Behavior of BCC metals under extreme conditions

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Overview of presentation



What are Extreme Conditions?

- Pressure ~ 1000 GPa
- Strain rates > $10^6 \, \text{s}^{-1}$
- High temperatures
- Radiative environments
- Corrosive environments

APPLICATIONS
TRADITIONAL AND NOVEL ARMOR AND ANTI-ARMOR CONCEPTS
HIGH-STRENGTH, LIGHT-WEIGHT, IMPACT-RESISTANT MATERIALS
HIGH-SPEED FABRICATION PROCESSES
STUDY OF PLANETARY INTERIORS
CRASHWORTHINESS
EXPLOSIVE WELDING, FORMING, COMPACTION

Extreme Conditions can be achieved via both static and dynamic methods.



Laser shock is a dynamic method to achieve largest pressures and strain rates.



Ramp compression can achieve higher pressures with lower temperature.



Laser facilities across the world are used to achieve extreme conditions.



https://jlf.llnl.gov/laser-facilities

Rankine-Hugoniot equations describe shock behavior of materials.



Meyers, M.A., 1994. Dynamic Behavior of Materials, J. Wiley. Rankine, W. J. M., 1870, *Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society of London*. Hugoniot. H. J., 1889, *Journal de L'Ecole Polytechnique*.

Slip and twinning are competing deformation mechanisms

Hall Petch Equation:
$$\sigma_{T or S} = \sigma_o + k_{T or S} d^{-1/2}$$

 $k_{twinning} > k_{slip}$ Twinning:
 $\sigma_T = K \dot{\epsilon}^{1/m+1} exp \left[\frac{Q}{(m+1)RT} \right]$
 $K = M_T \left(\frac{n l E}{M A_0} \right)^{1/m+1}$

Slip (Zerilli-Armstrong constitutive eqn):

$$\sigma_{S} = \sigma_{G} + C_{1} \exp\left[-\left(C_{3} - C_{4} ln \frac{\dot{\epsilon}}{\dot{\epsilon}_{0}}\right)T\right]$$

If
$$\sigma_S = \sigma_T$$
:
 $-\sigma_G + K\dot{\epsilon}^{1/m+1} \exp\left[\frac{Q}{(m+1)RT}\right] - C_1 \exp\left[-\left(C_3 - C_4 ln\frac{\dot{\epsilon}}{\dot{\epsilon}_0}\right)T\right] + \sigma_{T0} - \sigma_{S0} + (k_T - k_S)d^{-1/2} = 0$

M. A. Meyers, O. Vöhringer, and V. A. Lubarda, Acta Materialia, vol. 49, no. 19, (2001).

Armstrong, R. W. and Worthington, P. J., in Metallurgical Effects at High Strain Rates, ed. R. W. Rohde, B. M. Butcher, J. R. Holland and C. H. Karnes. Plenum Press, New York, 1973, pp. 401–414.

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Material strength can be modeled using flow relationships:



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Dislocation motion controls differing behavior in BCC and FCC metals.



 Stress to initiate dislocations for BCC metals >> FCC or HCP metals • BCC metals are much more sensitive to strain rate than FCC metals

Gas gun experiments investigate post-shock microstructure and extend Hugoniot.







Evidence of both slip and twinning may be responsible for observed softening

J. R. Asay, L. C. Chhabildas, and D. P. Dandekar, *Journal of Applied Physics*, vol. 51, no. 9, (1980).

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Stability of BCC phase confirmed through gas gun experiments.



BCC structure stable up to 480 GPa

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Ramp and shock compression also confirm stability of BCC phase.







BCC structure stable to 1050 GPa under ramp compression or until shock melting at 390 GPa.

J. Wang *et al., Phys. Rev. B*, vol. 92, no. 17, (2015). J. Wang *et al., Phys. Rev. B*, vol. 94, no. 10, (2016). 42

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Phonon drag mechanism proposed to explain high effective lattice viscosity.



Vanadium backlighter 5.2 keV x-rays 15 μm pinhole

Strong RT instability stabilization points to phonon drag mechanism

(resistance to the dislocation motion can come from scattering of lattice phonons)



Contradictions to Hall-Petch relationship suggest different fracture theory.







Strong time dependence -> Grady Theory

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Slip-twinning threshold stress dependence on grain size in tantalum.



C. H. Lu et al., Acta Materialia, vol. 60, no. 19, (2012).

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Single crystals

low strain rates: dislocations are dominant mechanism, with increasing strain rate more dislocations form and end up producing twins **high strain rates:** failure by de-cohesion of atoms

Nanocrystal

Single dominant deformation mechanism: grain-boundary nucleation of voids, limited dislocation and twin nucleation

<u>Rayleigh-Taylor</u> and Richtmyer-Meshkov instabilities used to measure strength.





High pressure strength ~8x ambient value

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Iron undergoes α - ϵ phase transition when shocked from room temperature. When shock from higher temperature, it will first transform to γ phase, then ϵ phase.



Seismology measurements predict HCP crystals in inner core are anisotropic and aligned along Earth's rotational axis.





Dziewonski, A.M. and Anderson, D.L. *Phys. of the Earth and Planetary Interiors* 25 (1981) Morelli, A. et al. *Geophysical Research Letters* 13 (1986).

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High pressure experiments provide additional strength measurements.



Data is consistent between shock compression and static DAC data

Spall strength increases with increasing strain rate

Laser shock compression and EXAFS measurements report drastically higher strength at core conditions.





Dynamic strength >> static strength

Temperature is higher than expected from pure compression work

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C. M. Huntington et al., SHOCK COMPRESSION OF CONDENSED MATTER (2017).

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Simulations provide insight into post-shock microstructure and deformation mechanisms.













Summary

Extreme conditions are achieved through shock compression, a method to reach ultra-high pressures and strain rates that induce slip and twinning deformation mechanisms.



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- Slip and twinning are theorized to cause softening after compressive reloading.
- BCC structure remains stable to high pressure under ramp compression or until shock melting.
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- High effective lattice viscosity explained by phonon drag mechanism.
- Contradictions to Hall-Petch are found during spallation, follow Grady theory. ٠
- Spall strength increases with decreased grain size, following Curran-Seaman-Shockey theory.
 - RTI and RMI instabilities measure strength to be drastically higher than ambient value.
 - High-pressure phase transition affects microstructure and properties in contradicting ways. ۲
 - Strength ranges from 1 GPa 60 GPa
 - BCC-HCP transition is well characterized through simulations
 - Research will focus on effect of high pressure (Earth core-like) conditions. ٠

Future work will include strength measurements in both static and dynamic regimes.



- > Experimental:
 - Iron strength dependence on strain rate and grain size
 - Post-shock characterization to analyze defect structure

- Simulations:
 - ID hydro simulations of spall strength dependence on strain rate

Inner core anisotropy will affect material strength both through stiffness and how the microstructure impedes slip.



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