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HIGHLIGHTS

Crystal-level quantum mechanics calculations of 21,648 physicochemical data of 153 HEDMs

Machine learning of detonation and stability of HEDMs and experimental validation

Data-driven insight into the causality of performance-stability contradiction

Optimal range of key features for rational design of advanced HEDMs

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SUMMARY

The long-standing performance-stability contradiction issue of high energy density materials (HEDMs) is of extremely complex and multi-parameter nature. Herein, machine learning was employed to handle 28 feature descriptors and 5 properties of detonation and stability of 153 HEDMs, wherein all 21,648 data used were obtained through high-throughput crystal-level quantum mechanics calculations on supercomputers. Among five models, namely, extreme gradient boosting regression tree (XGBoost), adaptive boosting, random forest, multilayer perceptron, and kernel ridge regression, were respectively trained and evaluated by stratified sampling and 5-fold cross-validation method. Among them, XGBoost model produced the best scoring metrics in predicting the detonation velocity, detonation pressure, heat of explosion, decomposition temperature, and lattice energy of HEDMs, and XGBoost predictions agreed best with the 1,383 experimental data collected from massive literatures. Feature importance analysis was conducted to obtain data-driven insight into the causality of the performance-stability contradiction and delivered the optimal range of key features for more efficient rational design of advanced HEDMs.

INTRODUCTION

High energy density materials (HEDMs), also known as energetic materials, mainly refer to explosives, propellants, and pyrotechnics depending on their properties, formulations, and intended applications (Agrawal, 2010). As an alternative way to the use of human work, utilization of HEDMs alleviates arduous tasks of guarrying, mining, building tunnels, taming rivers, and building roads/rails by quick release of large amounts of gas through controlled chemical reactions, making laborious activities more efficient and economical, thereby playing an important role in accelerating the progress of human civilization (Klapötke, 2015). In this modern era, the dramatic increase in global population and concomitant depletion of available resources are demanding more advanced HEDMs to safely explore ultra-deep mineral deposits of earth, conduct space exploration, and so forth. Nonetheless, the development of HEDMs has been an incredibly slow process, with its milestones being the discovery of black powder at around 220 BC, the invention of trinitrotoluene (TNT) in the 1880s, the synthesis of widely used octahydro-1,3,5,7-tetranitro-1,3,5,7-tetrazocine (HMX) during World War II, and the development 2,4,6,8,10,12hexanitro-2,4,6,8,10,12-hexaazatetracyclo-[5.5.0.0^{3,11}.0^{5,9}]-dodecane (CL-20) in 1980s. The currently required capability of HEDMs demands high detonation performance (maximum detonation velocity D, maximum detonation pressure p_{C-J} , and maximum heat of explosion Q_{max}) with simultaneous maximum stability, which includes minimal chemical degradation upon storage, no phase transition to a polymorph with an inferior performance, and no initiation upon accidental mechanical impact, friction, and non-mechanical stimuli, such as exposure to light, to irradiation in a non-visible spectral range, to electrostatic discharge, etc. Unfortunately, currently used state-of-the-art HEDMs have difficulty in addressing in a satisfactory manner all these conflicting criteria.

Possibly, the extremely high hazard involved and the high cost of the experimental research on HEDMs, as well as the long-term life cycle of their characterization, manufacturing, testing, and inspection, could be the excuses for the slow development of HEDMs (Wejsa, 2014). Furthermore, one more important reason for the slow development of HEDMs is the contradiction between their high detonation performance and high stability (Shukla et al., 2017; Sabin, 2014; Yu et al., 2020; Zhang et al., 2014; Tang et al., 2020; Jiao et al., 2018). A high detonation performance of HEDMs relies on the large energy difference between the reactants and the reaction products, whereas the high stability of HEDMs requires a sufficiently high energy barrier to prevent the uncontrolled

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initiation of such reactions (Jiao et al., 2018). Known molecular design strategies in reaching high detonation performance of HEDMs, in many perspectives, conflict with those in reaching high stability. For example, the presence of nitro group, N-oxide group, nitramino, furazan, furoxan, or oxadiazole in energetic molecules can increase the oxygen balance (OB) of HEDMs; and incorporation of azido group, N = C, and N = N bonds into energetic molecules can lead to the increase in the nitrogen content (ρ_N) of HEDMs (Yu et al., 2020). Both strategies were capable of leading to the increase of the density (ρ) and heat of formation of the energetic molecules, facilitating the promotion of their detonation performance (Hu et al., 2020). However, when the increase in the OB leads to better performance, it pays the price of higher sensitivity and lower stability of the resulting HEDM (Wang et al., 2018; Li et al., 2020a, 2020b, 2020c). Moreover, the increase of ρ_N in various nitrogen-rich HEDMs inevitably introduces N–N bonds, the low bond strength of which would result in reduced stability of such molecules (Tang et al., 2017; Zong et al., 2020).

Besides the aforementioned factors, numerous crystal-level physicochemical parameters, such as intermolecular interactions, energetics of the compound, crystal packing arrangements, and ratio of component molecules in co-crystals, were also found to significantly influence the detonation performance and stability of HEDMs. For example, hydrogen bonding (HB) plays a vital role in optimizing both detonation performance and crystal stability. Crystal structures of HEDMs rich in HBs were shown to have better stability, and expressed enhanced heat resistance and improved insensitivity to impact and shock *stimuli*, versus compounds with limited HB amount in their crystal structures (Rupeng et al., 2019; Li et al., 2020a, 2020b, 2020c; Zhang et al., 2019a, 2019b, 2019c, 2019d). For example, when compared with neutral tetranitroamino HEDMs, corresponding energetic salts showed better thermal and mechanical stabilities, owing to the extensive HB interactions between cations and anions (Lang et al., 2020). However, unfortunately, high content of hydrogen in energetic molecules would in turn lead to decreased ρ and reduced detonation performance of HEDMs.

Over the past decade, the machine learning (ML) algorithms have emerged, rapidly developed, and been extensively used in materials research (Zahrt et al., 2019; Sanchez-Lengeling and Aspuru-Guzik, 2018; Lu et al., 2018; Zhong et al., 2020; Granda et al., 2018; Butler et al., 2018). Compared with the traditional physics-based or knowledge-driven approach, ML algorithms are data driven and have an important characteristic trait of easily handling very complex datasets, providing accurate predictions, and helping in deciphering new knowledge (Shi and Iyengar, 2020). Therefore, ML is an extremely promising technique to handle the detonation-stability contradiction conundrum and accelerate the progress in the design of advanced HEDMs.

Noteworthy, reasonable feature descriptors and suitable models are the key to the successful application of the ML tool in solving the detonation-stability contradiction. According to the literature, commonly employed feature descriptors of HEDMs are the structure and energy properties of individual molecules, rather than those of crystals, owing to the lack of a reliable quantum chemical approach to handle the periodic structures of crystals and the weak in-crystal intermolecular interactions. In general, the feature descriptors include counts of atoms, bonds, and groups; OB; nitrogen-to-carbon ratio; bond types; electro-topological state; fingerprinting; Coulomb matrices; highest occupied and lowest unoccupied molecular orbitals; nitrogen charges at the bond midpoint; the lowest negative charge on nitro group; molecular polarizability; ionization energy; etc. (Elton et al., 2018; Barnes et al., 2018; Wang et al., 2012; Zhang et al., 2017; Cho et al., 2005; Kang et al., 2020). A considerable part of these feature descriptors is quantum chemical calculation results for HEDM molecules. Till date, the models that have been designed, developed, and employed for ML of HEDMs include multiple linear regression, artificial neural network (ANN), kernel ridge regression (KRR), support vector regression, random forest (RF), k-nearest neighbors, decision tree, least absolute shrinkage, selection operator regression, Gaussian process regression, etc. (Xu et al., 2012; Wang et al., 2012; Fathollahi and Sajady, 2018; Elton et al., 2018; Barnes et al., 2018; Kang et al., 2020; Zhang et al., 2017; Chandrasekaran et al., 2019; Nefati et al., 1996). The validation metrics derived from these data-driven models brought a high confidence in their use for a reasonably reliable prediction of D, pC-J, Qmax, heat of formation, impact sensitivity, decomposition temperature (T_d), and other critical properties of HEDMs (Xu et al., 2012; Wang et al., 2012; Fathollahi and Sajady, 2018; Elton et al., 2018; Barnes et al., 2018, Barnes et al., 2020; Kang et al., 2020; Gupta et al., 2016; Chandrasekaran et al., 2019; Nefati et al., 1996).

In this study, we made an effort to bridge the gap that exists between the nature of discrete molecule and extended periodic solid material (Mancuso et al., 2020) by conducting quantum mechanics calculations on parameters of physicochemical properties of 153 HEDMs, directly at the crystal level, instead of more common calculations dealing with individual molecules in a gas phase. These 21,648 calculated data were then

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Figure 1. A flow chart of ML process for balancing detonation performance and stability of HEDMs

High-throughput DFT calculations on supercomputers are the basis of data preparation for ML. Five ML models were trained and evaluated using stratified sampling and leave-one-out cross-validation, and the collected massive experimental data help to validate the predictions. Feature importance ranking provides a data-driven insight into the performance-stability contradiction and presents guidance on the optimal range of critical features.

used as input for ML. Five models were, respectively, trained and evaluated in predicting the D, p_{C-J} , Q_{max} , T_d , and lattice energy (*LE*) of HEDMs; 1,383 experimental data were collected from a comprehensive literature search to verify the reliability of our current calculations and ML predictions. Subsequently, feature importance analysis was carried out; the features were classified into contradictory and non-contradictory categories, and finally the optimal range of key features was recommended for use in a rational molecular design of novel advanced HEDMs.

