

# Modeling of leaching-mechanical coupling in concrete

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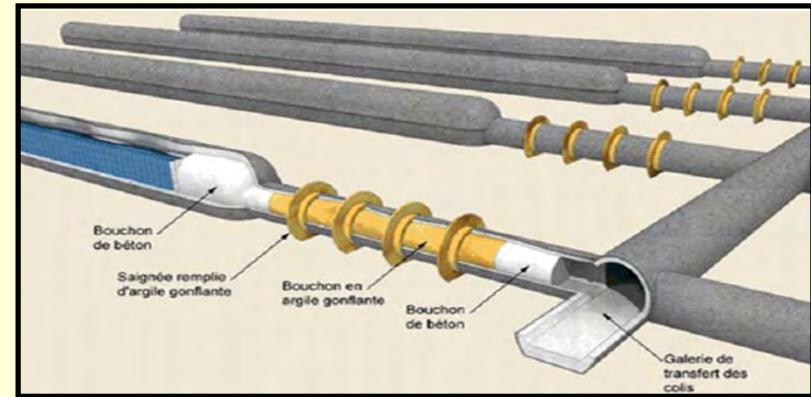
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- Mechanical model
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- Conclusions and perspectives

# Background

## Where is the studied concrete?

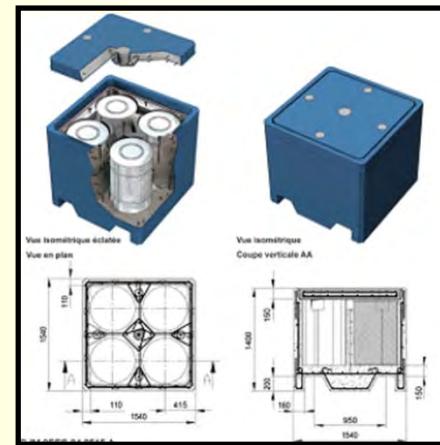
- Structures;
- Seal material;
- Stock cell of nuclear waste B.



Representation of closed tunnel [ANDRA]

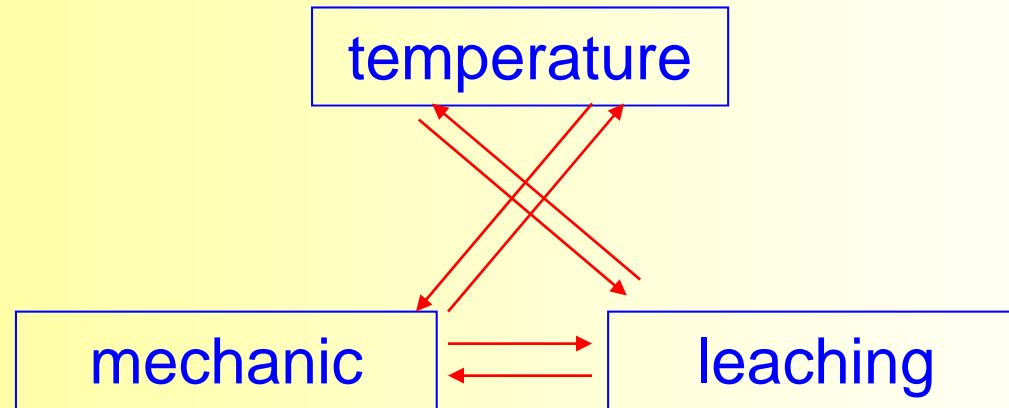
## Which is the concrete subjected?

- Thermal load;
- Mechanical evolution;
- Chemical degradation.



Representation of stock cell of nuclear waste B [ANDRA]

# Problem



## Implemented models in COMSOL for concrete

- ✓ Mechanical
- ✓ Leaching
- ✓ Leaching-mechanical coupling

# Mechanical model

## 1) Plastic damage modeling

- Plastic characterization

Criterion of Drucker-Prager

$$f_p(\sigma_{ij}, \gamma^p, d_m) = q + \eta p - \alpha(\gamma^p, d_m)K = 0$$

$$\alpha(\gamma^p, d_m) = (1 - d_m) \left[ \alpha_0 + (\alpha_m - \alpha_0) \frac{\gamma^p}{b_1 + \gamma^p} \right]$$

$$\eta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \left( \frac{2R_c}{R_t + R_c} - 1 \right)$$

$R_c$  : Uniaxial compression strength

$$K = \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \left( \frac{R_t \cdot R_c}{R_t + R_c} \right)$$

