

# Utilising Digital Image Correlation for the Characterisation of Ground Shock from Buried Charges



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# Context – Unexploded Ordnance



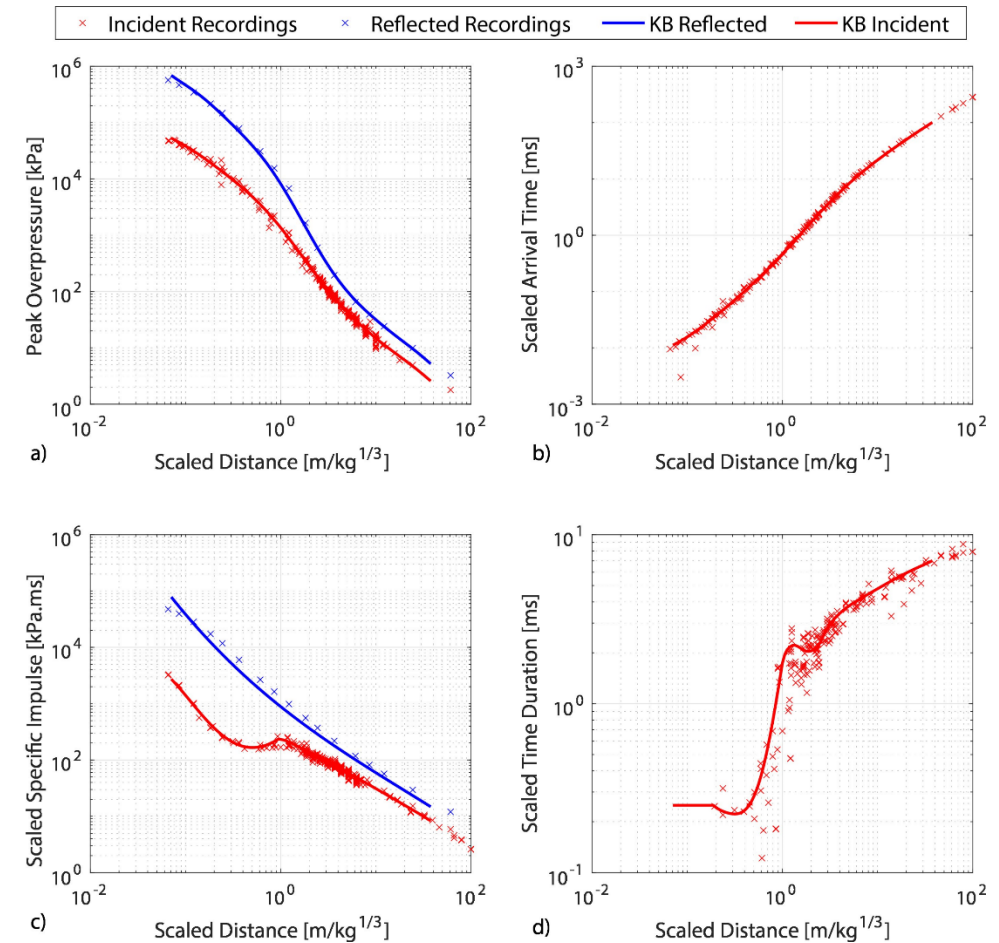
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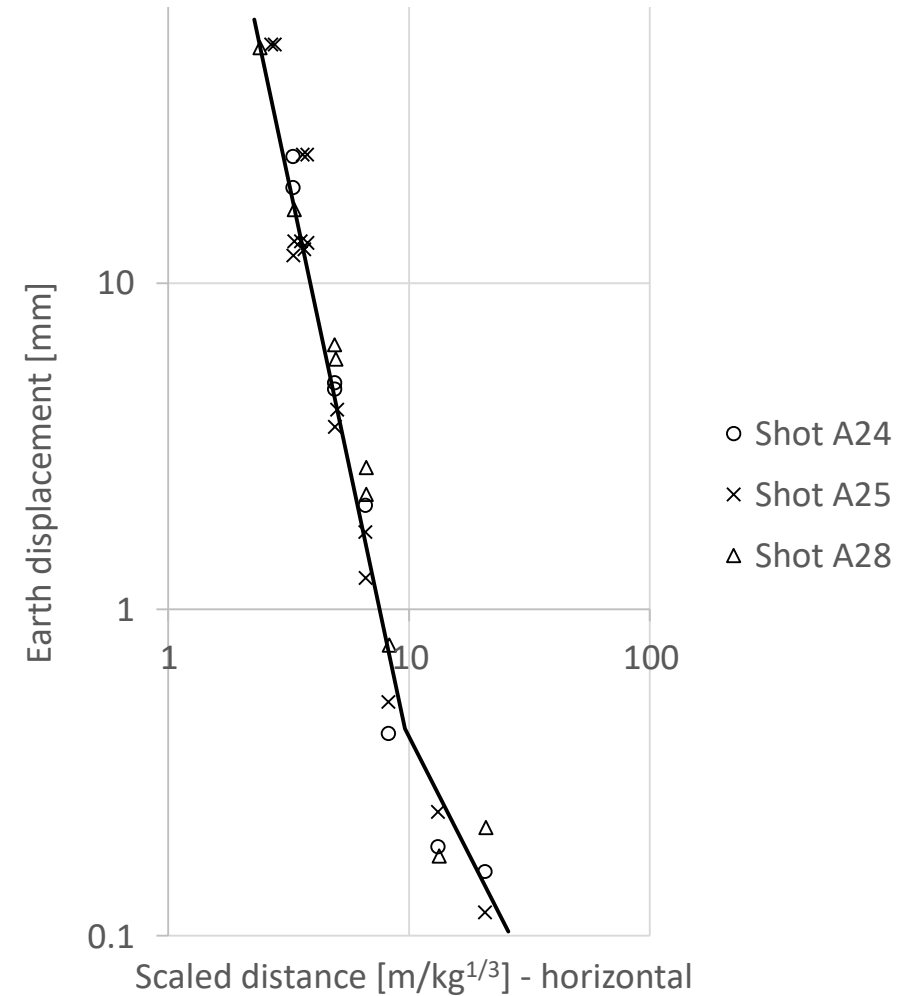
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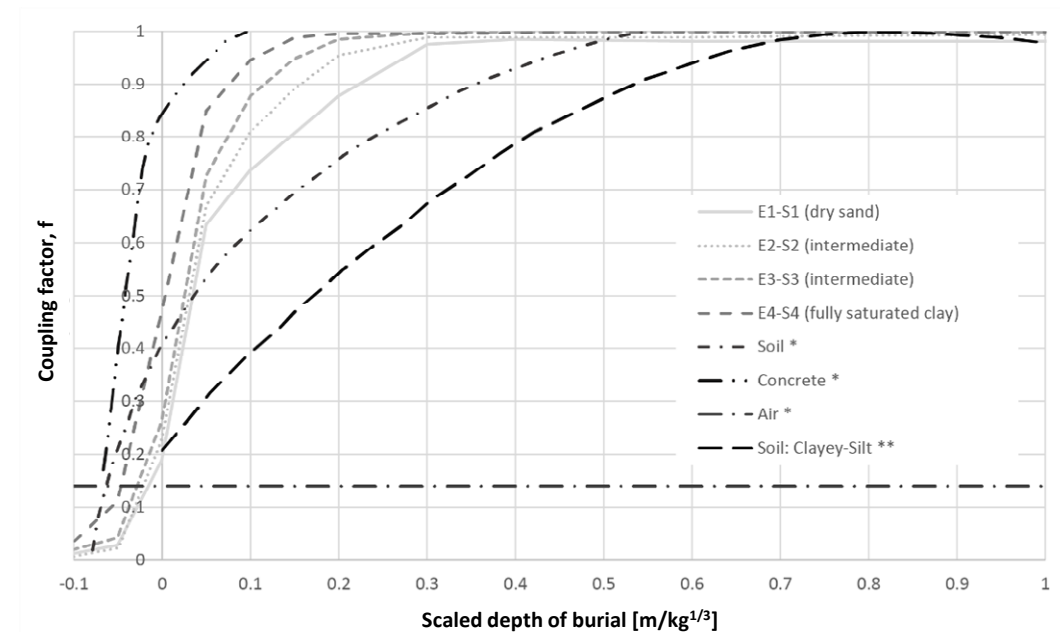
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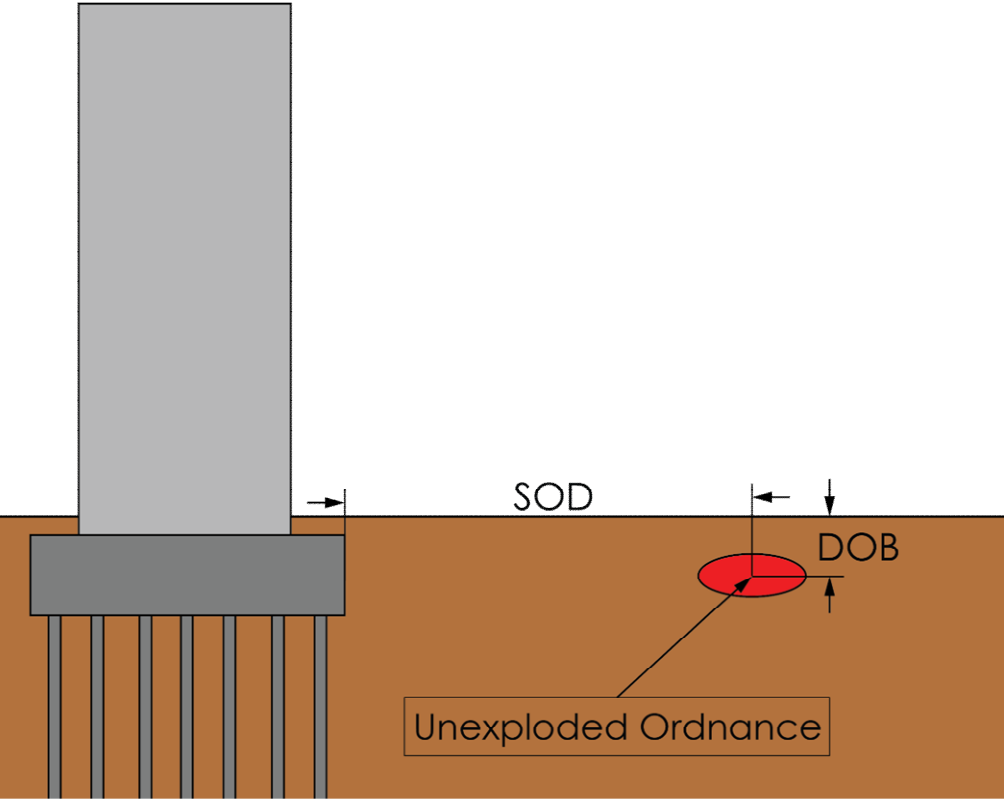
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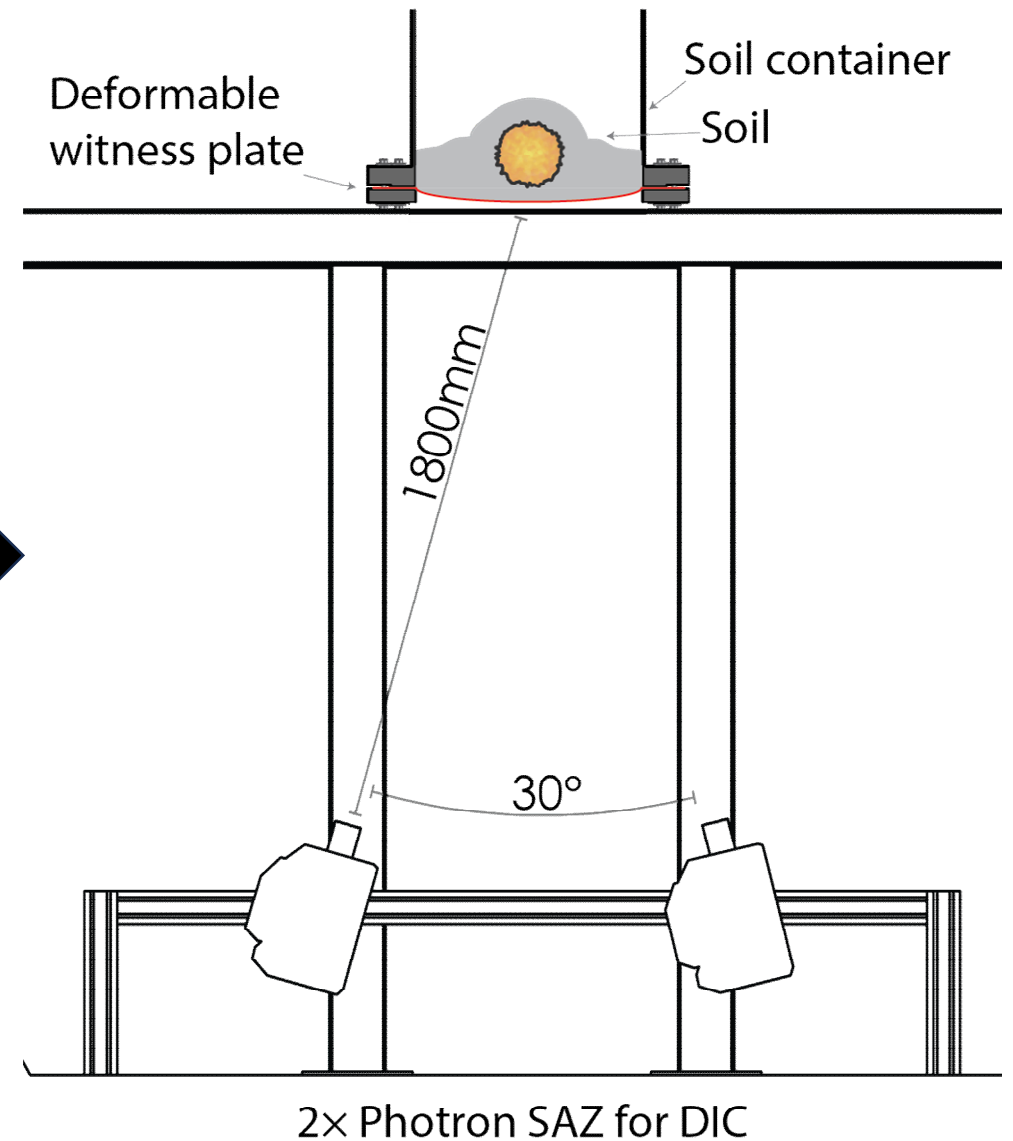
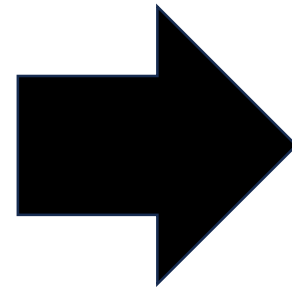
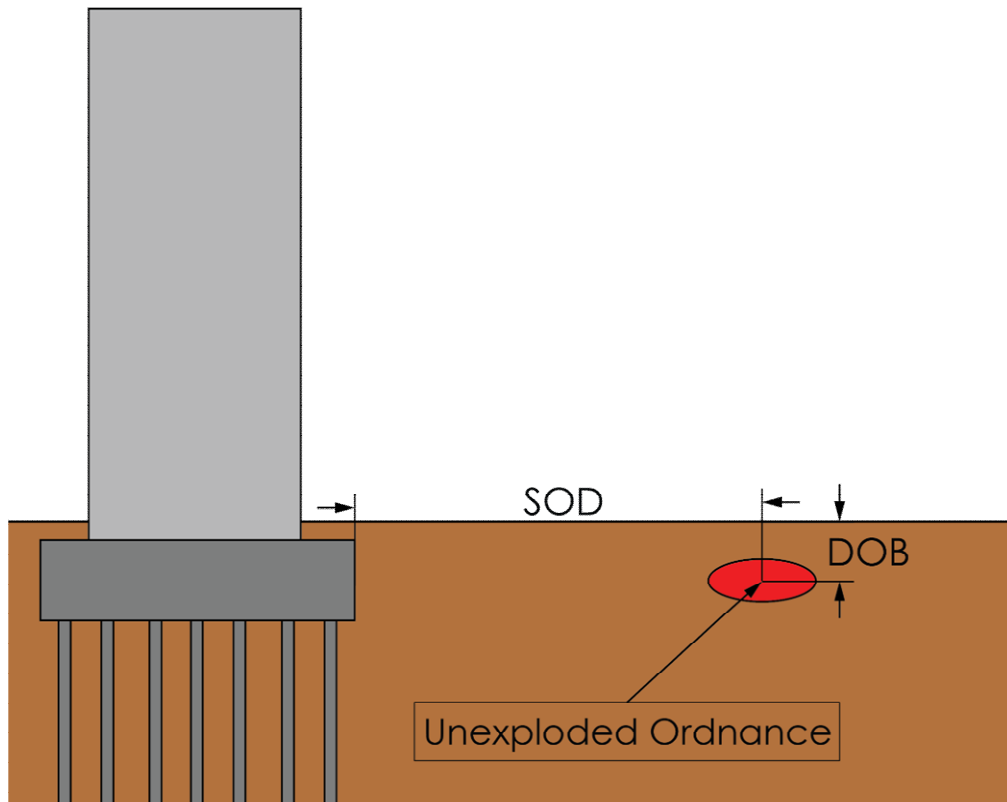


