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Benefit of extreme Pressure in Materials Science

$P < 5 \text{ GPa}$

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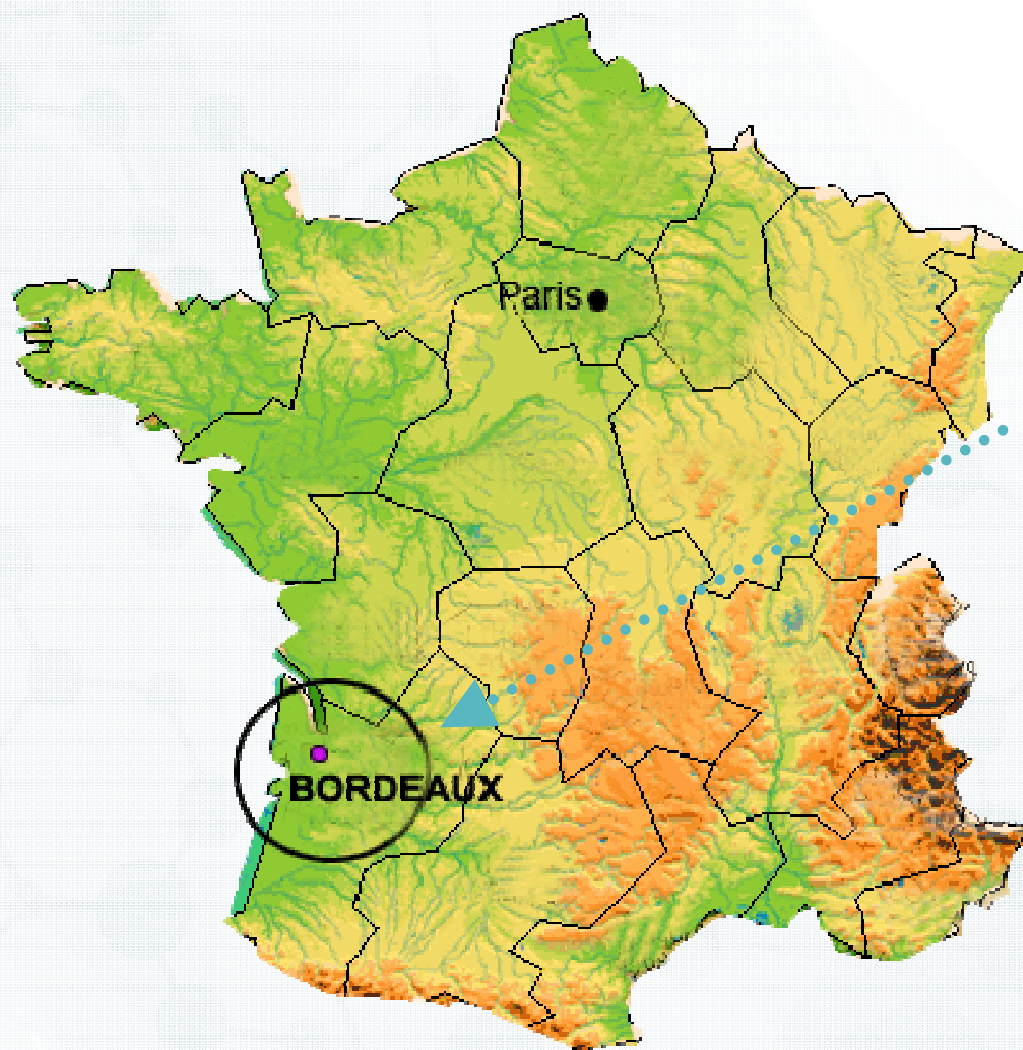
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High Pressure:

Solid phase,
Liquid phase,
Gas phase

in

Material science,
Material chemistry,
Biomaterials

Material: Inorganic, Organic, Composite

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Crystal growth, **High pressure**, Sintering, Thin films and Interfaces

Research groups

Gr1 Oxides and architectures
electro ceramics for energy
and electronics

Gr2: Materials and batteries

Gr3 Chemistry and photonics
of oxide and fluorine
materials

Gr4 Metallurgy and
functional materials

Gr5 Chemistry of
nanomaterials

Gr6 Molecules and
commutable materials

Gr7 Supercritical fluids

Shared facilities

Characterisation and specific
shared facilities

- X-ray
- Chemical Analysis
- Magnetic measurement
- Electric measurement
- Thermal measurement
- Optical measurement
- NMR
- Mössbauer spectroscopy
- Granulometer

Common shared facilities divided
Bordeaux 1 University

- Microanalysis (CECAMA)
- Electronic Microscopy
- Tomography

General services

- Cryogenics
- Mechanics
- Computing
- Library
- Electronics
- Infrastructure
- Hygiene and Security
- Photo
- Others

