

Implementation of Equation of State for Dry Sand in Autodyn

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This paper shows how an Equation of State (EOS) designed for porous soils was implemented in Autodyn. The major benefit compared with earlier implementations is that the unloading wave speed can easily be made both density and pressure dependent. The modification results in a more accurate way to calculate the shock wave propagation and attenuation in dry sand compared to the Compaction EOS found in the standard library. Previously, only an elastic unloading was available in the Compaction EOS in Autodyn by specifying the elastic bulk sound speed as a function of density. Currently, a nonlinear modification is available which relates the slope to a user defined bulk module as a function of density. However, neither of these options captures properly the nonlinear behaviour seen in tri-axial test data during unloading and how the unloading curve shape varies with both density and pressure. Nor is attenuation of the shock wave large enough for scaled distances above 1 m/kg^{1/3}. The implementation presented here uses two main equations to define the unloading wave speed in the whole density and pressure space. The input data of the model has been made flexible which allows fitting to tri-axial soil stress tests. Simulation results show that ground shock peak pressure reduces with 34, 65, and 74 % for scaled distances 2, 5, and 8 m/kg^{1/3}, respectively, when the new EOS is compared with original Compaction EOS in Autodyn.

INTRODUCTION

The Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency (MSB) is responsible for the building regulations of the Swedish civil defence shelters. There are specific rules for how the defence shelters are planned, built, equipped and maintained [1]. One of many regulations state what load level the shelters should be able to withstand: “The effect of a pressure wave corresponding to that produced by a 250 kg GP-bomb with 50 weight per cent TNT which burst freely outside at a distance of 5.0 meters from the outside of the shelter during free pressure release”. However, many of the shelters are designed as basements below ground surface. Therefore, more knowledge on how the ground shock propagates and attenuates during the scaled distances of 0.1 to 10 kg/m³ and affects buried shelters, is needed.

During the Second World War extensive experiment series and research were conducted on ground shock generated by high explosives [2]. This early work functions as a foundation for understanding the behaviour of how the shock waves propagates and attenuates in earth media. In [2], Lampson states that the pressure in the soil from the detonation of an explosive charge is propagated by a plastic wave which is characterized by a continuous change of shape and of duration with distance from the charge, see Fig. 1 for illustration. Close to the source the shape will be sharp and after a distance it will start to attenuate and the wave will change shape.

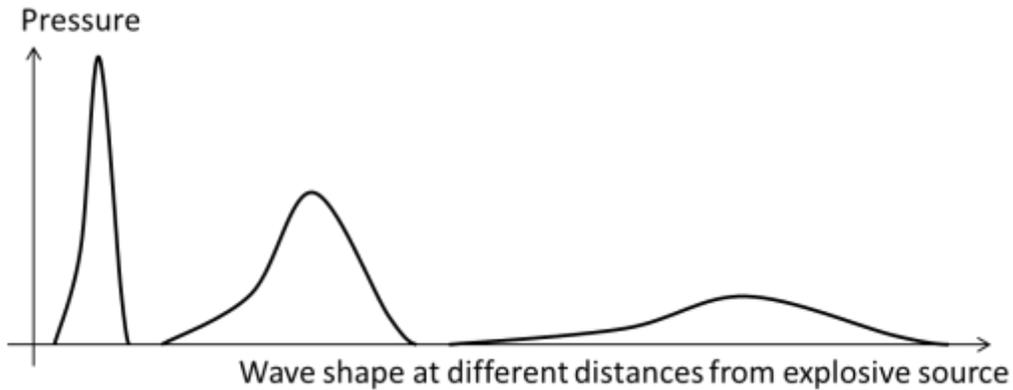


Fig. 1. Illustration of how the ground shock wave change shape during propagation in a compactable soil.

As already stated in [2] by Lampson, the reason for the continuous change of shape is the pressure density relationship which is common for compactable soils, see Fig. 2. The left illustration in Fig. 2 shows the loading along the plastic compaction curve, 1 to 2, and the unloading path, 2 to 3, for a generic compactable soil. The unloading path can also be named elastic because during a second loading phase it will almost follow the same path until it reaches the plastic compaction curve. The travelling between points 1, 2, and 3 also defines the loading and unloading wave speed at a certain pressure and density, see right illustration in Fig. 2. The relationship between pressure, density and wave speed c is simply seen as

$$c^2 = \frac{dP(\rho)}{d\rho} \quad (1)$$

The right illustration Fig. 2 shows that the unloading wave speed is higher than the loading wave speed when above a certain pressure level. This means that the high pressure shape will attenuate fast by the unloading. For lower pressures the unloading speed can be slower which would result in that the wave shape starts to have a long unloading tail.

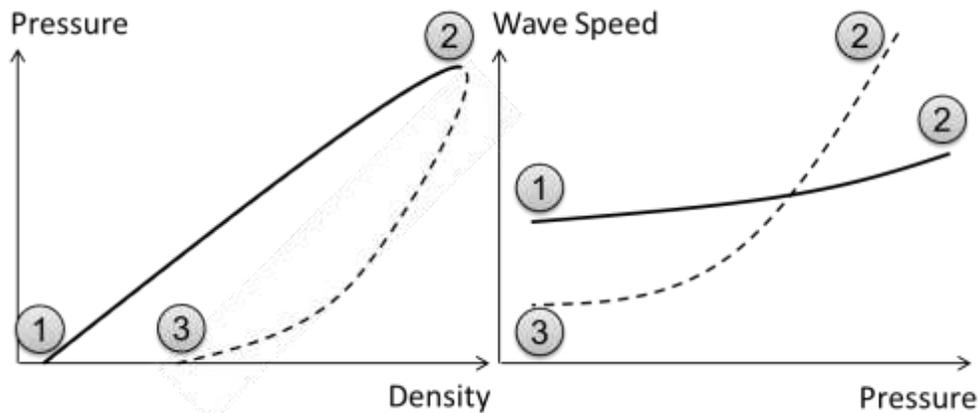


Fig. 2. Illustration of a compactable soil and how the pressure density curve relates to wave speeds as a function of pressure. Solid and dashed lines represent loading and unloading, respectively.

