

with one work hardening effect, the dynamic bursting pressure with a double work hardening effect, and the rupture disk rating. The dynamic bursting pressure increased with work hardening.

For one work hardening effect the dynamic bursting pressure increased an average of approximately 16%. The dynamic bursting pressure increased an average of approximately 34% when the disk was dynamically work hardened a second time. However, the dynamic bursting pressure after a double work hardening showed an increase of only an average of 8% over the increase caused by a single work hardening effect.

## CONCLUSIONS

Rupture disks used in this study exhibited a higher bursting pressure under dynamic loading than under static loading.

The relationship between dynamic bursting pressure and static bursting pressure was linear for all disks tested.

Stainless steel Type 304, nickel, and cold-rolled steel exhibited dynamic work hardening.

Phosphor bronze did not dynamically work harden.

Stainless steel Type 304 will progressively dynamically work harden.

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# Knallgas and Knallgas-Steam Mixtures at High Initial Temperature and Pressure

## Calculated Detonation Parameters and Adiabatic Constant-Volume Explosion Properties

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Explosive gas mixtures at certain conditions react in a radically different manner from that normally found in gaseous combustion. This reaction is characterized by an extremely high propagation rate of the combustion wave into the unburned gas, equal to several times the speed of sound, and by pressures behind the wave front much higher than those found in constant-volume adiabatic explosions. For this phenomenon, called detonation, many experimental velocity and some pressure and density measurements have been made for various gas mixtures. Since the work of Chapman and Jouguet around 1900, many theoretical calculations of detonation wave properties have been made which show satisfactory agreement with experimental values. Therefore, calculated detonation parameters provide valuable design information for the safe handling of detonable gas mixtures.

The specific mixtures considered here are knallgas (2H<sub>2</sub>-O<sub>2</sub>) and knallgas saturated with steam. The latter mixture is of particular interest in the atomic energy field because one of the characteristics of homogeneous reactors, in which the nuclear fuel is dissolved in an aqueous medium, is that molecular hydrogen and oxygen are produced in approximately stoichiometric proportions by radiation effects. Thus, a potentially explosive or detonatable gas mixture at high pressure and temperature may be formed. Naturally, the reactor components must be designed to withstand the pressures resulting from any explosion or detonation which might occur.

Gas mixtures which could be produced under typical reactor operating conditions were considered. This range of interest covered the region from room temperature and atmospheric pressure to 300° C. and 150 atm. Presented in Table I are the

specific initial conditions considered for dry knallgas and saturated knallgas-steam mixtures.

For each initial condition the detonation pressure, temperature, velocity, and the composition of the detonation products at thermodynamic equilibrium were calculated. These same detonation parameters were also calculated for a reflected detonation wave. The reflected pressure, being more than twice as great as the detonation pressure, is of primary importance since equipment damage will most likely occur at points of reflection. These results represent normal and reflected parameters for stable detonations.

During the formation of a detonation in the transition from deflagration to detonation, pressures significantly higher than

Table I. Initial Properties of Mixtures with Composition in Mole % Knallgas

Pressure, Atm.	Temperature, °K.				
	298.16	423	473	523	573
	Composition, Mole %				
1	100	...	...	...	...
5	100	5.78	...	...	...
10	100	51.8	...	...	...
16	...	...	3.70	...	...
30	100	83.4	46.0	...	...
43	...	...	...	7.26	...
50	100	89.8	66.4	18.3	...
70	100	92.5	75.4	38.6	...
90	100	94.1	80.4	50.5	4.11
110	100	95.1	83.6	58.3	17.0
130	100	95.7	85.8	63.8	26.5
150	100	96.2	87.5	67.8	33.9

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the normal stable pressures are attained (7,16-18). Points of reflection of these unstable pressures could result in extremely high impact pressures. While the unstable detonation region has been analyzed theoretically (15), it is not possible to calculate these pressures from existing theory. Detonation pressures in the unstable detonation region are currently being investigated. It is hoped that unstable detonation pressures may be expressed as multiples of the stable detonation pressure in the future [see Adler and Luker (7)].

Where detonation limits of the particular mixture of interest have been established, equipment operation outside these limits—i.e., in the explosive composition range—is often feasible. In such cases, calculated constant-volume adiabatic explosion properties provide adequate design criteria.

Recent experimental work on saturated knallgas-steam mixtures (1,2) has indicated, subject to several pertinent features of the experimental system, mixture composition ranges in which detonation is not obtained. It is plausible to use constant-volume explosion properties as design criteria for saturated knallgas-steam mixtures in some instances; the constant-volume explosion properties of saturated knallgas-steam mixtures are reported.