$R_t$  : Tension strength

# Mechanical model

## 1) Plastic damage modeling

- Associated plasticity

$$d\varepsilon_{ij}^p = d\lambda \frac{\partial f_p}{\partial \sigma_{ij}}$$

- Damage characterization

$$d_m = \bar{d}_{mc} \left[ 1 - \exp(-b_2 \gamma^p) \right]$$

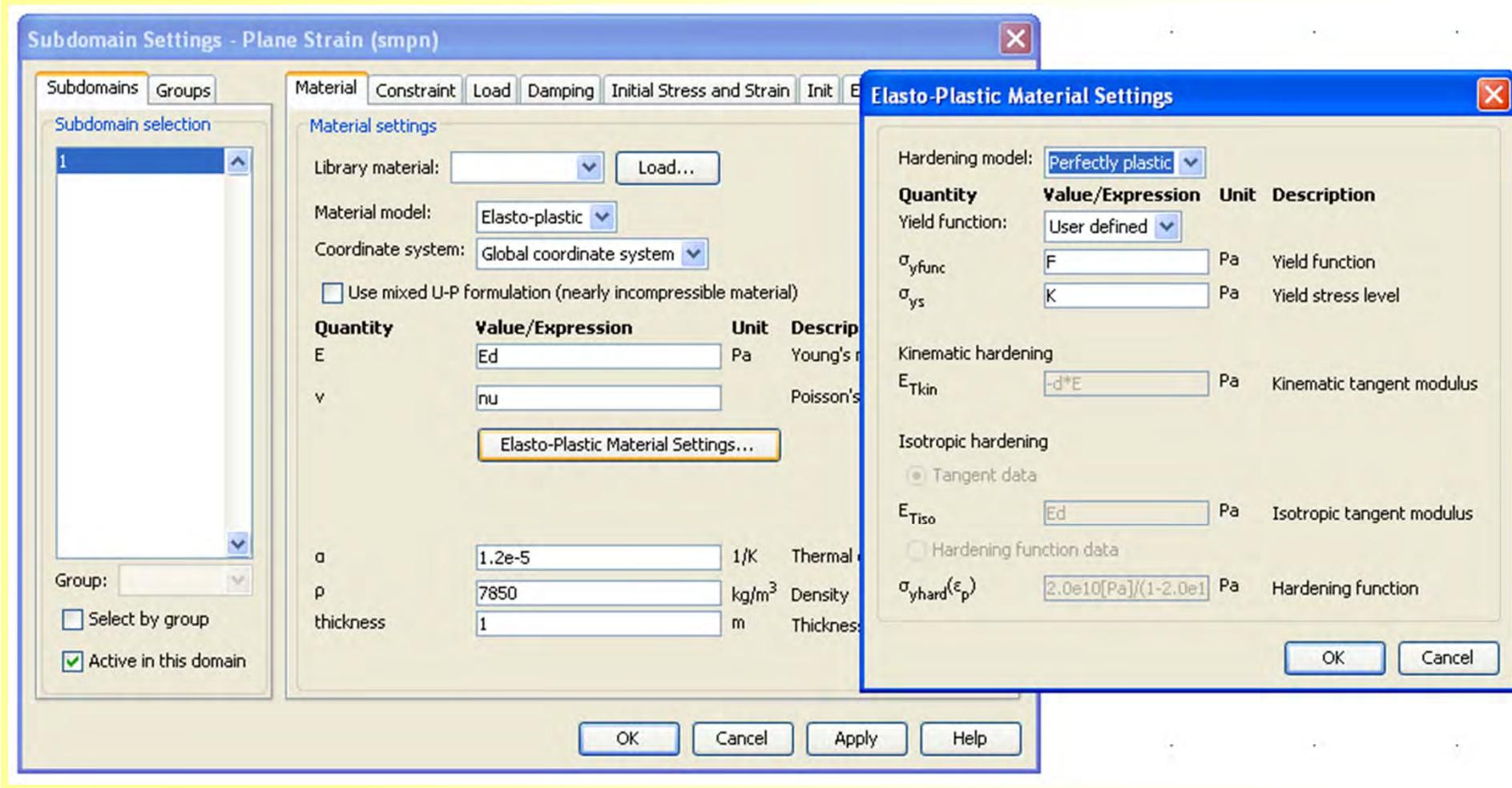
- Effective modulus

$$\sigma_{ij} = \left[ (1 - d_m) C_{ijkl}^0 \right] : \varepsilon_{kl}^e$$

# Mechanical model

## 1) Plastic damage modeling

- Plane stress module for plastic damage modeling  
subdomain settings



# Mechanical model

## 1) Plastic damage modeling

- Plane stress module for plastic damage damage scalar expressions

Scalar Expressions

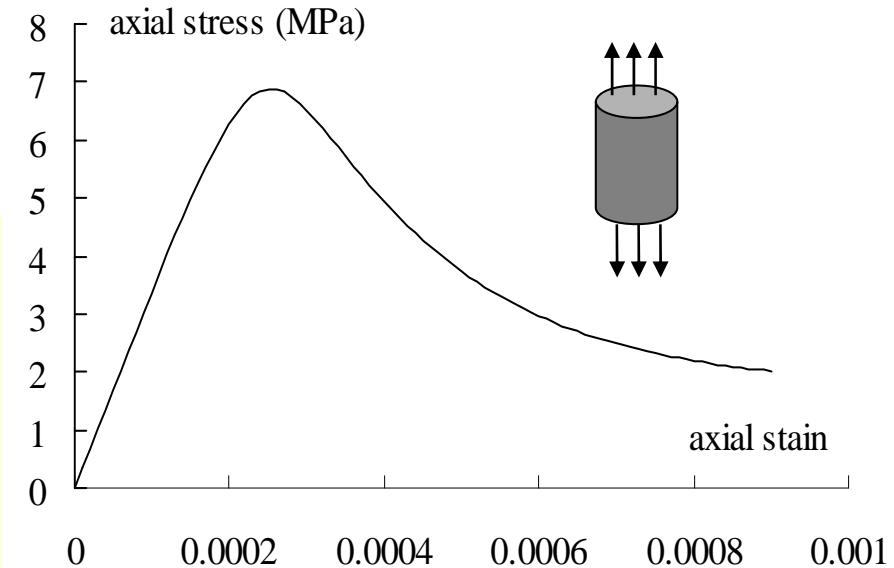
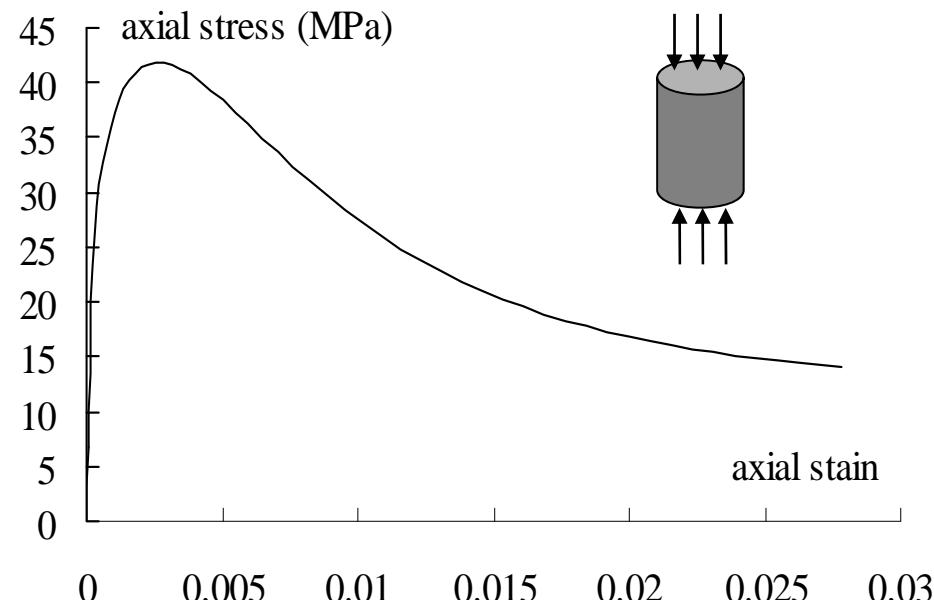
Name	Expression	Unit	Description
ALPHA	$(1/\sqrt{3})*(2*Rc/(Rc+Rt)-1)$	1	
K	$(2/\sqrt{3})*(Rt*Rc/(Rt+Rc))*\eta$	Pa	
I1	$(sx_{smpn}+sy_{smpn}+sz_{smpn})/3$	Pa	first stress invariant
dsx	$sx_{smpn}-I1$	Pa	
dsy	$sy_{smpn}-I1$	Pa	
dsz	$sz_{smpn}-I1$	Pa	
TOEQ	$\sqrt{0.5*(dsx^2+dsy^2+dsz^2)+sxy_{smpn}^2}$	Pa	equivalent deviatoric stress
F	$1.45*\text{ALPHA}*I1+\text{TOEQ}$	Pa	plastic yield function
eta	$(1-d)*(0.5+(1-0.5)*epe_{smpn}/(b1+epe_{smpn}))$	1	
d	$wc*(1-exp(-b*epe_{smpn}))$		damage evolution law
Ed	$(1-d)*E$	Pa	effective modulus

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# Mechanical model

## 1) Plastic damage simulation

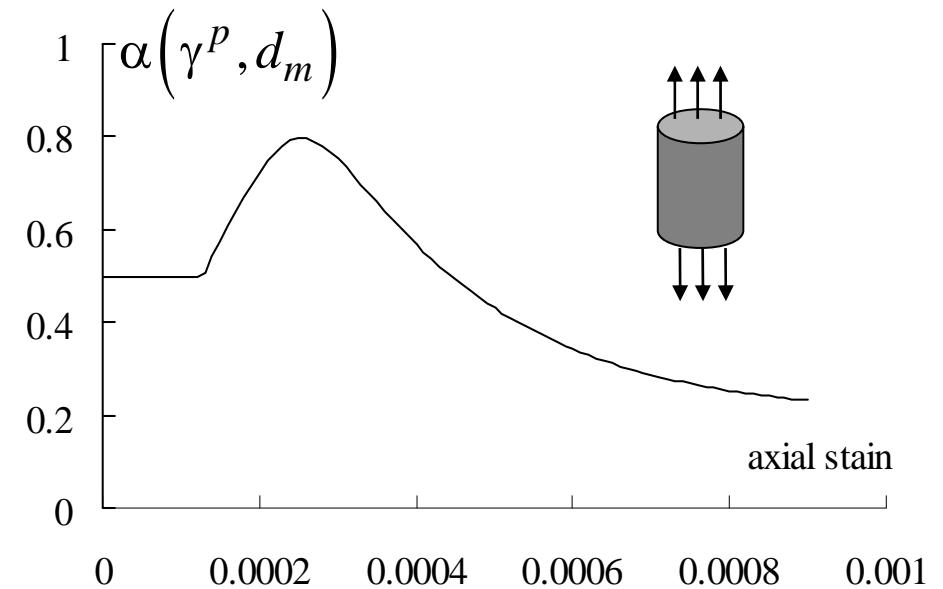
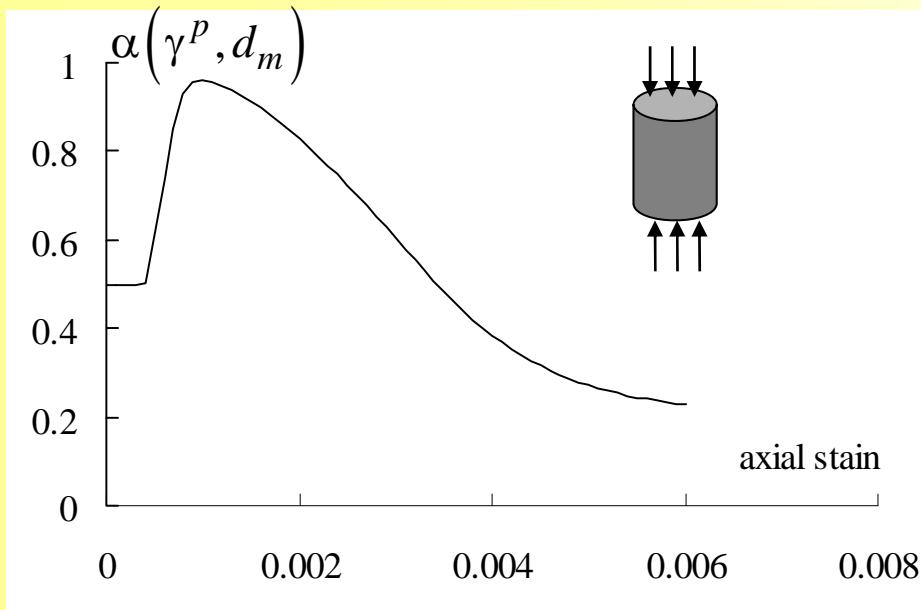
Simulation of uniaxial compression and tension



