

# Simulating meteorite impacts - an outdoor field experiment

## Part 1




























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Meteor and meteorite research in the Netherlands can be characterised by its diversity. While many meteor observers are involved in high-tech observations, using all-sky cameras or automated CAMS systems, others are involved in computational aspects of orbits, dark flights and strew fields; the study meteorites; or just enjoy themselves observing meteors with the unaided eye. Meteoritics in The Netherlands is a flourishing enterprise with dozens of active amateurs and professionals.



**MAP LEGEND**

-  **Active observers** (marked with a camera icon) are the best equipped of the all-sky camera but can be active with all-sky cameras. The first recording occurred in the Netherlands.
-  **Automated observations** by CAMS (Camera Automated Meteor System) are active in the Netherlands. The first recording occurred in the Netherlands.
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11 March 2015 00:00:14 UT

# Gaasterland 2015



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Computations Pavel Spurny

# Hoenderloo 2013



# Gaasterland 2015

## Onderzoek naar een mogelijke meteorietval in Friesland

In deze folder willen wij u informeren over een veldonderzoek naar een mogelijke meteorietval in uw omgeving, en u om uw medewerking vragen bij dit onderzoek.

Vrijwilligers van het Nat. Natuurhist. Museum Naturalis, de Universiteit Leiden, NOVA-ASTRON, de Dutch Meteor Society en de KNVWS Werkgroep Meteoren zoeken onder onze leiding in uw omgeving de komende tijd naar de neergekomen brokstukken van een meteoriet.

**Voor dit onderzoek vragen wij u om toestemming om met een klein zoekteam uw grond te betreden.**

Uiteraard zullen wij daarbij voorzichtig en zonder overlast of schade te veroorzaken te werk gaan.

Wij hopen dat u uw medewerking wilt verlenen aan dit onderzoek. Voor vragen kunt u terecht bij onderstaande personen.

Alvast uw dank!

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### Achtergronden

Tijdens de nacht van 10 op 11 maart 2015 rond 01:00 Ned. tijd hebben zeven automatische onderzoeks-camera's een zeer heldere meteor (vuurbol) boven het noordwesten van Nederland gefotografeerd.

Het betrof een klein fragment (een steenbrok) van een planetoïde welke vanuit de ruimte de dampkring binnendrong.

### Zoekgebied

Kleine restanten ervan (meteorieten) hebben waarschijnlijk het aardoppervlak bereikt, en kunnen zijn neergekomen in het gebied rond Mirnsum - Oudemirdum.

### Doel

Het doel van de zoektocht is het bergen van de neergekomen meteoriet ten behoeve van wetenschappelijk onderzoek op het Nationaal Natuurhistorisch Museum Naturalis in Leiden en andere gerelateerde instituten.

### Iets gehoord/gezien?

Behalve door het verlenen van betredings-toestemming, kunt u ons misschien ook helpen met informatie.

Heeft u rond 11 maart 's nachts iets vreemds gehoord (knallen, sulzende geluiden)?

Heeft u in de periode er na op uw land iets vreemds gezien, bijvoorbeeld aanwijzingen dat iets met grote kracht is neergekomen, of vreemde stenen?







What to expect?

