Laser-shock compression and Hugoniot measurements of liquid hydrogen to 55 GPa

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The principal Hugoniot for liquid hydrogen was obtained up to 55 GPa under laser-driven shock loading. The pressure and density of compressed hydrogen were determined by impedance matching to a quartz standard. The shock temperature was independently measured from the brightness of the shock front. Hugoniot data of hydrogen provide a good benchmark to modern theories of condensed matter. The initial number density of liquid hydrogen is lower than that for liquid deuterium, and this results in shock-compressed hydrogen having a higher compression and higher temperature than deuterium at the same shock pressure.

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I. INTRODUCTION

The properties of hydrogen at high pressure and high density are of great scientific interest. The equation of state (EOS) of hydrogen at these conditions is essential for modeling of the interior structure of gas giant planets. 1-3 The large diversity in the estimation of Jupiter's core mass results from the uncertainty in the EOS data, especially in the region around the insulator-to-metal transition. The EOS of hydrogen isotopes has important practical applications for inertial confinement fusion,⁴ and metallic hydrogen is suggested as a prospective candidate of high-temperature superconductor.⁵ Chemical free-energy models^{6–8} and *ab initio* simulations^{9,10} have been used to predict the properties of warm dense hydrogen, but the results vary widely and have not converged yet. Therefore, accurate experimental data for the hydrogen EOS are required for evaluation of the theoretical models and for further understanding of the fundamental nature of hydrogen.

It is more difficult to generate high pressures in hydrogen than in deuterium because of its lower shock impedance. For this reason, most of the recent experimental measurements by shock compression have focused on the heavier isotope. 11–16 However, it should be noted that the Hugoniots for the two isotopes do not scale in density. Owing to the difference in zero-point energy, the mole volume of liquid hydrogen is larger than deuterium. 8,17 As a result, hydrogen is expected to have higher compression and higher Hugoniot temperature than deuterium at the same pressure.

There is a large gap in the experimental achievement of shock compression between liquid hydrogen and deuterium. The principal Hugoniot for liquid deuterium was measured up to 220 GPa using laser-driven shock waves. ¹⁶ For the case of liquid hydrogen, the Hugoniot was studied experimentally only to 10 GPa by a gas gun and explosive method more than two decades ago. ^{18,19} The metallization of hydrogen on the

Hugoniot is expected to occur at much higher pressure. In this paper, we carried out laser-shock experiments of liquid hydrogen to pressures exceeding 10 GPa in order to make a quantitative comparison of the hydrogen Hugoniot around the metal transition with the deuterium data.

II. EXPERIMENTS

The experiments were performed on the GEKKO HIPER laser facility at the Institute of Laser Engineering, Osaka University. The laser is a neodymium-doped glass system operating at the third harmonics wavelength of 351 nm. Laser energies between 0.8 and 1.4 kJ were delivered to generate the shock pressures using a nominally square pulse of 2.5 ns in duration. The laser focal spot of 600 μm in diameter was smoothed using Kinoform phase plates. This resulted in the effective laser intensities between 4 \times 10 13 and 8 \times 10 13 W/cm².

Figure 1 shows the experimental setup and target arrangement. The cryogenic hydrogen target consisted of two z-cut α -quartz plates by which the hydrogen layer was sandwiched. The thickness of the quartz was 50 μm for both of them. These quartz plates were glued to kovar flanges attached to a copper cell filled with liquid molecular hydrogen at 15 K. The gap between the two quartz windows was $30-250 \mu m$ thick. The laser-side quartz was deposited by $40-\mu m$ aluminum as a pusher. The aluminum layer has another important role to shield the quartz and hydrogen against the x-ray radiation from ablation plasma. The free surface of the rear-side quartz had an antireflective coating to minimize spurious reflections. In this target, the quartz was designed to be used not only as a window material, but also as a reference standard for the impedance-matching measurement. The initial densities of quartz and liquid hydrogen were 2.65 and 0.0760 g/cm³. At the probe laser wavelength of 532 nm, the indices of refraction

