

# Proposed Updates to the Siting Criteria of Heavy Earth Cover Magazines

Kok Wei KANG, *DSTA, Singapore*

Kai Siang OH, *DSTA, Singapore*

Wee Tee TOH, *DSTA, Singapore*

Li Yue LAI, *DSTA, Singapore*

Yong Hong KOH, *DSTA, Singapore*



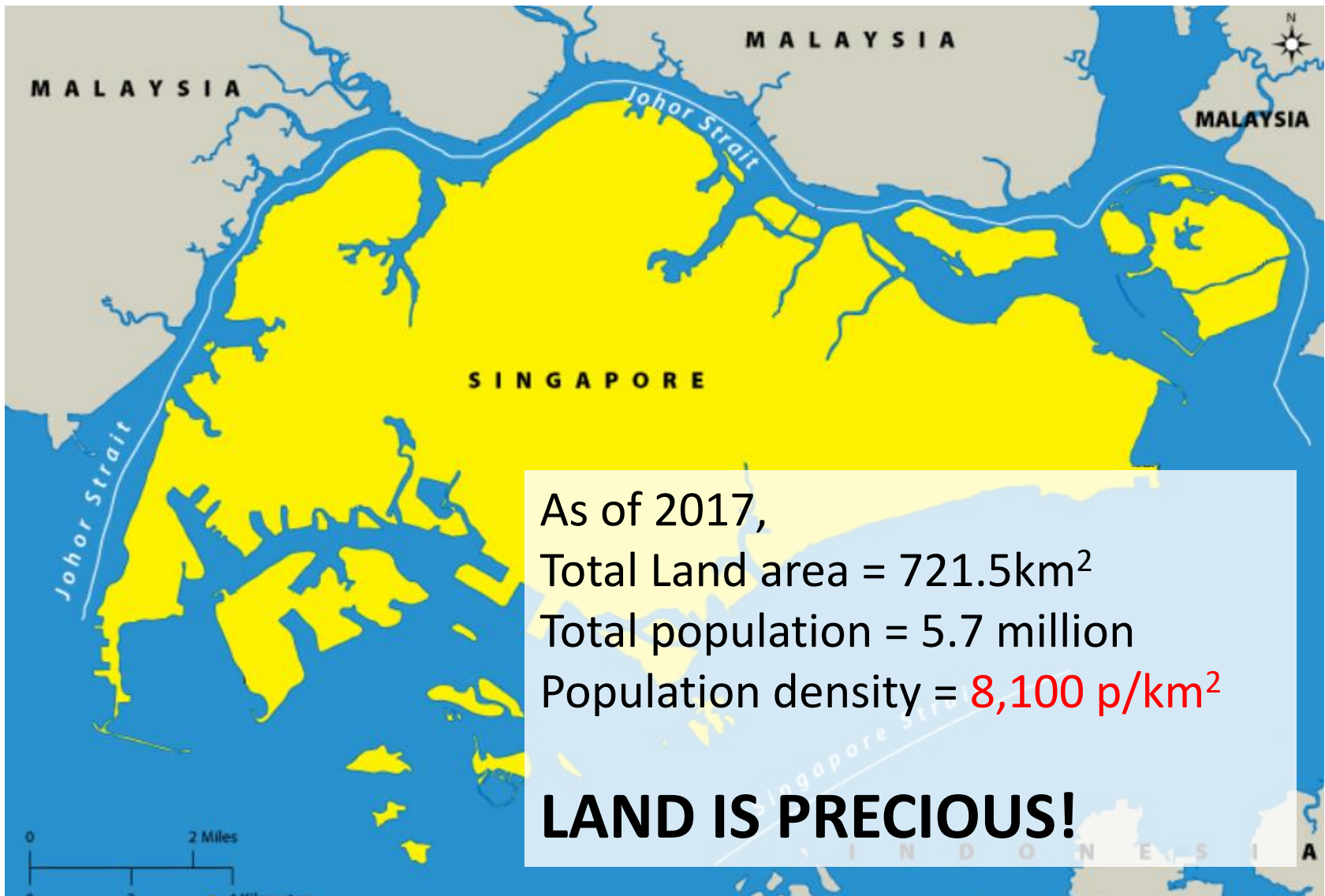
# OBJECTIVES

---

To present on the findings in the 1/5<sup>th</sup> scale and 2/5<sup>th</sup> scale Earth-covered magazine (ECM) trials

- Eventual update of AASTP publications with the trial results

# LAND FACTS IN SINGAPORE



# CURRENT AASTP GUIDELINES

## Underground



Underground Ammunition Facility

## Above ground



Earth Covered Magazine (ECM)

### AASTP-1 NATO Guidelines for the Storage of Military Ammunition and Explosives

Ed B Version 1 (2015)

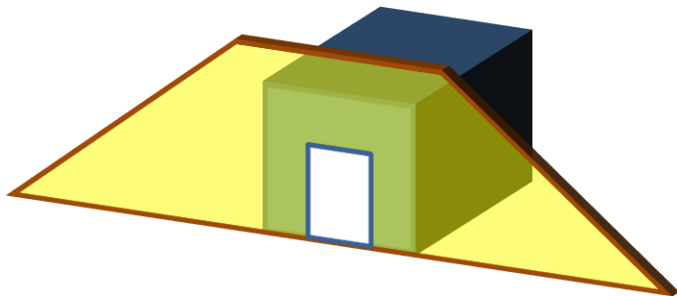
IBD for ECM:

Debris IBD - 400m for all sides	Pressure IBD - K22.2	for front
	- K18	for side
	- K14	for rear

