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## I. INTRODUCTION

The energy contained in a shell's transverse motion directed toward a bore surface has supposedly become large enough on certain occasions to damage both shell and gun tube. As Gay<sup>1</sup> has shown, the theories of Reno<sup>2</sup> and Thomas<sup>3</sup> do not predict that such large balloting energies may develop. Reno does not consider sliding friction and assumes that the plane of yaw rotates with the shell. Thomas<sup>3</sup> does not use this constraint, but assumes that there exists sliding friction between bourrelet and bore. Chu and Soechting<sup>4</sup> extend Thomas'<sup>3</sup> theory to assume sliding friction between rotating band and bore, and also assume that the shell may have an eccentricity in its center of gravity; here also, the balloting energy should decrease with time.

More recently, Walker<sup>5</sup> has developed a theory that predicts that growth in balloting energy may occur. His theory extends Thomas' theory by further assuming friction between the bore and rotating band. According to Walker, the impact impulse generated by the bourrelet hitting a land is followed (due to the finite speed of the elastic wave) by a reaction force impulse that occurs on the opposite side of the shell at the rotating band. This causes an added frictional force on this part of the rotating band and results in an added torque impulse that will possibly increase the total transverse angular momentum possessed by the shell. The magnitude of this increment of added angular momentum is proportional to the effective coefficient of friction for the rotating band. Walker's theory is used in an attempt to explain the breakup of the 8-inch

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1. H. P. Gay, "Notes on the Yawing Motion of a Projectile in the Bore," BRL Report 2259, U. S. Army Ballistic Research Laboratory, Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD, January 1973. AD 908456L.
  2. F. V. Reno, "The Motion of the Axis of a Spinning Shell Inside the Bore of a Gun," BRL Report 320, U. S. Army Ballistic Research Laboratory, Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD, February 1943. AD 491839.
  3. L. H. Thomas, "The Motion of the Axis of a Spinning Shell Inside the Bore of a Gun," BRL Report 544, U. S. Army Ballistic Research Laboratory, Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD, May 1945. AD PB22102.
  4. S. H. Chu and F. K. Soechting, "Transverse Motion of an Accelerating Shell," Technical Report 4314, Picatinny Arsenal, Dover, NJ, June 1972. AD 894572L.
  5. E. H. Walker, "Yawing and Balloting Motion of a Projectile in the Bore of a Gun with Application to Gun Tube Damage," BRL MR 2411, U. S. Army Ballistic Research Laboratory, Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD, September 1974. AD 923913L.

M106 shell in the XM201 gun tube<sup>5,6</sup>.

The motivation for the present investigation was a desire to apply Walker's<sup>5</sup> theory of balloting to Chu and Soechting's<sup>4</sup> computer description of in-bore motion. In studying Walker's theory, however, we decided that it needed revision. The values he assumed for the coefficients of friction are thought to be too large by an order of magnitude. When this and other errors are corrected, a completely different picture of balloting-energy growth and decay emerges. It is the purpose of this report to present this more accurate picture and to establish upper-bound limits on the energy growth rate or decay.

An apparent error in the Walker formulation concerns the magnitude of the reaction impulse at the rotating band. Walker claims that the reaction force at the rotating band is equal and opposite to the impact force on the bourrelet. Walker deduces this from his following statement: "The force component  $Y'$  is given by the requirement that the sum of the forces acting in the  $y$  direction is zero." Here  $Y'$  is the normal reaction force at the rotating band. If this were a statics problem, his approach might be valid. However, this is a dynamics problem; the projectile is required to rotate about the point C. With this requirement, it is found that the value of the reaction force depends upon the location of the center of gravity, the radius of gyration and the distance between the rotating band and bourrelet.

According to Walker's<sup>5</sup> theory, since the growth rate of balloting energy is a strong function of the value of the coefficient of friction at the rotating band, it is an important parameter. Walker used a rotating-band coefficient of friction of 0.55 for a gilding metal band, a value that might be expected for slow sliding velocities under small normal pressures. In order to arrive at reasonable values for the coefficient of friction, both the theory and experiment were investigated. According to a report<sup>7</sup> summarizing the Franklin

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6. C. M. Glass, "Fracture of an 8-inch M106 Projectile in an M110E2 Howitzer," BRL Report 1905, U. S. Army Ballistic Research Laboratory, Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD, August 1955. AD B013343L.

7. R. S. Montgomery, "Friction and Wear at High Sliding Speeds," Wear, Vol. 36, 1976, pp. 275-298.

Institute's experiments, the coefficient of friction decreases for increasing values of both sliding velocities and normal pressures. Herzfeld and Kosson<sup>8</sup> postulated that a hydrodynamic film exists between the rotating band and bore at the higher speeds; they found agreement with much of the experimental data available at the time. Their theory included plastic rotating bands; they found even lower values for the friction coefficients of plastic rotating bands. In contrast, Bowden<sup>9</sup> describes an experiment that shows no hydrodynamic film being generated at typical in-bore projectile velocities. Nevertheless, the normal pressures for this experiment were much less than found at the rotating band and bore interface. Thus, although Herzfeld and Kosson's<sup>8</sup> theory agrees with some experiments and appears plausible, the theory is not completely confirmed.

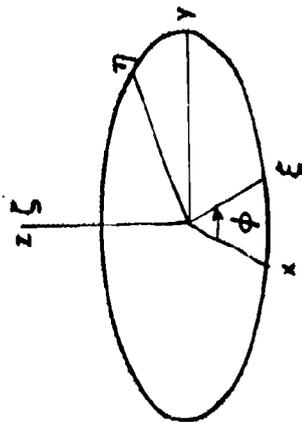
## II. BALLOTING-ENERGY ANALYSIS

The fundamental dynamics of balloting are developed and examined for two simple models. Utilizing these dynamics, an upper-bound value for balloting energy growth can then be developed without appealing to a detailed numerical analysis.

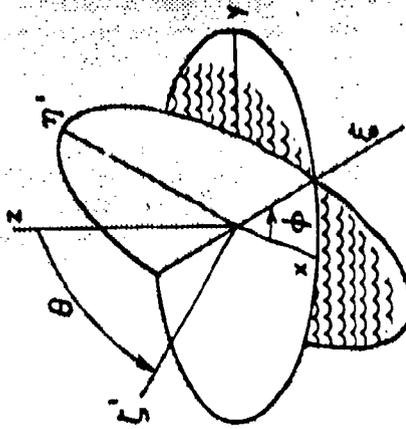
### A. Dynamics of Balloting

As Walker did, we use Thomas' assumptions and additionally assume that there is friction between the rotating band and bore. The description of the motion is given in terms of Eulerian angles. The rotations defining the Eulerian angles are given according to Goldstein<sup>10</sup> in Figure 1. For more clarity, Figure 2 gives some of the axes in terms of the gun-projectile system.

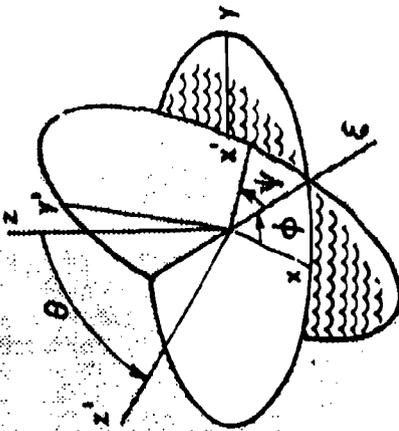
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8. C. M. Herzfeld and R. L. Kosson, "A Theory of Bore Friction," BRL Report 851, U. S. Army Ballistic Research Laboratory, Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD, March 1953. AD 10639.
  9. F. P. Bowden, "Recent Experimental Studies of Solid Friction," Friction and Wear, R. Davies (Editor), Elsevier Publishing Co., Princeton, NJ, 1950. pp. 84-109.
  10. H. Goldstein, Classical Mechanics, Addison-Wesley Publishing Co., Inc., Cambridge, MA, March 1956, pp. 93-175.



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Figure 1. The coordinate axes and rotations defining the Euler angles.  
 (The line of nodes is given by the  $\xi$  axis.)

