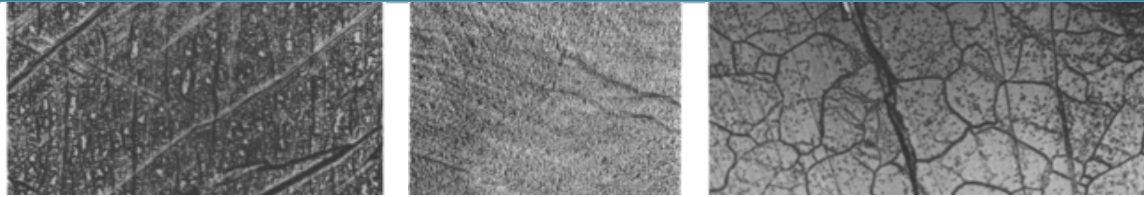
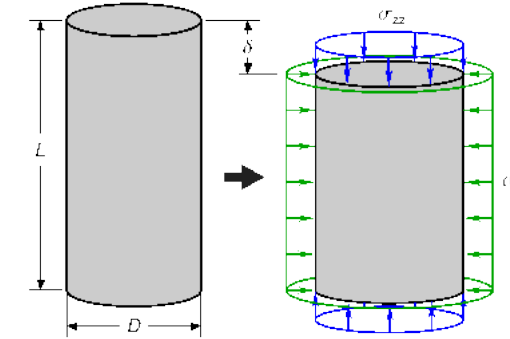




A New Constitutive Model for Rock Salt Viscoplasticity



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Background



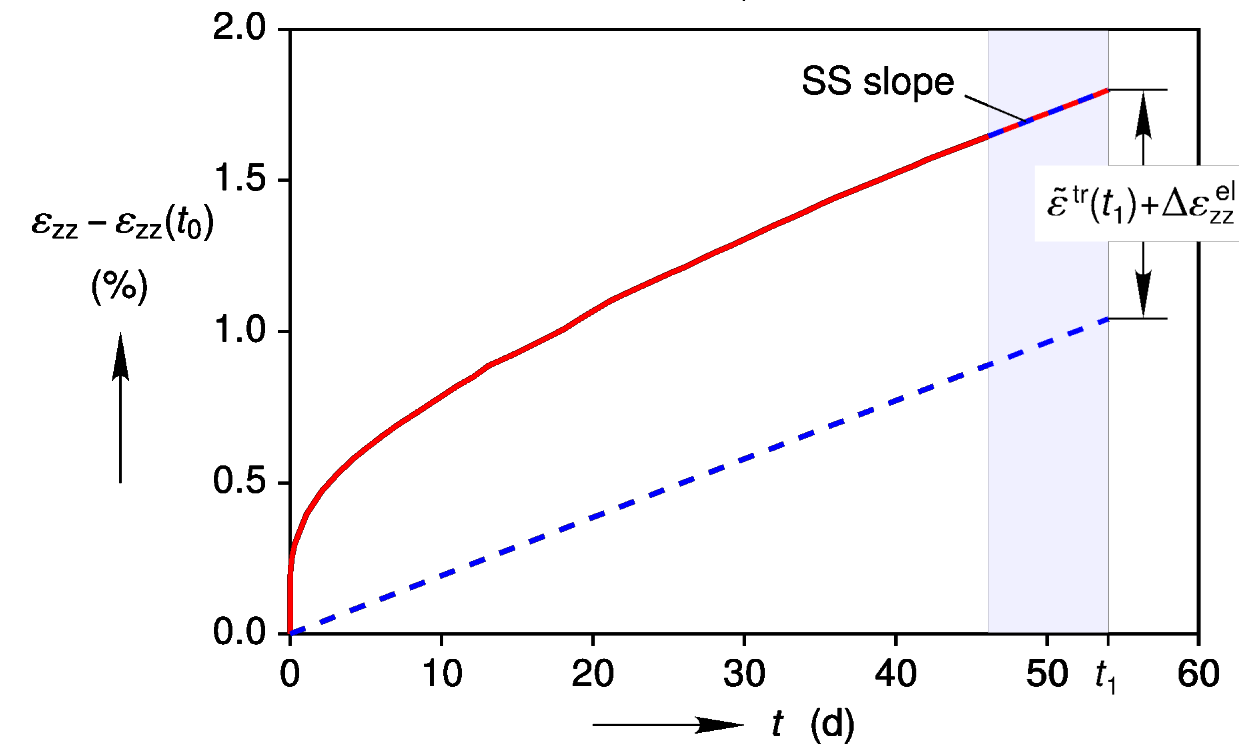
1. Dozens of existing salt constitutive models
 1. Phenomenological to micro-physically based
 2. Simple vs. full featured
2. My model priorities
 1. Phenomenological, yet motivated by micro-physical observations
 2. Conforms to the framework of Rational Thermodynamics
 3. Captures viscoplasticity, damage, and healing
 4. Captures viscoplastic hardening behavior
 1. Hardening transition from low to medium stresses (strain rates)
 2. Hardening transition from medium to high stresses (strain rates)
 3. Re-hardening during non-monotonic loading

Hardening Transition from Low to Medium Stresses (Strain Rates)

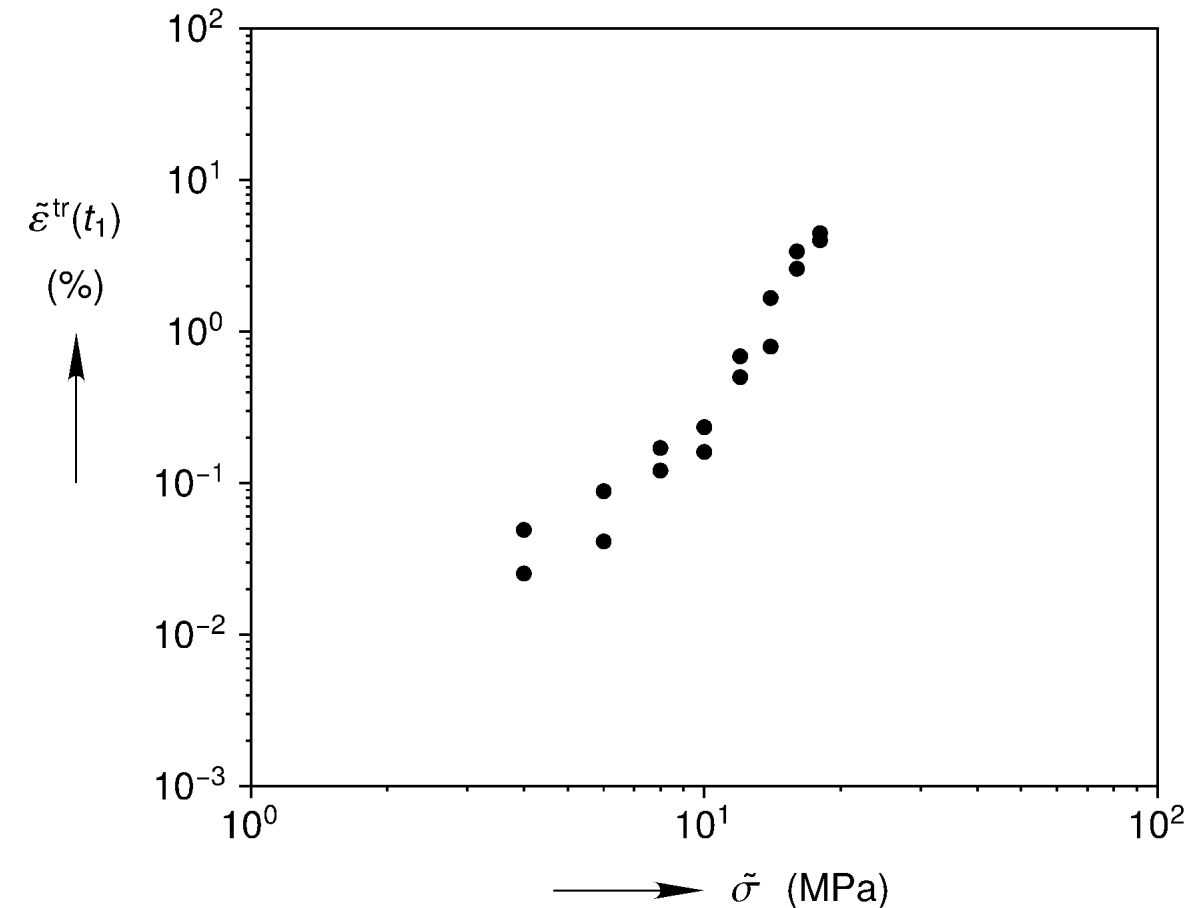


WIPP Salt, Constant Stress, Strain History

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Transient Strain After 50 days at $\theta = 60 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$

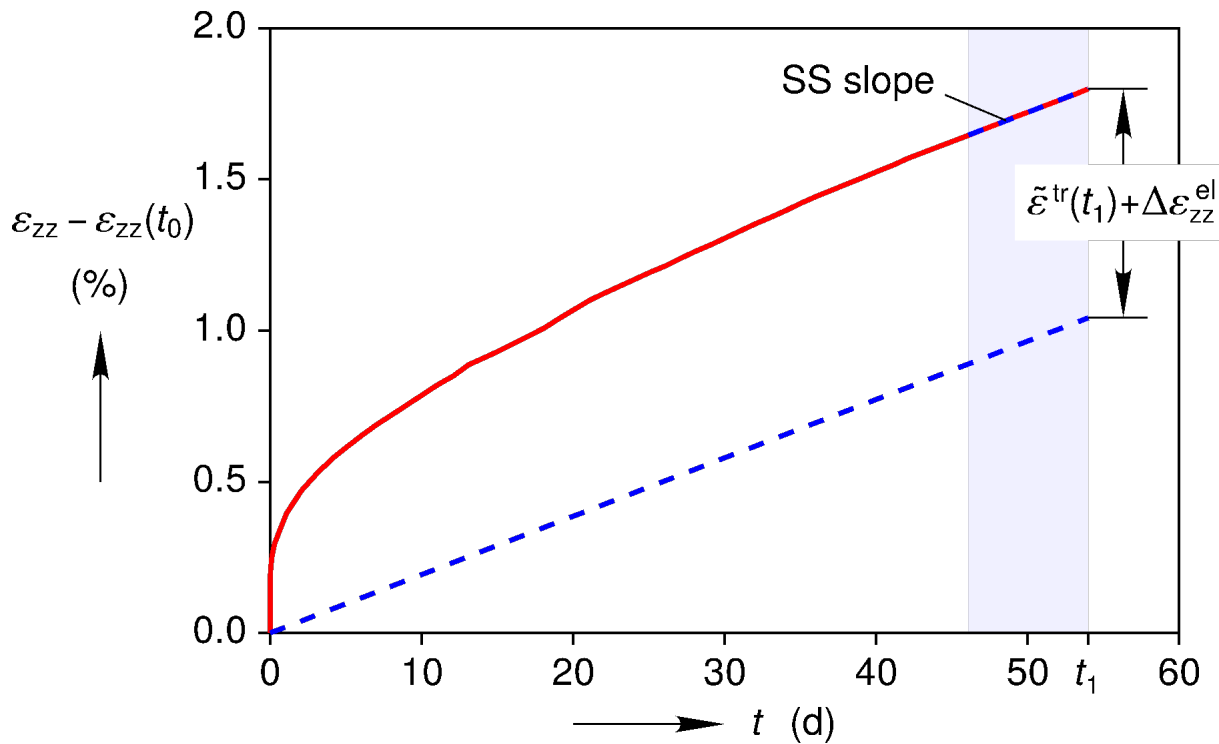


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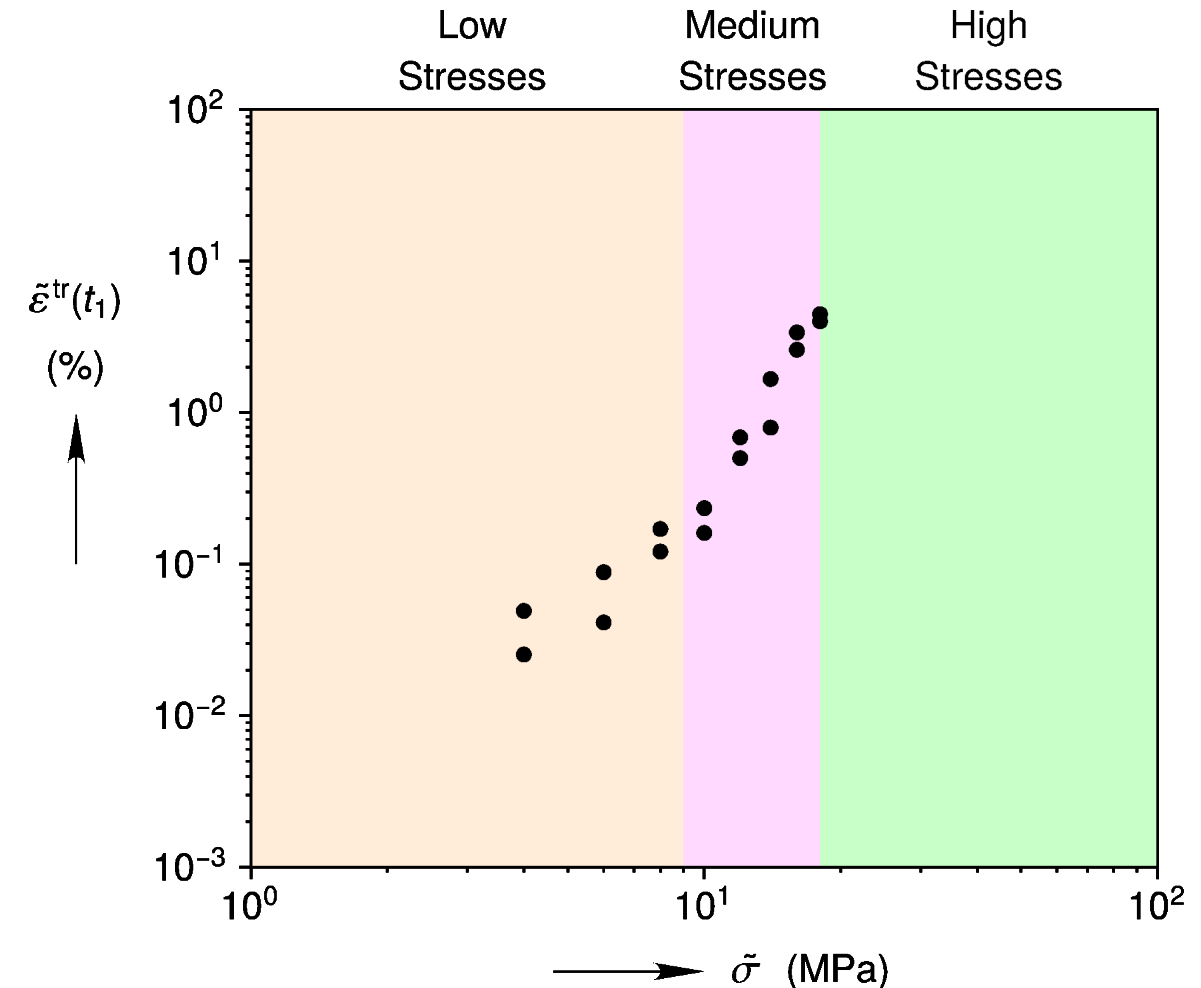


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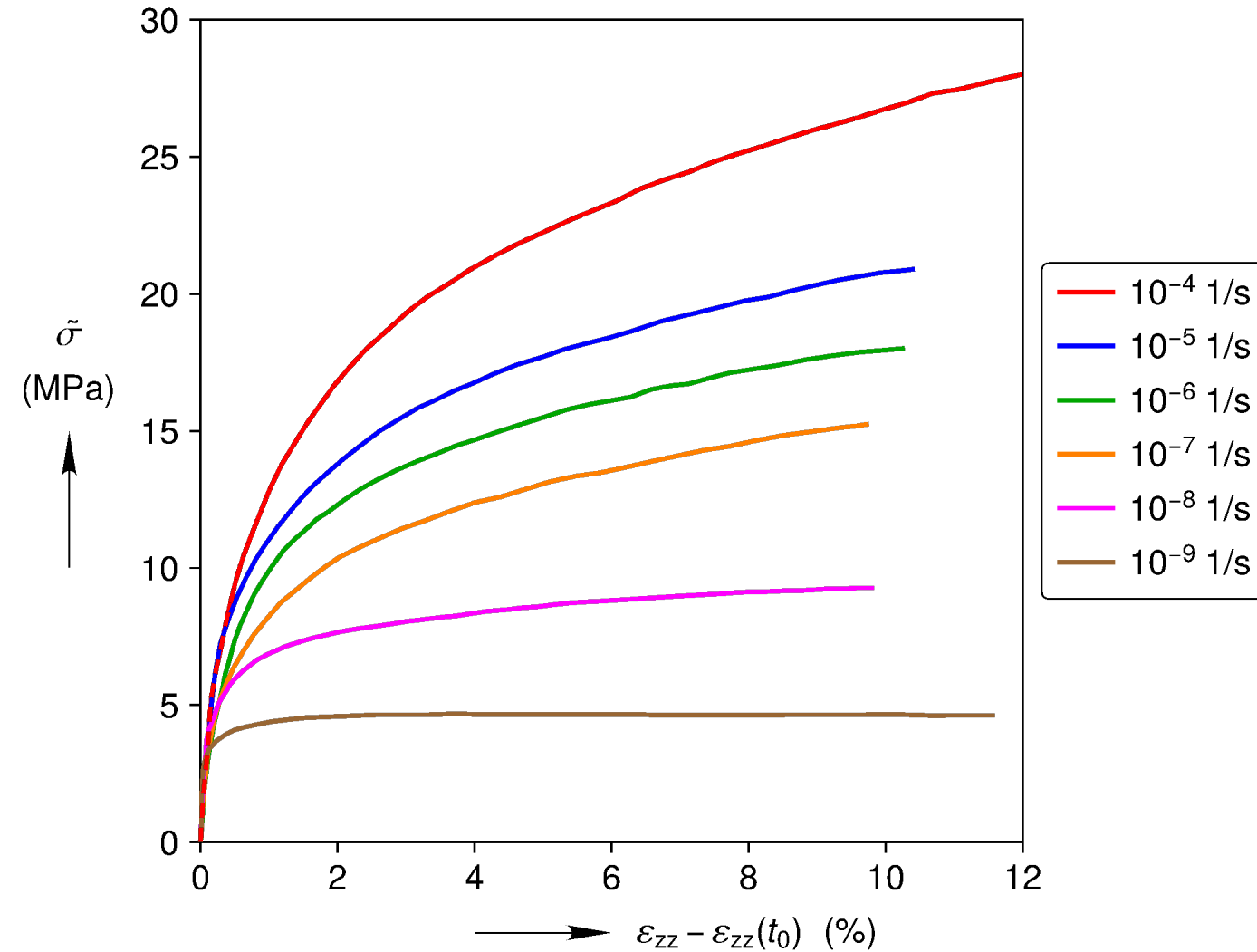
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Hardening Transition from Medium to High Strain Rates (Stresses)



