

# Evolutionary variational inequalities in the context of inelastic solids

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- 1** Modeling of elasto-plastic phenomena
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- 3** Existence of solutions, uniformly convex case
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$\mathcal{Q}$  real, reflexive Banach space,

$\mathcal{R} : \mathcal{Q} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_\infty$  proper, convex, lower semicontinuous functional

Subdifferential

$$\text{For } u \in \mathcal{Q}: \quad \partial\mathcal{R}(u) := \{ \xi \in \mathcal{Q}^* ; \mathcal{R}(v) \geq \mathcal{R}(u) + \langle \xi, v - u \rangle \quad \forall v \in \mathcal{Q} \}.$$

Legendre/Fenchel transformation

$$\text{For } \xi \in \mathcal{Q}^*: \quad \mathcal{R}^*(\xi) := \sup_{u \in \mathcal{Q}} \langle \xi, u \rangle - \mathcal{R}(u).$$

Fenchel inequality and identity

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{R}(u) + \mathcal{R}^*(\xi) &\geq \langle \xi, u \rangle \quad \forall u \in \mathcal{Q}, \xi \in \mathcal{Q}^* \\ \mathcal{R}(u) + \mathcal{R}^*(\xi) &= \langle \xi, u \rangle \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \xi \in \partial\mathcal{R}(u) \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad u \in \partial\mathcal{R}^*(\xi). \end{aligned}$$

## Characteristic functions and 1-homogeneous functionals

$\mathcal{R} : \mathcal{Q} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_\infty$  positively homogeneous of degree one

$$\Leftrightarrow \mathcal{R}(0) = 0 \text{ and } \mathcal{R}(\lambda u) = \lambda \mathcal{R}(u) \text{ for all } \lambda > 0.$$

Subdifferential of positively 1-homogeneous functionals:

$\mathcal{R} : \mathcal{Q} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_\infty$  convex, lower semi-continuous, pos. 1-homog. Then

$$\partial \mathcal{R}(0) = \{ \xi \in \mathcal{Q}' ; \mathcal{R}(v) \geq \langle \xi, v \rangle \forall v \in \mathcal{Q} \} \quad \text{is closed, convex, } 0 \in \partial \mathcal{R}(0).$$

$$\partial \mathcal{R}(u) = \{ \xi \in \partial \mathcal{R}(0) ; \mathcal{R}(u) = \langle \xi, u \rangle \}$$

Conjugate functionals of positively 1-homogeneous functionals:

$$\mathcal{R}^* = \chi_{\mathcal{K}} \quad \text{with } \mathcal{K} = \partial \mathcal{R}(0)$$

Conjugate functionals of characteristic functions

$\mathcal{K} \subset \mathcal{Q}$  closed, convex,  $0 \in \mathcal{K}$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{R} := \chi_{\mathcal{K}}^* \text{ is positively 1-homogeneous with } \partial \mathcal{R}(0) = \mathcal{K}.$$

**Example:**  $\mathcal{Q} = \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\mathcal{R}(u) = \mu |u| \Rightarrow \partial \mathcal{R}(0) = [-\mu, \mu]$ ,  $\mathcal{R}^*(\xi) = \chi_{[-\mu, \mu]}(\xi)$

## Equivalent formulations of the evolution laws

### Assumptions

- ▶  $\mathcal{E} \in C^1([0, T] \times \mathcal{Q}; \mathbb{R})$  and for all  $t$ :  $q \mapsto \mathcal{E}(t, q)$  is convex
- ▶  $\mathcal{R} : \mathcal{Q} \rightarrow [0, \infty]$  is convex, lower semicont., pos. homog. of degree one.

For  $z \in AC([0, T]; \mathcal{Q})$  the following statements are equivalent:

**(GEF)** Global energetic formulation: for **all**  $t \in [0, T]$ ,  $z$  satisfies (S)&(E):

$$(S) \quad \forall v \in \mathcal{Q} : \mathcal{E}(t, z(t)) \leq \mathcal{E}(t, v) + \mathcal{R}(v - z(t))$$

$$(E) \quad \mathcal{E}(t, z(t)) + \int_0^t \mathcal{R}(\dot{z}(r)) \, dr = \mathcal{E}(0, z(0)) + \int_0^t \partial_t \mathcal{E}(r, z(r)) \, dr$$

**(EVI)** Evolutionary variational inequality: for a.e.  $t \in [0, T]$ ,  $z$  satisfies

$$\forall v \in \mathcal{Q} : \mathcal{R}(v) - \mathcal{R}(\dot{z}(t)) + \langle D_z \mathcal{E}(t, z(t)), v - \dot{z}(t) \rangle \geq 0.$$

