

HIGH-STRAIN RATE LABORATORY

Probing and Processing Materials at High Pressures and High Strain Rates

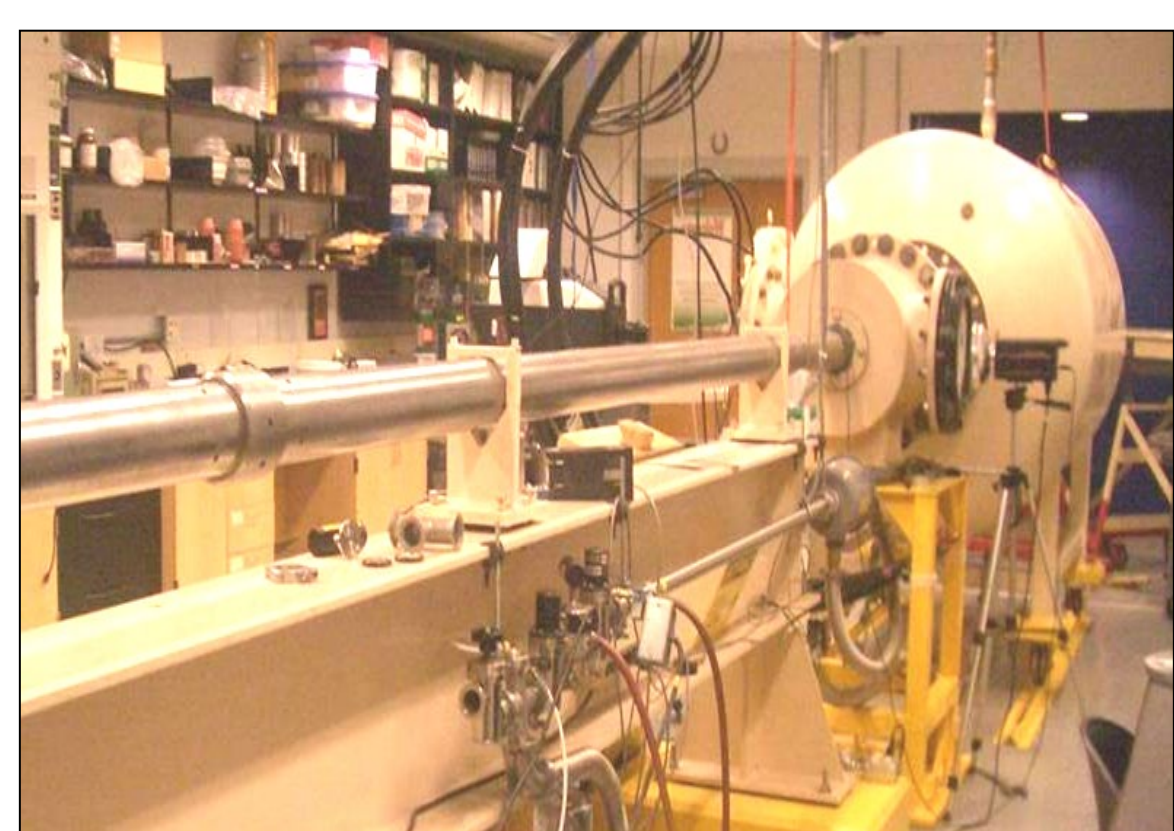
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LABORATORY CAPABILITIES

Launch Systems and Diagnostics

High velocity gas guns, 80 mm and 7.62 mm bore
3-Joule 1064 nm laser for mini-flyer launch or direct exposure

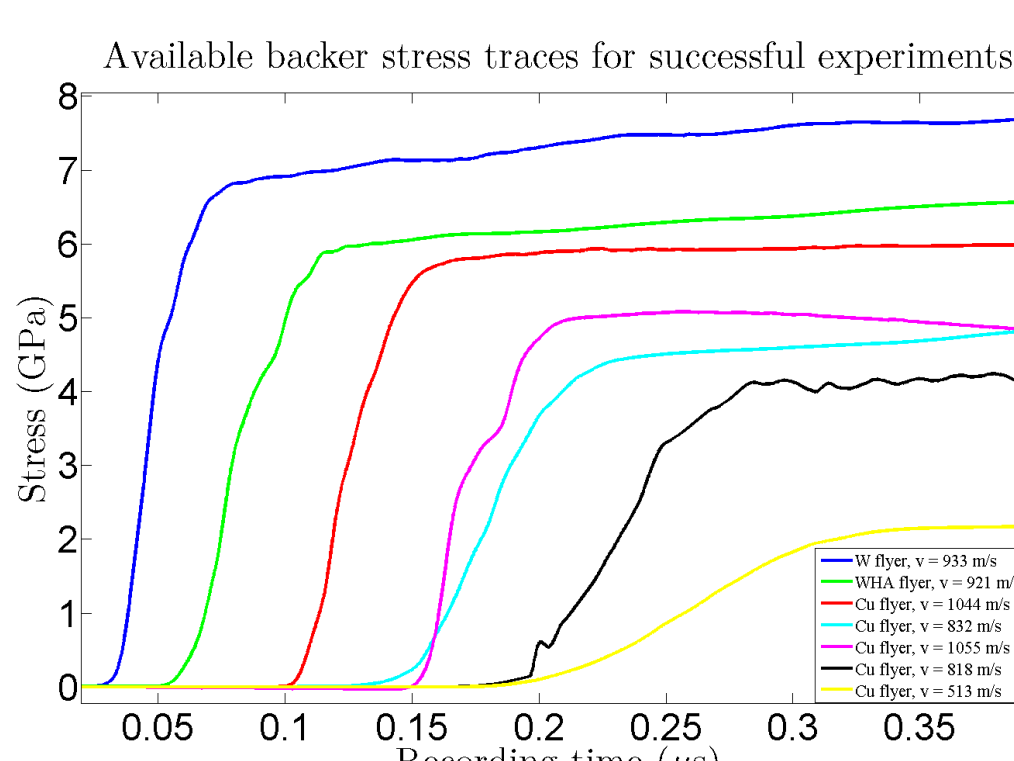
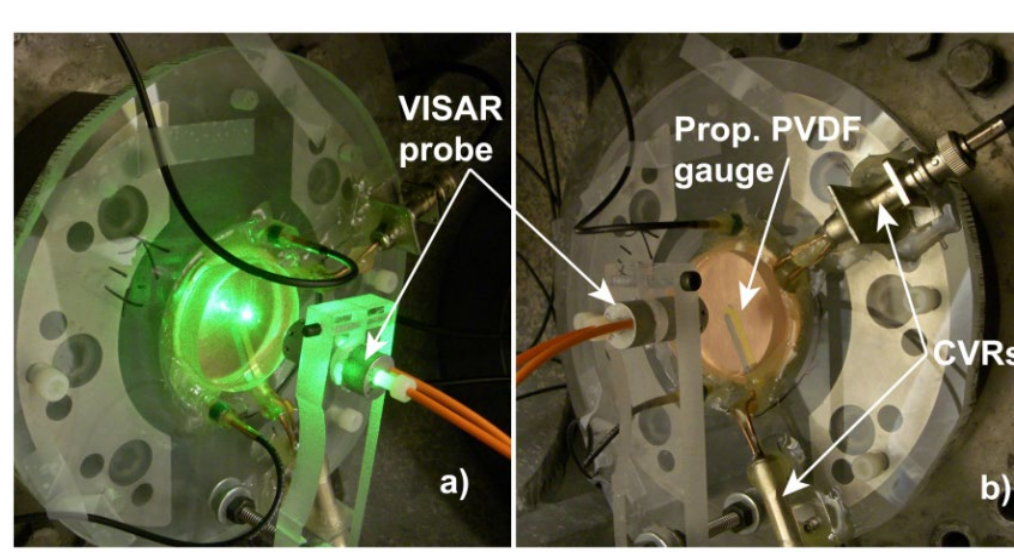
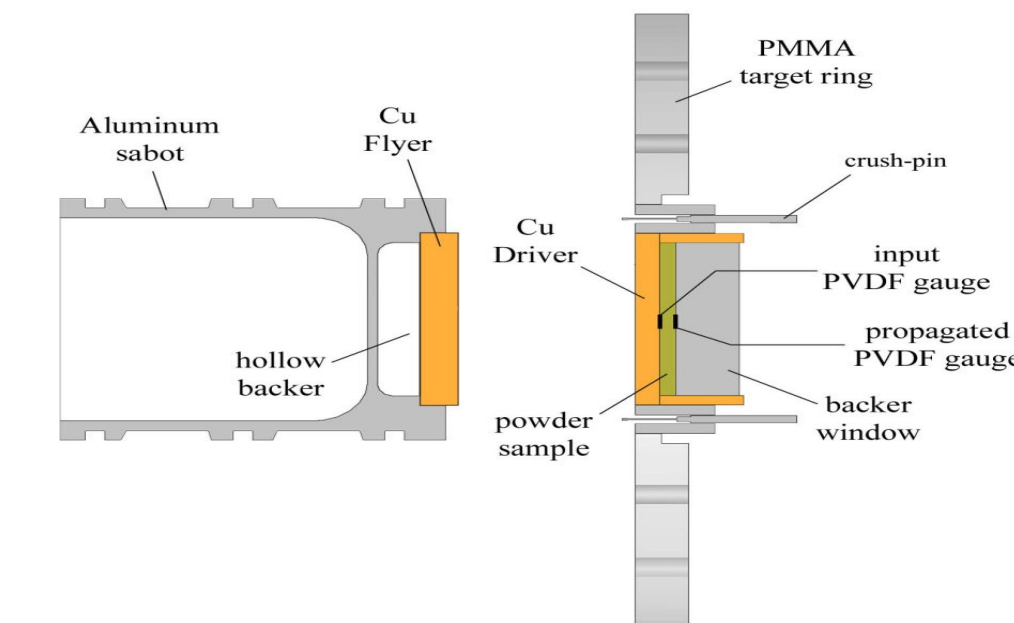
VISAR and PDV (laser interferometry) probes for velocity
PVDF and Manganin stress gauges for pressure
Cameras and spectrography with high time resolution