### GENERAL ANALYSIS

**Plane Detonation Waves.** The theory of steady state detonation is due primarily to Chapman (6), Jouguet (9), and Becker (4). The governing relationships for plane detonation waves may be developed by considering the physical situation of a shock front moving into stationary unburned gas. As shown in Figure 1, the coordinate system is fixed in the shock front. The following equations may be applied to a unit mass entering a unit area of the shock front with velocity  $u_1$  and leaving with velocity  $u_2$ .

$$u_1/V_1 = u_2/V_2 \quad (\text{conservation of mass}) \quad (1)$$

$$P_1 + u_1^2/V_1 = P_2 + u_2^2/V_2 \quad (\text{conservation of impulse}) \quad (2)$$

$$E_1 + P_1V_1 + u_1^2/2 = E_2 + P_2V_2 + u_2^2/2 \quad (\text{conservation of energy}) \quad (3)$$

Equations 1, 2, and 3 may be combined to yield the well known Hugoniot relation.

$$E_2 - E_1 = 1/2(P_1 + P_2)(V_1 - V_2) \quad (4)$$

In Equation 4 the term  $E_2 - E_1$  represents the increase in internal energy due to the Hugoniot compression. To apply this equation to a detonation wave, the net energy release due to chemical reaction,  $\Delta E_g$ , must be added to the compressional change as follows:

$$E_2 - E_1 = 1/2(P_1 + P_2)(V_1 - V_2) + \Delta E_g \quad (5)$$

If the perfect gas law is applicable to the detonation products, Equation 5 may be further simplified, since the internal energy of a perfect gas is a function of temperature only.

$$\bar{C}_v(T_2 - T_1) - \Delta E_g = 1/2(P_1 + P_2)(V_1 - V_2) \quad (6)$$

Combination of Equation 6 with the perfect gas law ( $PV = nRT$ ) fails to yield a solution because three unknown quantities exist. The necessary additional relationship was furnished by Chapman (6) and Jouguet (9), whose hypothesis specifies the exact point on the proper Hugoniot curve which will correspond to physical reality. Essentially the hypothesis assumes that the gas will assume the thermodynamic state of greatest probability consistent with hydrodynamic stability. This hypothesis may be expressed as follows in the form of an equation of stability.

$$\left(\frac{dP_2}{dV_2}\right)_{\text{adiabatic}} = -\gamma_2 \frac{P_2}{V_2} = \frac{P_2 - P_1}{V_2 - V_1} \quad (7)$$

For any specified initial condition, Equations 6 and 7 and the perfect gas law may be solved simultaneously to yield a unique solution for  $T_2$ ,  $P_2$ , and  $V_2$ .

### SHOCK FRONT

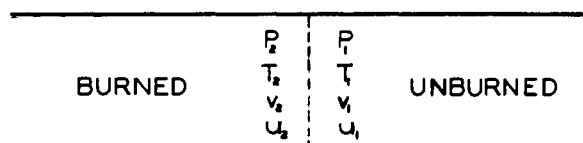


Figure 1. Detonation coordinates

If the coordinate system is transformed to that of a stationary observer, the detonation velocity,  $D$ , is equal to  $u_1$ . Combination of Equations 1 and 2 relates  $D$  to the final conditions.

$$D = u_1 = V_1 \left( \frac{P_2 - P_1}{V_1 - V_2} \right)^{1/2} \quad (8)$$

Experimental and calculated velocities have been shown to agree (5, 12) if the chemical reaction in the wave front is assumed to proceed to equilibrium. This assumption was used in calculating all detonation parameters reported.

**Reflected Wave.** Whenever a detonation wave impinges upon an obstacle in its path a reflected shock wave must be formed to maintain conservation of momentum and energy. Reflection from a rigid surface normal to the incident wave will be considered, because this will yield the maximum attainable reflected pressure. Using the coordinates shown in Figure 1, the following governing equations may be written for a detonation wave traveling with velocity  $D$  into a stationary medium.

$$\rho_1(D - u_1) = \rho_2(D - u_2) \quad (\text{mass balance}) \quad (9)$$

$$\rho_2(D - u_2)u_2 - \rho_1(D - u_1)u_1 = P_2 - P_1 \quad (\text{Conservation of momentum}) \quad (10)$$

Combination of Equations 9 and 10 with boundary condition  $u_1 = 0$ —i.e., stationary medium—yields

$$P_2 - P_1 = \rho_1 D u_2 \quad (11)$$

Similar equations may be written for the reflected wave. The properties of the reflected wave will be designated by the subscript 3.

$$\rho_2(D - u_2) = \rho_3(D_3 - u_3) \quad (\text{mass balance}) \quad (12)$$

$$P_3 - P_2 = \rho_2(D_3 - u_2)u_2 - \rho_3(D_3 - u_3)u_3 \quad (\text{Conservation of momentum}) \quad (13)$$

Combination of Equations 12 and 13 and the boundary condition  $u_3 = 0$ —i.e., the fluid at the boundary is at rest—yields

$$P_3 - P_2 = \rho_3 D_3 u_2 \quad (14)$$

Combining Equations 9, 11, 12, and 14, to eliminate velocity terms, and converting densities to specific volumes give the following equation:

$$\frac{P_3 - P_2}{P_2 - P_1} = \frac{V_1 - V_2}{V_2 - V_3} \quad (15)$$

The reflected wave is a shock wave; thus, the Hugoniot relation will also be applicable.

$$E_3 - E_2 = 1/2(P_2 + P_3)(V_2 - V_3) - \Delta E_{hr} \quad (16)$$

In writing the Hugoniot relation, Equation 16, it was assumed that in undergoing reflection the equilibrium reaction products in the detonation wave dissociate to a new equilibrium at the temperature  $T_3$  and pressure  $P_3$  in the reflected wave. Thus the  $\Delta E_{hr}$  term in Equation 16 represents the chemical energy due to dissociation.

Simultaneous solution of Equations 15, 16, and an equation of state (perfect gas law) determines the properties of the reflected wave.

