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Deformation and Yield Strength of nano-Materials at High Pressures

High P-T Comparative Studies on Nano-/Micron- Crystallines and Molecular Inclusion Compounds — *Constitutive Property, Elastic Modulus, Bonding Structures, and Encapsulating Capability, etc.*

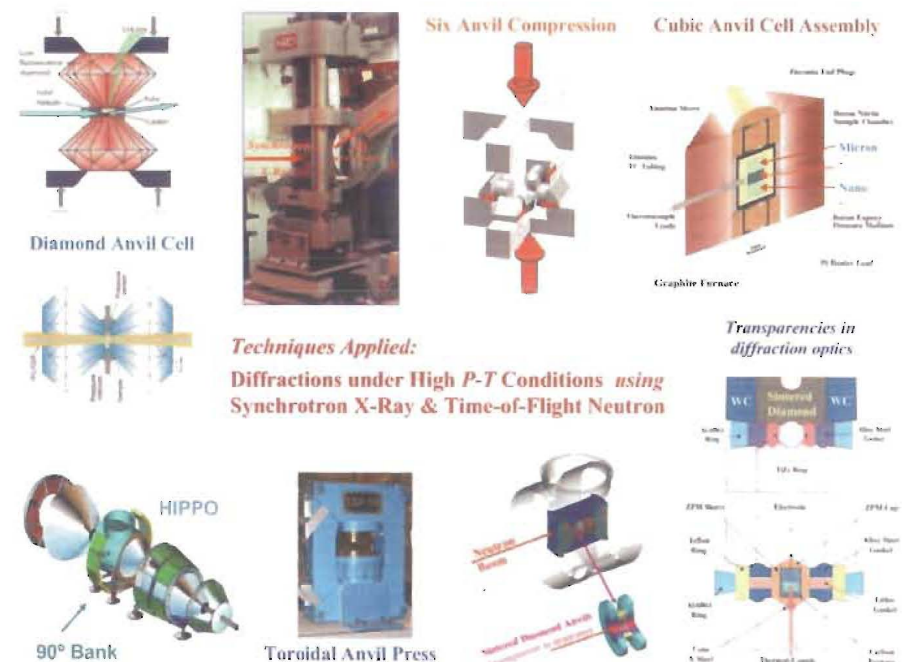
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Outline:

*High P-T tests on nano-grain's crystalline modeling
Pressure effects by molecular cages and frameworks*



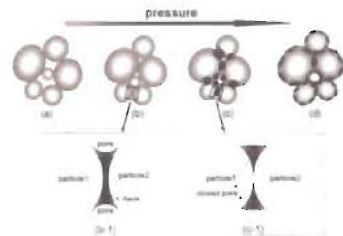
Macro- vs micro-
under pressures



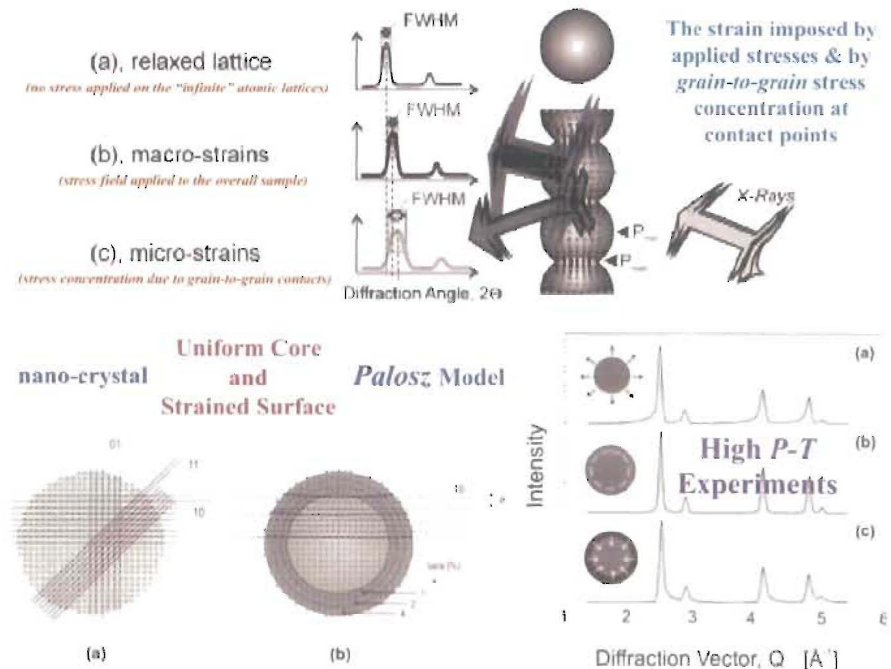
Powder Compaction
(micro-strain)



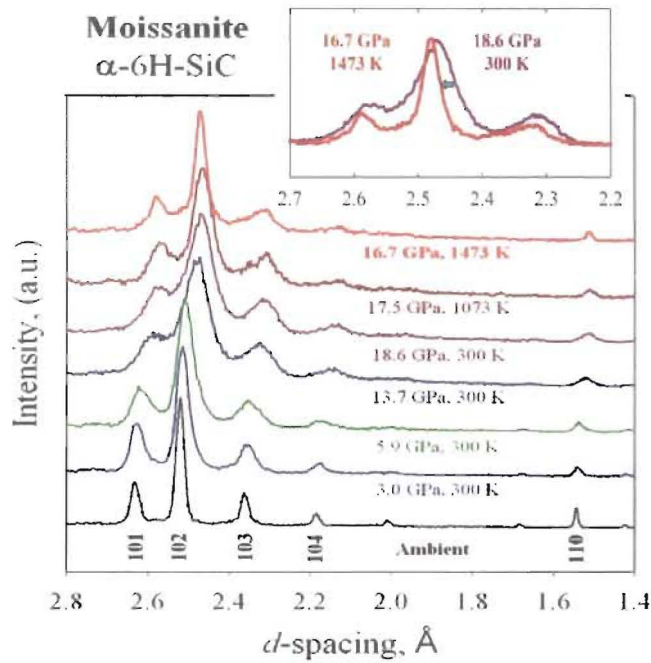
Deviatoric Stress
(macro-strain)



grain-to-grain contact
stress concentration



Lattice strain information as reflected in diffraction peak position and peak width



$$Int.(d) \propto \exp \left[- \left(\frac{d - d_{hkl}}{s} \right)^2 \right] \quad s = \sqrt{d^2 - \bar{d}^2} = \Delta d (FWHM)$$

