

Damage Evolution Of GMBs in Syntactic Foam

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Material: Sylgard® 184 Impregnated with A16 Glass Micro-Balloons (GMBs)

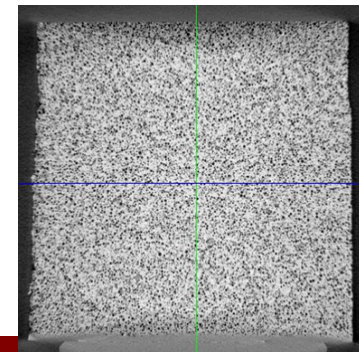
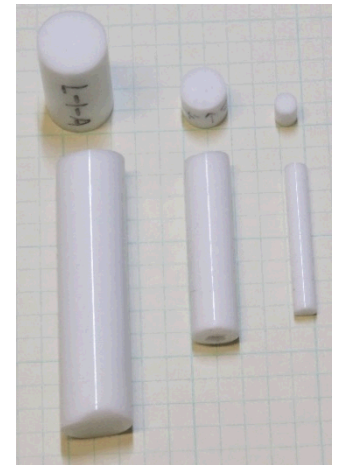
Sylgard 184 Impregnated with A16 GMBs:

- Sylgard absorbs a significant amount of mechanical energy and is used as a potting material at Sandia.
- GMBs may break within the microstructure under compression, which might change the mechanical response of the composite.

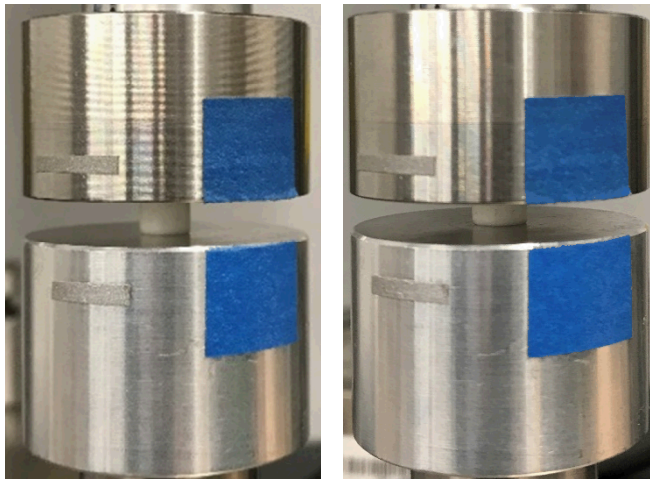
GMBs:

- Lower thermal coefficient;
- Lower cure shrinkage (mismatch) strains;
- Increase specific modulus;
- Increase energy dissipation.

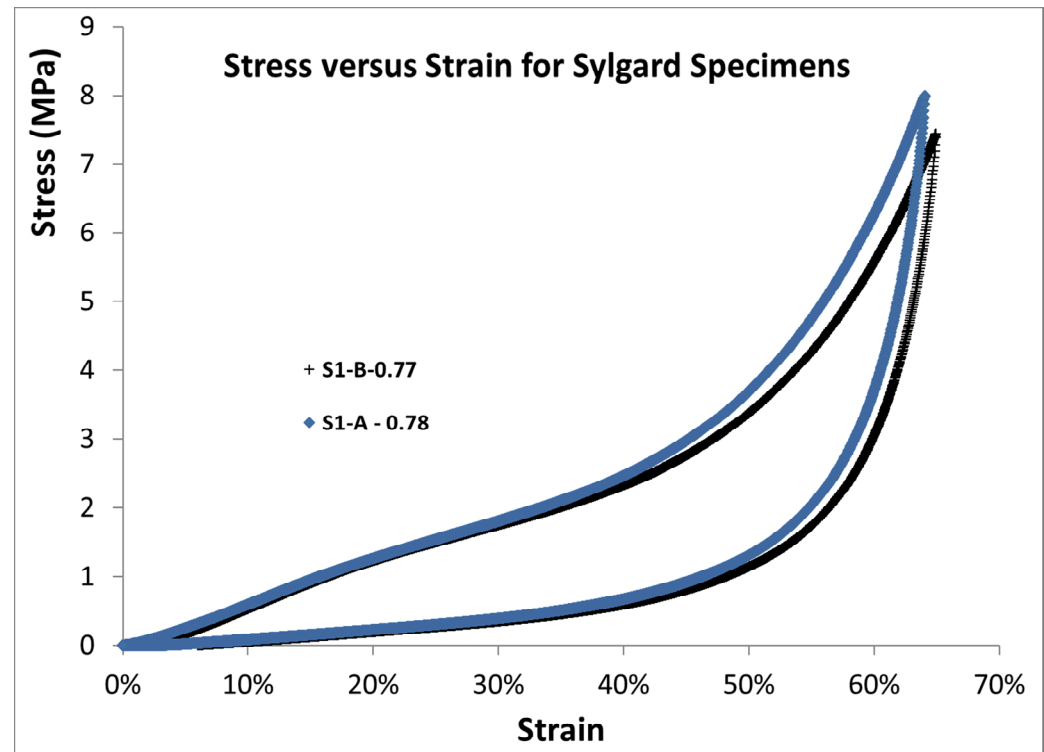
	Pure Sylgard	Sylgard GMB (undamaged)
Coefficient of Thermal Expansion (ppm/C)	270	185
Young's Modulus (MPa)	1.84	13
Bulk Modulus (MPa)	920	71
Glass Transition Temperature (°C)	-60	-45
Density (g/cc)	1.03	0.73



Compression of Sylgard Specimens

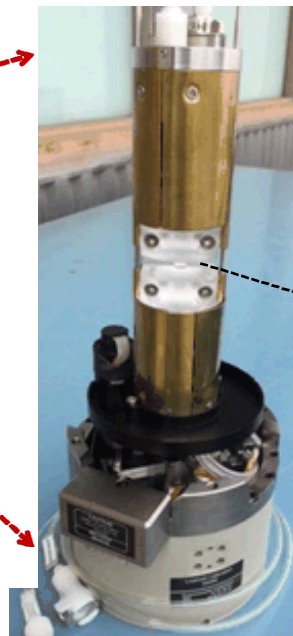
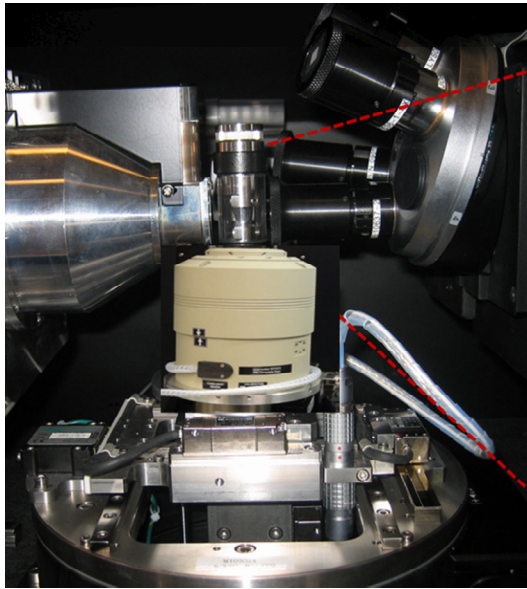


- GMBs mixed with Sylgard resin
- Slice syringe-molded cylinders into specimens

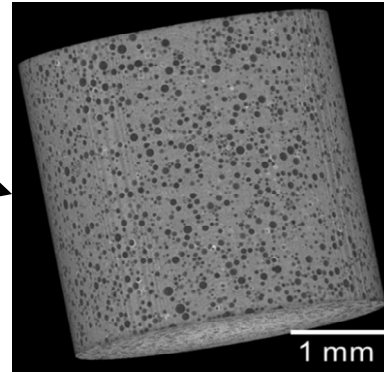


- ❑ Specimens with close density have similar stress ~ strain relationship.
- ❑ Three stages of Syntactic foam: elastic region, stress plateau and densification
- ❑ Relate the GMB failure to stress ~ strain curve

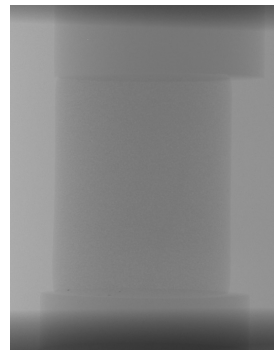
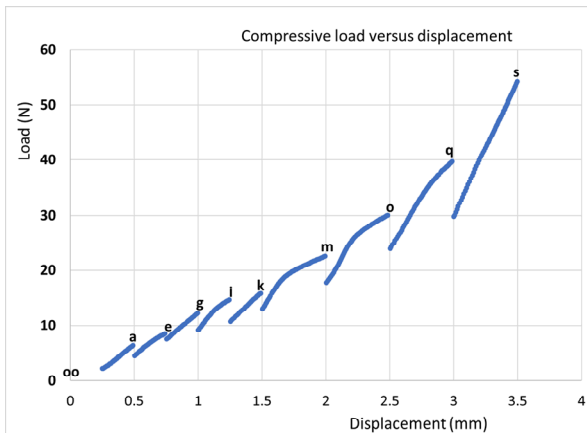
In-situ XCT Experiments to Study the Evolution of the GMBs during Compressive Loading



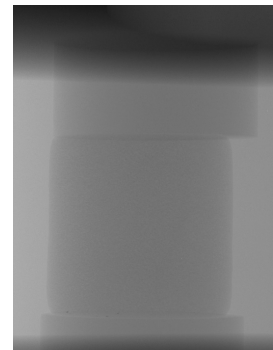
Sylgard specimens



- Cylindrical Sylgard specimen is compressed inside XCT.
- Stress-strain curves are obtained off-line as a reference for in-situ tests.
- X-ray tomographic images are acquired at selected loading levels during the compression of the specimen.
- Tomographic images enables the observation of the GMBs inside the matrix during compression.



