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**Transizione di fase solido–solido  
in un sistema meccanico**

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**Motivation:**

Tin/lead solders  
solid–solid phase change model  
Dreyer–Müller, preprint '98

Different crystalline structures  $\implies$   
coefficients depending on an order parameter

$\Omega$  domain in  $\mathbb{R}^N$  (bdd, smooth, etc.)  
 $\Gamma_u, \Gamma_\sigma$  complementary parts of  $\partial\Omega$   
 $\mathbf{u} = (u_i)$  displacement  
 $\chi$  order parameter

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Elasticity system for  $\mathbf{u}$   
with coefficients depending on  $\chi$   
and mixed boundary conditions

coupled with

Cahn–Hilliard type equation for  $\chi$   
with forcing term depending on  $\mathbf{u}$   
and Neumann boundary conditions

Initial conditions

Equilibrium equation for the stress ( $\sigma_{ij}$ )

$$\frac{\partial \sigma_{ij}}{\partial x_j} = 0$$

Constitutive laws

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma_{ij} &= C_{ijkl}(\varepsilon_{kl} - \varepsilon_{kl}^*) \\ C_{ijkl} &= C_{ijkl}(\chi) \quad (\text{usual symm \& ellip}) \\ \varepsilon_{kl} &= \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial u_k}{\partial x_l} + \frac{\partial u_l}{\partial x_k} \right) \\ \varepsilon_{kl}^* &= \varepsilon_{kl}^*(\chi)\end{aligned}$$

( $\varepsilon_{kl}^*$ ) is the “eigenstrain” due to phase transition

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Boundary conditions

$$\begin{aligned}u_i &= \text{given} && \text{on } \Gamma_u \\ \sigma_{ij}n_j &= \text{given} && \text{on } \Gamma_\sigma\end{aligned}$$

Cahn–Hilliard type equations

$$\frac{\partial \chi}{\partial t} + \operatorname{div} \mathbf{J} = 0 \quad (1)$$

$$\mathbf{J} \cdot \mathbf{n} = 0 \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega \quad (2)$$

$$\mathbf{J} = -M(\chi)\nabla w \quad (M \text{ elliptic})$$

From (1–2) we deduce

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} \chi \, dx = \int_{\Omega} \frac{\partial \chi}{\partial t} \, dx = 0$$

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constitutive equation for  $w$   
 (whence supplementary BC)  
 initial condition for  $\chi$

$$w = w_1 + w_2 + w_3$$

$$w_1 = -a_{kl} \frac{\partial^2 \chi}{\partial x_k \partial x_l}$$

$$a_{kl} = a_{kl}(\chi) \quad (\text{elliptic})$$

$$w_2 = \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial \chi} \quad (\Psi \text{ is a double well potential})$$

$$w_3 = \frac{\partial}{\partial \chi} \left( \frac{1}{2} (\varepsilon_{ij} - \varepsilon_{ij}^*) C_{ijkl} (\varepsilon_{kl} - \varepsilon_{kl}^*) \right)$$

$$\frac{\partial \chi}{\partial n} = 0 \quad \text{on } \partial \Omega$$

Hence

$$w_3 = w_{31} + w_{32} \quad \text{where}$$

$$w_{31} = -\sigma_{kl} \frac{\partial \varepsilon_{kl}^*}{\partial \chi}$$

$$w_{32} = \frac{1}{2} (\varepsilon_{ij} - \varepsilon_{ij}^*) \frac{\partial C_{ijkl}}{\partial \chi} (\varepsilon_{kl} - \varepsilon_{kl}^*)$$

$$\frac{\partial \sigma_{ij}}{\partial x_j} = 0$$

$$\sigma_{ij} = C_{ijkl}(\chi)(\varepsilon_{kl} - \varepsilon_{kl}^*(\chi))$$

$$\varepsilon_{kl} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial u_k}{\partial x_l} + \frac{\partial u_l}{\partial x_k} \right)$$

