

# Phase Transitions in Aluminum Under Shockless Compression at the Z Machine

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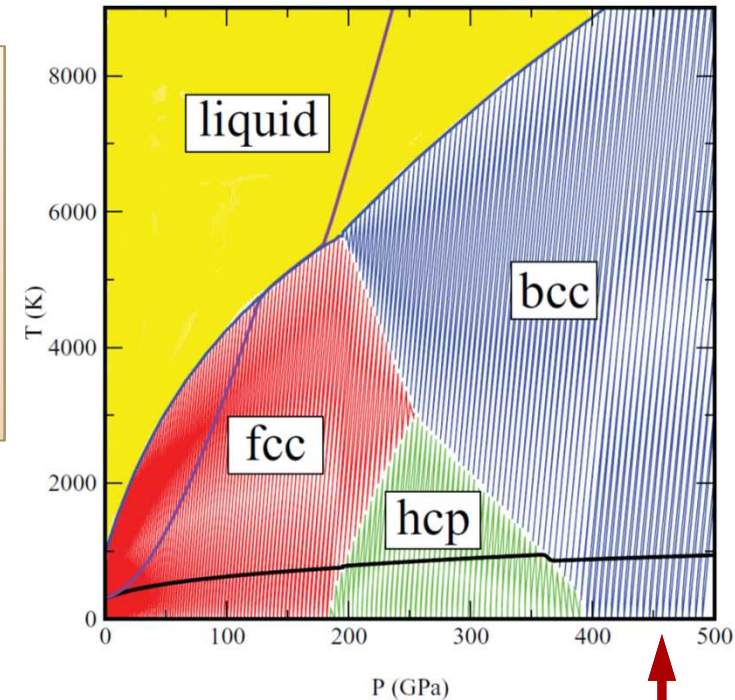
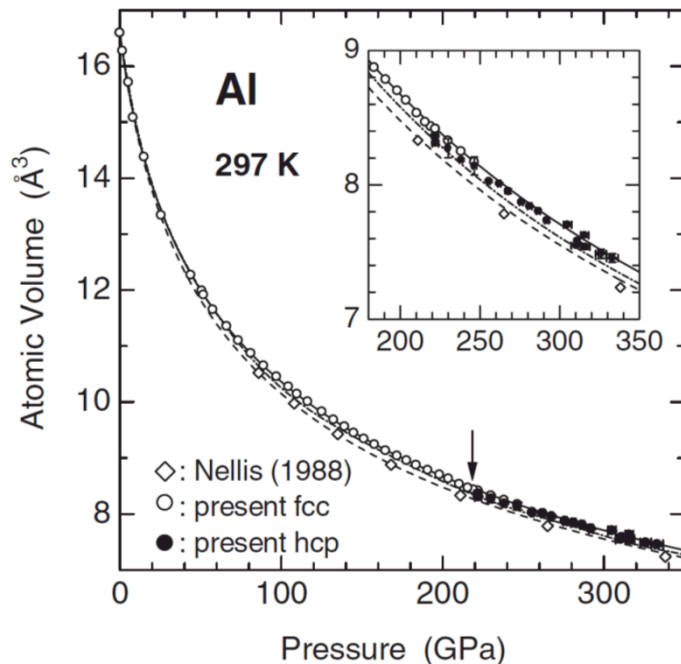
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# The existence of high-pressure solid structural phases in Al has long been theorized but only more recently observed

- Aluminum among simplest metals, ideal for testing theory
- Close-packed cubic structure and no 3d electron shell
- Used as standard in many dynamic compression experiments (guns, lasers, pulsed-power, ...)
- Theory predicts FCC → HCP → BCC progression with pressure
- Only two known observations of non-ambient structure



## Theory/Calculation:

AK McMahan & JA Moriarty, *Phys Rev B*, **27**, 3235 (1983)

GV Sin'ko & NA Smirnov, *J Phys Condens Matter* **14**, 6989 (2002)