# Mechanical model

## 1) Plastic damage simulation

Evolution of plastic hardening and softening function



# Mechanical model

## 2) Creep characterization

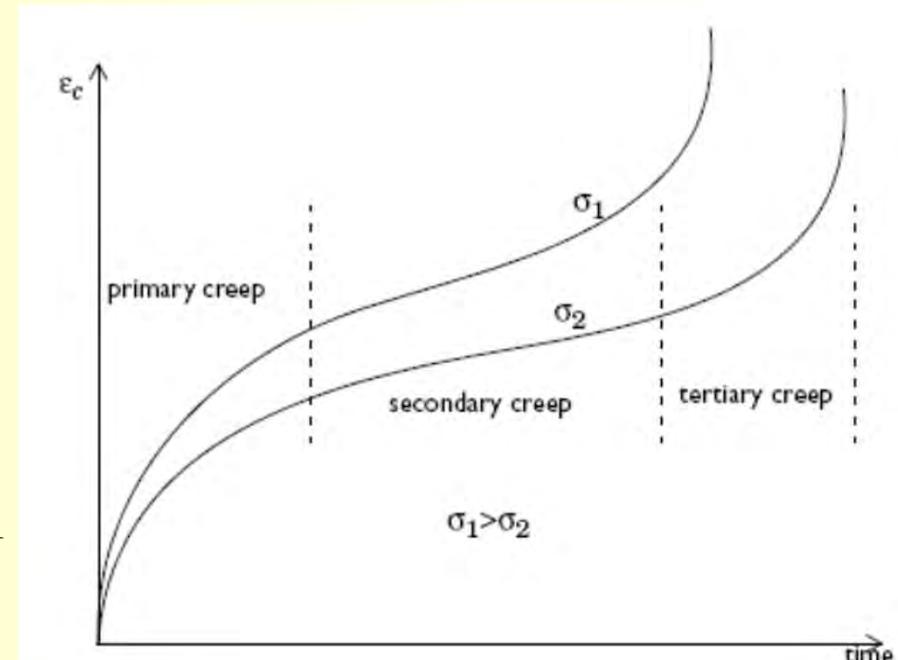
- Creep strain  
in compression

$$\dot{\varepsilon}^{cpc} = A_c \left( A_1 m t^{m-1} + A_2 \right) \sigma, \quad 0 < m < 1$$

First creep                      Second creep

In tension

$$\dot{\varepsilon}^{cpt} = A_t \left( A_1 m t^{m-1} + A_2 \right) \sigma, \quad 0 < m < 1$$



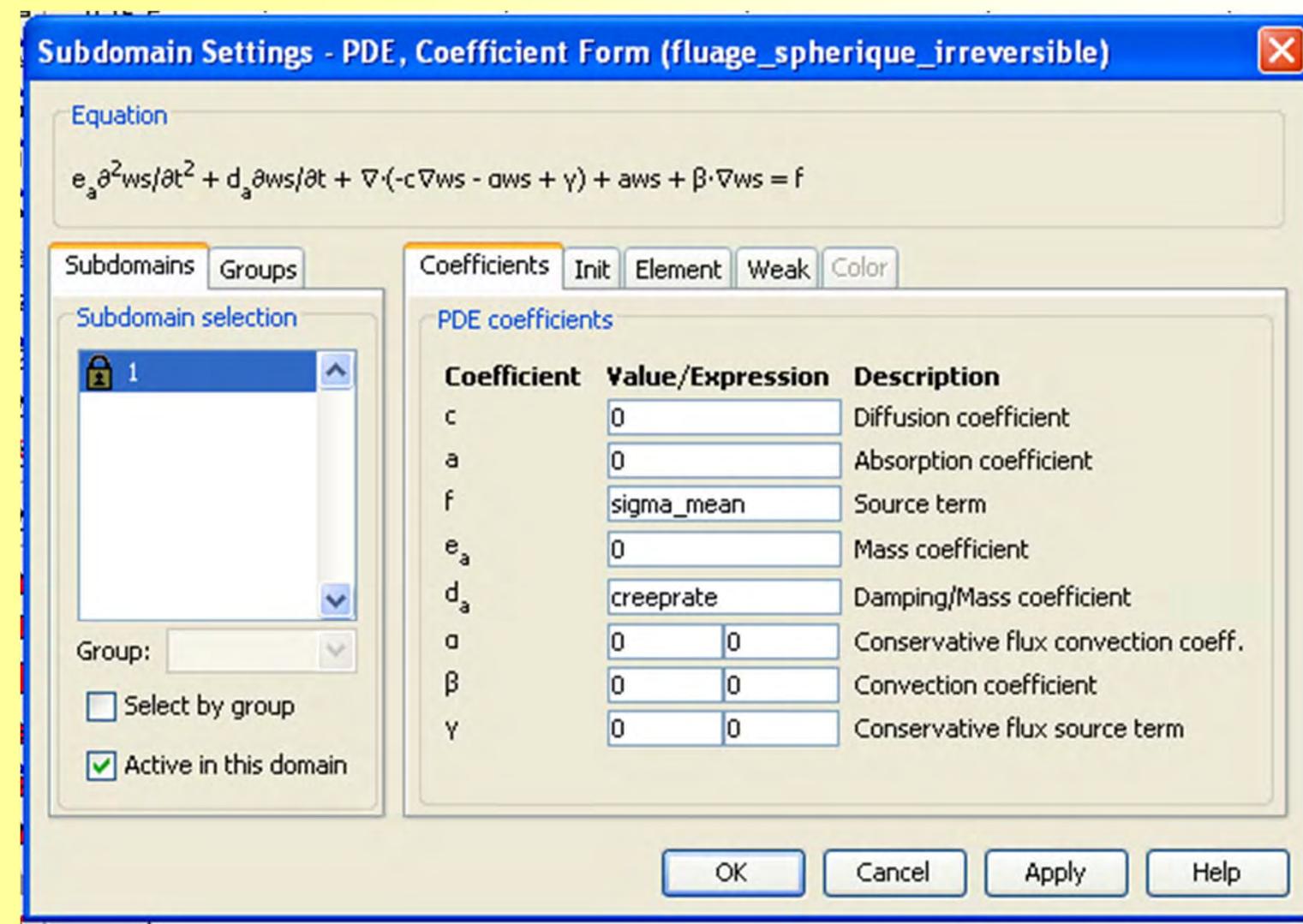
- Total strain  
Elastic + Plastic + Creep

$$\varepsilon_{ij} = \varepsilon_{ij}^e + \varepsilon_{ij}^p + \varepsilon_{ij}^{cp}$$