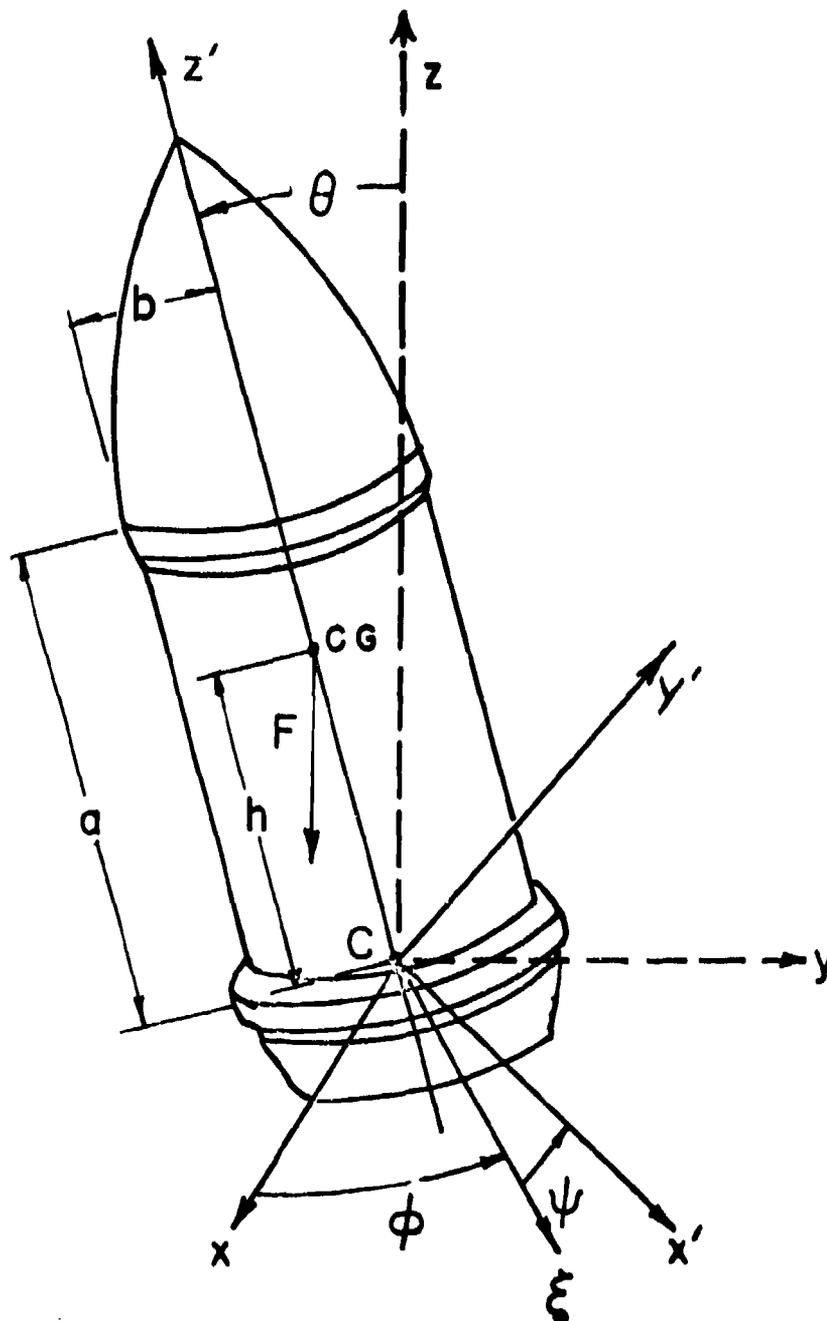


Figure 2. Description of projectile's orientation given in terms of Euler angles. The point  $C$  designates the center of the rotating band. The yaw about point  $C$  is defined by the angle  $\theta$  and the yaw plane is defined by the angle  $\phi$  between the  $x$ -axis and the line of nodes ( $\xi$ -axis).  $F$  is the inertial force along the bore line  $z$ ; " $a$ " is the distance between the rotating band and the bourrelet; " $b$ " is the radius of the bourrelet, and  $h$  is the distance from  $C$  to the center of gravity.

The kinetic energy of an axially symmetric shell with respect to the point C is

$$T = \frac{1}{2} I (\omega_y'^2 + \omega_x'^2) + \frac{1}{2} A \omega_z'^2, \quad (1)$$

where  $\omega_i$  is the angular velocity about the i-th axis and A is the moment of inertia about the line of axial symmetry. The transverse moment of inertia I about a line through C in the plane of the rotating band is

$$I = B + mh^2, \quad (2)$$

where B is the transverse moment of inertia about the c.g., m is the mass of the shell, and h is the distance from the point C to the c.g. of the shell. Transforming to the Eulerian angle description, one finds:

$$T = \frac{1}{2} I (\dot{\theta}^2 + \dot{\phi}^2 \sin^2 \theta) + \frac{1}{2} A (\dot{\psi} + \dot{\phi} \cos \theta)^2. \quad (3)$$

For the projectile having the acceleration  $\mathfrak{g}$ , the potential energy is

$$V = m \mathfrak{g} h \cos \theta. \quad (4)$$

Following Walker now, except to vary the presentation for clarification purposes, we note that the Lagrangian is

$$L = T - V.$$

The Lagrange equations are

$$\frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_i} - \frac{\partial L}{\partial q_i} = Q_i, \quad (5)$$

where

$$q_1 = \theta; \quad q_2 = \phi; \quad q_3 = \psi \quad (6)$$

and the  $Q_i$  are the generalized constraint forces imposed upon the projectile by the gun tube. The differential equations of motion are developed in detail in Appendix A. These expressions differ somewhat from Walker's formulation but not significantly for the purposes of this analysis.

As a first step in the investigation of balloting motion, we can attempt to construct a model that is consistent with Walker's claim that there exists a time lag between the impact impulse and the reaction impulse. A tentative hypothesis is made that the reaction impulse occurs immediately after the impact impulse occurs. In this

model, the bourrelet impacts against the bore and the rotating band is assumed to be free of any constraining influences. Immediately after this impact process, the reaction impulse is applied to the rotating band and the bourrelet is assumed to be free of any constraining influences. In this rigid-body approximation, the value of the reaction impulse is determined by the constraint that the rotation must be about the point C in the plane of the rotating band (Figure 2).

It is convenient to express the kinetic energy in terms of the c.g. translational motion plus the rotational motion about the c.g. This expression is:

$$T = \frac{m}{2} (\dot{\eta}_{cg}^2 + \dot{z}_{cg}^2 + \dot{\xi}_{cg}^2) + \frac{m}{2} k^2 (\dot{\theta}^2 + \dot{\phi}^2 \sin^2 \theta) + \frac{A}{2} (\dot{\psi} + \dot{\phi} \cos \theta)^2 \quad (7)$$

The subscript cg denotes the values for the center of mass for the projectile and k is the transverse radius of gyration for the projectile. Since the impact and reaction forces are of short duration, it is sufficient for the analysis to use the impulsive equations of motion and focus upon the motions immediately after an impulse occurs. For impulsive forces, it can be shown that

$$\left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{q}_i} \right)_1 - \left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{q}_i} \right)_0 = p_{q_i} \quad (8)$$

Here  $p_{q_i}$  is the generalized impulsive force for the  $q_i$  coordinate. The first term on the left is evaluated immediately after the impulsive force has acted and the term with the subscript o is evaluated immediately before the force has acted.

The details of the analysis are given in Appendix B. The effective coefficient of restitution, which includes the time lag effect, is given as

$$e_o = \frac{[eh' G v_o + h' (2a' - G\mu)(e+1) - 2h'^2 - 2k'^2]}{[h' (2h' + G v_o) + 2k'^2]} \quad (B15)$$

Here e is the usual coefficient of restitution,  $h'$  is the distance of the center of mass from the rotating band in calibers,  $a'$  is the distance between bourrelet and rotating band in calibers,  $k'$  is the radius of gyration in calibers,  $G = 1/(1 + \pi^2/n^2)^{1/2}$  where n is the number of calibers traversed for rotation of the shell through one revolution,  $\mu$  is the coefficient of friction at the bourrelet

and  $v_e$  is the effective coefficient of friction at the rotating band. Assuming the friction coefficients to be zero, a calculation of  $e_e$  may be easily made for the 8-inch projectile that was of interest to Walker. Here

$$n' = 1.135 \text{ calibers, } h' = 0.71 \text{ cal.,}$$

$$k' = 1.066 \text{ cal., } e = 0.7$$

and the twist is  $n = 20$  cal/revolution. Substituting these values into Equation (B15), we obtain  $e_e = -0.165$ . Since  $e_e$  is negative, the resulting movement of the bourrelet is toward the bore and not away from the bore, as might be expected. With this simple model, the impacting process continues after the first reaction impulse. Thus, the hypothesis that the impacting process is completed before the reaction process is started is seen to be contradicted by the results from a model suggested by the hypothesis. Friction effects can not rescue the hypothesis from contradiction, since if  $\mu > v_e$  (as will be noted later on), then  $e_e$  becomes negative.

These results do not rule out the possibility that part of the reaction process occurs after the impacting process is completed. Thus, there still exists the possibility that the presence of band friction might increase the effective coefficient of restitution.

If the impact forces and reaction forces overlap in time, another simple model is suggested. Let us consider that the impact and reaction forces occur simultaneously. The impulsive Lagrange equations for this case are

$$m(\dot{n}_{cg})_1 - m(\dot{n}_{cg})_0 = P_n + (P_n)_b \quad (9)$$

$$mk^2\dot{\theta}_1 - mk^2\dot{\theta}_0 = -(a-h)P_n + Gb\mu P_n + h(P_n)_b + Gbv_e(P_n)_b \quad (10)$$

Proceeding as before, we obtain

$$P_n = m\omega(1+e) \frac{[h(h+Gbv_e) + k^2]}{[a + Gb(v_e - \mu)]} \quad (11)$$

$$(P_n)_b = m\omega(1+e) \frac{[h(a-h-Gb\mu) - k^2]}{[a + Gb(v_e - \mu)]} \quad (12)$$

The ratio  $R$ , of  $(p_\eta)_b$  to  $p_\eta$ , has the same values obtained for the delayed-impulse model. The value of  $R$  does not depend on the details of the impact and reaction processes; rather, it is determined only by the requirement that rotation must occur around the center of the rotating band, and hence should be invariant between the two models, as indeed it is. This value of  $R$ , given in terms of nondimensionalized quantities, is

$$R = \frac{h'(2a' - 2h' - Gv) - 2k'^2}{h'(2h' + Gv_{e_0}) + 2k'^2} \quad (13)$$

Here it is seen that  $R$  essentially depends upon a number of parameters and is not equal to -1 as Walker has asserted.

Here, the effective coefficient of restitution  $e_0$  is simply  $e$  and no increment in balloting energy can be obtained from the effects of either band friction or bourrelet friction. Even though no possibility exists for balloting energy amplification, it would be desirable to minimize the magnitude of the impact impulse. Thus, according to Eq. (12), the distance "a" from rotating band to bourrelet should be as large as possible.

