Compressional sound velocity, equation of state, and constitutive response of shock-compressed magnesium oxide

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Abstract. Wave profile and equation of state (EOS) data are reported for low-porosity polycrystalline magnesium oxide under shock compression. The Hugoniot equation of state between 14 and 133 GPa is $\rho_0 = 6.87(10) + 1.24(4)n$, where the numbers in parentheses are one standard deviation uncertainties in the last digit(s). Reverse-impact wave profiles constrain the compressional sound velocity, $V_p$, at 10-27 GPa to ±2%. Measured $V_p$ values are consistent with ultrasonic data extrapolated from 1 GPa. By combining the Hugoniot results with ultrasonic data, the adiabatic bulk modulus and its first and second pressure derivatives at constant entropy are $162.5(2)\text{ GPa}$, $4.09(9)$, and $-0.019(4)\text{ GPa}^{\text{v}^{-1}}$. The shear modulus and its first and second pressure derivatives are $130.8(2)\text{ GPa}$, $2.5(1)$, and $-0.026(4)\text{ GPa}^{\text{v}^{-1}}$. Polycrystalline MgO has a compressive yield strength of 1.6-1.8 GPa at the elastic limit which increases to 2.7(8) GPa along the Hugoniot and is similar at unloading. Wave profiles for MgO at 10-39 GPa are described using a modified elastic-plastic model. There are significant differences in the dynamic response of single-crystal and polycrystalline MgO.

Introduction

The most direct approach for understanding the composition and structure of the Earth's deep interior is through measurement of elastic wave velocities in minerals and metals at high pressures and temperatures. Laterally averaged seismic wave velocities are known to better than 1% throughout the Earth [e.g., 1990]. Small lateral deviations of seismic wave velocities have also now been extensively documented [Brown et al., 1991]. Under static pressure, there are few measurements of elastic wave velocities above 1 GPa is minerals of planetary interest.

Sound velocities in shock-compressed materials were first measured by Atteia [1990]. Subsequent work of particular geophysical significance included the study of Fe by Brown and McQueen [1989]. Sound velocities measured under shock compression have been used to place experimental constraints on the temperature coefficient of compressional velocity at ~120 GPa [Duffy and Ahrens, 1992, 1994a]. This is an important quantity for interpretation of seismic tomography. In this study, the effect of pressure on compressional wave velocity is studied in shock-compressed MgO to 27 GPa. The results provide a test of finite strain extrapolation and place constraints on higher-order elastic constants. We report direct measurements of the compressional wave speed in a potentially significant lower mantle material at lower mantle pressures.

MgO has been the subject of extensive theoretical and experimental study as a result of its wide pressure and temperature stability range and simple structure. While single-crystal MgO has been studied previously under shock compression, we report the first equation of state (EOS) and wave profile measurements on low-porosity polycrystalline MgO. Significant differences in the shock response of polycrystals and single crystals have been identified in several materials [Mashino, 1993]. There has also been much recent interest in the dynamic properties of ceramics whose response to dynamic compression appears to be quite variable but is largely unknown [e.g., Rosenthal, 1992; Mashino, 1993]. An abbreviated report of this work is given by Duffy and Ahrens [1994a].

Experimental Method

Samples

Polycrystalline MgO samples were obtained (Cercom Incorporated, Vista, California) as 1.25-inch-diameter hot-pressed disks. The manufacturer's specifications indicated that the density was within 1% of crystal density and chemical purity was greater than 99.6%. The latter was confirmed by electron microprobe analysis.
which revealed a small amount of CaO (~0.3%) and no other impurities at detectable levels. Bulk densities were measured by weighing the ~10 g samples with a microbalance sensitive to ± 10^-4 g. The average crystal density was found by Archimedes immersion to be 2.571(4) g/cm³, and the average bulk density was 2.562(6) g/cm³, which are within 0.4% and 0.3%, respectively, of the X-ray density of 2.564 g/cm³. The numbers in parenthesis are one standard deviation un- certainty in the last digit. Optical examination of thin sections revealed a structure of colorless, roughly equant grains with approximate dimensions of 3 μm. Sample flattened variations were less than 0.61 mm.

Ultrasonic sound velocity measurements were performed along the cylindrical axis (in the direction of shock wave propagation) by S. M. Rigden at Australian National University. Measurements between 30 and 70 MiFs revealed little dispersion in velocity (± 0.053 km/s) and a computational wave velocity of 9.41(3) km/s. This is 1.19 times the Voigt-Reuss-Hill average for a single crystal of this material [Jackson and Nield, 1962]. This difference exceeds the Voigt and Reuss bounds on the sound velocity and probably results from internal strains, small amounts of impurities, or preferred orientation. These effects all occur in poly crystalline MgO samples [Popat et al., 1987; Schreiber and Anderson, 1968; Speetler and Anderson, 1971].

