

# Resolving the Velocity Vector in Two Dimensions

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**Abstract:** Velocimetry techniques measure only the component of velocity along the beam. The dynamics of the vector nature of the velocity are of interest in the modeling of the responses of materials to shock loading. We present an example of using 2 crossed PDV beams to resolve the direction of motion in addition to the speed.

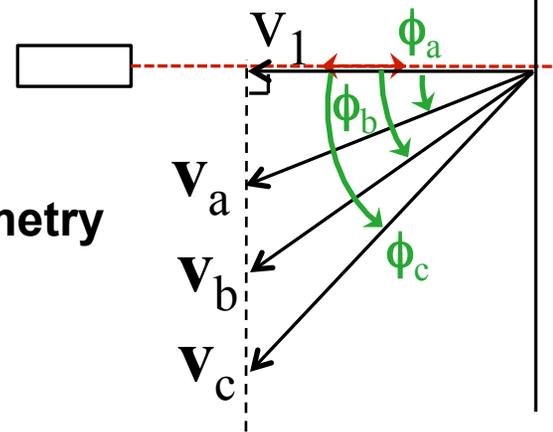
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What we really do is  
PDS = Photon Doppler Speedometry



PDVians: Steve Hare, Mike Shinas, Jim Faulkner, Larry Hull.

Firing site: Michael Archuleta, Rudy Archuleta, John Echave, Joe Lynch,  
Pam Scott.



## 2 Beams Resolve the Velocity Vector $\mathbf{v}$ in 2D

One convenient choice is to pick beam 1 as a coordinate axis:

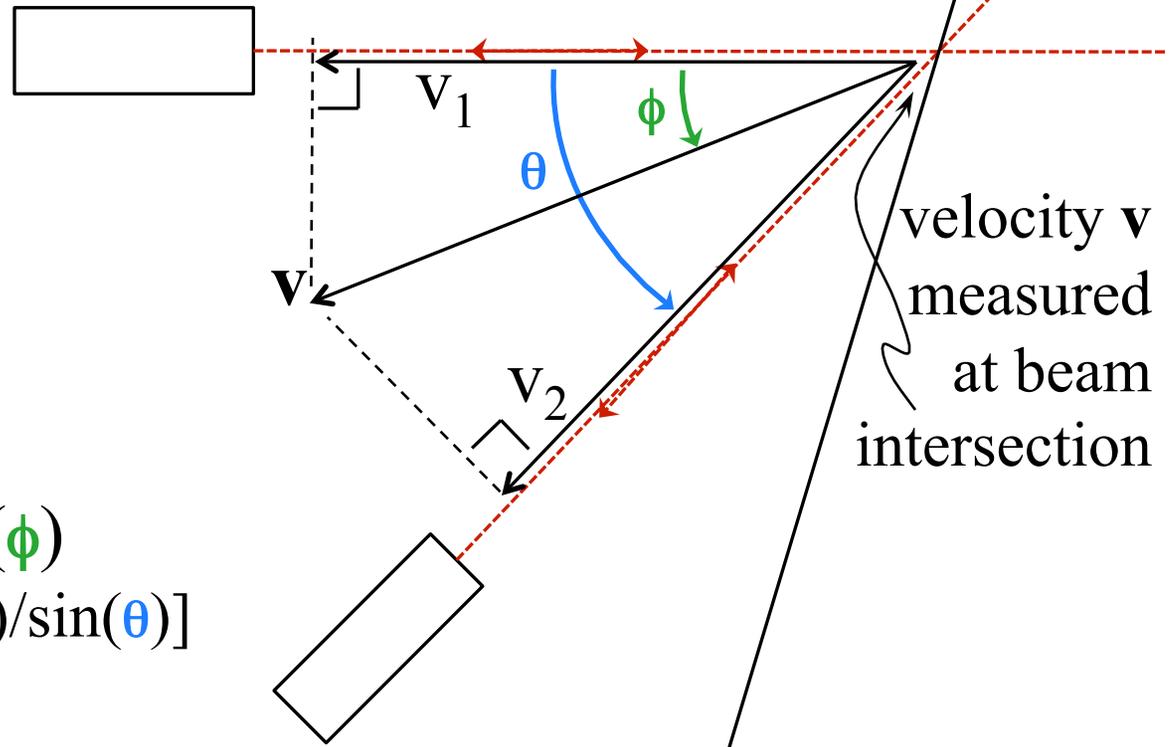
$$V_1 = V \cos(\phi)$$

$$V_2 = V \cos(\theta - \phi)$$

$$V_2 / V_1 = \cos(\theta - \phi) / \cos(\phi)$$

