

***IS* HIGHER DETONATION VELOCITY *NEEDED* FOR SHAPED-CHARGES ?**

**M. Mayseless ¹, E. Hirsch ², W.B. Harvey ³,
J.E. Backofen ⁴**

¹ Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Israel

² 6 Tachkemony St., Netanya, Israel

³ Baker Hughes Inc., Ballistics Department, USA.

⁴ BRIGS Co., USA.

אוניברסיטת בן-גוריון בנגב
Ben-Gurion University of the Negev



Dedicated to:

Prof. Dr. Manfred Held

who asked many questions and had a direct interest in this topic since at least the late-1970s.

Also presented to honor others who also worked with us since those times on modeling, experiments and applications:

- **Mr. Don Butz**
- **Dr. Bob Eichelberger**
- **Mr. Don Kennedy**
- **Dr. Bob Sedgwick**
- **Dr. Lou Zernow**

Approach

“*Partial Differential*“ look into a multi-parameter, multi-process explosive application ... :

- Effects of explosive performance are envisioned and modeled consistently,
- **Two** different modeling methods were validated and extrapolated:
 - **SCAN** analytical model code
 - Baker Hughes 2-D 2nd Order Eulerian Grid Code

Earlier work using BRIGS is not presented in the paper or presentation.

Detonation Velocity -- **Key** Characteristic of Explosive **Mass & Energy Densities**

For an individual energetic material $D = A + B \rho_0$ describes performance versus pressed or cast density at less than crystal density

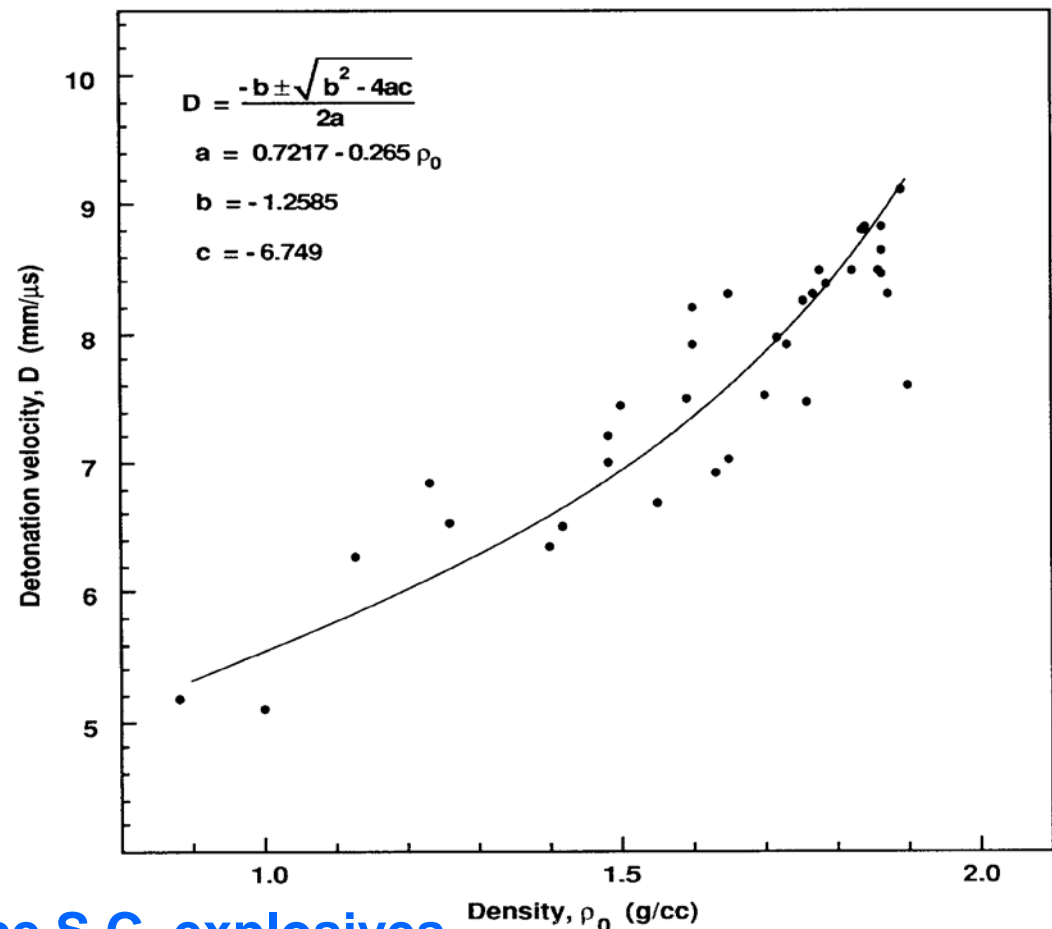
Urtiew & Hayes provided formula for D from **34** energetic materials and binders.

