X-ray and neutron diffraction on laser heated levitated samples: successes and challenges

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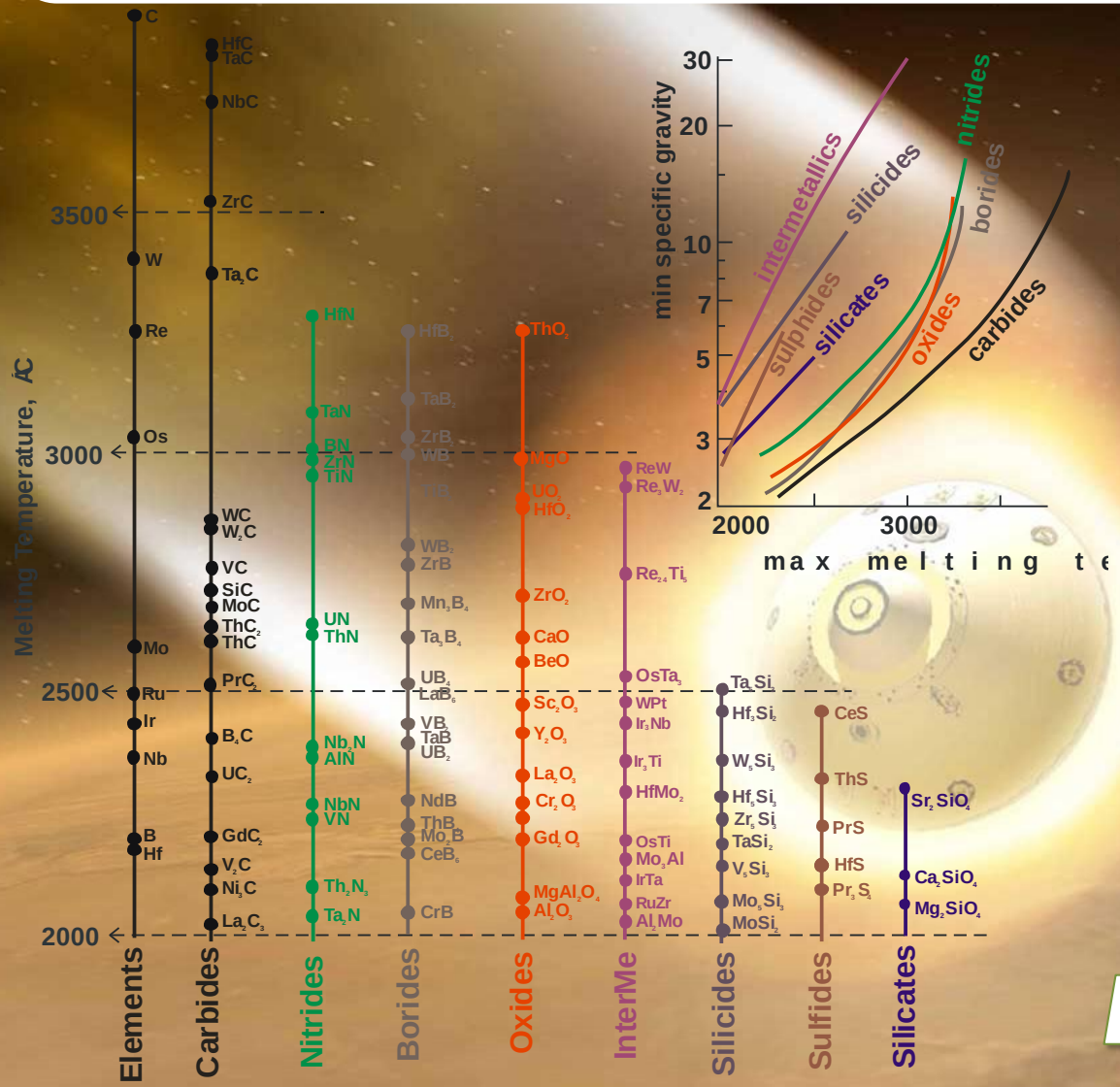
High temperature ceramics for aerospace and nuclear applications



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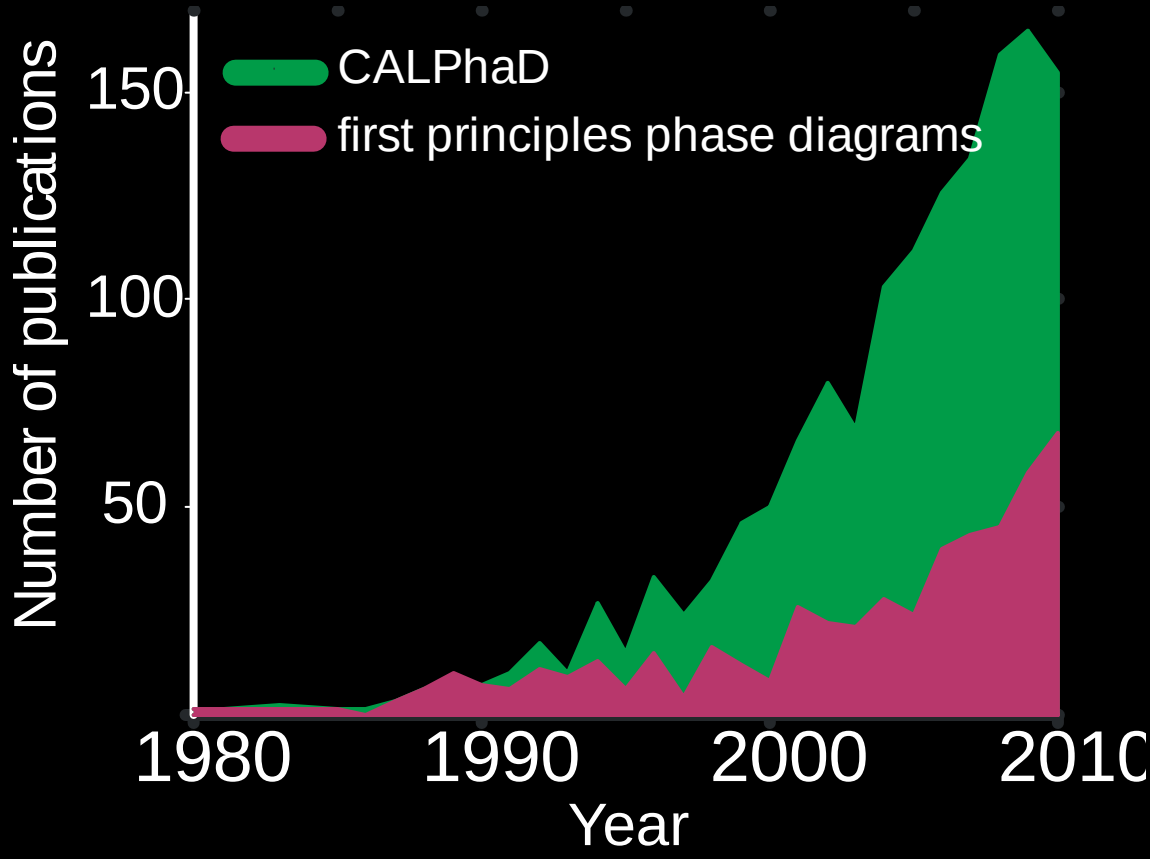
Calculation of Phase Diagrams (CALPHAD) methods relyon thermodynamic data for compounds and their alloys / solid solutions