**(FB)** Force balance relation: for a.e.  $t \in [0, T]$ ,  $z$  satisfies

$$0 \in \partial \mathcal{R}(\dot{z}(t)) + D\mathcal{E}(t, z(t))$$

**(DI)** Differential inclusion: for a.e.  $t \in [0, T]$ ,  $z$  satisfies

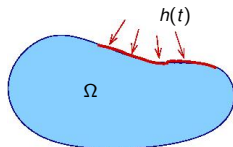
$$\dot{z}(t) \in \partial_{\chi_{\mathcal{K}}}(-D\mathcal{E}(t, z(t))) \quad \text{with } \mathcal{K} = \partial \mathcal{R}(0).$$

- ▶ **small-strain** framework  
(mathematical results are very rare for finite-strain elasto-plasticity)
- ▶ **phenomenological** description of plasticity  
(no microscopic modeling, no explicit modeling of dislocations)
- ▶ main focus on **rate-independent models**
- ▶ concept applicable to other rate-independent phenomena  
(crack propagation, damage models, shape memory alloys,...)

## Dissipative, inelastic solids

### Variables

displacements  $u : [0, T] \times \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$   
linearized strain  $e(u) = \frac{1}{2}(\nabla u + \nabla u^T)$   
internal variables  $z : [0, T] \times \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^N$



### Constitutive functions

stored energy density  $W : \mathbb{R}_{\text{sym}}^{d \times d} \times \mathbb{R}^N \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$   
set-valued function  $g : \mathbb{R}^N \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}^N)$   
 $0 \in g(0), \quad \mu \cdot \xi \geq 0 \text{ for all } \xi \in \mathbb{R}^N, \mu \in g(\xi).$

### Constitutive laws/evolution laws:

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma(t, x) &= D_e W(e(u(t, x)), z(t, x)) \\ \rho_0 \ddot{u}(t, x) &= \text{div } \sigma(t) + f(t), \\ \dot{z}(t) &\in g(-D_z W(e(u(t)), z(t))), \\ u(t)|_{\Gamma_D} &= u_D(t) \text{ Dirichlet cond.}; \quad \sigma(t)|_{\Gamma_N} n = h(t) \text{ Neumann cond.}\end{aligned}$$

Initial conditions:  $u(0) = u_0, \partial_t u(0) = u_1, z(0) = z_0.$

## Small-strain elasto-plasticity with hardening

### Variables

displacements  $u : [0, T] \times \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$

linearized strain  $e(u) = \frac{1}{2}(\nabla u + \nabla u^\top)$

internal variables  $z = (e_p, \alpha) : [0, T] \times \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^N \equiv \mathbb{R}_{\text{sym}}^{d \times d} \times \mathbb{R}^{\tilde{N}}$

### Energy and dissipation

energy functional:  $\mathcal{E}(t, u, z) = \int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{A}(e(u) - e_p) : (e(u) - e_p) + H(e_p, \alpha) \, dx - \langle \ell(t), u \rangle$

dissipation pot.:  $\mathcal{R}(\dot{z}) := \int_{\Omega} \chi_{\mathbb{K}}^*(\dot{z}) \, dx$ , with  $\mathbb{K} \subset \mathbb{R}^N$  closed, convex and  $0 \in \mathbb{K}$ .

### Evolution law (quasi-static case):

$$0 = \operatorname{div} A(e(u) - e_p) + f(t),$$
$$\dot{z}(t, x) = \begin{pmatrix} \dot{e}_p(t) \\ \dot{\alpha}(t) \end{pmatrix} \in \partial \chi_{\mathbb{K}} \left( - \begin{pmatrix} -\mathbb{A}(e(u(t, x)) - e_p(t, x)) + \partial_{e_p} H(e_p, \alpha) \\ \partial_{\alpha} H(e_p, \alpha) \end{pmatrix} \right),$$
$$u(t)|_{\Gamma_D} = u_D(t) \text{ Dirichlet cond.}; \quad A(e(u) - e_p)|_{\Gamma_N} n = h(t) \text{ Neumann cond.}$$

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Find  $(u(t), z(t)) \in \mathcal{Q} := H_{\Gamma_D}^1(\Omega, \mathbb{R}^d) \times L^2(\Omega, \mathbb{R}^N)$  with

$$0 = \partial_u \mathcal{E}(t, u(t), z(t)) \quad \text{in } \mathcal{U}^*,$$

$$\dot{z}(t, x) \in \partial \chi_{\mathbb{K}}(-\partial_z \mathcal{E}(t, u(t), z(t))) \quad \text{in } \mathcal{Z}^*.$$

Initial condition:  $z(0) = z_0$ .

