

# COE CST Eleventh Annual Technical Meeting

## Task 377: Nitrous Oxide Composite Case Testing

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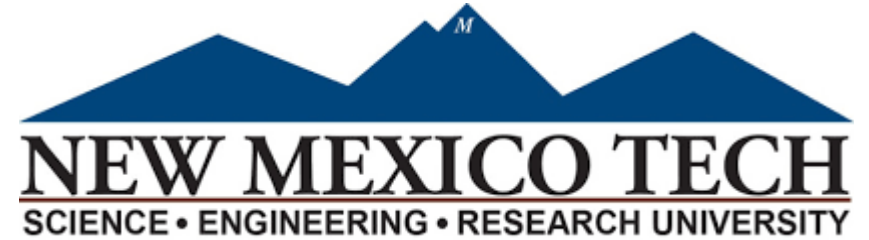
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# Team Members

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# Task Description

## Objectives

- Develop an understanding of fragmentation hazards from composite and Al tanks used for fuel/oxidizer storage
- Construction of hypothesis and numerical validation of how cracks form in test samples

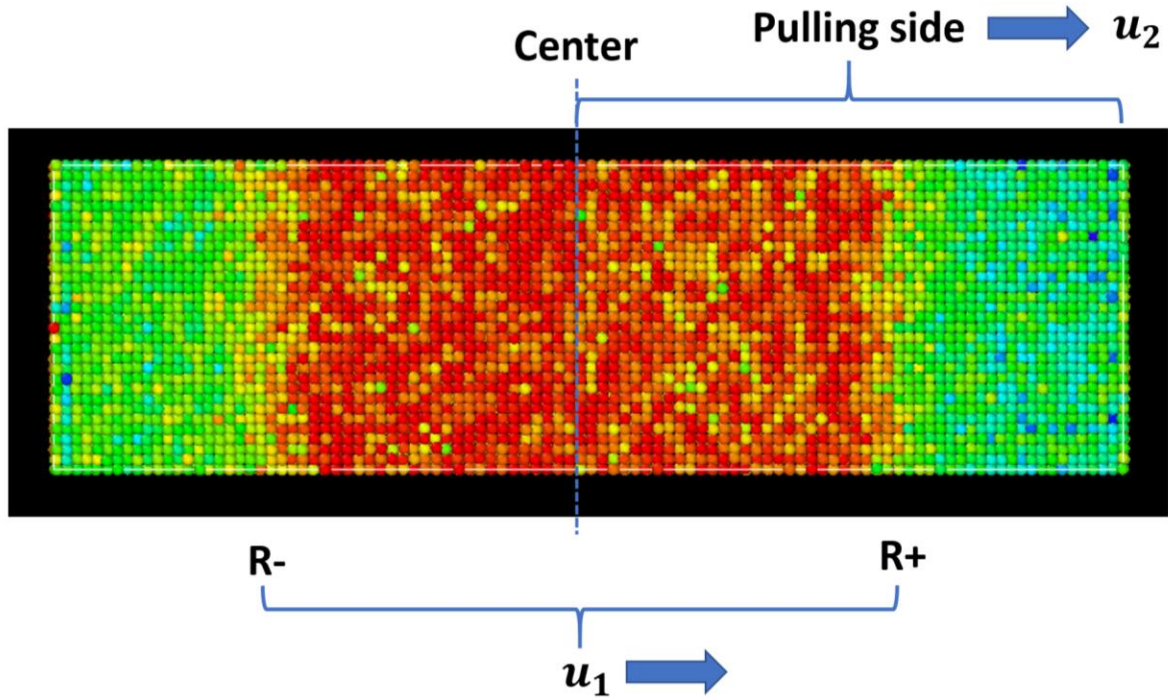
## Tasks

- Construction of analytical approach to predict such behaviors (completed)
- 1D Molecular Dynamic code simulation to understand the fundamental mechanism (completed)
- Application of the theory to a series of experiments (in progress)

# Goals

- Construction of 1D extreme tension wave theory: completed
- Task1: Expansion of the theory from 1D to 2D configuration: in progress
- Task 2: Understanding of the wave propagation details during the sample expansion hoping to deliver the clue to understand the fragmentation distribution: in progress

