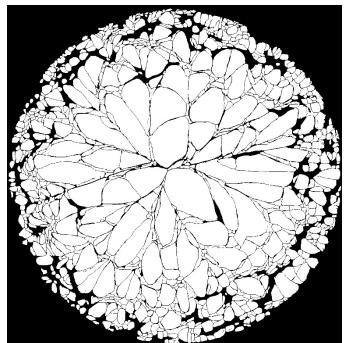


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# Predicting Fragmentation of Ion-Exchanged Glass

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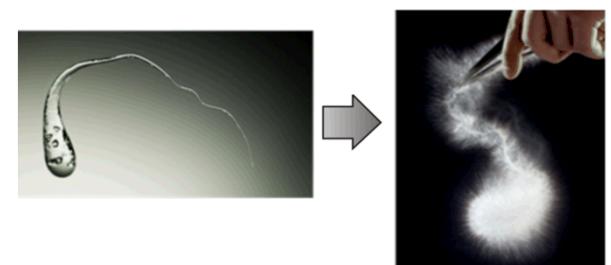
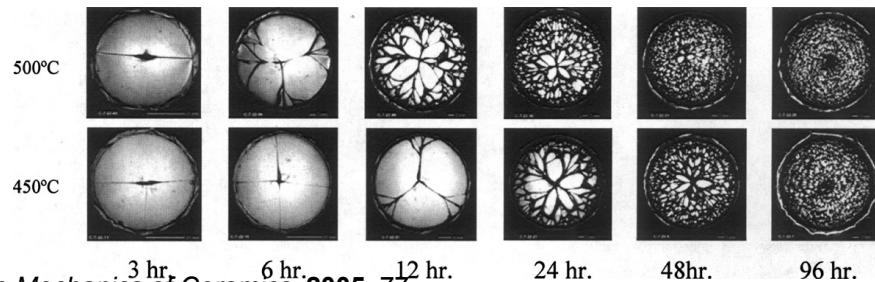


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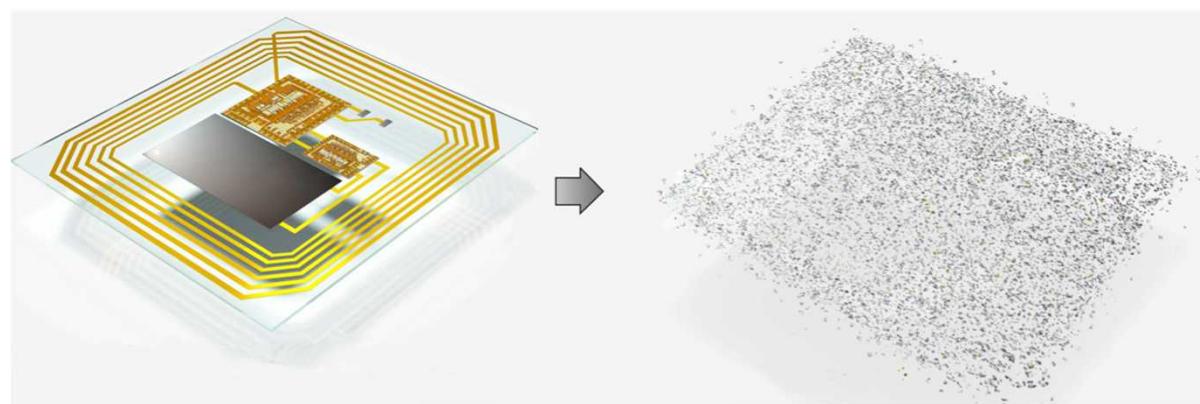
- Motivation / Approach
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# Transient Electronics

- Design disintegrating circuits from highly stressed substrates that fragment upon stress release
- Ion Exchanged glass is a well known material process whose stress profile can be engineered to control fragmentation

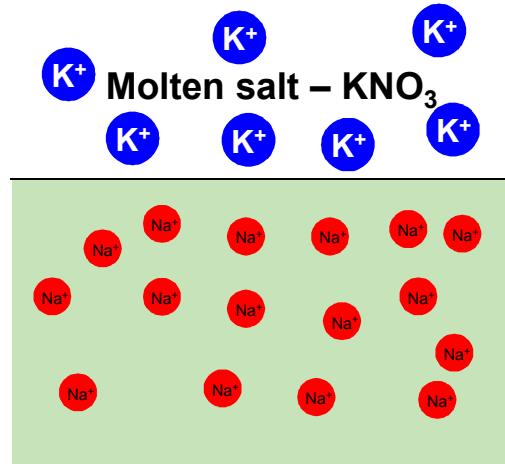


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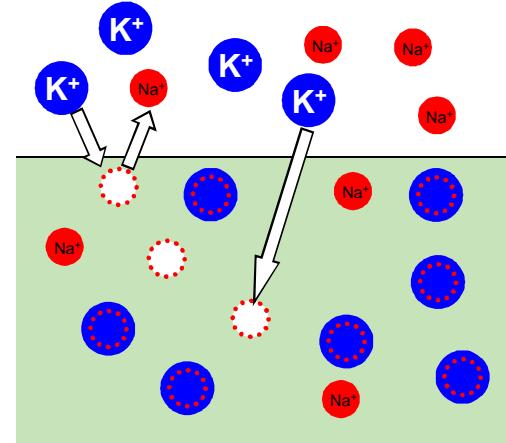


