

Astonishing Breakthrough . . .

Team of Top Scientists Say They've Found the Secret of How UFOs Fly

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In a sensational scientific breakthrough, a team of three top French scientists report they have solved the mysteries of how UFOs are powered, why they hover like helicopters — and how they can zip through the air faster than sound without creating a sonic boom.

And the researchers say their discoveries show it's possible for Earth scientists to build a flying saucer within 8 to 10 years — and maybe far sooner.

Two members of the team already have built a working model of a UFO engine. They've also created a 2-inch model of a flying saucer which has achieved a simulated speed in a wind tunnel of three times the speed of sound — without producing a sonic boom.

The respected trio's discoveries are so breathtaking that even the austere French Academy of Sciences, so conservative it still doesn't officially admit UFOs exist, has published a scientific paper by one team member on flying saucer propulsion — complete with diagrams of a flying saucer.

And U.S. scientists are so impressed that they had two team members, physicist Dr. Jean-Pierre Petit and space scientist Dr. Claude Poher, discuss their discoveries at symposiums in Chicago, San Francisco, Los Angeles and New York.

Dr. Petit and astronomer-engineer Dr. Maurice Viton built their UFO engine — with the aid of Dr. Poher's statistical and aerodynamics knowledge — at Viton's laboratory in the government-run Astronomical Observatory in Marseille.

"It took Viton and me nearly 7 years to put our theory of UFO propulsion into practice in a laboratory model," revealed Petit, who spoke with *The ENQUIRER* in an exclusive interview at his home in Aix-en-Provence, France.

"On the basis of our experiments, we feel we're within 8 to 10 years of building a UFO on Earth. Then we'll be able to visit other solar systems just as UFOs now visit us. All the necessary elements are already available — it's simply a question of putting them in order."

Dr. Petit said his UFO engine is very complicated, utilizing both electromagnetic and nuclear energy. The working model is only about one cubic yard in size, but is capable of delivering enormous power, he said.

"Basically it's a miniature H-bomb — but with one vital difference," he explained. "An H-bomb releases an enormous amount of uncontrolled energy in the form of heat and shock waves. Our engine captures and harnesses that energy to provide tremendous thrust."

"In a flying saucer this energy is used to heat gases, causing them to expand and rush out through the top of the UFO. But, remarkably, a magnetic field pushes the gases downward along the craft's outer hull — providing lift to the craft."

Petit said the unique saucer shape of a UFO — a fact confirmed by thousands of sightings — enables it to move swiftly through the air without producing a loud crashing noise.

Prof. Poher agreed that UFOs are almost silent. "The loudest noise ever heard from a UFO has been a sound like bees in a hive," he noted. "That's exactly the sound produced by the Petit-Viton engine!"

"The UFO's saucer shape is also the

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reason it hovers and sways like a helicopter while landing. You can see this principle in action by sealing two dinner plates together and putting them in a bathtub filled with water. They'll sway like a helicopter as they sink to the bottom."

Dr. Poher added: "The Petit-Viton theory that UFOs use an electromagnetic field also explains why UFOs interfere with car radios and other equipment as they pass."

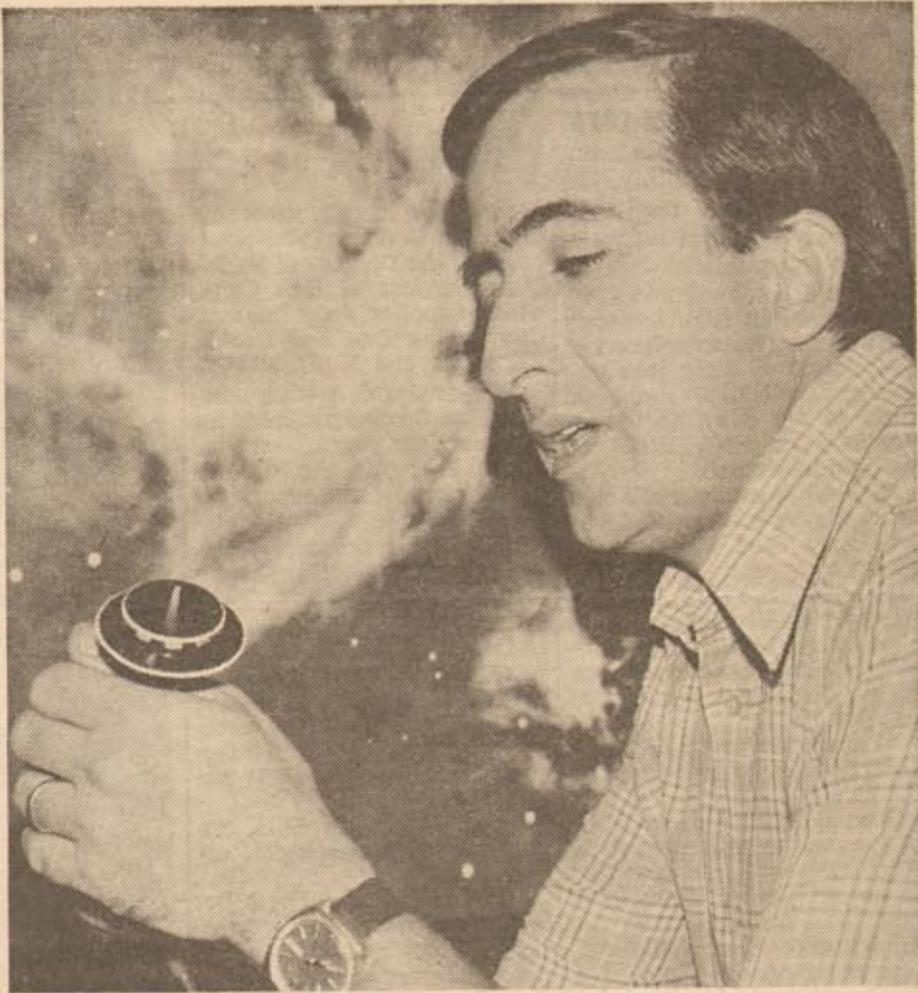
"And it explains the light associated with them."

"There's no question that the work done by Petit and Viton is brilliant — a sensational breakthrough."

The team of French scientists who cracked the mysteries surrounding UFOs are all highly respected researchers. They include:

• Prof. Claude Poher, 47, director of the Sounding Rockets Division at the National Center for Space Studies, the French equivalent of NASA. One of the designers of the supersonic Concorde jet, he is now working on the U.S. Skylab project. Recently, by using computers to analyze 35,000 UFO sightings, Dr. Poher proved UFOs really exist (*ENQUIRER*, April 13, 1976).

• Dr. Maurice Viton, 35, a leading French



UFO MODEL held by Dr. Maurice Viton against a background reproduction of the night sky, has achieved a simulated speed in a wind tunnel of three times the speed of sound, without producing a sonic boom. Viton's working model of a UFO engine is "basically a miniature H-bomb that harnesses the energy to provide tremendous thrust."

astronomer and engineer who developed the super-powered Atlas telescope used on Skylab. He is a laboratory head at the Astronomical Observatory in Marseille.

• Dr. Jean-Pierre Petit, 38, a plasma physicist and senior department head at the French Government's National Organization for Scientific Research.

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