# NETHERLANDS



**Sand**



**Loam**

**Clay**



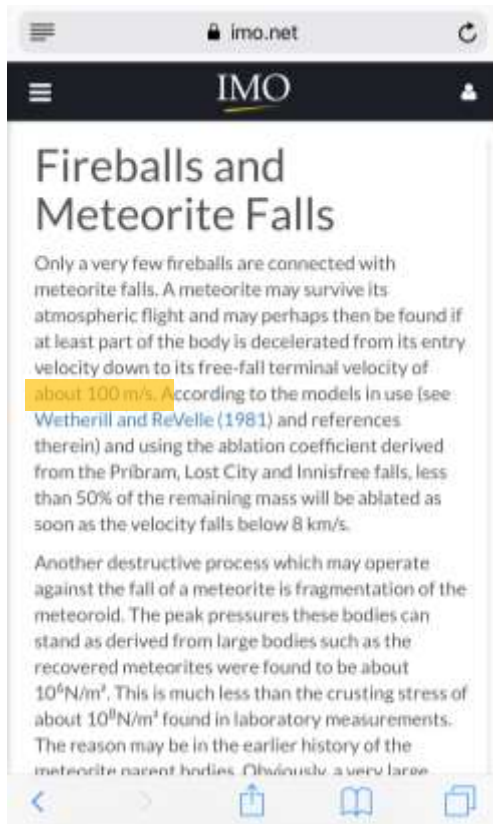
**Peat**

# Archive – how looks a meteorite ‘crater’?

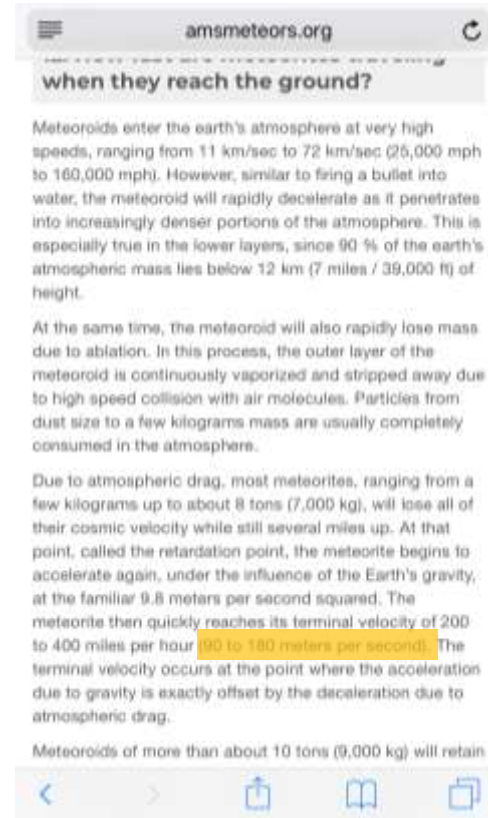
Meteorite	Year		Penetration Depth	Details
Uden	1840	sand	?	Circle shaped crater
Utrecht	1843	clay layer, sand	75 cm	7 kg
Ellemeet	1925	Meadow, clay?	~0.5 m / 40 cm	0,97 kg & 0.5kg
Diepenveen	1873	sand	40 cm	
Glanerbrug	1990	roof	-	
Broek in Waterland	2017	roof / peat moor?	-	

Can we simulate an impact?