# Background Information (Previous work, LAMMPS)

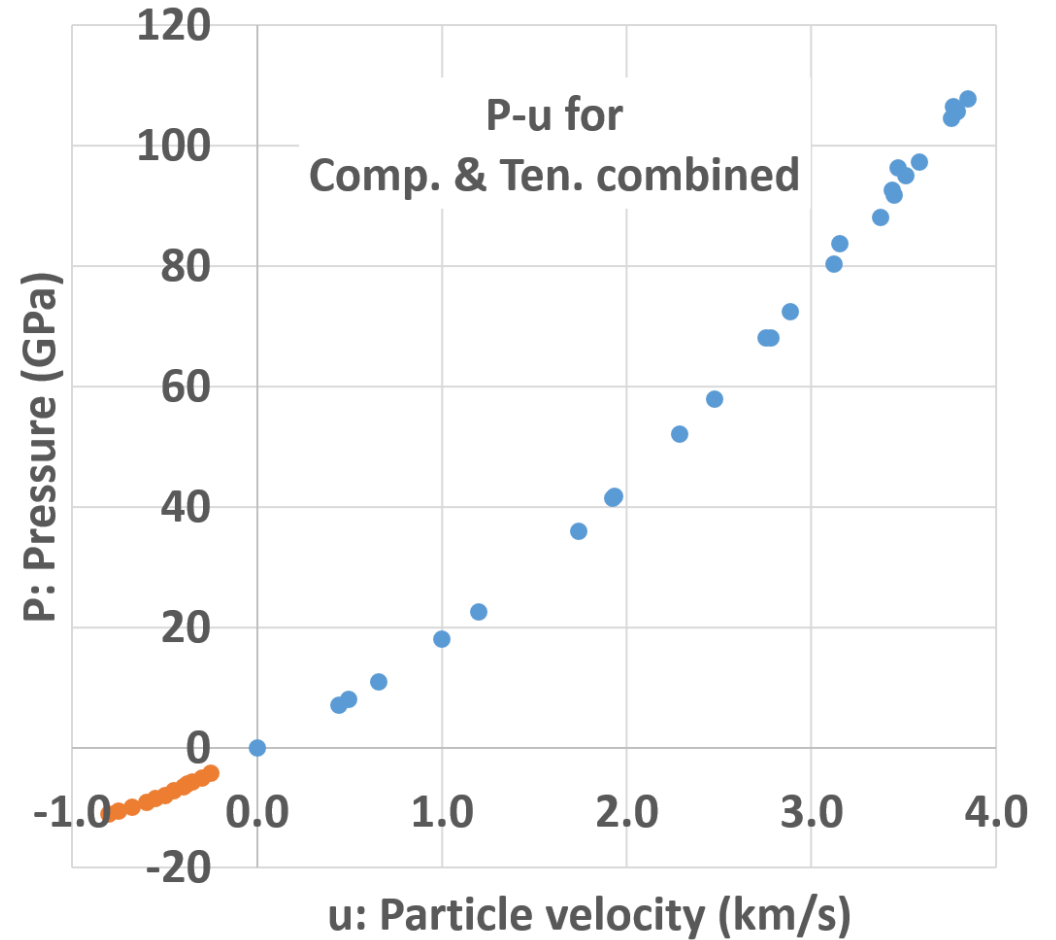
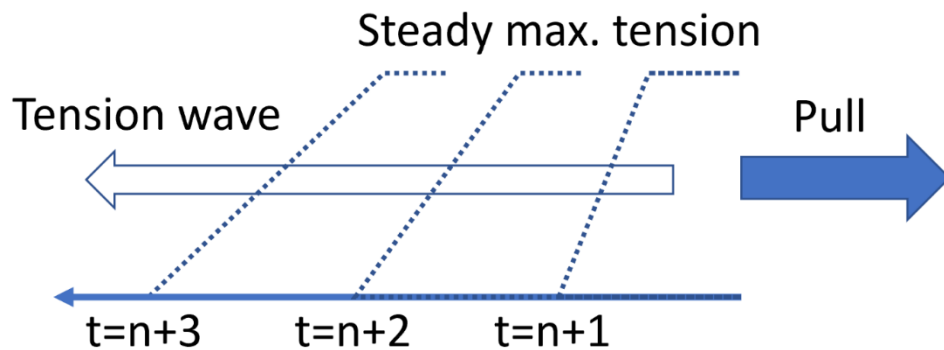
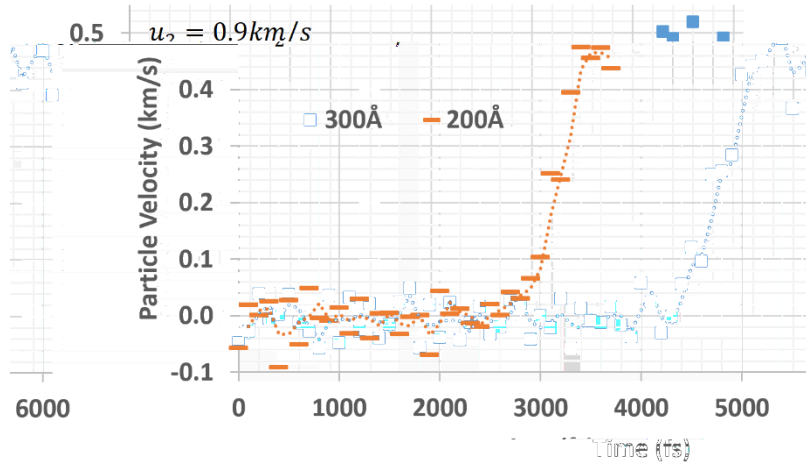


