Multiphase tin equation of state using density functional theory

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We perform density functional theory (DFT) calculations of five solid phases and the liquid phase of tin. The calculations include cold curves of the five solid phases, phonon calculations in the quasiharmonic approximation over a range of volumes for each solid phase, and DFT-based molecular dynamics (DFT-MD) simulations of the liquid phase, including those of the melt curve using the *Z* method. Using the DFT results, we construct a tabular multiphase SESAME equation of state for tin, referred to as SESAME 2162. Comparisons to experimental data are made and show a high level of agreement in isobaric data, isothermal data, shock data, and phase boundary measurements, including measurements of the melt curve. The 2162 EOS will be useful for hydrodynamics simulations and has been designed with an eye toward hydrodynamics simulations that incorporate materials strength models and allow for modeling of the kinetics of phase transitions.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Tabular equations of state (EOS) are important for both a basic understanding of materials properties and for hydrodynamics applications. As hydrodynamics codes are developed to incorporate materials strength models [1,2] and to account for kinetic effects in simulating phase transitions [3–5], the need for an accurate underlying multiphase EOS becomes increasingly important. Here we focus on the development of a new tabular multiphase SESAME [6,7] EOS for tin, referred to as SESAME 2162. The EOS can be thought of as a successor to the previous tin EOS, SESAME 2161 [8]. The new EOS includes four solid phases and the liquid phase.

To generate SESAME 2162, we performed density functional theory (DFT) calculations of the solid phases of tin and the liquid phase, including static lattice energy (cold curve) calculations, phonon calculations in the quasiharmonic approximation, and DFT-based molecular dynamics (DFT-MD) simulations of the liquid phase, including those of the melt curve. These calculations provide data in regions of the state space where experimental data is unavailable and thereby help to constrain construction of the final EOS. The DFT calculations are particularly useful for determining phase boundaries of the high pressure solid phases, the high pressure (\gtrsim 75 GPa) melt curve, and isotherms in the liquid phase, which have not been measured experimentally.

Tin is known to exist in at least five different solid phases, summarized in Table I. Throughout we refer to the phases by their corresponding Greek letter. Note that the α , β , and γ naming conventions are all standard. Here we also use δ to refer to the bcc phase, which has infrequently been referred to as the σ phase in the past [9], and we use ϵ to refer to the hcp phase. The Greek letters are chosen in ascending order according to the pressure at which each phase becomes stable.

Although we performed DFT calculations for all five solid phases, we include only the β , γ , δ , and ϵ phases in the 2162 EOS, since the α phase is only stable below room temperature and at pressures below 1 GPa [10–12] with limited accessibility in compressive and shock experiments, which are the main focus of hydrodynamics codes that use the EOS. In addition, the transition from $\beta \rightarrow \alpha$ is slow and therefore unlikely to show up in experiments [13,14].

Many experiments have been performed on tin, including isobaric measurements [15–22], isothermal diamond anvil cell (DAC) measurements [23-32], shock experiments [33-40], dynamic compression experiments [41], and measurements of the solid-solid phase boundaries [42-45]. Measurements of the phonon dispersions for the α , β , and γ phases have also been made [46–51]. In addition, the melt curve has been measured in a variety of different ways, including shock-induced melt [52-56] and resistive and/or laser heating in a DAC or compressive piston [57-64]. The available melt curve data show a large variability in the range of measurements. More recently, studies on liquid spallation and fragmentation have also been performed [13,65,66]. In addition, a wide range of theoretical calculations of tin have been performed, including DFT-based cold curve calculations [67–76], phonon calculations [77–80], and molecular dynamics calculations [81–84], and a variety of equations of state for tin have been proposed over the years [8,85–88].

The rest of the paper is organized as follows: in Sec. II, we provide an overview of OPENSESAME, the program used to generate SESAME 2162. In Sec. III, we provide details on the calculations of the cold curves and phonon calculations of the solid phases, and of the DFT-MD calculations of the liquid phase. We also describe how these calculations are used to determine an initial set of parameters for models used in OPENSESAME to construct the 2162 EOS. In Sec. IV, we

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TABLE I. Summary of the crystal structures and space groups of the five known solid phases of tin. Greek letters are used to refer to the phases in ascending order, from low to high pressure. DFT calculations are performed using a mixture of primitive and conventional unit cells, with the number of atoms per cell indicated in the last column.

Phase	Lattice type	Space group	Space group No.	Number of atoms/cell
α	diamond	Fd3m	227	2
β	bct	$I4_1/amd$	141	4
γ	bct	I4/mmm	139	2
δ	bcc	Īm3m	229	1
ε	hcp	$P6_3/mmc$	194	2

discuss how the parameters from DFT are modified (when necessary) to obtain agreement with experimental data and create the 2162 EOS. We show comparisons of the 2162 EOS to a variety of experimental measurements, including isobaric data, isothermal DAC data, shock data, solid-solid phase boundary measurements, and measurements of the melt curve. While we only summarize the main results here, a more comprehensive description of the process used to incorporate DFT calculations into materials models used in OPENSESAME, as well as a more detailed description of how model parameters are adjusted to fit to experimental data, is provided in Ref. [89].

II. OVERVIEW OF OPENSESAME

The OPENSESAME software is a useful tool for generating tabular materials equations of state. The multiphase capability in OPENSESAME [7] relies on individual phase EOS tables and evaluates the phase with the lowest Gibbs free energy at a given temperature and pressure. Mixed phases are handled in a self-consistent manner, as described below. The multiphase capability allows for an arbitrary number of materials phases to be included in the final EOS table. For the individual phase tables, OPENSESAME uses a decomposition of the total Helmholtz free energy F(V, T) for each phase into three pieces,

$$F(V, T) = F_{\text{cold}}(V) + F_{\text{ion}}(V, T) + F_{\text{el}}(V, T), \quad (1)$$

where F_{cold} is the energy associated with a cold curve (T = 0 static lattice energy), F_{ion} is the free energy associated with ionic motion, and F_{el} is the electronic free energy. OPENS-ESAME uses a variety of simple materials models to inform on these three contributions to the free energy, making it necessary to determine model parameters from the DFT calculations and/or experimental data. In constructing the 2162 EOS, we first determined model parameters entirely from DFT calculations, as discussed in Sec. III. Because the DFT calculations resulted in an EOS that was not in perfect agreement with experimental data, small modifications to the model parameters were made, as described in Sec. IV.

