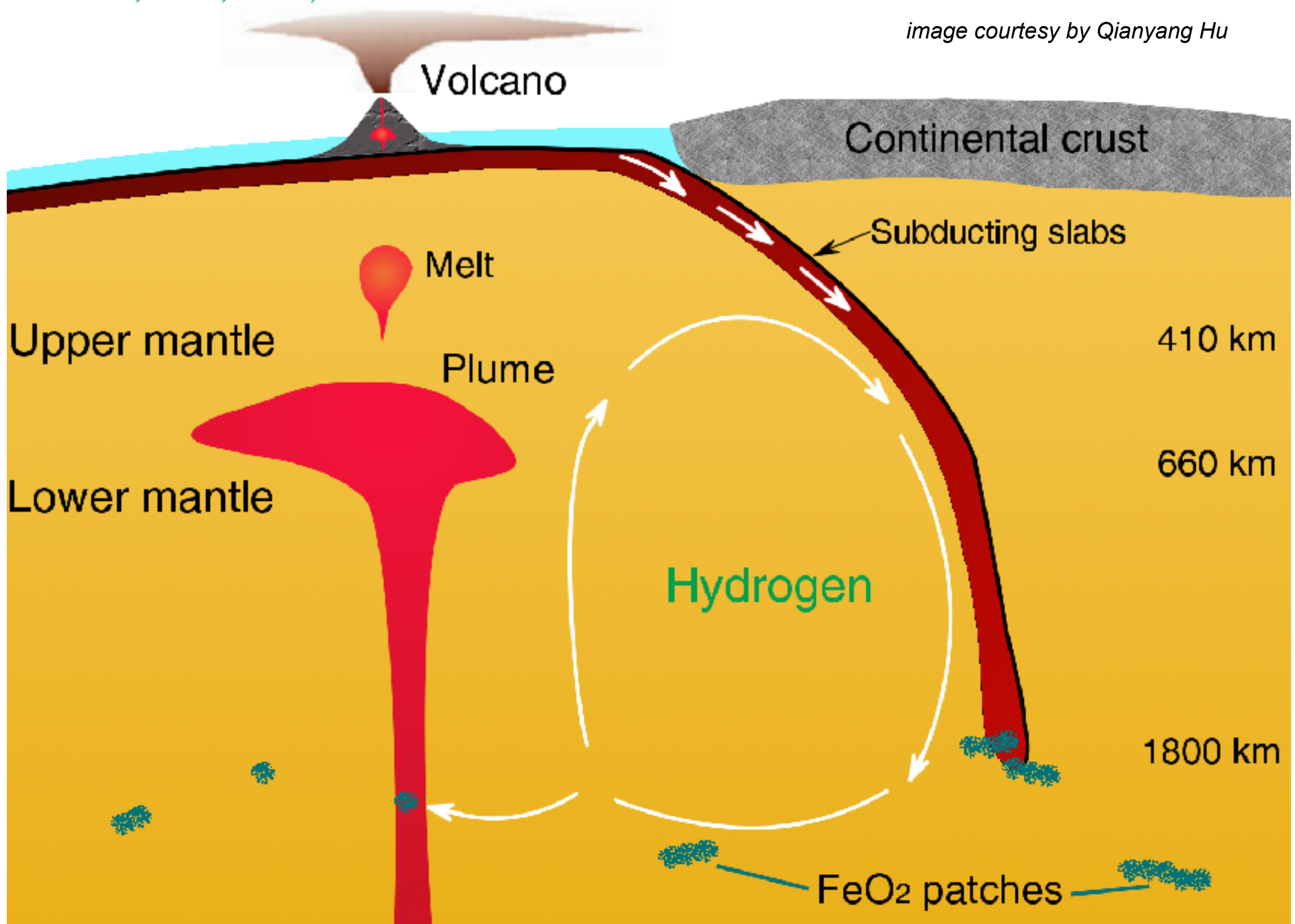
# Conventional Wisdom # 3

Hydrogen cycle is **NOT** dictated by hydrous Mg and Al silicates, but Fe oxidation



$\text{CH}_4$ ,  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$ ,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{H}_2$

*image courtesy by Qianyang Hu*



# We are at starting point



## Theory

- What is correct band structure (e-e correlation in  $\text{FeO}_2$  )
- Spin transition of Fe compounds
- computationally, can we predict chemical paths to  $\text{FeO}_2$
- What's physical properties of  $\text{FeO}_2$

