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THIN BARRIER METHOD USED TO STUDY KINETICS OF HE DECOMPOSITION NEAR THE DETONATION FRONT

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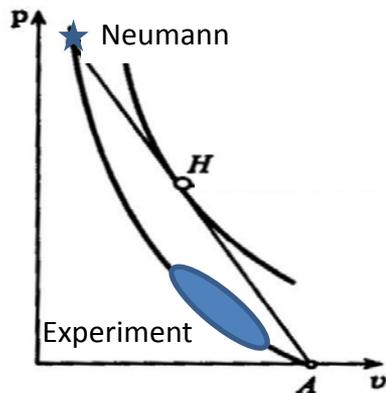
Introduction



Data on shock compressibility of nonreactive explosives are obtained in the low-pressure range, i.e. at $p \leq 16$ GPa.

Parameters of explosives at the Neumann spike ($p \approx 40$ GPa) are registered and interpreted as points of the Hugoniot for unreacted HE.

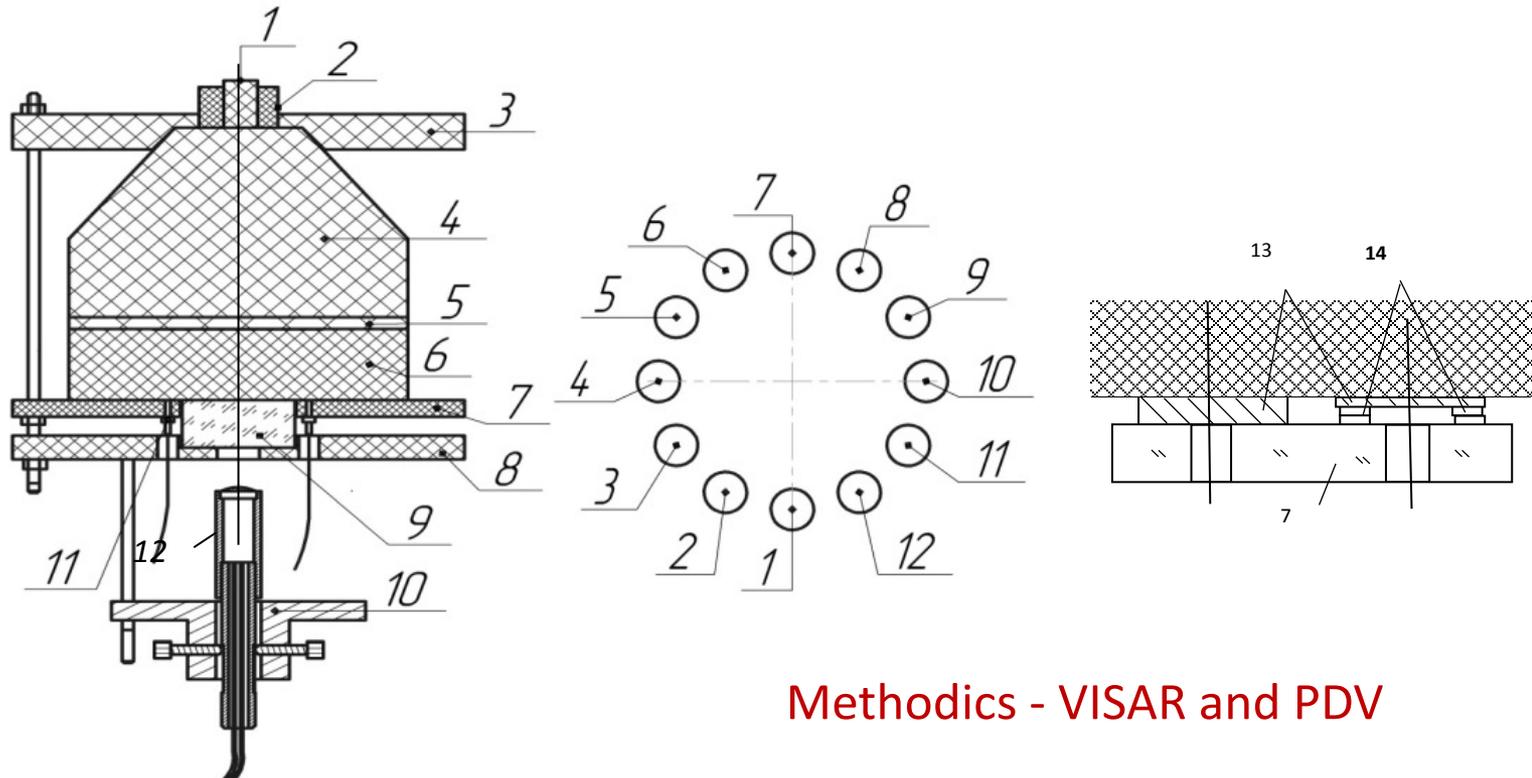
Question arises as to how long this HE fails to react behind the detonation front and whether it continues to be non-reacting in case of repeated loading above the Neumann spike?



