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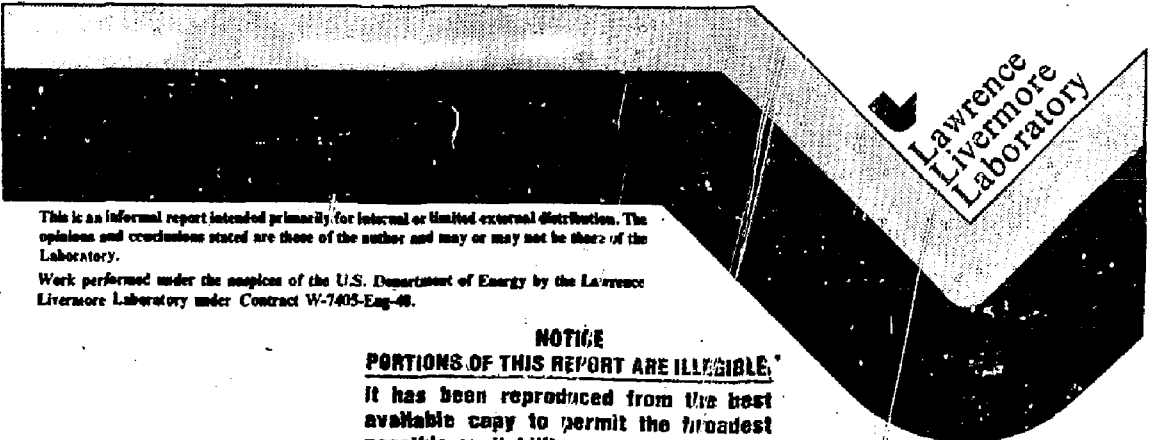
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A REVIEW OF GEOMECHANICS DATA FROM  
FRENCH NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS IN THE HOGGAR GRANITE,  
WITH SOME COMPARISONS TO TESTS IN U. S. GRANITE.

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## SYMBOLS

A	:	amplitude
C	:	cumulative spectrum function
$C_s$	:	"structure coefficient" equivalent to shear strength (bars)
d	:	distance from shot point (m, or km)
H	:	depth of burial of device (m)
$H_c$	:	height of chimney (m)
k	:	a constant
$R_c$	:	cavity radius (m)
$R_f$	:	radius of fractured zone (m)
$R_p$	:	radius of crushed (pulverized) zone (m)
$R_r$	:	radius of disked zones (m)
t	:	time to collapse of chimney (min.)
u	:	displacement (cm)
V	:	velocities of materials or waves (m/s)
W	:	yield of devices (kt)
WP	:	working point; location of device
$\alpha$	:	coefficient related to coupling (dimensionless)
$\delta$	:	displacement (cm)
$\rho$	:	density of rock ( $g/cm^3$ )
$\sigma_t$	:	tensile strength of the rock mass (bars)

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## ABSTRACT

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The following aspects of the tests are summarized:

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- . pressure vs. time at various distances
- . mechanical properties of granite
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- . extent of tunnel damage as a function of distance and yield
- . time to collapse of chimney as a function of yield, or cavity radius
- . extent of granite crushing and dinking as a function of distance and yield
- . cavity height relation to cavity radius
- . faulting and jointing on the Taourirt Tan Afella massif
- . influence of water content on cavity radius vs. yield.

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- . lack of agreement exists for: cavity size, chimney height, and time to cavity collapse. Average spacing of rock joints also was about 5 times greater in the Hoggar.

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The next chapter presents the information which was retained from 15 selected references among the 78 French documents which were reviewed. The other French documents either were not relevant to geomechanics, or contained material which duplicated that in the selected reports. Of the numerous U.S. references on granite events we retained only those which contained information comparable to the French geomechanical data. These U.S. references are also listed at the end of the report. The figures have been regrouped in an Appendix.

## 2. SUMMARY RESULTS

### Reference 1 (in French), Albaret and Duclaux, 1969

- Rock behaves elastically at a distance  $> (k/\sigma_t)^{0.84} \cdot W^{1/3}$  where the granite tensile strength,  $\sigma_t$ , is assumed to be 100 bars and  $k$  is not specified.
- Examines the amplitude spectrum of P-wave records from French nuclear explosions in the Hoggar.
- Results are presented in the form of a cumulative spectrum  $C(N)$ : it is the integral of the function  $A(N)$  (amplitude as a function of frequency) within a frequency domain.  $C(N)$  is plotted in a normalized fashion as a cumulative percentage, from 0 to 100, between the two limit frequencies (Fig. 1). The second derivative of  $C$  is the slope of the amplitude spectrum in the frequency interval, from which one can find the peak amplitude frequency.
- Some examples are given for  $C(N)$  with  $N = 10$  to 60 Hz at a distance  $d = 15$  km from shot point (Fig. 2).
- For  $N = 10$  to 20 Hz and  $d = 15$  and 50 km, an empirical relation is found for Hoggar shots, regarding the slope of  $C(N)$ :

$$dC/dN = 0.36 \cdot (d \cdot W^{-1/3})^{0.43}$$

$d$  in km,  $W$  in kt.

- The French amplitude spectra are said to agree remarkably well with the theory of Peet (1960).
- Although no examples are given for granite, cumulative spectra are displayed for two U.S. shots in tuff, Blanca (19 kt) and Logan (5 kt), at distances from 15 to 287 km, in the domain  $N \in [2 \text{ to } 20 \text{ Hz}]$  (Fig. 3).

### Reference 5 (in English), Berger, 1970

- Comprehensive report on the French program; contains 65 references.

- . Shock front position vs. time up to 600  $\mu$ s and 5 m given for Michele/ 3.6 kt (Fig. 4). Agrees with calculations using the CEA's (Commissariat a l'Energie Atomique) S code. This one-dimensional code is essentially the LLNL SOC code. It is discussed in the French reference 56.
- . Cavity radius vs. yield for four French shots in granite (Carmen/16 kt, Georgette/13 kt, Michele/3.6 kt, and Monique/117 kt), and three U.S. Shots (Hardhat/5.5 kt, Piledriver/60 kt, and Shoal/13 kt) are shown in Fig. 5. French radii were determined by postshot drilling.
- . Radial pressure, tangential pressure, and peak velocity calculated with the S code, are given as a function of distance, up to a few 100 m's for Michele and Monique. These calculations and some actual data are compared in Figs. 6 and 7.
- . Pressure vs. time record at 30 m from WP, from Michele (Fig. 8)  
pressure vs. time record at 100 m from WP, for Monique (Fig. 9)  
pressure vs. distance record at 35.5 ms for Monique (Fig. 10).
- . Hugoniot of granite: Hoggar and U.S. results are compared in Fig. 11. The U.S. data are from refs. 61 and 62 in the Berger document, which are Bass et al. (1963) and McQueen et al. (1967).

