

LaD₂の圧力誘起相分離に伴う新規水素化物の形成

原子力機構量子ビーム(播磨)

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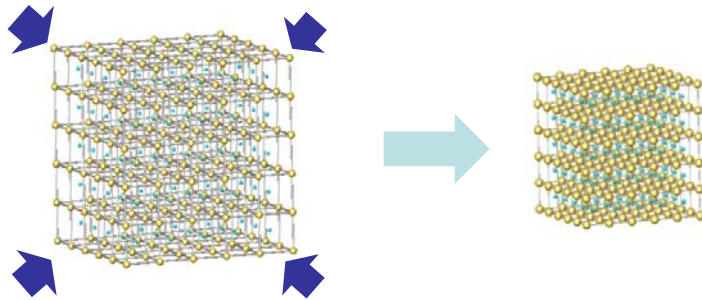
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 - hydrogen transfer from T-site to O-site
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Introduction

High pressure for H-M systems

– key technique for studying M-H systems –

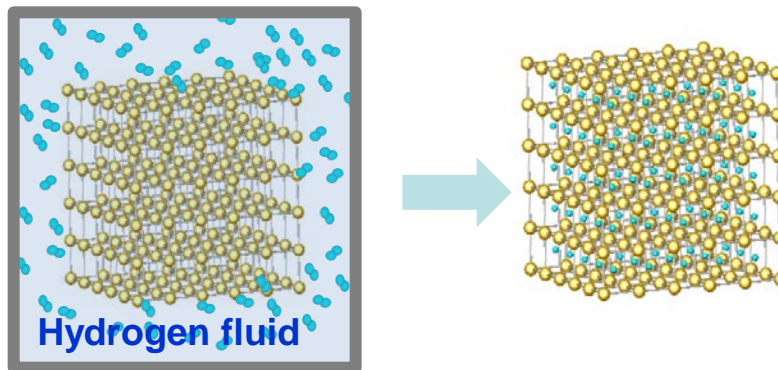
▶ Produce highly densified state



Change the M-H bondings
without chemical substitution

Collapse of Westlake-rule
(2Å-rule)

▶ Synthesize novel hydrides



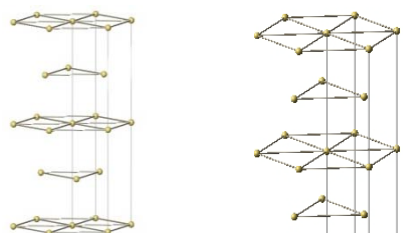
Synthesis of high density
hydrogen storage materials

Hydrogenation reaction of
hard hydrogenation materials

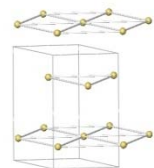
Rare-earth Material Hydrides

- Suitable compounds for studying the M-H interaction -

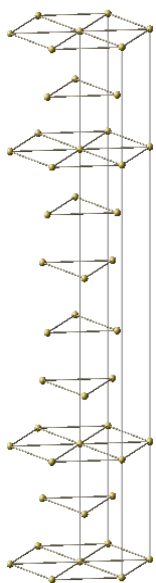
Rare-earth metals



dhcp (4H)



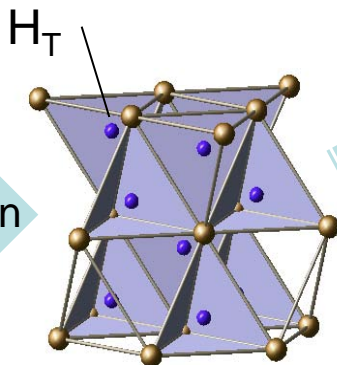
hcp (2H)



Sm-type (9R)

Hydrogenation

di-hydride



fcc (3C)

Tetrahedral (T) site :

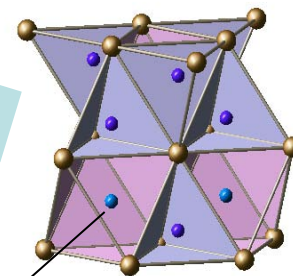
2 H atoms/metal atom

Octahedral (O) site :

1 H atoms/metal atom

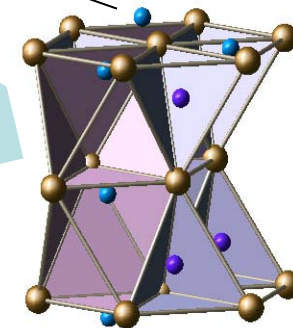
Additional H

tri-hydride



fcc (3C)

Additional H



hcp (2H)

