Technology and Instrumentation

Research Instrumentation



Electronic and Magnetic Properties at High Pressure

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Expertise:

- Experimental high pressure measurements
- Magnetism
- Superconductivity



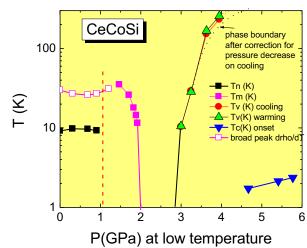
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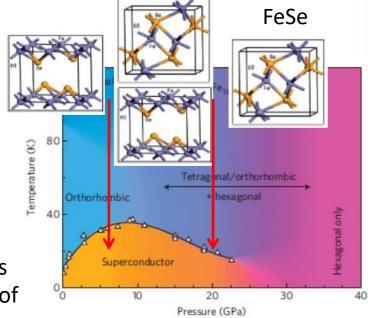
Quantum Design PPMS at UNLV

- Measurements from 0.3 K to 400 K
 - Heat capacity, electric and thermal transport, and AC/DC magnetization
- Pressure cells to measure electrical properties (clamp to 3 GPa and diamond anvil cell to >100 GPa)

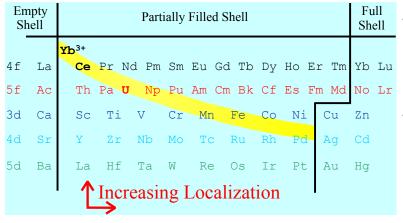




Addition of high pressure synchrotron experiments (diffraction and X-ray absorption) allows mapping of complex superconducting phase diagrams

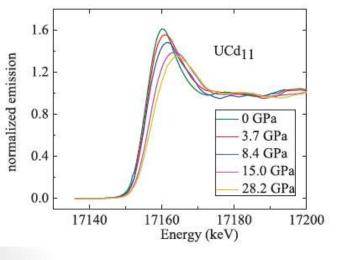


Correlated-Electron Systems

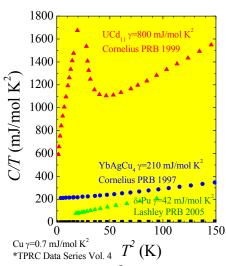


Modified periodic table

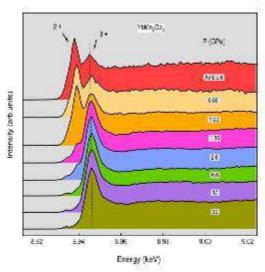
- Going from localized to delocalized electrons one often finds strong electron-electron correlations
- Correlated electron systems can yield interesting behavior: fluctuating valence, superconductivity, non-Fermi liquid, heavy fermion and many more



f-electron delocalization X-ray absorption



Heavy fermions
Heat Capacity



Fluctuating valence X-ray fluorescence

Art Gelis

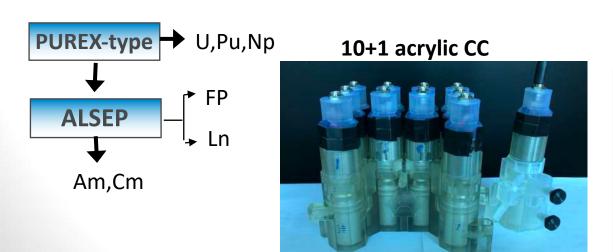
Director, Radiochemistry Program

Actinide Separations and Recovery



Design and Testing of Advanced Separation Processes using Additive Manufacturing

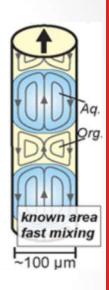
- Liquid-Liquid Extraction and Separation of Plutonium, Uranium,
 Minor Actinides, Lanthanides and Fission Products
- Twenty-seven 3D-printed acrylic centrifugal contactors (CC), fabricated at Argonne National Lab are available at UNLV
- Contactors can be 3D-printed in stainless steel or any alloy
- Solvent extraction separations can be tailored to a specific goal
- Example: Actinide Lanthanide SEParation process ALSEP, designed and tested for DOE-NE

