

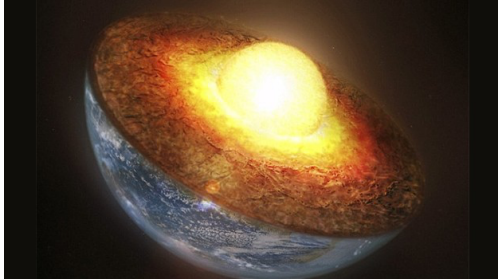
Phase diagrams
of iron and iron oxides
at Super-Earth interior conditions

Marion Harmand et al.
IMPMC – CNRS, Sorbonne Université, MNHN – France

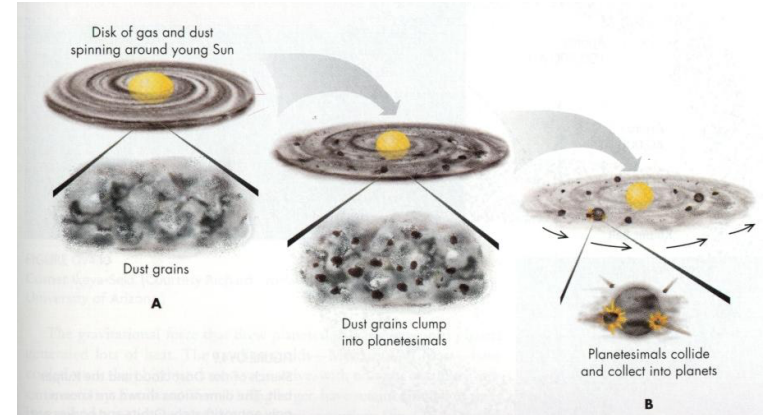
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Matter under extreme conditions in geoscience

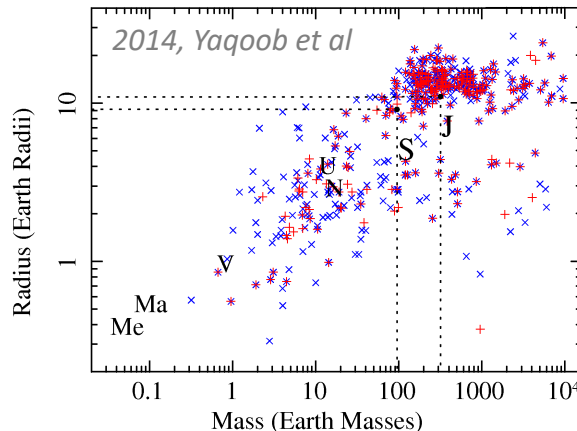
Planetary interiors



Accretion, high-velocity and giant impacts



Exoplanets interiors and habitability



5338 confirmed exoplanets (9432 unconfirmed - 07.06.2023)

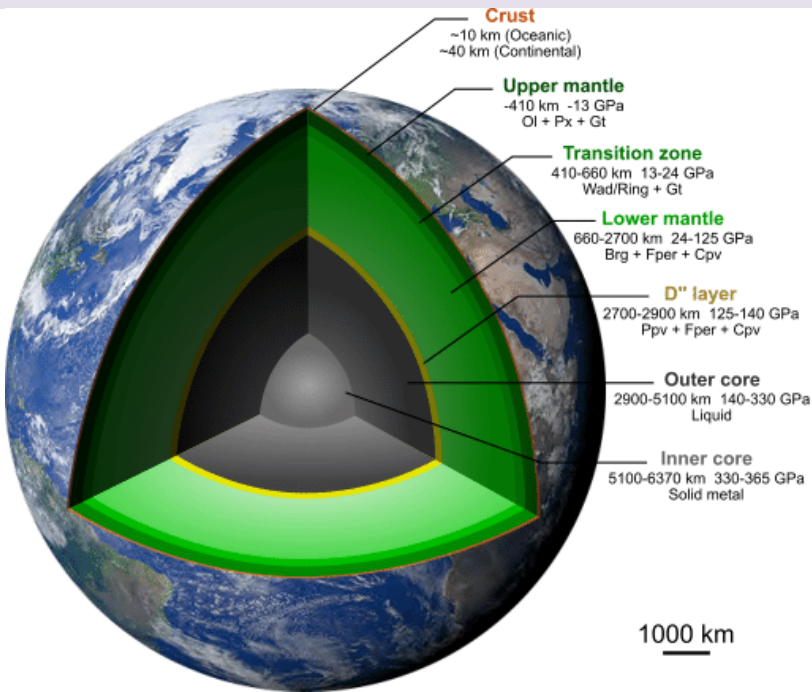
Discovery / 2 days

~63 habitable exoplanets (January 2023)

<https://phl.upr.edu/projects/habitable-exoplanets-catalog>

- Moon: Collision between a proto-Earth and a Mars size body, 4.5Gy ago
- Many debris from the collision and accretion to form the Moon ?
- How much is left from the external body in the Earth?

Exoplanets and Habitability

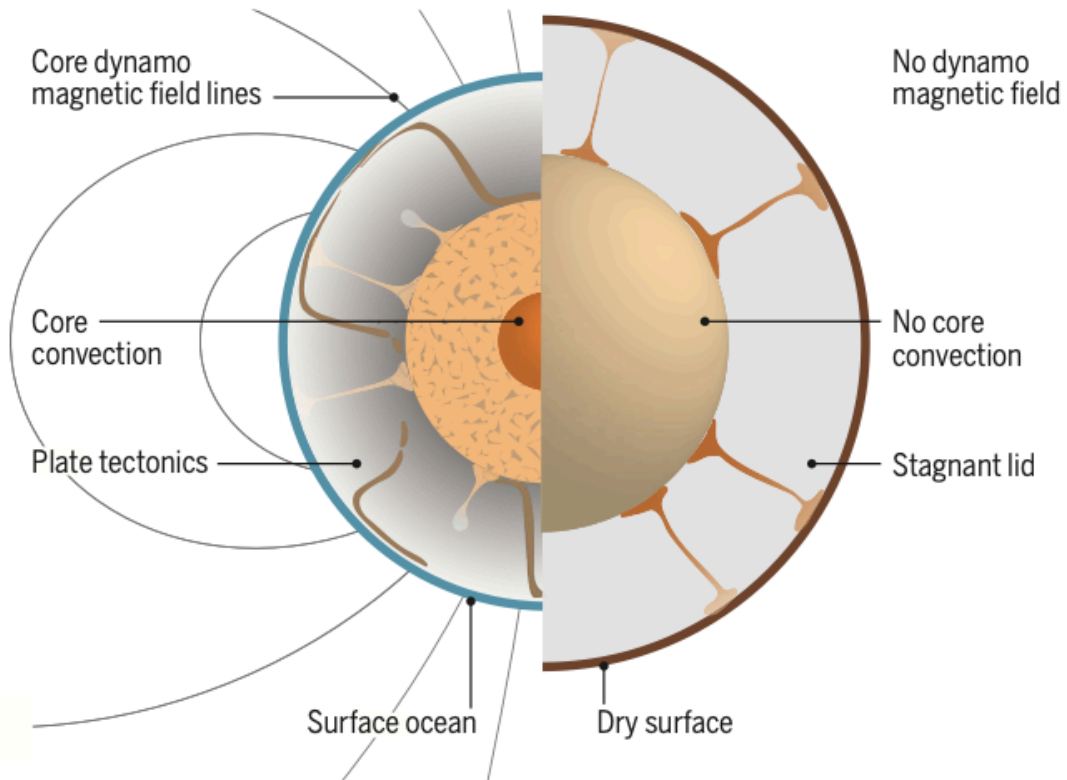


T. Yoshizaki Chemie der Erde 2021

Big inner core, entirely solid?
Tectonic?
Geodynamo?
Liquid core?

...

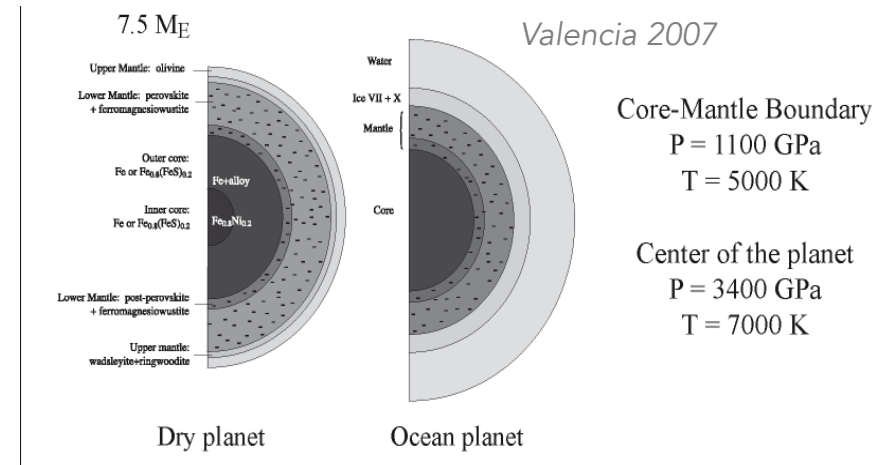
Shahar Science 2019



Iron and Iron oxides in planetary interiors

Iron is the main component in the inner and outer core of the Earth

- Solid or liquid in Super Earth?
- Cristallographic phase and physical properties?

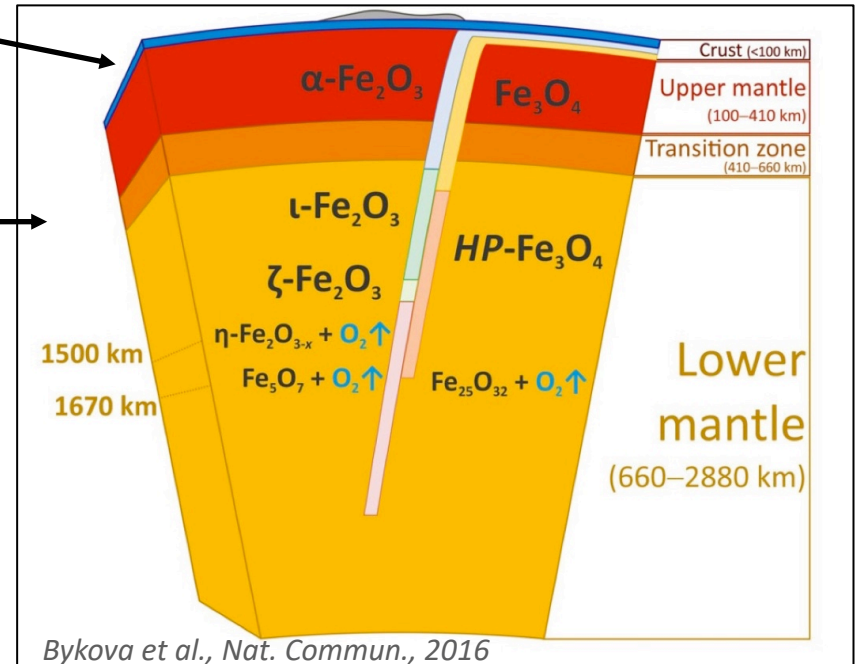


Iron oxides at ambient conditions:
 FeO , Fe_2O_3 , Fe_3O_4

- Mantle component (135 GPa, 4000 K) :
- The oxidation state influences the redox state ($\text{Fe}^{2+}/\text{Fe}^{3+}$ proportions) and iron partitioning in minerals [1]
 - Spin state affect mineral properties [1]
 - New stoichiometries (ex : FeO_2 , Fe_5O_7 , Fe_4O_5 ...) [2,3]
 - O and H reservoirs?