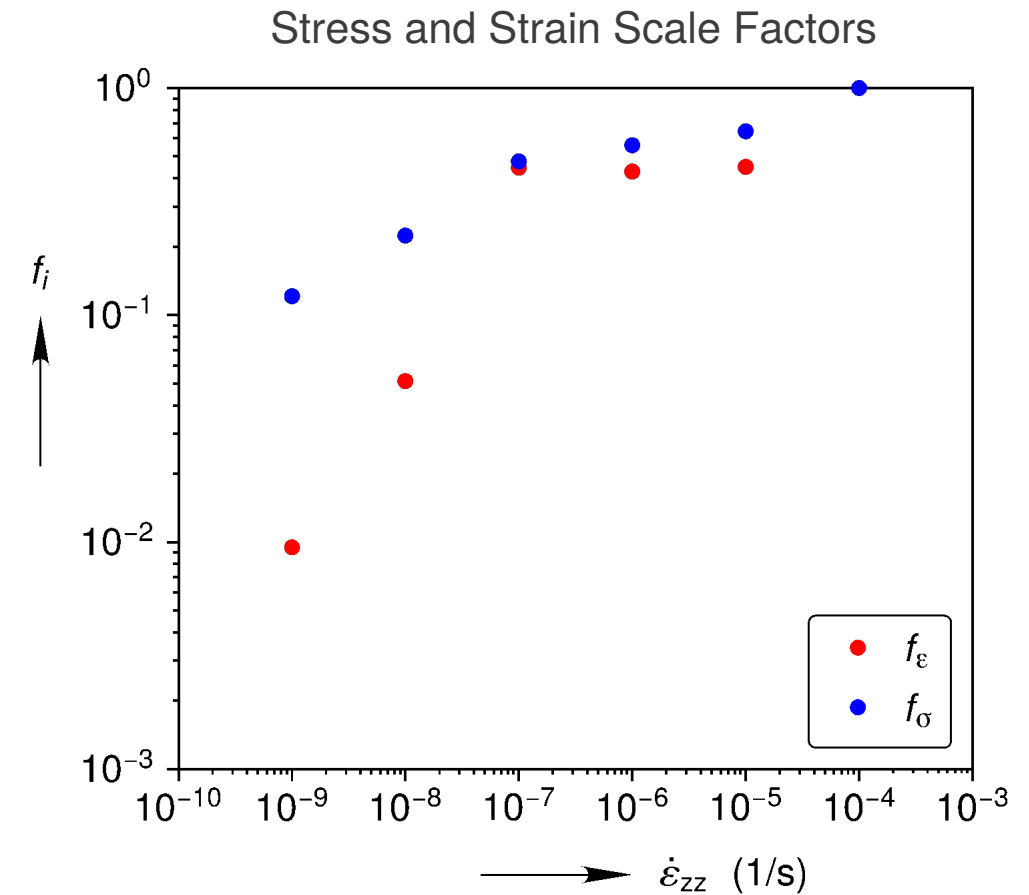
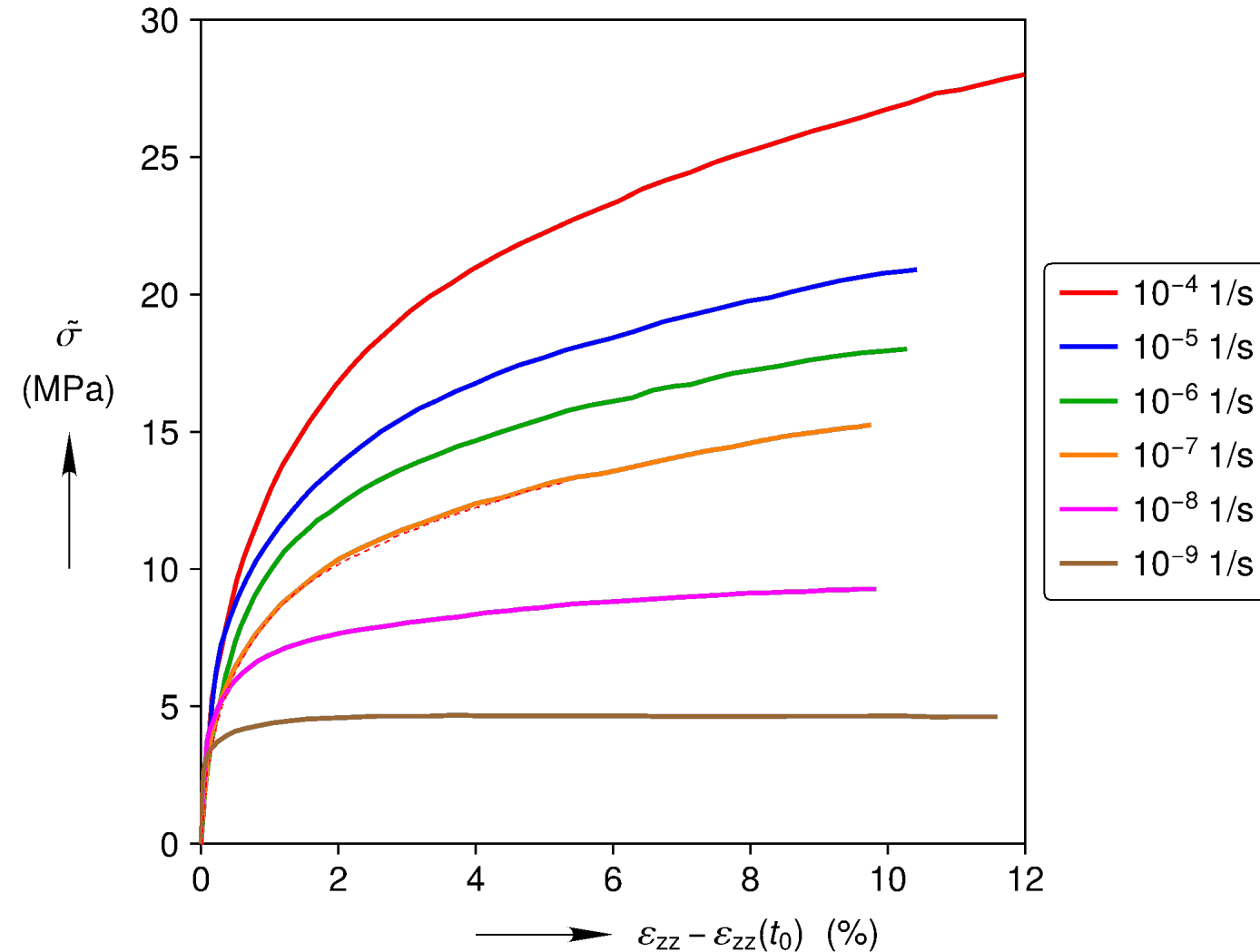
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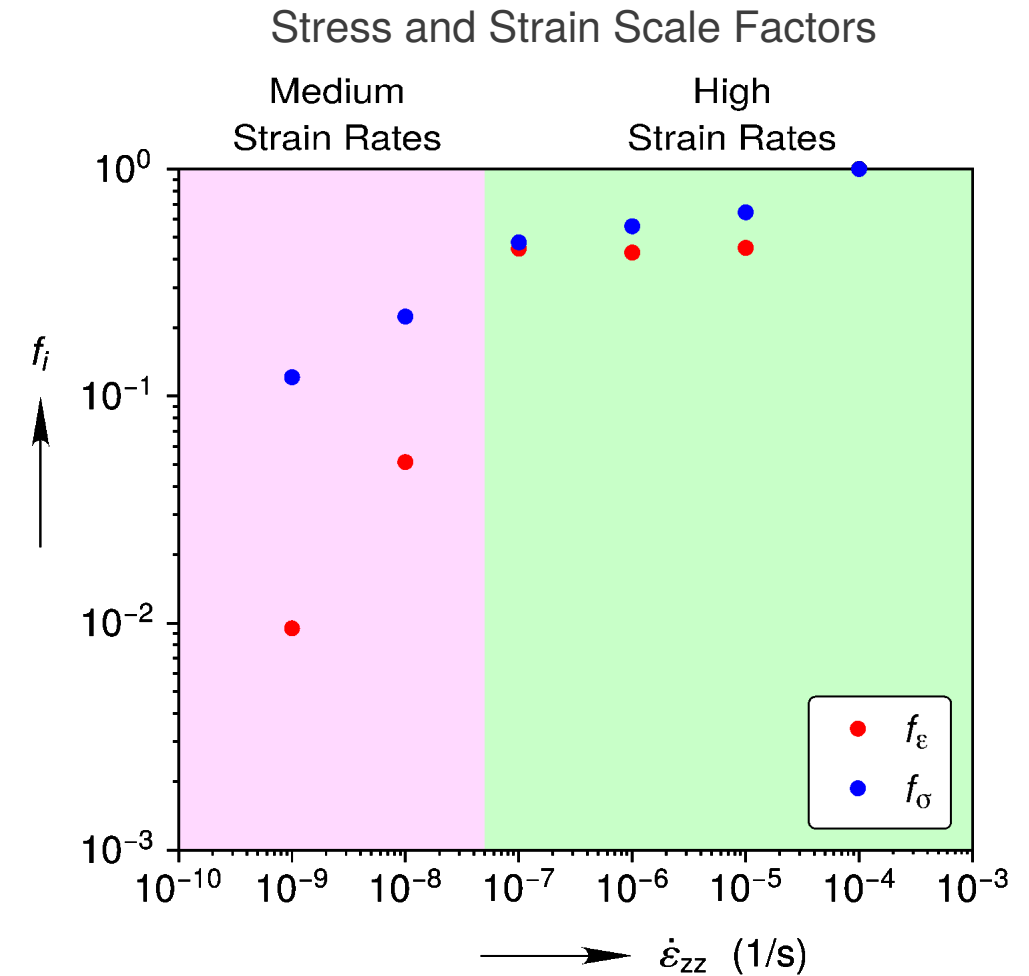
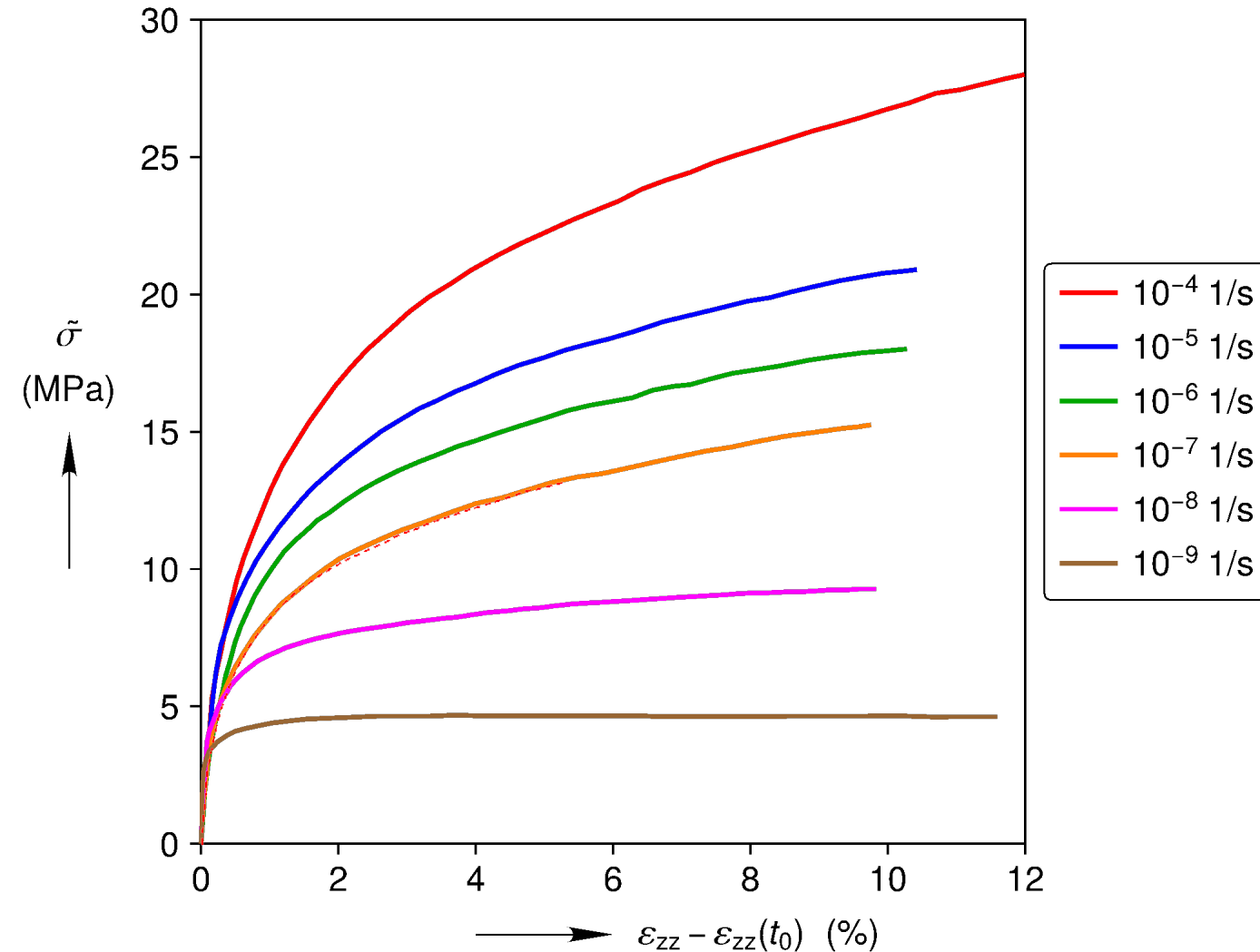
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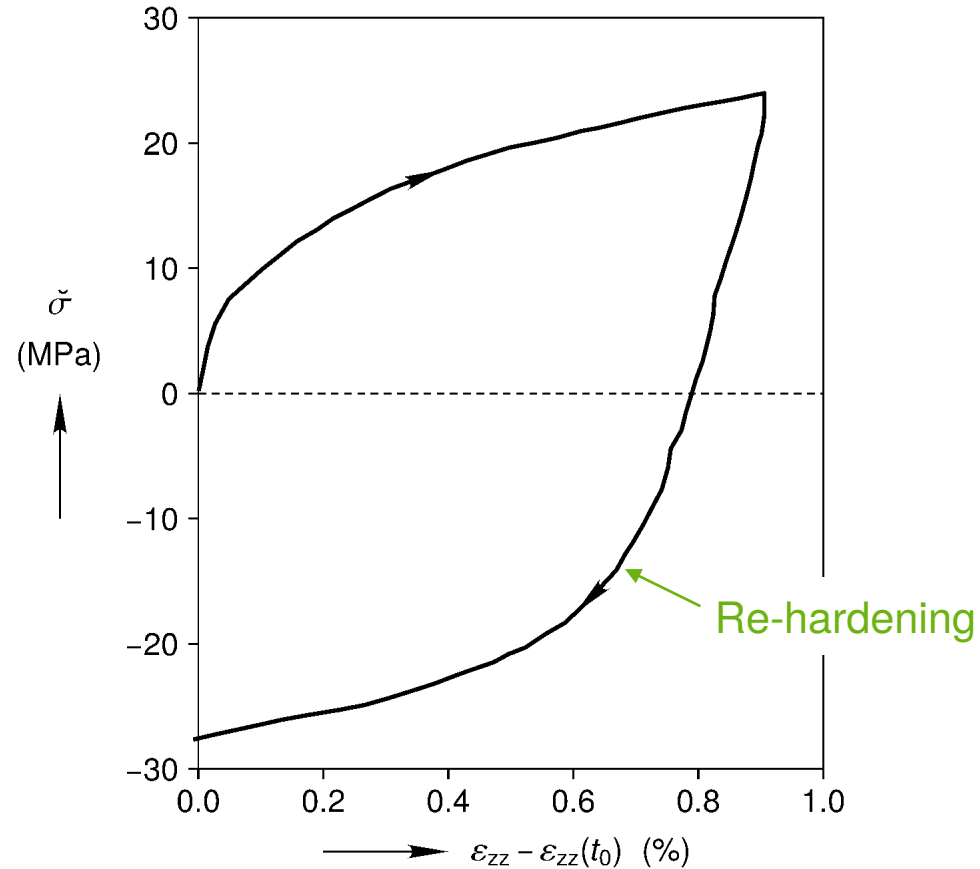


Re-hardening During Non-Monotonic Loading



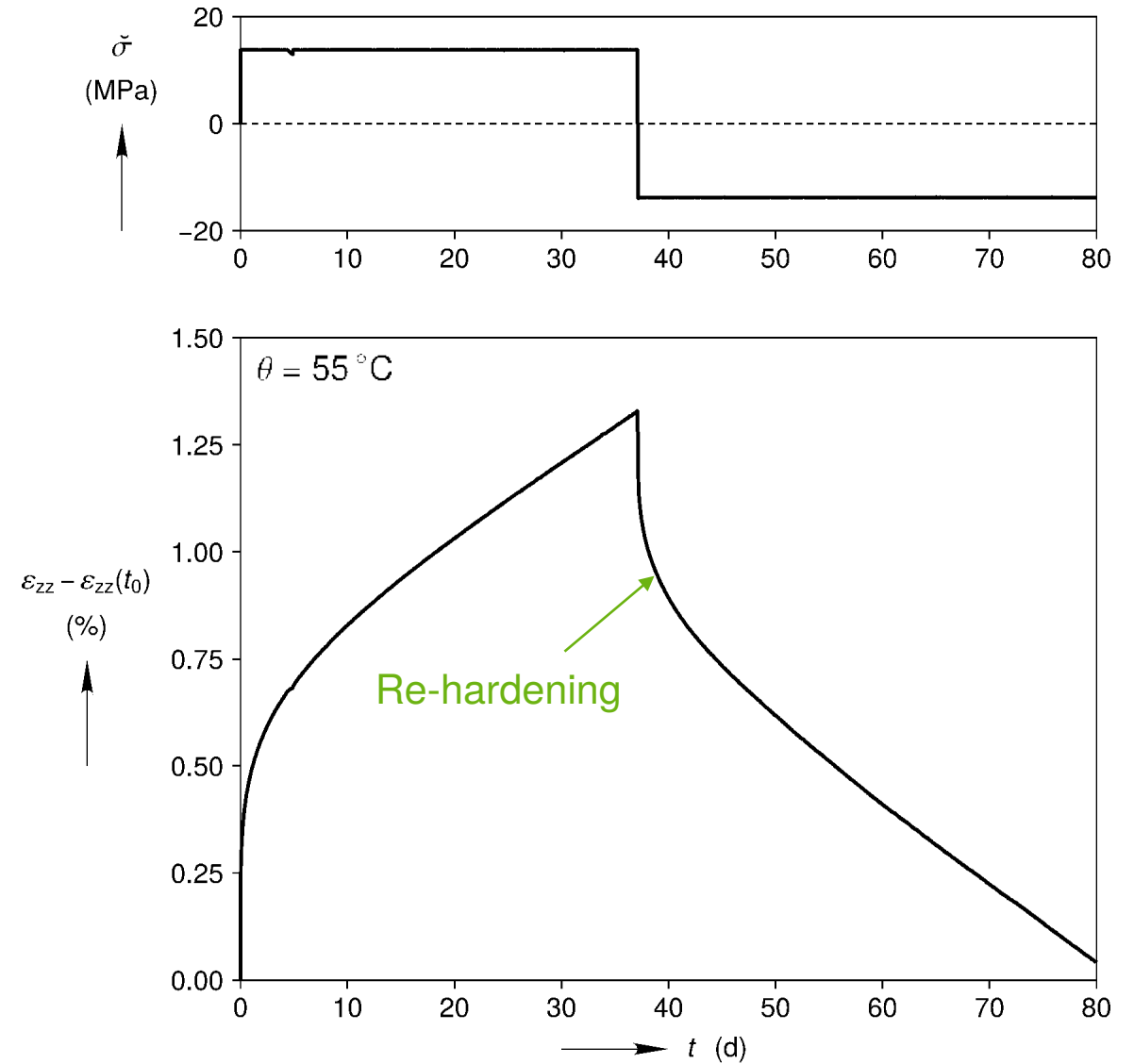
Constant Strain Rate Test on Artificial Salt

$$\sigma_{rr} = 53 \text{ MPa}, \theta = 293 \text{ K}, \dot{\varepsilon}_{zz} = \pm 3.5 \times 10^{-5} \text{ 1/s}$$



Experimental measurements from Aubertin et al. (1999)

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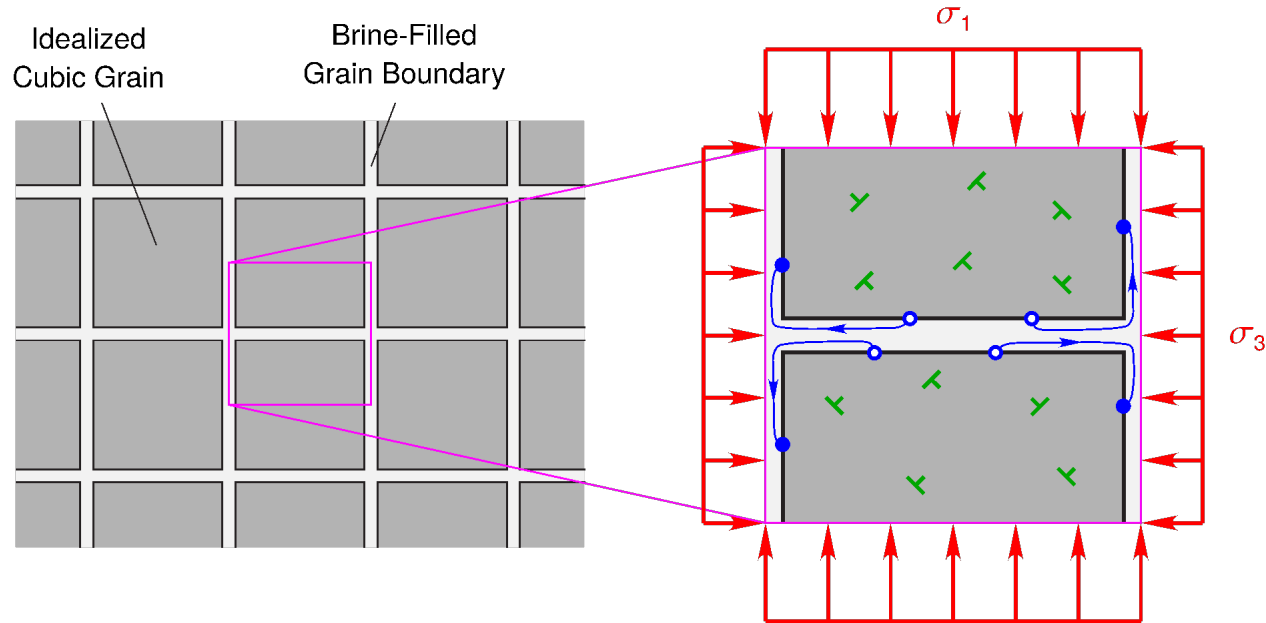
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Model Overview

Viscoplastic Branches



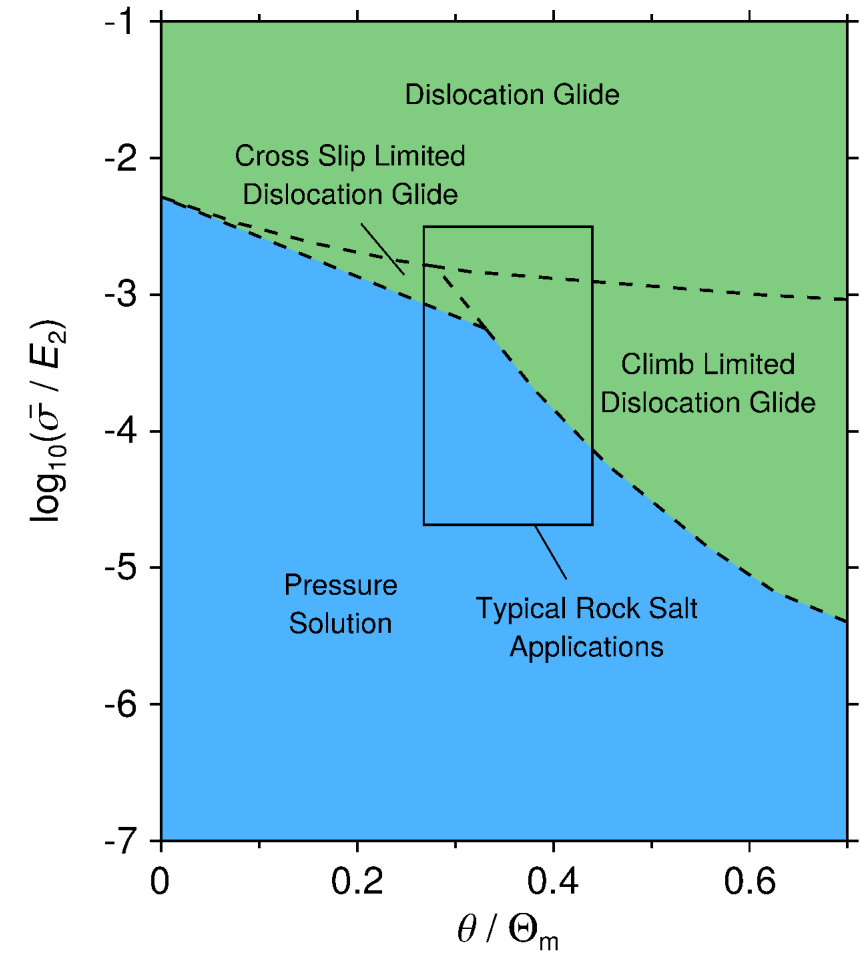
Pressure Solution and Dislocation Glide



Strain Rate Decomposition
(proportional, monotonic, loading)

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A (Rough) Steady-State Deformation Mechanism Map



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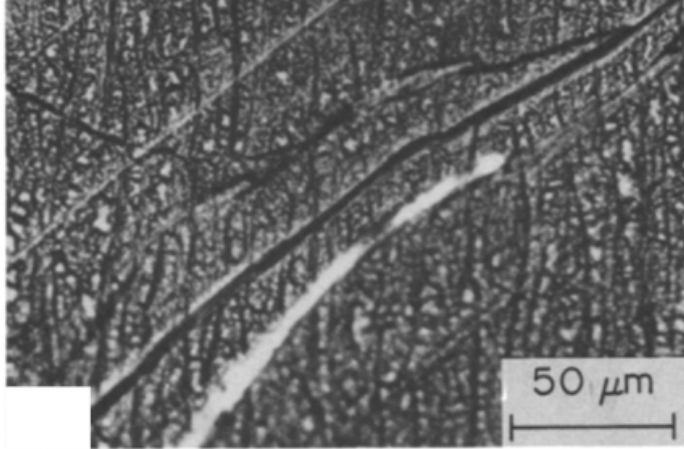
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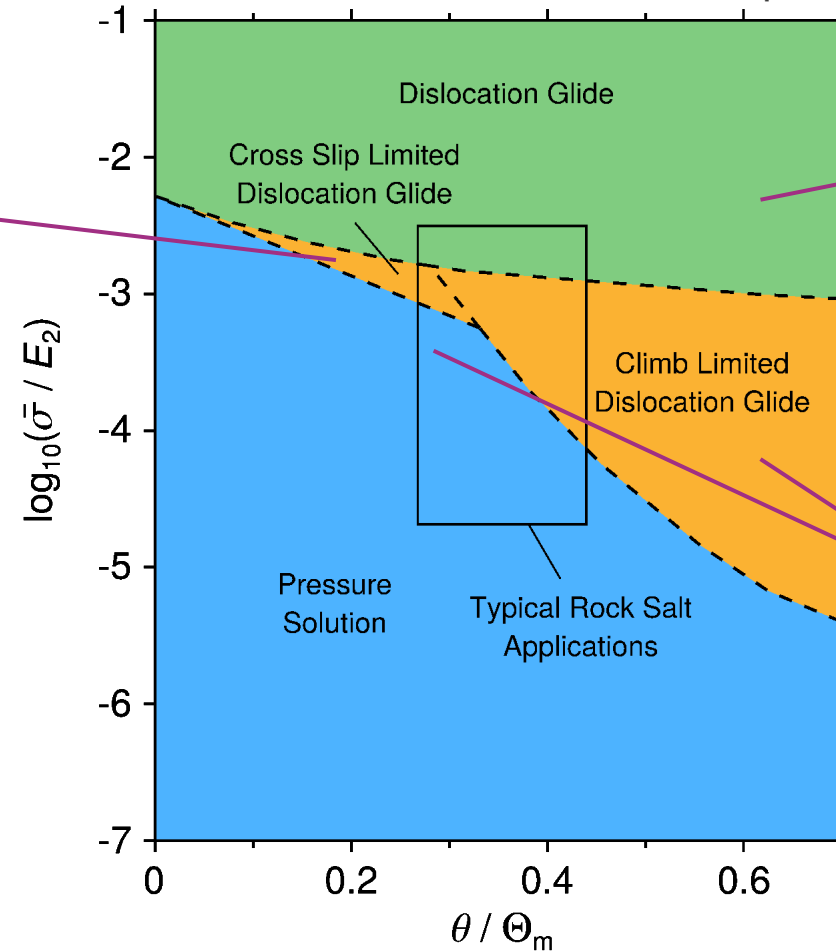
Microstructural Observations



Wavy Slip Bands



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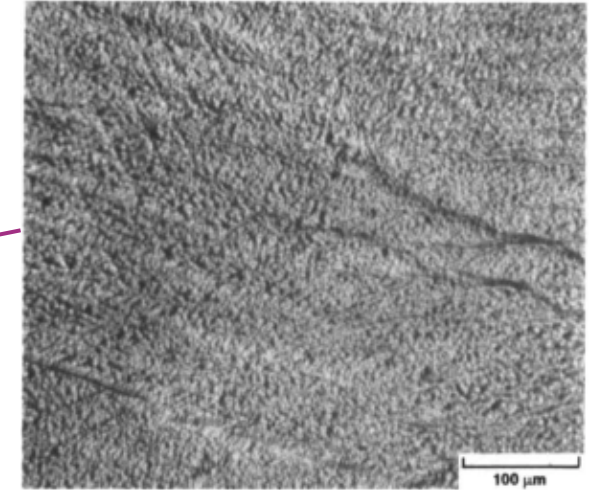