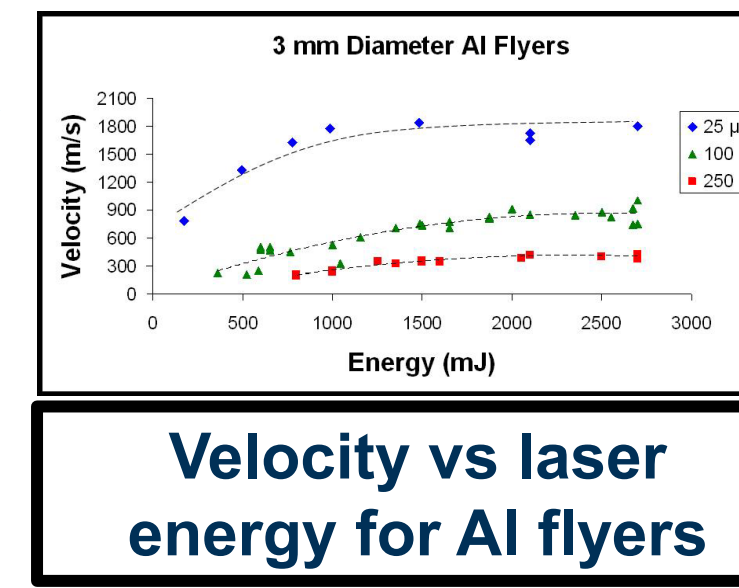
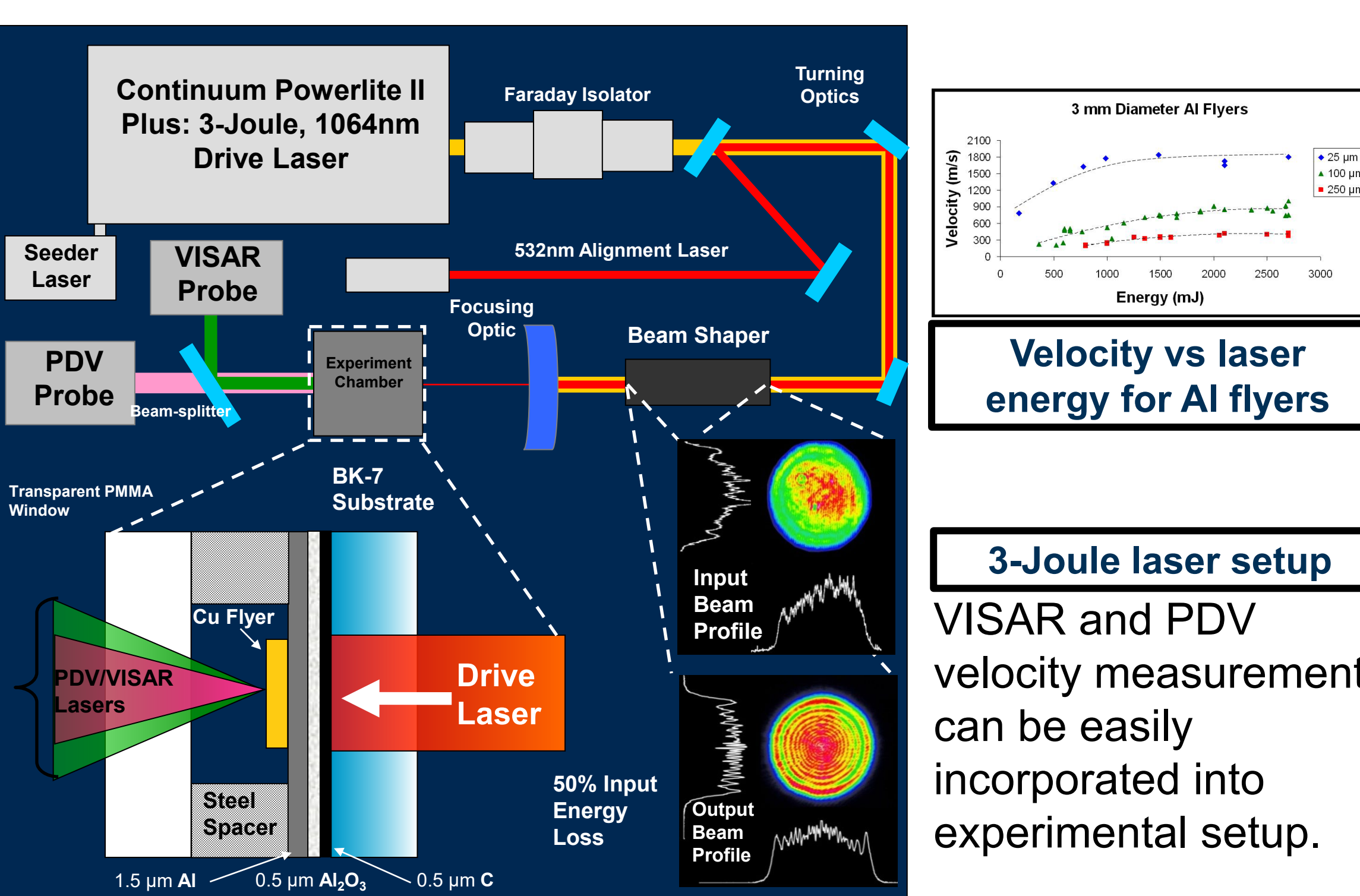
80-mm Gas Gun, 70 to 1200 m/s



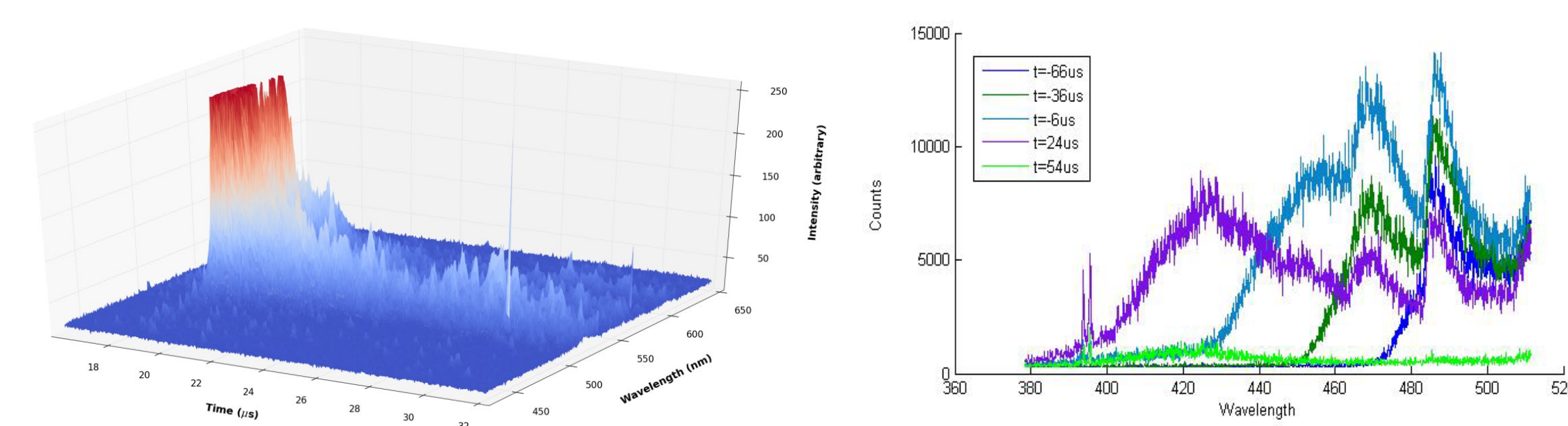
7.62-mm Gas Gun, 50 to 1000 m/s



Gas guns (left) and example experimental setup for 80-mm gas gun experiment (top right). Example PVDF pressure traces for different impact velocities (bottom right).