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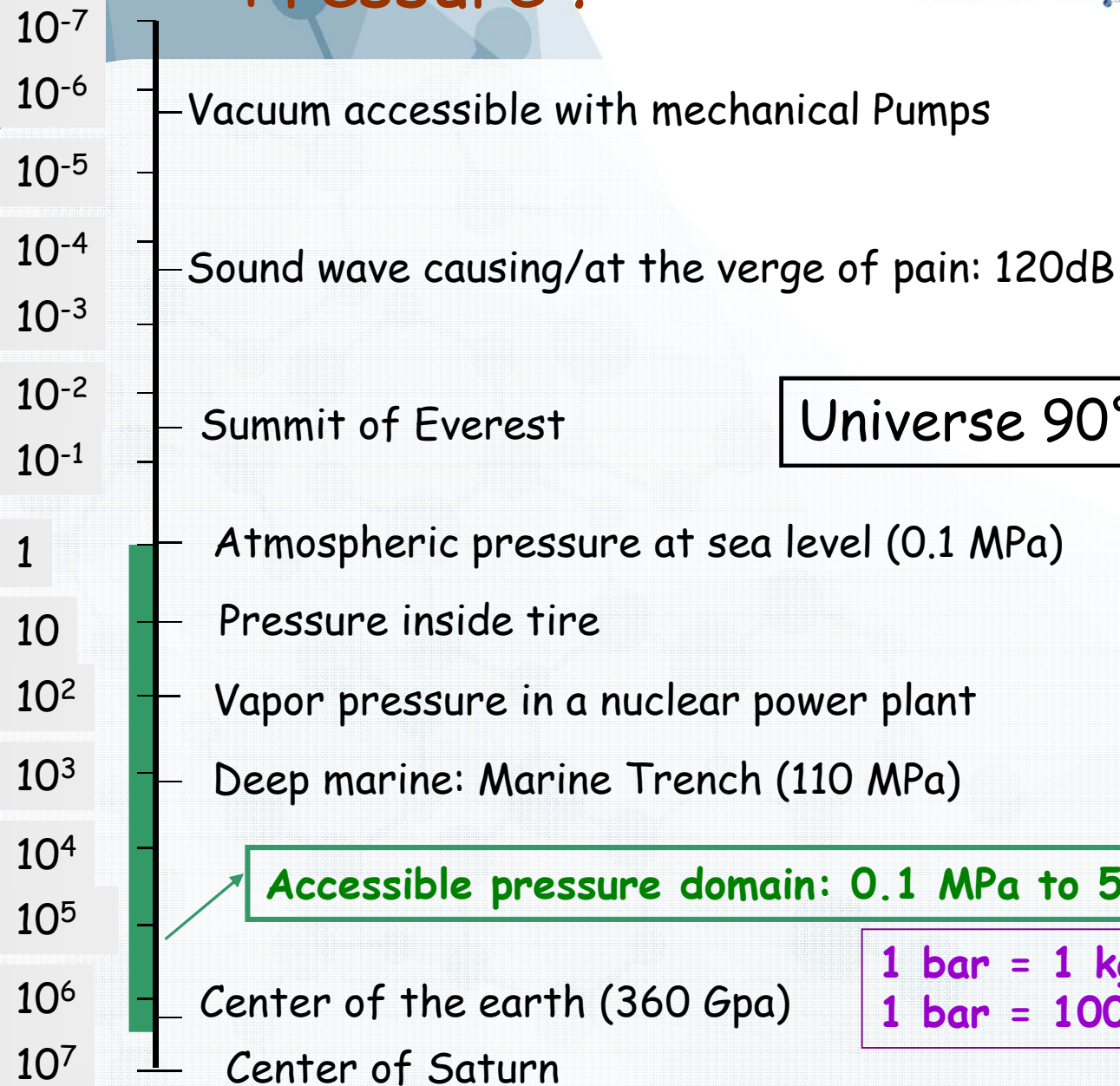
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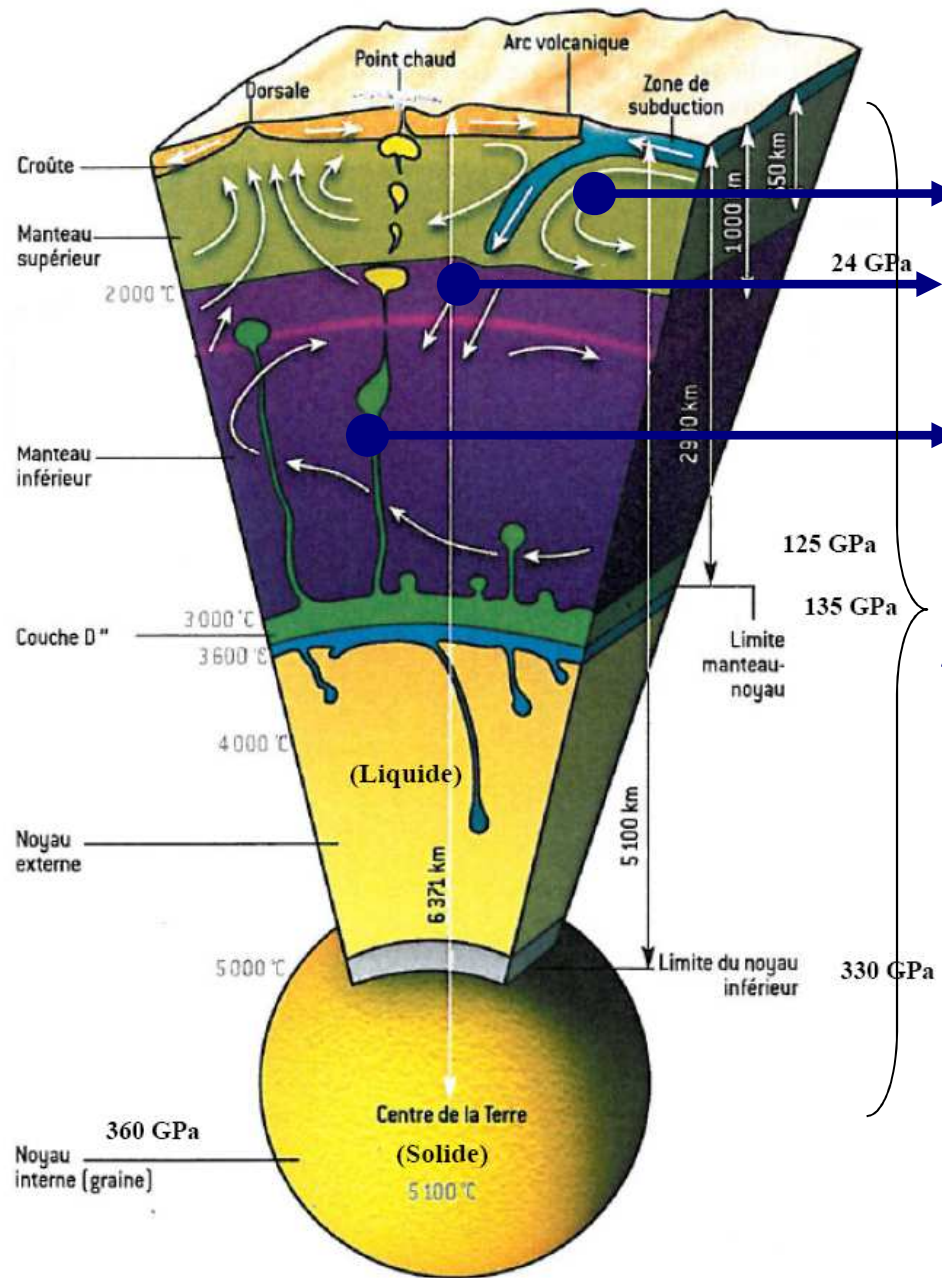
Pressure ?



Universe 90% $\Rightarrow P > 10 \text{ GPa}$

1 bar = 1 kg/cm²
1 bar = 100 000 Pa = 0,1 MPa

Pressure within earth



Bacteria "extremophiles"

Hydrothermal synthesis

Diamond synthesis

Behavior of the constituent materials

Mastery of "Pressure" and "Temperature" parameters: Important temporal shifts

Devices under pressure: knowledge of metal alloys and ultra-hard materials

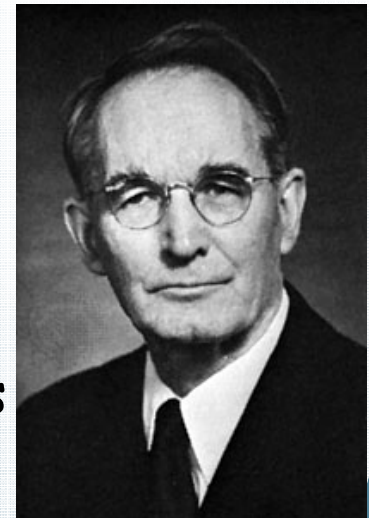
Specific industrial needs: manufacturing cannons, ammonia synthesis, hydrometallurgical processes of Al from bauxite, etc. ..

