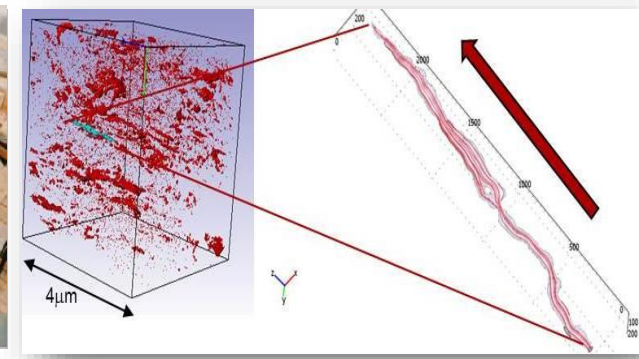
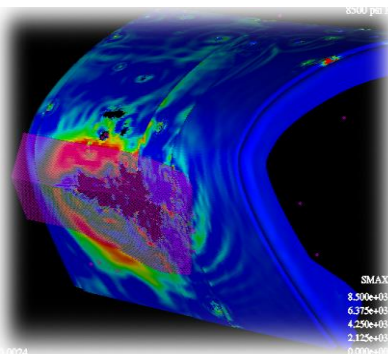


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Erik has a PhD in hydrogeology with emphasis in applied mathematics from the University of Wisconsin, has worked on an array of earth science problems with commercial (UNOCAL) and US Government agencies (USGS, ORNL, DOE, NRC and the EPA).

Erik served a fellowship with the Japanese Atomic Energy Agency and helped co-author the year 2000 Report on High Level Waste to the Japanese Diet, oversaw hydrological research at Sandia National Laboratories, served two years as a Congressional Fellow on the Senate Energy Committee and three years on the personal staff of Senator Pete Domenici focusing on western water policy and energy issues.

Erik served as assistant to Sandia National Laboratories Chief of Staff, and as the SNL Government Relations manager for the nuclear weapons program through ratification of the third START treaty with Russia.



Moo Y. Lee

Dr. Moo Y. Lee is the manager of the Geomechanics Department, Sandia National Laboratories. He has over 30 years of experience in hydraulic fracturing in situ stress measurements and complex laboratory / numerical simulations of boreholes subjected to poly-axial stress conditions. He has been working on cross-cutting issues in geosciences and geoengineering related to basic energy sciences, nuclear waste disposal, geomaterial characterization, and underground storage of air/hydrocarbon.

He received the Applied Research Award from the US National Committee for Rock Mechanics in 1994 by conducting a laboratory simulation of the Borehole Breakouts in Underground Research Laboratory located in Canada. He also characterized and provided the crucial materials data for Columbia Investigation and received Lockheed Martin Nova award.

He received his B.S. degree in Mineral and Petroleum Engineering from the Seoul National University, Korea in 1980. After graduation, he came to the U.S. to begin his graduate studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where he received his M.S. and Ph.D degrees in Mining Engineering specialized in Rock Mechanics and Statistics.



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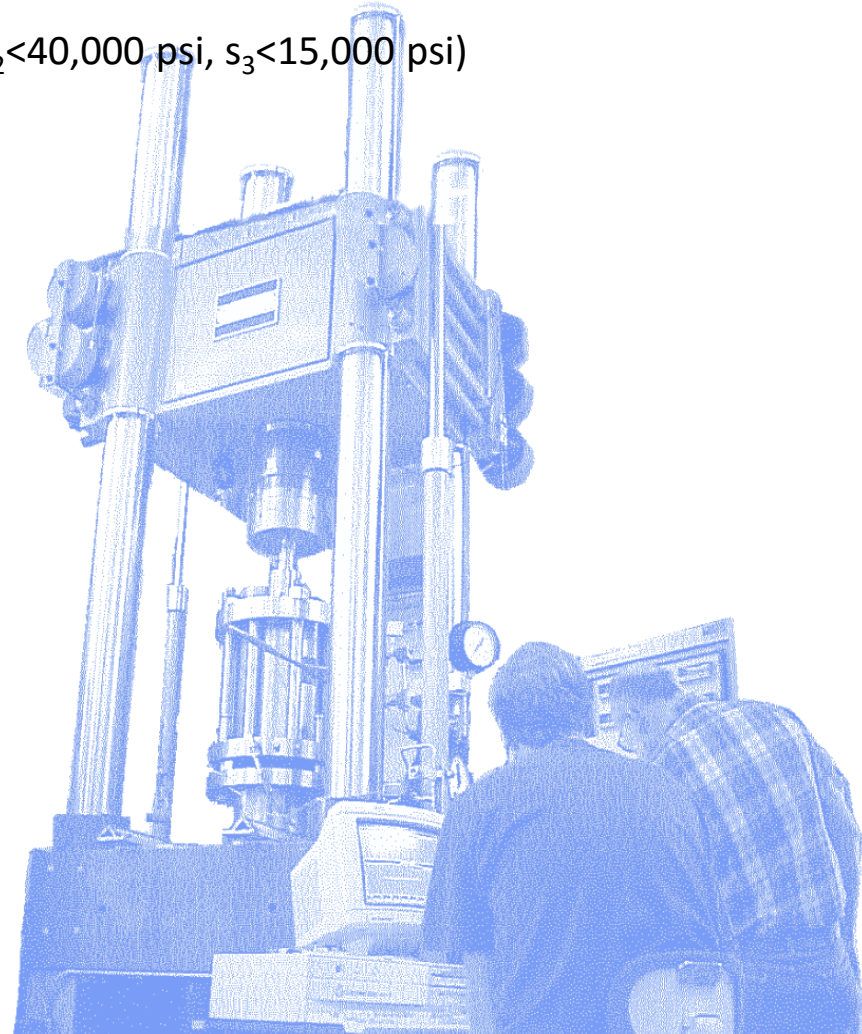
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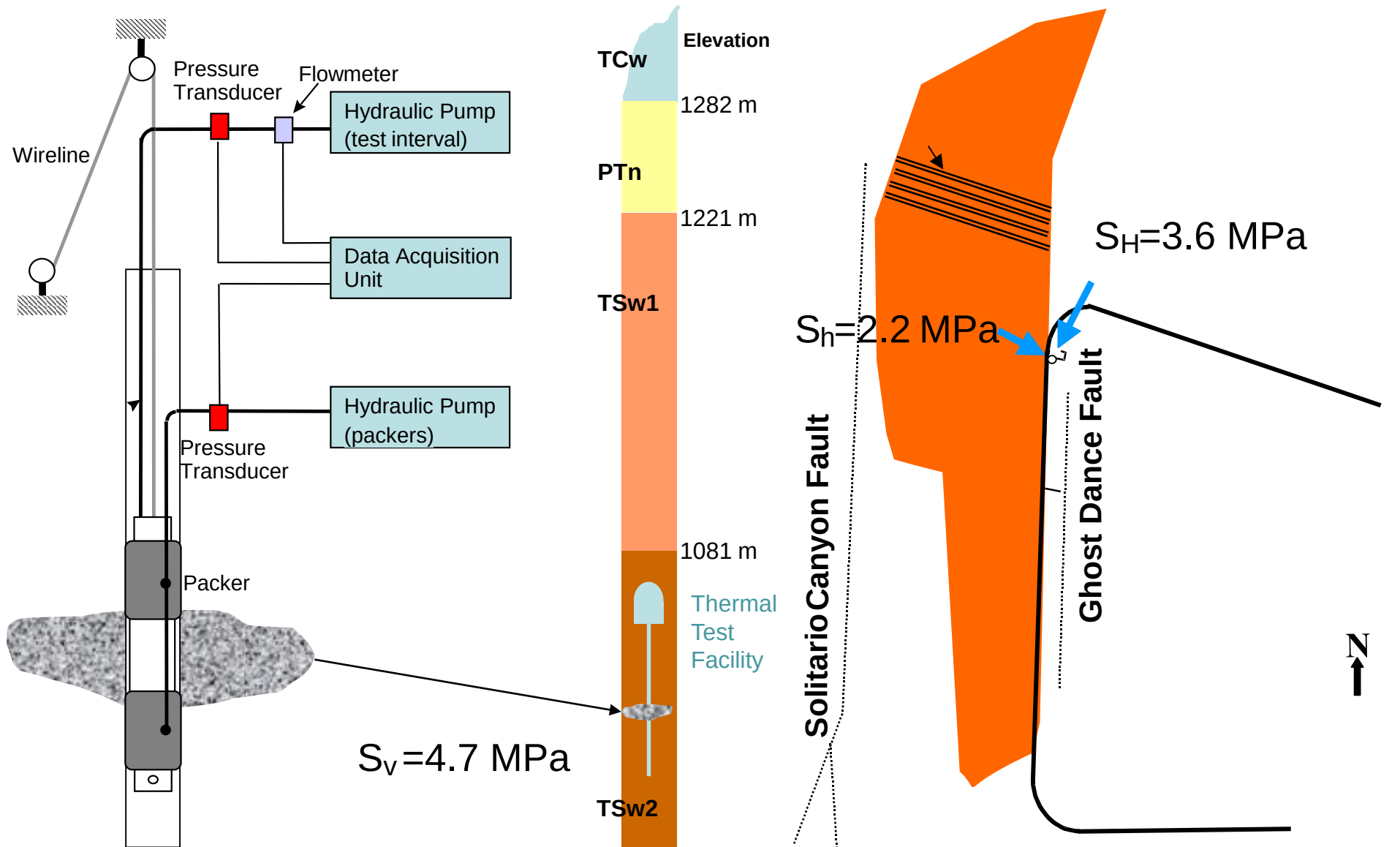
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Materials Testing and Modeling Capabilities

