

THE FUNDAMENTALS OF IM TESTING

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POLICY: AOP-39

FAST HEATING: AOP-4240

SLOW HEATING: AOP-4382

SYMPATHETIC REACTION: AOP-4396

FRAGMENT IMPACT: AOP-4496

BULLET IMPACT: AOP-4241

SHAPED CHARGE JET: AOP-4526

SRD AOP-39.1

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OK, BUT HOW TO CONDUCT THEM?



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IT IS NOT METHOD

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ITIS

METHOD

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SUITABLE GENERIC TEST EQUIPMENT

A LARGE, FLAT AND UNOBSTRUCTED AREA

VIDEO CAMERAS

HIGH SPEED VIDEO CAMERAS

AIR BLAST PRESSURE GAUGES

DOPPLER RADAR

THERMOCOUPLES

WITNESS PLATES

WEATHER STATION

GPS SYSTEM

DATA ACQUISITION SYSTEMS

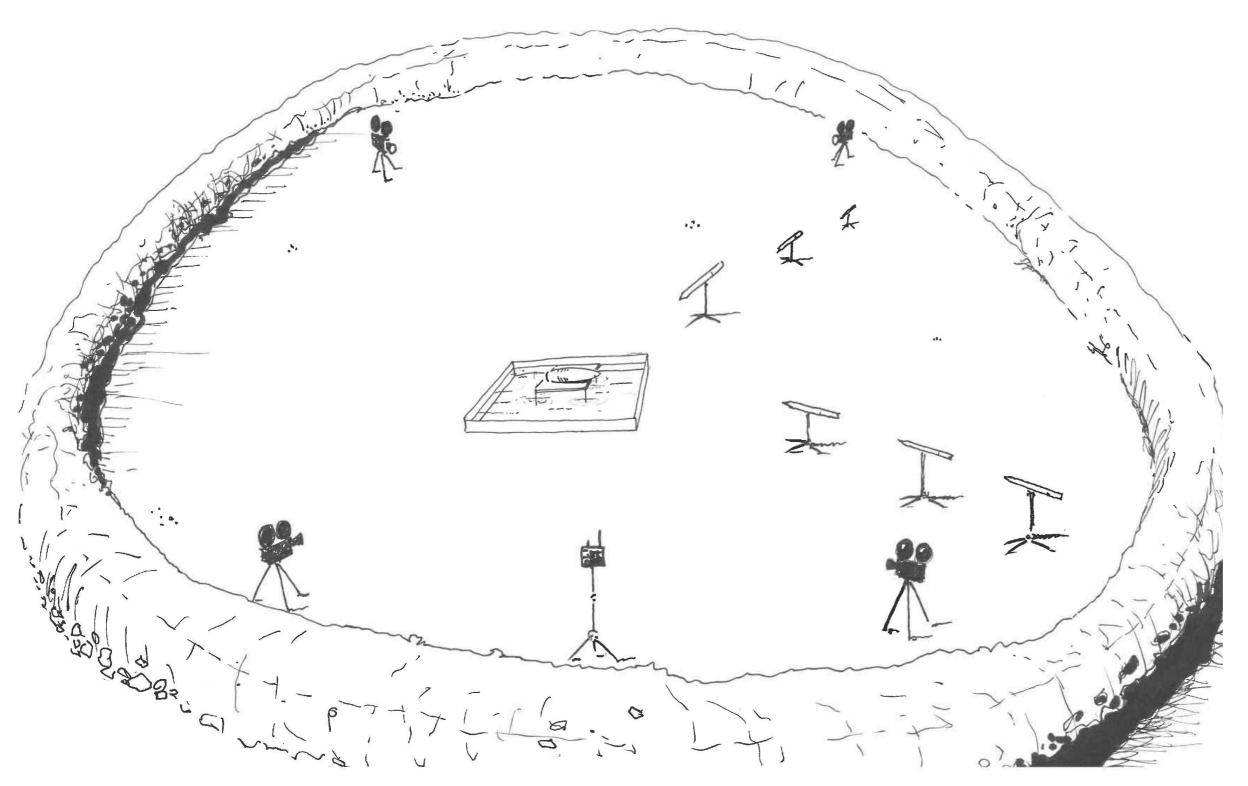
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SKETCHES

