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# Update on Simulations of WIPP Room D Closure

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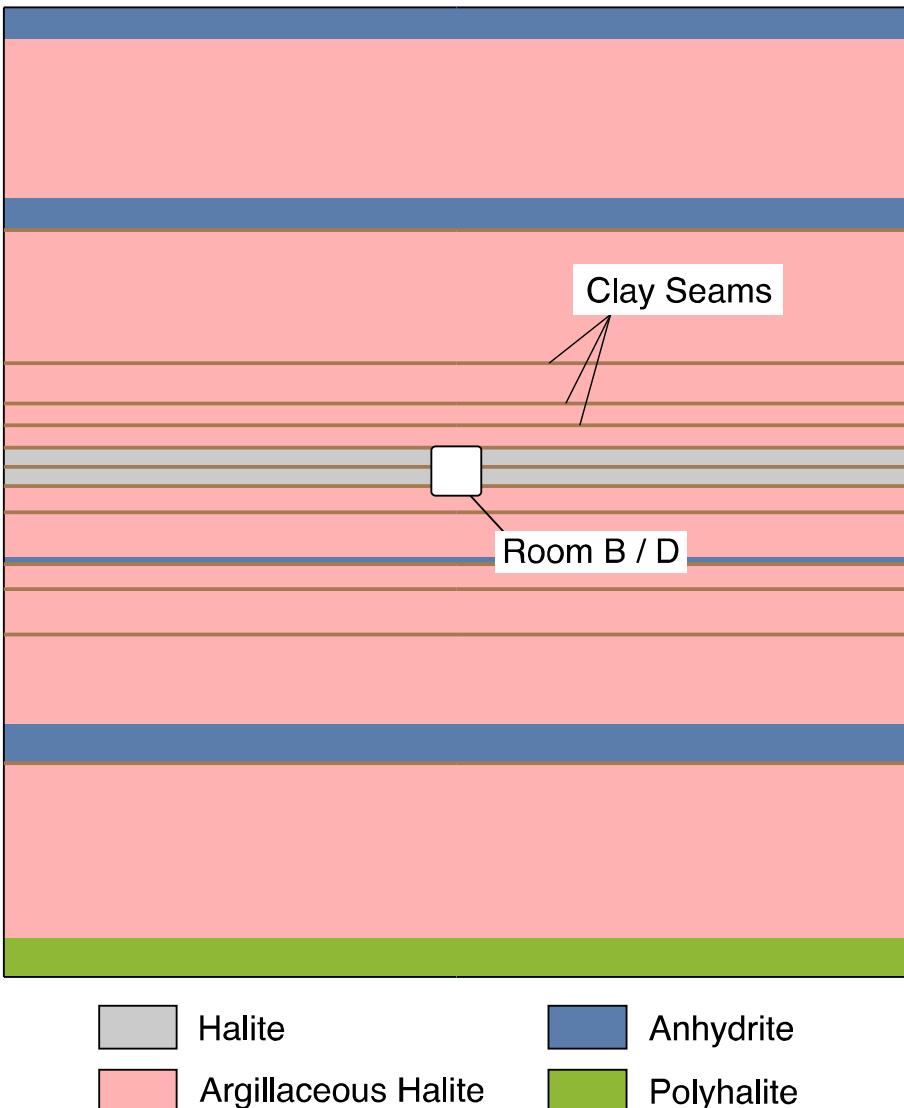


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# Outline

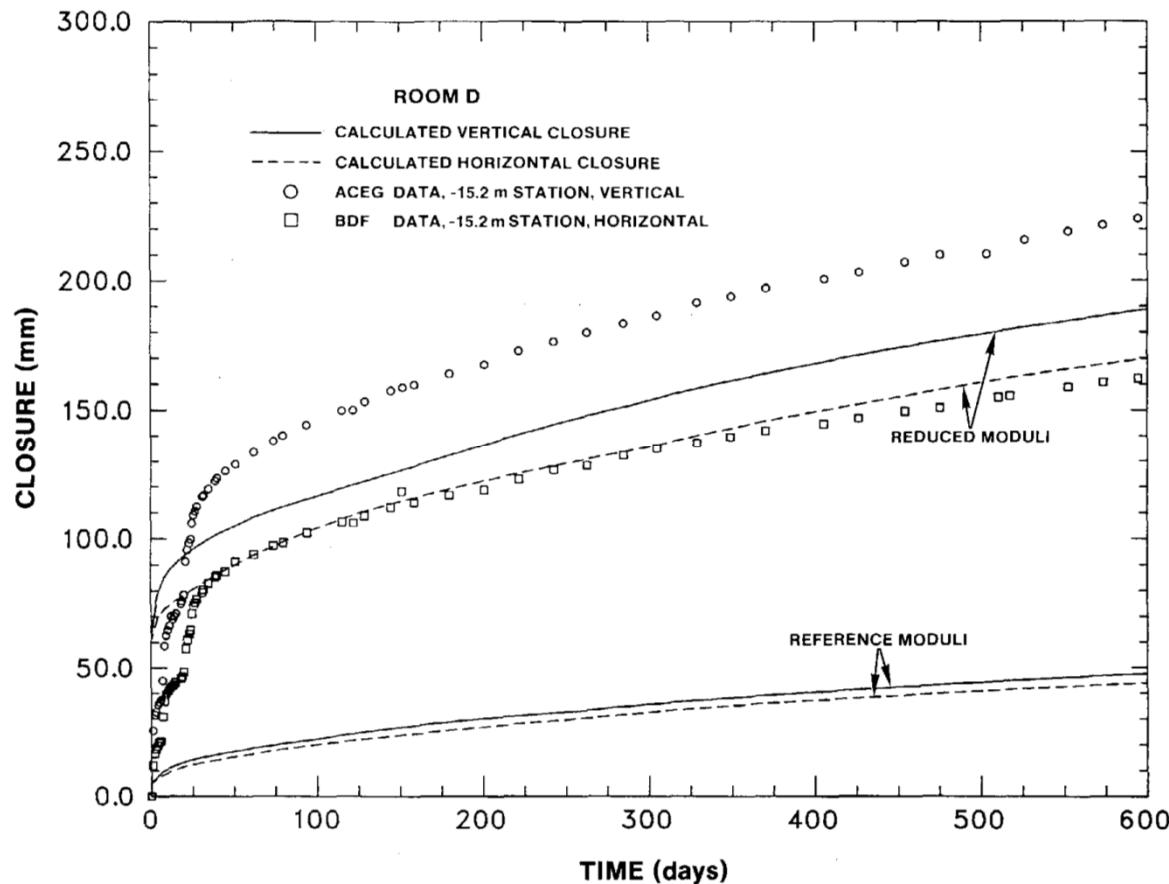
- Legacy simulations
- Resolving the legacy simulation numerics
- Joint Project III simulations
- Preliminary recalibration of the Munson-Dawson model
- Future Work

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# Legacy Simulations

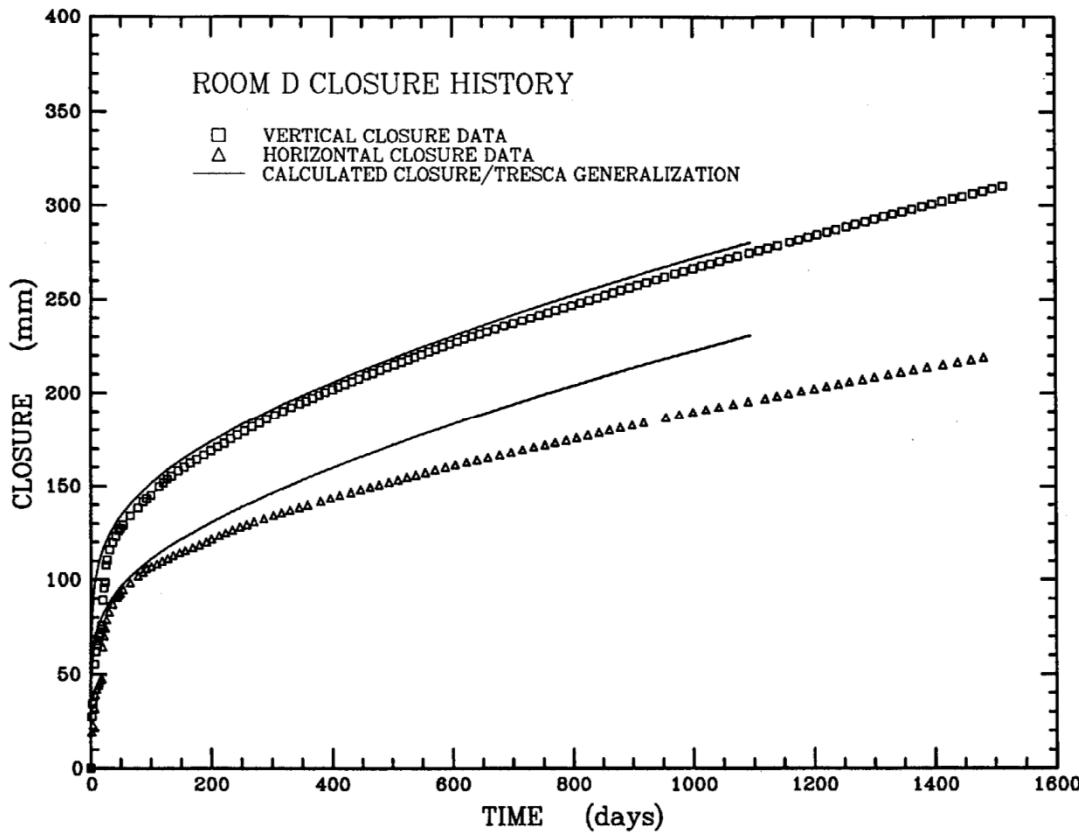
# Legacy Simulations



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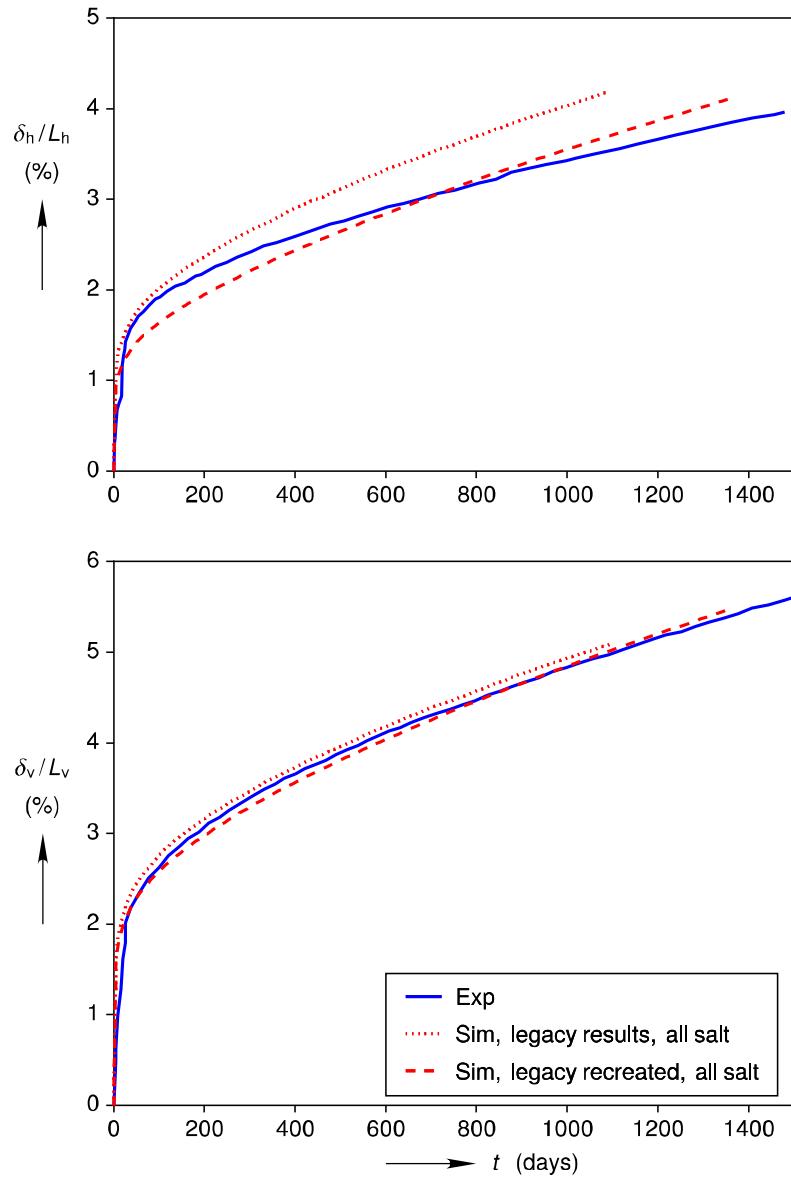
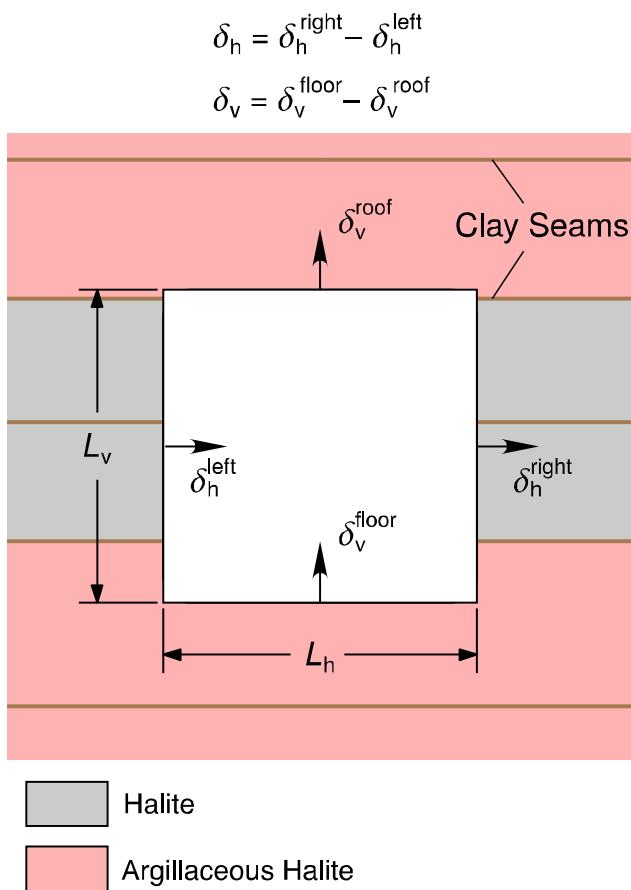
# Legacy Simulations

- Switched from von Mises to Tresca flow potential
- Switched from mostly clean salt to mostly argillaceous salt
- Altered the material model calibrations
  - Argillaceous transient strain limit treated as a free parameter
- Clay seam friction coefficient treated as a free parameter

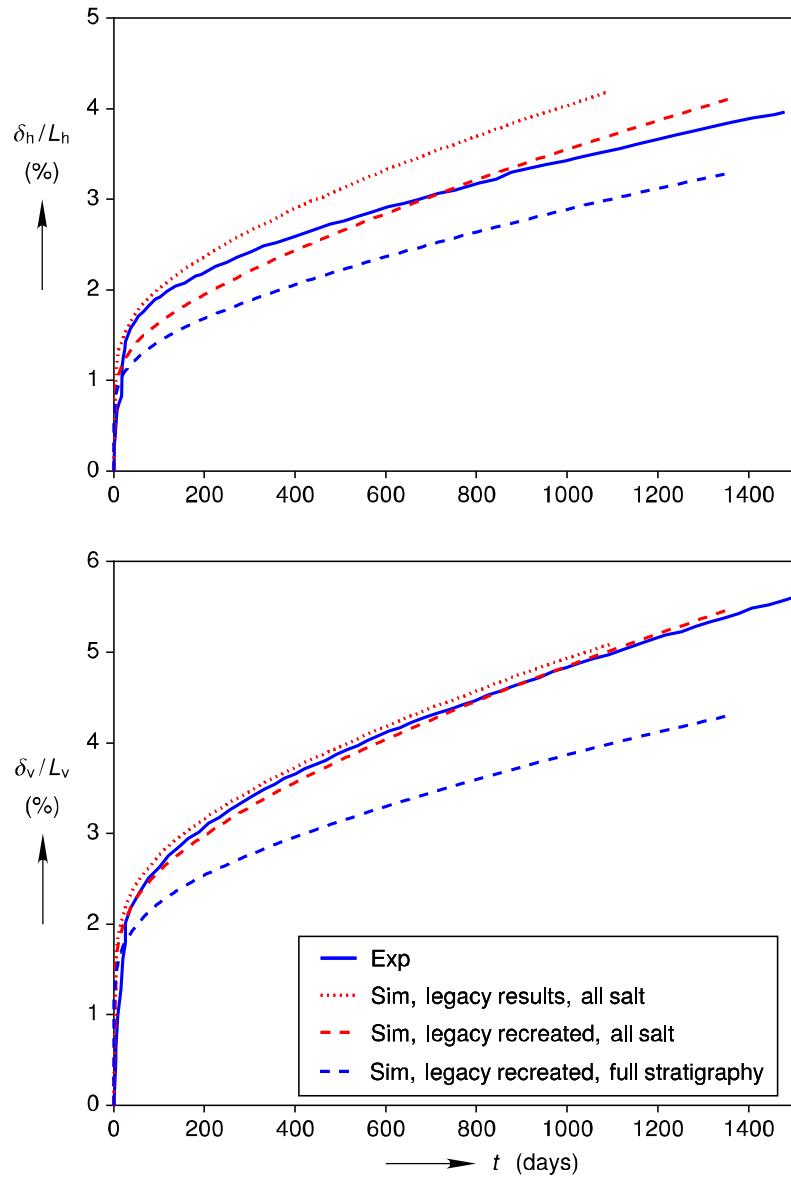
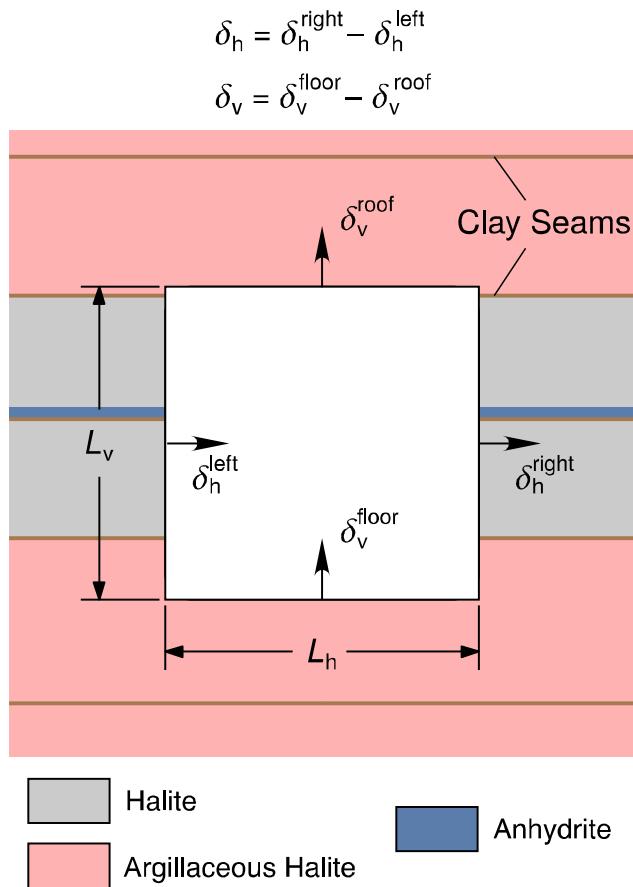