RESULTS

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Figure 1 shows a flow chart of the use of ML technique for addressing the contradiction between detonation performance and stability of HEDMs. Current study concentrates on 153 reported HEDMs, which are all stable at ambient conditions, and their single-crystal X-ray crystallography data are available. The physicochemical parameters, detonation performance parameters, and stability properties were calculated at the crystal level, by using a recently developed density functional theory (DFT) software, high accuracy atomistic simulation package for energetic materials (HASEM) (Zhang et al., 2016a, 2016b). J parallel adaptive structured mesh applications infrastructure (JASMIN) facilitates HASEM to adapt to modern supercomputers, thereby allowing high-throughput DFT calculations (Mo et al., 2010). The lattice parameters and atomic coordinates from the experimental data were set as the input of HASEM software to optimize structures. Minute discrepancies between the calculated and experimental results of 1,071 crystal structure parameters confirm the high reliability of HASEM method in describing the crystal structures of HEDMs (Figure 2).

Dataset

Based on these optimized structures, 19,965 physicochemical parameters were calculated and employed as feature descriptor candidates for ML of HEDMs (Tables 1 and S2). Furthermore, 459 calculated values of



Figure 2. DFT calculation of 1,071 crystal structure parameters of HEDMs studied herein and their experimental validation (A–C) (A) Lattice constants (a, b, and c); (B) lattice angles (α , β , and γ); and (C) unit cell volumes of the 153 HEDMs studied.

D, p_{C-J} , and Q_{maxi} , 153 calculated values of *LE*; and 109 collected experimental data of T_d were used as outcomes to train the ML models for predicting the detonation performance, crystal stability, and molecular stability of HEDMs, respectively. Additional 203 collected experimental data were used to validate the results of ML predictions (Table S3; supplemental information).

For each of the studied 153 HEDMs, the compound name; its molecular formula, diagram, and conformation; as well as the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Center (CCDC) index number and Chemical Abstracts Service (CAS) number are provided in the Table S3 presented in the supplemental information. Details of our calculation methods of various physicochemical parameters and properties are described in our previous reports (Zhang et al., 2016a, 2016b, 2019a, 2019b, 2019c, 2019d; Jiang et al., 2018; He et al., 2017).

In each ML process for the prediction of D, p_{C-J} , Q_{max} , T_{d} , and LE, the dataset was divided into a training dataset (80%) and a test dataset (20%), in which stratified sampling was conducted to reduce sampling error and to improve the performance of ML.

Feature descriptors

All calculated physicochemical parameters were classified into crystal level and molecular level groups. The crystal level parameters include space group, number of molecules in one primitive cell, packing types, packing coefficient (PC), ρ , ρ_N , OB, intermolecular HB count, intermolecular HB strength, intermolecular HB length, and in-crystal mixture with hydrogen-rich molecules or energetic molecules. The molecular level parameters include shape of molecular backbones; molecular weight (MW); intramolecular bond length; intramolecular bond strength; number of critical functional groups, such as $-NO_2$, $-NH_2$, -OH, $-CH_3$, and $-N_3$; as well as the distribution of detonation products, including gaseous CO_2 , H_2O , N_2 , O_2 , and NH_3 and solid C. Although part of the calculated data for 118 HEDMs was mentioned in our recent studies (Li et al., 2020a, 2020b, 2020c), in the present work, the calculated data of physicochemical parameters for these compounds were significantly increased and further DFT calculations for additional 35 HEDMs were performed to enlarge the dataset.

Among the 5,941 intermolecular HB and intramolecular bonds studied, the strongest intermolecular HB for each HEDM and its weakest intramolecular chemical bond were screened out and used as feature descriptors of the HEDM compound (Tables S1 and S2; supplemental information). Eventually, 28 types of feature descriptors were selected for the following ML study.

Furthermore, Pearson correlation coefficient matrices were calculated to identify the positive and negative correlations between pairs of selected features, as shown in Figure 3. The low linear correlations for the feature descriptors indicate that redundant and irrelevant features were not included in current study, which helps improve ML performance.

Model training

An appropriate model and its optimized hyperparameters constitute crucial preconditions for the successful application of ML in molecular and materials research. Herein, five representative ML models, including

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			Training	dataset		Test dataset			
Properties		Models	RMSE	r	R ²	RMSE	R	R ²	
Detonation performance	Q _{max}	XGBoost	49.694	0.984	0.958	99.988	0.914	0.825	
		AdaBoost	60.579	0.970	0.938	108.252	0.898	0.794	
		RF	55.731	0.983	0.948	103.574	0.926	0.812	
		MLP	78.539	0.947	0.896	101.070	0.909	0.821	
		KRR	96.939	0.918	0.841	101.291	0.916	0.820	
	D	XGBoost	0.101	0.993	0.985	0.235	0.956	0.912	
		AdaBoost	0.114	0.991	0.981	0.274	0.942	0.879	
		RF	0.143	0.986	0.970	0.276	0.943	0.878	
		MLP	0.185	0.976	0.949	0.244	0.959	0.905	
		KRR	0.256	0.950	0.903	0.291	0.941	0.864	
	P _{C-J}	XGBoost	0.817	0.992	0.984	1.788	0.954	0.910	
	1 0-0	AdaBoost	1.084	0.987	0.972	2.426	0.920	0.835	
		RF	1.097	0.987	0.971	2.360	0.924	0.843	
		MLP	0.898	0.990	0.981	2.256	0.954	0.857	
		KRR	1.983	0.951	0.905	2.812	0.902	0.778	
Molecular stability	T _d	XGBoost	29.919	0.933	0.803	52.069	0.781	0.557	
		AdaBoost	26.932	0.947	0.840	54.347	0.741	0.518	
		RF	21.229	0.970	0.901	54.153	0.728	0.521	
		MLP	32.256	0.878	0.770	60.670	0.635	0.399	
		KRR	51.152	0.653	0.423	61.573	0.627	0.381	
Crystal stability	LE	XGBoost	1.033	0.999	0.998	3.494	0.976	0.948	
		AdaBoost	3.187	0.990	0.977	6.724	0.898	0.806	
		RF	4.281	0.980	0.958	5.497	0.933	0.870	
		MLP	3.124	0.989	0.978	6.416	0.917	0.823	
		KRR	4.558	0.976	0.952	4.367	0.959	0.918	

Table 1. Scoring metrics of the 5 ML models in predicting detonation and stability properties (D, p_{C-J} , Q_{maxr} , T_{dr} , and LE) of HEDMs, provided individually for the training set and test set

The best performing results are marked in bold.

extreme gradient boosting regression tree (XGBoost), adaptive boosting regressor (AdaBoost), RF, multilayer perceptron (MLP), and KRR, were employed.

Subsequently, grid search method was utilized to optimize the hyperparameters of the five models and 5-fold cross-validation method was used to evaluate the error metrics of each model. Herein, the 5 folds were obtained by random division of the training dataset. The cross-validation procedure was carried out 5 times, and the one with the best error metrics aided in the determination of the final hyperparameters of this model. In the entire training process, the grid search and cross-validation loop were conducted for more than 12,500 times in total and 25 sets of optimal hyperparameters in predicting D, p_{C-J} , Q_{max} , T_d , and *LE* were eventually determined for the 5 models, as shown in Figure 1. While training the MLP model, the fingerprints were standardized, and the Rectified Linear Unit (ReLU) activation function was used. The hidden layer size is (3, 3) in predicting D, Q_{max} , and *LE*, and is (3, 2) in predicting of T_d and p_{C-J} . While training the KRR models, the polynomial kernel function was used in the prediction of D, p_{C-J} , Q_{max} , and T_d , and the linear kernel function was used in the prediction of LE. The parameters were optimized using the grid search method.

Model inference and validation

To evaluate the robustness of the above-identified hyperparameters and the performance of the five trained models, herein, the prediction errors were estimated by using three scoring metrics, namely,





Figure 3. Heatmap of Pearson correlation coefficient of selected features

root-mean-square error (RMSE), Pearson correlation coefficient (*r*), and coefficient of determination (R^2) and then the distribution of the residuals of the predictions was compared with the normal distributions. The prediction errors were calculated independently for the training set and test set, as presented in Table 1. The performances of the five models in the prediction of *D*, *p*_{*C-J*}, *Q*_{*max*}, *T*_{*d*}, and *LE* are plotted in Figures S1–S21 (Supplemental information), wherein XGBoost exhibits the best performance. The XGBoost predictions of all five properties of the training set and the test set and the distribution of the prediction residuals of the entire set are shown in Figure 4.

Detonation performance characterized based on heat of explosion, detonation velocity, and detonation pressure. The motivation of the current work is to explore the optimal design of advanced HEDMs with simultaneous high detonation performance and high stability, so we consider only the maximum detonation performance, which is calculated at the maximum theoretical density for each of the 153 compounds studied.

