Properties of liquid nitrogen and gaseous helium at pressures within 300 GPa

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In this work density, pressure, temperature and electric conductivity of shock-compressed liquid nitrogen were measured by means of plane-wave and hemispheric shock wave generators. During the experiments record parameters were achieved – density of shock-compressed liquid nitrogen ≈ 3.25 g/cm³ and its temperature ≈ 56000 K at pressure ≈ 265 GPa.

Density $\rho \approx 0.8 \text{ g/cm}^3$ and temperature $T \approx 50000 \text{ K}$ at pressure $P \approx 100 \text{ GPa}$ on Hugoniot of gaseous helium having initial density equal to its liquid state density ($\rho_0 \approx 0.124 \text{ g/cm}^3$) were measured. In the second shock wave density of pressed helium $\approx 5 \text{ g/cm}^3$ at pressure $\approx 325 \text{ GPa}$ was measured.

A comparative study of achieved data with well-known experimental and theoretical results was carried out.