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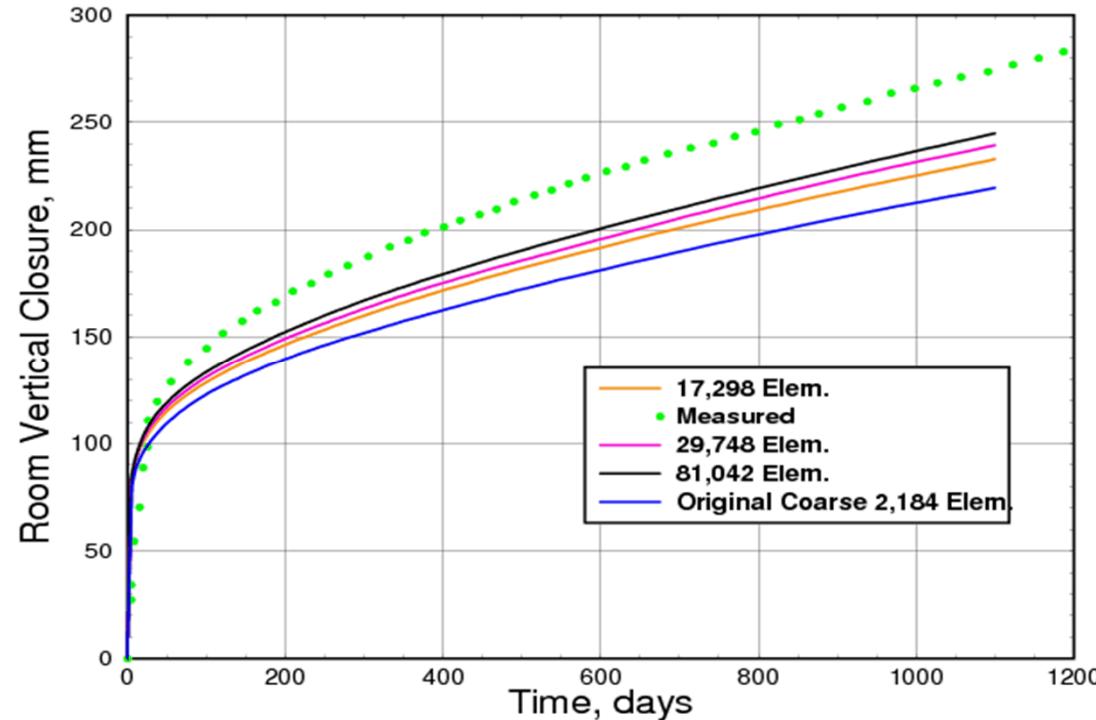
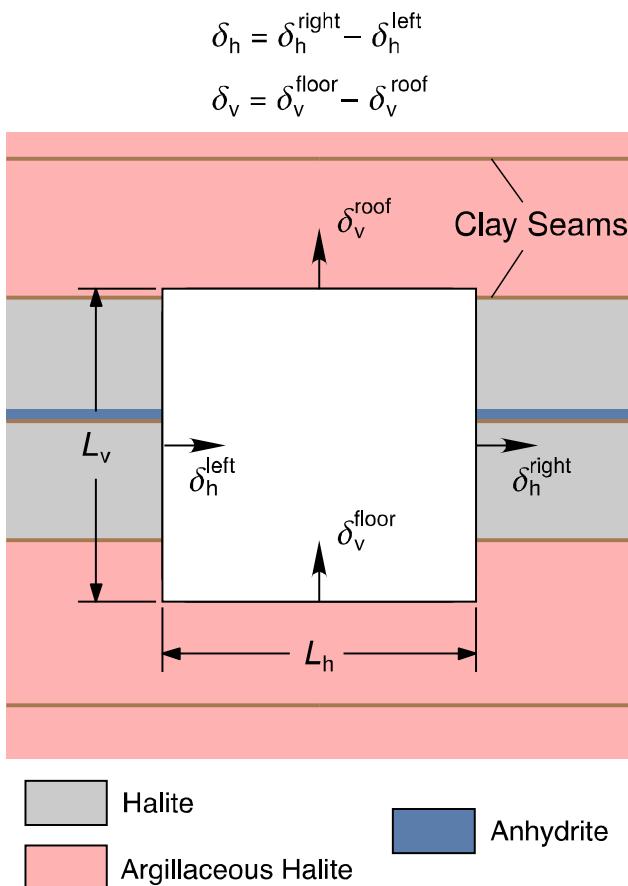


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# Resolving the Legacy Simulation Numerics

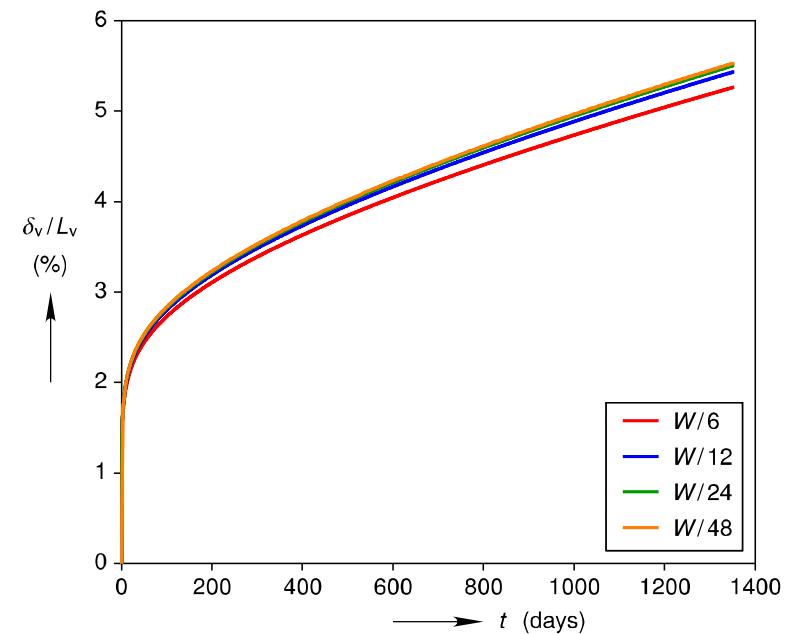
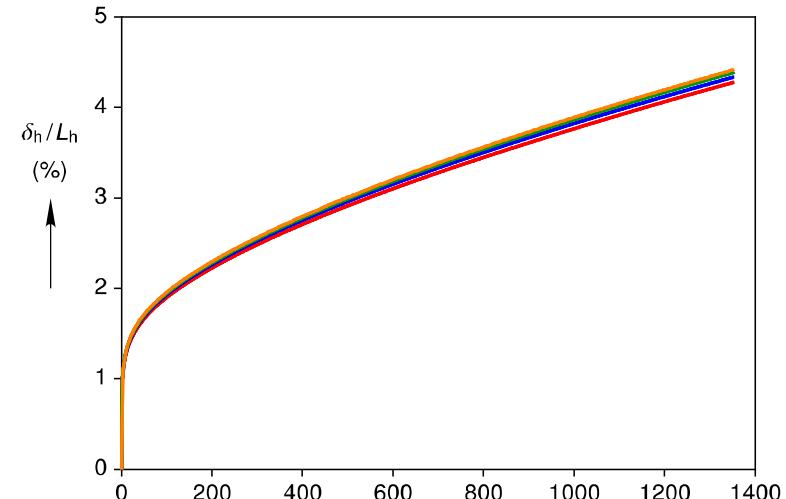
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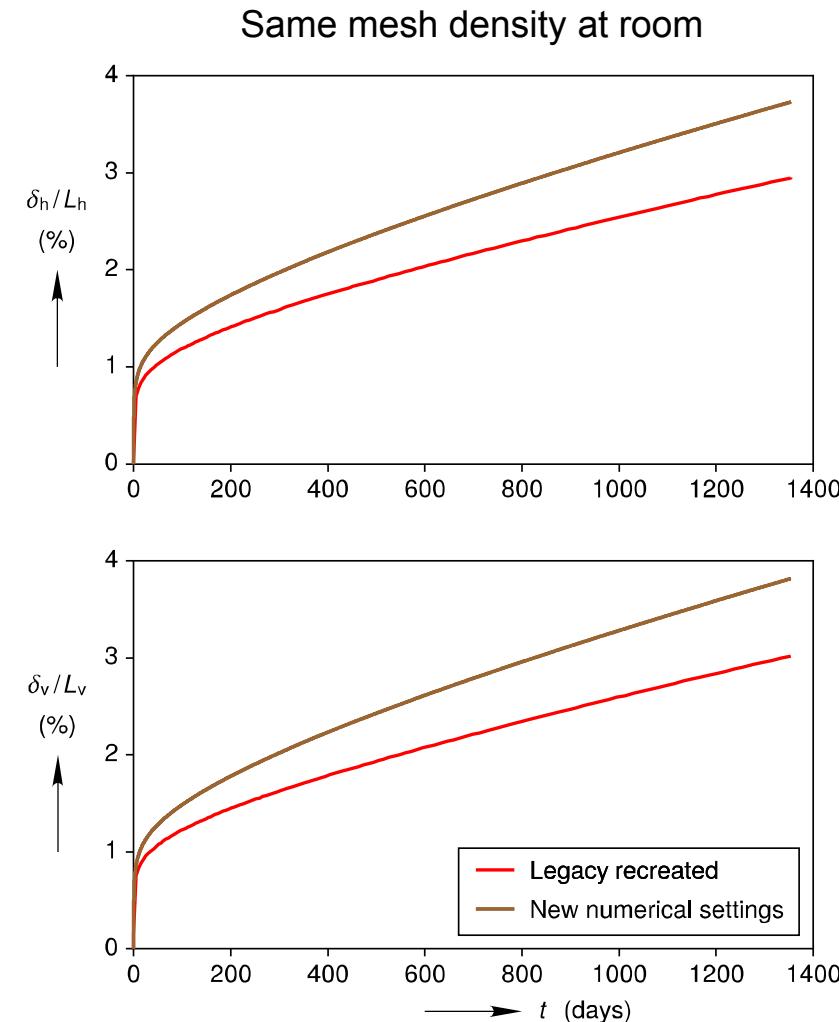
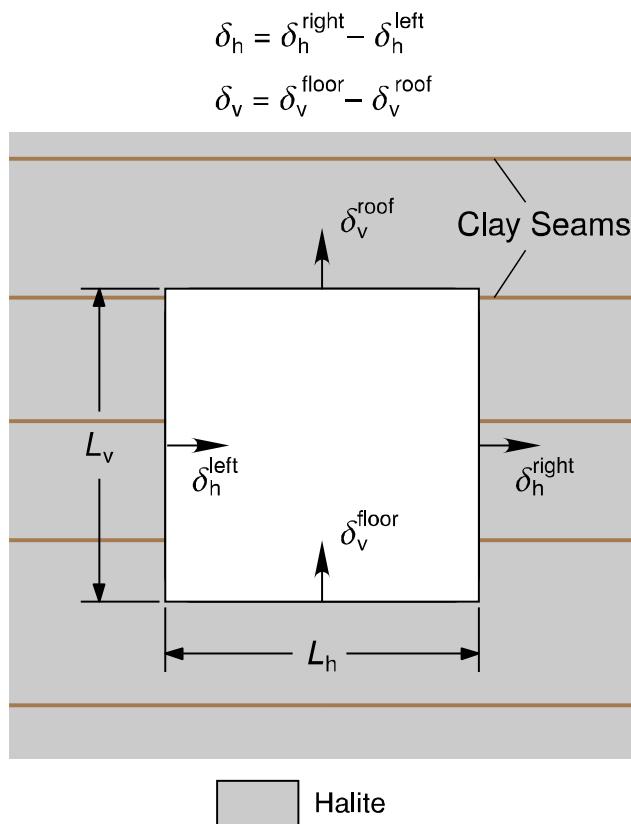
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- Switched from MQ to SD element
- Switched from Kinematic Contact to Augmented Lagrange Contact enforcement
- Added a pressure ramp down
- Switched to an associative flow rule for the anhydrite