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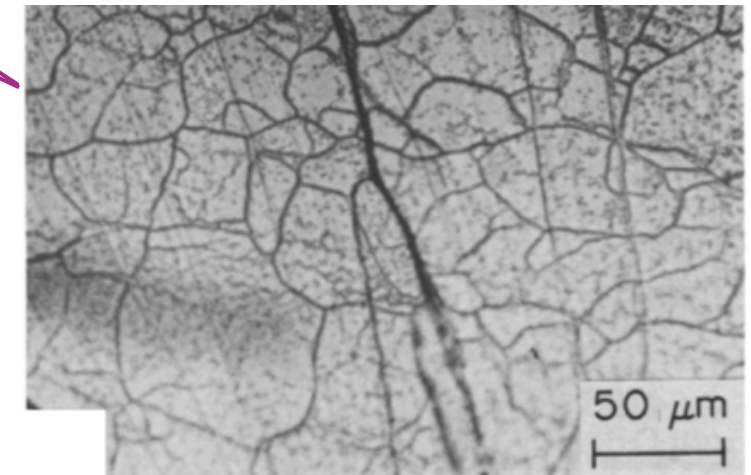
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Subgrains



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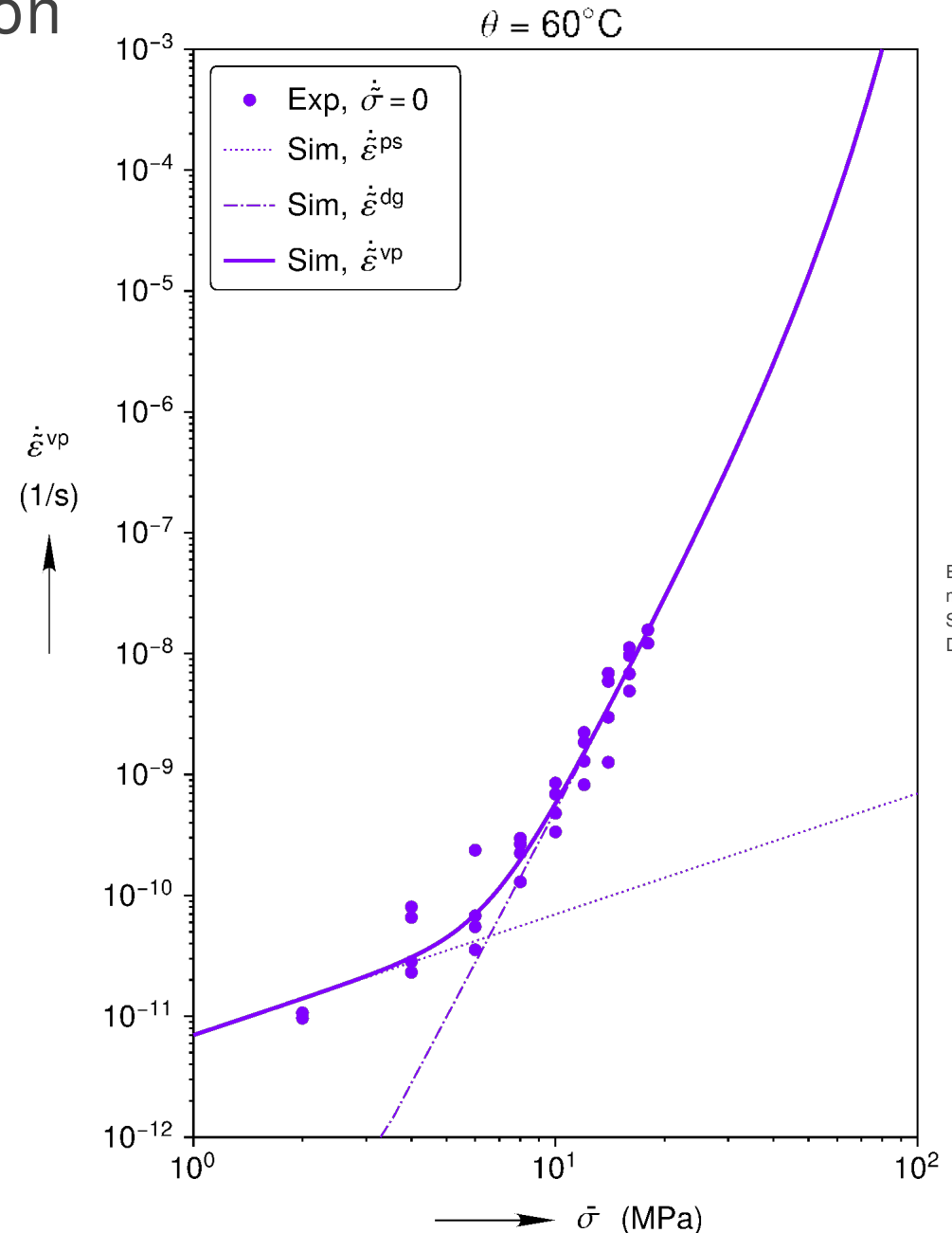
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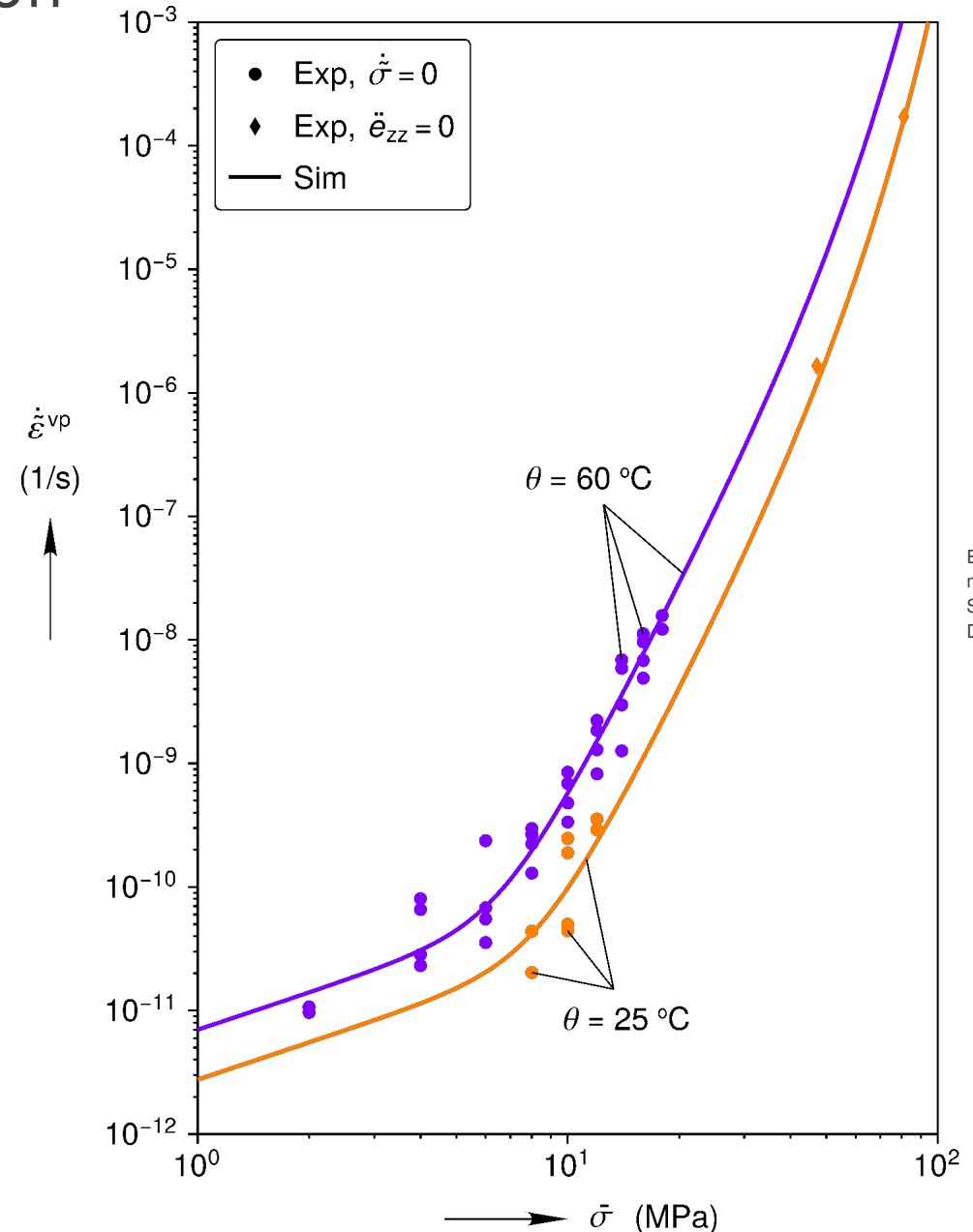
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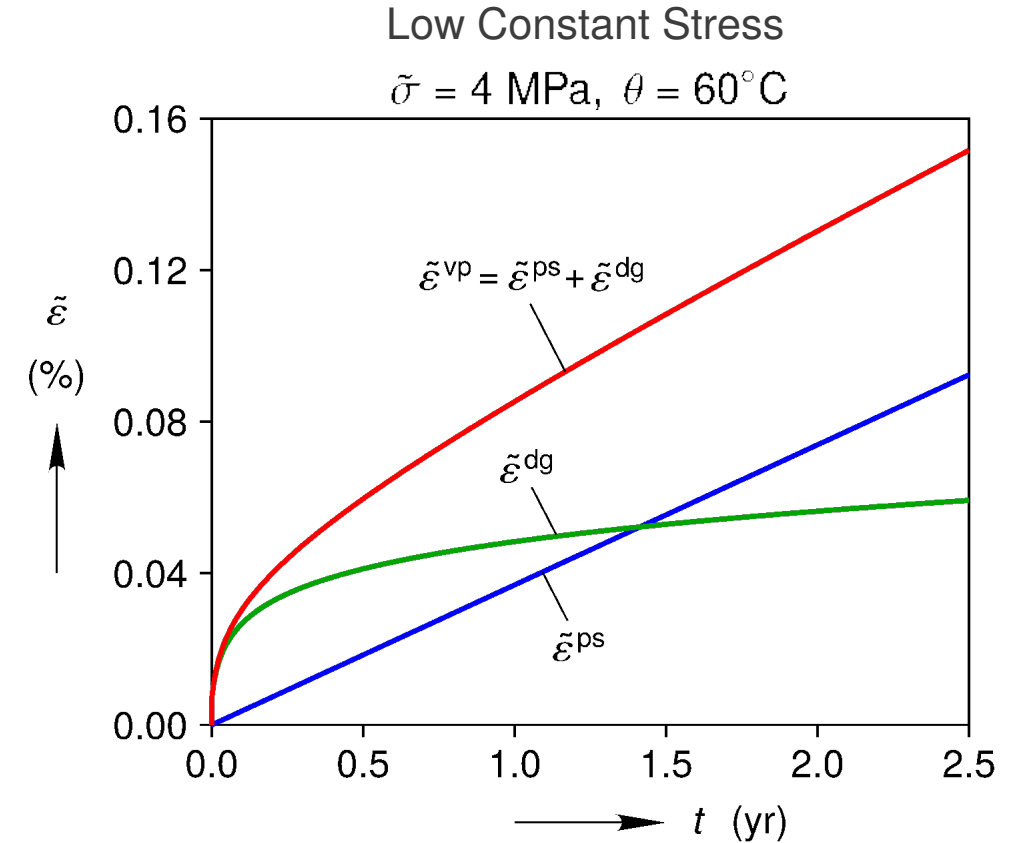
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Dislocation Glide Hardening



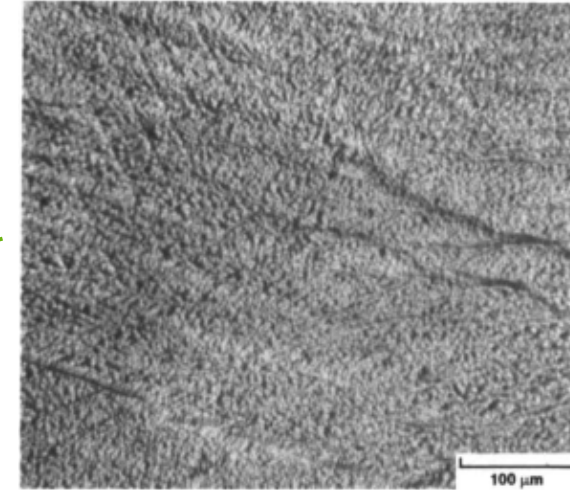
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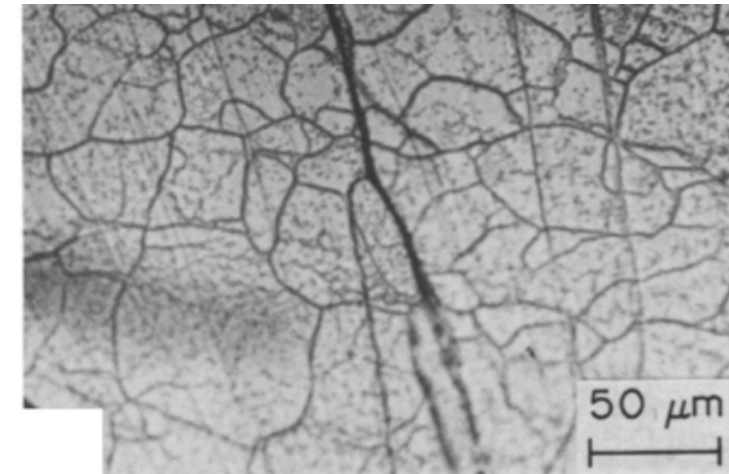
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Dislocation Glide Hardening Saturation (Steady-State)

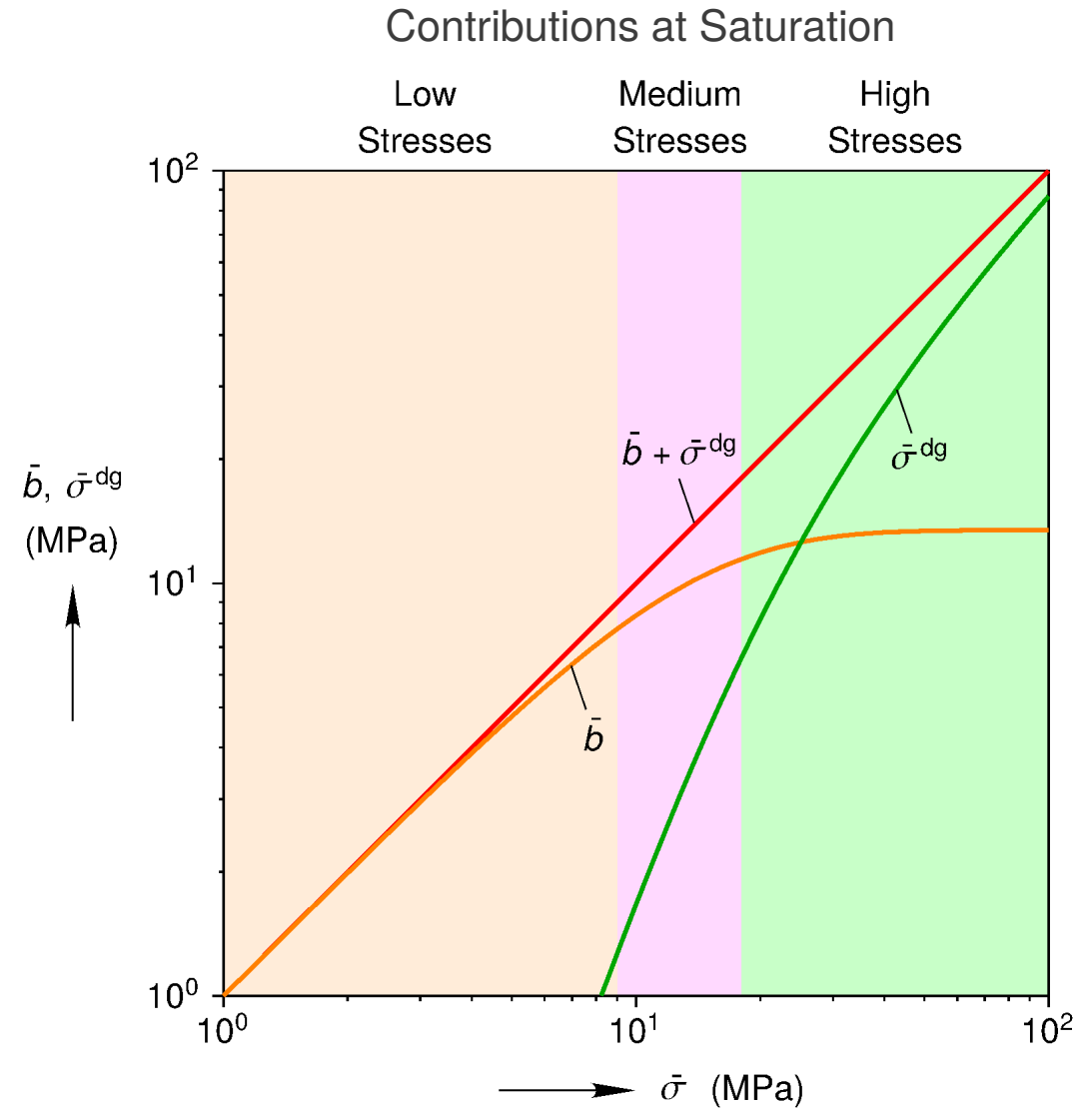


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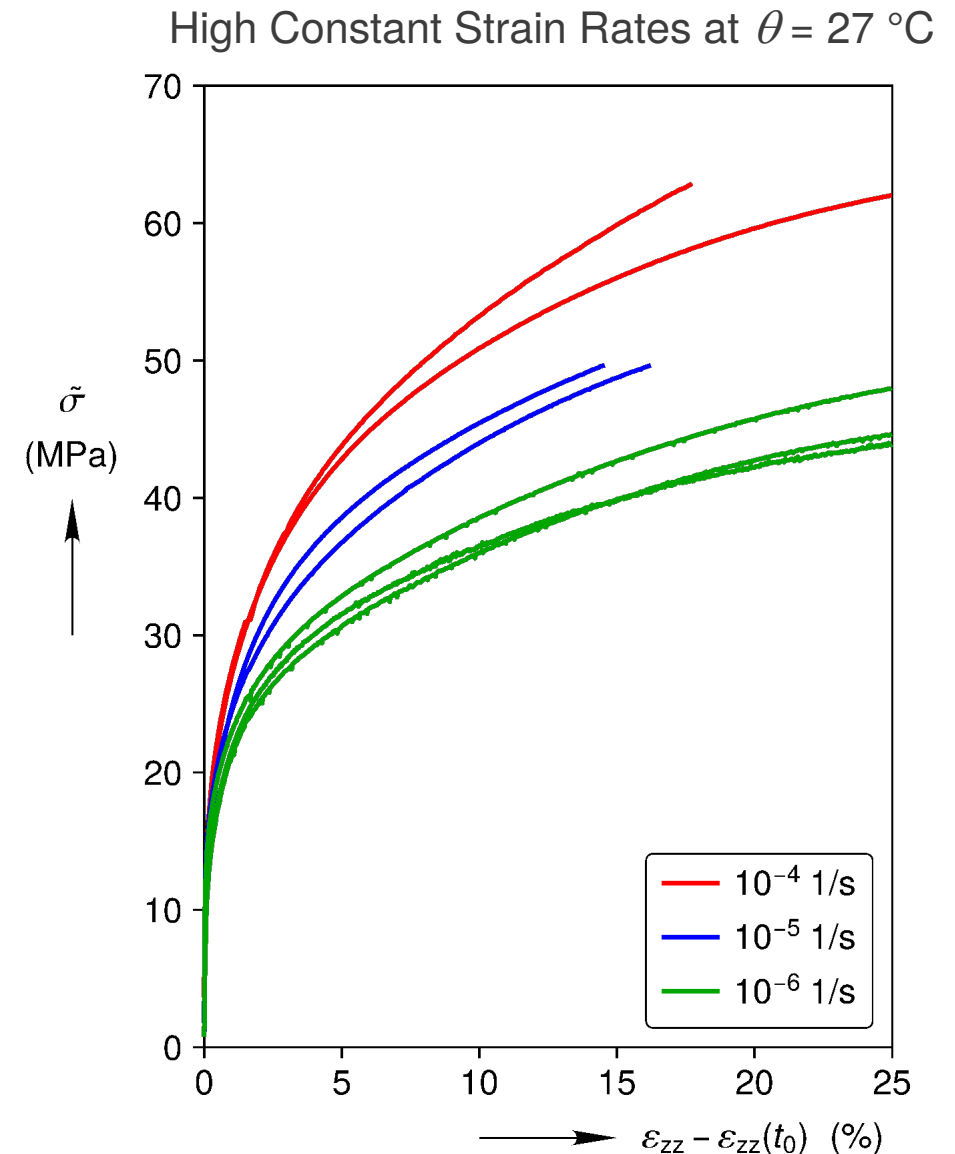
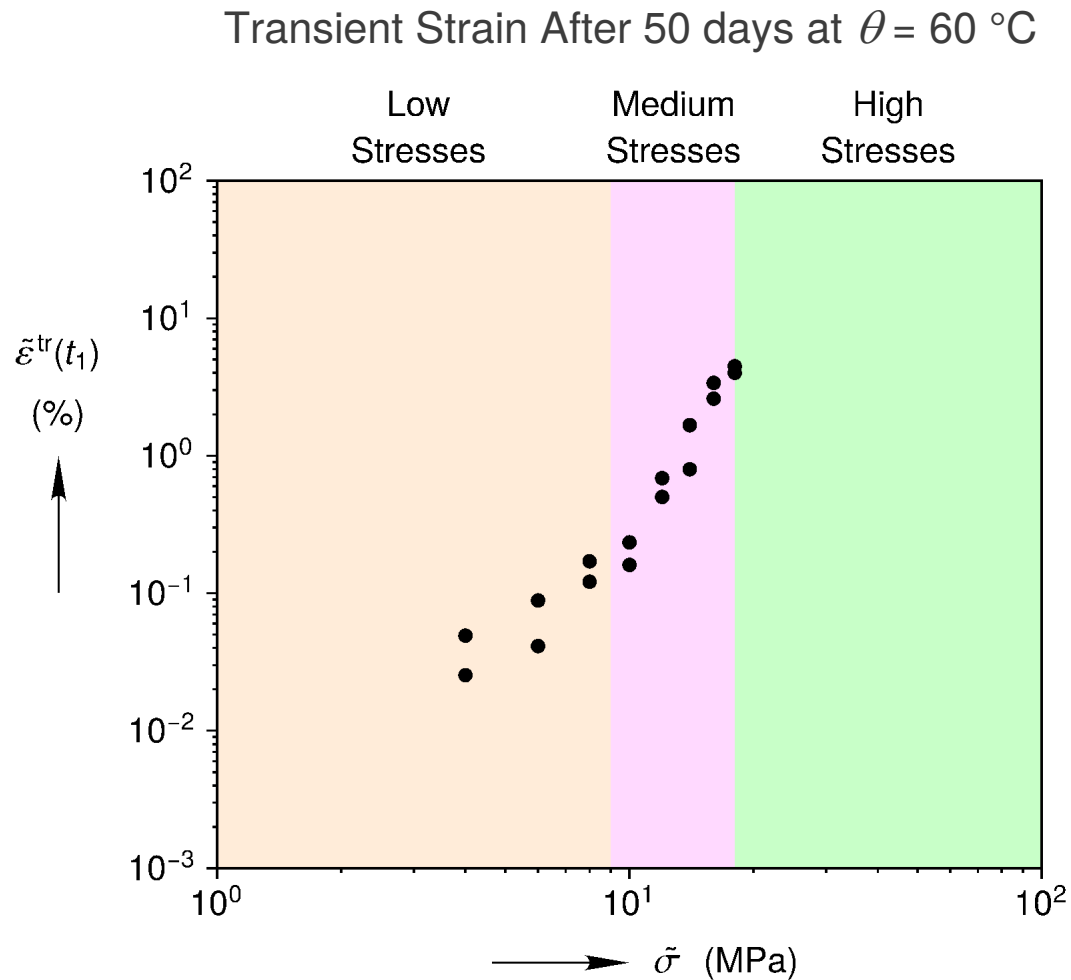
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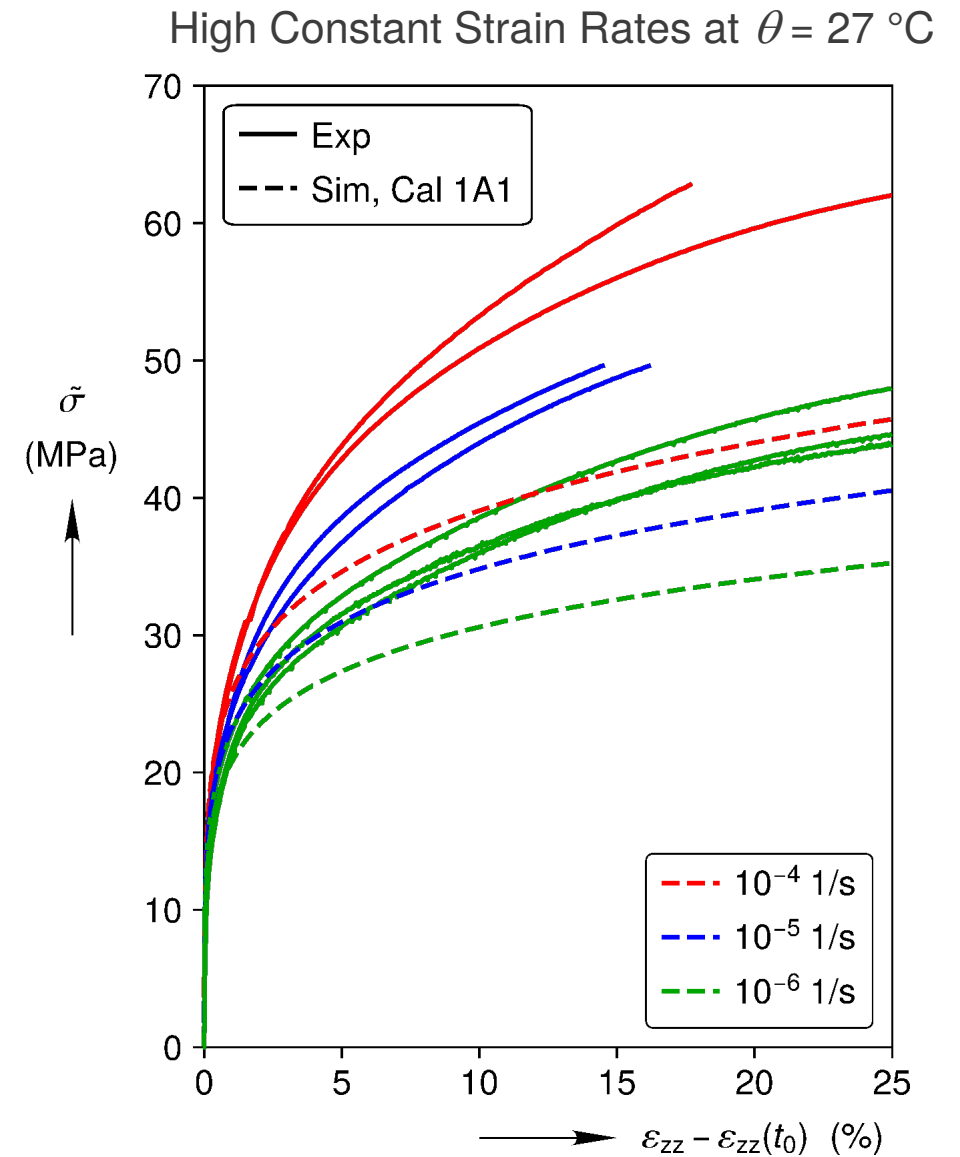
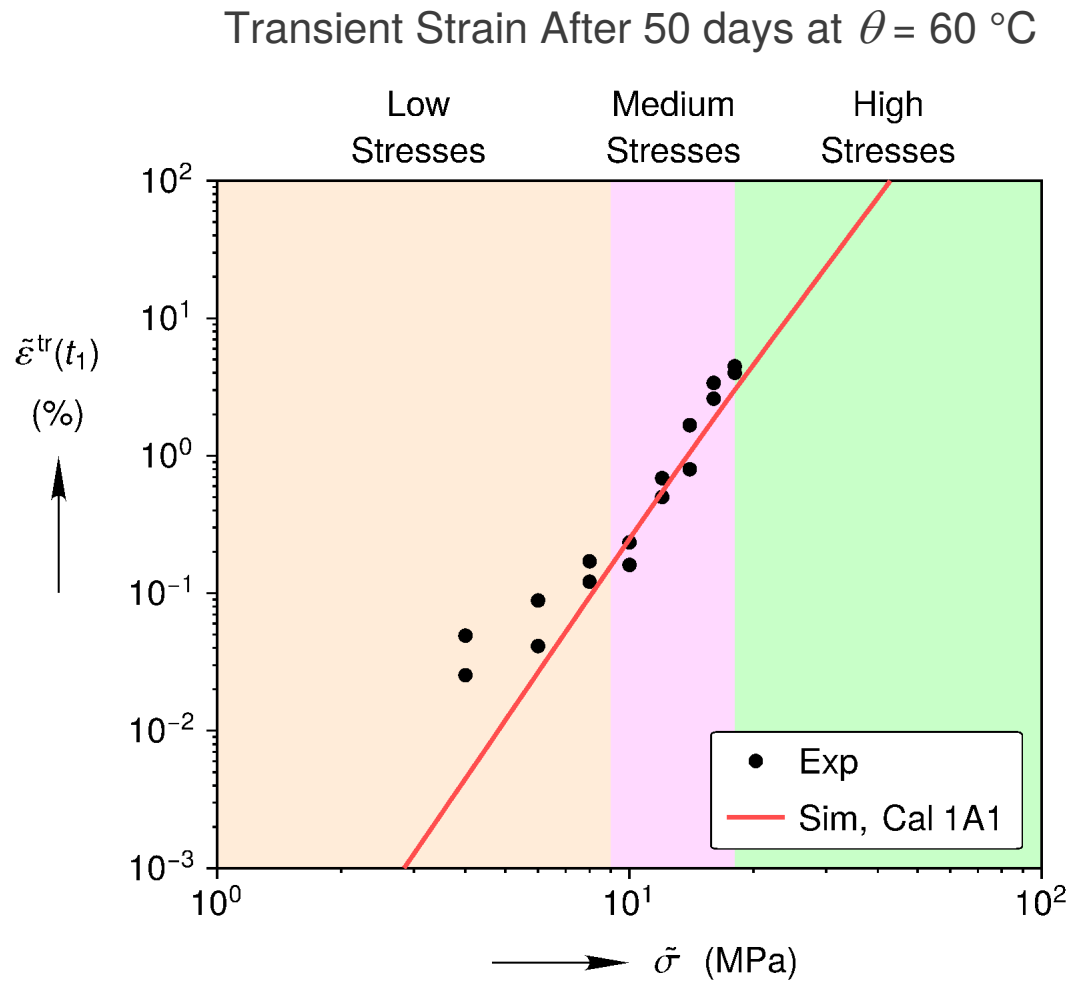


