Intersonic Shear Crack Growth in Bonded Structures

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Objectives:
- Study shear-dominated dynamic crack growth, first along a single weak interface in model specimens, then parallel to fiber direction in actual composites. Experimentally visualize stress fields using photoelasticity and high speed photography.

Significant Finding:
- Observations of shear-dominated crack growth at speeds between the shear wave and longitudinal wave speeds. (Note the Mach cone-like structures in the interferograms).

Payoffs:
- Revelation of new failure mechanisms in composites that had neither been observed experimentally nor predicted theoretically.
- Awareness of new class of failure criteria for the safe design of composite structures.
**INTERSONIC CRACK WITH DETACHED CONTACT ZONE ALONG A POLYMER / METAL INTERFACE**

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- Multiple contact visible by three shear shock waves
- Comparison between experiment and analysis (model by Huang and Rosakis)
- Intersonic shear rupture model includes contact and friction
Interface/Damage Interaction In Layered and Sandwich Structures Subjected to Impact

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**Objectives:**
- Study the effect of interface strength and sandwich structure geometry on damage due to transverse impact. Photoelasticity and high speed photography is used to determine the sequence of events.

**Significant Finding:**
- Weaker interfaces reduce the amount of damage propagated to subsequent layers.
- Mismatch in material wave speeds cause intersonic shear cracks followed by intra-layer damage.

**Payoffs:**
- Benchmark results for computational model validation.
- Improved design of sandwich structures, hybrid joints, armor plate, etc.