A mechanical model for dynamical tractions on the retina in the presence of posterior vitreous detachment

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[Biomech Model Mechanobiol, 2010]

Posterior vitreous detachment



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Tractions on the retina can be induced by

- eye-rotation generated oscillations
- quasi-static shrinkage of the vitreous

How to best evaluate the presence or absence of vitreous traction and how to quantitate the degree of vitreous traction is presently not known [Sebag-1989]

The mechanical model



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Balance principle (solid & fluid)

$$\int_{\mathfrak{D}} \mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{w} \, dV + \int_{\partial \mathfrak{D}} \mathbf{t} \cdot \mathbf{w} \, dA - \int_{\mathfrak{D}} \mathbf{T} \cdot \operatorname{grad} \mathbf{w} \, dV = 0$$

- **b** bulk force per unit volume on \mathfrak{D}
- **t** traction per unit area on $\partial \mathfrak{D}$
- T Cauchy stress tensor



Balance principle (solid & fluid)

$$\int_{\mathfrak{D}} \mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{w} \, dV + \int_{\partial \mathfrak{D}} \mathbf{t} \cdot \mathbf{w} \, dA - \int_{\mathfrak{D}} \mathbf{T} \cdot \operatorname{grad} \mathbf{w} \, dV - \int_{\mathfrak{I}} \boldsymbol{\tau} \cdot \llbracket \mathbf{w} \rrbracket \, dA = 0$$

- $\boldsymbol{b} \quad \text{bulk force per unit volume in } \mathfrak{D}$
- **t** traction per unit area on $\partial \mathfrak{D}$
- T Cauchy stress tensor
- au interface stress



Balance principle (fluid)

$$\int_{\mathfrak{D}_f} \mathbf{b}_f \cdot \mathbf{w}_f \, dV + \int_{\partial_\star \mathfrak{D}_f} \mathbf{t}_f^\star \cdot \mathbf{w}_f \, dA + \int_{\mathfrak{I}} \mathbf{t}_f \cdot \mathbf{w}_f \, dA$$
$$- \int_{\mathfrak{D}_f} \mathbf{T}_f \cdot \operatorname{grad} \mathbf{w}_f \, dV = 0$$

- \mathbf{b}_f bulk force per unit volume in \mathfrak{D}_f
- \mathbf{t}_f^\star traction per unit area on $\partial_\star \mathfrak{D}_f$
- \mathbf{t}_f traction per unit area on \mathfrak{I}
- **T**_f Cauchy stress tensor



Balance principle (solid)

$$\int_{\mathfrak{D}_s} \mathbf{b}_s \cdot \mathbf{w}_s \, dV + \int_{\partial_\star \mathfrak{D}_s} \mathbf{t}_s^\star \cdot \mathbf{w}_s \, dA + \int_{\mathfrak{I}} \mathbf{t}_s \cdot \mathbf{w}_s \, dA$$
$$- \int_{\mathfrak{D}_s} \mathbf{T}_s \cdot \operatorname{grad} \mathbf{w}_s \, dV = 0$$

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$$\int_{\mathfrak{D}_s} \mathbf{b}_s \cdot \mathbf{w}_s \, dV + \int_{\partial_\star \mathfrak{D}_s} \mathbf{t}_s^\star \cdot \mathbf{w}_s \, dA + \int_{\mathfrak{I}} \mathbf{t}_s \cdot \mathbf{w}_s \, dA$$
$$- \int_{\mathfrak{D}_s} \mathbf{T}_s \cdot \operatorname{grad} \mathbf{w}_s \, dV - \int_{\mathfrak{I}} \mathbf{N}_m \cdot \operatorname{grad}_m \mathbf{w}_s \, dA + \int_{\partial \mathfrak{I}} \mathbf{f}_m^\star \cdot \mathbf{w}_s \, d\ell = 0$$

- T_s Cauchy stress tensor
- Newsbrand stress tensor
- N_m Membrane stress tensor
- \mathbf{f}_m^\star traction on $\partial \mathfrak{I}$



Balance equations (solid & boundary membrane)

$$\operatorname{div} \mathbf{T}_s + \mathbf{b}_s = 0 \qquad \qquad \text{in} \quad \mathfrak{D}_s$$

$$\mathbf{t}_{s}^{\star} = \mathbf{T}_{s} \, \mathbf{n} \qquad \qquad \text{on} \quad \partial_{\star} \mathfrak{D}_{s}$$

$$\operatorname{div}_m \mathbf{N}_m + \mathbf{t}_s = \mathbf{T}_s \mathbf{n} \qquad \text{on} \quad \mathbb{C}$$

$$\mathbf{f}_m^{\star} = \mathbf{N}_m \, \mathbf{n}_m$$
 on $\partial \mathfrak{I}$

 $\begin{array}{ll} \mathbf{f}_m^{\star} & \text{traction on } \partial \mathfrak{I} \\ \mathbf{N}_m & \text{membrane stress tensor} \\ \mathbf{n}_m & \text{unit vector normal to } \partial \mathfrak{I} \end{array}$



Balance equations (fluid)

$$\begin{aligned} &\operatorname{div} \mathbf{T}_f + \mathbf{b}_f = 0 & & \operatorname{in} \quad \mathfrak{D}_f \\ & \mathbf{t}_f^* = \mathbf{T}_f \, \mathbf{n} & & & \operatorname{on} \quad \partial_\star \mathfrak{D}_f \\ & & \mathbf{t}_f = \mathbf{T}_f \, \mathbf{n} & & & \operatorname{on} \quad \mathfrak{I} \end{aligned}$$