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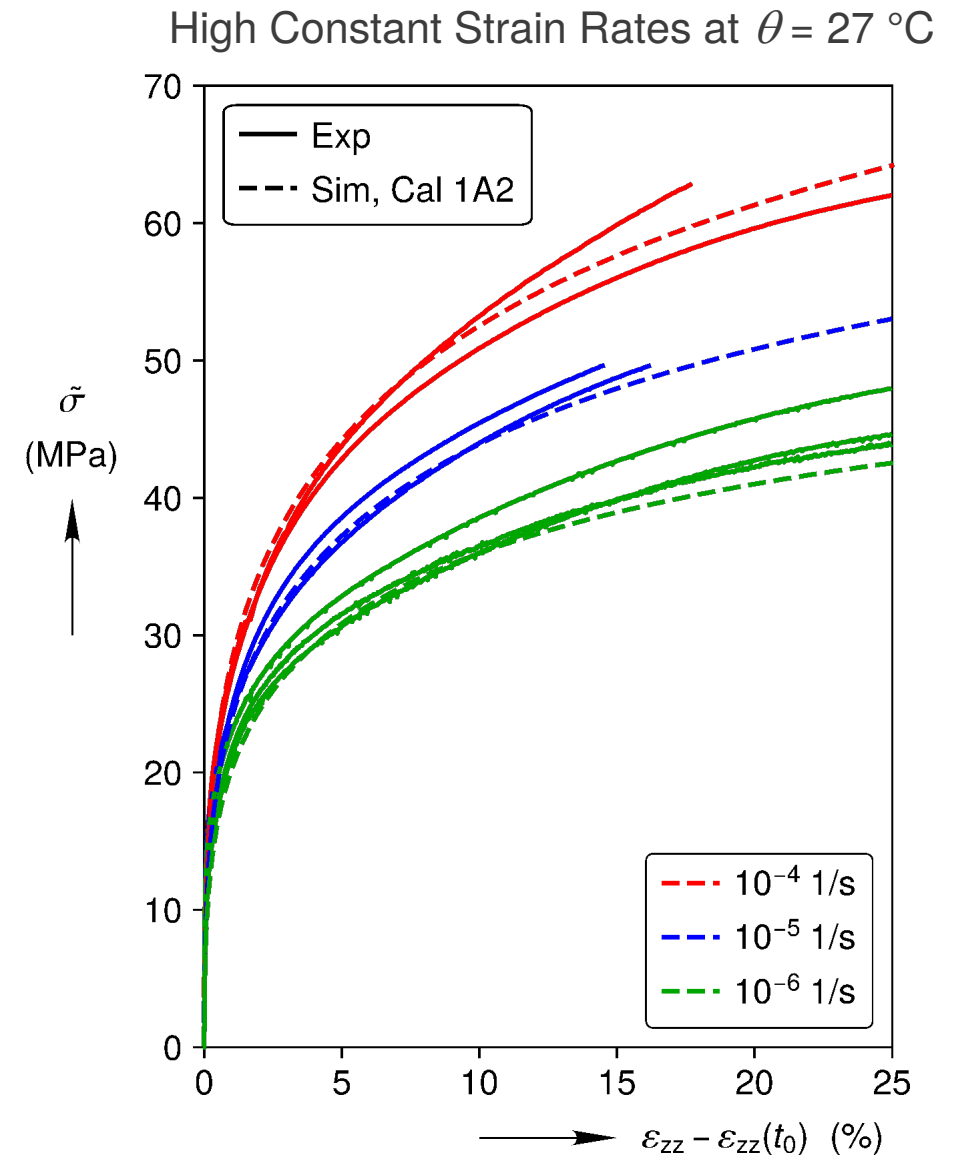
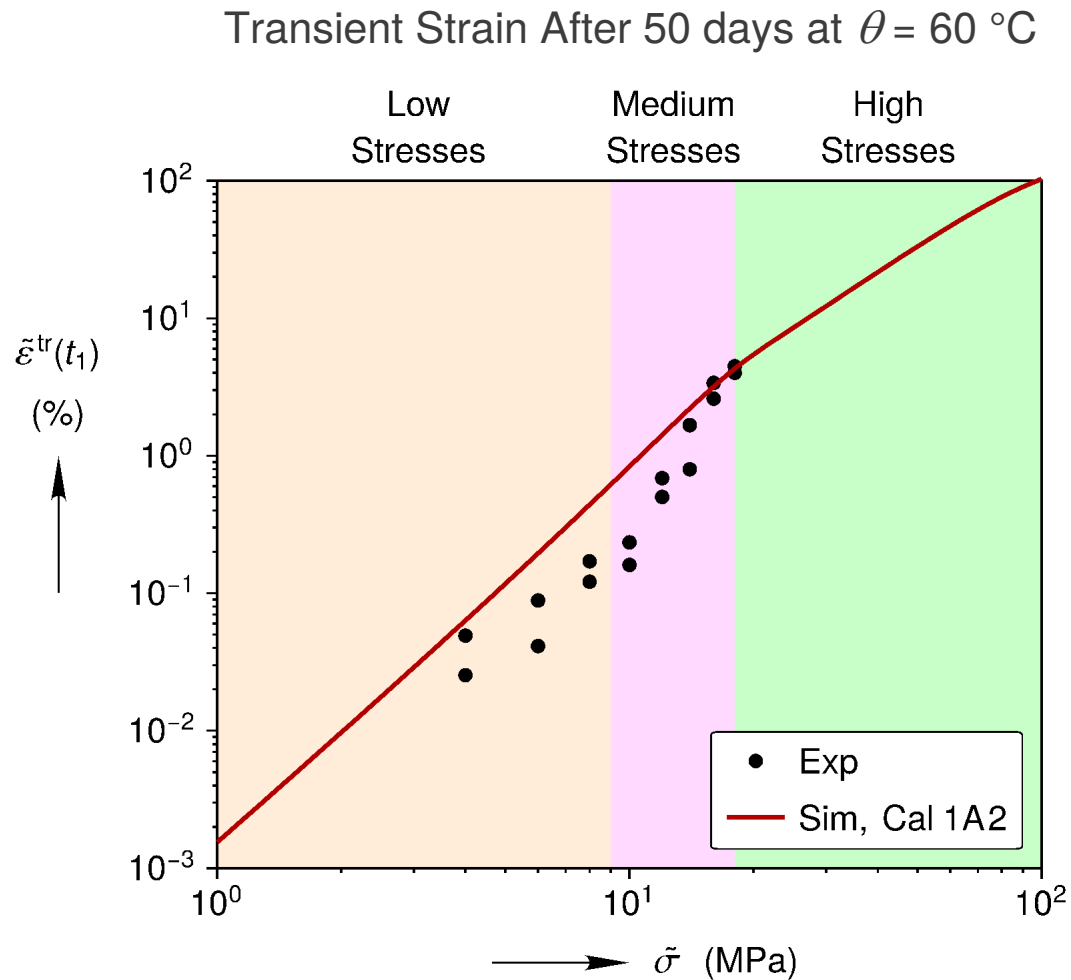
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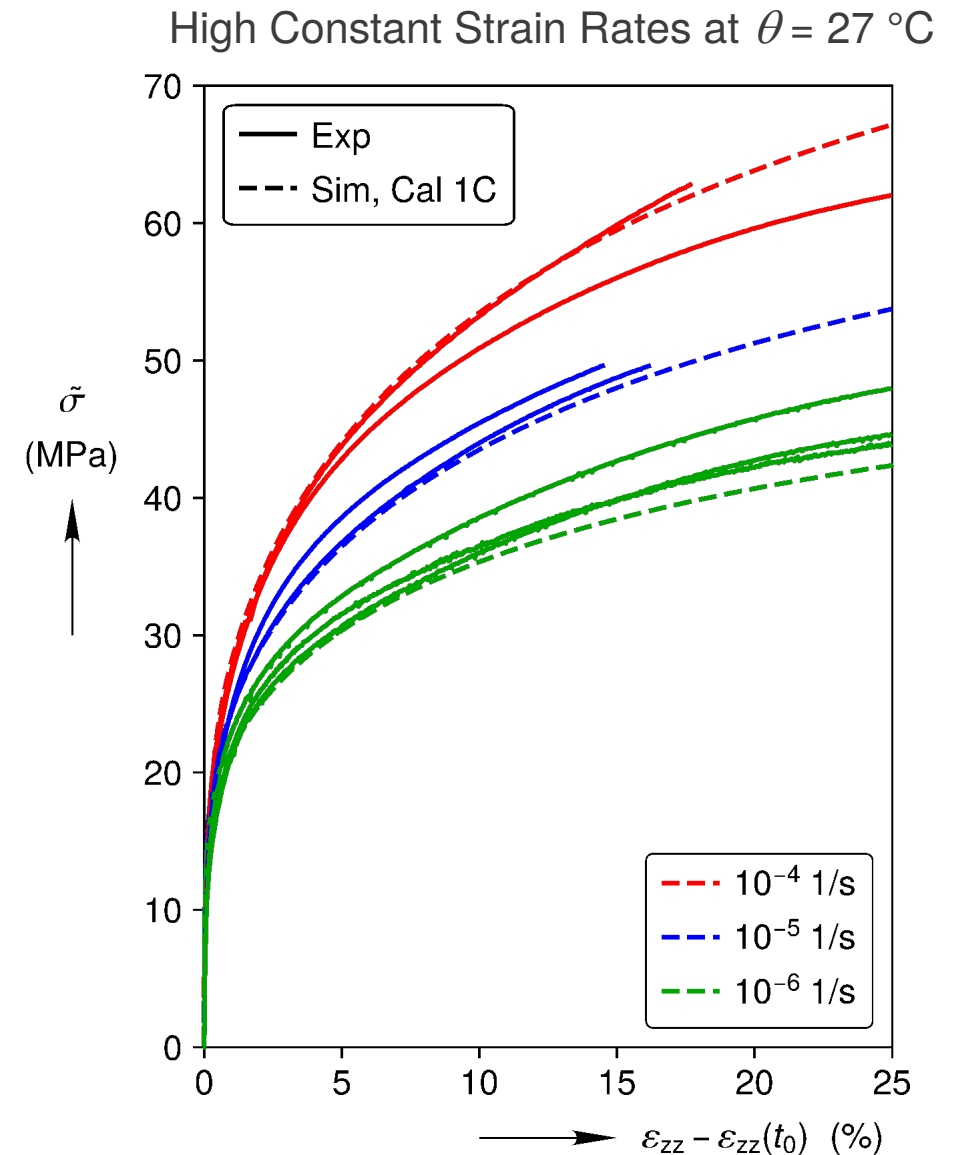
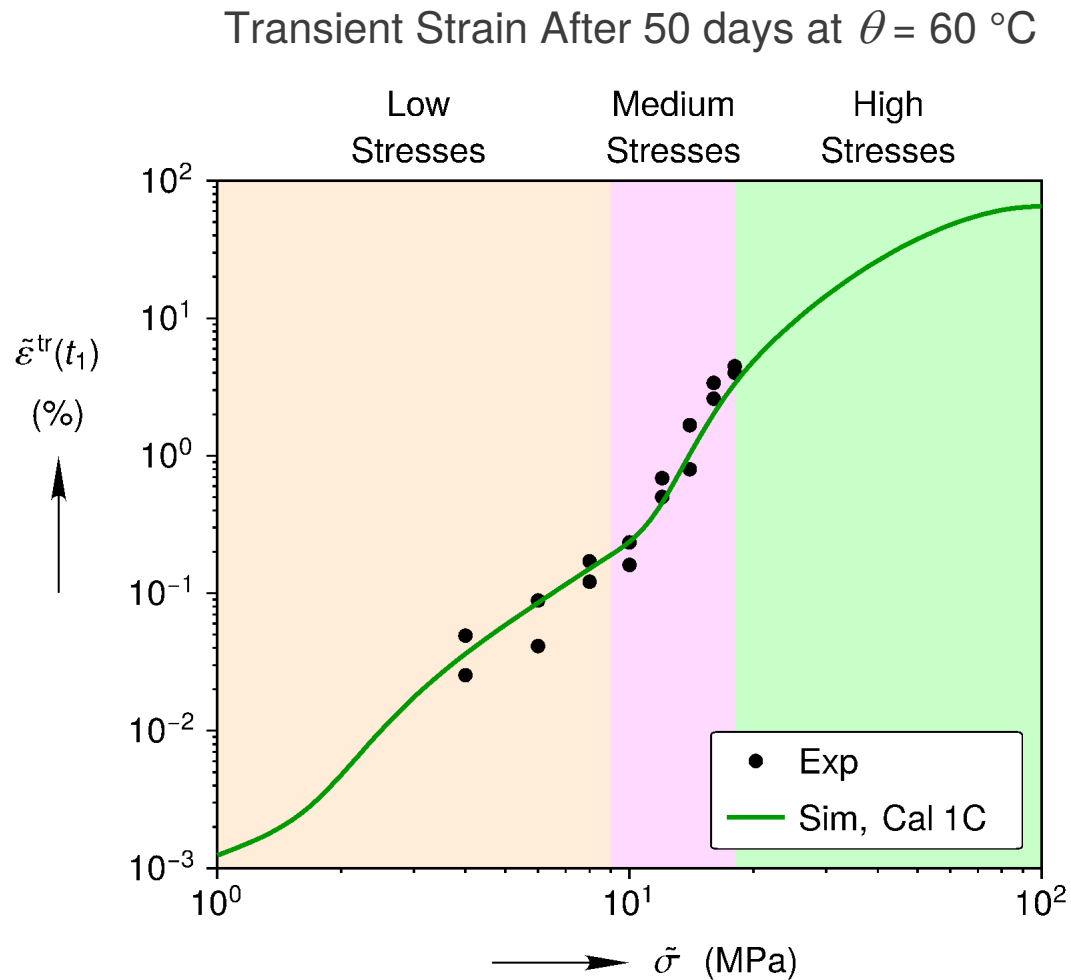
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Calibration 1A2: Drag Stress Only



Calibration 1C: Drag Stress and Back Stress

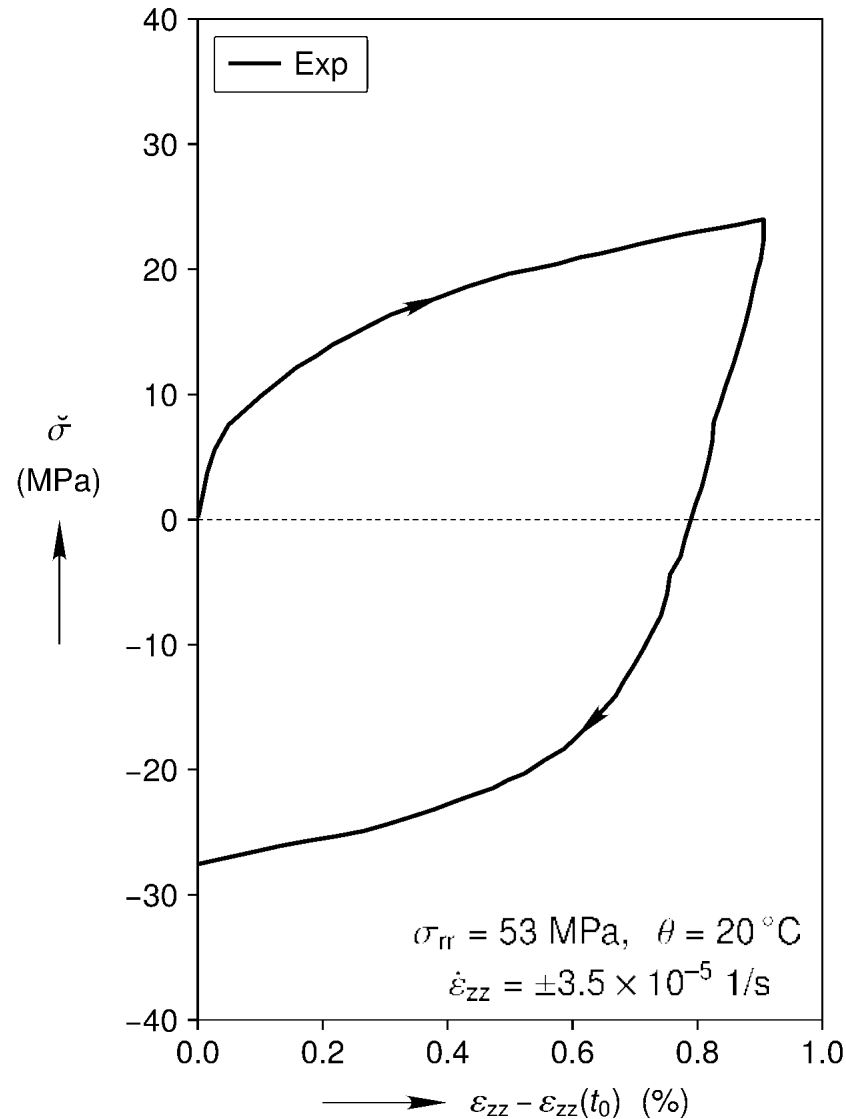


Partial Validations

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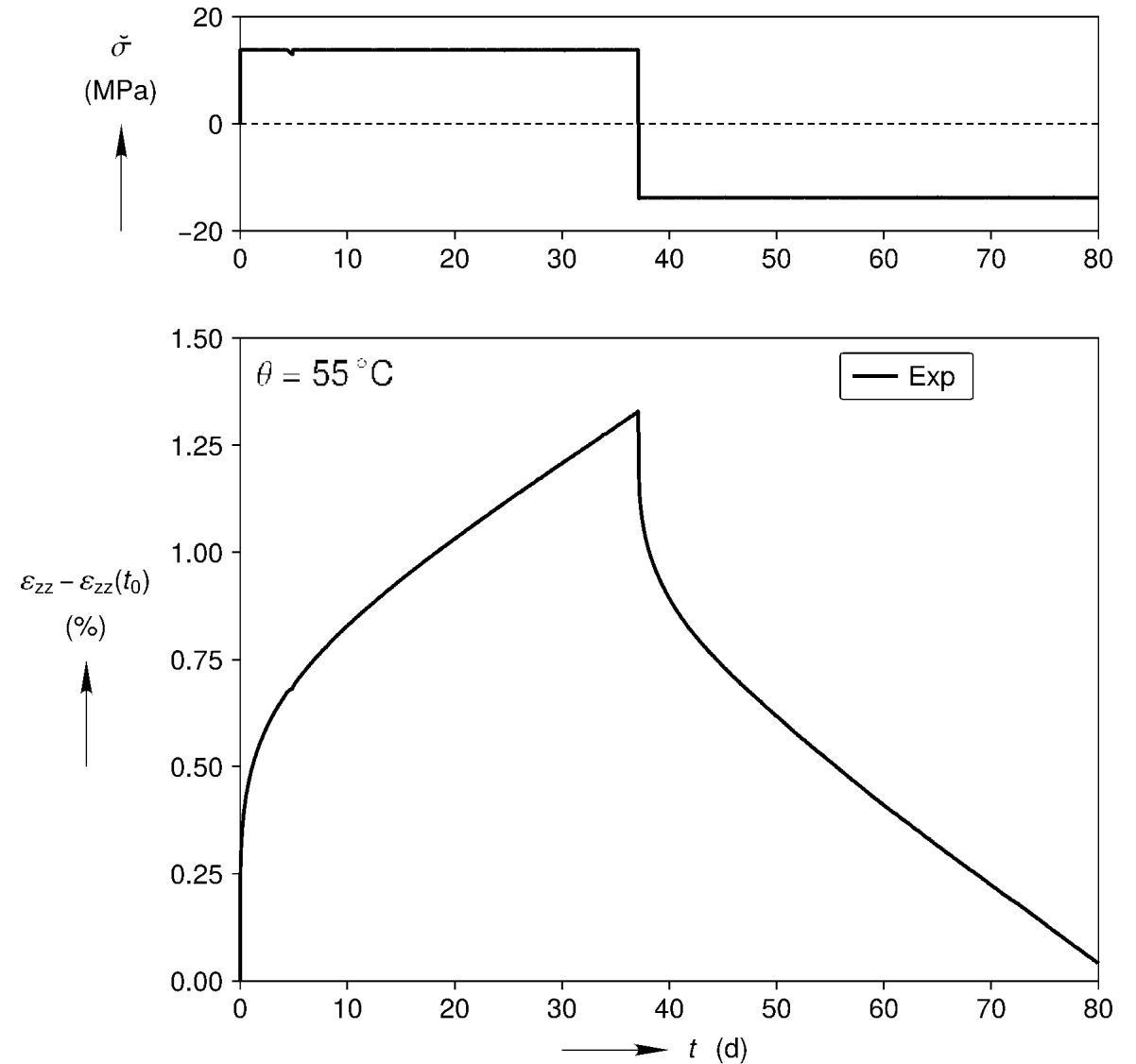


