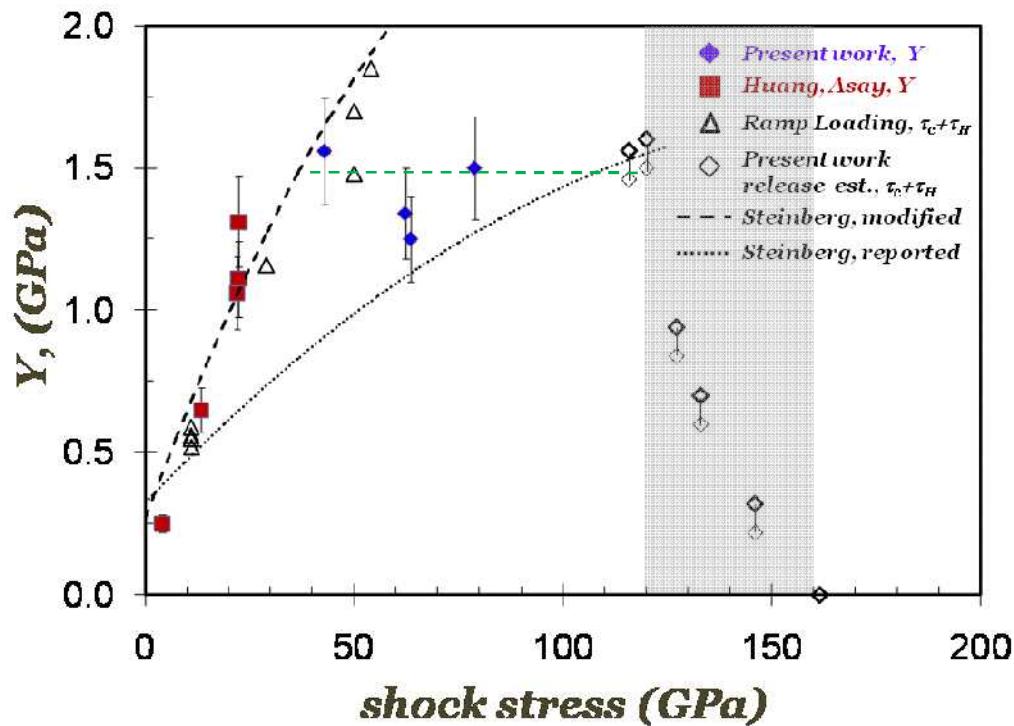


New Strength Data on Aluminum to 160 GPa

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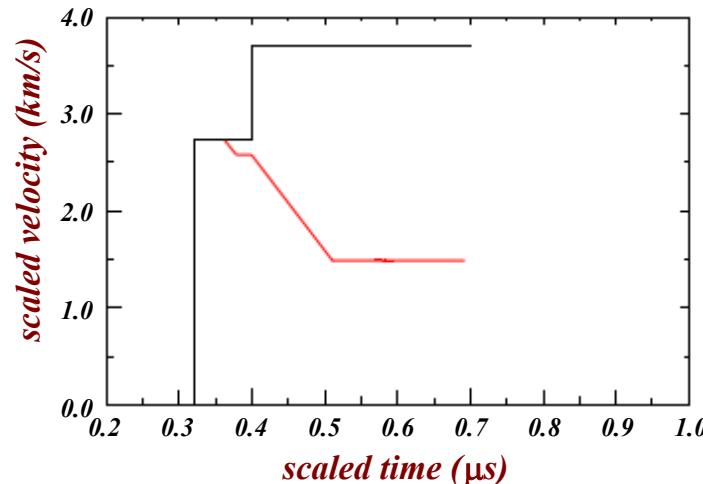
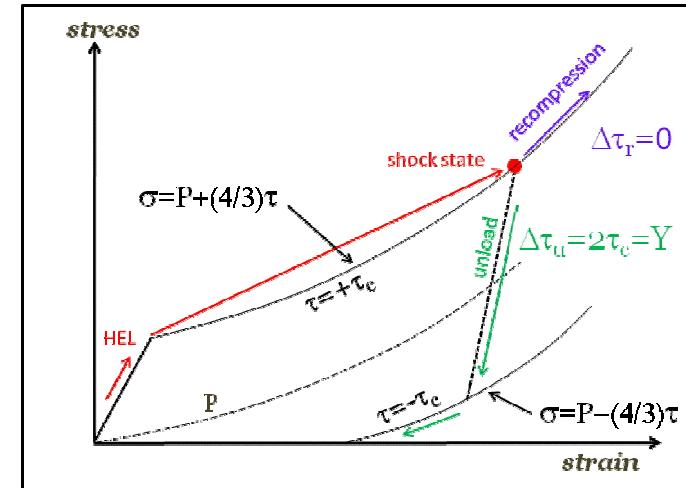
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Elastic-plastic theory assumes shock states lie on the upper yield surface

