



Numerical and experimental study on the high strain rate deformation of tubes for perforating gun applications

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A silhouette of an oil rig stands against a dramatic sunset sky with scattered clouds. The rig is the central focus, with its derrick and various structures clearly visible against the bright, orange-hued background. The foreground is dark, suggesting a field or wellhead area.

Modelling the survivability tests:

Is steel characterization the *key factor* for reliable swelling predictions?

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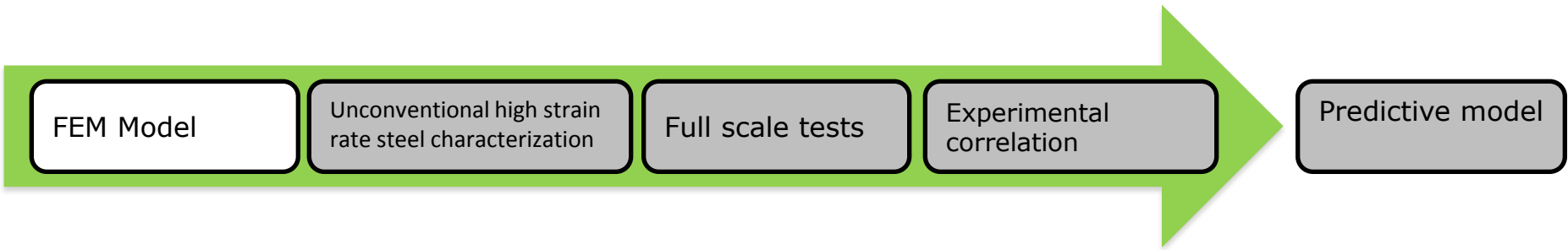
FEM
Model

Unconventional
high strain rate
steel
characterization

Full scale
tests

Experimental
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**Predictive
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Need for a tool able to predict the swelling of the gun carrier

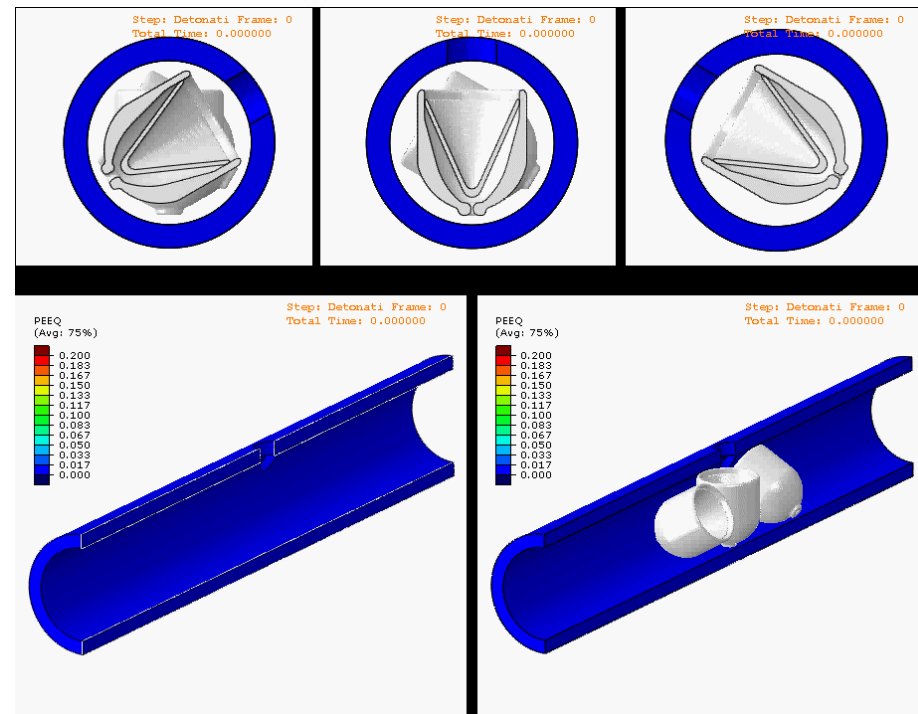
3D model of a gun carrier with 3 shaped charges

Each section modelled as follow:

- 1. Steel gun carrier:** Johnson-Cook (J-C) plasticity model, obtained from experimental tests at high strain rates;
- 2. SC: casing** and **liner:** J-C material/damage model*;
- 3. Explosive:** Jones-Wilkins-Lee (JWL) equation of state*.

