

# Emission Diagnostics for Benchtop-Scale Explosive Fireballs



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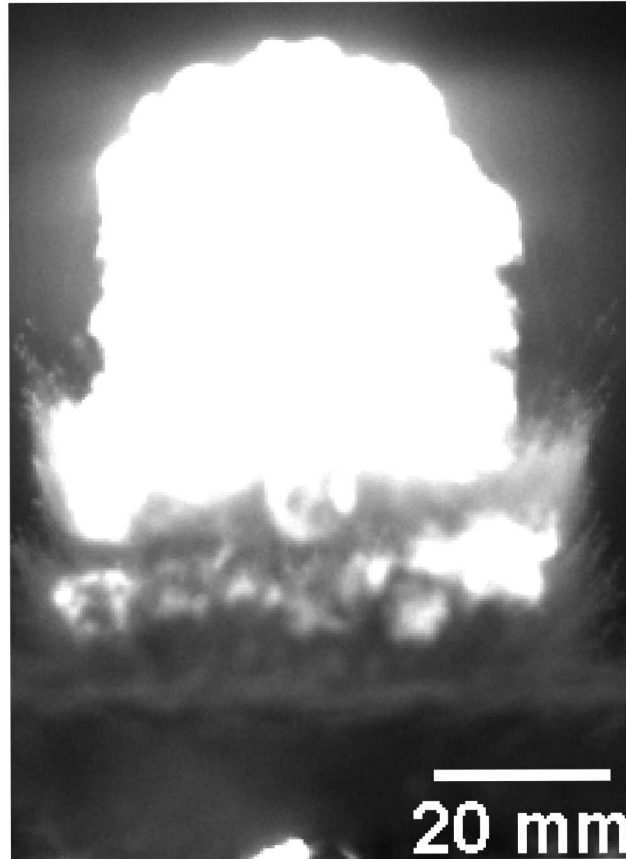
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# Outline

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# Motivation

- Fireball characterization
- Validation of numerical models such as CFD
- Platform for diagnostic development in a transient environment



A PETN detonator fireball at 27  $\mu$ s

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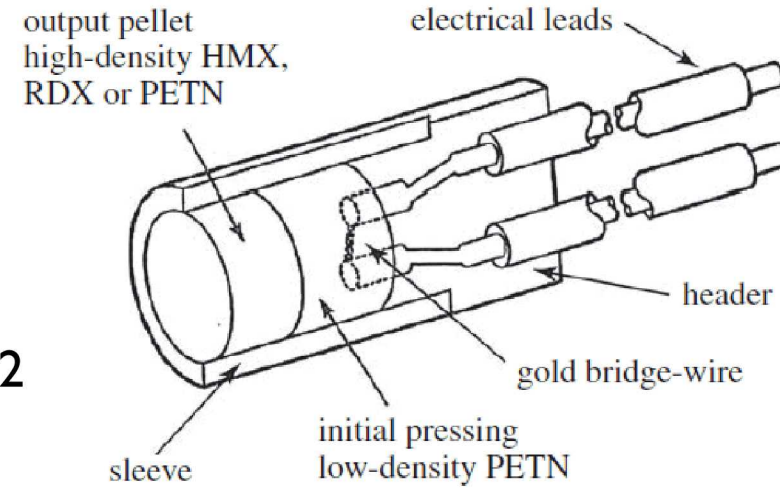


A standard flat flame burner (Holthius and Associates)

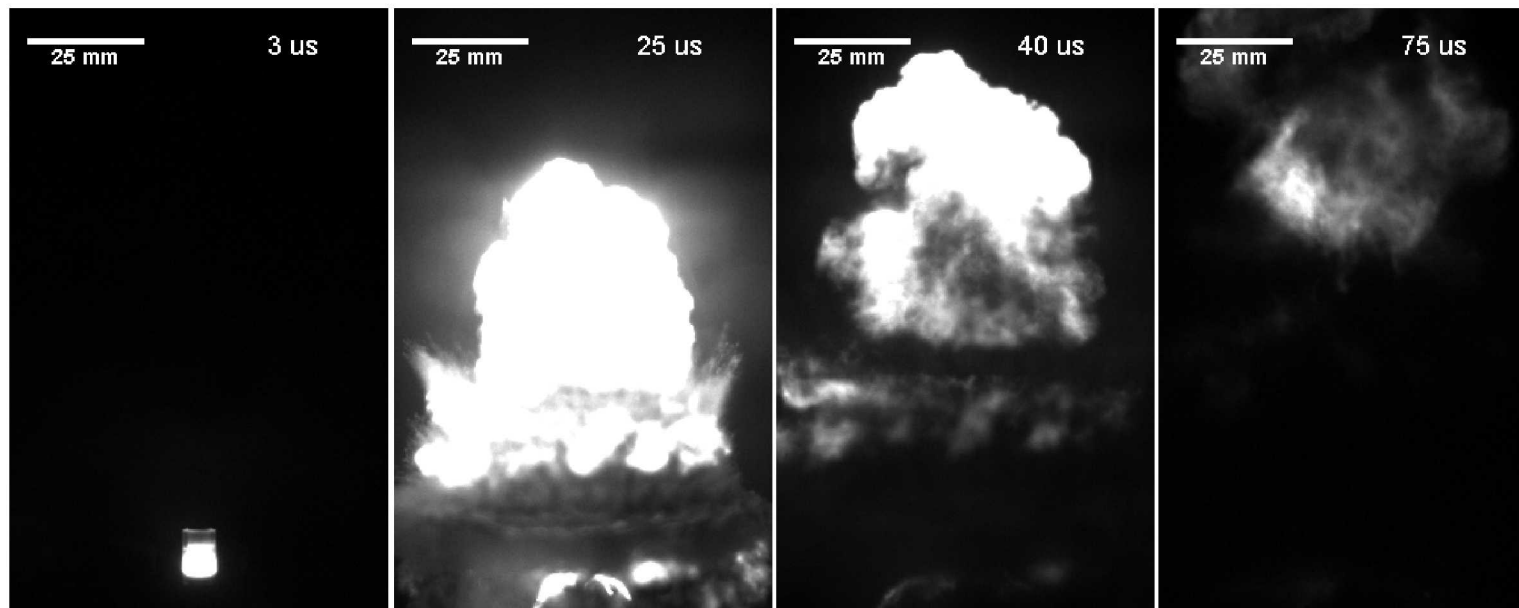
# Background

## Detonators:

- Commercial RP-80
- Custom made PETN, PETN/Al, PETN/Ba(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>