3-Joule laser setup
 VISAR and PDV velocity measurements can be easily incorporated into experimental setup.

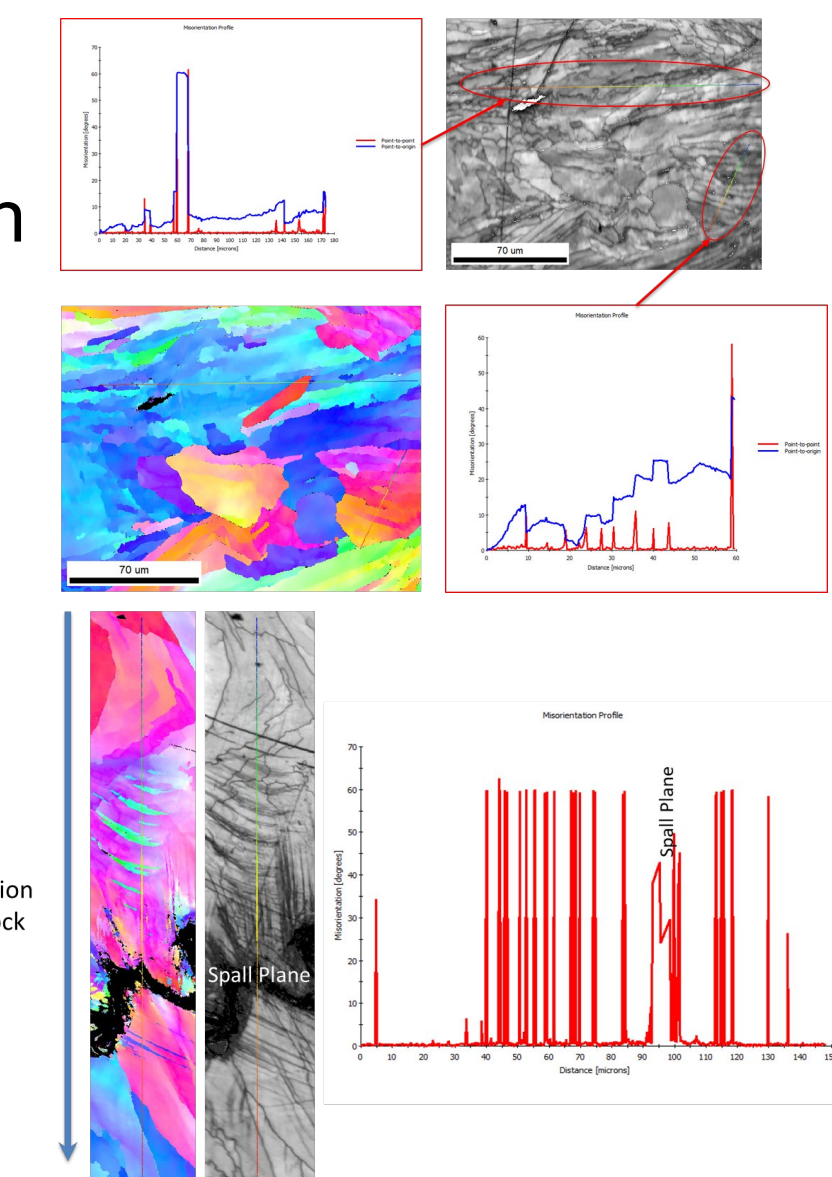
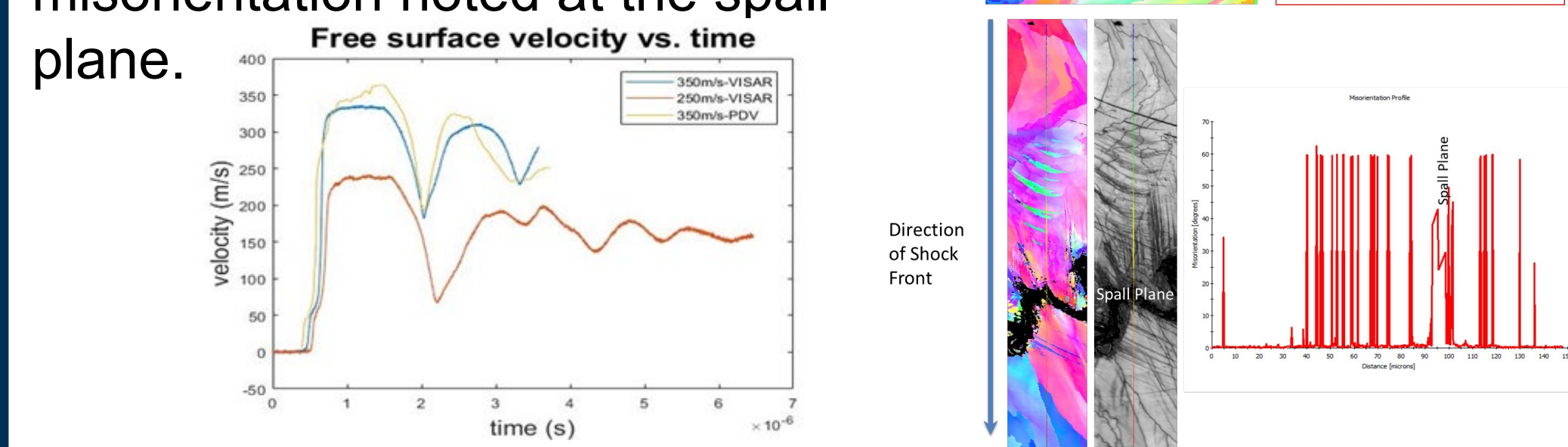


Examples of high time resolution spectroscopy: carbon plasma spectral emission (left), Aluminum reactions during shock compression (right)

