



“Potato Pellet Impacting Wall at 150 mph”

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A slice cut from a raw potato apparently liquefied as it struck a wall at high speed. The effect probably results from liquid being forced from the pores of the potato. An air gun made of PVC pipe was used under closely-controlled conditions to accelerate the potato slices without endangering the experimenters. The collision was illuminated by a sequence of 3 flash units filtered with different colors.