

Investigation of Compression Behaviour of Bulk Inorganic Materials (Al, Cu, Pb, Ni, and Zn) Under High Pressure

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ABSTRACT

This study investigates the compression behavior of aluminum (Al), copper (Cu), lead (Pb), nickel (Ni), and zinc (Zn) under varying pressure conditions, as predicted by several equations of state (EOS), including the Tait, Murnaghan, Kholiya and Chandra, and Shanker's equations. Each metal exhibits a consistent trend in volumetric compression (V/V_0) as pressure increases from 0 to 16 GPa, indicating a decrease in volume relative to the original volume (V/V_0). The Tait equation generally shows higher volumetric values at corresponding pressures compared to the other EOS models for all metals. In contrast, the Murnaghan equation provides values closely aligned with those from Kholiya and Chandra's equation, with minor deviations observed, particularly in nickel and zinc at higher pressures. Shanker's equation consistently predicts the lowest (V/V_0) values across all pressures for most metals, suggesting a more conservative estimate of volume reduction under compression. The data reveals the unique response of each metal to applied pressure, which is critical for applications in material science and engineering, providing insights into their mechanical properties and stability under extreme conditions. This comparative analysis enhances our understanding of the mechanical behavior of these metals, facilitating better material selection for high-pressure applications.

1. Introduction

High-pressure studies of bulk materials are always necessary because they shed light on the behavior of these materials under harsh circumstances, exposing phase transitions, structural deformations, and other crucial phenomena [1-5]. Mechanical features including volume compression and heat expansion are described by a variety of equations of state (EOS), including Tait's equation, Murnaghan's equation, Kholiya and Chandra Equation, and Shanker's equation of state [6-11]. The theoretical research of EOS at high pressure and high temperature are essentially significant enabling the extrapolation and interpolation into zones where experimental data is insufficient [12-13]. The equations of state (EOS) provide researchers with valuable perceptions into the properties of gases, liquids, and solids, enabling them to predict and analyze phase transitions, critical points, and other thermodynamic processes [14-15]. These equations serve as essential tools for understanding the behavior of matter under varying conditions, facilitating advancements in fields such as condensed matter physics and materials science [14-17]. Furthermore, the use of these EOS is essential for explaining how matter behaves in a variety of pressure, temperature, and volume situations [18-20]. Owing to their special qualities, inorganic metallic materials in bulk form play important roles in a variety of industries and technology [21-22]. These applications range from electrical components to structural materials [23-25]. It's crucial to remember that changes in economic conditions, environmental concerns, and technological improvements can all affect how useful these metals become over time [26-27].

As a result of changes in atomic and molecular organization, bulk materials studied under high pressure show a variety of alterations in their physical and chemical properties [28-

30]. These bulk materials demonstrate, using the equations of state at high pressure that, as pressure rises, the volume of the aforementioned materials decreases, as is typical for most materials [29-30]. The precise rate of compression, however, changes based on the equation of state that is applied to predict the behavior [31]. Therefore, to characterize the behavior of the material under severe pressure and temperature circumstances, we only need to know two parameters for the current investigation: the bulk modulus (B_0) and its first derivative [6-10, 32]. The ratio of the minuscule change in pressure to the corresponding fractional change in volume is known as the bulk modulus, and it expresses a material's resistance to volume change when exposed to external pressure [32-33]. Several equations of state have been provided in the section below (method of analysis) to improve the depiction of the PVT relationship for bulk materials [6-11]. In the present study we plan to investigate the compression behaviour of some bulk materials namely aluminium (Al, $Z=13$, Z refers to the atomic number of elements), copper (Cu, $Z=29$), nickel (Ni, $Z=28$), lead (Pb, $Z=82$) and zinc (Zn, $Z=30$) by utilizing the volume compression (V/V_0) as a function of pressure at constant temperature with the help of equations of states.

2. Methods of Analysis

In the present study, various EOS which are discussed above in the introduction, have been used to determine the compression behaviour of bulk materials namely Al, Cu, Ni, Pb and Zn by calculating the relative change in volume (V/V_0) as a function of pressure at a constant temperature [34-38]. The equations are as:

Tait equation of state is based on non-linear relation of compression with pressure for liquids [38-39]. After several modifications the new form of equation of state is introduced known as Usual Tait equation (UTE), which is in the following form and applicable for different solids.

$$\frac{V}{V_0} = \left[1 - \frac{1}{B_0 + 1} \ln \left\{ 1 + \left(\frac{B_0 + 1}{B_0} \right) P \right\} \right]$$

Using this realistic approach, we can calculate the relative compression V/V_0 for different solids.