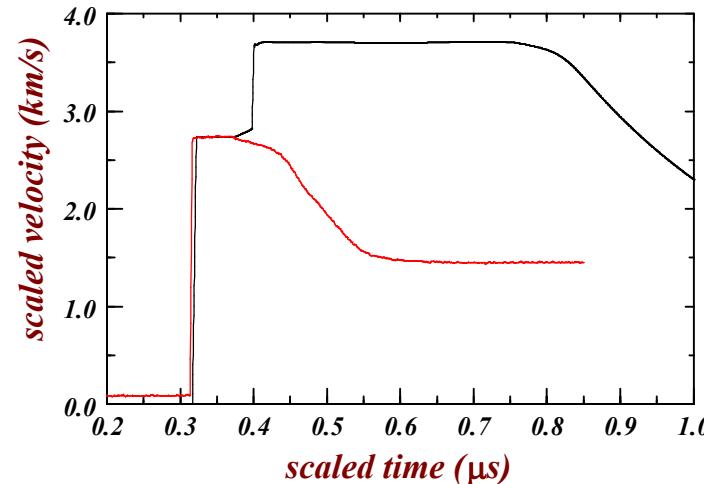
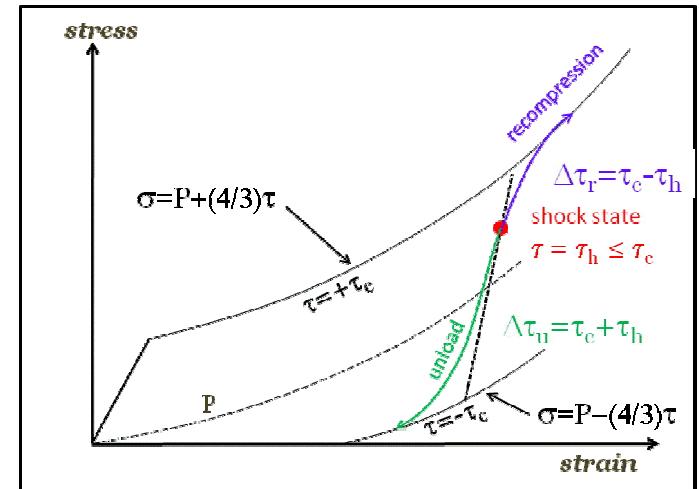
- According to elastic-plastic theory for uniaxial strain:
 - On shock loading, the material first loads elastically to the HEL
 - Shock states lie on a yield surface $\tau = +\tau_c$
 - On release, the material unloads elastically to a yield surface $\tau = -\tau_c$
 - Elastic portion of the release gives $\Delta\tau_u = 2\tau_c = Y$
 - Key assumption is that the shock state lies on the upper yield surface
 - $\Delta\tau_r = 0$ on reload
 - » inconsistent with experimental data showing quasi-elastic compression on reloading





Measured strength can be off by up to a factor of two if E-P assumption is invalid

- If the shock state is NOT on the upper yield surface:
 - Evidence suggests that the shock states lie at $\tau = +\tau_H$ ($\leq \tau_c$)
 - On release, the material unloads elastically to a yield surface $-\tau_c$ below the hydrostat
 - Elastic portion of the release gives $\Delta\tau_u = \tau_c + \tau_H \leq Y$
 - In order to determine Y must measure both τ_c and τ_H
 - Requires both reload and release data: $Y = 2\tau_c = \Delta\tau_u + \Delta\tau_r$
 - **Measuring release only can lead to errors up to a factor of 2**