- Constitutive testing
 - Hydrostatic compression ($< 145,000$ psi)
 - Uniaxial compression ($< 1,000,000$ lbs)
 - Triaxial compression ($< 145,000$ psi)
 - True Triaxial compression ($s_1 < 200,000$ psi, $S_2 < 40,000$ psi, $s_3 < 15,000$ psi)
 - Uniaxial strain ($< 300,000$ psi)
 - Triaxial extension ($< 70,000$ psi)
 - Creep to SHPB ($10^{-10} < d\varepsilon/dt < 10^3/s$)
 - Cryogenic to Geothermal (-65 to 200°C)
 - Length Scale (10^{-6}m to m)
- Phenomena simulation & modeling
 - Compaction band
 - Powder compaction
 - Slurry injection
 - Phase transformation in ceramic
 - Flow-visualization
 - CO_2 sequestration
- Material parameter measurement
 - Density, Porosity, Permeability
 - E and ν or (G and K)
 - Thermal expansion, thermal conductivity
 - V_p , V_s , and AE source location
- Large scale field testing & modeling
 - WIPP, YMP



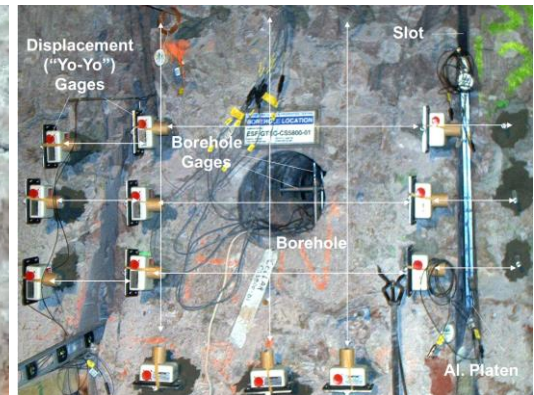
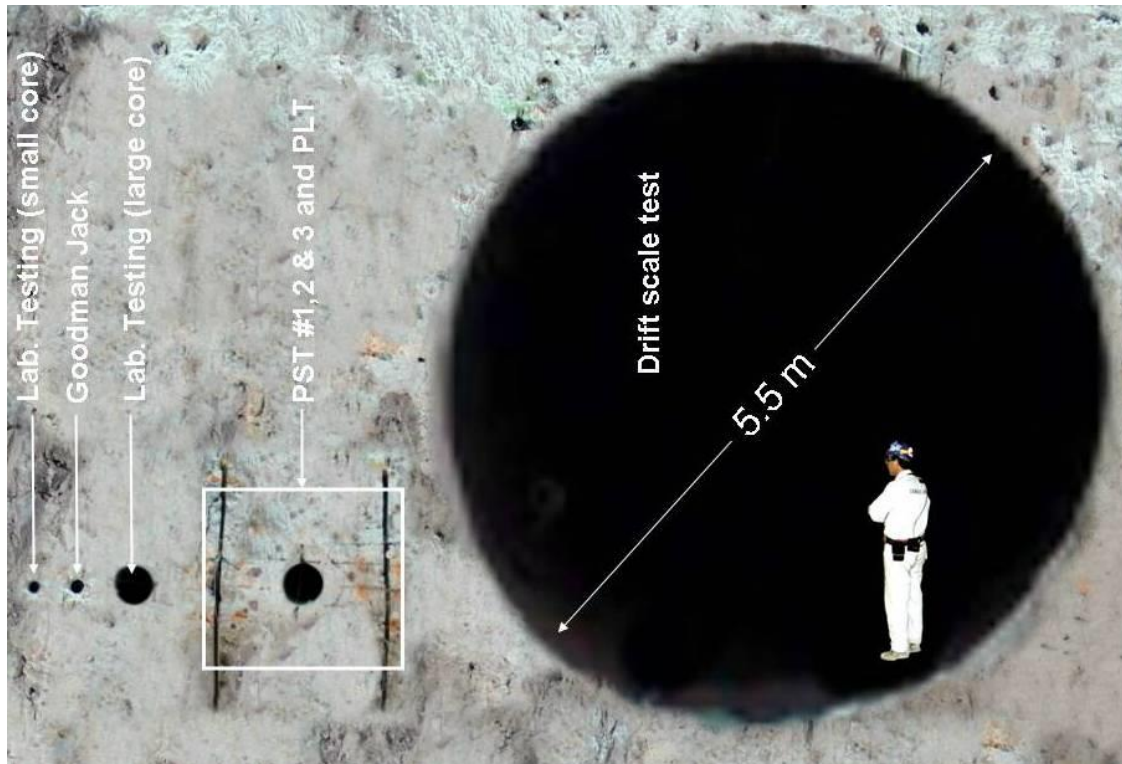
Hydrofrac In Situ Stress Measurement



