

Boundary stabilization of the linear elastodynamic system by a Lyapunov-type method

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ABSTRACT

We propose a direct approach to obtain the boundary stabilization of the isotropic linear elastodynamic system by a “natural” feedback; this method uses local coordinates in the expression of boundary integrals as a main tool. It leads to an explicit decay rate of the energy function and requires weak geometrical conditions: for example, the spacial domain can be the difference of two star-shaped sets.

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Introduction

In this paper, we present a detailed proof of a result which has been announced in [3]. This result concerns the boundary stabilization of a linear isotropic elastodynamic system. Extensions concerning the non-linear case and the anisotropic case are still in progress.

Let Ω be a bounded connected open set of \mathbb{R}^3 such that its boundary Γ satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} &\Gamma \text{ is of class } \mathcal{C}^2, \\ &\Gamma = \Gamma_0 \cup \Gamma_1, \text{ with} \\ &\text{meas}(\Gamma_0) \neq 0, \quad \text{meas}(\Gamma_1) \neq 0, \quad \bar{\Gamma}_0 \cap \bar{\Gamma}_1 = \emptyset. \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

Given \mathbf{x} , a point of Γ , we denote by $\nu(\mathbf{x})$ the normal unit vector pointing outwards of Ω .

For a regular vector field $\mathbf{v} = (v_1, v_2, v_3)$, we define

$$v_{i,j} = \partial_j v_i, \quad \varepsilon_{ij}(\mathbf{v}) = \frac{1}{2}(v_{i,j} + v_{j,i}), \quad \sigma(\mathbf{v}) = 2\mu\varepsilon(\mathbf{v}) + \lambda \operatorname{div}(\mathbf{v})I_3,$$

where λ and μ are the Lamé coefficients and I_3 is the identity matrix of \mathbb{R}^3 . Let A and B be two positive constants. We consider the following problem which has been introduced by Lagnese [10].

$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{u}'' - \operatorname{div}(\sigma(\mathbf{u})) = 0, & \text{in } \Omega \times \mathbb{R}_+; \\ \mathbf{u} = 0, & \text{on } \Gamma_0 \times \mathbb{R}_+; \\ \sigma(\mathbf{u})\nu + A\mathbf{u} + B\mathbf{u}' = 0, & \text{on } \Gamma_1 \times \mathbb{R}_+; \\ \mathbf{u}(0) = \mathbf{u}^0, & \text{in } \Omega; \\ \mathbf{u}'(0) = \mathbf{u}^1, & \text{in } \Omega; \end{cases} \tag{2}$$

where $\mathbf{u}' = \partial\mathbf{u}/\partial t$, $\mathbf{u}'' = \partial^2\mathbf{u}/\partial t^2$.

Let $L^2(\Omega)$ (resp. $\mathbb{H}^1(\Omega)$) be the space of vector fields \mathbf{v} such that every component of \mathbf{v} belongs to $L^2(\Omega)$ (resp. $H^1(\Omega)$).

We introduce the space $\mathbb{H}_{\Gamma_0}^1(\Omega) = \{\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{H}^1(\Omega) / \mathbf{v} = 0, \text{ on } \Gamma_0\}$ and we assume

$$(\mathbf{u}^0, \mathbf{u}^1) \in \mathbb{H}_{\Gamma_0}^1(\Omega) \times L^2(\Omega). \tag{3}$$

Under this assumption, by using semi-group theory, one can show that problem (2) is well-posed. The energy function associated to this problem is given by

$$E(\mathbf{u}, t) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} (|\mathbf{u}'|^2 + \sigma(\mathbf{u}) : \varepsilon(\mathbf{u})) \, d\mathbf{x} + \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Gamma_1} A|\mathbf{u}|^2 \, d\Gamma,$$

where $\sigma(\mathbf{u}) : \varepsilon(\mathbf{u}) = \operatorname{tr}(\sigma(\mathbf{u})\varepsilon(\mathbf{u}))$.

A boundary stabilization result for this system has been proved by Alabau and Komornik in [1] under restrictive conditions concerning the shape of Ω as well as some data of the problem (in fact, Γ_1 is close to a sphere). This result has been extended firstly by Alabau and Komornik in [2] for the anisotropic case and secondly by Horn in [7], for the isotropic case under weaker geometrical conditions: the author used here micro-local analysis methods.

Recent works by Guesmia ([4], [5], [6]) extend results of [2] under similar restrictive geometrical conditions.

We propose here a direct approach by using local coordinates in the expression of boundary integrals. Our conditions are only geometrical and less restrictive than in works by Alabau and Komornik or by Guesmia. Our proof is constructive and explicit decay rate estimates are obtained as done in these works. Furthermore, the reader will observe that similar conditions have been introduced by Lagnese [9] for some anisotropic linear elastodynamic systems and by Lasiecka and Triggiani [11] for the wave equation.

We assume that there exists a vector field $\mathbf{h} = (h_1, h_2, h_3)$ such that

$$\mathbf{h} \in (\mathcal{C}^1(\overline{\Omega}))^3, \quad \mathbf{h} \cdot \nu \leq 0, \text{ on } \Gamma_0, \quad \mathbf{h} \cdot \nu > 0, \text{ on } \Gamma_1, \tag{4}$$

and

$$\exists \alpha > 0 / \quad \forall \mathbf{v} \in (\mathcal{C}^1(\overline{\Omega}))^3, \quad \sigma_{ij}(\mathbf{v}) h_{k,j} v_{i,k} \geq \alpha \sigma(\mathbf{v}) : \varepsilon(\mathbf{v}), \tag{5}$$

$$\max_{\overline{\Omega}} (\operatorname{div}(\mathbf{h})) - \min_{\overline{\Omega}} (\operatorname{div}(\mathbf{h})) < 2\alpha.$$

Under above assumptions, we obtain the following result.

Theorem 1. *Assume (1). If there exists a vector field \mathbf{h} satisfying (4) and (5), then there exists some constant $\omega > 0$ such that for every initial data satisfying (3), the solution \mathbf{u} of (2) satisfies*

$$\forall t \geq 0, \quad E(\mathbf{u}, t) \leq E(\mathbf{u}, 0) \exp(1 - \omega t).$$

Remark 1. Choosing $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{x}$ in the first line of assumption (5), we get $\operatorname{div}(\mathbf{h}) \geq 3\alpha$, in $\overline{\Omega}$.

Remark 2. Since Ω is bounded and Γ satisfies (1), Γ_1 is compact and using continuity of \mathbf{h} and ν given in (1) and (4), we have

$$\exists k > 0 : \mathbf{h}(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \nu(\mathbf{x}) \geq k, \quad \forall \mathbf{x} \in \Gamma_1.$$

Remark 3. Theorem 1 remains true when replacing assumption (5) by the following weaker one.

$$\exists \alpha > 0 / \quad \forall \mathbf{v} \in (\mathcal{C}^1(\overline{\Omega}))^3, \quad \int_{\Omega} \sigma_{ij}(\mathbf{v}) h_{k,j} v_{i,k} \, d\mathbf{x} \geq \alpha \int_{\Omega} \sigma(\mathbf{v}) : \varepsilon(\mathbf{v}) \, d\mathbf{x}, \tag{6}$$

$$\max_{\overline{\Omega}} (\operatorname{div}(\mathbf{h})) - \min_{\overline{\Omega}} (\operatorname{div}(\mathbf{h})) < 2\alpha, \quad \min_{\overline{\Omega}} (\operatorname{div}(\mathbf{h})) > 0.$$

Indeed the reader will note that assumption (5) is used at the beginning of proof of Lemma 3, Subsection 3.1. Computation also holds under (6).

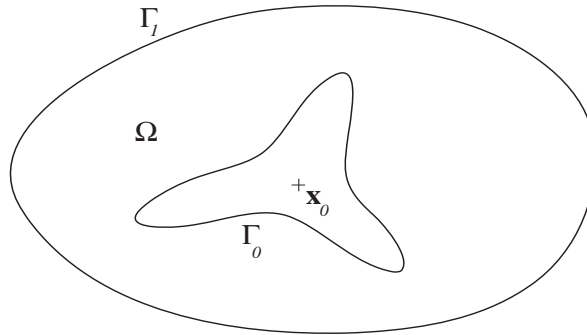


Figure 1: An example of open set Ω (Remark 4).

Remark 4. This result can be applied when Ω and its boundary Γ satisfy (1) and

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{h}(\mathbf{x}) &= \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_0, \quad (\alpha = 1), \\ \Gamma_0 &= \{ \mathbf{x} \in \Gamma / \mathbf{h}(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \nu(\mathbf{x}) \leq 0 \}, \\ \Gamma_1 &= \{ \mathbf{x} \in \Gamma / \mathbf{h}(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \nu(\mathbf{x}) > 0 \}. \end{aligned}$$

Especially, a possible case is: $\Omega = U_1 \setminus U_2$ where U_1 is a convex open set, U_2 is a closed set, star-shaped with respect to one of its points, \mathbf{x}_0 , such that $\{\mathbf{x}_0\} \subset U_2 \subset U_1$ (see figure 1).

This case has been studied in [1], [2] [4], and [5] and for a particular shape of Ω (Γ_1 is supposed to be close to a sphere) and in [7] by means of micro-local analysis methods. Above Remark 4 can be extended in the following way.

Theorem 2. Assume (1) and suppose that, for some $\mathbf{x}_0 \in \mathbb{R}^3$,

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_0) \cdot \nu(\mathbf{x}) &\leq 0, \quad \text{if } \mathbf{x} \in \Gamma_0, \\ (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_0) \cdot \nu(\mathbf{x}) &\geq 0, \quad \text{if } \mathbf{x} \in \Gamma_1. \end{aligned}$$

Then there exists some constant $\omega > 0$ such that for every initial data satisfying (3), the solution \mathbf{u} of (2) satisfies

$$\forall t \geq 0, \quad E(\mathbf{u}, t) \leq E(\mathbf{u}, 0) \exp(1 - \omega t).$$

This Theorem is proved at the end of this paper. Starting from vector field $\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_0$, we build some vector field \mathbf{h} such that Theorem 1 can be applied.

This result extends previous geometrical case as follows: $\Omega = U_1 \setminus U_2$ where $U_2 \subset U_1$ and U_1, U_2 are star-shaped with respect to $\mathbf{x}_0 \in U_2$ (see figure 2).

