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# The Potential of Solid Inorganic Foundry Binder

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## *Sustainable Sand Casting*

- Harmful gases given off by organic binders.
- Renewed Interest in Inorganic sodium silicate binders.





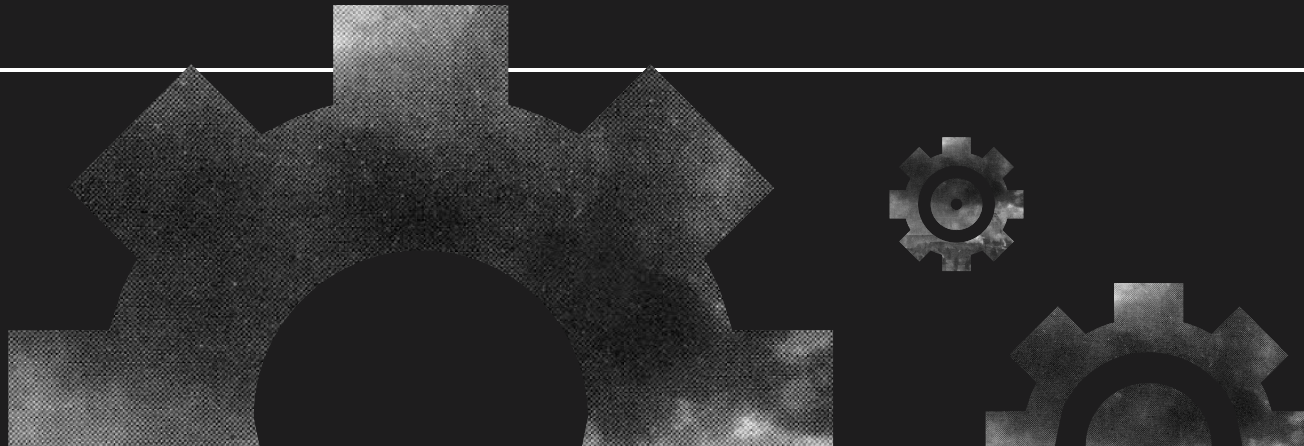
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Better Environment

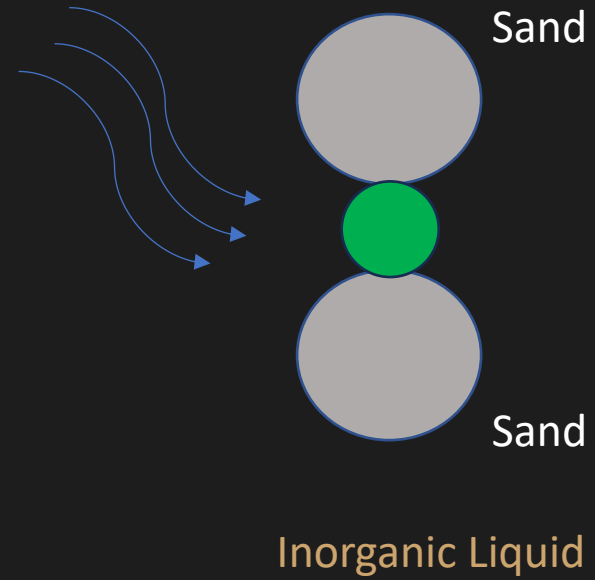


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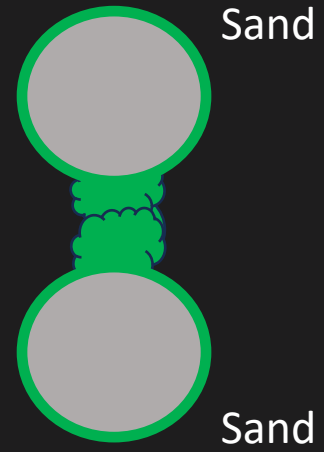


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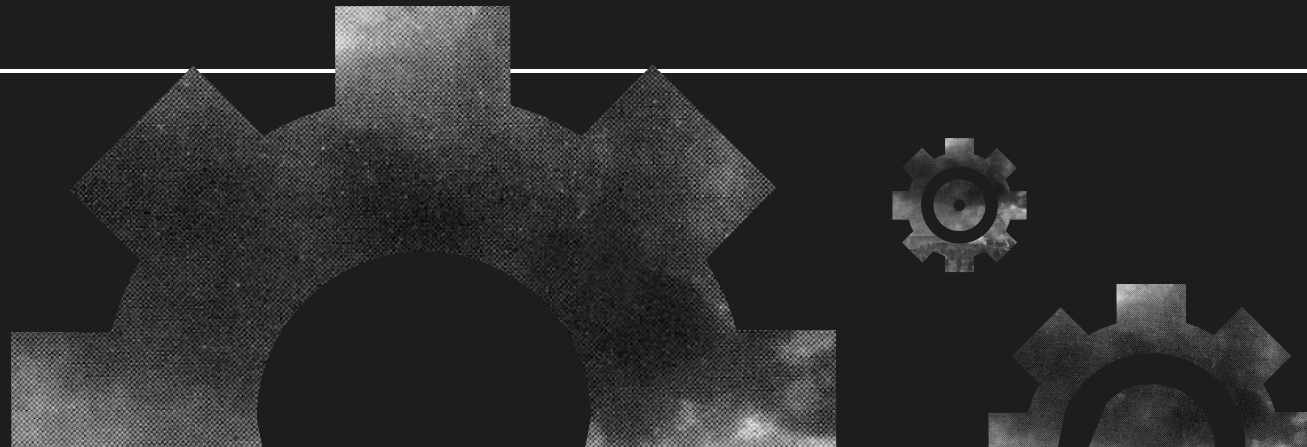
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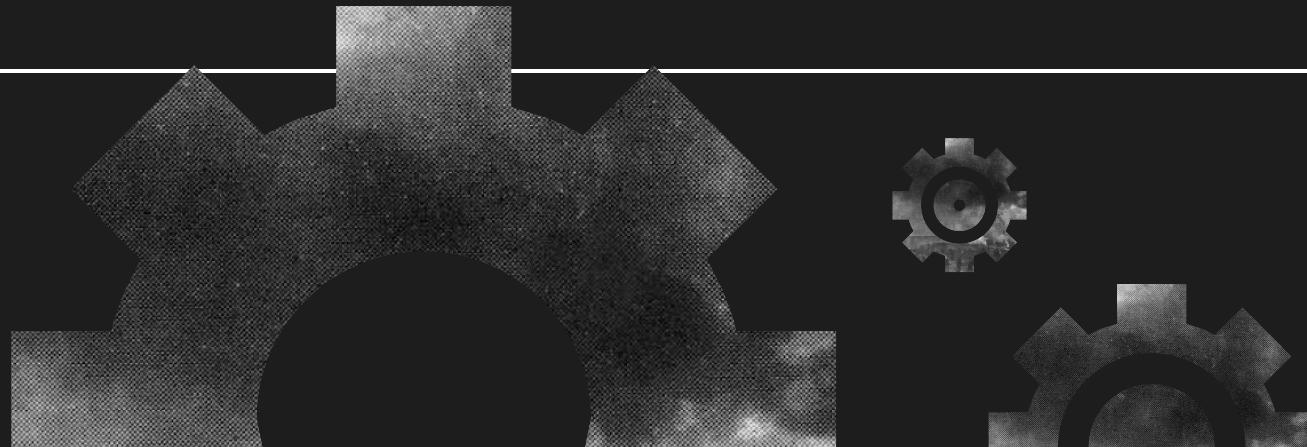
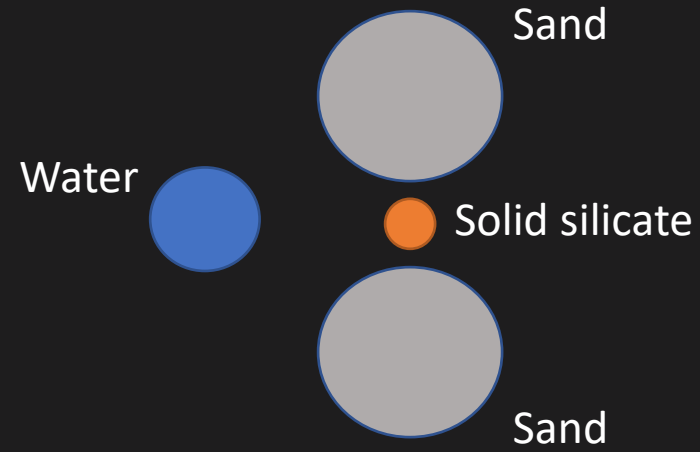


Inorganic Liquid

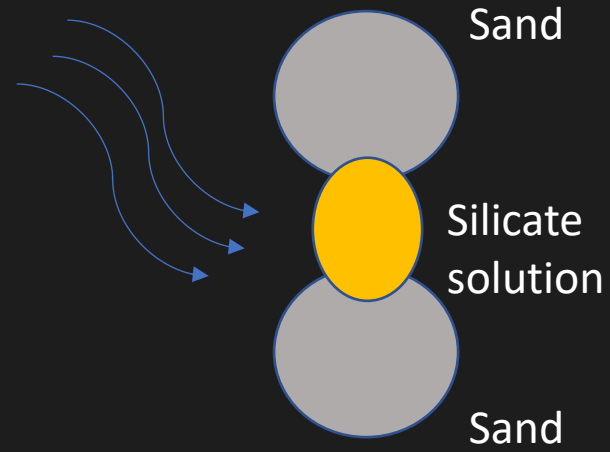


# Binder Mechanism: Inorganic solid

Solid Silicate: 0.83% of sand  
Water: 1.17% of sand

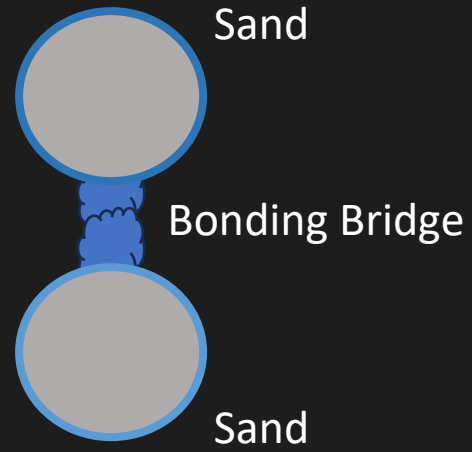


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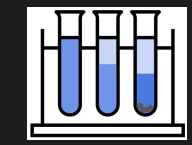
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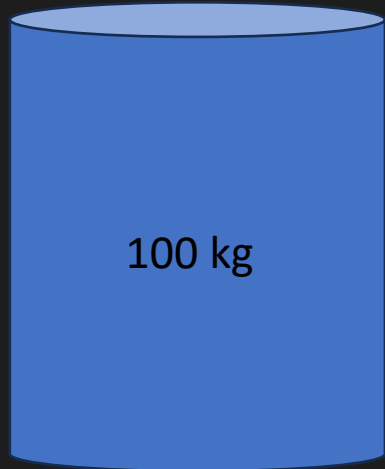
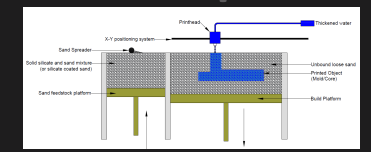
# Rationale: Why solid inorganic binder?