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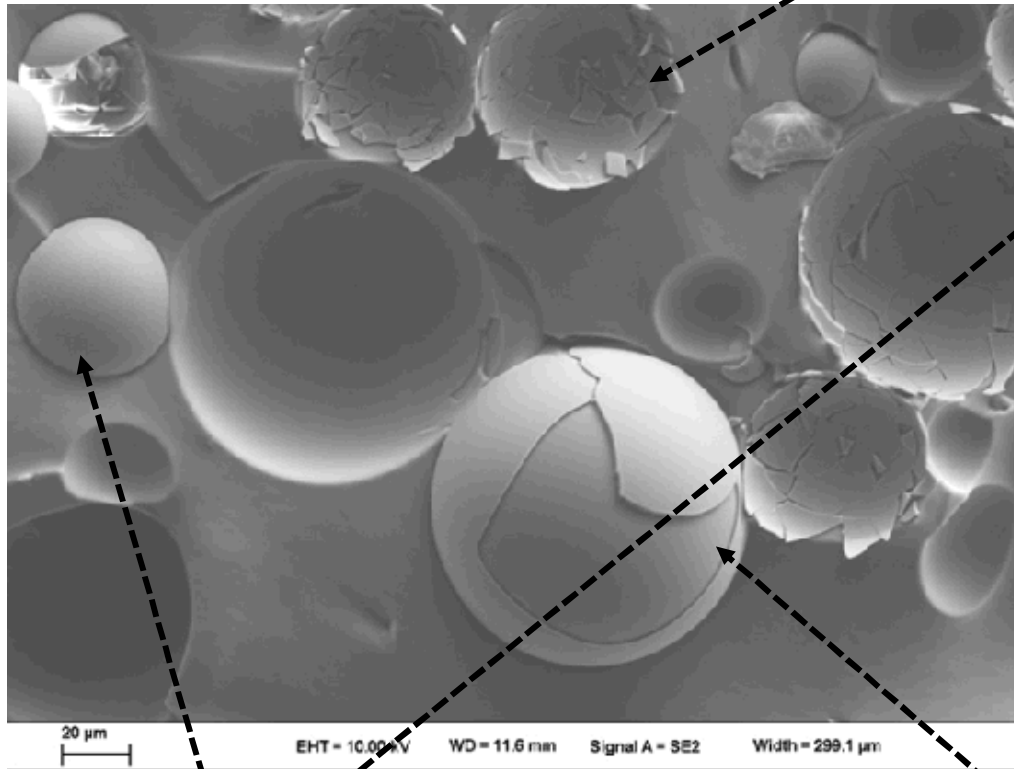


(b)

Sylgard specimens at (a) 15% unloaded; (b) 30% of compression;

Failure of GMBs inside Sylgard

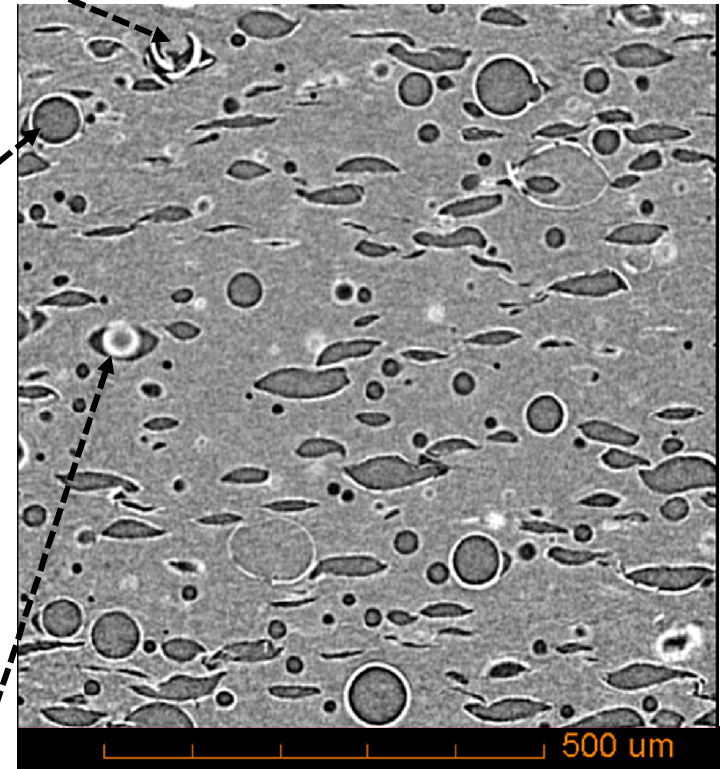
SEM Cross section



Intact GMB.

Broken GMBs

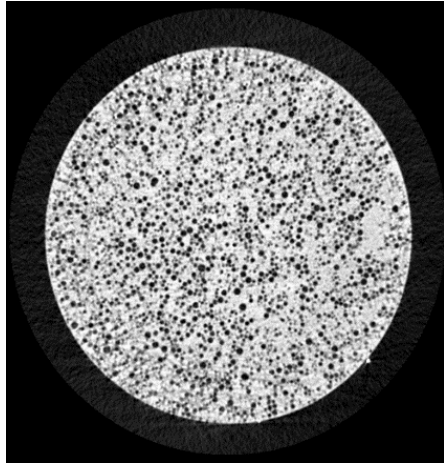
XCT Slice



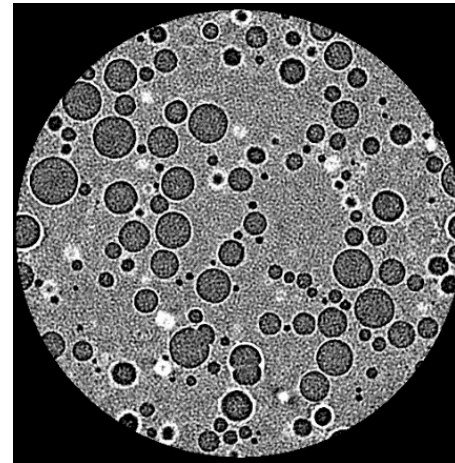
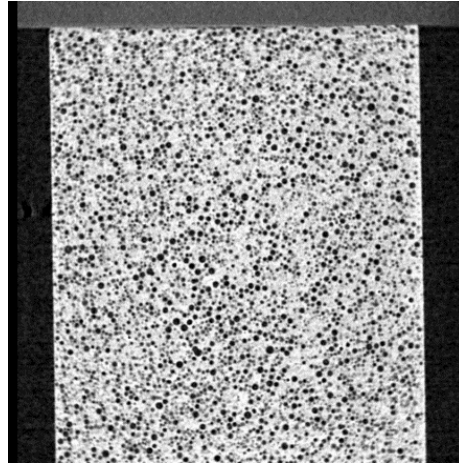
“Hard-boiled egg” structure indicates GMB was broken before gel point and Sylgard flowed into GMB void.

- ☐ GMB failure
- ☐ Size distribution of broken GMBs
- ☐ Spatial distribution of GMBs

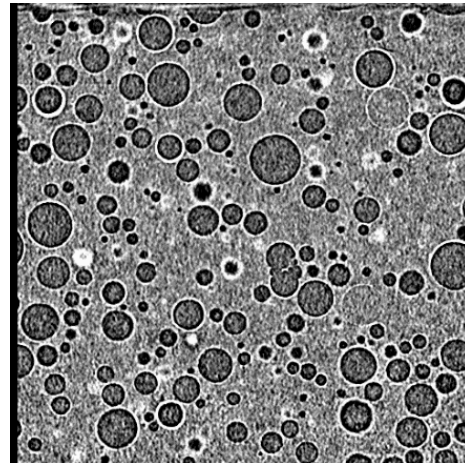
Identify Proper Imaging Parameters for the in-situ XCT Experiments



Low spatial resolution image of whole specimen ($\sim 10\mu\text{m}/\text{voxel}$)

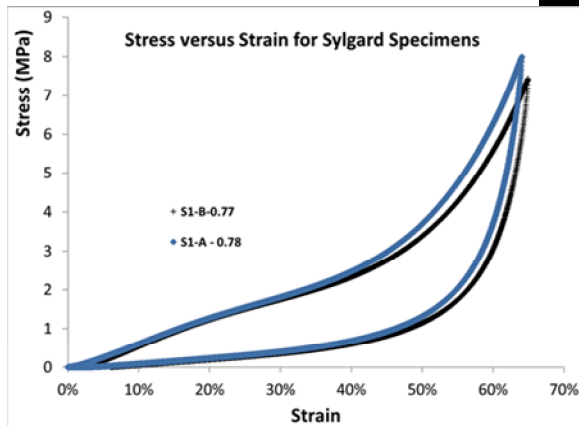


High spatial resolution image showing GMBs inside the specimen ($\sim 1.7\mu\text{m}/\text{voxel}$)

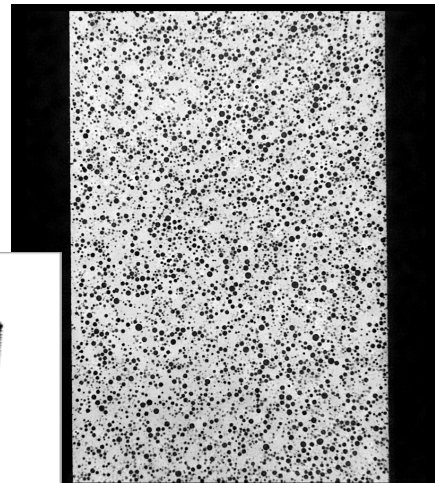


- ☐ GMB size range: $35\sim 110\mu\text{m}$;
- ☐ Average GMB size: $\sim 70\mu\text{m}$;
- ☐ Large compression of Sylgard specimen up to 50%;
- ☐ XCT images with spatial resolution $\sim 10\mu\text{m}$ provides most suitable features for DVC
- ☐ High resolution images enable observation of each individual GMB.