## Questions

- ▶ In which sense are the introduced models thermodynamically consistent?  
(→ Exercises)
- ▶ Existence of solutions (depending on convexity of  $\mathcal{E}$ ) in the global energetic framework:

for all  $t \in [0, T]$ ,  $z$  satisfies (S)&(E):

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- ▶ Further solution concepts in the nonconvex case (→ on Friday)

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## 2 The nonconvex case

Given:

- ▶  $\mathcal{Q}$  reflexive Banach space
- ▶ Energy functional  $\mathcal{E} : [0, T] \times \mathcal{Q} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_\infty$
- ▶ Dissipation distance  $\mathcal{D} : \mathcal{Q} \times \mathcal{Q} \rightarrow [0, \infty]$   
pseudo distance, lower semi cont., positivity property

Dissipation along the path  $q : [0, T] \rightarrow \mathcal{Q}$

$$\text{diss}_{\mathcal{D}}(q, [0, T]) := \sup_{\text{partitions of } [0, T]} \sum_i \mathcal{D}(q(t_{i-1}), q(t_i)).$$

**Definition: Global energetic formulation**

$q : [0, T] \rightarrow \mathcal{Q}$  global energetic solution w.r.to  $(\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{D})$  and initial condition  $q_0 \in \mathcal{Q}$ , if

- ▶  $q(0) = q_0$ ,
- ▶  $t \mapsto \partial_t \mathcal{E}(t, q(t)) \in L^1((0, T))$ , for all  $t: \mathcal{E}(t, q(t)) < \infty$ ,
- ▶ for all  $t \in [0, T]$ :

$$(S) \quad \forall v \in \mathcal{Q} : \mathcal{E}(t, q(t)) \leq \mathcal{E}(t, v) + \mathcal{D}(q(t), v)$$

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Assumptions on  $\mathcal{E} : [0, T] \times \mathcal{Q} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_\infty$

**(A1)** coercivity and weak lower semicontinuity

$$\mathcal{E}(t, q) = \mathcal{W}(u) - \langle \ell(t), u \rangle \quad \text{with}$$

- ▶  $\ell \in C^1([0, T], \mathcal{Q}^*)$
- ▶  $\mathcal{W} : \mathcal{Q} \rightarrow [0, \infty]$  is (seq.) weakly lower semicontinuous
- ▶  $\mathcal{W}$  is coercive in the following sense:  $\exists p > 1$  such that 
$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|q_n\|_{\mathcal{Q}} = \infty \Rightarrow \frac{\mathcal{W}(q_n)}{\|q_n\|^p} \rightarrow \infty$$

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Assumptions on  $\mathcal{D} : \mathcal{Q} \times \mathcal{Q} \rightarrow [0, \infty]$

**(A2.1)**  $\mathcal{D}$  is a pseudo distance, i.e.

$$\forall z_1, z_2, z_3 \in \mathcal{Q}: \quad \mathcal{D}(z_1, z_1) = 0, \quad \mathcal{D}(z_1, z_3) \leq \mathcal{D}(z_1, z_2) + \mathcal{D}(z_2, z_3)$$

**(A2.2)**  $\mathcal{D}$  is weakly lower semicontinuous

**(A2.3)** positivity of  $\mathcal{D}$ : For all weakly (seq.) compact  $C \subset \mathcal{Q}$  it holds

$$\{q_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \subset C \text{ and } \min \{ \mathcal{D}(q_k, q), \mathcal{D}(q, q_k) \} \rightarrow 0 \implies q_k \rightarrow q.$$

**Remark:** (A1) does not require convexity of  $\mathcal{E}$ ! Existence theorem valid with more general assumptions on  $\mathcal{E}$ .

Set of stable states:

$$\mathcal{S}(t) := \{ q \in \mathcal{Q}; \forall v \in \mathcal{Q} \quad \mathcal{E}(t, q) \leq \mathcal{E}(t, v) + \mathcal{D}(q, v) \}$$

### Compatibility condition (A3)

For every sequence  $(t_n, q_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  it holds

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} q_n \in \mathcal{S}(t_n), \\ \sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \mathcal{E}(t_n, q_n) < \infty, \\ t_n \rightarrow t, \quad q_n \rightarrow q \end{array} \right\} \implies q \in \mathcal{S}(t), \quad \partial_t \mathcal{E}(t_n, q_n) \rightarrow \partial_t \mathcal{E}(t, q).$$

### Assumptions

- ▶  $\mathcal{Q}$  reflexive, separable Banach space
- ▶  $\mathcal{E} : [0, T] \times \mathcal{Q} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_\infty$  with (A1)
- ▶  $\mathcal{D} : \mathcal{Q} \times \mathcal{Q} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_\infty$  with (A2.1)–(A2.3)
- ▶ compatibility condition (A3)

### Theorem

*Then for every  $q_0 \in S(0)$  there exists a global energetic solution associated with  $(\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{D})$ , and  $q(0) = q_0$ .*