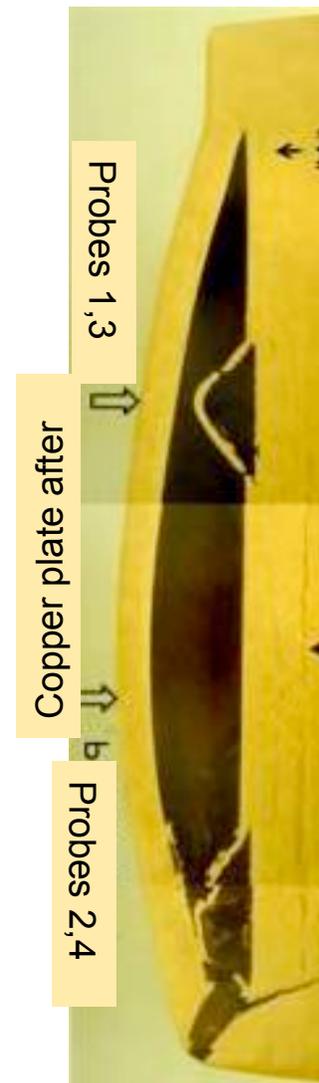
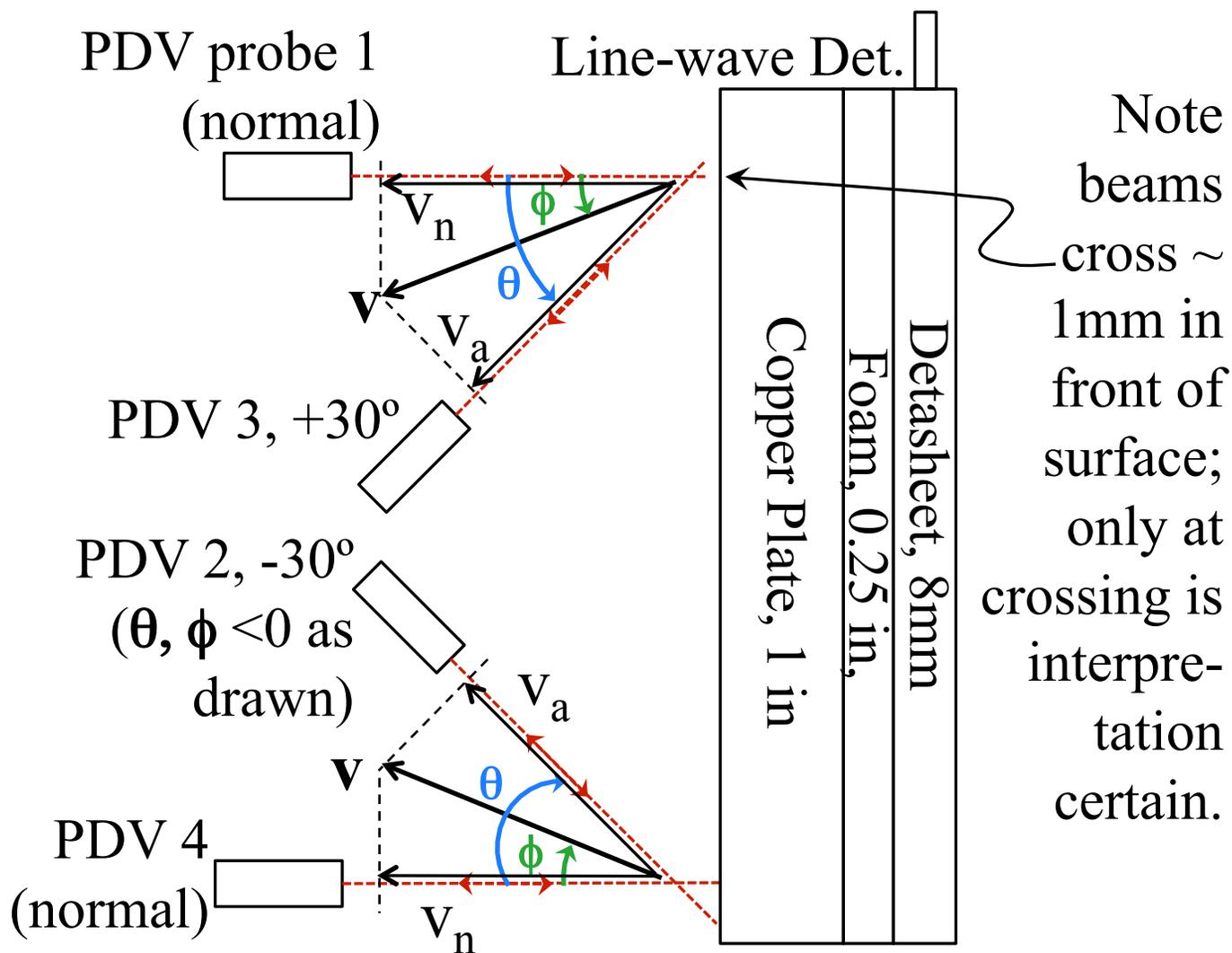
$$\phi = \tan^{-1} [ (V_2 / V_1 - \cos(\theta)) / \sin(\theta) ]$$

