

# Explosively Driven Flyer Plate Velocity Time Profiles Transformed to Internal Explosive Pressure



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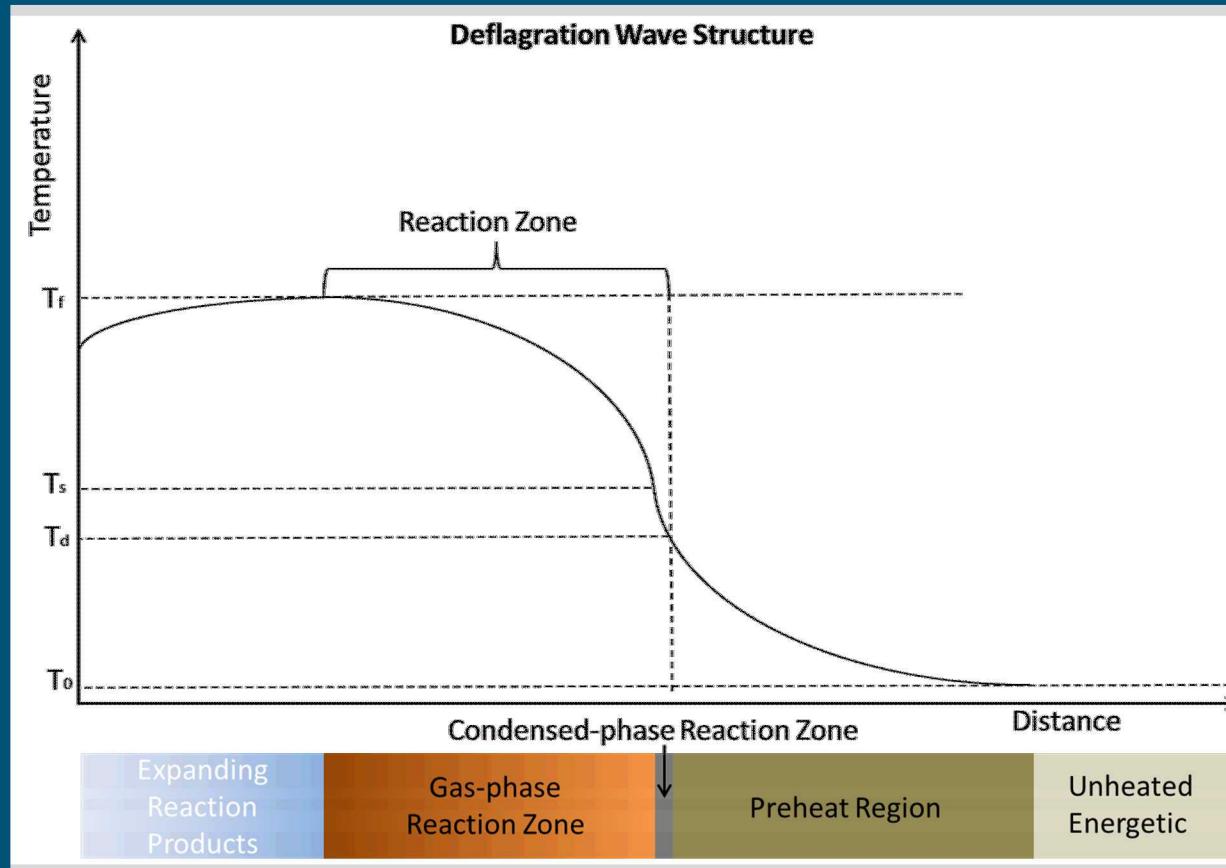
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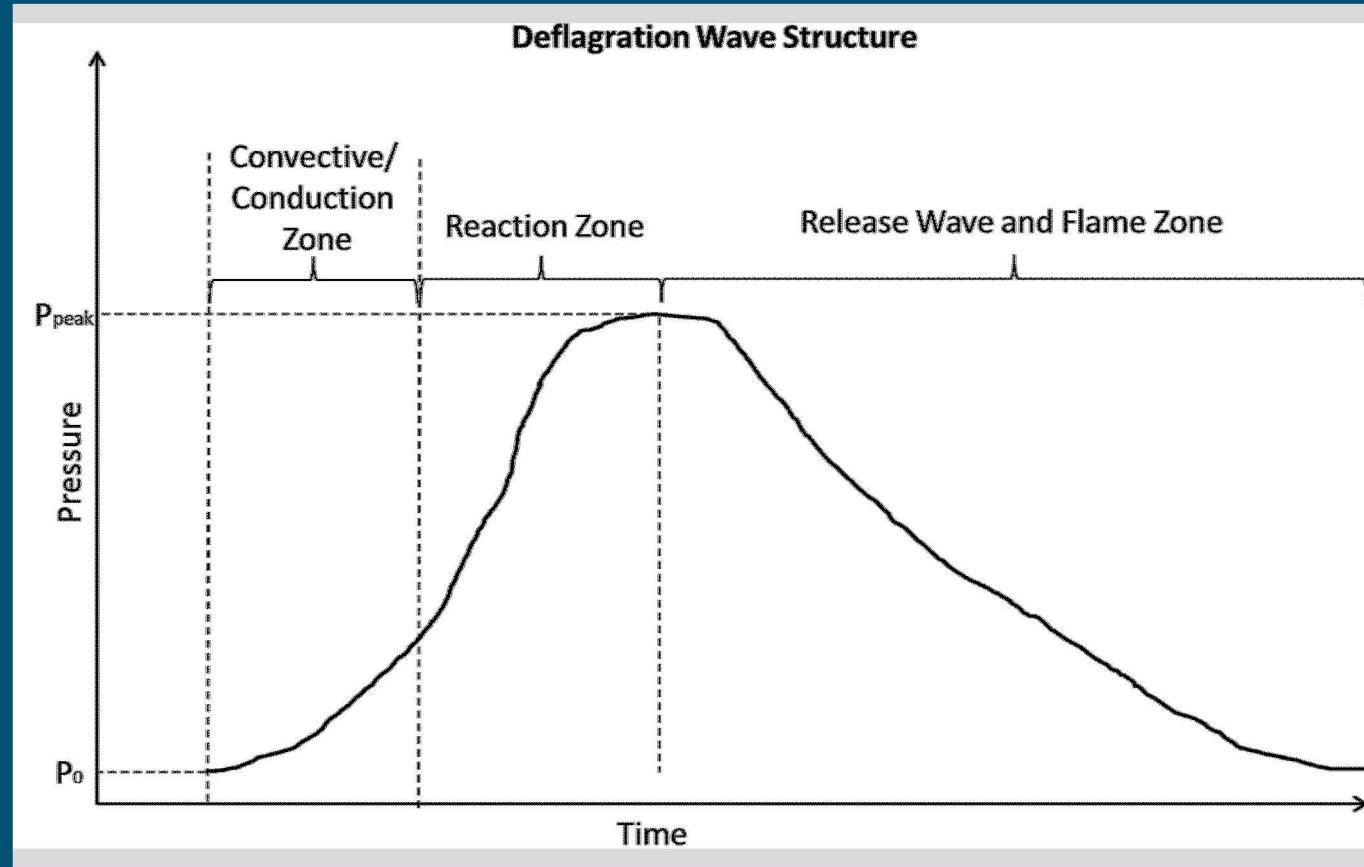
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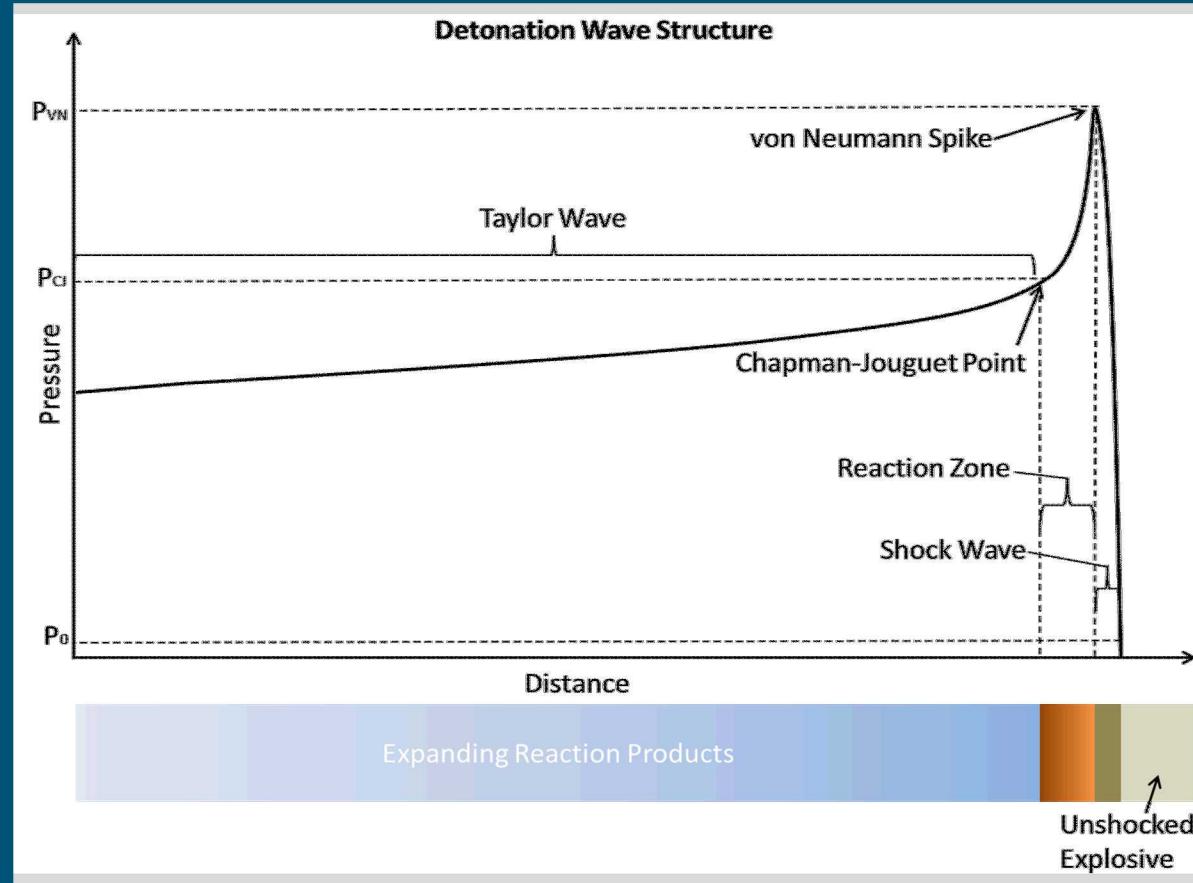


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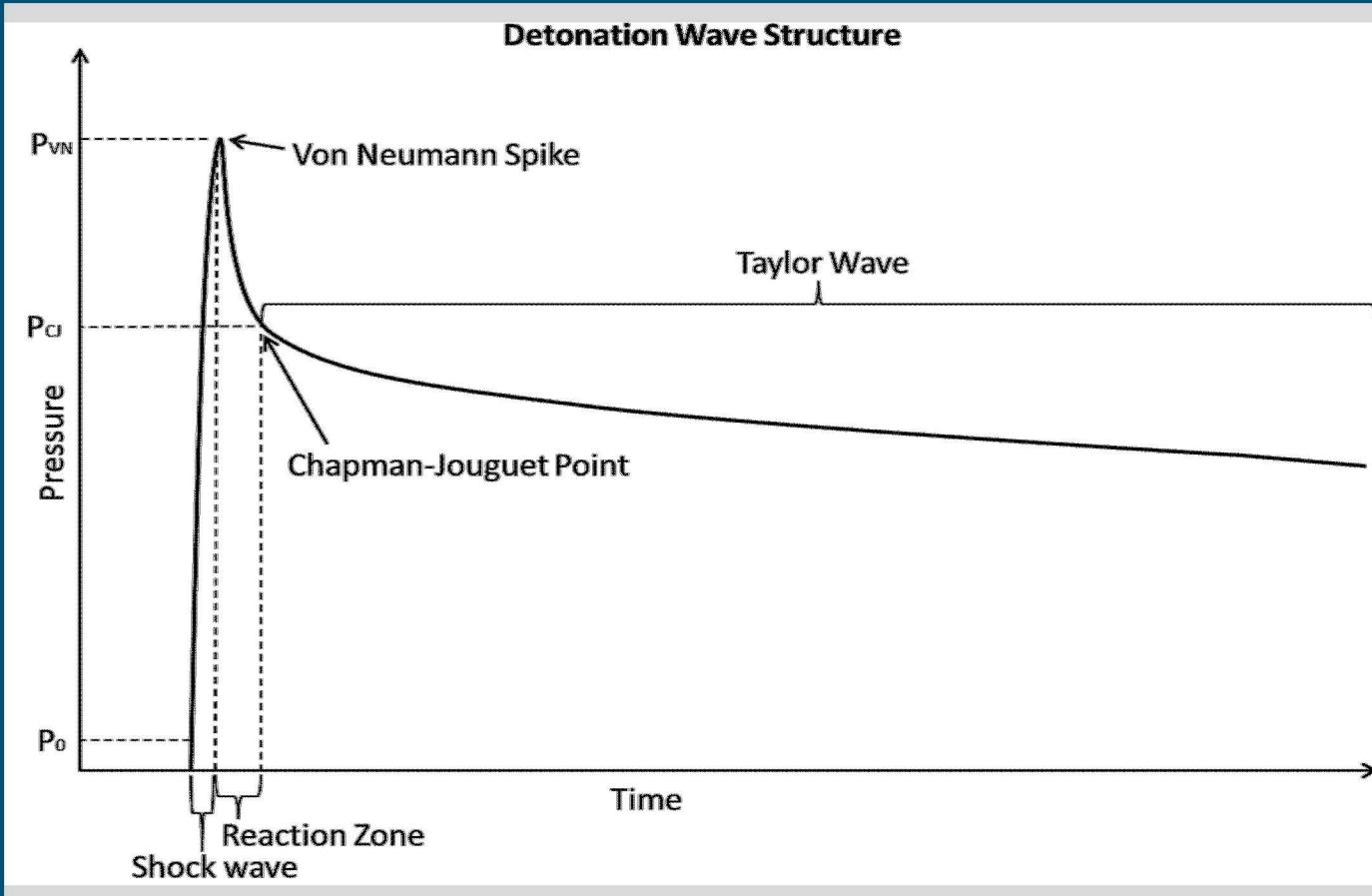