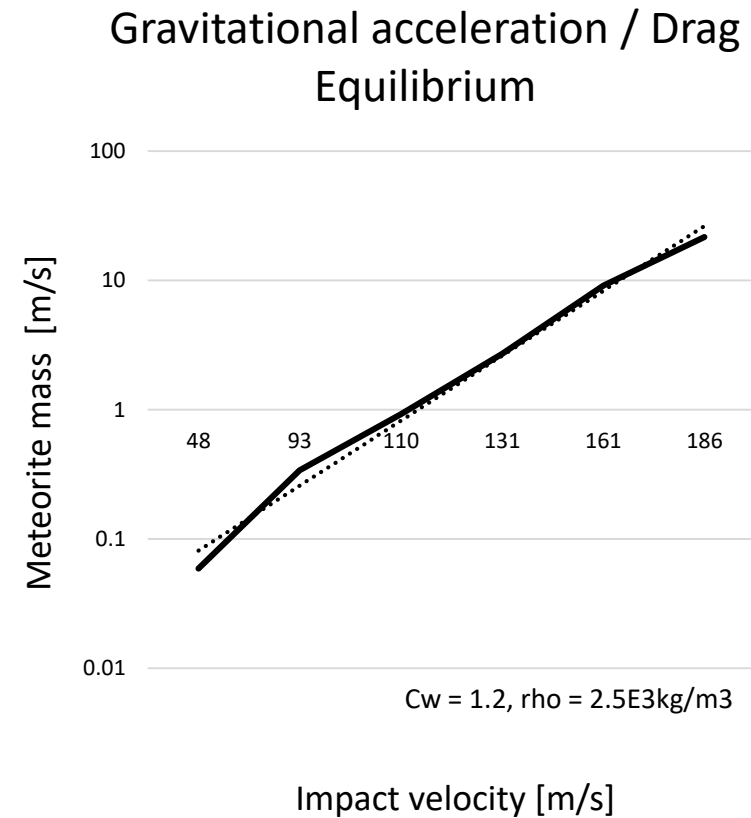
# Impact velocities



100 m/s



90 – 180 m/s





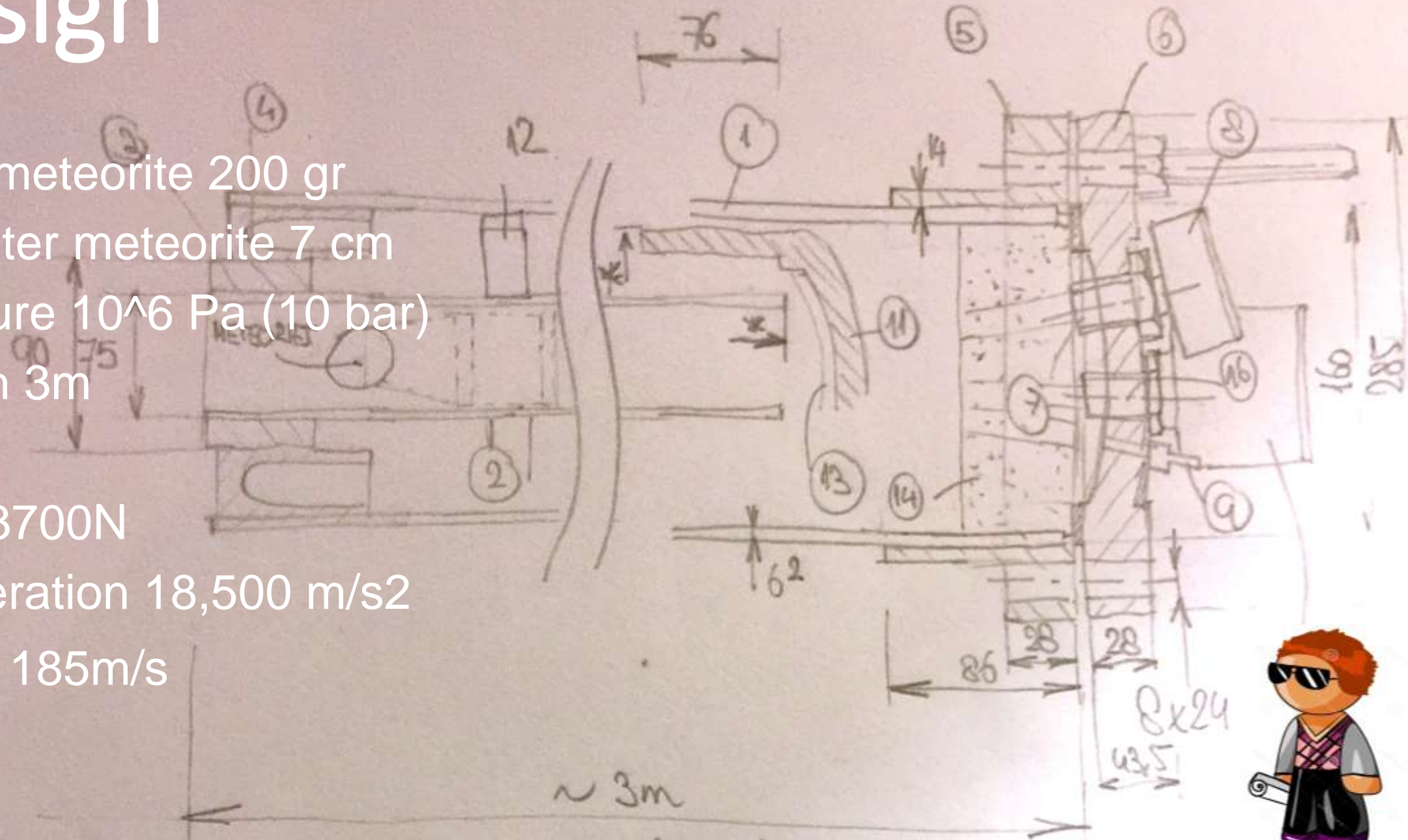




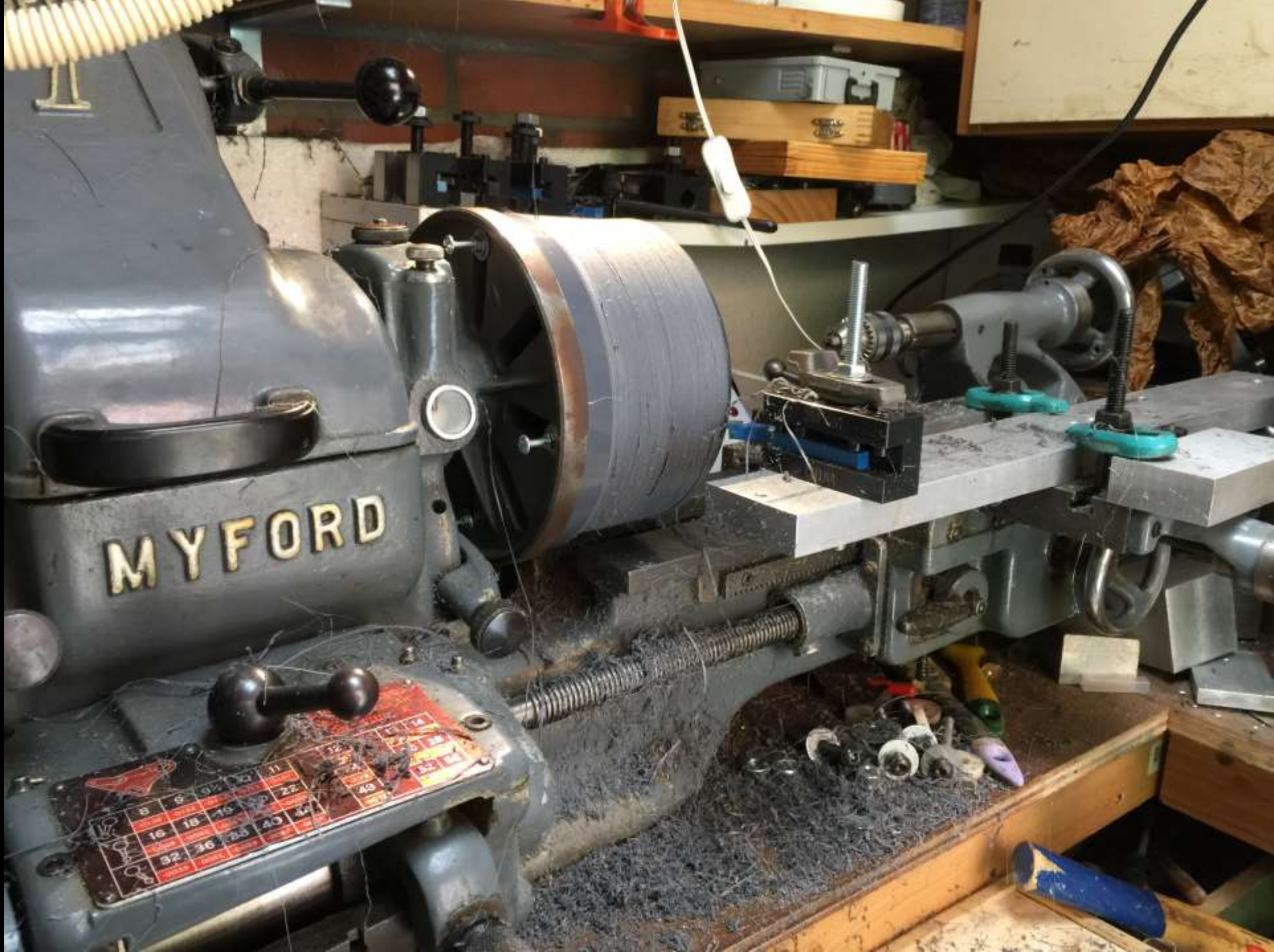
# Design

- ✓ Mass meteorite 200 gr
- ✓ Diameter meteorite 7 cm
- ✓ Pressure  $10^6$  Pa (10 bar)
- ✓ Length 3m

- Thrust 3700N
- Acceleration  $18,500$  m/s<sup>2</sup>
- $V_{\text{exit}} = 185$  m/s



<b>Meteorite mass</b>	<b>Pressure 0.2MPa</b>	<b>Pressure 1MPa</b>
65gr	188 m/s	421 m/s
200gr	107 m/s	240 m/s
500gr	68 m/s	150 m/s