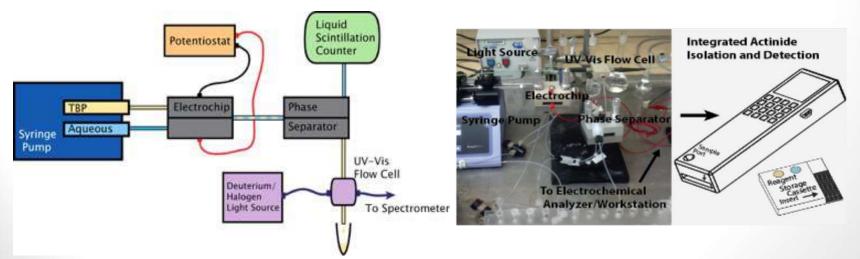




Microfluidic Systems for Rapid Radionuclide Separation and Detection

- Microfluidic device to combine aqueous and organic phases, rapidly mix, then separate phases, following by analysis
- Selective Extraction of radionuclides on a very small scale
- Can be implemented either as a bench-top setup or as a portable detector
- Potential applications: rapid Pu separation and detection from Uranium and FP for safeguards; "dirty bomb" analysis





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- Gelis, A.V., Pereira C, Nichols, K. Microfluidic process monitor for industrial solvent extraction system. US Patent # 9233859
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Surface and Interface Characterization of Materials for Energy Conversion

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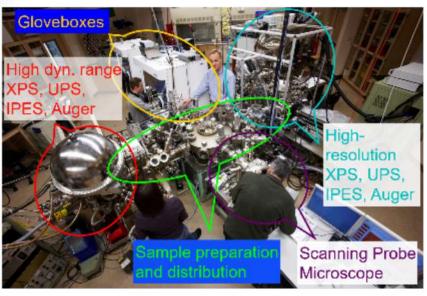
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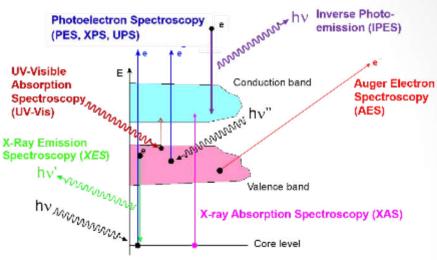
Expertise

- Electronic and Chemical Structure of Energy-Conversion Materials
- Surface and Interface Characterization
- Soft x-ray and Electron Spectroscopy
- Scanning Probe Microscopy
- Synchrotron Radiation

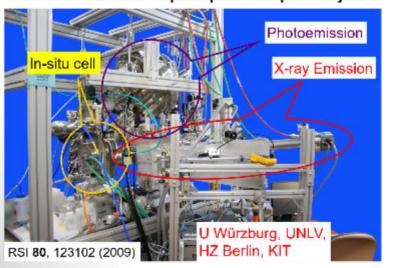


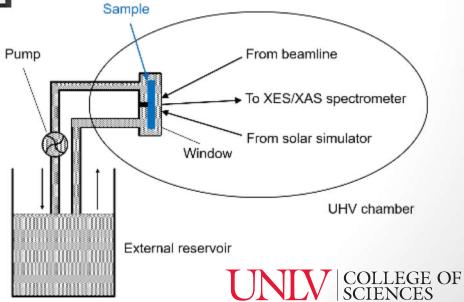
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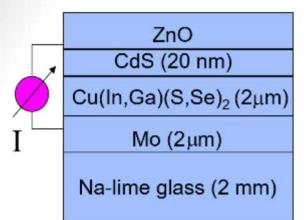


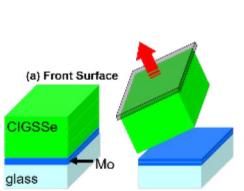
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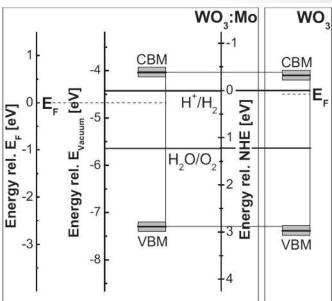


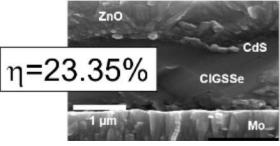


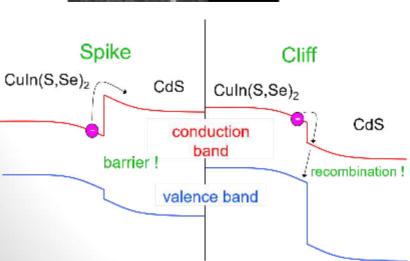
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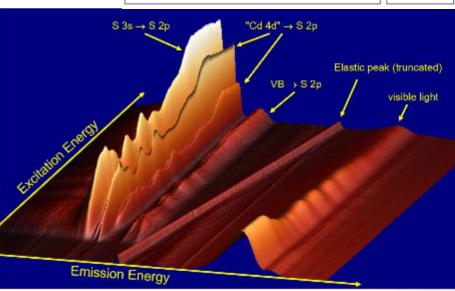