Transport

Use and storage



Sand printing



Two-part phenolic binder system



Inorganic solid (solid silicate)



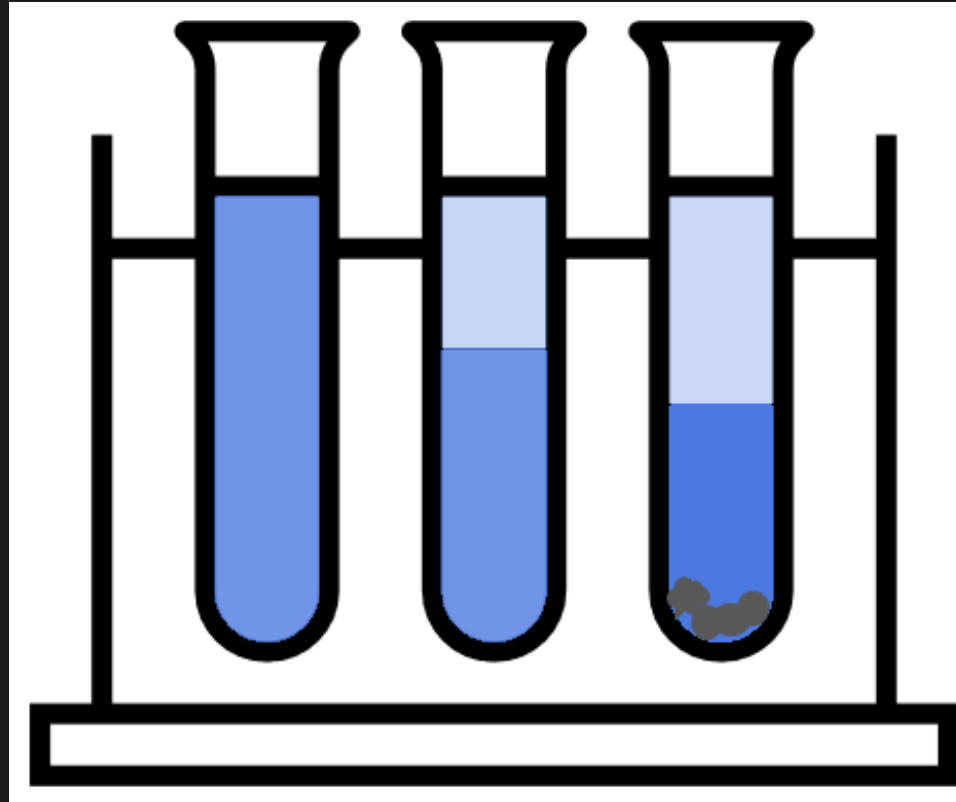
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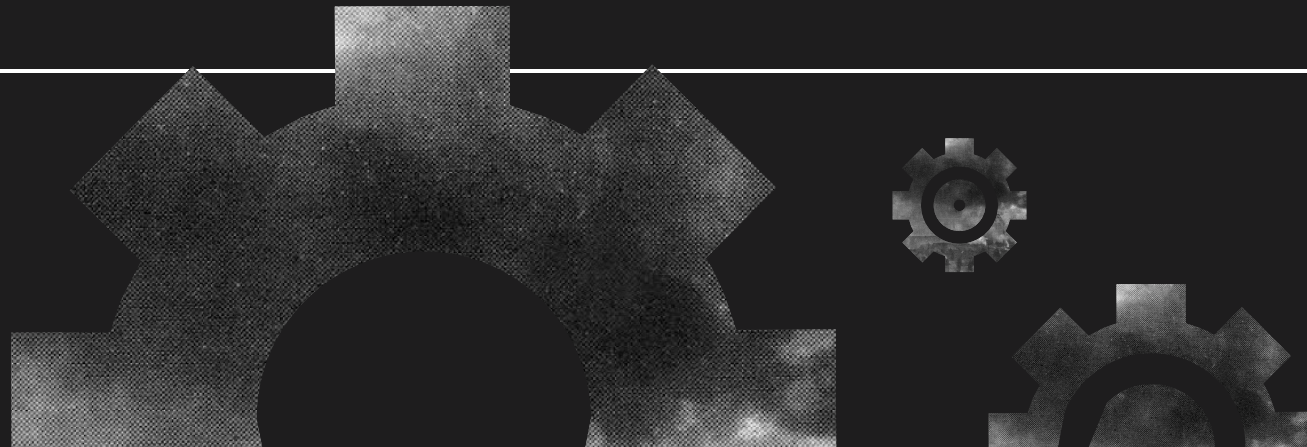
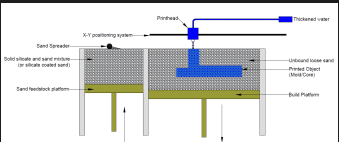


Binder separation, lump formation etc.

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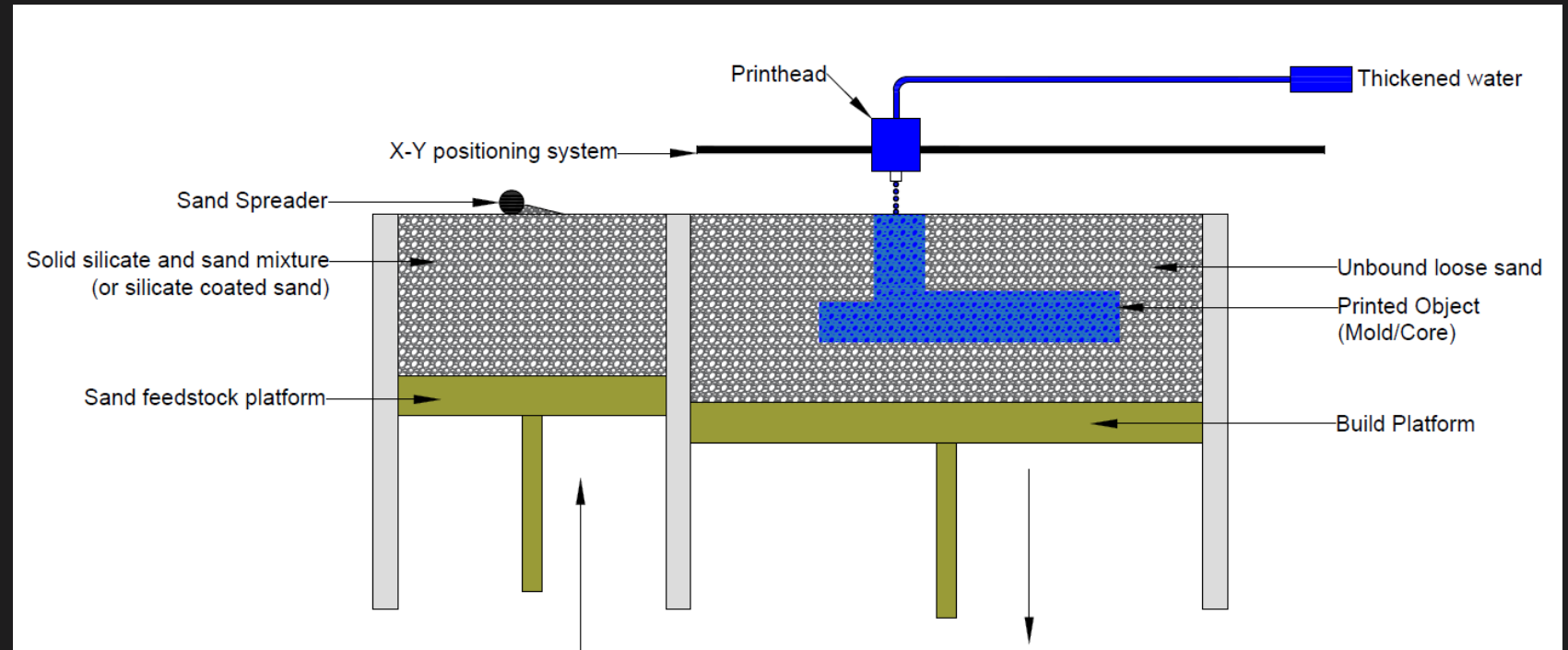
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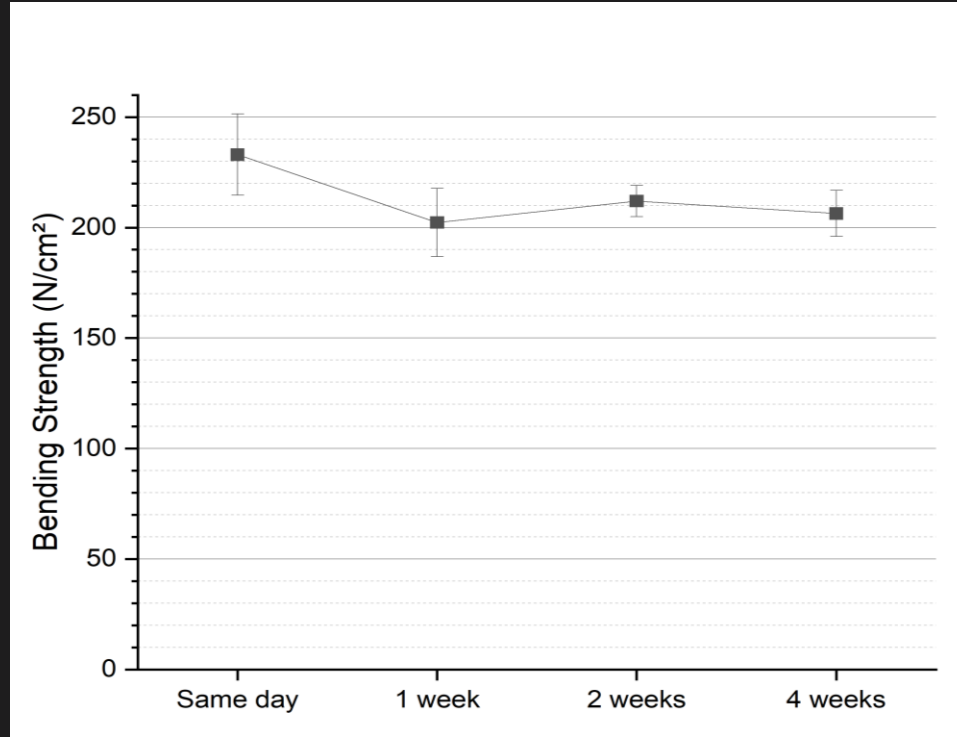
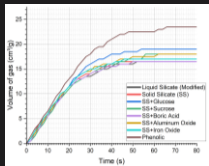
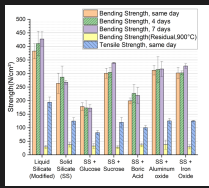
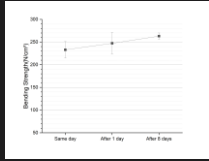
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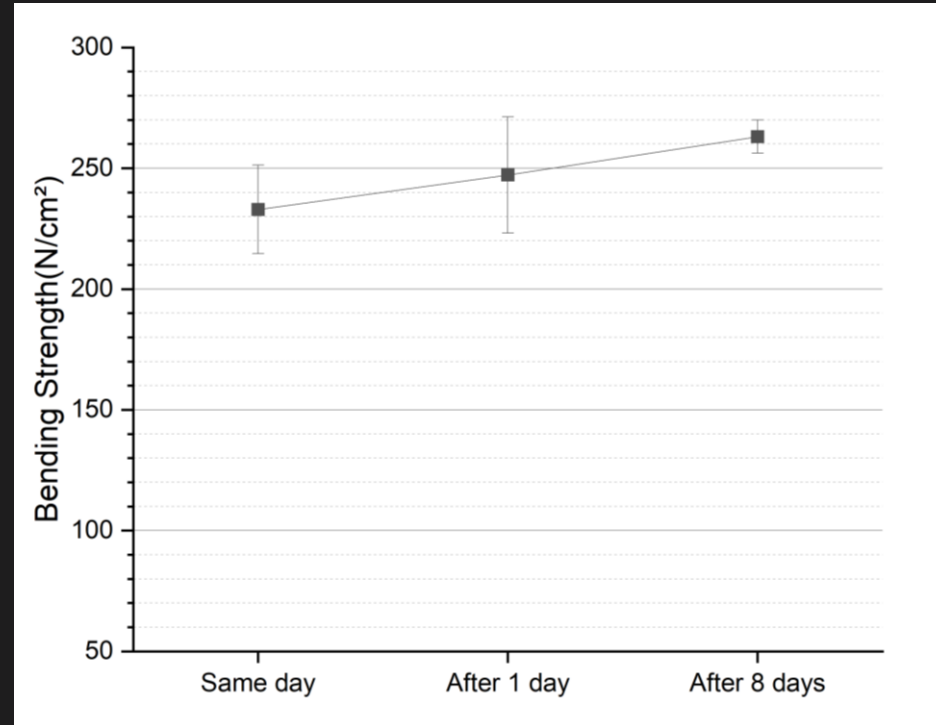
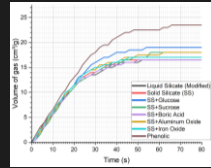
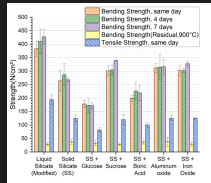


