

# **Prediction of the excavation damaged zone in Callovo-Oxfordian claystone using coupled second gradient model**

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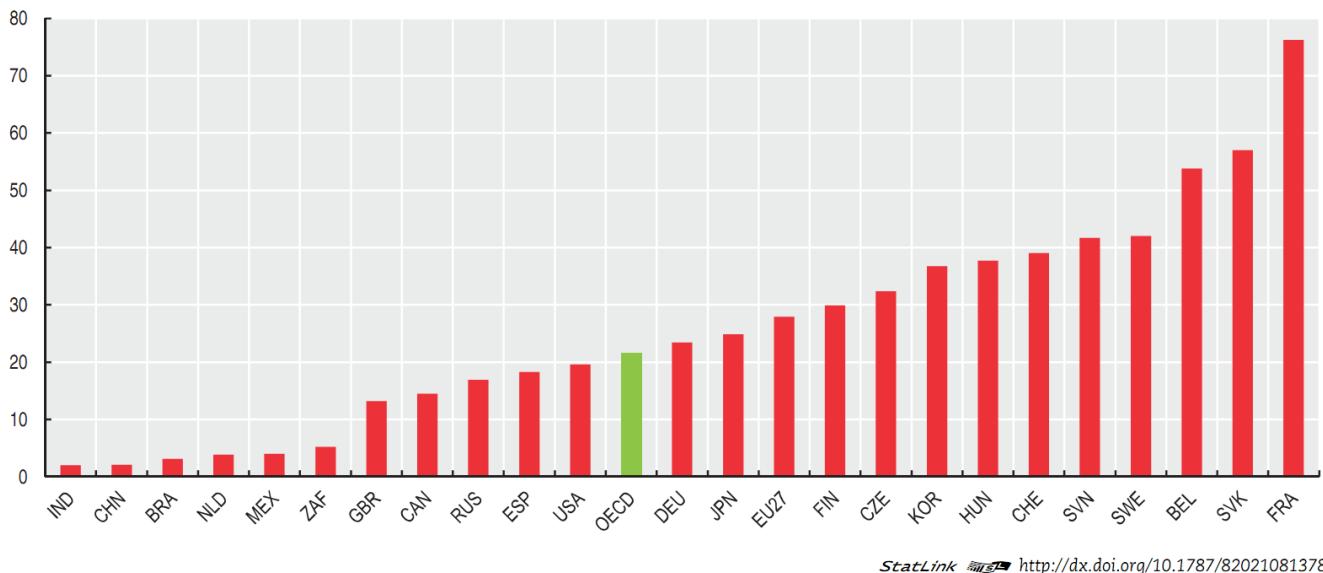
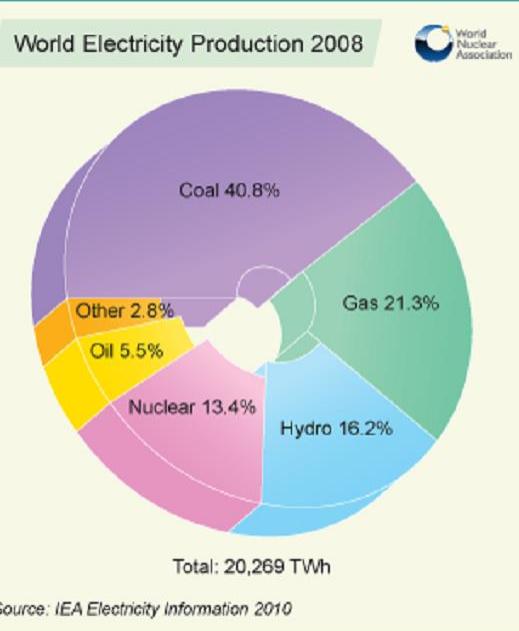
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# Introduction: Electricity production

The **nuclear electricity** corresponds to 13.4 % of the total amount of the world electricity production in 2008. However, there are some **disparities** between the countries !

(21% of the total amount in OECD countries, which represent 83% of the world production).



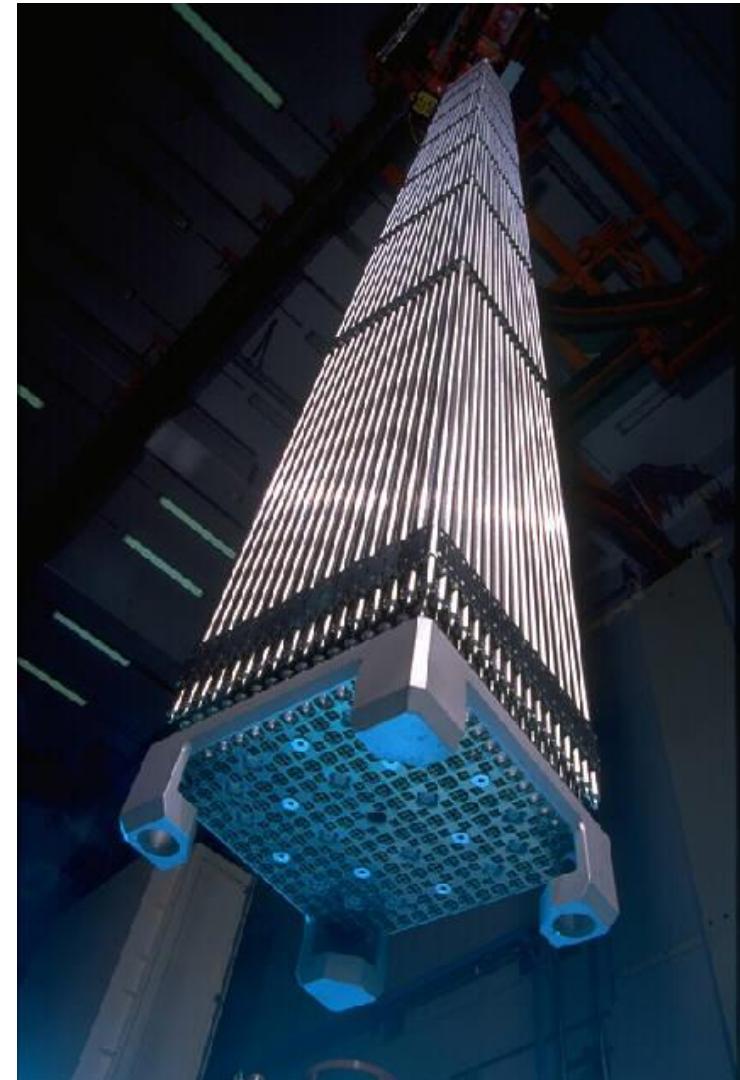
**Nuclear electricity generation shares in each country in 2008**

# Introduction: Electricity production

## Inconvenient

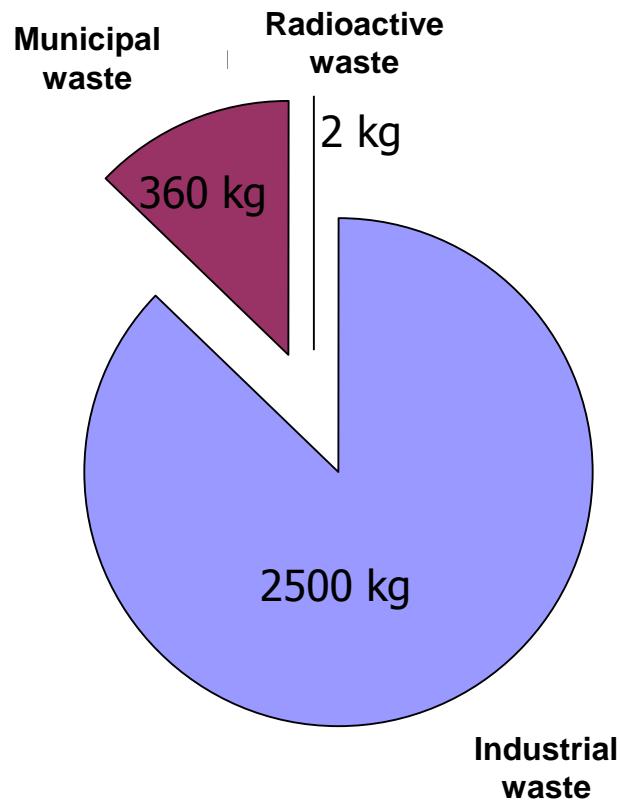
Ionizing radiations

Radioactive waste production



# Introduction: Nuclear waste

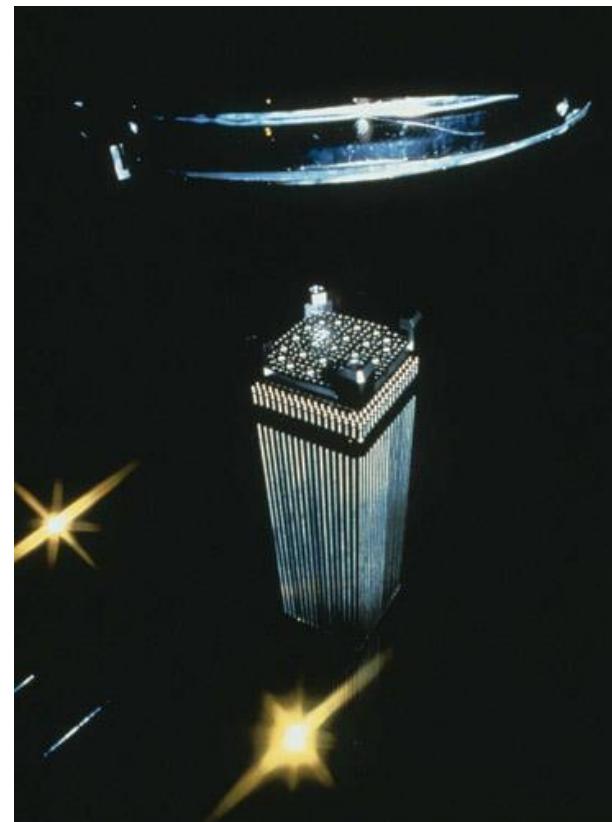
## Amount of produced waste



*Produced waste in France /year /inhabitant*

## Source of waste?

- Fuel
- Dismantling
- Protection dress
- ...

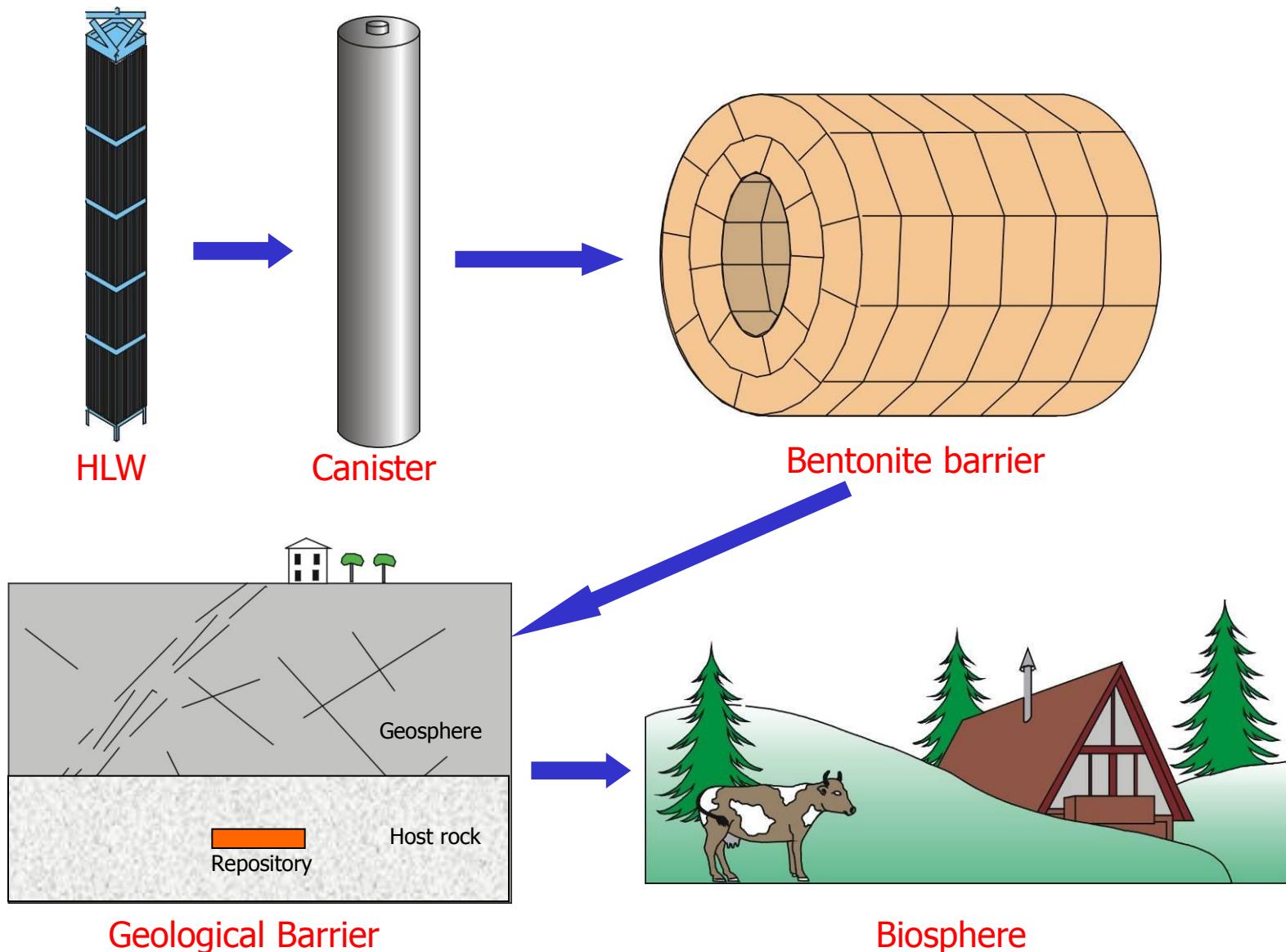


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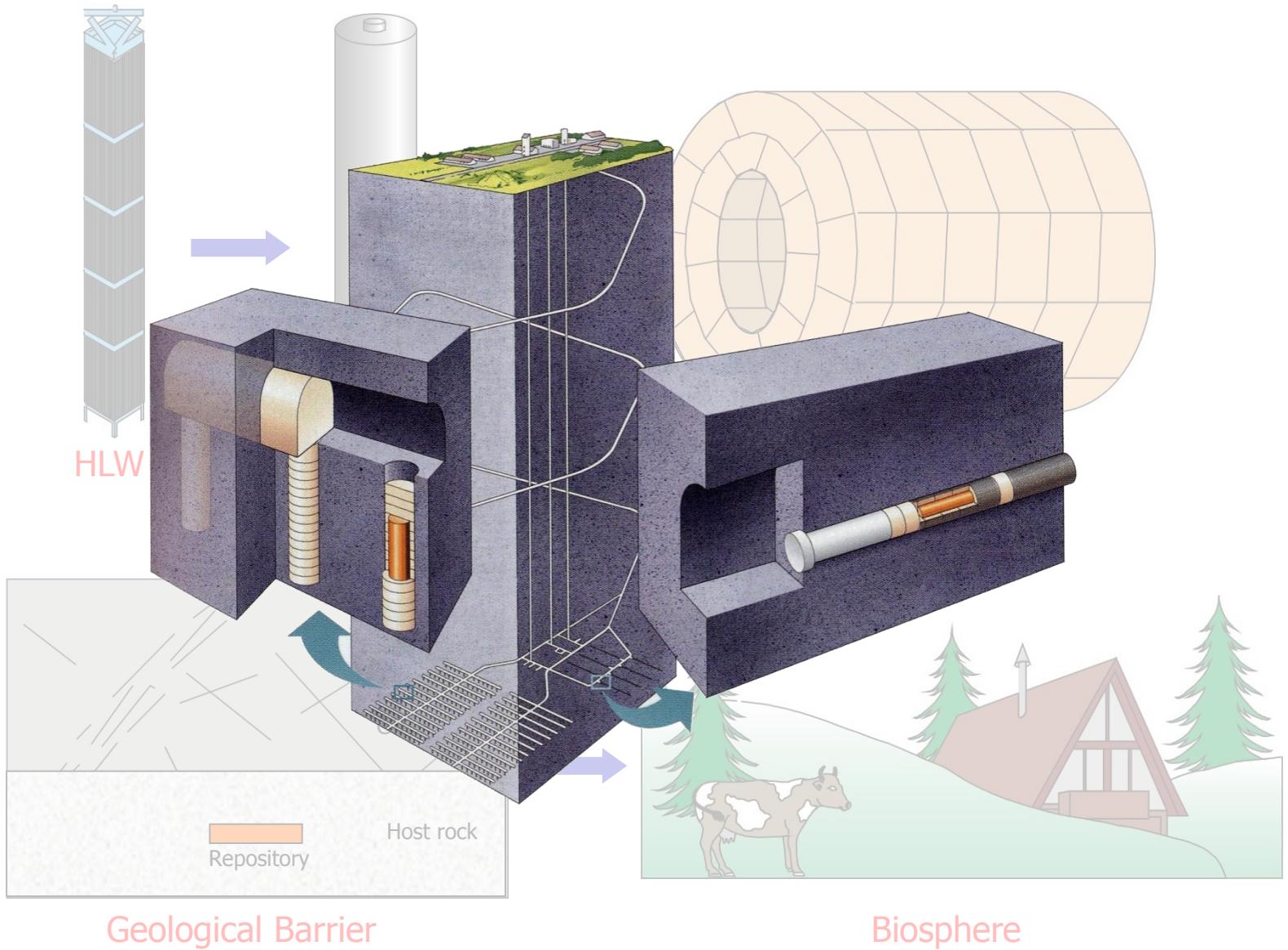
## Categories of nuclear wastes