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TEST SETUP; FAST COOK-OFF



HEARTH

JET FUEL (AND WATER) OR PROPANE

STEEL TABLE

IGNITERS

THERMOCOUPLES

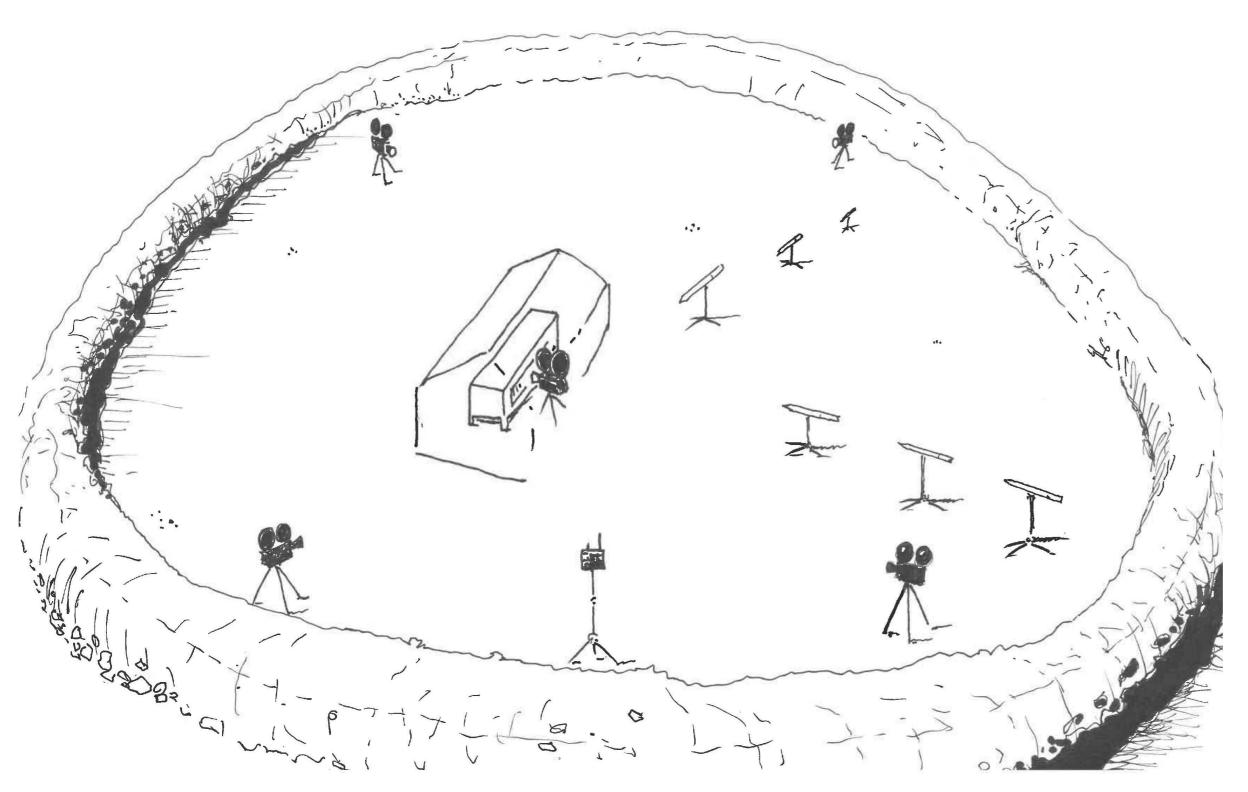
WEATHER STATION

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TEST SETUP; SLOW COOK-OFF



OVEN

TENT

THERMOCOUPLES

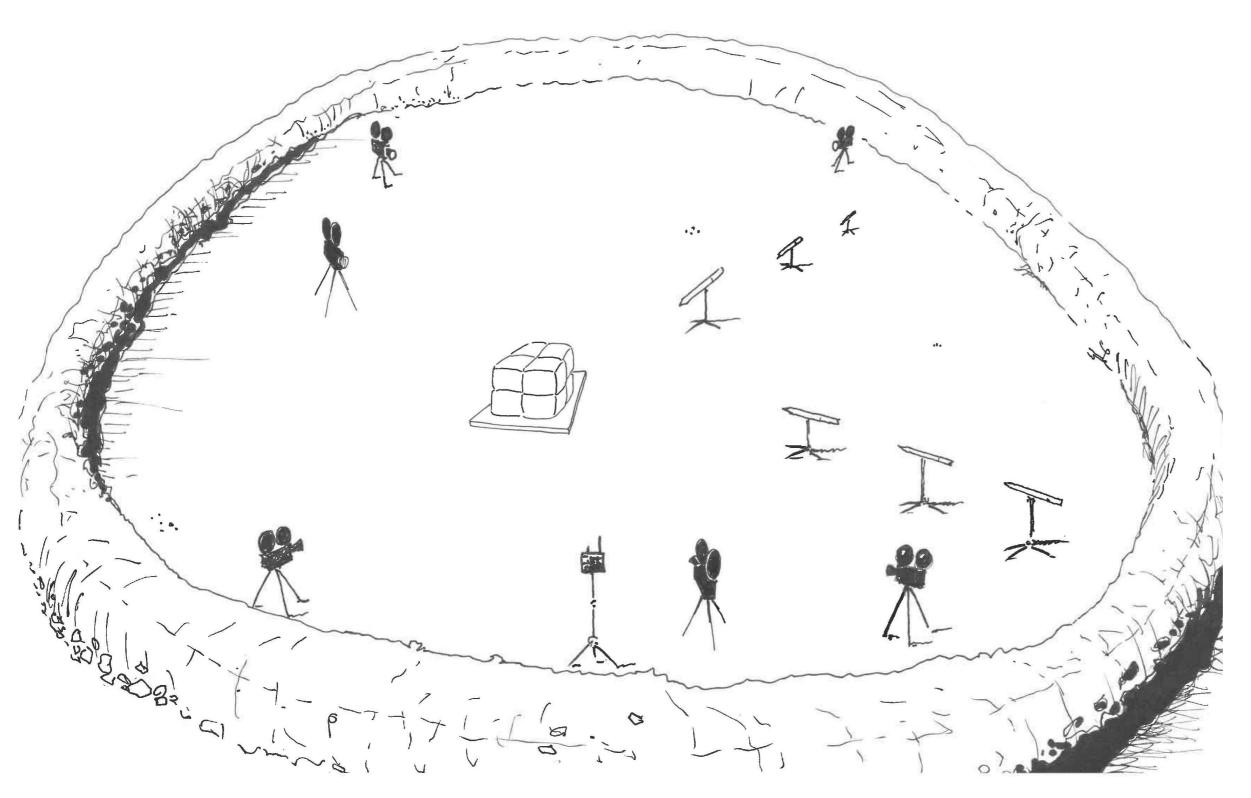
VIDEO CAMERAS

(WEATHER STATION)

(AIR BLAST PRESSURE GAUGES)

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TEST SETUP; SYMPATHETIC REACTION