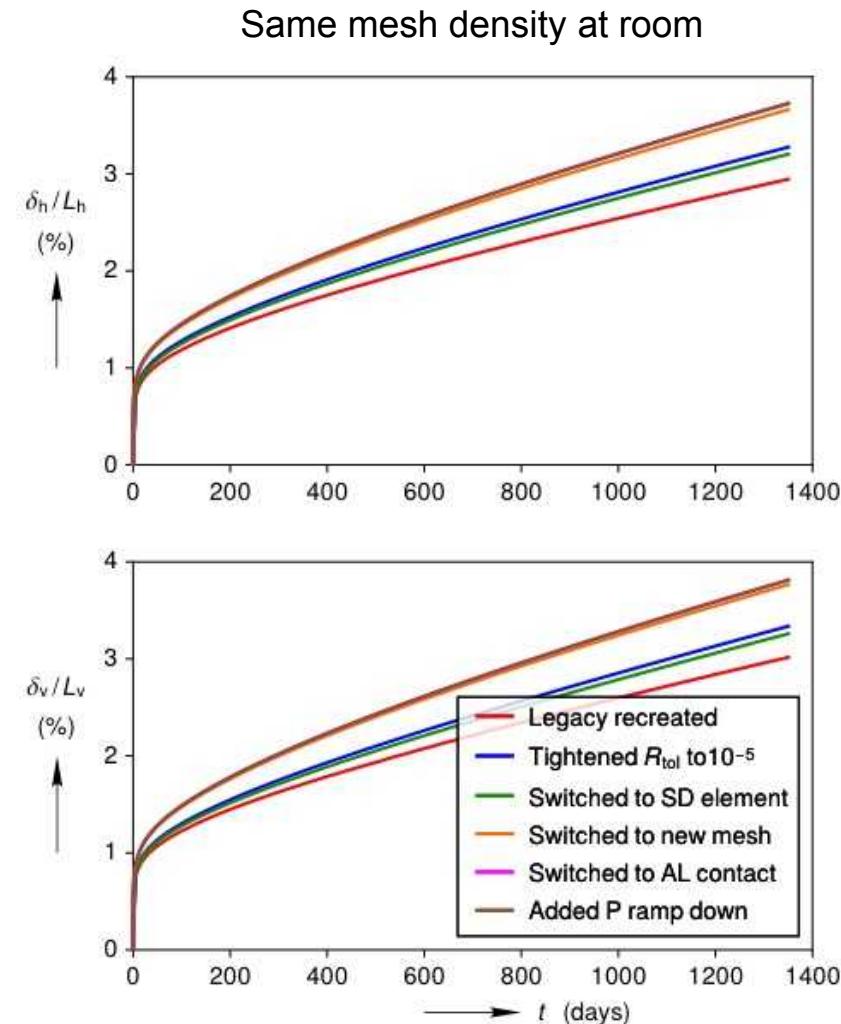


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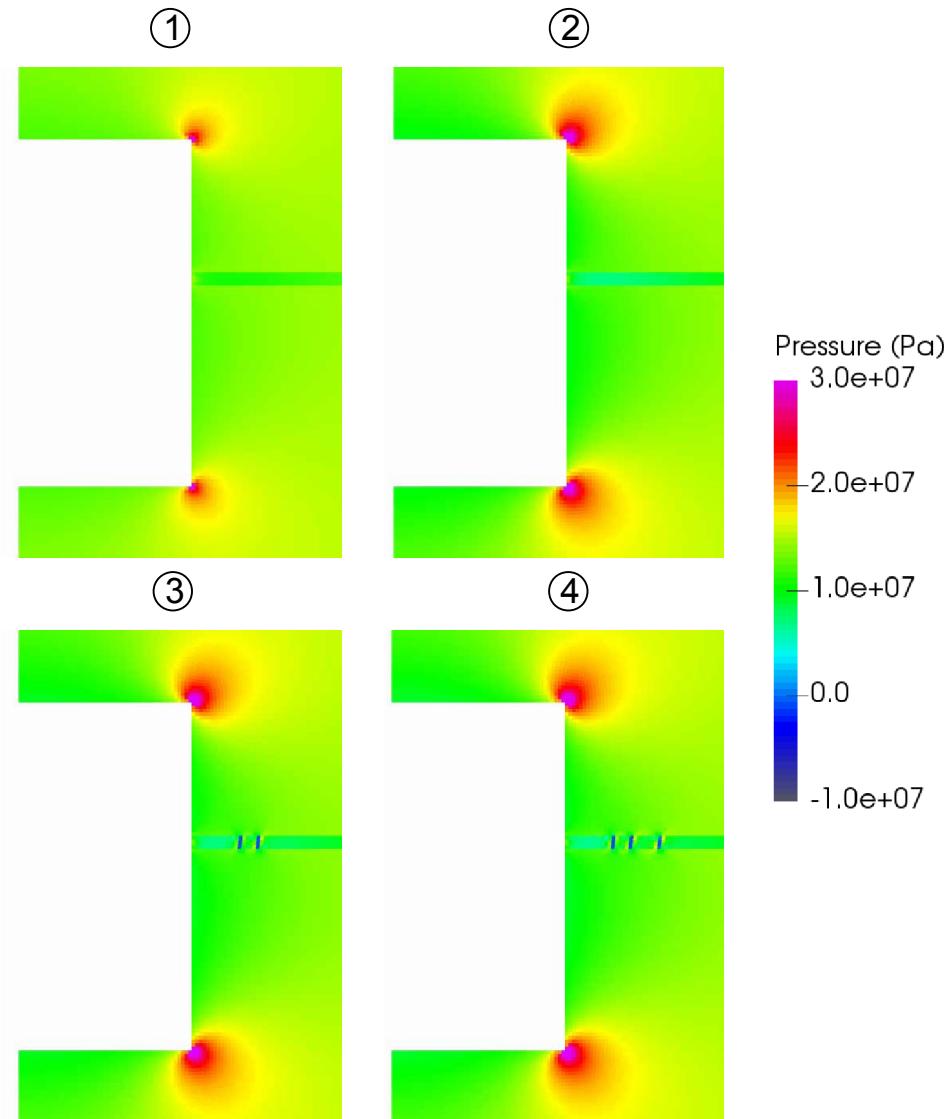
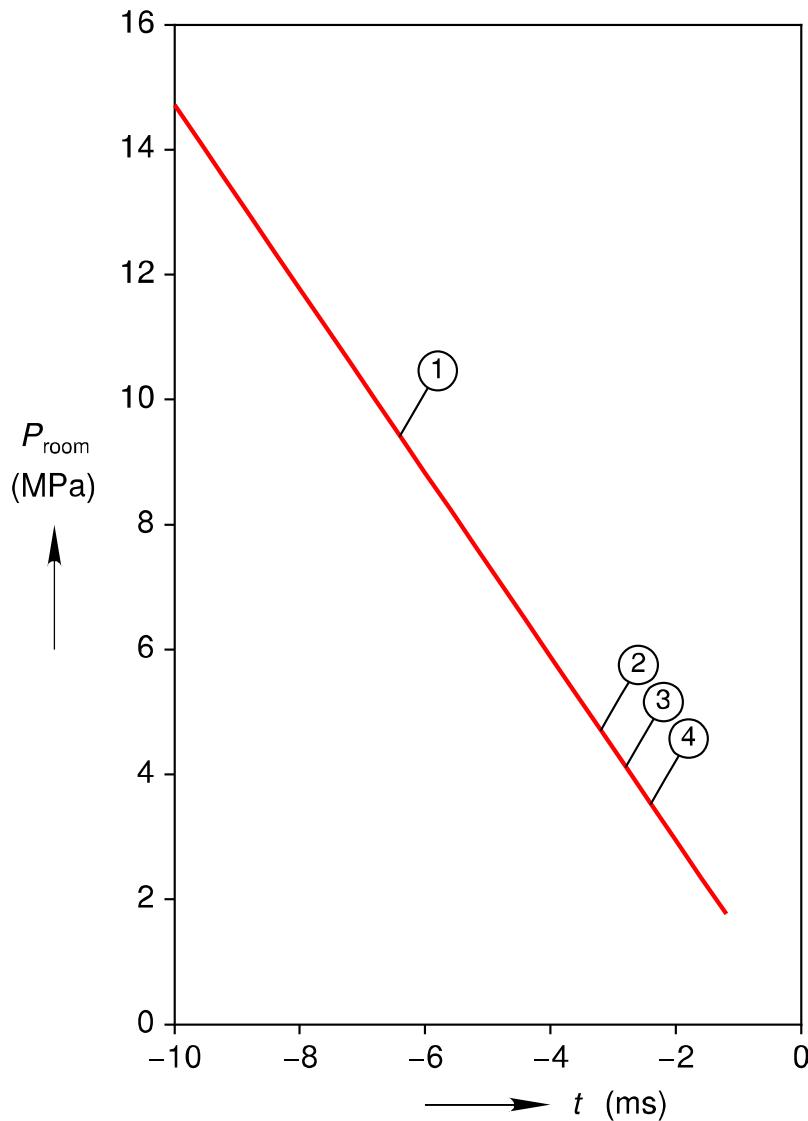


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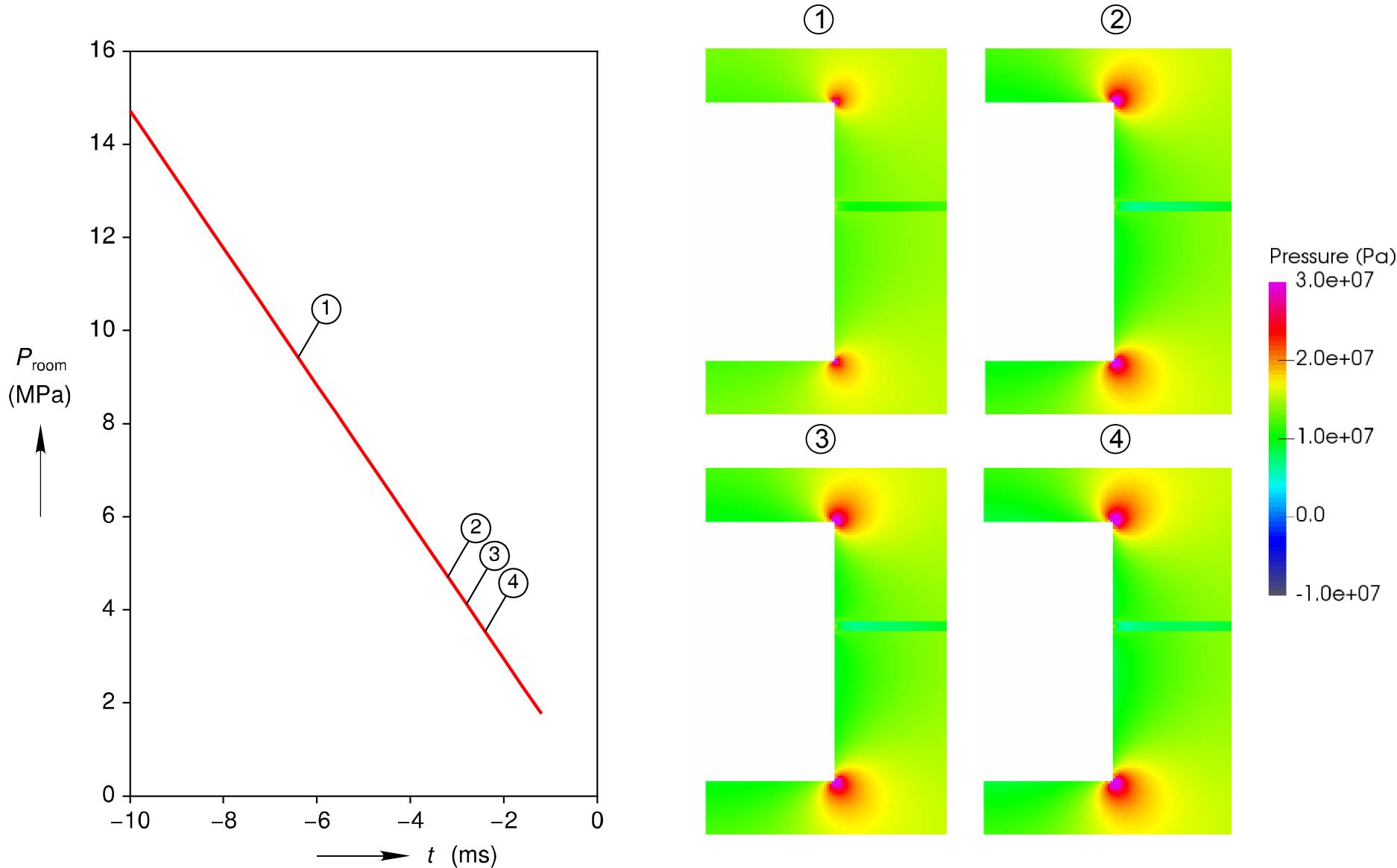
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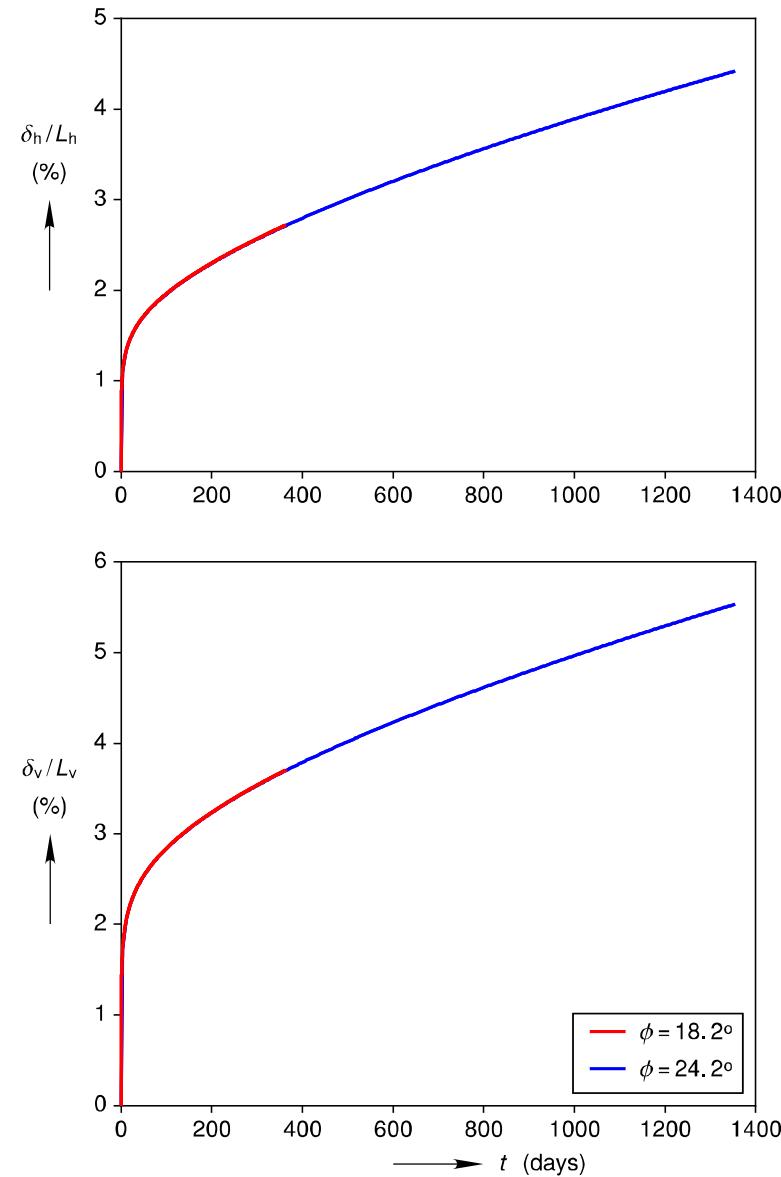
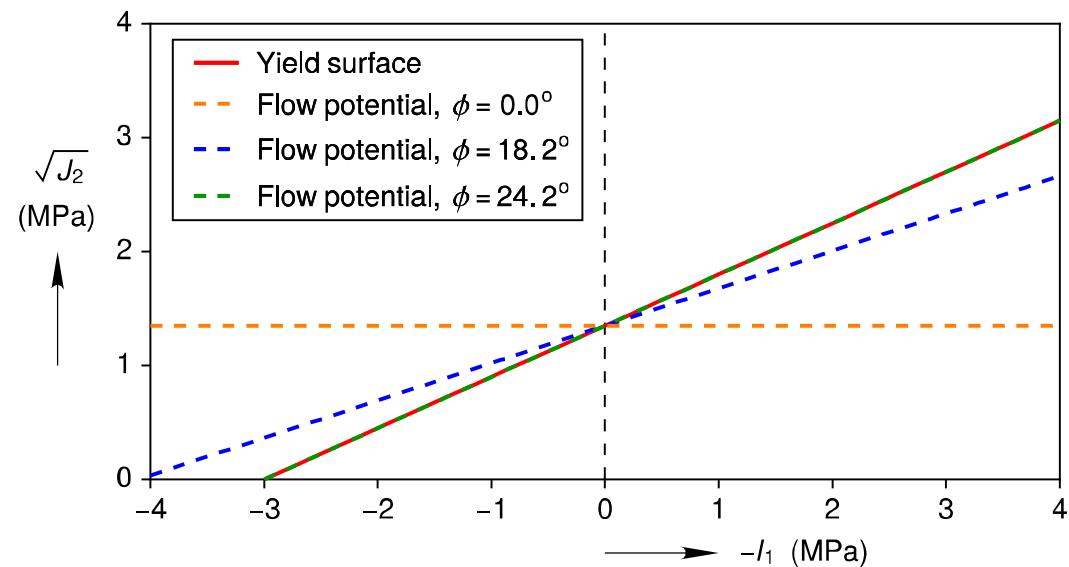
# Anhydrite Issue



# Anhydrite Issue Resolved

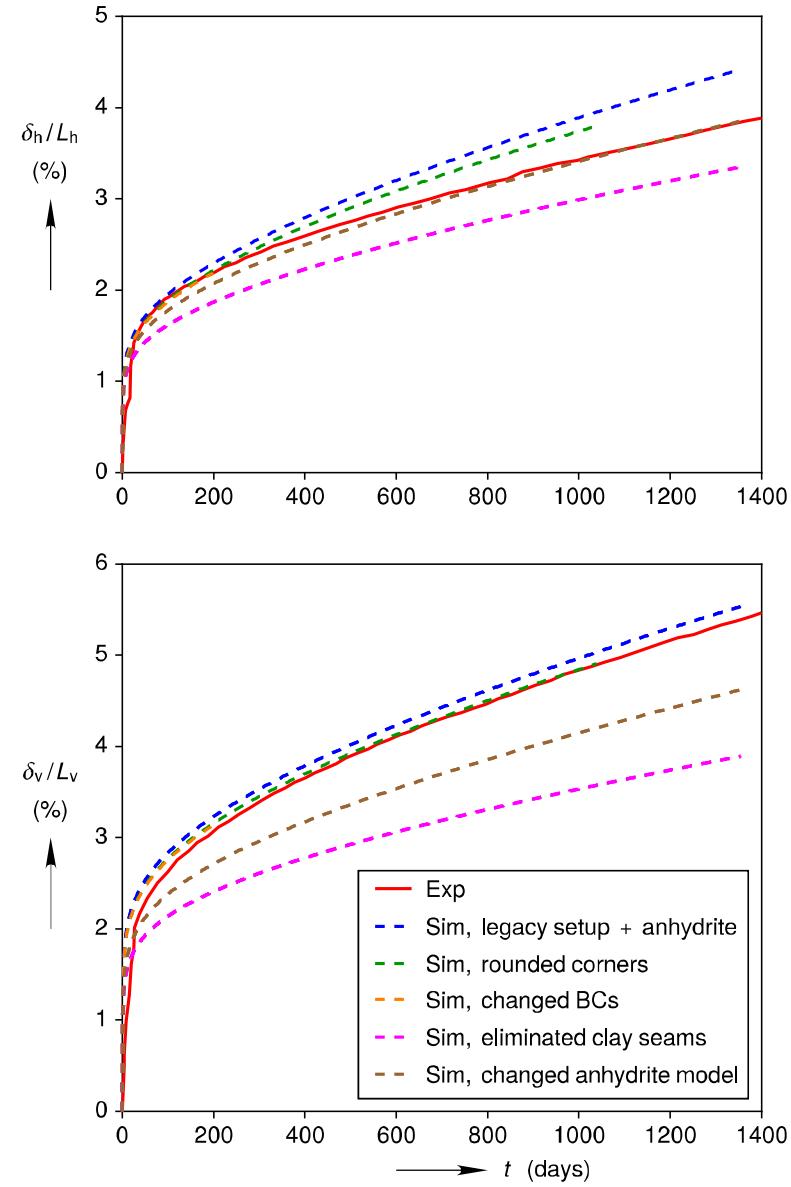
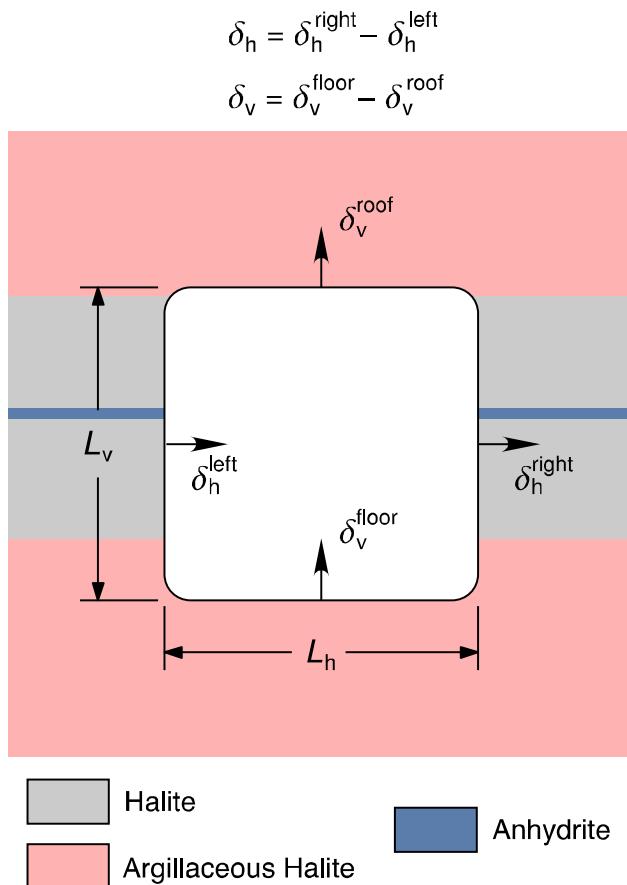