	<b>Short life (&lt; 30 years)</b>	<b>Long life (&gt; 30 years)</b>
<b>Low activity</b>	<b>Waste A</b>  90% Volume 1% Radioactivity  70 500 m <sup>3</sup> in 2070 in Belgium	
<b>Medium activity</b>		<b>Waste B</b>  8% Volume 4% Radioactivity  8900 m <sup>3</sup> in 2070 in Belgium
<b>High activity</b>		<b>Waste C</b>  2% Volume 95% Radioactivity  3000 m <sup>3</sup> in 2070 in Belgium

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Excavation

Ventilation

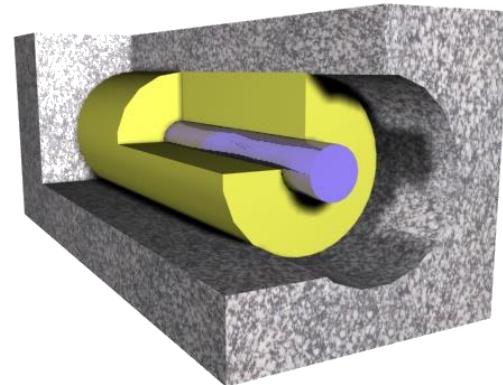
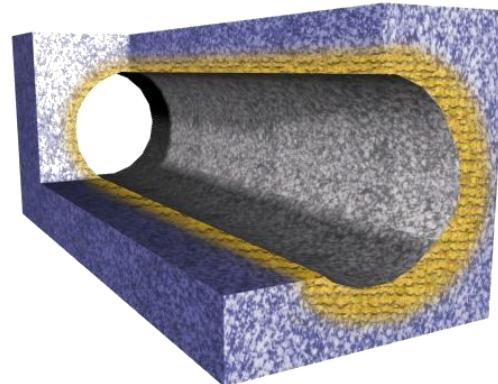
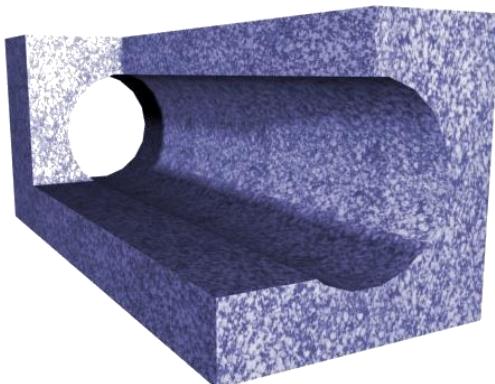
Confinement

Long term

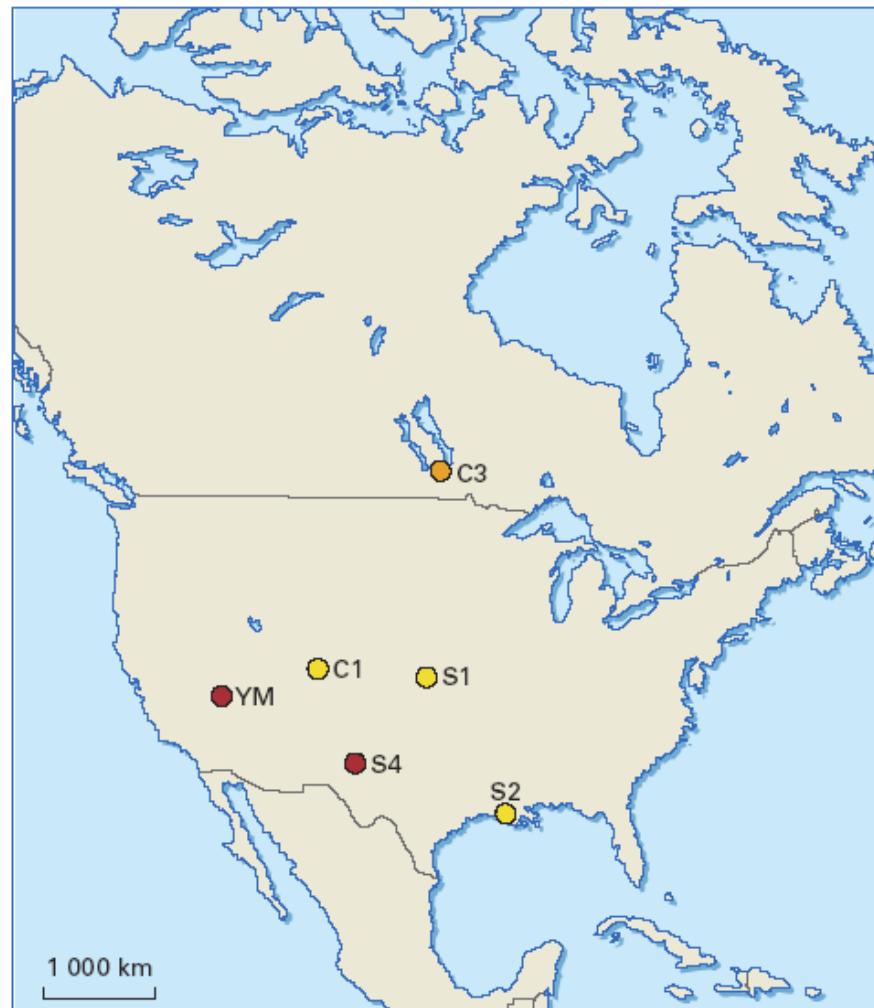
Very long term



Stress redistribution  
Desaturation - Consolidation  
Resaturation of the engineered barrier (bentonite)  
Corrosion of the metallic components  
→ THM equilibrium



# Introduction: Underground research facilities



- Mines (expériences 1<sup>re</sup> génération)
- Laboratoires souterrains génériques
- Laboratoires souterrains de qualification de site



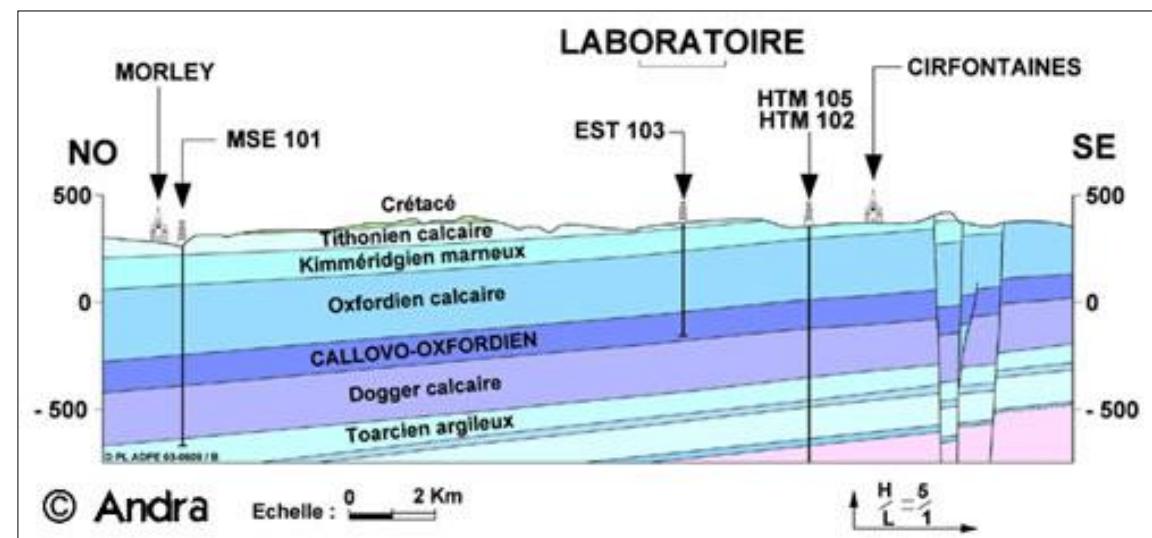
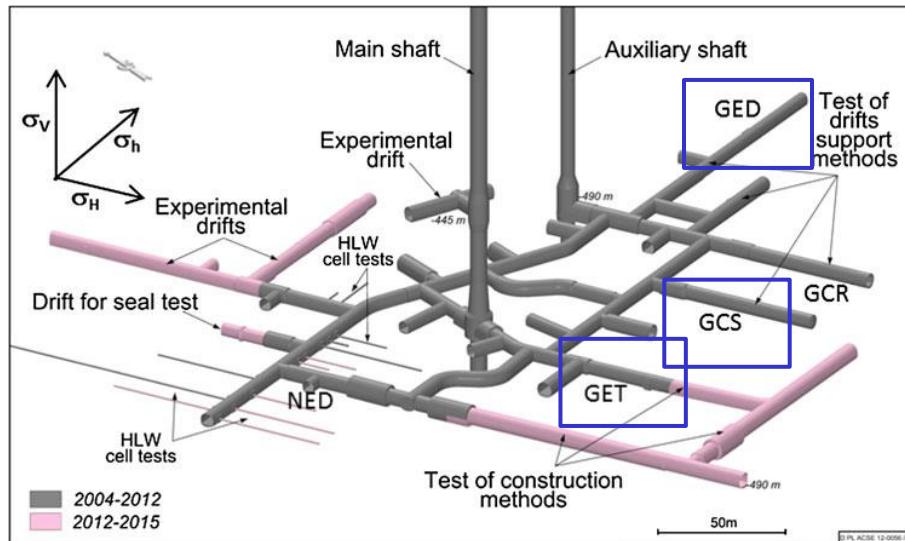
- S1 Lyons
- S2 Avery Island
- S3 Asse
- S4 WIPP Carlsbad
- S5 Gorleben

- C1 Climax
- C2 Stripa
- C3 Lac du Bonnet
- C4 Grimsel
- C5 Äspö

- C6 Olkiluoto
- A1 Mol
- A2 Mont Terri
- A3 Meuse - Haute-Marne
- YM Yucca mountain

# Introduction: Underground research facilities in France

## Andra – URF at Bure (France):



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## Andra – URF at Bure : In situ experiment

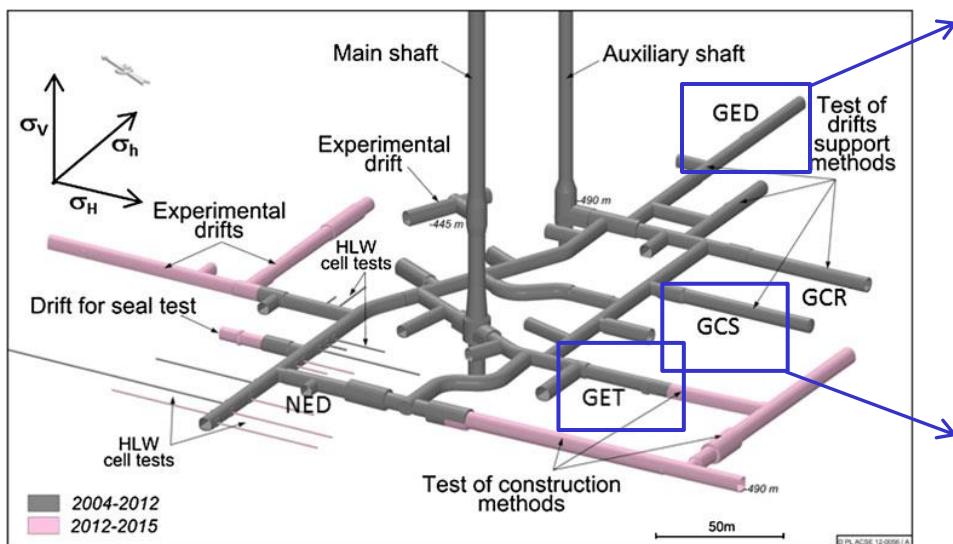


# Introduction: In situ observation

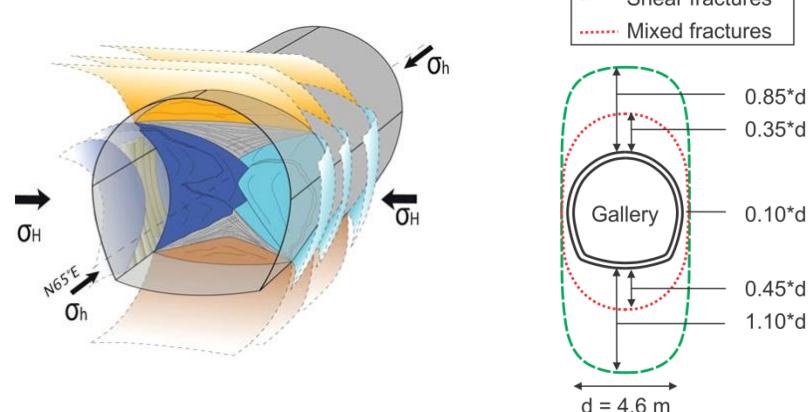
## In situ evidences (Andra) :

(Armand et al. 2014)

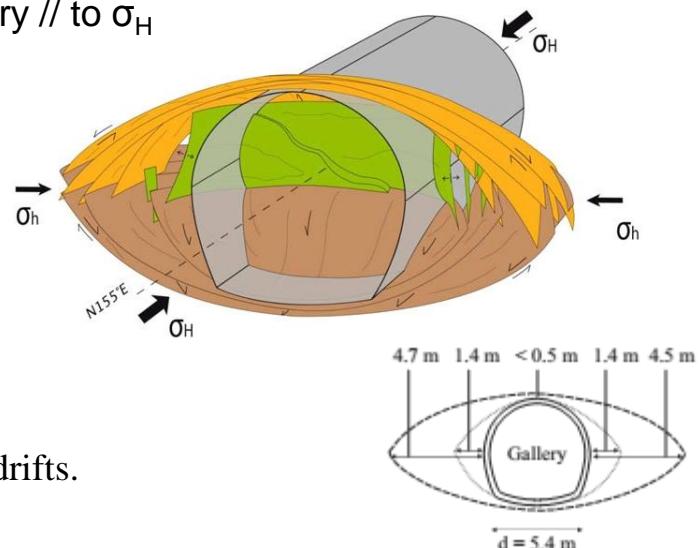
- Anisotropy: - stress :  $\sigma_H > \sigma_h \sim \sigma_v$
- cross-anisotropy mechanical behaviour
  - permeability



## Galery // to $\sigma_h$



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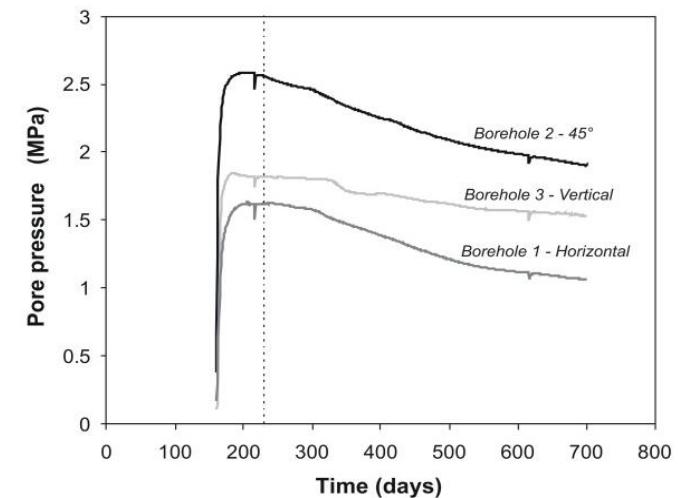
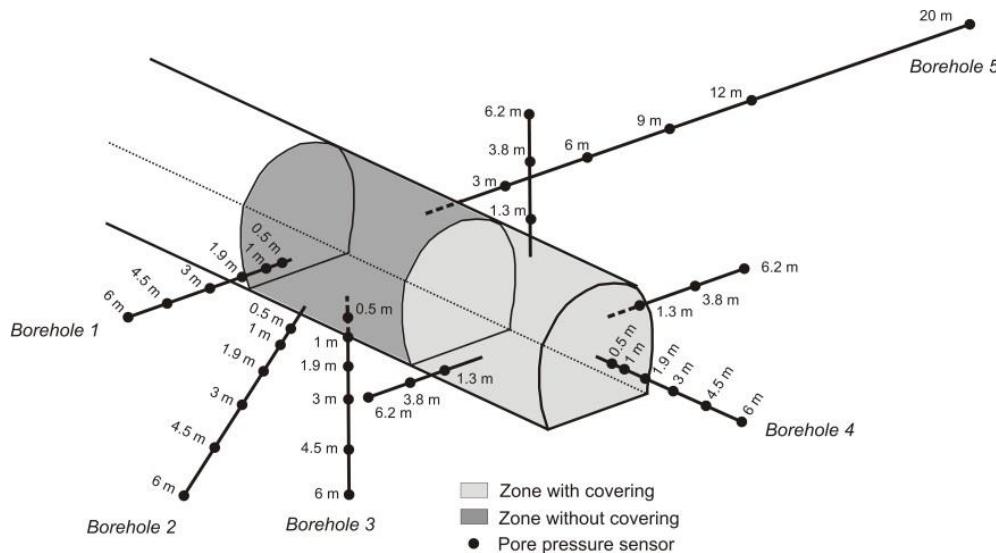


Armand, G. et al. (2014). Geometry and properties of the excavation-induced fractures at the Meuse/Haute-Marne URL drifts. *Rock Mech Rock Eng*, 47, 21–41.