P.W. Bridgman: Nobel Prize in Physics 1946

⇒ Developing and devising equipment

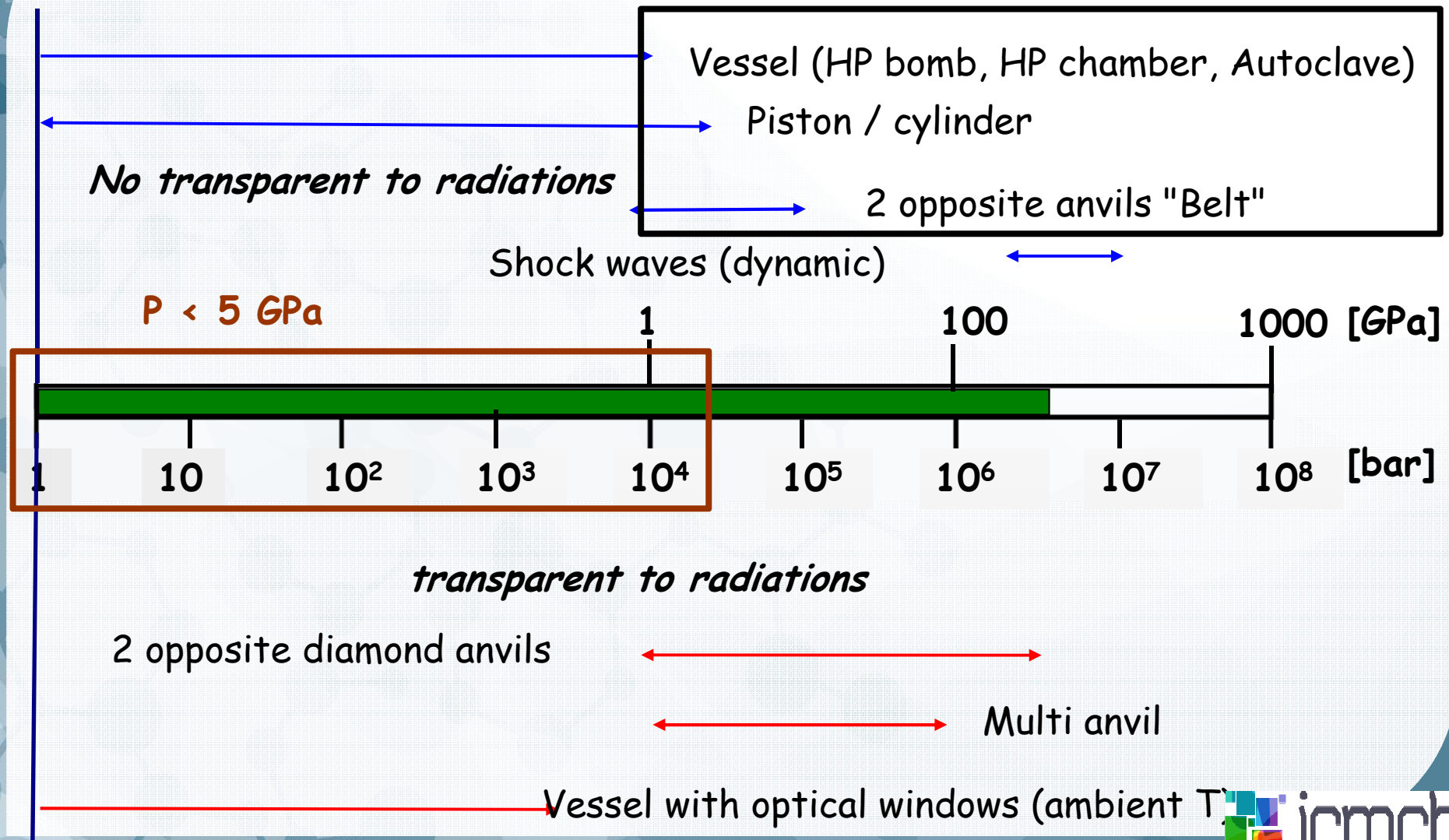
⇒ $P \approx 100 \text{ kbar (10 GPa)}$

⇒ Study of the mechanical and thermodynamic properties of the material at high pressure



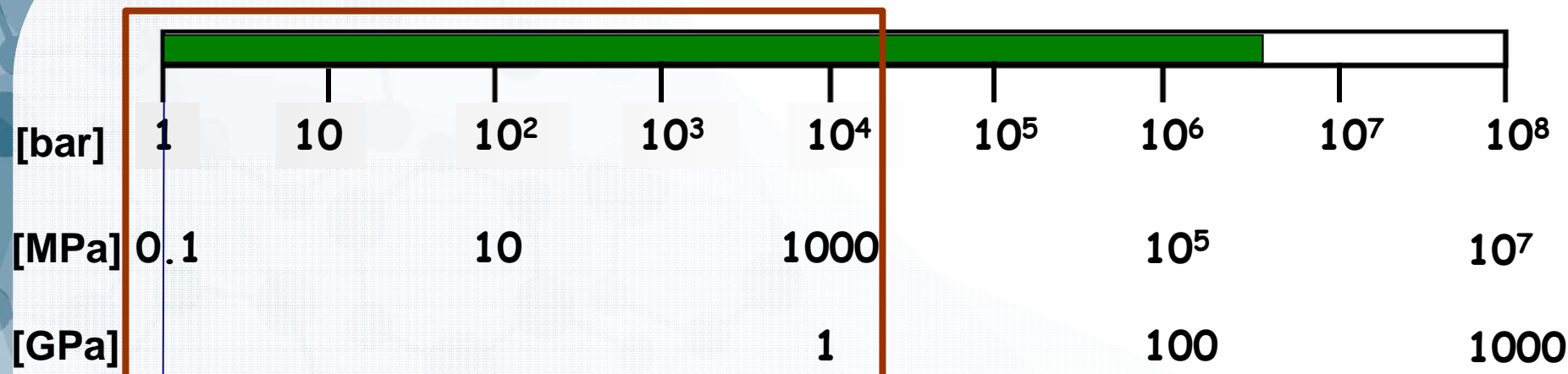
Devices

Pressure = Force (F) / area (S) \Rightarrow $P \uparrow$ if $F \uparrow$ (Hydraulic Press)
or $S \downarrow$ (diamond anvils)



Applications

$P < 5 \text{ GPa}$



Synthesis of high density polyethylene (PEhd): **1953**

Hydrothermal crystal growth of quartz : **1953**

Diamond synthesis: **1953** ASEA \longleftrightarrow **1954** GE
(Thermodynamically stable domain)

Densification under pressure (CIP): **1956**

Cutting by water jet: **1979**

Food treatment (Pascalisation): **1990**

Le Chatelier's Principle

Any phenomenon accompanied by a **volume decrease** is enhanced by an **increase in pressure**

- Opposes the effect related to the increase of T (expansion)
- Favorize the change of states : **gas** → **liquid** → **solid**
- Favorize structure with denser phase:
 - * Direct conversion of $C_{\text{graphite}} \rightarrow C_{\text{diamond}}$ ($P > 12 \text{ GPa} / T \approx 2000^\circ\text{C}$)
 - * Indirect conversion of $C_{\text{graphite}} \rightarrow C_{\text{diamond}}$ ($P \approx 6 \text{ GPa} / T \approx 1500^\circ\text{C}$)
by dissolution/precipitation in liquid metal
 - * Extremely dense ceramics (porosity ≈ 0) → **Optoceramic**
- Elevates the melting point (P induces condensation) : **P increases the domain of stability** → **stabilize precursors for the reactivity.**
- Increases reactivity in addition of T

Principal effects of Pressure

1/ Energy generated by Pressure

(a) According to the pressurized medium

Energy implementation in the medium:

- Gas: high due to its high compressibility
- solid: weak and dependent of the bulk modulus

Comparison: Energy induced by compression according to the nature of the medium / Energy of a chemical reaction

Pressure (bar)	Medium	Energy cal/mol
1000	gas	3000
1000	solid	1
10 000	solid	5
100 000	iron	20
100 000	H ₂ O	1000
1	chemical reaction	20 000

(table from [Wentorf, Chem. Eng. (1961) 6:177])

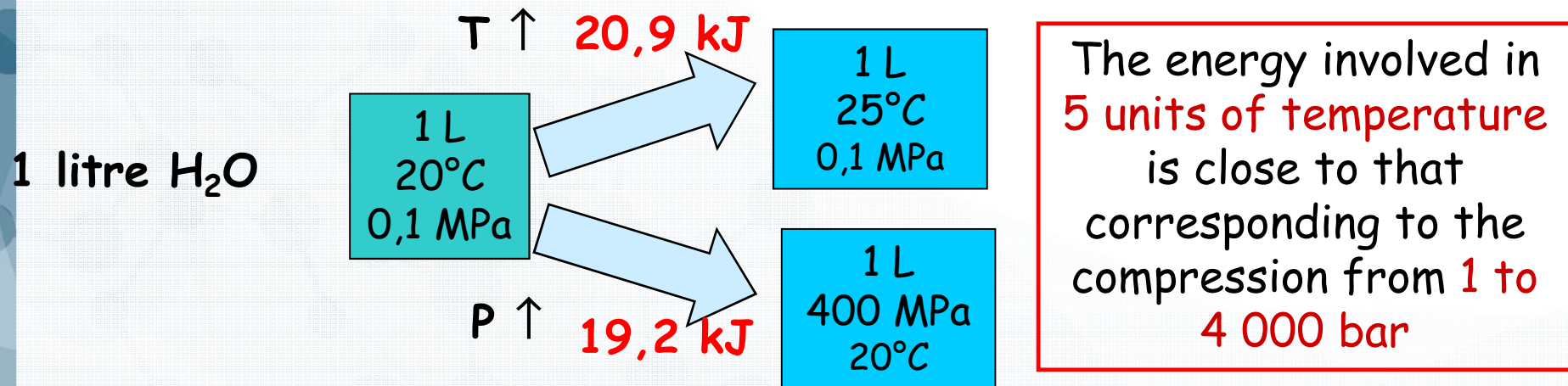
⇒ **Pressure: low energy / chemical reaction**

Interests : Need contribution of T for the synthesis of materials under high pressure.