WITNESS PLATE

HIGH SPEED VIDEO CAMERAS

VIDEO CAMERAS

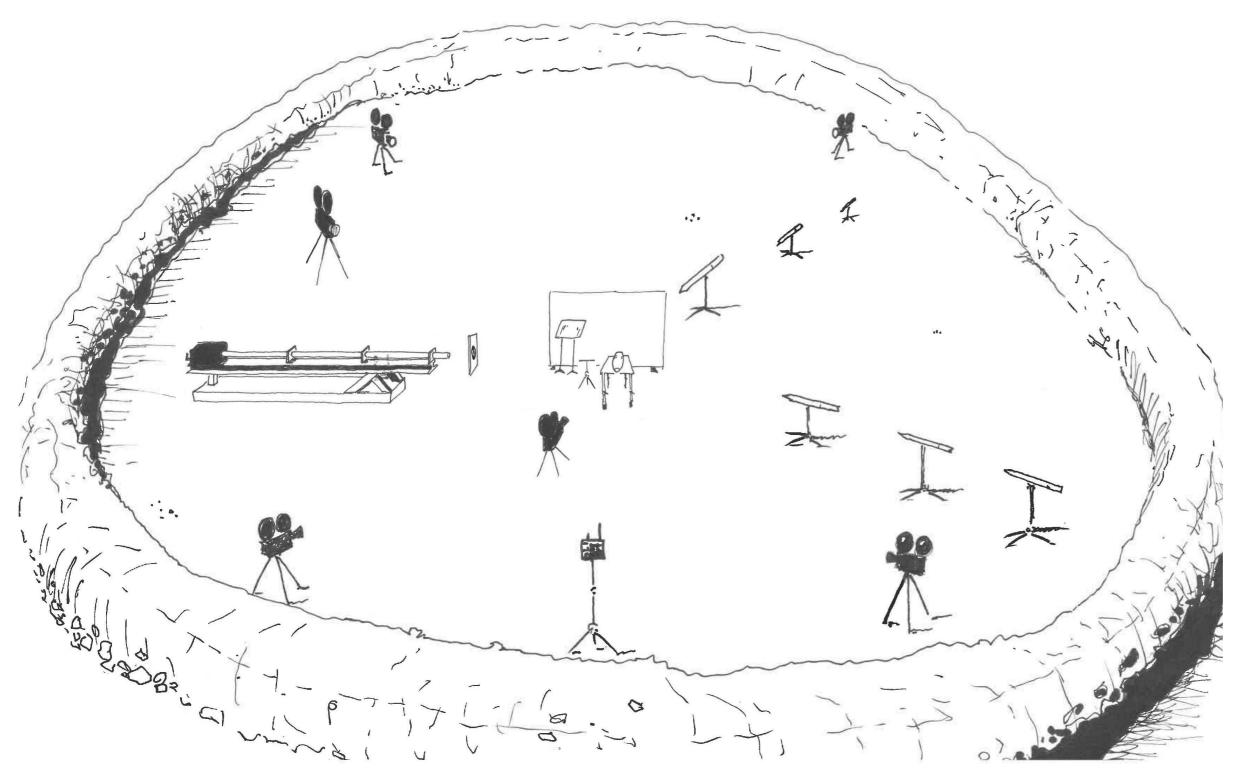
AIR BLAST PRESSURE GAUGES

WEATHER STATION

(EXTERNAL CONFINEMENT)