Initial stress measurements in the Exploratory Studies Facility Yucca Mountain, Lee and Haimson, 1999

Rock Mass Deformability Measurements

- Laboratory core testing
- Goodman Jack
- Pressurized Slot Testing (PST)
- Plate Loading Test (PLT)
- Drift Scale Testing



WIPP Surrogate Waste Materials Testing

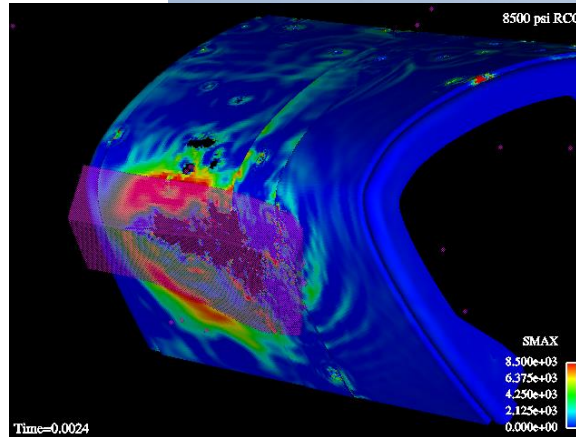
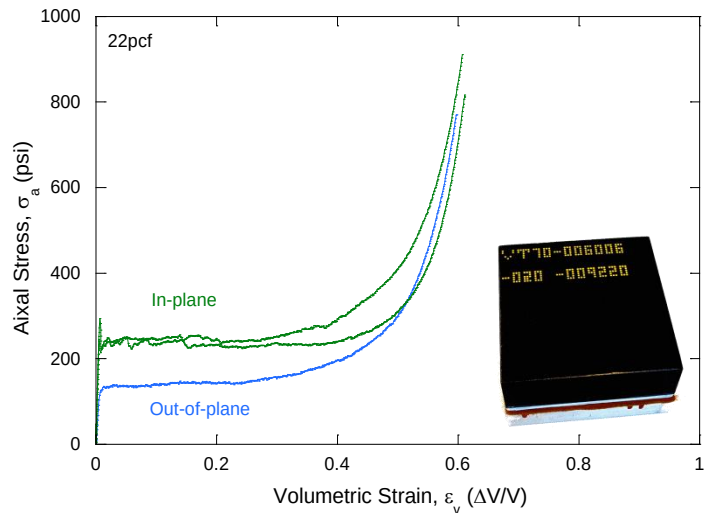
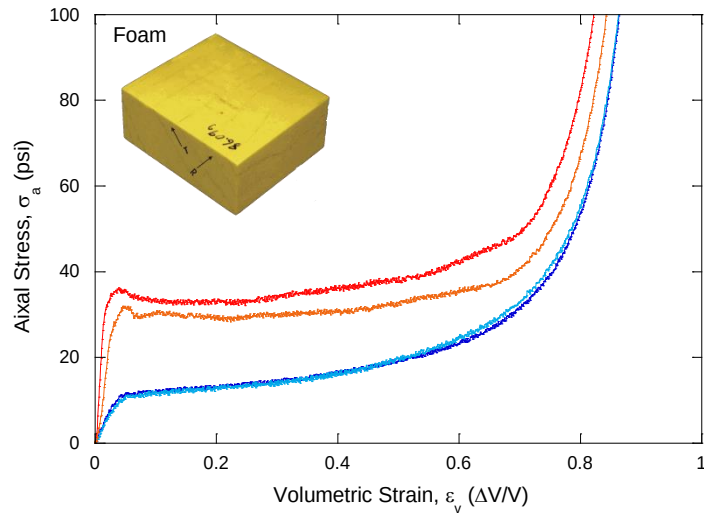
The container contains a surrogate recipe representing the average baseline inventory at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant.



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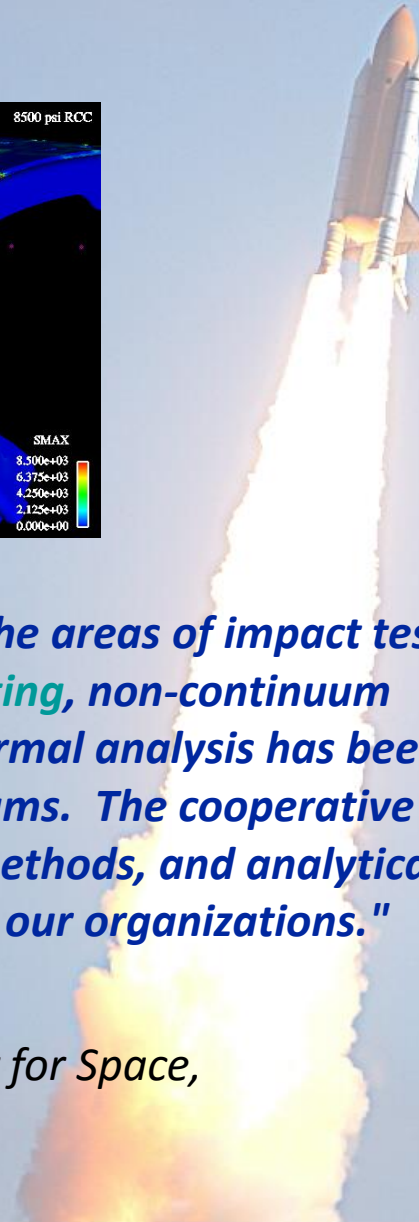