Al 6061

Pull speed (km/s)	Particle velocity (km/s)	LAMMPS results <sup>1</sup>			Theoretical calculation		
		Density (g/cc)	Tension wave velocity (km/s)	Pressure (GPa)	Density (g/cc)	Pressure (GPa)	Specific volume (cc/g)
$u_2$	$u_1$	$\rho_1$	$R^-$	$P_1$	$\rho_1$	$P_1$	$v_1$
0	0	2.700 <sup>3</sup>	0	0	2.700	0	0.370
-0.50	-0.250	2.590	6.200	-4.200	2.595	-4.185	0.385
-0.60	-0.300	2.570	6.250	-5.000	2.576	-5.063	0.388
-0.70	-0.350	2.550	6.190	-5.750	2.556	-5.850	0.391
-0.75	-0.375	2.538	6.000	-6.100	2.541	-6.075	0.394
-0.80	-0.400	2.530	6.120	-6.500	2.534	-6.610	0.395
-0.90	-0.450	2.510	5.900	-7.200	2.509	-7.169	0.399
-1.00	-0.500	2.488	5.800	-8.000	2.486	-7.830	0.402
-1.10	-0.550	2.470	5.600	-8.500	2.459	-8.316	0.407
-1.20	-0.600	2.445	5.375	-9.100	2.429	-8.708	0.412
-1.35	-0.675	2.411	5.200	-9.900	2.390	-9.477	0.418
-1.50 <sup>2</sup>	-0.750	2.373	4.800	-10.600	2.335	-9.720	0.428
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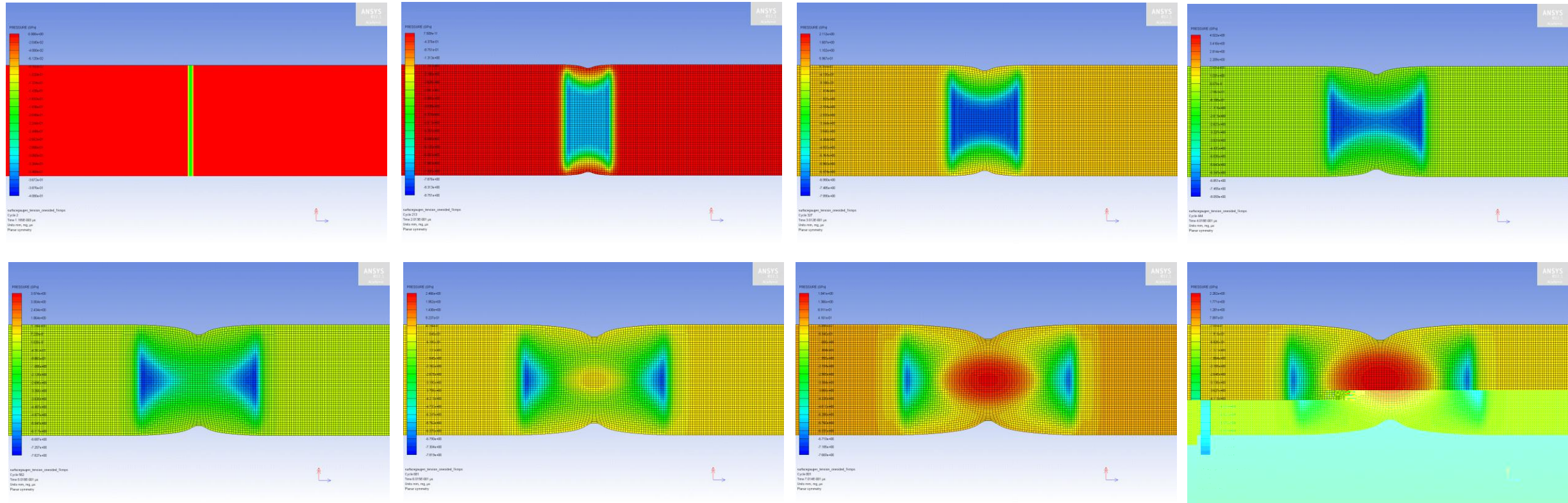