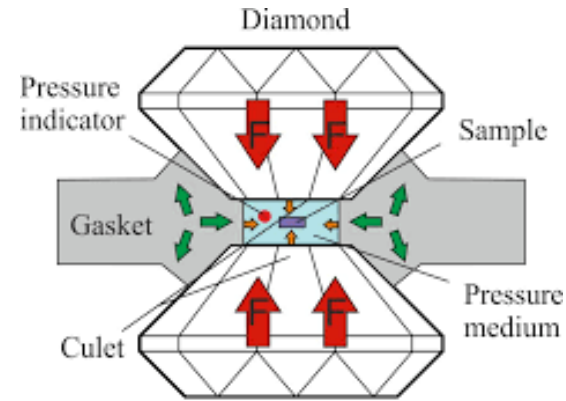
[1] Badro, *Annu. Rev. Earth Planet. Sci.*, 2014
 [2] Hu et al., *nature*, 2016
 [3] Lavina et al., *PNAS*, 2011 & *Sci. Adv.*, 2015

Ferropericlase $(\text{Fe}, \text{Mg})\text{O}$ are major components in the Earth mantle



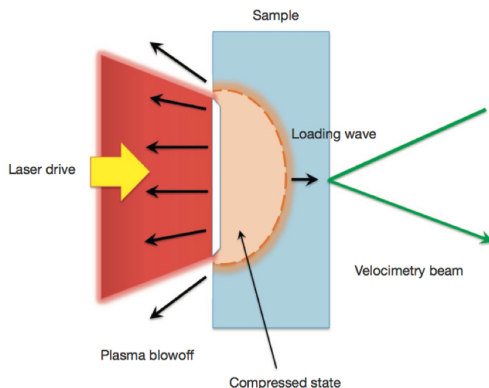
Studies in laboratories

Static compression heating
(LH- & RH-DAC)

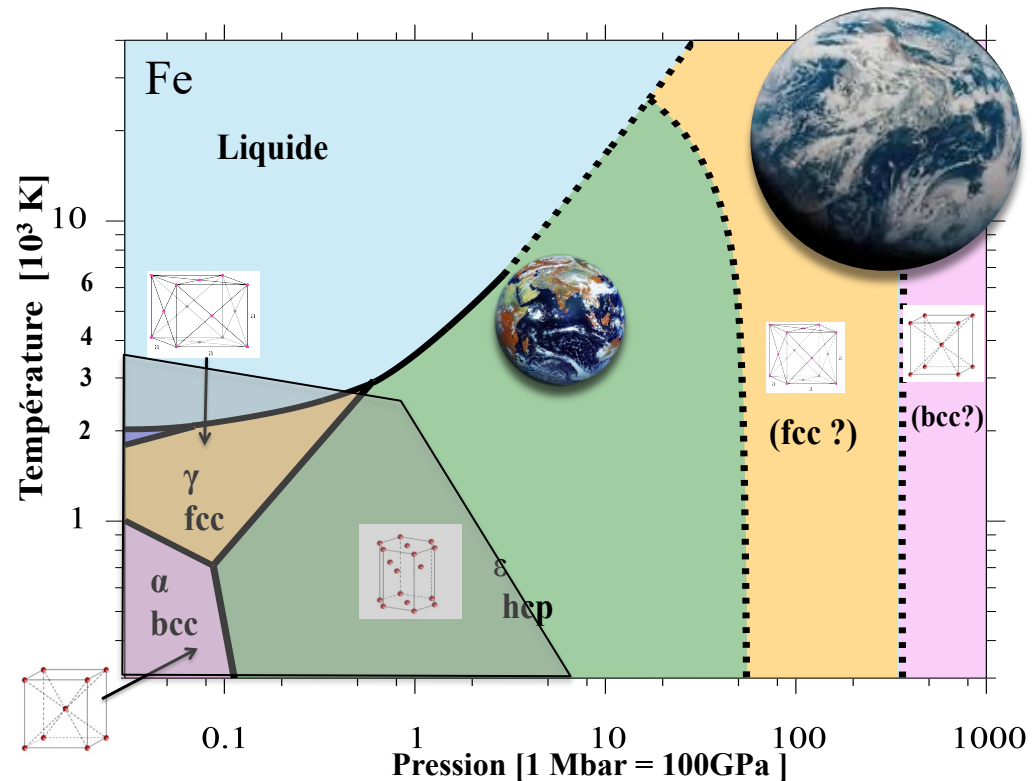


$$P = \frac{F}{S}$$

Dynamic compression and
ultrafast heating with Lasers



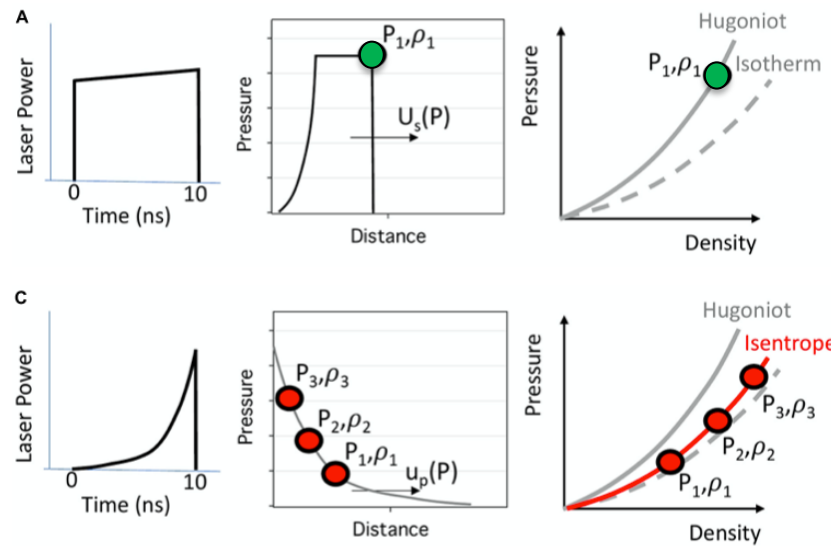
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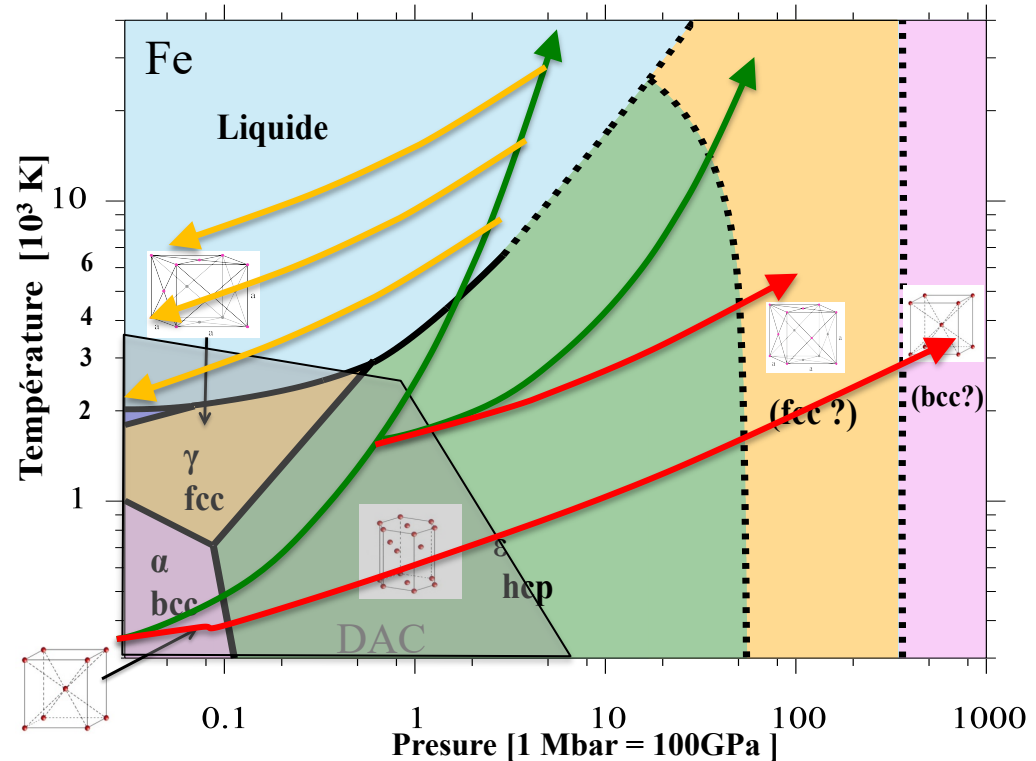
Laser compression enables reaching
extreme conditions of Pressure P,
Temperature T (...and strain rates)

Explorer le diagramme de phase par compression laser

Modified from Duffy 2019



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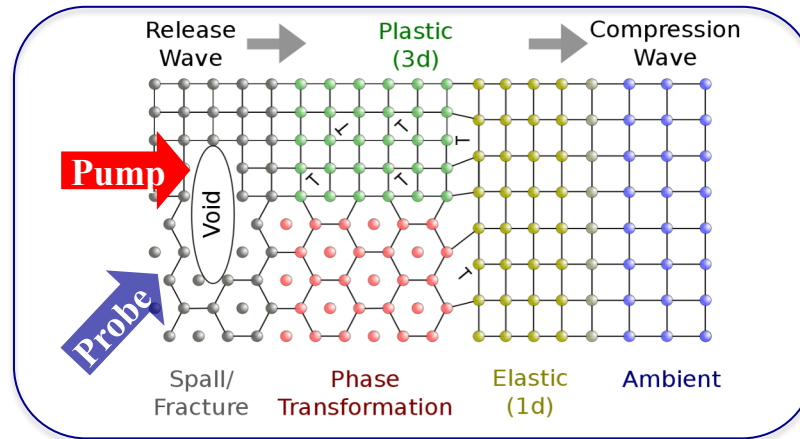
Ramp compression enables studying larger part of the phase diagram and more importantly at low temperature!

