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## Semimetallic and metallic states of crystalline molecular hydrogen

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# Outline

1. Calculation method.

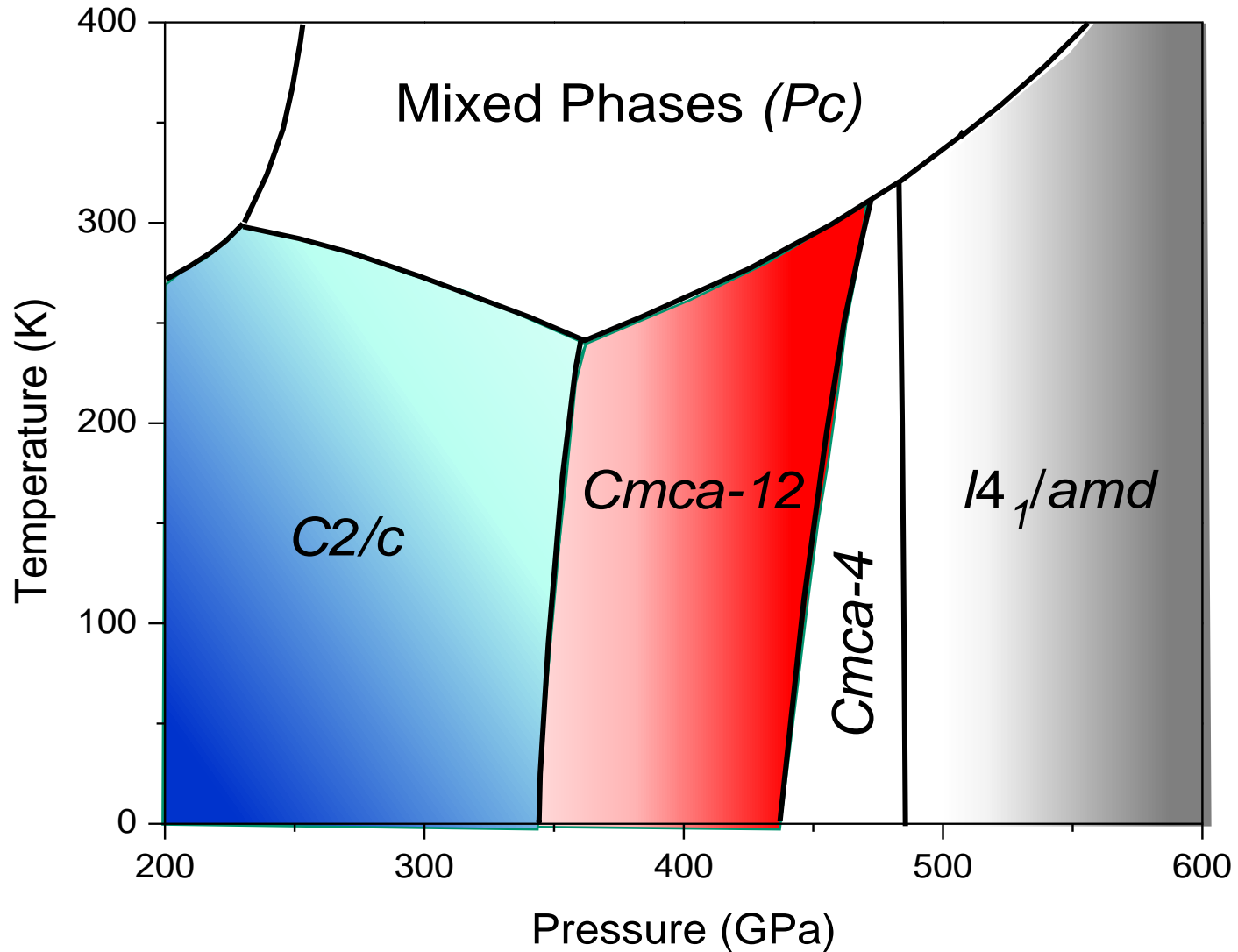
2. Molecular phase at high pressure.

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4. Metallic states  
of molecular crystalline hydrogen

5. Conclusions.

# Theoretical phase diagram of solid hydrogen



# 1. Calculation method.

# METHOD

1. Calculation of the ion's trajectories determined by the solution of the Newton's equations of motion with forces obtained within the DFT

2. Equilibration of the system

3. Calculation of parameters of the system:  
Proton-proton pair correlation function  $g(r)$

Pressure

Conductivity, Band structure & DOS

*Classical  
diagnostics  
for ions*

*Ab initio*

**molecular dynamics**

*Quantum  
diagnostics  
for electrons*

Correlation and auto-correlation functions

Pressure and other thermodynamic properties

Diffusion, Viscosity etc.

Ionic Conductivity

Coordinates and ionic velocities

$$\mathbf{R}_I(t), \mathbf{V}_I(t)$$

$\mathbf{R}_I$   
 $\mathbf{V}_I$

$\mathbf{F}_I$

Equations of motion

$$M_I \ddot{\mathbf{R}}_I = \mathbf{F}_I$$

$$\begin{matrix} \uparrow \\ \mathbf{V}_I(t + \Delta t) \\ \mathbf{R}_I(t + \Delta t) \end{matrix}$$

**TΦΠ**

Wave functions,  
Energy levels,  
Electron density

$$\psi_i \quad \epsilon_i \quad n(\mathbf{r})$$

Forces  $\mathbf{F}_I =$

$$\begin{aligned} -\nabla_I \{ E^{KS} [n(\mathbf{r}), \mathbf{R}_I] \} = \\ = - \left\langle \Psi \left| \frac{\partial H^{KS}}{\partial \mathbf{R}_I} \right| \Psi \right\rangle \end{aligned}$$

Charge density distribution

Electric Conductivity

Reflectivity

Density of electron states

*Band structure*

**Averaging over ionic configurations**

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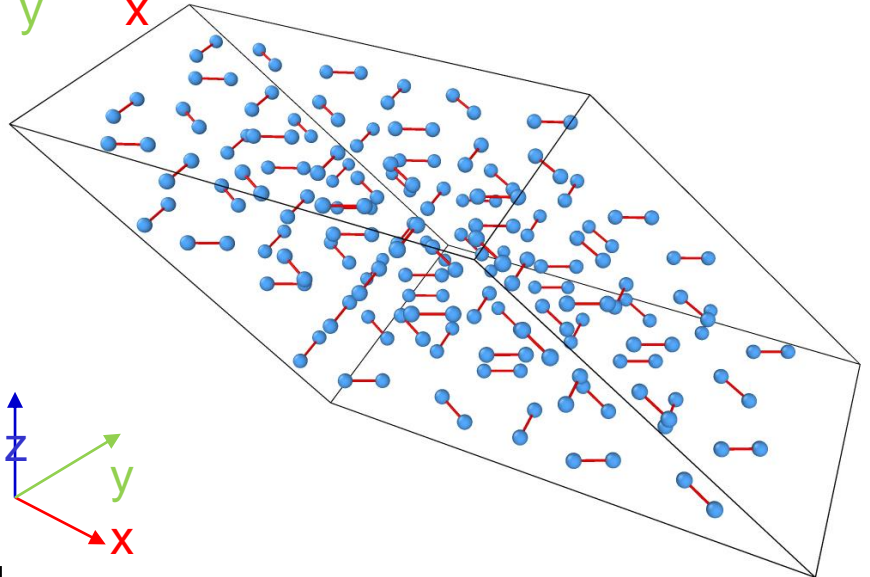
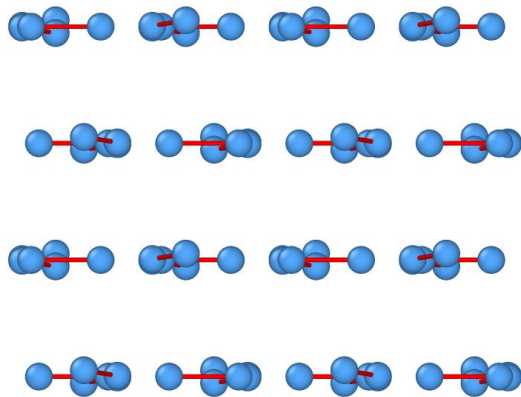
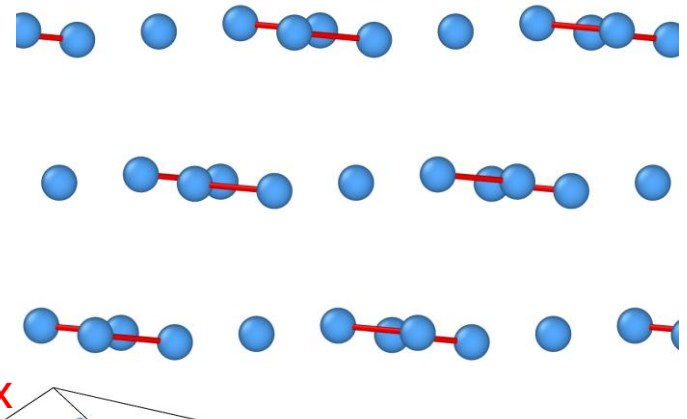
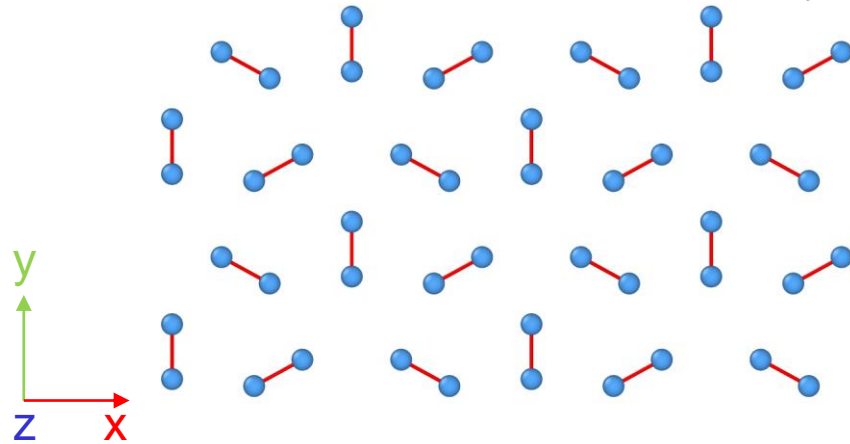
2. Molecular phase at high pressure.

