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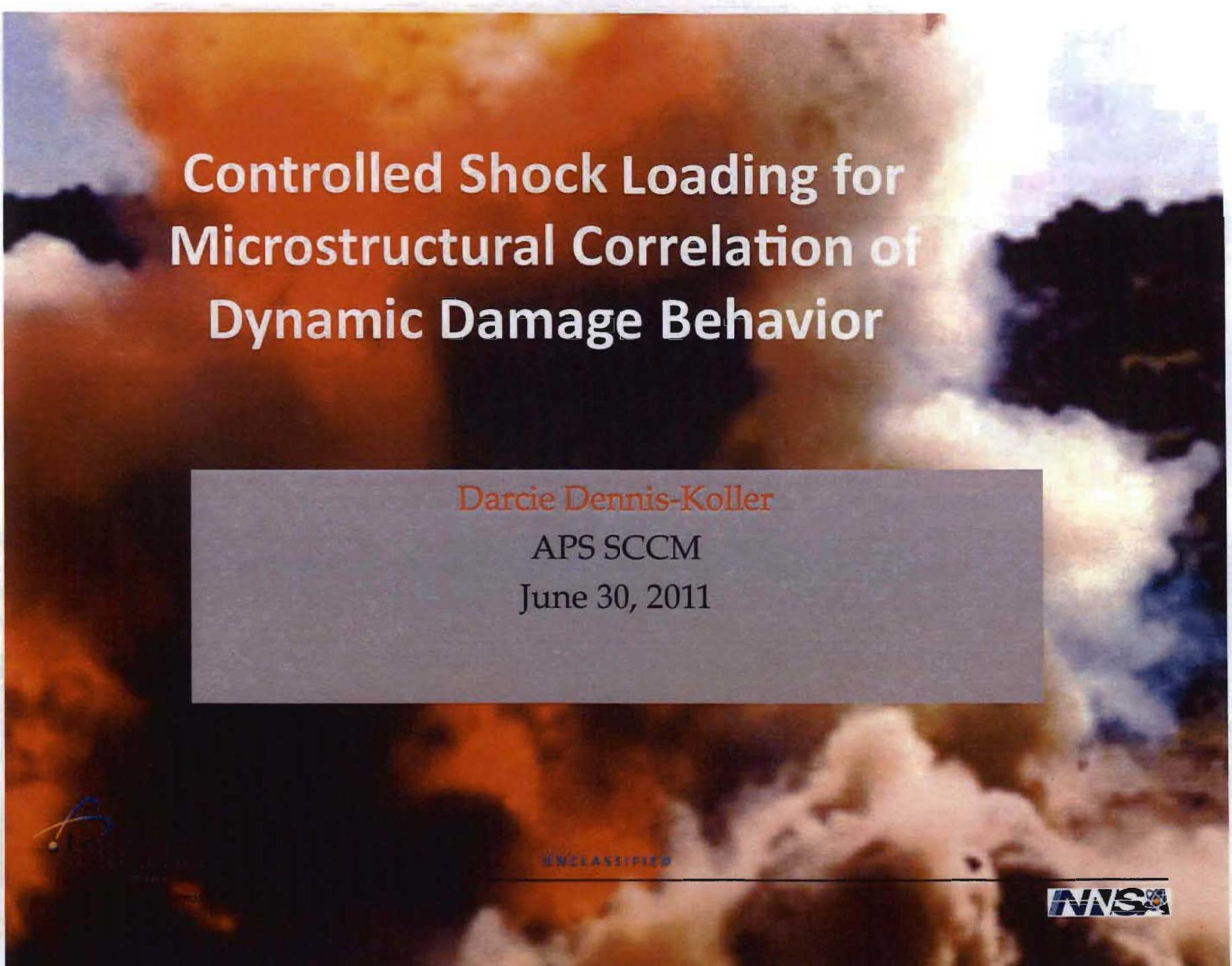
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## Controlled Shock Loading for Microstructural Correlation of Dynamic Damage Behavior

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Materials performance is recognized as being central to many emergent technologies. Future technologies will place increasing demands on materials performance with respect to extremes in stress, strain, temperature, and pressure. In this study, the dynamic ductile damage evolution of OFHC Cu is explored as a test bed to understand the role of spatial effects due to loading profile and defect density. Well characterized OFHC Cu samples of 30  $\mu\text{m}$ , 60  $\mu\text{m}$ , 100  $\mu\text{m}$ , and 200  $\mu\text{m}$  grain sizes were subjected to plate impact uniaxial strain loading at 1.5 GPa. This spall geometry produced early stage (insipient) damage in the Cu samples that could be correlated to microstructural features in metallographic analysis. The recovered damaged microstructure was examined using traditional 2D metallographic techniques (optical and electron microscopy) as well as 3D x-ray microtomography. Calculated spall strength from the free surface velocimetry (VISAR) showed no change with respect to changes in grain size, however, the magnitude of the peak after the first pull-back as well as rate of re-acceleration are dependent on grain size and can be correlated to damage observed in the recovered samples. These results reveal a critical length scale for the transition from a nucleation dominated regime to a growth dominated regime for the damage evolution process. The results show that for samples with small (30  $\mu\text{m}$ ) and large (200  $\mu\text{m}$ ) grain sizes the growth of voids is dominated by coalescence, whereas for medium (60  $\mu\text{m}$  and 100  $\mu\text{m}$ ) grain sizes the growth is restricted to a much slower process of individual void growth. Electron backscatter diffraction reveals that voids preferentially nucleate at grain boundaries with high misorientation angles while special boundaries (low angle  $\Sigma 1$  and high angle  $\Sigma 3$ ) proved to be resistant to void nucleation. Based on these findings, mechanisms for the void nucleation/growth and coalescence are proposed.



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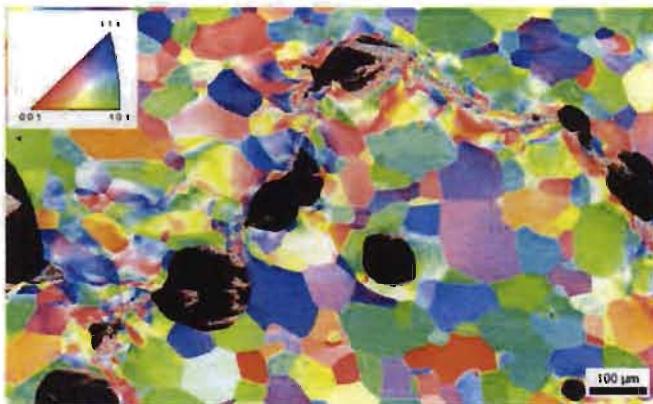
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# **LDRD: Isolating Kinetic and Spatial Effects in Dynamic Damage Evolution**

**A collaborative experimental and theoretical center of expertise focused on the study of the meso to macro-scale dynamic ductile damage and failure of metallic materials .**

**Goal:** Explain and predict the ductile damage process in polycrystalline metallic materials from the nucleation of pores through ultimate failure for any dynamic loading profile applied to materials of national strategic and economic importance for application specific design of new materials.



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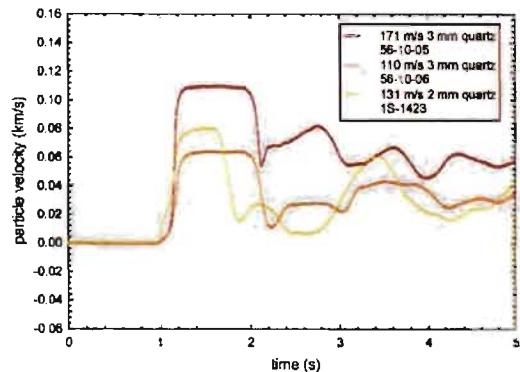


Polycrystal Plasticity Theory

# LDRD: Isolating Kinetic and Spatial Effects

## Shock Loading

4 mm Cu target w/ Quartz impactors



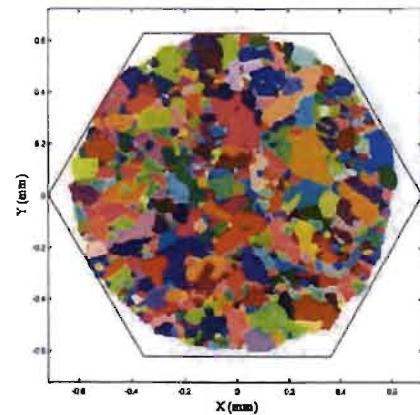
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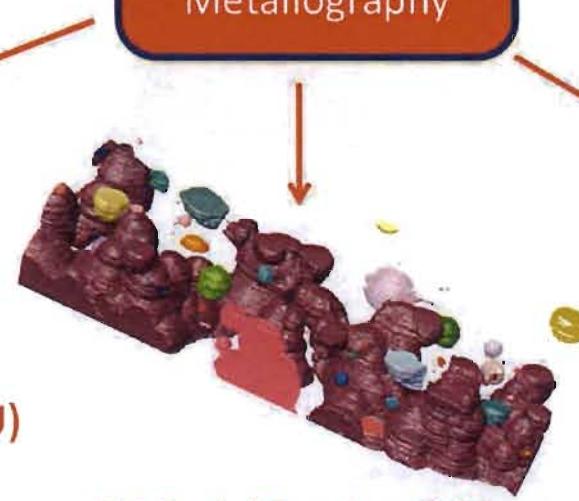
## High Resolution OIM



