

# Two Salt Petrofabric Research Topics



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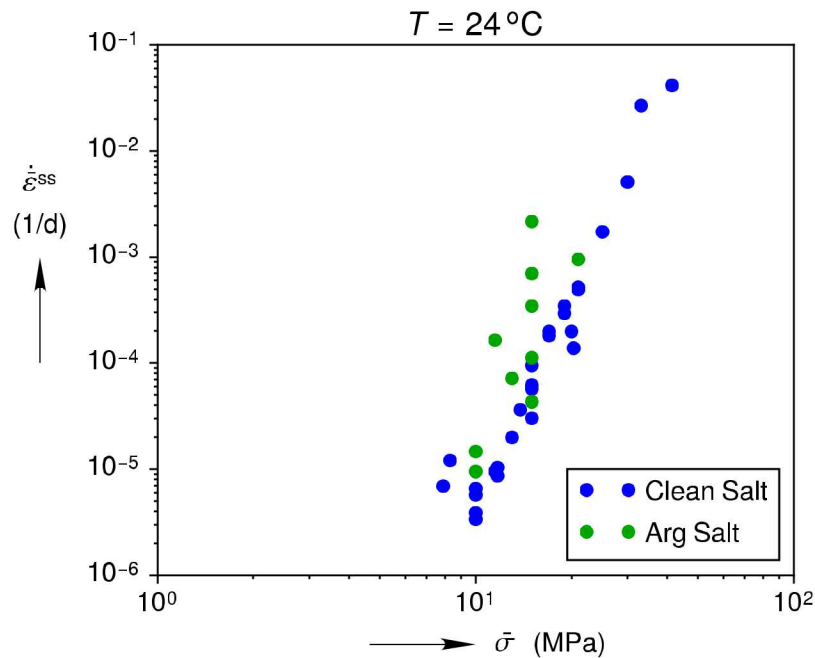


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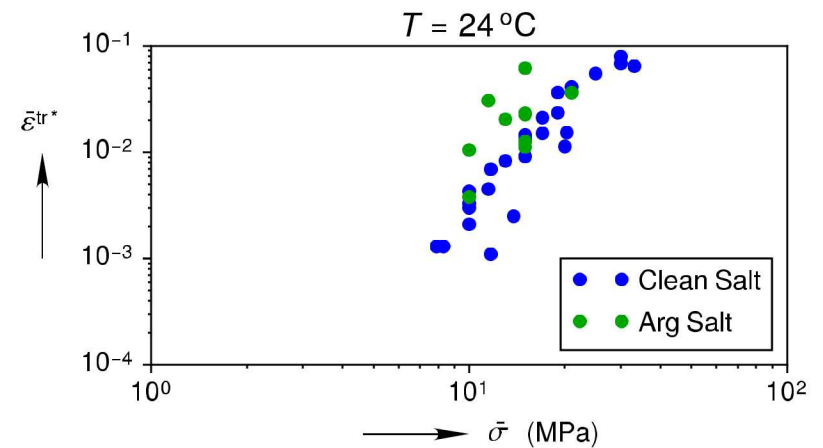
## Creep of Argillaceous vs. Clean Salt

# Legacy Clean vs. Argillaceous

## Steady State Rate



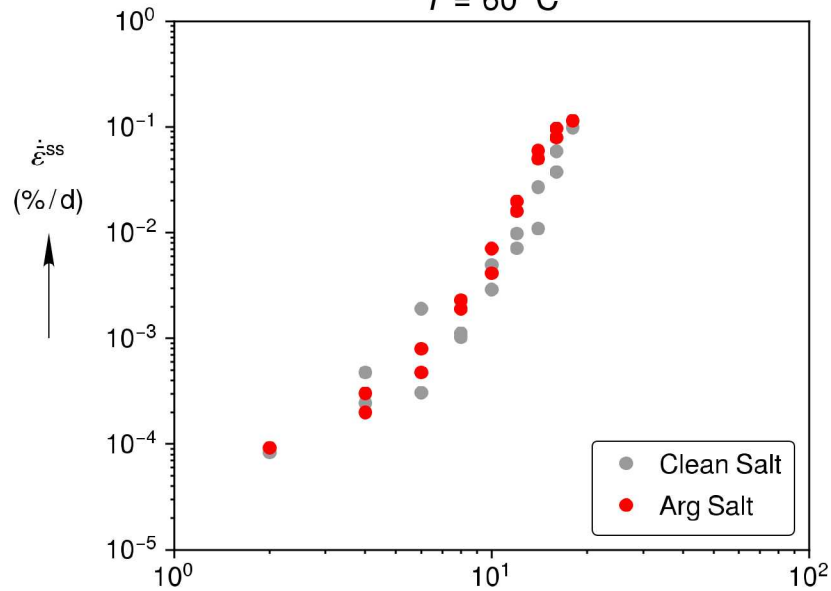
## Transient Limit



# Joint Project III Clean vs. Argillaceous

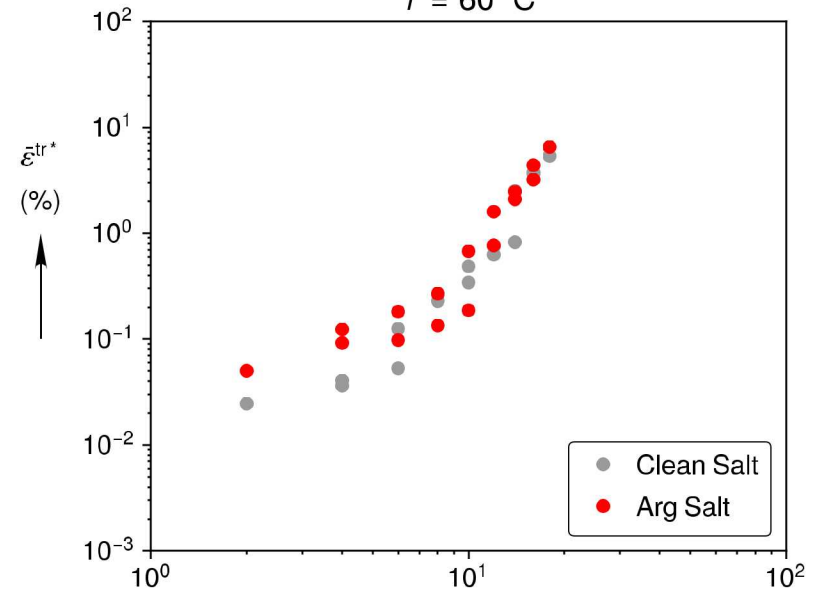
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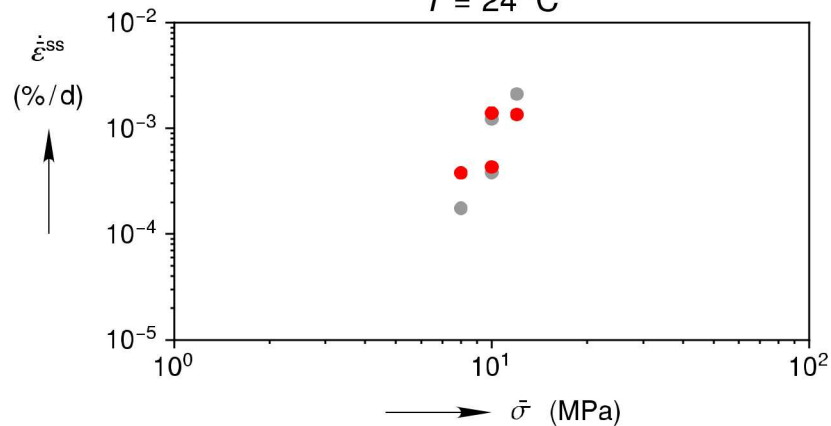