Equation of State Experiments

Equation of state experiments were conducted using both a propellant and a light gas gun. The 40-mm bore propellant gun could launch ~100 g projectiles to velocities up to 2.5 km/s, while the two-stage light gas gun can accelerate ~20 g projectiles to 6.5 km/s. Projectile velocity was measured by recording X-ray shadowgraphs immediately prior to impact. The MgO targets were mounted on tantalum or aluminum 2024 driver plates and placed in an evacuated (~10^-9 torr Hg) sample chamber. Two pairs of flat mirrors were mounted on the rear surface of the target and driver. An inclined wedge was mounted in the center of the target. Light from a 10-kV Xe flash lamp was directed onto the rear of the target, and reflected light was returned to a continuous writing streak camera. Stock wave velocities were measured by recording the reduction in reflected light intensity due to the destruction of the mirrors by the shock front and by the change in extinction angle of the inclined wedge. Further details are given by Aperia [1987].

Wave Profile Experiments

A series of wave profile measurements was undertaken using shock wave velocimetry. These measurements yield a continuous record of particle velocity at a sample interface during both the loading and unloading cycles of the experiments. The method for recording particle velocity histories was the velocity interferometer system for any reflector (VISAR) [Barker and Hollenbach, 1972]. In this technique, 200-300 mW of light from an Ar+ ion laser is focused onto a diffusely reflecting surface. Target motion induces a Doppler shift in the reflected laser light which generates interference fringes in a wide-angle Michelson interferometer. The fringes are recorded using photomultiplier tubes and digital oscillograph. The relationship between surface velocity and number of fringes is [Barker and Hollenbach, 1972]:

\[ u(\tau) = \frac{\tau}{2} = kF(\tau) \]

where \( u \) is the particle velocity, \( \tau \) is the time, \( \tau \) is the lag time (~1 ms) of the interferometer, \( k \) is the velocity-per-fringe constant, and \( F(\tau) \) is the number of fringes recorded up to time \( \tau \). The fringe constant \( k \) can range from ~100 m/s/fringe to over 1 km/s/fringe and is controlled by inserting fused silica plates in one arm of the interferometer. The VISAR we constructed is similar to that described by Barker and Hollenbach [1972]. We also incorporated the push-pull modification and data reduction algorithms of Heming [1970] and the polarization-randomization scheme of Asay and Barker [1974].

Two types of impact geometries, forward and reverse, were used. The reverse-impact experimental setup is illustrated in Figure 1a. In this arrangement, the sample is impacted in the projectile and used to impact a thin aluminum buffer with an 1/4 in window exposed to it. The VISAR monitors the interface between the window and buffer. An array of electrical shorting pins is used as part of a capacitor-discharge circuit to trigger recording instrumentation and to measure impact planarity. The sample is backed by low-density foam which serves to introduce an unloading wave into the specimen. A Lagrangian wave propagation diagram for the reverse-impact experiments is shown in Figure 1b. As impact (t = 0), an elastic precursor and a shock wave propagate through the sample, and a shock travels through the buffer. It is assumed here that the impact stress is sufficient to overdrive the precursor in aluminum but not sufficient to overdrive the precursor in MgO. At time \( t_1 \), the shock reaches the buffer-window interface and is recorded by the VISAR. The sligt impedance contrast between LiF and aluminum causes a weak reflection to propagate through the aluminum which returns to the reflecting surface at \( t_2 \). The elastic precursor travels through the sample reaches the sample-buffer interface, reflects from it as a rarefaction wave, and interacts with the incoming shock. The shock wave does not reflect from the foam interface and produces a rarefaction which fur-

![Figure 1a. Reverse-impact experimental geometry.](image-url)
Figure 1b. Lagrangian distance-time diagram for reverse-impact experiments. The sample-foam boundary is at left edge of figure. $v_{fo}$ is elastic precursor velocity, $u_{sh}$ is shock velocity, $v_s$ is compressional sound velocity, $t_1$-$t_4$ are wave arrival times. $h_o$ is the point where reflected precursor and direct shock interact. The subscript $f$ and $s$ refer to the buffer and to the sample, respectively.

ther unloads the material. The unloading of the sample is recorded as a decrease in particle velocity beginning at $t_3$.

The forward impact experimental setup is shown in Figure 2a. In this case, the flyer plate impacts a sample to which a thin aluminum buffer has been epoxied. Sample-buffer and buffer-window epoxy layers were ~10 µm thick in all VISAR experiments. A Lagrangian distance-time diagram for this geometry is shown in Figure 2b. Symmetric impact results in an elastic precursor followed by a plastic shock propagating through both the MgO flyer and the MgO sample. The impendence contrast between the sample and buffer causes a partial unloading wave (dashed lines) to propagate back through the sample. The precursor and shock travel through the buffer and reach the buffer-window interface at $t_1$ and $t_2$. The impendence contrast between the buffer and window has been neglected in this analysis. The elastic precursor in the flyer eventually reaches the back surface and reflects from it. It interacts with the oncoming shock wave at position $h_1$ and later interacts with the buffer-sample reflection at $h_2$. It reaches the buffer-window surface at $t_3$ and produces a decrease in particle velocity. Subsequently, the unloading fan from

Figure 2a. Forward-impact experimental geometry.

the shock front arrives and further reduces the particle velocity.

The forward impacts have the disadvantage that the unloading portion of the waveform is significantly affected by wave interactions generated at the sample-buffer interface. Those interactions are eliminated in the reverse geometry allowing determination of the unloading wave speed. The peak stress attainable in the reverse-impact arrangement using an Al buffer is limited to ~27 GPa with the present 46-mm gun. The initial conditions for the VISAR experiments are listed in Tables 1 and 2.

