



The Shock Response of Granular and Consolidated Ta_2O_5

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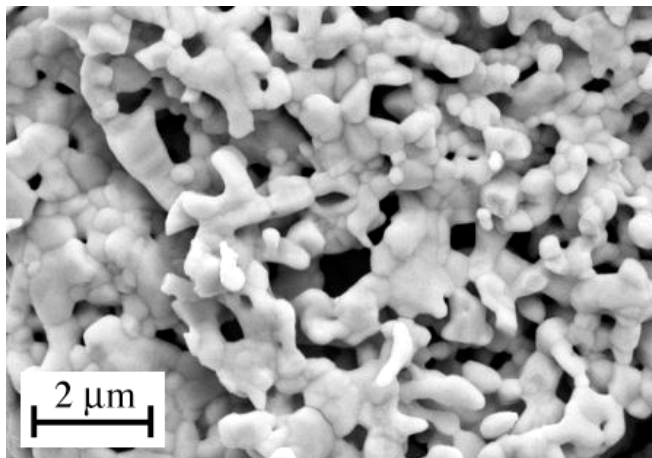
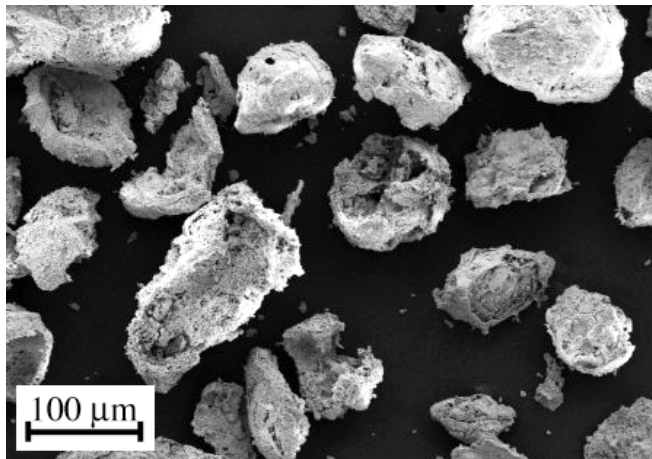
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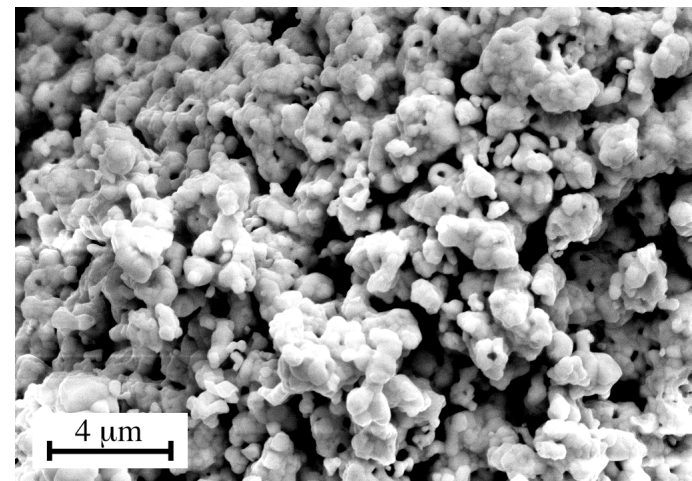
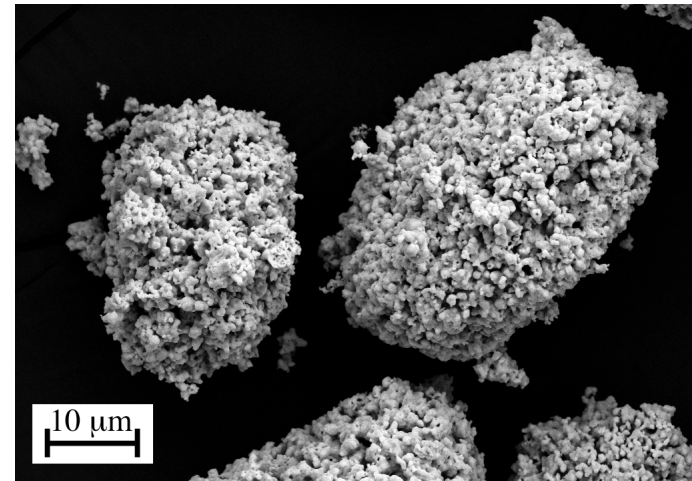


