



# On existence for viscoelastodynamic problems with unilateral boundary conditions

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**AIM:** Characterize the trace spaces

Recall that  $u(0, x', t) \in H_{loc}^{a,b}(\mathbb{R}^{d-1} \times [0, \infty))$  for  $(a, b) \in \mathbb{R}^2$

$$\updownarrow$$

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- ▷  $\xi = (\xi_2, \dots, \xi_d)^T$ : the dual variable to  $x' = (x_2, \dots, x_d)^T$
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- ▷ Include the **friction** like a Coulomb friction law
- ▷ Include a heat equation

**Thank you for your attention !**

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