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9 Key Points:

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10	• A poroviscoelastic model is developed to explore the interaction between perme-
11	able flow and rock deformation during tidal deformation
12	• The poroviscoelastic core generates more heat in both the fluid and solid compo-
13	nent, compared to a solid viscoelastic core
14	• For certain permeabilities and viscosities, the total heating rate reaches 25-40 GW,
15	similar to the observed value

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³⁶ Plain Language Summary

Discoveries made by the Cassini spacecraft revealed that we may find life even in 37 our own cosmic neighborhood in the ocean of Saturn's moon Enceladus. Recent stud-38 ies infer that the fluid-saturated rocky core of Enceladus harbors some of the processes 39 that likely gave rise to life on Earth. Here we develop a physics-based model to under-40 stand the heating in the water-saturated porous core of Enceladus during periodic de-41 formation under tidal forces. We find that the periodically loaded moon distributes the 42 heat generated during its deformation in both its rocky and fluid part. When the core 43 is strong and rigid (likely in the early history), heating in the fluid could be hundreds 44 or thousands of times larger than that in the solid rock; when the core is severely weak-45 ened (such as in its later history), more heat is distributed in the solid rock than in the 46 fluid. We also find that the coupling between pore fluid and solid rock may enhance the 47 heating of the core for a larger range of material properties, in contrast with earlier stud-48 ies. The enhanced heating could provide explanation for the high heat flux measured for 49 Enceladus, and a potential hot period in its early history. 50

51 **1** Introduction

In nearly 15 years after the discovery of the enigmatic polar plumes by Cassini (Porco 52 et al., 2006), the interior structure and orbital history of Enceladus has been made clearer 53 based on analysis of its gravity, topography and libration data, and numerical simula-54 tion (Iess et al., 2014; Taubner et al., 2015; Vance et al., 2018; Nimmo et al., 2018; Neveu 55 & Rhoden, 2019). It is now believed that under the ice shell of the moon, there is a global, 56 salty, liquid ocean (Postberg et al., 2009, 2011; Thomas et al., 2016; Čadek et al., 2016; 57 Postberg et al., 2018) overlying a highly porous, silicate-based rocky core (Iess et al., 2014; 58 Roberts, 2015; Hemingway et al., 2018), where water-rock hydration reactions and hy-59 drothermal circulation are supported (Travis & Schubert, 2014; Hsu et al., 2015; Sekine 60 et al., 2015; Choblet et al., 2017; Waite et al., 2017)— a picture that presents great sim-61 ilarities to Earth (Kelley et al., 2005; Russell et al., 2010). 62

Enceladus is thought to consist of an ice shell about 20 km thick on average, overlying an ocean about 40 km deep and a low-density ($\approx 2500 \text{ kg m}^{-3}$), high-porosity rocky core (Iess et al., 2014; Hemingway & Mittal, 2019; Čadek et al., 2016). The shell is thinnest at the active south pole, but also exhibits reduced thickness at the north pole (Hemingway & Mittal, 2019, e.g.). Based on these thickness estimates, the total conductive heat loss across the whole of Enceladus is about 25-40 GW, while the measured excess thermal emission at the south pole is 16 ± 3 GW (Howett et al., 2011).

The source of the heat is Enceladus's tides, which transfer energy from Saturn's 70 rotation. But the distribution of the tidal heating is currently uncertain. As previously 71 reviewed (Nimmo et al., 2018), initial models (Ross & Schubert, 1989; Roberts & Nimmo, 72 2008; Tobie et al., 2008; Shoji et al., 2013) focused on dissipation in the ice shell. How-73 ever, since the ice shell is thought to be conductive and the surface is cold, only a rel-74 atively thin layer at the base of the shell is warm enough to be dissipative. As a conse-75 quence, viscoelastic models have found it difficult to generate sufficient heat within the 76 ice shell (Souček et al., 2019). Turbulent dissipation of water in south polar fractures could 77 be an additional energy source (Kite & Rubin, 2016) but cannot explain the survival of 78 relatively thin ice elsewhere, where fractures are absent (e.g. the northern polar region). 79 Dissipation in the ocean driven by obliquity tides has been suggested as a major heat 80 source (Tyler, 2009). However, for the inferred obliquity, and ocean and shell thicknesses, 81 the magnitude of the predicted heat production is many orders of magnitude too small 82 (Chen & Nimmo, 2011; Beuthe et al., 2016; Hay & Matsuyama, 2017; Matsuyama et al., 83 2018). Other mechanisms for driving turbulent ocean dissipation have also been suggested 84 (Lemasquerier et al., 2017; Wilson & Kerswell, 2018) but have not so far received much 85 scrutiny. 86

Recently, the silicate core has become more popular as a source of heat. A suffi-87 ciently weak silicate core can generate significant amounts of heat (Roberts, 2015; Choblet 88 et al., 2017; Efroimsky, 2018). Below we consider an additional possibility: that tidal pump-89 ing of water through the porous core results in significant heat production. Tidally-driven 90 viscous dissipation in pore fluids can generate heat (Al-Hadhrami et al., 2003; Jupp & 91 Schultz, 2004; Vance et al., 2007). For Enceladus, this mechanism has only been stud-92 ied once in a simplified fashion (Vance et al., 2007), and was found to be insignificant 93 in the context of heating and maintaining a liquid ocean. However, as that model omit-94 ted the interaction between porous fluid flow and tidal deformation, the resulting heat-95 ing rates are likely under-estimated. 96

Beside providing an additional heat source, heating of the fluid in the core of Ence-97 ladus is also relevant to geochemical processes crucial for understanding the habitabil-98 ity of the moon. On Earth, rock-water reactions and potential metabolic reactions unaq der the seafloor need to occur in pore fluids and along the rock-fluid interface, where the 100 motion and heating of pore water play a non-negligible role (Schrenk et al., 2013; Schwarzen-101 bach, 2016; Mayhew et al., 2013). Predicting the habitability beneath the seafloor of Ence-102 ladus therefore requires more knowledge of the thermal and kinetic history of the pore 103 fluids and their relation with the rock matrix. 104

Currently, an explicit account of the coupling between porous flows and deform-105 ing rock matrix during tidal flexing is not achievable using either the commonly-assumed 106 viscoelastic description of tidal heating, or the poroelastic description of fluid motion (Choblet 107 et al., 2017; Vance et al., 2007). As we explain below, both these end-member approaches 108 neglect the coupling between porous solid and fluid, which can result in enhanced heat-109 ing in both phases. A model for Enceladus that can evaluate the production of heat in 110 both the pore fluid and rock matrix simultaneously and consistently has not been pro-111 posed hitherto. 112

In this paper, we propose a method of evaluating heating of the rock and pore fluid in the core by assuming a poroviscoelastic rheology, which consistently accounts for the coupling between pore fluid flows and deformation of the rock matrix. Our approach is simplified in that we assume a homogeneous poroviscoelastic spherical body loaded cyclically with an axisymmetric degree-2 pattern. In Section 2, and in the Appendix, we provide the analytical framework for solving this simplified problem. In Section 3 we compare our results for heat production in both the solid and fluid components with the endmember viscoelastic solution in which the pore fluid is neglected; we also explore the spatial pattern of heating. In Section 4 we explore how the evolution of the mechanical properties of the core may have changed the dominant heat-producing mechanism over time. Finally, we conclude with a discussion of our results and a sketch of how a more complete analytical description may be accomplished.

