



## Ring Fragmentation

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# ***Overall Programmatic Goals***

Multi-Laboratory effort to understand the physics of material fragmentation and to benchmark hydrocodes

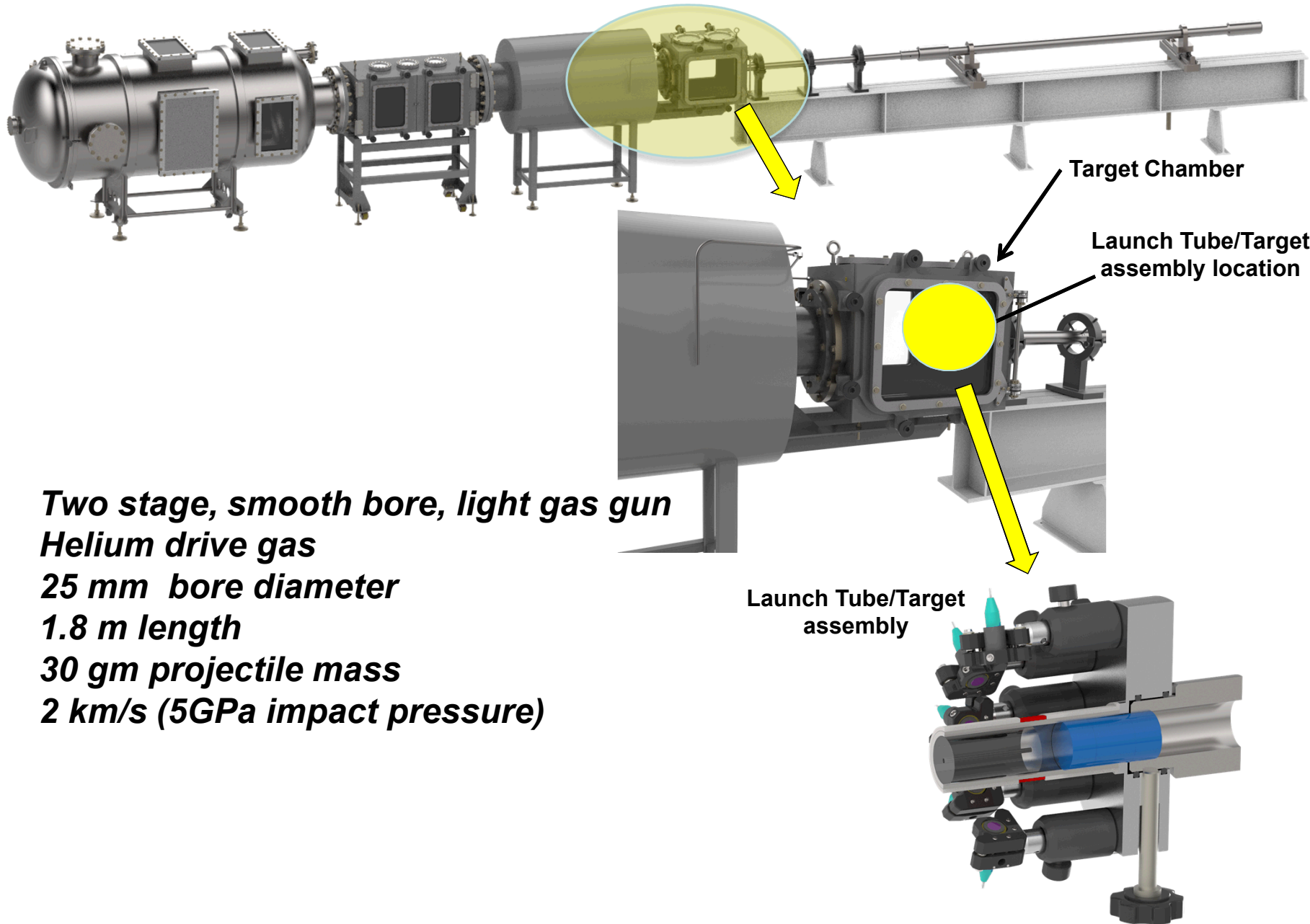
- Investigate failure and fragmentation of metals
- Provide fully predictive capability for fracture properties of materials
- Testing to provide strain rate dependent strain-to-failure data

Implement test methodology at higher stress states than previous gun-launched tests

- Rings expanded via expansion of confined polymer
  - Gun launched cylinder impacting stationary cylinder inside metallic tube
- Each individual ring will have unique strain-strain rates
- Large number of statistical observations are obtained in a single experiment
- Complementarity experiments for fragment recovery
  - statistical distribution associated with the fragmentation process and failure mechanisms