## Experimentally

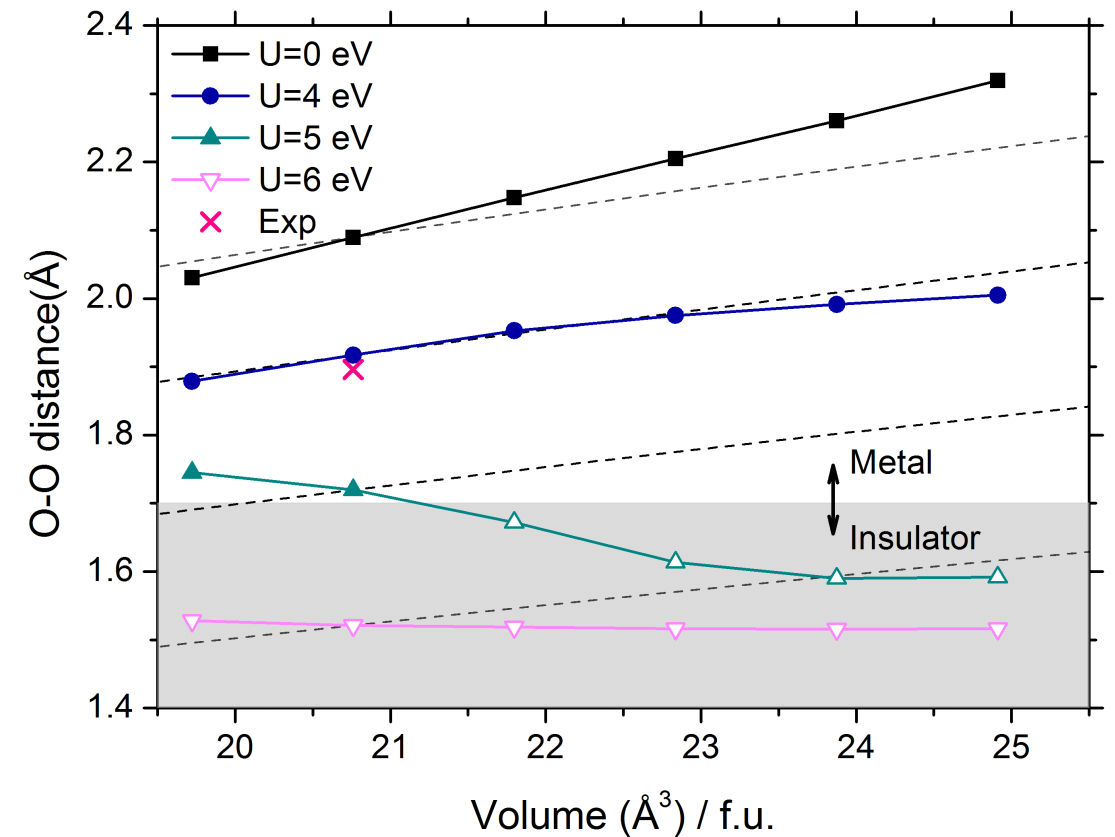
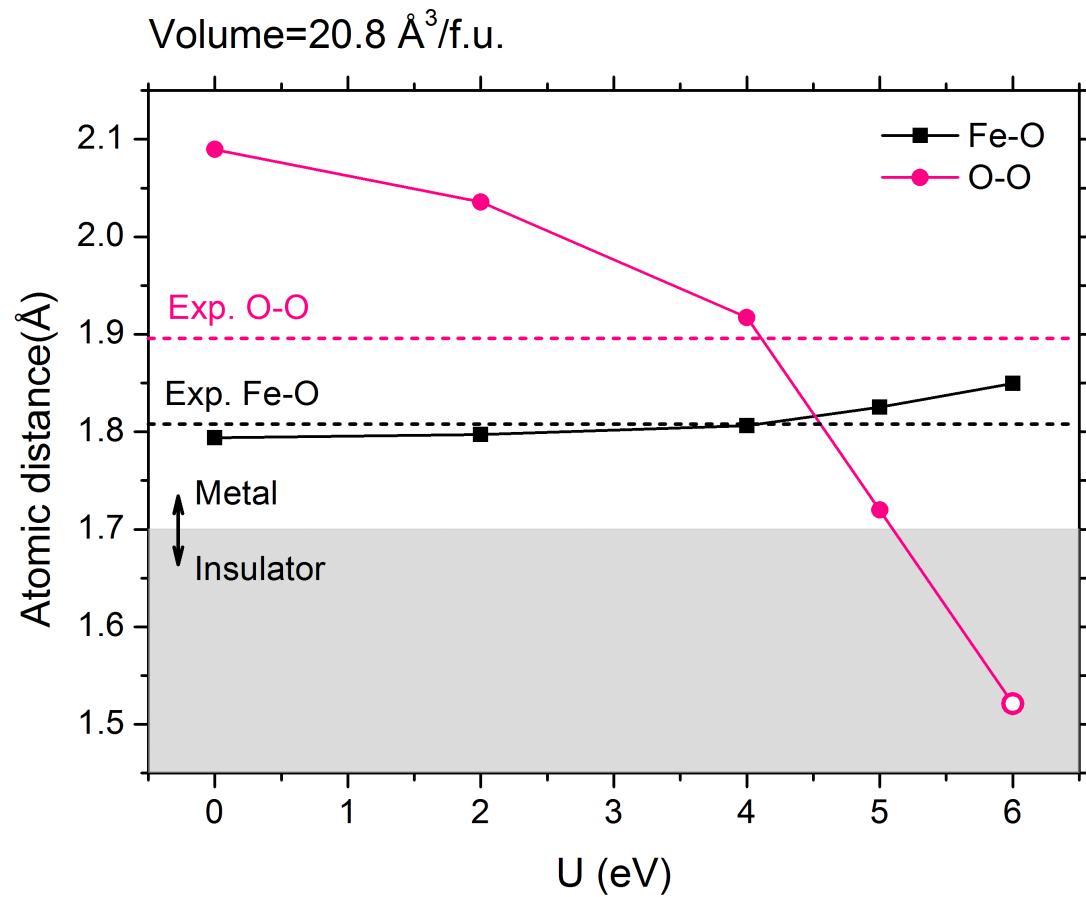
- How Fe can meet  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  at the deep lower mantle ?
- Is  $\text{FeO}_2$  stable against environment ?

## Commonly

- Can  $\text{FeO}_2$  survive in real mantle environment?
- Does it match with established geological observations?

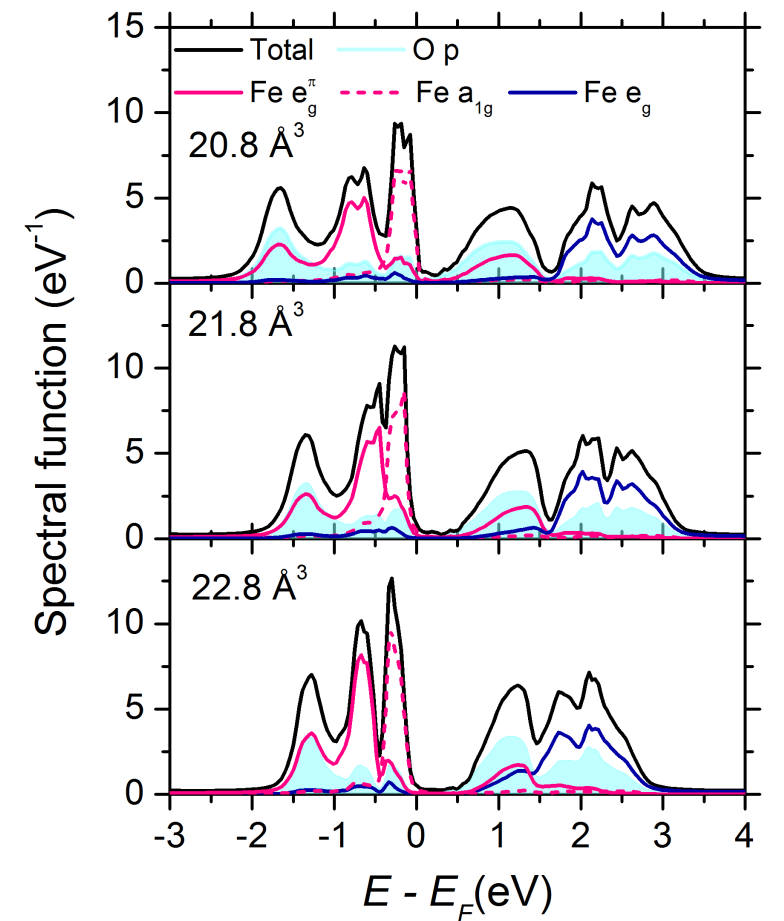
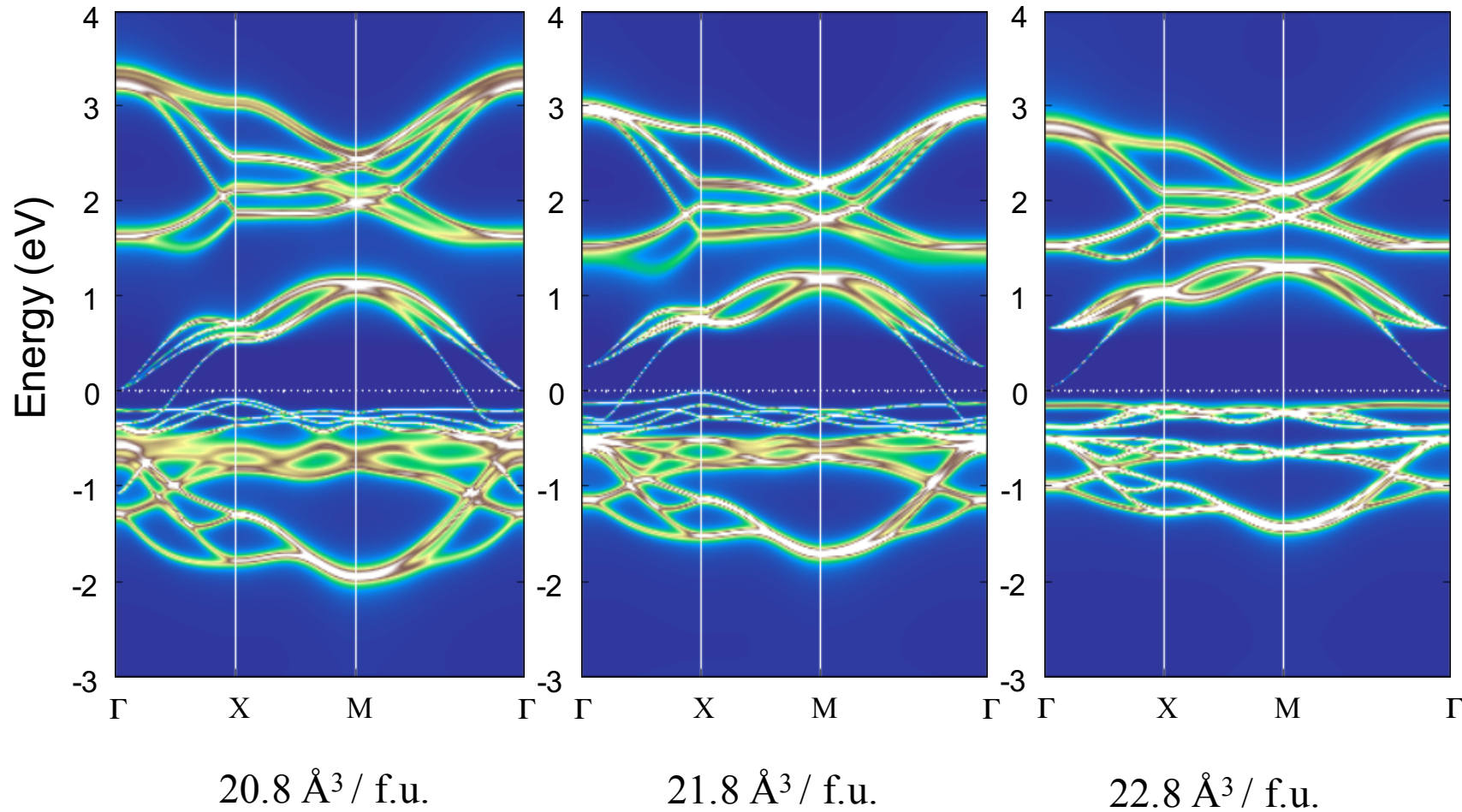


