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## THE KEY FEATURES OF ZIRCONIUM DIBORIDE SHOCK SYNTHESIS

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# **Computer Simulation Concept**



## Powder system structure



# State parameters of powder medium behind shock pulse front

$$U_{f} = v_{imp} + [a_{f} + (1 - \Pi)D_{p}]/2b_{f} + \{[a_{f} + (1 - \Pi)D_{p}]^{2}/4b_{f}^{2} + (1 - \Pi)v_{imp}D_{p}/b_{f}\}^{1/2},\$$

$$P_{f} = (1 - \Pi_{0})\rho_{0}D_{p}U_{f},$$

$$\rho_{f} = (1 - \Pi)\rho_{0}D_{p}/(D_{p} - U_{f}), \qquad W = U_{f}^{2}/2,$$

 $1/D_p = (1 - \Pi)/(a_f + 0.5b_f v_{imp}) + \Pi/v_{imp}$ 

The porous medium is simulated by a modified Nesterenko single-pore model with a nondeformable central core



$$a_{0} = \frac{d}{2} \quad b_{0} = \frac{d}{2} \sqrt[3]{\frac{1}{1 - \Pi_{0}}};$$
$$c = \frac{d}{2} \sqrt[3]{2 - \frac{1}{1 - \Pi_{0}}}.$$

Real material (a), Nesterenko model (b)

specific energy,  $W_D$ , dissipating in the surroundings of a pore at the collapse stage

$$W_{D} = \frac{2\sigma_{T}}{3\rho_{s}} |H(x_{0}) - H(x_{1})|, \quad H(x) = \ln x - 1,$$

at further stages, energy is expended to disrupt the boundary layers of particles implementing non-stationary compacting mode mechanisms

$$W_k = W - W_D$$

## The mechanical loading of powder mixture can increase the reactionary ability of reactive components

1. Plastic deformation:

$$P_{sl} = P_{min} = \frac{2}{3}\sigma_{T} \ln\left(\frac{\rho_{s}}{\rho_{s} - \rho_{0}}\right), \qquad A_{l} = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \sigma_{Ti} \theta_{i} m_{i} / \rho_{i};$$

2. Fracture of surface layers:

$$P_{s2} = 0.36 \frac{\rho_0}{\rho_s} \frac{Hv}{(1 - \rho_0/\rho)},$$

$$A_2 = \sum_{i=1}^N W_{bi} m_i / \rho_i;$$

# Dynamic model of fracture

The instantaneous damage  $\omega 0$ as a function of applied pressure *p* can be written [1] in the form:

$$\omega_0 = \frac{p^2}{\sigma_B^2},$$

 $\sigma_B$  - is the breaking point of a powder component

 Further development of material fracture is defined by the incubation period τ
 [2]:

$$\tau = \frac{2}{\pi} \frac{K_{lc}^2}{\sigma_B^2 c}$$

 $K_{lc}$  - is the fracture toughness and c is the velocity of elastic waves

The kinetic equation of material damage

$$\omega\Big|_{t=\tau}=1.$$

$$\frac{d\omega}{dt} = \frac{1 - \omega_0}{\tau - t_0}.$$

[1] Kashtanov, A.V. and Petrov, Yu.V., Tech. Phys., 2006, vol. 51, no. 5, pp. 604–614. [2] Glebovskii, P.A. and Petrov, Yu.V., Phys. Solid State, 2004, vol. 46, no 6, pp. 1051–1054.

The law of conservation of energy  

$$(1-\Pi_{l})\frac{\partial(\rho_{s}c_{s}T_{s})}{\partial t} + \alpha_{v}f_{T}(T_{s}-T_{l}) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[\lambda_{s}(1-\Pi_{l})\frac{\partial T_{s}}{\partial x}\right] + q_{v+} + q_{v-},$$

$$\Pi_{l}\frac{\partial(\rho_{l}c_{l}T_{l})}{\partial t} - \alpha_{v}f_{T}(T_{s}-T_{l}) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[\lambda_{l}\Pi_{l}\frac{\partial T_{l}}{\partial x}\right] - c_{l}\rho_{l}v\frac{\partial T_{l}}{\partial x},$$

$$t = 0, T_{l} = T_{s} = T(x),$$

$$x = 0, \quad T_{s} = T_{l} = T_{f}, \quad x = nb, \quad \frac{\partial T_{s}}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial T_{l}}{\partial x} = 0.$$
Heat sources:  

$$q_{v+} = \gamma_{i}\frac{\partial A_{i}}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial t}Q \qquad q_{v-} = \begin{cases} \frac{\partial \omega_{m}}{\partial t}Q_{i}, \quad T_{s} = T_{p}^{i} \\ 0, \quad T_{s} \neq T_{p}^{i} \end{cases} \quad \omega_{m} = \frac{t - t_{m0}}{\tau_{m} - t_{m0}},$$

$$\tau_{m} = 0, 7 \ \mu s$$

The exothermal conversion macrokinetics is supposed to be a multilevel reactionary cell model coordinated with the power law of reactionary diffusion