# Anhydrite Dilatation Angle Sensitivity

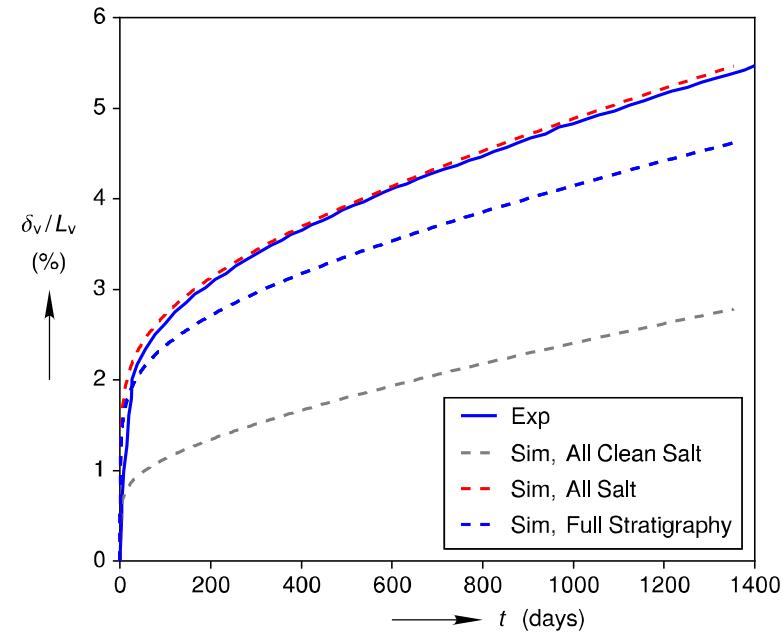
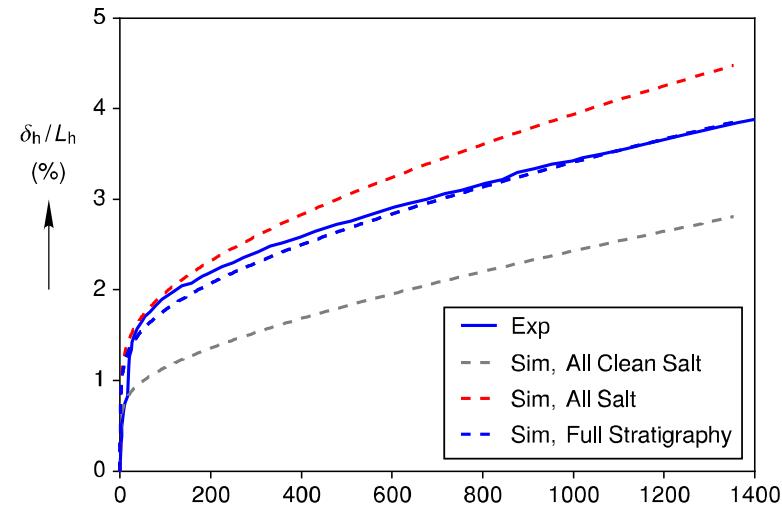
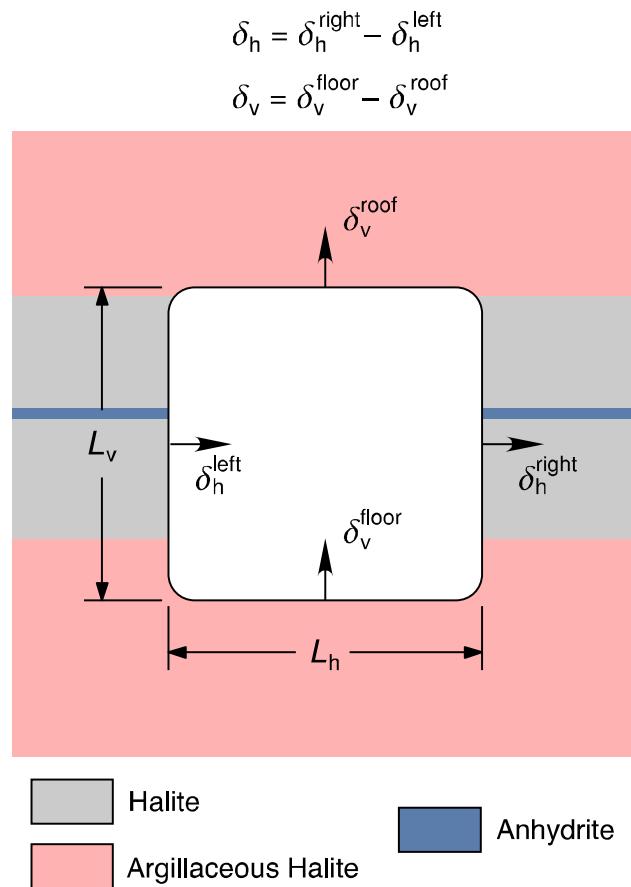


# Joint Project III Simulations

# Transition to Joint Project III Setup



# Joint Project III Simulations



# Preliminary Munson-Dawson Recalibration

# Triaxial Creep Exp

## Additive Decomposition

$$\dot{\varepsilon}_{zz} = \dot{\varepsilon}_{zz}^e + \dot{\varepsilon}_{zz}^{ss} + \dot{\varepsilon}_{zz}^{tr}$$

## Strain Definitions

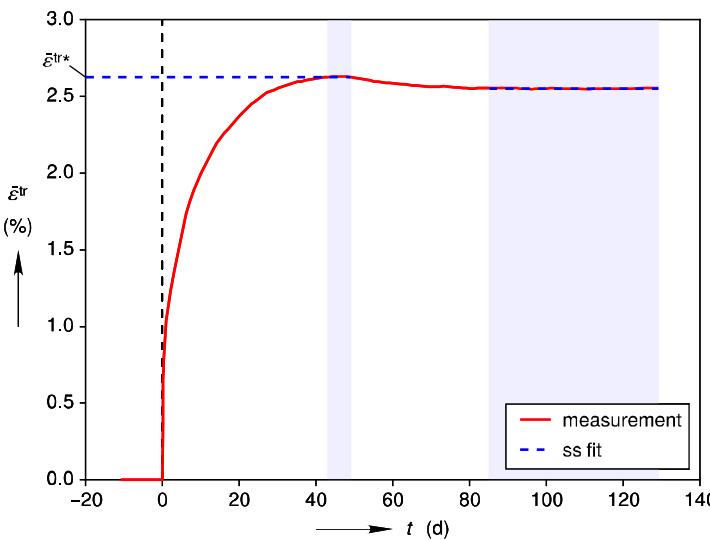
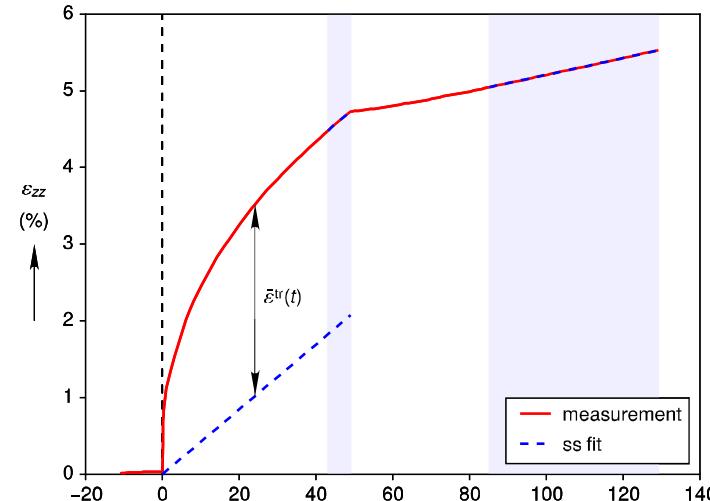
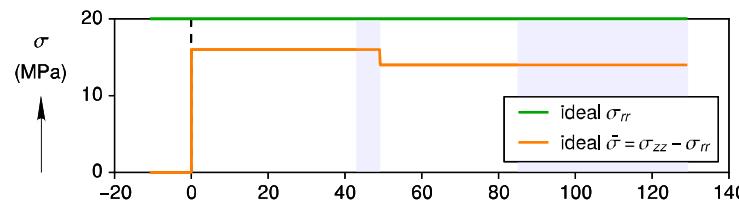
$\varepsilon_{zz}$  = total axial strain

$\varepsilon_{zz}^e$  = axial elastic strain

$\varepsilon_{zz}^{ss}$  = steady state equivalent strain

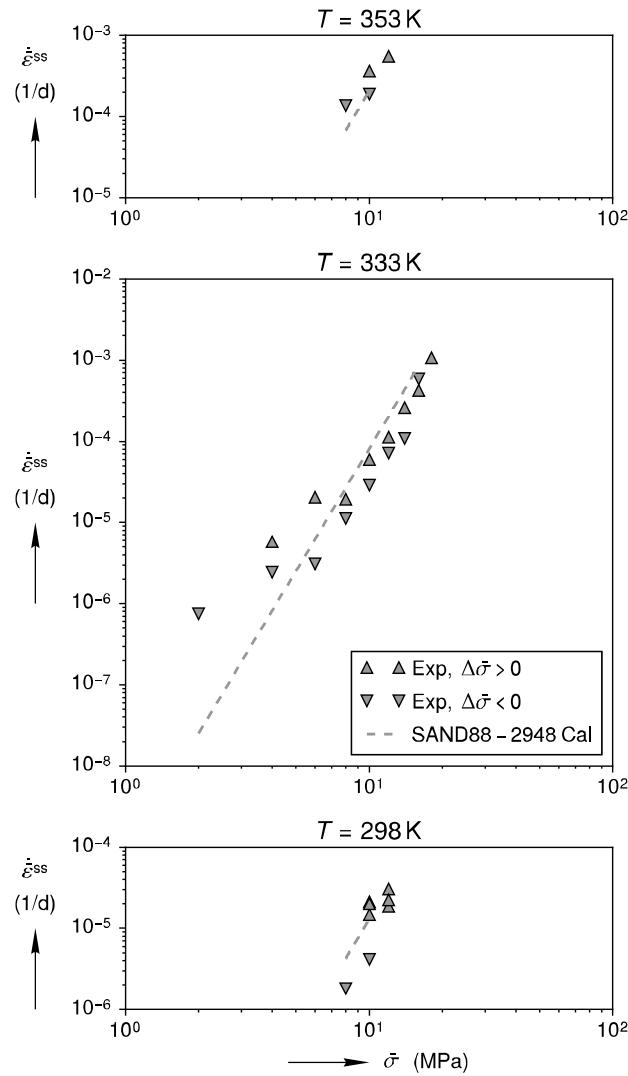
$\bar{\varepsilon}_{zz}^{tr}$  = transient equivalent strain