# e-e correlation in FeO<sub>2</sub>



@ 76 GPa, LDA + U calculations tells U = 5 eV and J=0.8 eV gives best match to experimental bond lengths

# Band structure with DMFT calculations

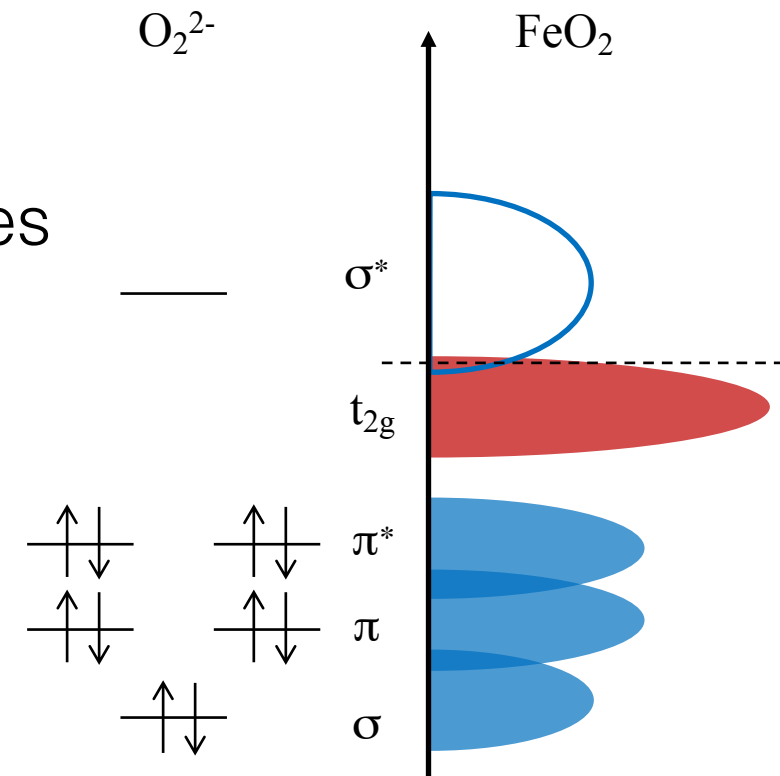


Calculated momentum resolved spectral function at 200 K

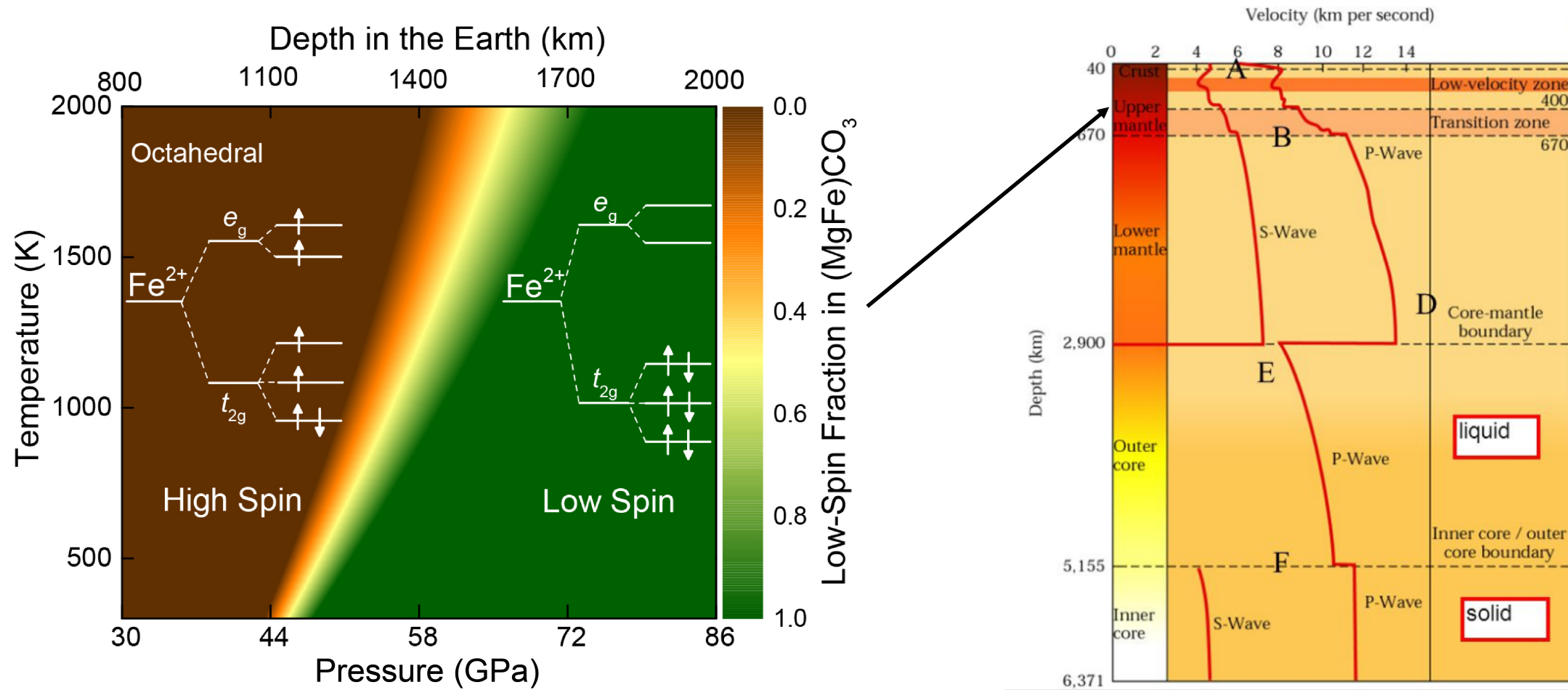
It shows metal to insulator transition with increasing volumes

