

# Stochastic Shock Observations from Plate Impact of Porous Tantalum

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# Porous Tantalum as a Stochastic Material

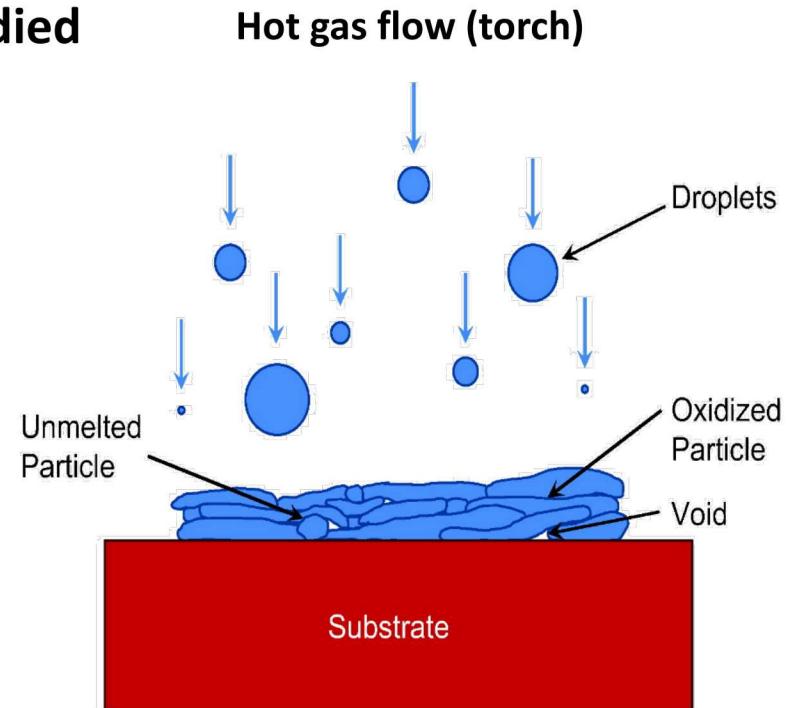
Shock in structured materials (e.g., additively-manufactured) is of increasing interest.

Stochastic materials may present simpler test cases for multidimensional or reduce-order models

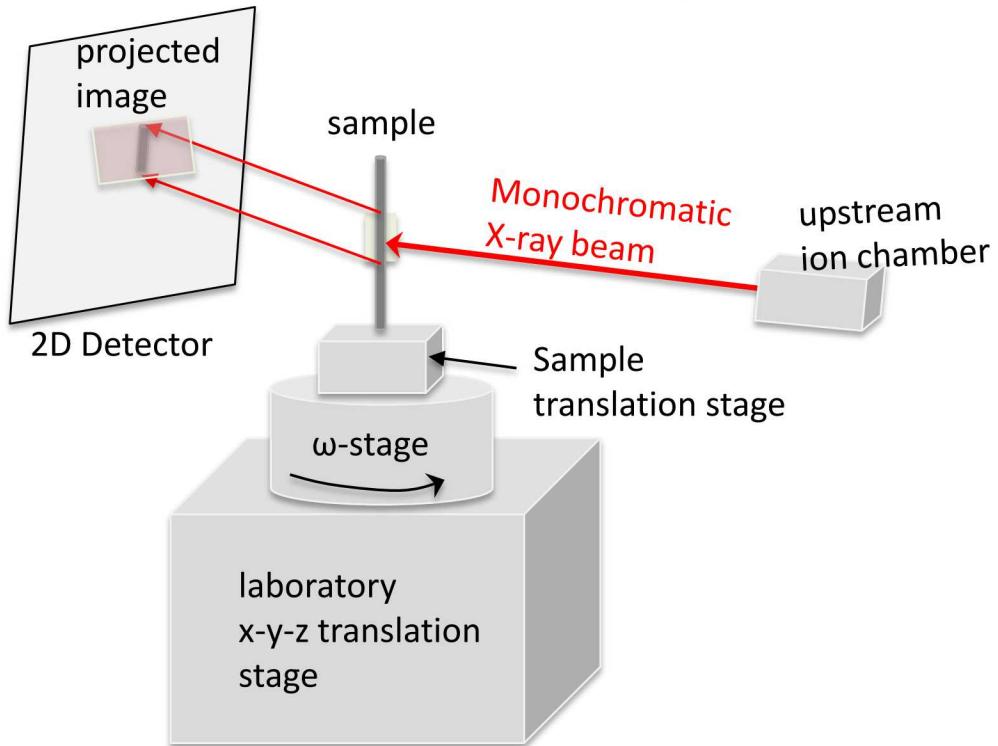
Porous Ta is appealing:

- Shock behavior of solid Ta extensively studied
- Inexpensive, reproducible spray-forming

