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# HIGH-VELOCITY IMPACT

## Part 1

### Experimental data review

Installation and hardware for experimental studies.

The experiments were carried out on powder and eight-gas guns, whose main characteristics are listed in the Table.

Installation	Projecting velocity	Projectile mass
Aviation rifled gun	up to 2 km/s	up to 1 kg
Two-stage light-gas installation with a plastic (polyethylene)	up to 14 km/s	up to 1 g

For assuring stable motion of a projected element in a barrel channel the polyethylene and textolyte saucers were used, which had a shape of cylindrical double-side glass with an elongated rear and shortened frontal part, into which the projected plunger was inserted. Such a design allows to shift the center of pressure backwards with respect to the center of gravity and provides aerodynamic stability at an exit from the barrel channel. The saucer was cut throughout its length along the axis of symmetry in order to separate it into parts and to reject the projected plunger after its exit from the barrel channel at the initial section of flight trajectory.

The plunger velocity was determined by means of a system of contactless recording pass by time moments. This system consisted of a source of constant light, that was directed in perpendicular to the projectile trajectory, and photorecording elements (photodiodes) which were actuated at the time of light source darkening by a projectile passed by. The light source were the lamps with point-like glow-lamp filaments and a collimator consisting of a system of lenses and diaphragms used for forming a band-like light beam. By placing such light barriers in pairs at some certain distance from each other and by recording the time of projectile flight between them (using, for example, the chronographs of IV-22 type with time resolution of 0.02 ms), one can determine the

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dynamics of velocity variation along the path accurately enough.

The collision (impact) process was recorded on a film with the high-speed SKS-1M cine-camera at film motion velocity providing the shooting rate of 400 frames per second, and ZhIV-2 with a fixed film and image-forming mirror rotating at rate of up to 375000 frames per second.

The results of studies. In the course of experiments the main attention was paid to the determination of such parameters, as crater depth, the velocity and angle of fragments' fly away from the front and rear sides of a target, the mass ejected from a crater, the maximum velocity of breaching various targets and the residual velocity of a plunger after breaching. Besides, the influence of impact velocity and angle, geometric shape of a plunger and physico-mechanical properties of colliding materials on the above-mentioned parameters has also been investigated. The addition, the metallophysical studies of a near-crater zone and the measurements of brightness temperature of fly-away products were carried out. As an example, Figs 1 through 11 demonstrate some results of these studies. Figs. 1-4 show the dependences of a crater depth in targets, made of various materials, on the impact velocity. Figs. 5 and 6 show the influence of impact velocity of various materials on the mass ejected from a crater. The noticeable loss of mass is seen to begin with the velocities of 300 to 1000 m/s, the initial non-stationary growth of ejected mass being changed by a nearly linear dependence as the impact velocity grows. Figs. 7 and 8 show the fly-away velocity and angle of fragments ejected from a crater. The rate of change of fragments' fly-away angle is seen to slow down as the impact angle on a crater formation efficiency, that is determined as the ratio of a crater volume to the kinetic energy of a plunger, is presented in Fig. 9. Fig. 10 represents a diagram that indicates, at which combination of values of impact velocity and angle of steel balls 2 mm in diameter the plunger inserts into an obstacle, and at which combination the ricochet takes place. The dependences of a depth of a rear break-away in a target on the plunger size for various impact velocities are given in Fig. 11.

Penetration  $\bar{P}=P/d$  into different targets  
versus impact velocity  
( $d$ -diameter of steel spherical particle)

