

# Ion transport through deformable porous media: derivation of the macroscopic equations using upscaling\*

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## Abstract

We study the homogenization (or upscaling) of the transport of a multicomponent electrolyte in a dilute Newtonian solvent through a deformable porous medium. The pore scale interaction between the flow and the structure deformation is taken into account. After a careful adimensionalization process, we first consider so-called equilibrium solutions, in the absence of external

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forces, for which the velocity and diffusive fluxes vanish and the electrostatic potential is the solution of a Poisson-Boltzmann equation. When the motion is governed by a small static electric field and small hydrodynamic and elastic forces, we use O'Brien's argument to deduce a linearized model. Then we perform the homogenization of these linearized equations for a suitable choice of time scale. It turns out that the deformation of the porous medium is weakly coupled to the electrokinetics system in the sense that it does not influence electrokinetics although the latter one yields an osmotic pressure term in the mechanical equations. As a consequence, the effective tensor satisfies Onsager properties, namely is symmetric positive definite.

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## 1 Introduction

Effective modeling of the transport of an electrolyte through an electrically charged porous medium is an important and well-known multiscale problem in geosciences and porous materials modeling (see for instance the textbook [20]). It was studied by many authors and most of them assume that the  $N$ -component electrolyte, which is a dilute solution of  $N$  species of ions in a fluid, saturates a rigid charged porous medium. Here, we depart from this usual assumption by considering a deformable porous medium.

Our motivation comes from the study of nuclear waste disposals. In such a case, the host material is clay, which carries surface charges, and its pore size is typically a few hundred nanometers or even less. It means that the flow takes place in the electrostatic diffuse layer. To characterize and model the effective responses of porous materials to mechanical and physicochemical stresses, we first consider the pore modeling, including flow, convection, molecular diffusion, electrostatic effects, physical constraints on argillaceous rocks, and then upscale it by applying the homogenization method. Our strategy is to exploit the natural occurrence of two very different spatial scales, namely the macroscopic scale and the scale of the average pore diameter and, by means of an asymptotic process, to deduce the effective behavior of a deformable porous solid, with small pores, through which a charged liquid flows, in the presence of an electric field. The main objective of the present research is to rigorously obtain homogenized models (i.e. valid at the macroscopic level) for the fluid-structure system in the presence of ion transport. The advantage of homogenization is clear: to obtain a mathematical model that does not rely on ad hoc assumptions, but based on physical reasoning.

There is a long history of rigorous homogenization methods for the modeling of porous media. The macroscopic description of fluid flows in porous media frequently relies on the law of Darcy filtration. This model was justified using the theory of homogenization (see [5], [39], [41]). The fundamental assumption in these works is that the solid matrix is rigid. The case of deformable porous media is more complicated and much research is devoted to this subject. Removing the assumption of rigid skeleton and replacing it with a linear elastic solid, a hierarchy of macroscopic models emerge [11] according to flow and deformation regimes. Historically the problem has first been studied by Biot, who proposed a linear macroscopic model, which couples the fluid pressure and the displacement of the solid skeleton (see the selection of Biot's papers in [44]). The model was justified under the assumption of linear elastic skeleton and infinitesimal deformations at pore scale. The last assumption greatly facilitates the use of the homogenization method (see [24] and previous works quoted therein) because the position and direction of the normal to the fluid-solid interface does not change. The assumption of small displacement of the fluid-solid interface, in relation to

the pore size, also preserves other important properties such as the periodicity of the unit cell. Here we adhere to the setting of [24].

If one is interested in transport through a quasi-static electrically charged porous medium, then there is also an extensive literature on the subject. We mention the series of articles by Adler et al. on the determination of the effective coefficients [2], [3], [10], [13], [17], [23], [38]. For rigid porous media, recent progresses have been achieved with the method of two-scale asymptotic expansions. Looker and Carnie gave in [22] an effective model with an Onsager tensor obtained as follows: they first apply O'Brien linearization [32] to the nonlinear Poisson-Nernst-Planck equations and, second, formally derive the homogenized model by means of two-scale asymptotic expansions applied to the linearized microscopic model. The rigorous derivation, with convergence of the homogenization process and a proof of the Onsager reciprocity principle, appeared in [6] (see also [7] for numerical simulations and a sensitivity analysis of the homogenized tensor, on top of the previously quoted papers of Adler et al. and references therein). Note also the related works of Gagneux et al. [16], Ray et al. [35], Schmuck [40] and Timofte [42], [42] with different asymptotic scalings.

After these recent advances in multi-scale modeling of electrokinetic effects in rigid porous media, it is natural to turn to deformable porous media, which represent a more realistic model (able to take into account, for example, swelling effects). Moyne and Murad have examined the case of non-linear electro-osmosis in periodic deformable porous media, without linearization, in a series of papers [25], [26], [27], [28], [29]. A formal two-scale asymptotic expansion has been applied and a coupled non-linear two-scale system of partial differential equations was obtained. Because of its complexity, this homogenized model is difficult to analyze or use in numerical practice. Moreover, the nonlinear character of Poisson-Nernst-Planck equations was preserved while the fluid-structure interaction was linearized. Note that, in the applied literature (see e.g. [30], [34]), most existing models are linear and correspond to larger pores. They are usually constructed assuming Onsager relations between the Darcy velocity and ionic current flows, on the one hand, and gradients of electrical potential, pressure and ionic concentrations, on the other hand. Then, the concentration gradients are added in Biot's equations, and the weighted potential gradient is added to the pressure gradient in the mass balance equation.

The content of our paper is the following. In Section 2 we introduce the microscopic model at the pore scale. It is a coupled system involving the Stokes equations for the incompressible fluid saturating the porous medium, the linearized elasticity equations for the deformable porous structure, Poisson equation for the electrostatic potential and the Nernst-Planck or convection-diffusion equations for the  $N$  charged species in the fluid. The system is quasi-static which means that no inertial effects are taken into account except for the mass balance of each species. For simplicity, we consider an ideal model for the electrokinetic description of the electrolyte (by opposition to the more complex and realistic MSA model, see Remark 1 for further details). One tricky aspect of the fluid-structure modeling is the choice of the advection velocity. We rely on the Arbitrary Lagrangian Eulerian formalism to settle this issue (more details are provided in Section 11 which reviews some classical notions in this setting). In Section 3 the equations of Section 2 are adimensionalized and the geometry of the porous medium is made precise. As usual in homogenization, the porous medium is assumed to be periodic and  $\varepsilon$  denotes the small parameter which is the ratio of the periodic (microscopic) lengthscale and of a characteristic macroscopic lengthscale. We postpone to Section 6 the choice of the time scaling (which has to be related to the  $\varepsilon$  parameter) since it is a delicate modeling issue which deserves its own section. In any case, such a choice is not yet necessary for establishing the so-called equilibrium solutions which are, by definition, stationary.