FeO<sub>2</sub> show metallic behavior due to the broad O<sub>2</sub> σ\* band

Small spectral weight near Fermi level disappear as O<sub>2</sub> σ\* band width decreases



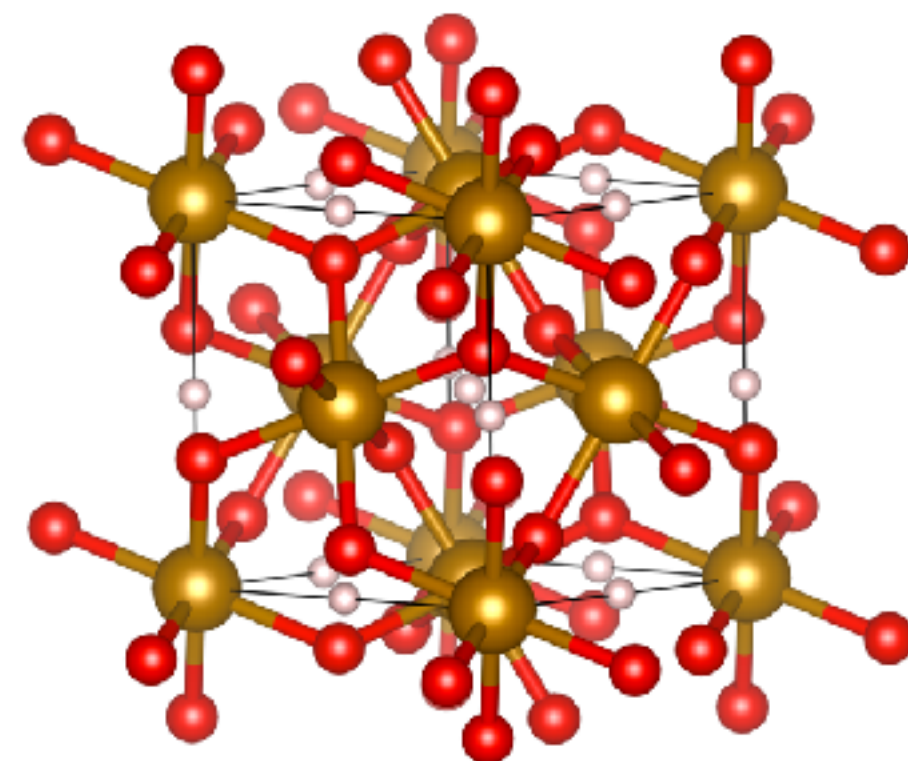
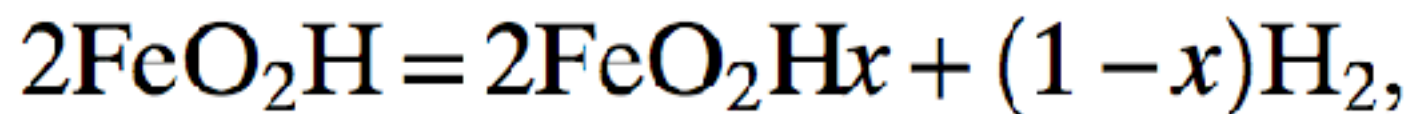
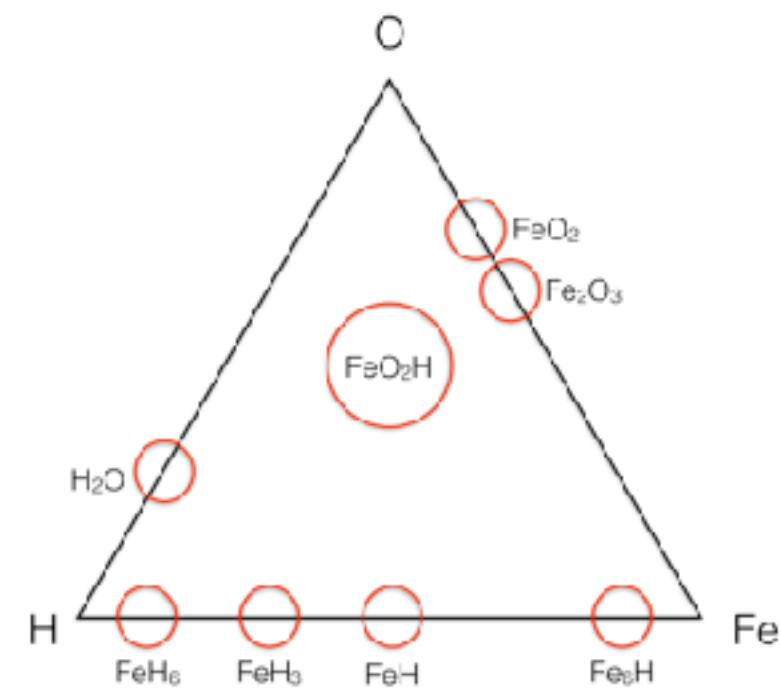
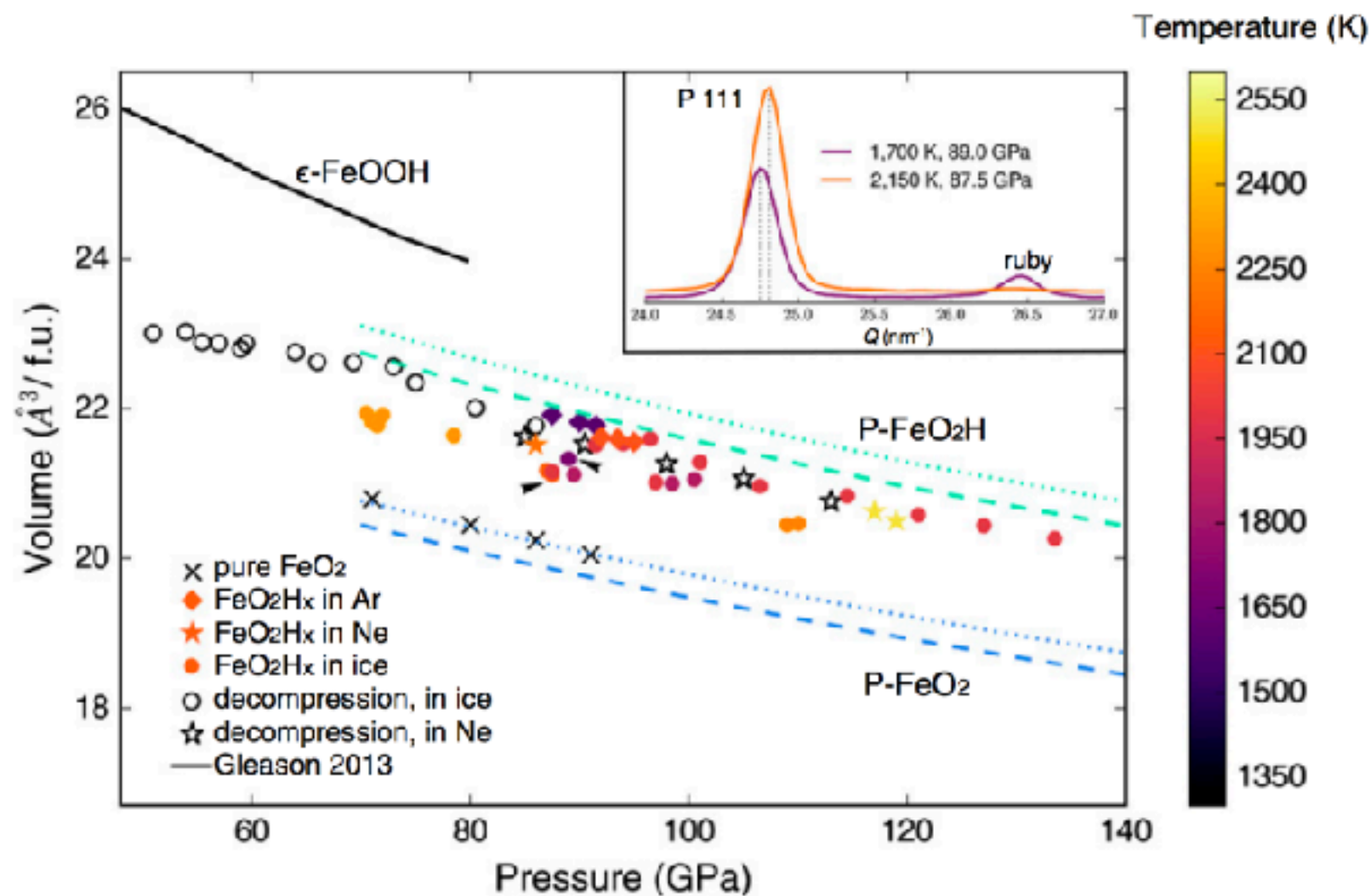
# Spin transition softens seismic velocity