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## 3D OIM Tomography (CMU)



## 3D Serial Section OIM

## 3D Microtomography



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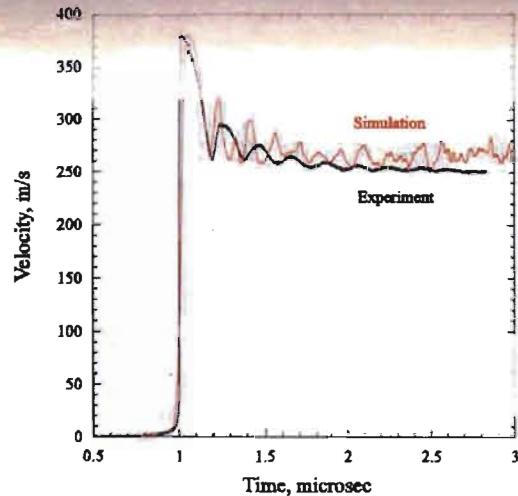
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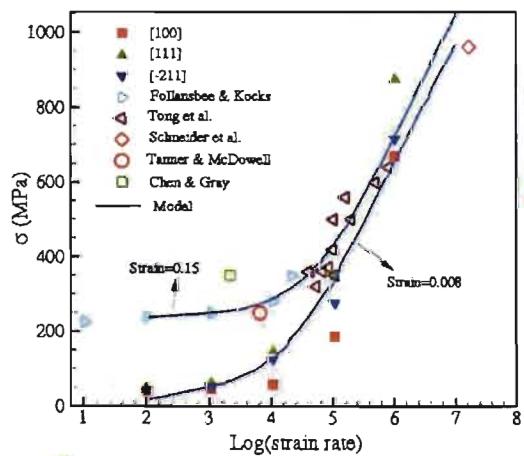
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# LDRD: Isolating Kinetic and Spatial Effects

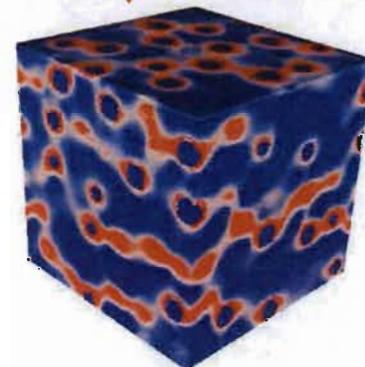


## Macro-scale Continuum Theory

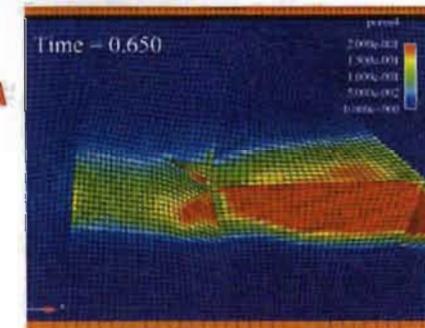


## Single Crystal Continuum Theory

## World – Class Large Deformation Theory and Simulation



## Crystal Plasticity Finite Element Method



## FFT Polycrystal Plasticity



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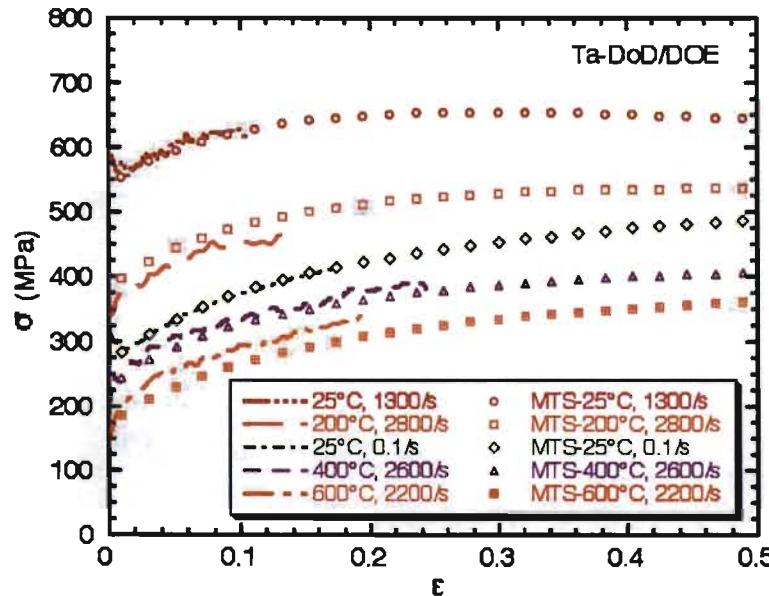
## *We attempt to address some key science questions.*

1. Can we partition deterministic processes (controllable) Vs. stochastic (random) processes?
2. Can we develop a multi-scale understanding of these processes?
3. Can we control these behaviors through processing?
4. Can we capture the essential physics in our models?



**To do this, we want to understand the connections between loading environment and the characteristics of a material**

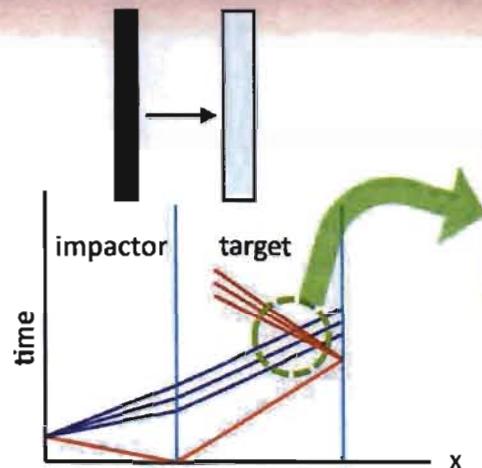
## Typical Materials Characterization is at Low or Moderate Strain Rates



- These data frequently show that material response is dependent on strain rate
- Good understanding up to  $10^3/s$
- Would like to extend that understanding to  $10^5-10^7/s$
- These data are extrapolated to high strain rates to predict dynamic failures

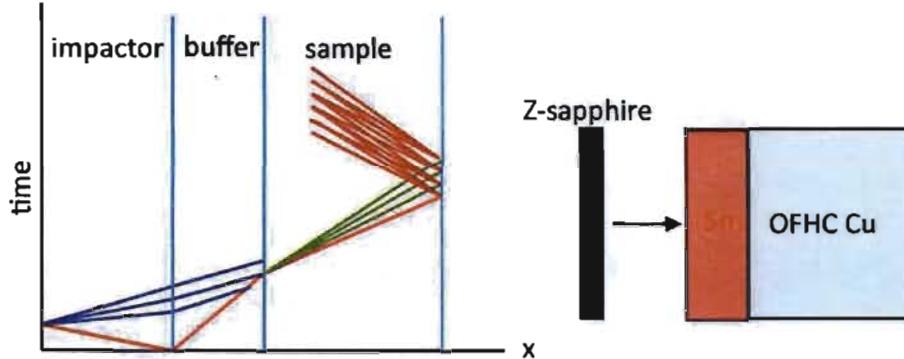
S.R. Chen and G.T. Gray III, *Metall. & Matls. Trans.*, vol. 27A, (1996), pp. 2994-3006. "Constitutive Behavior of Tantalum and Tantalum-Tungsten Alloys"

## Experiments are designed to produce a dynamic state of tension damaging the material.



Wave interactions in the material place the material in a localized state of tension which can exceed the tensile strength of the material and lead to damage.

