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ABSTRACT

In this paper, we focus on the development of isogeometric models to tackle the simulation of elastomers under coupled thermomechanical complex loading and self-heating phenomena. We first investigate volumetric locking numerical issues existing for low order NURBS elements for incompressible or slightly compressible media. We investigate two fields displacement/pressure ($u-p$) IGA formulations for which the combinations of patches of degree p of type $(\mathbf{u} p_1^1, \mathbf{p} p_0^1)$ - subdivision of the patch for the velocity u - and $(\mathbf{u} p_0^2, \mathbf{p} p_0^1)$ -repetition of the inner knots for the patch for the velocity u - (see [1-2] for notations, [1] for a state of the art and e.g. [3] for examples of optimally convergent elements). The comparison between the two-fields mixed formulation and a strain projection method is lead at small and large strains (see [5] for a pure displacement formulation and [4] for an example of formulation at large strains). At last, we originally adopt a similar strategy for thermomechanical problem at small and large strains. In the context two-fields formulation, we investigate the numerical convergence of displacement/temperature IGA formulations. Thus, we investigate the choices of patches for two-fields formulation displacement/temperature ($u-T$) fields for IGA applied to thermoelasticity. Optimal convergences are obtained at small strains when thermomechanical coupling is not too strong for combinations $(\mathbf{u} p_1^1, \mathbf{T} p_0^1)$ and $(\mathbf{u} p_0^2, \mathbf{T} p_0^1)$. A formulation at large strain for a time dependent problem is investigated. Several numerical results for thermomechanical problems at small and finite strains are presented. At last, an incompressible visco-thermo-hyperelastic model is evaluated in the IGA framework with the proposed approach.

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