Successive coatings from molten-particle impact

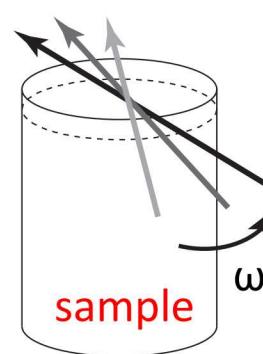


# Experimental setup at APS 1ID-E for x-ray tomography

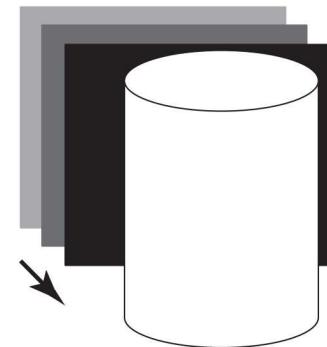


Schematic of the instrument geometry

$\Delta\omega = 0.2^\circ$



1800 projections/volume



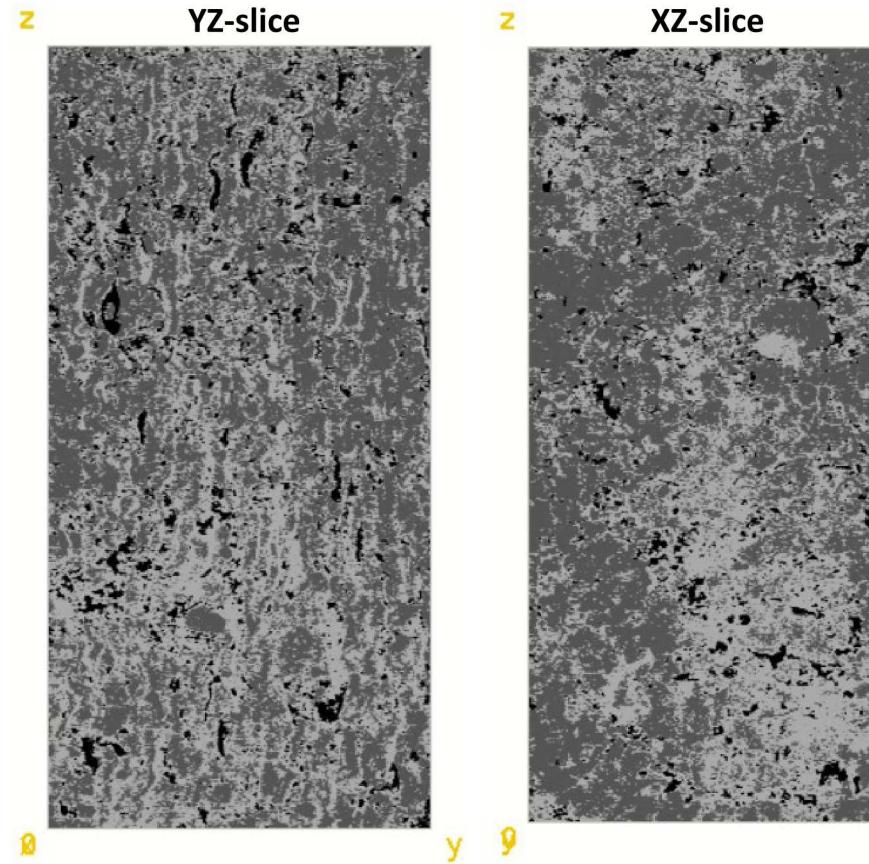
Energy = 67 keV

Pixel pitch = 781 nm (pre-shot) and 586 nm (post-shot)

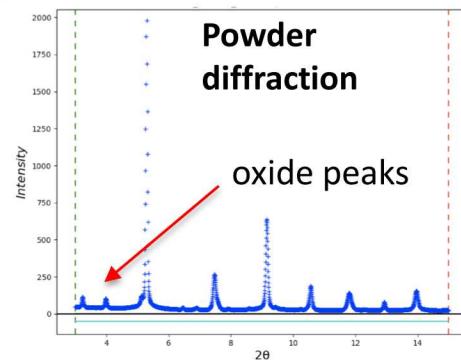


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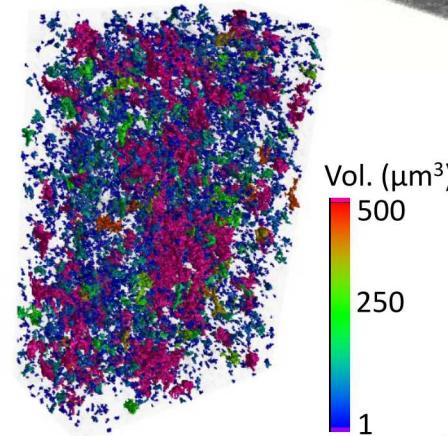
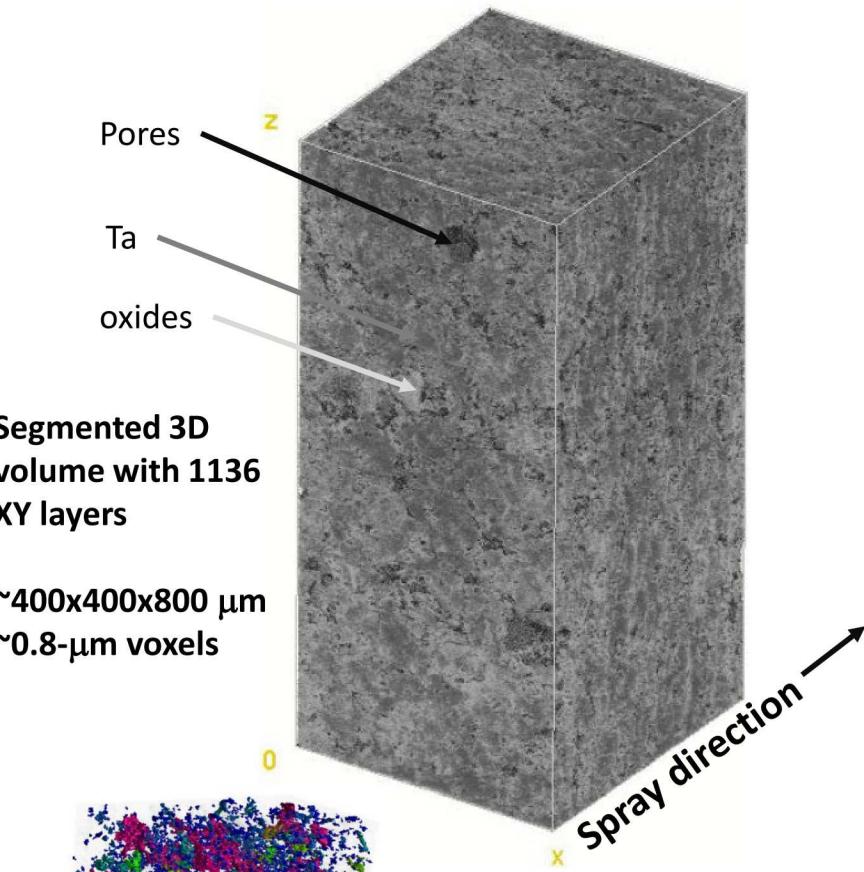
# Lamellae, oxides and pores are sources of heterogeneity for shock response



