

Run 549 log

OK#1 + ice I nominally 90:10 by volume, unsaturated porosity not controlled. Actual ice fraction still being measured from twin and residue. 61.4 g of mixture at room T (\approx dry-ish sand-castle consistency) lightly tamped in \sim 10 equal steps. Capped (not sealed) in usual way with ZrO₂ + dummy end cap and left open in freezer to freeze.
Clocks synchronized, all on std time now. (There was an issue during 546.)

11/15/07 0815 Ts 223 K K. P up in small steps:
0.5 MPa, few mins; 2.1 MPa, \sim 10 mins; 5 MPa, 3 mins; 10 MPa, \sim 15 min

0900 Pist contact at 10 MPa: 2.4502 V. Being careful to react quickly at V5 touch. V2 hereafter.

0905 Pist contact at 20.5 MPa: 2.5035 V. Vessel is tight.

0911 Pist contact at 30.5 MPa: 2.5491 V.

0918 Pist contact at 40 MPa: 2.5917 V. Touch was squishier than all previous (even 10 MPa). Guess this must be close to critical crushing pressure.

0923 Pist contact at 50 MPa: 2.6339 V. Firmer.
(Digital Heise 70.2 = Analog Heise 69.4 MPa)

0931 Pist contact at 70 MPa: 2.7220 MPa. Vessel still tight.

0935 Pist contact at 80 MPa: 2.7664 V.

0939 Pist contact at 90 MPa: 2.8357 V. Continues to be substantial displacement at each step.

0944 Pist contact at 100 MPa: 2.9122 V. Vessel still tight.
Last 2 steps have been biggest displacements. All should provide good compaction curve for comparison with other water contents.

1023 Unloaded s gage at 60 MPa: -0.007386/-0.007381/7384.

1026 1st contact: 2.8697 V. NOTE: pretty much 0 rebound from 100 MPa, accounting for vessel modulus.
Calculate starting length for Area correction VI: starting length 4.81" – 2.00" parts – 0.45 V*0.17781"/V green trace = 2.73".
Green trace estimate is 0.47 V change between 10 and 100 MPa, est + 0.05V for 0-10 MPa, - vessel stretch < 0.1 V [2 div] \approx 0.45 V.

1045 (1) 24 mV (30 MPa), 60 MPa, 223 K. Accidentally climbed to 27.5 mV at MR2000 V50, putting a LOT of strain (\sim 1%) into the sample in the process. Might need to reproduce this misstep w comparative samples.

1053 Record interval to 60 s.

1450 100:1 gearing in. Can almost hide $\dot{\epsilon}$ =0 in large V swings w/ 10:1 gears.

11/16/07 0640 A-ok. Shoot screen image 459(1,to7498). Current reset ~ 0.075 and slowing. Quite an amazing pattern over last 5000 points on Motor Controller chart: ~ 36 nearly identical cycles of V over a range of 0.03-0.05 and s over ~ 0.005 V. Even more interesting that I changed P/I from 200/0.000010 to 100/0.000003 last night at point 4151 when I took screen image 549(1,to4151). Can now see that amplitude of V swings changed at point 4151, but amplitude of s swings did not change at all, and periods of both did not change. Gotta be stick slip.

1129 (point 9213) Cycles continue. P/I from 100/- to 50/-. Mean reset down to ~ 0.060 .

1757 (point 11612) Mean reset ~ 0.040 .

11/17/07 0608 (point 16163) Mean reset ~ 0.030 . \sim Perfect cycling continues.

1806 (point 20646) Mean reset < 0.030 . P/I to 30/0.000002.

11/18/07 0623 (point 25225) Mean reset steady at ~ 0.028 . Stick slip events continue at same frequency, but amplitude is muted. May or may not be coincident with last change in P/I.

1830 (point 29711) V nearly perfect steadiness, continues to fall, mean reset ~ 0.020 .

11/19/07 0630 (point 34177) Mean reset < 0.01 .

1830 (point 38658) Getting past a all-day spot of softening. Reset climbed to $> .045$, now ~ 0.030 .

2055 T blip as LN tank runs out temporarily. Cap V and reset at ~ 0.03 to prevent any problems during recovery.

11/20/07 0619 (remote) Ts 224-227, LN ran out ~ 1 hr ago. Stop, unload. Reverse at V10 (remember: 100:1 gearing), stop drivemaybe 10 s after s gage stops changing fast. Interested in getting only estimate of gage zero, but strong interest in possibility of rebound.

0632 Unloaded s gage at 60 MPa (2.993 V on Heise): $-0.003484(?) / -0.003454 / 3469$.

0644 s gage now reads -0.003005 , so apparently no self loading, just drift with T. Back piston farther out of the way. Note quick drop of s gage to ~ -0.0028 , so maybe there was self loading. Hard to tell with concurrent T effect. Back piston ~ 0.15 V (~ 3 div on green trace). Check contact later when P, T are corrected.

1058 Ts 235-238. New 120-L dewar on.

1521 Ts, red trace been \sim steady for 2 hrs. Unfortunately I had setpt at 225 K rather than 223 K. 10:1 gearing back in. Run pistons further out to assure no contact. Assured.

1525 Unloaded s gage at 60 MPa: $-0.004864 / -0.004868 / 4866$. 2.985 V on dig Heise = 59.9 MPa on analog.

1530 Pist contact at 3.3902 V. Was only 2 divs from where I left it (going outward) this morning after backing off 3 divs, so may be slight rebound. See on chart that wrong way bounce of green trace on withdrawal is >0.5 divs.

11/15/07 1144 hrs 0.076339"/0.027963 (1)
11/15/07 1511 hrs 0.085246"/0.031218
11/16/07 0656 hrs 0.097097"/0.035566
11/16/07 1758 hrs 0.100385"/0.036771
11/17/07 0613 hrs 0.103420"/0.037883
11/17/07 0612 hrs 0.105313"/0.038576
11/18/07 0635 hrs 0.108123"/0.039605
11/18/07 1835 hrs 0.110435"/0.040452
11/19/07 0631 hrs 0.111822"/0.040960
11/19/07 1832 hrs 0.114075"/0.041786
11/20/07 0621 hrs 0.114165"/0.041819