



Mechanical Damage Models for Concrete

From Classical Mazars' model to fully integrated multiaxial regularized methods

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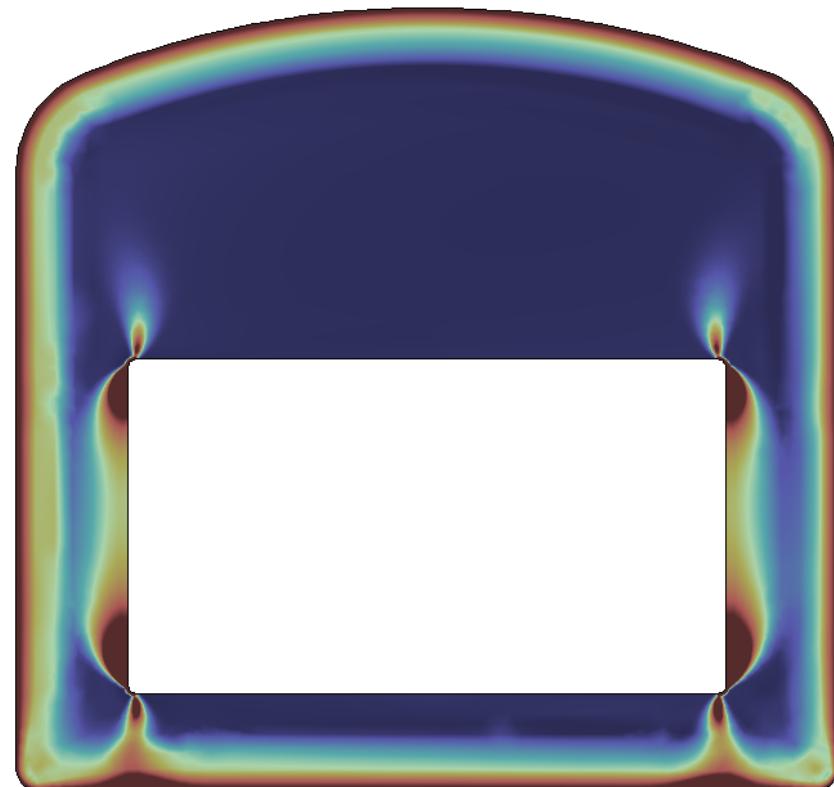
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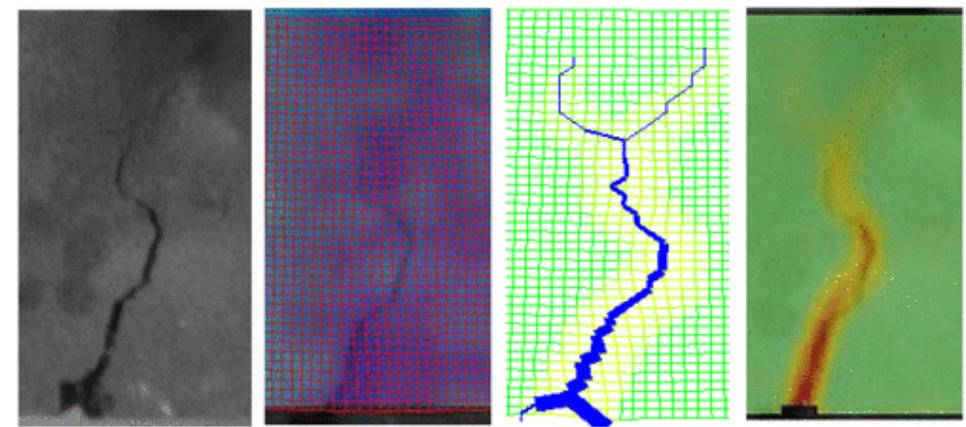
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- μ damage model
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Introduction

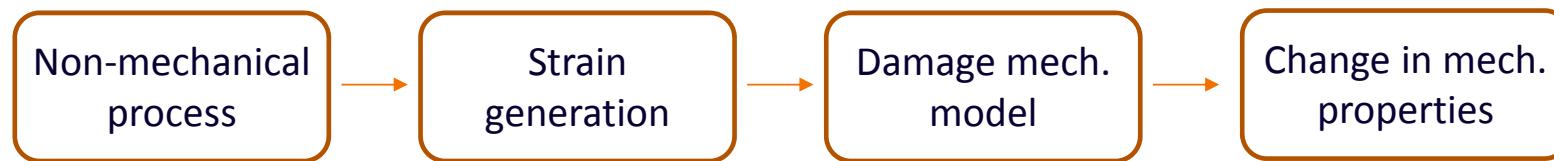
- Concrete structures
 - Damage mechanics
 - Quasi-brittle behaviour
 - Cracking representation
 - Various loading conditions
 - Load bearing capacity and post-peak behaviour
 - Accurate representation through a simple isotropic model



Concrete cracking representation with different approaches

Final goal:

Develop concrete mechanics model in the Comsol interface that allows its coupling with other processes, such as chemical degradation for durability assessment, or moisture and heat transport.



Mazars' damage model

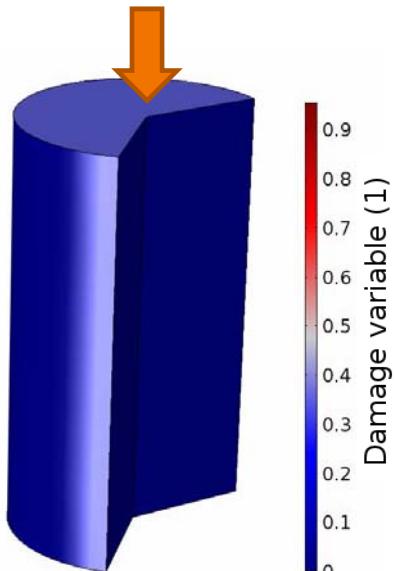
- Damage mechanics theory [1]
 - Based on scalar damage variable affecting directly the stiffness tensor