Two Different Forms of Granular Ta_2O_5

~1.3 g/cc from Cerac

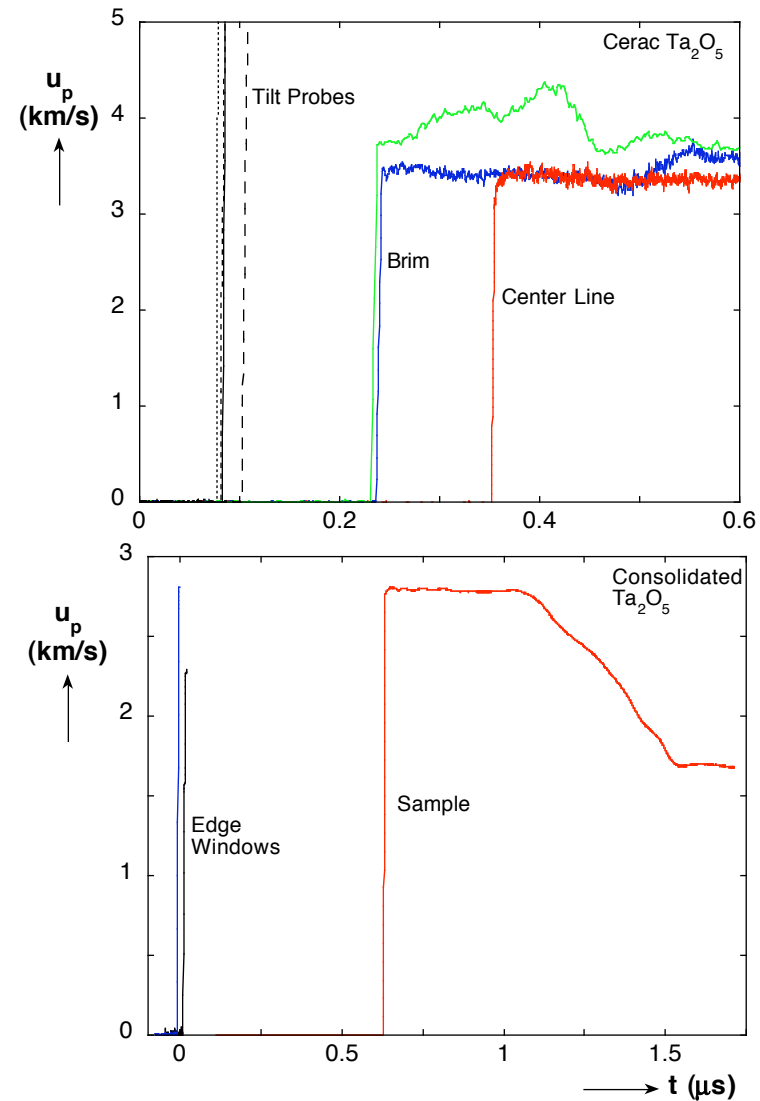
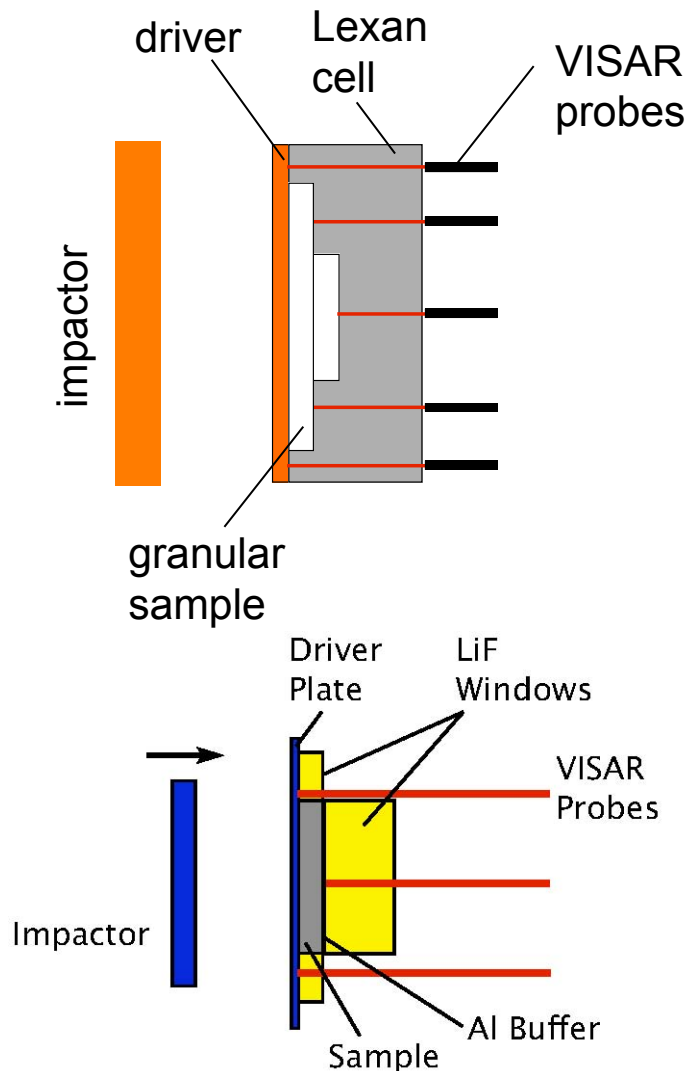


~3 g/cc from American Elements



X-ray diffraction shows all material is in orthorhombic form
also 90% dense disks from cold pressing or low temperature sintering