A simple way of modelling compaction materials is to define the plastic compaction curve as a pressure function of density $P(\rho)$ and the unloading wave speed as a function of density $c(\rho)$, see Fig. 3 for illustration. The unloading is then represented by the straight lines on top of the dashed unloading curves, in Fig. 3. The solid straight line with TMD means Theoretical Maximum Density. Earlier work by Laine *et al.* on deriving mechanical properties for dry sand from tri-axial experiments, [3] and [4], have been widely used for shock simulation involving dry sand within

the AUTODYN community [5] with quite descent results e.g. for determining the blast load from buried mines, see e.g. [6] and [7]. Here the linear approximation of the unloading curves does not influence the results except for determining the level of shock wave energy absorbed by the dry sand. It is correctly stated in [8] that the material data provided for dry sand in [3] does not include an easy change on how moisture affects the input parameters of the compaction EOS. The original compaction model [9] would need a totally new set of input when the soil type changes in water contents, porosity, and soil skeleton. In [11] a total of 16 generic soil types were generated from dry sand to fully saturated clay. However, the main deficiency of the original model [10] and the given data for dry sand [3] for the compaction EOS is that the unloading phase is too simplified to properly model the shock wave propagation and the change in shape of the pressure wave as stated in [1]. One way to solve this is to model the soil as a three phase medium shown in [11] which is a quite interesting approach. However, in this paper a different approach is introduced. The same experimental data for dry sand as shown in [3] and [4] are re-visited to derive how the unloading wave speed can be defined as a function of both density and pressure; i.e. $c(\rho, P)$ for the dry sand.

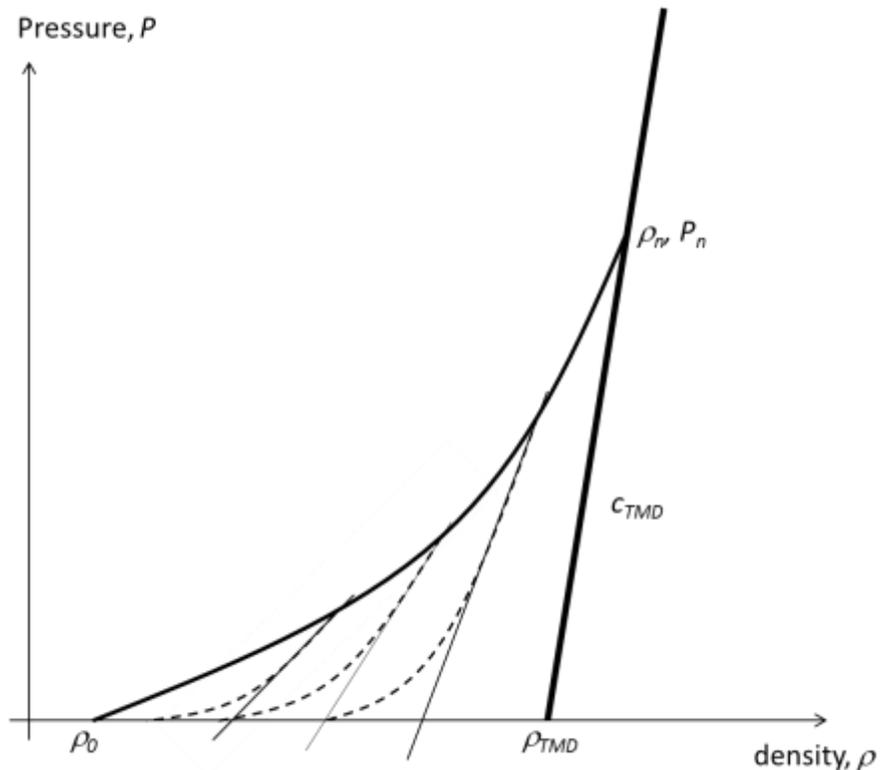


Fig. 3. Illustration of an EOS compaction, where the solid line between $(\rho_0, P_0 = 0)$ and (ρ_n, P_n) shows a plastic compaction curve, dashed lines illustrate nonlinear unloading and the straight lines on top of the dashed lines show linear approximation with elastic unloading wave $c(\rho)$. The point (ρ_n, P_n) defines when the material is seen as fully compacted and has a linear elastic wave speed of c_{TMD} .

In [12] the authors did an initial study of what the solution of unloading wave $c(\rho, P)$ for the dry sand would look like by using Non-Linear Programming (NLP) for numerically approximating each unloading curve. This allowed the experimental data from [3] and [4] to be extrapolated for the whole density pressure domain of interest, see Fig. 4.

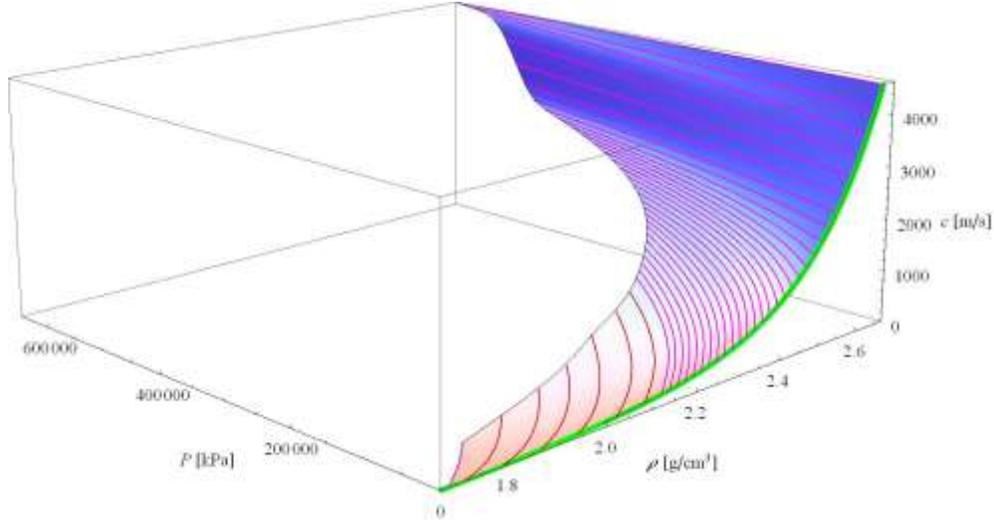


Fig. 4. Non-Uniform-Rational-B-Spline (NURBS) surface of the derived unloading wave speed $c(\rho, P)$ from dry Sjöbo sand, Sweden. Red curves represent experimentally fitted unloading data, while the magenta curves are extrapolated curves from the NLP solution, from [13].

This paper shows how the modified Compaction Equation of State (EOS) implemented in Autodyn can be defined by two main equations describe the unloading wave for the whole domain of interest. The implemented EOS captures the dashed unloading curves, as illustrated in Fig. 3 for the whole density and pressure domain as well as the transition into fully compacted material. The fully compacted state is reached at (ρ_n, P_n) . At this point the material is seen as linear material with Theoretical Maximum Density (TMD) ρ_{TMD} at zero pressure, see Fig. 3.

The paper is organized as follows: The section MODIFICATION OF UNLOADING CURVE IN EOS, will focus on the equations needed to define the $c(\rho, P)$. In section DERIVED INPUT DATA FOR DRY SAND it is shown how the equation parameters were set. In the section COMPARISON OF SIMULATION RESULTS the implemented EOS in Autodyn is compared with original Compaction EOS [9] with data according to [3]. The results are also compared with Conwep [13]. Finally the section CONCLUSIONS AND FUTURE WORK concludes the implemented EOS and provides suggestions for future work.

