

Mechanical Size Effects of Amorphous Polymer Derived Ceramics at Nanoscale: Experiments and ReaxFF Simulations

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ReaxFF reactive force field

Force Field Parameter Development

ReaxFF is a bond-order dependent potential ^{1, 2}, where the connectivity between all atom pairs is modified depending on the local atomic environment during the molecular dynamics (MD) simulation. ReaxFF has shown applicability in various research areas ranging from chemistry to mechanics of materials ³⁻⁵. This feature allows ReaxFF to reliably describe the chemical reaction process as well as the energetics involved. In this perspective, ReaxFF is a prominent tool to simulate large systems that are not often studied by quantum mechanical (QM) methods at a comparable computational cost of nonreactive potentials. The total energy of the system in ReaxFF generally consists of contributions from bond-order dependent terms and non-bonded interaction terms. Energy terms such as a bond, valence angle, and torsion angle contribute to the bond-order dependent terms, whereas van der Waals and Coulomb energies are the partial contributions of the non-bonded interactions. Bond order is calculated and modified based on the interatomic distances of all atom pairs at every iteration. Hence, the energy contributions from bond-order dependent terms vanish upon bond dissociation, while leaving only the non-bonded interactions to be considered afterward. For both types of non-bonded interactions, ReaxFF employs a shielded potential to avoid excessive repulsions and unphysical charge distributions at short distances. The electronegativity equalization method

(EEM)⁶ is used to derive the atomic charges. Further details of the ReaxFF potential forms can be found in publications by van Duin and Chenoweth.^{1, 7}

In general, ReaxFF reactive force field parameters undergo an optimization process prior to performing ReaxFF MD simulations for accurate investigation of the target system. Typically, QM calculations and experimental values comprise a training set and force field parameter optimizations are carried out against these dataset to minimize the total error using a successive one-parameter search technique based on parabolic extrapolation method.⁸ For the current investigation, we developed a new Si/O/C/H/N ReaxFF potential by strategically re-optimizing the CHON-2017_weak force field⁹ with two existing trainsets, Pitman et al.¹⁰ for Si/O/H interactions and Newsome et al.¹¹ for C/O/Si interactions, to adequately address the stress analysis of silicon oxycarbide (SiOC) ceramic fibers and assess the temperature effects. As previously mentioned, the basis of our new force field is from parameters of CHON-2017_weak. While this force field has successfully demonstrated its capability in reproducing the properties of the functionalized hydrocarbon system and the hydrocarbon-water mixtures, it does not include Si parameters and consequently, lack the applicability when it comes to describing any system with Si component. For this reason, we first incorporated the Si related parameters from literatures and then reoptimized them, since the significant parameter correlation in ReaxFF makes it necessary as the C, H and O element parameter changes made in the new generation C/H/O/N ReaxFF force field (CHON_2017_weak) affect the bond order of the atom pairs. Here, Si/O/H interactions such as equations of state of bulk-Si and different SiO₂ polymorphs, binding and dissociation of a single water molecule from a Si(OH)₄ molecule were taken into account according to the Pitman et al. training set. Meanwhile, C/O/Si interactions such as a Si-C bond, combinations of all C/O/Si angles, and the equation of state of the SiC crystals were also included for retraining the force field parameters to ensure proper description of the dissociation and bending energies. Table S1 provides a comprehensive

outlook of the list of parameters that had been optimized in this study. Energy profile comparisons of QM calculations and ReaxFF are shown in the Supporting Information (Figure S1), and the good agreement of these results suggest that we obtained highly transferrable force field that could provide reasonable simulation results for our system of interest as well as SiO₂/water or SiC/O₂/water systems which were initially the target system for the trainset used in this work.