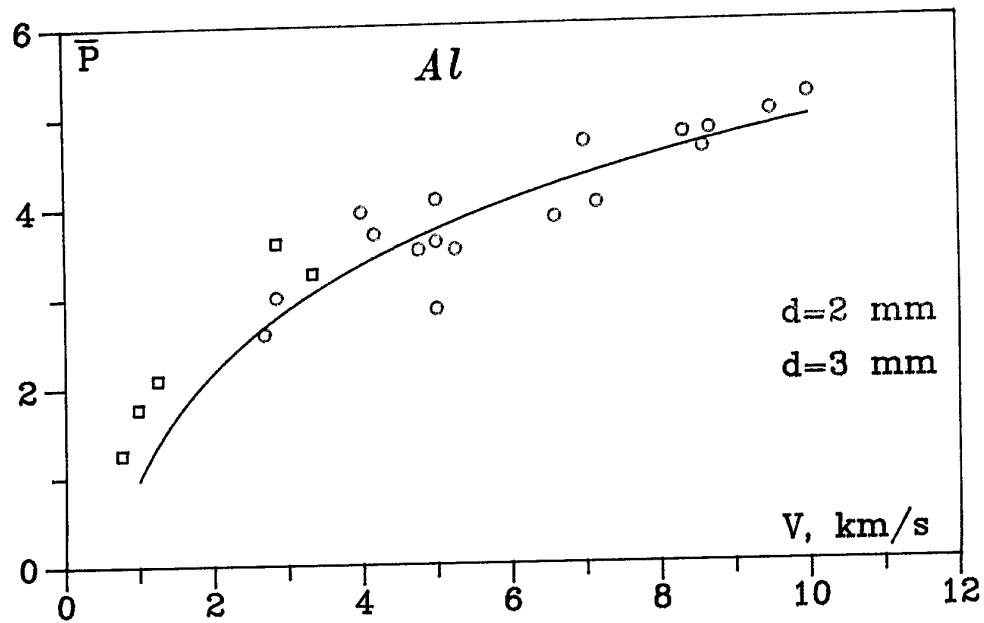


Fig. 1

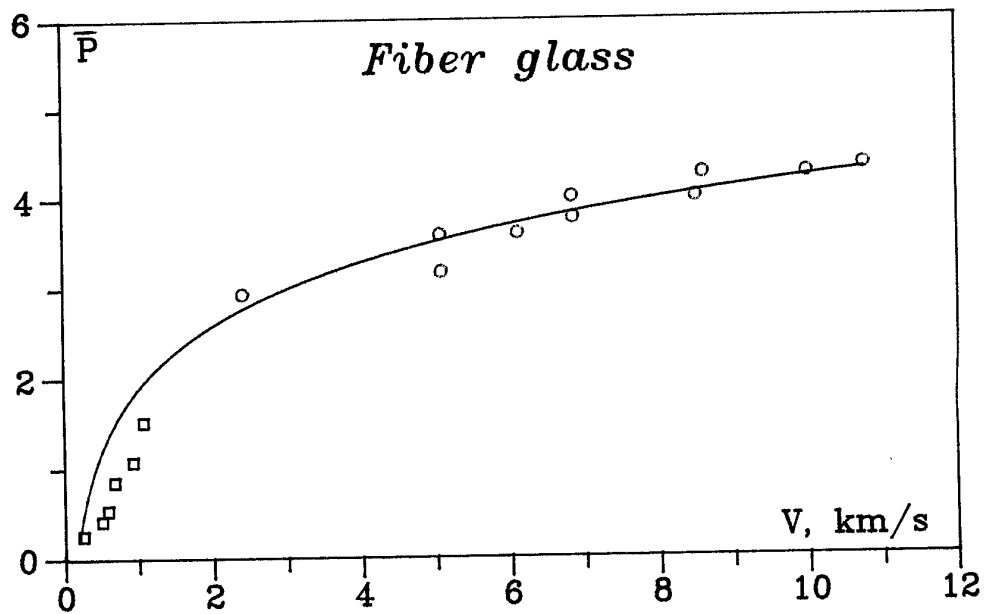


Fig. 2

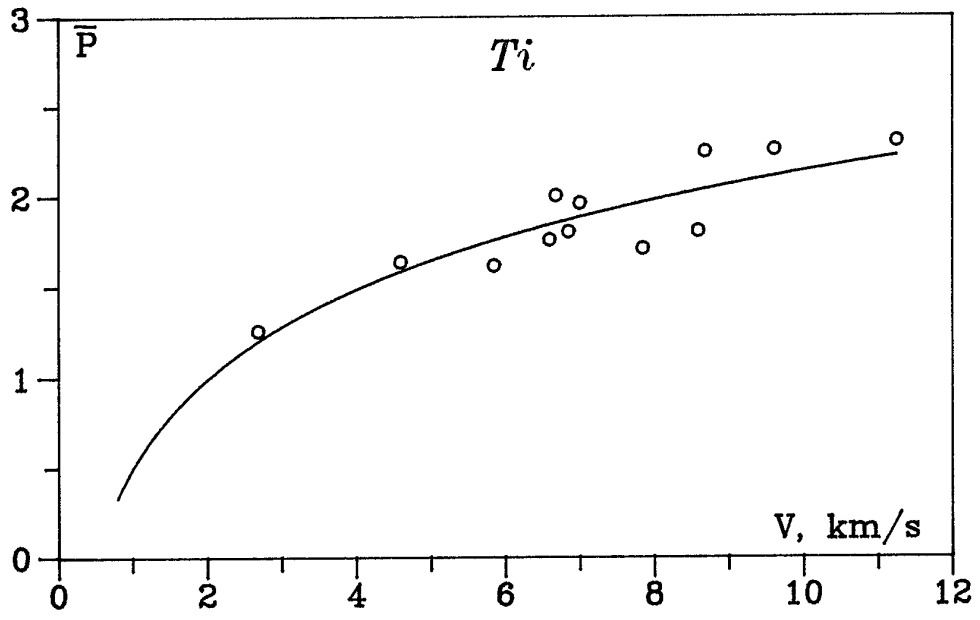