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TEST SETUP; FRAGMENT IMPACT



GUN

SABOT CATCHER PLATE

STEEL TABLE

WITNESS PLATE

MIRRORS

PHOTO BACKGROUND SCREEN

DISTANCE REFERENCE

HIGH SPEED VIDEO CAMERAS

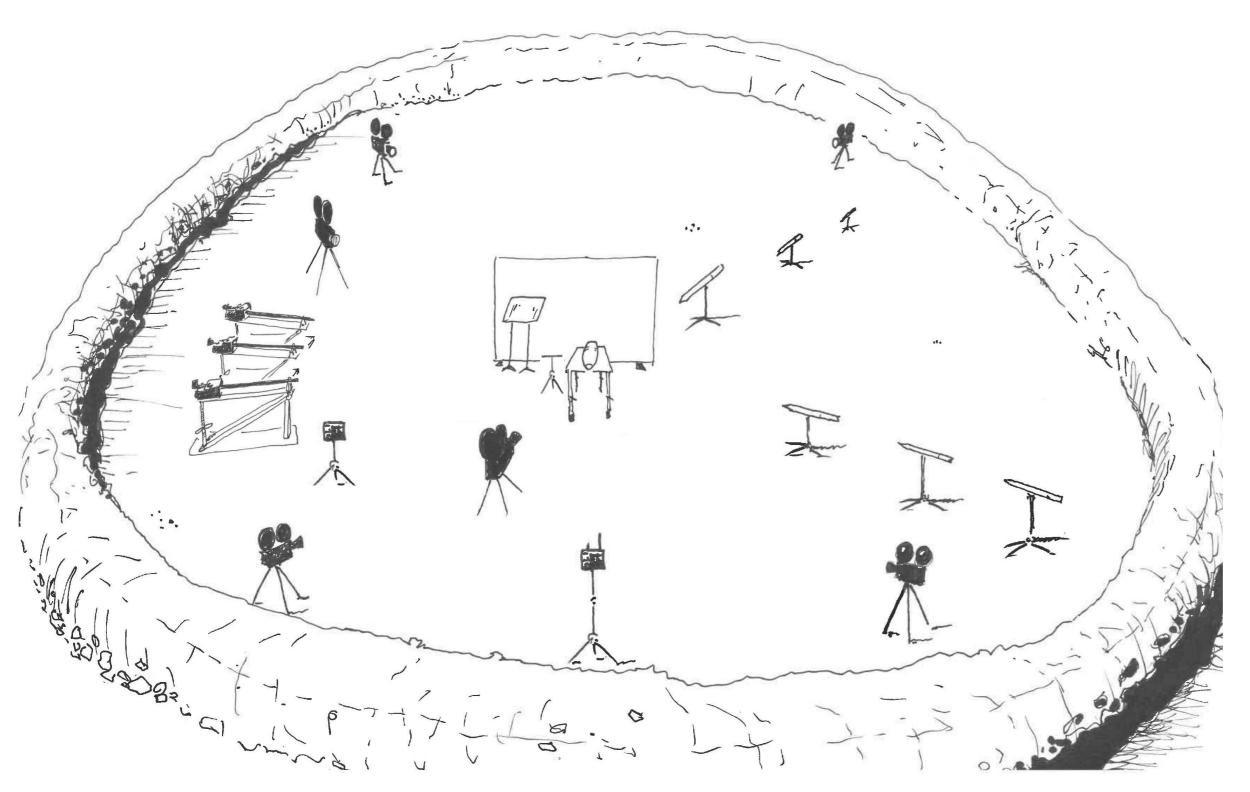
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AIR BLAST PRESSURE GAUGES

