Quantitative Studies of Supersonic Microparticle Impacts on Metals

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Laser-induced particle impact test (LIPIT)



M. Hassani, D. Veysset, K.A. Nelson, and C.A. Schuh, Scr. Mater. 177, 198 (2020).



16 frames with interframe as short as 3 ns





High strain rate metal hardness



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Kinetic Deposition or Cold Spray

Electric Heater



Matched metal impacts







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- $CoR \propto V_i^{-1/2}$
- Relevant material properties: ρ , E, v, Y_d
- α dependent on which body deforms





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What new phenomenon sets on around the adhesion transition?



"Jetting" is the new phenomenon associated with adhesion



Jet formation is the new phenomenon associated with adhesion







Convergent shock on the microscale





Walsh et al. J Applied Physics 1953; Meyer "Dynamic Behavior of Materials" 1994.



Birkhoff et al. J Applied Physics 1948



How to test this theory?

 $P^- = dynamic strength$



Validation of the hydrodynamic jet theory: $\frac{V_{cr}}{C_0} \approx \frac{2}{k} \times \frac{P_s}{B}$







Where does the energy go?

• Oxide rupture?



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Breaking the oxide achieves metallic bonding



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In-lens detector shows the oxide transfer





Where does the energy go?

• Oxide rupture?

 $E_d^{(D)} \approx \frac{K_{IC}^2}{E} A$ = about 1-2 nJ, or 1/3 of the total

• Jetting: lost mass and kinetic energy?

$$E_d^{(K)} = \frac{1}{2} m_j V_j^2$$
 ~1 km/s

= ???????

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(loss of 0.2% of the particle mass would explain it all...)



Can we measure a splash?











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The splash is melting



For shock-induced melting: P = 50 GPa needed

For pressure release melting: P = 25 GPa needed

Our shock pressure: < 16 GPa

Adiabatic heat of plasticity causes melting!



The splash is melting



How much melted volume explains this lost energy?



$$e_{melt} = \rho_{sub} V_{melt} H_f$$



An independent measurement: how big is the splash?



LIPIT measurements + microscopy: a powerful quantitative approach to understand softening and ejecta



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LIPIT is a quantitative tool for high rate mechanical studies of materials.

Impacts follow a power-law scaling governed by plasticity, until the onset of a rapid softening event that damps out excess energy.

The new event in matched metals is hydrodynamic jetting at the edge of the contact, which breaks oxide and leads to bond.

The new event for some systems (steel on tin) is melting, which we can quantify in terms of the lost substrate volume.

Combining LIPIT impacts with post-mortem microstructure studies is a frontier for understanding materials physics at high strain rates