Principal effects of Pressure

1/ Energy generated by Pressure

(b) Comparison with temperature (liquid medium)



[Mertens, In New Methods of Preservation. (1995) 135]

⇒ Pressure: low energy / temperature

Interests: Alteration only weak bonds (and those leading to $\Delta V < 0$) (Ex: Biological Applications)

Principal effects of Pressure



2/ Densification effect

(a) For chemical reaction

By defining chemical reaction of two precursors: $A + B \rightarrow C$

With : V/Z = Volume Form

$$V_A/Z_A \quad V_B/Z_B \quad V_C/Z_C$$

and
$$\Delta V = V_C/Z_C - (V_A/Z_A + V_B/Z_B)$$

if: $\Delta V < 0$: reaction is activated by pressure

$\Delta V > 0$: reaction will be hindered by pressure

\Rightarrow Pressure: Initiate chemical reaction in one way

Interests: Promotes the denser phase during a reaction at the expense of others

Principal effects of Pressure



2/ Densification effect

(b) For stability of chemical bond (liquid medium)

By defining ΔV of dissociation = $(V_{A_{\text{atom}}} + V_{B_{\text{atom}}}) - V_{(A-B)_{\text{bond}}}$

With dissociated atoms $A_{\text{atom}} + B_{\text{atom}}$ and the bonding $(A-B)_{\text{bond}}$

Type of bonding	ΔV of dissociation (ml/mol)	Action of the pressure on the bonding
Covalent	+10	Strengthening
Ionic	-10 (each ion involved)	Destabilisation
Hydrogen	+3 à -1	Strengthening ($\Delta V > 0$) or reduced destabilizing effect ($\Delta V < 0$)
Hydrophobic	-10 à -20	Destabilization

(Table modified according to [Federighi et al., *Microbio-Alim-Nutr.* (1995) 13: 115 et 225])

No alteration of strong chemical bonds (covalent)

⇒ Pressure: impact only weak bonds ($\Delta V < 0$)

Interests: Conservation of molecular structure when it consists solely covalent bonds (Ex: Save original properties in Food)



Principal effects of Pressure



3/ Chemical reactivity

- In fluid phase (gas or liquid)

Increasing concentration of species \Rightarrow decreasing mean free path

Application: Hydro(solvo)thermal reactions - solid/liquid interface
(*Heterogenous system*)

For a given T: P allows dissolution of material, although it is relatively insoluble under ordinary pressure

- In solid phase

Decreasing mean free path + Energy \Rightarrow increasing the reaction kinetic

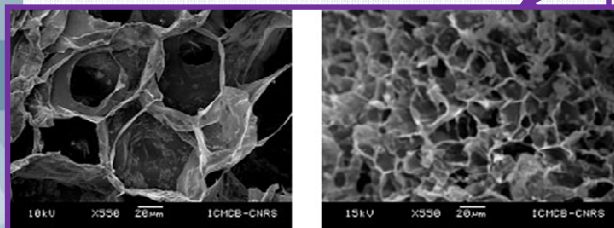
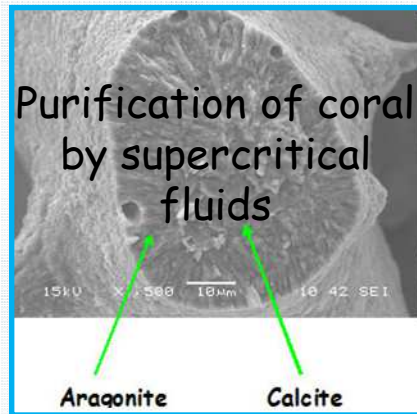
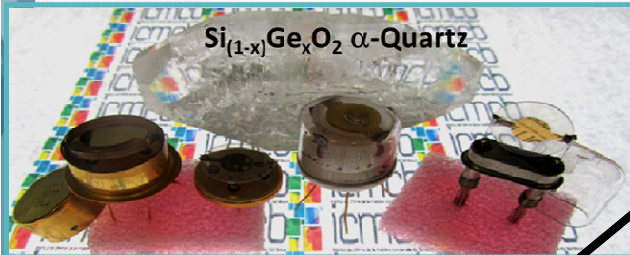
\Rightarrow Pressure: Increasing reactivity in addition T

Interests: Increase the kinetics of chemical syntheses (Ex: solvothermal crystal growth, ...)

Crystal growth

Single Crystal

SiO_2 α -quartz, $\text{Si}_{1-x}\text{Ge}_x\text{O}_2$ α -quartz, ZnO , CaCO_3



Porous biomaterials densified without heating to preserve biocompatibility

High Pressure

Bioscience

- Multilayers material packaging adapted for High Hydrostatic Pressure processing (HHP / HPP)
- Purification of natural material: **Material for medicine: coral,...**



Material science

Cold isostatic pressure (CIP) of powder

Biomaterials

Porous structure/polymer's impregnation to improve osteoinduction

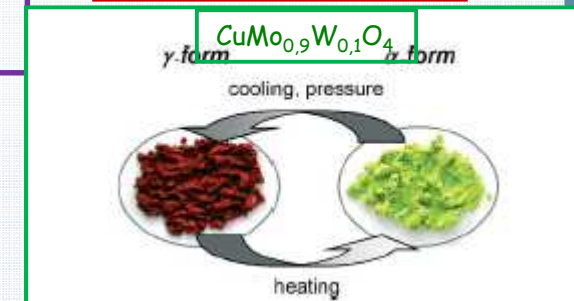
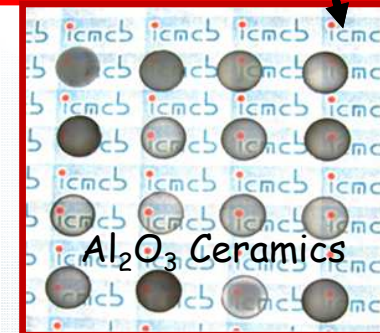
Material chemistry

- Relations structure/properties in correlation with oxidation states of transition elements (Fe, Ir, ..)
- **Piezochrome behavior**

Sintering/bonding

Material Science

- **Densification**
 - **optoceramic**
 - refractory/hard material
 - biocompatible
- **Bonding**
 - composition gradient
 - **multimaterial**



Transitions $\gamma \rightarrow \alpha$ and $\alpha \rightarrow \gamma$ with T and $\alpha \rightarrow \gamma$ with P or T

P<5 GPa at ICMCB



Vessel non «borgne» (cylinder with two opening in the same axis)

Solid phase

Sliding pistons in matrix

SPS
PC

Opposite anvils with cylinder

Belt

Opposite anvils without cylinder



Vessel «borgne» (cylinder with one opening)

Liquid phase

Hydro(solvo)thermal phase

Gas phase

Phase diagram (critical point: P_c - T_c)

Aqueous (Hydrothermal) / Non aqueous (Solvothermal)

H_2O : $T_c=374^\circ C$ - $P_c=22MPa$ / CO_2 : $T_c=31^\circ C$ - $P_c=7MPa$ / NH_3 : $T_c=132^\circ C$ - $P_c=11MPa$

CIP

$T < T_c + P < P_c$
subcritical

$T > T_c + P > P_c$
supercritical

Hydro(solvo)thermal

HIP reactive
HIP non reactive
(Scelled tube)

Extraction - Purification

Densification/Sintering/ Bonding activated by pulsed current (SPS)



Dr. SINTER LAB SPS-515S
2000°C / vacuum, gas (N₂, Ar)