Reference 18, (in English), Delort, 1969

- . Scaled accelerations, velocities and displacements for all Hoggar observations shown as Figs. 12-14. However, the corresponding equations are not given in this reference; they are found in Ref. 49.
- . Cavity radius ( $R_c$ ) as a function of yield ( $W$ ) and depth of burial ( $H$ )

$$R_c = a W^{1/4} + bH$$

	Hoggar granite	Alluvium	Tuff
a	9.72	21.25	21.06
b	-0.0023	-0.0289	-0.0173

Reference 21 (in French), Derlich and Supiot, 1969

• Cavity radius  $R_c = 52 \frac{\alpha W^{1/3}}{(\rho g H + C_g)^{1/3 \gamma}}$  (m)

$\alpha = 1$  for full coupling  $C_g = 0$  to 250 bars

H: depth of burial (m)  $\gamma = 1.03$  to 1.14 (adiabatic coeff.)

- Note that Boardman (1967) suggests ignoring the effect of overburden pressure in granite because of tectonic stresses. He proposes simply  $R_c = CW^{1/3}$ . This seems to fit well Shoal, Hard Hat and Piledriver, with  $C = 11.4$  (Fig. 15).

Reference 22 (in French), Derlich, 1970

- Tunnel damage in the Taourit Tan Afella granite:

total damage (collapse) for  $d(m) < 52 W^{1/3}$

variable damage for  $52 W^{1/3} < d < 110 W^{1/3}$  (Fig. 16)

no damage for  $d > 110 W^{1/3}$

- Based on Figs. 6 and 7 we estimate the radial pressure to be 1 kbar at  $d = 52 W^{1/3}$  and 100 bars at  $d = 110 W^{1/3}$ .

Reference 23 (in English), Derlich, 1969

- Time of chimney collapse as a function of yield for the French events:  
6 to 46 min. for 3.6 to 117 kt.

- This is empirically given as:

$$t(\text{min}) = 1.25 W^{1/3} - 0.52$$

- Note that this relation does not hold for U.S. granite shots: the Piledriver cavity collapsed at 14 sec., for 61 kt (Borg, 1970) and Hard Hat (5 kt) collapsed at 11 hrs (Boardman et al., 1964).



Reference 24 (in English), Derlich, 1970

- . Cavity radius  $R_c = 7.3 \cdot W^{1/3} \pm 10\%$ ,  $R_c$  (m),  $W$  (kt).
- . Radius of crushed zone  $R_p = 7.3$  to  $10 W^{1/3}$
- . Radius of fractured zone  $R_f = 10$  to  $26 W^{1/3}$ . In this zone the particle diameter is at least 5 cm.
- . Radius of zone with core diskings  $R_r = 30 W^{1/3}$ . Disking means that the core is recovered as thin chips during coring.
- . The above scaled radii can be compared to the results obtained in the Piledriver event (Borg, 1973):
  - radius of crushed zone  $R_p = 10$  to  $13 W^{1/3}$
  - radius of fractured zone  $R_f = 13$  to  $28 W^{1/3}$These results are quite similar to those for Hoggar events. However, diskings were not reported in the Piledriver case.

Reference 25 (in English), Derlich, 1972

- . Chimney height depends upon in-situ stress and initial jointing. Different results for U.S. and Hoggar shots:
  - $H_c \approx 3.6 R_c$  in Hoggar, versus
  - $H_c \approx 6.2 R_c$  for Piledriver, 4.5 for Shoal, and 4.2 for Hard Hat.

Reference 28 (in English), Duclaux et al., 1967

- . Cavity radius related to chimney collapse time for French shots:
  - $R_c$  (m) =  $0.8 t$  (min) + 3This would not hold for Hard Hat, or Piledriver.

Reference 40 (in English), Faure, 1972

- . Faults and joints in the Tan Afella. The mass joint spacing is of the order of 1 m, as compared to about 20 cm for the Climax granite of Piledriver and Hard Hat (Maldonado, 1977).

Reference 42 (in English), Ferrieux, 1970

- Velocity vs. yield at 52 km (remote zone), shown in Fig. 17.
- Velocity vs. distance: comparison of close-in and remote zones in Fig. 18.

Reference 49 (in French), Guerrini and Garnier, 1969

- Scaling laws for Hoggar events, valid for the close-in zone ( $0.06 < dW^{1/3} < 1$ ):

$$\text{peak acceleration } A \approx 2.2 \cdot (d/W^{1/3})^{-2.44} = 2.2 W^{0.48} d^{-2.44}$$

$$\text{peak velocity } V(\text{m/s}) = 0.1 (d/W^{1/3})^{-1.73} = 0.1 W^{0.58} d^{-1.73}$$

$$\text{peak displacement (cm) } u = 0.21 (d/W^{1/3})^{-1.4} = 0.2 W^{0.8} d^{-1.4}$$

where  $W(\text{kt})$  and  $d(\text{km})$ .

- The standard deviation on each parameter corresponds to the following error percentages:
  - acceleration: + 60%, -40%
  - velocity : + 50%, -30%
  - displacement: + 40%, -30%
- The above scaled relations are compared to the U.S. granite results presented by Sauer et al. (1964) in Figs. 19 to 21. A more recent comparison by Cooper and Brode (1973) is shown in Figs. 22 and 23.

Reference 50 (in English), Habib, 1972

- Tensile strength, triaxial compression test results, and laboratory wave velocities on two Hoggar granites with different microfracturing. The tensile strength (4.5 MPa), compressive strength, and modulus (75 GPa) are very similar to the values for the Climax granite (Schock et al. 1973). The compressional velocity is reported at 4,700 to 5,400 m/s and the shear velocity 2,500 to 2,600 m/s, depending upon the degree of microfracturing.

Reference 64 (in French), Perrier, 1970.

- Presents another relation between  $W$  and time of cavity collapse:

$$t \text{ (min)} = 6.5 W^{0.4}$$

- This relation does not fit the Hard Hat and Piledriver data any more than the relation of Reference 23.

Reference 67 (in French), Riffault, 1969

- Convenient summary of physical and mechanical properties for numerous rocks.

Reference 75 (in English), Supiot, 1972

- Results of calculations with the formula of reference 21 for cavity radius: influence of water content on cavity radius vs. yield for hard rock (Fig. 24), and influence of "structure coefficient" ( $C_s$ ) on cavity radius vs. yield (Fig. 25). The  $C_s$  for the Hoggar site is taken as  $120 < C_s < 320$  bars whereas it is taken as  $10 < C_s < 45$  bar for the granite of U.S. events. No explanation is given for the difference. However, it can be hypothesized that a wider joint spacing will rate a higher  $C_s$ .
- Chimney height vs. cavity radius in various media (consistent with results of reference 25):

	Salt	Dolomite	Granite	Sandstone	Tuff
$H_c/R_c$	1.0	3.2	3.6 to 6.2	4.0	3.8 to 6.8

SUMMARY - CONCLUSIONS

Of the 78 documents reviewed, 15 contained original geomechanical results which have been summarized. It is noteworthy that no in-situ stress measurements were performed at the French sites. More details on the waveforms and other geomechanical test records have been requested by the author during his visit to the CEA's Bruyeres-le-Chatel Center in August 1982. They have not been forthcoming yet.