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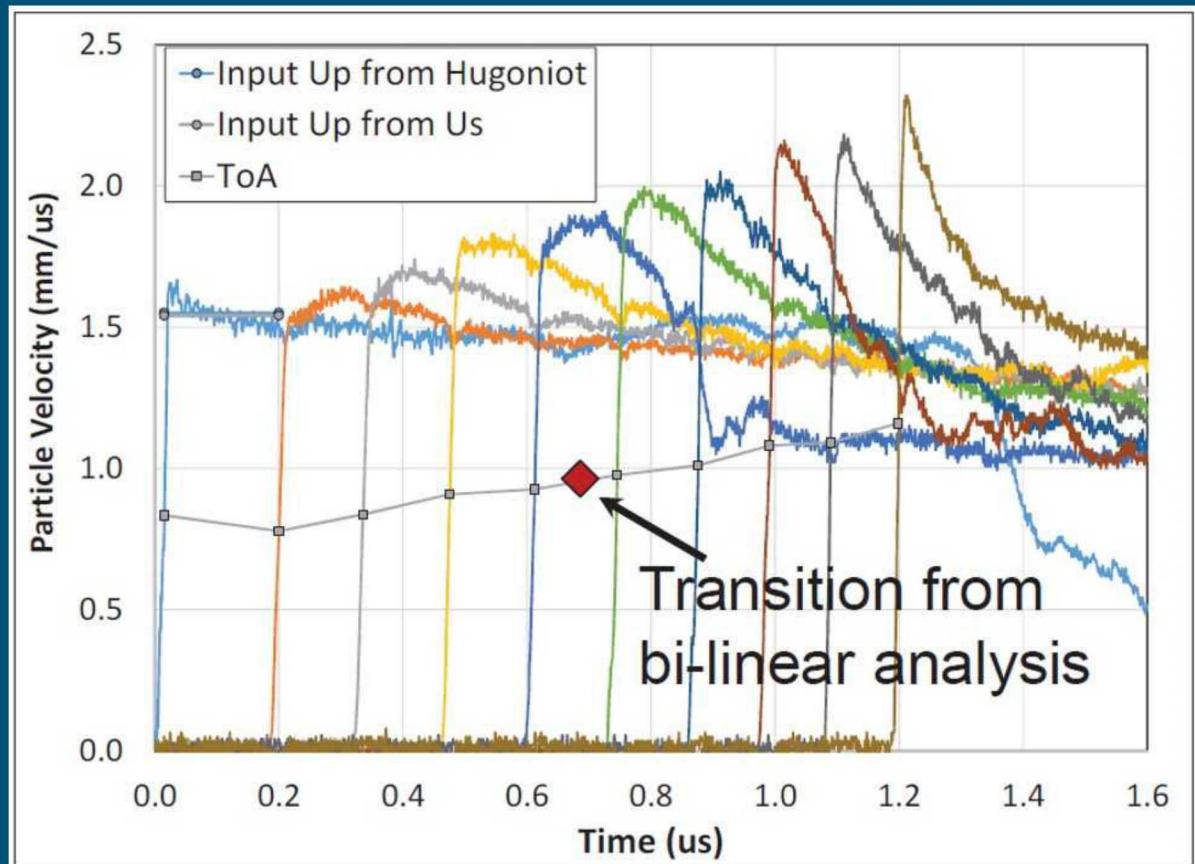
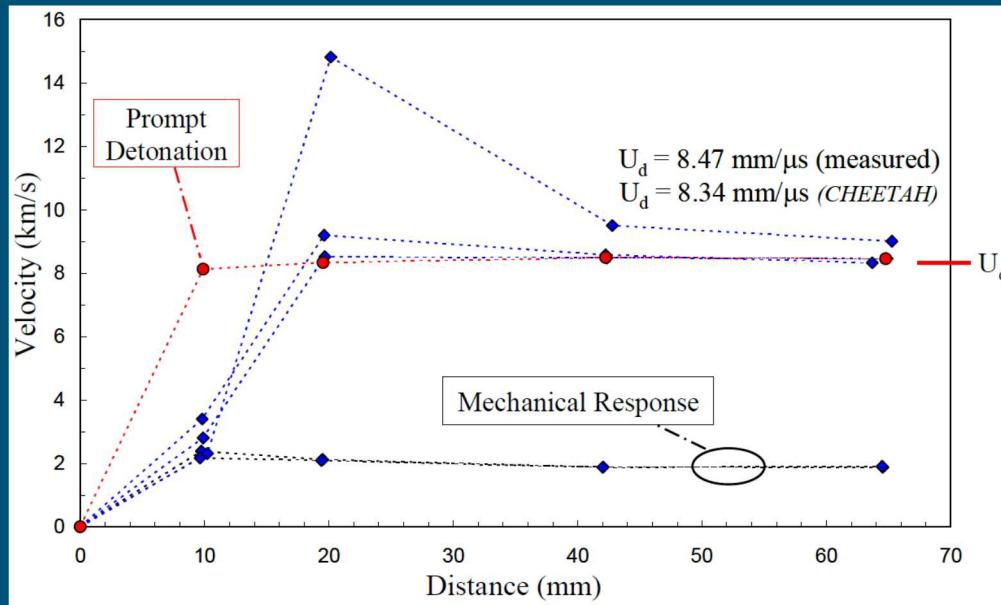


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# 7 Detonation Phenomena

## Transient Stages

- Deflagration-to-Detonation Transition (DDT)
- Shock-to-Detonation Transition (SDT)
- Over-driven or superdetonation
- Oscillatory detonation

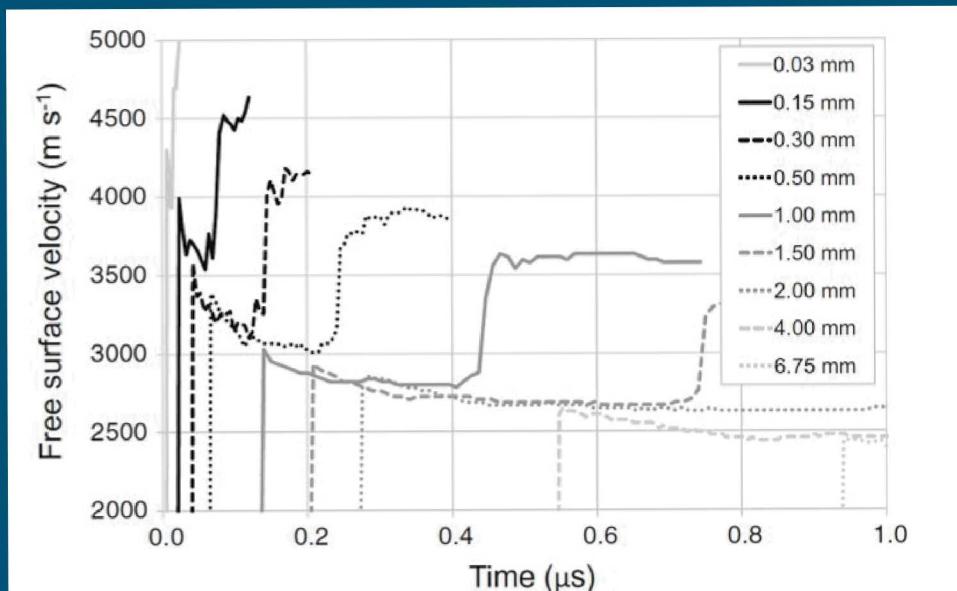


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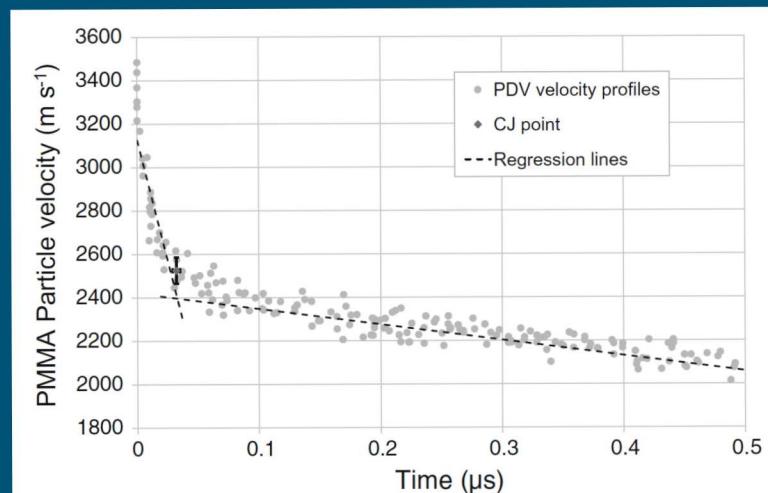
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Rational for using the terms, “Internal Explosive Pressure,” and “Pressure Spike”



**Fig. 4** Free-surface velocity profiles of aluminium flyers shifted in time by taking into consideration shock wave attenuation in aluminium. The latter records were shifted using shock wave velocities determined from the former records. The flyers thicker than 7 mm were omitted for clarity

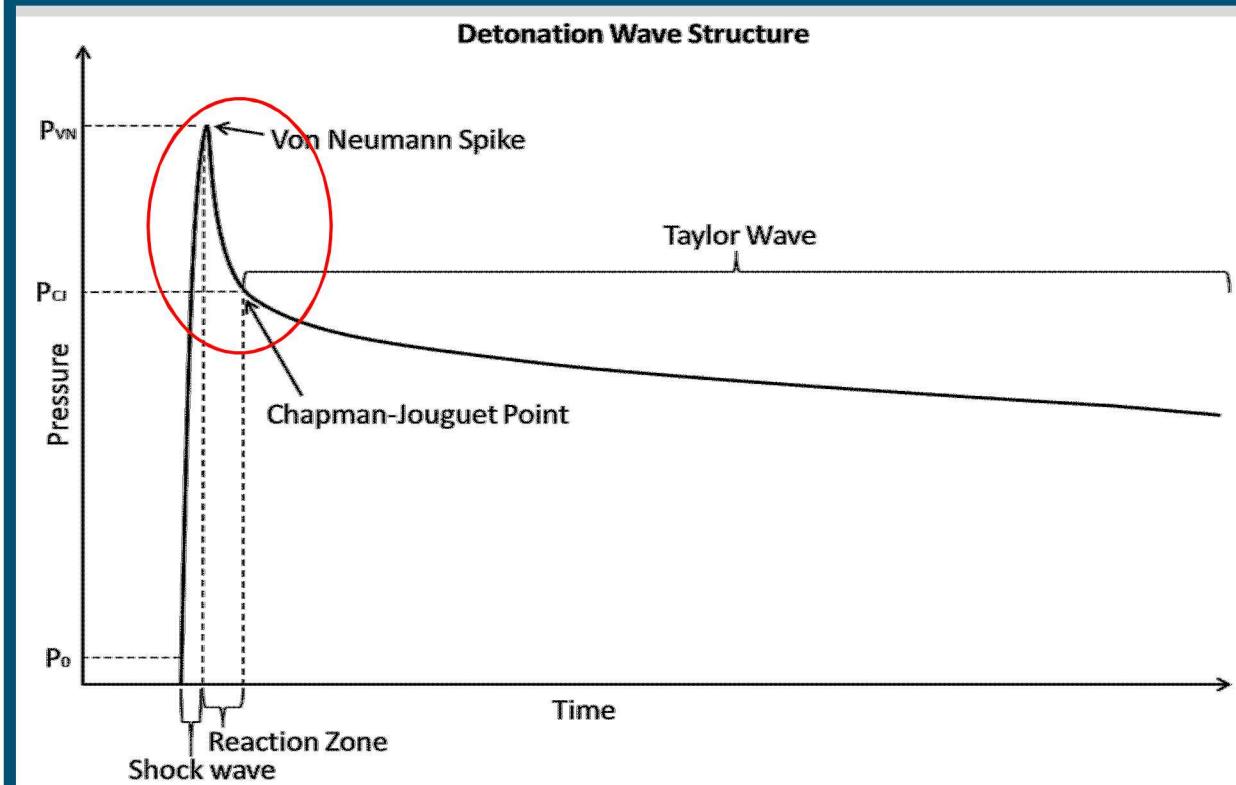
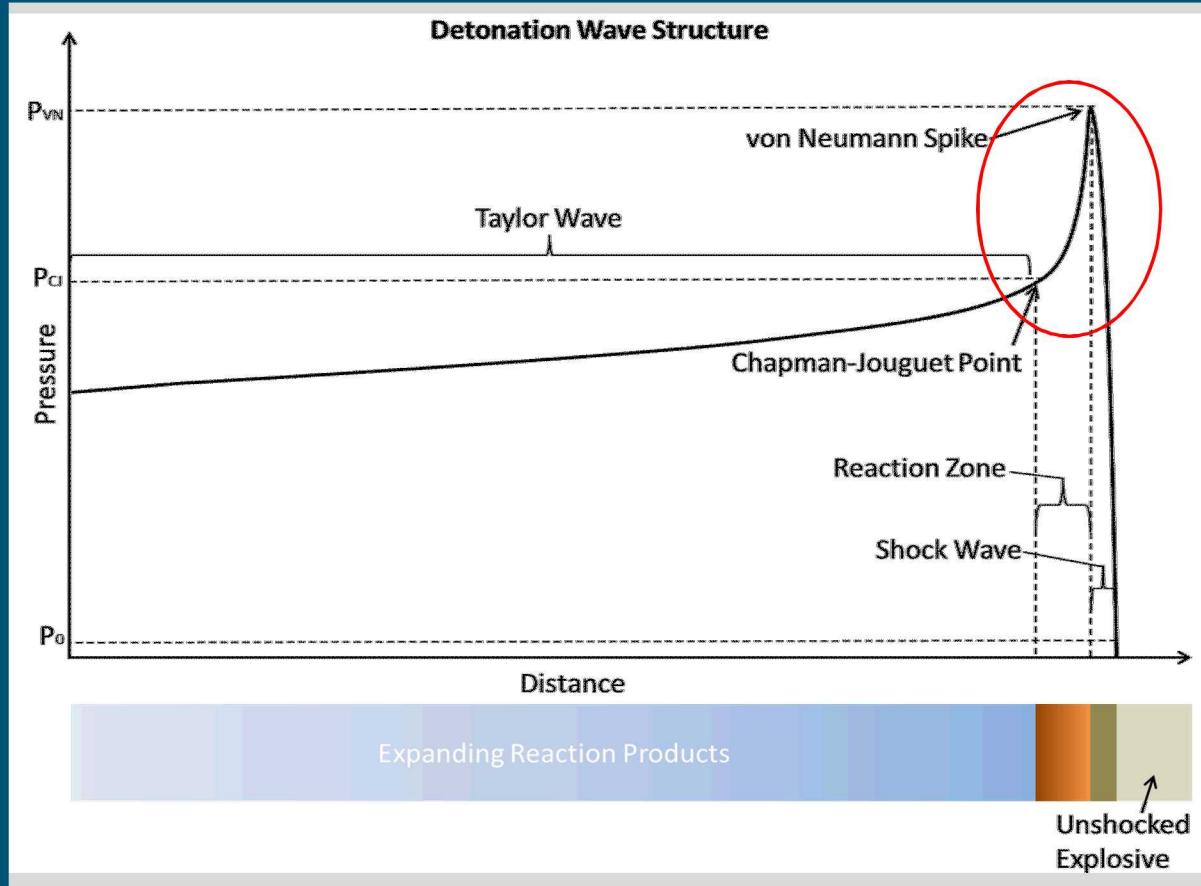