For the prediction of Q_{max} , XGBoost model shows the best agreement with the results calculated by the DFT method for the training set ($RMSE = 49.69 \text{ kcal} \cdot \text{kg}^{-1}$, r = 0.98, and $R^2 = 0.96$) and the test set ($RMSE = 99.99 \text{ kcal} \cdot \text{kg}^{-1}$, r = 0.91, and $R^2 = 0.82$), as summarized in Table 1. Comparative analysis of the distributions of the residuals of the predicted Q_{max} of the five models, as shown in Figures 4B and S2–S5, indicates that XGBoost prediction residuals present the closest distributions to normal distributions. Furthermore, a simple statistic showed that 74.5% of the XGBoost-predicted Q_{max} was comparable to the DFT results with a relative error less than 5%, and 93.5% of the XGBoost predictions showed a relative error below 10%, thereby confirming the accuracy of the XGBoost prediction. Compared with a previous RF prediction of Q_{max} ($R^2 = 0.99$ for training set and $R^2 = 0.93$ for test set), current metrics ($R^2 = 0.96$ for training set and $R^2 = 0.82$ for test set) are slightly lower; however, our dataset of 153 HEDMs is much larger than the dataset of 41 HEDMs reported by Hong and coworkers (Kang et al., 2020). Our metrics are much better than the KRR predictions of Q_{max} for 109 energetic compounds, wherein r = 0.88 and $R^2 = 0.88$ for the training set and r = 0.79 and $R^2 = 0.76$ for the test set (Elton et al., 2018).

Regarding the prediction of *D*, all the five studied models exhibited pretty good performance, with all the values of *RMSE* smaller than 0.3 km s⁻¹, all values of *r* higher than 0.94, and all values of R^2 higher than 0.86, as

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Figure 4. Performance of XGBoost model in predictions of detonation and stability properties of HEDMs as well as experimental validation

(A–J) (A) Predicted values of Q_{max} , error metrics, and experimental validation. (B) Distribution of Q_{max} residuals between XGBoost prediction and DFT calculation. (C) Predicted values of *D*, error metrics, and experimental validation. (D) Distribution of *D* residuals between XGBoost prediction and DFT calculation. (E) Predicted values of p_{C-J} error metrics, and experimental validation. (F) Distribution of p_{C-J} residuals between XGBoost prediction and DFT calculation. (G) Predicted values of T_d and their error metrics. (H) Distribution of residuals between XGBoost prediction and experimental measurement. (I) Predicted values of *LE* and their error metrics. (J) Distribution of residuals between XGBoost prediction and PFT calculation and DFT calculation. Solid spheres of experimental data are for the densely pressed samples with $\rho \ge 95\% \rho_{max}$, and the open circles are for those compounds with $\rho < 95\% \rho_{max}$. Residuals of all XGBoost predictions are shown in Figure S1.

presented in Table 1. Among the five models studied (Figures S6–S9), XGBoost model reproduced the best agreement with DFT calculations for both the training set and the test set. The scoring metrics for the training set are $RMSE = 0.10 \text{ km} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$, r = 0.99, and $R^2 = 0.99$, and those for the test set are $RMSE = 0.23 \text{ km} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$, r = 0.96, and $R^2 = 0.91$. Figure 4C shows an accurate prediction of D by using XGBoost model, wherein 98% of the predicted values have a relative error of <5% with respect to the DFT calculations and 100% of the predicted values have a relative error of <10%. Figure 4D presents a distribution of the residuals of the XGBoost predictions, which satisfactorily follows normal distributions. The currently obtained value of r is comparable to a previous ANN prediction of D for 65 explosive compounds and compositions, wherein, r = 0.978 for training set and 0.985 for test set (Chandrasekaran et al., 2019). The currently obtained values of R^2 and RMSE are close to another prediction of 54 nitrogen-rich energetic compounds obtained by least square support vector machine (LS-SVM) method, in which $RMSE = 0.17 \text{ km} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$, r = 0.96 for the training set and $RMSE = 0.17 \text{ km} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$, r = 0.97 for the test set (Wang et al., 2014). Our metrics are overall better than those of the previous studies as follows: the decision tree boost predictions of D for 106 ideal explosives and 231 non-ideal explosives ($RMSE = 0.41 \text{ km} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$, r = 0.94 for training set and RMSE = 0.34 km s⁻¹, r = 0.93 for test set) (Gupta et al., 2016); the partial least squares regression (PLSR) predictions of D for 92 ideal, 84 non-ideal, and 68 non-explosive chemicals (RMSE = $0.74 \text{ km} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$, r = 0.87 for training set and $RMSE = 0.28 \text{ km} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$, r = 0.96 for test set) (Gupta et al., 2015); the neural network (NN) predictions of D for 416 molecules ($RMSE = 0.27 \text{ km} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$, r = 0.86, $R^2 = 0.93$ for test set) (Barnes et al., 2018); and the KRR predictions of D for 109 HEDMs (r = 0.94 and $R^2 = 0.89$ for the training set and r = 0.91and $RMSE = 0.25 \text{ km} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$, r = 0.91, $R^2 = 0.82$ for the test set) (Elton et al., 2018).

For the prediction of p_{C-J} , XGBoost model exhibited the best performance among the five models studied herein (Figures S10–S13, Supplemental information), with *RMSE* being the lowest and *r* and R^2 being closest to 1. The scoring metrics are *RMSE* = 0.82 GPa, r = 0.99, and $R^2 = 0.98$ for the training set and *RMSE* = 1.79 GPa, r = 0.95, and $R^2 = 0.91$ for the test set. Figure 4E illustrates the accuracy of the XGBoost prediction of p_{C-J} , wherein 88.2% of the predicted values showed a relative error of <5% referring to the DFT calculation and 97.4% of the predicted values were within a relative error of <10%. Figure 4D demonstrates that the distribution of the residuals of XGBoost prediction approximately follows normal distributions. Our scores are overall more satisfactory than those achieved in the previous studies, such as the PLSR and logistic regression predictions of p_{C-J} for 92 ideal, 84 non-ideal, and 68 non-explosive compounds (the best scores being *RMSE* = 5.45 GPa, r = 0.85 for training set and *RMSE* = 2.53 GPa, r = 0.93 for test set) (Gupta et al., 2015); the NN predictions of p_{C-J} for 416 energetic molecules (*RMSE* = 2.15 GPa, r = 0.93, $R^2 = 0.87$ for test set) (Barnes et al., 2018); and the KRR predictions of p_{C-J} for 109 HEDMs (r = 0.67 for the test set) (Elton et al., 2018).

To validate the predictions of the detonation parameters, we searched 112 experimental detonation parameters from comprehensive literature survey, but we only compared our predicted values with corresponding experimental values measured for the compounds close to its theoretical maximum density: $\rho \ge 95\% \rho_{max}$, wherein ρ_{max} is the maximum theoretical density as determined by X-ray crystallography. Figures 4A–4E and Table S3 (supplemental information) present satisfactory agreement between the XGBoost predictions and 83 experimental data reported for densely pressed samples with $\rho \ge 95\% \rho_{max}$, as marked in solid. Another 29 experimental data of the loosely pressed samples of HEDMs ($\rho < 95\% \rho_{max}$) are also presented in Figure 4, as marked in open circles. As expected, our XGBoost predictions (for compounds with $\rho = \rho_{max}$) are generally higher than the corresponding experimental measurements (for samples with $\rho < 95\% \rho_{max}$). Thus the XGBoost models in predictions of Q_{max} , D, and p_{C-J} were validated.

Molecular stability characterized by decomposition temperature. The decomposition temperature (T_d) herein refers to on-set temperature of the exothermic curve, and it is employed to represent the critical temperature at which the molecule starts to lose its stability.

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For the prediction of molecular stability characterized by T_d , all five models studied showed relatively poor performance compared with the predictions of detonation properties Among the five models, RF exhibited the best performance for the training set (*RMSE* = 21.23°C, r = 0.97, and $R^2 = 0.90$), whereas XGBoost (*RMSE* = 52.07°C, r = 0.78, and $R^2 = 0.56$) was the best performing model for the test set, as presented in Table 1. The distribution of residuals between XGBoost prediction and experimental measurement was close to normal distribution, as shown in Figures 4H and S14–S17. Figure 4G presents that 57.8% of the XGBoost predictions of T_d have a relative error of <10% with respect of the experimental results and 90.8% of the predictions were found to be in the range of a relative error of below 20%. A previous ANN prediction of T_d of energetic co-crystals showed high metrics with $R^2 = 0.98$. However, this prediction was based on a limited dataset (19 training data and 6 test data), which is too small to deliver convincing statistics (Fathollahi and Sajady, 2018). Similarly poor performance was also observed in the prediction of experimental power conversion efficiency of organic solar cell devices, where RF was identified to be the best performing model, yet with a low r value of 0.70 (Wu et al., 2020).