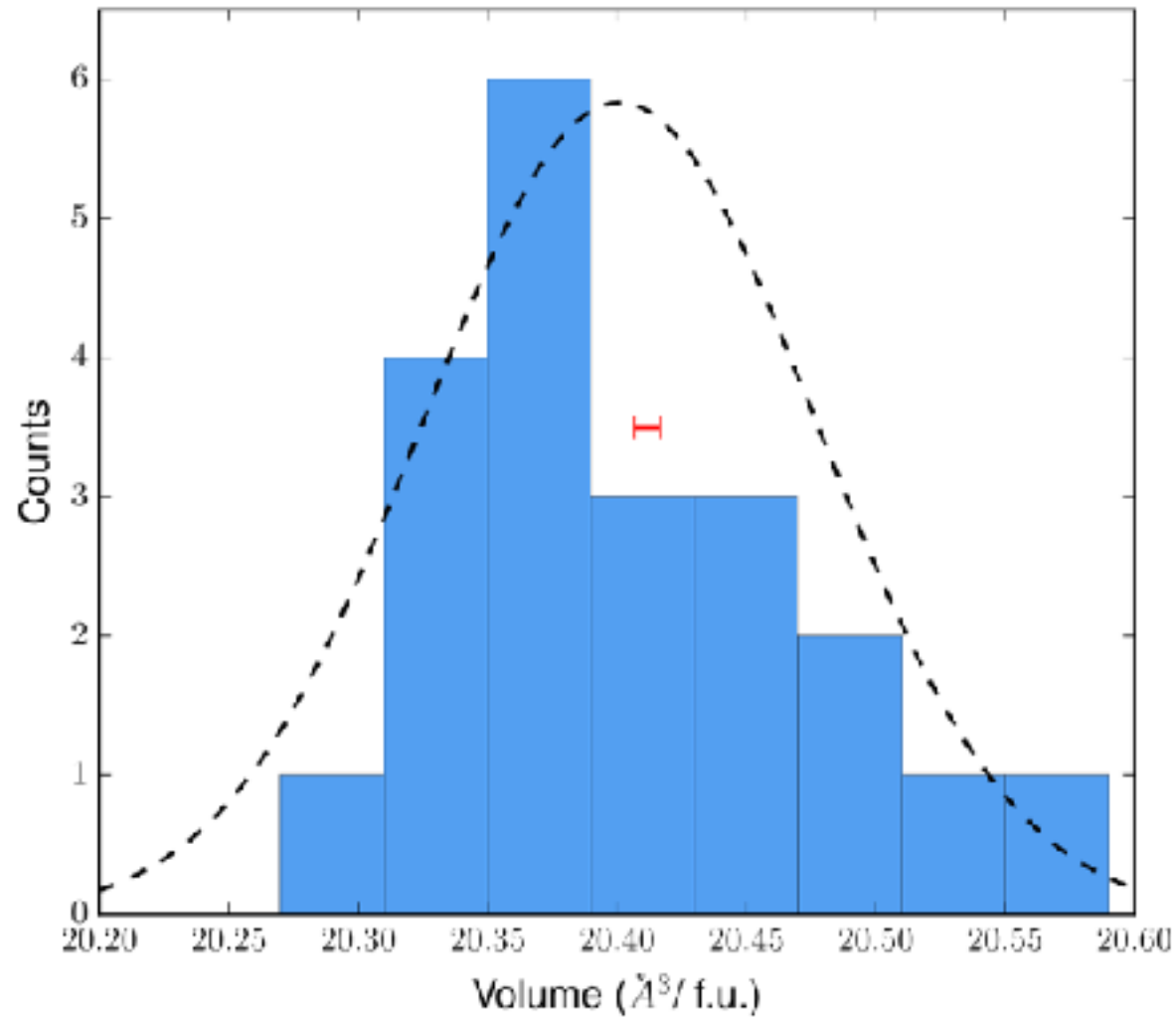
HS to LS transition with pressure induces a volume collapse  
Bulk modulus become soft at the spin crossover zone