→ Fe at TPa by E. Brambrink's et al. (2023-2024)

→ Fe-O at TPa

Couple a structural probe with a high-energy laser

X-ray diffraction to probe in-situ phase transitions

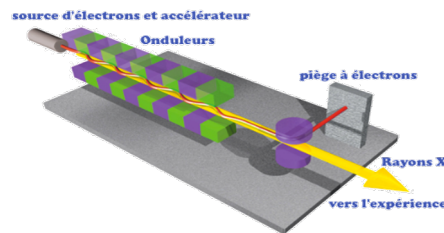


Synchrotron



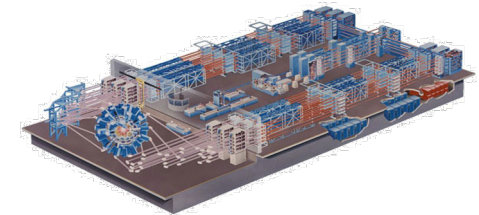
- * Diagnostics developed since 40 years
- * Synchrotron X-ray source > 10^7 photons / impulsion, $\Delta\tau \approx 100$ ps
- * Recent implementation of ns lasers
- * P-T domain is limited
- * Mostly shock only (square pulse)
- * Moderate repetition rate (100shots)

XFEL



- * Recent facilities (≈ 10 years)
- * XFEL X-ray source > 10^{12} photons / impulsion, $\Delta\tau \approx 100$ fs
- * Recent implementation of ns lasers
- * P-T domain is limited
- * Mostly shock only (square pulse or very weak ramp)
- * High repetition rates (> 1000shots)

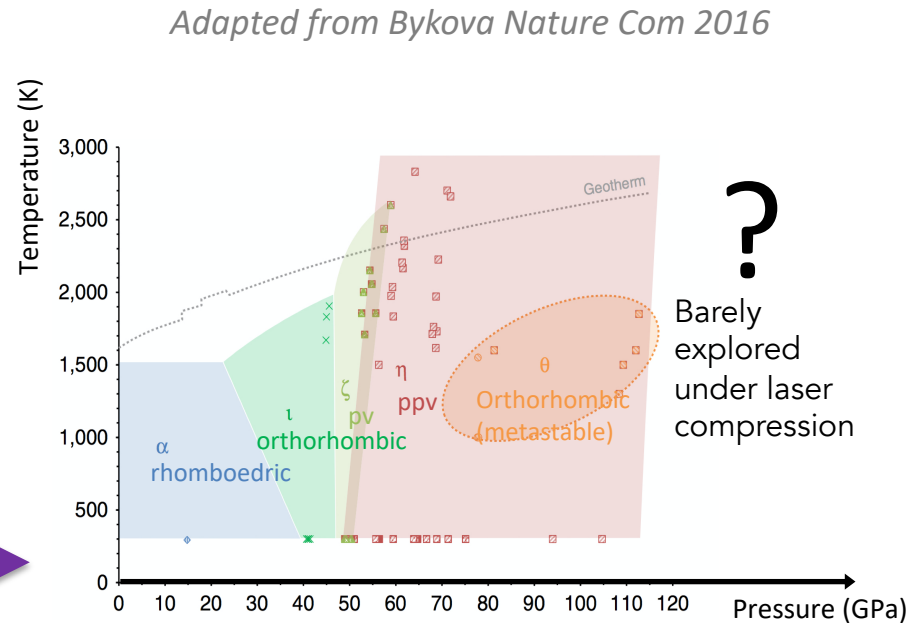
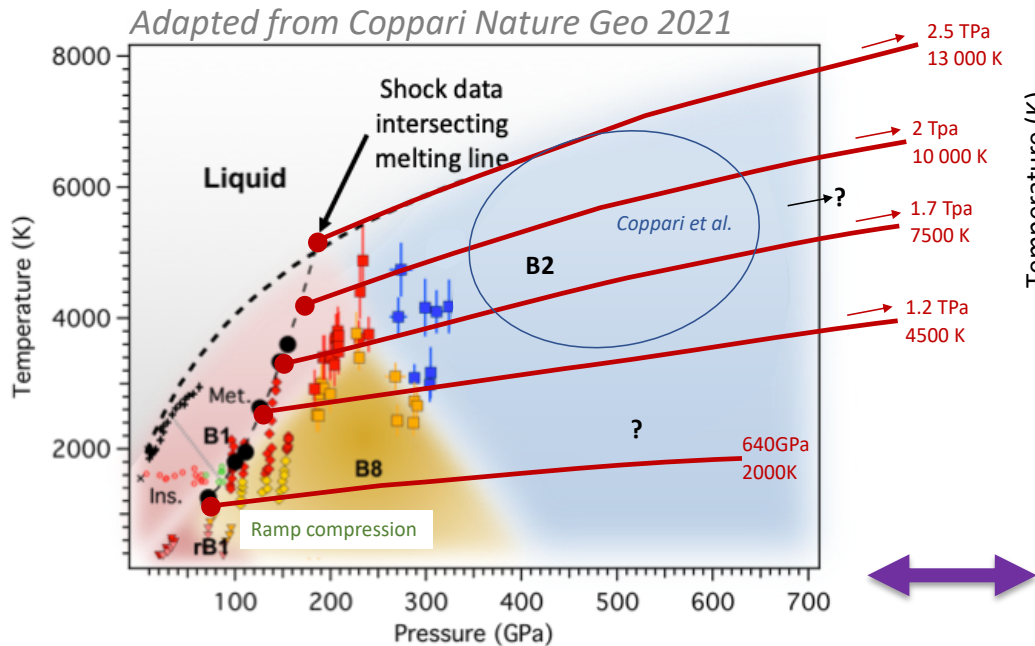
Laser



- * Récent diagnostics, mostly XRD in transmission (OMEGA : 9 ans, NIF : 3 ans)
- * Plasma X-ray source: He_α emission ($\Delta\tau \approx 1$ ns), $\text{K}\alpha$ emission to be improved ($\Delta\tau \approx 1$ ps)
- * **Large P-T domain**
- * High quality Shock and ramp
- * Very little amount of shots

LMJ proposals on Fe-O

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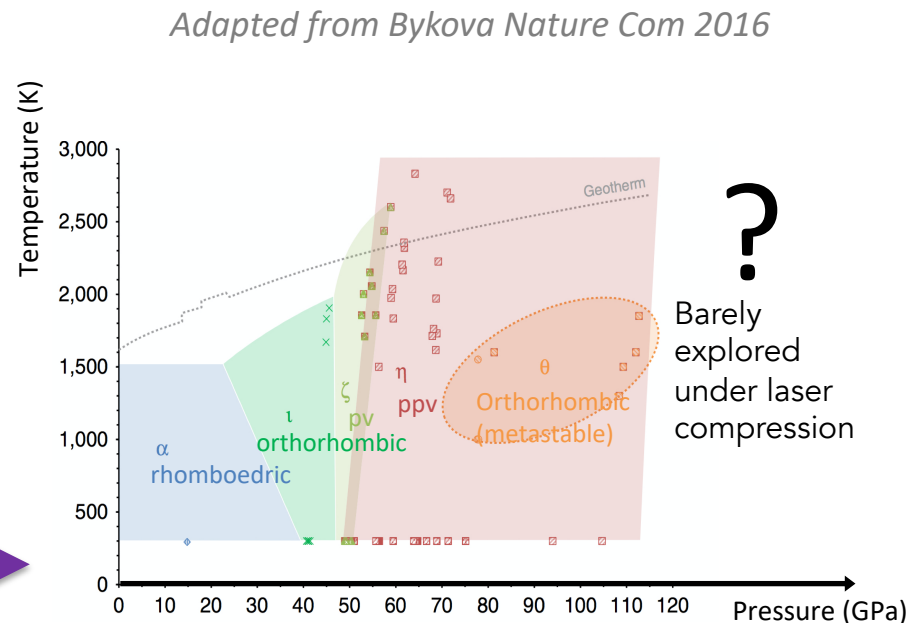
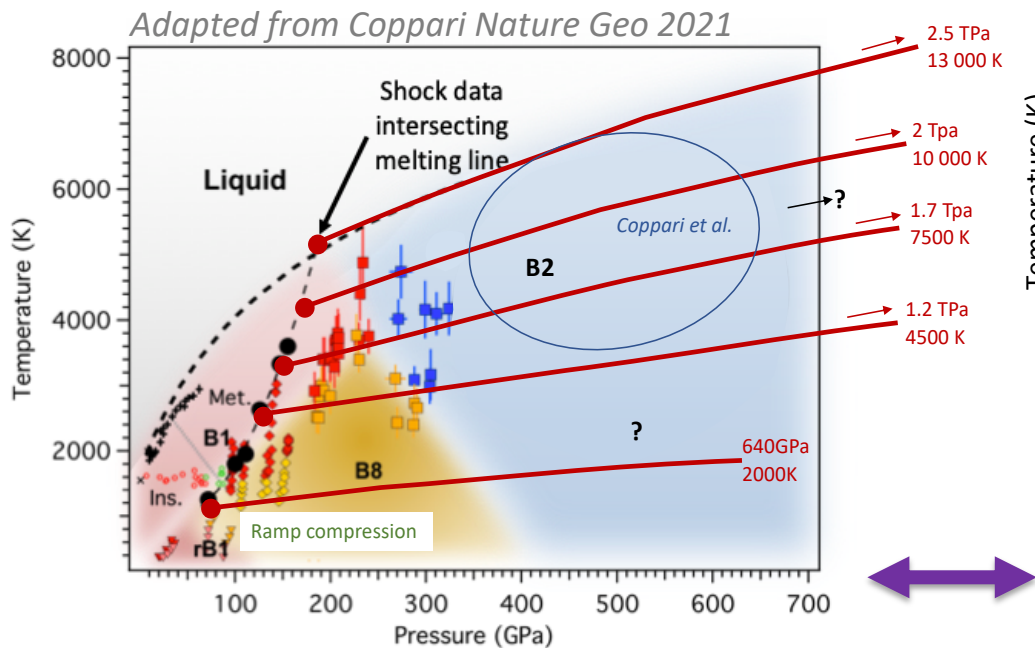