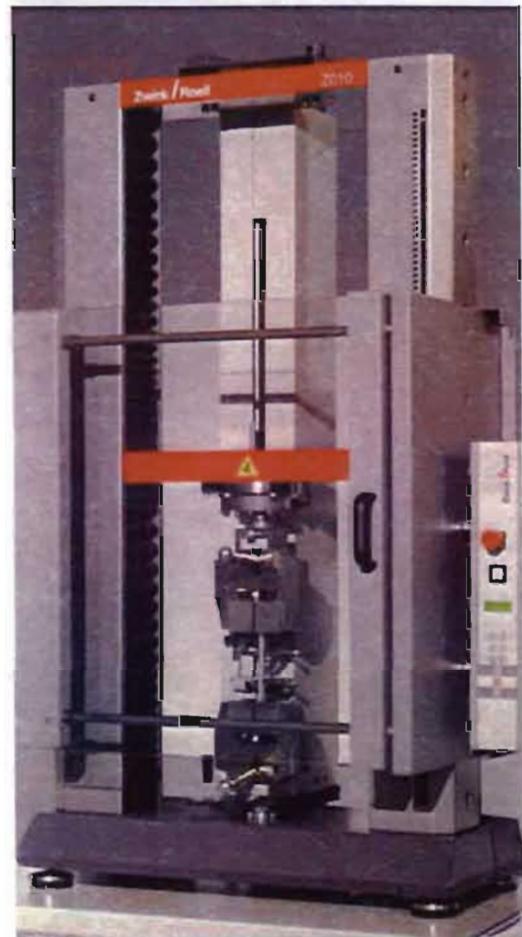
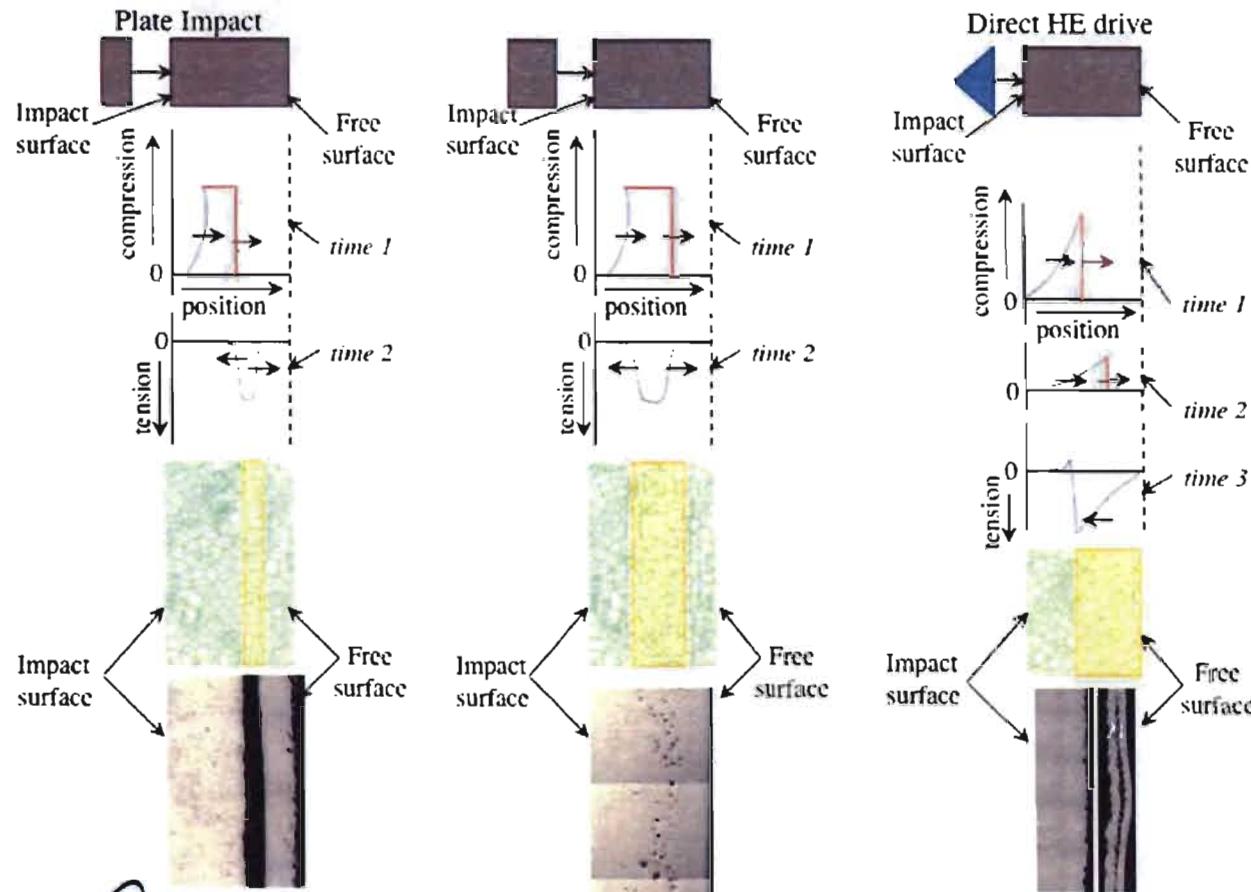
Flat top spall experiment



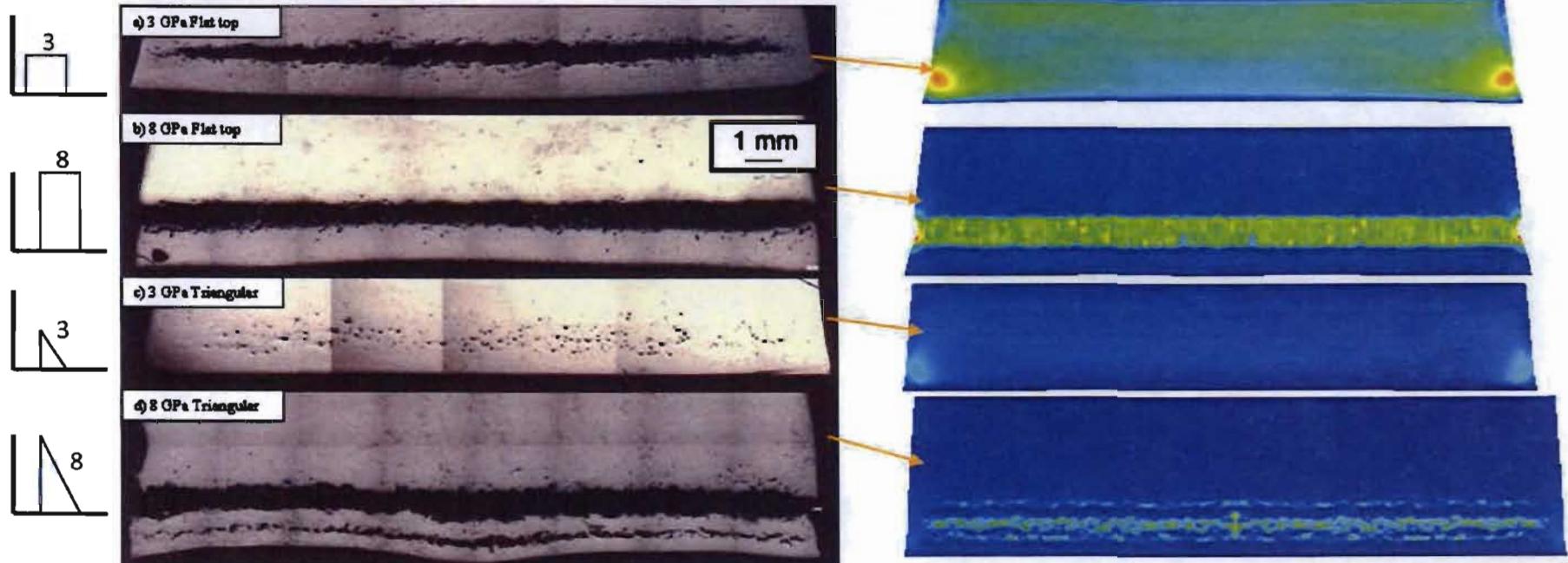
HE loading has triangular wave shape (Taylor wave)  
Duration of release in plate impact experiment differs from that of a real Taylor wave; much shorter in the gun  
Accomplished through an overtake experiment using a Tin buffer

Triangle wave spall experiment

# *Changes in shock wave shape result in changes in the evolution of the stress profile applied to the microstructure.*



# Shockwave Shape Significantly Influences Damage Evolution in a Metal



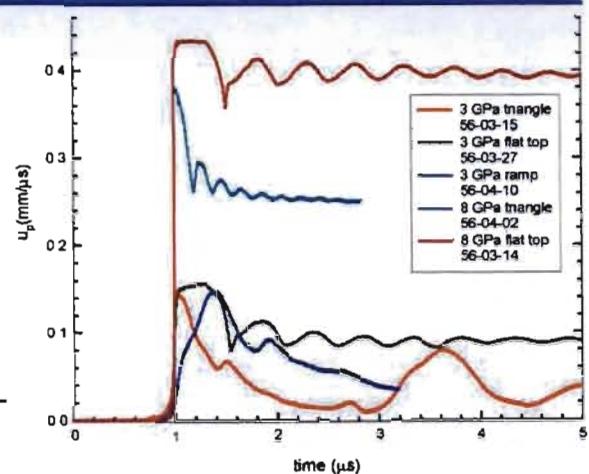
These simulations illustrate current damage model capabilities

Koller and Cerreta, *J. Appl. Phys*, Nov. 2003  
Harstad et. al, *Plasticity Proceedings*, Jan 2009.

