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The work of thermoelastic properties of Group IIA oxides at high temperature/pressure is almost finished and is in the process of being written up for journal publication. The thermal expansion at high temperatures was estimated and predicted with our earlier model. The elastic constants of these oxides have been predicted by a corresponding relationship where directional characteristic temperature model was utilized. Excellent agreement with available data was obtained.

The work on lattice parameter and thermal expansion of SiC has been completed. The data processing of neutron powder diffraction experiments at the NIST National reactor facility is finished. The interpretation of our low temperature experimental data with other author's results in high temperatures and the results were presented as an invited paper at the April 2002 Ceramic Society Annual Meeting in St. Louis, Mo.

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