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The models of boron carbide and steel for simulations of experiments on explosive compression of spherical shells using computational fluid dynamics



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Motivation

- Simulations of material response to shock compression require complex models
- Material models are usually fitted to data obtained in uniaxial shock loading tests
- Do these models valid for simulations of complex engineering prototypes in three dimensional case?





Experiments

Uniaxial compression of iron

Experiment setup

VISAR measurements

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- An impactor and a target are ARMCO iron plates of 6.35 mm width
- An elastic precursor is observed at all loading conditions
- Region of phase transition is observed in free surface velocity profile for impact velocities higher that 0.67 km/s (test 13 and so on)
- Impacts (test 9, 10) with high velocity do not show the region of phase transition



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Uniaxial compression of boron carbide

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Experiment setup



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Cercom B₄C



- Impactor and target are of boron carbide ($B_{a}C$).
- Some tests include backing of light or heavy ٠ material. A LiF window is attached behind a target.
- VISAR measurements of B_4C/LiF interface velocity are obtained.



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- t / (h/c,)

Spherical compression of steel shells

Experiment setup



- 1 Steel shell
- 2 Spherical HE layer (HMX-based composition)
- 3 System of detonators

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- 4 Aluminum protecting plaste
- 5 Laser measurements device

Laser interferometer



A set of velocity profiles of an inner free surface of steel plates of various width.

 α - ε phase transition can be observed in steel.

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Spherical compression of the boron carbide shell



Setup (RFNC-VNIIEF)

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- Maximal outer radius 57.8 mm
- Plexiglass shell (5.9 mm width)
- HE PBX-9404 shell (11.8 mm width)
- Boron carbide shell (5 mm width)
- Lead shell (3 mm width)
- A single detonator

Results

- X-ray snapshots are taken at 32.4 and 36.5 μs after detonation
- Outer boundaries of the boron carbide (B₄C) and lead (Pb) shells are visible
- A crater is formed near detonator
- Detonation wave converges at the rear side of the B₄C shell which becomes flattened
- Inner and outer surface of the B₄C shell has visible perturbations



Simulation of boron carbide

B₄C failure: a change in strength properties

Johnson-Holmquist (JH) model





G. R. Johnson, T. J. Holmquist, Journal of Applied Physics 85, 8060 (1999)

B₄C failure: a change in strength properties

Improved Johnson-Homquist model



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S. Dyachkov et al., Journal of Applied Physics 124, 085902 (2018)

B₄**C** equation of state



B₄C amorphization at shock loading



Mingwei Chen et al. Science 299, 1563 (2003)



Local failure bands appear in a simulation

Mie-Gruneisen form

$$P_{\rm EoS} = P_r + \Gamma \rho (e - e_r)$$

Local amorphization accompanied with "bulking":

B – bulk modulus,

 $\mu = \rho / \rho_0 - 1$

 $\Delta P^{t+\Delta t} = -B\mu + \sqrt{(B\mu + \Delta P^t)^2 + 2\beta B\Delta U}$

Elastic energy loss during failure:

$$\Delta U = \frac{\left(\sigma_d^2\right)_t}{6G} - \frac{\left(\sigma_d^2\right)_{t+\Delta t}}{6G}$$

Total pressure:

$$P_{\rm total} = P_{\rm EoS} + \Delta P$$



P. Dera et al., Journal of Solid State Chemistry 215 85-93 (2014)

SPH-simulation with high spatial resolution

Function and its gradient interpolation

$$f(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{j=1}^{N} f_j \Delta V_j W(|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_j|, h)$$

Fluid dynamics equations approximation (CSPH)

A. N. Parshikov, S. A. Medin. J. Comp. Phys. 180 353-382 (2002)

$$\begin{split} \frac{\mathrm{d}\rho_i}{\mathrm{d}t} &= 2\rho_i \sum_{j=1}^N \frac{m_j}{\rho_j} (\mathbf{U}_i - \mathbf{U}_{ij}^*) \cdot \nabla W_{ij} \\ \frac{\mathrm{d}\mathbf{U}_i}{\mathrm{d}t} &= -\frac{2}{\rho_i} \sum_{j=1}^N \frac{m_j}{\rho_j} P_{ij}^* \nabla W_{ij} \\ \frac{\mathrm{d}e_i}{\mathrm{d}t} &= \frac{2}{\rho_i} \sum_{j=1}^N \frac{m_j}{\rho_j} P_{ij}^* (\mathbf{U}_i - \mathbf{U}_{ij}^*) \cdot \nabla W_{ij} \end{split}$$

0.06

0.05

0.04

0.03

0.02

0.01

v (km/s)