# Initial configuration

Monocline structure  
with **C2/c** space group  
12 atoms in the unit cell

Density: 1.14 g/cm<sup>3</sup>  
Pressure: 302 GPa  
Number of particles: 192

C.J. Pickard, R.J. Needs // Nature Phys. **3**, 473 (2007)



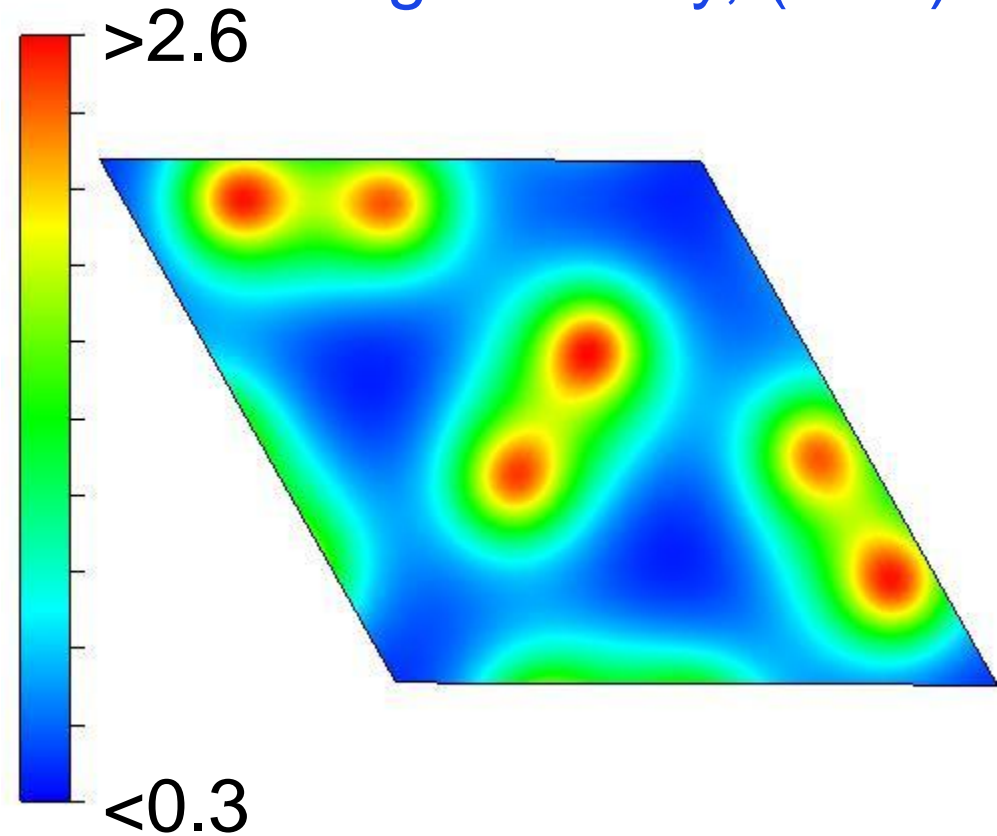
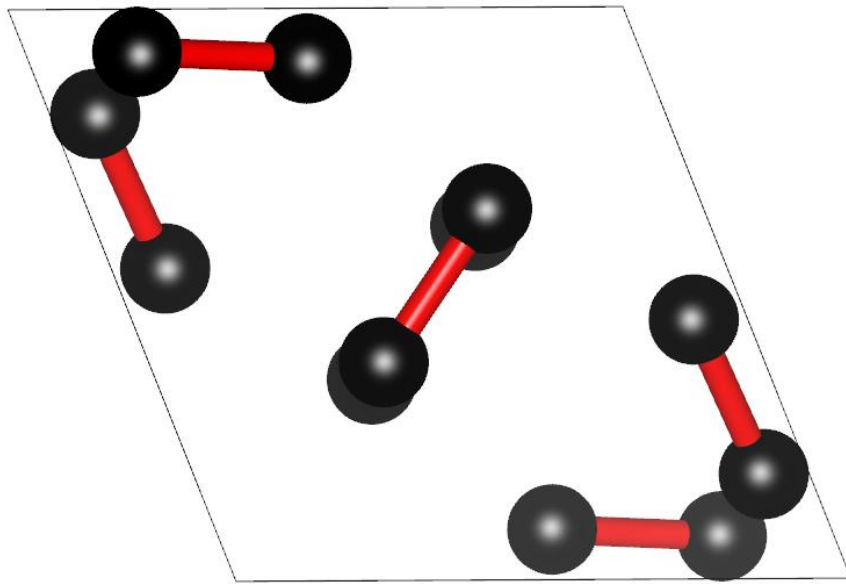
Conductivity: 0.58 (Ohm·cm)<sup>-1</sup>



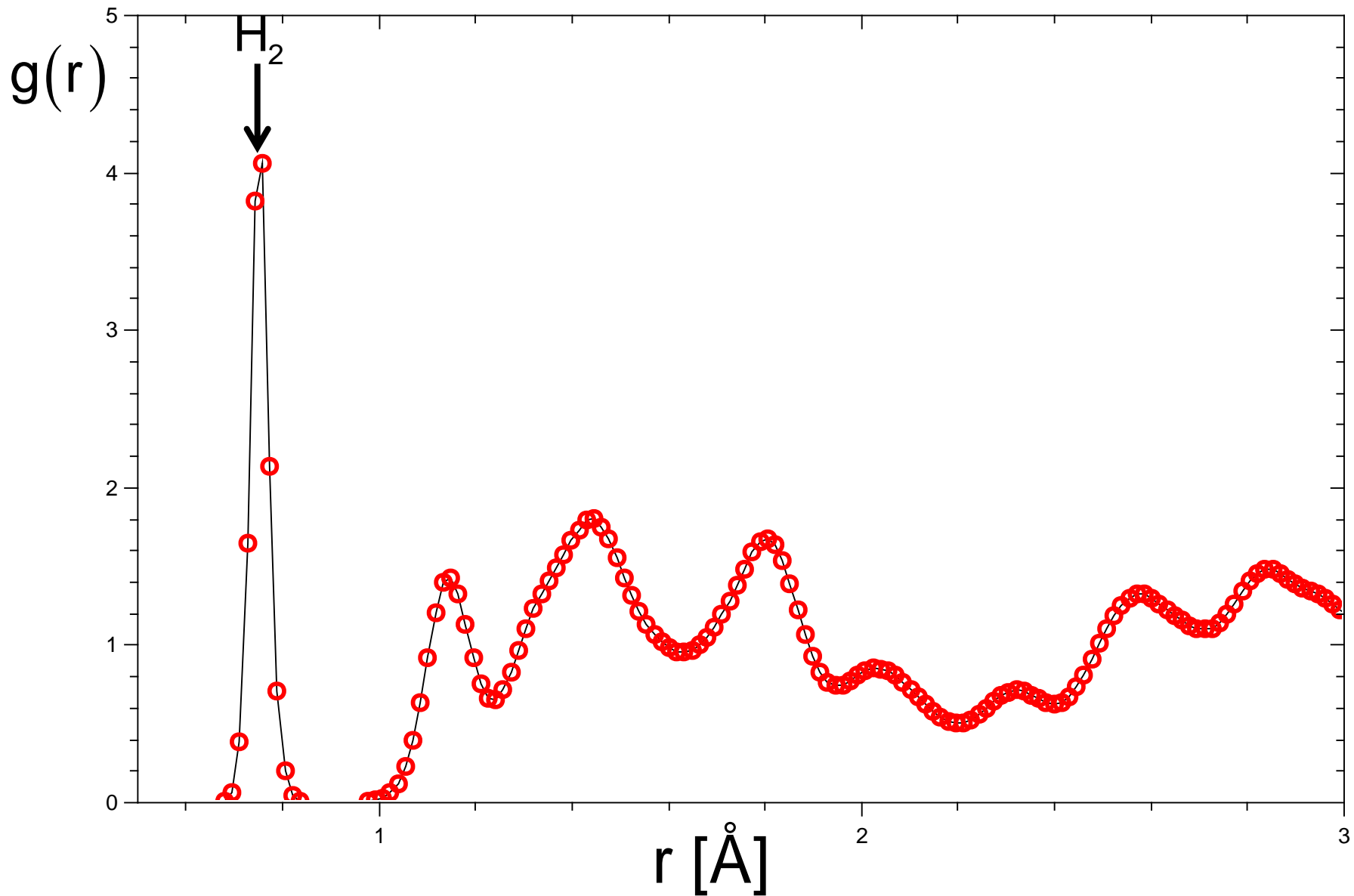
# Primitive cell and charge density at pressure 302 GPa