Using gas expansion to define propulsion

$$\gamma_{\text{average}} = 2.77 *$$

$$\gamma = -d \ln P / d \ln V$$

for constant γ expansion



* 2.8+ for high performance S.C. explosives

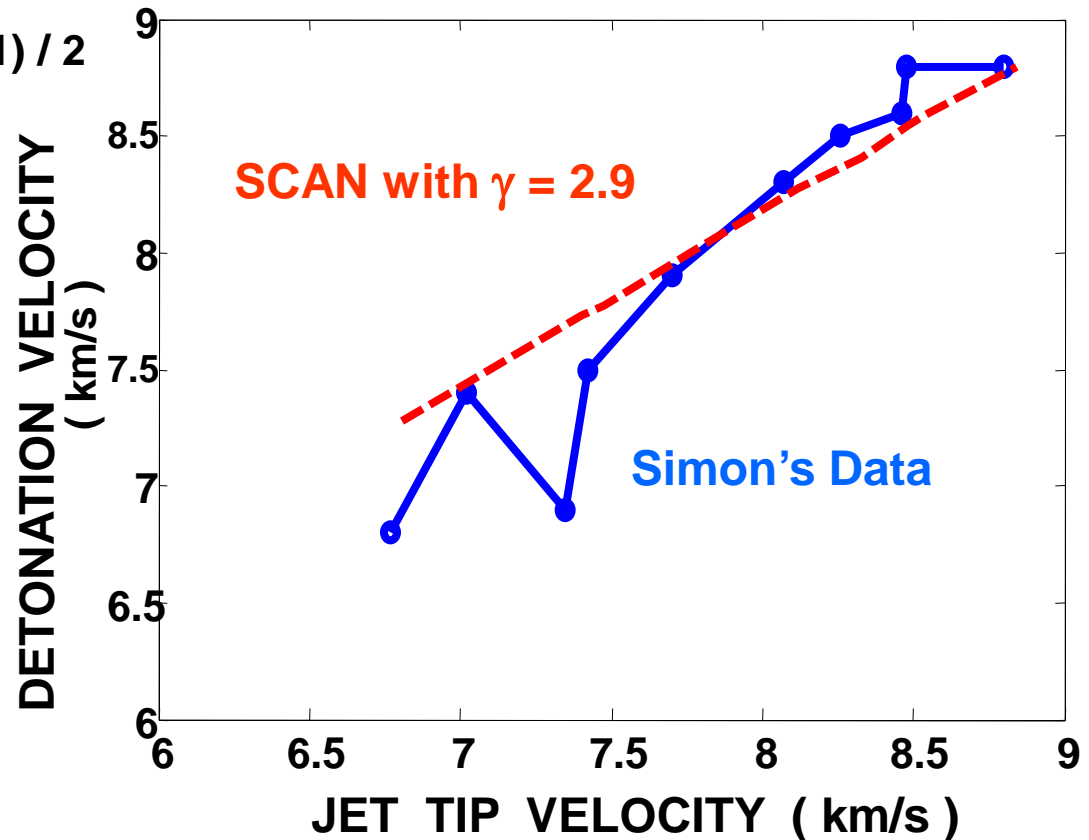
Different Explosives in Shaped-Charges

SCAN used to reverse-engineer performance of **10** explosives in BRL 81-mm S-C using Gurney formulas where

and
$$(2E)^{1/2} = D \left((2 / \gamma^2 - 1) (\gamma / \gamma + 1)^\gamma \right)^{1/2}$$

$$D = 8.8 (\rho_o / 1.856)^{(\gamma - 1) / 2}$$

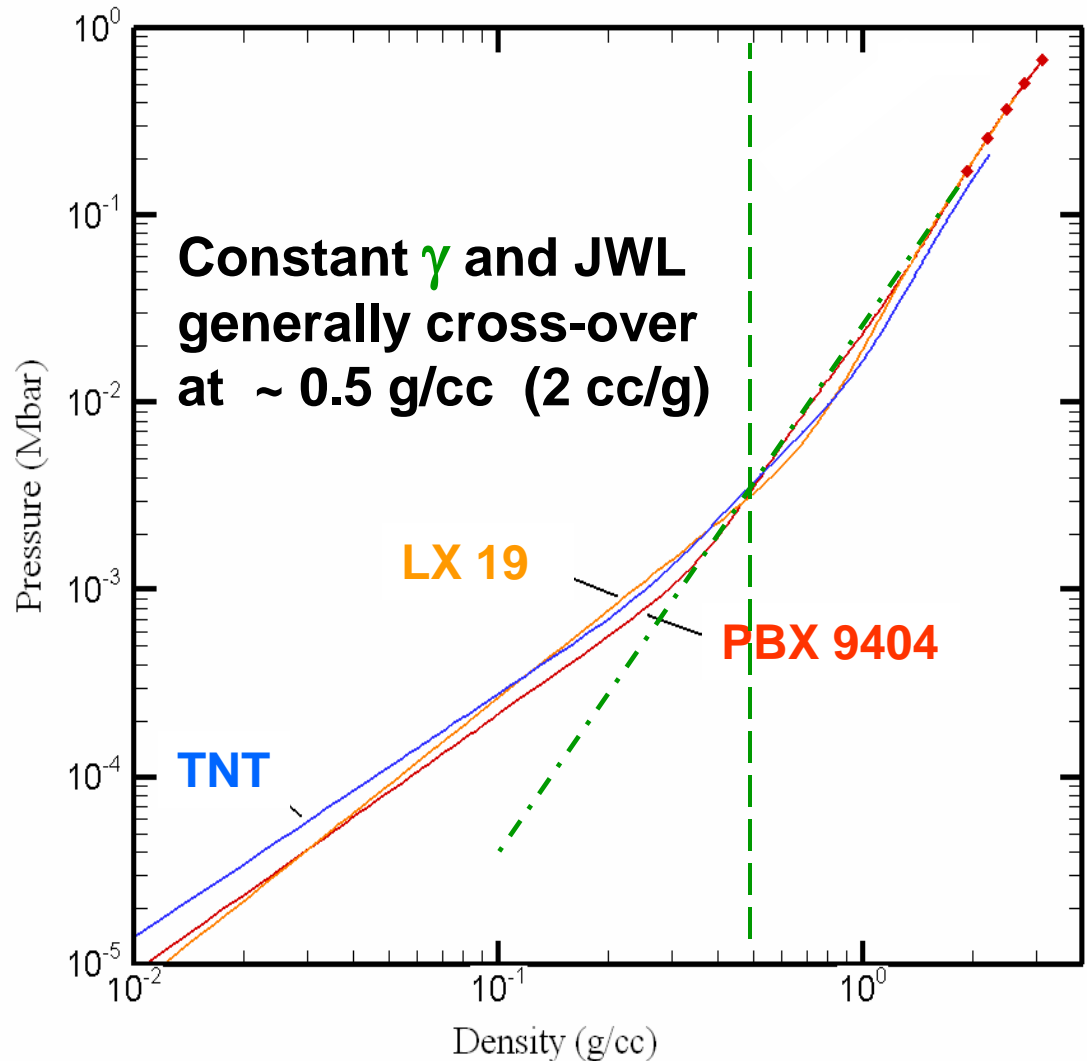
$\gamma = 2.9$
fit to published
jet tip velocities