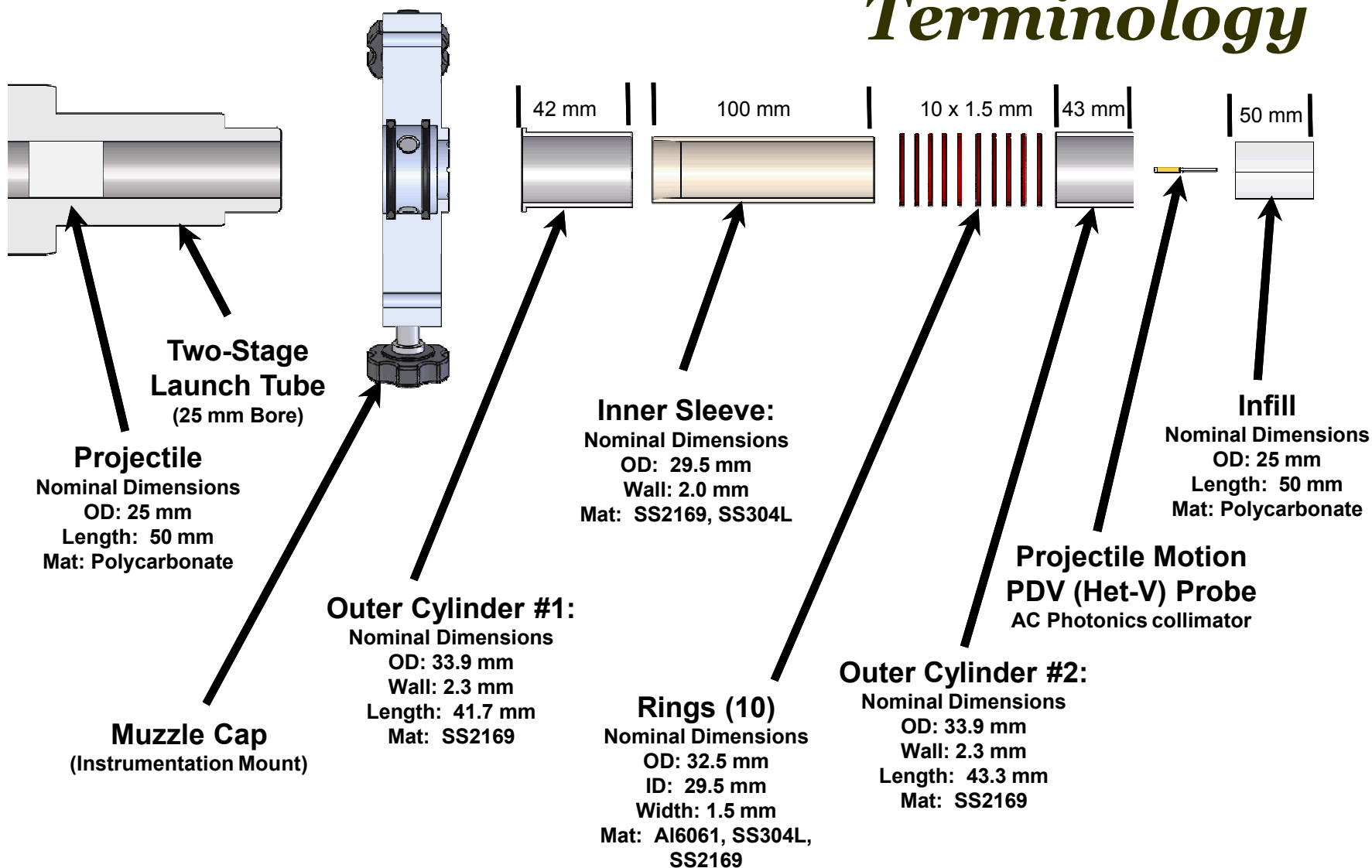
**Ultimate goal is to provide high precision data, at higher stress states, for calibrating current fracture models**

# ***Facility: Terminal Ballistic Facility***



***Two stage, smooth bore, light gas gun  
Helium drive gas  
25 mm bore diameter  
1.8 m length  
30 gm projectile mass  
2 km/s (5GPa impact pressure)***

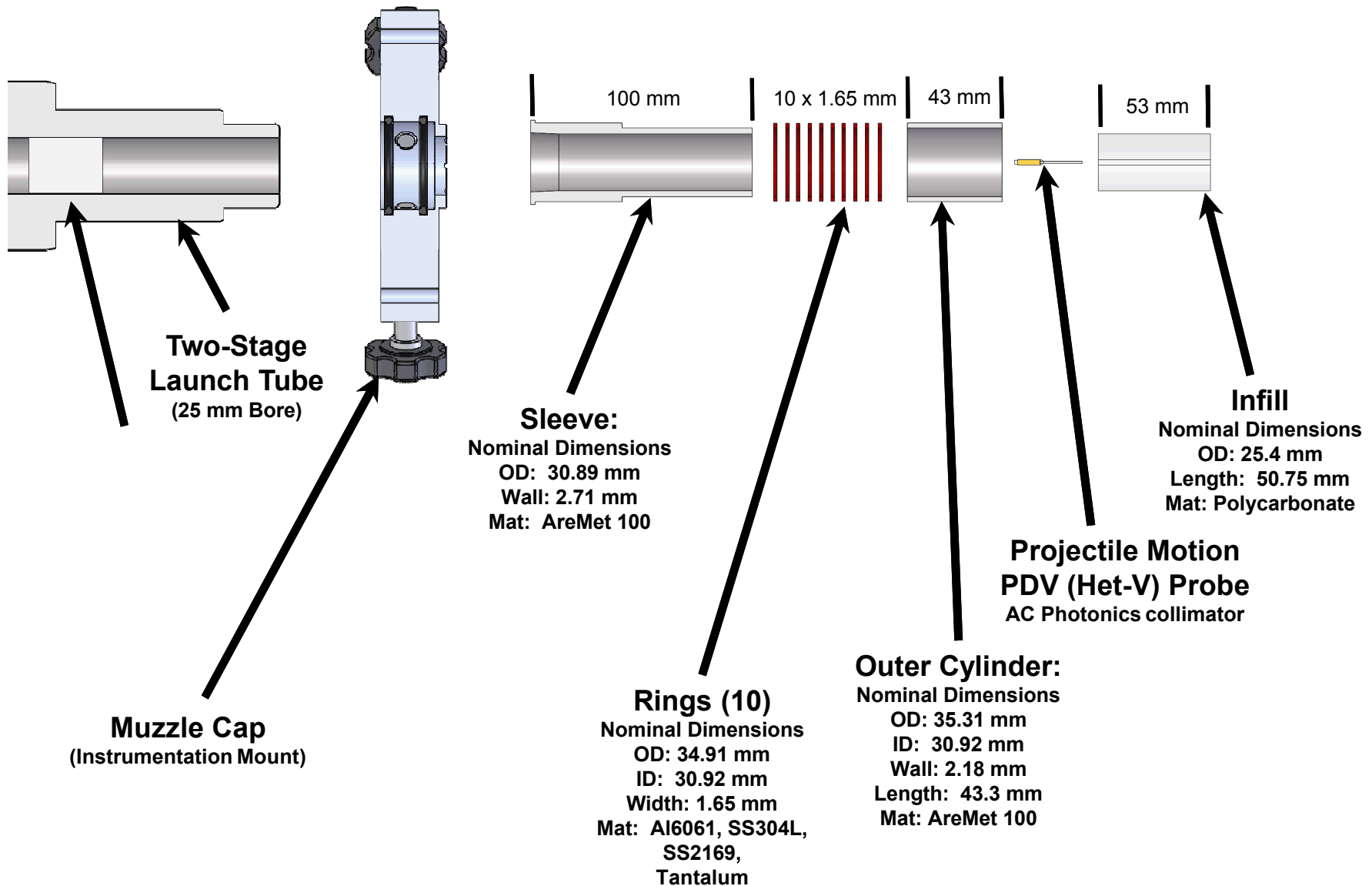
# Ring Expansion Configuration: Terminology