*Need predictive model to optimize / minimize particle size after fragmentation.*

# Ion Exchange Glass Process



Glass in molten salt bath

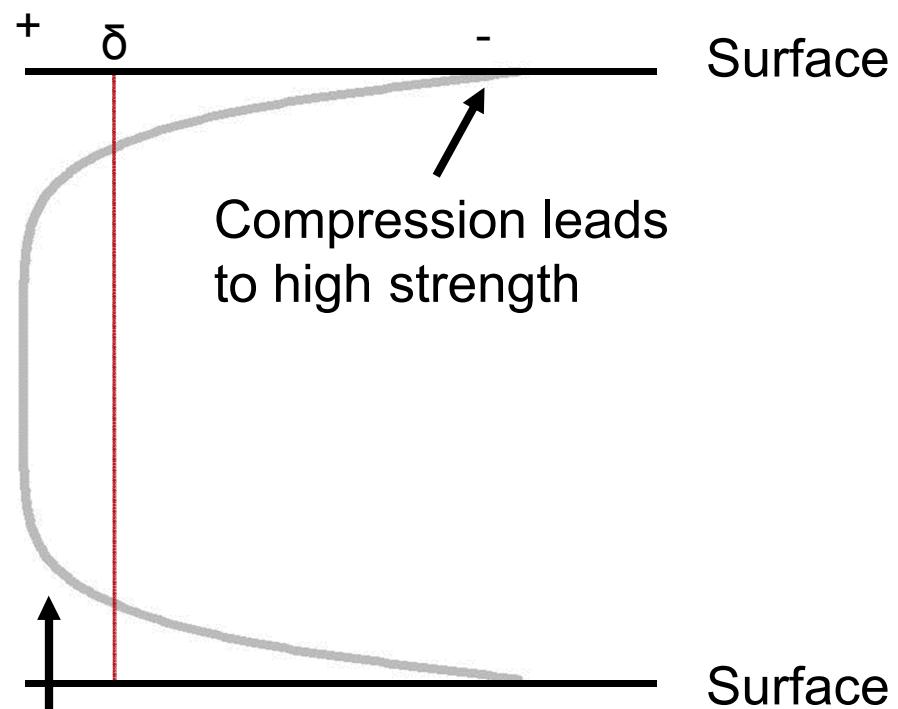
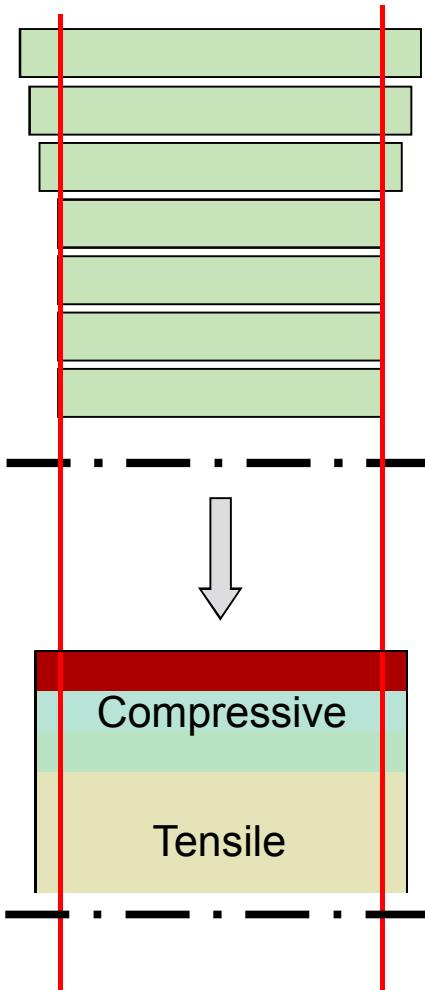


$\text{K}^+$  (in salt)  $\rightarrow$   $\text{K}^+$  (in glass)

Sodium (Na) containing glass is heated in a molten Potassium Nitrate ( $\text{KNO}_3$ )  
 $\text{Na}^+$  ions exchange with  $\text{K}^+$  ions

Process Parameters:  
Exchange Temperature 400 – 500 °C  
Exchange Time 3 – 100 hrs  
Glass Thickness