$$\frac{\partial \chi}{\partial t} + \operatorname{div} \mathbf{J} = 0$$

$$\mathbf{J} = -M(\chi) \nabla w$$

$$w = w_1 + w_2 + w_{31} + w_{32}$$

$$w_1 = -a_{kl}(\chi) \frac{\partial^2 \chi}{\partial x_k \partial x_l}$$

$$w_2 = \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial \chi}$$

$$w_{31} = -\sigma_{kl} \frac{\partial \varepsilon_{kl}^*}{\partial \chi}$$

$$w_{32} = \frac{1}{2} (\varepsilon_{ij} - \varepsilon_{ij}^*) \frac{\partial C_{ijkl}}{\partial \chi} (\varepsilon_{kl} - \varepsilon_{kl}^*)$$

boundary conditions as above

initial condition for  $\chi$

Too difficult: no results.

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A significant paper: Garcke's abilitation thesis  
 very general multiphase model: it contains the  
 above problem but some quantities do not depend  
 on  $\chi$ .

We modify in a different way, as shown below.

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**Simplification/relaxation:**

$M(\chi)$   $\longrightarrow$  identity matrix

$(a_{kl}(\chi))$   $\longrightarrow$  scalar  $a(\chi)$

$\eta_{ijkl} := \frac{\partial C_{ijkl}(\chi)}{\partial \chi}$  constant

$w = \mu \frac{\partial \chi}{\partial t} + \text{previous } w, \quad \mu > 0$

**Constraint:**

$\underline{\chi} \leq \chi \leq \bar{\chi}$  say  $0 \leq \chi \leq 1$



$$\operatorname{div}(k(\chi)\nabla u - \mathbf{y}(\chi)) = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial \chi}{\partial t} - \Delta w = 0$$

$$w \in \frac{\partial \chi}{\partial t} - a(\chi)\Delta \chi \\ + \beta(\chi) + \gamma(\chi) + \mathbf{z}(\chi) \cdot \nabla u + \eta|\nabla u|^2$$

initial and boundary conditions

- $\beta$  maximal monotone in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  and  $D(\beta) = [0, 1]$
- $k, \mathbf{y}, a, \gamma, \mathbf{z}$  Lipschitz functions of  $\chi$
- $\inf_{[0,1]} k = k_0 > 0$  and  $\inf_{[0,1]} a = a_0 > 0$
- $\eta = \partial k / \partial \chi \in \mathbb{R}$

A little more precise and better organized

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \operatorname{div}(k(\chi)\nabla u - \mathbf{y}(\chi)) &= 0 \\ u &= 0 && \text{on } \Gamma_u \\ (k(\chi)\nabla u - \mathbf{y}(\chi)) \cdot \mathbf{n} &= 0 && \text{on } \Gamma_\sigma \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (1)$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \chi}{\partial t} - \Delta w &= 0 \\ w &= \frac{\partial \chi}{\partial t} - a(\chi)\Delta \chi + \xi \\ &\quad + \gamma(\chi) + \mathbf{z}(\chi) \cdot \nabla u + \eta|\nabla u|^2 \\ \xi &\in \beta(\chi) \\ \partial_n w &= 0 && \text{on } \partial\Omega \\ \partial_n \chi &= 0 && \text{on } \partial\Omega \\ \chi(0) &= \chi_0 \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (2)$$

