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Perturbation Decay Experiments on Granular Materials¹ TRACY
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decay experiment has been utilized to evaluate the strength of granular materials
under shock loading. Previous work has shown that material strength slows the
decay of a perturbation superimposed on a propagating shock front. A novel con-
figuration has been developed that relies on the change of optical reflectivity of a
metal-coated surface during shock arrival to diagnose the shock evolution. The tech-
nique has been applied to tungsten carbide powder, tantalum powder, and mixtures
of the two. Results from continuum and mesoscale calculations will also be shown.
Finally, we will discuss the use of radiography for diagnosing perturbation decay
experiments.

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