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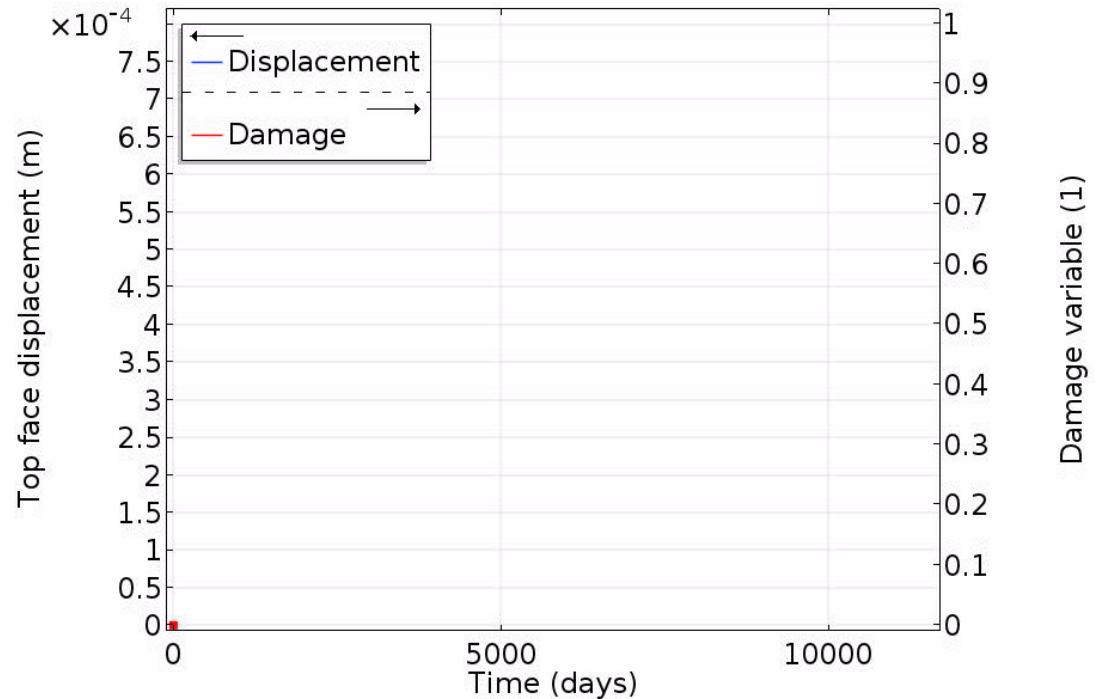
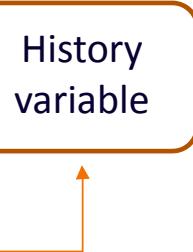
- Stress – strain non-linear relation

$$\sigma = f(d) \cdot \varepsilon$$

$$d = f(\varepsilon)$$



- Mazars' formulation [2]
 - d is isotropic and scalar
 - Different laws for compression or tension stress state
 - Strain maximum values



Uniaxial cyclic loading test. Test representation, damage variable evolution and deformation (left); time evolution of the top face displacement in m (cyclic) and damage variable (monotonous increasing) on the right.

[1] Kachanov LM, 1958. *Isv. Akad. Nauk. SSR*, 8, 26–31.

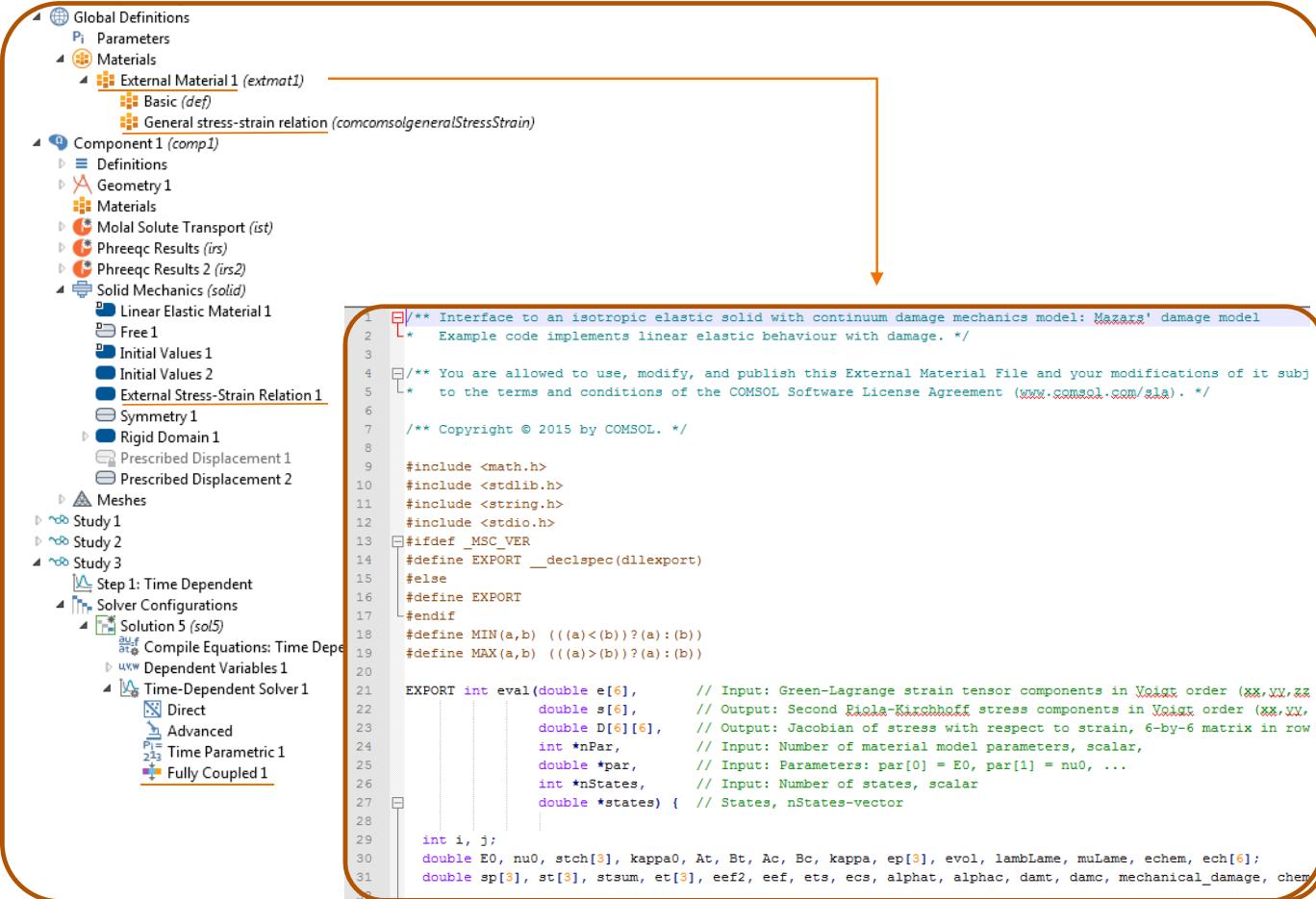
[2] Mazars J, 1986. *Engineering Fracture Mech.*, 25(5–6), 729–737.