FactSage, MTDATA, PANDAT, MatCalc, JMatPro, Thermo-Calc

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Thermodynamic data from high-T diffraction

- ü Molar volumes as a function of temperature
- ü ΔV for solid state phase transitions
- ü ΔS_c for order - disorder transitions
- ü *In situ* phase diagram determination

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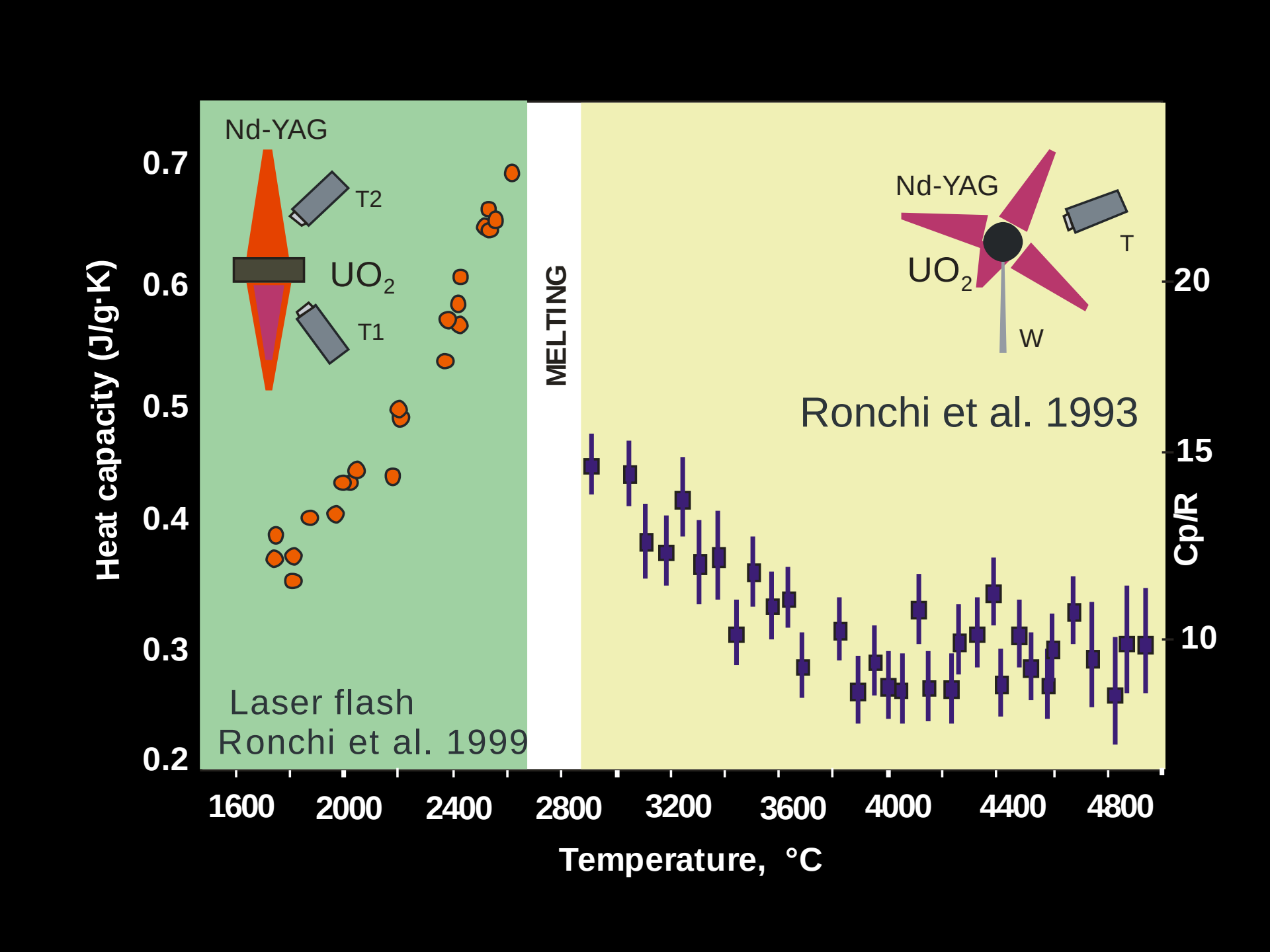
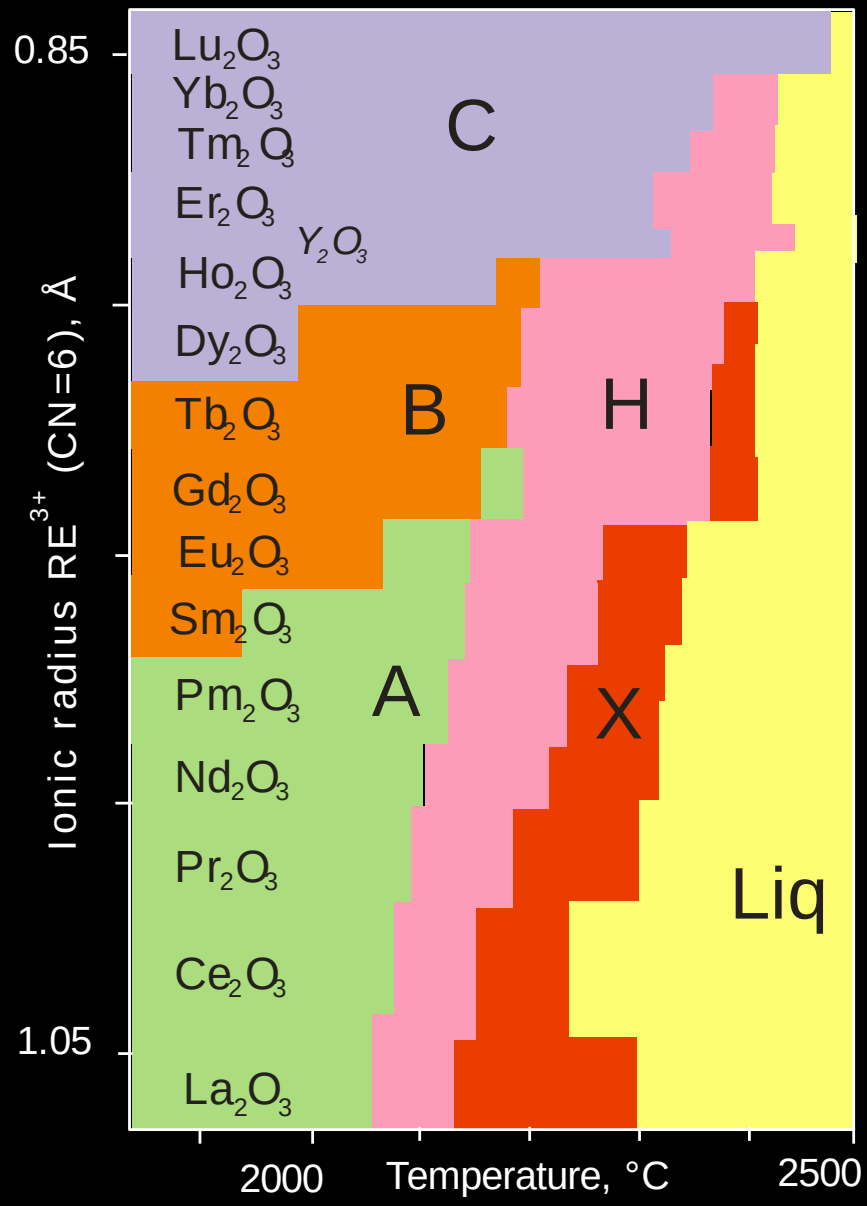