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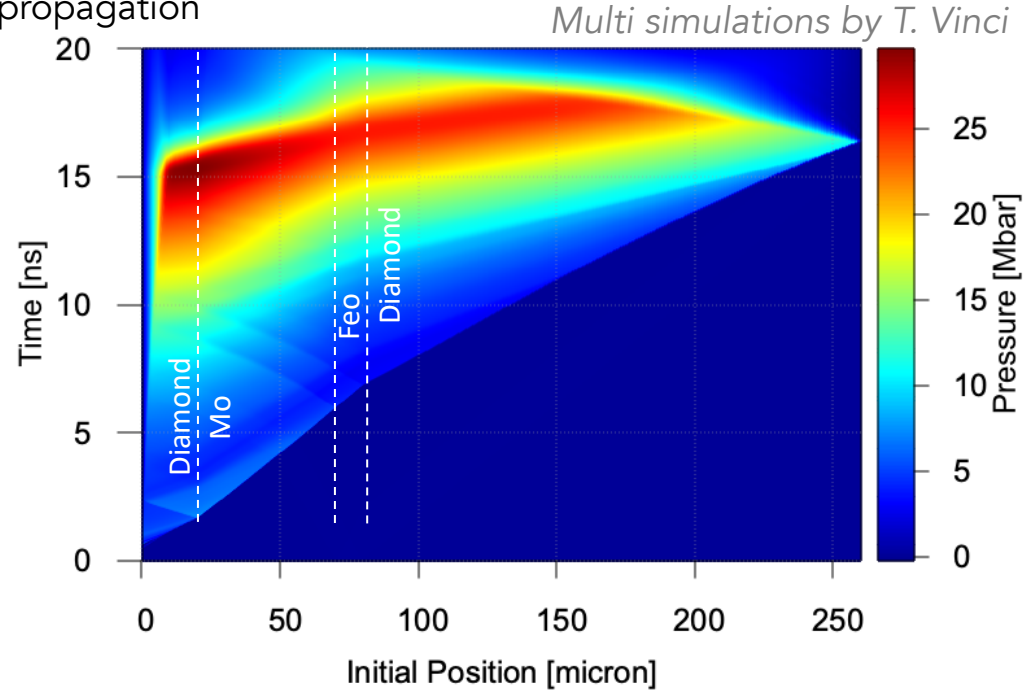
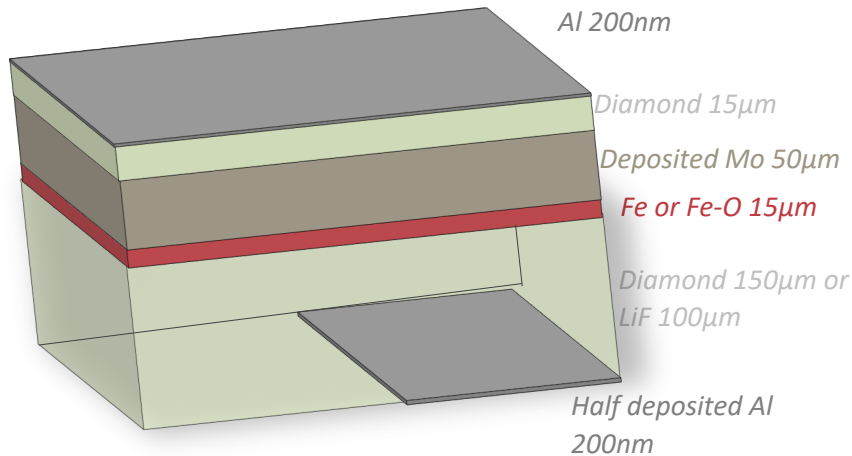
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LMJ samples design and development

Multi layer samples

- Ablator
- Front plasma shileding
- Half coated diamond optical Window for compression characterisation and maintaining P-T during the probe
- Fe or Fe-O layer optimized for X-ray diffraction
- Minimize glue layer to control the shock propagation

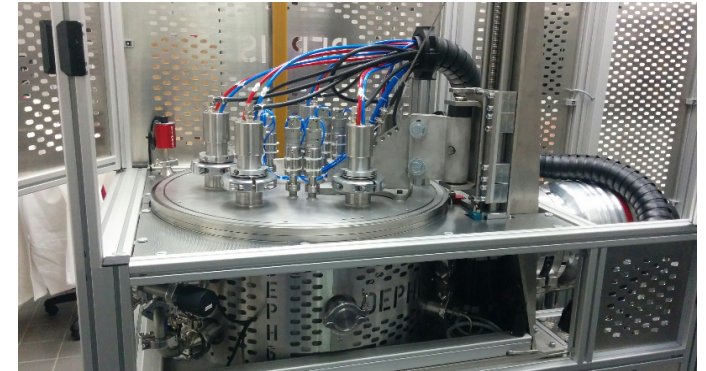
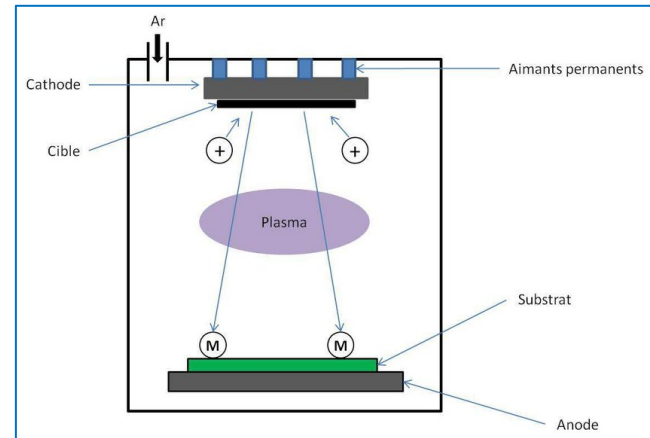


Understand (and possibly control) Phase transitions

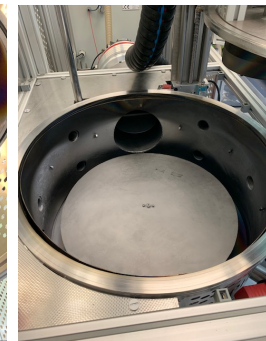
- control the initial cristallographic phases
- cristallographic orientations and textures
- compositon and impurities

MIEL Platform: PVD deposition for target fabrication

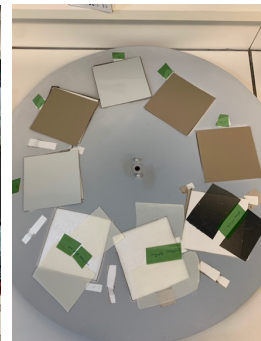
Synthesis of sample by Cathodique Magnetron Pulverisation



4 magnetrons



Rotating board



Large coated surfaces

- Thickness : few hundreds of nm to $\sim 30\mu\text{m}$
- Polycrystallines samples or amorphous
- Unique elements : Fe, Si, Al, Au, Ti, Mo, Ni, Ge...
- Fe alloys: Fe-Si, Fe-Si-C, Fe-Si-Mg, Fe-Si-O of variable composition
- **Iron Oxides : Fe-O of variable composition (up 20 %), FeO, Fe₂O₃, Fe₃O₄ mixtures, (Fe,Mg)O of variable composition**
- Other amorphous oxides : MgO, SiO, SiO₂, MgSiO₃, Mg-Si-O, Mg-Fe-Si-O of variable composition
- SiC



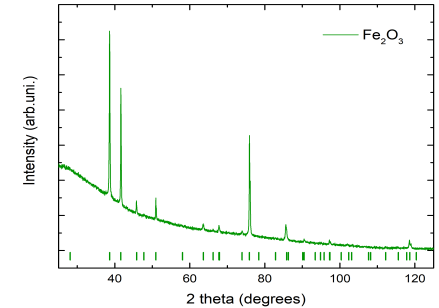
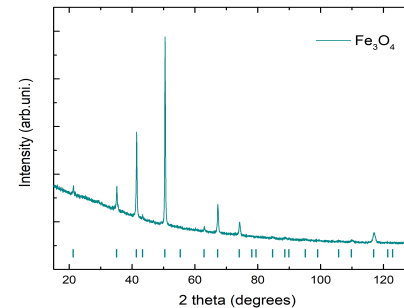
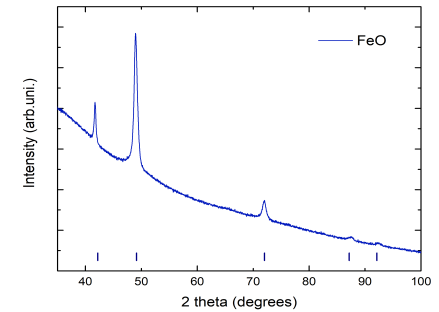
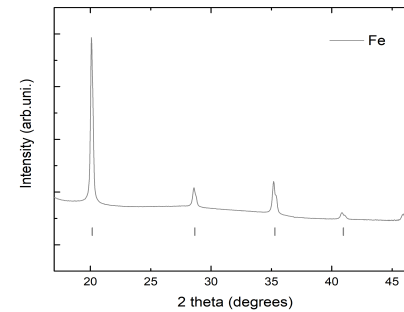
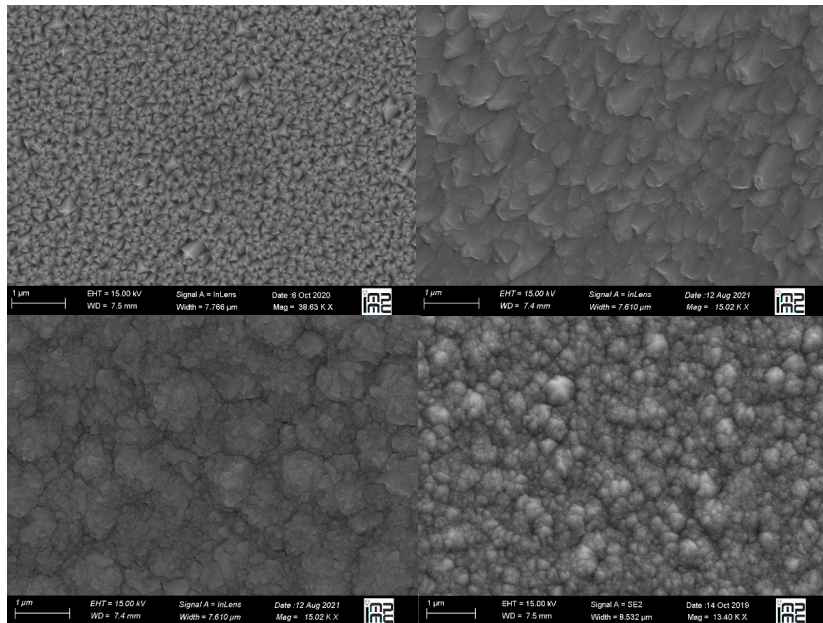
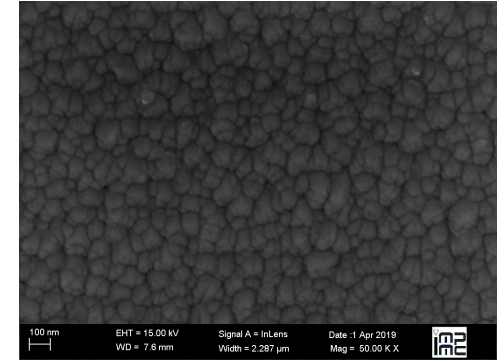
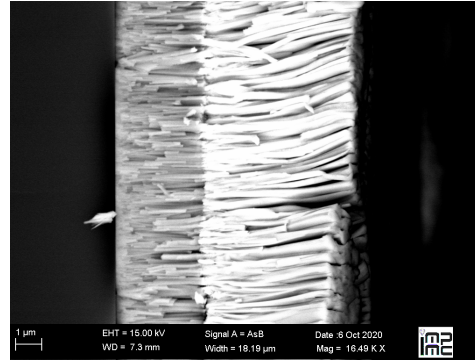
Characterisation of our starting materials

