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# X-ray crystallographic analysis of by-products produced in photochromism of dithienylcyclopentenes

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Diarylethenes undergo thermally stable photochromic reactions even in the crystalline phase as well as in solution. Among the diarylethenes, dithienylperfluorocyclopentenes have a characteristic of fatigue resistance. However, dithienylcyclopentenes are not really investigated. Here we focused on analysis of side reactions in the photochromic reactions of 1,2-bis(2-methyl-5-phenyl-3-thienyl) cyclopentene (1), 1,2-bis(2-methyl-5-(p-methoxyphenyl)-3-thienyl) cyclopentene (2), and 1,2-bis(2,4-dimethyl-5-(p-methoxyphenyl)-3thienyl)cyclopentene (3). Upon alternate irradiation with ultraviolet and visible light, the dithienylcyclopentenes (1-3) exhibited photochromism in hexane. When the solution was irradiated with ultraviolet light for more than 10 min, the coloration/decoloration performance was declined. By-products were isolated by HPLC, and their molecular structures were determind by <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectra, Mass spectra, and X-ray crystallographic analysis of the single crystals. To know the relationship between the molecular structure of the dithienvlcyclopentene and the formation rate of the by-product, we determind quantum yields of not only the photocyclization and photocycloreversion reactions but also the by-product formation. The quantum yields of the by-product formation of 1 and 2 were about 10 times larger than that of 1,2-bis(2-methyl-5-phenyl-3-thienvl)perfluorocyclopentene (4). This indicates that the dithienylcyclopentenes were more fatigable than the dithienylperflu orocyclopentenes. In contrast, by the introduction of methyl groups at the 4-positions of the thiophene in the dithienylcyclopentene, the coloration/decoloration cycles of 3 can be repeated as well as that of 4. In conclusion, the side reactions were suppressed by the introduction of methyl groups.

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# X-ray diffraction of laser-heated silicon at high pressures

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The phase diagram of silicon is complex : it exhibits seven distinct polymorphs at pressures below 100 GPa, and the melting curve has a minimum at ~10 GPa and ~1000 K. In order to explore the high temperature phase diagram, we performed simultaneous angular-dispersive x-ray diffraction and laser heating at beamline ID27 at the ESRF. We present x-ray diffraction of Si in the laser heating diamond cell between 30 and 70 GPa at temperatures between 1500 and 3000 K. Particular attention is paid to determination of the melting curve at high pressures.

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# Rochelle salt thermal expansion coefficients determined by synchrotron radiation renninger scan

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The thermal expansion coefficients of Rochelle salt single crystal have been determined by using the Synchrotron radiation Renninger scan (RS) that acts as a 3D fine probe in these experiments. The angular peak shift clearly observed for sensitive secondary reflections in the RS due to the temperature variation allows for simultaneously detecting subtle distortions along the three crystallographic directions of the sample. These secondary reflections present a small angle between the entrance and exit position of the secondary reciprocal lattice point of the Ewald sphere by sample rotation around the diffraction vector (normal to the primary planes). The UNWEG program (Rossmanith, J. Appl. Cryst. (2003) 36, 1467) has allowed to calculate the Rochelle salt RS pattern by using the X-ray diffraction kinematical theory. The chosen sensitive secondary reflections were: (-2 4 1)(12 4 -1),(-2 5 2)(12 5 2) and (-1 4 1)(11 4 1), and from the peak shift measurements in the orthorhombic phase (T> 24°C) we were able to obtain the lattice parameters with very good resolution. The Rochelle salt thermal expansion coefficients determined from the lattice parameter variation  $(\alpha_{[100]}=62(2)x10^{-6} \text{ C}^{-1}, \alpha_{[010]}=38(8)x10^{-6}$ C<sup>-1</sup> and  $\alpha_{[001]}=45(5) \times 10^{-6} \text{ C}^{-1}$  are in very good agreement with the literature values ( $\alpha_{[1\,0\,0]}$ =(58-62)x10<sup>-6</sup> C<sup>-1</sup>,  $\alpha_{[0\,1\,0]}$ =(42-54)x10<sup>-6</sup> C<sup>-1</sup> and  $\alpha_{[001]} = (43-54) \times 10^{-6} \text{ C}^{-1}$ 

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#### Monocrystal like structural, stochastic and microstructural information from polycrystalline samples

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In the last several years we have demonstrated methods whereby single crystal quality data can be extracted from polycrystalline materials. These data can be used not only for high-quality structure solution and refinement, but also to study sample heterogeneity. By determining structural of each crystallite in a polycrystalline sample, we can characterise not only the average properties of samples by the distribution of these properties. As the individual orientation matrices of the crystallites are determined, it is furthermore possible to correlate chemical properties with microstructural properties of the crystals such as their strain state and orientation. In situ studies allow the dynamic behaviour to be correlated with all these properties, and finally spatially resolved studies allow the probing of inter-crystalline effects. We will provide examples from the latest results of these studies.

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