$\bar{\varepsilon}_{zz}^{tr*}$  = transient equivalent strain limit

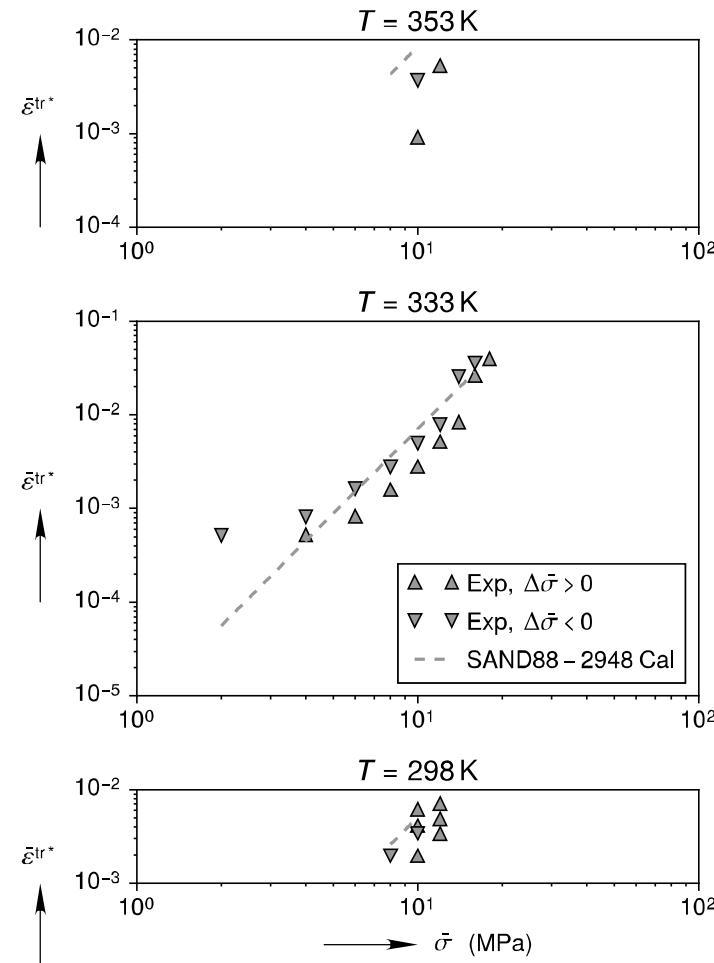


# Clean Salt

## Steady State Rate

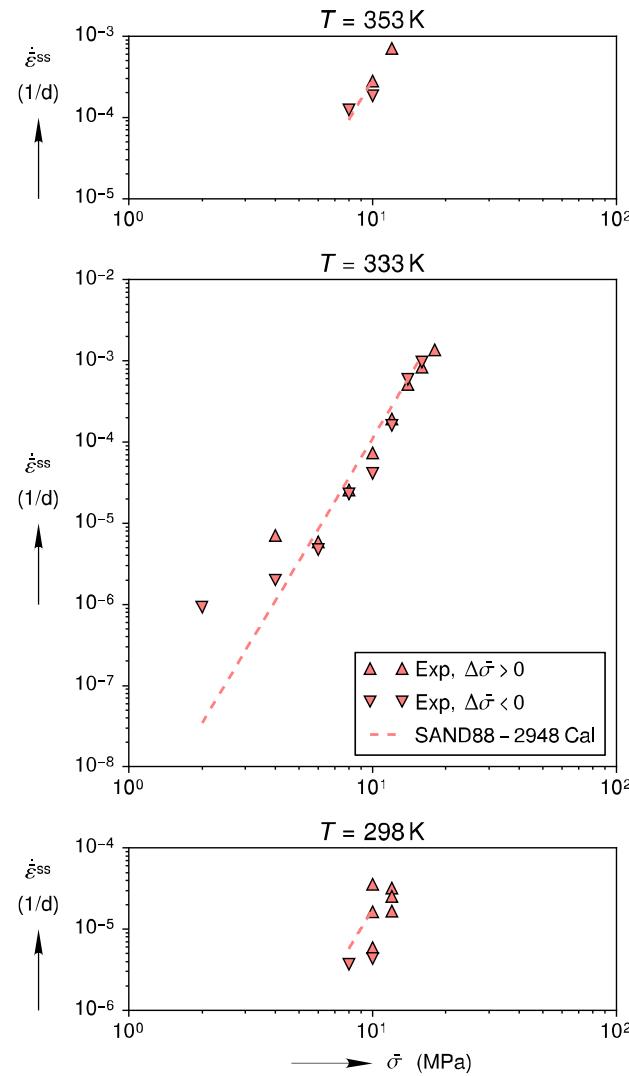


## Transient Limit

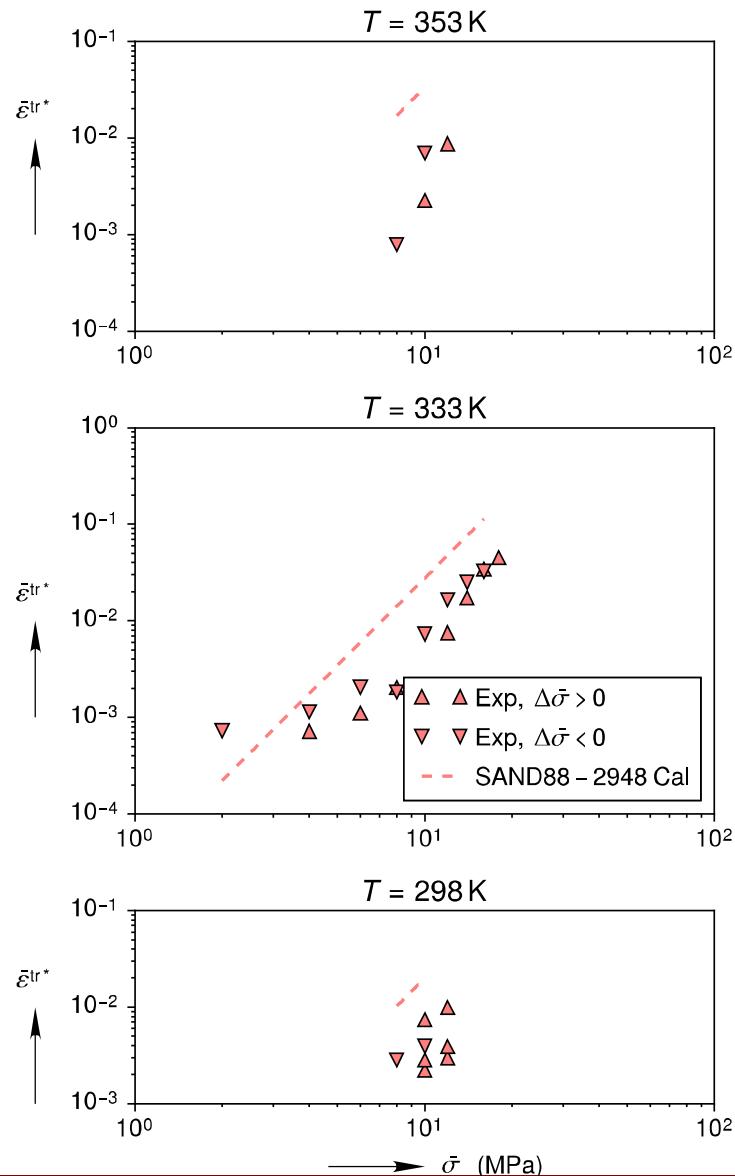


# Argillaceous Salt

## Steady State Rate

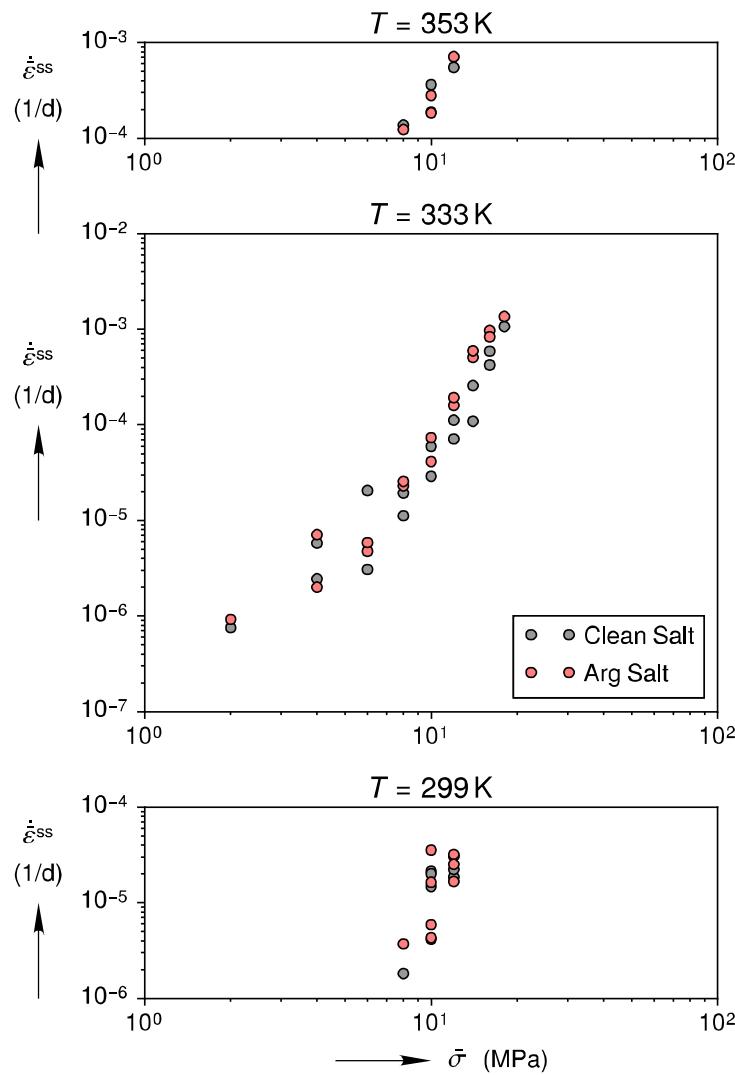


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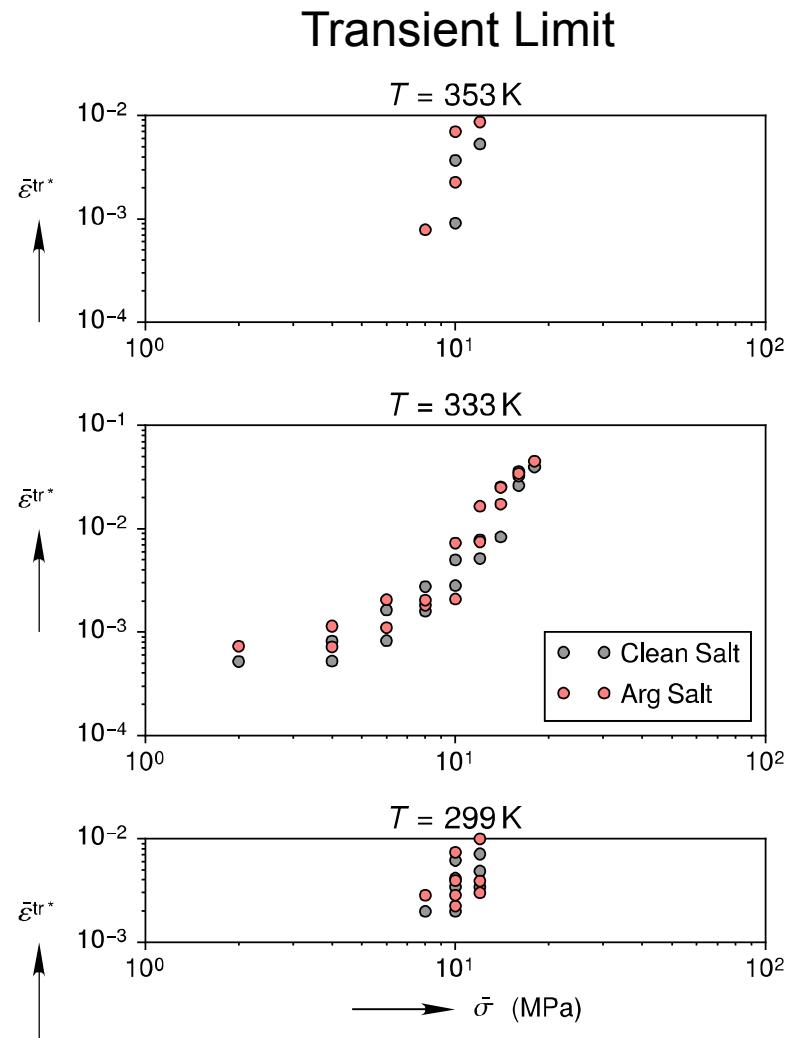


# Clean vs. Argillaceous Salt

## Steady State Rate

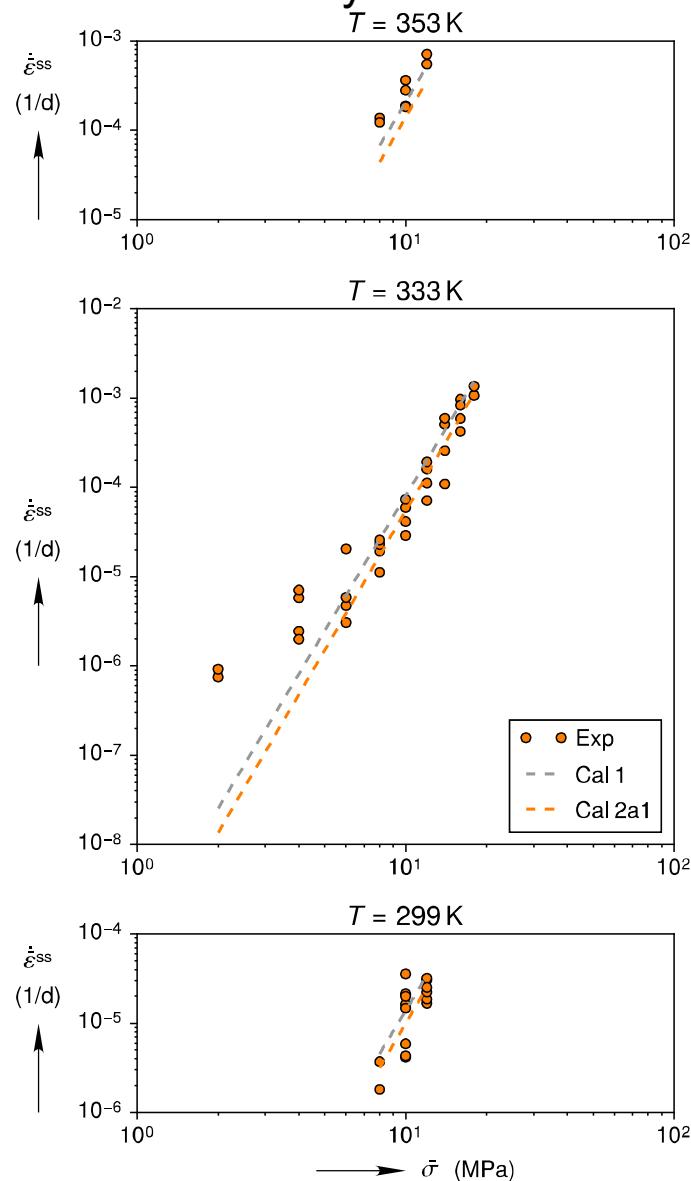


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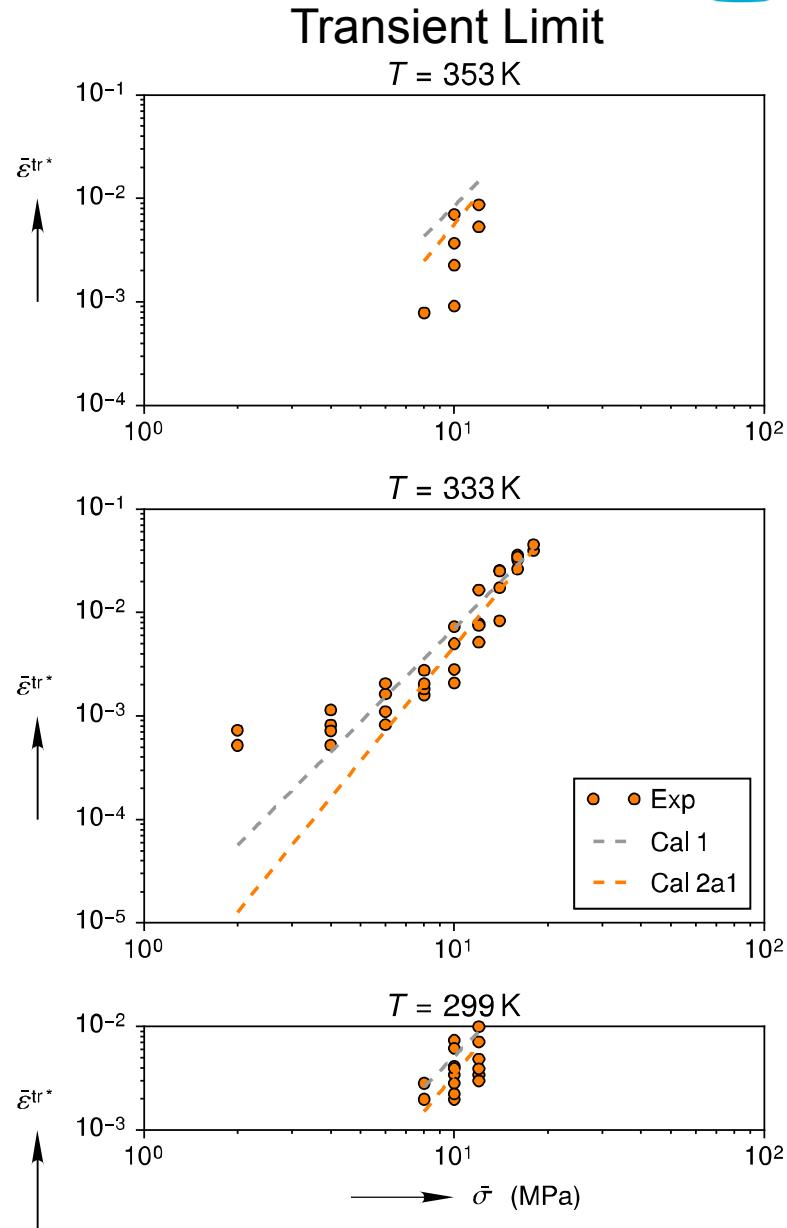


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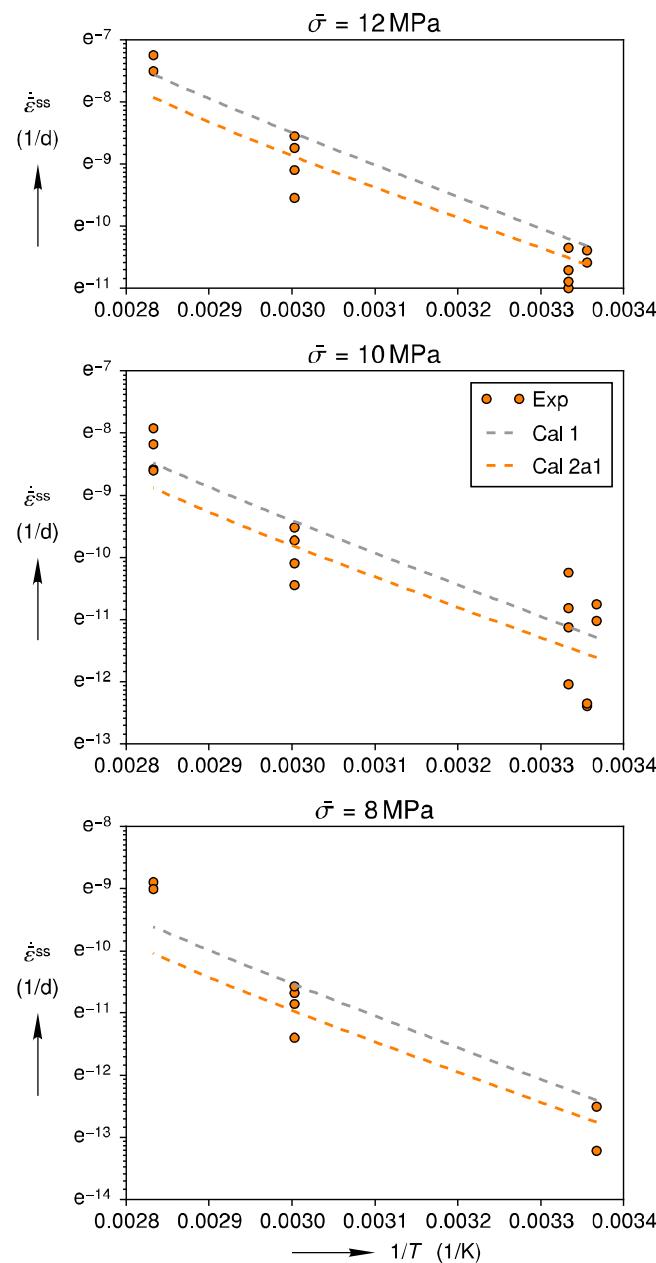


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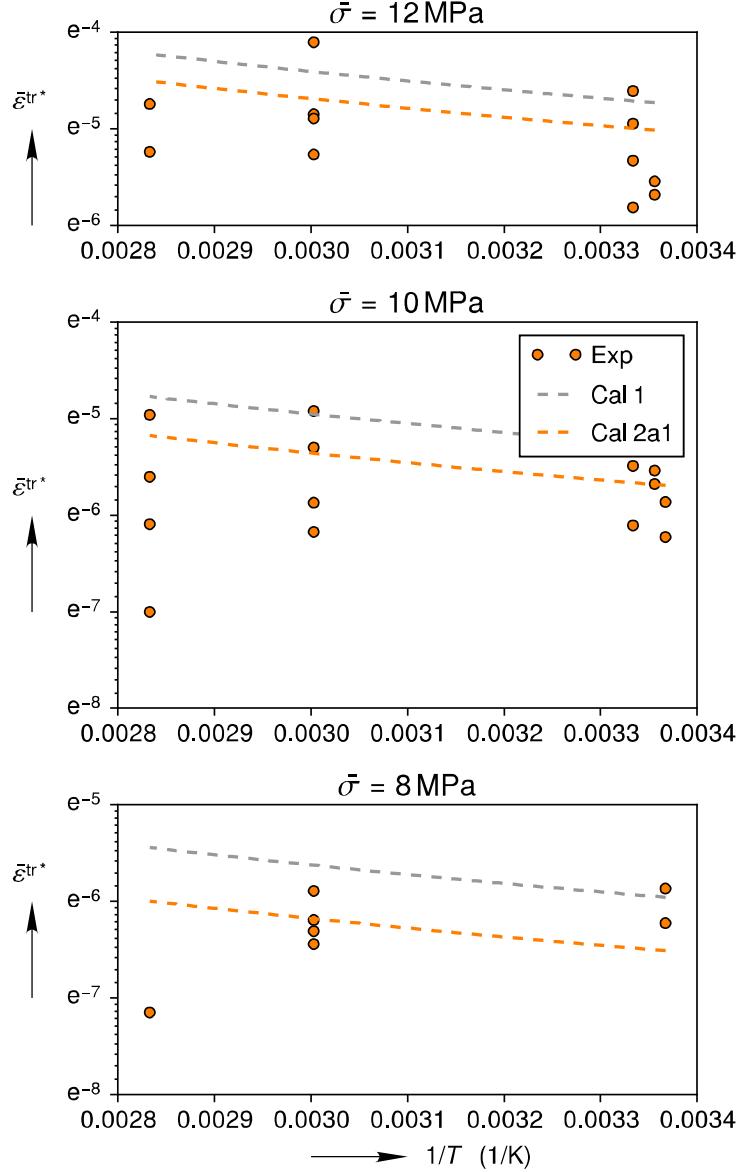


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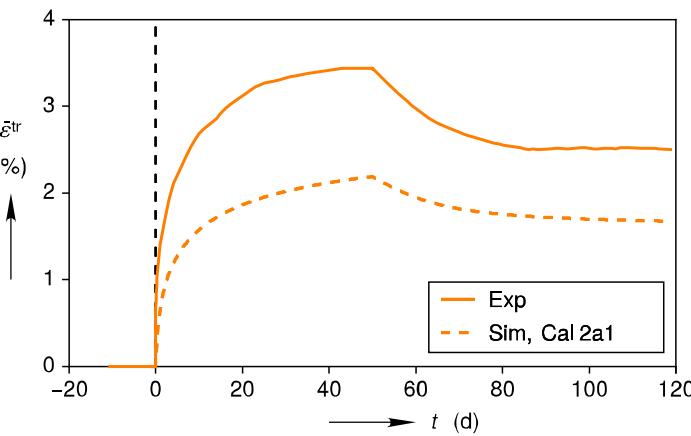
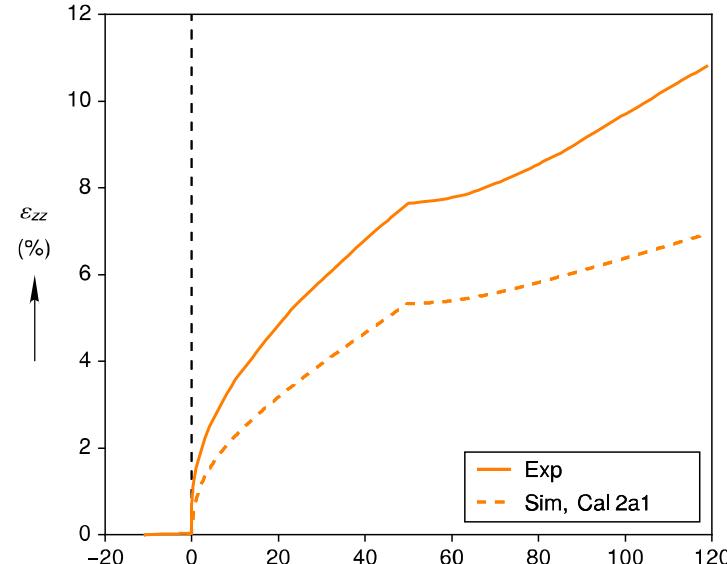
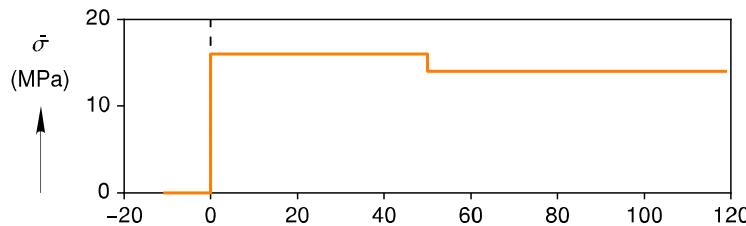


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Transient Creep ODE

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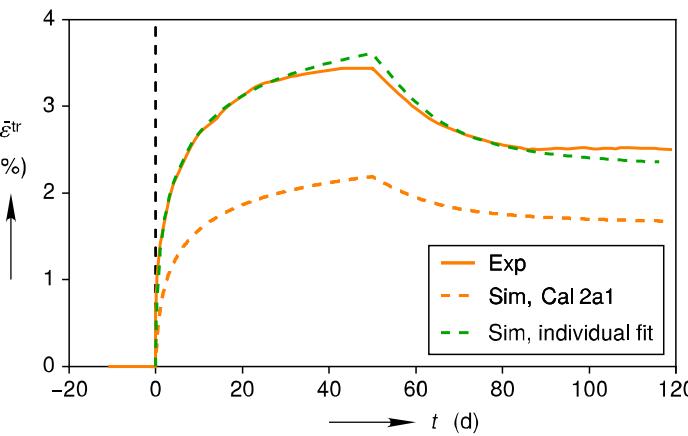
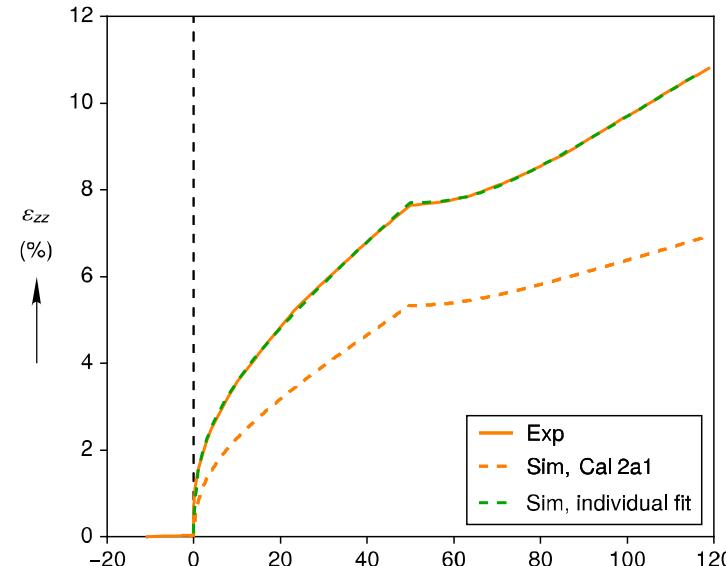
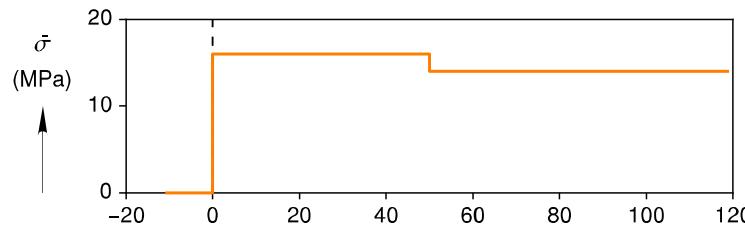


