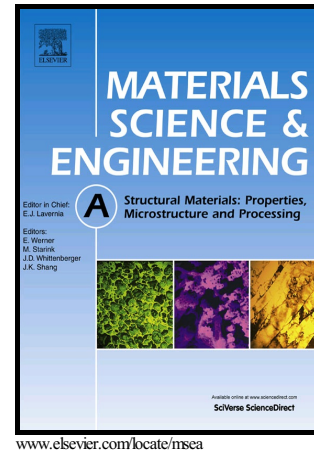


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## ABSTRACT

This paper presents a systematic study of structure and mechanical behavior of Ti/Fe explosive-bonded interfaces. The transient fluid-like behavior at the bonding zone is simulated using Smoothed Particle Hydrodynamic (SPH) numerical method. The interface is featured by a wave structure, resulted from heavy plastic deformation during the explosive welding. Melted zone resulted from the trapped jetting is surrounded by strongly deformed bulk materials. Fe<sub>2</sub>Ti intermetallic compounds with a mixture of FeTi+Fe phases are observed in the melted zone. A reaction layer (~700nm) consisted of nano-sized FeTi grains is formed at Ti/Fe material boundary. Nanoindentation tests and fracture observation confirm the brittle nature of Fe-Ti intermetallics formed in the explosive-bonded joint. Extremely temperature accumulated near the interface leads to recovery and recrystallization in deformed grains, which can accommodate relatively large strain near the interface.

**Keywords:** Explosive welding; Intermetallics; Nanoindentation; Smoothed Particle hydrodynamic.

## 1. Introduction

Explosive welding technique has been increasingly employed to produce structural composite materials, which are difficult to be produced via conventional methods, due to potential technical problems such as metallurgical incompatibility

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