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Laser-Driven Spall in Al: Velocity Interferometry and Target Recovery STEPHEN ROTHMAN, AWE Aldermaston, SUJIT BANDHYOPAD-HYAY, Rutherford Appleton Laboratory, Science and Technology Facilities Council, COLIN BROWN, ADRIAN GEORGE, NYDHYRJN GJSHCHKHMYJ, RE-BECCA GREEDHAREE, TOM GUYMER, NIGEL PARK, MIKE PARSLEY, ED PRICE, AWE — Using the HELEN laser at AWE we have done spall experiments on pure Al at strain rates between $\sim 6 \times 10^5$ and $2 \times 10^6 \, \mathrm{s}^{-1}$. A heterodyne velocity interferometer (Het-V) recorded rear-surface velocity profiles and the majority of targets were recovered. We have compared the behaviour of polycrystalline and single-crystal Al of four different crystal orientations. The results allow the correlation of pre-shot target structure – determined by electron backscatter diffraction – with the velocity profiles and recovered-target metallurgy.

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