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A PREDICTIVE SCHEME FOR THE BLAST ENVIRONMENT OF ARMY WEAPONS

PREFACE

An Important Note to the Reader

This memorandum report is the first of three parts of an analysis which predicts the blast wave properties produced by US Army weapons. Experience and reflection have ultimately shown a better way to perform the analysis in this as in many other endeavors: Thus, a three part report.

The preliminary analysis in this report was designed to establish the validity of a computationally simple approach to the problem. Emphasis was placed on elucidation of the theories with minimal comparison to data. Further work, to be presented in Part II, has applied the theory to a wide range of calibers. These extensions "clean up" some areas which have not previously been founded in rigorous analyses.

This new theory has not been completely exploited; e.g., work is in progress to apply the theory for prediction of the rearward blast field produced by recoilless rifles. This work will appear as Part III.

The analysis was initiated as a result of the promulgation of MIL-STD-1474A(MI), "Noise Limits for Army Materiel". Where previous standards had provided no serious constraints on the number of training rounds that could be fired by crews serving artillery pieces, the new standard introduced requirements which might make major changes in training schedules -- and costs. In particular, the section on impulse noise for personnel - occupied areas limit "blast" exposures ranging from 1000 to no exposures per day.

The potential cost of the experimental program to certify that all service locations for crew served weapons became a matter of concern to the Director of AMSAA. In turn, he suggested that experimental work could be minimized if the BRL produced an *a priori* predictive theory to guide such blast level experiments as would be necessary to implement the new Mil - Standard. Specifically, it was suggested that BRL Report 1019 had experimental data that could provide guidance in formulating a theory. In addition, the smaller computational scheme was to be preferred over hydro-codes since only scalar features of the flow field are involved in determination of compliance with the Mil-Standard.

To the individual who feels our approach is a fortuitous process, we offer the defense of H. Bethe: "If this is not the correct theory, it is still an excellent way to correlate the data".

This report presents our application of existing technology to the problem. We are indebted to our colleagues in BRL, AMSAA, and HEL for their cooperation, both in providing data and for the counsel and advice we received. Foremost, however, we are indebted to Francis Porzel, without whose theories this computational scheme would not have been possible.

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INTRODUCTION

This report presents a method for predicting the muzzle blast overpressures and pressure pulse length emanating from guns during firing. The study was undertaken to determine if ear protection required for various guns, can be predicted *a priori*, i.e., without the necessity of heretofore required extensive experimentation. Our objective is to define a method which is independent of overpressure and pulse length data (i.e., no curve fitting) and which is simple and economical to use. The initial investigation is limited to large caliber guns without muzzle devices.

Previous investigations fall into two categories: (1) Large computer programs (the so-called hydrocodes) and (2) massive correlations of data. Representative examples of the first category include the works of Schmidt^{1,2}, Zoltani³ and Ranlet⁴. These investigations provide insight into the basic physical processes but they require extensive computations to produce a solution. An excellent investigation within the second category is the work of Westline⁵ which estimates the blast overpressure for various guns. His results include empirical constants which are necessary in describing the energy available to the blast from a specific gun. Neither the computational nor the empirical approach is acceptable in view of the objective--simple, general and economical predictive capability.

The most extensive work in blast overpressure prediction has been in the area of blast from explosions.⁶ By this we mean that area in which spherical symmetry is obeyed. The technical literature of blast (explosions) abound with similarity parameters, scaling laws, governing

¹E.M. Schmidt, R.E. Shear, "The Flow Field About the Muzzle of an M16 Rifle," BRL Report No. 1692, Jan., 1974 (AD #916646L)

²E.M. Schmidt, R.E. Shear, "Launch Dynamics of a Single Flachette Round," BRL Report No. 1810, Aug., 1975. (AD #B006781L)

³C.K. Zoultani, "Evaluation of the Computer Codes BLAST, DORF, HELP and HEMP for Suitability of Underexpanded Jet Flow Calculations," BRL Report No. 1659, Aug., 1973 (AD768708).

⁴J. Ranlet, J. Erdos, "Muzzle Blast Flow Field Calculations," BRL Contract Report No. 297, Apr., 1976. (AD #B011967L)

⁵P.S. Westline, J.C. Hokanson, "Prediction of Stand-off Distances to Prevent Loss of Hearing from Muzzle Blast," Rock Island Arsenal Report No. R-CR-75-003, Feb., 1975 (AD/A-005274).

⁶W.E. Baker, "Explosions in Air," University of Texas Press, Austin and London, 1973.

relations for weak and strong shock waves, etc. We have applied this extensive work to the gun blast-field problem. This was done because at locations far from the source of the explosion, i.e., in the weak shock regime, asymmetrical effects are washed out and the shock wave can be modeled as though it originated from a spherical source of finite radius.

The gun blast problem requires analyses in addition to spherical explosion theory. The first is an estimate for the equivalent explosive yield which is produced by the gases escaping through the muzzle. Using the propellant charge energy (reduced by the projectile energy) is not correct because there are losses in the interior of the gun (heating, recoil, boundary layer generation, etc.). The second analysis addresses the (highly directional) energy release from the gun; which is now more cylindrically than spherically shaped. Lastly, other theories do not admit determination of pulse length without recourse to the above mentioned correlation techniques. The principal contribution of this report is a general treatment of these areas.

Assuming that the above problems have been solved, we still require a theory for the spherical blast wave. Scaling laws provide no help in an *a priori* analysis. A similitude analysis is required and perhaps the most well known is that by Sir G.I. Taylor in 1950⁷. His analysis reduced the several governing differential equations to one which can be solved by numerical quadratures. Seeking an even simpler form (mathematically) we have selected the Unified Theory of Explosions (UTE) as advanced by F.B. Porzel⁸. UTE is a comprehensive theory for explosions which offers simple analytic expressions for predicting blast parameters. This theory has been applied to a variety of explosions, from thermonuclear to small HE charges, and found to be valid to within a few percent.

The following sections include: II. Interior losses; III. Theory; IV. Presentation of Data, Comparison between theory and experiment, areas not addressed by our analysis, and an Appendix describing a computer code listing and sample output.

⁷G.I. Taylor, "The Formation of a Blast Wave by a Very Intense Explosion: I Theoretical Discussion," *Proc. R. Soc. A.*, 201, 159-174, (1950).

⁸F.B. Porzel, "Introduction to a Unified Theory of Explosions (UTE)," NOLTR-72-209, Sept., 1972 (AD-758000).

II. THEORY

Analysis of the muzzle blast must be preceded by analyses (or at least definition) of the processes that occur in the gun interior, at the muzzle and of those which contribute to the shock wave propagation. The interior processes include compression and expansion waves, boundary layer flows, complex chemical reactions, heat transfer from the fluid to solid, friction, etc. The muzzle flow field develops with many similarities to the processes of underexpanded nozzles. There is a complicated interaction between the fluid of the gun and the atmosphere with the formation of a so-called shock bottle and associated Mach disks. Eventually, at a distance from the muzzle the flow field becomes more regular, resembling a geometrically transformed version of the blast wave that would be generated by an explosion. Current physical understanding of spatial non-uniformity is that the greatest transport of any quantity is in the direction of the largest gradient; hence, as the asymmetrical wave propagates outward it should approach spherical symmetry.

We propose that the complicated muzzle blast phenomena may be modeled as if it were initiated by a spherical explosive charge..

Ear protection required by military regulations is given in terms of the peak pressure and duration of the shock wave; that is, in terms of the energy in the shock wave. Consequently, our analysis is an account of the way in which the initial propellant energy is partitioned; into heat, friction, internal energy, propellant and projectile kinetic energy, etc. Finally, it is an account of that energy available to the shock wave. As we shall show, it is sufficient in the muzzle blast problem to monitor the energy transport processes--we do not require a detailed knowledge of the flow.

The assumption of an equivalency between the muzzle blast and spherical explosions has an important consequence. With this assumption we are able to use all of the analyses which occurred during the early phases of the nuclear explosion era for the solution of the muzzle blast problem. An excellent exposition of many of the theories and experimental data can be found in Baker⁶. Curiously missing are the theories we shall use--those of F.B. Porzel. In the following sections we shall derive and demonstrate Porzel's theories and show how these analyses can be applied to the muzzle blast overpressure problem.*

An important, underlying notion must be addressed first - the division of energies for shock wave overpressure prediction. In the following sections we shall speak of prompt energy and waste heat. Prompt energy is that energy which is (promptly) available for driving

*Most of Porzel's work is available in institutional or corporate documents. But; since Porzel's work is neither available in archival journals nor included in surveys like that of Baker, the authors have chosen to include their derivation of Porzel's work here.

the shock wave. Any energy which is lost from the shock wave, by whatever means, is termed waste heat. We emphasize that the waste heat is not necessarily lost from the system; it simply is not available to the shock wave. This differentiation is important because in many instances one would be led to say that neglecting this energy or that energy will have severe consequences when predicting certain phenomena other than the shock wave. We are concerned with only the shock wave, its strength and duration. Any energy which does not support the wave is, for our purposes, wasted (or delayed)*.

Prompt energy includes the pressure volume work in an expansion process and the kinetic energy of ordered motion imparted to the gas during the expansion. All other energy is waste energy. We can study the waste heat graphically with the help of the P-v diagram for an adiabatic expansion process (Figure 1).

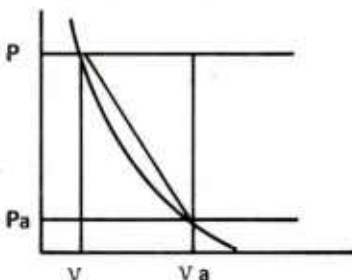


FIGURE 1

From the Rankine-Hugoniot relations⁹, we find that the rectangle bounded by $P = \text{constant}$, $v = \text{constant}$ and $P = 0$, $v_a = \text{constant}$ is the total energy:

$$e_T = P (v_a - v).$$

The upper right triangle in the rectangle is the kinetic energy:

$$e_{KE} = \frac{1}{2} (P - P_a) (v_a - v).$$

The remaining trapezoidal area is the internal energy:

$$e_I = \frac{1}{2} (P + P_a) (v_a - v).$$

*Delayed energy is a subset of waste heat.

⁹Y.B. Zel'dorovich, Yu P. Raizer, "Physics of Shock Waves and High-Temperature Hydrodynamic Phenomena," Academic Press, New York and London, 1966

In an adiabatic expansion process (where real gas effects, such as ionization etc. are neglected) the gas pressure-volume will generally follow the curved line, the so-called Hugoniot or shock adiabat. The area between the adiabat and the straight line connecting Pv and $P_a v_a$ is the waste heat. At an infinite distance from the source of the blast all of the prompt energy has been converted to waste heat.

We can estimate the ratio of production of waste heat to the total energy using the Rankine-Hugoniot relations for changes across a shock wave:

$$\frac{e_I}{e_T} = \frac{\frac{1}{2} (P+P_a) (v_a - v)}{P(v_a - v)} = \frac{P+P_a}{2P} .$$

For $P \gg P_a$ the internal energy is approximately 1/2 the total, hence, half the energy is subject to waste (the kinetic energy is not subject to waste). In the acoustic approximation, $P \sim P_a$ and all the energy is wasted.

The following solution scheme is separated into two distinct analyses. The first is concerned entirely with the estimate for the prompt energy as the gases leave the muzzle. These calculations are used to predict a yield and radius for an equivalent spherical explosion which is treated as a separate problem.

A. INTERIOR LOSSES

Losses interior to the gun (keeping in mind the objective of finding values for waste heat and prompt energy) have been analyzed as:

(1) Kinetic energy given to the projectile and so lost to the supply of prompt energy; (2) other interior losses or delays of energy which amount to about 5/6's of the otherwise available energy*; (3) energy loss due to expansion; and, (4) energy loss due to tube roughness (in this case, rifling).

Item (1) is self evident. Item (2) is compatible with the mass effect (Section B-2) which states that initially the shock wave is driven by the mass of the explosive. If we view the propellant as a cube (Figure 2) we argue that only 1/6 of the mass is directed so as to be promptly available. The remaining mass which travels laterally and to the rear eventually exits the gun but because it is delayed, it does not directly contribute to the exiting shock wave.

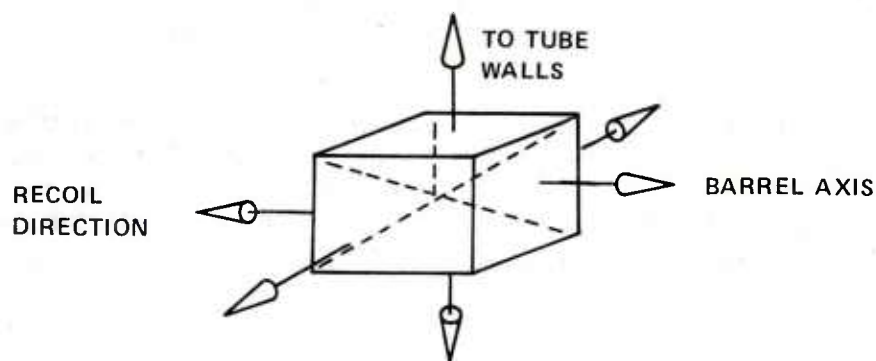


FIGURE 2

Regarding Item (3), we defined the prompt energy as including the kinetic energy of ordered motion. When a projectile travels down a barrel we expect a turbulent boundary layer (in which the ordered motion becomes random) to be formed. After a sufficient length of the barrel has been traversed we further expect the boundary layer to close on itself; that is, at some distance behind the projectile there will be a point at which the turbulent motion extends across the entire diameter of the barrel. We treat the energy in the random motion as delayed and hence, wasted.

*This is consistent with Porzel's work applied to conical shock tubes.¹⁰

¹⁰F.B. Porzel, "Correlation of Blast Simulators with a Unified Theory of Explosions," 3rd International Symposium on Military Application of Blast Simulators, Schwetzingen, Germany, Sept., 1972.

Elementary flow theory tells us that when the velocity of a gas increases the static pressure decreases according to

$$P \propto K - aV^2$$

That is, given the same reservoir conditions (unchanged K), higher velocity gases have lower static pressures. The strength of the shock wave which is formed by the escaping gases will be determined by the static pressure at the projectile base (relative to an inertial reference frame). If we apply these notions to the material velocity (velocity of ordered motion) of the flow we can view the flow as proceeding from some stagnation pressure at the point of closure ($u_{\text{material}} \sim 0$) to some static pressure at the projectile base. This represents an energy reduction (via the pressure expansion) and is illustrated in Figure 3.

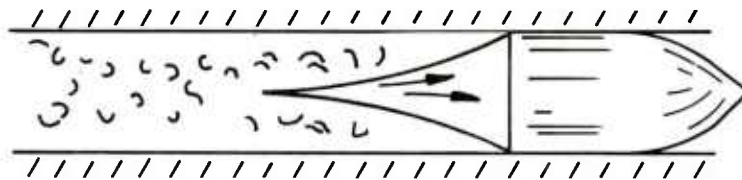


FIGURE 3

The last significant loss is due to the roughness (rifling) in the barrel. The energy in the fluid which interacts with (and is trapped by) the rough wall is delayed and is not available.

Item (1) is easily determined from the muzzle velocity and mass of the projectile. Item (2), which is not universally justifiable, is reasonable within the context of our energy definitions. The "proof of the pudding" is in the comparison with experiment (Section III). Following is the approach for determining the losses caused by effects (3) and (4). These analyses are obtained from Porzel¹¹.

A.1 Energy Loss in the Presence of Boundary Layer Choke

We are concerned with a loss of (stagnation) energy in the presence of a turbulent boundary layer in the gun barrel. The boundary layer, created by the moving projectile, grows as the projectile travels the length of the tube, but at some point the boundary layers created on the sides meet at the axis of the barrel. We shall speak of a closure of the boundary layer (Figure 3). Once this closure has occurred the energy of the gas is definitely separated into a region of ordered motion and a region where the significant portion of the energy is in the random motion of the fluid particles.

¹¹F.B. Porzel, "Study of Shock Impedance Effects in a Rough Walled Tunnel," Institute for Defense Analysis Research Paper P-330, Mar., 1969 (AD684790).

Once closure has occurred we analyze the flow as a Bernoulli expansion from the stagnation pressure at the closure (the material velocity or ordered motion is essentially zero) to the static pressure at the base of the projectile. We associate the stagnation pressure with the maximum pressure and associate the pressure at the projectile base with the initial overpressure of the shock wave. To make the analysis tractable we assume there are no compression or expansion waves in the region from the closure point to the projectile (i.e., we can treat the expansion as adiabatic).

Our only interest is fluid motion along the axis of the barrel; hence, we can write the equation describing conservation of momentum in a moving coordinate system attached to the projectile as

$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial z} + \rho u \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} + \rho \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = 0 , \quad (1)$$

in which the material velocity is represented by u .

One may assume that once the boundary layer closure has occurred the distance from the closure point to the base of the projectile remains constant. That is, steady state prevails and $\partial u / \partial t \equiv 0$. (In Section III.A.1 we show that the ordered velocity is of the same order as the random speed in one direction.) Additionally, since the flow is adiabatic,

$$P = A \rho^\gamma . \quad (2)$$

Substituting Equation (2) into (1), we obtain

$$(A/P)^{1/\gamma} \frac{dP}{dz} + u \frac{du}{dz} = 0 ,$$

which can be integrated to give

$$\frac{A^{1/\gamma}}{1 - \frac{1}{\gamma}} P^{1-1/\gamma} + \frac{1}{2} u^2 = \text{constant} .$$

Since

$$\rho = \left(\frac{P}{A}\right)^{1/\gamma}$$

and, the speed of sound, a , is given by

$$a = \left(\frac{\gamma P}{\rho}\right)^{1/2}$$

we finally obtain

$$\left(\frac{2}{\gamma-1}\right) a^2 + u^2 = \text{constant}. \quad (3)$$

Equation (3) relates the material velocity and speed of sound at the closure point to the same quantities at the base of the projectile. This equation applies to the barrel reference frame provided the assumptions concerning constant closure-to-projectile-base distance and isentropic flow are not violated.

The constant in Equation (3) can be evaluated at the closure point where $u \ll 1$, $u \sim 0$. Thus Equation (3) becomes

$$\left(\frac{2}{\gamma-1}\right) a_c^2 + u^2 = \left(\frac{2}{\gamma-1}\right) a_c^2, \quad (4)$$

where the subscript c denotes the choke point.

