



Intermediate Strain Rate Behavior of a Polymer-Particulate Composite with High Solids Loading

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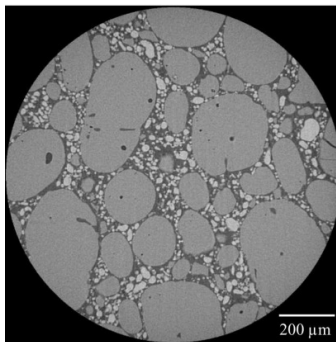
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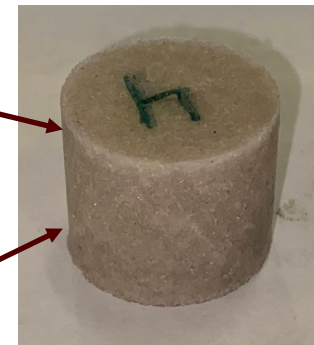
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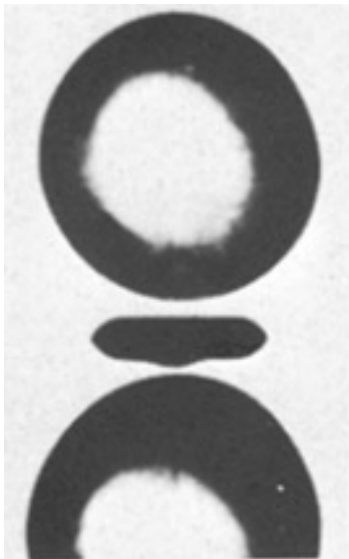
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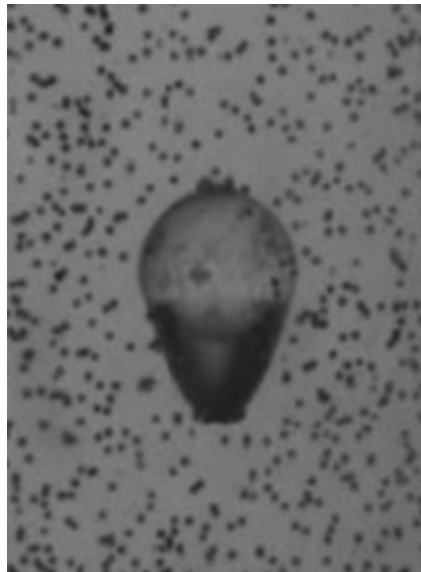
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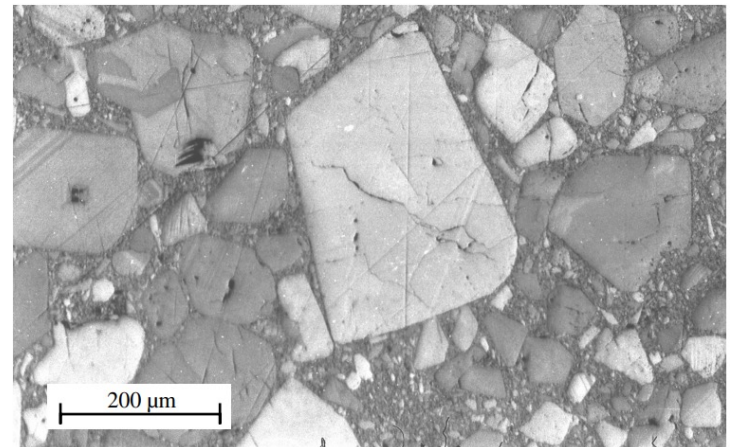
- Strain rate, pressure and temperature dependent
- Damage mechanisms depend on
 - Particle
 - Binder
 - Interaction between the two
- Role of particle morphology and strength on damage accumulation?



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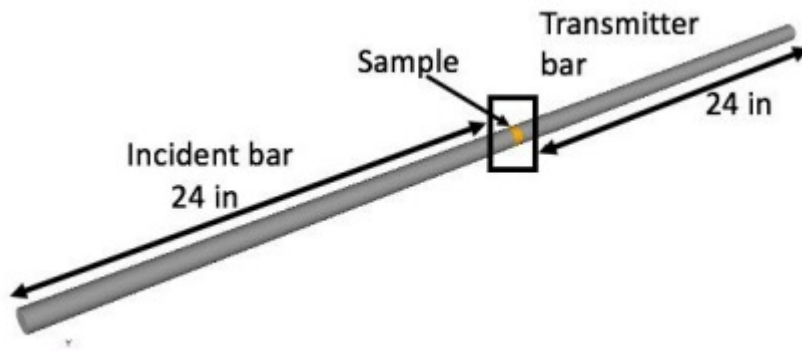
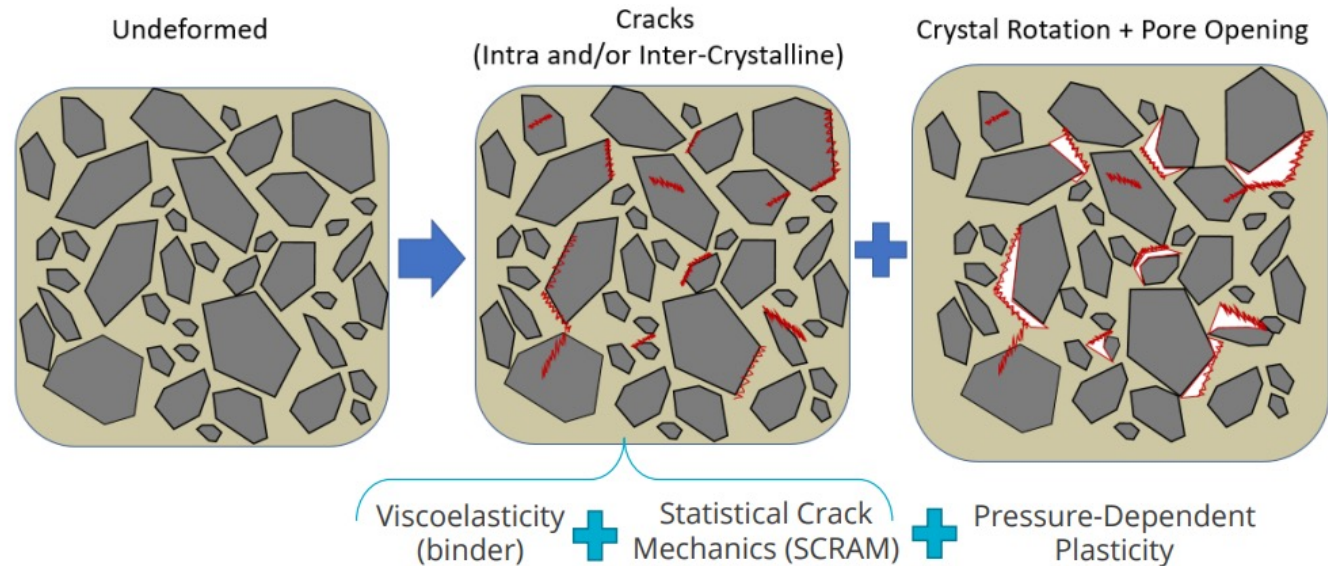
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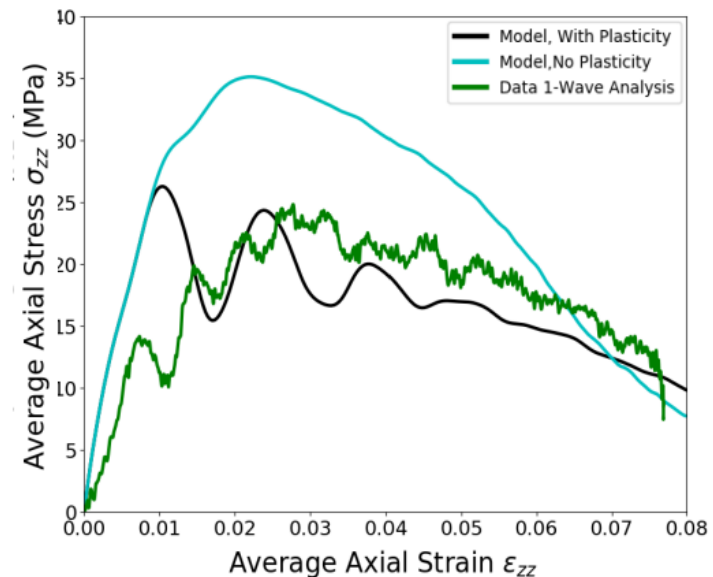
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Modeling Efforts