Model parameters for the solid phases determined by DFT are outlined in Sec. III. In Sec. III A, we discuss cold curve calculations that inform directly on F_{cold} , which we treat with a Vinet-Rose model. [90] In Sec. III B, we show how phonon

calculations can be used to determine parameters in the Debye model [91], which informs on F_{ion} for the solid phases. The Debye model relies on the Debye frequency v_D , or equivalently the Debye temperature $\Theta_D = hv_D/k_B$. Also necessary for F_{ion} is a Grüneisen model, also discussed in Sec. III B, that provides information about the volume dependence of the Debye frequencies. DFT-based phonon calculations allow for the determination of all parameters relevant to the Debye and Grüneisen models for the solid phases. The remaining term F_{el} is determined using the Thomas-Fermi-Dirac (TFD) method [92–95] and does not require additional parametrization from DFT calculations.

For the liquid phase, the same decomposition in Eq. (1) is used. The liquid free energy is defined with respect to that of a reference solid phase, which we denote $F_{\rm rs}$. This may be one of the actual solid phases, or may be hypothetical. We define a scaling temperature $T_{\rm sc}(V)$, which marks the transition from solidlike to liquidlike behavior. For $T \leq T_{\rm sc}$, the liquid free energy $F_{\rm l}$ is related to that of the reference solid by a constant entropy shift ΔS and a volume-dependent energy shift $\Delta F_{\rm cold}(V)$,

$$F_{\rm l}(V,T) = F_{\rm rs}(V,T) - \Delta ST + \Delta F_{\rm cold}(V); \ T \leqslant T_{\rm sc}(V),$$
(2)

where $F_{\rm rs}$ is parameterized the same way as the other solid phases. For $T > T_{\rm sc}(V)$ the excess specific heat is assumed to be a function of the scaled temperature

$$c_V(V,T)/Nk_B = f(T/T_{\rm sc}(V)) + 3/2$$
, (3)

with f(1) = 3/2 and $f(x) \to 0$ as $x \to \infty$. Equations (2) and (3) allow one to determine the free energy at all temperatures,

$$F_{1}(V,T) = F_{1}(V,T_{sc}(V)) - S_{1}(V,T_{sc}(V))(T - T_{sc}(V)) - \int_{T_{sc}}^{T} dT_{2} \int_{T_{sc}}^{T_{2}} dT_{1} \frac{c_{V}(V,T_{1})}{T_{1}}; \ T > T_{sc}(V).$$
(4)

The details of the *T* dependence of c_V are described in Ref. [96]. We define $T_m(V) = \Delta F_{cold}(V)/\Delta S$. Then the volume dependence of the two functions $T_{sc}(V)$ and $T_m(V)$ is given by

$$-\frac{d\ln T_{\rm m}(V)}{d\ln V} = 2\Gamma_{\rm m}(V) - 2/3,$$
(5)

$$-\frac{d\ln T_{\rm sc}(V)}{d\ln V} = 2\Gamma_{\rm rs}(V) - 2/3,$$
 (6)

where the Grüneisen parameters $\Gamma_{\rm m}$ and $\Gamma_{\rm rs}$ have the same functional form as those of the solid phase Debye temperatures, as given in Eq. (11), discussed in the next section. Note that the effective Grüneisen parameter for $T_{\rm sc}$ as defined in Eq. (6) must be the same as the Debye Grüneisen parameter for the reference solid, $\Gamma_{\rm rs} = -d \ln \Theta_{\rm rs}/d \ln V$, in order for the pressure to reach the ideal gas limit at high temperature [97].

The liquid free energy has, in addition to the standard solid phase parameters, two additional parameters for the volume dependence of Γ_m , as well as ΔS and reference values for T_m and T_{sc} . This somewhat complicated formulation was adopted to facilitate creating liquid models that obey standard Lindemann scaling [97] in the case of a single solid phase. For that case, the reference solid is the actual solid phase, the various Grüneisen parameters are the same, and the reference values of $T_{\rm m}$ and $T_{\rm sc}$ are the same and are equal to the melting temperature at the reference volume. The earlier SESAME 2161 tin EOS was made with the liquid "normal" in this sense with respect to the high pressure γ phase. For SESAME 2162, there are more solid phases, we have more data on the high pressure melting curve, as well as DFT-MD data on the liquid EOS, and thus were not able to adopt this simplification. When developing the 2162 EOS, we explored three options for determining a cold curve for the liquid, as described in Ref. [89]. Because melt is possible from the β , γ , and δ phases of tin across a wide compression range, we determined a cold curve that interpolates across the three solid phases, also described in Ref. [89].

In the construction of SESAME 2162, we produce an equilibrium table that includes mixed phase regions. The mixed phase regions are defined by the following set of equations:

$$P_{a}(V_{a}, T) = P_{b}(V_{b}, T),$$

$$G_{a}(V_{a}, T) = G_{b}(V_{b}, T),$$

$$\lambda_{a}V_{a} + \lambda_{b}V_{b} = V,$$

$$\lambda_{a}E_{a}(V_{a}, T) + \lambda_{b}E_{b}(V_{b}, T) = E,$$
(7)

where *a* and *b* denote the two coexisting phases, *P*, *G*, *V*, and *E* are the pressure, specific Gibbs free energy, volume, and internal energy, respectively, and λ_a denotes the mass fraction of phase *a*. For the great majority of states, there are no solutions to the conditions [Eqs. (7)] satisfying $0 \le \lambda_i \le 1$ and $\sum_i \lambda_i = 1$, and the state is a pure phase with the lowest Helmholtz free energy at the given *V* and *T*. The algorithm for constructing equilibrium tables is described in Ref. [7].

The initial set of model parameters determined from DFT calculations provide a useful starting point for the determination of the OPENSESAME model parameters described above. However, some adjustments are needed to agree fully with experimental data. The adjustments made are described in Sec. IV.