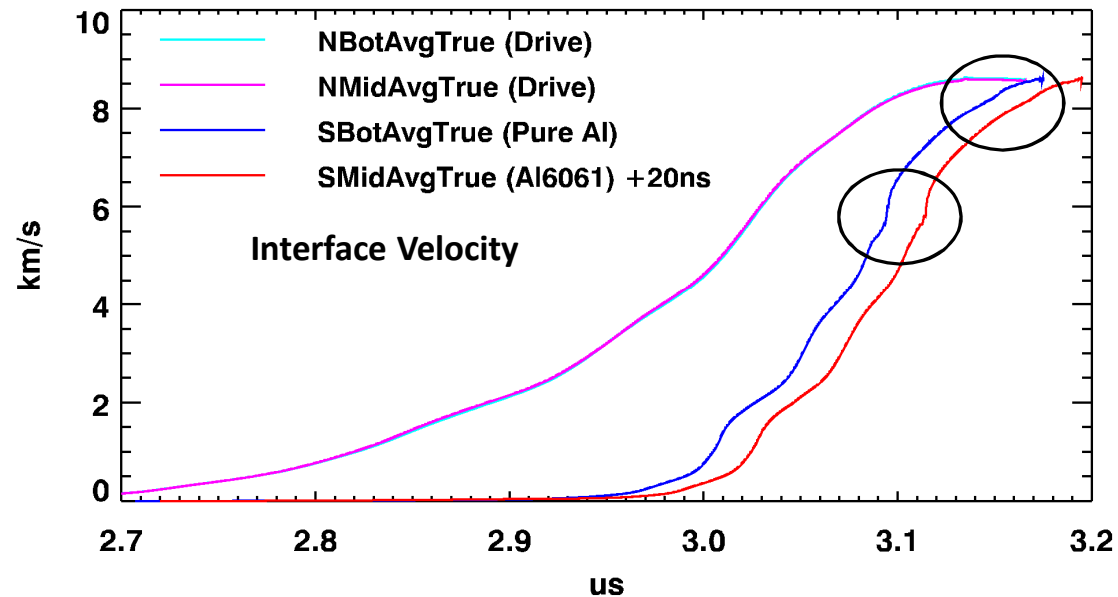
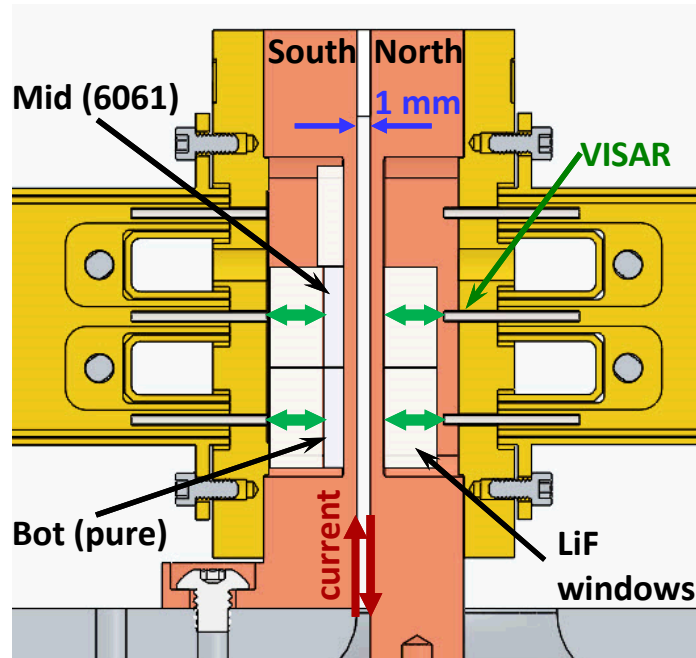
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## Experiment:

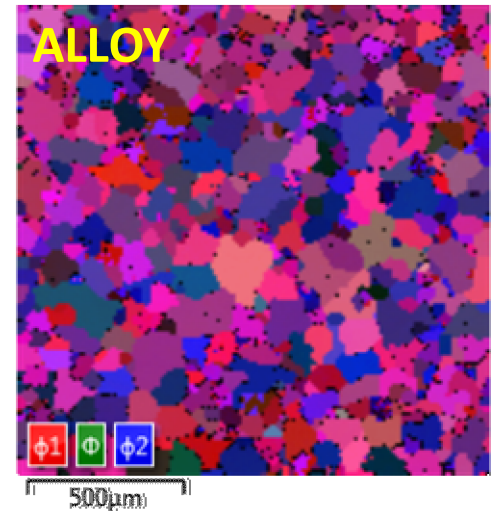
Y Akahama et al, *Phys Rev Lett* **96**, 045505 (2006)