EBW Detonator [1]

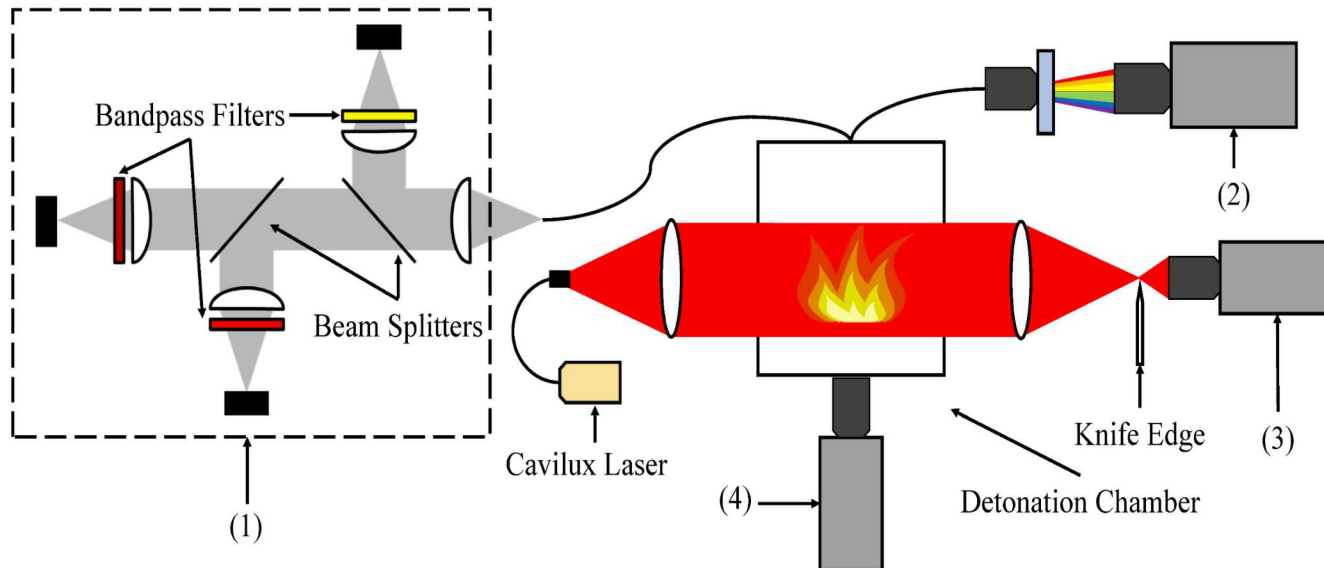
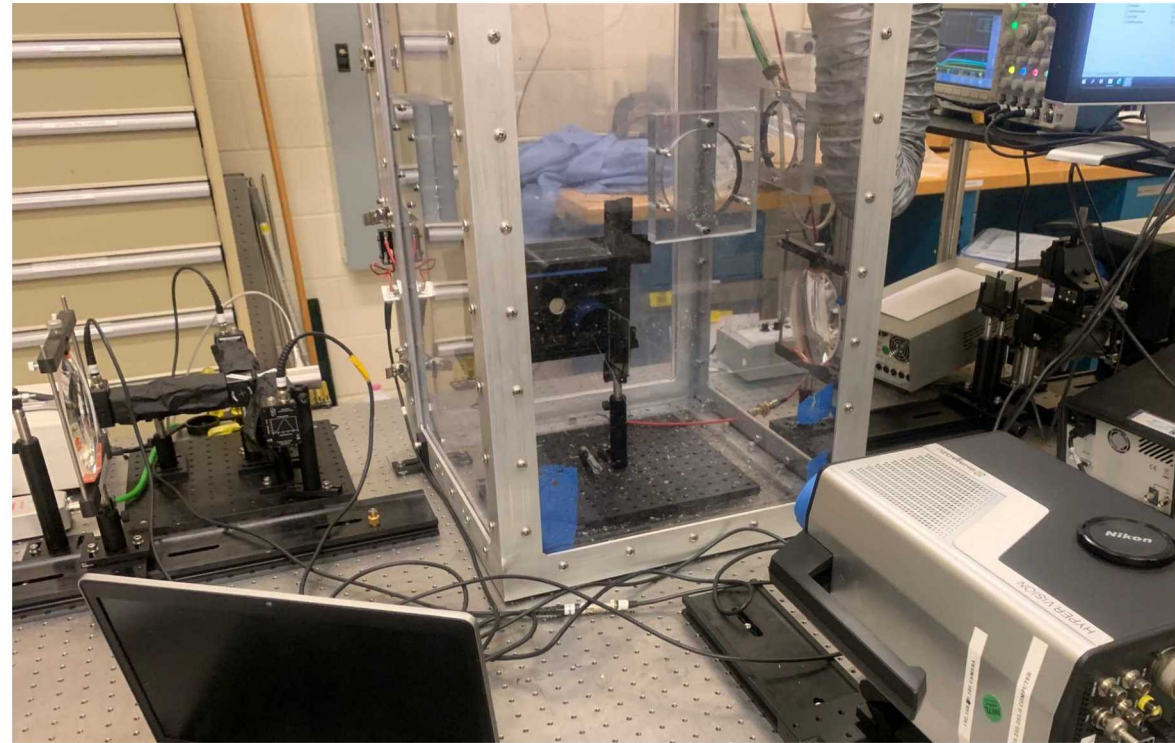


