

Fig. 1. Stress-strain curves for Three Springs talc at room temperature and confining pressures shown. The "scatter" band indicates the range of scatter among repeat experiments which applies approximately to all the curves shown

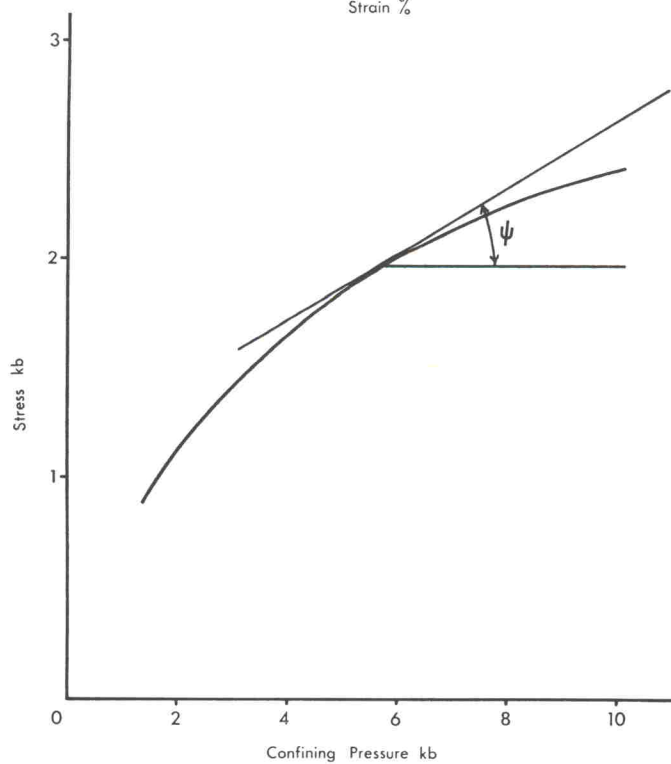


Fig. 2. Stress at 10 percent strain for Three Springs talc (Fig. 1), plotted as a function of confining pressure

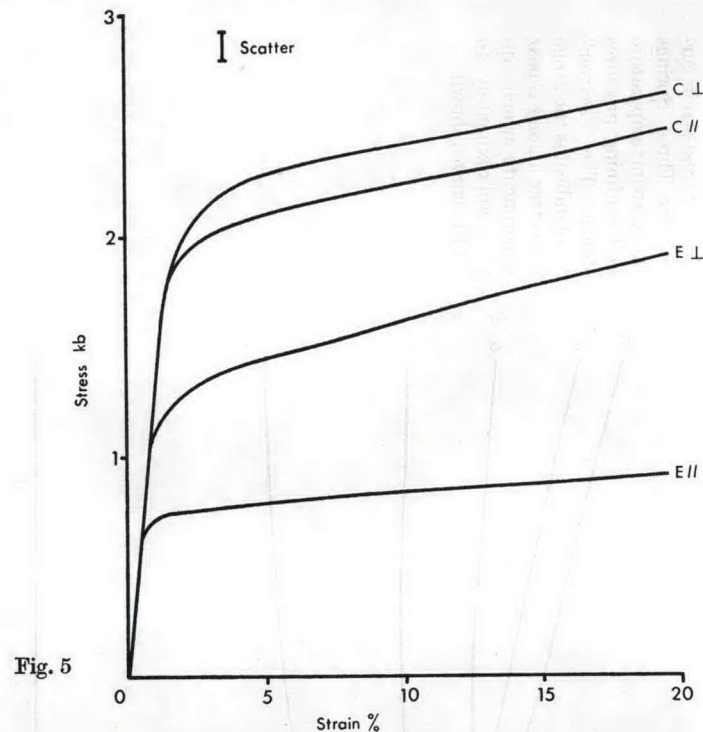
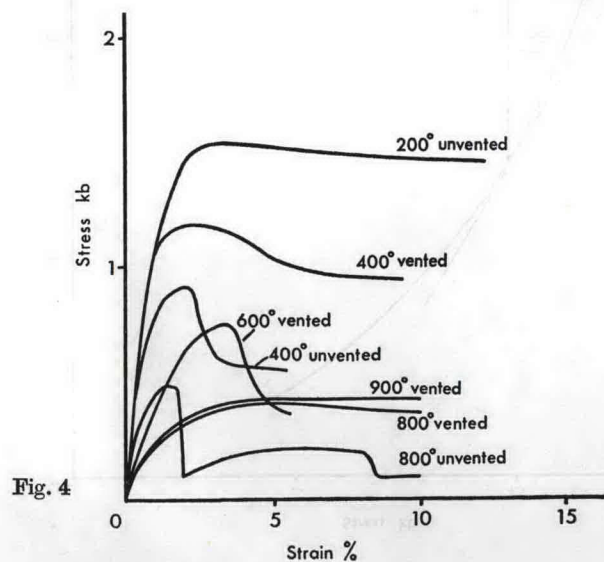
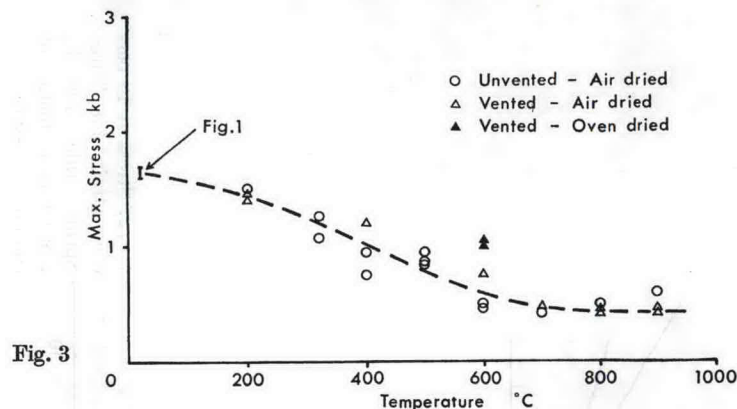


Fig. 3. Maximum stress at 4 kb confining pressure for Three Springs talc at various temperatures

Fig. 4. A selection of individual stress-strain curves for Three Springs talc at 4 kb and temperatures shown. See text for details and discussion of "venting"

Fig. 5. Stress-strain curves at room temperature and 6 kb confining pressure for other talc samples (details in text)