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# Experiment Z2878 shocklessly compressed pure and alloy aluminum samples to approximately 400 GPa



- Narrow, tapered, copper stripline load on Z
- Thin electrodes couple more  $P_{\text{mag}}$  to sample
- Square samples, 95-kV charge voltage on Z
- Pure Al had significantly larger grain size
- True velocity from VISAR correction using non-linear refractive index of LiF\*



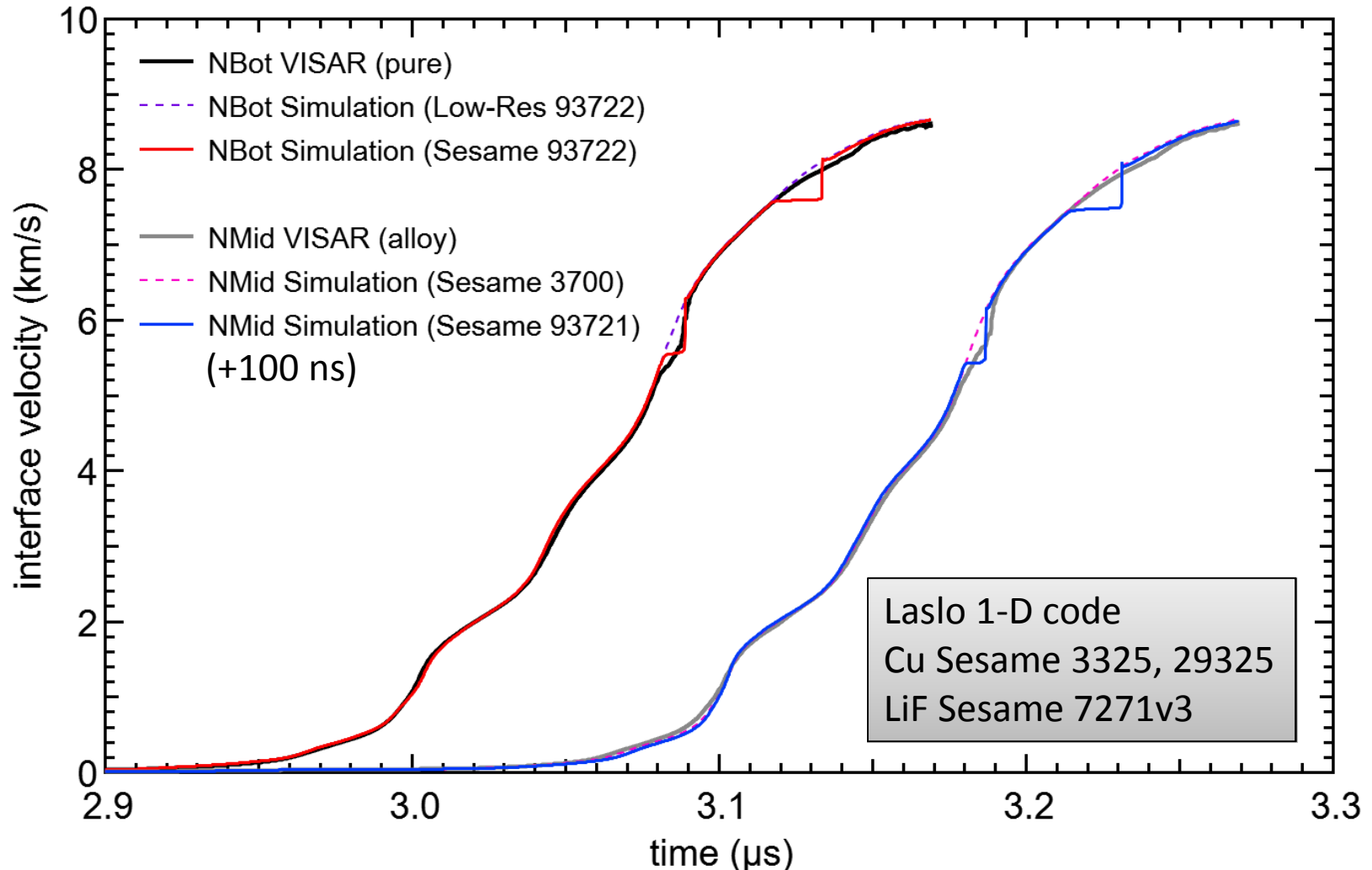
\*J-P Davis et al, *J Appl Phys* **120**, 165901 (2016)

