



# Dynamic Behavior of Granular Ceramics

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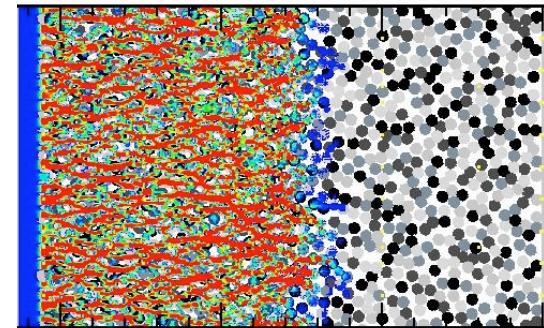
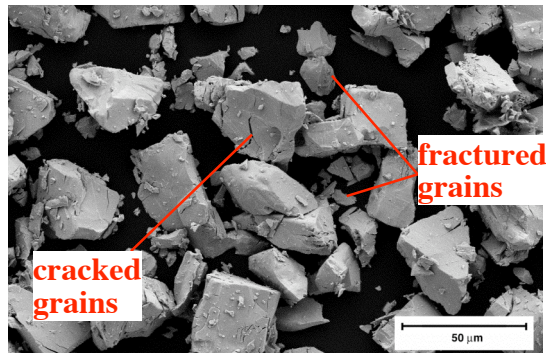
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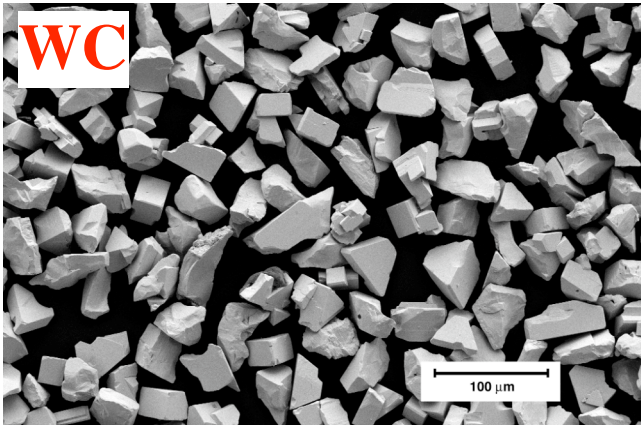




# Investigation of Dynamic Behavior of Granular Ceramics

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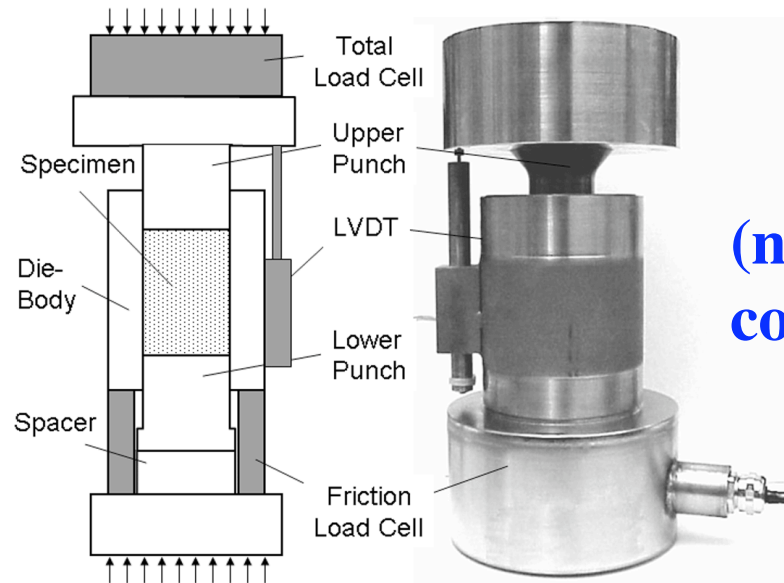
- investigate dynamic compaction behavior of ceramic powders (WC, sand,  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ , etc.)
- develop insight into physics of dynamic behavior of these materials and the parameters that influence it
- explore a variety of techniques (quasi-static experiments, mesoscale simulations, etc.) to predict dynamic results
- determine suitability of current models within Sandia codes for simulating dynamic behavior of powders







# Static Die Compaction Experiments



**(nearly) uniaxial strain  
compaction to ~1.6 GPa**

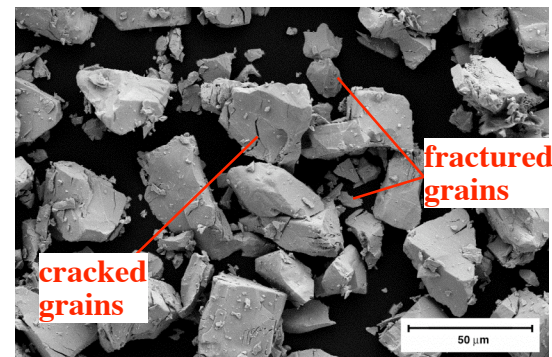
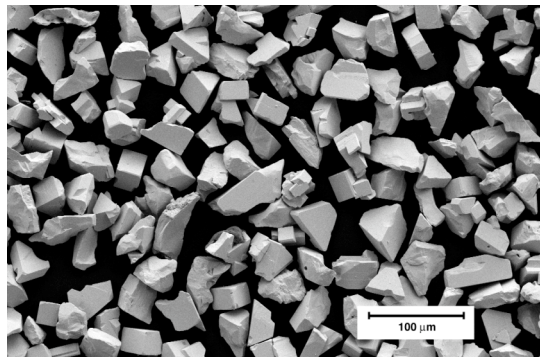
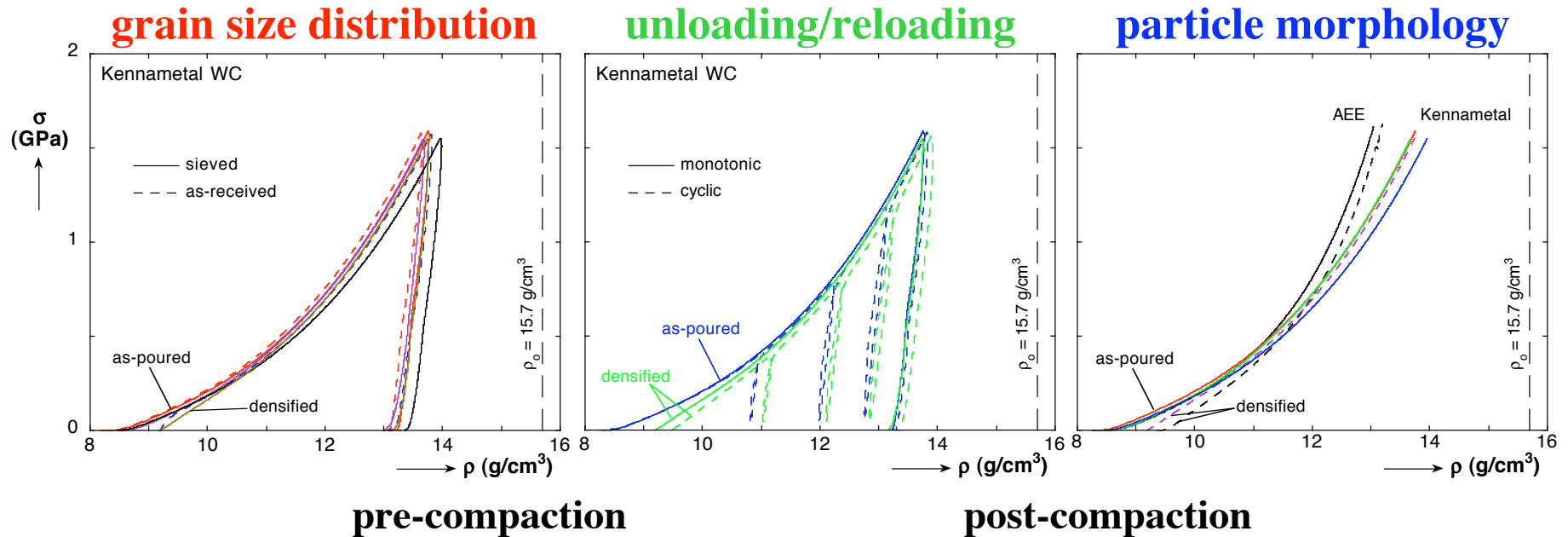
## Objectives

- Determine compaction curve functional form
- Examine effects of experimental parameters (grain size, grain size distribution, grain shape, initial density, loading path, etc.)
- Correlate with dynamic results



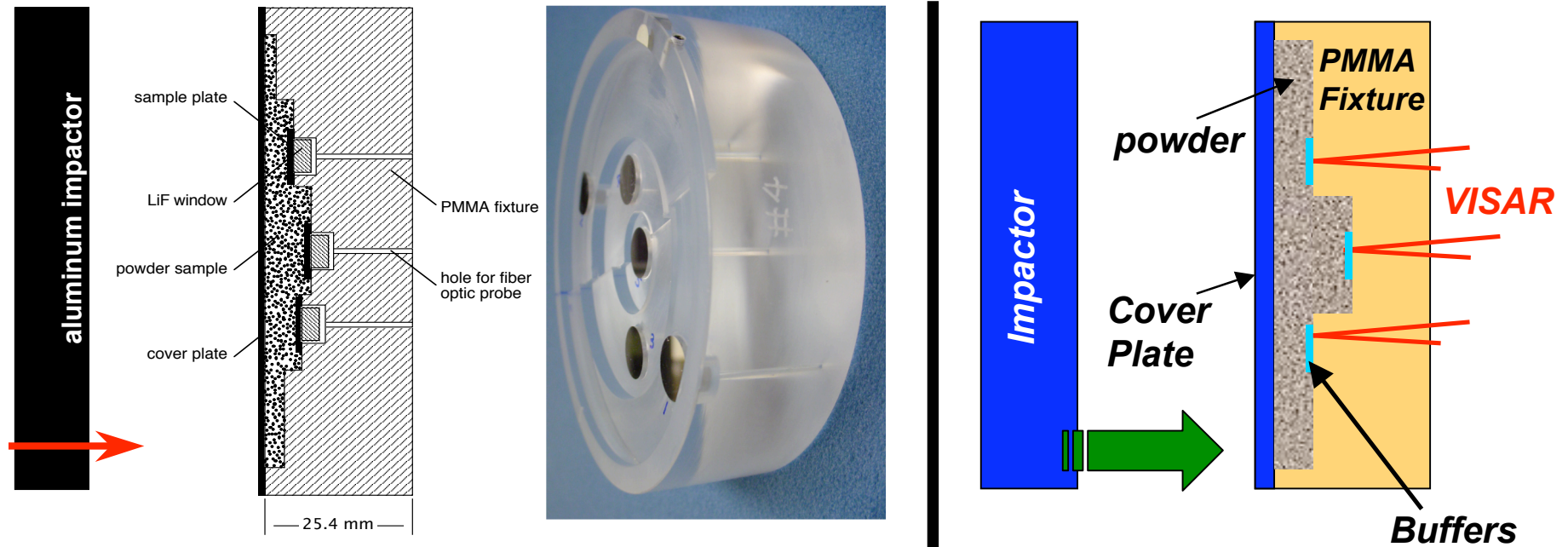
# Static Compaction Results

evaluate effects of important variables on loading response





# Planar Impact Experiments on Granular Materials



**multiple sample thicknesses on the same experiment for accurate shock velocity and uniform powder density;  
sealed capsule allows fluid / powder mixtures**