Graphite mold
100MPa / 2000°C



WC/Co mold
800MPa / 600°C



Composite mold
100MPa / 1300°C / air



HAp Ceramics

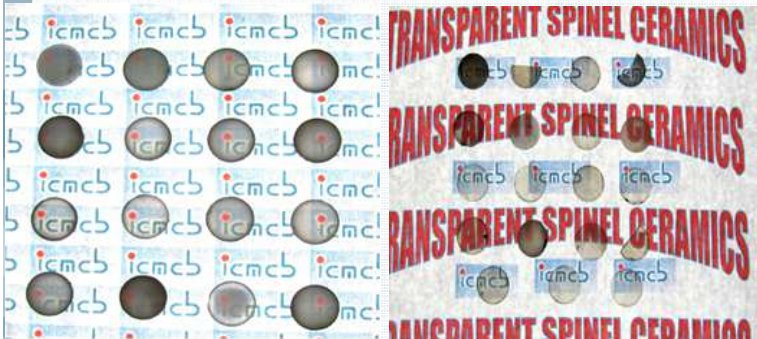
Oblong graphite mold



Oblong ceramics

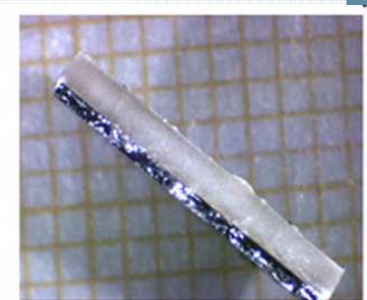


without mold



Al₂O₃ Ceramics

MgAl₂O₄ Ceramics



Bonding / Sintering (Multimaterial)

Densification/Sintering/ Bonding activated by pulsed current (SPS)

SPS under high pressure :
HP-SPS
(pulsed current)



$P < 5 \text{ GPa}$ / $T < 1500^\circ \text{C}$
 $\text{Vol} \approx 2 \text{ cm}^3$ / air



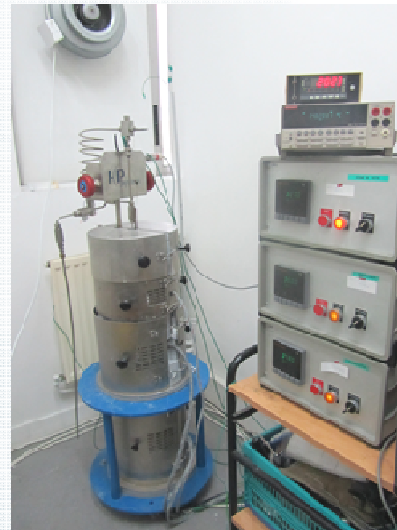
Cutter for drilling in petroleum
WC-Co / PCD (diamond + Co)

Crystal growth under fluid pressure

Liquid phase : P + T
hydro(solvo)thermal



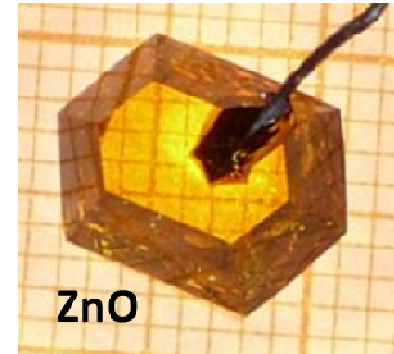
200MPa / 0.1l
 $20^{\circ}\text{C} < T < 450^{\circ}\text{C}$



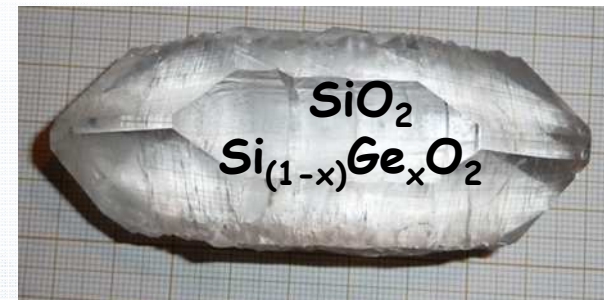
350MPa / 1.5l
 $20^{\circ}\text{C} < T < 450^{\circ}\text{C}$



300MPa / 1.5l
 $20^{\circ}\text{C} < T < 500^{\circ}\text{C}$



ZnO



SiO_2
 $\text{Si}_{(1-x)}\text{Ge}_x\text{O}_2$



CaCO_3

Densification/Sintering/Bonding under fluid pressure

HS
Hydro(solvo)thermal
Sintering
Sub/Supercritical
phase



$P < 350 \text{ MPa}$ / $T < 500^\circ \text{C}$
 $\text{Vol} \approx 2 \text{ cm}^3$
 H_2O or others aqueous
liquids

CIP
(Cold Isostatic Pressure)
Liquid phase



$P_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} < 600 \text{ MPa}$ / $T < 80^\circ \text{C}$ / $\text{Vol} \approx 3 \text{ l}$
(with support of HPBioTECH)

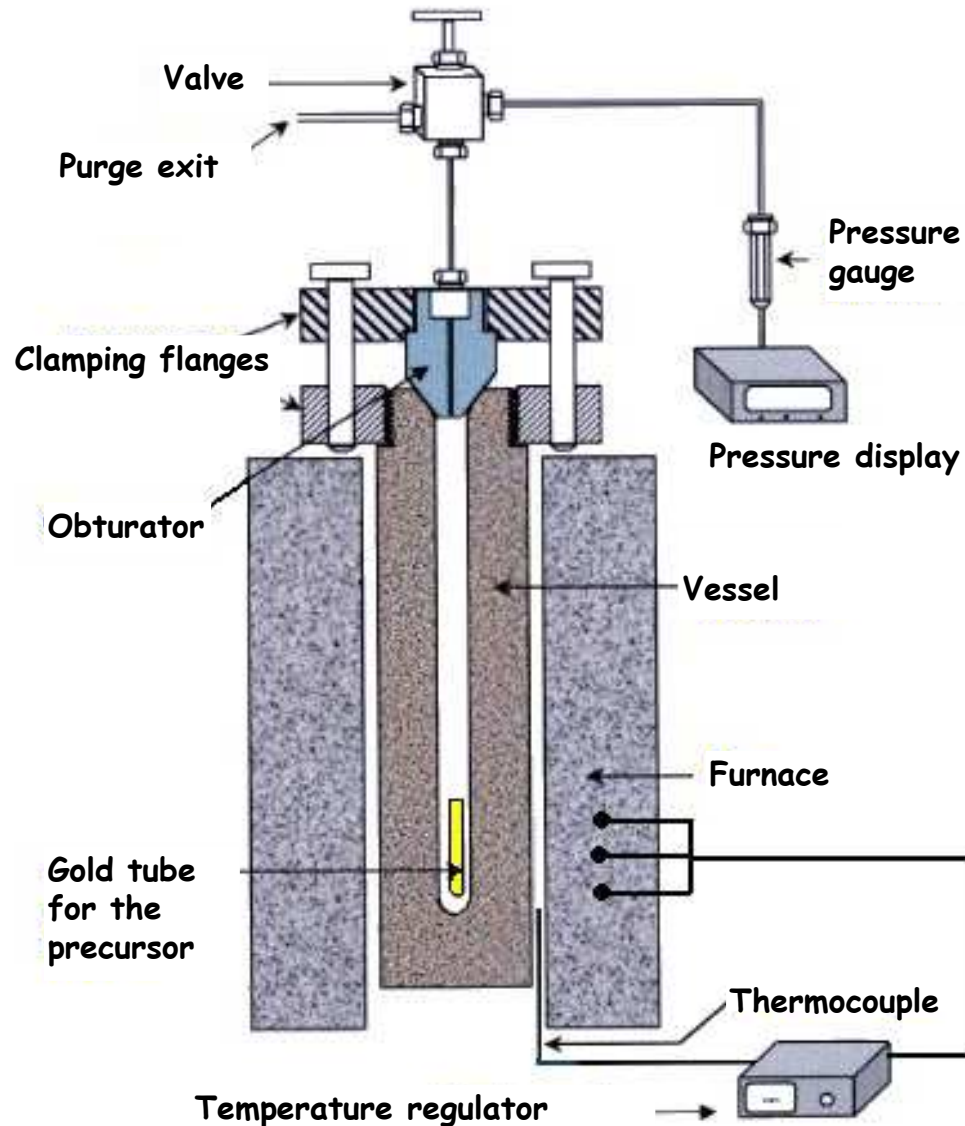
HIP
(Hot Isostatic Pressure)
Gas phase



$P_{\text{gas}} (\text{O}_2, \text{N}_2, \text{Ar}, \text{CO}_2) < 200 \text{ MPa}$
 $T < 800^\circ \text{C}$ / $\text{Vol} \approx 30 \text{ cm}^3$