# Velocity waveforms in good agreement with recent multi-phase tabular EOS from Los Alamos National Laboratory

Sesame 93722 = Al-1100 ( $\geq 99\%$  pure)

Sesame 93721 = Al-6061 ( $\approx 96\text{-}98\%$  pure)

*T Sjostrum et al, Phys Rev B* **94**, 144101 (2016)



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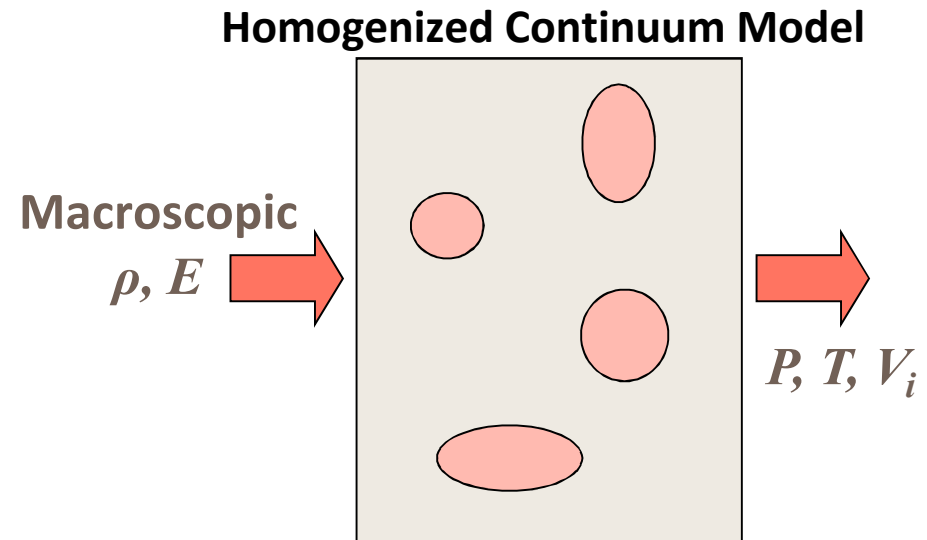
$$\sum_i \lambda_i = 1$$

phase mass fractions

$$\dot{\lambda}_i = \sum_j (\lambda_j R_{ji} - \lambda_i R_{ij})$$

transformation rates

$$R_{ij} = \nu_{ij} \theta(G_i - G_j) \exp((G_i - G_j)^2 / B_{ij})$$



PA Rigg et al, *J Appl Phys* **106**, 123532 (2009)



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$$P(V, T) = \frac{3B_0}{X^2} Z \exp(\eta_0 Z) \left( 1 + \sum_{n=2}^N d_n Z^n \right) + \alpha_0 B_0 (T - T_{ref})$$

$$X = \left( \frac{V}{V_0} \right)^{1/3}, \quad Z = (1 - X), \quad \eta_0 = \frac{3}{2} (B'_0 - 1)$$