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4. APPENDIX: FIGURES

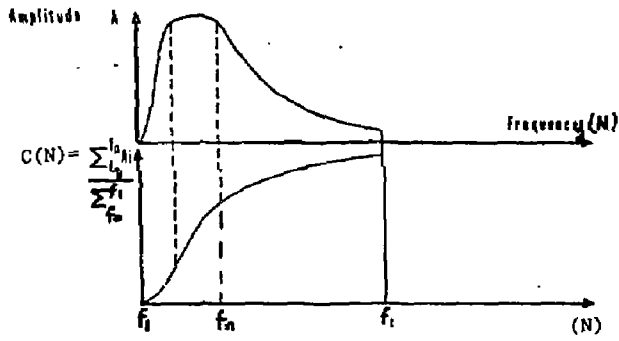


Figure 1: Definition of the Cumulative Spectrum, C(N) (ref. 1). C(N) is expressed as a percentage

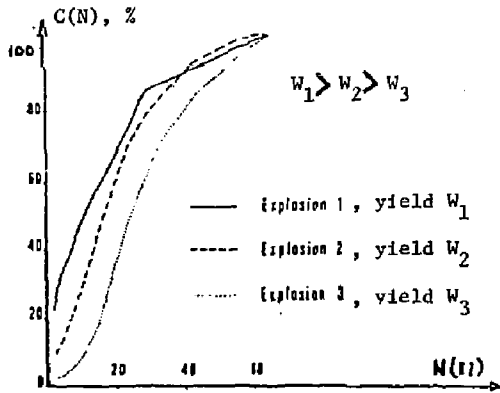


Figure 2: Cumulative Spectra for Three Hoggar Events, (ref. 1)

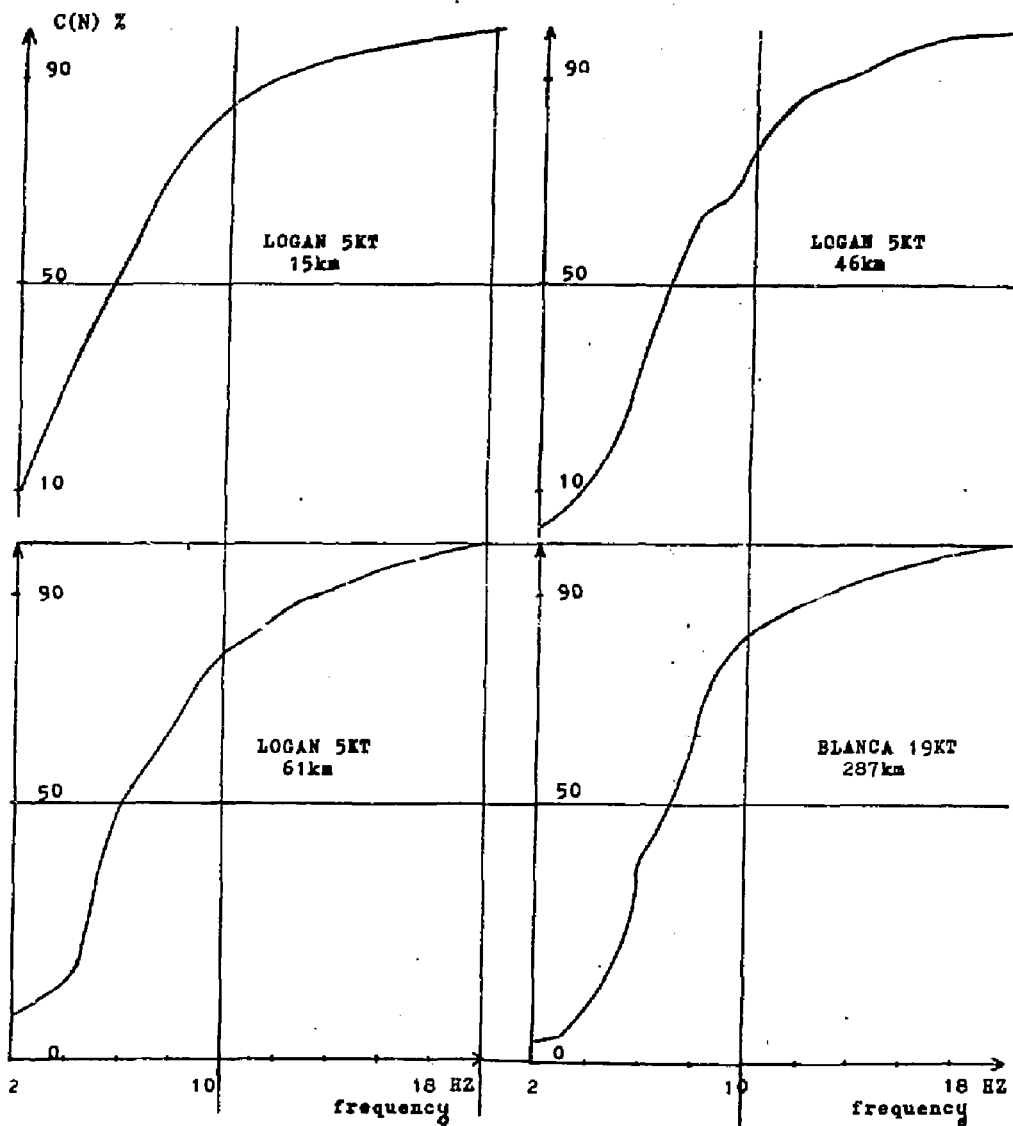


Figure 3: Examples of Calculations of C(N) for Two U. S. Shots in Tuff Monitored at Various Stations (ref. 1). No Comparable Calculations Were Found for U. S. Granite Shots.

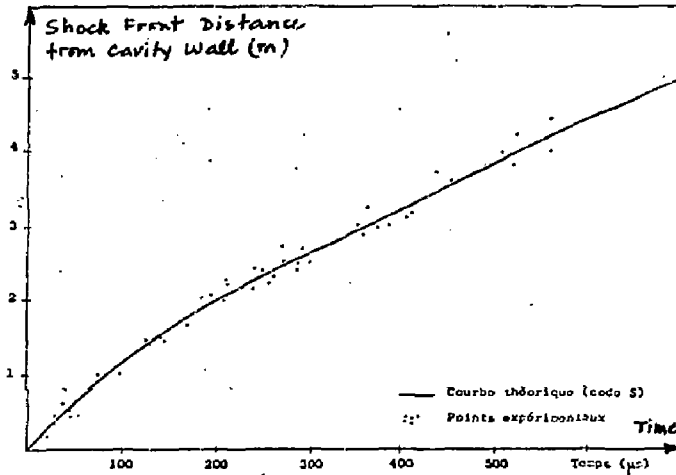


Figure 4: Position of Shock Front vs. Time for Michele (ref. 5)