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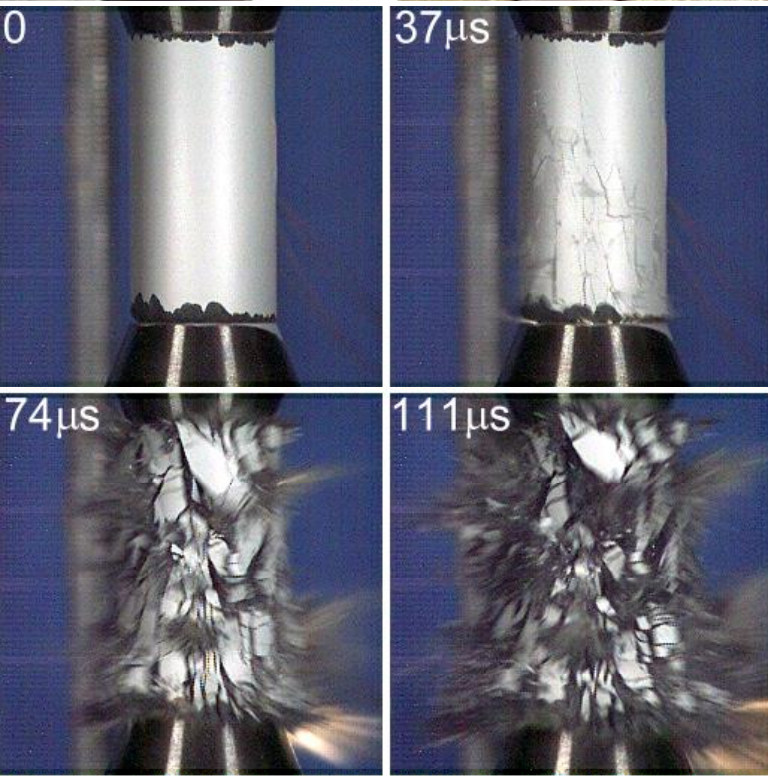
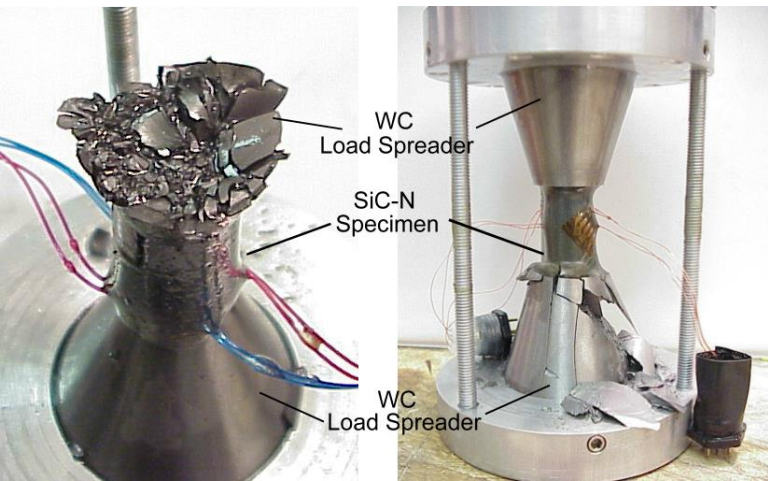


"Sandia's expertise in the areas of impact testing and modeling, material testing, non-continuum aerodynamics, and thermal analysis has been invaluable to our investigation teams. The cooperative effort and sharing of ideas, test methods, and analytical tools have been beneficial to both our organizations."

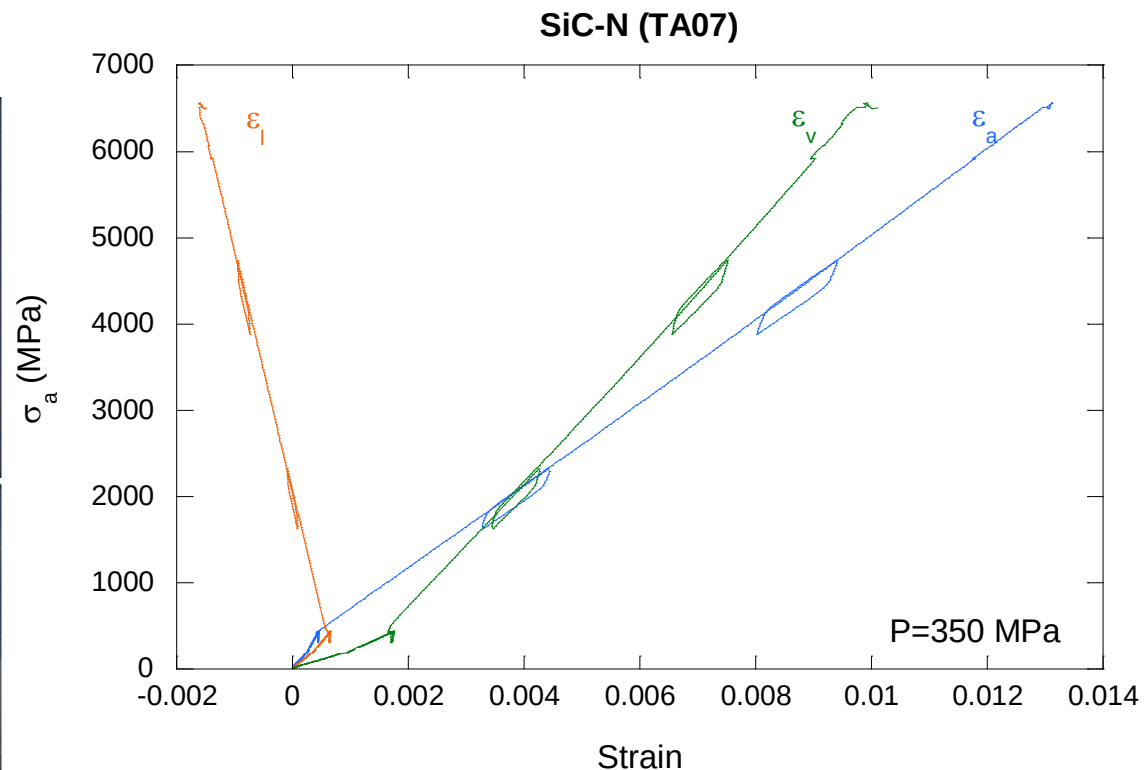
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Triaxial Compression Tests of SiC-N

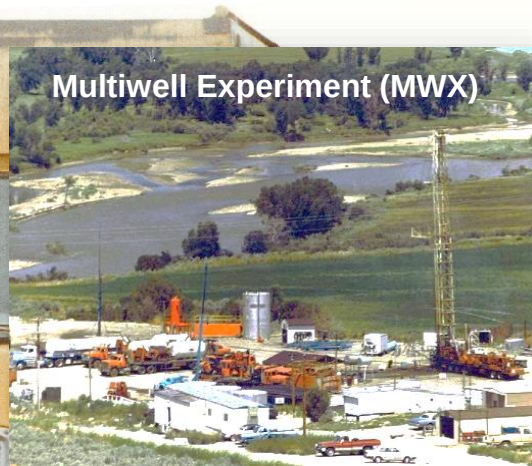


- Provides quasi-static experimental data needed to parameterize the models to be used in ALEGRA.
- Gives insight into the failure phenomena of SiC-N under different loading conditions.