The quality of the T_d dataset is the fundamental reason for the relatively low performance of the current prediction of T_d and the linearity problem between residual and target data of the trained models (Figure S1D). Among the 153 HEDMs studied in this work, only 109 were found in the literature to have reported T_d . These collected T_d values from the literature search were measured using different techniques, using different parameters, and by different investigators. Among the 109 T_d values, 85 were recorded by the on-set temperature of differential scanning calorimetry (DSC) method, 9 were determined by the on-set temperature of differential thermal analysis method, and for the remaining 15 compounds, the T_d values were reported, but the measuring methods were not provided. Besides the application of various techniques, the used heating rate, sample weight, carrier gas flow rate, and other parameters were quite dispersed, all significantly affecting the results and leading to deviations in the reported T_d . For example, the different compositions may change the T_d of TNT by up to 73°C (Li et al., 2019). For each of the 109 T_d used, the corresponding measuring method (if known) is listed in Table S3 (Supplemental information).

The current study indicates that a unified standard for thermal analysis of HEDMs is strongly needed, and this will help experimenters generate more transferable and more reliable T_d values. Then, scientists will have more transferable and more reliable values to evaluate the molecular stability of various HEDMs. Also, ML prediction of T_d of HEDMs is expected to have much-improved performance.

Crystal stability characterized by lattice energy. For the prediction of crystal stability characterized by *LE*, XGBoost model exhibited the best performance among the five models studied (Figures S18–S21; Supplemental information). The scoring metrics are *RMSE* = 1.03 kcal·mol⁻¹, r = 1.00, and $R^2 = 1.00$ for the training set, and *RMSE* = 3.49 kcal·mol⁻¹, r = 0.98, and $R^2 = 0.95$ for the test set. Figure 4I shows a highlevel reproduction of the DFT calculation of *LE*, wherein 69.3% of the XGBoost predicted values showed a relative error of <5% and 87.6% of the predicted values were within a relative error of <10%. Figure 4J indicates that the distribution of the XGBoost prediction residuals approximately follows normal distributions.

Physics insight from machine learning

Main features in determining detonation performance, molecular stability, and crystal stability

After the training and evaluation of the five models used in the prediction of D, p_{C-J} , Q_{max} , T_d , and LE, the best performing XGBoost model was eventually selected for each property to conduct feature importance analysis. In this work, the gain-type algorithm in XGBoost regression was utilized to rank feature importance. The features leading to higher average gain values in decision trees are considered more important. The resulting importance was characterized by percentage, and the rankings of the importance of the features in determining the detonation and stability properties are shown in Figure 5. Another feature importance ranking, which is quantified based on the magnitude of Pearson correlation coefficients, is presented in Table S4 (Supplemental information) for comparative analysis, although the latter method is mostly sensitive to linear dependencies.

Feature importance ranking in XGBoost predictions of heat of explosion, detonation velocity, and detonation pressure. Detonation performance, which is usually characterized by Q_{max} , D, and p_{C-J} , is









(A) Q_{maxi} (B) D; (C) p_{C-J}; (D) T_{d;} and (E) LE.

one the most valued properties in an HEDM evaluation. Figures 5A–5C present the importance ranking of feature descriptors in the determination of detonation properties of HEDMs.

The common characteristic of the top five important features in predictions of Q_{max} , D, and p_{C-J} , are OB and the presence of gaseous CO_2 in the reaction products. Figure 5 illustrates that OB ranks as the most important feature to predict p_{C-J} and D and as the second important feature to determine Q_{max} , acquiring 60%, 49%, and 19% in the feature importance pie chart in determining p_{C-J} , D, and Q_{max} , respectively. Currently the obtained data-driven conclusion is well consistent with known professional knowledge, that is, OB describes the extent to which a certain HEDM could be oxidized and significantly affects the amount of energy released during the detonation (Figure S22; supplemental information). Figure 5 shows that the presence of gaseous CO_2 in the reaction products plays as the fourth importance role in predicting Q_{max} and p_{C-J} , and as the fifth most important parameter in predicting D, achieving 9%, 4%, and 4% of the importance percentage, respectively. Pearson correlation coefficients listed in Table S4 indicate that the presence of gaseous N_2 in the reaction products is also important to detonation properties. These results are consistent with our recent knowledge-driven

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findings (Li et al., 2020a, 2020b, 2020c) that the generation of large amount of CO₂ and N₂ gas is conducive to the improvement of Q_{max} , D, and p_{C-J} of HEDMs. Furthermore, it was found that molecules, with high MW value and energetic rings connected via bridge bonds or with non-planer heterocyclic or cage-like backbones, are responsible for the better Q_{max} of these molecules, whereas they have only a minimal influence on D and p_{C-J} (Figure S27; Supplemental information).

In particular, the presence of gaseous H₂O in the products ranked third in determining Q_{max} ; the presence of solid C ranked second in determining D and ranked third to predict p_{C-J} , as presented in Figure 5. Pearson correlation coefficients presented in Table S4 (Supplemental information) indicate that the contribution of the presence of gaseous H₂O in the products is negative for obtaining large value of Q_{max} , and the contribution of the presence of solid C in the products has also negative effect on obtaining large values of D and p_{C-J} . These results are consistent with the recent finding (Li et al., 2020a, 2020b, 2020c) that high proportion of H₂O in the products leads to a lower Q_{max} and high content of solid carbon clusters in the detonation products, which are obtained due to the oxygen deficiency in the structure of an HEDM, leads to a drastic decrease in D and p_{C-J} of HEDMs.

Noteworthy, crystal features, such as the highest strength of intermolecular HB, the material density ρ , and the HB amount (characterized by the area of HB on the Hirshfeld surface of each individual molecule), are crucial for the determination of the detonation properties. Previous research noticed the importance of ρ parameter in the prediction of the detonation properties, whereas the other two features were often overlooked. HB amount and HB strength determine the interspecies association distribution, interaction strength, packing compactness, and energy level of the compound, and are therefore important to the energy that could be released in detonation. Both high HB amount and high HB strength of an HEDM could lead to a significant reduction in its detonation performance (Figures S23 and S24; Supplemental information), consistent with the negative Pearson correlation coefficients listed in Table S4 (Supplemental information). Based on our current study, the importance of crystal characteristics to detonation properties of HEDMs needs to be re-understood comprehensively.

Feature importance ranking in XGBoost prediction of molecular stability. Higher thermal stabilities usually result in HEDMs with lower sensitivities, which are safer to handle. T_d is an important characterization index of thermal stability of compounds at the molecular level, and a search for high-performance thermostable HEDMs, with T_d higher than that of hexanitrostilbene (HNS), i.e., $T_d > 330^{\circ}$ C, is an active research topic in the field of HEDMs (Rieckmann et al., 2001; Klapötke, 2015).

Figure 5D exhibits the description of the importance ranking of feature descriptors used for the determination of T_d . In contrast to the detonation properties, the importance percentage toward determination of T_d is rather uniform and disperse. Each of the 12 features occupies >5% of the importance percentage. These features are OB, ρ_N , the weakest/longest intramolecular bond strength/length, MW, molecular backbone, the strongest/shortest intermolecular HB strength/length, number of molecules located in each primitive cell, and symmetry group. Among them, the molecular features are more important than the crystal features.

At the molecular level, OB is important in determining T_{di} , i.e., higher OB results in lower T_{di} , which contradicts the requirement of high detonation performance (Table S4 and Figure S22; Supplemental information). Second, the weakest intramolecular bond is the trigger of the decomposition of HEDMs and plays a crucial role to determine T_{di} (Table S4 and Figure S26; supplemental information). Third, current result indicates that large MW and bridged or non-planar molecular backbone significantly improve T_{di} , in a way similar to the improvement of Q_{max} (Table S4 and Figure S27; supplemental information).

At the crystal level, HB amount and HB strength have been proved to be important in predicting T_{d} , as shown in Figure 5D and Table S4 (supplemental information). These features determine the crystal packing force, which in turn influences the activation energy of the molecule decomposition. Figures S23 and S24 (Supplemental information) exhibit that the requirement of high HB amount and high HB strength for high T_d contradicts the high detonation performance.

Feature importance ranking in XGBoost prediction of crystal stability. Crystal stability of HEDMs refers to the extent to which the crystals can sustain cohesion as solids against sublimation into separate





molecules. Herein, *LE* was employed to characterize crystal stability, which is defined as the total energy difference between the constituent ions in the free state and the crystal form. A comparable measurement of *LE* from experiment is the sublimation temperature. However, the reported data for the sublimation of HEDMs were extremely limited, because many of the HEDMs would not sublime but would melt. Therefore, we used melting point as an alternative value to compare with *LE*, validating the roughly positive correlation between *LE* and crystal stability, as shown in Figure S1 (supplemental information).

Figure 5E presents the importance ranking of feature descriptors in determining *LE*. In contrast to T_{ch} the crystal features to determine *LE* are more important than the molecular features, which is consistent with the ranking from Pearson correlation coefficients listed in Table S4 (Supplemental information). Among them, HB=relevant features are the most important to determine *LE*. The in-crystal mixing with hydrogen-rich molecules, HB amount, and HB strength together contribute 56% of the feature importance percentage. Having a higher HB amount and higher HB strength is advantageous to improve *LE*, enabling corresponding HEDMs to achieve higher thermal stability. However, they contradict with the requirement of high detonation performance (Figures S23 and S24; supplemental information).

Third ranked feature is the in-crystal mixing with of energetic molecules, which takes 15% of the importance percentage. The importance of this feature to determine *LE* confirms the rationality of co-crystallization strategy in the promotion of thermostability of HEDMs.

