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Theoretical study of the influence of the equation of state mixture properties on the velocity-curvature relationship for heterogeneous solid explosives

CHRISTOPHE MATIGNON, NICOLAS DESBIENS, REMY SORIN, VINCENT DUBOIS, CEA, DAM, DIF — DSD is probably the most popular engineering tool used to model the dynamics of detonation. In this model the normal shock velocity (D_n) depends only on the local curvature (k) of the front. One way to reproduce this behavior is to construct a model for the explosive which obeys the 1D quasi-steady weakly curved detonation theory¹. In its simplest form, such a model is composed of a reactive equation of state (ideal mixture of a burnt unburnt phases) coupled with a single step burning law. To complete the description of the reactive EOS different authors^{2,3} proposed various closure hypotheses (isobaric isothermal, isobaric adiabatic, isodensity isothermal, ...). Given this form of the EOS, the rate law is then calibrated to match the experimental detonation velocity-curvature curve. In this paper we theoretically examine the influence of the EOS closure hypotheses on the (D_n, k) curve. As the 1D curved theory of detonation is extremely sensitive to the calculation of the sonic surface downstream the reaction zone, we show that the effect of a particular closure law for the mixture can have a dramatic effect whenever it alters the sound speed calculation at the end of the reaction zone. ¹Stewart et al., Comb. Institute, 2000 ²Wescott et al., JAP, 2005 ³Matignon et al., 14th Int. Symp. Det., 2010

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