Section 4 is devoted to the computation of the equilibrium solutions, which correspond to vanishing applied forces. The only driving mechanism is the constant surface charge of the pore boundaries.

In such a case, the system is reduced to the famous Poisson-Boltzmann equation which is non-linear monotone and classically admits a unique solution [21]. This steady-state electrostatic distribution induces, through the Maxwell stress tensor (or osmotic Donnan pressure), a small elastic displacement of the solid skeleton of the porous medium. In Section 5, following the seminal work of O'Brien [32], we linearize the nonlinear model of Section 2 around the previously found equilibrium solutions. At this stage, we obtain a complicated, fully coupled, linear system of partial differential equations. It is now crucial to choose the time scaling. One of the main originality of our work is to perform a careful study of the possible time scalings in Section 6. Because of our view to possible applications in nuclear waste storage, we choose a characteristic time scale of the order of hundred thousands years which is clearly much larger than Terzaghi's time scale (related to vibrations of the porous medium and of the order of a few seconds) but turns out to be also larger than the diffusive time scale of the order of one month. As a consequence of these scaling assumptions, some time derivatives drop out in the linearized system (see Lemma 7) and it decouples into a standard electrokinetic system (as already studied in [22], [6], [7] plus an equation for the elastic perturbation and one for the potential perturbation.

It turns out that the decoupled electrokinetic system can be homogenized as in [22], [6], [7] and we recall these results in Section 7. In Theorem 10 we give the main convergence result while Proposition 11 gives the homogenized equations and states the Onsager reciprocity relations for the homogenized tensor. In Section 8 we give a new result on the homogenization of the perturbation of the electrostatic potential (see Theorem 14), which is necessary to deduce the homogenized equation for the elastic displacement. The latter one is obtained in Section 9 (see Theorem 17) and relies on the methods developed by Mikelić et al. [12], [18], [19], [24] to obtain the equations of Biot. The global homogenized system is assembled in Section 10, and its dimensional version is also proposed for practical applications. We also explain how to change the variables from ionic potentials to concentrations which are more familiar to practitioners. Eventually, Section 11 recalls some notations and results for the Arbitrary Lagrangian Eulerian formalism which is crucial to give a precise model of fluid-structure interaction at the pore scale.

## 2 Equations of the model

In this section we precisely describe the equations of our model, describing at the pore scale the electro-chemical interactions of an  $N$ -component electrolyte in a dilute Newtonian solvent within a deformable solid skeleton. Our model is similar to that in [26]. The porous medium is denoted by  $\Omega$ , a bounded domain in  $\mathbb{R}^d$  ( $d = 2, 3$  the space dimension): it is composed of the pore space  $\Omega_p$ , filled with the fluid, and of the solid skeleton  $\Omega_s = \Omega \setminus \overline{\Omega}_p$ . The fluid/solid interface is denoted by  $\Gamma = \partial\Omega_p \cap \partial\Omega_s$ . Our first modelling assumption is to consider a quasi-static regime as far as the mechanical equations are concerned. In other words, we neglect inertial effects for both the fluid and the solid (this is consistent with the time scale associated to a nuclear waste repository, see Section 6). Only the species mass balance will involve a time derivative term.

We start with the following Eulerian mass conservation law, for each species indexed by  $i$ ,

$$\frac{\partial n_i}{\partial t} + \operatorname{div} \left( \mathbf{j}_i + \mathbf{w}n_i \right) = 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega_p, \quad i = 1, \dots, N, \quad (1)$$

where  $n_i$  is the  $i$ th species concentration,  $\mathbf{w}$  is the convective velocity and  $\mathbf{j}_i$  is its migration-diffusion flux. (Calling (1) a mass balance equation is a slight abuse of language since it is rather a conservation law for the number of particles.) In a rigid porous medium the convective velocity is equal to the hydrodynamic velocity but, as we shall see, it is not the case in a deformable porous medium.

The migration-diffusion flux  $\mathbf{j}_i$  is given by the following relationship

$$\mathbf{j}_i = -\frac{n_i D_i^0}{k_B T} (\nabla \mu_i + z_i e \nabla \Psi), \quad i = 1, \dots, N, \quad (2)$$

where  $D_i^0$  is the diffusion coefficient for the  $i$ -th species,  $z_i$  is the valence,  $e$  is the elementary charge ( $-e$  is the electron charge),  $k_B$  is the Boltzmann constant,  $T$  is the absolute temperature and  $\mu_i$  is the chemical potential given by

$$\mu_i = \mu_i^0 + k_B T \ln n_i, \quad (3)$$

where  $\mu_i^0$  is a constant (the standard chemical potential expressed at infinite dilution). Furthermore, on the fluid/solid interface  $\Gamma$  a no-flux condition holds true

$$\mathbf{j}_i \cdot \nu = 0 \quad \text{on } \Gamma, \quad i = 1, \dots, N. \quad (4)$$

The electrostatic potential  $\Psi$  is calculated from Poisson equation with the electric charge density as bulk source term

$$\mathcal{E} \Delta \Psi = -e \sum_{j=1}^N z_j n_j \quad \text{in } \Omega_p, \quad (5)$$

where  $\mathcal{E} = \mathcal{E}_0 \mathcal{E}_r$  is the dielectric constant of the solvent. The corresponding electrical field is  $\mathbf{E} = -\nabla \Psi$ . A surface charge  $-\Sigma$  is assumed to be given at the pores boundaries  $\Gamma$ , namely the boundary condition reads

$$\mathcal{E} \nabla \Psi \cdot \nu = -\Sigma \quad \text{on } \Gamma, \quad (6)$$

where  $\nu$  is the unit exterior normal to  $\Omega_p$ . The various parameters appearing in (1)-(6) are defined in Table 1. All quantities are given in SI units.