**Fig. 6** Particle velocity profiles at the explosive/PMMA interface of eight identical charges. The linear regression lines corresponding to the VN spike and Taylor wave are shown for one of the profiles. The CJ point determined as the closest data point above the intersection of the two regression lines is shown. The median absolute deviations of time and particle velocity are indicated

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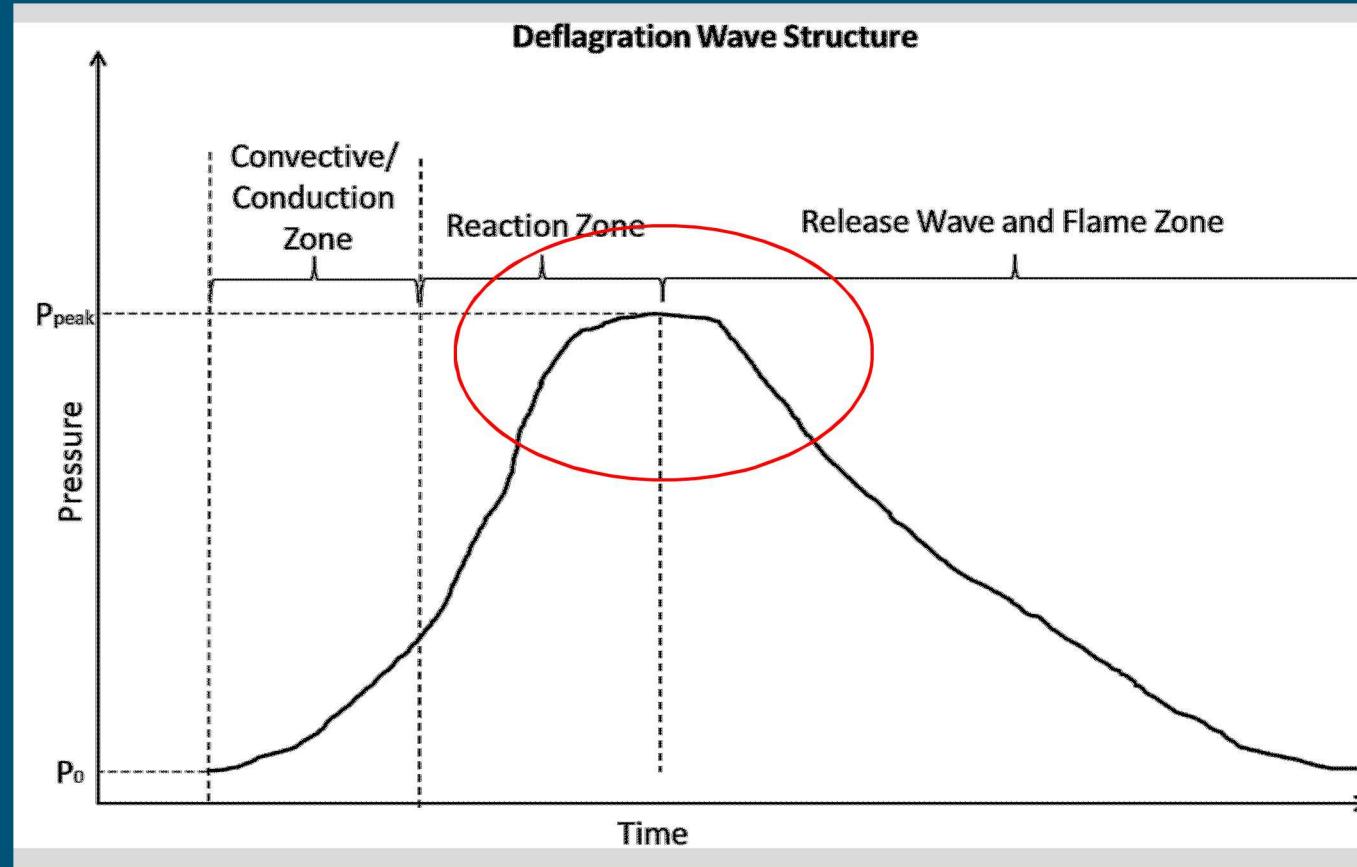
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# 11 Detonation Diagnostics

## Laser Interferometry

- Photonic Doppler Velocimetry (PDV)
- Velocity Interferometer for Any Reflective Surface (VISAR)

## Element-based Gauges

- Carbon Gauges
- Quartz
- PVDF
- PZT pins

## Photometrics

- High-speed photography
- Streak cameras

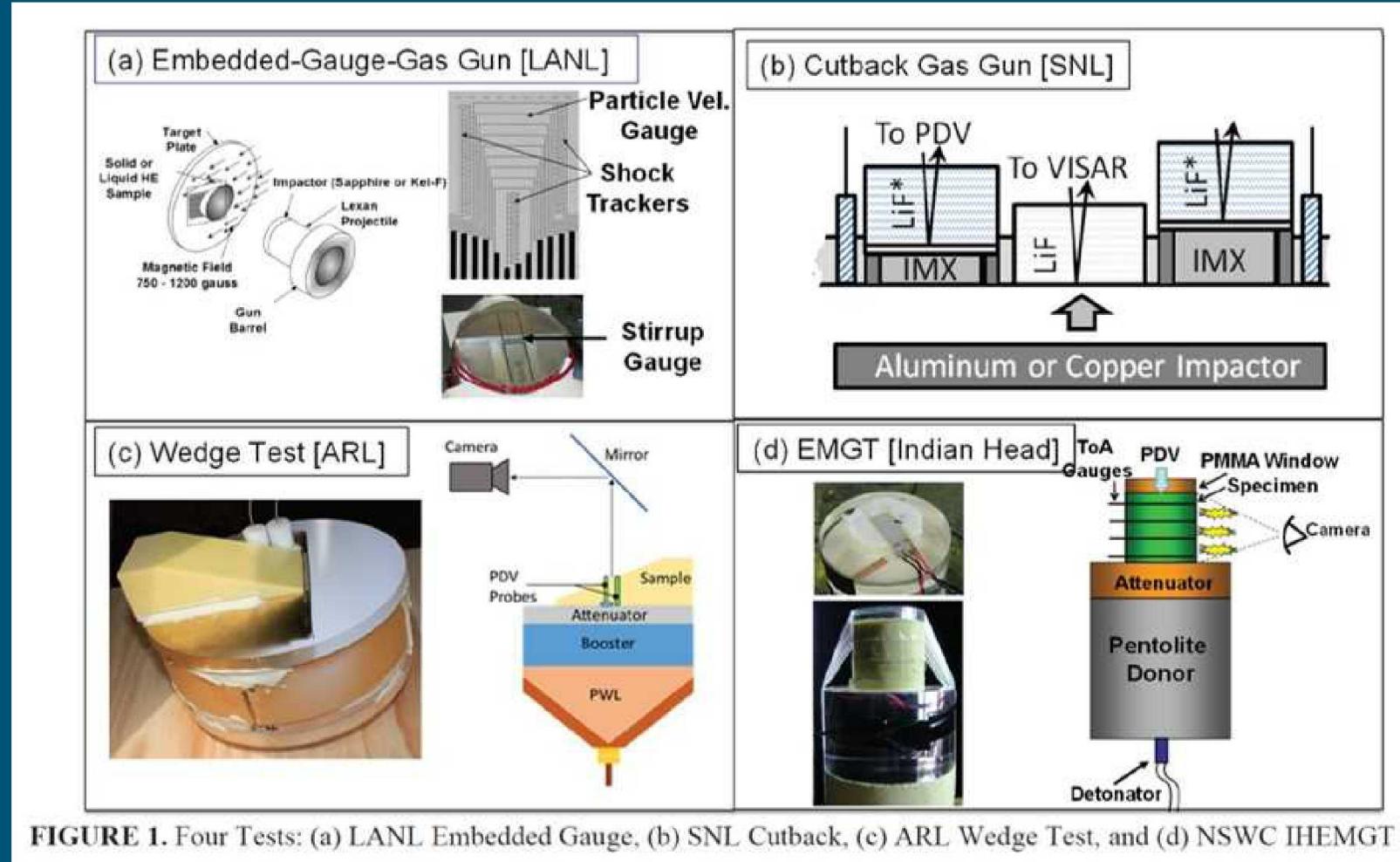


FIGURE 1. Four Tests: (a) LANL Embedded Gauge, (b) SNL Cutback, (c) ARL Wedge Test, and (d) NSWC IHEMGT

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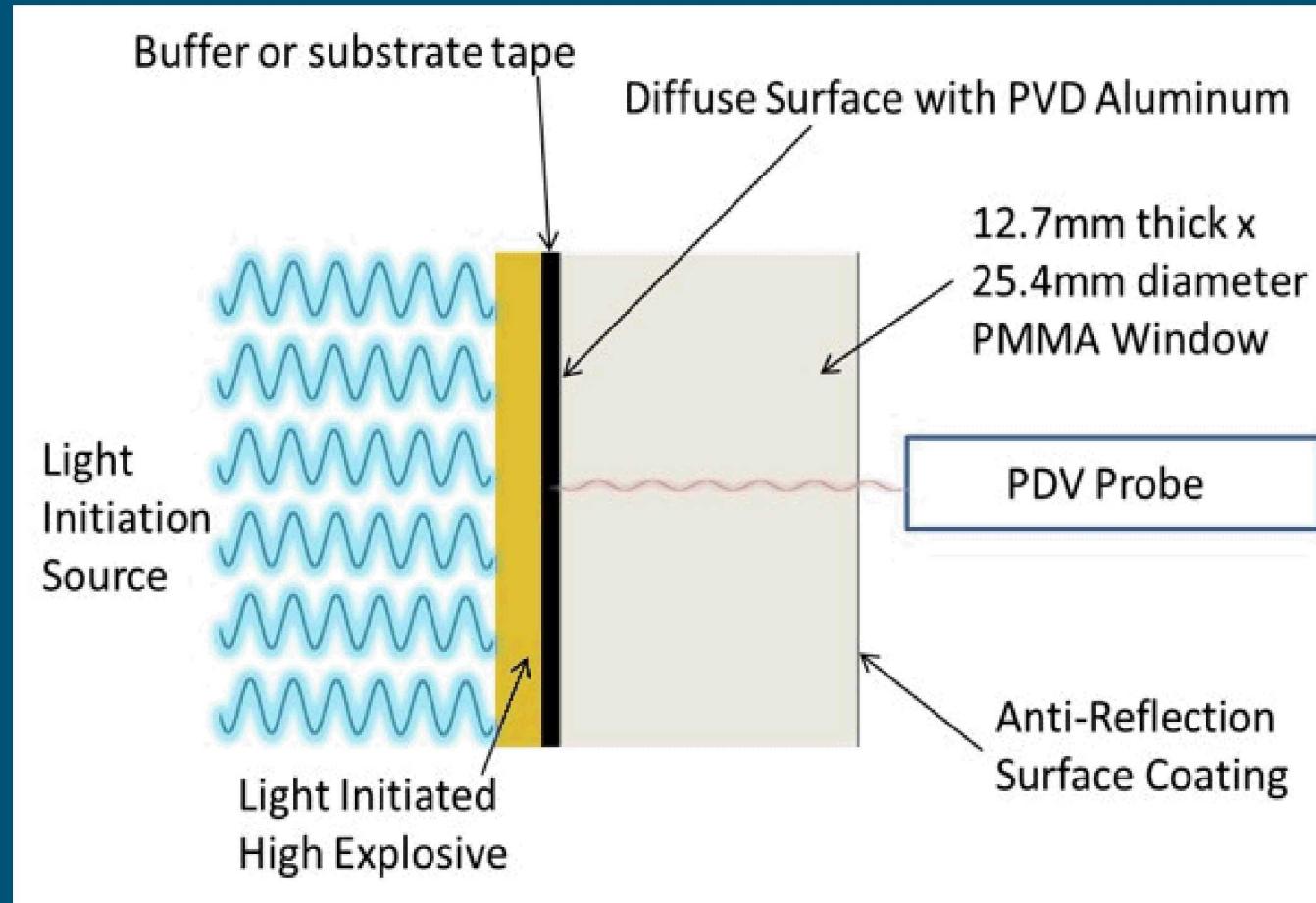
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## Impedance Matching Window Technique