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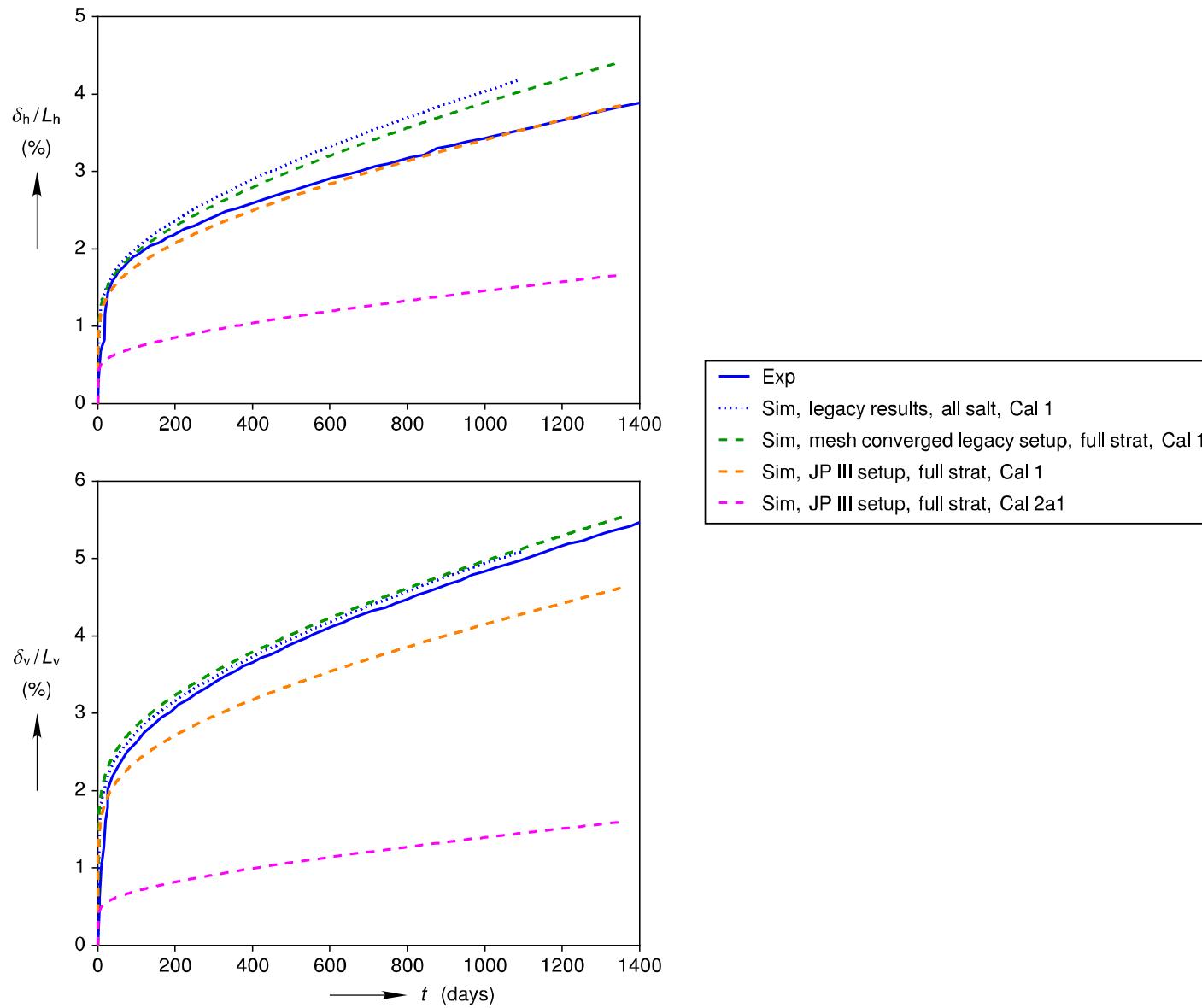
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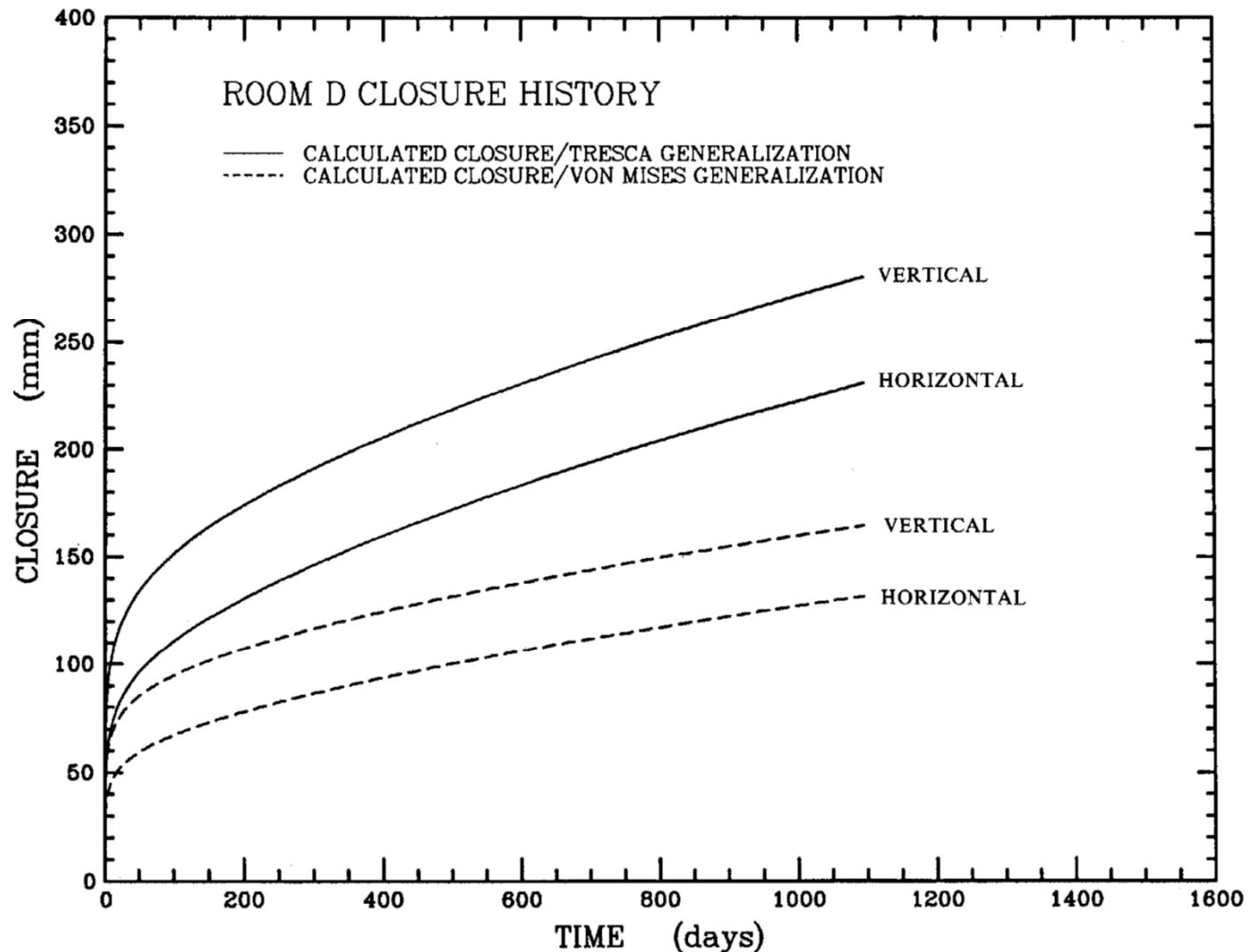


# Closure Predictions with Preliminary Calibration



# Future Work: Flow Potential

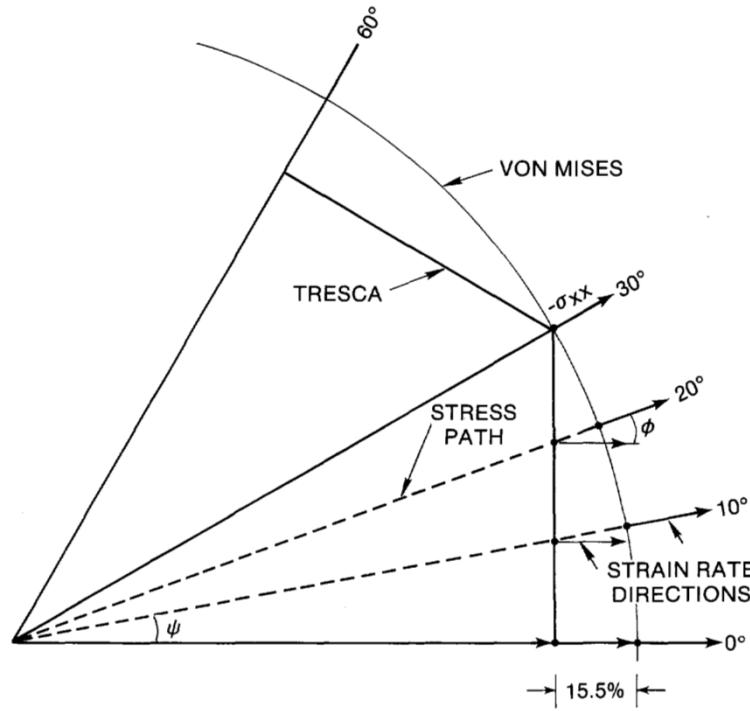
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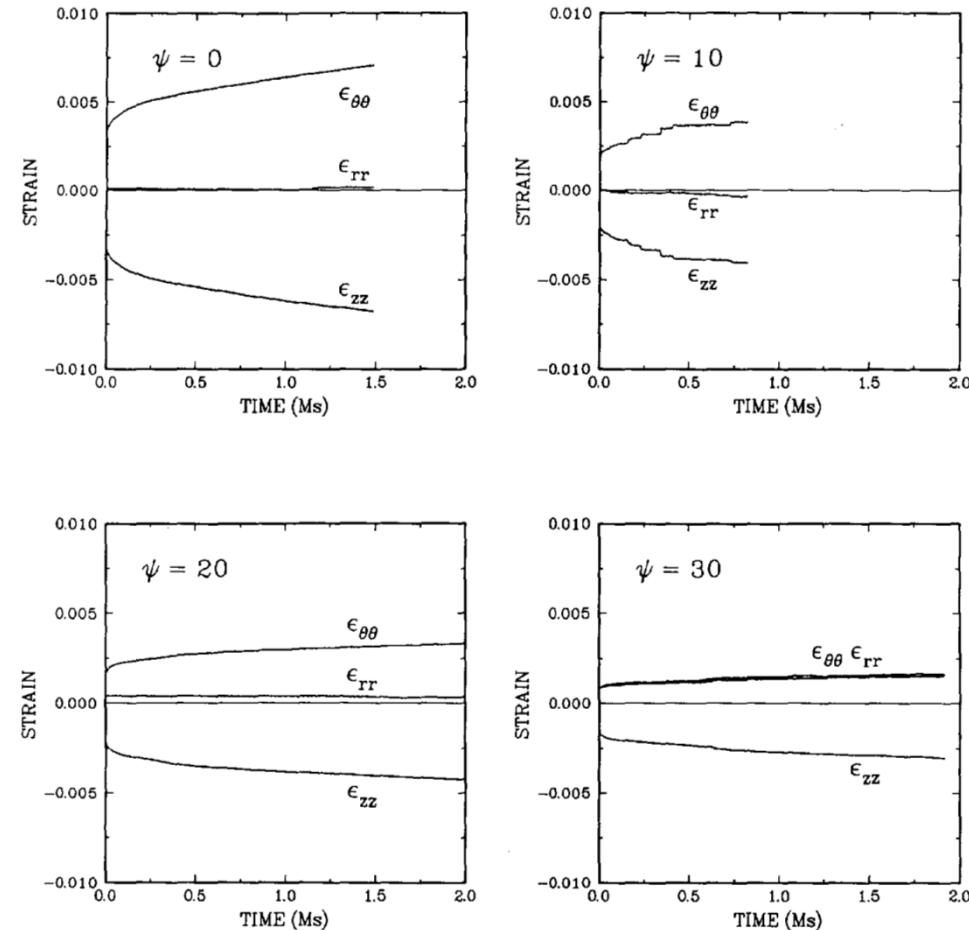
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# Flow Potential

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Thin Walled Tube Results



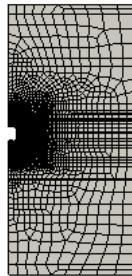
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Hosford (1972): 
$$f = \left( \frac{1}{2} |s_1 - s_2|^\eta + \frac{1}{2} |s_2 - s_3|^\eta + \frac{1}{2} |s_3 - s_1|^\eta \right)^{1/\eta}$$