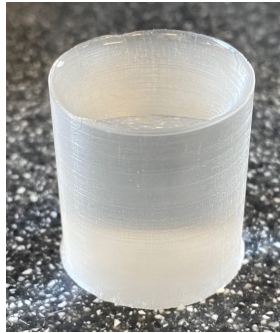
- Collaborators are modeling complex phenomena of these particle polymer composites



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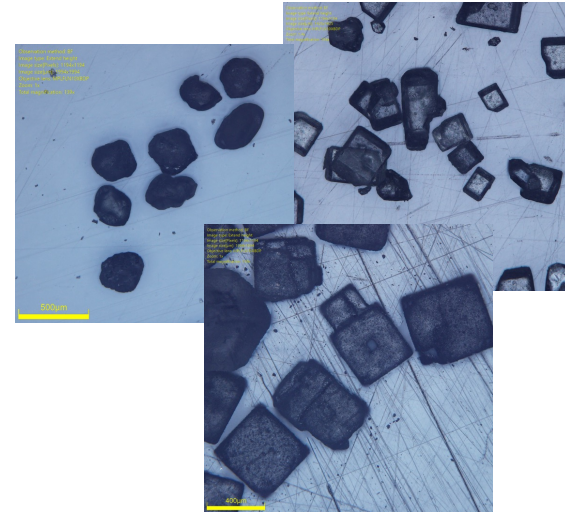


Polymer



- Sylgard 184®
- Two part polydimethylsiloxane (PDMS)
- Well characterized
- Can accept many particle systems
- Easily varied mechanical properties

Particles



- Inert crystalline particles with a wide variety of morphology
- Silica sand, caster sugar, sodium chloride

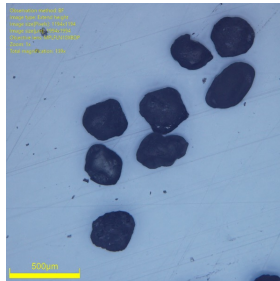
Control of these two materials allows for parametric study of dynamic material behavior

Composite Fabrication

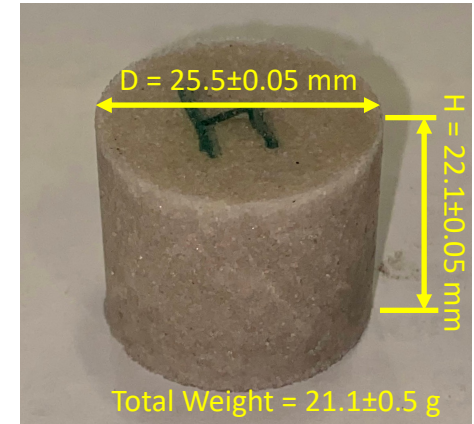
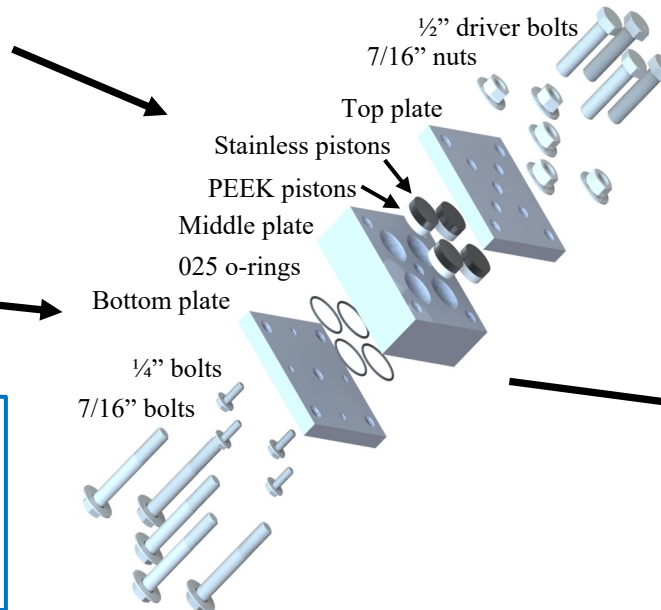


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- Manufacturing method to create uniform heterogenous composites
- Involves degassing of constituents and curing in elevated temperature and pressure environment
- Careful control of manufacturing process needed for consistent mechanical response



- Polymer Cure Parameters
- ASTM D618 (Conditioning for plastics)
- ASTM D695 (Compressive Properties Of Rigid Plastics)