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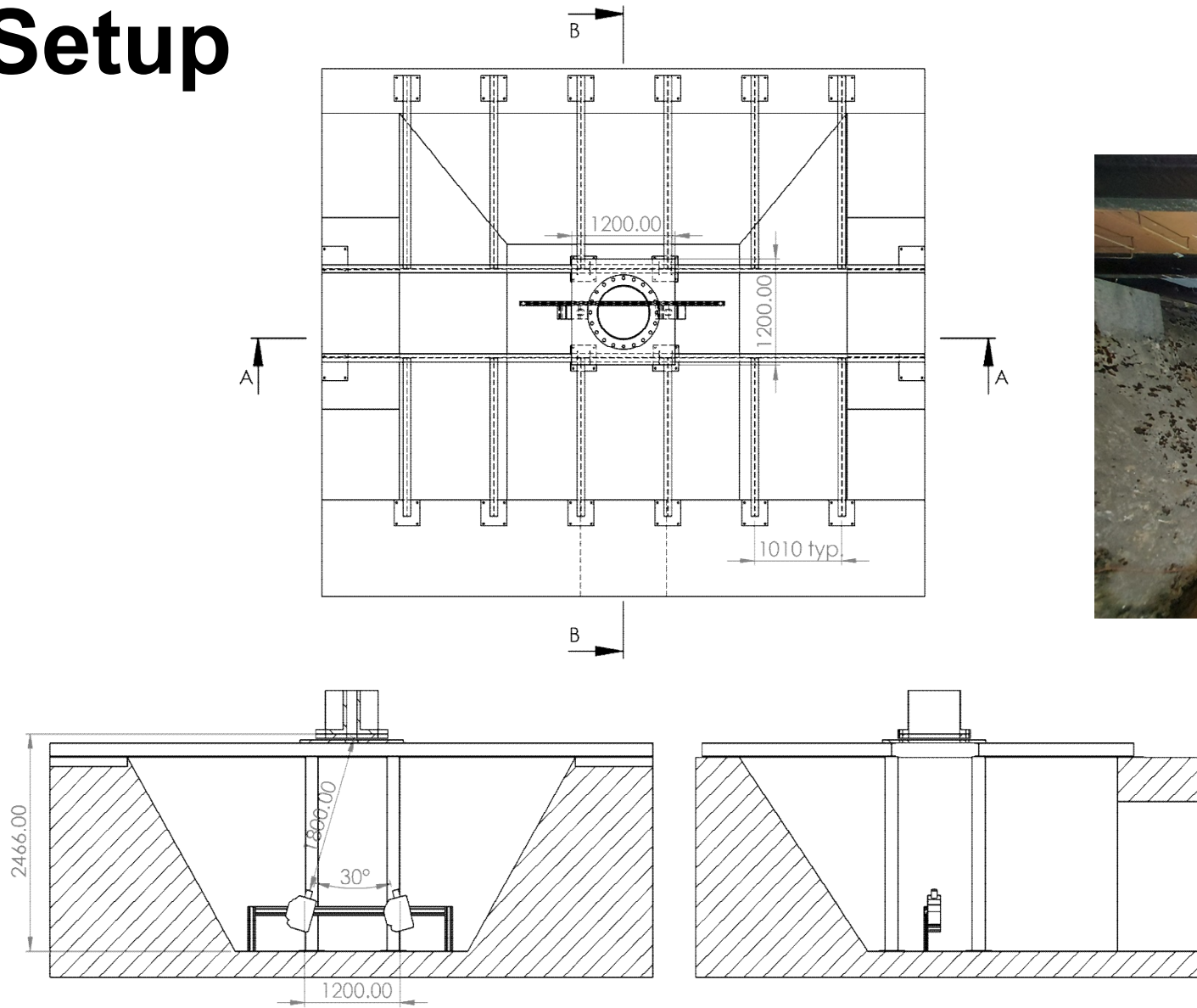
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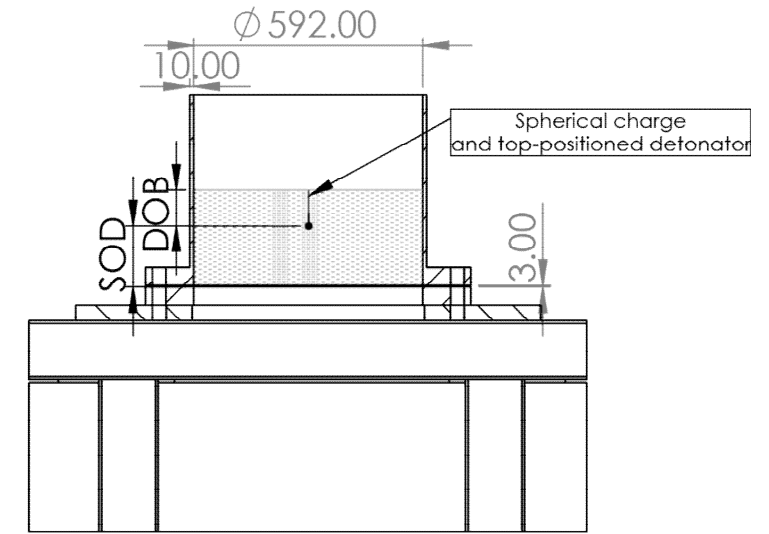
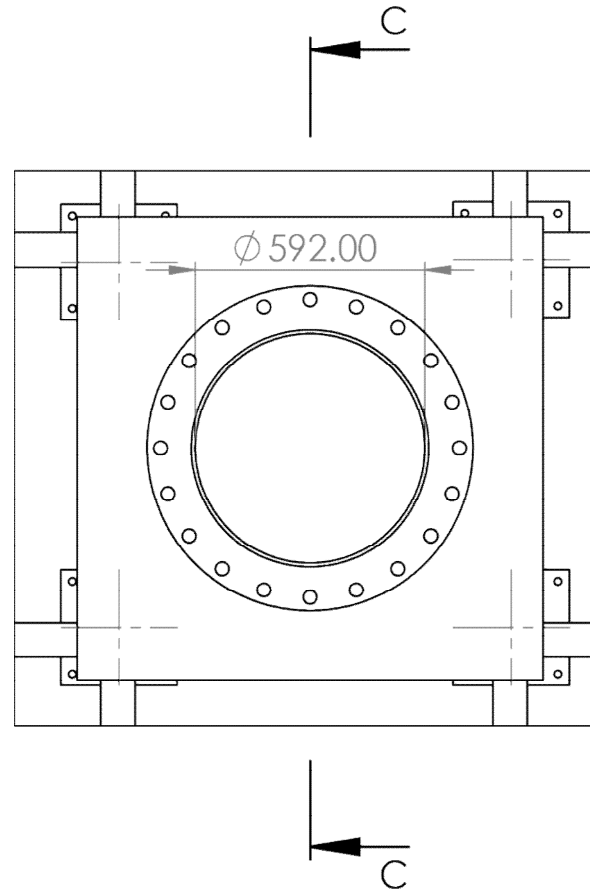
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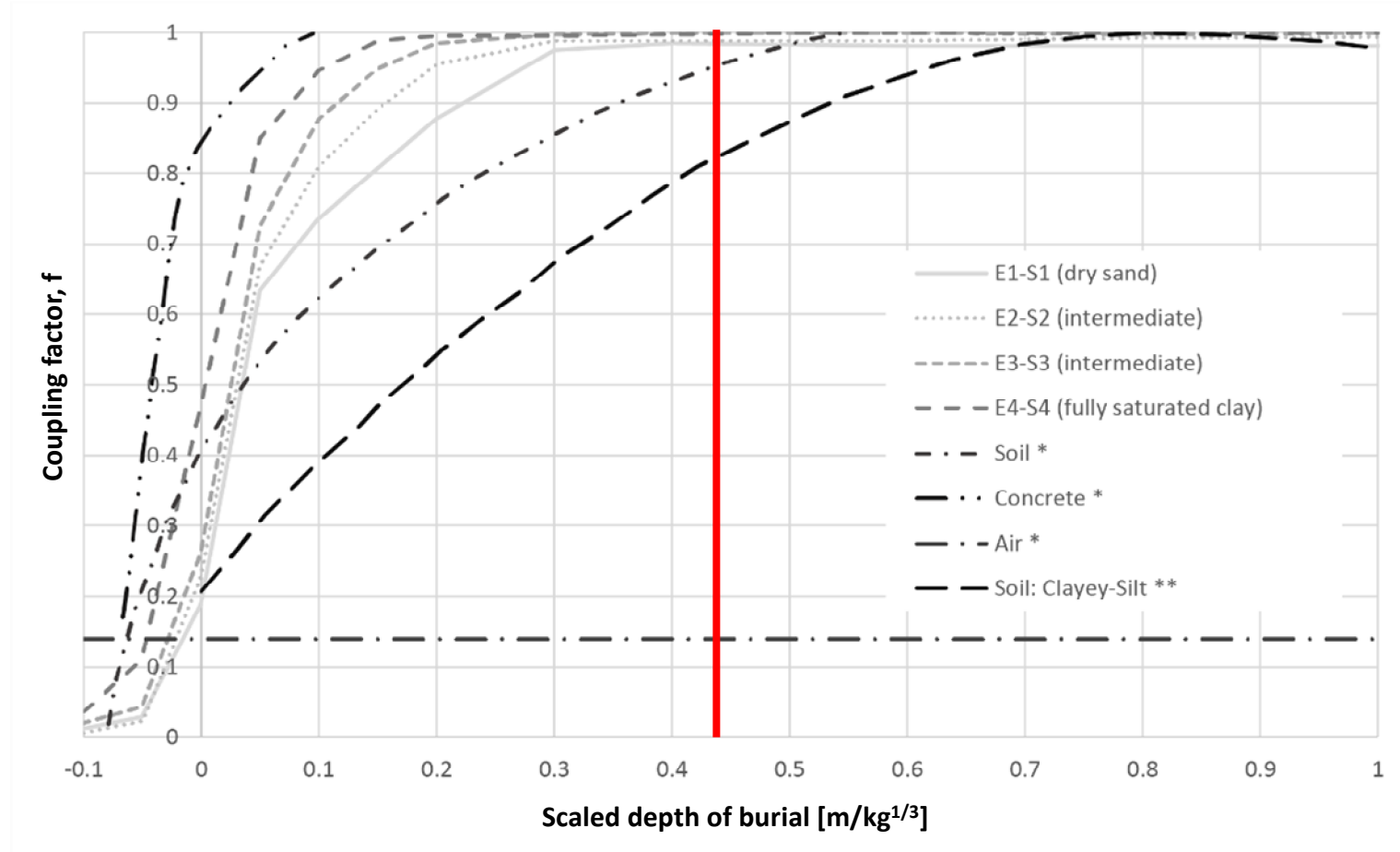
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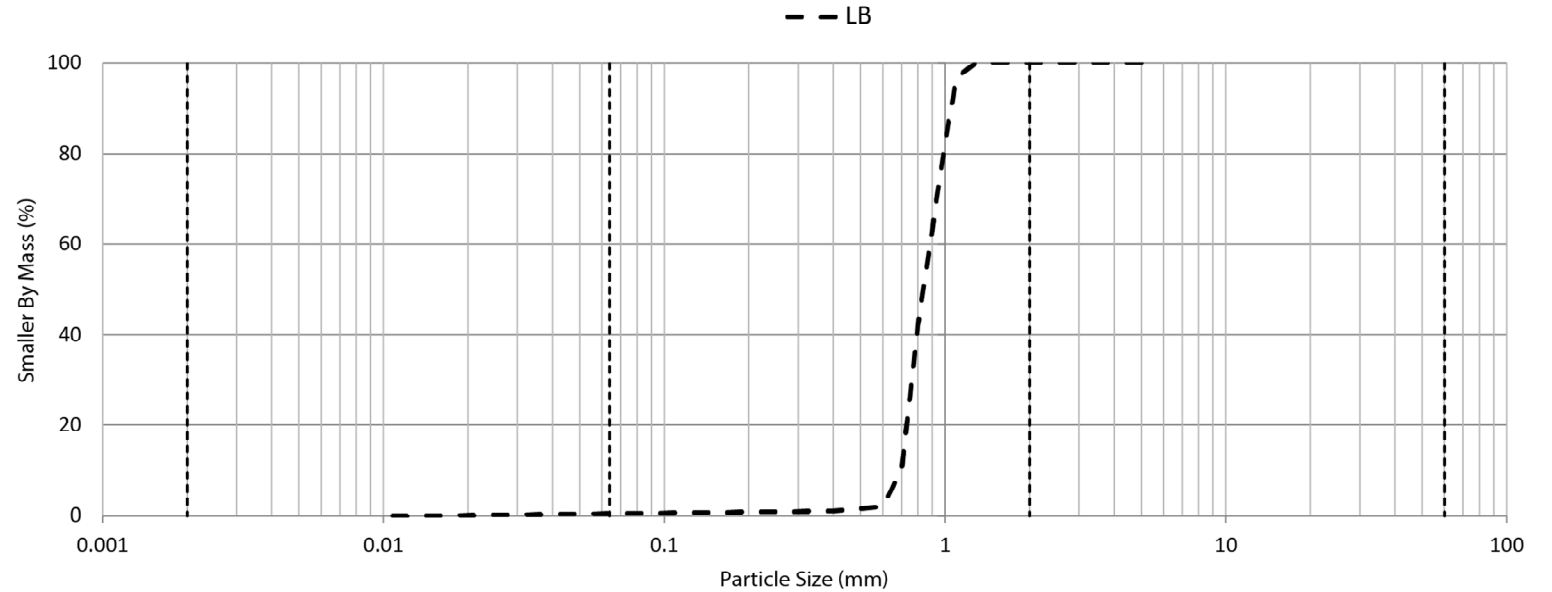
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# Soil Conditions