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 - Comsol post by Ed Gonzalez (2015) [1]
 - Any constitutive model can be programmed
- Built-in implementation
 - 2 History variables storage
 - Domain Ordinary Differential Equations
 - Specific solver configuration

2 additional degrees
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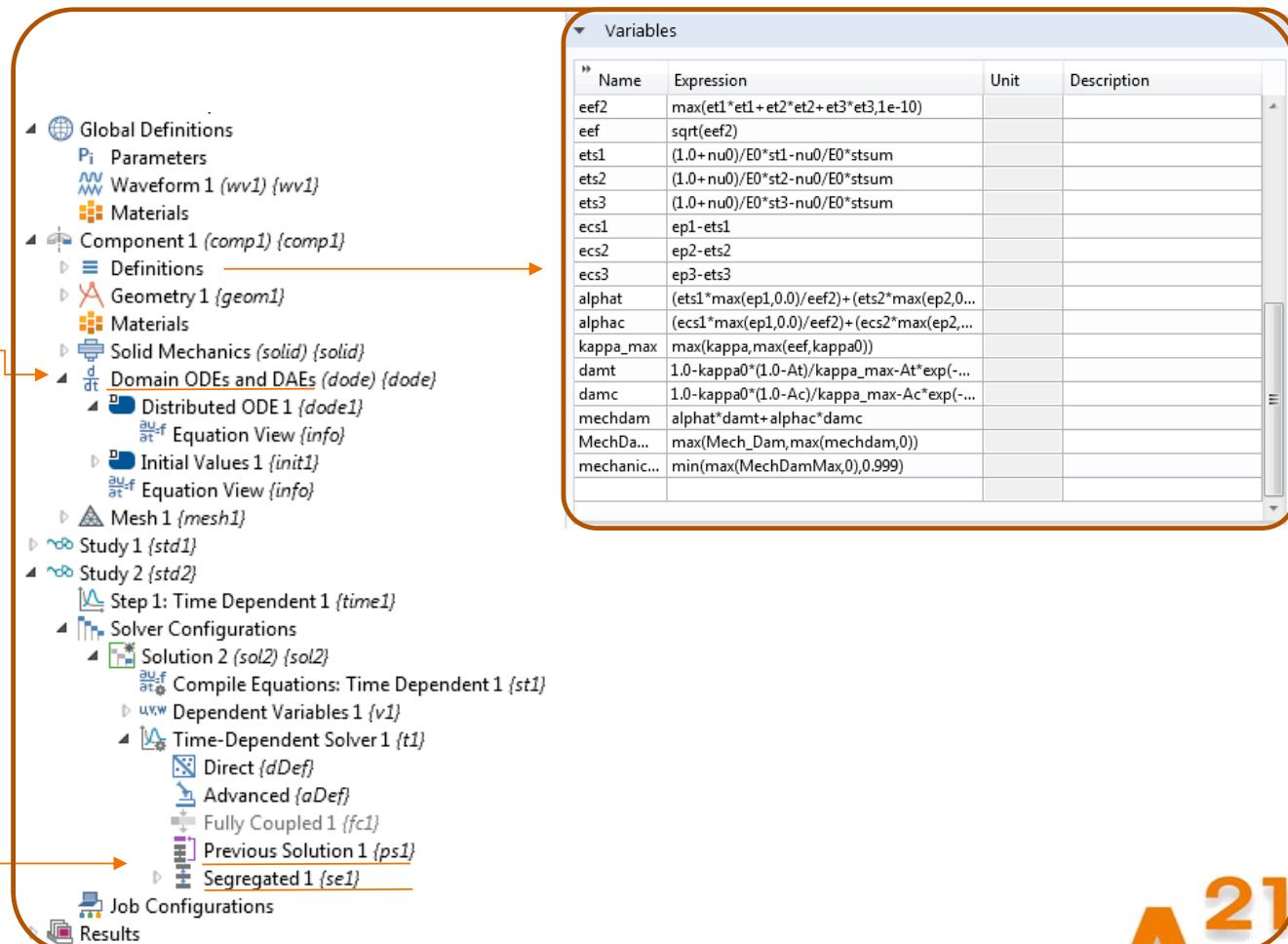
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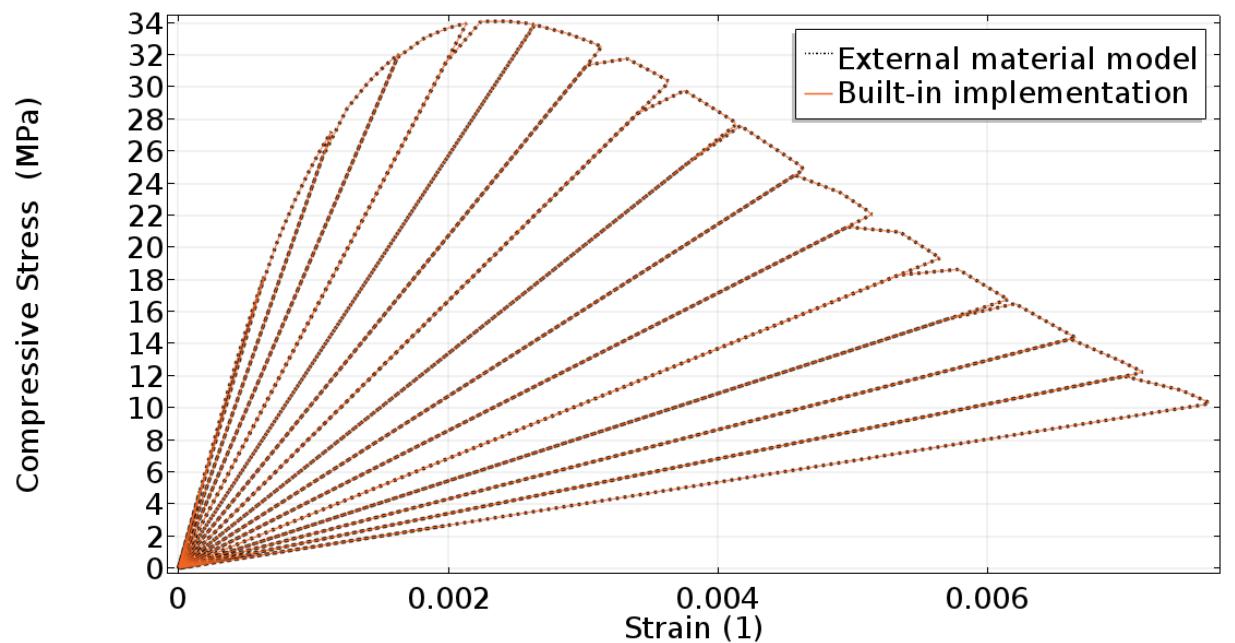
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- Advantages
 - Fully coupling with other constitutive models
 - Fully coupling with other physics
 - Variables availability (pre/post-process)
 - Easier adjustment or reformulation (compilation avoided)
- Drawback
 - Increased model complexity (DOF's and solvers)