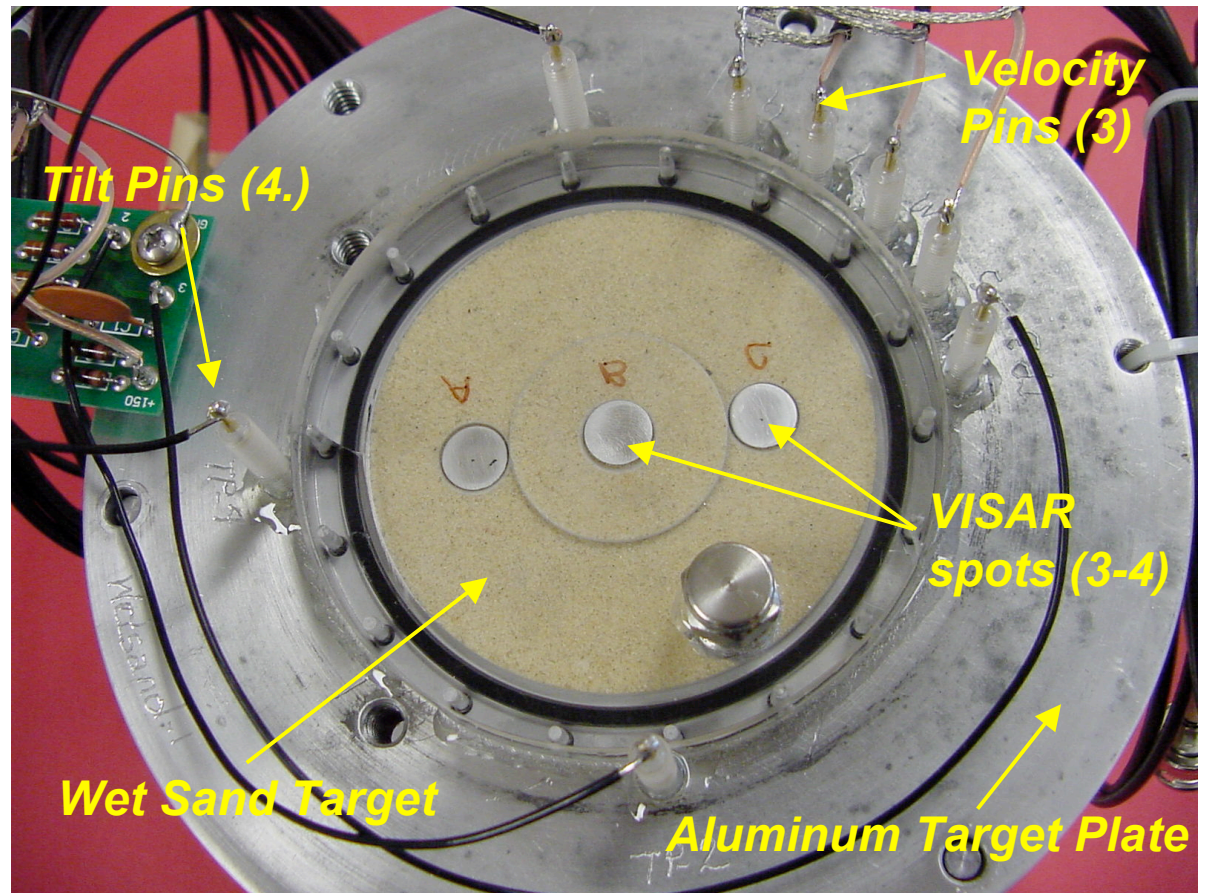
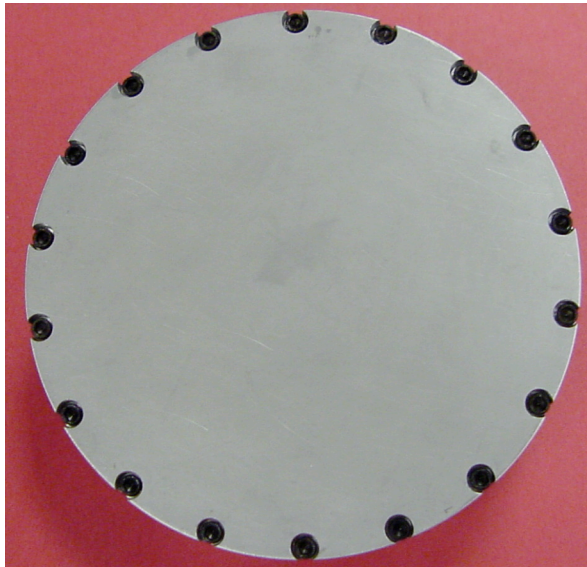
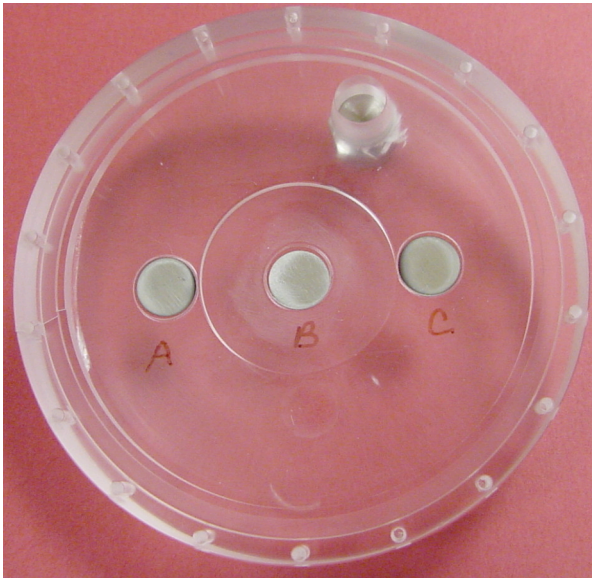
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# Wet Sand Targets

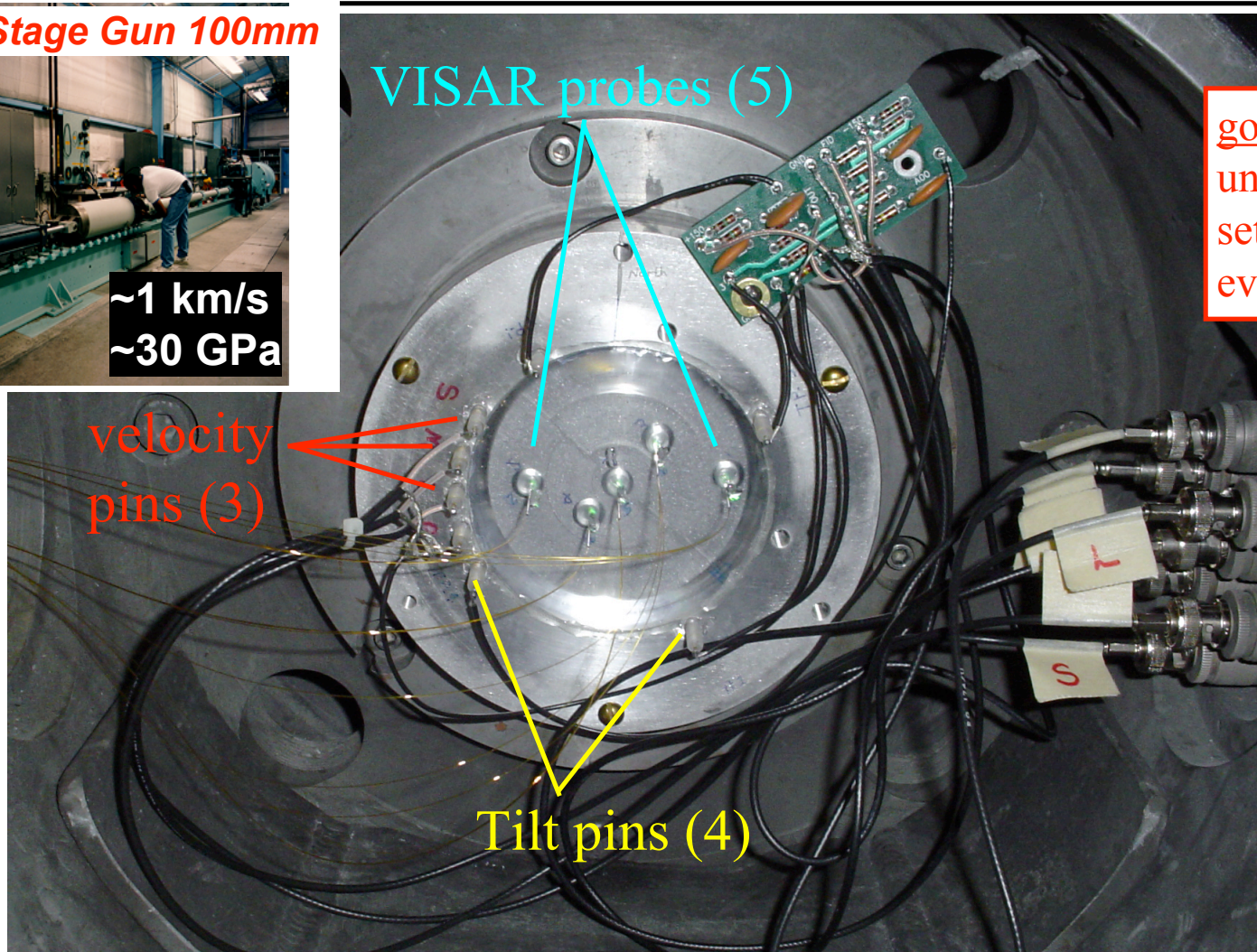
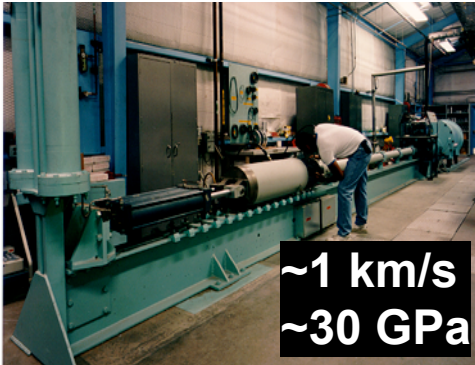






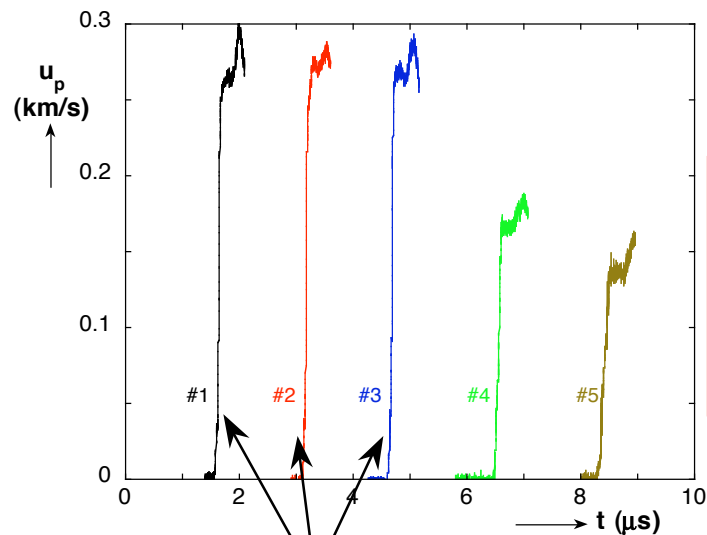
# Target Mounted in Gas Gun

Single Stage Gun 100mm



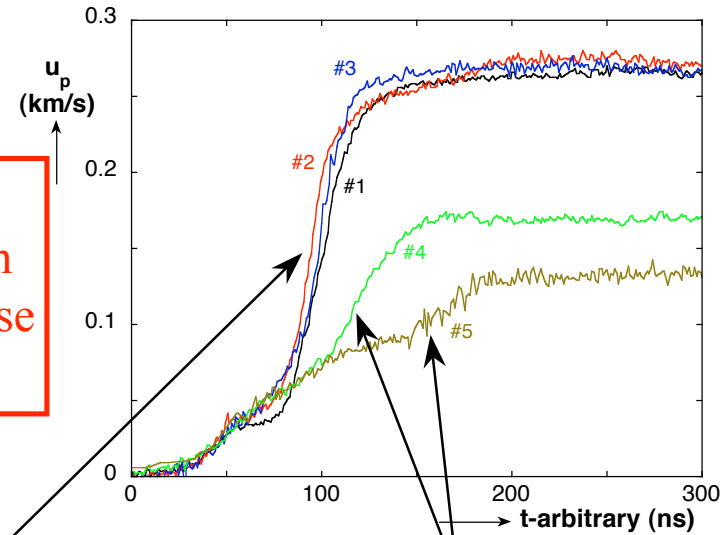


# Measured Steady Waves



shock velocity calculated based on powder thicknesses and arrival times

gotcha's:  
attenuation  
edge release  
steadiness



steady,  
structured  
waves

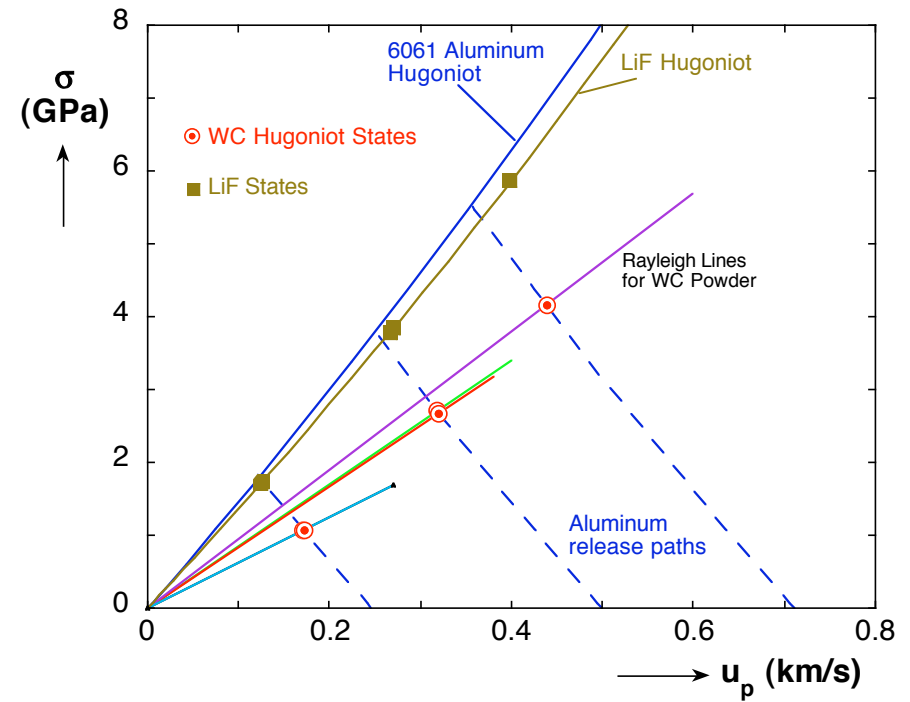
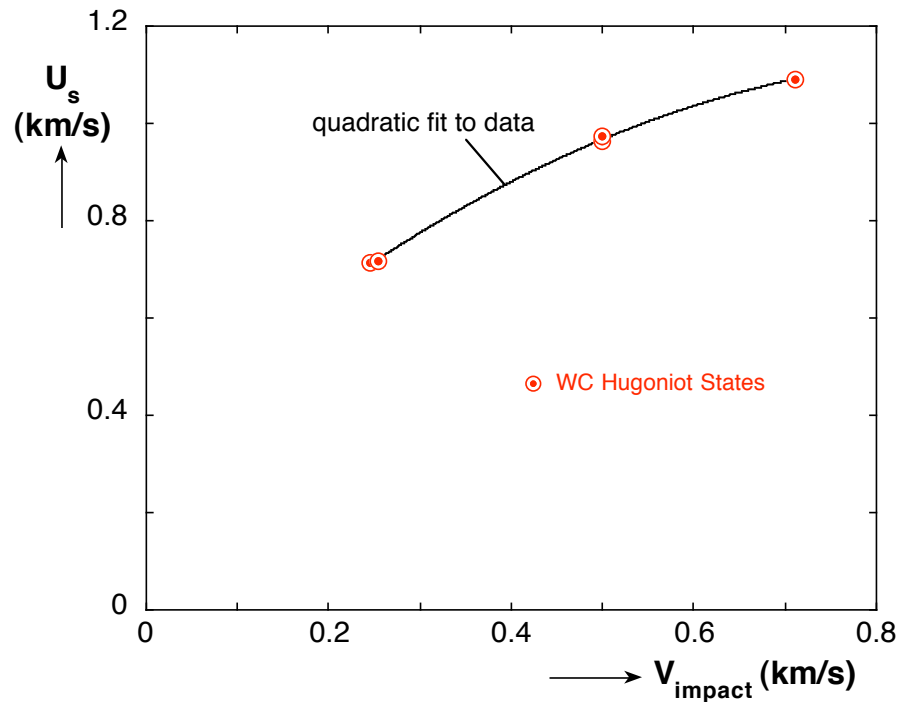
attenuated  
waves

