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# The original science programme outlined for I19, small-molecule single-crystal diffraction, anticipated the following themes:

Underpinning the frontiers of science and technology micron sized crystals

- microporous and mesoporous systems, such as zeolites
- supramolecular assemblies and very large molecules
- catalysis, "smart" materials, optical devices and information storage

Charge density, from electron density to molecular properties understanding materials: e.g. non-linear optic systems, guest-host materials

Anomalous dispersion studies – enhanced detail at the edge contrast between isoelectronic species and differing oxidation states

Disorder and its relation to physical properties weak scattering features at high Q values total-scattering studies

Structure under change

catalytic reactions, phase transitions, synthesis/degradation environmental cells: pressure, humidity variation, microwave radiation excited states/ time resolved studies







# **I19 diffractometer 1**

- Small sphere of confusion
- Fast diffractometer
- Fast detector with large dynamic range
- Scope for upgrade
- Integration with external kit (e.g. robot) possible
- User friendly data collection and processing software

Main use is for chemical crystallography studies.

However, it can be used for high-pressure studies with no modification.

Aim is essentially similar to the ethos for the beamline's predecessor station 9.8 at Daresbury:

-require a versatile, easy to use, diffractometer that wouldn't be unfamiliar to the users (including the software).





The diffractometer and robotic sample changer were supplied by Rigaku (Saturn 724+ CCD detector).

The motorised goniometer head is replaced with a standard Huber manual version.

As it is difficult to centre the cell accurately using only optical techniques the focusing mirrors are not used and beam is taken straight off the monochromator (the beam size is significantly larger but there is an appreciable decrease in flux).

Merrill-Bassett cells are used:

- small, light and uncomplicated

- only achieve modest pressures (< 100 kbar) but this is sufficient for most studies of molecular systems.































Although there were no significant geometric changes around the metal centre to to ~5 GPa we did observe significant changes in one of the intermolecular phenyl-phenyl interactions.





diamond

More recently we have continued these studies on the structurally more complex system  $[Pd([9]aneS_3)(PPh_3)_2](PF_6)_2$  on 119.







The high-pressure data can be processed using the software provided by the three main small-molecule single-crystal diffraction suppliers:

Rigaku: a modified version of CrystalClear (operating with d\*trek)

Oxford Diffraction: the CrsAlisPro software can read in the images directly

Bruker: the images can be converted to the Apex II format

All of these methods produce excellent results though some testing is still required.





The 4-circle diffractometer was supplied by Newport and has kappa geometry.

The detector was supplied by Oxford Diffraction (Atlas) who also provided software integration.





possible to use scanning techniques to accurately centre the sample (as we'll see in a moment).

As the diffractometer has a motorised x,y,z-stage within the phi axis it is





This allows a closed-cycle cryostat to be mounted on phi and positioned extremely accurately for sample centring. The sample stage, within the phi axis, contains an x,y,z-stage which is capable of carrying 20 kg (repeatability < +/-  $2\mu$ m).





Much of the high-pressure variable-temperature work has been conducted in collaboration with members of CSEC at The university of Edinburgh.

They have developed novel diamond-anvil cell designs for studies using open-flow cryostream devices and cryostats.

- Smaller cells constructed from copper-beryllium alloy.
- Turnbuckle cell designed for open-flow systems calibrated in region 300 137 K.
- Micro-cell designed for closed-cycle systems.
- Designed by Dr Konstantin Kamenev and Dr Gaetan Giriat.







|            | Location       | Edinburgh | Diamond | Diamond |
|------------|----------------|-----------|---------|---------|
|            | Pressure (GPa) | 2.00      | 1.84    | 1.84    |
|            | Temp (K)       | 300       | 300     | <300    |
|            | Resolution (Å) | 0.8       | 0.8     | 0.8     |
| - Colorest | Completeness   | 67        | 74      | 78      |
|            | Redundancy     | 5.37      | 4.1     | 6.57    |
|            | R              | 0.0441    | 0.0522  | 0.0384  |
|            | Data/Param.    | 5.37      | 5.81    | 8.51    |
|            |                |           |         |         |

## Structural Analysis - Jahn-Teller Bonds

Only one of the Jahn-Teller bonds undergoes any significant change in length.

More data are required to allow anything definitive to be concluded about the correlation of changes in the structure with those observed in the magnetic properties.







We have been collaborating with Dr Craig Bull of The University of Edinburgh to implement a hightemperature stage for the EH2 diffractometer. This will be fully tested within the next few weeks and we expect to achieve temperatures in the order of 300°C initially.

Craig has also been developing a ruby fluorescence spectrometer for the hutch which will allow in-situ pressure measurements for both the high-temperature stage and the cryostat.









### **I15 Extreme Conditions**



Beamline 115 is situated on a wiggler source and is capable of reaching very much higher photon energies (shorter wavelengths) than 119.

The Newport 6-circle, situated at the front of the experiments hutch, has been used mainly for power-diffraction studies – the images show it set up in this mode with the MAR 345 image plate detector.





# **I15 Extreme Conditions**

• Single-crystal experiments on Newport 6-circle device, using four circles

• "Atlas" CCD detector fully integrated in the controls software and available for selected (monochromatic) energies:

### 20 keV < E < 80 keV

- High pressure work with DAC (p < 40 GPa); 228 reflections for 7 parameter, R1<7%,
- Inclusions in natural diamonds, E=60 keV; minimum d-spacing of 0.25 Å; more than 500 unique reflection against only 10 parameters to be refined; agreement factor below 4% (inclusions are under pressure)





# **I15 Extreme Conditions**

Incommensurate host-guest structure in K at high pressure and temperature



Above 20 GPa, K-III has 1-D chains of guest atoms (dark grey).

More information:

O. Narygina et al. Phys. Rev. B 84, 054111 (2011) DLS highlights



Heating a crystal above 373 K results in "melting" of the guest chains – Bragg peaks turn into diffuse discs as a result in the reduction in correlation length.



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