# Mechanical model

## 2) Creep characterization

- PDE module for creep

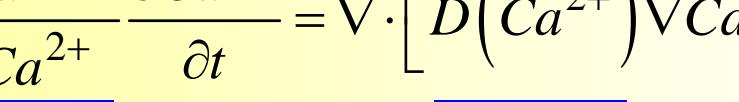


# Leaching model

# 1) Leaching characterization

- Mass balance equation

$$\frac{\partial \overline{Ca^{solid}}}{\partial \overline{Ca^{2+}}} \frac{\partial Ca^{2+}}{\partial t} = \nabla \cdot \left[ \underline{D(Ca^{2+})} \nabla \underline{Ca^{2+}} \right]$$



- Diffusion coefficient with ammonium nitrate

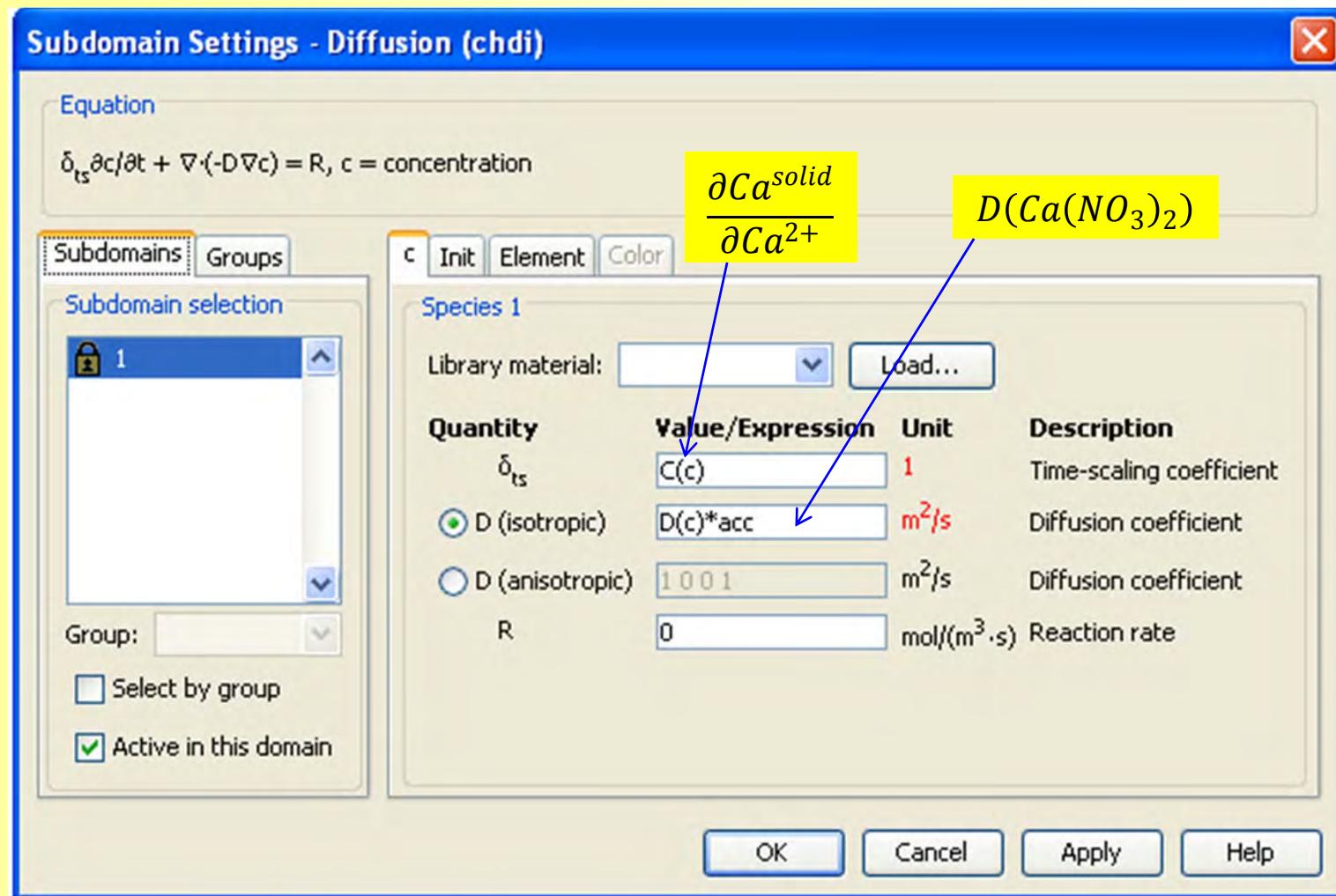
$$D\left(Ca(NO_3)_2\right) = \lambda \underline{D_e(Ca^{2+})} \nabla^2 Ca^{2+}$$

Acceleration parameter      Diffusion coefficient of calcium ion

# Leaching model

## 1) Leaching characterization

### ➤ Diffusion module for leaching



# Leaching model

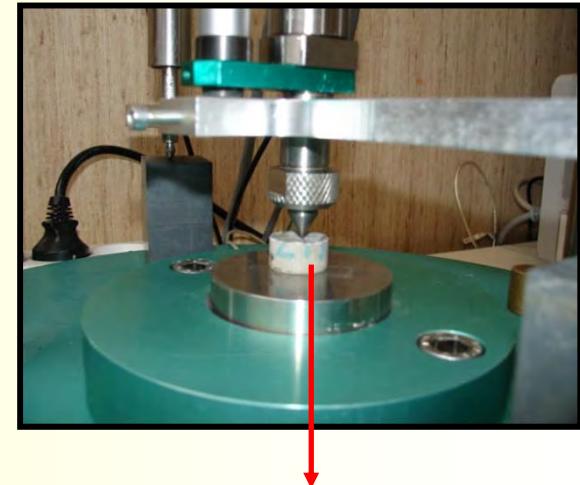
## 2) Leaching-plastic damage coupling

- Chemical damage

$$d_c = d_{c\max} \left[ 1 - \exp \left( C a^{2+} - C a^{2+} \Big|_0 \right) \right]$$