From Equation (4) we obtain

$$\left(\frac{a_c}{a}\right)^2 = 1 + \frac{\gamma-1}{2} \left(\frac{u}{a}\right)^2. \quad (5)$$

The adiabatic relation allows us to write

$$\left(\frac{a_c}{a}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{P_c}{P}\right) \left(\frac{\rho}{\rho_c}\right)$$

which can be reduced to

$$\left(\frac{a_c}{a}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{P_c/P_a}{P/P_a}\right)^{\frac{\gamma-1}{\gamma}} \quad (6)$$

Combining Equations (5) and (6) produce Equation (7):

$$\left(\frac{P_c/P_a}{P/P_a}\right)^{\frac{\gamma-1}{\gamma}} = 1 + \frac{\gamma-1}{2} \left(\frac{u}{a}\right)^2 \quad (7)$$

Let us assume, for the moment, that the length of the barrel is equal to the distance from the breech to the projectile base at the moment of boundary layer closure. The projectile would rapidly leave the driving gases because of the lateral expansion of these gases. The ordered motion is supersonic with respect to the ambient air hence a shock wave will form at the gas leading edge. At that instant we can use the Rankine-Hugoniot relations to determine the pressure ratio across this shock. (The shock wave which in fact produces the strongest overpressure). Specifically, we find⁹

$$\left(\frac{u}{a}\right)^2 = \frac{2(P_r - 1)^2}{\gamma(\gamma-1)P_r \left(P_r + \frac{\gamma+1}{\gamma-1}\right)}, \quad P_r = P/P_a$$

and Equation (7) becomes

$$\left(\frac{P_{rc}}{P_r}\right)^{\frac{\gamma-1}{\gamma}} = 1 + \frac{(P_r - 1)^2}{\gamma P_r \left(P_r + \frac{\gamma+1}{\gamma-1}\right)}$$

or, denoting the pressure energy driving the shock wave by P_{rs} ,

$$P_{rc} = P_{rs} \left[1 + \frac{(P_{rs} - 1)^2}{\gamma P_{rs} \left(P_{rs} + \frac{\gamma+1}{\gamma-1}\right)} \right]^{\frac{\gamma}{\gamma-1}} \quad (8)$$

Equation (8) relates the reduction in the energy from the (essentially) initial pressure ratio, P_{rc} , to the pressure ratio energy promptly available to the shock wave, P_{rs} .

For current guns of interest, pressure ratios in excess of 100 are not unusual. Neglecting numbers of order unity (compared with 100) and using a specific heat ratio of 1.25 Equation (8) becomes, approximately,

$$P_{r_C} \sim (18.9) P_{r_S}$$

This means that the effect of the turbulent choke is a reduction in the available energy for driving the shock wave by a factor of approximately 19.

In order to estimate the point at which closure occurs we note that experimental results involving shock tubes with walls of known roughness give (denoting a roughness factor by H):

$$\frac{L}{D} = \frac{15}{H \cdot 0.1} ; \quad (9)$$

as a very reasonable fit of the data¹¹. The roughness factor is the ratio of the roughness height, h, to the unimpeded diameter of the tube.

A.2 Energy Loss Due to Impedance to the Flow by the Rough Wall

The prompt energy includes the ordered kinetic energy of the flow. Near the wall where the roughness of the wall can be felt by the flow, there is a local decrease in the kinetic energy as the flow encounters protuberances. These energy losses occur in addition to the boundary layer and we expect them to appear near the base of the projectile.

We shall assume that the change in the total energy is proportional to the kinetic energy (per unit volume), ϵ_{KE} , and the volume subtended by the average roughness of the barrel, which itself is a product of the roughness height, h, perimeter S and distance dL. That is

$$dE_T = -\alpha \epsilon_{KE} S h dL \quad (10)$$

where the constant of proportionality, α , can be viewed as an absorption coefficient.

It is reasonable to assume that the losses occur in a volume of dimensions A·D, where A is the cross-sectional area and D is the

diameter. If the total energy per unit volume is denoted by ϵ_T , then Equation (10) can be written

$$A \cdot D d\epsilon_T = - \alpha \epsilon_{KE} S h dL \quad (11)$$

or

$$d\epsilon_T = - \alpha \epsilon_{KE} \frac{S}{A} \frac{h}{D} dL .$$

We can compare this relation with the classical exponential decay law by writing it in the form

$$\frac{d\epsilon_T}{dL} = \left[- \alpha \frac{S}{A} \frac{h}{D} \right] \left[\frac{\epsilon_{KE}}{\epsilon_T} \right] \epsilon_T .$$

That is,

$$\frac{d\epsilon_T}{dL} \propto (\text{constant}) \cdot \text{fn}(P) \cdot \epsilon_T$$

where the absorption coefficient is a pressure dependent function.

We can write Equation (11) in dimensionless form by setting the diameter, D , equal to the hydraulic diameter, i.e.,

$$D = \frac{4A}{S} ; \frac{S}{A} = \frac{4}{D} .$$

Equation (11) becomes

$$\frac{d\epsilon_T}{\epsilon_{KE}} = - 4 \alpha \frac{h}{D} d \left(\frac{L}{D} \right) .$$

If we define

$$H \equiv \frac{h}{d} , \quad x \equiv \frac{L}{d}$$

we obtain

$$\frac{d\epsilon_T}{\epsilon_{KE}} = -4 \alpha H dx \quad . \quad (12)$$

From the Rankine-Hugoniot relations, it is known that

$$\epsilon_T = P \left(\frac{v_0}{v} - 1 \right) ,$$

and

$$\frac{v_0}{v} = \frac{\mu P_r + 1}{P_r + \mu} ; \quad P_r = P/P_a, \quad \mu = \frac{\gamma + 1}{\gamma - 1}$$

hence,

$$\epsilon_T = \frac{P_a P_r (P_r - 1) (\mu - 1)}{P_r + \mu} \quad .$$

The ratio of change of ϵ_T with the pressure ratio, P_r , is

$$d\epsilon_T = \frac{(\mu - 1) P_a (P_r^2 + 2\mu P_r - \mu)}{(P_r + \mu)^2} dP_r \quad . \quad (13)$$

Again, beginning with the Rankine-Hugoniot relations we can find that

$$\epsilon_{KE} = \frac{(\mu - 1) P_a (P_r - 1)^2}{2(P_r + \mu)} \quad , \quad (14)$$

thus, the left hand side of Equation (12) is

$$\frac{d\epsilon_T}{\epsilon_{KE}} = 2 \frac{(P_r^2 + 2\mu P_r - \mu)}{(P_r + \mu)(P_r - 1)^2} dP_r \quad . \quad (15)$$

If we define

$$\Delta P_r = \frac{P - P_a}{P_a} = P_r - 1$$

and

$$\beta = \frac{2\gamma}{\gamma - 1} = \mu + 1$$

Equation (15) becomes

$$\frac{d\epsilon_T}{\epsilon_{KE}} = 2 \frac{(\Delta P_r)^2 + 2\beta(\Delta P_r) + \beta}{(\Delta P_r)^2 [(\Delta P_r) + \beta]} d(\Delta P_r). \quad (16)$$

Combining Equations (16) and (12) the incremental energy loss due to the flow impedance is described by

$$\frac{(\Delta P_r)^2 + 2\beta(\Delta P_r) + \beta}{(\Delta P_r)^2 (\Delta P_r + \beta)} d(\Delta P_r) = - 2 \alpha H dx .$$

Integrating, we obtain

$$\frac{2\beta - 1}{\beta} \ln (\Delta P_r) - \frac{\beta - 1}{\beta} \ln (\Delta P_r + \beta) - \frac{1}{\Delta P_r} = \text{constant} - 2 \alpha H dx .$$

Denoting the left side by I, this relation determines the energy loss between two positions (1 & 2) down the barrel in the form

$$I_1 - I_2 = 2 \alpha H \left(\frac{L_2 - L_1}{D} \right) . \quad (17)$$

B. THE UNIFIED THEORY OF EXPLOSIONS - UTE

Next, we shall determine the shock wave properties by use of the Unified Theory of Explosions (UTE) as advanced by F.B. Porzel⁸. UTE is a comprehensive theory providing simple analytic expressions for blast parameter determination. UTE in total covers a gamut of conditions, geometries, etc.; however, we will examine only those parts pertinent to our problem. The concepts of prompt energy and waste heat were introduced in the beginning of this chapter. We now wish to show how this division of energies permits calculation of the overpressure for various ranges from the muzzle.

The prompt energy was defined as the kinetic energy of ordered motion plus the static overpressure energy. All other energy which does not directly support the wave was defined as waste heat. Hence, in general we can write

$$e_T = W + e_{KE} + Q \quad (18)$$

where W is the pressure volume energy, $W = \int Pdv$, e_{KE} is the kinetic energy per unit mass (dynamic pressure) and Q is the waste heat.

The total prompt energy $Y(R)$, the integral of the prompt energy, defined by

$$Y(R) = 4\pi \int_0^R (W + e_{KE}) r^2 dr \quad (19)$$

is of particular interest. The boundary conditions for the shock expansion process are:

- (1) At $R = R_0$, the initial charge radius, Y , is the hydrodynamic yield of the explosion, Y_0 ; and
- (2) as R approaches infinity the shock wave must be completely dissipated hence $Y(\infty) \rightarrow 0$.

Substitution of Equation (18) into (19) gives

$$Y(R) = 4\pi \int_0^R (e_T - Q)r^2 dr = \frac{4}{3} \pi e_T R_0^3 - 4\pi \int_0^R Qr^2 dr \quad .$$

But boundary condition (2) requires that

$$\frac{4}{3} \pi e_T R_o^3 = 4\pi \int_0^{\infty} Qr^2 dr$$

hence,

$$Y(R) = 4\pi \int_R^{\infty} Qr^2 dr , \quad (20a)$$

from which the rate of loss of Y is found to be

$$\frac{dY}{dR} = - 4\pi QR^2 . \quad (20b)$$

Specification of Q permits determination of the prompt energy and hence, of the static overpressure. The UTE becomes tractable if Q can be specified.

The abstraction which makes UTE tractable is the QZQ hypothesis which states:

$$QZ^q = \text{constant} . \quad (21)$$

where Z is a mass corrected radius. This relation permits Equation (20a) to be integrated in closed form yielding a simple analytic equation for the behavior of the prompt energy. Justification of this hypothesis requires development of an equation of state, determination of the mass corrected radius and the introduction of a form factor. The following sections develop the three concepts with the final section devoted to proof of the above relation (21).

B.1 The Generalized Equation of State - GES

Our analysis is designed to cover the spectrum of gaseous states from ambient to highly compressed. To do this, we require an equation of state capable of being extended into the dense gaseous state. The classical equation of state does not include interactions between particles caused by the long range force. It is derived by assuming spherical particles without an interaction potential.

Landau and Lifshitz¹² develop a correction term to the perfect gas law by assuming the gas is sufficiently dense that binary collisions are important but triple, quartic, etc., collisions may be neglected. Noting that the pressure can be found from the Gibbs free energy, F , by

$$P = - \frac{\partial F}{\partial v}$$

they find that, for binary collisions, the free energy is given by

$$F = F_p + N^2 K(T)/v$$

where N is the total number of particles, F_p is the free energy for the perfect gas state, v is the volume and $K(T)$ is proportional to the two particle interaction potential, U_{12} , via

$$K(T) \propto \int \left(e^{-U_{12}/kT} - 1 \right) dv$$

We can generalize* this result by writing

$$P = \sum \xi_i / v^{\eta_i}$$

where the ξ_i and η_i are constants embodying the interparticle interactions; these constants are determined from the thermodynamics of the processes. We can write this relation relative to the ambient pressure, P_a , as

$$P - P_a = \sum \left[\frac{\xi_i}{v^{\eta_i}} - \frac{\xi_i}{v_a^{\eta_i}} \right]$$

which may be reduced to

$$\begin{aligned} P - P_a &= \sum \frac{\xi_i}{v_a^{\eta_i}} \left[\left(\frac{v}{v_a} \right)^{\eta_i} - 1 \right] \\ &= \sum \frac{\xi_i}{v_a^{\eta_i}} \left[\left(\frac{\rho}{\rho_a} \right)^{\eta_i} - 1 \right] . \end{aligned} \tag{22}$$

*Alternatively one can view the prior results as a specialization of Equation 22 (which follows).

¹²L.D. Landau, E.M. Lifshitz, "Statistical Physics," Pergamon Press Ltd., London, 1958

This is the Generalized Equation of State (GES) in the UTE used to calculate the waste heat.

Restricting our analyses to those regimes where real gas effects can be neglected, we have

$$P - P_a = \frac{\xi}{v_a \eta} \left[\left(\frac{\rho}{\rho_a} \right)^\eta - 1 \right].$$

One constant can be determined by recalling that $a_a^2 = (dp/d\rho)_a$, i.e.,

$$a_a^2 = \left(\eta \frac{\xi}{v_a \eta} \rho^{\eta-1} / \rho_a^\eta \right) = \frac{\eta \xi}{v_a \eta \rho_a}$$

These equations are combined to yield

$$P - P_a = \frac{\rho_a a_a^2}{\eta} \left[\left(\frac{\rho}{\rho_a} \right)^\eta - 1 \right].$$

Use is made of two characteristics of a perfect gas (with constant ratio of specific heats), the adiabatic relation

$$P = (\text{constant}) \times \rho^\gamma \tag{23}$$

and

$$P_a = \frac{\rho_a a_a^2}{\gamma},$$

to obtain

$$P - P_a = \frac{\rho_a a_a^2}{\gamma} \left[\left(\frac{\rho}{\rho_a} \right)^\gamma - 1 \right] \tag{24}$$

and thus we conclude that on the average, $\eta = \gamma$.

B.2 The Mass Effect (MEZ) - The Mass Corrected Radius - Z

Blast energy is initially contained in the energetic material which produces the explosion, i.e., the propellant. Since no propellant burns instantaneously or (rarely) to completion, at initiation the shock wave is driven by the products of the reaction and by the as yet unburned particulate matter. As the shock wave expands and air is engulfed, some of the energy is transferred to the air and continues to drive the shock. Eventually, the shock wave leaves the residual mass because viscous drag on the particles reduces their speed relative to the shock speed. The effect is a reduction in the pressure since, as in the case of smoke which has a greater specific heat, the energy density in the residual mass is greater than that which would exist if only air were present.

In MEZ, the energy is assumed to be distributed between the particulate mass and air in direct proportion to their relative masses, that is,

$$\text{prompt energy} = (\text{prompt energy})_{\text{air}} \left[1 + \frac{BM}{\frac{4}{3} \pi R^3 \rho_a} \right] \quad (25)$$

where M is the particulate mass, B is the ratio of the mass prompt energy to that of air and $\frac{4}{3} \pi R^3 \rho_a$ is the mass of engulfed air at radius R . If we multiply the correction term by the cube of the radius we can define a new radius Z by

$$Z = (R^3 + M')^{1/3} \quad (26)$$

where M' has a definition consistent with equation (25). We define Z to be the mass corrected radius.

B.3 The Waste Heat - Q

Our definition for the energy balance, Equation (18), permits us to write the waste heat equation as

$$Q = \Delta e_I - \int P dv \quad (27)$$

since the total energy reduced by the kinetic energy is the internal

energy. We can use Joule's Law¹³ to write, for a perfect gas,

$$dE_I = C_V dT .$$

This equation, when coupled with the perfect gas law, allows us to write

$$\Delta e_I = \frac{\Delta E_i}{\text{MASS}} = \frac{P v_I}{\gamma - 1} - \frac{P_a v_a}{\gamma - 1} \quad (28)$$

for the expansion process.

The pressure-volume energy is found using GES:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{v_I}^{v_f} P dv &= \int_{v_I}^{v_f} \left\{ \frac{\rho_a a_a^2}{\gamma} \left[\left(\frac{v_a}{v} \right)^\gamma - 1 \right] + P_a \right\} dv \\ &= \frac{\rho_a a_a^2}{(1-\gamma)\gamma} \left[\left(\frac{v_a}{v} \right)^\gamma v \right]_{v_I}^{v_f} + \left(P_a - \frac{\rho_a a_a^2}{\gamma} \right) (v_f - v_I) . \end{aligned}$$

We assume that our expansion process is adiabatic, inviscid and non-conducting (i.e., isentropic). This is permissible since we are not concerned with the detailed structure of the shock wave. This assumption sets the second term zero since the assumption results in $P_a = \rho_a a_a^2 / \gamma$. The first term is

$$\frac{\rho_a a_a^2}{(1-\gamma)\gamma} \left[\left(\frac{v_a}{v_f} \right)^\gamma v_f - \left(\frac{v_a}{v_I} \right)^\gamma v_I \right] .$$

If we associated the final state with v_a we can write the integral as (dropping the subscript I)

$$\frac{P_a v_a}{1-\gamma} \left[1 - \left(\frac{v_a}{v} \right)^{\gamma-1} \right] .$$

¹³L.M. Milne-Thomson, "Theoretical Hydrodynamics," The Mac Millan Co., New York, 1950

Again making use of the isentropic relation, Equation (23), we finally obtain the pressure-volume energy

$$W = \int Pdv = \frac{Pv}{\gamma-1} \left[1 - \left(\frac{v}{v_a} \right)^{\gamma-1} \right]. \quad (29)$$

Combining Equations (27)-(29), we obtain a dimensionless waste heat, Q^* :

$$Q^* = \frac{\rho_a Q}{P_a} = \frac{1}{\gamma-1} \left[\frac{\rho_a}{\rho} \left(\frac{P}{P_a} \right)^{1/\gamma} - 1 \right]. \quad (30)$$

Lastly, we note that the density ratio, $\rho_a/\rho \equiv D$, is given in terms of the pressure by the Hugoniot relations as

$$D = \frac{\rho}{\rho_a} = \frac{\frac{\gamma+1}{\gamma-1} P_r + 1}{P_r + \frac{\gamma+1}{\gamma-1}}. \quad (31)$$

We are interested in the behavior of Q^* with pressure. For small overpressures Equation (30) can be expanded by using the binomial theorem:

$$Q^* \cong \frac{\gamma+1}{12} \left(\frac{\Delta P_r}{\gamma} \right)^3 \quad (32)$$

for $\Delta P_r = (P - P_a)P_a \ll 1$. Equation (32) states that in the acoustic wave approximation the dimensionless waste heat varies as (approximately) P^3 . For high overpressures (say $\Delta P_r > 10$) Q^* is found to more approximately follow⁸

$$Q^* = 10^{\frac{(22-L)(L-1)}{16}}, \quad L = \text{Log}_{10} (\Delta P_r) \quad (33)$$

and gives approximately a linear variation between Q^* and ΔP_r . This is illustrated in Figure 4.