Also, the expression for isothermal bulk modulus $B(P)$ by using relation can be written as:

$$B = B_0 \frac{V}{V_0} \left\{ 1 + \left(\frac{B_0 + 1}{B_0} \right) P \right\}$$

or $1 + \left(\frac{B_0 + 1}{B_0} \right) P = \exp \left\{ \left(1 - \frac{V}{V_0} \right) (B_0 + 1) \right\}$

From above equations, we get

$$B(P) = B_0 \frac{V}{V_0} \exp \left\{ \left(1 - \frac{V}{V_0} \right) (B_0 + 1) \right\} \quad (1)$$

The Eqn. (1) is the Tait equation for isothermal bulk modulus.

Other equations of states, Murnaghan equation, Kohliya and Chandra equation and Shanker's equation of state are expressed as:

Murnaghan EOS [39, 40-41] is given by the relation

$$P = \frac{B_0}{B'_0} \left[\exp \left\{ -B'_0 \ln \left(\frac{V}{V_0} \right) \right\} - 1 \right] \quad (2)$$

Kohliya and Chandra [38, 42-43] equation of state is given the relation

$$P = \frac{B_0}{2} \left[(B'_0 - 3) - 2(B'_0 - 2) \left(\frac{V}{V_0} \right)^{-1} + (B'_0 - 1) \left(\frac{V}{V_0} \right)^{-2} \right] \quad (3)$$

Shanker's equation of state [44-45] is given by the equation

$$P = B_0 \left[\left(1 - \frac{V}{V_0} \right) + \left(B'_0 + \frac{1}{2} \right) \left(1 - \left(\frac{V}{V_0} \right)^2 \right) \right] \quad (4)$$

3. Results of Discussion

Using isothermal equations of state, the volume compression in a variety of bulk materials, including Al, Cu, Ni, Pb, and Zn, is investigated over the pressure range of 0–16 GPa in order to confirm the suitability of the current equations of state. The thermodynamic variable such as the relative change in volume (V/V_0) at high pressure has been computed in this work. Table 1 displays the input data for these metals needed to calculate the volume compression in bulk form.

Table 1: Input data used for various metals.

Compounds	B_0 (GPa)	B'_0 (GPa)
Al	72.6	4.85
Cu	135	5.93
Ni	180.39	16.48
Pb	42.38	3.74
Zn	6.46	3.29

3.1 The compression behaviour of Aluminium (Al)

The compression behavior of Al at various pressures (in GPa) as predicted by various equations of state is displayed in Table 2. The material's volume at each pressure in relation to its original volume (V_0) is indicated by the V/V_0 numbers in the table. With a V/V_0 value of 0.858 at 16 GPa, Tait's equation predicts that the material's volume will steadily decrease as pressure increases. A similar pattern is also predicted by the Murnaghan equation, except for 16 GPa, the V/V_0 value is little larger at 0.860. At 16 GPa, the Kholiya and Chandra equation predicts a faster volume reduction with a V/V_0 ratio of 0.857. With a V/V_0 ratio of 0.980 at 16 GPa, the Shanker's equation of state predicts a very slight drop in volume (Fig. 1). Overall, the chart demonstrates that, as is typical for most materials, the volume of aluminum (Al) decreases as the pressure rises.

Table 2: Compression behaviour of Al predicted by various EOS.

Pressure (GPa)	Tait Equation	Murnaghan Equation	Kholiya and Chandra Equation	Shankers Equation
	V/V_0	V/V_0	V/V_0	V/V_0
0	1	1	1	1
2	0.974	0.974	0.974	0.997
4	0.952	0.952	0.952	0.995
6	0.932	0.932	0.932	0.992
8	0.915	0.915	0.914	0.99
10	0.899	0.899	0.898	0.988
12	0.884	0.885	0.883	0.985
14	0.87	0.872	0.869	0.983
16	0.858	0.86	0.857	0.98