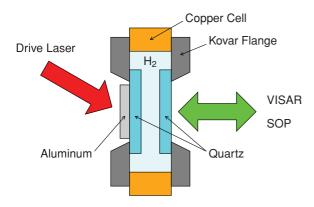


FIG. 1. (Color online) Sketch of the cryogenic hydrogen target used in the experiments. The drive laser irradiates the target from the left with an incident angle of 30 degrees, while the VISAR and SOP measure the shock velocity and self-emission from the rear side of the target.

of quartz and hydrogen were 1.547 and 1.121.²⁰ Small change in the optical properties of quartz at cryogenic temperature is ignorable.¹⁶

III. RESULTS: SHOCK VELOCITIES

Shock velocities in the laser-side quartz U_{sO} and hydrogen U_{sH} were measured using a line-imaging velocity interferometer system for any reflector (VISAR).^{21,22} At the high pressure involved in these experiments, shock waves in the initially transparent quartz and hydrogen are reflecting. Then, the VISAR can provide a direct time-resolved measurement of shock velocities in these media. The probe light for VISAR was a Q-switched yttrium-aluminum-garnet (YAG) laser operating at a wavelength of 532 nm. Two VISARs were run concurrently on each shot to resolve the 2π phaseshift ambiguities at shock breakout. The velocity sensitivities were 4.14 and 14.53 km/s/fringe for quartz, and 5.71 and 20.05 km/s/fringe for liquid hydrogen. Post processing of the VISAR images using Fourier transform methods determines the fringe position to \sim 5% of a fringe. The resulting velocities were measured to $\sim 1\%$ precision since shock velocities were high enough to cause multiple fringe shifts.

A sample VISAR trace is shown in Fig. 2(a) and the accompanying profile of shock velocities is shown in Fig. 2(b). The time-resolved VISAR measurements allowed velocities to be tracked continuously during transit through both the standard and the sample. The transit distance in the quartz determined from the time-integrated VISAR velocity agreed consistently with the thickness measured by interferometry before the shock experiment. Shock velocities immediately before and after the quartz-hydrogen interface were adopted for the impedance-matching analysis. To precisely determine the velocity at the breakout, a linear fit was taken of the velocities over 0.5 ns and extrapolated to forward or backward the impedance-matching time t=0. The velocities were calculated by averaging the shock profile over 0.1 ns, which is equivalent to the temporal resolution of the streak camera.

As seen from Fig. 2(b), the shock velocity in quartz decreased with time more than 15% within \sim 2 ns. Decaying shock is a common feature of laser-driven shock waves. This

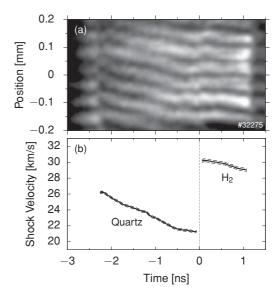


FIG. 2. (a) Sample VISAR trace showing the signal from the reflecting shock front in the laser-side quartz and liquid hydrogen in experiment No. 32275. (b) Resulting velocity profile extracted from the VISAR fringe shift in (a) with dashed lines representing measurement uncertainties.

means that the estimation of shock velocity by transit time requires corrections taking account of the deceleration rate, and thus it could bring a large uncertainty in U_s . Therefore, transparent standards have a great advantage for laser-shock experiments, and actually provide a significant improvement in the accuracy of the evaluation of the pressure P and density ρ along the Hugoniot.^{23,24} Shock planarity was observed to extend over 400 μ m, which ensures more than five fringes to be available for the Fourier analysis. In this spatial range, the systematic variation in the shock arrival time was less than about 0.1 ns. Preheat in quartz and hydrogen can be neglected because preheat in the laser-side quartz was estimated to be less than 0.04 eV and no motion of the quartz-hydrogen interface was observed before shock breakout in one-dimensional radiation hydrodynamic simulations with the MULTI code.²⁵

Figure 3 shows a impedance-match diagram in the P- U_p plane, where U_p is the particle velocity. The quartz Hugoniot was previously established by the OMEGA laser experiments to have a linear U_s - U_p relation given by $U_{sQ} = a_0 + a_1(U_{pQ} - \beta)$, where $a_0 = 20.57 \pm 0.15$, $a_1 = 1.291 \pm 0.036$, and $\beta = 12.74$. This formula is valid at the pressure over 200 GPa and in good agreement with the Kerley-7360 EOS model. Impedance matching occurs at the intersection of the hydrogen Rayleigh line and the release isentrope of quartz. Because of the low shock impedance of hydrogen, quartz release curves from several hundreds of GPa down to more than 1 order of magnitude are needed. In this paper, the quartz isentrope was calculated from the tabulated Kerley model.

