



AUSTIN POWDER
INTERNATIONAL

Patronert Emulsjon

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My Person



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- ◆ 43 years old
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- ◆ 1997 – 2004: University of Leoben
- ◆ Work experience
 - ◆ Assistent for mechanical engineering
 - ◆ Blaster since 1999
 - ◆ ~250 shifts Tunneling (Ö, Ger)
 - ◆ ~120 shifts Joanneum Geophysics
 - ◆ 2004-2014 Austin Powder GmbH, St. Lambrecht – Head of blasting service
 - ◆ Since 2014 Manager Blasting technology Europe



Explosives – Advantages Dynamites

- High Density of Product
- High Loading density
- Energybalance harmonizes with most of the rocks



Explosives – Disadvantages Dynamites

- Contents high explosives (Nitroglycol - NG) - SAFETY
- Temperature, friction and shock sensitive - SAFETY
- Dangerous in production - SAFETY
- High Nitrogen Oxides (NO & NO₂) - SAFETY
- NG diffuses through skin – causes headache - HEALTH
- Stays high explosives after misfires - SAFETY



Explosives – Advantages Emulsions

- Excellent water resistance
- Very good performance
- Very low toxic fumes
- Low sensitivity against shock, friction and thermal stress
- No toxic ingredients
- No headache
- Explosives for special uses available (presplit, avalanche expl.)



Explosives – Disadvantages Emulsions

- Lower Density than dynamite (1.2 vs. 1.4)
- Risk of deadpressing



Explosives – Velocity of detonation

Examples:

- AN/FO 3,600 m/s @ 89 mm
- *Dynamite* 6,100 m/s @ 89 mm
- *Dynamite* **3,500 m/s @ 45 mm**
- *Emulsion no AL* 5,800 m/s @ 89 mm
- *Emulsion no AL* **>5,000 m/s @ 45 mm**
- Cast Booster (Pentolite) >7,000 m/s



Explosives – Water resistance

<i>Classification</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Example</i>
Poor	None	<i>AN/FO</i>
Fair	Very limited, same day mild conditions	<i>ANFO blends</i>
Good	Limited, same day harsh conditions	<i>ANFO cartridged</i>
Very Good	Few restrictions	<i>Dynamites</i>
Excellent	Water has no effect	<i>Emulsions</i>



Emulsion Product Performance

Always use the product with the highest VOD available to initiate non cap sensitive explosives. As long as the VOD of the “booster cartridge” is higher than the VOD of the explosives to be initiated, a run up to full detonation – and maximum possible VOD – is guaranteed.

Initiation	VoD Hydromite 1
Emulex 1	4578
Emulex 2+	4423
APB 450	4523
Austrogel P1	4525
Emulex 1	4315
Emulex 1	4288
Emulex 1	4400



Safety

<i>Type of explosives</i>	<i>Impact Sensitivity [J]</i>	<i>Friction Sensitivity [N]</i>
Dynamite	> 2	> 280
<u>Emulex</u>	> 20	> 360
Safety Factor of emulsions:	10	1.29



Dynamite Experience





- **03.09.2014**
- **Site clearance difficult:**
3 Fatalities in Norway
- Driller hits dynamite → Detonation
- Shrapnells from drill rods
hit several boxes of dynamite on the
surface





Dynamite Experience

Mann omkommet i sprengningsulykke i Valdres



- ♦ 29.02.2016:
- ♦ 1 fatality at construction in Norway
- ♦ Jack Hammer hits dynamite
- ♦ Explosion
- ♦ Excavator operator instantly dead