G. Soo Hoo<sup>11</sup> has recently modeled the bourrelet and rotating band as springs in his computer description of the projectile motion. It appears that the dynamics of his model could be approximated by utilizing a combination of the two models previously discussed. The previous models assume the forces are applied for an infinitesimal time. The finite application time of the forces in the springs model produces motions that differ somewhat from the impulsive model motions. Nevertheless, if the time of application of the spring forces on the bourrelet is short compared with the time between impacts, the impulsive models might be sufficient to describe the approximate dynamics.

If the spring at the rotating band is stiff compared to the bourrelet spring, the forces on the rotating band will closely follow the pattern of the impact forces. The resultant dynamics will then approximate that for the simultaneous model constructed earlier. If

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11. G. Soo Hoo, "A Theoretical Model for In-Bore Projectile Balloting/ Barrel Motion," Workshop on Dynamics of Precision Gun Weapons sponsored by U. S. Army Armament Command, General Thomas J. Rodman Laboratory, Rock Island Arsenal, January 1977.

the rotating band spring is relatively soft, then the dynamics will tend toward that observed for the time-lag model. Now, if the rotating-band springs are somewhat softer than the bourrelet springs, the impacting process might be completed before the reaction process. That part of the reaction process taking place after the impacting process is completed could be approximated by the time-lag model. Part of the impact-impulse process would utilize the time lag model; the amount would be determined by the ratio R which has been previously discussed. The dynamics for the rest of the impaction and reaction processes would utilize the simultaneous-impulse model.

#### B. Upper-Bound Value for Energy Growth

To obtain the maximum value possible for  $e_g$  and energy growth rate, three assumptions will be made. Firstly, it will be assumed that impact forces and reaction forces occur simultaneously. Secondly, it will be assumed that there is no axial torque. Thirdly, the corresponding torque impulse due to frictional forces occurring at the rotating band is assumed to occur immediately after the impaction and reaction processes. Since large balloting energies may be possible according to some evidence, these possibilities can be explored even though the dynamics of the motion may be complicated.

Comparing Eq. (11) and Eq. (B6), it is noticed that for conventionally designed projectiles, the impulses for simultaneous processes are larger than the impulses for the time-lag processes. To obtain a maximum value for the reaction impulse at the rotating band, the simultaneous model will be used.

In this model, it is assumed that there is no axial torque. Since axial torque is present, the effects of axial torque should be investigated. Goldstein<sup>10</sup> shows that when the projectile is not making contact with the bourrelet and there is no axial torque,  $|\theta|$  depends only on  $\theta$ . Thus, the balloting energy immediately after one impact would equal the balloting energy immediately before the next impact. With the presence of an axial torque, whether  $|\theta|$  increases or decreases for subsequent equal values of  $\theta$  may be examined by first integrating Eq. (A10)

$$A\omega_{z'} = A\omega_{z'_0} + N_a \int (\cos \theta) dt \quad (14)$$

where  $N_a$  is assumed constant. Here  $t$  is the elapsed time since  $\theta = \theta_0$  where  $\theta_0$  is any specified possible value of  $\theta$ . The quantity  $\omega_{z'_0}$  is the value of  $\omega_{z'}$  at the initial time. Likewise Eq. (A9) may be integrated in the same way and with some substitutions between the resulting equation and Eq. (A8), one can obtain

$$\dot{\phi} = \dot{\phi}_0 \frac{\sin^2 \theta_0}{\sin^2 \theta} + \frac{N_a}{I \sin^2 \theta} [t - \int (\cos \theta) dt] + \frac{A(\omega_z)}{I \sin^2 \theta} (\cos \theta_0 - \cos \theta) \quad (15)$$

Now consider when  $\theta = \theta_0$  at a later time (but before the next impact). Substituting Eqs. (14) and (15) into Eq. (A8), one finds the difference in the angular acceleration is

$$I [\ddot{\theta}(t) - \ddot{\theta}(0)] = \quad (16)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{N_a}{\sin \theta_0} [t - \int (\cos \theta) dt] [2\dot{\phi}_0 \cos \theta_0 - \frac{A(\omega_z)_0}{I} - \frac{N_a}{I} \int (\cos \theta) dt] \\ & - \dot{\phi}_0 N_a \sin \theta_0 \int (\cos \theta) dt + \frac{N_a^2 \cos \theta_0}{I \sin^3 \theta_0} [t - \int (\cos \theta) dt]^2 \end{aligned}$$

For small values of  $\theta_0$ , the sum of the terms on the right hand side of Equation (16) is always negative. Hence,  $\ddot{\theta}(t)$  is always less than or equal to  $\ddot{\theta}(0)$ . The torque, then, tends to align the axis of the projectile with the gun-bore axis, and hence results in softened subsequent impacts. Thus if we neglect the torque, we can obtain an upper bound value for balloting-energy growth rate. Moreover, the analysis becomes simpler.

By the third assumption, the friction force is applied at the rotating band immediately after the impact and reaction processes have occurred. Although the late application of the frictional force is not ruled out, such a possibility would be difficult to explain. However, the third assumption covers this possibility and at the same time leads to an upper bound on the energy growth rate. The value of  $v_e$  may then be greater than  $c$ . The expression for the maximum angular momentum due to this application of frictional force on the rotating band is, from Eqs. (3) and (8),

$$I \Delta \dot{\theta} = bG(P_n)_b v_e \quad (17)$$

where it is assumed that  $v_e = 0$  in the expression for  $(P_n)_b$ .

It is important that the torque due to friction be applied immediately after the occurrence of the simultaneous impulse; the analysis below shows this. The kinetic energy can be shown to vary according to

$$\frac{dT}{dt} = \vec{N}_t \cdot \vec{\omega} . \quad (18)$$

Consider the change in transverse-motion energy caused by the torque  $\vec{N}_t$  whose direction, according to Appendix C, lies along the line of nodes for the projectile's position at the time of the impact impulse. This torque  $\vec{N}_t$  is caused by the presence of friction at the driving band. Then, integrating Eq. (18) and retaining only those terms giving the change in transverse-motion energy, we obtain:

$$\Delta T_t = \int \vec{N}_p \cdot \vec{\omega}_p dt. \quad (19)$$

Here,  $\vec{N}_p$  and  $\vec{\omega}_p$  are the vector projections of  $\vec{N}_t$  and the angular velocity  $\vec{\omega}$ , respectively, onto the plane of the rotating band. The integrand is integrated over the duration of nonzero torque. According to a report of Gay<sup>1</sup> that gives the motion of the shell's C.G. relative to the bore axis, the angle between  $\vec{\omega}_p$  and  $\vec{N}_p$  will increase with time after impact so that the dot product of the two vectors will decrease. Furthermore, the magnitude of  $\omega_p$  will be smaller with smaller values of  $\theta$ . Thus, the largest increment of energy given to the total energy will occur if the reactive impulse occurs immediately after impact of the bourrelet.

From the third assumption, we find an expression for the angular velocity immediately after the frictional torque is applied:

$$\dot{\theta}_2 = \dot{\theta}_1 + \Delta \dot{\theta} , \quad (20)$$

where  $\dot{\theta}_1$  is the value of  $\dot{\theta}$  immediately before the frictional torque is applied. According to the first assumption about coincidence of the impulses:

$$\dot{\theta}_1 = e\omega , \quad (21)$$

where  $\omega$  is the transverse angular speed before impact. The effective coefficient of restitution is simply

$$e_e = \dot{\theta}_2 / \omega . \quad (22)$$

Thus, using Eqs. (20), (21), (17) and (12) it is found that

$$e_e = e - (1+e) \left[ \frac{GR}{2a' - Gu} \right] v_e , \quad (23)$$

where R is given by Eq. (13) and  $a'$  is the value of a in calibers.

According to the definition, Eq. (22), the balloting energy should grow if  $e_e > 1$ ; if  $e_e < 1$ , the balloting energy should decay.

From Eq. (23), whether  $e_e$  is greater or less than one depends upon the value of  $e$ , the expression in brackets and the value of  $v_e$ .

The value of  $e$  will probably not exceed 0.8 except for very soft balloting action. The expression in brackets will be near - 1/4 for many conventional projectiles. Thus, whether  $e_e$  is greater or less than one hinges upon  $v_e$ . The effective coefficient of friction will be discussed in the next section.

An upper-bound value for energy growth rate can be obtained in terms of  $e_e$ . With the second assumption that the axial torque is ignored, the angular speed immediately before impact is  $e_e$  multiplied by the angular speed immediately before the last impact. After n impacts,  $\dot{\theta}$  would be

$$\dot{\theta} = \omega e_e^n \quad (24)$$

where

$$\dot{\theta} = |\dot{\theta}|$$

Now treating n as a continuous variable, n can be expressed as  $n = \theta / (2\Delta)$  where  $\Delta = c/a$ . Here, c is the clearance between the bore and bourrelet when the shell is centered in the bore. Substituting the expression for n into Eq. (24) and integrating, the following expression can be obtained:

$$t = \frac{2\Delta (1 - e_e^{-\theta/(2\Delta)})}{\omega \ln e_e} \quad (25)$$

Since the balloting energy  $\epsilon$  equals  $\frac{1}{2} I \dot{\theta}^2$ , manipulation of Eqs. (24), (25) and the expression for n shows that

$$\epsilon = \epsilon_0 / [1 - (\epsilon_0 / 2I)^{1/2} \gamma t]^2 \quad (26)$$

where

$$\gamma = (\ln e_e) / \Delta$$

Equation (26) was also obtained by Walker, but with a completely different expression for  $\gamma$ .