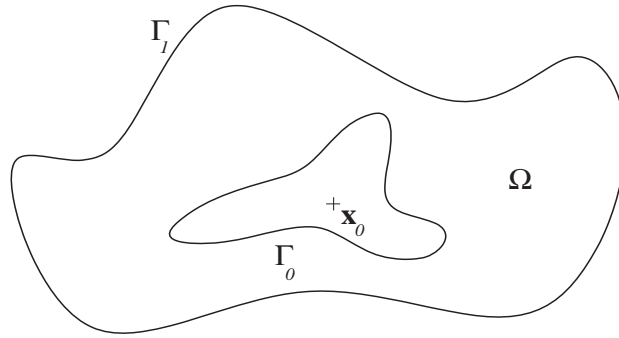


Figure 2: An example of open set Ω (Theorem 2).

Remark 5. Theorems 1 and 2 can be extended to the n -dimensional case. To this end, we only have to rewrite boundary integrals conveniently. They can also be extended to the case when A and B belong to $\mathcal{C}^1(\Gamma_1)$. Furthermore, Theorems 1 and 2 remain true with the following weaker assumptions concerning A and Γ_0 .

$$(A = 0 \text{ and } \text{meas}(\Gamma_0) > 0) \quad \text{or} \quad (A > 0 \text{ and } \text{meas}(\Gamma_0) = 0).$$

This paper is mainly devoted to the proof of Theorem 1. After introducing some notations and definitions in Section 1, we deal with the well-posedness in Section 2 and we conclude with the stabilization in Section 3, where we describe some preliminary results and give the proof of Theorem 1. Theorem 2 is proved in Section 4.

1. Notations and definitions

In this paper, we use the convention of repeated indices. As usual, we write $\text{tr}(\tau) = \tau_{11} + \tau_{22} + \tau_{33} = \tau_{ii}$, $\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w} = v_i w_i$, $\sigma(\mathbf{v}) : \varepsilon(\mathbf{v}) = \sigma_{ij}(\mathbf{v}) \varepsilon_{ij}(\mathbf{v})$.

1.1. Geometrical notations

We define Ω , Γ , ν as above. Since Γ is of class \mathcal{C}^2 , for every point \mathbf{x} of Γ , we can build a local \mathcal{C}^2 -diffeomorphism ϕ from an open connected subset $\hat{\Gamma}$ of \mathbb{R}^2 onto some open neighborhood of \mathbf{x} in Γ . Then vectors

$$\mathbf{a}_\alpha(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \xi_\alpha}(\phi^{-1}(\mathbf{x})), \quad \alpha \in \{1, 2\};$$

are independent and generate the tangent plane to Γ at \mathbf{x} , $T_{\mathbf{x}}(\Gamma)$. Furthermore, we denote by $T(\Gamma)$ the tangent bundle (see [12] and [15]).

Then we define:

- the metric tensor g related to ϕ , $g_{\alpha\beta} = \mathbf{a}_\alpha \cdot \mathbf{a}_\beta$, $\forall (\alpha, \beta) \in \{1, 2\}^2$;
- the inverse tensor of g , $(g^{\alpha\beta})_{1 \leq \alpha, \beta \leq 2}$.

We denote by $\pi(\mathbf{x})$ the orthogonal projection on $T_{\mathbf{x}}(\Gamma)$ and, for a given vector field $\mathbf{v} : \overline{\Omega} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$, we will write

$$\forall \mathbf{x} \in \Gamma, \quad \mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{v}_T(\mathbf{x}) + v_\nu(\mathbf{x})\nu(\mathbf{x}),$$

$$\text{with } \mathbf{v}_T(\mathbf{x}) = \pi(\mathbf{x})\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x}), \quad v_\nu(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \nu(\mathbf{x}).$$

We denote by ∂_T (resp. ∂_ν) the tangential (resp. normal) derivative.

If v is some regular function, the transposed vector of $\partial_T v$ is the tangential gradient of v and is denoted by $\nabla_T v$. We have

$$\nabla v = \nabla_T v + \partial_\nu v \nu, \text{ on } \Gamma. \tag{7}$$

1.2. Strain and stress

If the vector field \mathbf{v} is regular enough, as well as in [12] and [15], we can write

$$\begin{aligned} d\mathbf{v} = & \pi(\partial_T \mathbf{v}_T)\pi + v_\nu(\partial_T \nu) + (\partial_\nu \mathbf{v}_T)\bar{\nu} \\ & + \nu((\partial_T v_\nu) - \bar{\nabla}_T(\partial_T v) + (\partial_\nu v_\nu)\bar{\nu}), \quad \text{on } \Gamma, \end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

where $\bar{\nu}$ (resp. $\bar{\tau}$) is the transposed vector (resp. matrix) of ν (resp. τ).

Furthermore, we can define the strain tensor $\varepsilon(\mathbf{v})$ and the stress tensor $\sigma(\mathbf{v})$ (see introduction). We have

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon(\mathbf{v}) = & \varepsilon_T(\mathbf{v}) + \nu \bar{\varepsilon}_S(\mathbf{v}) + \varepsilon_S(\mathbf{v})\bar{\nu} + \varepsilon_\nu(\mathbf{v})\nu \bar{\nu}, \quad \text{on } \Gamma, \\ \sigma(\mathbf{v}) = & \sigma_T(\mathbf{v}) + \nu \bar{\sigma}_S(\mathbf{v}) + \sigma_S(\mathbf{v})\bar{\nu} + \sigma_\nu(\mathbf{v})\nu \bar{\nu}, \quad \text{on } \Gamma, \end{aligned}$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} 2\varepsilon_T(\mathbf{v}) = & \pi(\partial_T \mathbf{v}_T)\pi + \pi \bar{\partial}_T \mathbf{v}_T \pi + 2v_\nu \partial_T \nu, \\ 2\varepsilon_S(\mathbf{v}) = & \partial_\nu \mathbf{v}_T + \nabla_T v_\nu - (\partial_T \nu)\mathbf{v}_T, \\ \varepsilon_\nu(\mathbf{v}) = & \partial_\nu v_\nu, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_T(\mathbf{v}) = & 2\mu \varepsilon_T(\mathbf{v}) + \lambda(\text{tr}(\varepsilon_T(\mathbf{v})) + \varepsilon_\nu(\mathbf{v}))\pi, \\ \sigma_S(\mathbf{v}) = & 2\mu \varepsilon_S(\mathbf{v}), \\ \sigma_\nu(\mathbf{v}) = & 2\mu \varepsilon_\nu(\mathbf{v}) + \lambda(\text{tr}(\varepsilon_T(\mathbf{v})) + \varepsilon_\nu(\mathbf{v})). \end{aligned}$$

It can be observed here that terms $\varepsilon_T(\mathbf{v})$, $\sigma_T(\mathbf{v})$ (resp. $\varepsilon_S(\mathbf{v})$, $\sigma_S(\mathbf{v})$) correspond to some symmetric 2×2 -matrices $\tilde{\varepsilon}_S(\mathbf{v})$, $\tilde{\sigma}_T(\mathbf{v})$ (resp. some vectors $\tilde{\varepsilon}_S(\mathbf{v})$, $\tilde{\sigma}_S(\mathbf{v})$ of dimension 2) such that in some orthogonal basis (τ_1, τ_2, ν) where τ_1, τ_2 belong to the tangent space and ν is the unit normal vector, tensors $\varepsilon(\mathbf{v})$ and $\sigma(\mathbf{v})$ are represented by matrices

$$\begin{pmatrix} \tilde{\varepsilon}_T(\mathbf{v}) & \tilde{\varepsilon}_S(\mathbf{v}) \\ \tilde{\varepsilon}_S(\mathbf{v}) & \varepsilon_\nu(\mathbf{v}) \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{\sigma}_T(\mathbf{v}) & \tilde{\sigma}_S(\mathbf{v}) \\ \tilde{\sigma}_S(\mathbf{v}) & \sigma_\nu(\mathbf{v}) \end{pmatrix}.$$

Remark 6. Let \mathbf{v} be in $\mathbb{H}^1(\Omega)$. From previous formulæ, we deduce

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon(\mathbf{v}) : \varepsilon(\mathbf{v}) &= \varepsilon_T(\mathbf{v}) : \varepsilon_T(\mathbf{v}) + 2|\varepsilon_S(\mathbf{v})|^2 + |\varepsilon_\nu(\mathbf{v})|^2; \\ \sigma(\mathbf{v}) : \varepsilon(\mathbf{v}) &= 2\mu \left(\varepsilon_T(\mathbf{v}) : \varepsilon_T(\mathbf{v}) + |\varepsilon_\nu(\mathbf{v})|^2 \right) + 4\mu |\varepsilon_S(\mathbf{v})|^2 \\ &\quad + \lambda (\text{tr} (\varepsilon_T(\mathbf{v})) + \varepsilon_\nu(\mathbf{v}))^2. \end{aligned}$$

We will have to consider the following vector spaces.
 $\mathcal{L}_s(T_{\mathbf{x}}(\Gamma))$ is the space of linear symmetric operators of $T_{\mathbf{x}}(\Gamma)$,
 $\mathcal{L}_s(T(\Gamma))$ is the space of symmetric operators of $T(\Gamma)$.

Remark 7. $\partial_T \nu(\mathbf{x})$ belongs to $\mathcal{L}_s(T_{\mathbf{x}}(\Gamma))$; its eigenvalues are principal curvatures of Γ at \mathbf{x} .

1.3. Some functional spaces

Consider a tangent field $\mathbf{v}_T : \Gamma \rightarrow T(\Gamma)$ with $\mathbf{v}_T = v^1 \mathbf{a}_1 + v^2 \mathbf{a}_2$.
 We will say that \mathbf{v}_T belongs to $L^2(\Gamma, T(\Gamma))$ if v^1 and v^2 belong to $L^2(\Gamma)$. In $L^2(\Gamma, T(\Gamma))$, we define the following norm

$$\|\mathbf{v}_T\|_{L^2(\Gamma, T(\Gamma))} = \left(\int_{\Gamma} |\mathbf{v}_T|^2 d\Gamma \right)^{1/2}; \tag{9}$$

which is equivalent to the norm $\mathbf{v}_T \mapsto \left(\|v^1\|_{L^2(\Gamma)}^2 + \|v^2\|_{L^2(\Gamma)}^2 \right)^{1/2}$.
 Similarly, \mathbf{v}_T belongs to $H^1(\Gamma, T(\Gamma))$ if v^1 and v^2 belong to $H^1(\Gamma)$ and we define a norm in $H^1(\Gamma, T(\Gamma))$ by the following formula

$$\|\mathbf{v}_T\|_{H^1(\Gamma, T(\Gamma))} = \left(\|v^1\|_{H^1(\Gamma)}^2 + \|v^2\|_{H^1(\Gamma)}^2 \right)^{1/2}. \tag{10}$$

A field $\tau_T : \Gamma \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_s(T(\Gamma))$ belongs to $L^2(\Gamma, \mathcal{L}_s(T(\Gamma)))$ if $(\tau_T : \tau_T)^{1/2} : \Gamma \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ belongs to $L^2(\Gamma)$ and we take

$$\|\tau_T\|_{L^2(\Gamma, \mathcal{L}_s(T(\Gamma)))} = \|(\tau_T : \tau_T)^{1/2}\|_{L^2(\Gamma)} \tag{11}$$

Remark 8. If $\mathbf{v}_T \in H^1(\Gamma, T(\Gamma))$, then $\varepsilon_T(\mathbf{v}_T) \in L^2(\Gamma, \mathcal{L}_s(T(\Gamma)))$.