- Uniform sand
- Bulk density –  $1.65\text{g/cm}^3 \pm 0.01\text{g/cm}^3$
- Moisture content –  $5\% \pm 0.2\%$



Clay	Silt			Sand			Gravel			Cobbles
	Fine	Medium	Coarse	Fine	Medium	Coarse	Fine	Medium	Coarse	

# Testing Summary

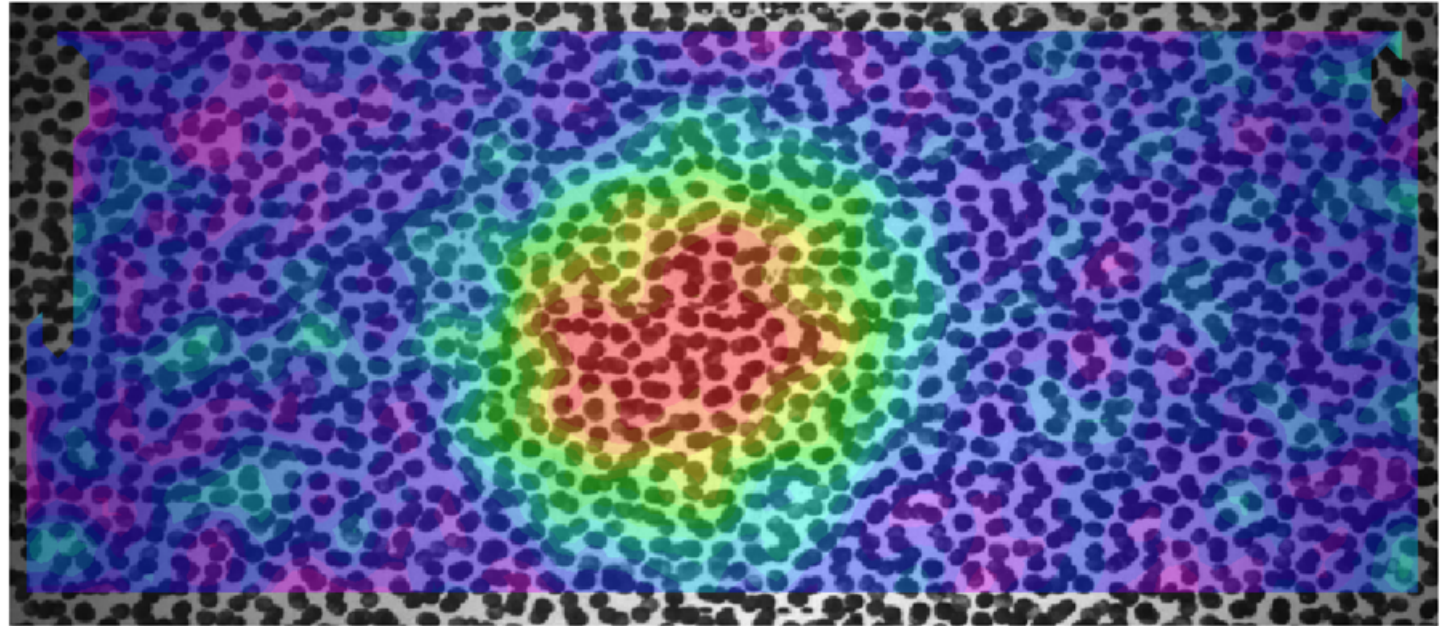
Shot ID	SOD (mm)	Charge Size (g)
A, B, C	50	10
D	100	10
E, F	250	10
G	350	10
H	500	10
I	171	50

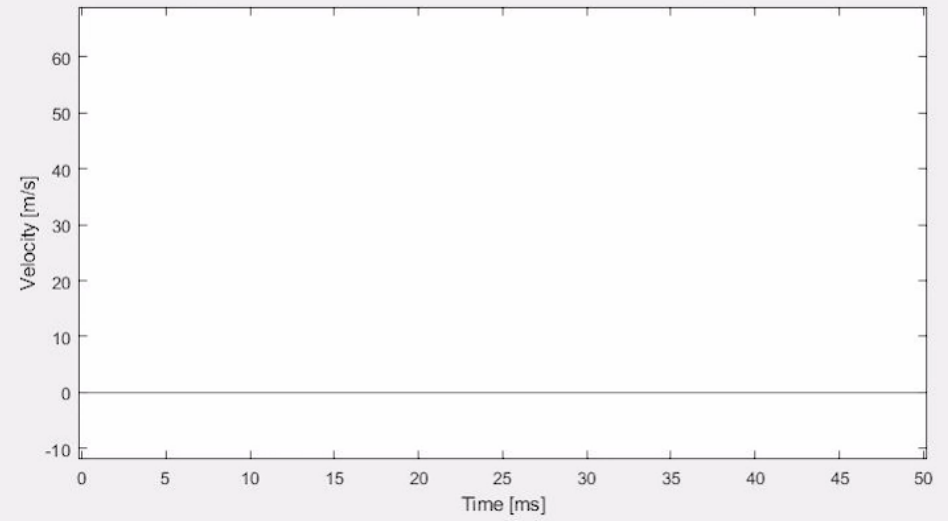
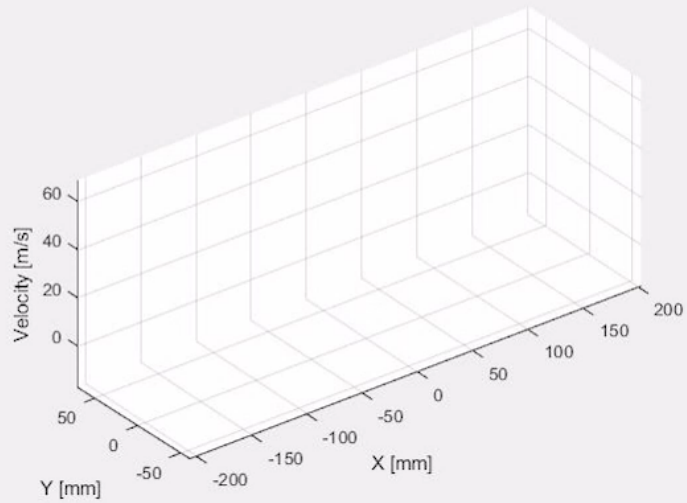
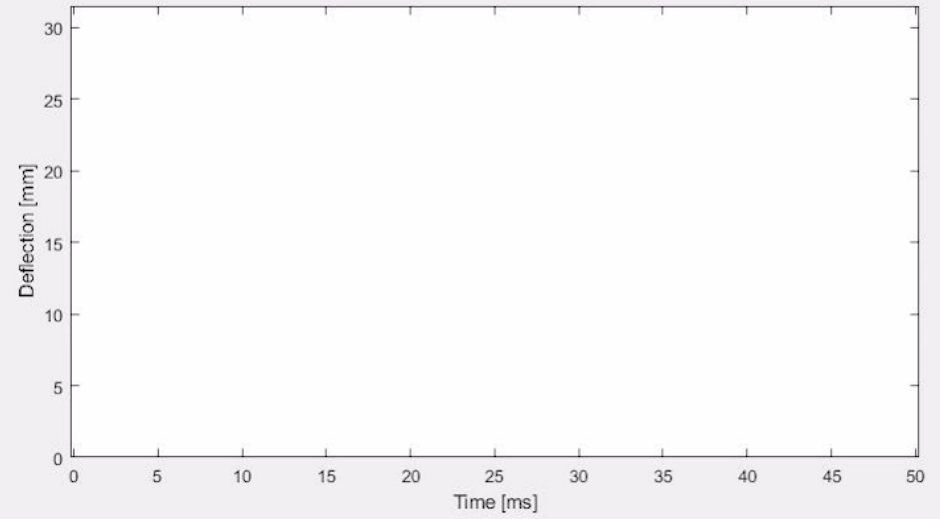
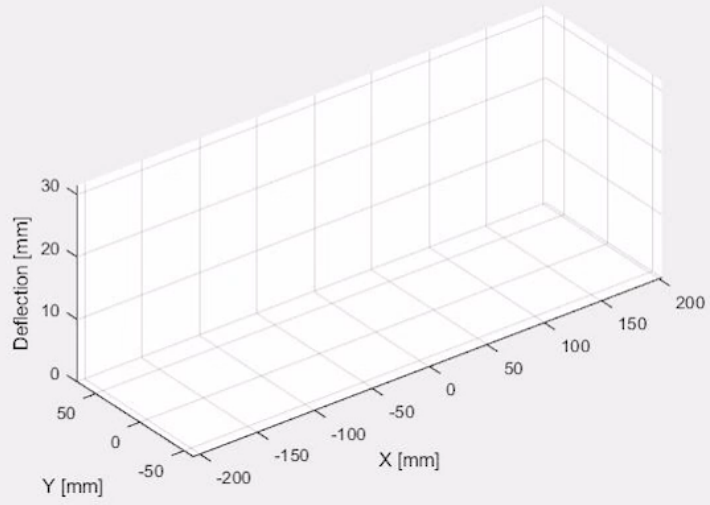
Increasing  
SOD

Same scaled SOD  
as D) 100mm / 10g

# Digital Image Correlation (DIC)

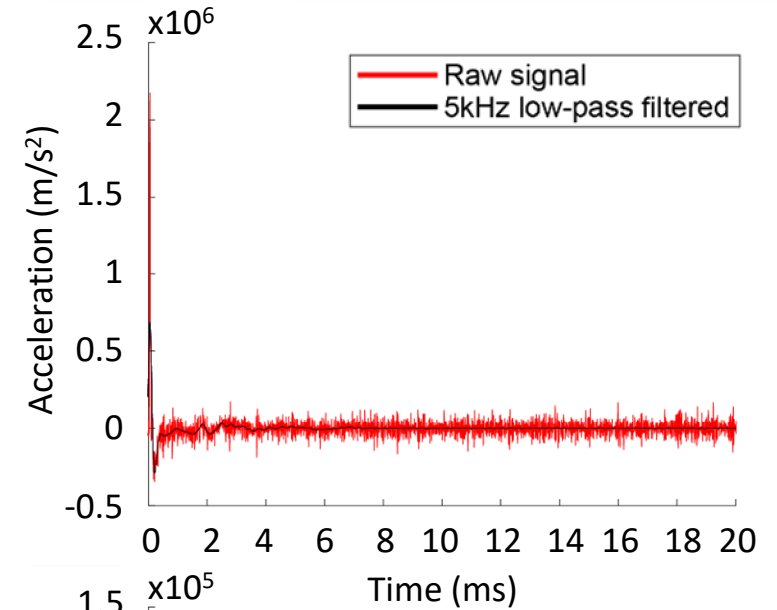
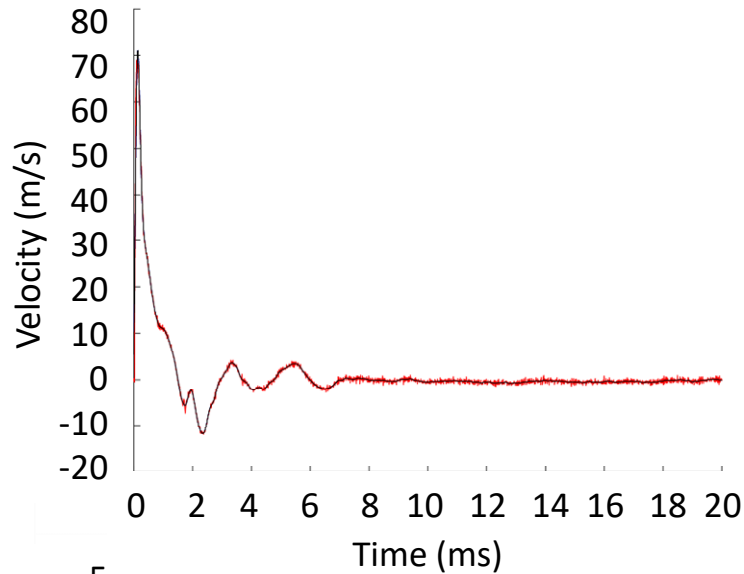
- Capture area of 380mm x 160mm
- 640 x 280 pixels
- ~3500 data points per frame per test
- 100k FPS