Silica and solid silicate stored as a mixture in closed containers

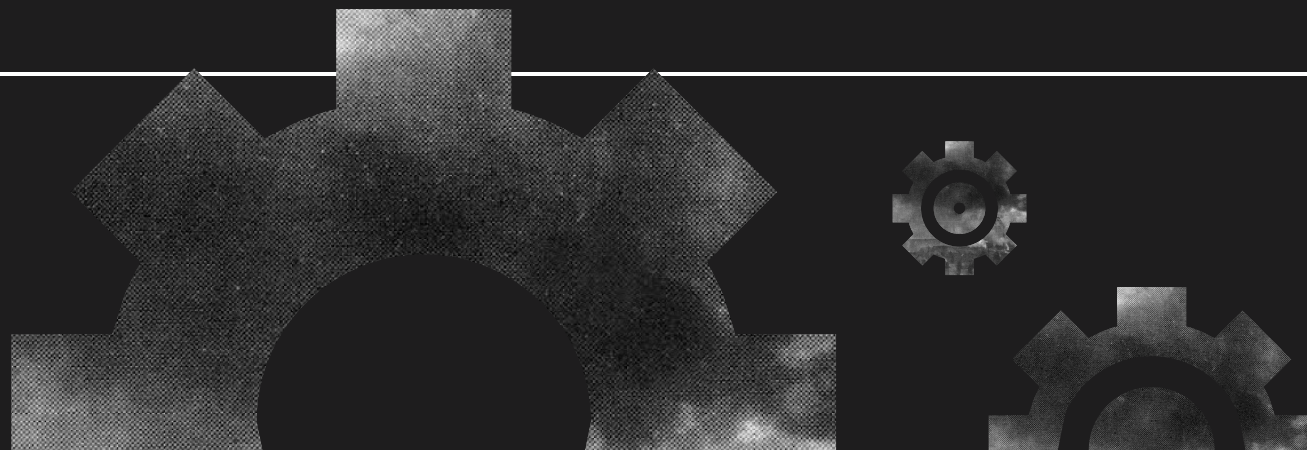


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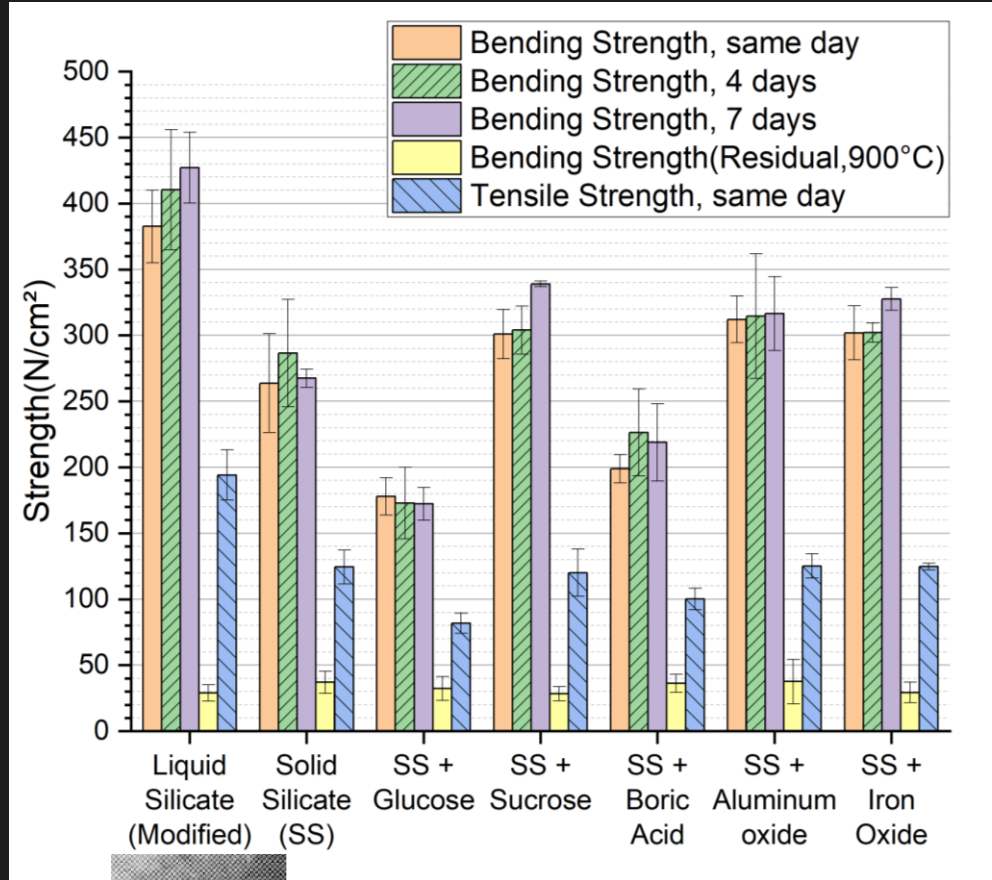
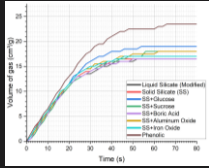