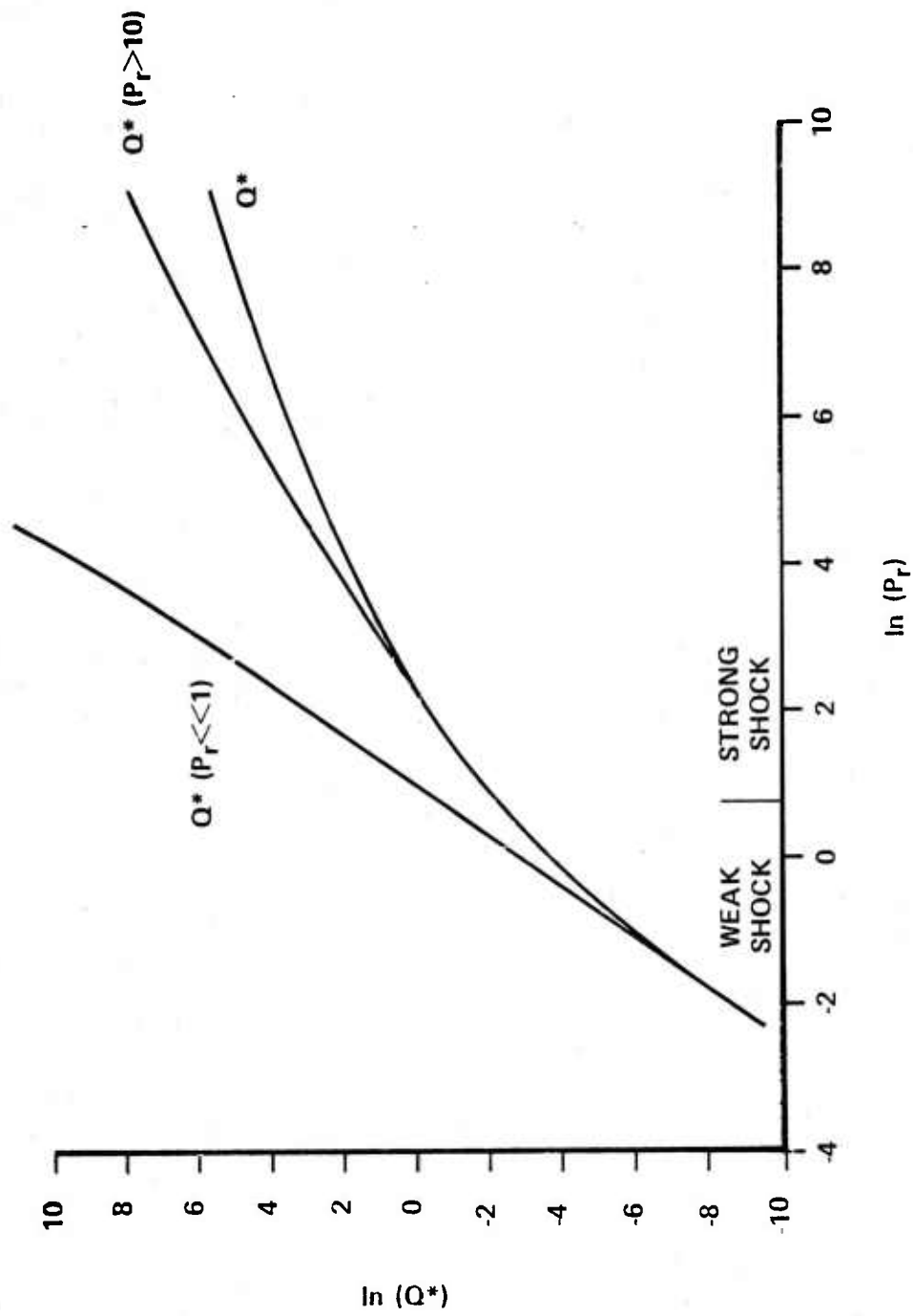


Figure 4. Variation of waste heat with pressure

B.4 The Form Factor

We introduce one more concept in order to justify the QZQ hypothesis: the form factor, F. To quote Porzel⁸: "Probably the most important single experimental fact learned about explosions in the past 30 years is the fact that they scale, and over enormous ranges of yield. This means there must exist a quantity F which is not unique to the explosion, requiring a separate calculation for each, but some average energy, a form factor common to all explosions. If we can determine it for one, we can determine it for all similar explosions."

In general, we can express the integrated prompt energy as

$$Y = 4\pi \int_0^R (W+K)r^2 dr ,$$

the terms of which can be arranged as follows:

$$Y = \frac{4}{3}\pi R^3 P \left\{ \frac{1}{P} \int_0^R 3(W+K) \left(\frac{r}{R}\right)^2 d(r/R) \right\}$$

or

$$Y = \frac{4}{3}\pi R^3 P \left\{ \frac{1}{P} \int_0^R (W+K)r^2 dr : (P \int_0^R r^2 dr) \right\} . \quad (34)$$

We denote the bracketed term by F, the form factor. It is a ratio of the average energy in the wave to the peak pressure. The integrated prompt energy can thus be written

$$Y = \frac{4}{3}\pi R^3 \cdot P \cdot F \quad (35)$$

Blast energy	=	shock volume	peak pressure at shock wave	average energy on interior rel. to peak pressure.
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We wish to determine the dependence of the form factor on the radius. Since $Y \sim QR^3$ one may rewrite Equation (35) as

$$PF(P) \sim QR^3 / \left(\frac{4}{3}\pi R^3\right) \sim Q$$

In the strong shock regime $P \sim R^{-3}$ and since $Q \sim P \sim R^{-3}$, F is essentially constant. In the weak shock regime the spherical wave is very nearly planar and acoustic theory gives $P \sim R^{-1}$. But $Q \sim P^3$ in the weak shock regime hence $F \sim R^{-2}$.

We now have the tools necessary to justify the QZQ hypothesis.

B.5 The QZQ Hypothesis

The blast energy balance is

$$Y_0 = 4\pi \int_0^R (W+K) r^2 dr + 4\pi \int_0^R Q r^2 dr.$$

$$\text{Initial yield} = \text{prompt energy} + \text{waste heat.}$$

Using the results of the previous section Y_0 can be written

$$Y_0 = \frac{4}{3}\pi R^3 PF + 4\pi \int_0^R Q r^2 dr.$$

Differentiation of Y_0 with respect to R (noting the $1/4\pi d(Y_0)/dr = 0$) gives

$$QR^2 + R^2PF + \frac{1}{3} R^3 \frac{d}{dR} (PF) = 0.$$

Dividing these results by $R^2 P F$ we have

$$\frac{Q}{PF} + 1 + \frac{1}{3} \frac{1}{RPF} \frac{d}{dR} (PF) = 0$$

or

$$\frac{d(\ln PF)}{d(\ln R)} = -3\left(1 + \frac{Q}{PF}\right).$$

In the strong shock regime we found that F was essentially constant and $Q \sim P$. Therefore, in this regime $Q/PF \sim \text{constant}$. In the weak shock regime, $Q \sim P^3$, $P \sim R^{-1}$ and with $F \sim R^{-2}$ the ratio Q/PF is again

essentially constant (although not necessarily the same constant as that in the strong shock regime); thus

$$\ln Q = \ln \text{constant} + \ln PF.$$

Denoting $3(1 + Q/PF)$ by q , leads to

$$-q = d[\ln Q - \ln \text{constant}]/d(\ln R)$$

or

$$-q = d(\ln Q)/d(\ln R) .$$

Integration of this equation produces the result that

$$QR^q = \text{constant}. \quad (36)$$

Lastly, we note that R^3 and Z^3 differ by an additive constant, hence, their derivatives are equal. The result is that by replacement of derivatives, integration and change of the constant,

$$QZ^q = \text{constant}. \quad (37)$$

We require estimates for the constant q in the strong and weak shock regimes. It can be shown that the above equations lead to

$$\frac{d(\ln Y)}{d(\ln R)} = 3 + \frac{d(\ln PF)}{d(\ln R)} = 3 - q$$

Additionally, Equation (20b) leads to the suggestion that

$$\frac{d(\ln Y)}{d(\ln R)} \sim -1$$

in the strong and weak regimes. In the weak regime all of the prompt

energy is subject to waste; however, in the strong regime only one half the prompt energy is subject to waste. Hence, we expect

$$\frac{d(\ln Y)}{d(\ln R)} \sim \begin{cases} -1 & \text{weak regime,} \\ -\frac{1}{2} & \text{strong regime.} \end{cases}$$

These estimates are borne out by detailed calculations⁸ thus, we accept the values of q as

$$q = \begin{cases} 4.0 & \text{weak,} \\ 3.5 & \text{strong.} \end{cases}$$

C. PEAK OVERPRESSURE CALCULATION SCHEME (POCS)

The necessary technical arguments are in position to show how to make a simple scheme for calculation of spherical blast wave overpressure. The interior analyses give rise to an estimate for the initial yield and an initial radius for the charge can be determined by 1/6 of the propellant mass and the specific gravity of the propellant. All that remains is determination of the constant in the QZ^q hypothesis.

Since QZ^q is constant for all Z we shall select the transition radius, that is, the radius at which the shock wave changes from strong to weak, as the point at which the constant shall be evaluated. Since the initial yield and radius are determined, Equation (20a) can be used in the form

$$Y_o = 4\pi \int_{Z_o}^{Z_t} Qz^2 dz + \int_{Z_t}^{\infty} Qz^2 dz \quad (39)$$

where Z_t is the transition radius.

The constants are different in the strong and weak regimes so let us write

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Strong:} \quad QZ^{q_1} &= A = Q_t Z_t^{q_1} \\ \text{Weak:} \quad QZ^{q_2} &= B = Q_t Z_t^{q_2} \end{aligned}$$

Equation (39) becomes (using dimensionless energies indicated by the asterisks)

$$\frac{Y_o^*}{4\pi} \int_{Z_o}^{Z_t} A^* z^{2-q_1} dz + \int_{Z_t}^{\infty} B^* z^{2-q_2} dz .$$

This is readily integrated to give

$$\frac{Y_o^*}{4\pi Q_t^*} = \frac{Z_t^{q_1}}{3-q_1} \left[Z_t^{3-q_1} - Z_o^{3-q_1} \right] - \frac{Z_t^3}{3-q_2} \quad (40)$$

since q_2 is greater than 3. If X is defined as $X = Z_t/Z_0$ then we can write Equation (40) as

$$\frac{Y_0^*}{4\pi Q_t^* Z_0^3} = \frac{X^{q_1}}{3-q_1} \left[X^{3-q_1} - 1 \right] - \frac{X^3}{3-q_2} . \quad (41)$$

This equation, once Q_t^* is specified, can be solved approximately by a variety of techniques. (See, for example, Schaumm's "Numerical Analysis"¹⁴).

Equation (30), when combined with Equation (31), gives an expression for Q^* in terms of the pressure ratio, P_r . A unique specification for the pressure at the transition point is not possible because of a variation in the criteria used to differentiate strong from weak shock waves. For example, at a pressure ratio of 3.8×10^5 pascals (3.8 atm.) the sound velocity equals the material velocity behind the shock wave and this is a good dividing point between strong and weak shocks. Another reasonable division is at the place where that pressure ratio which separates ΔP_r as greater or less than P_a . This occurs at a pressure ratio of 1×10^5 pascal (1 atm.). Around a pressure ratio of 2×10^5 pascals (2 atm.) the negative phase first develops thereby preventing any further energy from propagating from the interior to the shock wave. For lack of any definitive criteria for transition from weak to strong shocks we select a pressure ratio of 2×10^5 pascals. The waste heat at the transition point is then found to be

$$Q_t^* = .096. \quad (42)$$

In conjunction with equation (30), (31), and (41), the pressure ratio is obtained from

$$Q^* Z^{q_i} = .096 (XZ_0)^{q_i} \quad (43)$$

for values of q_i of 3.5 or 4 depending upon whether Z is greater or less than Z_t ($Z/Z_0 \gtrless X$).

¹⁴F. Scheid, "Theory and Problems of Numerical Analysis," Schaum's Outline Series, McGraw-Hill Book Co., New York, (1968).

D. ASPHERICAL GEOMETRY

The previous analyses assume spherical symmetry since most explosions can be idealized as emanating from a point source. The gases exiting from a gun would probably be conical or cylindrical in shape owing to the basic shape of the barrel and the boundary layer buildup. We wish to examine the effect of a cylindrical charge versus a spherical charge upon the results. We do this by replacing the idealized point source with a line source.

The basic relation for prompt energy, Equation (20a), becomes, for a line source,

$$Y_o = 2\pi h \int_{Z_o}^{\infty} Qz dz$$

where quantities are assumed constant along the line length, h . If we assume, for the moment, that the exponents, q , are the same in both strong and weak regimes this equation integrates to

$$Y_o = \frac{2\pi h K Z_o^{2-q}}{q-2}$$

since, as before, q is greater than 3. Setting K equal to the values at the transition radius and denoting the dimensionless ratio $(Z_t/Z_o)_{\text{cyl}} \equiv \xi$ and $(Z_t/Z_o)_{\text{sph}} \equiv \eta$ we find that, for equal initial yields

$$\frac{2\pi h Q_t Z_{oC}^2 \xi^q}{q-2} = \frac{4\pi Q_t Z_{oS}^3 \eta^q}{q-3}$$

or

$$\left(\frac{\xi}{\eta}\right)^q = \frac{2 Z_{oS}^3 (q-2)}{Z_{oC}^2 h (q-3)}$$

Since the initial volumes must be equal, i.e., $\pi Z_{oC}^2 h = \frac{4}{3}\pi Z_{oS}^3$, one has

$$\left(\frac{\xi}{\eta}\right)^q = 2\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)\frac{(q-2)}{(q-3)},$$

or

$$\frac{\xi}{\eta} = \left[\frac{3}{2} \frac{q-2}{q-3} \right]^{1/q}.$$

We are left with estimating the initial radius of the cylinder with respect to that of the sphere. In the next chapter we will show that the ordered motion is approximately equal to the random motion, hence, energy transport along the axis of the barrel would be greater than the transverse flux by a factor of two. This suggests an aspect ratio, h/Z , of 2 and, since the volumes must be equal, we obtain

$$Z_{0c}^3 = \frac{2}{3} Z_{0s}^3$$

or

$$Z_{0c}/Z_{0s} \sim .8735.$$

Consequently,

$$Z_{tc} \sim .8735 \left[\frac{3}{2} \frac{q-2}{q-3} \right]^{1/q} Z_{ts}. \quad (44)$$

This function is plotted in Figure 5 and shows that the transition radius is from 1.5 to 2.5 times farther away when the initial energy release is cylindrical rather than spherical in shape.

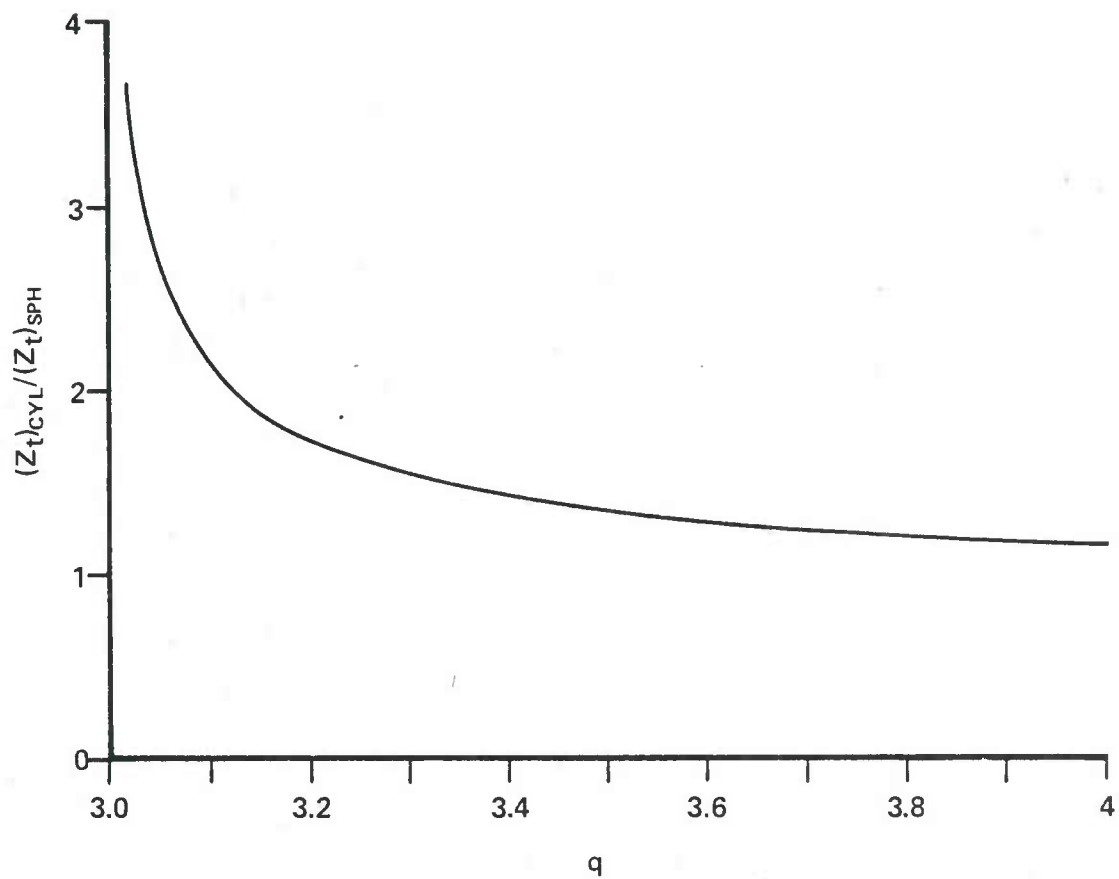


Figure 5. Cylindrical charge contribution to transition radius scaling

E. PULSE LENGTH DETERMINATION

The traditional analysis to determine the blast pulse length uses an assumed pressure pulse time history and empirical blast data. Pulse shapes ranging from polynomials (including instant-rise/linear-decay triangles) to the product of polynomials and exponentials are commonly used. A classical example is the Friedlander equation as found in Baker⁶:

$$P(t) = P_a + P_p \left(1 - \frac{t}{t_+}\right) \exp(-bt/t_+).$$

In the usual analysis the four constants P_a , P_p , t_+ and b are determined (as a function of charge weight and distance from the charge) empirically.