Extrapolating Explosive Performance using a JWL Equation of State

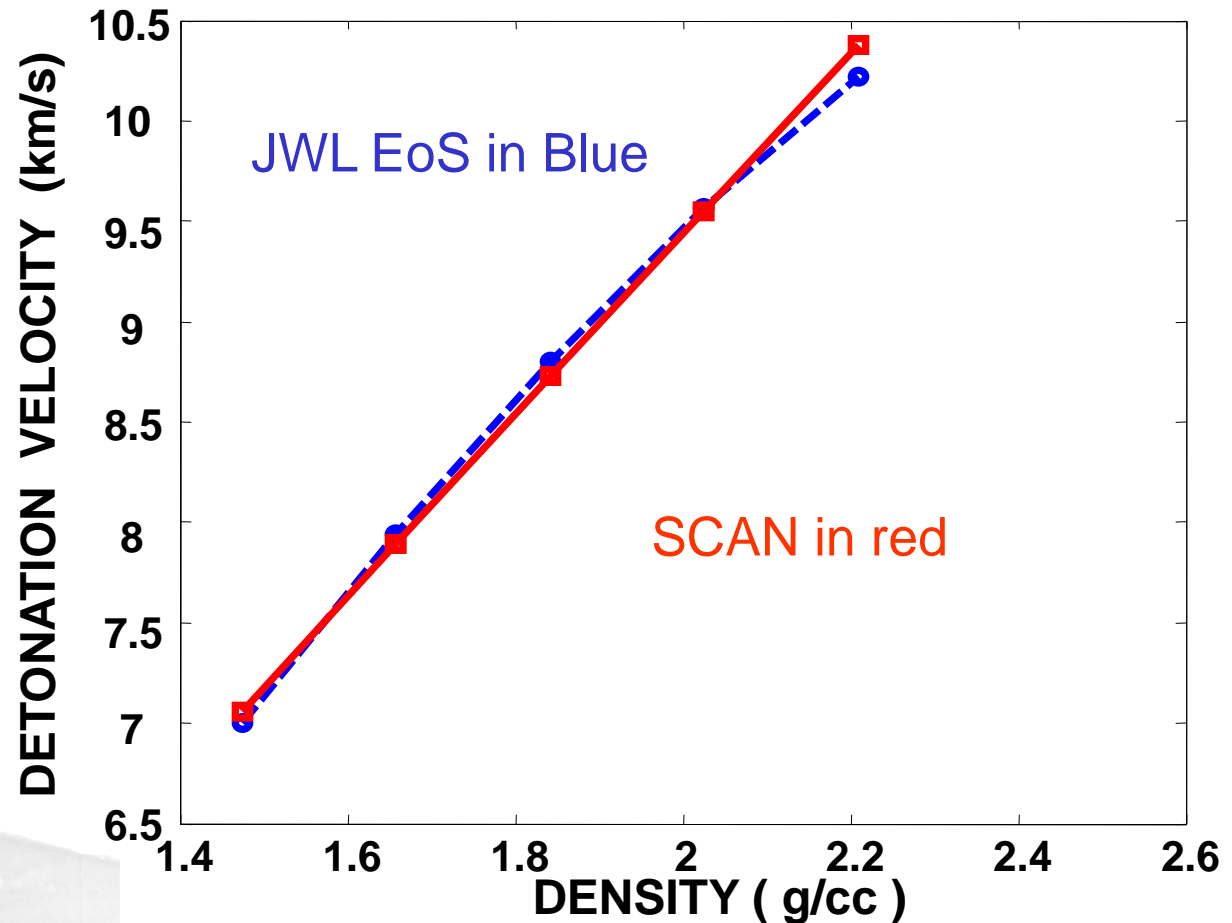
Assumptions:

- expansion isentrope does not change
- initial position for pressure / density changes
- PBX 9404 baseline
 - $D = 8.8 \text{ km/s}$
 - $\rho_o = 1.84 \text{ g/cm}^3$
 - $\gamma = 2.85$



Detonation Velocity *versus* Explosive Density --- JWL & SCAN Models

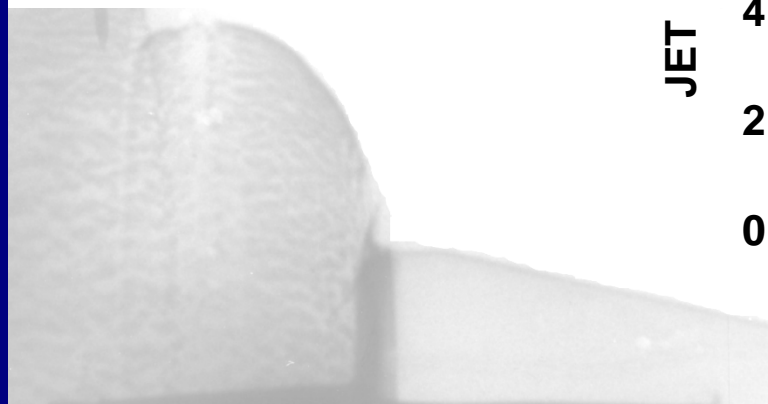
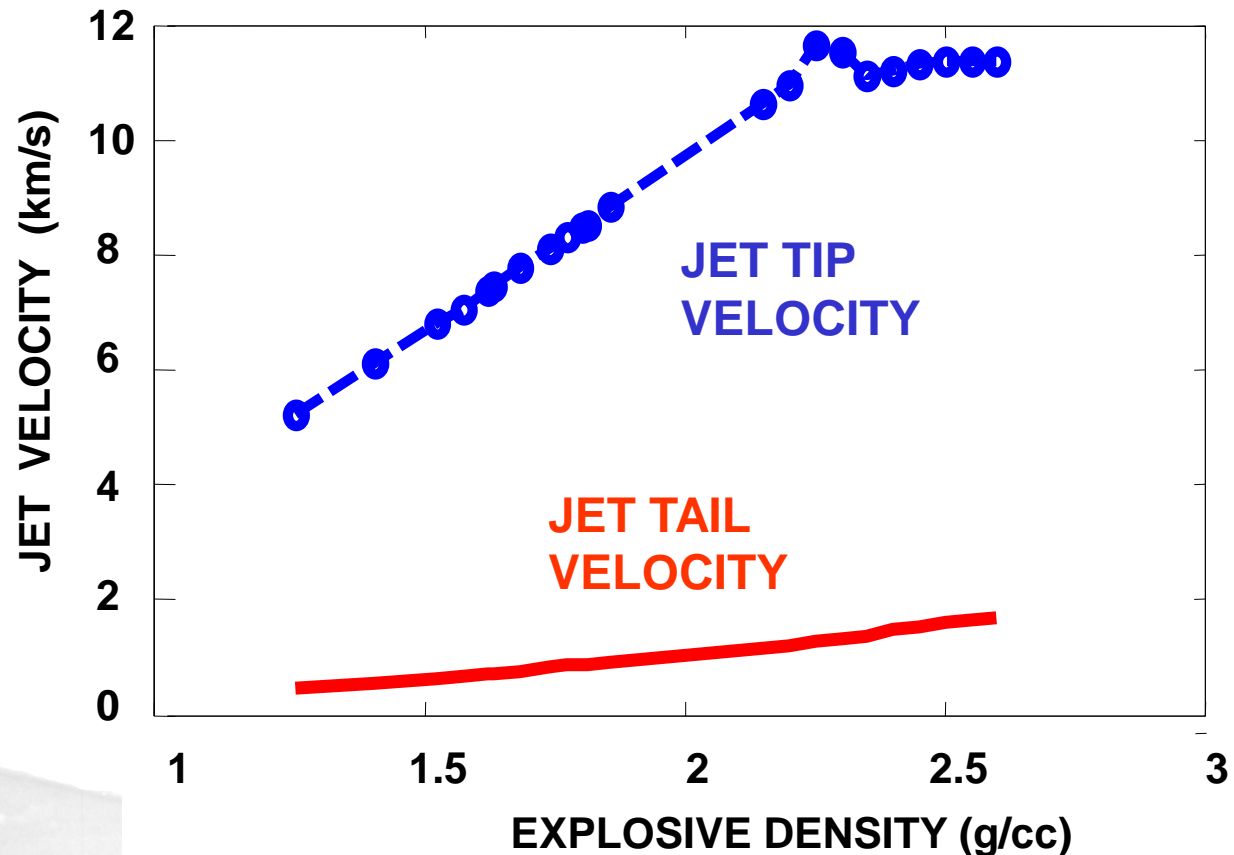
Comparable over the range of simulations



