

WaveTracker 3D: Speed and Accuracy in Detonation Shock Wave Modeling

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Technology description

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Accurately modeling detonation shock fronts is a critical challenge for explosive engineers in aerospace, defense, mining, drilling, and demolition. Currently available level set-based models use a computationally intensive process to model every point on a defined plane, resulting in extreme accuracy at speeds so slow that many users never run high resolution models at all. Particle-based models run more quickly, but are difficult to implement and likely to miss splits and merges in the wave front.

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DESCRIPTION/DETAILS

Dr. Scott Stewart and Dr. Sunhee Yoo created the algorithms used by WaveTracker 3D to enable better modeling in their detonation shock front research. The novel hybrid algorithm calculates level set points only in regions near the physical shock surface, using particle representation to interpolate onto the rest of the underlying grid. This dramatically reduces the computational intensity of the modeling process, and the resultant processing time, without a meaningful reduction in the precision of the model. Speed and accuracy meets convenience in WaveTracker 3D, the first explosive modeling solution available in a turnkey software package.

Application area

Aerospace

Defense

Mining / Oil Drilling

Demolition

Explosion protection design

Materials processing

Medicine

Pulsed power

Micro-cutting

Advantages

Software created specifically for explosive engineers

Models detonation shock fronts accurately in a fraction of the time used by the unbanded level-set method

Runs on Windows and Unix-based systems

Outputs time of arrival data for built-in visualization with OpenGL or external visualization software

Includes user manual and worked examples for rapid familiarization

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