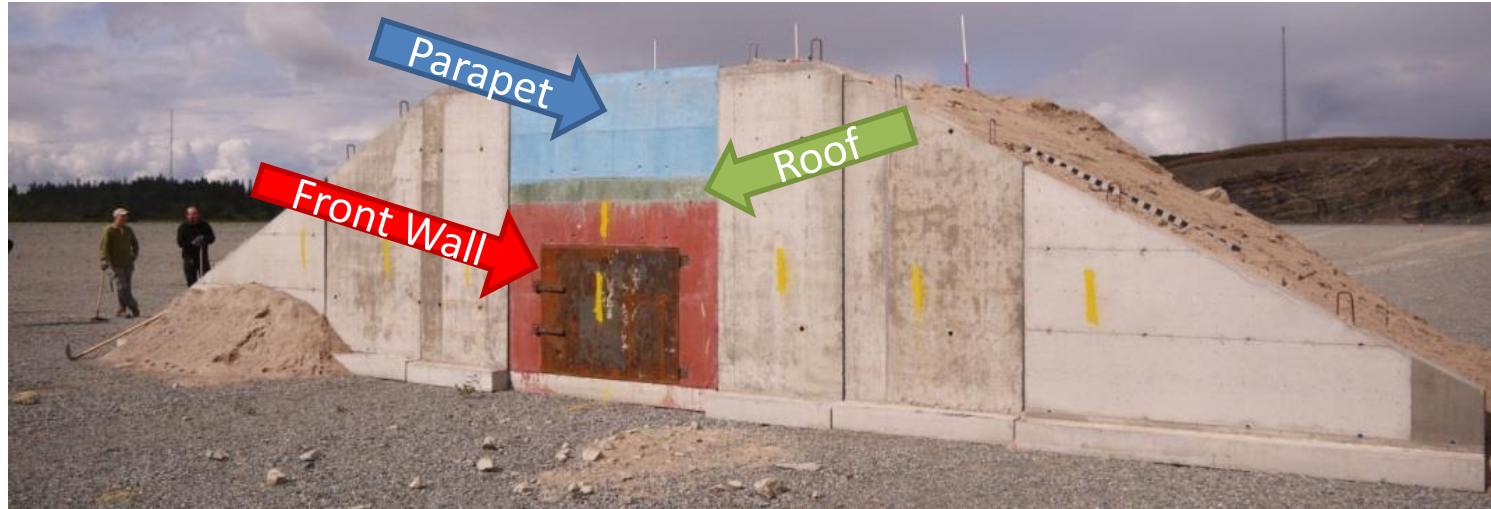


# PROPOSED TEST ARTICLES

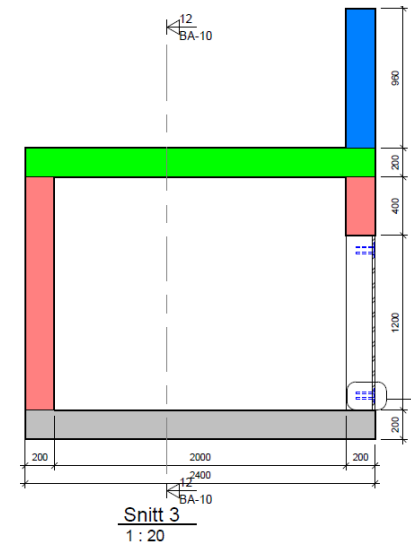
Test Series	Test Model No	Internal Dimensions			Wall Thickness (m)	Earth Cover Thickness (m)	NEQ (kg)	Loading Density (kg/m <sup>3</sup> )
		L (m)	W (m)	H (m)				
1	1-1	1.0	1.0	0.8	0.1	0.12	2	2.5
1	1-2	1.0	1.0	0.8	0.1	0.12	8	10
1	1-3	1.0	1.0	0.8	0.1	0.24	8	10
1	1-4	1.0	1.0	0.8	0.1	0.24	16	20
2	2-1	2.0	2.0	1.6	0.2	0.48	128	20
2	2-2	2.0	2.0	1.6	0.2	0.96	128	20
3	3-1	7.0	5.0	4.0	0.5	1.2	3000	20



# TEST SETUP

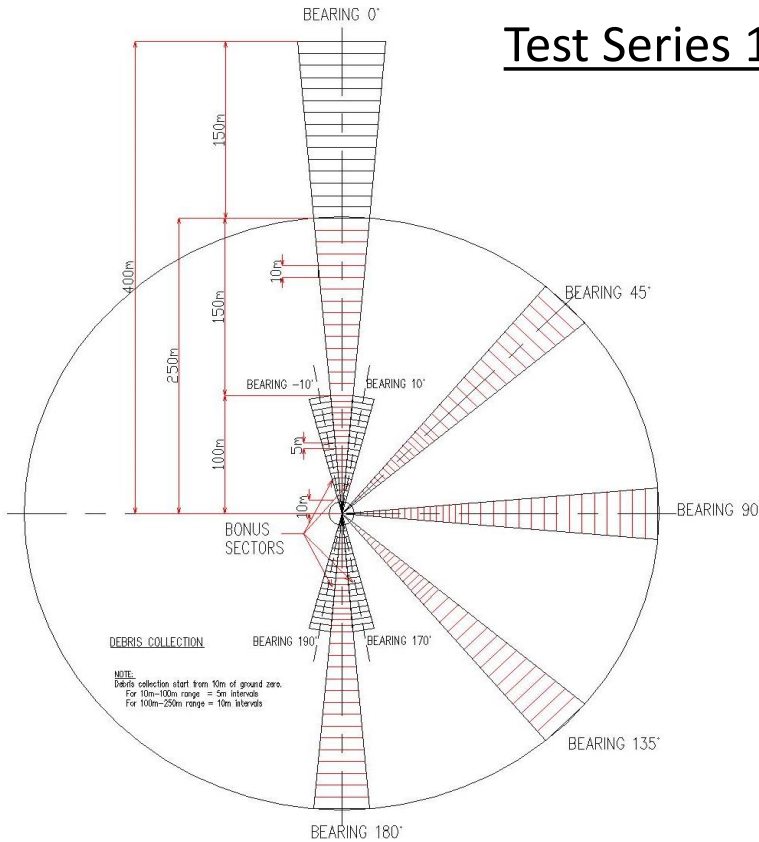


- Debris dyed for identification
- Only concrete debris analysed
- Smallest debris considered = 0.9g for Test Series 1  
= 8g for Test Series 2