Another useful space will be $\mathbb{V} = \{\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{H}^1(\Omega) / \mathbf{v}_T \in H^1(\Gamma, T(\Gamma))\}$ with the following norm

$$\|\mathbf{v}\|_{\mathbb{V}} = \left(\|\mathbf{v}\|_{\mathbb{H}^1(\Omega)}^2 + \|\mathbf{v}_T\|_{H^1(\Gamma, T(\Gamma))}^2 \right)^{1/2}. \tag{12}$$

Proposition 1. *By the following formula, we define in $H^1(\Gamma, T(\Gamma))$ a norm which is equivalent to the norm given in (10)*

$$\|\mathbf{v}_T\|_1^2 = \int_{\Gamma} (|\mathbf{v}_T|^2 + \varepsilon_T(\mathbf{v}_T) : \varepsilon_T(\mathbf{v}_T)) d\Gamma.$$

Proof. We only have to prove that there exists a constant $C > 0$ such that

$$\|\mathbf{v}_T\|_{H^1(\Gamma, T(\Gamma))} \leq C\|\mathbf{v}_T\|_1, \quad \forall \mathbf{v}_T \in H^1(\Gamma, T(\Gamma)).$$

Assume that such a constant does not exist. Then there exists a sequence $(\mathbf{v}_T^{(k)})$ which satisfies

$$\begin{cases} \|\mathbf{v}_T^{(k)}\|_{H^1(\Gamma, T(\Gamma))} = 1, & \forall k \in \mathbb{N}, \\ (\varepsilon_T(\mathbf{v}_T^{(k)})) \rightarrow 0, & \text{in } L^2(\Gamma, \mathcal{L}_s(T(\Gamma))), \\ (\mathbf{v}_T^{(k)}) \rightarrow 0, & \text{in } L^2(\Gamma, T(\Gamma)). \end{cases}$$

Setting $\mathbf{v}_T^{(k)} = v^{k1}\mathbf{a}_1 + v^{k2}\mathbf{a}_2$ and $v_{,\beta}^{k\alpha} = \frac{\partial v^{k\alpha}}{\partial \xi_\beta}$, we get

$$(v_{,\beta}^{k\alpha} + g^{\lambda\alpha}g_{\beta\mu}v_{,\lambda}^{k\mu}) \rightarrow 0, \quad \text{in } L^2(\Gamma).$$

With $\alpha = \beta$, we easily get $(v_{,1}^{k1} + v_{,2}^{k2}) \rightarrow 0, \quad \text{in } L^2(\Gamma).$

We have $g_{\alpha\eta}(v_{,\beta}^{k\alpha} + g^{\lambda\alpha}g_{\beta\mu}v_{,\lambda}^{k\mu}) = g_{\alpha\eta}v_{,\beta}^{k\alpha} + g_{\beta\mu}v_{,\eta}^{k\mu}$.

This expression vanishes in $L^2(\Gamma)$ as $k \rightarrow \infty$. We write this for $(\beta, \eta) = (1, 1)$, $(\beta, \eta) = (2, 2)$ and $(\beta, \eta) = (1, 2)$ and we get

$$\begin{cases} (g_{11}v_{,1}^{k1} + g_{21}v_{,1}^{k2}) \rightarrow 0, & \text{in } L^2(\Gamma); \\ (g_{22}v_{,2}^{k2} + g_{21}v_{,2}^{k1}) \rightarrow 0, & \text{in } L^2(\Gamma); \\ (g_{11}v_{,2}^{k1} + g_{22}v_{,1}^{k2}) \rightarrow 0, & \text{in } L^2(\Gamma); \\ (v_{,1}^{k1} + v_{,2}^{k2}) \rightarrow 0, & \text{in } L^2(\Gamma). \end{cases}$$

Set $\mathbf{w}_T^{(k)} = g\mathbf{v}_T^{(k)} = w^{k1}\mathbf{a}_1 + w^{k2}\mathbf{a}_2$. From $(\mathbf{v}_T^{(k)}) \rightarrow 0$, in $L^2(\Gamma, T(\Gamma))$ and previous computations, one can easily deduce that sequences (w^{k1}) , (w^{k2}) , $(w_{,1}^{k1} + w_{,2}^{k2})$, $(w_{,1}^{k2} + w_{,2}^{k1})$ vanish in $L^2(\Gamma)$.

Thanks to Korn's inequality in Γ , we get that sequences (w^{k1}) , (w^{k2}) vanish in $H^1(\Gamma)$.

Hence, (v^{k1}) , (v^{k2}) vanish in $H^1(\Gamma)$ and this is impossible. ■

2. Well-posedness

By using semi-group theory, we can show that problem (2) is well-posed. This classical proof which is left to the reader leads to the following result.

Proposition 2. *If $(\mathbf{u}^0, \mathbf{u}^1)$ belongs to $\mathbb{H}_{\Gamma_0}^1(\Omega) \times \mathbb{L}^2(\Omega)$, then problem (2) has one and only one (weak) solution \mathbf{u} which satisfies*

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{u} &\in \mathcal{C}^0([0, +\infty), \mathbb{H}_{\Gamma_0}^1(\Omega)) \cap \mathcal{C}^1([0, +\infty), \mathbb{L}^2(\Omega)); \\ 0 &\leq E(\mathbf{u}, t) \leq E(\mathbf{u}, 0), \quad \text{for almost every } t \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Furthermore, if $(\mathbf{u}^0, \mathbf{u}^1)$ belongs to $(\mathbb{H}^2(\Omega) \cap \mathbb{H}_{\Gamma_0}^1(\Omega)) \times \mathbb{H}_{\Gamma_0}^1(\Omega)$ and if

$$\sigma(\mathbf{u}^0) \cdot \nu + A\mathbf{u}^0 + B\mathbf{u}^1 = 0, \text{ on } \Gamma_1;$$

then the (strong) solution of (2) satisfies

$$(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{u}', \mathbf{u}'') \in \mathcal{C}^0([0, +\infty), (\mathbb{H}^2(\Omega) \cap \mathbb{H}_{\Gamma_0}^1(\Omega)) \times \mathbb{H}_{\Gamma_0}^1(\Omega) \times \mathbb{L}^2(\Omega));$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_{\Omega} (\sigma(\mathbf{u}') : \varepsilon(\mathbf{u}') + |\operatorname{div}(\sigma(\mathbf{u}))|^2) \, d\mathbf{x} + \int_{\Gamma_1} A|\mathbf{u}'|^2 \, d\Gamma \\ &\leq \int_{\Omega} (\sigma(\mathbf{u}^1) : \varepsilon(\mathbf{u}^1) + |\operatorname{div}(\sigma(\mathbf{u}^0))|^2) \, d\mathbf{x} + \int_{\Gamma_1} A|\mathbf{u}^1|^2 \, d\Gamma. \end{aligned}$$

3. Stabilization

Following Komornik [8], we will prove here that the energy function is exponentially decreasing with respect to time.

We recall the following fundamental result which is proved in [8].

Lemma 1. *Let $E : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ be a non-increasing function and assume that there exists $T > 0$ such that*

$$\int_t^\infty E(s) \, ds \leq TE(t), \quad \forall t \geq 0.$$

Then we have

$$E(t) \leq E(0) \exp\left(1 - \frac{t}{T}\right), \quad \forall t \geq T.$$

First, we can prove that the energy function is non-increasing.

Proposition 3. *Under assumptions (1), (3), the weak solution \mathbf{u} of (2) is such that $\mathbf{u}'\sqrt{B}$ belongs to $L^2_{loc}((0, +\infty), \mathbb{L}^2(\Gamma_1))$, the energy function is non-increasing and satisfies*

$$E(\mathbf{u}, T) - E(\mathbf{u}, S) = - \int_S^T \int_{\Gamma_1} B|\mathbf{u}'|^2 \, d\Gamma dt, \quad 0 \leq S < T < +\infty.$$

Proof. Assume first that \mathbf{u} is a strong solution of (2) (with convenient initial data). We can write

$$\begin{aligned} E'(\mathbf{u}, t) &= \int_{\Omega} (\mathbf{u}' \cdot \mathbf{u}'' + \sigma(\mathbf{u}) : \varepsilon(\mathbf{u}')) \, d\mathbf{x} + \int_{\Gamma_1} A\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u}' \, d\Gamma \\ &= \int_{\Omega} (\mathbf{u}' \cdot \operatorname{div}(\sigma(\mathbf{u})) + \sigma(\mathbf{u}) : \varepsilon(\mathbf{u}')) \, d\mathbf{x} + \int_{\Gamma_1} A\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u}' \, d\Gamma \\ &= \int_{\Gamma_1} (\sigma(\mathbf{u})\nu) \cdot \mathbf{u}' \, d\Gamma + \int_{\Gamma_1} A\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u}' \, d\Gamma \\ &= - \int_{\Gamma_1} B|\mathbf{u}'|^2 \, d\Gamma. \end{aligned}$$

We obtain the result by integrating between S and T . A density argument completes the proof. ■

In order to apply Lemma 1, we have to prove some preliminary results.

3.1. Preliminary results

In this Subsection, we assume (1) and

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathbf{u}^0, \mathbf{u}^1) &\in (\mathbb{H}^2(\Omega) \cap \mathbb{H}_{\Gamma_0}^1(\Omega)) \times \mathbb{H}_{\Gamma_0}^1(\Omega); \\ \sigma(\mathbf{u}^0)\nu + A\mathbf{u}^0 + B\mathbf{u}^1 &= 0, \text{ on } \Gamma_1; \end{aligned} \tag{13}$$

and we consider the (strong) solution of (2).

Let \mathbf{h} be a vector field satisfying (4) and (5). For some positive constant β , we define

$$M\mathbf{u} = 2(\mathbf{h} \cdot \nabla)\mathbf{u} + \beta\mathbf{u}.$$

The value of β will be chosen later on.