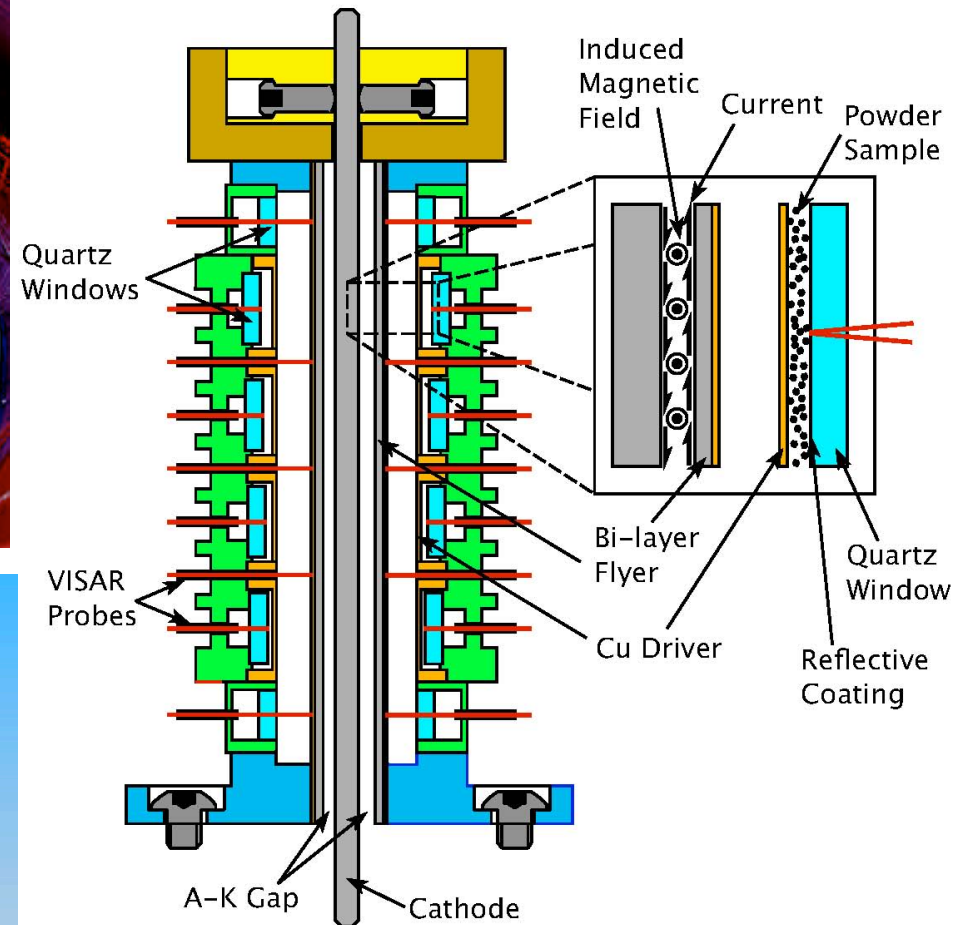
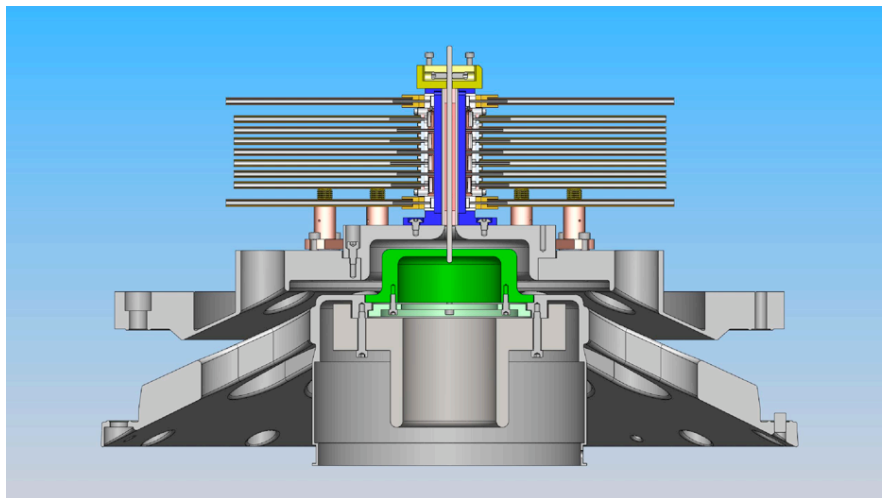
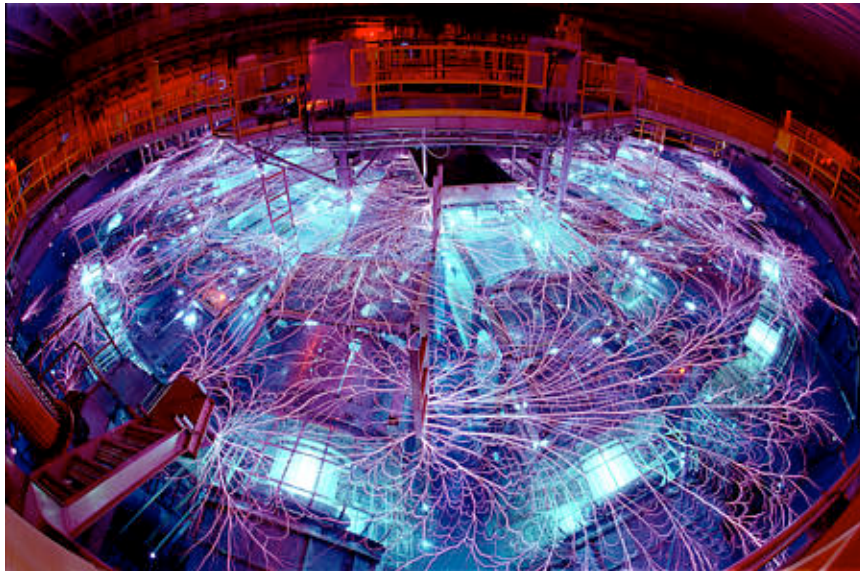
2-Stage Gas Gun Experiments on Granular and Consolidated Ta_2O_5