- 125 2 Methods
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2.0 Overview of the model

The core of Enceladus is modeled as a poroviscoelastic, spherical body with uni-127 form porosity, permeability, elastic moduli and viscosity. The core is assumed to be sub-128 merged in an overlying ocean and all pore spaces are filled with fluid with constant vis-129 cosity. During tidal deformation, the solid rocks in the core deform periodically, gener-130 ating heat (i.e., tidal heating). The deformation of the rock matrix causes the pore spaces 131 to compress/dilate, driving porous fluid flows and generating heat via fluid dissipation. 132 As redistribution of pore pressure changes the local stress and strain rate in the rock ma-133 trix, the coupling between fluid and solid components in our model is intrinsically two-134 way. To obtain the heating rates, the model seeks analytical solutions for quantities in-135 cluding strain, stress, and velocity based on the assumptions and constraints below. 136

The core is assumed to have properties of both a viscoelastic (i.e., viscous relax-137 ation of the rock matrix) and poroelastic material (i.e., mechanical coupling between pore 138 pressure and total stress), which is described by linear poroviscoelastic constitutive re-139 lations. The constitutive relations explicitly couple the pore pressure and fluid mass with 140 the strain and stress of the rock matrix (see next section). The motion of the intersti-141 tial fluids, driven by spatial gradients of fluid pore pressure, satisfies Darcy's law and mass 142 conservation. The model assumes force balance while omitting the generation of seismic 143 waves, leading to a quasi-static equilibrium condition for the total stress. 144

The quantitative framework is completed by boundary conditions and additional 145 geometrical requirements of the solutions: at the surface of the core (i.e., seafloor), the 146 fluid pressure and stress are continuous; at the poles of the core's surface, the amplitude 147 of strain is approximated by a function of the moon's orbital motion and its degree-2 Love 148 number determined by the rigidity and viscosity of the solid rock matrix (see next sec-149 tion); the model implicitly accounts for the gravitational potential caused by the moon's 150 orbital motion by imposing degree-two spatial geometries and periodicity of the solutions 151 and through the imposed boundary conditions. The model is simplified by assuming only 152 axisymmetric degree-two geometry, ignoring longitudinal variations of gravitational po-153 tential. 154

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2.1 Model setup and solutions

In this work we focus entirely on the water-filled silicate core of Enceladus. We largely neglect the role of the overlying ocean and ice shell. While these components will modify the tidal deformation of the core, the changes expected are small while greatly complicating the analytical development. Parameter values assumed are tabulated in Table A1.

In a poroviscoelastic material, the total stress is shared between pressurization of the pore fluid and the deformation of the rock matrix. In comparison to the classical Maxwell viscoelastic description commonly assumed for tidal heating models, a poroviscoelastic description incorporates an additional contribution of pore fluid pressure to the bulk rheology. Its constitutive relation can be obtained by combining classical linear poroelasticity and a Maxwell viscoelastic model wherein viscous relaxation occurs in the shear components (Cheng, 2016; Biot, 1941; Rice & Cleary, 1976; Wu & Peltier, 1982; Tobie
 et al., 2005; Roberts & Nimmo, 2008),

$$\frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial t} + \frac{\mu}{\eta_m} \sigma - \frac{1}{3} \frac{\mu}{\eta_m} Tr(\sigma) I = 2\mu \frac{\partial \epsilon}{\partial t} + (K_m - \frac{2}{3}\mu) \frac{\partial Tr(\epsilon)}{\partial t} I - \alpha \frac{\partial P}{\partial t} I.$$
(1)

Here $\sigma(r, \theta, t)$ and $\epsilon(r, \theta, t)$ are the stress and strain tensors for the ensemble material, 168 $P(r, \theta, t)$ is the pore pressure, I is a unit tensor, and μ and η_m are the rigidity (i.e., shear 169 modulus) and viscosity of the rock matrix. The poroelastic coefficient α (also known as 170 the Biot constant) indicates the relative strength of the rock matrix in comparison with 171 that of pure rock and has a value between 0 and 1, and $K_m = (1 - \alpha)K_s$ is the bulk 172 modulus of the rock matrix where K_s is the bulk modulus assumed for pure rock. In the 173 current study we assume $K_s = 10$ GPa or smaller, according to values assumed for Earth's 174 oceanic crust (Vance et al., 2007; Crone & Wilcock, 2005). We can verify that the Maxwell 175 formulation in classical tidal heating studies can be obtained from (1) when the pore pres-176 sure is decoupled from the matrix with $\alpha = 0$ (Brusche & Sundermann, 1978; Peale & 177 Cassen, 1978; Wu & Peltier, 1982; Segatz et al., 1988; Ross & Schubert, 1989; Tobie et 178 al., 2005). We implicitly assume that the bulk viscosity of the rock matrix is infinitely 179 large in comparison with the shear viscosity η_m , hence the viscous relaxation process only 180

occurs in the shear component, similar to previous studies.



Figure 1. Setup of the axisymmetric model. The core of Enceladus is modeled as a spherical, homogeneous poroviscoelasitic body with radius R_0 . The body undergoes axisymetric oscillation with a period of 33 hours. During periodic deformation, all quantities depend on radial position r and angle θ (measured from vertical axis) and are independent of azimuthal angle φ . Lower-left quarter shows a fluid loading condition, where fluid pressure is continuous on the surface, and internal stress balances with loading pressure.

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The core of Enceladus is modeled as a spherical, homogeneous, poroviscoelastic body 182 under a fluid-loading boundary condition at its surface (see Figure 1). Following earlier 183 works we assume irrotational deformation with displacement $\vec{u} = \nabla \Phi$ (Love, 1927; Lan-184 dau & Lifshitz, 1959), where the displacement potential $\Phi(r, P_2(\theta))$ is axisymmetric and 185 has a degree-2 pattern in zonal direction (P_2 is degree-2 Legendre polynomial with m =186 0). As discussed below, this is a simplification of the actual tidal pattern, which includes 187 both P_2^0 and P_2^2 components for eccentricity tides (Tobie et al., 2005, e.g.). Under pe-188 riodic loading, all the quantities in the system (denoted by f here) are represented by 189 complex amplitudes as $f = Re(\hat{f}(r,\theta)e^{i\omega t})$, where f stands for strain, stress, pore pres-190 sure, or fluid velocity, f is the complex amplitude of f, and ω is the loading frequency. 191 The constitutive relations, equilibrium condition, Darcy's law and pore fluid continuity 192

193 194 lead to analytical solutions for the displacement potential and the pore pressure (see appendix for derivation)

$$\hat{\Phi} = -\frac{\alpha C_1}{k^2 (K_m + \frac{4}{3}\mu^*)} \left(3\frac{\sin kr}{k^3 r^3} - 3\frac{\cos kr}{k^2 r^2} - \frac{\sin kr}{kr} \right) (3\cos 2\theta + 1) + C_2 r^2 (3\cos 2\theta + 1),$$

$$\hat{P} = C_1 (3\cos 2\theta + 1) \left(3\frac{\sin kr}{k^3 r^3} - 3\frac{\cos kr}{k^2 r^2} - \frac{\sin kr}{kr} \right),$$
(2)

where k is a complex wavenumber determined by material properties. In the present study, 195 contributions from self-gravity and the tidal forcing from orbital eccentricity are consid-196 ered in a simplified fashion and are implicitly reflected by the constant values of C_1 and 197 $C_2 \propto C_1$, which are determined by the boundary conditions at the surface of the core 198 (see Appendix). The expressions for the displacement potential and pore pressure in equa-199 tion (2) further lead to solutions for the strain $\hat{\epsilon}$, stress $\hat{\sigma}$, and Darcy's velocity $\hat{\vec{q}}$ (see 200 Eq A9 in Section A1). The volumetric heating rates averaged over one tidal period are 201 therefore 202

$$h_{\text{tide}}(r,\theta) = \Sigma_{i,j} \frac{1}{T_{\omega}} \int_{nT_{\omega}}^{(n+1)T_{\omega}} \sigma_{ij} \frac{\partial \epsilon_{ij}}{\partial t} dt + \frac{1}{T_{\omega}} \int_{nT_{\omega}}^{(n+1)T_{\omega}} P_f \frac{\partial \zeta}{\partial t} dt, \qquad (3)$$
$$h_{\text{vis}}(r,\theta) = \frac{1}{T_{\omega}} \int_{nT_{\omega}}^{(n+1)T_{\omega}} \frac{\eta_f}{\kappa} \vec{q} \cdot \vec{q} dt, \qquad (4)$$