Sequential detonation of 3 charges (5 ms delay)

Swelling predicted as permanent plastic deformation on the steel carrier



More info

*literature data

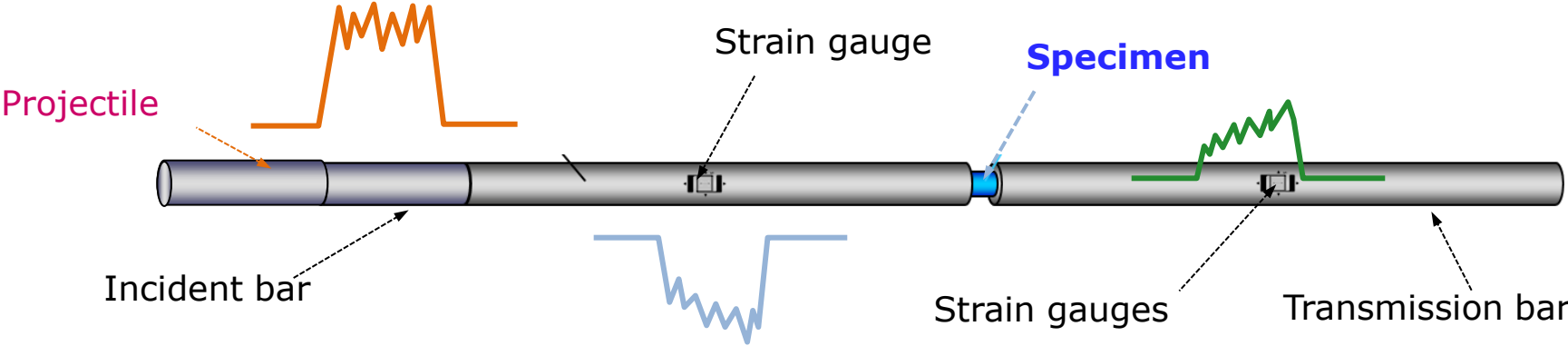


Need for experimental high strain rate tests for proper steel characterization

Tests methodology: Split Hopkinson bar test (SHBT)

The reflected and transmitted wave trains are analyzed to determine the speed of motion based on the two

- The projectile hits the incident bar generating a compressive wave train
- Partly is reflected back and partly is transmitted



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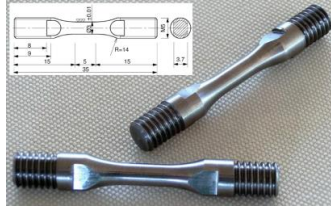
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Specimens machined from Perf Gun Carrier Material