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial t} = k_0 \exp(-E_a / RT)\varphi(z),$$

$$\varphi(z) = (1-z)^{m-1/n}, \quad \text{The kinetic function} \qquad \varphi(z) = 0,5z^{-1}$$

$$\text{Pre-exponent} \quad k_0 = \frac{k}{b^{n+1}},$$

$$E_a = E_0 - H(P - P_i^*) \alpha_i A_i, \quad \text{Change in the reactivity}$$

$$\text{Condition of reactive equivalence} \quad \beta = \frac{E_a}{RT} = \frac{E_0}{RT_0} = B,$$

Condition of reactive equivalence

#### Filtration of liquid phase obeys the Darcy law

$$\nabla P_{\mathcal{H}} = \left(-\frac{\mu}{K}\right)v,$$
$$\nabla v = 0,$$

Permeability coefficient

$$K = \Pi^2 d^2 / 180 (1 - \Pi)^2,$$

Viscosity of the melt

 $\mu = \mu_0 exp(E_{\mu} / RT),$ 

Porous pressure

$$\begin{split} P_{\mathcal{H}} &= P_{tk} + P_{\mathcal{H}}, \\ P_{tk} &= \left[ C_b \alpha_b - \left( C_a \alpha_a + \Pi \right) \right] \frac{\left( T - T_{nn} \right)}{1 - 2\nu} E, \\ P_{\mathcal{H}} &= P_f - C_a \sigma_T (T). \end{split}$$

A necessary condition for ultra-fast transformations at the initial stage of synthesis is the emergence of cross-flows

$$\left(\frac{D}{u}\frac{\dot{D}}{\dot{u}}\right) = 1$$
, Mescheryakov's statistical criterion

 $z \leq z_m, \quad \frac{E_a}{RT} \leq \frac{E_{a0}}{RT_0},$ 

The achievement of the required degree of mechanical activation

$$\Pi \ge \Pi_{\min}, \quad \mathcal{E} \ge \mathcal{E}_s.$$

The fulfilment of non-stationary criterion results in the wave flow of medium characterised by the loss of mass velocity in the shock pulse direction. Cross-flows ensure the convective transport of components in the microvolumes of reactive mixture, thus the non-stationarity criterion determines one of the necessary conditions for the formation of the substructure of synthesis product as well as for the opportunity for the implementation of ultrafast chemical transformations on the rising edge of shock impulse.

<sup>1</sup>Mescheryakov Yu. I. 77 **Control** in Physicotechnical Systems, Fradkov, A.L., Ed., St. Petersburg: Nauka, 2004, pp. 222–245.



Shock pulse amplitude, GPa	5.6	14.5	24.0
Chemical reaction involved, mass %	$\frac{-}{0}$	+/ <del>-</del> >50	+ 100



Dependence of mass fraction of reactive components on synthesis duration.



Gordopolov HLA, // Self-propagating High-temperature Synthesis: Theory and practice – Chernogolovka: Telepriva, 2001. Pp. 294–312

#### **Computational experiments**

 $Zr+2B = ZrB_2+Q$ d=50 µm, P<sub>0</sub>=0.4, T<sub>0</sub>=293 K. P<sub>f</sub> = 3 GPa ÷ 20 GPa.



The distribution of component concentration through the thickness of initial compact



## The distribution of local values of activation energy



Curve 1 – critical values of activation energy; curve 2 –  $P_f$ = 3 GPa; curve 3 –  $P_f$ =5 GPa; curve 4 –  $P_f$ =7 GPa

# Conclusion

The degree of mechanical activation of Zr–B mixture reactive components plays the key role in the satisfaction of the conditions of shock initiation of chemical transformations.

For the considered macroscopically heterogeneous powder mixture, shock initiation is possible in the areas with an excess of refractory component.

The change of internal friction mechanism is key feature of zirconium diboride shock synthesis.