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Report:

During our work at the beamline ID15b from 25.01.2022 to 27.01.2022 we have conducted the following high-pressure synchrotron diffraction experiments:

- Two single crystals of BaAs₂Zn₂O₈*H₂O has been studied upon compression and decompression in the pressure range 0–13 GPa with the pressure step about 2–5 GPa (8 pressure points)
- One single crystal of HfB₂O₅ has been studied in the pressure range 0–155 GPa with the pressure step 5–20 GPa (16 pressure points)
- One single crystal of dmisteinbergite CaAl₂Si₂O₈ has been studied up to 21 GPa with the pressure step
 2-5 GPa (8 pressure points)

Sample preparations, preparation of diamond anvil cells (DACs) and DAC loadings for all samples were performed in the ESRF.

As a result, diffraction data were obtained. The first investigations demonstrated, that:

- The crystal structure of BaAs₂Zn₂O₈*H₂O amorphized at the pressure above 10 GPa and this transformation is not reversible.
- The crystal structure of HfB₂O₅ is stable in the whole pressure range. The experiment was stopped due to the impossibility to further increase the pressure. We plan to continue this experiment.
- Dmisteinbergite amorhpizes at the pressure about 18 GPa. Probably it undergoes phase transition below this pressure, but the obtained data need more careful refinements.

The aim of the experiments has been achieved: three samples were studied in the quite wide pressure ranges. All data collected during the beamtime are sufficient for publications. It would be interesting to study HfB₂O₅ at the pressure higher pressures.