## Global-in-time well-posedness for a phase field system describing rate-dependent damage phenomena

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In this talk we are going to investigate global-in-time well-posedness for a pde/inclusion system in 2D which models damage processes in viscoelastic media according to Kelvin-Voigt rheology. The system consists of the following relations

(1a) 
$$\mathbf{u}_{tt} - \operatorname{div}(\mathbb{C}(\chi)\varepsilon(\mathbf{u}) + \mathbb{D}(\chi)\varepsilon(\mathbf{u}_t)) = \boldsymbol{\ell}$$
 in  $\Omega \times (0,T)$ ,

(1b) 
$$\chi_t - \Delta \chi_t - \Delta \chi + \partial I_{(-\infty,0]}(\chi_t) + \frac{1}{2}\mathbb{C}'(\chi)\varepsilon(\mathbf{u}) : \varepsilon(\mathbf{u}) + f'(\chi) \ni 0 \quad in \ \Omega \times (0,T)$$

supplemented with initial conditions for  $\mathbf{u}$ ,  $\mathbf{u}_t$  and  $\chi$ , homogeneous Neumann boundary conditions for  $\chi$  and  $\chi_t$  and the nonhomogeneous boundary condition

(2) 
$$(\mathbb{C}(\chi)\varepsilon(\mathbf{u}) + \mathbb{D}(\chi)\varepsilon(\mathbf{u}_t)) \cdot \nu = \mathbf{b} \quad on \; \partial\Omega \times (0,T)$$

where  $\ell$  and **b** model external volume and boundary forces. Complete degeneration is prevented by assuming that the viscosity tensor  $\mathbb{D}(\cdot)$  is uniformly bounded from below by a positive constant.

In order to establish existence and uniqueness of strong solutions we present a special time-discretization scheme and enhanced a priori estimates from [?] designed for boundary conditions of type (??) and for differential inclusions as in (??) forcing the uni-directionality  $\chi_t \leq 0$ .

## References

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