Space group: C2/c-12

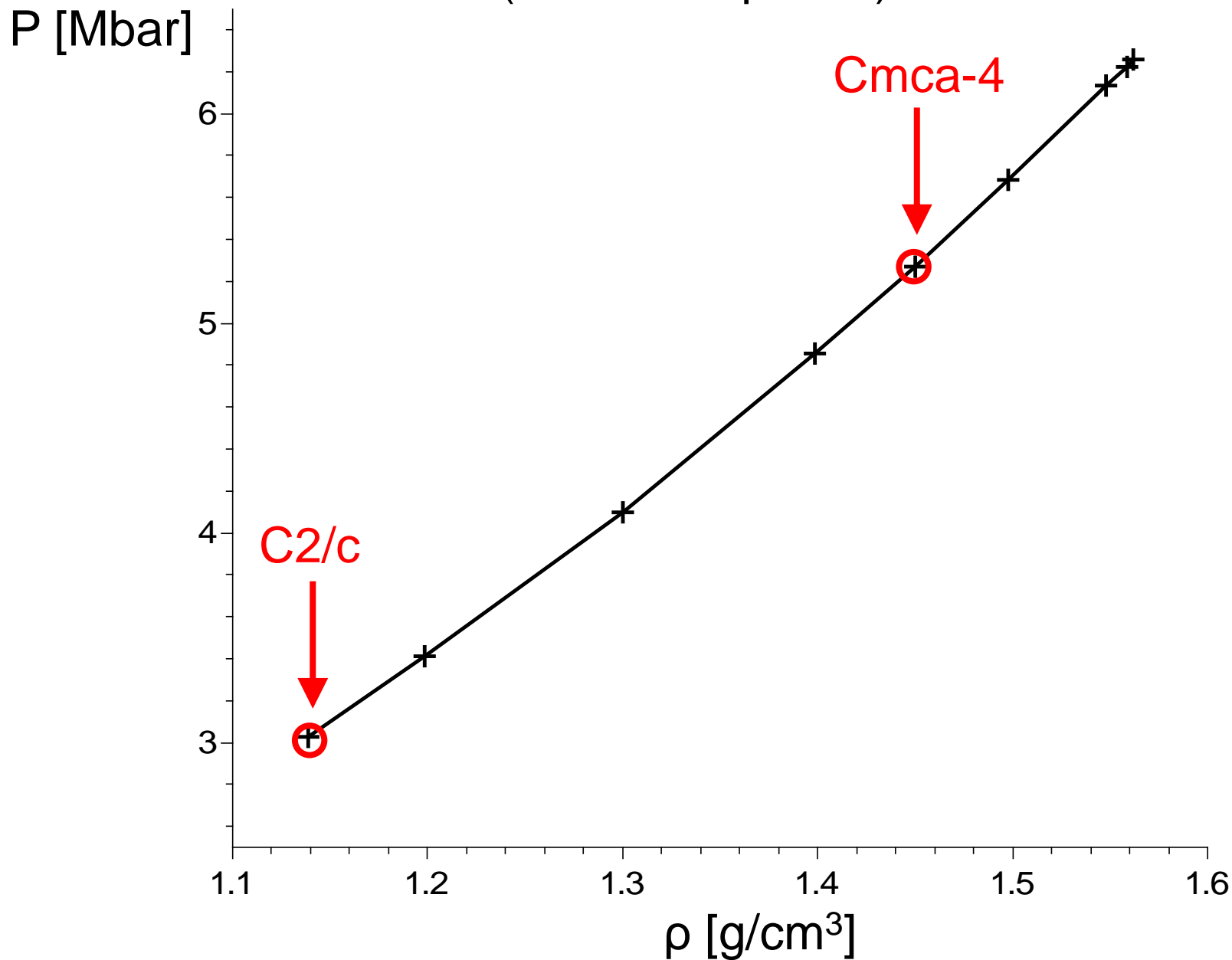
Charge density, ( $1/\text{\AA}^3$ )



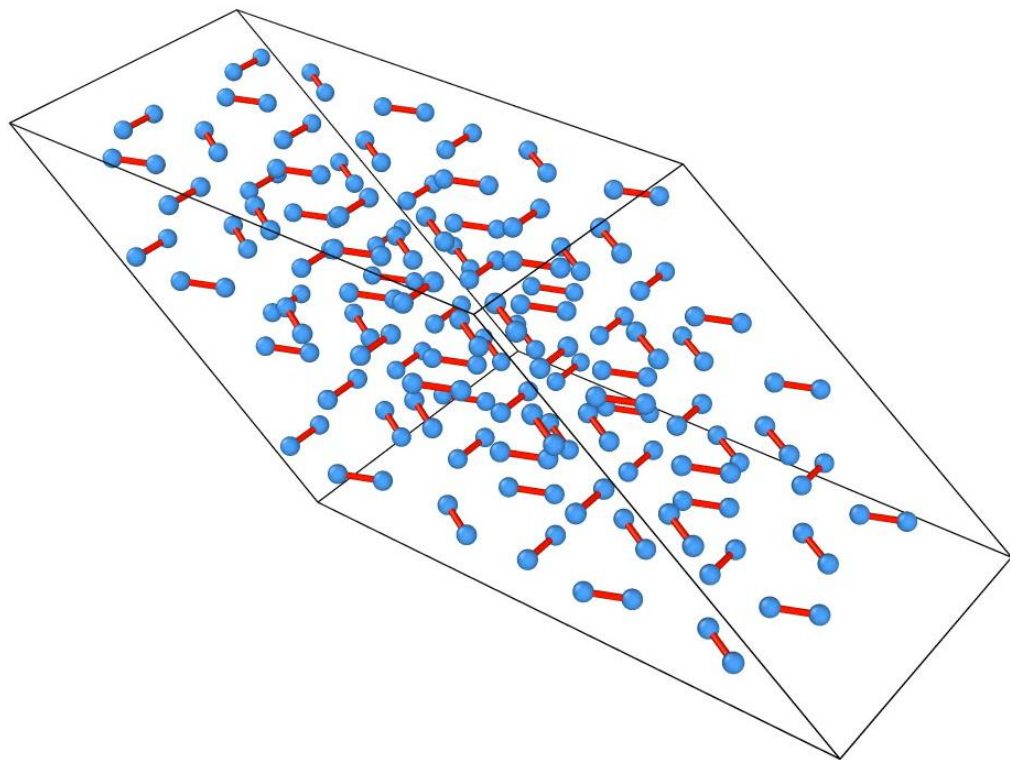
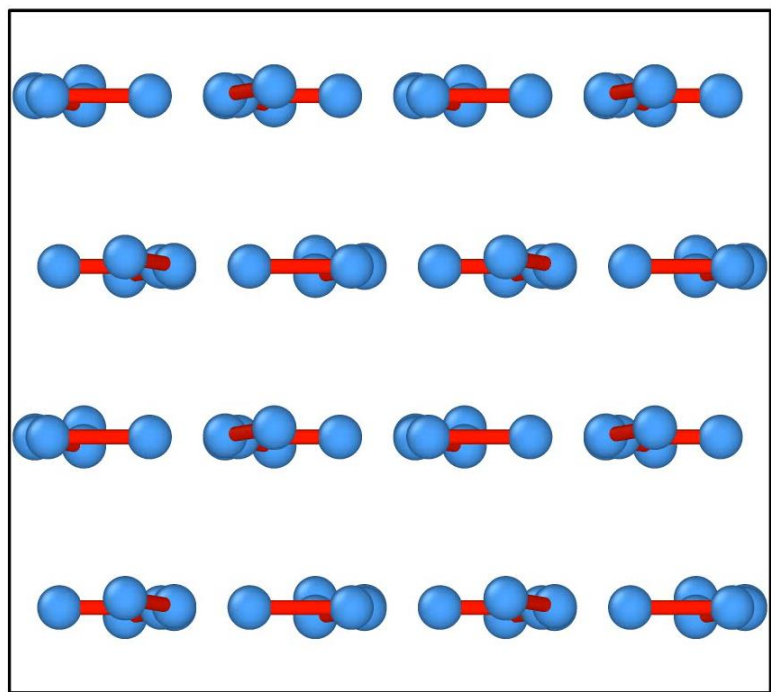
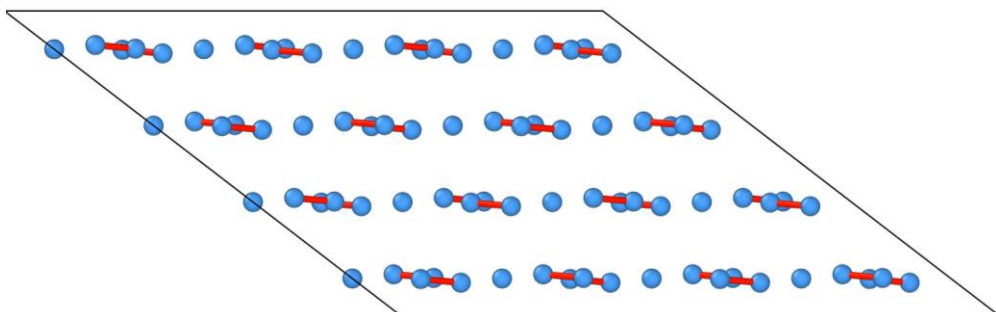
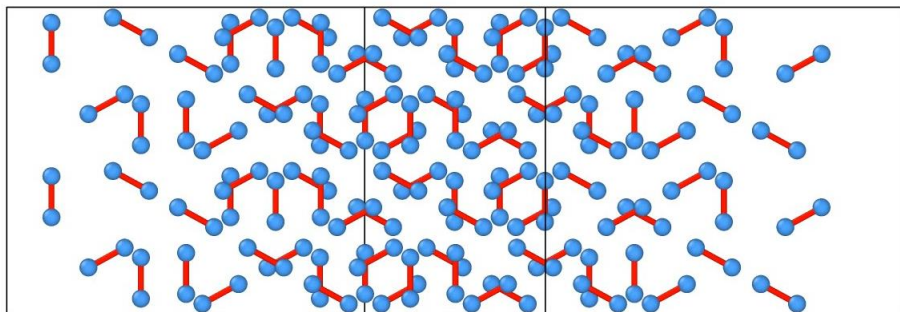
# Pair correlation function at pressure 302 GPa