80% wt particle



Particle Characterization

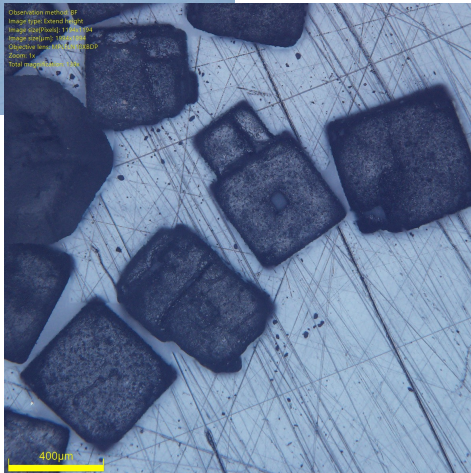
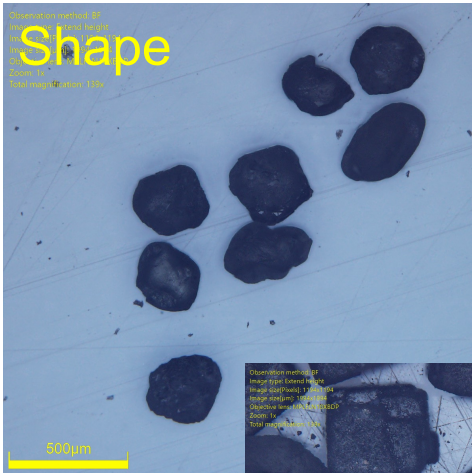
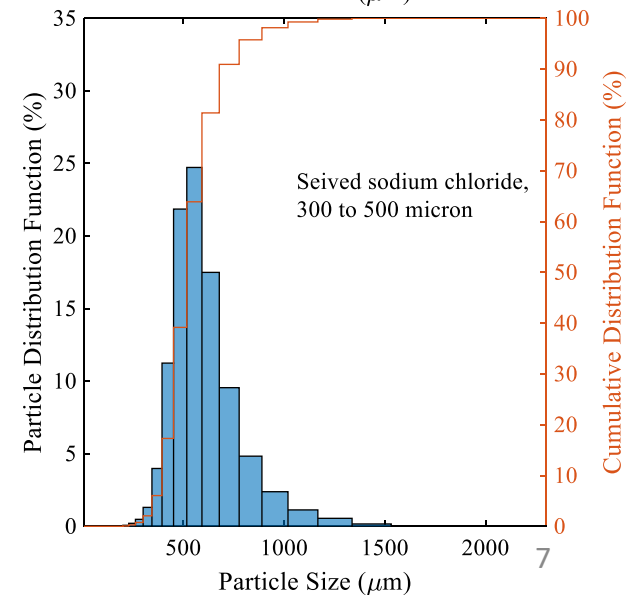
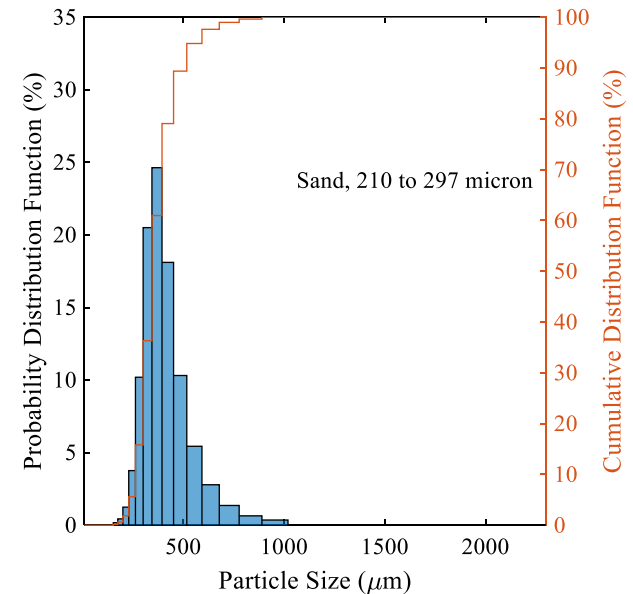


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- Influence of particle characteristics on composites

Silica, CAS# 14808-60-7
GFS Chemicals
Silica sand 50-70 mesh

Silica Sand	
	Diameter on cumulative % (μm)
10%	243
50%	324
90%	458



Sodium Chloride,
CAS# 7647-14-5

Sieved Sodium Chloride	
	Diameter on cumulative % (μm)
10%	362
50%	479
90%	670

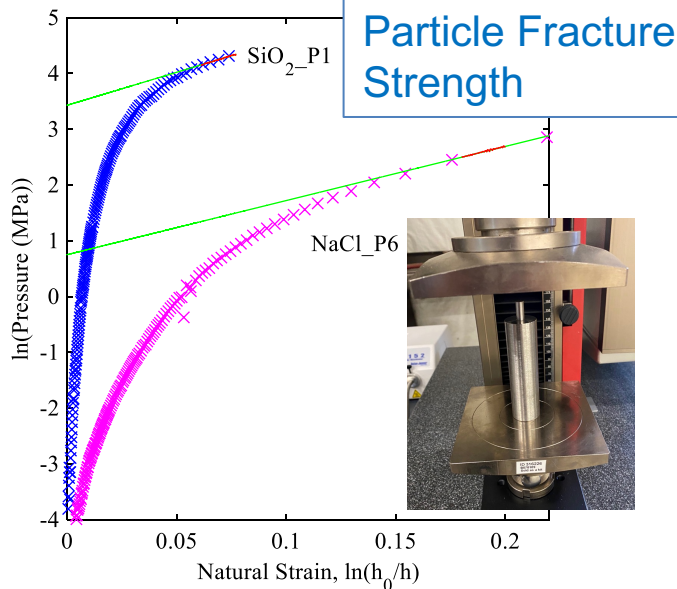
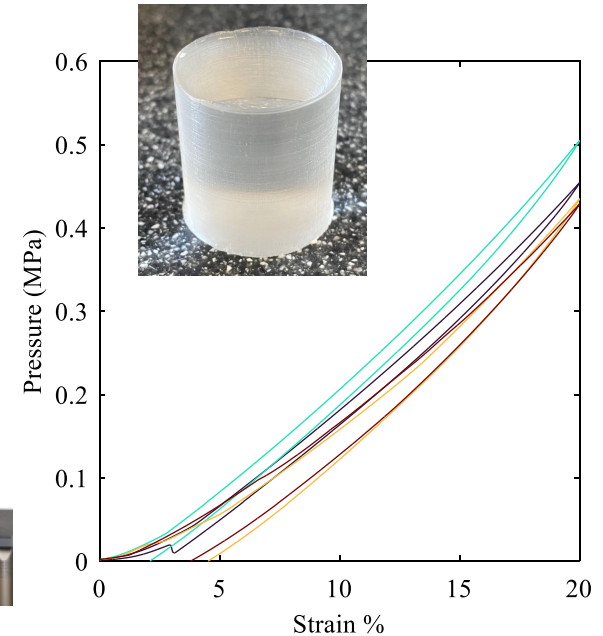
Particle size distribution
measured with LA-960V2 Horiba
Particle Size Analyzer at the
Materials Characterization Facility