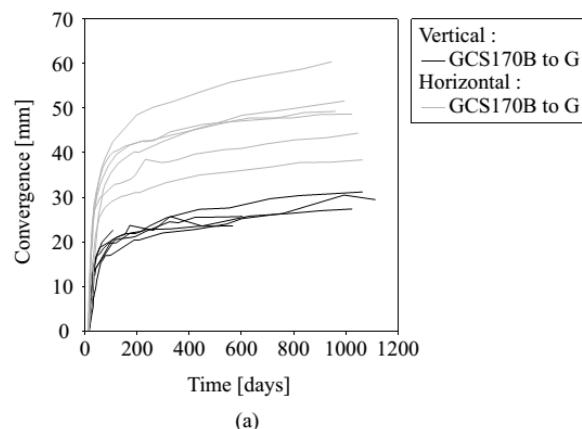
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**In situ measurement (Andra) :** (Armand et al. 2014)

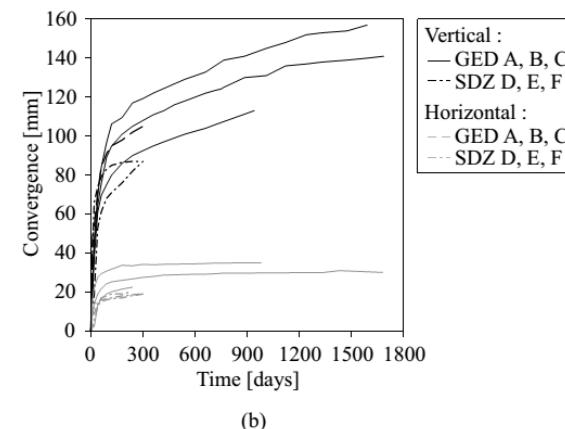
Convergence + pore pressure



Pore pressure at 4.5 m (SDZ gallery)



(a)



(b)

# Introduction: In situ observation

## Observation:

*Modification of the mechanical and flow properties within the Excavated damaged zone (EDZ)*

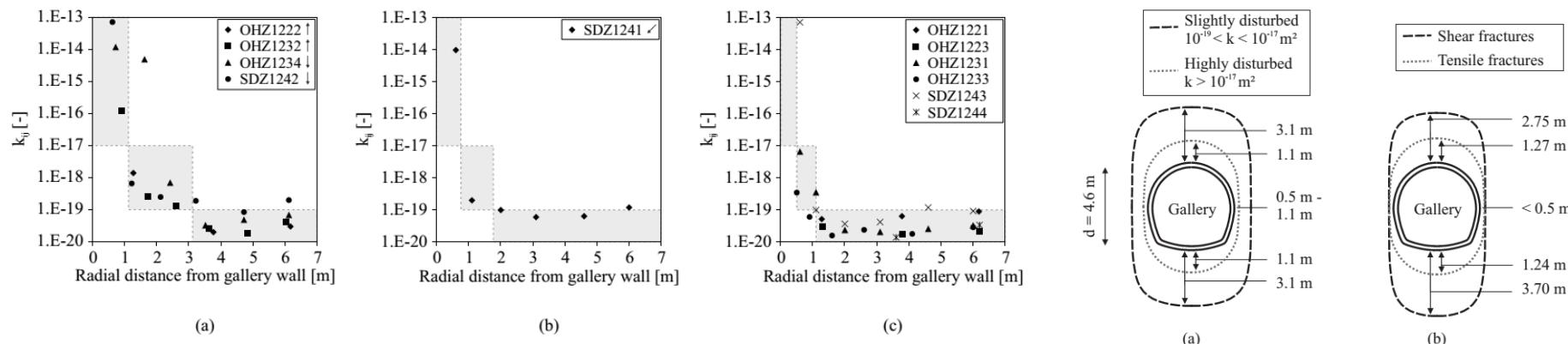


Fig. 2.7: Permeability evolution along (a) vertical, (b) oblique at  $45^\circ$  and (c) horizontal boreholes drilled around a gallery (GED) parallel the minor horizontal principal stress in Callovo-Oxfordian

## Numerical challenges:

Major issues : prediction of the extension, fracturing structure and properties modifications.

Study :  
- fractures modelling with shear strain localisation  
- influence of permeability variation

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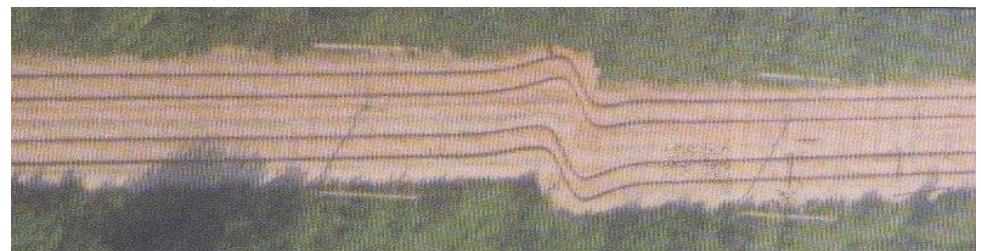
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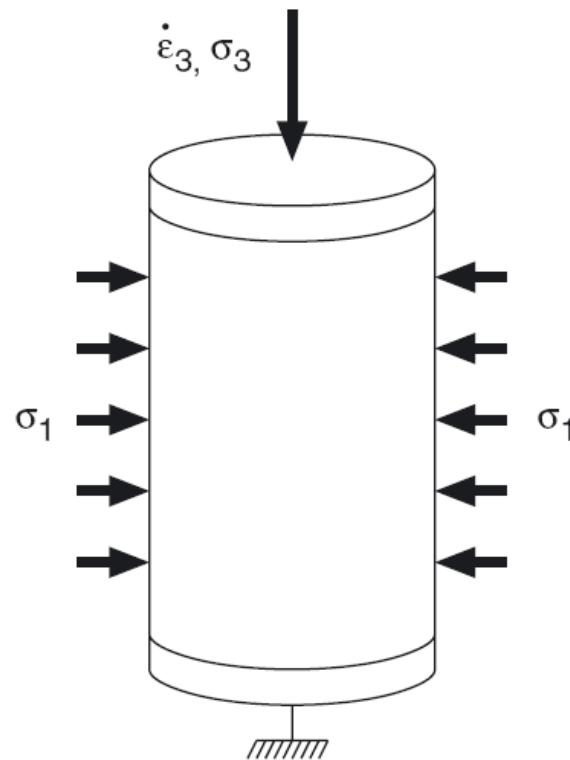
## Shear banding: In situ observation

Shear banding occurs frequently and is the source of many soil and rock engineering problems. In situ observations of shear banding and/or faulting are made frequently at many scales



*Large scale: railway tracks after an earthquake in Turkey*

## Triaxial test:



In triaxial tests (and more generally in axi-symmetric tests), the localization zone may remain more or less hidden inside the sample (need for special techniques to see the process)

# Shear banding: experimental evidences



Localized rupture in sandstone samples under different confining pressures (Bésuelle et al., 2000)

Experimental characterisation of the localisation phenomenon inside a Vosges sandstone in a triaxial cell

P. BESUELLE, J. DESRUES, S. RAYNAUD, International Journal of Rock Mechanics & Mining Sciences 37 (2000) p. 1223-1237

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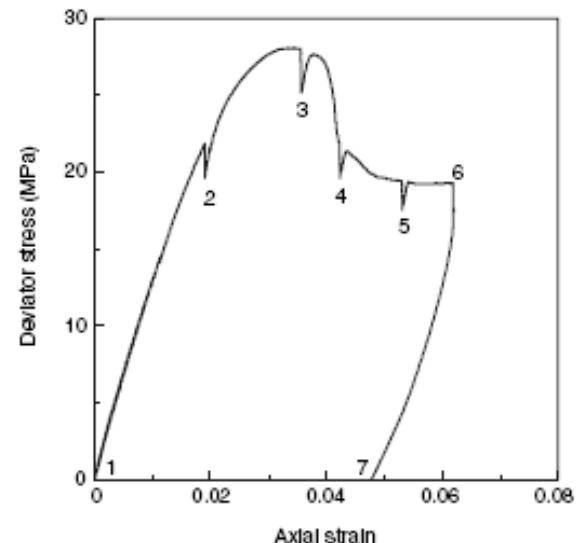
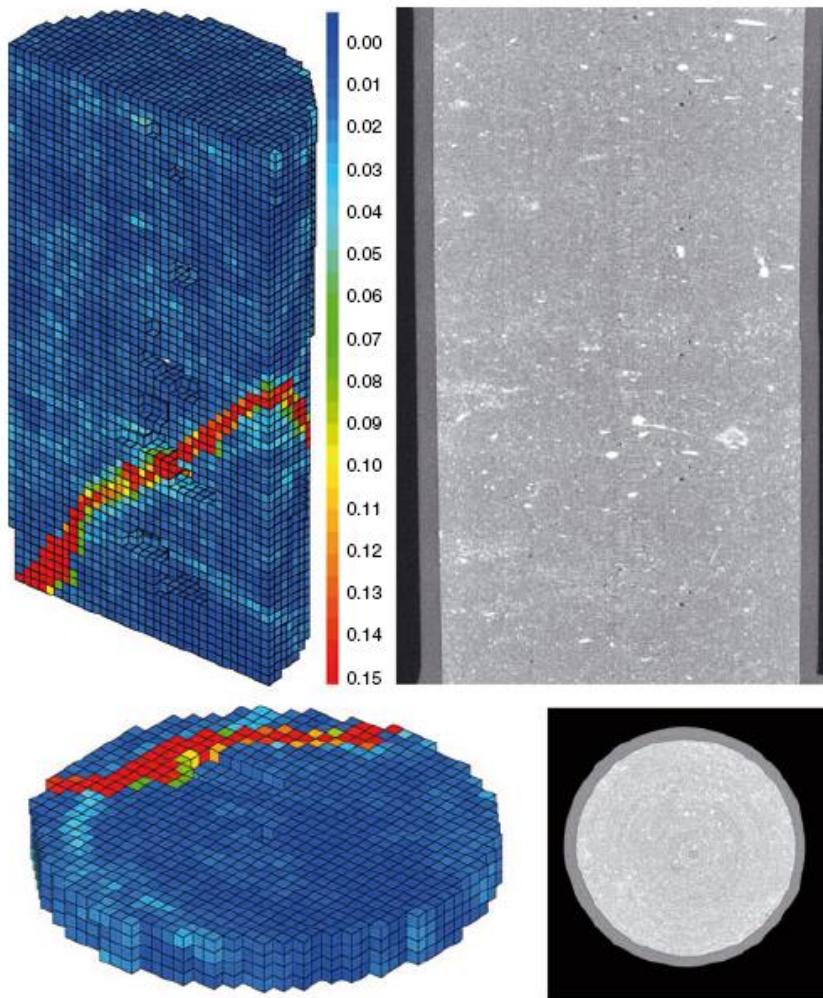
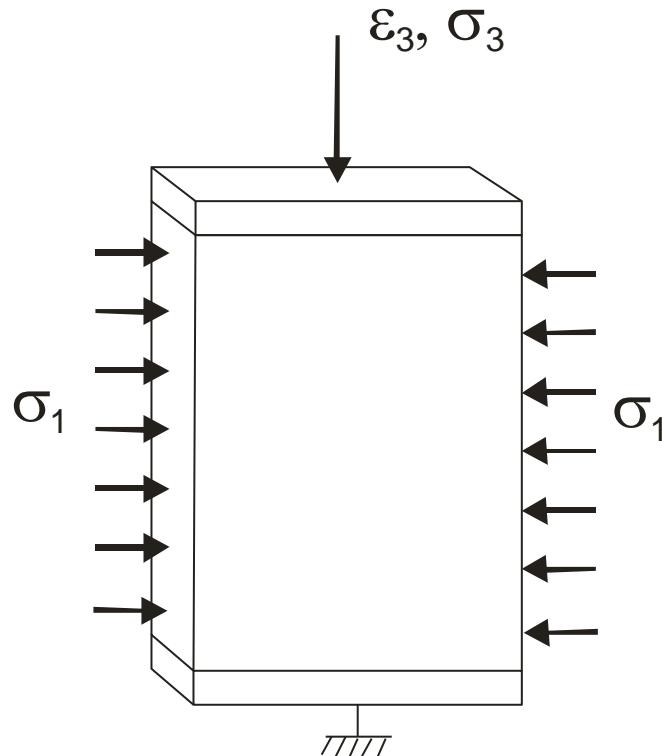


Figure 6: Deviator stress versus axial strain response recorded during test ESTSYN01 (10 MPa confining stress)

Increment 4-5

3D digital image correlation applied to X-ray micro tomography images from triaxial compression tests on argillaceous rock *LENOIR N, BORNERT M, DESRUES J, BESUELLE P, VIGGIANI G* *Strain* vol:43 No 3 pp.193-205

## Biaxial test:

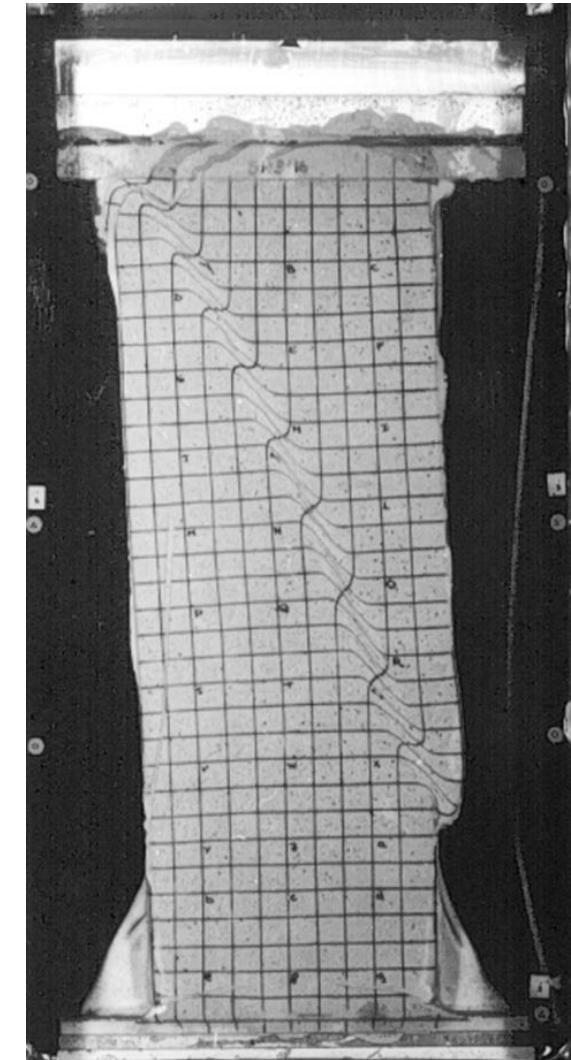
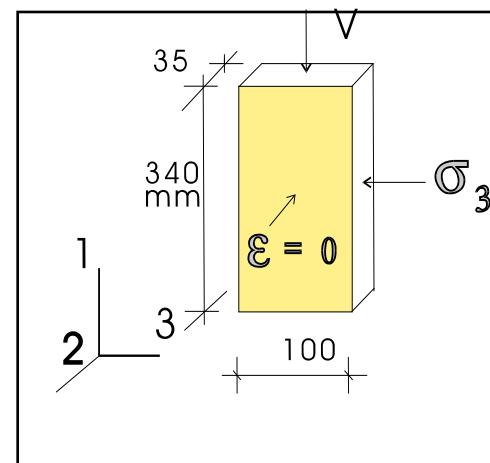


As in triaxial tests (and more generally in axi-symmetric tests), the localization zone may remain more or less hidden inside the sample, most of the experimental campaigns on localization have been performed in biaxial apparatus

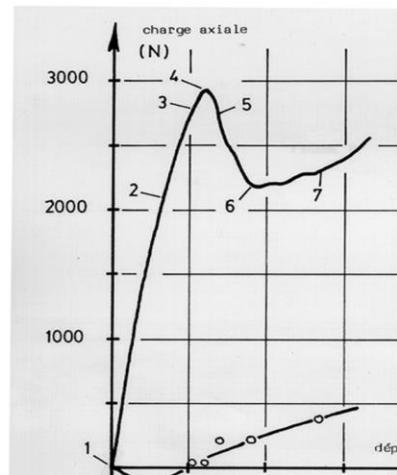
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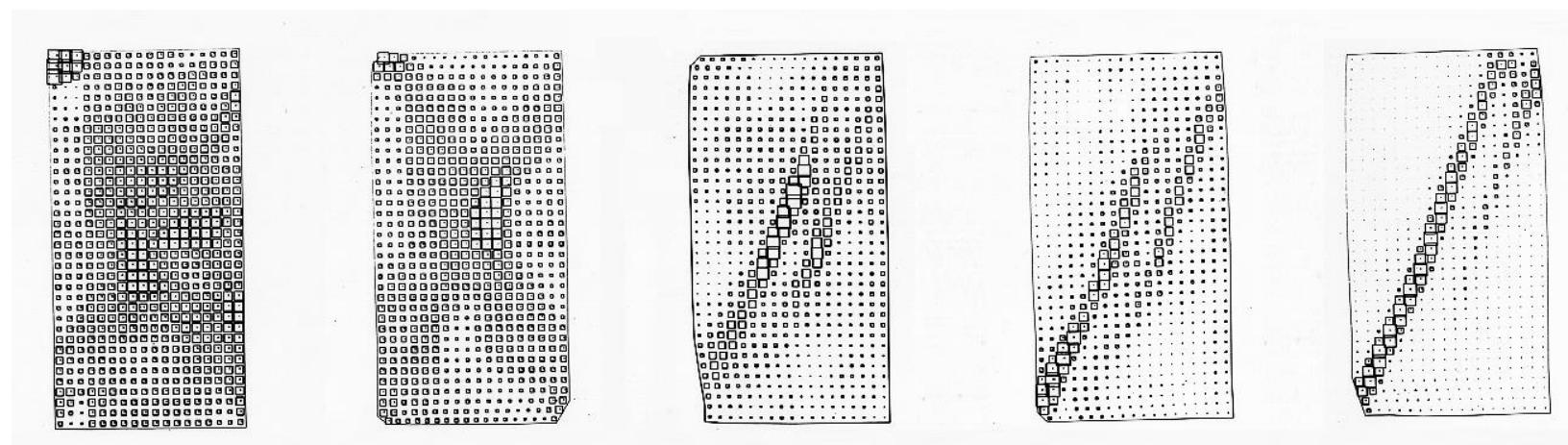
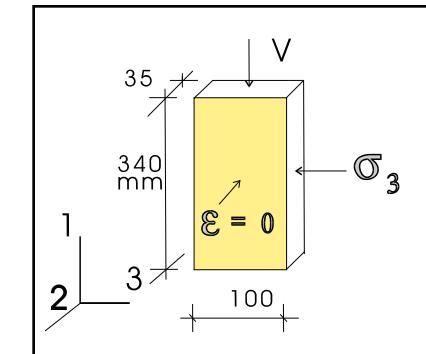
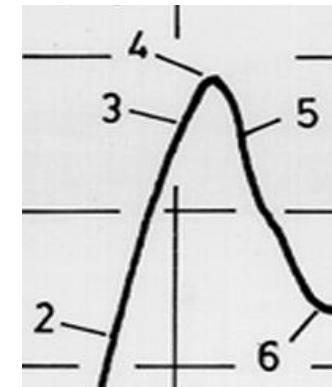
## Experimental set-up & a typical test