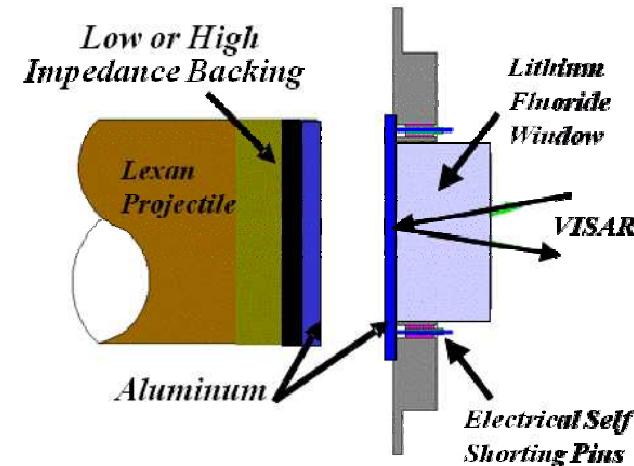




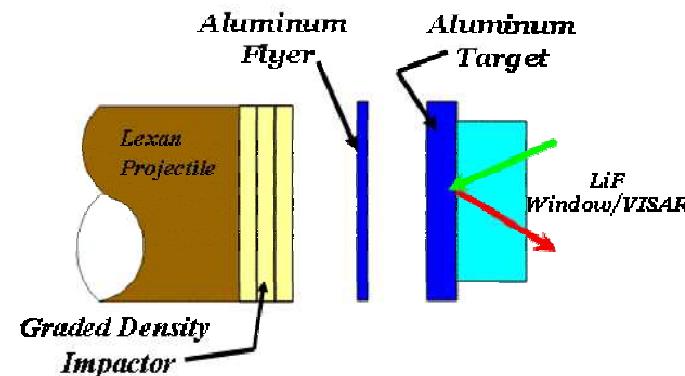
Experimental techniques used for unloading and reloading experiments to 160 GPa

- Symmetric impact conditions
 - 3-10 km/s impact velocity
 - Low impedance backing material or free surface generate release
 - High impedance backing generates reload
- VISAR diagnostics
 - High sensitivity (0.047 – 1.79 km/s/fr) used to resolve QE recompression
 - Particle velocity uncertainty of 0.1 – 1.0%
- Previous difficulties
 - Separation of impactor and backing material compromises reloading data

2-stage configuration



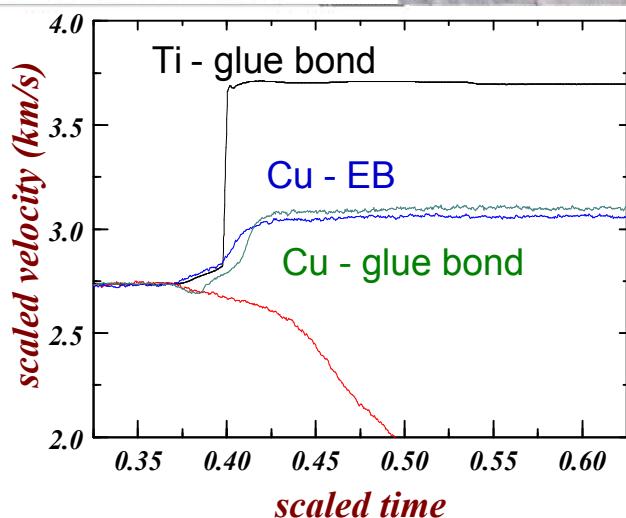
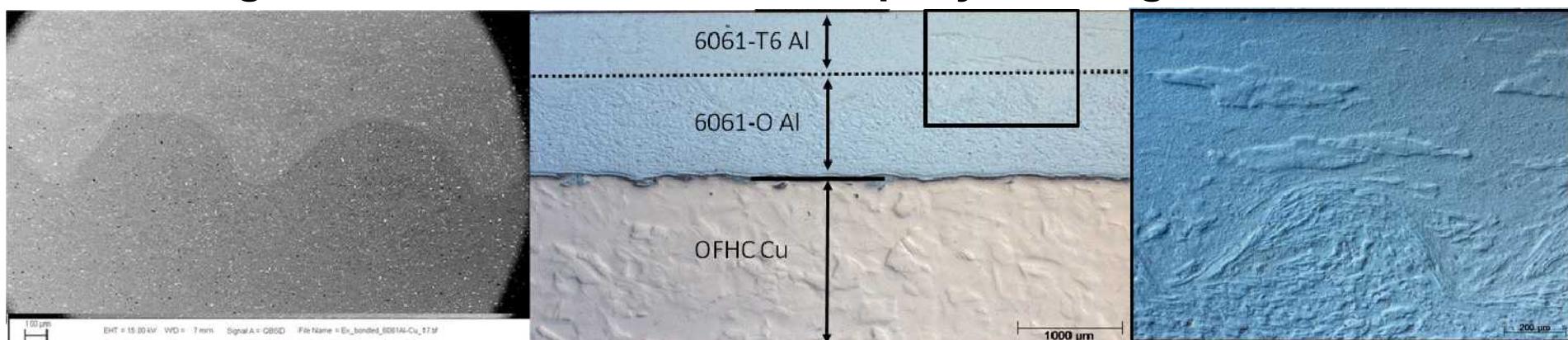
3-stage configuration