The experimental thin-barrier method are proposed that makes it possible to record HE decomposition immediately behind the detonation front using laser-interferometry.

Laser interferometry is shown to open up new possibilities of the proposed method.

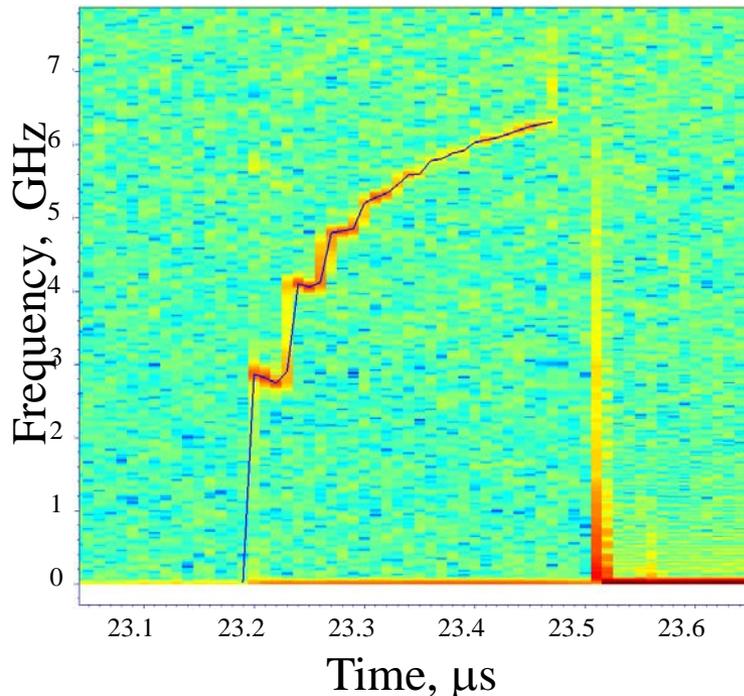
Experimental setup



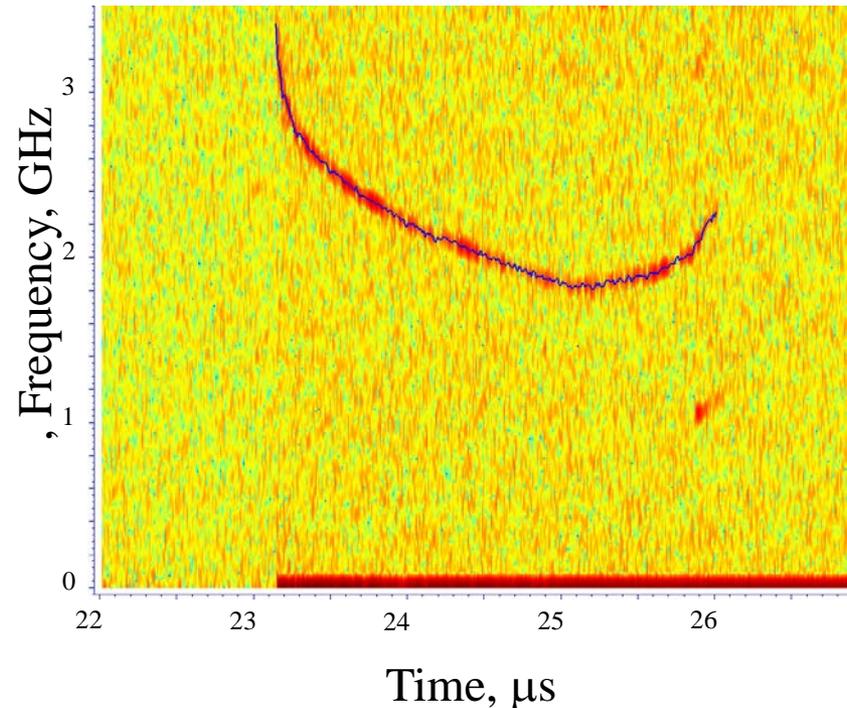
Methodics - VISAR and PDV

- 1 – electrical detonator; 2 – socket; 3 – centering mount; 4 – lens charge;
