X-ray Diffraction of Double-Shocked Diamond





Summary

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- Velocimetry and pyrometry measurements* on double shocked diamond reveal that the melting temperatures at pressures between 0.6 TPa and 2.5 TPa are relatively flat
- Double shock XRD measurements explored the diamond phase diagram for first shocks ranging from 300-800 GPa and final shock pressures up to ~1 TPa



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Motivation

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Concept

Phase transitions can be detected using x-ray diffraction on the secondary Hugoniot of diamond

- Double shock conditions access higher pressure states along the melt curve than states on the primary Hugoniot*
- At phase transitions, the Hugoniot is marked by plateaus caused by latent heat
- The bc8 structure at high pressures has been proposed but has not been observed with XRD***
- The diamond phase is stable to 2 TPa under ramp compression (preliminary)







VISAR experiments

Double shock VISAR and SOP measurements use a step target design to determine the first shock pressures in diamond above the Hugoniot elastic limit



VISAR1 Shot 47922 -2 6 Λ 2 4 Time (ns) SOP

VISAR: velocity interferometer for any reflector SOP: streaked optical pyrometry



*Hicks

(unpublished)

Preliminary results* measured second shock pressures and temperatures to 2.5 TPa for first shock pressures between 300-400 GPa





The powder x-ray diffraction image plate (PXRDIP*) platform is used to record diffraction patterns on OMEGA EP





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Impedance matching is used to determine the first shock pressures in the diamond (300-800 GPa)



s31305 ROCHESTER LLNL AnalyzeVISAR code (Marius Millot) was used to process the VISAR / SOP data.

At the time of the x-ray exposure, the diamond is double-shocked, singleshocked, and unshocked





Diffraction data was collected for first shocks between 350-850 GPa and final pressures up to ~1 TPa



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Motivation

The low-temperature, high-pressure phases of carbon are important for evolution models for solar (Uranus, Neptune) and extrasolar planets and white dwarfs







Two-shock experiments* observed several temperature jumps at shock catch-up





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VISAR experiments

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A first shock pressure of 2.2 Mbar in the diamond in measured from the adjacent quartz; the second shock pressure is less than 10 Mbar













At the time of the x-ray exposure, the diamond is double-shocked, singleshocked, and released



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VISAR experiments

The wave-splitting can be explained by either strength or a phase transition



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VISAR experiments







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