where $T_{\omega} = 33$ hours is the orbital period for application to Enceladus. The volumet-203 ric heating rate h_{tide} is generated in the rock matrix and is the counterpart of tidal heat-204 ing in a solid viscoelastic body. The last term in (3) arises from the compression/dilation 205 of the pore fluid (ζ is the relative amount of pore fluid entering the pore space) and typ-206 ically has a negligible contribution. In (4), $h_{\rm vis}$ represents the viscous heat generated in 207 the pore fluid. The global heating rates in solid or fluid are $H_{\text{tide,vis}} = 2\pi \int_0^{R_0} \int_0^{\pi} h_{\text{tide,vis}} r^2 \sin\theta d\theta dr$ 208 and the total heating rate $H_{\text{total}} = H_{\text{tide}} + H_{\text{vis}}$. Under the boundary conditions of 209 force balance and fluid pressure continuity at the surface of the core (i.e., the fluid-loading 210 boundary condition, see Appendix), the ratio $H_{\rm vis}/H_{\rm tide}$ is determined and represents 211 the partitioning of total heat between the solid and fluid constituent in the core. To ob-212 tain the magnitude of the heating rates, an additional boundary condition is required 213 to constrain C_1 and C_2 . 214

In practice, the deformation of the porous core is forced by tidal variations in the 215 gravitational potential, with the surface of the core treated as an interface with displace-216 ment and stress coupled to the volumetric deformation and pressurization of the over-217 lying ocean, which in turn is coupled to ice-shell deformation. Such complexities are be-218 yond the scope of the present study. Here we instead simplify the forcing and the bound-219 ary condition by assuming that the maximum strain at the poles is determined by the 220 viscoelastic properties of the solid matrix in the core. This allows us to carry out a di-221 rect comparison between the heating in a standard viscoelastic body and the additional 222 heating arising from porosity and fluid flow. For diurnal tides the maximum tidal strain 223 $\epsilon_{\max} \approx 3e \frac{M}{m} \frac{R_0^3}{a^3} h_2$ (Murray & Dermott, 1999). Here *e* is eccentricity of the orbit, *M* and *m* are the mass of the planet and moon, R_0 is the radius of the moon and *a* the planet-224 225 satellite distance; we take $h_2 = \frac{5}{3}k_2$ which is the appropriate limiting behavior when 226 rigidity dominates over gravity; k_2 is the tidal Love number. Following Kepler's law the relation further becomes $\epsilon_{max} = \frac{9}{4\pi} e \frac{\omega^2}{\rho G} \frac{5}{3} k_2$, $k_2 = \frac{3}{5} \frac{3/2}{1+19\mu^*/2\rho g R}$ assuming a uniform body, where the complex rigidity $\mu^* = \mu \frac{i\omega\tau}{1+i\omega\tau}$ depends on the viscosity and rigidity of the matrix (Ross & Schubert, 1989, e.g.). We assume that the amplitude of the radial strain at the polar surface is $\epsilon_0 = \epsilon_{max} = \frac{9}{4\pi} e \frac{\omega^2}{\rho G} \frac{5}{3} |k_2|$, which is used for constraining C (Figure 2a and see the Appendix) 227 228 229 230 231 ing C_1 (Figure 2a and see the Appendix). 232

233 2.2 Choice of permeability and viscosity

The material properties of the core are represented by four parameters: rock ma-234 trix rigidity μ , viscosity η_m , permeability κ , and poroelastic coefficient α , which by def-235 inition ranges from 0 to 1. We consider a range of high permeabilities and moderate to 236 low rigidities and viscosities in our study. In earlier works, the permeability of Enceladus 237 was assumed to be no more than 10^{-10} m², given the typical value of the permeability 238 of the oceanic crust on Earth (Vance et al., 2007; Choblet et al., 2017). Furthermore, 239 Choblet et al. (2017) concluded that the permeability of the core of Enceladus needed 240 to be smaller than 10^{-12} m² for high-temperature hydrothermal circulation to occur, as 241 suggested by the occurrence of silica nanoparticles. 242

In our work below we consider a wider range of possible permeability values based 243 on the results of some recent studies on Earth's seafloor, which suggest that the perme-244 ability is likely higher. In one study on the Cocos plate, numerical simulations suggested 245 that permeabilities of 10^{-10} m² and 10^{-8} m² for recharge and discharge portions of one 246 outcrop yield the best match between simulations and heat flow measurements (Lauer 247 et al., 2018; Winslow et al., 2013). Borehole measurements of large permeabilities, up 248 to 10^{-8} m², and porosities, up to 10%, have also been made at some locations (Lauer et 249 al., 2018; Winslow et al., 2013). Although the structure of Earth's oceanic crust (e.g., 250 sediment layers) are different from that in the core of Enceladus, the characteristic per-251 meability for the latter is anticipated to be of a similar order of magnitude or higher be-252 cause of its high porosity. The density of the core inferred from gravity studies suggests 253 a porosity of at least 20-30% (Section 1), while some studies have assumed porosities of 254 up to 50% extending into the center of the core (Roberts, 2015; Choblet et al., 2017; Vance 255 et al., 2018). As a result, we postulate that κ is likely higher than the typical value for 256 Earth's seafloor, and consider a range of permeability of $\kappa \in [10^{-12}, 10^{-7}]$ m² in our study. 257

In some early works, the rigidity and viscosity of the core of Enceladus were esti-258 mated based on the properties of solid rocks, with typical values of $\eta_m \sim 10^{20}$ Pa.s and 259 $\mu \sim 100$ GPa, leading to predictions of very small heating rates (Roberts & Nimmo, 2008, 260 e.g.). Other studies proposed lower rigidities and viscosities based on the presence of poros-261 ity, rock alteration (e.g., serpentinization), or weakening of the core, which result in higher 262 heating rates (Roberts, 2015; Choblet et al., 2017; Efroimsky, 2018). In the recent work 263 by Choblet et al. (2017), 10-30 GW of tidal heating results from a weak core, with an 264 effective shear modulus $\mu_{eff} = |\mu^*| \in [10^7, 10^8]$ Pa and dissipation function $Q_{\mu}^{-1} = \frac{Im(\mu^*)}{|\mu^*|} \in [0.2, 0.8]$ which, in the context of Maxwell viscoelastic rheology, corresponds to a low viscosity $\eta_m = \frac{1}{\omega} \frac{\mu_{eff}}{Q_{\mu}^{-1}}$ i.e. less than 10^{13} Pa.s, and a low rigidity $\mu = \frac{\mu_{eff}}{\sqrt{1-(Q_{\mu}^{-1})^2}}$ i.e. between 0.01GPa and 0.1GPa. These values are interpreted as a consequence of weak-265 266 267 268 ening by cyclic loading, which has been observed in experiments of cyclic loading tests 269 of cohesive soils (Choblet et al., 2017). However, solid viscosities $< 10^{13}$ Pa s resemble 270 those of ice near its melting temperature, rather than those typical of near-solidus solid 271 rock values (> 10^{18} Pa s). In our study, we assume a range of rigidities between 0.01 272 to 10 GPa, and a low to moderate viscosity range of 10^{12} to 10^{18} Pa.s to represent a mod-273 erately to severely weakened core. 274

²⁷⁵ **3 Model results**

In this section we first compare our results with end-member viscoelastic tidal heating in which the effect of the pore fluid is ignored. We then investigate how the presence of pore fluid affects heat production in both the solid and fluid components. Finally we investigate the spatial pattern of our tidal heating model.



