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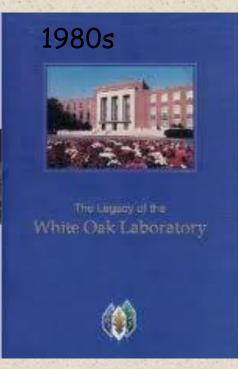


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DEPARTMENT OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERING
A. JAMES CLARK SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING

1970s

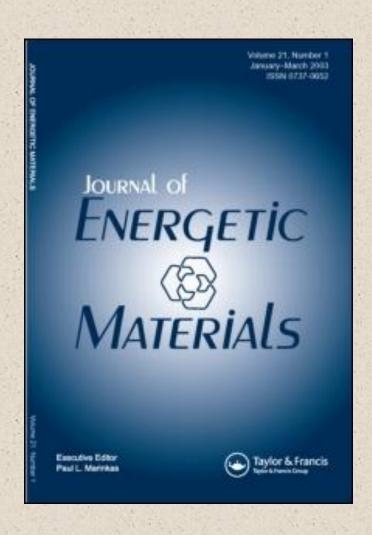
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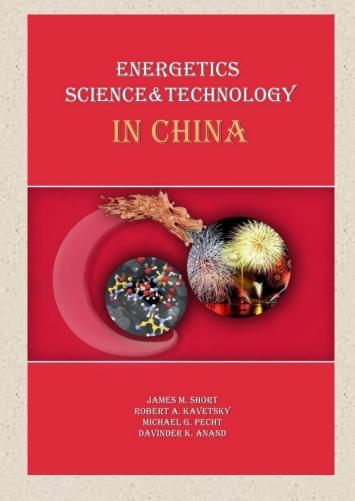


1980s & 1990s

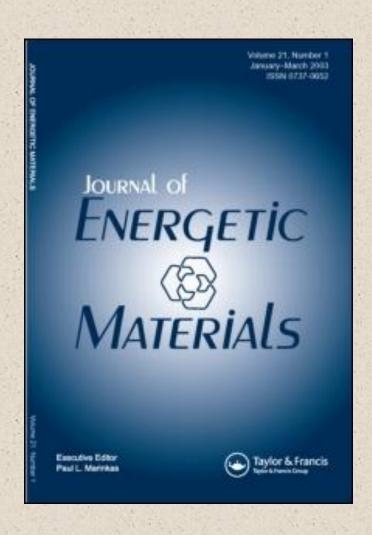


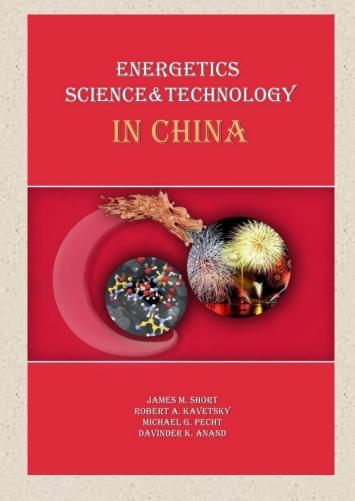
















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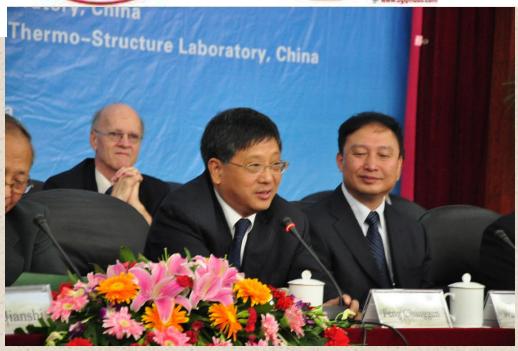
























- Experimental methods of detonation physics
- Spectroscopy
- Molecules @ high density
- Clusters of explosive molecules
- Detonation product chemistry
- Intermolecular forces
- Spectroscopy of shocked materials

- Diagnostics of shocked materials
- Diagnostics of detonating materials
- Real-time studies
- Spectroscopy of highly excited molecules





- Energetics synthesis chemistry
 - Organic energetics—
 - CHNOF
 - · Metals & beyond
 - Inorganic energetics
 - All nitrogen & all hydrogen
- Energetic formulation chemistry
- Thermobarics
- Reactive materials
- Fragments that are independently

inert & react when striking target

- Physics & chemistry of reaction
- Gun propellants
- Nanomaterials in formulations
- Energetics manufacturing science
 - Batch processing
 - Extruder (or twin-screw) processing
 - Barriers to scale-up





- Energetics Fundamental Research domains China expects to pursue:
- Theoretical & experimental methods providing fundamental understanding of detonation physics and energetics chemistry.
- Theoretical methods of detonation physics
 - Ab initio intermolecular potentials
 - Dense molecular fluids

- Hydrodynamics
 - Shocked-state measurements
 - Unreacted equations of state
 - Experimental diagnostics of shocked material
 - Shocked state measurements
 - Detonation state measurements
- Computational fluid dynamics



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SECTION ONE

- hexa-nitrohexaaza-iso-wurtzitane,
- tetrazines $(C_6N_{12}H_6O_{12})$
- nano-HMX
- FOX-7 ($C_2H_4N_4O_4$)
- furoxan $(C_2H_2N_2O_2)$
- energetic polymers e.g., glycidal azide polymer
- high nitrogen salts
 (e.g., nitro-amino tetrazoles, CH₂N₄)
- lead-free primary explosives





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SECTION TWO CHARACTERIZATION AND ANALYSIS

38 papers, 29 Chinese papers

- furoxans $(C_2H_2N_2O_2)$
- HTPB propellants
- ammonium nitrate (NH₄NO₃)
- ammonium perchlorate (NH₄ClO₄)
- ammonium dinitramide $(H_4N_4O_4)$
- characterization of high nitrogen materials
- pyrotechnic materials and molding powders
- thermal decomposition
- effects of aging
- crystal defects
- dynamic fracture





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81 papers, 53 Chinese papers

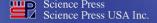
- shaped charges
- explosively formed penetrators
- pore collapse initiation
- chain branching reaction mechanisms
- structural integrity of solid rocket propellant



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SECTION FOUR MODELING AND CALCULATION

21 papers, 13 Chinese papers

- "A Microscopic Model Predicting Hot-spot Ignition of Energetic Crystals under Dropweight Impact" by Wu & Huang
- Harold Sandusky & Steve Coffey
- Micro-mechanics model of HMX hot spot ignition in drop-weight impact test
- Meso-scale model
 - particle-particle contact, no sliding friction,
 - contact between particles & anvil
 - sliding friction heating induces plastic deformation & melting along the maximum shear stress faces



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12 papers, 7 Chinese papers







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(largest chemical energetics research center) (Project 985 Tier 2) (Project 985 Tier 2)

A distant 4th is North University of China

(ordnance, defense industry college)

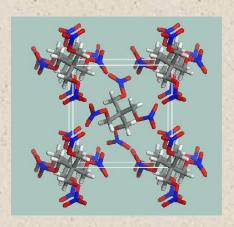
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Tianjin University

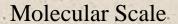
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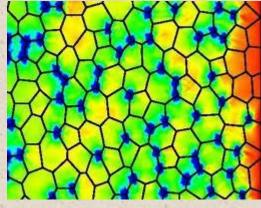
(founded in 2000) (armor) (Project 985 not Tier 2)

(nuclear weapon design)









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