Explosively bonded (EB) impactors improve performance over epoxy bonds

- EB Cu backed Al used as impactors in the reload configuration
- No evidence of bond separation as observed previously with epoxy bonding



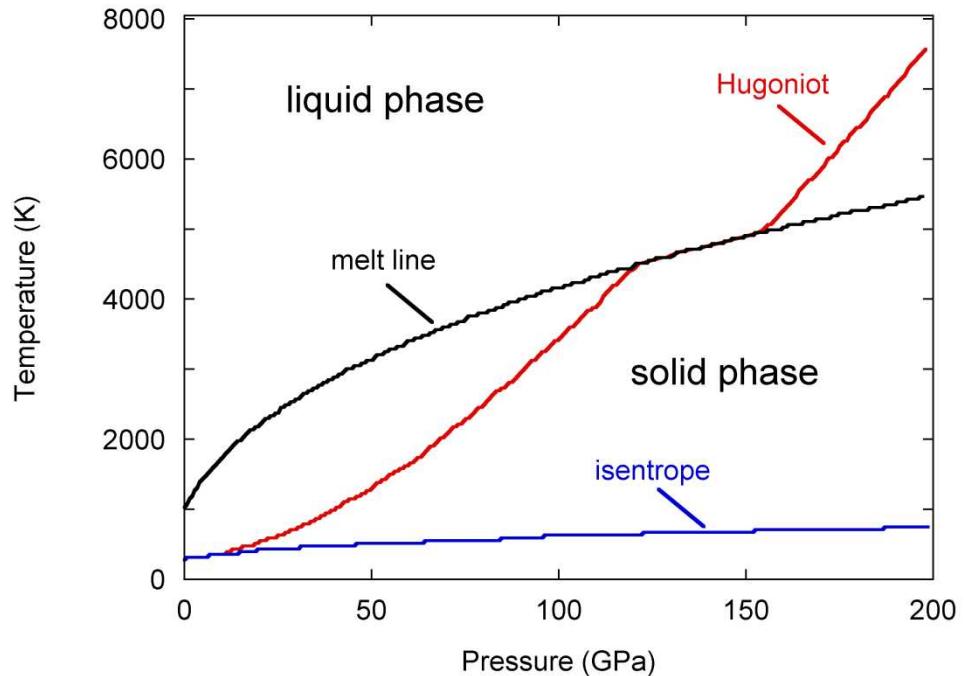
- Material supplied to SNL by B. Jensen (LANL)
- Material fabricated by High Energy Metals, Inc. (Sequim, WA)





Shock loaded aluminum has a mixed phase region between 120-160 GPa

- Material strength in shock induced solid-liquid coexistence regions has not been studied
- Solid-liquid coexistence is expected to influence strength
- Experimentally determined phase boundaries have some uncertainty (~5 GPa)





