

Viscoelasticity and accretive phase-change at finite strains

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Model

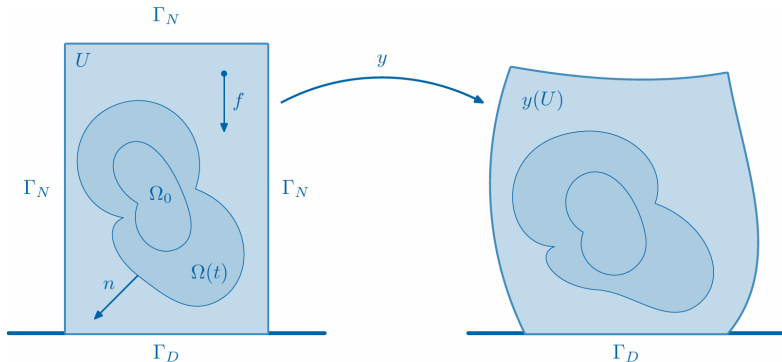


Model

Evolution of a viscoelastic solid + phase change (accretive growth)

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- Swelling in polymer gels
- Solidification processes
- Early tumor development



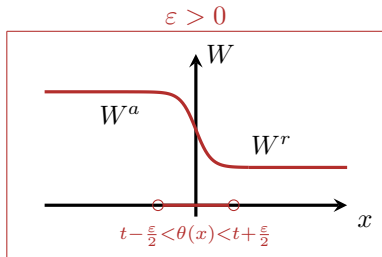
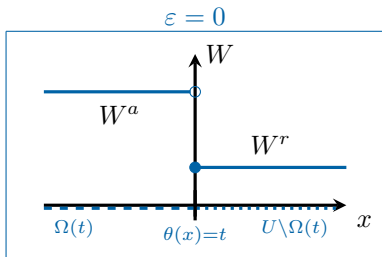


Evolution of a viscoelastic solid

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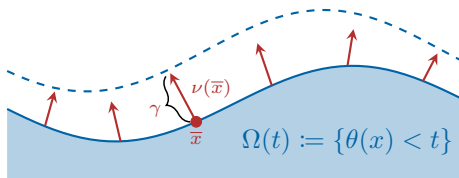
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Definition (Weak/viscosity solution)

$$(y, \theta) \in (L^\infty(0, T; W^{2,p}(U; \mathbb{R}^d)) \cap H^1(0, T; H^1(U; \mathbb{R}^d))) \times C^{0,1}(\bar{U})$$

is a *weak/viscosity solution* to the initial-boundary-value problem if $\det \nabla y(t, \cdot) > 0$ for all $t \in (0, T)$, $y(0, \cdot) = y_0$, and

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^T \int_U (\partial_F W_\varepsilon(\theta-t, \nabla y) : \nabla z + \partial_{\bar{F}} R_\varepsilon(\theta-t, \nabla y, \nabla \dot{y}) : \nabla z + DH(\nabla^2 y) : \nabla^2 z) dx dt \\ & = \int_0^T \int_U f(\theta-t) \cdot z dx dt \quad \forall z \in C^\infty(\bar{Q}; \mathbb{R}^d) \text{ with } z = 0 \text{ on } \Sigma_D, \end{aligned}$$

and θ is a *viscosity solution* to

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Assumptions



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$$R_\varepsilon(\sigma, F, \dot{F}) := (1 - h_\varepsilon(\sigma)) R^a(F, \dot{F}) + h_\varepsilon(\sigma) R^r(F, \dot{F})$$

$$R^*(F, \dot{F}) := \frac{1}{2} \dot{C} : \mathbb{D}^*(C) : \dot{C}, \quad C := F^\top F, \quad \dot{C} := \dot{F}^\top F + F^\top \dot{F}$$

$$H(G) = |G|^p, \quad p > d$$

$$f \in W^{1,\infty}(\mathbb{R}; L^2(U; \mathbb{R}^d))$$



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$$W_\varepsilon(\sigma, F) := (1 - h_\varepsilon(\sigma))V^a(F) + h_\varepsilon(\sigma)V^r(F) + V^J(F)$$

