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(U) The Effect of Initial Pressed Density on the Dynamic Densification Behavior of Brittle Granular Materials<sup>1</sup> TRAVIS VOORHEES, JUSTIN STEINER, Georgia Institute of Technology, D. ANTHONY FREDEN-BURG, Los Alamos National Laboratory, GREGORY KENNEDY, NARESH THADHANI, Georgia Institute of Technology — In this study, the effect of initial density ( $\rho_{00}$ ) on the dynamic densification behavior of a brittle granular system, cerium dioxide (CeO<sub>2</sub>), is investigated. Specifically, the consolidation behavior of pressed powder compacts at four initial pressed densities (33, 44, 55, & 62.5% TMD) is examined at densities within the compaction range via gas gun driven plate-onplate impact. The shock Hugoniot data collected from these experiments are presented and used to calibrate P- $\alpha$  model parameters. The dependency of these P- $\alpha$ model parameters on initial density are presented and discussed.

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