SEM – TEM

- Interface quality
- Preferential Orientation
- Composition
- Grain size

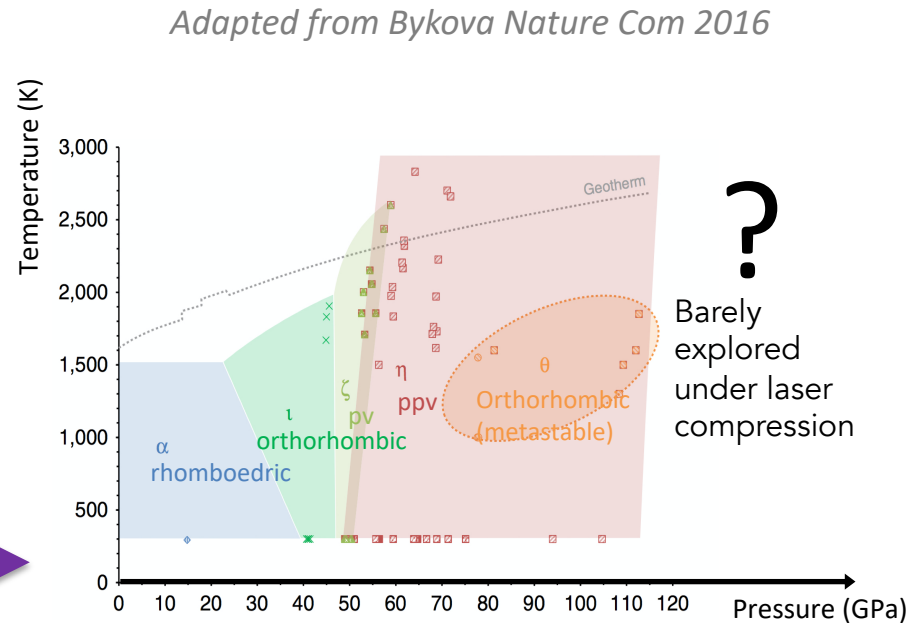
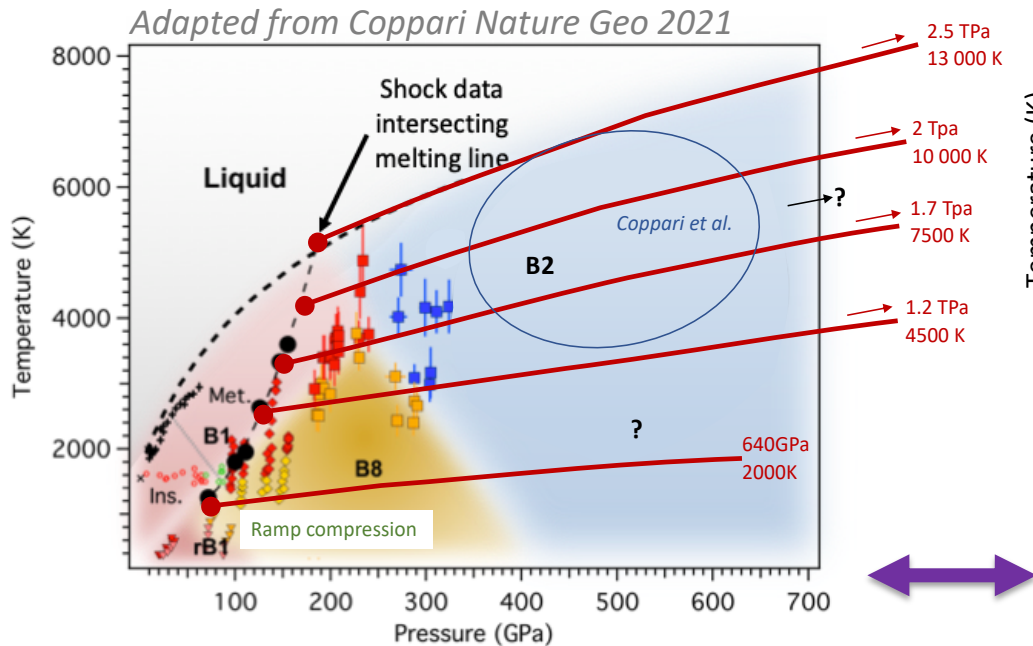
XRD

- Crystallographic phases
- Grain size
- Crystallinity
- Preferential Orientation
- XRD signal (2D and integrated)



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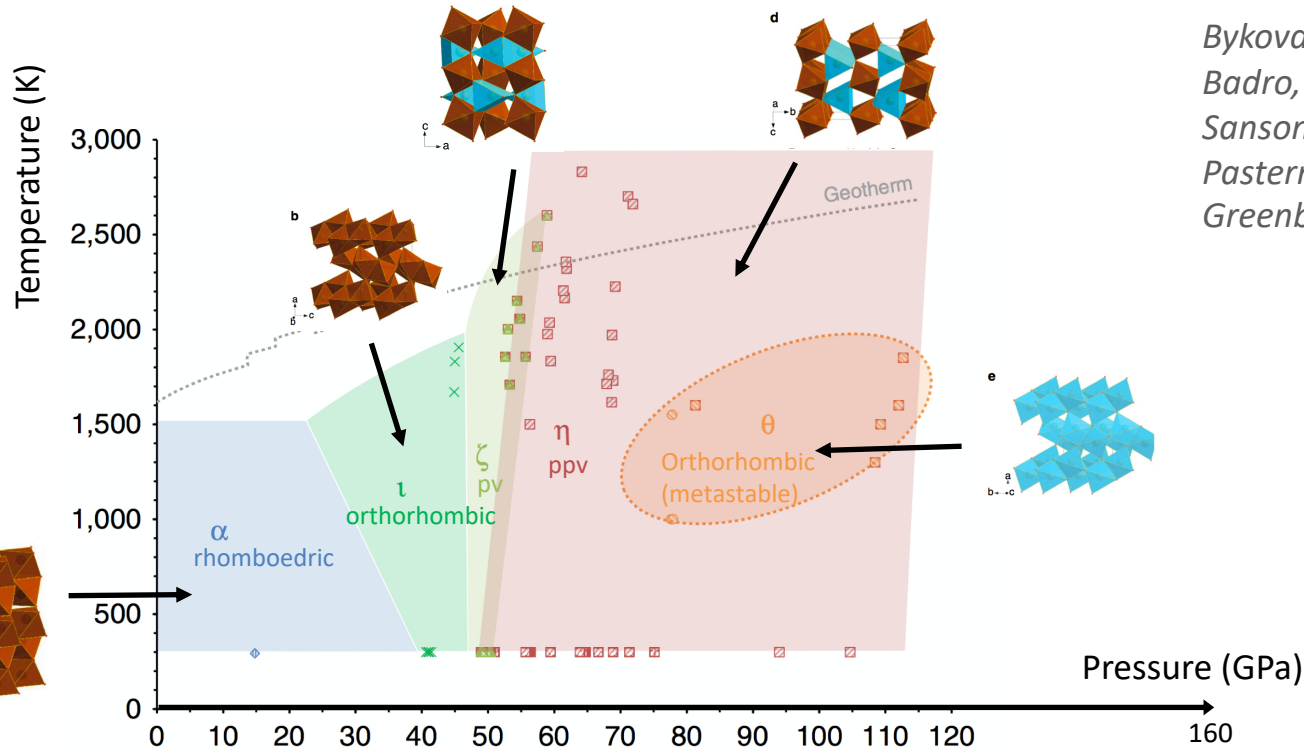
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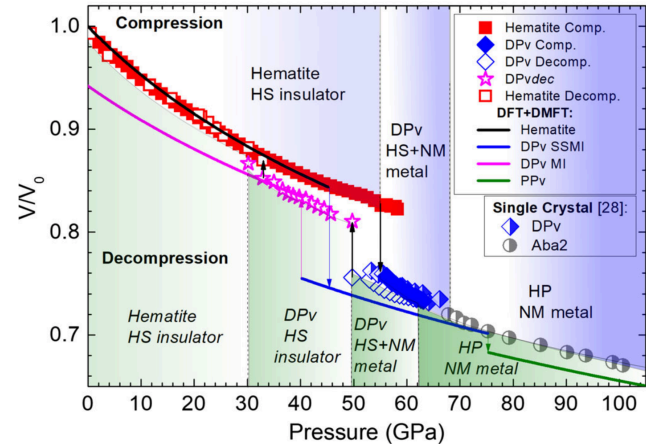
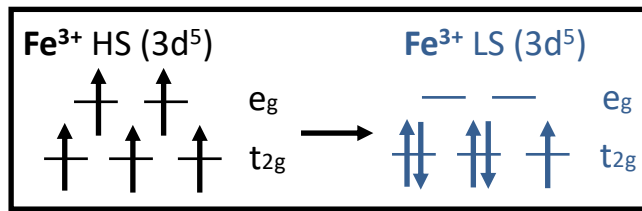
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Fe₂O₃ phase diagram by LH-DAC