Optical images of particles using Olympus
DXS 500 optical microscope

Particle Agglomerate Strength

Test	Silica Sand Strength (MPa)	Sodium Chloride Strength (MPa)
1	365.5	22.9
2	232.1	26.5
3	309.5	26.8
4	295.9	25.0
5	281.1	24.5
6	363.2	20.6
Average	323.1±69.7	24.4±4.7

- Particle agglomerate strength measured using method detailed in Adams et al. (1994)



Sylgard Stiffness

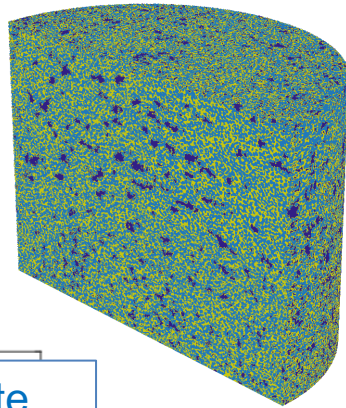
Test	Stiffness (MPa)
1	2.27
2	2.52
3	2.17
4	2.14
Average	2.28±0.21

Volumetric Characterization



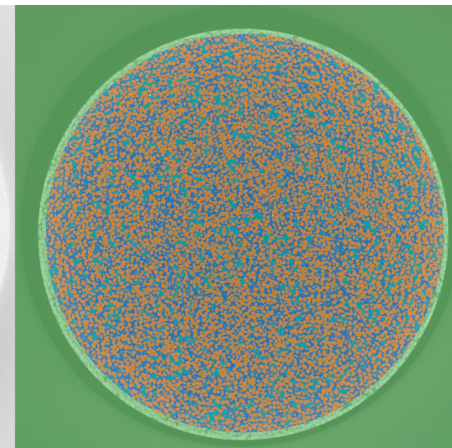
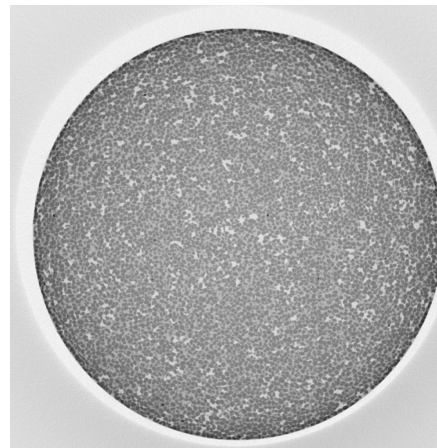
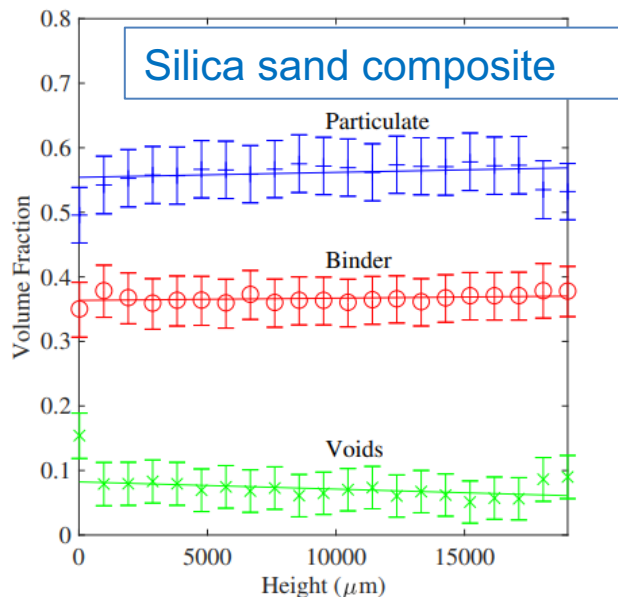
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- View heterogeneity of samples through micro-CT visualization
- K-means clustering segmentation to extract information on mass and volume fractions
- North Star Imaging X50 micro-CT machine



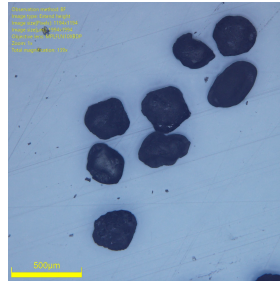
Silica Sand Composite			
	Constituent	Lab Measurement	Micro-CT
Volume Fraction	Voids	6.4±0.4%	7.2±3.3%
	Binder	34.4±1.4%	36.7±3.9%
	Particle	59.3±1.7%	56.2±4.4%
Mass Fraction	Binder	18.4±0.3%	20.3±2.4%
	Particle	81.6±0.3%	79.7±5.5%

Sodium Chloride Composite			
	Constituent	Lab Measurement	Micro-CT
Volume Fraction	Voids	13.4±0.7%	11.1±1.8%
	Binder	28.9±0.7%	32.4±3.9%
	Particle	60.8±1.4%	56.5±3.9%
Mass Fraction	Binder	18.5±0.02%	18.3±2.8%
	Particle	81.5±0.02%	81.8±4.7%

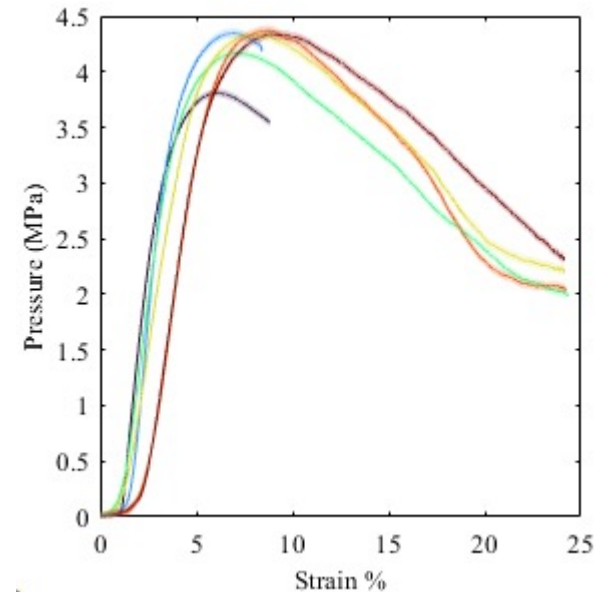
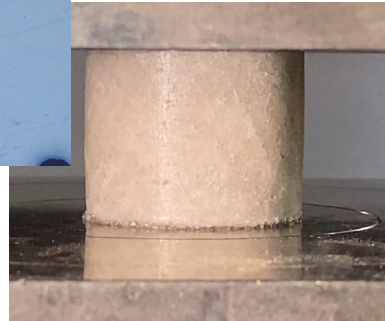