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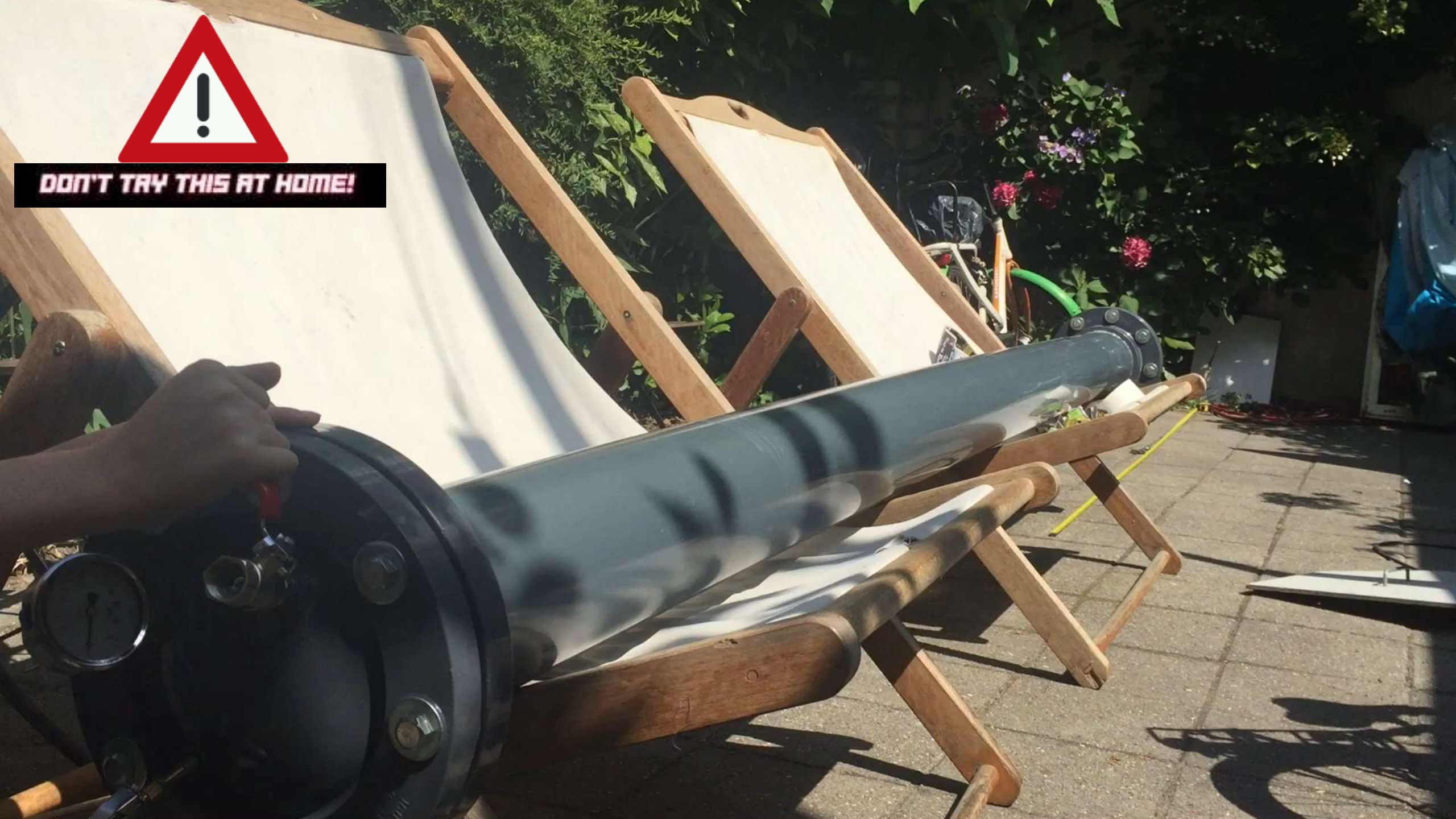