# Dependence of pressure on density at $T = 100$ K (molecular phase)

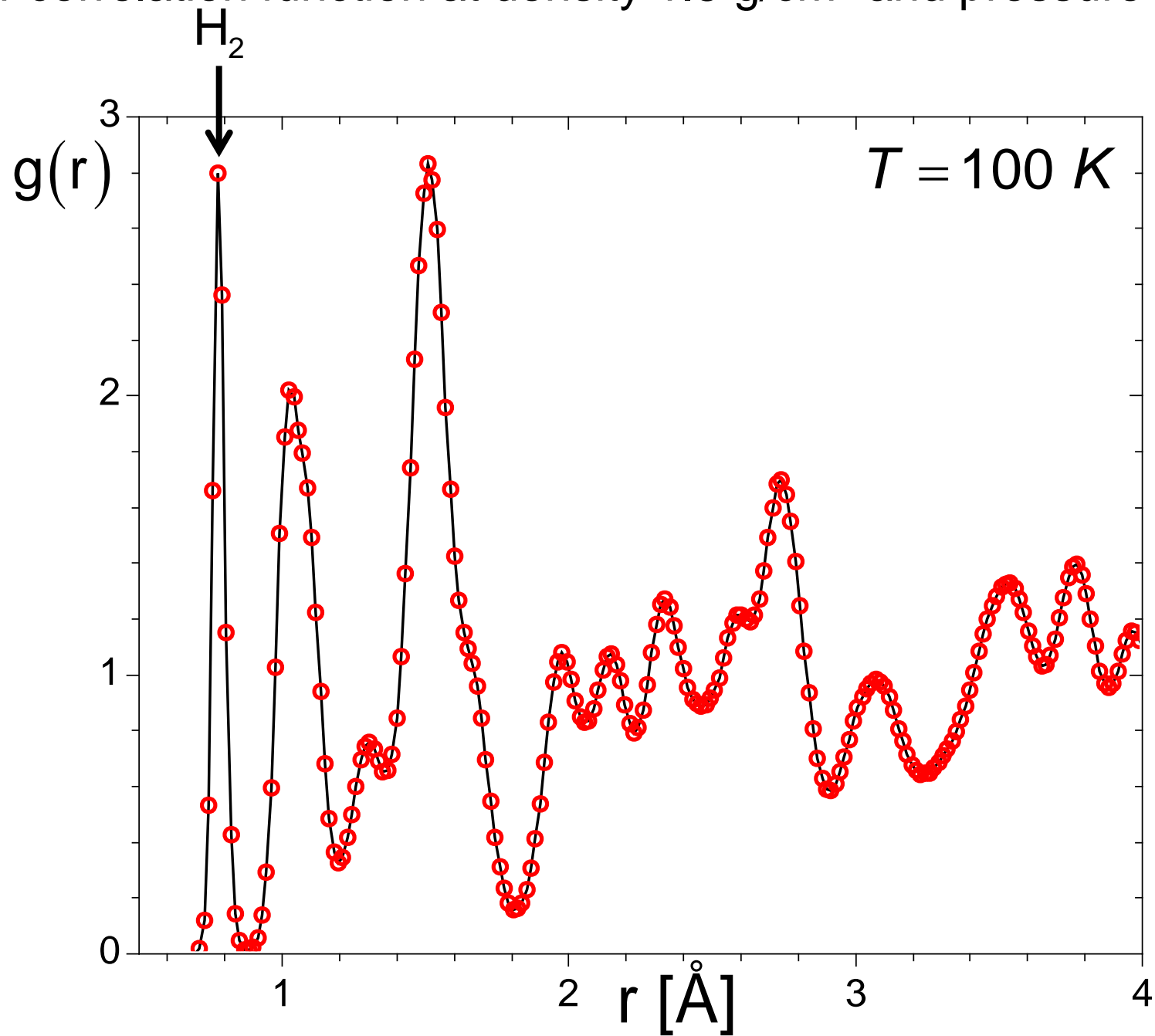


# MD at density $1.5 \text{ g/cm}^3$



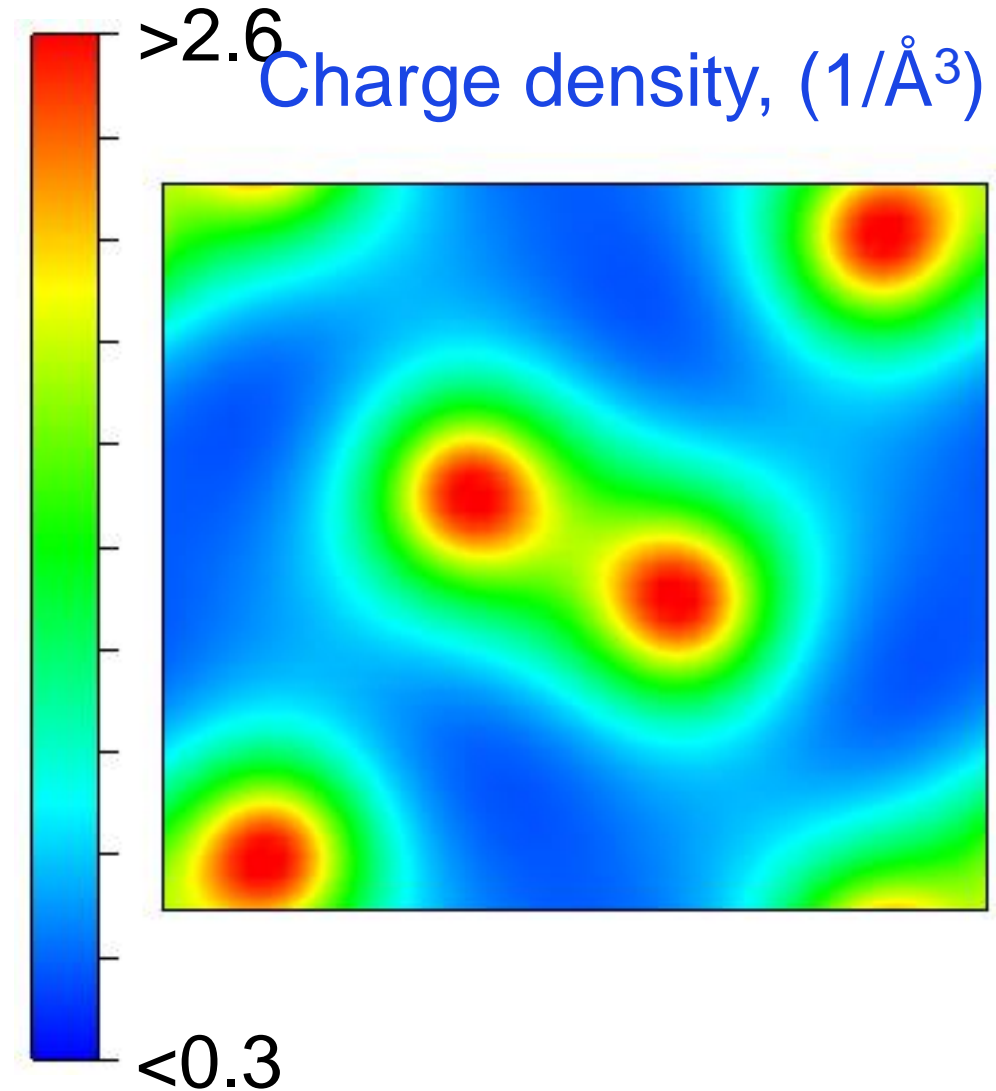
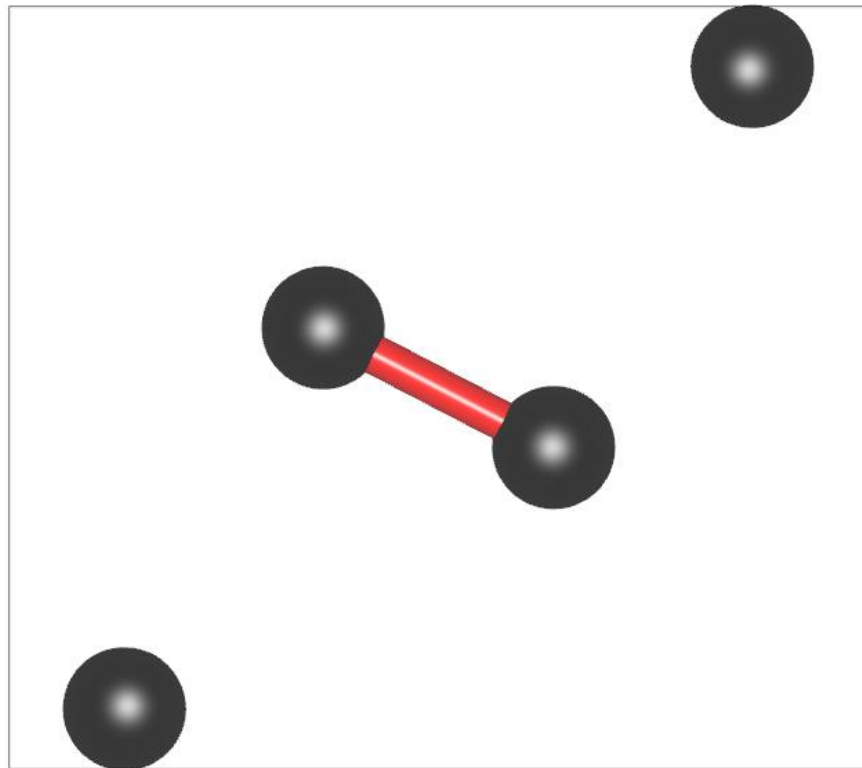
Conductivity at density  $1.5 \text{ g/cm}^3$ :  $830 \text{ (Ohm}\cdot\text{cm)}^{-1}$