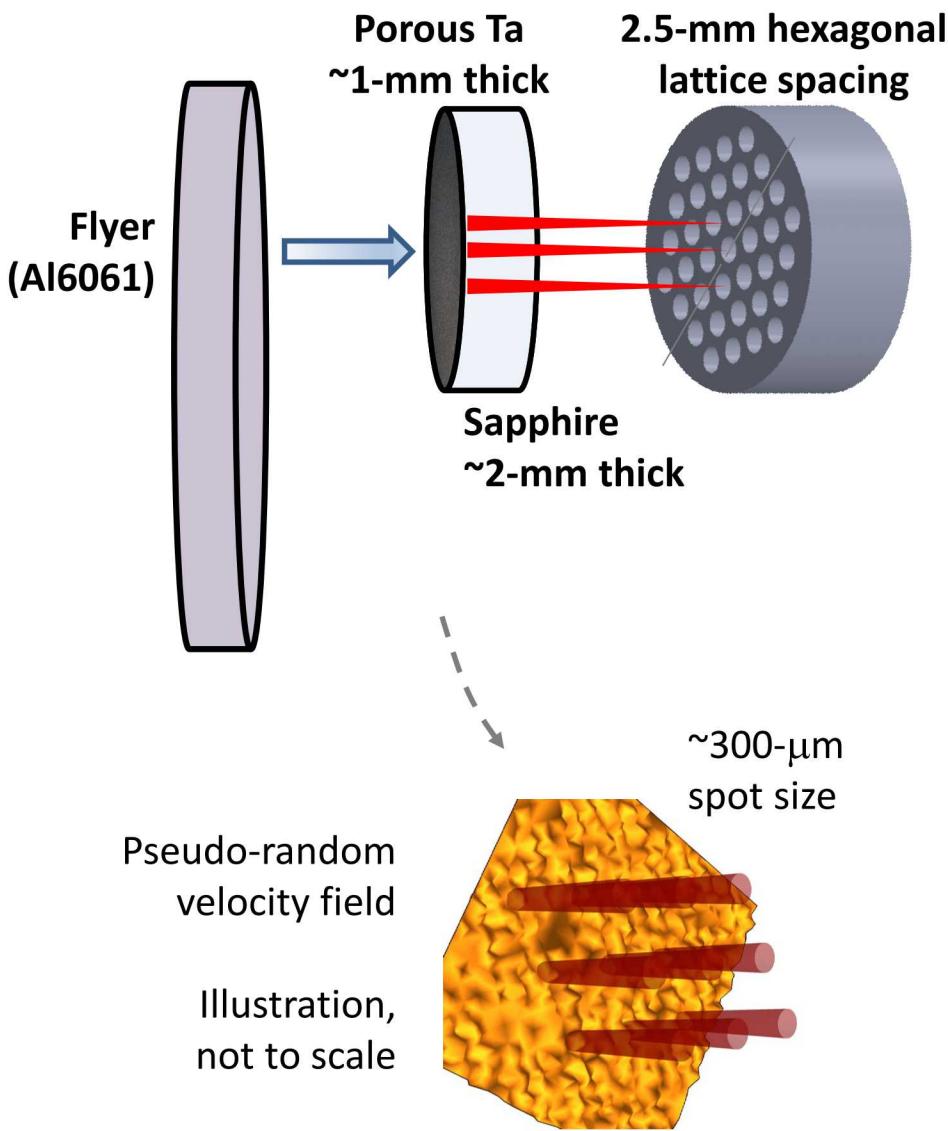
Lamella  
~10- $\mu\text{m}$  thick  
~100- $\mu\text{m}$  wide



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# Optics Geometry



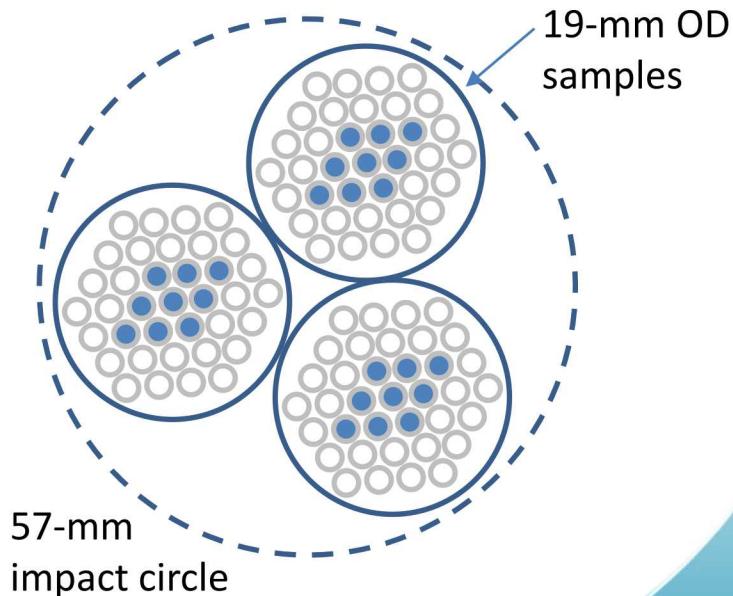
## Up to 13 probes per sample:

- Ascentta “triangle” probes
- 0° polished bare fiber
- Dual fiber send/receive configuration

