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Premise and Motivation

- Detection of improvised explosive devices (IEDs)
- Strong dependence of vapor pressure on temperature
 - May improve detection capabilities by selective heating



Premise and Motivation

- High impedance-difference interfaces
- Methods for increased stand-off stress and energy transmission



Evanescent Plane Waves



• Complex angle representation

$$\tilde{\theta} = \theta_r + j\theta_i$$

$$\tilde{k}_x = k \cosh(\theta_i) \sin(\theta_r) + jk \sinh(\theta_i) \cos(\theta_r)$$

$$\tilde{k}_z = k \cosh(\theta_i) \cos(\theta_r) - jk \sinh(\theta_i) \sin(\theta_r)$$

Evanescent decay parameter, β

Air-Solid Interface



- Boundary conditions at interface (z = 0)
 - Generalized Snell's Law
- Mean energy flux in solid (normal component):

$$I_z = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T -(\sigma_z v_z + \sigma_{xz} v_x) dt$$





Rayleigh Angle Phenomenon









Transmitted Normal Velocity (m/s)

x 10⁻³ 5 5 3000 2 1.5 Tangential Position, x (m) Tangential Position, x (m) 2000 1 1000 3 0.5 0 0 2 -0.5 -1000 -1 -2000 -1.5 -2 -3000 0.0 0 ^L 0 2 3 5 2 3 4 5 4 1 Normal Position, z (m) Normal Position, z (m)

Approximate parameters for $|\tilde{R}| = 0$ $\theta_1^* \approx 9.3657^\circ, \beta^* \approx 1.07 \times 10^{-4} \text{ rad/m}$

Transmitted Normal Stress (Pa)

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Material Interfaces



Numerical Results: Air-Water



Numerical Results: Air-Water



Supercritical angle and decay rate $\theta_1 = 15^\circ, \beta = 0.01 \text{ rad/m}$

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Numerical Results: Air-Water



Conclusions

- Use of evanescent acoustic waves for increased stress and energy transmission in solids
 - Exact impedance matching at the Rayleigh angle and optimal decay rate
 - Significant transmission increases
 - Nonzero energy flux for all oblique incidence angles
- Fluid-fluid interfaces: pressure and energy transmission decay above critical angle



Conclusions

- Future work:
 - Transmission into viscoelastic materials
 - Transmission by bounded wave profiles
 - Measurements of stress and energy transmission in energetic materials



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Energy Conservation

• Verification of energy conservation



Energy Conservation



 $\beta = 0.01 \text{ rad/m}$

Inhomogeneous Plane Waves in Low-Loss Media



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Inhomogeneous Plane Waves in Low-Loss Media

Pressure field (Pa) 1-Pa, 1000-Hz wave in air



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