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Production of diverging and converging spherical shock waves and eccentric interaction of converging shock waves with cylindrical interfaces

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Introduction

- Upon focusing of spherical or cylindrical shock waves, high pressures and temperatures created at the center of convergence and have been used for various scientific and industrial applications.
- It is not necessarily easy in laboratories to produce uniformly converging shock waves.
- Applications of R-M instability appearing in converging spherical and cylindrical geometries, such as inertial confinement fusion, supersonic combustion, and astrophysics, made it of considerable interest.
- In the present research, results of recent experiment of R-M instability will be reported.

Aspheric spherical test section



Front view of the aspheric spherical test section



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Laser light rays in the aspheric test section



Double exposure holographic interferometric optical set-up



Structure of vertical diaphragmless shock tube



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Double exposure holographic interferometry



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Test section with cylindrical bubble



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Pressure histories at the test section for eccentric interaction of cylindrical shock wave with cylindrical SF₆ bubble, Ms_i =1.18, P_0 =101.13 kPa



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$Ms_i=1.18$ in air, $P_0=100.3$ kPa, $D_{SF_6}=50$ mm









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Time variation of average SF₆ jet velocity in air



Summary

- 1) Converging spherical shock waves and their interaction with micro-explosive product gases were investigated by using a spherical transparent test section.
- 2) Using double exposure holographic interferometry, the interactions of converging shock waves with light/heavy cylindrical gaseous interface were quantitatively visualized. A relatively strong secondary shock wave focusing in SF₆ heavy gas bubble resulted a strong SF₆ jet in air, which made the final distortion of the bubbles to be different from planar shock wave loading.