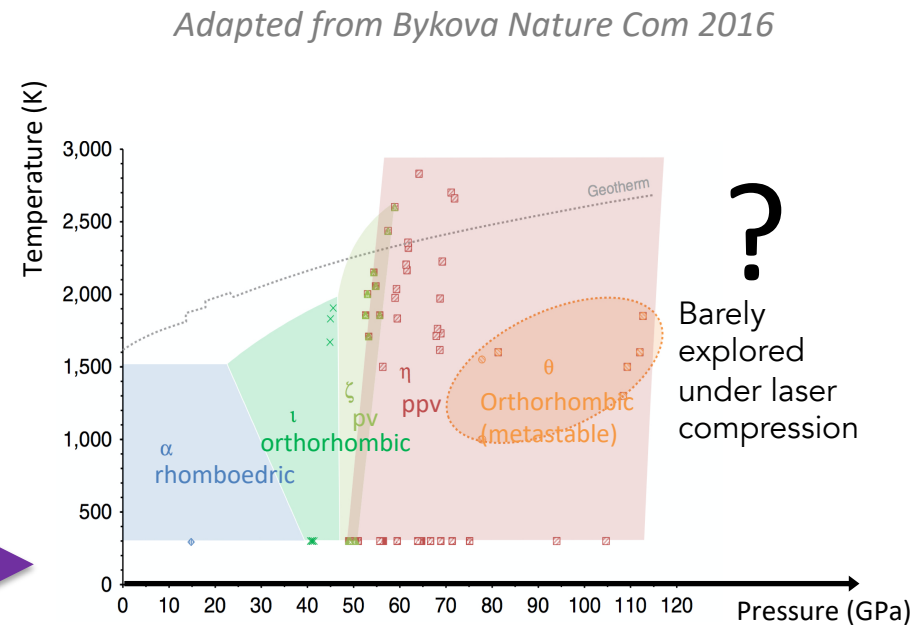
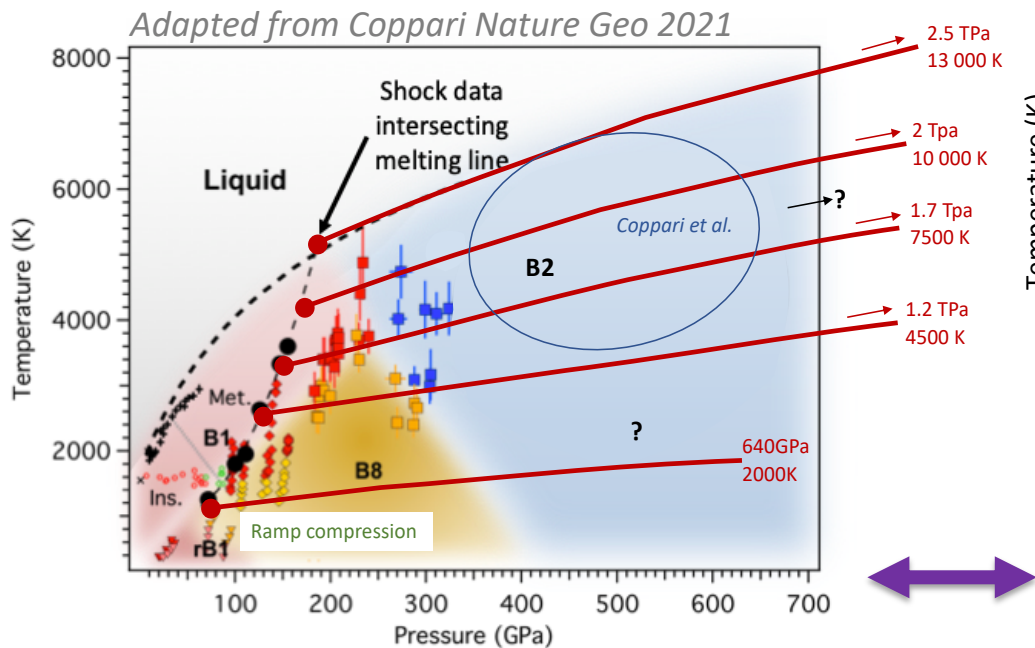
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Spin transition and Mott transition



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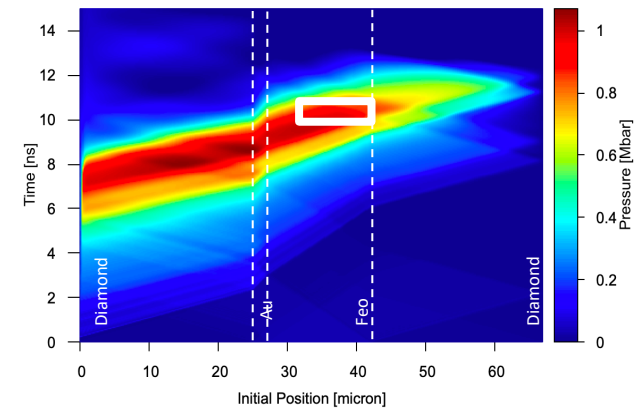
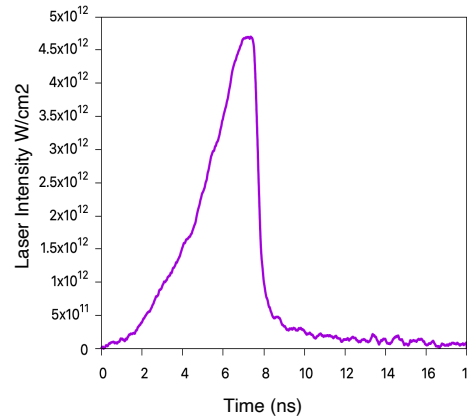
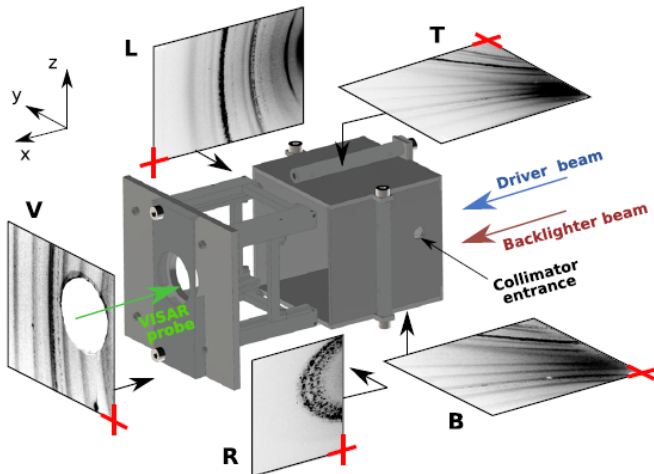
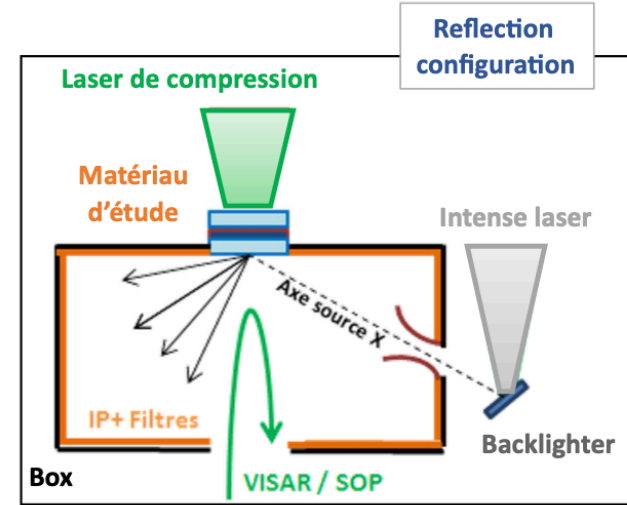
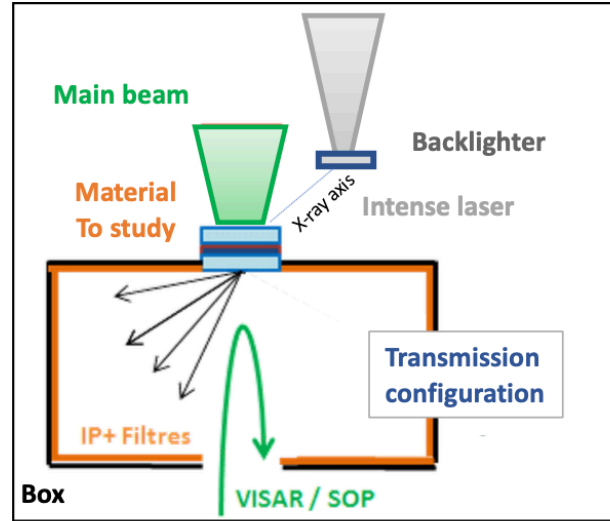
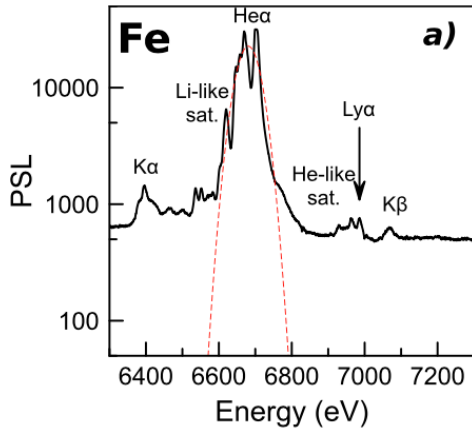
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X-ray diffraction at LULI2000

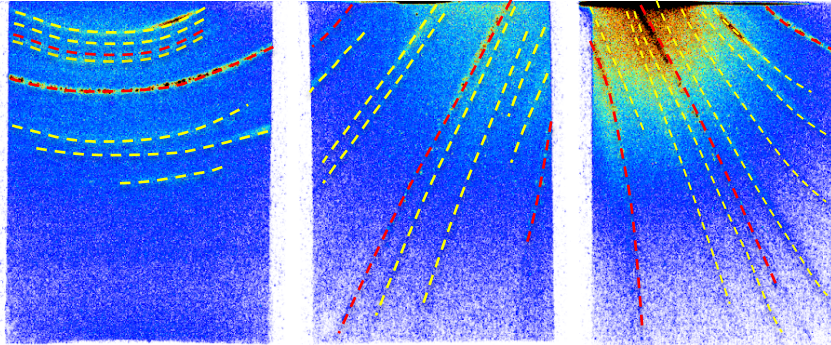
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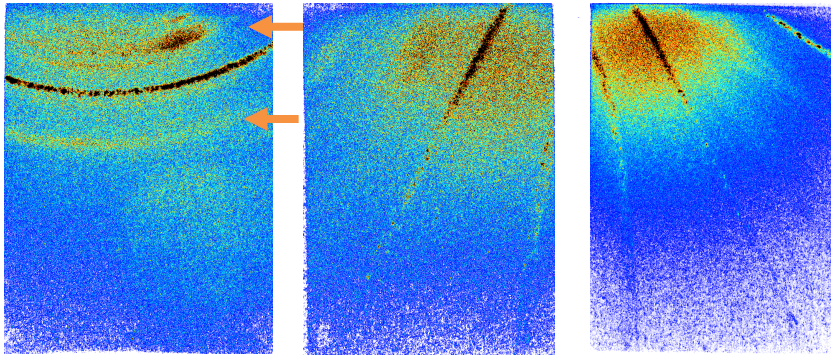
Possibility to couple XRD with laser ramp compression at LULI2000