**Existence theorem.**

*Assumptions as above. Moreover*

*either (i)  $N = 1$  or (ii)  $N = 2$  and  $\eta = 0$*

$$\sup |a'| < a_0 := \inf a$$

$$\chi_0 \in H^1(\Omega), \quad 0 \leq \chi_0 \leq 1, \quad 0 < \chi^* < 1$$

*where  $\chi^*$  is the mean value of  $\chi_0$ .*

*Then existence of a solution  $(u, \chi, \xi, w)$  with*

$$u \in L^\infty(0, T; H^1(\Omega))$$

$$\chi \in H^1(0, T; L^2(\Omega)) \cap L^2(0, T; H^2(\Omega))$$

$$\xi \in L^2(Q), \quad Q = \Omega \times (0, T)$$

$$w \in L^2(0, T; H^2(\Omega))$$

Uniqueness means

$(u_i, \chi_i, \xi_i, w_i)$  solutions for  $i = 1, 2$   
then  $(u_1, \chi_1) = (u_2, \chi_2)$

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**Uniqueness theorem.**

(i) uniqueness if  $N = 1$

(ii) uniqueness if  $N = 2$  among the solutions such that

$$\iint_Q |\nabla u|^4 dx dt < \infty \quad (1)$$

(iii) uniqueness among all the solutions if  $N = 2$ ,  $\eta = 0$ , and (1) holds for at least a solution.

Fixed point of the map  $\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{F}_2 \circ \mathcal{F}_1$ :

$$\chi \xrightarrow{\mathcal{F}_1} u \xrightarrow{\mathcal{F}_2} \chi$$

$\mathcal{F}_1 =$  find  $u$  from (1) with a given  $\chi$

$\mathcal{F}_2 =$  find  $\chi$  from (2) with a given  $u$

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**Schauder's theorem:**

- Choice of the functional framework
- Continuity of  $\mathcal{F}$
- Relative compactness of its range

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$$V = \{v \in H^1(\Omega) : v = 0 \text{ on } \Gamma_u\}$$

$$\mathcal{V} = L^2(0, T; V) \quad (\text{space for } u)$$

$$\mathcal{X} = L^2(0, T; H^1(\Omega)) \quad (\text{space for } \chi)$$

$$\mathcal{K} = \mathcal{K}_R = \{\chi \in \mathcal{X} : \chi \in [0, 1], \|\chi\|_{\mathcal{X}} \leq R\}$$

$(R > 0 \text{ properly chosen})$

Variational formulation of (1):

$$V = \{v \in H^1(\Omega) : v = 0 \text{ on } \Gamma_u\}$$

$$\|v\|^2 = \int_{\Omega} |\nabla v|^2$$

Fix  $t$  and find  $u \in V$  such that

$$\int_{\Omega} (k(\chi)\nabla u - \mathbf{y}(\chi)) \cdot \nabla v = 0 \quad \forall v \in V$$

Existence and uniqueness

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Basic estimate ( $v = u$ ):

$$k_0 \|u\|^2 \leq \|u\| |\Omega|^{1/2} \sup_{[0,1]} |\mathbf{y}|$$

where  $k_0 := \inf_{[0,1]} k$ , i.e.

$$\|u\| \leq \frac{1}{k_0} |\Omega|^{1/2} \sup_{[0,1]} |\mathbf{y}|$$

Conclusion for  $u = \mathcal{F}_1(\chi)$  with  $\chi \in \mathcal{K}_R$ :

$$\|u\|_{L^\infty(0,T;H^1(\Omega))} \leq \widehat{C} \quad (1)$$

where  $\widehat{C}$  is independent of  $\chi$  and  $R$ .

**Continuity of  $\mathcal{F}_1 : \mathcal{K}_R \rightarrow \mathcal{V}$ :**

Assumptions:

$\chi_n, \chi \in \mathcal{K}_R$  and  $\chi_n \rightarrow \chi$  strongly in  $\mathcal{X}$

Aim:

$u_n := \mathcal{F}_1(\chi_n) \rightarrow u := \mathcal{F}_1(\chi)$  strongly in  $\mathcal{V}$