Silica and solid silicate stored as a mixture in a container open to air

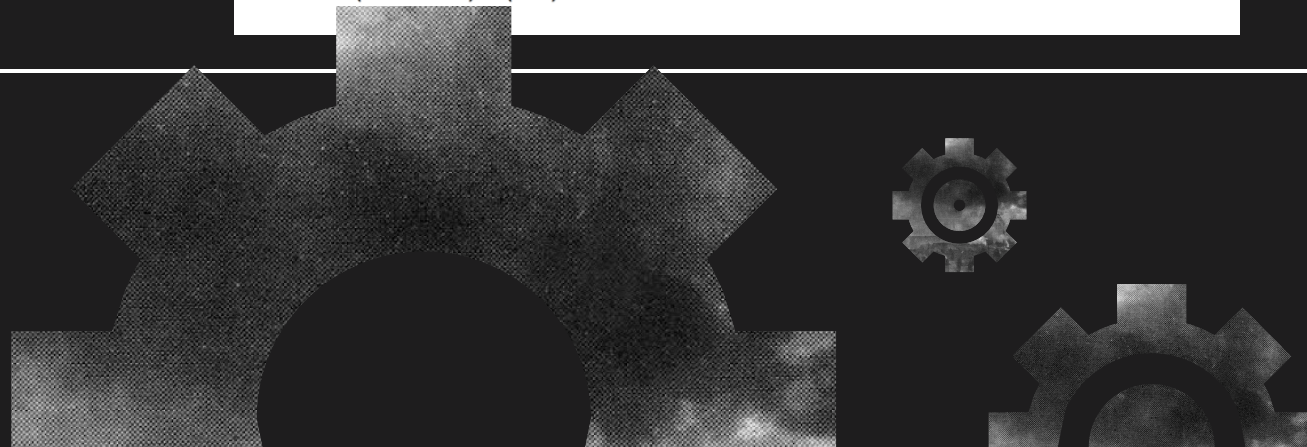


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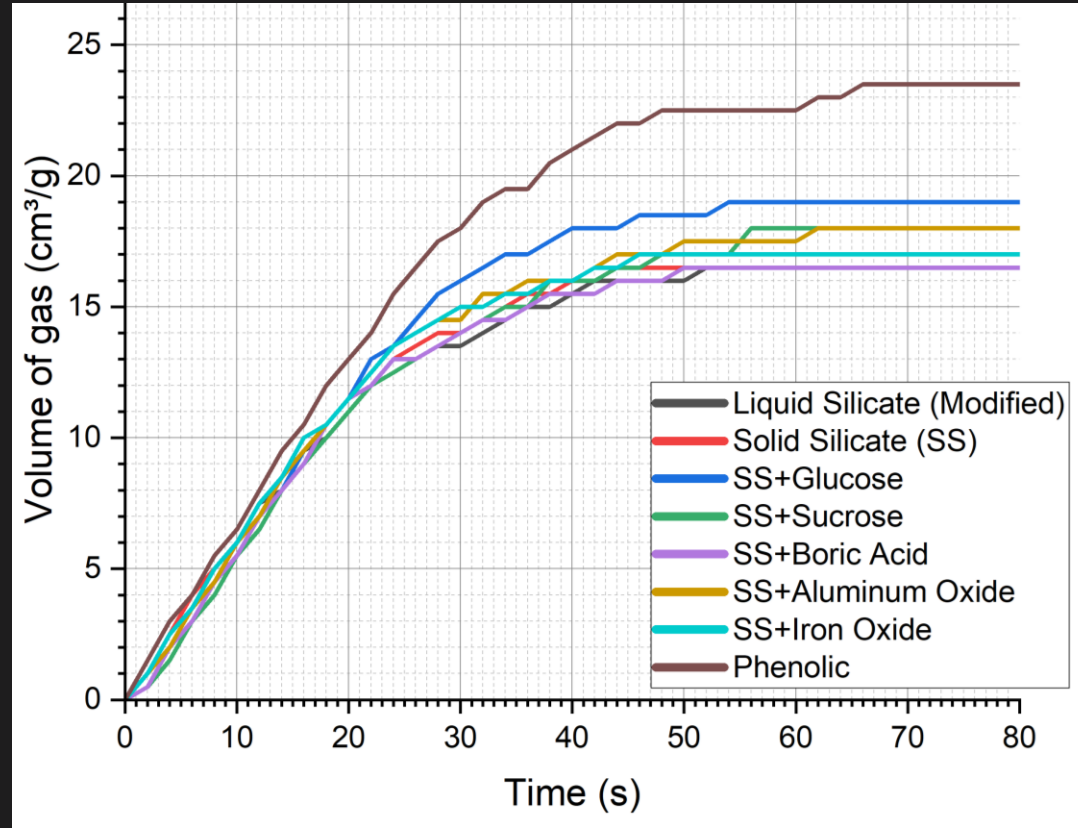


Strength level of liquid silicate, solid silicates and solid silicate modified with different additives

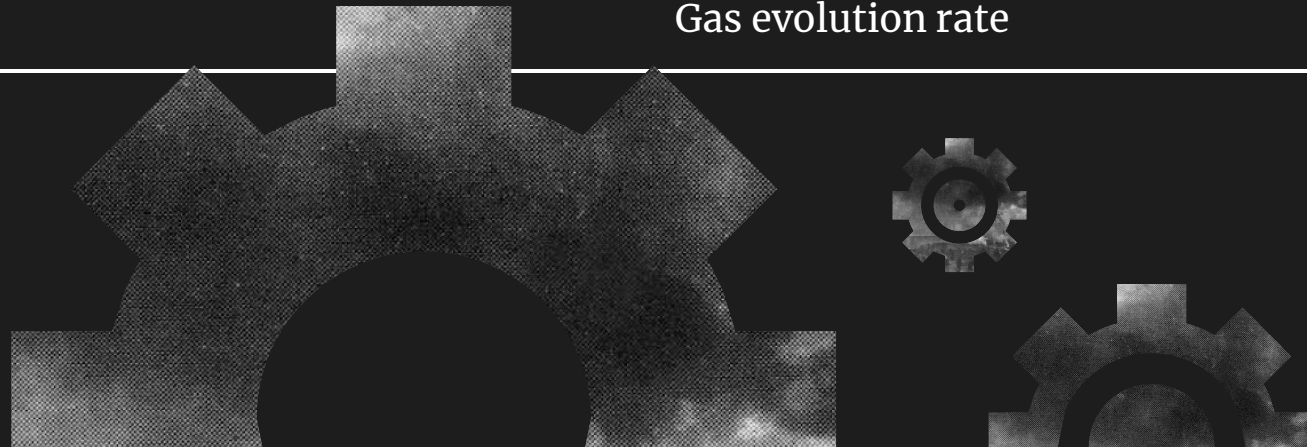


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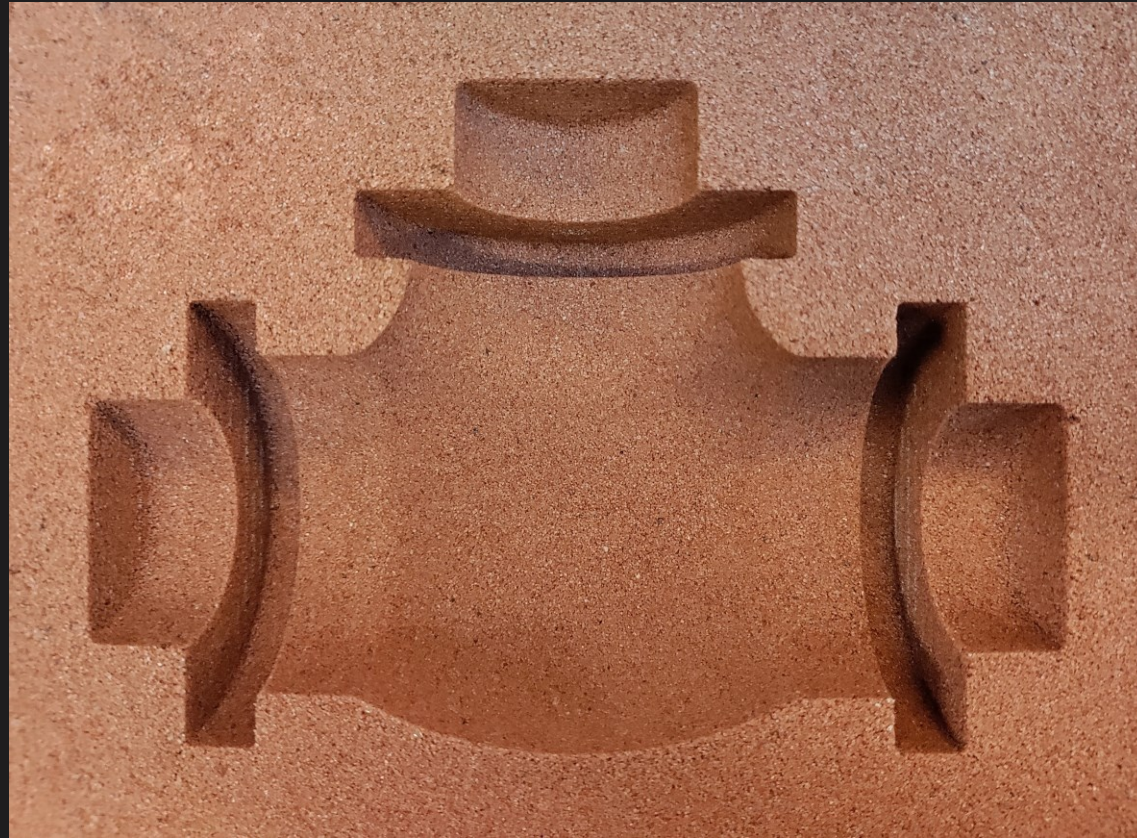
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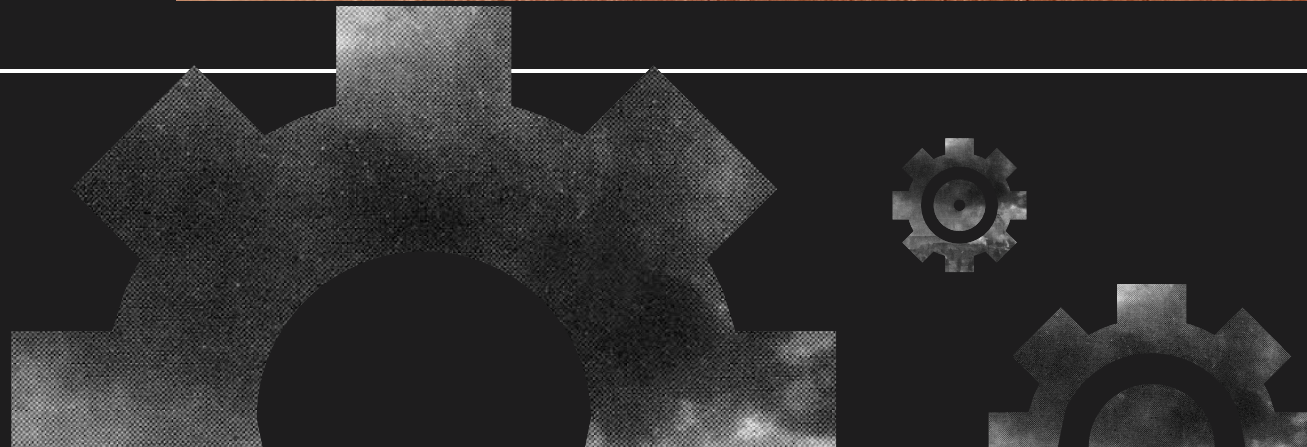
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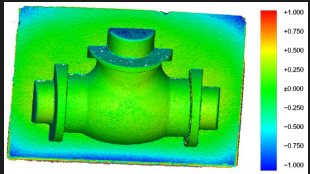
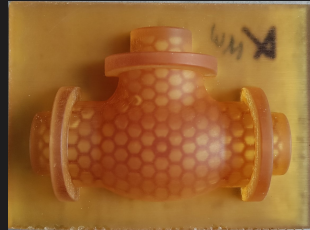
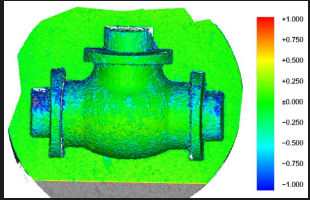