- seem to be first time-resolved measurements of steady waves in granular materials
- since waves are steady, Rankine-Hugoniot jump conditions can be used even though waves have finite rise times





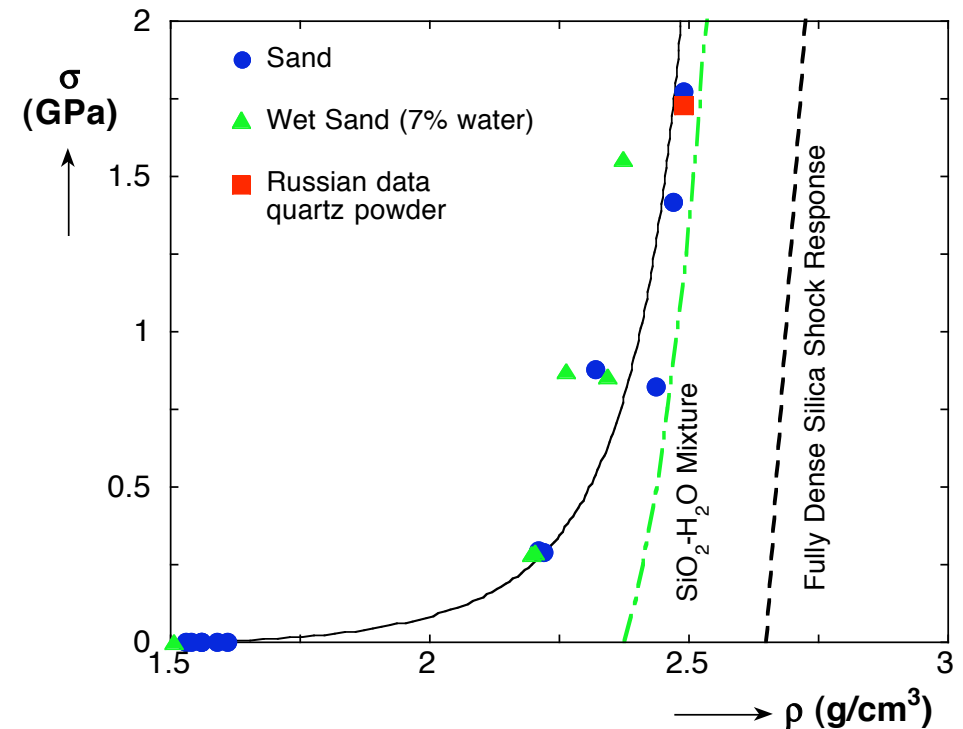
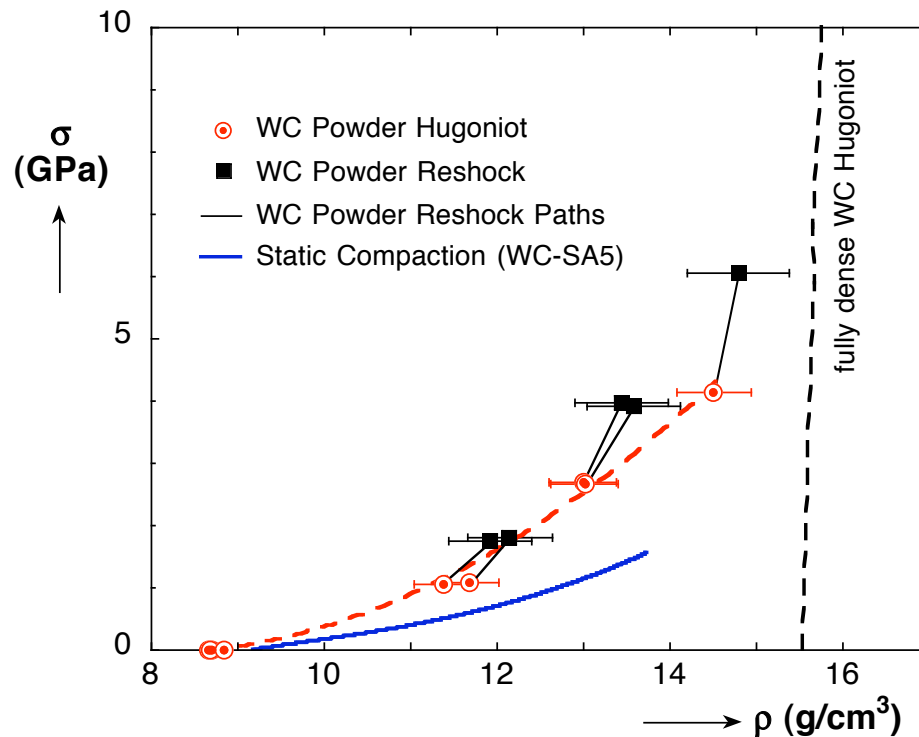
# Shock Velocities and Hugoniot States



- impedance matching to aluminum impactor used to determine Hugoniot stress and particle velocity ( $\sigma = \rho_o U_s u_p$ )
- density then calculated from  $\rho = \rho_o U_s / (U_s - u_p)$



# Compaction Response for WC and Wet/Dry Sand

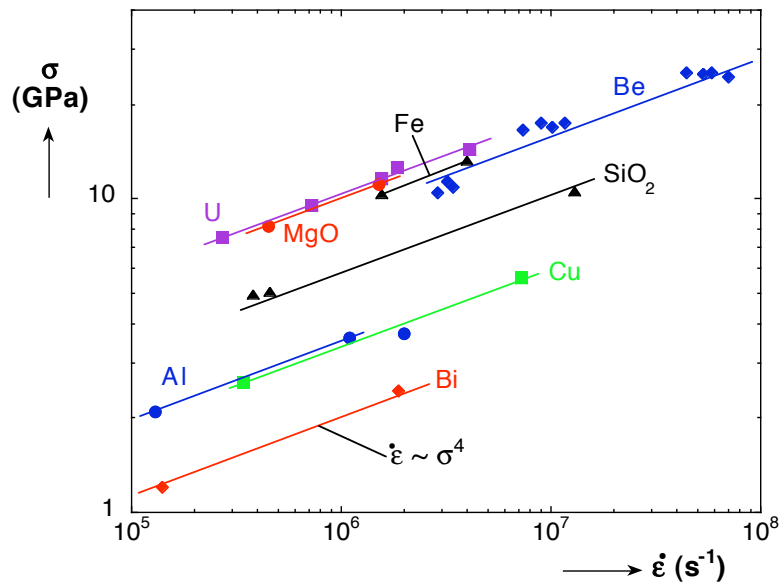


- first reshock state lies above Hugoniot suggesting elastic response of compacted material
- the difference between static and dynamic responses appears to be due to the relatively thin compaction front over which deformation occurs

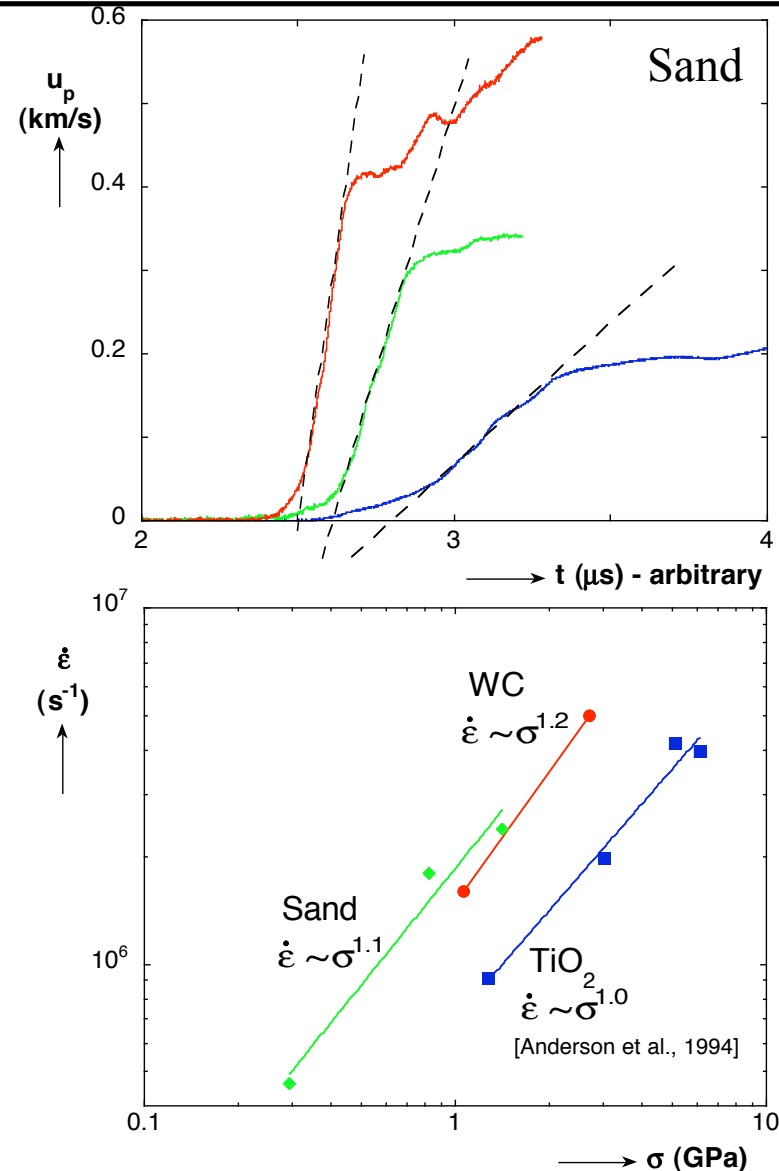


# Scaling Between Rise Time of Wave and Stress

for many fully dense materials (Al, Be, Bi, Cu, Fe, MgO, SiO<sub>2</sub>, U), rise times of steady waves scale as  $\dot{\epsilon} \sim \sigma^4$  (Swegle & Grady, 1985)



data on three granular ceramics suggest a linear scaling between stress and strain rate