### III. FRICTION COEFFICIENTS

Since the band coefficient of friction is found to be an important parameter for describing balloting motion, it will be discussed in some detail. Friction experiments have been conducted by the Franklin Institute<sup>7,12</sup>, by Bowden<sup>9</sup> and by Sauer<sup>13</sup>, who obtained friction coefficients using a rocket sled. The pressures used in Sauer's experiments, though high, were much less than experienced by a rotating band in-bore. Nevertheless, he obtained evidence that a molten metal film existed, at least for the higher pressures. In addition, he developed a theory for wear and friction assuming molten metal at the interface<sup>14</sup>. In the present paper, it will be assumed that a liquid film exists at the rubbing interfaces for both plastics and metal rotating bands.

As mentioned earlier, experiments<sup>7,12</sup> show that the coefficient of friction decreases for increasing values of both sliding velocities and normal loadings. With these data and some data obtained for higher pressures by using a shell pusher, Pilcher and Wineholt<sup>15</sup>, in a correlation study, have obtained the coefficient of friction as a function of velocity and pressure. These data were obtained for a steady-state process; i.e., the temperature profile through the thickness of the traveling block changes rapidly shortly after initiation of the friction process and thereafter approaches a steady-state profile. Since the shell's travel through the length of the gun-tube is a transient process, there exists the possibility

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that steady-state conditions will not be approximated. Nevertheless, the application of an equation developed by H. G. Landau<sup>16</sup> shows that steady-state conditions will be approximated for most of the projectile's travel in-bore. The application of Herzfeld and Kosson's<sup>8</sup> theory confirms the results obtained by Landau's<sup>16</sup> equation.

The friction coefficient values obtained are for steady pressures of the band on the bore surfaces. The friction coefficient values we are interested in, however, correspond to the changes in friction forces caused by the reaction force. The cross product of the radius vector with the resultant incremental friction force, when integrated around the rotating band's periphery, yields an expression for the transverse torque. It is shown in Appendix C that the effective coefficient of friction to be used for the reaction process is

$$v_e = v + \frac{\partial v}{\partial p} \quad (C6)$$

where  $p$  is the pressure on the rotating band. This effective friction coefficient may also be used in other applications where there is a net lateral force on the rotating band. To show how important the last term in this equation is, we first give the value of the friction coefficient  $v$  in Figure 3. Using Pilcher and Wineholt's<sup>15</sup> formulation,  $v$  was calculated for the 8-inch M106 projectile that broke up in-bore. Here it is seen that the coefficient of friction decreases with the distance that the shell has traveled in-bore. For most of the distance traveled, the friction coefficient is an order of magnitude lower than common handbook values.

In Figure 4, the effective coefficient of friction is plotted as a function of the distance traveled from the breach. In contrast to the results of Figure 3, Pilcher and Wineholt's<sup>15</sup> formulation yields negative values of  $v_e$  for the large pressures encountered at the rotating band. Although their formulation appears to be a creditable correlation of the data, the above results are contrary to what might be expected for liquid films.

Herzfeld and Kosson's<sup>8</sup> theory for liquid films may be used to get a value for the effective coefficient of friction. As shown in Appendix D, the Herzfeld and Kosson theory implies that  $v_e$  is at most  $10^{-3}$ . Herzfeld and Kosson's<sup>8</sup> theory is also valid for plastic rotating bands. The value of  $v_e$  for plastic rotating bands might be

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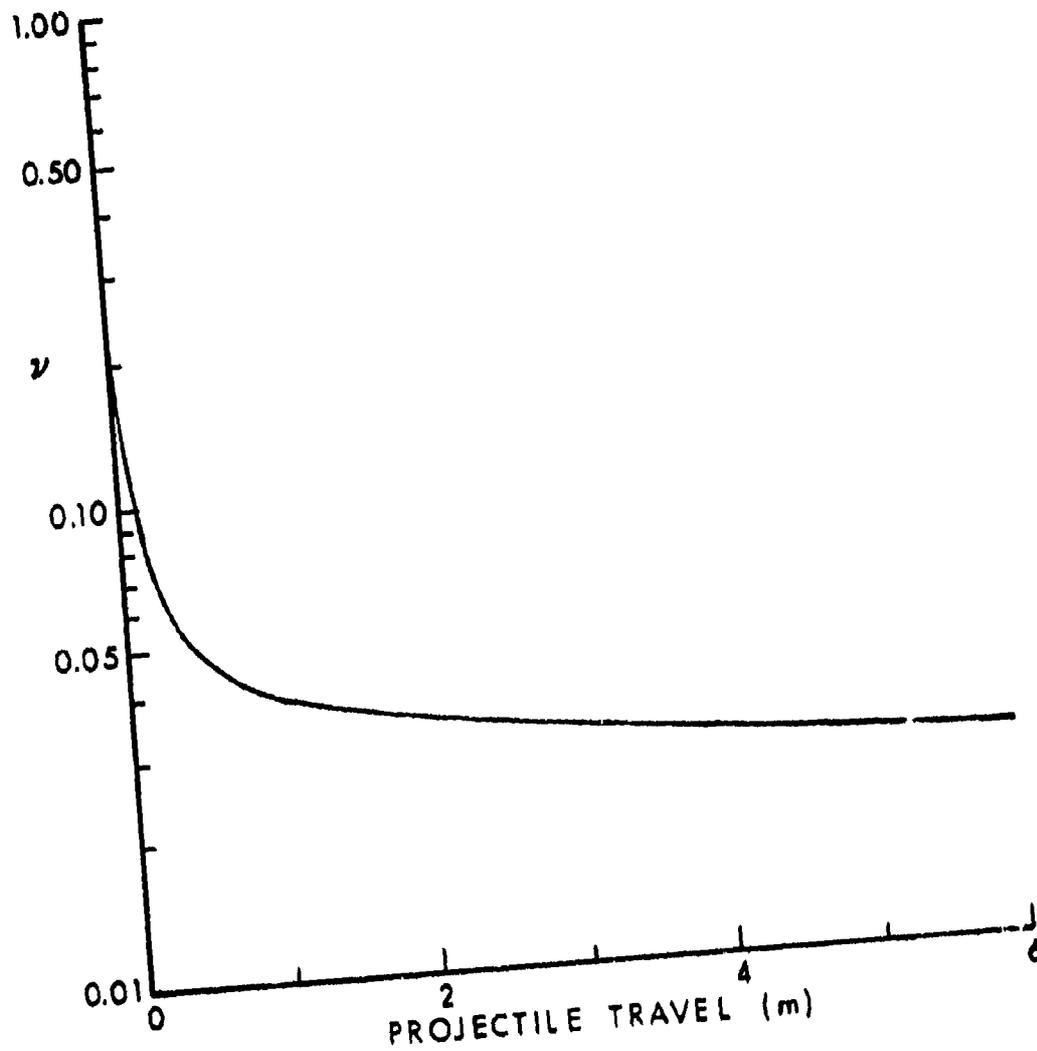


Figure 3. Rotating-band friction coefficient of 8-inch M106 projectile as a function of displacement from breech. The pressure at the rotating-band is estimated as  $3.1 \times 10^8$  Pa.

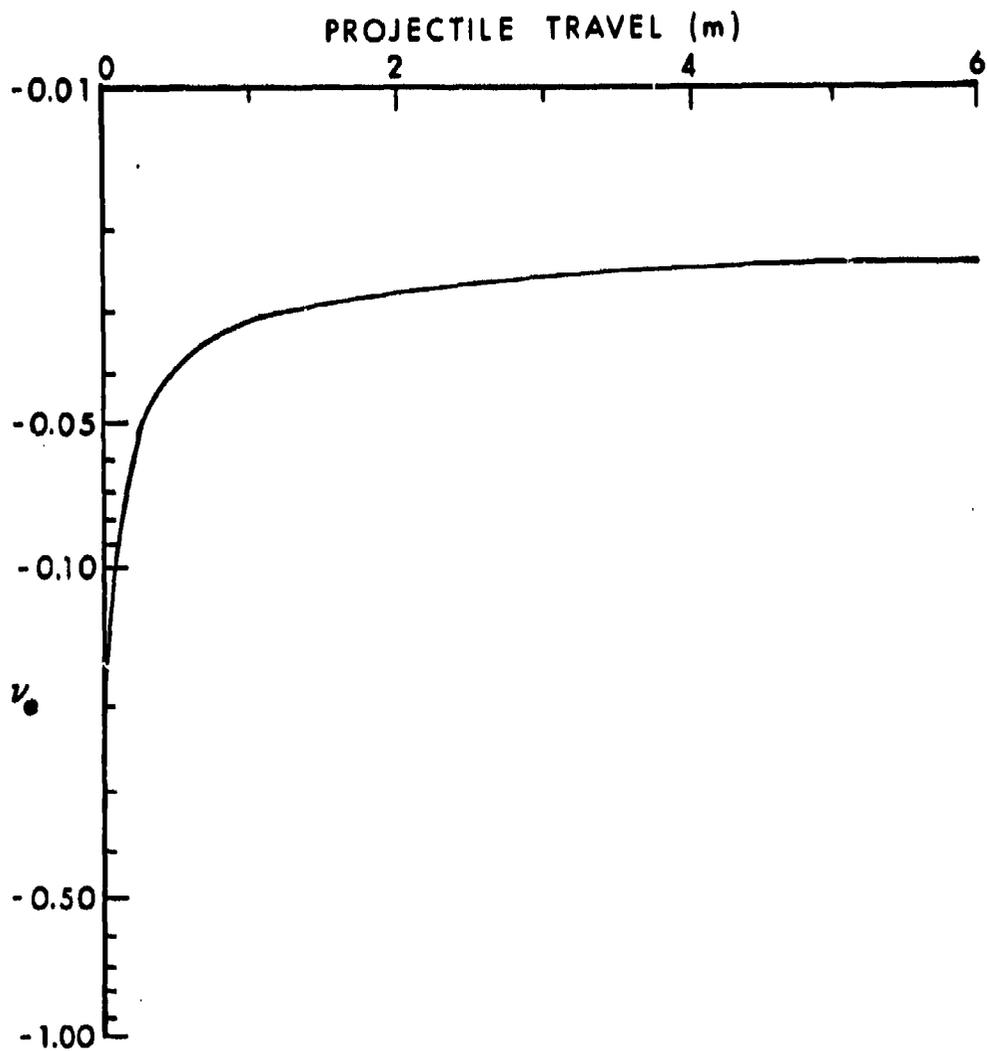


Figure 4. Effective friction coefficient of 8-inch M106 projectile as a function of displacement from breech.

of the same order of magnitude as found for gilding metal bands.