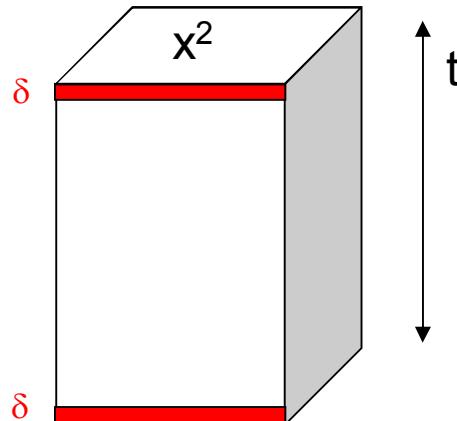
# Induced Stress Profile



*Exchange process causes a surface compression layer with a resulting central tension region.*

# Previous Fragmentation Model

## Analytical Model



$$\Delta U_E = \left( \frac{1-\nu}{E} \right) \sigma_t^2 dV$$

Energy Stored in Central Tension Region

$$U_E = \frac{(1-\nu)}{E} x^2 \sigma_t^2 (t - 2\delta)$$

Energy Required to create the free surface

$$U_S = 4xty$$

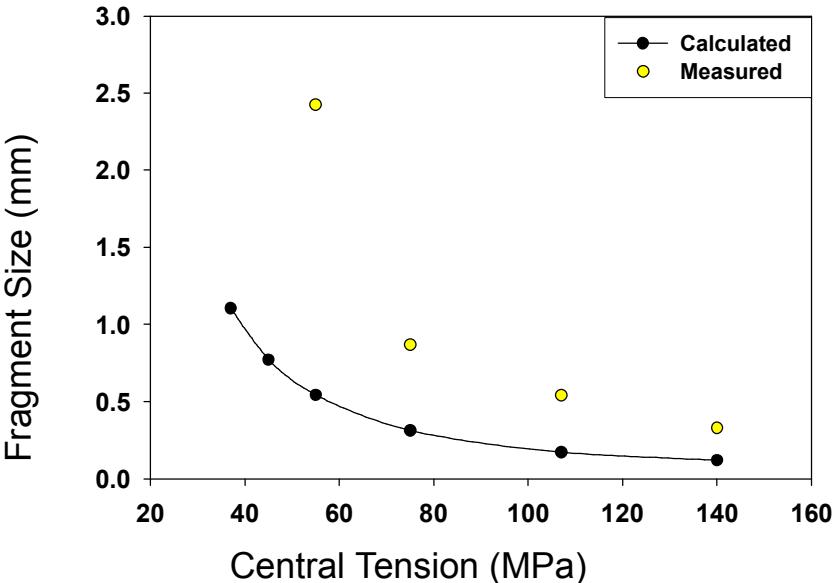
$$\text{Fragment size, } x = \frac{K_{1c}^2}{\sigma_t^2} (1+\nu) \frac{t}{(0.5t - \delta)}$$

*Assumptions in the Analytical model*

*Not all energy is released.*

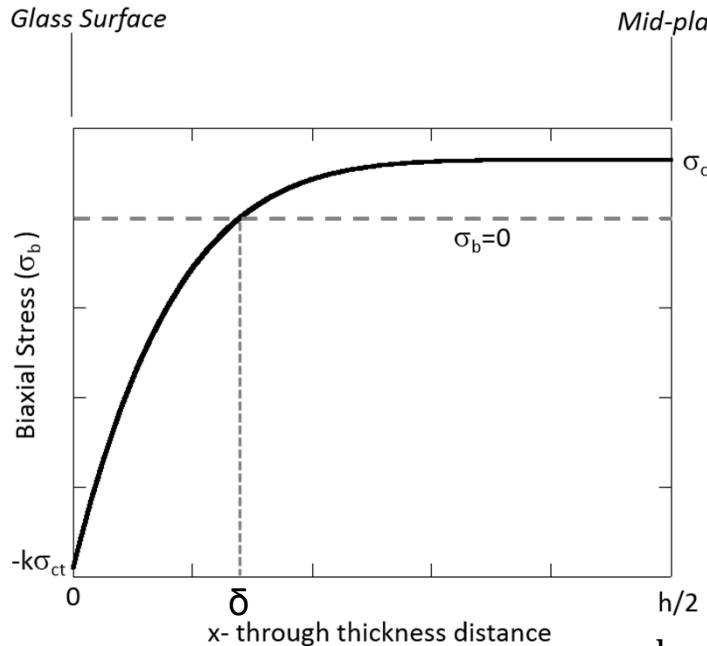
*All of the released energy is not used to create free surfaces.  
(e.g. kinetics, heat, sound, etc.)*