Results

For the EOS experiments, the shock and flyer velocities were combined with impedance matching [Abers, 1987] and the Rankine-Hugoniot equations to constrain the particle velocity, stress, and density of the shock-compressed state (Table 3). The EOS properties of the flyer and driver plates are listed in Table 4. The elastic precursor was resolved in one experiment from which a precursor velocity of 9.77(12) km/s was obtained, which agrees with the ultrasonically measured sound velocity. The equation of state results are shown in Figures 3 and 4.

The buffer-window particle velocity histories measured in the reverse impacts are shown in Figure 5a. The sharp jump in particle velocity is the arrival of the shock front ($t_1$). This is followed by the velocity plateau where some variations in particle velocity are evident. This may reflect differential motion of grains, material reorganization, or heterogeneous faulting and has been observed previously in velocity profile measurements on ceramics [Kipp and Credé, 1989]. Aluminum buffers were used to smooth out such irregularities. The arrival of the unloading wave produces a decrease in particle velocity starting at $t_3$ which displays an S-shaped struct-
Table 1. Summary of Reverse-Impact Experiments

<table>
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Numbers in parentheses are one standard deviation uncertainties in the last digit(s).

The table data reveals the following:
- The density $\rho_s$ values range from 3.55 to 3.56 g/cm$^2$.
- The thickness values range from 2.68 to 2.69 mm.
- The velocity values range from 2.09 to 2.68 km/s.
- The peak stress values range from 1.02 to 2.36 GPa.

The table indicates that the impact samples, MgO and Al 6061 Buffer, show significant variations in density and thickness, while the LiF Window thickness values are consistently lower. The velocity and peak stress values suggest a range of impact conditions, possibly altering the shock wave propagation.

Table 2. Summary of Forward-Impact Experiments

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The table data reveals the following:
- The density $\rho_s$ values range from 3.55 to 3.83 g/cm$^2$.
- The thickness values range from 2.67 to 3.02 mm.
- The velocity values range from 2.67 to 2.68 km/s.
- The peak stress values range from 4.02 to 4.02 GPa.

The table indicates that the impact samples, Flyer and MgO Sample, show significant variations in density and thickness, while the Al 6061 Buffer thickness values are consistently lower. The velocity and peak stress values suggest a range of impact conditions, possibly altering the shock wave propagation.

The text accompanying the tables discusses the experimental setup and results, focusing on the shock wave propagation and material properties. The tables provide a summary of the experimental findings, with the MgO sample showing a higher density compared to the Flyer and Al 6061 Buffer samples. The velocity and peak stress data indicate a range of impact conditions, which could be varied to study different material responses to shock waves.


Only experiments in which the reverberation arrival was clearly evident were used here. Lagrangian velocities were converted to Eulerian velocities (ip by multiplying...
Table 3. Results of Equation of State Experiments

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<th>Shot</th>
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<th>(u_p), km/s</th>
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Here \(u_p\) is the impact velocity, \(u_p\) is the particle velocity, \(U_p\) is the shock velocity, \(V_p\) is the elastic precursor velocity, and the subscript zero refers to ambient pressure conditions. Numbers in parentheses are one standard deviation uncertainties in the last digit(s).

The Hugoniot compressional velocities determined for the buffer material, Al 6061, are shown in Figure 6. Also shown are some Al 6061 sound velocities determined in separate experiments (T. S. Duffy, unpublished data) as well as data of *Asgs* and *Chisholm* [1981] for this material. The variation of \(V_p\) with Hugoniot stress in Al 6061 (Figure 6) can be described by

\[
in V_p = 1.8776 + 0.0303 \ln \sigma + 0.0171 \sigma^2, \tag{4}\n\]

where \(V_p\) is in km/s and \(\sigma\) is in GPa. The Eulerian unloading velocities in MgO determined from (2) are shown in Figure 7 where the axial stress has been converted to mean pressure. Uncertainties in the velocities are typically \pm 2%.

**Discussion**

**Equation of state**

While single-crystal and porous polycrystalline MgO have been studied extensively using shock techniques, the present study represents the first EOS determination for low- porosity (<1%) polycrystalline MgO. A least squares fit to the single-crystal MgO data listed by *March* [1989] yields (Figure 3)

\[
U_p = 6.61(5) + 1.36(2) \sigma_p. \tag{6}\n\]

The intercept of the \(U_p-\sigma_p\) relation corresponds to the bulk sound velocity for a material undergoing no high-pressure phase change. For MgO, the bulk velocity from ultrasonic data (*Jackson* and *Nieder* [1965]) is 6.73(1) km/s, which is 1.8% above the \(U_p-\sigma_p\) intercept.

There is considerable evidence that single-crystal MgO has little or no strength when shocked above its elastic limit of 2.5 GPa. The Hugoniot stress-density states are nearly coincident with a 200 K hydrostatic compression curve at low stresses (Figure 4). The static isotherm was computed using ultrasonic elasticity data (*Jackson* and *Nieder*, 1992) corrected to isothermal conditions and approximated using the Birch-Murnaghan equation. Collapse to the hydrotat is also supported by features observed in wave profiles recorded for single-crystal MgO at stresses of 5-11 GPa (*Gredy*, 1977). These include stress relaxation behind the precursor, shock velocities below the local bulk sound speed, and inferred stress-density states coincident with the hydrotat. These features are characteristic of strength collapse in brittle single crystals (*Mashima*, 1993).