Pre- and post-shock conditions are related by the Rankine-Hugoniot conservation equations

$$\rho_0 U_s = \rho (U_s - U_p) , \qquad (1)$$

$$P - P_0 = \rho_0 U_s U_p , \qquad (2)$$

$$e - e_0 = \frac{1}{2}(P + P_0)\left(\frac{1}{\rho_0} - \frac{1}{\rho}\right),$$
 (3)

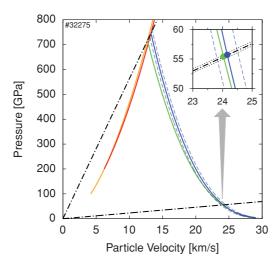


FIG. 3. (Color) Impedance matching in the P- U_p plane illustrating measurement error propagation. Black dot-dashed curves show the Rayleigh lines for quartz (upper) and hydrogen (lower). The red solid curve is the quartz Hugoniot derived by laser experiments (Ref. 26). The blue solid curve is a release isentrope of quartz calculated from Kerley's model (SESAME 7360) (Ref. 27), and blue dashed curves show the propagation of uncertainty in the quartz shock velocity. The inset is a magnified view around the intersection of the Rayleigh line of hydrogen with the release isentrope of quartz. Black dotted curves show the range of uncertainty in the Rayleigh lines associated with the measurement error in hydrogen shock velocity. For the purpose of comparison, the quartz Hugoniot based on Z experiments (Ref. 35) and the corresponding Kerley release are shown by orange and green solid curves.

where e is the specific internal energy and the subscript 0 denotes initial conditions. The pressure and density of shocked hydrogen are derived from measured U_s and U_p using Eqs. (1) and (2). The results for the hydrogen Hugoniot are listed in Table I. Random errors shown in the table come from measurement uncertainties in U_s . Random-error propagation in the impedance-matching procedure is illustrated by Fig. 3. Systematic errors arising from uncertainties in the principal Hugoniot of quartz are also considered. Figure 4 depicts the principal Hugoniot of liquid hydrogen in the P- ρ plane, where ρ is normalized by the initial hydrogen density ρ_0 . These results are shown along with the past experimental data^{18,19} and theoretical models calculated for hydrogen with the initial density $\rho_0 = 0.071 \text{ g/cm}^3.8,10,28$

The pressure range of shocked hydrogen obtained in this work was 25–55 GPa. The highest pressure is more than five times higher than the previous data. The compression ρ/ρ_0 of hydrogen ranges from 3.8 to 5.6, which is mostly comparable to the models but slightly softer at 30–50 GPa. Note that the slope change near 15 GPa in the Hugoniot curve predicted by the quantum molecular dynamics simulations is related to the dissociation of hydrogen molecules.²⁹ The compression of deuterium, on the other hand, has been measured as 3.3–4.4 at the same pressure range, ^{14,16,30} so that hydrogen exhibits systematically higher compression compared to deuterium (see Fig. 4). This trend is qualitatively consistent with theoretical predictions⁸ and can be seen in the earlier data below 10 GPa.¹⁹

 $U_{\rm BH}$, and $\rho_{\rm H}$ are the particle velocity, pressure, and density of shocked hydrogen showing both random and systematic errors: (ran,sys). $U'_{\mu\nu}$, $P'_{\mu\nu}$, and ρ'_{μ} are reference data derived by using TABLE I. Hugoniot data for liquid hydrogen resulted from impedance matching to a quartz standard. U_{sQ} and U_{sH} are the shock velocities in quartz and hydrogen with measurement errors.