$$V^a, V^r, V^J \in C^1(\text{GL}_+(d); [0, \infty))$$

$$V^a(F), V^r(F) \geq c_W |F|^p - \frac{1}{c_W}$$

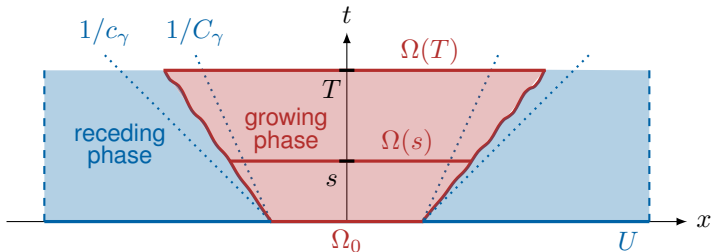
$$V^a(F) - V^r(F) \leq \frac{1}{c_W} (1 + |F|^p)$$

$$\exists q > \frac{pd}{p-d} : V^J(F) \geq \frac{c_W}{(\det F)^q}$$



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$\gamma \in C^{0,1}(\mathbb{R}^d \times \text{GL}_+(d))$ with $0 < c_\gamma \leq \gamma(\cdot) \leq C_\gamma$



Existence result



Main result

Theorem (Existence and Energy equality)

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Moreover, in the diffused-interface case $\varepsilon > 0$, (y, θ) fulfills for all $t \in [0, T]$

$$\int_U (W_\varepsilon(\theta-t, \nabla y) + H(\nabla^2 y) - f(\theta-t) \cdot y) - (W_\varepsilon(\theta, \nabla y_0) + H(\nabla^2 y_0) - f(\theta) \cdot y_0) \, dx \\ = - \int_0^t \int_U 2R_\varepsilon(\theta-s, \nabla y, \nabla \dot{y}) + \dot{f}(\theta-s) \cdot y \, dx \, ds - \int_0^t \int_U \partial_\sigma W_\varepsilon(\theta-s, \nabla y) \, dx \, ds.$$

In the sharp-interface case $\varepsilon = 0$, for all $t \in [0, T]$,

$$\int_U (W_0(\theta-t, \nabla y) + H(\nabla^2 y) - f(\theta-t) \cdot y) - (W_0(\theta, \nabla y_0) + H(\nabla^2 y_0) - f(\theta) \cdot y_0) \, dx \\ = - \int_0^t \int_U 2R_0(\theta-s, \nabla y, \nabla \dot{y}) + \dot{f}(\theta-s) \cdot y \, dx \, ds + \int_0^t \int_{\{\theta=s\}} \frac{V^a(\nabla y) - V^r(\nabla y)}{|\nabla \theta|} \, d\mathcal{H}^{d-1} \, ds.$$



Energy inequality estimate

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$$\|y(t)\|_{W^{2,p}(U)}^p \lesssim \int_U (W_0(\theta-t, \nabla y) + H(\nabla^2 y)) \, dx + \int_0^t \int_U 2R_0(\theta-s, \nabla y, \nabla \dot{y}) \, dx \, ds$$



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control from above

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_U (W_0(\theta-t, \nabla y) + H(\nabla^2 y) - f(\theta-t) \cdot y) - (W_0(\theta, \nabla y_0) + H(\nabla^2 y_0) - f(\theta) \cdot y_0) \, dx \\ &= - \int_0^t \int_U 2R_0(\theta-s, \nabla y, \nabla \dot{y}) + \dot{f}(\theta-s) \cdot y \, dx \, ds + \int_0^t \int_{\{\theta=s\}} \frac{V^a(\nabla y) - V^r(\nabla y)}{|\nabla \theta|} \, d\mathcal{H}^{d-1} \, ds \end{aligned}$$

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$$\stackrel{\text{Grönwall}}{\implies} \|y(t)\|_{W^{2,p}(U)}^p \lesssim \exp\left(\int_0^t \int_{\{\theta=s\}} \, d\mathcal{H}^{d-1} \, ds\right) \lesssim \exp(|\Omega(t)|)$$



What comes next?

- Backstrain
- Temperature
- One phase problem on a growing domain
- Different growth models

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Thank you for your attention!