## Three interferometer types:

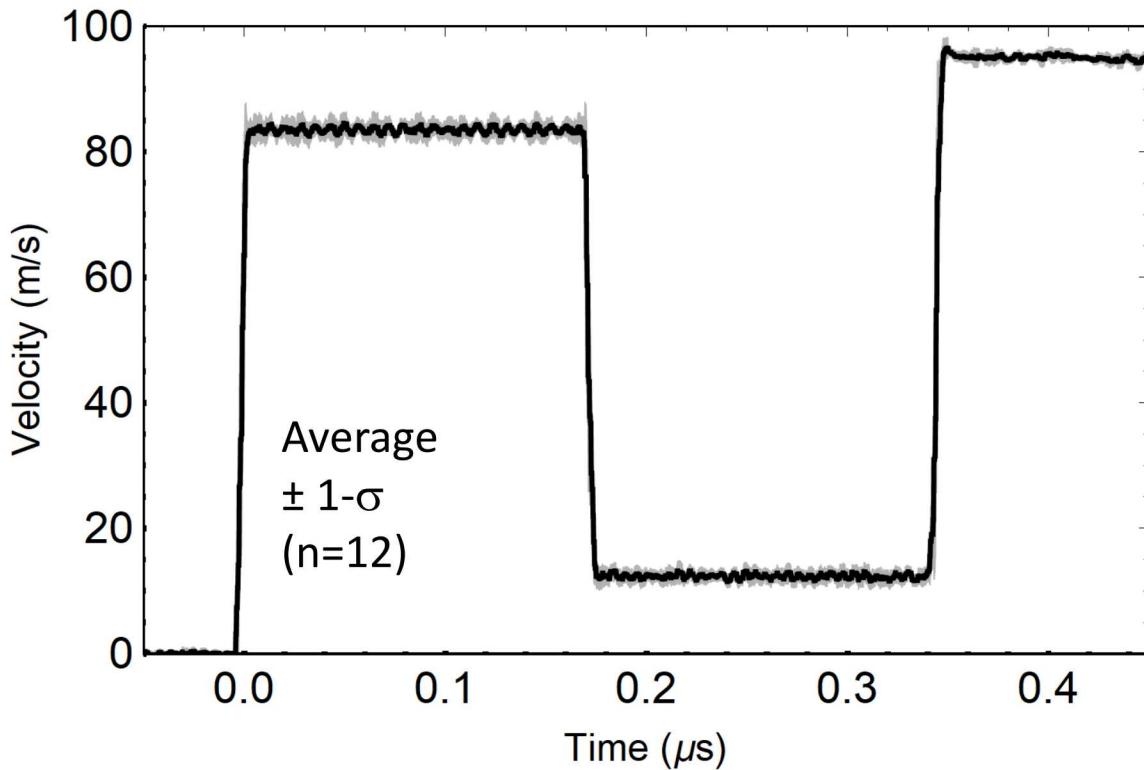
- Photonic Doppler Velocimetry (PDV)
- Photonic Displacement Interferometer (PDI)
- VISAR

