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Recent developments in laboratory testing of geomaterials, with emphasis on imaging

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Abstract:

This presentation reviews some recent technical developments and scientific accomplishments in laboratory experimental testing of geomaterials – with a special focus on imaging. Full-field techniques such as x-ray and neutron tomography have had a particular impact over the last two decades, and allowed the understanding of the micro scale processes ultimately driving the behavior at the macroscopic scale. Two other very recent, advanced experimental tools are briefly discussed: rheography and diffraction. These two modern techniques have shown increasing potential to further expand the portfolio of possibilities of experimental geomechanics, by expanding temporal resolution, and giving direct access to intra-granular strains, respectively. This contribution concludes by outlining the broader impact that this panoply of techniques had and is expected to have in geomechanics and geotechnics at large.

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