III. DFT CALCULATIONS

A. Cold curves

All DFT calculations were computed using the Vienna ab initio simulation package (VASP) [98–101], version 5.4.4. All calculations use the projector augmented wave (PAW) method [102,103] using either 14 valence states, $4d^{10}5s^25p^2$ (cold curves and phonons) or 4 valence states, $5s^25p^2$ (DFT-MD of the liquid). The cold curves were computed by relaxing the structures with multiple restarts to ensure convergence of the atomic positions and lattice constants. The relaxations were performed using the Methfessel-Paxton scheme [104] with a 400-eV plane-wave energy cutoff. Subsequently, total energy calculations were performed using fixed ions and lattice constants with tetrahedral integration of the Brillouin zone and a 520-eV plane-wave energy cutoff. We also computed cold curves of tin using the all-electron code RSPt [105] with different relativistic treatments [106,107] and found the results to be in close agreement with the VASP results, indicating the



FIG. 1. Cold curves for the β (blue) and γ (orange) phases of tin using the AM05 (solid lines) and PBE (dashed lines) exchange-correlation functionals. Experimental DAC data are from Refs. [23–25].

adequacy of using the PAW method for treatment of the core states.

Cold curves were computed using the AM05 [108] and PBE [109] exchange-correlation functionals. As shown in Fig. 1, the AM05 results for the β and γ phases are in very close agreement with experimental room temperature DAC measurements from Refs. [23-25] (note that the phase transition from β to γ occurs at approximately 8.5 g/cm³), whereas the equilibrium density ρ_0 predicted by PBE is substantially lower. For this reason, we chose to use the AM05 functional to determine the initial set of 2162 model parameters, which include the AM05 cold curves, AM05 phonon calculations, and DFT-MD calculations using AM05. The only exception to this are DFT-MD calculations of the melt curve using the Zmethod [110–112], which were computed separately using the PBE functional [113]. We present the melt curves only in *P*-*T* space (see Fig. 4). These results should be expected to be quite similar to what would be obtained using the AM05 functional, since the primary difference between AM05 and PBE is an offset in the density, while the pressure as a function of the compression ρ/ρ_0 for the two functionals are quite similar, as can be seen in Fig. 1 and as verified by highly similar bulk moduli computed from the cold curves (see Ref. [89] for details).

The Vinet-Rose cold curve model was used to fit to the AM05 data of each phase. The results for ρ_0 , E_0 , B, and B' = dB/dP are provided in Table II. Note that for cold curve calculations of the β , γ , and ϵ phases, the lattice constants are allowed to relax at each volume to allow for a volume-dependent c/a ratio. In the case of the β and ϵ phases, c/a remains relatively constant over the full compression range studied, varying by only a few percent across a compression range of approximately 0.9 to 3.0. On the other hand, the γ phase shows a large variation in the c/a ratio, starting at c/a = 0.88 at $\rho_0 = 7.53$ g/cm³ and converging to c/a = 1 above 9.38 g/cm³, thereby indicating that the bcc δ phase has the lower energy above a compression ratio of approximately 1.25. The γ - δ phase transition is observed to occur between

TABLE II. Model parameters used to construct the 2162 EOS. The DFT-calculated values using the AM05 functional are displayed
first. If modifications were made to the parameter to better agree with experimental data, the final value used in the 2162 EOS is listed in
parentheses next to the DFT-calculated value. Note that Θ_D , Γ_{ref} , and Γ'_{ref} for each phase are calculated at a reference density chosen to be
$\rho_{ref} = 7.581 \text{ g/cm}^3$ for all phases. All liquid parameters are listed in parentheses because there is not a unique way to determine the values
strictly from DFT calculations. The values chosen are ones that were found to best agree simultaneously with the DFT-MD data in Fig. 4 and
Hugoniot data in the liquid phase in Fig. 8. Also note that we use the liquid-specific reference parameters $T_{\rm m} = T_{\rm sc} = 580$ K, $\Gamma_{\rm m} = \Gamma_{\rm rs} = 2.45$,
and $\Delta S = 0.9 \text{ kJ g}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$.

Phase	$\rho_0 (g/cm^3)$	$E_0 (J/g)$	B (GPa)	B'	$\Theta_D(\mathbf{K})$	$\Gamma_{ m ref}$	$\Gamma_{ m ref}'$
β	7.336 (7.4375)	0	52.74 (58.0)	5.369	161.0	1.98 (2.42)	-1.31
γ	7.525	6.04 (36.0)	52.32	5.344	121.7	2.48 (2.45)	-1.82(-2.20)
δ	7.561	12.55 (54.0)	52.64	5.383	114.2 (117.5)	2.54 (2.51)	-1.73(-2.10)
ϵ	7.531	3.05 (44.1)	52.68	5.291	121.1 (124.6)	2.51 (2.48)	-1.85(-2.24)
Liquid	(7.470)	(24.0)	(52.7)	(5.540)	(131.0)	(2.45)	(-3.50)

10.5–11 g/cm³ (compression of approximately 1.4–1.45) in recent isothermal DAC measurements [29], which is in agreement with the compression range at which the enthalpies of the γ and δ phases computed using the AM05 cold curves cross. Additional details regarding cold curve comparisons and the enthalpy are provided in Ref. [89] and comparisons of the room temperature 2162 isotherms to experimental DAC data are provided in Sec. IV.

We also point out that at nonzero temperatures, the electronic free energy $F_{\rm el}$ can be determined through the use of Fermi smearing in DFT calculations. This is analogous to cold curve calculations, but with the Fermi smearing width set according to the temperature k_BT . Although this can provide useful information, we did not see any appreciable differences in the resulting phase boundaries when including Fermi smearing to treat the electronic free energy at a range of temperatures and volumes. In OPENSESAME, the electronic free energy is treated with the TFD model, [92–95] which works over a wide range of densities and temperatures. Similar to the use of Fermi smearing, the TFD method results in only small quantitative differences in the resulting solid-solid phase boundaries, thereby indicating that the TFD method can safely be used for the solid phases of tin.