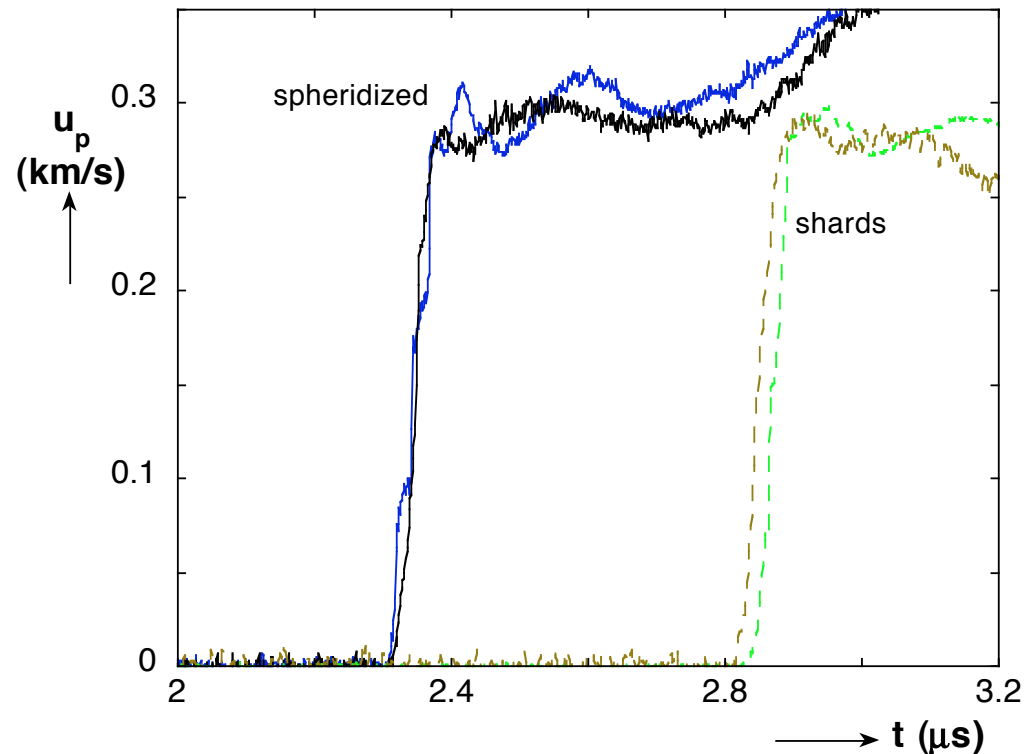
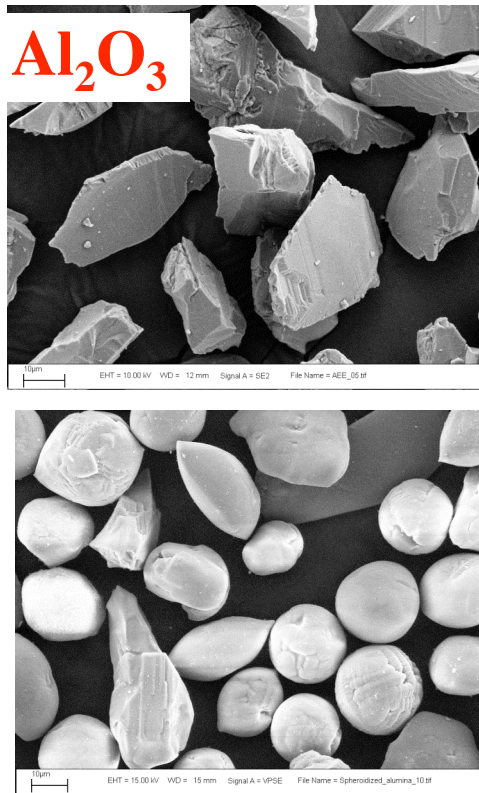






# Effect of Particle Morphology

plasma processing used to create spheres, changing particle morphology

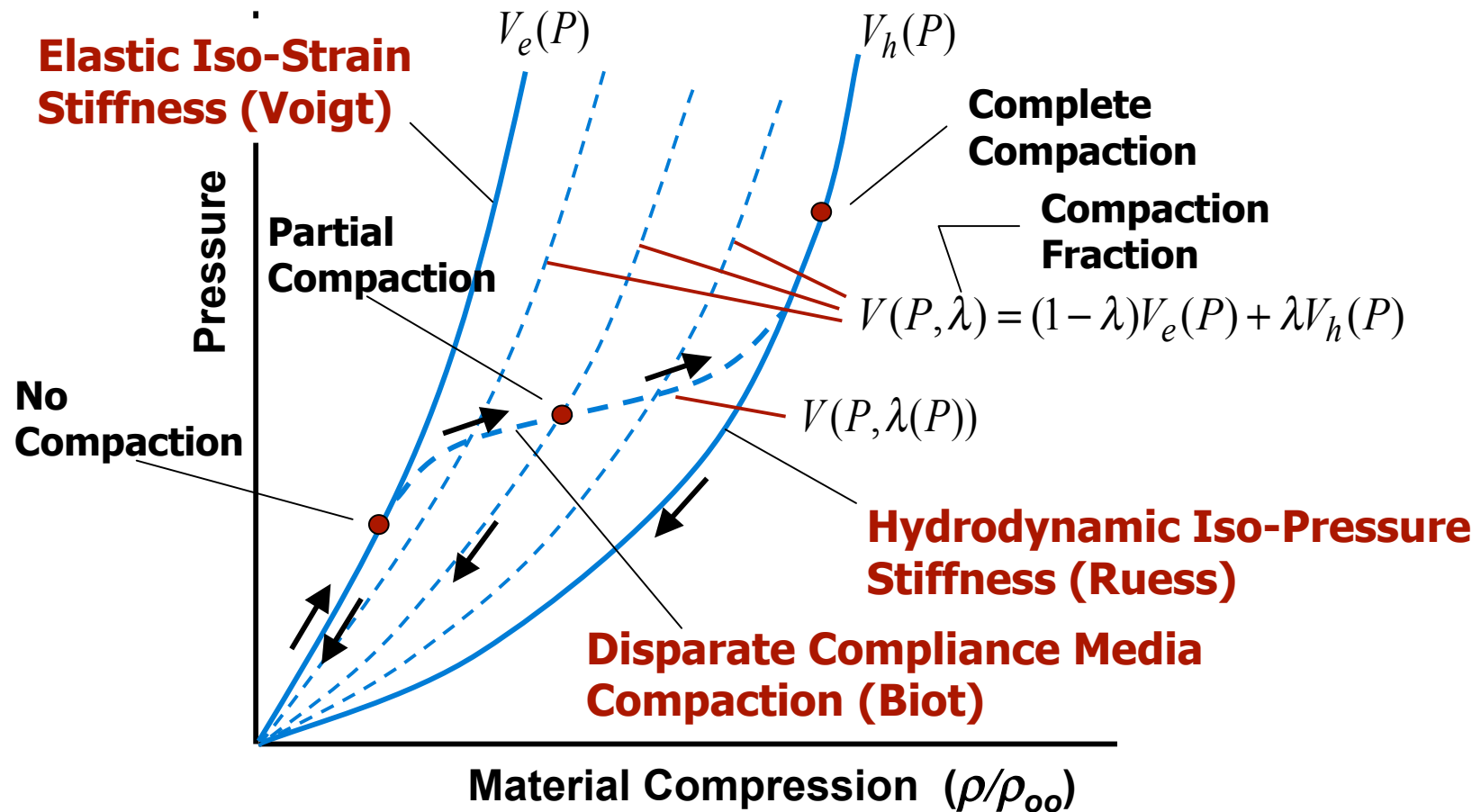


compaction results indistinguishable, but small differences in VISAR records; other materials with more significant morphology changes show greater differences in VISAR (but none in compaction)



# Continuum P- $\lambda$ Model

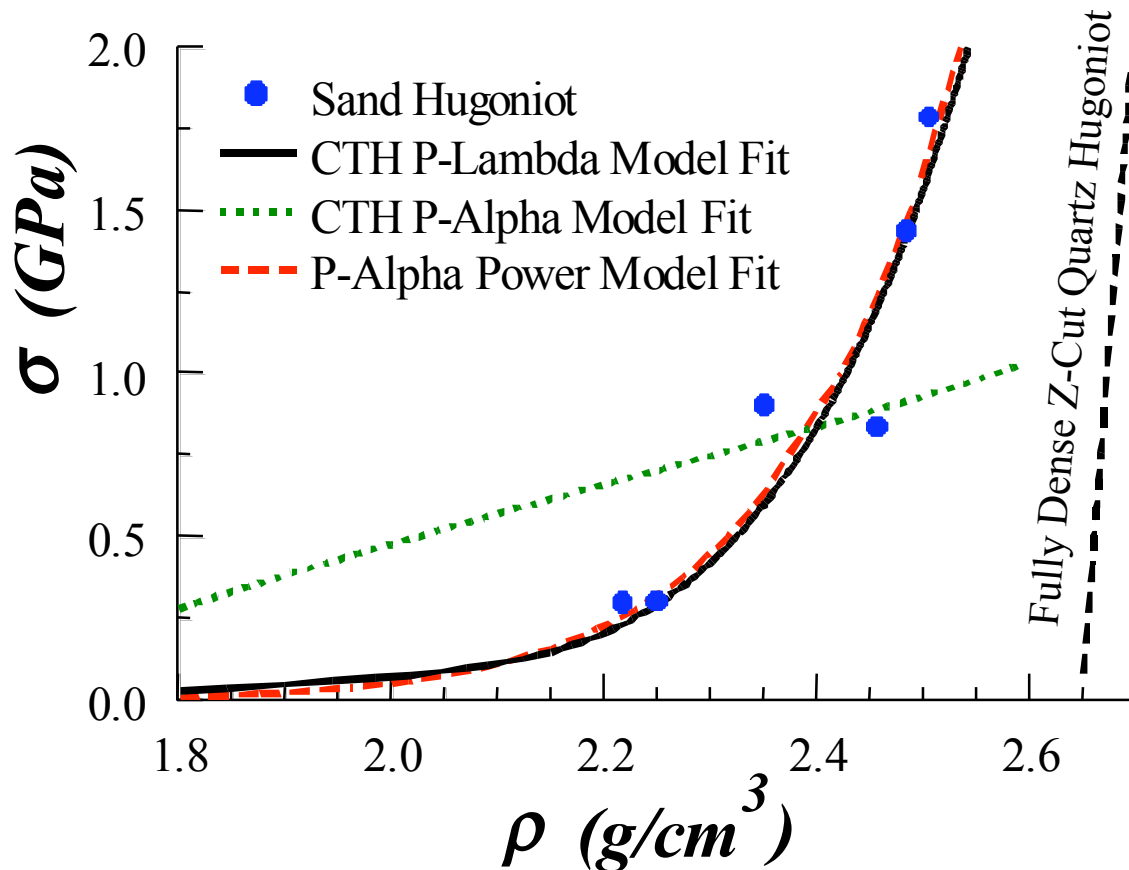
more flexible variation on P- $\alpha$  developed by Grady *et al.*; allows multiple materials but maintains simplicity of P- $\alpha$  model



Grady, D.E., 2007. "Shock wave compression of ceramics with microstructures." *International Journal of Plasticity* (in press).



# Continuum Model (P- $\alpha$ and P- $\lambda$ ) Calibration for Sand



$$\alpha = \rho_M / \rho$$

CTH form

$$\alpha(p) = 1 + (\alpha_0 - 1) \left( \frac{p_s - p}{p_s - p_e} \right)^n$$

alternate form

$$p(\alpha) = p_s \alpha^{-\eta}$$

$$v_m(p) = \lambda v_R(p) + (1 - \lambda) v_V(p)$$

$$\lambda = 1 - e^{-\left(\frac{p}{p_c}\right)^n}$$





# Mesoscale Modeling of Granular Materials



- follow approach of Benson et al. for 2-D simulations
- particles idealized as circles (rods) for initial work
- constant velocity boundary condition applied
- run in CTH (explicit Eulerian finite difference code)
- Mie-Gruneisen EOS, elastic-perfectly plastic strength for WC

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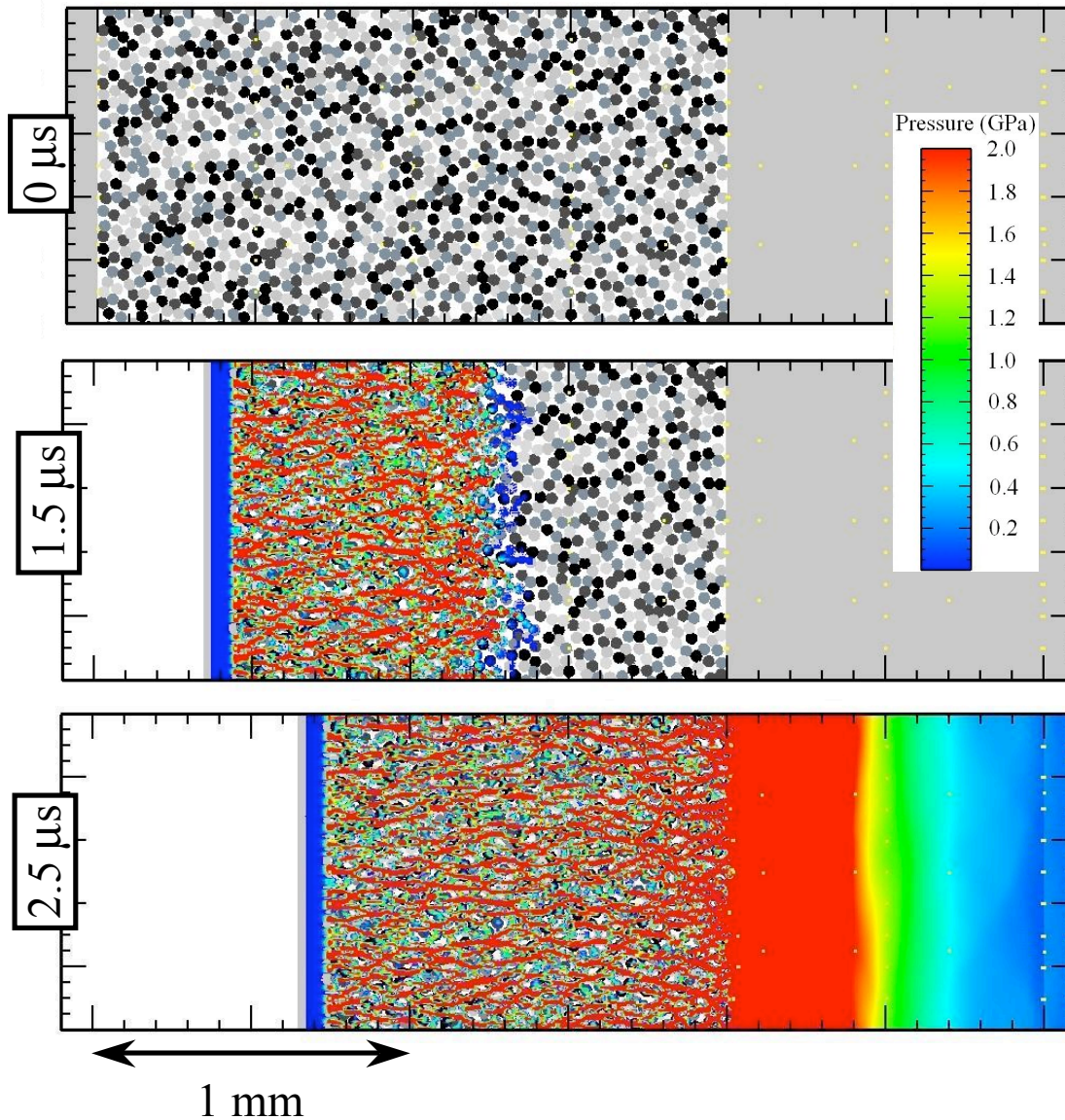
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*get at underlying physics of granular materials*