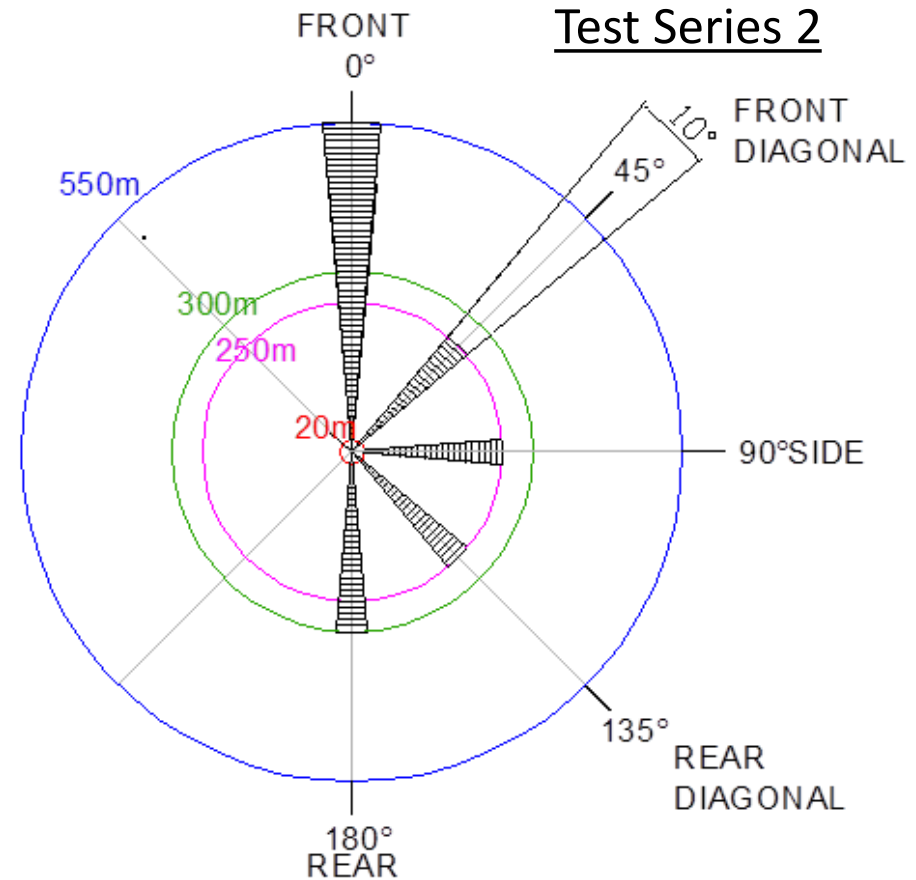


# DATA COLLECTION

## Test Series 1



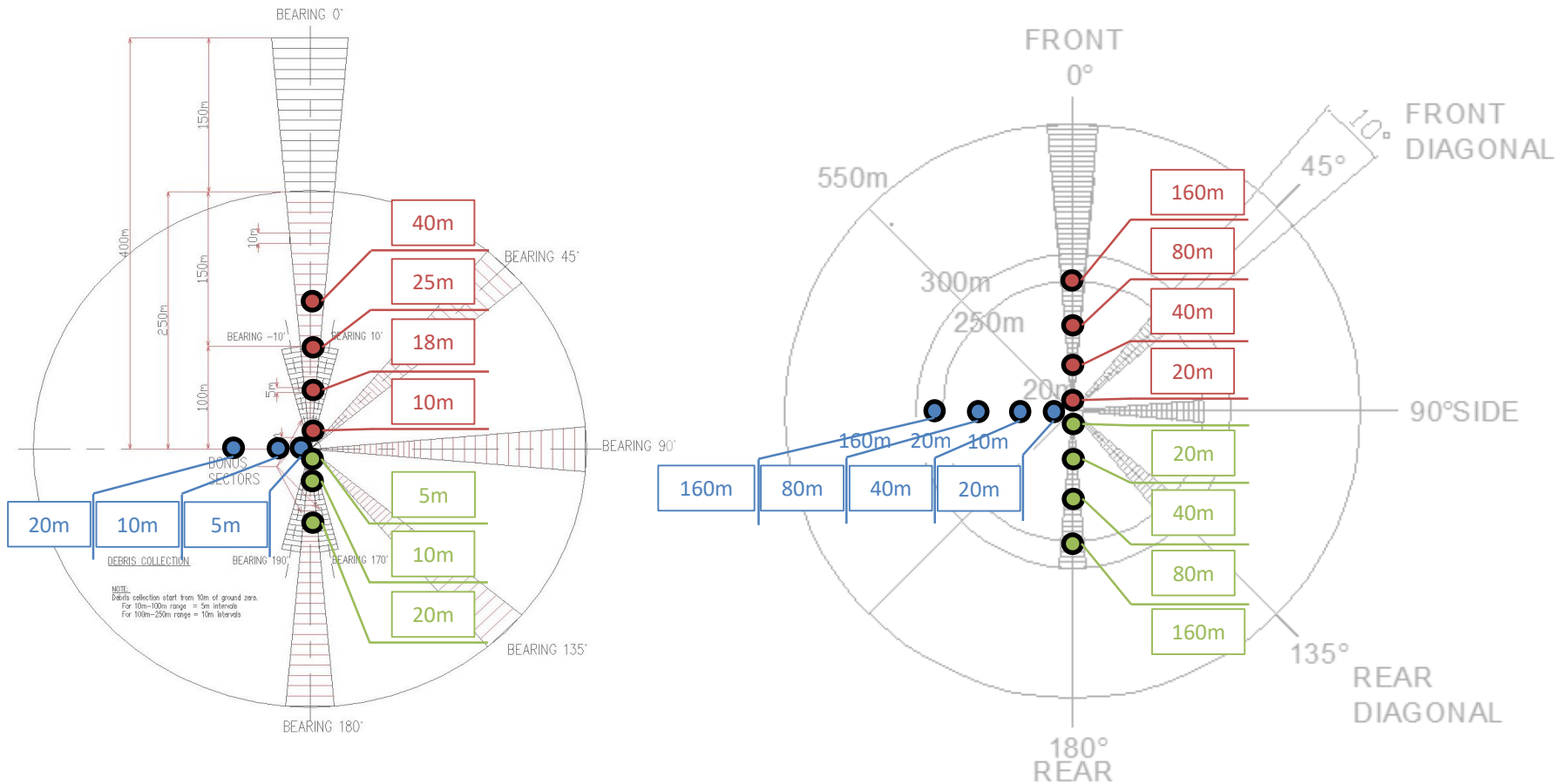
## Test Series 2



## Debris