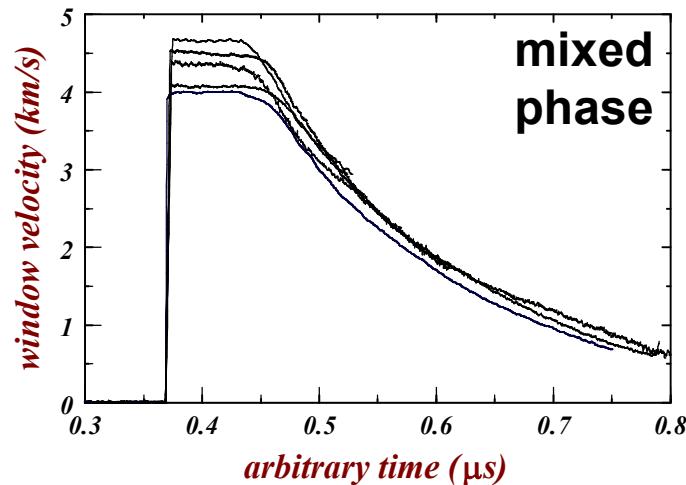
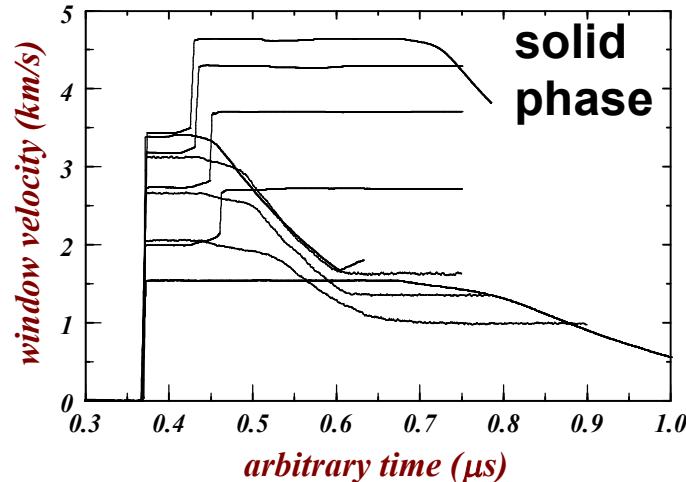
QE response observed in both unloading and reloading data

- **Two-stage shots**

- Unload/reload pairs performed at nearly identical shock conditions
- QE release (reload) portion of profile provides $\Delta\tau_u$ ($\Delta\tau_r$)

- **Three-stage shots**

- Reload has not yet been performed in the three-stage configuration
- However, release only at high pressures (115 – 161 GPa) provides a good estimate of strength as will be shown





$\Delta\tau$ is determined for unloading (reloading) from the QE portion of each wave profile

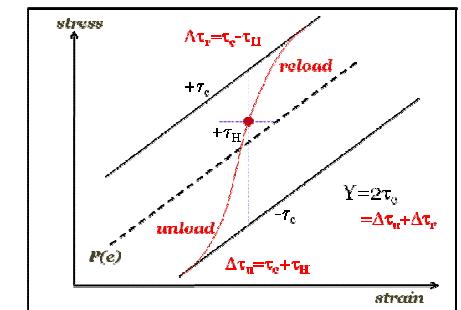
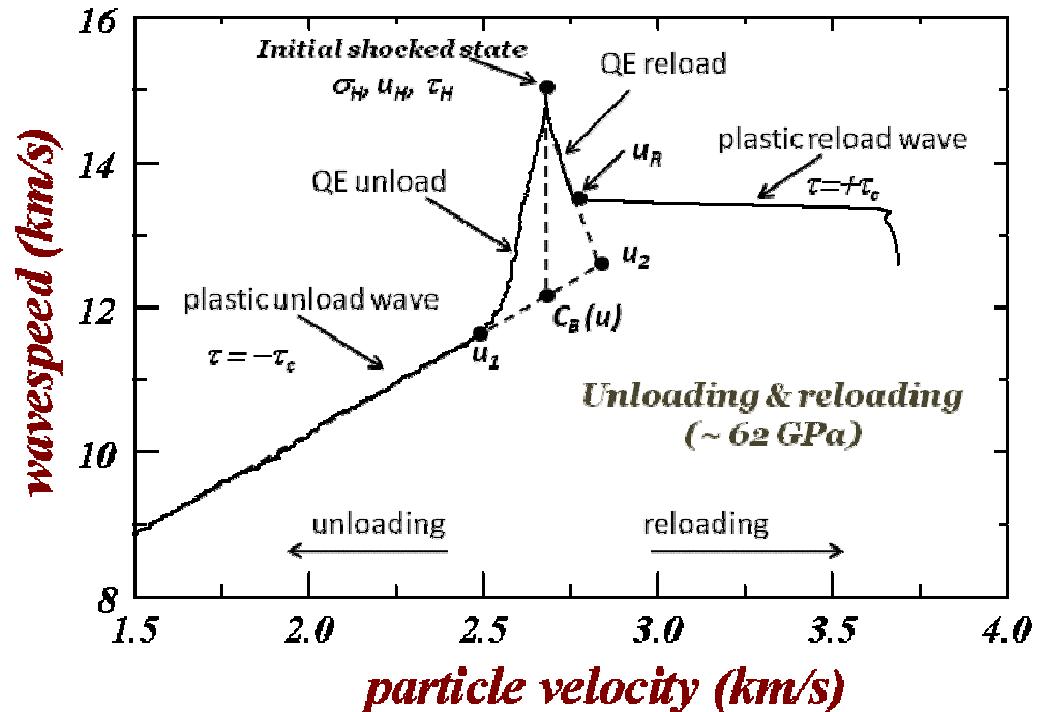
- Wave speed is calculated from the recorded VISAR profiles
- The resolved shear stress is given by