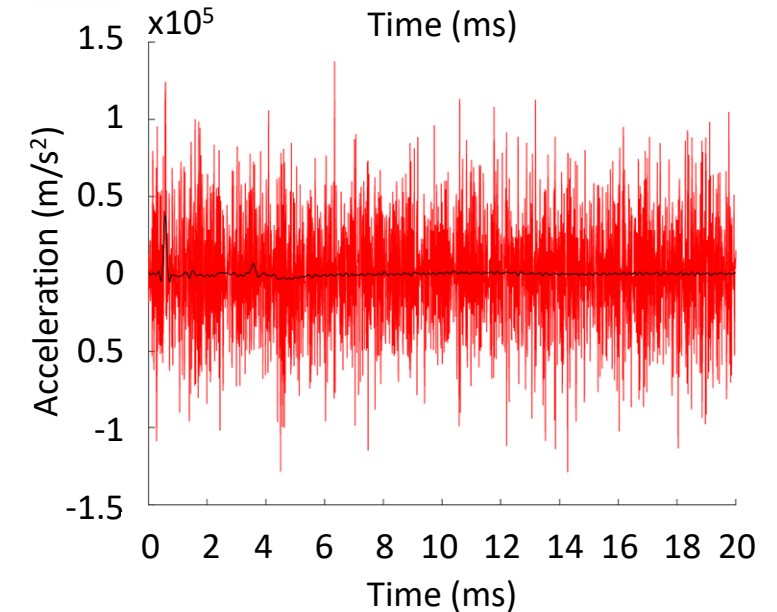
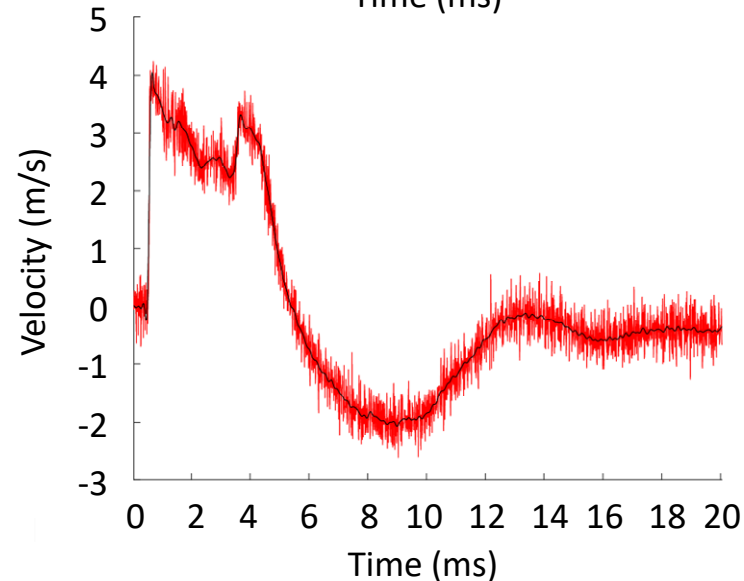