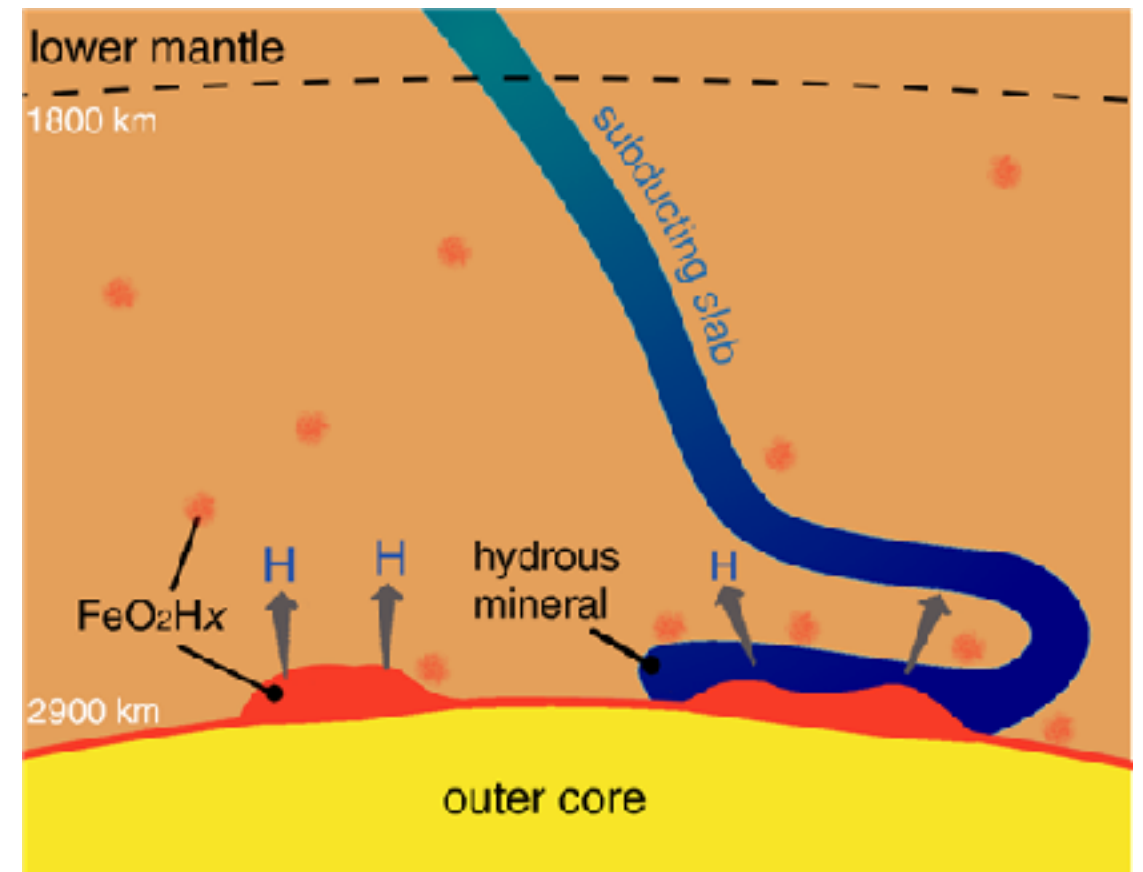
# The relation between FeO<sub>2</sub>H and FeO<sub>2</sub>



# FeO<sub>2</sub>H releases hydrogen at DLM



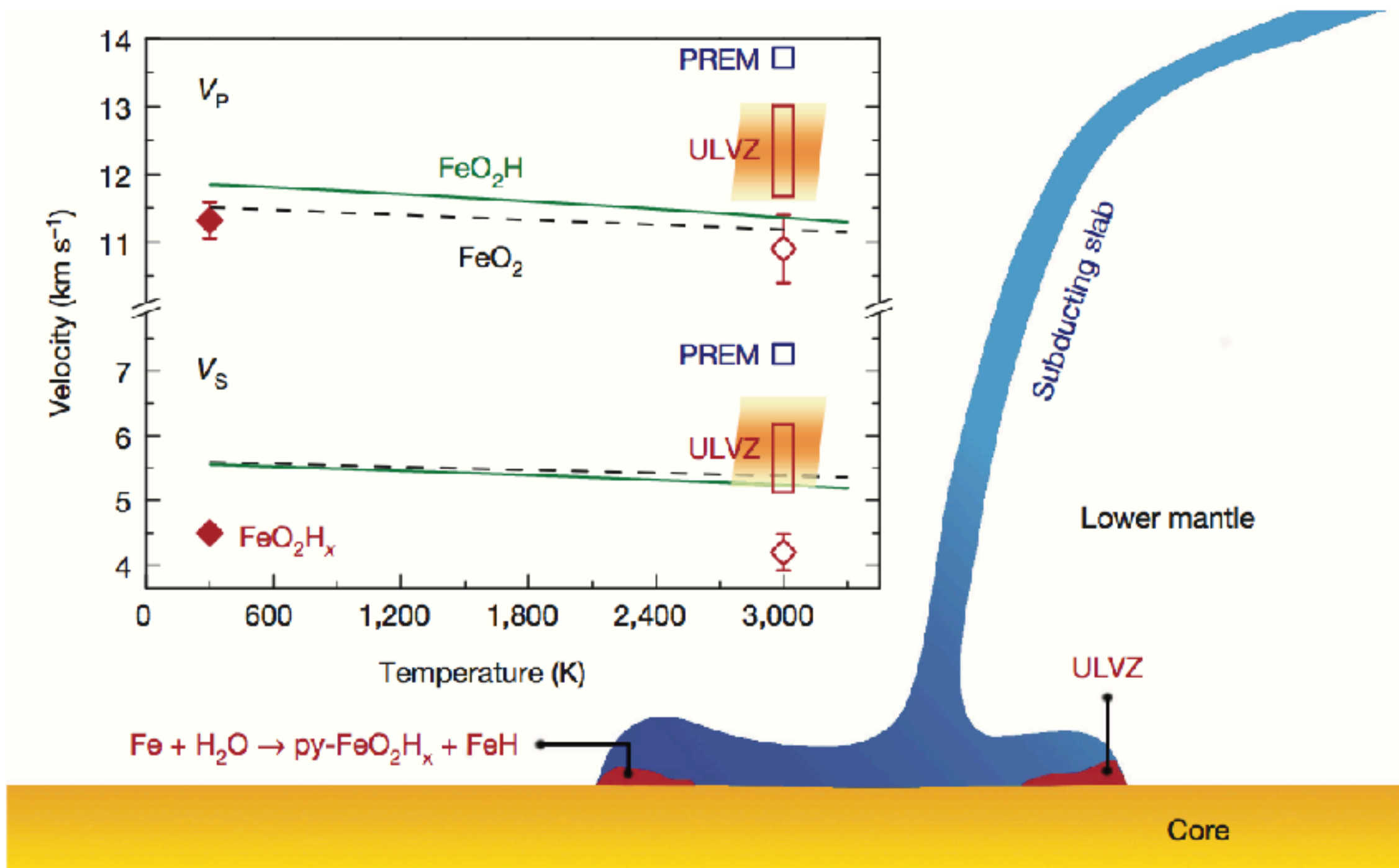
Volume scattering in an FeO<sub>2</sub>H<sub>x</sub> at 100 GPa