Pair correlation function at density 1.5 g/cm<sup>3</sup> and pressure 568 GPa



# Primitive cell and charge density at pressure 568 GPa

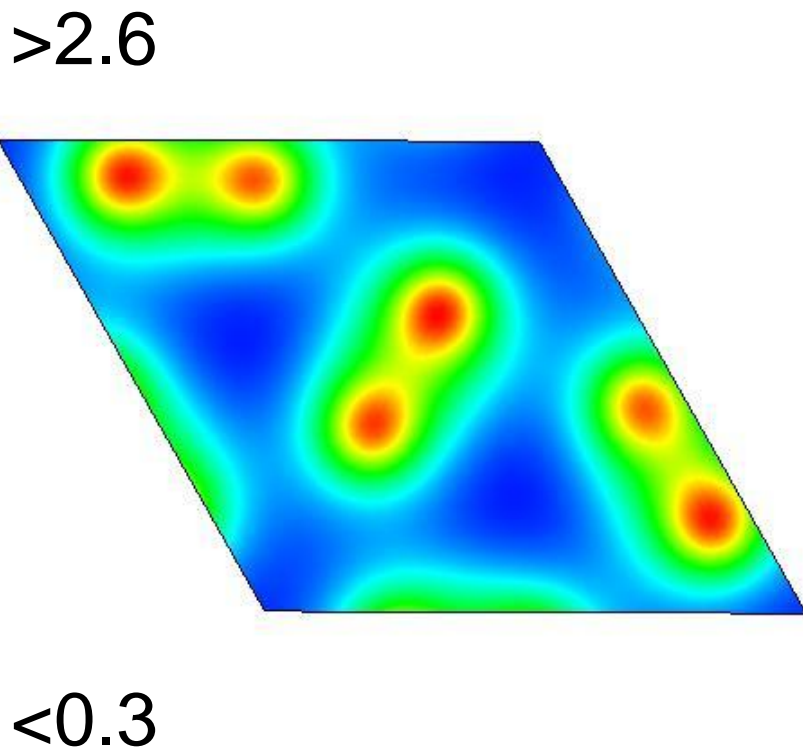
Space group: Cmca-4



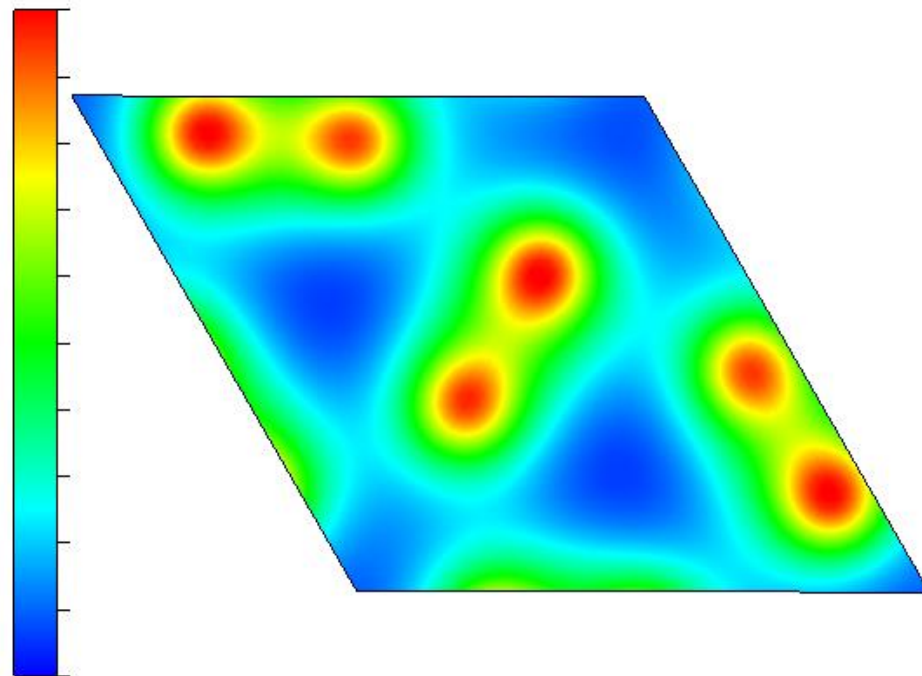
### 3. Semimetallic states of molecular crystalline hydrogen

# Charge density of C2/c structure

P=302 GPa



P = 410 GPa

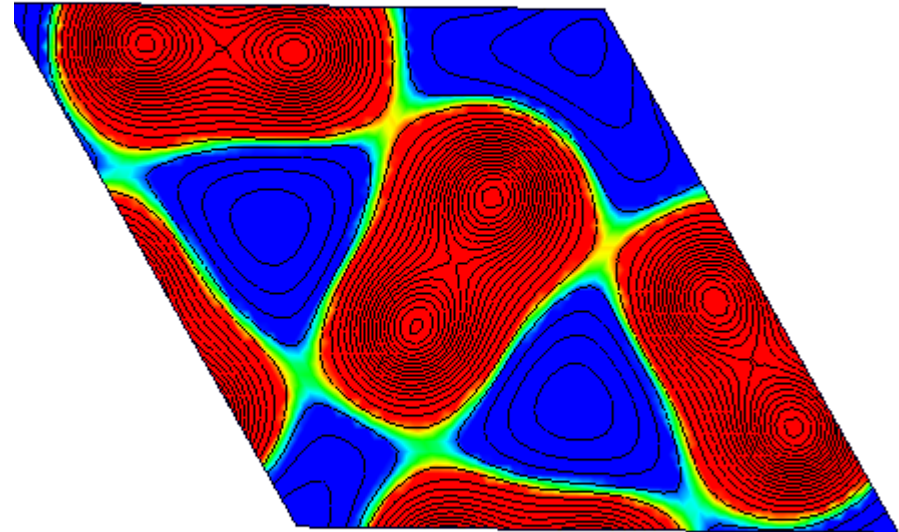
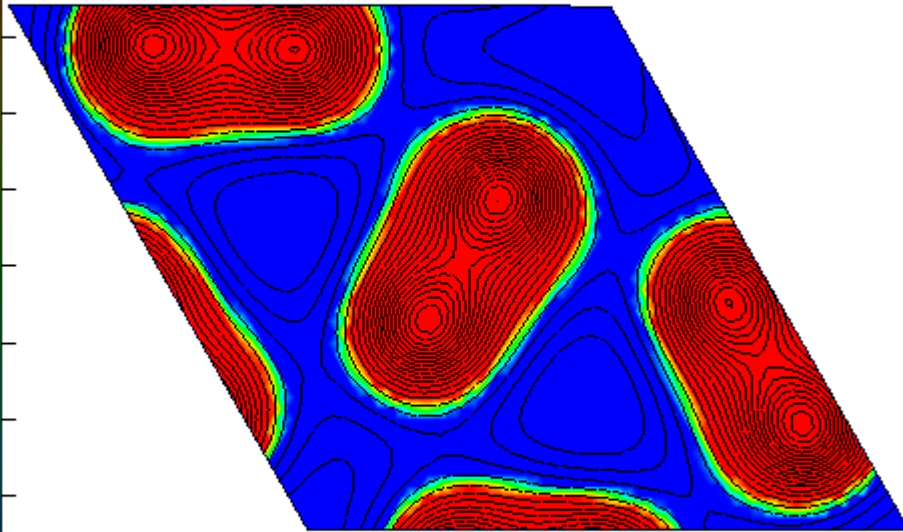
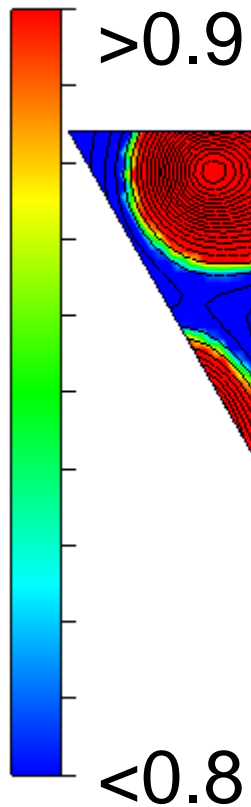