## Up to 3 samples per shot:



Lattice is removed  
for VISAR

# Symmetric Sapphire-Sapphire Impact

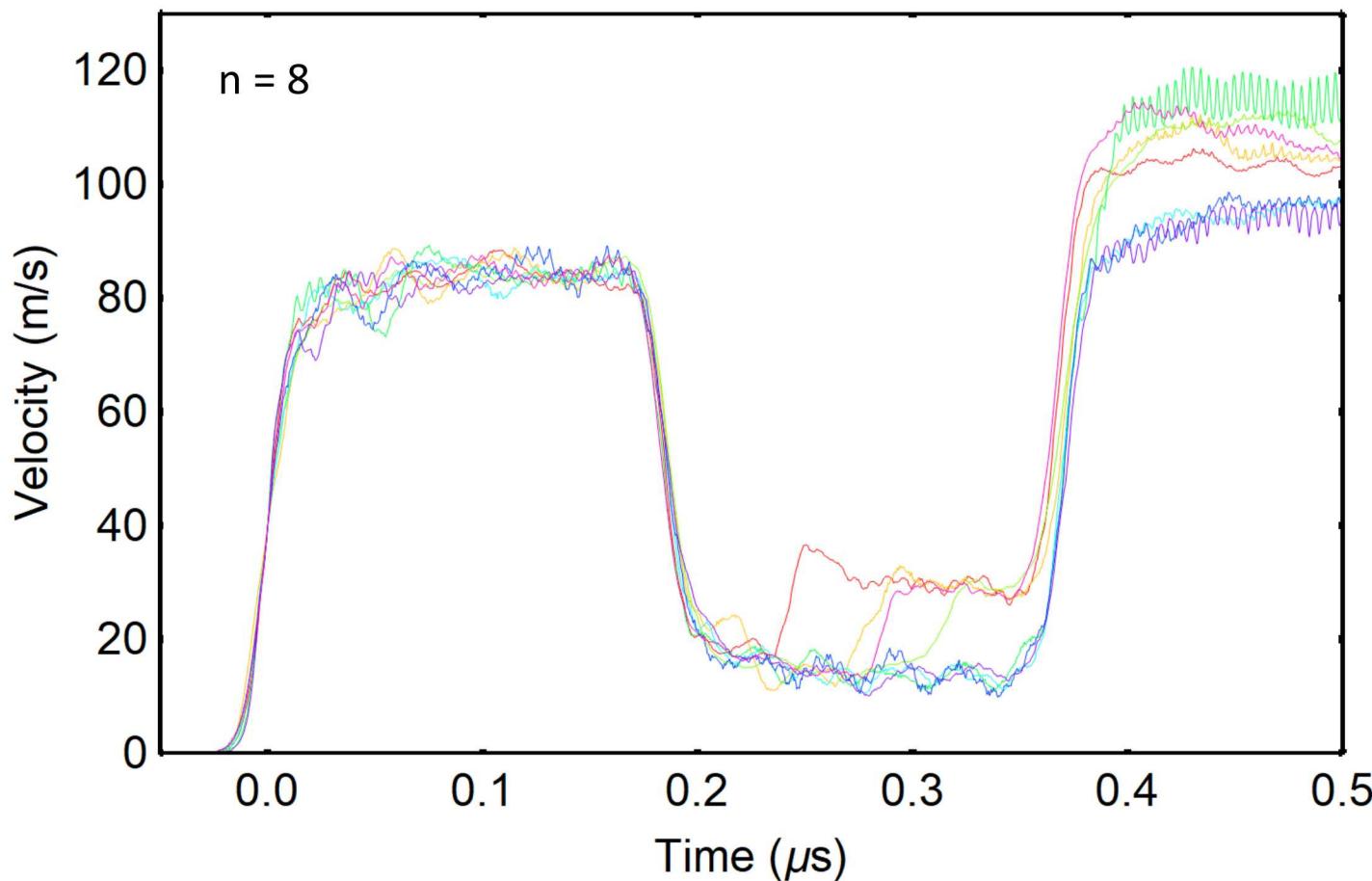


Average of PDI and PDV

3 other control shots produced comparable results

PDV, PDI, and VISAR (not shown) give same mean plateau velocity within ~1 m/s (standard deviation)

# Forward Ballistic Impact of Porous Tantalum

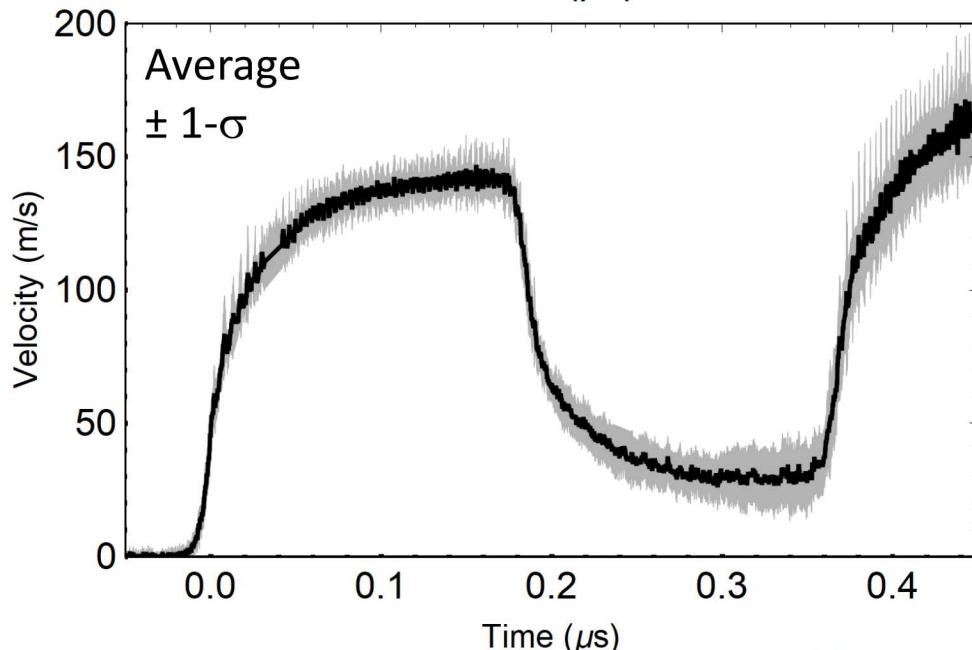
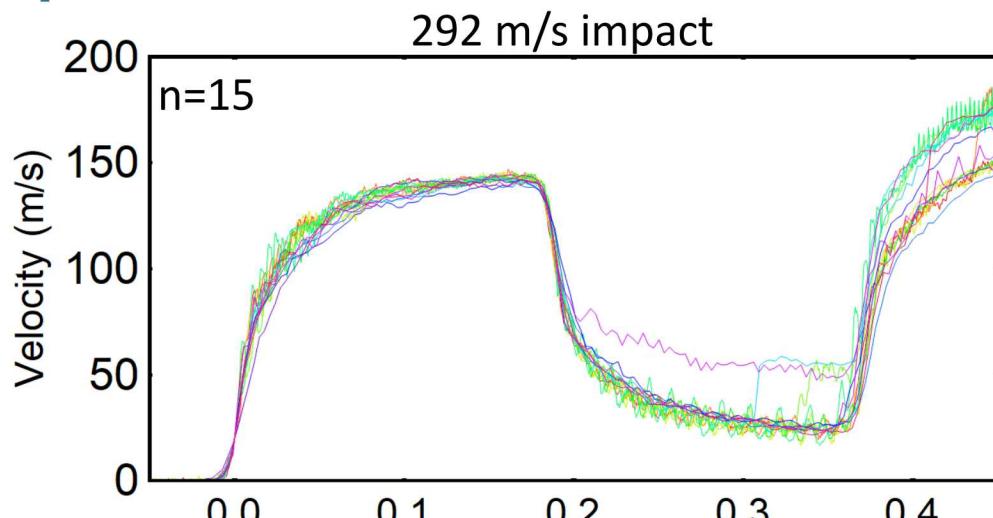