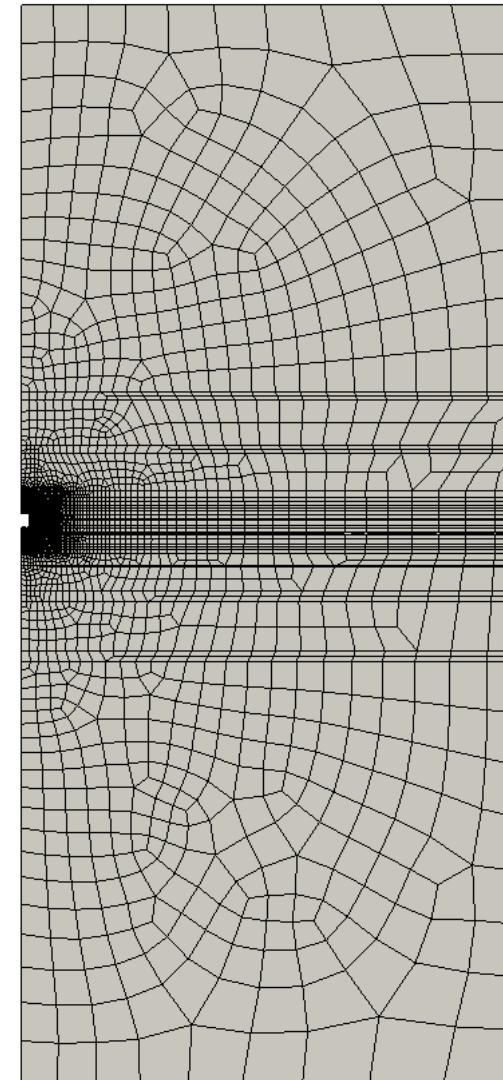
# Future Work: Simulation Boundary

# Somewhat Coarse Meshes (All Clean Salt)

Legacy (50 m)  
Boundary

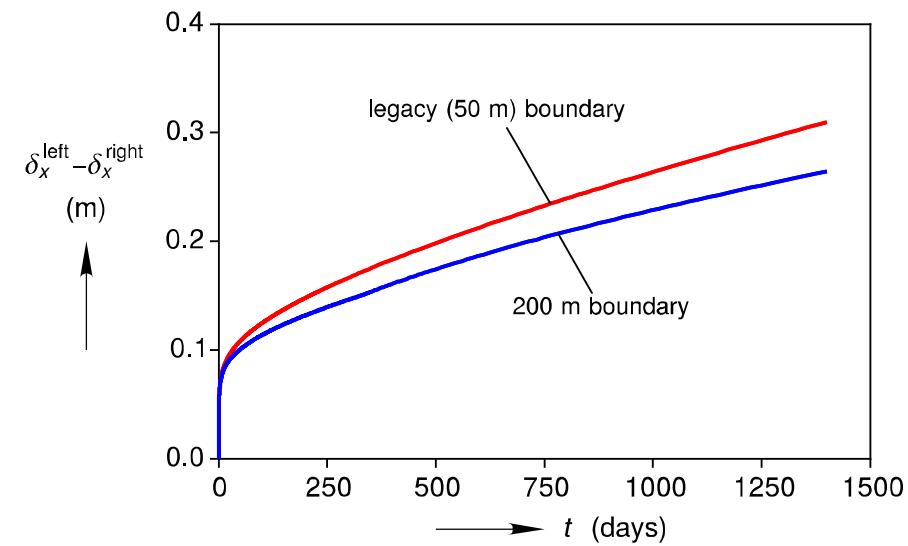


200 m Boundary

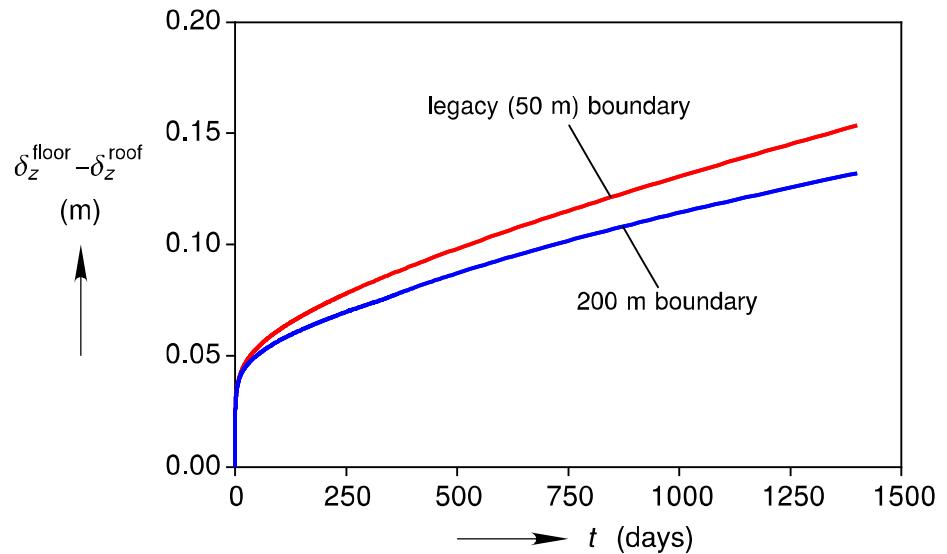


# Impact of Simulation Boundary on Room Closure

Horizontal Closure

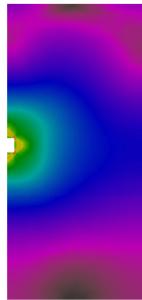


Vertical Closure

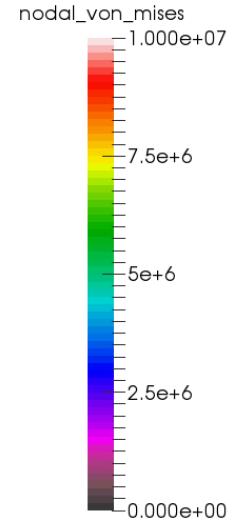
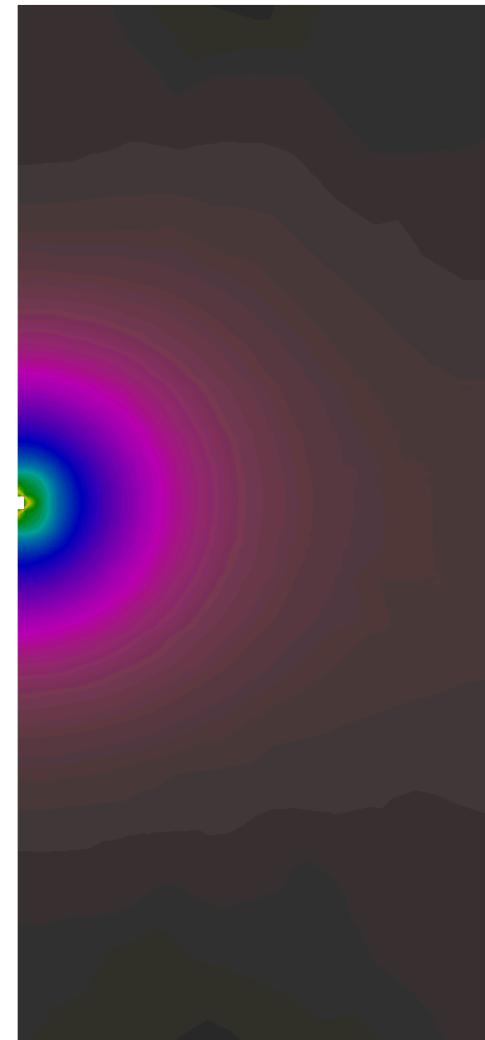


# Compare von Mises Stress Fields

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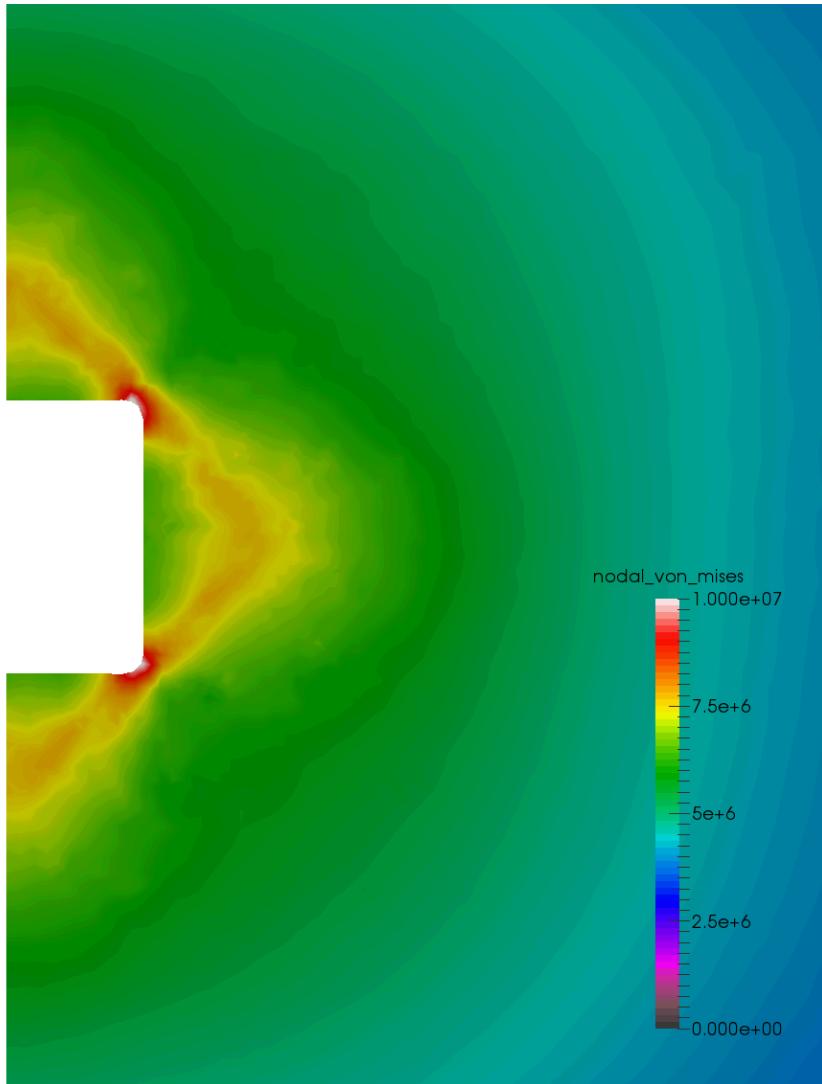


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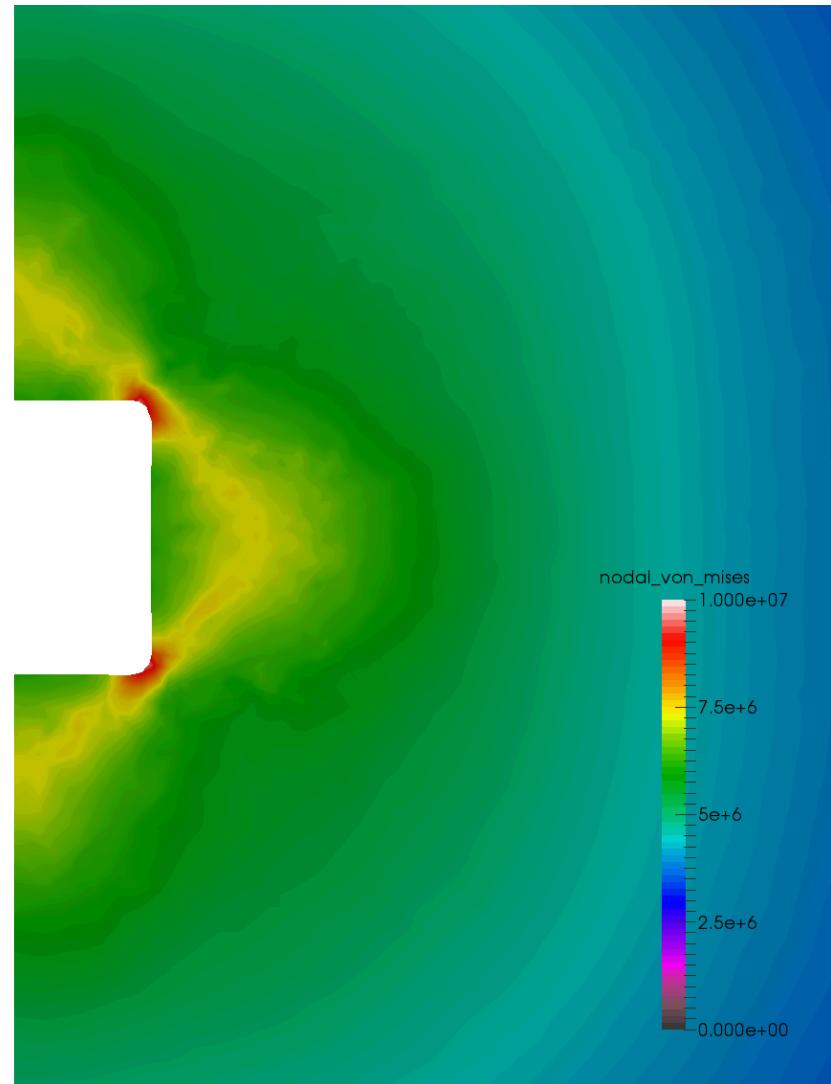


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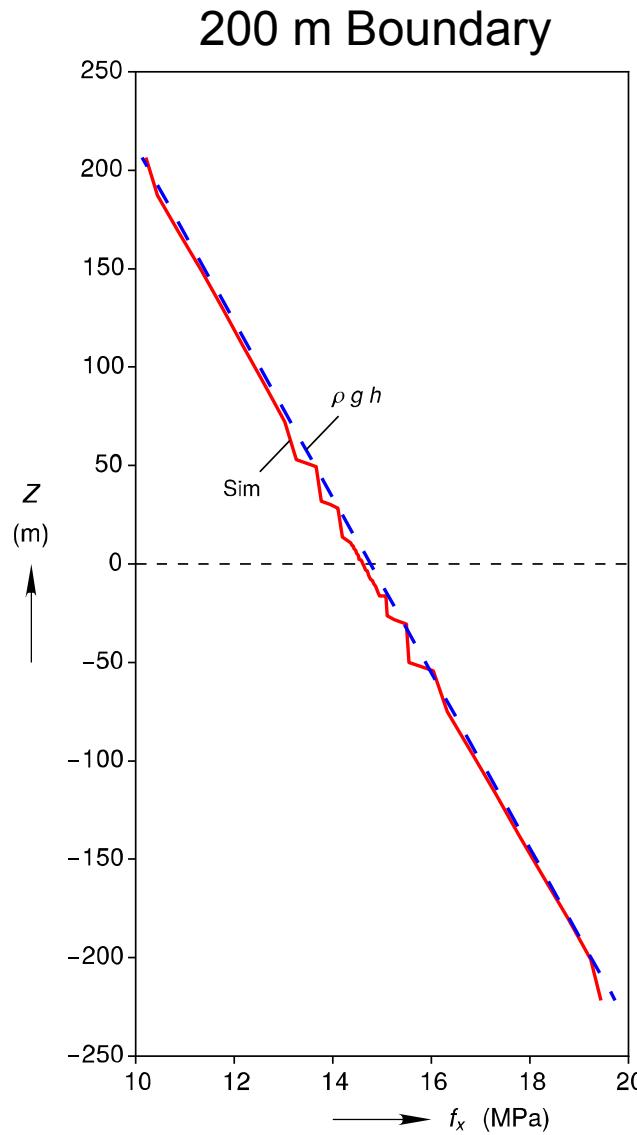
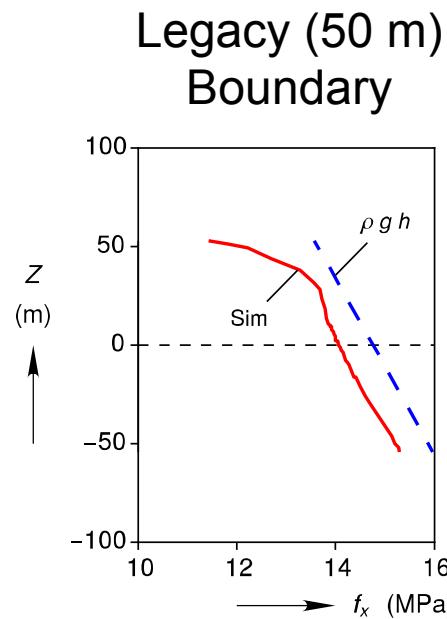
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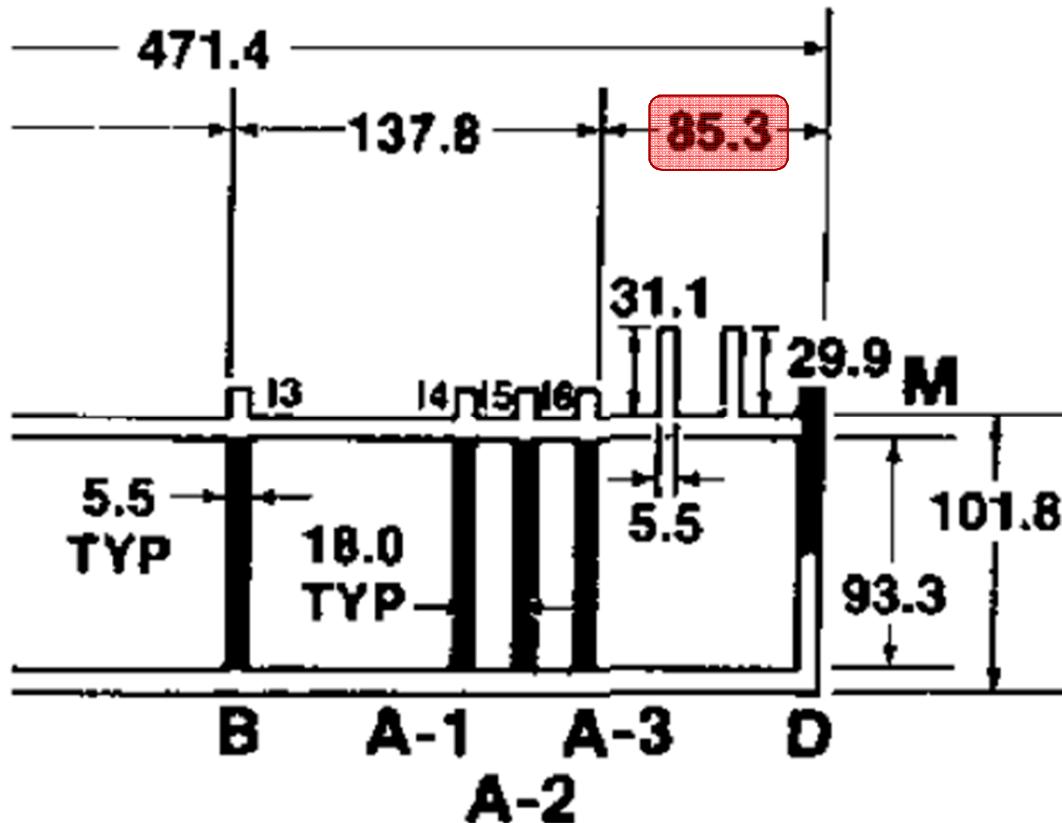
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# Traction distribution on the right boundary



# Room Spacing

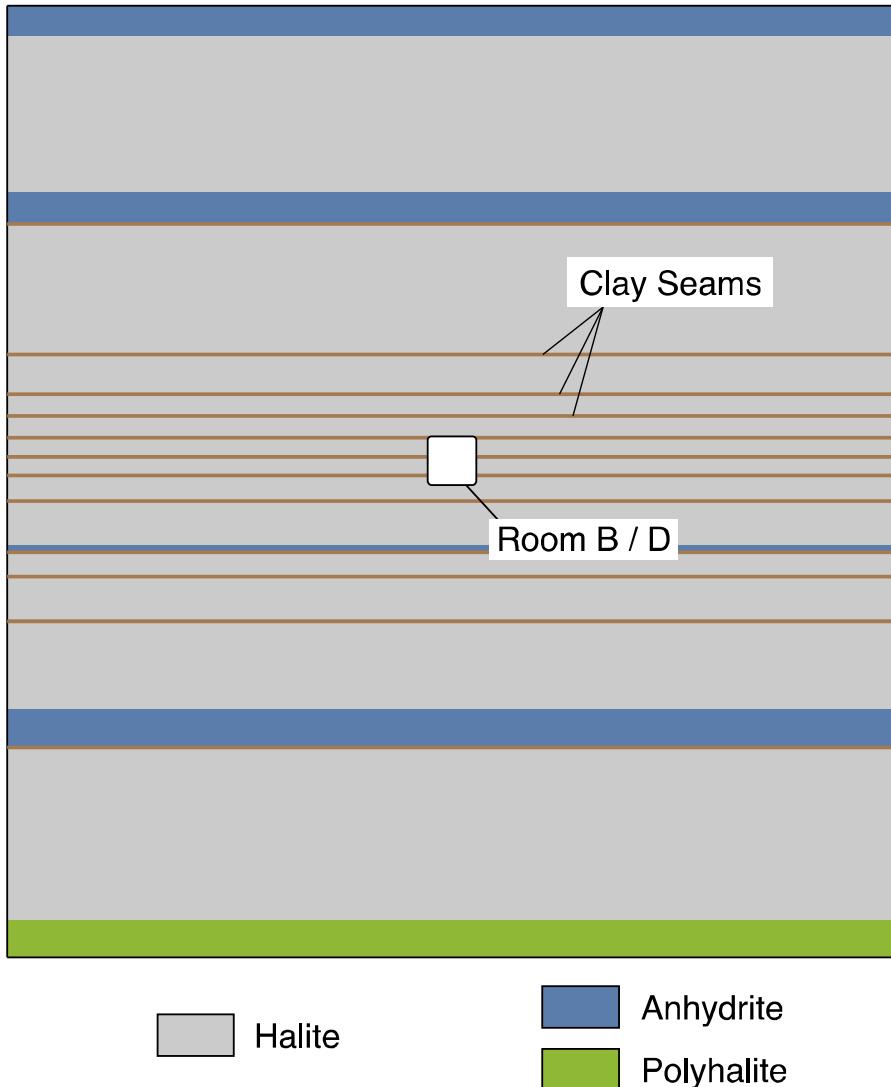


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# Future Work

- Salt material model
  - Calibrate high temp behavior
  - Calibrate transient creep rate
  - Low deviatoric stresses
  - Flow potential
- Simulation boundary
- Anhydrite material model
- Size effects
- Friction in triaxial experiment