### References:

Mielke/Theil/Levitas ( $\leq$  '01), Mainik/Mielke '05 (generalized Helly selection principle), Francfort/Mielke '06, Mielke/Roubicek/Stefanelli '08 (evolutionary  $\Gamma$ -convergence for rate-independent systems)

adapted to perfect plasticity: Dal Maso/DeSimone/Mora '06

adapted to general crack propagation: Dal Maso/Toader '02, Dal Maso/Francfort/Toader '06



### Step 1: time-discretization

- ▶ time-incremental minimization
- ▶ a-priori estimates
- ▶ discrete energy inequality ( $E_N, \leq$ )
- ▶ discrete stability ( $S_N$ )

**Step 2:** selection of weakly convergent subsequences  
relies on generalized version of Helly selection principle

### Step 3: stability of the limit function

- ▶ here the compatibility condition on  $(\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{D})$  is used

### Step 4: upper energy estimate ( $E, \leq$ )

- ▶ lower-semicontinuity arguments

### Step 5: lower energy estimate ( $E, \geq$ )

- ▶ based on stability,

## An example (inspired by damage models)

### Variables

internal variable  $z : [0, T] \times \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\mathcal{Q} = W_0^{1,p}(\Omega)$

### Energy and dissipation

energy functional:  $\mathcal{E}(t, z) = \int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{p} |\nabla z|^p \, dx - \langle \ell(t), z \rangle$

dissipation pot.:  $\mathcal{R}_1(\dot{z}) := \int_{\Omega} \mu |\dot{z}| \, dx$

$$\mathcal{R}_2(\dot{z}) := \begin{cases} \int_{\Omega} \mu |\dot{z}| \, dx & \text{if } \dot{z} \leq 0 \text{ a.e. on } \Omega \\ \infty & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$\mathcal{D}_i(z_1, z_2) := \mathcal{R}(z_2 - z_1)$ .

### Theorem

*For every  $p \in (1, \infty)$ , every  $\ell \in C^1([0, T], \mathcal{Q}^*)$  and every  $z_0 \in S(0)$  there exists a global energetic solution associated with  $(\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{D}_1)$  and a global energetic solution associated with  $(\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{D}_2)$ .*

References: simplified version of results for damage models.

$p > d$ : Mielke/Roubicek '06,

$p \leq d$ : Marita Thomas (PhD thesis '10),

## Example (continued)

**Proof:** We only verify compatibility condition (A3).

Let  $(t_n, z_n)_n$  be a stable sequence, i.e.,  $t_n \rightarrow t$ ,  $z_n \rightharpoonup z$  weakly in  $\mathcal{Q}$  and  $z_n \in \mathcal{S}(t_n)$ .

**Case 1,  $\mathcal{R}_1$ :** Since  $W^{1,p}(\Omega) \Subset L(\Omega)$  (compact embedding), we have for all  $\xi \in \mathcal{Q}$ :  $\mathcal{D}_1(z_n, \xi) = \mu \|z_n - \xi\|_{L^1} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}(z, \xi)$ . Hence one may pass to the limit for  $n \rightarrow \infty$  in the stability condition (exploit weak lower semicontinuity of  $\mathcal{E}$  on left hand side)

$$\mathcal{E}(t_n, z_n) \leq \mathcal{E}(t_n, \xi) + \mathcal{D}_1(z_n, \xi) \quad (1)$$

and finds  $z \in \mathcal{S}(t)$ , i.e.  $\forall \xi \in \mathcal{Q}$ :  $\mathcal{E}(t, z) \leq \mathcal{E}(t, \xi) + \mathcal{D}_1(z, \xi)$ .

**Case 2,  $\mathcal{R}_2$ :** If  $\xi \in \mathcal{Q}$  with  $\mathcal{D}_2(z, \xi) = \infty \Rightarrow$  stability estimate OK.

Let now  $\xi \in \mathcal{Q}$  with  $\mathcal{D}_2(z, \xi) < \infty$ , i.e.  $\xi \leq z$  a.e. on  $\Omega$ .

Let  $p > d$ , hence  $W^{1,p}(\Omega) \Subset C(\overline{\Omega})$ .

Choose  $\xi_n := \xi - \|z - z_n\|_{C^0}$ . Then  $\xi_n \leq \min\{z, z_n\}$  a.e. in  $\Omega$  and  $\xi_n \rightarrow \xi$  strongly in  $W^{1,p}$ . Taking the limit in

$$\mathcal{E}(t_n, z_n) \leq \mathcal{E}(t_n, \xi_n) + \mathcal{D}_2(z_n, \xi_n)$$

finally implies  $z \in \mathcal{S}(t)$ .