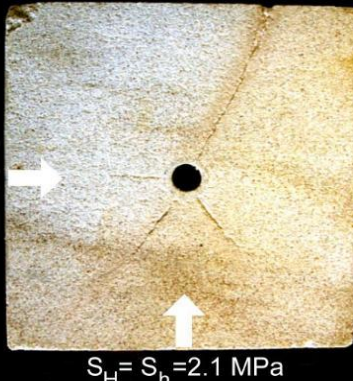


Laboratory Testing and Modeling of Hydraulic Fracturing

Multiwell Experiment (MWX)



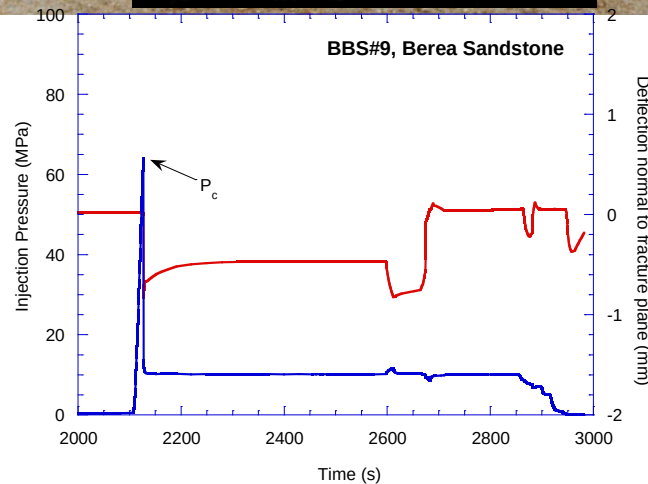
BSS#11 $S_v = 17.2 \text{ MPa}$



$S_H = S_h$

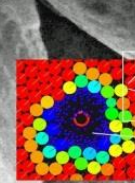
S_h

BBS#9, Berea Sandstone



Idealization of Microscale Physics

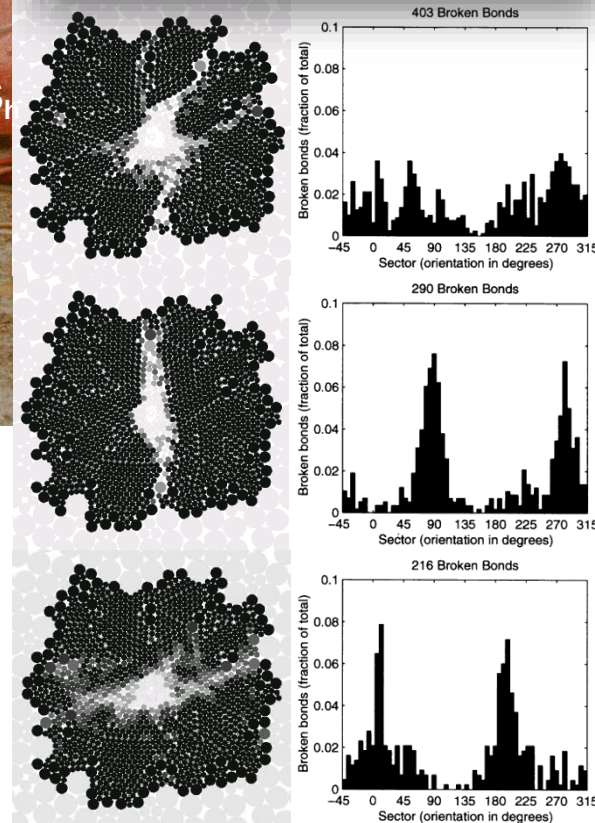
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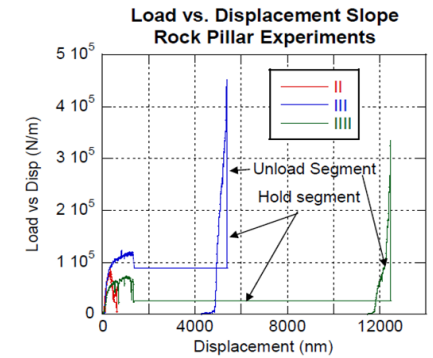
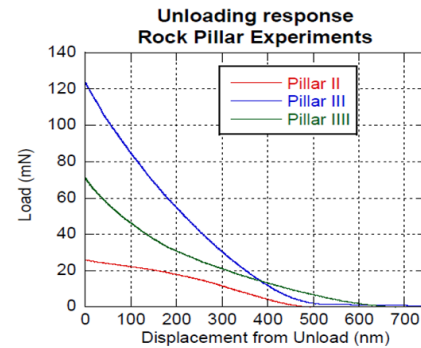
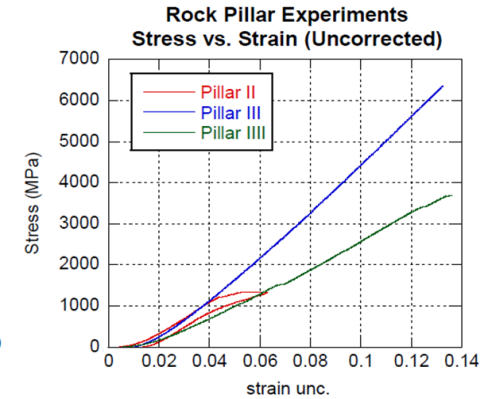
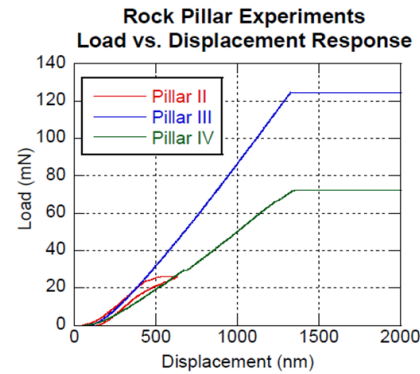
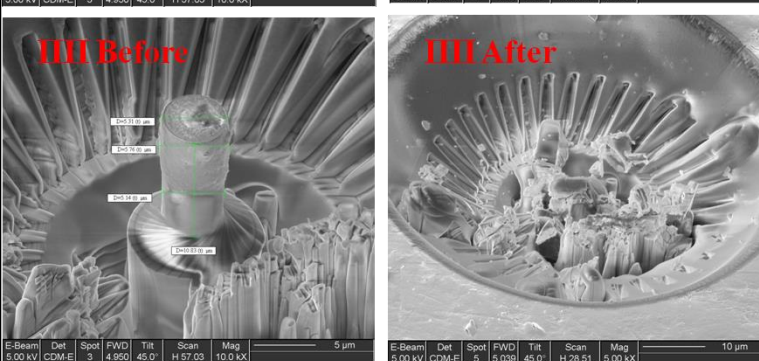
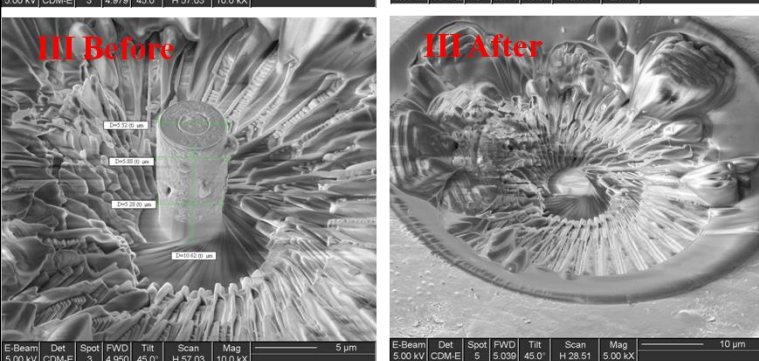
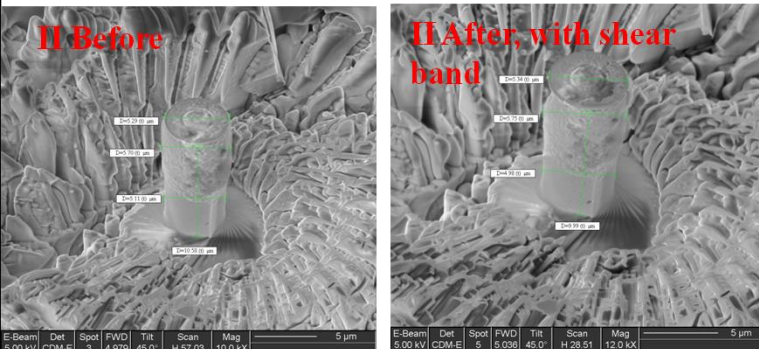
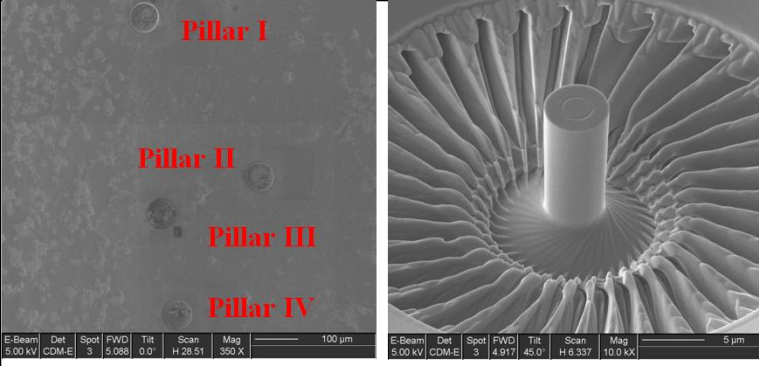
Fluid: Small Circular Source Elements