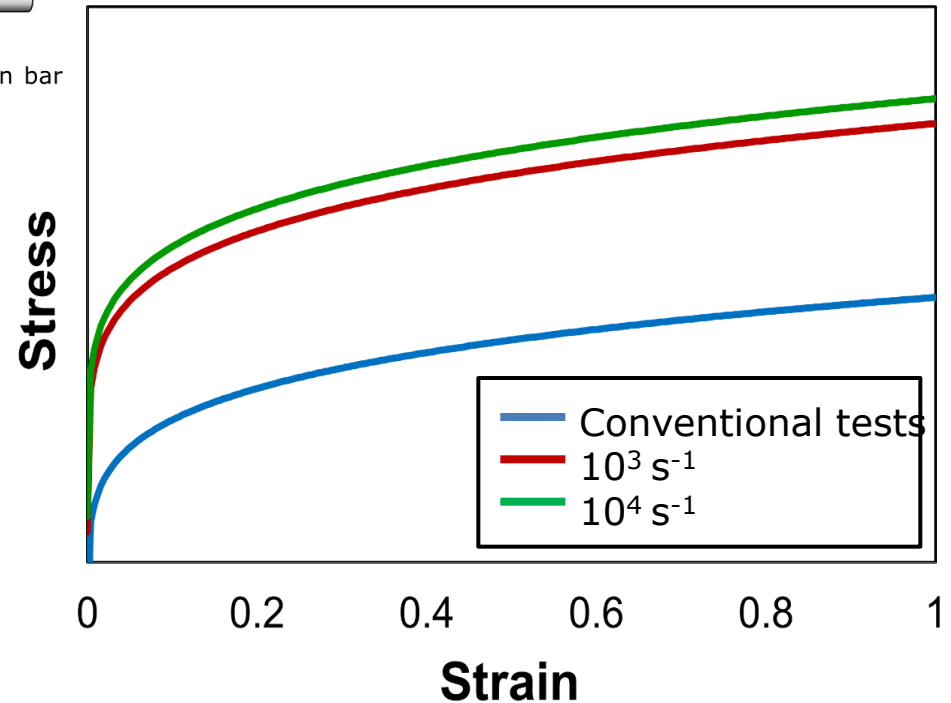
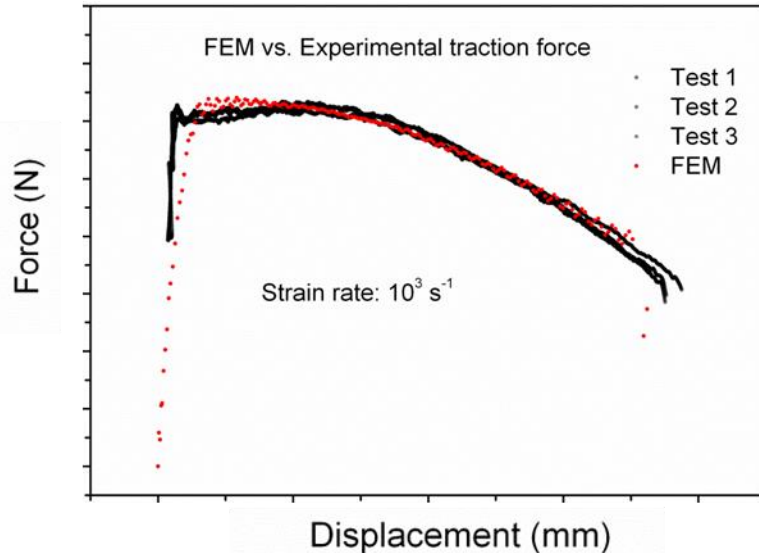
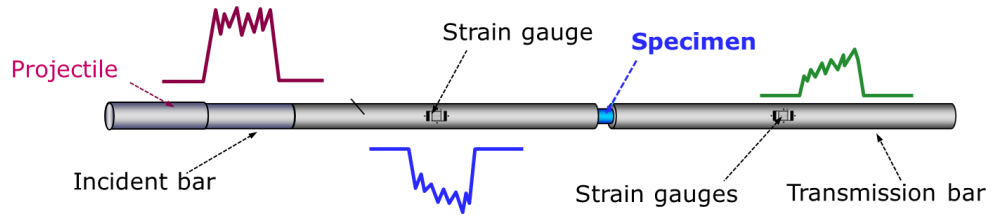
Johnson-Cook (J-C) constitutive model

$$\text{Stress} = (\text{Plasticity})(\text{Log. of strain rate})(\text{Temperature})$$

A, B, n

C, ϵ_0

m



In order to calibrate the J-C model's parameters, FEM inverse analysis onto the experimental curves up to a discrepancy within about 5% have been carried out.