# Background Information (Previous work)



# Task 1 Results

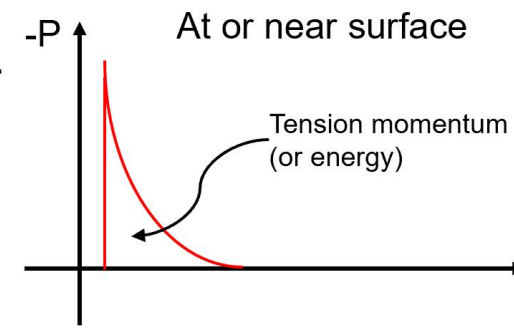
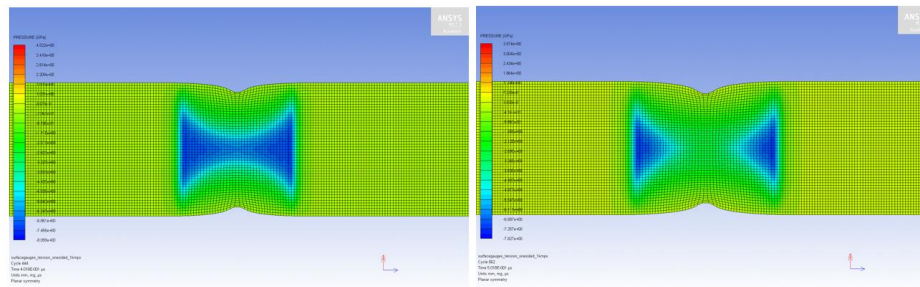
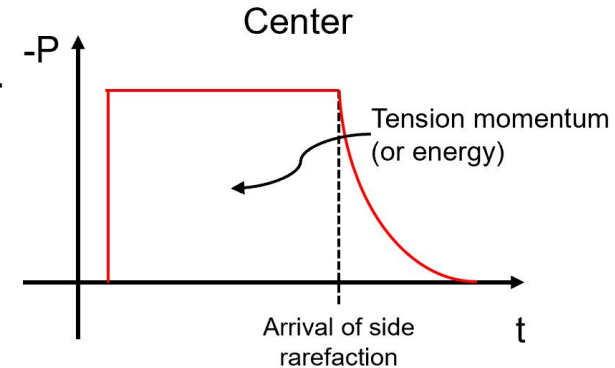