samples vented to vacuum (50-100 mTorr) of target chamber



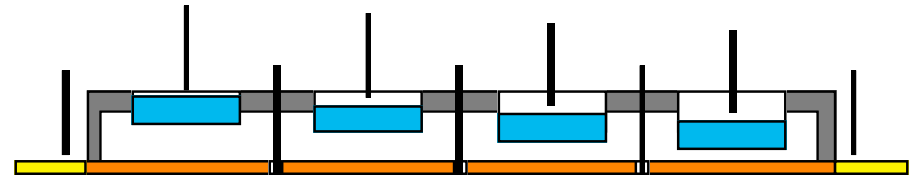
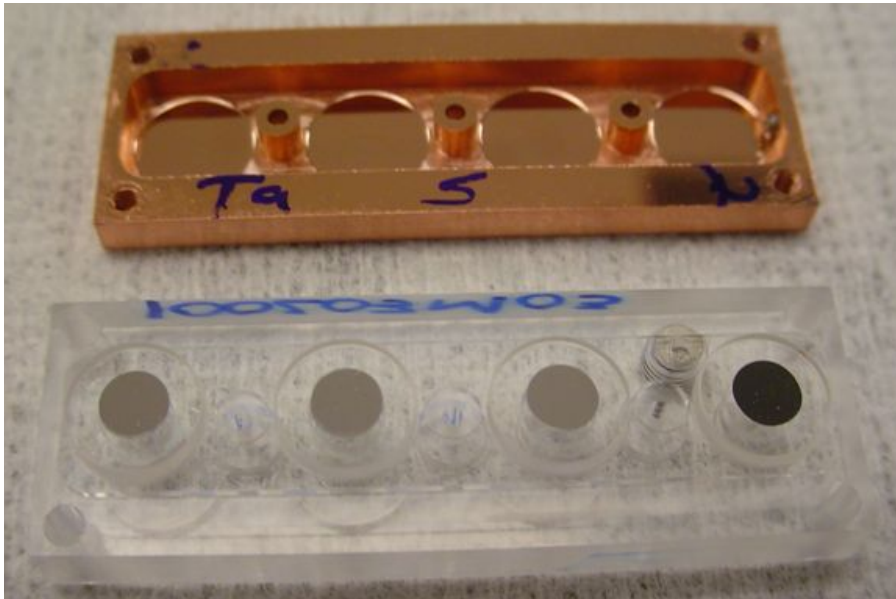
Ultra-High Pressure Z Experiments



$V = 9.9-10.3$ and $11.2-11.4$ km/s



Z Powder Capsule



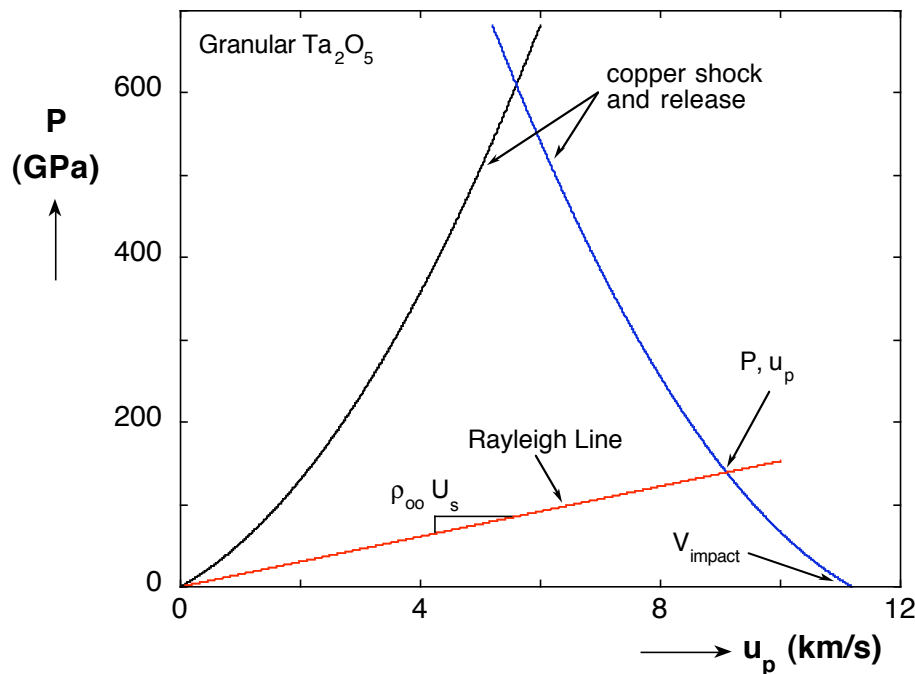
each target consists of:

- 300 μm Cu flyer on 700 μm Al
- 300 μm Cu driver
- four sample thicknesses of 400, 600, 800, and 1000 μm
- quartz windows.