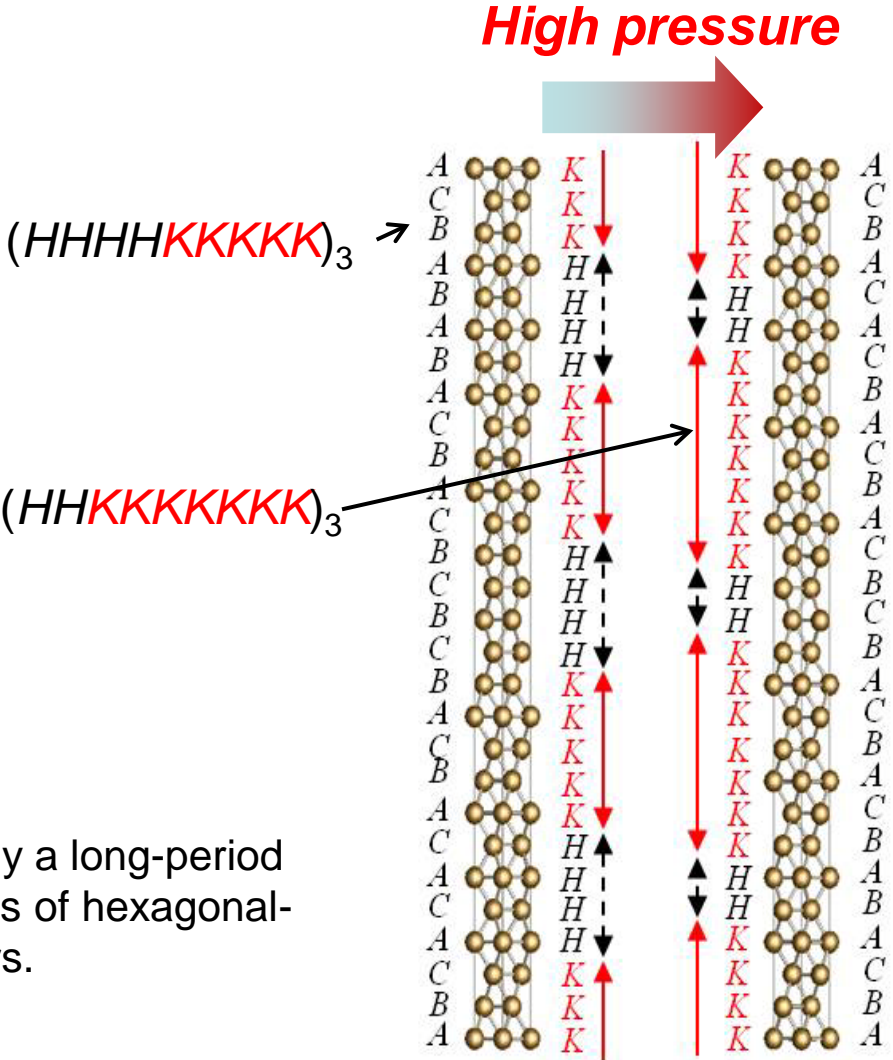
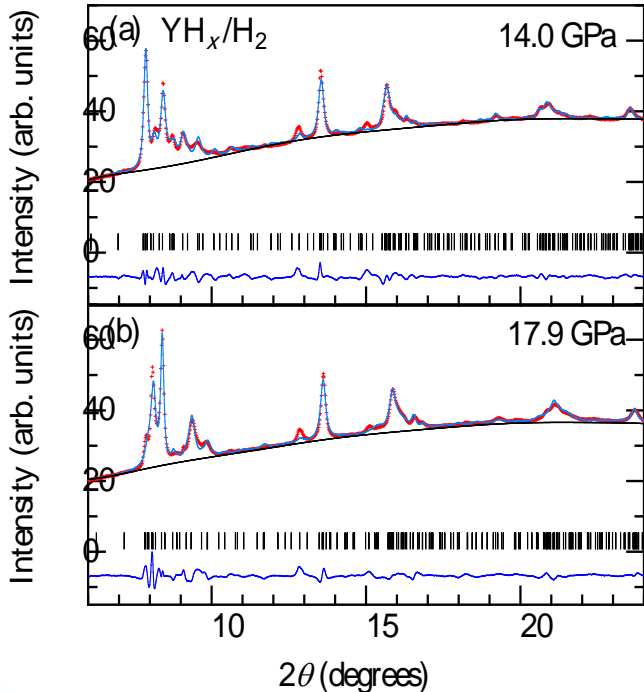
Structural and I-M transition
under high pressure