Collection Plan

- 10° sectors
- 5 or 10m intervals

# DATA COLLECTION

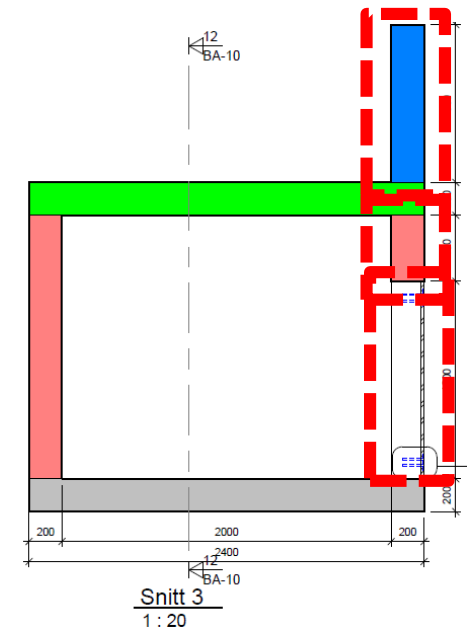
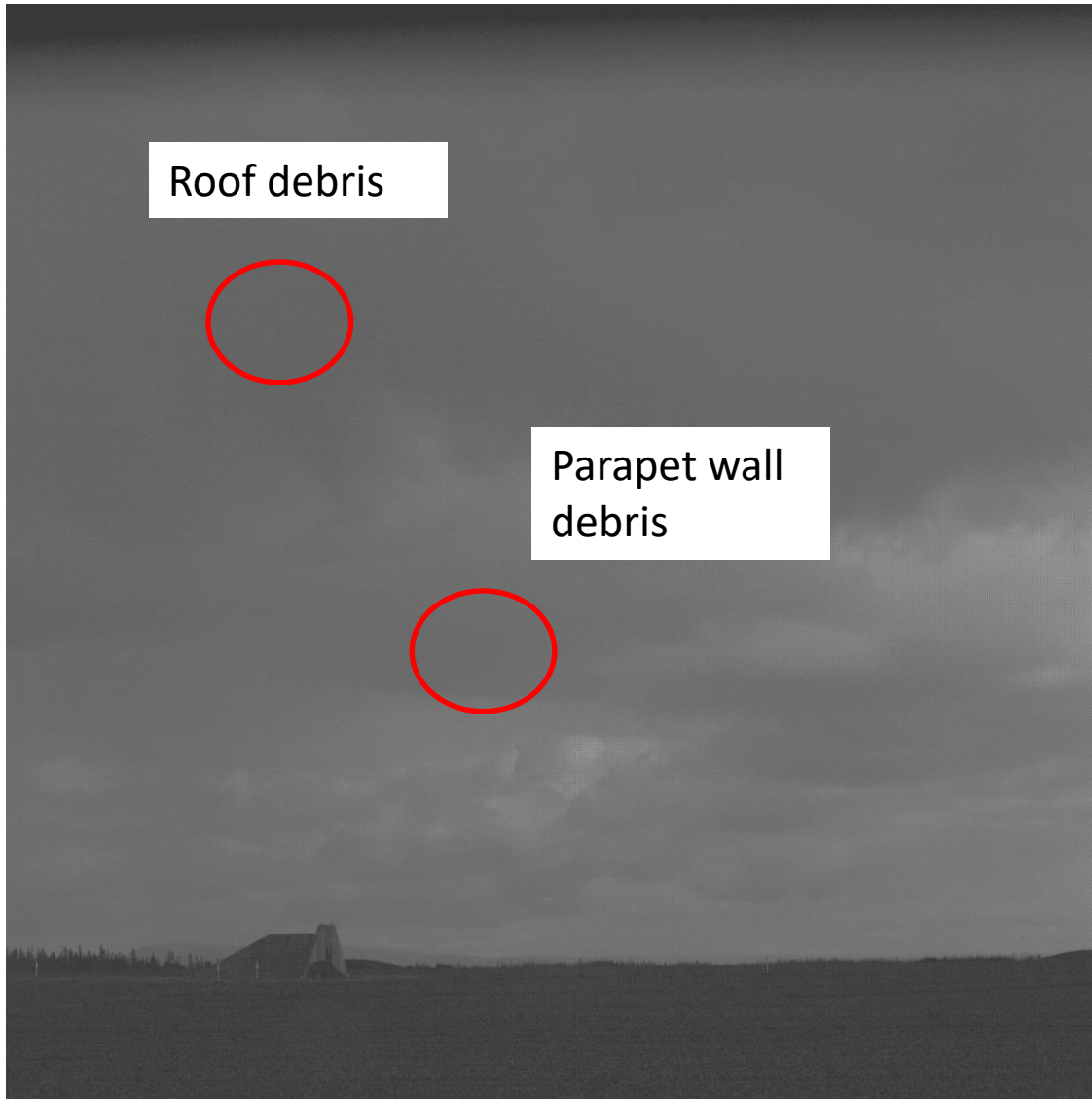