Nd-YAG
T2
UO2
T1
Laser flash
Ronchi et al. 1999
MELTING
Nd-YAG
T
UO2
W
Ronchi et al. 1993
Heat capacity (J/g·K)
0.7
0.6
0.5
0.4
0.3
0.2
Cp/R
20
15
10
1600
2000
2400
2800
3200
3600
4000
4400
4800
Temperature, °C

Phase transitions in RE_2O_3



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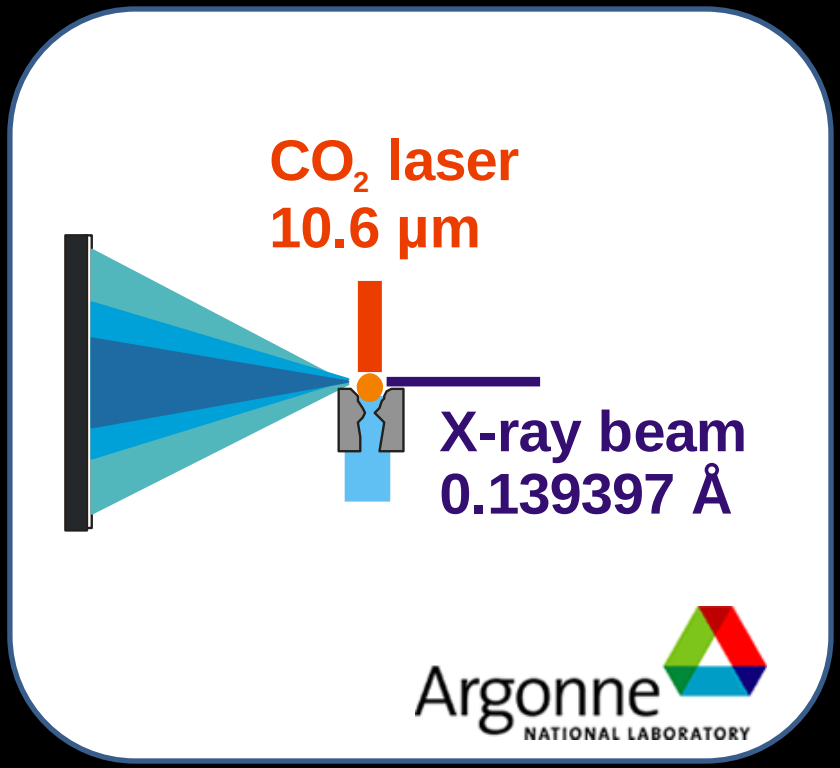
Phase Transitions
in RE_2O_3 above 2000°C