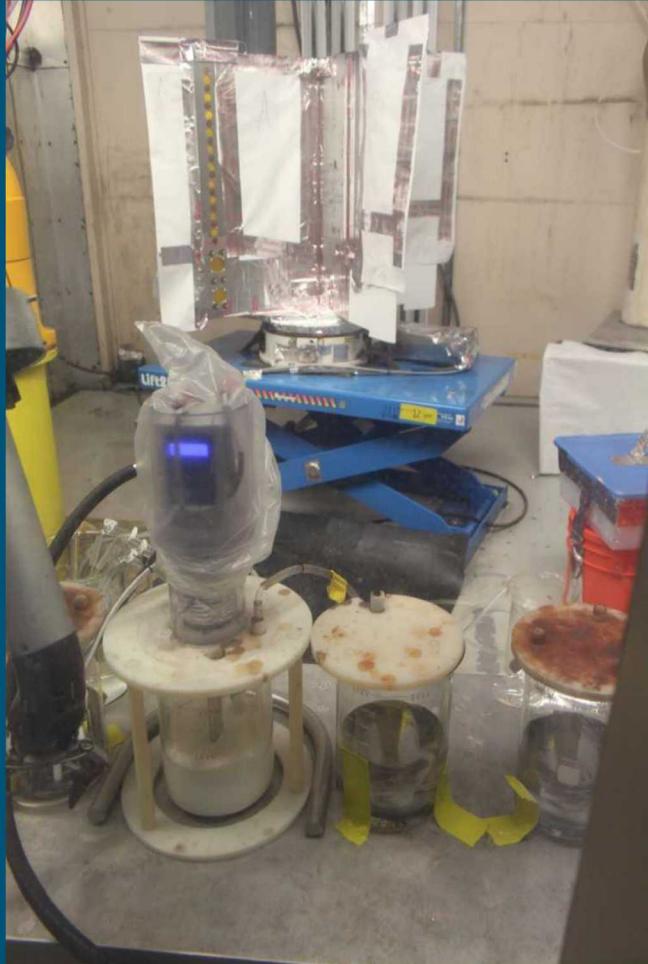
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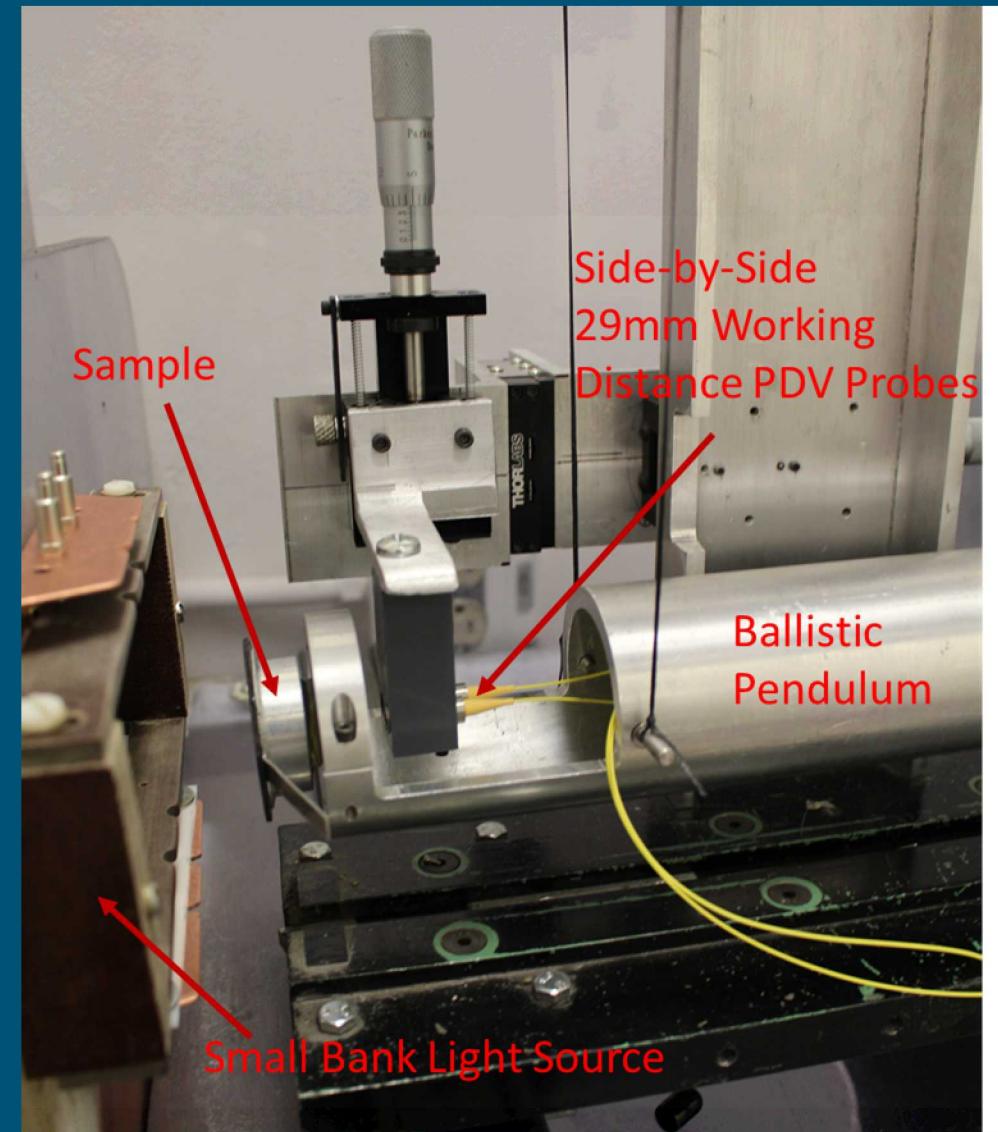
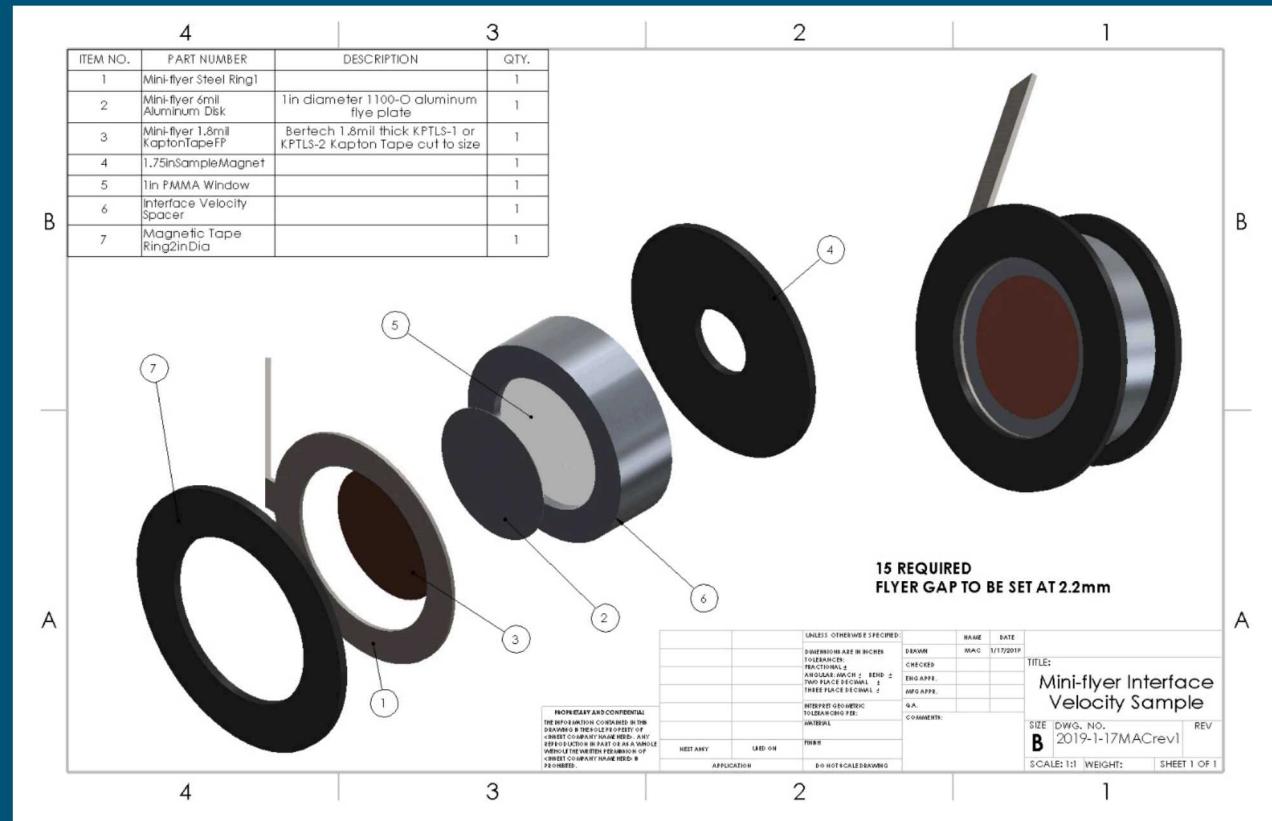
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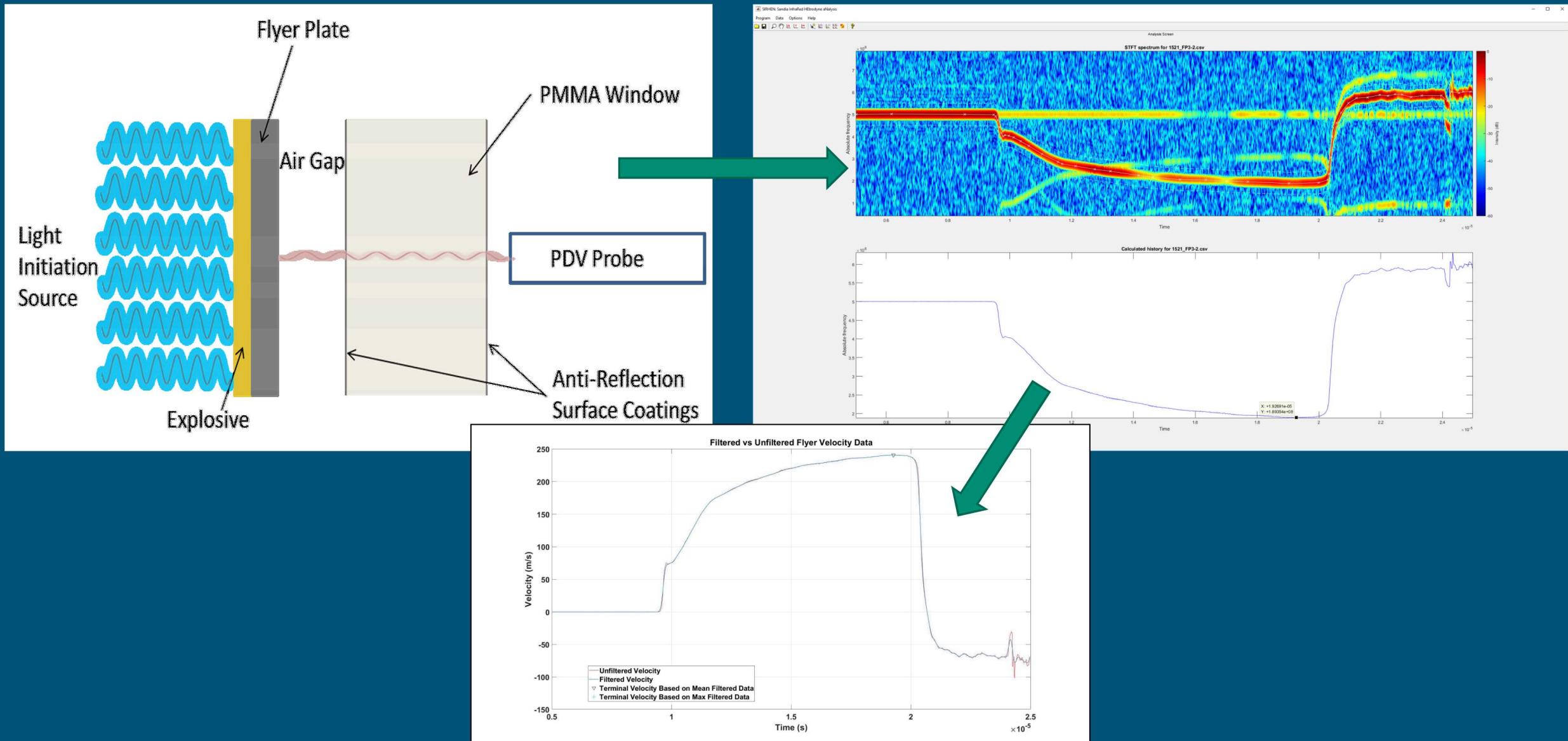
# Light Initiated High Explosives

Silver acetylide-silver nitrate (SASN)