# Shear banding: experimental evidences



## Localization and Peak



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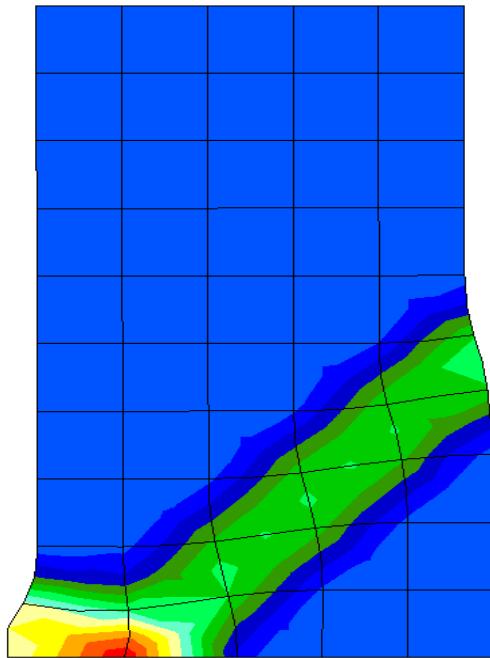
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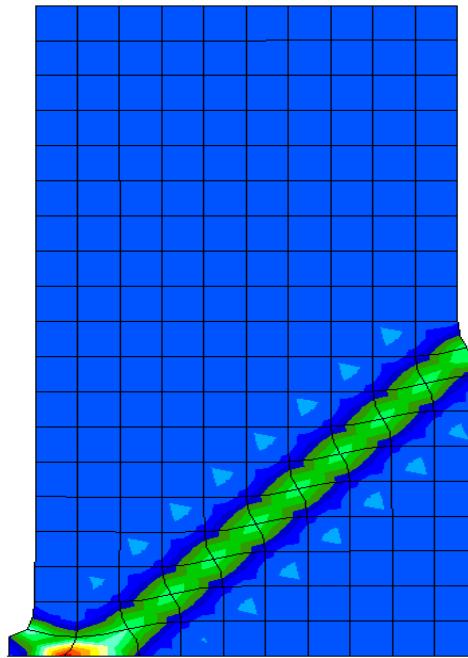
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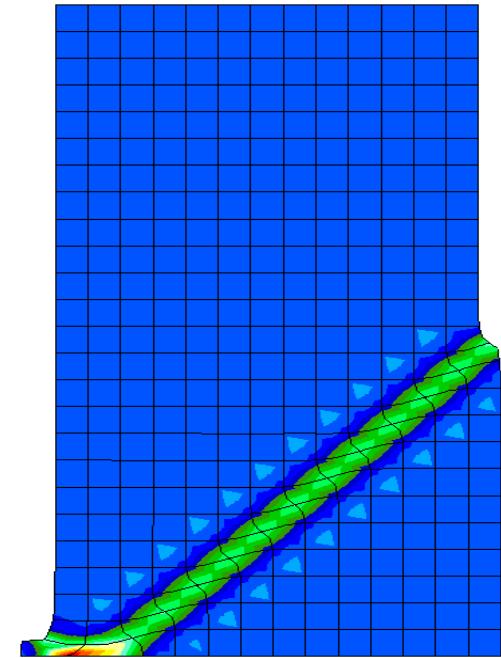
# Numerical modelling of shear banding



50 elements



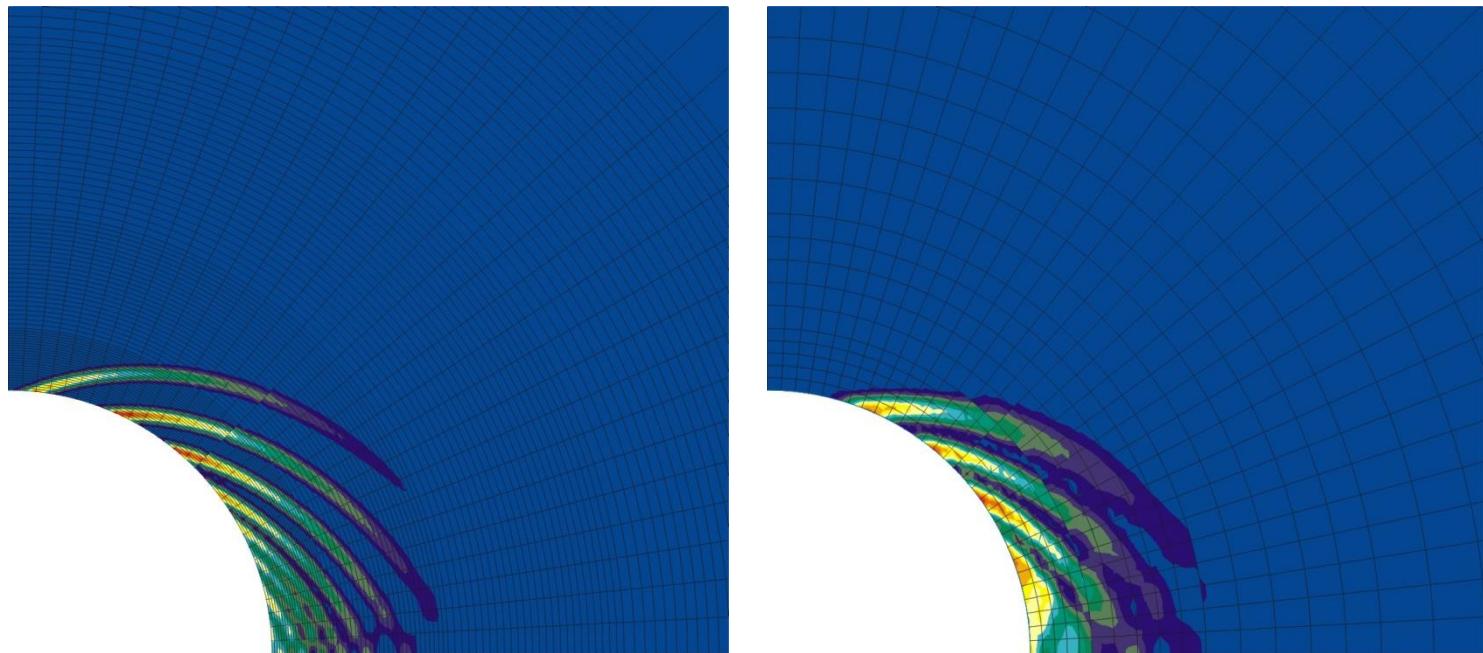
200 elements



300 elements

The post peak behaviour depends on the mesh size !

## Coupled modelling – Comparison Coarse mesh / Refined mesh



*Deviatoric strains*

- Classical FE formulation: mesh dependency
- Different regularization methods

*Gradient plasticity*

**Enrichment of the law**

*Non-local approach*

*Microstructure continuum*

**Enrichment of the kinematics**

*Cosserat model*

*Second gradient local model*

## Second gradient model

**Strain localisation with regularization - Coupled 2<sup>d</sup> gradient model :** (Chambon *et al.*, 1998 and 2001)

The continuum is enriched with microstructure effects. The kinematics include the classical one (macro) and the microkinematics (Toupin 1962, Mindlin 1964, Germain 1973).

Biphasic porous media : solid + fluid (Collin *et al.*, 2006)

Balance equations for biphasic porous media :

$$\int_{\Omega} \left( \sigma_{ij} \frac{\partial u_i^*}{\partial x_j} + \Sigma_{ijk} \frac{\partial^2 u_i^*}{\partial x_j \partial x_k} \right) d\Omega = \int_{\Omega} G_i u_i^* d\Omega + \int_{\Gamma_\sigma} \left( \bar{t}_i u_i^* + \bar{T}_i D u_i^* \right) d\Gamma$$

$$\int_{\Omega} \left( \frac{\partial M}{\partial t} p_w^* - m_{w,i} \frac{\partial p_w^*}{\partial x_i} \right) d\Omega = \int_{\Omega} Q p_w^* d\Omega + \int_{\Gamma_q} \bar{q} p_w^* d\Gamma$$

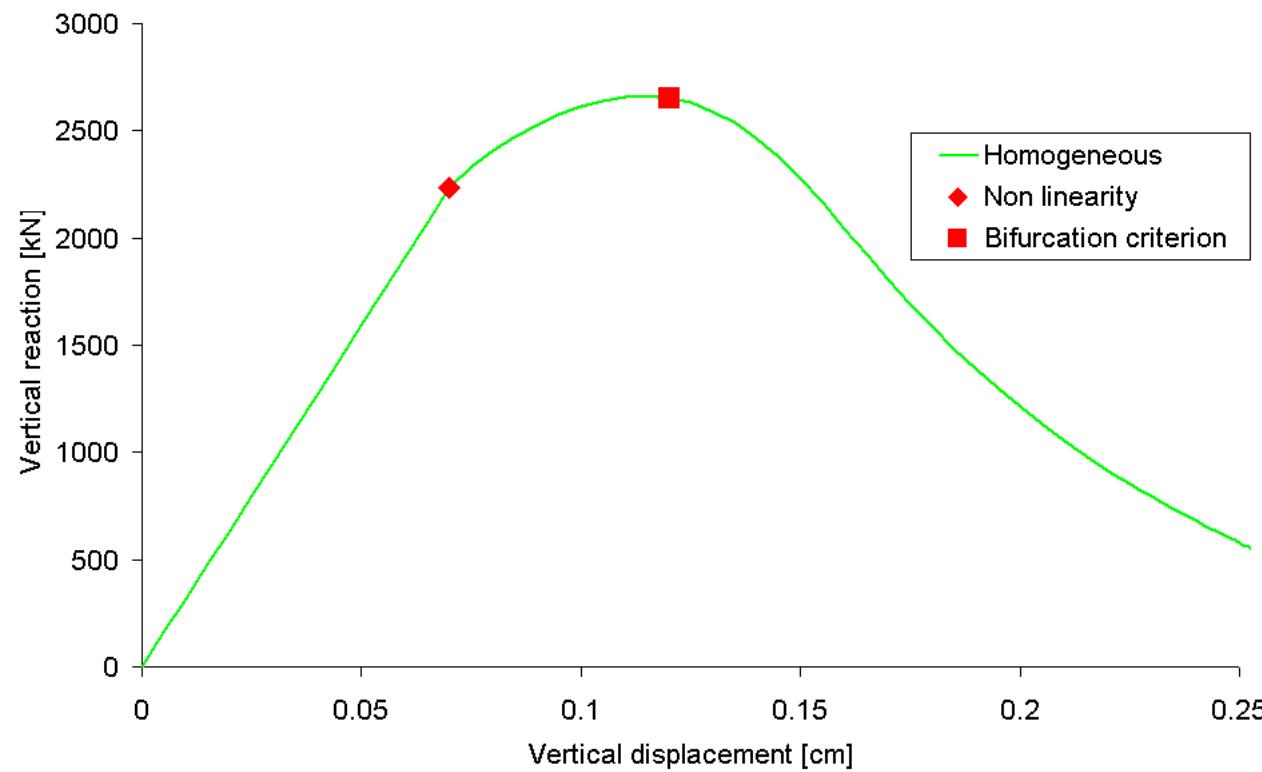
Effective stress :

$$\sigma_{ij} = \sigma'_{ij} + b_{ij} S_{rw} p_w$$

Double stress :

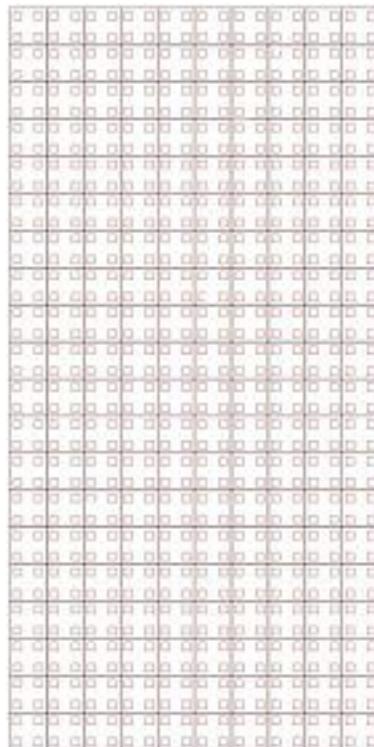
$$\tilde{\Sigma}_{ijk} = f \left( B, \frac{\partial^2 u_i^*}{\partial x_j \partial x_k} \right)$$

*Modelling of a compression biaxial test (softening plasticity)*

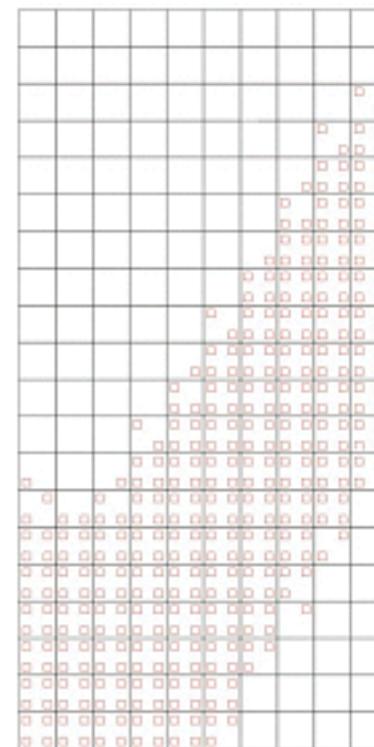


## ***First modelling: no HM coupling (no overpressure)***

*Plastic loading point*

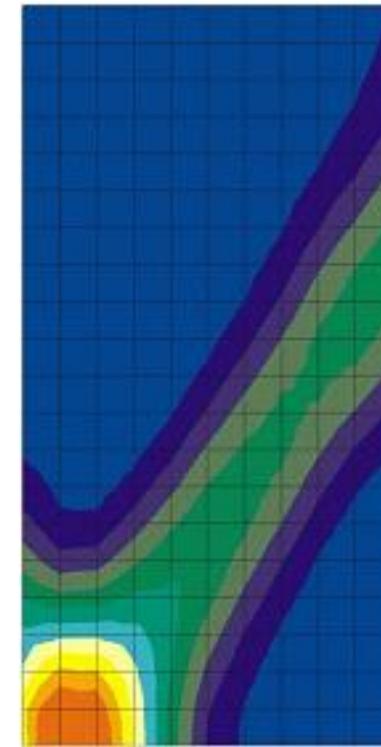


*Before*



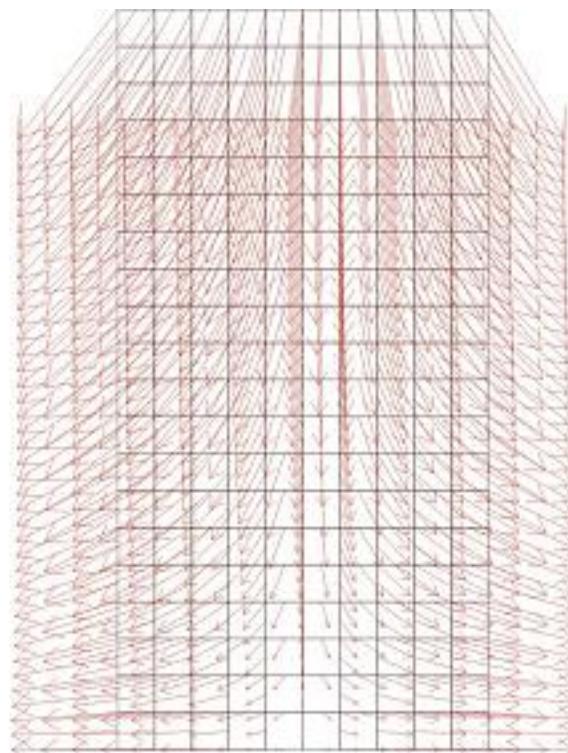
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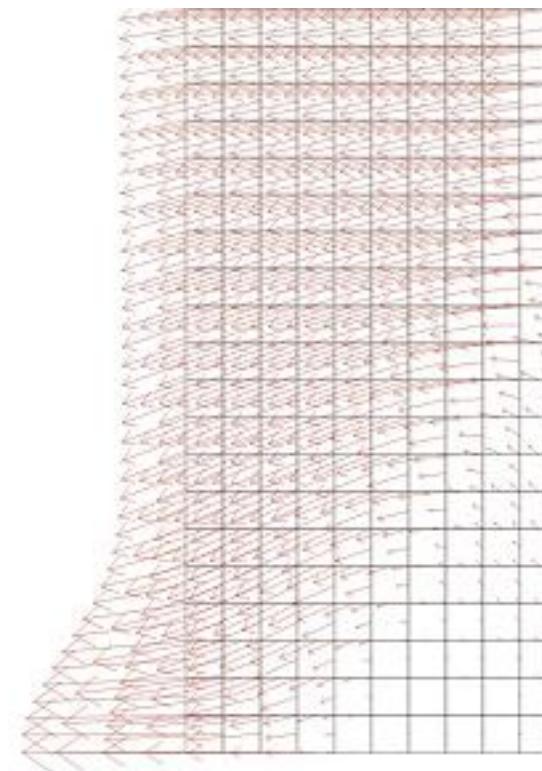
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*Velocity field*