Aerodynamic levitators with laser heating

APS 6ID-D



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METHOD

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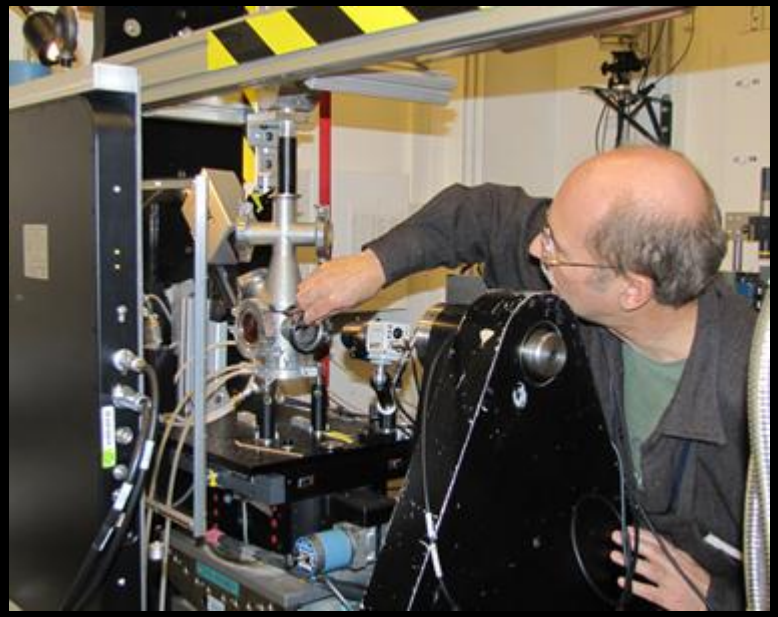

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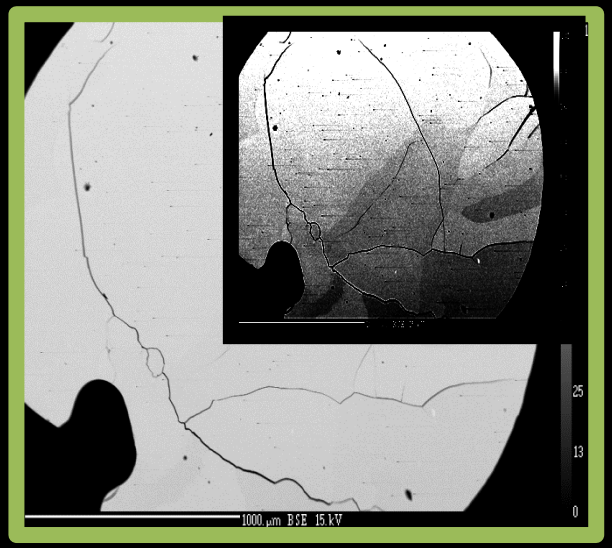
Samples preparation