*Time axes aligned at 40 m/s.*

169 m/s

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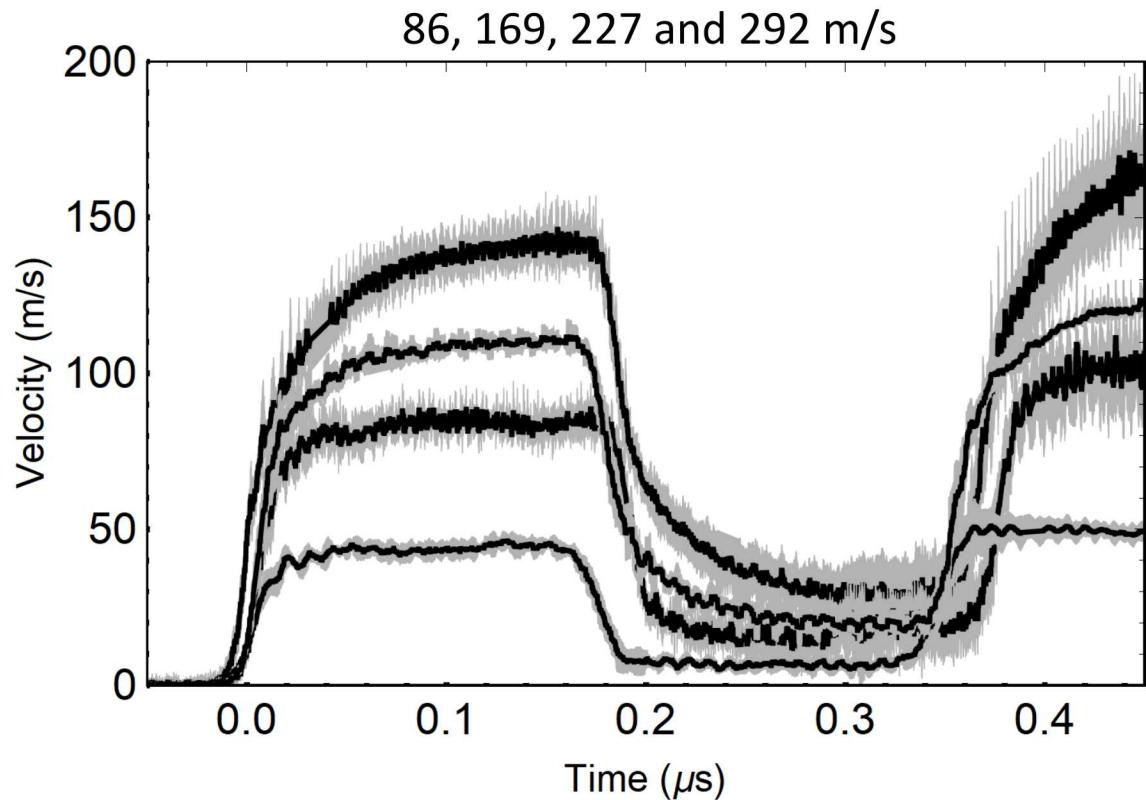
Superposition for two samples on the same shot.



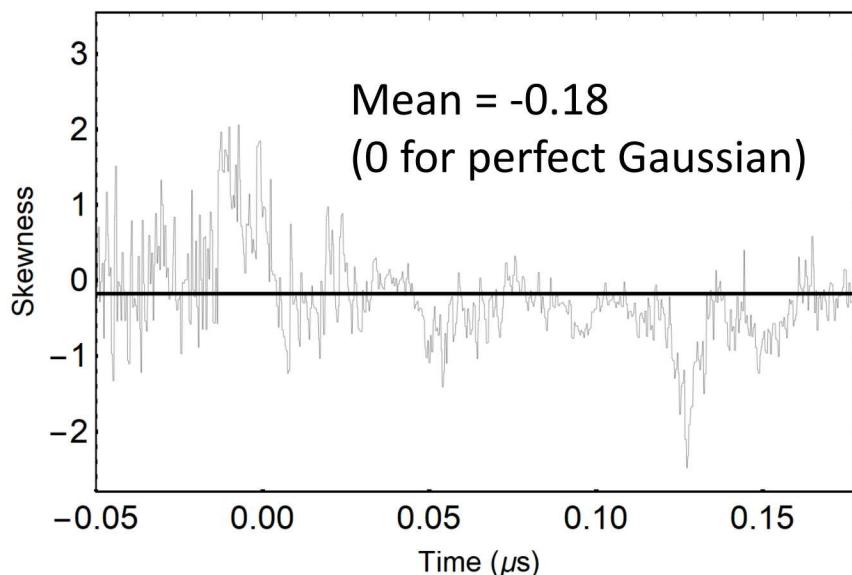
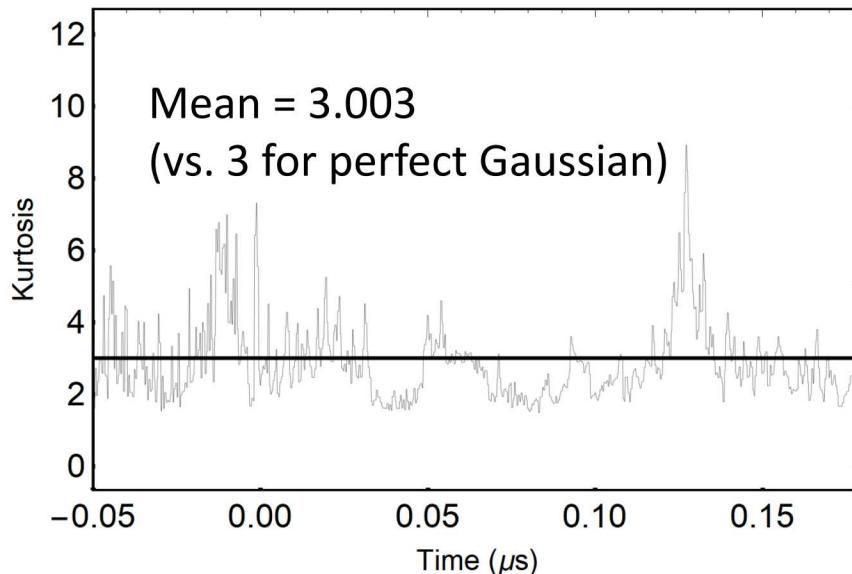
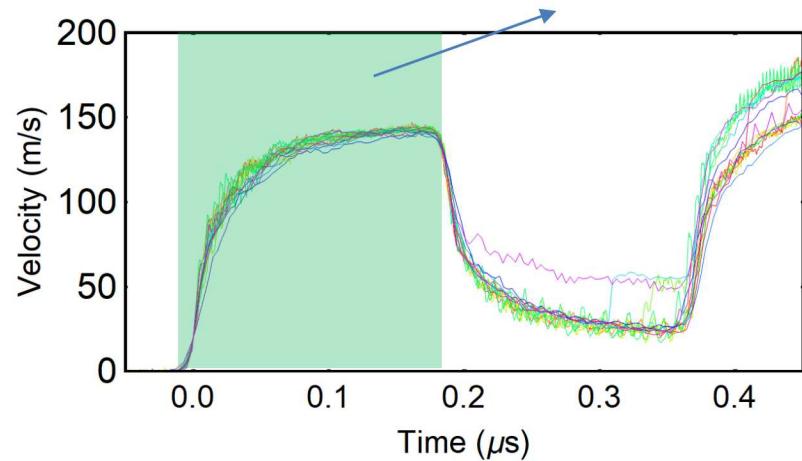
# Forward-Ballistic Impact of Porous Tantalum: Multiple impact velocities