Metallic | Insulating

Intermediate structure bridging hex. and cubic structures of fully occupied hydrides

A. Machida et al., PRB **76**, 052101

T. Kume et al., PRB**76**, 024107(2007).

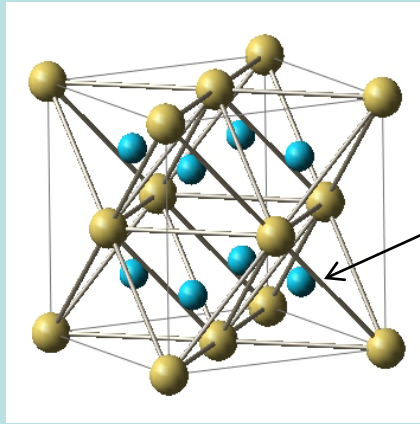


The intermediate structure is most likely a long-period metal lattice with periodic arrangements of hexagonal- (*H*-) and cubic- (*K*-) type stacking layers.

The O-site H-atoms plays essential roles in the formation of the long period structures.

Explore transition in metal hydrides accommodating hydrogen atoms partially in the interstitial sites

Hydrogen in FCC metal lattice



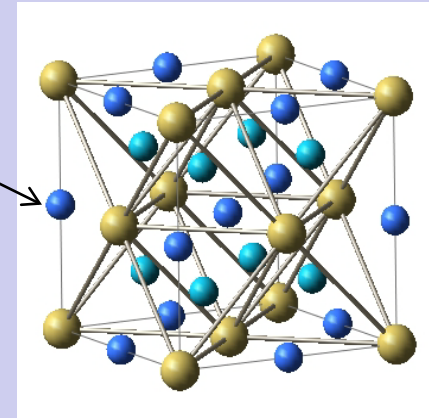
Partially occupied
di-hydride RH_2

Metal

High pressure

Additional H

H^O



Fully occupied
tri-hydride RH_3

Insulator

Hydrogen transfer between
the T-sites and O-sites?
Lattice deformation from the
cubic lattice?

Experimental –SR XRD @ SPring-8–

To investigate the variations of metal lattice

Diffractometer for Diamond Anvil Cell

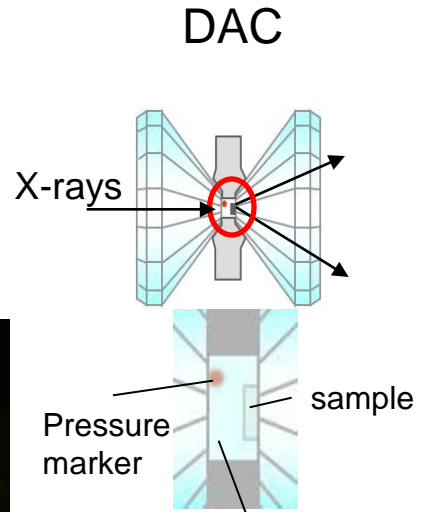
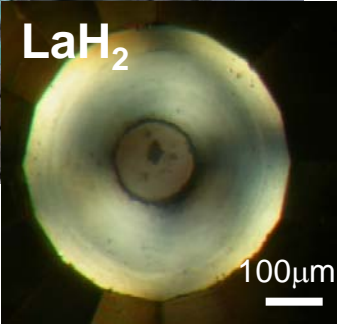
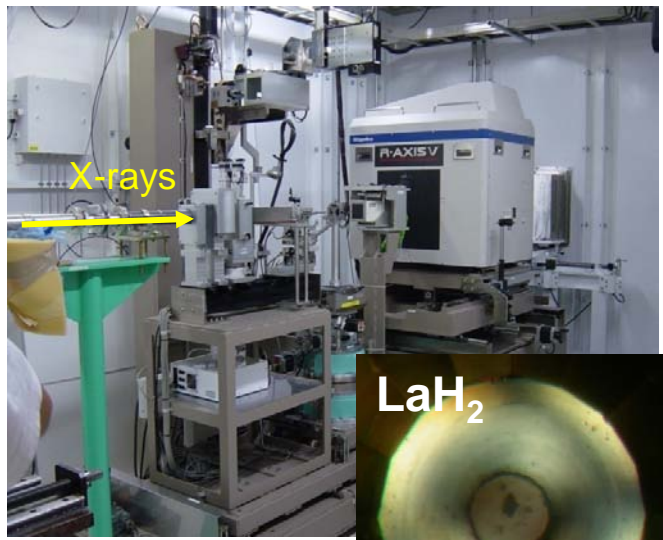
BL22XU Exp. Hutch1

Detector

Imaging Plate (R-AXIS V, Rigaku Co.)