Choose  $v = u_n(t) - u(t)$  and integrate over  $(0, T)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} k_0 \|u_n - u\|_{\mathcal{V}}^2 &\leq \iint_Q k(\chi_n) |\nabla(u_n - u)|^2 \\ &= \iint_Q (\mathbf{y}(\chi_n) - \mathbf{y}(\chi)) \cdot \nabla(u_n - u) \\ &\quad + \iint_Q (k(\chi) - k(\chi_n)) \nabla u \cdot \nabla(u_n - u) \\ &\leq c \|\mathbf{y}(\chi_n) - \mathbf{y}(\chi)\|_{L^2(Q)} \\ &\quad + c \|\nabla u\|_{L^p(Q)} \|k(\chi) - k(\chi_n)\|_{L^q(Q)} \\ \text{where } c &= 2T^{1/2} \widehat{C} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} + \frac{1}{2} = 1. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, a Meyers type result is needed:

Zafran, J. Funct. Anal. 1980 (general result)

$$\mathcal{F}_2 : (\mathcal{F}_1(\mathcal{K}_R) \subseteq) \widehat{\mathcal{U}} \rightarrow \mathcal{K}_R, \quad u \mapsto \chi$$

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$$\widehat{\mathcal{U}} = \left\{ v \in \mathcal{V} : \|v\|_{L^\infty(0,T;H^1(\Omega))} \leq \widehat{C} \right\}$$

$\widehat{C}$  given by the basic estimate

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$$V = \{v \in H^1(\Omega) : v = 0 \text{ su } \Gamma_0\}$$

$$\mathcal{V} = L^2(0, T; V)$$

$$\mathcal{X} := L^2(0, T; H^1(\Omega))$$

$$\mathcal{K}_R = \{\chi \in \mathcal{X} : \chi \in [0, 1], \|\chi\|_{\mathcal{X}} \leq R\}$$


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- existence of  $\chi$
- uniqueness of  $\chi$
- $\chi \in \mathcal{K}_R$  for  $R$  large enough
- $\mathcal{F}_2$  is continuous
- $\mathcal{F}_2(\widehat{\mathcal{U}})$  is relatively compact in  $\mathcal{X}$



$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial \chi}{\partial t} - \Delta w &= 0 \\
w &\in \frac{\partial \chi}{\partial t} - a(\chi) \Delta \chi + \beta(\chi) + \gamma(\chi) \\
&\quad + \mathbf{z}(\chi) \cdot \nabla u + \eta |\nabla u|^2 \\
\partial_n \chi &= \partial_n w = 0 \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega \\
\chi(0) &= \chi_0
\end{aligned}$$

**Abstract formulation:**

$$\begin{aligned}
H^1(\Omega) &\subset L^2(\Omega) \subset H^1(\Omega)' \\
A : H^1(\Omega) &\rightarrow H^1(\Omega)' \\
\langle A\varphi, v \rangle &= \int_{\Omega} \nabla \varphi \cdot \nabla v \quad \forall \varphi, v \in H^1(\Omega) \\
\chi' + Aw &= 0 \\
w &\in \chi' + a(\chi) A\chi + \beta(\chi) + \gamma(\chi) \\
&\quad + \mathbf{z}(\chi) \cdot \nabla u + \eta |\nabla u|^2 \\
\chi(0) &= \chi_0
\end{aligned}$$

**Trouble:**

we need  $\eta |\nabla u|^2 \in L^2(Q)$

Hence, **either** 1D **or**  $\eta = 0$ .

- Yosida regularization  $\beta_\varepsilon$
- as constraints are lost, take proper extensions of  $a, \gamma, \mathbf{z}$  with  $a \geq a_0 > 0$
- limit as  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$

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After a Galerkin approximation we have a solution  $(\chi, w) = (\chi_\varepsilon, w_\varepsilon)$  to

$$\begin{aligned} \chi' + Aw &= 0 \\ w &= \chi' + a(\chi) A\chi + \beta_\varepsilon(\chi) + \gamma(\chi) \\ &\quad + \mathbf{z}(\chi) \cdot \nabla u + \eta |\nabla u|^2 \\ \chi(0) &= \chi_0 \end{aligned}$$