Observed Detonator Timeline



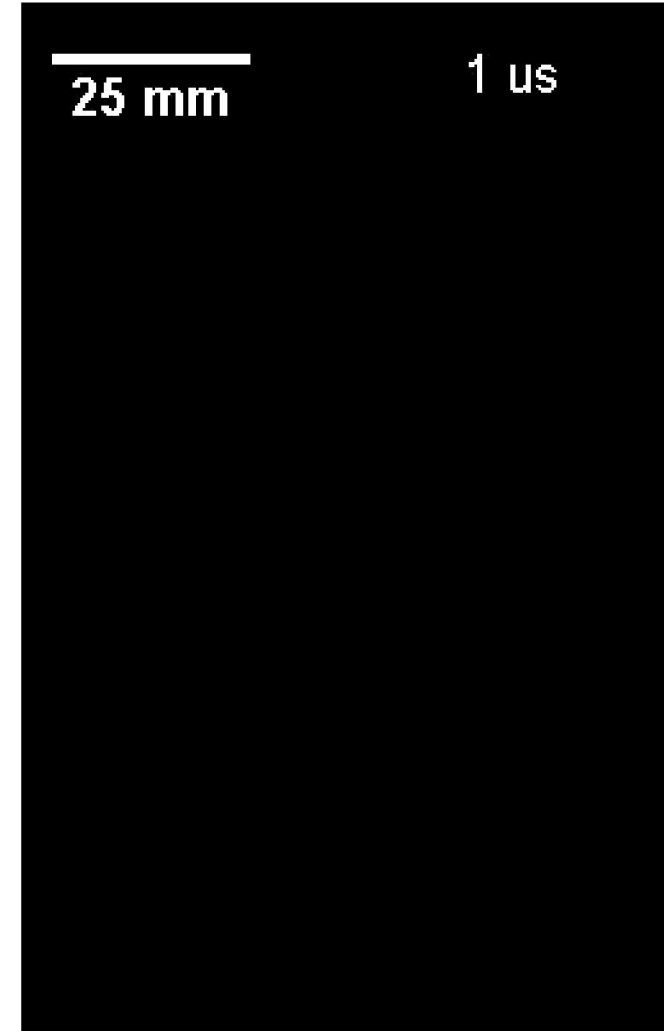
# Experimental setup

- Narrowband Emission (1)
- Broadband Emission spectroscopy (2)
- MHz schlieren (3)
- High speed imaging (4)