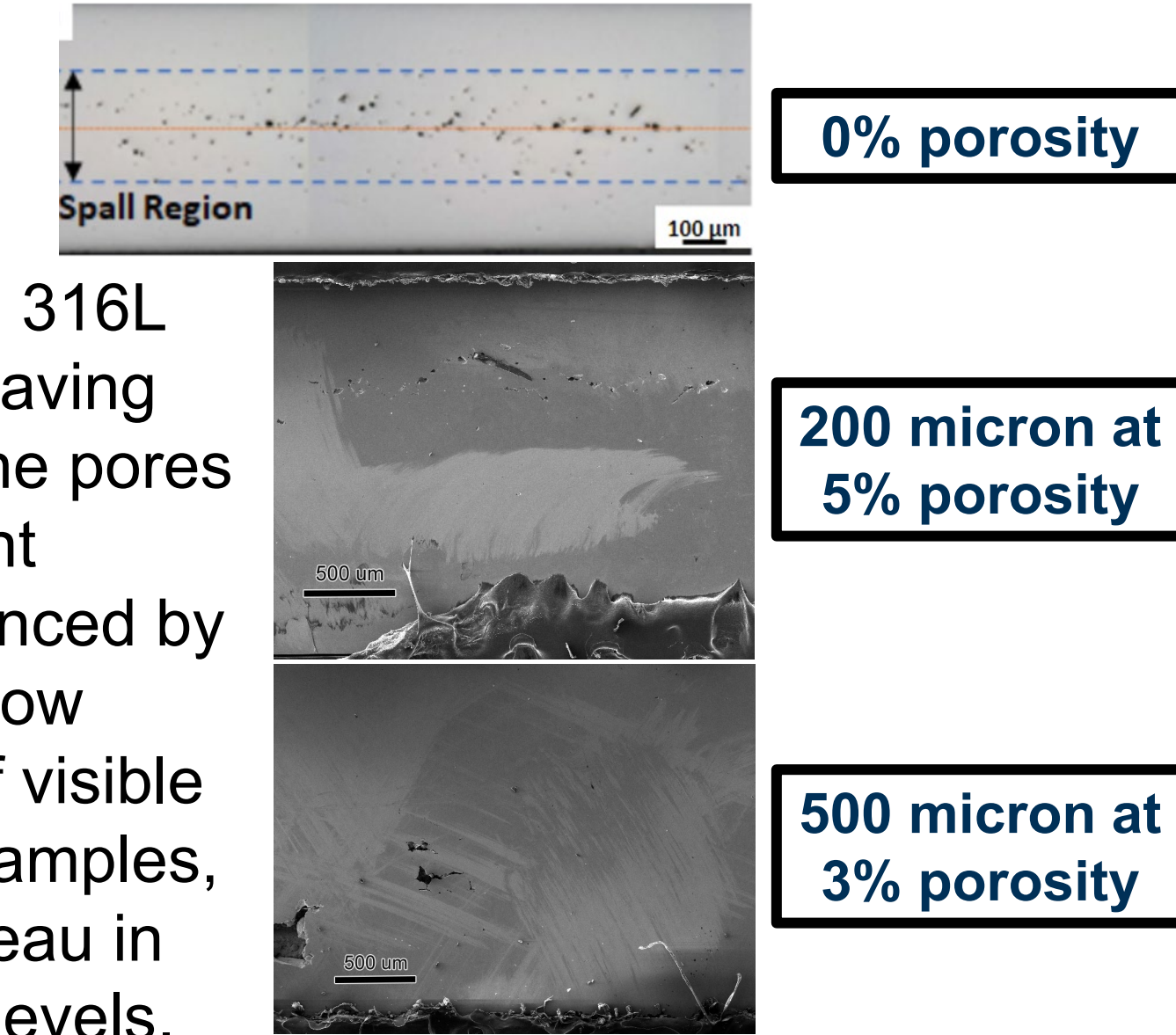
EXPERIMENTAL RESEARCH AREAS

Shock Response of 3D Printed 316L Stainless Steel

Microstructural response of 3D printed metals to shock tensile and compression depends on the relation between shock front direction and printing orientation. Extensive twinning, grain refinement and misorientation noted at the spall plane.

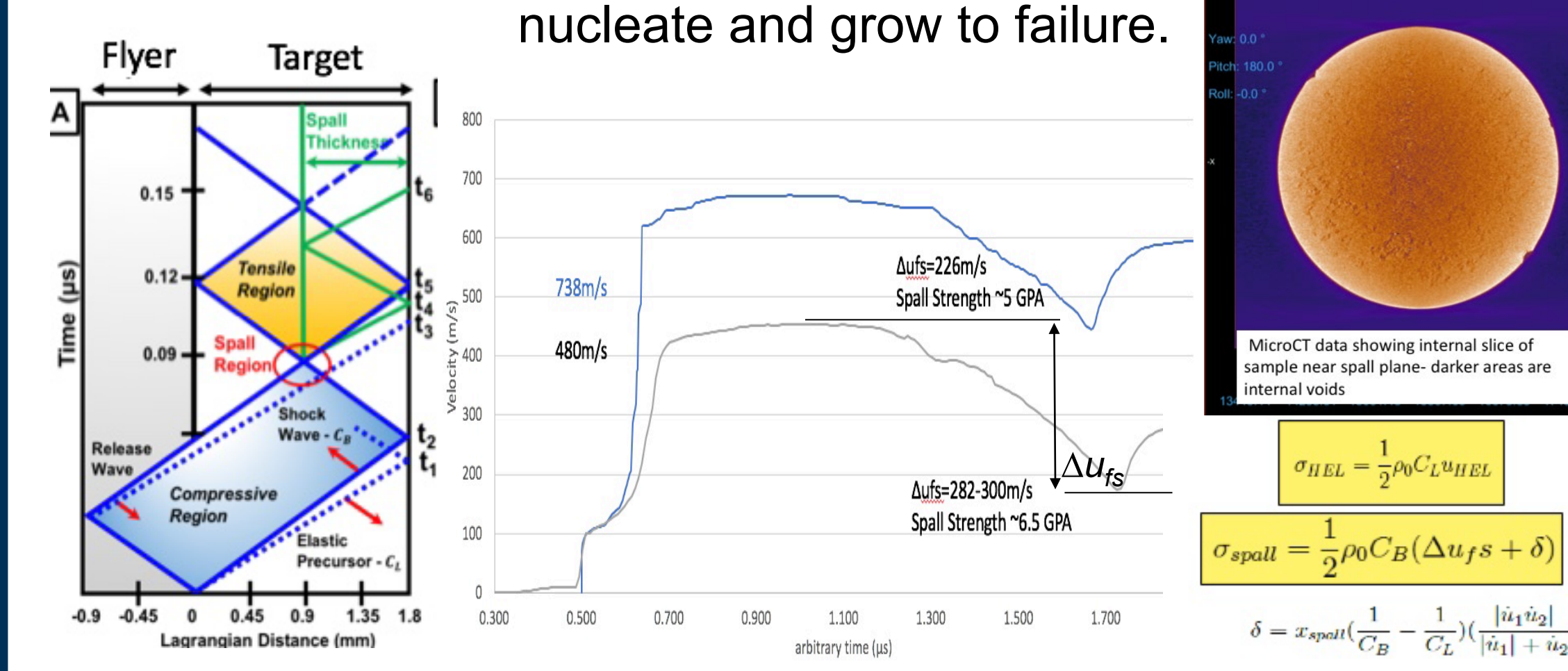


Porosity can be increased in AM 316L stainless steel by intentionally leaving pores throughout the sample. The pores slow the shock waves' movement through the matrix. This is evidenced by the shifting of the spall plane in low porosity samples and the lack of visible spallation for the high porosity samples, along with a lack of velocity plateau in velocimetry data for all porosity levels.

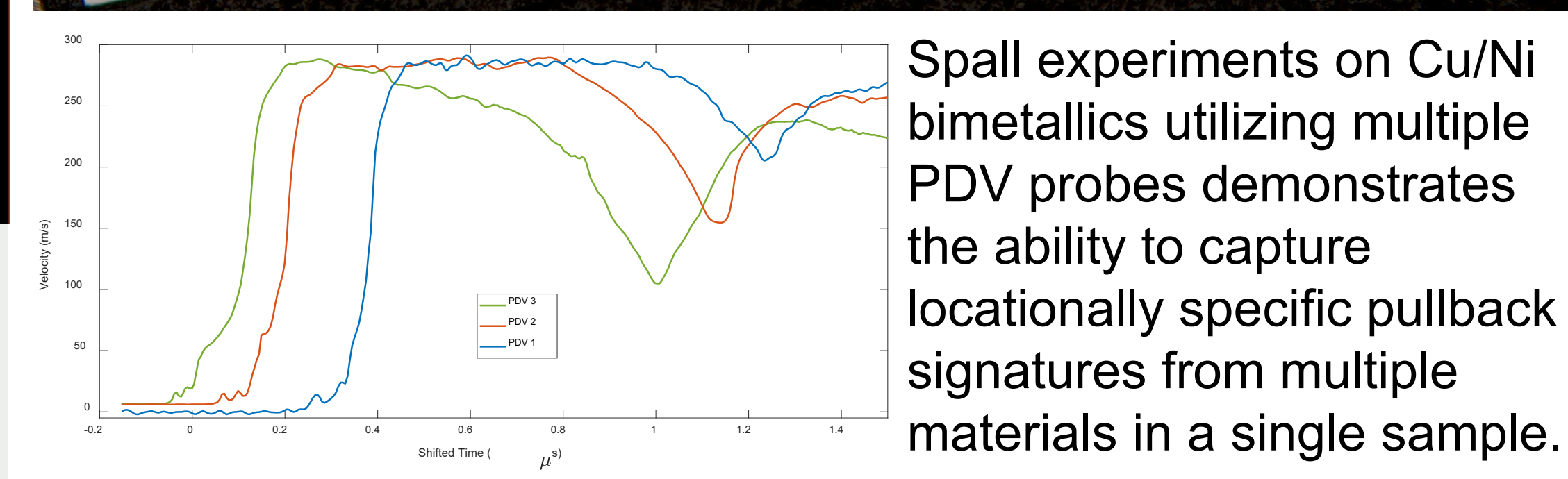
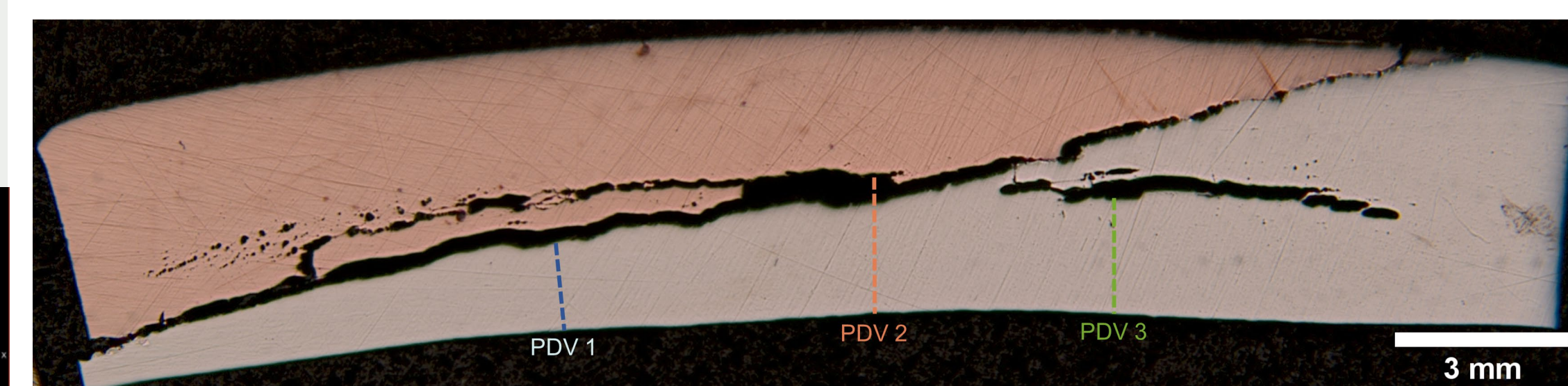