Case  $p \leq d$ : long and technical, see PhD thesis by Marita Thomas (WIAS)

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### 3 Existence of solutions in the uniformly convex case

(A0)  $\mathcal{Q}$  reflexive, real, separable Banach space

(A1) Energy functional and external forces:  $\mathcal{E} : [0, T] \times \mathcal{Q}$  is of the form

$$\mathcal{E}(t, q) = \mathcal{W}(q) - \langle \ell(t), q \rangle$$

where  $\ell \in C^1([0, T], \mathcal{Q}^*)$  and  $\mathcal{W} : \mathcal{Q} \rightarrow [0, \infty]$  satisfies

- ▶  $\mathcal{W}$  is coercive on  $\mathcal{Q}$ ,
- ▶  $\mathcal{W}$  is seq. lower semicontinuous
- ▶  $\mathcal{W}$  is uniformly convex, i.e.  $\exists \alpha > 0 \forall q_1, q_2 \in \mathcal{Q} \forall \theta \in [0, 1]$

$$\mathcal{W}(\theta q_1 + (1 - \theta)q_2) + \frac{\alpha}{2}\theta(1 - \theta)\|q_1 - q_2\|^2 \leq \theta\mathcal{W}(q_1) + (1 - \theta)\mathcal{W}(q_2).$$

(A2) dissipation potential

$\mathcal{R} : \mathcal{Q} \rightarrow [0, \infty]$  is

convex, seq. lower semicontinuous, pos. homog. of degree one.

### Theorem (Existence of solutions)

Assume **A0 – A2** and compatibility condition **A3**.

For every  $\ell \in C^1([0, T]; \mathcal{Q}^*)$  and every initial datum  $q_0 \in S(0)$  there exists  $q \in C^{Lip}([0, T]; \mathcal{Q})$  with  $q(0) = q_0$  and

$$(S) \quad \forall t: \quad q(t) \in S(t),$$

$$(E) \quad \forall t_1 \leq t_2: \quad \mathcal{E}(t_2, q(t_2)) + \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \mathcal{R}(\dot{q}(s)) \, ds = \mathcal{E}(t_1, q(t_1)) + \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \partial_t \mathcal{E}(s, q(s)) \, ds.$$

**Idea of the proof:** improved stability estimate due to uniform convexity:  $\forall t, \forall \tilde{q} \in \mathcal{Q}$

$$\frac{\alpha}{2} \|q(t) - \tilde{q}\|^2 + \mathcal{E}(t, q(t)) \leq \mathcal{E}(t, \tilde{q}) + \mathcal{R}(\tilde{q} - q(t)).$$

With  $\tilde{q} = q(s)$  and using (E), after some calculations:

$$\|q(s) - q(t)\| \leq c |s - t|.$$

## Example: elasto-plasticity with linear kinematic hardening

### Variables

displacements  $u : [0, T] \times \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$   
linearized strain  $e(u) = \frac{1}{2}(\nabla u + \nabla u^\top)$   
plastic strain  $e_p \in \mathbb{R}_{\text{sym}}^{d \times d}$  with  $\text{tr } e_p = 0$

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energy functional:  $\mathcal{E}(t, u, z) = \int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{A}(e(u) - e_p) : (e(u) - e_p) + \frac{1}{2} |e_p|^2 \, dx - \langle \ell(t), u \rangle$

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$$\dot{e}_p(t) \in \partial_{\chi_{\mathbb{K}}}(\mathbb{A}(e(u(t, x)) - e_p(t, x)) - e_p)$$

$$\mathbb{K} = \{ \tau \in \mathbb{R}_{\text{sym}}^{d \times d} ; |\text{dev } \tau| \leq \sigma_0 \} \quad \text{von Mises flow rule}$$

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Find  $(u(t), z(t)) \in \mathcal{Q} := H_{\Gamma_D}^1(\Omega, \mathbb{R}^d) \times L^2(\Omega, \mathbb{R}_{\text{sym,dev}}^{d \times d})$  with

$$0 = \partial_u \mathcal{E}(t, u(t), z(t)) \quad \text{in } \mathcal{U}^*,$$

$$\dot{z}(t, x) \in \partial_{\mathcal{X}\mathcal{K}}(-\partial_z \mathcal{E}(t, u(t), z(t))) \quad \text{in } \mathcal{Z}^*.$$

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### Theorem

$\forall e_{p,0} \in \mathbb{R}_{\text{sym}}^{d \times d}, \ell \in C^1([0, T]; \mathcal{U}^*)$  there exists a unique pair  
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$$\text{Initial condition: } e_p(0) = e_{p_0}.$$

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## 4 Further solution concepts in the nonconvex case: vanishing viscosity solutions

Explained at the example of a single propagating crack

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**Goal:** Existence of solutions for a rate-independent model for crack propagation that is based on the Griffith criterion.

$$D_u \mathcal{E}(u(t), s(t)) = \ell(t), \quad 0 \in \partial \mathcal{R}(\dot{s}(t)) + D_s \mathcal{E}(u(t), s(t)). \quad (1)$$

**Questions:** What is  $D_s \mathcal{E}$ ? (energy release rate)

The energy  $\mathcal{E}$  is not convex in  $s$

⇒ The evolution might be discontinuous, as an example will show.