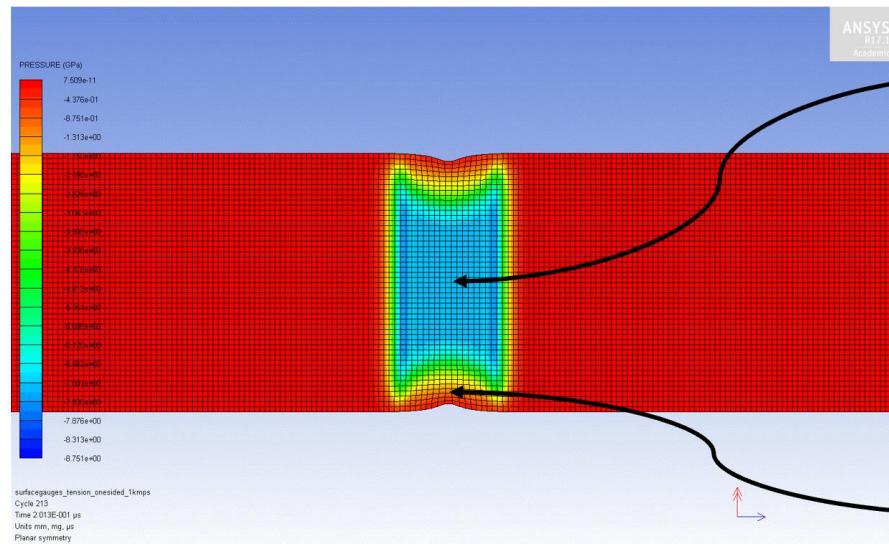
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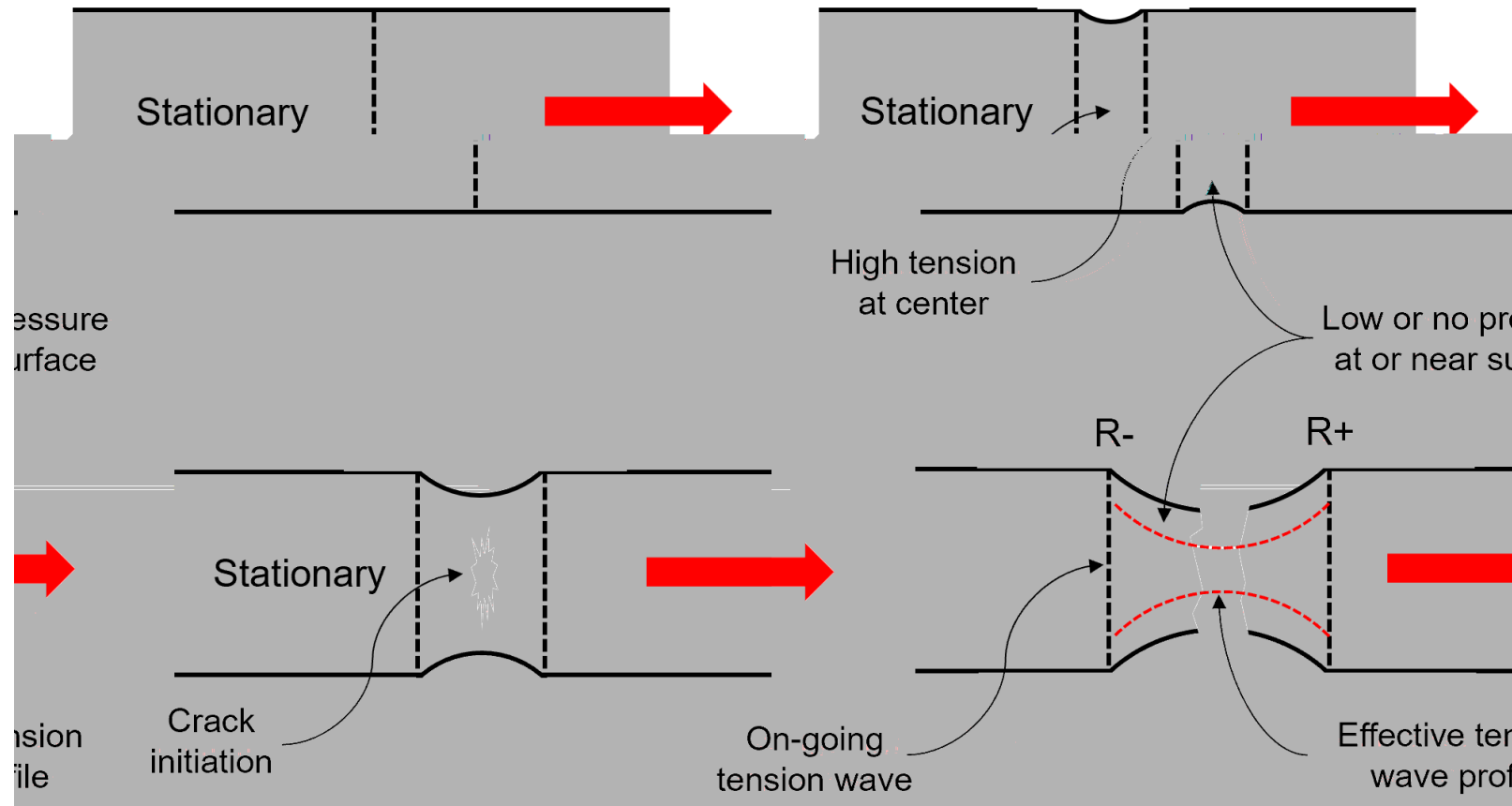
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