Constant Strain Rate Test on Artificial Salt



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Multi-Stage Constant Stress Test on Cayuta Salt

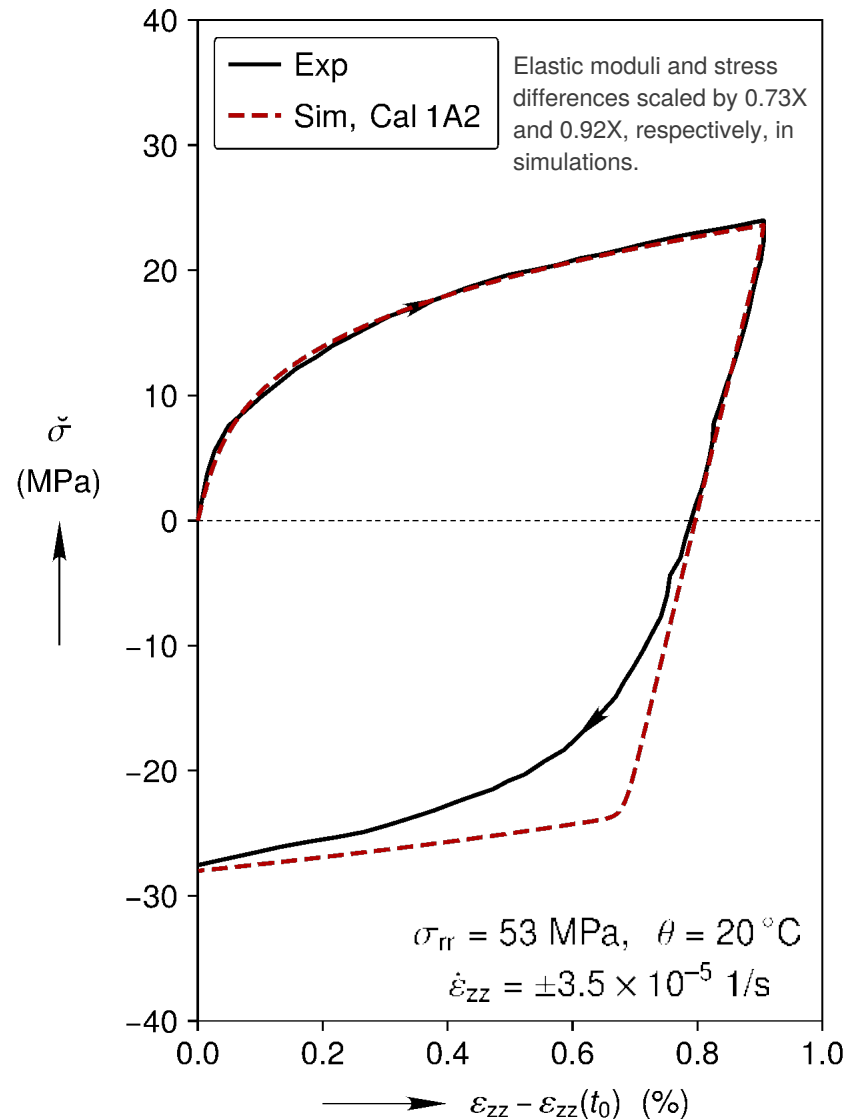


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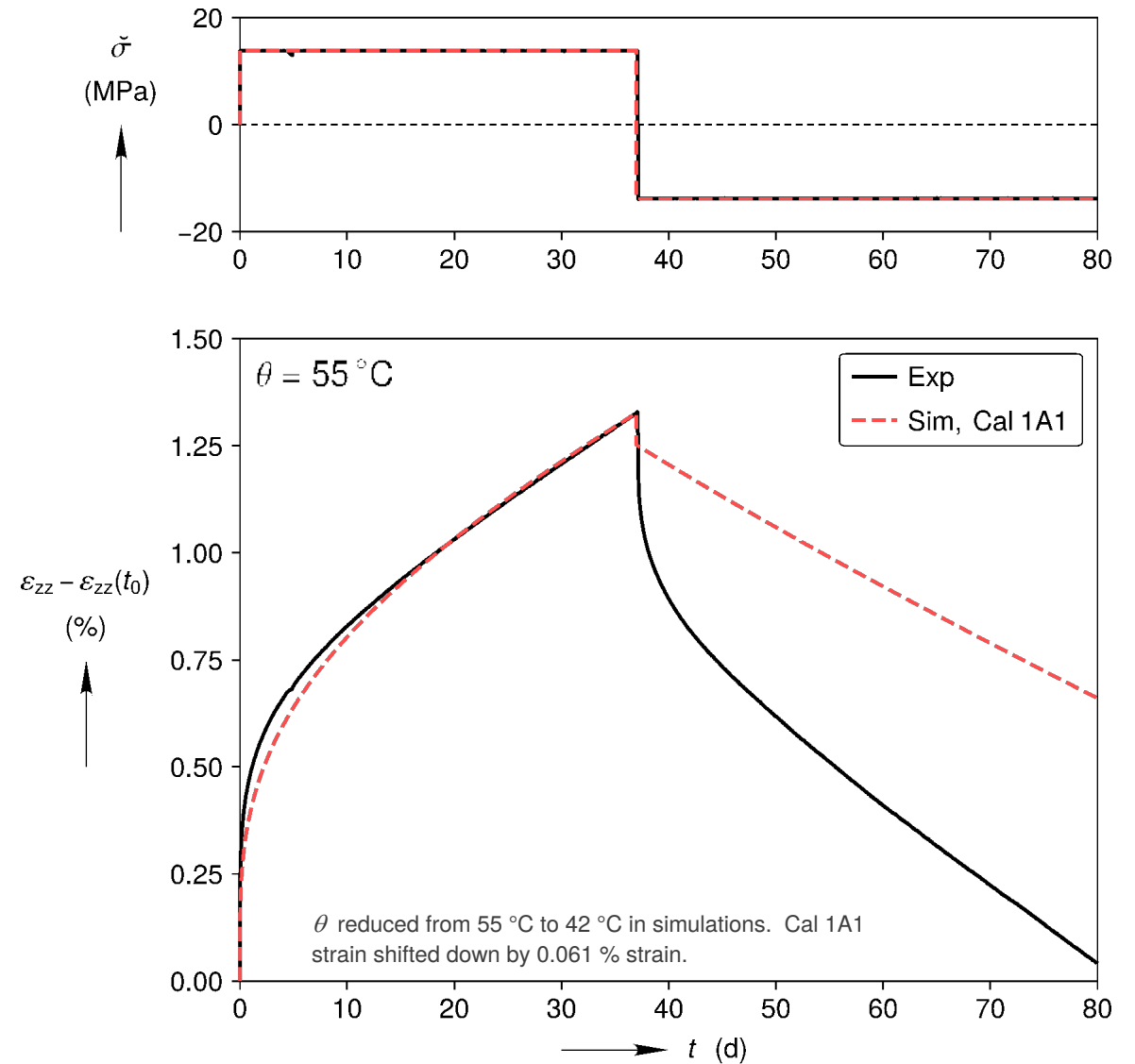


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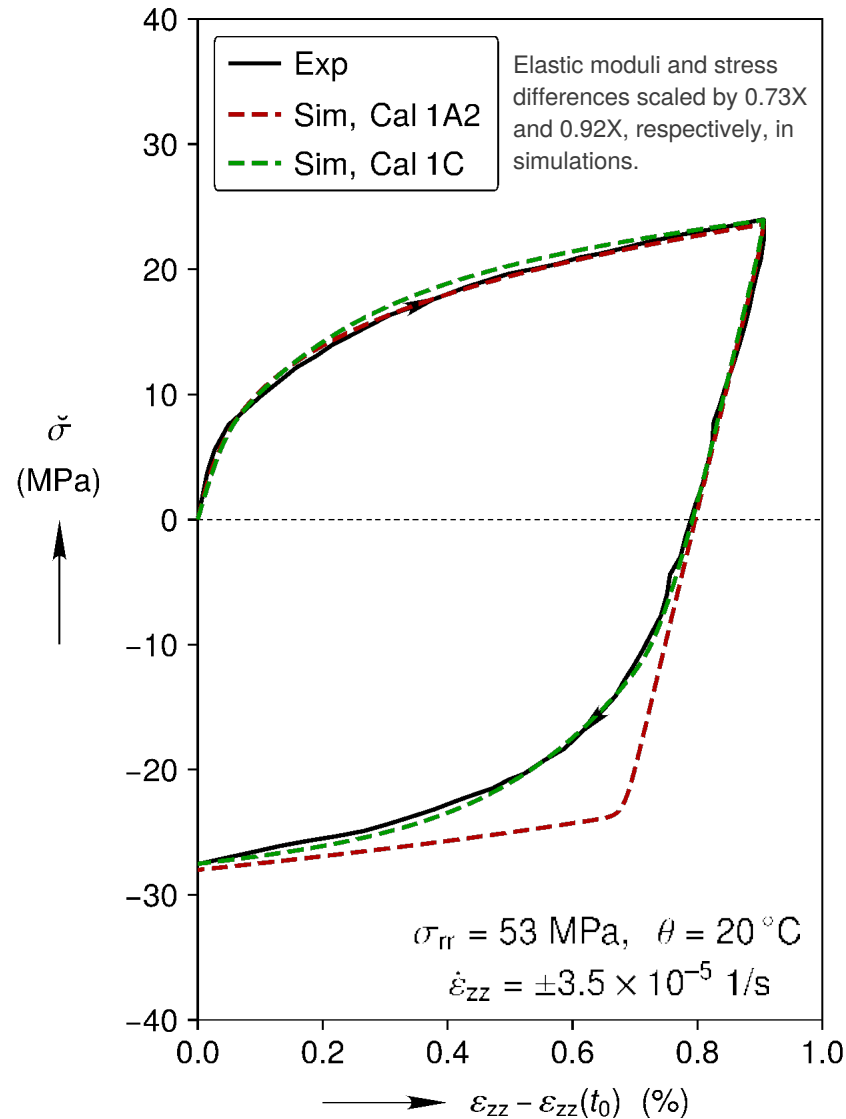


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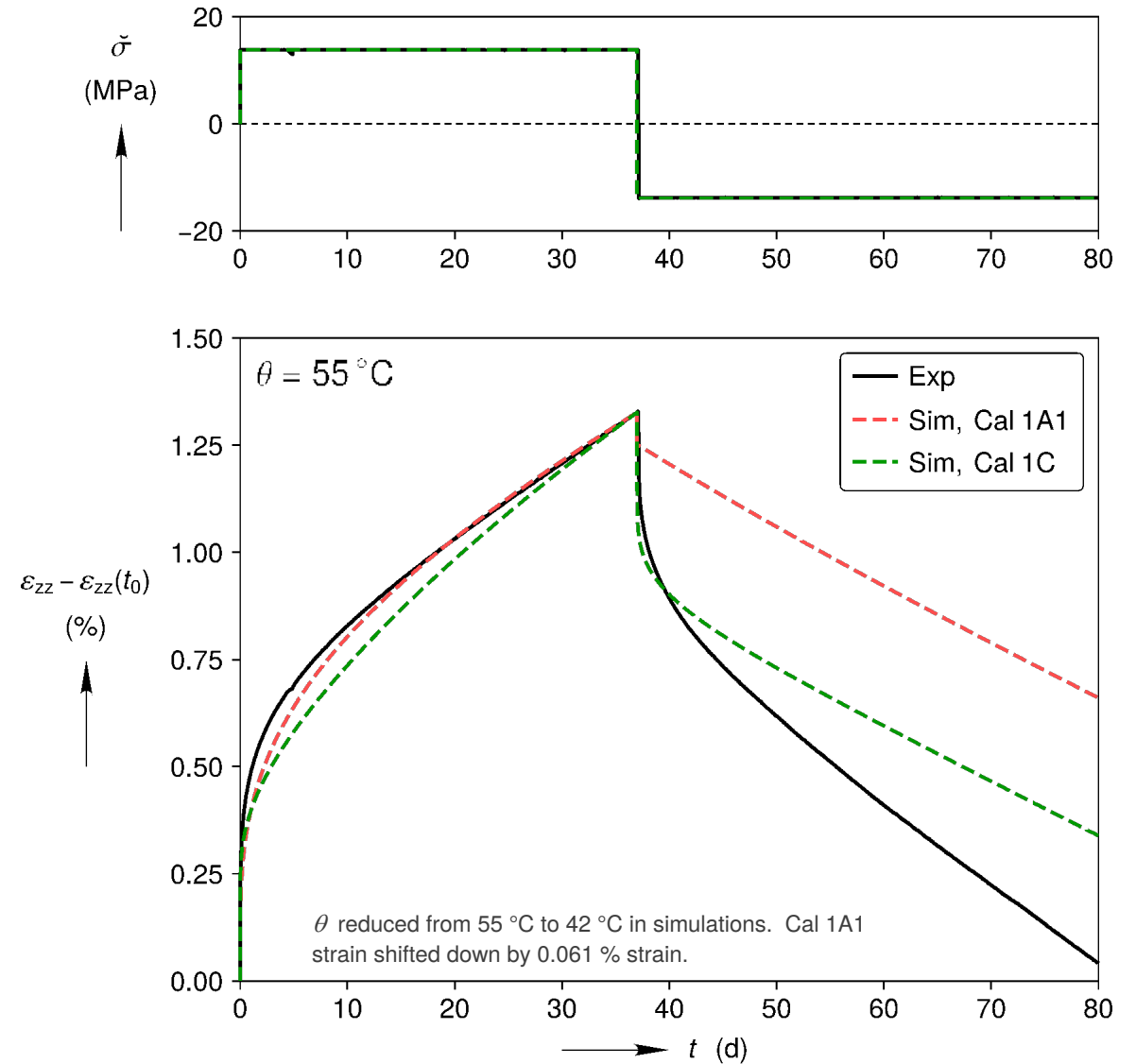


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Summary & Future Work



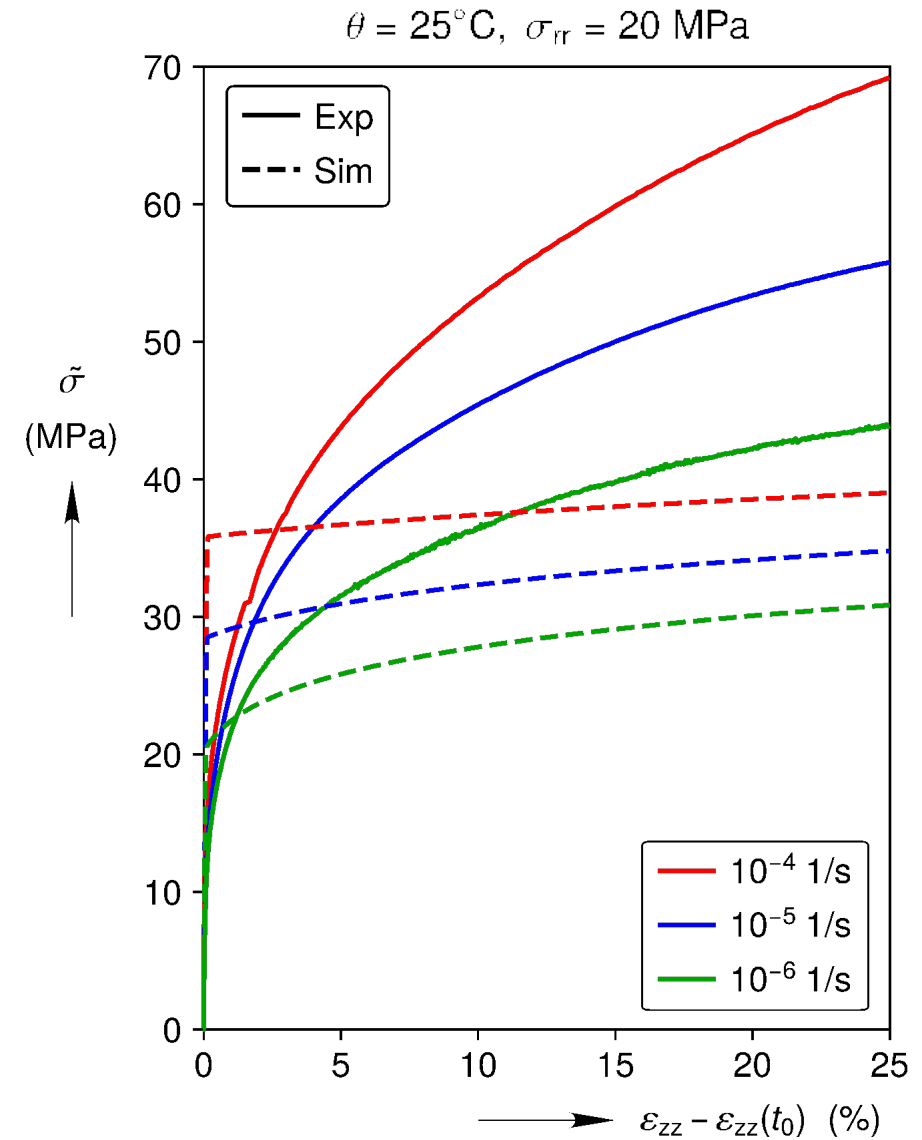
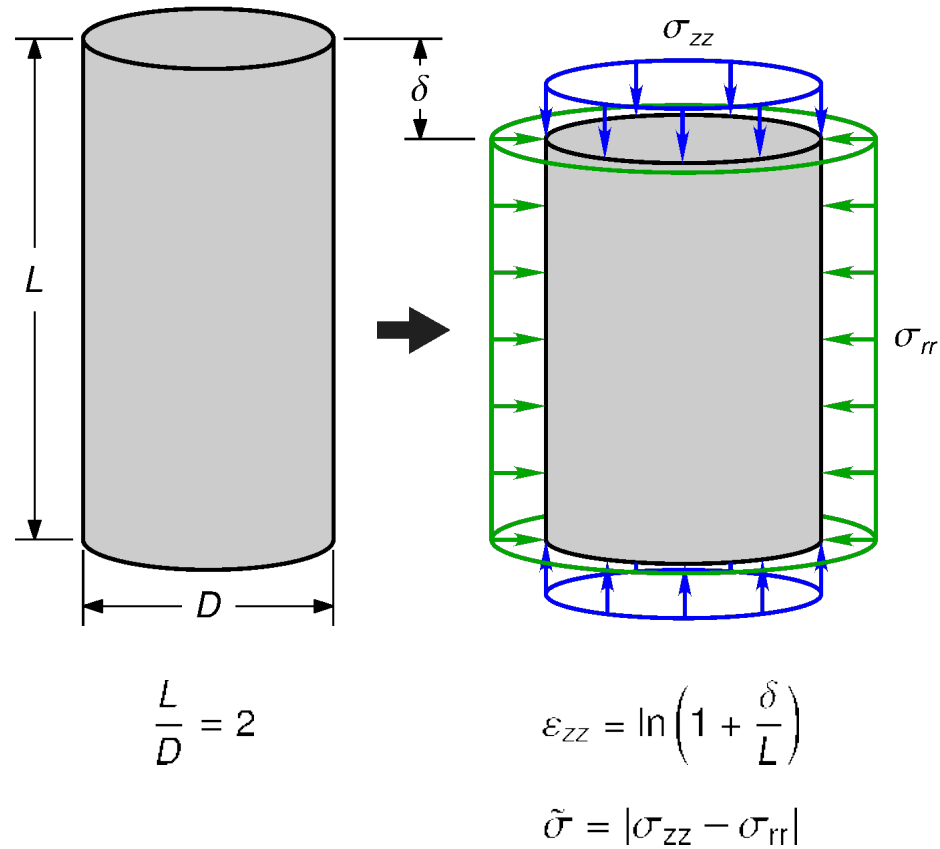
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 2. Drag stress hardening and back stress hardening
 3. Captures rock salt's viscoplastic behavior over a wide range of strain rates (10^{-12} to 10^{-4} 1/s)
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 2. Simulate underground structures
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Extra Slides

