

## CHEMICAL PEAK BRAKE CURVE OF DETONATING PLASTIC BONDED TATB

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**Abstract:** The chemical reaction zone (chemical peak) in detonating plastic bonded TATB has been studied. Velocities of Al, Cu, Ni, Mo, and Ta 0.03–0.4-millimeter thick foils installed on the surface of the high explosive (HE) charge under study as well as detonation profiles at the boundary with lithium fluoride, sapphire, and PMMA (plexiglass) windows were recorded. The experimental points associated with braking of the detonation front on the foils and windows made of different materials have been approximated on coordinates pressure – particle velocity ( $P-u$ ) of a unified curve named by the authors as the chemical peak brake curve. Intersection of this curve with the wave beam permitted the authors to obtain the state in HE at the Neumann peak  $P_N = 36.6$  GPa and  $u_N = 2.52$  km/s. The curves associated with the HE “instantaneous” release from the braking state have been constructed. The authors put forward a hypothesis for decomposition of the studied HE at the detonation front and near it with the significant energy release at the brake pressures above 65 GPa. This hypothesis claims that below the threshold, the HE remains unreacted both on the reflected wave front and under “instantaneous” release from the braking state.

**Keywords:** high explosive (HE); plastic bonded TATB; detonation; chemical peak (Neumann peak); laser interferometer diagnostics; Photonic Doppler Velocimetry (PDV); barrier method

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### Figure Captions

**Figure 1** Experimental setup (a) and foils location on the HE surface around the window (b): 1 — electric detonator; 2 — socket; 3 — centralizer; 4 — lens charge; 5 — grain TG55  $\varnothing 120 \times 10$  mm; 6 — studied HE - plastic bonded TATB (PBT); 7 — carrier of ferrules; 8 — clamp; 9 — window  $\varnothing 40 \times 20$  mm; 10 — measurement system; 11 — PDV ferrules; 12 — “combined” optic fiber head; and 13 — foils

**Figure 2** Velocity profiles of the various-thickness Al foils: 1 —  $\Delta = 0.06$  mm; 2 — 0.10; 3 — 0.20; and 4 —  $\Delta = 0.30$  mm

**Figure 3**  $t, x$ -diagram of the wave circulations in the foil

**Figure 4** Velocities of Al (a), Cu (b), Ni (c), Mo (d), and Ta (e) foils recorded on the first  $W_1$  (1), second  $W_2$  (2), and third  $W_3$  (3) jumps vs. their thicknesses  $\Delta$ . Finding of  $W_{01}$ ,  $W_{02}$ , and  $W_{03}$

**Figure 5**  $P, u$  state diagrams attributed to the wave interactions in the foil materials and the studied HE: 1, 2, and 3 — free surface velocities of Al foils on the first, second, and third jumps —  $W_{01Al}$ ,  $W_{02Al}$ , and  $W_{03Al}$  by its thickness  $\Delta \rightarrow 0$ ; 4, 5, and 6 — the same is for Cu foil —  $W_{01Cu}$ ,  $W_{02Cu}$ , and  $W_{03Cu}$ ; 7, 8, and 9 — the same is for Ni foil —  $W_{01Ni}$ ,  $W_{02Ni}$ , and  $W_{03Ni}$ ; 10, 11, and 12 — the same is for Ta foil; 13, 14, and 15 — the same is for Mo foil; 16, 19, 22, 25, and 28 — states emerged on Al, Cu, Ni, Mo, and Ta Hugoniot when the Neumann state enters the foil; 17, 20, 23, 26, and 29 — the states at the “HE–foil” interface emerged after the first wave circulation along Al, Cu, Ni, and Mo foils; and 18, 21, 24, 27, and 30 — the same is after the second circulation along the foil

**Figure 6** Four velocity profiles recorded in four PDV channels in one experiment ( $H_{PBT} = 60$  mm) with the sapphire window (a); and seven velocity profiles recorded in seven PDV channels with LiF window in two experiments ( $H_{PBT} = 40$  mm) (b)

**Figure 7** Velocity profiles recorded in PDV (1) and VISAR (2) channels with a plexiglass window in one experiment ( $H_{PBT} = 60$  mm)

**Figure 8**  $P, u$ -diagrams of the states emerged in PBT under braking on Al, Cu, and Ni foils and on the sapphire ( $Al_2O_3$ ), LiF, and plexiglass windows. Chemical peak break curve: signs — experimental points indicated in Tables 1 and 2 (1 — [2]; 2 — [4]; 3 — [6]; and 4 — present work)

## Table Captions

**Table 1** Calculated values of  $W_{01}$ ,  $W_{02}$ , and  $W_{03}$ ,  $u_{01}$ ,  $u_{02}$ , and  $u_{03}$ , and  $P_{01}$ ,  $P_{02}$ , and  $P_{03}$

**Table 2** Maximum velocity and pressure values at the plasticized TATB-window boundary

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