Quasistatic Response

- Composites with varying particle systems uniaxially compressed
- Single compression



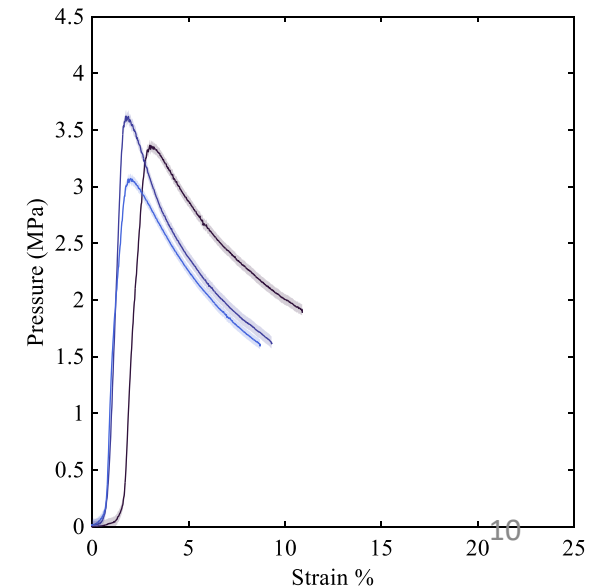
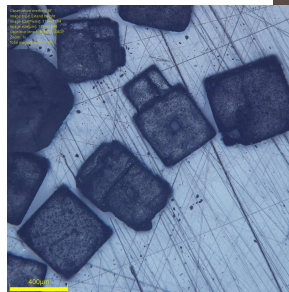
Sand



Q-S Strength

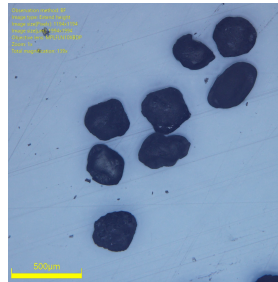


Salt

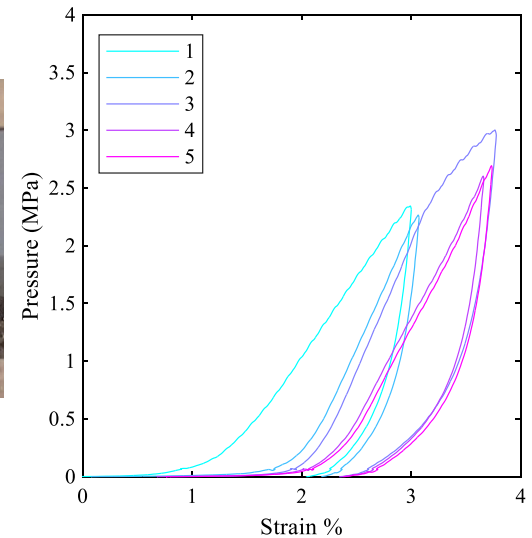
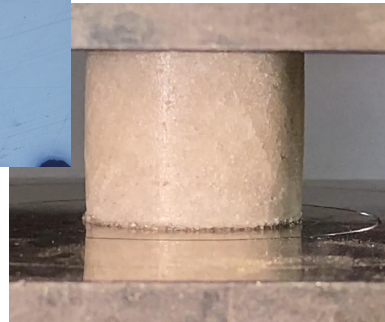


Quasistatic Response

- Composites with varying particle systems uniaxially compressed
- Cyclic discrete compression tests
- Damage observed in both samples



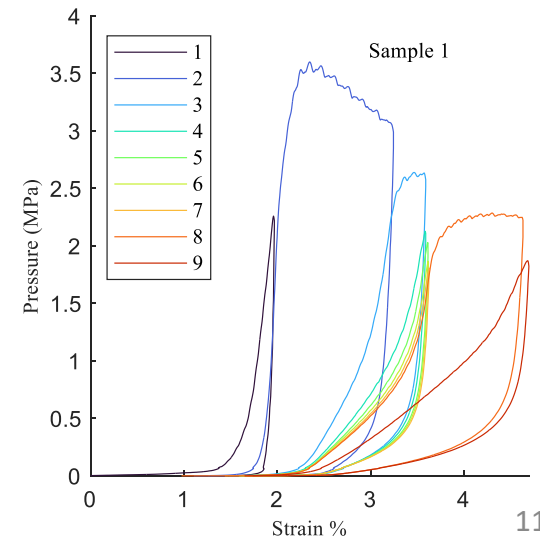
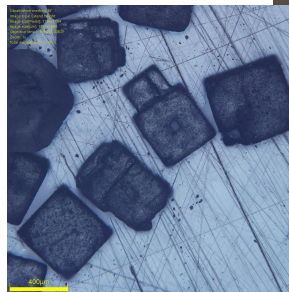
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Q-S Strength



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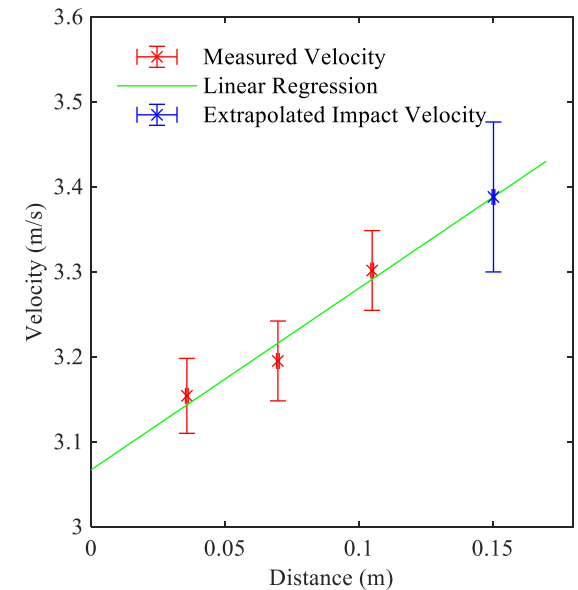
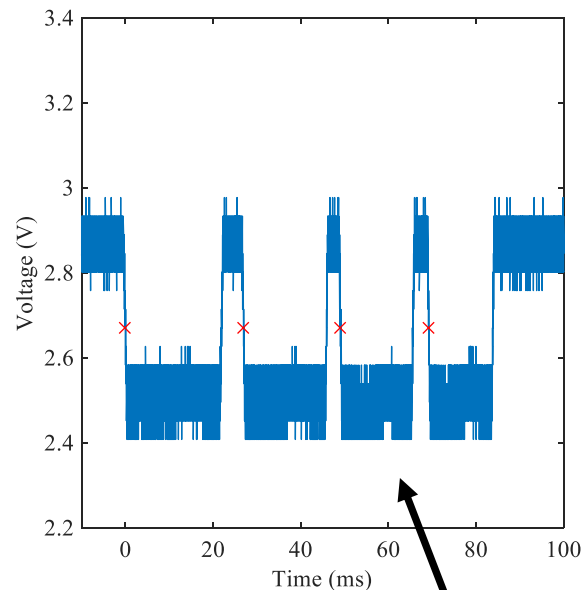