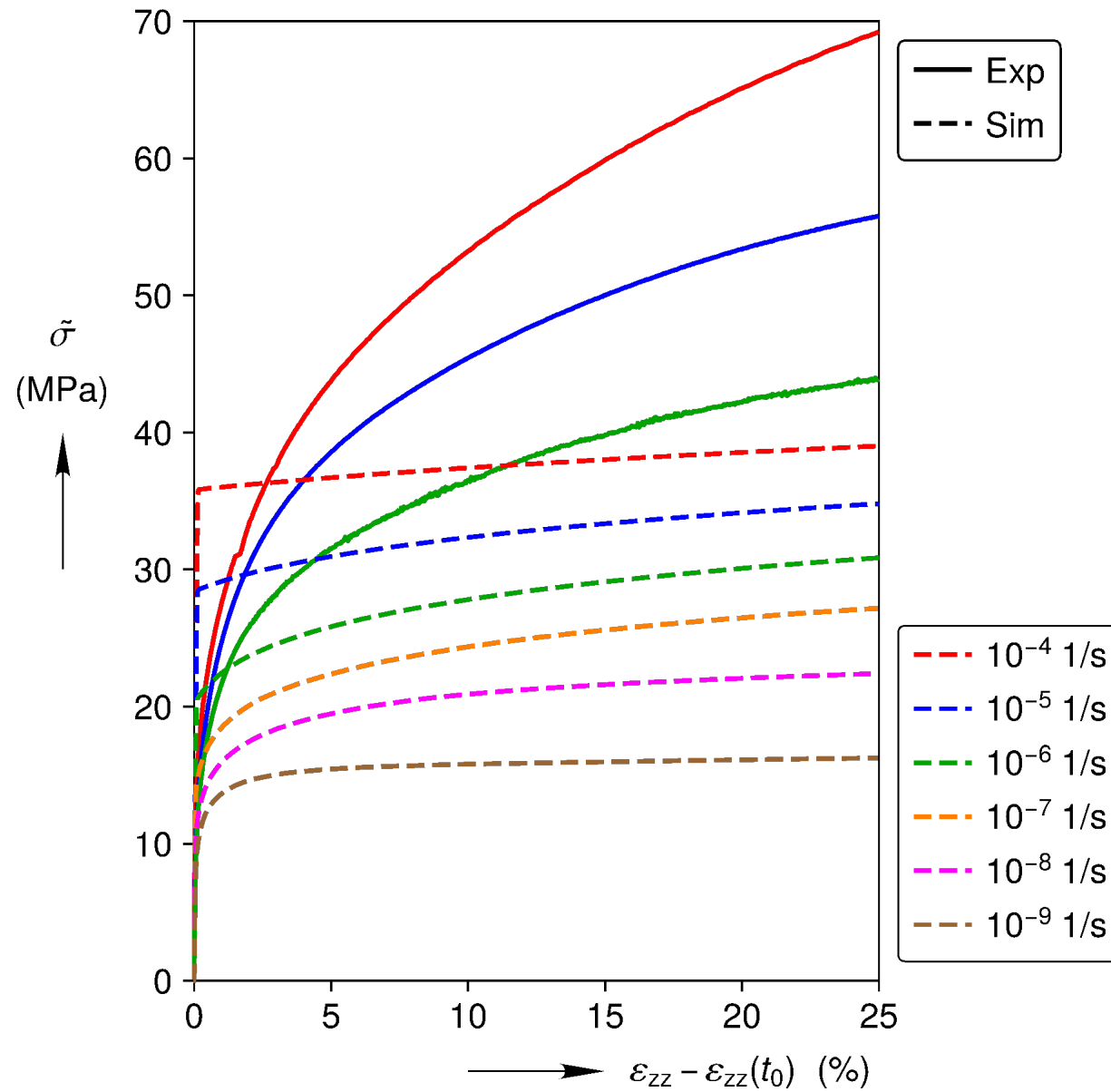


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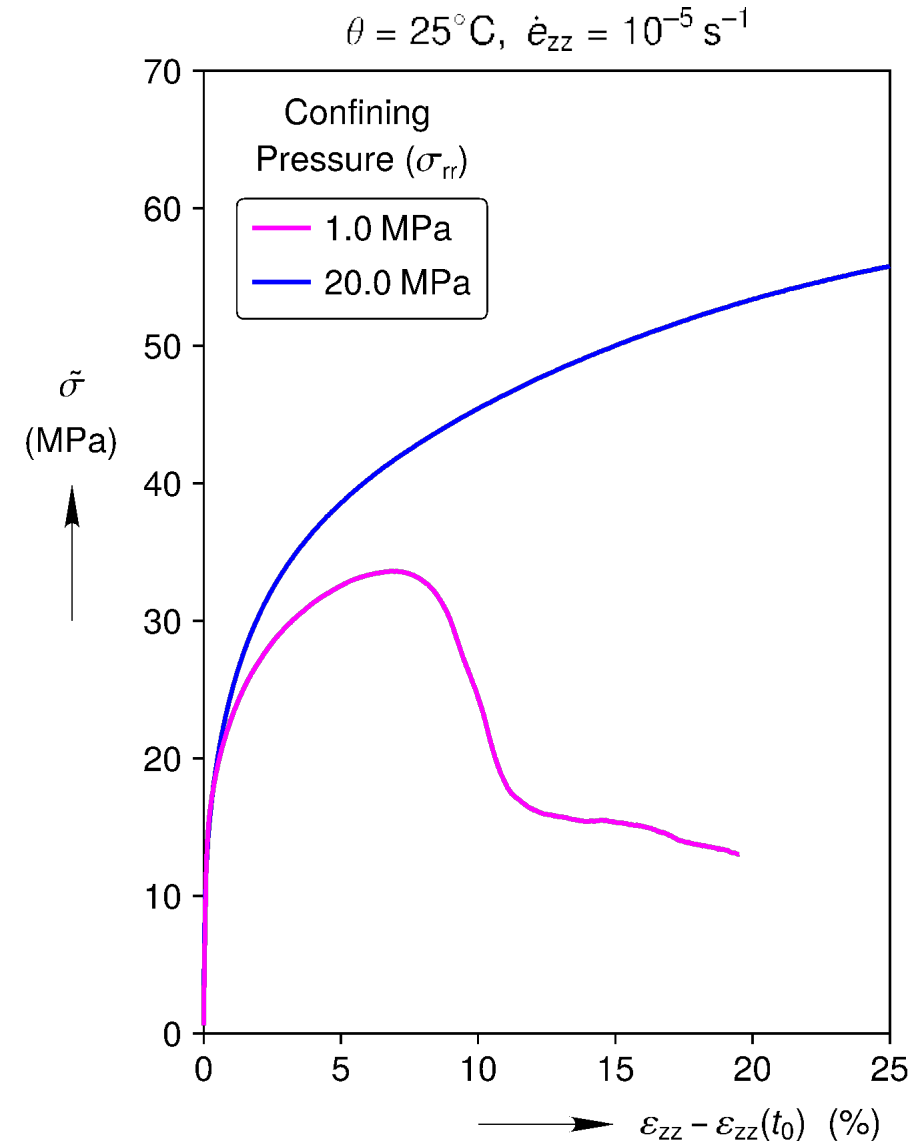
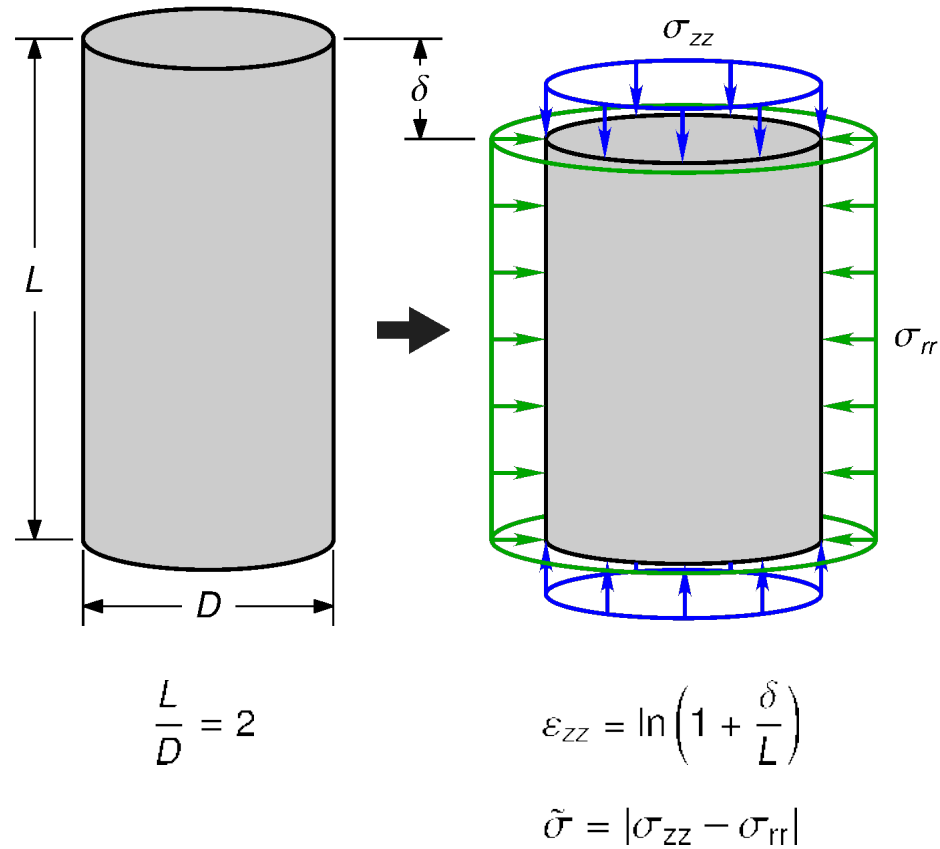
Damage-Free, High Strain Rate, Munson-Dawson Predictions



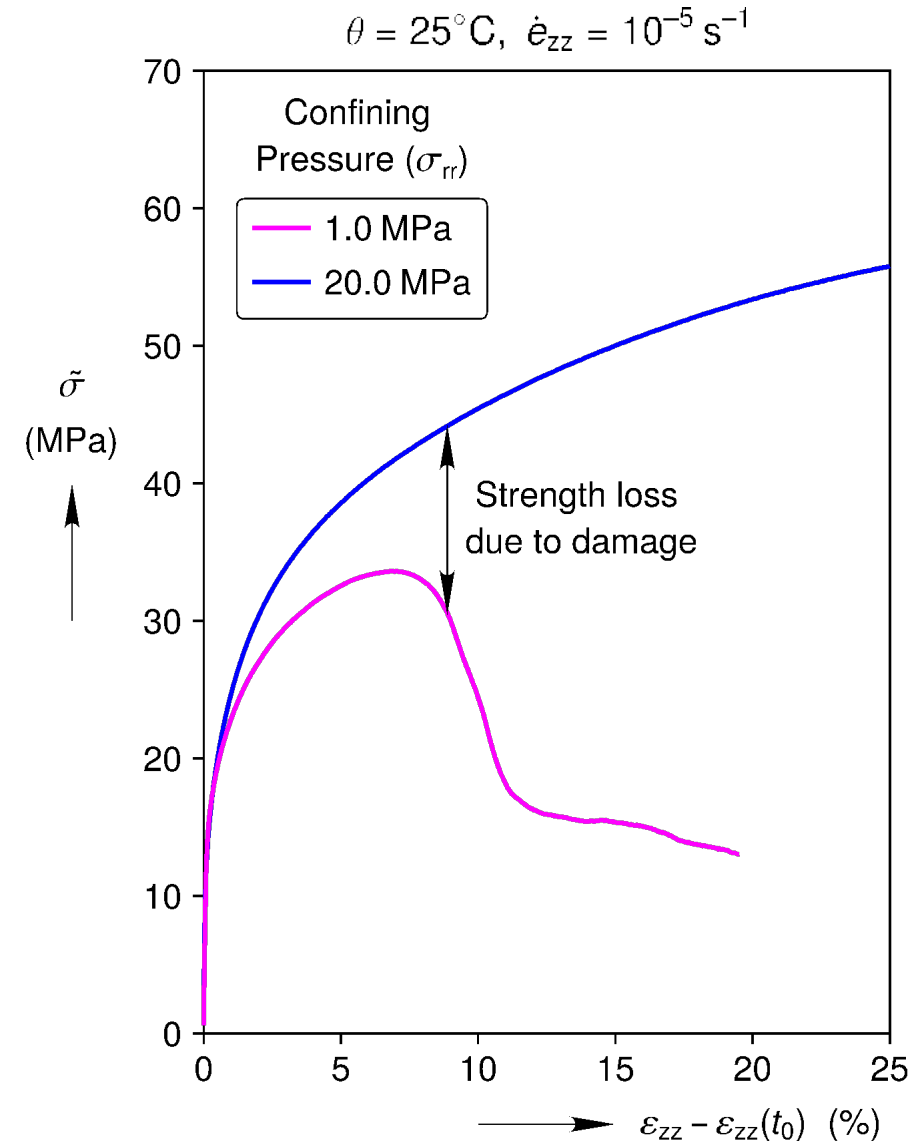
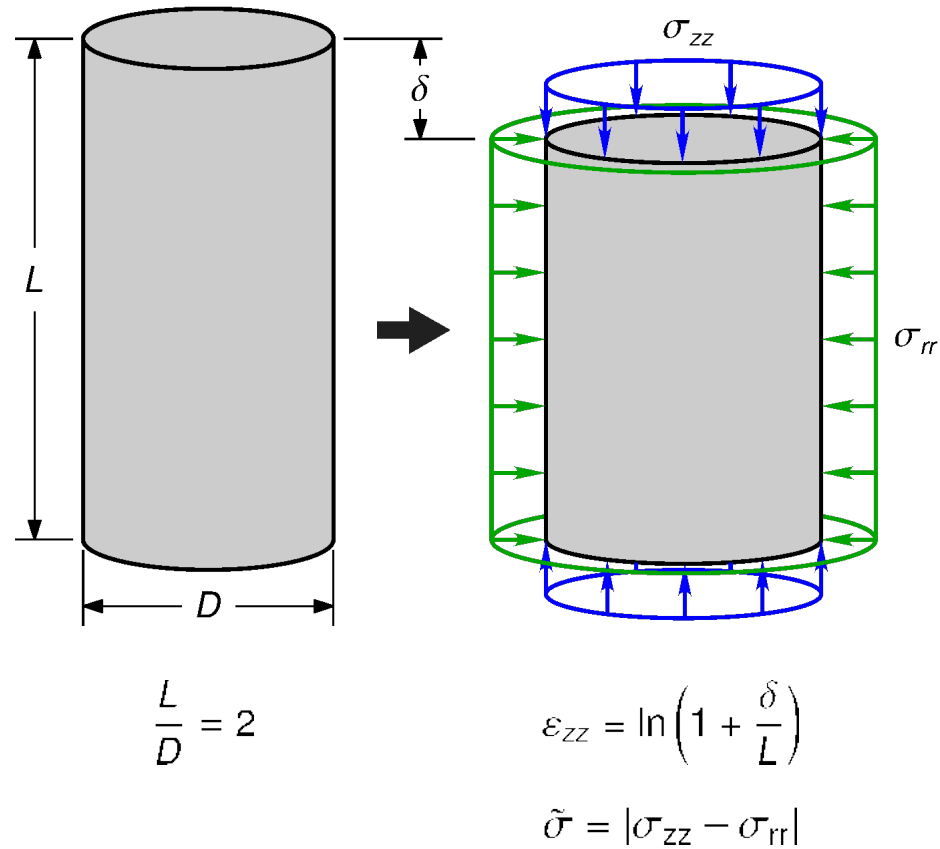
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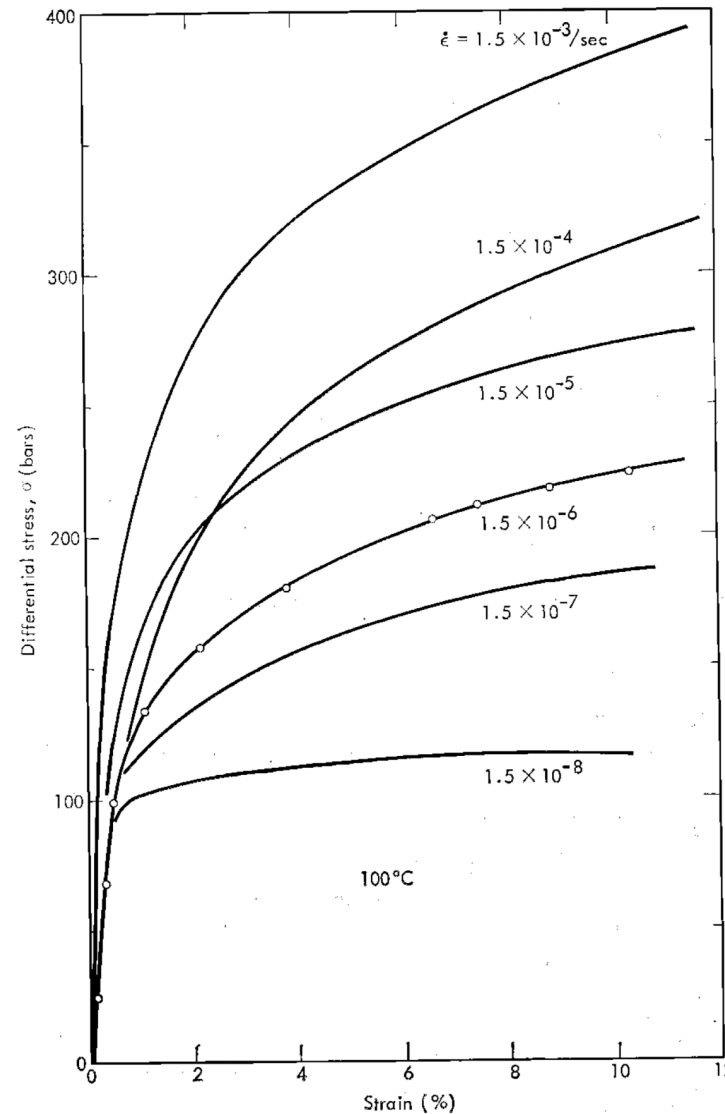
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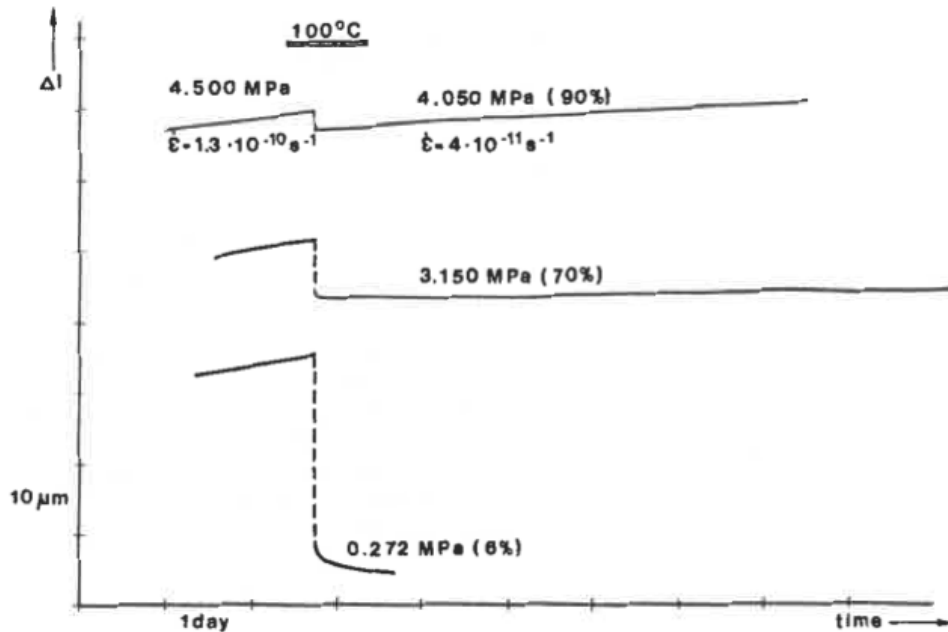


Heard, H. (1972): Steady-state flow in polycrystalline halite at pressure of 2 kilobars. *Flow and fracture of rocks*. Vol 16. pp 191-209.

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°C .

Back Stress Measurements

Creep Responses due to Small Stress Changes
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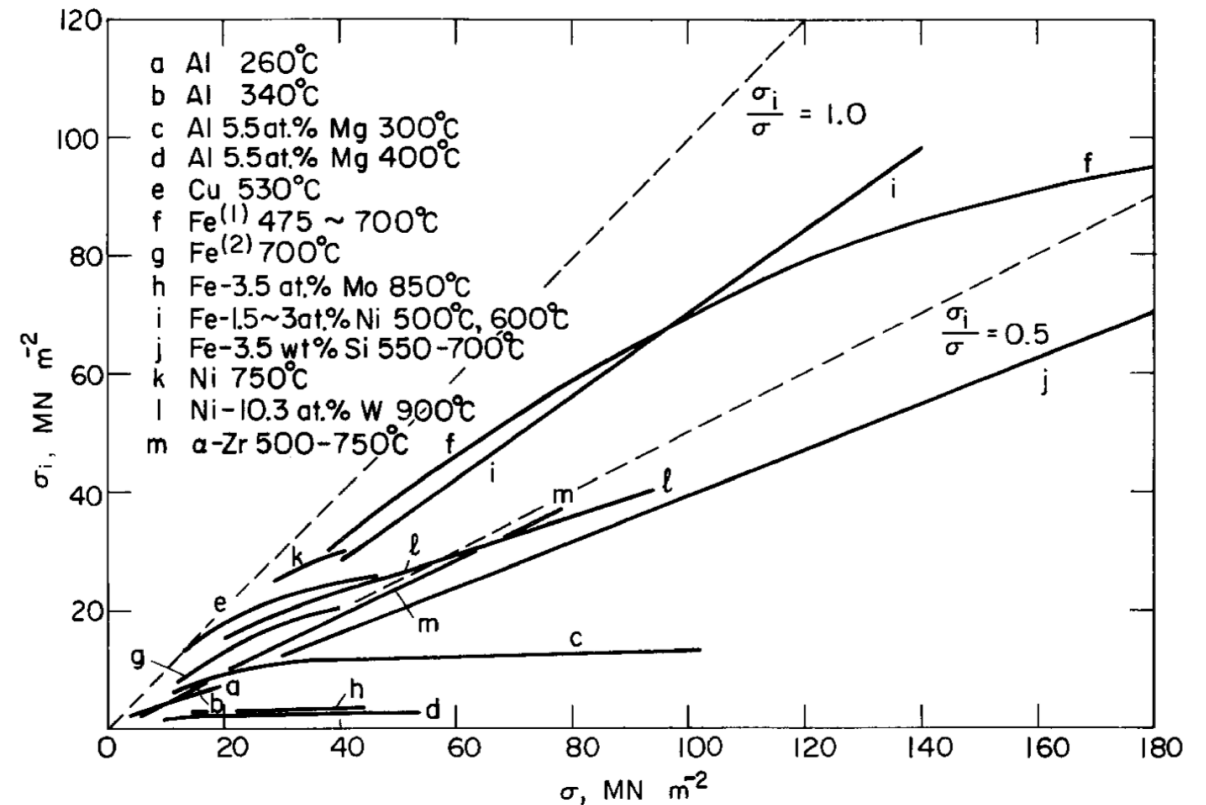


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Dislocation Glide Strain Rate
(proportional loading)

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Back Stress Measurements on Single Phase Metals



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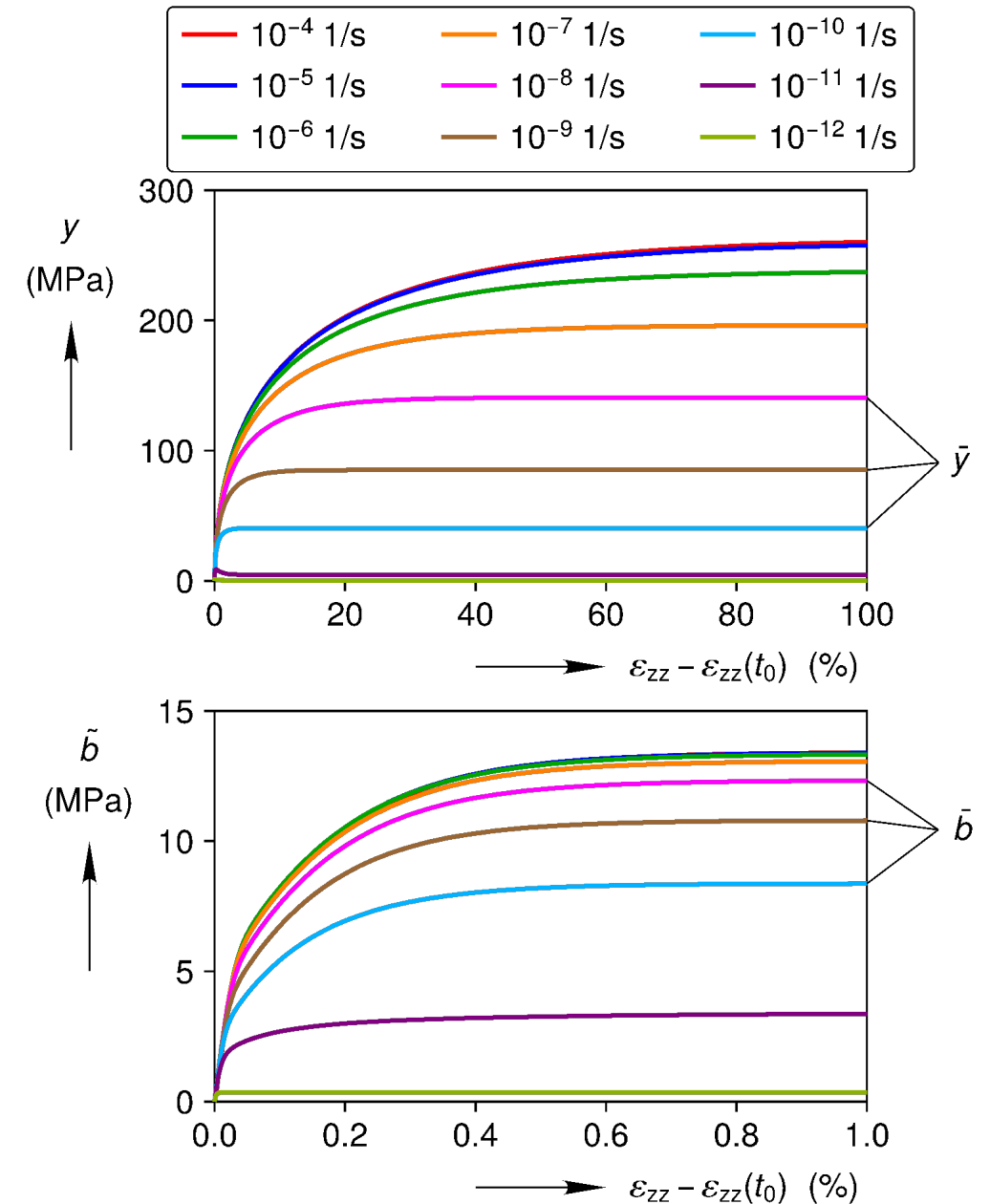
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Drag Stress Evolution Equation