Schematic view of hydrogen circulation

but, hydrogen release in FeO<sub>2</sub>H is contradicting

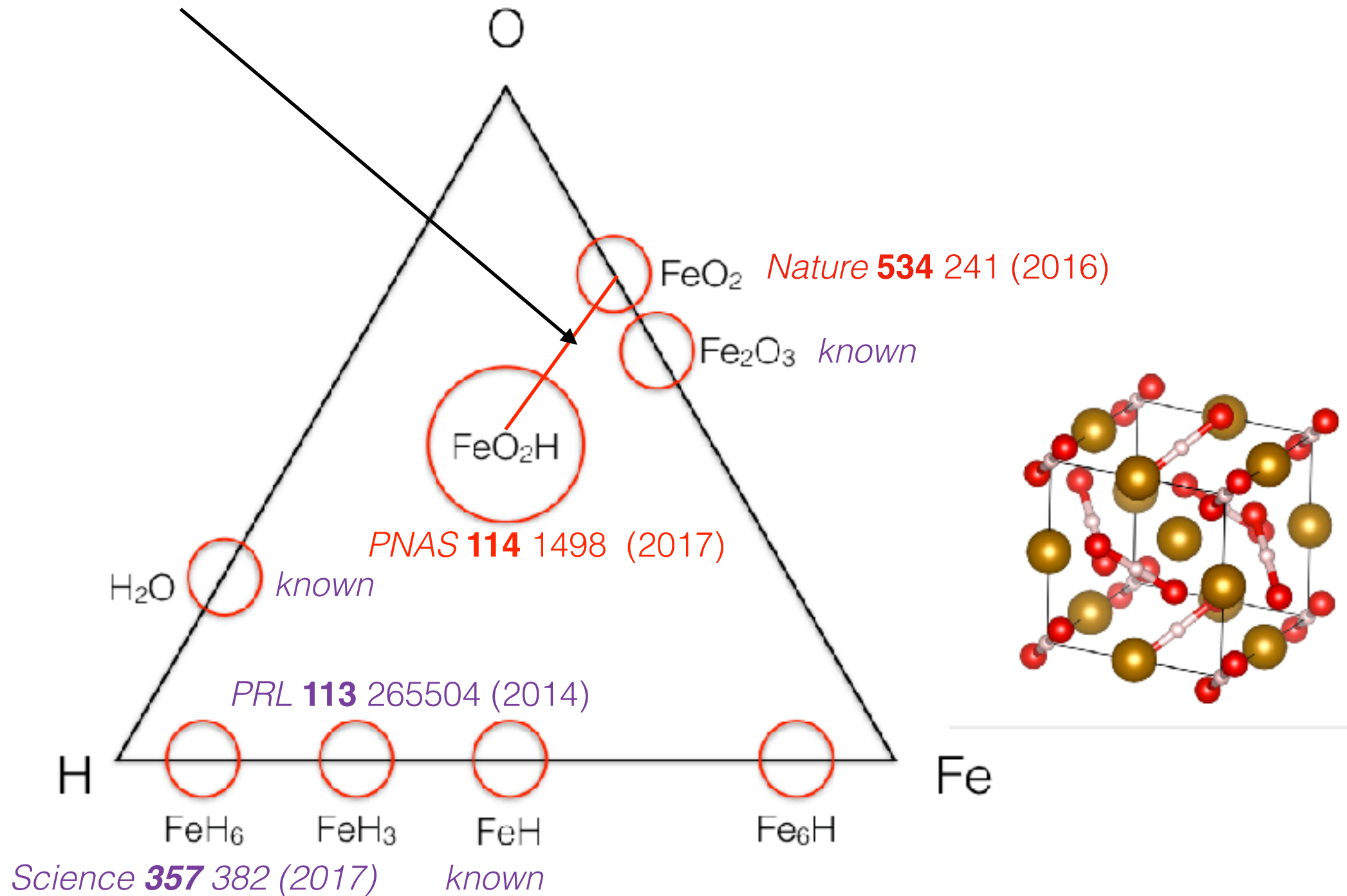
# FeO<sub>2</sub>H explains seismic velocity at DLM





# How much can be done using DFT ?

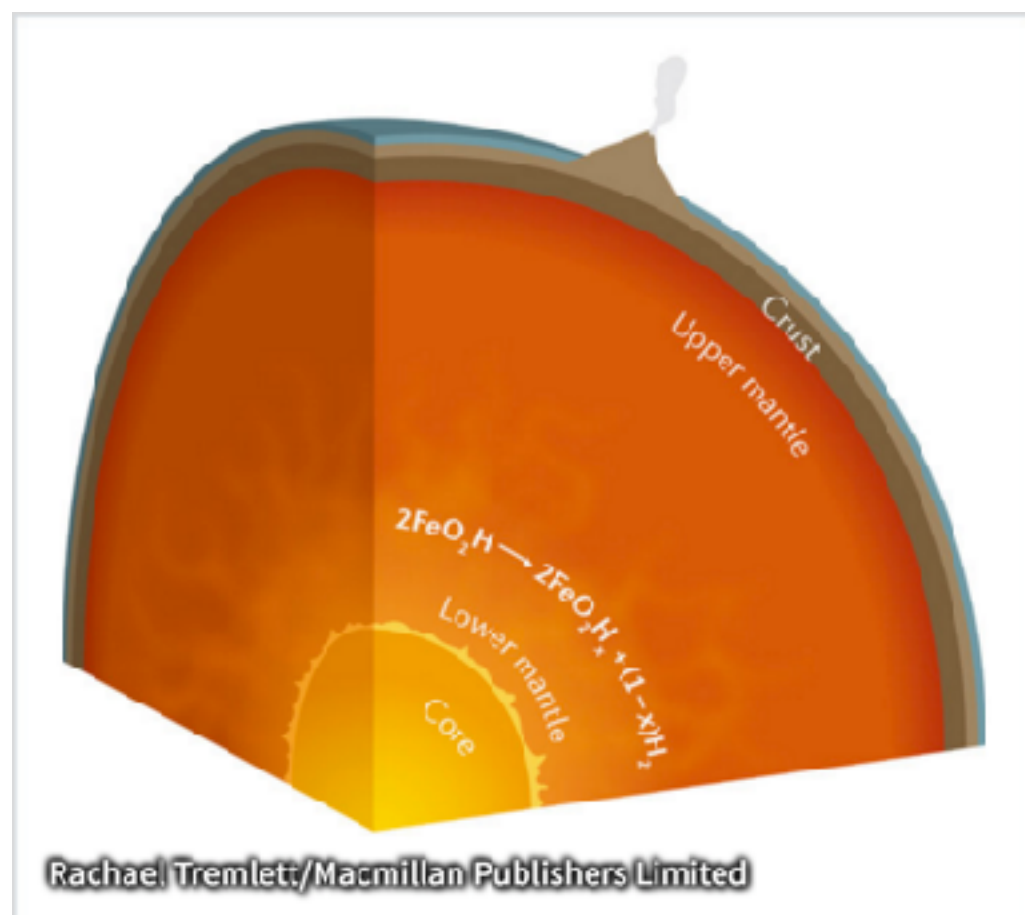
1. Hydrogen-bearing iron peroxide and the origins of ultralow velocity zones, *accepted in Nature* (2017)
2. When water meets iron at Earth's core-mantle boundary, *accepted in National Science Review* (2017)



