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Well-posedness of a coupled PDE model of High Intensity Focussed Ultrasound heating of biological tissue

Over the past decade, High Intensity Focussed Ultrasound (HIFU) has emerged as an important novel therapeutic modality in the treatment of cancers. In this talk, we present a set of equations that model the effects of HIFU on the temperature of biological tissue, where the effects of convection are taken into account. The methods to prove the well-posedness of the model for functions in L^p spaces are outlined. In particular, we describe the use of the Leray-Schauder fixed point theorem to prove existence of solutions to the set of equations and a priori estimates to establish uniqueness.