Table S1. List of reoptimized parameters for the new ReaxFF Si/O/C/H/N potential

Element parameters

Atom	Reoptimized from
Si	Pitman

Bond parameters

Bond	Reoptimized from
C-Si	Newsome
H-Si	Pitman
O-Si	Pitman
Si-Si	Pitman

Off-diagonal parameters

Terms	Reoptimized from
C-Si	Newsome
H-Si	Pitman
O-Si	Pitman

Angle parameters

Angle	Reoptimized from	Angle	Reoptimized from
O-Si-Si	Pitman	C-C-Si	Newsome
O-Si-O	Pitman	C-Si-C	Newsome
Si-O-Si	Pitman	Si-C-Si	Newsome
H-O-Si	Pitman	C-Si-Si	Newsome
O-O-Si	Pitman	H-C-Si	Newsome
		C-Si-H	Newsome
		C-O-Si	Newsome
		C-Si-O	Newsome
		O-C-Si	Newsome

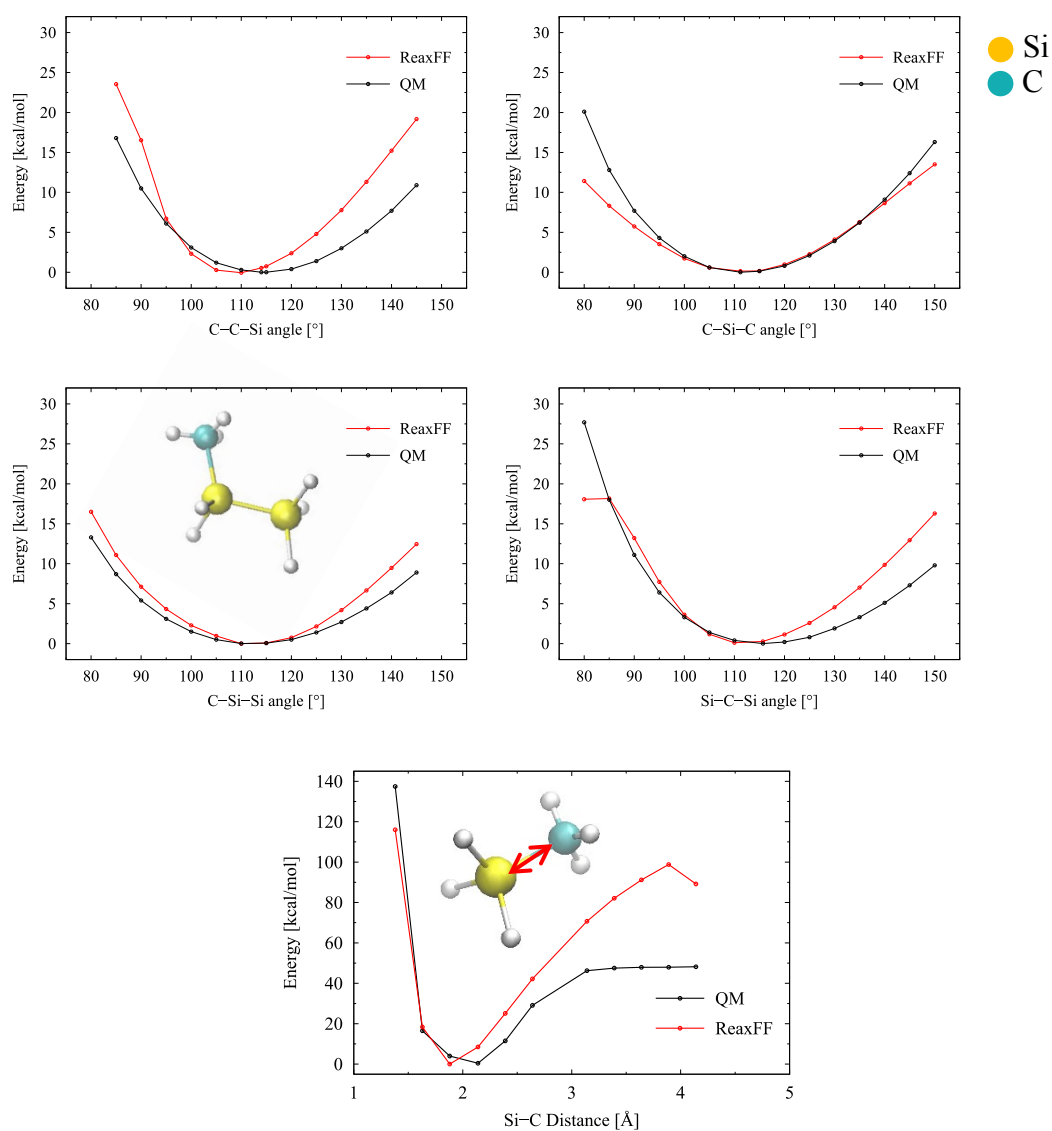


Figure S1: Quantum mechanics and ReaxFF energy comparisons of bond dissociation and bending energy

ReaxFF reactive force field parameters for Si/O/C/H/N

Reactive MD-force field: Si/O/C/H/N_2018

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39      ! Number of general parameters
50.0000 !Overcoordination parameter
 9.5469 !Overcoordination parameter
 1.6725 !Valency angle conjugation parameter
 1.7224 !Triple bond stabilisation parameter
 6.8702 !Triple bond stabilisation parameter
60.4850 !C2-correction
 1.0588 !Undercoordination parameter
 4.6000 !Triple bond stabilisation parameter
12.1176 !Undercoordination parameter
13.3056 !Undercoordination parameter
-20.0000 !Triple bond stabilization energy
 0.0000 !Lower Taper-radius
10.0000 !Upper Taper-radius
 2.8793 !Not used
33.8667 !Valency undercoordination
 6.0891 !Valency angle/lone pair parameter
 1.0563 !Valency angle
 2.0384 !Valency angle parameter
 6.1431 !Not used
 6.9290 !Double bond/angle parameter
 0.3989 !Double bond/angle parameter: overcoord
 3.9954 !Double bond/angle parameter: overcoord