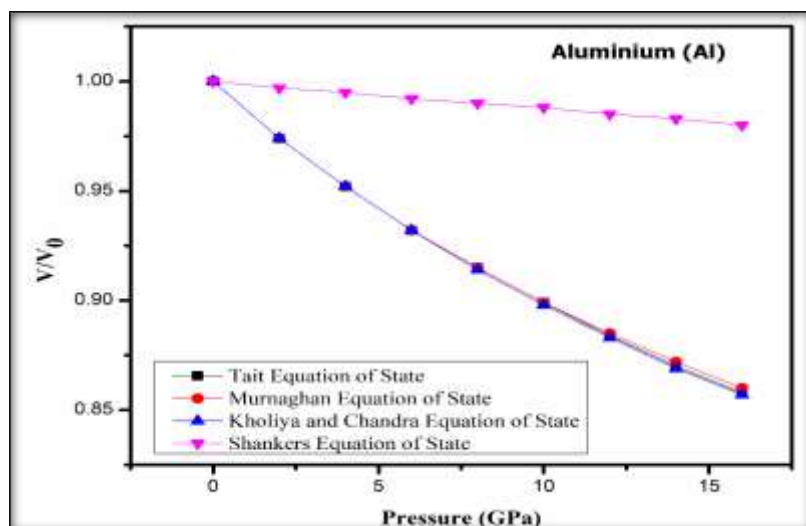


Fig 1. Volume compression with respect to pressure for Al.

3.2The compression behaviour of Copper (Cu)

The compression behavior of Cu at various pressures (in GPa) as predicted by various equations of state (Fig 2) is displayed in Table 3. According to the table, copper's volume reduces as pressure rises, which is in line with how most materials behave when compressed. At 16 GPa, the Tait equation predicts a progressive drop in volume with a V/V_0 ratio of 0.914. At 16 GPa, Murnaghan's equation predicts a slightly larger V/V_0 value of 0.914, which likewise indicates a progressive decrease in volume. A slightly faster volume reduction is predicted by the Kholiya and Chandra equation of state, with a V/V_0 value of 0.912 at 16 GPa. At 16 GPa, the Shanker's equation of state predicts a sluggish rate of volume compression with a V/V_0 value of 0.991.

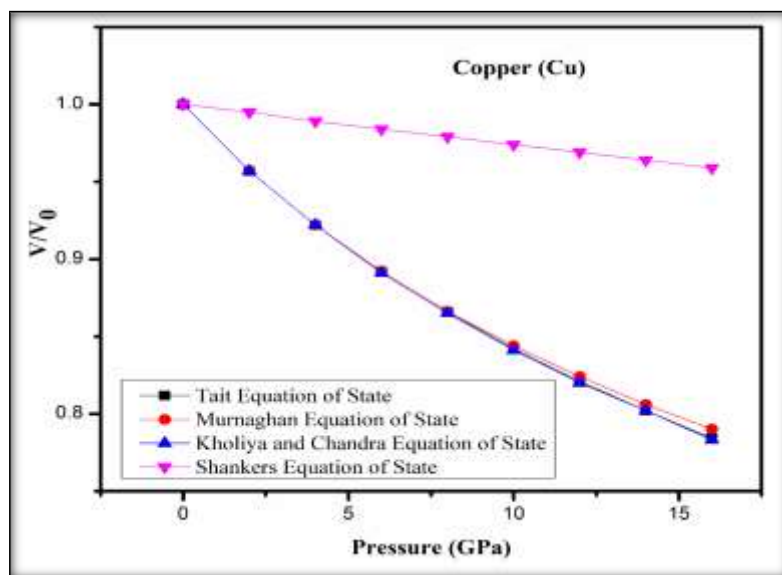


Fig 2. Volume compression with respect to pressure for Cu.

Table 3. Compression behaviour of Cu predicted by various EOS.

Pressure (GPa)	Tait Equation	Murnaghan Equation	Kholiya and Chandra Equation	Shanker's Equation
	V/V ₀	V/V ₀	V/V ₀	V/V ₀
0	1	1	1	1
2	0.957	0.957	0.957	0.995
4	0.922	0.922	0.922	0.989
6	0.892	0.892	0.891	0.984
8	0.866	0.866	0.865	0.979
10	0.842	0.844	0.841	0.974
12	0.821	0.824	0.82	0.969
14	0.802	0.806	0.802	0.964
16	0.784	0.79	0.783	0.959

3.3The compression behaviour of Lead (Pb)

The compression behavior of Pb at various pressures (in GPa) as predicted by various equations of state (Fig. 3) is shown in Table 4. This table shows that the volume of Pb decreases with increasing pressure, which is in line with how most materials behave when compressed. The predictions from the Tait, Murnaghan, Kholiya, and Chandra Equations are almost identical up to 8 GPa. For instance, all estimates place $V/V_0 = 0.866$ approximately at 8 GPa and $V/V_0 = 0.957$ approximately at 2 GPa. The volume will gradually decrease, according to Tait's equation of state, with a V/V_0 ratio of 0.784 at 16 GPa.