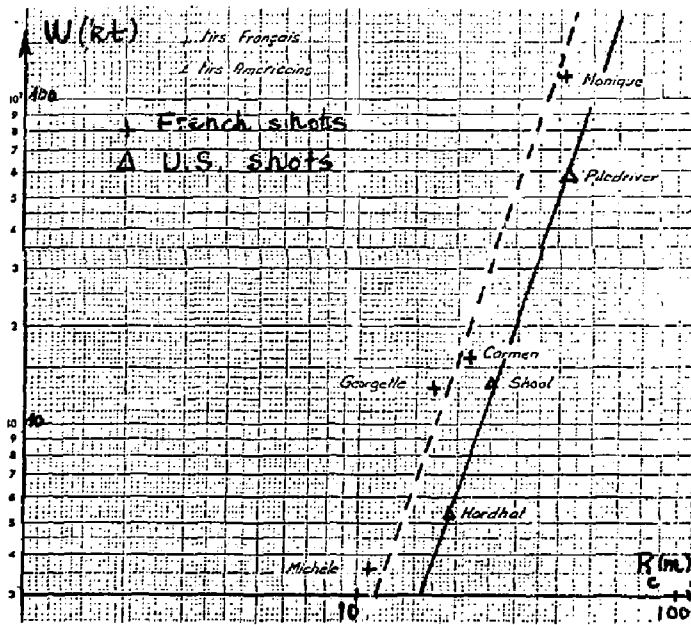


Figure 5: Cavity Radius vs. Yield for French and U.S. Tests (ref. 5)  
The dashed line is from the original document. The line through the U.S. data was added by this author.

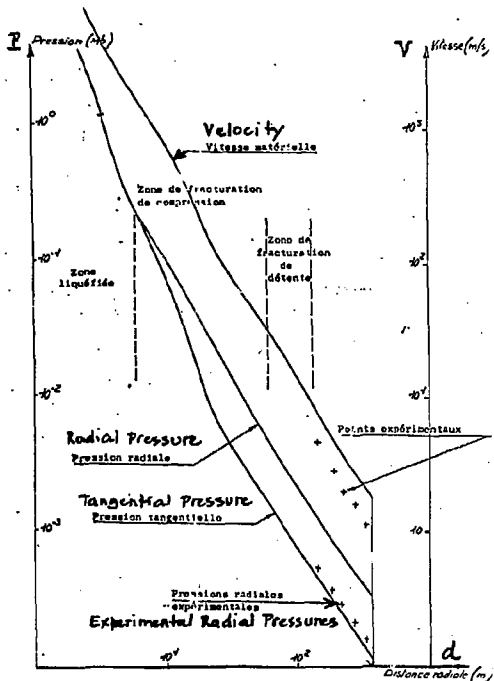


Figure 6: Pressures and Velocity vs. Distance for Michele (ref. 5)

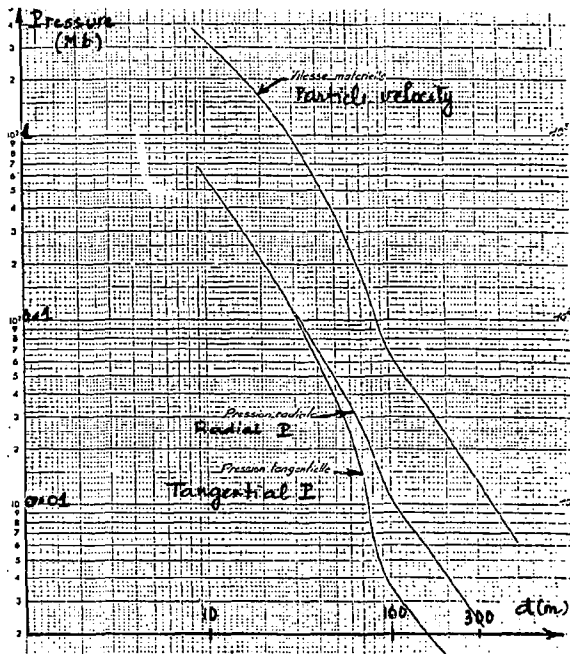


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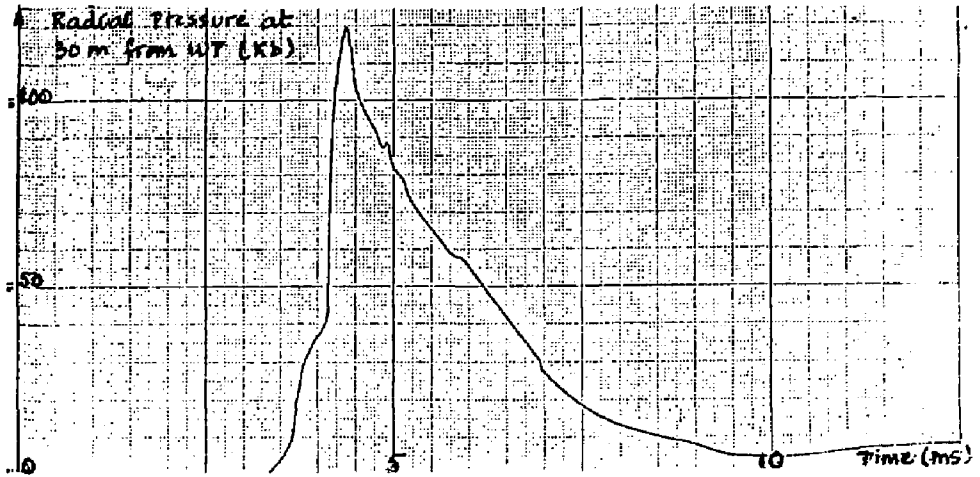


Figure 8 : Radial Pressure at 30m vs. Time for Monique (ref. 5)

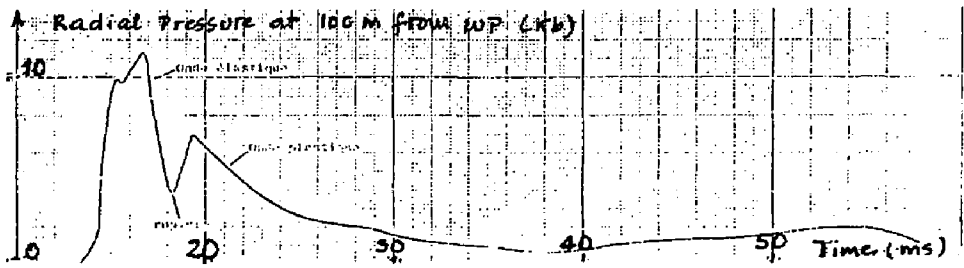


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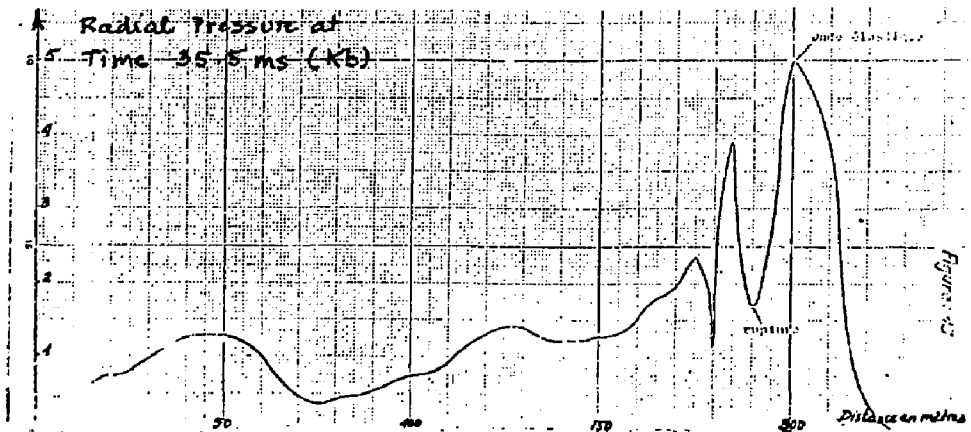