High Temperature Geochemistry

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Expertise:

Chemistry of earth's mantle and early solar systems

Non-traditional stable isotopes



UNLV Inductively Coupled Plasma Mass Spectrometer (ICP-MS) lab



iCAP Qc ICP-MS from ThermoFisher (installed in 2015)



Multi-Collector ICP-MS (to be installed in 2021, funded by NSF MRI)

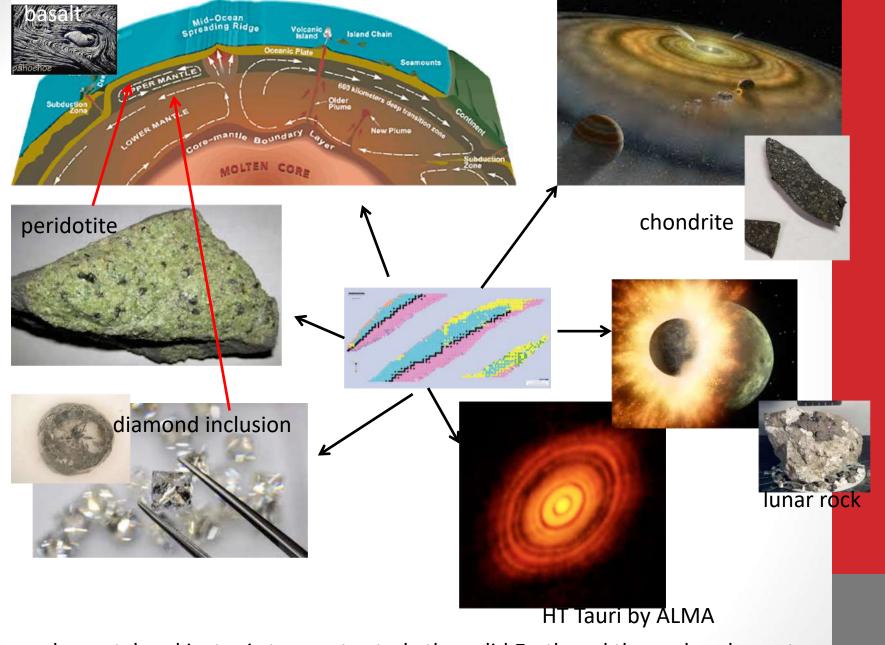


wet chemistry lab under positive air pressure



193 nm excimer laser ablation system (to be installed in 2020, funded by NASA PME)

- elemental and isotopic measurements for almost all non-volatile elements
- □ solution mode: detection limits at **10s of ppq (10**⁻¹⁵) level for lanthanides and **actinides**
- ☐ in situ measurement: spatial resolution at < 5 micron

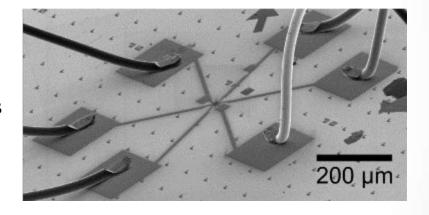


I use elemental and isotopic tracers to study the solid Earth and the early solar systems
 applied science: trace metals in local aqua systems; Cr remediation

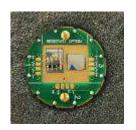


Areas of Research

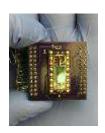
- Nanotechnology, device physics
- Photodetection and quantum sensing
- Quantum computing, topological qubits
- Non-equilibrium, driven systems
- Superconductivity, proximity effects
- Low dimensional materials



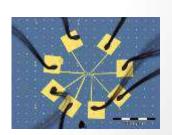










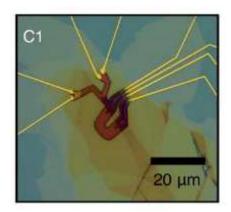


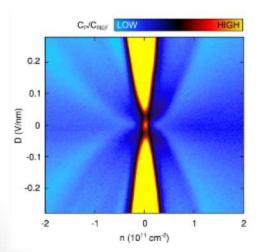


Island - Quantum computing, quantum sensing

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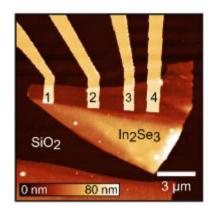
Topological phases for faulttolerant, universal quantum computing.