# Charge density of C2/c structure

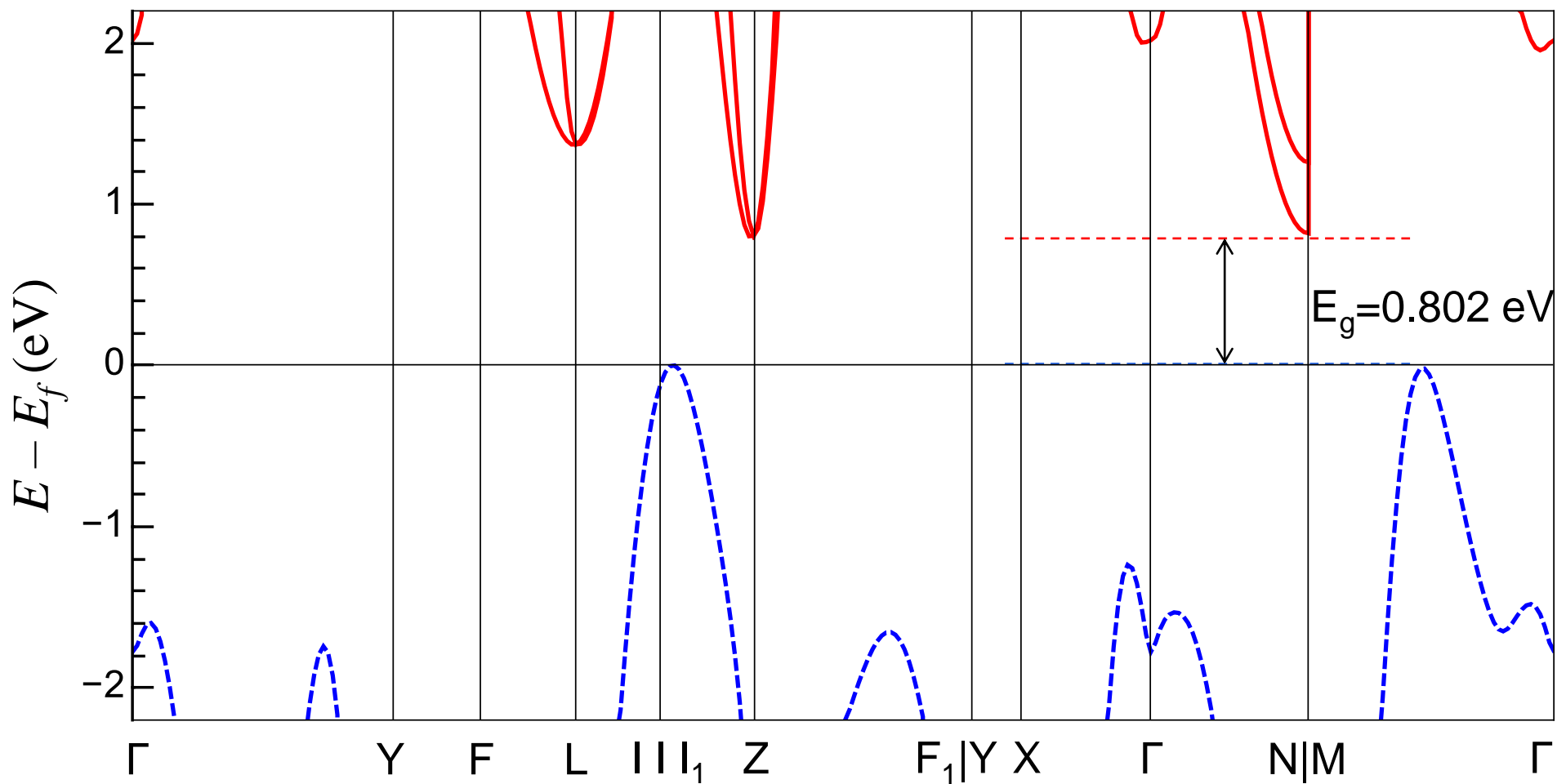
P=302 GPa

P = 410 GPa



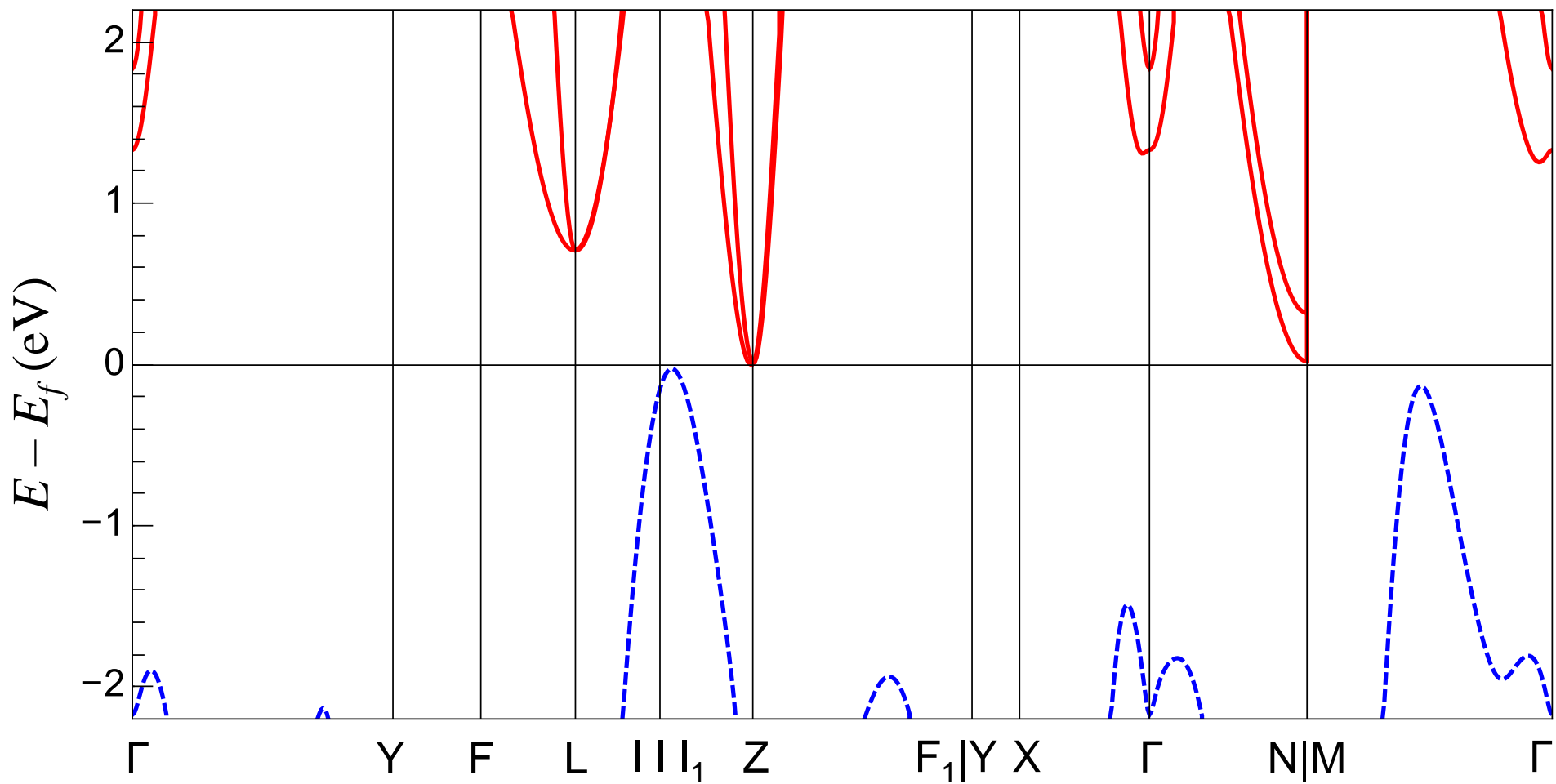
# Band structure of C2/c

P=302 GPa



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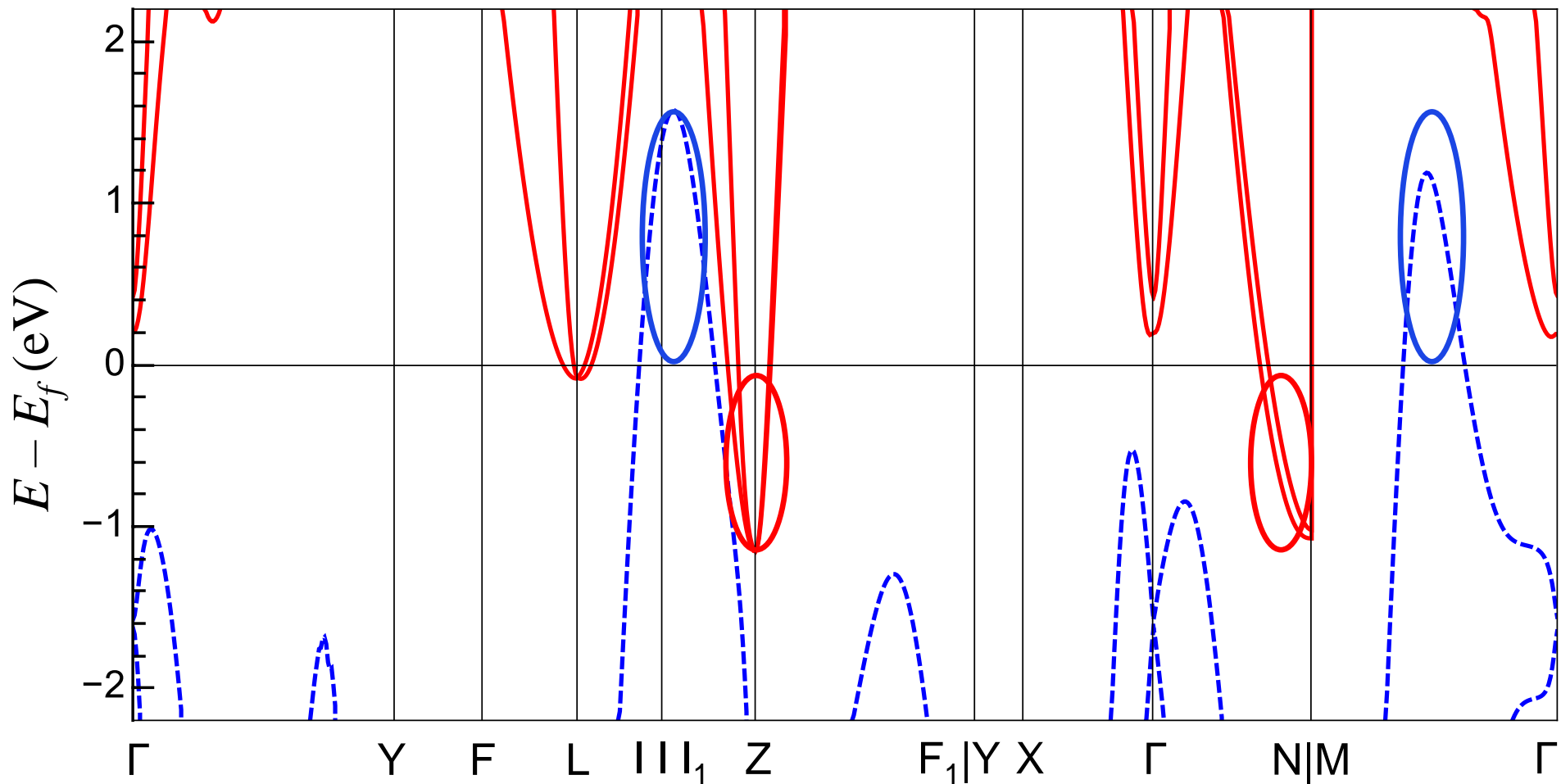
P=361 GPa