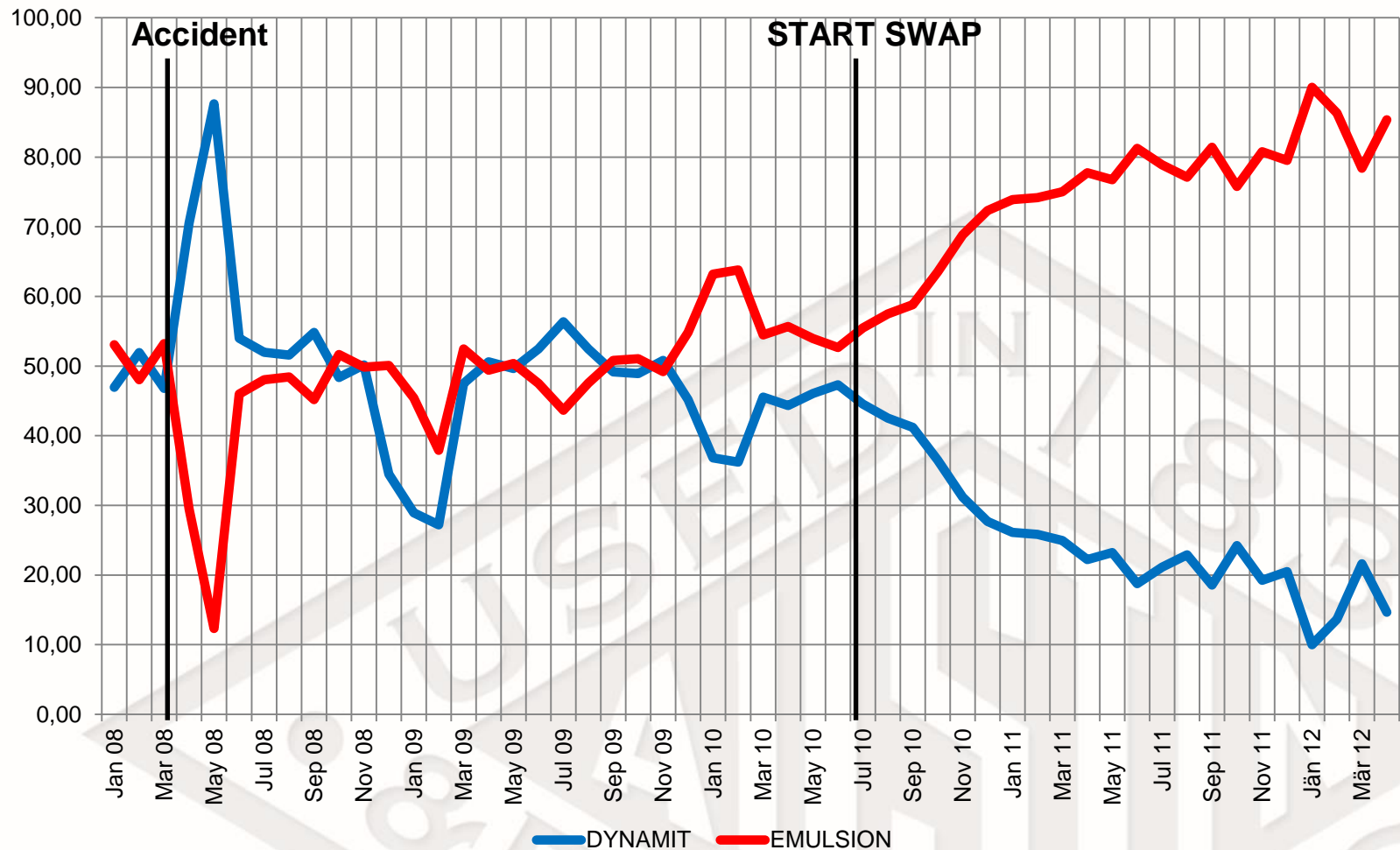


Emulsions Experience

	Emulex	Dynamite
◆ Density, g/cm ³	1.05 - 1.24	1.40
◆ VOD Ø 30 mm, m/s	4200	3000
◆ VOD Ø 65 mm, m/s	4400 - 6000	6100
◆ Gas volume, L/kg	845 - 925	890
◆ Specific energy, kJ/kg	828 - 900	1020
◆ Heat of explosion, kJ/kg	3155 - 3978	4233



Emulsions Experience





Emulsions Experience

	2007	%	2008	%	2009	%	2010	%	2011	%
DYNAMITE	2,074,638	49,29	1,668,660	55,10	1,375,223	50,13	1,299,212	42,69	872.269	22,19
EMULSION	2,134,499	50,71	1,359,642	44,90	1,368,290	49,87	1,743,883	57,31	3.057.773	77,81
TOTAL	4,209,137	100	3,028,302	100	2,743,513	100	3,043,095	100	3,930,042	100