B. Phonons

Phonon calculations were performed in the quasiharmonic approximation [114] using a frozen phonon supercell approach in VASP. The Phonopy [115] package was used to generate supercells and atomic displacements for each solid phase. The plane-wave energy cutoff, k-mesh size, and supercell size were tested at the AM05-predicted equilibrium volume for each phase individually to ensure structural stability of each phase and to ensure a converged phonon density of states. We use a minimum 350-eV plane-wave energy cutoff for each solid phase and used the method of Methfessel and Paxton [104] to sample the Brillouin zone. We use a smearing width of 0.2 eV for all phases except the δ phase, where we use a smearing width of 0.6 eV. The smearing widths are chosen to ensure that no imaginary frequency modes appear in the phonon dispersions [116,117] (see Ref. [118] for details). In all calculations we determine the k-mesh of the Brillouin zone using a Γ -centered Monkhorst-Pack [119] scheme. The supercells were constructed using the primitive

or conventional cells listed in Table I, including a 54 atom cell with a $6 \times 6 \times 6$ *k*-mesh (α phase), a 64 atom cell with an $8 \times 8 \times 6$ *k*-mesh (β phase), a 54 atom cell with an $8 \times 8 \times 8$ *k*-mesh (γ phase), a 64 atom cell with a $6 \times 6 \times 6$ *k*-mesh (δ phase), and a 54 atom cell with a $10 \times 10 \times 7$ *k*-mesh (ϵ phase). At volumes below the equilibrium volume, we use the same k-mesh size to ensure that results remain converged with respect to k-mesh size. The phonon densities of states $g(\nu)$ for each phase at their respective equilibrium volumes are shown in Fig. 2. Comparisons of the phonon dispersions and densities of states to experimental data are provided in Ref. [118].

The phonon calculations provide a rigorous way to determine model parameters in OPENSESAME used to construct the full tabular EOS. We use the Debye model [91] and the 'generalized CHART D' Grüneisen model [120] within OPENSESAME to construct the 2162 EOS. Typically moments of g(v) are used to determine the Debye frequencies of the solid phases. [96,121] For tin, we found that the zeroth moment typically gave free energies F(T) that matched the phonon free energy well over a wide range of temperatures and volumes, whereas the free energy predicted using first and second moments to determine the Debye frequencies did not



FIG. 2. Phonon densities of states g(v) for the different phases of tin at their respective equilibrium volumes using the AM05 functional.



FIG. 3. Free energy as a function of temperature for the γ phase computed from phonon calculations (dots) and the corresponding Debye model fit (lines) using Eq. (9) over a range of different volumes.

match the phonon F(T) results very well. At the same time, evaluation of the zeroth moment can be prone to numerical errors when a very small and otherwise negligible density of states is present around zero frequency (see Ref. [89] for details). This motivated us to develop an alternative method for determining the Debye frequencies for each phase and each volume based on a minimization scheme, motivated by matching the Debye free energy to the phonon free energy as closely as possible. Given the phonon or Debye density of states g(v), the free energy at fixed volume V is

$$F(T;V) = \int_0^\infty g(v) \left(\frac{1}{2} hv + k_B T \ln[1 - e^{-hv/k_B T}] \right) dv.$$
(8)

We choose the Debye frequency v_D via the minimization procedure

$$\min_{W_{D}} \|F_{D}(T;V) - F_{ph}(T;V)\|_{2}, \tag{9}$$

where F_D is the Debye free energy, F_{ph} is the free energy from phonon calculations, $||f(T)||_2^2 = \int_0^{T_{\text{max}}} f^2(T) dT$ denotes the L_2 norm, and we use $T_{\text{max}} = 4000$ K. The solution is obtained via a least-squares routine. Note that we determine v_D over a range of volumes, resulting in $\nu_D(V)$ for each solid phase. The determination of v_D in this way leads to very close agreement of F_D and F_{ph} over a wide range of volumes and temperatures, as shown in Fig. 3. In Fig. 3, the solid lines are computed using the Debye model, while the dots are computed from phonon calculations. We find close agreement at low and high temperatures, with slightly poorer agreement at low temperatures for small volumes. Also note that the v_D determined using the minimization scheme above were in very close agreement with the zeroth moment results in cases where the zeroth moment results were not prone to numerical evaluation errors. The advantage of the minimization approach is that it is not prone to the same numerical difficulties.

The calculation of $v_D(V)$ for each phase provides a set of points that can be used to fit an analytical form that corresponds to a particular Grüneisen model in OPENSESAME. In this case, we use the form

$$\nu_D(V) = \nu_{\text{ref}} x^{-A} \exp\left\{-B(x-1) - \frac{C}{2}(x^2 - 1)\right\}$$
(10)

where $x = V/V_{\text{ref}}$ and V_{ref} is a reference volume close to the equilibrium volume of each phase, to determine parameters for the Grüneisen model. Here the parameter *A* is chosen to be 2/3, while *B* and *C* are determined by fitting Eq. (10) to the Debye frequencies. The Grüneisen parameter $\Gamma = -d \ln v_D/d \ln V$ is then

$$\Gamma(V) = A + Bx + Cx^2. \tag{11}$$

With this form for Γ and fixed A, there are effectively two parameters that determine the Grüneisen model for each phase, B and C, and these are determined from DFT data by fitting Eq. (10) to DFT-calculated $\nu_D(V)$ points. Note, however, that in OPENSESAME, B and C are not used, but instead the Grüneisen parameter Γ and its derivative $\Gamma' \equiv d\Gamma/d \ln \rho$ are specified at a reference volume V_{ref} (or equivalently, reference density ρ_{ref}). Therefore, rather than specifying the Grüneisen model through B and C, we use $\Gamma_{\text{ref}} \equiv \Gamma(\rho_{\text{ref}})$ and $\Gamma'_{\text{ref}} \equiv$ $\Gamma'(\rho_{ref})$, with values listed in Table II. The Debye temperature Θ_D is also specified at the same reference density $\rho_{\rm ref}$. For the 2162 EOS, $\rho_{ref} = 7.581 \text{ g/cm}^3$ is chosen for all phases, which is within 1% of the equilibrium density ρ_0 determined from the DFT cold curve calculations. Also note that the form of Γ in Eq. (11) is only used for $V \leq V_{ref}$. Above V_{ref} , another form for Γ is used to prevent Γ from diverging in the expansion region well below solid densities, such that $\Gamma \rightarrow 1$ as $V \to \infty$ (see Ref. [89] for additional details). The values of $\Theta_D(\rho_{\rm ref})$, $\Gamma_{\rm ref}$, and $\Gamma'_{\rm ref}$ for each phase are shown in Table II. Values not in parentheses are the values computed directly from DFT calculations, while values that were changed to fit to experimental data (discussed in Sec. IV) are shown in parentheses.

