

DETONATION OF FUEL-RICH MIXTURES OF GASEOUS INDUSTRIAL HYDROCARBONS WITH OXYGEN

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Abstract: The technology of producing hydrogen and, at the same time, nanoscale detonation carbon (NDC) based on the detonation decomposition of gaseous hydrocarbons is considered. Studies of the detonation process of methane (CH_4), mixture of methane with acetylene ($0.85\text{CH}_4 + 0.15\text{C}_2\text{H}_2$), acetylene (C_2H_2), ethylene (C_2H_4), ethane (C_2H_6), propylene (C_3H_6), propane (C_3H_8), and butane (C_4H_{10}) in the presence of the minimum possible oxygen additives up to the upper detonation limit determined by spin have been carried out on a pulsed gas detonation device (PGDD). Detonation decomposition was performed at the initial atmospheric pressure of fuel–oxygen mixtures. For the listed hydrocarbons, data on the productivity of PGDD for hydrogen and NDC were obtained.

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Figure 1 Schematic of PGDD: 1 — gas supply system; 2 — spark plug; 3 — mixing–ignition chamber with a booster charge; 4 — barrel; 5 — trigger sensor for starting measurements; 6 — first pair of sensors; 7 — second pair of sensors; 8 — oscilloscope; and 9 — detonation products

Figure 2 Trace print on a smoked foil: single-headed spin in acetylene–oxygen mixture $\text{C}_2\text{H}_2 + 0.07\text{O}_2$

Figure 3 Dependence of the detonation velocity in fuel-rich fuel–oxygen mixtures on the fuel content up to the upper detonation limit for a tube with a diameter of 26 mm: 1 — ethane; 2 — butane; 3 — propane; 4 — propylene; 5 — ethylene; 6 — methane; 7 — acetylene; curves — calculations according to [23]; and signs — experimental data

Table Captions

Table 1 Parameters of fuel–oxygen mixtures corresponding to the upper concentration limit of detonation: $k_0 = [\text{O}]/[\text{C}]$ — the ratio of the atomic content of oxygen and carbon in the mixture; V_b — the volume of the booster charge; D_e — measured detonation velocity; and D_c — detonation velocity calculated according to [23]

Table 2 The PGDD performance for hydrogen, NDC, and carbon monoxide

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