It might seem that during the reaction impulse, the liquid film could become much reduced in thickness and essentially solid-to-solid contact could be made. This form of contact would tend to raise the effective coefficient of friction. Appendix D discusses this possibility. In this Appendix, it is shown that the liquid layer is thinned only an insignificant amount and solid-to-solid contact is not made.

#### IV. DISCUSSION

It is not likely that large values for the effective friction coefficient would be encountered in practice. From liquid film theory, Appendix D shows that  $v_e$  is at most  $10^{-3}$ . For special circumstances, however, the effective coefficient of friction could possibly become much larger than the liquid theory would predict. Perhaps, for some projectiles, the rotating band could wear away to such an extent that the band pressure would be much reduced; a liquid film might no longer be present. Then, according to Bowden and also the Pilcher and Wineholt<sup>15</sup> formulation, the effective coefficient of friction might be near 0.2. Balloting energy growth still cannot occur for this situation. If, however, Walker's values for friction coefficients were used, the effective coefficient of restitution would be  $e_e = 1.02$  ( $e = 0.7$ ) and balloting energy growth could occur, although at a much slower maximum rate than predicted by Walker. Here,  $R = -0.615$ , while if Walker's value of  $R = -1$  is used ("Equal to and opposite reaction force") the balloting energy growth would be almost as great as he obtained.

If the Pilcher and Wineholt<sup>15</sup> formulation is used, Figure 4 shows that the effective coefficient of friction is a negative quantity. According to Eq. (23) and since  $R$  is negative,  $e_e < e$ . In fact, since  $v_e$  is negative,  $e$  would be the upper-bound value for the effective coefficient of restitution. These negative values for  $v_e$  cause damping of the balloting motion and a more rapid balloting-energy decay rate.

As mentioned earlier, the negative values of  $v_e$  are contrary to the results of liquid film theory. Although Pilcher and Wineholt's formulation appears to be generally creditable, no detailed experimental data were available for correlation studies at the higher pressures and velocities encountered in the gun-tube environment. They did, however, have data from shell-pusher experiments of the higher pressures but low velocities. They then extrapolated to

obtain a formulation predicting the coefficients of friction at higher pressures and velocities. For  $v$ , their formulation agrees roughly with the Herzfeld and Kosson theoretical results. Nevertheless, the corresponding effective coefficients of friction differ in a dramatic fashion, although both formulations predict small magnitudes for  $v_0$ . Thus, it is asserted with some confidence that  $e_0$  will be less than one. Since gun-tube and projectile damage does occasionally occur, it would be interesting to hypothesize further as to how damage could have occurred. Suppose the impact and reaction impulses happened simultaneously. The resulting expression for the impact impulse is given by Eq. (11). It is assumed that the effective friction coefficient is positive, while the bourrelet friction coefficient is about 0.2. The value of  $R$  is normally negative. Now, suppose by some accident or design flaw, the effective value of "a" might be decreased considerably, even to the point where the magnitude of the first term would be comparable to the magnitude of the second term. Then, the impact impulse could possibly become large enough so that the gun-bore surface could be damaged even though the balloting energy might be small.

#### V. SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

The dynamics of the projectile motion as proposed by Walker have been corrected. Then, instead of examining the details of the balloting motion to obtain energy growth rates, it was decided to simplify the analysis by seeking an upper bound for the energy growth rate. This was done by adopting the following model for projectile in-bore motion: the maximum value for the reaction impulse is used, axial torque on the projectile is ignored, and it is assumed that the reaction impulsive torque due to friction forces is applied immediately after the impact and reaction impulses occur. From this model, the effective coefficient of restitution is found to be a linear function of the effective friction coefficient for the driving band.

The range of these values is known approximately from experiment; since these values are small, it can be concluded that the balloting energy can only decrease from its initial value. This conclusion applies to both metallic and plastic rotating bands. Other mechanisms must be sought to explain balloting-energy growth, if it does occur.

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APPENDIX A. DEVELOPMENT OF THE DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS OF MOTION

In this Appendix, the differential equations of motion are developed in detail. The kinetic energy, according to Eq. (3), is given as

$$T = \frac{1}{2}I(\dot{\theta}^2 + \dot{\phi}^2 \sin^2\theta) + \frac{1}{2}A(\dot{\psi} + \dot{\phi} \cos\theta)^2 \quad (3)$$

The potential energy is given as

$$V = m \ddot{s}h \cos \theta \quad (4)$$

As before, the Lagrange equations are

$$\frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_i} - \frac{\partial L}{\partial q_i} = Q_i \quad (5)$$

where

$$q_1 = \theta; q_2 = \phi; q_3 = \psi \quad (6)$$

The generalized force  $Q_1$  in the  $\theta$  direction is simply the torque about the line of nodes (the  $\xi$  axis in Figure 1). The expression for  $Q_1$  is

$$Q_1 = -z \tilde{\eta} + \eta \tilde{z} - z_b \tilde{\eta}_b + \eta_b \tilde{z}_b, \quad (A1)$$

where  $\tilde{\eta}$  and  $\tilde{z}$  are the forces on the bourrelet along  $\eta$  and  $z$  respectively. The subscript  $b$  refers to the quantities at the rotating band. These forces and also the generalized forces are positive in the direction of their respective increasing coordinate values. From the geometry of Figure 2 we have that

$$z = a \cos \theta - b \sin \theta, \quad (A2-a)$$

$$\eta = -b \cos \theta - a \sin \theta, \quad (A2-b)$$

$$\eta_b = r, \quad (A2-c)$$

$$z_b = 0. \quad (A2-d)$$

where  $r$  is the radius of the rotating band. Thus,

$$Q_1 = - (a \cos \theta - b \sin \theta) \tilde{\eta} - (b \cos \theta + a \sin \theta) \tilde{z} + r \tilde{z}_b, \quad (A3)$$

Equations (A2-c) and (A2-d) follow from assuming that the rotating band deforms into a sphere of radius  $r$ .

For the  $\phi$  coordinate, the torque will be in the z direction:

$$Q_2 = -n\tilde{\xi} - n_b\tilde{\xi}_b + N_a. \quad (A4)$$

Here  $N_a$  is the torque on the projectile transmitted through the rotating band.

From Eqs. (A2-b) and (A2-c), we have that

$$Q_2 = (b \cos \theta + a \sin \theta) \tilde{\xi} - r \tilde{\xi}_b + N_a, \quad (A5)$$

Again it is assumed that the rotating band deforms into a section of a sphere of radius  $r$  and thus the direction of  $N_a$  is along the gun-bore axis. Walker thought that  $N_a$  would lie along the projectile axis and so the last term in Eq. (A5) was multiplied by  $\cos \theta$ . For the  $\psi$  coordinate, the torque along  $z'$ -axis will be

$$Q_3 = -n'\tilde{\xi}' - n'_b\tilde{\xi}'_b + N_a \cos \theta \quad (A6)$$

Here we have that  $n' = -b$ ,  $n'_b = r$ ,  $\tilde{\xi}' = \tilde{\xi}$ , and  $\tilde{\xi}'_b = \tilde{\xi}_b$ . Thus we have

$$Q_3 = +b\tilde{\xi} - r\tilde{\xi}_b + N_a \cos \theta \quad (A7)$$

The Lagrange equations in Eulerian coordinates become, from Eqs. (3) through (6) and (A1) through (A7)

$$I\ddot{\theta} - I\dot{\phi}^2 \sin \theta \cos \theta + A(\dot{\psi} + \dot{\phi} \cos \theta)\dot{\phi} \sin \theta - m\ddot{h} \sin \theta = \\ - (a \cos \theta - b \sin \theta)\tilde{\eta} - (b \cos \theta + a \sin \theta)\tilde{z} + r\tilde{z}_b, \quad (A8)$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} [I\dot{\phi} \sin^2 \theta + A(\dot{\psi} + \dot{\phi} \cos \theta) \cos \theta] = \\ (b \cos \theta + a \sin \theta) \tilde{\xi} - r \tilde{\xi}_b + N_a \quad (A9)$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} [A(\dot{\psi} + \dot{\phi} \cos \theta)] = +b\tilde{\xi} - r\tilde{\xi}_b + N_a \cos \theta. \quad (A10)$$

The final terms in Equations (A9) and (A10) differ from Walker's<sup>5</sup> formulation, as pointed out earlier; otherwise, Walker obtained essentially the same equations.