The advantage of phonon calculations is that they provide a way to determine an initial set of Debye frequencies and Grüneisen model parameters in OPENSESAME to generate the full tabular EOS. Additional details on the process used to fit to DFT data are provided in Ref. [89].

C. DFT-MD

All DFT-MD simulations were performed in VASP. We used an *NVT* ensemble with a Nosé-Hoover thermostat [122,123] to determine liquid isotherms and an *NVE* ensemble to determine the melt curve using the Z method [110–112].

For the *NVT* simulations, we used the AM05 functional, a plane-wave energy cutoff of 250 eV, a 2-fs time step, and four electrons in the valence with the PAW method used to treat the core states. All simulations used 250 atoms in a cubic cell (a $5 \times 5 \times 5$ supercell of the conventional bcc δ phase) and the Brillouin zone was represented using the Γ point only. A series of simulations were run at different volumes and temperatures. Fermi smearing was used for all simulations, setting the smearing width according to the fixed temperature of each simulation. Each simulation was started using the atomic positions of a liquid state that was generated from a separate DFT-MD simulation in which the solid δ phase was allowed to melt at 10 000 K over a period of time. The



FIG. 4. Isotherms from DFT-MD simulations of the liquid phase (dots) with a comparison to the 2162 EOS (lines).

resulting liquid structures were then used as the initial structures at each V, T. A total of 8 ps were used to determine the resulting pressure, with the first 4 ps neglected to allow enough time for the system to equilibrate (see Ref. [118] for details regarding equilibration time). The pressure was then determined through a time average of the last 4 ps using a block averaging procedure (see Ref. [118] for details). Additional details on the DFT-MD calculations are provided in Ref. [89].

Figure 4 shows liquid isotherms computed in DFT-MD (dots), along with the isotherms used for the resulting 2162 EOS (lines). Error bars are not included with the points because the statistical errors in the pressure are small enough to fit within the dots on the plot (see Ref. [118] for details). The isotherms help to constrain both the parameters controlling the thermal response and parameters associated with the liquid in OPENSESAME. The benefit of these DFT-MD simulations is that they provide the best available data for isotherms in the liquid phase, since very little experimental data is available in this region of the state space. The resulting 2162 EOS fit is shown in the same figure, with overall good agreement with the DFT-MD data. Some discrepancies of the 2162 EOS and the DFT-calculated are present, which is a result of having to determine liquid model parameters that simultaneously fit the DFT-MD data and experimental Hugoniot data in the liquid phase, as described in Sec. IV. We also point out that the process for determining model parameters for the liquid phase is more involved than that of the solid phases. We leave this discussion for Sec. IV, with additional details provided in Ref. [89].

For the Z-method simulations used to determine the melt curve, we used an NVE ensemble with the PBE functional and the PAW method in VASP. Since the simulations were performed at high-PT conditions, we used accurate PAW potentials where the semi-core 4d states were treated as valence states, so that each Sn atom included 14 valence electrons per atom (4d, 5s, and 5p orbitals). The valence states were represented with a plane-wave energy cutoff of 300 eV.

For all Z method calculations involving noncubic cells, we first relaxed the structure to determine its unit cell parameters; those unit cells were used for the construction of the corresponding supercells. We used systems of sizes 512 (4 \times 4 \times 8) for the β phase, 504 (6 × 6 × 7) for the γ phase, and 512 (rhombohedral $8 \times 8 \times 8$ with $\theta = 109.5^{\circ}$) for the δ phase. Only the Γ point was used to represent the Brillouin zone in each case. Full energy convergence (to $\sim 1 \text{ meV/atom}$) was verified by performing short runs with $2 \times 2 \times 2$ and $3 \times 3 \times 3$ k-meshes and by comparing their output with that of the run with a single Γ point. The Z-method NVE runs were 15,000-20,000 time steps, with a time step of 1 fs. These points were then used to determine an analytic form for the melt curves of each solid phase, which are presented in Ref. [118]. The full melt curve is the envelope of the three melt curves for each individual phase and is shown in Fig. 5. The Z-method calculations provide the best available data for the high pressure (\gtrsim 75 GPa) portion of the melt curve, which extends beyond currently available experimental data. In addition, the calculations can be considered a fully *ab initio* prediction of the melt behavior of the β , γ , and δ phases (see Ref. [118] for details).

IV. RESULTS

The DFT results presented in Sec. III provide a way to determine an initial set of parameters for models used in OPENSESAME. This initial set of parameters provides a good starting point, but the DFT data will not in general agree perfectly with experimental data. The reasons for this have primarily to do with uncertainty in the exchange-correlation functional used in DFT, as well as inherent uncertainties in experiments. Different experiments can give significantly different results, making it necessary to prioritize certain experimental results based on reasonable criteria when constructing the EOS. In this section, we briefly describe the process used to adjust model parameters determined from DFT data to fit experimental results, with a focus on the resulting fit to experimental data. The final values before and after fitting are shown in Table II, where values not in parentheses are determined directly from DFT and values in parentheses indicate that the value was adjusted to agree with experimental data. A more detailed description of this process can be found in Ref. [89].