5 – TNT-RDX 50/50 cartridge with $\varnothing 120 \times 10$ mm; 6 – test HE with $\varnothing 120 \times 40 \dots 60$ mm;
7 – ferrules workholder; 8 – press-up clamp; 9 – window (LiF); 10 – measurement unit;
11 – PDV ferrules; 12 – “combined” head; 13 – foils; 14 – rings.

Spectrograms



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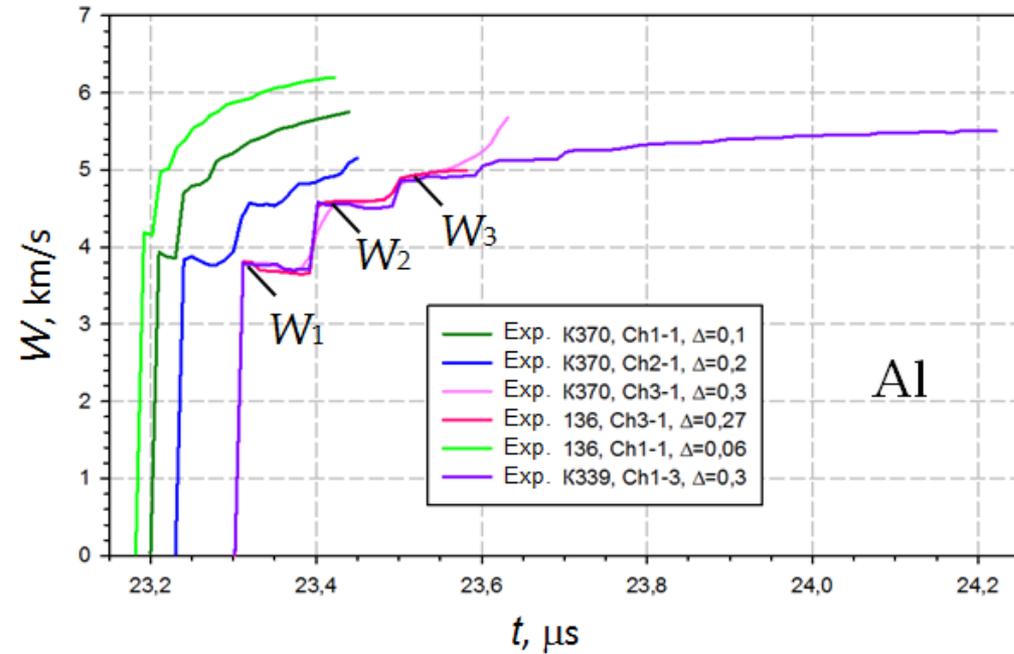


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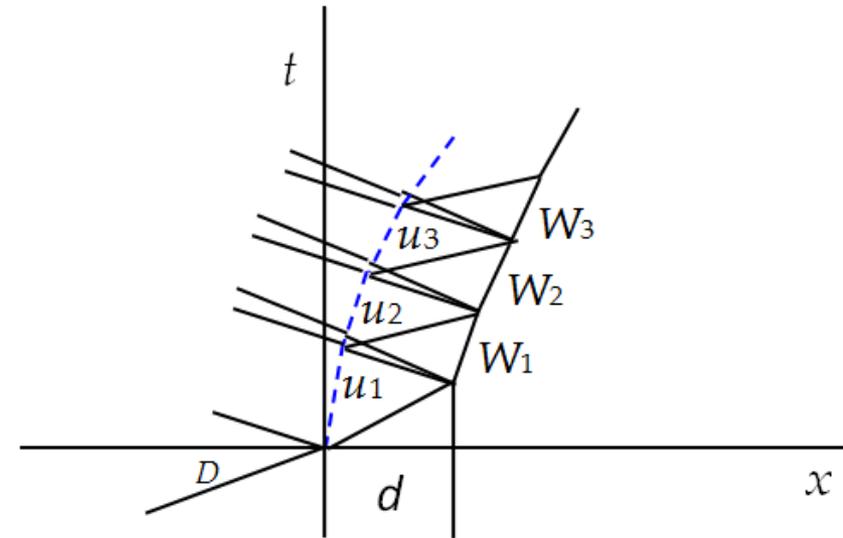
Typical PDV-spectrogram