Resolved physics:

- Fluid-induced pressurization
- Intergranular bonds
- Intergranular contact forces



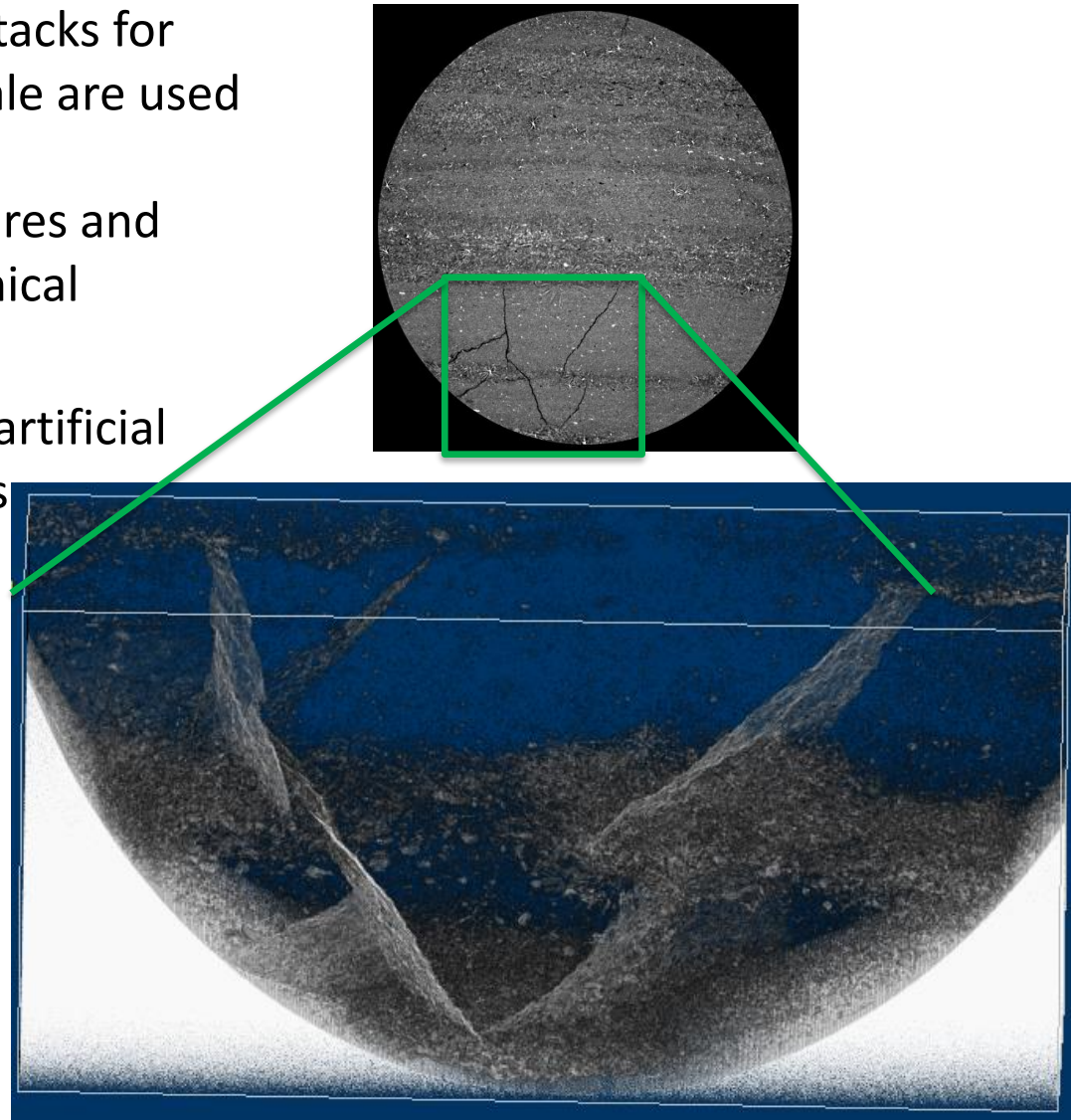
Micro-pillar Compression



	UCS (GPa)	E (GPa)
Pillar II	1.1	29
Pillar III	3.8	37
Pillar IIII	6.3	44
Quartz single crystal	6.9 – 8.3 ¹	76-97 ²
Gothic Core Plug	0.088	18