# Band structure of C2/c

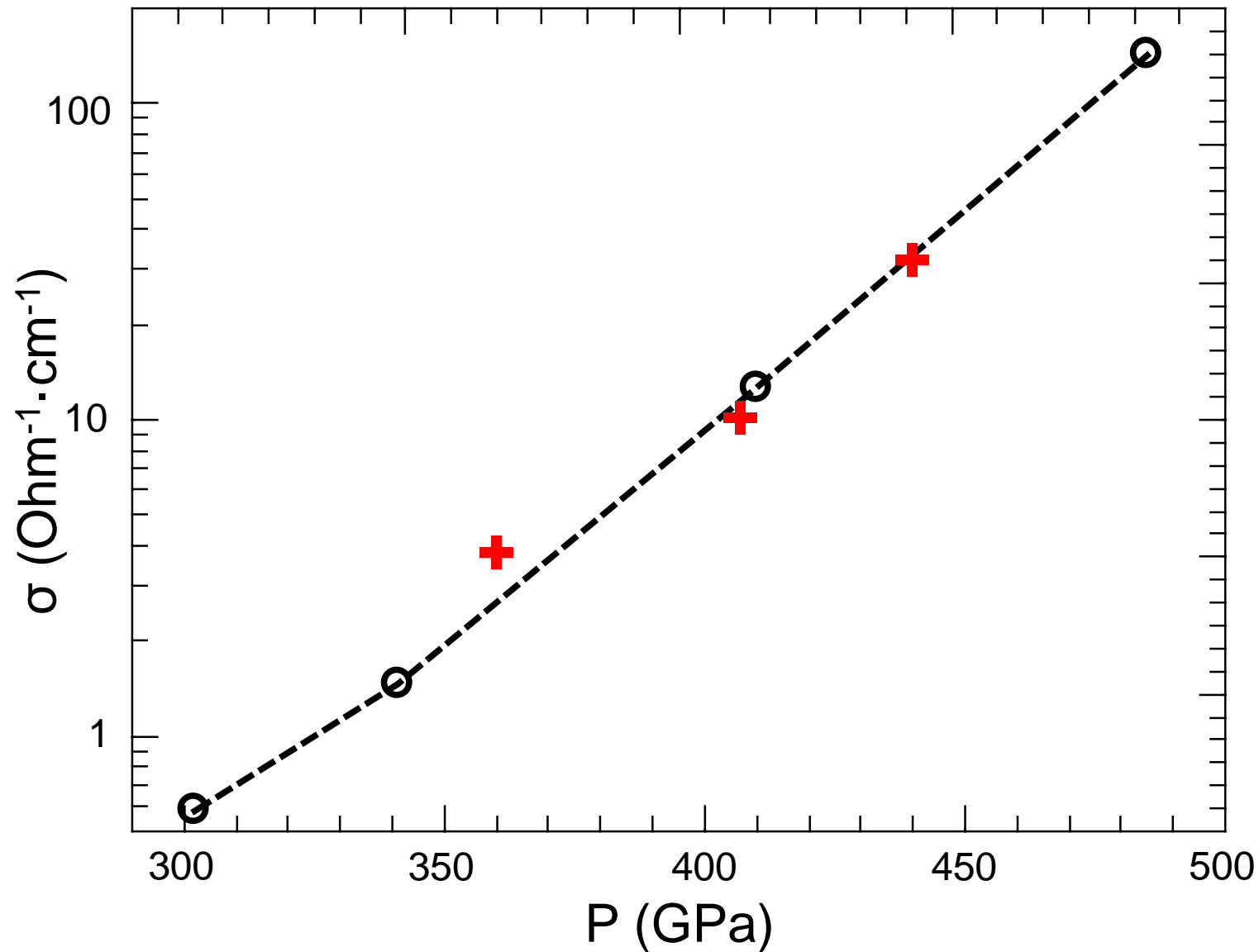
P=527 GPa

*semimetal*



Г.Э. Норман, И.М. Саитов Полуметаллические состояния кристаллического молекулярного водорода при высоких давлениях // Письма в ЖЭТФ. 2020. Т. 111. №3. С. 175 – 180.

# Conductivity of C2/c



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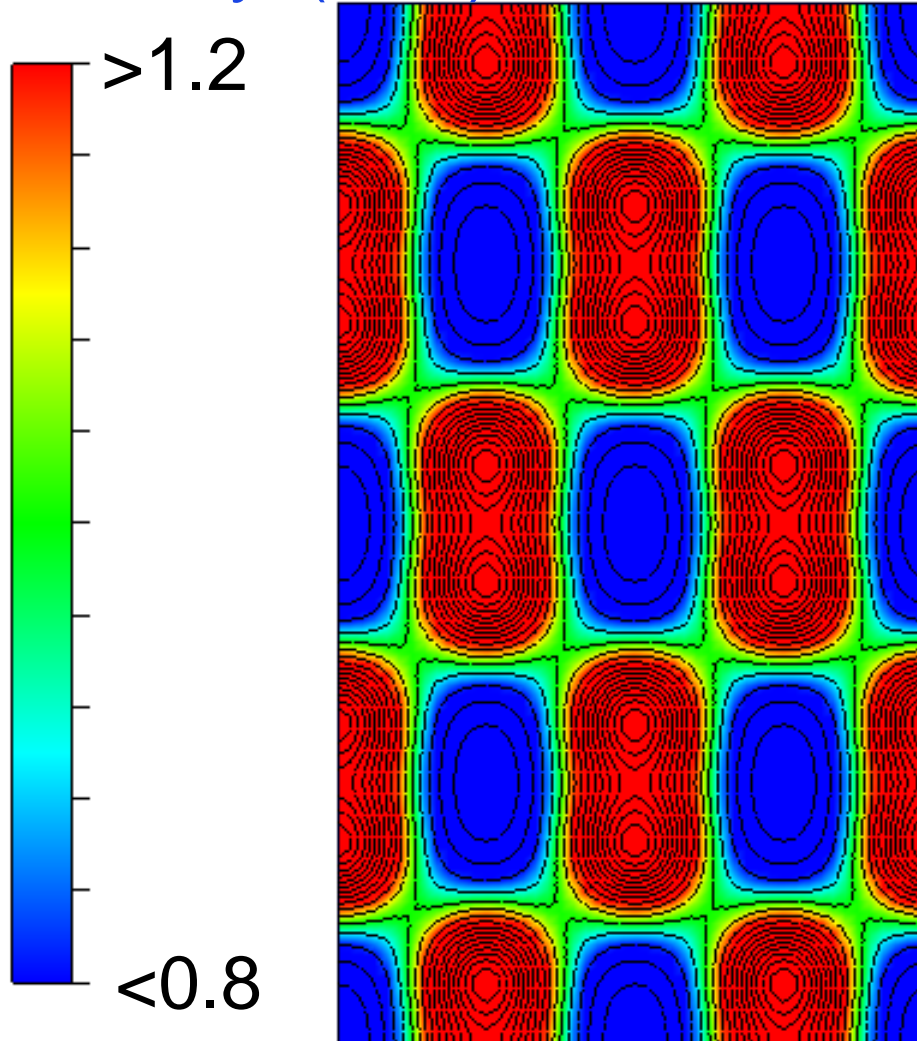
M. I. Eremets et al // Nature Physics. September 2019.