A least squares fit to the Hugoniot data for polycrystalline MgO yields (Figure 3)

\[
U_p = 6.87(10) + 1.24(4) \sigma_p, \tag{7}\n\]

which is significantly different from the fit to the single-crystal data. The intercept here lies above the ultrasonic bulk sound speed, which is commonly observed in materials with significant shear strength along the Hugoniot (*McQueen* et al., 1970). Comparison with the 300 K hydrotat shows that Hugoniot states for polycrystalline MgO lie above the hydrotat at low stresses.

**Table 4. Equation of State Standards**

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Material</th>
<th>(\rho_0), g/cm³</th>
<th>(\sigma_0), GPa</th>
<th>(\beta)</th>
<th>(\gamma)</th>
<th>(\gamma_0)</th>
<th>(Y), GPa</th>
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<td>6.9(18)</td>
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Here \(\rho_0\) and \(\sigma_0\) are Hugoniot equation of state constants, \(\beta\) is the Grüneisen parameter, \(\gamma_0\) is Poisson's ratio, and \(Y\) is the yield strength. The references for Hugoniot properties are 1, this study; 2, *March* [1989]; and 3, *Mitchell* and *Nelis* [1981]. The numbers in parentheses are one standard deviation uncertainties in the last digit(s).
Figure 3. Shock velocity-particle velocity data for MgO. Solid symbols are data of this study. The triangle is bulk sound velocity from ultrasonic data. Solid curve is a least squares fit to polycrystalline data, and dashed curve is a fit to single-crystal data.

An estimate of the shear strength can be made from the stress differences between the Hugoniot and isochromat after thermal and porosity effects have been subtracted using the Mie-Grüneisen equation. For the three lowest stress data, the average corrected stress difference between the Hugoniot and isochromat is 1.8(0) GPa. The yield strength, $Y$, can then be determined using

$$ Y = \frac{3}{2}(\sigma - P) $$

where $\sigma$ is the axial stress and $P$ is the pressure.

For polycrystalline MgO, this yields $Y = 2.7(0)$ GPa at stresses of 14.56 GPa. Thus the EOS data reveal significant differences in the behavior of single-crystal and polycrystalline MgO. Similar differences have been observed in the shock response of other oxides such as Al$_2$O$_3$ and ZrO$_2$ [Grady, 1977; Mashino, 1993].

It is of interest to compare the dynamic yield strength of MgO with recent static measurements in the diamond anvil cell and multi-anvil press. Meade and Jeanloz [1988] measured static shear stresses in the range of 1-4 GPa at pressures of 10-40 GPa in diamond anvil cell experiments on MgO. More recently, measurements of the static strength of MgO to 227 GPa have shown that the strength is at least 11 GPa at this pressure [Duffy et al., submitted manuscript]. Microscopic yield strengths of 2-4 GPa were obtained in multi-anvil experiments on MgO to 500°C at 8 GPa [Weidner et al., 1984]. The dynamic yield strength obtained here are similar to static values despite large differences in strain rates between static and dynamic experiments. Differences in the strength of single and polycrystals of MgO were also observed under static conditions [Meade and Jeanloz, 1988].

Reduction of the Hugoniot data to an adiabat was carried out using Mie-Grüneisen theory [Heinz and Jeanloz, 1988].

Figure 4. Stress-density states in shock compressed MgO. The ambient pressure density is shown by the triangle. The solid curve is the polycrystalline Hugoniot, and the dashed curve is the 300 K isochromat computed from extrapolated ultrasonic data.
Table 5. Elastic and Thermodynamic Properties of MgO

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References are 1, Jackson and Misera [1982]; 2, Sumino et al. [1983]; 3, this study; and 4, assumed. Numbers in parentheses are one standard deviation uncertainties in the last digit(s).

\[
f = \frac{1}{2} \left( \left( \frac{P}{\rho_0} \right)^{2/3} - 1 \right).
\]

The normalized pressure \(F\) is

\[
F = \frac{P}{\psi_0(1 + 2\theta P/\psi_0)}.
\]

Truncation of (9) after the linear strain term yields the third-order Birch-Murnaghan equation, while inclusion of the quadratic term gives the fourth-order form.

Figure 7. Compressional wave velocities in MgO. Solid symbols are polycrystalline MgO, and open symbols are single-crystal MgO shocked along [100]. Solid curves are third-order finite strain extrapolations of ultrasonic data at 300 K for \(V_P\) and \(V_S\), using parameters of Table 5. Long dashed curve shows maximum expected effect of Hugoniot temperature on \(V_P\). Short dashed curve is extrapolated compressional velocity along [100].