SCAN Modeling using BRL 81mm Configuration

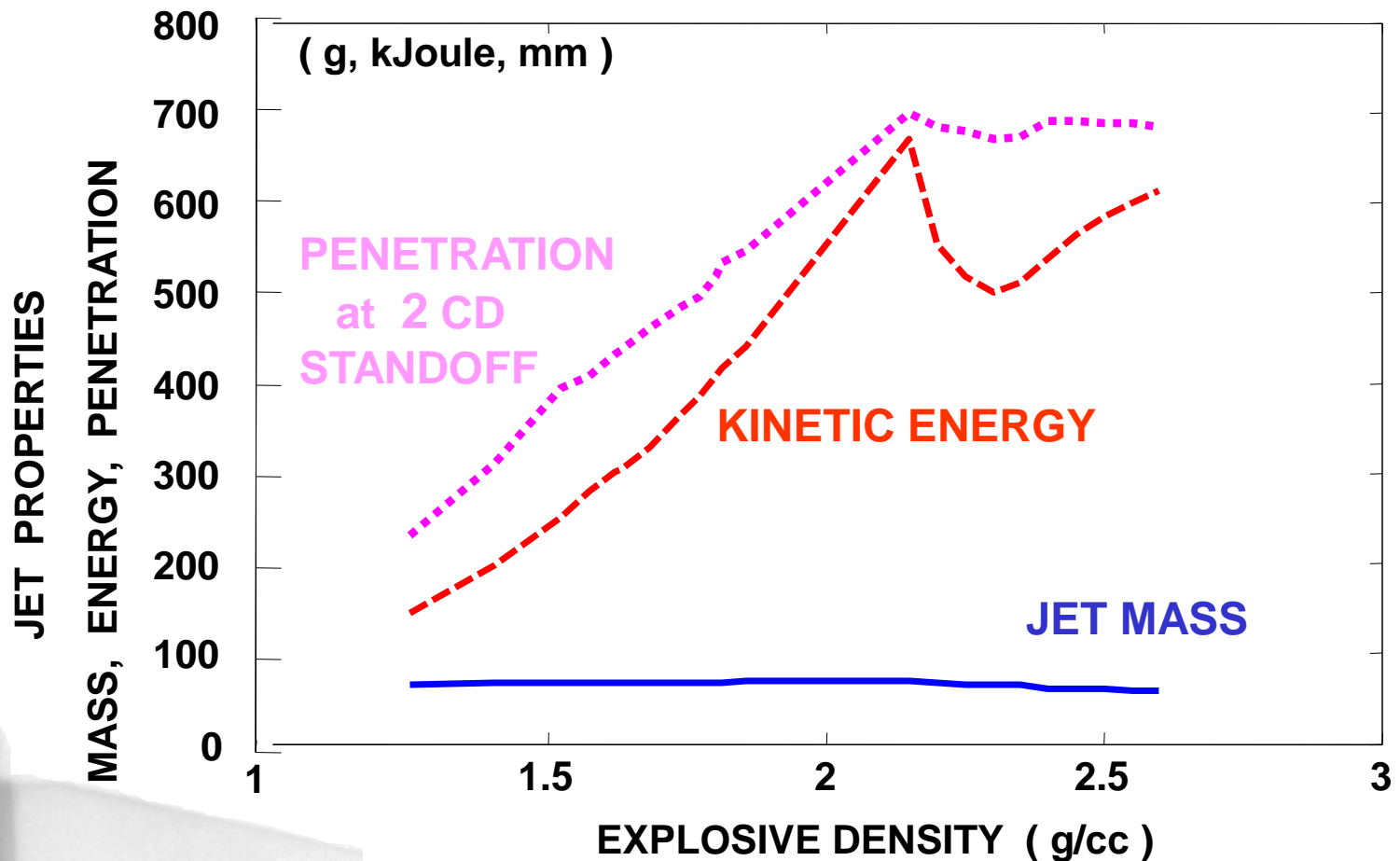
Jet Tip Velocity *increases* until jet formation process reaches *supersonic limitation* at
~ 10.12 km/s at explosive density ~ 2.15 g/cc