A progressive drop in volume is also predicted by Murnaghan's equation, which similarly predicts a slightly larger V/V_0 value of 0.790 at 16 GPa. A slightly faster volume reduction is predicted by the Kholiya and Chandra equation, with a V/V_0 value of 0.783 at 16 GPa. With a V/V_0 value of 0.959 at 16 GPa, the Shankers equation predicts a relatively gradual drop in volume. Shanker's Equation predicts less compression than the other models, particularly at lower pressures. At 2 GPa, it produces $V/V_0 = 0.995$, indicating a slower rate of compression, but at 8 GPa, it predicts $V/V_0 = 0.979$, which is still higher than the other equations. Even at higher pressures (10–16 GPa), Shanker's model exhibits the slowest volume decline, with $V/V_0 = 0.959$ at 16 GPa. This implies that Shanker's Equation is more suitable for materials that can withstand compression, particularly at lower pressure ranges.

Table 4. Compression behaviour of Pb predicted by various EOS.

Pressure (GPa)	Tait Equation	Murnaghan Equation	Kholiya and Chandra Equation	Shanker's Equation
	V/V ₀	V/V ₀	V/V ₀	V/V ₀
0	1	1	1	1
2	0.957	0.957	0.957	0.995

4	0.922	0.922	0.922	0.989
6	0.892	0.892	0.891	0.984
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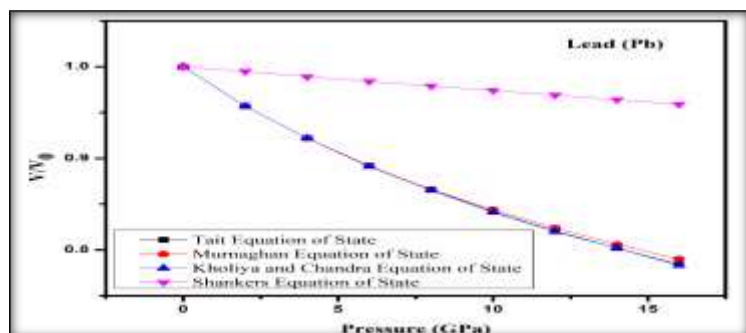


Fig 3. Volume compression with respect to pressure for Pb.

3.4The compression behaviour of Nickel (Ni)

Using several equations of states, Table 5 displays the compression behavior of Ni at different pressures. The relative volume V/V_0 at each pressure point is used to tabulate the data (Fig 4). The material's volume under zero pressure is equal to its starting volume, V_0 , hence $V/V_0=1$. The material is compressed when pressure is applied, which causes the volume to decrease. As pressure rises, the V/V_0 value falls, suggesting that Ni is compressed when pressure is applied. Although the values derived from various equations of state varied slightly, the patterns of compression behavior are comparable. The V/V_0 ratios vary from 0.947 to 0.997 at the maximum pressure of 16 GPa, which represents a compression of roughly 6.1% to 6.6% from the original volume at 0 GPa. Overall, Table 5's findings indicate that Ni is significantly compressed when pressure is applied, with the compression's magnitude growing with pressure.

Table 5. Compression behaviour of Ni predicted by various EOS.

Pressure (GPa)	Tait Equation	Murnaghan Equation	Kholiya and Chandra Equation	Shanker's Equation
	V/V_0	V/V_0	V/V_0	V/V_0
0	1	1	1	1
2	0.989	0.989	0.989	0.999
4	0.981	0.981	0.981	0.999
6	0.973	0.975	0.973	0.999
8	0.967	0.967	0.966	0.998
10	0.962	0.961	0.959	0.998
12	0.956	0.956	0.953	0.998
14	0.951	0.951	0.948	0.997
16	0.947	0.946	0.943	0.997