Figure 2. (a) Contours of polar strain amplitude assumed for the study $\epsilon_0 = \frac{9}{4\pi} e_{\rho G} \frac{\omega^2}{3} |k_2^*|$ shown as a function of matrix viscosity and rigidity. The degree-2 Love number for a uniform body is $k_2^* = \frac{3/2}{1+19\mu^*/2\rho g R}$, where μ^* is the complex rigidity (see text). (b) Contours of tidal heating rate computed from theoretical prediction (black lines) $H_{\text{theory}} = -\frac{21}{2} \frac{\omega^5 R^5}{G} e^2 Im(k_2^*)$ and tidal heating rate for a viscoelastic end-member H_{visco} computed with the poroviscoelastic model with simplified, axisymmetric degree-2 potential, which is based on a boundary condition shown in (a). Our predicted heating using the simplified degree-2 potential is approximately 57% of the theoretical prediction.

3.1 Comparison with classical predictions for a viscoelastic end-member

When the pore fluid is decoupled from the deformation of the rock matrix ($\alpha =$ 281 0 or $\kappa = 0$), the body becomes effectively viscoelastic and a heating rate $H_{\rm visco}$ can be 282 obtained (see Appendix A2). $H_{\rm visco}$ corresponds to the viscoelastic end-member of the 283 poroviscoelastic model, which can be benchmarked using the classical viscoelastic model. 284 According to earlier studies, the theoretical heating rate predicted by the classical Maxwell 285 model is $H_{theory} = -21\omega^5 R_0^5 e^2 Im(k_2)/2G$ (Zschau, 1978; Segatz et al., 1988; Tobie et 286 al., 2005). In our approach, $H_{\rm visco}$ is determined by the loading frequency, rigidity, and 287 viscosity (see Appendix A1). $H_{\rm visco}$ is comparable to the theoretical prediction $H_{\rm visco} \approx$ 288 $57\% H_{\text{theory}}$ for a wide range of rigidity and viscosity values (Figure 2b). Due to the ne-289 glect of the additional degree-2 harmonic in the poroviscoelastic model, $H_{\rm visco}$ is always 290 smaller than H_{theory} . As our poroviscoelastic model can reproduce the main character-291 istics of the viscoelastic end-member, we consider our choice of geometry and boundary 292 conditions to be justified for the purposes of this preliminary study. 293

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3.2 Enhanced heating and heating partition

During cyclic loading, the displacement in the poroviscoelastic body develops higher amplitudes at surface polar regions (Figure 3a). As in previous studies, phase lags exist between the stress and strain components, contributing to the generation of heat in the rock matrix (Figure 3b).

The coupling between the pore pressure and solid matrix allows for higher internal deformation relative to the viscoelastic end-member, causing the heating in the solid matrix to increase, even though the boundary strain remains small (determined by viscosity and rigidity). We find that the heating enhancement is especially prominent when the viscosity of the solid matrix is moderate or large: for example, at a rigidity of 1GPa and viscosity of 10¹⁵Pa.s, the total heating rate increases from 30 MW for the viscoelas-



Figure 3. (a) shows maximum magnitude of radial displacement $|\hat{u}_r|$ on a cross section of the spherical body. (b) shows time series of tensile components of strain $\epsilon_{\theta\theta}$ and stress $\sigma_{\theta\theta}$ as functions of time measured under the north pole ($\theta = 0^{\circ}$) at depth 5.6km below surface. The example case has permeability $\kappa = 1 \times 10^{-10} \text{m}^2$, rock matrix rigidity $\mu = 1$ GPa, viscosity $\eta_m = 10^{17}$ Pa.s. Biot constant $\alpha = 0.2$.

tic core to nearly 1 GW for the poroviscoelastic core when the poroelastic coefficient $\alpha = 0.9$, and to nearly 17 GW when $\alpha = 0.95$ and permeability 10^{-11} m² (Figure 4a). Since the total expected heat output of Enceladus is a few tens of GW (Section 1), it is clear that poroviscoelastic dissipation in the core could supply a large fraction of Enceladus's total heat budget.

According to the micro-mechanical relation $K_m = (1 - \alpha)K_s$ (K_m and K_s are 310 the bulk moduli of the rock matrix (frame) and the pure rock, respectively), a large α 311 indicates a much more compressible porous rock matrix in comparison to a purely solid 312 rock. When $\alpha > 0.9$, the compressible rock matrix leads to a second heating rate peak 313 that emerges at moderate matrix viscosity (Figure 4a). We consider that large values 314 of α (> 0.9) are likely, given the large porosity expected in the core of Enceladus. In 315 the study of tidal pumping in the shallow crust of Enceladus by Vance et al. (2007), a 316 frame bulk modulus of 0.1 GPa and rock bulk modulus of 10 GPa were assumed, cor-317 responding to $\alpha \sim 0.99$ in the study. Although a large α likely exists for the porous core, 318 it is not required for enhanced heating and the emergence of a second heating peak: with 319 a lower value for $K_s < 2$ GPa (for example, caused by mineral alteration of water-rock 320 reaction), even a moderate value of $\alpha < 0.8$ can lead to the same enhanced heating ef-321 fect (see Figure B1(a) in appendix Appendix B). 322

We further point out that the second heating peak (when it exists) occurs primar-323 ily in the solid component (see Figure B1(b) in appendix Appendix B), and that the 324 viscosity corresponding to the second heating peak varies primarily with the compress-325 ibility of the rock matrix (see Figure B1(c, d) in appendix Appendix B). These obser-326 vations suggest that the compressible rock matrix is the main contributor to the enhanced 327 heating rate in the solid. As most tidal heating models assume an incompressible ma-328 trix, the effect of compressibility has not been extensively explored, although Hurford 329 et al. (2006) explored the effects of varying material parameters including compressibil-330 ity on the tidal response of the Earth. While (Kaula, 1964) found an increase in the heat-331 ing rate of less than 3% when the compressibility of the lunar viscoelastic core was in-332 cluded, the enhanced heating rates we observe here indicate that for a poroviscoelastic 333 core, the compressible rock matrix and the subsequent coupling between the matrix with 334

pore fluid pressure can influence the heating rate to a much larger extent than previously
 reported. Compressibility together with fluid permeability thus provides an alternative

to ultra-low solid viscosities as an explanation for high heat production rates in the core.

Besides enhanced heating in the solid component, the coupling between the rock 338 and fluid phase causes fluid oscillation throughout the body, providing an additional heat 339 source via viscous dissipation. The dissipative heating is especially prominent when the 340 rock matrix viscosity and core permeability are moderate or high. At small (less than 341 10^{13} Pa.s) matrix viscosity, the poroviscoelastic core resembles the viscoelastic end-member, 342 where viscoelastic deformation of the solid matrix dominates and the heating rates are 343 consistent with the existing study by Choblet et al. (2017) (Figure 4a, b). Under the same 344 boundary conditions, rigidity and rock viscosity, the total heating rate $H_{\rm vis}+H_{\rm tidal}$ for 345 poroviscoslastic body is higher than that of the viscoelastic counterpart H_{visco} , with rel-ative increase in heating rate $\Delta H_{\text{total}} \% = \frac{H_{\text{tidal}} + H_{\text{visco}}}{H_{\text{visco}}}$ ranging from 1 percent for small viscosities ($\eta_m < 10^{14}$ Pa.s) to 1000 times for large viscosities (see Figure 4c, d). 346 347 348

Both the heating rate of the solid rock H_{tide} and heating rate of the pore fluid H_{vis} 349 vary with physical parameters including permeability, poroelastic coefficient, rigidity and 350 viscosity (Figure 5). The dependence of $H_{\rm tide}$ on poroelastic parameters such as the per-351 meability κ and poroelastic coefficient α indicates that heating in poroviscoelastic bod-352 ies is not a straight superposition of viscoelastic and poroelastic end-members, because 353 of the interaction between porcelastic diffusion and viscoelastic relaxation processes. The 354 partition of heat between the fluid component and solid component in the core is rep-355 resented by the ratio $H_{\rm vis}/H_{\rm tide}$ and varies most sensitively with the viscosity of the ma-356 trix (see Appendix B Figure B2). Other parameters, including α , κ and μ , only affect 357 the partition of heat to a moderate degree. 358