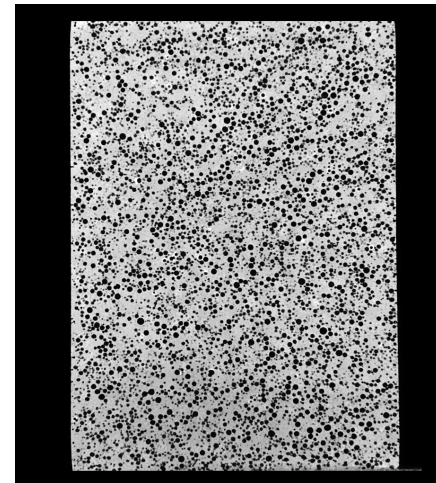
Low-Res XCT Images at different loading levels



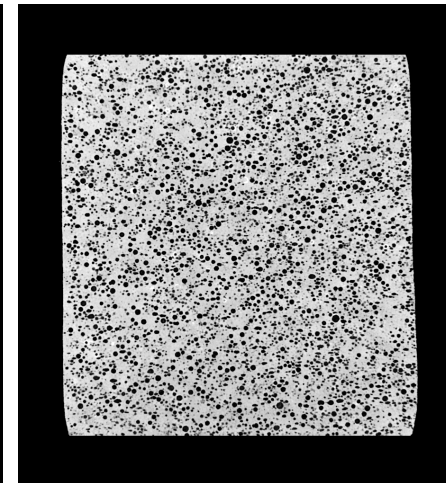
Stress~Strain



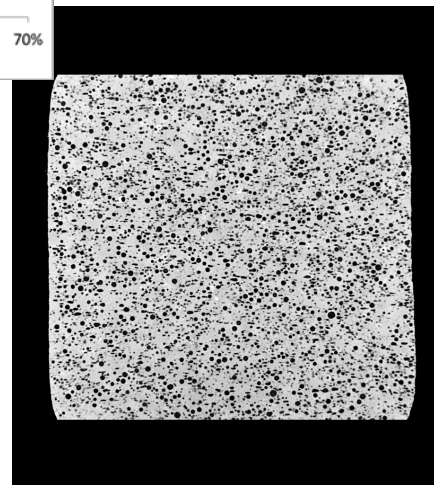
Step-oo
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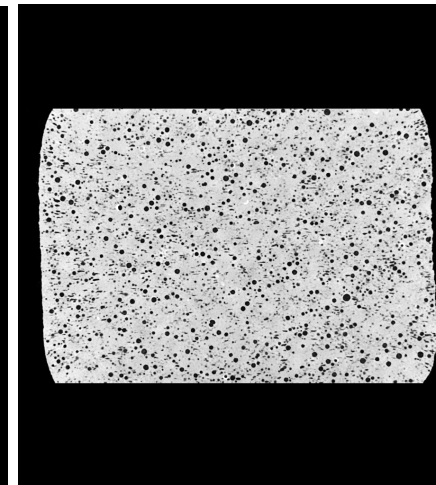
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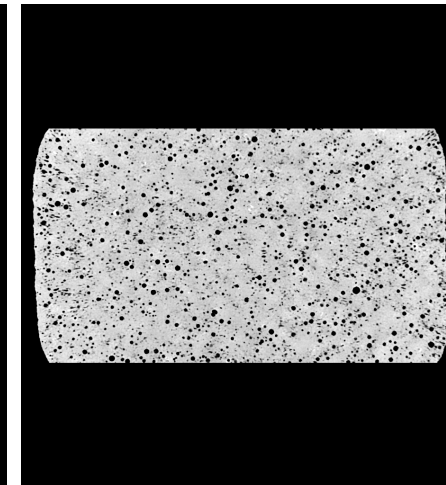
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Step-m
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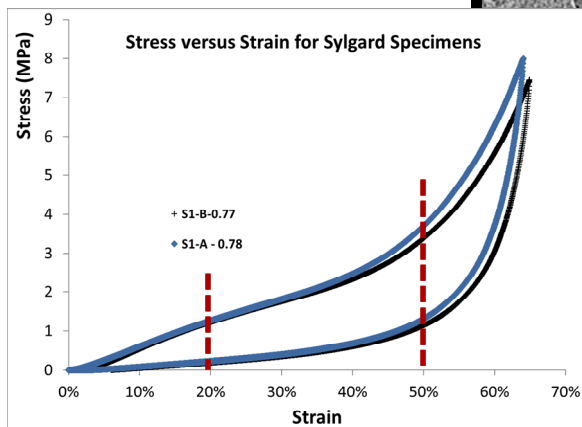


Step-q
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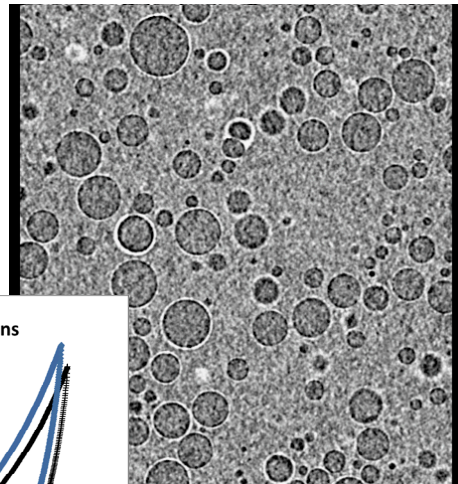


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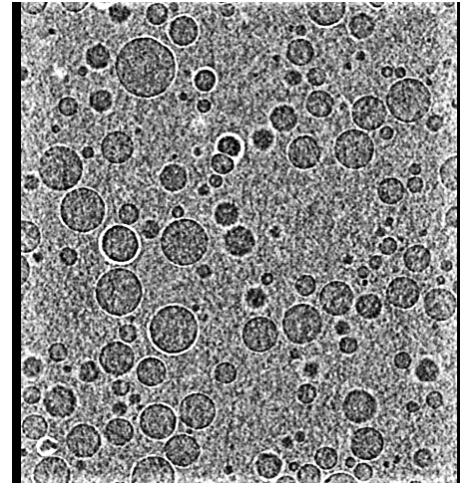
High-Res XCT Images at different loading levels



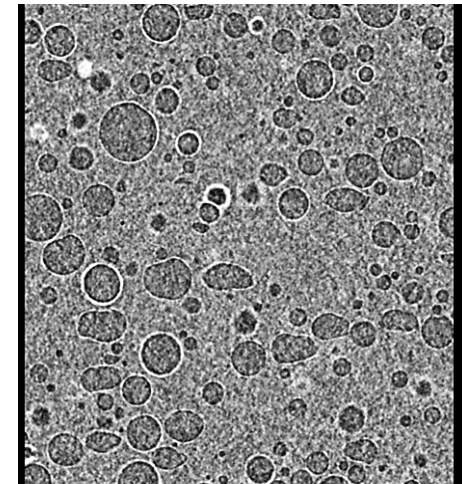
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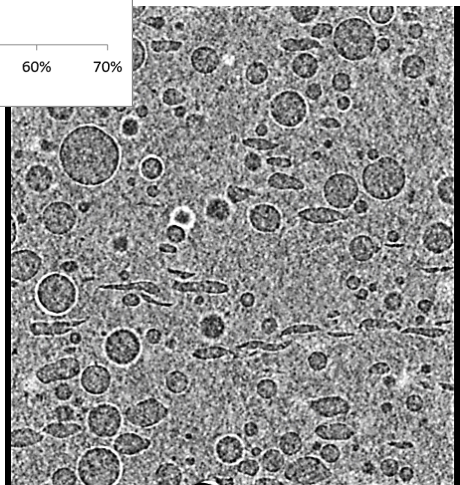
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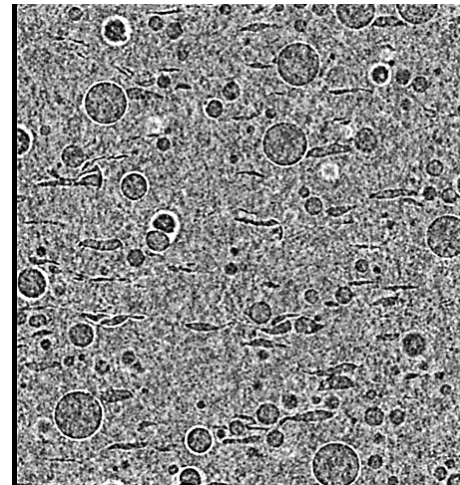
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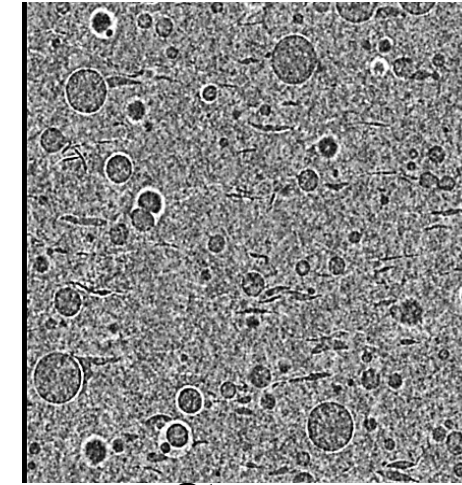
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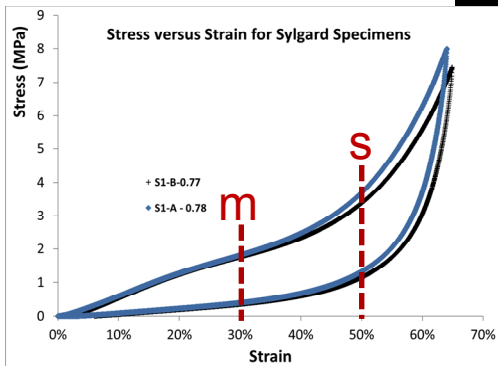
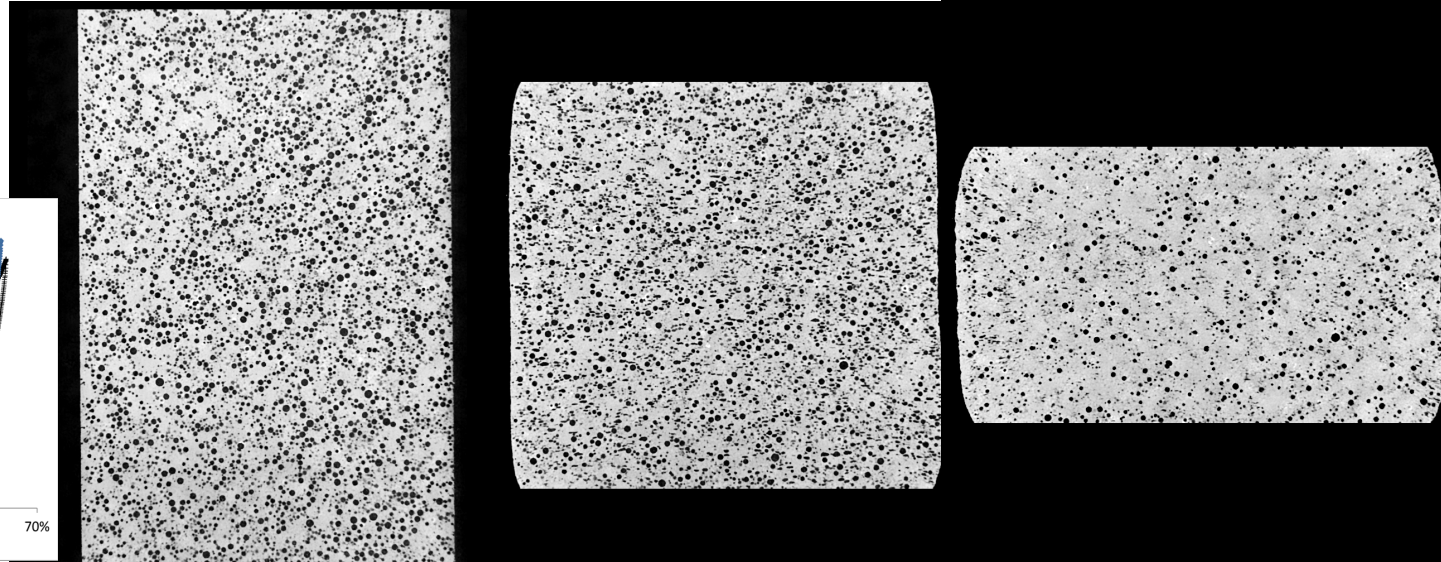
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GMB Evolution at different loading levels