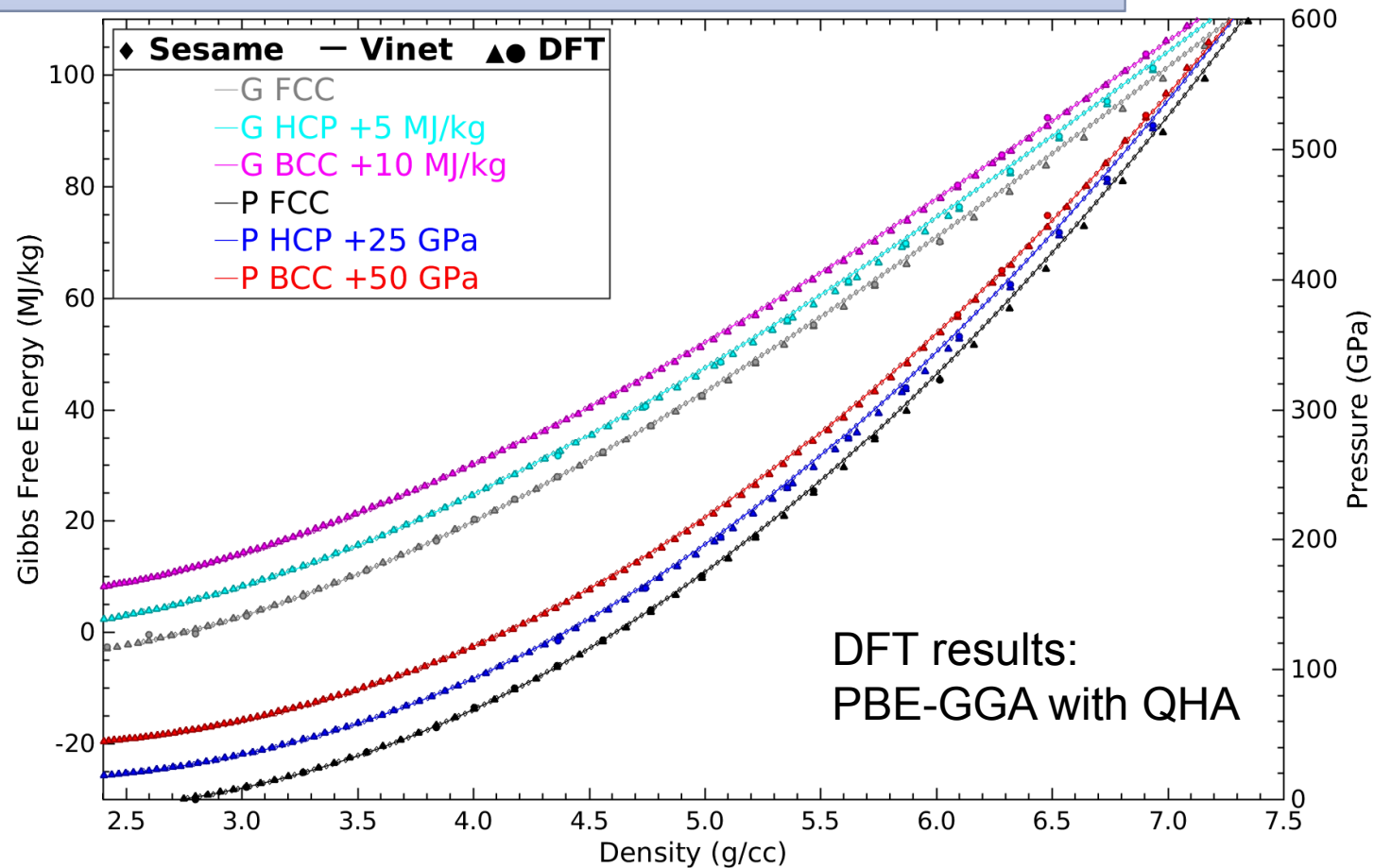
$$E(V, T) = 9 \frac{B_0 V_0}{\eta_0^2} \left\{ f_0 - \exp(\eta_0 Z) \left[ f_0 - \eta_0 Z \left( f_0 + \sum_{n=1}^N f_n Z^n \right) \right] \right\} - \alpha_0 B_0 V_0 (1 - X^3) T_{ref} + c_{V_0} (T - T_{ref})$$

$$f_N = d_N, \quad f_n = d_n - \frac{n+2}{\eta_0} f_{n+1}, \quad d_0 = 1, \quad d_1 = 0$$

*P Vinet et al, J Phys Condens Matter* **1**, 1941 (1989)  
*Alegra User Manual (SAND2016-11878)*