Overall, for a moderately weakened or un-weakened rock with viscosity $\eta_m > 10^{16}$ Pa.s. 359 most of the heat is produced in the pore fluid. For some choices of α and permeability, 360 heat production rates can exceed 10 GW and thus contribute a significant fraction of Ence-361 ladus's global heat budget without requiring ultra-low solid viscosities. For a severely 362 weakened rock with viscosity $\eta_m < 10^{15}$ Pa, most of the heat is produced in the solid 363 matrix. For a system with severely weakened rock (i.e., low viscosity) with strong tidal 364 heating, as proposed in (Choblet et al., 2017), the contribution of porous flow is very small. 365 As a result, we postulate that the heat generated via porous flows was most likely to play 366 a role before the core became severely weakened, most likely in the early history of Ence-367 ladus (see Section 4 below). 368

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3.3 Spatial pattern of heating

The volumetric heating rate $h_{\text{tide}}(r,\theta)$ and $h_{\text{vis}}(r,\theta)$ (Figure 6 a–f) for the poro-370 viscoelastic body develop spatial patterns in response to fluid diffusion accompanying 371 the cyclic deformation of the solid matrix. We find that the heating in the fluid phase 372 $h_{\rm vis}$ concentrates below the seafloor under the polar regions and decreases with depth, 373 with high heating rates focusing in a shallow layer with depth similar to the 'skin depth' 374 determined by poroelastic parameters (Vance et al., 2007; Jupp & Schultz, 2004)(see Ap-375 pendix B). The heating in the solid matrix $h_{\rm tide}$ is virtually constant, with a small de-376 crease towards the surface over the skin depth. This lack of spatial variation does not 377 capture all the features of the classical model (Tobie et al., 2005; Beuthe, 2013), due to 378 the missing harmonic modes in the deformation potential, therefore although the sim-379 plified geometry is capable of reproducing the total heating rate, an accurate descrip-380 tion of spatial distribution requires the inclusion of more harmonic modes. The volumet-381 ric heating rates lead to a rough estimation of the maximum surface heat flux, which is 382 an integration of h_{tide} or h_{vis} in the radial direction. Due to our assumption of axisym-383 metric geometry, the resulting heat flux varies only with latitude at the surface of the 384 core (Figure 6 g-i). For heat generated in the solid matrix, the flux peaks at mid lat-385



Figure 4. (a) shows the total heating rate $H_{total} = H_{tide} + H_{vis}$ as function of rock matrix viscosity for different poroelastic coefficient α and permeability κ , in comparison with the viscoelastic body (black broken line). For all cases, rigidity $\mu = 1$ GPa, $K_s=10$ GPa are assumed. The grey shaded box shows the estimated total heat flux for Enceladus (25 – 40GW). (b) shows contours of heating rate H_{total} as function of both rigidity and viscosity for two different permeabilities, for Biot constant $\alpha = 0.8$, $K_s=10$ GPa. Gray dash lines indicate the viscoelastic counterpart. (c) and (d) show the relative enhanced total heating $\Delta H\% = (H_{total} - H_{visco})/H_{visco}$, where H_{visco} is the heating rate of the viscoelastic counterpart with the same rigidity and viscosity. $\Delta H\%$ generally increases with η_m , μ and α due to less effective viscoelastic dissipation under longer relaxation time, and more effective poroelastic diffusion under stronger coupling between pore pressure and matrix as α increases.



Figure 5. Tidal heating in solid matrix H_{tide} (blue solid lines) and viscous dissipation heating in pore fluid H_{vis} (red dash lines) as a function of (a) poroelastic coefficient α , (b) solid matrix rigidity μ , (c) permeability κ (H_{tide} is shown by left y-axis) and (d) (a) solid matrix viscosity η_m . Among the parameters κ and α affect poroelastic diffusion process, viscosity η_m affects the relaxation process, and rigidity μ effects both processes.

itude but is almost constant; for heat generated in the fluid, the heat flux peaks in the polar regions and is smallest at mid-latitudes. We note in particular that panels h) and i) show peak polar heat fluxes of roughly 280 and 100 mW m⁻², enough to account for the measured polar flux (Howett et al., 2011).

³⁹⁰ 4 Evolution of heating rate with weakening of the core

The enhanced heating rates we find may also have implications for the thermal evolution in the history of Enceladus. As postulated by Choblet et al. (2017), cyclic deformation leads to progressive weakening of the core, which causes a reduction in viscosity and rigidity. It is therefore possible that the core of Enceladus possessed higher viscosity and rigidity in its past, which, according to the Maxwell model, corresponds to a negligible heating rate. But incorporation of a second phase (i.e., fluid) changes this conclusion, as follows.

Direct measurements of how viscosity and rigidity evolve over time due to periodic 398 loading are not available. However, existing experimental studies provide relations for 399 both the damping ratio D and effective modulus G, which are typical measurements in 400 mechanical tests (Rollins et al., 1998; Ishibashi & Zhang, 1993; Seed et al., 1986). For 401 Maxwell viscoelastic materials these quantities are determined by the complex rigidity 402 μ^* as $D = Im(\mu^*)/2|\mu^*|$ and $G = |\mu^*|$ (Choblet et al., 2017), which further lead to the relations $\eta_m = \frac{G}{2D\omega}, \ \mu = \frac{G}{\sqrt{1-4D^2}}$. Here we infer a weakening trajectory based on 403 404 the experimental data in (Rollins et al., 1998) on cyclically deformed gravels, where D405 and G are measured as functions of cyclic shear strain. Fitting a linear relation between D and G, we obtain from the experimental data the relation $D = -0.2086G/G_{\text{max}} +$ 407 0.1828 and choose a maximum effective modulus of $G_{\rm max} = 10$ GPa. During the weak-408 ening of the core, the effective modulus G decreases over time, leading to an increase in 409 damping ratio D, and reduction in matrix viscosity η_m and rigidity μ (inset of Figure 7). 410 According to viscoelastic tidal heating models, the heating rate increases as the core weak-411 ens (Choblet et al., 2017), and 10-30 GW of heat implies a severely weakened core with 412 viscosity $\eta_m < 10^{13}$ Pa.s (Choblet et al., 2017). With the poroviscoelastic model, an en-413 hanced heating rate is achievable at higher viscosity and rigidity (Figure 7), implying 414 the possibility of intense heating in the early history of Enceladus, prior to severe weak-415 ening of its core. Prolonged heating in the deep past of Enceladus is certainly energet-416



Figure 6. Distribution of volumetric tidal heating rates in solid matrix h_{tide} (a–c), viscous dissipation in pore fluid h_{vis} (d–f), and heat flux (radial integration of volumetric heating rates) for solid and fluid heating (g – i). The volumetric heating rates (a – f) are shown on a vertical cross-section of the spherical body, and heat flux (g – i) are shown as functions of the colatitude. The heating rates are calculated assuming the simplified tidal potential with axisymmetric geometry. Panel (a), (d) and (g) correspond to permeability $\kappa = 10^{-8}m^2$, poroelastic coefficient $\alpha = 0.2$; panel (b), (e) and (h) correspond to $\kappa = 10^{-9}m^2$, $\alpha = 0.2$; panel (c), (f) and (i) correspond to $\kappa = 10^{-9}m^2$, $\alpha = 0.3$; panel (c), (f) and (g) correspond to rates including rock matrix rigidity $\mu = 1$ GPa and viscosity $\eta_m = 10^{17}$ Pa.s are assumed for all cases. The radius of the sphere is 186km.



