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High-Pressure Electrical, Raman, and Structural Measurements on Lithium Sulfide¹ KATHRYN HAM, YOGESH VOHRA, GEORGIY TSOI, Univ of Alabama - Birmingham — High-Pressure studies have been conducted on Lithium Sulfide (Li₂S) to 55 GPa, with electrical, structural, and Raman measurements. Due to the highly reactive nature of the sample in air, the loading was conducted in a glove bag under an inert Argon atmosphere. Four probe electrical measurements using designer diamond anvils showed characteristic semiconducting behavior in Li₂S up to 33GPa from ambient temperature to 10 K. Li₂S was compressed to 55GPa and angle dispersive X-Ray data was collected at the Advanced Photon Source, Argonne National Lab, which showed a phase transition from a face centered cubic phase to a primitive orthorhombic phase. Raman data was obtained for Li₂S at ambient conditions after decompression from 55 GPa. The Raman Spectrum showed the characteristic peak for Li_2S at 372.5 wavenumbers, but had an additional uncharacteristic peak at 327.4 wavenumbers. There is a possibility that the additional uncharacteristic Raman peak is due to the decomposition of Li_2S at high pressure.

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