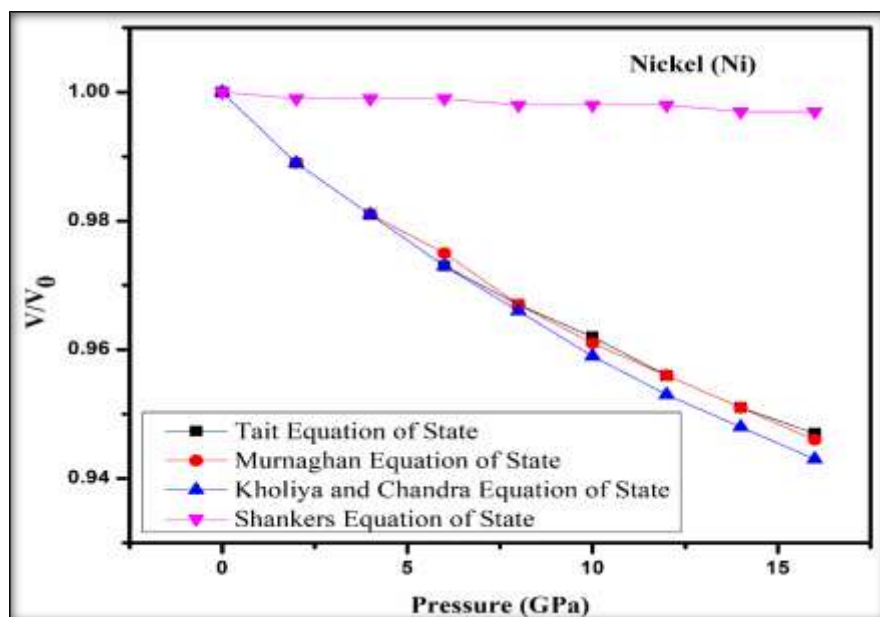


Fig 4. Volume compression with respect to pressure for Ni.

3.4 The compression behaviour of Zinc (Zn)

The compression behavior of zinc under different pressures, as represented by various equations of state (Fig. 5), is displayed in Table 6. As in the earlier tables, the compressibility of the material is indicated by the volume V/V_0 values decreasing as the pressure rises. All of these equations of states yield results that are comparatively satisfactory overall. The variations between the various equations' anticipated values are negligible at low pressures. The discrepancies between the expected numbers, however, become increasingly noticeable as the pressure rises. Depending on the equation of state employed, the expected values of V/V_0 at the maximum pressure of 14 GPa vary from 0.826 to 0.969. When compared to some of the other materials in the earlier tables, this range is quite tiny. It implies that Zn behaves rather well under high pressures and that its compression behavior is accurately described by all of the equations of state.

Table 6. Compression behaviour of Zn predicted by various EOS.

Pressure (GPa)	Tait Equation	Murnaghan Equation	Kholiya and Chandra Equation	Shankers Equation
	V/V_0	V/V_0	V/V_0	V/V_0
0	1	1	1	1
2	0.974	0.969	0.969	0.996
4	0.943	0.942	0.942	0.992
6	0.919	0.918	0.918	0.989
8	0.897	0.897	0.896	0.984
10	0.877	0.877	0.877	0.98
12	0.859	0.86	0.858	0.977
14	0.842	0.843	0.842	0.973
16	0.826	0.828	0.826	0.969

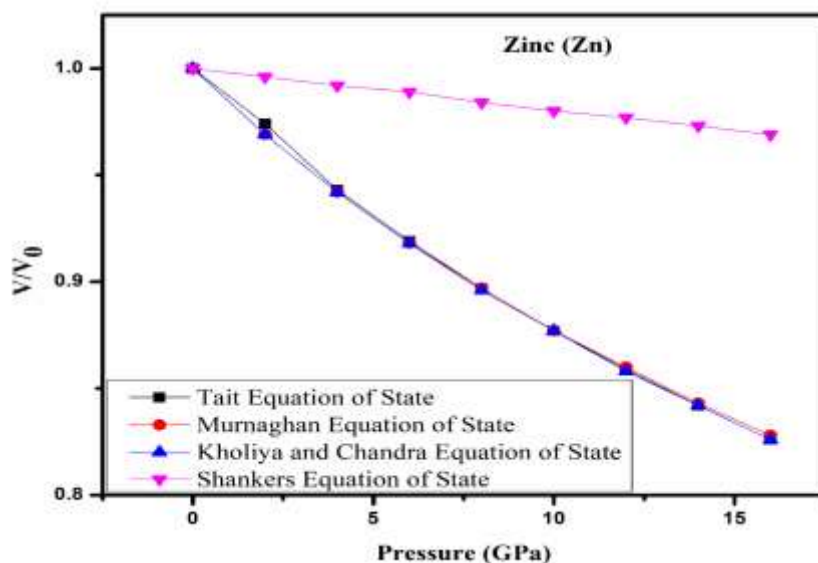


Fig 5. Volume compression with respect to pressure for Zn.

4. Conclusion:

Our study used various theoretical models or equations of state to examine the compression behavior of several bulk materials (Al, Cu, Ni, Pb, and Zn) at various pressures. The main goal of this method is to determine the relative volume (V/V_0) change with volume compression at different pressures while maintaining a constant temperature. It has been noted that the pressure and the kind of equation employed to fit the data both affect the compression behavior of the materials under study. It should be observed that when we move from nano to bulk materials, pressure causes the volume compression to drop and the bulk modulus to increase. Furthermore, the graphical depiction of the aforementioned materials shows that the compressibility of the material decreases with increasing pressure, as indicated by the value of V/V_0 . Even though all bulk materials (metals) exhibit comparable patterns in their compression behavior, Shanker's equation of state demonstrated the least drop in volume compression (V/V_0) among the four equations employed here.

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