- Chemical damage-mechanical parameters

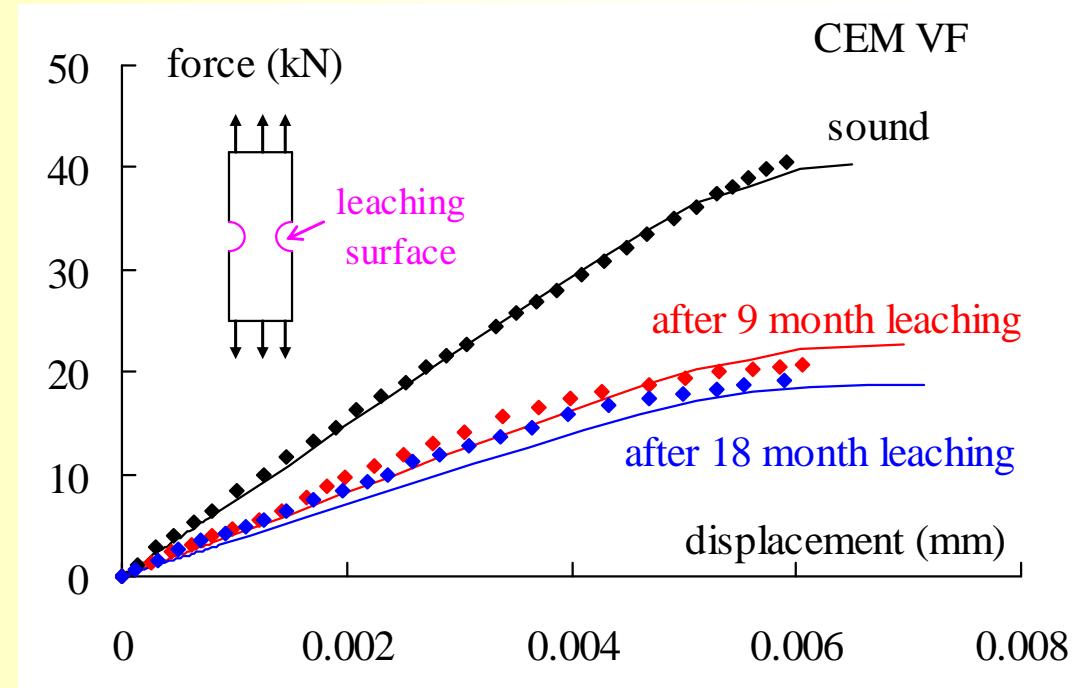
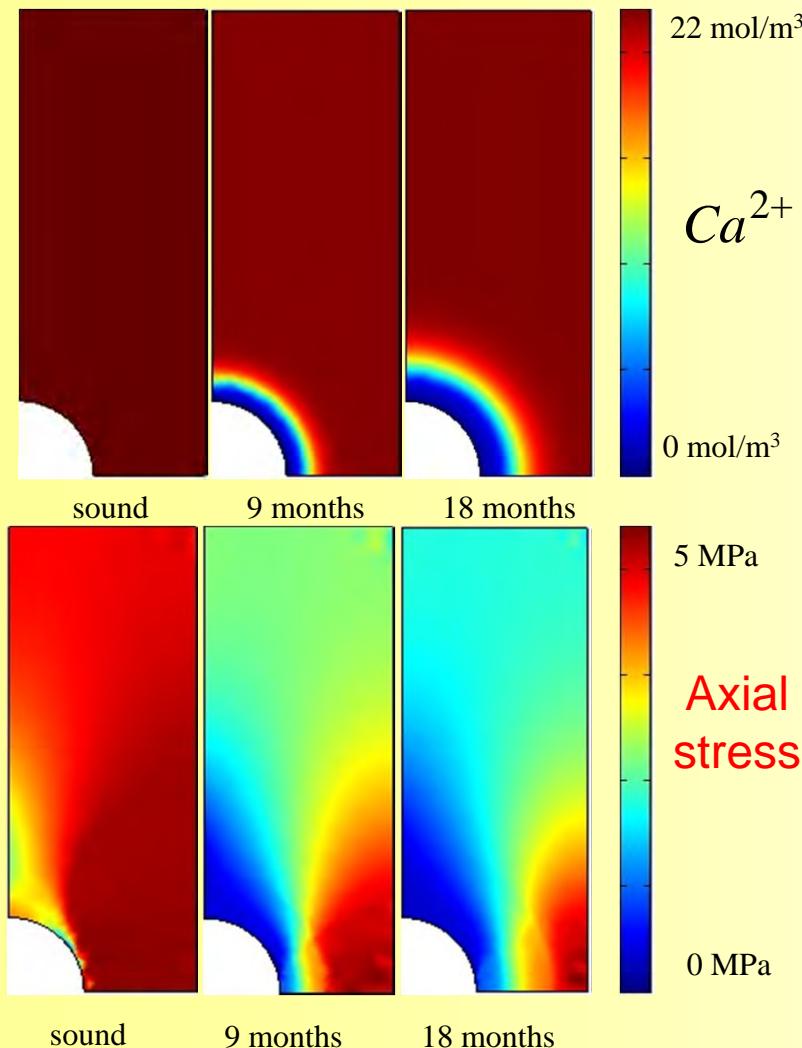
$$\begin{cases} E = E_0 (1 - d_c) \\ R_c = R_{c0} (1 - d_c) \\ R_t = R_{t0} (1 - d_c) \end{cases}$$



Test of micro indentation

# Leaching model

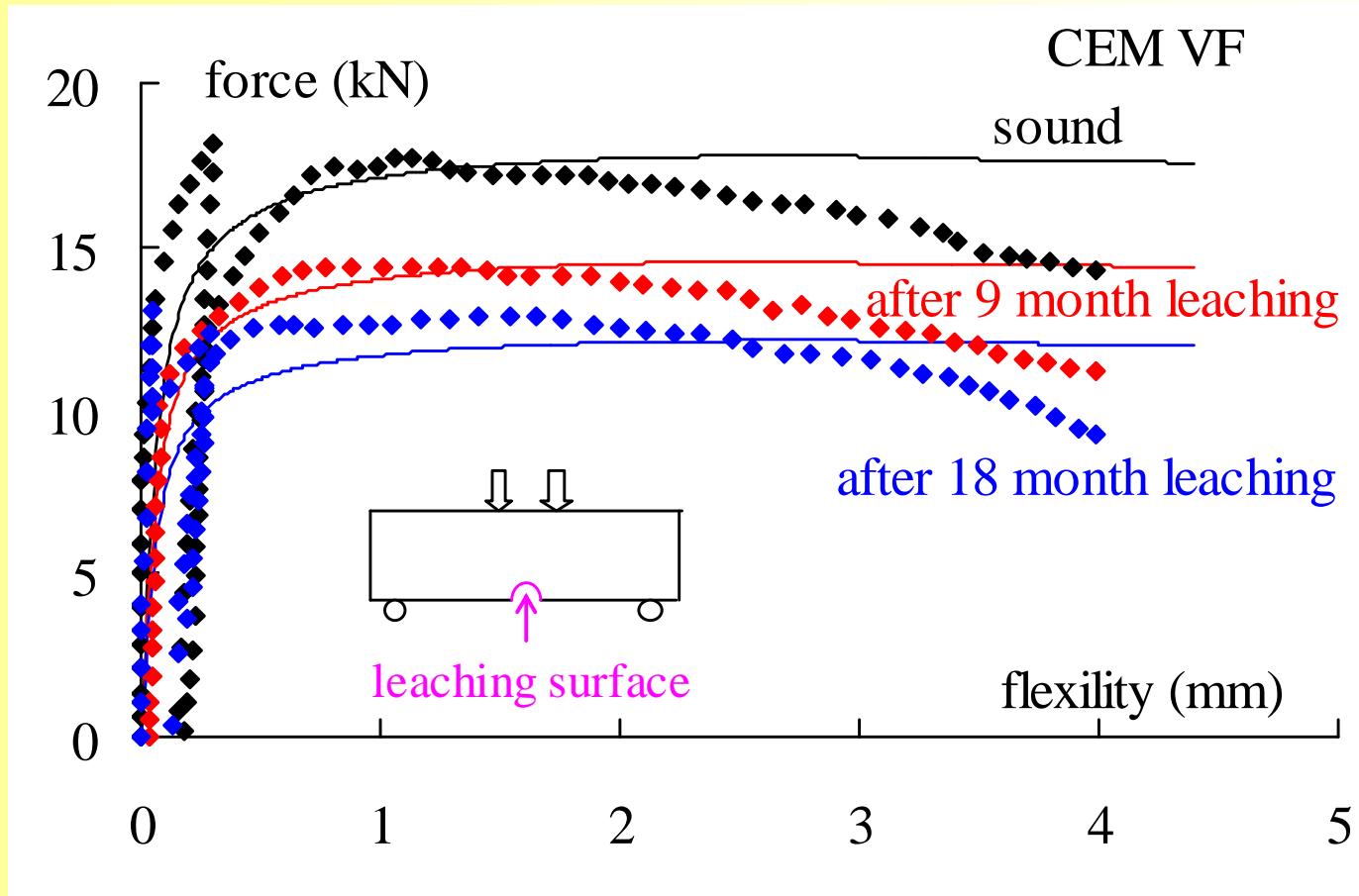
## 2) Leaching-plastic damage simulation



Direct tension test after different degradation times (data after Camps 2008)

# Leaching model

## 2) Leaching-plastic damage simulation



Flexion test after different degradation times  
(data after Camps 2008)