$$d\tau = \frac{3}{4} \rho_0 (c^2 - c_B^2) de$$

- Integrating with respect to u gives:

unload: $\Delta\tau_u = \tau_c + \tau_H = -\frac{3}{4} \rho_0 \int_{u_1}^{u_H} (c^2 - c_B^2) \frac{du}{c_L}$

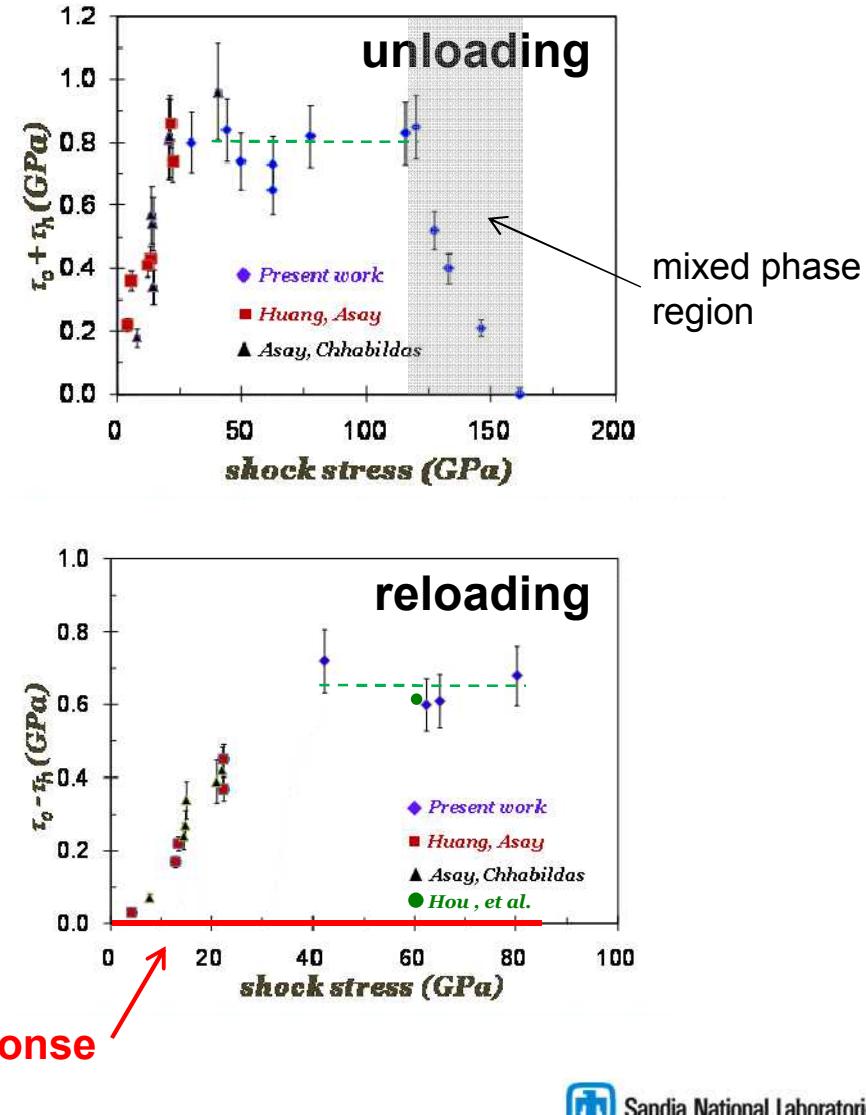
reload: $\Delta\tau_r = \tau_c - \tau_H = \frac{3}{4} \rho_0 \int_{u_H}^{u_2} (c^2 - c_B^2) \frac{du}{c_L}$