For physical reasons, all valencies  $z_j$  are assumed to be integers. We rank them by increasing order and we assume that there are both anions and cations, namely positive and negative valencies,

$$z_1 \leq z_2 \leq \dots \leq z_N, \quad z_1 < 0 < z_N. \quad (7)$$

**Remark 1.** *A more detailed, mathematically oriented, presentation of the fundamental concepts of electroosmotic flow in nanochannels can be found in the book [20] by Karniadakis et al., pages 447-470. The definitions (2) of the diffusive flux and (3) of the chemical potential correspond to the so-called ideal case. For simplicity we restrict ourselves to this simple setting, but most of the results remain valid for the more general model of the Mean Spherical Approximation (MSA). We refer to [14] for more details. A study of its homogenization in the case of a rigid porous medium can be found in [9]. More precisely, the MSA model replace (3) by*

$$\mu_j = \mu_j^0 + k_B T \ln n_j + k_B T \ln \gamma_j(n_1, \dots, n_N), \quad j = 1, \dots, N, \quad (8)$$

with  $\gamma_j$  being the activity coefficient of the species  $j$ . The diffusive flux (2) is replaced by

$$\mathbf{j}_i = -\sum_{j=1}^N n_i L_{ij}(n_1, \dots, n_N) (\nabla \mu_j + z_j e \nabla \Psi), \quad i = 1, \dots, N, \quad (9)$$

	<i>QUANTITY</i>	<i>CHARACTERISTIC VALUE</i>
e	electron charge	1.6e−19 C (Coulomb)
$D_i^0$	diffusivity of the $i$ th species	$D_i^0 \in (1.333, 2.032)e-09 m^2/s$
$k_B$	Boltzmann constant	1.38e−23 J/K
$n_c$	characteristic concentration	(6.02 10 <sup>24</sup> , 6.02 10 <sup>26</sup> ) particles/ $m^3$
$T$	temperature	293°K (Kelvin)
$\mathcal{E}$	dielectric constant	6.93e−10 C/(mV)
$\eta$	dynamic viscosity	1e−3 kg/(m s)
$\ell$	pore size	5e−9 m
$\lambda_D$	Debye's length	$\sqrt{\mathcal{E}k_B T/(e^2 n_c)} \in (0.042, 0.42)$ nm
$z_j$	$j$ -th electrolyte valence	given integer
$\Sigma$	surface charge density	0.129C/ $m^2$ (clays)
$\mathbf{f}$	given applied force	N/ $m^3$
$\Psi_c$	characteristic electrokinetic potential	0.02527 V (Volt)
$\Lambda$	Young modulus	7.3e9 Pa

Table 1: *Data description*

where  $L_{ij}(n_1, \dots, n_N)$  is the (symmetric and positive definite) Onsager coefficient between  $i$  and  $j$ . Contrary to the popular ideal model (2), which corresponds to the Poisson-Nernst-Planck equation, the MSA model is valid at high (molar) concentrations, because the non-ideality effect is taken into account both for the equilibrium (activity coefficients) and non-equilibrium (Onsager coefficients) coefficients [9]. For the sake of brevity we expose the ideal case in the sequel.

The solute velocity is given by the incompressible Stokes equations with a forcing term made of an exterior hydrodynamical force  $\mathbf{f}$  and of the electric force applied to the fluid thanks to the charged species

$$\nabla p - \eta \Delta \mathbf{v} = \rho_f \mathbf{f} - e \sum_{j=1}^N z_j n_j \nabla \Psi \quad \text{in } \Omega_p, \quad (10)$$

$$\text{div } \mathbf{v} = 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega_p, \quad (11)$$

where  $\rho_f > 0$  is the fluid density,  $\mathbf{f}$  is the external body force,  $\mathbf{v}$  is the fluid velocity and  $p$  is the fluid pressure.

Adding to the usual viscous stress tensor the Maxwell tensor, we define the full stress tensor of the fluid phase

$$\sigma^f = -pI + 2\eta e(\mathbf{v}) + \mathcal{E}(\mathbf{E} \otimes \mathbf{E} - \frac{1}{2}|\mathbf{E}|^2 I), \quad (12)$$

where  $\mathbf{E} = -\nabla \Psi$  and  $e(\mathbf{v}) = 1/2(\nabla \mathbf{v} + (\nabla \mathbf{v})^*)$ . With this notation the momentum equation (10) can be rewritten

$$-\text{div } \sigma^f = \rho_f \mathbf{f} \quad \text{in } \Omega_p, \quad (13)$$

since the Poisson equation (5) yields

$$\mathcal{E} \text{div } (\mathbf{E} \otimes \mathbf{E} - \frac{1}{2}|\mathbf{E}|^2 I) = -e \sum_{j=1}^N z_j n_j \nabla \Psi, \quad (14)$$

which, in turn, implies (13).

We now turn to the linearized elasticity equations for the solid skeleton. We give here the result of a more detailed analysis in Section 11, which takes into account the difference of modelling, Eulerian for the fluid and Lagrangian for the solid, and fortunately simplifies under our standing assumption of small displacement and deformation. Let  $\mathbf{u}^s$  be the elastic displacement. The strain tensor is  $e(\mathbf{u}^s) = 1/2(\nabla\mathbf{u}^s + (\nabla\mathbf{u}^s)^*)$ , while the stress tensor is

$$\sigma^s = Ae(\mathbf{u}^s), \quad (15)$$

where  $A$  is a 4th order symmetric positive definite tensor. As usual, we assume an isotropic tensor,  $A_{ijkl} = 2\mu\delta_{ik}\delta_{jl} + \lambda\delta_{kl}\delta_{ij}$ , where  $\mu$  and  $\lambda$  are the Lamé moduli. The linearized elasticity equations take the form

$$-\operatorname{div}\sigma^s = \rho_s\mathbf{f} \quad \text{in} \quad \Omega_s. \quad (16)$$

It remains to give the interface transmission conditions on  $\Gamma$ . As usual we enforce continuity of the velocities and of the normal stresses, namely

$$\partial_t\mathbf{u}^s = \mathbf{v} \quad \text{on} \quad \Gamma, \quad (17)$$

$$\sigma^f\nu = \sigma^s\nu \quad \text{on} \quad \Gamma. \quad (18)$$

The last delicate point is to define the convective velocity  $\mathbf{w}$ , appearing in the mass balance (1) for each species. As is common in fluid-structure modeling, we rely on an ALE (Arbitrary Lagrangian Eulerian) formalism, as explained in Section 11. In other words, extending the solid velocity to the fluid part, the convective velocity is defined by

$$\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{v} - \frac{\partial\mathbf{u}^s}{\partial t}. \quad (19)$$

All equations and interface conditions are now specified. The last step is to define boundary conditions on the exterior boundary  $\partial\Omega$ .