**Total target length ~ 100 mm**



# Ring Expansion: Updated Configuration

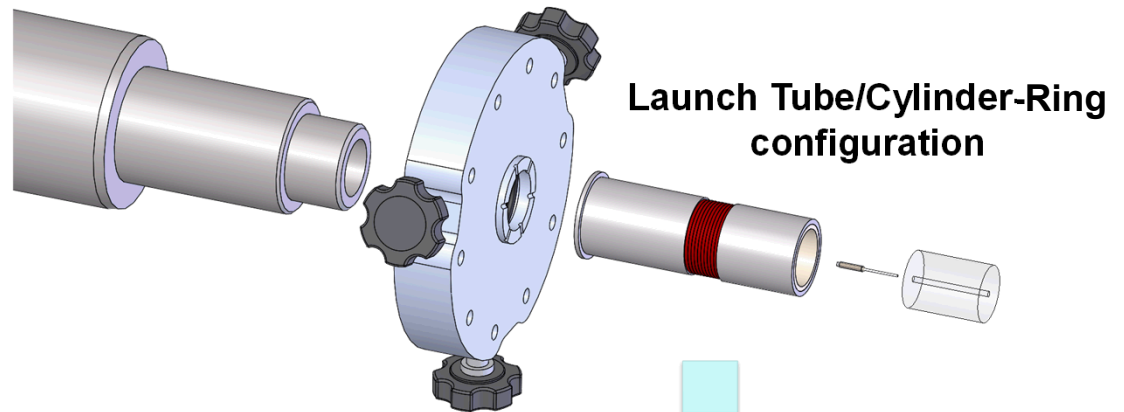
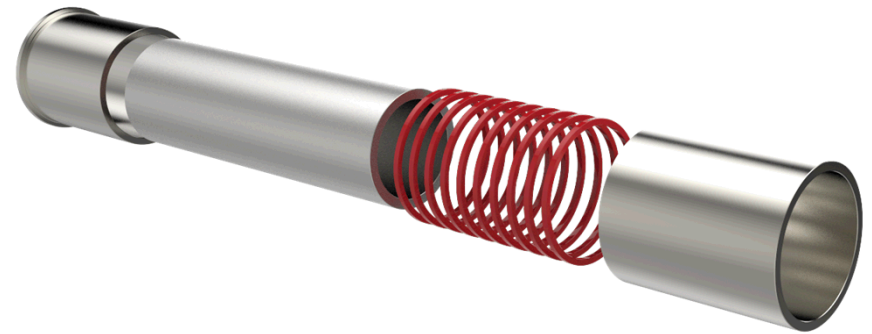


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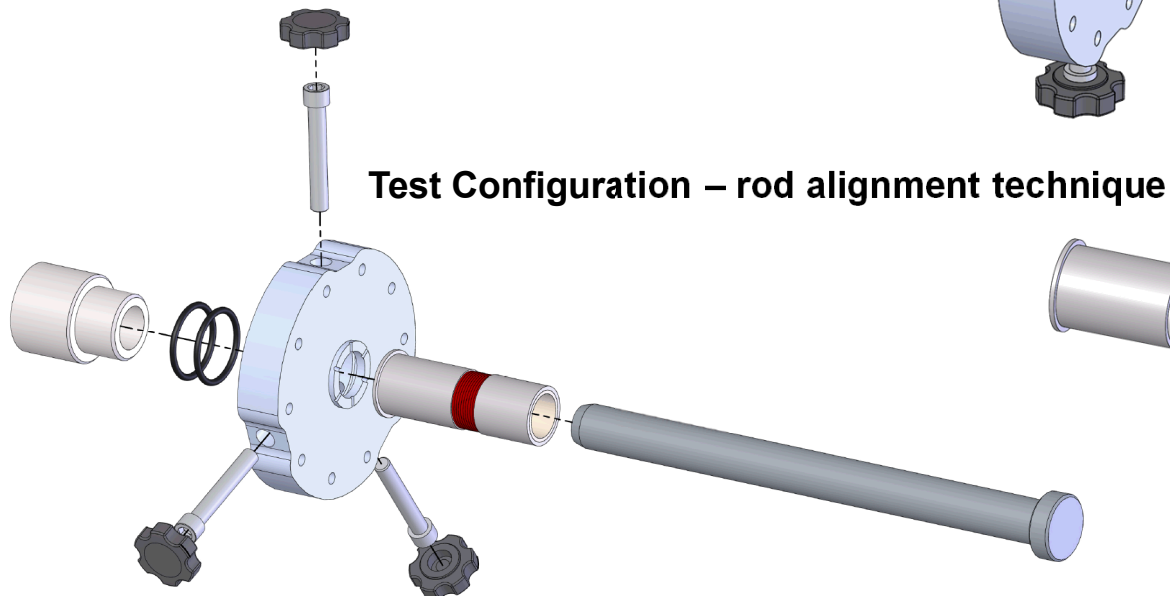
# Assembly

## **Experimental Test Setup/Alignment:**

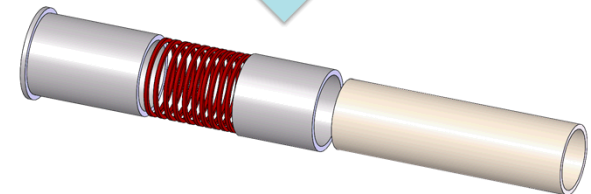
- **Tube, infill, rings on instrumentation Cap**
  - *Precision Alignment rod*