then *Jet Tip* disperses as non-coherent expanding tube



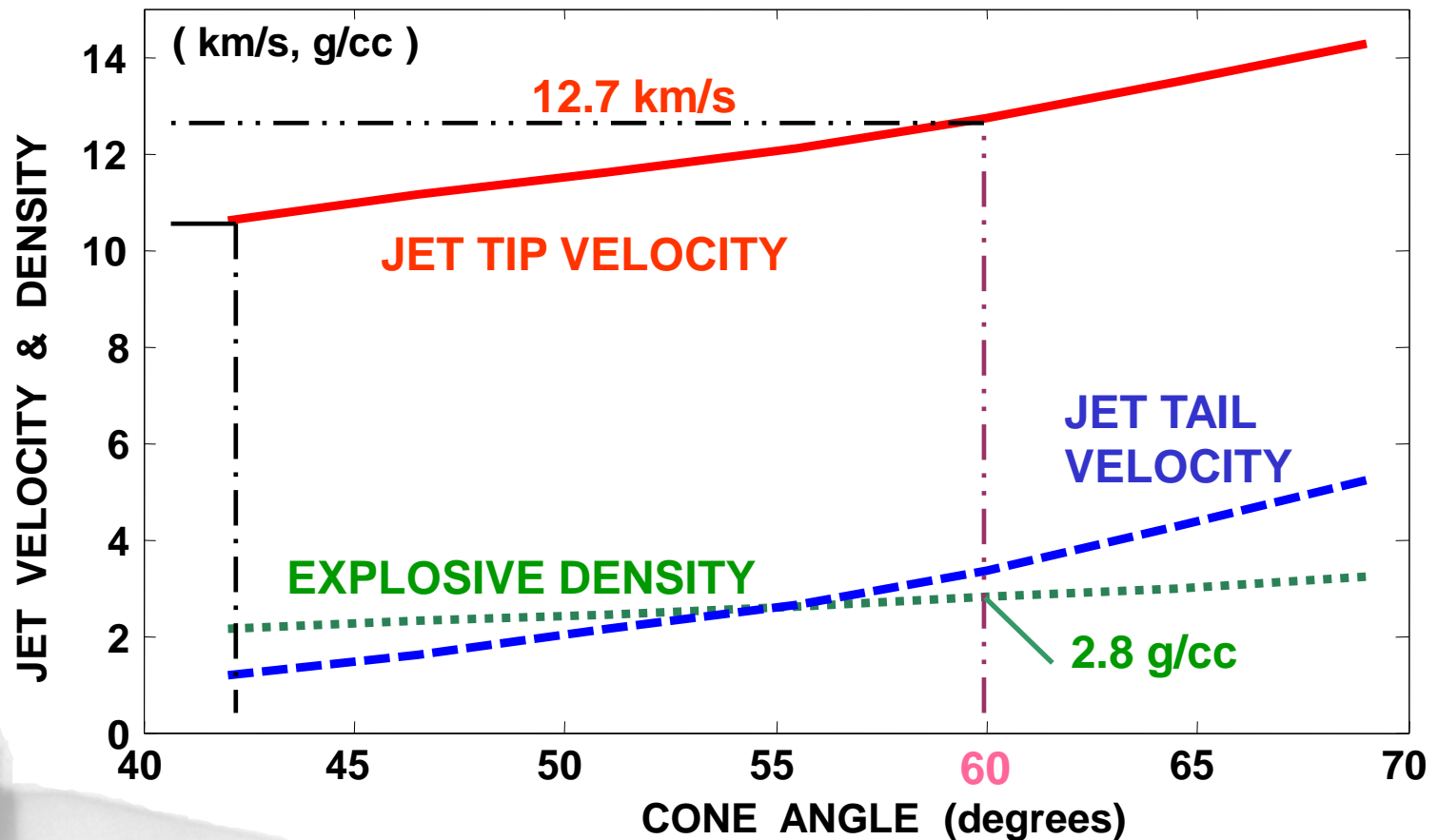
SCAN Modeling using BRL 81mm Configuration

Supersonic collapse *limits* Jet Length, Velocity Gradient and Target Penetration

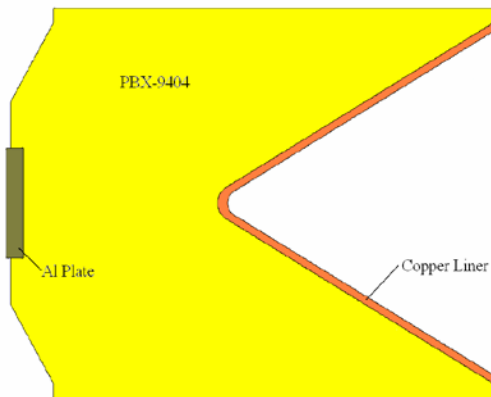


SCAN Modeling using BRL 81mm Geometry

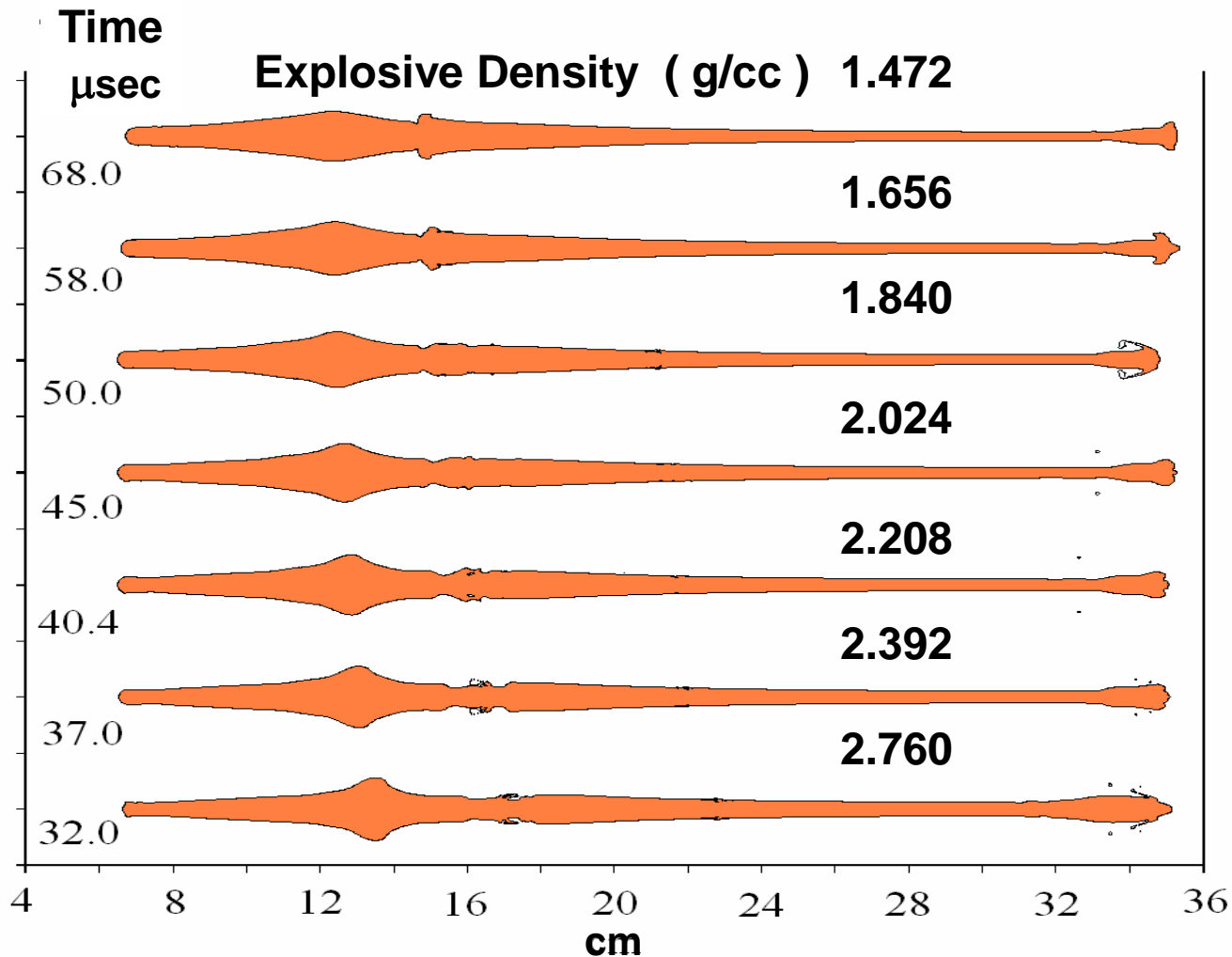
Supersonic jet formation *criterion* applied to combinations of cone angle and explosive density