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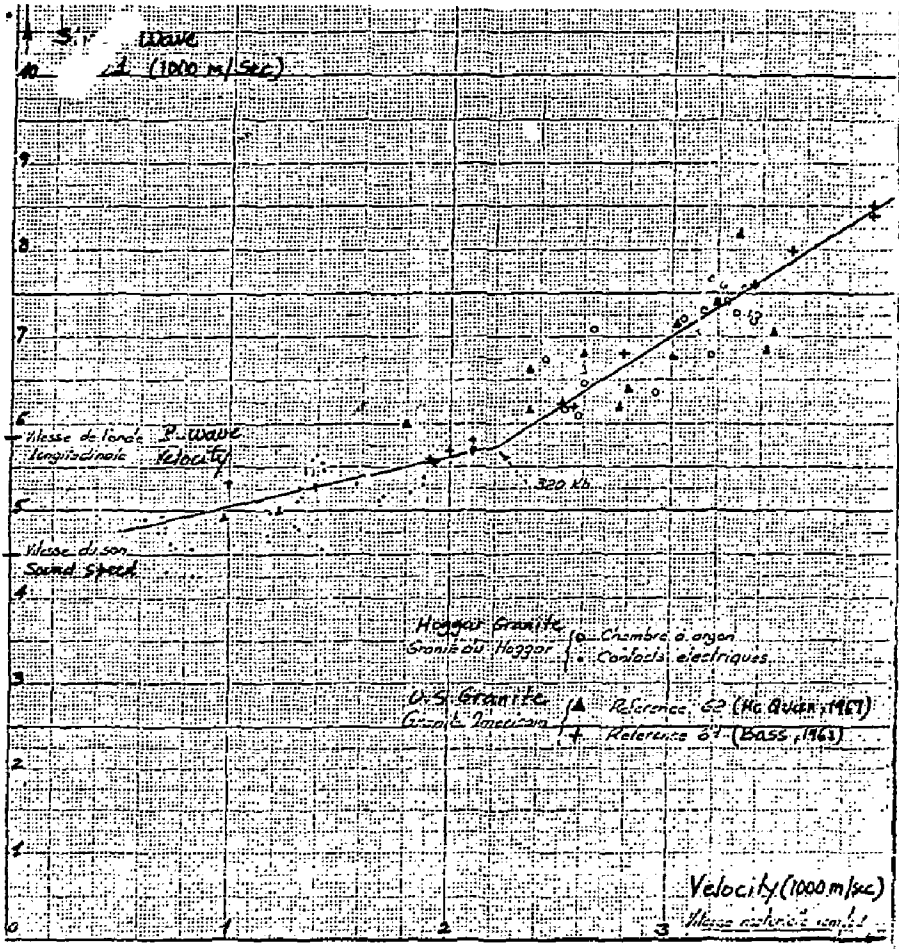


Figure 11: Comparison of Hugoniot for French and U. S. Granites (ref. 5)

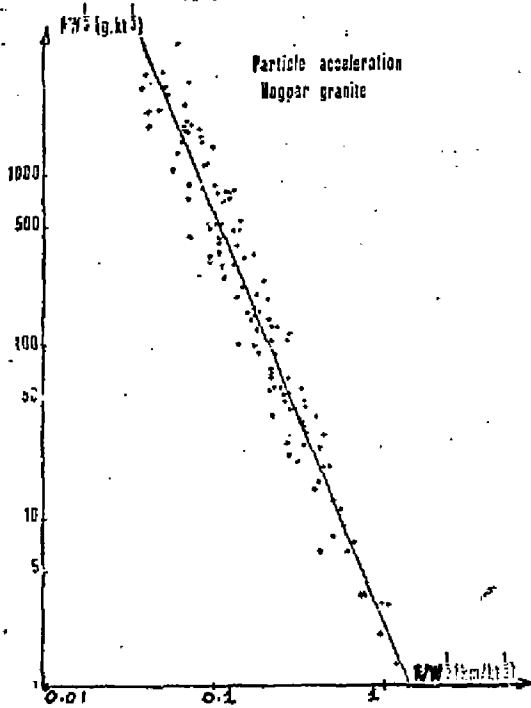


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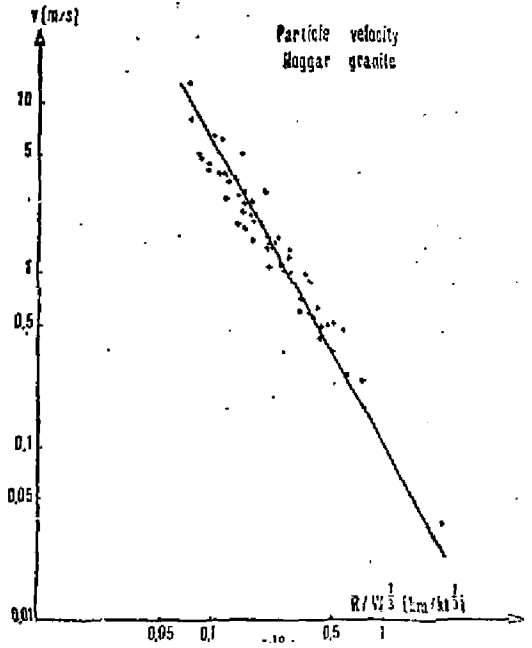


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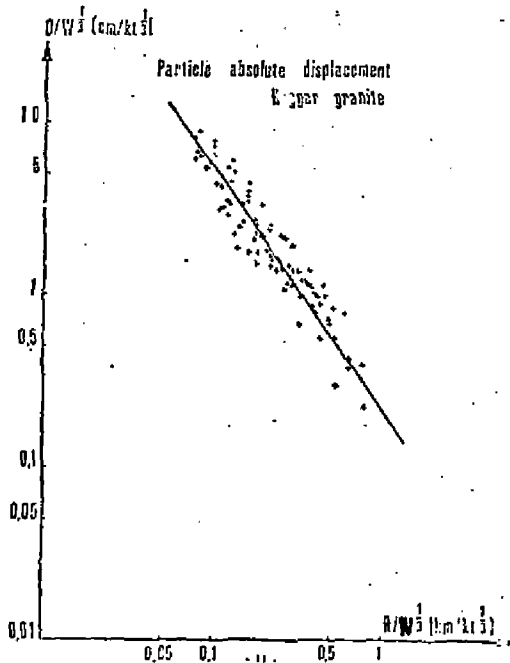