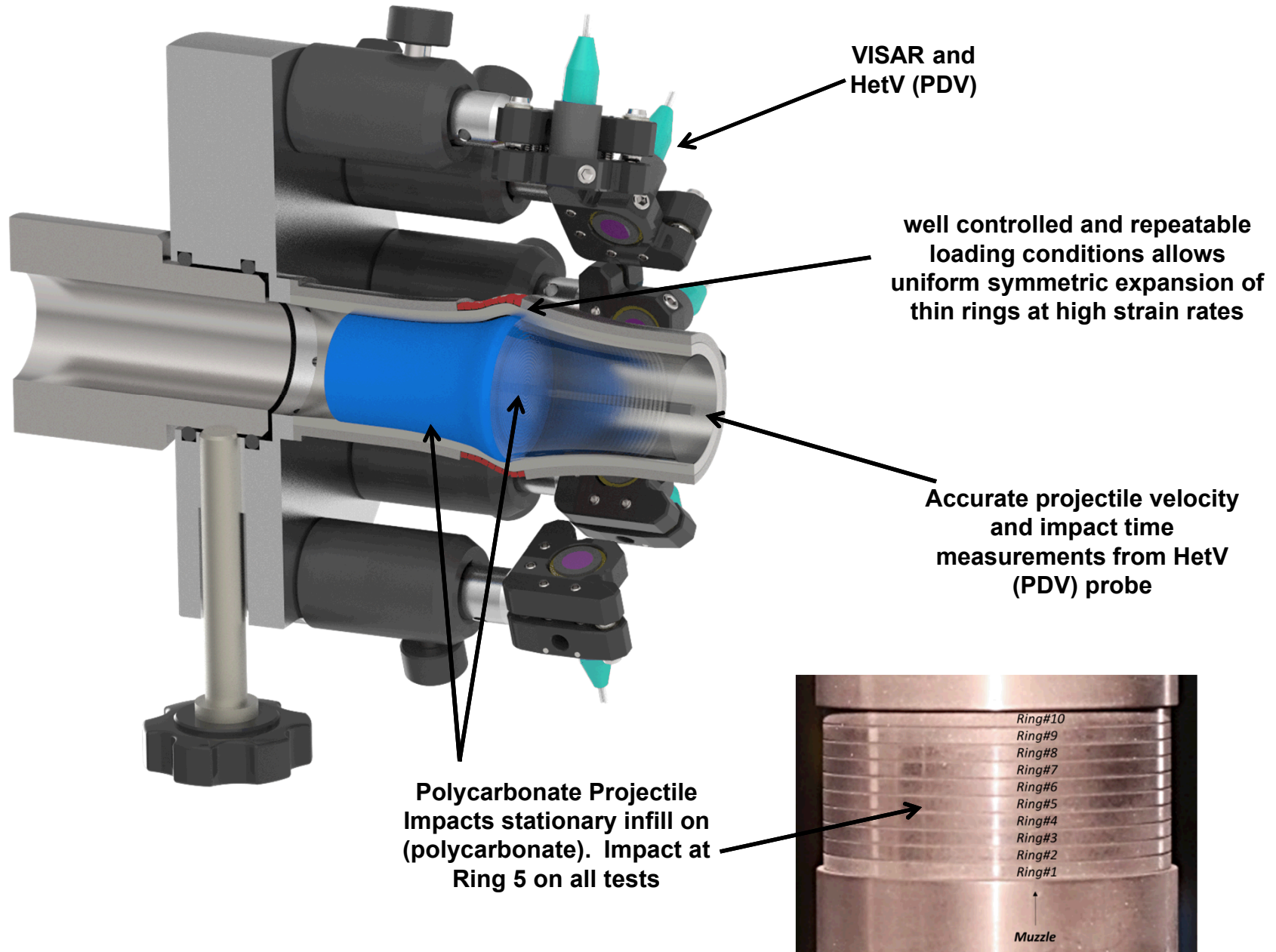
**Launch Tube/Cylinder-Ring configuration**



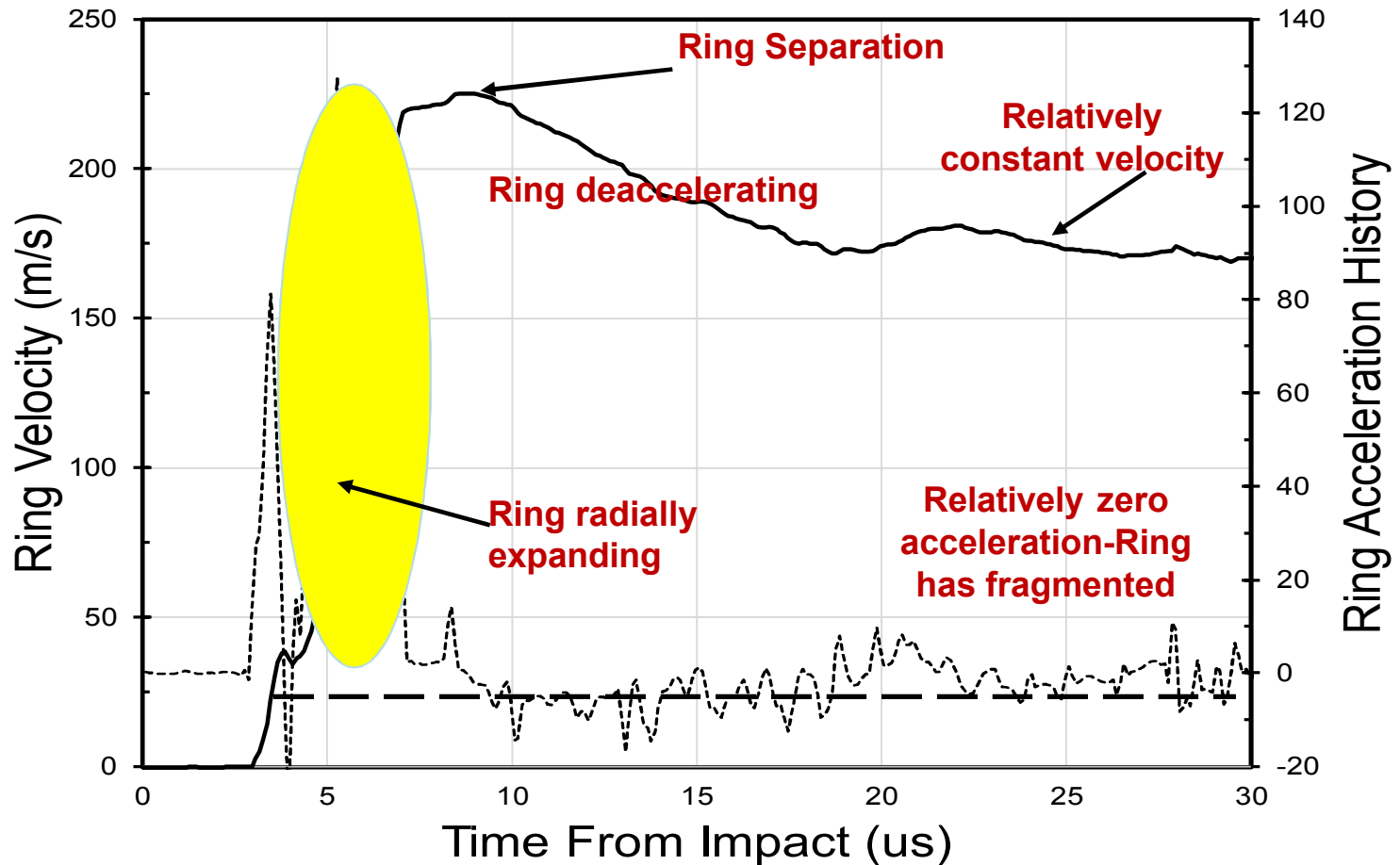
**Test Configuration – rod alignment technique**



