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What it is and what lead to it

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Osteoclasts - dissolving bone Osteoblasts - remodelling

Periosteum reactions: tearing breaking stretching Osteomyelitis malignant neoplasms osteosarcoma chondrosarcoma fibrosarcoma lymphoma metastasis



100.000 osteoporosis related fractures yearly in Sweden



Observations of exercise stimulated bone growth



(Lanyon and Rubin, 84)

Observations of exercise stimulated bone growth



(Lanyon and Rubin, 84, Judex, Zernicke, 00)







Contributions to the free energy

$$\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{F}_{ch} + \mathcal{F}_{gr} \mp \mathcal{F}_{el} \quad (+\mathcal{F}_{heat} + \mathcal{F}_{grav} + ...)$$

Elastic energy $\mathcal{F}_{el} = \int \sigma_{ij} d\epsilon_{ij}$
Chemical energy $\mathcal{F}_{ch} = U(\psi)$
Gradient energy $\mathcal{F}_{gr} = \frac{g_r}{2} (\psi_{,i})^2$

$\mathcal{F}_{heat} = \kappa \rho T$

Gravitation $\mathcal{F}_{grav} = \rho g u_2$

Double-well chemical potential $U(\psi) = p \, \psi^2 (1 - \psi)^2$





Unknown: ψ, u_1, u_2, u_3



Evolution of the phase.

$$\psi_{,ii} - \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \tilde{t}} = \left\{ 3\epsilon^{el}_{ii}\tilde{\epsilon}_s + 2(1-2\psi) \right\} (1-\psi)\psi$$

Mechanical equilibrium with expansion

$$\tilde{u}_{i,jj} + \frac{1}{1-2\nu}\tilde{u}_{j,ij} = 2\tilde{\epsilon}^p_{ij,j} + \tilde{\epsilon}^s_{,i}$$

In analogy with a fully coupled thermal-stress

Evolving Surface Morphology

Asaro-Tiller (1972), Grinfeld (1986, 1993), Srolovitz (1989), Freund (1995), Kung-Suk (2000)

Chemical potential,

$$\Phi = U_c + U$$

 U_c surface energy, U elastic strain energy



Governing equations:

Evaporation-condensation $\frac{\partial h}{\partial t} = L_1 \left(\gamma \frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial t} - \frac{k}{\partial t} \frac{\partial h}{\partial t} \right)$

$$\frac{1}{\partial t} = L_1 \left(\gamma \frac{1}{\partial x^2} - \frac{\kappa}{2} \mu \frac{\partial n}{\partial x} \right)$$

or surface diffusion

$$\frac{\partial h}{\partial t} = L_2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \left(-\gamma \frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial x^2} + \frac{k}{2} \mu \frac{\partial h}{\partial x} \right)$$

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Competing mechanisms

SD - surface diffusion

SC - stress corrosion



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Medium cyclic load

Large cyclic load

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Bone/cartilage experiment