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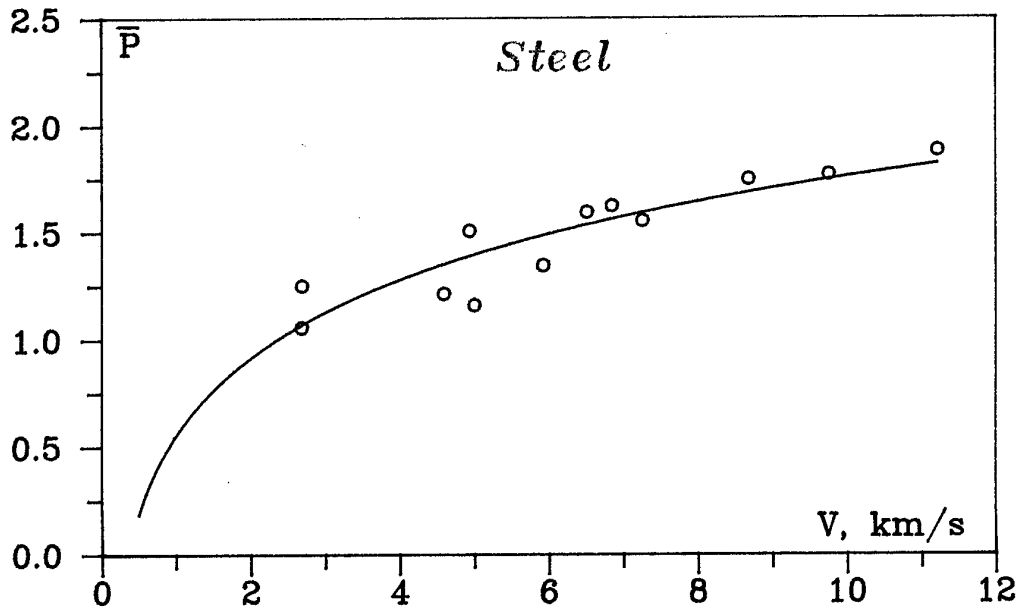


Fig 4

The ejection of target material from crater  
( $m$  - mass of particle)