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TEST SETUP; BULLET IMPACT



GUN(S)

DOPPLER RADAR

STEEL TABLE

WITNESS PLATE

MIRRORS

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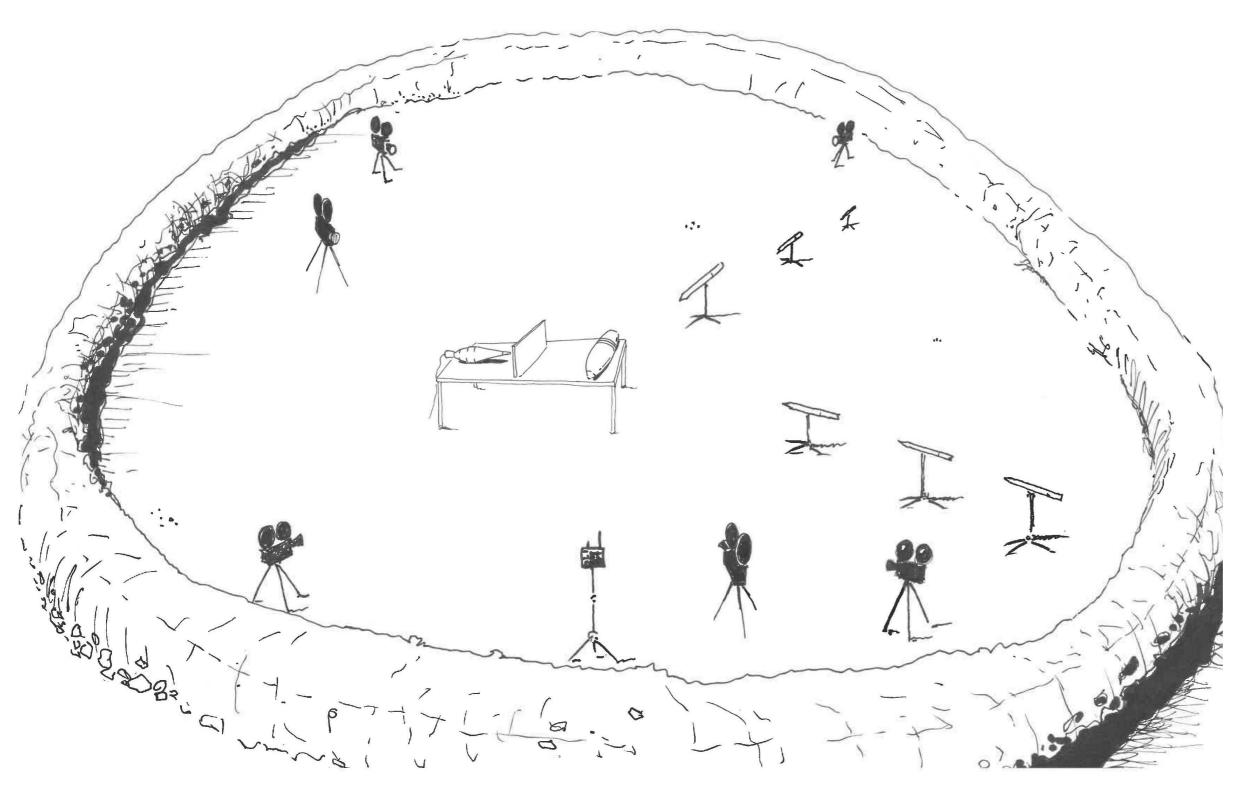
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AIR BLAST PRESSURE GAUGES