MODIFICATION OF UNLOADING CURVE IN EOS

The main input to the modified EOS uses three piece wise linear curves. The first one is the plastic compaction curve $P_c(\rho)$, see Fig. 5. The second piece wise linear input is the initial wave velocity $c_b(\lambda)$, where $\lambda = \rho(P = 0)$. The third piece wise linear input is how curved the unloading is along the density axis when the pressure is equal to zero $\gamma(\lambda)$, here named curve factor.

The unloading is described with following two equations

$$c_b(\lambda)^2 = \frac{P_c(\lambda + \rho_L(\lambda))}{\rho_L(\lambda)} \quad (2)$$

and

$$P_{UL}(\rho) = \frac{P_c(\lambda + \rho_L(\lambda))}{e^{\gamma(\lambda)} - 1} (e^{\rho_L(\lambda)(\rho - \lambda)} - 1) \quad (3)$$

where λ is the density in the $\rho - P$ space along the $P = 0$ line, $\rho_L(\lambda)$ is in ρ space and is defining the horizontal distance for an unloading or re-loading curve, according to Fig. 5. The equations (2) and (3) describes the relationship between the ρ space and the wave velocity c_b . Some of the main properties for the $P_{UL}(\rho)$ equation (3) is that when the density is on its initial or final values it becomes

$$P_{UL}(\rho = \lambda) = 0 \quad (4)$$

and

$$P_{UL}(\rho = \lambda + \rho_L(\lambda)) = P_c. \quad (5)$$

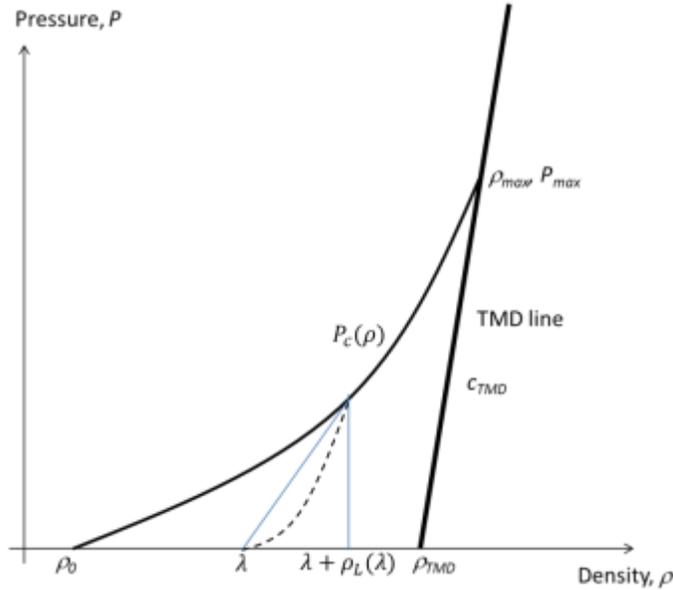


Fig. 5. Shows the plastic compaction curve $P_c(\rho)$, Theoretical Maximum Density (TMD) line, the intersection of arbitrary unloading curve with the $P = 0$ line λ , and the density span of unloading curve $\rho_L(\lambda)$.

Another main property is how the curving of the unloading is treated in between the initial and end value. First when the curve factor goes towards zero:

$$\lim_{\gamma(\lambda) \rightarrow 0} P_{UL}(\rho) = \frac{P_c(\lambda + \rho_L(\lambda))}{\rho_L(\lambda)} (\rho - \lambda) = c_b(\lambda)^2 (\rho - \lambda) \quad (6)$$

This means that the unloading becomes the same as in the original model by [9]. Secondly when the curve factor goes to infinity:

$$\lim_{\gamma(\lambda) \rightarrow \infty} P_{UL}(\rho) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } \lambda \leq \rho < \lambda + \rho_L(\lambda) \\ P_c(\lambda + \rho_L(\lambda)) & \text{if } \rho = \lambda + \rho_L(\lambda) \end{cases} \quad (7)$$

This will give a flip turned L-shape like unloading curve. This means that equations (2) and (3) are relatively simple but powerful relationship formulation which gives the possibility to define the unloading for the whole $\rho - P$ space by using three independent piece wise linear input data curves $P_c(\rho)$, $c_b(\lambda)$, and $\gamma(\lambda)$.

To illustrate the relationship and how the curve factor $\gamma(\lambda)$ influence the unloading, the unloading shape is shown for $\gamma(\lambda) = 0, 5, 100$, see Fig. 6

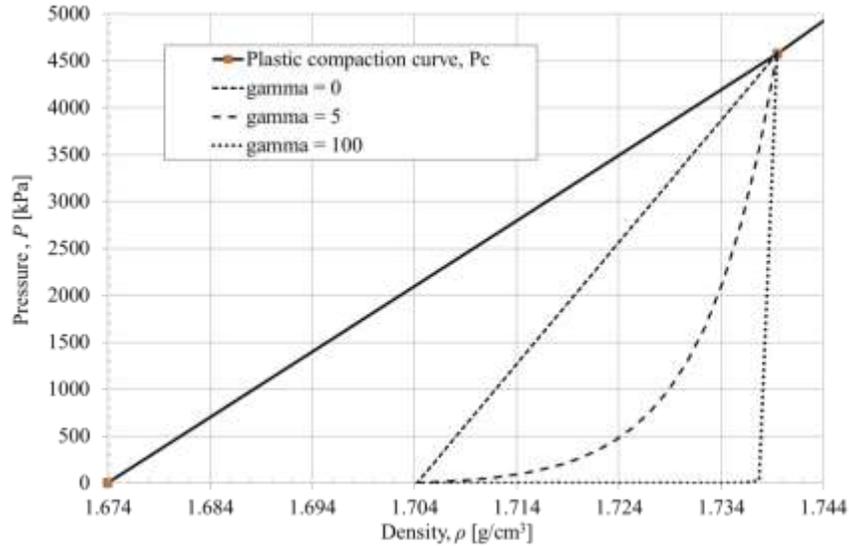


Fig. 6. Three different unloading curves depending on the setting of the curve factor $\rho_L(\lambda) = 0, 5,$ and $100,$ respectively.

DERIVED INPUT DATA FOR DRY SAND

The derived input data for dry sand is based on fitting the experimental tests from [3] and [4]. In addition the extrapolation done by NLP in [13] is also used. The first input is the plastic compaction curve $P_c(\rho)$, which is unchanged input from [3], see Fig. 7. The plastic compaction curve is given until it reaches the theoretical maximum density line, see also Fig. 5.