We can now examine the generalized forces in greater detail. The forces  $\eta$ ,  $z$  and  $\xi$  act on the projectile during the impact of the bourrelet. The  $z$  and  $\xi$  forces are caused by the presence of friction during impact. Adopting Thomas' assumption,<sup>3</sup> one has

$$\tilde{\xi}^2 + \tilde{z}^2 = \mu^2 \tilde{\eta}^2 . \quad (\text{A11})$$

The direction of the  $\tilde{\xi}$  force will be opposite to the direction of the  $\xi$  component of velocity at the bourrelet's point of contact. Since the motion of the shell is in the positive  $z$  direction and  $\tilde{z}$  is a frictional component of force,  $\tilde{z}$  is in the negative  $z$  direction. Thus, according to Thomas:

$$\frac{\tilde{\xi}}{b(\dot{\psi} + \dot{\phi} \cos \theta) + a \dot{\phi} \sin \theta} = -\frac{\tilde{z}}{\dot{z}} . \quad (\text{A12})$$

The direction of  $\tilde{\xi}$  may now be investigated. The quantity  $\dot{\alpha} = \dot{\psi} + \dot{\phi} \cos \theta$  is simply the angular velocity about the body symmetry axis and is a known quantity from the relationship:

$$\dot{\alpha} = \pi \dot{z} / (rn) . \quad (\text{A13})$$

Here  $n$  is the number of calibers traveled by the projectile while making one revolution. Since  $\sin \theta$  is a small quantity and it is expected that  $\dot{\phi}$  might be similar in magnitude to  $\dot{\alpha}$ , we can, using Eq. (A13), approximate Eq. (A12) by,

$$\tilde{\xi} = \pi \tilde{z} / n . \quad (\text{A14})$$

Since the  $z$ -component of the impact force is negative, the  $\xi$ -component of the force is also negative from Eq. (A14). Substituting Eq. (A14) into Eq. (A11), we obtain

$$\tilde{z} = \mu n / (1 + \pi^2 / n^2)^{1/2} . \quad (\text{A15})$$

It is a bit more involved to obtain the band frictional forces to be used in the expressions for torque. From Appendix C, it is obtained that

$$\tilde{\xi}_b = 0, \quad (\text{A16})$$

$$\tilde{z}_b = v_e \tilde{\eta}_b / (1 + \pi^2 / n^2)^{1/2} . \quad (\text{A17})$$

Here  $v_e$  is the effective friction defined in Appendix C. Walker's development differs only in Equations (A16) and (A17).

## APPENDIX B. ANALYSIS OF TIME LAG MODEL

As discussed earlier, the time-lag model is constructed consistently with Walker's assertion that the reaction impulse can occur after the bourrelet impacts the lands of the bore. First consider the impact process.

From Eqs. (7) and (8), the transverse momentum given by the bourrelet impact is

$$m(\dot{\eta}_{cg})_1 - m(\dot{\eta}_{cg})_0 = P_{\eta} \quad , \quad (B1)$$

where  $P_{\eta}$  is the impact impulse. Additionally, using Eq. (A15), the impulsive torque about the center of gravity may be obtained:

$$mk^2\dot{\theta}_1 - mk^2\dot{\theta}_0 = - (a-h) P_{\eta} + \frac{b\mu P_{\eta}}{(1 + \pi^2/n^2)^{1/2}} \quad . \quad (B2)$$

The other impulsive equations of motion obtained from Eq. (7) are not pertinent to the analysis. The initial conditions are given as

$$(\dot{\eta}_{cg})_0 = - h \omega, \quad (B3)$$

$$\dot{\theta}_0 = \omega \quad . \quad (B4)$$

In addition, it is postulated that the coefficient of restitution is known or can be estimated so that

$$(\dot{\eta}_{cg})_1 = e h \omega \quad (B5)$$

where  $e$  is the coefficient of restitution. Immediately it is seen from Eqs. (B1), (B3) and (B5) that

$$P_{\eta} = m h \omega (e+1) \quad . \quad (B6)$$

Then substituting Eqs. (B6) and (B4) into Eq. (B2), we obtain

$$\dot{\theta}_1 = - \frac{\omega}{k^2} \{ h(a-h-b\mu G) (e+1) - k^2 \} \quad , \quad (B7)$$

where

$$G = 1 / (1 + \pi^2/n^2)^{1/2} \quad .$$

Now the reaction impulse process may be examined. From Eqs. (7) and (8), the transverse momentum given by the reaction impulse at the rotating band is

$$m(\dot{\eta}_{cg})_2 - m(\dot{\eta}_{cg})_1 = (P_{\eta})_b \quad (B8)$$

The impulsive torque is given by

$$mk^2\dot{\theta}_2 - mk^2\dot{\theta}_1 = h(P_{\eta})_b + bGv_e(P_{\eta})_b \quad (B9)$$

In addition, since the projectile must rotate about the center of the rotating band,

$$(\dot{\eta}_{cg})_2 = -h\dot{\theta}_2 \quad (B10)$$

Eliminating  $(P_{\eta})_b$  between Eqs. (B8) and (B9), using Eq. (B7) to eliminate  $\dot{\theta}_1$  from the result and finally using Eqs. (B5) and (B10) to eliminate  $(\dot{\eta}_{cg})_1$  and  $(\dot{\eta}_{cg})_2$ , we obtain

$$\dot{\theta}_2 = -\frac{\omega[ehGv_e b - h^2 + h(a - Gbu)(e+1) - k^2]}{[h(h + Gv_e b) + k^2]} \quad (B11)$$

The value of  $(P_{\eta})_b$  may be found by substituting Eqs. (B5), (B10) and (B11) into Eq. (B8):

$$(P_{\eta})_b = \frac{mh\omega(e+1)[h(a - h - Gbu) - k^2]}{h(h + Gv_e b) + k^2} \quad (B12)$$

Utilizing Eqs. (B6) and (B12), the following ratio can be obtained:

$$R \equiv (P_{\eta})_b / P_{\eta} = \frac{h(a - h - Gbu) - k^2}{h(h + Gv_e b) + k^2} \quad (B13)$$

With the rebound angular velocity  $\dot{\theta}_2$  obtained, the effective coefficient of restitution may be obtained. From Eq. (B11) it is seen that the effective coefficient of restitution is

$$e_e = \frac{[ehGv_e b - h^2 + h(a - Gbu)(e+1) - k^2]}{h(h + Gv_e b) + k^2} \quad (B14)$$

where  $e_e \equiv -\dot{\theta}_2/\omega$ .

The quantities  $a$ ,  $h$ ,  $k$  and  $b$  may be nondimensionalized by the quantity  $2b$  to obtain these quantities in calibers. One then obtains that

$$e_e = \frac{[eh' Gv_e + h' (2a' - Gu) (e+1) - 2h'^2 - 2k'^2]}{[h' (2h' + Gv_e) + 2 k'^2]} \quad (B15)$$

### APPENDIX C. THE EFFECTIVE BORE COEFFICIENT OF FRICTION

The rotating band is subjected to a net transverse force of magnitude  $|\eta|$ . The frictional force per unit area " $f$ " on the rotating band will vary around the driving band since the pressure on the rotating-band's periphery vary. A net torque is then produced about C, shown in Figure 2, having a direction lying approximately in the plane of the rotating band. If the pressure distribution and coefficient of friction are known as functions of pressure, the total torque may be found according to

$$\vec{N} = \int (\vec{r} \times \hat{f}) dS + (\vec{N}_e)_a \quad (C1)$$

where  $\hat{f}$  is a unit force vector that lies parallel to the land in the direction of the breech,  $f$  is the magnitude of  $\hat{f}$ ,  $\vec{r}$  is the position vector to the surface of the rotating band and  $S$  is the area of the rotating band. Here also,  $(\vec{N}_e)_a$  is the axial torque developed by the rifling on the rotating band and lies along the gun-bore axis.

For  $F_t$  small enough, we can consider that  $f$  is perturbed from  $f_0$ , the value of  $f$  with no lateral forces, by the amount  $\Delta f$ . Equation (C1) then can be expressed as

$$\vec{N} = \int (\vec{r} \times f_0 \hat{f}) dS + \int (\vec{r} \times \Delta f \hat{f}) dS + (\vec{N}_e)_a \quad (C2)$$

But since  $f_0$  is constant about the band's periphery, the first term is simply a  $\vec{0}$  vector along the gun-bore direction. The first and third term when added together will be called the net axial torque  $N_a$ . Subtracting  $\vec{N}_a$  from  $\vec{N}$ , we obtain what is called the perturbation torque  $\vec{N}_p$ :

$$\vec{N}_p = \int (\vec{r} \times \hat{f} \Delta f) dS \quad (C3)$$

But since

$$f = p \nu(p, V_p) \quad (C4)$$

where  $\nu$  is the bore coefficient of friction, then

$$\Delta f = \left( \nu + p \frac{\partial \nu}{\partial p} \right) \Delta p \quad (C5)$$

If we define

$$\nu_e = \nu + p \frac{\partial \nu}{\partial p} \quad (C6)$$

then substituting Eqs. (C5) and (C6) into Eq. (C3), we obtain

$$\vec{N}_p = v_e \int (\vec{r} \times \Delta p \hat{f}) dS \quad (C7)$$

since  $v_e$  depends upon the unperturbed value of  $p$ .