Steels

Spall strength is a measurement of dynamic tensile strength calculated from free surface velocity recorded by PDV. Internal voids nucleate and grow to failure.



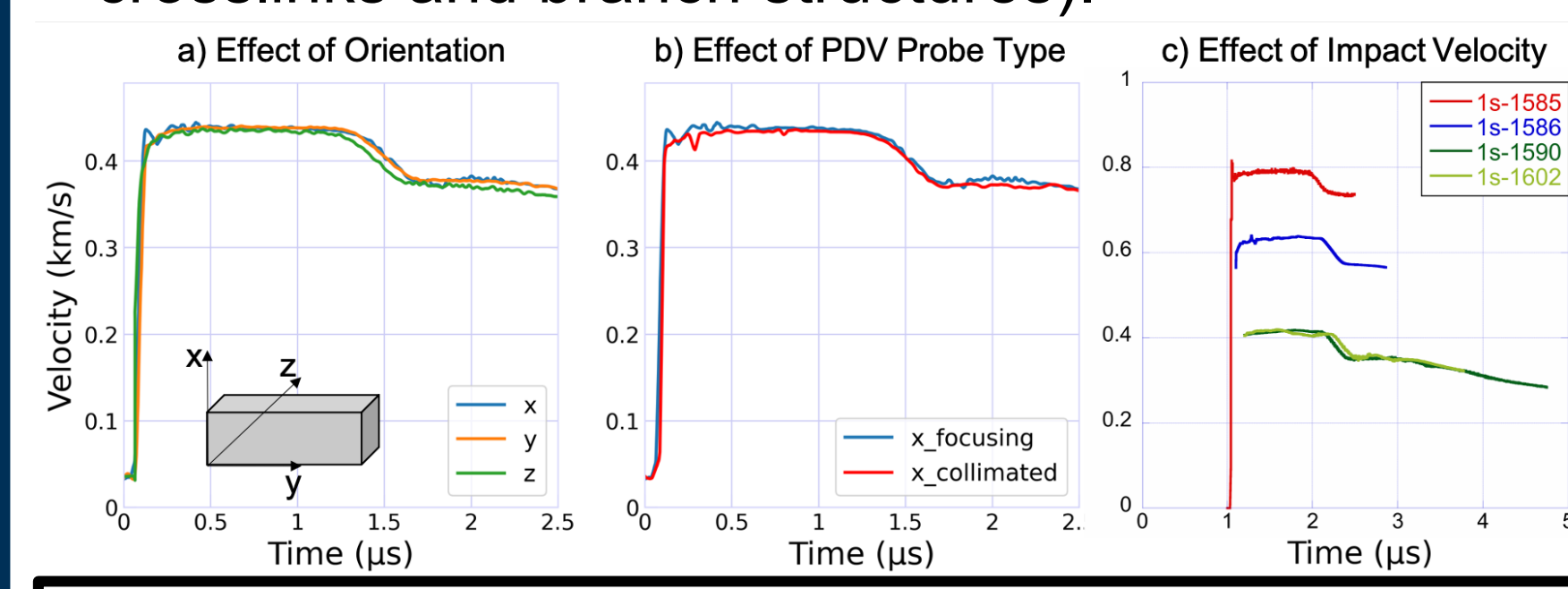
AM Cu/Ni Bimetallic Material



Spall experiments on Cu/Ni bimetallics utilizing multiple PDV probes demonstrates the ability to capture locationally specific pullback signatures from multiple materials in a single sample.

Rational Design of Polymers

Polymers behave differently than metals under high strain rate loading due to their morphological complexity (crystallinity and crystallite sizes/orientations, amorphous-crystalline interfaces, crosslinks and branch structures).