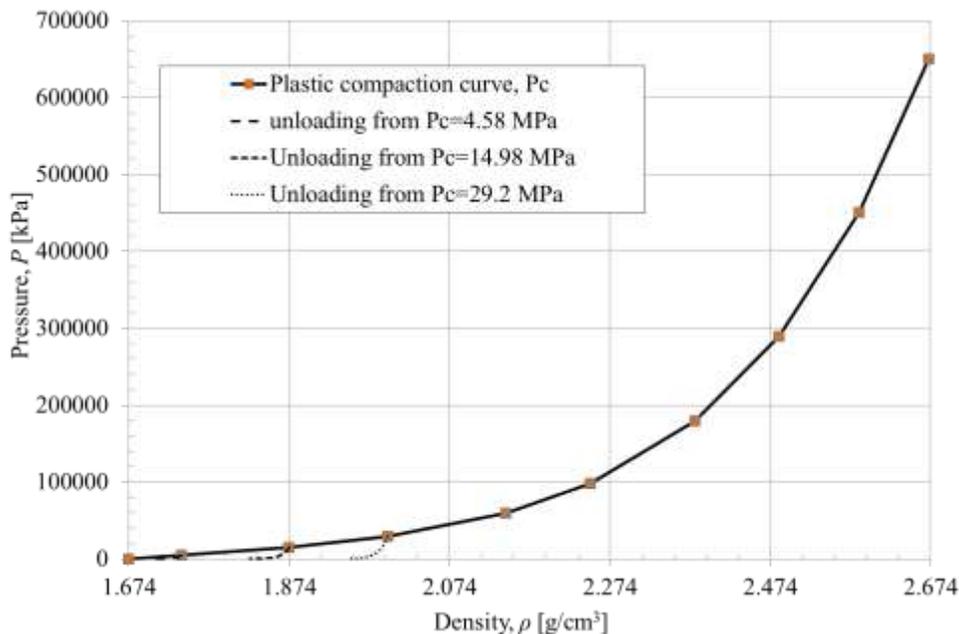


Fig. 7. Plastic compaction curve until reaching theoretical maximum density line.

In the original model, the elastic unloading wave velocity $c_b(\lambda)$ was based upon wave speed measurements [3] and [4]. In Fig. 8 the measured pressure wave and shear wave for the dry sand is shown. From the measurements the calculated $c_b(\lambda)$ is also shown in Fig. 8. The input data of $c_b(\lambda)$ was modified and instead of using the measured waves the slope of the mechanical unloading curves was used to calculate the initial unloading wave, see Fig. 9.

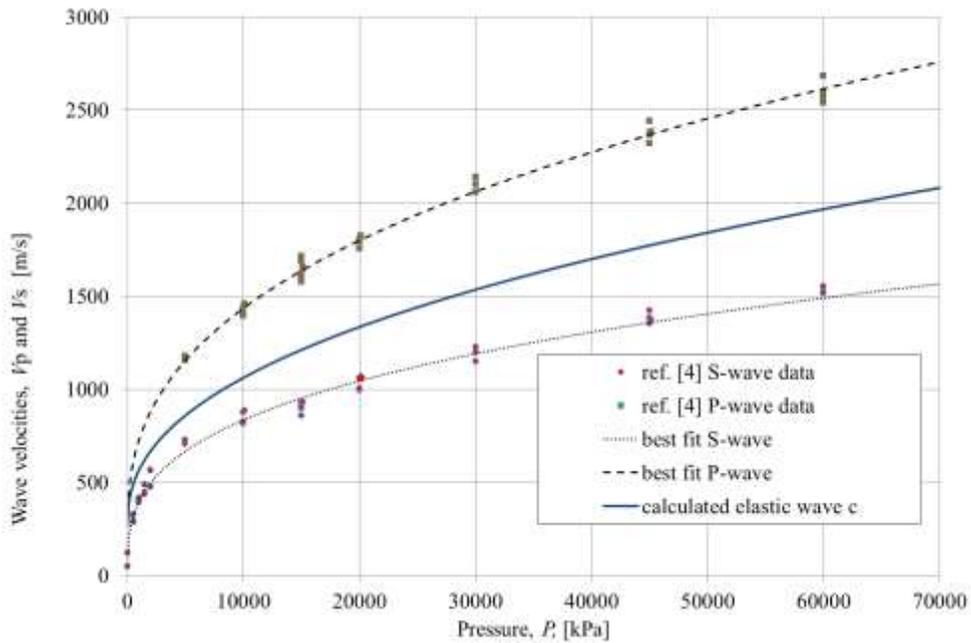


Fig. 8. Measured pressure and shear wave velocities as a function of pressure for dry sand (Sjöbo). The blue line corresponds to calculated wave velocity $c_b(\lambda)$, from [3] and [4].

In Fig. 9 the initial unloading wave $c_b(\lambda)$ is shown for the original model and the modified input. It can be seen that the black curve for the modified input is quite lower for the most part compared with the original model input [3].

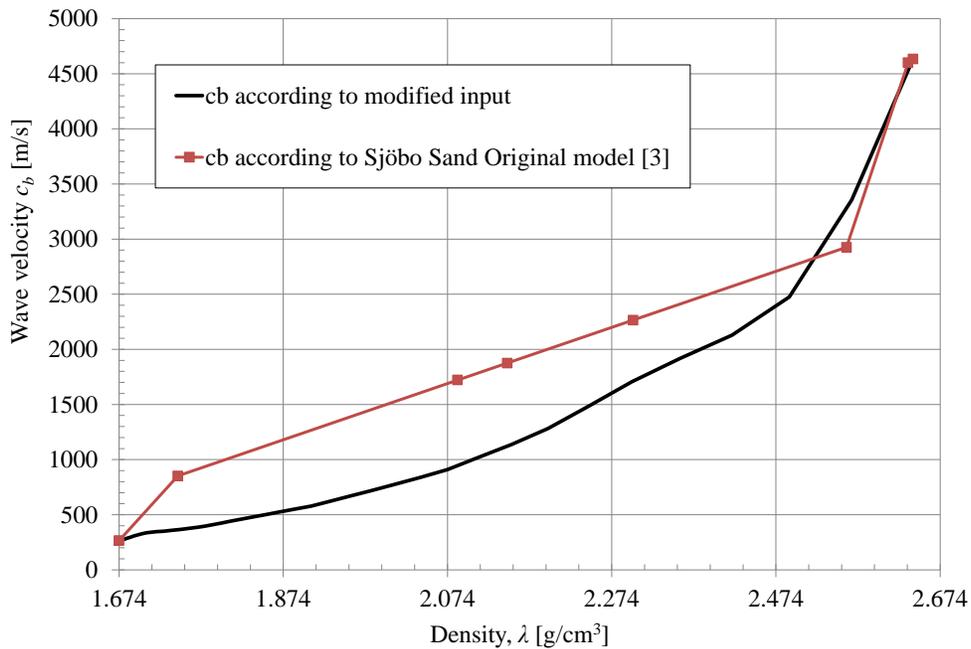


Fig. 9. Initial unloading wave velocity $c_b(\lambda)$ as a function of density λ (along $P = 0$ line).