### DETONATION PARAMETERS

**Calculations.** The detonation and reflected wave properties were calculated with the aid of an electronic computer. Be-

cause initial mixture properties have a significant effect on the detonation parameters, it was felt that the use of the perfect gas law should be avoided in calculating the  $P$ - $V$ - $T$  relations of the initial hydrogen-oxygen-steam mixtures. Recently, (13) it was found that the saturation composition and the  $P$ - $V$ - $T$  data of steam-oxygen mixtures could be predicted to within 1% by use of Dalton's law of additive pressures and the individual constituents'  $P$ - $V$ - $T$  data. This method was used with the  $P$ - $V$ - $T$  data for steam (11) and the  $P$ - $V$ - $T$  data for knallgas ( $2\text{H}_2\text{-O}_2$ ) as estimated by the Beattie equation of state (3) to calculate initial gas compositions and the  $P$ - $V$ - $T$  data for the initial mixtures.

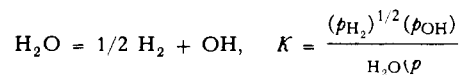
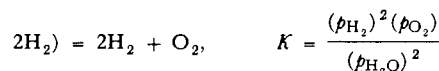
For ease of calculation the initial gas mixtures were considered to undergo the following changes.

Complete reaction at  $T_1$  to  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (gas) with a liberation of energy equal to  $\Delta E_s$ .

Dissociation at  $T_1$  to the composition which would exist in equilibrium at  $T_2$  and  $P_2$ , with an absorption of energy equal to  $\Delta E_h$ .

The net energy remaining,  $\Delta E_g = \Delta E_s - \Delta E_h$ , was used to heat the products to  $T_2$ .

A unit mass was chosen as the calculation basis, because the number of moles,  $n$ , is not constant. The molecular species assumed to be present in the detonation wave were  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{H}_2$ ,  $\text{O}_2$ ,  $\text{OH}$ ,  $\text{H}$ , and  $\text{O}$ , thus, the following four equilibria were considered:



All thermodynamic data used in the calculations were taken from NACA Report 1037 (8). Algebraic equations were derived for the heat capacity and equilibrium constant data which were used. Heats of reaction and dissociation were tabulated at the initial conditions to be considered. The basic steps in solving for the equilibrium composition in the detonation front were as follows:

1. Assume a value of  $T_2$  and  $P_2$ .
2. Calculate equilibrium constants.
3. Calculate the moles of each constituent present at equilibrium.

In solving this part of the problem the method of Kandiner and Brinkley (10) was used. All stoichiometric and dissociation

Table II. Calculated Detonation Wave Parameters

$T_1$	$p_1$	$p_2$	$T_2$	$D$	$n_2 \times 10^2$	$n_a \times 10^2$	$n_b \times 10^2$	$n_c \times 10^2$	$n_d \times 10^2$	$n_e \times 10^2$	$n_f \times 10^2$	
298.16	1	18.096	3673.9	2845.0	6.9192	3.6685	1.1556	0.3541	0.8860	0.5671	0.2880	
	5	96.690	3997.3	2945.6	6.7523	3.8088	1.0811	0.3129	0.8878	0.4337	0.2281	
	10	198.02	4144.3	2981.4	6.6760	3.8812	1.0408	0.2945	0.8782	0.3791	0.2022	
	30	617.22	4388.3	3060.6	6.5510	4.0102	0.9669	0.2643	0.8495	0.2979	0.1622	
	50	1034.0	4500.6	3080.3	6.4927	4.0753	0.9289	0.2503	0.8300	0.2635	0.1447	
	70	1438.5	4572.3	3078.2	6.4559	4.1172	0.9038	0.2415	0.8162	0.2430	0.1343	
	90	1830.7	4624.2	3072.3	6.4287	4.1497	0.8847	0.2349	0.8045	0.2283	0.1266	
	110	Computer malfunction										
	130	2612.2	4702.7	3100.8	6.3851	4.2027	0.8529	0.2245	0.7838	0.2061	0.1150	
	150	2980.6	4731.6	3105.7	6.3696	4.2219	0.8414	0.2208	0.7762	0.1985	0.1109	
	423	5 <sup>a</sup>	15.57	840	1076.1	5.5506	5.5506	...	...	...	...	...
10		107.98	2977.2	2294.2	5.6925	5.2879	0.1957	0.0683	0.1196	0.0145	0.0065	
30		398.38	3950.5	2768.4	6.1855	4.5092	0.6864	0.2013	0.5600	0.1498	0.0787	
50		697.77	4198.8	2881.0	6.2948	4.3485	0.7772	0.2192	0.6636	0.1863	0.1001	
70		974.67	4333.6	2934.9	6.3315	4.2927	0.8073	0.2233	0.7045	0.1969	0.1069	
90		1258.7	4424.2	2969.7	6.3461	4.2685	0.8196	0.2238	0.7253	0.1991	0.1095	
110		1535.7	4490.3	2988.9	6.3507	4.2589	0.8240	0.2230	0.7362	0.1991	0.1095	
130		1800.4	4540.6	2991.9	6.3520	4.2552	0.8256	0.2219	0.7427	0.1977	0.1091	
150		2070.2	4583.4	3017.1	6.3464	4.2606	0.8217	0.2197	0.7434	0.1938	0.1072	
473	16	41.3	760.0	990.3	5.5506	5.5506	...	...	...	...	...	
	30	286.59	2852.7	2214.4	5.6225	5.4130	0.1051	0.0375	0.0607	0.0043	0.0019	
	50	559.50	3572.0	2547.9	5.8409	5.0328	0.3617	0.1132	0.2703	0.0418	0.0210	
	70	823.34	3874.4	2695.8	5.9754	4.8157	0.4974	0.1480	0.3996	0.0753	0.0393	
	90	1079.1	4054.2	2771.8	6.0586	4.6856	0.5759	0.1665	0.4797	0.0987	0.0524	
	110	1330.0	4177.0	2824.2	6.1114	4.6042	0.6238	0.1770	0.5312	0.1140	0.0613	
	130	1572.5	4267.0	2849.4	6.1467	4.5502	0.6551	0.1834	0.5663	0.1244	0.0673	
	150	1809.8	4336.5	2870.3	6.1697	4.5146	0.6753	0.1872	0.5902	0.1310	0.0713	
523	43 <sup>a</sup>	154.7	1024	1124.4	5.5506	5.5506	...	...	...	...	...	
	50 <sup>a</sup>	285.0	1620	1454.7	5.5506	5.5506	...	...	...	...	...	
	70	592.42	2602.7	2091.6	5.5771	5.4986	0.0412	0.0154	0.0208	0.0007	0.0003	
	90	856.18	3103.0	2311.3	5.6438	5.3732	0.1320	0.0449	0.0848	0.0062	0.0028	
	110	1103.1	3402.6	2444.4	5.7142	5.2465	0.2185	0.0705	0.1556	0.0155	0.0076	
	130	1345.1	3607.8	2543.3	5.7754	5.1398	0.2889	0.0899	0.2179	0.0258	0.0130	
	150	1562.2	3760.7	2584.2	5.8306	5.0460	0.3494	0.1060	0.2738	0.0366	0.0189	
573	90 <sup>a</sup>	300.0	890	1120.2	5.5506	5.5506	...	...	...	...	...	
	110 <sup>a</sup>	645.5	1596	1594.9	5.5506	5.5506	...	...	...	...	...	
	130	935.60	2074.7	1840.4	5.5524	...	...	...	...	...	...	
	150	1209.8	2447.5	2012.3	5.5629	5.5262	0.0198	0.0076	0.0090	0.0002	0.0001	