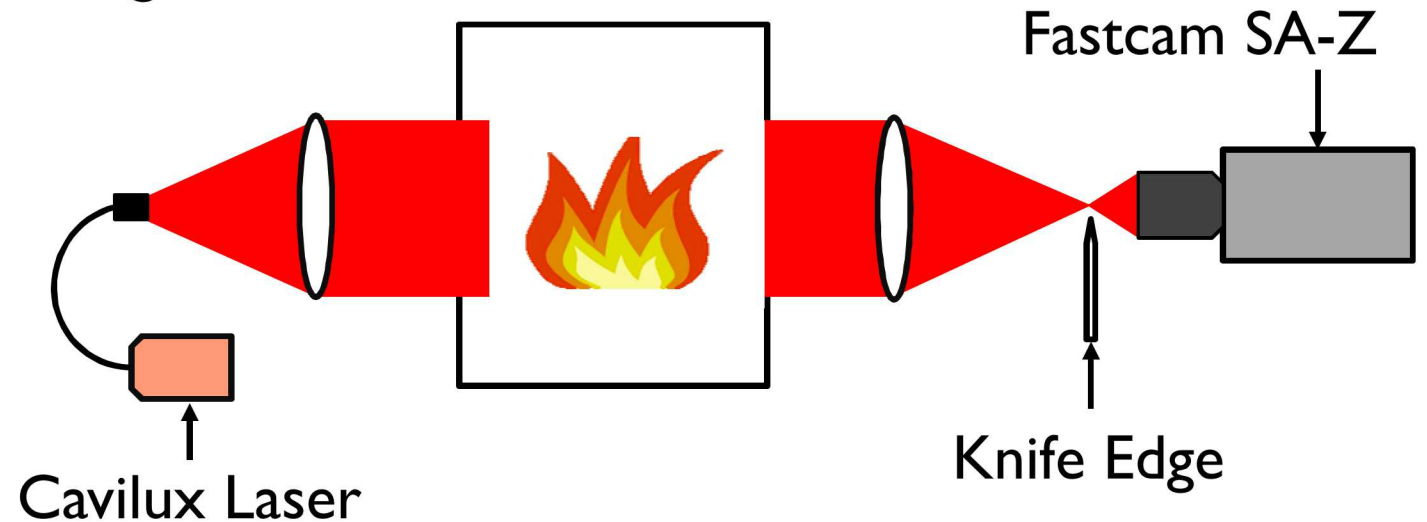
# High Speed Imaging

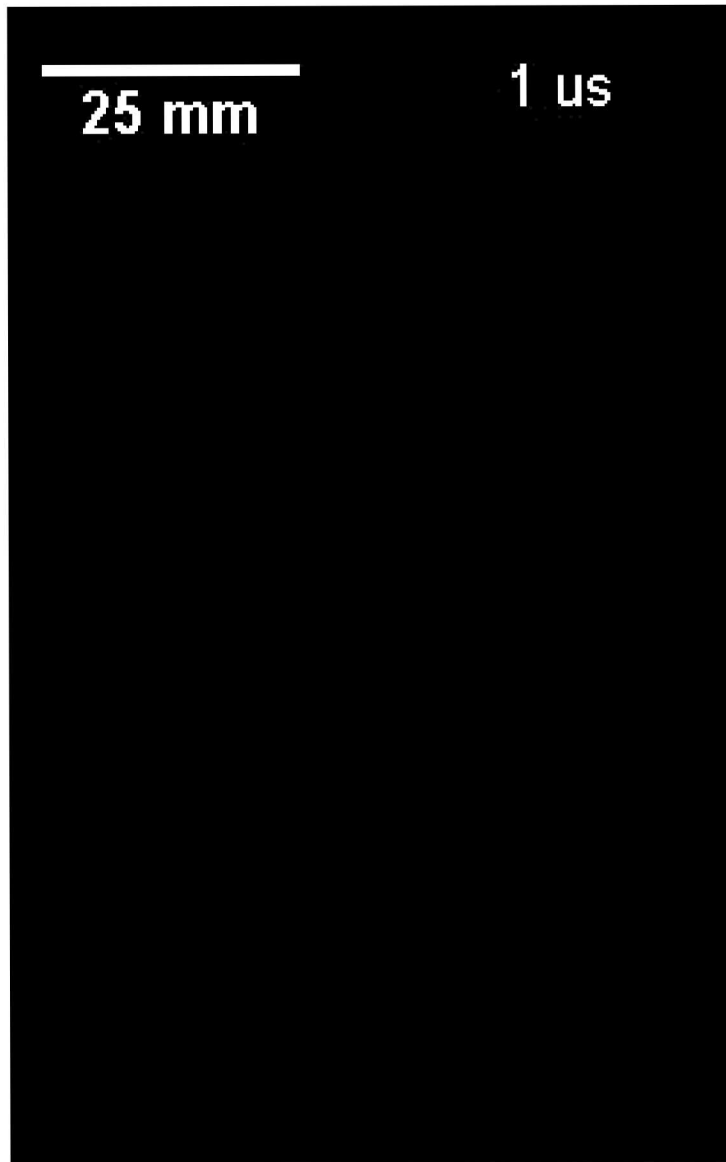
- 1 MHz rate imaging using a Shimadzu high speed camera perpendicular to the schlieren axis
- Exposure was set to 200 ns to reduce overexposure as much as possible while still capturing sufficient fireball emission



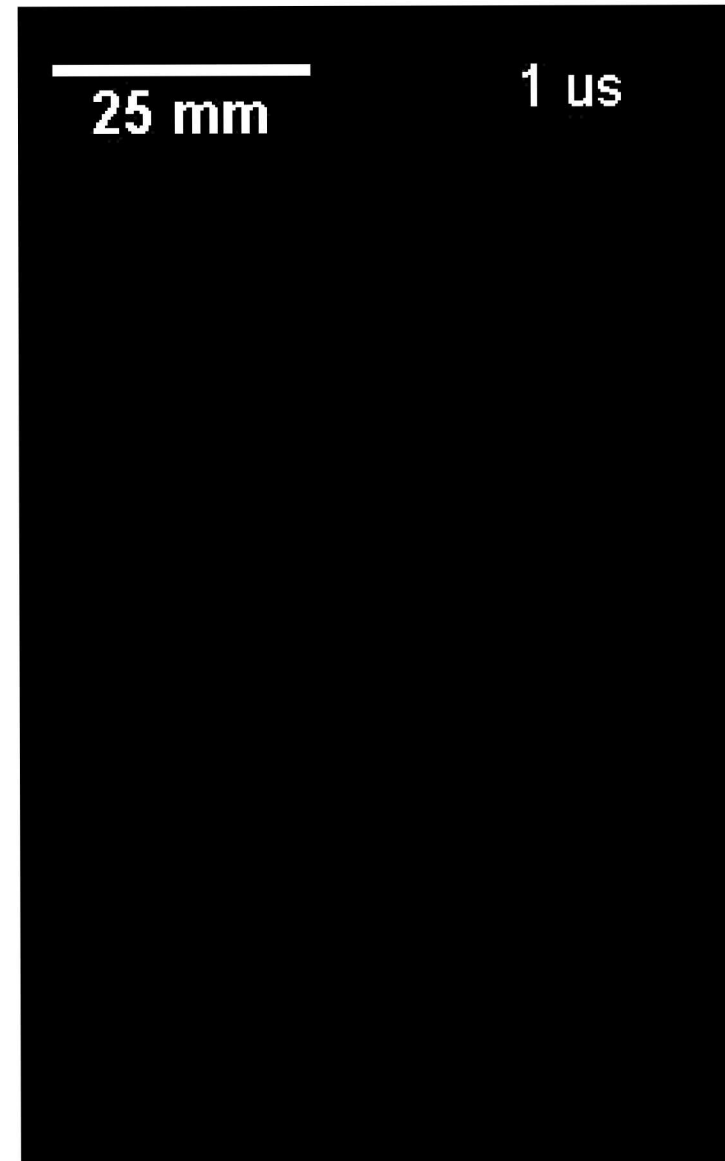
Custom PETN Detonator

- 1 MHz rate schlieren imaging for gas phase density gradients
- 640 nm Cavilux Smart laser unit with 10 ns pulses imaged using a Shimadzu high speed camera