Lemma 2. *The strong solution \mathbf{u} of (2) satisfies*

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_S^T \int_{\Omega} (\operatorname{div}(\mathbf{h}) - \beta) (|\mathbf{u}'|^2 - \sigma(\mathbf{u}) : \varepsilon(\mathbf{u})) \, d\mathbf{x}dt + 2 \int_S^T \int_{\Omega} \sigma_{i,j}(\mathbf{u}) h_{k,j} u_{i,k} \, d\mathbf{x}dt \\ &= - \left[\int_{\Omega} \mathbf{u}' \cdot M\mathbf{u} \, d\mathbf{x} \right]_S^T + \int_S^T \int_{\Gamma} \mathbf{h} \cdot \nu |\mathbf{u}'|^2 \, d\Gamma dt \\ &\quad + \int_S^T \int_{\Gamma} ((\sigma(\mathbf{u})\nu) \cdot M\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{h} \cdot \nu \sigma(\mathbf{u}) : \varepsilon(\mathbf{u})) \, d\Gamma dt. \end{aligned}$$

Proof. We use the multipliers method (see [8], [13]). Thanks to the first equation in (2), we may write

$$\int_S^T \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{u}'' \cdot M\mathbf{u} \, d\mathbf{x}dt = \int_S^T \int_{\Omega} \operatorname{div}(\sigma(\mathbf{u})) \cdot M\mathbf{u} \, d\mathbf{x}dt. \tag{14}$$

- Consider the left-hand side.

$$\begin{aligned} \int_S^T \int_\Omega \mathbf{u}'' \cdot M\mathbf{u} \, d\mathbf{x}dt &= \left[\int_\Omega \mathbf{u}' \cdot M\mathbf{u} \, d\mathbf{x} \right]_S^T - \int_S^T \int_\Omega \mathbf{u}' \cdot M\mathbf{u}' \, d\mathbf{x}dt \\ &= \left[\int_\Omega \mathbf{u}' \cdot M\mathbf{u} \, d\mathbf{x} \right]_S \\ &\quad - 2 \int_S^T \int_\Omega u'_i h_j u'_{i,j} \, d\mathbf{x}dt - \beta \int_S^T \int_\Omega |\mathbf{u}'|^2 \, d\mathbf{x}dt . \end{aligned}$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} 2 \int_S^T \int_\Omega u'_i h_j u'_{i,j} \, d\mathbf{x}dt &= \int_S^T \int_\Omega h_j \partial_j (|\mathbf{u}'|^2) \, d\mathbf{x}dt \\ &= \int_S^T \int_\Gamma \mathbf{h} \cdot \nu |\mathbf{u}'|^2 \, d\Gamma dt - \int_S^T \int_\Omega \operatorname{div}(\mathbf{h}) |\mathbf{u}'|^2 \, d\mathbf{x}dt . \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \int_S^T \int_\Omega \mathbf{u}'' \cdot M\mathbf{u} \, d\mathbf{x}dt &= \left[\int_\Omega \mathbf{u}' \cdot M\mathbf{u} \, d\mathbf{x} \right]_S^T - \int_S^T \int_\Gamma \mathbf{h} \cdot \nu |\mathbf{u}'|^2 \, d\Gamma dt \\ &\quad + \int_S^T \int_\Omega (\operatorname{div}(\mathbf{h}) - \beta) |\mathbf{u}'|^2 \, d\mathbf{x}dt . \end{aligned} \tag{15}$$

- Now, we consider the right-hand side.

$$\begin{aligned} \int_S^T \int_\Omega \operatorname{div}(\sigma(\mathbf{u})) \cdot M\mathbf{u} \, d\mathbf{x}dt &= 2 \int_S^T \int_\Omega \sigma_{i,j}(\mathbf{u}) h_k u_{i,k} \, d\mathbf{x}dt \\ &\quad + \beta \int_S^T \int_\Omega \mathbf{u} \cdot \operatorname{div}(\sigma(\mathbf{u})) \, d\mathbf{x}dt . \end{aligned}$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_S^T \int_\Omega \sigma_{i,j}(\mathbf{u}) h_k u_{i,k} \, d\mathbf{x}dt &= \int_S^T \int_\Gamma \sigma_{i,j}(\mathbf{u}) \nu_j h_k u_{i,k} \, d\Gamma dt \\ &\quad - \int_S^T \int_\Omega \sigma_{i,j}(\mathbf{u}) \partial_j (h_k u_{i,k}) \, d\mathbf{x}dt \\ &= \int_S^T \int_\Gamma \sigma(\mathbf{u}) \nu \cdot (\mathbf{h} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u} \, d\Gamma dt \\ &\quad - \int_S^T \int_\Omega \sigma_{i,j}(\mathbf{u}) h_{k,j} u_{i,k} \, d\mathbf{x}dt \\ &\quad - \int_S^T \int_\Omega \sigma_{i,j}(\mathbf{u}) h_k u_{i,jk} \, d\mathbf{x}dt ; \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \int_S^T \int_\Omega \sigma_{ij}(\mathbf{u}) h_k u_{i,jk} \, d\mathbf{x} dt &= \frac{1}{2} \int_S^T \int_\Omega h_k \partial_k (\sigma(\mathbf{u}) : \varepsilon(\mathbf{u})) \, d\mathbf{x} dt \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_S^T \int_\Omega \operatorname{div}(\mathbf{h}) \sigma(\mathbf{u}) : \varepsilon(\mathbf{u}) \, d\mathbf{x} dt \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2} \int_S^T \int_\Gamma \mathbf{h} \cdot \nu \sigma(\mathbf{u}) : \varepsilon(\mathbf{u}) \, d\Gamma dt. \end{aligned}$$

Furthermore

$$\int_S^T \int_\Omega \mathbf{u} \cdot \operatorname{div}(\sigma(\mathbf{u})) \, d\mathbf{x} dt = \int_S^T \int_\Gamma (\sigma(\mathbf{u}) \nu) \cdot \mathbf{u} \, d\Gamma dt - \int_S^T \int_\Omega \sigma(\mathbf{u}) : \varepsilon(\mathbf{u}) \, d\mathbf{x} dt.$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \int_S^T \int_\Omega \operatorname{div}(\sigma(\mathbf{u})) \cdot M\mathbf{u} \, d\mathbf{x} dt &= \int_S^T \int_\Omega (\operatorname{div}(\mathbf{h}) - \beta) \sigma(\mathbf{u}) : \varepsilon(\mathbf{u}) \, d\mathbf{x} dt \\ &\quad - 2 \int_S^T \int_\Omega \sigma_{ij}(\mathbf{u}) h_{k,j} u_{i,k} \, d\mathbf{x} dt \\ &\quad + \int_S^T \int_\Gamma ((\sigma(\mathbf{u}) \nu) \cdot M\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{h} \cdot \nu \sigma(\mathbf{u}) : \varepsilon(\mathbf{u})) \, d\Gamma dt. \end{aligned} \tag{16}$$

We deduce the required result from (14), (15) and (16). ■

Lemma 3. *There exist $\beta > 0$ and $C_1 > 0$ such that*

$$\begin{aligned} C_1 \int_S^T E \, dt &\leq - \left[\int_\Omega \mathbf{u}' \cdot M\mathbf{u} \, d\mathbf{x} \right]_S^T \\ &\quad + \int_S^T \int_{\Gamma_0} \mathbf{h} \cdot \nu (\mu |\partial_\nu \mathbf{u}_T|^2 + (2\mu + \lambda) |\partial_\nu u_\nu|^2) \, d\Gamma dt \\ &\quad + \int_S^T \int_{\Gamma_1} \left(\left(\frac{C_1}{2} - \beta \right) A |\mathbf{u}|^2 - \beta B \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u}' + \mathbf{h} \cdot \nu |\mathbf{u}'|^2 \right) \, d\Gamma dt \\ &\quad - \int_S^T \int_{\Gamma_1} (2(A\mathbf{u} + B\mathbf{u}') \cdot (\mathbf{h} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{h} \cdot \nu \sigma(\mathbf{u}) : \varepsilon(\mathbf{u})) \, d\Gamma dt. \end{aligned}$$

Proof. Lemma 2, (4) and (5) give

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_S^T \int_\Omega ((\operatorname{div}(\mathbf{h}) - \beta) (|\mathbf{u}'|^2 - \sigma(\mathbf{u}) : \varepsilon(\mathbf{u})) + 2\alpha \sigma(\mathbf{u}) : \varepsilon(\mathbf{u})) \, d\mathbf{x} dt \\ &\leq - \left[\int_\Omega \mathbf{u}' \cdot M\mathbf{u} \, d\mathbf{x} \right]_S^T + \int_S^T \int_{\Gamma_1} \mathbf{h} \cdot \nu |\mathbf{u}'|^2 \, d\Gamma dt \\ &\quad + \int_S^T \int_\Gamma ((\sigma(\mathbf{u}) \nu) \cdot M\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{h} \cdot \nu \sigma(\mathbf{u}) : \varepsilon(\mathbf{u})) \, d\Gamma dt. \end{aligned}$$

Since (5) holds, we can use Remark 1 and choose $\beta > 0$ such that

$$\beta < \operatorname{div}(\mathbf{h}) < 2\alpha + \beta, \text{ in } \bar{\Omega}; \tag{17}$$

and $C_1 > 0$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} C_1 \int_S^T E dt &\leq - \left[\int_{\Omega} \mathbf{u}' \cdot M \mathbf{u} dx \right]_S^T \\ &\quad + \int_S^T \int_{\Gamma_1} \left(\frac{C_1}{2} A |\mathbf{u}|^2 + \mathbf{h} \cdot \nu |\mathbf{u}'|^2 \right) d\Gamma dt \\ &\quad + \int_S^T \int_{\Gamma} ((\sigma(\mathbf{u})\nu) \cdot M \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{h} \cdot \nu \sigma(\mathbf{u}) : \varepsilon(\mathbf{u})) d\Gamma dt. \end{aligned} \tag{18}$$

Above inequalities hold if we use assumption (6) instead of (5).