Reproducible features:  
rounding of stress wave

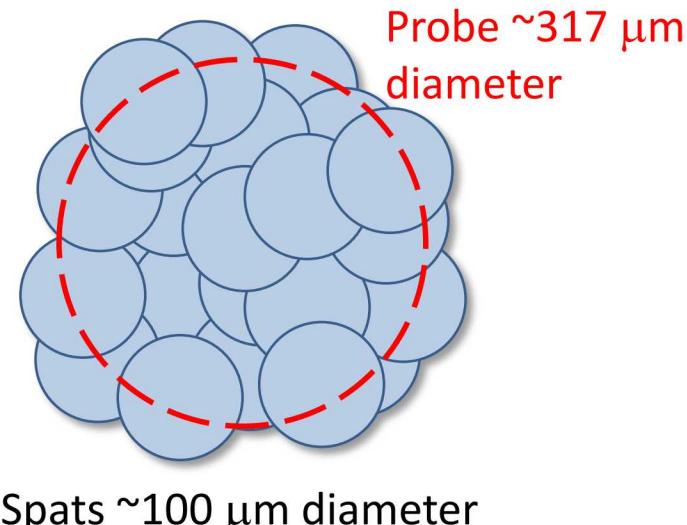
Min. of 5–10% s.d.  
depending on ROI



# Spatial Velocity Distribution is approximately Gaussian



# Effect of Finite Probe Size

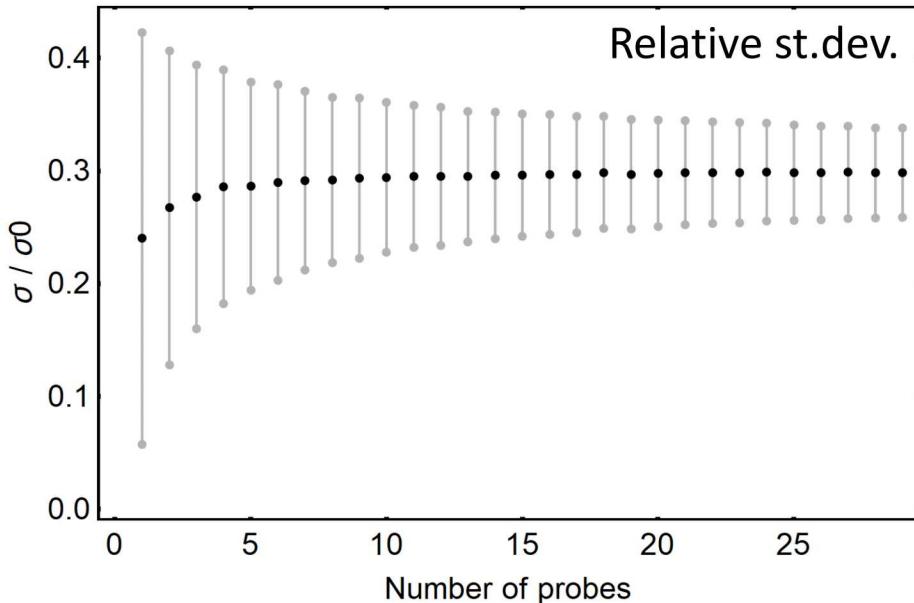
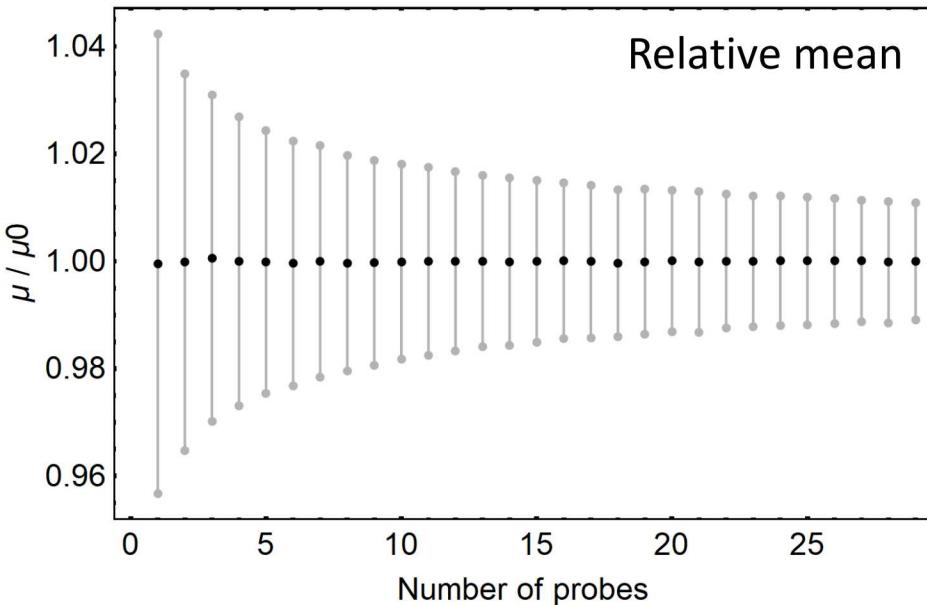