X-ray diffraction on FeO and Fe₂O₃ under ramp compression at ~60GPa

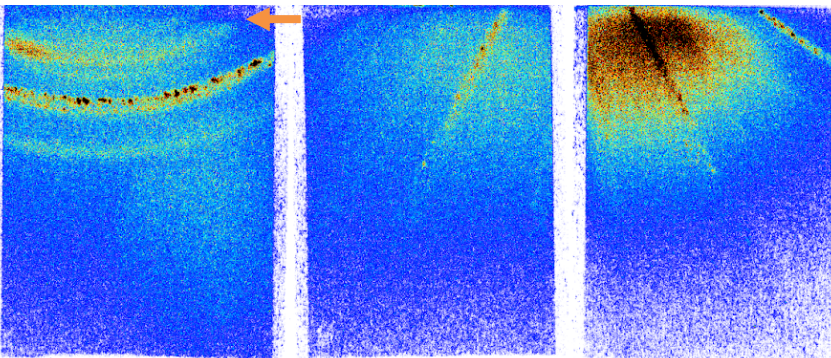


Shot 105 – Fe₂O₃ ambient

C* lines
Fe₂O₃ lines



Shot 114 – 184J
At breakout



Shot 113 – 197J
1ns after Breakout from Fe₂O₃

- Data under analysis
- The reflective XRD setup at LULI works very well

X-ray diffraction at LMJ

Objectives: Fe at TPa pressures

E. Brambrink's campaign (XFEL)

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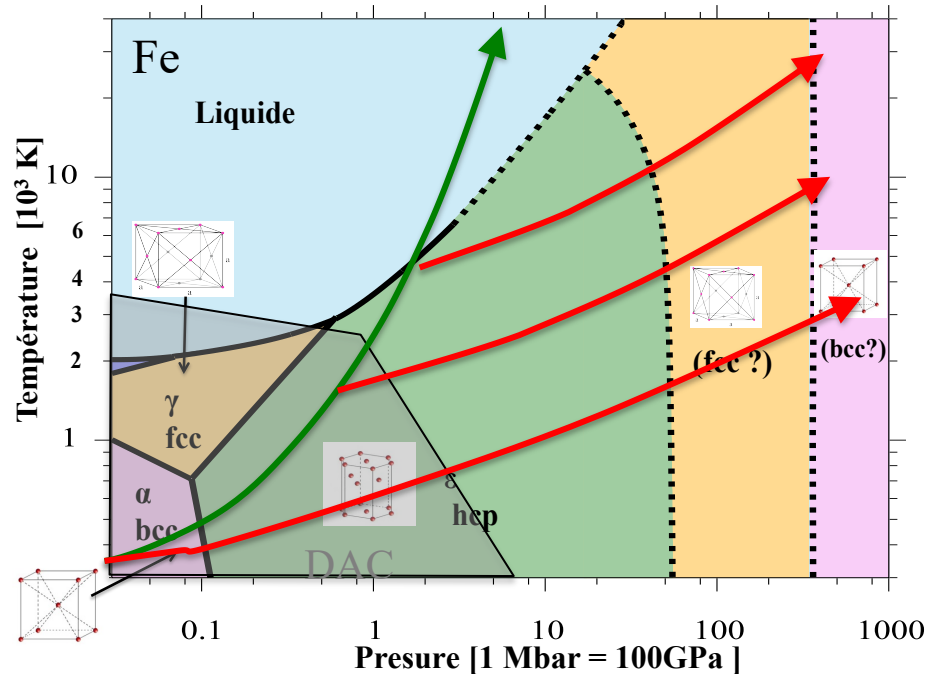
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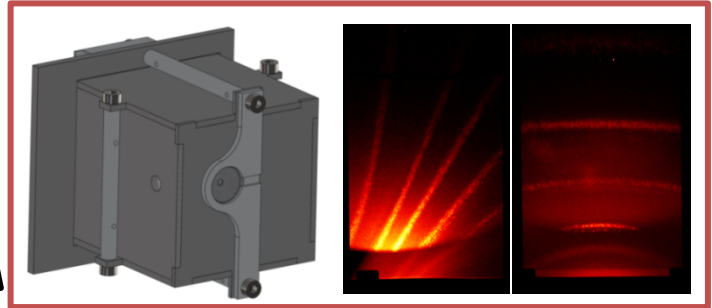
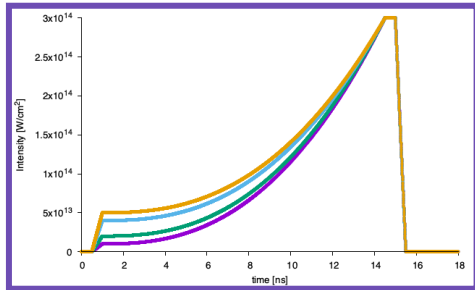


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Experimental approach

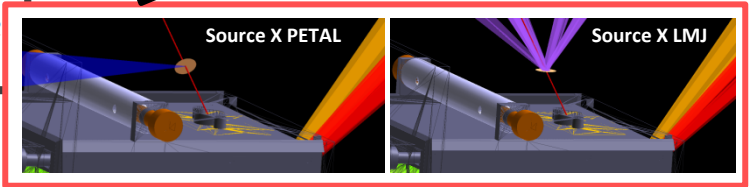
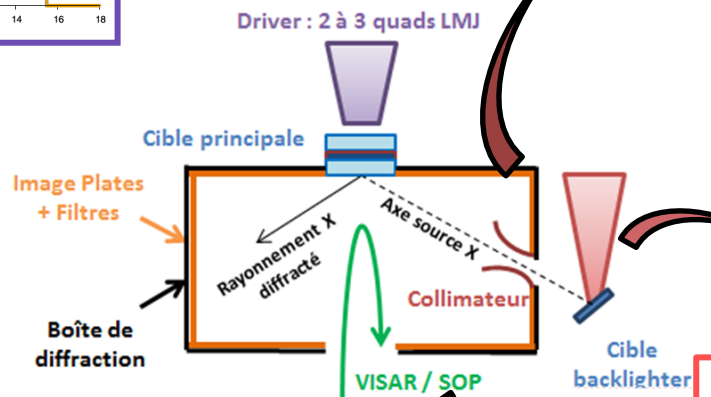
Driver : Shock compression + laser ramp

- Long duration temporal profile, « exotic » for LMJ
- Fully understand the shock + ramp thermodynamic path in relation with the laser temporal profile



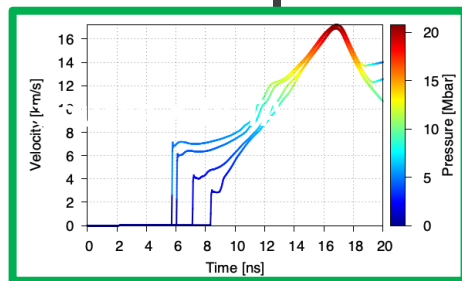
Principal Diagnostic 1 : XRD in reflexion

- High quality Signal to noise ratio: external shielding in WC + internal shielding of the main target (Mo)
- Follow up of the LULI developpements
- Heavy and takes place in the LMJ chamber: real challenge to integrate it and align it at LMJ



Probe : High flux X-ray source

- X-ray generation using PETAL beam ($K\alpha$) or 6-7 LMJ quads ($He\alpha$)
- 1st part of the experiment: test the X-ray source
- X-ray spectra and flux characterized by SpectiX, DMX and Bremsstrahlung diagnostics



Principal Diagnostic 2 : VISAR ($\omega/2\omega$) + SOP

- Measure the thermodynamic path (P-T) independantly from the X-ray diffraction
- Time of the probe and Compression time

X-ray diffraction at LMJ

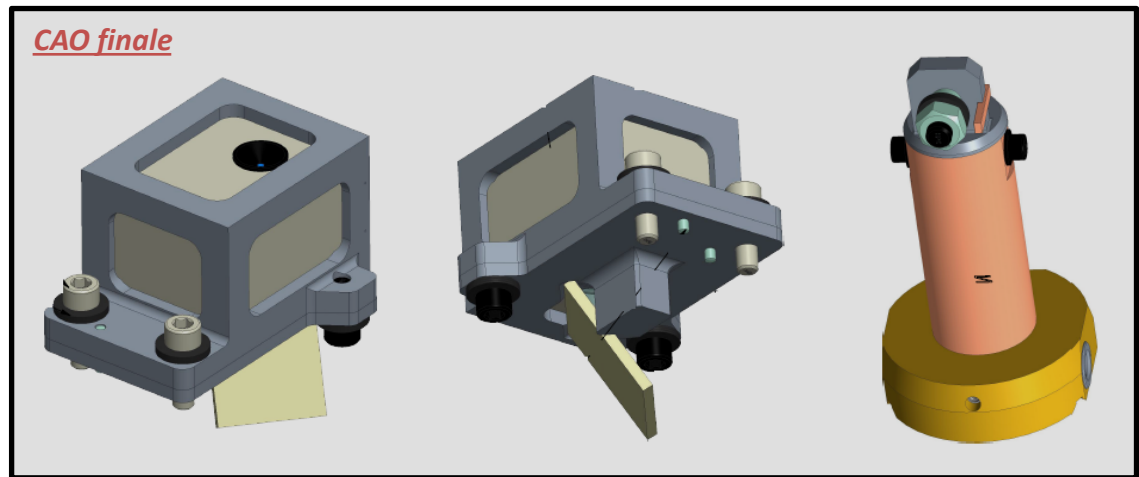
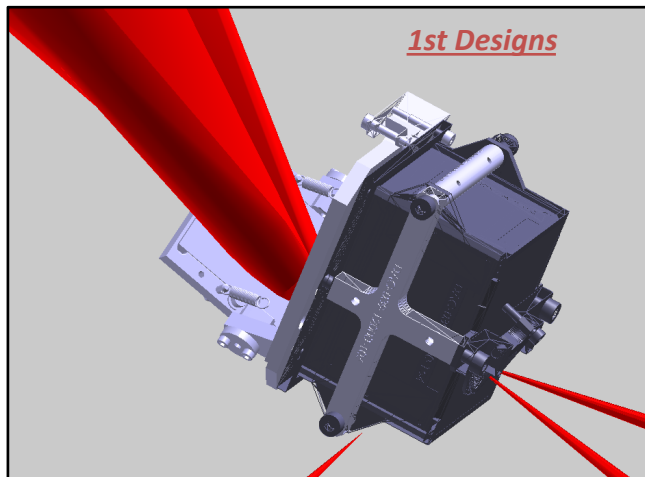
Improvements and adaptation of the XRD setup