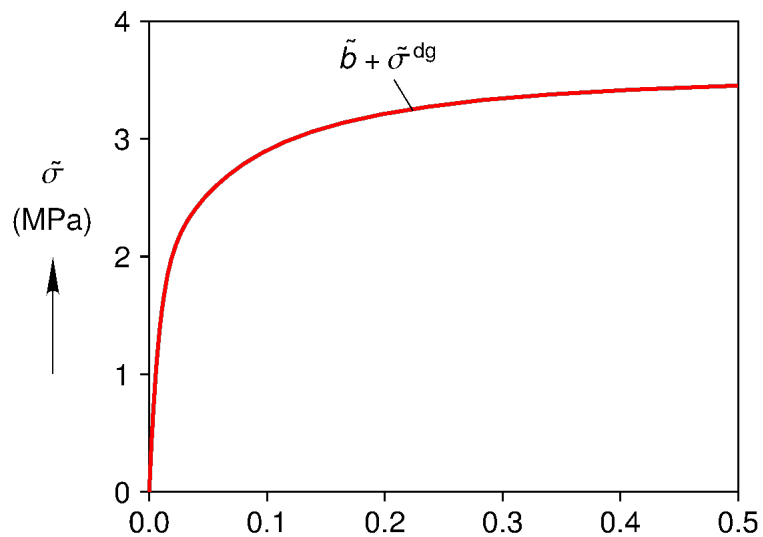
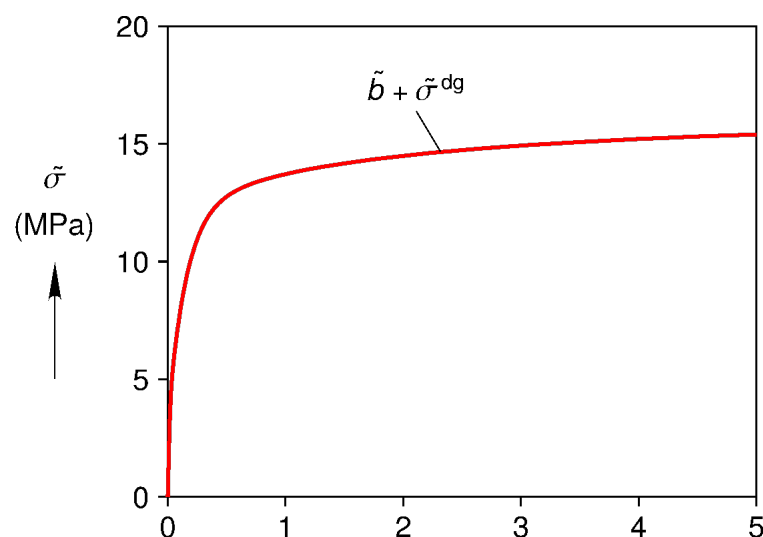
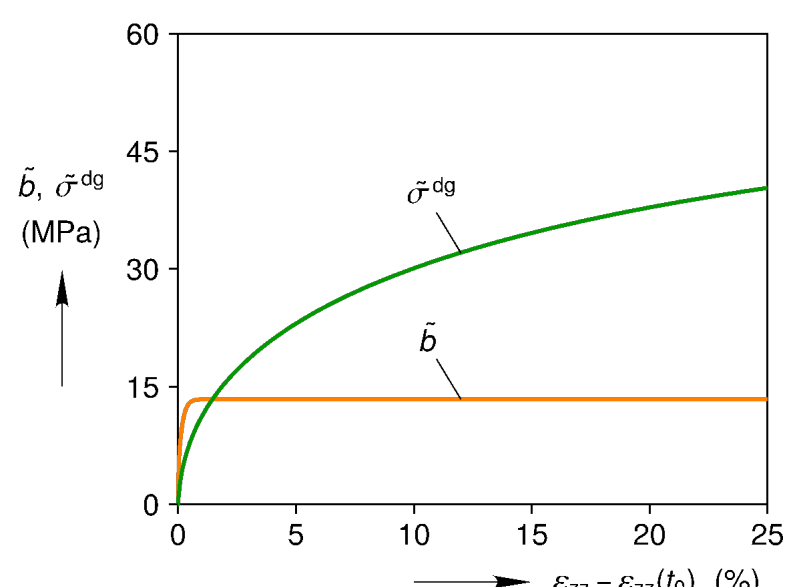
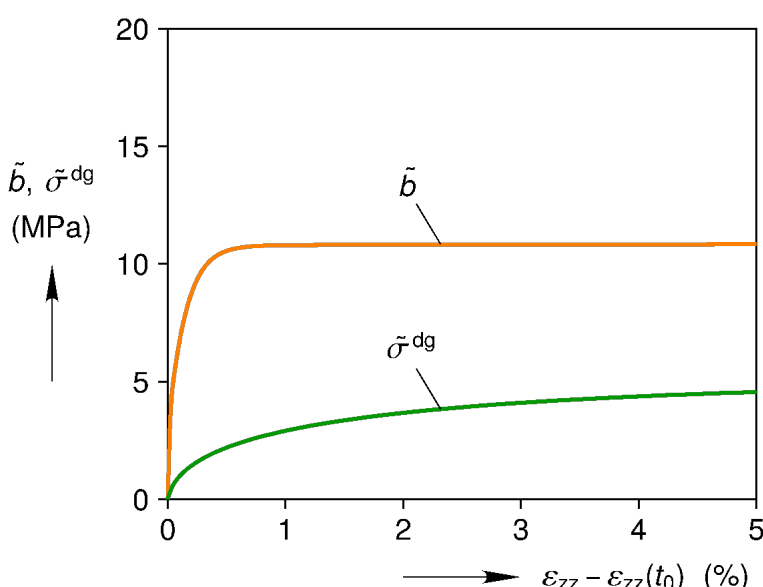
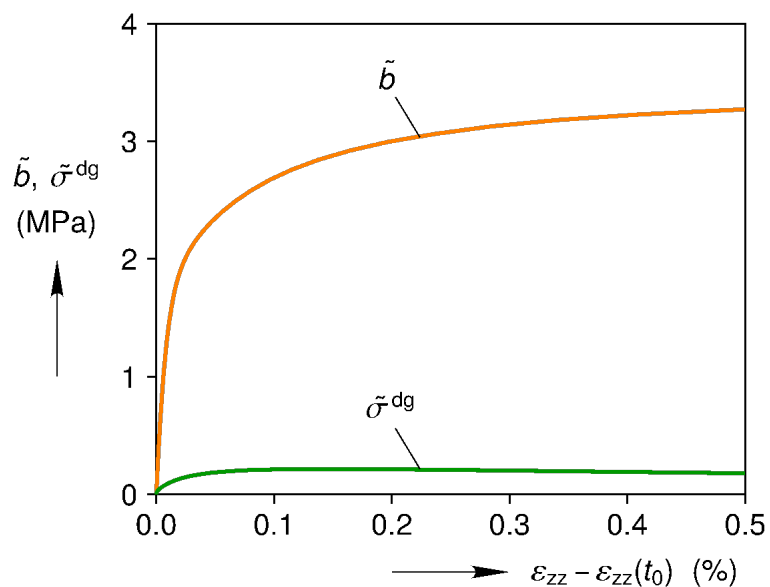
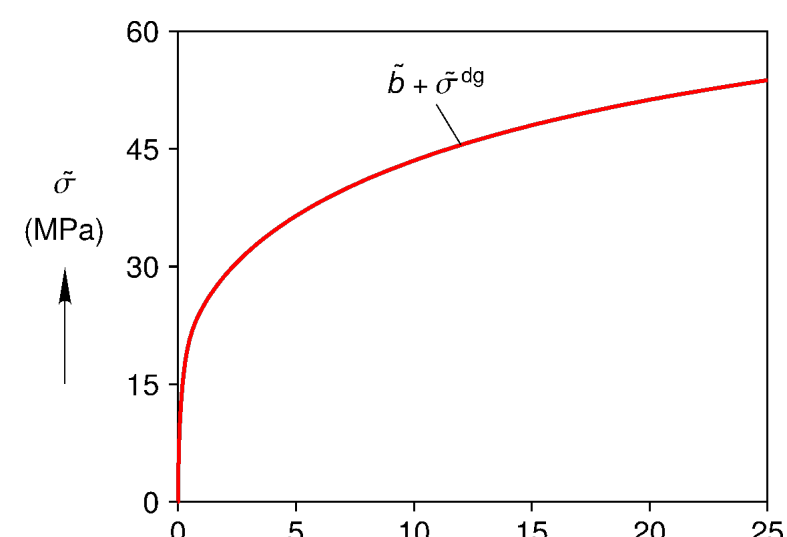
$$\dot{y} = Y_1 \left(\frac{Y_1}{y} \right)^{Y_2} \left(1 - \frac{y}{\bar{y}} \right) \dot{\varepsilon}^{\text{dg}}$$

Back Stress Evolution Equation
(proportional, monotonic, loading)

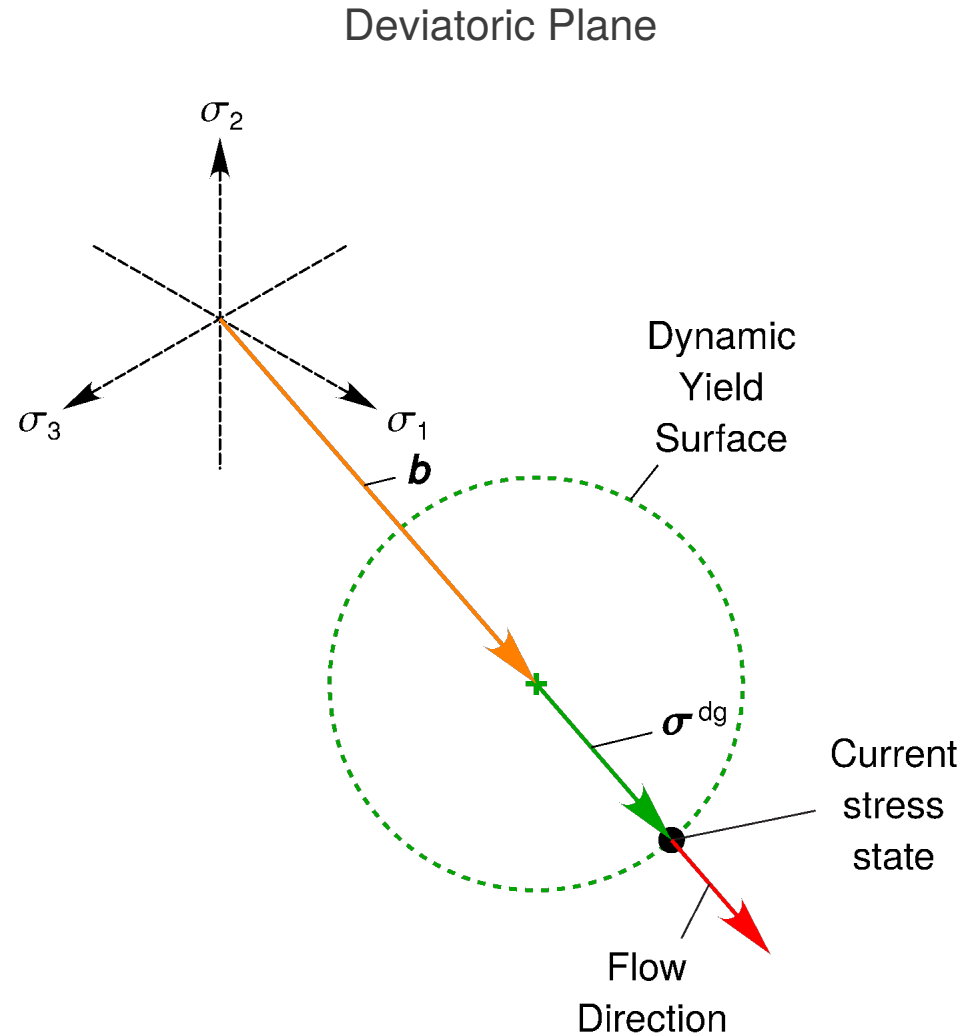
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Constant Strain Rate Behavior

Low Strain Rate (10^{-11} 1/s)Medium Strain Rate (10^{-9} 1/s)High Strain Rate (10^{-5} 1/s)

Dislocation Glide Hardening



Dislocation Glide Stress

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma}^{\text{dg}} = \boldsymbol{\sigma}^{\text{dev}} - \mathbf{b}$$

$$\tilde{\sigma}^{\text{dg}} = \sqrt{\frac{3}{2} \boldsymbol{\sigma}^{\text{dg}} : \boldsymbol{\sigma}^{\text{dg}}}$$

Flow Rule

$$\dot{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}}^{\text{dg}} = \dot{\tilde{\epsilon}}^{\text{dg}} \frac{\partial \tilde{\sigma}^{\text{dg}}}{\partial \boldsymbol{\sigma}}$$

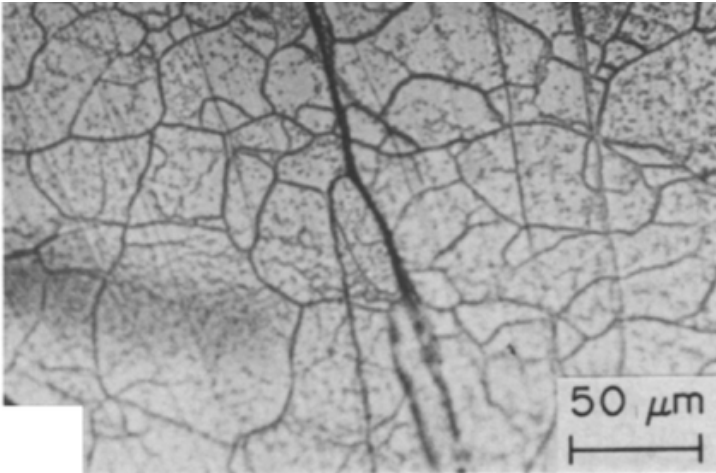
Dislocation Glide Strain Rate

$$\dot{\tilde{\epsilon}}^{\text{dg}} = G_1 \exp\left(-\frac{G_2}{\theta}\right) \left[\sinh\left(\frac{\tilde{\sigma}^{\text{dg}}}{y}\right) \right]^{G_3}$$

