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VELOCITY OF ROCK FRAGMENTS AND SHAPE OF SHOCK WAVE

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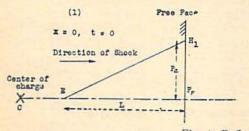
Summary

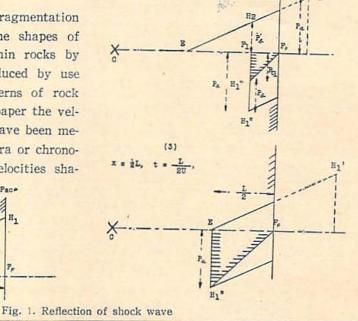
Rock specimens (Marble, Granite, Sandstone and Andesite) whose dimensions are 4cmx4cmx30cm have been blasted at one end by three kinds of industrial explosives (Ammon Gelatin, Permitted Ammon Gelatin, Permitted Ammon Dynamite) and the velocities of rock fragments have been measured by (1) high speed camera or (2) chronotron millisecond meter. Pressure of shock wave has been calculated using velocity measured. Peak pressure thus obtained is more than double of that estimated on fragmentation pattern and tensile strength of rock statically measured. Dynamical tensile strength of rock estimated on the basis of velocity measurement is more than double of that obtained statically.

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§ 1. Introduction

In a previous paper(1) on fragmentation of rock through blasting the shapes of shock waves produced within rocks by explosives have been reproduced by use of the fragmentation patterns of rock specimens. In the present paper the velocities of rock fragments have been measured by high speed camera or chronotron and by use of these velocities sha-





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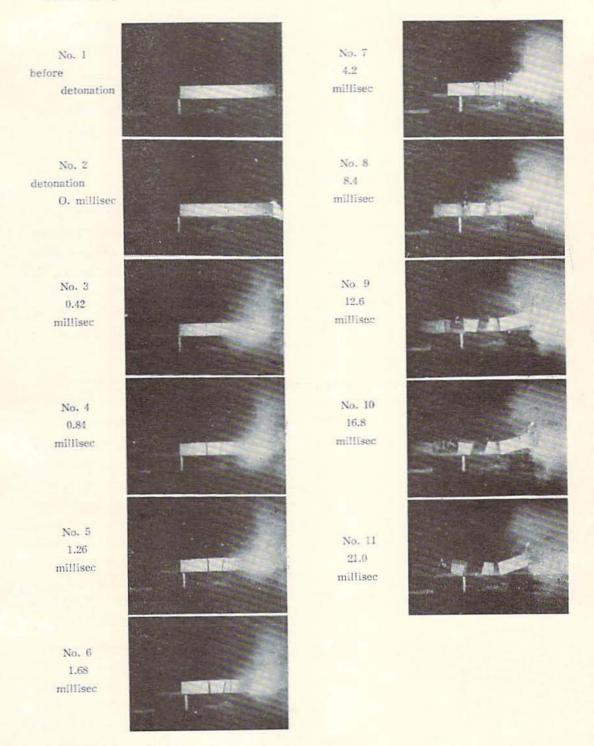


Fig. 2. Motion of rock fragments produced by detonation of Ammon-gelatin dynamite

pes of shock wave produced within granite etc. by Ammon gelatin dynamite (Shin-Kiri dynamite) etc. have been reproduced. The rock specimens and dynamite have the same characteristics with those described in the previous paper.¹⁾

§ 2. Velocity of rock fragments and shape of shock wave.

In Fig. 1. (1) the wave front of a compressive shock wave H_1 F_P E has just arrived at a free face. In Fig. 1 (2) the wave has advanced until the effective tension P_t becomes equal with the tensile strength of rock S_t and at this point F_1 the first main fracture due to tension occurs. The thickness F_1 F_P is defined as "thickness of the first slab l", This thickness determines the dimensions of rock fragment.

Although at a free face the effective

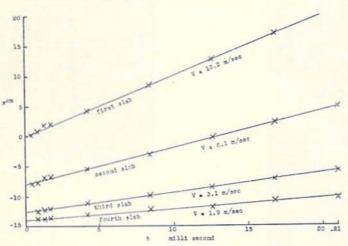


Fig. 3. Displacement of Granite fragments.

pressure must be zero the outward velocity V of the first slab is given by:

$$V=2\frac{P}{\sqrt{U}}$$
(1)

where: P = mean pressure of shock wave entrapped in one slab.