## Debris Collection Plan

- 10° sectors
- 5 or 10m intervals



# STRUCTURAL RESPONSE



# STRUCTURAL RESPONSE

1/5<sup>th</sup> Scale

2/5<sup>th</sup> Scale

Front view



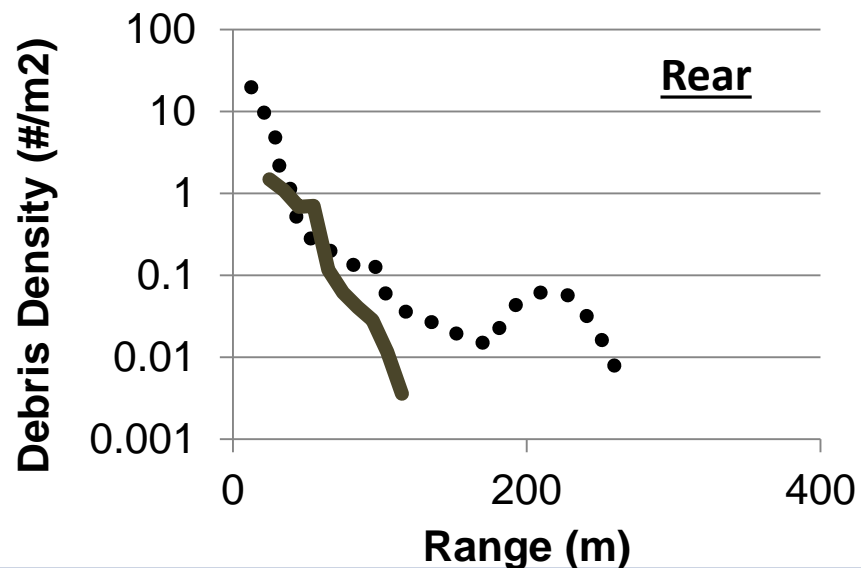
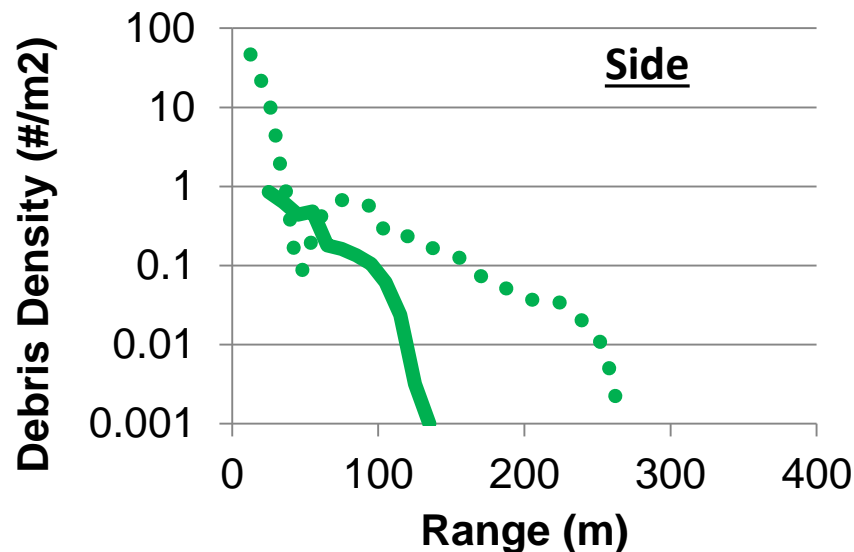
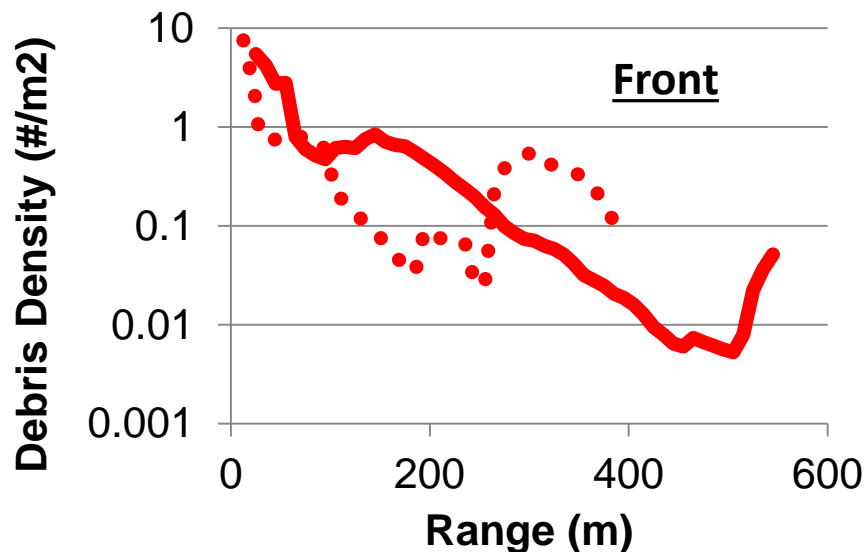
Side view