Measured $\Delta\tau$ shows a complex response above 40 GPa

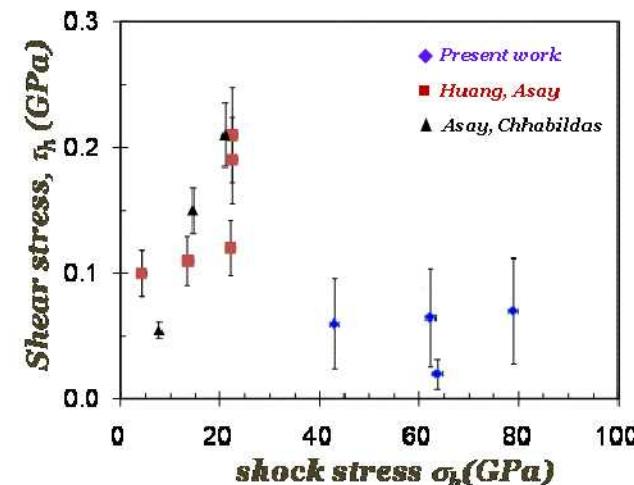
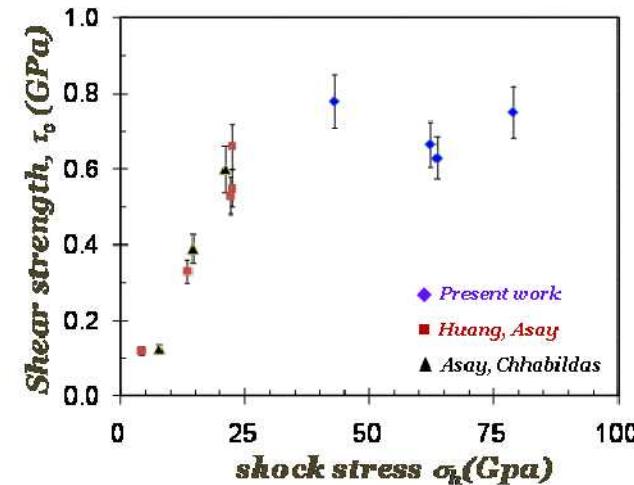
- Data is plotted with previous lower stress data
 - Data agree in overlap region (<40 GPa)
 - Essentially constant values seen between 40 GPa and onset of melt (\sim 120 GPa)
 - Steady decline of $\Delta\tau_u$ in the mixed phase region
- Reloading data is not consistent with EP response
- Taking sum and difference gives τ_c and τ_h





$\tau_h \neq \tau_c$ indicates failure of EP assumption

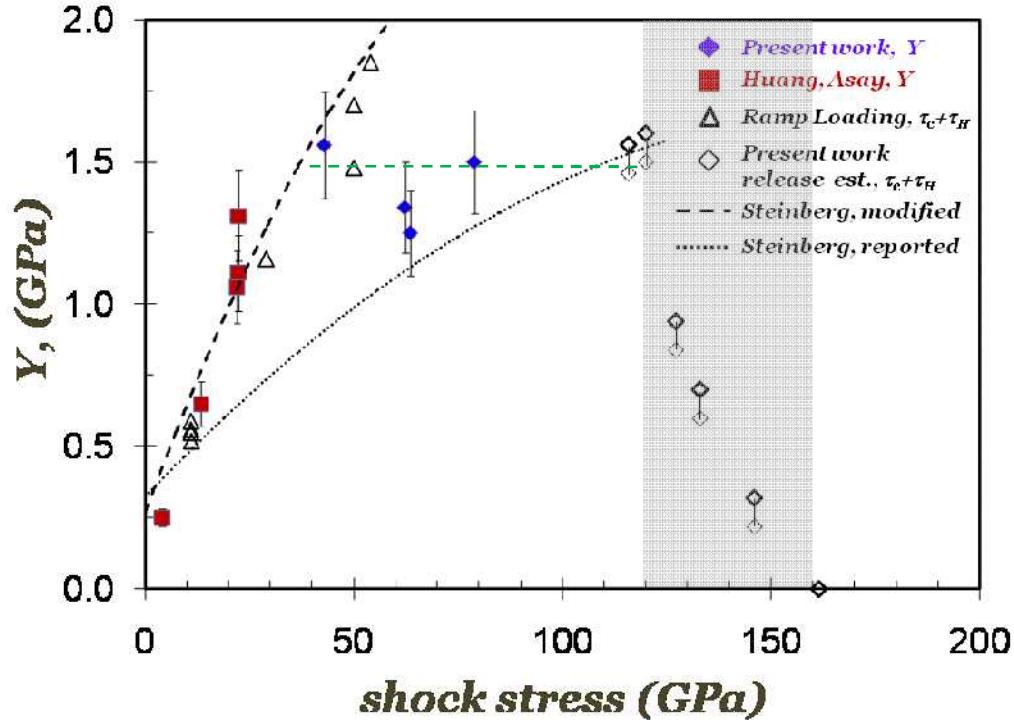
- Clearly the shock state is not on the upper yield surface ($\tau_h = \tau_c$)
- Strength ($Y=2\tau_c$) shows plateau above 40 GPa
- Corresponds to a collapse in τ_h toward the hydrostat
 - Note that while $\sim 75\%$ reduced from the peak value, $\tau_h > 0$
 - τ_h is expected to decay to zero in mixed phase region
 - » Small error in approximating $\Delta\tau_u = \tau_c + \tau_h \approx \tau_c$
 - » Allows release data to approximate strength in the mixed phase region
 - » Different than EP assumption where $\Delta\tau_u = 2\tau_c$