Mold made with silica, solid silicate and iron oxide additive

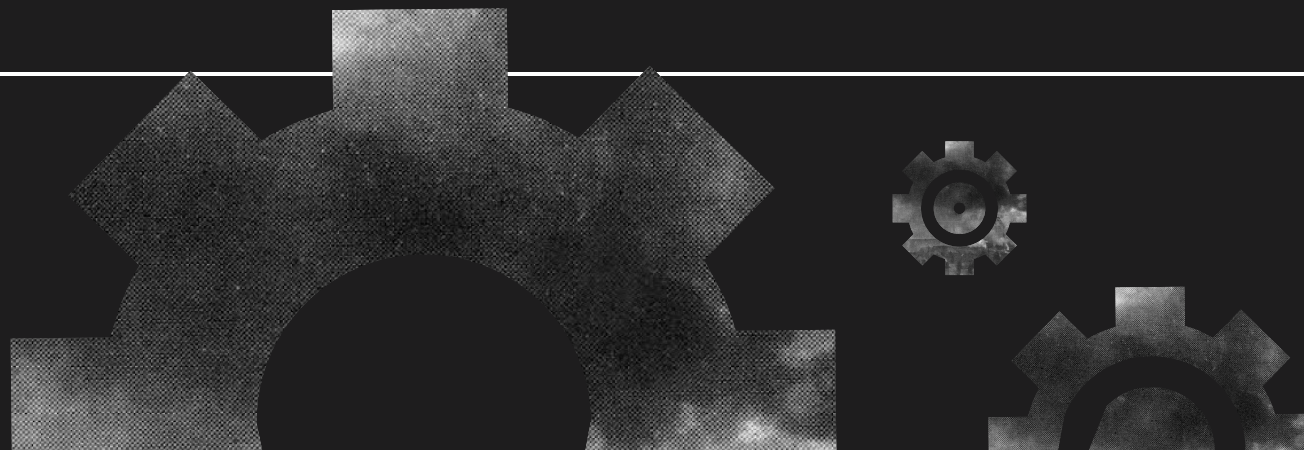


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# Challenges and Remedies

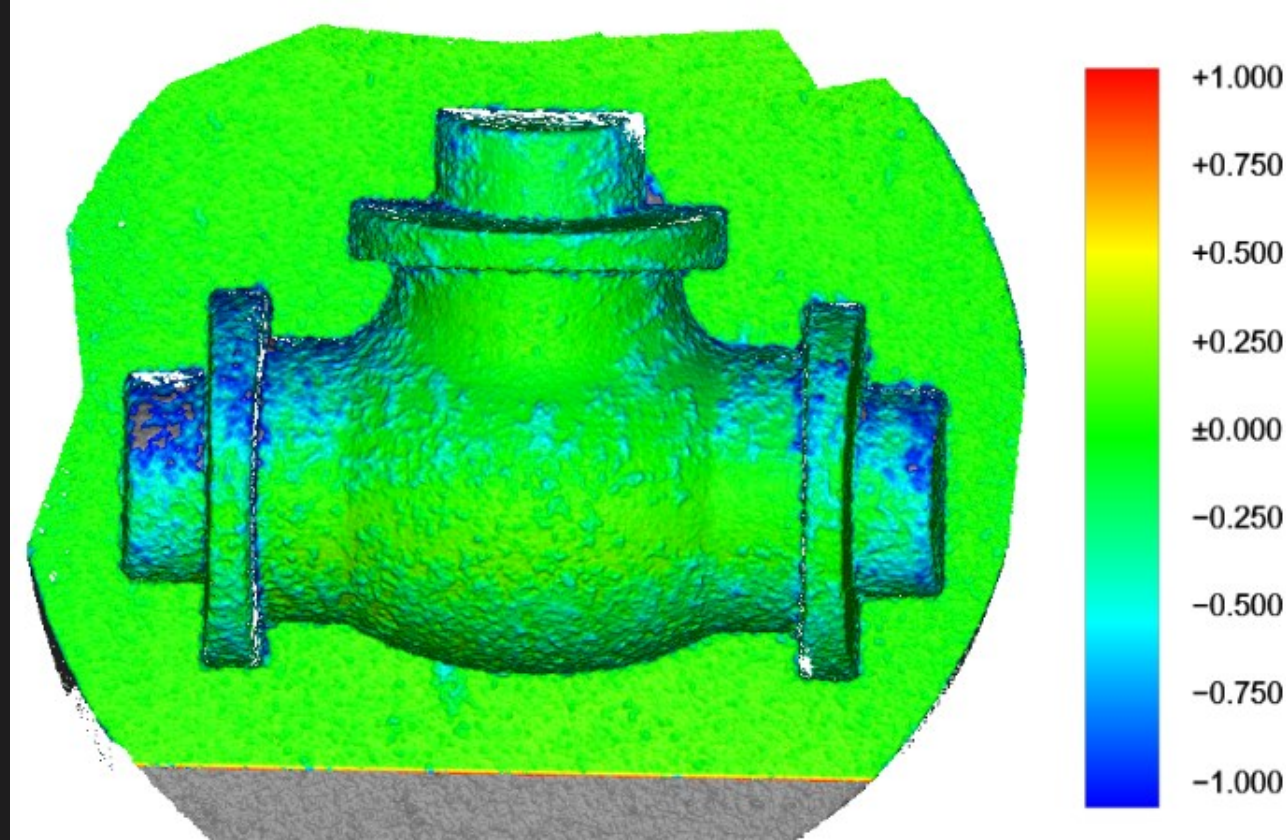
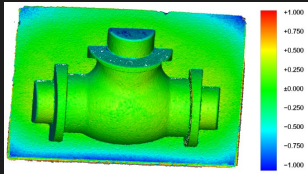
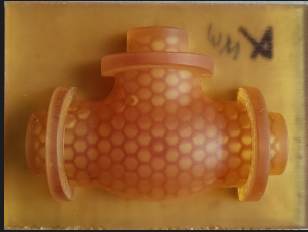


Aluminum Pattern



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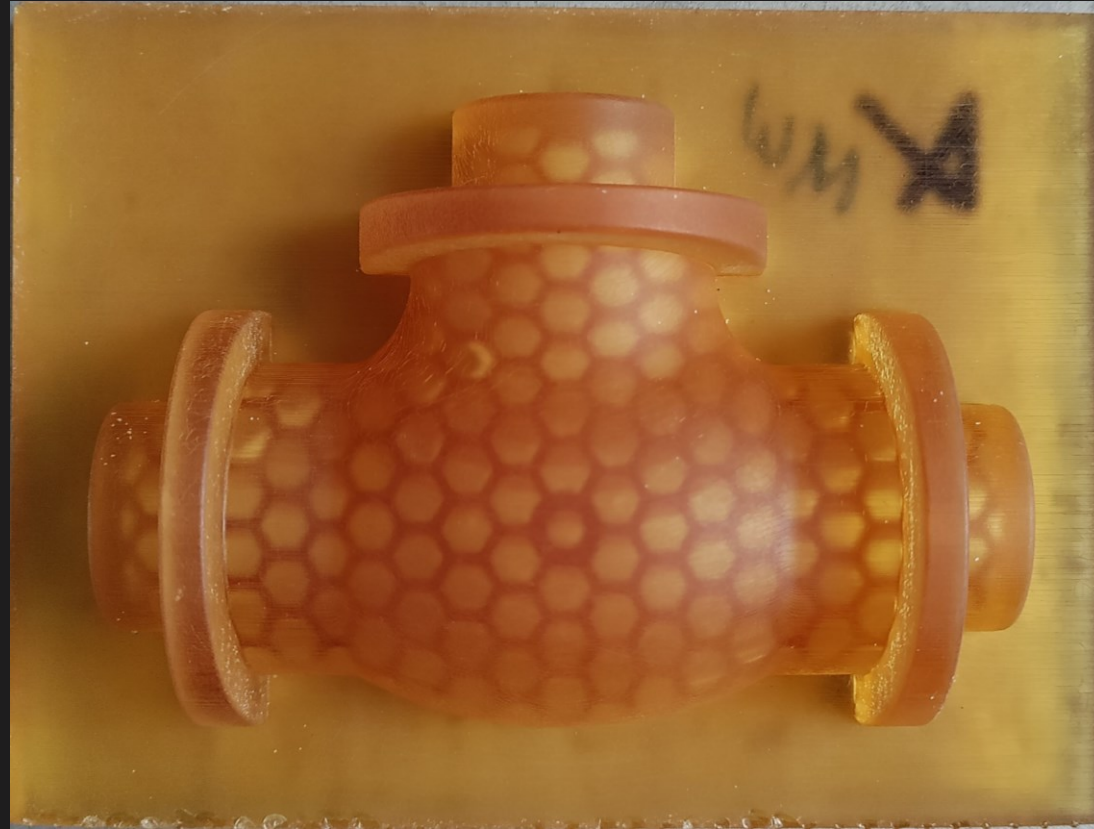
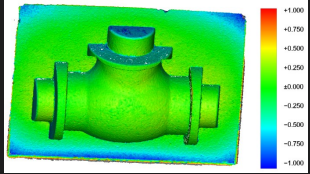
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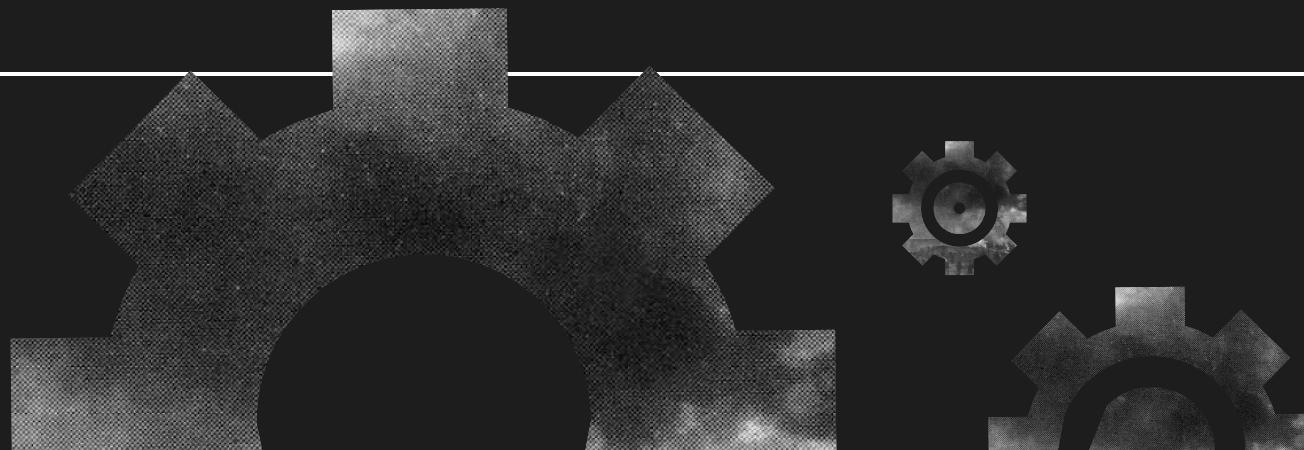
3D scan of a mold made with aluminum pattern