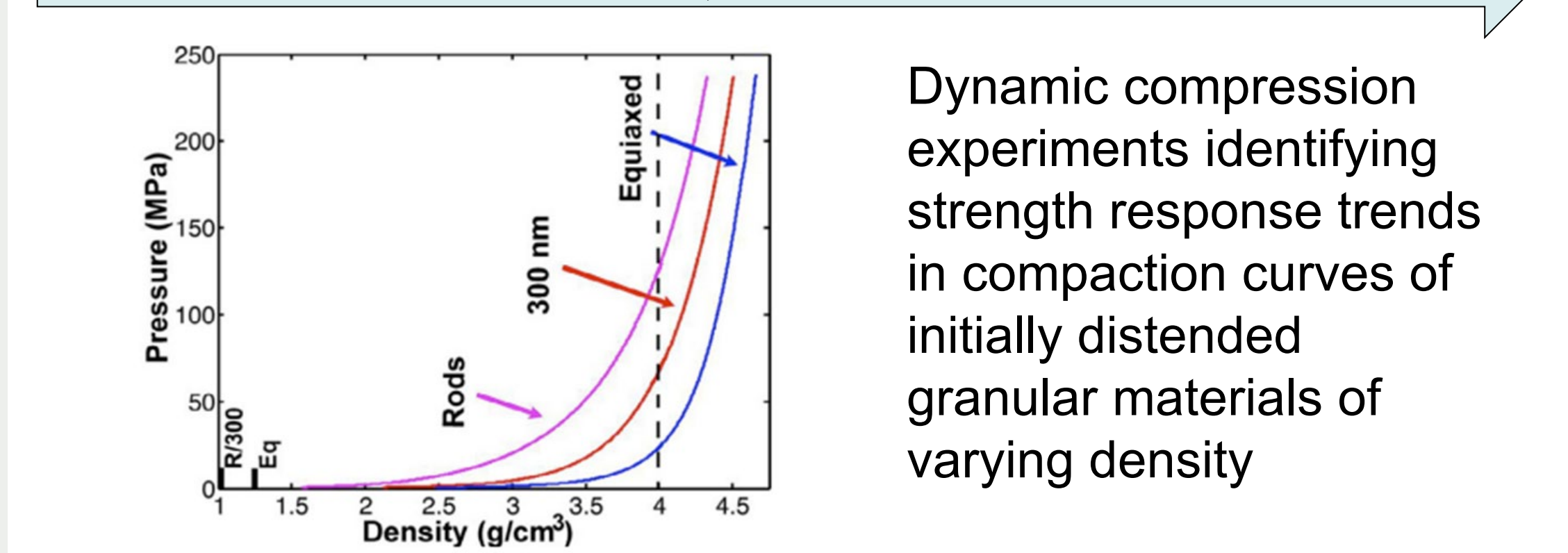
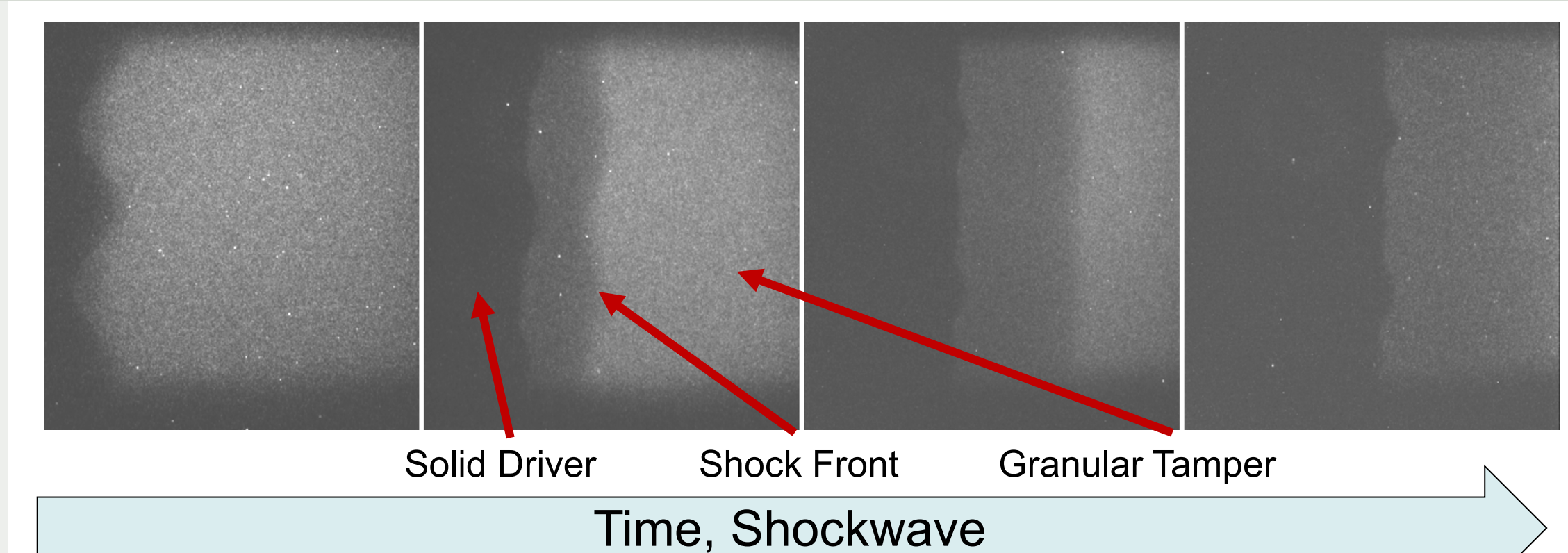


Different impact conditions have no effect on the spall strength of HDPE.

Spall Strength: Free surface velocity vs. time for HDPE

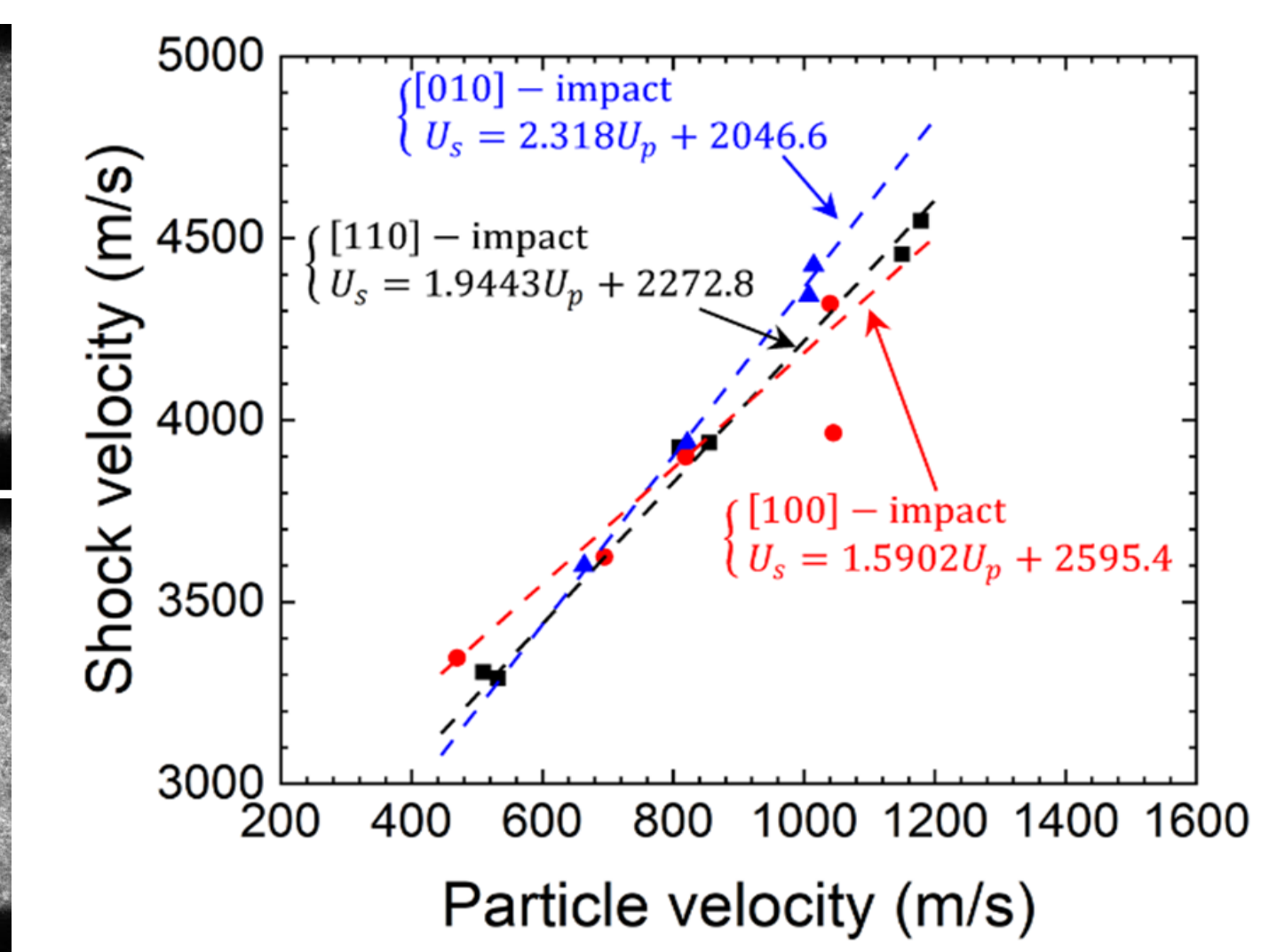
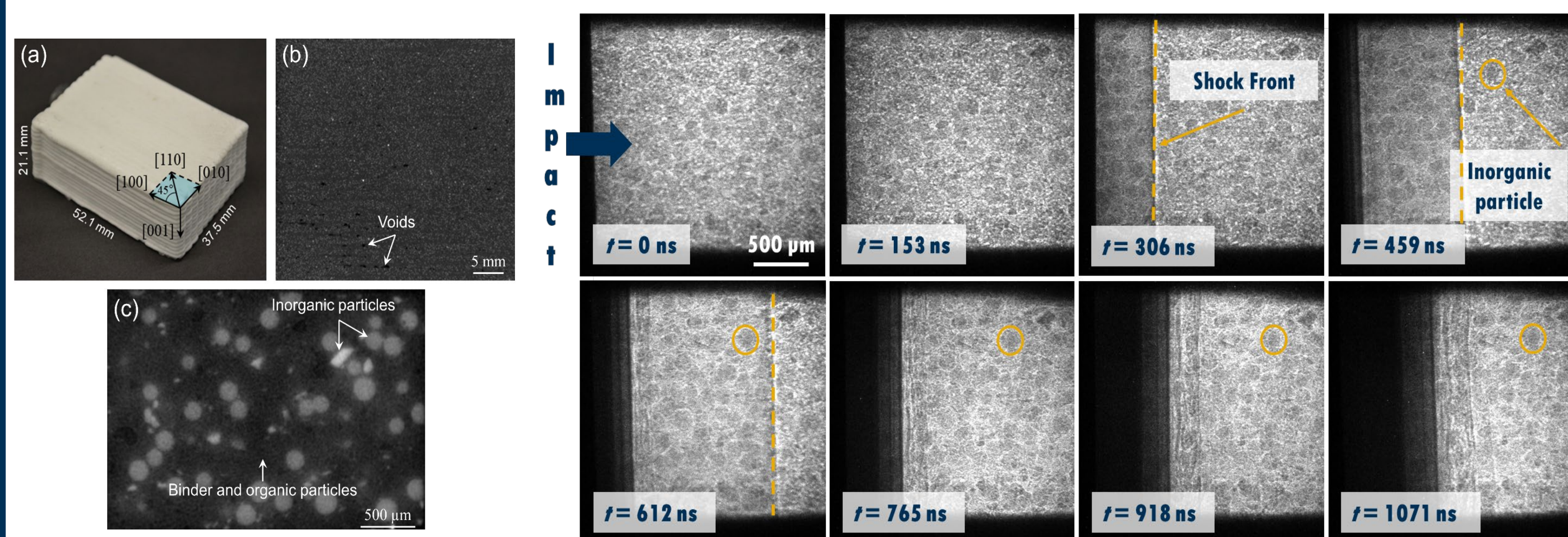
The goal of this work is to fundamentally understand the behavior of polymers under high-velocity impact conditions through plate-on-plate gas gun experiments. The resulting data will be used to develop predictive models of polymers' spall strengths by utilizing machine learning algorithms.