	2012 AC 04/2012	%
DYNAMITE	157.318	15,75
EMULSION	841.502	84,25
TOTAL	998.820	100



Emulsions Experience

◆ Tunnels

Jahr	Gelatinös	%	Emulsion	%	Total
2008	283.258	36,09	501.550	63,91	784.808
2009	221.557	31,97	471.450	68,03	693.007
2010	208.577	26,31	584.150	73,69	792.727
2011	241.848	19,41	1.003.900	80,59	1.245.748
01- 05/2012	34.650	9,30	337.896	90,70	372.546



Emulsions Experience

- ◆ Emulsions vs. the rest – Actual numbers from Austria Jan. – Dec 2017

Explosives	Quantity	%
Emulsion cartridged	4000 tons	64.5
Hydromite 100 (tunnels & mines)	988 tons	16.0
Bulk Surface	202 tons	3.3
ANFO	550 tons	8.9
Dynamite	461 tons	7.3
Total	6201 tons	100



Swap effects - Quarries



dia 65 mm: 3.571 kg

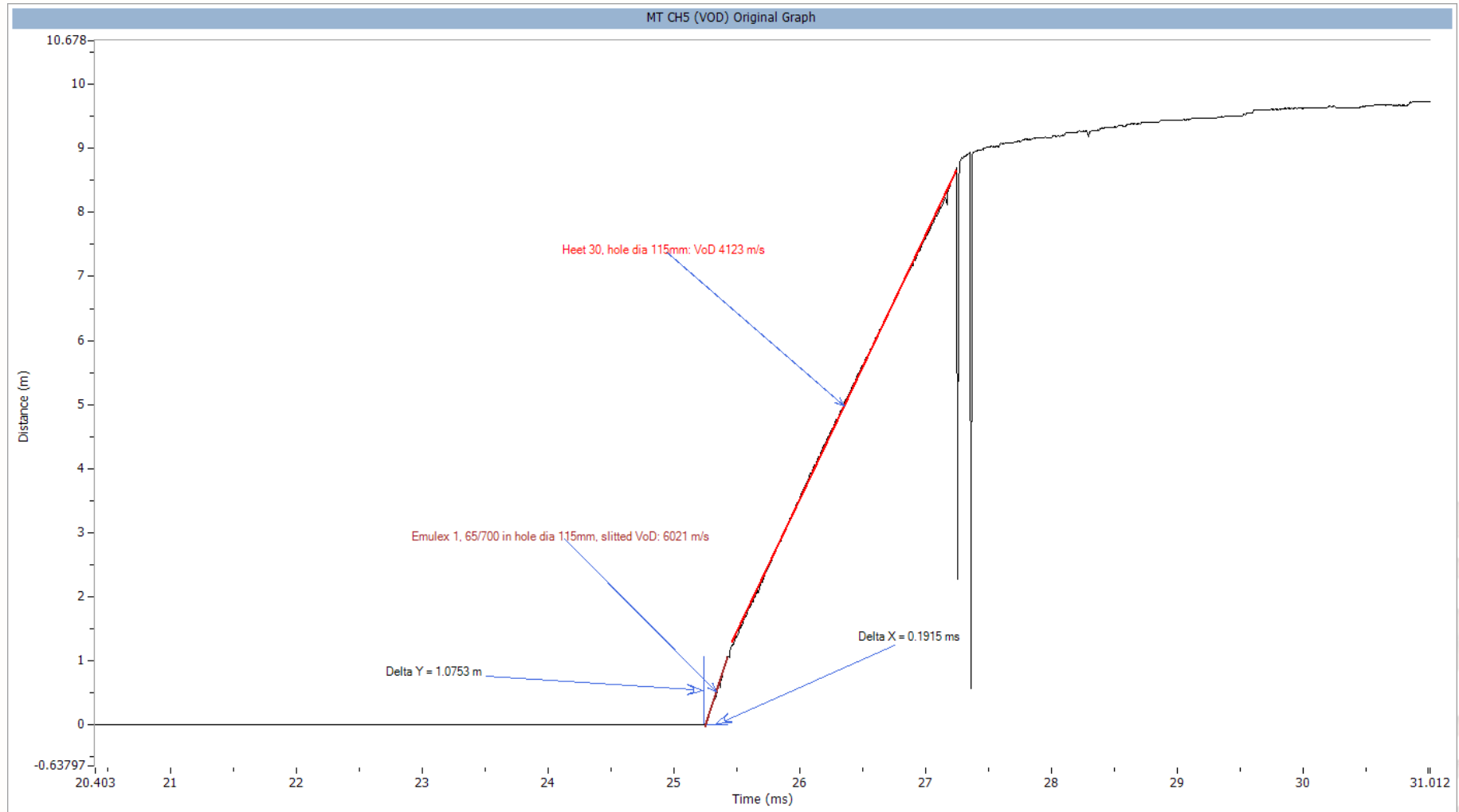


dia 65 mm: 3.125 kg
dia 70 mm: 3.571 kg





Emulsions Experience





Emulsions Experience

- ◆ Recovered Product from Muckpile or holes
- ◆ Stress impact due to muckpile movement