-2.4837 !Not used
 5.7796 !Torsion/BO parameter
10.0000 !Torsion overcoordination
 1.9487 !Torsion overcoordination
-1.2327 !Conjugation 0 (not used)
 2.1645 !Conjugation
 1.5591 !vdWaals shielding
 0.1000 !Cutoff for bond order (*100)
 1.7602 !Valency angle conjugation parameter
 0.6991 !Overcoordination parameter
50.0000 !Overcoordination parameter
 1.8512 !Valency/lone pair parameter
 0.5000 !Not used
20.0000 !Not used
 5.0000 !Molecular energy (not used)
 0.0000 !Molecular energy (not used)
 0.7903 !Valency angle conjugation parameter
12      ! Nr of atoms; cov.r; valency;a.m;Rvdw;Evdw;gammaEEM;cov.r2;#
        alfa;gammavdW;valency;Eunder;Eover;chiEEM;etaEEM;n.u.
        cov r3;Elp;Heat inc.;n.u.;n.u.;n.u.;n.u.
        ov/un;vall;n.u.;val3,vval4
C      1.3727  4.0000 12.0000  2.0270  0.1113  0.5516  1.1706  4.0000
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		pbe2;pbo3;pbo4;Etrip;pbo1;pbo2;ovcorr							
1	1	91.8588	120.2415	50.6788	0.3723	-0.1000	1.0000	34.6637	0.7015
		6.8558	-0.1605	7.9139	1.0000	-0.0719	6.9788	1.0000	0.0000
1	2	185.0817	0.0000	0.0000	-0.4949	0.0000	1.0000	6.0000	0.6864
		8.2839	1.0000	0.0000	1.0000	-0.0847	6.4150	0.0000	0.0000
2	2	165.6186	0.0000	0.0000	-0.4194	0.0000	1.0000	6.0000	0.6197
		6.3245	1.0000	0.0000	1.0000	-0.0879	6.0634	0.0000	0.0000
1	3	148.9918	115.2723	93.5449	-0.6834	-0.3639	1.0000	18.9178	0.6790
		0.4084	-0.4385	7.7418	1.0000	-0.1798	4.9342	0.0000	0.0000
2	3	159.4722	0.0000	0.0000	-0.5725	0.0000	1.0000	6.0000	0.5505
		1.1150	1.0000	0.0000	0.0000	-0.0920	4.2790	0.0000	0.0000
3	3	142.2858	85.0000	0.0000	0.2506	-0.1000	1.0000	29.7503	0.6051
		0.3451	-0.1055	9.0000	1.0000	-0.1225	5.5000	1.0000	0.0000
