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## SYNCHROTRON RADIATION STUDY OF INITIATION OF POWDER EXPLOSIVE

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There are many investigations that concern processes of initiation of explosives, but the problem has not been completely solved and remains an important task for physics of detonation processes. The results of the use of synchrotron radiation for studying transient processes attending initiation of porous explosive charges are presented in the paper. The use of synchrotron radiation made it possible to obtain information about evolution of density at dynamic initiation of powdered PETN by electrical explosion of a conductor. Variation of the charge diameter and casing has allowed the present authors to study both the processes leading to initiation of normal detonation and transient processes treated as nonideal detonation regimes. The density dependences on time and distance to the site of detonation onset are recovered from measurements.

Nonmonotonic changes of the density maximum in a propagating compression wave are observed when normal detonation is initiated.

The maximum density is attained about 10 mm away from the initiation point. Then the pressure in the wave increases while the density drops to the stationary detonation value.

Compression of the explosive material which gives rise to initiation of detonation by a shock wave of the minimal amplitude has not been attained in nonideal detonation waves spreading at an approximately constant velocity through few tens of the charge diameter. Transition to normal detonation is possible by increasing the charge diameter. From the result obtained, it can be infered that there are initiation processes which do not involve formation of hot spots behind the shock front.

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