We write $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u}_T + u_\nu \nu$, on Γ . Because of Dirichlet boundary condition on Γ_0 , we have

$$M \mathbf{u} = 2(\mathbf{h} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u} = 2\mathbf{h} \cdot \nu \partial_\nu \mathbf{u}, \text{ on } \Gamma_0;$$

and, with our notations, using Remark 6, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma(\mathbf{u})\nu &= \sigma_S(\mathbf{u}) + \sigma_\nu(\mathbf{u})\nu = \mu \partial_\nu \mathbf{u}_T + (2\mu + \lambda)(\partial_\nu u_\nu)\nu, \text{ on } \Gamma_0; \\ \sigma(\mathbf{u}) : \varepsilon(\mathbf{u}) &= 4\mu |\varepsilon_S(\mathbf{u})|^2 + (2\mu + \lambda) |\varepsilon_\nu(\mathbf{u})|^2 \\ &= \mu |\partial_\nu \mathbf{u}_T|^2 + (2\mu + \lambda) |\partial_\nu u_\nu|^2, \text{ on } \Gamma_0. \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_{\Gamma_0} ((\sigma(\mathbf{u})\nu) \cdot M \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{h} \cdot \nu \sigma(\mathbf{u}) : \varepsilon(\mathbf{u})) d\Gamma dt \\ &= \int_{\Gamma_0} \mathbf{h} \cdot \nu (\mu |\partial_\nu \mathbf{u}_T|^2 + (2\mu + \lambda) |\partial_\nu u_\nu|^2) d\Gamma. \end{aligned} \tag{19}$$

Using the boundary condition on Γ_1 , we get

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_{\Gamma_1} (\sigma(\mathbf{u})\nu) \cdot M \mathbf{u} d\Gamma dt \\ &= - \int_{\Gamma_1} 2(A\mathbf{u} + B\mathbf{u}') \cdot (\mathbf{h} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u} d\Gamma - \beta \int_{\Gamma_1} \mathbf{u} \cdot (A\mathbf{u} + B\mathbf{u}') d\Gamma. \end{aligned} \tag{20}$$

We deduce the result from (18), (19) and (20). ■

Lemma 4. *There exists $C_2 > 0$ such that*

$$\left| \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{u}'(t) \cdot M \mathbf{u}(t) dx \right| \leq C_2 E(\mathbf{u}, t), \quad \forall t \geq 0.$$

Proof. Given $t \geq 0$, for every $\eta > 0$, we can write

$$\left| \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{u}' \cdot M \mathbf{u} dx \right| \leq \frac{\eta}{2} \|\mathbf{u}'\|_{\mathbb{L}^2(\Omega)}^2 + \frac{1}{2\eta} \|M \mathbf{u}\|_{\mathbb{L}^2(\Omega)}^2.$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} \|M\mathbf{u}\|_{\mathbb{L}^2(\Omega)}^2 &= \int_{\Omega} (|2(\mathbf{h}\cdot\nabla)\mathbf{u}|^2 + \beta^2|\mathbf{u}|^2 + 4\beta\mathbf{u}\cdot(\mathbf{h}\cdot\nabla)\mathbf{u}) \, d\mathbf{x} \\ &= \int_{\Omega} (|2(\mathbf{h}\cdot\nabla)\mathbf{u}|^2 + \beta^2|\mathbf{u}|^2 + 2\beta\partial_T(|\mathbf{u}|^2)\mathbf{h}_T) \, d\mathbf{x} \\ &= \int_{\Omega} (|2(\mathbf{h}\cdot\nabla)\mathbf{u}|^2 + \beta(\beta - 2\operatorname{div}(\mathbf{h}))|\mathbf{u}|^2) \, d\mathbf{x} + 2\beta \int_{\Gamma_1} \mathbf{h}\cdot\nu |\mathbf{u}|^2 \, d\Gamma. \end{aligned}$$

Setting $R = \sup_{\bar{\Omega}} |\mathbf{h}|$, we get thanks to (17)

$$\|M\mathbf{u}\|_{\mathbb{L}^2(\Omega)}^2 \leq 4R^2 \int_{\Omega} |\nabla\mathbf{u}|^2 \, d\mathbf{x} + 2\beta \int_{\Gamma_1} \mathbf{h}\cdot\nu |\mathbf{u}|^2 \, d\Gamma.$$

With Korn's inequality, we can find the smallest positive real number R_1 (depending on \mathbf{h} and β) such that

$$\begin{aligned} 4R_1^2 \left(\int_{\Omega} \sigma(\mathbf{v}) : \varepsilon(\mathbf{v}) \, d\mathbf{x} + \int_{\Gamma_1} A|\mathbf{v}|^2 \, d\Gamma \right) \\ \geq 4R^2 \int_{\Omega} |\nabla\mathbf{v}|^2 \, d\mathbf{x} + 2\beta \int_{\Gamma_1} \mathbf{h}\cdot\nu |\mathbf{v}|^2 \, d\Gamma, \quad \forall \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{H}_{\Gamma_0}^1(\Omega). \end{aligned}$$

Then we get

$$\left| \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{u}' \cdot M\mathbf{u} \, d\mathbf{x} \right| \leq \frac{\eta}{2} \|\mathbf{u}'\|_{\mathbb{L}^2(\Omega)}^2 + \frac{2R_1^2}{\eta} \left(\int_{\Omega} \sigma(\mathbf{u}) : \varepsilon(\mathbf{u}) \, d\mathbf{x} + \int_{\Gamma_1} A|\mathbf{u}|^2 \, d\Gamma \right).$$

The choice $\eta = 2R_1$ gives the result with $C_2 = 2R_1$. ■

Lemma 5. *There exists $C_3 > 0$ such that, for every η in $(0, 1)$,*

$$\int_S^T \int_{\Gamma_1} |\mathbf{u}|^2 \, d\Gamma dt \leq \frac{C_3}{\eta} E(\mathbf{u}, S) + \eta \int_S^T E(\mathbf{u}, t) \, dt, \quad 0 \leq S < T < +\infty.$$

medskipProof. We proceed as in [8]. We define \mathbf{z} , depending on t , as follows

$$\begin{cases} \operatorname{div}(\sigma(\mathbf{z})) = 0, & \text{in } \Omega; \\ \mathbf{z} = \mathbf{u}, & \text{on } \Gamma. \end{cases}$$

We have

$$\int_{\Omega} \mathbf{z} \cdot \operatorname{div}(\sigma(\mathbf{v})) \, d\mathbf{x} = \int_{\Gamma_1} \mathbf{u} \cdot (\sigma(\mathbf{v})\nu) \, d\Gamma, \quad \forall \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{H}^2(\Omega) \cap \mathbb{H}_{\Gamma_0}^1(\Omega).$$

Using the definition of the energy function and Proposition 3, we can find some positive constants c_1, c_2, c'_1, c'_2 such that

$$\int_{\Omega} |\mathbf{z}|^2 d\mathbf{x} \leq c_1 \int_{\Gamma_1} |\mathbf{u}|^2 d\Gamma \leq c_2 E;$$

$$\int_{\Omega} |\mathbf{z}'|^2 d\mathbf{x} \leq c'_1 \int_{\Gamma_1} |\mathbf{u}'|^2 d\Gamma \leq c'_2 (-E').$$

Furthermore, we have

$$\int_{\Omega} \sigma(\mathbf{z}) : \varepsilon(\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{z}) d\mathbf{x} = - \int_{\Omega} (\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{z}) \cdot \operatorname{div}(\sigma(\mathbf{z})) d\mathbf{x} + \int_{\Gamma_1} (\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{z}) \cdot (\sigma(\mathbf{z})\nu) d\Gamma = 0.$$

Then

$$\int_{\Omega} \sigma(\mathbf{z}) : \varepsilon(\mathbf{u}) d\mathbf{x} = \int_{\Omega} \sigma(\mathbf{z}) : \varepsilon(\mathbf{z}) d\mathbf{x} \geq 0.$$

From (2), we deduce

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{z} \cdot (\mathbf{u}'' - \operatorname{div}(\sigma(\mathbf{u}))) d\mathbf{x} dt \\ &= \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{z} \cdot \mathbf{u}'' d\mathbf{x} + \int_{\Omega} \sigma(\mathbf{z}) : \varepsilon(\mathbf{u}) d\mathbf{x} - \int_{\Gamma_1} \mathbf{z} \cdot (\sigma(\mathbf{u})\nu) d\Gamma \\ &= \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{z} \cdot \mathbf{u}'' d\mathbf{x} + \int_{\Omega} \sigma(\mathbf{z}) : \varepsilon(\mathbf{u}) d\mathbf{x} + \int_{\Gamma_1} \mathbf{u} \cdot (A\mathbf{u} + B\mathbf{u}') d\Gamma. \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\int_{\Gamma_1} A|\mathbf{u}|^2 d\Gamma \leq - \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{z} \cdot \mathbf{u}'' d\mathbf{x} - \int_{\Gamma_1} B\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u}' d\Gamma.$$

For $0 < S < T < \infty$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \int_S^T \int_{\Gamma_1} A|\mathbf{u}|^2 d\Gamma dt &\leq - \left[\int_{\Omega} \mathbf{z} \cdot \mathbf{u}' d\mathbf{x} \right]_S^T \\ &\quad + \int_S^T \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{z}' \cdot \mathbf{u}' d\mathbf{x} dt - \int_S^T \int_{\Gamma_1} B\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u}' d\Gamma dt. \end{aligned}$$

Let C be a positive constant, large enough. Using Cauchy-Schwarz inequality and above estimates, we can write for every $\theta > 0$,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_S^T \int_{\Gamma_1} A|\mathbf{u}|^2 d\Gamma dt &\leq CE(\mathbf{u}, S) + C \int_S^T (-E'(\mathbf{u}, t))^{1/2} (E(\mathbf{u}, t))^{1/2} dt \\ &\quad + B \int_S^T \int_{\Gamma_1} |\mathbf{u}| |\mathbf{u}'| d\Gamma dt \\ &\leq CE(\mathbf{u}, S) + \frac{C\theta}{2} \int_S^T E(\mathbf{u}, t) dt + \frac{C}{2\theta} E(\mathbf{u}, S) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2} \int_S^T \int_{\Gamma_1} A|\mathbf{u}|^2 d\Gamma dt + \frac{B^2}{2A} \int_S^T \int_{\Gamma_1} |\mathbf{u}'|^2 d\Gamma dt. \end{aligned}$$

With Proposition 3, we get

$$\int_S^T \int_{\Gamma_1} |\mathbf{u}|^2 d\Gamma dt \leq \left(\frac{2C}{A} + \frac{C}{A\theta} + \frac{B}{A^2} \right) E(\mathbf{u}, S) + \frac{C\theta}{A} \int_S^T E(\mathbf{u}, t) dt.$$

We now choose $\theta = \frac{A\eta}{C}$ and the required result follows. ■

3.2. Proof of Theorem 1

We assume (1) and \mathbf{h} satisfies (4) and (5) (or (6)).

We first suppose (13) and we consider the (strong) solution \mathbf{u} of (2).