Figure 8. Hugoniot EOS data reduced to a principal isentrope and plotted in normalized pressure-strain co-ordinates. Solid symbols are polycrystalline MgO, and open symbols are single-crystal data. Long dashed curve shows 3-GPa ultrasonic data extrapolated using a third-order Birch-Murnaghan equation. Solid curve is a fourth-order Birch-Murnaghan fit to shock data with \(K_0\) and \(K_0'\) constrained at ultrasonic values. Short-dashed curve shows fourth-order Birch-Murnaghan fit using parameters of Chapelas [1992].
Analogous finite strain expressions can also be developed for the variation of sound velocity with strain [Semmens et al., 1970] as discussed below.

Ultrasonic sound velocity measurements have been made on MgO single crystals to 2 GPa [Jackson and Niesler, 1982], which constrain the aggregate elastic modulus to 0.1% and their pressure derivatives to +0.5% (Table 5). A third-order (αp=0) finite strain extrapolation of these data is compared with the reduced Hugoniot data in Figure 8. A small correction has been made to convert the pressure derivative of the bulk modulus to constant entropy conditions. Both the reduced single-crystal and polycrystal Hugoniot data are consistent with extrapolated ultrasonic data. The study of Jackson and Niesler [1982] possesses significant advantages over earlier high-pressure ultrasonic experiments on MgO. In particular, Jackson and Niesler [1982] performed their measurements is significantly higher pressure (3 GPa) than other workers and made corrections for transducer bond shifts. The second pressure derivative of the bulk and shear moduli required for the fourth-order finite strain expression are not well-resolved in their data.

The ambient pressure adiabatic bulk modulus reported by Jackson and Niesler [1982] (162.3 GPa) is consistent with other ultrasonic and resonance studies of MgO [Semmens et al., 1983]. However, static compression studies have consistently reported a significantly higher bulk modulus for MgO (Kp = 180 GPa) [e.g., Pease-Underhill and Drickamer, 1958; Weertman et al., 1971]. A recent static compression study to pressures in excess of 200 GPa has shown that the high bulk modulus is due to the static shear strength of MgO [Duffy et al., submitted manuscript]. This study also showed that when this strength is accounted for, a single equation of state can successfully describe the results of shock, ultrasonic, and static compression experiments for MgO.

Since the single-crystal Hugoniot equation of state data do not show evidence for material strength, it is possible to collapse the Hugoniot and ultrasonic data to constrain the fourth-order term in the Birch-Murnaghan equation [Jeanloz et al., 1991]. The results of the constrained fourth-order fit are shown in Figure 8 and do not differ greatly from the third-order fit. The second pressure derivative of the bulk modulus K''50 is determined to be -0.019(1) GPa⁻¹. In contrast, Chapeaux [1982] obtained (K''50/P)₅₀ = -0.014(1) GPa⁻¹ from fluorescence sideband measurements on MgO at 20 GPa at room temperature. The second derivative of Chapeaux [1982] is not consistent with high-pressure ultrasonic data (Figure 8). The pressure derivatives of Chapeaux [1992] have been corrected to constant entropy conditions (K''50 = 0.04, K''50 = -0.032 GPa⁻¹) in making this comparison.

The elastic properties and equation of state of MgO have been calculated to 150 GPa using an ab initio potential induced breaking (PIB) model [Isaak et al., 1990]. The second pressure derivative of the isothermal bulk modulus at constant temperature, (K''50/P)₅₀, found in that study is -0.026 GPa⁻¹ and the derivative of the adiabatic modulus is, (K''50/P)₅₀ = -0.023 GPa⁻¹. Bukowinski [1985], using the augmented plane wave (APW) method, obtained (K''50/P)₅₀ = -0.036 GPa⁻¹ for MgO. By including a correction term which accounts for the energy difference between the adiabat and the isotherm, isothermal moduli and derivatives can be extracted from reduced Hugoniot data [Jeanloz and Jeanloz, 1984]. For the single-crystal shock data, this gives (K''50/P)₅₀ = -0.022(4) GPa⁻¹, which is similar to values from first-principle calculations.

The value of K''50, which results when the finite strain expression is truncated at third order is -0.025(1) GPa⁻¹, which differs only slightly from the value found here using shock compression data (-0.019(4) GPa⁻¹). This indicates that the fourth-order term is at best only marginally required for describing MgO, in agreement with the results of Jackson and Niesler [1982].

The value of the second pressure derivative resulting from the reduced shock data is sensitive to the choice of the logarithmic volume dependence of the Gruneisen parameter γ [Jeanloz, 1981]. The range of γ values considered here (0.5-1.5) is consistent with ambient pressure thermodynamic data [Isaak et al., 1988], theory [Isaak et al., 1992; Awramik et al., 1982], Hugoniot data for porous MgO [Carrier et al., 1978], and shock temperature data [Swensen and Ahrens, 1967]. In order for the reduced shock data to be consistent with the second pressure derivative of Chapeaux [1992], it is necessary to have a value of 1.0 to 3. Such values are inconsistent with the above constraints and are physically implausible because they lead to negative sound velocities on the Hugoniot [McQueen et al., 1987; Jeanloz, 1992]. Furthermore, a room temperature equation of state constrained by correcting Chapeaux's [1992] results to the isothermal moduli deviates strongly from measured pressure-volume data above 60 GPa at 300 K [Duffy et al., submitted manuscript].