Results of the verification (uniaxial compression) test in terms of stress-strain curves using two different damage model implementations.

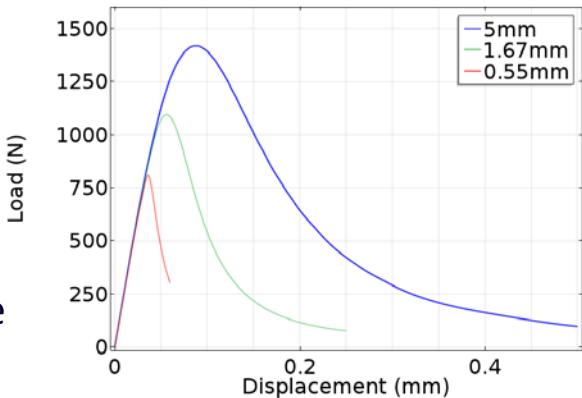
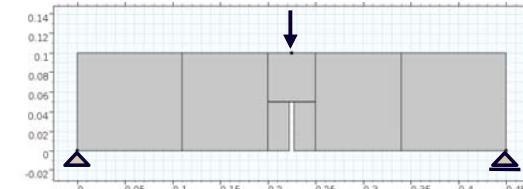
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Regularization method – Gradient enhanced formulation

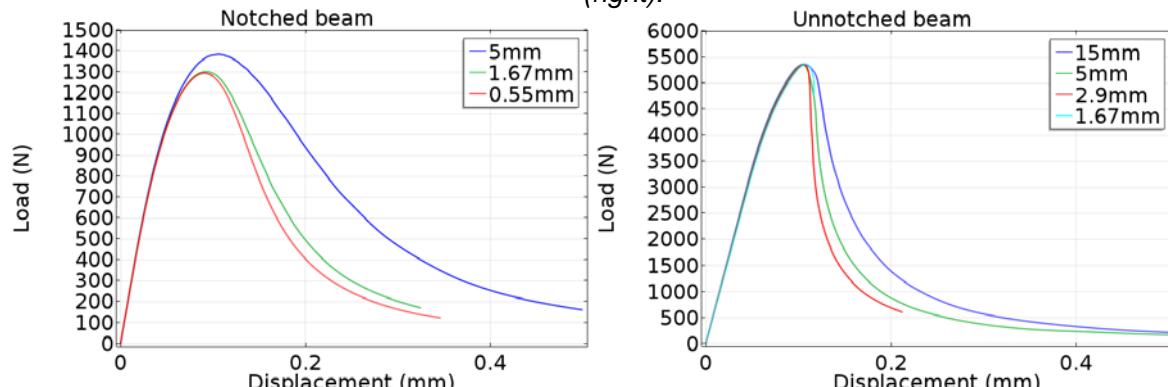
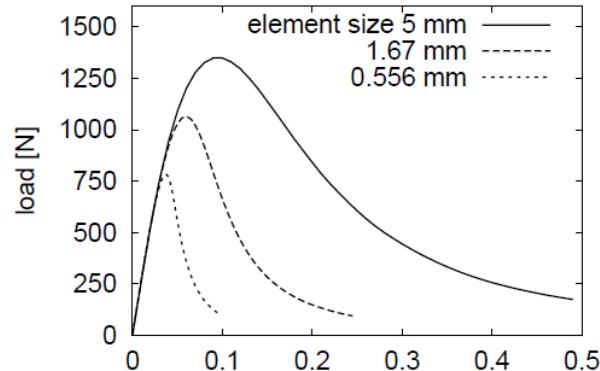
- Implicit gradient formulation [1 ; 2]:
 - Implemented as a Helmholtz differential equation
- $$\bar{\varepsilon} - l^2 \nabla^2 \bar{\varepsilon} = \tilde{\varepsilon}$$
- Local equivalent strain $\tilde{\varepsilon}$
 - Non-local equiv. strain $\bar{\varepsilon}$
 - characteristic length l (m)
- Three-point bending tests of notched and unnotched concrete beams modelled with the regularized and non-regularized models

Mechanical parameters and damage model parameters

Parameters	Notched	Unnotched
E_0 (GPa)	20	
ν_0	0.2	
ε_0	$1.2 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$0.9 \cdot 10^{-4}$
ε_f^*	0.007	0.003
A_c	1.09	
B_c	1500	
l (mm)	0.6	1.0



Results of the Comsol model for different mesh refinements (left), results from [3] (right).



Results of the Comsol regularized damage model for different mesh refinements.