# Signal Noise

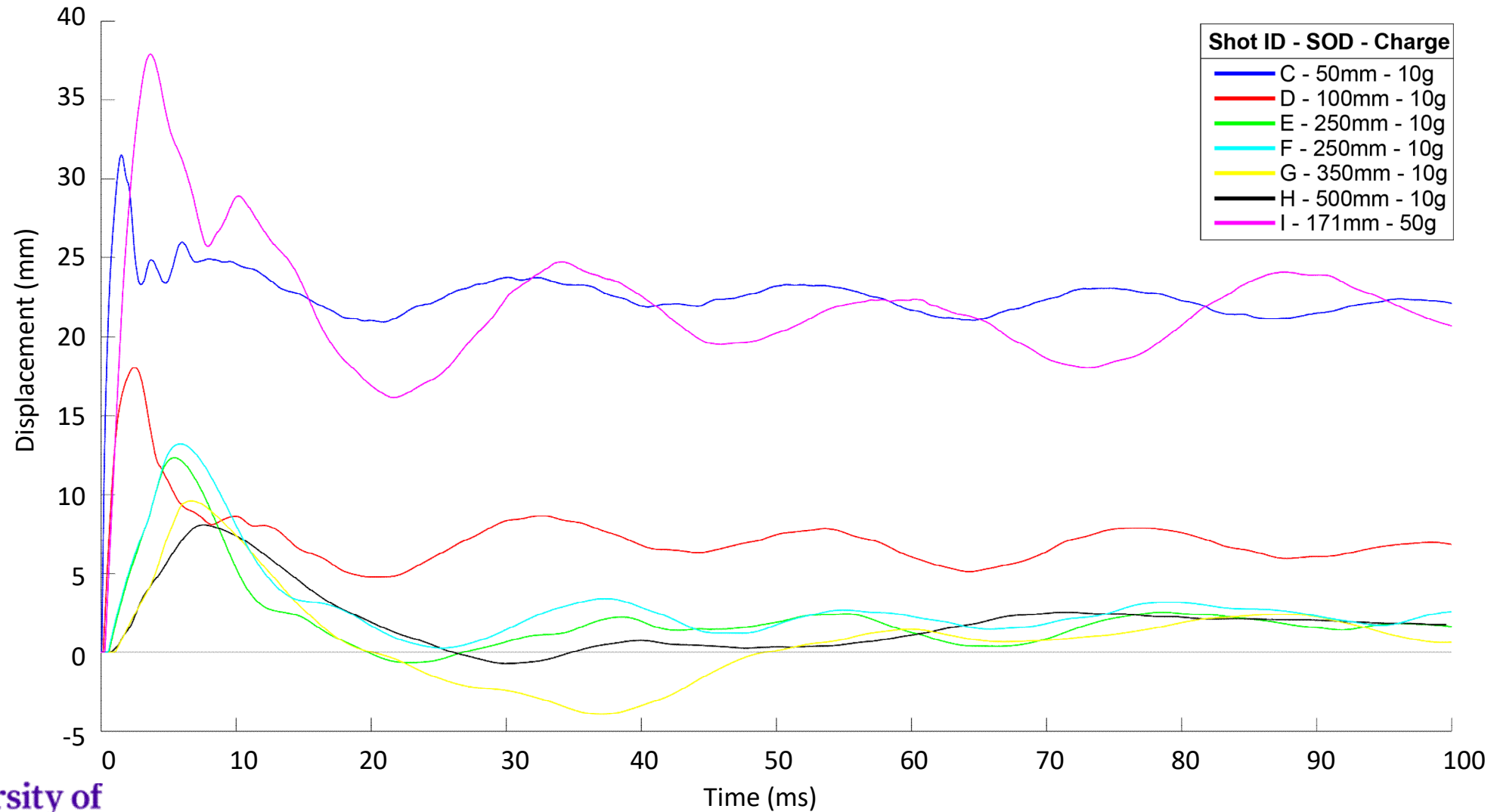
*Test C:*  
50mm SOD  
10g PE10



*Test E:*  
250mm SOD  
10g PE10

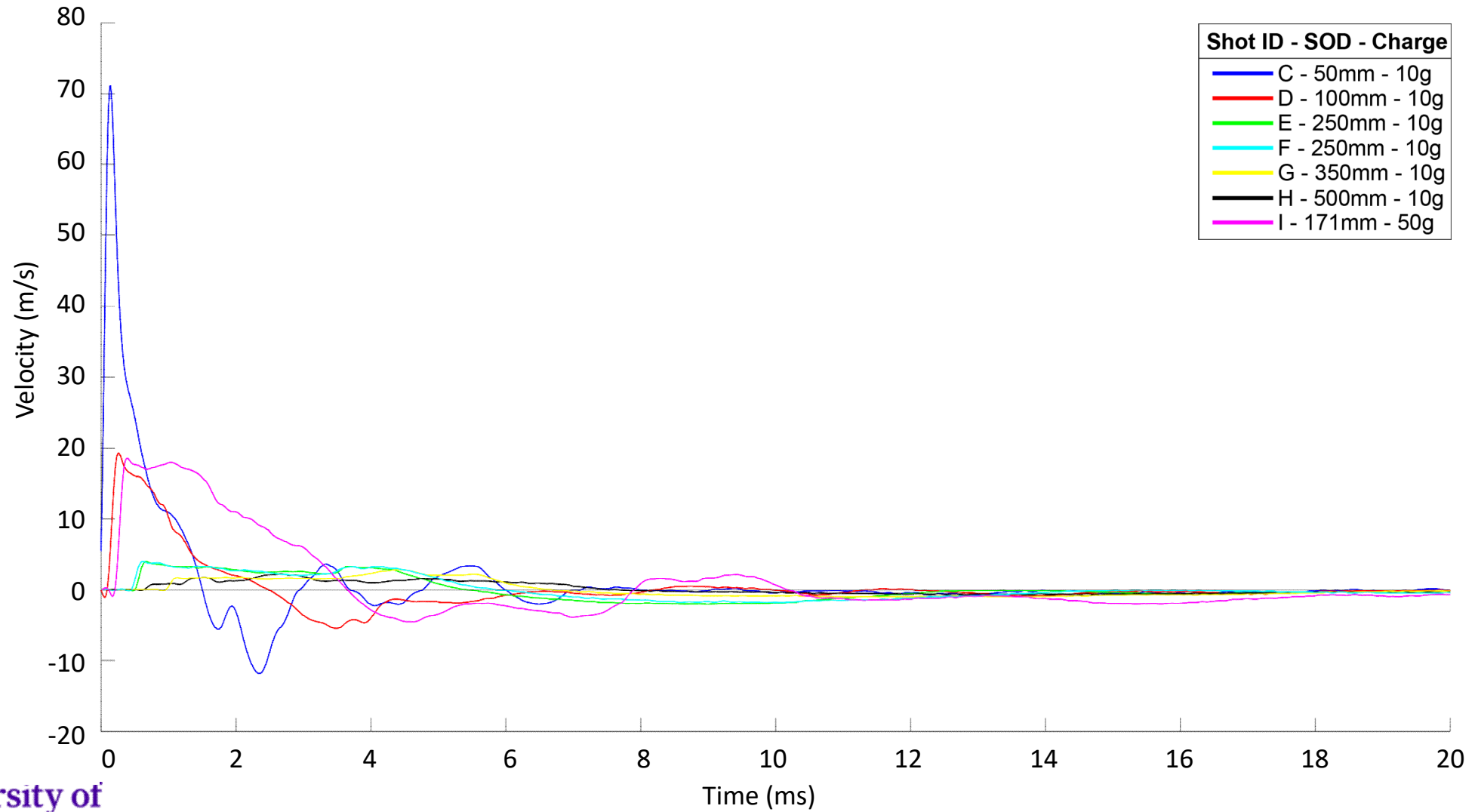


# Midpoint transient deflection

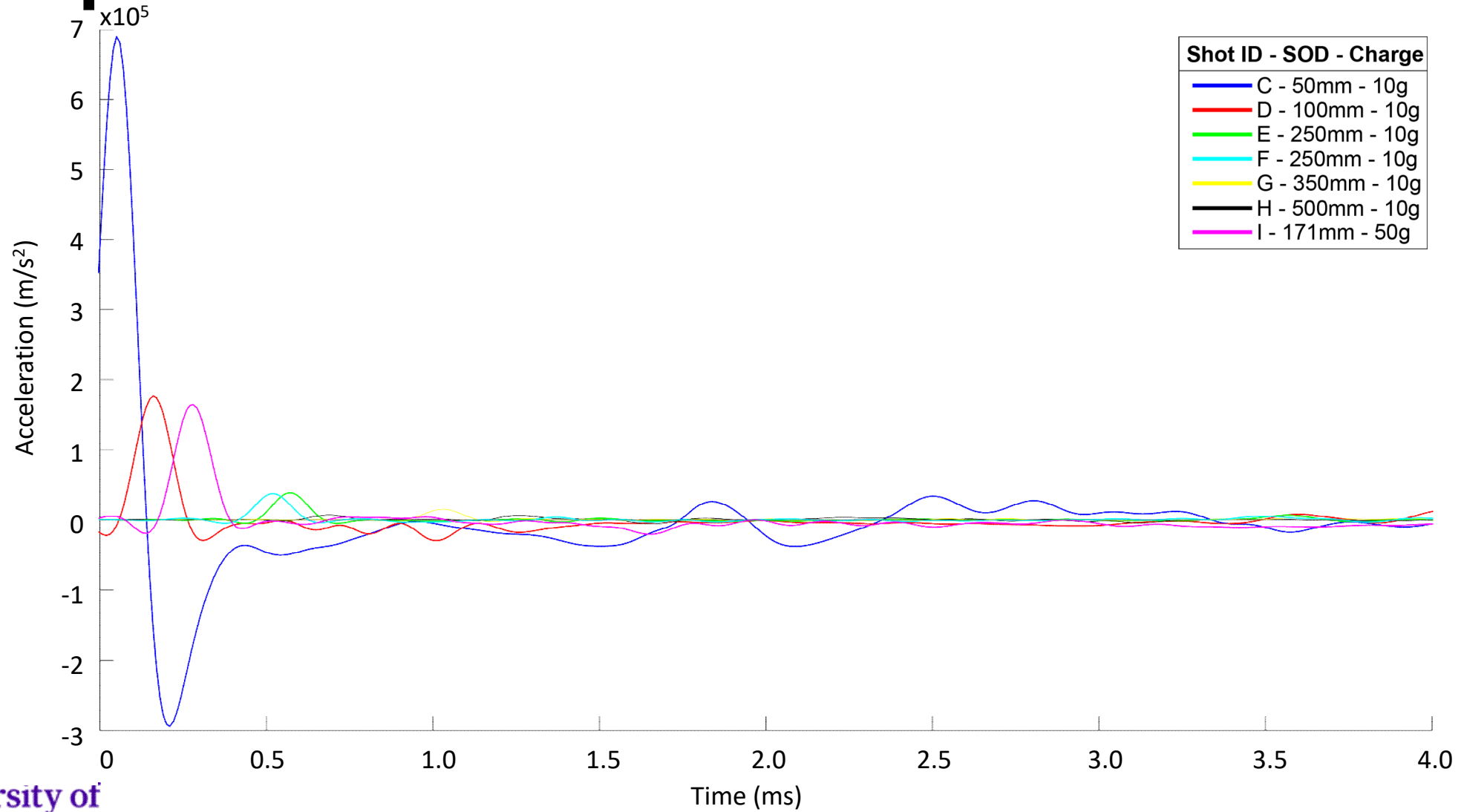