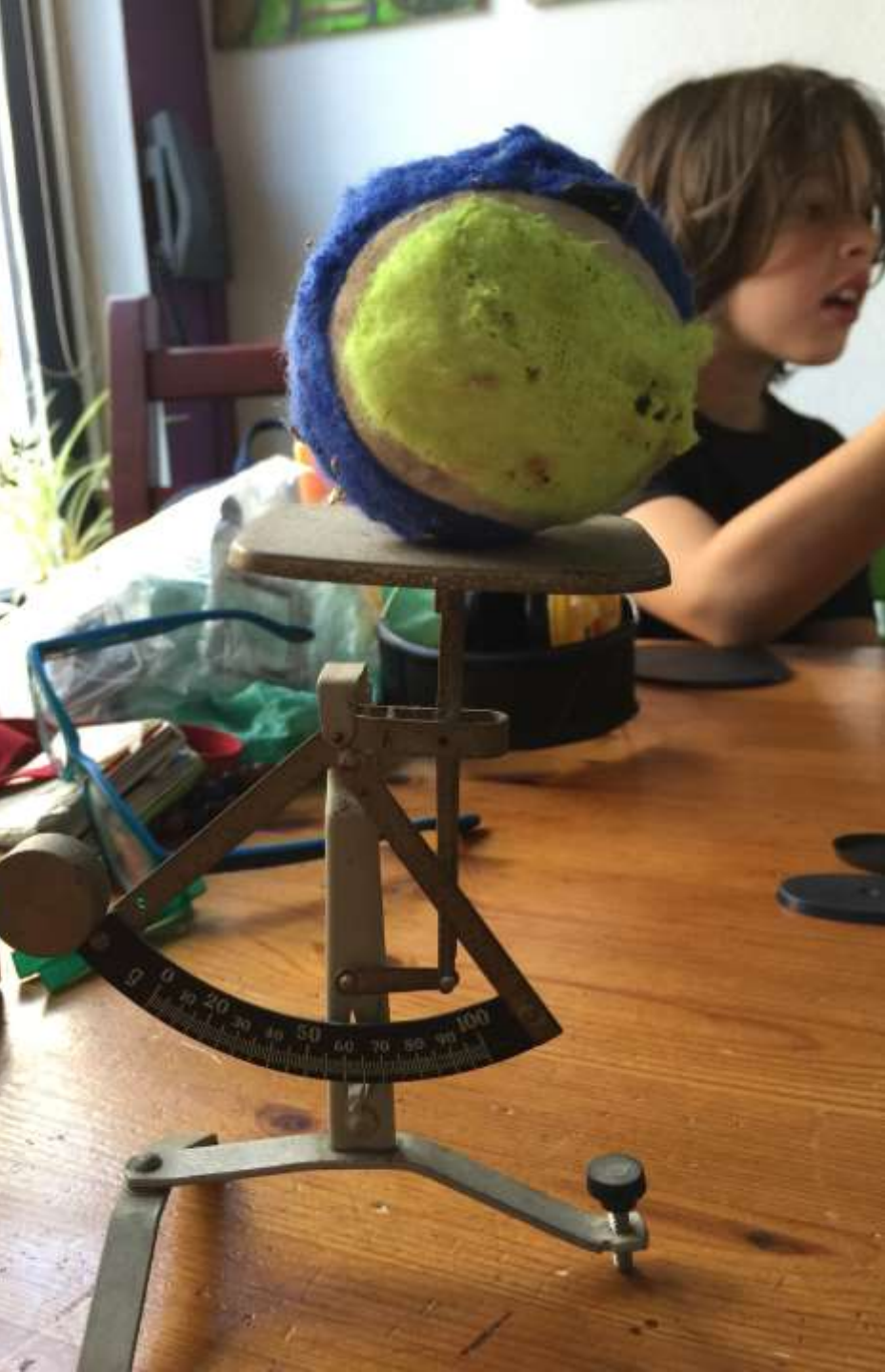
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**DON'T TRY THIS AT HOME!**