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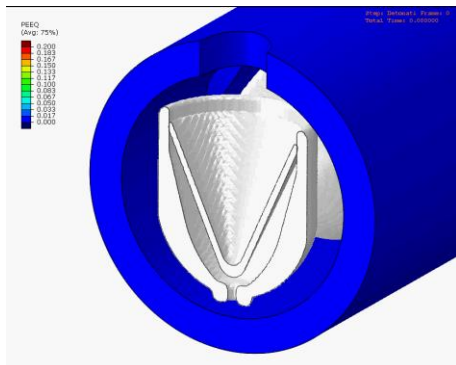
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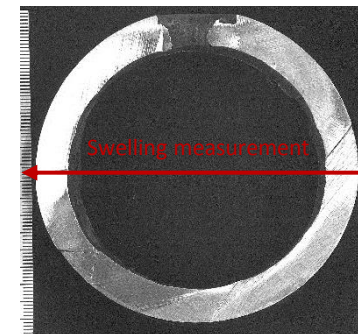
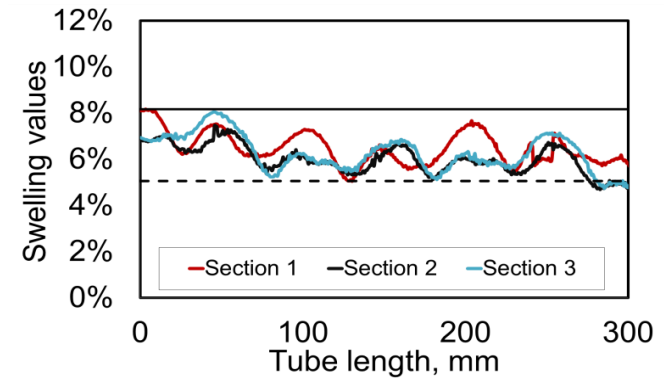
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Need for experimental measurements of **local** strain deformation and **overall** swelling

Local strain deformation measurement at the max. impact angle determined by FEM model



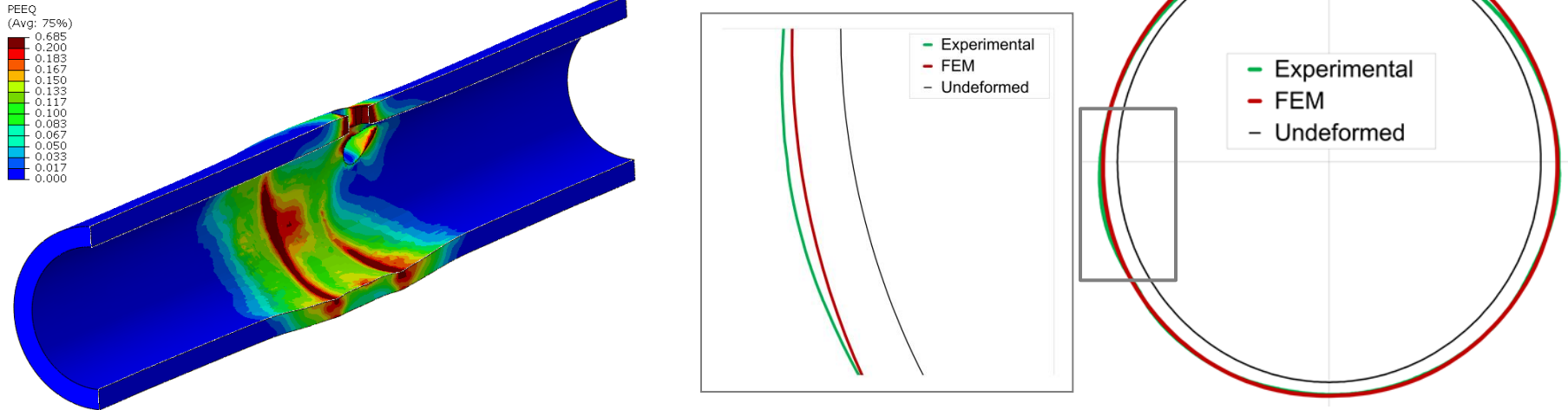
Overall swelling measurement sections



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Local and overall post mortem deformation vs numerical analysis results



	Measurement Position	Experimental value	FEM value
Overall swelling	Location with max. value	8.3%	8.0%
Local deformation	70°	10.3 %	10.2 %
	55°	5.1 %	6.5 %



Thanks for your attention