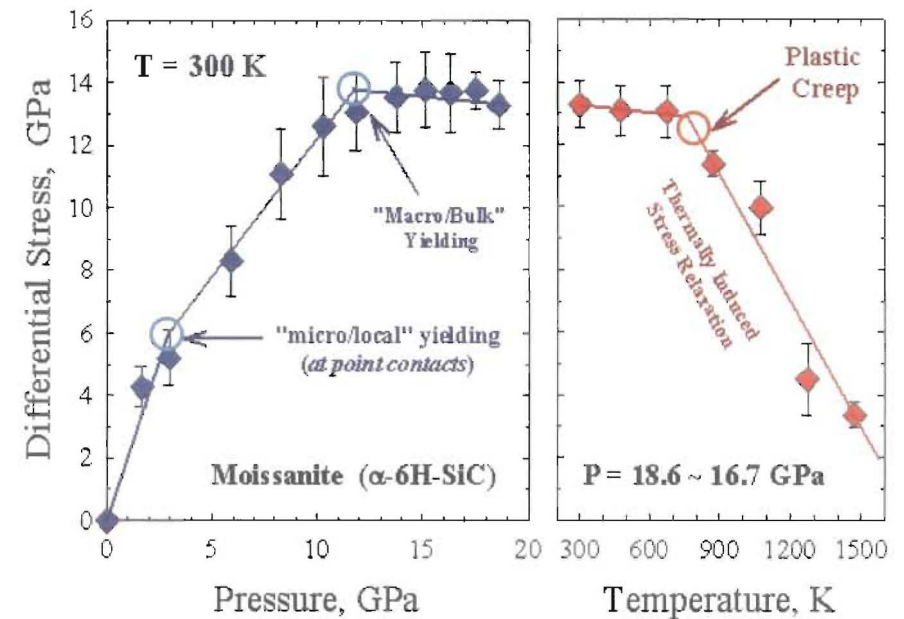
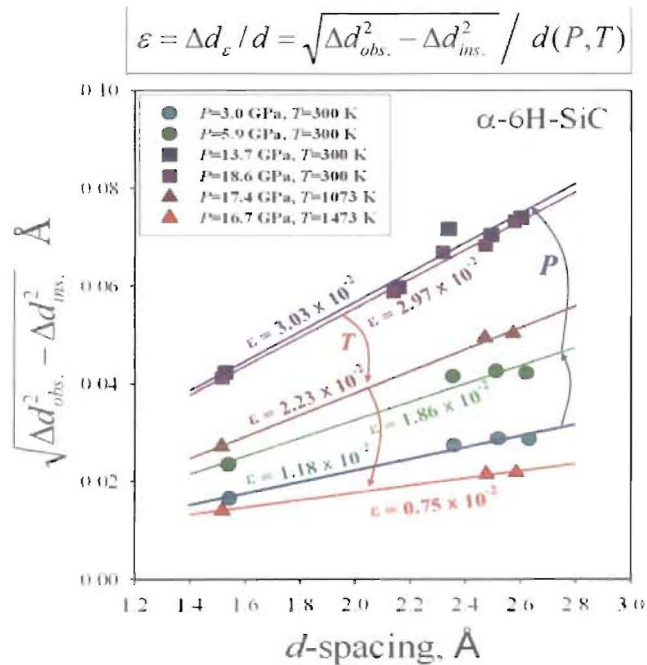
Gaussian expression for the de-convoluted peak width

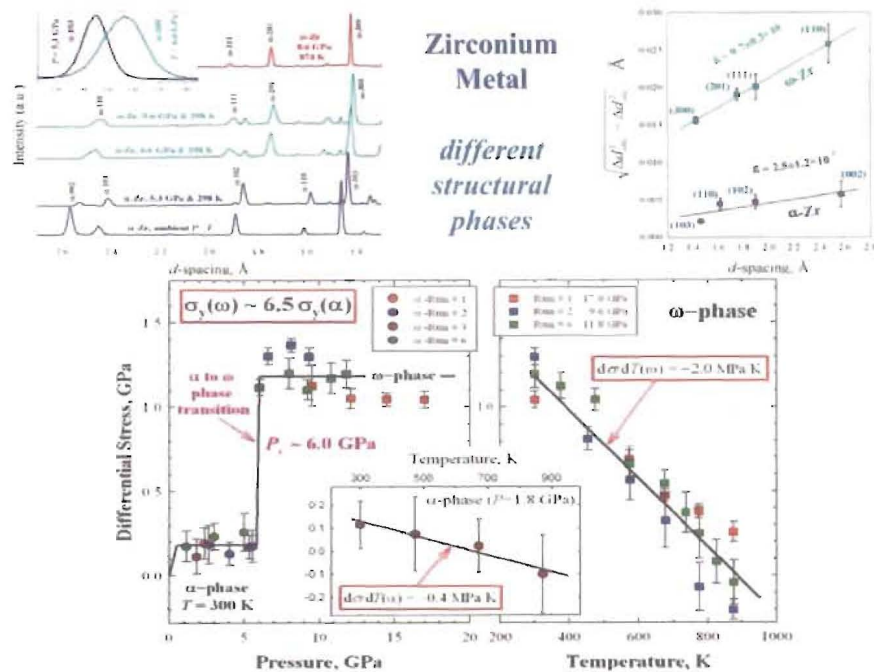
$$\Delta d_{obs.}^2 = \Delta d_{ins.}^2 + \Delta d_{size}^2 + \Delta d_{\varepsilon}^2(P, T)$$

$$\varepsilon = \Delta d / d$$

$$\{ \Delta d_{obs.}^2 - \Delta d_{ins.}^2 \} = \Delta d_{size}^2 + \varepsilon^2 \cdot d^2(P, T)$$

$$\varepsilon = \Delta d_{\varepsilon} / d = \sqrt{\Delta d_{obs.}^2 - \Delta d_{ins.}^2} / d(P, T)$$





The Scherrer formula (Scherrer, 1918) describes grain size in diffraction:

$$L = k \cdot \lambda / \Delta(2\theta)_{size} \cos \theta$$

where k is the Scherrer constant and $\Delta(2\theta)_{size}$ is the FWHM in (2θ) at a constant wavelength λ , in angular dispersive mode. By differentiating Bragg's diffraction equation, $\lambda = 2d \sin \theta$, with respect to d and 2θ , respectively, it becomes:

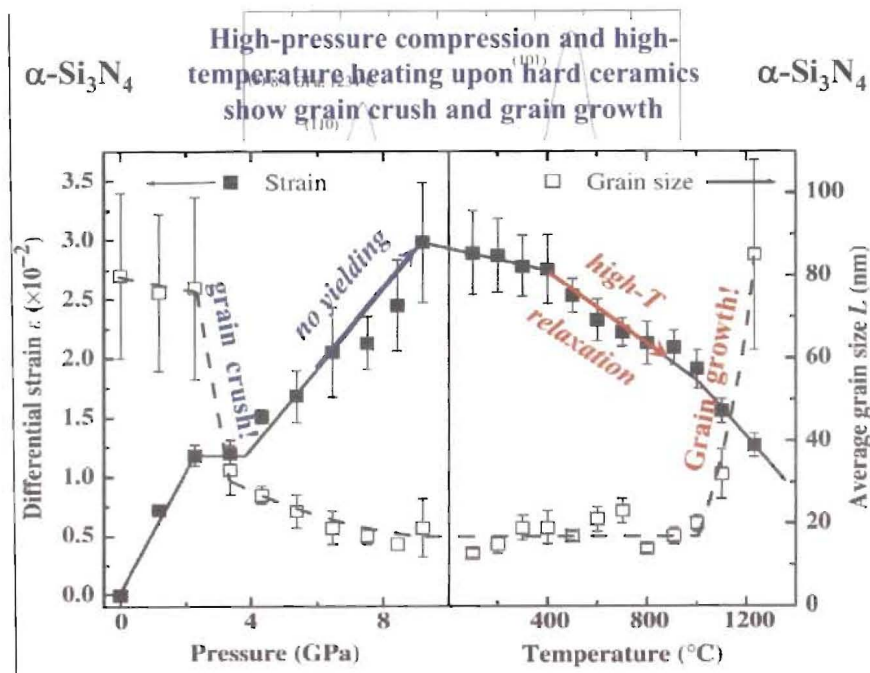
$$\Delta(2\theta) = -2(\Delta d / d) \tan \theta$$

We substitute into the Gaussian expression for the de-convoluted peak width and normalize the formula to a general definition of overall strain $\Delta d/d$, thus have:

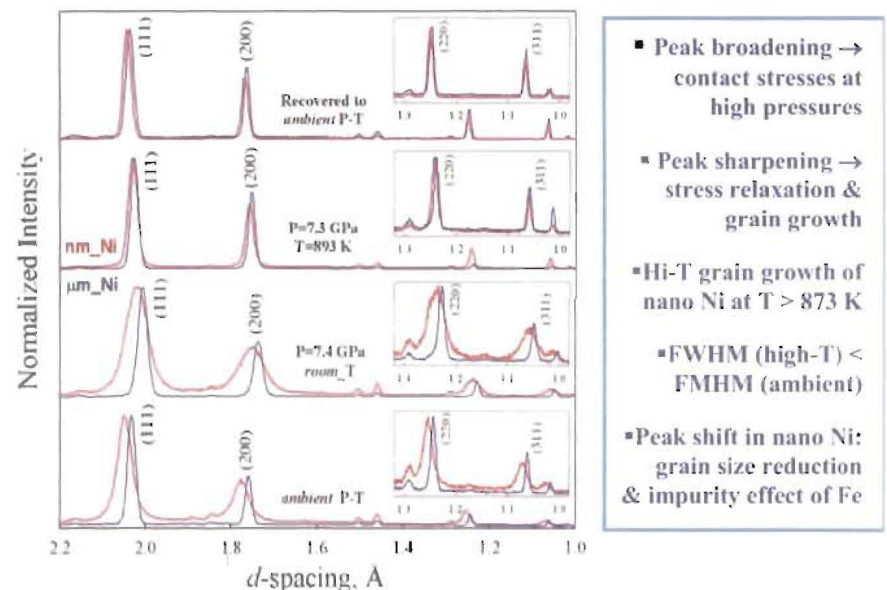
$$L = k \cdot d^2 / \Delta d_{size} \text{ (FWHM)}$$

which is independent of detecting mode. We substitute into the Gaussian expression for the de-convoluted peak width and normalize the formula to a general definition of overall strain $\Delta d/d$, thus have:

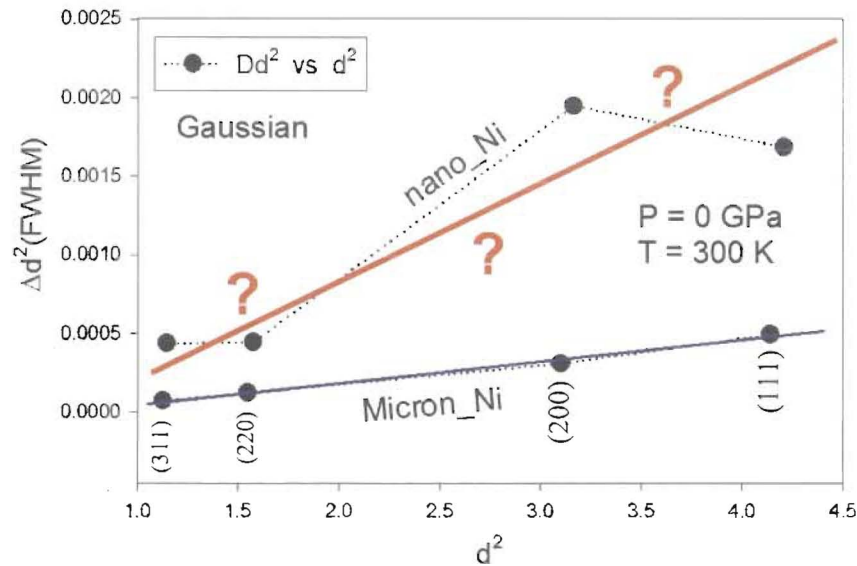
$$\Delta d_{obs}^2 / d^2 = (\epsilon^2 + \Delta d_{ins}^2 / d^2) + (\kappa / L)^2 \cdot d^2 (P, T)$$



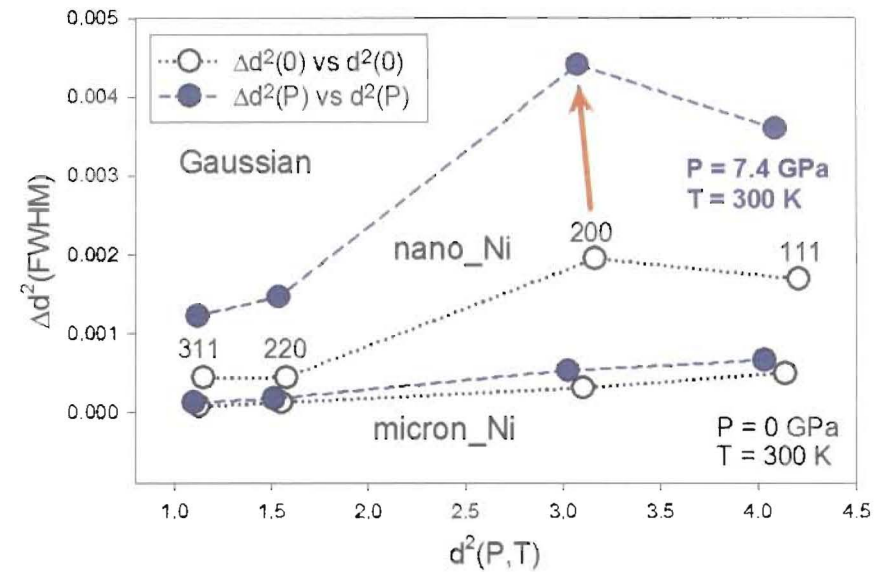
High P - T diffraction study of nano-/micron- nickel samples (*comparative!*)



Significant data scattering observed for the nano-Ni compared with the micron-Ni in the strain derivation via $\Delta d^2/d^2$ plot fit



The data scattering of nano-Ni become even more severe at high- P



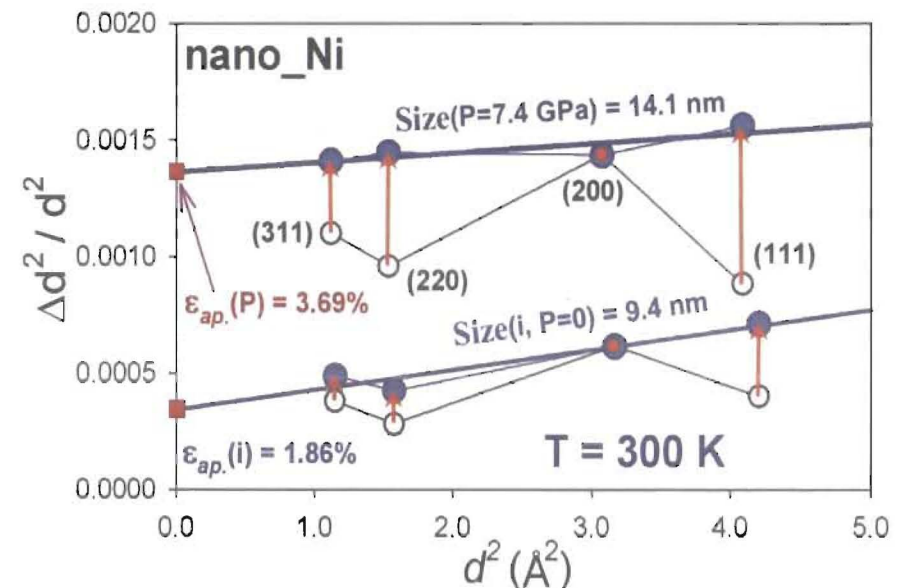
The diffraction elastic compliances S_1 and S_2 of the individual (hkl) planes for the nickel metal are derived using single crystal elastic constants. We further derive Young's modulus

$$E_{hkl} = 1 / \left(S_1 + \frac{1}{2} S_2 \right) \quad \text{Diffraction Elastic Modulus}$$