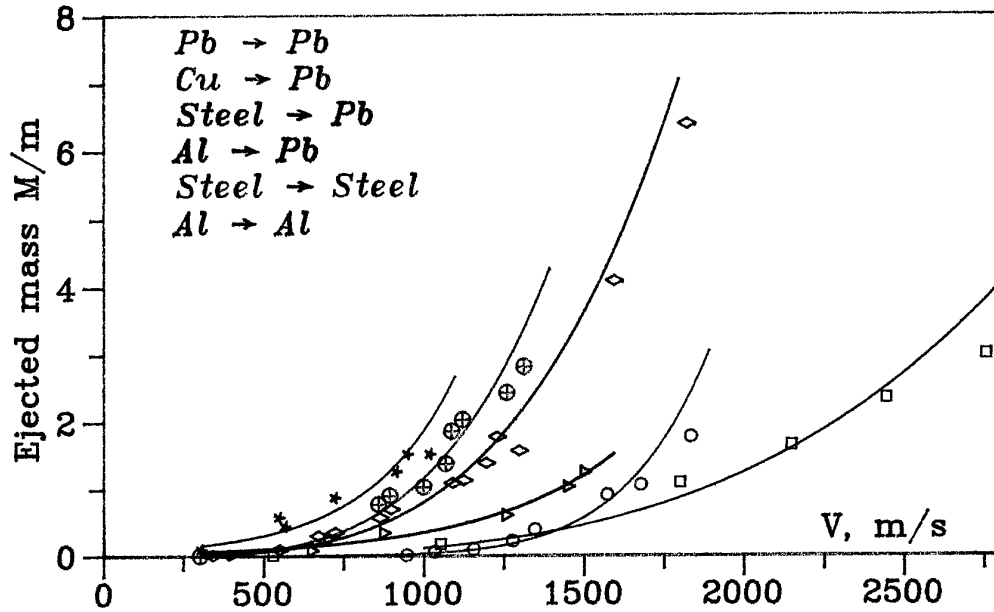


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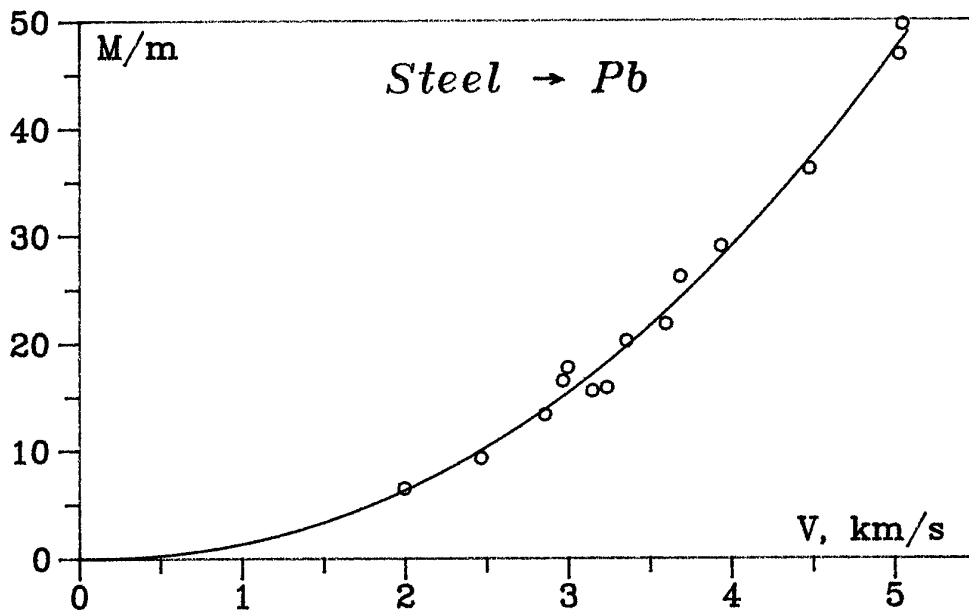