- a – recorded acceleration of Ni-foil having 0.09-mm thickness;
- b – profile of the detonation wave with the chemical spike when recorded through the LiF-window

Results



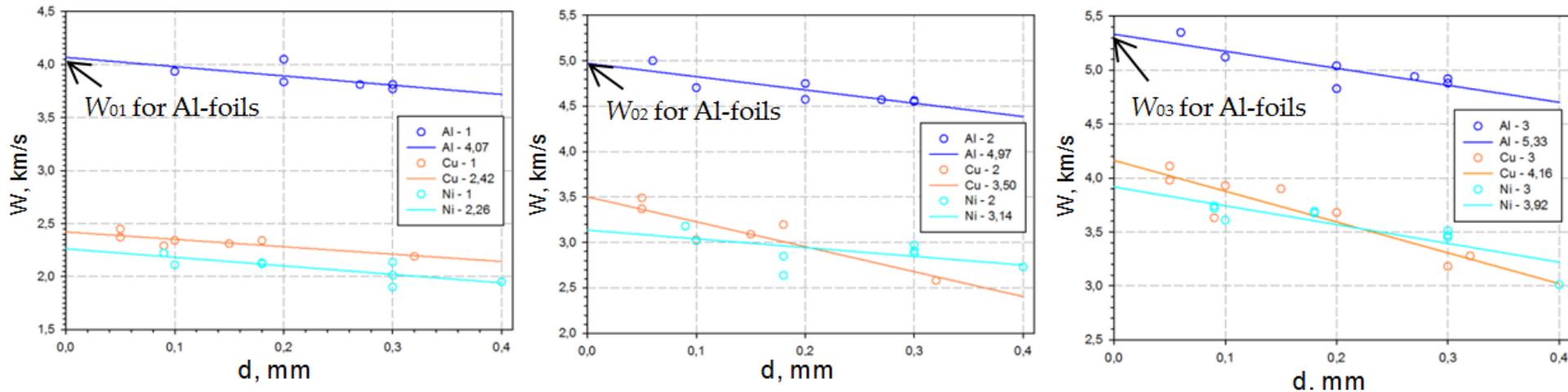
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b

Acceleration profiles for different-thickness Al-foils
in three experiments (a);
 t, x – diagram of wave circulations in the foil (b)

Determination of W_{01} , W_{02} и W_{03}



Recorded velocities at the foil free-surface Al, Cu и Ni with “shelves” on first jump – W_1 (a), on second jump – W_2 (b) and on third jump – W_3 (c) versus foils thickness.

Shock waves that enter the foil is attenuating while they travels through the foil thickness, it would be incorrect to use the values W_1 , W_2 , W_3 directly for determining the state in HE close to the front under release. некорректно. We must use velocities W_{01} , W_{02} и W_{03} of the zero-thickness foil. These velocities can be found by extrapolating the experimental dependences on the foil thickness d till intersection with the Y-axis.

This method is actually the virtual probing method for HE states near the detonation front within the maximally short time being close to zero.