PDV probe 1



PDV probe 2

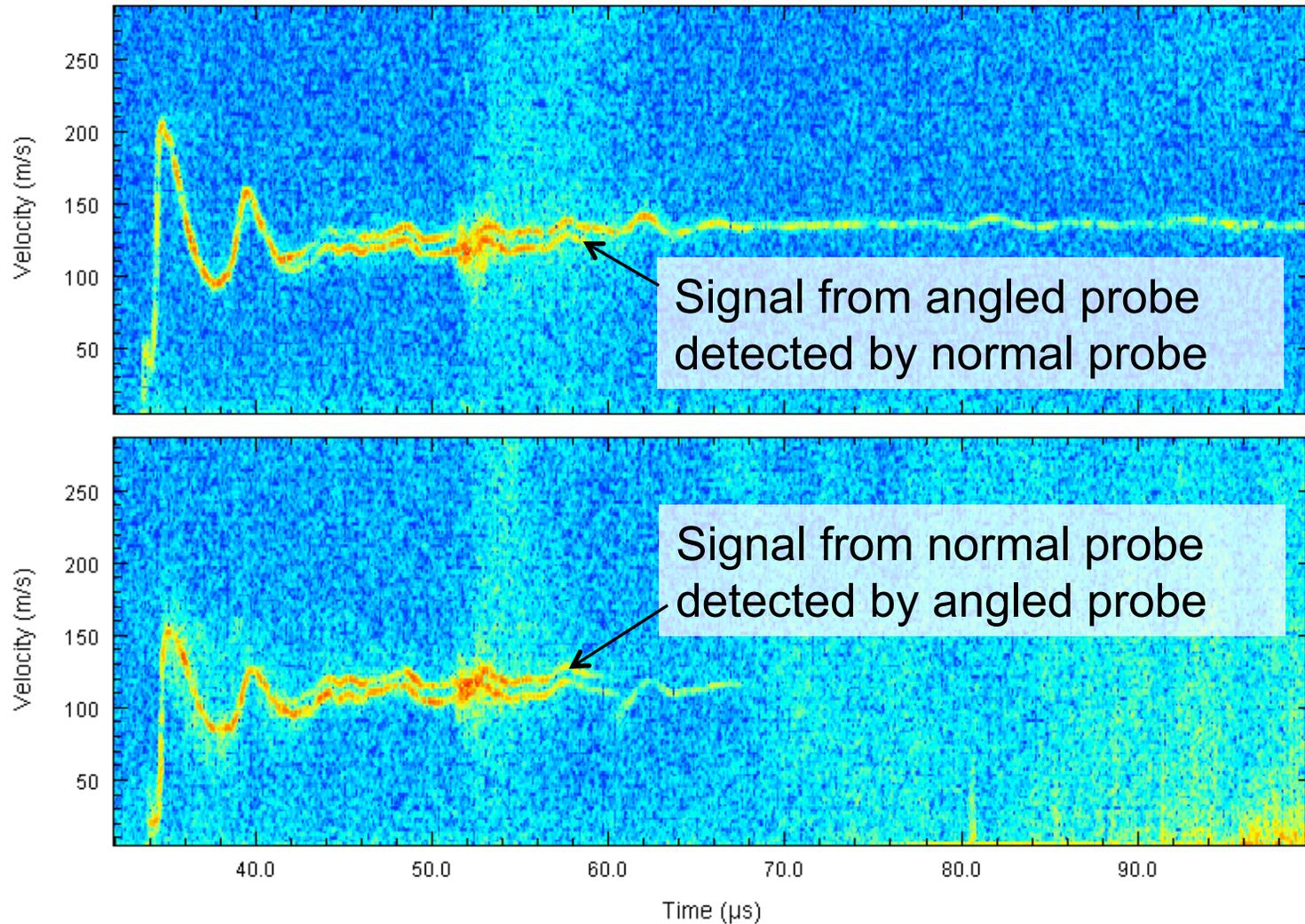
# Copper Plate, Driven Transversely