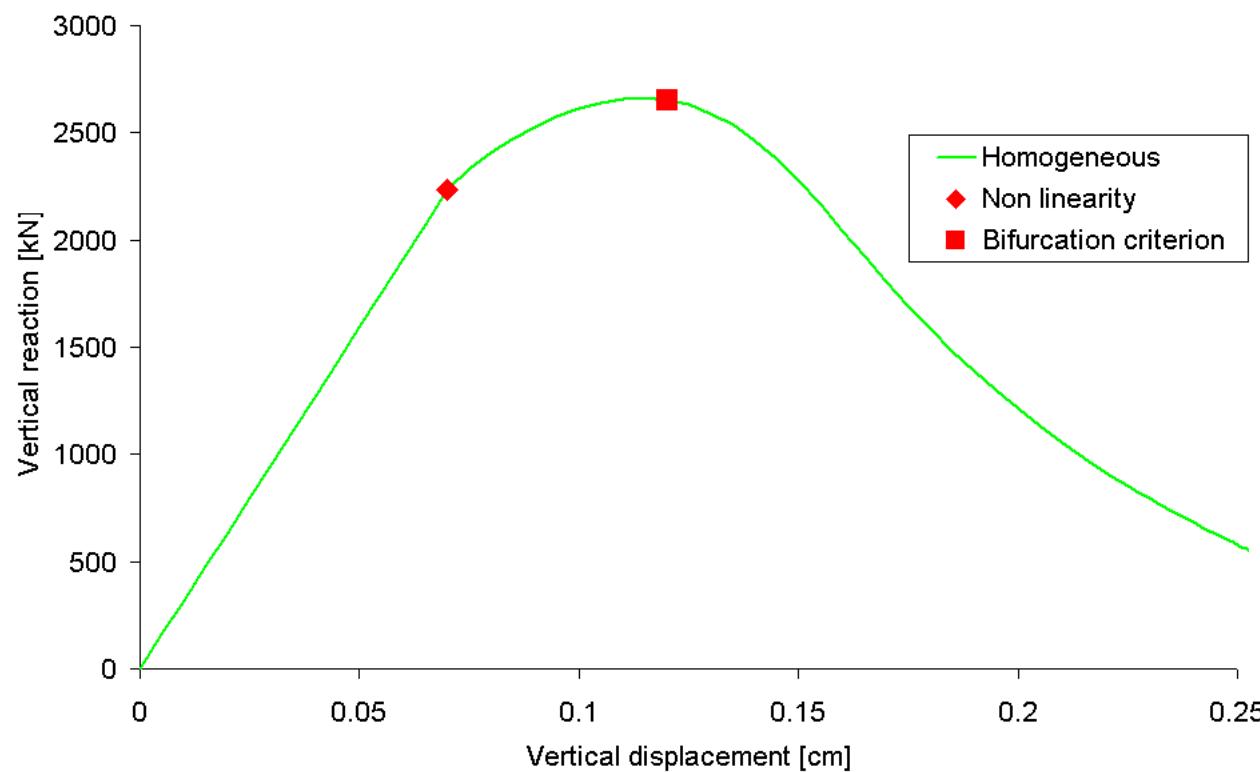
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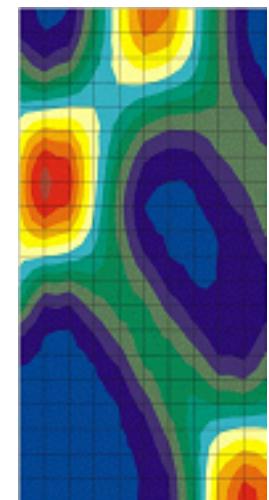
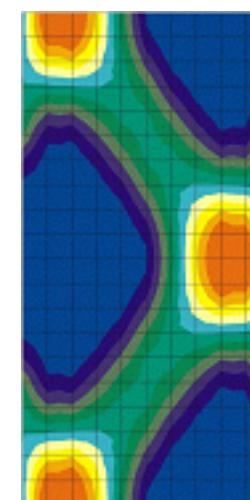
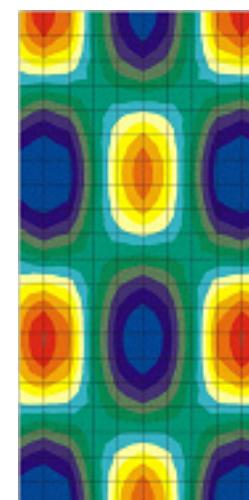
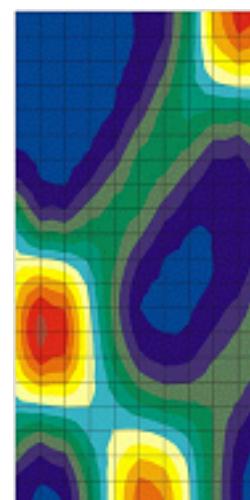
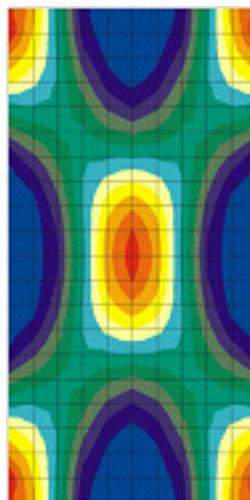
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## *Initiation of localization (Directional research)*



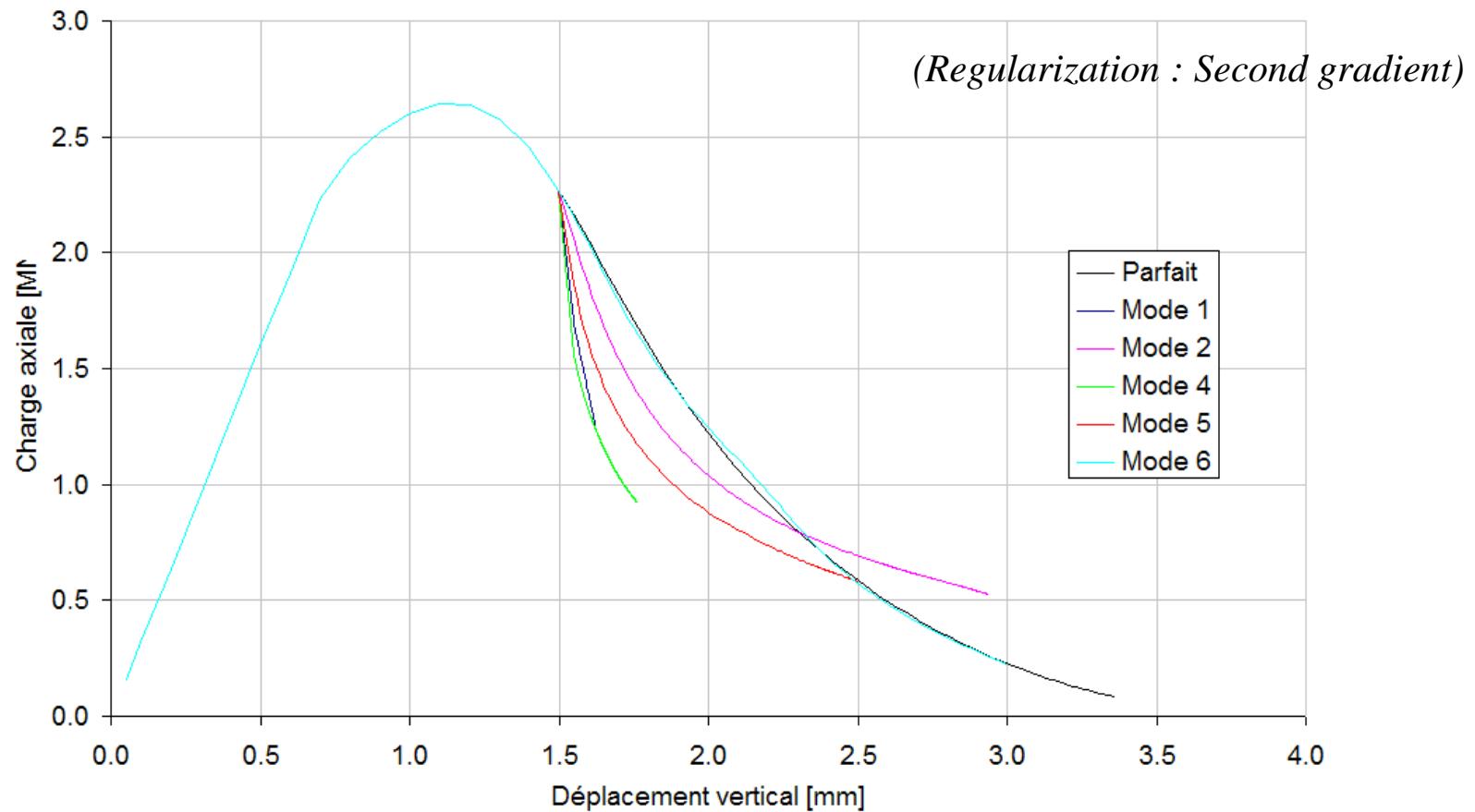
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*Non uniqueness of the solution*

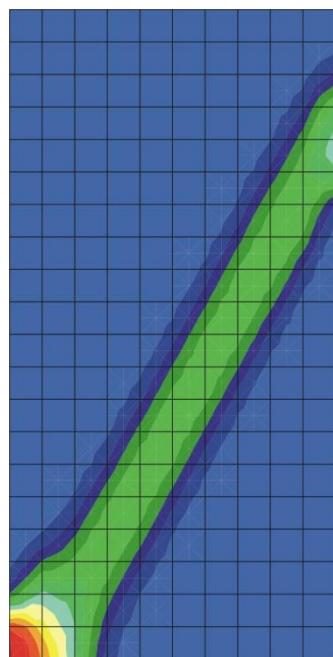
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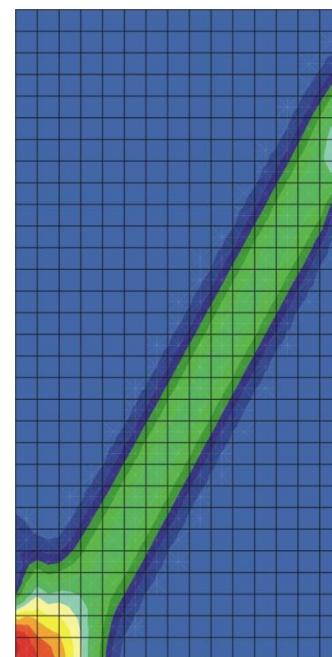
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## Undrained biaxial compression test

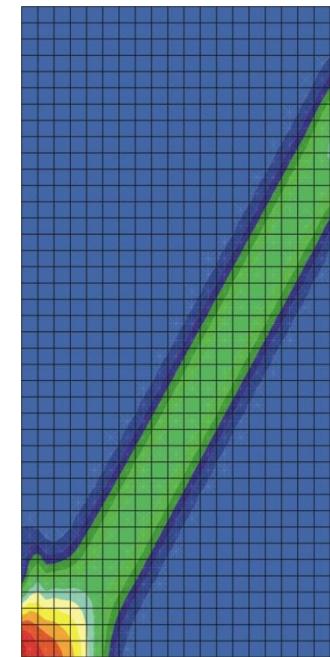
(20 x 10)



(30 x 15)



(40 x 20)



Deviatoric strain

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# Modelling the EDZ structure

## Mechanical model :

Linear elasticity : Cross-anisotropic (5 param.) + Biot's coefficient

$$d\varepsilon_{ij}^e = D_{ijkl}^e d\sigma_{kl} \quad E_{//}, E_{\perp}, \nu_{///}, \nu_{//\perp}, G_{//\perp}$$

$$b_{ij} = \delta_{ij} - \frac{C_{ijk}^e}{3K_s}$$

$$b_{ij} = \begin{bmatrix} b_{//} & & \\ & b_{//} & \\ & & b_{\perp} \end{bmatrix}$$

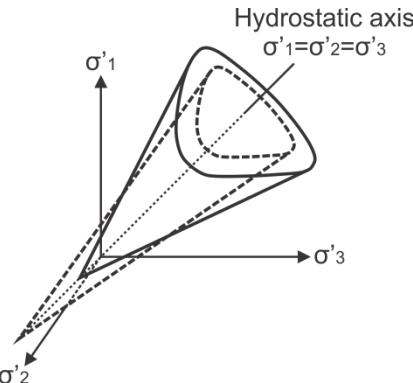
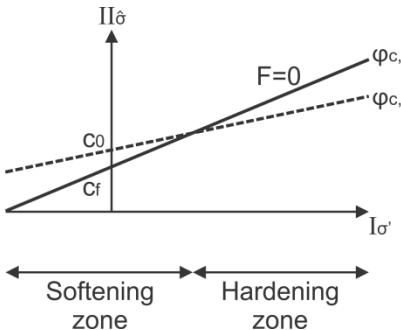
$$D_{ijkl}^e = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{E_{//}} & -\frac{\nu_{///}}{E_{//}} & -\frac{\nu_{//\perp}}{E_{\perp}} & & \\ -\frac{\nu_{///}}{E_{//}} & \frac{1}{E_{//}} & -\frac{\nu_{//\perp}}{E_{\perp}} & & \\ -\frac{\nu_{//\perp}}{E_{\perp}} & -\frac{\nu_{//\perp}}{E_{//}} & \frac{1}{E_{\perp}} & & \\ & & & \frac{1+\nu_{///}}{E_{//}} & \\ & & & & \frac{1}{2G_{//\perp}} \\ & & & & \frac{1}{2G_{//\perp}} \end{bmatrix}$$

## Plasticity :

Van Eeckelen yield surface

Hardening/softening of  $\varphi/c$  :

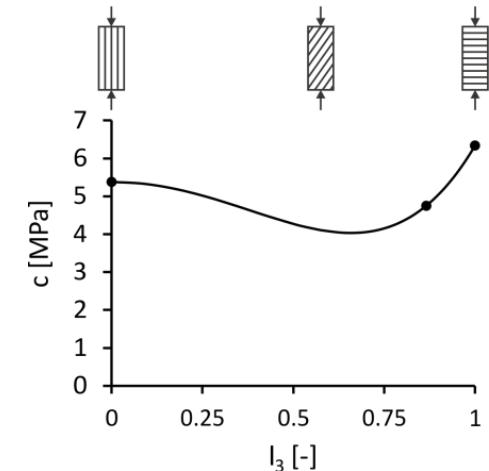
$$F \equiv II_{\hat{\sigma}} - m \left( I_{\sigma'} + \frac{3c}{\tan \phi_c} \right) = 0$$



Cohesion anisotropy :

$$c = a_{ij} l_i l_j = \bar{c} \left( 1 + A_{11}(1 - 3l_3^2) + b_1 A_{11}^2 (1 - 3l_3^2)^2 + \dots \right)$$

$$l_i = \sqrt{\frac{\sigma_{i1}'^2 + \sigma_{i2}'^2 + \sigma_{i3}'^2}{\sigma_{ij}' \sigma_{ij}'}}$$



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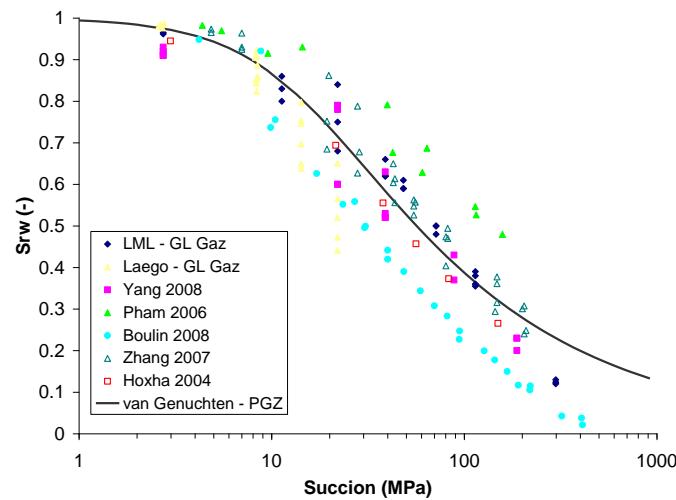
## Flow model :

Advection of liquid phase (Darcy's flow) :

