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Motivation

Silicon is important to HED physics, such as planetary science and inertial confinement fusion (ICF) capsules





*http://www.nasa.gov/sites/default/files/images/607068main_world-unlabeled.jpg



Si EOS Models

Modern DFT calculations are significantly different from the standard SESAME

- Below 1 Mbar, SESAME–EOS was constrained by Hugoniot data from 1997
- Above 1 Mbar, constructed so Hugoniot was "similar" to germanium
- The first-principles predicted shock density is ~20% higher*



DFT: density functional theory EOS: equation of state QEOS: "quotidian" equation of state KSMD: Kohn–Sham molecular dynamics PIMC: path-integral Monte Carlo OFMD: orbital-free molecular dynamics

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Method

The impedance-matching technique determines the pressure and particle velocity in a sample relative to a known standard







Target Design

EOS measurements of opaque samples (Si) use transit times for velocity, requiring sophisticated corrections to reduce errors*



Time (ns)

Instantaneous shock velocities in silicon are determined using a nonsteady waves correction**

VISAR: velocity interferometer system for any reflector *D. E. Fratanduono et al., J. Appl. Phys. <u>116</u>, 033517 (2014).



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Preliminary results indicate that neither model adequately describes silicon above 5 Mbar



• At pressures above 5 Mbar silicon, is expected to be fully in the fluid phase; phase changes are not expected



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FPEOS: first-principles EOS *S. X. Hu et al., Phys. Rev. B 94, 094109 (2016).

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