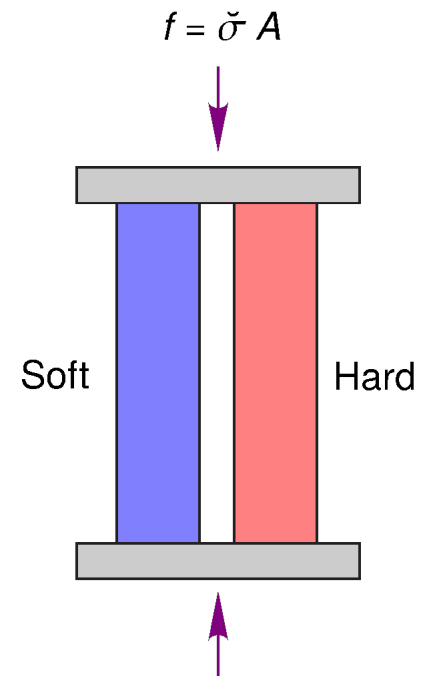
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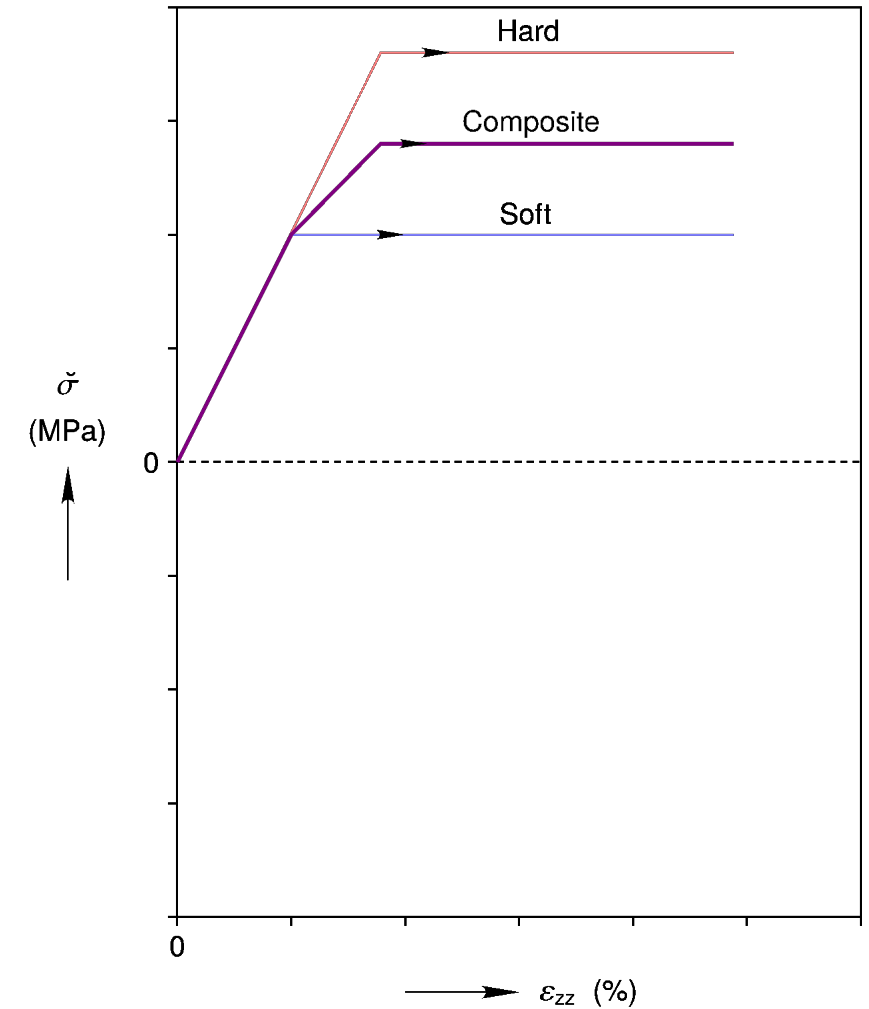
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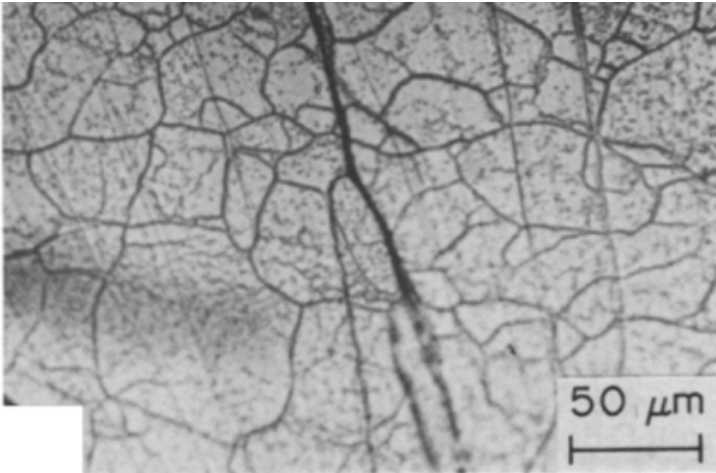
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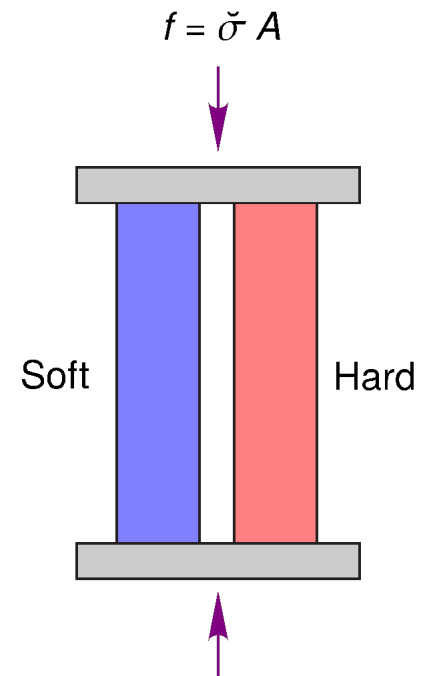
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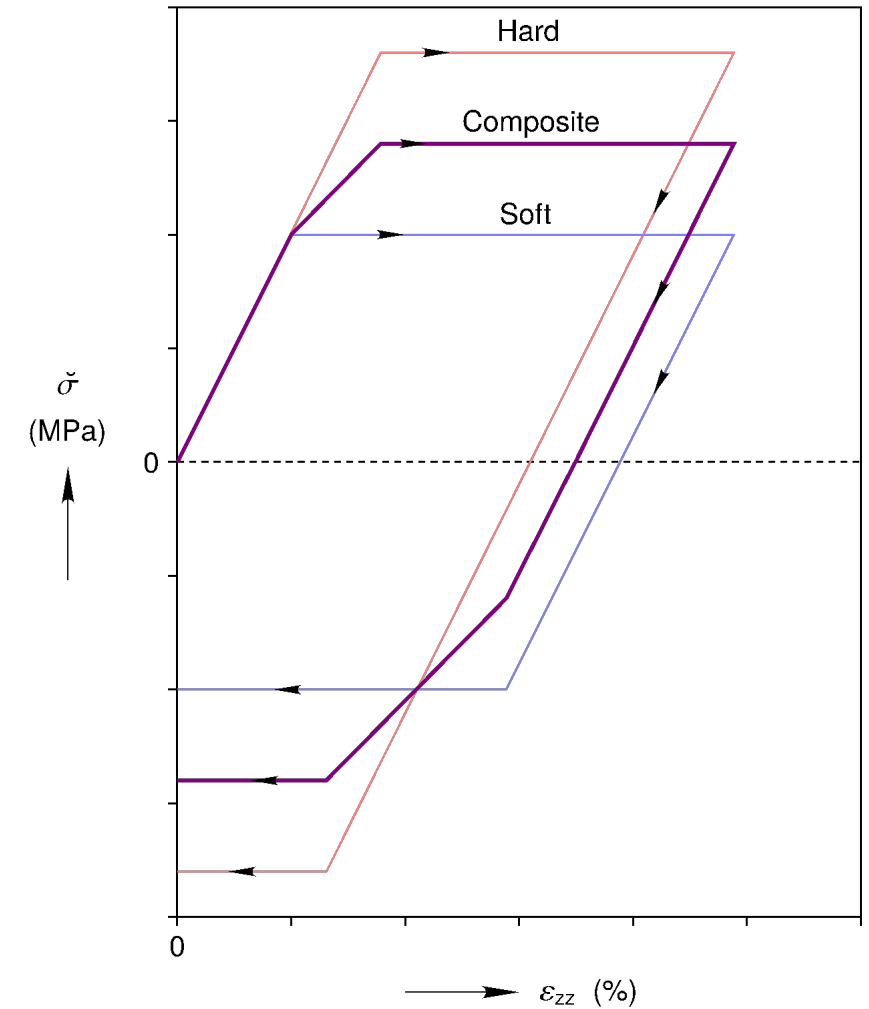
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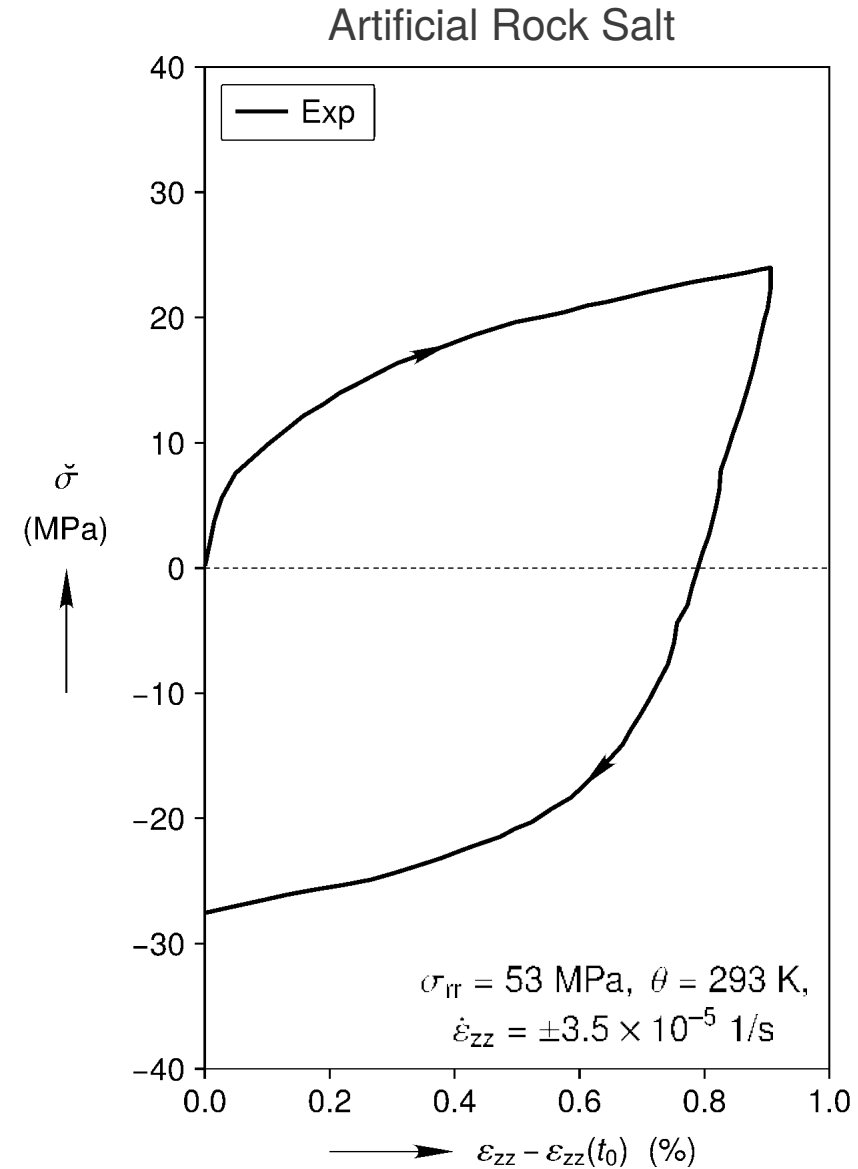
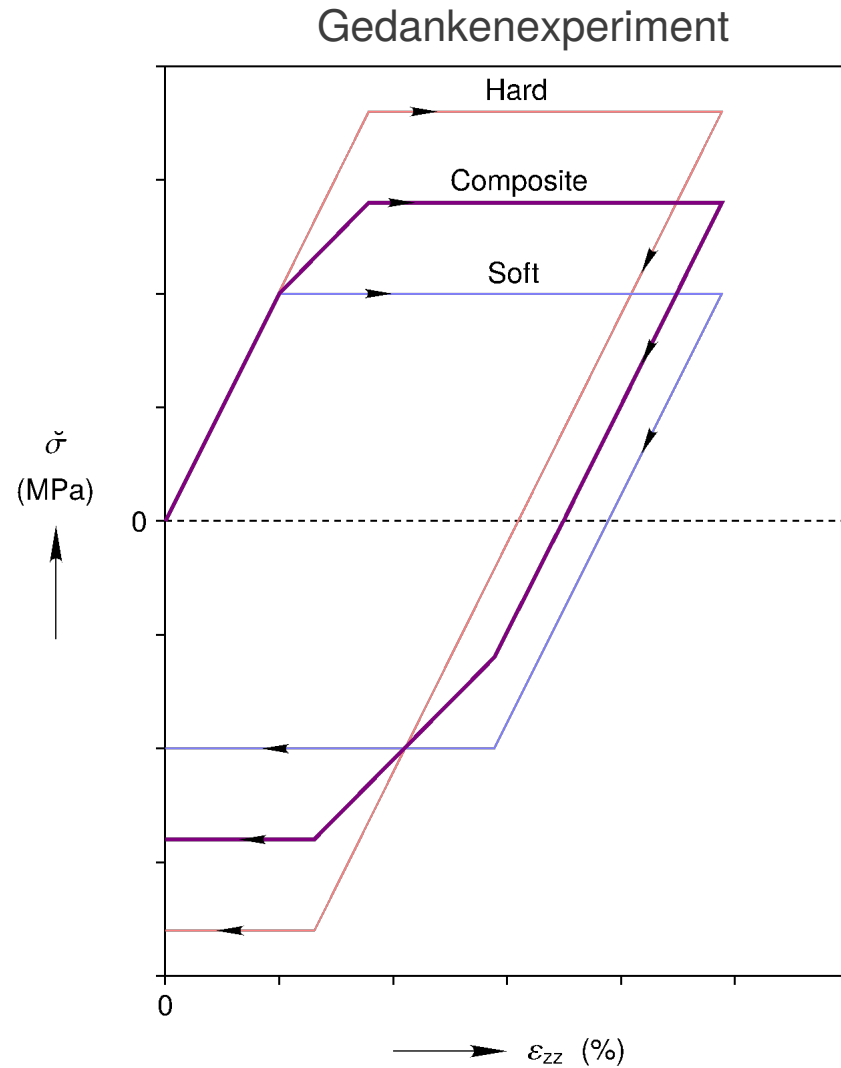
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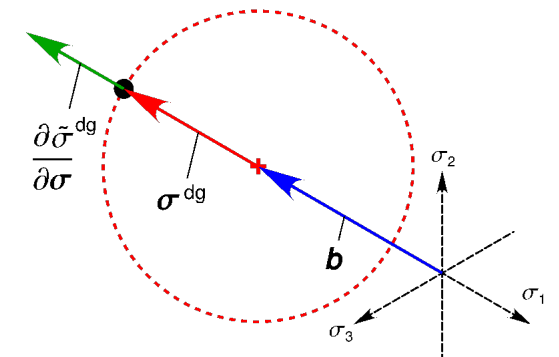
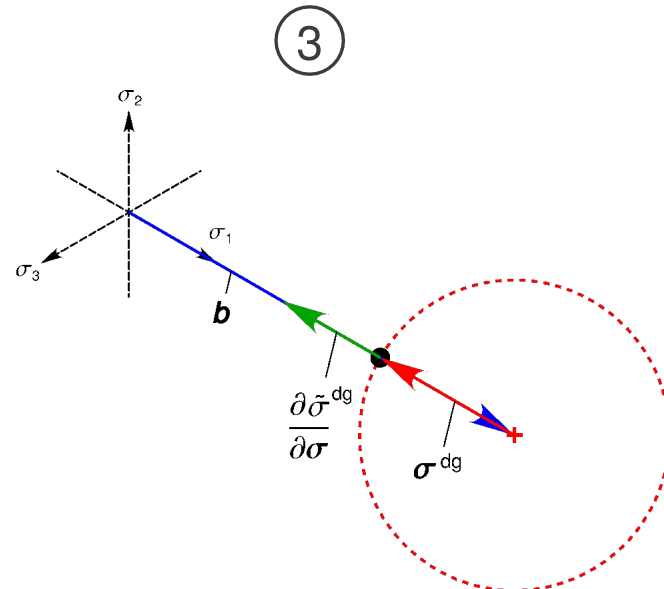
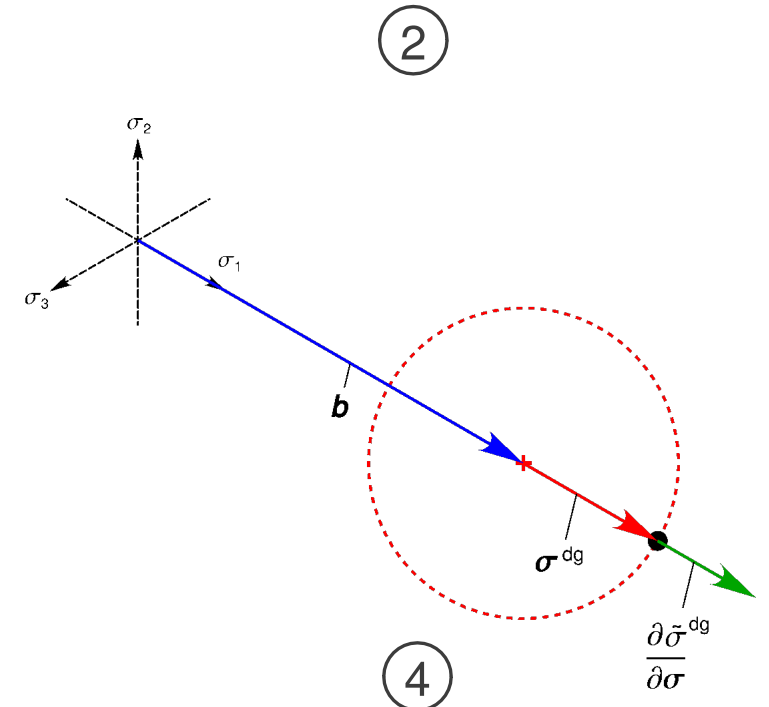
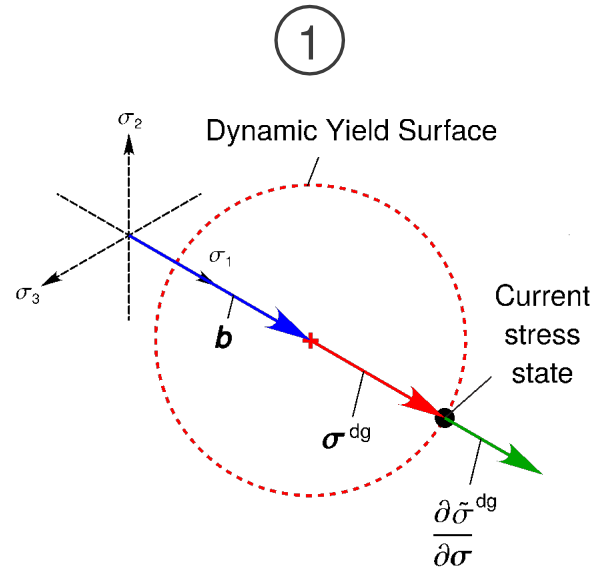
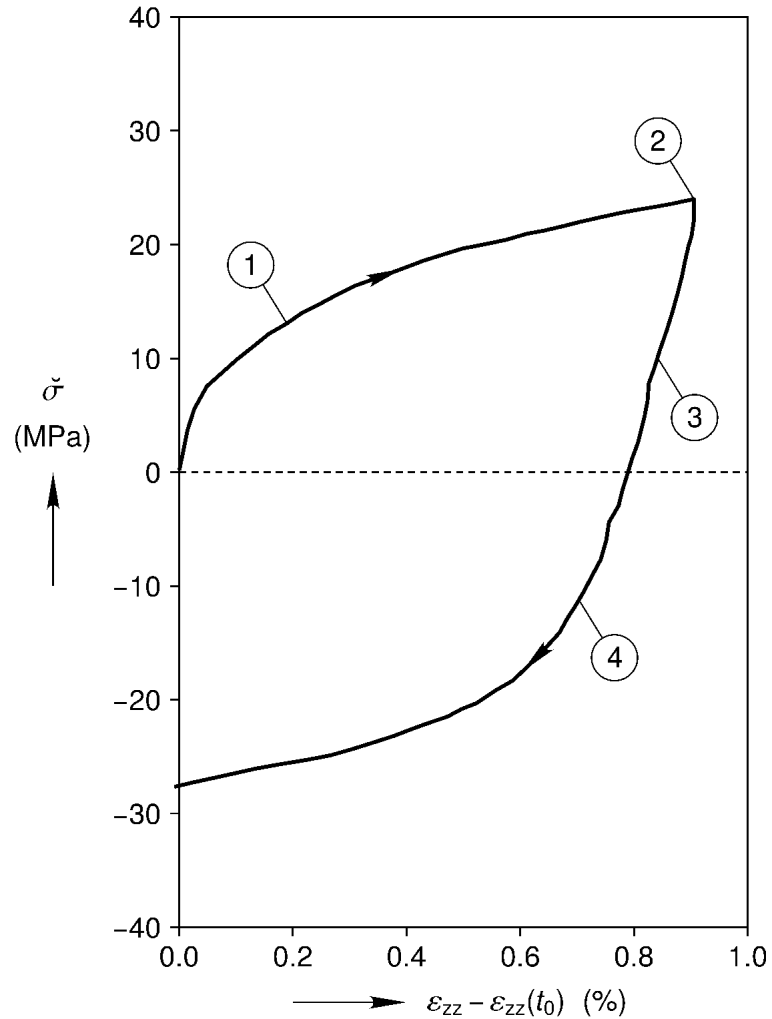


Bauschinger Effect



Back Stress Hardening

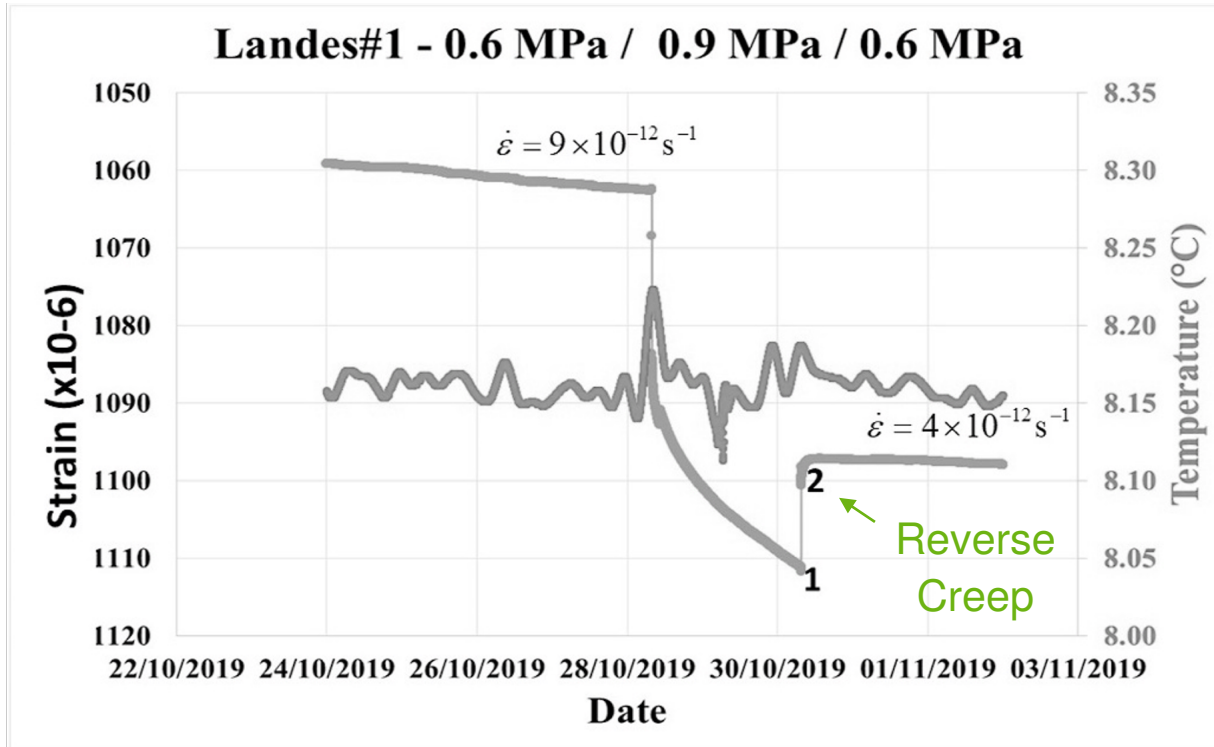
Mechanical Response
Artificial Rock Salt



Reverse Creep at Low Stress and Room Temperature

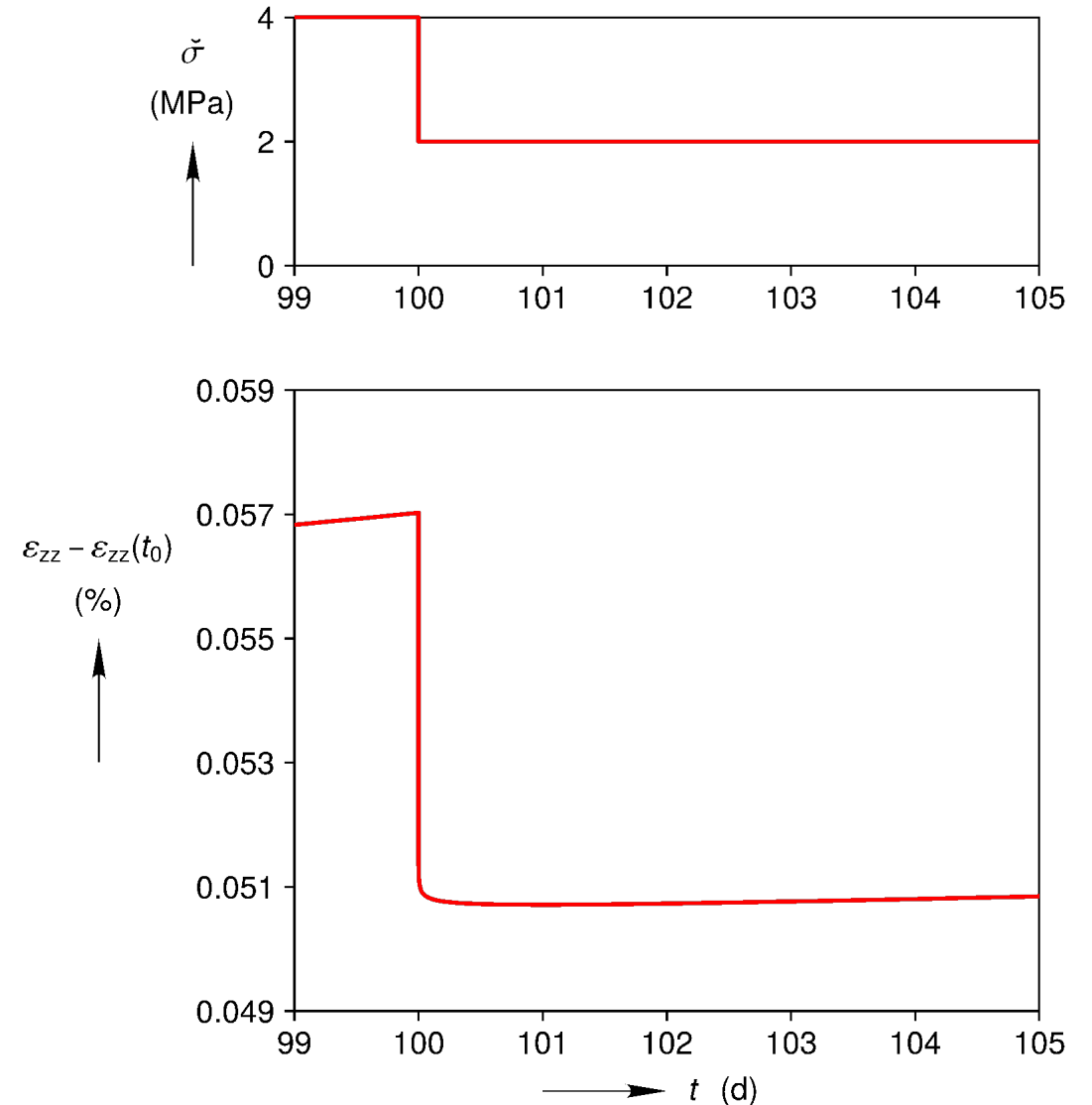


Multi-stage Constant Stress Test on Landes Salt

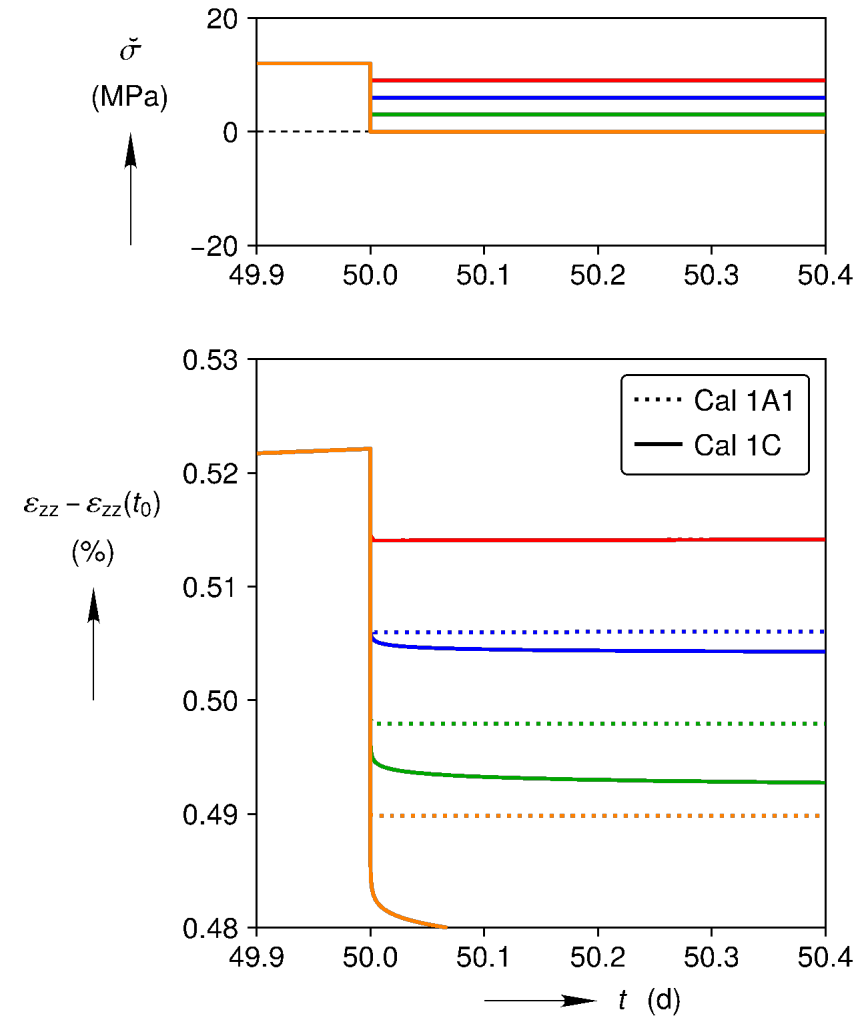
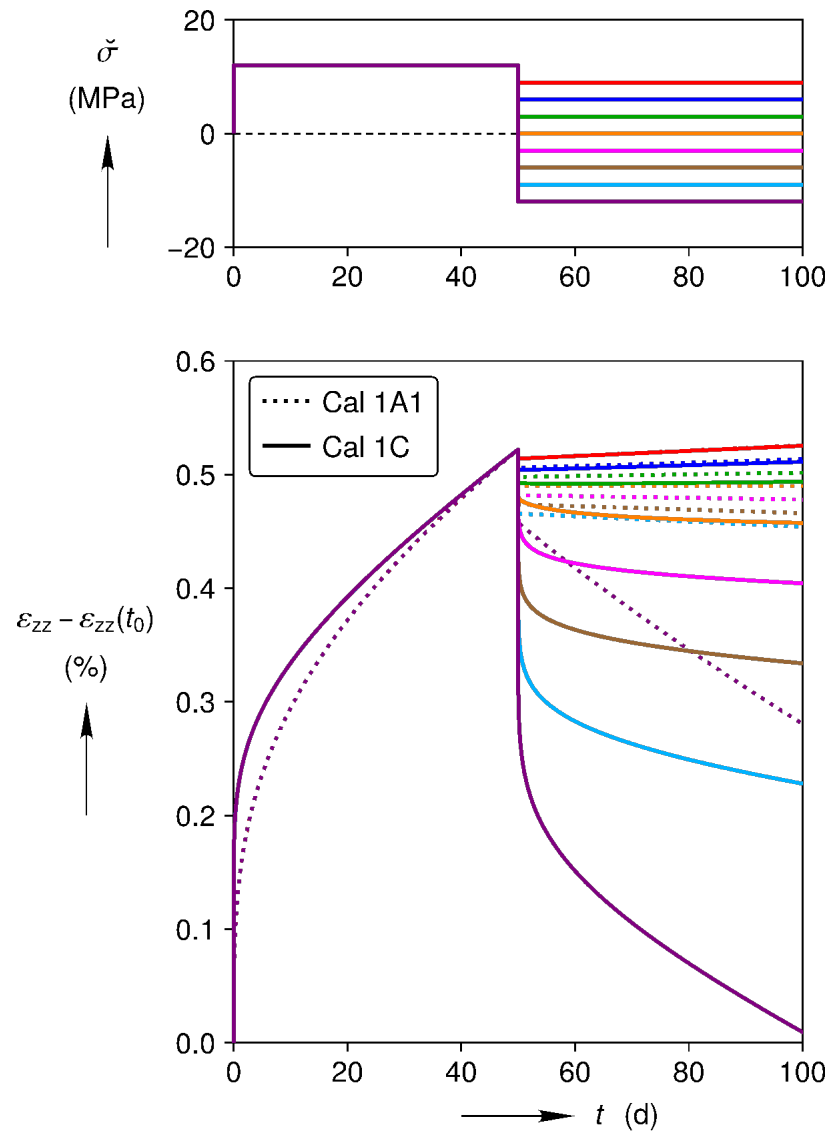


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Multi-stage Constant Stress Predictions (Cal 1C)
(different stresses than on Landes salt)



Room Temperature Stress Drop Behavior



Cal 1A1 strain shifted down by 0.067 % strain.

Gas Storage Cavern, Volume Loss with Wellhead Pressure Cycling