Micro-CT Imaging

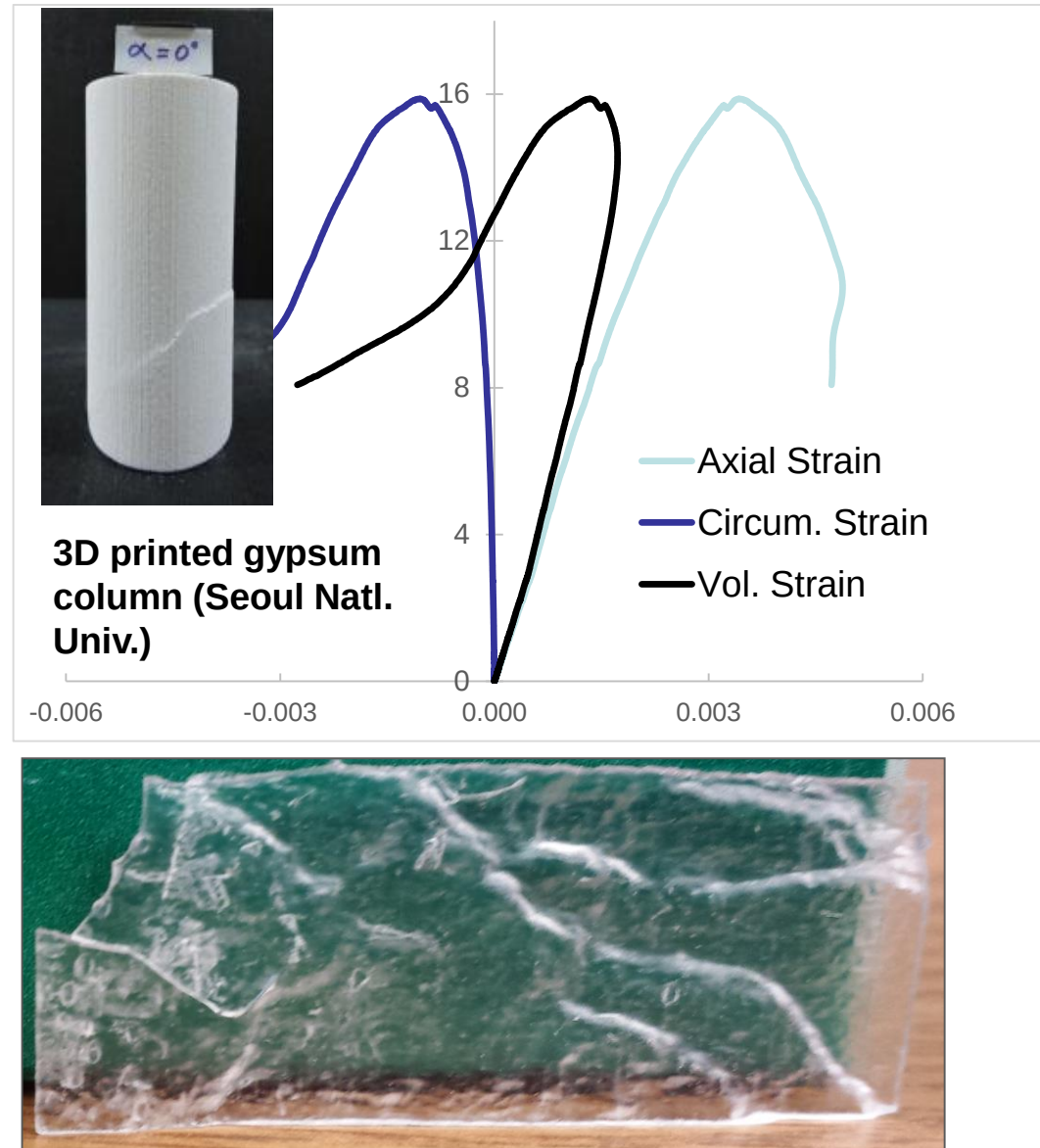
- Multiple scale micro-CT image stacks for Mancos shale and Marcellus shale are used to characterize the impact of heterogeneous materials (fractures and laminated materials) on mechanical properties of shale.
- 2D and 3D views of natural and artificial fractures in clay-rich weak layers terminated by stiff layers. Relatively large white spots represent pyrite minerals that are used as the markers to estimate 3D deformation of shale during mechanical testing.



MicroCT Image of 1" diameter core of Mancos shale specimen.

Digital Rock Physics for Fractured Porous Media

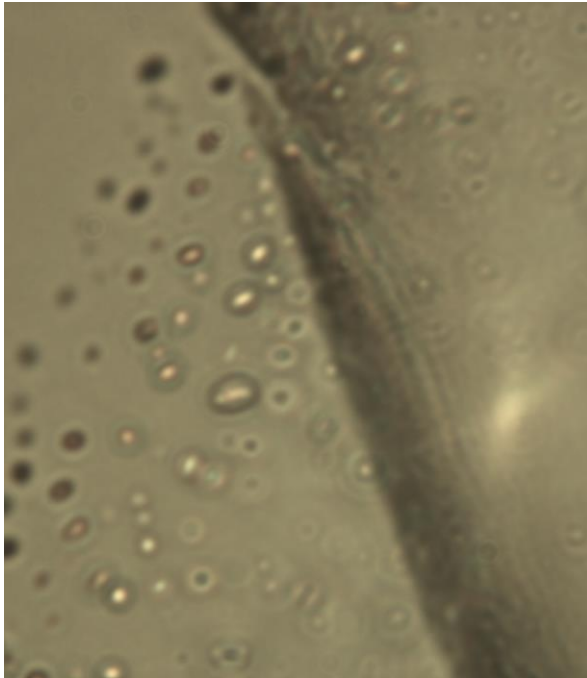
- Why 3D printing?
 - Ability to design and realize complex geometries
 - Engineered material control at new regimes
 - Feature-based pore structure for proof of concept testing
- Extensive SNL additive manufacturing capabilities and emerging 3D printing techniques with various materials will be leveraged for Geo application