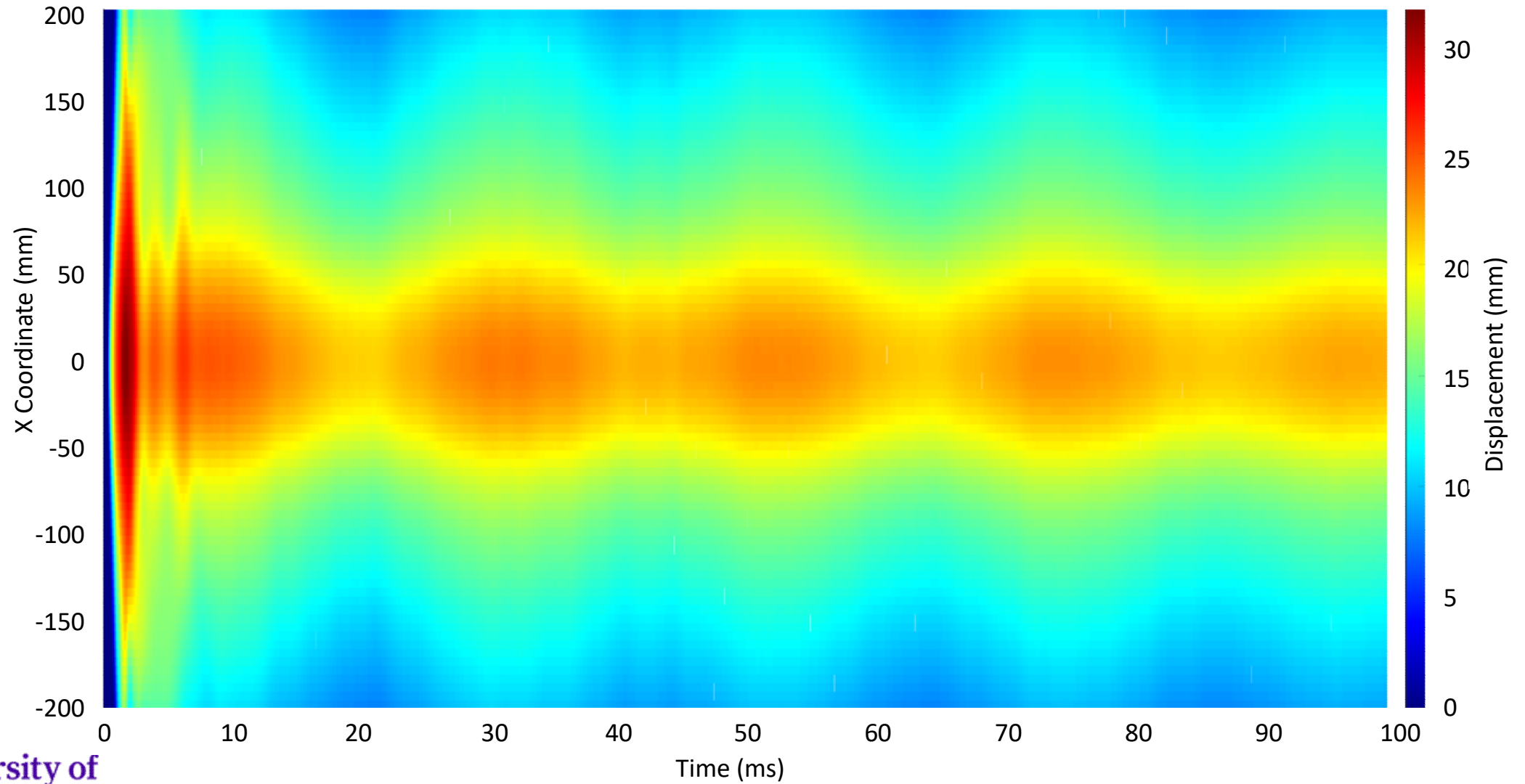
# Midpoint velocity



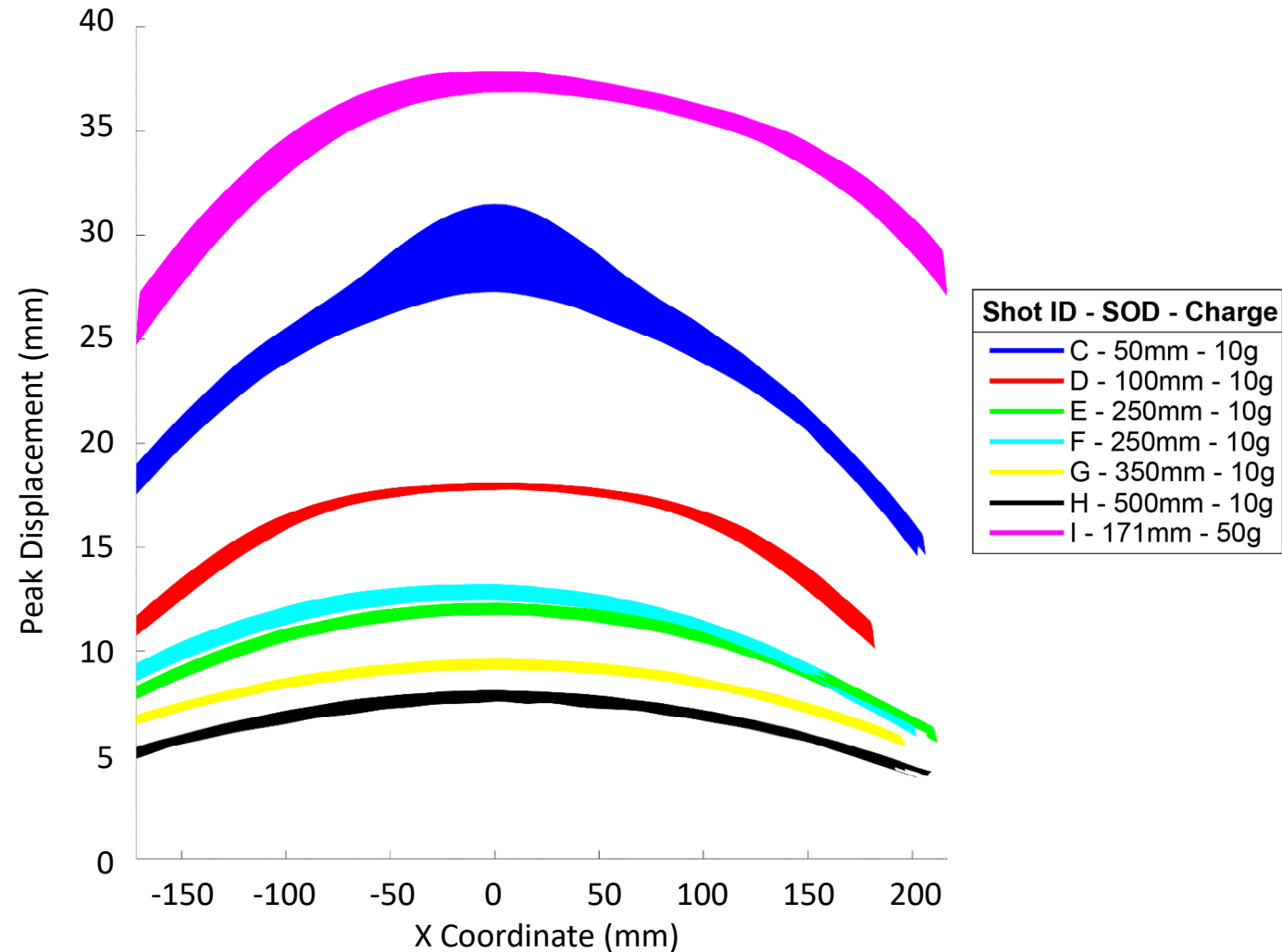
# Midpoint acceleration



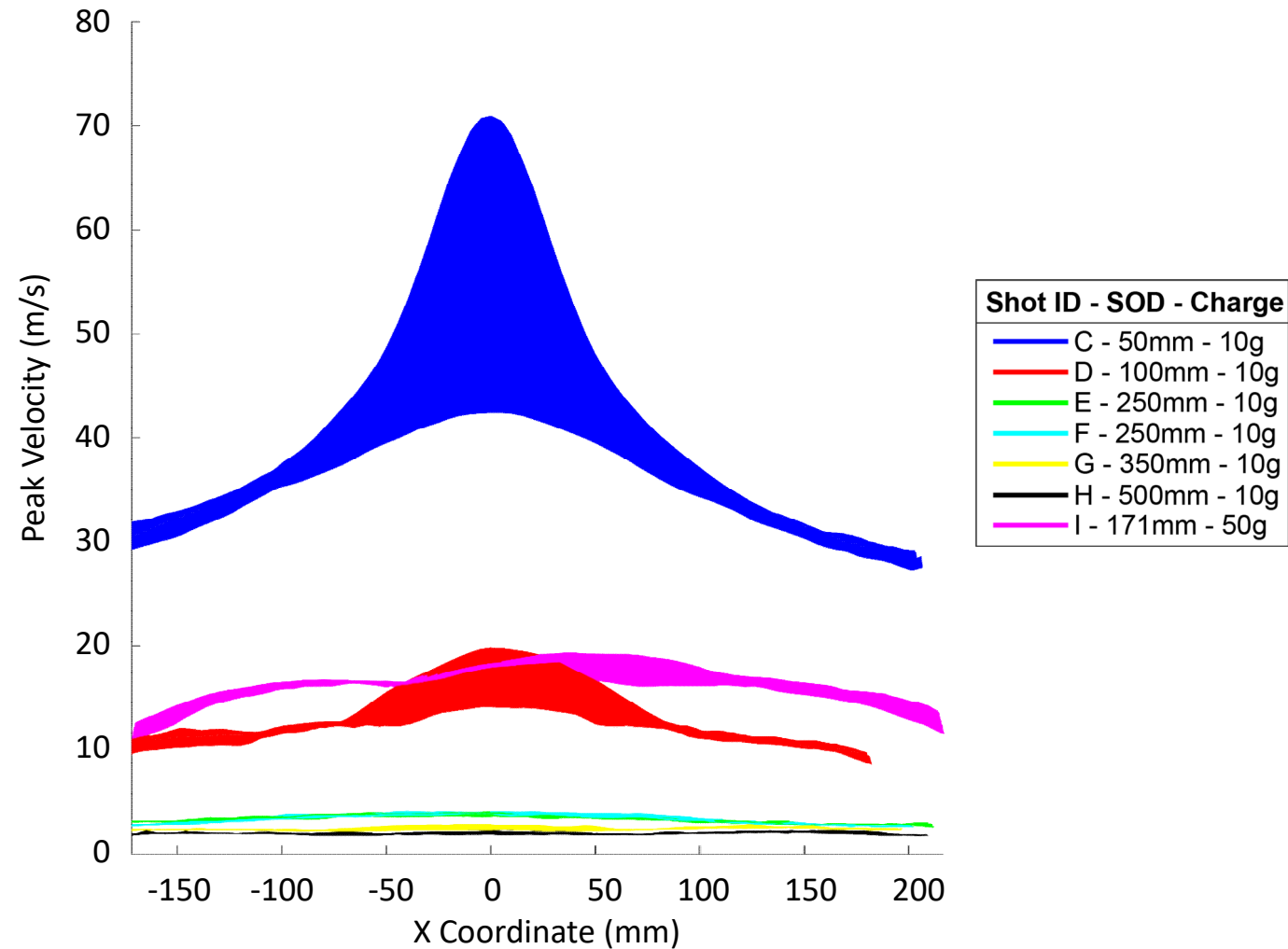
# Deflection vs time



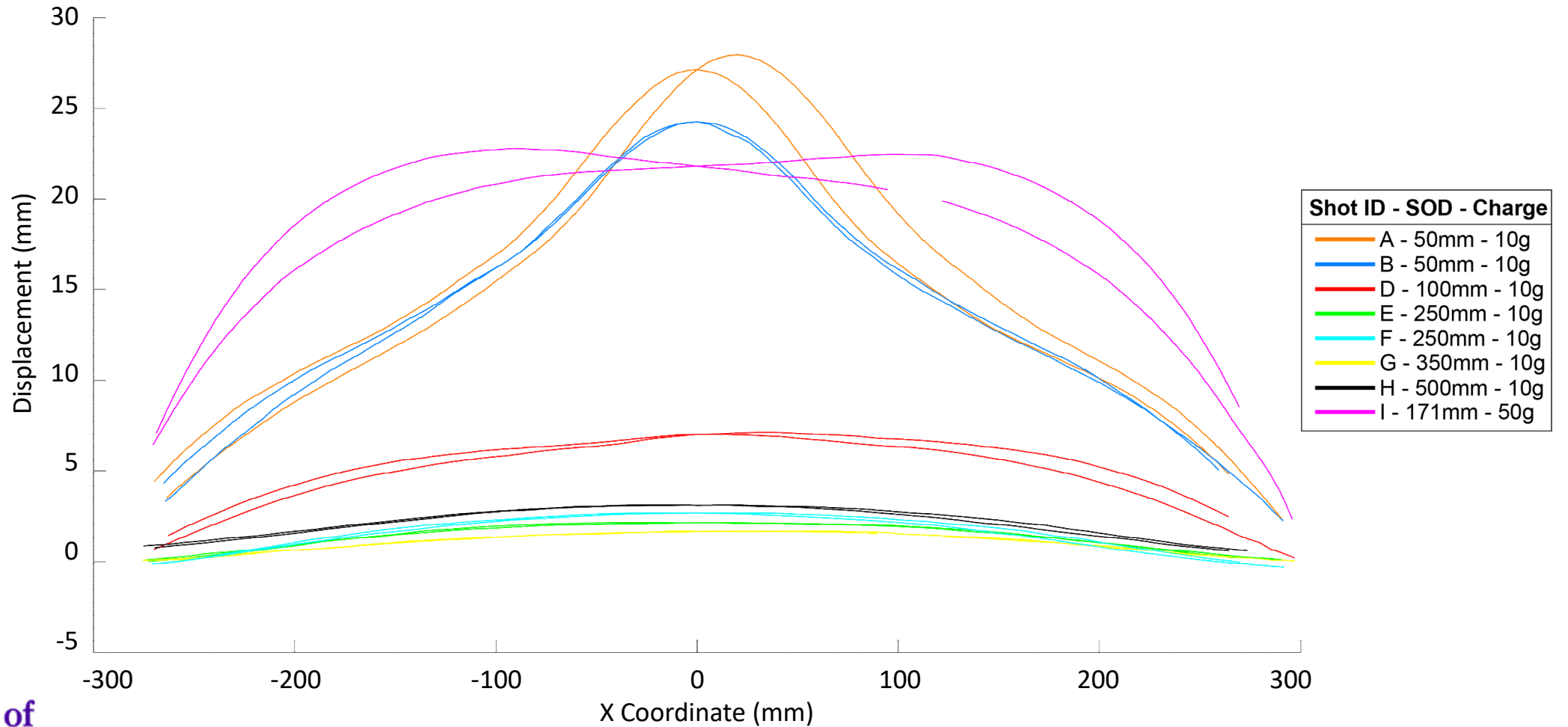