- ◆ Stress impact by the blast
- ◆ Stress impact by the excavator





Emulsions Experience

- ◆ Blast induced shock wave & mechanical stress (heave of muckpile, excavation) leads to sufficient damage of the emulsion explosives
- ◆ Stress leads to crystallization of the emulsion
- ◆ The chemical gassing will be destroyed due to stress and the density increases
- ◆ As density increases, the emulsion becomes more insensitive to initiation
- ◆ When reaching to high densities (> 1.33) the emulsion is not going to shoot anymore – not even with a booster

There is no reported incident with Emulsion explosives in the muckpile/Jack hammer or crusher



Emulsions Experience





Emulsions initiation





Emulsions initiation



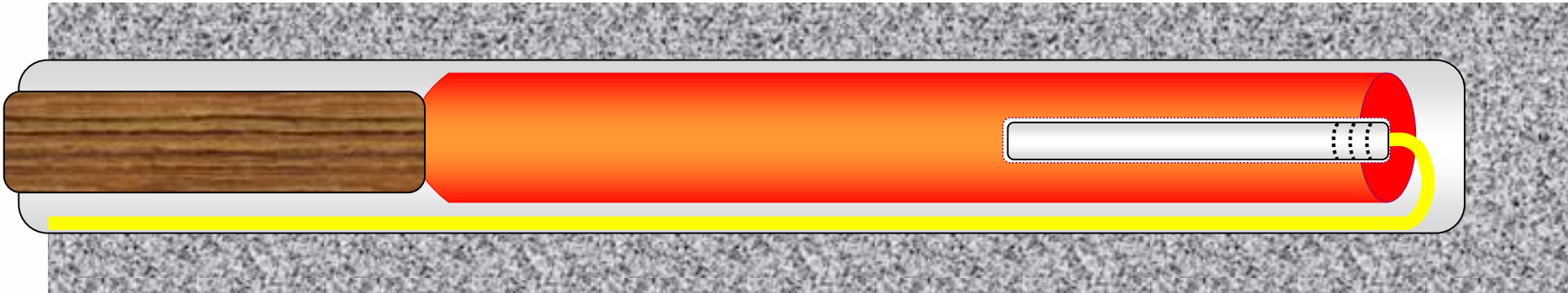
Primer Cartridge

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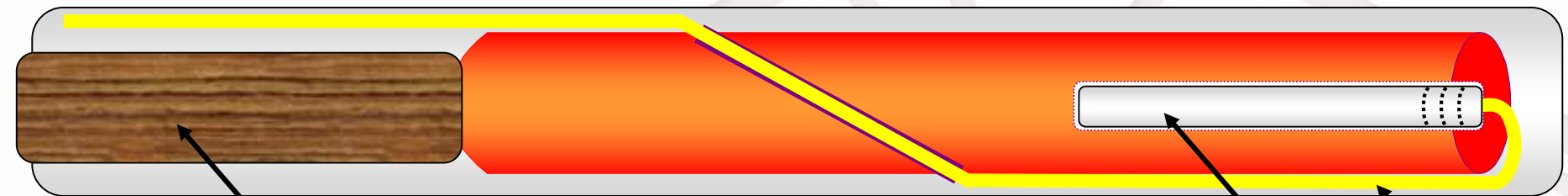
Detonator