For simplicity we assume that  $\Omega = (0, \mathcal{L})^d$  ( $d = 2, 3$  is the space dimension),  $\mathcal{L} > 0$  and at the outer boundary  $\partial\Omega$  we set periodic boundary conditions

$$\Psi + \Psi^{ext}(x), \quad n_i, \quad \mathbf{u}^s, \quad \mathbf{v} \quad \text{and} \quad p \quad \text{are} \quad \mathcal{L} - \text{periodic}. \quad (20)$$

The applied exterior potential  $\Psi^{ext}(x)$  can typically be linear, equal to  $\mathbf{E}^{ext} \cdot x$ , where  $\mathbf{E}^{ext}$  is an imposed electrical field. Note that the applied exterior force  $\mathbf{f}$  appears both in the Stokes equations (10) and in the elasticity equations (16).

Due to the complexity of the geometry and of the equations, it is necessary for engineering applications to upscale the system (1)-(6), (10)-(11), (15)-(19). In order to do so, it is a common practice to assume that the porous medium has a periodic microstructure. More precisely, we assume that  $\Omega, \Omega_p, \Omega_s$  are periodic of period  $\ell > 0$  in all space directions. One can interpret  $\ell$  as the characteristic size of the pores in the porous medium. For simplicity we suppose  $\mathcal{L}/\ell \in \mathbb{N}$ , so that the domain is fully covered by entire cells. More detailed assumption will be made in the next section, after adimensionalization, for the simplicity of the exposition.

### 3 Non-dimensional form

We now give a non-dimensional form to the equations of Section 2 which will be later ready for linearization and homogenization. We follow the approach of our previous works [6], [7] (which were

restricted to the case of a rigid porous medium) and we extend it to the case of a deformable medium following the adimensionalization process of the pore scale fluid-structure system as in [24].

We start by adimensionalizing the geometry. Let  $\mathcal{L}_c$  be a characteristic size of the porous domain  $\Omega$ . We rescale the space variable by setting  $\Omega^\varepsilon = \Omega_p/\mathcal{L}_c$  and  $x' = \frac{x}{\mathcal{L}_c}$  (we shall drop the primes for simplicity in the sequel). Introducing  $L = \mathcal{L}/\mathcal{L}_c$ , the rescaled domain is  $(0, L)^d$ , which we continue to denote by  $\Omega$ . We define a small adimensional parameter

$$\varepsilon = \ell/\mathcal{L}_c \ll 1,$$

which is precisely the period of the periodic porous domain  $\Omega^\varepsilon$ . We now define the geometrical structure of  $\Omega$  and  $\Omega^\varepsilon$ .

Each period of  $\Omega = (0, L)^d$  is homothetic to the unit cell  $Y = ]0, 1[^d$ . Let  $Y_s$  (the solid part) be a closed subset of  $Y$  and  $Y_F = Y \setminus Y_s$  (the fluid part). We denote by  $S$  the fluid/solid interface  $S = \partial Y_F \cap \partial Y_s$ . We make periodic repetition of  $Y_s$  over  $\mathbb{R}^d$  and, introducing  $Y_s^k = Y_s + k$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{Z}^d$ , we define  $E_s = \bigcup_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} Y_s^k$  which is a closed subset of  $\mathbb{R}^d$ . Similarly,  $E_F = \mathbb{R}^d \setminus E_s$  in an open set in  $\mathbb{R}^d$ . We make the following assumptions on  $Y_F$  and  $E_F$ :

- (H1)  $Y_F$  is an open connected set of strictly positive measure,  $Y_s$  has strictly positive measure too, and their interface  $S$  is smooth,
- (H2)  $E_F$  and the interior of  $E_s$  are open sets with smooth boundaries. Moreover, in dimension  $d = 2$ ,  $E_F$  is connected, while in higher dimension  $d = 3$ , both  $E_F$  and  $E_s$  are connected.

Note that, in dimension  $d = 2$  the solid part cannot be connected if we assume that the fluid part is. This will imply that, in the case  $d = 2$ , the elastic displacement is defined up to an additive constant in each connected component of the solid part.

The porous medium  $\Omega = (0, L)^d$  is covered by a regular mesh of size  $\varepsilon$ , each cell being a cube  $Y_i^\varepsilon$ , with  $1 \leq i \leq N(\varepsilon) = L^d \varepsilon^{-d} [1 + o(1)]$ . Each cube  $Y_i^\varepsilon$  is homothetic to  $Y$ , by the linear homeomorphism  $\Pi_i^\varepsilon$  (that is set by translation and homothety of ratio  $1/\varepsilon$ ). We define

$$Y_{S_i}^\varepsilon = (\Pi_i^\varepsilon)^{-1}(Y_s) \quad \text{and} \quad Y_{F_i}^\varepsilon = (\Pi_i^\varepsilon)^{-1}(Y_F)$$

For sufficiently small  $\varepsilon > 0$  we consider the set of indices  $T_\varepsilon = \{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d | Y_{S_k}^\varepsilon \subseteq \Omega\}$  and define

$$\Omega_s^\varepsilon = \bigcup_{k \in T_\varepsilon} Y_{S_k}^\varepsilon, \quad S_\varepsilon = \partial \Omega_s^\varepsilon \setminus \partial \Omega, \quad \Omega^\varepsilon = \Omega \setminus \Omega_s^\varepsilon.$$

The domains  $\Omega_s^\varepsilon$  and  $\Omega^\varepsilon$  represent, respectively, the solid and fluid parts of the porous medium  $\Omega$ , while  $S_\varepsilon$  is its fluid-solid interface.

We now turn to the adimensionalization of the physical variables. We denote by  $n_c$  a characteristic concentration and we define the Debye length

$$\lambda_D = \sqrt{\frac{\mathcal{E} k_B T}{e^2 n_c}}.$$

Following [20], we introduce the characteristic potential  $\zeta$ , the characteristic surface charge  $\Sigma_c$ , the characteristic electric field  $E_c$  and the adimensional parameter  $\beta$  (related to the Debye-Hückel parameter  $\kappa = 1/\lambda_D$ ), as follows

$$\zeta = \frac{k_B T}{e}, \quad \Sigma_c = \frac{\mathcal{E} \zeta}{\ell}, \quad E_c = \varepsilon \frac{\Sigma_c}{\mathcal{E}}, \quad \beta = \left(\frac{\ell}{\lambda_D}\right)^2. \quad (21)$$