WEATHER STATION

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TEST SETUP; SHAPED CHARGE JET



SHAPED CHARGE JET (RPG)
CONDITIONING PLATE

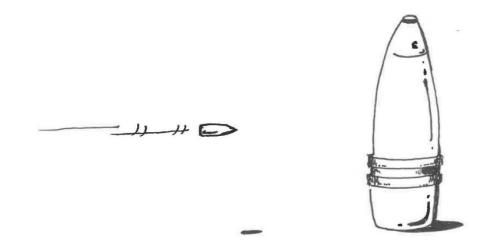
STEEL TABLE
WITNESS PLATE

HIGH SPEED VIDEO CAMERAS
VIDEO CAMERAS
AIR BLAST PRESSURE GAUGES
WEATHER STATION

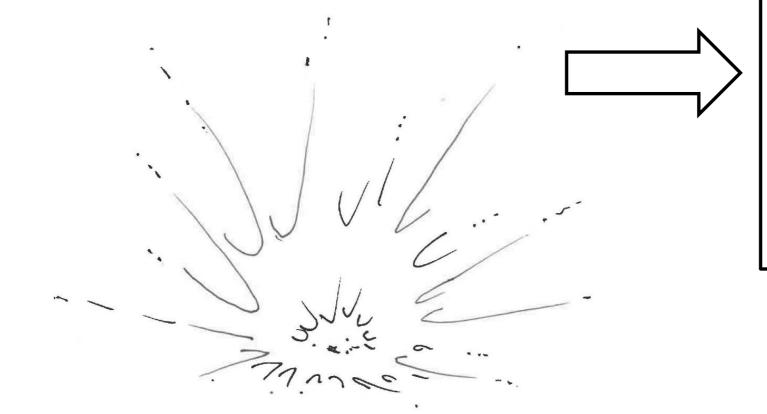
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CONDUCT BASELINE TESTS!





SHOOT AT AN INERT TEST ITEM



COMPARE:

- THE SIZE AND SHAPE OF THE FRAGMENTS
- THE SCATTERING OF DEBRIS
- THE AIR BLAST PRESSURES

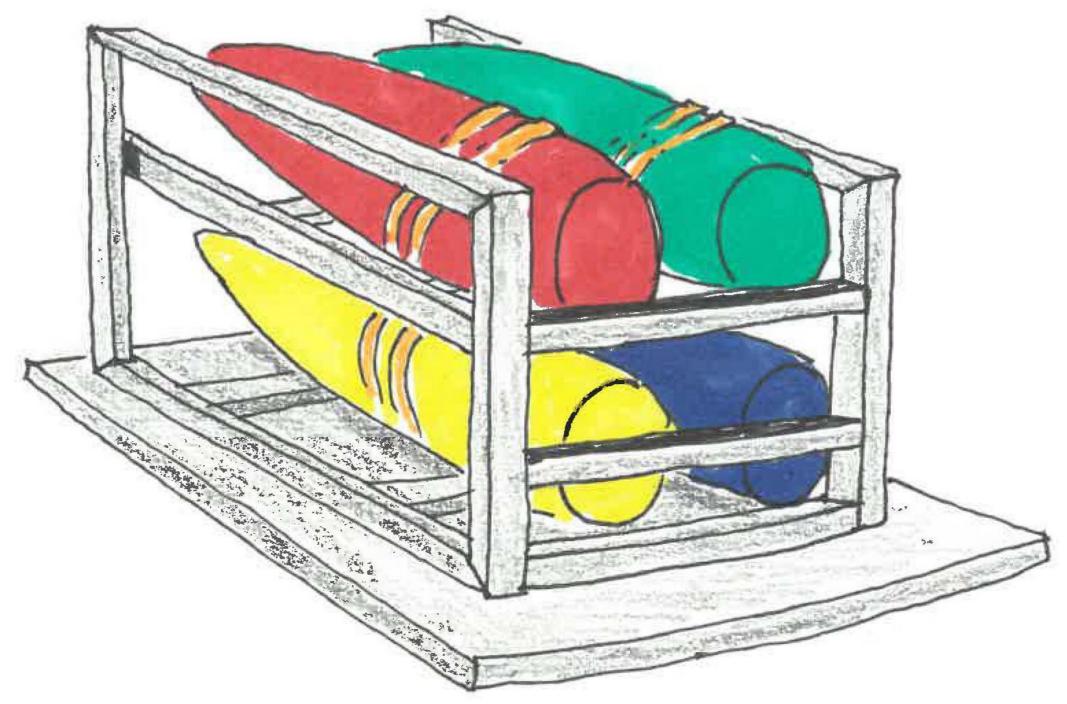
WITH THE RESULTS OF YOUR LIVE TESTS

INITIATE A LIVE TEST ITEM TO FULL REACTION

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PAINT YOUR TEST ITEMS!





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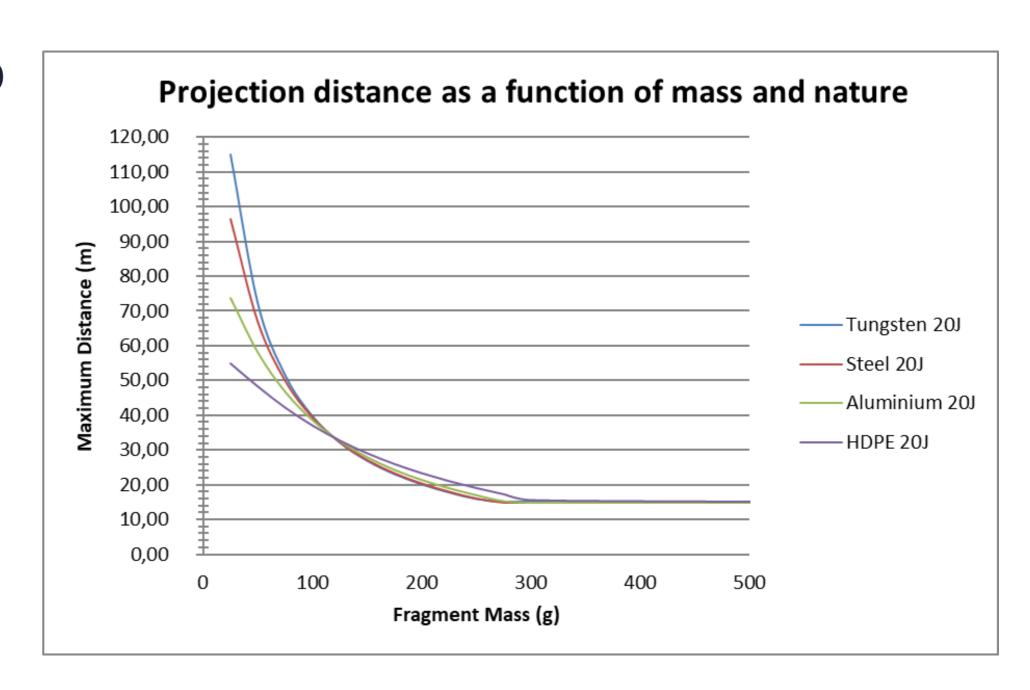
THE ASSESSMENT

WHAT IS IMPORTANT?