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Shot No.	Shot No. U_{sQ} (km/s) U_{sH} (km/s)	$U_{s m H}~({ m km/s})$	$U_{p m H}~({ m km/s})$	$P_{ m H}$ (GPa)	$ ho_{ m H}~({ m g/cm^3})$	$U_{p m H}^{\prime}\left({ m km/s} ight)$	$P_{\rm H}^{\prime}$ (GPa)	$ ho_{ m H}^{\prime}~({ m g/cm^3})$
32 275	21.24 ± 0.21	30.31 ± 0.20	$24.16 \pm (0.38, 0.01)$	$55.7 \pm (0.9, 0.0)$	$0.375 \pm (0.024, 0.001)$	$24.03 \pm (0.39, 0.14)$	$55.4 \pm (1.0, 0.3)$	$0.367 \pm (0.023, 0.008)$
33 159	19.33 ± 0.16	26.89 ± 0.30	$21.44 \pm (0.27,0.04)$	$43.8 \pm (0.7, 0.1)$	$0.375 \pm (0.025, 0.003)$	$21.29 \pm (0.29, 0.13)$	$43.5 \pm (0.7, 0.3)$	$0.365 \pm (0.025, 0.008)$
33 144	19.27 ± 0.14	26.64 ± 0.20	$21.37 \pm (0.26,0.05)$	$43.3 \pm (0.6, 0.1)$	$0.384 \pm (0.020, 0.003)$	$21.21 \pm (0.27, 0.13)$	$42.9 \pm (0.6, 0.3)$	$0.373 \pm (0.020, 0.009)$
32 270	19.04 ± 0.34	25.71 ± 0.25	$21.10 \pm (0.54, 0.06)$	$41.2 \pm (1.1, 0.1)$	$0.424 \pm (0.054, 0.005)$	$20.92 \pm (0.56, 0.13)$	$40.9 \pm (1.2, 0.3)$	$0.408 \pm (0.054, 0.011)$
31912^*	17.54 ± 0.28	23.72 ± 0.45	$18.95 \pm (0.49, 0.07)$	$34.2 \pm (1.1, 0.1)$	$0.378 \pm (0.053, 0.006)$	$18.77 \pm (0.44, 0.20)$	$33.8 \pm (1.0, 0.4)$	$0.364 \pm (0.045, 0.014)$
33 151	16.58 ± 0.17	22.21 ± 0.27	$17.43 \pm (0.32, 0.11)$	$29.4 \pm (0.6, 0.2)$	$0.353 \pm (0.028, 0.008)$	$17.50 \pm (0.28, 0.22)$	$29.5 \pm (0.6, 0.4)$	$0.358 \pm (0.027, 0.016)$
31917*	15.49 ± 0.44	21.14 ± 0.54	$15.78 \pm (0.68, 0.14)$	$25.4 \pm (1.2, 0.2)$	$0.300 \pm (0.052, 0.008)$	$15.97 \pm (0.67, 0.17)$	$25.7 \pm (1.2, 0.3)$	$0.311 \pm (0.054, 0.010)$
31922^*	15.26 ± 0.48	20.93 ± 0.71	$15.45 \pm (0.74, 0.14)$	$24.6 \pm (1.4, 0.2)$	$0.290 \pm (0.062, 0.008)$	$15.64 \pm (0.74, 0.14)$	$24.9 \pm (1.4, 0.2)$	$0.301 \pm (0.066, 0.008)$

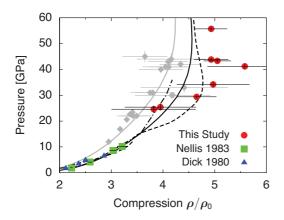


FIG. 4. (Color online) Pressure vs compression for the principal Hugoniot of liquid hydrogen. Data are from Dick and Kerley (Ref. 18) (blue triangles), Nellis *et al.* (Ref. 19) (green squares), and this work (red circles). Error bars represent the quadrature sum of random and systematic errors. Also shown are theoretical predictions from the model EOS of Kerley (Ref. 8) (solid line), quantum molecular dynamics simulations (Ref. 10) (dashed line), and the linear mixing model (Ref. 28) (dot-dashed line). For reference, the Hugoniot data for liquid deuterium (Refs. 14,16 and 30) are depicted by gray diamonds, and the gray curve is the Kerley model for deuterium (Ref. 8).