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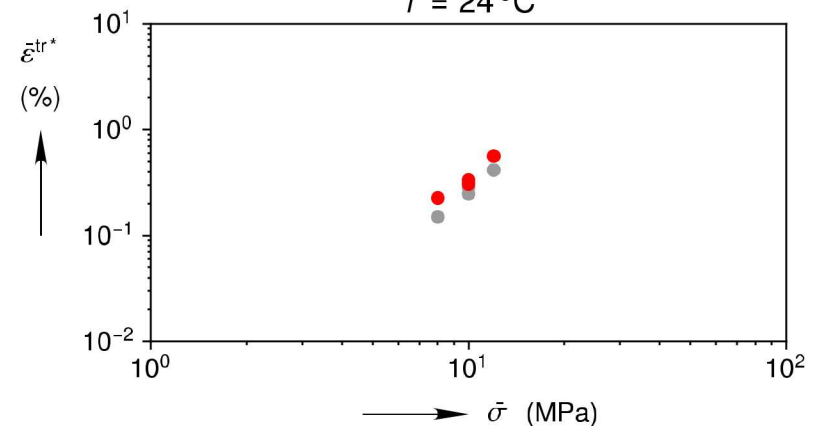
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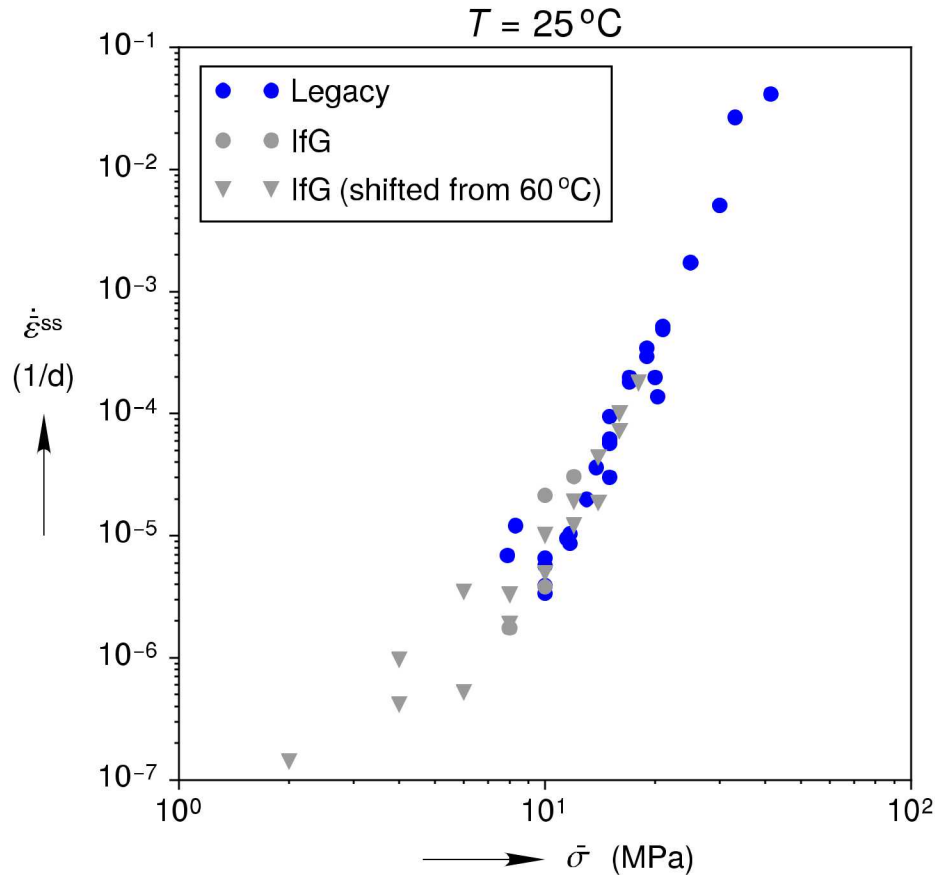


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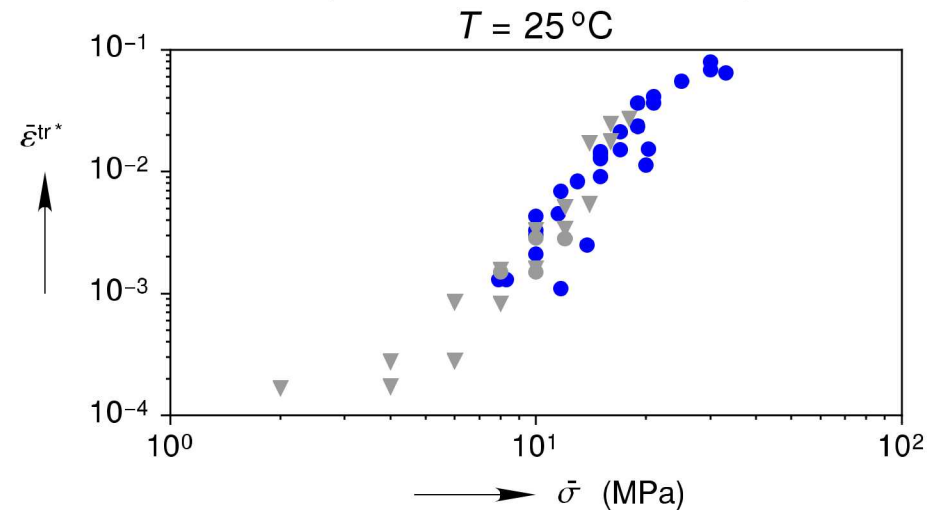