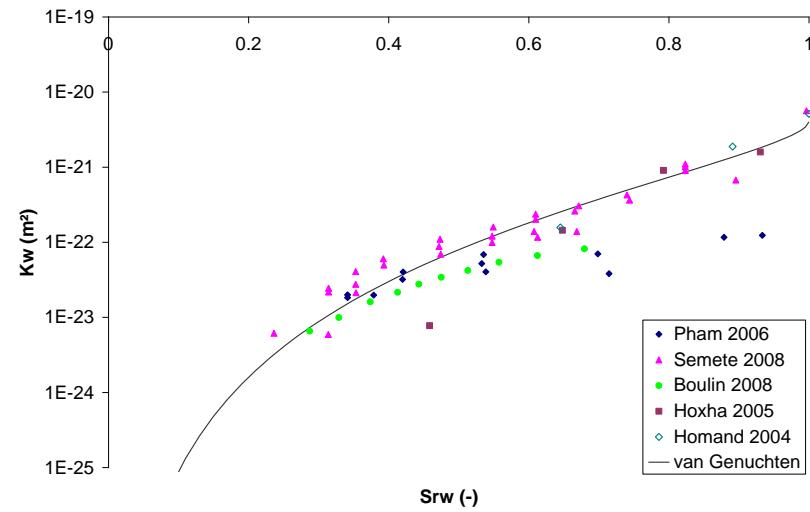
$$m_{w,i} = -\rho_w \frac{k_{ij} k_{r,w}}{\mu_w} \frac{\partial p_w}{\partial x_j}$$

Water retention and permeability curves (Van Genuchten's model) :

$$S_{r,w} = S_{res} + (S_{max} - S_{res}) \left[ 1 + \left( \frac{P_c}{P_r} \right)^n \right]^{-m}$$



$$k_{r,w} = \sqrt{S_{r,w}} \left[ 1 - \left( 1 - S_{r,w}^{1/m} \right)^m \right]^2$$



# Modelling the EDZ structure

## Gallery // to $\sigma_h$ :

Initial anisotropic stress state(Andra URL) :

$$\begin{aligned} p_{w,0} &= 4.5 \text{ [MPa]} \\ \sigma_{v,0} &= \sigma_{h,0} = 12 \text{ [MPa]} \\ \sigma_{H,0} &= 1.3 \sigma_{v,0} = 15.6 \text{ [MPa]} \end{aligned}$$

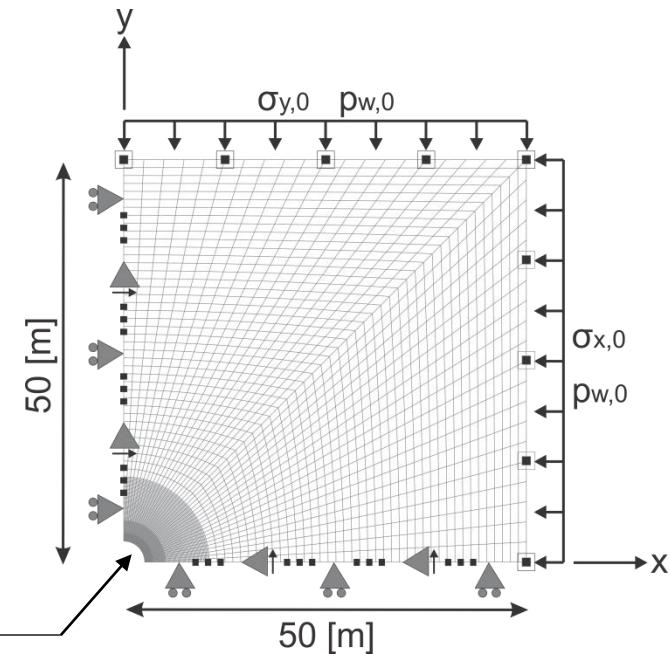
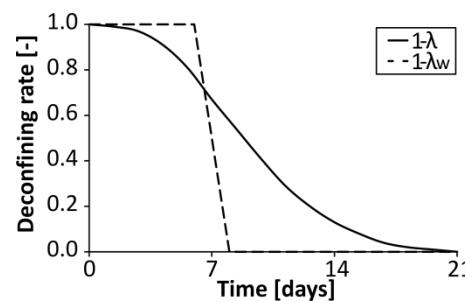
- Constant pore water pressure ( $p_{w,0}$ )
- ← Constant total stress ( $\sigma_{y,0} / \sigma_{x,0}$ )
- Constrained displacement perpendicular to the boundary
- ↑ Constrained normal derivative of the radial displacement
- Impervious boundary

HM modelling in 2D plane strain state (LAGAMINE-Ulg)

Excavation :

$$\sigma_r^\Gamma = (1 - \lambda) \sigma_{r,0}^\Gamma$$

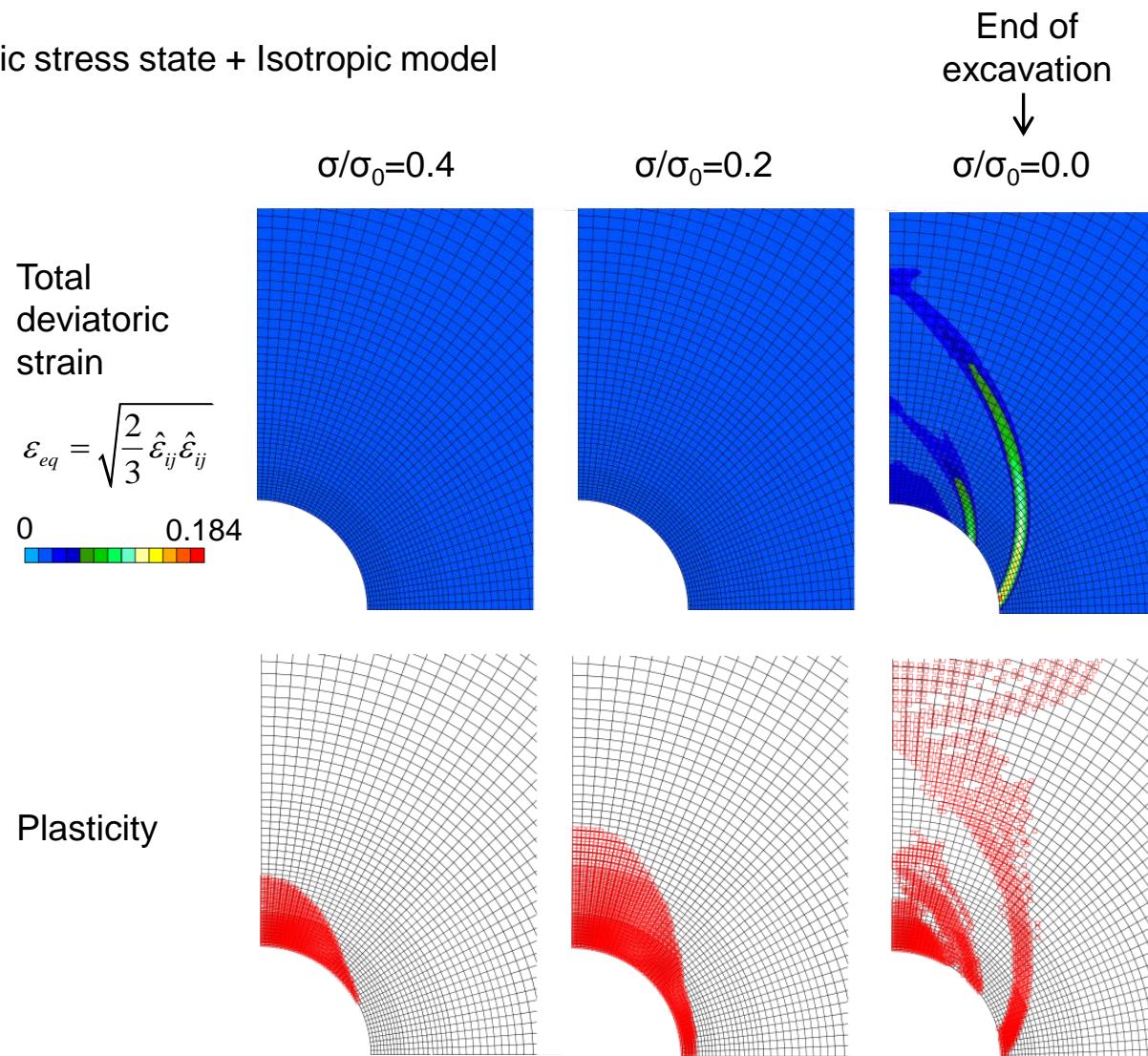
$$p_w^\Gamma = (1 - \lambda_w) p_{w,0}^\Gamma$$



# Modelling the EDZ structure

## Gallery // to $\sigma_h$ :

### 1. Anisotropic stress state + Isotropic model



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## Gallery // to $\sigma_h$ :

### 1. Anisotropic stress state + Anisotropic model

End of  
excavation



3 days

4 days

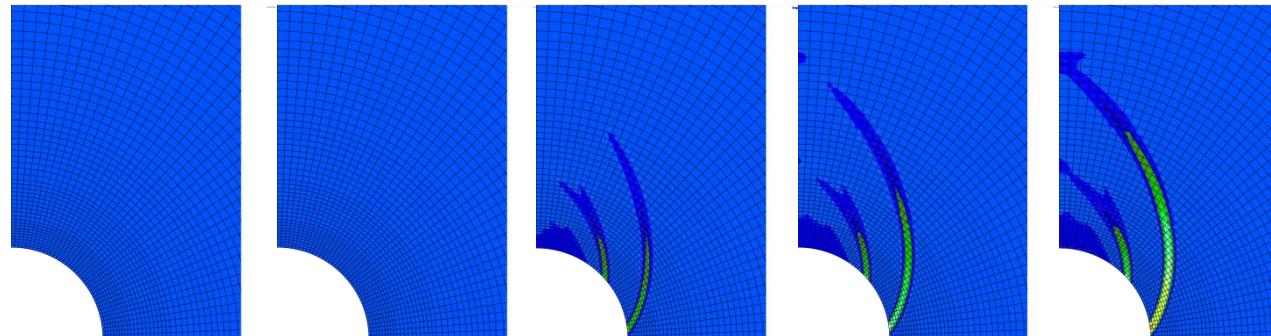
21 days

100 days

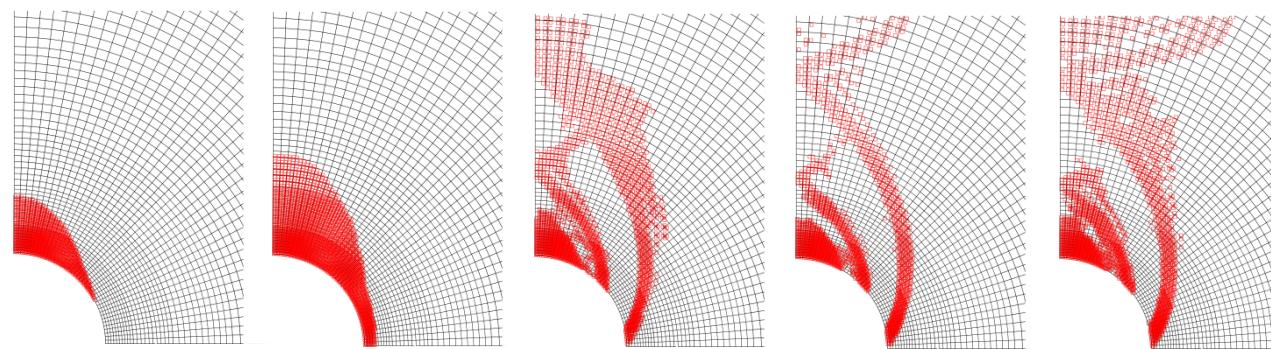
1000 days

Total  
deviatoric  
strain

0      0.184

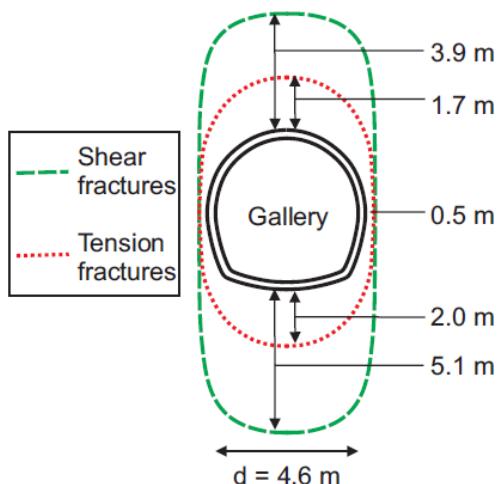


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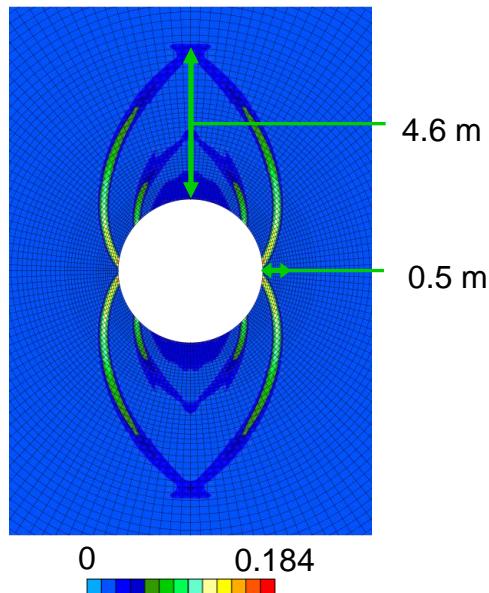


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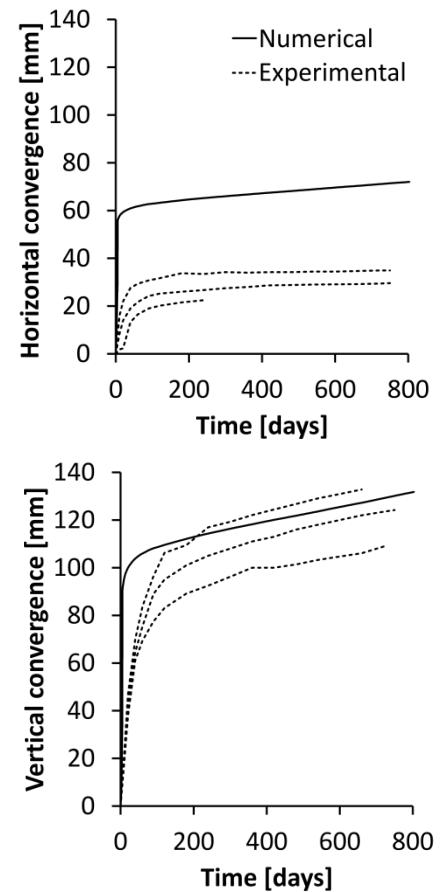
Fractures



Total deviatoric strain



Convergence



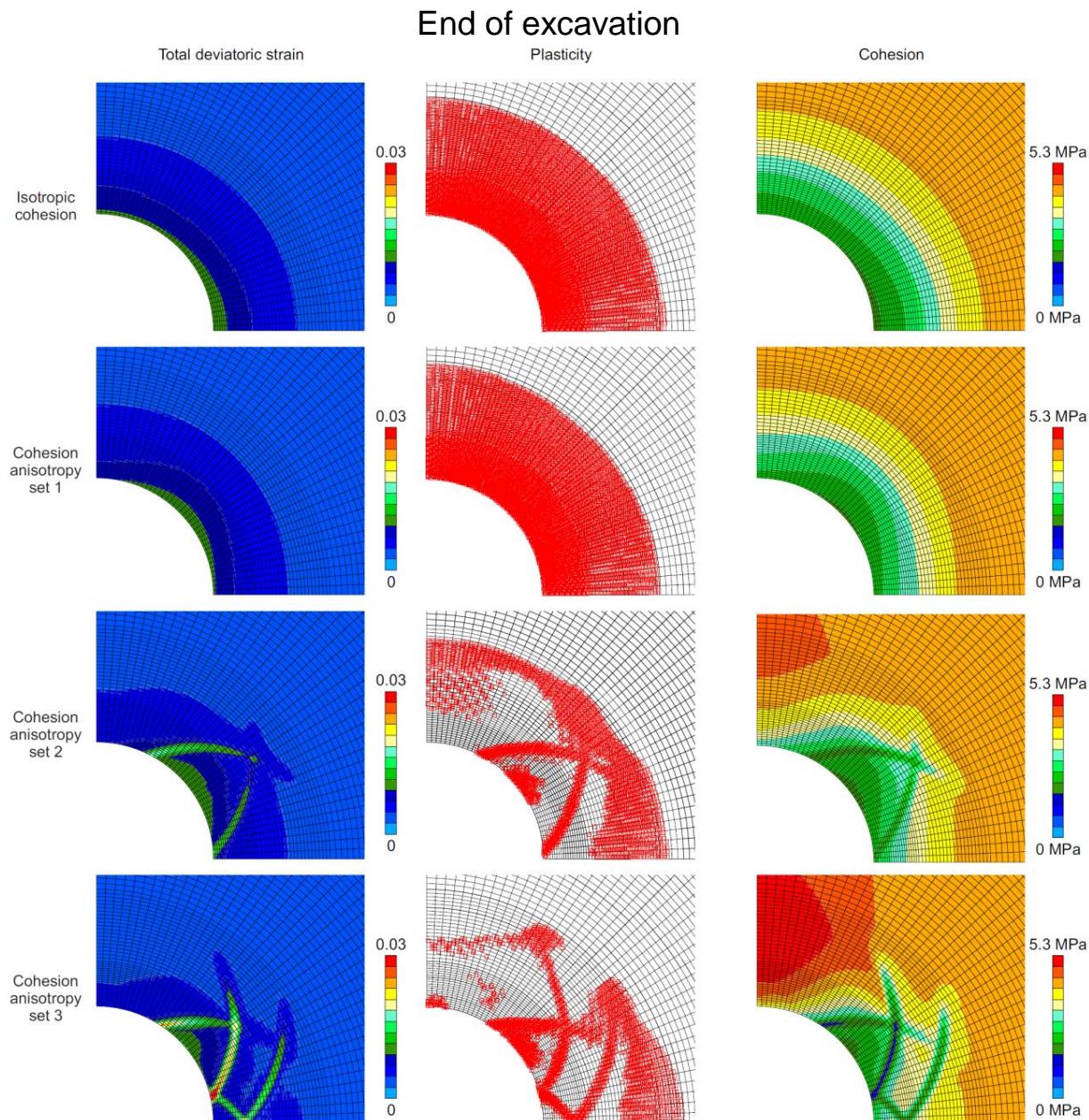
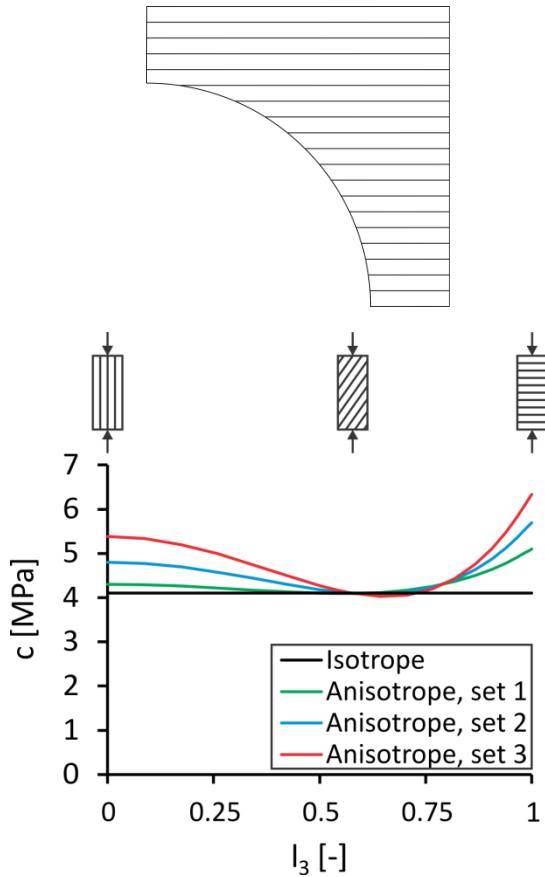
$\sigma$  anisotropy is the predominant factor leading to strain localisation and to the elliptical shape of the damaged zone.