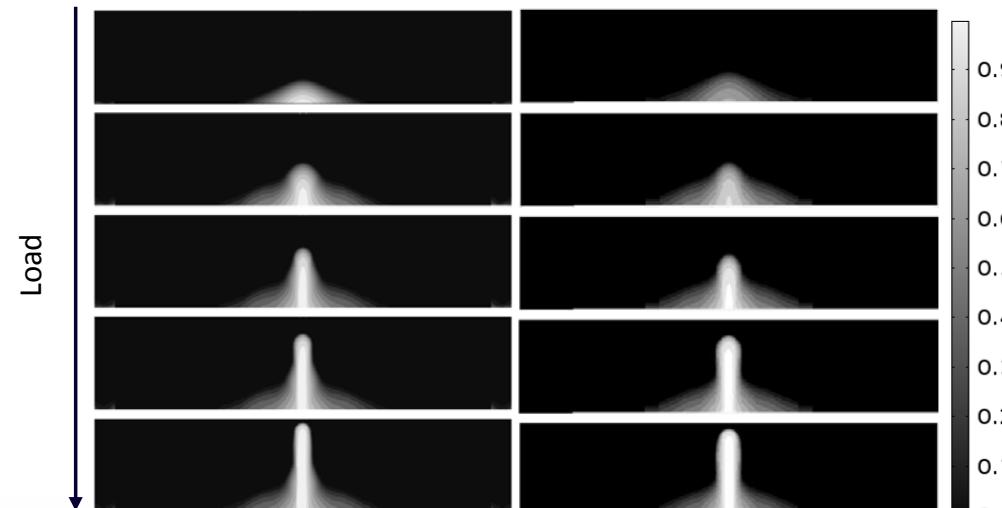
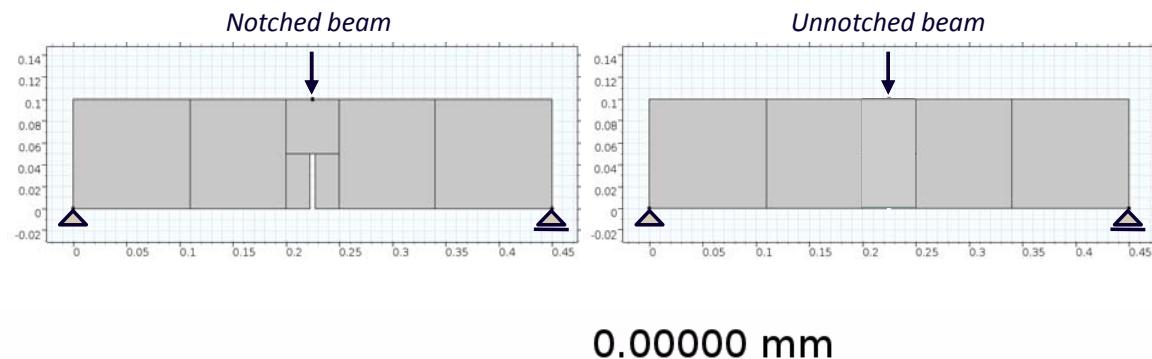
[1] Peerlings R H J et al., 1996. Int. J. for Num. Meth. Engng., 39, 3391-3403.

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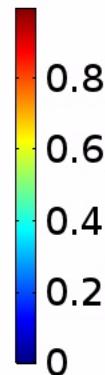
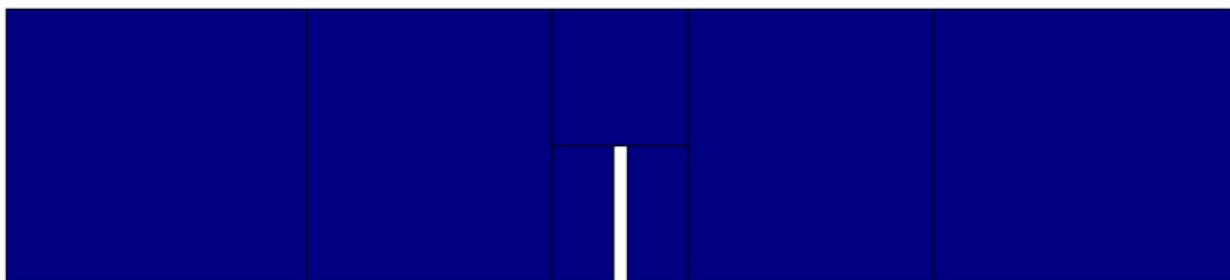
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Regularization method – Gradient enhanced formulation

- Comparison with results presented in [1]
 - Damage variable evolution



Mechanical damage evolution in Comsol (left) and results from [1] (right).

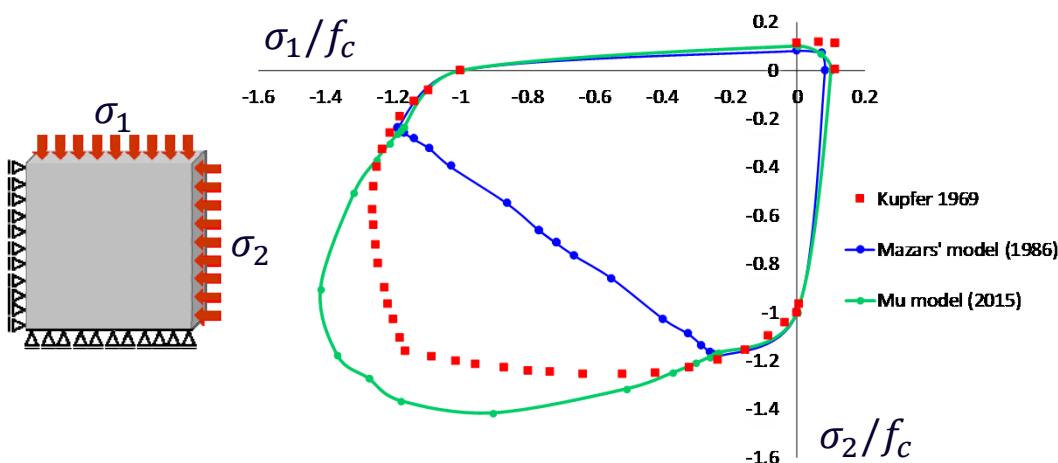


Evolution of mechanical damage as a function of the imposed displacement in the top face center point