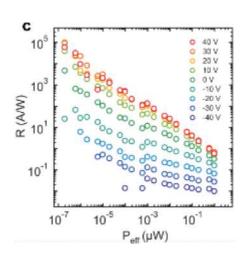




Industry-disruptive photodetectors: Ultra-sensitive

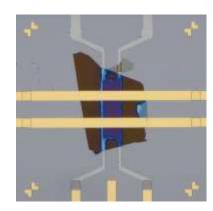
photodetectors: Ultra-sensitive phototransistors designed with 2D materials and heterostructures.

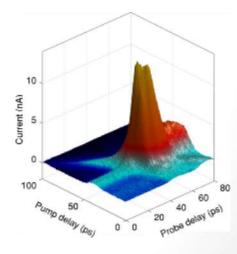




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Island - Quantum computing, quantum sensing

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Precise and reversible band gap tuning in single-layer MoSe2 by uniaxial strain

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Economic Geology

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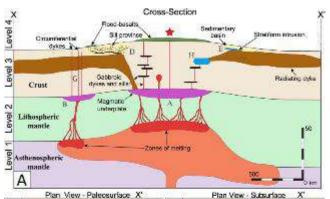
Expertise:

Geochemistry, mineral exploration, ore deposit geology, mineral economics, mineral exploration technique development, igneous petrology, environmental impact of mining

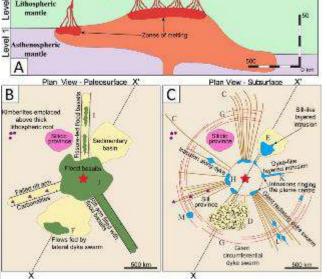


Geochemistry

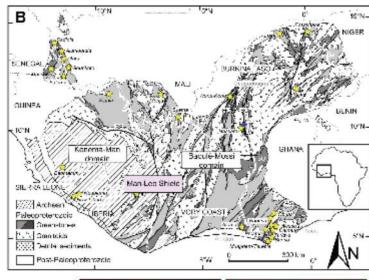
- Understanding mineralizing systems
- Links between tectonic and magmatic events and mineral systems
- Development of mineral exploration tools

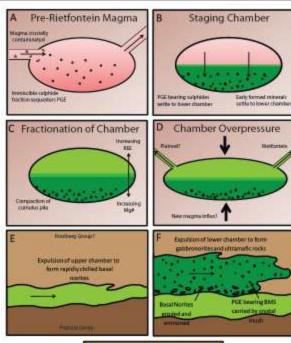


Links between Large Igneous Province plumbing systems and mineralization

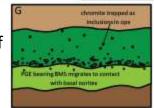


Distribution of Orogenic Au deposits within West Africa



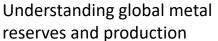


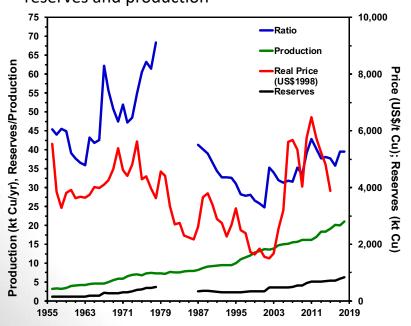
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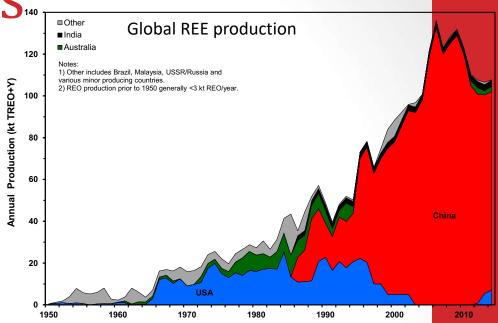


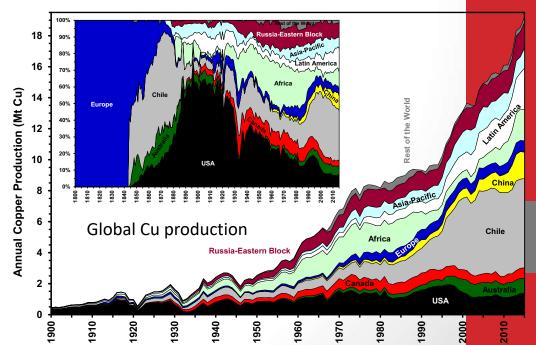
Mineral economics 140

- Understanding global metal resources
- Assessing future demand and supply
- Materials for green technology and critical metals