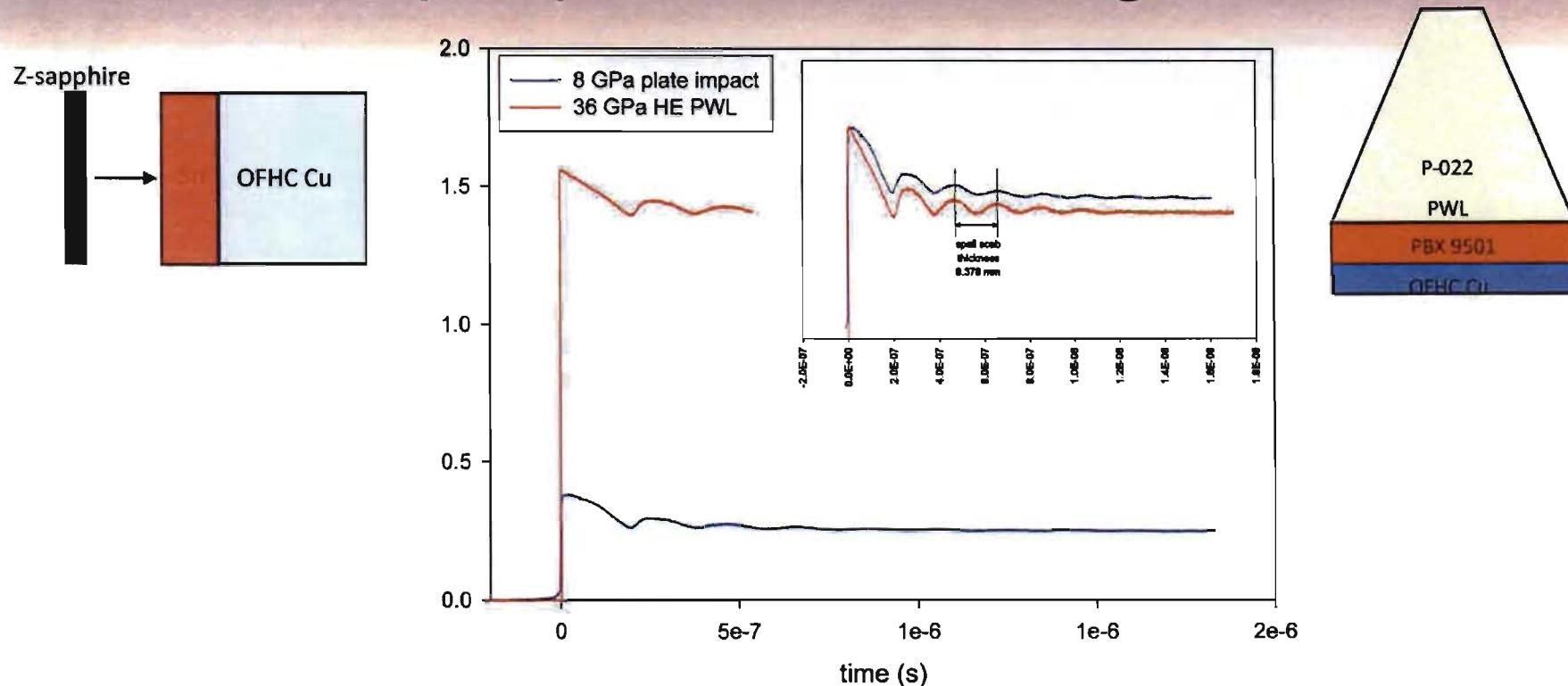
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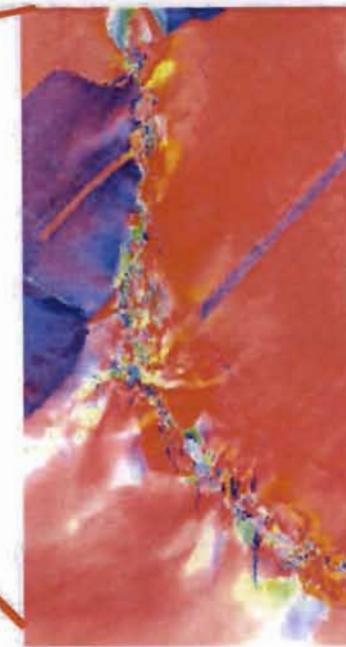
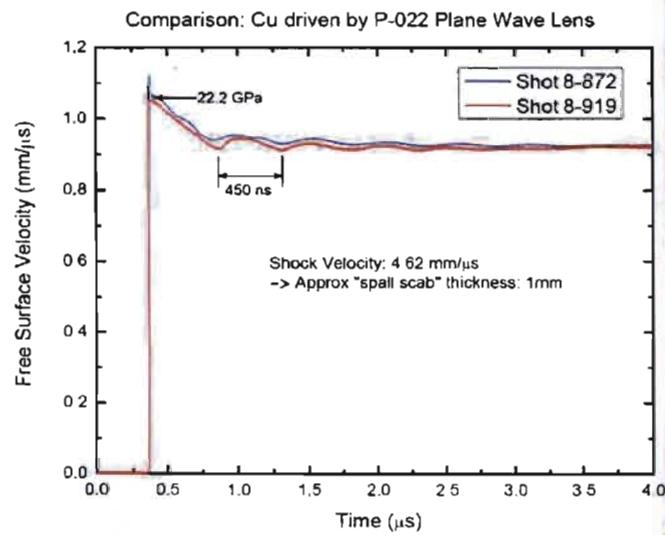


## Complex loading can provide an avenue to explore the effects of peak pressure on the damage evolution.



- Experiment shows that plate impact experiments can be used to explore a range of peak pressure states while maintaining the same strain rate on the release.
- When the 9501 booster was added the duration of the tensile pulse was shortened and the material spalled just as was seen in the plate impact experiment using a triangle wave with a similar strain rate on release.

# *Under High Explosive Loading our Previous Understanding was Not Validated*



Koller and Cerreta, *APS SCCM Proceedings*, 2005.

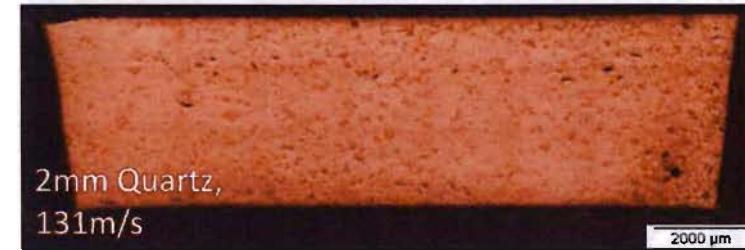
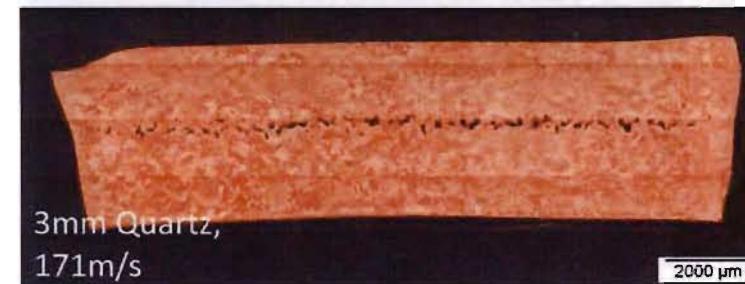
**Peak Pressure = 22GPa**

