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Shock Response of Solid CeO₂ to 25 GPa JOHN LANG, Los Alamos National Laboratory, JUSTIN STEINER, Georgia Institute of Technology, ANIR-BAN MANDAL, AUSTIN GOODBODY, Los Alamos National Laboratory — To examine the shock-induced deformation response of cerium (IV) oxide (CeO₂) – a widely used x-ray standard – solid samples were shock compressed to peak stresses ranging between 2 – 25 GPa. Shock wave velocities through the sample and particle velocity histories at the sample/window interface were measured using laser velocimetry. A two-wave structure was observed at higher peak stresses, indicating an elastic-inelastic response, from which the Hugoniot elastic limit was determined. The experimental data also provided the elastic-inelastic Hugoniot. Insights obtained from numerical simulations of our results and from comparison with past shock work on porous CeO₂ will be discussed.

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