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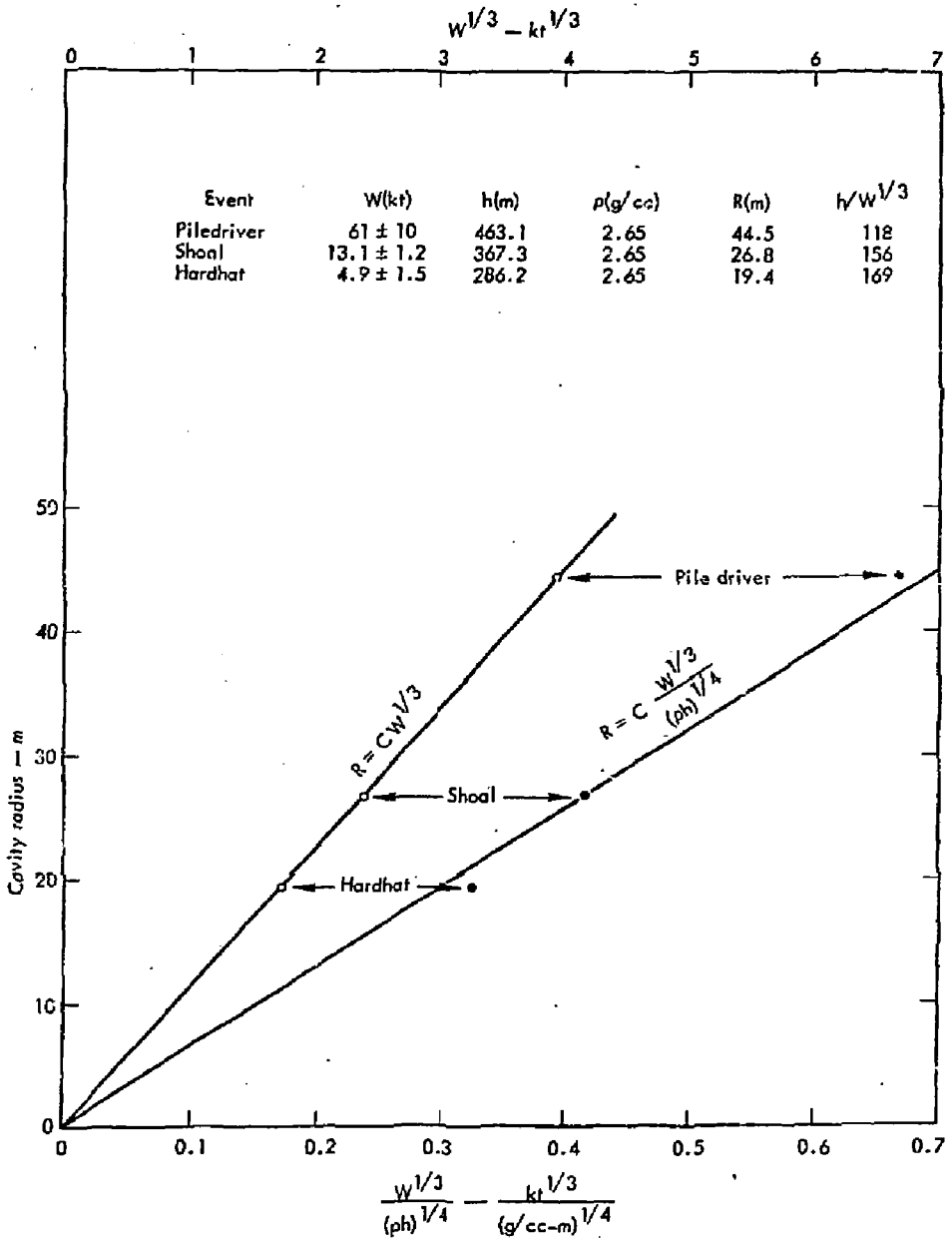


Figure 15: Cavity Radius as a Function of  $W^{1/3}$  and as a Function of  $W^{1/3} / (ph)^{1/4}$ , after Boardman (1967)

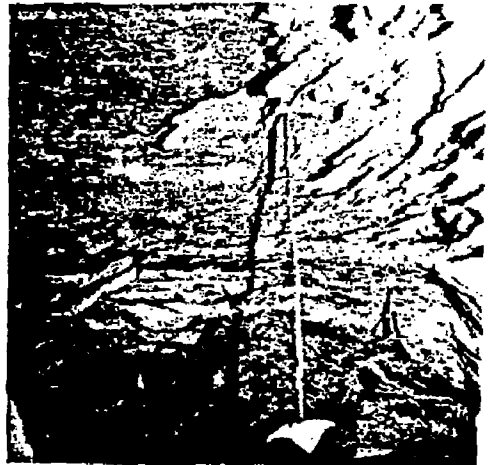
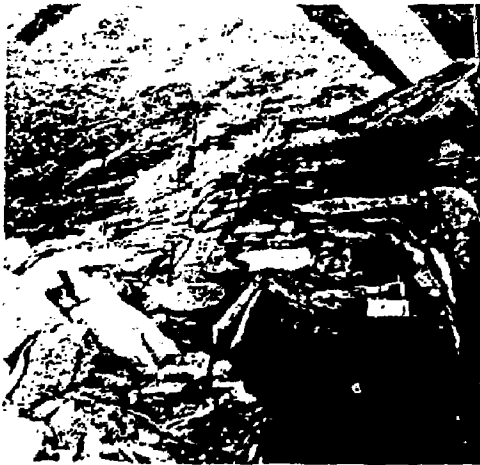
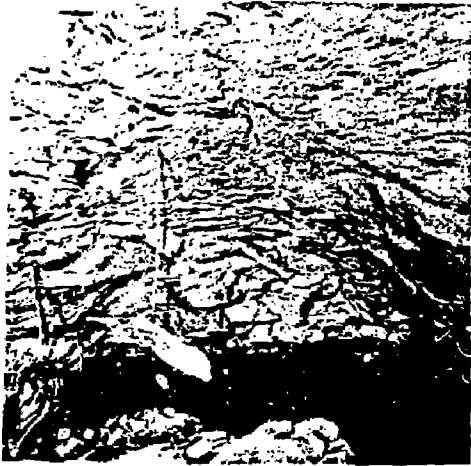


Figure 16: Examples of Damage Sustained by Tunnels at Distances  $52 W^{1/3}$  to  $110 W^{1/3}$  (ref. 22). We Estimate Radial Pressure to Range From 100 Bars (10 MPa) to 1 KBar (100 Mpa).