Another approach is that of Theilheimer⁶. He uses a pulse shape of the form

$$P(t) = P_a + P_p \exp(-t/\theta)$$

where the time constant is defined by

$$\theta = - \left(\frac{P - P_a}{\partial P / \partial t} \right),$$

evaluated at $t = 0_+$. Using this pulse shape and the partial differential equations that: govern the conservation of mass and momentum; define the speed of sound; and describe the change of (energy) state in an adiabatic expansion, Theilheimer finds the partial derivative of pressure with respect to time as

$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial t} = \frac{U \left\{ \frac{2\rho u a^2}{R} (U-u) + \frac{dP}{dR} \left[a^2 + u(U-u) \right] + \frac{du}{dR} a^2 \rho U \right\}}{a^2 - (U-u)^2}.$$

The UTE could be used to determine gradients of u and P with respect to R and then to $\partial P / \partial t$ and from it, the time constant for decay of pressure at fixed distances from the blast center. However, the data currently available on durations does not justify this close examination.

In order to apply the UTE to pulse length calculation without resort to a complex computation (which is not justified by the quality of the

data) we note that the theory as presented is not time dependent; however, it can be extended for estimating the pulse length. We begin by observing that a time can be determined using a characteristic length associated with the energy volume and the material velocity. Additionally, one can relate the pressure volume energy to the prompt energy.

Let us define the pulse length by

$$\Delta t = \xi/u$$

where ξ is representative of the volume occupied by the pressure energy. We define ξ by

$$\frac{4}{3} \pi \xi^3 = \frac{4}{3} \pi \frac{\Delta v}{v_0} R^3.$$

In general then (from Equation (35))

$$Yh(e) = \frac{4}{3} \pi \frac{v_0}{\Delta v} \xi^3 P$$

where $h(e)$ modifies the yield to include only that portion which appears as pressure energy.

The volume ratio (because of the per unit mass definition) becomes

$$\frac{v_0}{\Delta v} = \frac{1}{1 - \frac{v}{v_0}} = \frac{D}{D-1}$$

where $D = \rho/\rho_0$. The form adopted for $h(e)$ is arrived at as follows:

The prompt energy is defined as the static overpressure energy (internal energy, e_I) plus the kinetic energy. Since the kinetic energy is not detected by a static pressure probe we must reduce the prompt energy by the ratio:

$$\frac{\Delta e_I}{\Delta e_I + \Delta(u^2/2)}$$

This can be written as

$$\frac{1}{1 + \frac{\Delta(u^2/2)}{\Delta e_I}}$$

and, since we have assumed a perfect gas, constant total enthalpy allows us to write the ratio as

$$\frac{1}{1 + \frac{\Delta h}{\Delta e_I}} \cdot$$

The ratio of the enthalpy to internal energy is recognized as the ratio of the specific heats, γ ; hence, the correction factor for the prompt energy becomes

$$h(e) = \frac{1}{1+\gamma} \cdot$$

The pulse length becomes

$$\Delta t = \frac{1}{u} \frac{(D-1)Y}{\frac{4}{3} \pi (1+\gamma) PD} \quad 1/3 \quad (46)$$

III - COMPARISON OF THEORY AND EXPERIMENT

The theory which we have presented raises many questions concerning the assumptions and the ultimate validity of such an approach. In this section we shall examine data for three guns in the Army inventory and compare these data to our theory. The guns considered and the relevant characteristics are given in Table I. (We apologize for the inconsistent units; however, this is the way data is usually presented^{15,16}).

Table 1

(a) Gun

Designation	Type	Barrel Length(m)	Dia. (mm)	Groove Height (m)	Propellant
XM204	towed howitzer	3.55	105	3.5×10^{-3}	M30A1
M110E2	self-propelled howitzer	6.93	203	3.66×10^{-3}	M188E2
M107	self-propelled artillery gun	8.95	175	3.66×10^{-3}	M6

(b) Propellant

	Specific Gravity(g/cc)	Specific Energy(cal/g)	Chamber Temp(K)	Chamber Press. (psi)	Weight/zone (lbs)/(non-dim)
M30A1	1.66	975	3040/2450	54000	4.42/8
M188E2	1.66	975	3040/2450	31000	38/8
M6	1.58	758	3040/2450	46000	57/3

¹⁵B.L. Reichard, A.R. Downs, "A Compendium of Field Artillery Facts - Organization, Tactics, Operations, Weapon Systems and Terminology," BRL Report No. 1759, Feb 1975. (AD #B002431)

¹⁶"Interior Ballistics of Guns," Engineering Design Handbook, AMC Pamphlet No. AMCP 706-150, Feb., 1965.

Table 1 (Cont)

(c) Projectile

Gun	Weight(lbs)	Muzzle Vel(ft/sec)
XM204	33	2133
M110E2	200	2330
M107	147.5	3000

A. APPLICATION OF SPHERICAL EXPLOSION THEORY TO MUZZLE BLAST OVERPRESSURE PREDICTION

The overpressure theory of the previous chapter is not directly applicable to the muzzle blast problem. In this section we shall develop those adjustments, based upon preliminary examination of the data, to make the principal result, the QZQ hypothesis, applicable. In this section we shall address three areas: (1) the effect of the ordered motion of the propellant gases, (2) revised estimates for the exponents in the QZQ hypothesis and (3) the effect of the cylindrical vs. spherical initial shape. Finally, we shall illustrate our findings by using the 175mm M107 artillery gun.

A.1 The Moving Charge Effect

Energy transport in any direction is determined by the sum of ordered and random motion, each contributing according to their respective velocities. The gases issuing from a gun have velocities given by the projectile muzzle velocity, which is on the order of 3 times the speed of sound; hence, it is instructive to examine the relative significance of these motions. Experimental investigations into the effect of motion on blast overpressures were performed by Patterson and Wenig¹⁷, Armendt¹⁸ and Armendt and Sperrazza¹⁹. Their results showed that blast overpressures were measurably greater at a given distance from detonation in the direction of motion as compared to the transverse direction. We expect a similar effect in muzzle blast and in the following we give a simple procedure for including this effect.

We begin with a comparison between the energies of random and ordered motion. The kinetic energy of ordered motion is simply

$$\frac{1}{2} u_{\text{muzzle}}^2$$

¹⁷J.D. Patterson, J. Wenig, "Air Blast Measurements Around Moving Explosive Charges," BRL Memorandum Report No. 767, Mar., 1954. (AD #33173)

¹⁸B.F. Armendt, "Air Blast Measurements Around Moving Explosive Charges, Part II," BRL Memorandum Report No. 900, May, 1955. (AD #71277)

¹⁹B.F. Armendt, J. Sperrazza, "Air Blast Measurements Around Moving Explosive Charges, Part III," BRL Memorandum Report No. 1019, July, 1956 (AD #114950)

which, for the M107, is

$$e_{\text{ordered}} \sim 4.2 \times 10^5 \text{ j/kg}$$

or

$$U_{\text{ordered}} \sim 915 \text{ m/sec .}$$

The energy in random motion is given by

$$\frac{1}{2} k T$$

per degree of freedom where k is Boltzmann's constant. Table 1 gives the temperatures as: isochoric - 3040 °K, isobaric - 2450 °K. We expect the actual temperature to be somewhere between these, hence, for convenience, let us assume the temperature to be 2750°K and an average molecular weight of 28. The energy in random motion becomes

$$\frac{1}{2} k T = 4.1 \times 10^5 \text{ j/kg}$$

which gives a random velocity of approximately 904 m/sec.

These results show that energy transport along the axis of the barrel is approximately twice that in the transverse direction. We interpret this as meaning that pressure probes, one at a distance L perpendicular to the barrel axis will sense the same pressure as one aligned along the axis at a distance $L/2$. For simplicity, we adjust all lengths by the factor

$$\frac{1}{1 + \cos \theta}$$

where θ is the angle between a unit vector along the barrel axis (at the muzzle) and a position vector from the muzzle to the pressure probe. This function has the characteristic of varying smoothly from $1/2$ along the barrel axis to unity normal to the axis.

Figures 6a and 6b show the effect of this modification. Figure 6a shows the data as measured. The symbols denote gun elevations of : + 100 mils, □ 620 mils and ◡ 1125 mils (military mils where 6400 mils equal 360°). The variation in each symbol is a result of different azimuth angles (0°, 30°, 60°, 90°). Application of relation (47) clearly results in a more reasonable correlation of overpressure with distance from the muzzle. For this reason all data is adjusted according to this prescription.

A.2 Revised Estimates for q

In Section II.B.5 values of 3.5 and 4 were obtained for the exponents, q, in the strong and weak shock regimes respectively. These values were predicted upon the scaling laws which state that $P \sim R^{-1}$ in the weak regime.

The previous section, III.A.1, shows that there is an effect due to the forward velocity of the gases. Since the q's relate the conversion of prompt energy to waste heat, and since the ordered motion is approximately equal to the random motion, we propose that only half of the pressure volume energy is available for conversion to waste heat. The consequence is that in the strong regime $q \sim 3.25$. Additionally, since the muzzle overpressures are relatively low (compared to H.E. explosives) the transition radius is small compared to the distances of interest. Hence, the motion effect has not disappeared and we plausibly expect the weak regime q to be approximately 3.25 also.

This conclusion is demonstrated in Figure 7 where we have plotted $-\ln Q$ vs. $\ln R$ (or $\ln Z$ since they are approximately equal far from the muzzle) for the adjusted data of Figure 6b. The straight line is a least squares regression fit of the form ax^b . The fit is to the increasing data; the points at the greatest distances were not included since they are at essentially constant pressure and do not reflect the dynamics of the processes. For these data a slope of approximately 3.2 was found. This is consistent with our assertion and demonstrates that the division of energy in crossing the shock wave is significantly affected by the existence of the ordered motion.

In our analyses we shall use equal q's of value 3.25.

A.3 Initial Cylindrical Shape

In Section D of the previous chapter we developed

$$(Z_t)_{\text{cyl}} \sim .8735 \left[1.5 \frac{q-2}{q-3} \right]^{1/q} (Z_t)_{\text{sph}}$$

DATA ADJUSTMENT FOR MUZZLE VELOCITY EFFECT
M107 ARTILLERY GUN (175MM)

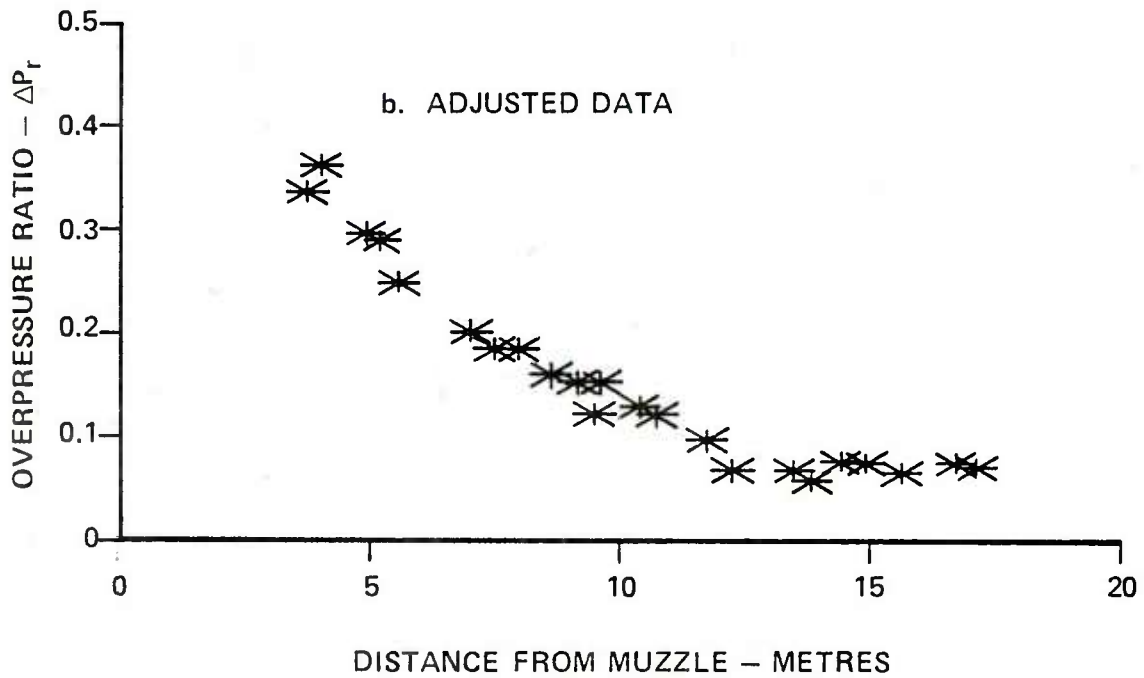
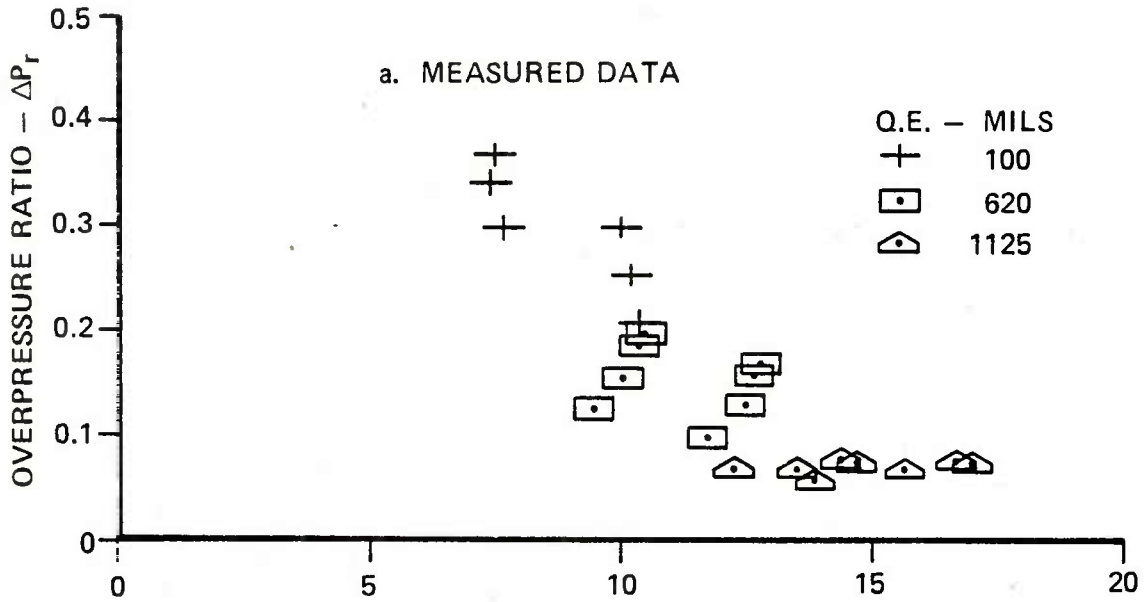


FIGURE 6

VARIATION OF WASTE HEAT WITH DISTANCE
M107 ARTILLERY GUN (175MM)

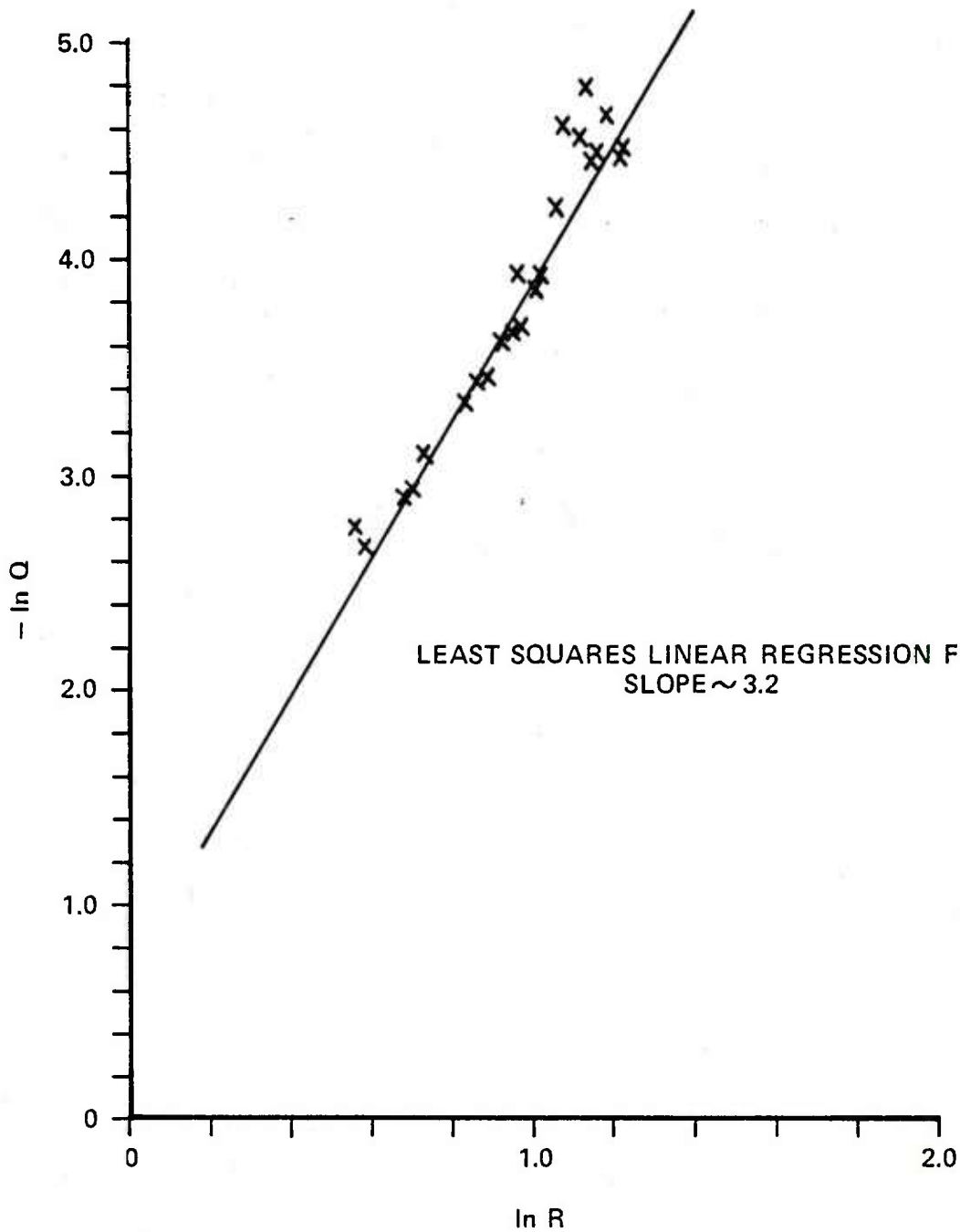


FIGURE 7

a modification to the theory because of a proposed initial cylindrical shape to the charge. For a q of 3.25 we find that

$$(Z_t)_{\text{cyl}} \sim 1.624 (Z_t)_{\text{sph}} .$$

When the transition radius is near the muzzle we still expect the cylindrical shape to be present since sufficient time has not elapsed for these asymmetrical effects to be washed out.* That the cylindrical transition radius is more appropriate is shown in Figure 8.

