

# Global existence in nonlinear elastodynamics

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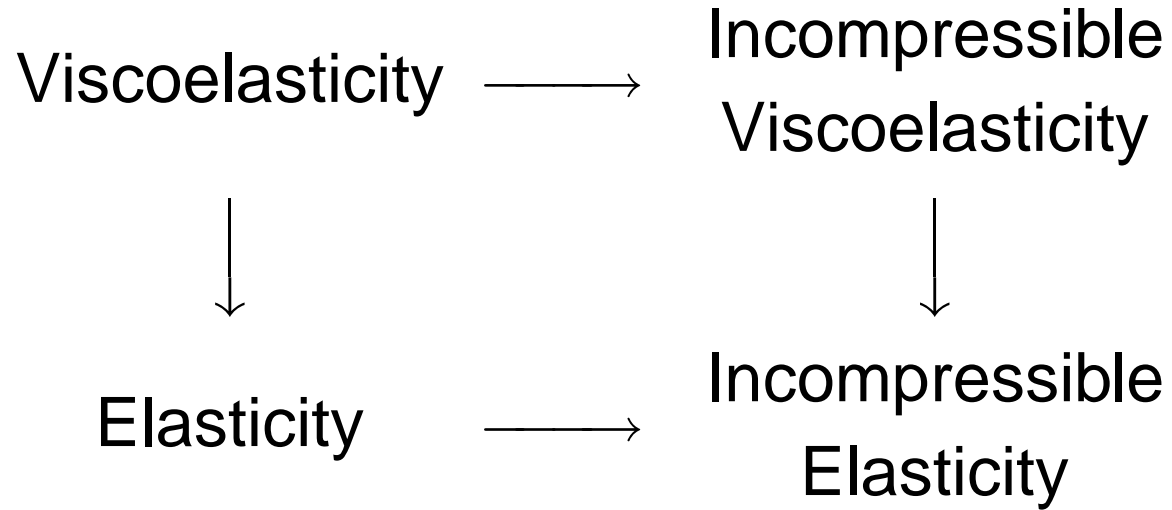
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# Abstract

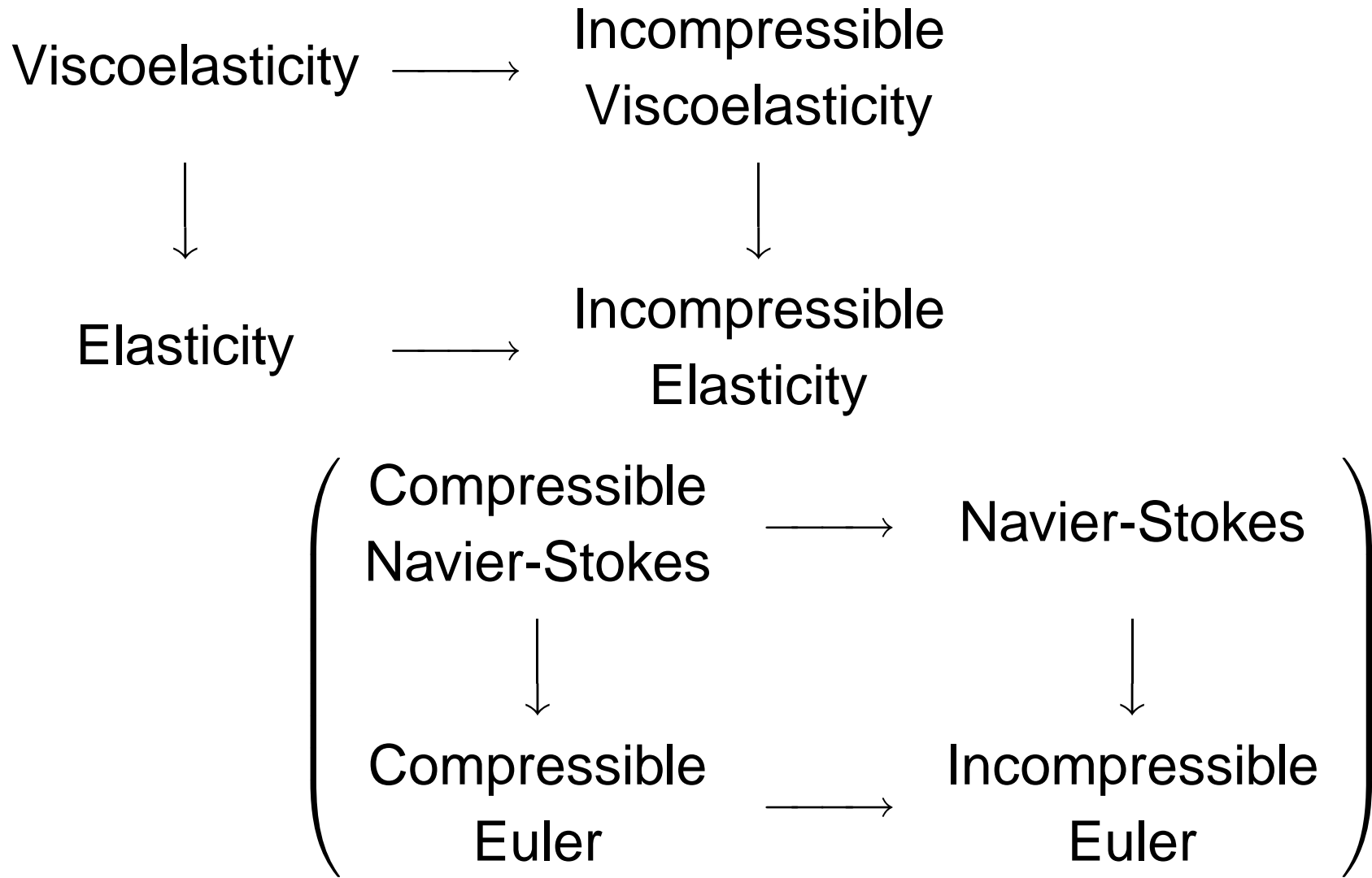
Discuss the equations of motion for homogeneous, isotropic elastic bodies, in the compressible and incompressible case.

Present results on global existence of solutions to the initial value problem, under small deformations and appropriate structural conditions.

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Consistent with physically meaningful examples.



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- Without the null condition, there are spherically symmetric examples where singularities form in finite time, for arbitrarily small initial conditions. [John](#)



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(In the hydrodynamical case,  $-T = P(\rho)I$ .)

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Here the deformation satisfies the internal constraint

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This can be enforced on the level of the variational problem through the addition of a Lagrange multiplier.

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Improves a result of [Schochet](#), which established the convergence on a fixed time interval. (See also [Klainerman-Majda](#), [Ukai](#) in the hydrodynamical case.)

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