Shock Response of Granular Materials



Dynamic compression experiments identifying strength response trends in compaction curves of initially distended granular materials of varying density

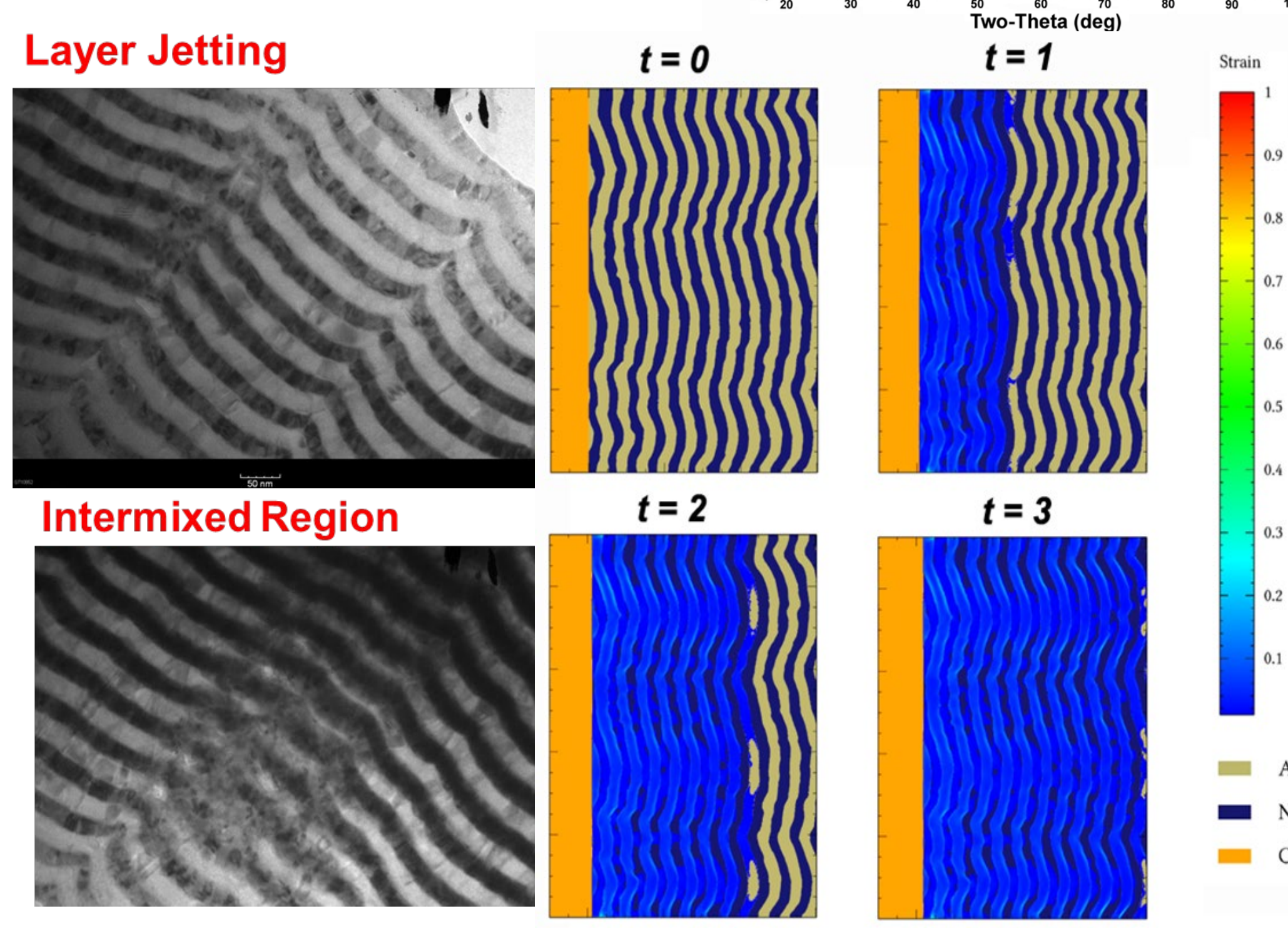
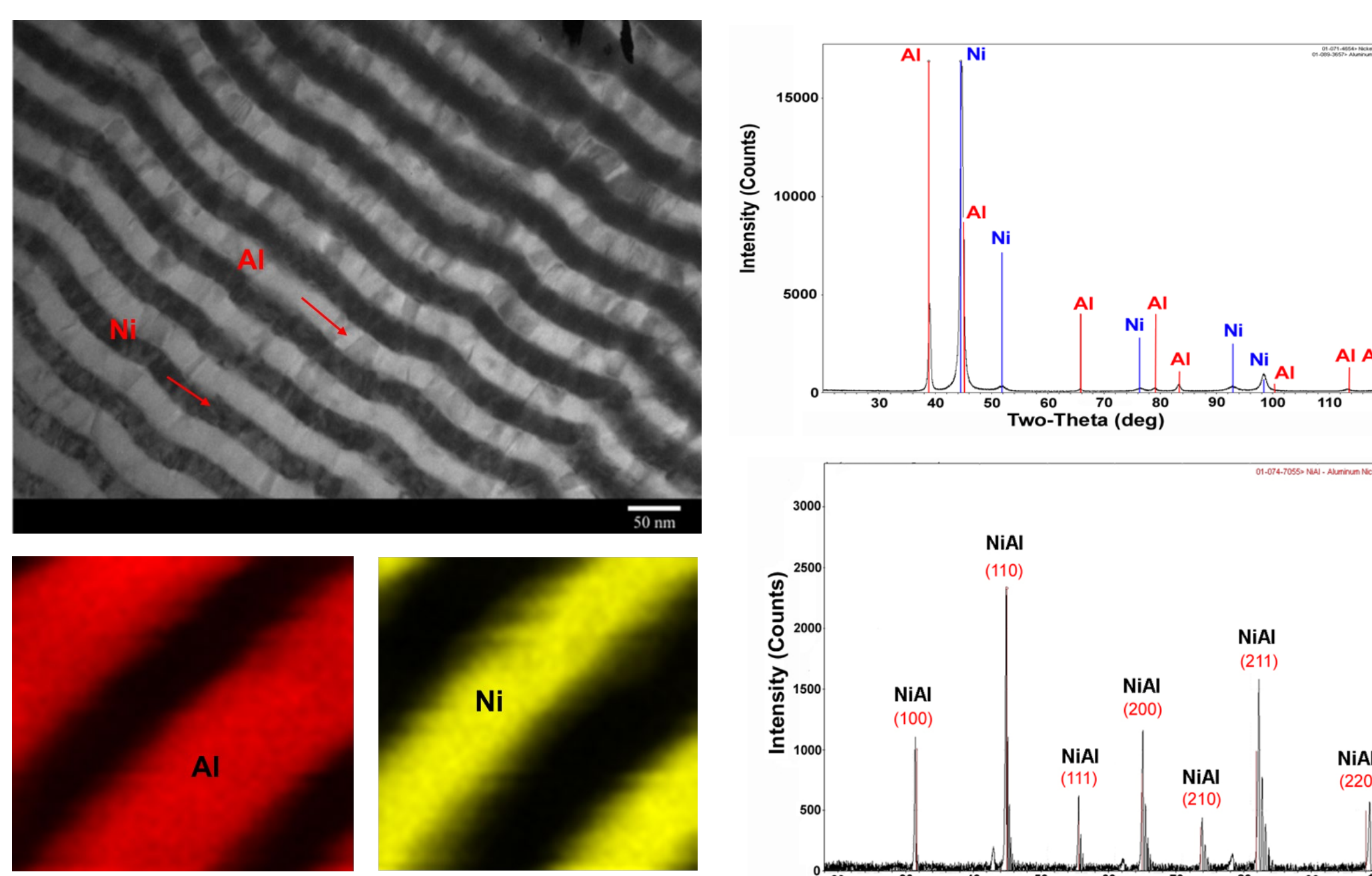
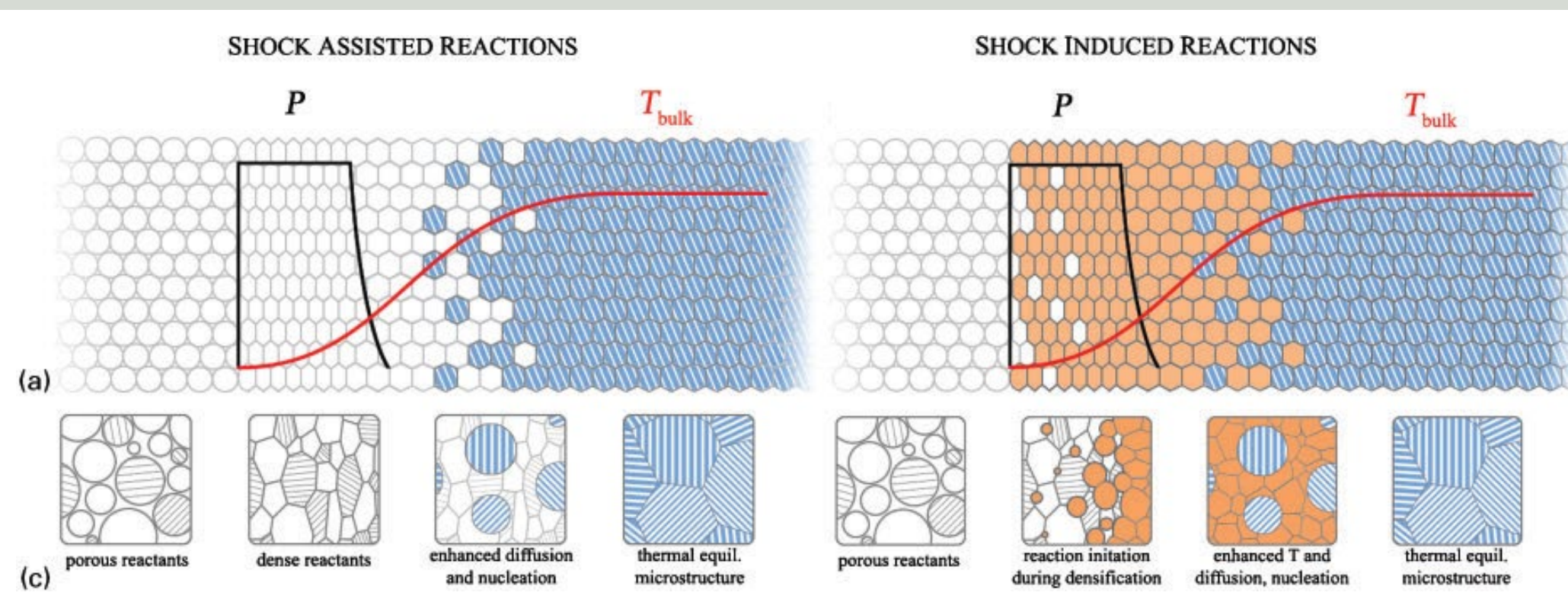
Additively Manufactured Heterogeneous Polymer Composites