*For an exit Mach number of 2.3 and transition radius of 1 metre the elapsed time is of the order of 1 msec.

EFFECT OF INITIAL CHARGE SHAPE ON MUZZLE BLAST OVERPRESSURE
M107 ARTILLERY GUN (175MM)

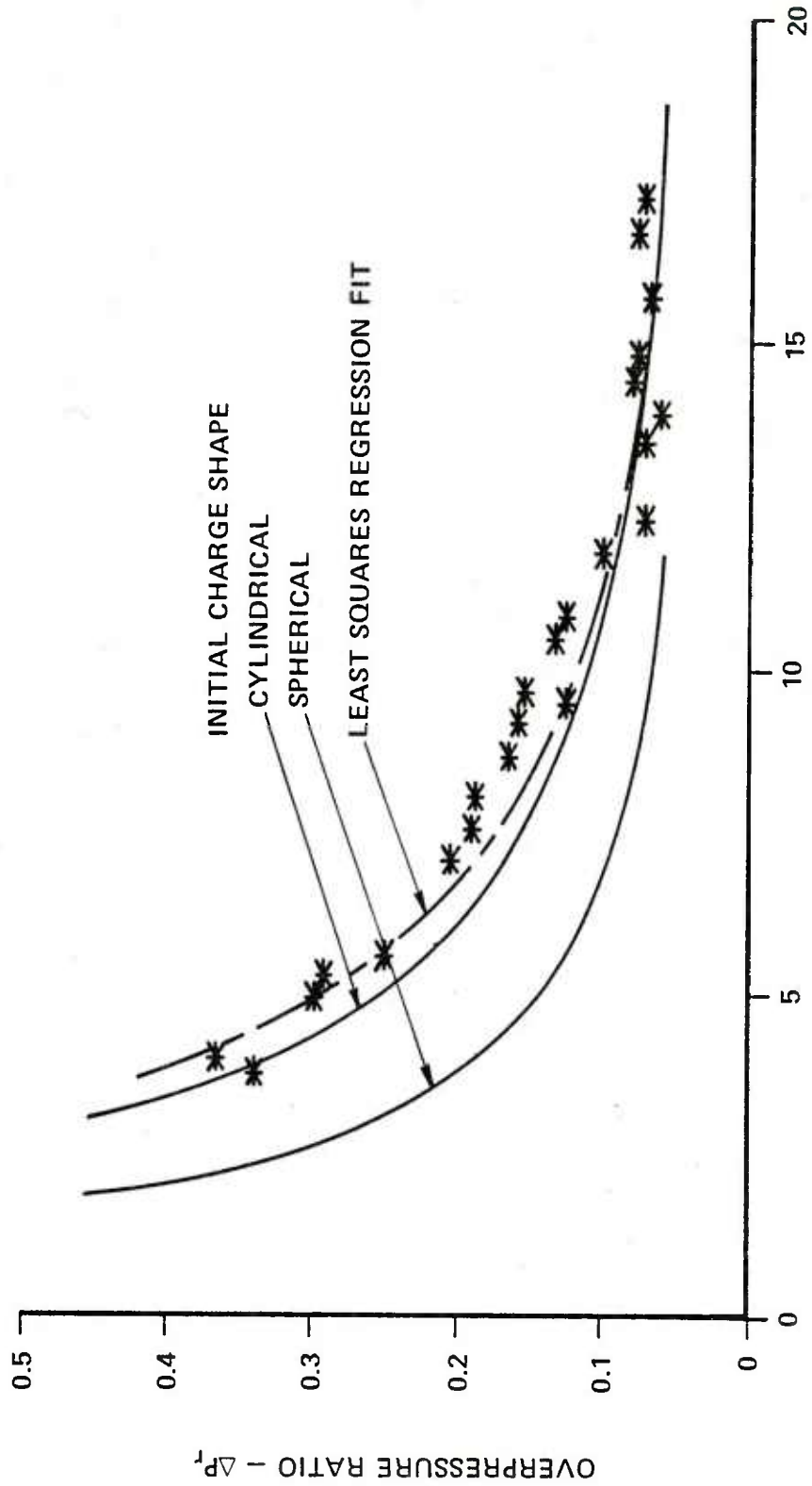


FIGURE 8

B. COMPARISON OF THEORY AND EXPERIMENT

In this section we will apply our theory to the guns described at the beginning of this section. In each case we have also provided a least squares regression fit of the form $y = a x^b$ to the adjusted data. The data for the M110E2 and the M107 were obtained from the Material Test Directorate at the Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.²⁰ The XM204 data were obtained from Westline's report⁵. We note that the APG data error is claimed to be a maximum of + 5%. We also note that for clarity in certain instances, data which did not add further information were not plotted.

B.1 Muzzle Blast Overpressure

Figure 8 in the previous section shows our prediction for the 175mm M107 artillery gun. For the adjusted data the regression fit yielded an exponent, b , of -1.29. The measured data are: + - 100 mils quadrant elevation (Q.E.), \square - 620 mils Q.E., and \triangle - 1125 mils Q.E. Additionally, each symbol includes variation in the azimuth at values of 0°, 30°, 60°, and 90°. Two probes were located at each of the angles on circular arcs of radii 9.15 and 12.2 metres from the muzzle when at a Q.E. of 100 mils.

Within the data field a maximum disagreement (in overpressure ratio) between the theory and data is found to be approximately +15%. This corresponds to a 3.9% error in the absolute pressure.

Figures 9a and b show the data and theoretical prediction for the M110E2 self-propelled howitzer. Figure 9a shows the measured data with the symbols denoting the same conditions as with the M107.

Figure 9b shows the adjusted data, the theoretical prediction and the least squares regression fit. The regression fit gave an exponent, b , of approximately -1.26. In this fit the two flagged points were not included. These points correspond to a Q.E. of 100 mils with the probes located directly in front of the muzzle (0° azimuth). These abnormally low overpressures may be attributed to the losses associated with the flow patterns, i.e., the normal shocks associated with the Mach disks, and hence, are not characteristic of the overall decrease of pressure with distance. This assertion cannot be validated since similar data were not observed with the other guns examined. We can state that since the basic reason for this paper is predication of overpressures for safety reasons, these low values are of no consequence for the work at hand.

²⁰D. Lacy, Private Communication.

MUZZLE BLAST OVERPRESSURE
M110E2 SELF-PROPELLED HOWITZER (203MM)

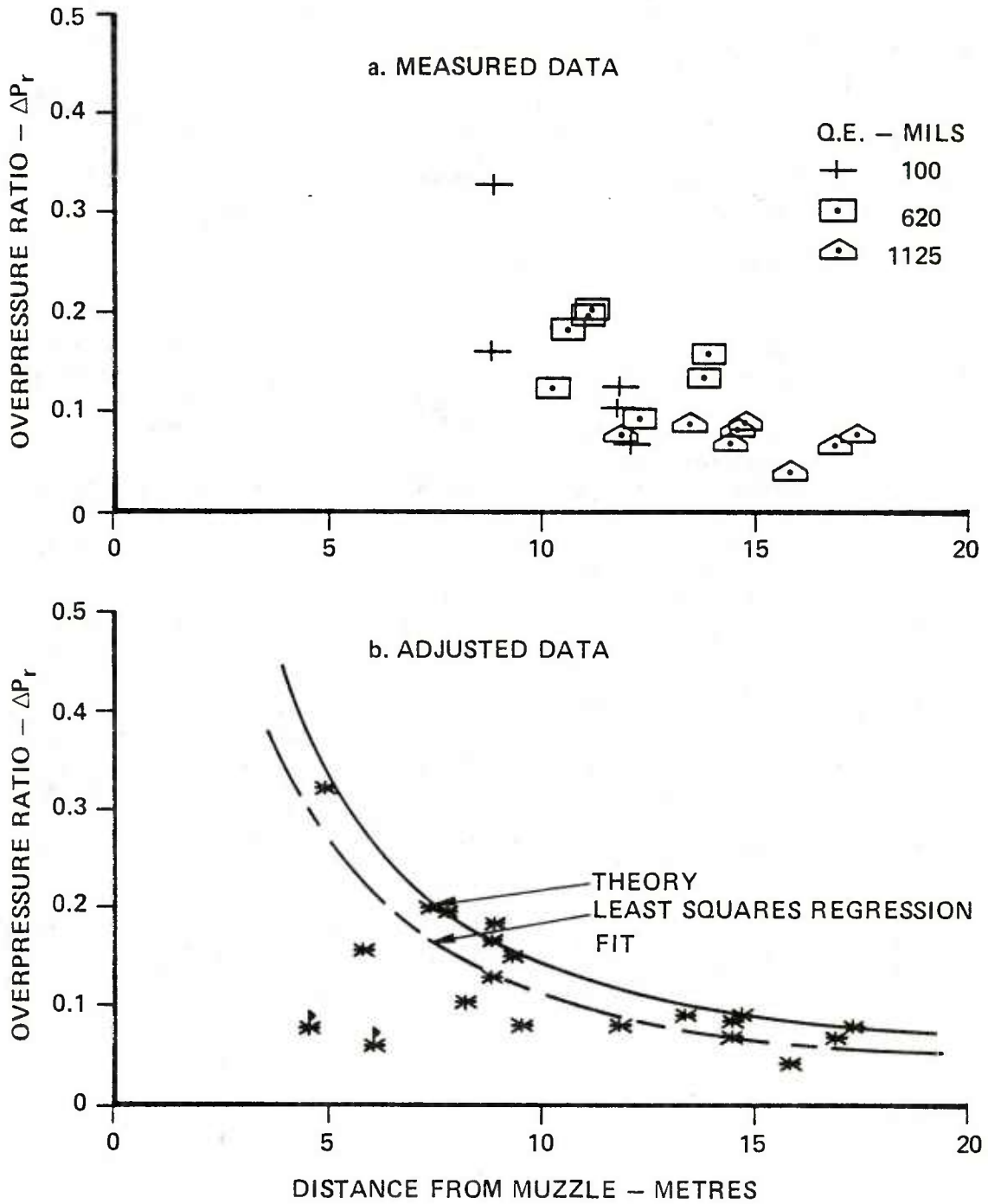


FIGURE 9

For these M110E2 data the theoretical prediction is upwards of +25% in error for the overpressure ratio (compared to the regression fit). This corresponds to approximately 5.2% in absolute pressure.

Figures 10 a and b show the data for the XM204 towed howitzer. Figure 10a shows the measured data. These data were all obtained at a quadrant elevation of 26.7 mils and the data represent variation in the azimuth.

Figure 10b shows the adjusted data. For these data the theoretical prediction and the regression fit are basically indistinguishable. This figure also nicely illustrates how the data collapse about the 90° azimuth value.

B.2 Muzzle Blast Pulse Length

The data in this section represent the positive phase duration. That is, the measured data represent the time duration between the start of the pulse and the point where the initial pulse returns to ambient pressure. The range component of the duration data has been adjusted in the same way (and for the same reason) as the range component of the pressure data. But, unlike the pressure data the pulse length is adjusted in addition to the range. We argue that an observer standing in front of the muzzle will see, in time, a shorter pulse because of its velocity than an observer standing at 90° to the muzzle unit normal. We have provided the regression fit for these data; however, there is sufficient scatter in the data that both authors and readers are wise to refrain from drawing any comparisons between the theory and the fit.

Figures 11 a and b show the pulse length for the M110E2 and Figures 12 a and b show the data for the M107. The symbols correspond to the same conditions as noted for the overpressure data. Our theoretical predictions generally fall along the top of the measured data.

We have not examined the XM204 pulse length data because of difficulties in interpreting the exact nature of the data.

Lastly, Figure 13 shows the M107 overpressure data again, this time including bars to denote the stated error of +5%. We show this to reaffirm the discussion which compared our theory to the regression fit.

MUZZLE BLAST OVERPRESSURE
XM204 TOWED HOWITZER (105MM)

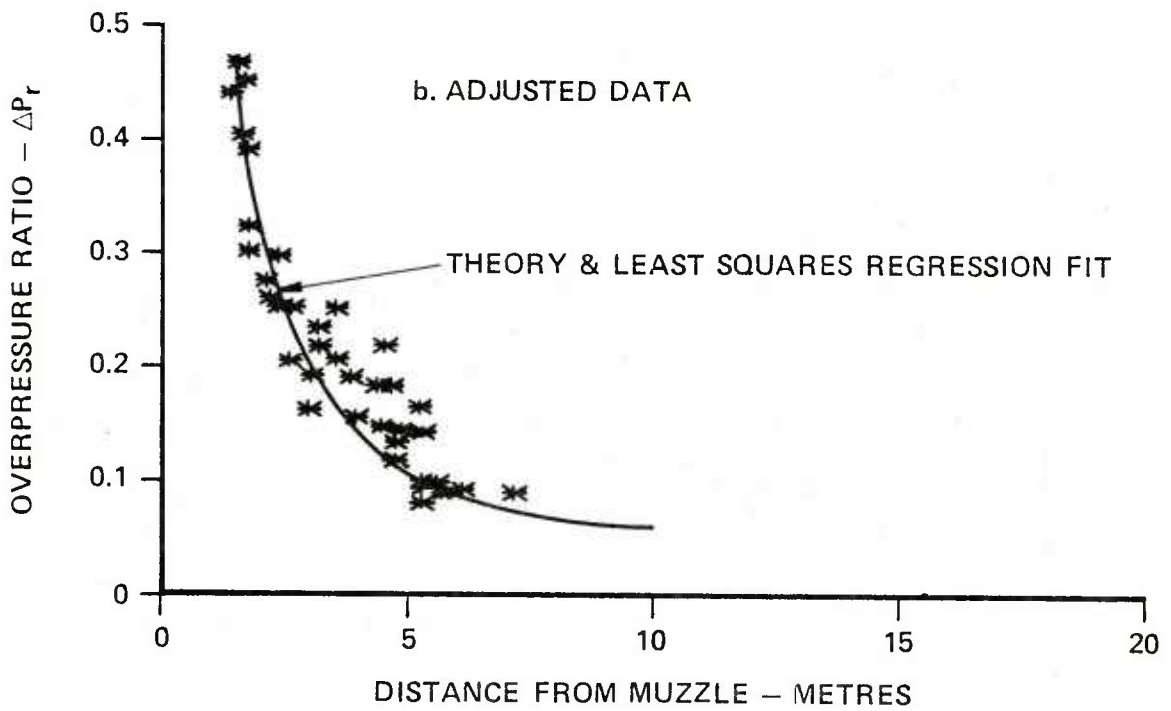
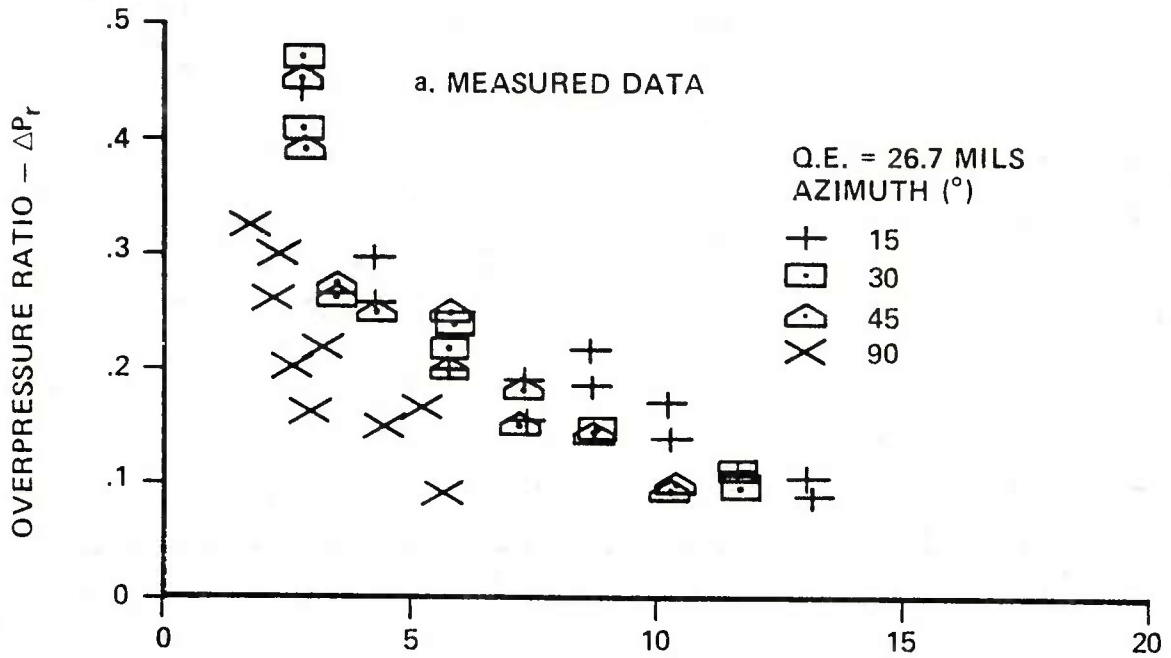
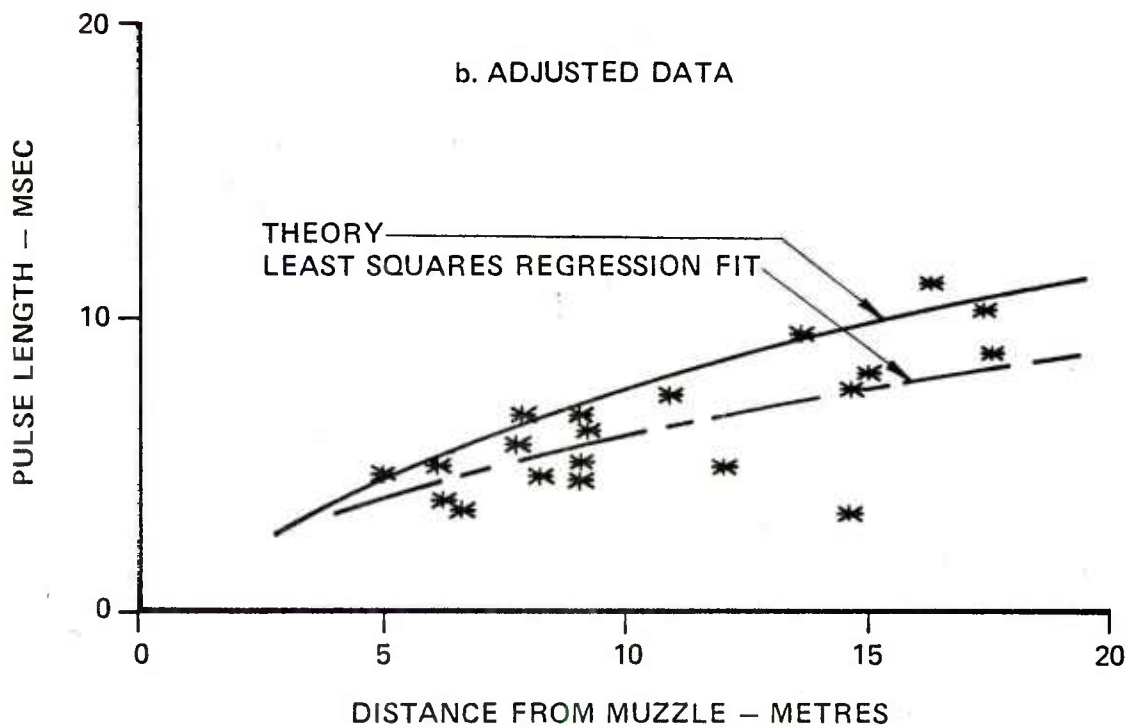
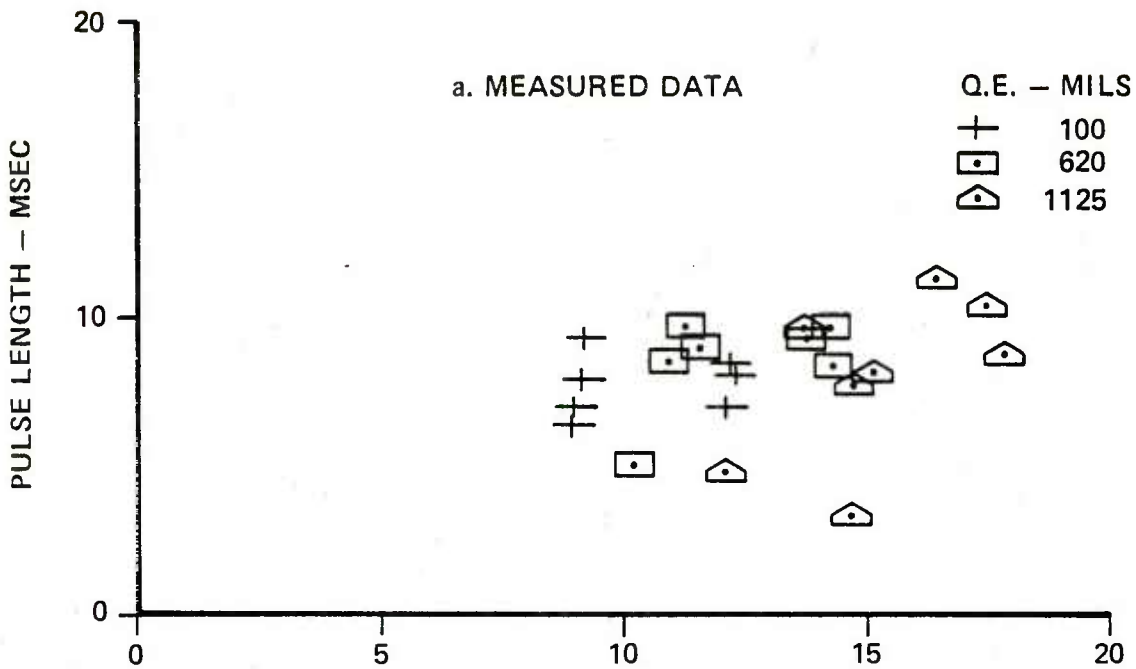