Fig 6

Velocity of fragments ejected from crater

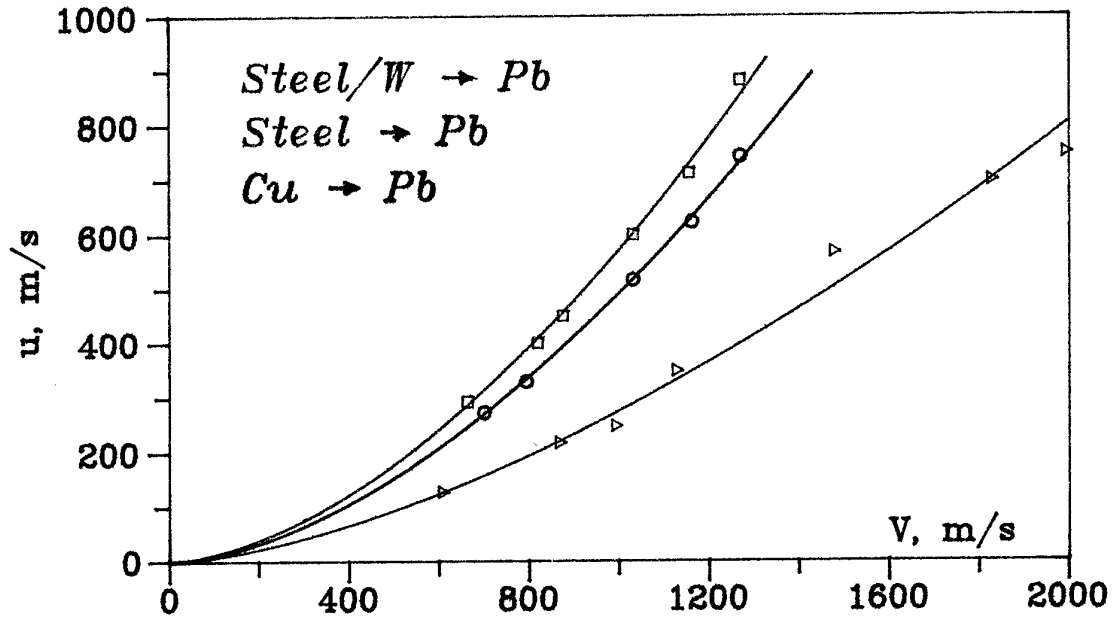


Fig 7

The angle of ejection of fragments

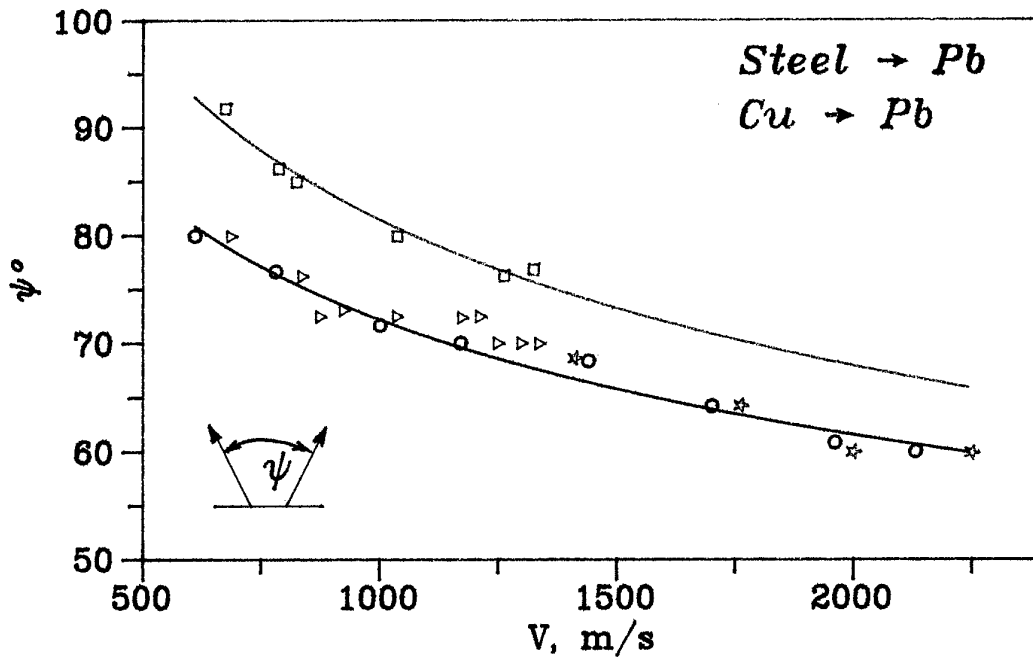


Fig 8