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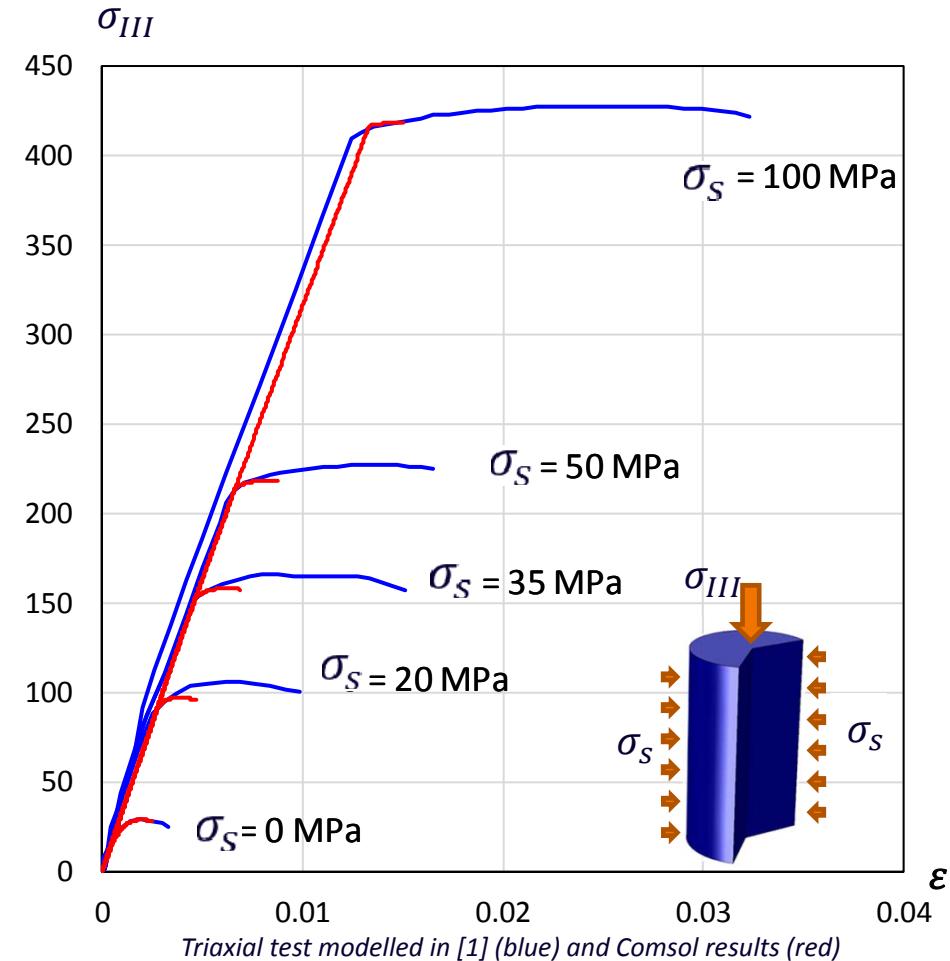
μ damage model

- Improvements of the formulation presented in [1]:
 - Two principal models:
 - Cracking in tensile state
 - Crushing in compressive state
 - Good representation of cyclic loading paths
 - Behaviour under biaxial compression
 - Behaviour under triaxial (EA) compression



Biaxial loading tests from [2], model results for classical and μ damage models

[1] Mazars J, Hamon F, Grange S, 2015. Materials and Structures, 48, 3779–3793.



Conclusions

- The data:
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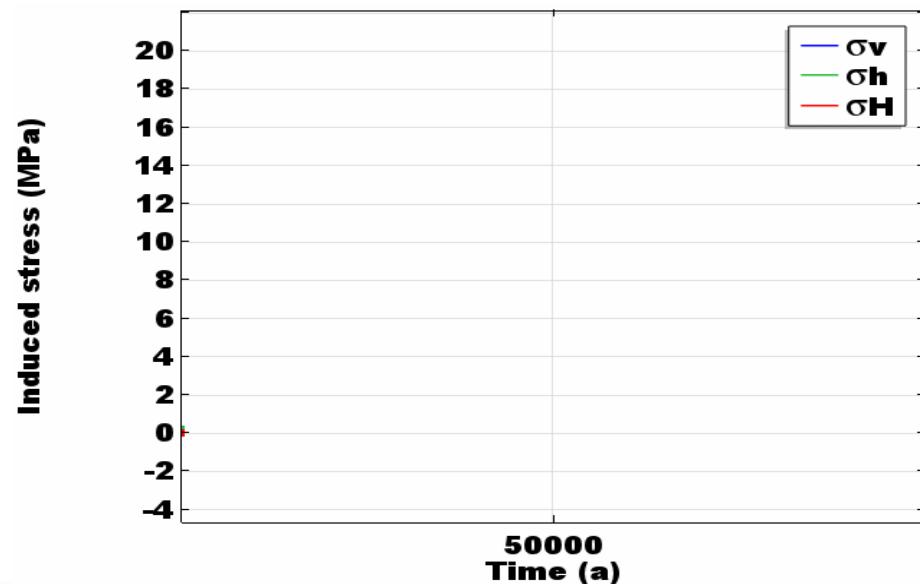
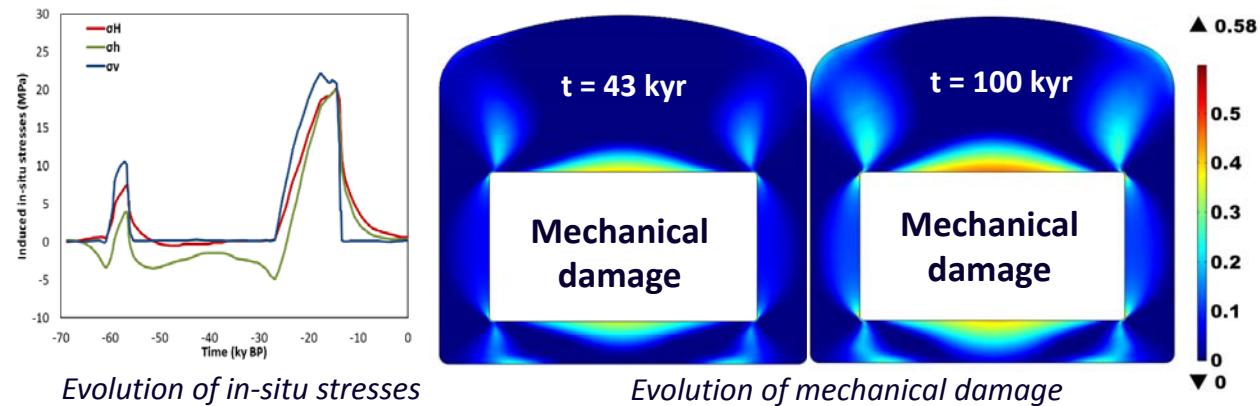
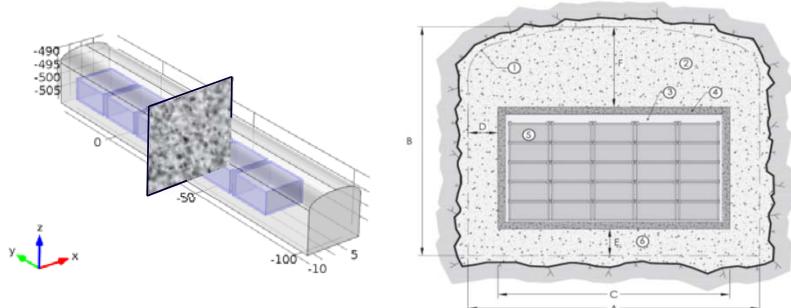
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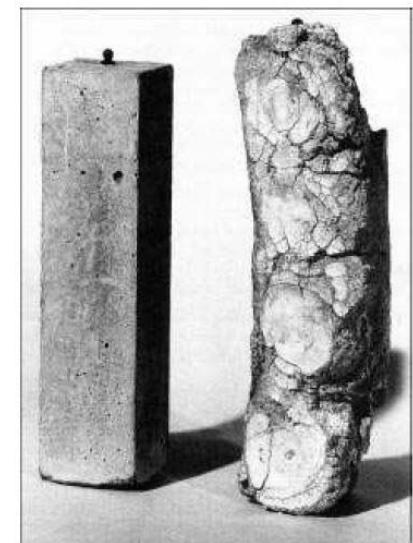
Application case – Glaciation