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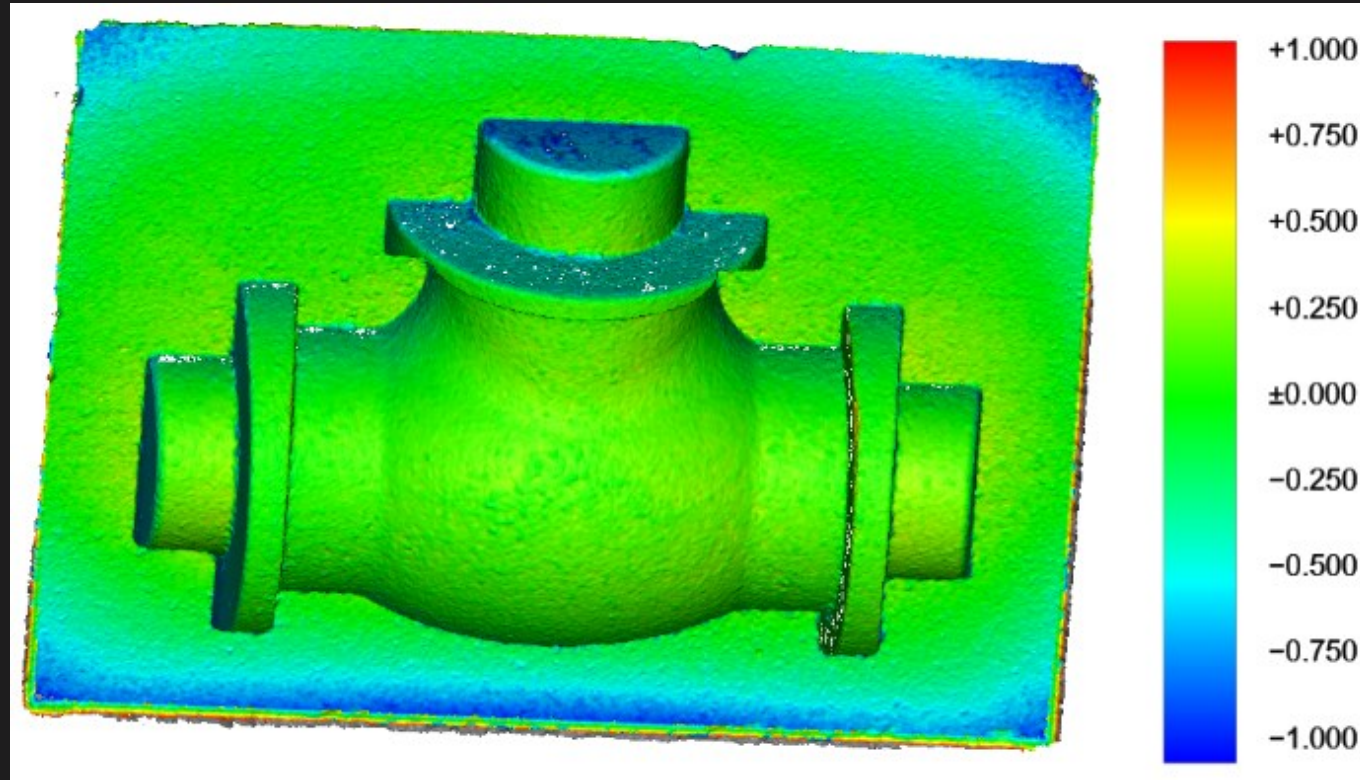


3D printed (SLA) pattern  
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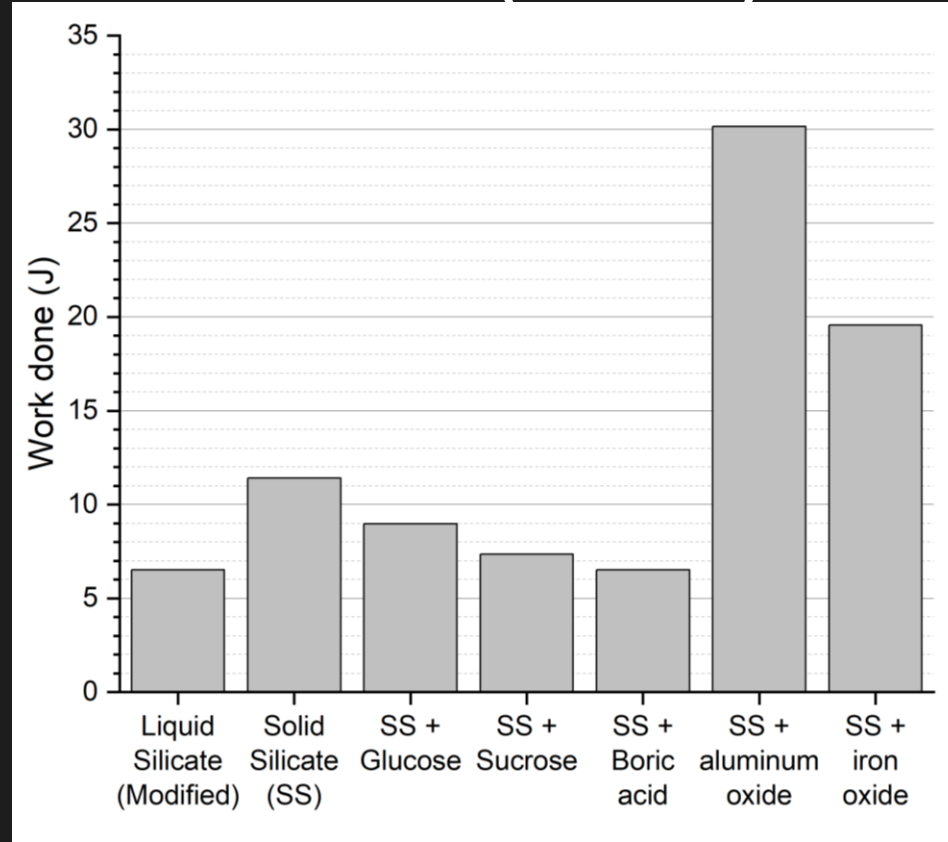
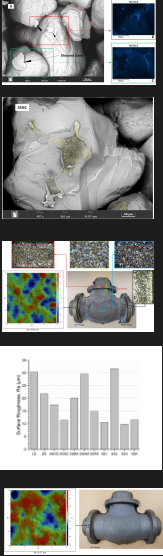