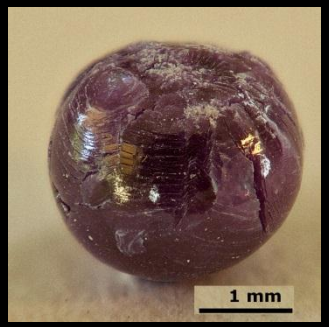
Powder melting

Levitation

Microprobe

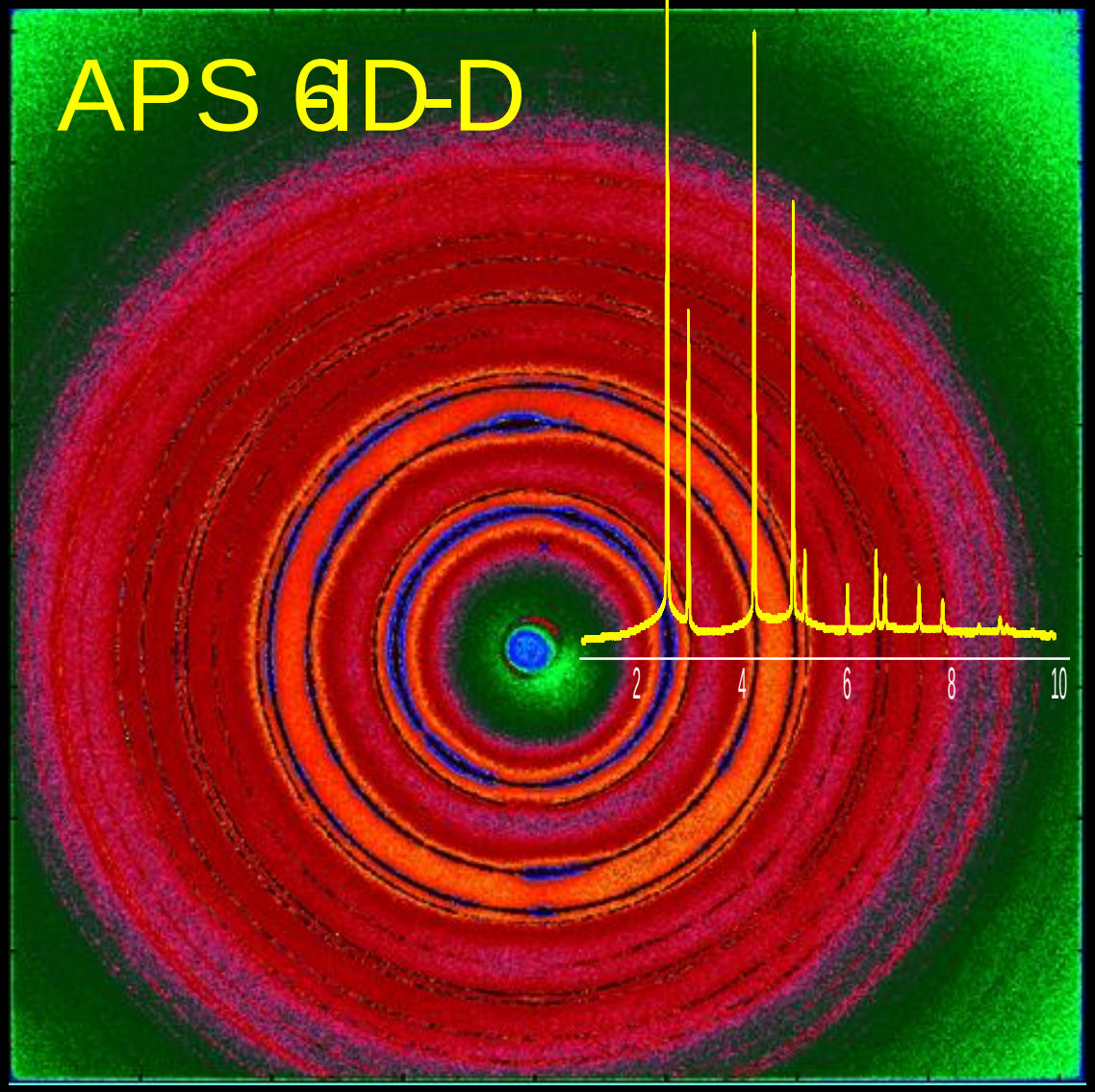


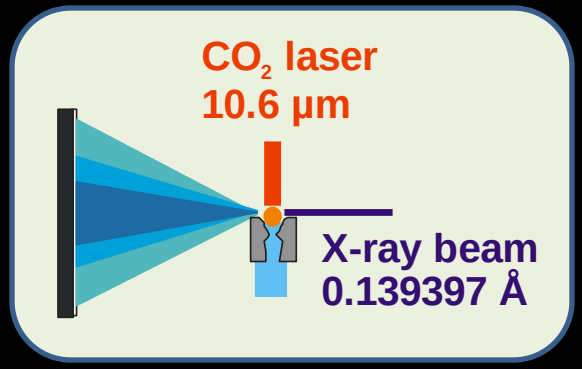
Er_2O_3



Nd_2O_3

XRD data collection





6 seconds collection

0.1 s exposure time
60 summed exposures

Cubic ZrO_2
T app = 2900°C
a = 5.283 Å

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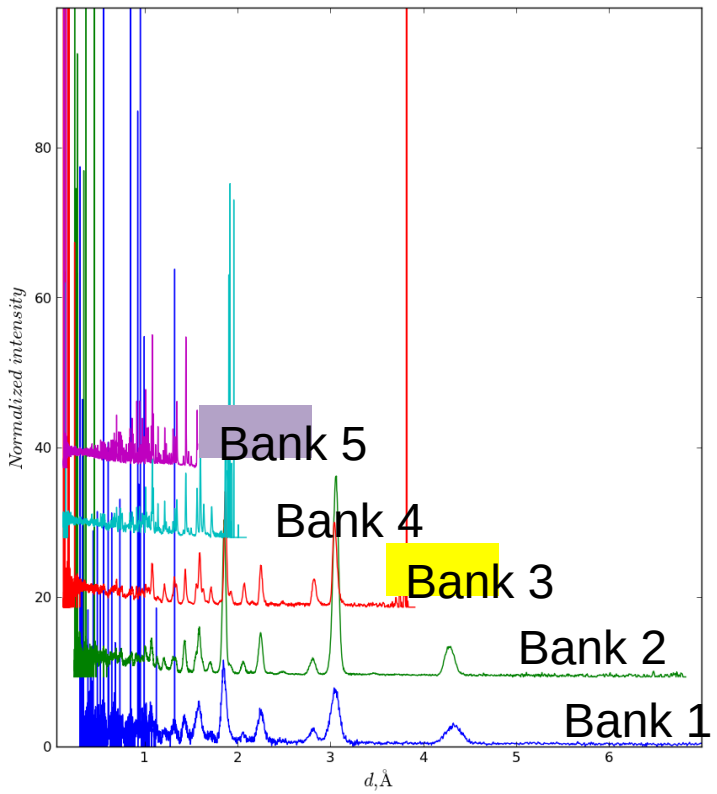
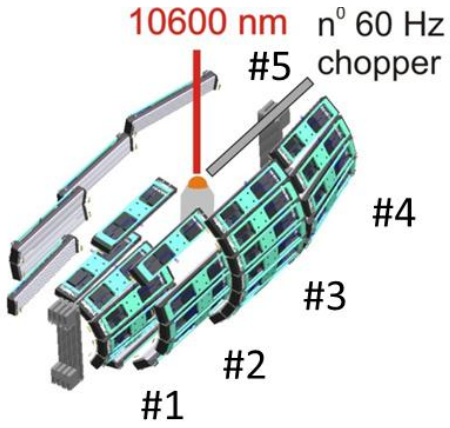
ND data collection





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Levitated Y_2O_3 at RT
30 minutes

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Data Processing

- ü Calibration at RT for every levitating bead
- ü Integration with FIT2D, refinement with GSAS/EXPGUI, FullProf, GSAS-II
- ü Le Bail refinement of cell parameters for high temperature H phases in Y_2O_3, Er_2O_3, Ho_2O_3
- ü Refinement of room temperature structures on levitated samples to validate the method

ND of levitated $La_2Zr_2O_7$ at RT, BANK 3, Rietveld fit

χ^2 2.75

R_{wp} 4.8%

R_F^2 4.3 %

a 10.8133(3)

x(O) 0.3305 (1)