U= velocity of shock wave within rock.

The numerical coefficient 2 enters the equation (1) because incident and reflected waves must be taken into consideration. If we can measure the velocities V_1 , V_2 , V_3 of the first, second, third slabs and so on, then, we can reproduce the shape of original shock wave according to the following equation.

$$P_{n} = \frac{1}{2} \Delta U V_{n} \cdots (2)$$

§ 3. Measurement of velocity

Two methods have been used to mea-

sure velocities of rock fragments. The first is the Kodak 16mm high speed movie camera with 3200 pictures per second (Eastman Kodak Company*) and the second is the chronotron millisecond meter model 25A (Electronic Instruments Ltd.®)

3-1. By high speed camera
The arrangement of granite specimen, dynamite and
electric detonator is the same with that described in

the previous paper(1). The weight of charge is 10g and the dimensions of gra-

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Table 1 Data on Granite (By high speed camera)

Experiment	Number of slab	Velocity m/sec.	Mean Pressure kg/cm ²	Dynamical Tensile Strength kg/cm²			
No. 1	No. (1) 8.2	9.8	695	(1) - (2) = 128			
4=2.78g/cm ³ 4cm ×	No. (2) 1.0	8.0	567	(2) - (3) = 255			
4cm×30cm	No. (3) 3,4	4.4	312	(3) - (4) = 99			
$U=4960\mathrm{m/sec}$.	No. (4) 7.0	3.0	213				
No. 2	No. (1) 7.8	10.6	753	(1) - (2) = 143			
	No. (2) 1.6	8.6	610	(2) - (3) = 311			
	No. (3) 9.5	2.8	199				
No. 3	No. (1) 8.0	11.1	789	(1) - (2) = 79			
	No. (2) 2.7	10.0	710	(2) - (3) = 355			
	No. (3) 1.6	5.0	355	(3) - (4) = 113			
	No. (4)13.0	3.4	242				
No. 4	No. (1) 6.3	11.3	794	(1) - (2) = 104			
	No. (2) 3.2	9.8	690	(2) - (3) = 387			
	No. (3) 4.2	4.3	303	(3) - (4) = 120			
	No. (4) 5.0	2.6	183				
No. 5 (Fig. 2) (Fig. 3)	No. (1) 7.9	10.2	725	(1) - (2) = 296			
	No. (2) 4.5	6.1	429	(2) - (3) = 211			
	No. (3) 1.5	3.1	218	(3) - (4) = 83			
	No. (4)11.0	1.9	135				
No. 6	No. (1) 4.5	16.6	1170	(1) - (2) = 230			
	No. (2) 2.5	13.2	940	(2) - (3) = 349			
	No. (3) 4.0	8.4	591	(3) - (4) = 364			
	No. (4) 3.3	3.2	227				

nite specimen are: 30cm×4cm×4cm

Fig. 2. shows an example of pictures taken by Kodak high speed camera. Fig. 3. shows an example of the relation between displacement x centimeter of rock fragments and time of their travel t millisecond. The inclination of x-t line gives velocity of respective fragment. By the use of the equation (2) we may calculate the pressure of shock wave entrapped within the first slab, for example, as follows:

$$P = \left(\frac{1}{2} \Delta U\right) V$$

$$= \left(\frac{2.78 \times 496000 \times 10^{-3}}{2 \times 980}\right) \times 1020$$

where 980cm/sec² is a gravity constant which converts c. g. s. unit into g-cm unit.

Fig. 4. shows the shape of shock wave produced within granite by 10g of Ammon gelatin dynamite.

The measured velocities (and calculated pressure of shock wave) have been summarized in Table 1 and Table 2.