<sup>a</sup>Hand calculations, dissociation neglected.

Table III. Calculated Reflected Wave Parameters

$T_1$	$p_1$	$p_3$	$T_3$	$n_3 \times 10^2$	$n_4 \times 10^2$	$n_5 \times 10^2$	$n_6 \times 10^2$	$n_7 \times 10^2$	$n_8 \times 10^2$	$n_9 \times 10^2$	
298.16	1	42.837	3964.3	7.1518	3.3996	1.2832	0.3722	1.0453	0.6903	0.3612	
	5	231.94	4354.7	6.9692	3.5393	1.2144	0.3316	1.0581	0.5358	0.2900	
	10	476.34	4533.7	6.8844	3.6132	1.1757	0.3134	1.0519	0.4715	0.2587	
	30	1501.1	4837.3	6.7474	3.7436	1.1047	0.2839	1.0286	0.3760	0.2106	
	50	2515.1	4976.2	6.6798	3.8142	1.0654	0.2697	1.0084	0.3336	0.1886	
	70	3484.0	5063.2	6.6346	3.8639	1.0375	0.2603	0.9916	0.3069	0.1744	
	90	4413.8	5126.0	6.6014	3.9014	1.0162	0.2534	0.9780	0.2880	0.1644	
	110	Computer malfunction									
	130	6327.6	5224.9	6.5533	3.9568	0.9844	0.2432	0.9574	0.2615	0.1501	
	150	7219.3	5260.5	6.5350	3.9785	0.9719	0.2393	0.9487	0.2518	0.1449	
423	5 <sup>a</sup>	29.775	967.5	5.5506	5.5506	...	...	...	...	...	
	10	228.70	3246.6	5.7583	5.1733	0.2722	0.0903	0.1844	0.0258	0.0123	
	30	942.83	4331.5	6.3377	4.2846	0.8121	0.2247	0.7082	0.1998	0.1085	
	50	1631.0	4616.5	6.4572	4.1132	0.9054	0.2406	0.8222	0.2418	0.1340	
	70	2313.0	4774.2	6.4962	4.0542	0.9362	0.2437	0.8672	0.2532	0.1417	
	90	2989.5	4881.6	6.5103	4.0303	0.9480	0.2436	0.8894	0.2553	0.1438	
	110	3644.4	4959.6	6.5134	4.0221	0.9515	0.2423	0.9005	0.2536	0.1435	
	130	4254.5	5018.3	6.5124	4.0202	0.9517	0.2407	0.9066	0.2508	0.1424	
	150	4921.0	5070.2	6.5071	4.0243	0.9487	0.2386	0.9088	0.2464	0.1403	
	473	16 <sup>a</sup>	74.302	864.8	5.5506	5.5506	...	...	...	...	...
30		666.43	3186.6	5.6743	5.3181	0.1709	0.0573	0.1133	0.0101	0.0048	
50		1316.1	3938.4	5.9460	4.8590	0.4685	0.1381	0.3814	0.0650	0.0342	
70		1947.1	4268.8	6.1002	4.6174	0.6139	0.1720	0.5309	0.1077	0.0583	
90		2548.8	4469.1	6.1921	4.4778	0.6951	0.1892	0.6197	0.1356	0.0745	
110		3138.1	4607.4	6.2493	4.3918	0.7441	0.1988	0.6761	0.1535	0.0851	
130		Computer malfunction									
150		4246.6	4786.6	6.3107	4.2992	0.7955	0.2076	0.7394	0.1722	0.0967	
43 <sup>a</sup>		308.1	1181	5.5506	5.5506	...	...	...	...	...	
50 <sup>a</sup>		623.4	1866	5.5506	5.5506	...	...	...	...	...	
70	1364.6	2941.0	5.6038	5.4475	0.0784	0.0275	0.0471	0.0023	0.0010		
90	1989.4	3462.9	5.7003	5.2704	0.2010	0.0641	0.1457	0.0128	0.0063		
110	2574.9	3778.0	5.7901	5.1130	0.3043	0.0921	0.2393	0.0273	0.0141		
130	3157.0	3998.4	5.8648	4.9865	0.3846	0.1124	0.3170	0.0420	0.0222		
150	3635.2	4159.5	5.9266	4.8844	0.4480	0.1278	0.3806	0.0558	0.0299		
573	90 <sup>a</sup>	586	1027	5.5506	5.5506	...	...	...	...	...	
	110 <sup>a</sup>	1422	1849	5.5506	5.5506	...	...	...	...	...	
	130	2118.0	2384.3	5.5587	5.5347	0.0131	0.0051	0.0057	0.0001	...	
	150	2766.3	2783.1	5.5778	5.4972	0.0415	0.0150	0.0231	0.0007	0.0003	

