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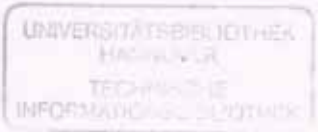
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PREFACE

This book originated from a series of short courses, sponsored by Computational Mechanics Associates, taught on this subject over the last four years. The voluminous notes developed for these courses became the core of this book.

It is our intent that this book provide an introduction to the basic aspects of shaped charges. We did not aim to provide exhaustive coverage of the subject. This would be an impossible task since much of the literature in this field is either classified or proprietary, insofar as specific items of hardware are concerned. What was obvious to us, from the first course onward, was the existence of a need for a basic text in this area. Thus, this book is not intended to be a "design handbook." We consistently stress the fundamental principles that must be understood before leaping into hardware design. This book will not tell the reader how to design or improve a specific hardware device. It does stress the principles and ideas that must be mastered to achieve such objectives.

The authors assume a basic background in the sciences, such as would be obtained in a first degree science or engineering curriculum in the United States. We assume also the ability to fluently convert between English and metric units as we mix both throughout the book, primarily for the sake of convenience.

Also, we deviated from the norm by relegating many figures and illustrations to the final chapter, our picture book of shaped charges. Those interested only in a brief introduction to the shaped charge field, without mathematical concepts and the like, should read Chapters 1-3 and 14. Other chapters may then be selected at will, depending on individual interest.

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