Pressure: gas phase

$P < 300\text{MPa}$ / $20^\circ\text{C} < T < 600^\circ\text{C}$ / 0.2 liter



Difficulty and dangerous (energy)
due to the compressibility of fluid :
gas \gg liquid

Dangerosity due to the type of
fluid: $\text{O}_2 \gg \text{N}_2, \text{Ar}, \text{CO}_2$

Interest:

O_2 : Oxide (powder), stabilization of
unusual oxidation state of transition
element (Fe, Ir, ..) for theoretical
study

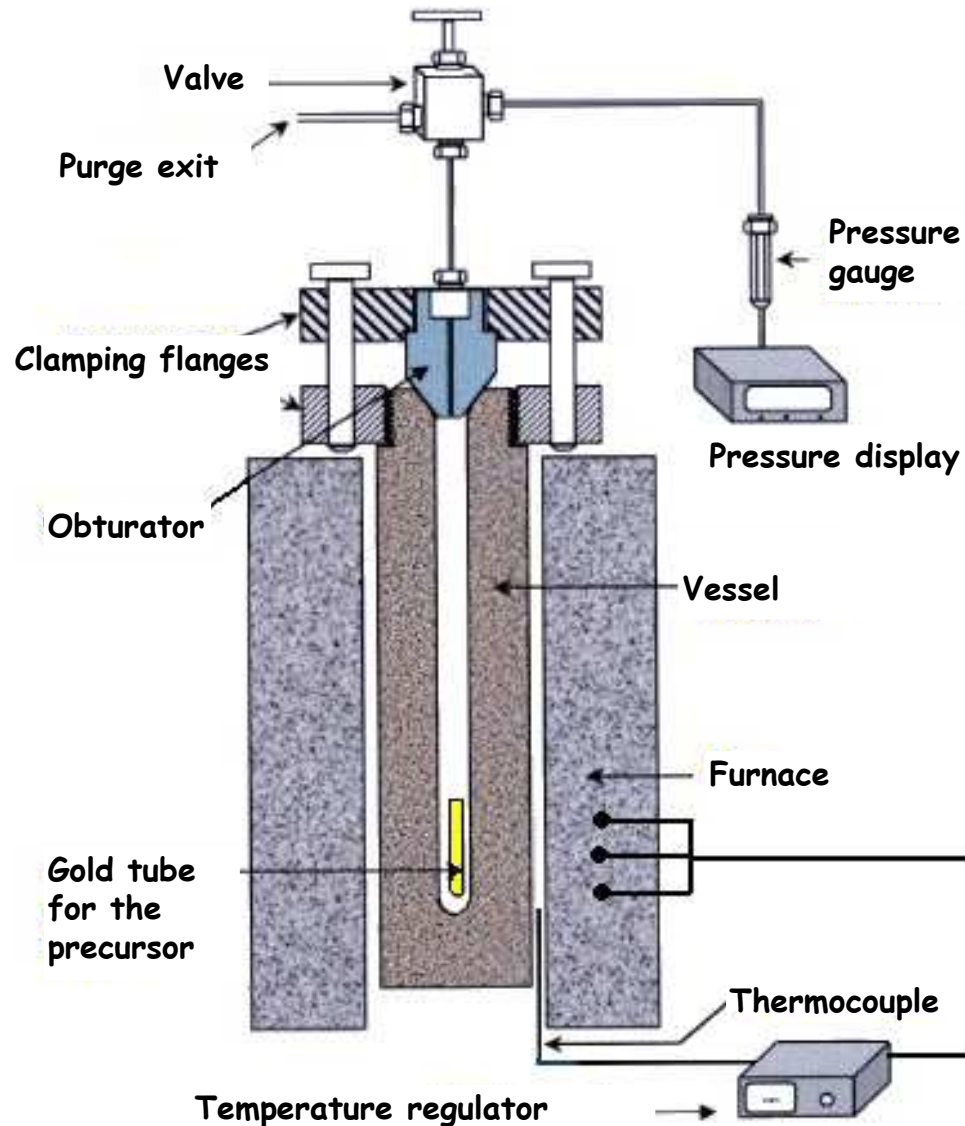
O_2 : Oxide (ceramic) to correct the
stoichiometric balance (impossible in
single crystal)

N_2, Ar : Hot Isostatic Pressure
(HIP) to sinter powder in inert gas

O_2 : Hot Isostatic Pressure (HIP) to
sinter powder in reactive gas

Pressure: liquid phase

$P < 300\text{MPa}$ / $20^\circ\text{C} < T < 600^\circ\text{C}$ / 0.2 liter



Difficulty and dangerous (caustic, toxic) due to the type of fluid:
 NaOH , KOH , NH_3 , ..

Interest:

Liquid:

H_2O : Process for biological material

H_2O : Porous structure ($T < 0^\circ\text{C}$)

CIP: Cold Isostatic Pressure to densify powder (pre-sintering, ..)

Liquid/Temperature:

Hydrothermal: Oxide synthesis (powder, crystal, ceramic)

Solvothermal: Ammonothermal (NH_3) for nitride synthesis (powder, crystal)

Extraction of organic compound:
Supercritical fluid

Liquid phase at Tamb: CIP



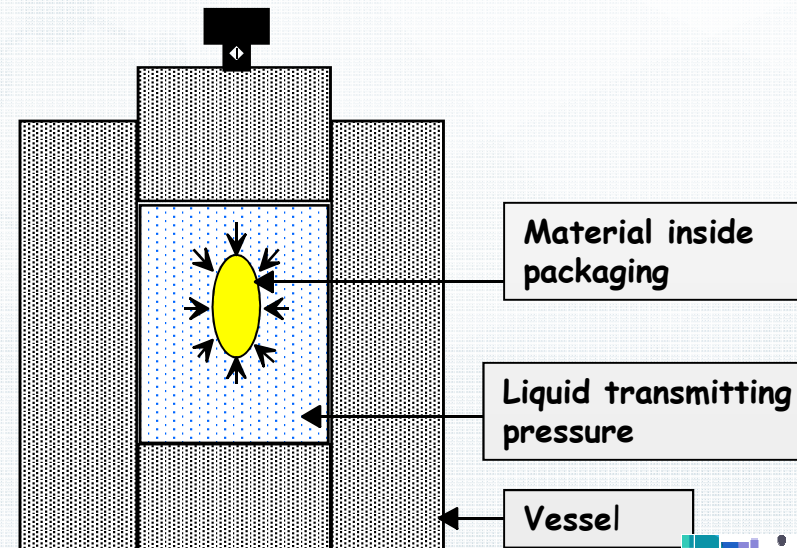
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$P < 600\text{MPa}$ / $-20^{\circ}\text{C} < T < 80^{\circ}\text{C}$
5 liters

Interest :