**Direct HE**

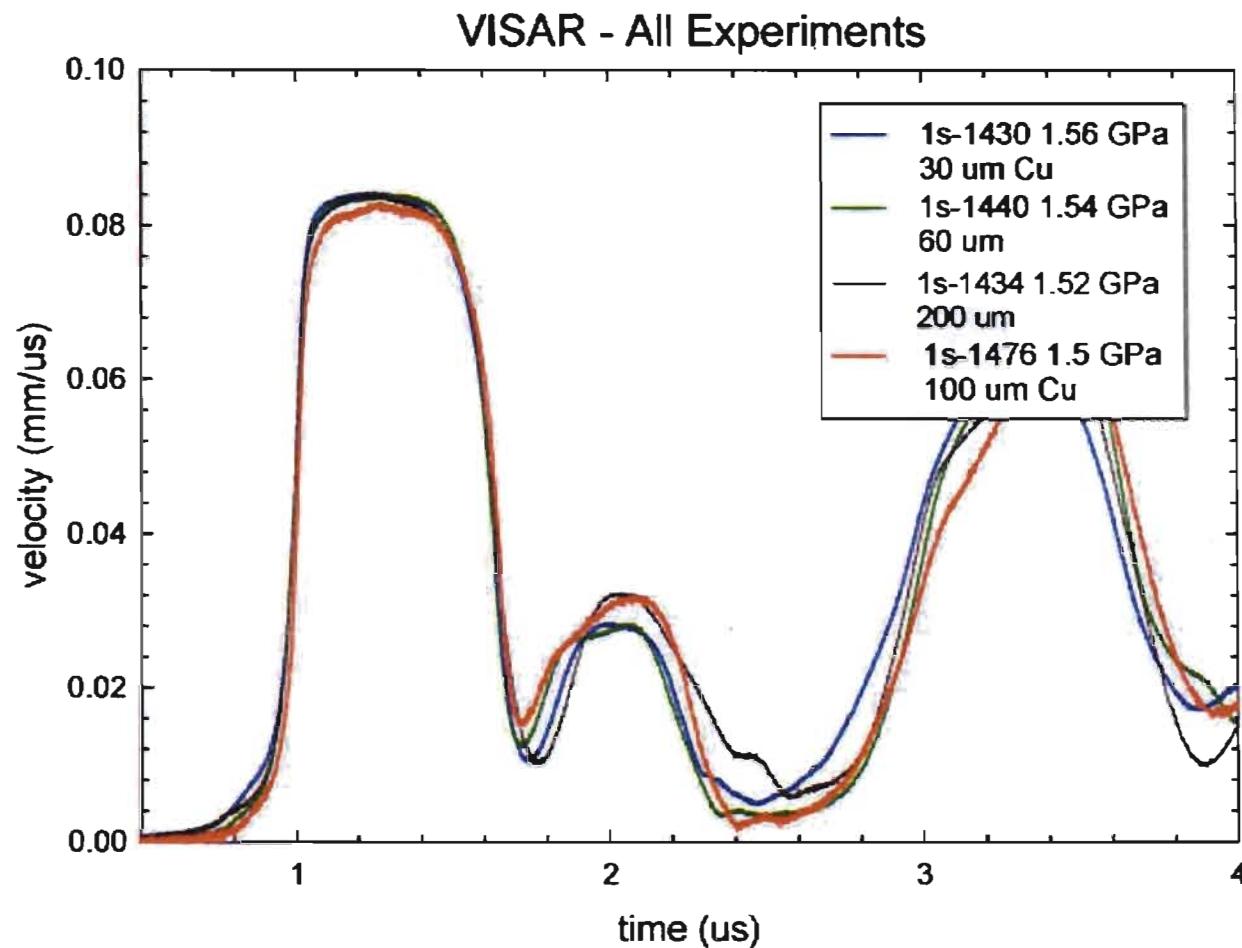
**Hypothesis: kinetic and spatial parameters have an important role in dynamic damage evolution**

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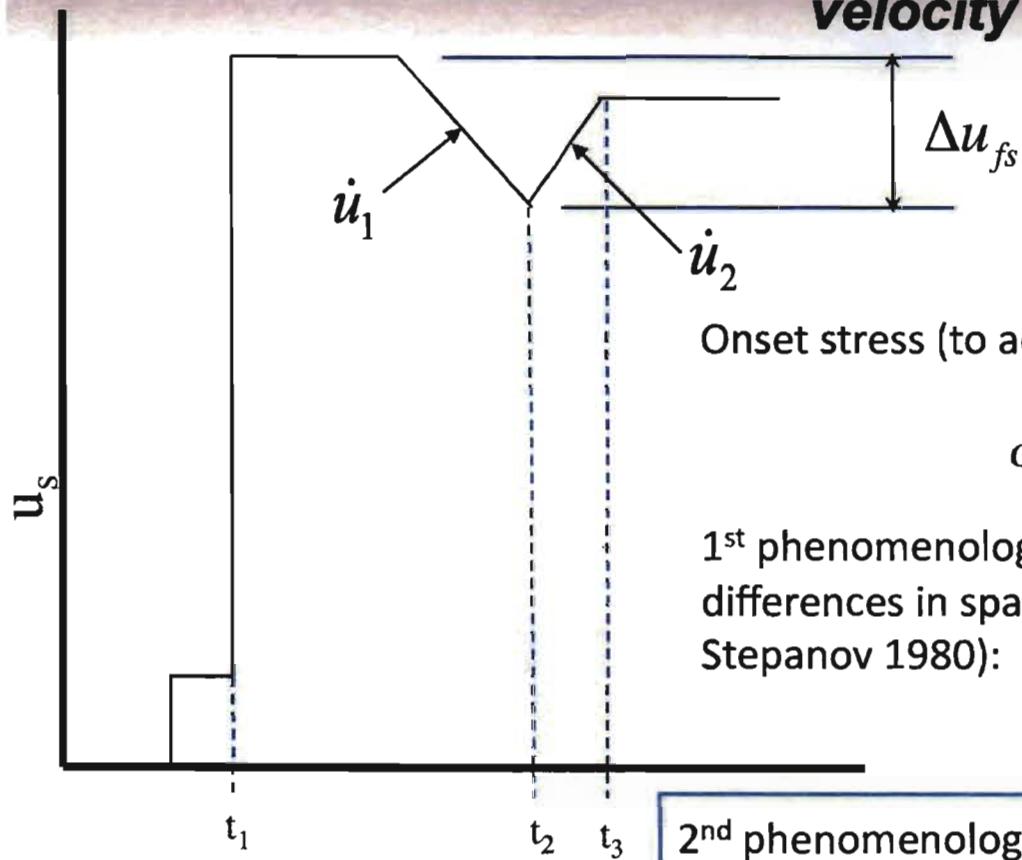
# Scoping Calculations and Determination of Early Stage Damage



**Identical loading conditions yield similar VISAR results for 4 grain sizes.**



## Calculation of spall strength or onset stress from VISAR is dependent on the sound speed and change in particle velocity



Spall strength (acoustic approach linear approx. Novikov 1966) :

$$\sigma \approx \frac{1}{2} \rho_0 C_0 \Delta u_{fs}$$

Onset stress (to account for el-pl behavior Stepanov 1976):

$$\sigma = \rho_0 C_L \Delta u_{fs} \left( 1 + \frac{C_L}{C_0} \right)^{-1}$$

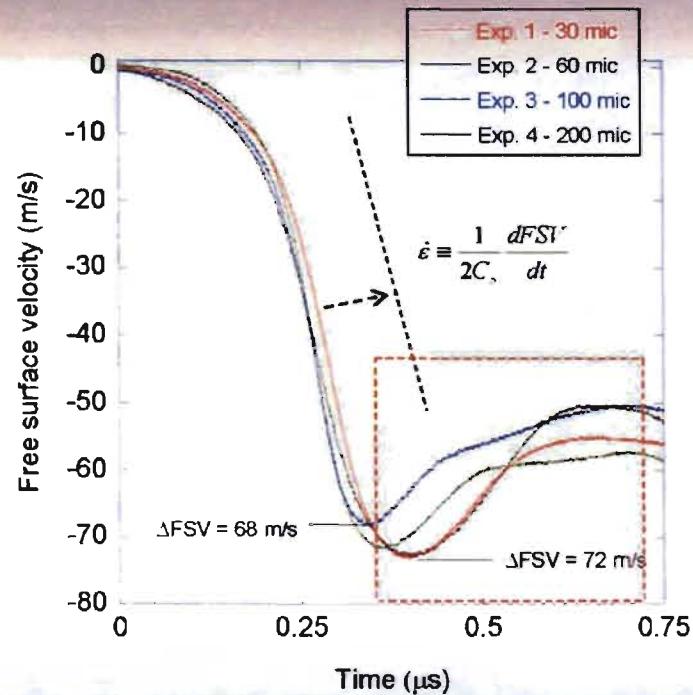
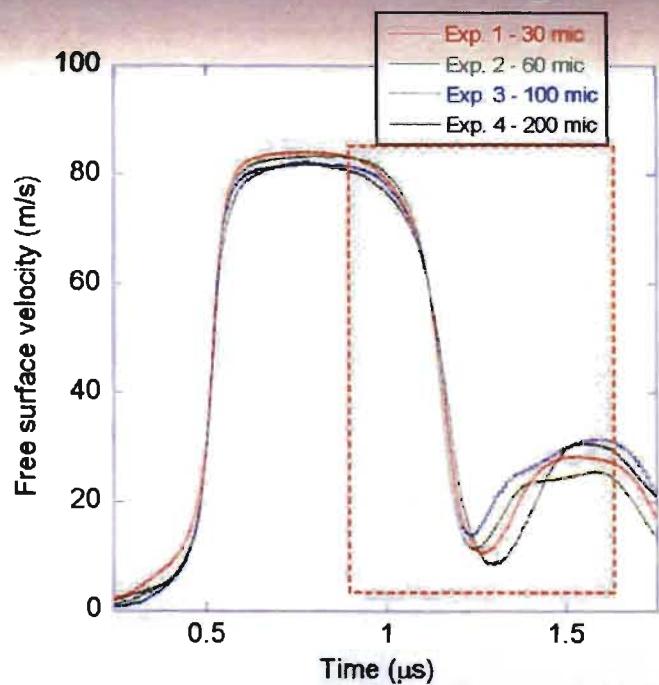
1<sup>st</sup> phenomenological correction factor (to compensate for differences in spall plate thickness Romanchenko and Stepanov 1980):

$$\Delta \sigma = \frac{1}{2} \frac{d\sigma}{dt} \bigg|_C h_s \cdot \left( \frac{1}{C_B} - \frac{1}{C_L} \right)$$