Emulsions initiation



Insert Detonator to its full depth



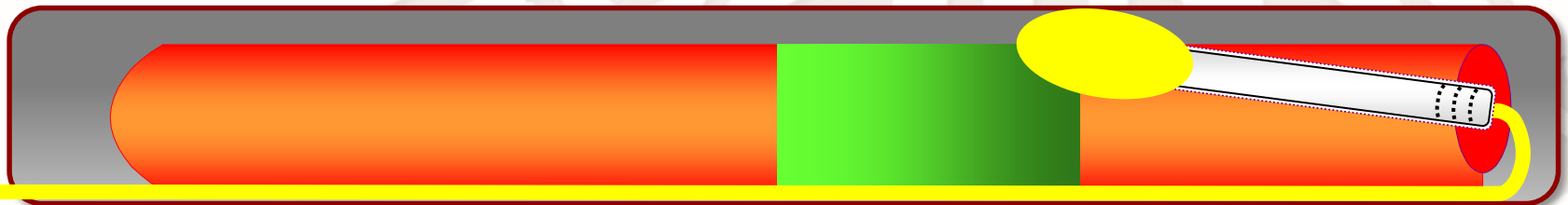
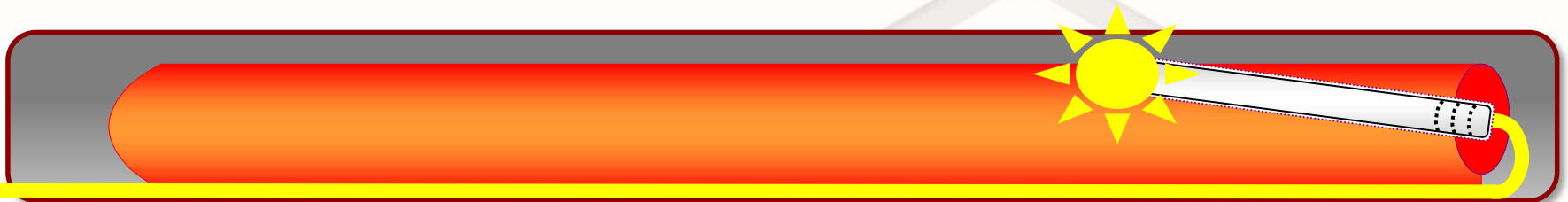
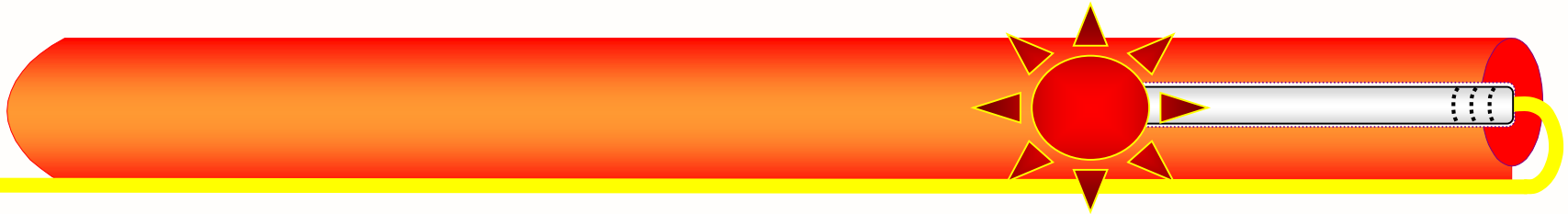
Tamping stick