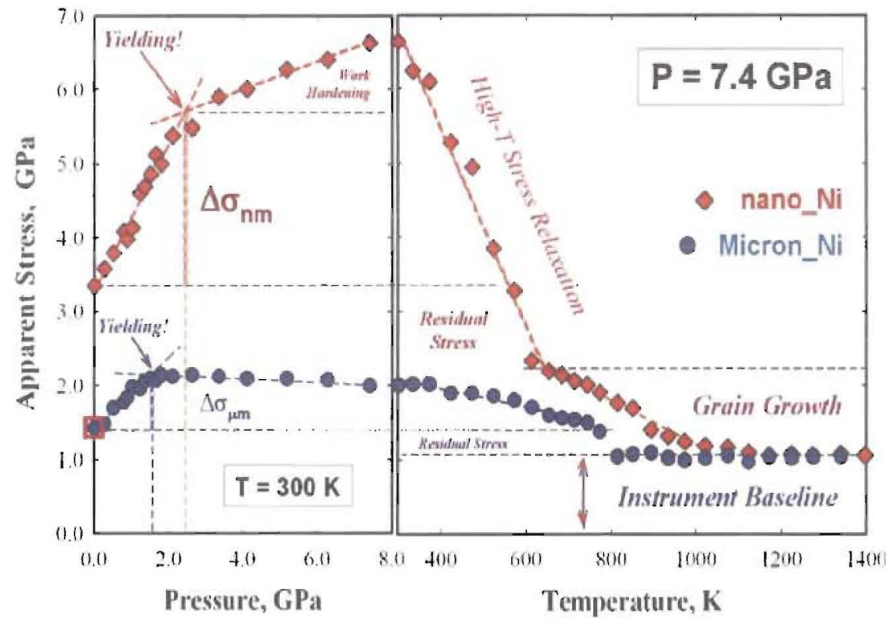
hkl	S_1 ($10^{-3}/\text{GPa}$)	$\frac{1}{2} S_2$ ($10^{-3}/\text{GPa}$)	E_{EM} (GPa)	E_{EM}/E_{200}
(111)	-1.241	5.529	233.2	1.331
(200)	-1.956	7.663	175.2	1.000
(220)	-1.420	6.065	215.3	1.229
(311)	-1.619	6.663	198.3	1.132

By multiplying $\text{DER}^2 = (E_{hkl}/E_{200})^2$ to the observed raw data, we **correct** the strain differences on individual lattice planes. By choosing the most compliant planes, the (200) peaks, as reference we derive the upper bound for the apparent strain.

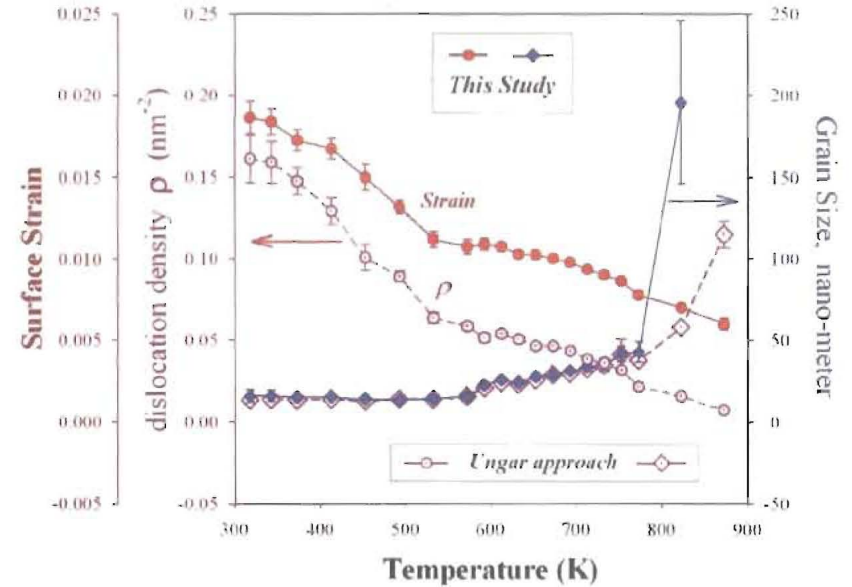
$$\Delta d^2_{\text{obs.}}/d^2 = (\epsilon^2 + \Delta d^2_{\text{ins.}}/d^2) + (\kappa/L)^2 \cdot d^2(P, T)$$



High P - T Constitutive Property of Nano-/Micron- Nickel Polycrystallines



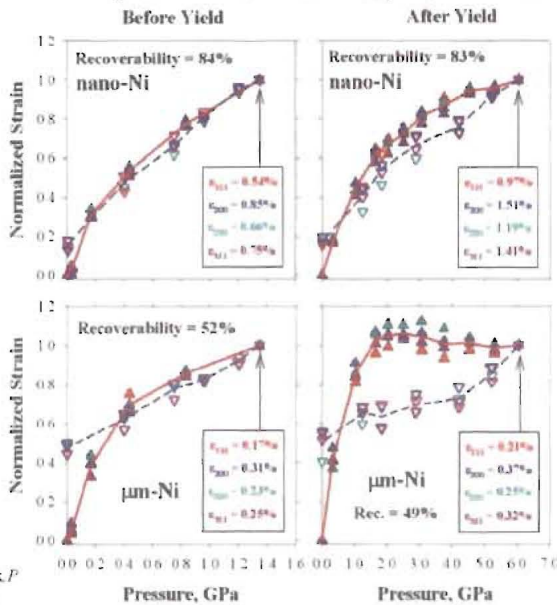
High- T Annealing and Grain Growth of Nano-Ni



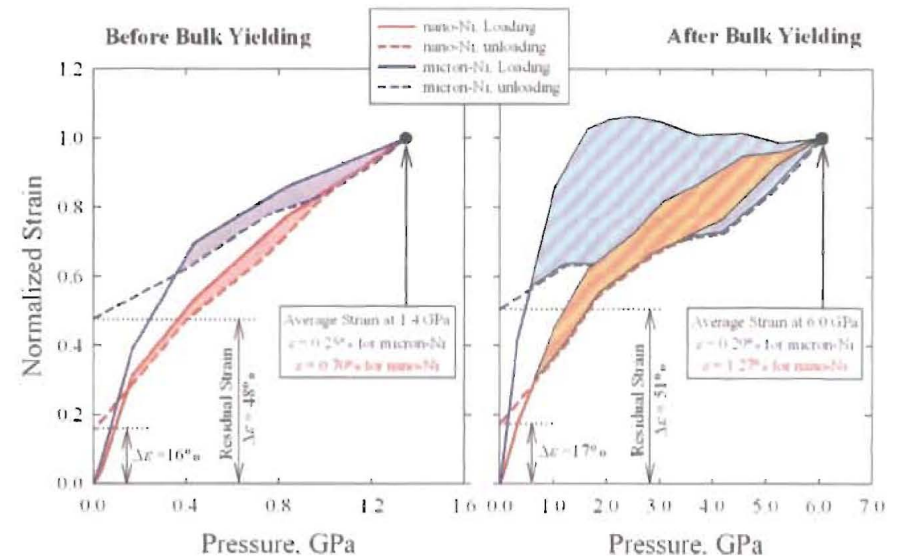
The Recoverability:

- Apparent strain: $\epsilon_{hkl} = \Delta d(\text{FWHM})/d$
- Lattice planes of different hkl strain at different levels
- Two yield points in μm Ni: "micro/local" deformation "macro/bulk" deformation
- Pronounced non-linear ductility and continuous work hardening in nano Ni
- Significant difference in strain recoverability after unloading

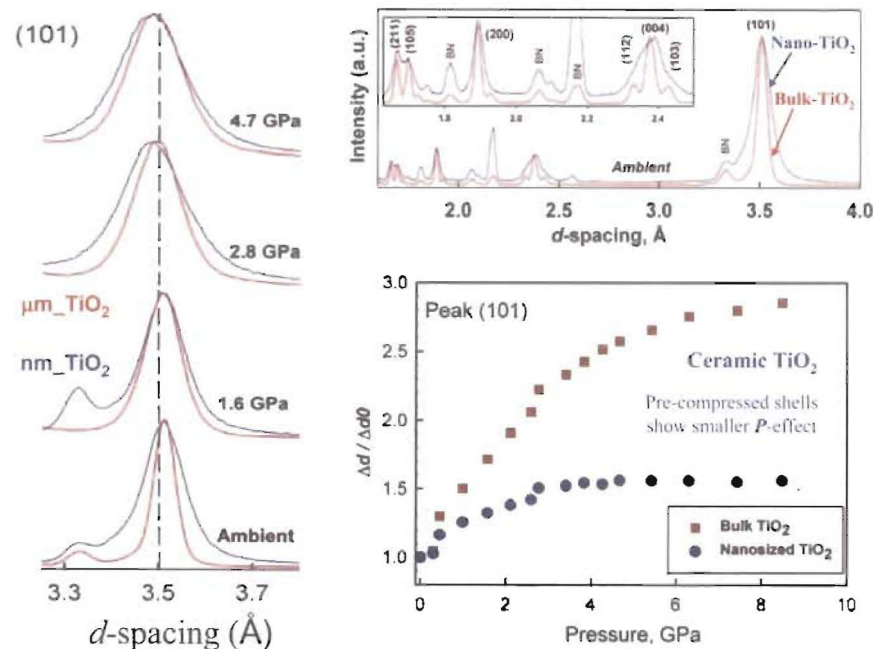
$$\text{Rec.} = [\bar{\epsilon}(\text{max. } P) - \bar{\epsilon}(\text{end})] / \bar{\epsilon}(\text{max. } P)$$



$$\epsilon_{hkl}^{\text{norm.}} = (\Delta d/d)_{hkl} / (\Delta d/d)_{hkl}^{\text{max. } P}$$