1	4	186.9647	90.5539	69.0633	-1.7565	-0.1960	1.0000	28.5338	0.1967
		0.0446	-0.3644	6.5414	1.0000	-0.2803	4.6293	1.0000	0.0000
3	4	128.8596	167.8643	40.0000	0.3819	-0.1539	1.0000	34.9972	0.1900
		1.0110	-0.3716	7.0805	1.0000	-0.1265	6.8843	1.0000	0.0000
4	4	160.1592	82.5526	153.9884	0.4110	-0.0934	1.0000	12.4304	0.5899
		0.1538	-0.1473	11.9187	1.0000	-0.0753	5.4371	1.0000	0.0000
2	4	173.4757	0.0000	0.0000	-0.2904	0.0000	1.0000	6.0000	0.6709
		0.5347	1.0000	0.0000	1.0000	-0.1855	5.2649	0.0000	0.0000
1	5	150.8132	59.3363	55.2528	-0.0628	-0.5211	1.0000	18.9617	0.3219
		0.3317	-0.2289	7.5946	1.0000	-0.1946	5.9455	1.0000	0.0000
2	5	143.4377	0.0000	0.0000	-0.2944	0.0000	1.0000	6.0000	0.6034
		9.5627	1.0000	0.0000	1.0000	-0.0516	7.0960	1.0000	0.0000
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		0.4259	-0.4577	12.7569	1.0000	-0.1100	7.1145	1.0000	0.0000
4	5	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.4438	-0.2034	1.0000	40.3399	0.6000
		0.3296	-0.3153	9.1227	1.0000	-0.1805	5.6864	1.0000	0.0000
5	5	140.8887	84.9350	68.6860	-0.4111	-0.4781	1.0000	17.8574	-0.1336
		0.2881	-0.2494	9.8436	1.0000	-0.1806	7.4732	1.0000	0.0000
2	6	58.6896	0.0000	0.0000	-0.0203	-0.1418	1.0000	13.1260	0.0230
		8.2136	-0.1310	0.0000	1.0000	-0.2692	6.4254	0.0000	24.4461
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1	7	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.2171	-0.1418	1.0000	13.1260	0.6000
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		0.7012	-0.2197	15.9047	1.0000	-0.2026	6.4270	1.0000	0.0000
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		0.5000	-0.5000	20.0000	1.0000	-0.2000	10.0000	1.0000	0.0000
7	7	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.2171	-0.5000	1.0000	35.0000	0.6000