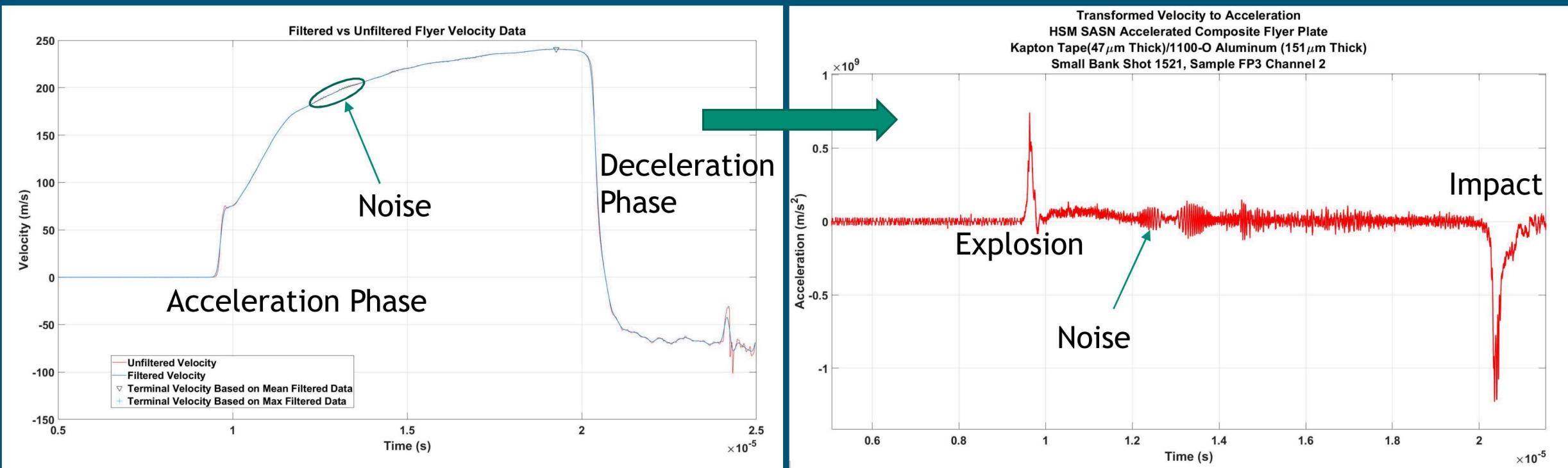


# 15 Flyer Plate Experiments



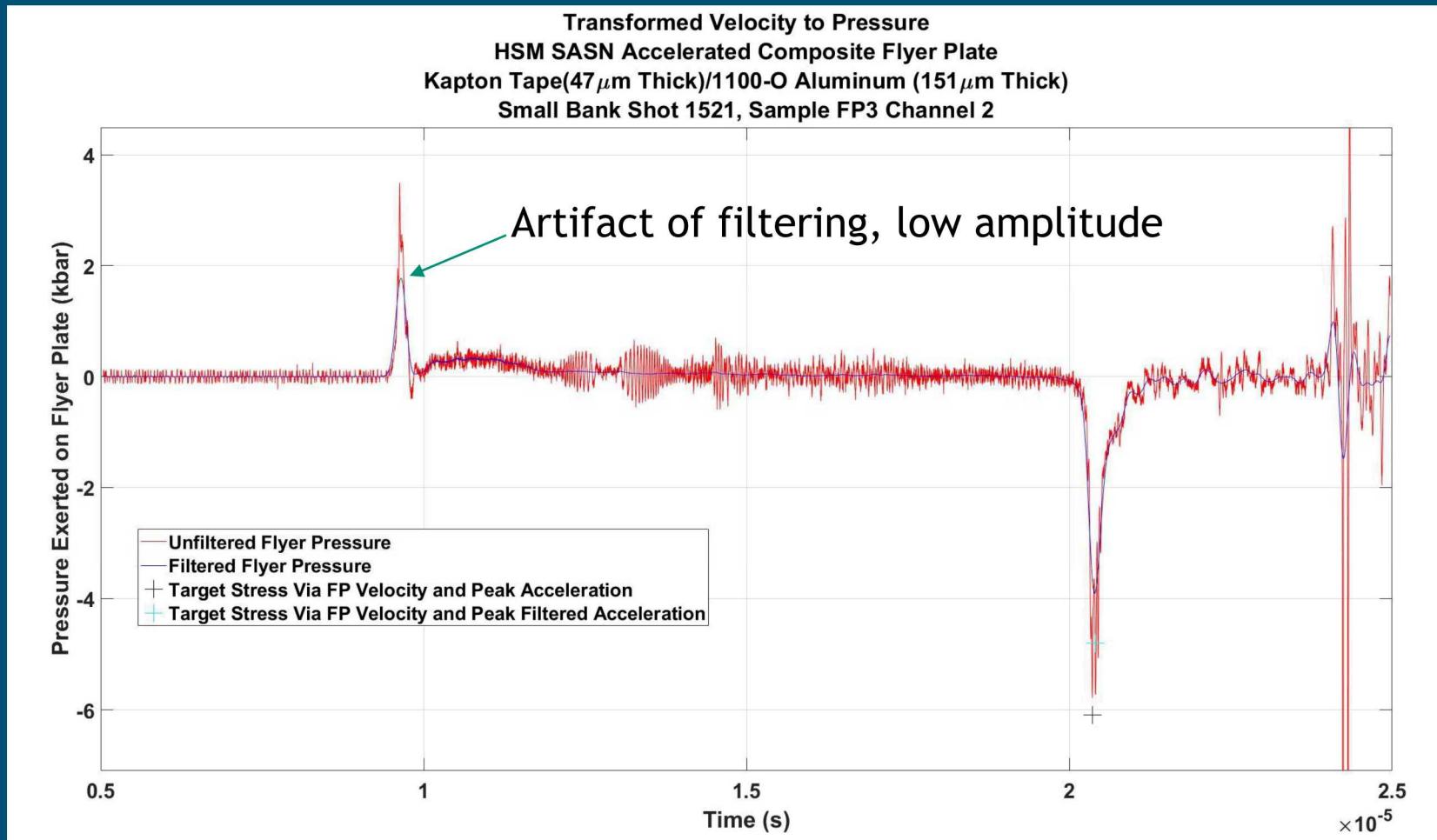
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- Numerically differentiate velocity data
- Filtering can be used with caution and additional transformation steps



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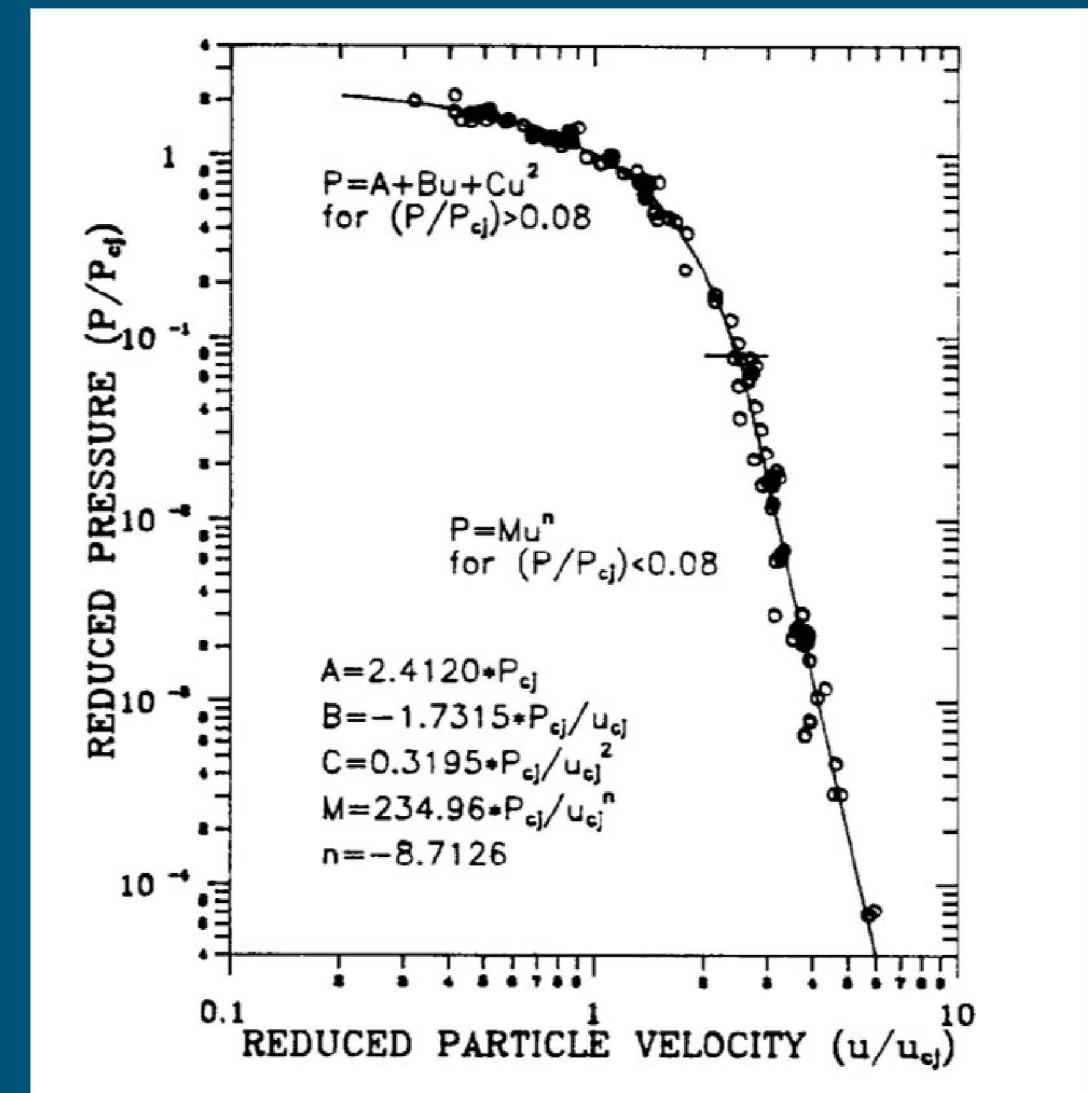
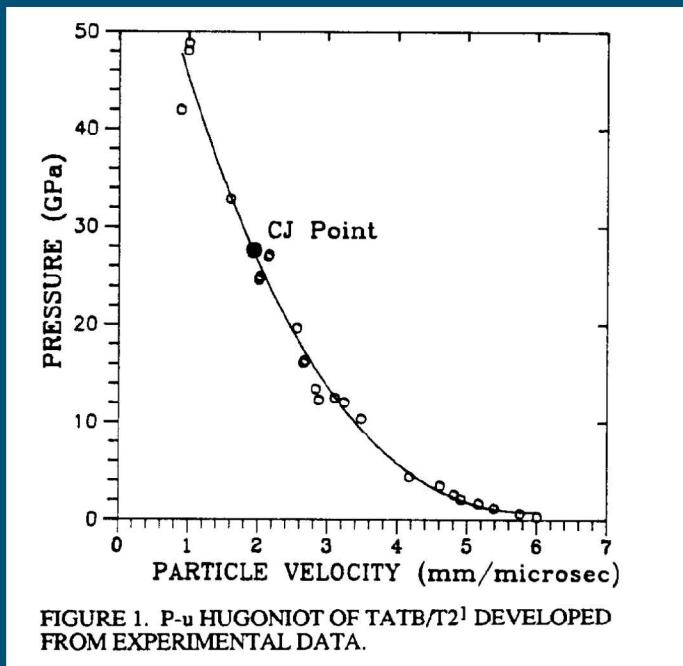
Multiply acceleration by the areal mass of the flyer plate



# Technique for Velocity to Pressure

Apply P-u Hugoniot for explosive detonation products derived by Cooper

- Equate pressure in flyer plate to pressure in explosive products by iterating for  $P_{spike}$



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# Technique for Velocity to Pressure

However,  $u_{spike}$  is needed:

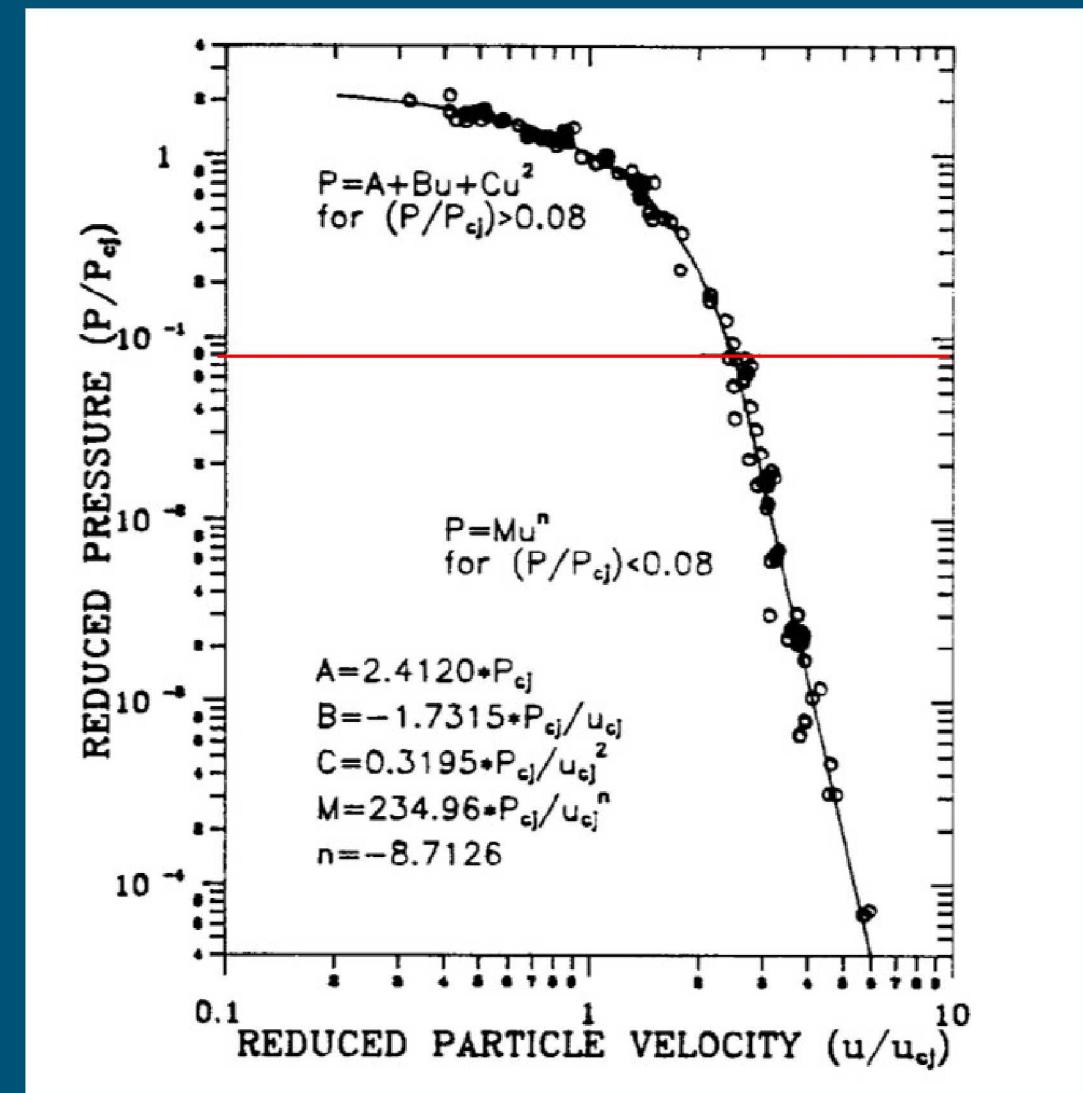
- Substitute  $u_{spike}$  by rearranging equation:

$$P_{spike} = \rho_0 u_{spike} D$$

D=explosive propagation rate

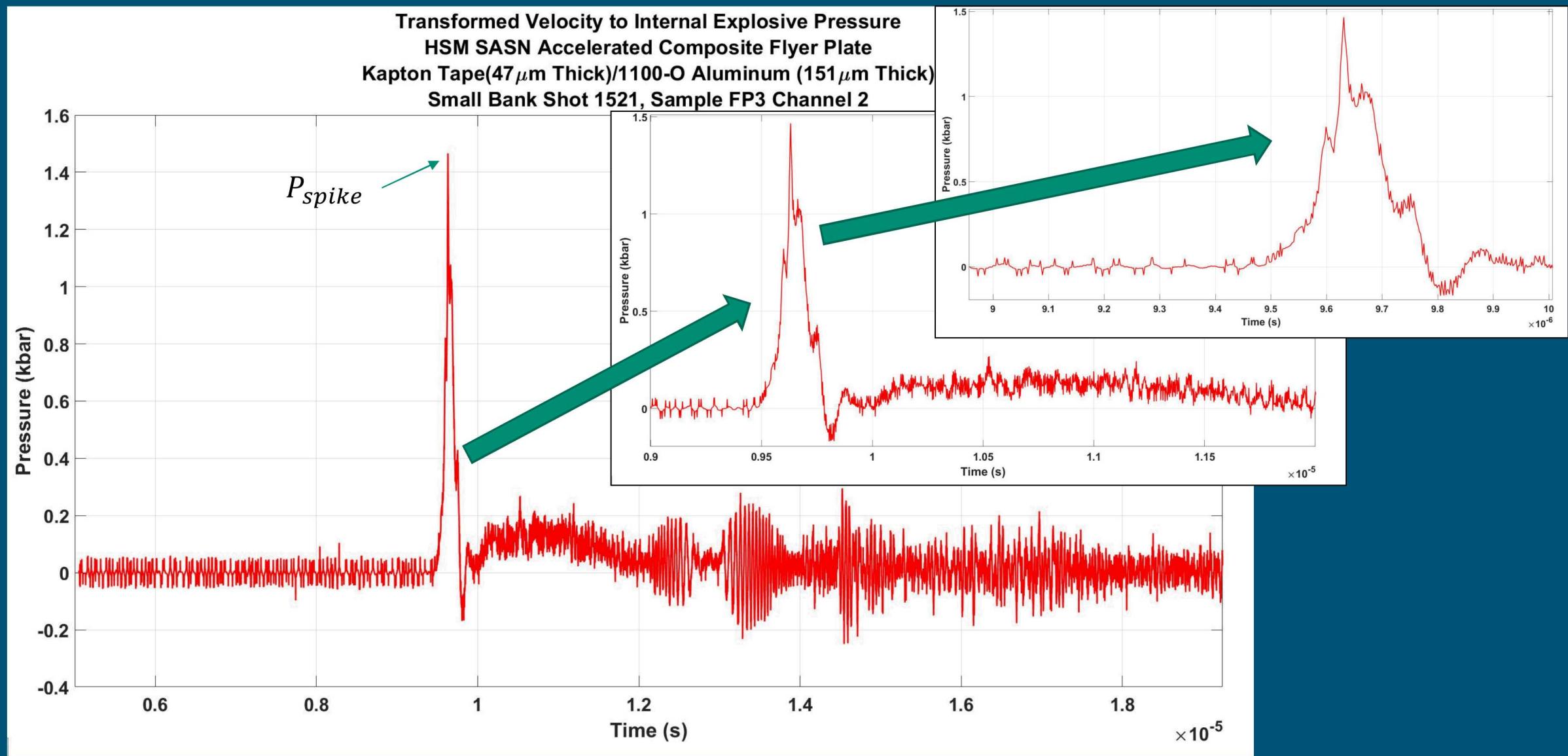
$\rho_0$ =initial HE density

Once  $P_{spike}$  is found, normalize dataset and then multiply by  $P_{spike}$  to transform to internal explosive pressure as a function of time