## Experimental Comparison



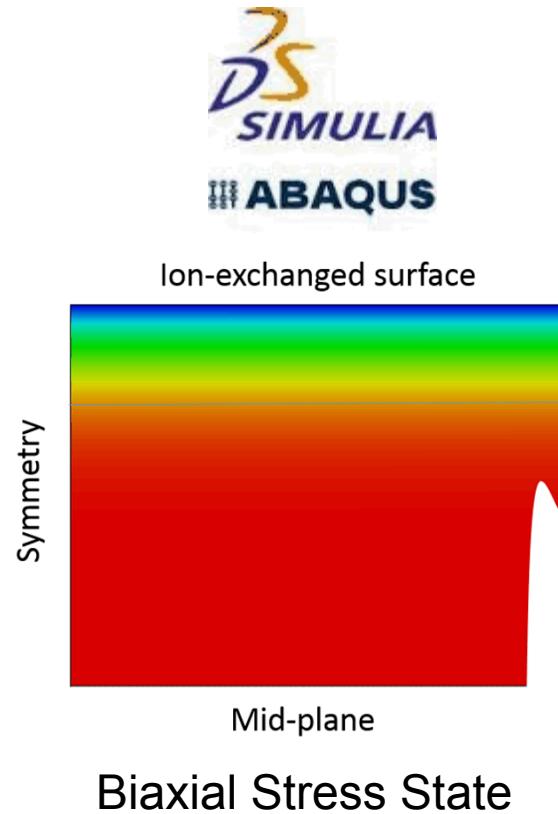
# Model Formulation

## Analytically Imposed Strain Field



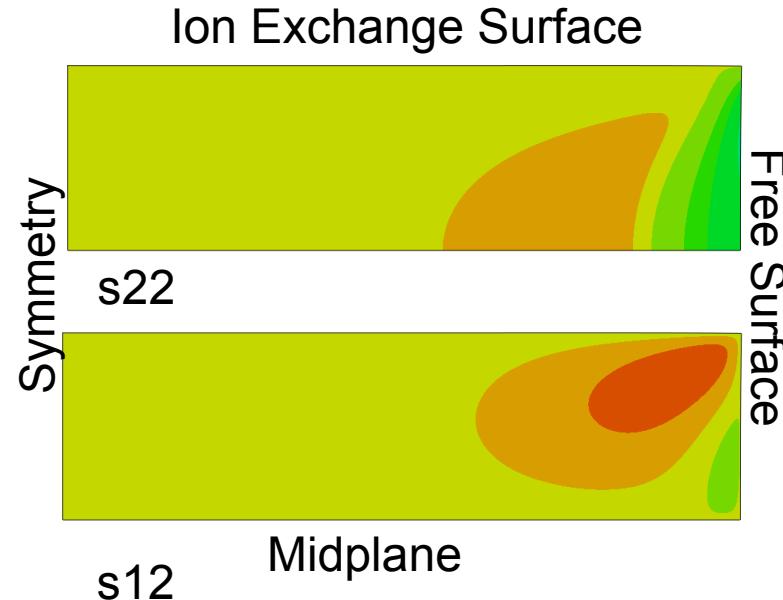
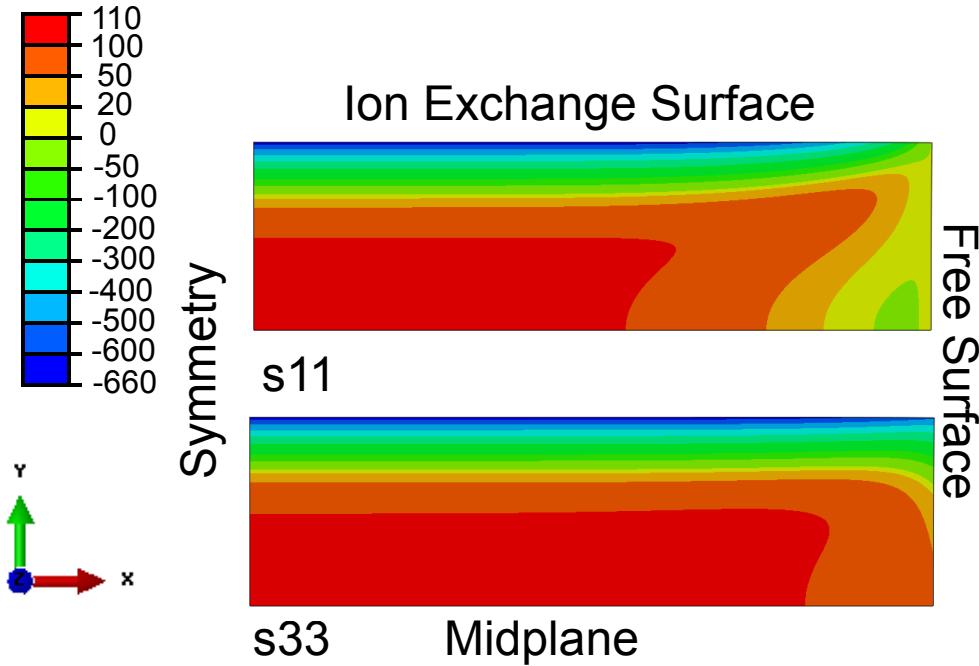
$$\frac{\sigma_b}{\sigma_{ct}} = (1 - (k + 1) \left( \frac{2x}{t} - 1 \right))^k$$