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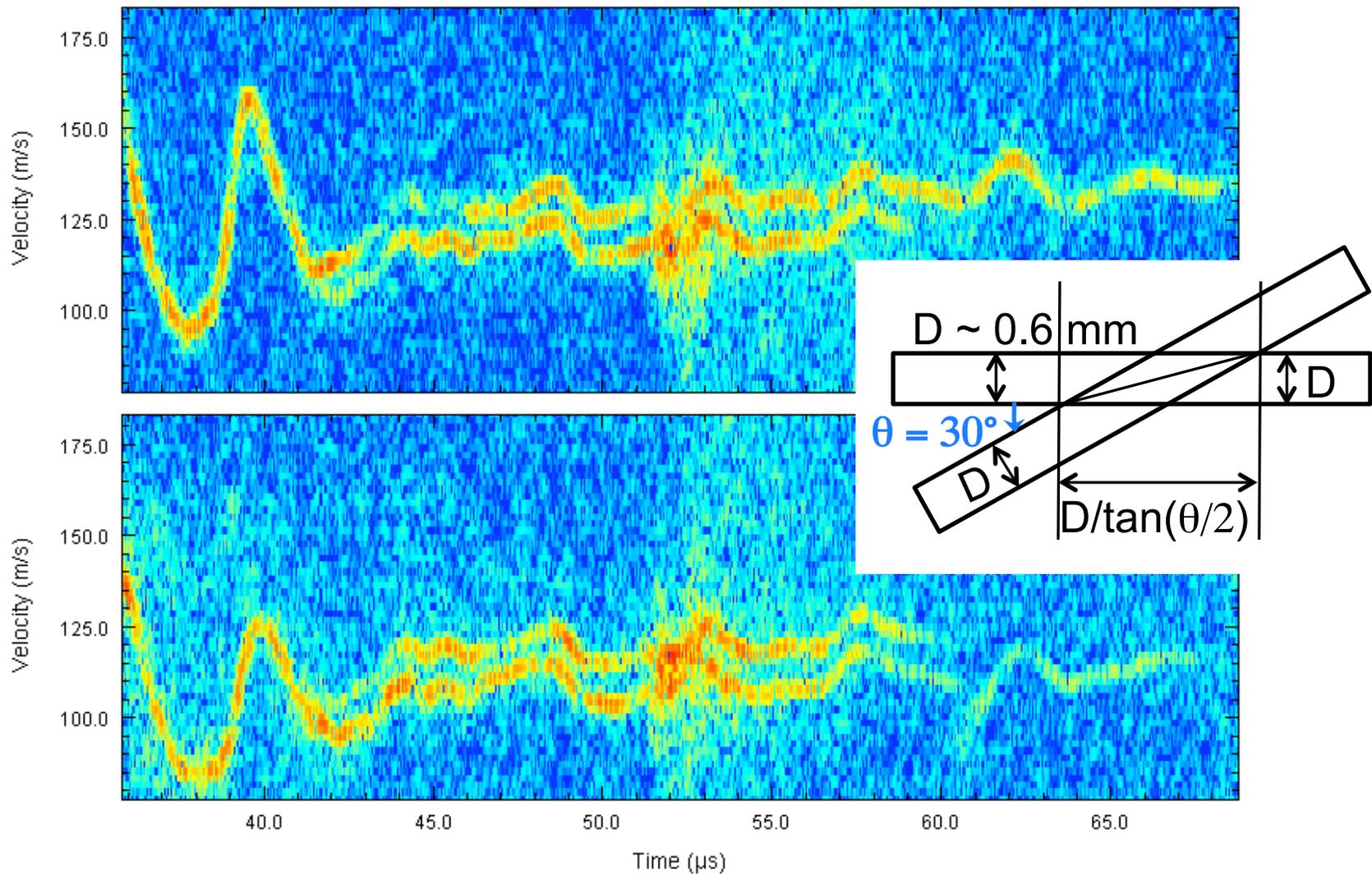
# The lower pair show overlap (results from Ta plate)