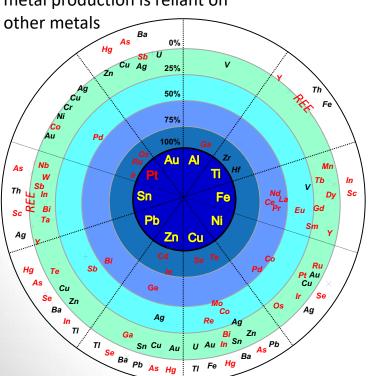




Critical metals

- Identification of potential sources of the critical metals
- Determining the processes that concentrate critical elements and development of associated exploration tools

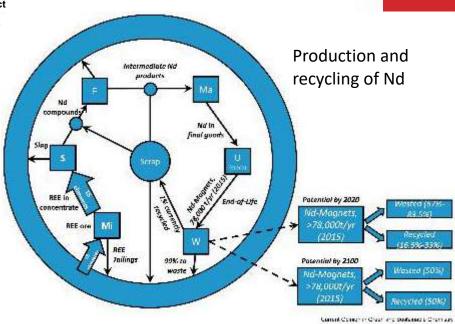
Metal companionality; understanding how critical metal production is reliant on





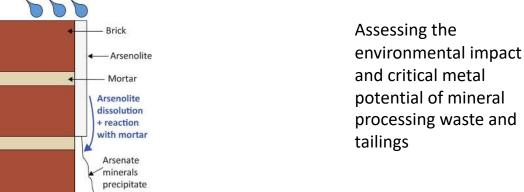


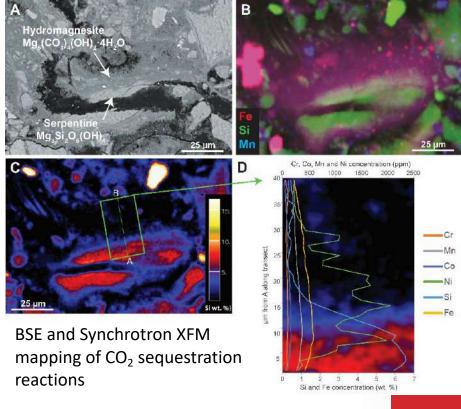
Be-bearing rare metal pegmatite, southern Nevada

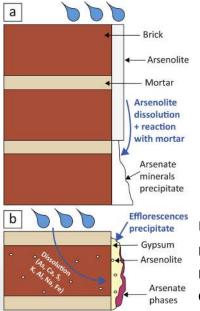


Environmental impact of mining

- Assessing environmental impacts
- Potential of wealth from waste; assessing mining waste metal production and CO₂ sequestration potential







Understanding arsenic mobility in mining and mineral processing environments



Other research areas

- GIS-based mineral prospectivity modeling in 2D and 3D space
- Machine learning approaches to exploration targeting
- Igneous petrology and the formation of Large Igneous Provinces
- Pegmatites and highly evolved rhyolites as sources of critical metals
- I run a well-equipped fluid inclusion lab that allows the determination of the composition and the temperature and pressure of trapping of hydrothermal fluids associated with mineral deposit formation. I also have a wide range of expertise in other analytical fields, including SIMS, ICP-MS, LA-ICP-MS, ICP-OES and XRF, stable and radiogenic isotopes, XRD, EPMA, SEM, and synchrotron beam analytical approaches.



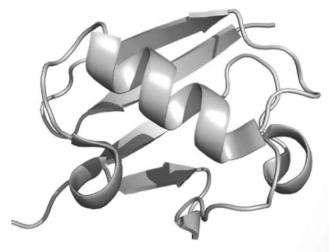
Ubiquitin-mediated protein degradation

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Expertise

- Structural biology
- Proteomics
- Enzyme kinetics and biophysical assays
- Cell biology

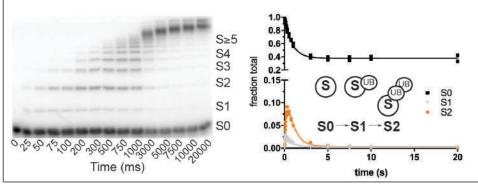


Protein structure of Ubiquitin.



Uncovering how the enzymes that promote protein degradation function in human cells.