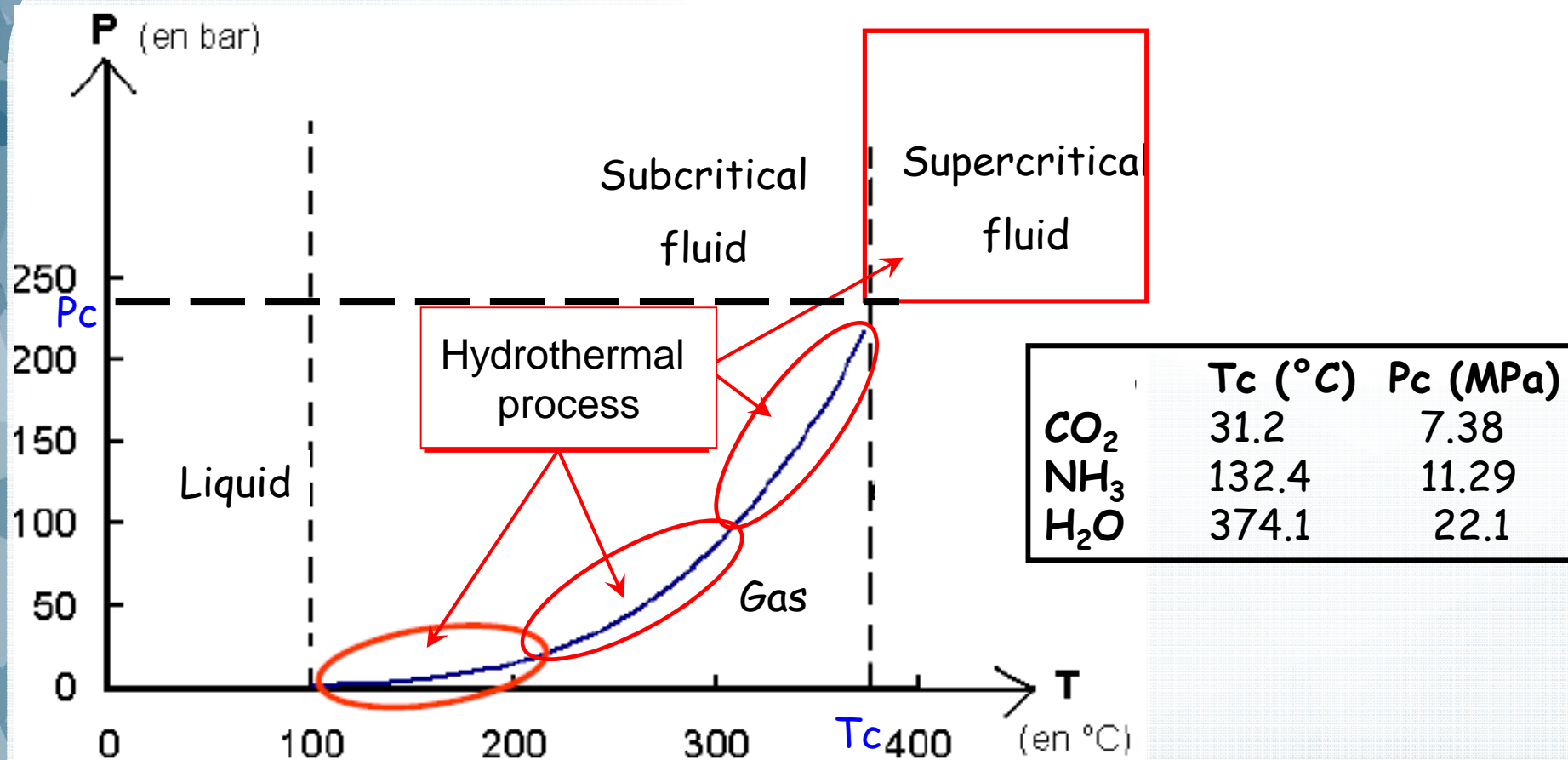
- Increasing density of raw pre-ceramics before thermal treatment,
- Diffusion of polymer inside inorganic material structure such as biomaterial

Vessel: Ethylene glycol/water (freezing: -50°C)



H₂O at T > 20°C

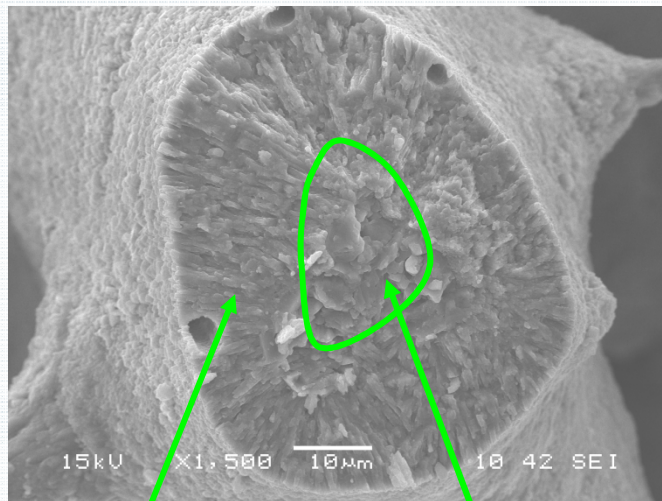
Hydrothermal/solvothermal synthesis



P_c/T_c characterizing the medium are modified by presence of additives in H₂O

Purification of Coral by supercritical fluid

Elimination of coral's organic contents by ethanol under **supercritical conditions** and
Conservation of properties (chemical, mechanical, structural) of coral (**Aragonite**)



Aragonite

Calcite

Interest of P: preserve Aragonite structure at 240°C / 300MPa / 1 h

[FR 2863172 (2005-06-1) & WO 2005055885 (2005-06-23)]

At ambient Pressure:
Aragonite → Calcite $T \approx 240^\circ\text{C}$



$P < 400\text{MPa}$ / $20^\circ\text{C} < T < 500^\circ\text{C}$ / 1 liter

Hydrothermal synthesis

- Liquid phase could be :
Aqueous solution : pure water and all solution based on water solution

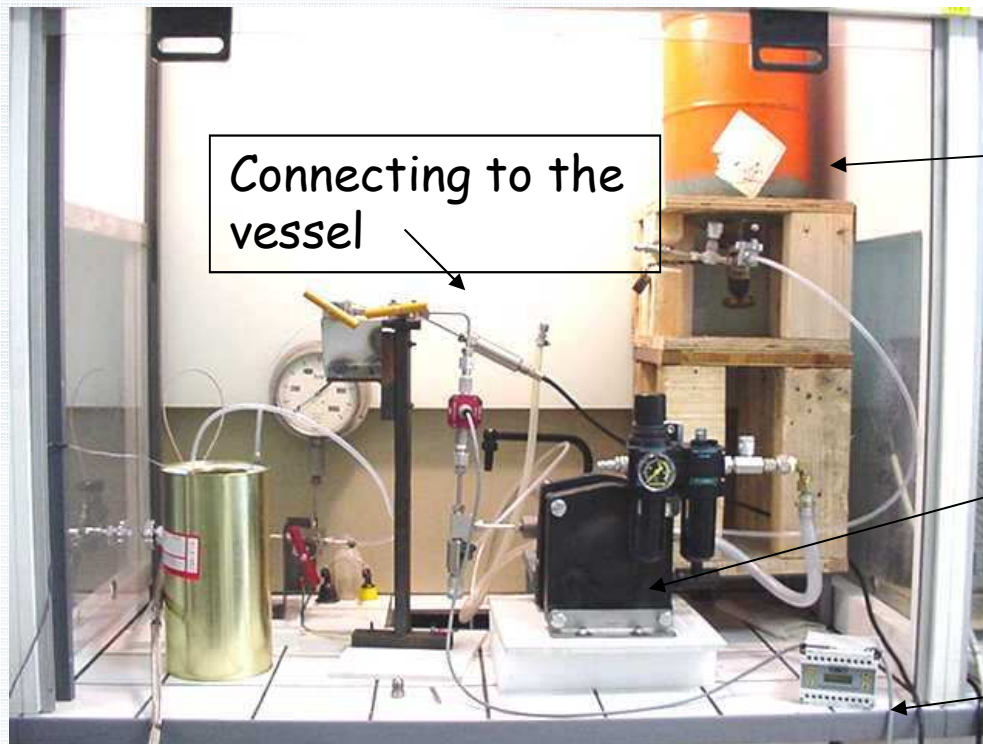


$P < 300\text{MPa}$
 $20^{\circ}\text{C} < T < 500^{\circ}\text{C}$
0.5 liter

- Hydrothermal reaction to synthesize :
 - Fine powder: micro/nanocrystallites of composition versus chemical nature of solvent
 - Single crystal : SiO_2 , ZnO , CaCO_3