The third input is the curve factor $\gamma(\lambda)$ which defines the shape of the unloading curve. In Fig. 10 the curve factor is given for the modified input and it starts with about 5 to 6 and then decay down to 0 when the theoretical maximum density line is reached. The curve factor has been determined by fitting the experimental results to the model. At the theoretical maximum density line the unloading curve is linear with constant maximum unloading wave velocity.

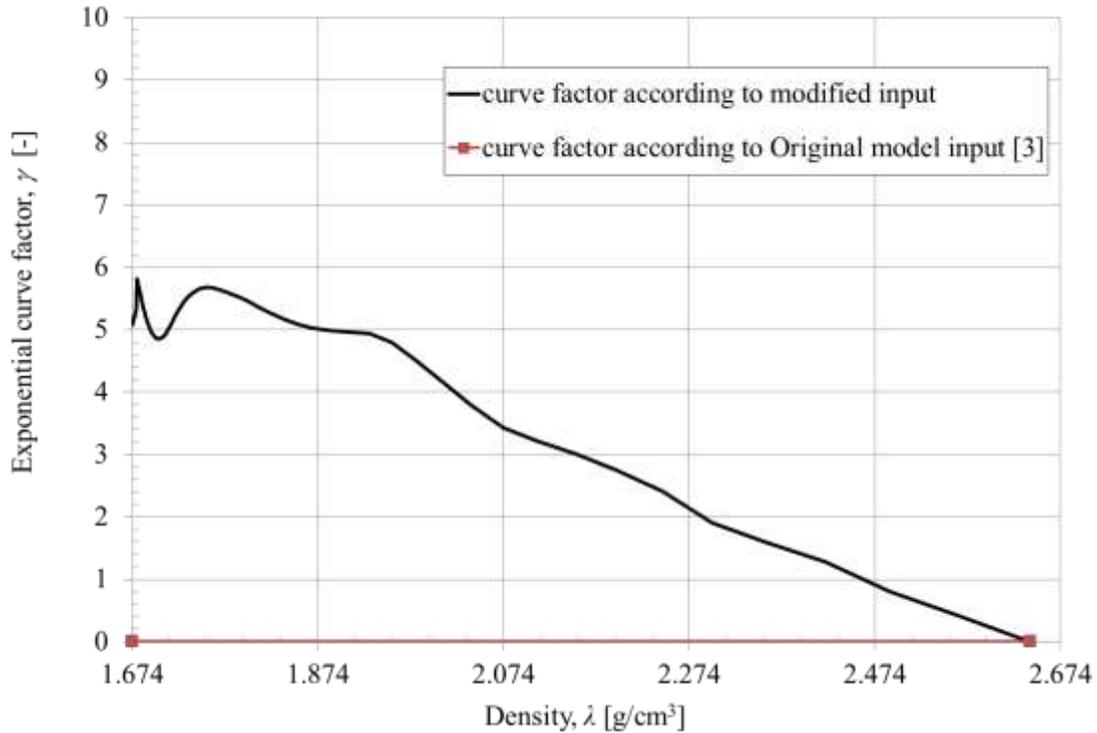


Fig. 10. Curve factor $\gamma(\lambda)$ as a function of density λ (along $P = 0$ line).

In Fig. 11 and Fig. 12 unloading curves which have been calculated with equations (2) and (3) are shown for the used input data. The unloading curves represent an overall fit with several isotropic compression measurements performed on the dry sand [4]. The input data shown here is just one example of how the EOS model can be used. The implemented EOS model is a powerful way of numerically describe the loading and unloading for numerous soils with different properties of initial density, moisture content, and granularity.

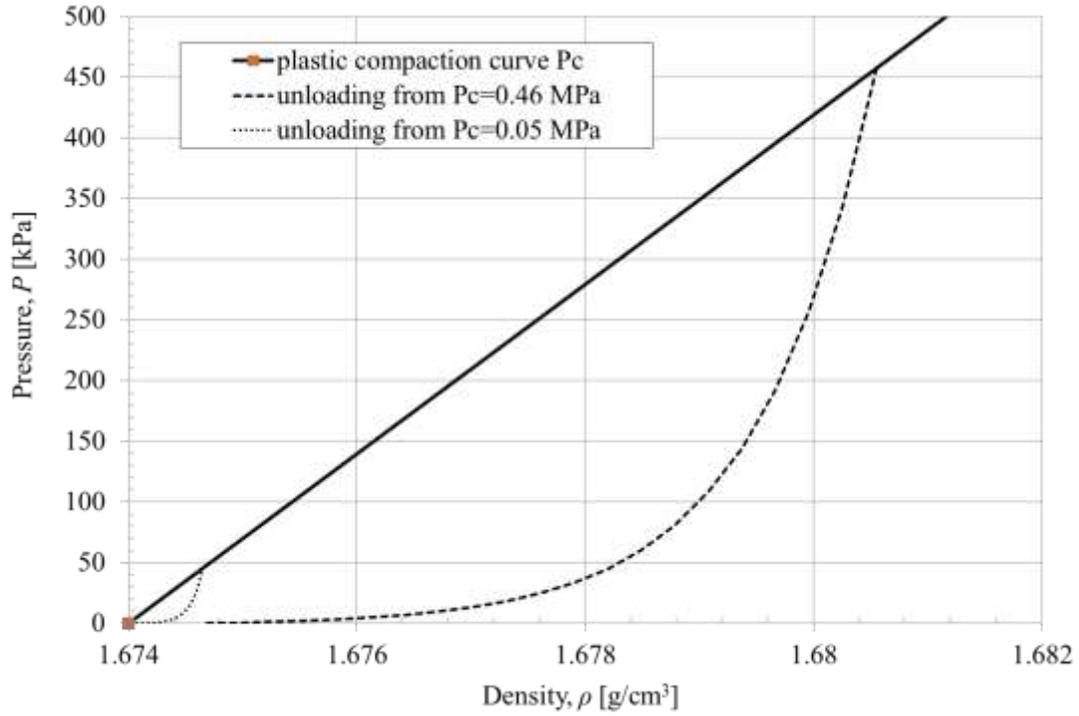


Fig. 11. Unloading curves from plastic compaction pressure $P_c = 0.05$ and 0.46 MPa according to the modified input data.