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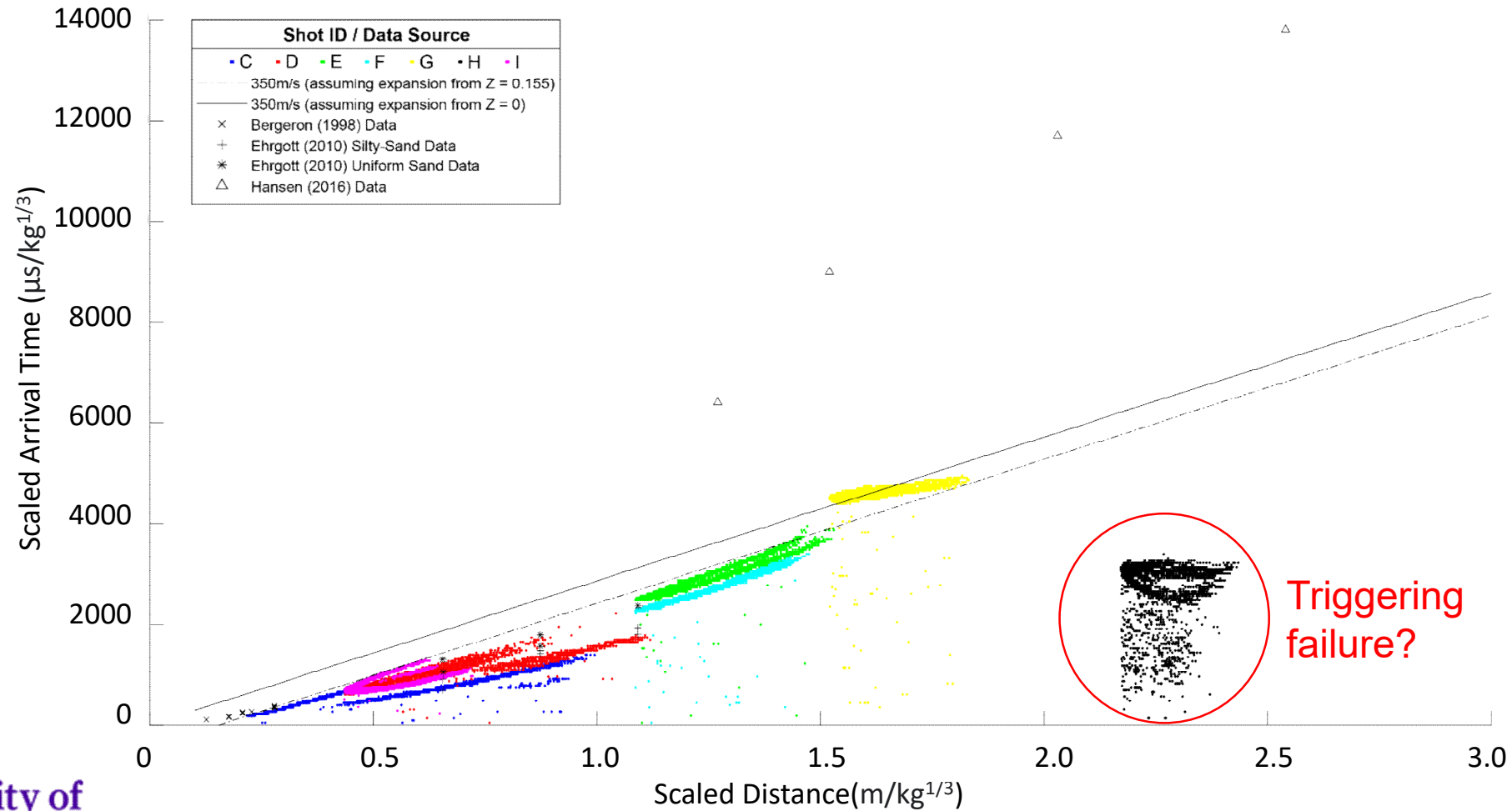
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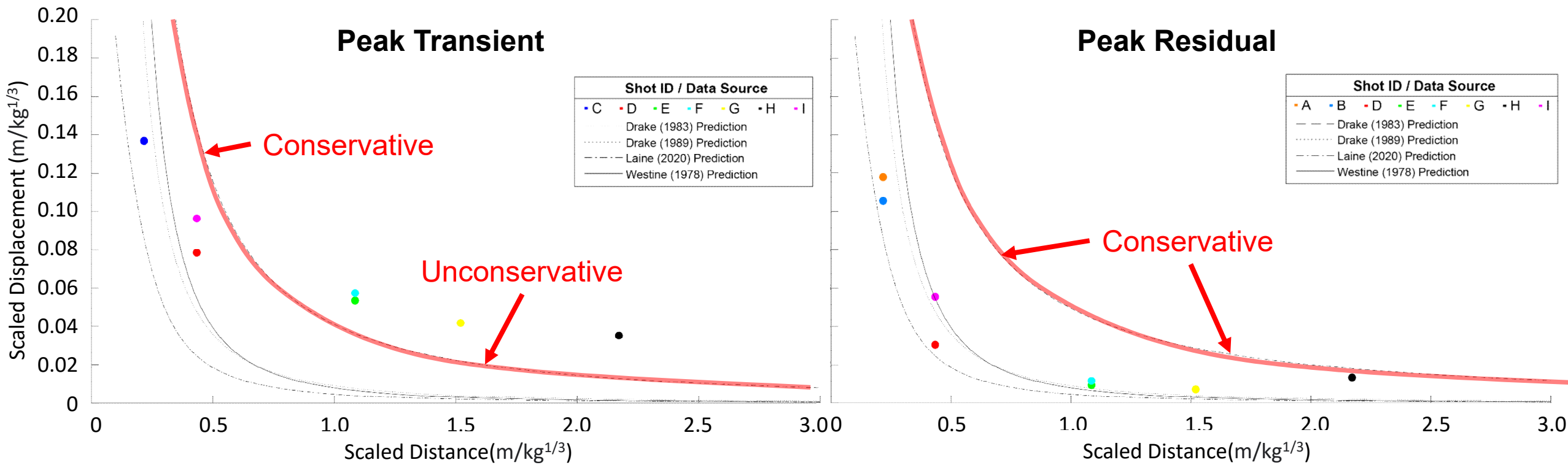
# Residual deflection