Solvothermal synthesis

- Liquid phase could be :
Non aqueous solution (solvothermal reaction): NH_3



Bottle of liquid NH_3 (8 bar)

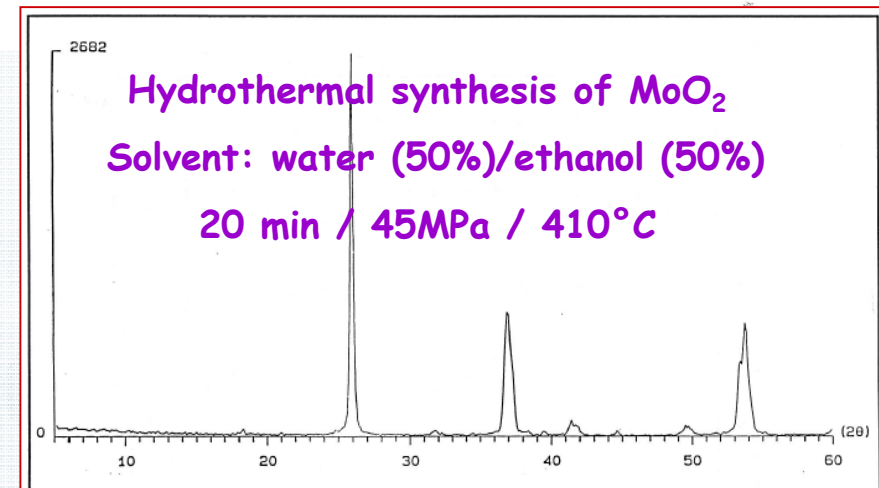
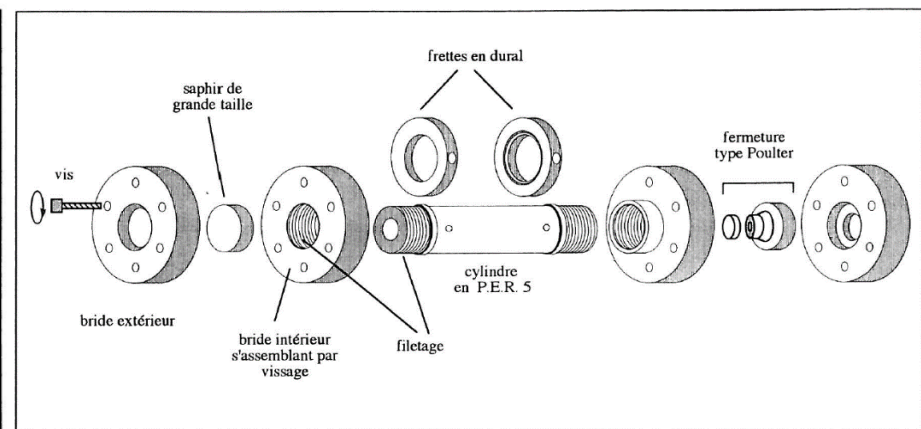
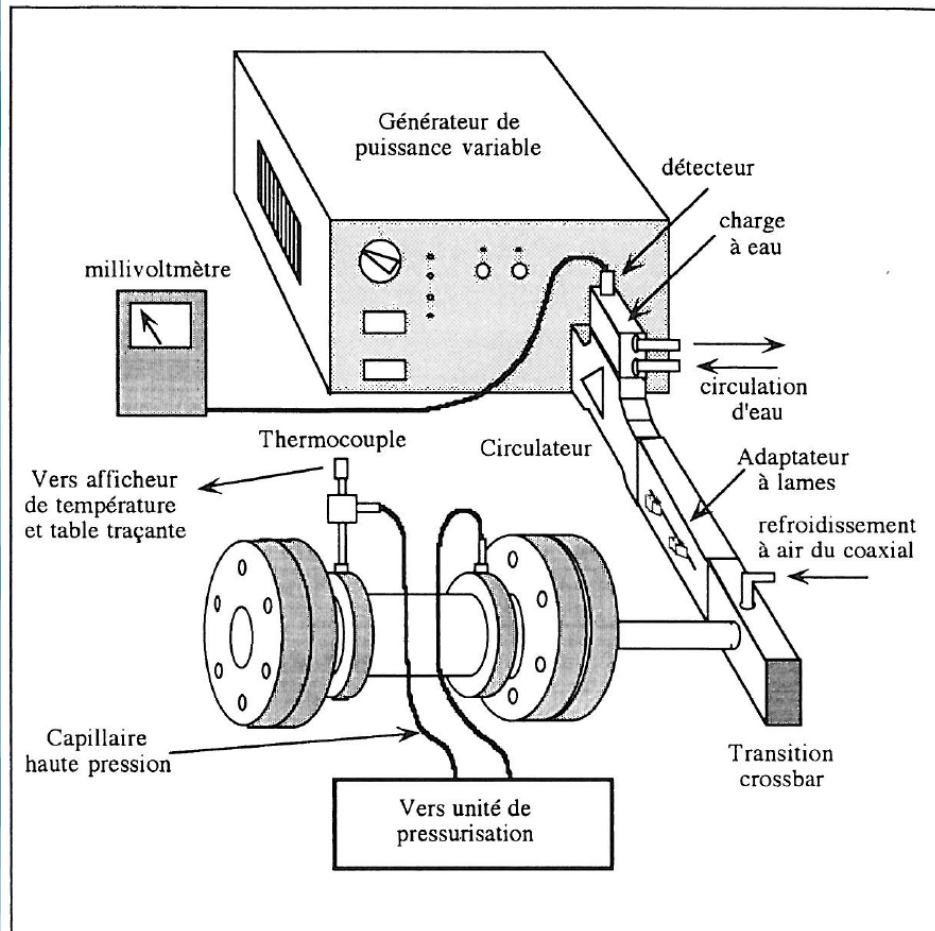
$P < 300\text{MPa}$
 $20^\circ\text{C} < T < 500^\circ\text{C}$
0.5 liter

Liquid HP pump

Mass flow

- Solvothermal reaction to synthesize :
 - Fine powder: micro/nanocrystallites of composition versus chemical nature of solvent
 - Large Single crystal : AlN , GaN

Hydrothermal synthesis activated by microwave: nano/micro particles



[Largeteau, High Pressure Research, (2001) 20:1-6, p.281-288]

Conclusions

Principal domains of high pressure applications at ICMCB

Media: solid, liquid and gas

- Promotes the densest form
- Increases reactivity

Medium : liquid

- Implement low energy
- Promotes the densest form

Materials Chemistry

- Reactive gas pressure (HP gas)
- Hydro(solvo)thermal reaction (Synthesis in sub/supercritical by radiation heating and microwave)
- Reactive sintering (SPS, microwave, hot pressing, hydrothermal)

Materials Science

- Hydro(solvo)thermal crystal growth
- Crystal growth by Template/SPS
- Hydro(solvo)thermal synthesis of nano and microcrystallites
- Densification by heat (SPS, microwave, hot pressing, solvothermal)
- Densification at cold (CIP)
- Assembling multimaterials (SPS)

Biocomposite

- HP liquid
- HP gas

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