# *Experimental Approach*



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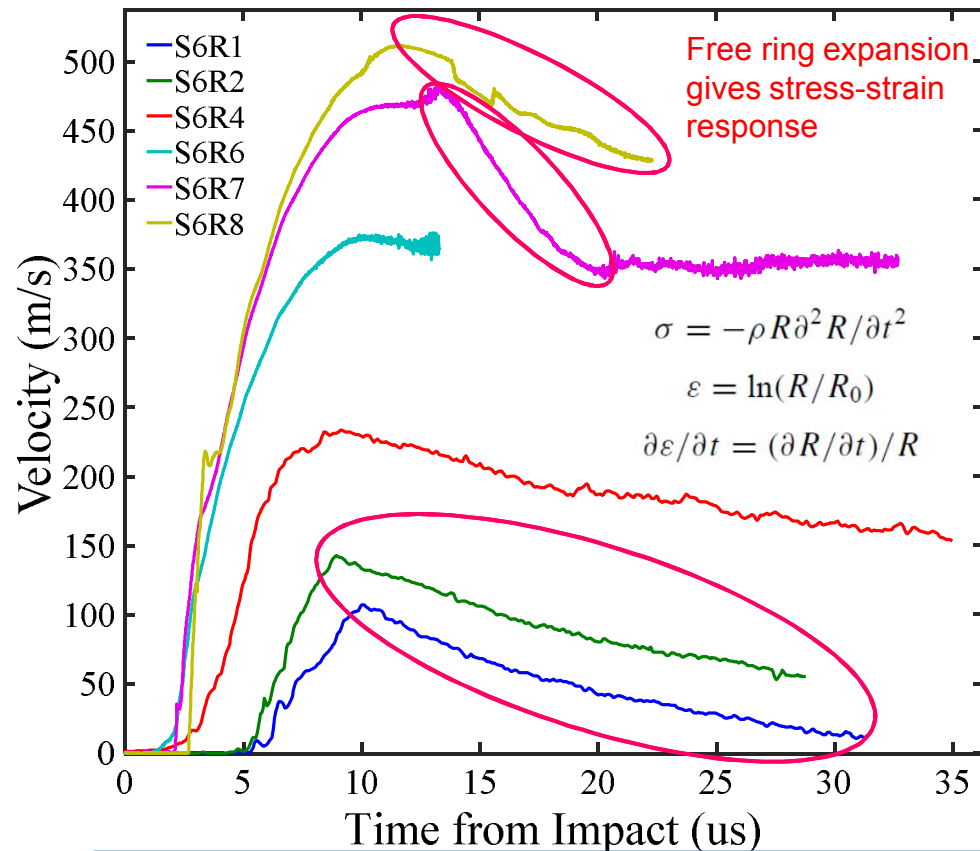


Velocity history of the ring is determined from time resolved interferometric measurements (PDV/VISAR) of the motion at one point on each ring. Free flight of the test ring is allowed through onset of fracture and fragmentation.

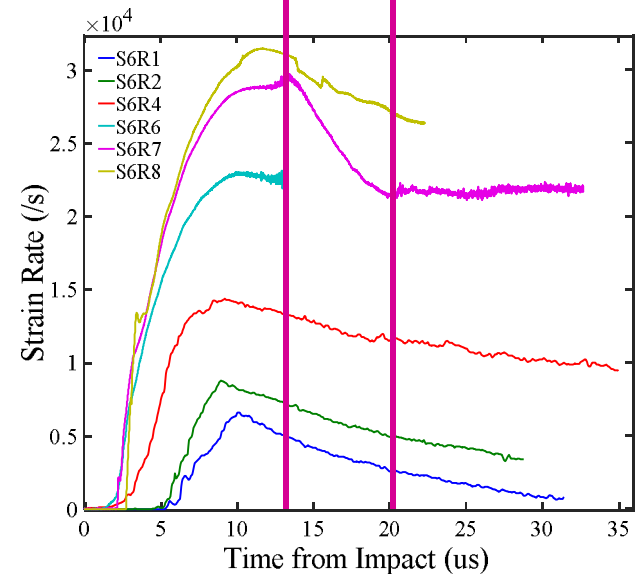
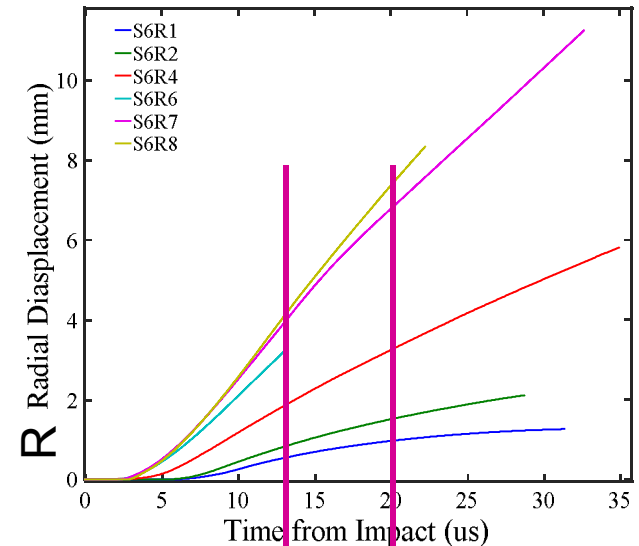
Ring accelerates and separates from inner sleeve, continues to expand from its own inertia, deaccelerates by radial component of hoop stresses. Wave profiles from each ring provide accurate determination of:

- region of ring separation
- measured deceleration of the expanding ring prior to fragmentation
  - Used to calculate tensile flow stress
- % of expansion at failure and velocity at failure
- strain rate dependent strain-to-failure data

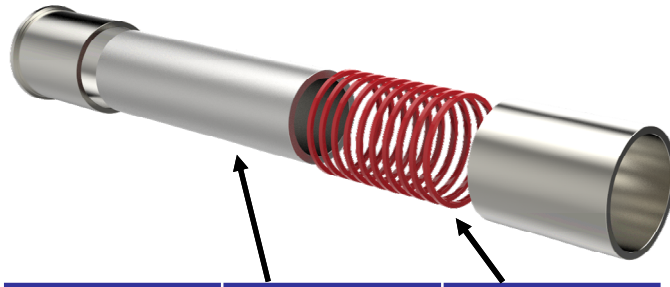
# Velocimetry data indicate deformation at a range of strain rates



- Motion is tracked over 12-35 mm of radial displacement
- Strain rates up to  $3 \times 10^4 \text{ s}^{-1}$
- Some indication of ring failure in high numbered rings
- Low numbered rings show deformation but not failure

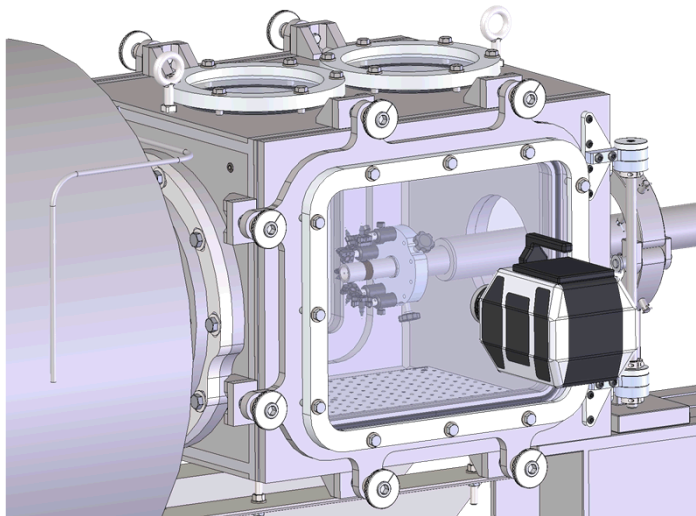


# The whole shebang: fully integrated test combines velocimetry and high speed video



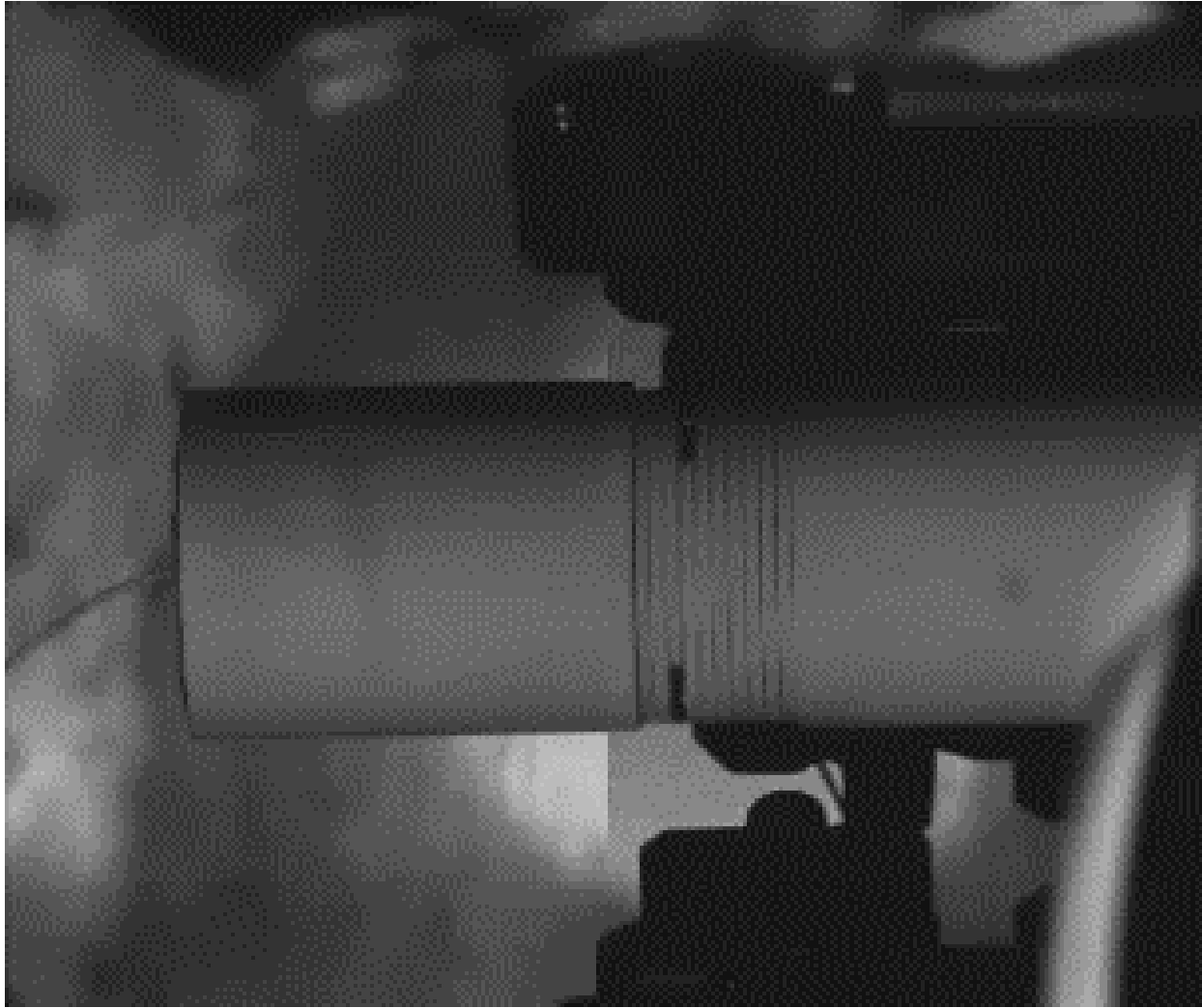
	Inner Sleeve	Rings
Shot 6	SS 304	SS 304