# Coupling Model

## 1) Leaching-creep coupling characterization

- Variation of diffusion coefficient with plastic damage

$$D(d_m) = \lambda D_e (1 + \alpha_D d_m)$$

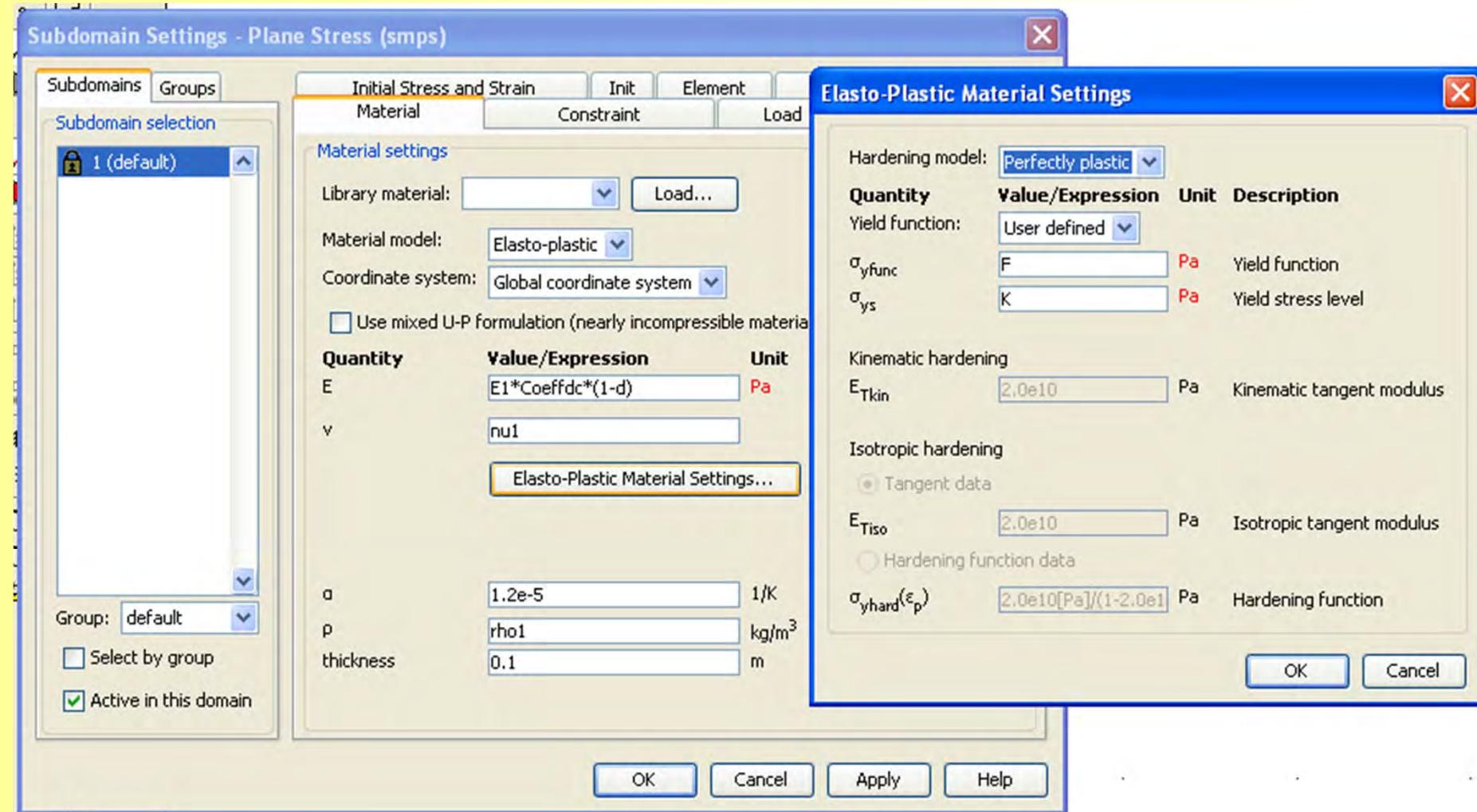
- Variation of creep strain rate with chemical damage

$$\begin{cases} \dot{\epsilon}^{cpc} = A_c (A_1 m t^{m-1} + A_2) (1 + \alpha_{dc} d_c) \sigma, & \text{compressive stress} \\ \dot{\epsilon}^{cpt} = A_t (A_1 m t^{m-1} + A_2) (1 + \alpha_{dc} d_c) \sigma, & \text{tensive stress} \end{cases}$$