Kinetics help us understand how enzymes select protein targets for modification with ubiquitin.



enzyme protein

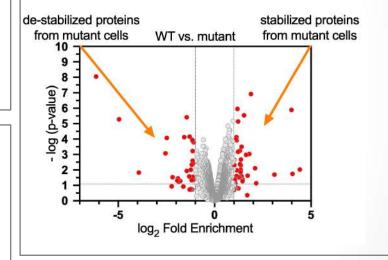
enzyme

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1'rxn 10'rxn

Small molecule inducers of protein degradation can be used to treat human disease. We study the mechanism of how they function both in test tubes and cells.

High-resolution mass-spectrometry tells us how mutations in enzymes that lead to human disease affect the stabilities of key human cellular proteins.





The Kleiger lab partners with both industry and academic labs to help discover treatments for human diseases such as cancer.



Mass-spec proteome exploration with Dr. Don Kirkpatrick at Genentech Inc.





How to utilize small molecules to induce the degradation of disease-causing proteins with Dr. Craig Crews (Yale and founder of Arvinas Inc.).

Cryo-EM and structural biology with Max Planck Institute of Biochemistry Director Dr. Brenda Schulman.



Novel Chemistry Using Highly Ionizing Radiation

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Expertise:

- Useful Hard X-ray photochemistry
- High pressure
- Spectroscopy
- Ion Beam Nuclear Transmutation Doping

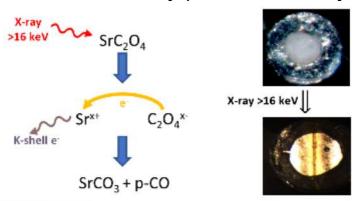


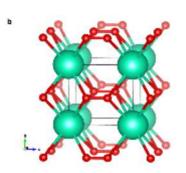
Pravica Group Research B. Novel materials synthesis A. Photochemistry D. Device applications Optical mixer C. New Physics/Chemistry Wide bandgap semiconductor

Radiation-hardened sensors/direct energy conversion devices for EXTREME CONDITIONS

or tuned solar materials

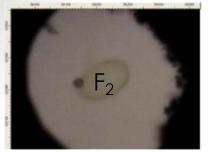
Useful hard x-ray photochemistry

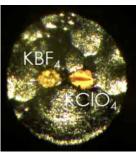




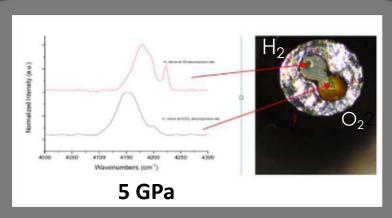
Novel structures of known materials produced With hard x-rays and high pressure (e.g. CsO₂)

High Pressure Fluorine Chemistry

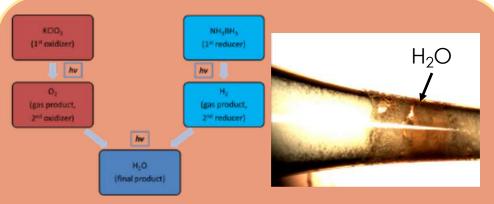




 $2F_2 + O_2 \xrightarrow{hv} 2OF_2 @ 3 GPa$

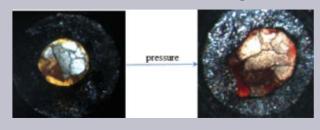


Molecular mixtures at high pressure

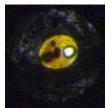


X-ray induced combustion

Inner shell chemistry at high pressure



 $XeF_2 \xrightarrow{hv} Xe + F_2$ (in situ x-ray fluorination)



UV-irradiation produced N₂ bubble



UV irradiation facility

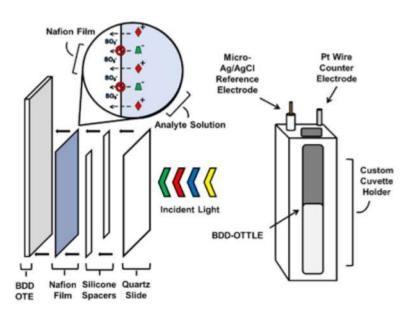


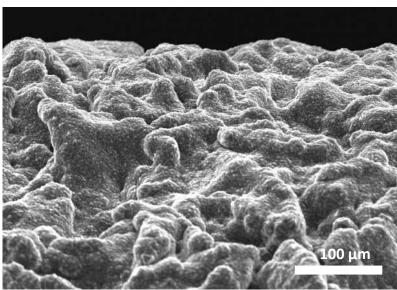
Large Volume Press
For pressure-induced chemistry