# Oblique impact

Volume of crater to particle energy ratio  
versus angle of incidence

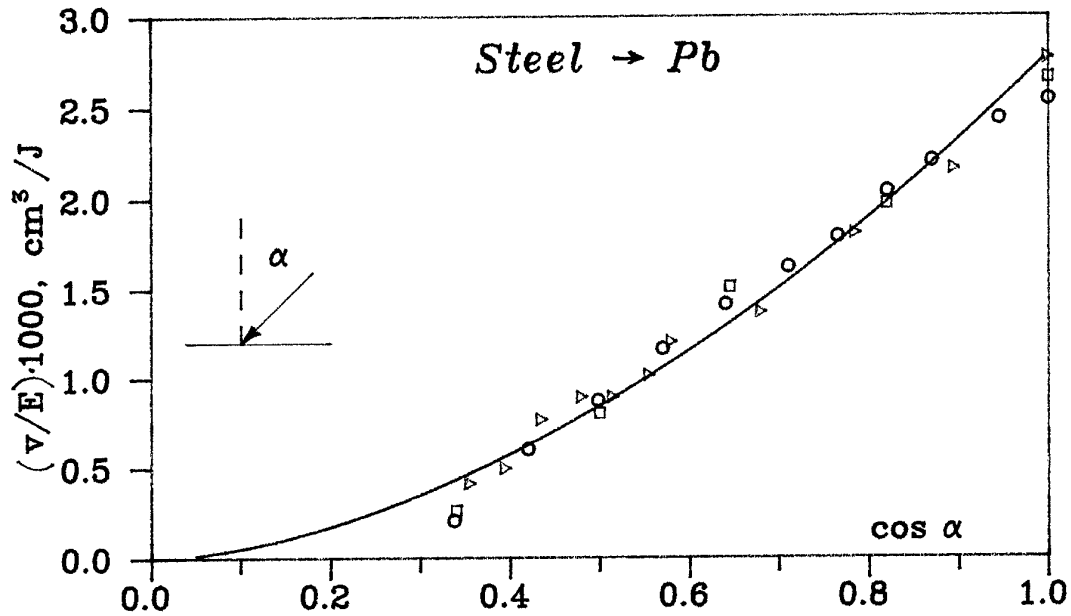


Fig 9

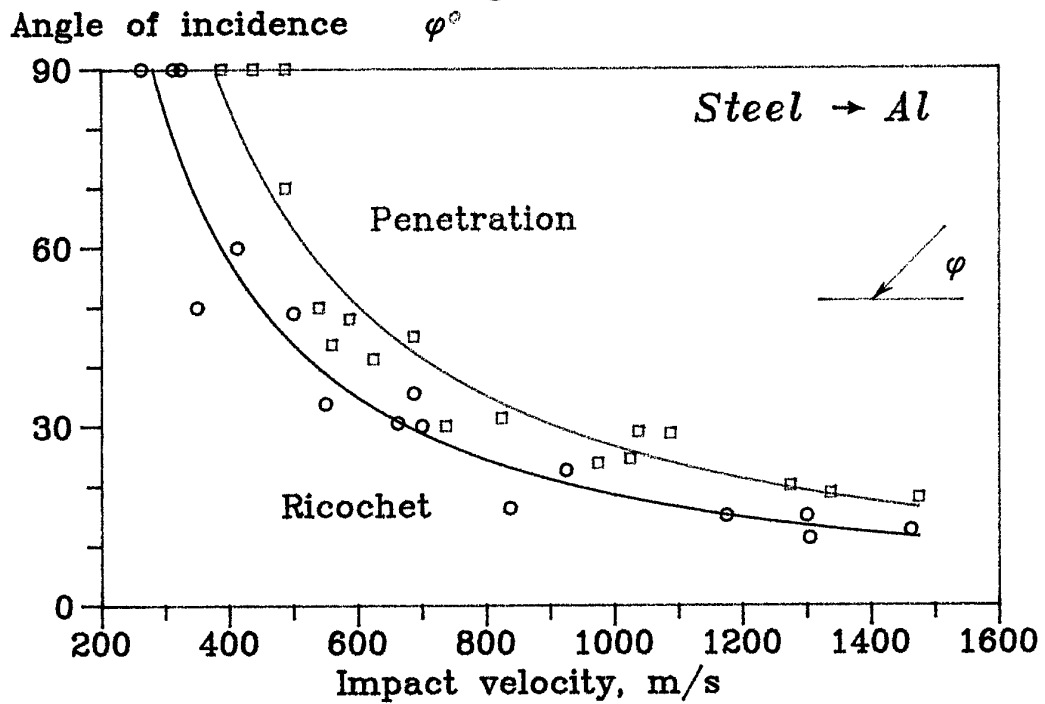


Fig 10