# Coupling Model

## 1) Leaching-creep coupling characterization

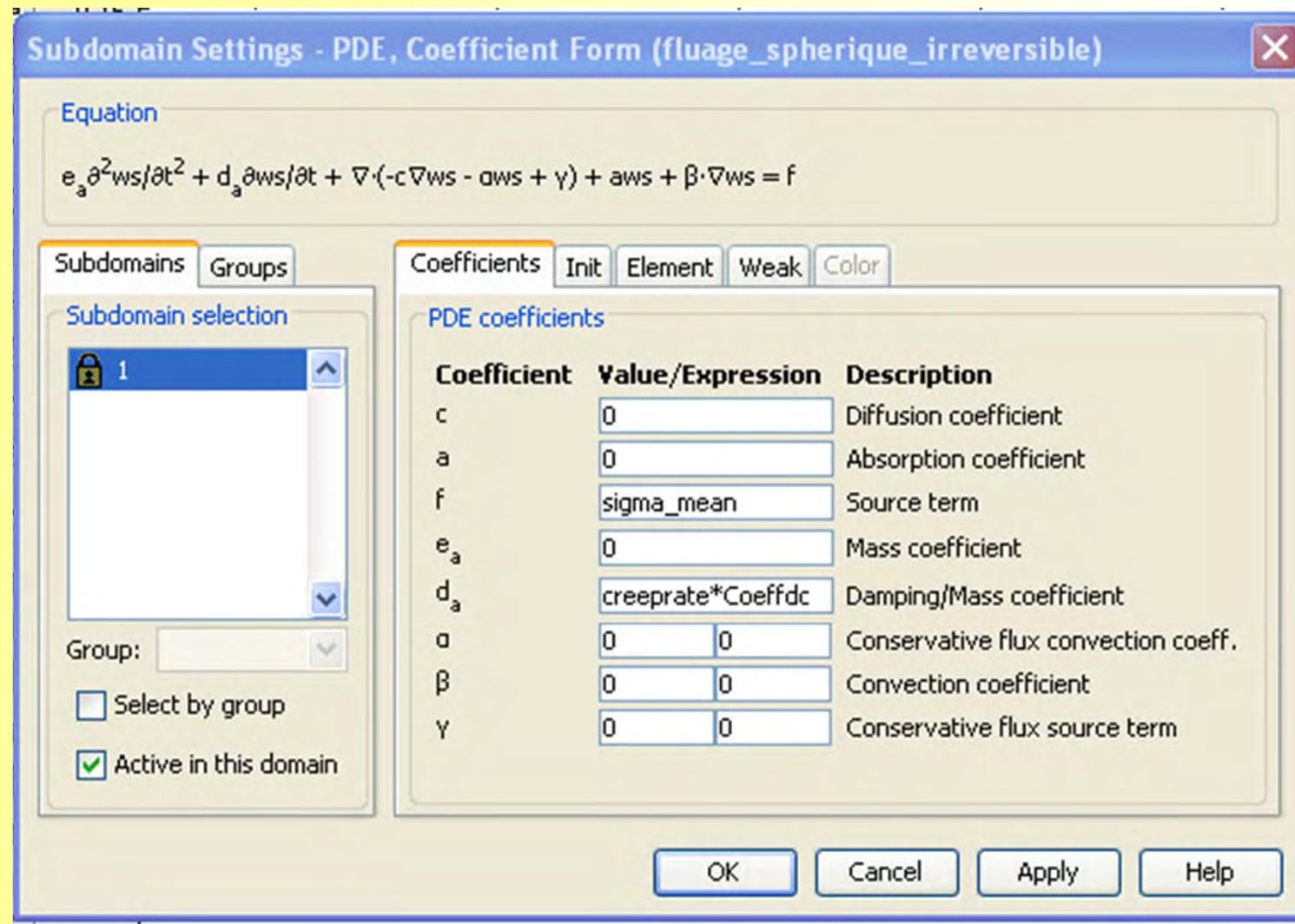
### ➤ Plane stress module



# Coupling Model

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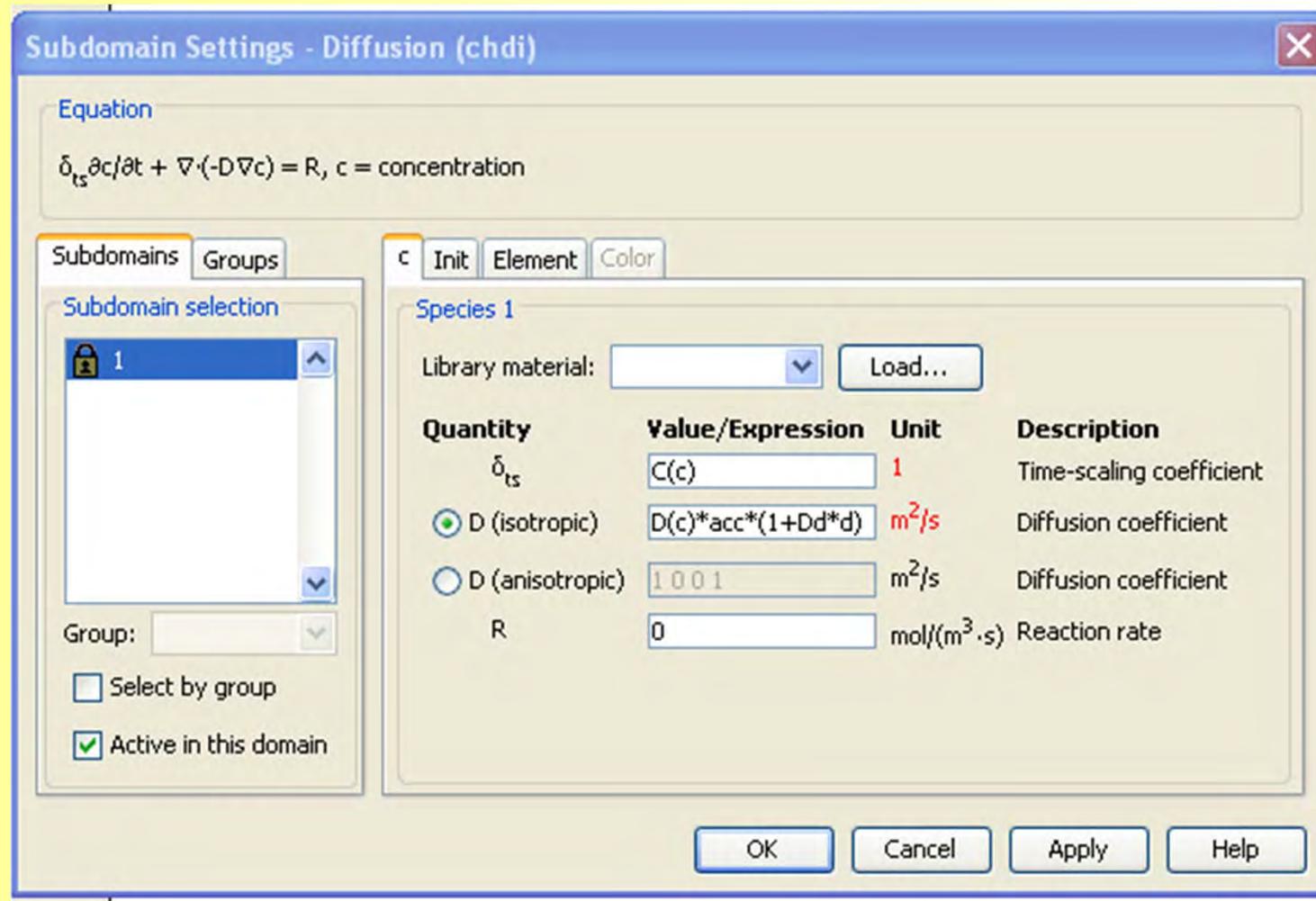
- PDE module for creep



# Coupling Model

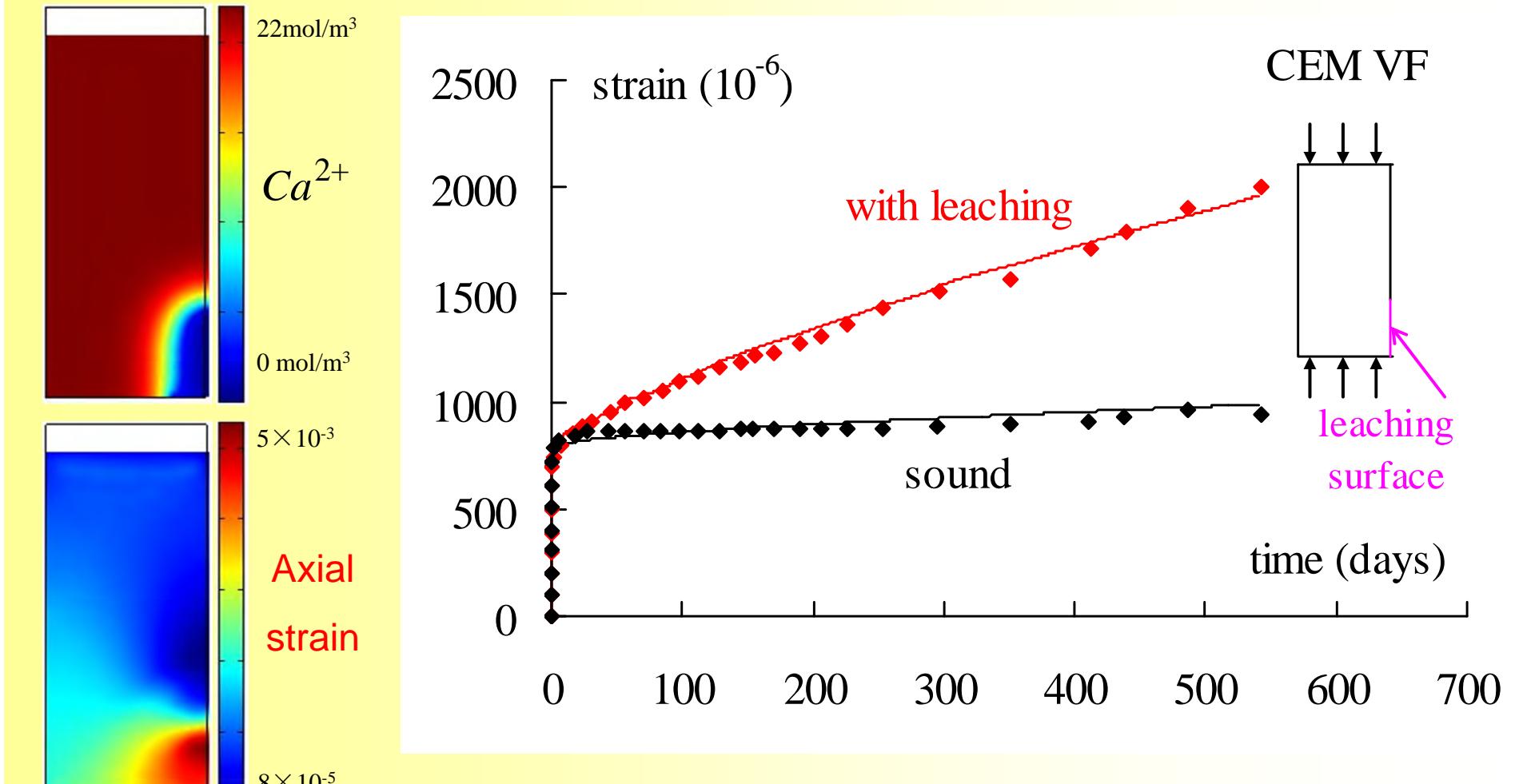
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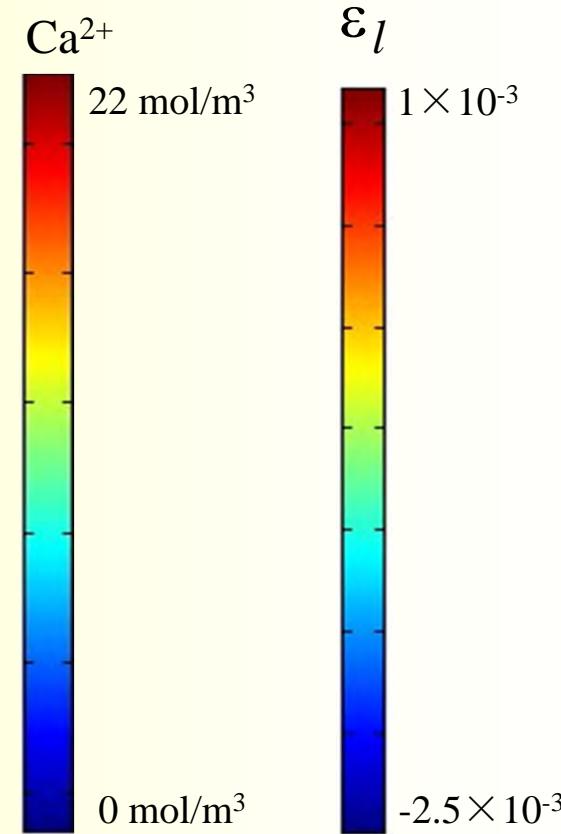
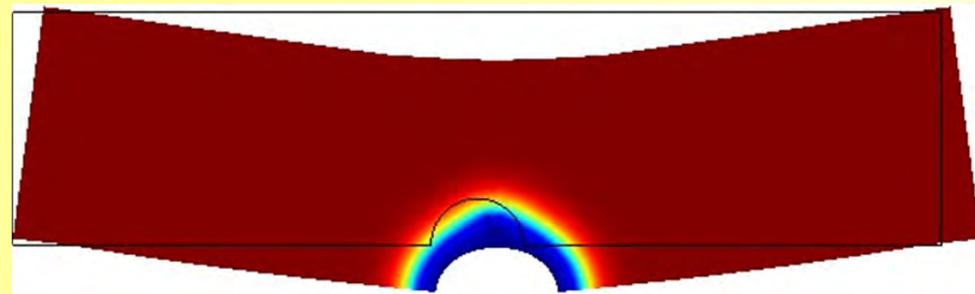
# Coupling Model