Baker Hughes 2-D 2nd Order Eulerian Code Simulations



60° Cu, t_{liner} 1.65 mm
point initiated



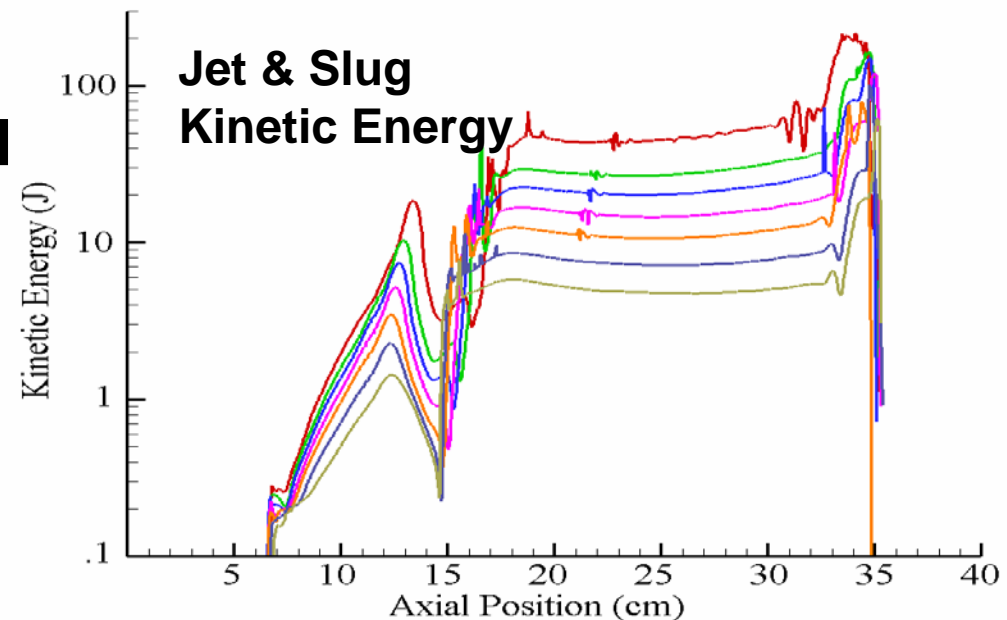
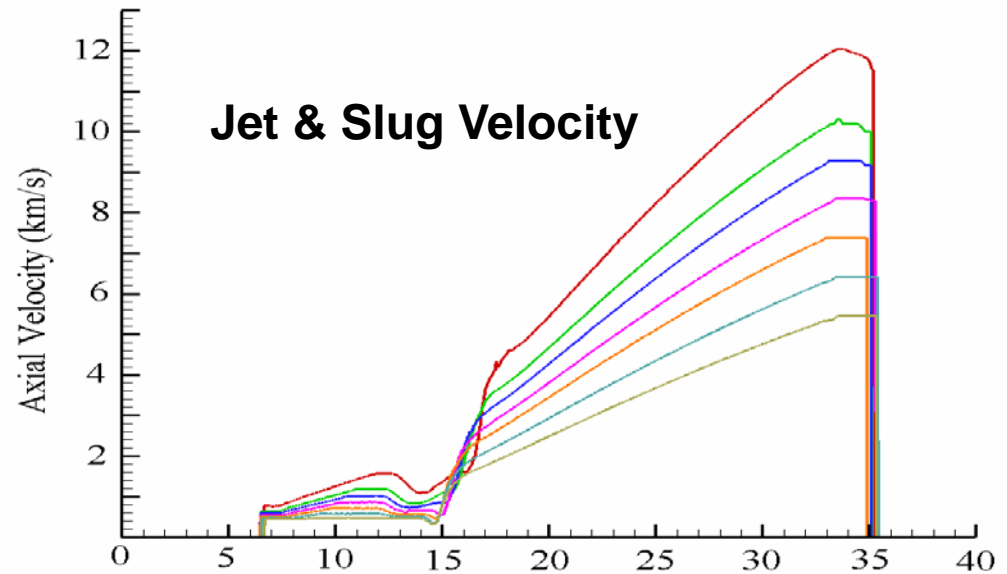
Simulations were stopped when jet tip reached ~ 24 cm from charge face

Baker Hughes 2-D 2nd Order Eulerian Code Simulations:

Increased Density and Detonation Velocity lead to:

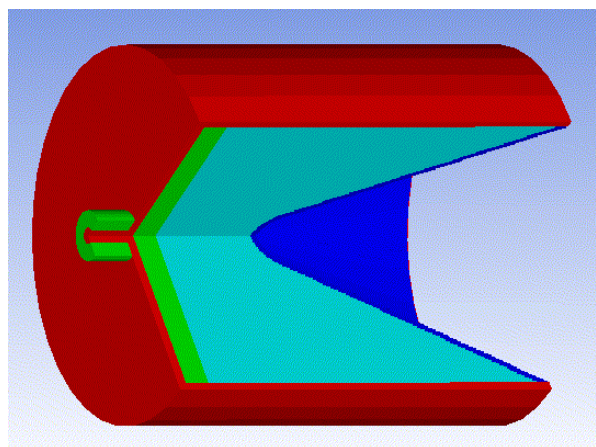
- increased Jet:
 - velocities,
 - gradients, and
 - kinetic energy
- *dramatically* increased Slug velocity