Monte Carlo simulations assuming:

- Response uniform within a splat
- Gaussian distr. of splat responses
- Uniform sampling by probe
- Avg/s.d. of  $N$  probes

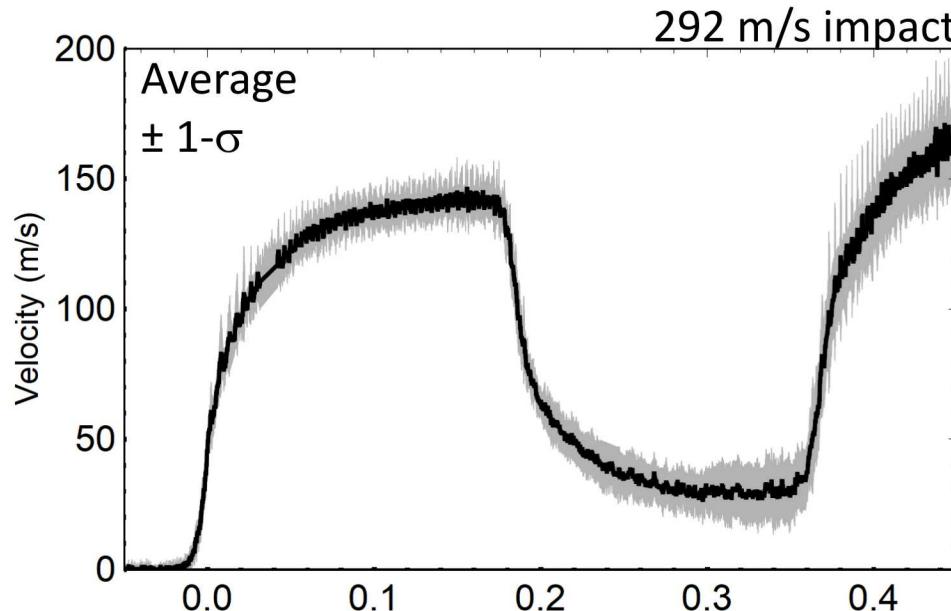
$\sim 5\text{-}10$  probes convergence to mean

$\sim 317 \mu\text{m}$  probes underestimates distribution width by  $\sim 1/0.3 = 3.3\times$

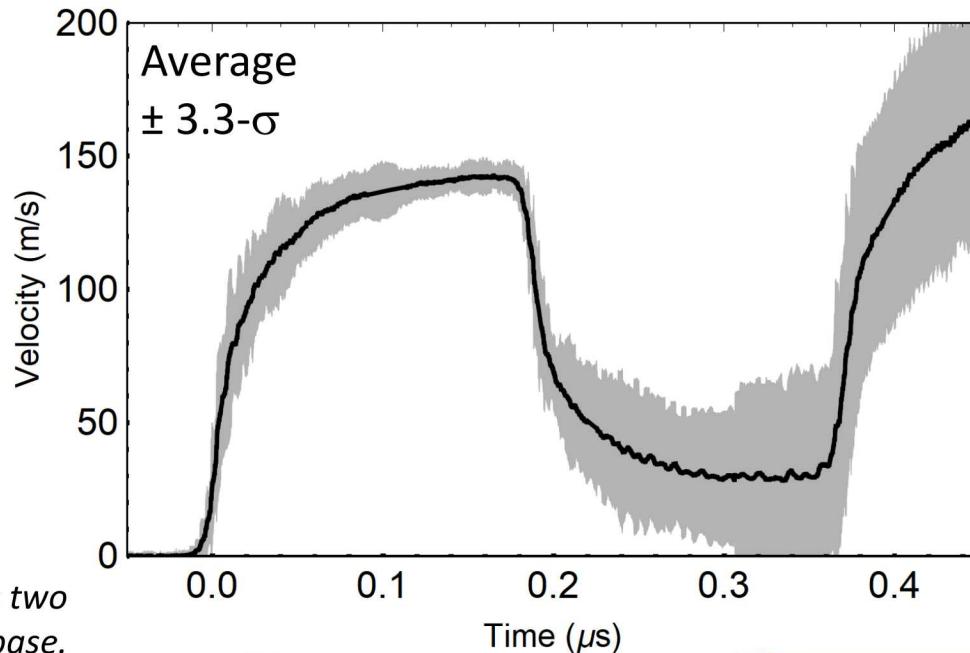


# Distributions with Finite Probe Size Correction

As measured



Projected based on  
probe/feature size ratio



Top result was one sample. Bottom result is two  
samples with PDI & PDV put onto same time base.

# Conclusions

Multipoint velocimetry control experiments:

- Up to 26 measurements per shot demonstrated
- PDI, PDV and VISAR give same mean response within probe-to-probe variation of  $\sim 1$  m/s

Porous Tantalum has stochastic structure and stochastic (Gaussian) shock response during plate impact loading:

- Spatial velocity distribution is  $\sim$ Gaussian commensurate with stochastic particle deposition
- Velocity distribution standard deviation was  $\sim 5\text{-}10\%$  of mean
- Represents lower bound to variation, owing to optic dimensions
- Consistent rounding of wave stress profile indicative of dissipation (e.g., pore collapse)