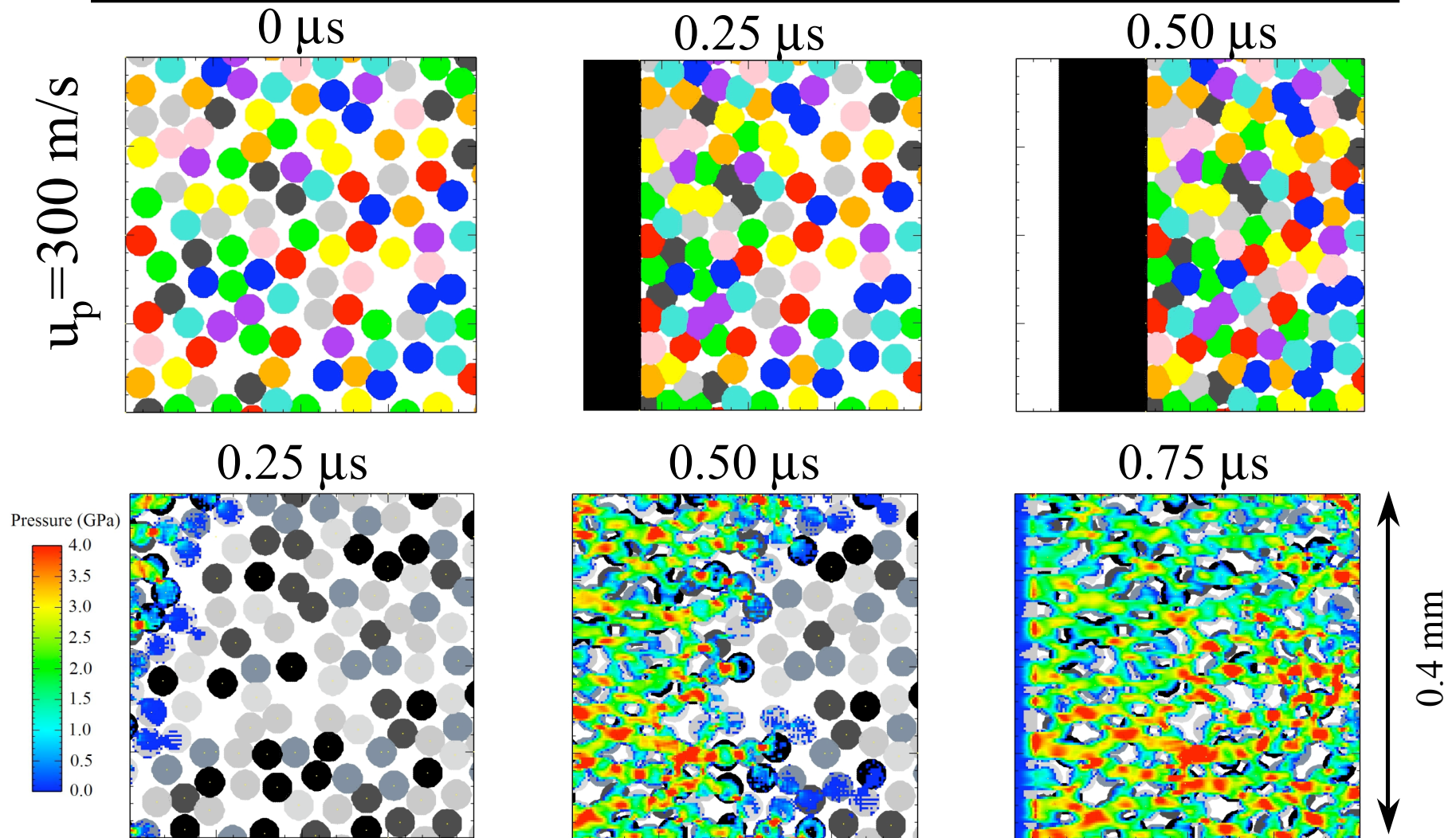
# Computational Dynamic Compaction



- driver plate velocity  $u_p = 300$  m/s
- shock thickness on the order of  $\sim 2-5$  particles
- strong force chains observed
- wave smooths in aluminum buffer



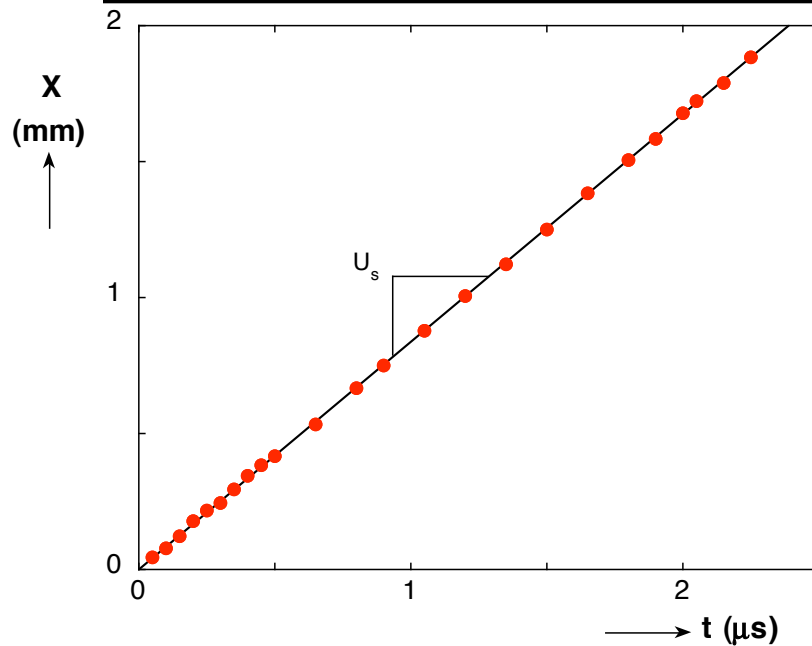
# Close-Up of Compaction Process



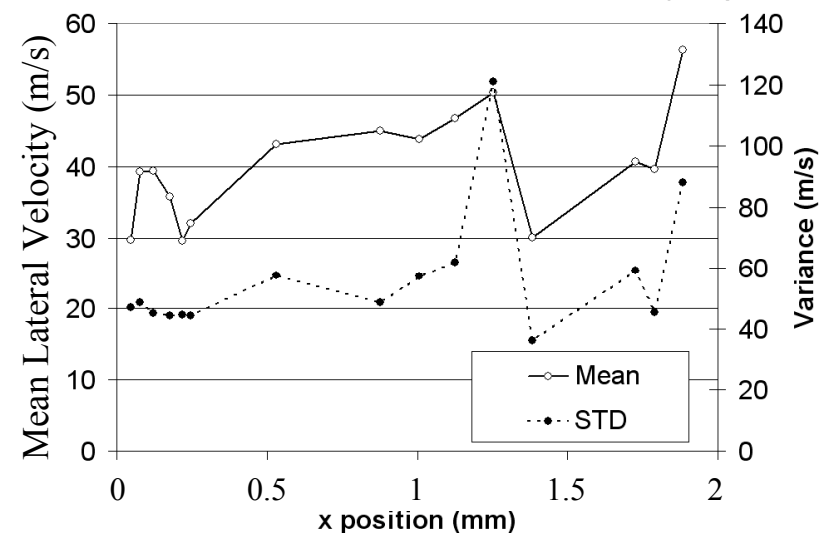
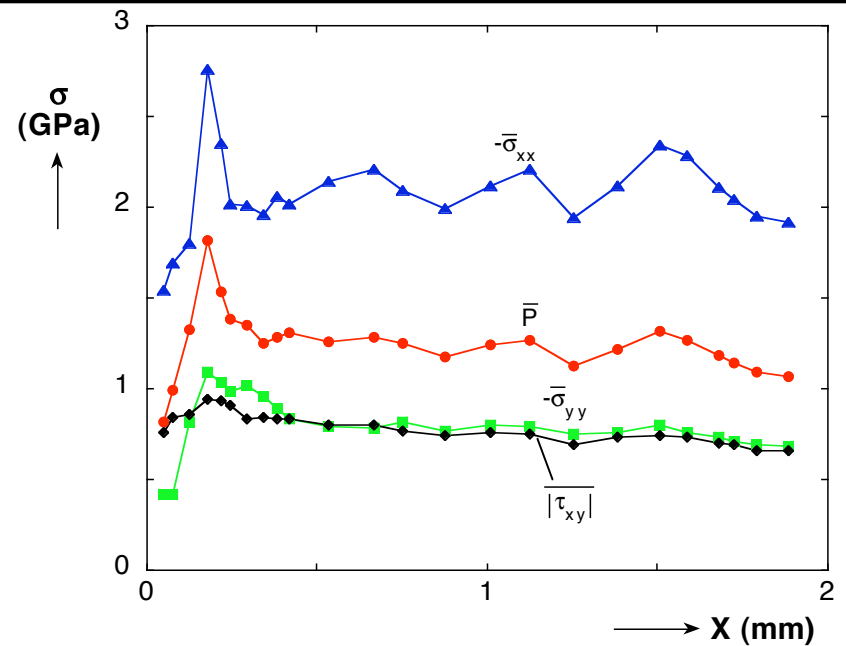
no jetting or vortices so deformation is “*quasi-static*”  
(Benson et al., 1997)



# Properties of Propagating Wave

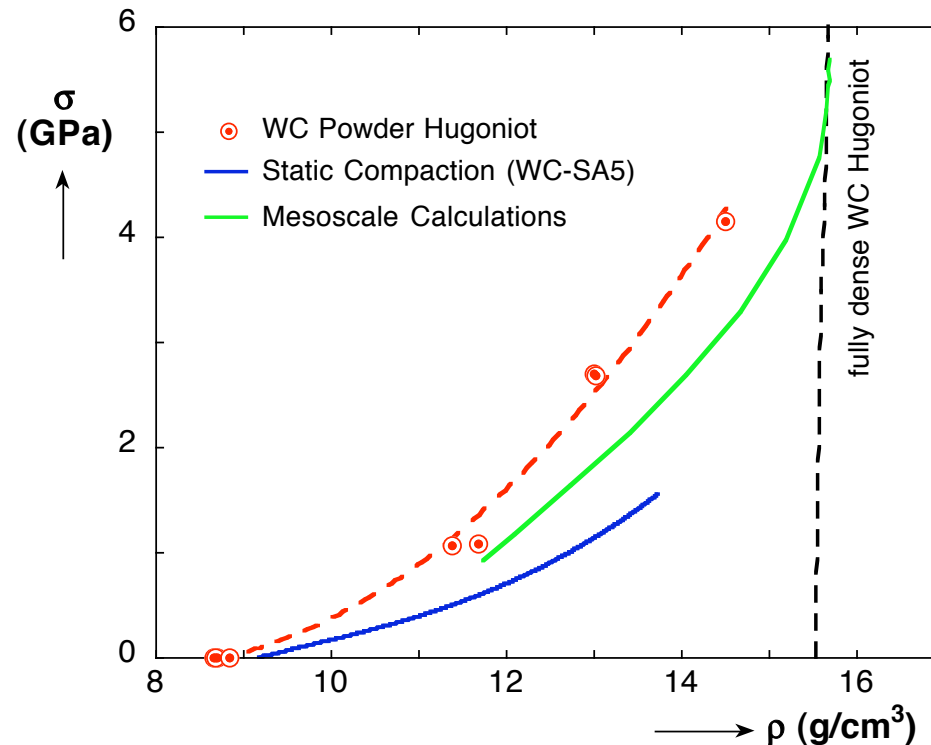


- arrival time of wave suggests steadiness at all times
- stresses in wave front indicate nearly 0.5 mm required to reach steady state
- lateral motion  $>10\%$  of longitudinal velocity





