

# IGNITION OF METHANE/AIR MIXTURE IN THE PRESENCE OF THE COAL DUST UNDER TEMPERATURES 800–1200 K

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**Abstract:** The paper contains the results of experimental study of ignition of the stoichiometric methane–air mixture in presence of coal particles 20–32  $\mu\text{m}$  in diameter under temperatures 950–1050 K and pressures 1.5–2.0 MPa. These conditions were created by a rapid compression machine. It was found that ignition of particles occurs at temperatures of the oxidative medium higher than 850 K. Burning particles reduce the ignition time and the ignition temperature of the methane–air mixture at temperatures exceeding 1000 K. The temperature of coal particles burning in methane–air mixture and in air environment heated by compression was measured. The mean temperature of particles was 2500 K. It indicates the possibility of premature ignition of gas mixture heated by compression to temperatures 1000–1100 K by addition of coal particles.

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