From the perspective of molecular level features, MW and molecular backbone are important in determining *LE*. HEDMs composed of bridged molecules with high MW are very likely to show higher *LE*. For example, the compounds such as 3,5-dinitro-*N*,*N'*-bis(2,4,6-trinitrophenyl)pyridine-2,6-diamine, 5,5'ethane-1,2-diylbis(1H-tetrazole), and 3,3'-(1,4-phenylenediethene-2,1-diyl)bis-(2,4,6-trinitroaniline)-*N*,*N*dimethylformamide solvate, with their energetic rings connected with NH/NH₂/CH/CH₂ bridge bonds, all have relatively high *LE*. 3,5-Dinitro-*N*,*N'*-bis(2,4,6-trinitro-phenyl)pyridine-2,6-diamine (MW = 621.35), constituted by three energetic rings and two "-NH-" bridges, has a high *LE* = 51.01 kcal·mol⁻¹ that is 2.4 times higher than that of TNT (single energetic ring, MW = 227.20). Similarly, the compounds with non-planar heterocyclic or cage-like backbones, such as HMX (MW = 296.2) and CL-20 (MW = 438.2), have high *LE* values that are 1.8 and 1.4 times larger than that of TNT.

Guidelines for balancing performance and stability

From feature importance ranking and data statistics, herein, the features were classified into the two distinctive types: (1) contradictory features and (2) non-contradictory features, to balance the detonation performance and stability of HEDMs. Optimal ranges of all found critical features of HEDMs for balancing detonation performance and stability are presented in Table 2.

In our opinion, the OB, HB amount, and HB strength are the main parameters that lead to the performance-stability contradiction of HEDMs (Figures S22-S24; supplemental information). OB = 0% ranks first among all other features in providing the best p_{C-J} and D values, whereas it also ranks first in reducing T_d . Considering the detonation properties ($p_{C-J} = 22.35$ GPa and D = 7.15 km·s⁻¹) and detonation temperature (T_d = 225°C) of TNT, as a reference, the optimal range of OB that balances detonation and stability is in the range of -60% < OB < 0%. HB amount seems to be the most significant feature that causes detonation performance-crystal stability contradiction. Abundant HB is the most important requirement of high LE; however, high amount of HBs is accompanied with a high proportion of H_2O in the detonation products, thereby decreasing Q_{max}. Figure S23 (supplemental information) illustrates that there is no intersection of HB amount to simultaneously satisfy high detonation performance and high crystal stability. However, if application of the designed HEDM mostly demands high p_{C-J} and D, regardless of Q_{max} , the optimal range of HB amount can be >90 Å². In case that a high T_d of the designed HEDM is the main objective, whereas high crystal stability is less important, the optimal range for such HEDMs could be further extended to be HB amount >30 Å². High HB strength leads to a reduced total energy of the system, thereby decreasing Q_{max} of HEDMs. However, high HB strength is important for HEDMs to reach high LE and high T_d . To balance detonation performance and crystal stability, the recommended range of the strength of the strongest HB is in the range of 2.5 < HB σ < 5.0 kcal·mol⁻¹. However, HB strength has a limited relevance to p_{C-J} and D. If application of the designed HEDM mostly demands high D and p_{C-J} , regardless of Q_{max} , the optimal range of HB strength is recommended to be HB amount >2.5 kcal⋅mol⁻¹.

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Table 2. Optimal ranges of critical features of HEDMs for balancing deconation performance and stability							
Features	Optimal ranges						
Oxygen balance (OB)	-60 < OB < 0%						
HB strength σ	HB σ > 2.5 kcal mol ⁻¹						
	$2.5 < { m HB}~\sigma < 5.0~{ m kcal}~{ m mol}^{-1}$ (regardless Q_{max})						
HB amount	Ø						
	>90 Ų (regardless Q _{max})						
	>30 $Å^2$ (regardless Q_{max} and LE)						
Material density (ρ)	$\rho > 1.73 \text{ g cm}^{-3}$						
Weakest intramolecular strength (σ)	σ > 70.0 kcal mol ⁻¹						
Molecular weight	>250 Da						
Molecular backbone	Bridged backbones						
	Non-planar backbones of heterocycles or cages						

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Ovugan balanca (OB)	-60 < OB < 0%							

In this work, it was found that ρ and the weakest intramolecular bonds are non-contradictory features in balancing detonation performance and crystal stability. Although a high ρ is always a pursuit for achieving high detonation performance of HEDMs, it has little relevance to T_d or LE (Figure S25; supplemental information). Considering the detonation performance of TNT as a reference, the recommended range is $\rho > 1$ 1.73 g·cm⁻³. Strong intramolecular bonds and high MW are important for HEDMs to improve both molecular stability and crystal stability. Theoretically, stronger bond decreases the energy level of energetic molecules, leading to a small energy difference between the reactants and the products, and thereby reduction in the detonation performance of HEDMs. Yet, feature importance analysis shows that the strength of intra-molecular bonds does not significantly influence detonation properties. Therefore, strengthening the intramolecular bonds can be a potential way to balance the detonation and stability of HEDMs, and the recommended range is $\sigma > 70.0$ kcal mol⁻¹ (Figure S26; supplemental information).

Very importantly, it was found that the design of molecules with high MW, bridged backbones, or nonplanar heterocyclic or cage-like backbones could lead to simultaneous improvement in the detonation performance and the stability of HEDMs. Furthermore, co-crystallization is an effective strategy for improving the thermal stability of HEDMs.

DISCUSSION

In this study, ML methodology was employed to better understand intricate causality of the detonation performance-stability contradiction, and to facilitate more efficient rational design of advanced HEDMs, by providing data-driven recommendations of critical parameters. More specifically, quantum mechanics method was used to calculate 21,648 physicochemical parameters, detonation properties, and stability properties of 153 reported HEDMs, which were then used as the input for training of five ML models, i.e., XGBoost, AdaBoost, RF, MLP, and KRR. Stratified sampling was employed to classify training set and test set by a ratio of 4:1, and grid search and cross-validation loop were conducted for more than 12,500 times in total to optimize the hyper-parameters in predicting D, p_{C-J} , Q_{max} , T_d , and LE of the HEDMs. By evaluating the scoring metrics, the distribution of prediction residuals, and the deviation from experimental data, XGBoost model was proved to exhibit the best performance in predictions of all five properties of HEDMs.

Furthermore, feature importance analysis was carried out by two methods, i.e., the gain-type algorithm in XGBoost regression and the magnitude of Pearson correlation coefficients. The contradictory features and non-contradictory features in balancing detonation performance and stability of HEDMs were subsequently screened out. The optimal range of key features, which facilitated the optimal balance between the two contradictory factors, was identified to be (1) -60 < OB < 0%, (2) HB strength >2.5 kcal·mol⁻¹, (3) $\rho > 1.73 \text{ g} \cdot \text{cm}^{-3}$, (4) the weakest intramolecular strength >70.0 kcal·mol⁻¹, (5) and MW > 250 Da. Design of molecules with large MW, bridged backbones, and non-planar backbones of heterocycles or cages, are generally favorable in improving both detonation performance and stability of HEDMs.





Limitations of the study

There is a linearity problem between residual data and target data in the prediction of decomposition temperature T_d . We tried several methods to fix this problem, for example, adjusting model parameters, using standardized fingerprints, and using Box-Cox transformation for target data. However, all these attempts failed. We later tried to artificially modify the trained models according to the fitted linear relation between the predicted data and the target data of the training set. Although the linearity problem in XGBoost, Ada-Boost, and RF models was finally fixed, artificial fixing of the trained model may confuse the readers and cause misleading. We finally decided to respect the truth and use the originally trained model, instead of the artificially fixed ones.

As we have discussed in the section molecular stability characterized by decomposition temperature, the T_d dataset was searched from massive literature. The quality of the T_d dataset is the fundamental reason that various models cannot learn T_d , leading to the linearity problem and the low scoring metrics in predicting T_d . The current study indicates that a unified standard for thermal analysis of HEDMs is strongly needed, and this will help experimenters generate more transferable and more reliable T_d values. Then, scientists will have more reliable values to evaluate the stability of various HEDMs. Also, ML on the stability of HEDMs is expected to have much-improved performance.

Resource availability

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Materials availability

This study did not generate new unique reagents.

Data and code availability

The source data that support the findings of this study and the used codes are available from the corresponding authors upon reasonable request.

METHODS

All methods can be found in the accompanying transparent methods supplemental file.

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Supplemental information

Applying machine learning to balance performance and stability of high

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Supplementary Information

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Transparent methods

All the 21648 physicochemical parameters, detonation performance parameters and stability properties of 153 HEDMs were calculated directly on a crystal level based on the recently developed supercomputing density functional theory (DFT) software, namely, High Accuracy atomistic Simulation package for Energetic Materials (HASEM)(Zhang et al., 2016), which is adapted to modern supercomputers on the basis of the J parallel Adaptive Structured Mesh applications INfrastructure (JASMIN)(Mo et al., 2010).

