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Research of protective multilayer titanium and aluminum system for cumulative jet

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### Introduction

#### **Research task :**

#### 1) Ballistic tests

The work presents the results of ballistic tests of protective capacity a layer system of titanium and aluminum (7 layers with a total thickness of 28 mm) of explosive charge influence.

The tested multilayer system was made by explosive welding in a single technological cycle appropriately with of alternating layers: Ti10mm + Al3mm + Ti3mm + Al3mm + Ti3mm + Al3mm + Ti3mm (manufacturer: *Explomet*)



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#### **Research task:**

Introduction



The tests of Ti/AI - 28 mm type laminar system were done in two versions: (1)The material was perforated both from the side, which first layer was made of 10 mm thick titanium layer, and (2)from the side where titanium plate of 3 mm thickness constituted the first layer.

Fig. 1. Testing setup of multilayer Ti/AI.-28 mm system protective capacity





#### Research task:

2) Construction and verification of the computer model

 for simulation and analysis of selected parameters of the
 test. The modeling was performed with use of specialized Autodyn 2D
 Academic Research software program.





**Fig. 2.** Selected sequence of cumulative jet forming and 28 mm Ti/Al laminar barrier penetration, for the two arrangement of layers: Ti10Al3Ti3Al3Ti3Al3Ti3

# Analytical model of penetrating barrier by cumulative jet



**Fig. 3.** Schematic representation of homogeneous barrier perforation by a classical cumulative jet - hydrodynamical model of the jet penetration

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### Analytical model of penetrating barrier by cumulative jet

#### Tab. 1. Characteristics of barrier material

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	Density	Strength	Specific energy
Material	$ ho_P$	$R_m$	$E_{S}$ *
name	[ g/cm <sup>3</sup> ]	[MPa]	[J/cm3]
4140 steel	7.86	1030	4000
Water	1.00	-	20
L80 steel	7.86	620	3100
Concrete	2.20	37	800
S235 steel (standard control material)	7.8	300	2600

\*Note: Specific energy for copper cumulative jet.

It is possible to determine the effective jet energy  $E_{SK}$  by means of measuring crater volume  $V_{KR}$  in the material which we know of specific energy for barrier material  $E_s$ :





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#### **Control test of H-Pp-32/60 shaped charges**



Total average volume of created crater:  $V_{KR} = 2.605 \text{ cm}^3$ Effective energy of cumulative jet:



$$E_{SK} = E_S * V_{KR}$$

2600 [J/ cm<sup>3</sup>]\* 2,605 [cm<sup>3</sup>] = 6773 [J]

 $E_{S} = 2600 \text{ J/cm}^{3}$  is the specific energy for mild steel (S235 – in table 1)

**Fig. 4.** View of prepared setup for control test of shaped charge (a) and view of plates after control test (b).







#### Control test of H-Pp-32/60 shaped charges



Fig. 5. Percentage distribution of energy cumulative jet in stack control (steel S235),

Classic cumulative jet largest flow of energy has in its front part.

More than half of their energy (approx. 55%) loss in the first stage of the three plates (30 mm).









Fig. 6. General view of experimental setup

(1) Arrangement of the layers: Ti10Al3Ti3Al3Ti3Al3Ti3

(2) Arrangement of the layers: Ti3Al3Ti3Al3Ti3Al3Ti10

Multilayer protective system under testing was placed on the stack of control plates, 10 mm thick each, made of S235 steel.

In the static experiments, small caliber, H-Pp-32/60 type shaped charges were shot at 48 mm distance (that is, at distance equal to 1.5 of liner diameter).



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# Fire-ground testing of penetrating ability with cumulative jet of titanium/aluminum multilayer material (Ti/AI - 28mm type)



**Fig. 7.** Cumulative jet action towards 10 mm Ti layer

Protective effectiveness of Ti/Al.-28 mm plater, for cumulative jet corresponds to protective effectiveness of 6 steel plates (60 mm).

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**Fig. 8.** Cumulative jet action towards 3 mm Ti layer

Protective effectiveness of Ti/Al.-28 mm plater, for cumulative jet corresponds to protective effectiveness of 4 steel plates (40 mm).



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## Fig. 9. Metallographic holes shown in one scale.

Visible copper is trapped cluster of inserts cumulative load in the hole test No. 1.

The diameters of the holes in the zone of aluminum are much higher than in titanium.

The volume of the hole is much greater for the test No. 1 (excluding the cooper insert residue).



(1) - Cumulative jet action towards 10 mm Ti layer
(2) - Cumulative jet action towards 3 mm Ti layer

#### Computer model of cumulative jet CLUENT CLADING OF MELLES Marchani Rozwoju Computer model of cumulative jet penetration through titanium / aluminum multilayer material

Selected examples of simulation and analysis (Ansys 2D)



Breakthrough time of the multilayer of Ti/Al-28mm is:

Tp = approx. 12  $\mu$ s.



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Tab. 2. . A summary distribution of energy in the tests of penetration cumulative jet in composite material Ti / AI-28mm

	Distribution cumulative jet energy [%]	
Designation test material / test system	Tested composite Ti/Al-28mm	Standard control material - S235 steel
Test 2: Ti3Al3Ti3Al3Ti3Al3Ti10	68,62	<b>→</b> 31,38
<b>Test 1 :</b> Ti10Al3Ti3Al3Ti3Al3Ti3	84,54	15,46





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Analysing the distribution of the energy wasted by the flow of cumulative jet from shaped charge H-Pp-32/60 in the stack control (plate 10 mm S235), it was found that the highest levels of energy contained in the forehead stream. Eg. approx. 56% of its energy flux is losing to beat the first three plates (30 mm) from 9 pcs. of the stack control.

SUMMARY



The tests gave the mass ratios protective test unsymmetrical a multi-layer of Ti / AI thickness of 28 mm at 50% or 70% of the protective control material (steel S235).



More effective protection against jet cumulative shows a system under fire from the side of the layer of Ti 10mm.

Breakthrough time of the layer of Ti / Al 28 mm is approx. 12  $\mu$ s.





The use layer structures of protective systems (eg. such as studied in this work light layered structure of Ti / Al) allows to increase the degree of protection and reduce their weight (relative to the steel system).

The first protective layer systems before the cumulative flow should provide the highest energy absorption capability rapid flow front (passive systems), or result in strong disturbance of the head part stream in the active systems.







For the adopted methodology of protective systems layered on the cumulative effect of the stream has been built and experimentally verified computer model



Verified computer model allows you to perform a series of analyzes of issues, eg. for a variety of other materials and layer systems or other geometric arrangement of shooting (eg. at a different angle of attack stream cumulative).



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