Custom PETN Detonator

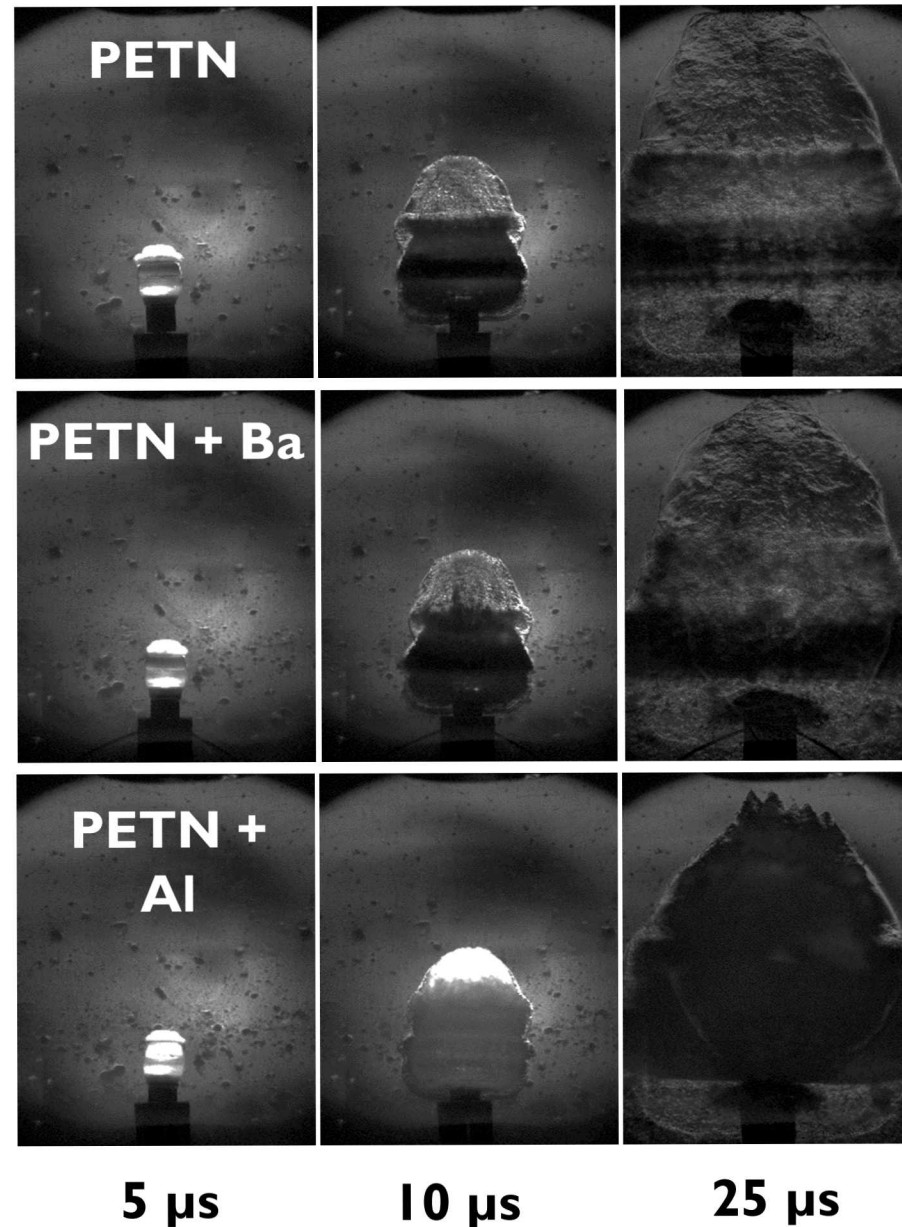


Custom PETN/Al Detonator

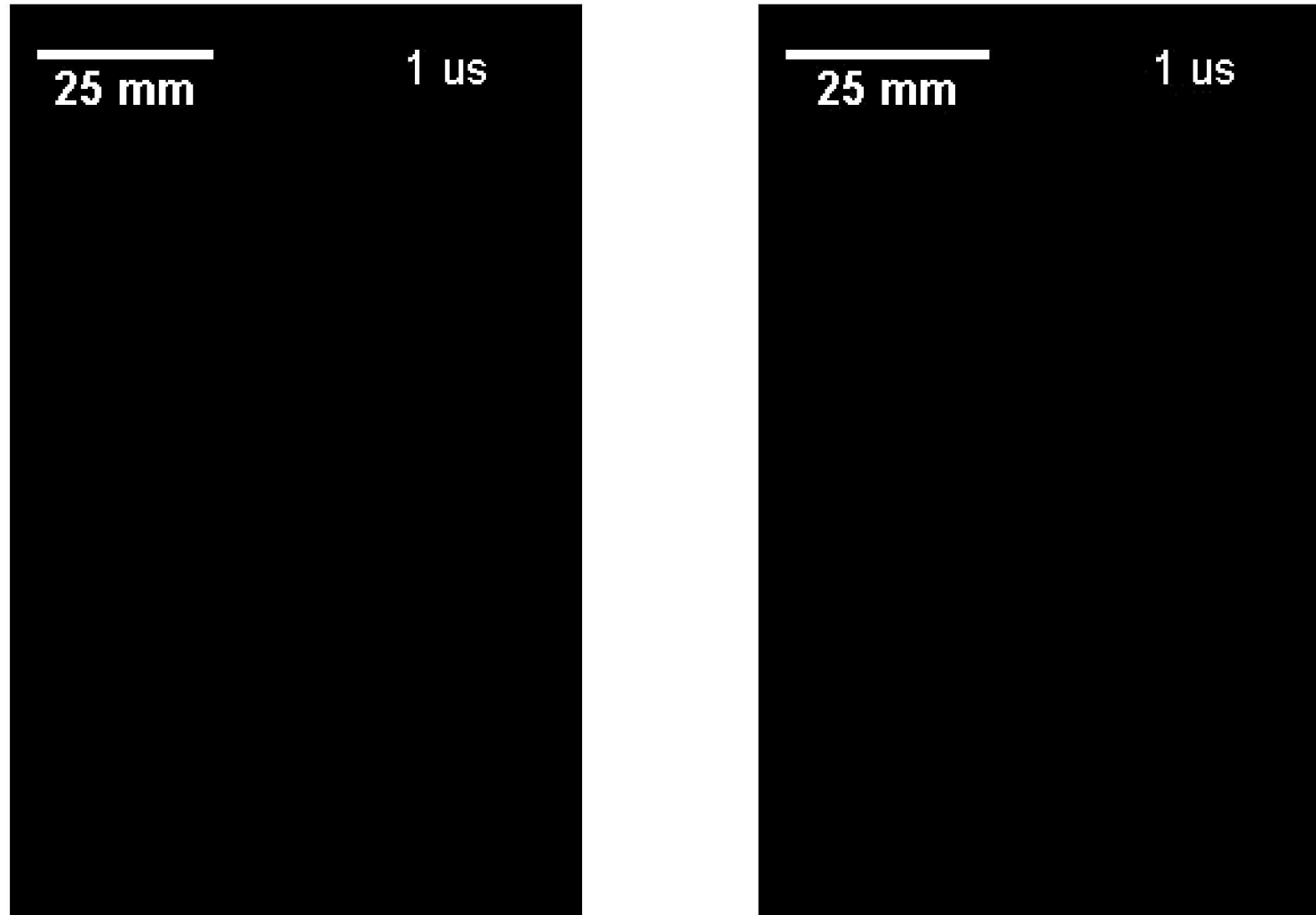


## 9 Schlieren Results

- Introduction of aluminum greatly increases density gradients within the detonation fireball