The energy function is non-increasing (Proposition 3). From Lemma 4, we deduce

$$- \left[\int_{\Omega} \mathbf{u}' \cdot M \mathbf{u} dx \right]_S^T \leq 2C_2 E(\mathbf{u}, S).$$

Since $\mathbf{h} \cdot \nu \leq 0$ on Γ_0 , Lemma 3 gives

$$\begin{aligned} C_1 \int_S^T E dt &\leq 2C_2 E(\mathbf{u}, S) \\ &+ \int_S^T \int_{\Gamma_1} \left(\left(\frac{C_1}{2} - \beta \right) A |\mathbf{u}|^2 - \beta B \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u}' + \mathbf{h} \cdot \nu |\mathbf{u}'|^2 \right) d\Gamma dt \\ &- \int_S^T \int_{\Gamma_1} (2(A\mathbf{u} + B\mathbf{u}') \cdot (\mathbf{h} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{h} \cdot \nu \sigma(\mathbf{u}) : \varepsilon(\mathbf{u})) d\Gamma dt. \end{aligned}$$

There exists $c > 0$ such that

$$\left| \int_S^T \int_{\Gamma_1} \beta \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u}' d\Gamma dt \right| \leq \int_S^T \int_{\Gamma_1} |\mathbf{u}|^2 d\Gamma dt + c \int_S^T \int_{\Gamma_1} |\mathbf{u}'|^2 d\Gamma dt.$$

Hence, using Proposition 3, we can find $C_4 > 0$ and $C_5 > 0$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} C_1 \int_S^T E dt &\leq C_4 E(\mathbf{u}, S) + C_5 \int_S^T \int_{\Gamma_1} |\mathbf{u}|^2 d\Gamma dt \\ &- \int_S^T \int_{\Gamma_1} (2(A\mathbf{u} + B\mathbf{u}') \cdot (\mathbf{h} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{h} \cdot \nu \sigma(\mathbf{u}) : \varepsilon(\mathbf{u})) d\Gamma dt. \end{aligned}$$

With Remarks 2 and 6, this can be written

$$\begin{aligned}
 C_1 \int_S^T E dt &\leq C_4 E(\mathbf{u}, S) + C_5 \int_S^T \int_{\Gamma_1} |\mathbf{u}|^2 d\Gamma dt \\
 &\quad - \int_S^T \int_{\Gamma_1} 2(A\mathbf{u} + B\mathbf{u}') \cdot (\mathbf{h} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u} d\Gamma dt \\
 &\quad - 2k\mu \int_S^T \int_{\Gamma_1} (\varepsilon_T(\mathbf{u}) : \varepsilon_T(\mathbf{u}) + |\varepsilon_\nu(\mathbf{u})|^2 + 2|\varepsilon_S(\mathbf{u})|^2) d\Gamma dt \\
 &\quad - k\lambda \int_S^T \int_{\Gamma_1} (\text{tr}(\varepsilon_T(\mathbf{u})) + \varepsilon_\nu(\mathbf{u}))^2 d\Gamma dt.
 \end{aligned} \tag{21}$$

Now, we estimate two integrals which appear in the right hand side at the second row of the above formula

- Estimate of $\mathcal{I}_1 = \int_S^T \int_{\Gamma_1} 2A\mathbf{u} \cdot (\mathbf{h} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u} d\Gamma dt$.

We denote by C some positive constant which is independent of \mathbf{u} and large enough.

We have $\mathbf{u} \cdot (\mathbf{h} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u} = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{h} \cdot \nabla (|\mathbf{u}|^2)$.

Setting $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u}_T + u_\nu \nu$ and $\mathbf{h} = \mathbf{h}_T + h_\nu \nu$, on Γ_1 , we use (7) and we get:

$$\mathbf{u} \cdot (\mathbf{h} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u} = \frac{1}{2} \nabla_T (|\mathbf{u}|^2) \cdot \mathbf{h}_T + h_\nu \mathbf{u}_T \cdot (\partial_\nu \mathbf{u}_T) + h_\nu u_\nu (\partial_\nu u_\nu), \quad \text{on } \Gamma_1.$$

First, we have

$$\int_{\Gamma_1} A \nabla_T (|\mathbf{u}|^2) \cdot \mathbf{h}_T d\Gamma dt = - \int_{\Gamma_1} A |\mathbf{u}|^2 \text{div}_T (\mathbf{h}_T) d\Gamma dt.$$

Hence

$$\left| \int_{\Gamma_1} A \nabla_T (|\mathbf{u}|^2) \cdot \mathbf{h}_T d\Gamma \right| \leq C \int_{\Gamma_1} |\mathbf{u}|^2 d\Gamma. \tag{22}$$

Using $\varepsilon_S(\mathbf{u})$ (see Subsection 1.2), we can write

$$h_\nu \mathbf{u}_T \cdot \partial_\nu \mathbf{u}_T = h_\nu \mathbf{u}_T \cdot (2\varepsilon_S(\mathbf{u}) + (\partial_T \nu) \mathbf{u}_T - \nabla_T u_\nu), \quad \text{on } \Gamma_1.$$

Let θ be some positive number. We can write

$$\left| \int_{\Gamma_1} 4Ah_\nu \mathbf{u}_T \cdot \varepsilon_S(\mathbf{u}) d\Gamma \right| \leq \theta \int_{\Gamma_1} |\varepsilon_S(\mathbf{u})|^2 d\Gamma + \frac{C}{\theta} \int_{\Gamma_1} |\mathbf{u}_T|^2 d\Gamma. \tag{23}$$

Since h_ν and $\partial_T \nu$ are bounded, we get

$$\left| \int_{\Gamma_1} 2Ah_\nu \mathbf{u}_T \cdot (\partial_T \nu) \mathbf{u}_T d\Gamma \right| \leq C \int_{\Gamma_1} |\mathbf{u}_T|^2 d\Gamma. \tag{24}$$

Now, we observe

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Gamma_1} h_\nu \mathbf{u}_T \cdot \nabla_T u_\nu \, d\Gamma &= - \int_{\Gamma_1} u_\nu \operatorname{div}_T (h_\nu \mathbf{u}_T) \, d\Gamma \\ &= - \int_{\Gamma_1} h_\nu u_\nu \operatorname{div}_T (\mathbf{u}_T) \, d\Gamma - \int_{\Gamma_1} u_\nu \nabla_T h_\nu \cdot \mathbf{u}_T \, d\Gamma. \end{aligned}$$

Proposition 1 implies

$$\left| \int_{\Gamma_1} 2Ah_\nu u_\nu \operatorname{div}_T (\mathbf{u}_T) \, d\Gamma \right| \leq \theta \|\mathbf{u}_T\|_1^2 + \frac{C}{\theta} \int_{\Gamma_1} |\mathbf{u}|^2 \, d\Gamma.$$

Hence

$$\left| \int_{\Gamma_1} 2Ah_\nu \mathbf{u}_T \cdot \nabla_T u_\nu \, d\Gamma \right| \leq \theta \int_{\Gamma_1} \varepsilon_T(\mathbf{u}_T) : \varepsilon_T(\mathbf{u}_T) \, d\Gamma + \frac{C}{\theta} \int_{\Gamma_1} |\mathbf{u}|^2 \, d\Gamma. \tag{25}$$

We also can write

$$\left| \int_{\Gamma_1} 2Ah_\nu u_\nu (\partial_\nu u_\nu) \, d\Gamma \right| \leq \theta \int_{\Gamma_1} |\partial_\nu u_\nu|^2 \, d\Gamma + \frac{C}{\theta} \int_{\Gamma_1} |\mathbf{u}|^2 \, d\Gamma. \tag{26}$$

Finally, (22)–(26) give

$$\begin{aligned} |\mathcal{I}_1| &\leq \theta \int_S \int_{\Gamma_1} (|\partial_\nu u_\nu|^2 + \varepsilon_T(\mathbf{u}_T) : \varepsilon_T(\mathbf{u}_T) + |\varepsilon_S(\mathbf{u})|^2) \, d\Gamma dt \\ &\quad + \frac{C}{\theta} \int_S \int_{\Gamma_1} |\mathbf{u}|^2 \, d\Gamma dt. \end{aligned} \tag{27}$$

We emphasize that, in (27), θ is a positive number which will be chosen later on and C is a positive constant which does not depend on \mathbf{u} .

- Estimate of $\mathcal{I}_2 = \int_S \int_{\Gamma_1} 2B\mathbf{u}' \cdot (\mathbf{h} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u} \, d\Gamma dt$.

Here, we use (8) and we get

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{u}' \cdot (\mathbf{h} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u} &= \overline{\mathbf{u}'_T} (\partial_T \mathbf{u}_T) \mathbf{h}_T + u_\nu \overline{\mathbf{u}'_T} (\partial_T \nu) \mathbf{h}_T + h_\nu \overline{\mathbf{u}'_T} \partial_\nu \mathbf{u}_T \\ &\quad + u'_\nu (\partial_T u_\nu) \mathbf{h}_T - u'_\nu \overline{\mathbf{u}'_T} (\partial_T \nu) \mathbf{h}_T + u'_\nu (\partial_\nu u_\nu) h_\nu, \quad \text{on } \Gamma_1. \end{aligned}$$

This can be written as follows

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{u}' \cdot (\mathbf{h} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u} &= \mathbf{u}'_T \cdot (\partial_T \mathbf{u}_T) \mathbf{h}_T + (u_\nu \mathbf{u}'_T - u'_\nu \mathbf{u}_T) \cdot (\partial_T \nu) \mathbf{h}_T \\ &\quad + u'_\nu \nabla_T u_\nu \cdot \mathbf{h}_T + h_\nu (\mathbf{u}'_T \cdot \partial_\nu \mathbf{u}_T + u'_\nu (\partial_\nu u_\nu)), \quad \text{on } \Gamma_1. \end{aligned}$$

As above, since \mathbf{h} and $\partial_T \nu$ are bounded, we get

$$\left| \int_{\Gamma_1} 2B\mathbf{u}'_T \cdot (\partial_T \mathbf{u}_T) \mathbf{h}_T \, d\Gamma \right| \leq \theta \|\mathbf{u}_T\|_1^2 + \frac{C}{\theta} \int_{\Gamma_1} |\mathbf{u}'_T|^2 \, d\Gamma; \tag{28}$$

$$\left| \int_{\Gamma_1} 2B(u_\nu \mathbf{u}'_T - u'_\nu \mathbf{u}_T) \cdot (\partial_T \nu) \mathbf{h}_T \, d\Gamma \right| \leq \theta \int_{\Gamma_1} |\mathbf{u}|^2 \, d\Gamma + \frac{C}{\theta} \int_{\Gamma_1} |\mathbf{u}'|^2 \, d\Gamma. \tag{29}$$

Under assumptions about Ω , we can observe that Γ_1 is a compact manifold of dimension 2. So, we can build a finite number of local maps and an associated partition of unity $(\vartheta_1, \vartheta_2, \dots, \vartheta_k)$. Denoting by U_j the support of ϑ_j , we can write

$$\int_{\Gamma_1} 2B u'_\nu \nabla_T u_\nu \cdot \mathbf{h}_T \, d\Gamma = \sum_{j=1}^{\ell} \int_{U_j} 2B \vartheta_j u'_\nu \nabla_T u_\nu \cdot \mathbf{h}_T \, d\Gamma.$$

We consider one of the ℓ terms of the previous sum. Omitting the index j , we denote it by $\int_U 2B \vartheta u'_\nu \nabla_T u_\nu \cdot \mathbf{h}_T \, d\Gamma$.