# Clean Salt: Legacy vs Joint Project III (IfG)

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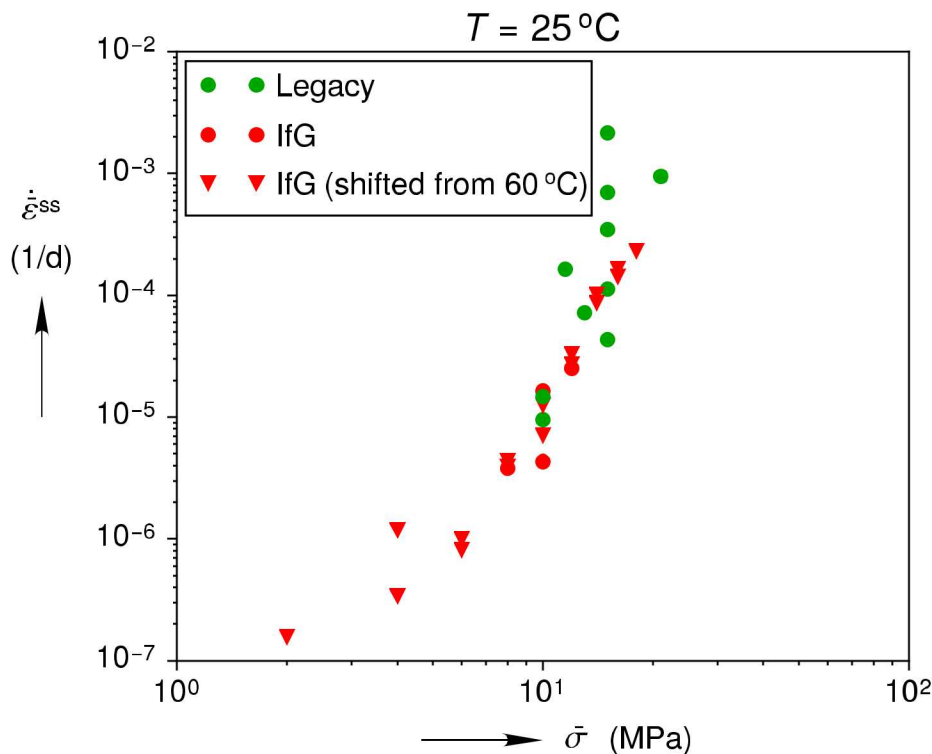


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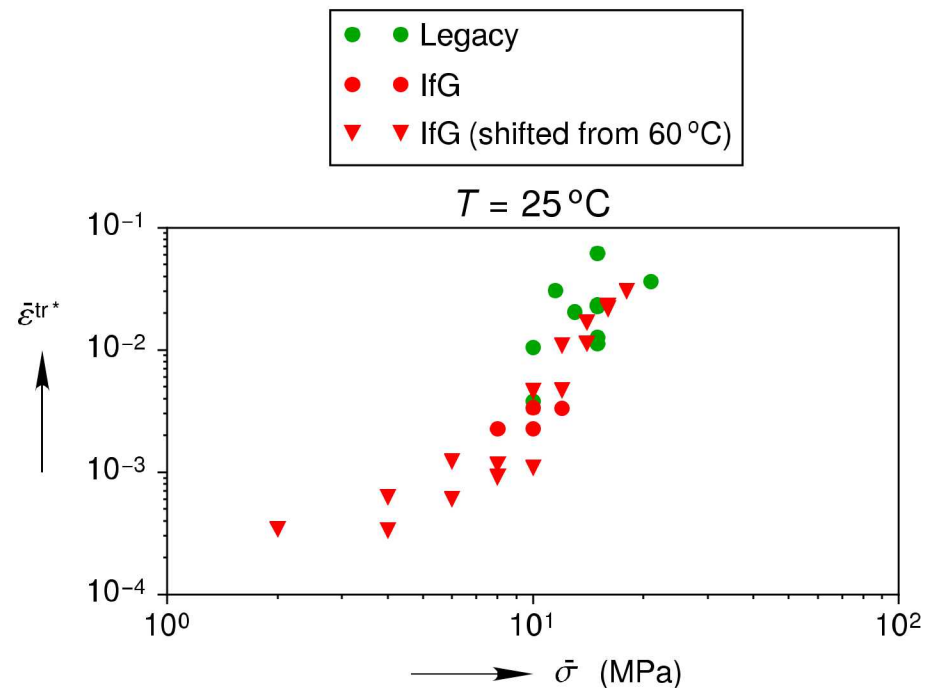


# Argillaceous Salt: Legacy vs Joint Project III (IfG)

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## Transient Limit

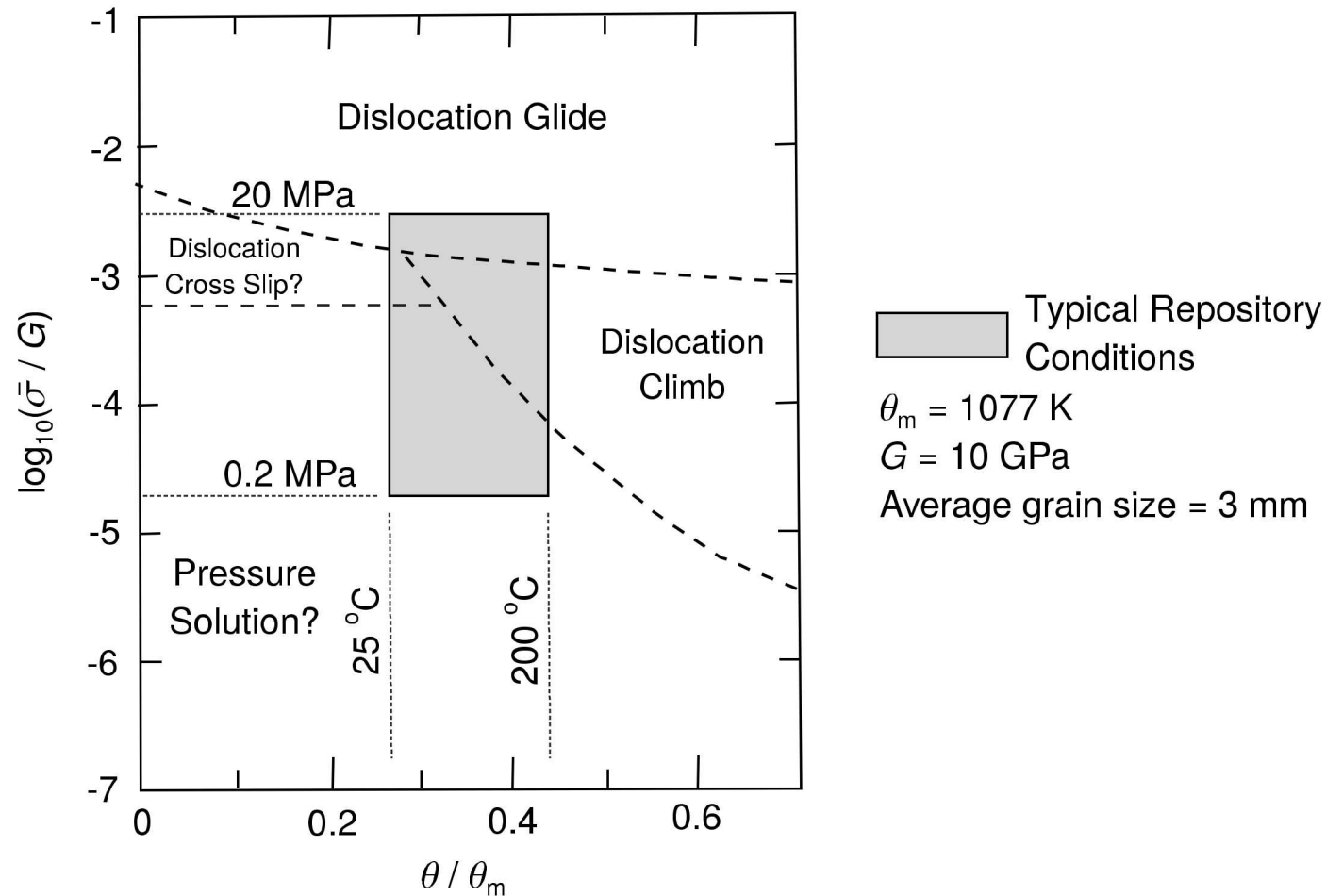


# Clean vs. Argillaceous Research Plan

1. Completed
  - a. Extracted new clean and argillaceous core from WIPP during Summer, 2020.
2. To Do
  - a. Characterize creep behavior
  - b. Measure composition differences
    - i. Insoluble content
    - ii. Water content
  - c. Measure spatial distribution of impurities