# Soil wave speed

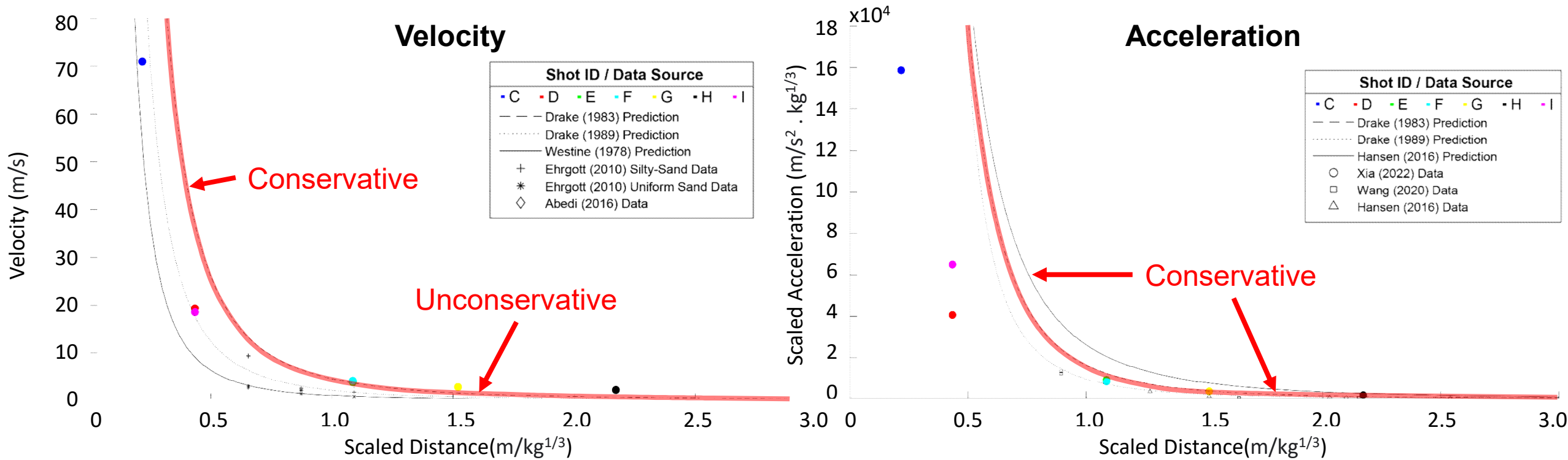


# Prediction accuracy - displacement





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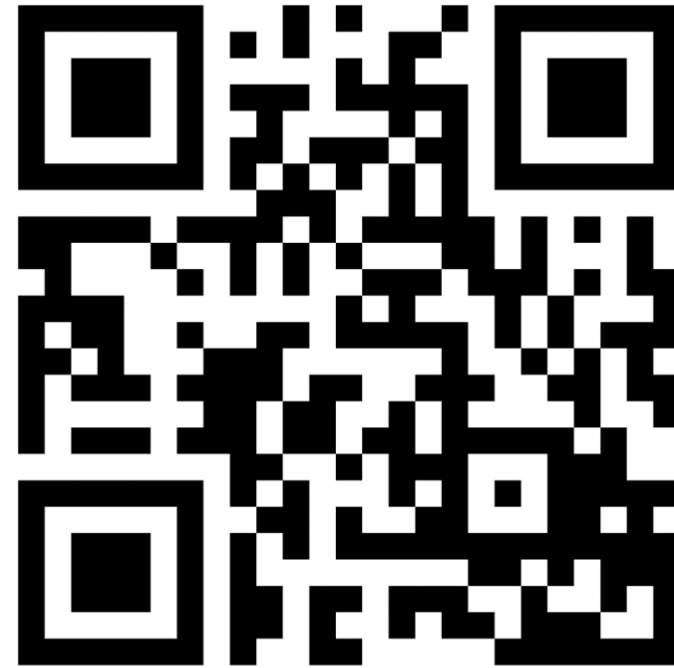
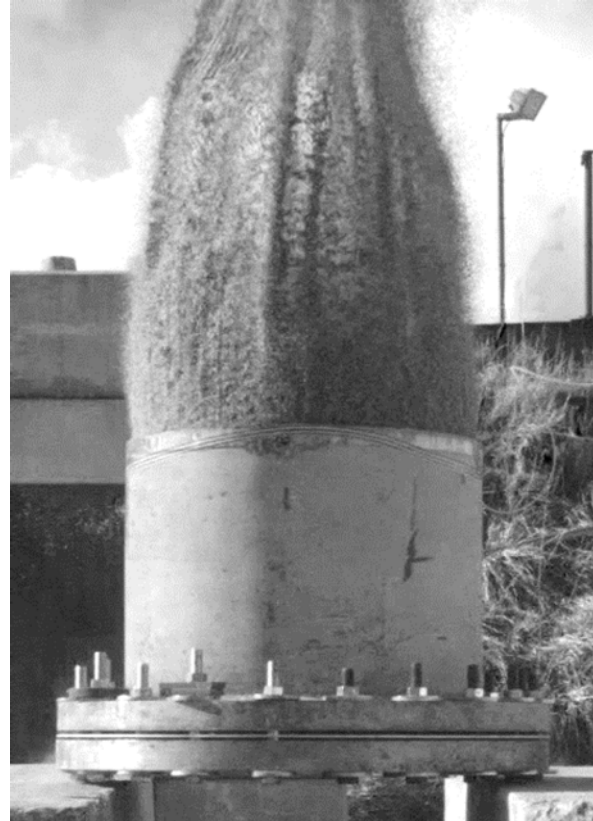


# Conclusions

- New DIC technique developed for the quantification of ground shock loading
- Large datasets attainable from relatively few tests
- Data shows predictions are mostly conservative by current standard practice (Drake & Little (1983) curves / ConWep)
- Numerical modelling is ongoing, with promising signs of agreement with experimental results

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