Normal probe (Top) and Angled Probe (bottom) > Spectrum:8192/1024

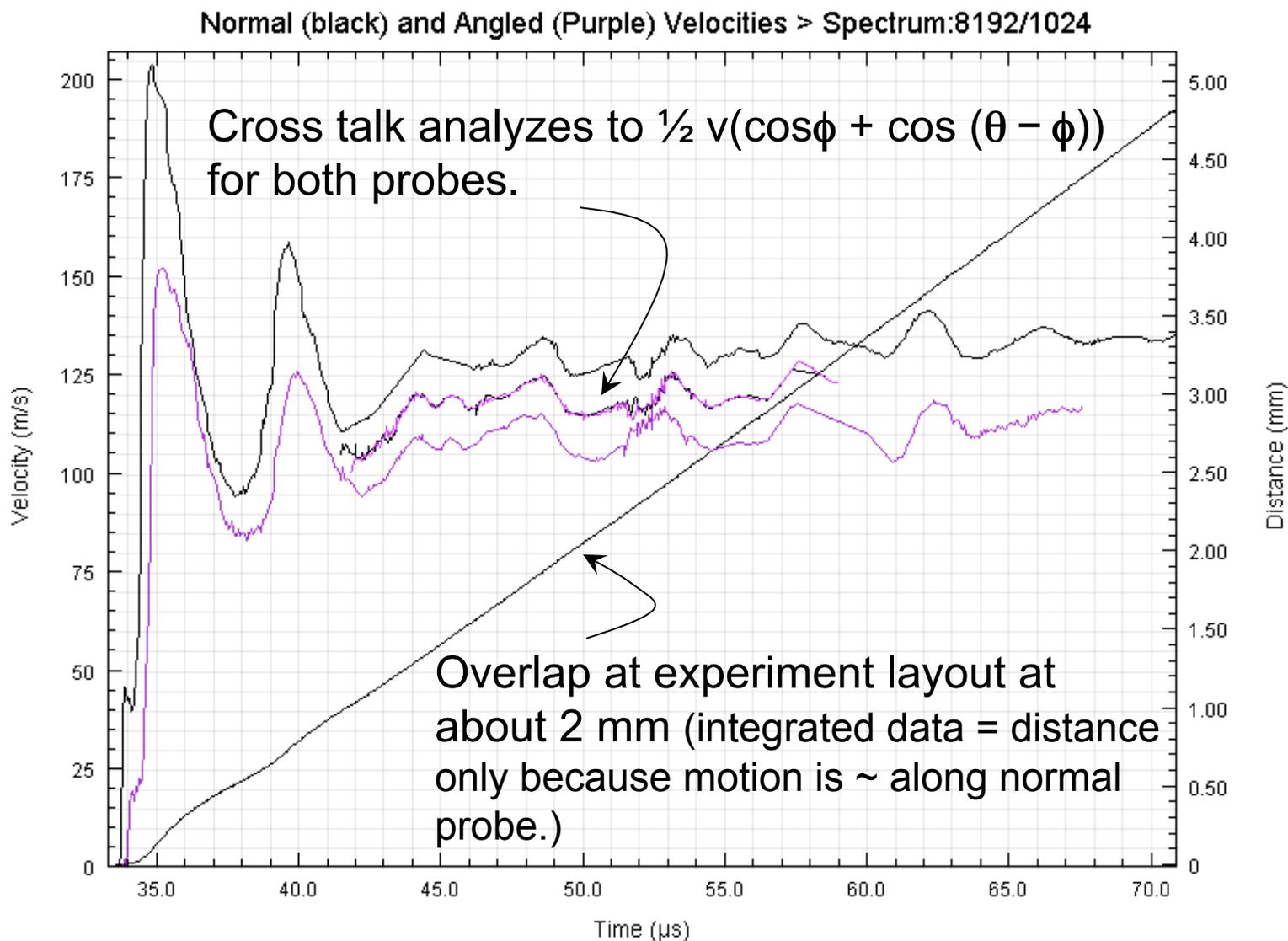


# Overlap region: $19 \mu\text{s}$ , $2.4 \text{ mm} \sim D/\tan(\theta/2)$

Overlap of Normal Probe (top) and Angles Probe (bottom) > Spectrum:8192/1024



# Cross talk, location of overlap are as expected



## Find $\phi$ and $v$ from the measured data

One convenient choice is to pick beam 1 as a coordinate axis:

$$V_4 = V \cos(\phi)$$

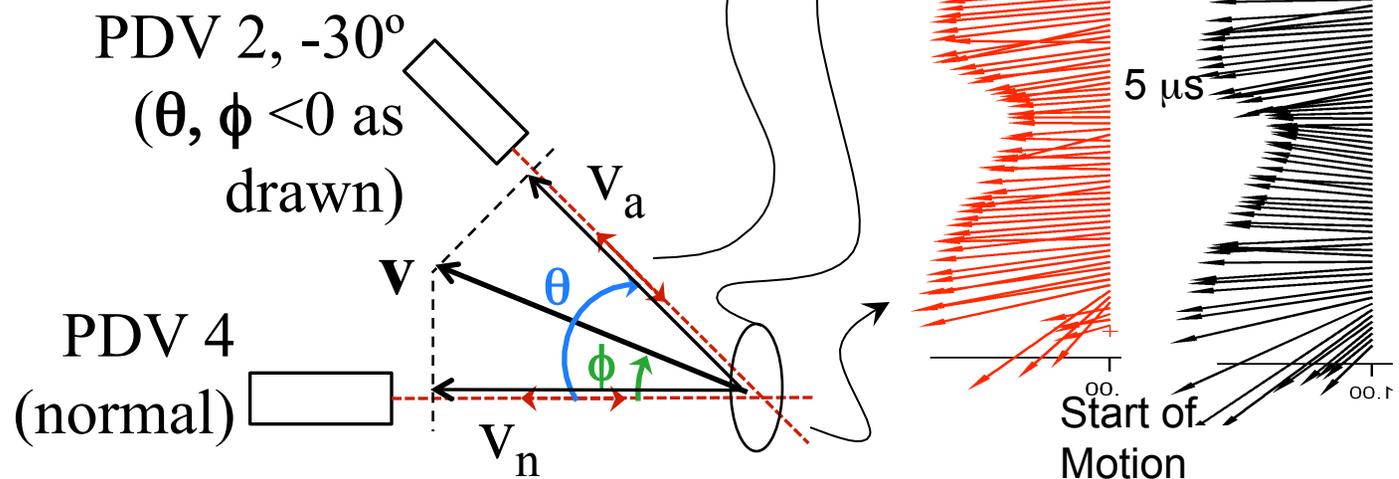
$$V_2 = V \cos(\theta - \phi)$$

$$V_2 / V_4 = \cos(\theta - \phi) / \cos(\phi)$$

$$\phi = \tan^{-1}[(v_2/v_4 - \cos(\theta)) / \sin(\theta)]$$

Take the ratio of  $v_2$  to  $v_4$  and use the measured  $\theta$  find  $\phi$ , then substitute back to find  $v$ .