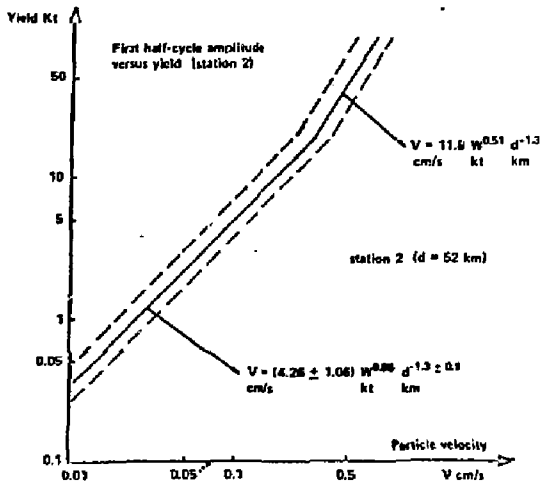


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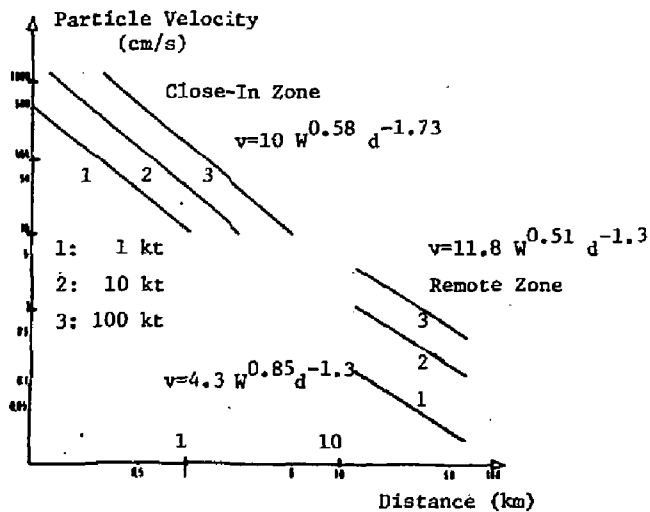


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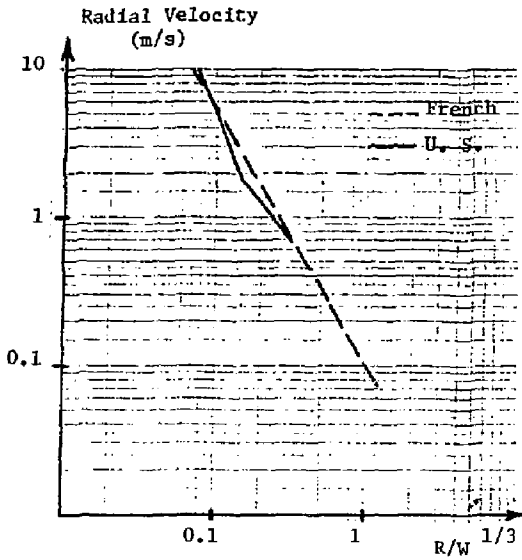


Figure 19: Velocity vs. Scaled Distance. Comparison of French and U.S. Results (ref. 49)

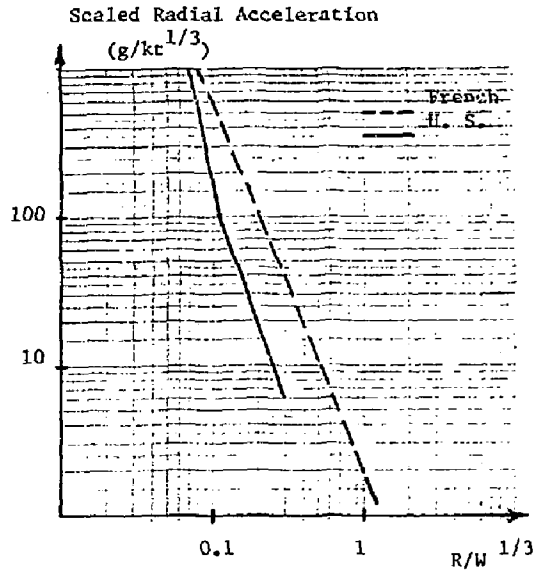


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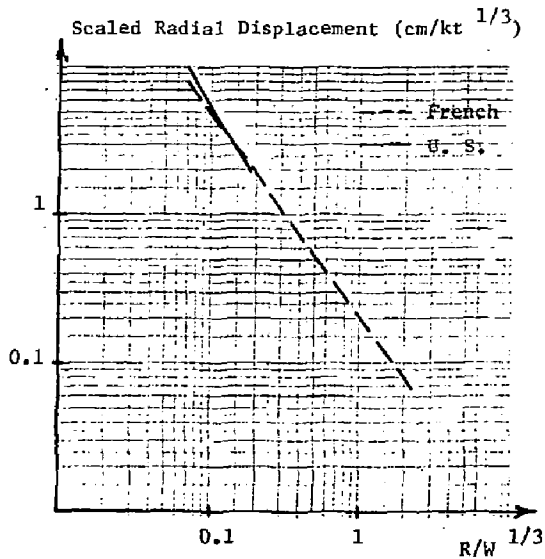


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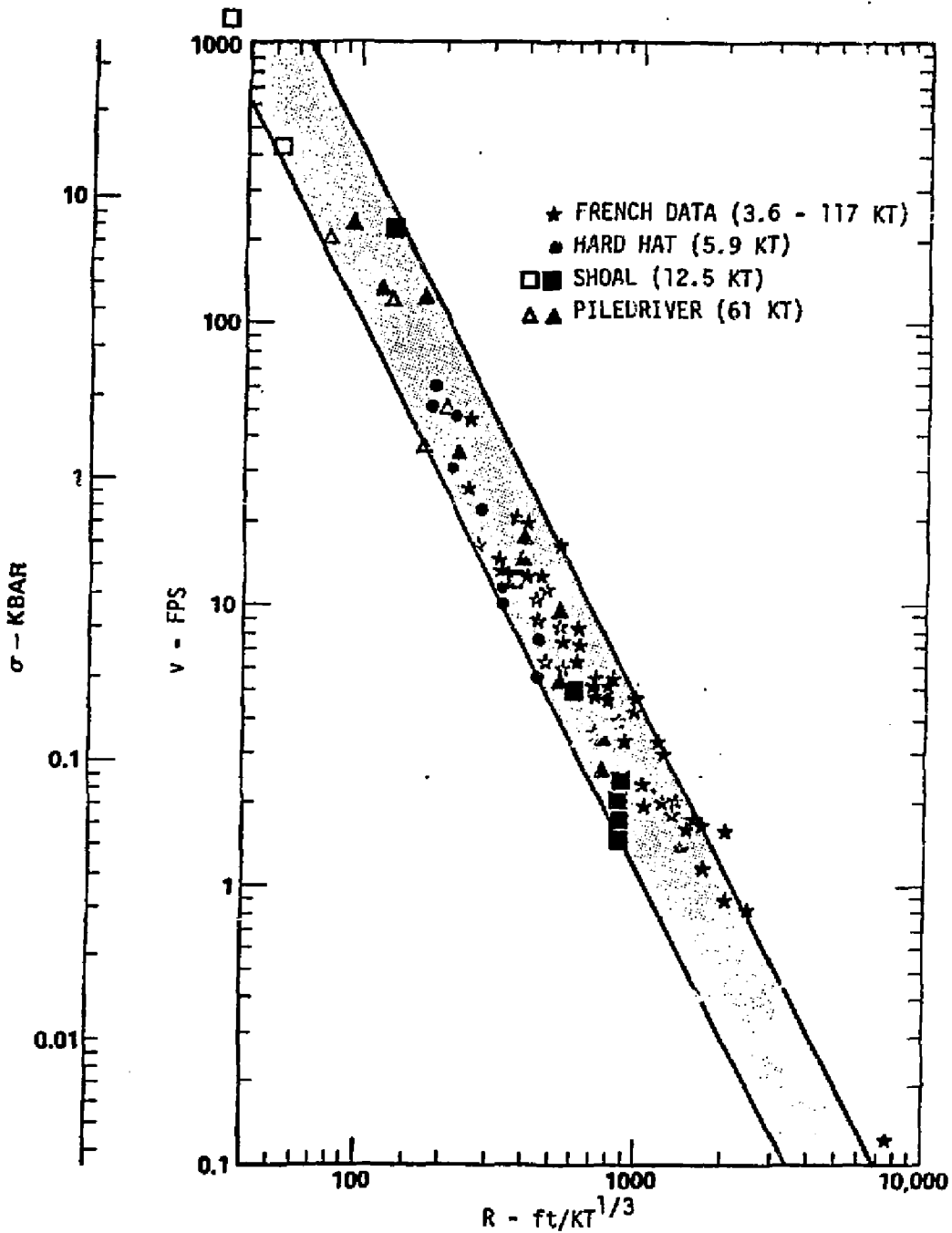