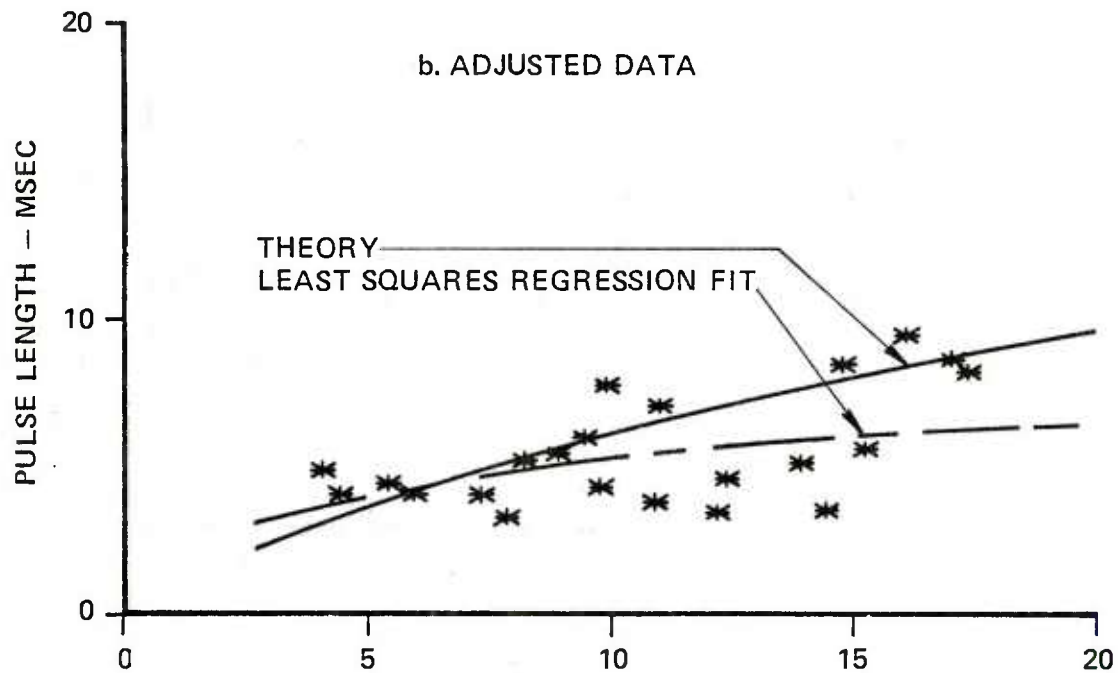
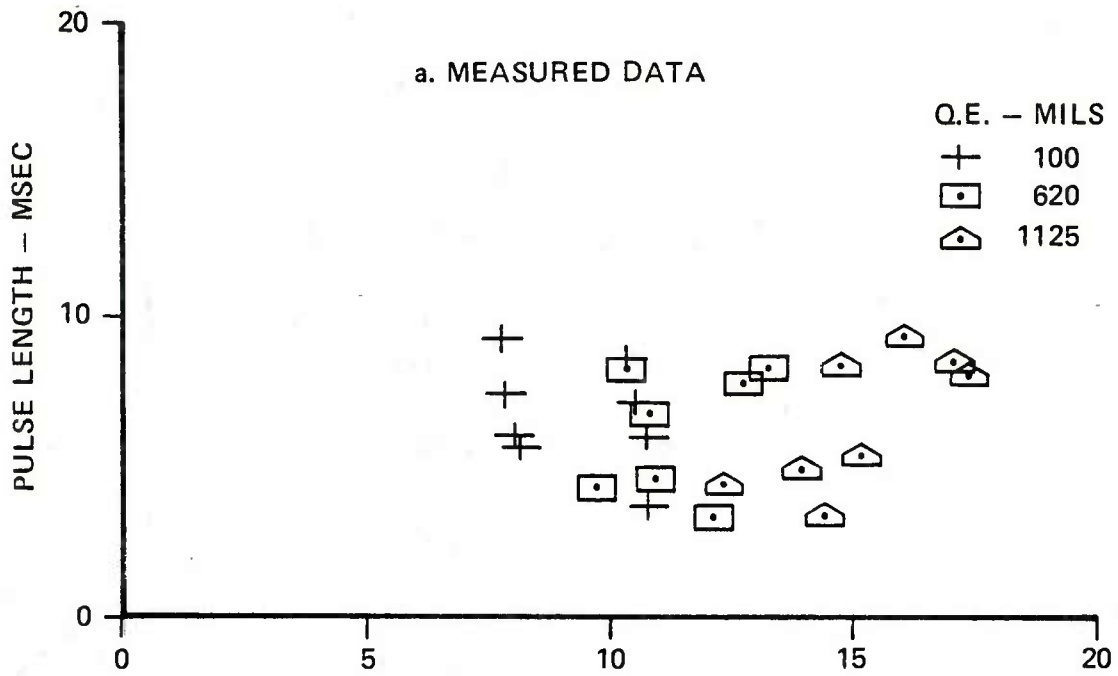
FIGURE 10

MUZZLE BLAST PULSE LENGTH
M110E2 SELF-PROPELLED HOWITZER (203MM)



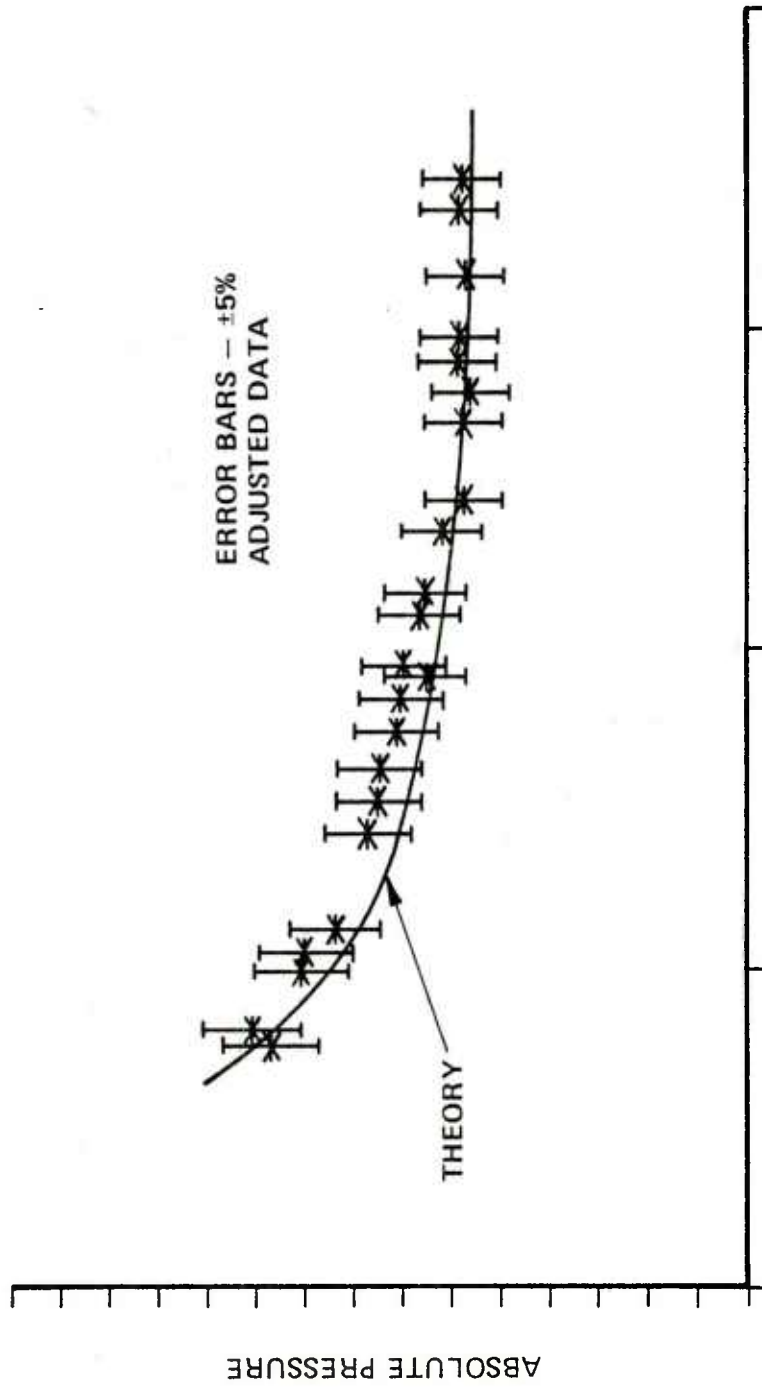
DISTANCE FROM MUZZLE - METRES
FIGURE 11

MUZZLE BLAST PULSE LENGTH
M107 ARTILLERY GUN (175MM)



DISTANCE FROM MUZZLE - METRES
FIGURE 12

MUZZLE BLAST PEAK PRESSURE
M107 ARTILLERY GUN (175MM)



DISTANCE FROM MUZZLE

FIGURE 13

C. DISCUSSION

In view of our results, specifically with regard to the modification for cylindrical geometry, we can form a tentative picture of the gross features of the muzzle blast flow field.

Perhaps the most unrealistic characteristic of the assumed cylindrical shape is the requirement of constant pressure along the length of the cylinder. An examination of the expected processes in the flow field show that this may well be true. Previously we spoke of the inter-relationship between the static and dynamic pressures *ala Bernoulli*. In those discussions we used the Bernoulli principle to arrive at the projectile base static pressure. Once the gases have left the muzzle the reverse process must occur. That is, the high dynamic pressure of ordered motion must revert to static pressure as the gases decelerate to zero velocity. This velocity decrease will occur along the axis of the gun hence we should expect a production of pressure energy along this line--forming a more cylindrical, rather than spherical, shape.

This energy conversion produces a second, equally important effect. Classical explosion theory assumes an instantaneous point source explosion. Porzel's theory admits of afterburning* by permitting q 's below his suggested values but we found that even reducing the exponent's value to the minimum (lower bound of 3) did not produce the necessary change in the slope of the pressure curve. This production of pressure energy persists for such sufficiently long times compared to ordinary explosions, that this pressure energy production continues to feed the shock wave long after the weak shock regime has been entered, as is demonstrated in Figure 14.

Figure 14 shows the absolute peak pressure plotted against the range. We applied a least squares linear regression fit to the decreasing pressure data and found a slope of approximately $-.5$. This is half that determined for standard spherical explosions and is indicative of some more or less continuous source of pressure energy addition to the shock front.

One might alternatively view this in light of the concepts of prompt energy and waste heat. We have noted that the kinetic energy is not subject to waste. In the muzzle blast problem we have a large reservoir of kinetic energy due to the initial high velocity of the gases; because of this reservoir the energy division suggested by Rankine-Hugoniot relations is not valid.

*A process of continued energy addition to the shock front.

LINEAR REGRESSION FIT TO MUZZLE BLAST PEAK PRESSURE
M107 ARTILLERY GUN (175MM)

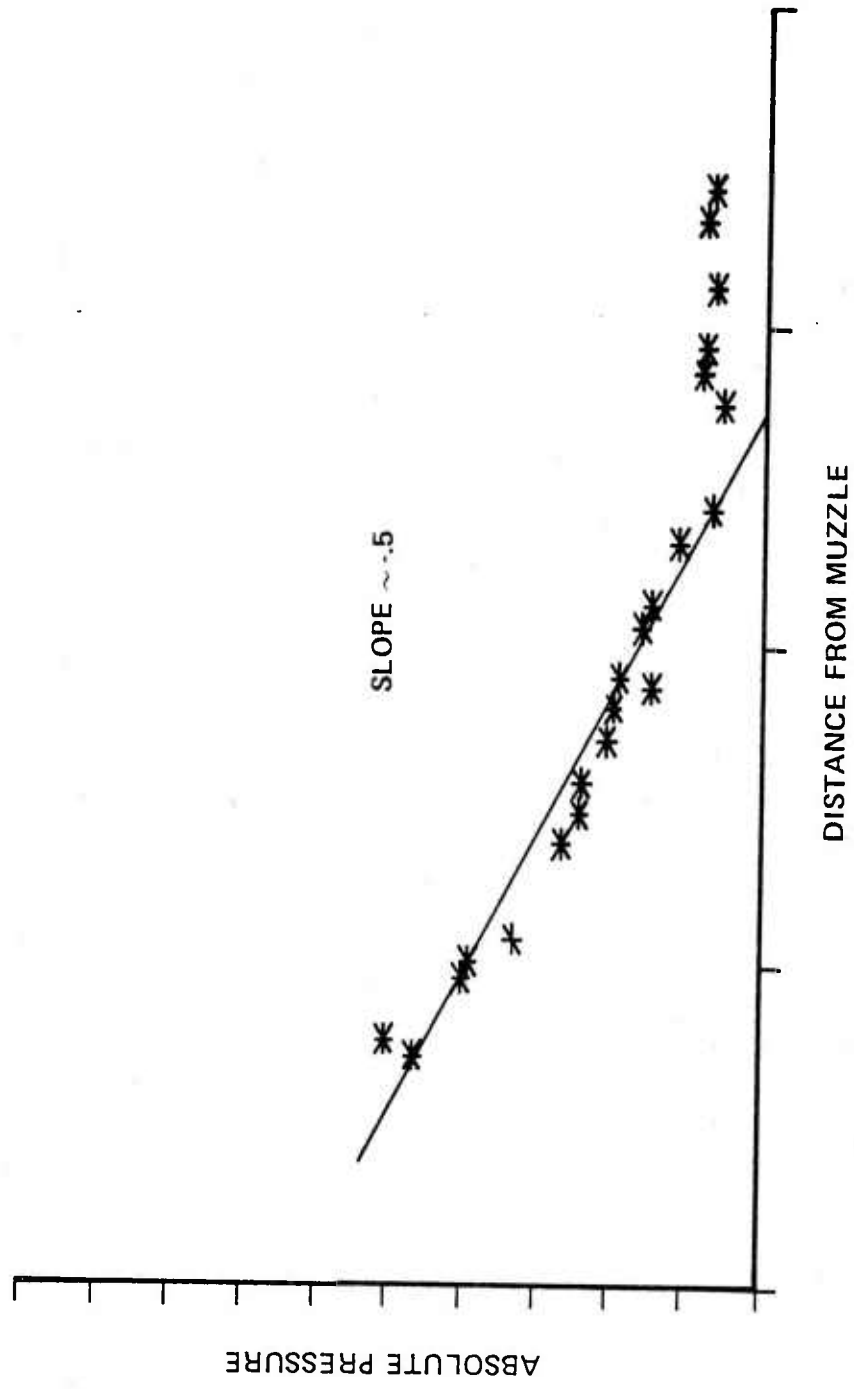


FIGURE 14

D. SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

In general the *a priori* muzzle blast theory is viable. Overpressure prediction agrees with the adjusted data to within the stated error in data. The pulse length prediction generally follows the upper (longer) pulse length data which, for safety requirements, is a most desirable attribute. We note that there is sufficient scatter in the pulse length data that further, more refined experimentation is warranted before complete confidence is obtained. In this regard, more detailed study of Porzel's theory in deriving the constant may be justified, as suggested in Section II.E.

