Modelling of the faults on Enceladus and Europa

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Tiger stripes

 water emanating fractures situated in the south pole of Enceladus

- Souček et al. 2016: 3D model
 - tiger stripes = narrow zones with reduced elastic moduli
 - influence on tidal deformation and thermal evolution
- aim: to improve description of tiger stripes with rate and state friction model (seismology)



- bulk viscoelastic analogy to rate and state friction model
- numerical method: finite elements (FEniCS project)
- only rate-dependence included for now

Ice: velocity-weakening regime

displacement

0.000e+00 0.00025 0.0005 0.00075 1.000e-03







Thank you for your attention.

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