Main tool for a priori estimates:

$$X_0 := \left\{ v \in H^1(\Omega) : \int_{\Omega} v = 0 \right\}$$

$$X'_0 := \left\{ f \in H^1(\Omega)' : \langle f, 1 \rangle = 0 \right\}$$

Then

$A|_{X_0} : X_0 \xrightarrow{\text{iso}} X'_0$ . Set  $\mathcal{N} := \{A|_{X_0}\}^{-1}$   
 i.e.,  $\mathcal{N}$  solves generalized Neumann problems

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$$\chi^* := \frac{1}{|\Omega|} \int_{\Omega} \chi_0 = \frac{1}{|\Omega|} \int_{\Omega} \chi(t) \quad \forall t$$

$$\int_{\Omega} \frac{\partial \chi}{\partial t} = 0 \quad \forall t$$

at least formally.

More precisely

$$\chi(t) - \chi^* \quad \text{and} \quad \chi'(t) \quad \text{belong to} \quad X'_0 \quad \forall t$$

**First a priori estimate:**

$$\begin{aligned} \chi' + Aw = 0 & \quad \times \mathcal{N}(\chi - \chi^*) \\ w = \chi' + \overbrace{a(\chi)A\chi}^{\text{bad}} + \beta_\varepsilon(\chi) + \gamma(\chi) & \left. \vphantom{\chi'} \right\} \times (\chi - \chi^*) \\ & + \mathbf{z}(\chi) \cdot \nabla u + \eta|\nabla u|^2 \end{aligned}$$

and integrate the difference over  $(0, t)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \langle a(\chi)A(\chi), \chi - \chi^* \rangle &= \int_{\Omega} \nabla \chi \cdot \nabla (a(\chi)(\chi - \chi^*)) \\ &\geq a_0 \iint_{Q_t} |\nabla \chi|^2 - \sup |a'| \iint_{Q_t} |\nabla \chi|^2 \end{aligned}$$

That is why we assume  $\sup |a'| < a_0$ .

We get

$$\|\chi_\varepsilon\|_{\mathcal{X} \cap L^\infty(0, T; L^2(\Omega))} \leq \tilde{C}$$

**Choose here**

$$R > \tilde{C} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{K} = \mathcal{K}_R$$

**Dealing with the limit**

- The above estimate yields some weak convergence.
- However, due to the nonlinear terms, some stronger convergence is needed. This is given by further a priori estimates

$$\|\chi_\varepsilon\|_{L^\infty(0,T;H^1(\Omega))\cap L^2(0,T;H^2(\Omega))} \leq c$$

$$\|\chi'_\varepsilon\|_{L^2(Q)} \leq c$$

$$\|\beta_\varepsilon(\chi_\varepsilon)\|_{L^2(Q)} \leq c$$

$$\|w_\varepsilon\|_{L^2(0,T;H^2(\Omega))} \leq c$$

All this yields

- limit as  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$
- existence of  $\chi$

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Provided  $\chi$  is **unique**, we have also:

- $\mathcal{F}_2$  is well defined and
- estimates for  $\mathcal{F}_2(\hat{\mathcal{U}})$  relatively compact
- estimates for  $\mathcal{F}_2$  continuous

$(\chi_i, \xi_i, w_i)$  = two solutions  
 and  $\chi := \chi_1 - \chi_2$ , etc.

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{difference of} \\ \chi'_i + Aw_i = 0 \end{array} \right\} \times \mathcal{N}\chi$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{difference of} \\ w_i = \chi'_i + a(\chi_i) A\chi_i + \xi_i \\ \quad + \gamma(\chi_i) + \mathbf{z}(\chi_i) \cdot \nabla u + \eta|\nabla u|^2 \end{array} \right\} \times \chi$$

and integrate the difference over  $(0, t)$ .