Size : 400 × 400mm²
100 × 100μm²/pixel

Sample-IP distance: 200mm-730mm



Pressure medium
Helium... hydrostaticity

Samples

LaH₂ (40μm*20μm*10μm)

LaD₂ (35μm*25μm*10μm)

T. Watanuki, et al., Philos. Mag. **87**, 2905 (2007).

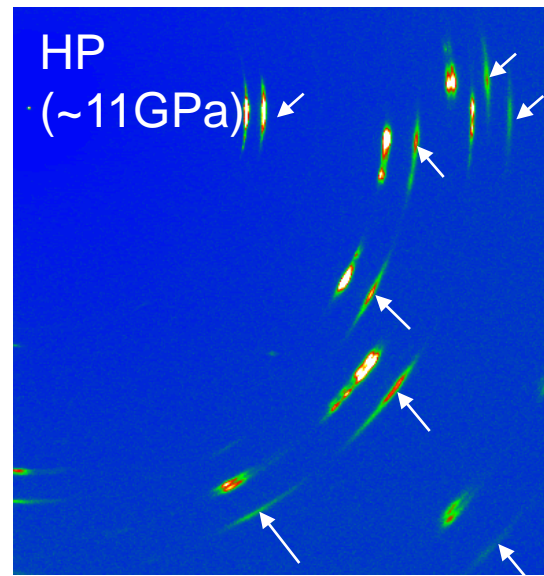
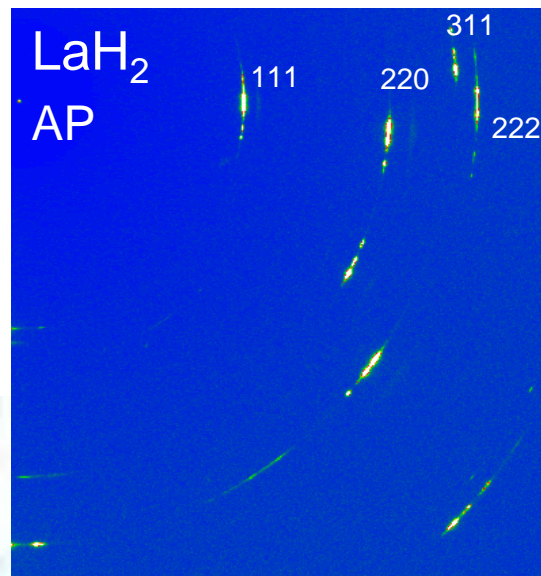
Phase separation from LaH_2 into $\text{LaH}_{2+\delta}$ and LaH_x

A. Machida et al., Phys. Rev. B **83**,054103 (2011).

Y. Sakurai et al., Solid State Commun. **151**, 815 (2011).

X-ray diffraction experiments

Additional Bragg spots appeared just outside of the original ones.



Formation of small-fcc lattice

Volume reduction ~ -17%

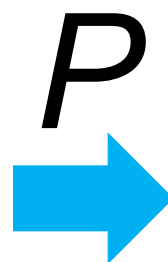
Ratio of reflection intensities I_{hkl}^s / I_{hkl}^o becomes almost constant above ~14 GPa.

Phase separation!

Pressure induced phase separation of LaH₂

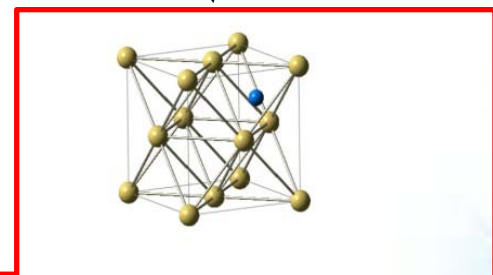
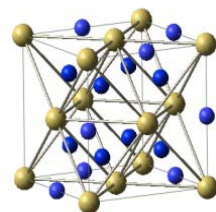
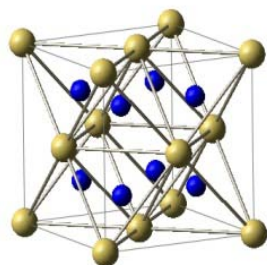


LaH₂
(metallic)



H rich
(insulating)

H poor
(metallic?)



Phase diagram @AP



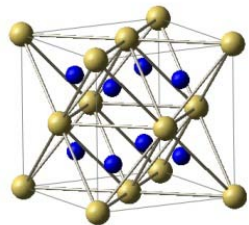
the solid solution phase.