# 4. Metallic states of molecular crystalline hydrogen

# Charge density of Cmca-4 structure

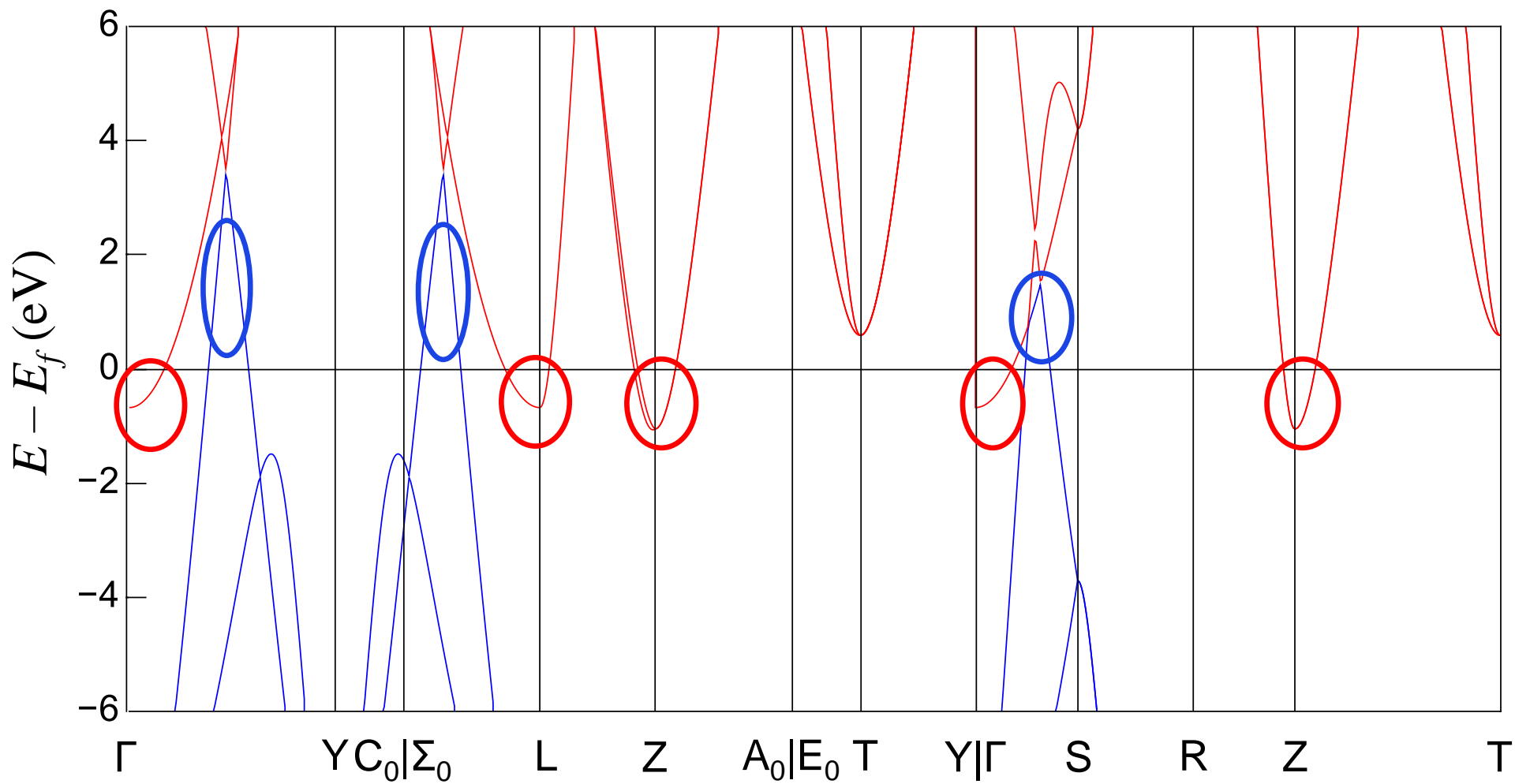
P=626 GPa

Charge density, ( $1/\text{\AA}^3$ )



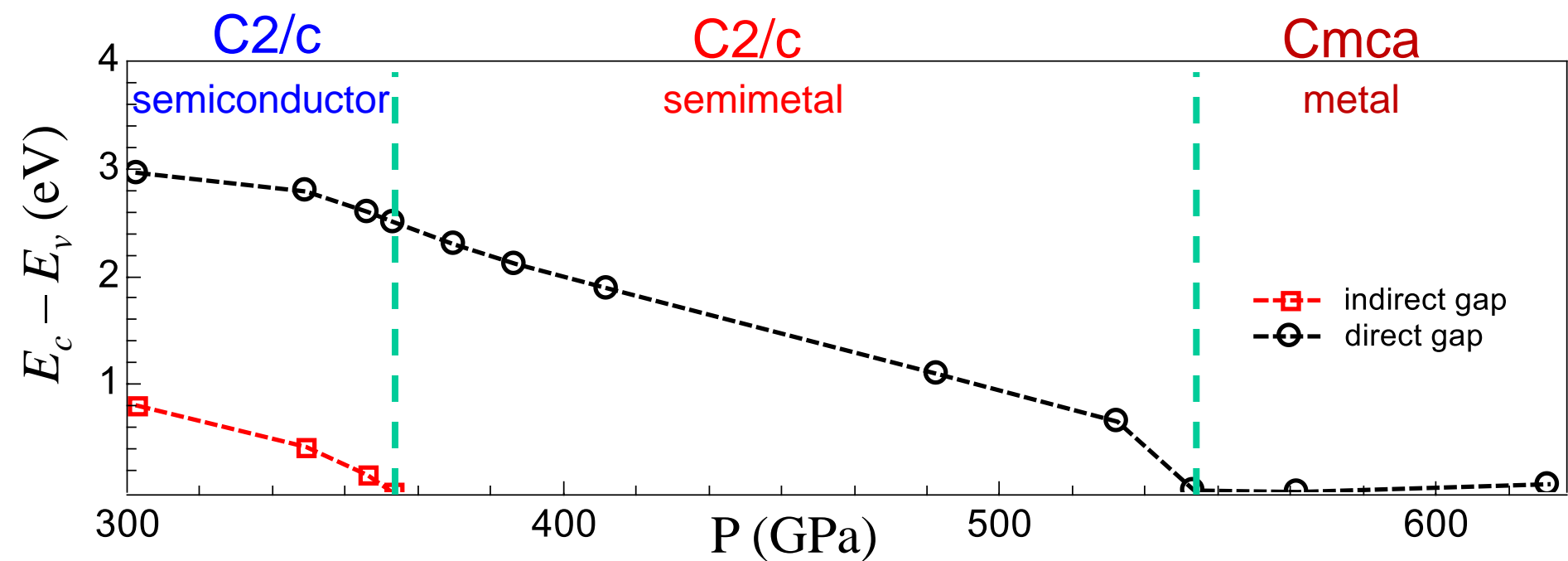
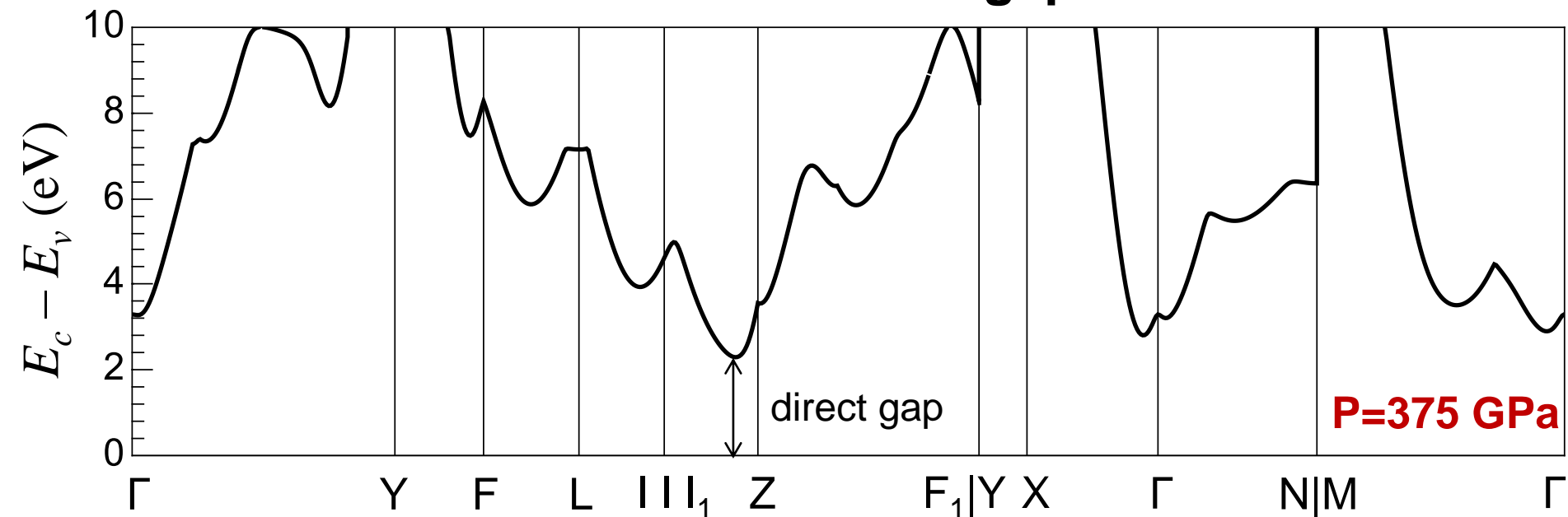
# Band structure of Cmca

P=626 GPa





# Direct and indirect gap



P [Mbar]

# 5. Conclusions

3. Molecular crystalline

**metal**

in the range of pressures  
545 – 626 GPa

1. Molecular crystalline

**semimetal**

in the range of pressures  
361 – 545 GPa

2. Calculated dependence of  
conductivity is in a good agreement  
with the experimental data