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4	8	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	-1.0000	-0.3000	1.0000	36.0000	0.7000
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6	8	0.1000	0.0000	0.0000	0.2500	-0.5000	1.0000	35.0000	0.6000
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4	10	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.5000	-0.2000	0.0000	16.0000	0.5000
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			0.2476	-0.8055	7.1248	1.0000	-0.1009	8.7229	0.0000	0.0000
28	!	Nr of off-diagonal terms; Ediss;Ro;gamma;rsigma;rpi;rpi2								
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1	7		0.2291	1.7500	10.0393	-1.0000	-1.0000	-1.0000		
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1	2	4	0.0000	0.0019	6.3000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	1.0400	
1	3	1	68.7170	6.5547	0.5383	0.0000	2.2753	0.0000	1.8466	
1	3	3	82.6613	45.0000	1.3380	0.0000	1.1034	68.1072	1.6232	
1	3	4	90.0000	18.7269	1.4975	0.0000	3.0479	0.0000	1.0965	

3	3	3	90.0000	25.0984	1.6910	0.0000	1.6310	50.0000	1.0000
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9	4	9	100.0000	10.1065	6.0000	0.0000	1.0000	0.0000	3.6601
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4	4	9	70.0000	30.0000	2.0000	0.0000	1.0000	0.0000	1.2500
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1	4	9	55.0000	15.0000	1.0000	0.0000	1.0000	0.0000	1.5000
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2	12	2	75.7983	14.4132	2.8640	0.0000	4.0000	0.0000	1.0400
3	12	12	90.0000	26.2447	8.0000	0.0000	0.8005	0.0000	2.2967
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71	! Nr of torsions;at1;at2;at3;at4;;V1;V2;V3;V2(B0);vconj;n.u;n									
1	1	1	1	0.3619	5.0000	0.2257	-9.0000	-2.4400	0.0000	0.0000
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1	1	3	2	-2.1885	5.0000	-0.9943	-9.0000	-0.9000	0.0000	0.0000
2	1	3	1	0.8086	63.4490	-0.1261	-9.0000	-0.9000	0.0000	0.0000
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3	1	3	1	-2.5000	9.3090	-1.0000	-8.2407	-3.0437	0.0000	0.0000
3	1	3	2	2.5000	21.4615	-0.0315	-2.5000	-3.0476	0.0000	0.0000
1	3	3	2	-2.5000	8.2305	-0.2363	-2.7513	-2.9498	0.0000	0.0000
2	3	3	2	-2.5000	-25.0000	-1.0000	-2.5000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
1	3	3	3	1.5042	-24.6836	1.0000	-2.5000	-0.9972	0.0000	0.0000
2	3	3	3	0.2942	70.1282	-0.7126	-6.1638	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
3	3	3	3	-2.5000	-25.0000	1.0000	-2.5000	-0.9000	0.0000	0.0000
1	1	4	2	0.7954	67.9069	0.3504	-8.0000	-1.9825	0.0000	0.0000
2	1	4	2	0.4566	46.1133	0.4807	-5.7278	-2.1051	0.0000	0.0000
3	1	4	2	1.0000	26.3717	1.0000	-3.5214	-2.5261	0.0000	0.0000
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1	1	4	1	-1.0000	51.5166	0.1228	-6.5755	-1.6589	0.0000	0.0000
3	1	4	1	-1.0000	14.9858	1.0000	-8.0000	-1.8038	0.0000	0.0000
2	1	1	4	1.0000	0.0100	0.8120	-2.8086	-1.9000	0.0000	0.0000
4	1	4	2	1.0000	51.6090	-0.5000	-3.9390	-2.0202	0.0000	0.0000
2	1	4	1	-0.2342	68.6969	0.1904	-5.3454	-0.0100	0.0000	0.0000
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4	1	3	2	0.0107	3.7120	-0.5000	-7.9280	-3.0476	0.0000	0.0000
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0	2	3	0	0.0000	0.1000	0.0200	-4.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