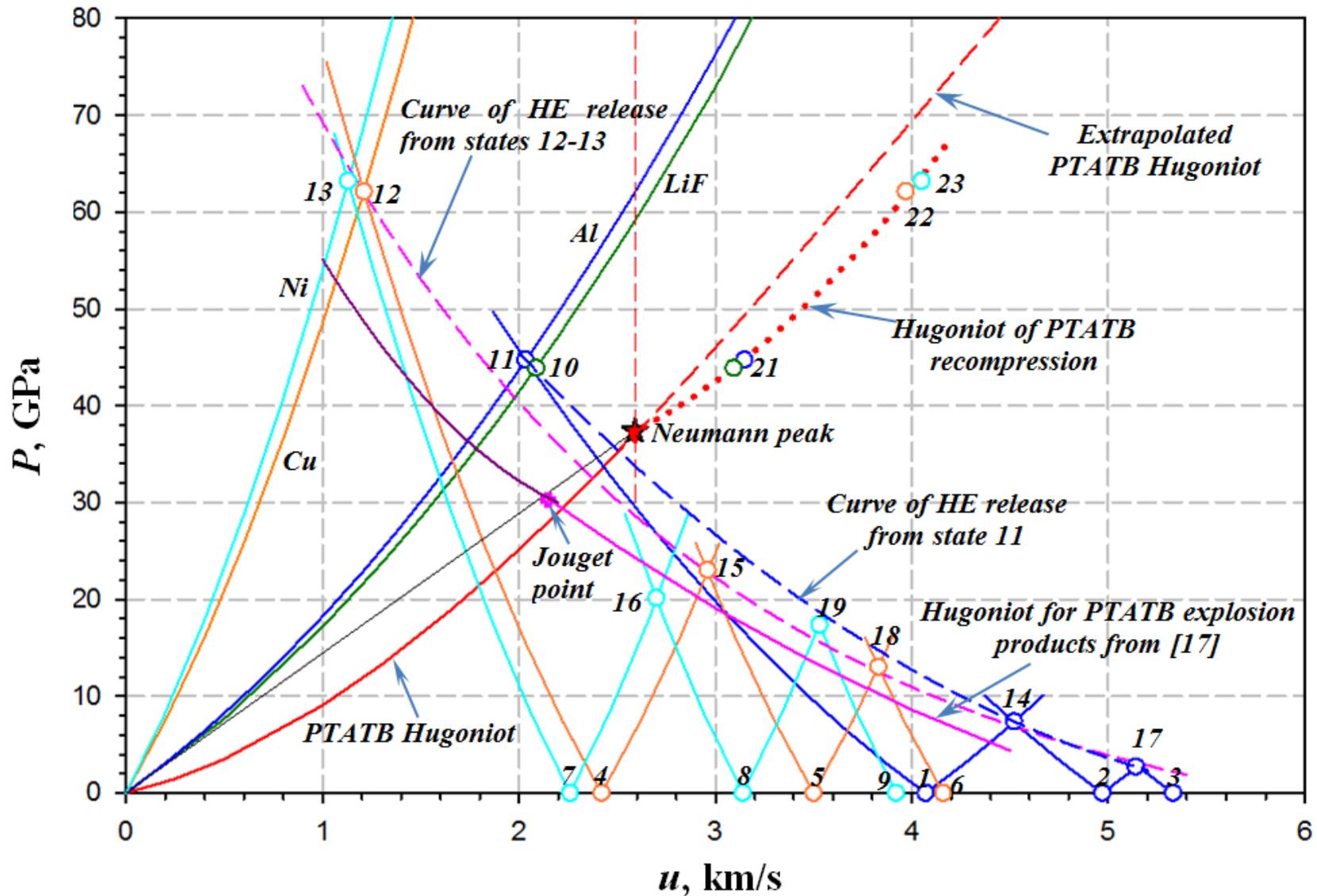
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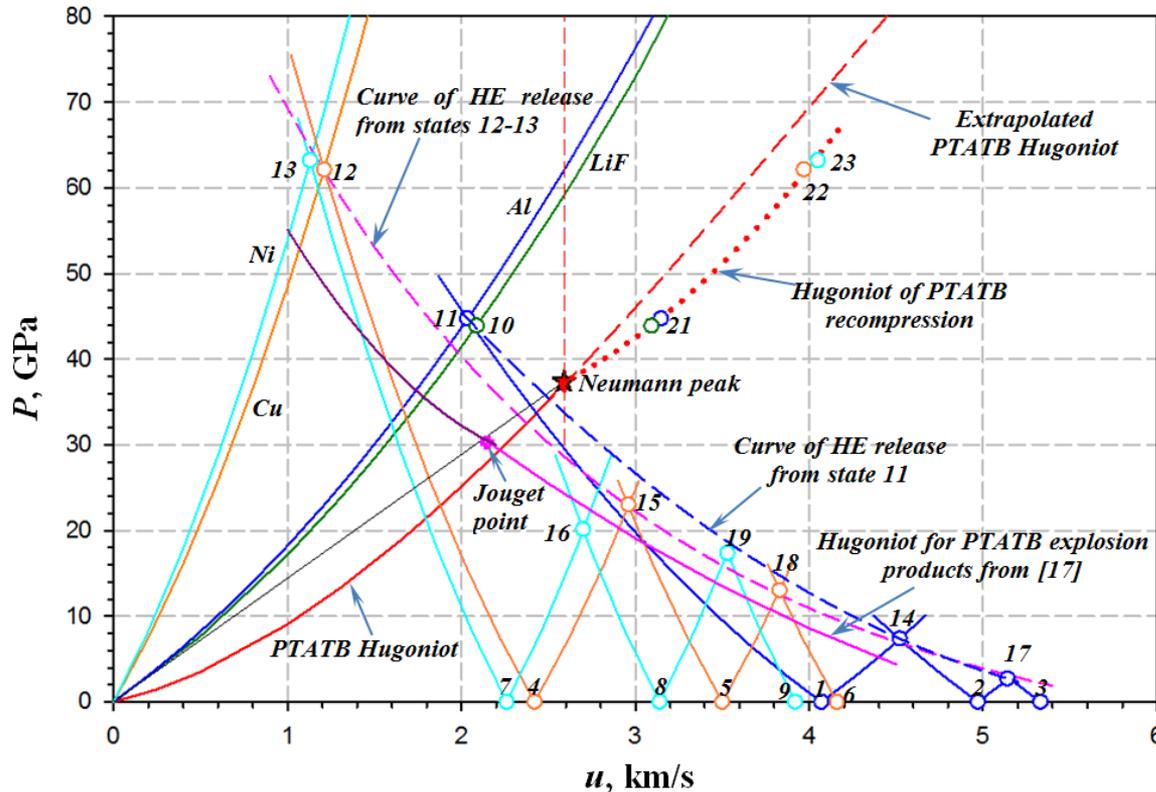
Calculated W_{01} , W_{02} , W_{03} , as well as appropriate particle velocities u_{01} , u_{02} , u_{03} and pressures P_{01} , P_{02} , P_{03}