- Introduction of barium as a tracer does not greatly affect the schlieren measurements
- Aluminized detonator features particulates maintaining momentum past shock front



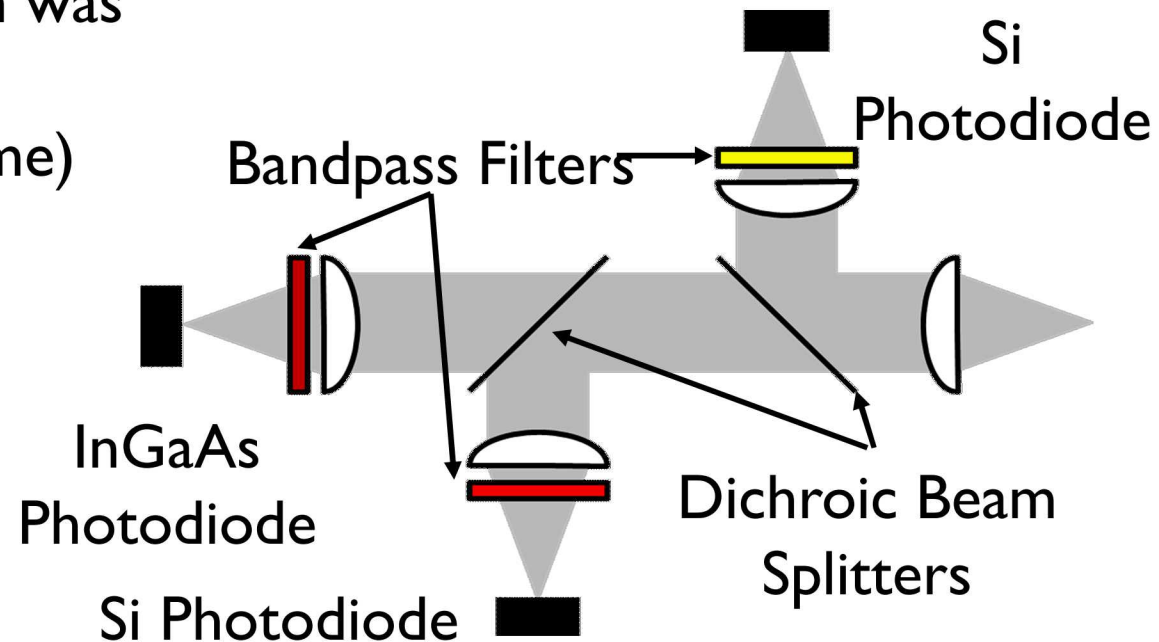
# Side by Side Schlieren and Visible Emission