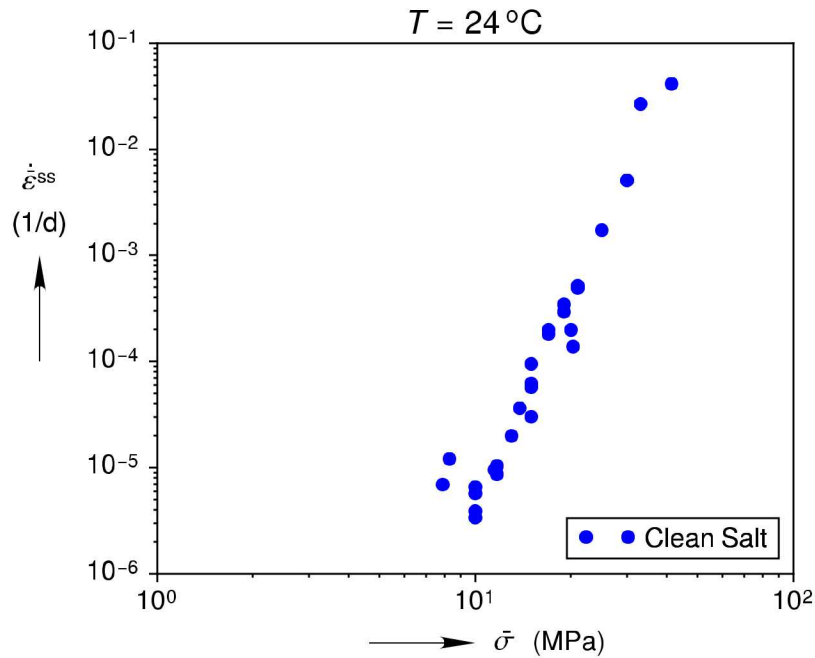
## Mechanism Change at High Stresses and Strain Rates

# Deformation Mechanism Map

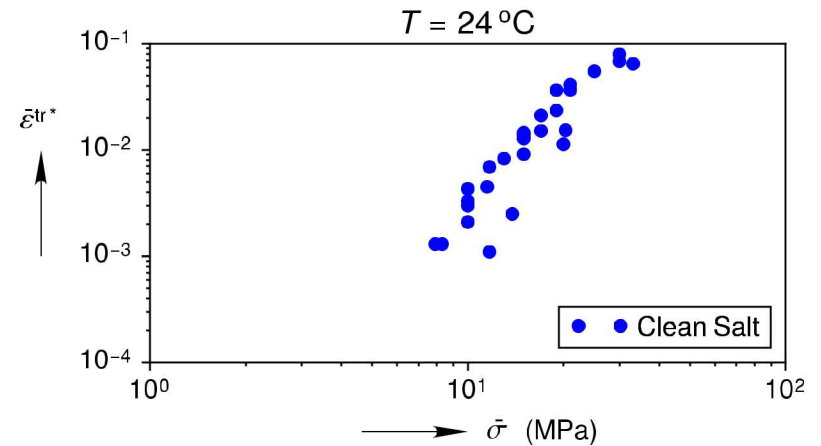


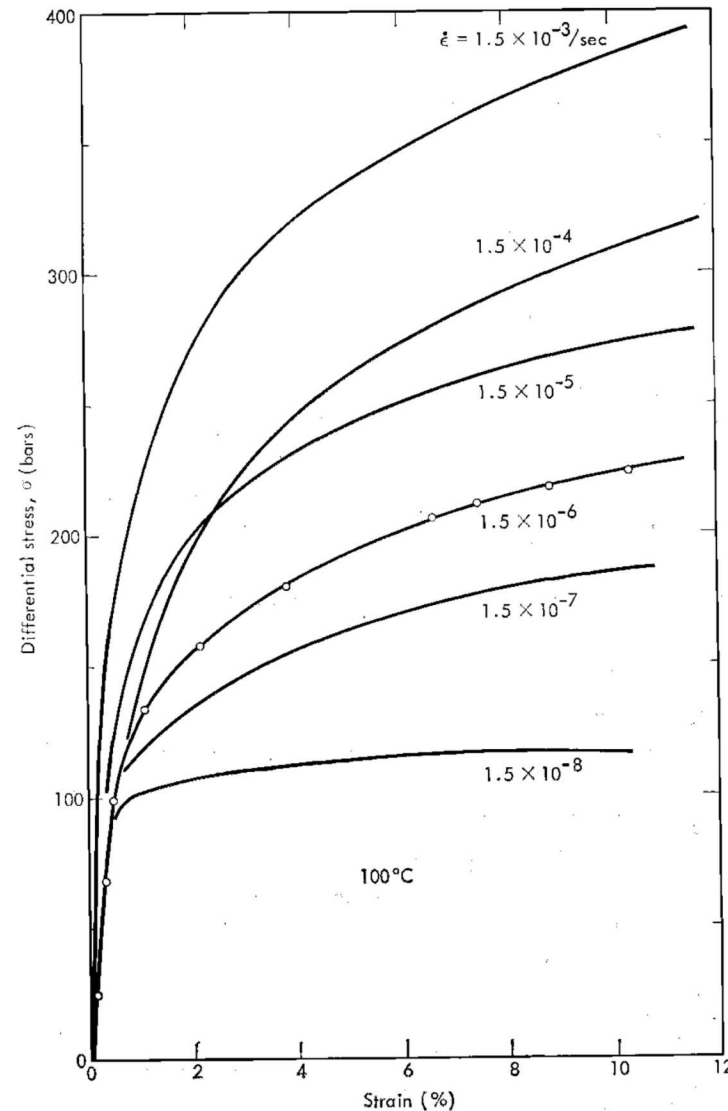
# Legacy Creep Tests on Clean WIPP Salt

## Steady State Rate



## Transient Limit





Heard, H. (1972). Steady-state flow in polycrystalline halite at pressure of 2 kilobars. *Flow and fracture of rocks*. Vol 16, pp 191-209.

Fig. 1. Differential stress-strain curves for polycrystalline halite extended at 2 kb,  $\dot{\epsilon} = 1.5 \times 10^{-3}$  to  $1.5 \times 10^{-8} \text{ sec}^{-1}$ , and  $100^\circ\text{C}$ .