Foil material	W_{01} , km/s	W_{02} , km/s	W_{03} , km/s	u_{01} , km/s	u_{02} , km/s	u_{03} , km/s	P_{01} , GPa	P_{02} , GPa	P_{03} , GPa
Al	4.07	4.97	5.33	2.035	4.52	5.15	44.7	7.41	2.73
Cu	2.42	3.50	4.16	1.21	2.96	3.83	62.1	23.0	13.0
Ni	2.26	3.14	3.92	1.13	2.70	3.53	63.2	20.2	17.4

Determination of states in PTATB on the recompression Hugoniot



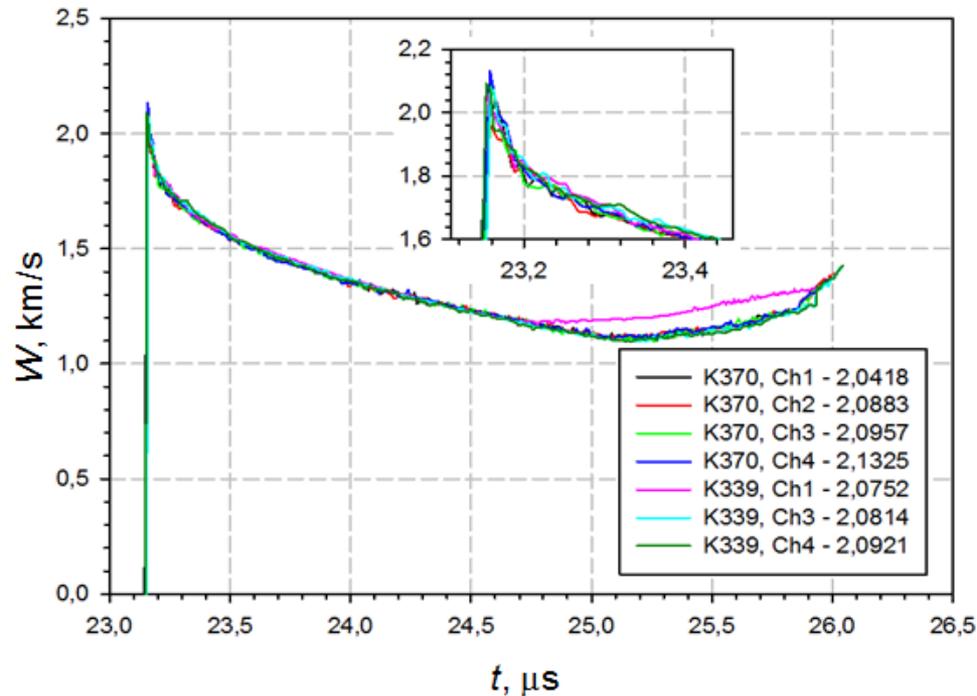
Release of reloading HE



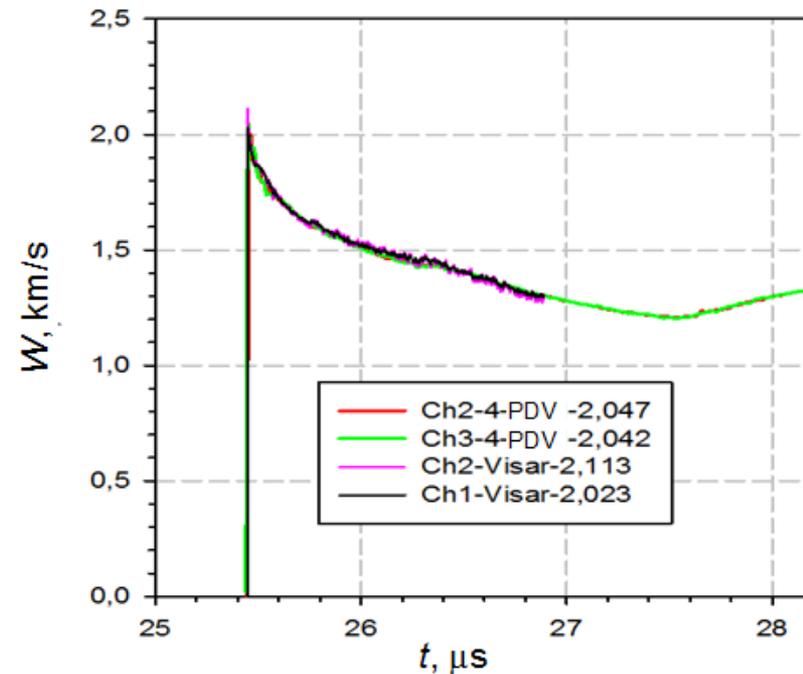
Values of W_{01} and W_{02} for all foil materials were used to find states 14, 15, and 16 with particle velocities u_{02} in these materials invoking using Hugoniot for foil materials. States 17, 18, and 19 with particle velocities u_{03} in these materials were found with W_{01} и W_{02} . These states are simultaneously states of PTATB after, respectively, single and double releases from the reloading states 11 – 13.

Release curves approximate the experimental data. These release curves go above the equilibrium explosion-product Hugoniot with the Jouget point.

Detonation wave profiles in PTATB. Chemical spike (Neumann spike)