- in the difference no  $\eta$  – term
- worst terms: with  $a$  and  $\mathbf{z}$
- set  $a_i := a(\chi_i)$
- set  $a'_i := a'(\chi_i)$

Left hand side:

$$\frac{1}{2} \|\chi(t)\|_{L^2}^2 + (\geq 0) + \underbrace{\int_0^t \int_{\Omega} \nabla \chi \cdot \nabla (a_1 \chi)}_{\text{bad}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{bad} &= \int_{\Omega} a_1 |\nabla \chi|^2 + \int_{\Omega} a_1' \chi \nabla \chi_1 \cdot \nabla \chi \\ &\geq a_0 \|\nabla \chi\|_{L^2}^2 - c \|\nabla \chi_1\|_{L^4} \|\chi\|_{L^4} \|\nabla \chi\|_{L^2} \\ &\geq \frac{a_0}{2} \|\nabla \chi\|_{L^2}^2 - c \|\nabla \chi_1\|_{L^4}^2 \|\chi\|_{L^4}^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{GN 2D} \Rightarrow & \|\nabla \chi_1\|_{L^4}^2 \|\chi\|_{L^4}^2 \\ & \leq c \|\chi_1\|_{L^\infty} \|\chi_1\|_{H^2} \cdot \|\chi\|_{L^2} \|\nabla \chi\|_{L^2} \\ & \leq \delta \|\nabla \chi\|_{L^2}^2 + C_\delta \underbrace{\|\chi_1\|_{H^2}^2}_{\in L^1(0, T)} \|\chi\|_{L^2}^2 \\ & \quad \downarrow \\ & \text{Gronwall} \end{aligned}$$



... on the left hand side

$$\|\chi(t)\|_{L^2}^2 + \int_0^t \|\nabla\chi\|_{L^2}^2 + \dots$$

with some small coefficients

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**On the right hand side:**

$$\text{bad} = \int_0^t \underbrace{(c_{\mathbf{z}} \|\nabla u\|_{L^2} \|\chi\|_{L^4}^2 + \langle A\chi_2, (a_2 - a_1)\chi \rangle)}_{\leq c(\|\nabla u\|_{L^2} + \|A\chi_2\|_{L^2}) \|\chi\|_{L^4}^2}$$

(GN 2D again)

$$\leq c \int_0^t (\|\nabla u\|_{L^2} + \|A\chi_2\|_{L^2}) \|\chi\|_{L^2} \|\nabla\chi\|_{L^2}$$

$$\leq \delta \int_0^t \|\nabla\chi\|_{L^2}^2$$

$$+ C_\delta \int_0^t \underbrace{(\|u\|_{H^1}^2 + \|\chi_2\|_{H^2}^2)}_{\in L^1(0, T)} \|\chi\|_{L^2}^2$$

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Gronwall

Schauder's theorem applies. Hence:

existence of a solution with

$$u \in L^\infty(0, T; H^1(\Omega))$$

and  $(\chi, \xi, w)$  according to our a priori estimates

$$\chi \in L^\infty(0, T; H^1(\Omega)) \cap L^2(0, T; H^2(\Omega))$$

$$\text{since } \|\chi_\varepsilon\|_{L^\infty(0, T; H^1(\Omega)) \cap L^2(0, T; H^2(\Omega))} \leq c$$

$$\chi \in H^1(0, T; L^2(\Omega))$$

$$\text{since } \|\chi'_\varepsilon\|_{L^2(Q)} \leq c$$

$$\xi \in L^2(Q)$$

$$\text{since } \|\beta_\varepsilon(\chi_\varepsilon)\|_{L^2(Q)} \leq c$$

$$w \in L^2(0, T; H^2(\Omega))$$

$$\text{since } \|w_\varepsilon\|_{L^2(0, T; H^2(\Omega))} \leq c$$

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2D with  $\eta \neq 0$  and 3D: **open**