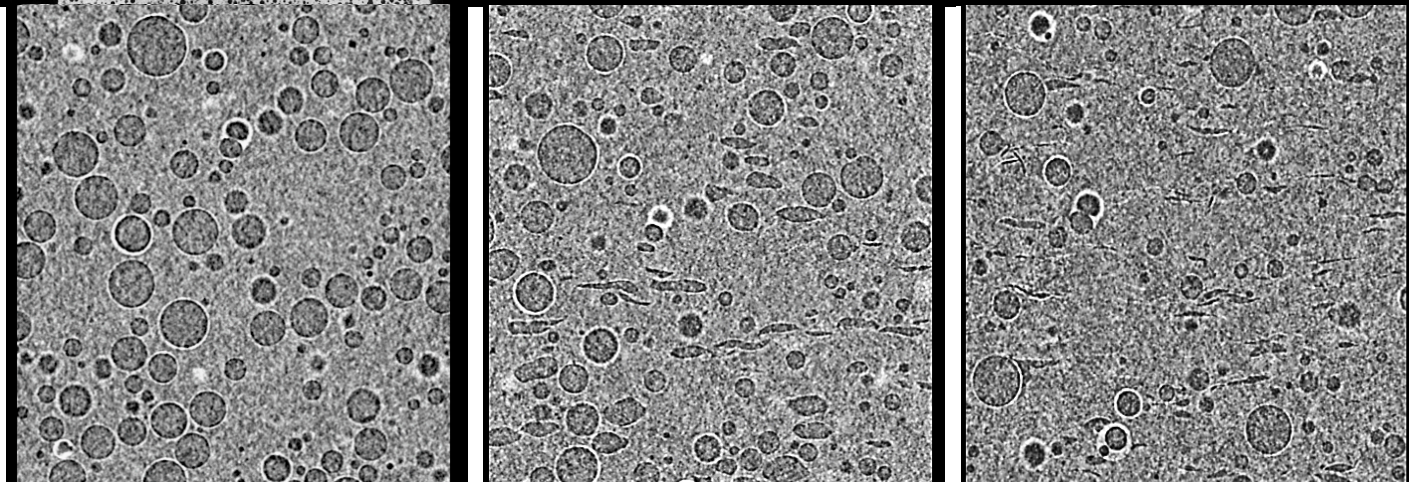
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Step-s
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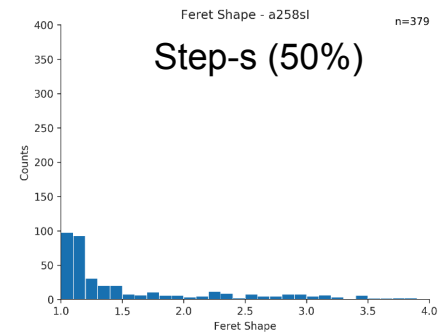
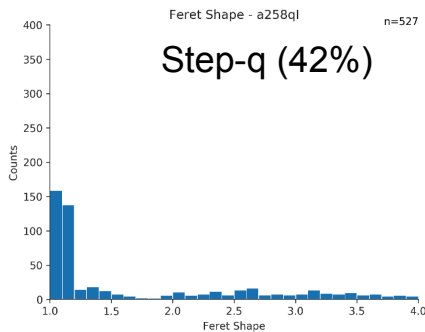
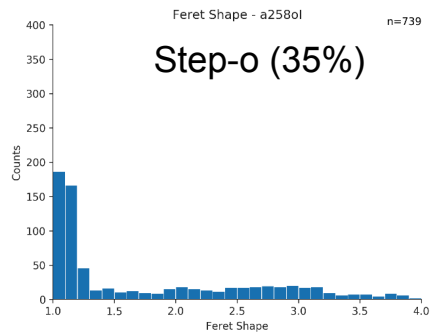
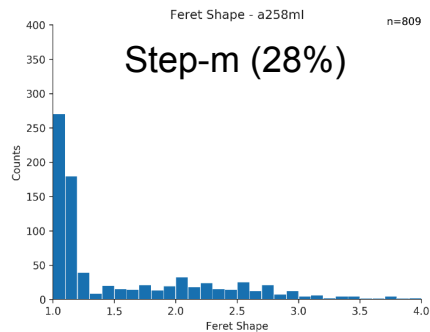
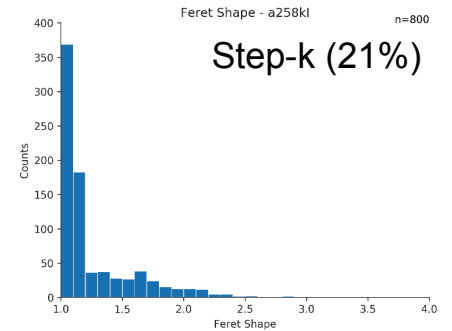
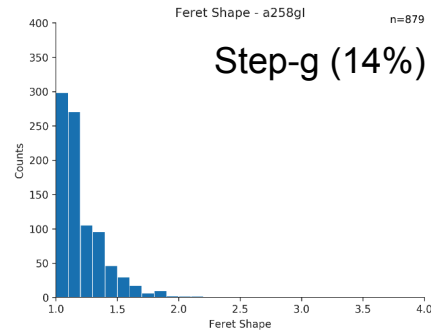
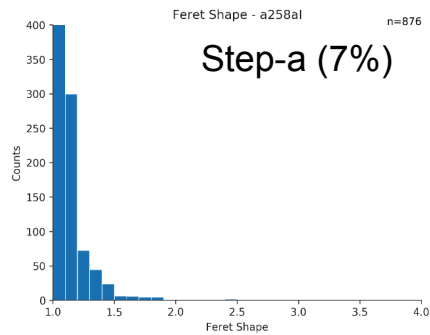
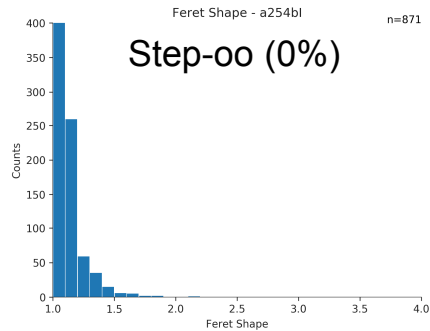


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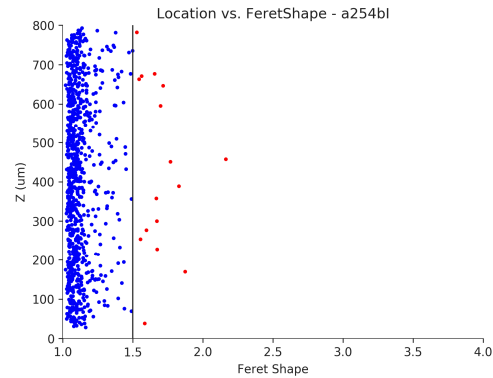


GMBs Feret Shape at Different Loading Steps

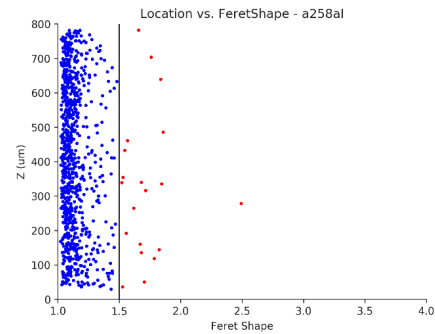
$$\text{Feret Shape } x = \frac{1}{\frac{\chi_{F,\min}}{\chi_{F,\max}}}$$