The training and evaluation of XGBoost model were performed using the XGBoost package, and those of AdaBoost, RF, MLP, and KRR were performed using the scikit-learn package. Stratified sampling was employed to classify training set and test set by a ratio of 4:1. Grid search and cross-validation loop were conducted to optimize the hyperparameters in predicting detonation velocity D, detonation pressure p_{C-J} , heat of explosion Q_{max} , decomposition temperature T_d and lattice energy *LE* of the HEDMs. By evaluating the soring metrics, the distribution of prediction residuals and the deviation from experimental data, the best performing model was selected for feature importance analysis. Table S3. Collected experimental data of detonation performance (heat of explosion Q_{max} , in kcal/kg, detonation velocity *D*, in km/s, and detonation pressure p_{C-J} , in GPa), molecule stability (decomposition temperature T_d , in °C), and crystal stability (melting temperature, in °C) of the 153 HEDMs studied in this work. Solid scatters • are for the densely pressed samples with $\rho \ge 95\% \rho_{max}$, and open circles \circ are for those compounds with $\rho < 95\% \rho_{max}$, wherein ρ_{max} is the maximum theoretical density as determined by X-ray crystallography. The value in the bracket of the T_d column is the heating rate, in °C per minute, and the thermal analysis method (if it is recorded in the original experiment) is also presented. (Related to Figure 4)

	CSD No CAS No		Deton	Detonation performance			oility	Crystal stability	
	CSD NO.	CAS NO.	Q_{max}	D	рс-ј	T_d	method	Melting temperature	
1	SEDTUQ	145250-81-3				230.85(Crawford et al., 2007)	DSC	238(decomp)(Cai et al., 2004)	
2	NOETNA02	19836-28-3	1248(•)(M eyer et al., 2007)	8.85(●)(Ts yshevsky et al., 2017)	35.5(●)(D ong et al., 1989)	177.4(Liu et al., 2016)	DSC	93.5(Liu et al., 2016)	
3	TATNBZ	3058-38-6	935(•)(Aks t, 1989)	7.76(●)(Ke shavarz, 2008)	26.8(●)(Wang et al., 2006)	366.4(Nair et al., 2007)	DSC	365(Atkins et al., 1986)	
4	NTROMA01	75-52-5	1152(●)(Ke shavarz, 2012)	6.35(°)(Me yer et al., 2007)		390(Taylor et al., 2002)		-28.6(Bagryanskaya et al., 1983)	
5	SEDTUQ09	145250-81-3	978(●)(Me yer et al., 2007)	8.34(●)(Be mm et al., 1998)	34.0(●)(B emm and Östmark, 1998)				

6	SEDTUQ06	145250-81-3						
7	NXENAM01	4185-47-1	1304(●)(Ke shavarz, 2005)	8.00(•)(Rot hstein et al., 1979)	31.0(●)(Wang et al., 2006)	189.6(10)(Zhang et al., 2018)	DSC	51.32(10)(Zhang et al., 2018)
8	NOEURA	918-99-0	1465(•)(M eyer et al., 2007)	9.00(•)(Rot hstein and Petersen, 1979)				185(Kwasny et al., 1980)
9	NABMUY01	28464-24-6		8.10(●)(Ts yshevsky et al., 2017)				
10	PERYTN12	78-11-5	1504(●)(D ong and Zhou, 1989)	8.60(●)(Do ng and Zhou, 1989)	35.0(●)(K amlet et al., 1968)	208(Lee et al., 2002)	DSC	142.2(Lange et al., 2009)
11	ZZZQSC02	606-20-2	795(0)(Kes havarz, 2012)			285(Lewis et al., 1996)		66(Bachman et al., 1958)
12	TNOXYL	632-92-8	844(0)(Kes havarz, 2005)	6.70(•)(Wa ng et al., 2006)	21.2(●)(Wang et al., 2006)	209(Guo et al., 2006)	DSC	182(Meyer et al., 2016)
13	DNNAPH	605-71-0	724(0)(Kes havarz, 2012)	5.52(•)(Wa ng et al., 2006)				217(Trotter, 1960)

14	GEMZAZ	55510-04-8	717(○)(Me yer et al., 2007)	7.58(°)(Do ng and Zhou, 1989)	30.1(●)(Wang et al., 2006)	215(Khire et al., 2005)	DTA	249(decomp)(Boileau et al., 1985)
15	HNIABZ20	19159-68-3	1420(●)(He adqurters, 1984)	7.31(°)(Ke shavarz, 2008)		348.1(10)(Zhang et al., 2013)	DSC	215(Leemann et al., 1908)
16	PUTCEM	25243-36-1	980(○)(Me yer et al., 2007)	7.25(●)(Ke shavarz, 2008)		394.0(5)(Altmann et al., 1998)		378(Meyer et al., 2016)
17	NTRGUA03	556-88-7	653(●)(Me yer et al., 2007)	7.98(°)(Ke shavarz et al., 2005)	24.5(●)(H obbs et al., 1993)	230(Antonangeli et al., 2010)		232(decomp)(Davis et al., 1925)
18	DNEDAM	505-71-5	1023(●)(M eyer et al., 2007)	8.23(●)(Rot hstein and Petersen, 1979)	27.3(°)(G ill et al., 2006)	180.3(Hussein et al., 2018)	DSC	178(Hall et al., 1951)
19	CORYIR	55-63-0	1485(●)(M eyer et al., 2007)	7.59(0)(Me yer et al., 2007)	25.3(°)(H obbs and Baer, 1993)	50(Kim et al., 2018)		14(Altenburg et al., 2009)
20	CIWMEA10	97645-24-4	1516(●)(Ke shavarz, 2012)			226(Sikder et al., 2004)	DSC	100(Singh et al., 2005)

21	QOYJOD	932-64-9	722(●)(Vol k et al., 1997)	7.86(●)(Me yer et al., 2007)	31.5(0)(A kst, 1989)	279(Wu et al., 2015)	DSC	270(Schmidt et al., 1965)
22	WEKGUP	25242-76-6	1271(●)(M eyer et al., 2007)	7.77(°)(Me yer et al., 2007)		170.0(6)(Licht et al., 1988)	DTA	
23	DNITBZ02	100-25-4		6.50(•)(Wa ng et al., 2006)				174(Boyer et al., 1959)
24	DNBENZ11	99-65-0		6.38(•)(Wa ng et al., 2006)		216.8(Wang et al., 2014)	DSC	90.3(McNeil et al., 2013)
25	ZZZGVU02	121-14-2	763(0)(Kes havarz, 2012)			280(Colonna et al., 2010)		70(Bachman and Vogt, 1958)
26	TNITAN	3698-54-2	1023(0)(M eyer et al., 2007)			216(decomp)(Dob ratz et al., 1985)		
27	CTMTNA03	121-82-4	1340(•)(A kst, 1989)	8.75(●)(Do ng and Zhou, 1989)	34.7(●)(P olitzer et al., 2011)			
28	CTMTNA04	121-82-4				235(10)(Jiao et al., 2014)	DSC	206(10)(Jiao et al., 2014)

29	OCHTET	2691-41-0						
30	OCHTET01	2691-41-0	1321(●)(D ong and Zhou, 1989)	9.01(●)(Pol itzer and Murray, 2011)	37.3(●)(Wang et al., 2006)			
31	OCHTET03	2691-41-0				280.3(Gao et al., 2014)	DSC	279(Gao et al., 2014)
32	PUBMUU01	135285-90-4						
33	PUBMUU07	135285-90-4				227.6(Gao et al., 2014)	DSC	252(decomp)(Gore et al., 2007)
34	PUBMUU12	135285-90-4	1454(●)(M eyer et al., 2007)	9.38(●)(Pol itzer and Murray, 2011)	44.1(●)(K eshavarz, 2008)			
35	TNBENZ12	99-35-4	947(0)(Kes havarz, 2005)	7.30(●)(Me yer et al., 2007)	21.9(●)(K amlet and Dickinson , 1968)	305.1(Zeman, 1980)	DTA	106(Kofler et al., 1948)
36	ZZZMUC08	118-96-7	1290(•)(He adqurters, 1984)	6.93(●)(Ke shavarz, 2008)	22.5(●)(K amlet and Dickinson , 1968)	225(10)(Hong et al., 2015)	DSC	80.8(Šarlauskas, 2010)

37	TNIOAN	489-98-5	858(0)(Kes havarz, 2007)	7.30(●)(Me yer et al., 2007)	24.7(●)(Wang et al., 2006)	324.38(20)(Zema n, 1993)	DSC	188(Spencer et al., 1946)
38	QAGBAB	96-91-3	639(0)(Kes havarz, 2007)			217(5)(Wurzenbe rger et al., 2020)	DTA	169.9(Meyer et al., 2016)
39	PICRAC12	88-89-1	1032(0)(Ri ce et al., 2002)	7.57(•)(Wa ng et al., 2006; Keshavarz, 2008)	27.7(•)(Wang et al., 2006)	274(10)(Hong et al., 2015)	DSC	122(Srinivasan et al., 2006)
40	SAWBUN	129-66-835860-50-5	947(0)(Kes havarz, 2005)			231(5)(Zeman, 2003)	DTA	228.7(decomp)(Fonger et al., 2014)
41	DATNBZ	1630-08-6	980(●)(Ric e and Hare, 2002)	7.52(●)(Pol itzer and Murray, 2011)	25.9(●)(K amlet and Dickinson , 1968)	358.96(20)(Zema n, 1993)	DSC	288(Siele et al., 1962)
42	WEKGOJ	78013-51-1	1056(○)(Ke shavarz, 2007)	7.47(°)(Me yer et al., 2007)		300(Licht and Ritter, 1988)	DTA	162(Licht and Ritter, 1988)
43	GETFIU	4682-03-5		6.60(°)(Me yer et al., 2007)		157(5)(Fischer et al., 2016)	DSC	