At the outset, we suggested that a detailed knowledge of the flow field is not necessary. This has been demonstrated for the data examined. We recognize that all the data occurred in the weak shock regime; had strong shock regime data been available, we would have expected a departure of this theory from experiment - a consequence of the detailed flow field. We would expect the theory to overpredict since there are losses in the muzzle flow field not accounted for in the UTE. We do note that the transition distance separating the strong from the weak regime was consistently less than one metre, a data source for $R < 1m$ would not likely be found.

We have examined three guns of sufficient variation in length, loading etc., to span the data field for large guns and therefore, the theory can be reasonably applied to any large gun in the Army inventory, but only within the constraints of our analysis.

We have not examined the small gun effects - an area we leave for further application of the theory.*

The most striking result of this investigation is the difference in the behavior of the shock overpressure with distance between the guns examined and that which results from conventional point source explosions. The energy partition concepts suggest that a significant reduction in overpressure can be achieved by introducing some effective means for converting this high dynamic pressure to static, or random motion, early in the propagation phase.** The implementation of such a device would probably increase the overpressure near the muzzle but, since higher overpressures mean higher losses, less energy would be available in the shock as it leaves the immediate vicinity of the muzzle. Considerable reduction in the overpressure can be achieved if the range dependence can be made to more closely approximate the point source dependence, i.e., R^{-1} .

*See next section for recommended future studies.

**In small arms, noise suppressor (silencers) do exactly this through a throttling process.

This report presents a theory which is applicable to the muzzle blast problem for the situations considered. Several variations were not examined. The next section suggests future studies with, in some instances, possible techniques for including the additional effects.

E. SUGGESTED FUTURE STUDIES - AREAS NOT CONSIDERED IN THIS STUDY

1. Small Arms - We know of no *a priori* reason why the theory would not be directly applicable. One possible exception would occur if the gun L/D becomes less than the L/D for the boundary layer choke. Should this occur, we believe the muzzle velocity of the bullet, and hence the exhaust gases, will be indicative of the energy reduction from the chamber pressure.

2. Muzzle Brakes - We view this as strictly an energy, mass, and flow symmetry diverter. It is probable that most of this effect can be included in MEZ and the initial yield estimate. However, an appropriate trigonometric function describing the additional variations in angle about the barrel axis will be required.

3. Reflected Shocks - (a) from the ground. One possibility is to double the initial yield input to the calculation. Another is to provide an accelerated rate of conversion of kinetic energy of ordered motion to random motion at the various ranges. (b) from structures such as gun mounts. Detailed analysis near the structure would be very complicated because of the geometry of the structure itself. Away from the structure, however, local spatial variations should smooth out. Perhaps introducing a cylindrical explosion of shape equivalent to the structure would provide a start. As with the current problem, an estimate for the equivalent yield would probably be the more difficult task.

4. Lastly, we would like to see more refined tests so a better evaluation of this theory can be made.

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Appendix - Computational tools

At the outset we sought a theory which was simple to use. In this appendix we supply two different schemes for calculating the muzzle blast overpressure and pulse length. We are presenting these different schemes because, depending upon the user and the situation, different levels of versatility may be required. These two schemes and their scope are:

(1) A code for the Texas Instruments SR-52 programmable pocket calculator. In this version all assumptions, i.e., equal q , cylindrical symmetry etc. are incorporated and combined into "lumped" constants. Changing any of the values requires considerable reprogramming. To conserve space in the machine we have applied "fits" to the transcendental equations and, additionally, the pressure ratio is input and the radius determined rather than vice versa.

(2) A code written in BASIC suitable for use on a minicomputer. Complete flexibility is permitted in this code. This program was developed on a NOVA minicomputer with 8k memory (of which the BASIC translator occupies approximately 4k).

Also, a series of nomographs will be provided under separate cover where quantities are considered together as combined variables. Their numerical values are left to the user. In the nomographs we have assumed the exponents, q , to be equal and also that the user has available some sort of calculating machine whether it be a pocket calculator or a slide rule.

These computational schemes are designed to be used with the metric system of units, specifically the mks system. To facilitate use of these codes by those not accustomed to working in these units we provide the following table:

Units Given	Table App-1 Times	Metric Units
Length ft.	3.048×10^{-1}	metres - m
Wgt/mass lbs.	4.536×10^{-1}	Kilograms - kg
Pressure psi	6.894×10^3	Pascals (Pa) - J/m^3
Energy ft.-lb.	1.356	Joules - J
Velocity ft./sec	3.048×10^{-1}	metres/sec - m/sec

App-1 Code for the Texas Instruments SR-52 Pocket Calculator.

This code is contained on two cards. The first program accepts the input data and calculates the yield and radius of the charge. The second program accepts the pressure ratio and determines the distance from the muzzle at which the pressure ratio occurs and the pulse length at that point. The code makes use of fits to the complicated functions to permit an estimate of the correct answer.

The analysis is as follows: (Quantities followed by (I) are input)

(1) The kinetic energy of the projectile is obtained from the mass (I) and velocity (I) of the projectile.

(2) The total energy is obtained from the mass (I) and specific energy (I) of the propellant.

(3) The difference between (2) and (1) becomes the maximum available energy.

(4) The chamber overpressure ratio (I) is used to determine the choke overpressure ratio from

$$(\Delta P_r)_{\text{Choke}} \cong \exp \left[.92 \ln(\Delta P_r)_{\text{Chamber}} - 2.14 \right]$$

(5) The barrel length (I), barrel diameter (I) and the groove height (I) are used to calculate the rough wall tube loss from

$$(\Delta P_r)_{\text{Muzzle}} = \exp \left\{ \ln(\Delta P_r)_{\text{Choke}} + 1.9h \left[\left(\frac{L}{D} \right)_{\text{Choke}} - \left(\frac{L}{D} \right)_{\text{Gun}} \right] \right\}.$$

If $(L/D)_{\text{choke}}$ is greater than $(L/D)_{\text{gun}}$ the program halts with a blinking display - this analysis does not include this situation.

(6) The program then determines the yield via

$$Y_o = \left\{ (\Delta P_r)_{\text{Chamber}} / \left[6 \times (\Delta P_r)_{\text{Muzzle}} \right] \right\} E_{\text{Avail}}^{-j}$$

(7) The mass correction for MEZ (Section II.B.2) is determined by

$$M' = 8.2 \times 10^{-3} M_{\text{Prop}}^{-m^3}$$

(8) The specific gravity of the propellant (I) is used to calculate the initial radius from

$$R_o \cong \left[\frac{1}{25\rho_p} M_{\text{Prop}} \right]^{1/3} \quad -m .$$

(9) The mass corrected initial radius is obtained from

$$Z_o = \left[R_o^3 - M' \right]^{1/3} \quad -m .$$

(10) The transition radius, Z_t , is found from

$$Z_t = Z_o \left(\frac{Z_t}{Z_o} \right) = Z_o \left(\frac{Y_o}{16\pi Q_t Z_o^3} \right)^{1/3.25} \quad -m$$

where the value of Q_t , 9.55×10^{-2} , is found assuming an overpressure ratio of 2 at the transition point.

This concludes the calculations on card 1. Card 2 calculates the following:

(11) The uncorrected transition radius, R_t , is obtained from

$$R_t = \left[Z_t^3 - M' \right]^{1/3}$$

(12) The constant in the QZQ hypothesis is obtained from

$$A = Q_t Z_t^{3.25}$$

for a Q_t of 9.55×10^{-2} .

(13) The program now accepts a pressure ratio (I) and calculates the distance from the muzzle at which this pressure ratio occurs via

$$D = \frac{6P_r + 1}{P_r + 6}$$

$$Q = 2.5 \left[\frac{P_r^{1/1.4}}{D} - 1 \right]$$

$$Z = \left(\frac{A}{Q} \right)^{1/3.25} = \left(\frac{Q_t Z_t^{3.25}}{Q} \right)^{1/3.25}$$

and

$$R = \left[Z^3 - M^4 \right]^{1/3} \times 1.624$$

(14) The program then calculates the pulse length from

$$u = 280 \left[(P_r - 1) \left(\frac{D-1}{D} \right) \right]^{1/2} \text{ m/sec}$$

$$\Delta t = \frac{1}{u} \left[\frac{Y_o}{\frac{4}{3}\pi (P) (1+\gamma) \left(\frac{D}{D-1} \right)} \right]^{1/3}$$

$$= \frac{1}{u} \left[\frac{5A(D-1)Z^{-.25}}{D(P)} \right]^{1/3}$$

The user instructions, required inputs and displayed quantities follow:

Step	Procedure	Enter	Press	Display
Card 1 1	Load side A		Clr 2nd	Read
2	Load side B		2nd	Read
3	Initialize		Clr A	0.
4	Kinetic En. of Proj.	Proj. mass - kg	RUN	M/2
5		Proj. Vel - m/sec	RUN	E_{proj}^{-j}
6	Energy in Prop.	Prop. Mass - kg	RUN	M_{prop}^{-kg}
7		Specific En.-j/kg	RUN	E_{avail}^{-j}
8	Interior losses	$(\Delta P/P_o)_{chamber}$	RUN	$(\Delta P/P_o)_{choke}$
9		Barrel Length - m	RUN	L_{barrel}^{-m}
10		Barrel Dia. - m	RUN	$(L/D)_{gun}$
11		Groove Hgt. - m	RUN	25.
12	Yield & Rad. of Eqv. Exp.	Sp. Gravity - kg/m^3	RUN	$Z_t - m$
Card 2 13	Load side A		Clr 2nd	Read
14	Load side B		2nd	Read
15	Initialize		Clr A	A
16	Overpressure	Pressure Ratio (P/P ₀)	RUN	R - m
17	Pulse Length		RUN	$\Delta_t - sec$
18	Repeat 16, 17 for futher (P/P ₀).			

The following can serve as a test case (M107)

Step	Enter	Display
4	66.8 kg	33.4
5	914.4 m/sec	2.79×10^7 j
6	25.93kg	25.93
7	3.173×10^6 j/kg	5.435×10^7 j
8	3.13×10^3	193.42
9	8.94 m	8.94
10	.175	51.1
11	3.66×10^{-3} m	25.
12	1.58×10^3 kg/m ³	.7057
13-15		3.076×10^{-2}
16	1.2	6.044 m
17		5.12×10^{-3} sec
18 etc.		

The following is a listing of the program.

MUZZLE BLAST ANALYSIS - CARD 1A

LOC	CODE	KEY	COMMENTS	LOC	CODE	KEY	COMMENTS
000	46	LBL*		040	02	2	
	11	A			93	.	
	81	HLT	(I) Proj Mass (kg)		01	1	
	55	÷			04	4	
	02	2			95	=	
005	65	X		045	22	INV	
	81	HLT	(I) Proj Vel (m/sec)		23	LNX	
	40	X2*			42	STO	
	95	=			00	0	
	42	STO			05	5	$\frac{\Delta P}{P_a}$ choke
010	00	0		050	81	HLT	Barrel Length-m
	00	0	E_{proj-j}		55	÷	
	81	HLT	(I) Prop Mass (kg)		81	HLT	Barrel Dia-m
	42	STO			42	STO	
	00	0			00	0	
015	01	1	$M_{prop-kg}$	055	06	6	D_{gun-m}
	65	X			95	=	
	81	HLT	(I) Specific Energy (j/kg)		42	STO	
	95	=			00	0	
	42	STO			07	7	(L/D) Gun
020	00	0		060	81	HLT	
	02	2	E_{prop-j}		55	÷	
	75	-			43	RCL	
	43	RCL			00	0	
	00	0			06	6	
025	00	0		065	95	=	
	95	=			42	STO	
	42	STO			00	0	
	00	0			08	8	h
	03	3	$E_{avail-j}$		45	Y ^X	
030	81	HLT	$\frac{\Delta P}{P_a}$ cham	070	93	.	
	42	STO			01	1	
	00	0			95	=	
	04	4	$\frac{\Delta P}{P_a}$ cham		20	1/X ^X	
	23	LNX			65	X	
035	65	X		075	01	1	
	93	.			05	5	
	09	9			95	=	
	02	2			42	STO	
	75	-			00	0	
				080	09	9	
					75	-	
					43	RCL	

MUZZLE BLAST ANALYSIS - CARD 1A (Cont)

LOC	CODE	KEY	COMMENTS	REGISTERS
080	00	0		00 E_{proj-j}
	07	7		
085	95	=		01 $M_{prop-kg}$
	80	If Pos*		
	12	B	(L/D)ch>(L/D)G	02 E_{prop-j}
	65	X		
	01	1		03 $E_{avail-j}$
090	93	.		04 $\frac{\Delta P}{P_a}$ cham
	09	9		05 $(\Delta P/p_a)$ choke
	65	X		
	43	RCL		
	00	0		
095	08	8		06 D_{barrel}
	95	=		
	85	+		07 (L/D)Gun
	43	RCL		
	00	0		08 h
100	05	5		09 (L/D) choke
	23	LNX		
	95	=		10 (reduction in E_{avail})
	22	INV		
	23	LNX		
105	20	1/X*		11 $Y_o - j$
	65	X		12 $M' - M^3$
	43	RCL		13 (1/3)
	00	0		
	04	4		14 $R_o - m$
110	95	=		15 $Z_o - m$
	42	STO		16 $Z_t - m$

MUZZLE BLAST ANALYSIS - CARD 1B

LOC	CODE	KEY	COMMENTS	LOC	CODE	KEY	COMMENTS
112	01	1		152	54)	
	00	0	Reduction in E_{avail}	157	42	STO	
	65	X			01	1	
	06	6			03	3	(1/3)
	95	=			95	=	
117	20	1/X*			42	STO	
	65	X		162	01	1	
	43	RCL			04	4	$R_0 - m$
	00	0			45	Y ^x	
	03	3			03	3	
122	95	=			85	+	
	42	STO		167	43	RCL	
	01	1			01	1	
	01	1	$Y_0 - j$		02	2	
	08	8			95	=	
127	93	.			45	Y ^x	
	02	2		172	43	RCL	
	52	EE			01	1	
	94	+/-			03	3	
	03	3			95	=	
132	65	X			42	STO	
	43	RCL		177	01	1	
	00	0			05	5	$Z_0 - m$
	01	1			45	Y ^x	
	95	=			03	3	
137	42	STO			95	=	
	01	1		182	20	1/X*	
	02	2	$M' - M^3$		65	X	
	02	2			43	RCL	
	05	5			01	1	
142	65	X			01	1	
	81	HLT	(I) Specific Grav - kg/m^3	187	95	=	
	95	=			45	Y ^x	
	20	1/X*			93	.	
	65	X			03	3	
147	43	RCL		192	07	7	
	00	0			07	7	
	01	1			65	X	
	95	=			01	1	
	45	Y ^x			93	.	
152	53	(197	07	7	
	01	1			08	8	
	55	÷			52	EE	
	03	3			94	+1-	

MUZZLE BLAST ANALYSIS - CARD 1B (Cont)

LOC	CODE	KEY	COMMENTS
	02	2	
202	65	X	
	43	RCL	
	01	1	
	05	5	
	95	=	
207	42	STO	
	01	1	
	06	6	$Z_t - m$
	81	HLT	
	46	LBL*	
212	12	B	
	00	0	
	20	1/X*	
	81	HLT	

MUZZLE BLAST ANALYSIS - CARD 2A

LOC	CODE	KEY	COMMENTS	LOC	CODE	KEY	COMMENTS
000	46	LBL*		045	00	0	
	11	A			00	0	$A=Q_t Z_t^q$
	43	RCL			46	LBL*	
	01	1			12	B	
	06	6			81	HLT	(I) P/P ₀
005	45	Y ^X		050	42	STO	
	03	3			01	1	
	75	-			08	8	
	43	RCL			65	X	
	01	1			06	6	
010	02	2		055	85	+	
	95	=			01	1	
	45	Y ^X			95	=	
	43	RCL			55	:	
	01	1			53	(
015	03	3		060	43	RCL	
	95	=			01	1	
	42	STO			08	8	
	01	1			85	+	
	07	7	R _t - m		06	6	
020	01	1		065	54)	
	93	.			95	=	
	04	4			42	STO	
	20	1/X*			00	0	
	42	STO			01	1	D
025	00	0		070	75	-	
03	03	5	1/γ		01	1	
	43	RCL			95	=	
	01	1			55	:	
	06	6			43	RCL	
030	45	Y ^X		075	00	0	
	03	3			01	1	
	93	.			95	=	
	02	2			42	STO	
	05	5			00	0	
035	65	X		080	02	2	(D-1)/D
	09	9			43	RCL	
	93	.			00	0	
	05	5			01	1	
	05	5			20	1/X*	
040	52	EE		085	65	X	
	94	+/-			43	RCL	
	02	2			01	1	
	95	=			08	8	
	42	STO			45	Y ^X	

MUZZLE BLAST ANALYSIS - CARD 2A (Cont)

LOC	CODE	KEY	COMMENTS	REGISTERS
090	43	RCL		00 A
	00	0		
	03	3		01 D
	75	-		
	01	1		02 (D-1)/D
095	95	=		
	65	X		03 $1/\gamma$
	02	2		
	93	.		04 Q
	05	5		
100	95	=		05
	42	STO		
	00	0		06
	04	4	Q	
	20	$1/X^*$		07
105	65	X		
	43	RCL		08
	00	0		
	00	0		09
	95	=		
110	45	Y^X		10
	93	.		11
				12 M'
				13 (1/3)
				14 R_0
				15 Z_0
				16 Z_t
				17 R_t
				18 P/P_a
				19 Z

MUZZLE BLAST ANALYSIS - CARD 2B

LOC	CODE	KEY	COMMENTS	LOC	CODE	KEY	COMMENTS
112	03	3		157	42	STO	
	01	1			00	0	
	95	=			05	5	u - m/sec
	42	STO			43	RCL	
	01	1			01	1	
117	09	9		162	09	9	
	45	YX			45	YX	
	03	3			53	(
	75	-			93	.	
	43	RCL			02	2	
122	01	1		167	05	5	
	02	2			94	+/-	
	95	=			54)	
	45	YX			65	X	
	43	RCL			43	RCL	
127	01	1		172	00	0	
	03	3			00	0	
	95	=			65	X	
	65	X			43	RCL	
	01	1			00	0	
132	93	.		177	02	2	
	06	6			65	X	
	02	2			05	5	
	04	4			55	÷	
	95	=	Disp R-M		43	RCL	
137	81	HLT		182	01	1	
	53	(08	8	
	43	RCL			95	=	
	01	1			45	YX	
	08	8			43	RCL	
142	75	-		187	01	1	
	01	1			03	3	
	54)			95	=	
	65	X			55	÷	
	43	RCL			43	RCL	
147	00	0		192	00	0	
	02	2			05	5	
	95	=			95	=	
	30	$\sqrt{\quad}$ *			41	GTO	
	65	X			12	B	Display Δt at B
152	02	2					
	08	8					
	00	0					
	93	.					
	95	=					

App-2. Computer Code for the Theoretical Predictions.