# Constant Strain Rate Tests on Avery Island Salt

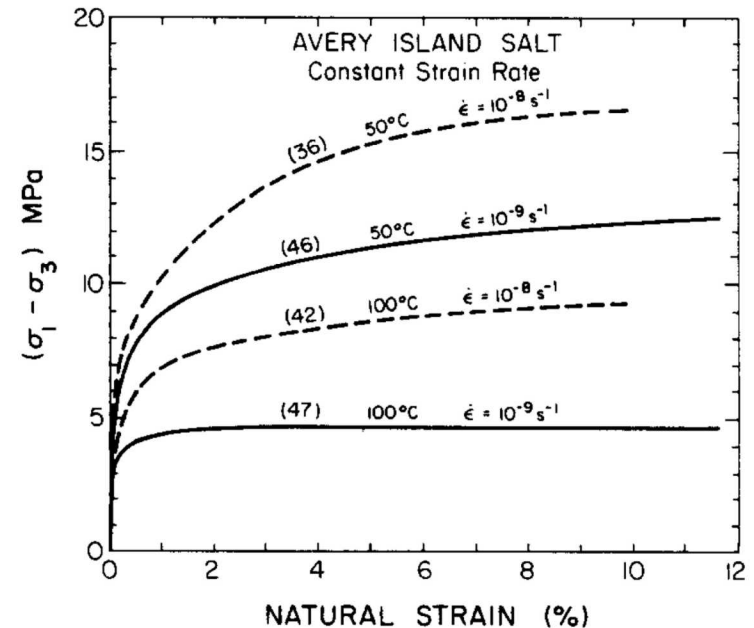
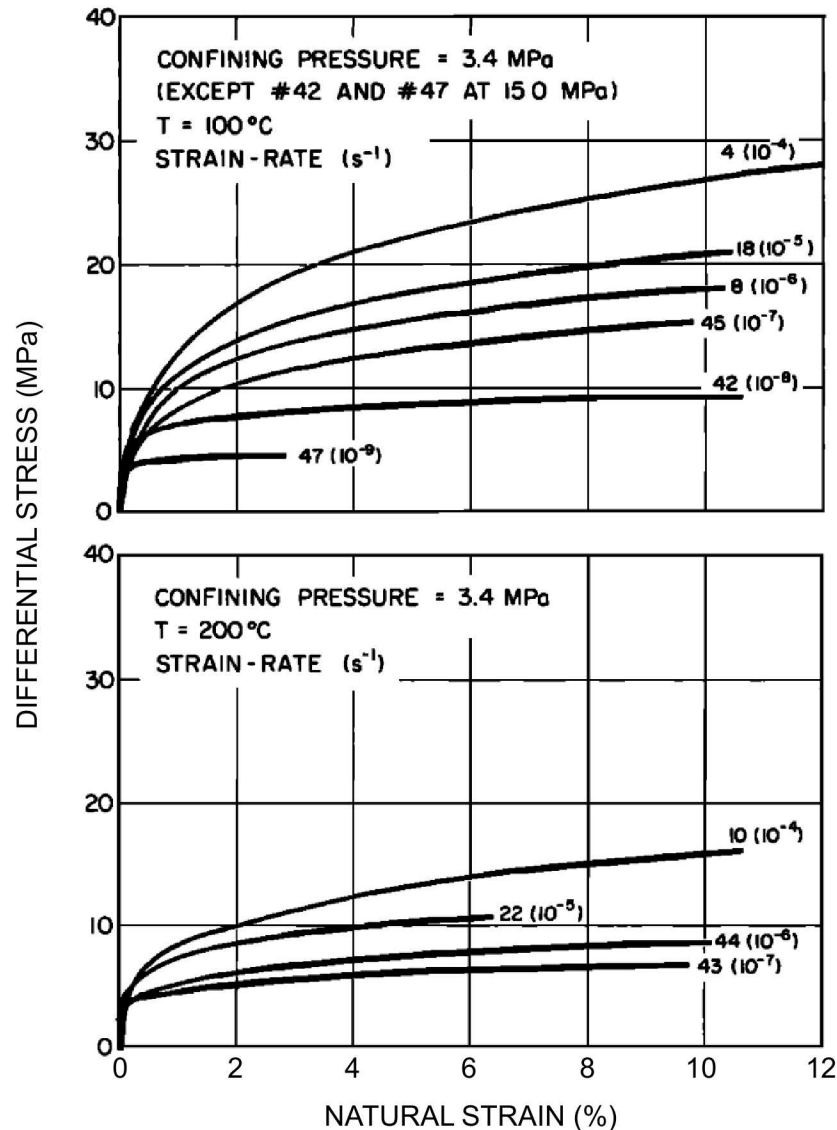
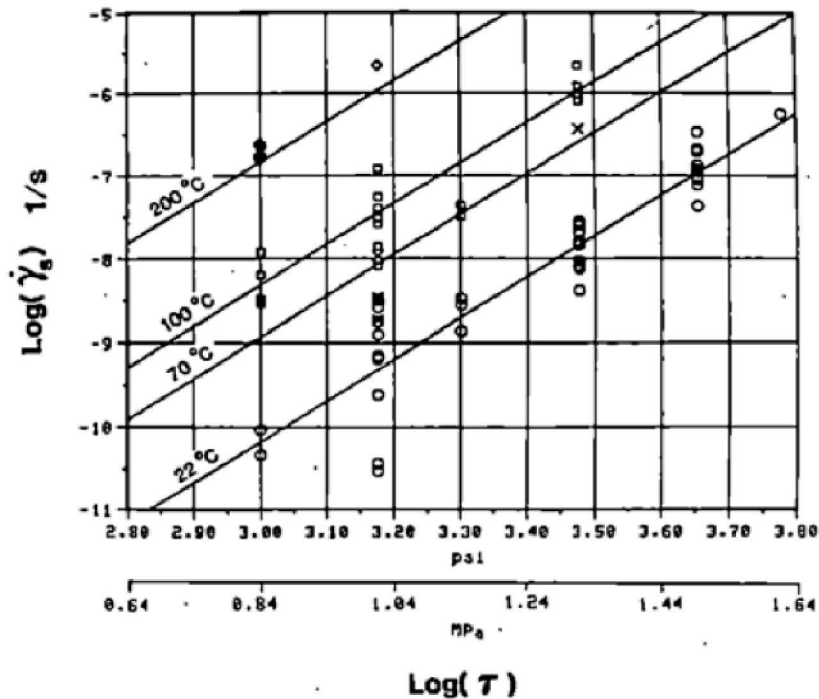


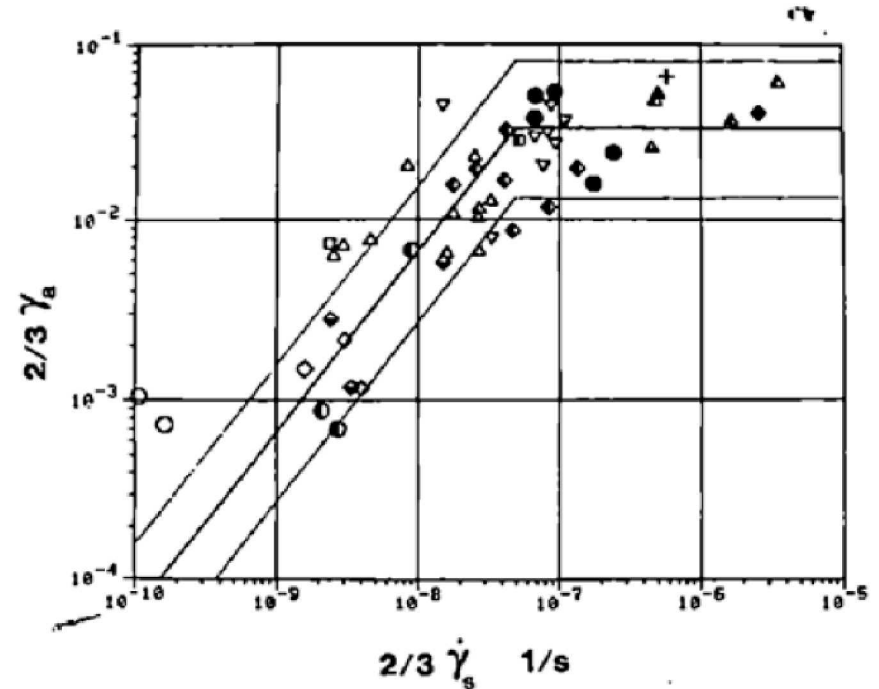
Fig. 3. Stress-strain curves for specimens 46 and 47, deformed at a strain rate of  $10^{-9}$  s $^{-1}$  over a 3.5 year period. Earlier results of Horseman & Handin (1990) at  $10^{-8}$  s $^{-1}$  (dashed curves) are shown for comparison.