## Simulated Stress Field



*Imposing a strain field with FEA simulations allows for a representation of the stress profile in ion exchanged glass.*

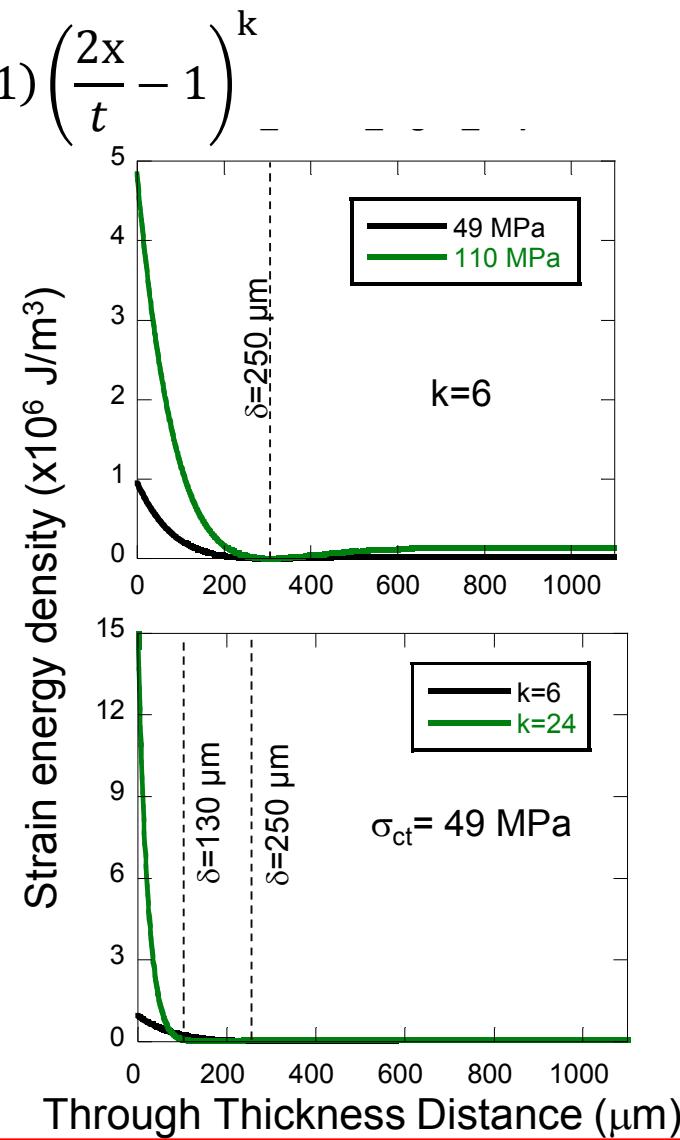
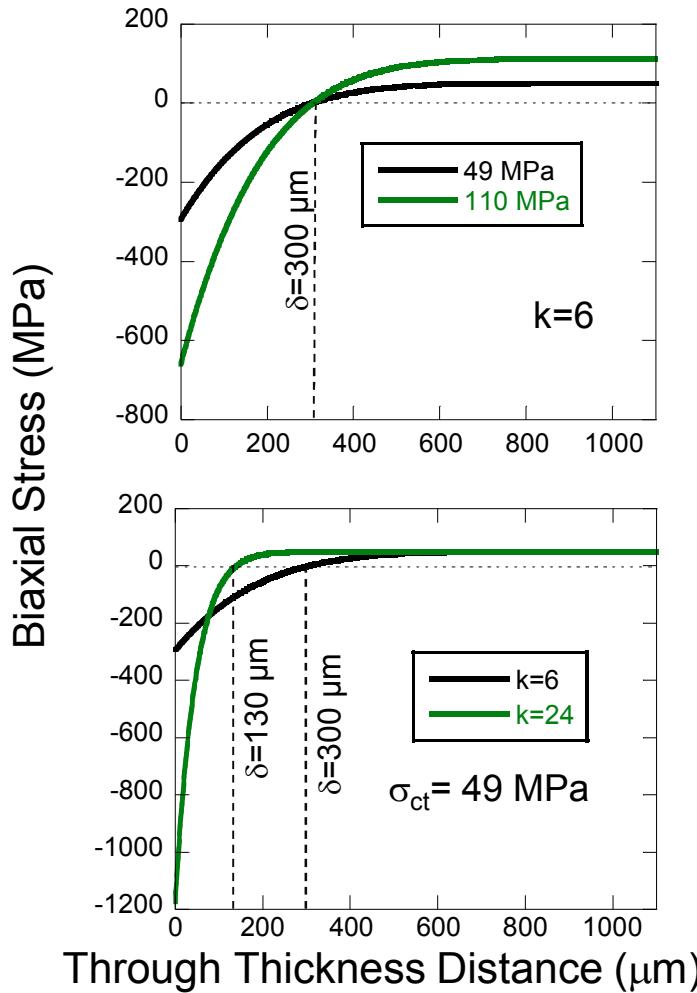
# Biaxial Stress State