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## Gallery // to $\sigma_H$ :

Isotropic stress state ( $\sigma=12$  MPa),  
anisotropic model

HM modelling in 2D plane  
strain state



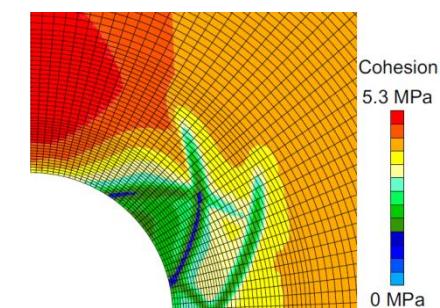
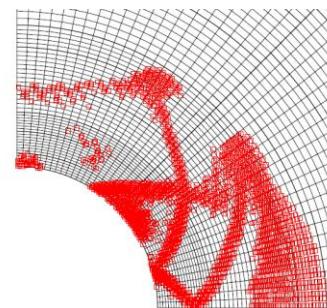
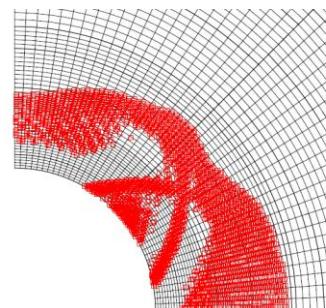
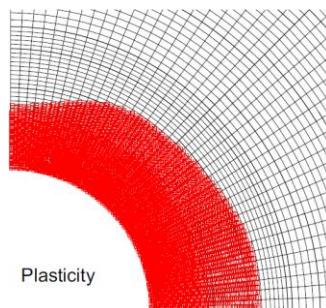
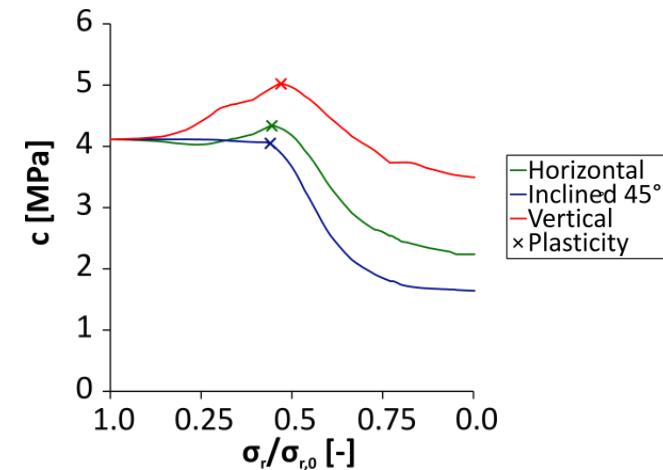
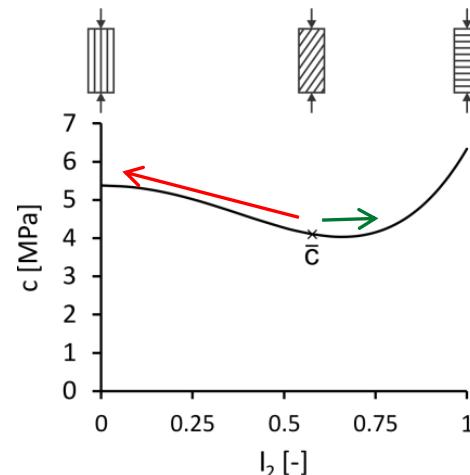
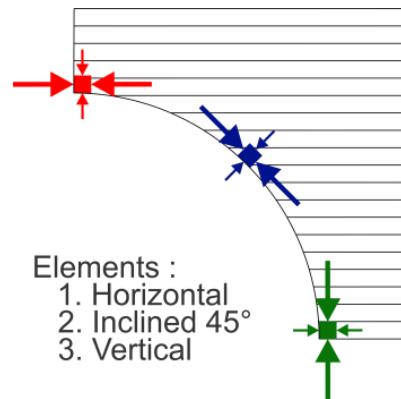
# Modelling the EDZ structure

## Cohesion evolution :

Anisotropy:  $c = a_{ij}l_il_j = \bar{c} \left( 1 + A_{11}(1 - 3l_2^2) + b_1 A_{11}^2 (1 - 3l_2^2)^2 + \dots \right)$        $l_i = \sqrt{\frac{\sigma_{i1}^2 + \sigma_{i2}^2 + \sigma_{i3}^2}{\sigma_{ij}\sigma_{ij}}}$

Initially : isotropic  $\sigma_{ij} \rightarrow c = \bar{c}$        $l_2 = \sqrt{3}/3 = 0.58$

Excavation :  $\sigma_r \downarrow$  and  $\sigma_{ort} \uparrow$

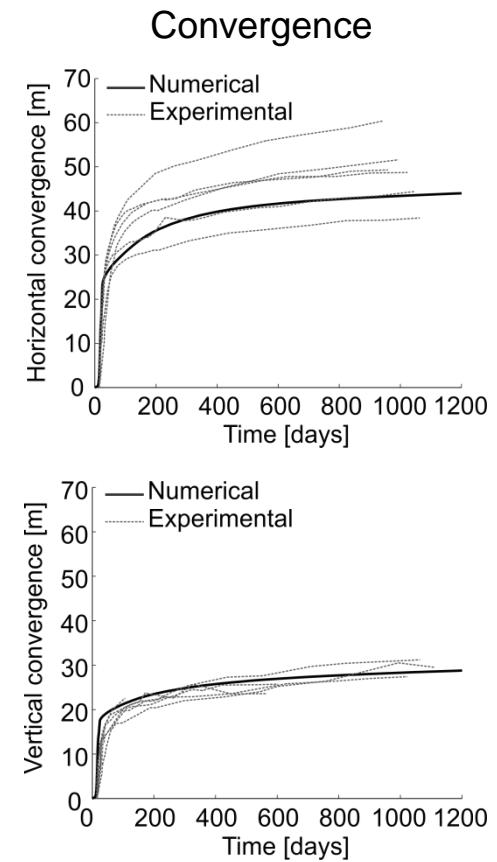
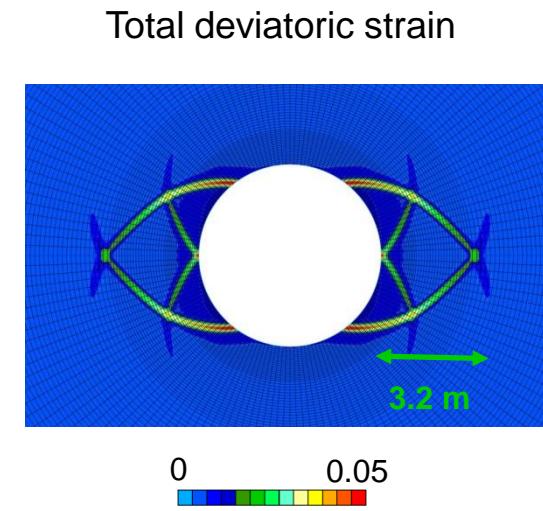
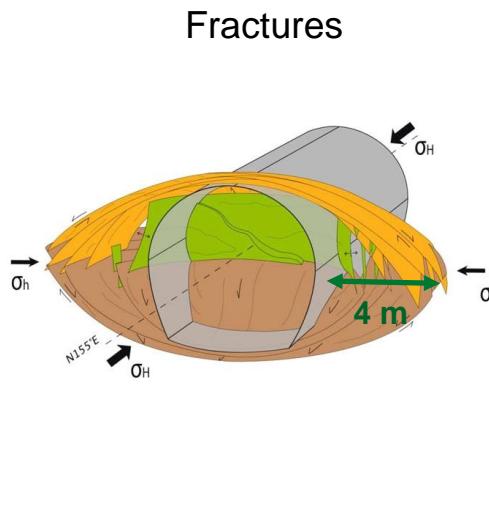


# Modelling the EDZ structure

## Gallery // to $\sigma_H$ :

Anisotropic stress state, anisotropic model

$$\sigma_{H,0} = 1.3 \sigma_{v,0} > \sigma_{v,0} = \sigma_{h,0} = 12 \text{ [MPa]}$$



Isotropic stress state in the gallery section does not lead to shear strain localisation unless the material anisotropy is considered.

Material anisotropy seems to be the predominant factor leading to strain localisation and to the elliptical shape of the damaged zone.

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# Permeability evolution

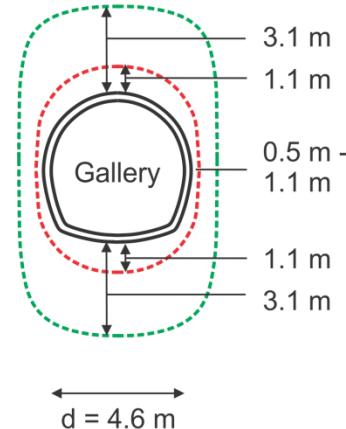
## In situ evidences :

Hydraulic properties are not homogeneous in the damaged zone.

Influence of rock fracturing on intrinsic permeability.

*In situ* permeability in Callovo-Oxfordian claystone  
(Armand et al. 2014, Cruchaudet et al. 2010b)

- Slightly disturbed  $10^{-19} < k < 10^{-17} \text{ m}^2$
- Highly disturbed  $k > 10^{-17} \text{ m}^2$



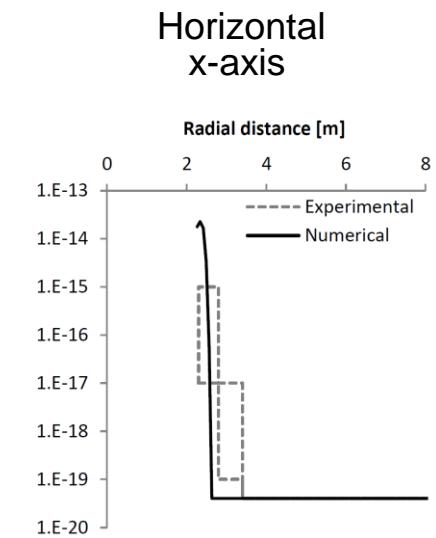
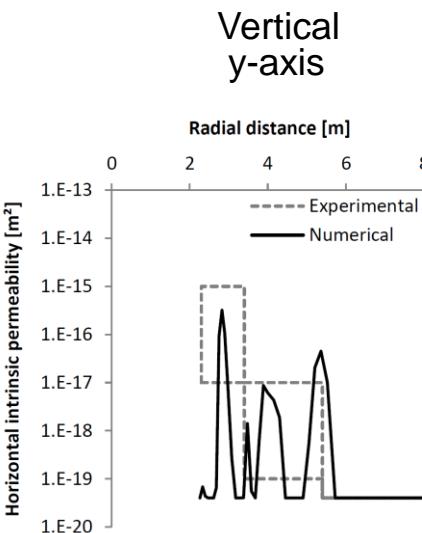
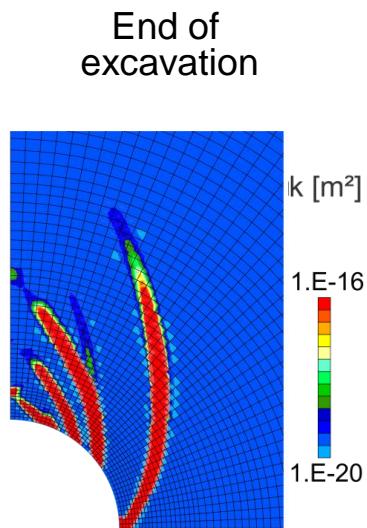
## Permeability variation :

Total deviatoric strain (if  $\varepsilon_{eq} > \varepsilon_{eq}^{\min}$ )

$$\frac{k_{ij}}{k_{ij,0}} = 1 + \alpha(\varepsilon_{eq} - \varepsilon_{eq}^{\min})^\beta$$

$$\varepsilon_{eq} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3} \hat{\varepsilon}_{ij} \hat{\varepsilon}_{ij}}$$

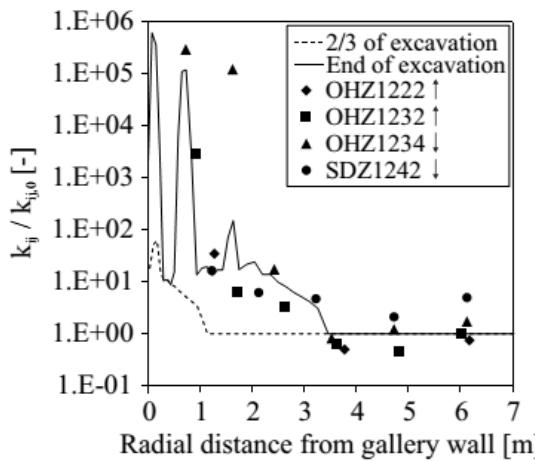
$$\alpha = 2 \times 10^8, \beta = 3$$



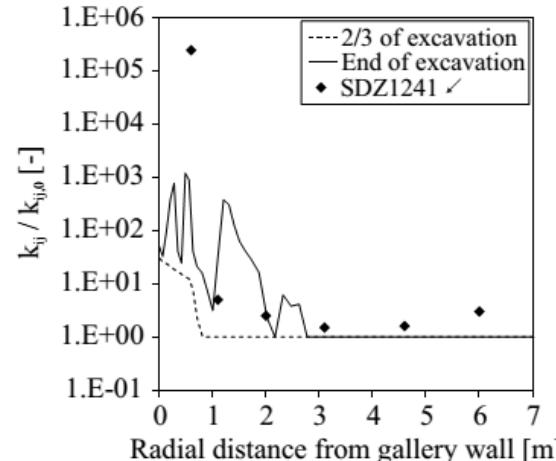
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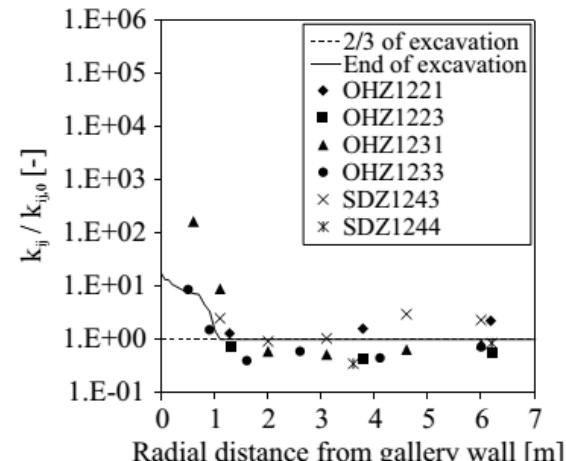
$$k_{ij} = k_{ij,0} \left( 1 + \beta \langle YI - YI^{thr} \rangle \hat{\epsilon}_{eq}^3 \right) \quad YI = \frac{II_{\hat{\sigma}}}{II_{\hat{\sigma}}^p}$$