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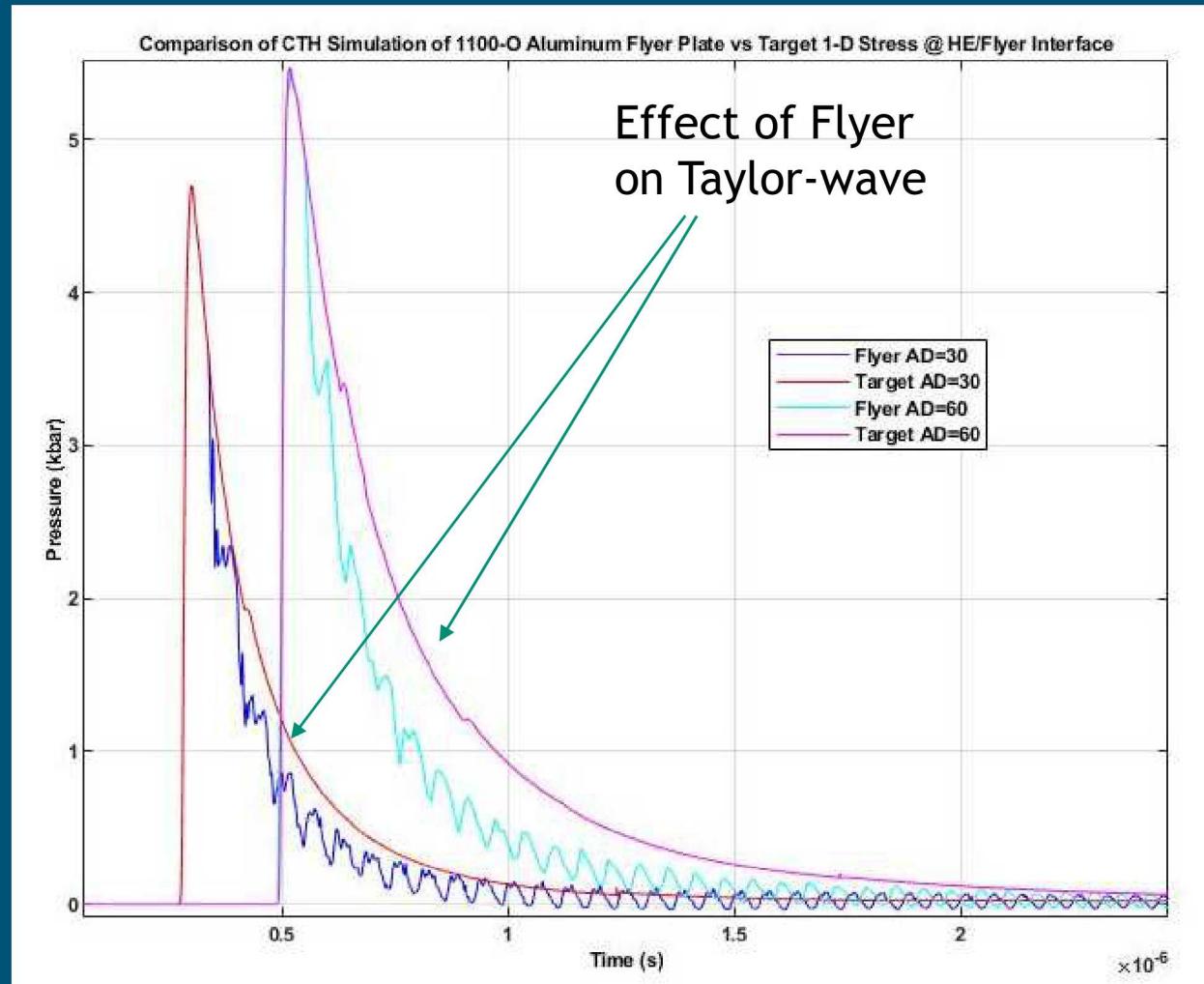


# Hydrocode Simulation Comparisons

## CTH Hydrocode

- Arbitrary, but relevant HE pressure pulse
- JWL with HE Burn function
- Case 1, HE propelling flyer plate (Aluminum and Kapton)
- Case 2, HE in contact with thicker target of same material
- Case 3, HE slab to acquire Pspike and D

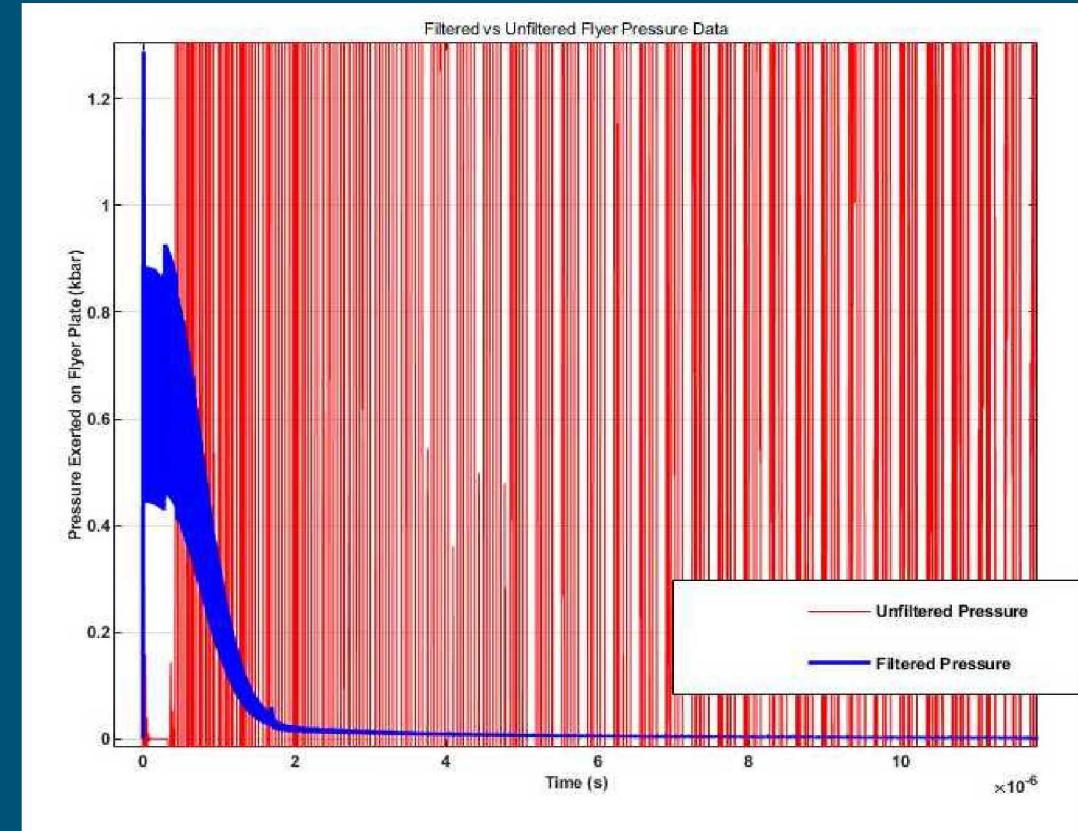
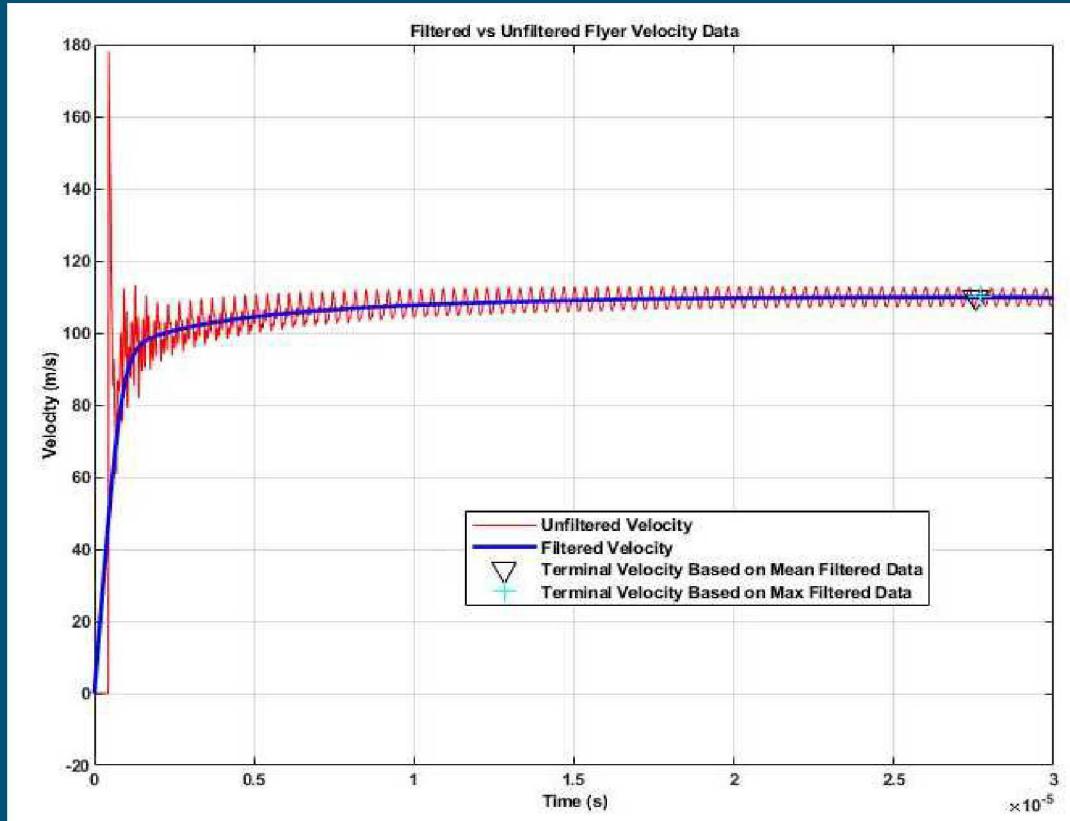
Measured pressure wave dependent on thickness of both flyer and explosive wave