<sup>a</sup>Hand calculations, dissociation neglected.

tion relationships were expressed in the form they suggested. An iteration on  $n_2$  (total moles at equilibrium) was performed until successive values of  $n_2$  did not differ in the fourth significant figure.

After the equilibrium compositions were calculated the validity of Equations 6 and 7 was tested for the assumed values of  $P_2$ ,  $T_2$ . At this point a modified Newton-Raphson method [Luker and McGill (14)] was applied to obtain a new assumption for  $T_2$  and  $P_2$ . The entire calculation was then repeated until successive values of  $T_2$  and  $P_2$  did not change in the third significant place. After  $T_2$  and  $P_2$  were established, the detonation velocity was calculated from Equation 8.

The calculations for the reflected wave were made in a similar manner using Equations 15 and 16 and associated stoichiometric and energy relationships. It was assumed that chemical equilibrium was attained in the reflected shock front and that the perfect gas law was applicable at the terminal conditions. For details concerning these calculations the reader is referred to a final report (14).

**Results.** The calculated results are tabulated in Tables II and III, and are presented graphically in Figures 2 to 4.

These calculated parameters may be of value to the design engineer until more data are available on detonation limits of gaseous mixtures at elevated conditions. The detonation limits for these mixtures are currently being investigated at this laboratory.

Comparison of these calculated parameters with experimentally measured properties will be of interest to ascertain whether steam acts as a diluent or as a reaction inhibitor.

#### CONSTANT-VOLUME EXPLOSIONS

Dry Knallgas at 298.16° K. (25° C.) is presented for comparison. The initial conditions for saturated mixtures were 1 to 150 atm. and 373.16°, 473.16°, and 573.16° K. (100°, 200°, and 300° C.) All calculated results are presented in Table IV; constant-volume explosion pressures are plotted as the ratio of explosion pressure to initial pressure vs. initial pressure in Figure 5.

The explosion calculations were performed with an IBM 650 digital computer. Initial mixture  $P$ - $V$ - $T$  data and initial mixture compositions were calculated using Dalton's law of additive pressures with  $P$ - $V$ - $T$  data for the pure mixture constituents; Dalton's law has been shown to be applicable for this type of mixture by Luker, Gniewek, and Johnson (13). The  $P$ - $V$ - $T$  data for steam were taken from Keenan and Keyes (17), while the  $P$ - $V$ - $T$  data for knallgas ( $2H_2 + O_2$ ) were estimated from the Beattie equation of state (3).

The three basic equations used in performing the calculations were:

Heat Balance

$$\Delta E_s = \Delta E_h + \sum_{j=1}^6 n_j (\bar{C}_v)_j (T_4 - T_1) \quad (1)$$