Results: lower (black) and upper (red) Velocity vectors for 20  $\mu\text{s}$  after start of motion

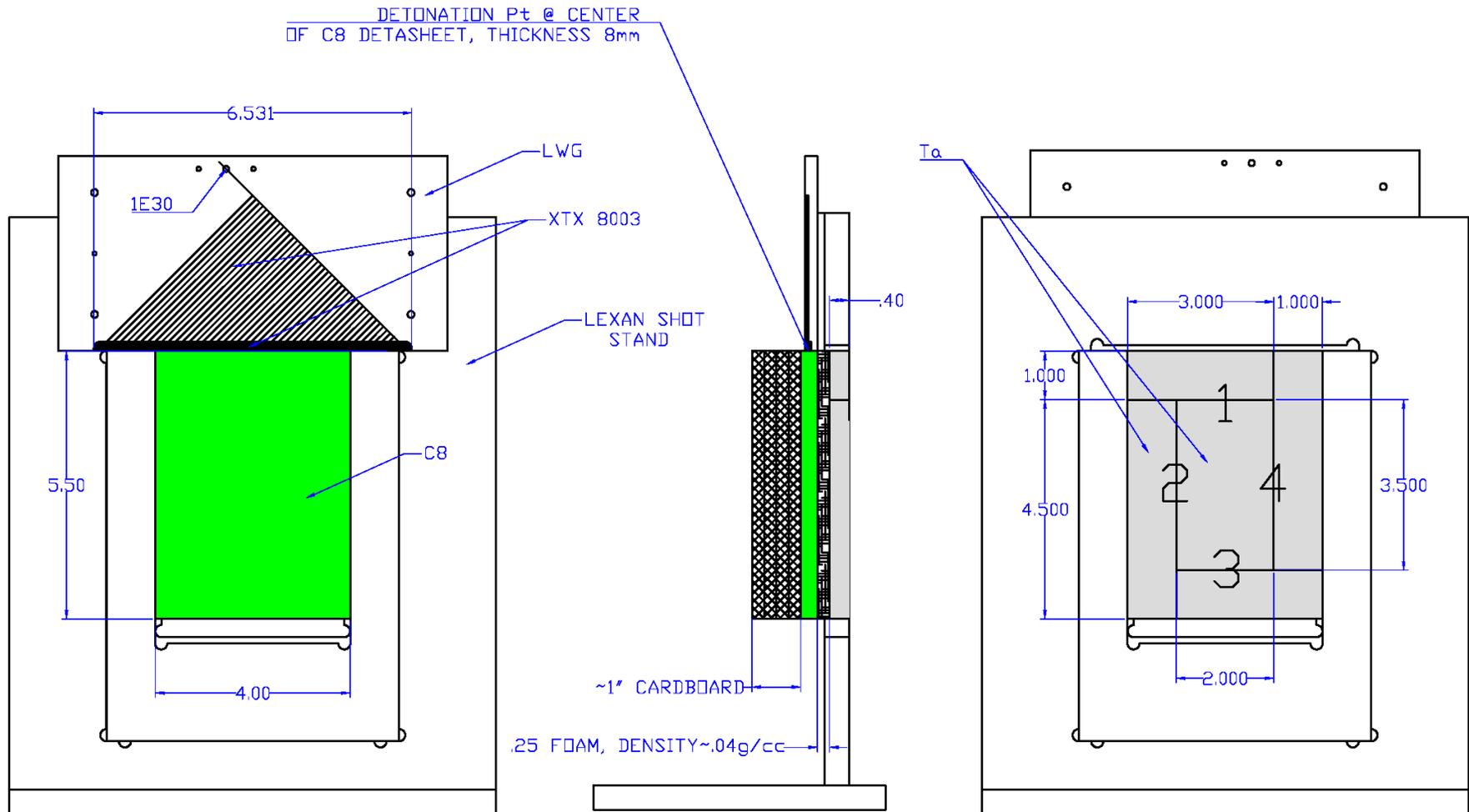


## Technique works, next need to optimize

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- We can measure the direction of the velocity vector over the 1 to 2 mm overlap region.
- The resolution was  $\sim \pm 1^\circ$  ,  $\pm 2\%$  estimated from noise in the results.
- Need to test for systematic errors (model, use redundant probes or 1-D tests.)
- Need to understand optimization: angle resolved better with larger angle between probes, but signal strength falls off with angle from surface normal.

# Details of the HE Assembly



SHOT H3951  
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# As Built Shot 2