Dynamic Testing – Drop Test

Drop test experiment with
aluminum impactor.
Trolley masses: Steel: 4.5 kg,
Maximum drop height: 165 cm



Impactor velocity measurement system

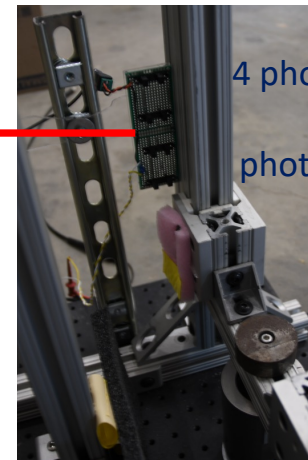


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High speed
camera

Delay
generator

4 photodiodes
and
photosensors



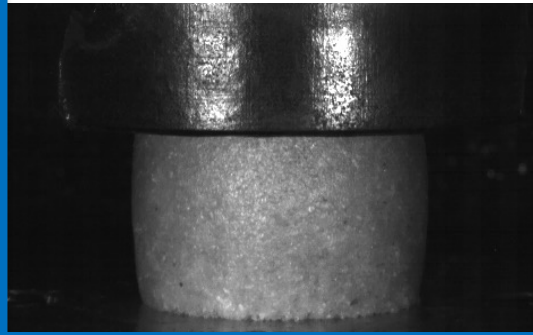
Elastic deformation to fragmentation observed



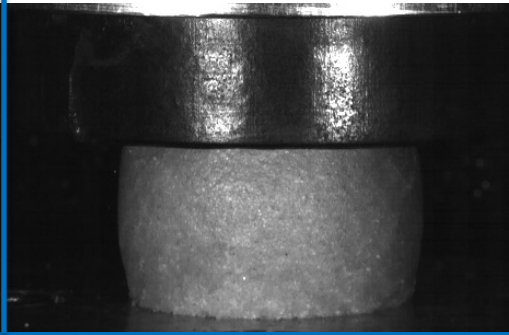
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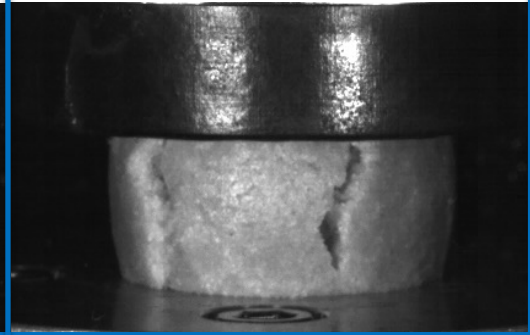
Impact Velocity V : $2.40 \pm 0.04 \text{ ms}^{-1}$
Initial Strain Rate $\dot{\epsilon}$: $122 \pm 2 \text{ s}^{-1}$
Impact Energy E : $12.9 \pm 0.5 \text{ J}$



V : $2.83 \pm 0.09 \text{ ms}^{-1}$
 $\dot{\epsilon}$: $139 \pm 5 \text{ s}^{-1}$
 E : $18.1 \pm 1.2 \text{ J}$

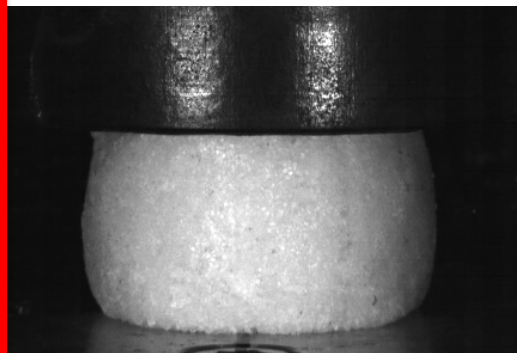


V : $3.39 \pm 0.08 \text{ ms}^{-1}$
 $\dot{\epsilon}$: $169 \pm 5 \text{ s}^{-1}$
 E : $25.8 \pm 1.3 \text{ J}$

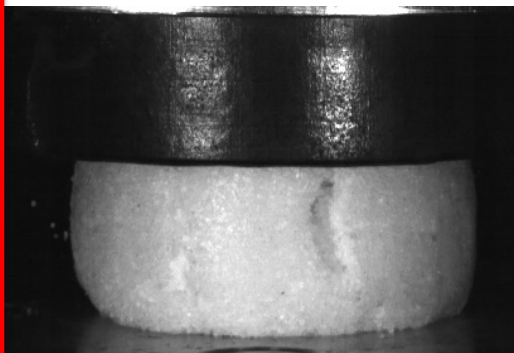


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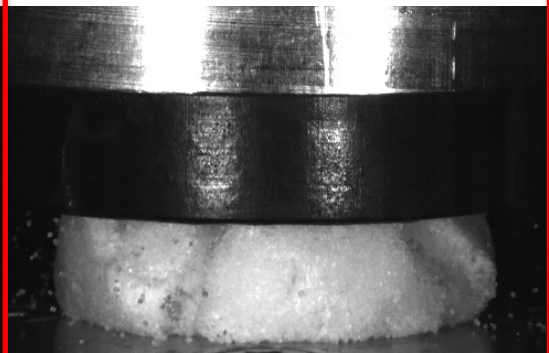
V : $2.01 \pm 0.02 \text{ ms}^{-1}$
 $\dot{\epsilon}$: $92.1 \pm 1.1 \text{ s}^{-1}$
 E : $9.09 \pm 0.14 \text{ J}$



V : $2.40 \pm 0.06 \text{ ms}^{-1}$
 $\dot{\epsilon}$: $118 \pm 3 \text{ s}^{-1}$
 E : $13.0 \pm 0.6 \text{ J}$