44	TNPHNT	4732-14-3	840(0)(Kes havarz, 2008)	6.50(●)(Me yer et al., 2007)				151(Leonard et al., 1956)
45	MTNANL01	479-45-8	1450(●)(He adqurters, 1984)	7.57(●)(Me yer et al., 2007)	26.3(●)(K amlet and Dickinson , 1968)	170(Lee et al., 1986)	DSC	131.5(Kim et al., 2018)
46	HNIDPA	131-73-7	974(0)(Kes havarz, 2005)	7.20(°)(Me yer et al., 2007)	28.8(°)(Wang et al., 2006)	275(10)(Huang et al., 2011)	DSC	254(Huang et al., 2011)
47	GIMBOT	20062-22-0	1360(●)(He adqurters, 1984)	7.06(●)(Pol itzer and Murray, 2011)	26.2(●)(H eadqurters , 1984)	330(2.5)(Rieckma nn et al., 2001)	DSC	318(Klapötke et al., 2016)
48	BAKLII	56140-58-0				275(Zhang et al., 2010)	DSC	270(Blanksma, 1908)
49	DACYEL	97217-74-8						240(Chaykovsky et al., 1990)
50	AFEPUX	134282-42-1				232.0(5)(Klapötk e et al., 2016)	DSC	
51	TIBMUM	39771-28-3				321.6(10)(Li et al., 2003)	DSC	
52	IKIMIY	436848-40-7				160.0(Averkiev et al., 2002)		

53	TIBMIA	132683-64-8	 7.9(●)(Du et al., 2013)	28.1(●)(D u et al., 2013)	350.7(10)(He et al., 2013)	DSC	
54	YEKQAG	194486-77-6	 7.99(●)(ZH AO et al., 2013)	29.6(●)(Z HAO and LIU, 2013)	345.3(5)(Wang et al., 2014)	DSC	
55	CIWMAW	52173-59-8	 		302(Huang et al., 2019)	DSC	300(decomp)(Guillou et al., 2009)
56	KUBVAH	1246853-06-4	 				211(Zaitsev et al., 2009)
57	MOCJUK01	4433-16-3	 		286(Yan et al., 2019)	DSC	242.0(Roháč et al., 2008)
58	HIQBIV	131394-27-9	 		365.0(5)(Kumar et al., 2018)	DSC	305.0(Kumar et al., 2018)
59	PITGAD	2411964-98-0	 		314.0(5)(Domase vitch et al., 2019)	DTA	306.0(Domasevitch et al., 2019)
60	DORYOA	1573131-04-0	 		284(Li et al., 2014)	DSC	250(Li et al., 2014)
61	PITGEH	175788-77-9	 		298.0(5)(Domase vitch et al., 2019)	DTA	292.0(Domasevitch et al., 2019)
62	HIQBOB	1006545-77-2	 		205.5(5)(Kumar et al., 2018)	DSC	
63	SEFVIL	2215034-55-0	 		253.2(5)(Tang et al., 2017)	DSC	209.0(Tang et al., 2017)

64	BADRAC	1605347-16-7	 	 		241.0(Yin et al., 2015)
65	WACGOW	32255-27-9	 7.29(●)(Tür ker, 2012)	 		231.0(Terrier et al., 1990)
66	GATFEP	2072820-21-2	 	 310.0(5)(Fischer et al., 2016)	DSC	
67	GATFUF	2072820-20-1	 	 205.0(5)(Fischer et al., 2016)	DSC	
68	KIQYUH	NA	 	 319.0(5)(Bölter et al., 2018)	DSC	156.0(Bölter et al., 2018)
69	KIQNUW	NA	 	 330.0(5)(Bölter et al., 2018)	DSC	191.0(Bölter et al., 2018)
70	YAHKID	5180-53-0	 	 332.6(Huang et al., 2011)	DSC	220.0(Huang et al., 2011)
71	JOTNOX	1644578-17-5	 	 249.9(5)(Yin et al., 2014)	DSC	203.6(Yin et al., 2014)
72	ONAVEF01	26670-16-6	 	 266.0(5)(Yang et al., 2016)	DSC	250.0(Yang et al., 2016)
73	MUKREQ	1198599-36-8	 	 223.5(10)(Zeng et al., 2009)	DSC	
74	LUFXUH	1819967-31-1	 	 405.0(10)(Liu et al., 2015)	DSC	
75	IBOPEW	33491-88-2	 7.33(●)(Ke shavarz, 2007)	 362.0(decomp)(Z eman et al., 2010)		362.0(decomp)(Zeman et al., 2010)

76	ZUQWIT	133502-79-1	 	 299.0(5)(Wei et al., 2015)	DSC	
77	OSEWEQ	38082-89-2	 	 360.0(5)(Klapötk e et al., 2016)	DSC	360(Fried, 1998)
78	OTIBAW	55148-03-3	 	 369.5(10)(Zhang et al., 2017)	DSC	
79	LEGYII	2134229-83-5	 	 261.2(5)(Yin et al., 2017)	DSC	
80	GEYRAG	293324-58-0	 	 307.0(5)(Tang et al., 2018)	DSC	304.0(Tang et al., 2018)
81	GEYQUZ	NA	 	 280.0(5)(Tang et al., 2018)	DSC	278.0(Tang et al., 2018)
82	LEGYAA	2134229-85-7	 	 307.2(5)(Yin et al., 2017)	DSC	
83	GEYREK	NA	 	 328.0(5)(Tang et al., 2018)	DSC	325.0(Tang et al., 2018)
84	KUBVEL	NA	 	 351.0(5)(Li et al., 2019)	DSC	
85	KUBVOV	NA	 	 261.9(5)(Li et al., 2019)	DSC	
86	HEVRUV	517-25-9	 	 128(Saraf et al., 2003)	DSC	15.4(Goebel et al., 2006)
87	AWAKIT	14435-92-8	 	 400(Li et al., 2015)		

88	AZCYHO	24824-15-5	 	 			
89	BIZKOM01	1564257-34-6	 	 124(Kettner et al., 2014)	DSC		
90	CAZCEN	125363-08-8	 	 			
91	CIHQIT	155438-10-1				56(Qu et al., 2018)	
92	CUGDIR	99393-63-2	 	 200(Zhang et al., 2002)	DSC	>200(Wikipedia, 2006)	
93	DIXDET	268748-97-6	 	 			
94	DIXFEV	137538-62-6	 	 			
95	EJEGIJ	155438-13-4	 	 300(Sinditskii et al., 2016)			
96	EJEGOP	260963-78-8	 	 			
97	EJEGUV	155438-14-5	 	 		70(Sheremetev et al., 1998)	
98	EJEHAC	612518-65-7	 	 		147(Averkiev et al., 2003)	
99	FEPVON	1415050-06-4	 	 176(Chavez et al., 2012)	DSC	124(Chavez et al., 2012)	
100	FORMOQ	1638095-71-2	 	 140(Fischer et al., 2014)	DSC		
101	GEPRAU	210626-81-6	 	 			

102	LITSIQ	292856-78-1						
103	NIYDUU	206446-59-5				149.9(10)(Liu et al., 2015)	DSC	97.4(Liu et al., 2015)
104	OXAYES	162111-36-6				212(Veauthier et al., 2010)	DSC	127(Veauthier et al., 2010)
105	QQQBRD02	918-37-6	689(●)(Me yer et al., 2007)	7.58(●)(Pe pekin et al., 2011)	23.6(●)(P epekin et al., 2011)	136.1(Huang et al., 2015)	DSC	150(Wikipedia, 2006)
106	RABSUE	157628-84-7				220(decomp)(Ma khova et al., 2003)		220(decomp)(Makhov a et al., 2003)
107	RABTAL	155438-27-0						
108	RAVSOW	33406-97-2						
109	REQYIW	174092-36-5						235(Sheremetev et al., 1996)
110	SEJHEU	162111-38-8				232.23(Li et al., 2009)	DSC	230(Li et al., 2009)
111	TIBKAQ	155438-28-1						
112	TIBKEU	178043-06-6						
113	TIZMAQ	152845-81-3				190(Sinditskii et al., 2016)		63(Sheremetev et al., 1998)
114	UBAWUR	371227-83-7				148(Leonard et al., 2011)	DSC	99(Leonard et al., 2011)