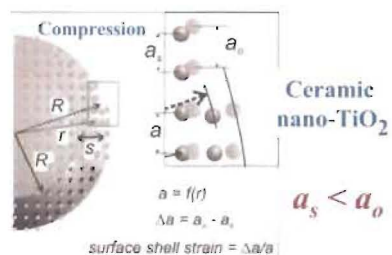
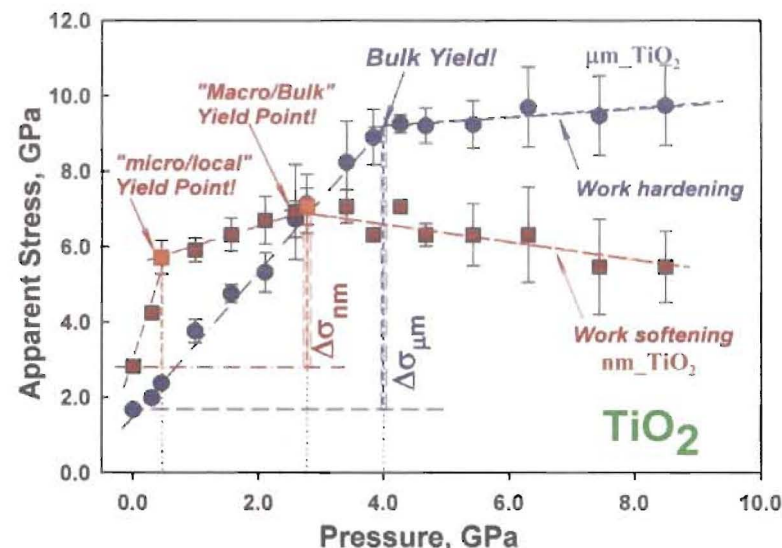


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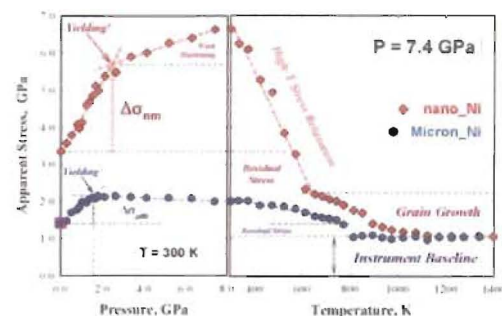
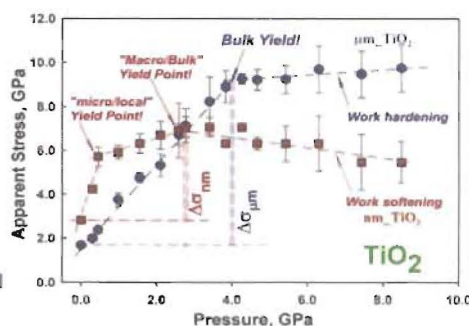


Nano- TiO_2 shows lower yield strength than micron- TiO_2

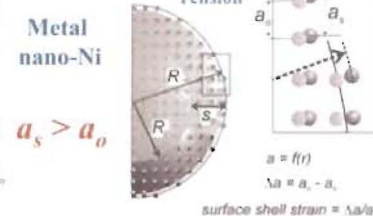
Similarity between nano- TiO_2 and micron-Ni in double yielding and work softening



Ceramic nano- TiO_2 with compressed shell shows work-weakening under stress (P)

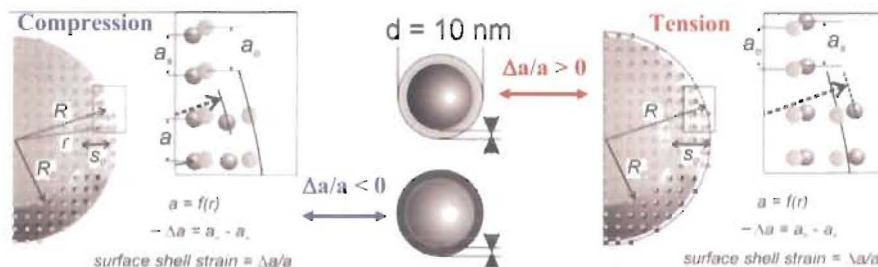


Metal nano-Ni with tensile shell shows work-hardening under stress (P)



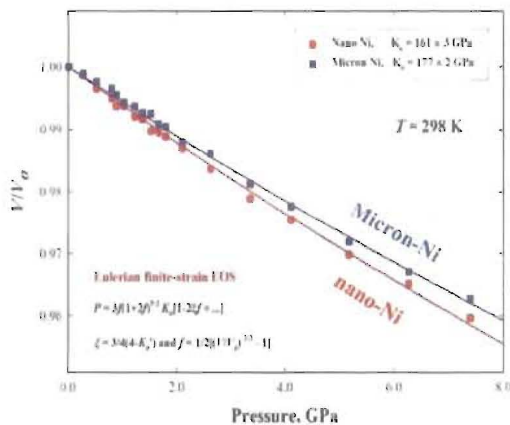
Initial enhancement of bulk modulus observed for the nano-ceramics may result from the "pre-" **compressed** surface lattices in the **shell** volume of the nano- crystal grains;

The high pressure induced work-weakening/cold-welding type of grain growth **fuse** surface shell with bulk cores, correspondingly the elastic modulus reduces/approaches the bulk values at high-pressures after P_c .



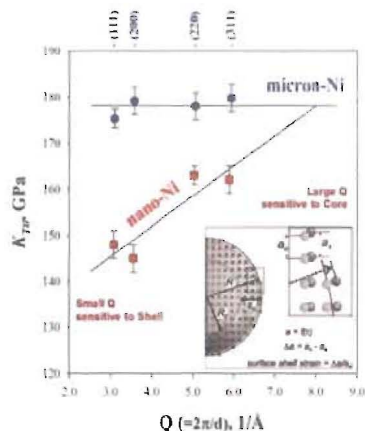
Initial reduction of bulk modulus observed for the nano-metals may result from the "pre-" **expanded** surface lattices in the **shell** volume of the nano- crystal grains;

The high pressure induced work-hardening after the bulk yield reflects continuous densification of the surface shell while the bulk core also experience compression;

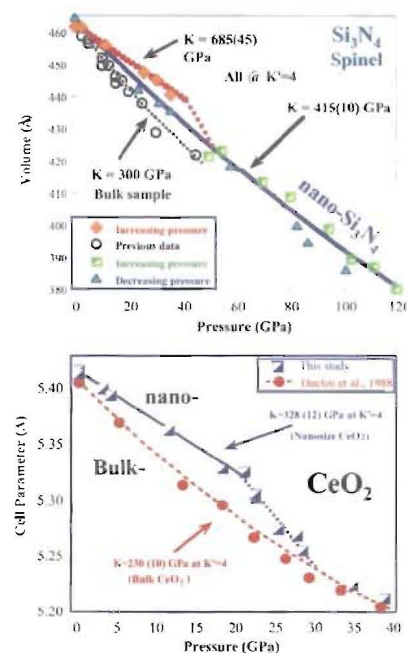


Overall, the nano-Ni is ~10 percent more compressible than micron-Ni

Tensile surface shell of the nano-Ni metal is 17-18% more compressible than its grain core interior