*Simulation represents the stress relieved during the creation of a free surface (i.e. fragmentation).*

# Model Stress Profile

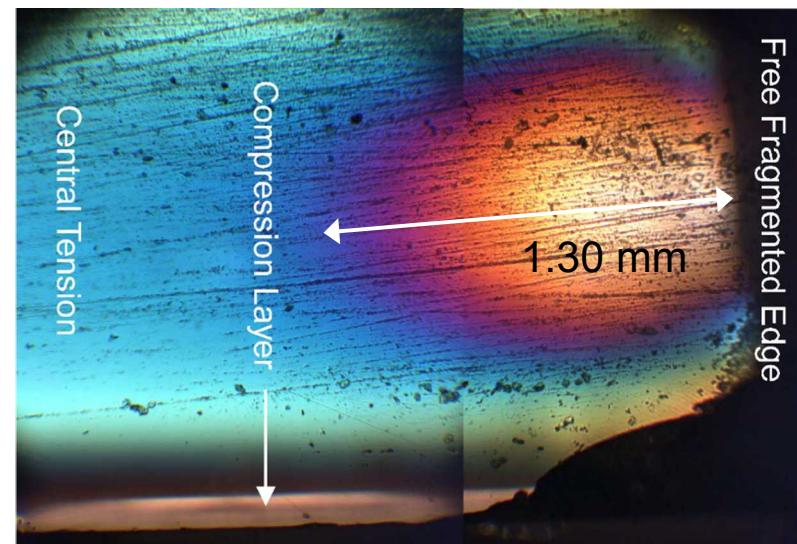
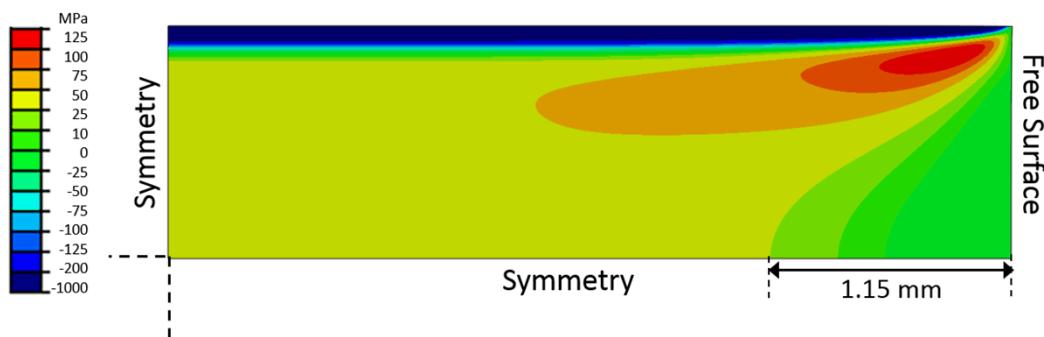
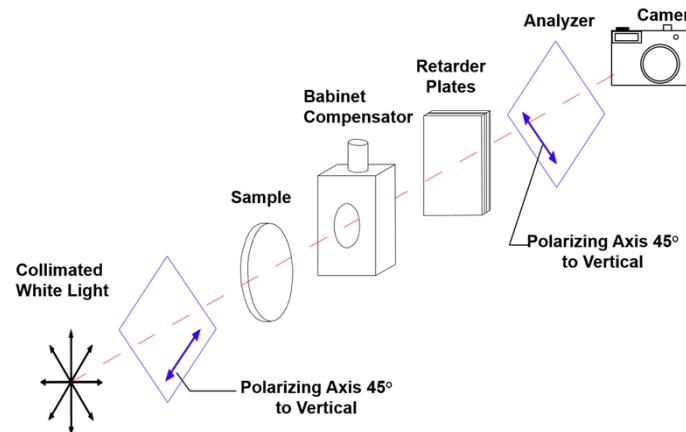
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*Shape parameter ( $k$ ) can be used to adjust case depth ( $\delta$ ).*