2<sup>nd</sup> phenomenological correction factor (correction for distortion due to el-pl properties of material. Kanel 1984):

$$\delta = \left( \frac{h_s}{C_B} - \frac{h_s}{C_L} \right) \frac{\begin{vmatrix} \dot{u}_1 & \dot{u}_2 \\ \dot{u}_1 & \dot{u}_2 \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} \dot{u}_1 & \dot{u}_2 \\ \dot{u}_1 & \dot{u}_2 \end{vmatrix} + \dot{u}_2}$$

**VISAR results from shock recovery experiments show very little influence of grain size on the calculated spall strength.**



Experiment	Grain size	Impactor z-Quartz mm	Impact velocity (mm/us)	Target mm	Spall strength GPa
1s-1430	30 um	2.027	0.134	3.998	1.38
1s-1440	60 um	2.027	0.133	4.030	1.36
1s-1476	100 um	2.056	0.138	4.034	1.31
1s-1434	200 um	2.025	0.131	3.899	1.38

***Curran, Seaman, Shockley, and co-workers developed  
NAG theories between 71-81***

Defines a nucleation rate:

$$\dot{N} = N_0 \exp \left[ \frac{(\sigma - \sigma_{n0})}{\sigma_1} \right]$$

Defines a growth rate

$$\dot{R} = \left( \frac{\sigma - \sigma_{g0}}{4\eta} \right) R$$

***Nucleation may not be an instantaneous process, but the changing conditions over an affected volume may allow nucleation and growth to occur simultaneously for some time.***

We need models like this that incorporate the plastic flow and microstructural effects.

See work by Lebensohn for new model tracking triaxiality of stress states which leads to conditions that allow some voids to continue to grow and others to stagnate.

- [1] R.A. Lebensohn, M.I. Idiart, P. Ponte Castañeda and P.G. Vincent: "Dilatational viscoplasticity of polycrystalline solids with intergranular cavities". Philosophical Magazine, in press.
- [2] R.A. Lebensohn: "Modeling ductile damage of polycrystalline materials". Keynote Lecture, IUTAM Symposium on Linking Scales in Computations: from Microstructure to Macro-scale Properties, Pensacola, FL, USA, May 2011.

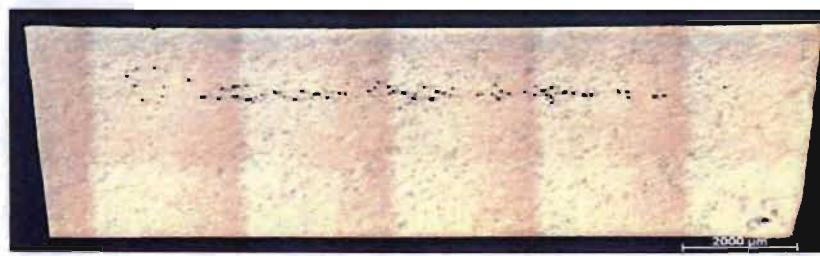
*2D optical cross sections reveal differences due to  
grain size influence.*



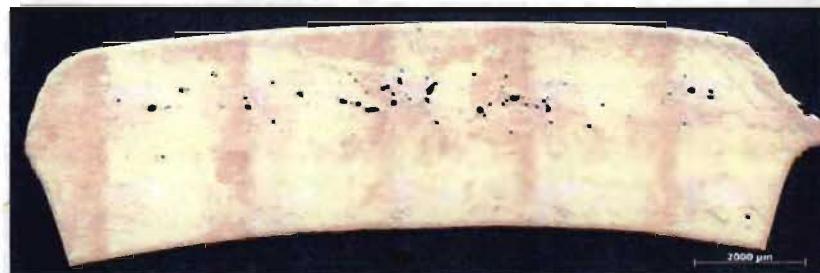
Shot 1s-1430 (30  $\mu\text{m}$ )



Shot 1s-1440 (60  $\mu\text{m}$ )



Shot 1s-1476 (100  $\mu\text{m}$ )



Shot 1s-1434 (200  $\mu\text{m}$ )

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## Void area fraction does not follow a linear trend.

