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**Study of Phase Transitions in Cerium by Pressure Gauge PVDF<sup>1</sup>**

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This paper examines phase transitions in cerium during shock compression using  
PVDF gauges. A two-wave structure was observed with loading pressures of 4GPa -  
12GPa. The wave structure consists of leading isentropic compression wave followed  
by a shock wave. This wave structure was formed as a result of the isomorphic  
( $\gamma - \alpha$ ) phase transition. The wave profiles exhibited no peculiarities resulting from  
the polymorphic transition ( $\alpha - \varepsilon$ ) as predicted by Elkin et. al [*Proceedings of the  
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