The uncertainties in the Hugoniot pressure and density are caused mostly by the random errors associated with velocity measurements δU_s and δU_p , which are evaluated by

$$\frac{\delta P}{P} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\delta U_s}{U_s}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\delta U_p}{U_p}\right)^2} \,, \tag{4}$$

$$\frac{\delta\rho}{\rho} = \left(\frac{\rho}{\rho_0} - 1\right) \sqrt{\left(\frac{\delta U_s}{U_s}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\delta U_p}{U_p}\right)^2} \ . \tag{5}$$

As seen from Fig. 4, the uncertainties in density are much larger than those in pressure. Since hydrogen is highly compressible at this pressure range, the factor in Eq. (5) becomes considerably large, i.e., $\rho/\rho_0-1\approx 4$. The errors in density are then enhanced up to about 6%, even when the velocity errors are sufficiently small, $\delta U_s/U_s \sim \delta U_p/U_p \sim 1\%$.

IV. RESULTS: TEMPERATURE

Using a streaked optical pyrometer (SOP), the temperature T of shocked hydrogen was measured simultaneously. 24,31 Despite the fact that temperature is fundamental to thermodynamics, T is not a part of the Rankine-Hugoniot relations, and thus must be measured separately from shock pressure and density. We extracted the temperature by fitting the absolute spectral radiance I_{λ} to a gray body Plank spectrum

$$I_{\lambda}(T) = \varepsilon(\lambda) \frac{2\pi h c^2}{\lambda^5} \frac{1}{e^{hc/\lambda k_{\rm B}T} - 1}$$
 (6)

with T as a fit parameter, where c is the speed of light, h is Planck's constant, and $k_{\rm B}$ is Boltzmann's constant.

The radiance was obtained in a single spectral band centered at 455 nm with a bandwidth of 38 nm. The emissivity ε is related to the reflectivity R of the shock front through $\varepsilon(\lambda) = 1 - R(\lambda)$. For the reflectivity at the SOP wavelength,

TABLE II. Reflectivity $R_{\rm H}$ and Hugoniot temperature $T_{\rm H}$ for liquid hydrogen. The reflectivity of shocked hydrogen was measured at the wavelength of 532 nm using VISAR signal and aluminum known reflectivity. The Hugoniot pressure and density for each shot are listed in Table I.

Shot No.	R _H (%)	$T_{\rm H}~({\rm eV})$
32 270	22.7 ± 2.8	0.93 ± 0.08
33 151	14.1 ± 1.9	0.77 ± 0.05
31 922	8.3 ± 1.8	0.69 ± 0.13

we adopted the reflectivity measured at the VISAR wavelength assuming a weak dependence of *R* on the wavelength (see Fig. 7). To relate the diagnostic system output to a source radiance, *in situ* measurements were performed to determine the spectral response of the system. We used calibration signals recorded with a 3000-K tungsten quartz-halogen reflectorized lamp to find the radiance at our SOP wavelength. The radiance of this lamp was calibrated with a bolometric calibration traceable to the National Institute of Standards and Technology.

Absolute reflectivity is determined by comparing the shock reflectivity to that from the aluminum surface, which has a known value of $86 \pm 6\%$. The obtained R of shock front in hydrogen is listed in Table II. The reflectivity just after the shock breakout was calculated by the same algorithm as the shock velocity U_s using VISAR signals. The reflectivity of shocked hydrogen increases from 8% to 23% as the pressure increases from 25 to 41 GPa. The Fresnel formula for the reflectivity of the shock front is $R = |(\hat{n}_s - n_0)/(\hat{n}_s + n_0)|^2$, where \hat{n}_s is the complex refractive index behind the shock front and n_0 is the refractive index in the undisturbed liquid. At low pressures, the refractive index of liquid hydrogen follows an empirical form $n-1 \propto \rho$.²⁰ Assuming the fluid remains mostly in its molecular form under shock compression, the refractive index at fivefold compression would be $n \sim 1.6$, and the reflectivity \sim 4%. The much higher reflectivity we observed suggests that the fluid becomes conducting.