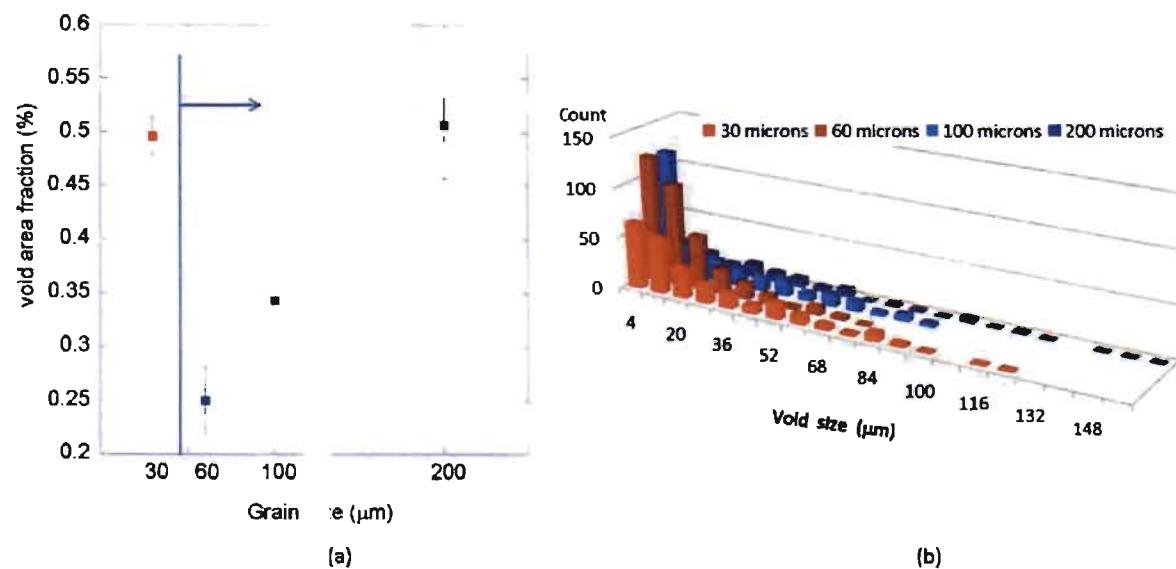
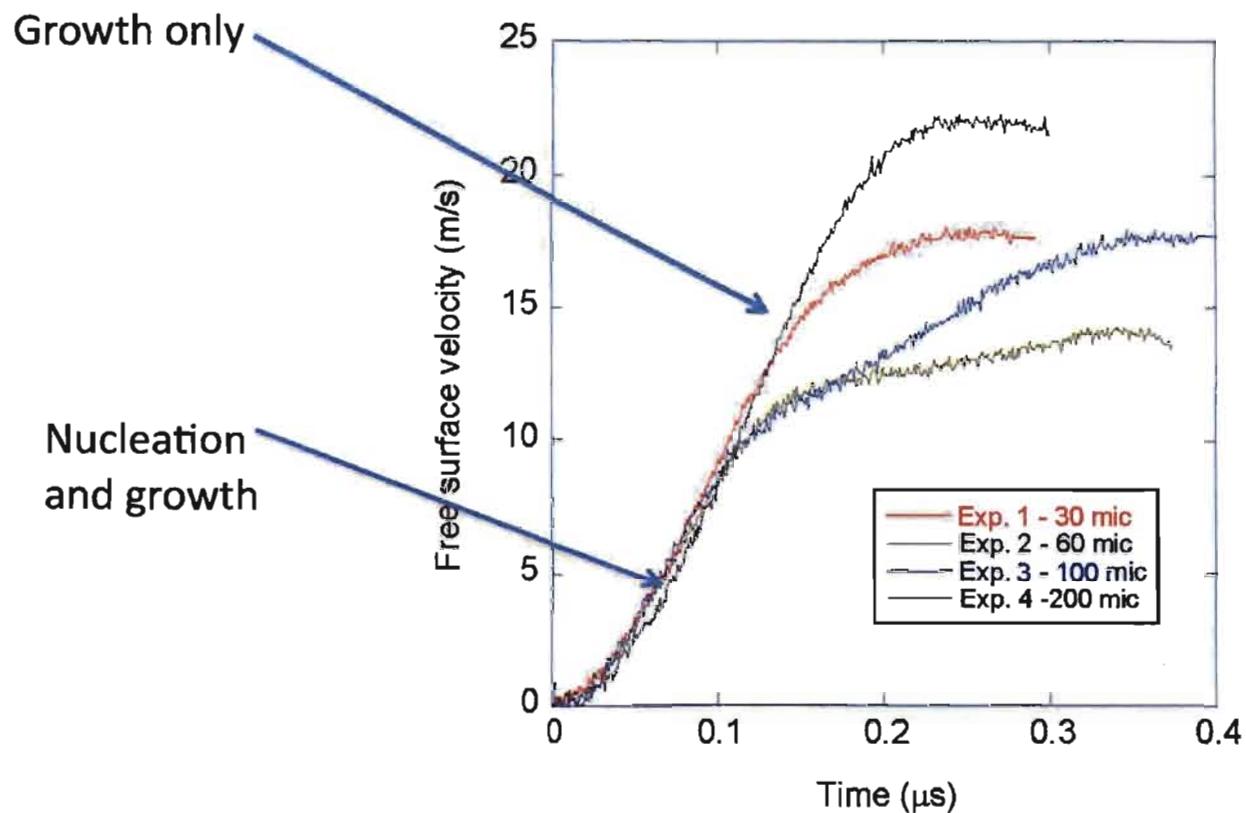
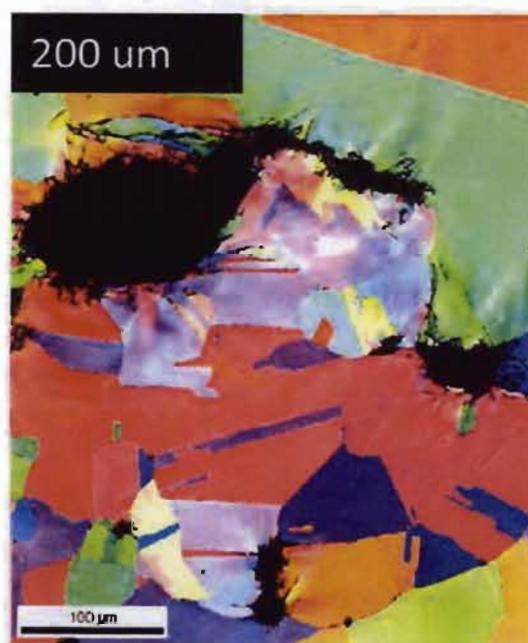
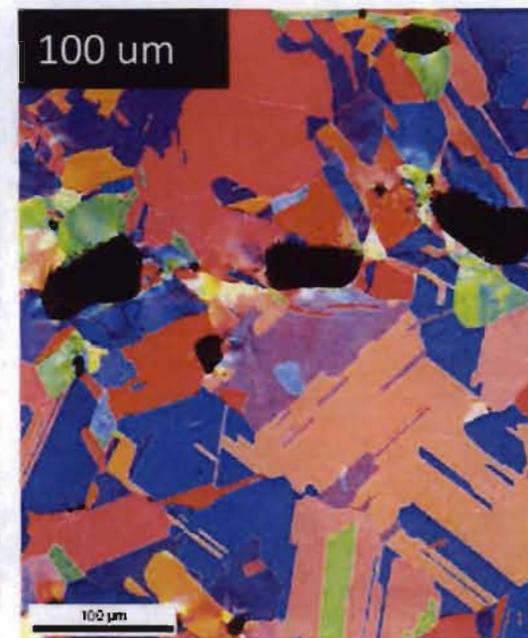
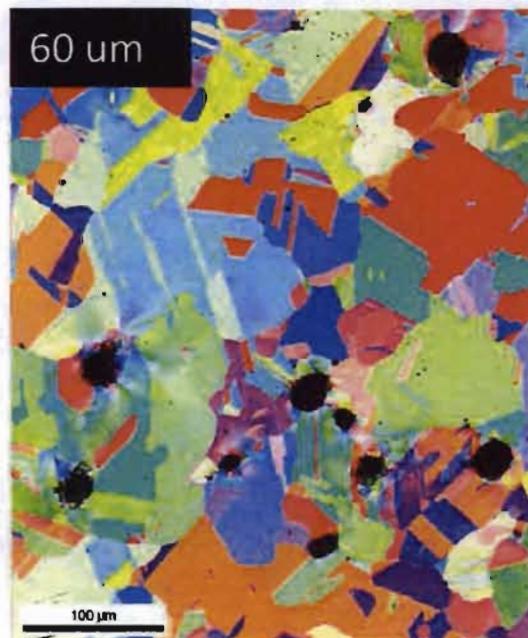
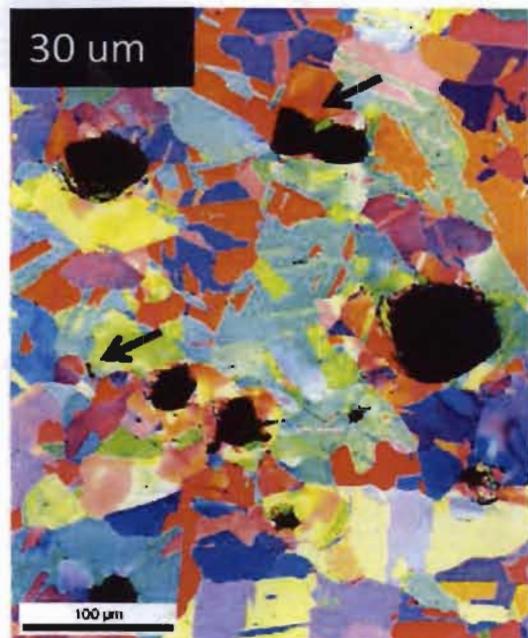


Fig. 6 (a) Void area fraction as function of the grain size. (b) void size distribution.

**VISAR results show the difference between a slower rate growth process of individual voids and the faster process of coalescence.**



Mechanisms are additive and give rise to a cumulative damage rate which is dependent on triaxiality of stress state, and defect distribution under tensile load.

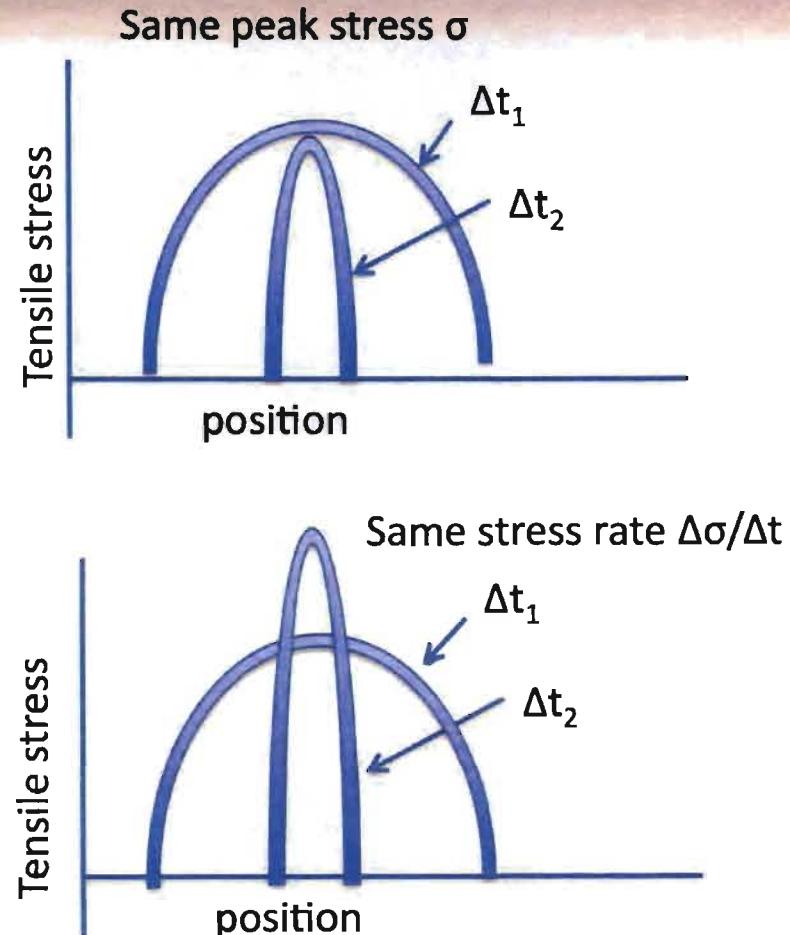
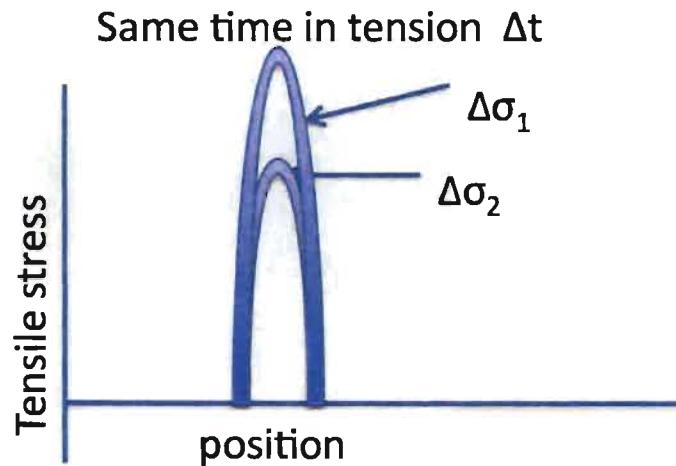


