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Comparison of Slab and Cylinder Expansion Test Geometries for PBX 9501 SCOTT JACKSON, ERIC ANDERSON, TARIQ ASLAM, VON WHITLEY, Los Alamos National Laboratory — The slab expansion test or "sandwich test" is the two-dimensional analog of the axisymmetric cylinder expansion test. The test consists of a high-aspect-ratio rectangular cuboid of high explosive with the two large sides confined by a thin metal confiner. Analysis of the confiner motion after the passage of the detonation yields the detonation product isentrope, which is a specialized form of the product equation of state. The slab expansion geometry inherently exhibits a lower product expansion rate and lower plastic work on the confiner than the cylinder expansion geometry. The slab geometry does, however, have a shorter test time. We review recent slab and cylinder expansion data with PBX 9501, the associated equation of state analysis, and the advantages of each geometry for different applications.

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