3D scan of a mold made with heat resistant plastic pattern

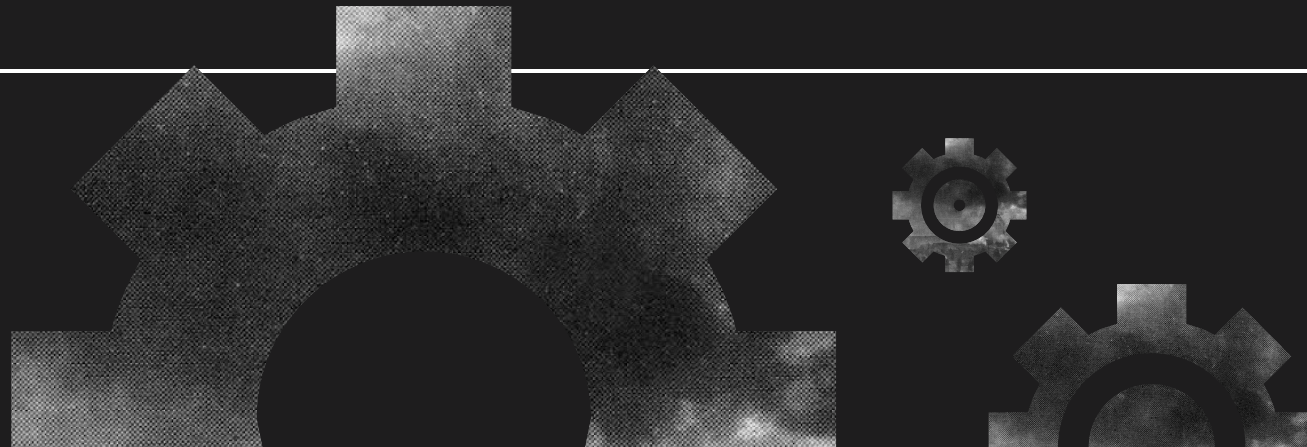


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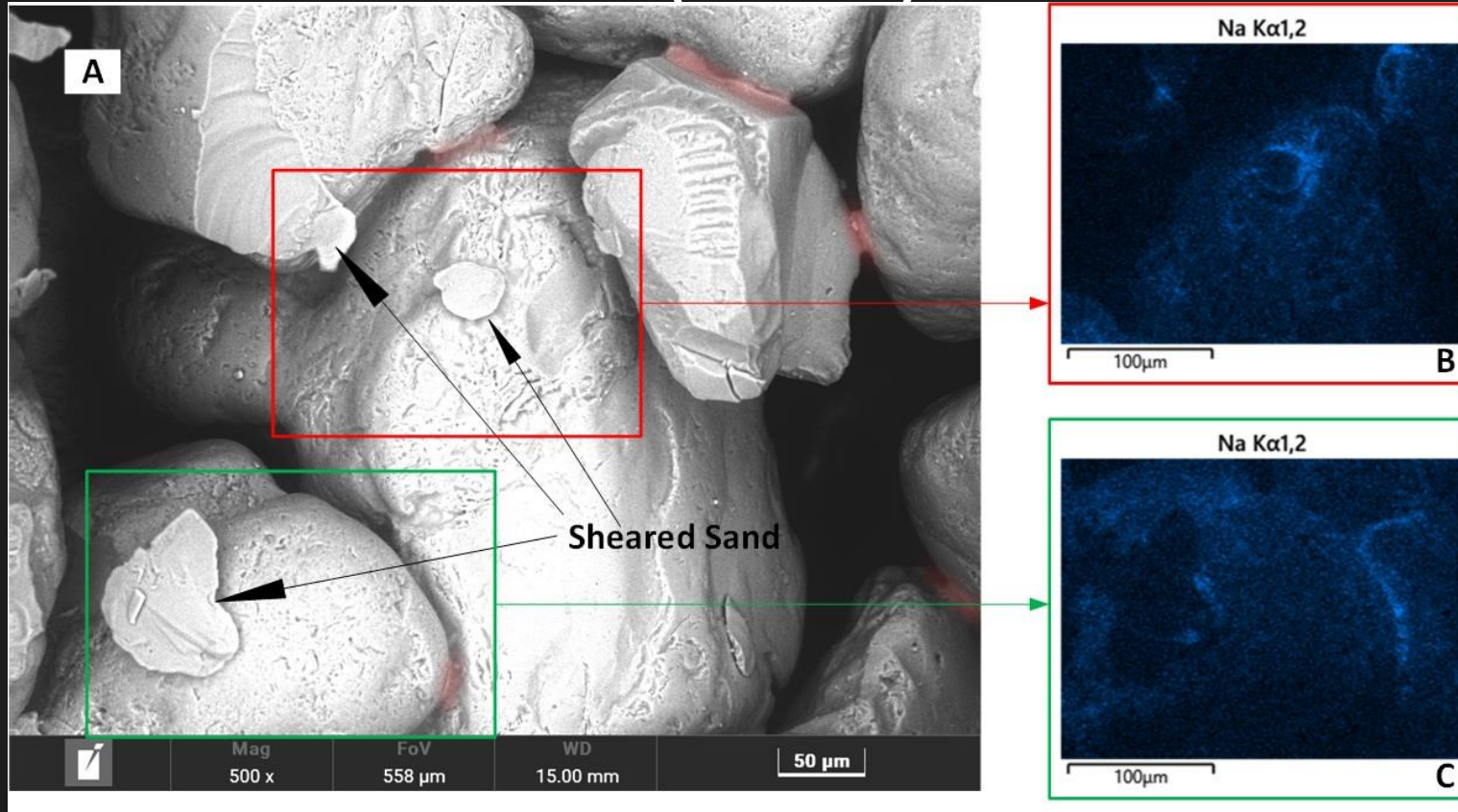
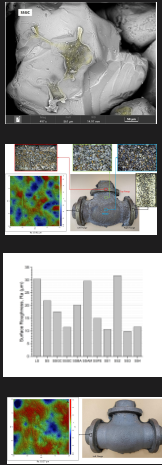


Collapsibility test



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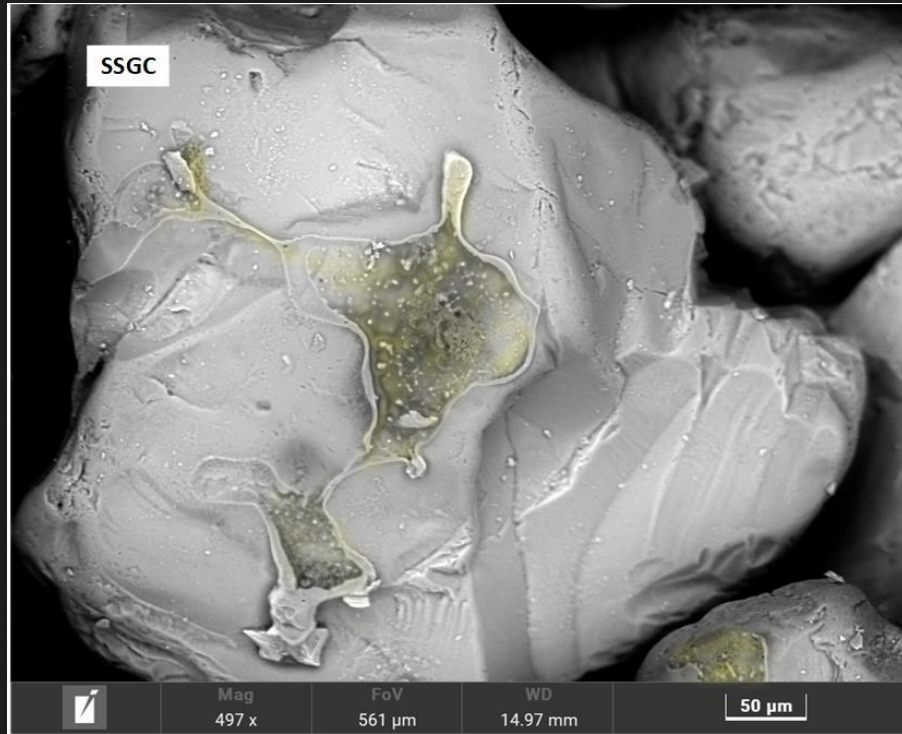
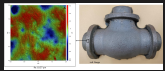
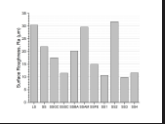
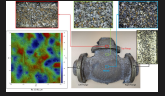


SEM Fracture analysis, solid silicate, no additive

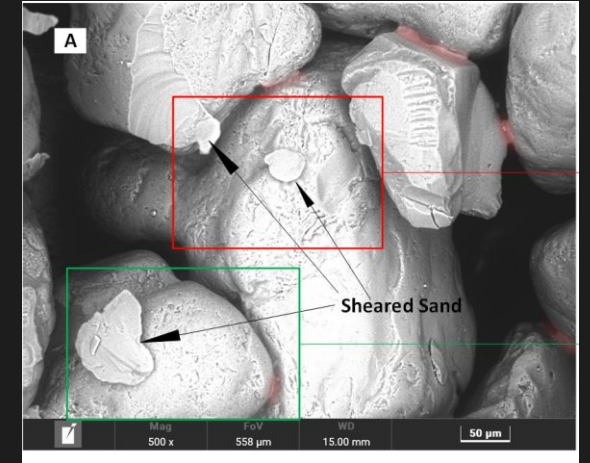


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SEM fracture analysis, Glucose additive



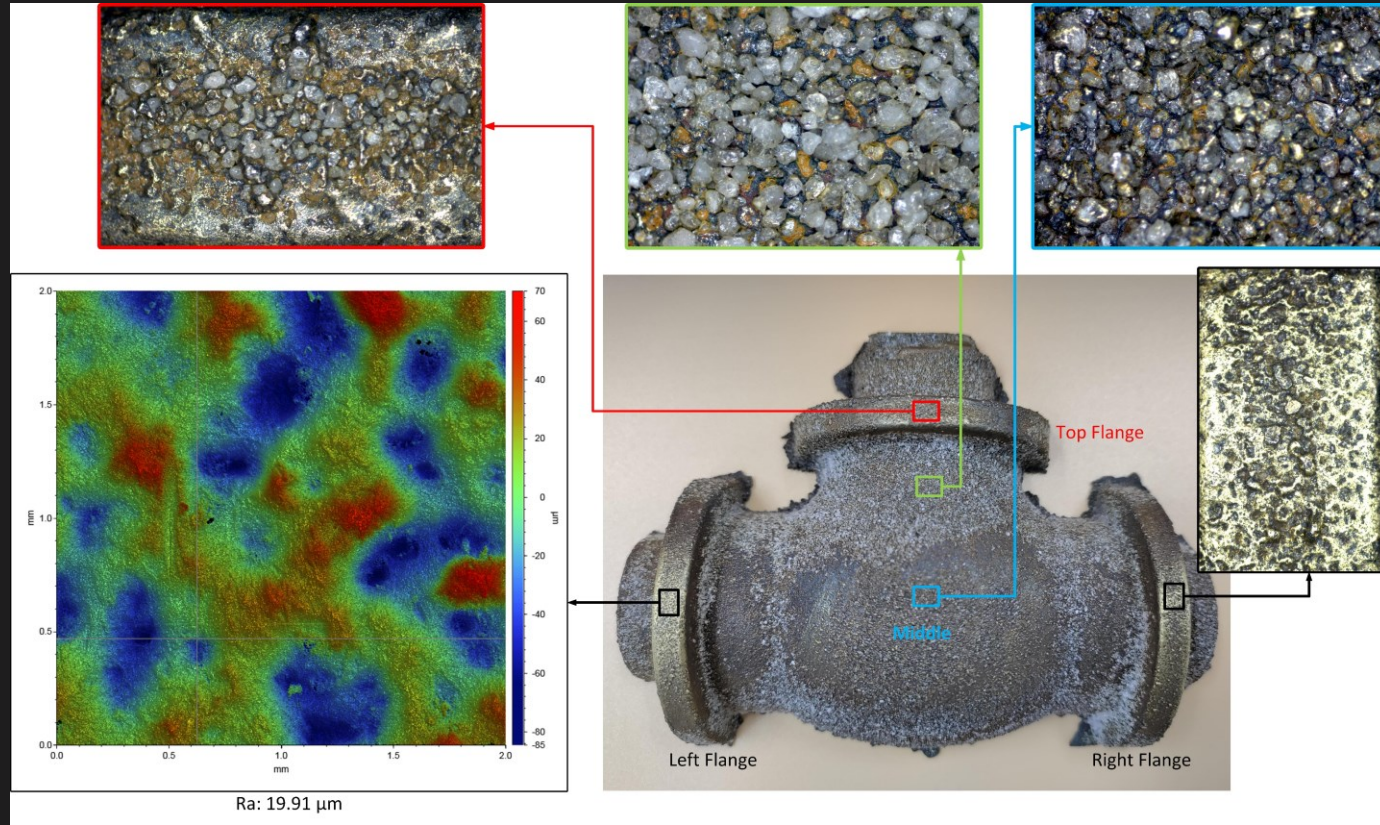
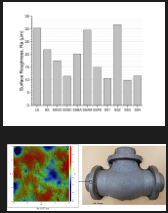
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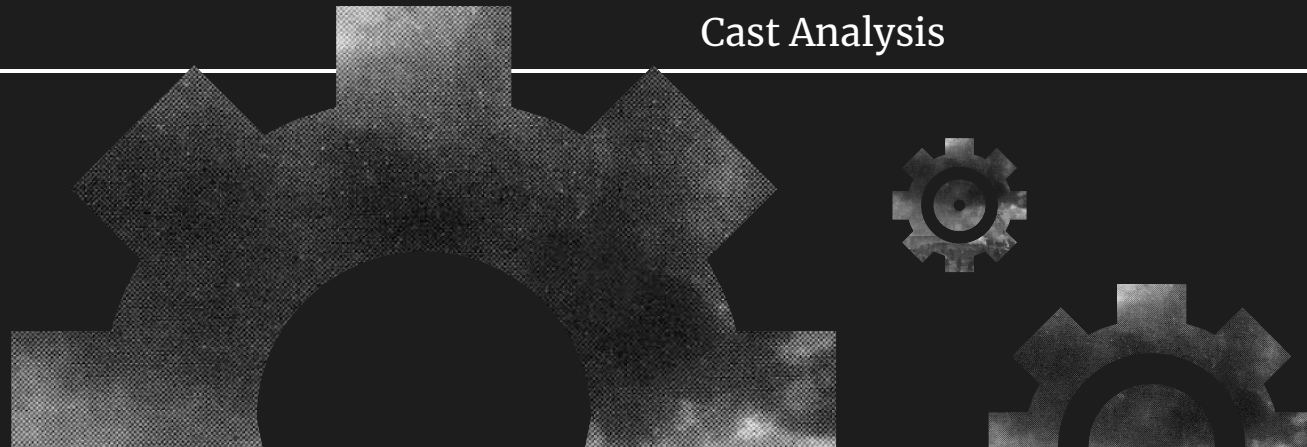
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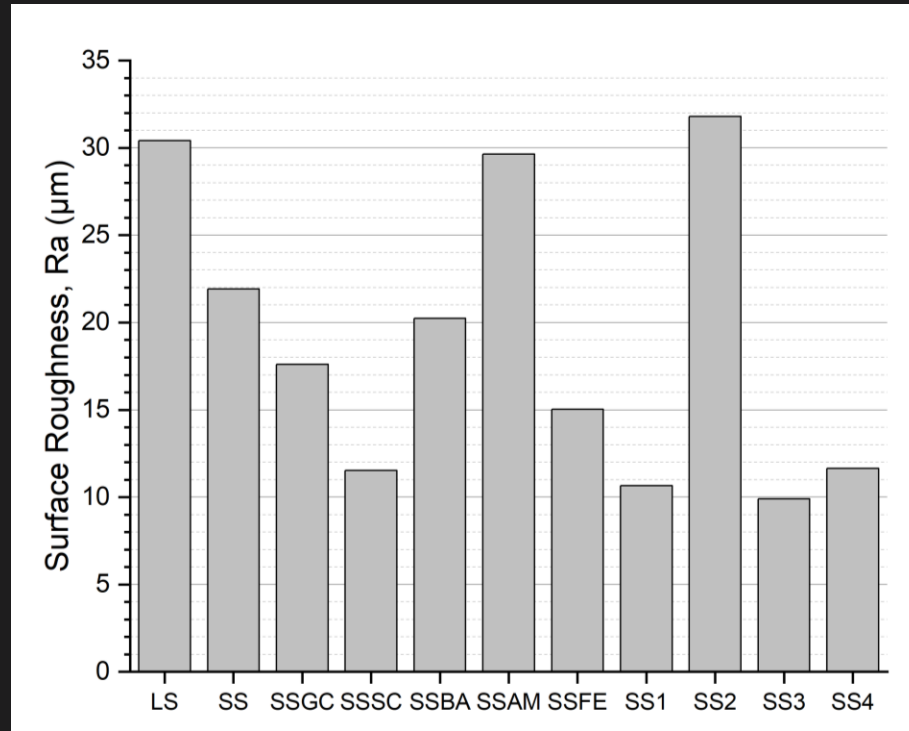
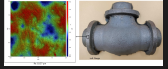