- Goal of this test was to confirm capability to conduct a fully integrated test
  - Simultaneous velocimetry and photography
- Rings and inner sleeve were 304 stainless steel





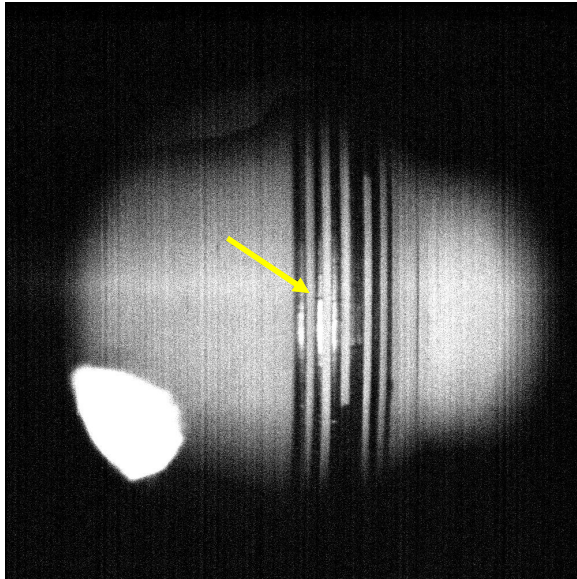
## Failure of inner sleeve and rings is evident in high speed video



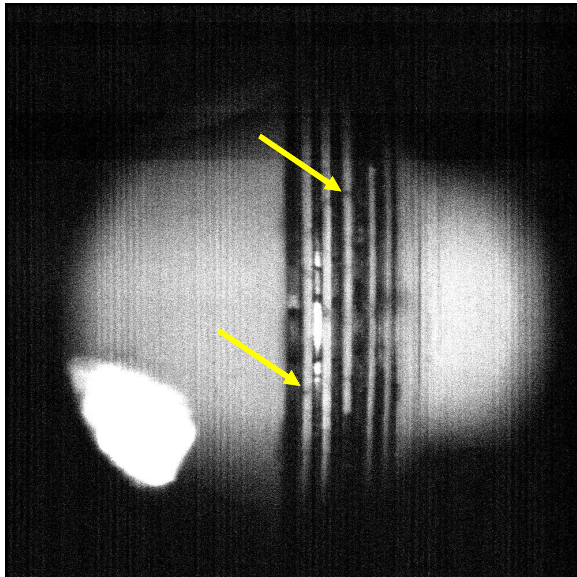
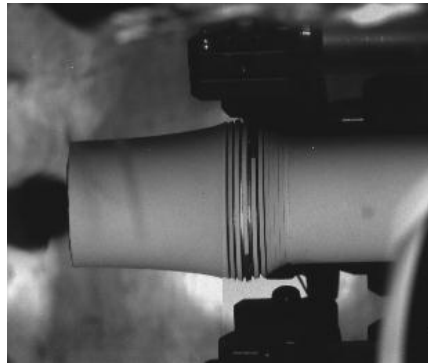
impact