0	1	1	0	0.0000	50.0000	0.3000	-4.0000	-2.0000	0.0000	0.0000
0	3	3	0	0.5511	25.4150	1.1330	-5.1903	-1.0000	0.0000	0.0000
0	1	4	0	0.2176	40.4126	0.3535	-3.9875	-2.0051	0.0000	0.0000
0	2	4	0	0.0000	0.1000	0.0100	-5.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
0	3	4	0	1.1397	61.3225	0.5139	-3.8507	-2.7831	0.0000	0.0000
0	4	4	0	0.7265	44.3155	1.0000	-4.4046	-2.0000	0.0000	0.0000
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0	5	5	0	0.1291	-5.0000	0.9649	-5.0903	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
0	2	5	0	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
0	6	6	0	0.0000	0.0000	0.1200	-2.4426	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
0	2	6	0	0.0000	0.0000	0.1200	-2.4847	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
0	3	6	0	0.0000	0.0000	0.1200	-2.4703	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
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1	3	3	1	0.0002	80.0000	-1.5000	-4.4848	-2.0000	0.0000	0.0000
3	1	3	3	-0.1583	20.0000	1.5000	-9.0000	-2.0000	0.0000	0.0000
2	3	9	3	-1.5000	6.8333	-0.1978	-1.4683	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
2	3	9	4	-0.6181	7.1542	-0.0047	-1.6577	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
2	4	9	3	-1.5000	1.7820	-1.0000	-5.4916	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
2	4	9	4	-0.1959	2.3626	-1.0000	-3.0702	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
2	1	4	9	0.0000	10.0000	0.3000	-6.0000	-1.0000	0.0000	0.0000
2	3	9	10	0.1589	12.5000	0.4388	-1.5000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
7	1	1	7	1.0657	78.7067	0.6978	-8.4833	-1.7255	0.0000	0.0000
0	1	7	0	1.4891	35.1275	0.8254	-2.8518	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
0	7	7	0	-0.3570	38.0764	0.1676	-6.7257	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
1	1	1	7	-0.1661	19.8637	0.2351	-10.8000	-1.7255	0.0000	0.0000
2	1	3	7	-1.5000	99.6206	0.0516	-8.1129	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
2	3	7	3	-1.5000	-1.0000	0.2523	-2.7183	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
1	3	7	3	-1.5000	50.2166	0.9871	-3.6395	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
7	3	7	3	1.5000	-0.9128	0.0100	-6.2667	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
1	1	3	7	0.0000	0.1000	0.0100	-4.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
2	12	12	2	0.0000	0.0000	0.0640	-2.4426	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
2	12	12	12	0.0000	0.0000	0.1587	-2.4426	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
0	2	12	0	0.0000	0.0000	0.1200	-2.4847	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
3	1	1	12	-0.5740	22.4215	0.8787	-2.7603	-1.1000	0.0000	0.0000
1	1	12	3	-0.5740	22.4215	0.8787	-2.7603	-1.1000	0.0000	0.0000
9	! Nr of hydrogen bonds;at1;at2;at3;Rhb;Dehb;vhb1									
3	2	3		2.1493	-3.8387	1.5230	28.0017			
3	2	4		2.0543	-6.3062	1.4500	19.5000			
4	2	3		1.7500	-1.8134	1.4500	19.5000			
4	2	4		1.8886	-1.8024	1.4500	19.5000			
3	2	5		1.5000	-2.0000	1.4500	19.5000			
4	2	5		1.5000	-2.0000	1.4500	19.5000			
5	2	3		1.5000	-2.0000	1.4500	19.5000			
5	2	4		1.5000	-2.0000	1.4500	19.5000			
5	2	5		1.5000	-2.0000	1.4500	19.5000			