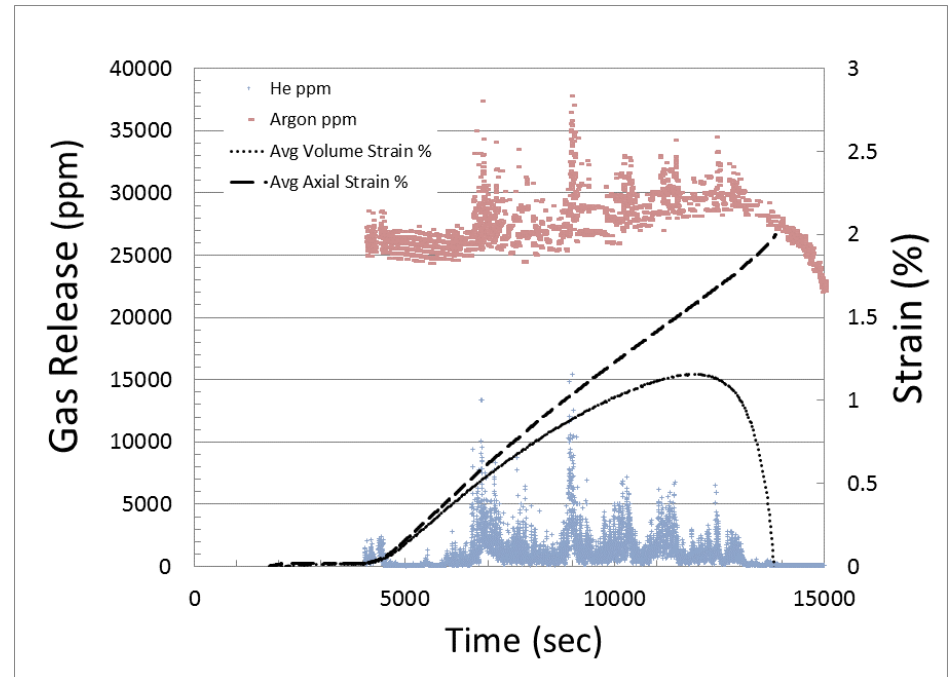
Real-Time Degassing of Rock during Deformation

- Discovery of *real-time* gas emission during rock fracture and relate to deformation
- Noble gas release may be related to deformation state of rock
- Natural or manmade rock deformation may be signaled/quantified by gas release

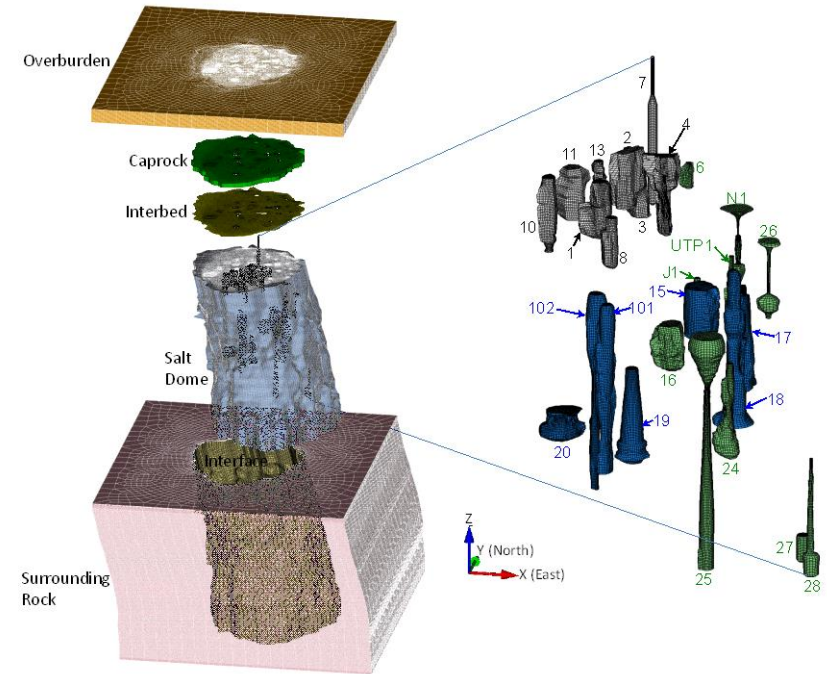
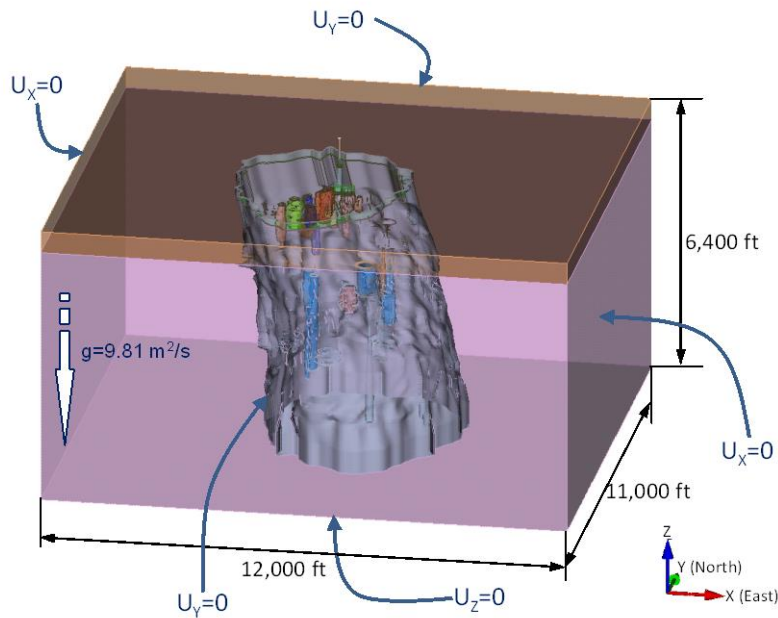
Project Volume and axial strain, and ^4He and ^{40}Ar release versus time.



Stress induced microfracture intersecting gas bubble array in quartz in experimentally deformed Westerly granite



Geomechanical Modeling for Strategic Petroleum Reserve



- Hexahedral mesh methodology captures the realistic geometries of caverns and dome at Bayou Choctaw Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR) Site. The caverns in black, green, and blue indicate the abandoned, commercial, and SPR caverns, respectively.
- Models predict stresses and strains in system, including cavern closure, surface subsidence, and stresses and strains on wellbore casings

