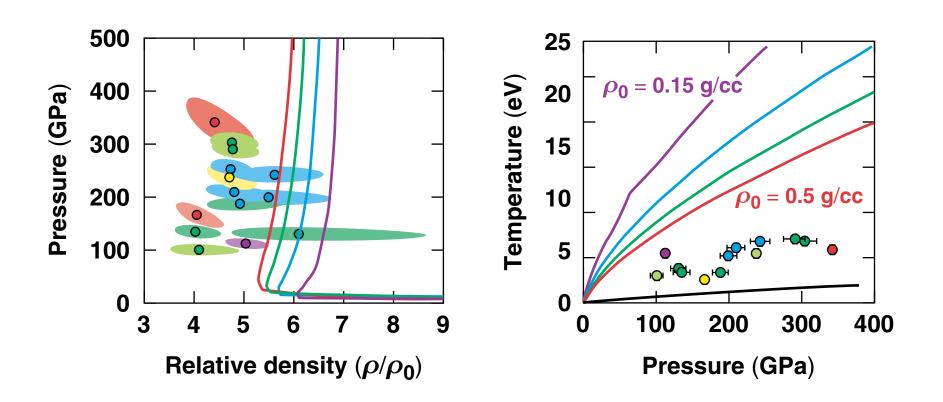
Equation of State Measurements in High-Porosity Ta₂O₅ Foam



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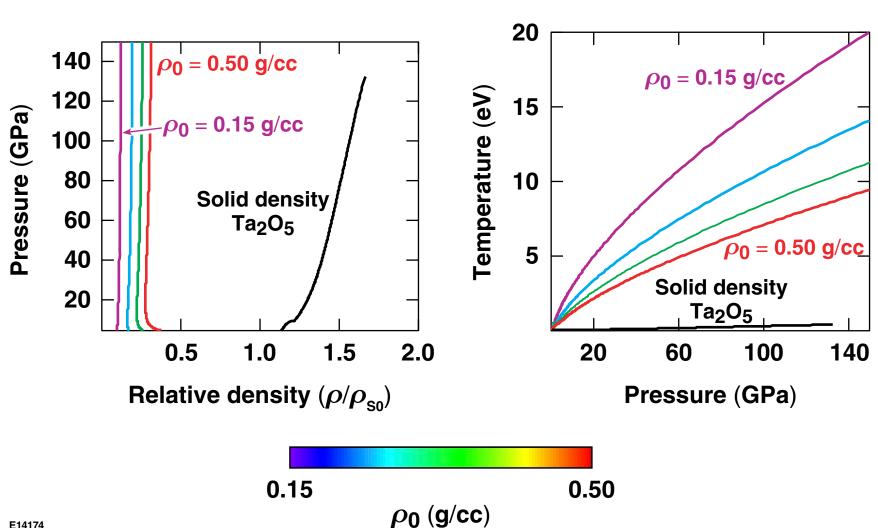
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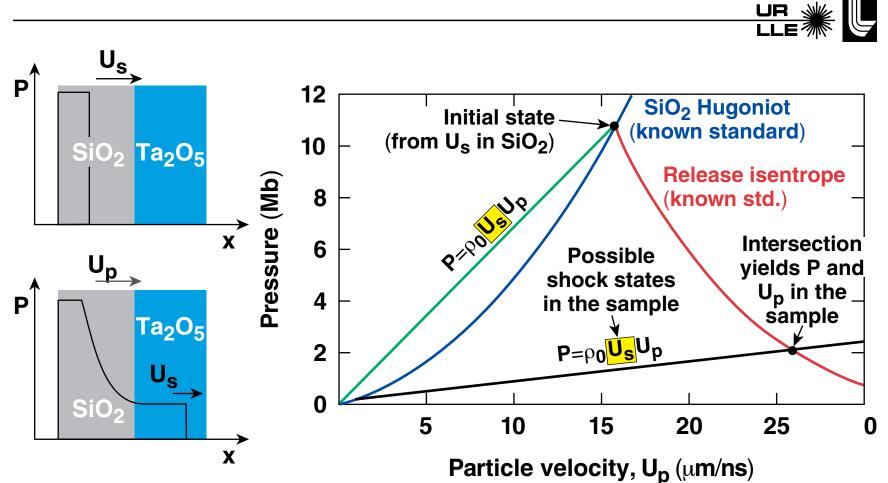
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- Laser-driven impedance-match experiments were performed to obtain kinematic properties (U_s, U_p, ρ , and P). Simultaneous self-emission data from an optical pyrometer were used to infer the temperature of shocked states.
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Heating during the initial "crushing" of porous materials results in an anomalous EOS



The impedance-match method relies on the shock and release behaviors of a known standard



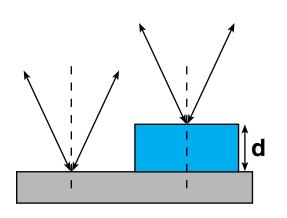
Rankine–Hugoniot equations:

$$\frac{\rho}{\rho_{\rm 0}} = \frac{{\rm U_s}}{\left({\rm U_s}-{\rm U_p}\right)}$$

 $\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{P_0} = \rho_0 \mathbf{U_s} \mathbf{U_p}$

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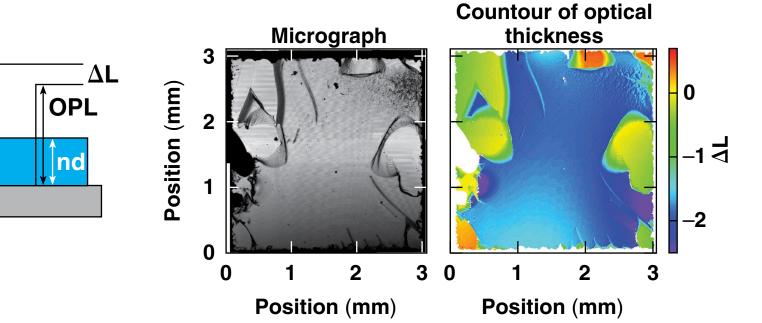
We developed a technique to measure the foam's refractive index for the measurement of shock velocity