Detonator

Shock tube



Emulsions initiation





Misfire Analysis

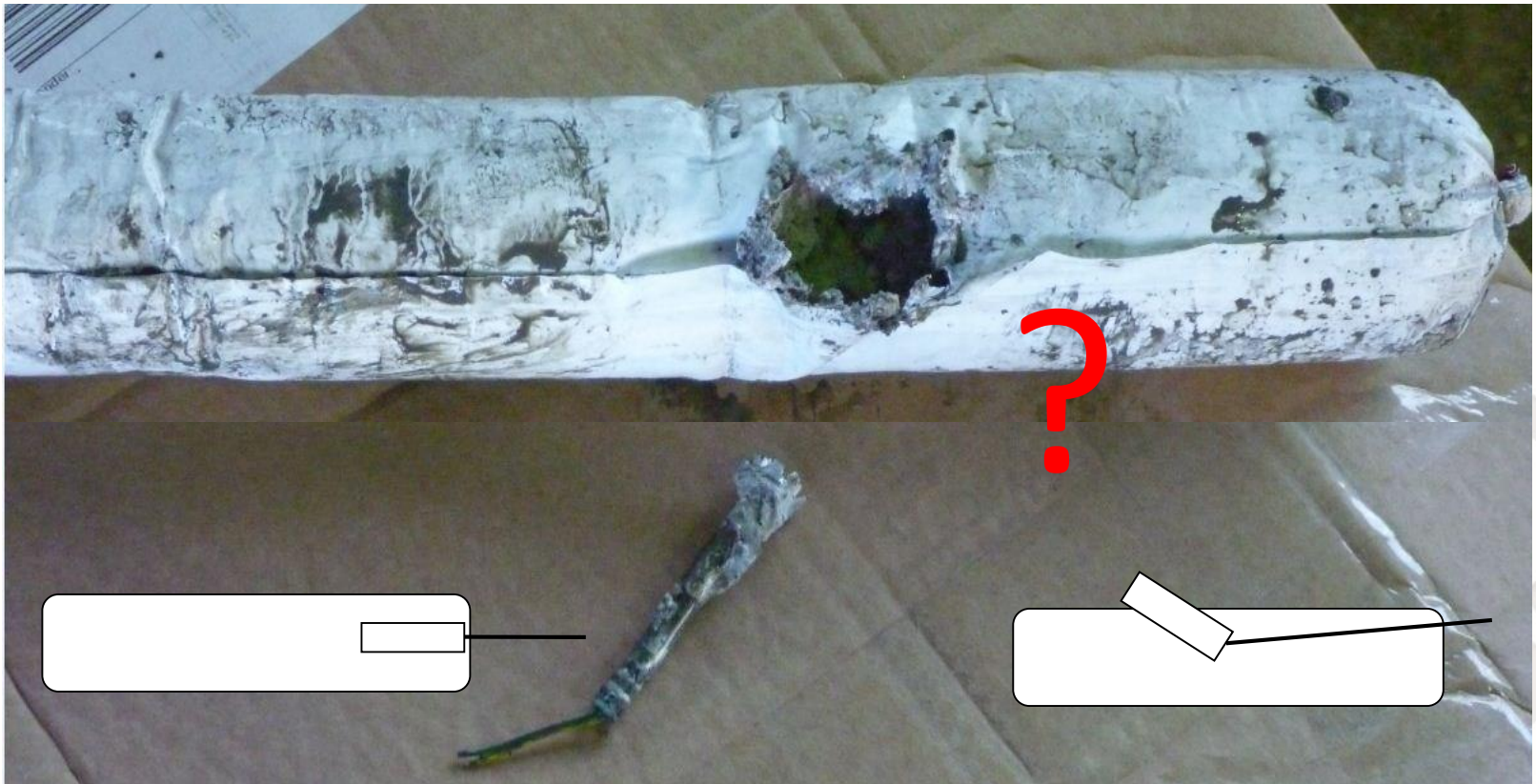
- ♦ Have you seen this before?
- ♦ Why didn't it fire?
- ♦ Did the detonator detonate correctly?





Misfire Analysis

- ♦ What were the results?





Environmental Issues

AGW (work place limit) TRGS 900:

-CO= 30 ml/m³;

-NO= 25 ml/m^{3/25} ppm → 2 ppm !

-NO₂= 5 ml/m^{3/5} ppm → 0,5 ppm !

-Transition time: Tunneling 31.10.2017
Mining 31.10.2021



Environmental Issues

Type explosives	Average and standard deviation in L/kg			
	CO	CO ₂	NO	NO ₂
Dynamite (n = 12)	12 (SD = 8)	190 (SD= 19)	11 (SD = 4)	2 (SD = 2)
Permissibles (n = 5)	14 (SD = 7)	142 (SD= 56)	11 (SD = 4)	2 (SD = 1)
Powdered AN (n = 9)	23 (SD= 18)	116 (SD= 59)	12 (SD = 6)	2 (SD = 1)
ANFO (n = 25)	10 (SD = 3)	98 (SD= 11)	8 (SD = 4)	1 (SD = 1)
Emulsions (n = 27)	21 (SD = 9)	89 (SD= 11)	3 (SD = 1)	0,1 (SD=0,1)