From 600 to 700 m/s
to ~ **1500** m/s

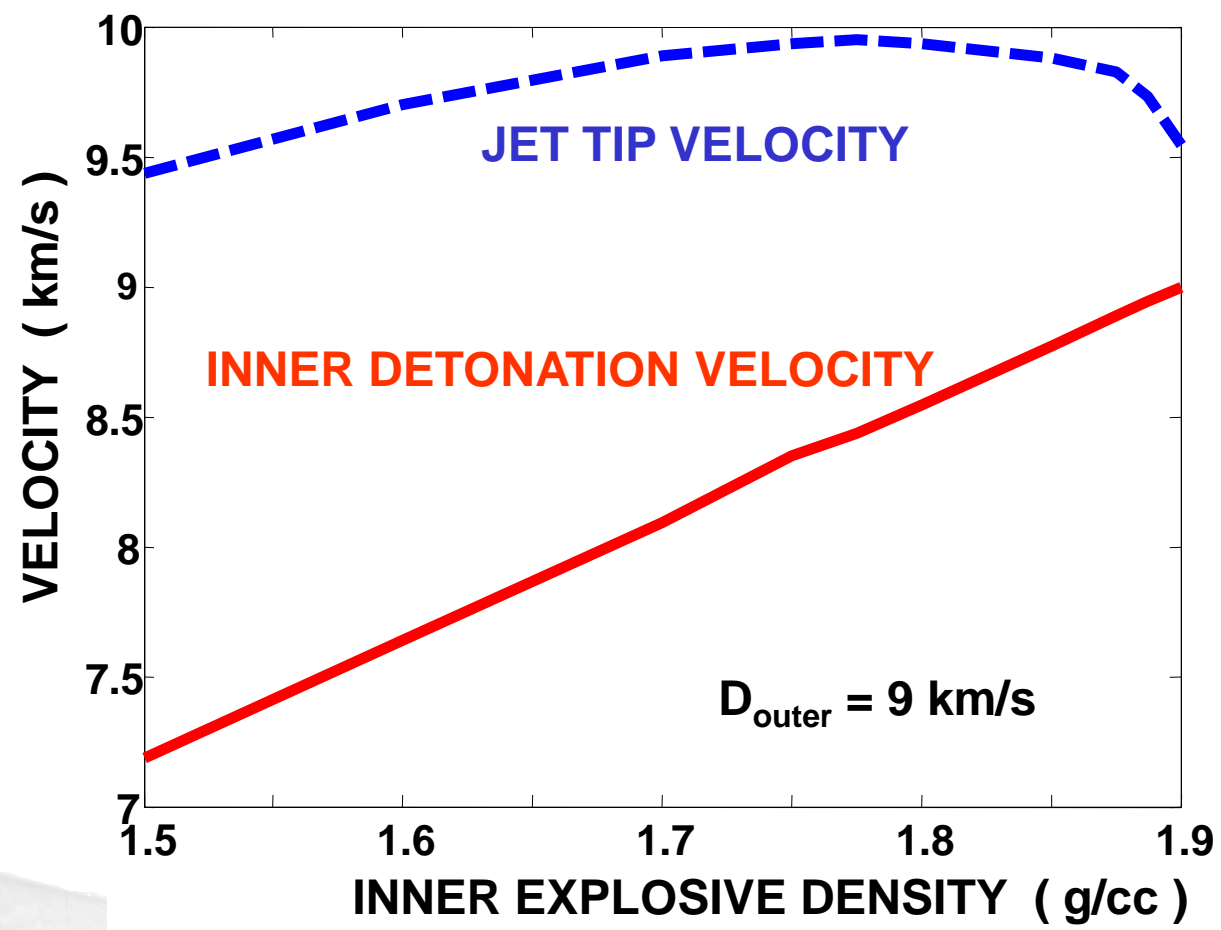


SCAN Modeling of Cone-Shaped Detonation

Detonation wave half angle Θ is determined by the ratio of outer to inner detonation velocities

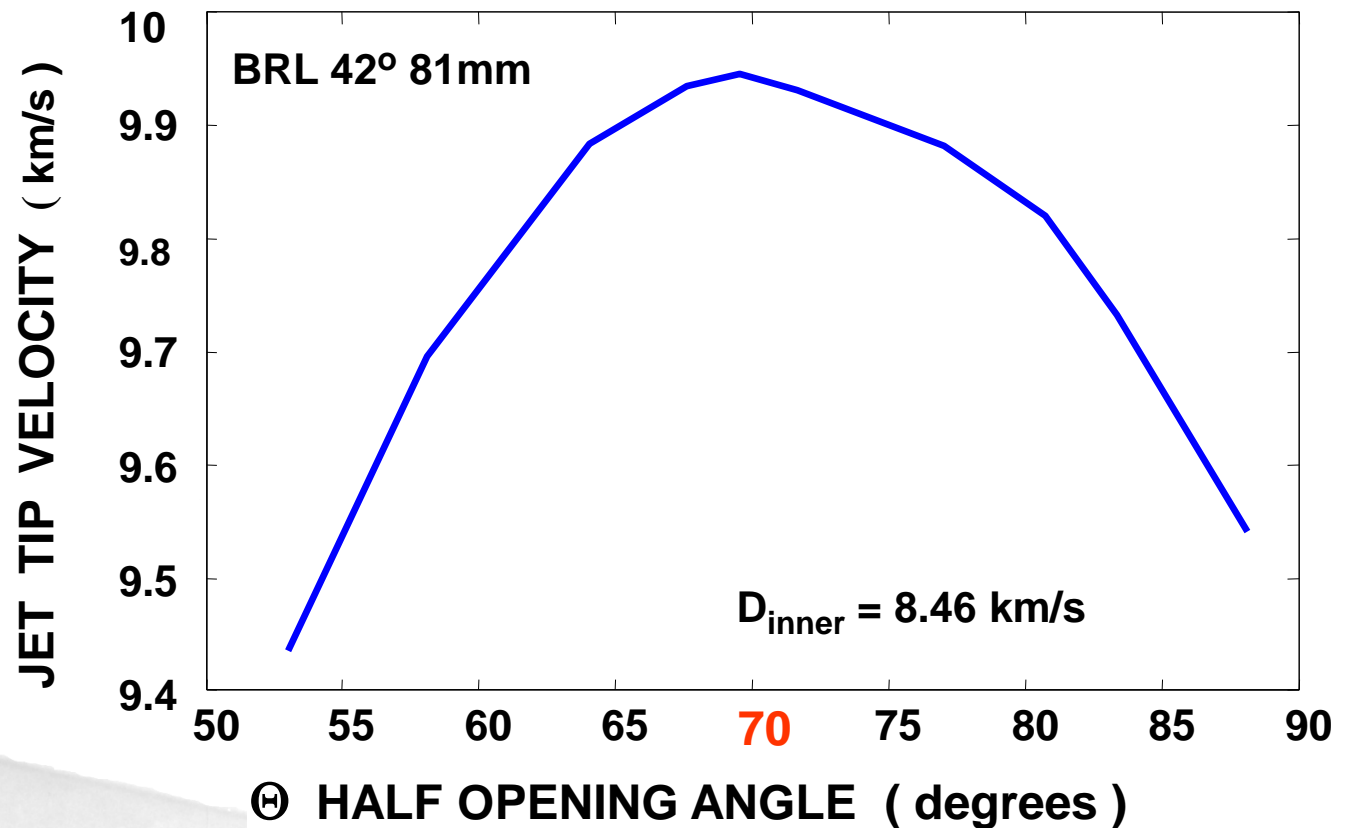


81.3 mm diameter



SCAN Modeling of Cone-Shaped Detonation in a BRL 81 mm Shaped Charge

Optimum jet formation (*supersonic criterion*) using lower performance explosive for majority of charge



LIFT Charge (1980)

[Cone-Shaped-Wave
Shaped Charge]

Explosive

Water-Based or
Organic Material

United States Patent [19]
Petrousky et al.