Note that the formula for  $\Sigma_c$  directly comes from (6) and that the formula for  $E_c$  is equivalent to  $E_c = \zeta/\mathcal{L}_c$ . We introduce a characteristic pressure and velocity as

$$p_c = n_c k_B T \quad \text{and} \quad v_c = \varepsilon \frac{\ell k_B T n_c}{\eta} = \frac{\varepsilon^2 p_c \mathcal{L}_c}{\eta}. \quad (22)$$

Let  $\Lambda$  be the characteristic size of the elastic moduli and  $u_c^s$  the characteristic elastic displacement. In the porous medium we expect the pressure to be the dominant part of the fluid stress and to balance the elastic contact force at the interfaces. Consequently, the interface condition (18) implies that we choose  $\Lambda$  and  $u_c^s$  related by

$$p_c = \frac{\Lambda u_c^s}{\mathcal{L}_c}. \quad (23)$$

**Remark 2.** *Introducing an adimensionalized displacement  $\mathbf{u}^\varepsilon = \mathbf{u}^s/u_c^s$ , the deformation gradient (rigorously defined in Section 11) scales as  $\mathbf{F}_\varepsilon = I + \frac{u_c^s}{\mathcal{L}_c} \nabla_{x'} \mathbf{u}^\varepsilon$  and its Jacobian determinant as  $J^\varepsilon = \det \mathbf{F}_\varepsilon$ . Thus we deduce*

$$\mathbf{F}_\varepsilon = I + \frac{n_c k_B T}{\Lambda} \nabla_{x'} \mathbf{u}^\varepsilon.$$

Using the data from Table 1 yields  $\frac{n_c k_B T}{\Lambda} \approx 3.5e - 5$ . Therefore, it justifies our approximation  $\mathbf{F}_\varepsilon \approx I$  and  $J^\varepsilon \approx 1$ , as explained in Section 11. In other words we can use a simple linear model in an ALE (Arbitrary Lagrangian Eulerian) formulation.

The imposed forcing terms are the surface charge density  $\Sigma$  (having the characteristic value  $\Sigma_c$ ), the static electrical potential  $\Psi^{ext}$  and the applied fluid force  $\mathbf{f}$ . We then introduce adimensionalized forcing terms

$$\Psi^{ext,*} = \frac{\Psi^{ext}}{\zeta}, \quad \mathbf{f}^* = \frac{\mathbf{f} \mathcal{L}_c}{p_c}, \quad \Sigma^* = \frac{\Sigma}{\Sigma_c}, \quad N_\sigma = \frac{e \Sigma_c \ell}{\mathcal{E} k_B T} = O(1),$$

and adimensionalized unknowns

$$p^\varepsilon = \frac{p}{p_c}, \quad \mathbf{v}^\varepsilon = \frac{\mathbf{v}}{v_c}, \quad \mathbf{w}^\varepsilon = \frac{\mathbf{w}}{v_c}, \quad \mathbf{u}^\varepsilon = \frac{\mathbf{u}^s}{u_c^s}, \quad \Psi^\varepsilon = \frac{\Psi}{\zeta}, \quad n_j^\varepsilon = \frac{n_j}{n_c}, \quad \mathbf{j}_j^\varepsilon = \frac{\mathbf{j}_j \mathcal{L}_c}{n_c D_j^0}.$$

For the dimensionless electrical field we set  $\mathbf{E}^\varepsilon = \nabla \Psi^\varepsilon$ , which is consistent with our definition of the characteristic electric field  $E_c$ .

Concerning time we introduce three time scales. First,  $\mathcal{T}_c$  is the characteristic time scale of observation. Its precise order of magnitude for our motivation (underground nuclear waste storage) will be discussed later in Section 6. It is used to rescale the time variable by setting  $t' = \frac{t}{\mathcal{T}_c}$  (we shall drop the primes for simplicity in the sequel). Second, we introduce a diffusion time scale

$$\mathcal{T}_d = \frac{\mathcal{L}_c^2}{D^0}. \quad (24)$$

Third, we define the so-called Terzaghi's time scale

$$\mathcal{T}_T = \frac{\eta}{\varepsilon^2 \Lambda},$$

which is related to the equilibrium between fluid and solid stresses at the interface (see Remark 3 and Section 6 for comparisons).

We decompose the fluid velocity  $\mathbf{v}$  as

$$\mathbf{v} = v_c \left( \mathbf{w}^\varepsilon + \frac{\eta}{\varepsilon^2 \mathcal{T}_c \Lambda} \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}^\varepsilon}{\partial t'} \right) = v_c \left( \mathbf{w}^\varepsilon + \frac{\mathcal{T}_T}{\mathcal{T}_c} \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}^\varepsilon}{\partial t'} \right),$$

where  $\mathbf{w}^\varepsilon$  is the relative flow velocity and  $\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}^\varepsilon}{\partial t'}$  is the extended structure velocity. The above definitions of  $\varepsilon$ ,  $\lambda_D$  and  $p_c$  imply that

$$\frac{\mathcal{E}\zeta^2}{\mathcal{L}_c^2} = \frac{\varepsilon^2}{\beta} p_c,$$

which is equivalent to say that the Maxwell stress tensor is of the same order of magnitude as the viscous stress tensor (this relation is useful in deriving (25) below).

The dimensionless equations for hydrodynamical and electrostatic part are thus

$$\sigma^{f,\varepsilon} = -p^\varepsilon I + 2\varepsilon^2 e(\mathbf{w}^\varepsilon) + 2\varepsilon^2 \frac{\mathcal{T}_T}{\mathcal{T}_c} e\left(\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}^\varepsilon}{\partial t}\right) + \frac{\varepsilon^2}{\beta} (\mathbf{E}^\varepsilon \otimes \mathbf{E}^\varepsilon - \frac{1}{2} |\mathbf{E}^\varepsilon|^2 I) \quad \text{in } \Omega^\varepsilon, \quad (25)$$

$$-\text{div} \sigma^{f,\varepsilon} = \mathbf{f}^* \quad \text{in } \Omega^\varepsilon, \quad (26)$$

$$\mathbf{w}^\varepsilon = 0 \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega^\varepsilon \setminus \partial\Omega, \quad \text{div} \left( \mathbf{w}^\varepsilon + \frac{\mathcal{T}_T}{\mathcal{T}_c} \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}^\varepsilon}{\partial t} \right) = 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega^\varepsilon, \quad (27)$$

$$-\text{div} \sigma^{s,\varepsilon} = \mathbf{f}^* \quad \text{in } \Omega_s^\varepsilon = \Omega^\varepsilon \setminus \bar{\Omega}^\varepsilon, \quad (28)$$