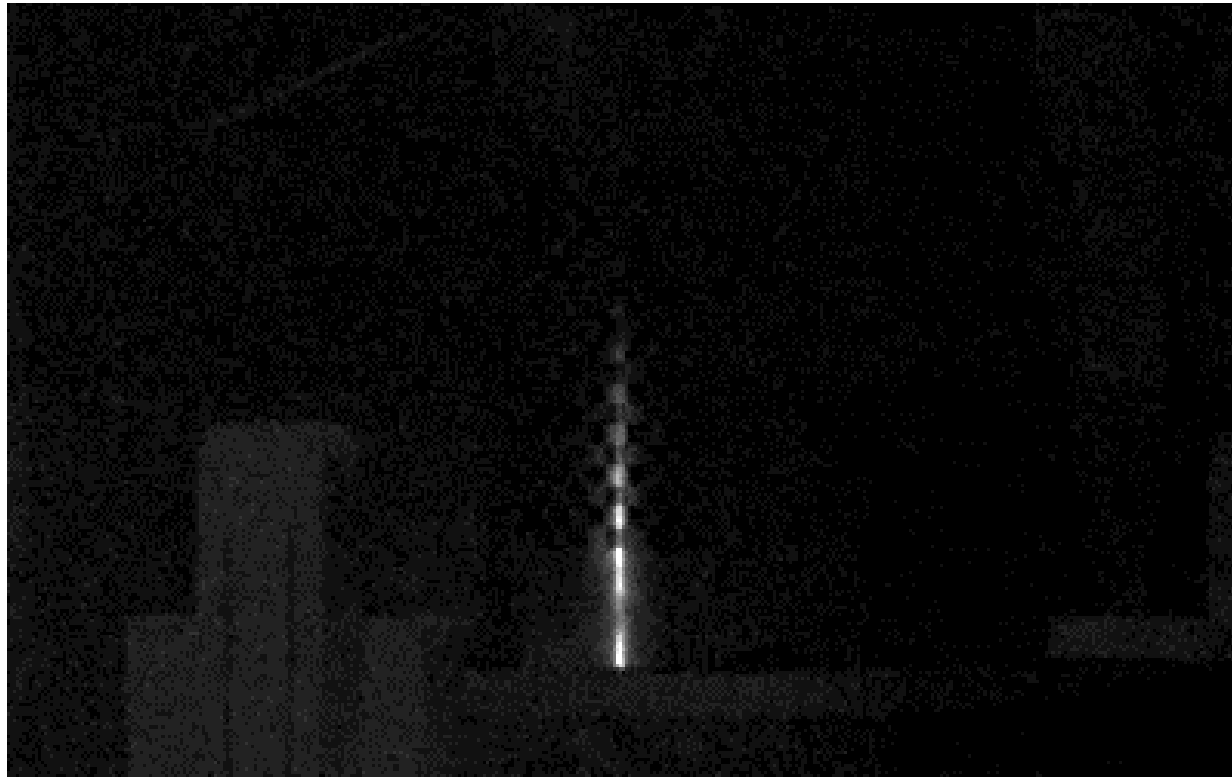
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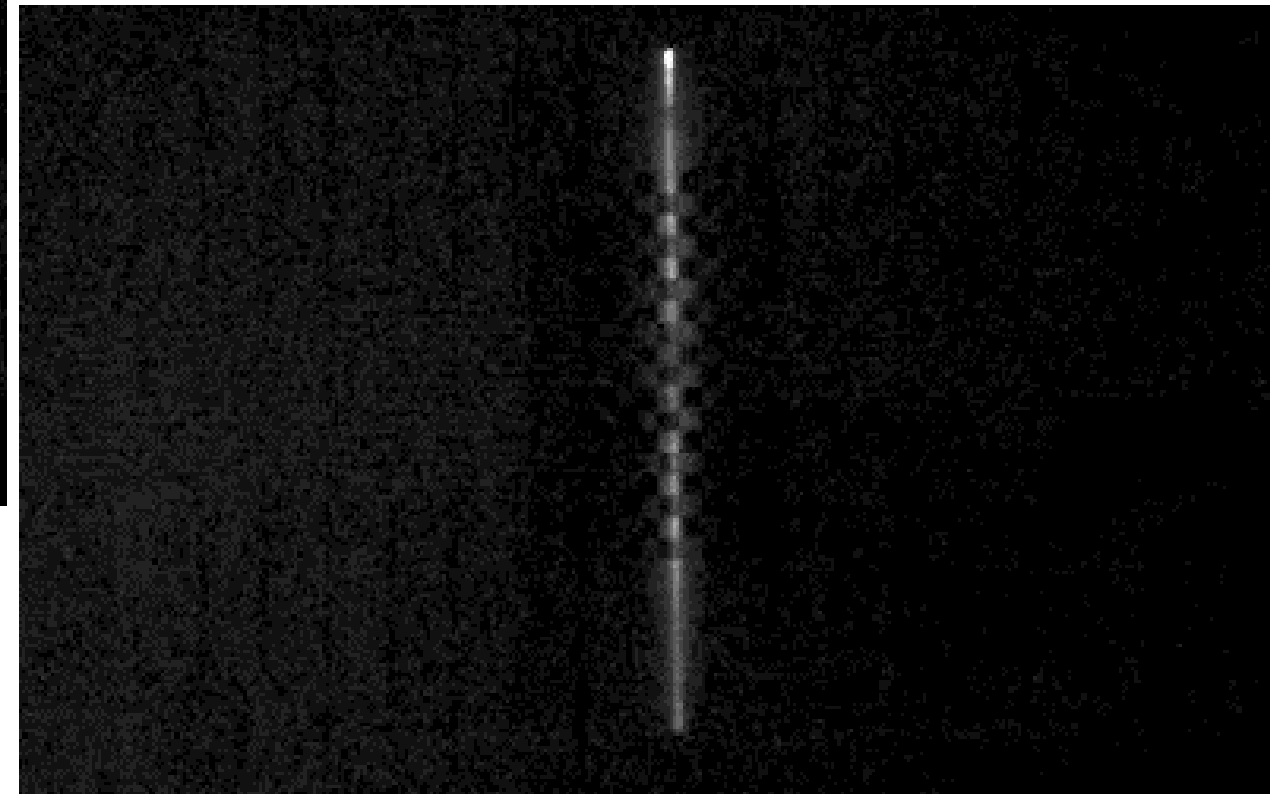
# Task 2 Results and Progress