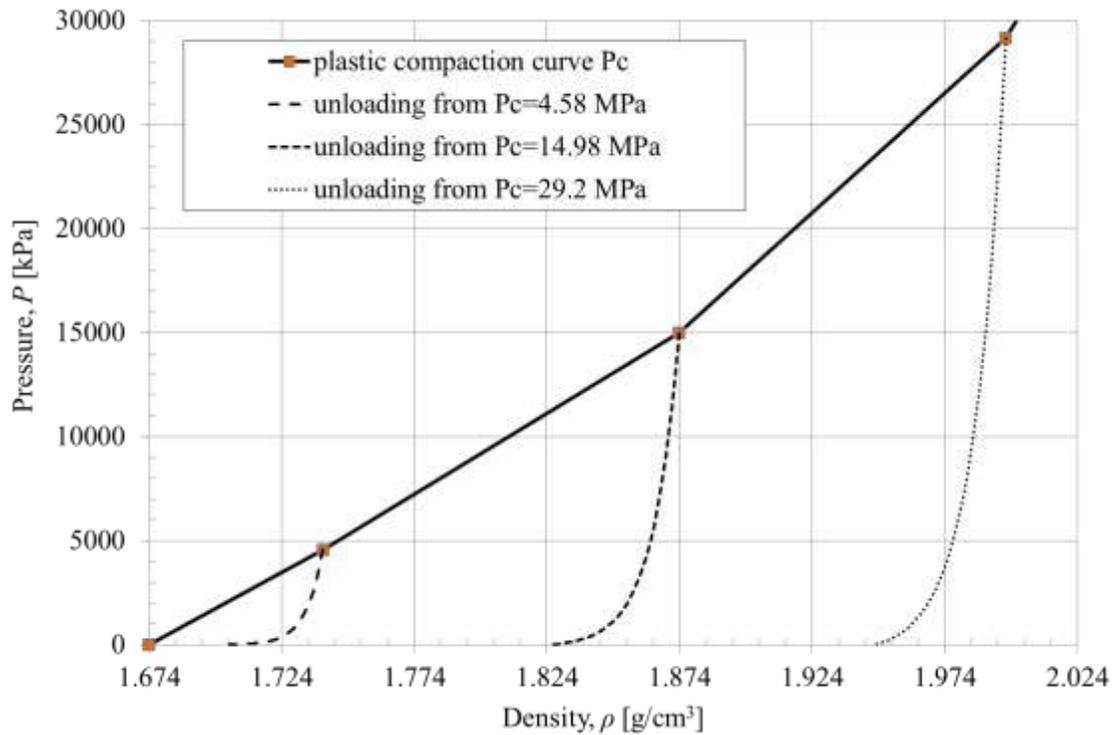


Fig. 12. Unloading curves from plastic compaction pressure $P_c = 4.58$, 14.98 , and 29.2 MPa according to the modified input data.

COMPARISON OF SIMULATION RESULTS

To verify the modified EOS detonation Autodyn [4] simulations have been carried out in one dimension. This has been done by so-called wedge simulations. The wedge is simulating a free spherical spreading from the detonation of High Explosive charge in sand. The wedge is formed with an inner radius of 25 mm and an outer radius of 200 000 mm. Euler solver is used with a mesh consisting of 3000 cells. The cells closest to the explosion center had a length of 5 mm, and then by geometric coarsening of the cells, the cells farthest away had the longest length. Total simulated time was 1 s, Multi Material Euler was used to describe the explosive and the sand. Charge weight was set to 125 kg of TNT. The pressure and impulse were measured at distances $r = 5, 10, 25$ and 40 meters from the charge.

First the "Sjöbo Sand original -only EOS" is compared with the "Modified Sjöbo Sand -only MODEOS4" which is the modified version at charging distance $r = 5$ m, see Fig. 13. When only the EOS part of the material model is compared, the results between the original EOS and modified EOS is not differing much. When the results from ConWep are compared they show similar magnitude.

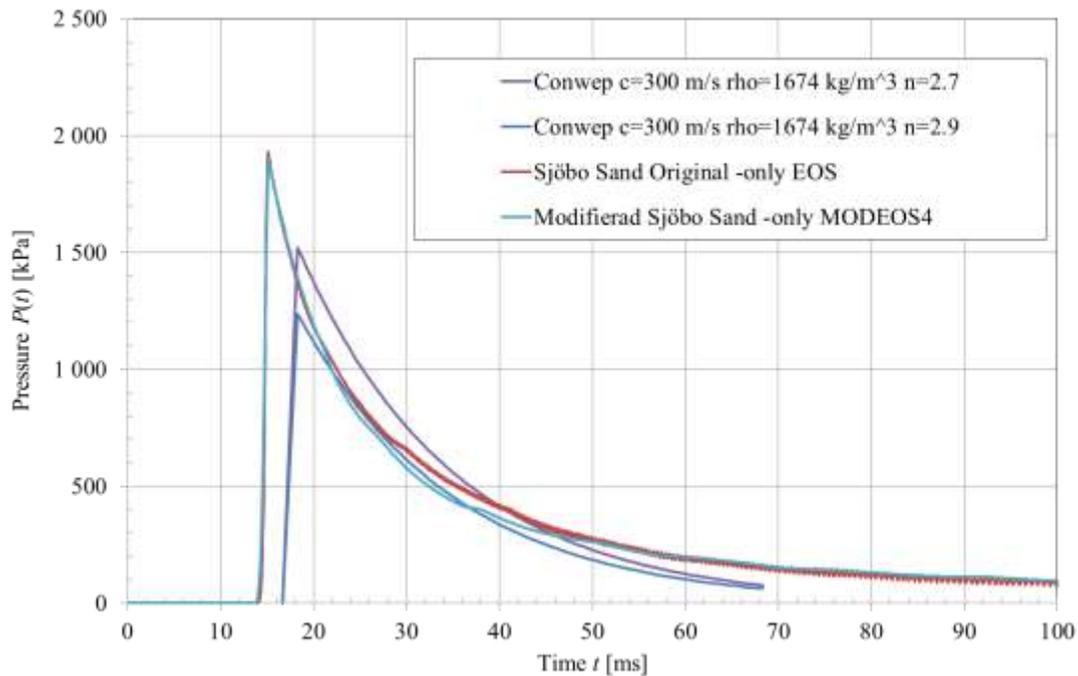


Fig. 13. Original EOS and modified EOS plus ConWep for charge size 125 kg TNT at the distance of 5 m.

When the charge distance is increased to 10 m the original model and the modified EOS start to differ in maximum pressure, see Fig. 14. The maximum pressure is about 34% lower when the sand is simulated with the modified EOS. The Pressure relief is also flatter in the modified EOS, which can be seen through that after approximately 60 ms, the pressure is continuously higher for modified EOS, see Fig. 14.