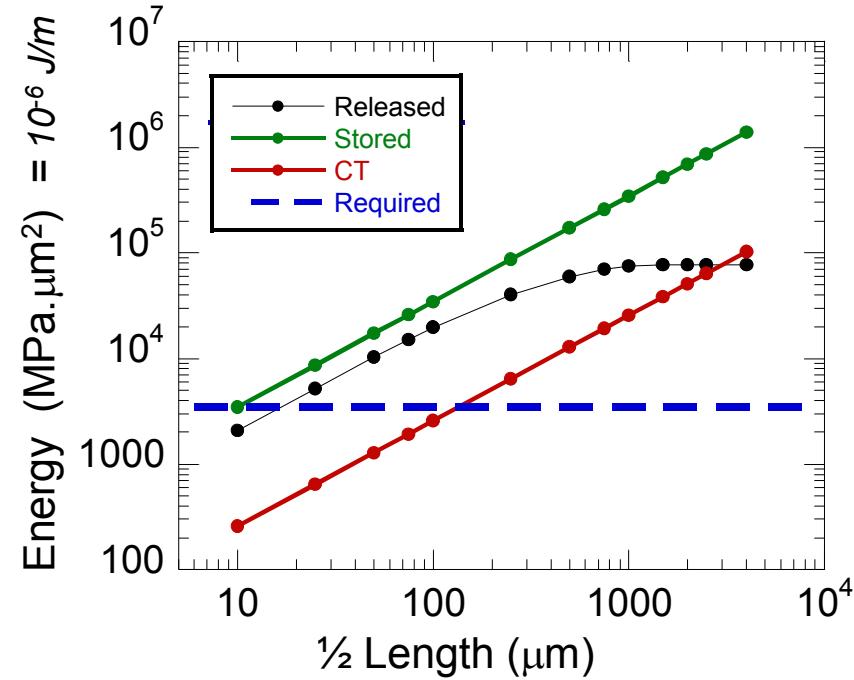
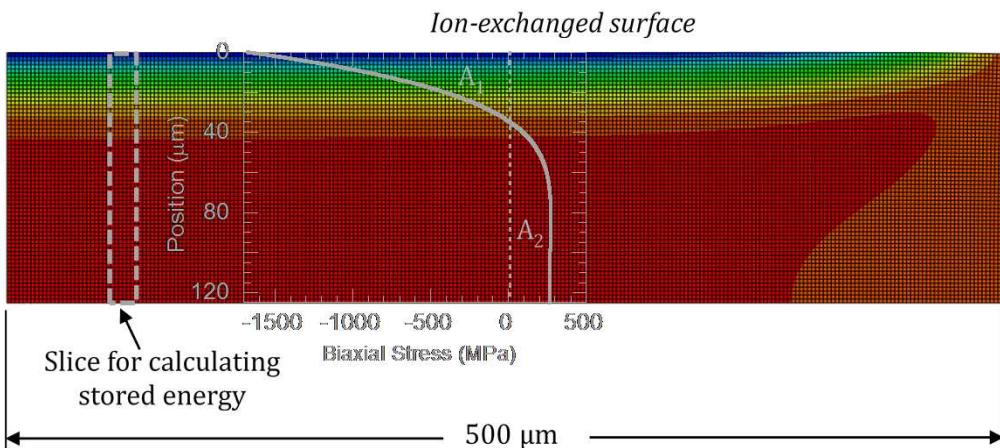
# Experimental Comparison

Glass Thickness: 2.2 mm  
 Exchange Temperature: 450 °C  
 Exchange Time: 24 hours  
 Central Tension: 49 MPa  
 Case Depth: 138 μm



*Simulations represents real fragment.*

# Energy Release Analysis



*FEA simulations can determine how much energy is released for various fragment sizes.*

# Image Analysis

Process Protocols:

Glass Thickness: 2.2 mm

Exchange Temperature: 450 °C

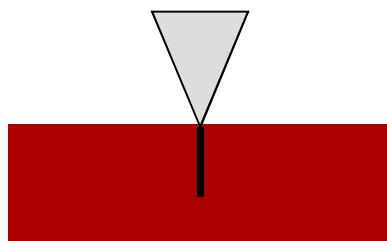
Exchange Time: 24 hours

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Procedure:

- Gold coated exchanged glass
- Vicker's Punch Loaded to failure
- Image Processing