3-2. By Chronotron millisecond meter
In the chronotron millisecond meter
model 25A the incoming signal causes a
constant current to charge a precision
capacitor. At the end of the timing per-

Table 2 Data on Marble (1) (By high speed camera)

Experiment	Number of slab	Velocity m/sec.	Mean Pressure kg/cm ²	Dynamical Tensile Strength kg/cm ²		
No. 7	No. (1) 1.3	11,2	822	(1) - (2) = 222		
4=2.7g/cm ³ 4cm×4cm×20cm U=5330m/sec.	No. (2) 3.0	8,18	600	(2) - (3) = 160		
	No. (3) 6.5	5.99	440	(3) - (4) = 102		
	No. (4) 6.0	4,60	338			
No. 8 4cm×4cm×40cm	No. (1) 8.0	9.02	.662	(1) - (2) = 71		
	No. (2) 6.5	8.05	591	(2) - (3) = 297		
	No. (3) 9.5	4.00	294			

iod this capacitor is isolated electron ically and the voltage developed across it is automatically measured by a. d. c. valve voltmeter directly calibrated in units of time.

The meter reading is dead-beat and decays very slowly, allowing ample time for observation.

The arrangement for the measurement of velocity of rock fragment is illustrated in Fig. 5.

The results are summarized in Table 3.

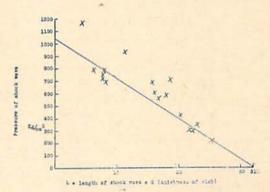


Fig. 4. Shape of Shock wave within granite reproduced by velocity measurements

Table 3 Velocity of rock fragment (first slab) measured by Chronotron (with calculated pressure)

Rock	density 4 kg/cm ³	Velocity of Shock wave U*	Compressive Strength	Tensile Strength kg/cm ²	Velocity m/sec (Pressure)		
					Ammon gelatin kg/cm²	Permitted Ammon gelation kg/cm ²	Permitted Ammon dynamite kg/cm ²
Marble (1) (Ômine) amorphous	2.7	5,330	815	55	8.9(653)	8.8(646)	7.7(565)
Marble (2) crystalline	2.7	5,330	670	37	9.1(668)	7.0(514)	5.4(396)
Granite (Tokuyama)	2.7	4,960	1,000	75	9.7(683)	10.0(704)	8.4(592)
Sandstone(1) (Susa)	2.4	2,350	1,700	110	16.4(472)	12.4(357)	9.0(259)
Sandstone(2)	2.6	3,780	10-6	W = 1	9.7(487)	9.0(452)	4.8(241)
Andesite (Shifuku)	2.0	2,170	114.20		11.1(248)	9.9(221)	8.8(196)

^{*} Estimated from wave velocity within rocks of similar density. (S. Kusakabe, Pub. E. I. C., No. 22 B, 1906, 27).

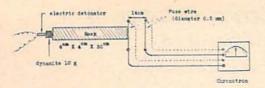


Fig. 5. Measurement of velocity of rock fragment by chronotron

§ 4. Discussions

Peak pressures of shock wave estimated by measuring velocities of rock fragments by means of (1) high speed camera or (2) chronotron are nearly the same, while peak pressure of shock wave estimated on the basis of fragmentation patterns (1) is much lower than pressure reproduced by velocity measurement. One of the main reasons for this discrepancy may be that the statically measured tensile strength of rock might be smaller than dynamical tensile strength. In other words pressure estimation by means of velocity measurement provides us with a method of measuring tensile strength of rock at shock wave velocity. For example from the data shown in Table 1 and Table 2 we may calculate dynamical tensile strengths of granite and marble as are shown in the last column of Table 1 and Table 2.

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要旨

岩石破断片の速度とショック波の形状

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3種類の岩石試料(大理石,砂岩,安山岩)を使用 して発破の基礎研究を行った。岩石片の大きさは4cm ×4cm×30cm でありその一端に於てダイナマイト (新桐ダイナマイト,白梅ダイナマイト,硝安ダイナ マイト)を爆轟させ岩石片の他端より飛行する岩石破 断片の速度を(1)高速度カメラ及び(2)クロノトロ ンミリセコンドメーターに依つて測定した。この速度 から岩石内のショック波の圧力が計算された。先に筆 者は同様な実験に依って岩石の破断状況と岩石の静的 引張強度の実測値を用いてショック波の液形及び波頭 の圧力を計算したがこの静的測定法に比べて今回の動 的測定法は2倍以上の波頭圧力値を示している。岩石 の静的引張強度に比しその動的引張強度は2倍以上の 値を持つものと考えられる。