[11] Patent Number: 4,955,939
[45] Date of Patent: Sep. 11, 1990

[54] SHAPED CHARGE WITH EXPLOSIVELY DRIVEN LIQUID FOLLOW THROUGH
[75] Inventors: James A. Petrousky, Port Tobacco, Md.; Joseph E. Backofen; Donald J. Butz, both of Columbus, Ohio
[73] Assignee: The United States of America as represented by the Secretary of the Navy, Washington, D.C.
[21] Appl. No.: 471,381
[22] Filed: Mar. 2, 1983
[51] Int. Cl.⁵ F42B 12/10
[52] U.S. Cl. 102/476; 102/306; 102/307; 102/308; 102/309; 102/310
[58] Field of Search 102/306-310, 102/476; 86/1 B, 1.1; 89/1 A, 1.11
[56] References Cited
U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS
1,913,015 6/1933 Vadoz .
3,103,882 9/1963 Gilliland .
3,117,518 1/1964 Porter et al. 102/307
3,162,121 12/1964 Crawford 102/306

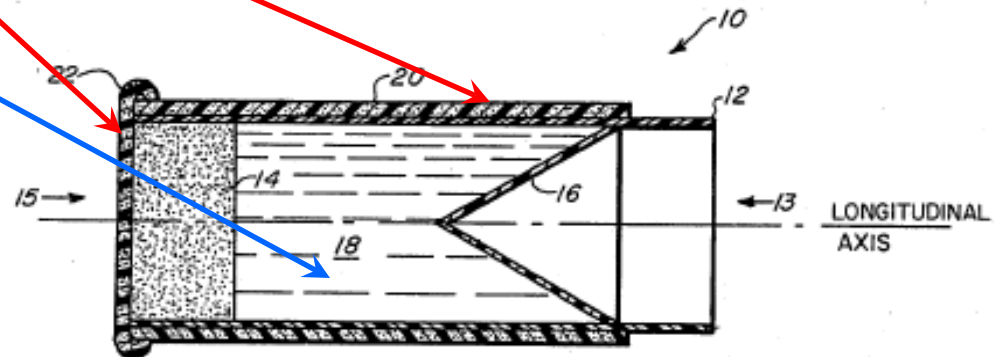
3,188,955 6/1965 Brown 102/306
3,190,219 6/1965 Venghiattis 102/306
3,561,361 2/1971 Kessenich 102/307
4,065,005 9/1977 McDanolds et al. 86/1 B
4,109,575 8/1978 Hashimoto .
4,169,403 10/1979 Hanson 86/1 B
4,170,940 10/1979 Precoul 102/476

Primary Examiner—Charles T. Jordan
Assistant Examiner—Richard W. Wendtland
Attorney, Agent, or Firm—Kenneth E. Walden; Donald J. Breh

[57] ABSTRACT

Disclosed is a non-fragmenting explosive device for perforating a target and injecting a material through the perforation to disrupt structure behind the target. The device is particularly adapted to safely disarm unexploded explosive devices such as bombs without detonation of the bomb. The device includes an outer covering of explosive material for explosively confining the disruptive material to a well defined shape for total injection into the target.

1 Claim, 2 Drawing Sheets



Drs. L. Zernow, M. Held, R. Brown and others have designed and built “over-wrap” devices

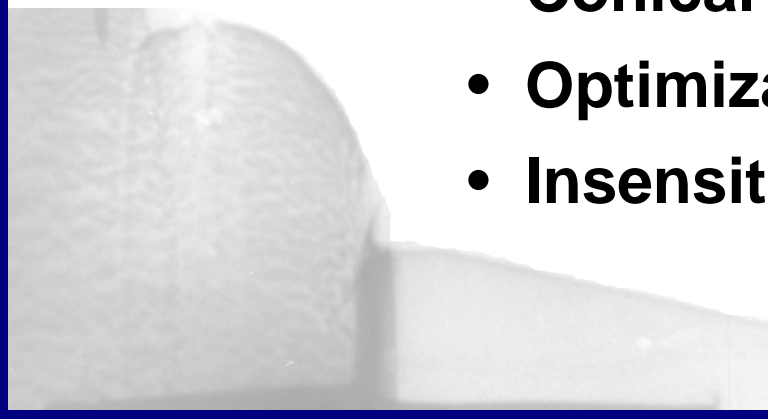
Summary and Conclusions

Higher Detonation Velocity Explosives
can still provide more shaped charge performance

Jet & Slug *Velocities* and *Kinetic Energy increased*
as a result, Jet & Slug can be tailored for
increased target penetration and effect

Higher Detonation Velocity Explosive
can be used as an “*outer-wrap*” to provide:

- Conical detonation wave
- Optimization
- Insensitive explosive charge designs



IS HIGHER DETONATION VELOCITY NEEDED FOR SHAPED-CHARGES ?

NO but, it can be very beneficial

- 1 Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Israel
- 2 6 Tachkemony St., Netanya, Israel
- 3 Baker Hughes Inc., Ballistics Department, USA.
- 4 BRIGS Co., USA.

אוניברסיטת בן-גוריון בנגב
Ben-Gurion University of the Negev





Gurney Velocity / Detonation Rate relationships:

$$V_g / D \cong 0.337 \quad (\text{P.W. Cooper})$$

$$V_g / D \cong (0.605 / [\Gamma - 1]) \quad (\text{J. Roth per J.E. Kennedy})$$

where Γ = the adiabatic exponent for the gaseous products

$$V_g / D \cong (0.60 \phi^{-1/2} + 0.648 \rho_o^{1/2}) / (1.01 + 1.313 \rho_o)$$

where $\phi = N M^{1/2} Q^{1/2}$; N = moles of gaseous detonation products

M = average weight of gases, and Q = chemical energy of detonation

(Hardesty & Kennedy / Kamlet & Hurwitz)

Copper Cylinders

<u>Vg / D</u>	<u>Exp. (Licht)</u>	<u>Cooper</u>	<u>Roth</u>	<u>HK/ KH</u>
TNT	0.346	0.346	0.350	0.351
Comp B	0.345	0.343	0.355	0.385
Octol	0.335	0.330	0.331	0.328
LX-14	-----	0.326	0.348	-----
PETN	0.359	0.355	0.369	0.331

at $\gamma = 2.9$, **SCAN** formula $\implies V_g / D \cong 0.338$

Joe Backofen
540-297-2640
BRIGS Co.
jebackofen@earthlink.net