Technical and physical challenges:

- Adaptation to the LMJ-PETAL environment
- Size and weight constrains
- Holding and alignment constrains
- Compatibility with Irradiation & simultaneoux pointing of the LMJ / PETAL / EOS-Pack beams
- Materials must be PETAL-compatible
- Debris Constrain

2 major modifications:

- Reduce the size of the box
- Remove all screws



X-ray diffraction at LMJ

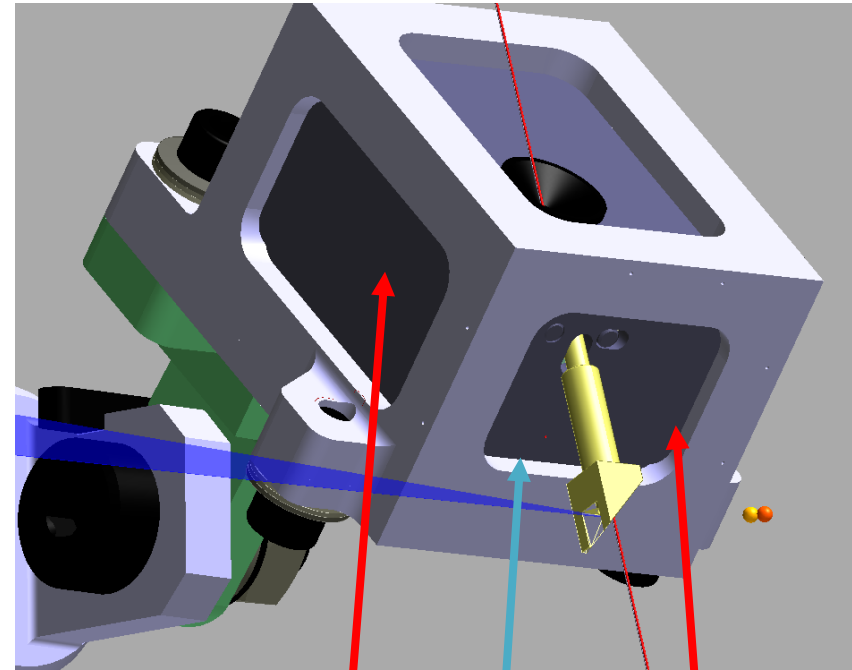
1st shots results - E.Brambrink's campaign

1st Part

- 2 shots without compression : Study the X-ray source and the external shielding
 - 1 shot with K_{α} (PETAL, 10 ps)
 - 1 shot with He_{α} (LMJ, 700 ps, 6-8 quads)
- 1 shot with compression : test the internal shielding of the main target (Mo)

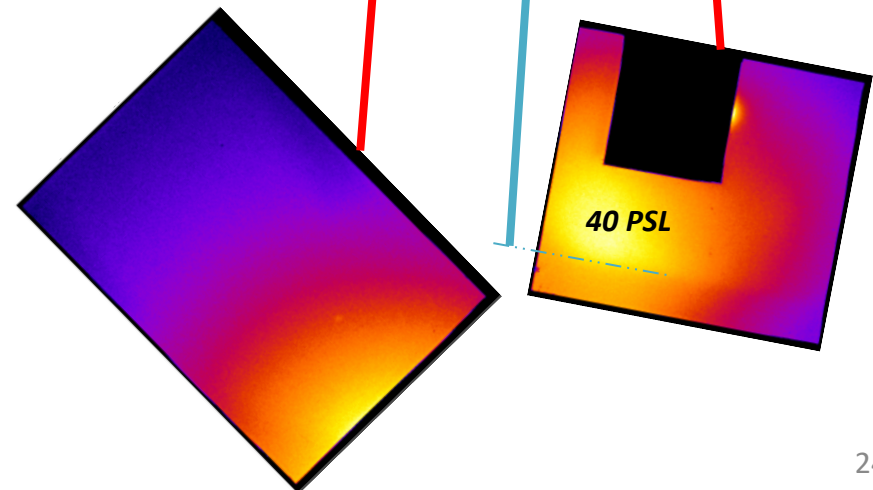
2nd Part

- 4 shots with different compression schemes (modifying the laser energy, the pulse shape and the initial shock)



1st shot with PETAL X-ray source

- Very high background
- coming from an area close to the backlighter, outside the XRD box
- Most probably due to hot electrons (no filtering possible at this distance)
- Very different background than the LULI experiment



Conclusion and Perspectives

- Tremendous work and expertise by the CEA team to make this diagnostic work at LMJ!
- Follow up of a community work on XRD under laser compression at LULI2000
- Complementary with other X-ray sources to achieve different regime of pressure
- Need to better understand phase transformation under shock
 - X-ray time resolved experiments are opening new perspectives
 - simulation are required
 - specificity of the phase transitions under ramp compression
- Need of intermediate facilities between...

Specific conclusions for our future LMJ experiment

- Alignment method of the diffractometer is validated
- PETAL X-ray source
 - Weak conversion for the Ge $K\alpha$ @ 10keV : $\sim 10^{-5}$ → 1000x less flux on target than at LULI2000
 - Intense background from the outside of the XRD box → hot electrons ? Could be explained by a pre-pulse
 - The background is 10x more intense than the LULI2000 → no possibility to shield (too heavy, not enough space)
 - The PETAL $K\alpha$ X-ray source is not adapted
- Next test: LMJ X-ray source
 - 1 QUAD would be enough with type F phase plate to reproduce LULI flux
 - 3 and 6 QUADS → x7 to 45 flux



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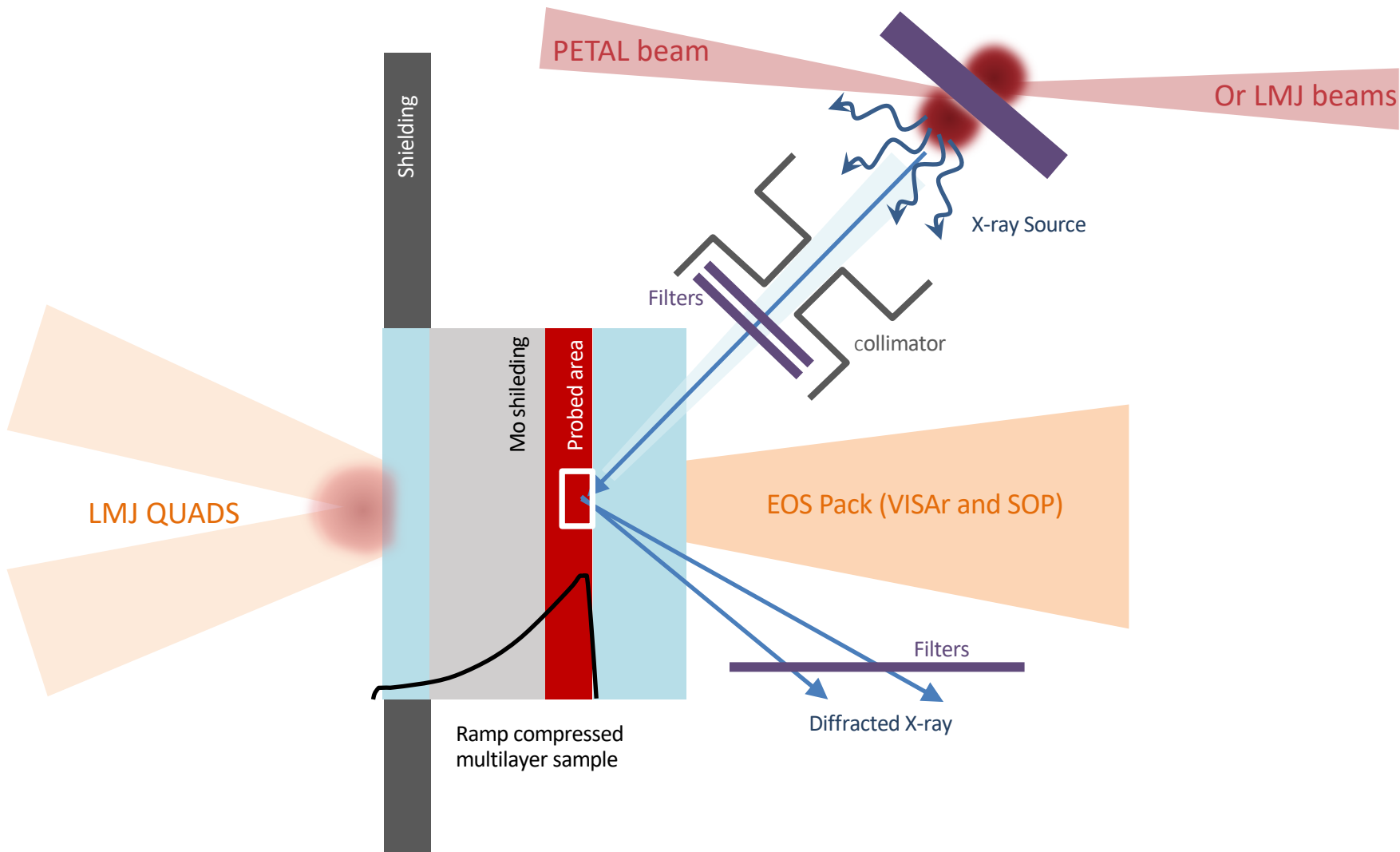
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PETAL beam

Or LMJ beams

Shielding

X-ray Source

Filters

collimator

Mo shielded

Probed area

LMJ QUADS

EOS Pack (VISAr and SOP)

Filters

Diffracted X-ray

Ramp compressed multilayer sample