Research Highlight

## Geochemistry: A journey to the oxidized centre of the Earth

Gabriella Graziano



Iron is present in various forms in the different layers of the Earth – metallic iron in the core, bridgmanite ((Mg,Fe)SiO<sub>3</sub>) and ferropericlase ((Mg,Fe)O) in the mantle, and olivine ((Mg,Fe)<sub>2</sub>SiO<sub>4</sub>), haematite (Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>) and goethite in the crust. Another form of iron that is present in the mantle is FeO<sub>2</sub>, which can be generated by either haematite oxidation or goethite dehydrogenation, two processes that occur at the high pressures (~78 GPa) and temperatures (~1,800 K) in the deep lower mantle of the Earth. In previous work, the Mao group found that the unit cell of the FeO<sub>2</sub> mineral derived from goethite dehydrogenation was quite variable owing to the presence of residual hydrogen in the form of FeO<sub>2</sub>H<sub>x</sub>. Mao and co-workers have now moved forward: by combining diamond anvil cell compressions, state-of-the-art X-ray diffraction measurements and first-principles simulations, they have quantified the amount of hydrogen lost by goethite and proposed a two-step mechanism for goethite dehydrogenation.

# Pyrite, a post DLM phase after post perovskite ?

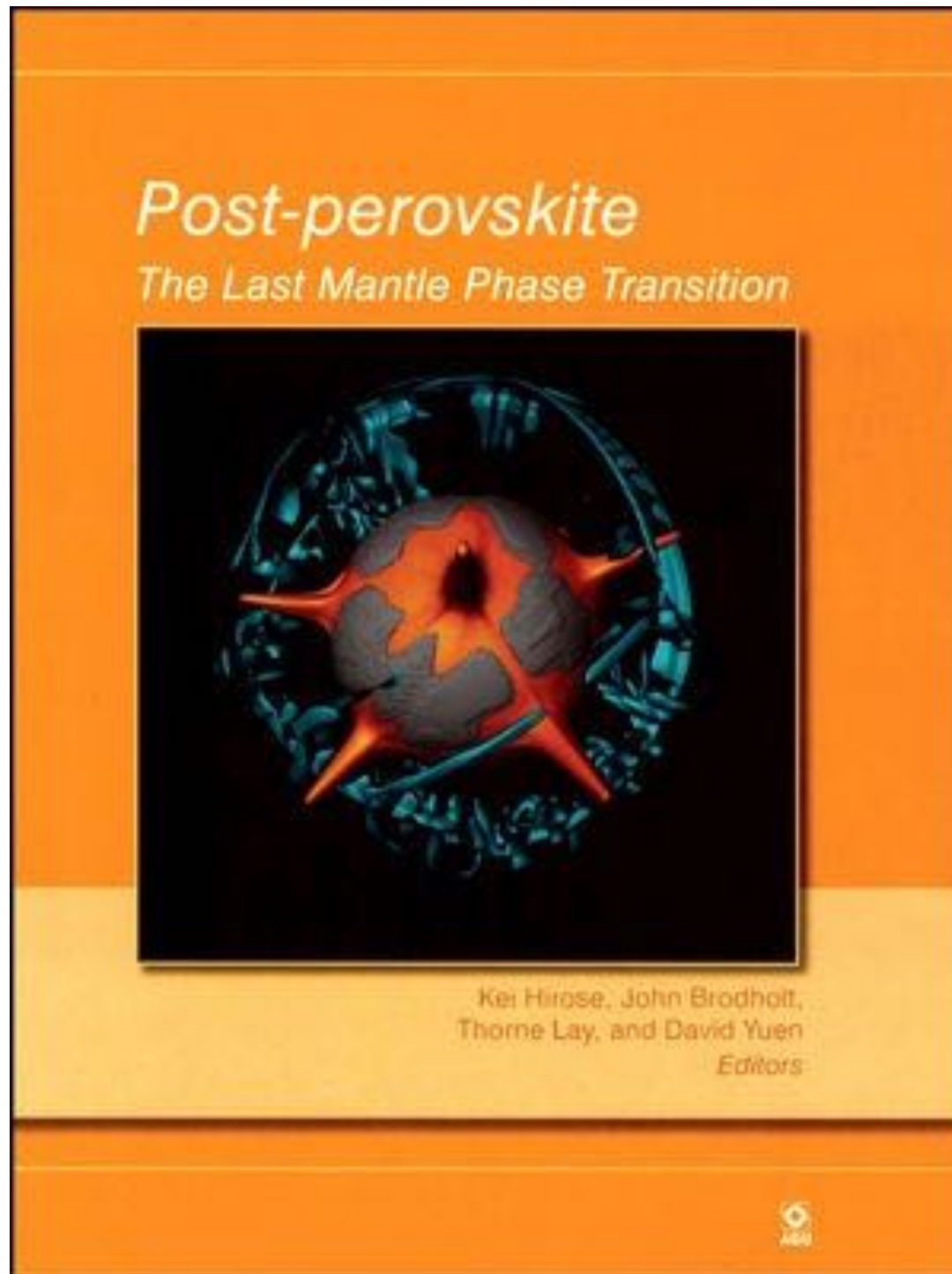
## An Introduction to Post-Perovskite: The Last Mantle Phase Transition

Kei Hirose<sup>1</sup>, John Brodholt<sup>2</sup>, Thorne Lay<sup>3</sup>, and David A. Yuen<sup>4</sup>

Discovery of the perovskite to post-perovskite phase transition in  $\text{MgSiO}_3$ , expected to occur for deep mantle conditions, was first announced in April 2004. This immediately stimulated numerous studies in experimental and theoretical mineral physics, seismology, and geodynamics evaluating the implications of a major lower mantle phase change. A resulting revolution in our understanding of the D'' region in the lowermost mantle is well underway. This monograph presents the multidisciplinary advances to date ensuing from interpreting deep mantle seismological structures and dynamical processes in the context of the experimentally and theoretically determined properties of the post-perovskite phase change; the last silicate phase change likely to occur with increasing pressure in lowermost mantle rocks.

A pyrite of  $\text{FeO}_2$  is not alone  
-  $\text{MgO}_2$ ,  $\text{FeS}_2$ ,  $\text{SiO}_2$ ,  $\text{AlOOH}$

Recently, we have obtained seismic velocity data of  $\text{FeO}_2$  and  $\text{FeOOH}$





# Conclusion / perspective

High-Pressure science can provide an alternative view of states of matter ;  
another dimension of science

Crystal structure search using first principle calculations gives a practical tool  
to predict atomic configuration of materials at a given constraints  
without experimental inputs

Computational condensed matter physics can play a critical role  
in studying geoscience and an emerging theoretical approach  
even can change the conventional understanding

We suggest an abundant  $\text{FeO}_2$  patches at the lower mantle conditions  
in the earth and we are working on  
providing more theoretical/experimental evidence to support our idea,  
which is a major research topic of our center for 5- 10 years

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