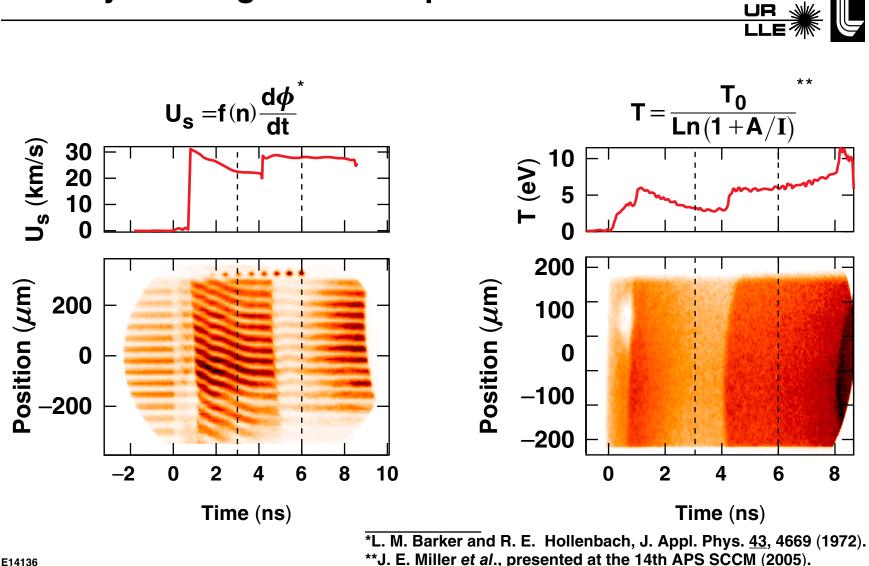
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- We measure the sample thickness by microscopic depth of field.
- We measure the optical thickness by white-light interferometry (WYKO).
- Then $nd = \Delta L + d$.

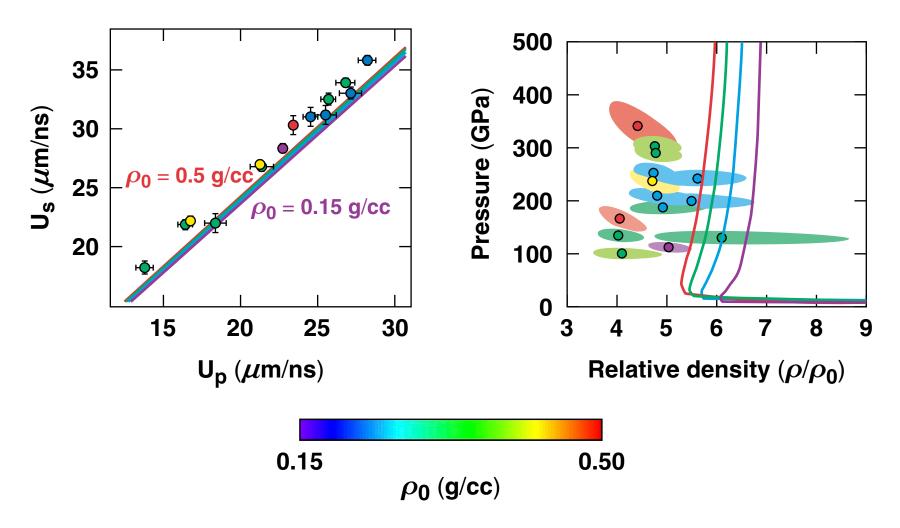
d ~ 100
$$\mu$$
m $\rho = 0.10$ g/cc n $\approx 1.016 \pm 0.001$
 $\rho = 0.25$ g/cc n $\approx 1.023 \pm 0.001$



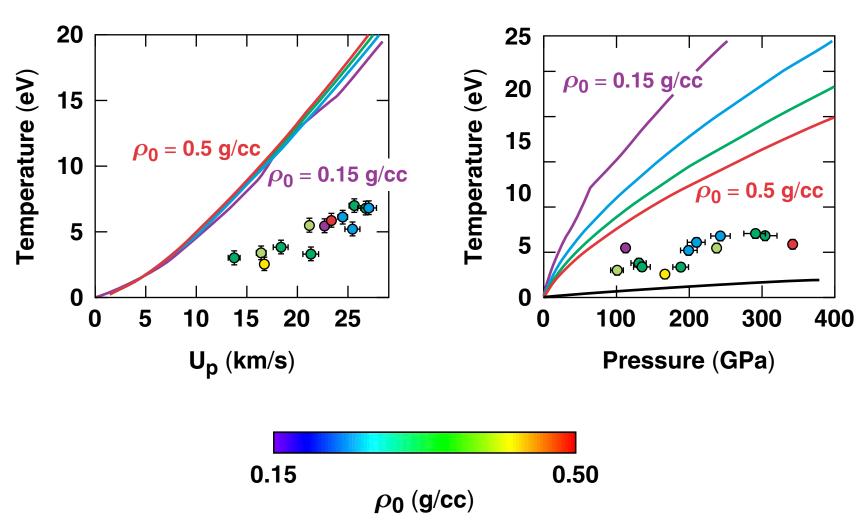
Simultaneous VISAR and SOP records of the optically transparent material give a continuous record of shock velocity and brightness temperature



Kinematic properties indicate a stiffer principle Hugoniot than the current QEOS model predicts



Temperature measurements on the SOP are a factor of 3 lower than the QEOS model predicts



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