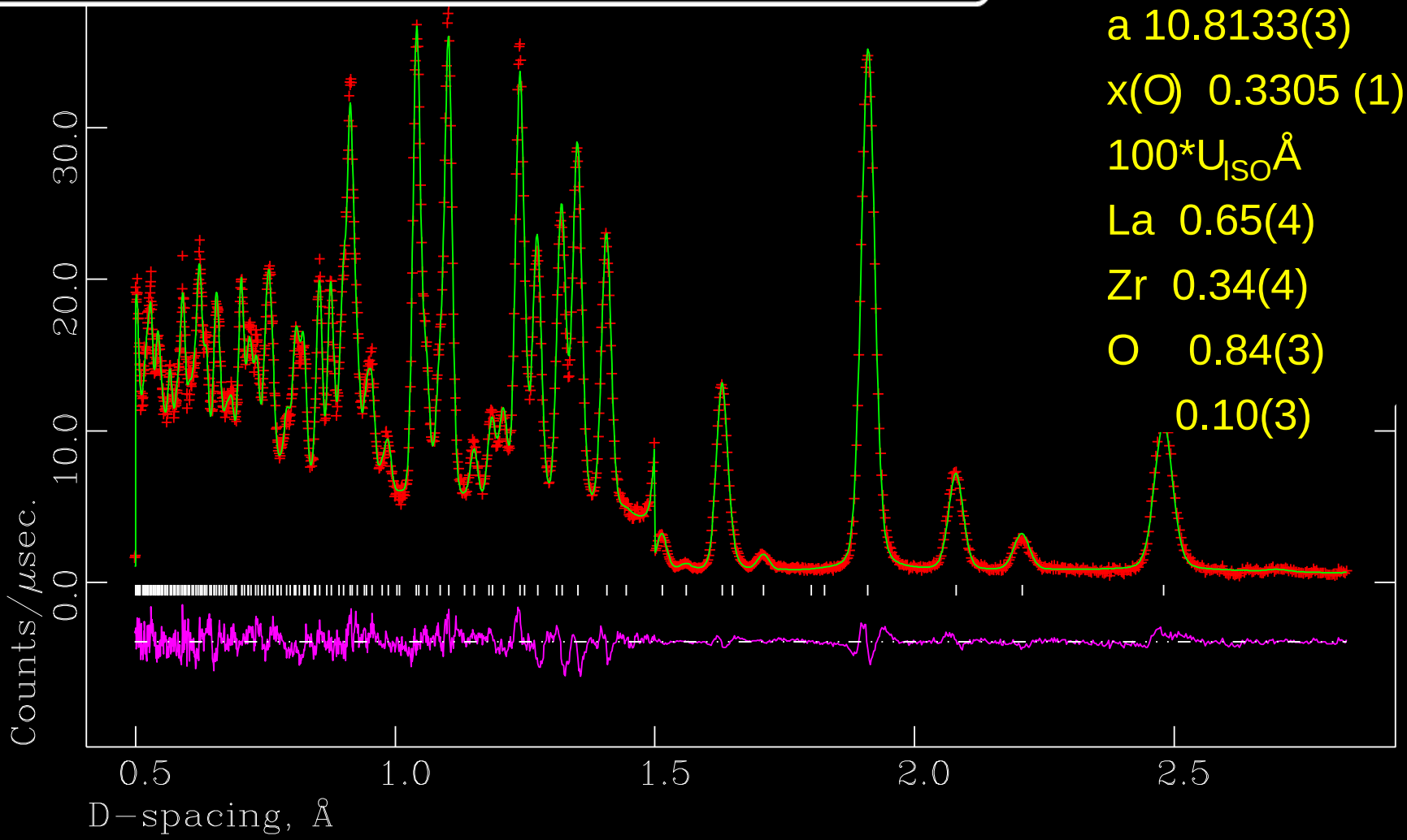
$100*U_{ISO}$ Å

La 0.65(4)

Zr 0.34(4)

O 0.84(3)

0.10(3)



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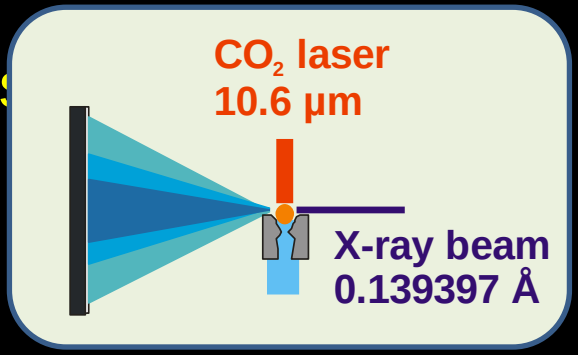
Results from 3 days of diffraction experiments on levitator at APS (June 15-17, 2011)



- Y_2O_3 transforms in H-type before melting in Ar and O_2. Volume reduction on C-H phase transition was refined.
- Pyrochlore structure of $La_2Zr_2O_7$ persists to the melting temperature. Thermal expansion was used to validate high temperature *ab initio* calculations.
- Thermal expansion of Er_2O_3-ZrO_2 DF solid solutions and anion site occupancies on pyrochlore-DF phase transition in $Er_2Zr_2O_7$ were refined.

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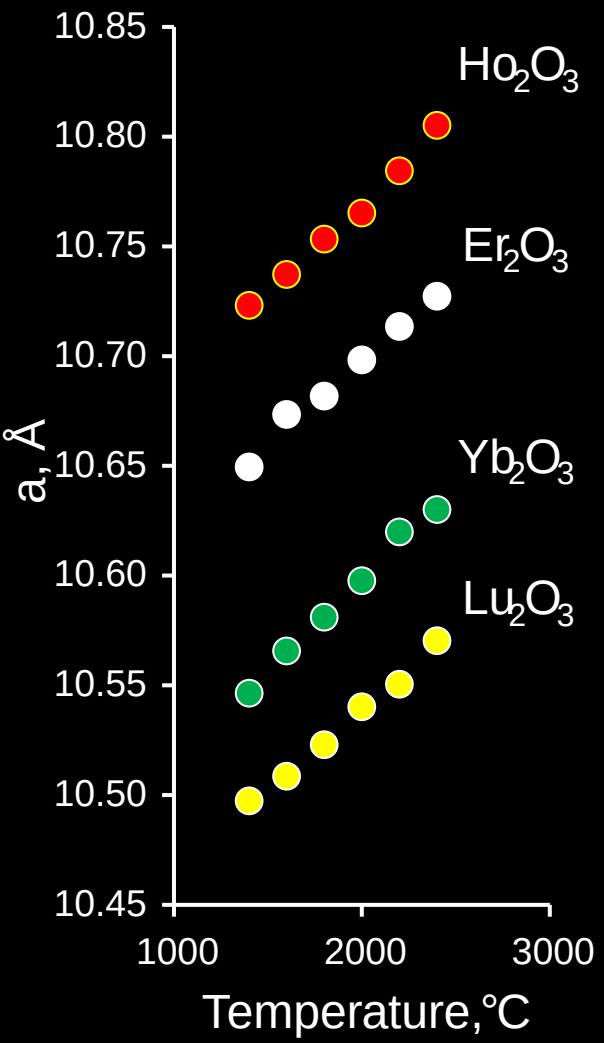
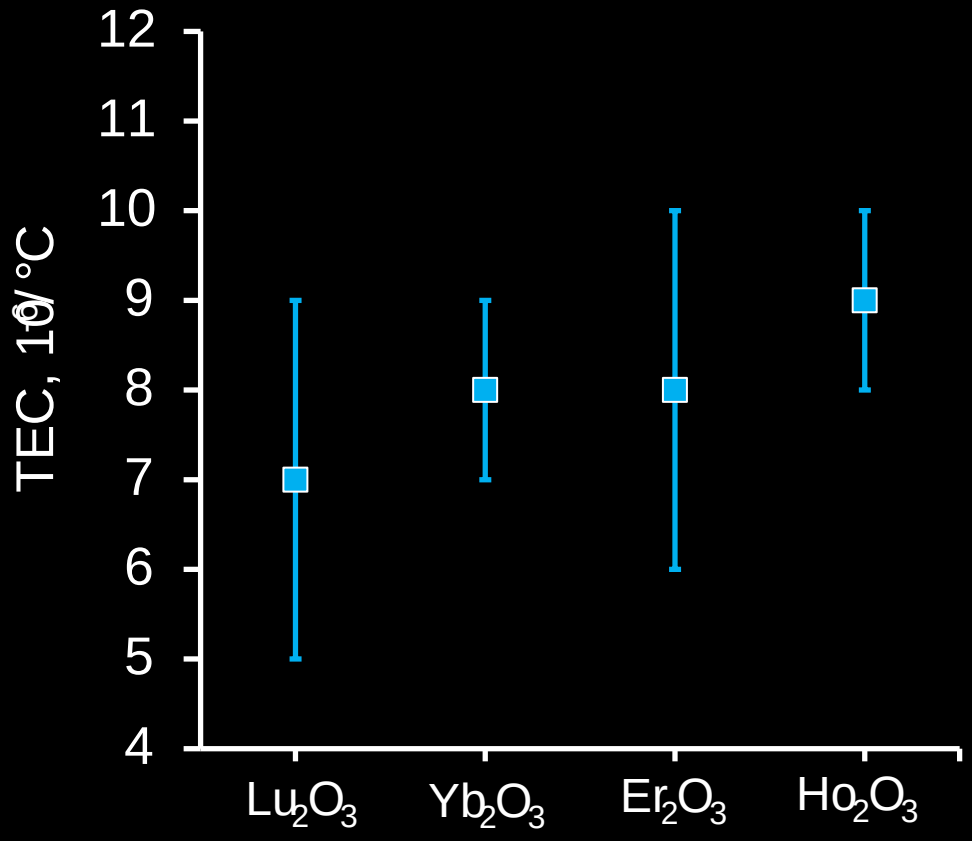
Thermal expansion of C-type RE_2O_3 in Oxygen flow