Figure 7. Possible heating trajectories during the weakening of the core. During the weakening, reduction of solid matrix viscosity and rigidity are approximated based on experimental data published in (Rollins et al., 1998), as shown in the inset plot. The main horizontal axis shows decreasing viscosity, which indicates weakening over time. The classical tidal heating model would predict a monotonic increase of heating rate with time through most of the weakening trajectory (Choblet et al., 2017). For a two-phase core, there may exist a high heating period early in the moon's history, before sufficient weakening occurs.

ically possible, based on the rate at which energy can be supplied by Saturn (Nimmo et al., 2018). Furthermore there are potentially interesting feedbacks, since early water-rock
reactions could lead to alteration of the silicate mechanical properties (e.g. serpentiniza-tion) and a potential run-away effect.

⁴²¹ 5 Summary and Discussion

In this study we developed a poroviscoelastic description for the tidal heating pro-422 cess in the fluid-saturated core of an icy satellite and applied it to Enceladus. The poro-423 viscoelastic rheology incorporates the coupling between the deformation of the solid rock 424 matrix and fluid motion, and requires re-evaluation of the heat generated during tidal 425 flexing in both the solid and fluid component of the core. Despite simplifications in load-426 ing geometry and boundary conditions, the new model is reasonably consistent with the 427 classical viscoelastic models at its viscoelastic end-member state, reproducing the bulk 428 part (57%) of the predicted total heating rate. When fluid-solid coupling effects are incorporated, the poroviscoelastic model predicts high heating rates, which can reach 10-430 30 GW without requiring the ultra-low solid viscosities invoked by previous work (Roberts, 431 2015; Choblet et al., 2017; Efroimsky, 2018). Based on the characteristics of these heat-432 ing rates, we postulate that the heating rate enhancement results from both the com-433 pressibility of the solid matrix, and viscous dissipation of the fluid flows. The model also 434 suggests that Enceladus may have undergone intense tidal heating early in its history, 435 before the core was weakened. The volumetric fluid heating rate is maximized at shal-436 low depths at the poles, and the surface heat flux from the fluid component peaks at the 437 poles. Although our model provides a simplified description of the tidal deformation pro-438 cess, the enhanced heating rates suggest the importance of considering tidal heating prob-439

lems in a two-phase framework where the fluid and solid components are kinematically
coupled. To obtain more precise heating rates and distributions, future analytical work
will need to incorporate an improved treatment of boundary conditions and the tidal forcing.

Our poroviscoelastic model also yields some results that are consistent with obser-444 vations. The model predicts that the fluid heating (both volumetric heating rate and heat 445 flux) likely concentrates in the polar regions, which could have possible implications for 446 thickness variations of the ice shell of Enceladus and the high polar heat flux (Beuthe 447 et al., 2016; Cadek et al., 2016; Howett et al., 2011; Hemingway & Mittal, 2019). The 448 thinning of polar ice used to be primarily attributed to increased heating at the base of 449 the ice shell near its melting point, while the effect of core heating was considered to be 450 too small to be relevant (Tobie et al., 2008; Běhounková et al., 2012). Our model sug-451 gests that the local heating in the pore fluid and the resulting heat flux peak at polar 452 surface regions. These high heating rates and heat flux could contribute to the thinning 453 of polar ice shell. 454

There are several obvious ways in which this pilot study could be extended. One 455 is to include a full treatment of the degree-two tidal potential, rather than the axisym-456 metric potential assumed here. Doing so would allow a full exploration of the tidal forc-457 ing, and in particular help to provide a detailed constraint on the maximum strain in 458 the polar regions. An intermediate step would be to focus on the effect of librations: the 459 librational potential consists of a single degree-2 harmonic (Richard & Rambaux, 2014, 460 e.g.), and librations may have played an important role in Enceladus's evolution (Wisdom, 461 2004: Wilson & Kerswell, 2018). A second obvious improvement would be to use the heat-462 ing derived to calculate the resulting thermal structure. This is not straightforward, how-463 ever, because particularly in the high-permeability cases, the effects of fluid convection 464 will need to be treated (Choblet et al., 2017, cf.), likely in a parameterized fashion. But 465 doing these calculations is important because it is not clear whether the permeabilities 466 and heating rates assumed here are consistent with the high-temperature, water-rock re-467 actions inferred by Hsu et al. (2015). Likewise, the periodic introduction of warm fluid 468 into the base of the overlying ocean is likely to have important consequences for the ocean 469 circulation above (Vance et al., 2007, cf.) and the evolution of the ice shell thickness. 470

It is also of some interest to explore where else this analysis may be applied. Larger 471 bodies with oceans and rocky cores, such as Europa, are likely to have a thinner perme-472 able layer owing to the higher pressures. But the mid-sized Saturnian satellites, in par-473 ticular Dione (which may have an ocean; (Zannoni et al., 2020)) are likely candidates 474 for heating generate by a poroviscoelastic response to tidal forcing. A less obvious can-475 didate is Io, which likely has a subsurface, partially-molten permeable region in which 476 tidal forcing is important (de Kleer et al., 2019). We conclude, in common with Choblet 477 et al. (2017), that the core of Enceladus is likely a region of high heat production and 478 fluid motion. Future work that studies the forces driving this heating and fluid motion 479 in more detail will increase our capacity to evaluate the thermal evolution, the locations 480 and likelihood or geo- and biochemistry below the sea floor of Enceladus. 481

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symbol	definition	range of value/expression
R_o	Core radius	186km
α	poro-elastic coefficient (Biot coefficient)	0-1
c	poro-elastic diffusivity	$\frac{\kappa}{\eta_f} \frac{(K_m + \frac{4}{3}\mu_m)(K_u - K_m)}{\alpha^2(K_u + \frac{4}{3}\mu_m)}$
K_{f}	bulk modulus of pore water	2.2 GPa
K_s	bulk modulus of rock	10 GPa
ϕ_o	porosity of rock matrix	0.2
K_m	drained bulk modulus	$(1-\alpha)K_s$
K_u	undrained bulk modulus	$K_m + \frac{\alpha^2 K_s K_f}{\phi_0 K_s + (\alpha - \phi_0) K_f}$
μ	shear modulus (rigidity) of rock matrix	$10^{7} - 10^{10} Pa$
η_f	pore water viscosity	0.0019 Pa.s
η_m	viscosity of the rock matrix	$10^{12} - 10^{18}$ Pa.s
κ	permeability of rock matrix	$10^{-11} - 10^{-7} m^2$
au	viscoelastic relaxation time for rock matrix	η_m/μ
T_{ω}	orbital period	33 hours
ω	loading angular frequency	$\frac{2\pi}{T_{cl}}$
δ	poroelastic skin depth	$\sqrt{c/\omega}$

Table A1. Ranges of parameters used in the study

705 Appendix A Quantitative details

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A1 Solutions for periodically loaded poroviscoelastic body