If the pressure perturbation distribution is not known, a maximum value for the magnitude of  $\vec{N}_p$  can be found by assuming that the pressure perturbation occurs only at the extrema of  $\Delta f$ . Furthermore, if we assume that the minimum value of  $\Delta f$  is just the negative of the maximum value of  $\Delta f$ , the following simple equation is obtained:

$$\vec{N}_p = -v_e b |\vec{n}| G \hat{k}, \quad (C8)$$

where  $b$  is the approximate radius of the rotating band and  $G = -\hat{f} \cdot \hat{k}$ . The unit vector  $\hat{k}$  is in the direction of increasing  $z$  along the gun-bore axis. Here, we see that  $\vec{N}_p$  is a vector lying along the line of nodes shown in Figure 1 and is simply a transverse torque. With these assumptions, the differential equations of motion are simplified somewhat from Walker's formulation<sup>5</sup>.

The torque will also lie along the line of nodes for somewhat more general descriptions of the distribution of  $\Delta p$ . If  $\Delta p$  is an odd function of  $\eta$  and an even function of  $\xi$ , it can also be shown that a transverse torque is developed along the line of nodes. A more realistic value than obtained in Equation (C8) is then obtained for  $\vec{N}_p$ . We assume that  $\Delta p$  varies as the sine of the angular displacement from the line of nodes. The vector  $\vec{N}_p$  is then found as

$$\vec{N}_p = -v_e G b F_t \hat{k} / 2 \quad (C9)$$

#### APPENDIX D. EFFECTIVE FRICTION COEFFICIENT FOR A MOLTEN-FILM THEORY

We want to find the change in the band frictional forces on both the side where the reaction force is applied and the side opposite. These resultant forces will cause a transverse torque to be exerted on the projectile. A measure of the importance of this torque in determining the energy-growth rate is the effective coefficient of friction  $\nu_e$ . An order of magnitude value for  $\nu_e$  is obtained in this Appendix.

The liquid film theory of Herzfeld and Kosson will be used. They assume that the liquid layer has a linear velocity profile; therefore, we have that the friction force is

$$F_f = \mu_l V_p S/\delta. \quad (D1)$$

where  $\mu_l$  is the viscosity for the liquid,  $V_p$  is the velocity of the projectile and  $S$  is the surface area of the driving band. Here,  $\delta$  is the initial thickness of the film and is determined from energy balance considerations. That is, the rate of doing work on the film equals the heat flow rate into the band plus the heat flow rate into the gun tube plus the rate at which heat is carried away with the material lost from the film.

The rotating band and bore configuration will be approximated by two plane surfaces with a block of mass  $m_e$  between them. This configuration is shown in Figure 5 where the width of the block is given as  $2a_1$  and the length is, for the purposes of this analysis, much greater than the width. If the block is given a velocity  $(V_b)_0$  downward, the space between one plane surface and the block will widen while the other space narrows. A torque will then be generated by the resultant unbalanced frictional forces. This unbalanced frictional impulsive force will be, from Equation (D1):

$$\int \Delta F_f dt = 2 \mu_l V_p a_1 z_0 \int \left( \frac{1}{\delta_1} - \frac{1}{\delta_2} \right) dt \quad (D2)$$

where  $z_0$  is the length of the block,  $\delta_1$  is the value of  $\delta$  for the impacted side and  $\delta_2$  is the value for the other side. From Figure 5, it is apparent that  $\delta_2 - \delta = \delta - \delta_1$ . From some preliminary work, it was found that  $\delta_1$  is always near the initial value  $\delta$ . Thus, Equation (D2) may be approximated as

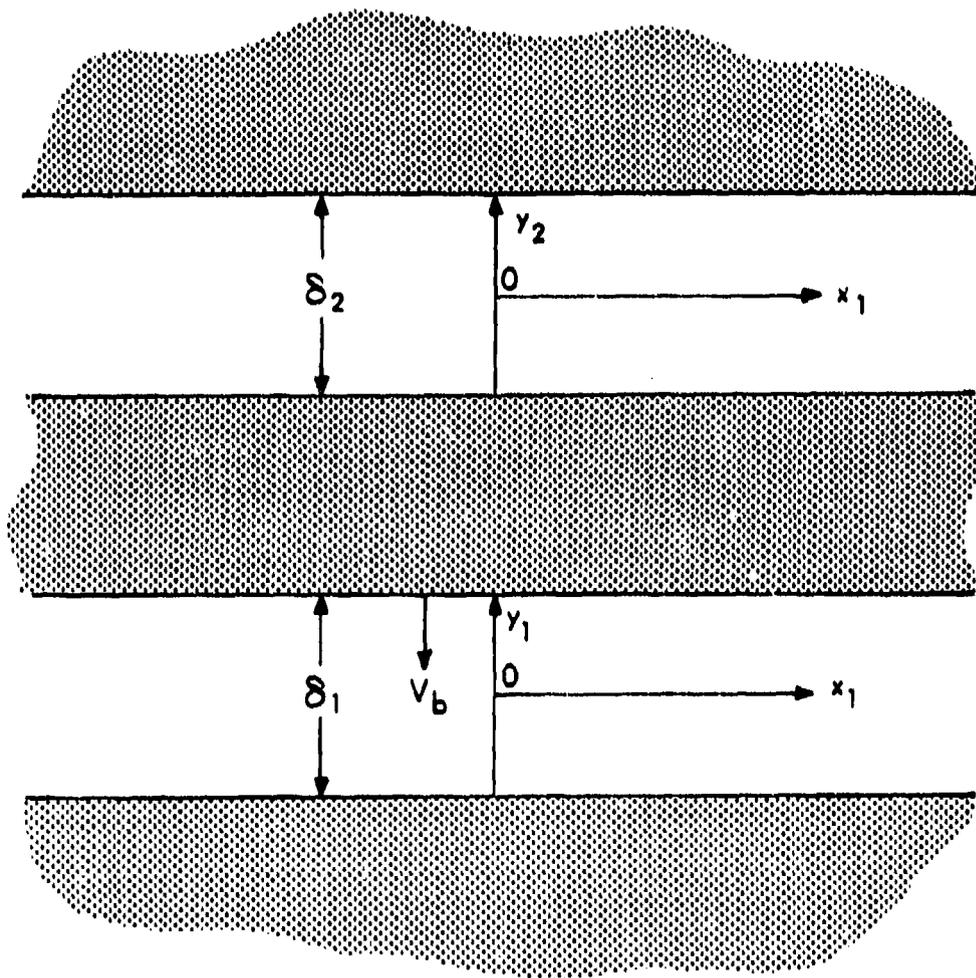


Figure 5. Movement of a block through liquid film that separates the block from two flat parallel surfaces.

$$\int \Delta F_f dt = \frac{4\mu_l V_p a_1 z_0}{\delta^2} \int (\delta - \delta_1) dt \quad (D3)$$

When the projectile has transited only a small fraction of the gun tube, Herzfeld and Kosson show that  $\delta$  may be approximated as

$$\delta = \frac{\mu_l V_p^{3/2}}{2(\rho_T c_T)^{1/2} T_b} \left( \frac{2\pi a_1}{k_T} \right)^{1/2} \quad (D4)$$

Where  $\rho_T$  is the mass density of the gun tube,  $c_T$  is the heat capacity of the gun-tube material per unit mass,  $T_b$  is the melting temperature of the rotating band and  $k_T$  is the thermal conductivity of the gun tube material.

We want to find an expression for  $\delta - \delta_1$  as a function of time so that the unbalanced impulsive frictional force may be determined. We return to Figure 5. If the block is given an initial velocity  $(V_b)_0$ , at some later time the velocity of the block will be  $V_b$  and the thicknesses of the upper and lower film will be  $\delta_2$  and  $\delta_1$  respectively. Coordinate systems may be constructed as shown with the origin of the coordinate systems placed halfway between the plane surfaces and the upper and lower surfaces of the block. The length of the block  $z_0$  is assumed large enough so that we can make the approximation that the fluid inflow and outflow travels essentially in a line parallel to the  $x_1$  axis. For small thicknesses of film, order-of-magnitude considerations by Schlichting<sup>17</sup> show that the Navier-Stokes equations may be approximated by

$$\frac{\partial^2 U_1}{\partial y_1^2} = \frac{1}{\mu_l} \frac{dp_1}{dx_1}; \quad \frac{\partial^2 U_2}{\partial y_2^2} = \frac{1}{\mu_l} \frac{dp_2}{dx_1} \quad (D5)$$

with boundary conditions

$$y_{1,2} = \pm \delta_{1,2}/2, U_{1,2} = 0; x_1 = \pm a_1, p_{1,2} = 0 \quad (D6)$$

Here  $U_{1,2}$  are the components of fluid velocity in the direction  $x_1$  and

17. H. Schlichting, *Boundary Layer Theory*, 6th ed., McGraw-Hill Book Company, Inc., New York, 1968, pp. 144-147, also pp. 108-114.

$p_{1,2}$  are the pressures that vary only in the  $x_1$  direction. The part of the solution of interest here is for  $p$ :

$$p_{1,2} = \pm \frac{6\mu_e V_b}{\delta_{1,2}^3} (a_1^2 - x_1^2), \quad (D7)$$

where the minus sign goes with the upper-part solution. Thus the resultant force per unit area at  $x_1$  is

$$p_r = 6 \mu_e V_b (a_1^2 - x_1^2) \left( \frac{1}{\delta_1^3} + \frac{1}{\delta_2^3} \right). \quad (D8)$$

Now the block loses kinetic energy according to

$$m_e V_b dV_b = - F_n d\delta_1, \quad (D9)$$

where  $F_n$ , the magnitude of the normal force, is given as

$$F_n = 2z_o \int_0^{a_1} p_r dx_1. \quad (D10)$$

Integrating Equation (D10), substituting the resulting expression for  $F_n$  into Equation (D9), and again integrating, we obtain, for  $\delta_{1,2}$  near  $\delta$ :

$$V_b = V_o + \frac{32z_o \mu_e a_1^3}{m_e} \left( \frac{1}{\delta^2} - \frac{1}{\delta_1^2} \right) \quad (D11)$$

Bowden and Tabor<sup>18</sup> obtained a somewhat similar result for a cylinder impinging upon a plane surface. Since  $V_b = -d\delta_1/dt$  and  $\delta$  is comparable in value to  $\delta_1$ , we obtain

$$\frac{d(\delta - \delta_1)}{dt} = - \frac{64z_o \mu_e a_1^3}{m_e \delta^3} (\delta - \delta_1) + V_o. \quad (D12)$$

18. F. P. Bowden and D. Tabor, *The Friction and Lubrication of Solids*, Oxford University Press, Amen House, London, 1950, pp. 272-279.