# More Legacy Creep Tests on WIPP Salt

Steady State Rate



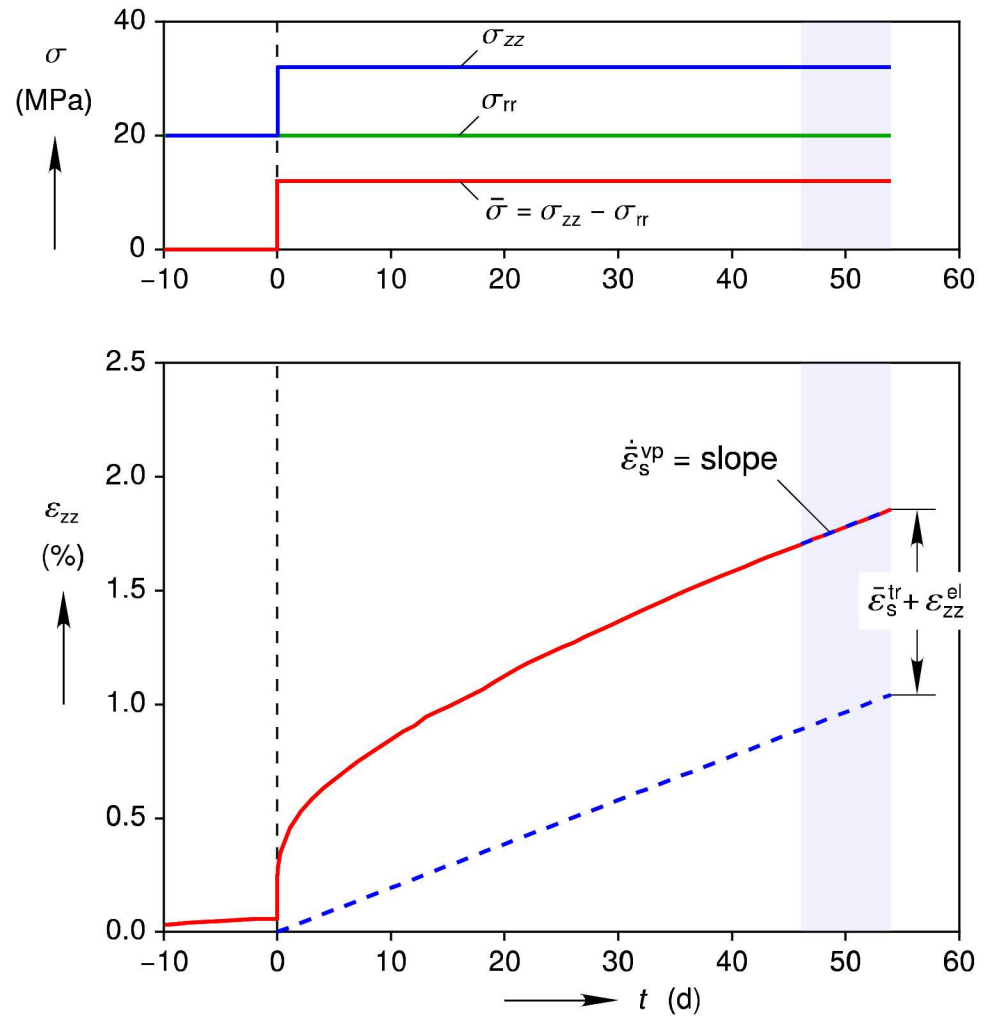
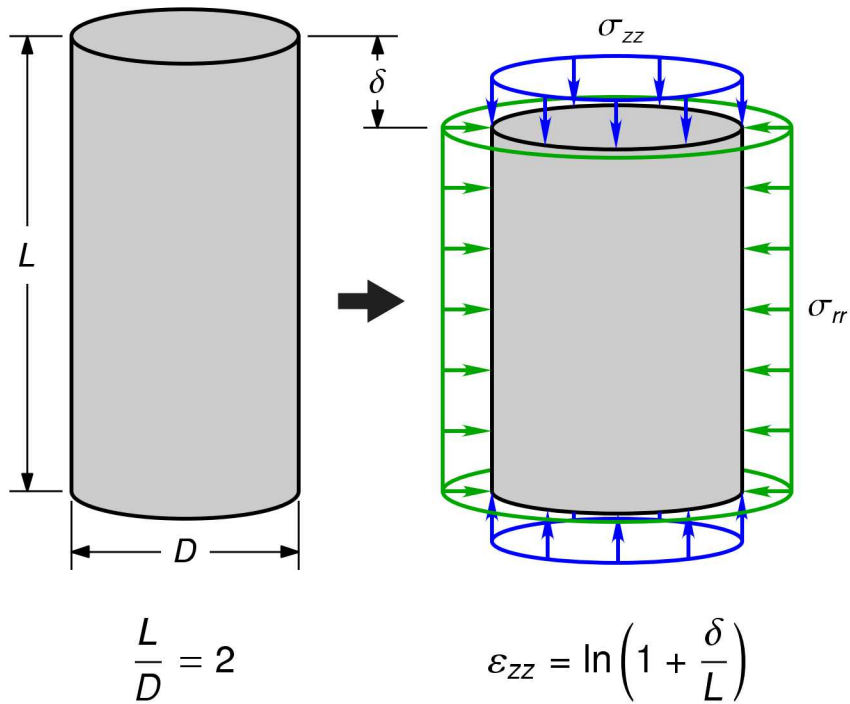
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1. Are these behaviors due to a mechanism change?
2. How best to model this apparent mechanism change?
3. What macroscopic and/or microscopic experiments would help validate one modeling approach versus another?