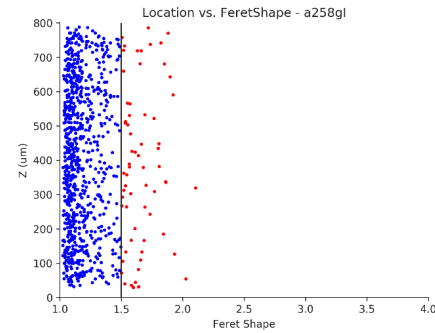
Feret Shape vs Z Location



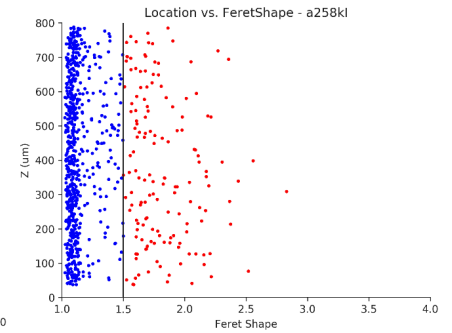
Step-oo (0%)



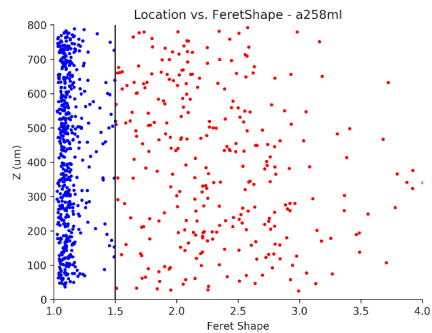
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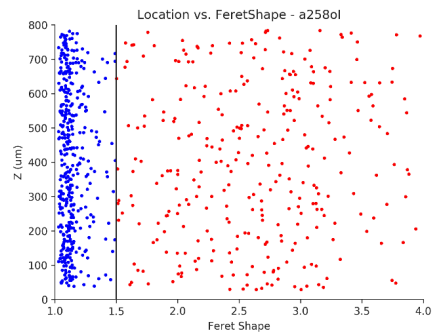
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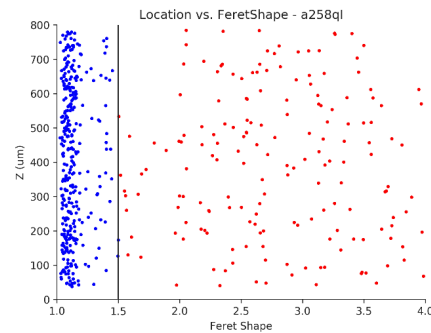
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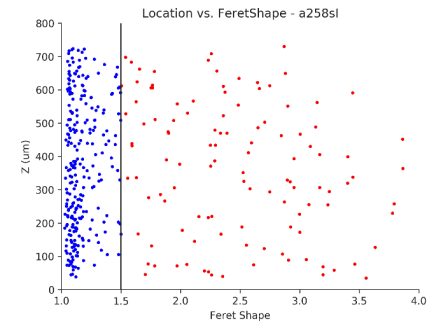
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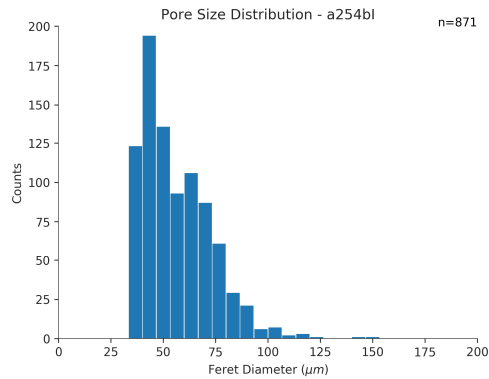


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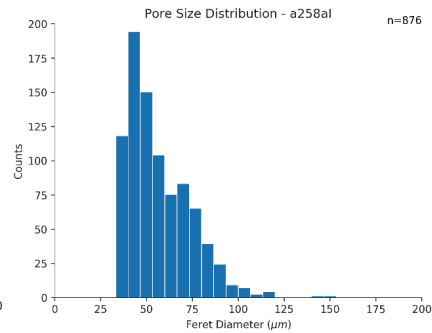


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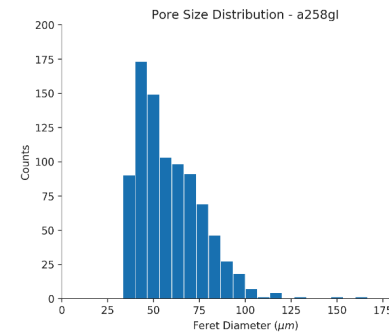
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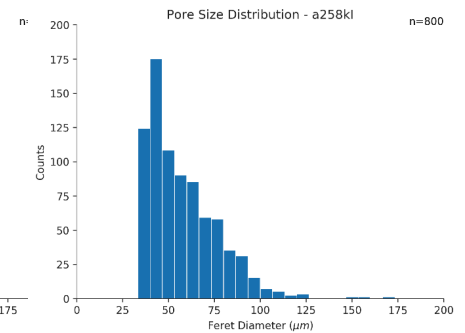
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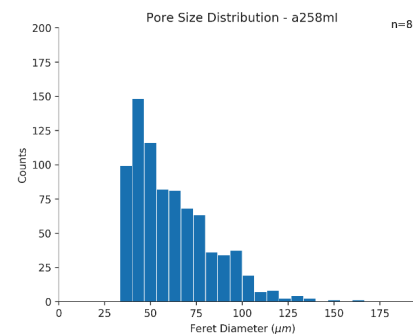
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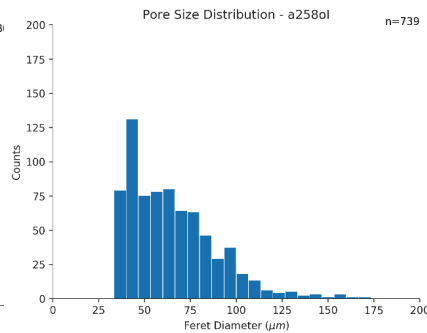
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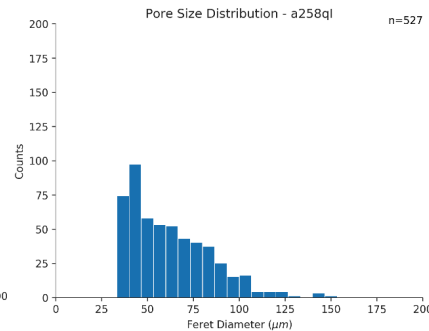
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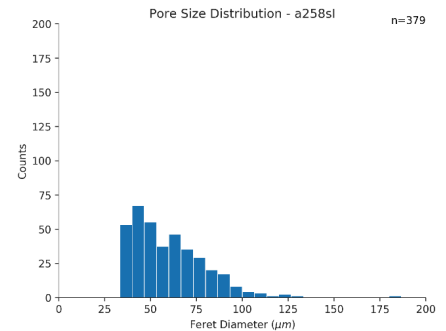
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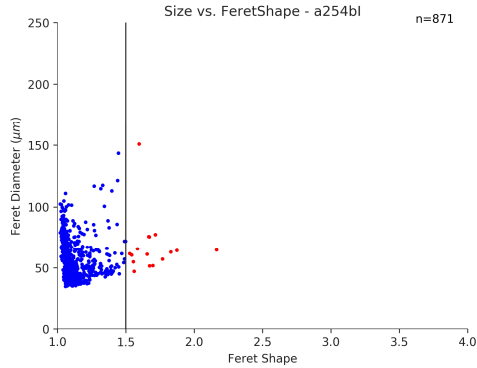


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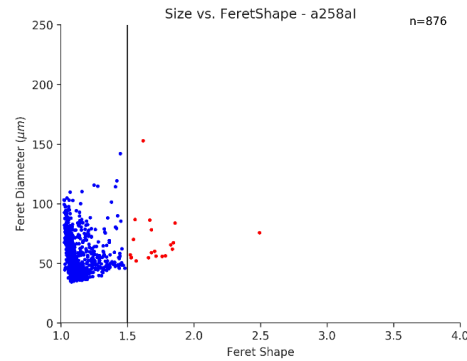


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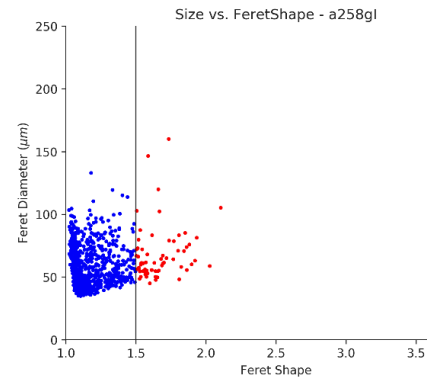
GMB Size vs Fret Shape