⁷⁰⁷ During periodic deformation, interstitial pore water can flow through the porous ⁷⁰⁸ and permeable solid matrix, driven by the gradient of pore pressure $P(r, \theta, t)$. Assum-⁷⁰⁹ ing a periodic form for all quantities $f(r, \theta, t) = Re\left[\hat{f}(r, \theta)e^{i\omega t}\right]$, Darcy's law and the ⁷¹⁰ continuity equation may be written as

$$\hat{\vec{q}} + \frac{\kappa}{\eta_f} \nabla \hat{P} = 0, \tag{A1}$$

$$i\omega\hat{\zeta} + \nabla \cdot \hat{\vec{q}} = 0. \tag{A2}$$

Here \hat{q} is complex Darcy's velocity, κ is the permeability of the rock matrix, η_f is the viscosity of the pore water. The variation in fluid content $\zeta(r, \theta, t)$ is defined as the volume of pore fluid entering or leaving the pore space for a unit un-deformed volume (Biot, 1941; Cheng, 2016). The stress-strain relation for a poroviscoelastic material can be expressed in complex form similar to linear poroelasticity,

$$\hat{\sigma} = \left(K_m - \frac{2}{3}\mu^*\right)Tr(\hat{\epsilon})I + 2\mu^*\hat{\epsilon} - \alpha\hat{P}I,\tag{A3}$$

where α is the poroelastic coefficient (also known as the Biot constant) ranging from 0 to 1 and is constructed via micro-mechanical relation $\alpha = 1 - K_m/K_s$ (Rice & Cleary, 1976; Cheng, 2016). When $\alpha = 0$ the constitutive relation reduces to the Maxwell formulation in classical tidal heating studies (Brusche & Sundermann, 1978; Peale & Cassen, 1978; Wu & Peltier, 1982; Segatz et al., 1988; Ross & Schubert, 1989; Tobie et al., 2005). The complex rigidity μ^* is defined as

$$\mu^* = \mu \frac{i\omega\tau}{1+i\omega\tau},\tag{A4}$$

where $\tau = \eta_m/\mu$ is the viscoelastic relaxation time. An irrotational displacement is assumed to arise from an axisymmetric degree-2 displacement potential $\hat{\vec{u}} = \nabla \hat{\Phi}$ (Love, 1927; Landau & Lifshitz, 1959), and volumetric deformation becomes $Tr(\hat{\epsilon}) = \nabla^2 \hat{\Phi}$. In addition to the stress-strain relation, the poroelastic constitutive relations also prescribe a linear relationship between pore pressure P and fluid content ζ , which is independent of the viscoelastic relaxation (Cheng, 2016; Biot, 1941; Rice & Cleary, 1976),

$$\hat{\zeta} = \alpha \left(\nabla^2 \hat{\Phi} + \frac{\alpha}{K_u - K_m} \hat{P} \right), \tag{A5}$$

where the undrained modulus K_u is the bulk modulus of the rock-fluid ensemble (see Table A1). Since we simplify the geometry of the problem in the model, we do not explicitly account for the tidally varying gravitational potential (which involves all three degree-two geometries) in the forcing equation. Instead, we simply assume a quasi-static equilibrium condition $\nabla \cdot \hat{\sigma} = 0$ here, and enforce the tidal forcing through the surface condition as described below. By choosing solutions with axisymmetric degree-two pattern and periodicity, the axisymmetric part of the gravitational potential is implicitly accounted for (see below). The constitutive relations (A1), (A2), (1), (A5) and the quasi-equilibrium condition lead to

$$\nabla^2 \hat{P} + k^2 \hat{P} = 0, \tag{A6}$$

with a complex wavenumber

$$k = \frac{1-i}{\sqrt{2}} \sqrt{\frac{\omega}{c}} \sqrt{\frac{K_u^o + i\omega\tau}{K_m^o + i\omega\tau}}$$

where material constants $K^o_m, \, K^o_u$ and poroelastic diffusivity c are

$$K_{m,u}^{o} = \frac{K_{m,u}}{(K_{m,u} + \frac{4}{3}\mu)}, \quad c = \frac{\kappa}{\eta_f} \frac{(K_m + \frac{4}{3}\mu)(K_u - K_m)}{(K_u + \frac{4}{3}\mu)\alpha^2}$$

When the rock matrix is deformable but incompressible, the pore fluid does not share the load of the system ($\alpha = 0, K_s = \infty$), and the evolution of the pore fluid pressure reduces to the Navier equation for porous flows in an incompressible matrix, which is typically assumed in hydrothermal circulation studies, for example (Choblet et al., 2017; Fisher et al., 2003). The general form of solution for equation (A6) in spherical coordinates, with an implicit boundary condition that the solution is finite at r = 0, is

$$\hat{P} = \sum_{l} \sum_{m \in [-l,l]} C_{l,m} j_l(kr) P_l^m(\cos \theta) e^{im\varphi},$$

where $j_l(kr)$ is an degree-*l* spherical Bessel function, P_l^m is degree-*l* associated Legendre polynomial, and $C_{l,m}$ are coefficients to be determined by initial and boundary conditions. With the axisymmetric condition (m = 0) and imposed degree-2 symmetry (l = 2), the solution reduces to

$$\hat{P} = C_1 (3\cos 2\theta + 1) (3\frac{\sin kr}{k^3 r^3} - 3\frac{\cos kr}{k^2 r^2} - \frac{\sin kr}{kr}).$$
(A7)

Substituting (A7) into the equilibrium condition $\nabla^2 \hat{\Phi} = \frac{\alpha}{(K_m + \frac{4}{3}\mu^*)} \hat{P}$ leads to the solution for the displacement potential

$$\hat{\Phi} = -\frac{\alpha C_1}{k^2 (K_m + \frac{4}{3}\mu^*)} j_2(kr) (3\cos 2\theta + 1) + C_2 r^2 (3\cos 2\theta + 1),$$
(A8)

where the second term is a general solution to the Laplace equation in viscoelastic heating problem (Wu & Peltier, 1982; Tobie et al., 2005; Segatz et al., 1988; Kaula, 1964). ⁷¹³ Under the constitutive relations, (A7) and (A8) lead to solutions for other quantities,

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\epsilon}_{rr} &= \frac{\partial^2 \hat{\Phi}}{\partial r^2}, & \hat{\sigma}_{rr} = (K_m - \frac{2}{3}\mu^*) \nabla^2 \hat{\Phi} + 2\mu^* \hat{\epsilon}_{rr} - \alpha \hat{P}, \\ \hat{\epsilon}_{\theta\theta} &= \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 \hat{\Phi}}{\partial \theta^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \hat{\Phi}}{\partial r}, & \hat{\sigma}_{\theta\theta} = (K_m - \frac{2}{3}\mu^*) \nabla^2 \hat{\Phi} + 2\mu^* \hat{\epsilon}_{\theta\theta} - \alpha \hat{P}, \\ \hat{\epsilon}_{\varphi\varphi} &= \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \hat{\Phi}}{\partial r} + \frac{\cos \theta}{r^2 \sin \theta} \frac{\partial \hat{\Phi}}{\partial \theta}, & \hat{\sigma}_{\varphi\varphi} = (K_m - \frac{2}{3}\mu^*) \nabla^2 \hat{\Phi} + 2\mu^* \hat{\epsilon}_{\theta\theta} - \alpha \hat{P}, \\ \hat{\epsilon}_{r\theta} &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \hat{\Phi}}{\partial \theta}) - \frac{1}{2r^2} \frac{\partial \hat{\Phi}}{\partial \theta} + \frac{1}{2r} \frac{\partial^2 \hat{\Phi}}{\partial \theta \partial r}, & \hat{\sigma}_{r\theta} = 2\mu^* \hat{\epsilon}_{r\theta}, \\ \hat{q}_r &= -\frac{\kappa C_1}{\eta_f} (3\cos 2\theta + 1) \frac{dj_2(kr)}{dr}, \\ \hat{\zeta} &= C_1 \frac{\alpha^2 (K_u + \frac{4}{3}\mu^*)}{(K_m + \frac{4}{3}\mu^*)(K_u - K_m)} (3\cos 2\theta + 1) j_2(kr), \end{aligned}$$
(A9)

where \hat{q}_r and \hat{q}_{θ} are complex amplitudes for the radial and tangential components of the Darcy's velocity. The solutions (A7)–(A9) contain two complex constants C_1, C_2 which are constrained by the following boundary conditions. We specify continuity of fluid pressure and force balance at the surface of the core (Liao et al., 2018)

$$\sigma_{rr}(R_0, \theta) = -P_{ocean}(\theta), \quad P(R_0, \theta) = P_{ocean}(\theta),$$

where $\sigma_{rr}(R_0, \theta)$ is the radial component of the total stress in the core at the surface. $P_{ocean}(\theta)$ is the fluid pressure applied by the overlying ocean at the seafloor. Without specifying the ocean's pressure, we use the above two relationships to derive the fluidloading condition $\hat{P}(R_0, \theta) + \hat{\sigma_{rr}}(R_0, \theta) = 0$, which leads to

$$C_2 = C_1 \left[\frac{1}{2} \frac{\alpha}{k^2 (K_m + \frac{4}{3}\mu^*)} \frac{d^2 j_2}{dr^2} (kR_0) + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\alpha}{K_m + \frac{4}{3}\mu^*} j_2 (kR_0) - \frac{1}{4\mu^*} j_2 (kR_0) \right].$$