Uniform Crack Distribution  
Different Crack Distance

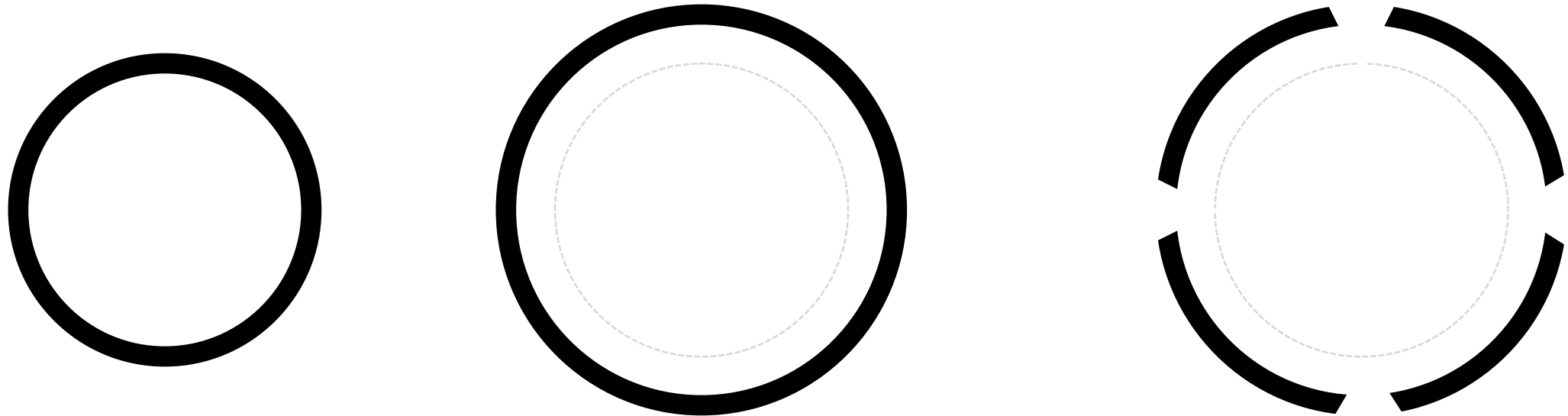
1/4in. thick, 4in outer diameter AL6061 tube with  
0.68lbs HMX inside.



1/4in. thick, 4in outer diameter AL6061 tube with  
0.24lbs HMX inside.



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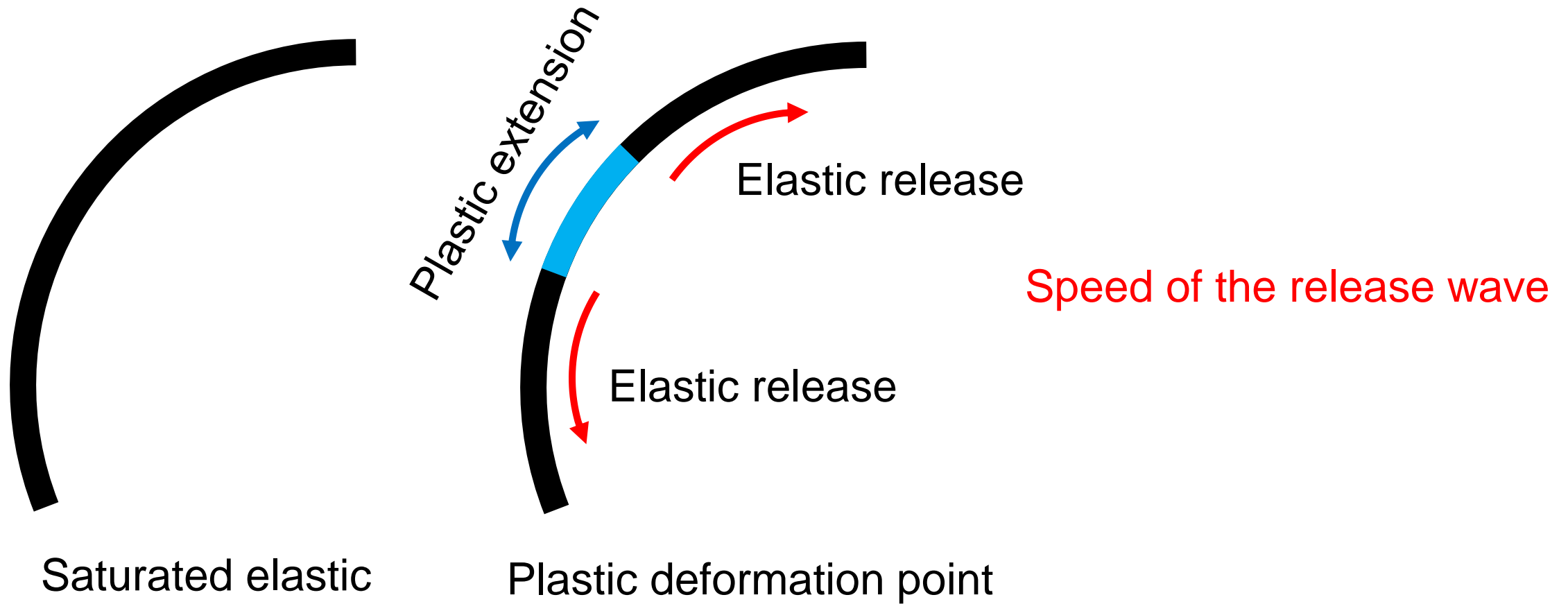