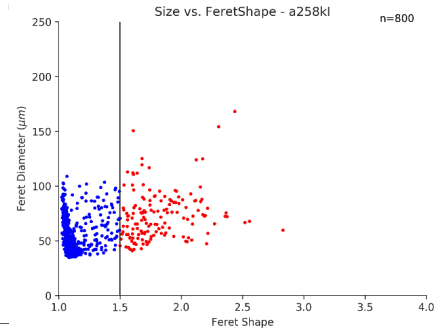
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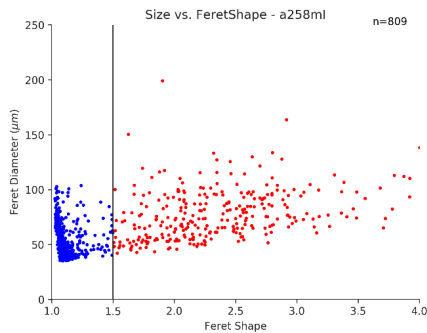
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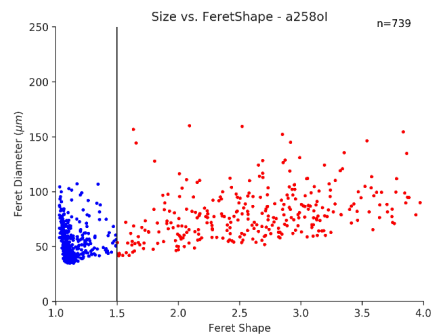
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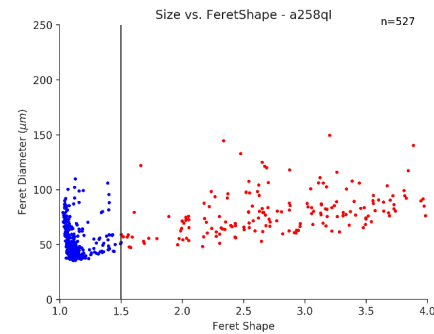
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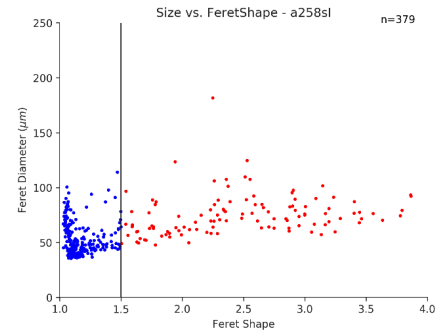
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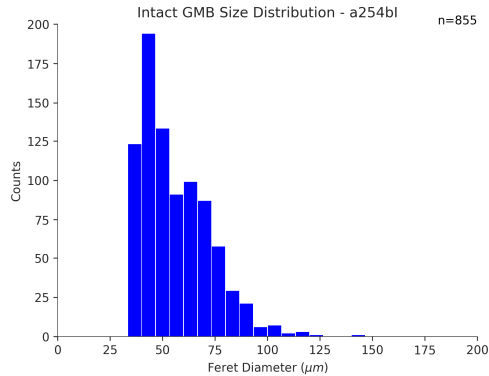


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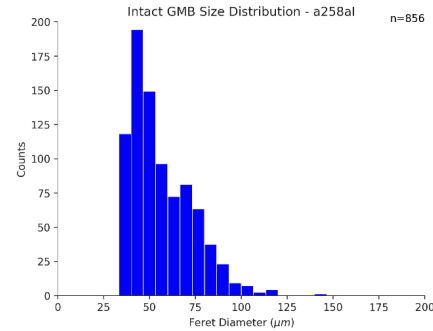


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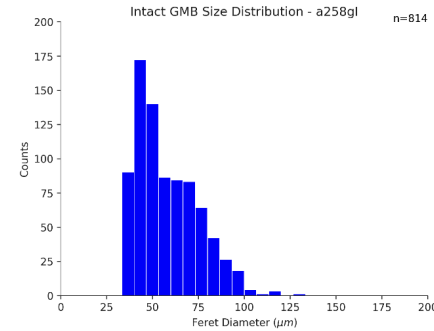
Intact GMB Distribution at Different Loading Levels



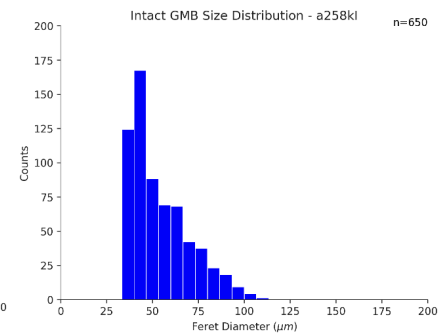
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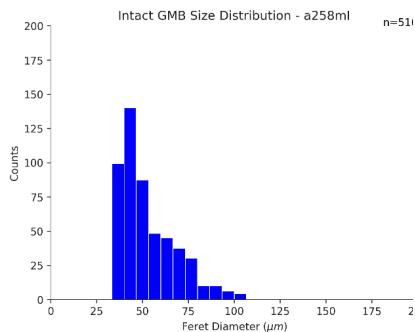
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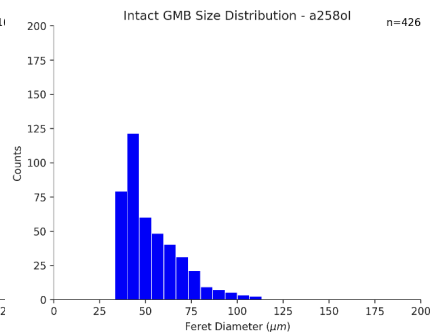
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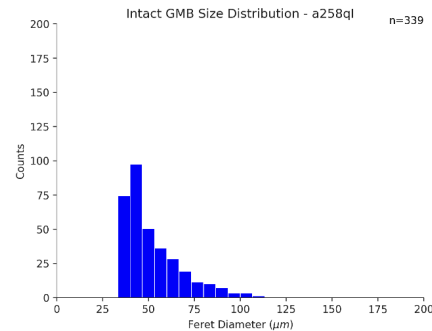
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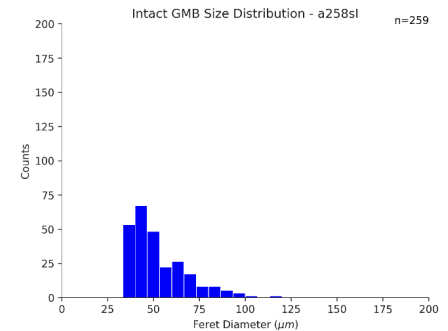
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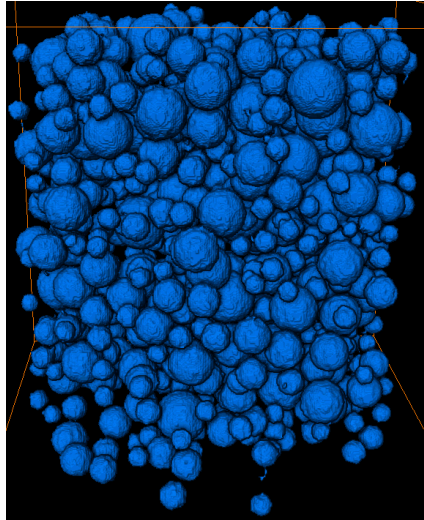


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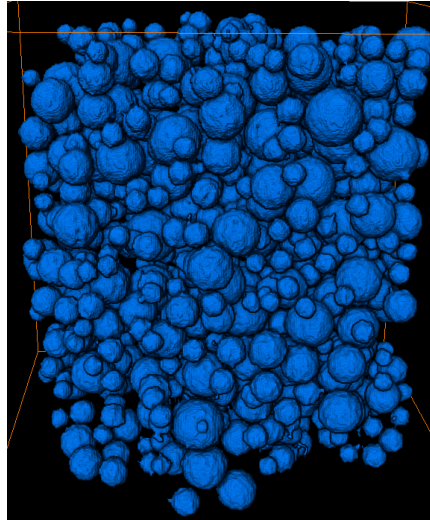


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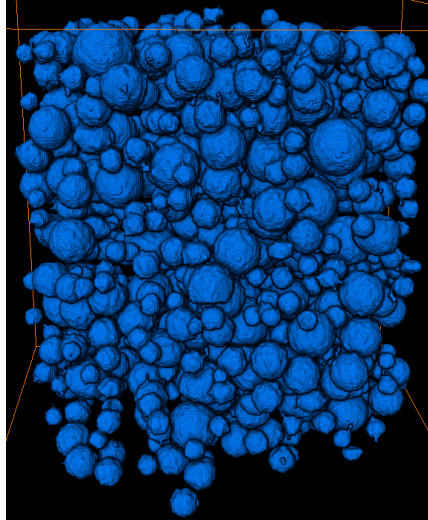
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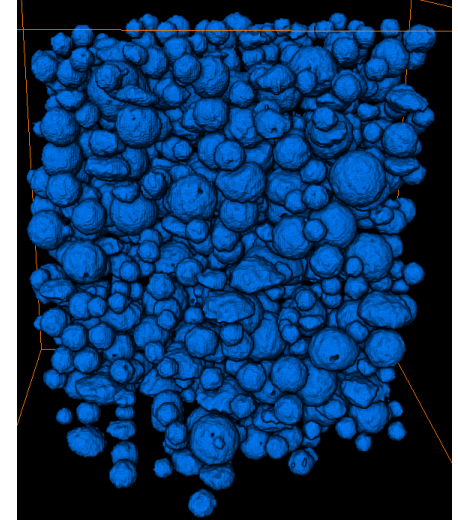
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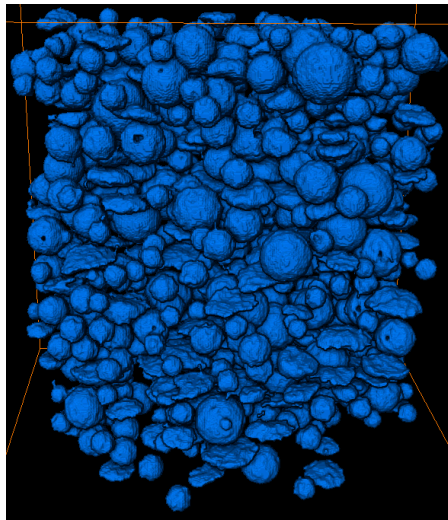
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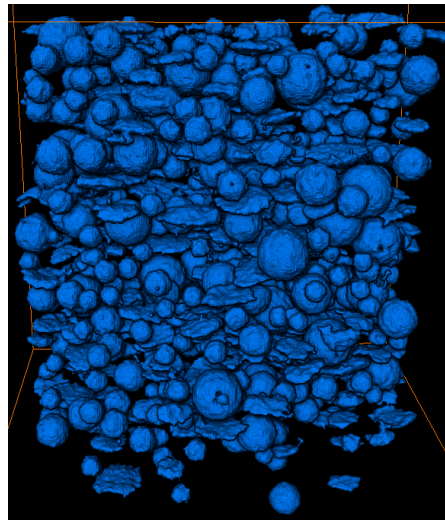
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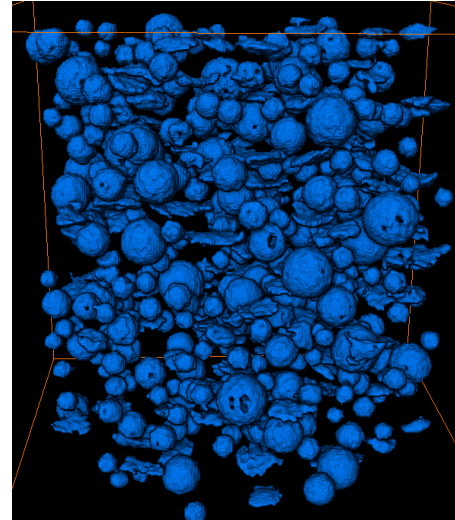
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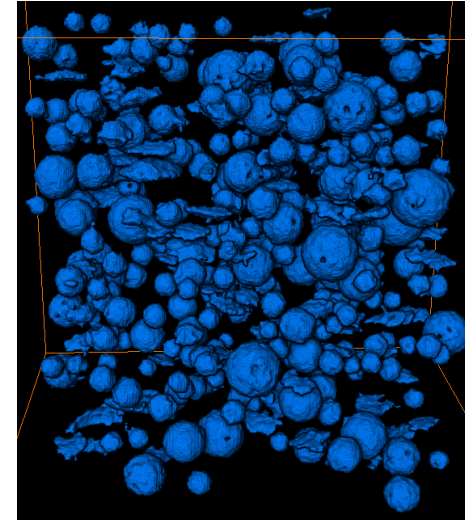
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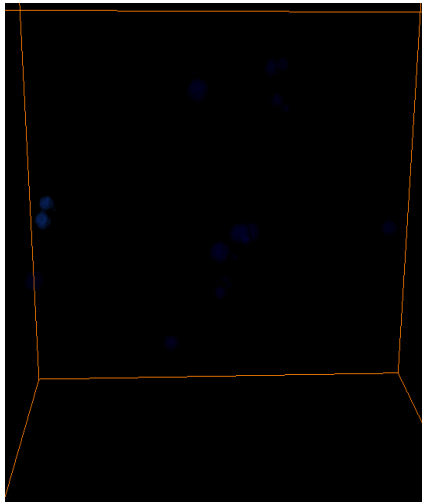
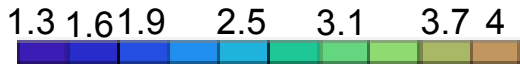