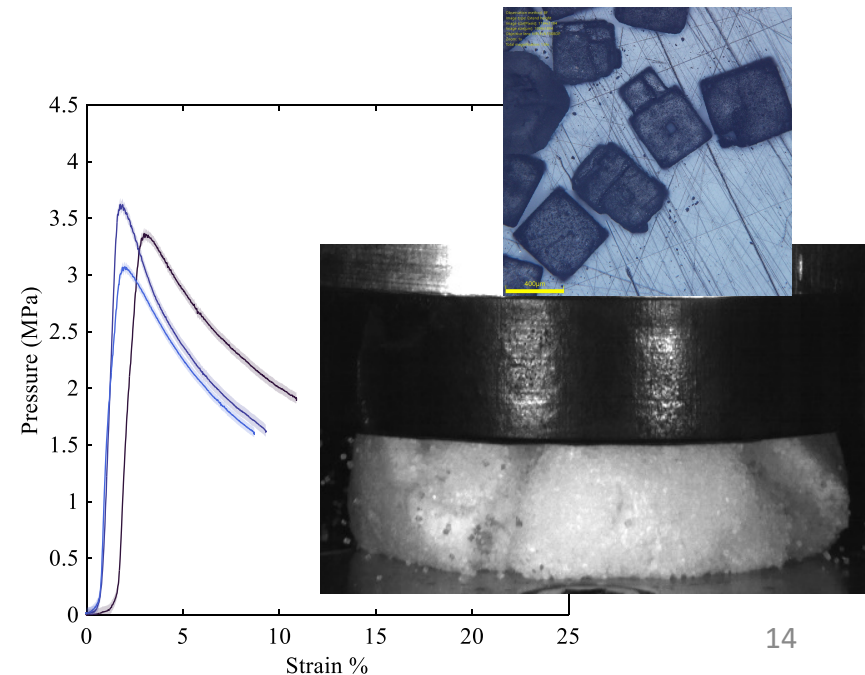
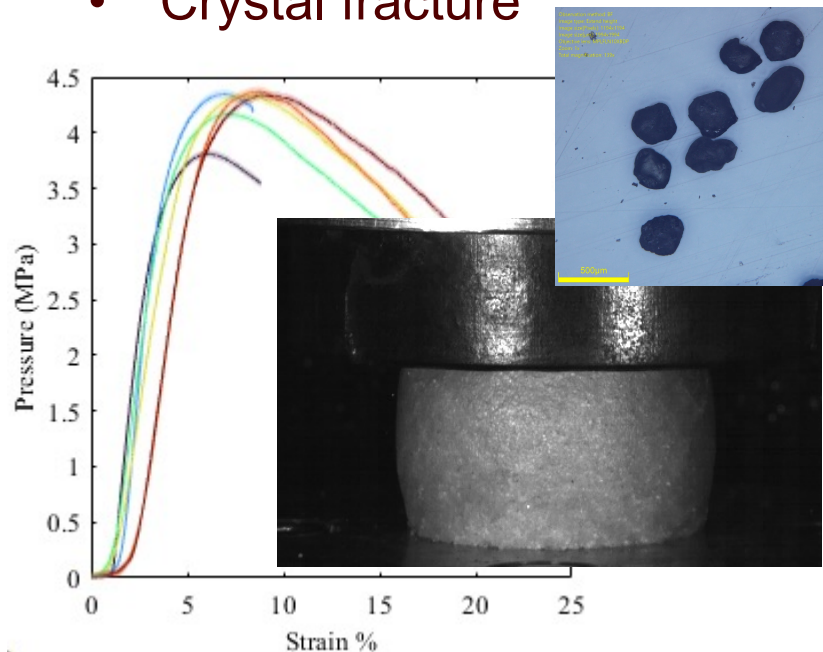


V : $2.89 \pm 0.07 \text{ ms}^{-1}$
 $\dot{\epsilon}$: $134 \pm 3 \text{ s}^{-1}$
 E : $18.8 \pm 0.9 \text{ J}$



Conclusion

- Higher particle strength filler leads to composite more resistant to damage mechanisms
 - Quasistatic and dynamic
- Influence of each damage mechanism unknown
 - Binder rupture
 - Interfacial debonding
 - Crystal fracture

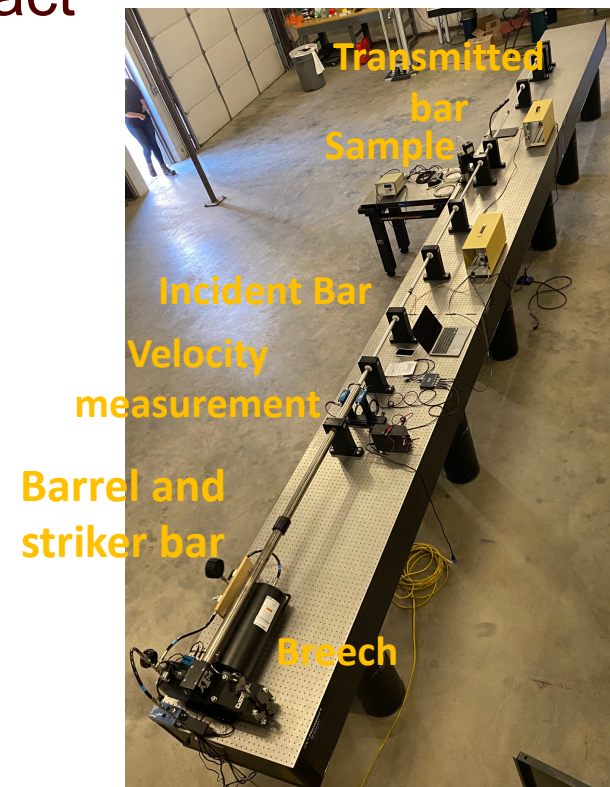
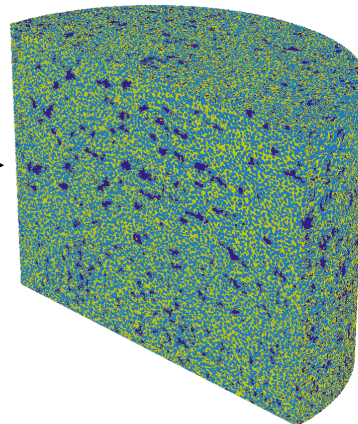
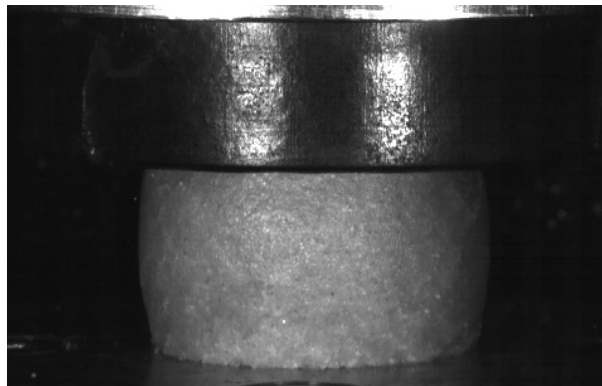