- Deep geological repository for nuclear waste

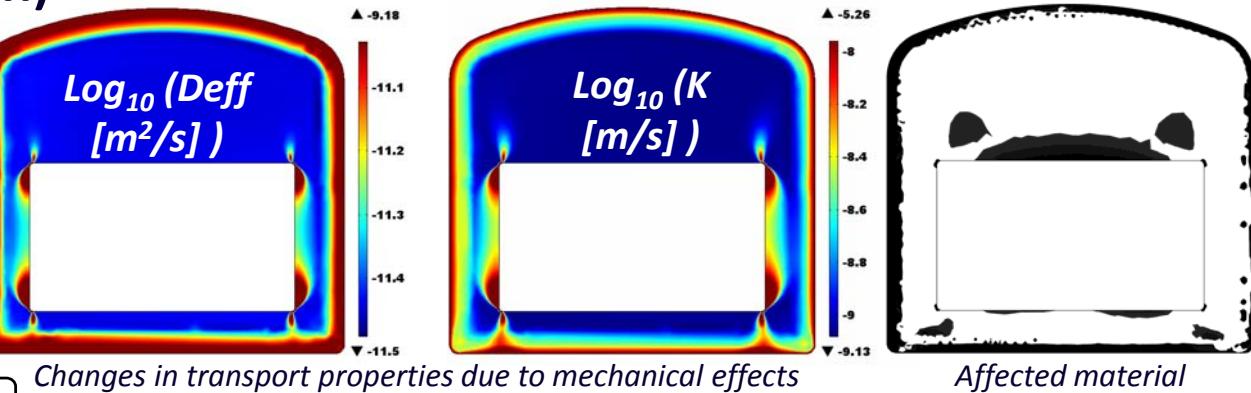
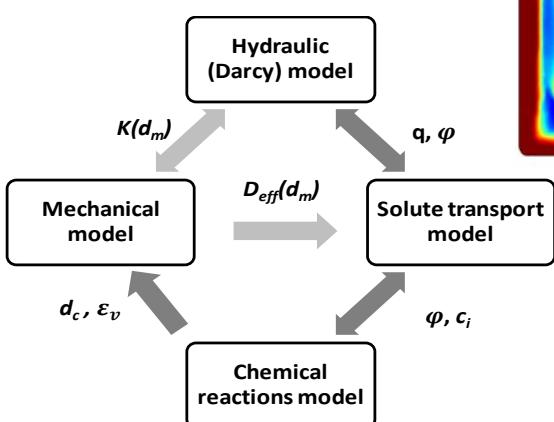


Application case – Sulphate attack (HCM)

- The concrete damage model presented:
 - Completely built-in Comsol interface

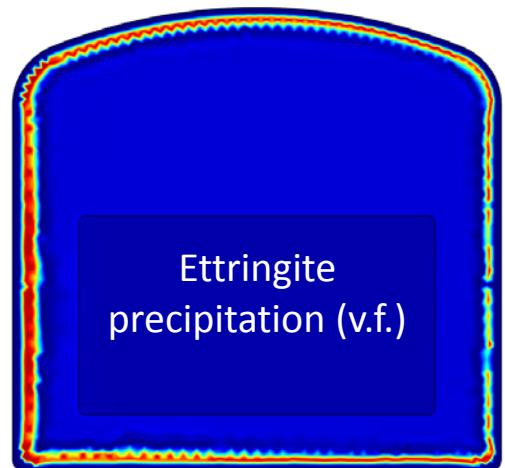


4.1 Conventional sulfate attack, associated with expansive ettringite in a concrete prism (RHS) and non-degraded control prism (LHS). I reproduced from CEB Design Guide, *Durable Concrete Structure* Thomas Telford, 1989.