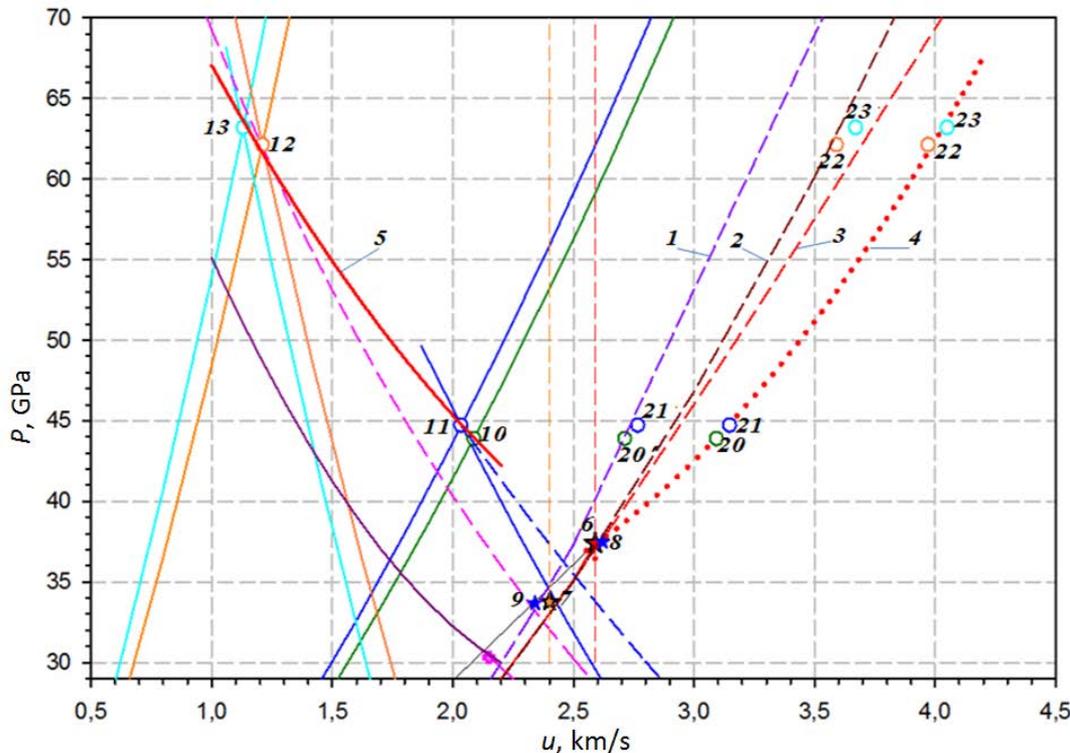
Seven profiles of the detonation wave in PTATB at the boundary with the LiF window. in two experiments



Four detonation profiles in PTATB at the boundary with the Al-foil contacting the LiF window

The mean of the maximum velocity for profiles observed in three experiments is 2.084 km/s. Pressure in LiF, which corresponds to this particle velocity, will be 43.8 GPa. This state in LiF is simultaneously the state in the PTATB, realized under its reloading on LiF from the state in the chemical spike.

Discussion - Chemical spike brake curve



Part of the P, u –diagram of states in foils, LiF, and PTATB

Four experimental points are obtained for the Hugoniot of the PTATB recompression from the state in the chemical spike. Curve 5 is plotted to approximate the experiment. It can be called the chemical spike brake curve.

The data is few to extrapolate it till its intersection with the Hugoniot of the nonreactive HE.

In addition, we have no such a reliable Hugoniot.

The figure shows three well-known Hugoniot for TATB-based explosive compounds. Available data on the state of TATN-based HE in the chemical spike turn out to be obviously different.

Discussion



Question dealing with physics: whether these are explosion products that accelerate foils after the detonation front arrival thereat or perhaps this is still non-reacted inert HE existing at chemical spike width. The foils are thin and the time needed for the waves to circulate once or twice in them can turn to be less than the period of the test PTATB decomposition zone. In this case, we can assume that during the first wave circulation (10 – 100 ns), HE fails to significantly decompose. And in addition, we extrapolate $W_i(d)$ to the zero thickness of foils, i.e. to extremely small times. **From here it follows that HE shall remain solid both shortly behind the shock front of reloading, and also under “instantaneous” release.**

Once again we can ask a question: whether a solid HE or gaseous explosion products there are in states 14 – 19. In the first case, the release curve must be close to the mirrored shock adiabat of unreactive PTATB. In the second case, it could go equidistantly to the explosion-product Hugoniot as in [17]. Unfortunately, it is impossible to decide on one of variants with the available number of experiments. Note that the obtained release curves would not merge with the explosion-product Hugoniot from [17] during the follow-on wave circulations in foils as the excess energy acquired by the material in the course of reloading remains therein during release as well.

Conclusions



- The experimental thin-barrier method that makes it possible to record HE decomposition immediately behind the detonation front using laser-interferometry is proposed. **Actually this is the method of virtual probing of HE states shortly behind the detonation front within an extremely short period.**
- Four experimental points are obtained for the Hugoniot of PTATB recompression from the state in the chemical spike. **The curve that approximates the experiment can be called the chemical spike brake curve.**
- Six experimental points that correspond to PTATB states after single or double fast release from the reloading state are obtained. Release curves that approximate the experiment are plotted to go above the equilibrium explosion-product Hugoniot.
- **HE is stated to remain solid** both shortly behind the shock front of reloading, and also under “instantaneous” release.
- **Generally, new results obtained at times less than 10...300 ns demonstrate the proposed method to be promising for investigations of HE states in the chemical spike zone.**

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