VISAR measurements made at each sample/window interface and above, below, and between the samples

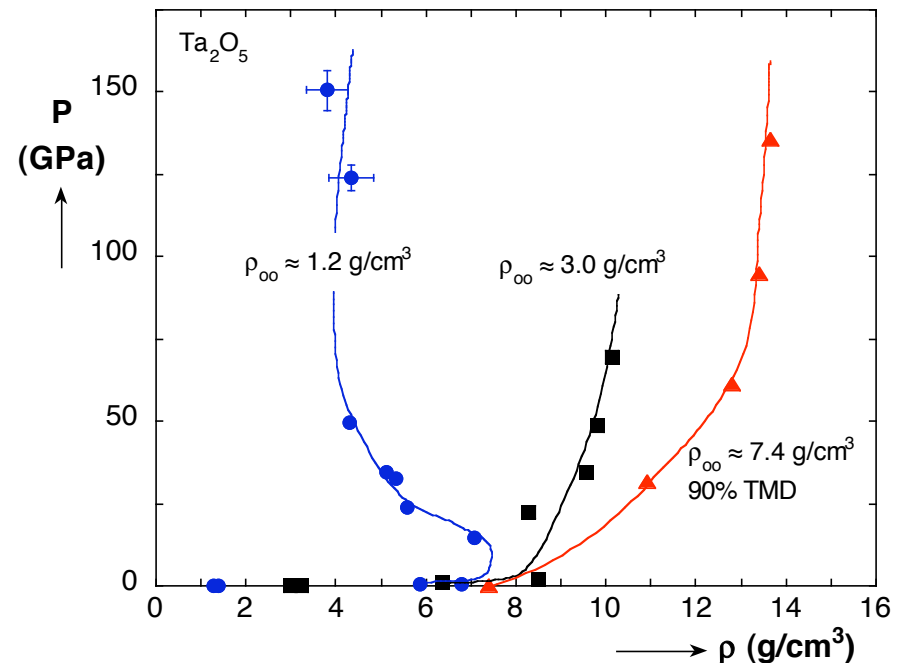


Impedance Matching Used to Calculate Hugoniot States



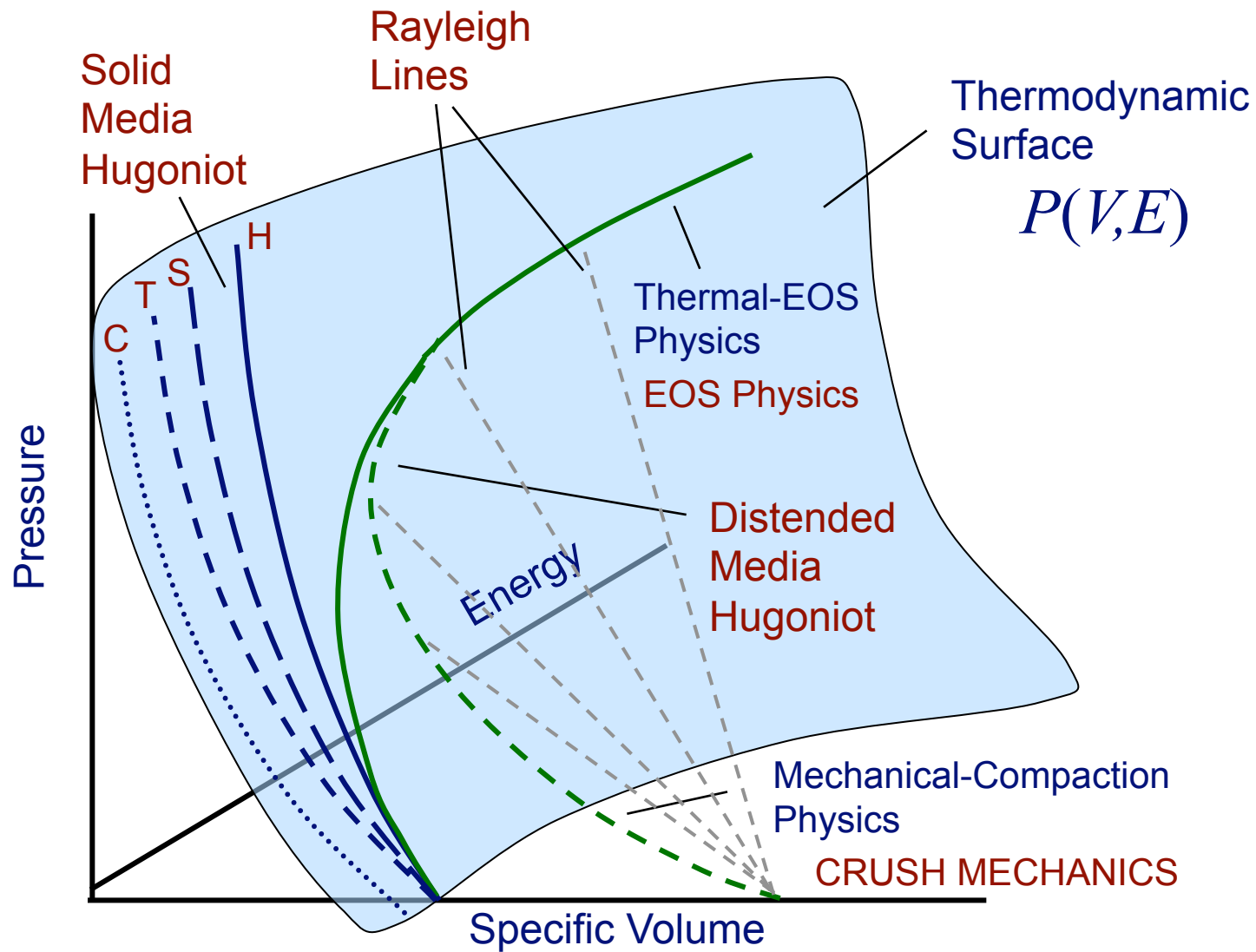
lower density material shows
“anomalous” compressibility due to
thermal effects

suggestions of phase transformation in
vicinity of 40-50 GPa, but more data
needed