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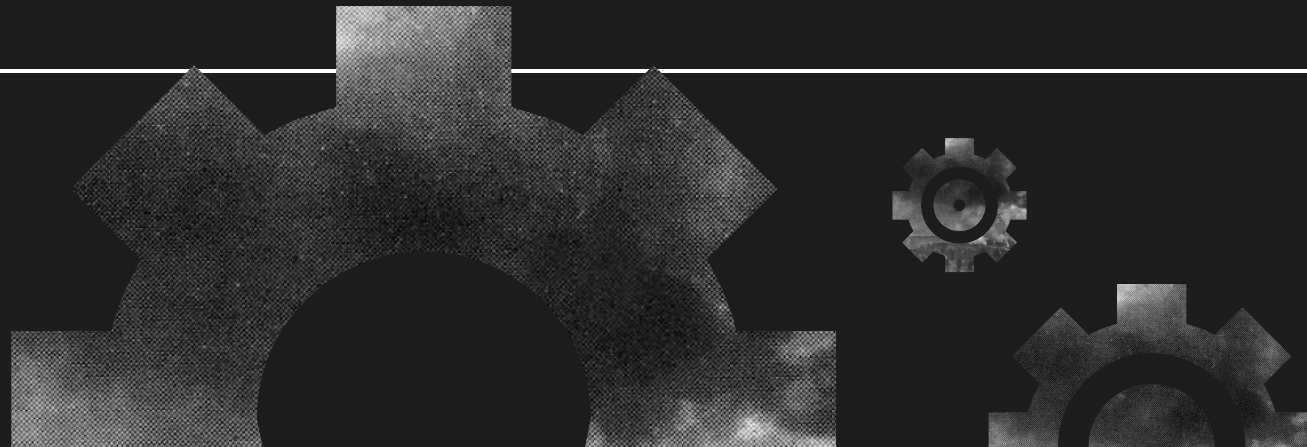


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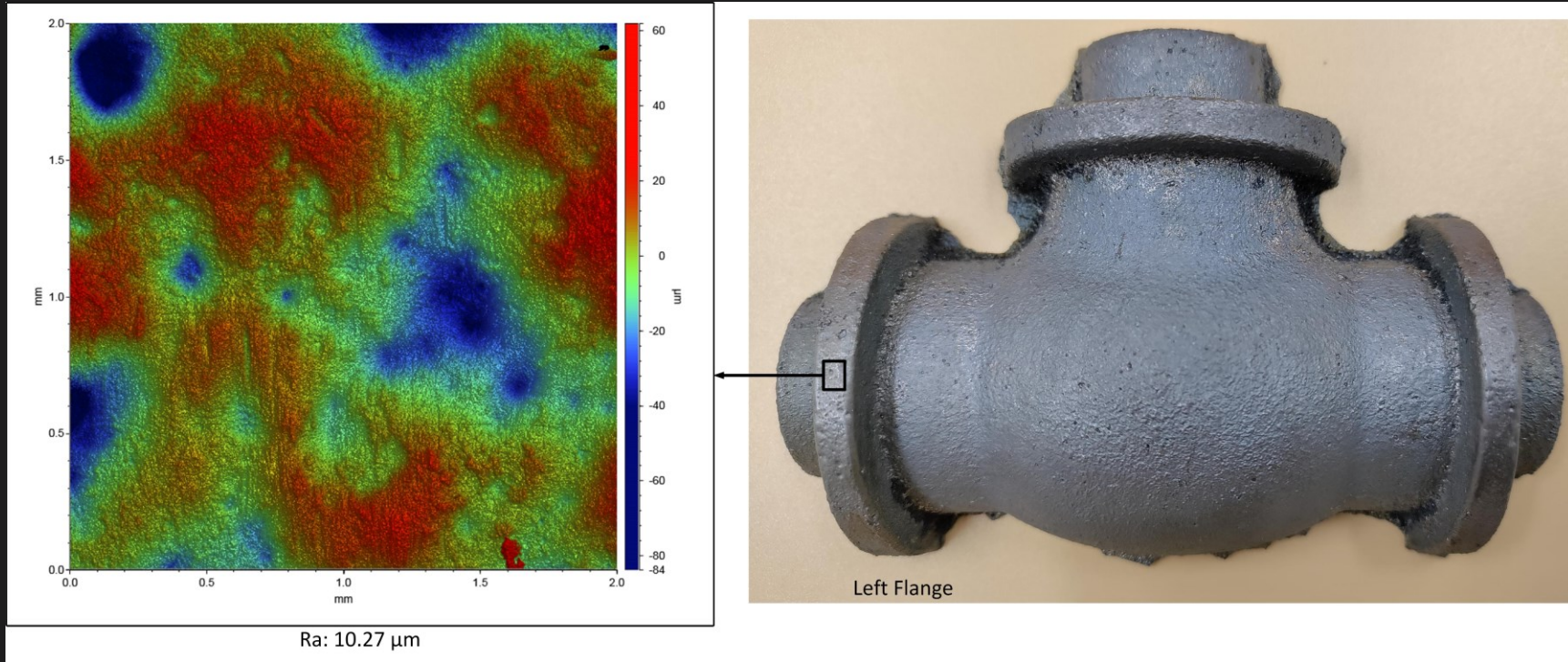
# Challenges and Remedies (cont.)



Surface roughness of grey cast iron



# Challenges and Remedies (cont.)



Grey cast iron, with graphite coating



# Reflections

Summary

Coming up

- Less weight
- Good storage
- Promising molding and casting trial conducted
- Good surface roughness demonstrated
- Additives' effect identified to improve collapsibility
- Great potential to be the norm of sustainable foundry binders



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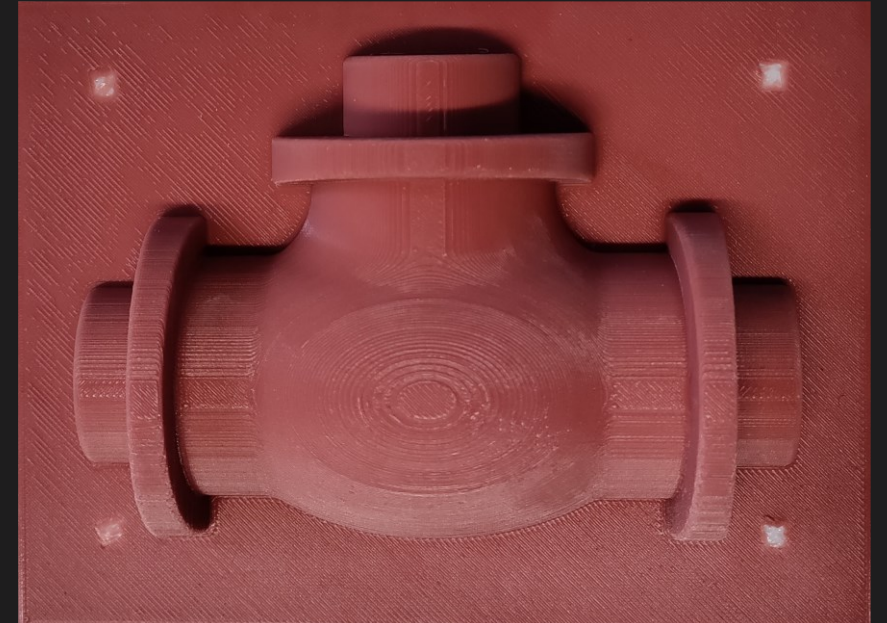
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Shell molding



Other microwave compatible pattern material



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# Thank You!

Questions?  
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