Understanding and controlling heterogeneous microstructures to design new materials, such as for safer energetic materials. New *in-situ* characterization using X-ray Phase Contrast Imaging and Phtoton Doppler Interferometry are utilized to time-resolved measurement of shock compression states.

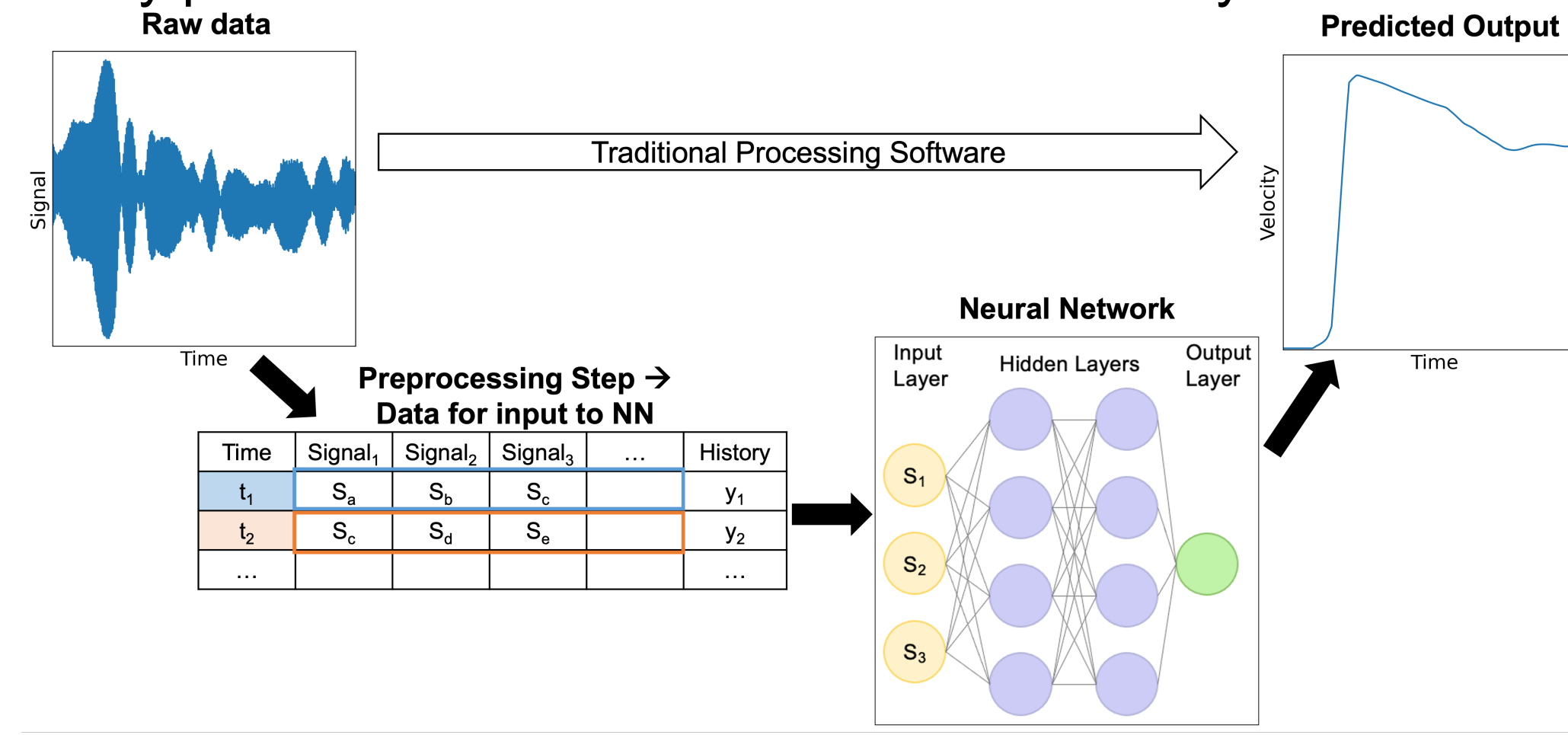
SHOCK CHEMISTRY

Experiments & Mesoscale Simulations



Processing PDV Signals via Neural Networks

How can we ensure consistent PDV signal processing for many probes and determine the error accurately?



Methods that can be used to process PDV signals

Advantages of NN method over traditional processing methods:

- Automatic generation of history profile with no need for human intervention
- Faster than the traditional approach
- Expected to give optimum results because it will learn from past inferences