Distended Media EOS



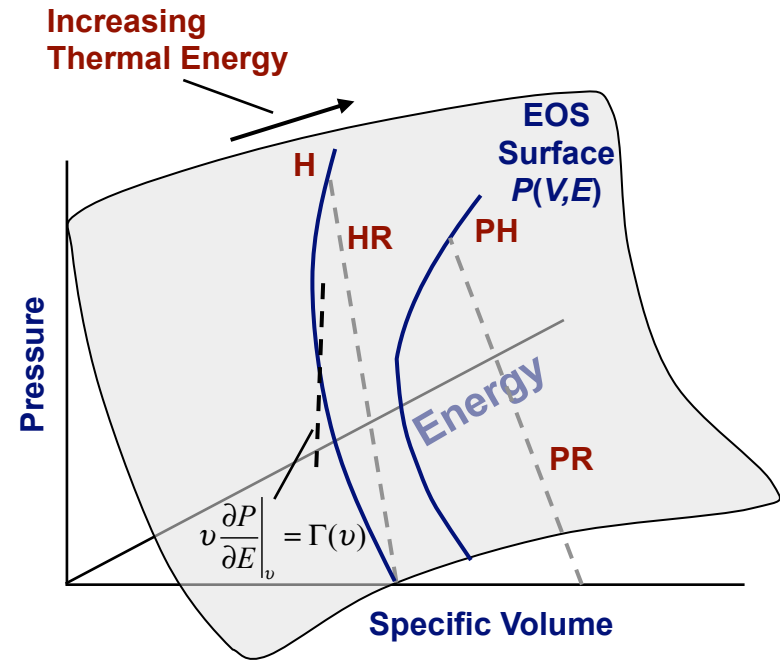


EOS for Distended Media: the Isochoric Approach

$$\Gamma(v) = v \left. \frac{\partial P}{\partial E} \right|_v$$

$$P(v, E) = P_H(v) + \frac{\Gamma(v)}{v} (E - E_H(v))$$

$$P_{PH}(v) = P_H(v) \left(\frac{2v - \Gamma(v)(v_o - v)}{2v - \Gamma(v)(k v_o - v)} \right)$$



$$k = \frac{v_{oo}}{v_o} \equiv \text{distention}$$

isochoric approach problematic for anomalous compressibility due to multi-valued response



EOS for Distended Media: the Isobaric Approach

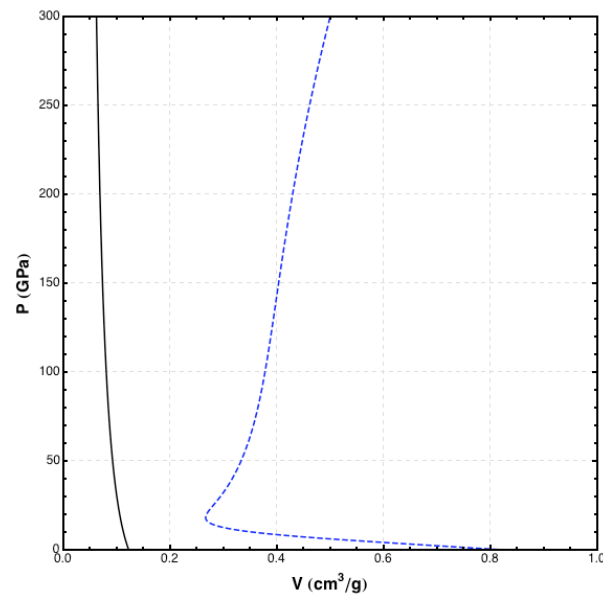
$$\xi(P) = P \left. \frac{\partial v}{\partial H} \right|_P$$