## Extra Slides

# Constant Stress Tests

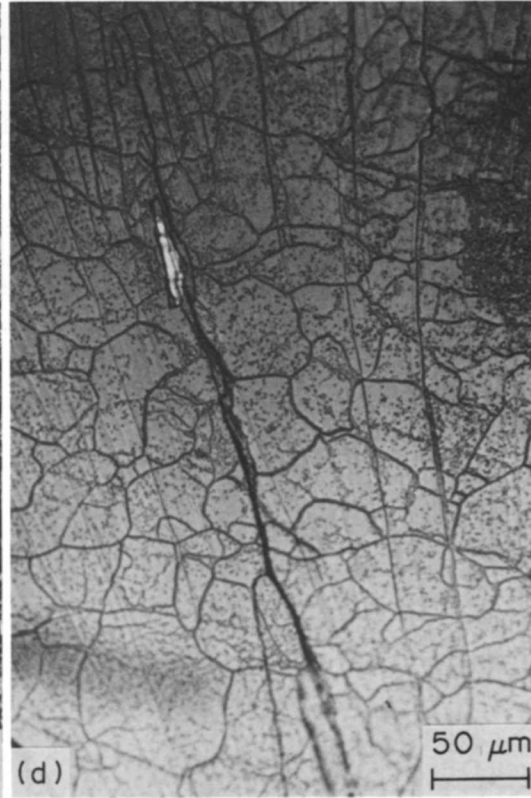




## Dislocation Cross Slip



## Dislocation Climb



## Dislocation Glide

(Still looking for a nice image.)

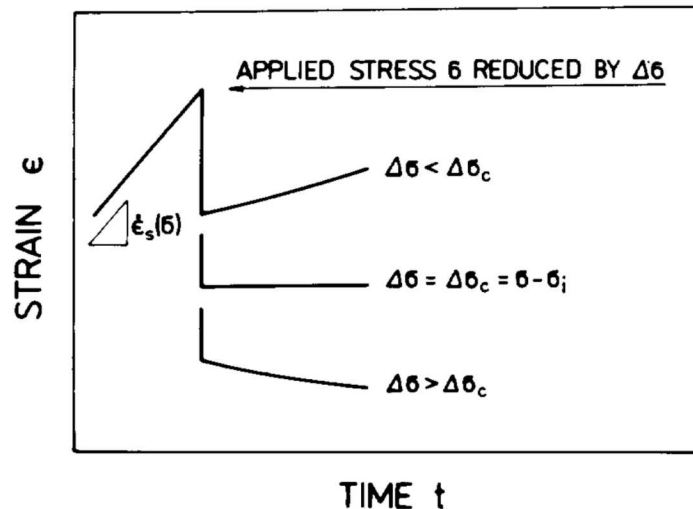
Carter, NL, Horsman, ST, Russell, JE, and Handin, J (1993). Rheology of rock salt. *Journal of Structural Geology*. Vol 15. No 9-10. pp 1257-1271.

# Back Stress (Internal Stress) Measurements

## 1D Model with Backstress

$$\dot{\epsilon}_i^{vp} = E_{i1} \exp\left(-\frac{E_{i2}}{\theta}\right) \left(\frac{|\sigma - b_i|}{y}\right)^{E_{i3}} \text{sign}(\sigma - b_i)$$

## Stress Dip Method



Results on a Metal Alloy are characteristic; the same also applies to the 18Cr-10Ni (AISI type 304) and 16Cr-13Ni-2.5Mo (AISI type 316) austenitic stainless steels dealt with in Section 4.) It can be seen from Fig. 4 that the measured internal stress increases non-linearly with the applied stress; at a given applied stress, it decreases with increasing temperature.

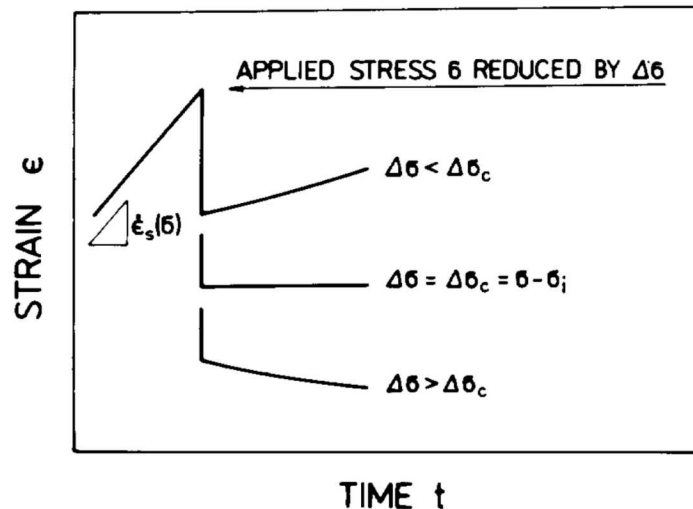
The steady state creep rate  $\dot{\epsilon}_s$  of the alloy under consideration varies with the applied stress as  $(\sigma/G)^n$ , where the stress exponent  $n = 5.4 \pm 0.1$ , and is obviously controlled by lattice diffusion [19]. This is demonstrated in Fig. 5 in which the normalized steady state creep rate  $\dot{\epsilon}_s b^2 k T / \bar{D}_L G \Omega$  is plotted against the applied stress  $\sigma$  normalized to the shear