Volume difference

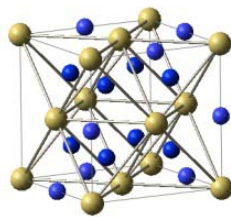


x~0.6, which is larger than solid solution limit (x~0.25)

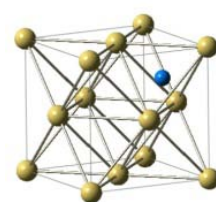
Is the s-fcc phase solid solution phase?



metallic

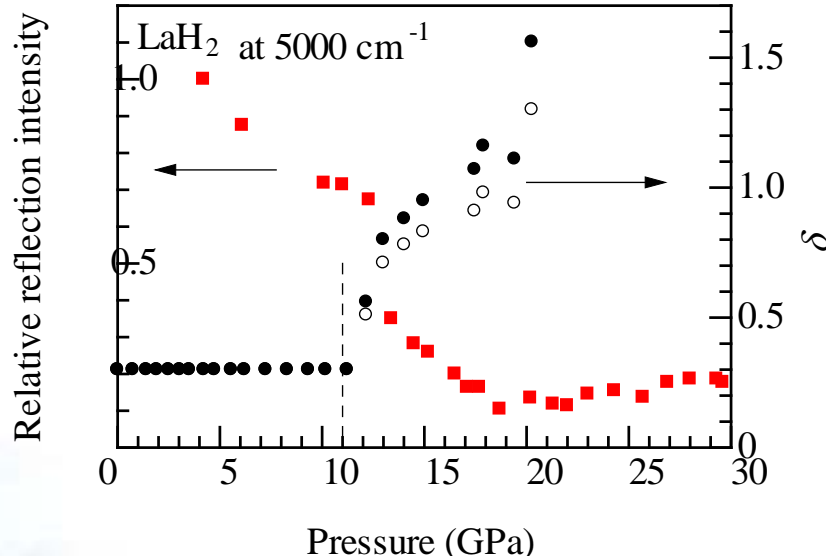


insulating



metallic?

XRD measurements are unable to determine the H-concentration and occupation sites.



Pressure (GPa)

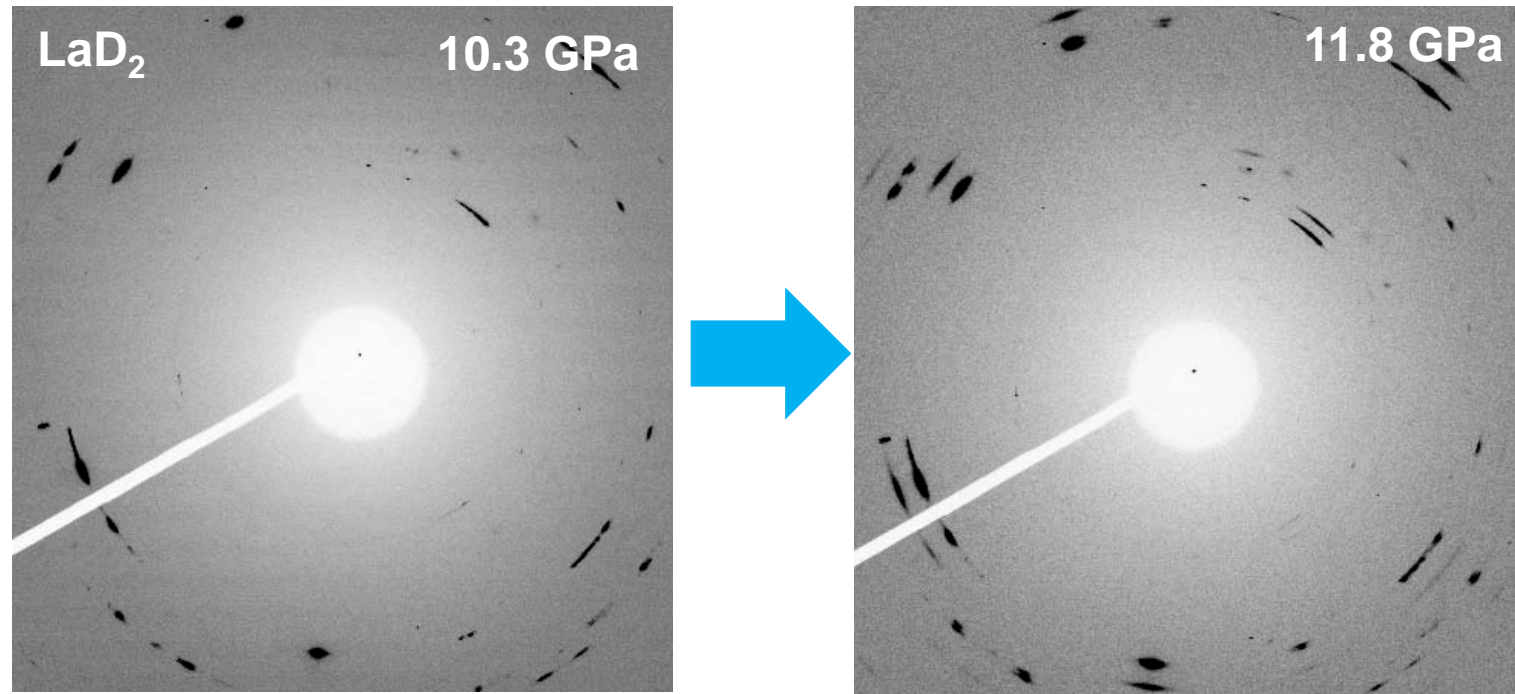
Y. Sakurai *et al.*, Solis State Commun., **151**, 815 (2011).