$$v(P, H) = v_{HR}(P) + \frac{\xi(P)}{P} (H - H_{HR}(P))$$

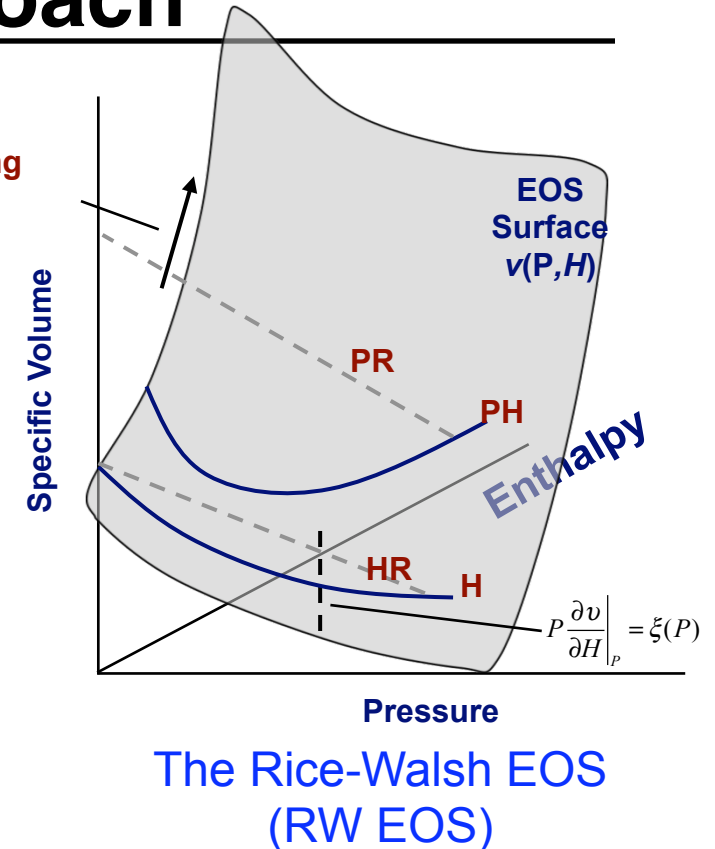
$$v_{Ph}(P) = v_{HR}(P) + \frac{(k-1)v_o}{\frac{2}{\xi(P)} - 1}$$

$$k = \frac{v_{oo}}{v_o} \equiv \text{distention}$$

$$\text{where } \xi(P) = \frac{\Gamma(P) P}{K_s(P)}$$



Increasing
Thermal
Energy



The Rice-Walsh EOS
(RW EOS)

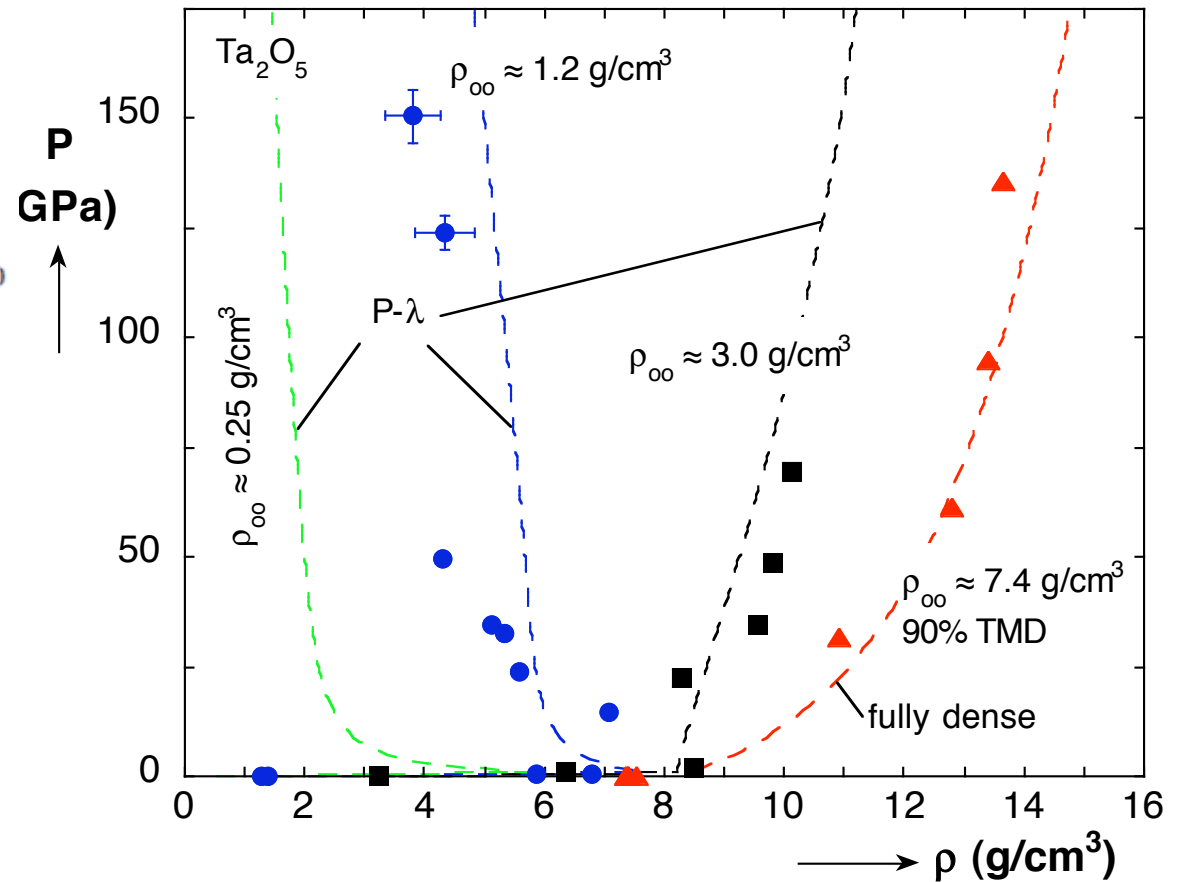
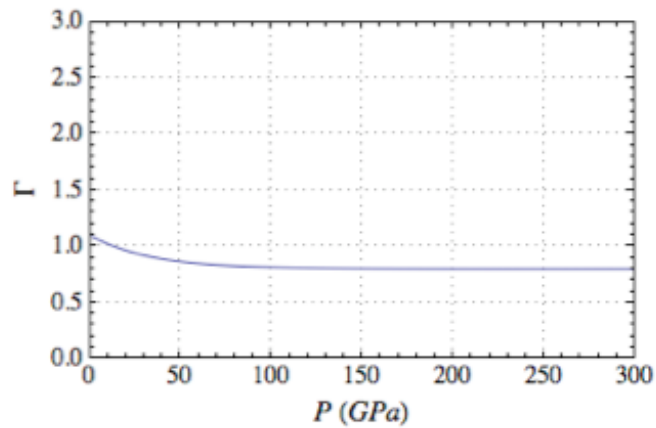
*isobaric approach better suited to
highly distended materials*