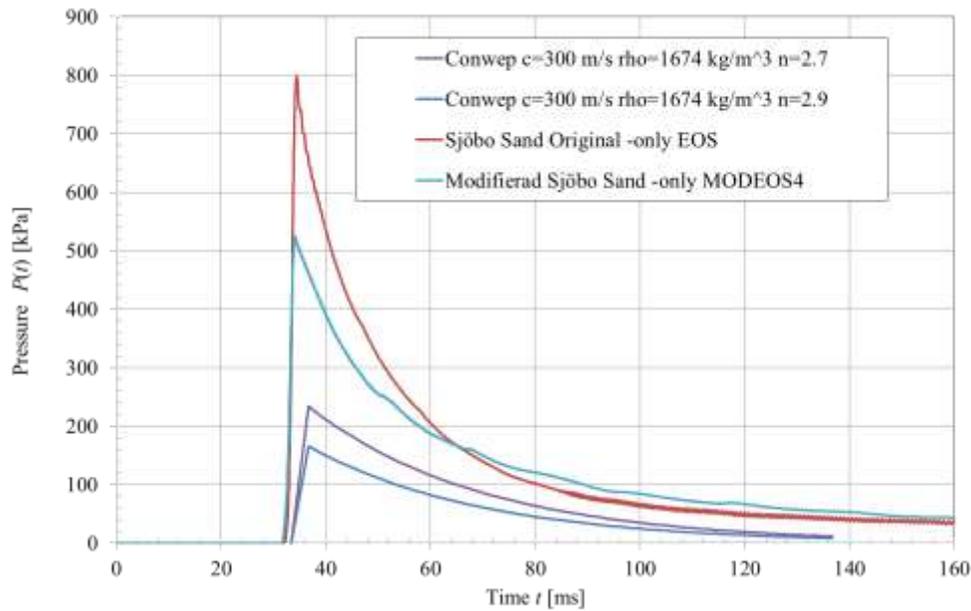


Fig. 14. Original EOS and modified EOS plus ConWep for charge size 125 kg TNT at the distance of 10 m.

When the charge distance is increased to 25 m the results from the original model and the modified EOS starts to differ even more, see Fig. 15. Maximum pressure drops now with 65% when the modified EOS is used to simulate the sand and the shape of the pressure relief also remains flatter with the modified EOS.

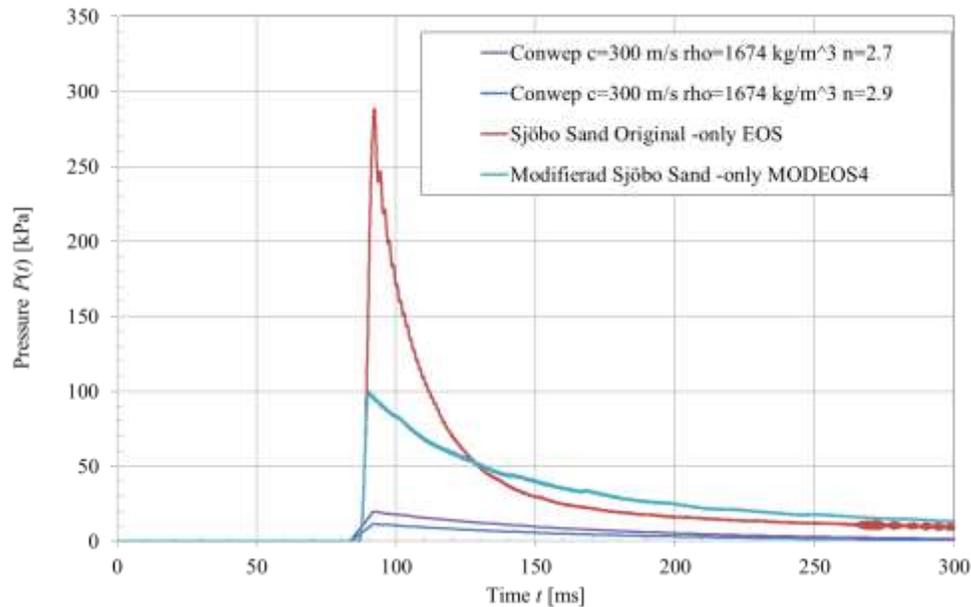


Fig. 15. Original EOS and modified EOS plus ConWep for charge size 125 kg TNT at the distance of 25 m.

When the charge distance is increased to 40 m, the maximum pressure is decreased by 75% for the modified EOS, see Fig. 16. This is a significant difference in how the pressure wave is formed when comparing with the original model.

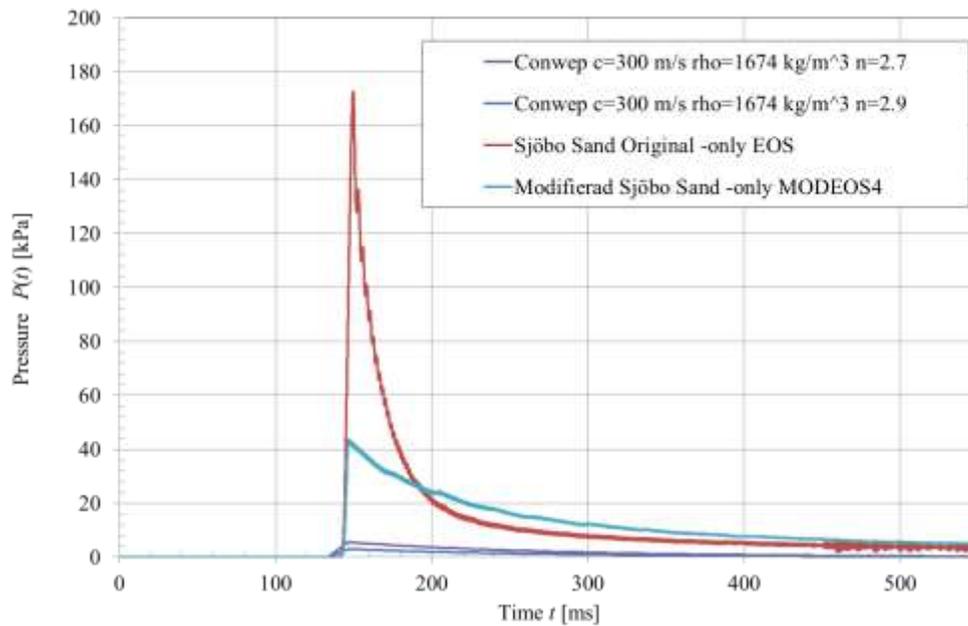


Fig. 16. Original EOS and modified EOS plus ConWep for charge size 125 kg TNT at the distance of 40 m.

However, when the simulated pressure time histories from Autodyn is compared with Conwep for e.g. distances 25 and 40 m the results differ largely, see Fig. 15 and Fig. 16. This is mainly explained by that the shear strength model was not included in the first set of simulations. If the original shear strength model in [3] is used the Conwep and Autodyn pressure waves looks more similar, see Fig. 17 and Fig. 18. The trend with greater differences with lower pressure for the new modified EOS as a function of increasing charge distance is also true when shear is included.