The Hugoniot temperature can be obtained using the reflectivity and SOP spectral intensities. An example of the intensity versus time data is shown in Fig. 5. The emission dropped dramatically when the shock front entered the hydrogen layer from quartz. Compared to the VISAR data, material boundary on SOP records is not clear due to the poorer temporal resolution of ~ 0.2 ns. The self-emission profile of hydrogen just after the shock breakout is then determined from extrapolating a linear fit to measurements back to t = 0 in order to eliminate the contamination of the quartz emission. The time average of the fitted intensity over the temporal resolution is adopted for the derivation of the Hugoniot temperature of hydrogen. The results of the hydrogen temperature are listed in Table II. The size of the uncertainty in temperature is 6%–19%, which stems from the system calibration, optical transmission, and measurements of self-emission and reflectivity.

Figure 6 depicts the Hugoniot temperature of liquid hydrogen as a function of measured pressure. Theoretical models predicted that Hugoniot temperatures of liquid hydrogen are higher by a factor of ~ 1.3 than those of liquid deuterium at the same pressure.⁸ Deuterium temperatures measured by

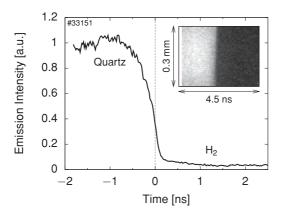


FIG. 5. Time profile of the emission intensity at 455 nm calculated from the central region of the streaked shock emission data for experiment No. 33151, which is shown in the inset image. The thickness of the hydrogen layer was \sim 250 μ m for this shot, so that the transit time is much longer than 2.5 ns.

previous shock experiments^{30,32} are also shown in Fig. 6. Although the uncertainty in temperature measurements is still large, the hydrogen temperature obtained in this work is higher than the deuterium data. This is another experimental evidence of the isotope difference in the hydrogen Hugoniot. At this temperature, molecular hydrogen begins to dissociate and the fraction reaches to \sim 14% (39%) at P=25 GPa (40 GPa) according to Kerley's model.⁸

V. DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSIONS

Drude-type models are often applied to parametrize the optical properties of liquid metal. 33,34 Within the Drude description, the complex index of refraction is given by $\hat{n}_s^2 = 1 - (\omega_p^2/\omega^2)(1+i/\omega\tau_e)^{-1}$, where $\omega_p = (4\pi n_e e^2/m_e)^{1/2}$ is the plasma frequency, n_e is the carrier density, e is the electron charge, m_e is the electron mass, and $\omega = 2\pi c/\lambda$ is the optical frequency. Here the electron relaxation time is assumed to be $\tau_e = R_0/v_F$, where R_0 is the interparticle spacing and

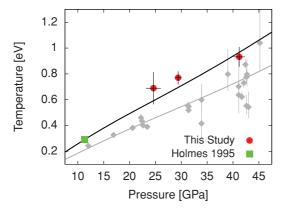


FIG. 6. (Color online) Temperature vs pressure for the principal Hugoniot of liquid hydrogen. Experimental data are from Holmes *et al.* (Ref. 30) (green squares) and this work (red circles). For comparison, the Hugoniot temperatures for liquid deuterium (Refs. 30 and 32) are depicted by gray diamonds. Also shown are theoretical predictions from Kerley's EOS model (Ref. 8) for hydrogen (solid line) and deuterium (gray line).