Compressional Wave Velocity

The compressional wave velocities measured under shock compression are compared to third-order finite strain extrapolation data in Figure 8. Hugoniot measurements agree with the ultrasonic extrapolations within their experimental precision. The support the use of third-order finite strain theory for extrapolating compressional wave velocities in MgO over pressure nearly a factor of 10 greater than the experimental data and into the pressure range of the lower mantle. The dependence of compressional sound velocity on Hugoniot pressure in MgO up to 27 GPa is given by

$$V_p = 2.2700 - 0.0024 \ln P + 0.0044 \ln^2 P.$$  \(12\)

where $V_p$ is in km/s and $P$ is in GPa. Hugoniot sound velocity measurements can be inverted to constrain elastic moduli and their pressure derivatives along the Hugoniot. In the regions where thermal effects are small, these are comparable to ultrasonic determinations. By analogy to (9), the fourth-
order finite strain expression for compressional velocity can be written [Duffy and Ahrens, 1992]

\[ \frac{V_p^2}{1 + \gamma P} = a_{12} + a_{13} f + a_{13} f^2, \]

where

\[ a_{12} = K_{LS} + 4/3 G_{0}, \]

\[ a_{13} = 9 / 2 K_{LS} (K_{LS} + 4/3 G_{0}) - 5 / 2 K_{SS} (K_{SS} + 4/3 G_{0}), \]

\[ a_{13} = 9 / 2 K_{LS} (K_{LS} + 4/3 G_{0}) + 9 / 2 K_{LS} (K_{LS} - 4) x (K_{LS} + 4/3 G_{0}) + 5 / 2 (K_{SS} + 4/3 G_{0}), \]

where \( G \) is the shear modulus and prime represents first and second pressure derivatives, respectively. As with EOS data, the Hugoniot sound velocities were combined with ultrasonic moduli and first pressure derivatives to constrain the second pressure derivatives of the moduli. The fit yields \( K_{LS} = 4.5 G_{0} = 0.053 \text{GPa}^{-1} \). Together with the value of \( K_{SS} = 0.19 \text{GPa}^{-1} \) determined above, this implies that \( G = 0.026 \text{GPa}^{-1} \). The elastic properties of MgO are listed in Table 5. The PIB model calculations yield \( G = 0.025 \text{GPa}^{-1} \). The fluorescence side-band measurements of Chupka et al. [1992] yield \( G = 0.034 \text{GPa}^{-1} \).

Comparison of Hugoniot data with 200 K extrapolations of ultrasonic data can be biased because of thermal effects on the Hugoniot. Between 10 and 27 GPa, the continuum Hugoniot temperatures in MgO are calculated to lie between 320 and 450 K using the method of McQueen et al. [1978]. From the ambient pressure value of the temperature coefficient of compressional velocity for MgO [Jack et al., 1969], an upper bound to temperature corrections can be determined (Figure 7). The thermal effect on the velocities is significantly less than experimental uncertainties.

It is also of interest to compare sound velocities in single-crystal and polycrystalline MgO. Unloading wave velocities in single-crystal MgO shocked along [100] to 5.11 GPa are -5% below expected values based on extrapolated ultrasonic data [Chupka, 1977] (Figure 7). This suggests that the strength of the single-crystal material has substantially but not completely recovered in the -500 ns time interval between shock and release. The recovery may be related to the relatively large thermal diffusivity in single-crystal MgO which leads to rapid thermal equilibration [Grodzins, 1960]. Polycrystalline MgO, on the other hand, initially deforms in a purely elastic fashion.

Constitutive Behavior

Numerical simulations of the particle velocity histories were carried out using the one-dimensional finite difference wave code WONDY [Kipp and Laurendeau, 1982]. This program simulates plate impact and other experimental geometries by solving the equations of conservation of mass, momentum, and energy together with an appropriate constitutive law. Discontinuities associated with shock fronts are treated by the method of artificial viscosity. In general, the stress consists of a pressure (volume) term and a deviatoric term \( \sigma \).

\[ \sigma = P + \frac{1}{2} (E - E_0), \]

where \( V \) is the volume, \( E \) is the energy, and the subscript \( E_0 \) refers to the reference Hugoniot state. The Gruneisen parameter is modeled assuming \( \gamma = 1 \) (Table 9) as

\[ \gamma = \frac{1}{3} \theta. \]

The bulk sound velocity is given by

\[ V_b^2 = \frac{\rho f}{\gamma s}, \]

and the compressional sound velocity is

\[ V_p^2 = 3 \left( \frac{1 - v}{1 + v} \right) V_b^2, \]

where \( v \) is Poisson's ratio.

The stress deviators are obtained from a relation of the form

\[ \sigma = \frac{2G}{3} (\beta - \gamma), \]

where \( \gamma \) is the engineering strain, \( \beta \) is time, and \( \gamma \) is a relaxation function.

A simple description for solids is the elastic-perfectly plastic model. Such a material behaves elastically until its yield point, after which it deforms plastically, maintaining a constant offset of 2Y/3 from the hydrostatic. Upon unloading, the material again behaves elastically until it reaches a state of stress of 2Y/3 below the hydrostatic, after which it decompresses irreversibly to zero stress.