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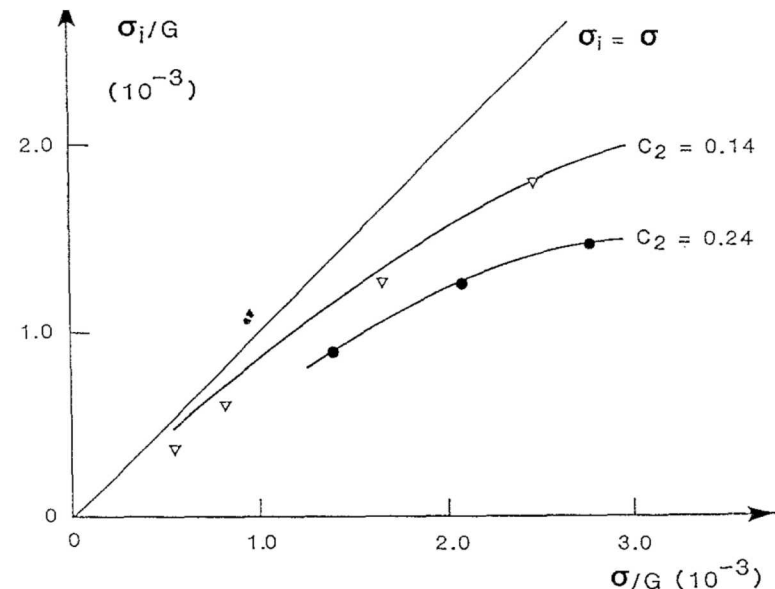
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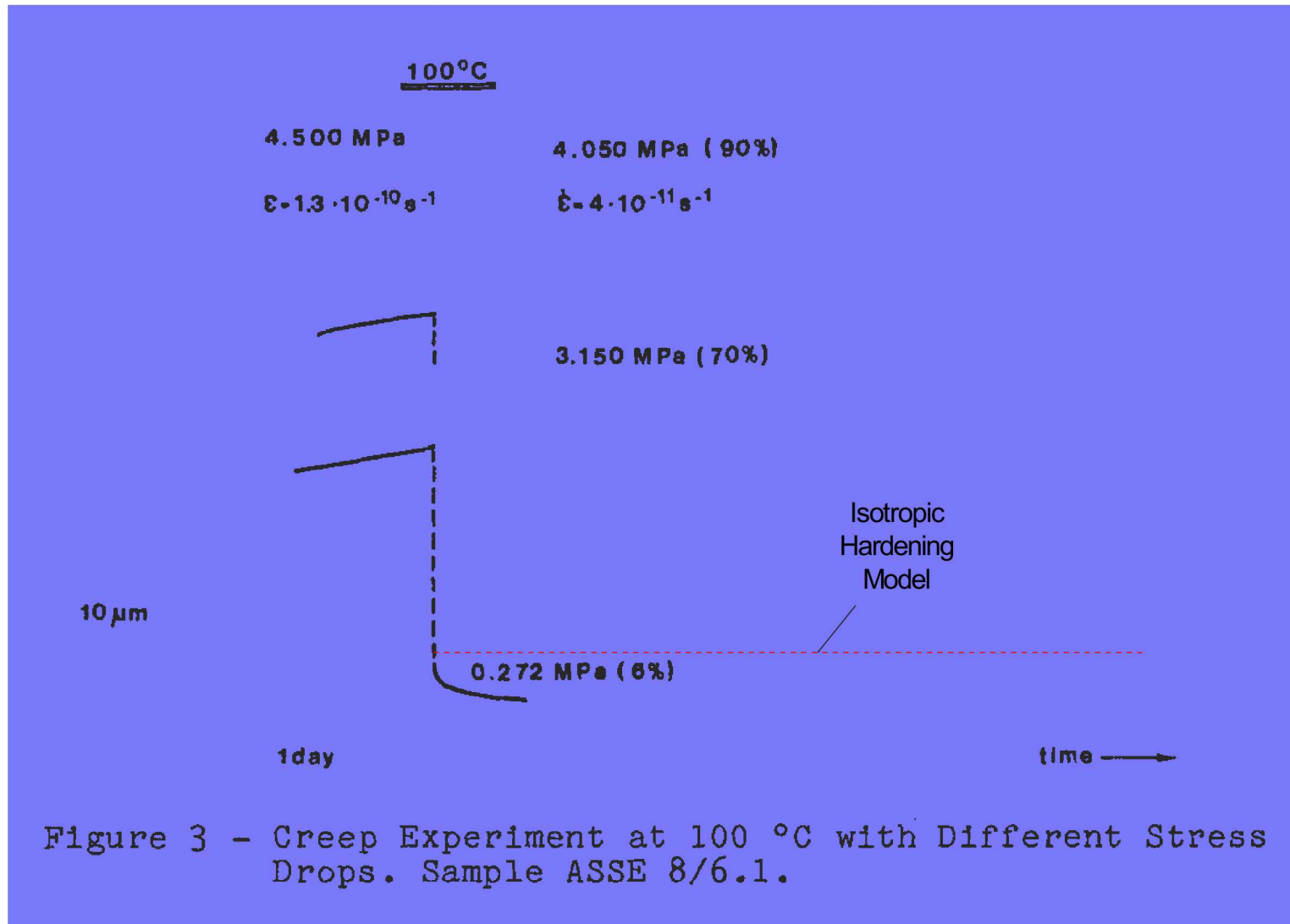


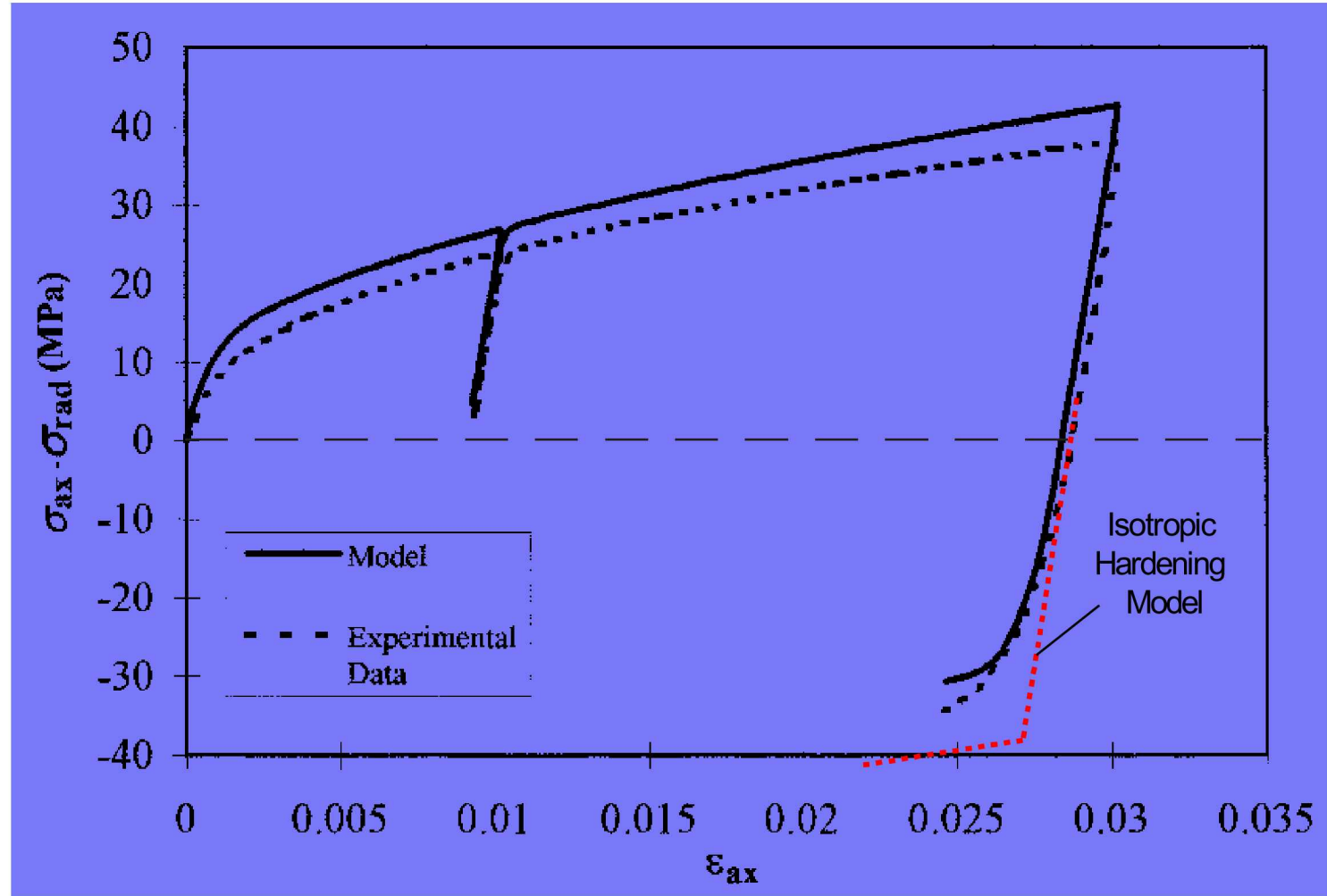
### Results on Rock Salt



**Fig. 4.** The slow decrease of the  $\sigma_i/\sigma$  ratio with the increase of stress, at steady-state;  $\nabla$  Avery Island salt (No. 4, 5, 6, 7);  $\bullet$  artificial salt (No. 1, 2, 3); data are taken from Table 1 (see text for explanations)

# Stress Drop Experiments





# Triaxial Compression / Extension Cycling