A. Phase diagram

We first review the overall phase diagram in *P*-*T* space in the final 2162 EOS, shown in Fig. 5. The phase diagram generated from DFT data alone does not fit perfectly with experimental data, but the qualitative features are correct, as described in Ref. [89]. The primary tool for adjusting the location of the phase boundaries in pressure is by adjusting the cold curve equilibrium energies $E_0 = F_{cold}(V_0)$. The DFT-predicted values and adjusted values (in parentheses) are shown in Table II, where the energy is relative to E_0 of the β phase. Although the changes appear to be relatively large, there are two important reasons for this. First, it is not possible with GGA xc functionals to simultaneously predict correct atomization energies and bond lengths [124]; the prediction



FIG. 5. Phase diagram of tin. (a) A wide range of the state space with the principal Hugoniot (blue line) and principal adiabat (orange line). Experimental data of the melt curve are from Refs. [52,53,59,64]. The data of Bernard and Maillet are MD simulations discussed in Ref. [81]. (b) A narrow range of the state space around the β - γ -liquid triple point. Experimental data are from Refs. [42,43].

of both is only possible within a meta-GGA framework. The GGA AM05 functional used for DFT calculations in Sec. III gives very accurate predictions of bond lengths for tin, but was not designed with the goal of obtaining accurate relative values of E_0 between phases, but instead to correctly describe surface effects in solids. Second, adjusting E_0 does not change any properties that depend on derivatives of the energy, making E_0 the most straight-forward parameter to use to adjust the relative locations of the phase boundaries in *P*-*T* space.

Several points regarding the phase diagram should be noted. First, the β - γ phase boundary was modified from the SESAME 2161 EOS to be located at slightly lower pressures. The 2161 EOS originally determined the phase boundary based on shock Hugoniot data, which included some kinetic effects associated with hysteresis in the $\beta \rightarrow \gamma$ phase transition. With recent developments in modeling the kinetics of phase transitions in hydrodynamics codes, it is now important to place the phase boundary at the location of static experiments so that the kinetic effects associated with the β - γ phase transition can be accounted for in the kinetic models, rather than in the EOS. This allows the reverse transformation $(\gamma \rightarrow \beta)$ to properly include kinetic effects, as well. The β - γ phase boundary and the β - γ -liquid triple point are shown in Fig. 5(b) with comparisons to experimental data from Refs. [42,43]. The 2162 EOS is in close agreement with the experimental data near the triple point and with the β - γ phase boundary. The higher pressure parts of the phase boundary are also in close agreement with phase diagrams reported previously in Refs. [10,11,88].

We also point out that the slope of the γ - δ and δ - ϵ phase boundaries in Fig. 5(a) are determined entirely from DFT data. One challenge in determining the γ - δ phase boundary lies in the fact that the γ phase cold curves should in principle be computed in such a way that the lattice is allowed to relax at each volume. This leads to a c/a ratio that converges to 1 as the volume is decreased, indicating that the δ (bcc) phase becomes lower in energy. Although, in principle, this is the correct way to treat the γ phase, in practice, this makes it very difficult to determine a well-defined γ - δ phase boundary. At elevated temperatures the Gibbs free energy G(P) of the γ and δ phases are nearly coincident near the phase boundary, making it difficult to numerically determine the pressure Passociated with the transition at elevated temperatures. The ambiguity in defining a phase boundary is also borne out in experiments. In particular, Salamat et al. find in Ref. [29] evidence of the emergence of body-centered orthorhombic (bco) phase(s) near the γ - δ phase transition at room temperature. This finding indicates that near the phase boundary, the relative energy differences between bct, bco, and bcc structures are small enough that the presence of local strains within different grains of the sample can lead to the local stabilization of different phases. These results provide insight into the fundamental difficulty of defining a clear phase boundary in this region of the state space, rather than indicate a fundamental failure in the DFT calculations.

In order to address the difficulties associated with defining the γ - δ phase boundary, we ultimately used a DFT cold curve for the γ phase in which the c/a ratio is kept fixed at the equilibrium (zero pressure) value. This allows for more contrast in the enthalpies (at T = 0) and the Gibbs free energies (T > 0) near the phase boundary and therefore alleviates difficulties associated with the numerically ambiguous phase preference near the phase boundary.

Another point regarding the ϵ phase is also worth mentioning. The experimental evidence for the emergence of the ϵ phase is relatively limited, but DAC experiments by Salamat *et al.* (Ref. [28]) show a clear transition to the ϵ phase at room temperature above 150 GPa. Nonetheless, these experiments do not provide information about the slope of the phase boundary in *P*-*T* at these high pressures, making the DFT-predicted phase boundary the best currently available data we have. The DFT results clearly indicate a positive slope in Fig. 5(a), which is also in qualitative agreement with experiments performed by Lazicki *et al.* (Ref. [41]) involving dynamic compression of tin up to pressures around 1 TPa. In Ref. [41], no evidence of the ϵ phase is found, however it is noted that very high temperatures are achieved during compression, which may mean that the (P, T) states probed in experiments are located above the δ - ϵ phase boundary that we compute using DFT. Furthermore, Lazicki *et al.* postulate that strain rates in their compressive experiments may be too fast to observe nucleation and growth of the ϵ phase. New compressive experiments would help to shed light on these issues and on the location of the phase boundary.

One final point regarding the melt curve is important. Many measurements of the melt curve have been made using a variety of experimental techniques, with a large amount of scatter in the data. Due to the degree of variability, it is necessary to choose a subset of experimental results to guide the EOS construction. For the 2162 EOS, we have focused on recent experiments by La Lone et al. (Ref. [59]) which measure melt on shock release using a combination of pyrometry, reflectance, and velocimetry techniques to determine the location of the melt curve in (P, T) space. These results are shown in Fig. 5(a), where the red lines indicate upper and lower limits of uncertainty in the measurements. We also include laser-heated DAC data by Schwager et al. (Ref. [64]), shockinduced melt data by Mabire & Héreil (Refs. [52,53]), and classical molecular dynamics (MD) simulations of the melt by Bernard and Maillet (Ref. [81]). Note that the calculations of Bernard and Maillet use an interatomic potential optimized by fitting to DFT-MD simulations. We also show the melt curve predicted by our Z method calculations in Fig. 5, which are in very close agreement with the 2162 EOS and with experimental data. Comparisons to other experiments can be found in Ref. [89]. It is also important to point out that the melt curve of the 2162 EOS is located at slightly higher temperatures than the previous 2161 EOS, based primarily on the experimental data provided in Fig. 5 and also on a trend towards consensus that the melt curve lies at higher temperatures than what is shown in the 2161 EOS below \sim 50 GPa [59,88].