# DEBRIS DATA ANALYSIS

Comparison between 1/5<sup>th</sup> and 2/5<sup>th</sup> scale tests



- Test Model 2-1
- - - Test Model 1-4

# GRAVITY ISSUE FOR SMALL SCALE TESTS

2/5<sup>th</sup> scale test

Assume gravitational  
acceleration =  $g$



**Theory of replica scaling**

1/5<sup>th</sup> scale test

gravitational  
acceleration =  $2g$



Therefore,

Lesser resistance from earth cover for 1/5<sup>th</sup> scale test

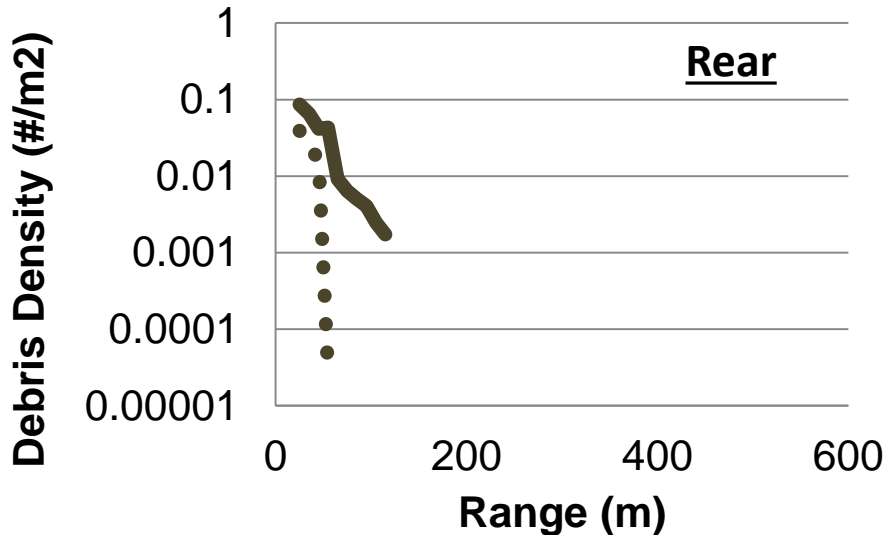
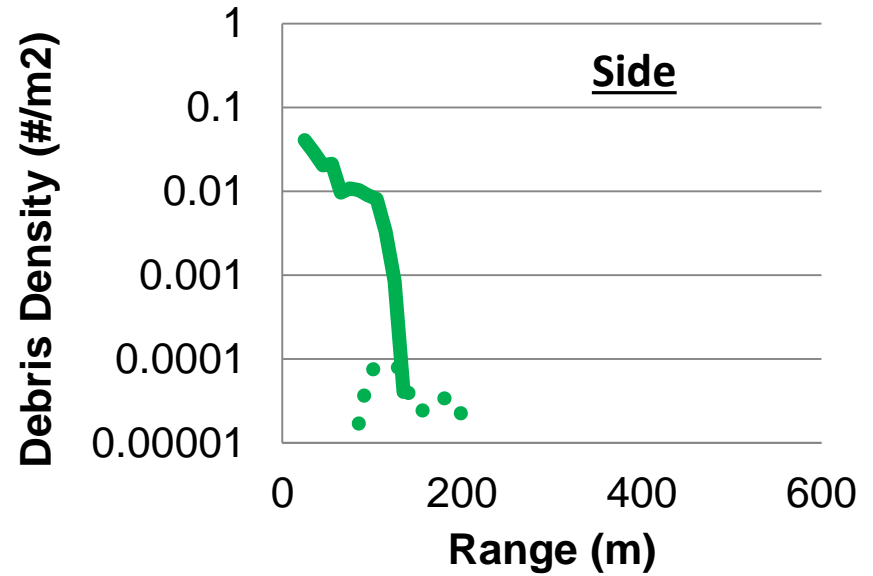
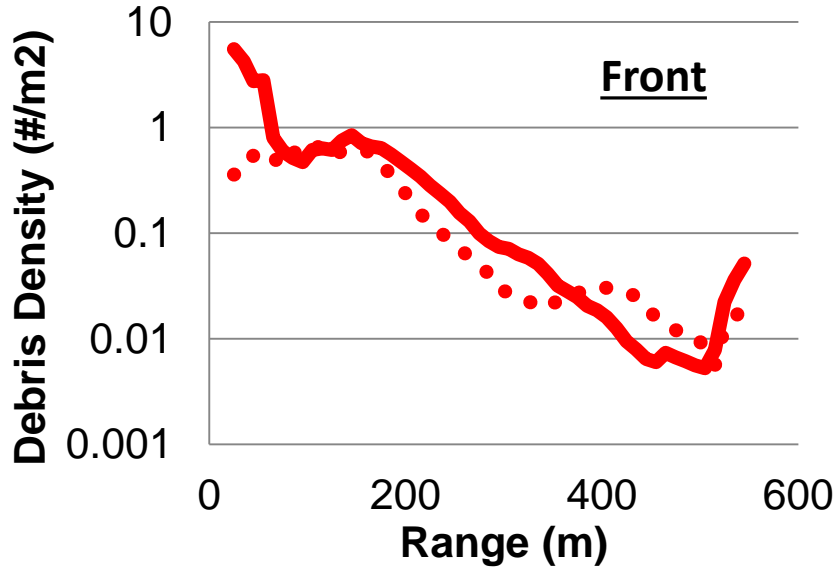
- more debris ejected

Lower gravitational pull

- Debris travel further

# DEBRIS DATA ANALYSIS

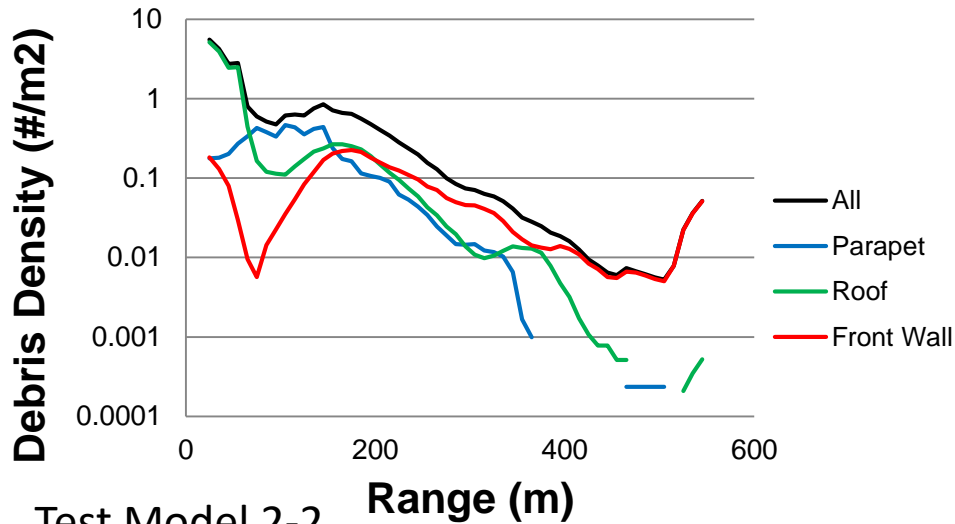
## Effects of Earth Cover Thickness



- Test Model 2-1  
(0.48m earth cover)
- - - Test Model 2-2  
(0.96m earth cover)