cracking of sleeve and rings

# High resolution Cordin images indicate onset of failure in sleeve and rings



Cracks evident in inner sleeve  
19 us after impact

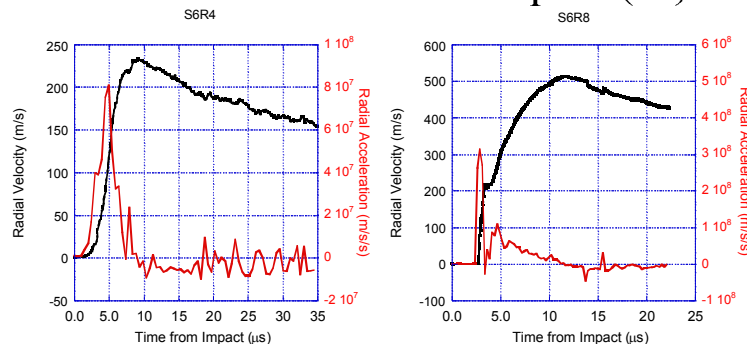
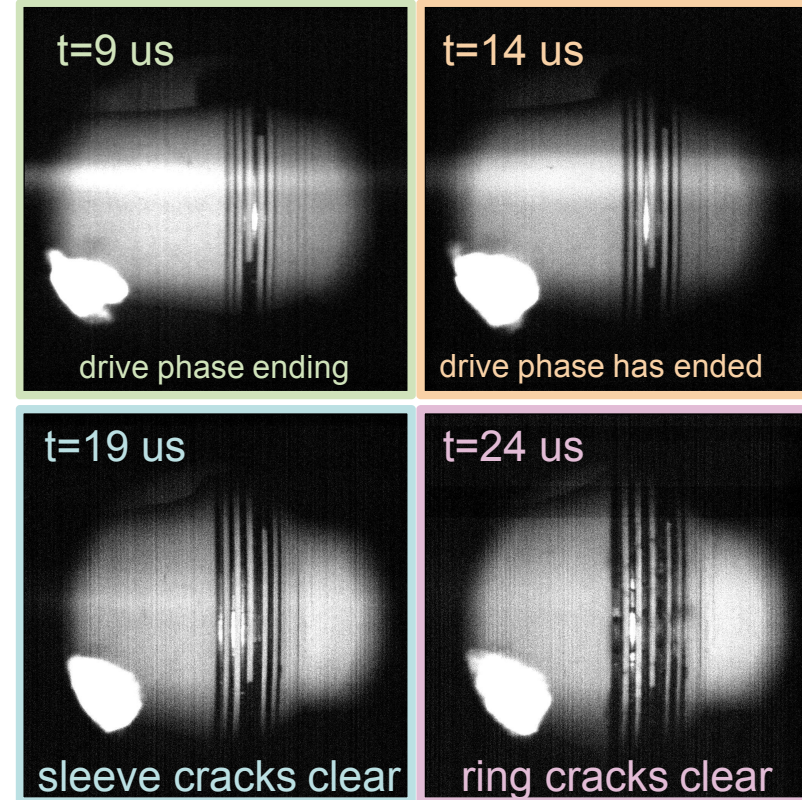
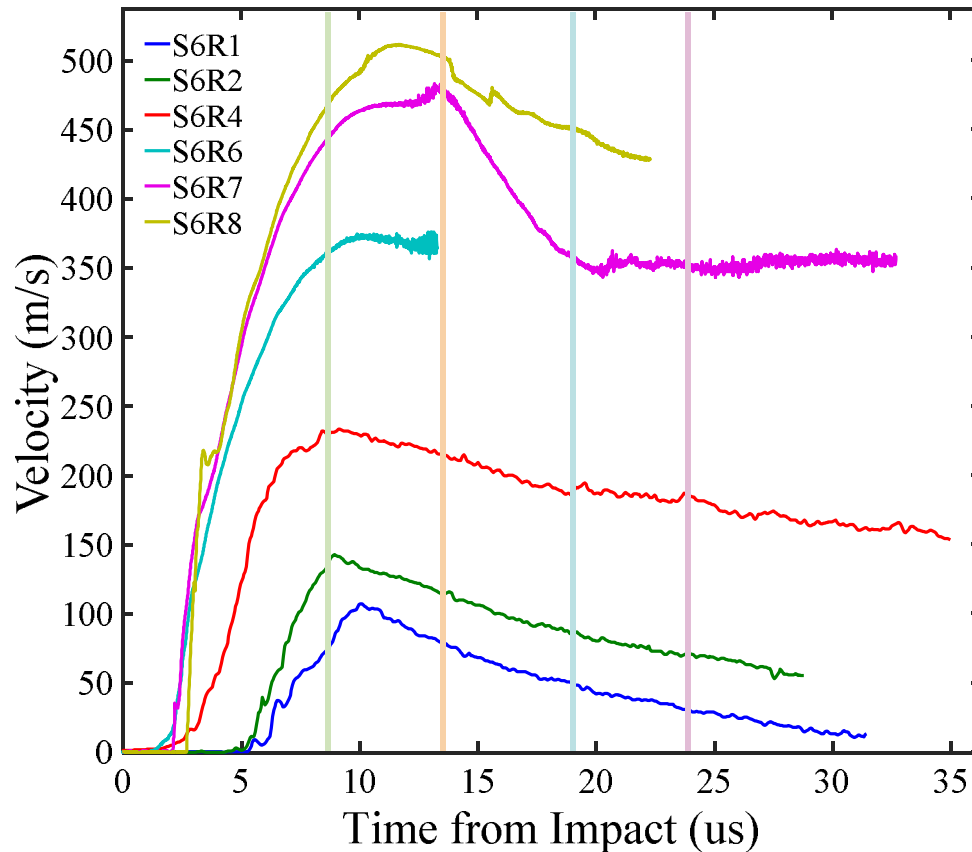


Cracks evident in rings  
24 us after impact



Recovered rings (1-4)  
and fragments

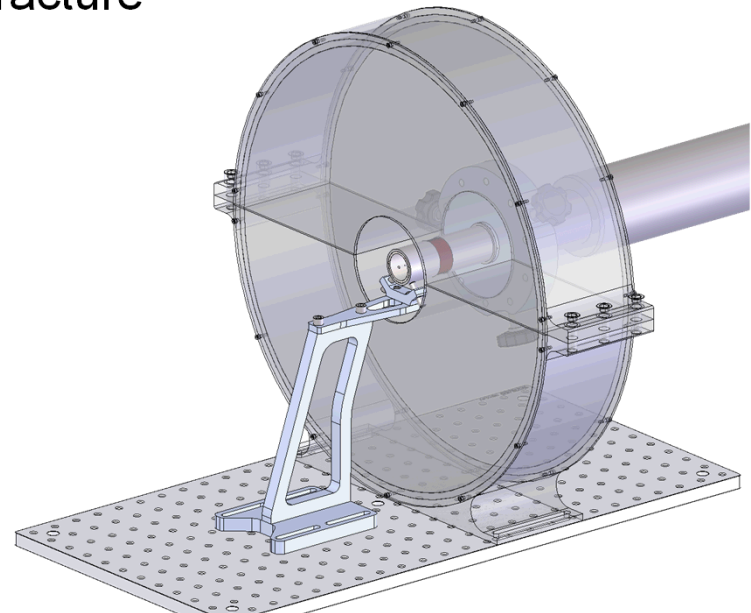
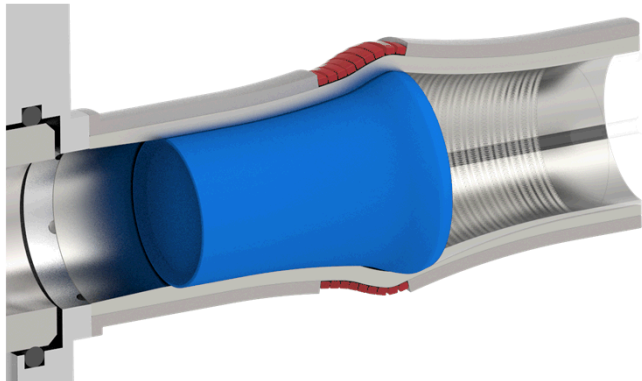
# Experiments generate multiple data sets which will be used to calibrate failure models



Time correlated combination of velocimetry and imagery provide a plethora of information to inform failure models at multiple strains and strain rates

# ***Material and Recovery:***

- Customer will need to supply additional information on the material
- Pre-test sample analysis (LANL)
  - Should know phase of material as results can vary significantly as the alpha (more ductile) phase will be significantly different than the gamma (more brittle) phase
  - Phase will be evident
- Post-Test: LANL will look at recovered fragments
  - Inspection of fragments will reveal necking regions which occurs through local deformation
    - failure in these materials proceeds first through deformation localization and ductile necking, and subsequently by extension fracture



# ***Future:***

- Should investigate different geometries of 'material' to observe the failure mechanisms
  - Are they different?