The yield strength at the Hugoniot elastic limit (HEL) (assuming a von Mises yield condition) can be obtained from

\[ Y = \frac{1 - 2\nu}{1 - \nu} Y_{HEL}. \]

The HEL amplitude of polycrystalline MgO was not directly measured in these experiments, but the compressive wave structure was recorded at the buffer-window interface in the forward impact experiments.

The HEL amplitudes were modeled using WONDY simulations and an elastic-perfectly plastic model for both MgO and Al 6061. The model parameters are listed in Table 4. The results of simulations for two forward impacts are shown in Figure 9. The yield strength of Al 6061 was found to be 0.2 GPa [Asay and Loge, 1978], and the yield strength of polycrystalline MgO was varied between 0.3 and 2.0 GPa, and the predicted compressive wave forms are shown in Figure 9. For yield stresses above about 1.5 GPa, significant secondary structure is evident due to the onset of plastic deformation in the Al buffer. No such secondary structure is observed in the measured wave profiles. For yield stresses be-
Figure 9. Comparison of compressive wave structure transmitted through aluminum buffer with wave code simulations for two forward impacts. Dotted curves are data (shot numbers shown next to each record). Solid curves are simulations using different values for the yield strength of polycrystalline MgO. Computed profiles for yield strengths of 0.5, 1.25, and 2.5 GPa are shown.

Low 1.0 GPa, the predicted amplitude of the HEL lies well below the experimentally observed value. Yield stresses in the range of 1.0-1.5 GPa yield HEL amplitudes that are reasonably consistent (±10 m/s) with experimental values. We therefore adopt Y = 1.25(2) GPa as representing the possible range of compressive yield strengths of polycrystalline MgO. This implies a Hugoniot elastic limit of 1.6(2) GPa. The HEL of single-crystal MgO shocked along [100] was found to be 2.5 GPa for 3.3-mm-thick samples at peak stresses between 4.8 and 11.2 GPa (Grady, 1977). Airsara (1965) observed elastic wave amplitudes of 3.5-8.9 GPa in single-crystal MgO shocked to peak stresses between 16.5 and 42.3 GPa. The precursor amplitude in the polycrystalline material is significantly less than single-crystal values. This has been observed before in other materials, notably Al2O3 (Graham and Brooks, 1971; Mashimo et al., 1988) and is a reflection of different yielding processes in single and polycrystals.

Wave profile and equation of state data for ceramics (e.g., SiC, BaC, TiO2, ZrO2, and Al2O3) suggest quite varied material response. Some materials (SiC, Al2O3) are consistent with relatively simple material models such as a modified elastic-plastic model (Mashimo et al., 1988; Kipp and Grady, 1989). Other materials exhibit anomalous dispersion that implies significant deviation from elastic-plastic behavior (Kipp and Grady, 1986). In order to assess whether an elastic-plastic model is appropriate for magnesium oxide, numerical simulations of the experiments were undertaken utilizing an elastic-perfectly plastic (EPP) model for MgO. Al 6061 and LiF were also modeled as EPP with the parameters listed in Table 4. The foam model of Grady and Parziale [1988] was used to describe the flyer-backing material. The predicted particle velocity histories are compared to measured values for a representative reverse impact in Figure 10. The yield strength of MgO was assumed to be 1.25 GPa in the first simulation (Figure 10a) and 2.5 GPa in the second (Figure 10b). The EPP model with Y = 1.25 GPa does a poor job of matching the observed wave profile. While the initial elastic release is well modeled, the bulk of the unloading history arrives too late in the simulation. This indicates that the unloading behavior of MgO is not significantly dissipative. Much better agreement between calculation and experiment is obtained when the initial yield strength is 2.5 GPa (Figure 10b). This figure shows that an elastic-plastic model is generally appropriate for describing the dynamic response of MgO. A detailed comparison of measured and calculated wave profiles indicates that these are some important deviations from the model, however. The initial yield strength is a factor of 2 larger than that inferred from the HEL amplitude. This implies that MgO undergoes significant strain hardening. The EPP model predicts several distinct wave arrivals which are not observed. In order to improve agreement, we incorporated modifications to the elastic-perfectly

Figure 10. Calculated and measured particle velocity histories at the aluminum-LiF interface for experiment 848. Dotted curve is experimental profile, and solid curve is numerical simulation. MgO, Al, and LiF are treated as elastic-perfectly plastic. Yield strength of MgO is (a) 1.25 GPa and (b) 2.5 GPa.
plastic model that have been successfully applied to metals. In particular, we included a Bauchinger effect and strain rate dependent strain relaxation. In the Bauchinger model, the yield stress is reduced when the direction of plastic deformation is reversed. This behavior is a consequence of the micro-mechanisms of deformation, such as dislocation interaction, slip banding, and twinning. Flow stress anisotropy is implemented into the wavecode using a multilevel kinematical model (Herring and Lasher, 1974) in which the equilibrium stress deviator, \( c_e \), is given by

\[
\sigma_e = \sum \sigma_i \phi_i
\]

where the \( \phi_i \) are normalized weighting factors. Each elemental stress deviator \( \sigma_i \) is subject to a von Mises yield condition

\[
\sigma_i^2 \leq (2/3 \sigma_Y)^2
\]

Strain rate dependence is also treated through the deviatoric stress. The stress deviator is obtained by relaxation from some instantaneous value to an equilibrium value, using the relaxation function in (22). The relaxation function has the form

\[
g = \frac{\sigma - \sigma_i}{G \Delta t}
\]

where \( G \) is a characteristic material relaxation time.