Uniaxial compression of boron carbide samples Impactor B_AC target B_AC

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Riemann problem solution at interparticle contacts



SPH-simulation of Vogler et al. tests



- A single set of parameters for boron carbide model is valid for the all tests
- Agreement with experiments is excellent in a wide range of compressions





B₄C strength affects wave profiles



- Different manufacturing technology of boron carbide affects its dynamic response to uniaxial shock loading
- Simulations show that various B_4C samples have all properties in common, except for σ_f
- By adjusting $\sigma_f(P)$ for a particular kind of boron carbide, it is possible to achieve a very good agreement with plate impact experiments
- σ_f may possibly be defined using molecular dynamics



Pacчem: S. A. Dyachkov et al., Journal of Applied Physics 124 085902 (2018)

SPH-simulation of Grady et al. tests



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Explosive compression of boron carbide and lead shells with a single detonator



Simulation of iron and steel

Iron model



 $P_{r\alpha}(x) = \rho_{0\alpha}c^{2}\frac{1-x}{[1-s_{\alpha}(1-x)]^{2}}$ $e_{r\alpha}(x) = \frac{P_{r\alpha}}{\rho_{0\alpha}}\frac{1-x}{2} \qquad x = \rho_{0}/\rho$ **\varepsilon -phase fit** $P_{r\varepsilon}(x) = \rho_{0\varepsilon}c^{2}\frac{1-x}{[1-s_{\varepsilon}(1-x)]^{2}}$ $e_{r\varepsilon}(x) = \frac{P_{r\varepsilon}}{\rho_{0\varepsilon}}\frac{1-x}{2} \qquad x = \rho_{0}/\rho$ **hysteresis** $P_{r\alpha}(\rho_{0\alpha}/\rho_{1}^{\alpha\varepsilon}) = 13 \text{ GPa}, \quad P_{r\varepsilon}(\rho_{0\varepsilon}/\rho_{2}^{\alpha\varepsilon}) = 13 \text{ GPa}$ $P_{r\varepsilon}(\rho_{0\varepsilon}/\rho_{1}^{\varepsilon\alpha}) = 8.5 \text{ GPa}, \quad P_{r\alpha}(\rho_{0\alpha}/\rho_{2}^{\varepsilon\alpha}) = 8.5 \text{ GPa}$

Mie-Gruneisen form

a-phase fit

 $P_{\text{FoS}} = P_r + \Gamma \rho (e - e_r)$

- Reference energy and pressure follow from the linear hugoniot approximation: $u_s = c + su_p$
- Different phases have the densities $\rho_{0\alpha}$ and $\rho_{0\varepsilon}$, respectively
- Hysteresis is taken into account: reverse phase transition in iron appears at lower pressure
- Constant yield strength model represents elastic-plastic properties



YpC: Kerley G. I. Tech. Rep.: SAND93-0027: Sandia National Laboratories (1993)



SPH-simulation of uniaxial compression of iron



- The most interesting case appears when shock pressure is $\sim 25~\text{GPa}$
- 1 elastic precursor reaches the free surface of target
- $2-3 \alpha \varepsilon$ phase transition takes place
- 3-4 is a result of hysteresis during ε - α reverse transition
- 5 spallation



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SPH-simulation of uniaxial compression of iron



Elastic precursor, phase transition, and spall appear in our simulations



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SPH-simulation of steel shells compression

Problem setup



Laser interferometer measurements



Details of the waves structure are available only in a test with uniaxial loading.

There are 2 important results:

- α-ε phase transition should be taken into account for steel;
- steel has the higher yield strength.

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SPH-simulation of steel shells compression

Steel shell convergence dynamics (test 7, h = 10 mm)



- Spallation appears in shells with width h > 4 mm
- The outer part of the shell stops after spallation
- The outer boundary of the outer part of the shell stops
- The inner boundary of inner part of the shell keep moving, but is guided by the yield strength

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SPH-simulation of steel shells compression

Simulations with different yield strength (test 7 , h = 10 mm)



Saved experimental shells (test 7, h = 10 mm)





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Conclusions

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- Models of boron carbide and steel are developed to simulate complex engineering prototypes under shock loading with pressures < 100 GPa
- The example with boron carbide explicitly shows that some of its model parameters cannot be properly defined using only uniaxial shock compression data
- Interesting feature of the spherical boron carbide shell behavior is revealed: the forward propagation of elastic waves may produce a secondary detonation of HE material
- In the models of iron and steel the polymorphic phase transition with hysteresis is taken into account. The related wave profile features are shown to be reproduced correctly in our simulations