To clarify the H-states after phase separation, high pressure neutron diffraction experiments are performed.

Confirmation of the isotope effect

X-ray diffraction experiments on LaD_2

(LaD_2 powder was prepared by Kojima Lab., Hiroshima Univ.)



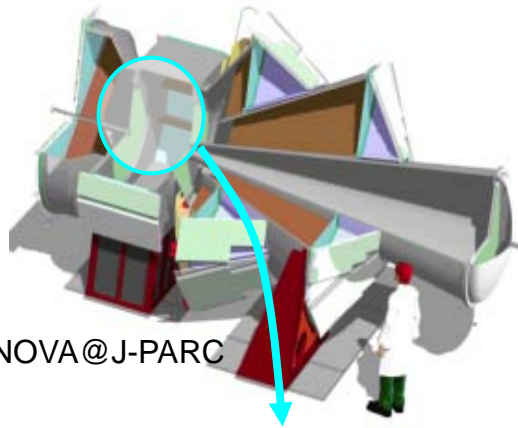
- P-induced phase separation has been observed in LaD_2 .
- P_{PS} is same as the hydride.
- Structural changes is similar to the hydride.

H/D substitution does not influence the phase separation.

Experimental –NPD @ MLF, J-PARC–

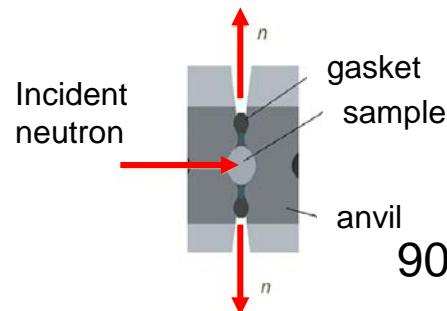
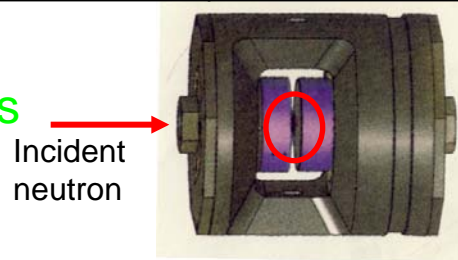
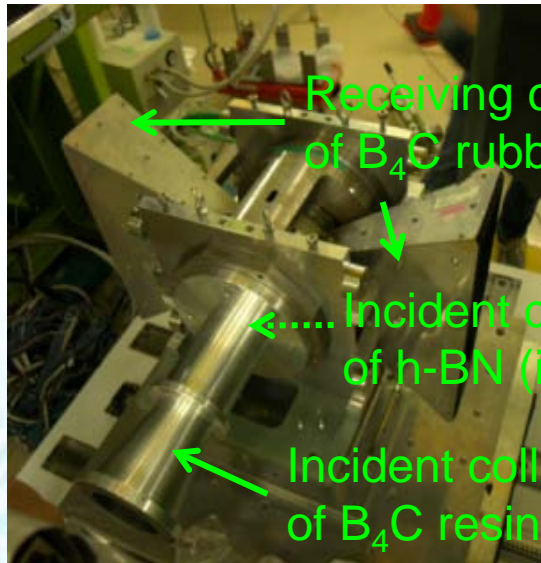
To investigate the hydrogen positions

High Intensity Total Diffractometer (NOVA)