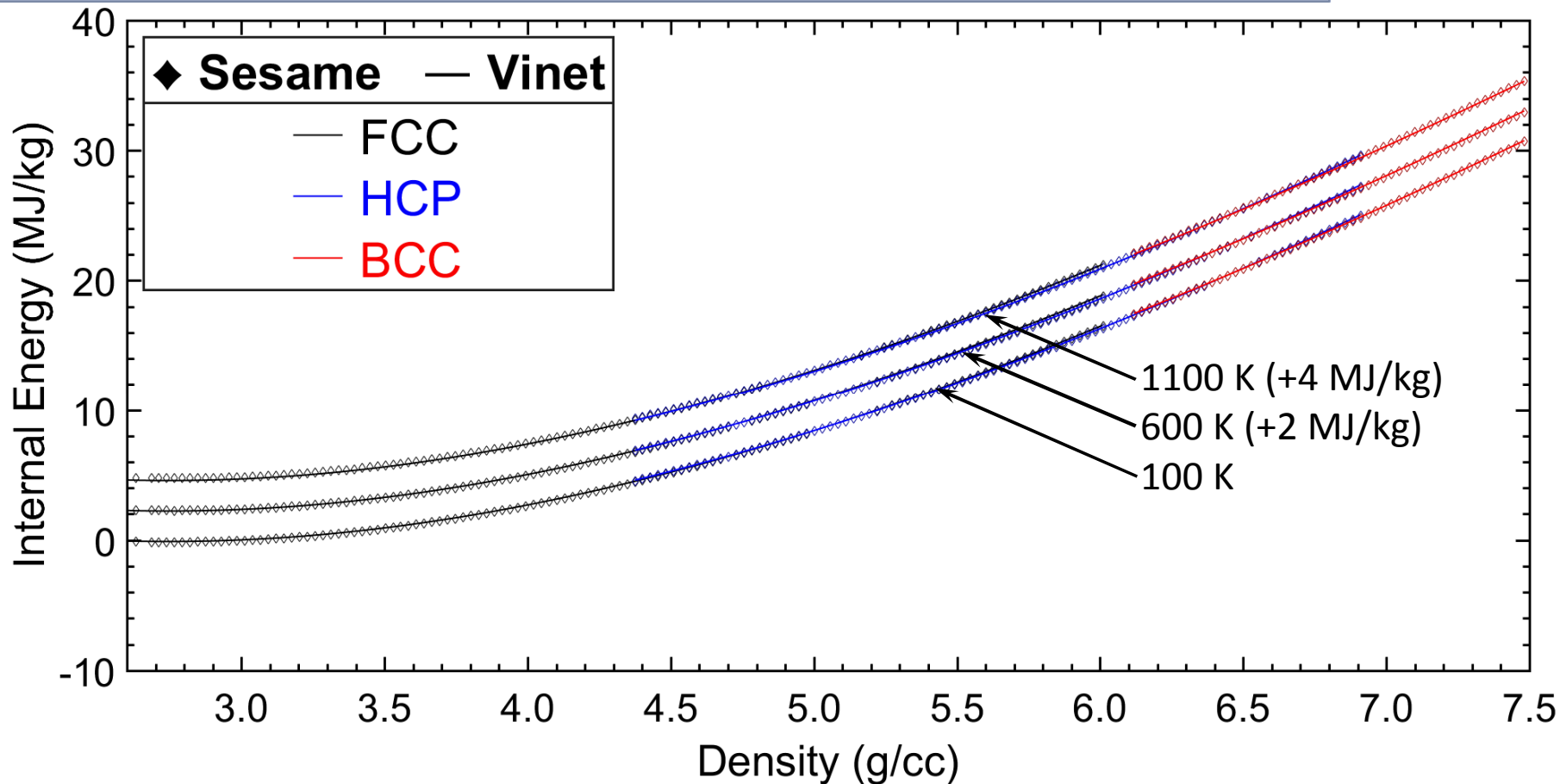
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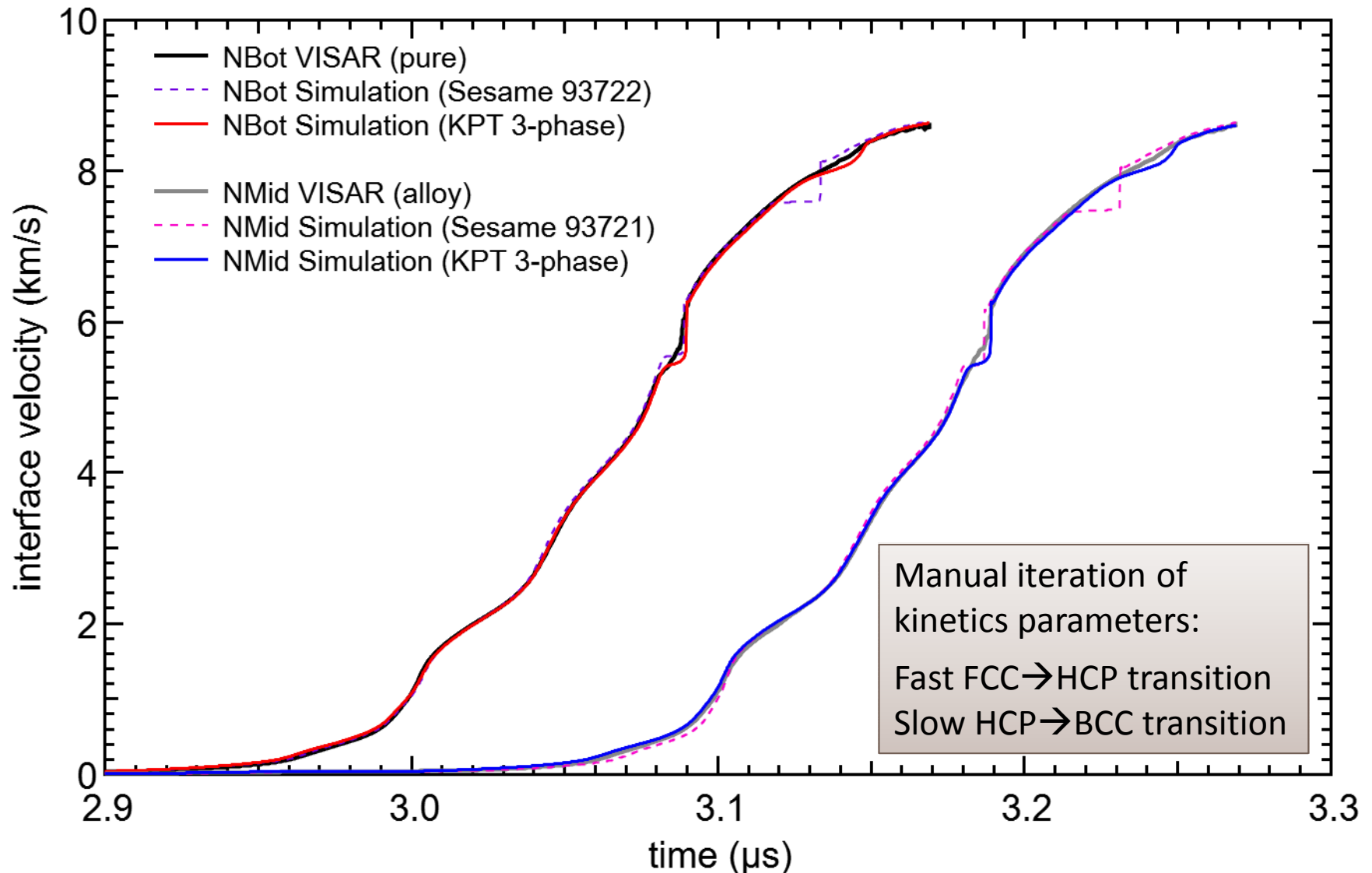
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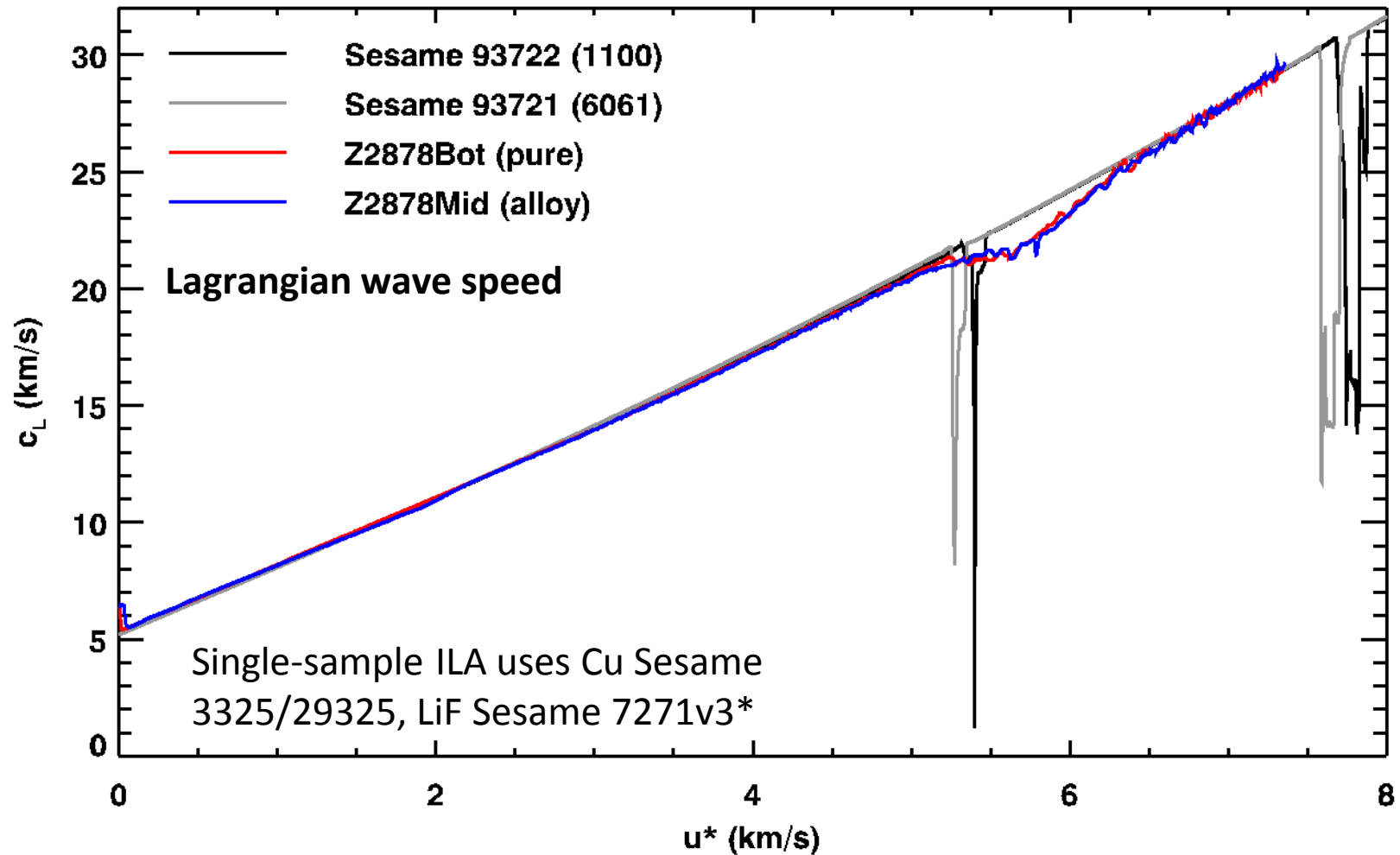




# Simulations using Kinetic Phase Transition (KPT) model and individual-phase Vinet fits improve agreement with data



# Single-sample Iterative Lagrangian Analysis (ILA) of Z data captures post-transition HCP compressibility



- Velocimetry of pure and alloy aluminum shocklessly compressed to  $> 400$  GPa
- Good agreement with new multi-phase tabular EOS
- Agreement improves using Kinetics Phase-Transition model with Vinet fit to tables
- Clear indication of fast FCC  $\rightarrow$  HCP transition at expected stress of  $\sim 200$  GPa
- Possible indication of slow/delayed HCP  $\rightarrow$  BCC transition

## **Future Work:**

- Automated calibration of kinetics parameters at fixed individual-phase EOS
- UQ to determine statistical significance of possible HCP  $\rightarrow$  BCC velocity signature
- Implementation of tabular individual-phase EOS in Laslo KPT model
- More DFT calculations using QMC and anharmonic contributions
- Shock-ramp experiments to probe phase boundaries below and above triple-point