The melt curve is determined primarily by the liquid phase parameters, shown in Table II, in addition to values of liquidspecific parameters $\Gamma_{\rm m}$, $\Gamma_{\rm rs}$, $T_{\rm m}$, $T_{\rm rs}$, and ΔS , described in Sec. II. For these liquid-specific parameters, we use the values $\Gamma_{rs}=\Gamma_m=2.45,$ which is the same as the adjusted Γ_{ref} value for the γ phase, as well as $T_{\rm m} = T_{\rm rs} = 580$ K and $\Delta S = 0.9$ kJ/g. Note that all parameters for the liquid phase in Table II are shown in parentheses because there is not a unique way to determine the parameters from DFT calculations. The liquid phase parameters are the least straight-forward to adjust, and we provide a brief overview of how these parameters were determined below (additional details are provided in Ref. [89]). First, because the melt curve extends across the β , γ , and δ phases, it was necessary to construct a cold curve that interpolated between these three phases. This was done by stitching together $P(\rho)$ for the β and γ phases near the T = 0 transition density (the δ phase is left out because the γ and $\delta P(\rho)$ curves are nearly overlapping at high density), so that an 'effective' cold curve that interpolates between phases could be used. The resulting cold curve has a slightly lower ρ_0 than the β , γ , and δ phases, as shown in Table II. The values of B and B' are also determined from fitting the Vinet-Rose model in this way. The parameters E_0 and Θ_D for the liquid phase mainly influence the location of the melt curve in P-T space. Because there is no straight-forward way to determine these parameters directly from DFT data, the adjustment was done mostly through trial-and-error fitting to the experimental data of melt curve measurements. Lastly, the Grüneisen parameter Γ_{ref} was initially chosen to be the same as Γ_{ref} of the γ phase. However, this resulted in pressures that were slightly too high at elevated temperatures in both the DFT-MD data (Fig. 3) and in the shock Hugoniot data (Fig. 8). Lowering this value by $\sim 2\%$ allowed for better agreement in both the DFT-MD results and the shock Hugoniot results. As described in Sec. IV D, lowering this value changed the location of the phase boundaries in Fig. 5 slightly. We therefore reduced Γ_{ref} of the solid phases by the same ratio as was used for the liquid phase to restore the accuracy of the phase boundaries. Note that Γ'_{ref} of the liquid phase primarily controls the curvature of the melt curve at high pressures. We determined the value $\Gamma'_{\rm ref} = -3.5$ in Table II by fitting to the melt curve at high pressure. Because this value was relatively higher than that of the solid phases, Γ'_{ref} of the solid phases were decreased to retain the shapes of the phase boundaries at high pressures.

B. Isobaric data

When adjusting model parameters in OPENSESAME to create the 2162 EOS, we started with isobaric data. As described in Ref. [89], the isobaric data generally allows for some constraints to be placed on model parameters of the phases that are stable at atmospheric pressure. For tin, this includes the β and liquid phases.

In Fig. 6, we show a variety of isobaric data at 1 bar and at temperatures above and below the β -liquid phase boundary. In Fig. 6(a), the temperature dependent bulk modulus B(T) of the β phase is shown with comparisons to experimental data determined from Kammer *et al.* (Ref. [15]). Kammer *et al.* measured the elastic constants of β tin at different temperatures, and from those measurements it is possible to estimate the bulk modulus *B* and shear modulus *G*, as described in Ref. [89]. Using the data of Kammer *et al.*, we found that at T = 0, B = 58 GPa, which can be compared to the AM05 result of B = 52.7 GPa, as found by fitting the *E-V* points to a Vinet-Rose model. [90] Because the DFT result is slightly low, we modified the value to B = 58 GPa (see Table II), which provides a constraint that reduces the number of remaining model parameters that need to be adjusted.

In Fig. 6(b), we show the density along the 1 bar isobar with comparisons to experimental data from Refs. [16–19]. The 2162 EOS matches very well in the β phase below melt, and lies in between the data of Alchagirov *et al.* and Wang *et al.* in the liquid phase. Due to the constraint on *B* at T = 0, we were able to determine the equilibrium density of the β phase, $\rho_0 = 7.437$ g/cm³ based on the $\rho(T)$ data in Fig. 6(b). This value is roughly 1.2% higher than the AM05-predicted value of 7.344 g/cm³ (see Table II) and 7.2% higher than the PBE-predicted value of 6.939 g/cm³. The other piece that we adjusted slightly to fit to the isobaric $\rho(T)$ data is Γ_{ref} , shown in Table II. The combination of ρ_0 , *B*, and Γ_{ref} together control the slope and initial value of $\rho(T)$, and these values were found to give good agreement with data shown in Fig. 6(b).

We also show the entropy [Fig. 6(c)] and heat capacity at constant pressure [Fig. 6(d)] with comparisons to data from



FIG. 6. Comparison of the 2162 EOS to experimental isobaric data along the 1 bar isobar. (a) The bulk modulus B(T) and shear modulus G(T) are computed from temperature-dependent elastic constant data in Ref. [15]. (b) The density $\rho(T)$ in the β phase (below 505 K) and in the liquid phase (above 505 K) are compared to experimental data from Refs. [16–19]. Experimental data from Ref. [20] are compared with the 2162 EOS for (c) the entropy S(T) and (d) the heat capacity at constant pressure $C_p(T)$.

Hultgren *et al.* (Ref. [20]). Very close agreement is shown between the experimental data and the 2162 EOS. No additional adjustment of model parameters was necessary to provide good agreement for the β phase.

C. Isothermal data

The next step in the EOS construction is to look at isothermal DAC data at room temperature. A variety of DAC experiments have been performed over the years, and we focus specifically on data from Refs. [23–29]. In Fig. 7, we show a comparison of the 2162 EOS to these experimental results. Note that due to the high level of agreement of the AM05 cold curves with DAC data (Fig. 1), it was possible to use the AM05 cold curves directly and without any adjustments, aside from the β phase which was modified slightly based on isobaric data. The benefit of using the DFT data for the cold curves is that it provides a more precise way to define the cold curves than using the DAC data directly, due to the limited range of ρ , P data available from DAC experiments for each phase. The limited range of data available will introduce uncertainty in the fitted parameters. The benefit of the DFT calculations is that a wider range of ρ , P can be used to more precisely determine cold curve parameters for each phase,

which then translates to less uncertainty in the solid phase properties throughout the phase diagram. The unmodified cold curve parameters are shown in Table II.