By measuring both τ_c and τ_h strength is determined without the EP assumption

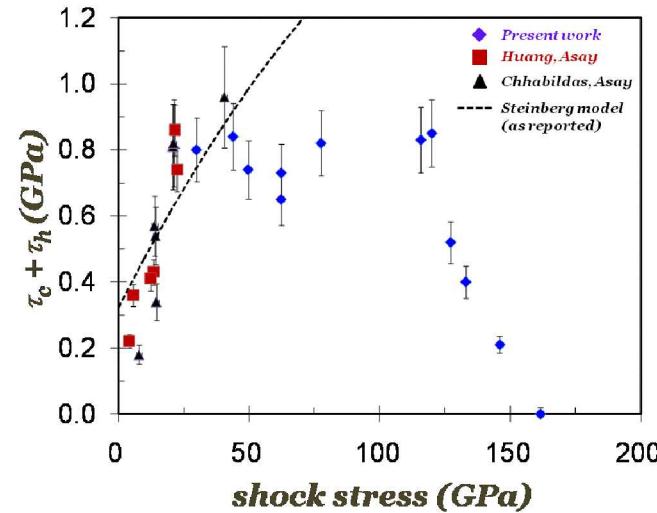
- When reloading data are considered, τ_c and τ_h are determined
- Strength, $Y = 2(\tau_c) \geq (\tau_c + \tau_h)$
- Resulting strength data are not well fit by the reported Steinberg model
- A modified model reported by Huang and Asay is a good fit to 40 GPa
- No strength models predict plateau



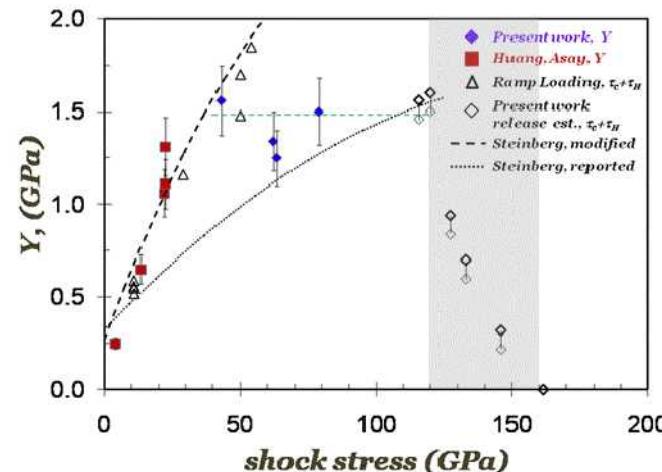


Discrepancies in the data have serious implications to existing strength models

- Steinberg model (and others) often based on unloading wave profile data $Y=(\tau_c + \tau_h)$
- Results presented here show that the EP assumptions are invalid in Al (for $\sigma > 40$ GPa)
 - Reloading data must be considered $Y=2(\tau_c)$
- Existing strength models may be off by as much as a factor of two
- New experimental data are required to correct or verify existing models



unloading data only



unloading and release data



Strength of aluminum was measured using both reloading and release experiments

- Utilizing reloading and release data, the shear components τ_c and τ_h were measured
- EP assumption that the shock state lies on the upper yield surface shown to be false for aluminum
- Measured strength is almost two times larger than estimates using release data only
- Existing strength models based on release data alone need to be revisited
- Initial properties of aluminum appear to influence high pressure response in contrast to low pressure response