Does the global energetic formulation predict physically reasonable jumps?

Is there an alternative way to interpret (1) for discontinuous evolutions?

→ vanishing viscosity solutions

- ▶ Linear elasticity:

$u : [0, T] \times \Omega_s \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  displacements,

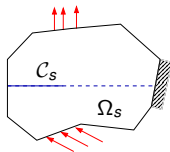
$\mathbf{e}(u) = \frac{1}{2}(\nabla u + \nabla u^T)$  linearized strain tensor

- ▶ Elastic energy density:

$W(\nabla u) = \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{C} \mathbf{e}(u) : \mathbf{e}(u)$ ,  $\mathbb{C}$  elasticity tensor.

- ▶ Non-interpenetration condition (Signorini conditions) on the crack  $C_s$ :

$$K(\Omega_s) = \{ v \in H^1(\Omega_s) ; v|_{\Gamma_D} = 0, \llbracket v \rrbracket \cdot \vec{n} \geq 0 \text{ on } C_s \}$$



**Stored energy:**  $\mathcal{E}(t, s, v) = \int_{\Omega_s} W(\nabla v) dx - \int_{\Gamma_N} \ell(t) \cdot v da$  for  $v \in K(\Omega_s)$ .

**Reduced energy:**  $\mathcal{I}(t, s) = \min_{v \in K(\Omega_s)} \mathcal{E}(t, s, v)$ .

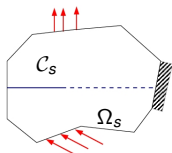
**Energy release rate:**  $\mathcal{G}(t, s) = -\partial_s \mathcal{I}(t, s) = -\partial_s (\min_{\varphi \in K(\Omega_s)} \mathcal{E}(t, s, \varphi))$

### Theorem

$$\mathcal{I} \in C_{loc}^{1,1}([0, T] \times (0, L)); \quad \partial_s \mathcal{I}(t, s) = \int_{\Omega_s} (W(\nabla u_s) \mathbb{I} - \nabla u_s^T D W(\nabla u_s)) : (\mathbf{e}_1 \otimes \nabla \theta_s) dx$$

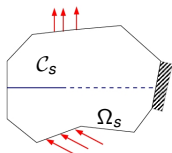
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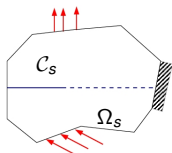
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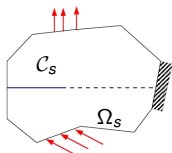
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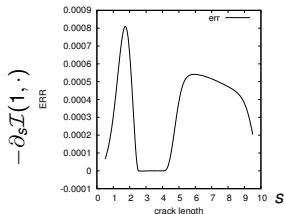
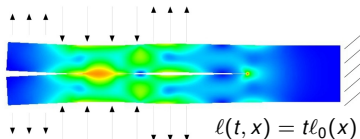


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### Observe:

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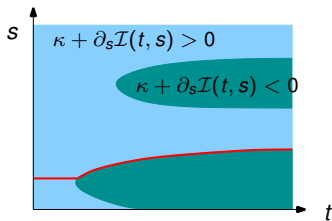
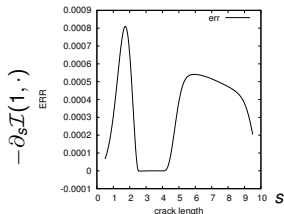
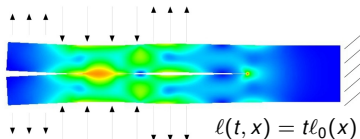
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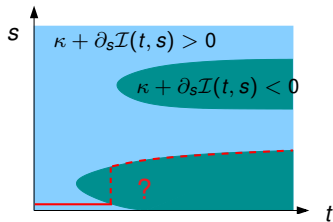
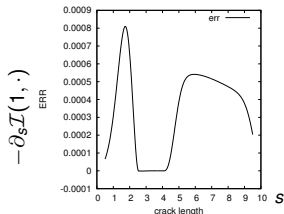
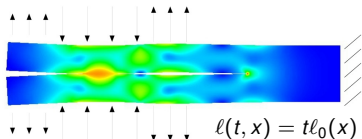


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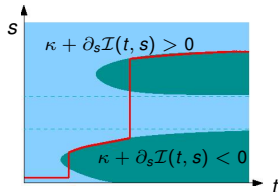
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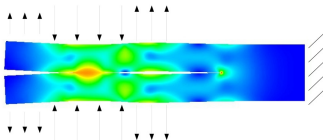
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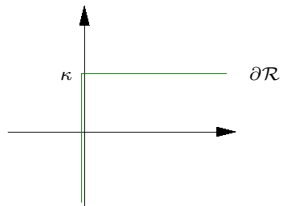
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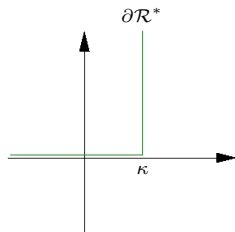
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## Alternative approach: Vanishing viscosity solutions