- \mathbf{b}_f bulk force per unit volume in \mathfrak{D}_f
- \mathbf{t}_{f}^{\star} traction per unit area on $\partial_{\star}\mathfrak{D}_{f}$
- \mathbf{t}_f traction per unit area on \Im
- **T**_f Cauchy stress tensor



Incompressibility

$$\det \mathsf{F} = 1$$
$$\operatorname{div} \mathbf{v_f} = 0$$

Viscoelastic solid

$$\mathbf{T}_{s} = - p_{s} \mathbf{I} + \hat{\mathbf{T}}_{s}(\mathsf{F}) + 2 \mu_{s} \text{ sym grad } \mathbf{v}_{s}$$

Newtonian fluid

$$\mathbf{T}_f = -p_f \mathbf{I} + 2\mu_f \, \operatorname{sym} \operatorname{grad} \mathbf{v_f}$$

Neo-Hookean response

$$\hat{\mathbf{T}}_{s}(\mathsf{F}) = 2c_0 \operatorname{dev}(\mathsf{F}\mathsf{F}^{\mathsf{T}})$$

$$\mathbf{b}_{s} = -\rho_{s} \dot{\mathbf{v}}_{s}$$
$$\mathbf{b}_{f} = -\rho_{f} \left(\dot{\mathbf{v}}_{f} + (\operatorname{grad} \mathbf{v}_{f}) \mathbf{v}_{f} \right)$$

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$$\begin{aligned} &\operatorname{div} \mathbf{T}_f + \mathbf{b}_f = 0\\ &\mathbf{b}_f = -\rho_f \left(\dot{\mathbf{v}}_f + (\operatorname{grad} \mathbf{v}_f) \mathbf{v}_f \right)\\ &\mathbf{T}_f = -p_f \mathbf{I} + 2\mu_f \,\operatorname{sym} \operatorname{grad} \mathbf{v}_f \end{aligned}$$

Navier-Stokes equation on \mathfrak{D}_f

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ight) - \operatorname{grad} p_f + \mu_f \Delta \mathbf{v}_f = 0$$

Boundary conditions (solid & fluid)





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Moving grid



$$\gamma_{s} = \phi_{s}$$
$$\Delta \gamma_{f} = 0$$

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$$\int_{\mathcal{D}_s} \mathbf{b}_s \cdot \mathbf{w}_s \, dV + \int_{\partial_\star \mathcal{D}_s} \mathbf{t}_s^\star \cdot \mathbf{w}_s \, dA + \int_{\mathfrak{I}} \mathbf{t}_s \cdot \mathbf{w}_s \, dA$$
$$- \int_{\mathcal{D}_s} \mathsf{S}_s \cdot \operatorname{grad} \mathbf{w}_s \, dV - \int_{\mathfrak{I}} \mathsf{N}_m \cdot \operatorname{grad}_m \mathbf{w}_s \, dA + \int_{\partial \mathfrak{I}} \mathbf{f}_m^\star \cdot \mathbf{w}_s \, d\ell = 0$$

- b_s bulk force per unit volume in \mathcal{D}_s
- t^{\star}_{s} traction per unit area on $\partial_{\star} \mathcal{D}_{s}$
- t_s traction per unit area on \mathcal{I}
- S_s Piola stress tensor
- N_m Membrane stress tensor
- f_m^\star traction on $\partial \mathfrak{I}$



$$\begin{split} &\operatorname{div} \mathsf{S}_f + \mathsf{b}_f = \mathsf{0} \\ &\mathsf{b}_f = -\rho_f \left(\dot{\mathsf{v}}_f + \operatorname{grad} \mathsf{v}_f \mathsf{\Gamma}^{-1} (\mathsf{v}_f - \dot{\mathsf{u}}_\gamma) \right) \operatorname{det} \mathsf{\Gamma} \\ &\mathsf{S}_f = \left(-\rho_f \mathsf{I} + 2\mu \operatorname{sym}(\operatorname{grad} \mathsf{v}_f \mathsf{\Gamma}^{-1}) \right) \mathsf{\Gamma}^{-\mathsf{T}} \operatorname{det} \mathsf{\Gamma} \end{split}$$

Saccadic movement



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Nickerson et al. (2008)G'10 PaG''3.9 PaSwindle et al. (2008)G' 3.46 ± 0.30 PaG'' 0.71 ± 0.12 Pa

(porcine samples)

 $\begin{array}{ll} {\sf Radius} & R=0.012\,{\sf m}\\ \\ {\sf Fluid\ viscosity} & \mu_f=10^{-3}\,{\sf Pa}\times{\sf s}\\ \\ {\sf Mass\ density} & \rho_s=\rho_f=1000\,{\sf kg/m^3} \end{array}$

Boundary traction for different values of the solid elastic modulus



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Boundary traction (vs. solid elastic modulus)



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Membrane oscillations for different values of the solid elastic modulus







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Boundary traction for different values of the solid viscosity





















Membrane oscillations for different values of the solid viscosity











Boundary traction for different values of the membrane elastic modulus
















Boundary traction (vs. membrane elastic modulus)



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Comparing different PVD conformations

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Velocity and pressure in the fluid part of the vitreous

Fluid velocity field

[c3_case_008]

Streamlines of the fluid flow at time=0.09 s

Streamlines of the fluid flow at time=3.7 s





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Fluid velocity field