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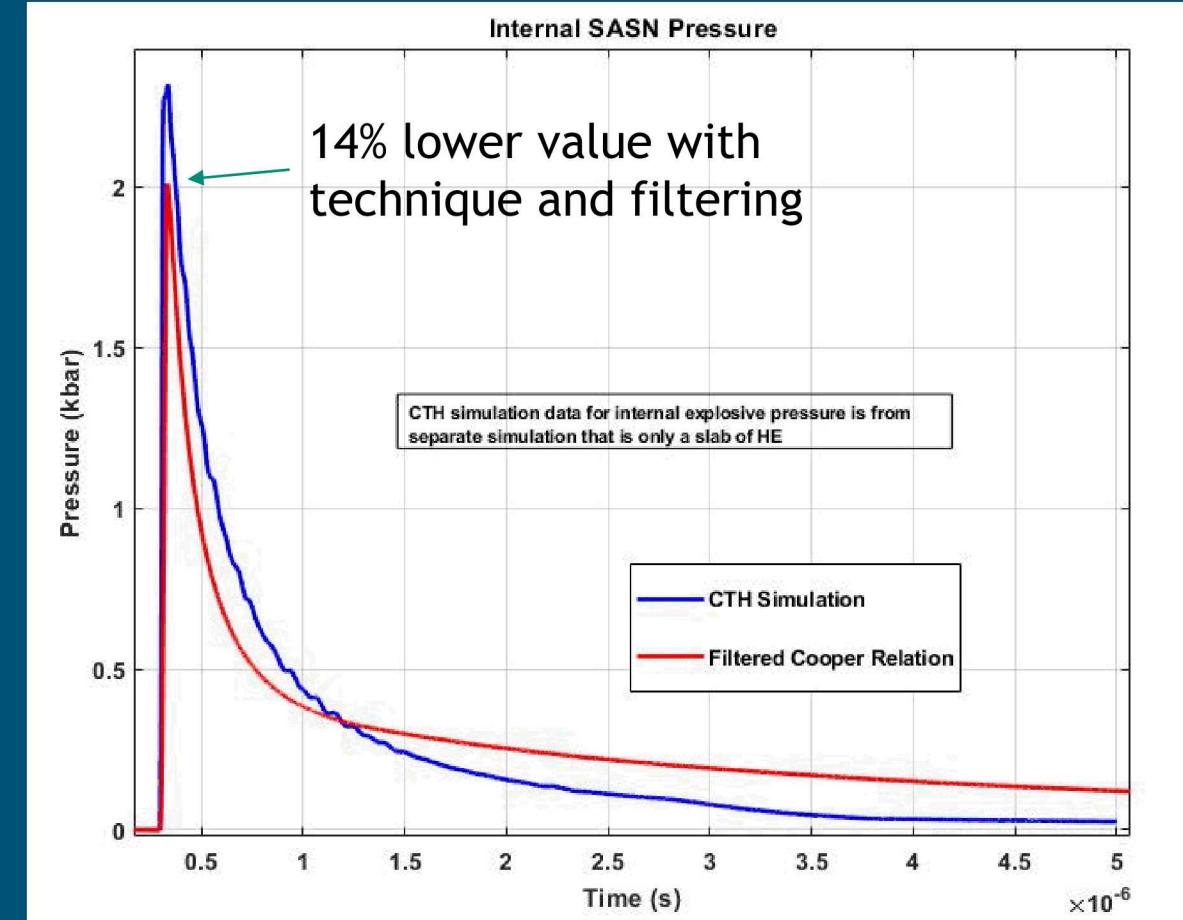
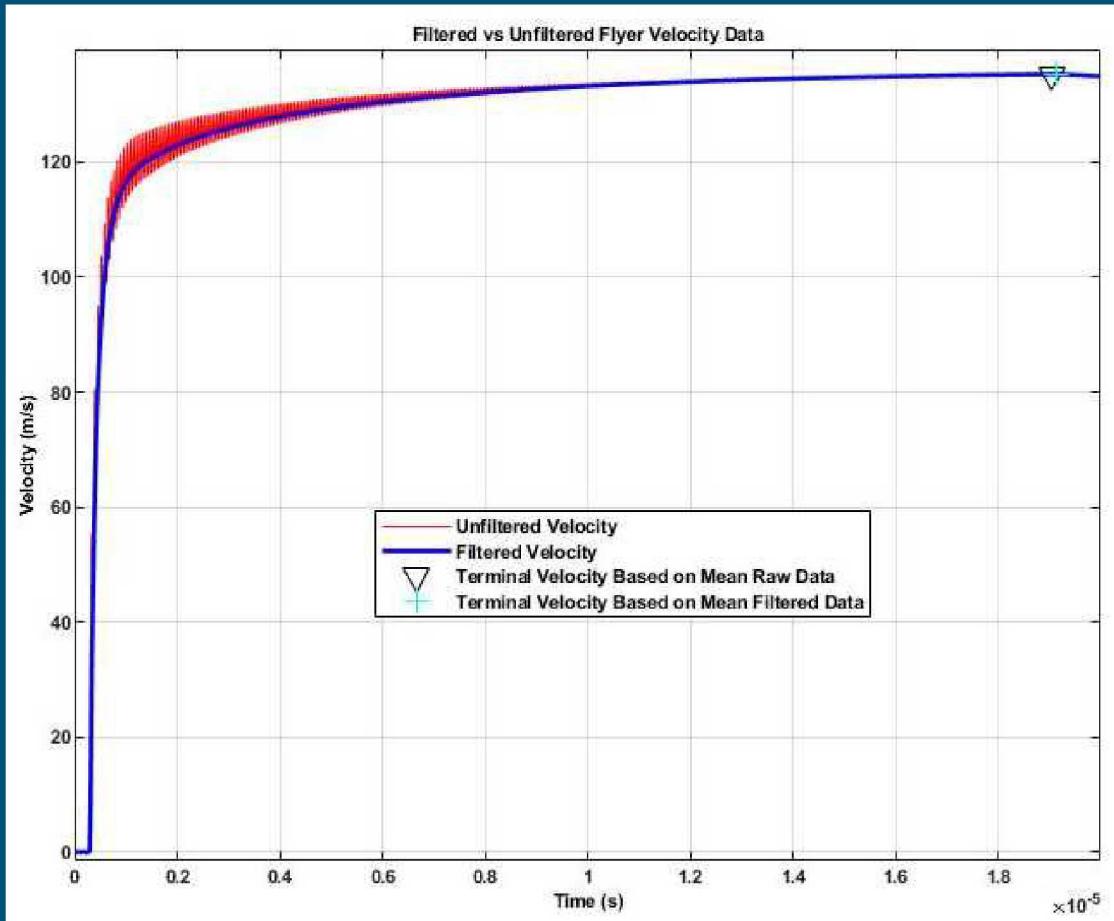
- Ran technique with FP velocity from simulation of 20mil thick Kapton flyer
- Not very useful results, too much noise, even with filtering



# Hydrocode Simulation Comparisons

## CTH Hydrocode

- Ran technique with FP velocity from simulation of 8mil thick aluminum flyer



## Sources of Error

Differentiation is inherently noisy

Flyer ringing, especially for laminated flyer plates

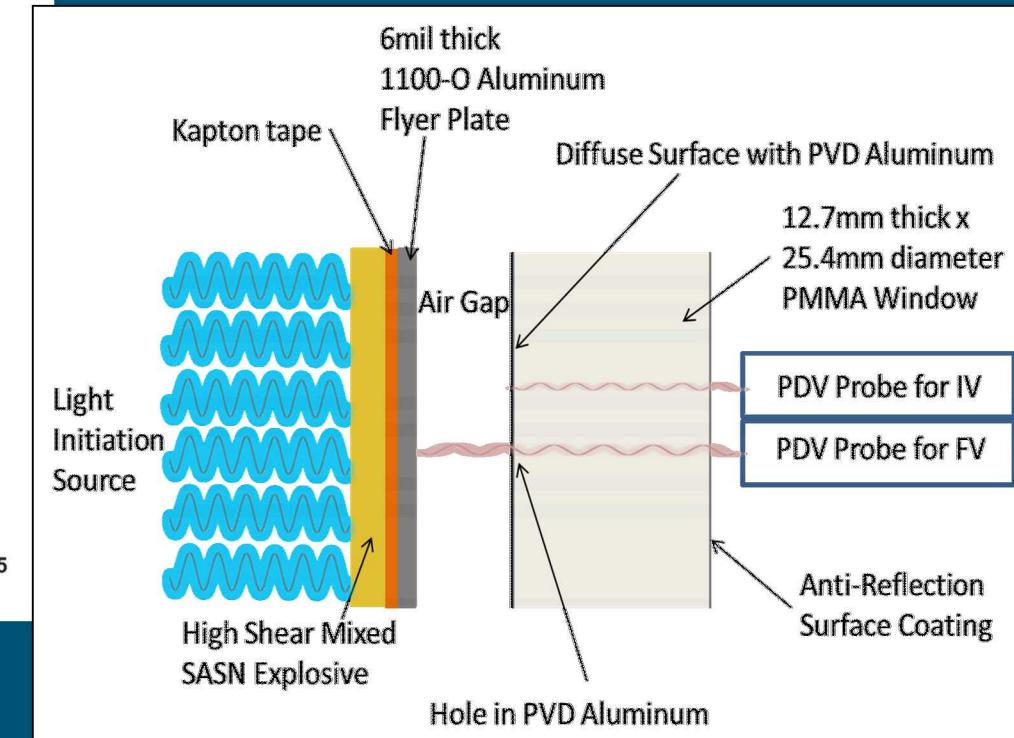
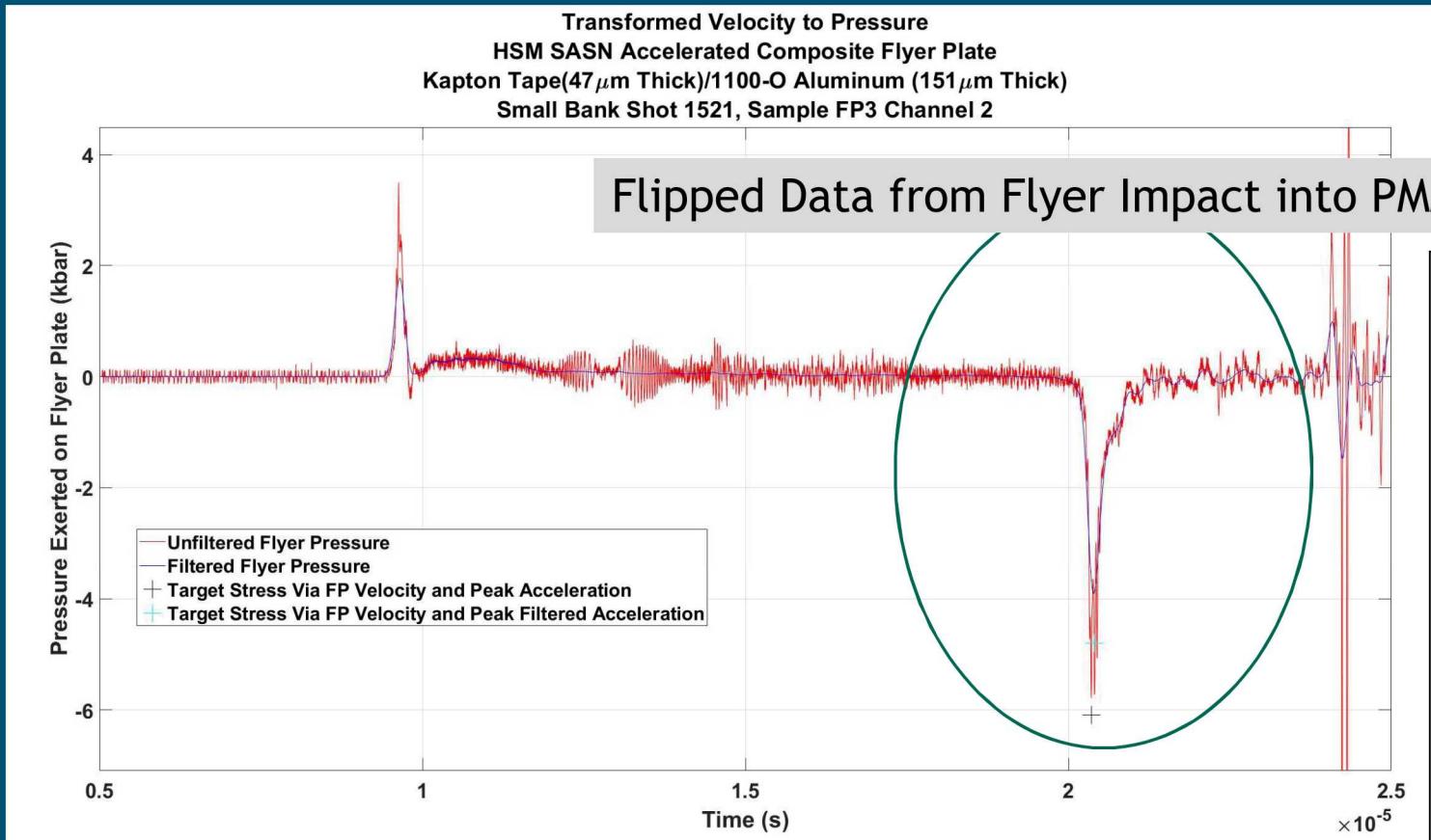
- Filtering helps, but can reduce amplitude as seen in hydrocode modeling

Flyer thickness is assumed to be negligible

Non-planarity of wave-front

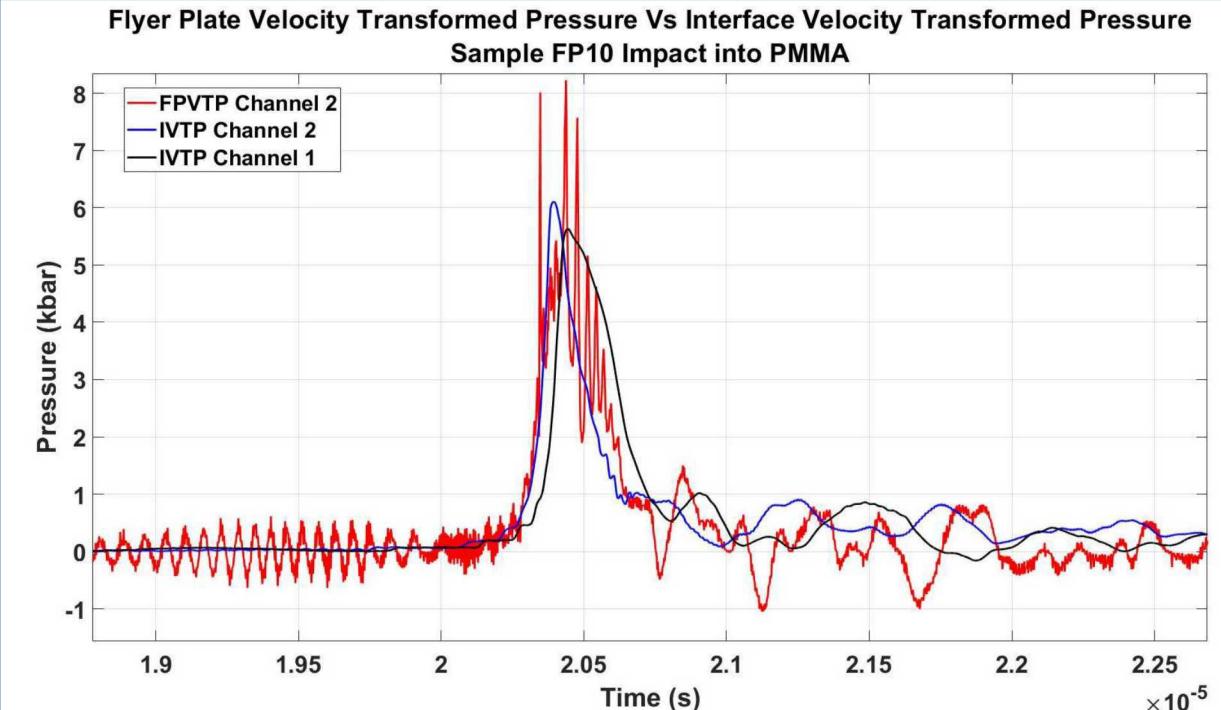
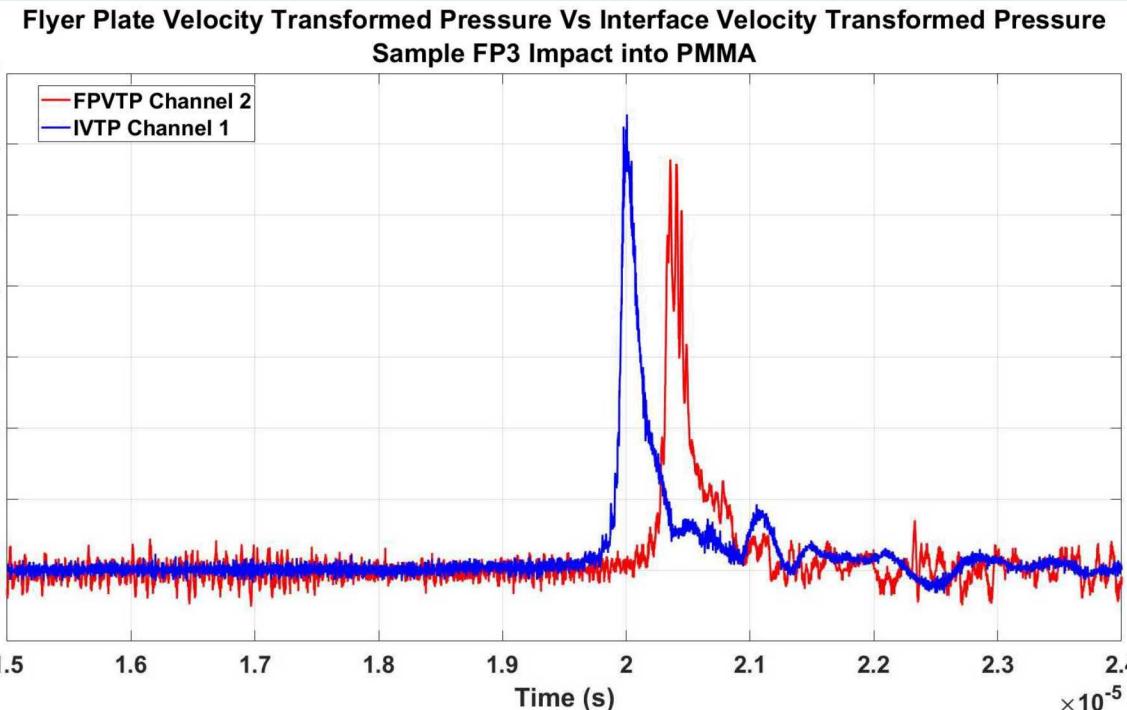
Experiment does not follow one-dimensional models, i.e. multi-faceted wave-front/wavelets