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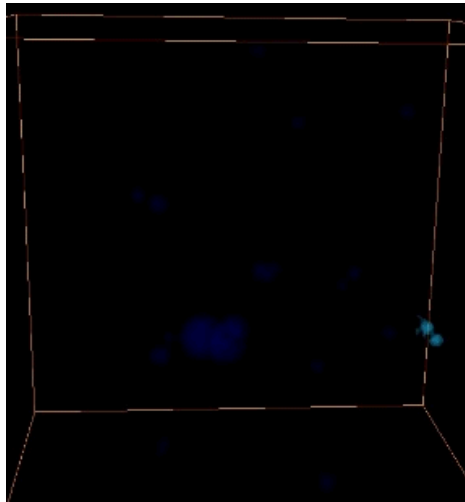


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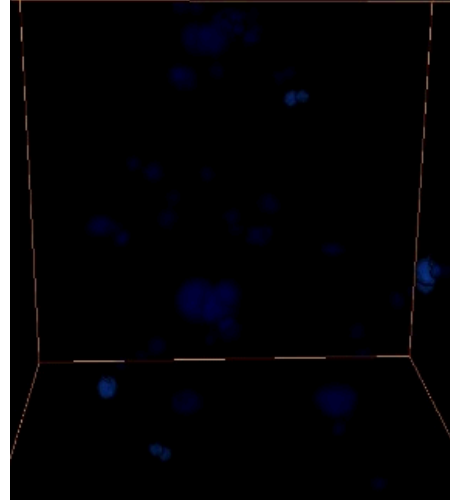
Sieved GMBs at Different Loading Levels



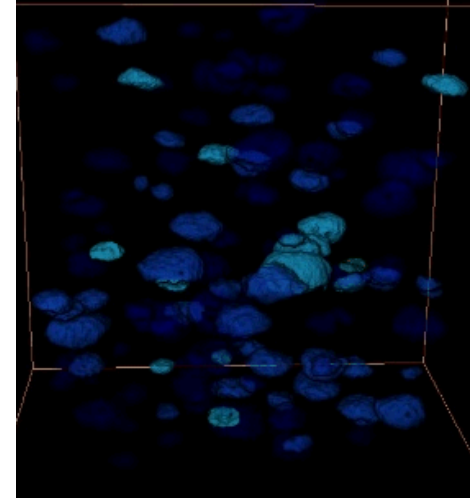
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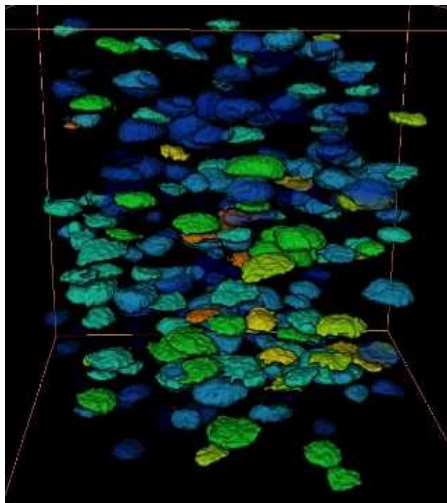
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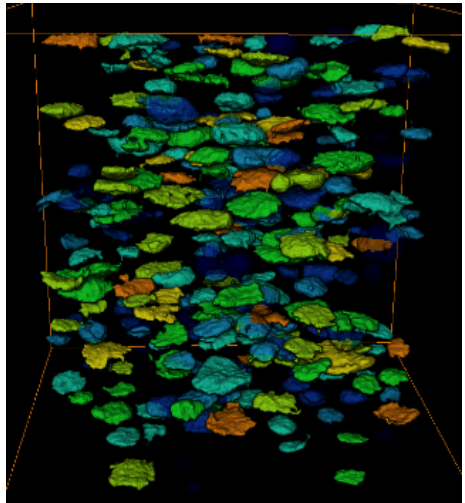
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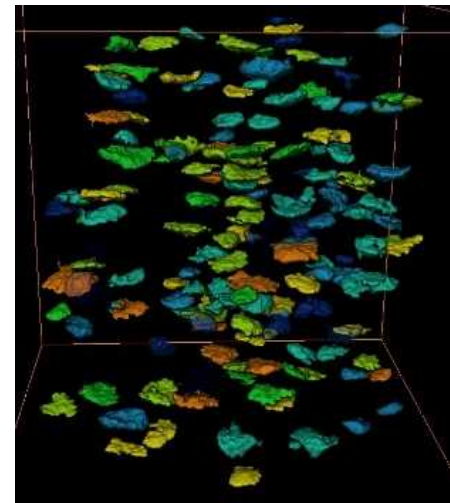
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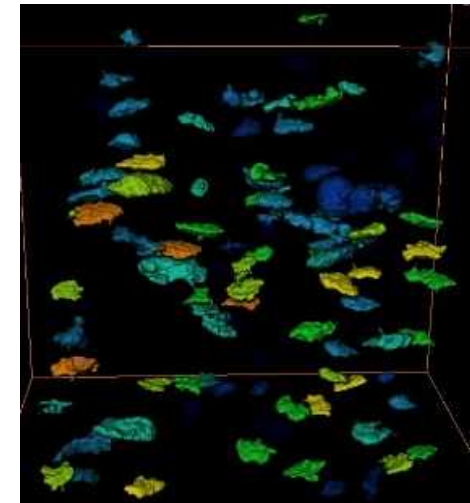
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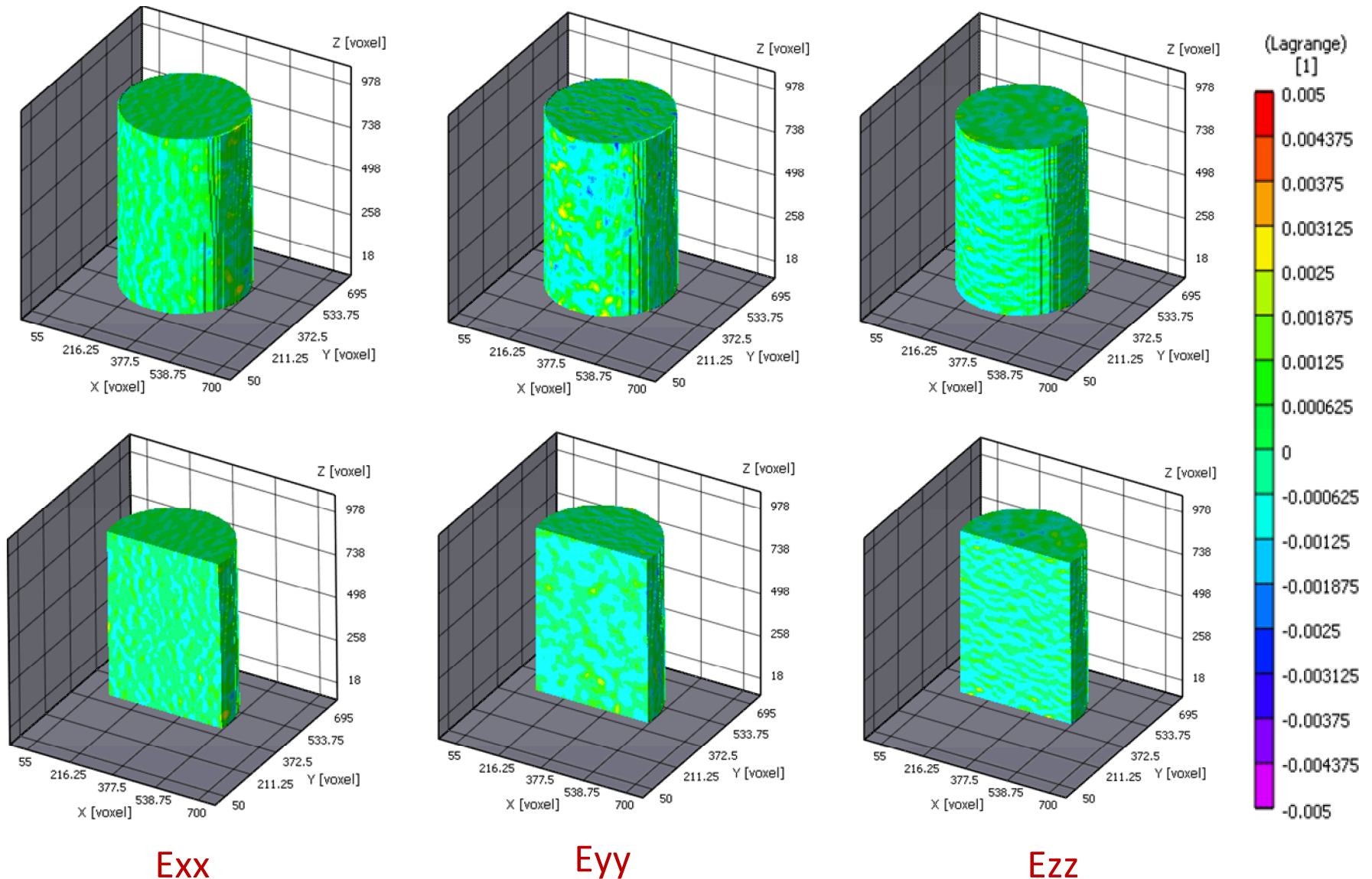