$$\sigma^{s,\varepsilon} = A e(\mathbf{u}^\varepsilon) \quad \text{in } \Omega_s^\varepsilon, \quad (29)$$

$$\sigma^{f,\varepsilon} \nu = \sigma^{s,\varepsilon} \nu \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega^\varepsilon \setminus \partial\Omega, \quad (30)$$

$$-\varepsilon^2 \Delta \Psi^\varepsilon = \beta \sum_{j=1}^N z_j n_j^\varepsilon(x) \quad \text{in } \Omega^\varepsilon; \quad \varepsilon \nabla \Psi^\varepsilon \cdot \nu = -\Sigma^* N_\sigma \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega^\varepsilon \setminus \partial\Omega, \quad (31)$$

$$(\Psi^\varepsilon + \Psi^{ext,*}), \quad \mathbf{u}^\varepsilon, \quad \mathbf{w}^\varepsilon \quad \text{and} \quad p^\varepsilon \quad \text{are } L - \text{periodic in } x. \quad (32)$$

Concerning the transport equation, we defined the Peclet number for the  $j$ -th species by

$$\text{Pe}_j = \frac{v_c \mathcal{L}_c}{D_j^0} = \frac{\ell^2 k_B T n_c}{\eta D_j^0},$$

which shall be assumed to be of order 1 as  $\varepsilon$  goes to zero (this is consistent with our data, see Section 2 in [6]). Using the diffusion time (24), we obtain the dimensionless form of equation (1):

$$\frac{\mathcal{T}_d}{\mathcal{T}_c} \frac{\partial n_i^\varepsilon}{\partial t} + \text{Pe}_i \text{div} (\mathbf{w}^\varepsilon n_i^\varepsilon) + \text{div} \mathbf{j}_i^\varepsilon = 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega^\varepsilon, \quad i = 1, \dots, N, \quad (33)$$

$$\mathbf{j}_i^\varepsilon \cdot \nu = 0 \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega^\varepsilon \setminus \partial\Omega, \quad \text{with} \quad \mathbf{j}_i^\varepsilon = -n_i^\varepsilon \nabla \ln \left( n_i^\varepsilon e^{z_i \Psi^\varepsilon} \right), \quad i = 1, \dots, N. \quad (34)$$

**Remark 3.** So far we introduced three time scales: the characteristic time scale  $\mathcal{T}_c$ , the diffusion time scale  $\mathcal{T}_d = \mathcal{L}_c^2/D^0$  and the Terzaghi's time scale  $\mathcal{T}_T = \eta/(\varepsilon^2 \Lambda)$ . Since we are interested in the flow through a deformable porous medium and not in studying vibrations, we assume that  $\mathcal{T}_c \gg \mathcal{T}_T$ . Furthermore we note that  $\mathcal{T}_T/\mathcal{T}_d = (\eta D^0)/(\Lambda \ell^2) \approx 1e - 5$  according to the values of Table 1. Therefore, we also have  $\mathcal{T}_d \gg \mathcal{T}_T$ .

There is another possible time scale  $\mathcal{T}_v = \mathcal{L}_c/v_c$  associated to convective effects. In the sequel we shall choose  $\mathcal{T}_c = \mathcal{T}_v$ .

## 4 Equilibrium solution

The goal of this section is to find a so-called **equilibrium solution** of system (25)-(34) when the exterior forces are vanishing  $\mathbf{f} = 0$  and  $\Psi^{ext} = 0$ . However, the surface charge density  $\Sigma^*$  is not assumed to vanish or to be small. This equilibrium solution will be a reference solution around which we shall linearize system (25)-(34) in the next section. Then we will perform the homogenization of the (partially) linearized system in Section 7. We denote by  $n_i^{0,\varepsilon}$ ,  $\Psi^{0,\varepsilon}$ ,  $\mathbf{u}^{0,\varepsilon}$ ,  $\mathbf{w}^{0,\varepsilon}$ ,  $p^{0,\varepsilon}$  the equilibrium quantities. By definition equilibrium solutions do not depend on time. Looking for equilibrium solutions is a classical problem which leads to the Poisson-Boltzmann equation. It can be found in [32] or, in our homogenization context in [22], [6]. The new contribution here is the determination of the equilibrium elastic displacement.

In the case  $\mathbf{f} = 0$  and  $\Psi^{ext} = 0$ , one can find an equilibrium solution by choosing a zero fluid velocity and forcing all diffusive fluxes to be equal to zero (there maybe other equilibrium solutions since we don't know of any uniqueness result for the nonlinear system (25)-(34)). More precisely, we require

$$\mathbf{w}^{0,\varepsilon} = 0, \quad \mathbf{u}^{0,\varepsilon} = \mathbf{u}^{0,\varepsilon}(x) \quad \text{and} \quad \nabla \ln \left( n_j^{0,\varepsilon} e^{z_j \Psi^{0,\varepsilon}} \right) = 0, \quad (35)$$

which obviously implies that  $\mathbf{j}_i^{0,\varepsilon} = 0$  and (33)-(34) are satisfied. From  $\nabla \ln \left( n_j^{0,\varepsilon} e^{z_j \Psi^{0,\varepsilon}} \right) = 0$  we deduce that there exist constants  $n_j^0(\infty) > 0$  such that

$$n_j^{0,\varepsilon}(x) = n_j^0(\infty) \exp\{-z_j \Psi^{0,\varepsilon}(x)\}. \quad (36)$$

The value  $n_j^0(\infty)$  is the infinite dilute concentration which will be later assumed to satisfy the bulk electroneutrality condition (38) for zero potential.

Then the electrostatic equation (31) reduces to the Poisson-Boltzmann equation which is a non-linear partial differential equation for the sole unknown  $\Psi^{0,\varepsilon}$

$$\begin{cases} -\varepsilon^2 \Delta \Psi^{0,\varepsilon} = \beta \sum_{j=1}^N z_j n_j^0(\infty) \exp\{-z_j \Psi^{0,\varepsilon}\} & \text{in } \Omega^\varepsilon, \\ \varepsilon \nabla \Psi^{0,\varepsilon} \cdot \nu = -N_\sigma \Sigma^* & \text{on } \partial\Omega^\varepsilon \setminus \partial\Omega, \Psi^{0,\varepsilon} \text{ is } L\text{-periodic.} \end{cases} \quad (37)$$

From a physical point of view, it is desired that the solution of (37) vanishes, i.e.,  $\Psi^{0,\varepsilon} = 0$ , when the surface charges are null, i.e.,  $\Sigma^* = 0$ . Therefore, following the literature, we impose the **bulk electroneutrality condition**

$$\sum_{j=1}^N z_j n_j^0(\infty) = 0. \quad (38)$$

The existence and uniqueness of a solution to problem (37), under condition (38), is proved in [6], [21]. The  $L^\infty$ -bounds for the solution were established in [8].