Using notations introduced in Subsection 1.1, we write $\mathbf{h}_T = h^1 a_1 + h^2 a_2$. Setting $|g| = |\det(g)|$, $W = \phi^{-1}(U)$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_U 2B \vartheta u'_\nu \nabla_T u_\nu \cdot \mathbf{h}_T \, d\Gamma \\ &= \int_W 2B(\vartheta \circ \phi)(u'_\nu \circ \phi) \left(\frac{\partial(u_\nu \circ \phi)}{\partial \xi_1} h^1 + \frac{\partial(u_\nu \circ \phi)}{\partial \xi_2} h^2 \right) |g|^{1/2} \, d\xi_1 \, d\xi_2. \end{aligned}$$

We observe that $\vartheta \circ \phi$ is continuous and compactly supported, $v_\nu = u_\nu \circ \phi$ belongs to $H^{1/2}(W)$, $\|v_\nu\|_{H^{1/2}(W)} \leq C \|u_\nu\|_{H^{1/2}(U)}$ and we define two subsets of W

$$W^+ = \{(\xi_1, \xi_2) / h^1(\xi_1, \xi_2) > 0\}, \quad W^- = \{(\xi_1, \xi_2) / h^1(\xi_1, \xi_2) < 0\}.$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_W 2B(\vartheta \circ \phi) v'_\nu \frac{\partial v_\nu}{\partial \xi_1} h^1 |g|^{1/2} \, d\xi_1 \, d\xi_2 \\ &= \int_{W^+} 2B(\vartheta \circ \phi) v'_\nu \frac{\partial v_\nu}{\partial \xi_1} h^1 |g|^{1/2} \, d\xi_1 \, d\xi_2 \\ & \quad + \int_{W^-} 2B(\vartheta \circ \phi) v'_\nu \frac{\partial v_\nu}{\partial \xi_1} h^1 |g|^{1/2} \, d\xi_1 \, d\xi_2. \end{aligned}$$

Setting $\psi = \left((\vartheta \circ \phi) h^1 |g|^{1/2} \right)^{1/2}$, in W^+ , we can write

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{W^+} 2B(\vartheta \circ \phi) v'_\nu \frac{\partial v_\nu}{\partial \xi_1} h^1 |g|^{1/2} \, d\xi_1 \, d\xi_2 = \int_{W^+} 2B \psi^2 v'_\nu \frac{\partial v_\nu}{\partial \xi_1} \, d\xi_1 \, d\xi_2 \\ &= \int_{W^+} 2B \psi v'_\nu \frac{\partial(\psi v_\nu)}{\partial \xi_1} \, d\xi_1 \, d\xi_2 - \int_{W^+} B \psi (|v_\nu|^2)' \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \xi_1} \, d\xi_1 \, d\xi_2. \end{aligned}$$

We have

$$\left| \left[\int_{W^+} B \psi |v_\nu|^2 \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \xi_1} \, d\xi_1 \, d\xi_2 \right]_S^T \right| \leq CE(\mathbf{u}, S).$$

We can observe that ψ is compactly supported in W , and $\psi = 0$, on ∂W^+ . We define function G by

$$G = \psi v_\nu, \text{ in } W^+ \times \mathbb{R}_+, \quad G = 0, \text{ in } (\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus W^+) \times \mathbb{R}_+.$$

We have

$$\int_{W^+} 2B\psi v'_\nu \frac{\partial(\psi v_\nu)}{\partial \xi_1} d\xi_1 d\xi_2 = \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} 2BG' \frac{\partial G}{\partial \xi_1} d\xi_1 d\xi_2.$$

Let \hat{G} be the Fourier transform of G , with respect to ξ_1 . We can write

$$\int_{W^+} 2B\psi v'_\nu \frac{\partial(\psi v_\nu)}{\partial \xi_1} d\xi_1 d\xi_2 = \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} 4B\nu\pi\eta_1 \hat{G}' \hat{G} d\eta_1 d\xi_2.$$

This implies

$$\int_S^T \int_{W^+} 2B\psi v'_\nu \frac{\partial(\psi v_\nu)}{\partial \xi_1} d\xi_1 d\xi_2 dt = \left[\int_{\mathbb{R}^2} 2B\nu\pi\eta_1 |\hat{G}|^2 d\eta_1 d\xi_2 \right]_S^T.$$

But

$$\left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \eta_1 |\hat{G}|^2 d\eta_1 d\xi_2 \right| \leq C_1 \|G\|_{H^{1/2}(\mathbb{R}^2)}^2 \leq C_2 \|u_\nu\|_{H^{1/2}(\Gamma_1)}^2.$$

Hence, using the energy function and Proposition 3, we get

$$\left| \int_S^T \int_{W^+} 2B\psi v'_\nu \frac{\partial(\psi v_\nu)}{\partial \xi_1} d\xi_1 d\xi_2 dt \right| \leq CE(\mathbf{u}, S).$$

For the integral in W^- , we replace ϕ by $\tilde{\phi}$ such that $\tilde{\phi}(\xi_1, \xi_2) = \phi(-\xi_1, \xi_2)$, a_1 by $-a_1$, h^1 by $-h^1$, respectively and we proceed as above. We can also get a similar result concerning the integral terms containing h^2 .

Finally we obtain

$$\left| \int_S^T \int_{\Gamma_1} 2Bu'_\nu \nabla_T u_\nu \cdot \mathbf{h}_T d\Gamma dt \right| \leq CE(\mathbf{u}, S). \tag{30}$$

Using $\varepsilon_S(\mathbf{u})$, we get

$$h_\nu \mathbf{u}'_T \cdot \partial_\nu \mathbf{u}_T = h_\nu \mathbf{u}'_T \cdot (2\varepsilon_S(\mathbf{u}) - (\nabla_T u_\nu) + \partial_T \nu \mathbf{u}_T), \text{ on } \Gamma_1;$$

and, as well as for (23) and (24),

$$\left| \int_{\Gamma_1} 2Bh_\nu \mathbf{u}'_T \cdot (\partial_T \nu) \mathbf{u}_T d\Gamma \right| \leq C \int_{\Gamma_1} (|\mathbf{u}'_T|^2 + |\mathbf{u}_T|^2) d\Gamma; \tag{31}$$

$$\left| \int_{\Gamma_1} 4Bh_\nu \mathbf{u}'_T \cdot \varepsilon_S(\mathbf{u}) d\Gamma \right| \leq \theta \int_{\Gamma_1} |\varepsilon_S(\mathbf{u})|^2 d\Gamma + \frac{C}{\theta} \int_{\Gamma_1} |\mathbf{u}'_T|^2 d\Gamma. \tag{32}$$

Now, we compute

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_S^T \int_{\Gamma_1} h_\nu \mathbf{u}'_T \cdot \nabla_T u_\nu \, d\Gamma \, dt \\ &= \left[\int_{\Gamma_1} h_\nu \mathbf{u}_T \cdot \nabla_T u_\nu \, d\Gamma \right]_S^T - \int_S^T \int_{\Gamma_1} h_\nu \mathbf{u}_T \cdot (\nabla_T u'_\nu) \, d\Gamma \, dt \\ &= \left[\int_{\Gamma_1} h_\nu \mathbf{u}_T \cdot \nabla_T u_\nu \, d\Gamma \right]_S^T + \int_S^T \int_{\Gamma_1} u'_\nu \operatorname{div}_T(k\mathbf{u}_T) \, d\Gamma \, dt. \end{aligned}$$

Since $\operatorname{div}_T(h_\nu \mathbf{u}_T) = h_\nu \operatorname{div}_T(\mathbf{u}_T) + \nabla_T h_\nu \cdot \mathbf{u}_T$, Proposition 1 gives

$$\left| \int_{\Gamma_1} 2Bu'_\nu \operatorname{div}_T(h_\nu \mathbf{u}_T) \, d\Gamma \right| \leq \theta \|\mathbf{u}_T\|_1^2 + \frac{C}{\theta} \int_{\Gamma_1} |\mathbf{u}'|^2 \, d\Gamma. \tag{33}$$

Now, we consider $\int_{\Gamma_1} h_\nu \mathbf{u}_T \cdot \nabla_T u_\nu \, d\Gamma$.

Given $t > 0$, let ζ be in $H^1(\Gamma_1)$ (notice that $H^1(\Gamma_1) = H_0^1(\Gamma_1)$) such that

$$\zeta - \Delta_T \zeta = \operatorname{div}_T(\mathbf{u}_T)(t).$$

Since $\operatorname{div}_T(\mathbf{u}_T)(t)$ belongs to $H^{-1/2}(\Gamma_1)$, ζ satisfies

$$\begin{cases} \|\zeta\|_{H^1(\Gamma_1)} \leq C \|\mathbf{u}_T(t)\|_{L^2(\Gamma_1, T(\Gamma_1))}, \\ \zeta \in H^{3/2}(\Gamma_1) \text{ and } \|\zeta\|_{H^{3/2}(\Gamma_1)} \leq C \|\mathbf{u}_T(t)\|_{H^{1/2}(\Gamma_1, T(\Gamma_1))}, \end{cases} \tag{34}$$

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Gamma_1} h_\nu \mathbf{u}_T \cdot \nabla_T u_\nu \, d\Gamma &= - \int_{\Gamma_1} u_\nu \operatorname{div}_T(h_\nu \mathbf{u}_T) \, d\Gamma \\ &= - \int_{\Gamma_1} u_\nu \nabla_T h_\nu \cdot \mathbf{u}_T \, d\Gamma - \int_{\Gamma_1} u_\nu h_\nu \zeta \, d\Gamma + \int_{\Gamma_1} u_\nu h_\nu \Delta_T \zeta \, d\Gamma. \end{aligned}$$

First, we can write thanks to (34)

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \int_{\Gamma_1} u_\nu \nabla_T h_\nu \cdot \mathbf{u}_T \, d\Gamma \right| &\leq C \int_{\Gamma_1} |\mathbf{u}|^2 \, d\Gamma, \\ \left| \int_{\Gamma_1} u_\nu h_\nu \zeta \, d\Gamma \right| &\leq C \int_{\Gamma_1} (|u_\nu|^2 + |\zeta|^2) \, d\Gamma \leq C \int_{\Gamma_1} |\mathbf{u}|^2 \, d\Gamma. \end{aligned}$$