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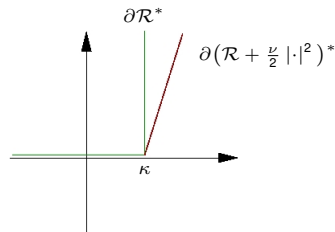
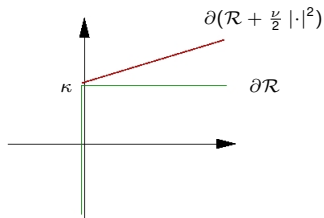
$$\dot{s}(t) \in \underbrace{\partial(\mathcal{R}(\cdot))}^* (-\partial_s \mathcal{I}(t, s(t))).$$



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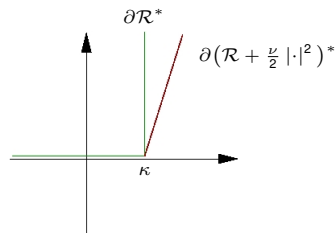
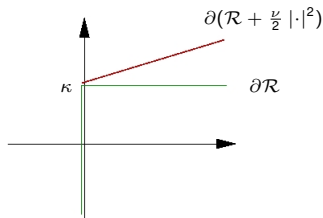
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### Lemma

For every  $\nu > 0$ , there exists a unique solution  $s_\nu \in H^1(0, T; [s_0, L])$ .



### Theorem (K./Mielke/Zanini)

There exists  $s \in BV([0, T], \mathbb{R})$  and a subsequence  $\nu \searrow 0$  with

$$s_\nu \xrightarrow{*} s \text{ in } BV([0, T], \mathbb{R}) \text{ and } s_\nu(t) \rightarrow s(t) \text{ for every } t \in [0, T].$$

Moreover,

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$J(s)$  jump set of  $s$ ;  $D(s)$  set of differentiable points of  $s$ .

**Proof:** A-priori estimates, Helley selection principle, continuity property of  $\partial_s \mathcal{I}$ , change of variables ( $s \leftrightarrow t$ ) to obtain (d).

## Proof of the jump condition (d)

Let  $t_* \in J(s)$ ,  $s_0, s_1 \in (s(t_*-), s(t_*+))$  arbitrary

**Continuity** of  $\hat{s}_\tau$ :  $\exists t_\tau^0 < t_\tau^1$  with  $t_\tau^{0,1} \xrightarrow{\tau \rightarrow 0} t_*$  and  $\hat{s}_\tau(t_\tau^{0,1}) = s_{0,1}$ .

**Complementarity condition:**  $\forall \psi \in L^2([s_0, s_1])$ ,  $\psi \geq 0$  we have

$$0 \geq \int_{t_\tau^0}^{t_\tau^1} \left( \kappa + \partial_s \mathcal{I}(\bar{t}_\tau(t), \bar{s}_\tau(t)) \right) \psi(\hat{s}_\tau(t)) \hat{s}'_\tau(t) dt.$$

**Change of variables:**  $\sigma = \hat{s}_\tau(t)$ ,  $\tilde{t}_\tau(\sigma) = \min\{t \in [t_\tau^0, t_\tau^1]; \hat{s}_\tau(t) = \sigma\}$

$$0 \geq \int_{s_0}^{s_1} \left( \kappa + \partial_s \mathcal{I}(\bar{t}_\tau(\tilde{t}_\tau(\sigma)), \bar{s}_\tau(\tilde{t}_\tau(\sigma))) \right) \psi(\sigma) d\sigma.$$

**Note:**  $\bar{t}_\tau(\tilde{t}_\tau(\sigma)) \rightarrow t_*$ ,  $|\bar{s}_\tau(\tilde{t}_\tau(\sigma)) - \sigma| = |\bar{s}_\tau(\tilde{t}_\tau(\sigma)) - \hat{s}_\tau(\tilde{t}_\tau(\sigma))| \leq c\sqrt{\tau/\nu} \rightarrow 0$ .