# Independent Experimental Confirmation



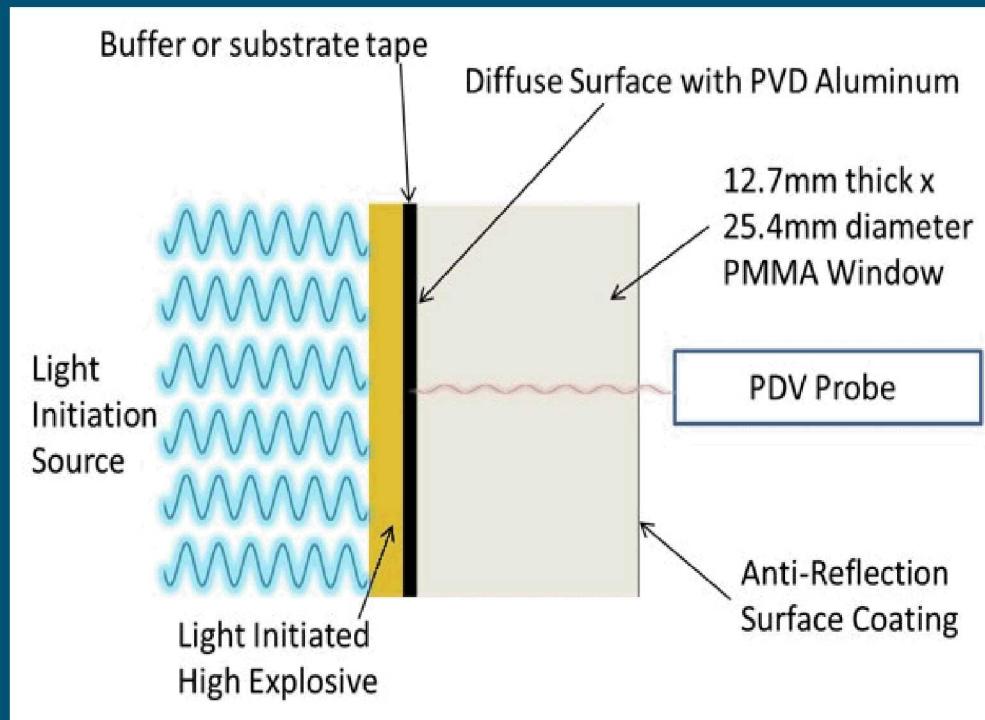
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## Flyer plate impact comparisons



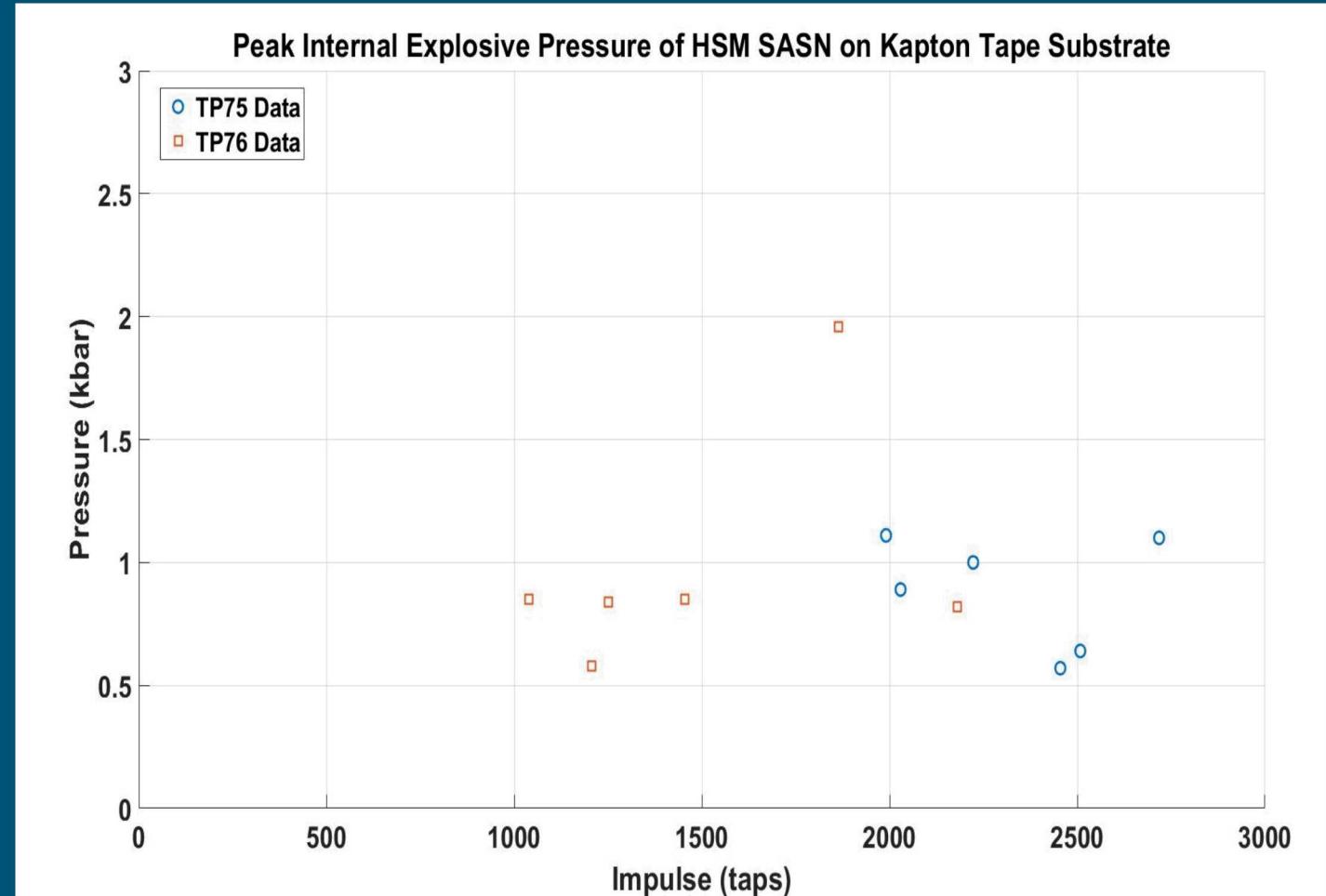
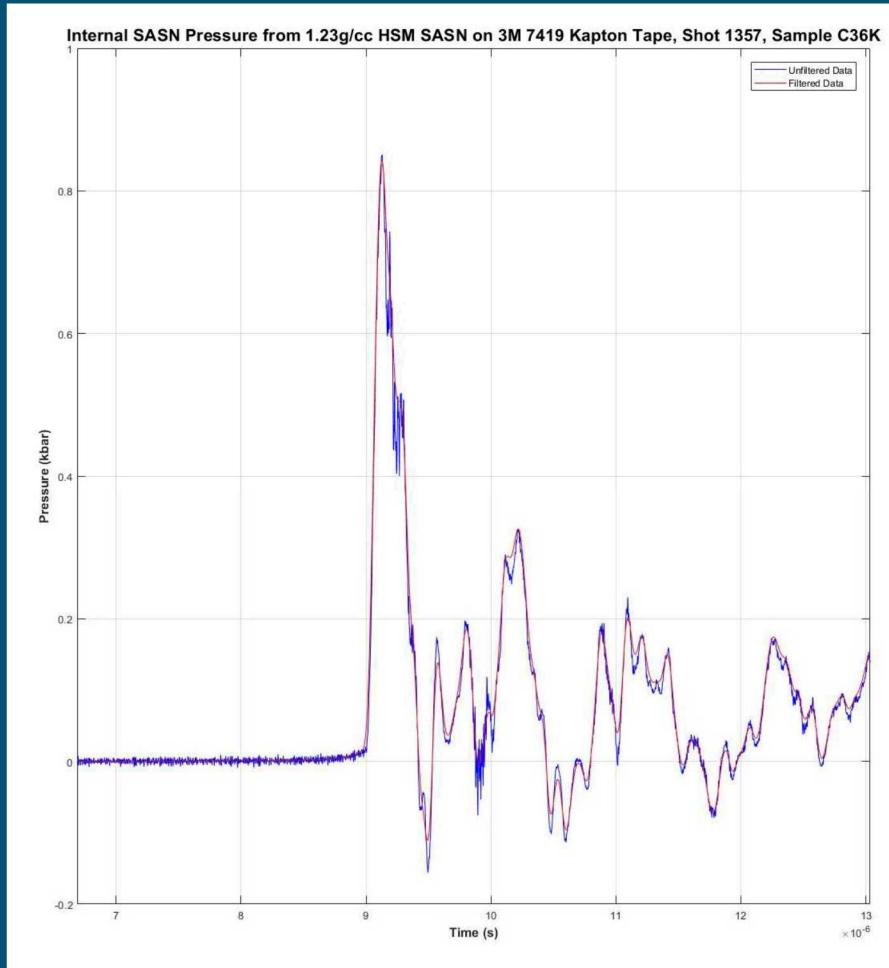
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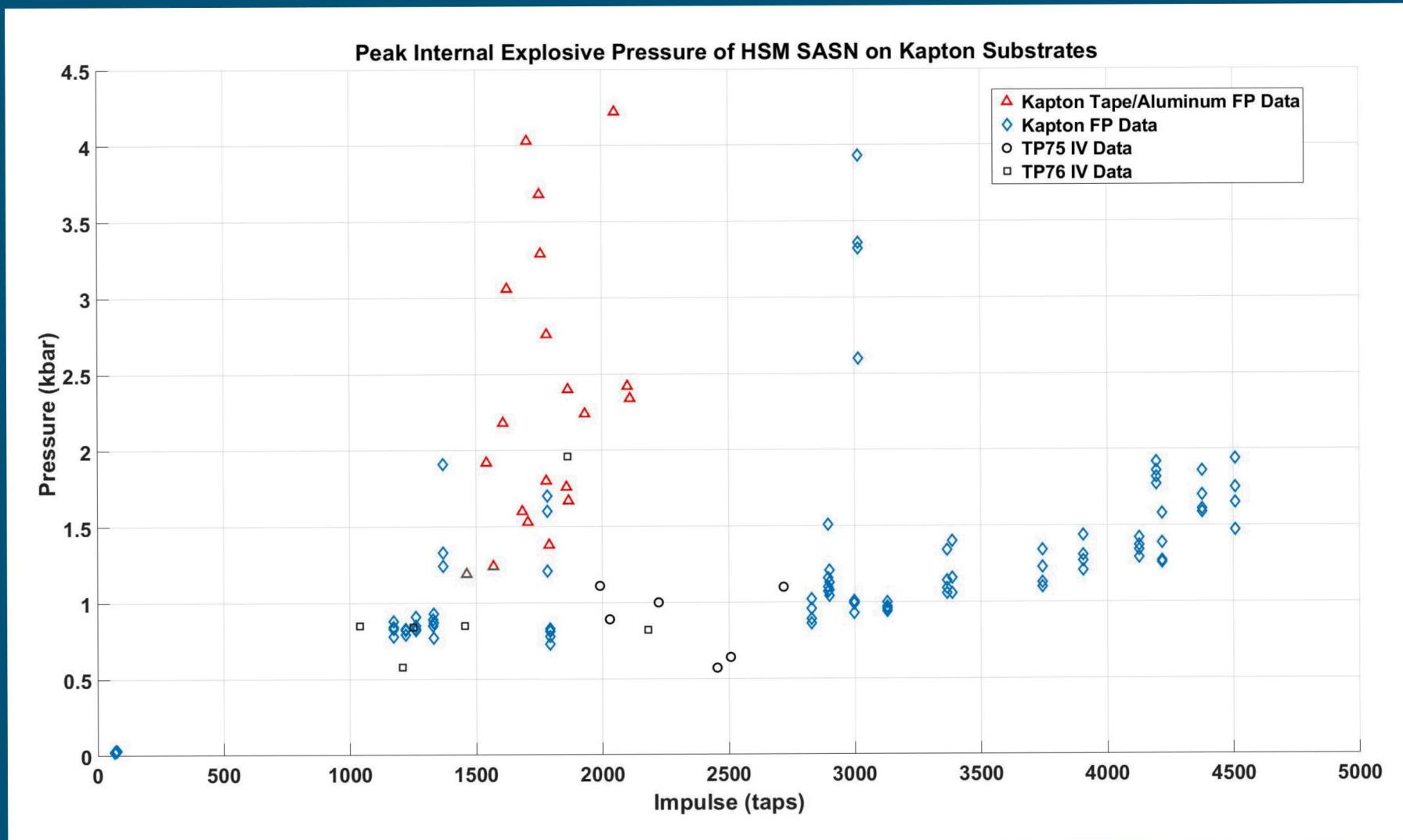


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## Conclusions

- Flyer plate experiments offer multitude of data mining opportunities
- Development of technique to derive internal explosive pressure
- Hydrocode analysis suggests Taylor wave will be cut short
  - Filtering is difficult to properly employ
  - Hydrocode suggests that technique may work for some combinations of HE/flyer materials
- Many sources of error to consider
- Experimental evidence suggests technique is valid for some cases and questionable for others