We also assume a periodic distribution of charges  $\Sigma^* \equiv \Sigma^*(x/\varepsilon)$ . Then, by periodicity of  $\Omega^\varepsilon$  and by uniqueness of the solution  $\Psi^{0,\varepsilon}$  of the Poisson-Boltzmann equation (37), we have

$$\Psi^{0,\varepsilon}(x) = \Psi^0\left(\frac{x}{\varepsilon}\right), \quad n_j^{0,\varepsilon}(x) = n_j^0\left(\frac{x}{\varepsilon}\right), \quad (39)$$

where

$$n_j^0(y) = n_j^0(\infty) \exp\{-z_j \Psi^0(y)\} \quad (40)$$

and  $\Psi^0(y)$  is the periodic solution for the cell Poisson-Boltzmann equation

$$\begin{cases} -\Delta\Psi^0 = \beta \sum_{j=1}^N z_j n_j^0(\infty) e^{-z_j \Psi^0} & \text{in } Y_F, \\ \nabla\Psi^0 \cdot \nu = -N_\sigma \Sigma^* & \text{on } S, \\ \Psi^0 \text{ is } Y\text{-periodic.} \end{cases} \quad (41)$$

**Remark 4.** *The bulk electroneutrality condition (38) is absolutely not necessary. Actually all our results hold under the weaker assumption (7) that all valencies  $z_j$  do not have the same sign. As explained in Remark 1 of [7], under the sole assumption (7), a simple change of reference values for the potential  $\psi$  and for the infinite dilution constants  $n_j^0(\infty)$  allows us to recover (38) for these new variables.*

At equilibrium, the pressure in Stokes equations (26) (corresponding to a zero velocity) is given (up to an additive constant) by

$$p^{0,\varepsilon} = \sum_{j=1}^N n_j^0(\infty) \exp\{-z_j \Psi^{0,\varepsilon}\}, \quad (42)$$

thanks to (14) and the fact that  $\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}^{0,\varepsilon}}{\partial t} = 0$ .

It remains to calculate the equilibrium displacement which is our new contribution. As already said in Remark 2, we restrict ourselves to the case  $\mathbf{F}_\varepsilon \approx I$ . The equilibrium displacement problem (28), (29), (30) has a non-trivial solution because of the Maxwell stress and the osmotic Donnan pressure  $p^{0,\varepsilon}$  which appear in the fluid stress tensor and thus on the Neumann boundary condition (30). It was first studied by Moyne and Murad [26]. Following their lead, and since the fluid stress tensor is a periodic function, we find that the displacement is of the type

$$\mathbf{u}^{0,\varepsilon}(x) = \varepsilon \mathbf{u}_\pi^1\left(\frac{x}{\varepsilon}\right), \quad x \in \Omega_s^\varepsilon, \quad (43)$$

where  $\mathbf{u}_\pi^1(y)$  is a  $Y$ -periodic function defined as the solution of

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{div}_y(A(e_y(\mathbf{u}_\pi^1))) &= 0 \quad \text{in } Y_s, \quad \mathbf{u}_\pi^1 \text{ is } Y\text{-periodic,} \\ A e_y(\mathbf{u}_\pi^1) \nu &= \left( - \sum_{j=1}^N n_j^0(\infty) \exp\{-z_j \Psi^0\} I + \frac{1}{\beta} \left( \nabla\Psi^0 \otimes \nabla\Psi^0 - \frac{1}{2} |\nabla\Psi^0|^2 I \right) \right) \nu \\ &\quad \text{on } S = \partial Y_s \setminus \partial Y. \end{aligned} \quad (44)$$

$$(45)$$

It is easy to check that  $\mathbf{u}^{0,\varepsilon}$ , defined by (43), satisfies the equations (28), (29) and the interface condition (30).

**Lemma 5.** *Problem (44)-(45) admits a solution  $\mathbf{u}_\pi^1 \in H^1(Y_s)^d$ , unique up to the addition of a constant vector.*

*Proof.* It is a classical result [26]. Existence is deduced from the Fredholm alternative since the non-homogeneous Neumann boundary data has zero average on  $S = \partial Y_s \setminus \partial Y$ . To check this last point, use Stokes divergence theorem and (14).  $\square$

## 5 Linearization

We now proceed to the linearization of the electrokinetic equations (25)-(34) around the equilibrium solution computed in Section 4. We therefore assume that the external forces, namely the static electric potential  $\Psi^{ext}(x)$  and the force  $\mathbf{f}(x)$ , are small. However, the surface charge density  $\Sigma^*$  on the pore walls is not assumed to be small since it is part of the equilibrium problem studied in Section 4. Such a linearization process is classical in the ideal case and for a rigid porous medium (see the seminal paper [32] by O'Brien et al.) but it is new and slightly more complicated for the filtration through a deformable medium. For small exterior forces, we write the perturbed electrokinetic unknowns as

$$\begin{aligned} n_i^\varepsilon(x) &= n_i^{0,\varepsilon}(x) + \delta n_i^\varepsilon(x), & \Psi^\varepsilon(x) &= \Psi^{0,\varepsilon}(x) + \delta\Psi^\varepsilon(x), \\ \mathbf{w}^\varepsilon(x) &= \delta\mathbf{w}^\varepsilon(x), & \mathbf{u}^\varepsilon(x) &= \mathbf{u}^{0,\varepsilon}(x) + \delta\mathbf{u}^\varepsilon(x), & p^\varepsilon(x) &= p^{0,\varepsilon}(x) + \delta p^\varepsilon(x), \end{aligned} \quad (46)$$

where  $n_i^{0,\varepsilon}$ ,  $\Psi^{0,\varepsilon}$ ,  $\mathbf{u}^{0,\varepsilon}$ ,  $p^{0,\varepsilon}$  are the equilibrium quantities, corresponding to  $\mathbf{f} = 0$  and  $\Psi^{ext} = 0$ . The  $\delta$  prefix indicates a perturbation. Since the equilibrium relative velocity vanishes  $\mathbf{w}^{0,\varepsilon} = 0$ , we identify in the sequel  $\mathbf{w}^\varepsilon = \delta\mathbf{w}^\varepsilon$ .