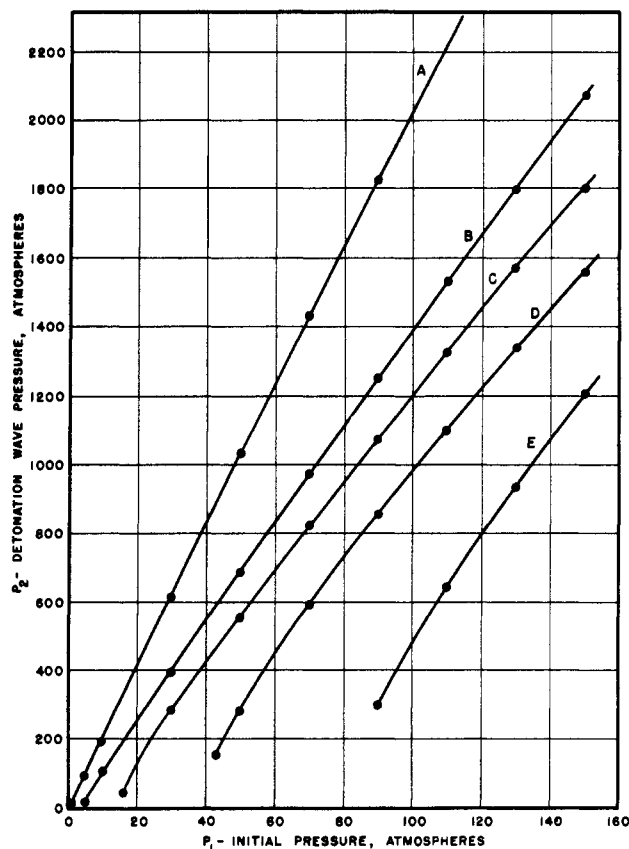


Figure 2. Calculated detonation wave pressures for dry knallgas and knallgas-steam mixtures

	Initial Temperature, °K.	Condition
A	298	Dry
B	423	Saturated
C	473	Saturated
D	523	Saturated
E	573	Saturated

Perfect Gas Law

$$P_4 v_4 = \sum_{j=1}^6 n_j R T_4 \quad (2)$$

Volume Balance

$$v_1 = v_4 \quad (3)$$

All thermodynamic data employed were taken from NACA Report 1037 (8). Molecular species assumed to be present at the explosion equilibrium were  $H_2O$ ,  $H_2$ ,  $O_2$ ,  $OH$ ,  $H$ , and  $O$ ; stoichiometric and dissociation relationships were formulated as suggested by Kandiner and Brinkley (10). A 1-gram basis of calculation was used.

In solving Equations 1, 2, and 3 for a given set of initial conditions,  $T_4$  and  $P_4$  were assumed; an iteration on  $n_4$  (total moles at equilibrium) was then performed until successive values of  $n_4$  did not differ in the fourth significant figure. Next, a modified Newton-Raphson method [Luker and McGill (14)] was applied to Equations 1, 2, and 3 and a corrected assumption of  $T_4$  and  $P_4$  obtained. The entire calculation was then repeated until convergence of  $T_4$  and  $P_4$  to the fourth significant figure was obtained.

#### NOMENCLATURE

$\bar{C}_v$  = average specific heat at constant volume between  $T_1$  and final temperature

$D$  = detonation velocity, meters/second

$E$  = internal energy

$\Delta E_s$  = net energy release from chemical reaction and dissociation

$\Delta E_h$  = energy absorbed in dissociation

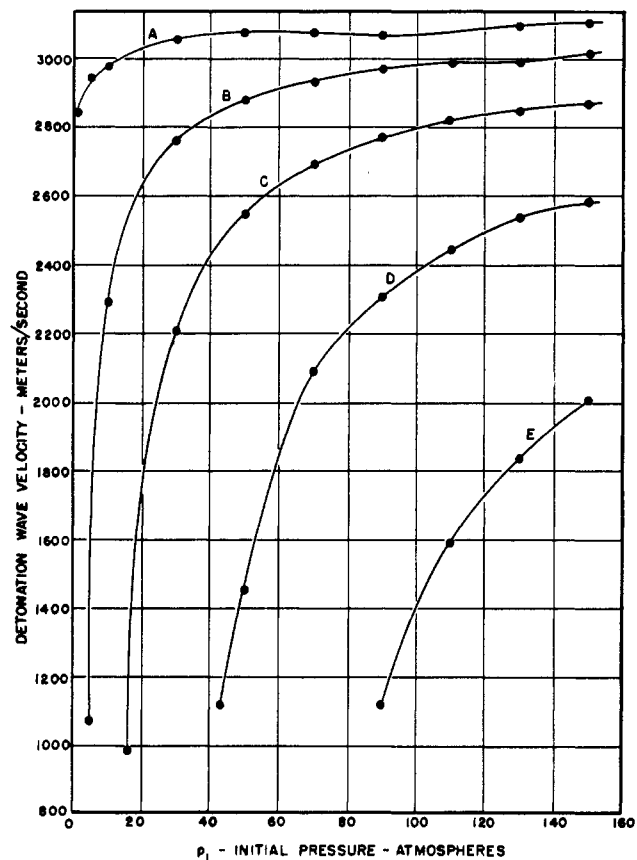


Figure 3. Calculated detonation wave velocities for dry knallgas and knallgas-steam mixtures (See legend, Figure 2.)