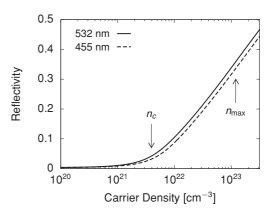


FIG. 7. Drude reflectivity plotted as a function of carrier density at the VISAR wavelength of 532 nm (solid line) and SOP wavelength of 455 nm (dashed line). The difference in the reflectivity between these two wavelengths is at most 2%. The critical density n_c and maximum density $n_{\rm max}$ of electrons are indicated by the arrows.

 v_F is the electron Fermi velocity. We adopt $R_0 = 0.126$ nm corresponding to a density 0.4 g/cm³. The Drude reflectivity of liquid metallic hydrogen can then be derived as a function of n_e , which is depicted in Fig. 7.

High reflectivity is produced when the carrier density exceeds the critical density n_c defined by $\omega_p^2(n_c) = \omega^2$. The critical density is $n_c = 3.9 \times 10^{21}$ cm⁻³ at $\lambda = 532$ nm. Taking R = 23%, for example, the carrier density is given by 3.7×10^{22} cm⁻³, which is about 31% of the total hydrogen number density $n_{\rm max} = 1.2 \times 10^{23} \ {\rm cm}^{-3}$ and equivalent with $\omega \tau_e = 0.37$. The Fermi energy estimated from this carrier density is 4.0 eV, which is higher than the shock temperature. This indicates that the observed highly reflective state would be characteristic of a degenerate liquid metal. Based on the Drude model, the reflectivity increases with the carrier density and saturates at R = 36%. This implies that the maximum reflectivity of hydrogen may be slightly lower than that of deuterium,³⁴ although it depends on the assumed compression ratio. It will be interesting to confirm the saturated value of the reflectivity by future experiments.

The hydrogen Hugoniot obtained in this work is strongly dependent on the quartz EOS. Recently, the quartz Hugoniot was reexamined by using magnetically driven flyer impact on the Z machine and a new fitting function was derived.³⁵ For comparison, the hydrogen Hugoniots calculated by using the Z-fit and Kerley release (U'_{pH} , P'_{H} , and ρ'_{H}) are listed in Table I. The stiffer Hugoniot of quartz reduces the initial pressure of the release isentrope (see Fig. 2). At the initial shock state of quartz, the pressure and density inferred from the Z-fit Hugoniot $P_1 = 716$ GPa and $\rho_1 = 6.61$ g/cm³ are lower than those of the OMEGA-fit case $P_1 = 746$ GPa and $\rho_1 = 7.05$ g/cm³.

In our analysis, the quartz release can not be approximated by a reflection of the Hugoniot in the P- U_p plane, and thus the off-Hugoniot EOS of Kerley's model determines the shape of the curve. The particle velocity along the release isentrope can be calculated by using the Riemann integral

$$U_p = U_{p1} - \int_{\rho_1}^{\rho} c_s \rho^{-1} d\rho , \qquad (7)$$

where U_{p1} is the particle velocity at the initial shock state, and the sound speed is obtained from the pressure derivative of the density at constant entropy S, i.e., $c_s^2 = (\partial P/\partial \rho)_S$. The second term of Eq. (7) is larger for the Z-fit case due to the lower density, and then the particle velocity increases faster with the decrease of density. Therefore, two release curves shown in Fig. 2 are gradually approaching at the lower pressure. The resulting differences in the Hugoniot pressure and density for hydrogen are $\sim 1\%$ and $\sim 4\%$ compared to those derived by the OMEGA fit. Apparently, improvement of the quartz EOS is essential for the further development of Hugoniot measurements using quartz standards.³⁶

In summary, we have obtained the principal Hugoniot data $P-\rho-T$ for liquid hydrogen, not deuterium, in an unexplored range of pressure up to 55 GPa. The results demonstrate that the hydrogen Hugoniot can not be scaled by density from the deuterium data in consequence of the initial density effects. ^{16,37,38} As for the study of planetary interiors, the hydrogen EOS data at much higher pressure are required since the transition to metallic hydrogen is anticipated to be at $P \sim 200-400$ GPa in Jupiter. ¹ However, the hydrogen temperature must be kept lower because the Hugoniot temperature

at this pressure range is too high to reproduce Jupiter's conditions. Therefore, off-Hugoniot measurements of hydrogen by means of reflection shocks¹³ and/or precompressed samples^{38–40} will be a quite important next step.

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