To constrain C_1 , an additional boundary condition on the maximum strain at the poles is assumed. For diurnal tides the maximum tidal strain $\epsilon_{max} \approx 3e \frac{M}{m} \frac{R_0^3}{a^3} h_2$, where *e* is eccentricity of the orbit, *M* and *m* are the mass of the planet and moon, R_0 is the radius of the moon and *a* the planet-satellite distance, $h_2 = \frac{5}{3}k_2$ is the tidal rising Love number (Murray & Dermott, 1999). Following Kepler's law the relationship may be written as $\epsilon_{max} = \frac{9}{4\pi} e \frac{\omega^2}{\rho G} \frac{5}{3}k_2$, $k_2 = \frac{3}{5} \frac{3/2}{1+19\mu^*/2\rho g R}$. We assume that at the pole of the core the magnitude reaches the maximum value $\epsilon_0 = \frac{9}{4\pi} e \frac{\omega^2}{\rho G} \frac{5}{3} |k_2|$. For each set of η_m and μ , the boundary condition $\hat{\epsilon_{rr}}(R_0, 0^o) = \epsilon_0$ is used for constraining C_1 via equation A8.

The volumetric heating rates h_{tide} and h_{vis} are obtained by (Cheng, 2016; Tobie et al., 2005; Segatz et al., 1988; Al-Hadhrami et al., 2003)

$$h_{tide} = \Sigma_{i,j} \frac{1}{T_{\omega}} \int_{nT_{\omega}}^{(n+1)T_{\omega}} \sigma_{ij} \frac{\partial \epsilon_{ij}}{\partial t} dt + \frac{1}{T_{\omega}} \int_{nT_{\omega}}^{(n+1)T_{\omega}} P_f \frac{\partial \zeta}{\partial t} dt,$$

$$h_{vis} = \frac{1}{T_{\omega}} \int_{nT_{\omega}}^{(n+1)T_{\omega}} \frac{\eta_f}{\kappa} \vec{q} \cdot \vec{q} dt,$$
(A10)

where $\Sigma_{i,j}$ indicates summation of all the indices. Substituting complex formulations into (A10) leads to

$$h_{tide} = -\frac{\omega}{2} \Sigma_{ij} \Big[Re(\hat{\sigma}_{ij}) Im(\hat{\epsilon}_{ij}) - Im(\hat{\sigma}_{ij}) Re(\hat{\epsilon}_{ij}) \Big] - \frac{\omega}{2} \Big[Re(\hat{P}_f) Im(\hat{m}) - Im(\hat{P}_f) Re(\hat{m}) \Big],$$

$$h_{vis} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\eta_f}{\kappa} (|\hat{q}_r|^2 + |\hat{q}_{\theta}|^2),$$
(A11)

and the total heating rate is calculated by volume integration of each heating rate

$$H_{tide,vis} = 2\pi \int_0^{R_0} \int_0^{\pi} h_{tide,vis}(r,\theta) r^2 \sin\theta d\theta dr$$

A2 End member case: tidal heating of an effectively viscoelastic body

The poroviscoelastic body behaves effectively as a purely viscoelastic one if the pore pressure is decoupled from the loading of the solid matrix ($\alpha = 0$), or when the pore fluid is unable to flow (e.g., $\kappa = 0$). In these cases, the strain-stress relation becomes identical to that of a viscoelastic body (Roberts & Nimmo, 2008; Ross & Schubert, 1989; Tobie et al., 2005)

$$\hat{\sigma}_{visco} = (K - \frac{2}{3}\mu^*)\nabla^2 \hat{\Phi}_{visco}I + 2\mu^* \hat{\epsilon}_{visco}, \qquad (A12)$$

where K is the bulk modulus ($K = K_m$ if the system is drained or $K = K_u$ if the system is undrained). The quasi-equilibrium condition $\nabla \cdot \sigma = 0$ leads to the Laplace equation for potential $\hat{\Phi}_{visco}$ and a solution with degree-2 symmetry,

$$\nabla^2 \hat{\Phi}_{visco} = 0 \quad \longrightarrow \quad \hat{\Phi}_{visco} = C_3 r^2 (3\cos 2\theta + 1), \tag{A13}$$

which reduces the strain-stress relation to

$$\hat{\sigma}_{visco} = 2\mu^* \hat{\epsilon}_{visco},$$

and leads to heating rate

$$h_{visco} = \frac{1}{T_{\omega}} \int_{nT_{\omega}}^{(n+1)T_{\omega}} dt \Sigma Re(\sigma_{ij}) Re(\frac{\partial \epsilon_{ij}}{\partial t}) = \frac{\omega}{2} Im(2\mu^*) \Sigma |\hat{\epsilon}_{ij}|^2 = 96C_3^2 \omega Im(\mu^*), \quad (A14)$$

where C_3 is to be determined by the same maximum strain boundary condition. The heating rate h_{visco} is uniform in space because of the simplified form of (A13) arising from the implicit condition $\Phi_{visco}|_{r\to 0} \neq \infty$.

730 Appendix B Additional results

Figures B1–B4 show the volumetric heating rates as functions of viscosity η_m , the ratio between viscous dissipation in fluid and tidal heating in solid as a function of the viscosity η_m , Biot constant α and permeability κ , the maximal tidal fluid responses, and the tidal and viscous heating in a shallow crust, respectively.



Figure B1. (a) Total heating rate for different solid bulk modulus K_s . A second heating peak appears when K_s is small, indicating that the enhanced heating is linked to increased compressibility of the rock matrix. (b) Total heating rate, solid heating rate and fluid heating rate as functions of solid viscosity for one set of parameters. (c) Total heating rates for different α values and (d) total heating rates for different permeability values. (c) and (d) indicate that the second heating rate peak migrates to higher viscosity for larger α but does not depend on permeability.



Figure B2. Contours of ratio between heating in pore fluid and solid matrix H_{vis}/H_{tide} varying with pairs of parameters. For panel (a), permeability $\kappa = 1 \times 10^{-10} m^2$; for panel (b), poroelastic coefficient $\alpha = 0.2$. The dependence of H_{vis}/H_{tide} on rigidity μ is negligible, hence is not shown.



Figure B3. Maximum pore pressure $|\hat{P}|$, radial component $|\hat{q}_r|$, and tangential component $|\hat{q}_{\theta}|$ of Darcy's velocity. The solutions are obtained based on maximum strain condition, viscosity $\eta_m = 10^{16} Pa.s$, rigidity $\mu = 1GPa$, $\alpha = 0.1$, $\kappa = 10^{-8}m^2$, $\phi_o = 20\%$. Globally averaged radial fluid velocity is $\langle |\hat{q}_r|/\phi_o \rangle \geq 3.79 \times 10^{-6}m/s$ and tangential velocity is $\langle |\hat{q}_{\theta}|/\phi_o \rangle \geq 2.20 \times 10^{-6}m/s$.



Figure B4. Examples of volumetric heating rate and contours in shallow crust in a hemisphere for two different parameter combinations κ and α combination. For both cases $\eta_m = 10^{17}$ Pa.s, $\mu = 1$ GPa, $\phi_o = 0.2$. White dash lines indicate the skin depth $\delta = \sqrt{c/\omega}$ for oscillating poroelastic material (Jupp & Schultz, 2004). The horizontal axis shows colatitude θ , where $\theta = 0$ indicates polar region.