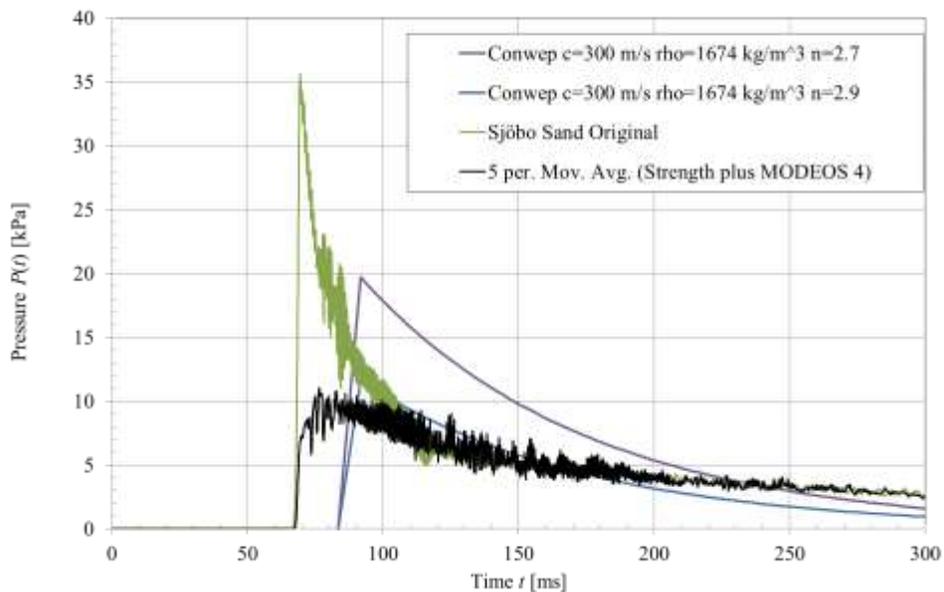


Fig. 17. Original Sand Model [3] and strength plus modified EOS compared with ConWep for charge size 125 kg TNT at the distance of 25 m.

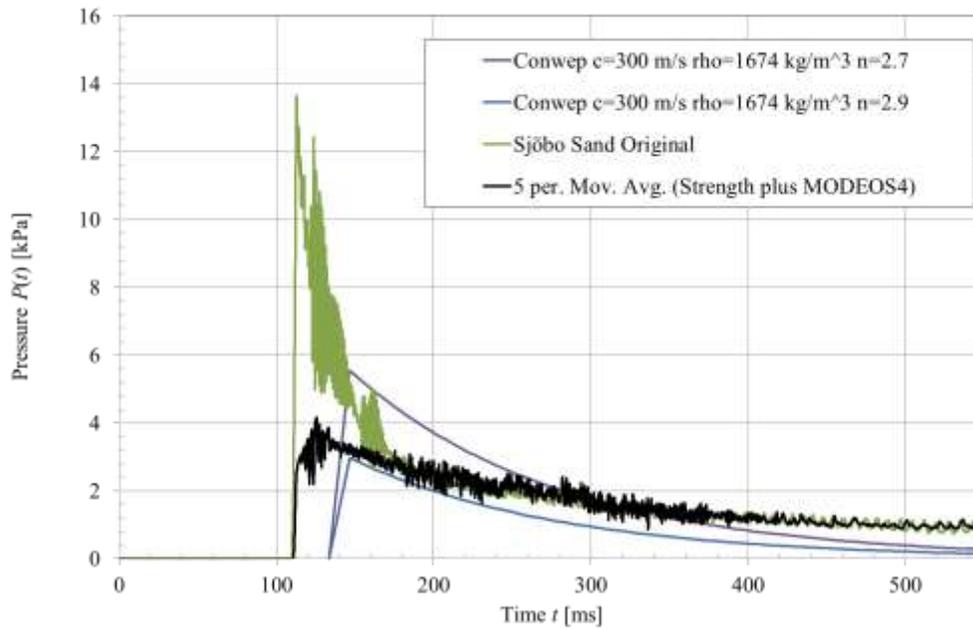


Fig. 18. Original Sand Model [3] and strength plus modified EOS compared with ConWep for charge size 125 kg TNT at the distance of 40 m.

In Table 1 the simulation results are summarised. One observation that can be made is that if one wants to approach the results that ConWep shows the distance of 40 m shear strength must be included. It means that energy is absorbed by plastic shearing in the material in addition to energy losses by EOS during isotropic compression. In Table 1, it can be seen that the "Mod EOS with shear strength" has 4 kPa as a maximum pressure and an impulse intensity of 767 Pa-s This is very close to the values from ConWep with $n = 2.7$ where the maximum pressure was 6 kPa and impulse intensity was 739 Pa-s. In Table 1 it can be seen that "Mod EOS with Shear Strength" has similar results in impulse intensity in general when comparing with Conwep. Even though the pressure do not match throughout the whole range

Table 1. Complete summary of maximum pressure and maximum impulse intensity of the different simulations.

EOS name – distance [m]	t_a [ms]	P_{max} [kPa]	i_{max} [Pa-s]
Original EOS, no shear strength included.	2	11 607	62 543
	5	1 932	41 555
	10	798	27 810
	25	289	11 621
	40	173	7 155
Emulated Original EOS by using the modified EOS, no shear strength included.	2	11 570	62 426
	5	1 928	41 571
	10	798	27 853
	25	296	11 705
	40	178	7 249
Original EOS shear strength included.	2	4 043	103 098
	5	644	25 864
	10	189	9 256
	25	36	2 393
	40	14	907*
Emulated Original EOS by using the modified EOS shear strength included.	2	4 032	96 493
	5	642	24 561
	10	189	9 127
	25	37	2 623

	40	110	14	1 316
Modified EOS no shear strength included.	2	4	11 975	63 363
	5	14	1 903	40 985
	10	31	525	27 509
	25	86	100	11 330
	40	142	44	6 813
Modified EOS shear strength included.	2	3	4 214	90 454
	5	11	449	23 387
	10	25	80	8 726
	25	67	10	2 336
	40	111	4	767*
ConWep with generic sand data $c = 300$ m/s $\rho = 1674$ kg/m ³ $n = 2.7$	2	7	18 040	120 257
	5	17	1 520	25 334
	10	33	234	7 801
	25	83	20	1 643
	40	133	6	739
ConWep with generic sand data $c = 300$ m/s $\rho = 1674$ kg/m ³ $n = 2.9$	2	7	17 640	117 572
	5	17	1 237	20 619
	10	33	166	5 527
	25	83	12	969
	40	133	3	397

*Sums of pressure below 1 kPa was removed when the impulse density was calculated over time from 0 to 1 000 ms.

CONCLUSIONS AND FUTURE WORK

The implemented EOS model is a powerful way to numerically describe the loading and unloading for numerous soils with different properties of initial density, moisture content, and granularity. The implemented EOS especially handles the unloading wave speed $c(\rho, P)$ which is now covered in a rigorous way over the whole $\rho - P$ space by using three independent piece wise linear input data curves $P_c(\rho)$, $c_b(\lambda)$, and $\gamma(\lambda)$. The measurements from isotropic compression tests can easily be fitted by using these curves. The user subroutines for the modified EOS for Autodyn can be found in Appendix ZA in [14].

As future work the original shear strength model should be modified to match better with the implemented EOS. Some oscillations were observed at low pressures such as below 10 kPa. In addition the poisson's ratio in the shear strength model should also automatically adjust to the moisture content, see [14] for further details.

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