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Electrochemistry and Spectroelectrochemistry in molten salts for the development of the molten salt nuclear reactor

- Fundamental redox and thermodynamic properties of nuclear fuel can be gained using electrochemistry and spectroelectrochemistry.
- Diamond electrodes are specifically amenable to use as the sensing material due to its robustness and tunable properties





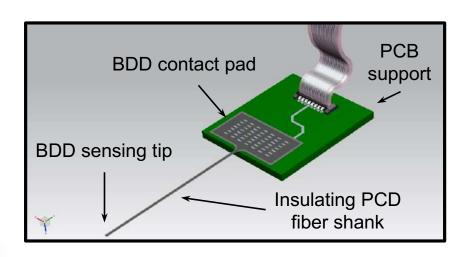
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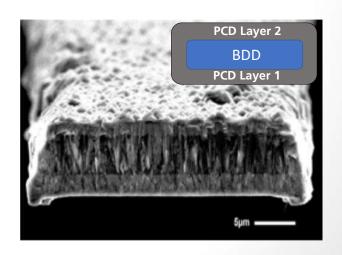


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Detection of clinically- and environmentally-relevant analytes with electrochemical sensors

- The all-diamond microfiber electrodes are a supremely biocompatible electrode. With the advantagouss properties of diamond electrodes, the suite of potential analytes is expanded.
- The conductive BDD core is covered along the shank with undoped diamond, there by making the device non-reactive.
- The batch-fabricated nature of these devices make them attractive compared to others.







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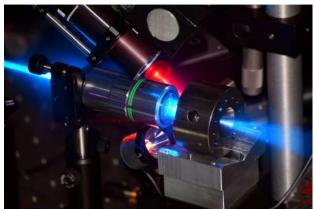
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Salamat Group – Collaboration with MSTS





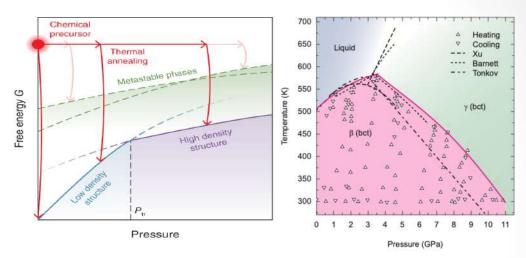




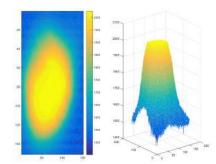


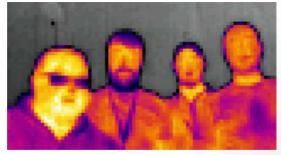


Metrology – accurate mapping of P, V, T



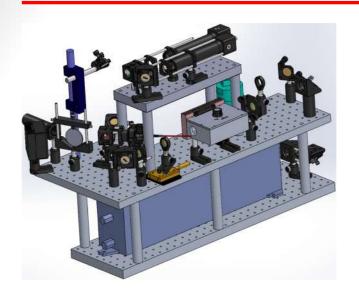
High temperature modelling – understanding emissivity under extreme conditions



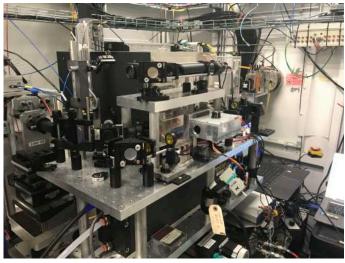


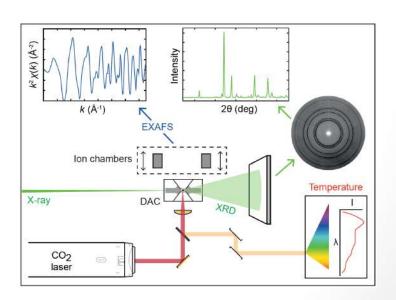


Warm dense matter – probed using EXAFS



- Development of a CO₂ laser heating
- Direct heating of non-metallic systems in a DAC
- First HTHP EXAFS measurements of insulators
- In situ and post heating measurements
- Determining absolute temperature from X-ray spectroscopy







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- Dynamic compression
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Dynamic Compression

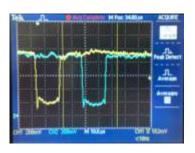
Shockwave Lab:

Compressed He gas, single-stage guns, vertical gun

- Velocimeter, impedance match calculation of sample shock pressure
- Recovery Experiments
- Advantage of advanced structural and chemical characterization at synchrotrons