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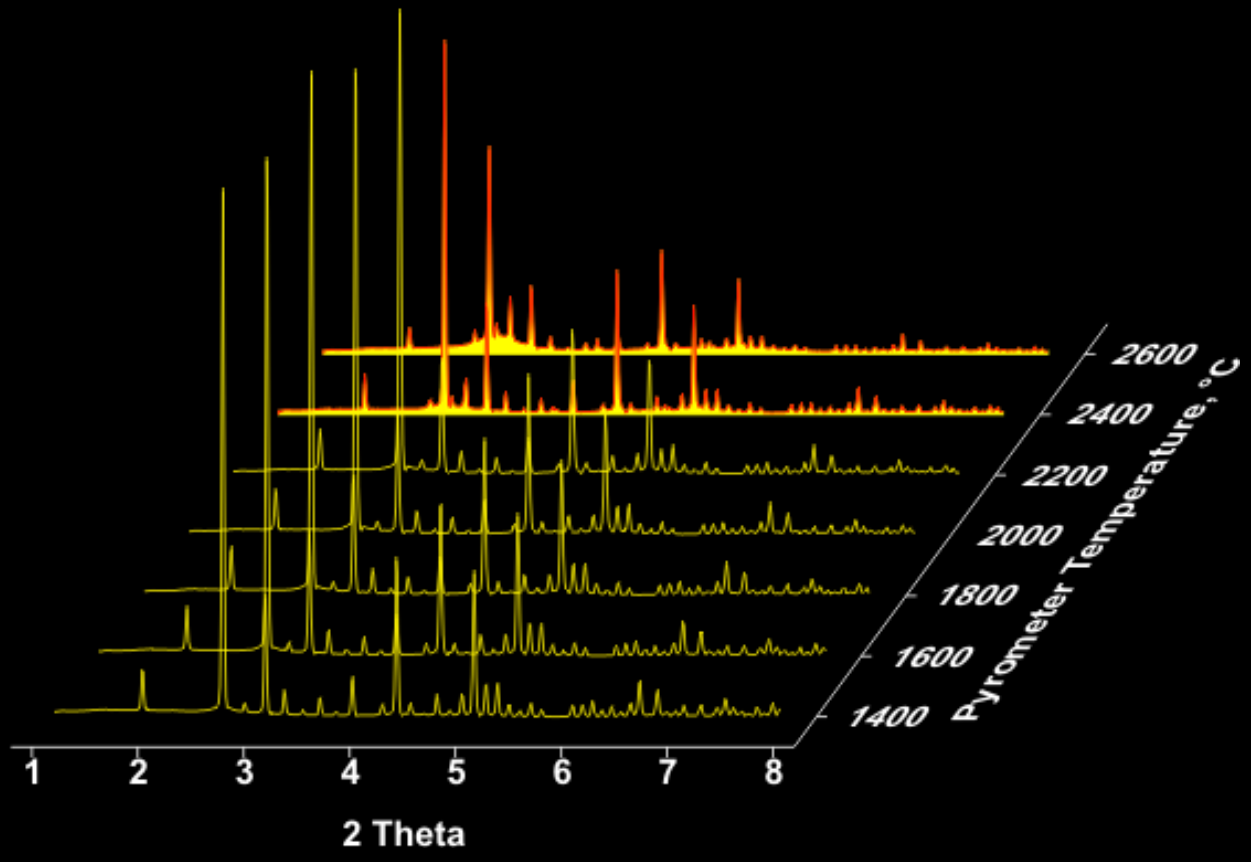
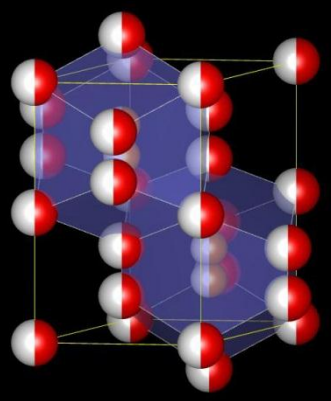
C-H pre-melting phase transitions R_2O_3