Deconvoluted XPS Data

Table S2: XPS peak fitting ^{12, 13} results for SiOC polymer derived ceramic.

Element	Element Atomic %	Component Name	Binding Energy (eV)	Component Atomic %
C 1s	34.5%	C = C	284.0	35.47
		C - C	284.4	20.65
		C – Si	283.5	7.28
		C – O – Si	284.8	29.00
		C – O	288.0	7.62
O 1s	37.3%	O – Si	532.2	97.12
		O – C	529.5	2.88
Si 2p	28.2%	Si – O – Si	103.0	57.46
		Si – C	102.4	42.54

Elastic Modulus of SiOC Ceramics

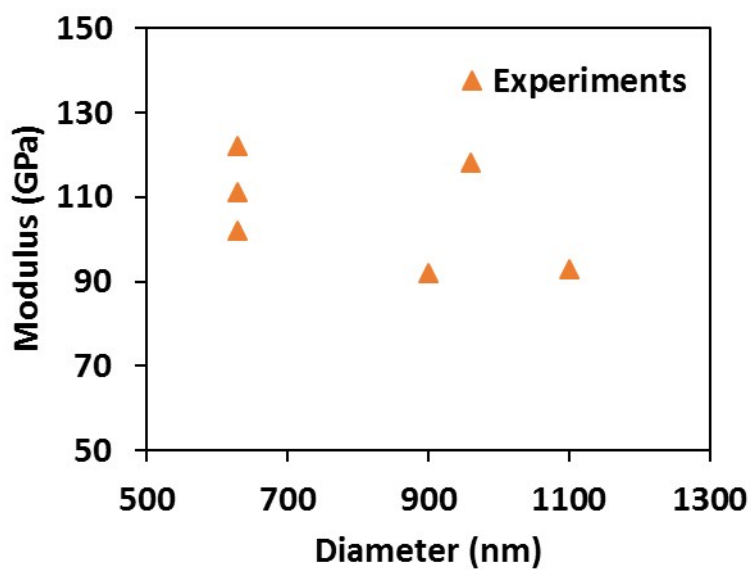


Figure S2: Dependence of experimentally measured tensile modulus on fiber diameter.

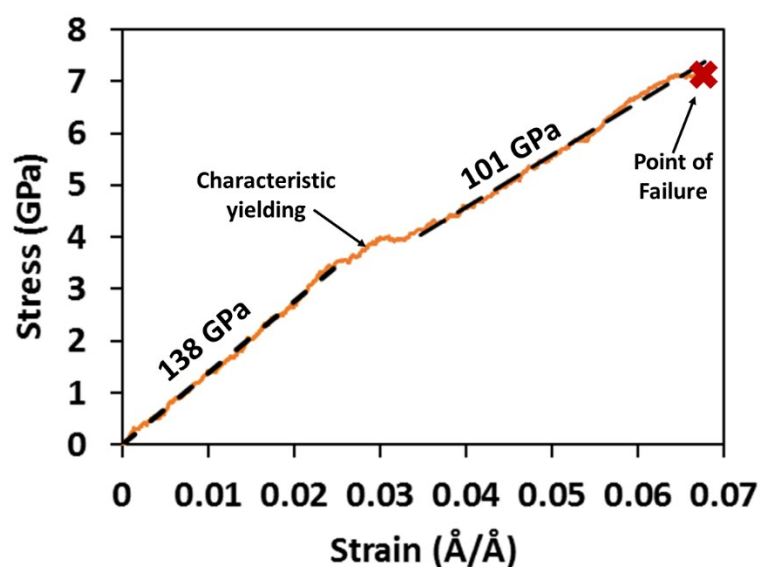


Figure S3: Characteristic failure during virtual tensile testing observed at $\sim 3\%$ at 27°C .

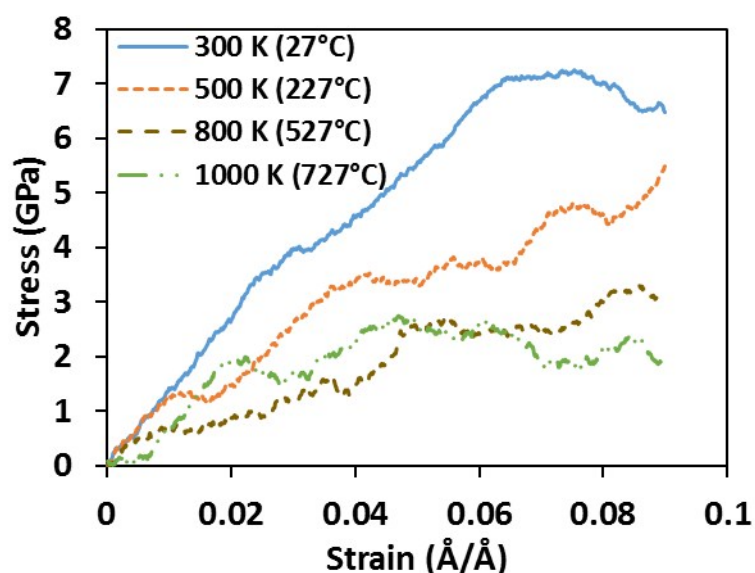


Figure S4: Stress vs. strain behavior of a flawless SiOC molecular structure at variable temperatures.

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