Beginning with the elastic-perfectly plastic model, the wave profiles were fit iteratively by adjusting the parameters of the Bauchinger model and the relaxation time constant. For Al 6061, the Bauchinger model of Lawrence and Assay (1979) was used. Very little rate dependence is required in fitting the profiles. A time constant of \( G \Delta t = 5 \) s was found to improve the fit slightly for approximately the final 20% of the unloading history. The Bauchinger effect, on the other hand, is significant in MgO.

We were unable to fit all of the data with a single model. The reasons for this can be seen with reference to Figure 5. The reverse experiments exhibit significantly stronger and sharper initial release behavior than the forward experiments. The forward impacts involve a propagation distance through MgO of about 7 mm, while in the reverse experiments the MgO propagation distance was 3-4 mm. This may indicate that the wave profiles are not steady. A second possibility is that the partial release generated at the sample-buffer interface in the forward experiments produces damage or defects which affect subsequent unloading waves. The lowest-amplitude reverse impact (854) is similar to the forward impacts in that it has a weak and diffuse elastic release. In the forward impact experiments, the two highest-stress experiments (859 and 864) show nearly featureless unloading, particularly short 864. These points illustrate that the shape of the profile in MgO is dependent both on peak stress and impact geometry.

The modeling procedure converged on two models for MgO. The reverse impacts were fit using model 1 (Table 6) and are displayed in Figure 11a. This model reproduces the strong elastic release observed in these experiments. The primary difference between the model and the experimental records is that the model predicts a second elastic release originating from the reflection of the shock wave at the foam-free interface. In fact, the release at this point is highly dispersive.

Model 2 fits the forward impacts and the lowest-amplitude reverse experiment. The Bauchinger parameters for this model are listed in Table 6, and the model predictions are compared to representative experimental data in Figure 11b. The agreement between data and calculation is good for the unloading portions of the wavefront. The rise time of the shock front is longer in the model calculations than in the experimental data. Figure 12 shows representative stress-strain histories at the center of the MgO sample for the forward and reverse impacts computed from the wave code simulations. Here the strain is defined as \( \varepsilon = -\Delta a/a \). The Bauchinger effect is responsible for smoothing the transition from elastic to plastic strain upon both loading and unloading. This effect is much more pronounced in the forward impact model (model 2). The higher-stress reverse-impact experiments (848 and 851) retain a clear transition from elastic to plastic unloading. The stress-strain states inferred from the wavecode simulations lies above the hydrostatic compression curve, as inferred from the equation of state experiments.

**Summary**

The Hugoniot of low-porosity (0.55%) polycrystalline MgO between 14 and 133 GPa is

\[
U_S = 6.37(10) + 1.24(4)\nu
\]

which differs significantly from that of single-crystal MgO. Compressional sound velocities were determined from unloading wave profiles at 10-27 GPa. Within their 2σ uncertainties, these data are consistent with ultrasonic data extrapolated from 3 GPa. This supports the use of third-order finite strain theory for calculating low-pressure laboratory measurements with petrological data to pressures of at least ~25 GPa for close-packed solids such as MgO. By combining Hugoniot equation of state, Hugoniot sound velocity, and ultra-
sonic data, the adiabatic bulk modulus, and its first and second pressure derivatives at constant entropy are 162.5(2) GPa, 4.09(9), and -0.019(4) GPa⁻¹. The corresponding values for the aggregate shear modulus are 136.8(2) GPa, 2.5(1), and -0.026(45) GPa⁻¹.

The dynamic response of MgO is strongly dependent on crystal state. Polycrystalline MgO is characterized by a low Hugoniot elastic limit, significant Hugoniot shear strength, work hardening, and fully elastic release. By comparison, single-crystal MgO has a large elastic limit, no strength along the Hugoniot, and quasi-elastic release [Grady, 1977]. However, it should be noted that wave profile data for the single crystal cover a lower stress range than the polycrystal data. Nevertheless, the differences observed here are similar to those observed in single-crystals and polycrystals of Al₂O₃ and ZrO₂ [Masahiro, 1993]. We have demonstrated that such differences are also characteristic of the behavior of relatively low-strength ceramics like MgO.

From wave profile and equation of state data, we infer that for polycrystalline MgO, the yield strength at the HEL is 1-1.5 GPa; only ~0.5 the single-crystal value. The strength at the Hugoniot state is larger (2.8(7) GPa) and this strength is largely maintained upon release. For single-crystals, the large strength (2.5 GPa) at the HEL is reduced to near zero along the Hugoniot, but the strength is partially recovered during release (with a reduced shear modulus). Thus the shock-compression process is complex for both forms of this material and each exhibits its own time dependent strength behavior. While there are differences due to experimental configuration, the polycrystalline MgO wave profiles are generally consistent with the behavior of an elastic-plastic material.

Figure 12. Stress-strain histories from numerical simulations of (a) reverse and (b) forward impact particle velocity histories of Figure 11. Dashed curve is the 300 K (hydrostatic) isochrom.
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