# DEBRIS DATA ANALYSIS

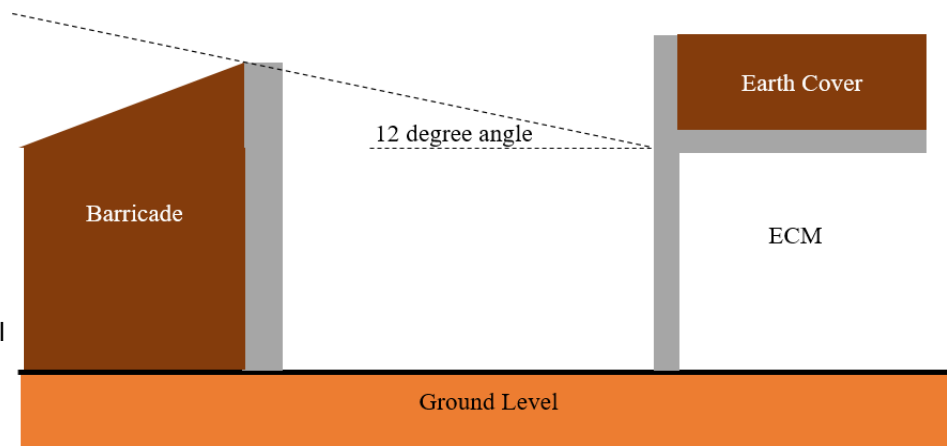
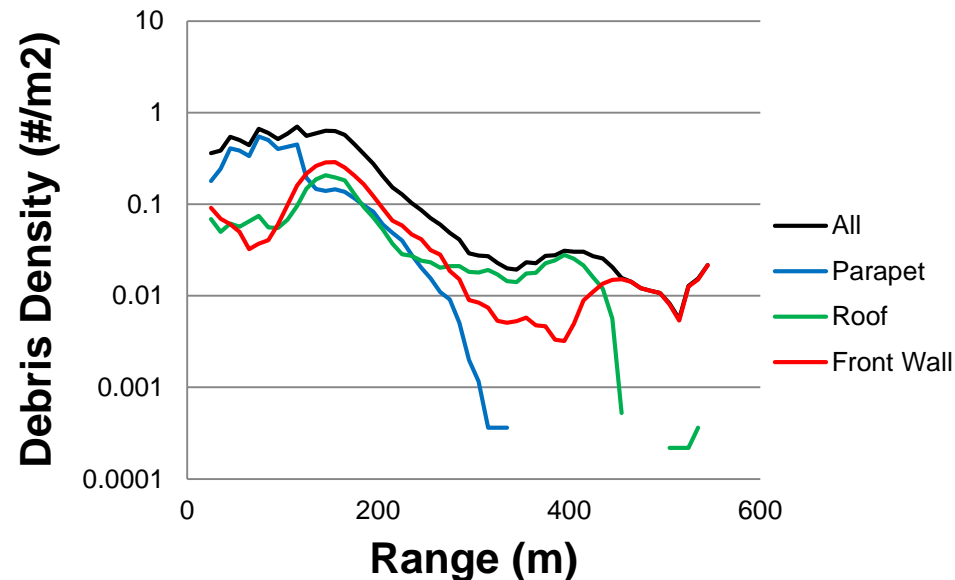
Test Model 2-1



Test Model No	Launch Angles (°)			
	Door	Front Wall (Red)	Retaining Wall (Blue)	Roof (Green)
2-1	6	12	58	89
2-2	8	12	63	86