Source: BAM



Breaking News

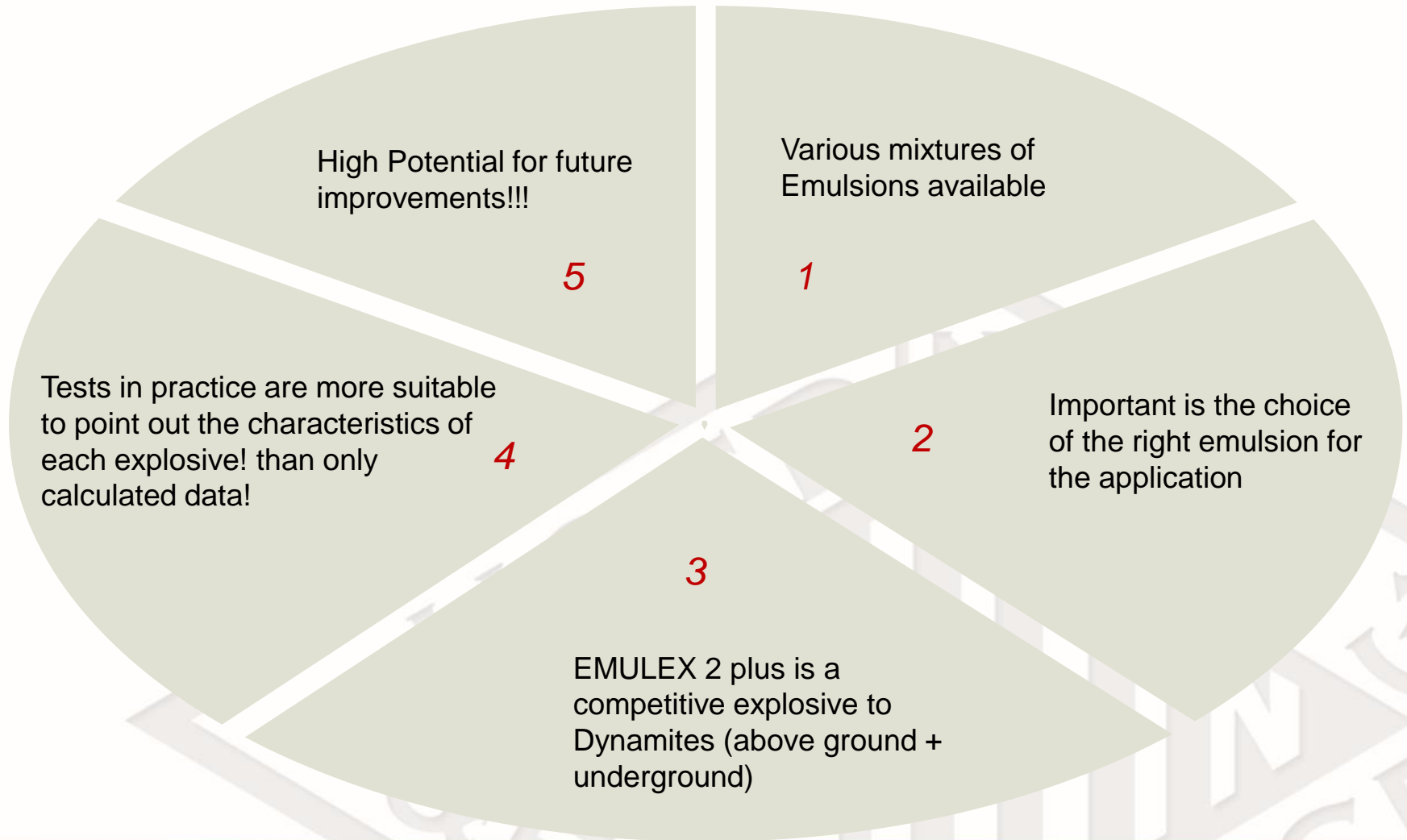
Toyota stops selling diesel cars in Europe

Japanese auto manufacturer Toyota has said it will soon stop selling diesel vehicles in Europe, reacting to diesel's fall from grace on the Continent. The announcement was made at the Geneva Motor Show.





General conclusions





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