

# Geodynamics Seminar

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### Neutron powder diffraction at high pressure using compact opposed anvil cell at J-PARC

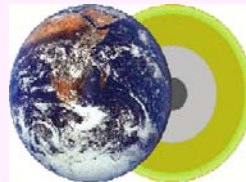
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### Abstract

Neutron plays complementary role to x-ray in the broad field of material sciences, especially as the unique probe for structural analysis of hydrogen-bearing materials. J-PARC (Japan Proton Accelerator Research Complex) has now become one of the strongest pulsed neutron sources which give us the opportunity to apply this unique probe into high-pressure material sciences. Here we present our recent neutron powder diffraction results using compact anvil cells, which were all conducted at TAKUMI beamline (BL19) at J-PARC Materials and Life Science Experimental Facility. For this purpose we have developed a new-type cell and anvil designs suitable for time-of-flight neutron diffraction at 90-degree scattering geometry. The anvil cell has wide openings at  $90 \pm 15$ -degree scattering angle. The opposed anvils are made of sapphire, moissanite, sintered polycrystalline diamond (SD), and nano-polycrystalline diamond (NPD). The NPD anvils were precisely cut and shaped into double-conical geometry by laser-machining scheme developed for this super-hard material. Shapes of these anvils were optimized for full lateral support to accept  $>100$  kilonewtons of compressive force. Using these anvils and screws, sample volume of 4 mm<sup>3</sup> was compressed to 9 GPa while that of 0.7 mm<sup>3</sup> was compressed to 14 GPa. High transparency of the anvils (except for SD) both for neutron and visible lights helps to increase the signal-to-background ratio of diffraction from these small sample volume and also to enable in-situ optical scattering and/or fluorescence spectroscopy. Powder diffraction patterns of moderate quality with  $\sim 1.0$  % resolution of deuterated brucite (Mg(OD)<sub>2</sub>), lead (Pb), etc, were obtained within several hours of accumulation, which demonstrated that the compact anvil cells will become useful apparatuses for neutron scattering at high pressures in near future.

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