Paris-Edinburgh Press (VX4)

Anvil	single toroidal made of WC	double toroidal made of sintered diamonds
P-range	<10GPa	<20GPa
Sample volume	0.48cm ³	0.14cm ³
Measurement time	12h for 100kW	15-20h for 200kW



90 degrees scattering geometry

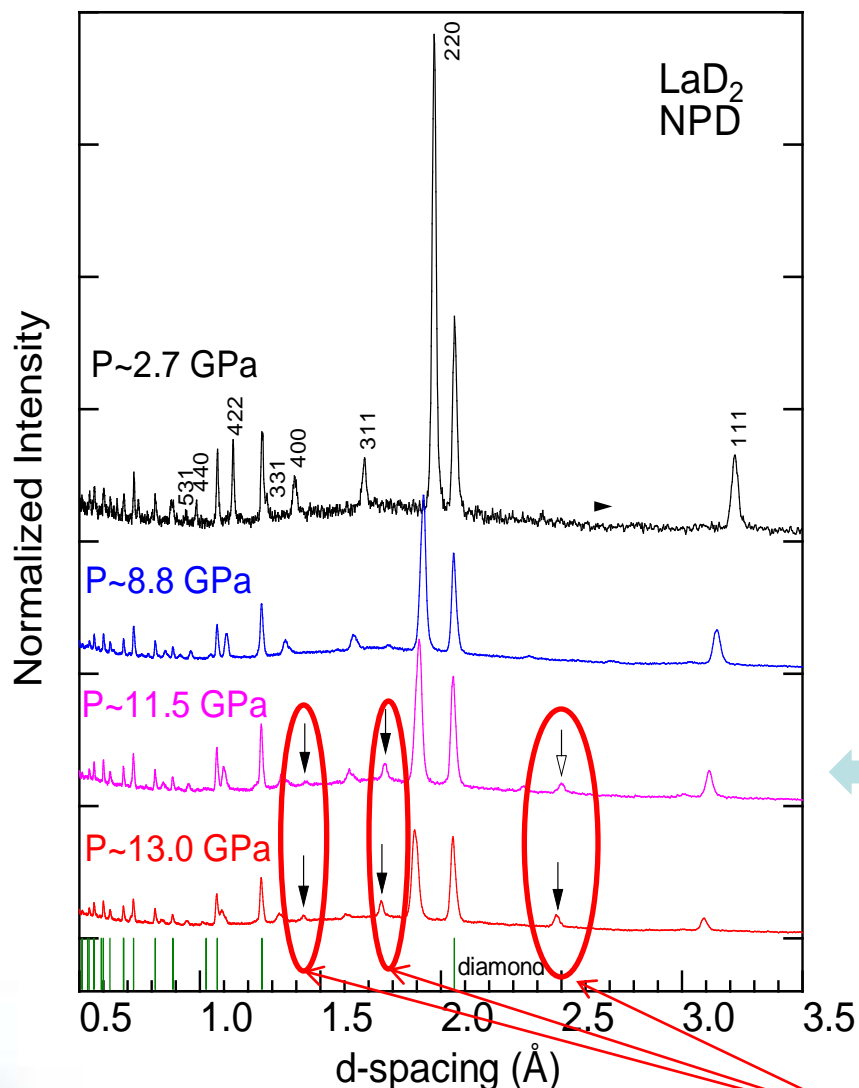
T. Hattori et al., J. Phys.: Conference Series **215**, 012024 (2010).

Pressure variation of NPD patterns of LaD_2

Anvil: double toroidal (sintered diamonds)

Gasket: Ti-Zr encapsulating

Pressure medium: methanol-ethanol 4:1 mixture



With increase of pressure, the each reflection peaks exhibit no significant broadening.