Custom PETN Detonator, Synced Timing

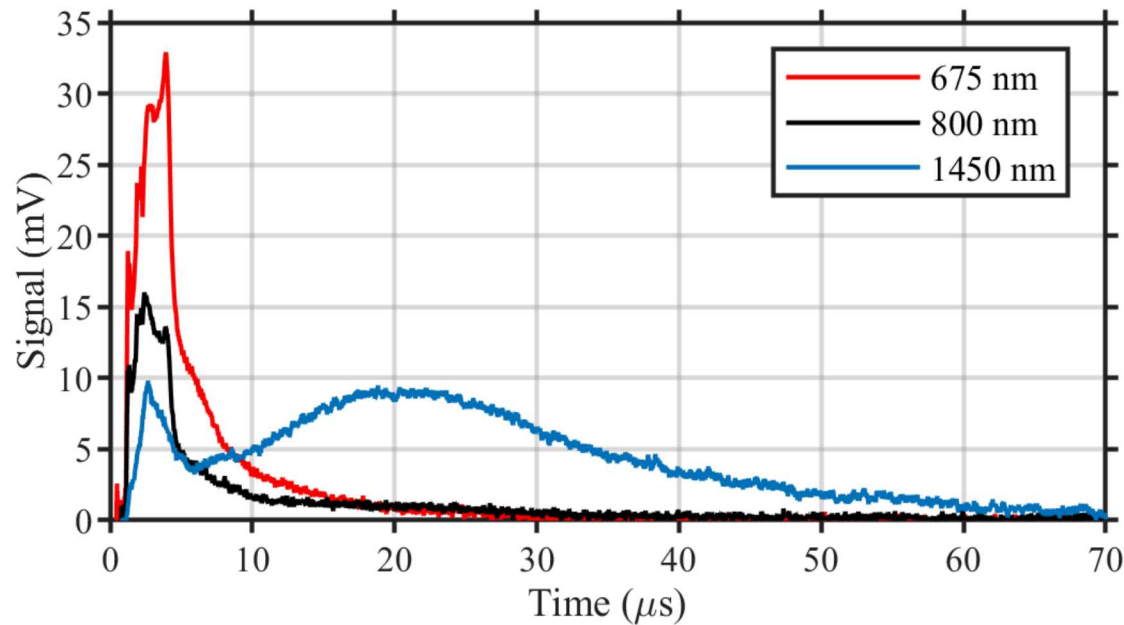
# Narrowband Emission

- Pyrometer designed for measuring fireball emission at 675 nm, 800 nm, 1450 nm
- 675 nm and 800 nm emission was collected using Si Photodiodes (2.3 ns rise time) and 1450 nm was collected using an InGaAs Photodiode (15 ns rise time)

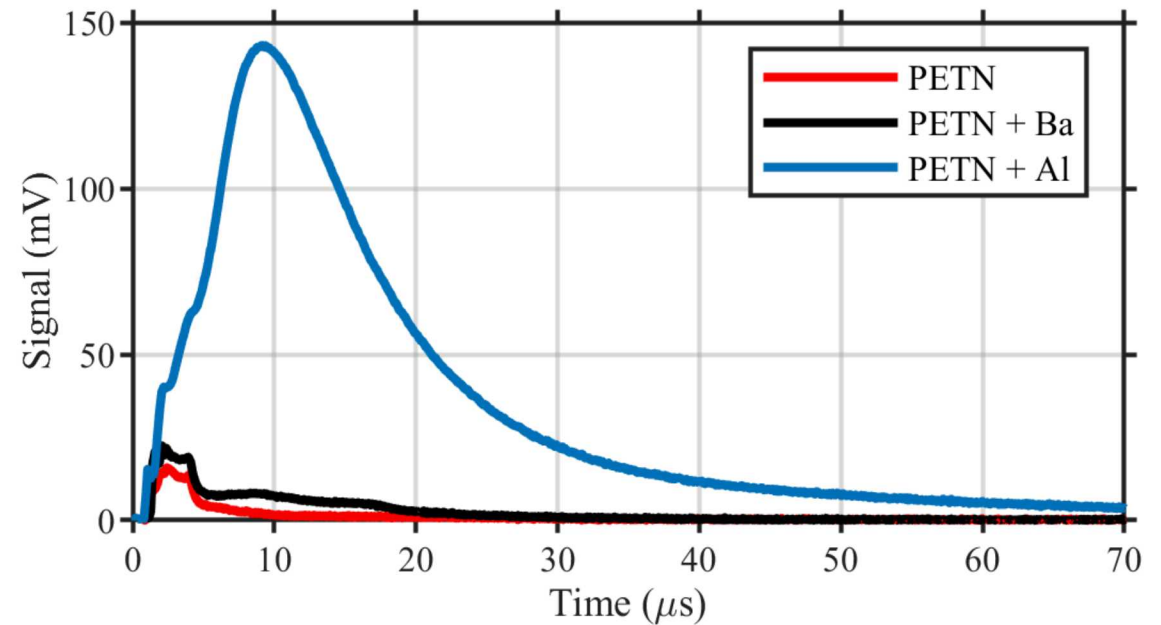


# Narrowband Emission Results

- Each emission band was normalized to the 675 nm band using a gray body tungsten source at 2800 K