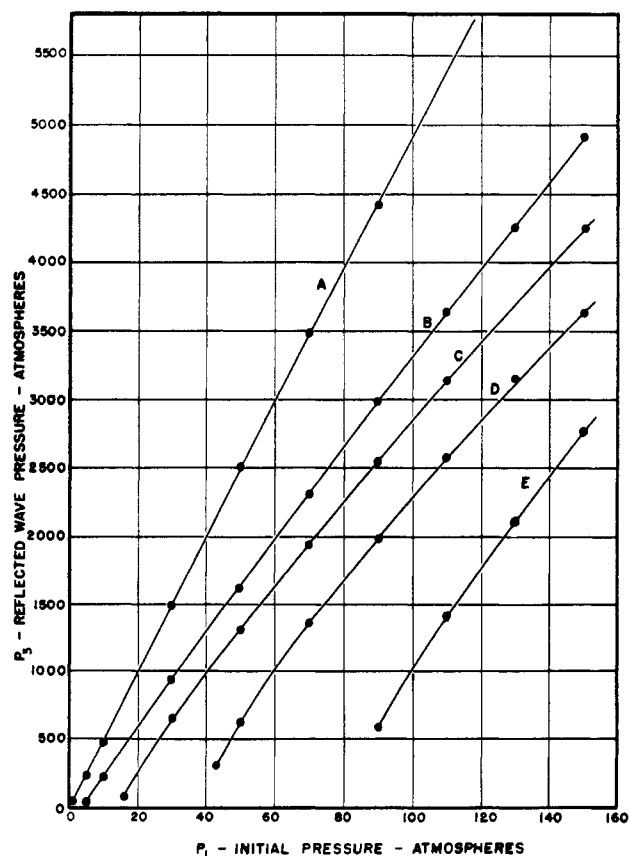


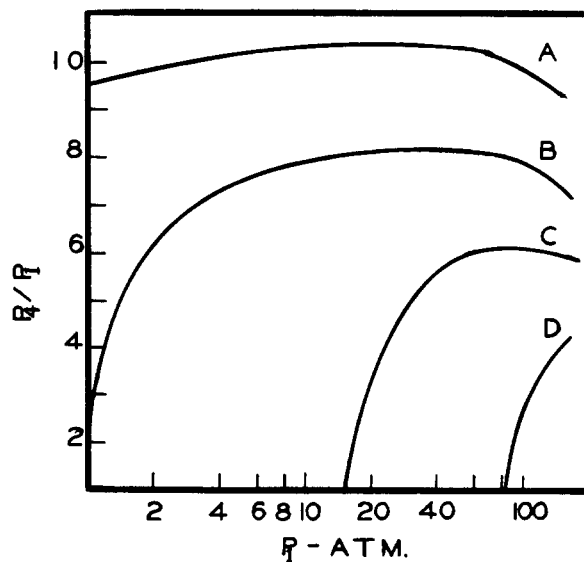
Figure 4. Calculated reflected wave pressures for dry knallgas and knallgas-steam mixtures (See legend, Figure 2.)

Table IV. Theoretical Properties of Constant-Volume Explosion in Knallgas-Steam Mixtures

$P_1$ , Atm.	$y_k$	$T_4$ , °K.	$P_4$ , Atm.	$P_4/P_1$	$y_a$	$y_b$	$y_c$	$y_d$	$y_e$	$y_f$
$T_1 = 298.16^\circ \text{K. (Dry)}$										
1	1.0000	3512	9.662	9.662	0.5527	0.1613	0.0511	0.1188	0.0775	0.0386
5	1.0000	3801	50.81	10.16	0.5868	0.1539	0.0461	0.1214	0.0605	0.0313
10	1.0000	3932	103.4	10.34	0.6038	0.1496	0.0439	0.1213	0.0535	0.0279
30	1.0000	4143	313.6	10.45	0.6334	0.1413	0.0401	0.1193	0.0429	0.0230
50	1.0000	4241	518.1	10.36	0.6480	0.1370	0.0383	0.1176	0.0385	0.0206
70	1.0000	4304	714.5	10.21	0.6577	0.1339	0.0376	0.1162	0.0357	0.0193
90	1.0000	4350	902.0	10.02	0.6649	0.1317	0.0363	0.1151	0.0337	0.0183
110	1.0000	4385	1080	9.818	0.6706	0.1298	0.0357	0.1141	0.0322	0.0176
130	1.0000	4414	1249	9.608	0.6752	0.1283	0.0351	0.1133	0.0311	0.0170
150	1.0000	4438	1409	9.393	0.6791	0.1270	0.0347	0.1126	0.0301	0.0165
$T_1 = 373.16^\circ \text{K. (Saturated)}$										
1.2	0.1645	1296	3.991	3.326	1.0000	0	0	0	0	0
1.5	0.3298	2062	7.463	4.975	0.9929	0.0040	0.0017	0.0013	0.0001	0
2	0.4959	2654	12.22	6.110	0.9387	0.0306	0.0114	0.0160	0.0023	0.0010
3	0.6628	3092	20.68	6.893	0.8379	0.0727	0.0249	0.0467	0.0122	0.0056
4	0.7465	3293	28.97	7.243	0.7800	0.0941	0.0310	0.0649	0.0202	0.0098
5	0.7968	3418	37.29	7.458	0.7449	0.1063	0.0342	0.0762	0.0258	0.0126
10	0.8977	3711	79.20	7.920	0.6790	0.1276	0.0389	0.0987	0.0370	0.0188
30	0.9651	4038	247.6	8.253	0.6515	0.1359	0.0392	0.1126	0.0397	0.0211
50	0.9786	4162	412.5	8.250	0.6545	0.1350	0.0382	0.1144	0.0377	0.0202
70	0.9844	4238	571.8	8.169	0.6592	0.1335	0.0374	0.1146	0.0360	0.0193
90	0.9876	4291	725.0	8.056	0.6637	0.1321	0.0367	0.1144	0.0345	0.0186
110	0.9896	4332	871.8	7.925	0.6677	0.1308	0.0362	0.1140	0.0333	0.0180
130	0.9910	4365	1012	7.785	0.6712	0.1297	0.0357	0.1136	0.0323	0.0175
150	0.9920	4392	1147	7.647	0.6742	0.1286	0.0353	0.1132	0.0314	0.0173
$T_1 = 473.16^\circ \text{K. (Saturated)}$										
16	0.03702	699.0	25.67	1.604	1.0000	0	0	0	0	0
18	0.1351	1218	48.15	2.675	1.0000	0	0	0	0	0
21	0.2492	1765	77.23	3.678	0.9994	0.0004	0.0002	0	0	0
25	0.3609	2269	112.1	4.484	0.9927	0.0040	0.0016	0.0016	0.0001	0
30	0.4603	2673	151.6	5.053	0.9722	0.0143	0.0053	0.0075	0.0005	0.0002
50	0.6644	3367	292.2	5.844	0.8806	0.0545	0.0177	0.0385	0.0058	0.0029
70	0.7539	3649	424.2	6.060	0.8276	0.0754	0.0233	0.0575	0.0108	0.0054
90	0.8041	3813	551.6	6.129	0.7971	0.0867	0.0261	0.0687	0.0141	0.0073
110	0.8362	3924	674.5	6.132	0.7778	0.0937	0.0276	0.0760	0.0163	0.0086
130	0.8585	4006	793.2	6.102	0.7650	0.0982	0.0286	0.0810	0.0178	0.0094
150	0.8749	4069	907.5	6.050	0.7559	0.1013	0.0292	0.0846	0.0189	0.0101
$T_1 = 573.16^\circ \text{K. (Saturated)}$										
90	0.04120	809.7	175.5	1.950	1.0000	0	0	0	0	0
110	0.1700	1458	349.2	3.175	1.0000	0	0	0	0	0
130	0.2651	1905	497.9	3.830	0.9992	0.0004	0.0002	0.0002	0	0
150	0.3385	2239	633.4	4.223	0.9964	0.0020	0.0008	0.0008	0	0