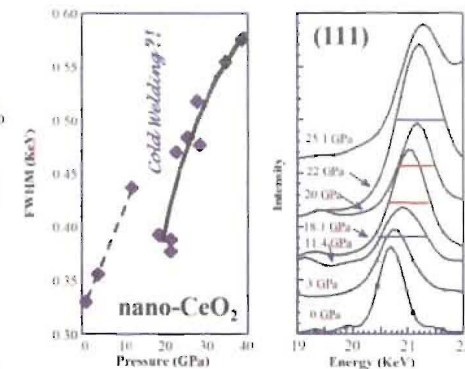


- Apparent lattice parameters, associated with the specific values of the diffraction hkl vectors
- Reflections at large Q are associated with the grain core, reflections at small Q are sensitive to the surface structure of the nano-grains



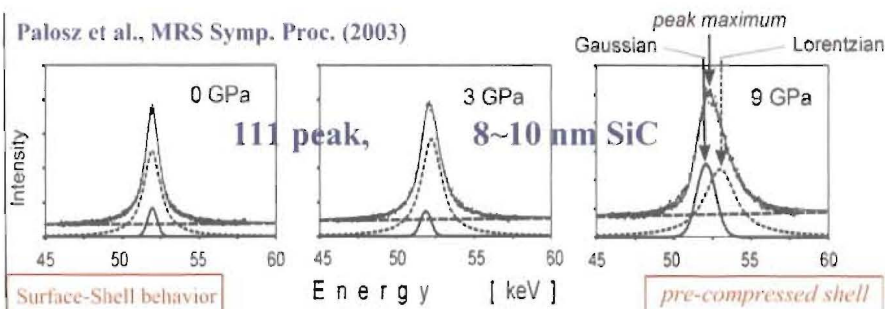
Ge_3N_4 and CeO_2 behave similarly as Si_3N_4

Nanocrystalline ceramics Si_3N_4 , Ge_3N_4 , and CeO_2 have a ~40 percent higher elastic modulus than their microcrystalline bulks ($\rightarrow$ compressed shell)



Ceramic nano- CeO_2 with the compressed shell shows work-weakening at transition pressure

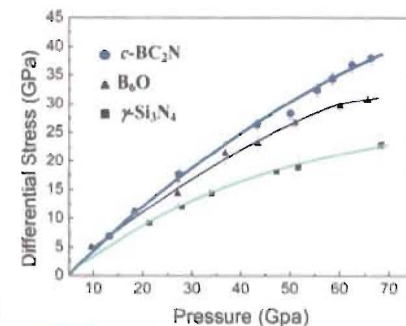
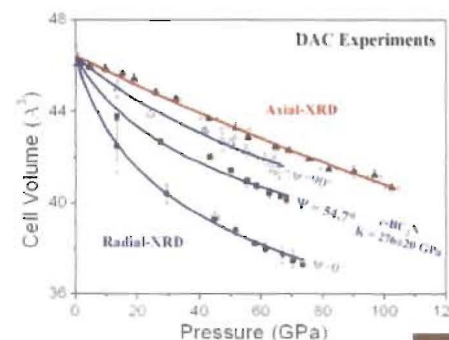
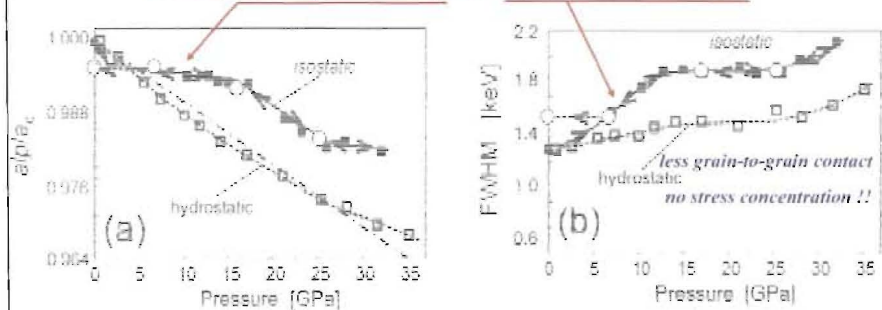
Palosz et al., MRS Symp. Proc. (2003)



Surface-Shell behavior

pre-compressed shell

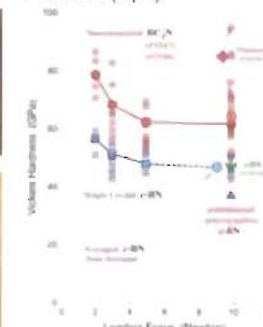
initial incompressibility & stress concentration



Pressure loading and diffraction reading are very important in data analysis and result derivation. *be very careful !!!*

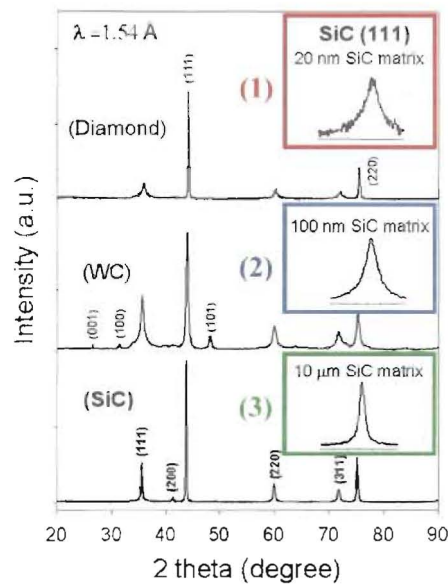
- diamond: $K=442$ GPa
- c-BN: $K=367$ GPa
- BC_2N : $K=276$ GPa

* Nanocrystals BC_2N embedded in diamond-like amorphous carbon enhance its hardness?!