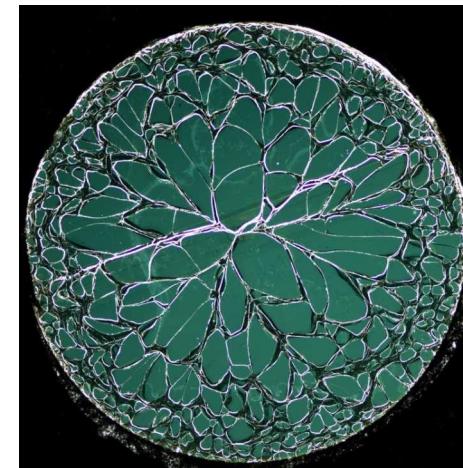


**Punch**

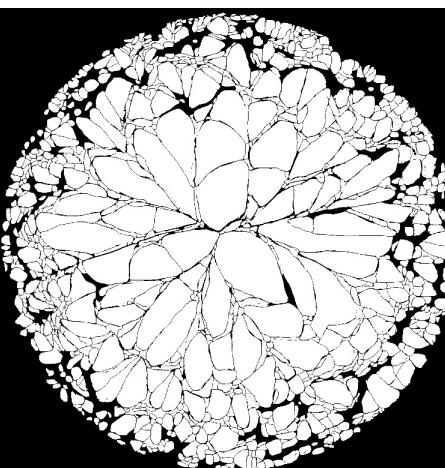
Reflected light



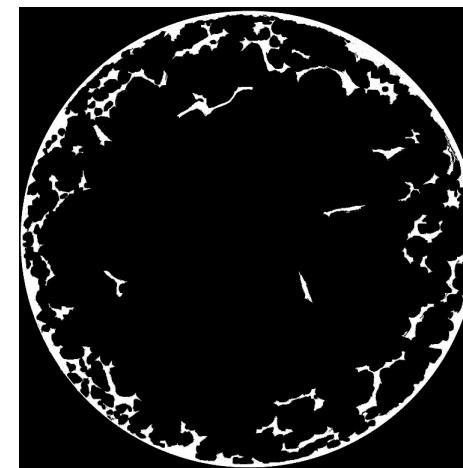
Transmitted light



Binary Image Processed

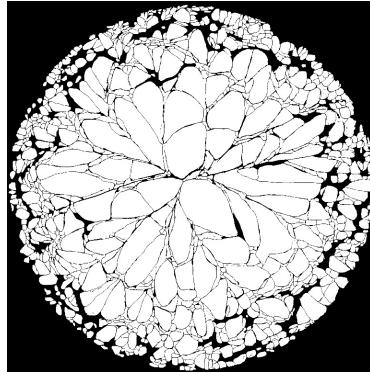


Unaccounted Area

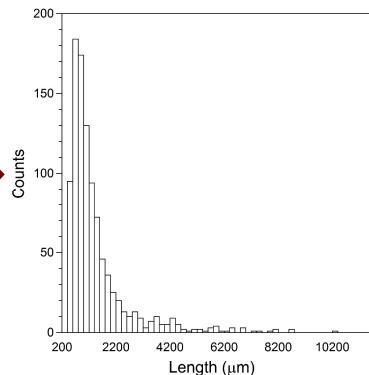


# Experiments Combined with Simulations

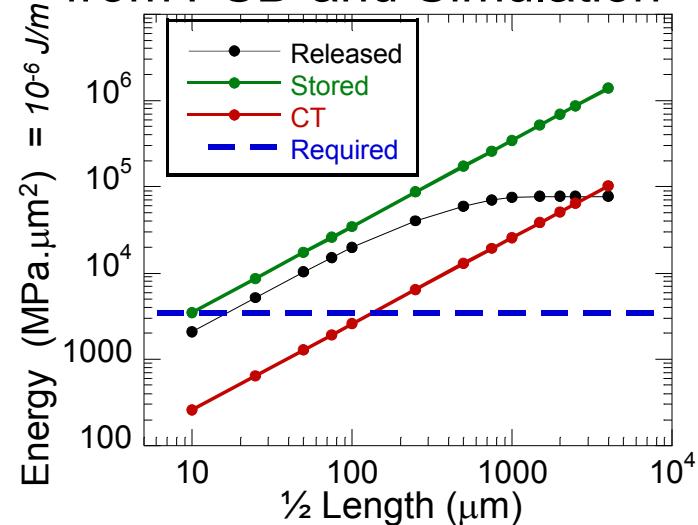
Fragmented Glass



Particle Size Distribution



Calculate Energy Released from PSD and Simulation



Glass	Thickness (mm)	Temp. (C)	Time (hr)	Central Tension (MPa)	Case Depth (μm)	Avg. Particle Size (mm)	Stored Energy Density x10⁶ J/m³	Energy Release / Energy Stored (%)	Energy required / Energy Released (%)
Corning 0317	2.2	450	24	49	130	1.464	0.31 x 10⁶	~35%	~5 – 16%
Corning 2319	0.25	400	14	280	54	0.196	2.41 x 10⁶	~44%	~3 – 10%

# Conclusions

- FEA can simulate a real ion-exchange glass fragment.
- Simulations can determine:
  - Energy stored in an ion-exchanged glass.
  - Energy released in specific sized fragments.
- Estimate the amount of energy released in fragmented glass.
- Estimate the amount of released energy that goes into creating new surfaces.

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