Cracking and crushing: Modeling the collisional history of small bodies in the solar system

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Small bodies: The asteroid population



Fact sheet:

- estimated number: 1.1-1.9 10⁶ with diameter >1 km
- estimated total mass: 4% of a lunar mass
- orbits located mainly between Mars and Jupiter
- largest object: Ceres D=950 km

Mean density of asteroids



there is considerable evidence that asteroids are porous bodies...

Rotation rate of asteroids



there is considerable evidence that large asteroids are ruble piles...

Meet the small and famous...

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433 Eros 33 x 13 km Near 2000



951 Gaspra 18 x 11 x 9 km Galileo 1993 7 x 5 x 3 km Stardust 2002

5535 Annefrank

2867 Steins 6 x 5 x 5 km Rosetta 2008

9969 Braille 2 x | x | km Deep Space | 1999



0.2 km 2 × 1 2005 Deep Sp



9P/Tempel I 8 x 5 km Deep impact 2005



253 Mathilde 66 x 48 x 44 km Near 1997

243 Ida 59 x 25 x 19 km Galileo 1993 Dactyl

1.6 x 1.2 km Galileo 1993

1 P/ Halley 16 x 8 x 8 km

Series Series

Vega 2 1986

19P/ Borelly 8 x 4 km Deep Space | 2001 253 Mathilde 66 x 48 x 44 km Near 1997

mean density: 1.3 g cm⁻³

$\begin{array}{c} 2867 \text{ Steins} \\ 6 \times 5 \times 5 \text{ km} \\ \text{Rosetta 2008} \end{array}$



A diamond in the sky....

Modeling solid materials

(for planetary science applications)

What is out there:



the material characteristics will determine the response to impacts and hence will determine the evolution of the bodies

Fracture

- explicit flaw distribution: Weibull distribution

- $n(\epsilon) = k\epsilon^m$ with $n(\epsilon)$ the number density of active flaws at strain ϵ k, m material parameters
- flaw activation threshold $\epsilon_i = \left(\frac{i}{kV}\right)^{1/m} \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, N$

activation thresholds are distributed randomly over all particles



Damage: feed-back on the dynamics



Damage is the result of the entire stress history of a solid →the Lagrangian nature of SPH is essential

Comparison with experiments

→ sailor hat experiment (1965):

4.54 10⁸ g of TNT detonated on Kahoolawe Island (Hawaii): 4.2 10¹⁰ ergs





crater diameter: 88.4 m

Sailor hat simulations

SPH simulations using 2.5×10⁶ particles



Comparison with impact experiments → SPH simulations using 3×10⁶ particles



dust removed





largest fragment as a function of impact angle





Porosity

Definitions:

- porosity:

$$\phi = \frac{V - V_S}{V} = \frac{V_V}{V}$$

with V_S the volume of the matrix V_V the volume of the voids V the total volume

- distension:

$$\alpha = \frac{\rho_s}{\rho} = \frac{1}{1 - \phi} \qquad \text{with} \qquad \begin{array}{l} \rho_s \text{ the density of the matrix} \\ \rho \text{ the bulk density} \end{array}$$

$$\mathbf{1 - \phi} \qquad \mathbf{1 - \phi} \qquad$$

Crush curve

Distension is defined as a function of pressure: $\alpha = \alpha(P)$

the so-called $P - \alpha$ model (Hermann 1969)



P - α relation

Implementation

- Distension modifies the equation of state (eos):

$$P = \frac{1}{\alpha} P_s(\rho_s, E_s) = \frac{1}{\alpha} P_s(\alpha \rho, E) \qquad \alpha = \frac{\rho_s}{\rho}$$

where $P_s(\rho_s, E_s)$ is the EOS of the solid phase of the material. Several eos for solid material exist, e.g., Tillotson EOS, ANEOS, etc.

- Time evolution of distension:

$$\dot{\alpha}(t) = \frac{\dot{E}\left(\frac{\partial P_s}{\partial E_s}\right) + \alpha \dot{\rho}\left(\frac{\partial P_s}{\partial \rho_s}\right)}{\alpha + \frac{d\alpha}{dP}\left[P - \rho\left(\frac{\partial P_s}{\partial \rho_s}\right)\right]} \cdot \frac{d\alpha}{dP}$$

Distension: feed-back on the dynamics

- Distention and deviatoric stress
 - Idea: compute the deviatoric stress as a function of the matrix variables

$$[\vec{\nabla}\vec{v}]_s = f[\vec{\nabla}\vec{v}] \longrightarrow \frac{dS^{ij}}{dt} \to f\frac{dS^{ij}}{dt}$$
 where $f = 1 + \frac{\dot{\alpha}\rho}{\alpha\dot{\rho}}$

- Distention and damage
 - Since both damage D and distention α are volume ratios, we can relate the two by (linear relation):

$$D = 1 - \frac{(\alpha - 1)}{(\alpha_0 - 1)}$$

$$\alpha = 1 \to D = 1$$

total damage = tension damage (Weibull flaws) + compression damage (breaking pores)

Simple test: Compaction wave

ID pressure wave



Comparison with laboratory experiments

- Experiments by A. Nakamura and K. Hiraoka (Kobe University) using a two stage light gas gun at ISAS
- Impact of nylon/glass projectile on porous pumice
- Measured material properties: Crush-curve, bulk density, tensile strength
- Measured quantities:
 - Mass distribution of fragments
 - Antipodal velocities
 - Snapshots of expanding fragments



Comparison with laboratory experiments

Simulation of 4 shots:

Projectile					Target	
	Material	Diameter mm	Mass g	Velocity km/s	Mass g	Porosity %
418-4	Nylon	7	0.21	2.58	147.8	71
824-6	Glass	3.2	0.04	4.47	40.1	73
825-4	Nylon	7	0.21	3.28	38.7	75
70427	Nylon	3.2	0.02	3.94	37.3	75

Same material parameters (the measured ones) for all simulations

Number of particles: 1.4 10⁶



Impact and subsequent expansion of

fragments



Impact: 0 - 200 ms Expansion: 0.2 ms - 16 ms

Comparison with laboratory experiments

t = 1.5 ms

Experiment



Simulation (porous)



 $V_{antipodal} = 5.9 \pm 1.6 \text{ m/s}$

 $v_{antipodal} = 5.6 \text{ m/s}$

Comparison with laboratory experiments

t = 8.0 ms

Experiment



Simulation (porous)



Cumulative mass distribution



Asteroid Steins

Rosetta Fly-by on 5 September 2008







Asteroid Steins

Impactor:

D = 180 m

V_{imp}= 5 km/s

What kind of impact produces such a crater?



5.73 × 4.95 × 4.58 km







Asteroid families: Evidences for distruptive collisions



asteroid families provide the laboratory to test codes in the gravitational regime

Disruptive collisions (at 3km/s)



Families: Disruption and re-accumulation

 I) the parent body is totally disrupted by a catastrophic impact
 SPH simulations

2) expanding debris are re-accumulating to form family members

Collisional N-body simulations

Flora family: Parent body 164 km





Explain the rubble pile nature of the larger objects

Conclusions

 Collisions are at the heart of the evolution of the small bodies in the solar system

2) The Lagrangian nature of SPH makes it an ideal tool to simulate impacts and collisions

3) Material parameters play a key role in the modeling
- can/should be measured in laboratory experiments
- are not known for most of the bodies.

→inverse problem: Use collisions to probe the material properties...