Figure 5. Calculated ratios of explosion pressure to initial pressure for dry knallgas and saturated knallgas-steam mixtures

	Initial Temp., °K.	Gas Condition
A	298.16	Dry
B	373.16	Saturated
C	473.16	Saturated
D	573.16	Saturated



$\Delta E_c$  = total energy available for complete reaction (no dissociation)

$K$  = equilibrium constant

$n$  = number of moles per gram

$p$  = absolute pressure, atmospheres

$T$  = absolute temperature, °K.

$u$  = particle velocity, meters/second

$v$  = specific volume, liters/gram

$y$  = mole fraction

$\gamma$  = ratio of specific heat at constant pressure to specific heat at constant volume

$\rho$  = density, grams/liter

## Subscripts

- 1 refers to unburned gas
- 2 refers to incident detonation wave
- 3 refers to reflected detonation wave
- 4 refers to final explosion condition
- a* refers to H<sub>2</sub>O
- b* refers to H<sub>2</sub>
- c* refers to O<sub>2</sub>
- d* refers to OH
- e* refers to H
- f* refers to O
- j* refers to *j*th component
- k* refers to knallgas
- r* refers to reflected wave

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# Vapor-Liquid Equilibria at Atmospheric and Subatmospheric Pressures for System *n*-Hexane-Methylcyclopentane

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Vapor-liquid equilibrium data at pressures of 760, 600, 400, and 200 mm. of mercury were determined for the system *n*-hexane and methylcyclopentane. This particular binary system was investigated because of the different types of hydrocarbon compounds involved, *n*-hexane being a straight-chain saturated paraffin and methylcyclopentane being a saturated cycloparaffin, and the narrow range of boiling temperatures.

The experimental results show that this binary system behaves ideally in the liquid. The experimental results obtained at a pressure of 760 mm. of mercury are compared with the data obtained by Myers (4). The agreement between the two sets of experimental data is reasonably good.

Expressions were developed which would be useful to those who wish to use this binary system to calibrate distillation columns.

## PURITY OF COMPOUNDS

The methylcyclopentane and *n*-hexane used in the experimental work were pure grade materials obtained from the Phillips Petroleum Co. and had a minimum purity of 99 mole %. These materials were used without further purification. Table I reports the physical constants for these chemicals and for comparison, similar data on the pure compounds.

## EXPERIMENTAL METHOD

The vapor-liquid equilibrium data were determined in a Braun still designed by Hipkin and Myers (3). The operating procedure used was essentially the same as used by these authors

and has been described by Wagner and Weber (6) and Nielsen and Weber (5).

The composition of the various mixtures was determined by measuring their refractive indices at 25°C. An Abbé refractometer was used, and the possible error in the readings was ±0.0001. For the system *n*-hexane ( $n_D = 1.3723$ ) and methyl-

Table I. Properties of Pure Compounds

	Experimental	Literature
Methylcyclopentane		
Density, 25°C., grams/ml.	0.7443	0.74394 (7)
Refractive index, 25°C.	1.4070	1.40700 (7)
Vapor pressure, mm. Hg.		
760	71.72°C	71.81°C (7)
600	64.32	64.33 (7)
400	52.29	52.32 (7)
200	39.92	33.96 (7)
<i>n</i> -Hexane		
Density, 25°C., grams/ml.	0.6542	0.65481 (7)
Refractive index, 25°C.	1.3723	1.37226 (7)
Vapor pressure, mm. Hg.		
760	68.77°C	68.74°C (7)
600	61.40	61.40 (7)
400	49.67	49.63 (7)
200	31.68	31.61 (7)

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