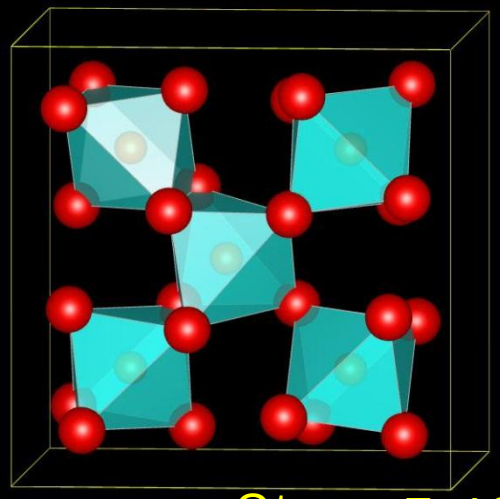


Pre-melting C-H phase transition in Er_2O_3 in Ar

H-type Z=1

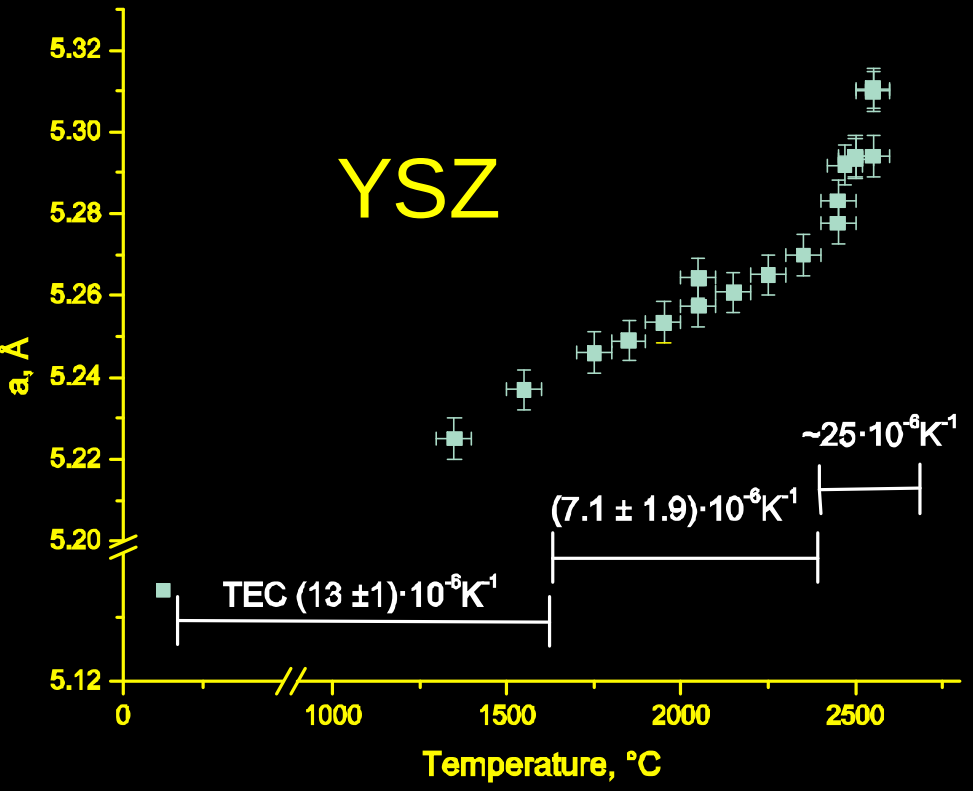


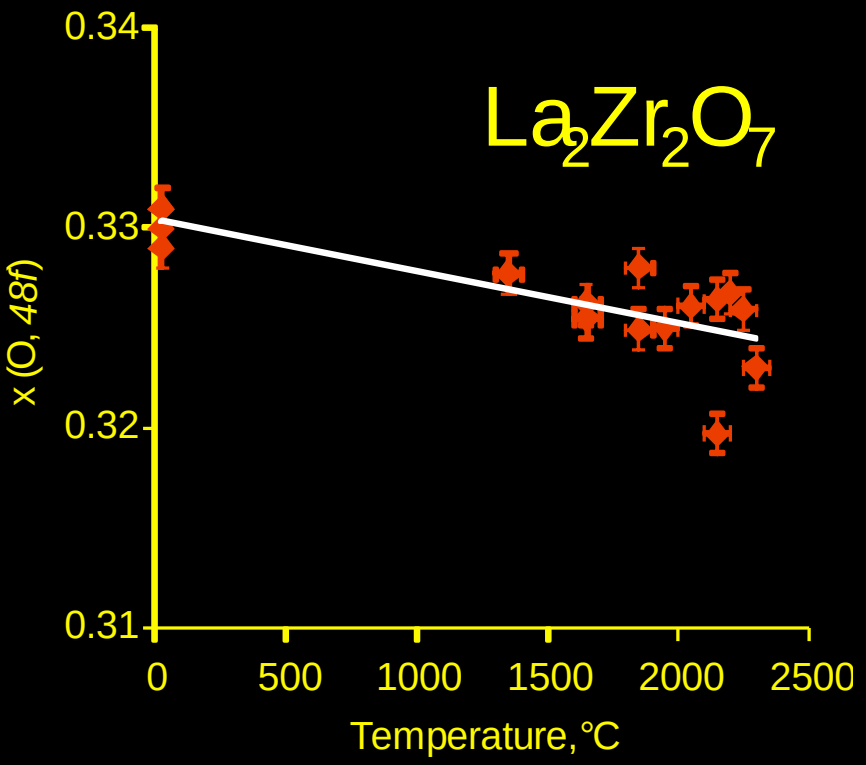
Y_2O_3 DV -3.1%
Er_2O_3 DV -3.4%
Ho_2O_3 DV -3.9%



C-type Z=16

Neutron Diffraction results (Aug 29, 2014)





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Conclusion

Refinement of high temperature structures is possible from X-ray and neutron diffraction on laser heated levitated samples using existing instruments at APS 6ID-D and SNS NOMAD*

*Thermal gradient of ~150°C in diffraction volume

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