X-ray diffraction measurements of shocked and shock-ramped platinum







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- We investigate both a predicted phase transition and the melt curve of platinum
- Pt remains in the face-centered cubic (fcc) phase when ramp compressed to 530 GPa (with initial shocks between 72 250 GPa)
- The melt line is constrained with an observation of liquid platinum at 490 GPa on the principal Hugoniot

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Motivation

We investigated two aspects of the platinum phase diagram: the melt curve and a possible solid-solid phase transition



We will be exploring the Pt melt curve up to 490 GPa

fcc: face-centered cubic rhcp: randomly oriented hexagonal close packed 1. S. Crockett, LANL 2. C. Seagle, SNL



Shock-ramp technique

Precursor shocks are used to bring Pt into the region of interest of the SNL experiments



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Experiment

The powder x-ray diffraction image plate platform (PXRDIP*) records the diffraction pattern of the compressed sample





Experiment

VISAR* tracks a particle or free surface velocity to infer the pressure in the sample at the time it is probed with x-rays



* Velocity Interferometer System for Any Reflector



Shock-ramp Analysis

The crystal structure and density of the compressed solid platinum is obtained from the diffraction pattern



- Ambient Pt diffraction from the pinhole provides geometric calibration of the image plates
- Compressed Pt that remains solid produces a shift in the fcc pattern



• Temperature is obtained from the SESAME EOS isentrope at the pressures inferred from velocimetry measurements



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Shock-ramp Results

We observed face-centered cubic platinum in the region of the Sandia experiment and no evidence of other solid structures



Shock Analysis

A single broad diffraction line, seen among the ambient platinum, is the signature of diffuse scattering from a liquid









 Analysis of the liquid structure will provide density and coordination number of the liquid phase

fcc: face-centered cubic



The data was fit to a series of Gaussian functions to quantify liquid scattering*



• Each solid peak can be described as two Gaussians with three free parameters: amplitude, centroid location, and width.

$$I = a_1 e^{-(x-a_2)^2/2a_3^2} + 0.2a_1 e^{-(x-a_2)^2/2(0.5)^2}$$

A single Gaussian is used to fit the liquid scattering feature



Results

Strong shocks (~500 GPa) were used to observe melting along the Hugoniot





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* First reference ** Second reference † Third reference

‡ Fourth reference



Melt curves





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Extra Slides

The crystal structure of the compressed platinum is inferred from the diffraction pattern