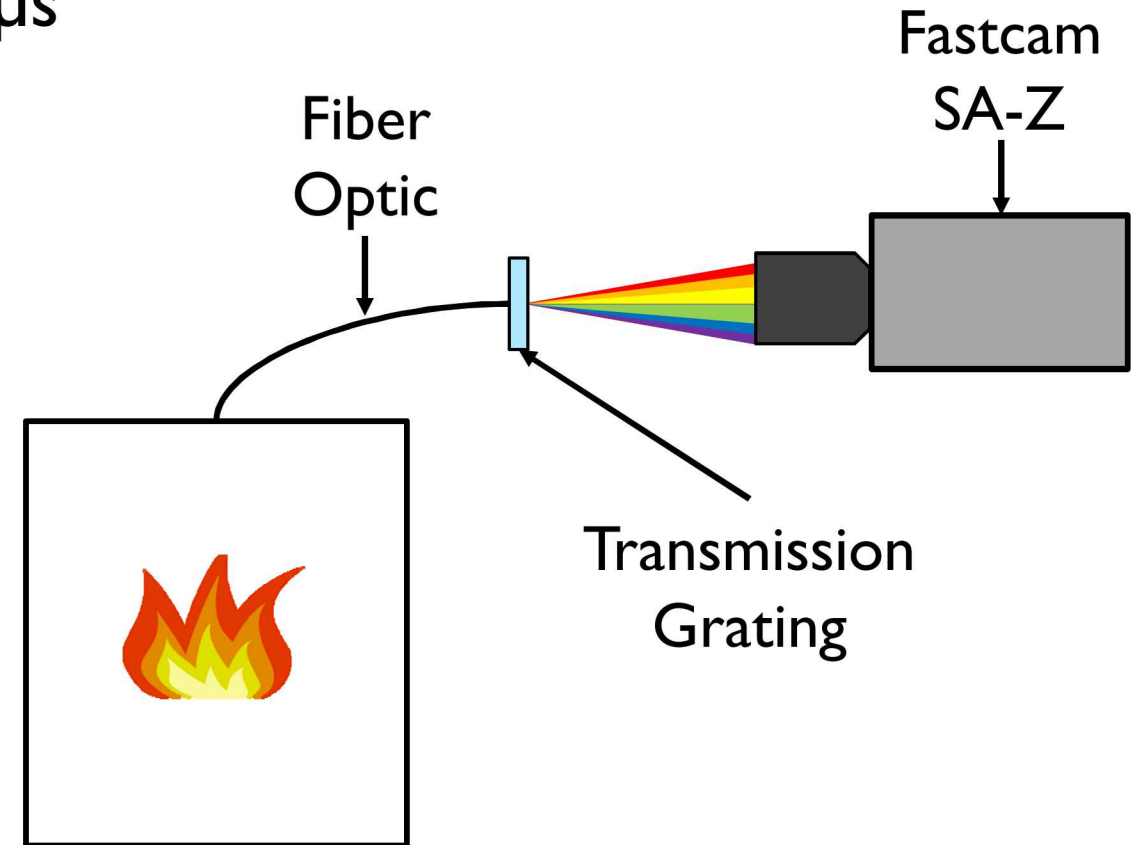
Custom PETN Detonator



800 nm Emission for Varying Detonators

# Broadband Emission Spectroscopy

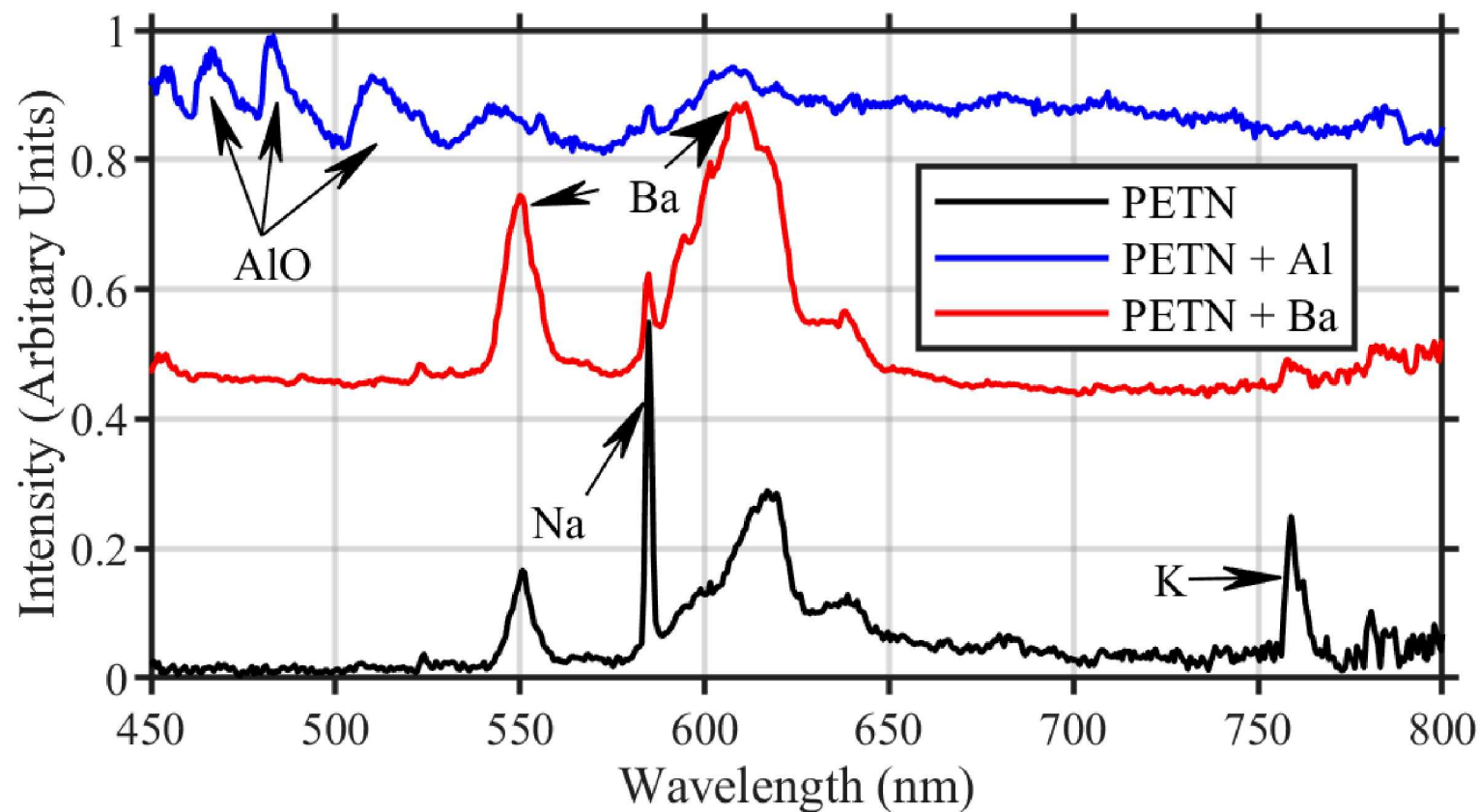
- 200 kHz rate spectra imaged using a Fastcam SA-Z with an exposure of  $3.26\ \mu\text{s}$
- Collected light dispersed to 400-800 nm using a transmission grating





# Corrected Broadband Emission Spectroscopy Results

- Molecular emission of AlO and atomic emission of barium observed
- Potential for future temperature sensitive measurements as demonstrated by Lewis [2,3,4]



Emission Spectra from Varying Detonators



# Conclusions

- Demonstrated ability to perform simultaneous optical diagnostics of benchtop-scale post detonation fireballs
- Capability for resolving optical differences for various fireball compositions
- Potential for future diagnostic efforts such as using molecular and atomic emission tracers such as barium
- Complementary to laser techniques in development at Sandia and Purdue

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