

P.20.03.25*Acta Cryst.* (2005). A61, C468**High Pressure Studies of Molecular Systems at the ESRF**Iain D. H. Oswald, Mohamed Mezouar, *European Synchrotron Radiation Facility, Grenoble, France.* E-mail: oswald@esrf.fr

High-pressure has been shown to be a powerful tool for the study of polymorphism in molecular systems, and the effect of pressure on soft organic systems is an area of great current scientific interest (Boldyreva [1], Oswald *et al.* [2]). Most of the research performed at the high-pressure beamline at the ESRF (ID30/ID27), however, has been confined to characterization of hard materials. Recent studies by Fourme *et al.* [3] have successfully used ID30 to probe the effects of pressure on biological systems. The study of small molecules at high pressure acts as an ideal bridge between these two very different areas of research.

This paper describes structural studies of molecular systems performed at the ESRF on ID27. Gas-driven membrane diamond anvil cells (mDAC) were used to perform the experiments at high pressure and high temperature. The facilities available to the user at ID27 allow both single-crystal and powder diffraction to be used. This is a great advantage for the study of molecular solids since many of these systems undergo destructive phase transitions. The ability change collection strategy from single crystal diffraction studies to powder studies whilst the sample is still *in situ* allows the user to continue the study to higher pressure despite the deterioration of the crystal.

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P.20.04.1*Acta Cryst.* (2005). A61, C468**"Poor-men" High Pressure Cell for Single Crystal X-ray Crystallography**Dmitry S. Yufit, Judith A. K. Howard, *Department of Chemistry, University of Durham, Durham, DH1 3LE, UK.* E-mail: d.s.yufit@durham.ac.uk

A simple "moderate-high" pressure cell for single crystal X-ray crystallography at the pressure up to 1KBar has been developed. The simple design provides good visibility of the crystal during the data collection, straightforward optical alignment, easily controllable pressure, no blind areas for X-rays and simple loading procedure. The cell can be used for studying crystals under gas as well as hydrostatic pressure. The crystal is placed in the quartz capillary, connected by a quartz-metal seal to the specially modified high pressure valve. A special attachment for the cell mounting on a goniometer of Bruker CCD diffractometer has been designed and unusual data collection procedure has been developed. Our experience in operating the cell, potential pitfalls and possible future applications of the new cell and data collection mode will be described. The cell has been tested with several molecular organic crystals and the results of the tests will be presented.

Keywords: high-pressure crystallography, data collection method, pressure cell

P.20.06.1*Acta Cryst.* (2005). A61, C468**The Effect of High Pressure on the Topology of Organic Systems**Peter A. Wood^a, Simon Parsons^a, Elna Pidcock^b, ^a*Department of Chemistry, University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, UK.* ^b*Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre, Cambridge, UK.* E-mail: p.a.wood@sms.ed.ac.uk

The effect of high pressure on a crystal structure is dependent on the delicate balance of forces. Recent work has shown that in many cases the application of high pressure has the effect of compressing a structure anisotropically. This is exemplified by alanine [1], which

compresses significantly in the b and c directions, but only slightly in the a-direction.

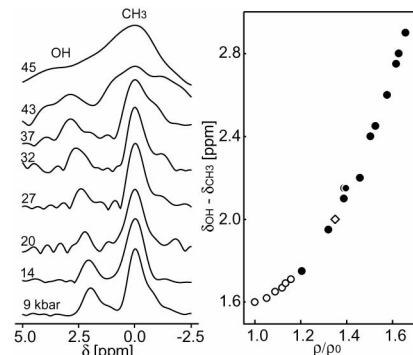
There are a range of methods for analysing the change in structure due to pressure, one which gives a useful overall picture of the molecular symmetry works by partitioning the structure into Voronoi-Dirichlet polyhedra (VDPs) [2]. It is often the case that the application of hydrostatic pressure causes the structure to become more locally symmetric. Using these VDPs it is possible to see structures tend towards standard hard-sphere packing structures such as BCC, FCC and HCP as the pressure is increased.

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P.20.06.2*Acta Cryst.* (2005). A61, C468**Hydrogen Bonding and Dynamics of Methanol by High-pressure Diamond Anvil Cell NMR**Takuo Okuchi, George D. Cody, Ho-kwang Mao, Russell J. Hemley, *Geophysical Laboratory, Carnegie Institution of Washington, Washington, DC 20015, USA.* E-mail: t.okuchi@gl.ciw.edu

Liquid methanol at densities up to $\bar{n}/\bar{n}_0 = 1.7$ was studied by NMR with a specially designed diamond anvil cell and radio frequency probe [1-2]. Methyl and hydroxyl resonances have been separately observed at pressures to 43 kbar which exceeds equilibrium freezing pressure of methanol. The chemical shift difference between methyl and hydroxyl protons increases nonlinearly with increasing density, indicating an accelerative decrease in hydrogen bond length (Figure). Analysis of spin-lattice relaxation rates of hydroxyl and methyl protons indicates that compression enhances intermolecular proton exchange and selectively reduces motion of the hydroxyl protons. Collectively these observations reveal that hydrogen bonding interaction in liquid methanol increases significantly with compression, inhibiting the liquid-solid transition even above the freezing pressure.



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P.20.06.3*Acta Cryst.* (2005). A61, C468-C469**Structural Relationships between Amorphous Ices at High Pressure**John Stephen Loveday¹, R.J. Nelmes¹, M. Guthrie¹, C.L. Bull¹, T. Strässle², S. Klotz², G. Hamel², ¹*School of Physics & Centre for Science at Extreme Conditions, The University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, UK.* ²*Physique des Milieux Condensés, Université P et M Curie, 4 Place Jussieu, 75252 Paris, France.* E-mail: j.loveday@ed.ac.uk

The various forms of amorphous ice provide the principal experimental tests of the proposal that supercooled liquid water undergoes a first order liquid-liquid transition at pressure [1]. Up to now most experimental studies of these amorphous ices have been performed at ambient pressure on quench recovered samples and results have proved inconclusive and in any case do not probe the pressure range of the proposed transition. We present *in-situ* neutron diffraction studies of the various forms of amorphous ice which provide for the first time and accurate view of the relationships between the phases.