Diamond-SiC composites

synthesis condition: 5 GPa, 1800 K, 30 sec

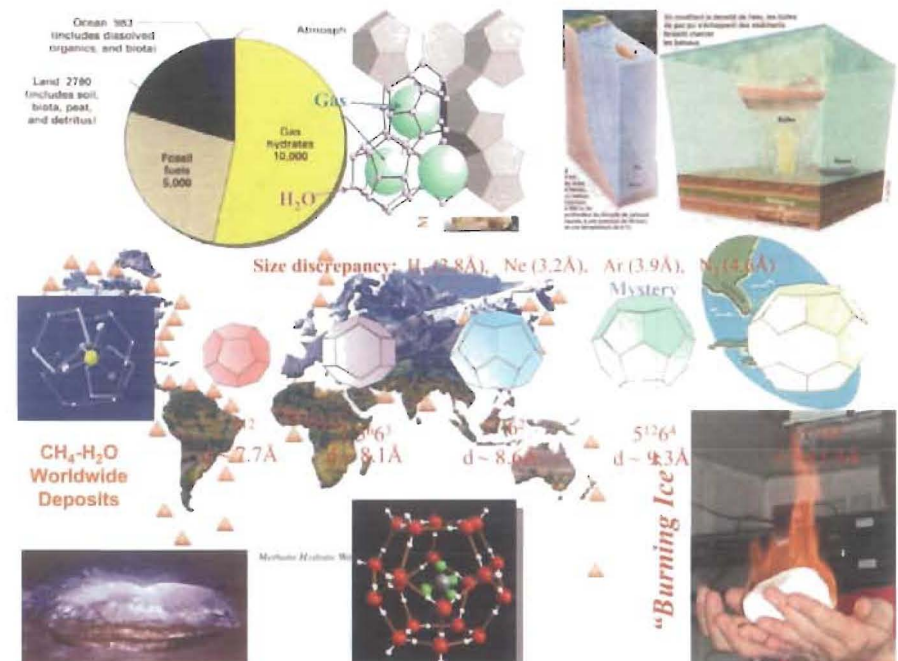
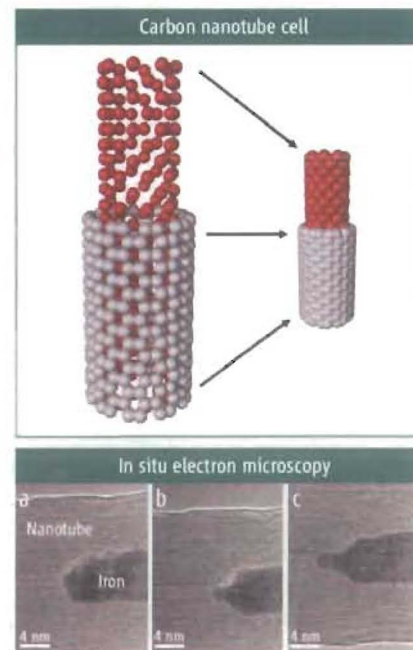
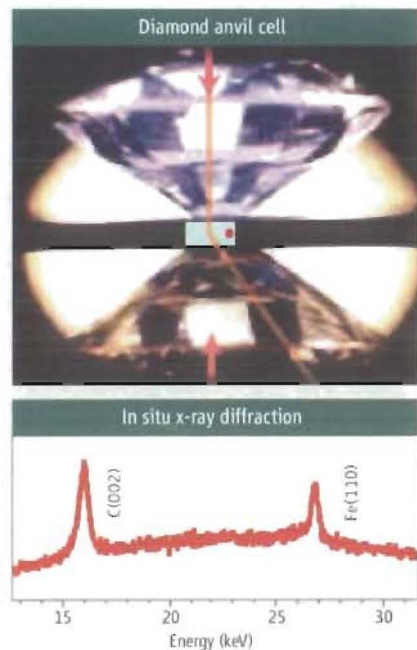
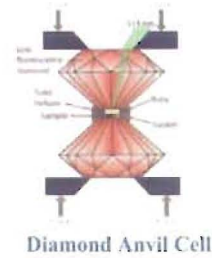
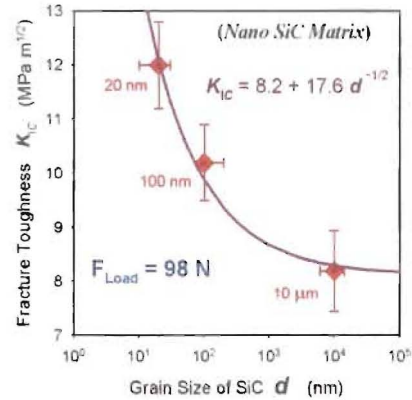


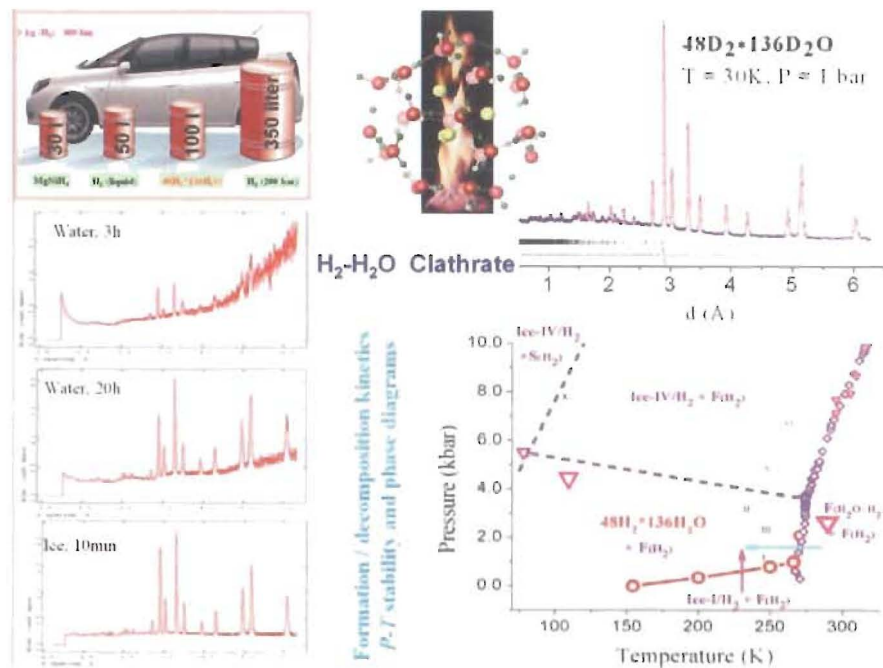
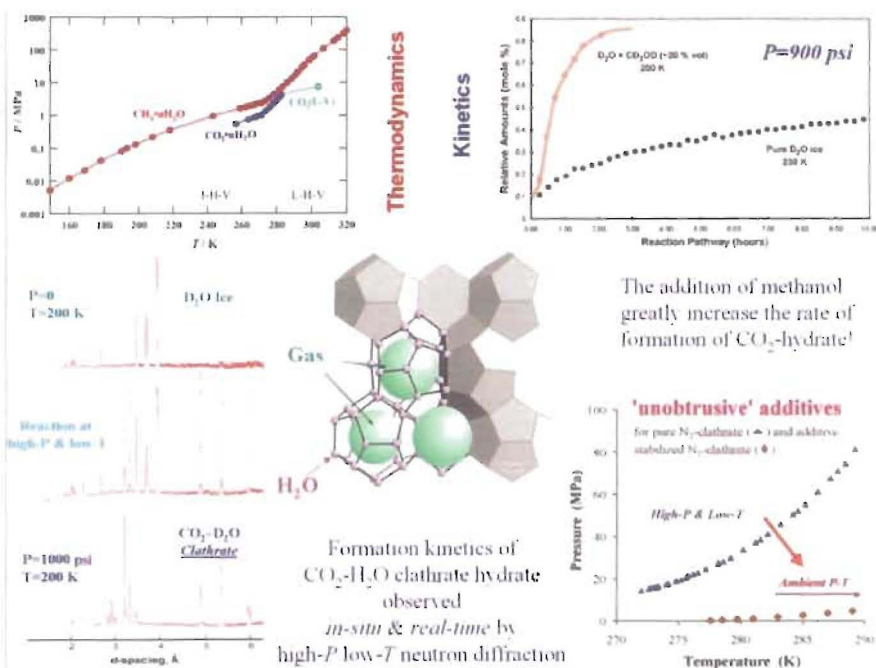
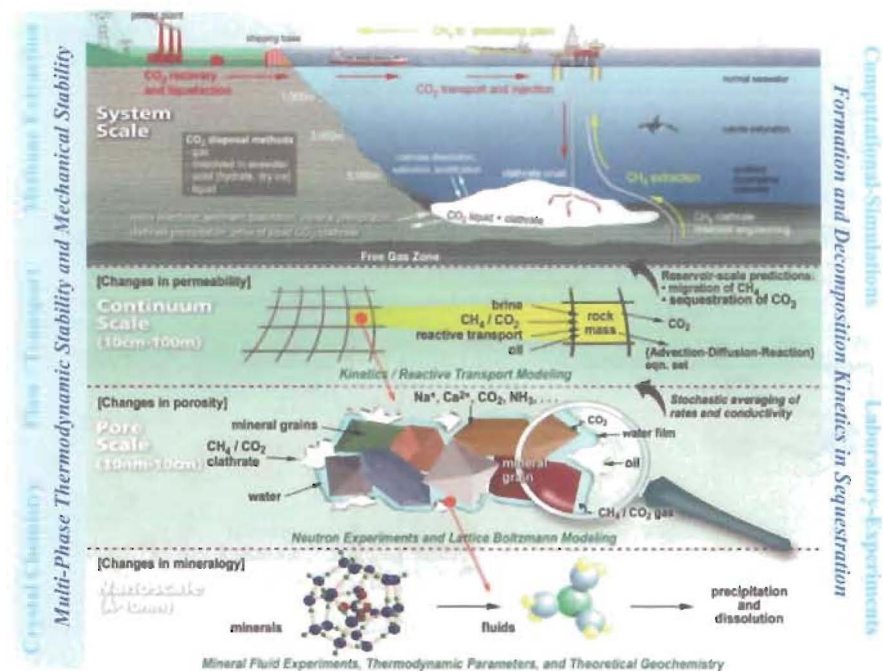
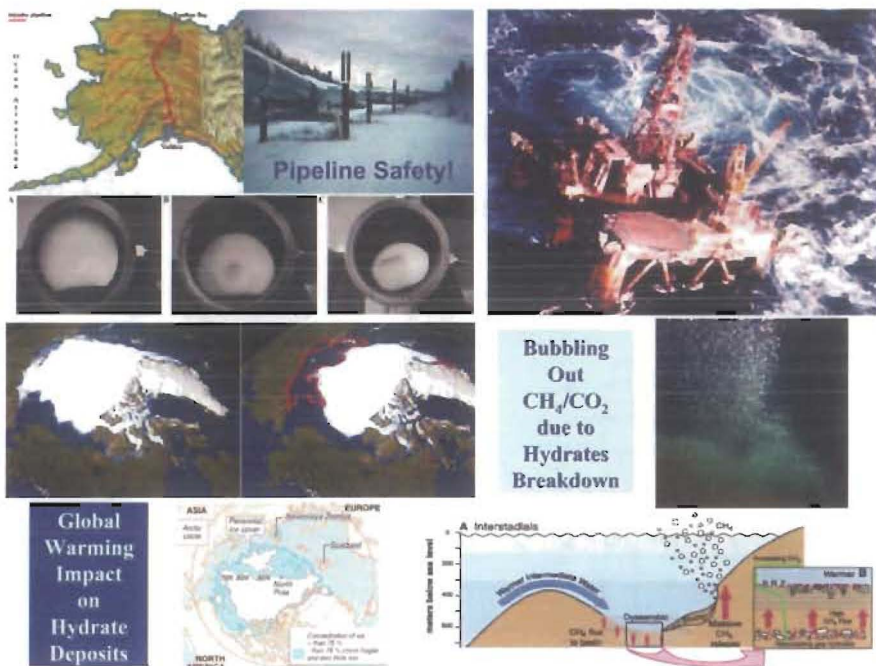
Hybrid micron-/nano- diamonds and nano-SiC matrix