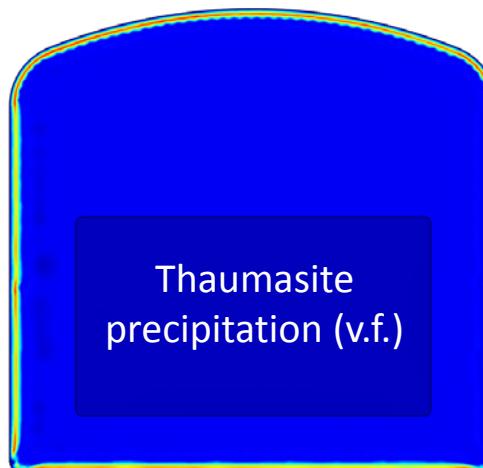


Changes in transport properties due to mechanical effects

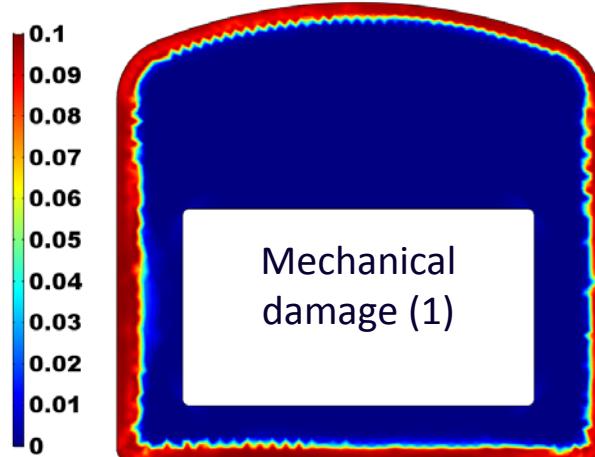
Affected material



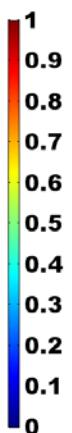
Ettringite precipitation (v.f.)



Thaumasite precipitation (v.f.)



Mechanical damage (1)



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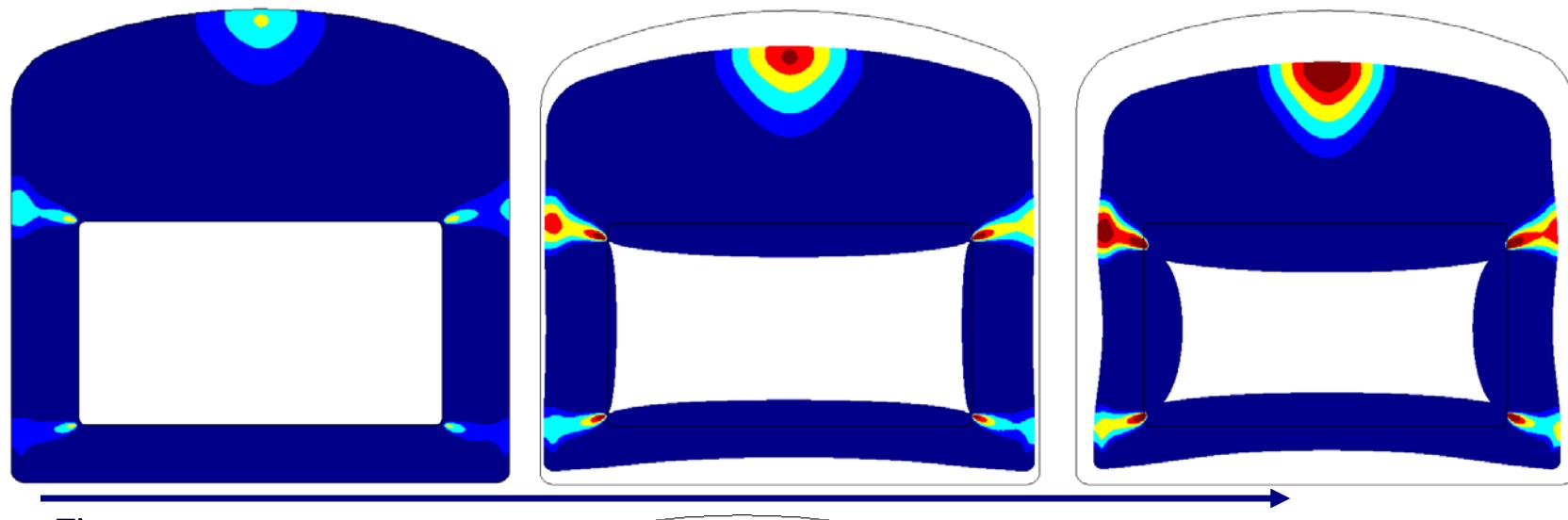
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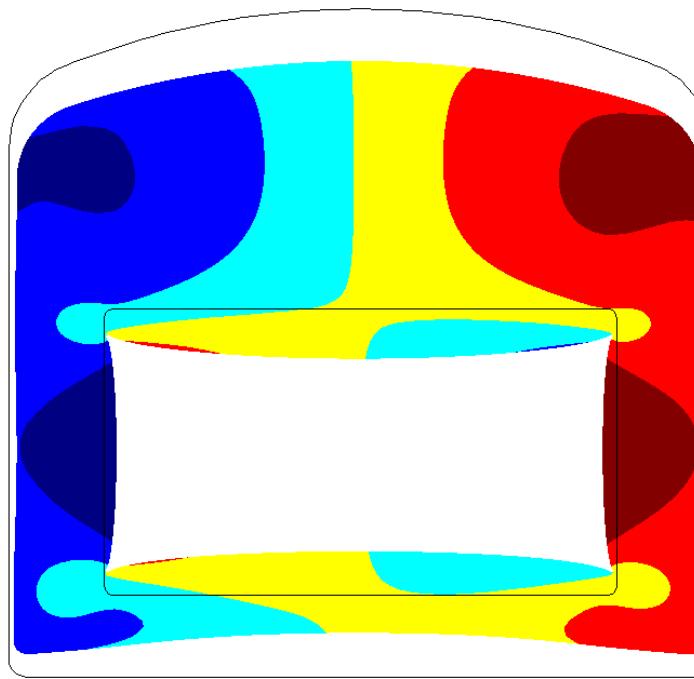
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