Defining a time constant  $\tau$  as

$$\tau \equiv \frac{m_e \delta^3}{64z_0 \mu_l a_1^3} , \quad (D13)$$

Equation (D12) may be integrated to obtain

$$\delta - \delta_1 = V_0 \tau [1 - \exp(-t/\tau)] . \quad (D14)$$

Here, we see that  $\tau$  is the time required for  $\delta - \delta_1$  to be  $(1 - e^{-1})$  times the maximum value for  $\delta - \delta_0$  and  $V_0 \tau$  is that maximum value.

We find the frictional impulsive force by substituting Equation (D14) into Equation (D3) and then integrating to obtain

$$\int_0^{t_v} \Delta F_f dt = \frac{m_e V_p V_0 \delta}{16 a_1^2} [t_v - \tau + \tau \exp(-t_v/\tau)] . \quad (D15)$$

The effective coefficient of friction would then be the frictional impulsive force divided by the lateral impulsive force  $m_e V_0$ . Thus,

$$v_e = \frac{\delta V_p}{16 a_1^2} [t_v - \tau + \tau \exp(-t_v/\tau)] . \quad (D16)$$

Here,  $t_v$  is the maximum time for which these equations approximate the actual conditions. This maximum time is unknown but might be expected to be governed by the actual fluid-flow details and melt processes. The value of  $\delta$  may be determined for the 8-inch M106 projectile. From Herzfeld and Kosson, we have

$$\mu_l = 0.035 \text{ poise}$$

$$k_T = 0.105 \text{ cal/cm/s/K}$$

$$\rho_T c_T = 1.053 \text{ cal/cm}^3/\text{K}$$

$$T_b \approx 10^3 \text{ K}$$

$$V_p = 8 \cdot 10^4 \text{ cm/s}$$

The value of  $a_1$  for the rotating band is

$$a_1 = 2.5 \text{ cm.}$$

Substituting these values in Equation (D4), we obtain  
 $\delta = 7 \cdot 10^{-4} \text{ cm.}$

The factors multiplying the bracket would be such that

$$v_e = 0.56 [t_v - \tau + \tau \exp(-t_v/\tau)]$$

If it is assumed that the equivalent mass  $m_e$  is approximately the mass of the shell ( $m = 4.43 \cdot 10^5 \text{ gm}$ ) and  $z_0 = 15 \text{ cm}$ ,  $\tau$  from Equation (D13) has the value  $\tau = 3 \cdot 10^{-7} \text{ s}$ . As mentioned earlier, it is not known how long these differences in film depth will be maintained. Certainly, if no other processes limited  $t_v$ , the values for  $t_v$  would be limited by the time between impacts. To obtain a time between impacts, the clearance between bourrelet and bore, distance between rotating band and bourrelet, moment of inertia and balloting energy all need to be known. From Walker, the clearance  $c$  is  $3.6 \cdot 10^{-4} \text{ m}$ ,  $a = 0.231 \text{ m}$  and  $I = 6.17 \text{ kg m}^2$ . A possible value for  $c$  with no balloting growth is 5 joules. With these values, it is found that the time between impacts would be .0024. Thus, we see that the effective coefficient of friction is at most approximately  $10^{-5}$ , an exceedingly small value.

It has previously been asserted that the final value of  $\delta_1$  is near  $\delta$ . This is an important result since, if appreciable thinning were to occur, solid-to-solid contact might occur, and  $v_e$  might become large. The extent of this thinning may be investigated with Equation (D11). When  $V_b = 0$ , then if  $\delta_1$  is near  $\delta$ ,

$$\frac{\delta - \delta_1}{\delta} = \frac{m_e V_0 \delta^2}{64 z_0 \mu_l a_1^3} \quad (D17)$$

Now equating  $m_e V_0$  with the expression for the reaction impulse given the rotating band at or after impact, rearranging the expression so it may be given in terms of the balloting energy  $e$  and substituting into Equation (D17), one finds:

$$\frac{\delta - \delta_1}{\delta} = \frac{(2I e)^{1/2} (1+e) |R| \delta^2}{64 z_0 \mu_l a a_1^3} \quad (D18)$$

Substituting the values previously used for the 8-inch M106 projectile,  
we obtain  $(\delta - \delta_1)/\delta \approx 0.006$ .

## LIST OF SYMBOLS

a	distance from bourrelet to rotating band
a'	nondimensioned value of a in calibers
a <sub>1</sub>	half width of the rotating band
A	axial moment of inertia
b	radius of the shell at the bourrelet
B	transverse moment of inertia about the CM of shell
c	clearance between bourrelet and bore of gun for zero yaw
c <sub>T</sub>	specific heat capacity for gun tube
C	center of the rotating band
e	coefficient of restitution
e <sub>e</sub>	effective coefficient of restitution with the late transverse torque taken into account
f	friction force per unit area at the rotating band
F	inertia force on shell
F <sub>f</sub>	total frictional force at band
r <sub>t</sub>	net reaction transverse force
G	$= 1/(1+\pi^2/n^2)^{1/2}$
h	distance from shell's center of mass to the plane of the rotating band
I	transverse moment of inertia about an axis in the plane of the rotating band
k	transverse radius of gyration about shell's center of mass
k̂	unit vector in direction of increasing z
k <sub>T</sub>	heat conductivity of the gun tube
L	system Lagrangian

LIST OF SYMBOLS (Continued)

$m$	mass of shell
$n$	twist of the rifling in calibers per revolution
$p$	pressure at the rotating band and bore interface
$p_{q_i}$	impulsive momentum imparted along the $i$ 'th coordinate
$q_i$	generalized coordinates
$Q_i$	generalized forces of constraint
$r$	radius of gun-tube bore
$s$	distance projectile has traveled in-bore
$S$	surface area of rotating band
$t$	time
$T$	kinetic energy of system
$U_{1,2}$	fluid velocity as a function of $x_1$ and $y_{1,2}$
$V_p$	velocity of projectile
$(V_b)_o$	initial velocity imported to the block in Figure 5
$V_b$	velocity of block in Figure 5
$x$	$x$ -component of nonrotating rectilinear coordinates fixed with reference to the gun-bore axis, the origin of the coordinates is the point C, the center of the rotating band
$x'$	$x'$ component of rectilinear coordinates fixed with reference to the shell; illustrated in Figure 1
$y$	the coordinate whose direction is perpendicular to the $x$ coordinate and the $z$ coordinate
$y'$	coordinate fixed with reference to shell; illustrated in Figure 1
$z$	coordinate along gun tube axis whose origin is the center of the rotating band
$z'$	coordinate along shell's axis whose origin is the center of the rotating band

LIST OF SYMBOLS (Continued)

$\hat{z}$	unit vector in direction of increasing $z$
$z_0$	length of block which represents rotating band in liquid film theory
$\dot{\alpha}$	shell spin rate as given by Thomas, $\dot{\alpha} = \pi \dot{z} / (rn)$
$\delta$	initial thickness of liquid film layer at rotating band
$\delta_1$	thickness of liquid film layer at position where reaction force is applied
$\delta_2$	thickness of liquid film layer at position opposite to where reaction force is applied
$\tau, \tau'$	coordinates involved in description of Euler angles; illustrated in Figure 1
$n, n'$	coordinates involved in description of Euler angles which are perpendicular to the line of nodes, illustrated in Figure 1
$\theta$	yaw angle, inclination of the shell axis from the gun-tube bore axis
$\Theta$	total angle swept out by the shell's axis in the $\theta$ direction, $\Theta = \int d \theta $
$\mu$	coefficient of friction between bourrelet and bore
$\mu_L$	viscosity for the liquid film
$\nu$	coefficient of friction between rotating band and bore
$\nu_e$	effective coefficient of friction between rotating band and bore
$\xi, \xi'$	coordinate along the line of nodes in the Euler angle scheme; see Figure 1
$\hat{\xi}$	unit vector lying along the line of nodes
$\rho_T$	mass density for gun-tube material
$\tau$	a measure of the duration of the rotating band's motion after application of a reaction impulse

LIST OF SYMBOLS (Continued)

$\phi$  angular position of the line of nodes; see Figure 1  
 $\psi$  spin angle about the projectile's axis; see Figure 1  
 $\omega$  angular velocity of shell

Subscripts

a refers to gun bore axis  
b rotating-band conditions  
cg center of mass conditions  
e effective values of quantities  
f refers to the frictional part of quantity  
l refers to liquid phase conditions  
p properties of projectile; perturbation properties  
r resultant conditions for a quantity  
T refers to the gun-tube material  
v refers to the maximum value of the time for equations to be valid

Superscripts

$\rightarrow$  denotes vector quantities  
 $\wedge$  denotes unit vector quantities  
 $\sim$  denotes force components for the corresponding coordinates

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