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EVIDENCE

- 1. FRAGMENTS; SHAPE, SIZE AND DISTRIBUTION
- 2. WITNESS PLATES;
 PERFORATION, PLASTIC
 DEFORMATION
- 3. ENERGETIC MATERIAL; BURNED OR UNBURNED, DISTRIBUTION
- 4. PROJECTION DISTANCE
- 5. AIR BLAST PRESSURES



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ARE INSENSITIVE MUNITIONS WORTH THE EXTRA COSTS AND EFFORTS?



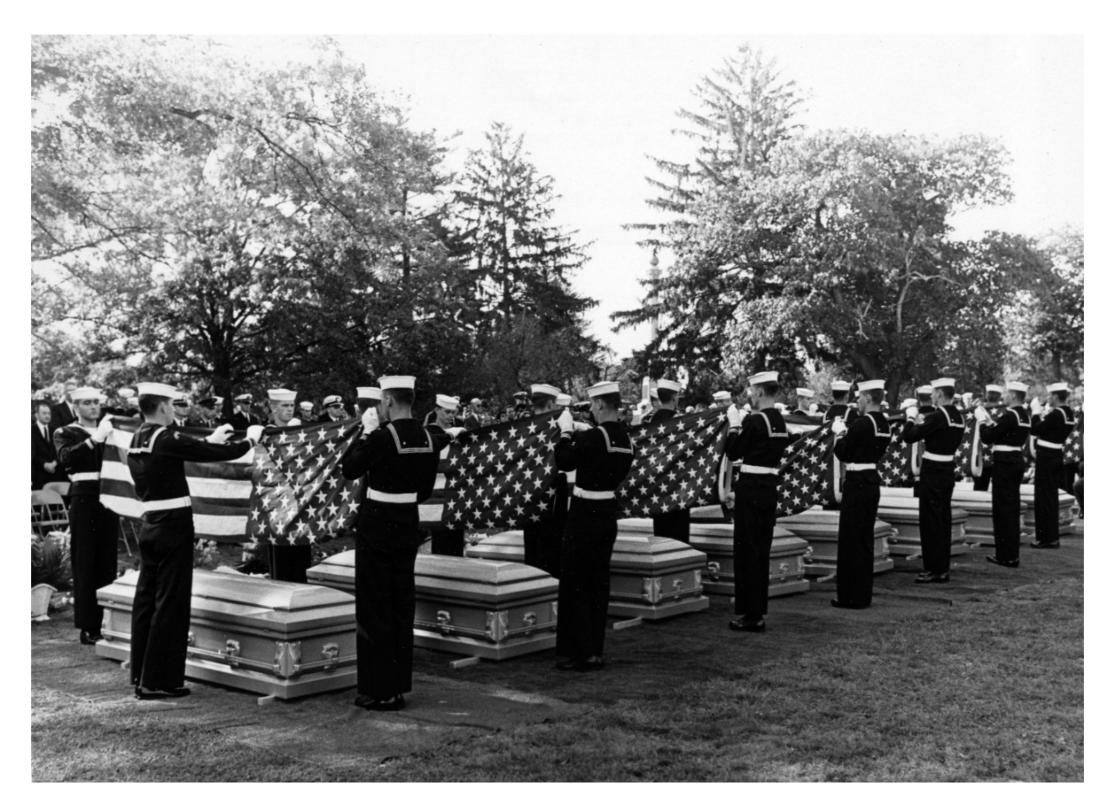
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OR IS THIS AN ACCEPTABLE ALTERNATIVE?



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ANY QUESTIONS?



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