Damage Statistics from 2D optical analysis

Experiment	Grain size	Number of voids	Void area fraction (%)	Avg Void diameter (um)
1s-1430	30 um	236	0.496	38.1
1s-1440	60 um	343	0.249	22.7
1s-1476	100 um	267	0.416	33.0
1s-1434	200 um	111	0.507	55.1

## Ongoing work

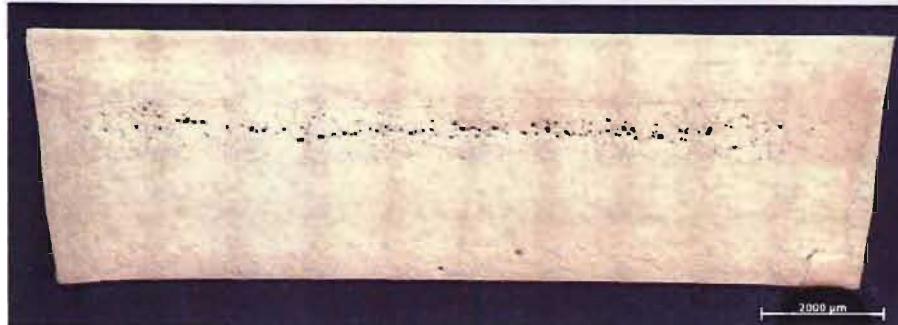
Using simple wave interaction calculations (without damage models). We are designing experiments to probe the evolution of the tensile pulse and its effect on damage state.





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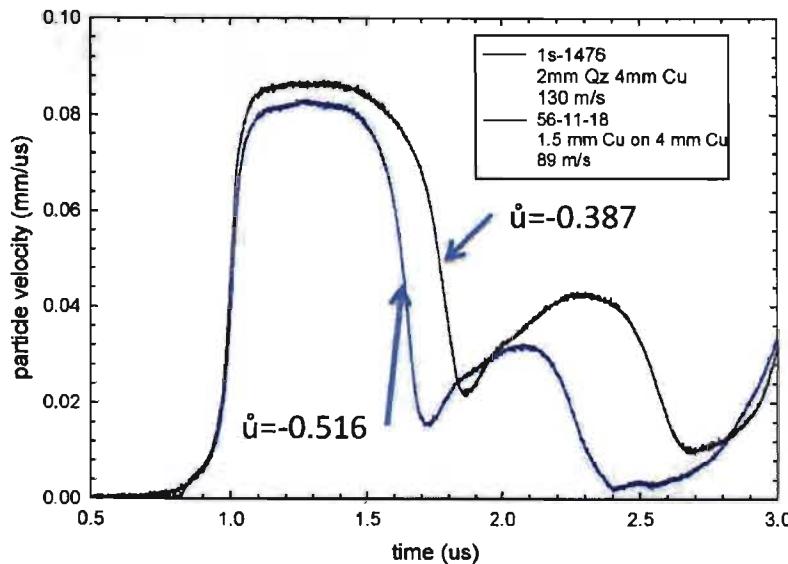
$V_A = 0.27 \%$



1.5mm Cu 89 m/s

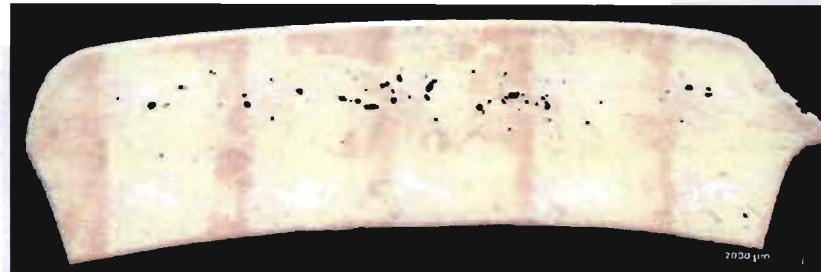
$V_A = 0.59 \%$

VISAR comparison for tensile pulse rate study

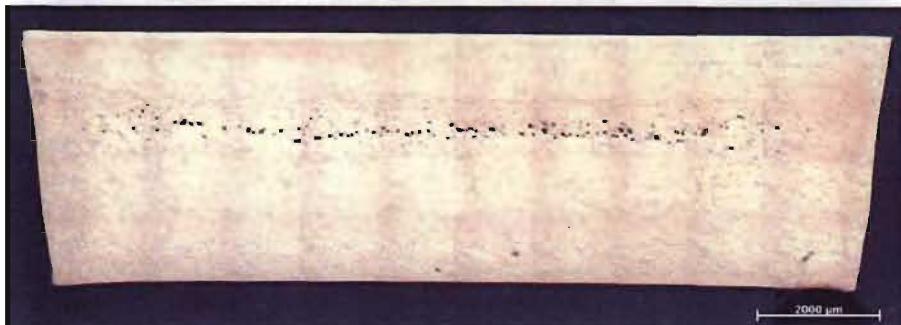


Qz tensile rate 8% smaller/slower  
Qz delta  $\times 46\%$  larger (same grain size)  
 $dx/dt_2$  36% faster  
Qz peak tension 26% higher  
Qz pulse duration flat top

Results in Qz  $\dot{u}$  33% steeper/faster  
And Qz  $V_A$  0.32% lower

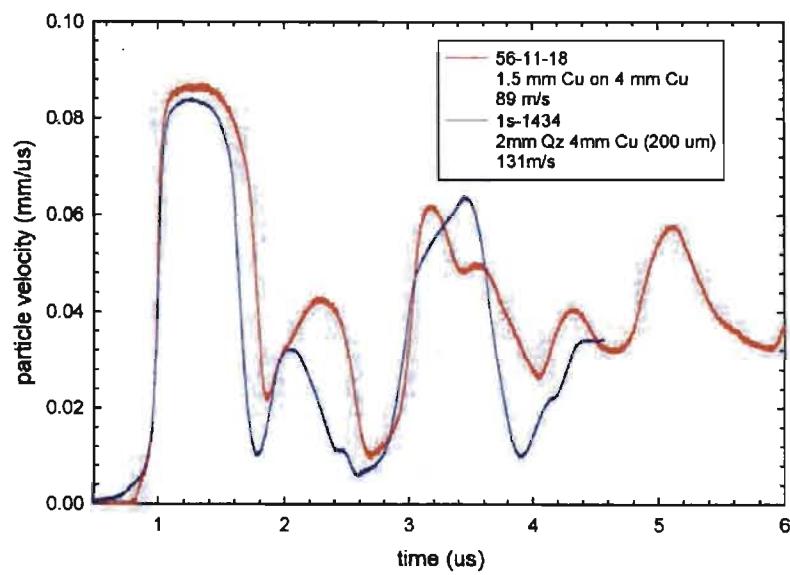


Shot 1s-1434 (200  $\mu\text{m}$ )  $V_A = 0.509\%$



1.5mm Cu 89 m/s (100  $\mu\text{m}$ )  $V_A = 0.59\%$

VISAR comparison for tensile pulse rate study



Qz tensile rate 8% smaller/slower  
Qz  $\Delta$  x 46% larger (grain size 100% larger)  
 $dx/dt^2$  36% faster  
Qz peak tension 26% higher  
Qz pulse duration flat top

Results in Qz  $\dot{u}$  ~ same  
And Qz  $V_A$  0.08% lower

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## ***Summary of Strength and Damage in metals work***

- Shock loading and microstructure are intimately connected to yield a dynamic material response.
- A critical length scale exists where mechanisms of ductile damage formation transition from individual void growth to coalescence dominated.
- An understanding of mechanisms dominating damage regimes is necessary to quantitatively interpret velocimetry results.
- Voids are preferentially nucleated at grain boundaries between 15°-55°
- Plastic work observed in the microstructure indicates that the stress evolution plays a critical role in the resultant damage.



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