# Calculated Hugoniot from Literature Parameters



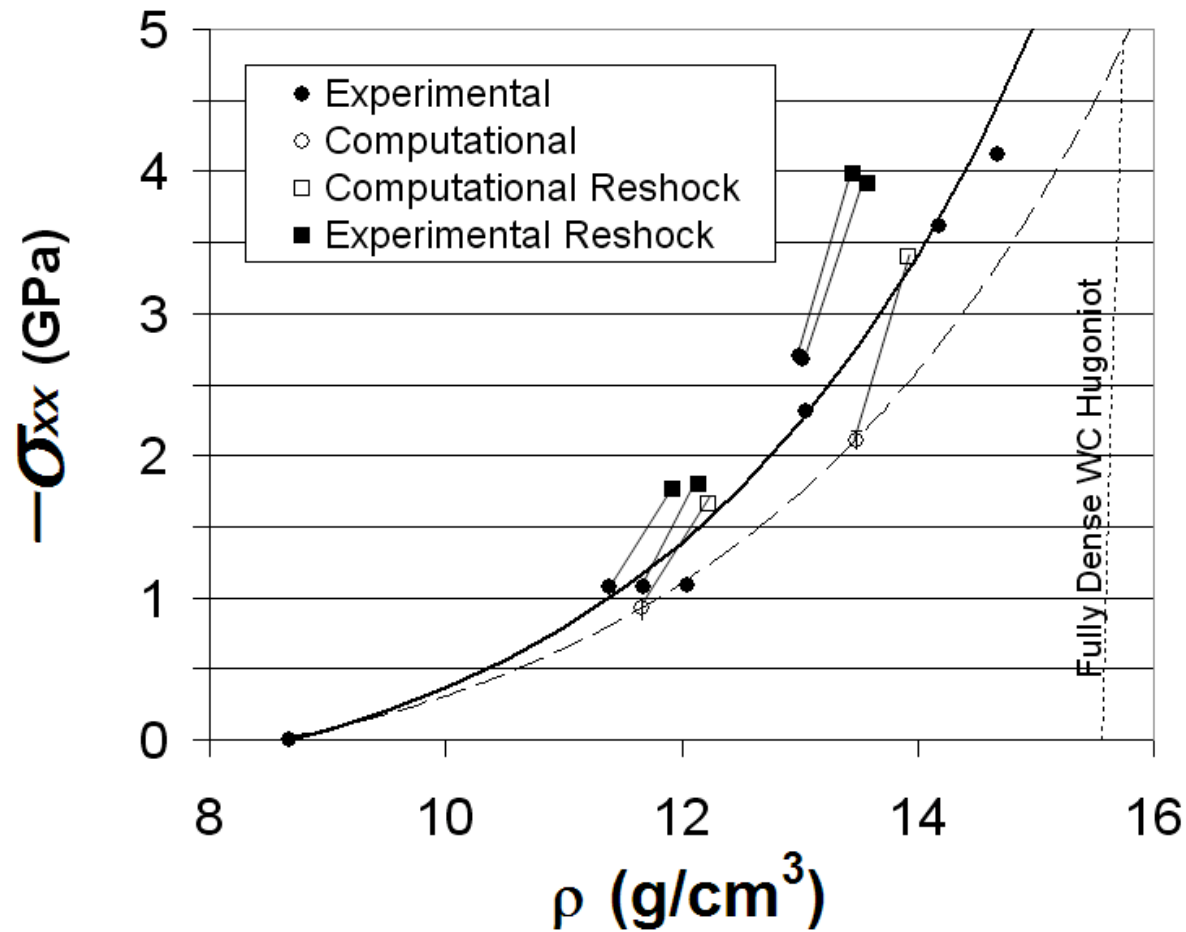
$$\sigma = \rho_o U_s u_p$$
$$\rho = \rho_o \frac{U_s}{U_s - u_p}$$

- simulations provide reasonable estimate for Hugoniot
- shortcomings of model:
  - missing physics of granular contact and fracture
  - wrong connectivity in 2-D
  - spherical particles unrealistic
  - inaccurate strength for small particles





# Reshock Behavior of Simulations



reshock behavior of the model agrees well with the experiments





# Sensitivity to Simulation Parameters

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## Material Properties

- Particle size distribution (negligible effect)
- Dynamic yield strength (strong effect)
- Material EOS (negligible effect)
- Spall strength (strong effect but threshold)

## Two-Dimensional Properties

- Material distribution (strong effect)
- Variations in boundary conditions (small effect)

## Hydrocode Behavior

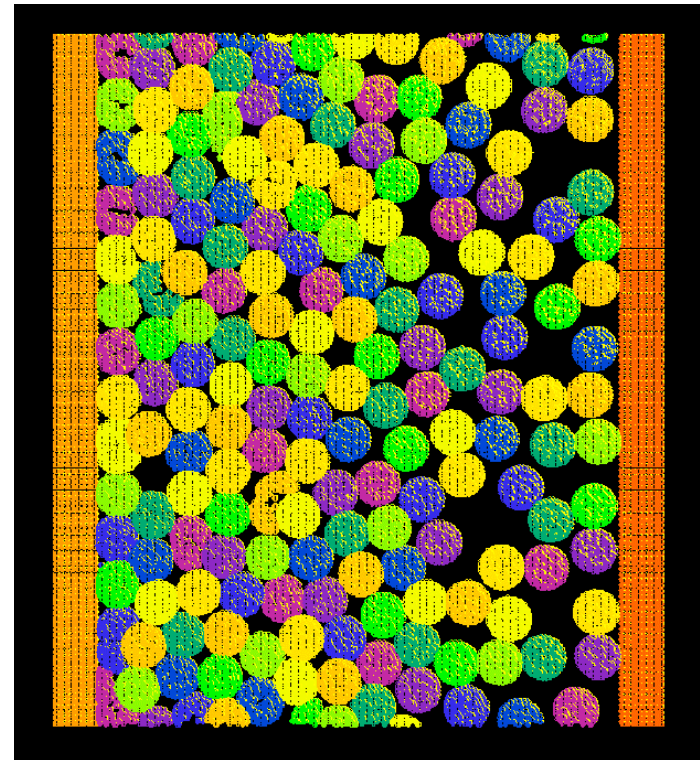
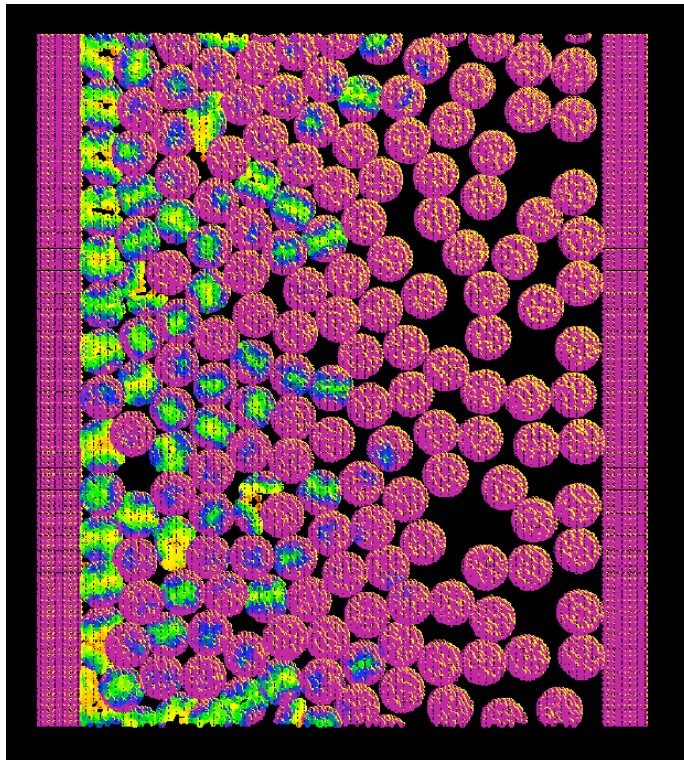
- Mixed cell strength (very strong effect)



# Initial Mesoscale Calculations with Peridynamics

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- non-local method based on reformulation of governing equations in integral form
- model framework still under development
- includes fracture and contact missing from CTH
- interaction between fracture and plasticity complicated

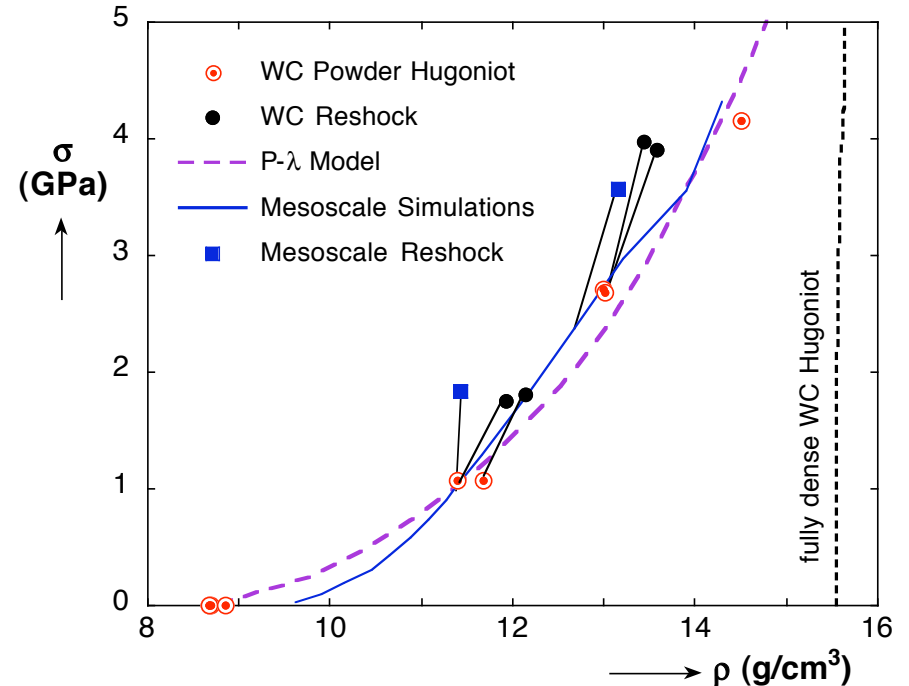




# Validation Experiments: Attenuating Waves



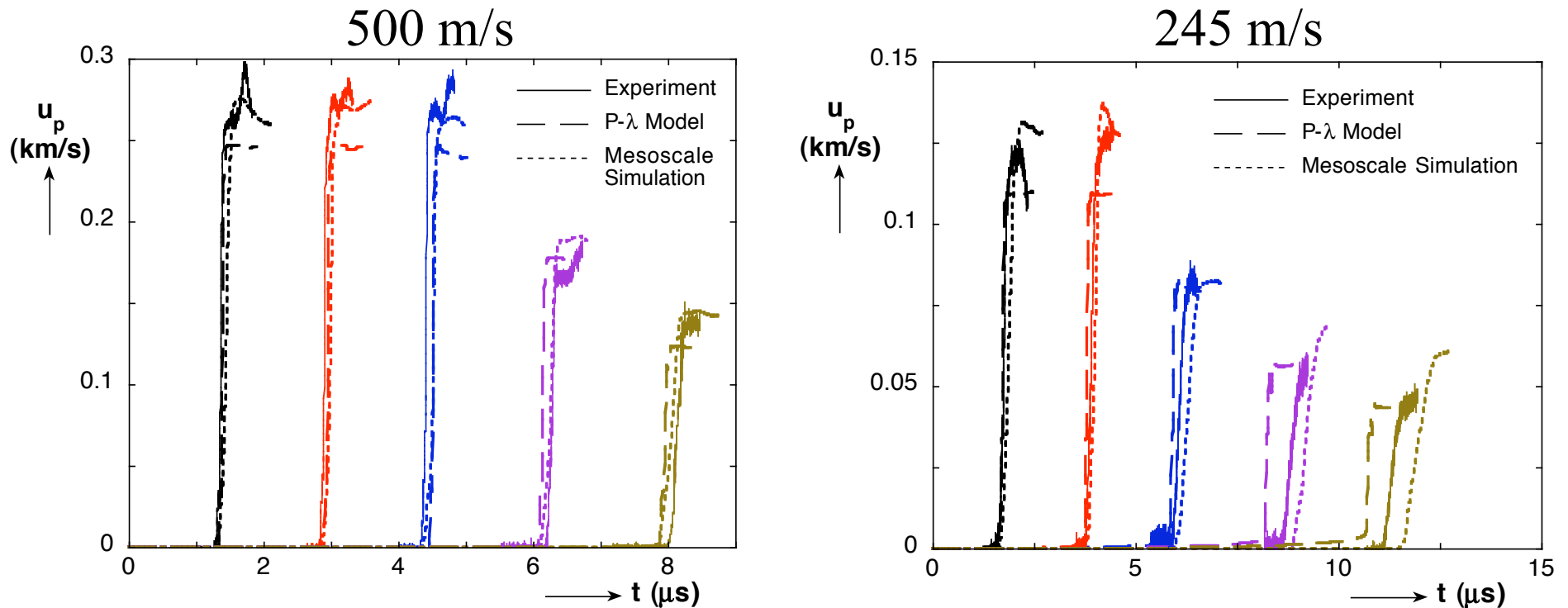
- P- $\lambda$  model calibrated to WC data
- mesoscale strength set to 8 GPa to match data
- duplicate geometry of experiments for 1 mm wide slice
- velocity averaged at nine points along buffer/window interface