Future work



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- Post sample volumetric visualization
 - View failure modes after mechanical stimulus
- Split Hopkinson pressure bar impact testing
 - Span larger strain rate range
 - Extract bulk stress strain data
 - High speed imaging to view material deformation and fracture



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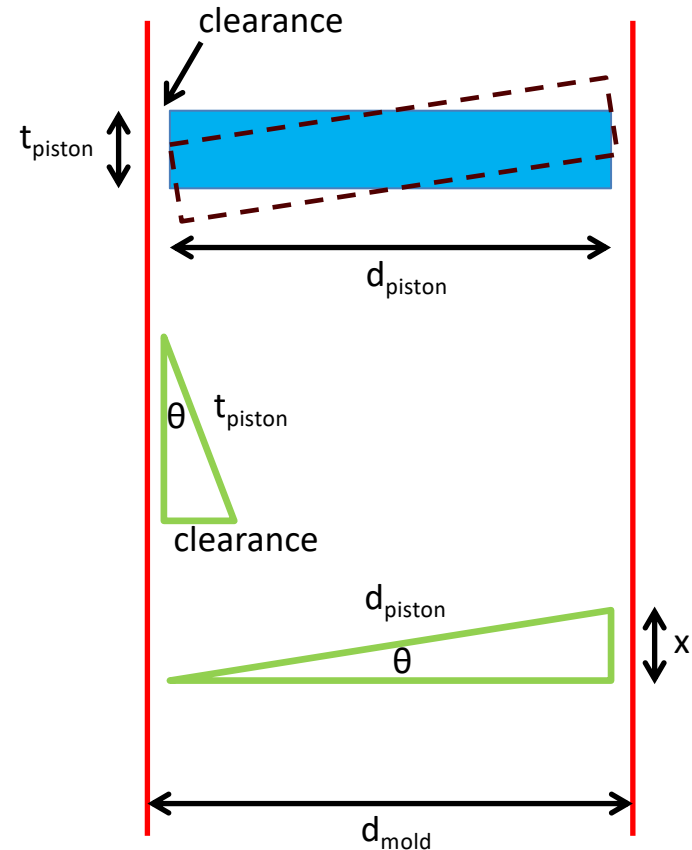


Questions?

4 part mold planarity uncertainty

- Quantifying uncertainty in planarity assuming single pistons are free to rotate
- Initial assumptions
 - $t_{\text{piston}} = 0.197$ in, measured from steel pistons
 - $d_{\text{piston}} = 0.998$ in, measured from steel pistons
 - $d_{\text{mold}} = 1$ in, assumed from reamed holes
- $x = 0.01$ in in this scenario (10 mils, ± 5 mils from center)
- For a 1 inch tall sample, this corresponds to $\pm 0.5\%$ strain measured from center
- Conservative assessment as this does not take into account driver bolt flattening the piston

$$\theta = \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{\text{clearance}}{t_{\text{piston}}} \right)$$
$$x = d_{\text{piston}} * \sin(\theta)$$



Piston Uncertainty Propagation



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- Measured variety of samples using dial indicator on mill machine surface

		Samples											
		Thin PEEK Piston		Stainless and PEEK Pistons							Thick PEEK Piston		
		14	17	27	28	29	30	65	68	74	63	67	71
Measurement relative to average (mils)	AVG	7.7	-0.4	1.3	-3.6	1.4	-0.2	-3.5	-2.2	-0.8	0	-0.2	0.8
	C	-7.7	0.4	-1.3	3.6	-1.4	0.2	3.5	2.2	0.8	0	0.2	-0.8
	1	-9.7	-6.6	0.7	-3.4	2.1	2.2	-7.5	1.2	-2.2	3	-0.8	4.2
	2	-5.7	-1.6	3.7	2.6	2.1	0.2	1.5	2.2	-6.2	-2	-5.8	-3.8
	3	13.3	6.4	-0.3	0.6	-1.4	-1.8	5	-3.8	1.8	-3	3.2	-3.8
	4	9.8	1.4	-2.8	-3.4	-1.4	-0.8	-2.5	-1.8	5.8	2	3.2	4.2
Tolerance		13.3	6.6	3.7	3.6	2.1	2.2	7.5	3.8	6.2	3	5.8	4.2

- Worst case samples are ± 7.5 mils from average



ViscoPlastic-ViscoSCRAM Model Theory

Kinematics:

$$\epsilon = e + \frac{1}{3} \epsilon_{\text{vol}} I$$

$$\sigma_m = K \epsilon_{\text{vol}}$$

$$e = (e^{ve} + e^D) + e^p$$

Viscoelasticity

$$\dot{s} = 2G^\infty \dot{e}^{ve} + \sum_{k=1}^N \left(2G^{(k)} \dot{e}^{ve} - \frac{s^{(k)}}{\tau^{(k)}} \right)$$

Prony series of shear moduli and relaxation times

SCRAM Damage

$$e^D = \frac{1}{2G_0} \left(\frac{c}{a} \right)^3 s$$

$$\dot{c} = \begin{cases} v_{res} \left(\frac{K_I}{K_1} \right)^m & \text{for } K_I < K' \\ v_{res} \left[1 - \left(\frac{K_{0H}}{K_I} \right)^2 \right] & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$D = \frac{\left(\frac{c}{a} \right)^3}{1 + \left(\frac{c}{a} \right)^3}$$

Drucker-Prager Plasticity

$$f(\sigma_{ij}) = \sigma_e + A \cdot \sigma_m - \sigma_y$$

$$g(\sigma_{ij}) = \sigma_e + B \cdot \sigma_m - \sigma_y$$

$$\dot{\epsilon}^p = \lambda \frac{\partial g}{\partial \sigma}$$

$$\lambda = \frac{1}{\tilde{\tau}} \left\langle \frac{f(\sigma_{ij})}{\sigma_0} \right\rangle^{\tilde{m}} \quad \sigma_e = \sqrt{\frac{3}{2} s_{ij} s_{ij}}$$