115	UHAMAR	152845-82-4						112(Sheremetev et al., 1998)	
116	UHOYIB	155256-96-5						103(Sheremetev et al., 2015)	
117	ZULDOZ	17557-81-2						40(Ulpiani, 1912)	
118	HNOBEN	15834-75-0	1650(●)(Ri ce and Hare, 2002)	9.30(●)(Ke shavarz, 2008)	42.1(●)(D ong and Zhou, 1989)	261.9(Zeman, 1980)	DTA	240(Nielsen et al., 1979)	
119	FEYMEC	29306-57-8						131(Manelis et al., 2006)	
120	BZOFOX	3470-17-5	1410(●)(D ong and Zhou, 1989)	8.26(•)(Ke shavarz, 2008)	35.1(0)(A kst, 1989)	289(10)(Yang et al., 2012)	DSC	193(Ohta et al., 1963)	
121	AFUGEP	782438-60-2		8.68(•)(Tia n et al., 2011)	36.1(●)(T ian et al., 2011)	186.0(10)(Zhang et al., 2014)	DSC	82.6(Zhang et al., 2014)	
122	XERPAM	371951-09-6	1383.6(•)(Zhou et al., 2011)	8.93(●)(Zh ou et al., 2011)		272.0(5)(LI et al., 2016)	DSC	109.0(LI et al., 2016)	
123	BADNAY01	1809272-88-5				138.0(Terrier et al., 1990)			

124	SEFVOR	2195346-95-1	 	 233.1(5)(Tang et al., 2017)	DSC	205.5(Tang et al., 2017)
125	PUBMII01	189192-28-7	 	 > 195(decomp)(Me yer et al., 2016)		> 195(decomp)(Meyer et al., 2016)
126	DEDBUJ	98686-54-5	 	 		
127	HIQBER	152678-74-5	 	 243.0(5)(Kumar et al., 2018)	DSC	209.0(Kumar et al., 2018)
128	VETWAS	131394-26-8	 	 290.0(5)(Liu et al., 2015)	DSC	
129	DAZDUF	134293-22-4	 	 214.0(5)(Fischer et al., 2012)	DSC	
130	FIHPIY	2243211-28-9	 	 228.0(5)(Tang et al., 2018)	DSC	
131	KUBVIP	NA	 	 340.8(5)(Li et al., 2019)	DSC	
132	FOXHIM	131846-99-6	 	 329(5)(Zhang et al., 2019)	DSC	
133	OYAVIV	2095393-79-4	 	 335.0(5)(Klapötk e and Witkowski, 2016)	DSC	
134	ZASWEX	2387677-24-7	 	 		
135	ZASWAT	2387677-23-6	 	 		

136	CUJFAQ	1801269-93-1	 	 302.0(5)(Klapötk e and Witkowski, 2016)	DSC	
137	GEYQOT	NA	 	 261.0(5)(Tang et al., 2018)	DSC	233.0(Tang et al., 2018)
138	MUKRAM	1198599-46-0	 	 298.3(10)(Zeng et al., 2009)	DSC	
139	FOYSUJ	NA	 	 197.9(Wu et al., 2015)	DSC	156.6(Wu et al., 2015)
140	CUDQUP	29754-26-5	 	 260(10)(Hong et al., 2015)	DSC	67(10)(Hong et al., 2015)
141	GEXMON	1418127-35-1	 	 		171.3(10)(Zhang et al., 2013)
142	GEXMIH	1418127-36-2	 	 		205.8(10)(Zhang et al., 2013)
143	GEXMAZ	1418127-37-3	 	 		132.6(10)(Zhang et al., 2013)
144	GEXMED	1418127-38-4	 	 		189.0(10)(Zhang et al., 2013)
145	ZEVNUL	NA	 	 		164.5(10)(Zhang et al., 2013)
146	PEHSUS	2309306-47-4	 	 235(10)(Yang et al., 2012)	DSC	220(Yang et al., 2012)
147	TOZMUS	NA	 	 240(10)(Hong et al., 2015)	DSC	62(10)(Hong et al., 2015)

149		1583315-32-5		207(10)(Bolton et	DSC	136(10)(Bolton and
140	IZUZUZ	1365515-52-5	 	 al., 2011)	DSC	Matzger, 2011)
140		2297677 27 0		216.8(10)(Wang	DSC	136.7(10)(Wang et al.,
		2587077-27-0	 	 et al., 2014)	DSC	2014)
150	QISTAN01	250165-39-0	 	 		
1.7.1	COWIII	NA		220(10)(Yang et	DSC	91(10)(Yang et al.,
151	GOWHIL		 	 al., 2014)	DSC	2014)
150	ZEDIOU	1669570 22 8		243.5(10)(Gao et	DSC	
132	ZEBJUH	1008370-32-8	 	 al., 2014)	DSC	-
152		2242606 54 8		315.1(5)(Tang et	DSC	
155	FINPEU	2243090-34-8	 	 al., 2018)	DSC	

Label	Feature	Importance to Q _{max}	Feature	Importance to D	Feature	Importance to p _{C-J}	Feature	Importance to T _d	Feature	Importance to LE
1	Product gaseous CO ₂	0.610	Product solid C	-0.813	Product solid C	-0.820	Oxygen balance	-0.430	Incrystal mix with hydrogen- rich molecules	0.698
2	HB strength	-0.597	Oxygen balance	0.806	Oxygen balance	0.803	HB amount	0.390	HB strength	0.603
3	Functional group - NH ₂	-0.472	Material density	0.748	Material density	0.794	Weakest bond strength	0.378	HB amount	0.564
4	Product gaseous H ₂ O	-0.378	Product gaseous CO ₂	0.691	Product gaseous CO ₂	0.700	HB length	0.287	Incrystal mix with energetic molecules	0.536
5	Product gaseous O ₂	-0.367	Product gaseous N ₂	0.544	Product gaseous N ₂	0.549	Molecular weight	0.227	HB length	0.308
6	HB amount	-0.324	Crystal packing coefficient	0.362	Crystal packing coefficient	0.407	Number of molecules in a	-0.219	Material density	-0.288

Table S4. Feature importance ranking by the magnitude of Pearson correlation coefficients. (Related to Figure 5)

							primitive cell			
7	Crystal packing type	0.307	Nitrogen density	0.290	Nitrogen density	0.301	Material density	-0.217	Molecular weight	0.274
8	Product gaseous NH ₃	-0.300	Product gaseous NH3	-0.281	HB amount	-0.265	Crystal packing type	-0.194	Oxygen balance	-0.272
9	HB length	-0.267	HB amount	-0.260	Functional group -NO ₂	0.260	Functional group -NH ₂	0.191	Weakest bond strength	0.245
10	Molecular weight	0.251	Incrystal mix with energetic molecules	-0.259	Incrystal mix with energetic molecules	-0.254	HB strength	0.190	Weakest bond type	-0.198
11	Oxygen balance	0.201	HB strength	-0.243	Product gaseous NH3	-0.254	Weakest bond length	0.189	Molecular backbone	0.183
12	Product gaseous N ₂	0.193	Functional group - NO ₂	0.238	HB strength	-0.226	Functional group -N ₃	0.185	Functional group -NH ₂	0.148



Figure S1. XGBoost prediction residuals for (A) Q_{max} , (B) D, (C) p_{C-J} , (D) T_d , and (E) LE. (F) Roughly positive correlation of melting temperature to LE. (Related to Table 1 and Figure 4)



Figure S2. Prediction of heat of explosion with AdaBoost model. (Related to Table 1)



Figure S3. Prediction of heat of explosion with RF model. (Related to Table 1)



Figure S4. Prediction of heat of explosion with MLP model. (Related to Table 1)



Figure S5. Prediction of heat of explosion with KRR model. (Related to Table 1)



Figure S6. Prediction of detonation velocity with AdaBoost model. (Related to Table 1)



Figure S7. Prediction of detonation velocity with RF model. (Related to Table 1)



Figure S8. Prediction of detonation velocity with MLP model. (Related to Table 1)



Figure S9. Prediction of detonation velocity with KRR model. (Related to Table 1)



Figure S10. Prediction of detonation pressure with AdaBoost model. (Related to Table 1)



Figure S11. Prediction of detonation pressure with RF model. (Related to Table 1)



Figure S12. Prediction of detonation pressure with MLP model. (Related to Table 1)



Figure S13. Prediction of detonation pressure with KRR model. (Related to Table 1)



Figure S14. Prediction of decomposition temperature with AdaBoost model. (Related to Table 1)



Figure S15. Prediction of decomposition temperature with RF model. (Related to Table 1)



Figure S16. Prediction of decomposition temperature with MLP model. (Related to Table 1)



Figure S17. Prediction of decomposition temperature with KRR model. (Related to Table 1)



Figure S18. Prediction of lattice energy with AdaBoost model. (Related to Table 1)



Figure S19. Prediction of lattice energy with RF model. (Related to Table 1)



Figure S20. Prediction of lattice energy with MLP model. (Related to Table 1)



Figure S21. Prediction of lattice energy with KRR model. (Related to Table 1)



Figure S22. Optimal range of oxygen balance in balancing detonation performance and stability of HEMDs. (Related to Table 2)



Figure S23. Optimal range of HB amount in balancing detonation performance and stability of HEMDs. (Related to Table 2)



Figure S24. Optimal range of HB strength in balancing detonation performance and stability of HEMDs. (Related to Table 2)



Figure S25. Optimal range of material density in balancing detonation performance and stability of HEMDs. (Related to Table 2)



Figure S26. Optimal range of strength of the weakest intramolecular bond in balancing detonation performance and stability of HEMDs. (Related to Table 2)



Figure S27. Optimal range of molecular weight in balancing detonation performance and stability of HEMDs. (Related to Table 2)

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