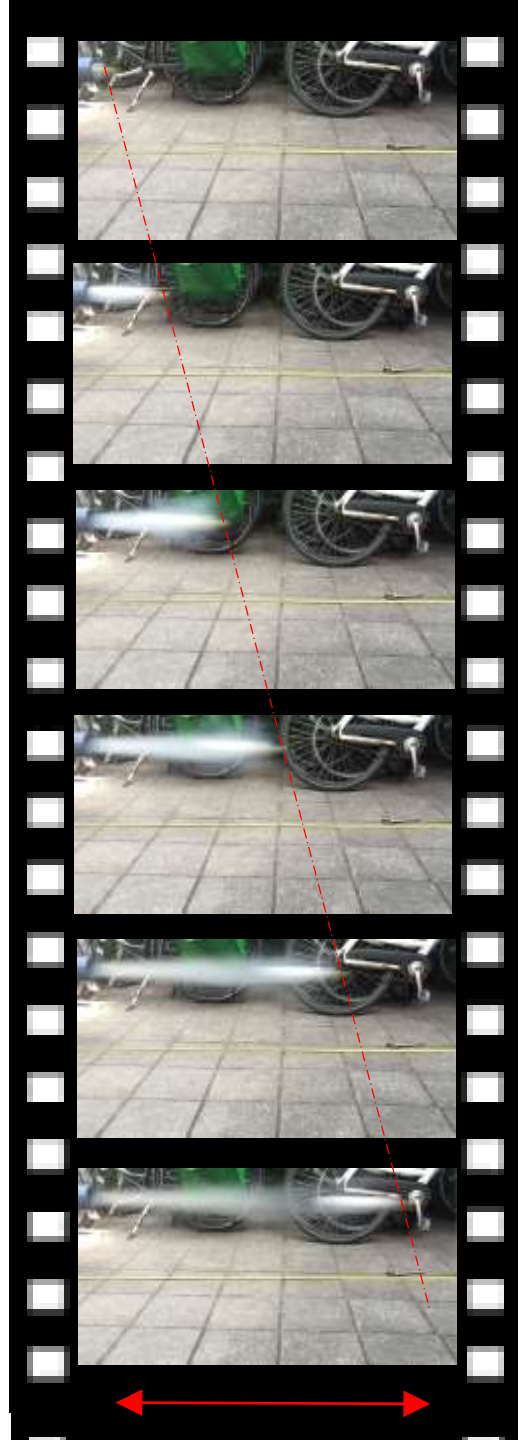




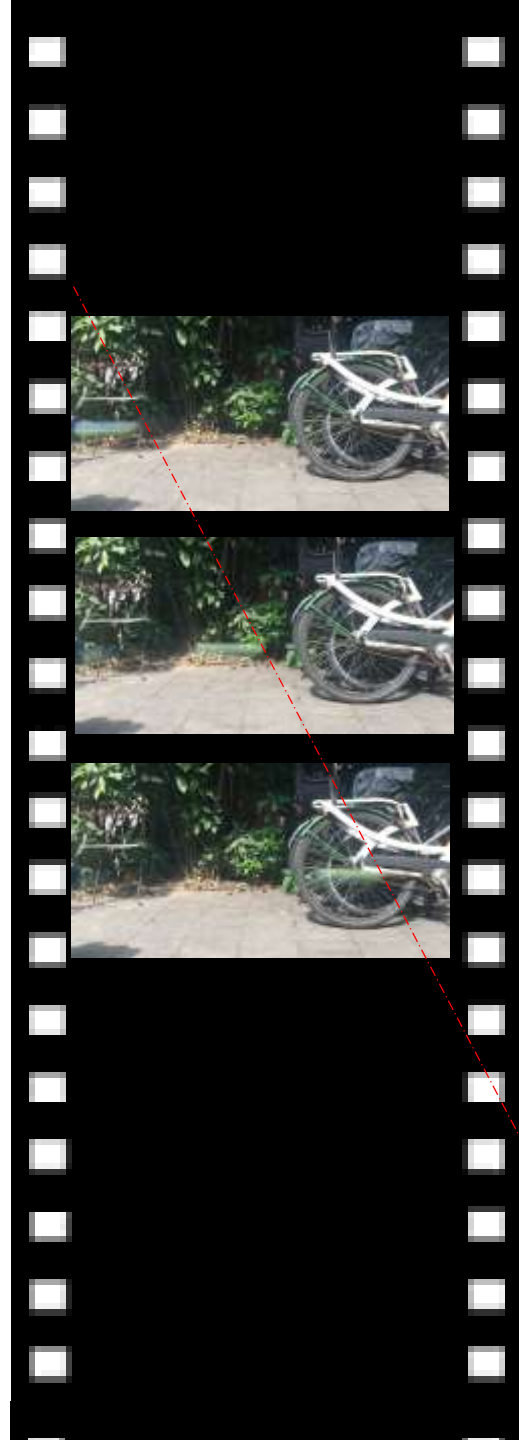




150cm in 5 frames @ 240 fps = 72 m/s



120cm in 2 frames @ 240fps = ms = 144 m/s



# Results

size	Pressure	Design speed	Measured	Expected
65gr	2x10E5 Pa	188 m/s	144 m/s	60 m/s
500gr	2x10E5 Pa	68 m/s	72 m/s	80 m/s



# Part 2

- Use the meteorite injector to simulate meteorite impacts
  1. at typical and different Dutch bottom types
  2. In different seasons
  3. Monitor the weathering process