Room B / D Stratigraphy



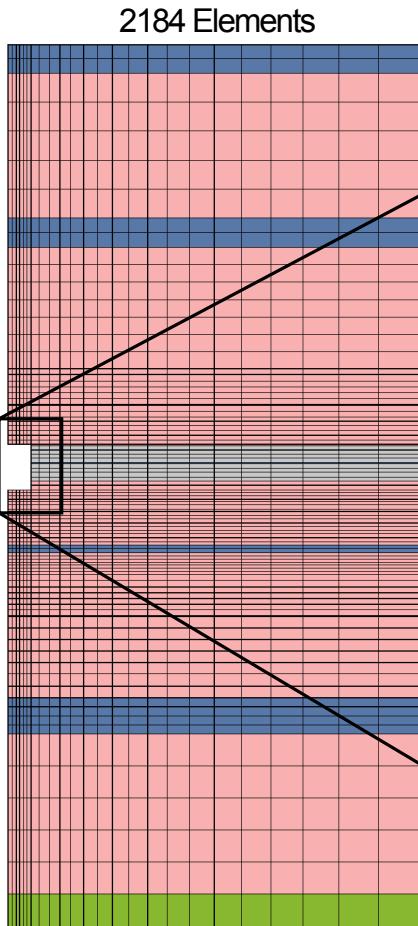
# Summary

- Quite difficult to resolve the legacy simulation numerics
  - New mesh
  - Tighter residual tolerance
  - Switched contact algorithm
  - Changed to associated flow for anhydrite material model
- Completed Room D simulations with the legacy Munson-Dawson model calibration
- Recalibration of the Munson-Dawson model is in process
  - The legacy transient limit does not match the JPIII experiments
  - The argillaceous and clean salt are virtually identical, so only one calibration will be pursued
  - The transient limit temperature dependence needs further study
  - The simulation of room D with the preliminary calibration roughly agrees with the partners
- Simulation boundary may be too close

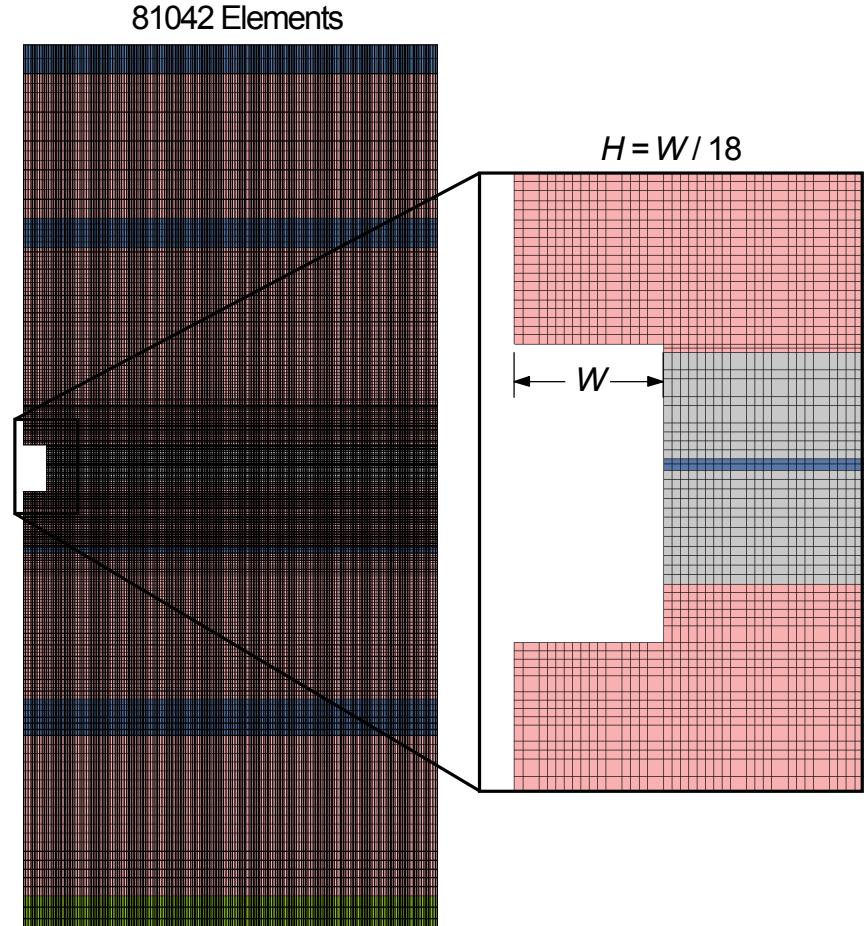
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# Initial Mesh Convergence Study

Coarsest Mesh

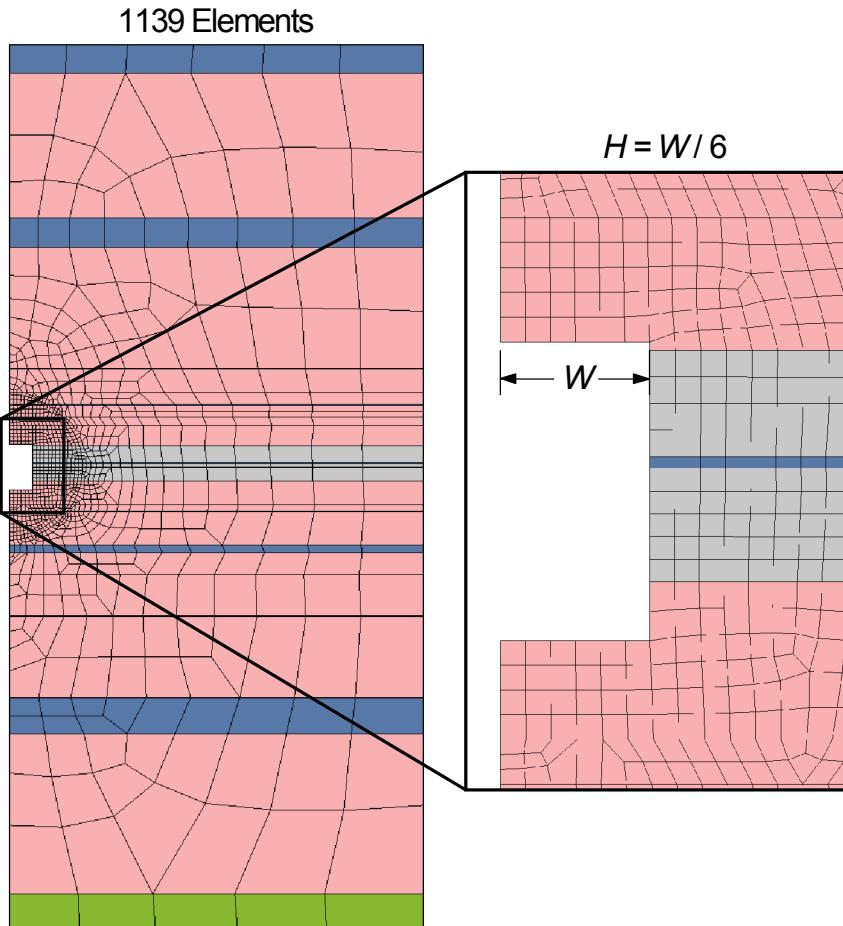


Finest Mesh

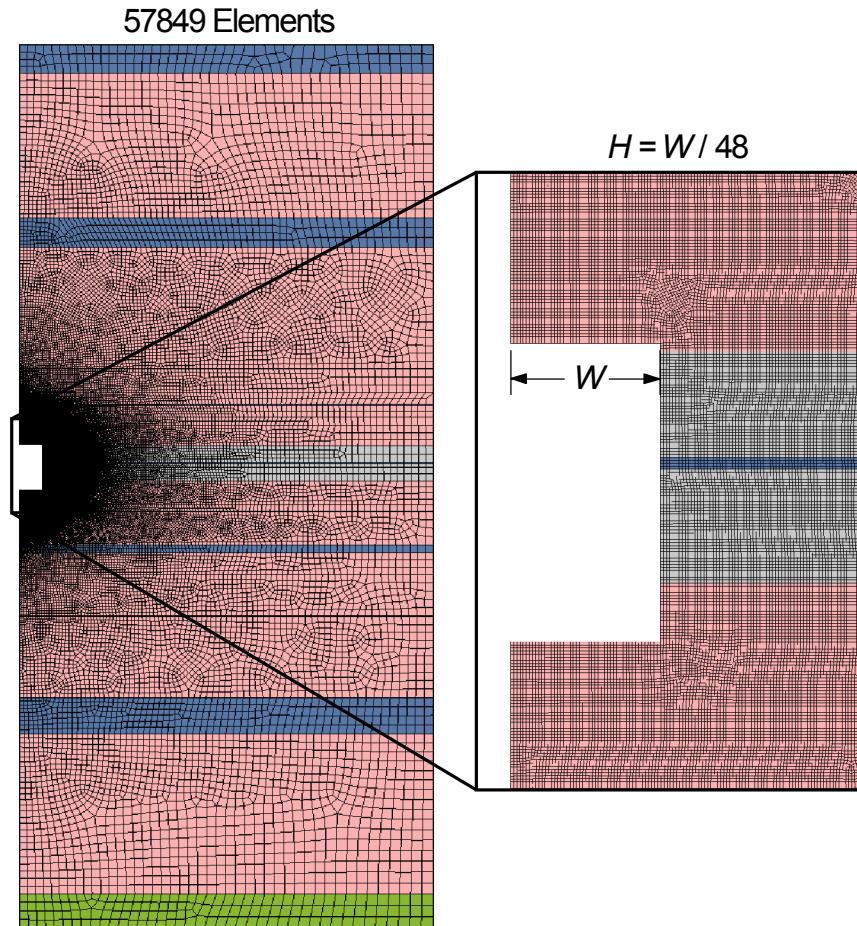


# New Meshes

Coarsest Mesh



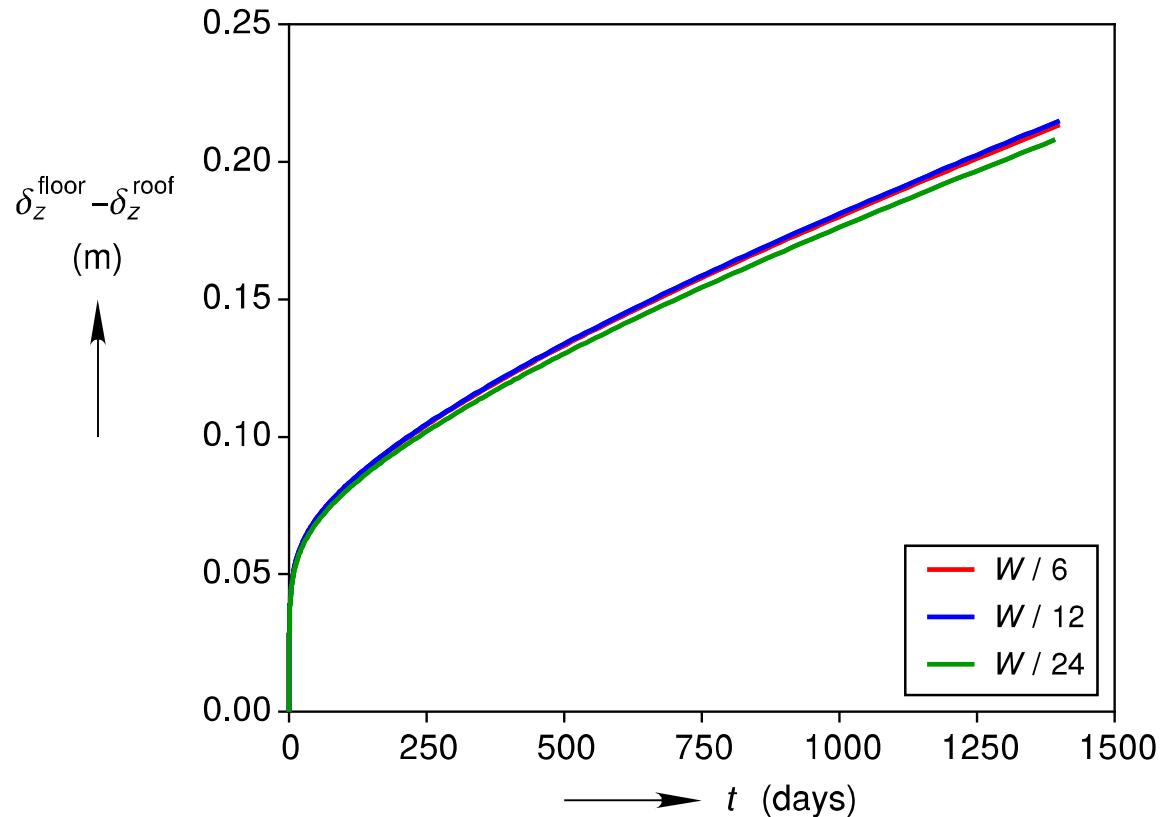
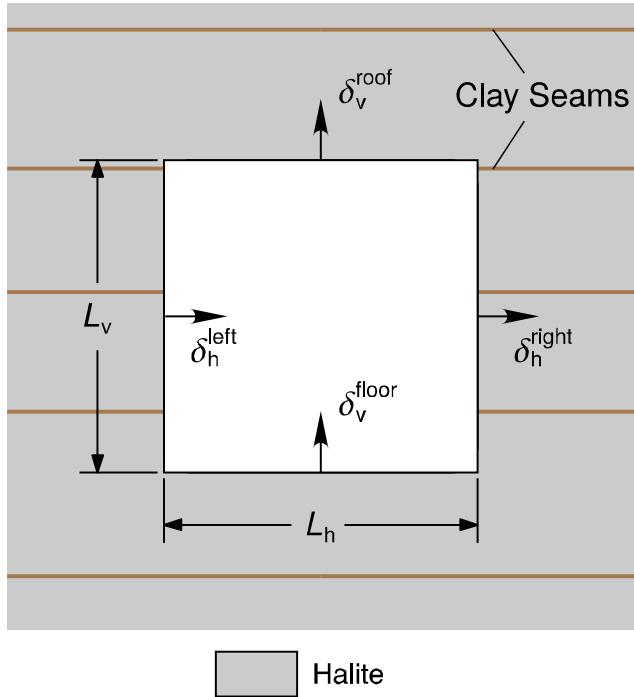
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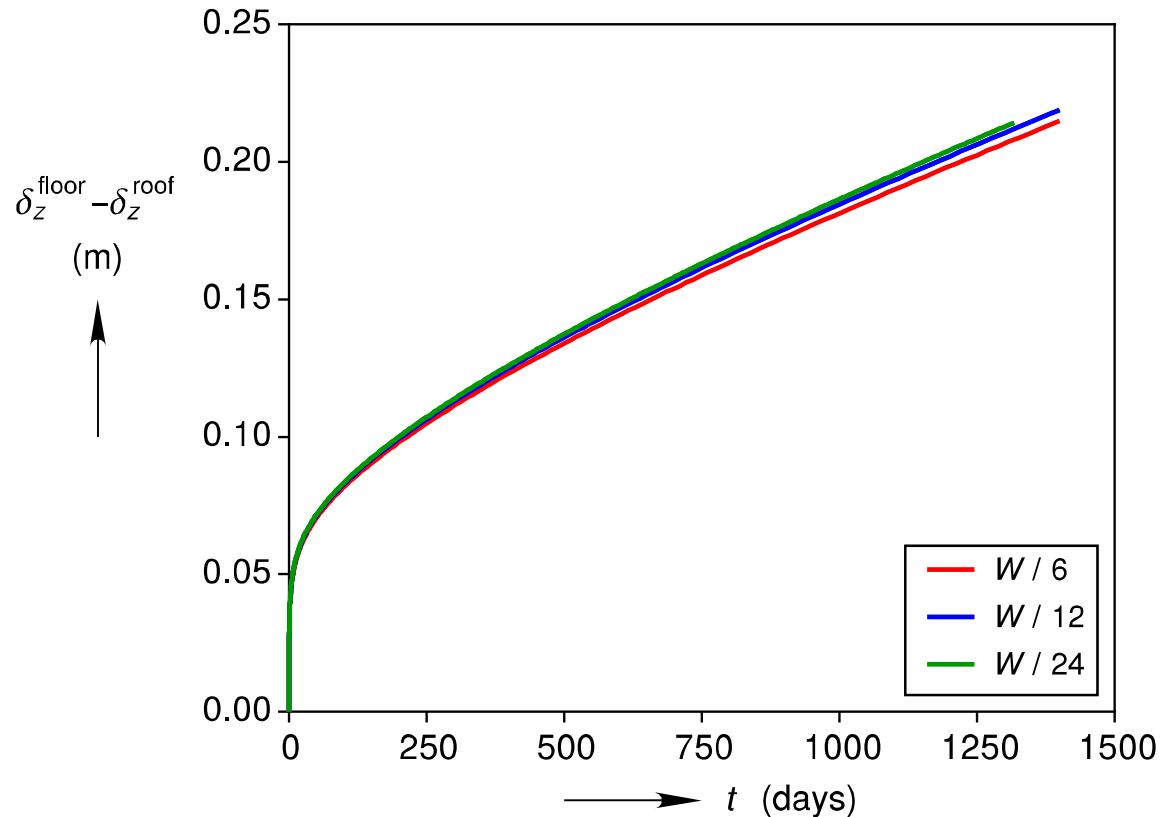
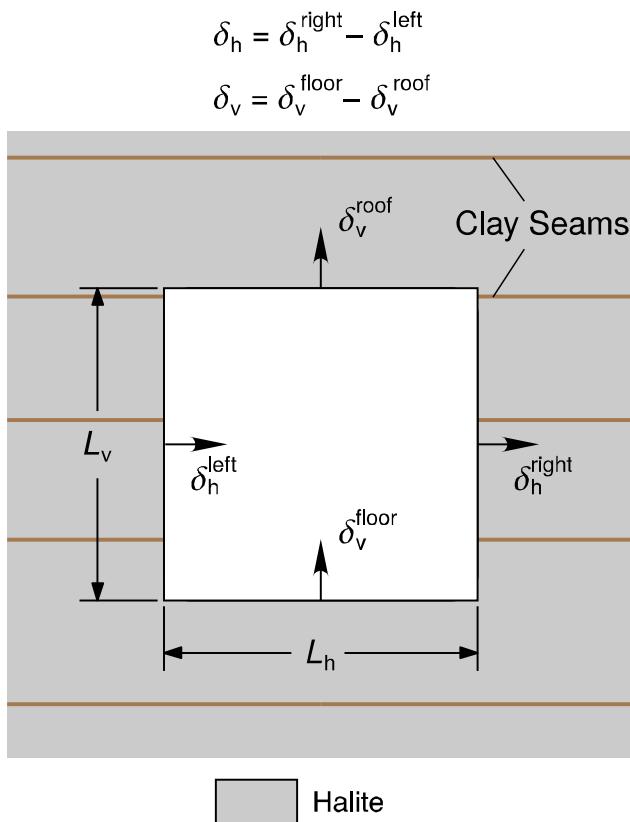
# Kinematic Contact Enforcement Issue

$$\delta_h = \delta_h^{\text{right}} - \delta_h^{\text{left}}$$

$$\delta_v = \delta_v^{\text{floor}} - \delta_v^{\text{roof}}$$



# Augmented Lagrange Contact Enforcement



# Residual Tolerance