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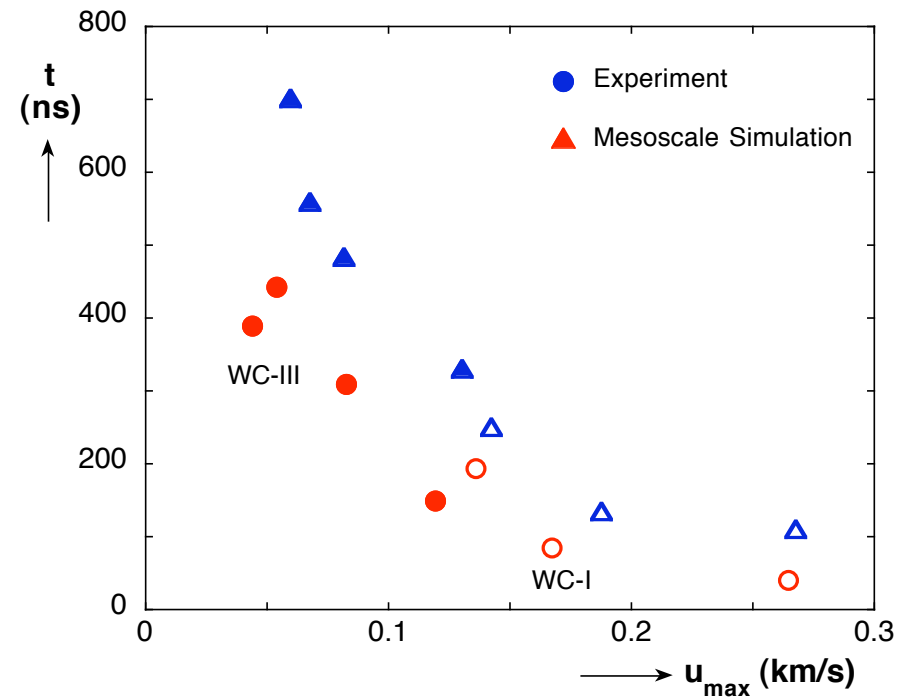
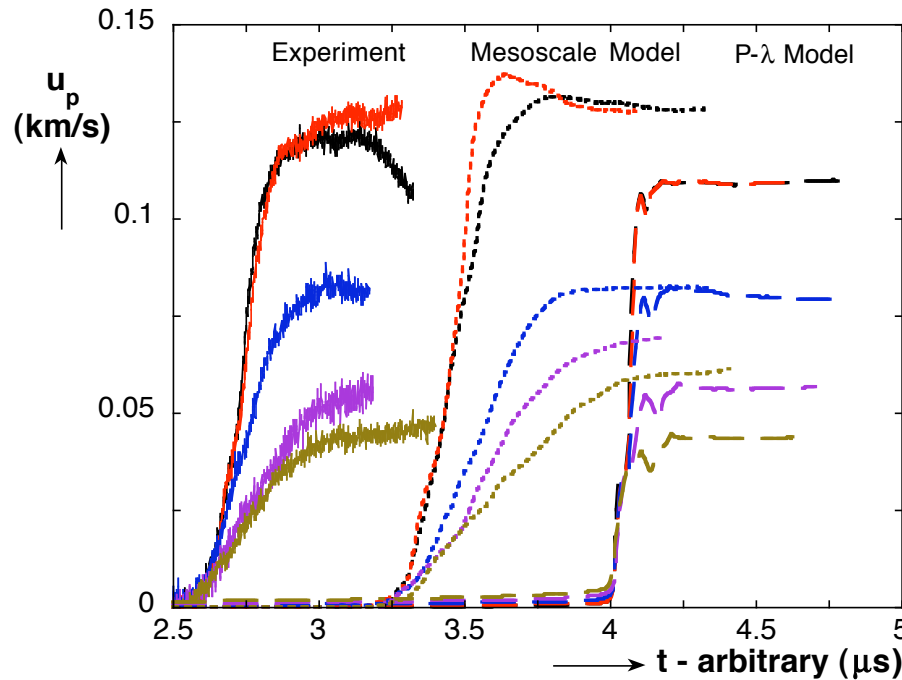
# Attenuating Waves: Comparison to Experimental Profiles



- steady wave arrival times good for both models, but amplitudes more accurate with mesoscale model due to stiffer reshock
- attenuating wave arrivals slightly better with mesoscale
- low stress levels seem to lie between mesoscale and P-λ, sampling regime where there is no data



# Attenuating Waves: Wave Shapes



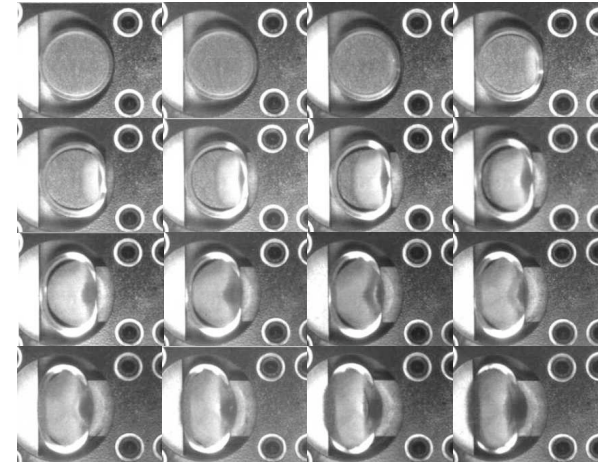
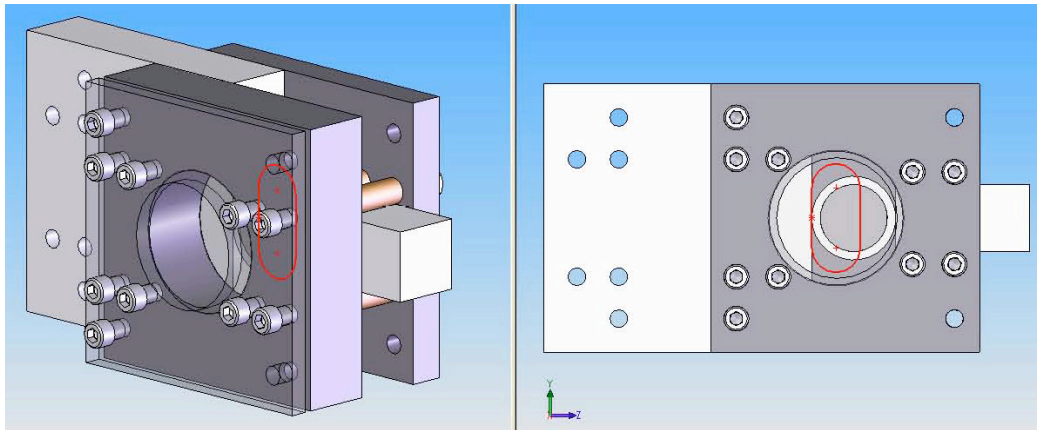
- shape from mesoscale approx. correct; P- $\lambda$  inaccurate
- rise time seems to depend only on current amplitude





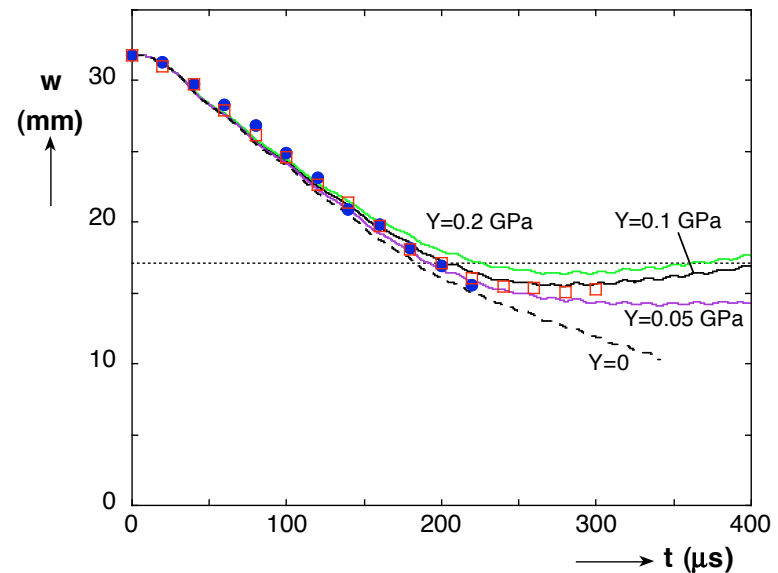
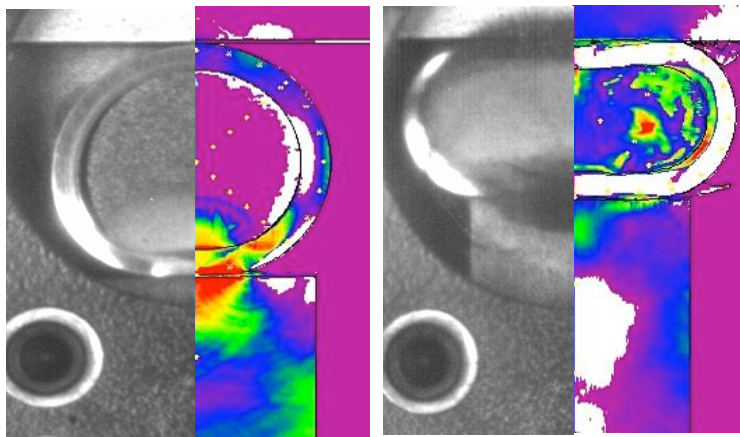
# Validation Experiments: Ring Compaction