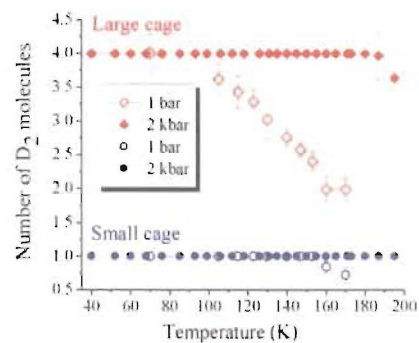
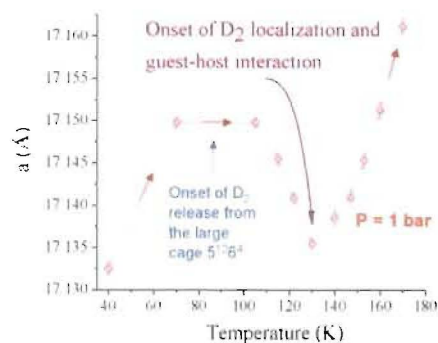
High *P-T* reactive sintering removes diamond defects

Reduction of un-reacted silicon and back-transformed graphite

Nanostructured Diamond-SiC Composites



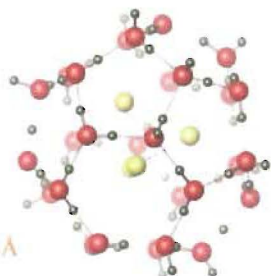




P = 1 bar
T = 50 K

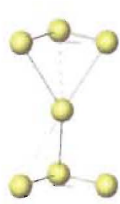
Clathrate
Hydrate

$d_{H2-H2} \sim 2.93 \text{ \AA}$



Theory ?

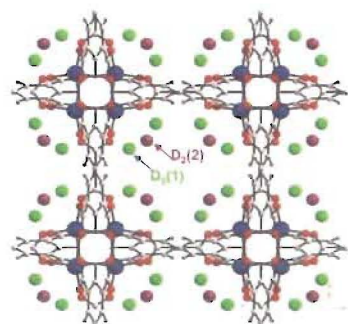
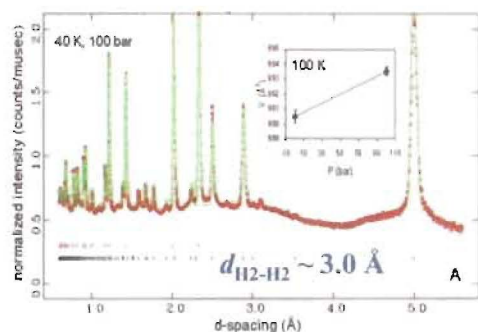
?!
Molecule
Model ?



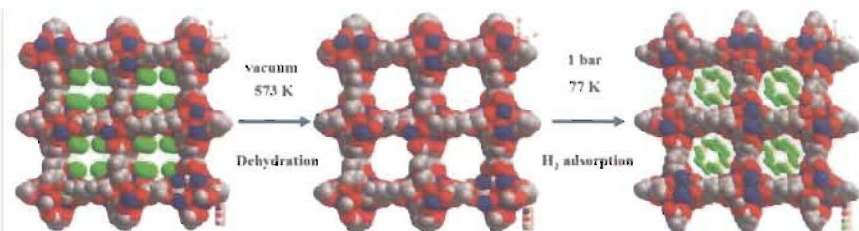
P = 1 bar
T = 14 K

Solid (hcp)
Hydrogen

$d_{H2-H2} \sim 3.76 \text{ \AA}$

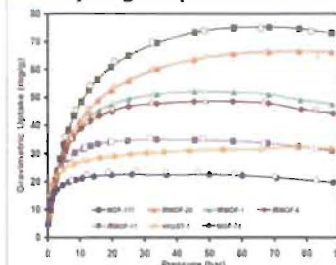


high-*P*/low-*T* neutron diffraction to reveal H₂ adsorption mechanism

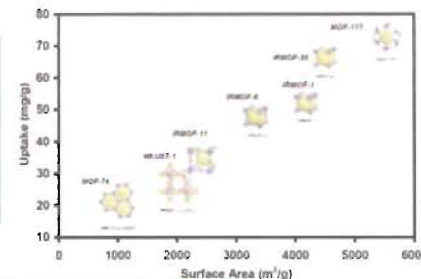


Gas Adsorption

Hydrogen uptake at 77 K



Correlation of uptake with surface area



The metal-organic framework (MOF)

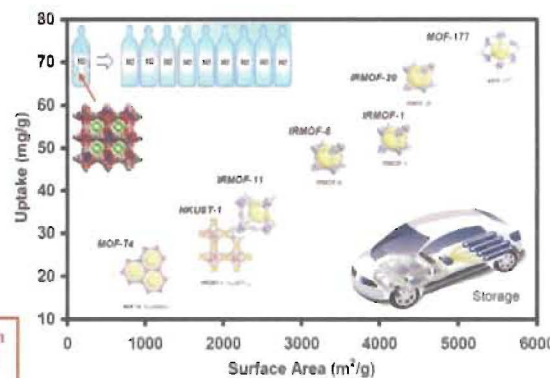
Y(BTC)(H₂O)·4.3H₂O (BTC = 1,3,5-benzenetricarboxylate) for the present case.

MOFs show striking pressurizing effect by the cages. Owing to the enormous variety and flexibility of the frameworks, MOFs may offer superior properties for hydrogen storage.

host-guest interactions
(quantum clustering)



20~22% reduction of the bond length
in hydrogen cluster need to apply as
much as 10's kbar in pressure !!!



$d_{H2-H2} \sim 3.76 \text{ \AA}$

$d_{H2-H2} \sim 3.0 \text{ \AA}$



The host nano-encapsulation shows strong
pressurizing effects applied on the guest

Porous Cage/Channel Structures