Vertical



Oblique at 45°



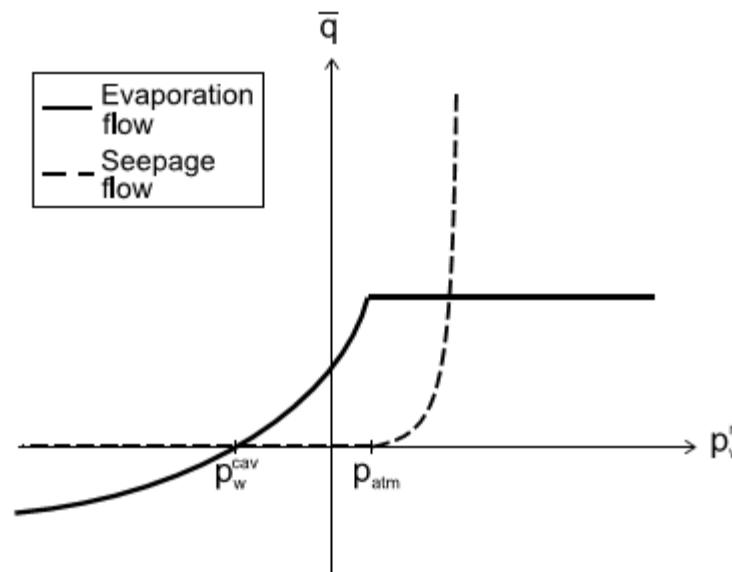
Horizontal

# Permeability evolution

## Impact of ventilation:

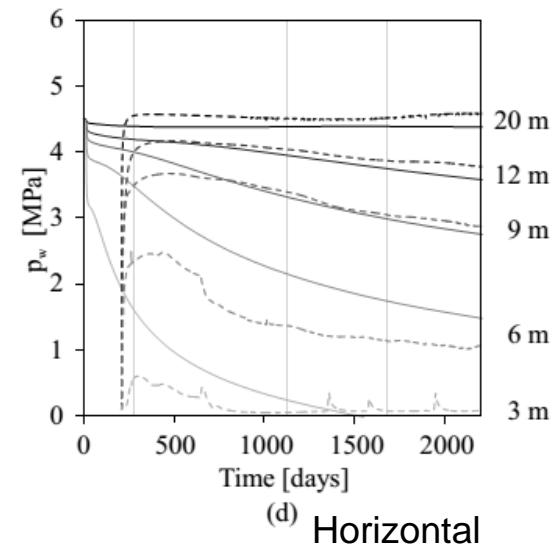
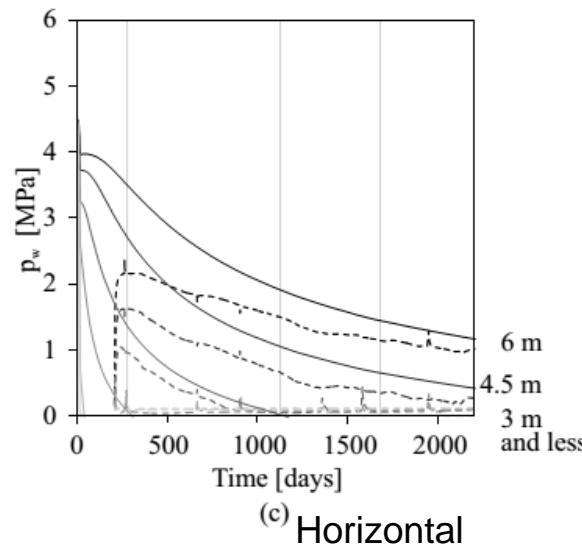
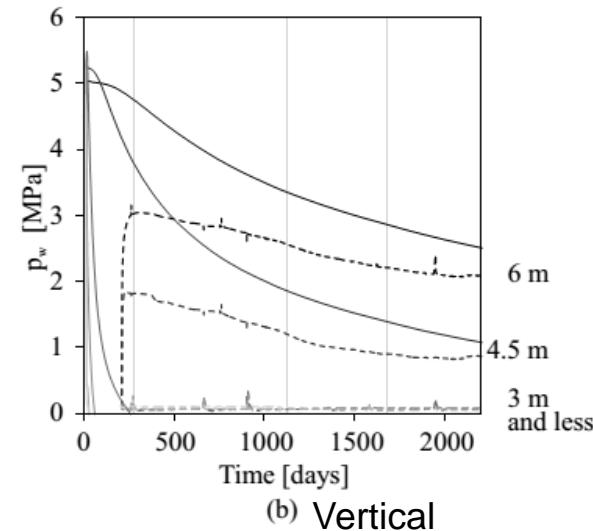
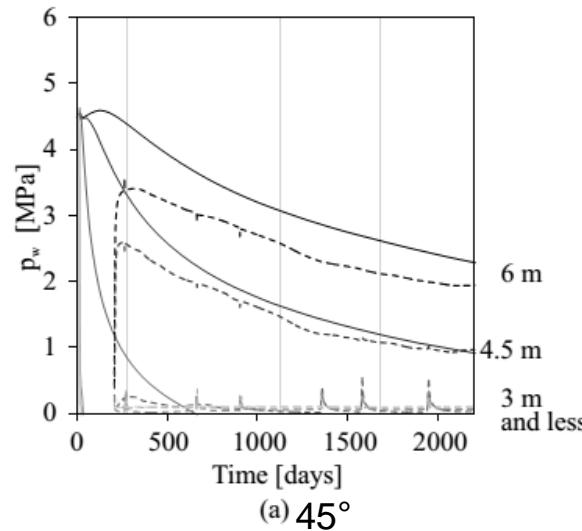
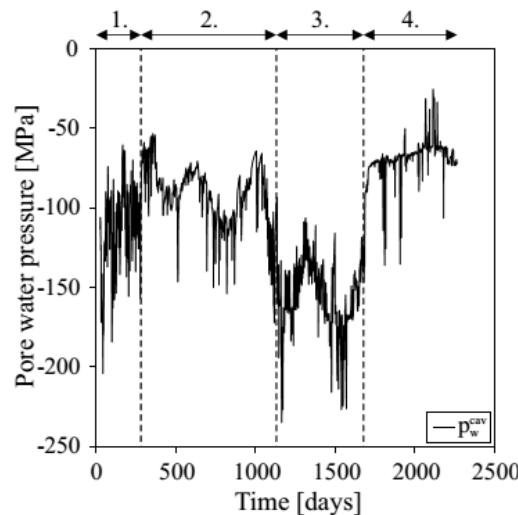
Two exchange modes can occur at the gallery wall:

- Seepage flow  $\begin{cases} \bar{S} = K^{pen} (p_w^r - p_{atm})^2 & \text{if } p_w^r \geq p_w^{cav} \text{ and } p_w^r \geq p_{atm} \\ \bar{S} = 0 & \text{if } p_w^r < p_w^{cav} \text{ or } p_w^r < p_{atm} \end{cases}$
- Evaporation flow  $\bar{E} = \alpha (\rho_v^r - \rho_v^{cav})$



# Permeability evolution

## Rock-atmosphere interaction (gallery air ventilation) :



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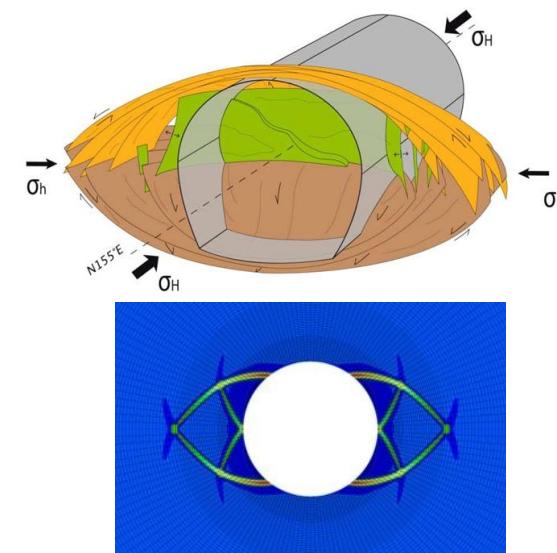
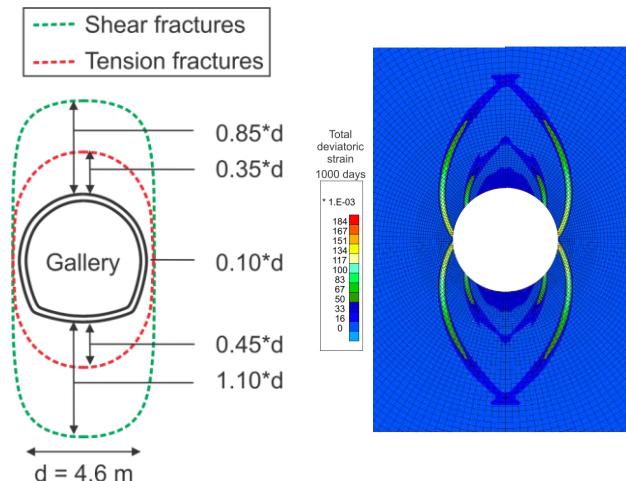
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# Conclusions

- Damaged zone → strain localisation zone similar to *in situ* measurements
- modelling provide information about the rock structure and evolution within this zone, as observed *in situ*.
  - rock anisotropy and properties modification

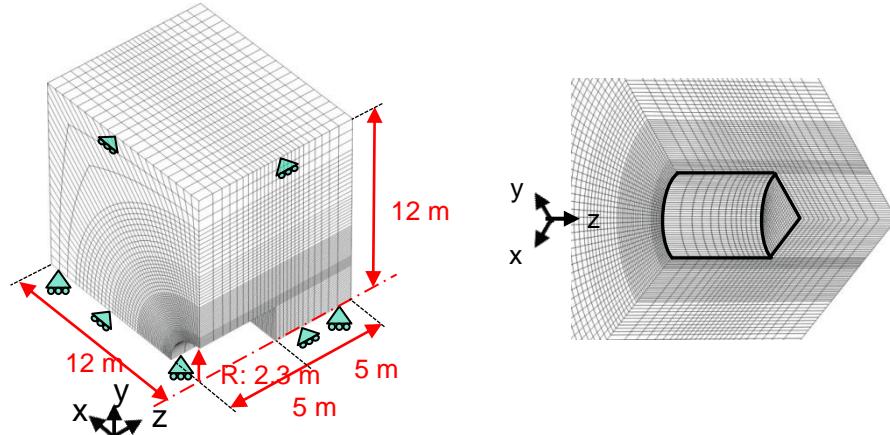


# Numerical results for gallery excavation – 3D

## Numerical modelling (LAGAMINE-ULg) :

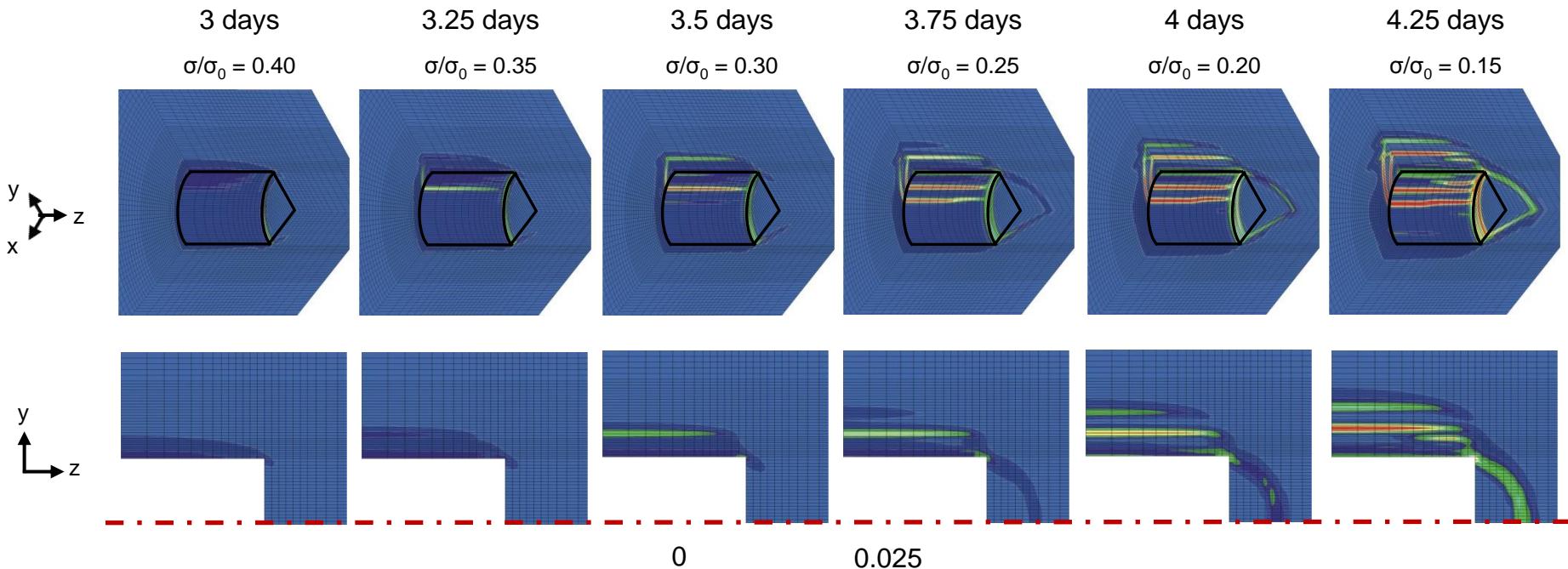
Mechanical modelling in 3D state.

Classical FE, no second gradient !



## Equivalent deformation $\epsilon_{eq}$ :

$\epsilon_{eq}$  during boring :

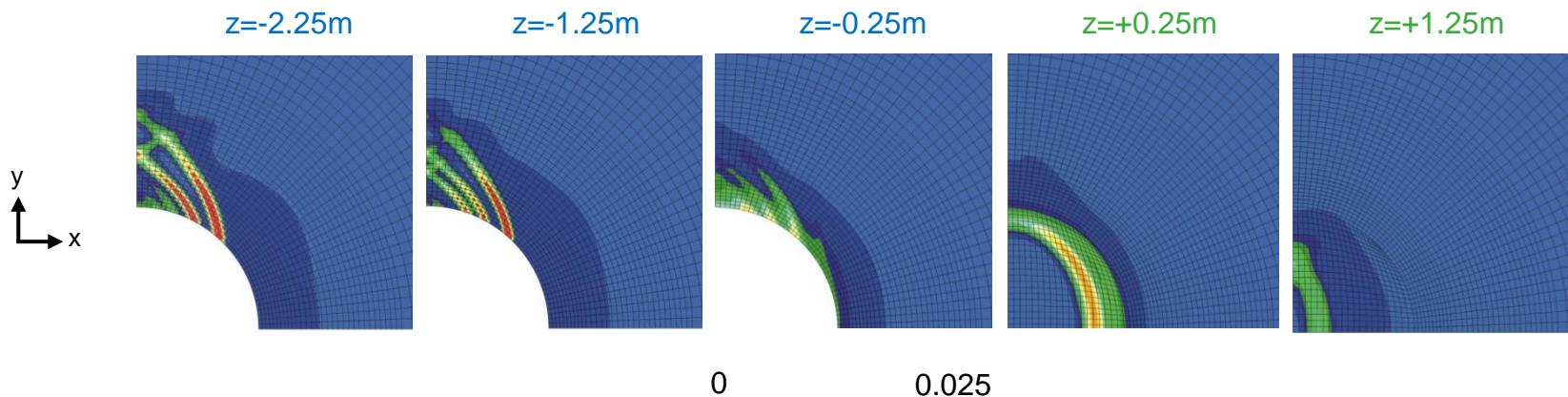
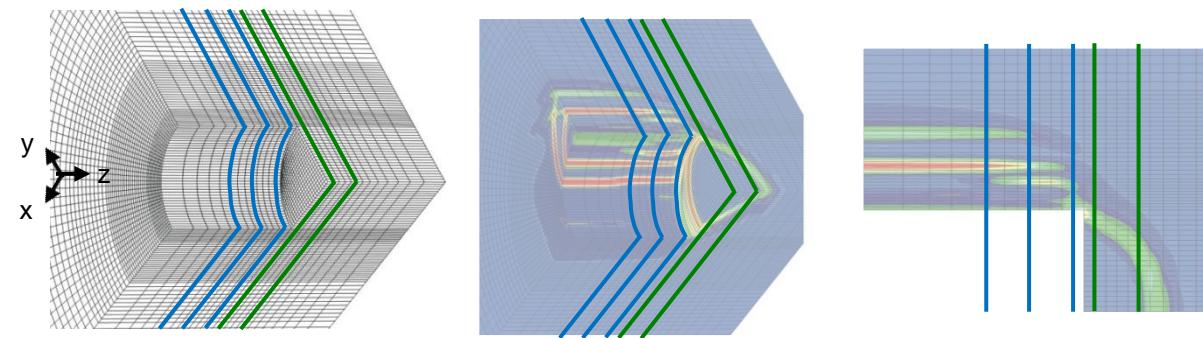


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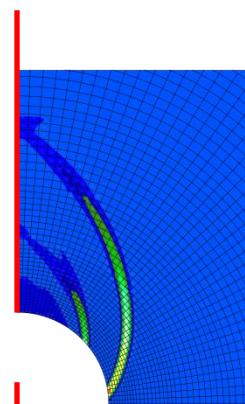
$\epsilon_{eq}$  for 4.25 days of excavation ( $\sigma/\sigma_0 = 0.15$ ) :

$z < 0$  : excavation zone  
 $z = 0$  : gallery front  
 $z > 0$  : rock mass

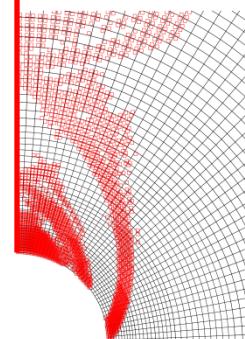


# Modelling the EDZ structure

## Cross sections :



Pore water pressure



Degree of saturation