Secondly, we have

$$- \int_{\Gamma_1} u_\nu h_\nu \Delta_T \zeta \, d\Gamma = \int_{\Gamma_1} (-\Delta_T)^{1/4}(u_\nu h_\nu) (-\Delta_T)^{3/4} \zeta \, d\Gamma;$$

and, again with (33),

$$\left| \int_{\Gamma_1} u_\nu h_\nu \Delta \zeta \, d\Gamma \right| \leq C \|u_\nu\|_{H^{1/2}(\Gamma_1)} \|\zeta\|_{H^{3/2}(\Gamma_1)} \leq C \|\mathbf{u}\|_{H^1(\Omega)}^2.$$

Hence

$$\left| \int_{\Gamma_1} h_\nu \mathbf{u}_T \cdot \nabla_T u_\nu \, d\Gamma \right| \leq C \left(\int_{\Gamma_1} |\mathbf{u}|^2 \, d\Gamma + \|\mathbf{u}\|_{H^1(\Omega)}^2 \right).$$

With Poincaré’s inequality and Korn’s inequality, we finally get

$$\left| \int_{\Gamma_1} 2Bh_\nu \mathbf{u}_T \cdot \nabla_T u_\nu \, d\Gamma \right| \leq CE(\mathbf{u}, t). \tag{35}$$

Observing that the energy function is non-increasing and using (33), (35), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \int_S^T \int_{\Gamma_1} 2Bh_\nu \mathbf{u}'_T \cdot \nabla_T u_\nu \, d\Gamma dt \right| &\leq CE(\mathbf{u}, S) \\ &+ \theta \int_S^T \|\mathbf{u}_T\|_1^2 \, dt + \frac{C}{\theta} \int_S^T \int_{\Gamma_1} |\mathbf{u}'|^2 \, d\Gamma dt. \end{aligned} \tag{36}$$

Using boundedness of \mathbf{h} , we get

$$\left| \int_{\Gamma_1} 2Bh_\nu u'_\nu \partial_\nu u_\nu \, d\Gamma \right| \leq \theta \int_{\Gamma_1} |\partial_\nu u_\nu|^2 \, d\Gamma + \frac{C}{\theta} \int_{\Gamma_1} |\mathbf{u}'|^2 \, d\Gamma. \tag{37}$$

Finally, with (28)–(32), (36) and (37), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} |\mathcal{I}_2| &\leq \theta \int_S^T \int_{\Gamma_1} (|\partial_\nu u_\nu|^2 + \varepsilon_T(\mathbf{u}_T) : \varepsilon_T(\mathbf{u}_T) + |\varepsilon_S(\mathbf{u})|^2) \, d\Gamma dt \\ &+ \frac{C}{\theta} \int_S^T \int_{\Gamma_1} (|\mathbf{u}|^2 + |\mathbf{u}'|^2) \, d\Gamma dt + CE(\mathbf{u}, S). \end{aligned} \tag{38}$$

Again, we emphasize that, in (38), θ is a positive number which will be chosen later on and C is a positive constant which does not depend on \mathbf{u} .

• **End of the proof.**

With (21), (27), (38), we obtain that there exists two positive constants C_6 and C_7 such that

$$\begin{aligned} C_1 \int_S^T E \, dt &\leq C_6 E(\mathbf{u}, S) + \frac{C_7}{\theta} \int_S^T \int_{\Gamma_1} (|\mathbf{u}|^2 + |\mathbf{u}'|^2) \, d\Gamma dt \\ &+ 2\theta \int_S^T \int_{\Gamma_1} (\varepsilon_T(\mathbf{u}) : \varepsilon_T(\mathbf{u}) + |\varepsilon_\nu(\mathbf{u})|^2 + |\varepsilon_S(\mathbf{u})|^2) \, d\Gamma dt \\ &- 2k\mu \int_S^T \int_{\Gamma_1} (\varepsilon_T(\mathbf{u}) : \varepsilon_T(\mathbf{u}) + |\varepsilon_\nu(\mathbf{u})|^2 + 2|\varepsilon_S(\mathbf{u})|^2) \, d\Gamma dt \\ &- k\lambda \int_S^T \int_{\Gamma_1} (\text{tr}(\varepsilon_T(\mathbf{u})) + \varepsilon_\nu(\mathbf{u}))^2 \, d\Gamma dt. \end{aligned} \tag{39}$$

From the relations

$$\varepsilon_T(\mathbf{u}) = \varepsilon_T(\mathbf{u}_T) + u_\nu \partial_T \nu = \varepsilon_T(\mathbf{u}_T) + \varepsilon_T(u_\nu \nu), \quad \text{on } \Gamma,$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon_T(\mathbf{u}) : \varepsilon_T(\mathbf{u}) = \\ \varepsilon_T(\mathbf{u}_T) : \varepsilon_T(\mathbf{u}_T) + 2\varepsilon_T(\mathbf{u}_T) : \varepsilon_T(u_\nu \nu) + \varepsilon_T(u_\nu \nu) : \varepsilon_T(u_\nu \nu), \quad \text{on } \Gamma_1. \end{aligned}$$

Using $|\varepsilon_T(\mathbf{u}_T) : \varepsilon_T(u_\nu \nu)| \leq \theta \varepsilon_T(\mathbf{u}_T) : \varepsilon_T(\mathbf{u}_T) + (4\theta)^{-1} \varepsilon_T(u_\nu \nu) : \varepsilon_T(u_\nu \nu)$, we get

$$\varepsilon_T(\mathbf{u}) : \varepsilon_T(\mathbf{u}) \geq (1 - 2\theta) \varepsilon_T(\mathbf{u}_T) : \varepsilon_T(\mathbf{u}_T) + \left(1 - \frac{1}{2\theta}\right) \varepsilon_T(u_\nu \nu) : \varepsilon_T(u_\nu \nu), \quad \text{on } \Gamma_1.$$

Since $\varepsilon_T(u_\nu \nu) : \varepsilon_T(u_\nu \nu) \leq C \int_{\Gamma_1} |u_\nu|^2 d\Gamma$, we deduce from (39) that there exists $C_8 > 0$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} C_1 \int_S^T E dt \leq C_6 E(\mathbf{u}, S) + \frac{C_8}{\theta} \int_S^T \int_{\Gamma_1} (|\mathbf{u}|^2 + |\mathbf{u}'|^2) d\Gamma dt \\ + 2\theta \int_S^T \int_{\Gamma_1} (\varepsilon_T(\mathbf{u}) : \varepsilon_T(\mathbf{u}) + |\varepsilon_\nu(\mathbf{u})|^2 + |\varepsilon_S(\mathbf{u})|^2) d\Gamma dt \\ - 2k\mu \int_S^T \int_{\Gamma_1} ((1 - 2\theta) \varepsilon_T(\mathbf{u}) : \varepsilon_T(\mathbf{u}) + |\varepsilon_\nu(\mathbf{u})|^2 + 2|\varepsilon_S(\mathbf{u})|^2) d\Gamma dt. \end{aligned}$$

Then, for $\theta > 0$ small enough, we can find a positive constant C_9 such that

$$C_1 \int_S^T E dt \leq C_6 E(\mathbf{u}, S) + C_9 \int_S^T \int_{\Gamma_1} (|\mathbf{u}|^2 + |\mathbf{u}'|^2) d\Gamma dt.$$

Thanks to Proposition 3 and Lemma 5, there exists $C_{10} > 0$ such that, for every $\eta > 0$,

$$C_1 \int_S^T E dt \leq \frac{C_{10}}{\eta} E(\mathbf{u}, S) + \eta \int_S^T E dt.$$

Hence, for η small enough, we conclude the proof of Theorem 1 by applying Lemma 1 and by setting $\omega = \frac{(C_1 - \eta)\eta}{C_{10}}$.

Now, we can observe that above constants (especially C_1, C_{10}, η) do not depend on the strong solution \mathbf{u} of (2). Hence, by a density argument, this result can be extended to a weak solution of (2). ■

4. Application: proof of Theorem 2

We show that Theorem 1 can be applied with the following vector field.

$$\mathbf{h}(\mathbf{x}) = (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_0) + \rho \tilde{\mathbf{h}}(\mathbf{x}),$$

where ρ is some positive constant and $\tilde{\mathbf{h}} \in (C^1(\bar{\Omega}))^3$ is such that

$$\tilde{\mathbf{h}} = 0, \quad \text{on } \Gamma_0, \quad \tilde{\mathbf{h}} = \nu, \quad \text{on } \Gamma_1.$$

• \mathbf{h} satisfies (4). Indeed we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{h}(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \nu(\mathbf{x}) &= (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_0) \cdot \nu(\mathbf{x}) \leq 0, & \text{if } \mathbf{x} \in \Gamma_0, \\ \mathbf{h}(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \nu(\mathbf{x}) &= (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_0) \cdot \nu(\mathbf{x}) + \rho > 0, & \text{if } \mathbf{x} \in \Gamma_1. \end{aligned}$$

• \mathbf{h} satisfies (6). We have

$$\int_{\Omega} \sigma_{ij}(\mathbf{v}) h_{k,j} \mathbf{v}_{i,k} \, d\mathbf{x} = \int_{\Omega} \sigma_{ij}(\mathbf{v}) \xi_{i,j} \, d\mathbf{x} + \rho \int_{\Omega} \sigma_{ij}(\mathbf{v}) \tilde{h}_{k,j} \mathbf{v}_{i,k} \, d\mathbf{x}.$$

Using Korn's inequality, we can build a constant $C(\tilde{\mathbf{h}}) > 0$ such that

$$\left| \int_{\Omega} \sigma_{ij}(\mathbf{v}) \tilde{h}_{k,j} \mathbf{v}_{i,k} \, d\mathbf{x} \right| \leq C(\tilde{\mathbf{h}}) \int_{\Omega} \sigma(\mathbf{v}) : \varepsilon(\mathbf{v}) \, d\mathbf{x},$$

and

$$\int_{\Omega} \sigma_{ij}(\mathbf{v}) h_{k,j} \mathbf{v}_{i,k} \, d\mathbf{x} \geq (1 - \rho C(\tilde{\mathbf{h}})) \int_{\Omega} \sigma(\mathbf{v}) : \varepsilon(\mathbf{v}) \, d\mathbf{x}.$$

We choose $\alpha = 1 - \rho C(\tilde{\mathbf{h}})$ and get $\alpha > 0$ for ρ small enough.

Now one can easily show that all conditions in (6) are satisfied if

$$\rho < \min\left(\frac{1}{C(\tilde{\mathbf{h}})}, \frac{2}{2C(\tilde{\mathbf{h}}) + \max_{\Omega}(\text{div}(\tilde{\mathbf{h}})) - \min_{\Omega}(\text{div}(\tilde{\mathbf{h}}))}, \frac{3}{|\min_{\Omega}(\text{div}(\tilde{\mathbf{h}}))|}\right).$$

This completes the proof. ■

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