# Destruction of back target side by shock wave

$h$  - thickness of rear spalling  
 $L, d$  - thickness and diameter of impacting disk

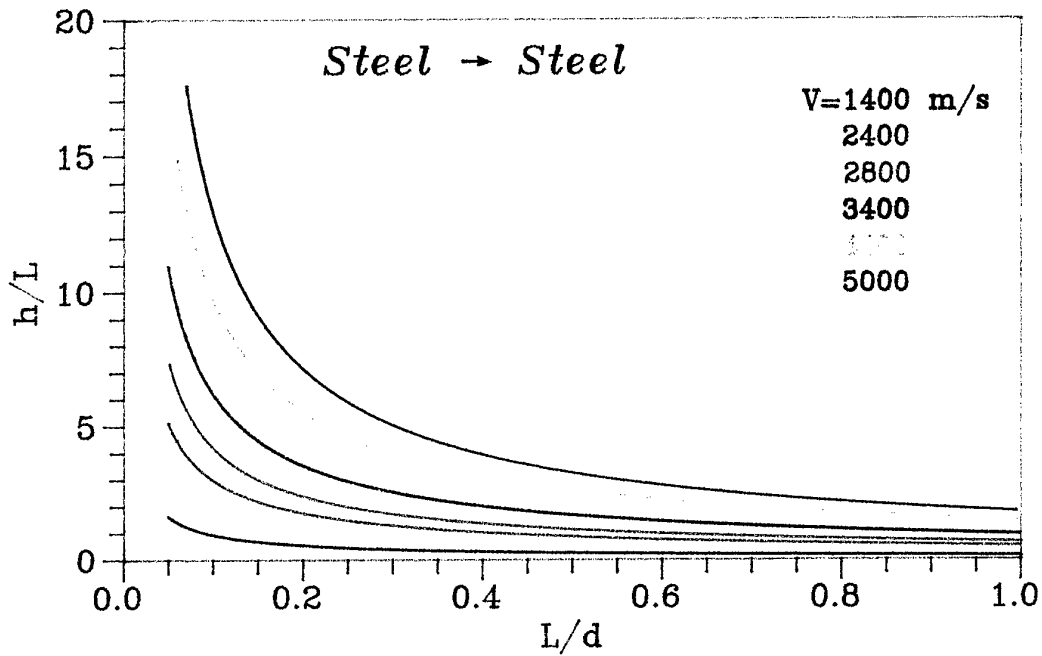


Fig 11