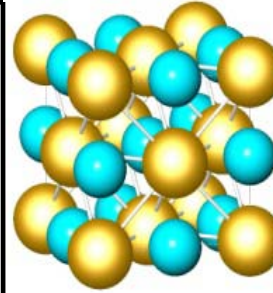
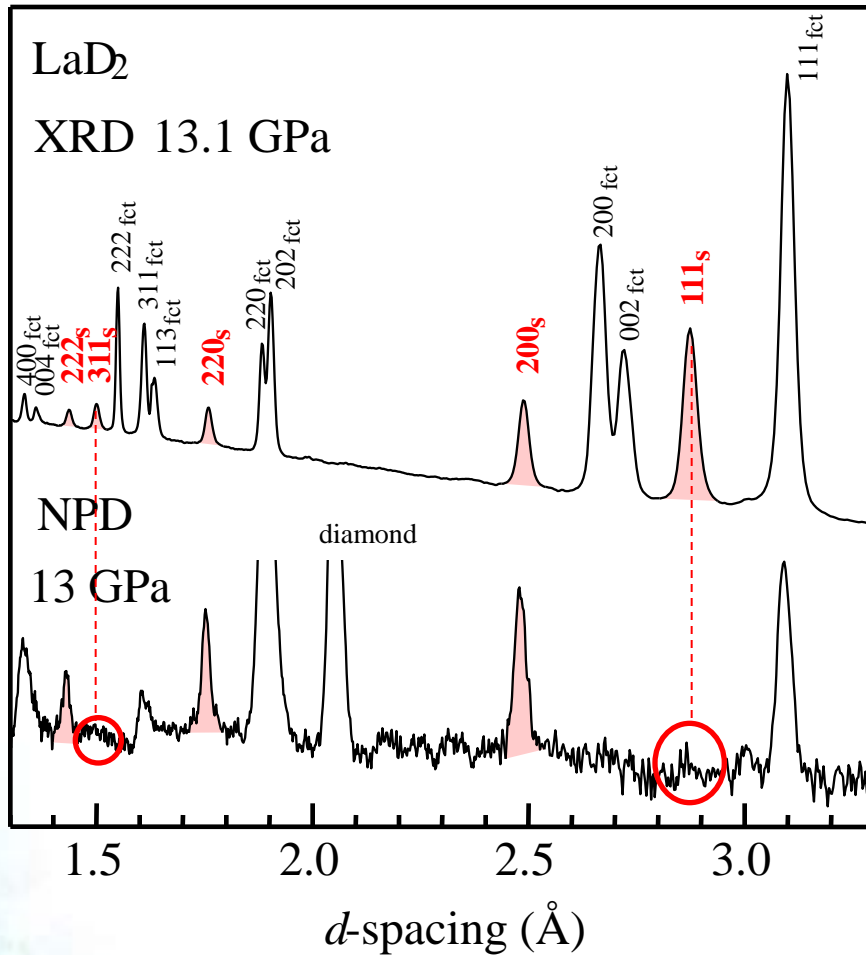
Pressurize under quasi-hydrostatic pressure



New reflection peaks appear and their intensities increase

Bragg reflections of small-fcc phase

Formation of NaCl type mono-deuteride



→ Occupy at O-sites only

Neutron scattering length

$$b_{\text{La}} = 8.24 \text{ fm for La}$$

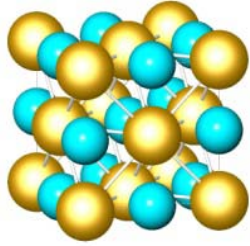
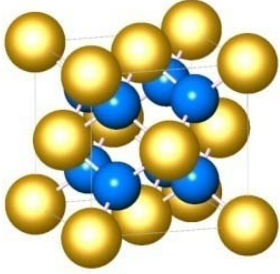
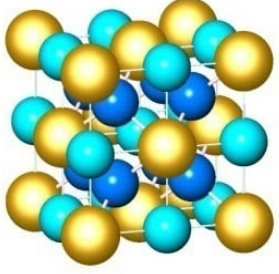
$$b_{\text{D}} = 6.671 \text{ fm for D}$$

Structure factor of NaCl-structure

$$F_{hkl:\text{odd}} = 4(b_{\text{La}} - b_{\text{D}}) \text{ for odd-number indexed peaks}$$

$$F_{hkl:\text{even}} = 4(b_{\text{La}} + b_{\text{D}}) \text{ for even-number indexed peaks}$$

Different concentration with common metal lattice

	LaH	LaH ₂	LaH ₃
Structure fcc metal lattice			
Occupation sites	O-site	T-site	O-site T-site
Nearest neighbor	H ^O -La	H ^T -La	H ^T -La H ^O -H ^T

Different bonds should be made in the different state.

Summary

- LaH_2 (LaD_2) exhibits a pressure-induced phase separation starting at 11 GPa.
- The high pressure neutron diffraction experiments enable to determine the position and occupancy of the hydrogen atoms.
- Mono-hydride with the NaCl-type structure is found for the first time.
(new phase in the rare-earth metal hydrides!)
- The phase separation is accompanied by the hydrogen transfer from the T-site to O-sites.
- The phase separation and stabilization of mono-hydride are well reproduced by a first-principle calculation.
- Line-up of mono-, di- and tri-hydrides opens a way to study the site-dependent bonding nature of metal hydrides.