Elastic ballooning  
(Fully saturated elastic)

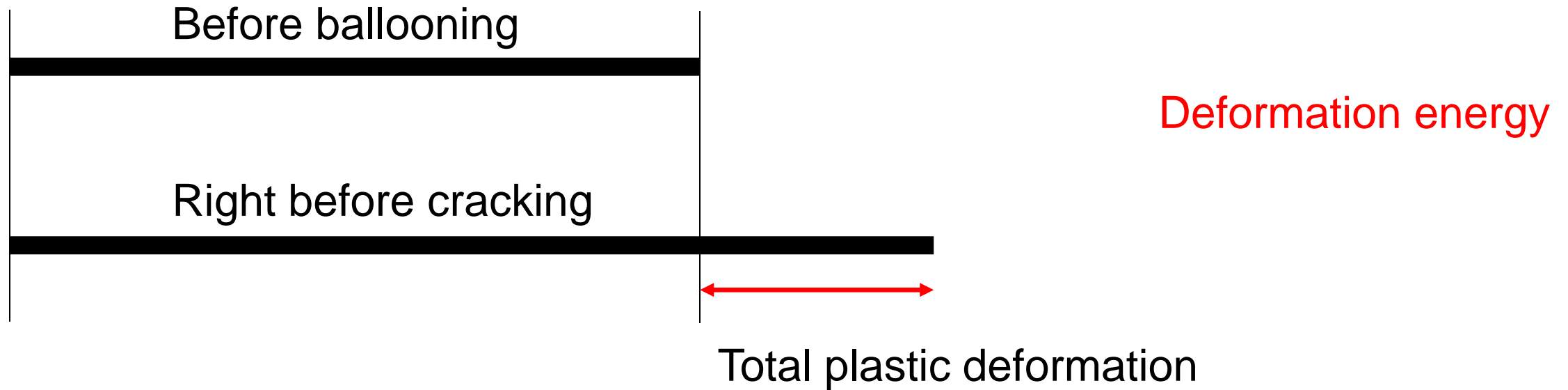


Local plastic ballooning  
with initiation of cracks

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In an ideal case, the total plastic deformation can be distributed evenly along the entire sample, but the nature only allows several points to handle the entire deformation because this is much easier than the even distribution.

# Publications, Presentations, Awards, & Recognitions

## PRESENTATIONS

1. **Extreme Tension Wave Profile in Aluminium, Seokbin (Bin) Lim PhD, Christopher Rood, Angel Chavira, Matthew Hirsch, Don Ryu. APS March Meeting 2021, online conference**
2. **Seokbin (Bin) Lim PhD, Christopher Rood, Angel Chavira, Don Ryu, Characteristics of Extreme Tension Wave and Necking in Al6061, SEM Annual conference 2021, online conference**
3. **Seokbin (Bin) Lim PhD, Explosively Driven Fracture & Fragmentation Patterning in Cylinder – Extreme Tension Physics: Preliminary Study, NSMMS & CRAFT 2022, abstract submitted and accepted**

# Future Work

- Study of the energy consumption per each crack/plastic deformation
- Study of wave propagation speed depending on the tension load amplitude
- Study of data compatibility between uniaxial strain vs. stress