ring compaction experiments provide data for non-planar deformation



10  $\mu\text{s}$  interframe time

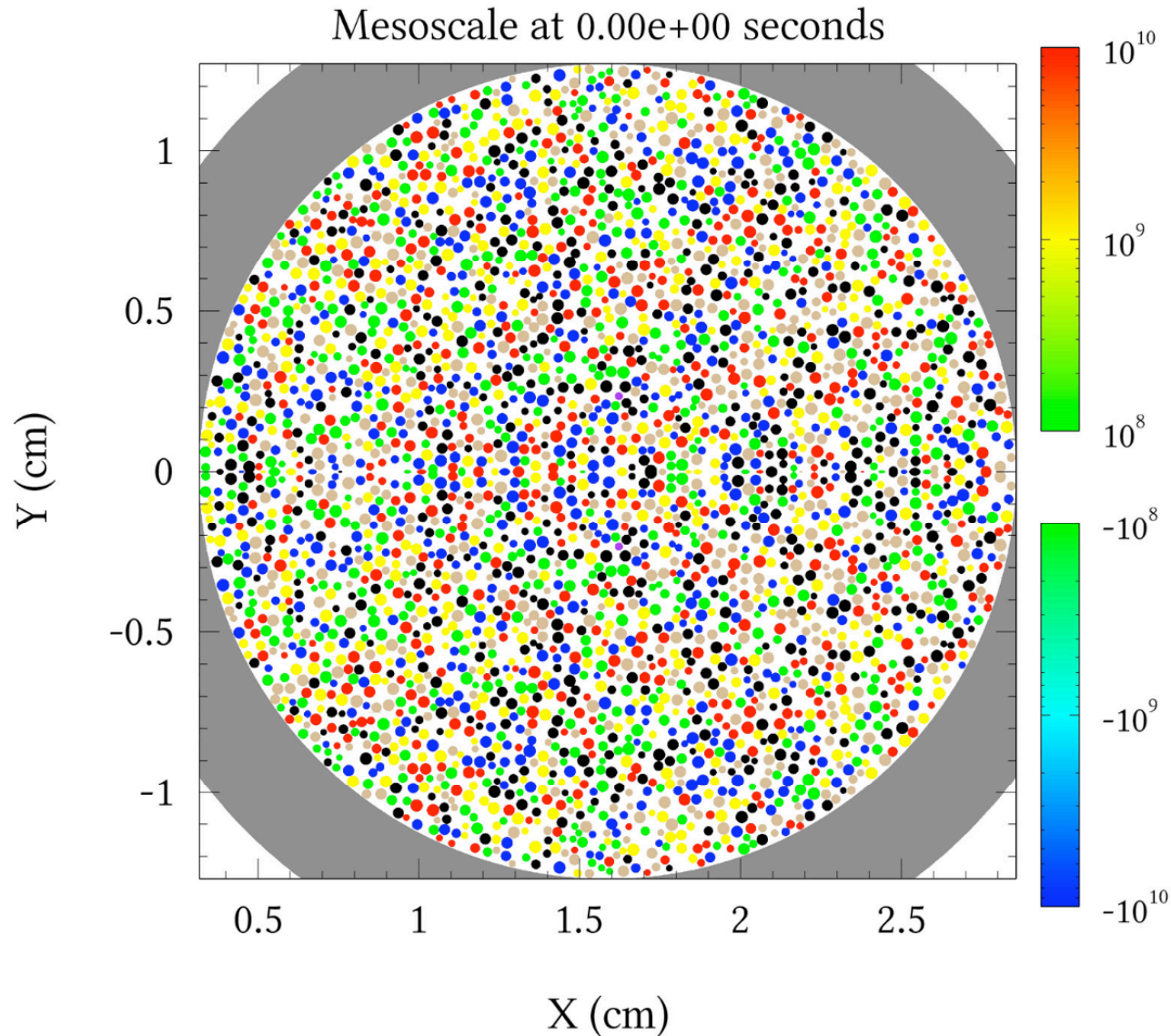
## 2-D CTH continuum calculation





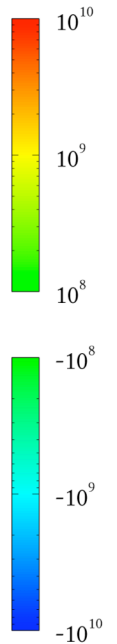
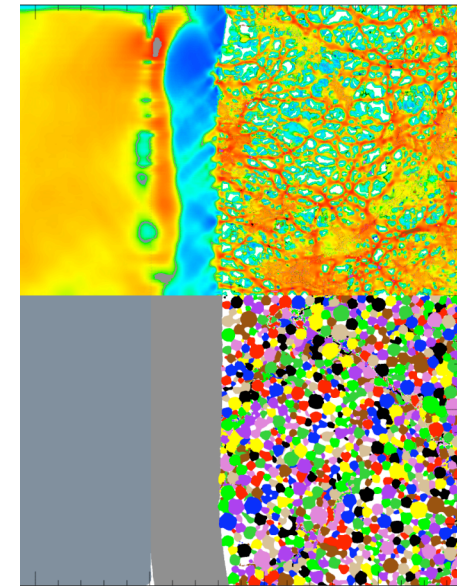
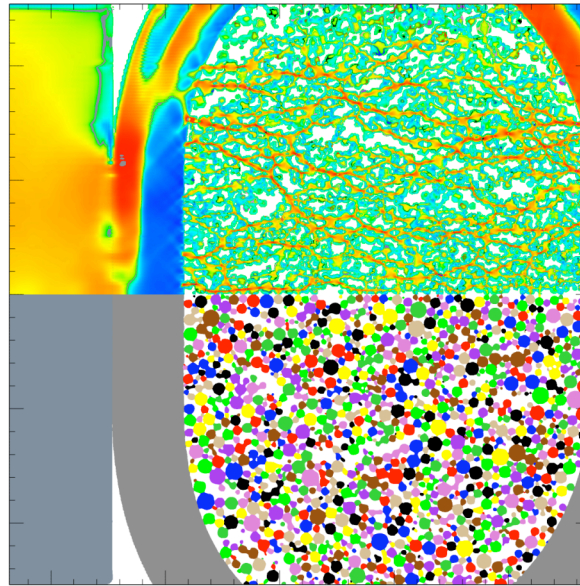
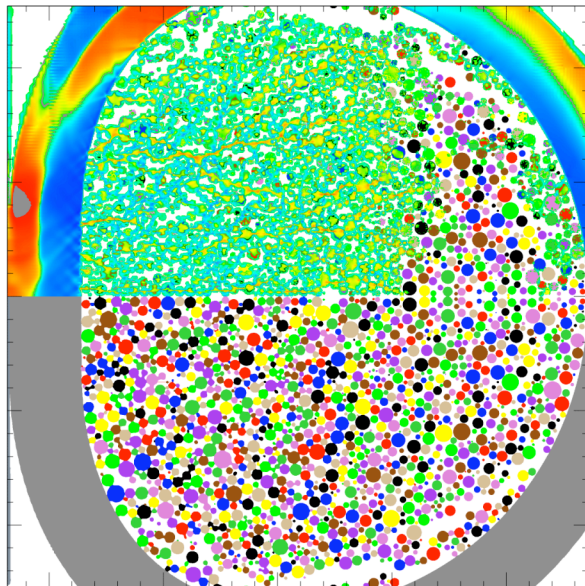
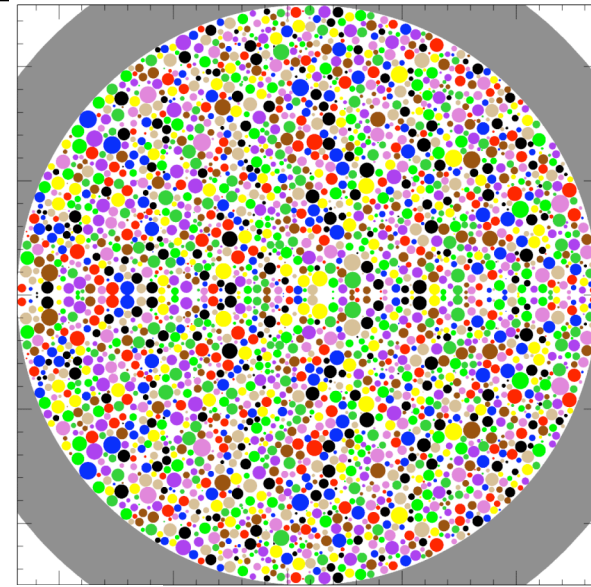
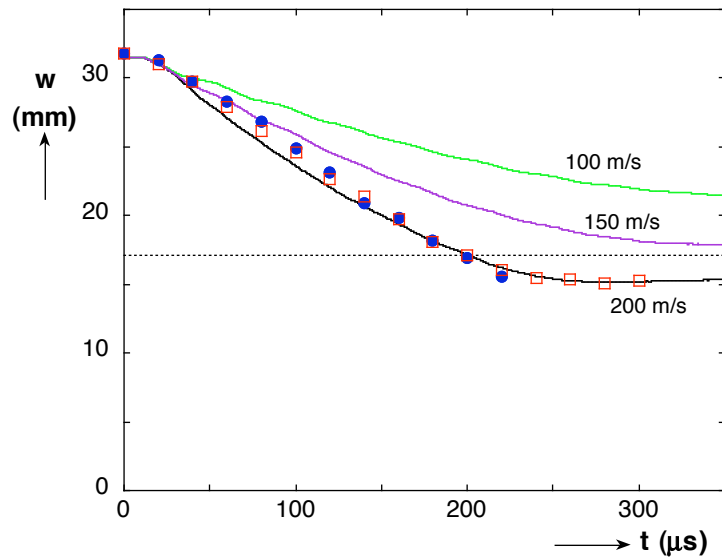


# Mesoscale Simulations of Rings (movie)





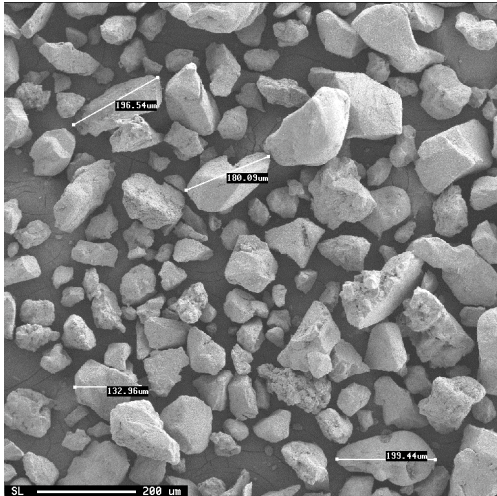
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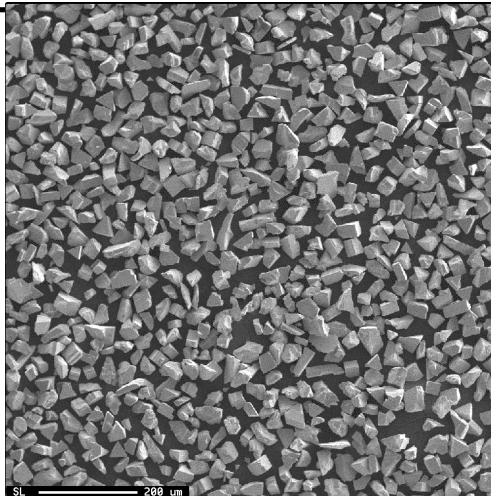




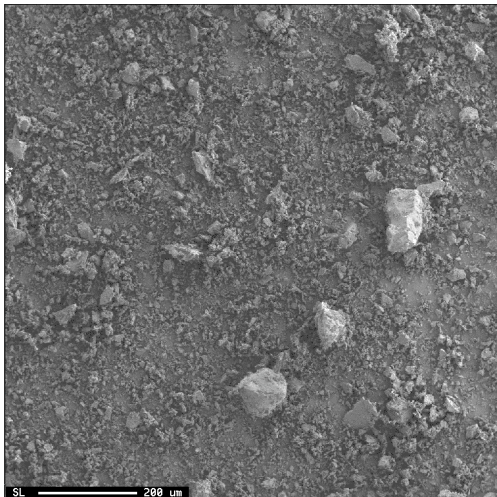
# Evolution of Particle Size Distribution



Sand



WC

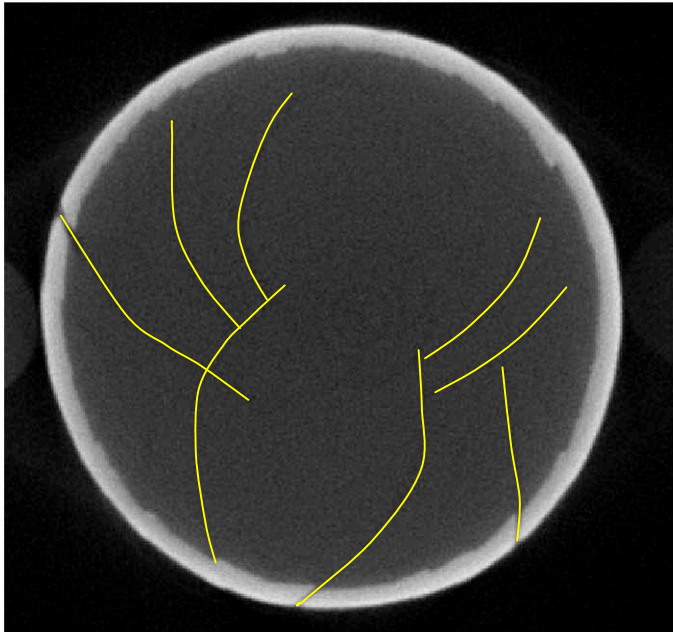


Impacted Sand

Name	Tap Density (g/cc)	Solid Crystal Density g/cc	Mean Particle Size _m	Particle Size St. Dev.
Sand	1.53	2.56	298.1	169.8
Sand Impacted	2.25		28.7	280
WC	7.7	15.7	39.9	11.6
WC Impacted			28.0	13.5



# Validation Experiments: Explosively Loaded Cylinder



- explosively compacted cylinders to allow comparison with simulations and analytic solutions
- more difficult than expected; also late time effects
- tomographic analysis of compaction difficult and reveals localizations





# Conclusions

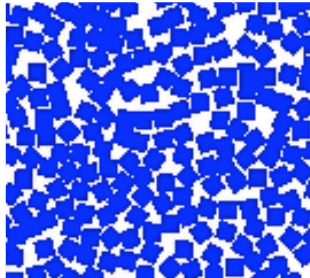
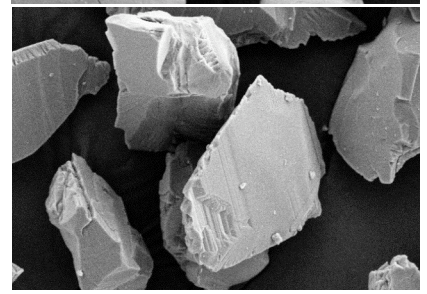
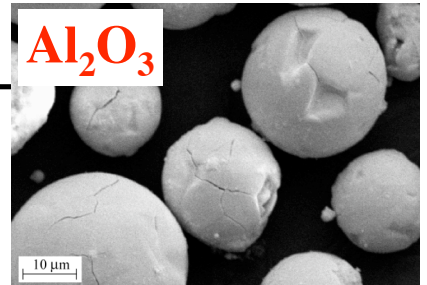
- **planar waves in granular ceramics:**
  - very slow wave speeds
  - steady waves observed for several sample thicknesses
  - waves have finite rise times; strain rate  $\sim \sigma$
  - reloading stiffer than loading
  - dynamic response significantly stiffer than static response
- **validation experiments:**
  - suggest shortcomings of P- $\lambda$  model
  - wave attenuation, shape, and amplitude can constrain models
  - additional validation experiments needed
  - must rely on real-time diagnostics (VISAR, photography, etc.)
- **mesoscale simulations:**
  - nonuniform stress distribution (force chains) and localizations
  - significant lateral motion and distance to reach steady state
  - techniques such as peridynamics needed to capture missing physics
  - may be suitable for some macroscopic simulations



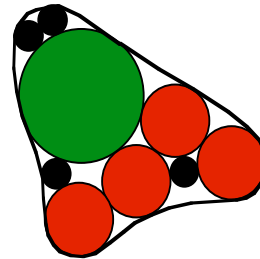
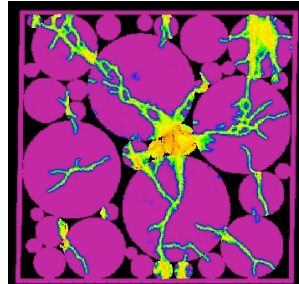


# Future Work

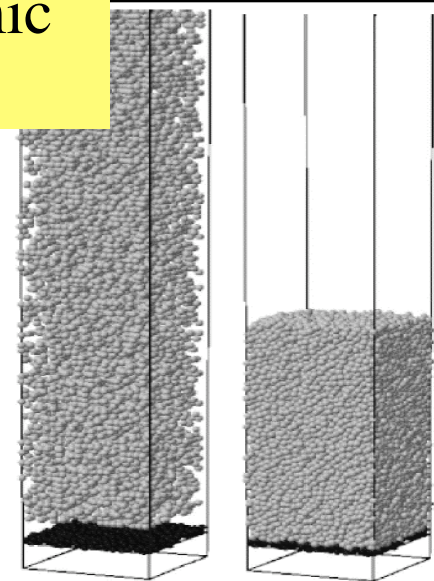
- further work on validation experiments with improved diagnostics
  - additional study of morphology effects
  - probe full compaction region
  - characterize comminution of grains in recovered material
  - predictive capability for variations in material
  - understand relationship between static and dynamic behavior
- mesoscale modeling of validation experiments
  - 3-D simulations with spheres and other shapes
  - determine suitability of peridynamics



Silling, 2007



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