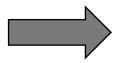






Microscale analysis: Structure, Strain, HE materials

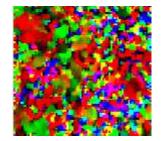
A. Microscale Structure analysis HPCAT





B. Dynamic compression strain mappingLaue XRD







C. HE materials

EOS

HPCAT, LLNL







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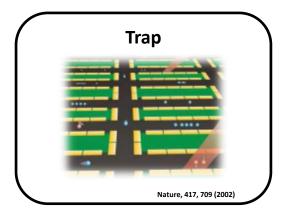
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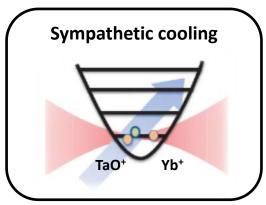
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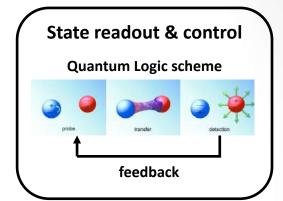
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- Cold and ultracold molecules
- High-resolution spectroscopy

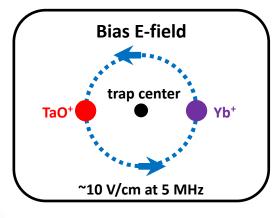


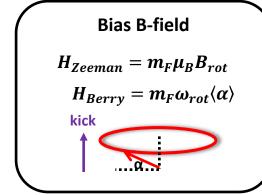
Exploring new phyiscs beyond the Standard Model using ultracold molecular ions and highly-charged ions











Universal platform

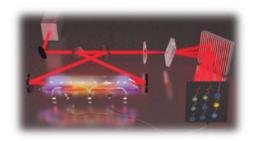
- ²³²ThF+ for eEDM
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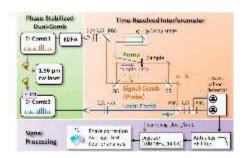


New technology and new applications based on optical frequency comb

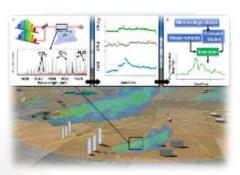
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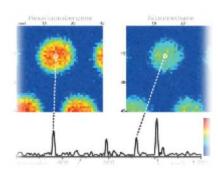
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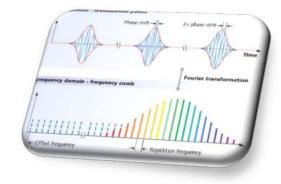


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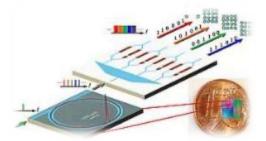


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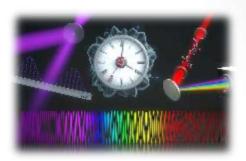




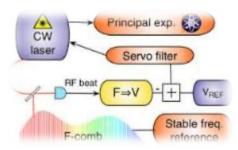
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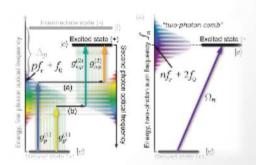
Atomic clock



Laser stabilization

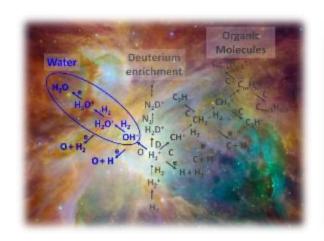


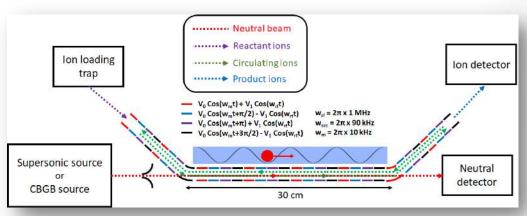
Laser cooling



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Revealing mechanisms of universe evolutions by studying cold ionradical reactions





- Chain reactions
- Radiative association
- Tunneling resonances
- Collisional resonances
- Discrepancies of reaction dynamics between chemical physics labs and astronomical observatories

Parameters	Expected specifications
Interaction arm length	30 cm
Ion beam velocity	0-1000 m/s
Collision energy range	<0.1 meV to >100 meV
Energy resolution	<0.1 meV
Effective reaction duration	1 s
Detection sensitivity	1 x 10 ⁻¹⁶ cm ⁻³ s ⁻¹