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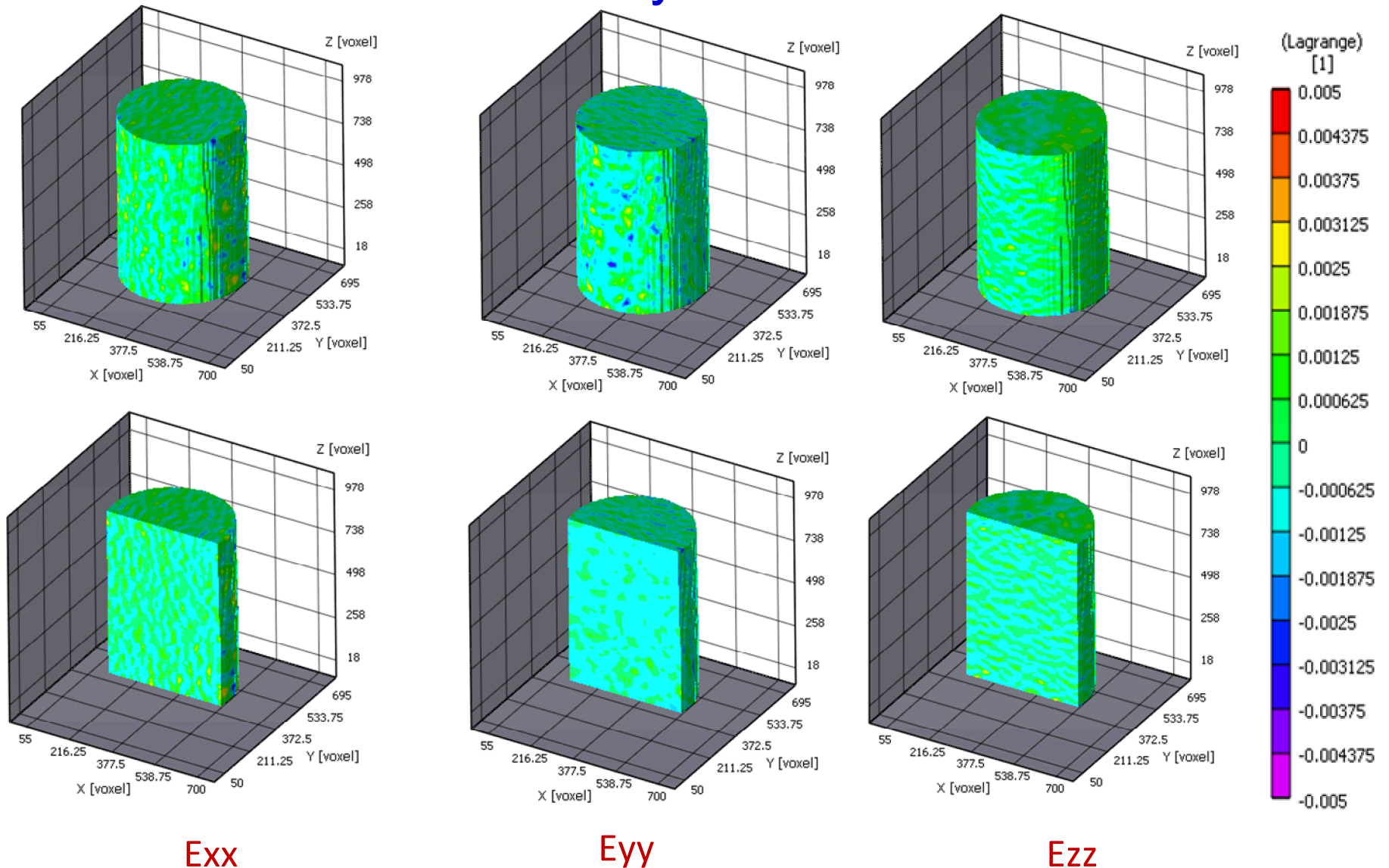


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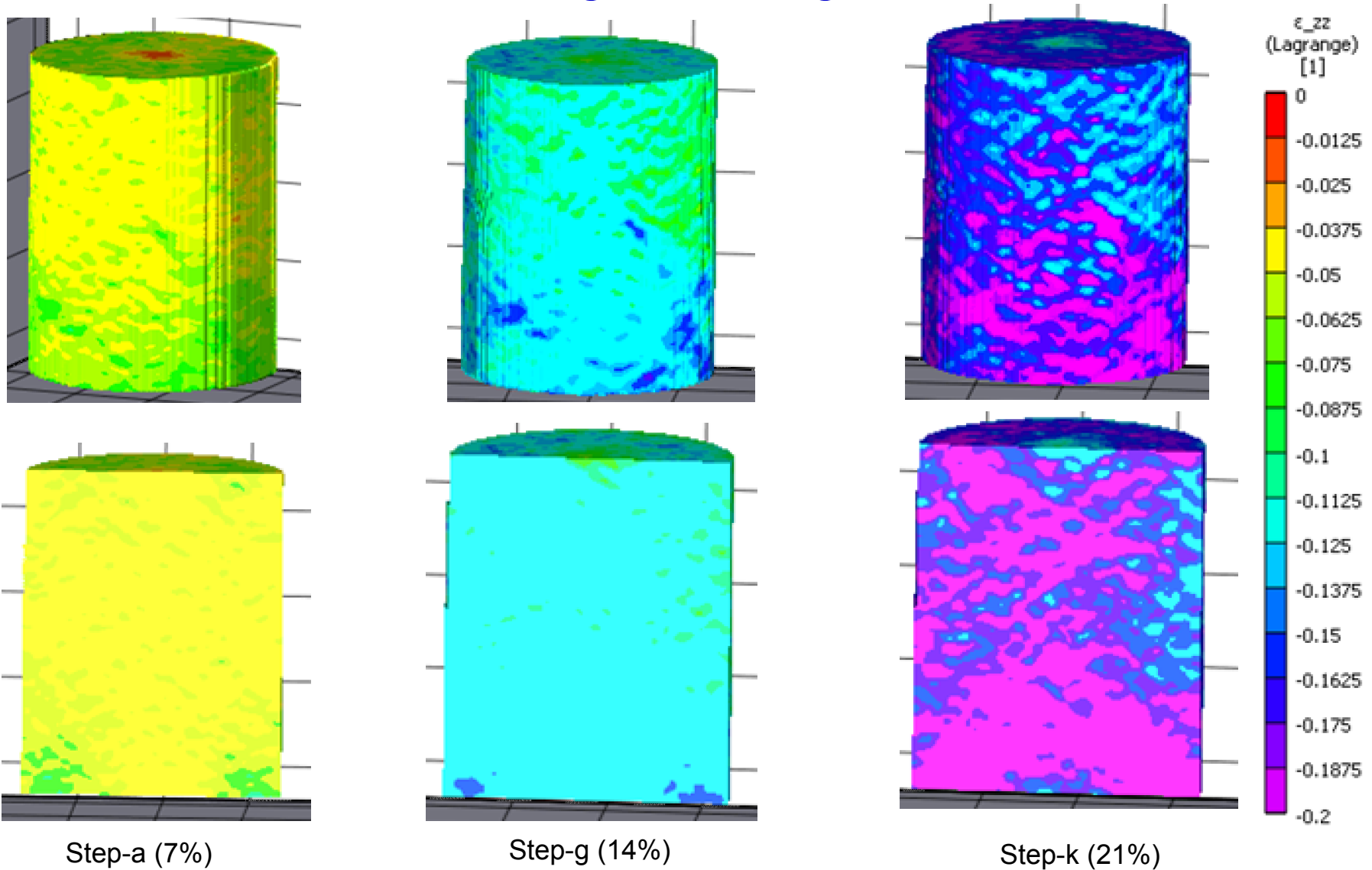
Quantifying the DVC Error from Consecutive Scans



Quantifying the DVC Error from Rigid Body Motion



Calculate the Full-field Deformation using CT Images



Summary

- In-situ XCT experiment is performed to study the behavior of GMBs inside the Sylgard.
- Two sets of tomographic images with high and low spatial resolution were acquired during the in-situ XCT experiments.
- DVC algorithms are able to apply to the tomographic images to calculate the deformation field inside the material body, using the GMBs as patterns for DVC.
- In-situ XCT experiment provided data on the GMBs size distribution and failure during the compressive loading of Sylgard.

Future Study

- Different GMB volume fraction
- Confined compression / different loading boundaries

Thank you!

Questions?