Fenton et al. (2011). Intense Shock Compression of Porous Mixtures: Application to WC and Ta₂O₅
APS Shock Conference



Model Results for Ta₂O₅

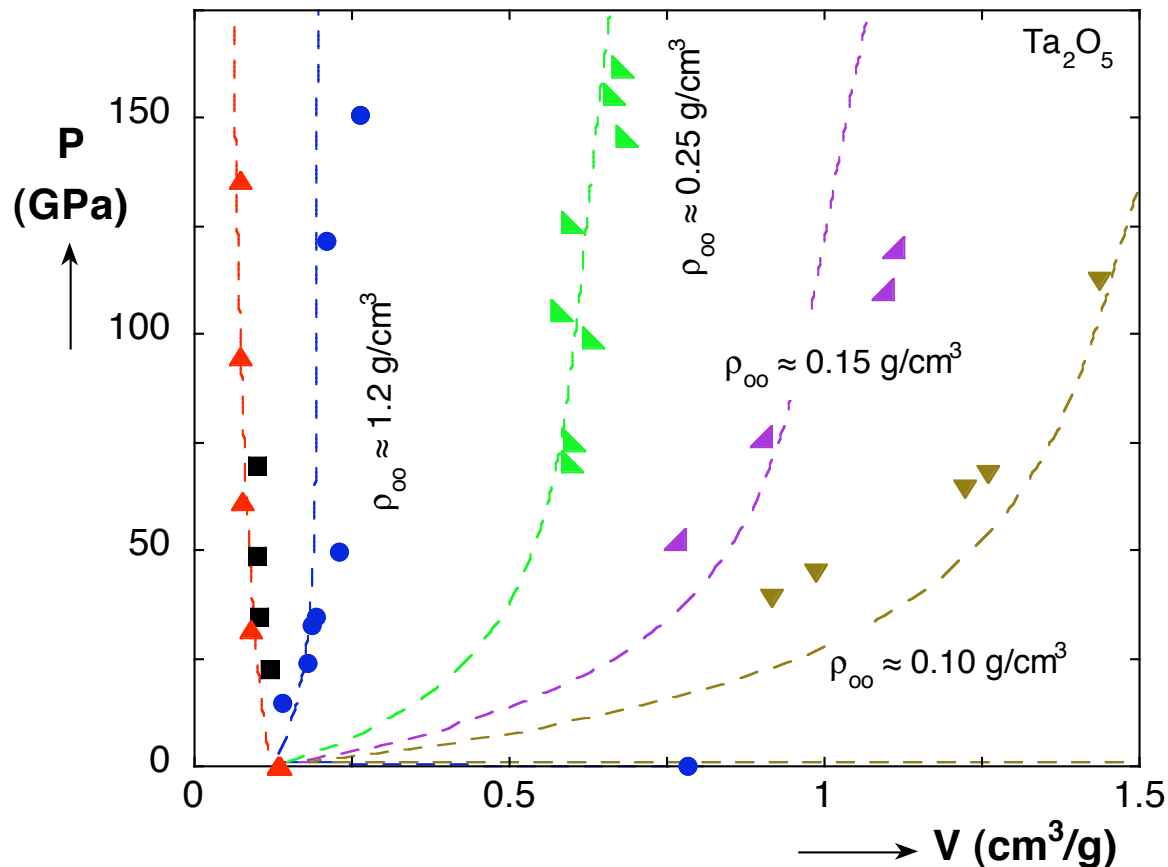
$$\Gamma(P) = \Gamma_o e^{-\left(\frac{P}{K_o}\right)^n} + \Gamma_\infty \left(1 - e^{-\left(\frac{P}{K_o}\right)^n}\right)$$





Comparison with Aerogel Results from LLNL

Miller et al. (2007). *Shock Compression of Condensed Matter* – 2007, 71-74.



good agreement with results for very low density aerogel



Conclusions

- new high-pressure Hugoniot results for granular Ta_2O_5 from a 2-stage gun and Z
- varying particle morphologies lead to different initial densities and shock responses
- Rice-Walsh isobaric formulation added to P- λ model to capture anomalous compressibility
- model calibrated to granular form of Ta_2O_5 does credible job of capturing response of low density aerogel
- study of mixtures of Ta_2O_5 and Al powders in progress