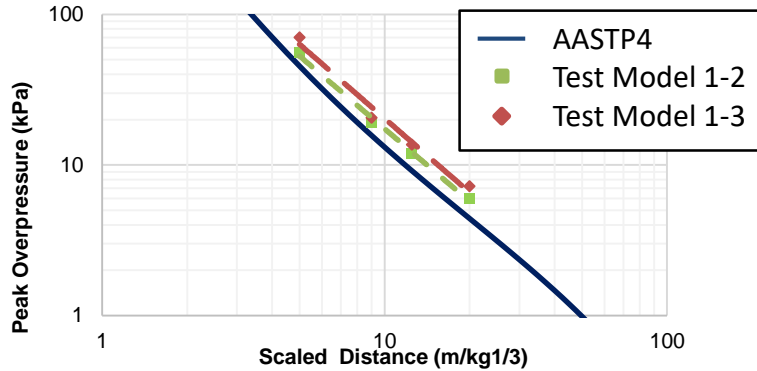
Test Model 2-2



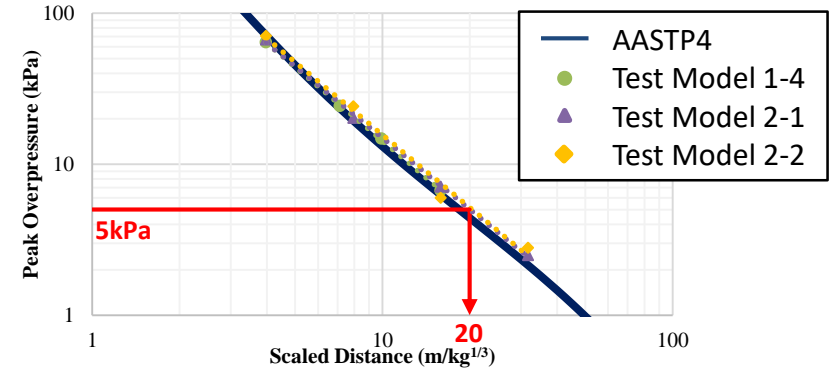
# BLAST PRESSURE ANALYSIS

**FRONT**

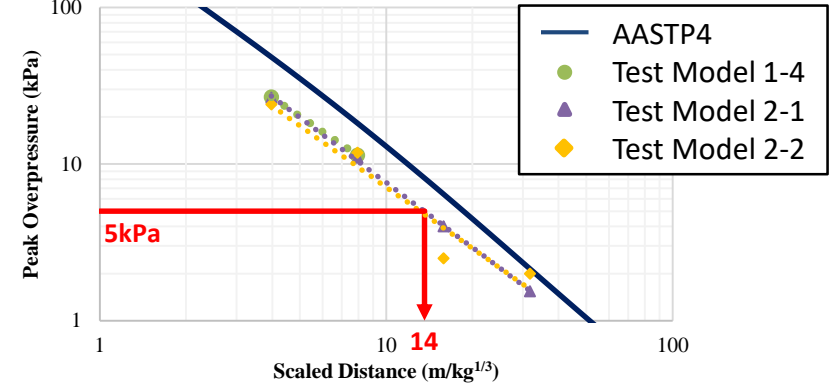
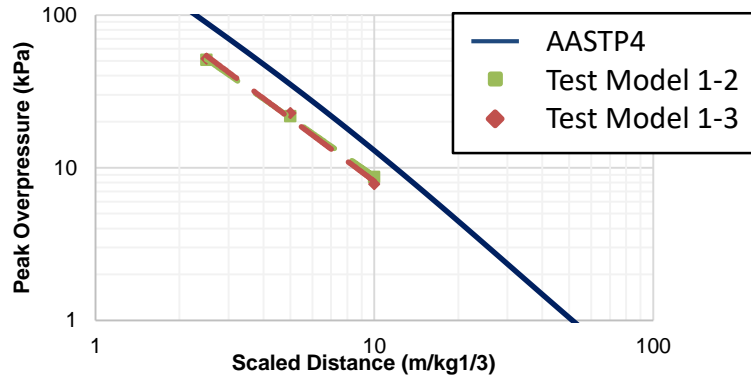
**LD = 10kg/m<sup>3</sup>**



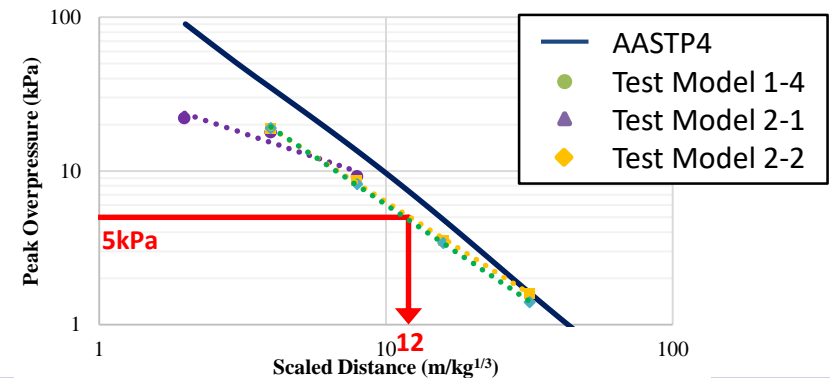
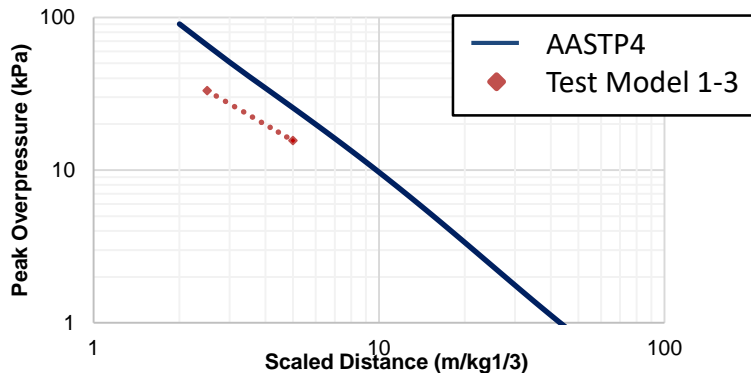
**LD = 20kg/m<sup>3</sup>**



**SIDE**



**REAR**



# BLAST PRESSURE ANALYSIS

	Quantity Distance (m/kg <sup>1/3</sup> )			
	IBD based on AASTP-4	IBD based on AASTP-1	Average IBD based on LD = 10kg/m <sup>3</sup>	Average IBD based on LD = 20kg/m <sup>3</sup>
Front	18.4	22.2	22.6	20
Side	18.8	18	14.9	14
Rear	15.5	14	-	12



Upper bound: LD = 20kg/m<sup>3</sup>



# SUMMARY

## 1. Debris

- IBD can potentially be reduced to 200m at the side and rear based on the 2/5<sup>th</sup> scale test results.
- It was observed that IBD in AASTP1 may be underestimated for the front (>400m), but can be mitigated with barricade at the front. (based on 12° launch angle for the front wall debris)
- To be validated in Test Series 3. (Full Scale Test)

## 2. Blast Pressure

- AASTP4 underestimates IBD at the front and overestimates IBD at the side and rear for loading density of 20kg/m<sup>3</sup>
- Recommended IBD as below:

	Quantity Distance (m/kg <sup>1/3</sup> )		
	IBD based on AASTP-4	IBD based on AASTP-1	Average IBD based on LD = 20kg/m <sup>3</sup>
Front	18.4	22.2	20
Side	18.8	18	14
Rear	15.5	14	12

**Thank you for your  
attention**

# REFERENCES

---

Maniero, Richard J and Rowland III, James H, “*A Review of Recent Accidents Involving Explosives Transport,*” Accident Reconstruction Journal, no. 56 (2009): 22-25

NATO Standardization Office, “*AASTP-1 - NATO Guidelines for the Storage of Military Ammunition and Explosives,*” AASTP-1, Ed B Version 1 (2015)

Grønsten, Geir-Arne, “*Update on Norwegian Test Programme on Small Quantity Storage in Soil Covered Magazines,*” Klotz Group Fall Meeting (2006)

Øiom, Hans and Grønsten, Geir-Arne, “*Quick Look upon Results from NOR/SWE Full Scale Field Storage Trials,*” Klotz Group Fall Meeting (2008)

Van der Voort, Martijn, K. Radtke, Frank, van Amelsfort, Ruud & Khoe, Yoeng Sin, Stacke, Ingolf, Voss, Martin and Haering, Ivo, “*Recent Developments of the KG Software,*” DDESB Explosives Safety Seminar 34 (2010)

Lai, Liyue, Toh, Wee Tee and Koh, Yong Hong, “*Effects of Increasing Earth Cover of Magazines on Blast Peak Pressure and Impulse,*” 17<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on the Interaction of the Effects of Munitions with Structures (2017)