In Fig. 7(a), we show results over a wide range of density, which spans all four solid phases included in the EOS, with the β - γ transition occurring at roughly 9 GPa, the γ - δ transition occurring at roughly 48 GPa, and the δ - ϵ transition occurring at roughly 156 GPa. The experiments of Salamat et al. (Refs. [28,29]) are more recent and are the most precise data available, and the 2162 EOS shows a high level of agreement with these results, particularly in the β and γ phases at low pressure, as shown in Fig. 7(b). Note that small discrepancies can be seen in the δ phase in Fig. 7(a), where the 2162 EOS is slightly lower in pressure than the results of Salamat et al.. This is interesting due to the fact that the discrepancies start to appear at the onset of the γ - δ phase transition. In the experiments of Ref. [29], Salamat et al. find evidence for the emergence of bco phases, indicating that the γ (bct), δ (bcc), and bco phases are all accessible in this region of the state space and that the observed stable phase may be influenced by small local strains present in the samples. For the purposes of the EOS, we did not try to address all of these issues, but rather relied on the AM05-calculated values, since this provided a concrete way for determining model



FIG. 7. Room temperature isotherm for the 2162 EOS with a comparison to experimental data over (a) the full range of experimental data and (b) near the β - γ phase transition. Experimental data are from Refs. [23–29].

parameters without leading to significant discrepancies with the available experimental data.

D. Shock data

The final piece of experimental data we consider is shock data. Figure 8 shows a comparison of the 2162 EOS to experimental shock measurements from Refs. [33-38]. Note that the principal Hugoniot is shown in Fig. 5(a). In Figs. 8(a) and 8(b), we show the $U_s - u_p$ relations along the principal Hugoniot, where panel (a) shows a wide range of shock speeds into the liquid phase and panel (b) is zoomed in to focus on the solid phases. The 2162 EOS is in good agreement throughout. Note that in panel (b), the $\beta \rightarrow \gamma$ phase transition is shown to initiate at lower shock speed than the data points of the Marsh et al. (1980) results. As mentioned previously, this is due to the fact that some hysteresis associated with the phase transition is included in the shock data. The goal of the 2162 EOS is to place the phase boundaries at their equilibrium values and allow for hydrodynamics codes to capture the kinetic effects associated with phase transitions. We also point out that the γ - δ phase transition is very subtle, but can be seen at $U_{\rm s} \approx 4.2$ km/s in panel (b). This is not expected to be a large effect since the γ phase exhibits a shear deformation to the δ phase along the phase boundary. One interesting remaining question is if there is any noticeable change in material strength through this phase transformation.

In Figs. 8(c) and 8(d), we show the corresponding pressure dependence $P(\rho)$ along the Hugoniot. The 2162 EOS is again in good agreement with the experimental data through the three solid phases and into the liquid.

The results of Fig. 8 did not require any additional adjustments to the solid phases, but did require adjustments to the Grüneisen parameters of the liquid phase. Originally, the liquid phase was constructed using the same Γ_{ref} and Γ'_{ref} values as the γ phase. However, we found that this value of Γ_{ref} caused U_s to be slightly too high at large u_p in Fig. 8(a) and also caused the pressure to be slightly too high at high densities in Fig. 8(c). In order to address these issues, we lowered Γ_{ref} for the liquid phase from 2.48 to 2.45 (see Table II), a change of roughly 2%, which brought the Hugoniot down in both U_p and P and resulting in the agreement with experimental data shown in Fig. 8. However, because of these adjustments, the solid-solid and solid-liquid phase boundaries in Fig. 5 also changed to be in worse agreement with experimental data. To address this, we decreased the Γ_{ref} values of the γ , δ , and ϵ phases by the same ratio as was used for the liquid phase (see Table II), which restored the agreement of the phase boundaries with experimental data.

V. CONCLUSION

We have described the construction of a new multiphase SESAME EOS for tin, referred to as SESAME 2162. The new EOS includes four solid phases and the liquid phase. We performed DFT calculations using the AM05 exchangecorrelation functional of the four solid phases and the liquid phase, including cold curve and quasiharmonic phonon calculations of the solid phases and DFT-MD calculations of the liquid phase. The DFT calculations greatly aid in constraining the model parameters used in OPENSESAME to generate the resulting 2162 EOS. In particular, the DFT calculations provide the best available data for the slopes of the high pressure solid-solid phase boundaries, the high pressure melt curve, isotherms for the high temperature liquid phase, and the high pressure solid cold curves. Because model parameters determined from DFT alone are not in exact agreement with experimental data, slight adjustments of model parameters determined by the DFT calculations are required. We presented the results of the 2162 EOS construction with comparisons to a wide range of experimental data, including isobaric data, isothermal data, shock data, measurements of the triple point



FIG. 8. Comparison of the 2162 EOS to shock experiments along the principal Hugoniot. The U_s - u_p relations are shown over (a) a wide range of shock speeds including the liquid phase and (b) over a narrow range of shock speeds focusing on the solid phases. The pressure $P(\rho)$ along the Hugoniot is shown over (c) a wide range of pressure and (d) a narrow range of pressure focusing on the solid phases. Experimental data are from Refs. [33–38].

and solid-solid phase boundaries, and measurements of the melt curve. The 2162 EOS shows an overall high level of agreement with these experimental results. In addition, in regions of the state space where experimental data is limited or does not exist, the DFT calculations provide the best available information on material properties. Looking forward, it will be important to develop new methods for EOS construction, such as automated EOS generation based on both DFT and experimental data. At the same time, uncertainty quantification of EOS will be important. We expect that the process used to generate the 2162 EOS can be used to inform on both uncertainty quantification and methods for automatic EOS generation, as described in more detail in Ref. [89].

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