By **lsc.** of  $\partial_s \mathcal{I}$  we conclude that

$$\forall \sigma \in [s_0, s_1] : 0 \geq \kappa + \partial_s \mathcal{I}(t_*, \sigma).$$

### Theorem (K./Mielke/Zanini)

Every vanishing viscosity solution satisfies for every  $t_0 < t_1$ ,  $t_i \notin J(s)$ :

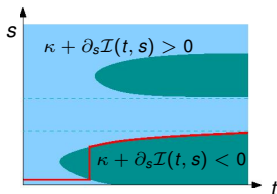
$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{I}(t_1, s(t_1)) + \int_{s(t_0)}^{s(t_1)} \kappa d\sigma + \sum_{\hat{t} \in J(s) \cap (t_0, t_1)} \int_{s(\hat{t}-)}^{s(\hat{t}+)} -(\kappa + \partial_s \mathcal{I}(\hat{t}, \sigma)) d\sigma \\ = \mathcal{I}(t_0, s(t_0)) + \int_{t_0}^{t_1} \partial_t \mathcal{I}(t, s(t)) dt. \end{aligned}$$

**Proof:** Switch to a parameterized formulation of the evolution problem, use a chain rule and (a), (b)–(d).

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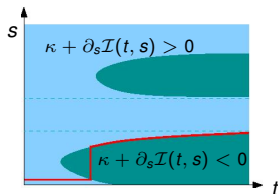
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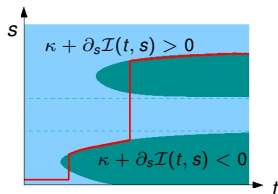
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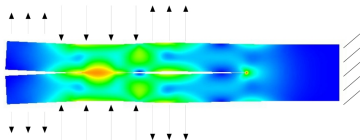
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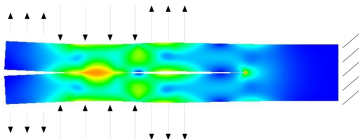
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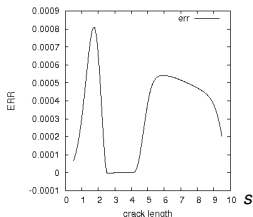
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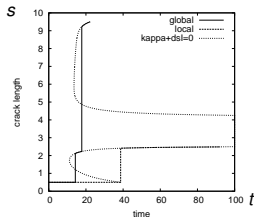
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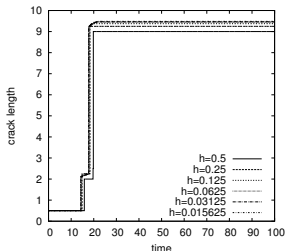


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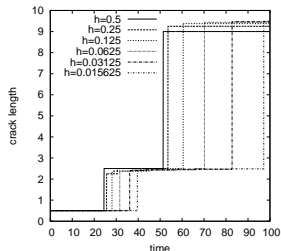
## A numerical example

- ▶ Finite element discretization with continuous, piecewise bilinear functions on quadrilaterals, CG-like contact solver (Braess et al. '04), SOFAR (Scientific Object Oriented Finite Element Library for Application and Research)



global energetic solution

$$\rho = h, \nu = 0, \tau = 0.01$$



viscosity solution

$$\rho = h, \nu = 0.013h^{0.5}, \tau = 0.1h$$

$$s_N^k \in \text{Argmin} \left\{ \mathcal{I}_N(t_N^k, \tilde{s}) + \frac{\nu_N}{2\tau_N} (\tilde{s} - s_N^{k-1})^2 + \kappa (\tilde{s} - s_N^{k-1}); \tilde{s} \in Z^N, \tilde{s} \geq s_N^{k-1} \right\}.$$



- ▶ Dynamic model instead of viscous regularization?
- ▶ More reliable method to compute the vanishing viscosity solution?

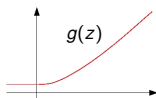
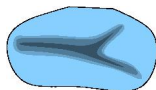
### Extension to damage models (with R. Rossi, C. Zanini)

Damage variable  $z : [0, T] \times \Omega \rightarrow [0, 1]$

Energy:  $\mathcal{E}(u, z) = \int_{\Omega} \frac{g(z)}{2} \mathbf{C} \mathbf{e}(u) : \mathbf{e}(u) + \frac{\gamma}{2} |\nabla z|^2 \, dx$

Dissipation:  $\mathcal{R}(\dot{z}) = \begin{cases} \int_{\Omega} \kappa |\dot{z}| \, dx & \text{if } \dot{z} \leq 0 \\ \infty & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

Evolution law:  $0 \in \partial \mathcal{R}(\dot{z}) + \nu \dot{z} + \frac{g'(z)}{2} \mathbf{C} \mathbf{e}(u) : \mathbf{e}(u) - \gamma \Delta z$



Further results on rate-independent models based on **viscous approximations**:

general theory: Mielke/Efendiev '06, Rossi/Mielke/Savaré '08-'12, Mielke/Zelik '10

cracks: K./Mielke/Zanini '08/'10, K./Schröder '11, Lazzaroni/Toader '11

damage: K./Rossi/Zanini '11-today

plasticity: DalMaso, De Simone, Mora, Morini, Solombrino 08/11

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