Figure 22: Scaled Peak Particle Velocity and Stress. Comparison of U.S. and French Tests in Granite (Cooper and Brode, 1973)  
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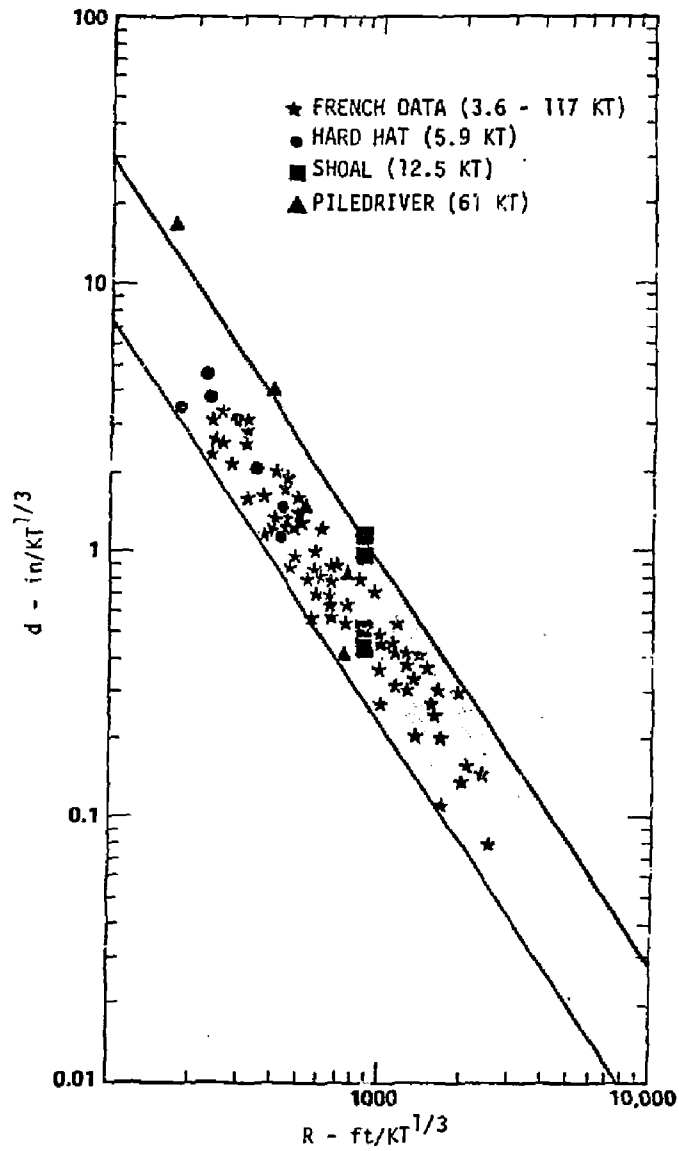


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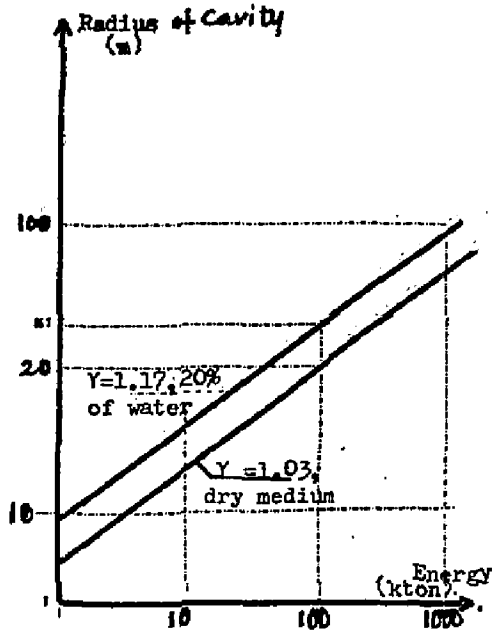


Figure 24: Code S Calculation of Cavity Radius vs. Yield, as Influenced by Water Content. The Event is 1500 m Deep. The  $C_s$  is 30 (ref. 75)

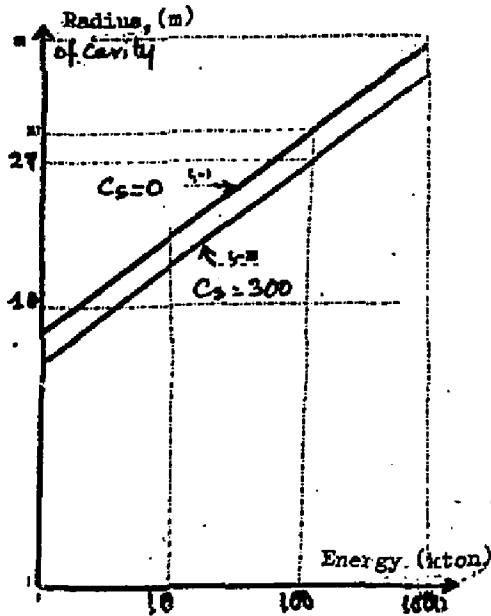


Figure 25: Code S Calculation of Cavity Radius vs. Yield, as Influenced by the Structure Coefficient  $C_s$ , for an Event 1500 m Deep in Dry Rock (ref. 75)

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