The theory discussed in this report was programmed in BASIC, a listing of which follows. Execution of the program produces output as illustrated in Table App - 2. The initial section requests the input quantities in the units shown. The subsequent quantities are calculated and interpreted as follows:

TOTAL ENERGY IN PROPELLANT	Total energy available
KINETIC ENERGY IN PROJECTILE	Projectile KE at the nominal muzzle velocity
MAXIMUM AVAILABLE ENERGY	$\epsilon_t - (\epsilon_{KE})_{proj}$
OVERPRESSURE RATIO (CHOKE)	Results of Bernoulli expansion
OVERPRESSURE RATIO (MUZZLE)	Includes energy impedance from rough wall
YIELD	Yield of spherical explosion
SPHERICAL RADIUS	Radius of sph. explosion
TRANSITION RADIUS (R_t)	Radius separating strong and weak shock regimes
TRANSITION VELOCITY (U_t)	Material speed at R_t

The remaining tabulation gives the range, predicted overpressure ratio, pulse length and comparisons between the predicted results and the noise level restrictions specified by the safety regulations²¹. The last two columns are interpreted as the number of shots per day which can be tolerated with single or double ear protection.

²¹"Military Standard - Noise Limits for Army Material," MIL - STD - 1474A(MI, 3 Mar., 1975.

Table App-2. Muzzle Blast Overpressure
and Pulse Length

PROJECTILE	MASS (KG)	? 66.8
	VELOCITY (M/SEC)	? 914.4
PROPELLANT	MASS (KG)	? 25.93
	SPECIFIC GRAVITY (KG/M ³)	? 1.58E3
	SPECIFIC ENERGY (J/KG)	? 3.173E6
CHAMBER PRESSURE RATIO (P/PO)		? 3.13E3
BARREL	LENGTH (M)	? 8.94
	DIAMETER (M)	? .175
	GROOVE HEIGHT (M)	? 3.66E-3

ENERGY CALCULATIONS

TOTAL ENERGY IN PROPELLANT	8.22759E+7	JOULES
KINETIC ENERGY IN PROJECTILE	2.79263E+7	JOULES
MAXIMUM AVAILABLE ENERGY	5.43496E+7	JOULES

INTERIOR LOSSES

OVERPRESSURE RATIO AT 3.86443 M IS	195.476	(CHOKE)
OVERPRESSURE AT 8.94 M IS	62.7723	(MUZZLE)

EQUIVALENT EXPLOSION PARAMETERS

YIELD	181722	JOULES
SPHERICAL RADIUS	8.67565E-2	M

MUZZLE BLAST CALCULATIONS

TRANSITION RADIUS (RT)	SPHERICAL	.543517	M
	CYLINDRICAL	.882521	M
TRANSITION VELOCITY (UT)		172.67	M/SEC

Table App-2. Muzzle Blast Overpressure and Pulse Length (Cont)

RADIUS (M)	OVERPRESSURE (P-PO)/PO	PULSE LENGTH T/ (RT/UT)	#ROUNDS	
			SINGLE	W/PROTECTION DOUBLE
2	.792133	.410223	NONE	NONE
4	.328743	.736885	5	100
6	.201607	1.00585	5	100
8	.143676	1.24237	100	1000
10	.112007	1.44735	100	1000
12	9.17494E-2	1.63398	100	1000
14	7.81999E-2	1.7987	100	1000
16	6.92267E-2	1.93242	1000	>1000
18	6.21047E-2	2.05978	1000	>1000
20	5.73473E-2	2.15503	1000	>1000

MUZBLA

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100  FOR N=1 TO 5 STEP 1
110  PRINT
120  NEXT N
140  PRINT "MUZZLE BLAST OVERPRESSURE AND PULSE LENGTH"
150  PRINT "-----"
160  PRINT
170  PRINT
200  REM . . . . INPUT SECTION . . . .
201  REM . . VARIABLE DEFINITIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:
202  REM . . PROJECTILE:  V0 - VELOCITY (M/SEC),  W0 - MASS (KG)
203  REM . . PROPELLANT:  W1 - MASS (KG), X1 - SP. GRAVITY (KG/M^3)
204  REM . .                X2 - SPECIFIC ENERGY (J/KG)
205  REM . . PRESSURE:    P - CHAMBER PRESSURE RATIO (P/PA)
206  REM . . BARREL:      L0 - Length (M),  D0 - Diameter (M),
207  REM . .                L1 - GROOVE HEIGHT (RIFLING) (M)
210  PRINT "PROJECTILE", "MASS (KG)",,
220  INPUT W0
225  PRINT
230  PRINT , "VELOCITY (M/SEC)",
240  INPUT V0
245  PRINT
246  PRINT
250  PRINT "PROPELLANT", "MASS (KG)",,
260  INPUT W1
265  PRINT
270  PRINT , "SPECIFIC GRAVITY (KG/M^3)",
280  INPUT X1
285  PRINT
290  PRINT , "SPECIFIC ENERGY (J/KG)",
300  INPUT X2
305  PRINT
306  PRINT
310  PRINT "CHAMBER PRESSURE RATIO (P/PA)",,
320  INPUT P0
325  PRINT
326  PRINT
330  PRINT "BARREL", "LENGTH (M)",,
340  INPUT L0
345  PRINT
350  PRINT , "DIAMETER (M)",,
360  INPUT D0
365  PRINT
370  PRINT , "GROOVE HEIGHT (M)",,
380  INPUT L1
390  PRINT
395  PRINT
400  REM . . END INPUT DATA

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MUZBLA (Cont)

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1000 REM . .
1010 REM . . BEGIN ENERGY CALCULATIONS
1011 REM . . E(PROP) = E2, E(PROJ) = E1, E(AVAIL) = E0
1020 LET E2=X2*W1
1030 LET E1=.5*W0*V0^2
1040 LET E0=E2-E1
1050 PRINT
1060 PRINT , " ENERGY CALCULATIONS"
1070 PRINT
1080 PRINT "TOTAL ENERGY IN PROPELLANT",,E2;"JOULES"
1090 PRINT "KINETIC ENERGY IN PROJECTILE",,E1;"JOULES"
1100 PRINT " MAXIMUM AVAILABLE ENERGY",,E0;" JOULES"
1110 LET P0=P0-1
2000 PRINT
2001 PRINT , " INTERIOR LOSSES"
2002 PRINT
2010 REM . . ROUGHNESS FACTOR = H, OVERPRESSURE RATIO AT CHOKE = X
2020 REM . . O'PRESSURE RATIO AT MUZZLE AND INITIAL YIELD = Y0
2021 REM . . CHOKE LENGTH = L2
2030 LET . . LET H=L1/D0
2040 LET L2=0
2050 LET X=P0
2060 REM . . IF CHOKE L/D > GUN L/D ASSUME NO CHOKE LOSSES
2065 IF H= 0 GOTO 2180
2070 IF 15/H^.1>(L0/D0) GOTO 2180
2080 LET L2=15/H^.1
2090 REM . . IF P0>100 USE FITTED CURVE
2100 IF P0>100 GOTO 2160
2110 LET X=P0
2120 LET C=(1+X)*(1+4*X^2/5/(1+X)/(9+X))^5-1
2130 IF ABS (C-P0)<.001 GOTO 2170
2140 LET X=X-(X-1)*(C-P0)/C-1.29)
2150 GOTO 2110
2160 LET X= EXP (.9211* LOG (P0)-2.138)
2170 PRINT "OVERPRESSURE RATIO AT";L2*D0;" M IS",X;" (CHOKE)"
2180 LET Y0= EXP ((2*H*(L2-L0/D0)+1.068* LOG (X))/1.068)
2190 PRINT "OVERPRESSURE AT";L0;" M IS",,Y0;"
2200 LET F=P0/Y0
2210 REM . . REDUCTION IN E AVAILABLE
2220 LET Y0=E0/(6*F)
2230 PRINT
2231 PRINT , " EQUIVALENT EXPLOSION PARAMETERS"
2232 PRINT
2240 PRINT "YIELD",,,Y0'" JOULES"
2250 LET R0=(W1/(4*3.14159/3*6*X1))^(1/3)
2260 PRINT "SPHERICAL RADIUS",,R0;" M"
2270 REM . . END INTERIOR LOSS CALCULATIONS
3000 REM . .

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MUZBLA (Cont)

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3001 REM . . BEGIN OVERPRESSURE VS. DISTANCE CALCULATIONS
3002 REM . .
3010 REM . . ATMOSPHERIC CALCULATIONS AND DEFINITIONS
3020 REM . . PRESSURE (J/M^3) = P5, DENSITY (KG/M^3) = D5
3030 LET P5=101325
3040 LET D5=1.29
3050 REM . . EXPONENTS Q1&Q2, M IN MEZ, G=GAMMA, Q9=Q(TRAN),Z9=Z(TRAN)
3060 LET Q1=3.25
3070 LET Q2=3.25
3080 LET G=1.4
3090 LET M=.25*W1/(4/3*3.14159*6*D5)
3100 LET Z0=(R0^3+M)^(1/3)
3110 LET Q9=.0955
3120 REM . . SOLVE FOR TRANSITION RADIUS
3130 REM . . GET CORRECT DIMENSIONLESS YO
3140 LET Y0=.00001*Y0
3150 LET A=Y0/(4*3.14159*Q9*Z0^3)
3160 IF Q1=Q2 GOTO 3240
3170 LET B=(Q2-Q1)/(Q2-3)/(Q1-3)
3180 LET V=4
3190 LET T=(V^Q1)/(Q1-3)-B*V^3
3200 IF ABS (T/A-1)<.001 GOTO 3250
3210 LET V1=(A-T)/(Q1*(V^(Q1-1)))/(Q1-3)-3*V^2*B)
3220 LET V=V+V1
3230 GOTO 3190
3240 LET V=(A/4)^(1/Q1)
3250 LET Z9=V*Z0
3251 LET R9=(Z9^3-M)^(1/3)
3252 LET R8=.8735*(1.5*(Q1-2)/(Q1-3))^(1/Q1)
3253 REM . . NOTE: R8 IS CYL. ADJUSTMENT ASSUMING Q1=Q2
3254 REM . . THERE IS NOT INCLUDED CALC. FOR UNEQUAL Q'S
3260 PRINT
3270 PRINT,"          MUZZLE BLAST CALCULATIONS"
3280 PRINT
3290 PRINT "TRANSITION RADIUS (RT)","SPHERICAL",R9;" M"
3291 PRINT ",,"CYLINDRICAL",R8*R9;" M"
3300 LET U9=172.67
3310 PRINT "TRANSITION VELOCITY (UT)",,U9;" M/SEC"
4000 REM . . BEGIN QZQ CALCULATIONS
4001 REM . . A = Q(T)*Z(T)^Q1, B = Q(T)*Z(T)^Q2, Q = WASTE HEAT
4002 REM . . PRINT HEADER
4003 PRINT
4004 PRINT "RADIUS", "OVERPRESSURE","PULSE LENGTH", "#ROUNDS W/ PROTECTION"
      PROTECTION
4005 PRINT " (M)"," (P-P0)/P0"," T/(RT/UT)","SINGLE","DOUBLE"
4006 PRINT "-----","-----","-----","-----"
4009 LET P=2
4010 LET R=2/R8

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MUZBLA (Cont)

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4020 IF R>R0 GOTO 4050
4030 LET R=R+2/R8
4040 GOTO 4020
4050 LET Z=(R^3+M)^(1/3)
4060 LET Q5=Q1
4070 IF Z<Z9 GOTO 4090
4080 LET Q5=Q2
4090 LET Q=Q9*(Z9/Z)^Q5
4100 IF Q<2.718 GOTO 4156
4110 REM . . HIGH PRESSURE APPROXIMATION
4120 LET X=.5*(23- SQR (441-64*.4343* LOG (Q)))
4130 LET P=10^X+1
4140 GOTO 4220
4150 REM . . MEDIUM PRESSURE Q - NEWTON/RAPHSON ITERATION
4156 LET A1=(G+1)/(G-1)*P+1
4157 LET A2=P+(G+1)/(G-1)
4160 LET F=(A2*P^(1/G)-A1)-A1*(G-1)*Q
4170 LET F1=1/G*P^(1/G-1)*A2+P^(1/G)
4172 LET F1=F1-(G+1)/(G-1)-(G+1)*Q
4180 LET N=F/F1
4190 IF ABS (N)<.001 GOTO 4220
4200 LET P=P-N
4210 GOTO 4156
4220 REM . . PRESSURE RATIO OBTAINED, NEXT DELTA T
5000 REM . . SECTION FOR DELTA T
5010 REM . . Y = PROMPT ENERGY, Y = ADJUSTED ENERGY
5020 LET A=Q9*Z9^Q1
5030 IF Q1=Q2 GOTO 5130
5040 IF Z<Z9 GOTO 5060
5050 LET A=0
5060 LET Z5=Z9
5070 IF Z<Z9 GOTO 5090
5080 LET Z5=Z
5090 LET B2=A/(3-Q1)*(Z5^(3-Q1)-Z^(3-Q1))
5100 LET B=Q9*Z9^Q2
5110 LET Y5=4*3.14159*(B2-B/(3-Q2)*Z5^(3-Q2))
5120 GOTO 5140
5130 LET Y5=4*3.14159*A*Z^(3-Q1)/(Q1-3)
5140 LET D=((G+1)/(G-1)*P+1)/(P+(G+1)/(G-1))
5150 LET Y=Y5/(4/3*3.14159*P)/(1+G)*(D-1)/D
5160 LET U= SQR (P5/D5)* SQR ((P-1)*(D-1)/D)
5170 LET T=Y^(1/3)/U
5180 REM . . OUTPUT MUZZLE BLAST VALUES
5190 PRINT R*R8,(P-1),T/(R8*R9/U9),
6000 REM . . THIS SECTION REFLECTS THE SG'S SAFETY REQUIREMENTS
6001 REM . . O'PRESSURE AND PULSE LENGTH COMPARED TO STANDARD
6010 LET H9=-3.095* LOG (T*1000)+189.9
6020 LET H8=.4353*20* LOG ((P-1)*14.7*3.4475E+8)

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MUZBLA (Cont)

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6040 IF H8>H9 GOTO 6170
6060 IF H8>(H9-6.5) GOTO 6150
6070 IF H8>(H9-11.5) GOTO 6130
6080 IF H8>140 GOTO 6110
6090 PRINT ">1000",">1000"
6100 GOTO 7000
6110 PRINT " 1000",">1000"
6120 GOTO 7000
6130 PRINT " 100"," 1000"
6140 GOTO 7000
6150 PRINT "   5"," 100"
6160 GOTO 7000
6170 PRINT " NONE"," NONE"
7000 LET R=R+2/R8
7010 IF R*R8>21 GOTO 9000
7020 GOTO 4050
9000 PRINT
9010 PRINT
9020 PRINT "OVERPRESSURE (DB) AT ";R*R8;" M IS";H8
9030 END
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SYMBOL TABLE

A	Cross-sectional area of barrel
B	Ratio of mass prompt energy to that of air; MEZ(II-B.2)
D	Barrel hydraulic diameter
E	Energy
F	Gibbs free energy
H	Ratio of roughness height to tube diameter, h/D
I	Function in Equation (17)
K	Kinetic energy per unit mass, $1/2 u^2$
L	Length (fixed) along barrel axis
M, M'	Mass, Mass function (MEZ)
N	Number of Particles (kinetic theory)
P	Absolute pressure
Pr	Pressure ratio, P/Pa
ΔPr	Overpressure ratio, (P-Pa)/Pa
Q	Waste heat
R	Distance from point of explosion to shock wave
S	Perimeter of barrel
T	Temperature
U	Interaction potential
V	Speed, volume
W	Pressure volume work, $W = \int Pdv$
X	Dimensionless distance (Z_t/Z_o)
Y	Prompt Energy
Z	Mass corrected R, MEZ

SYMBOL TABLE, L.C.

a	Speed of sound
e	Specific energy, (E/mass)
h	Height of barrel roughness
k	Boltzmann's constant
q	Exponent in QZQ hypothesis
r	Radial coordinate
t	Time
u	Material velocity behind shockwave
v	Specific volume
x	Dimensionless distance, (L/D), in gun
z	Coordinate along barrel axis

Subscripts		Greek	
a	Ambient	α	Proportionality constant
c	Choke joint	β	$2\gamma/(\gamma-1)$
f	Final	γ	Ratio of specific heats
I	Initial, internal	ϵ	Energy per unit volume
K.E.	Kinetic energy	$\xi \eta$	Constants in intermediate calculations
p	Peak value	μ	$(\gamma+1)/(\gamma-1)$
T	Total	ρ	Density
o	At charge	θ	Angle between unit normal along barrel axis and position vector from muzzle to pressure probe.
t	Transition		

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