## 2) Leaching-creep simulation

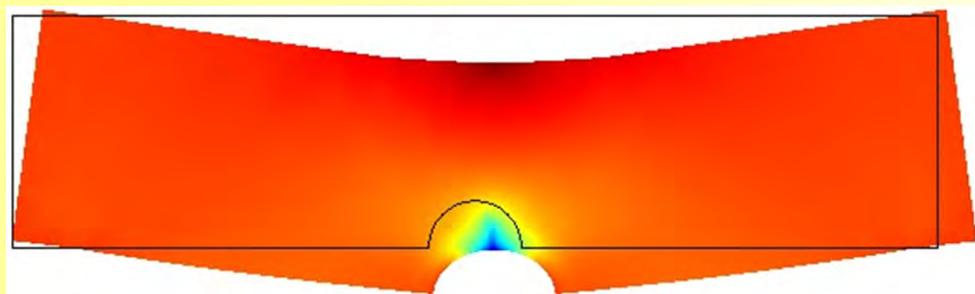


# Coupling Model

## 2) Leaching-creep simulation



Concentration of calcium ion

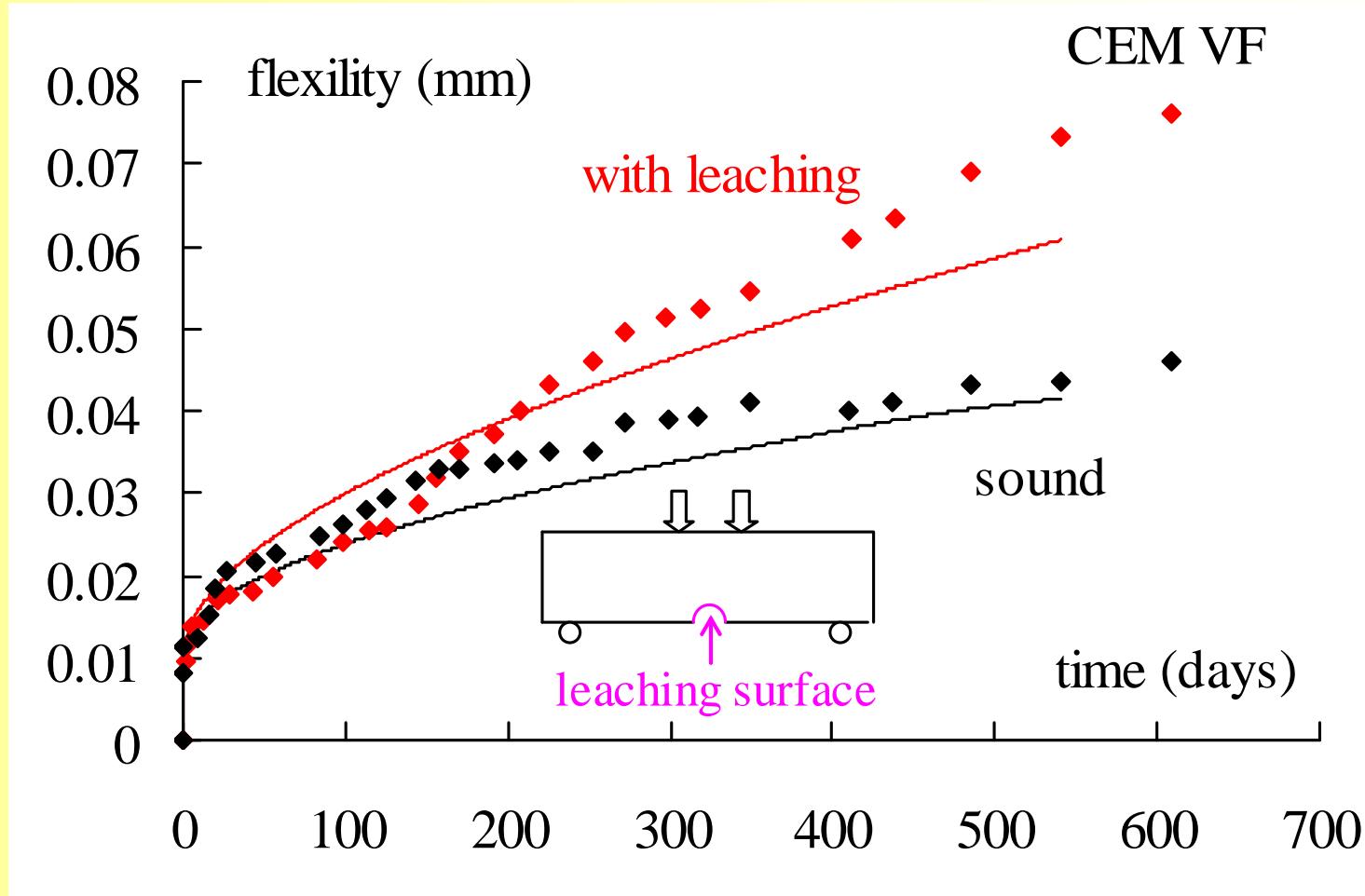


Longitudinal strain

Creep flexion test with degradation (data after Camps 2008)

# Coupling Model

## 2) Leaching-creep simulation



Creep flexion test with degradation  
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# **Conclusions and perspectives**

## **Conclusions**

- Elastoplastic damage model and creep model can describe the mechanical behavior of concrete in short and long term.
- The coupling of mechanical and leaching can describe the mechanical behavior subjected to chemic degadation in long term .

## **Perspectives**

- Temperature-leaching-mechanical coupling

**Thank you for your attention!**