Motivated by the form of the Boltzmann equilibrium distribution and the calculation of  $n_i^{0,\varepsilon}$ , we follow the lead of [32] and introduce the so-called ionic potential  $\Phi_i^\varepsilon$  which is defined in terms of  $n_i^\varepsilon$  by

$$n_i^\varepsilon = n_i^0(\infty) \exp\{-z_i(\Psi^\varepsilon + \Phi_i^\varepsilon + \Psi^{ext,*})\}. \quad (47)$$

At equilibrium the ionic potential vanishes  $\Phi_i^{0,\varepsilon} = 0$ , thus we identify it with its perturbation,  $\Phi_i^\varepsilon = \delta\Phi_i^\varepsilon$ . After linearization (47) leads to

$$\delta n_i^\varepsilon(x) = -z_i n_i^{0,\varepsilon}(x) \left( \delta\Psi^\varepsilon(x) + \Phi_i^\varepsilon(x) + \Psi^{ext,*}(x) \right). \quad (48)$$

Introducing (48) into (25)-(34) and using (46), linearizing (i.e. making a first-order Taylor expansion) yields the following equations

$$-\varepsilon^2 \Delta \delta\Psi^\varepsilon + \beta \left( \sum_{j=1}^N z_j^2 n_j^{0,\varepsilon}(x) \right) \delta\Psi^\varepsilon = -\beta \sum_{j=1}^N z_j^2 n_j^{0,\varepsilon}(x) (\Phi_j^\varepsilon + \Psi^{ext,*}) \quad \text{in } \Omega^\varepsilon, \quad (49)$$

$$\nabla \delta\Psi^\varepsilon \cdot \nu = 0 \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega^\varepsilon \setminus \partial\Omega, \quad (50)$$

$$\varepsilon^2 \Delta \mathbf{w}^\varepsilon - \nabla P^\varepsilon = -\mathbf{f}^* - \sum_{j=1}^N z_j n_j^{0,\varepsilon}(x) (\nabla \Phi_j^\varepsilon + \mathbf{E}^*) - \frac{\mathcal{T}_T}{\mathcal{T}_c} \varepsilon^2 \Delta \frac{\partial \delta \mathbf{u}^\varepsilon}{\partial t} \quad \text{in } \Omega^\varepsilon, \quad (51)$$

$$\operatorname{div}(\mathbf{w}^\varepsilon + \frac{\mathcal{T}_T}{\mathcal{T}_c} \frac{\partial \delta \mathbf{u}^\varepsilon}{\partial t}) = 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega^\varepsilon, \quad \mathbf{w}^\varepsilon = 0 \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega^\varepsilon \setminus \partial\Omega, \quad (52)$$

$$\frac{\mathcal{T}_d}{\mathcal{T}_c} n_j^{0,\varepsilon}(x) \frac{\partial \Phi_j^\varepsilon}{\partial t} - \operatorname{div} \left( n_j^{0,\varepsilon}(x) (\nabla \Phi_j^\varepsilon + \mathbf{E}^* + \frac{Pe_j}{z_j} \mathbf{w}^\varepsilon) \right) = -\frac{\mathcal{T}_d}{\mathcal{T}_c} n_j^{0,\varepsilon}(x) \frac{\partial \delta \Psi^\varepsilon}{\partial t} \quad \text{in } \Omega^\varepsilon, \quad (53)$$

$$(\nabla \Phi_j^\varepsilon + \mathbf{E}^*) \cdot \nu = 0 \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega^\varepsilon \setminus \partial\Omega, \quad (54)$$

$$\mathbf{w}^\varepsilon, P^\varepsilon, \Phi_j^\varepsilon \text{ are } L\text{-periodic}, \quad (55)$$

where, for convenience, we introduced a global pressure  $P^\varepsilon$

$$P^\varepsilon = \delta p^\varepsilon + \sum_{j=1}^N z_j n_j^{0,\varepsilon} (\delta\Psi^\varepsilon + \Phi_j^\varepsilon + \Psi^{ext,*}). \quad (56)$$

It is important to remark that now, even after the global pressure  $P^\varepsilon$  has been introduced,  $\delta\Psi^\varepsilon$  enters equations (51)-(55) and thus is coupled to the main unknowns  $\delta\mathbf{u}^\varepsilon$ ,  $P^\varepsilon$  and  $\Phi_i^\varepsilon$  (contrary to the case of a rigid porous medium). It remains to write the linearized equations for the displacements. By linearization of (16), (18), we obtain

$$-\operatorname{div}(Ae(\delta\mathbf{u}^\varepsilon)) = \mathbf{f}^* \quad \text{in } \Omega_s^\varepsilon, \quad (57)$$

$$Ae(\delta\mathbf{u}^\varepsilon) \cdot \nu = \left( -\delta p^\varepsilon I + 2\varepsilon^2 e(\mathbf{w}^\varepsilon) + 2\frac{\mathcal{T}_T}{\mathcal{T}_c}\varepsilon^2 e\left(\frac{\partial\delta\mathbf{u}^\varepsilon}{\partial t}\right) + \frac{\varepsilon^2}{\beta}(\nabla\Psi^{0,\varepsilon} \otimes \nabla\delta\Psi^\varepsilon + \nabla\delta\Psi^\varepsilon \otimes \nabla\Psi^{0,\varepsilon} - \nabla\Psi^{0,\varepsilon} \cdot \nabla\delta\Psi^\varepsilon I) \right) \nu \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega^\varepsilon \setminus \partial\Omega, \quad (58)$$

$$\delta\mathbf{u}^\varepsilon \text{ is } L\text{-periodic.} \quad (59)$$

Because the forcing term  $\mathbf{f}^*$  appears in both the fluid and solid equations, while the normal stress is continuous at the fluid-solid interface, and since the boundary conditions are of periodic type, the force must satisfy the following compatibility condition

$$\int_{\Omega} \mathbf{f}^* \, dx = 0. \quad (60)$$

## 6 Choice of the time scale in the linearized model

As explained in Remark 3 we have three time scales in the problem. The goal of this section is to discuss and compare these time scales.

Recall that, according to Table 1, we have  $\mathcal{T}_T/\mathcal{T}_d = (\eta D^0)/(\Lambda \ell^2) \approx 1e-5$ . Therefore the diffusive time scale  $\mathcal{T}_d$  is much larger than Terzaghi's time scale  $\mathcal{T}_T = \eta/(\varepsilon^2 \Lambda)$ , namely  $\mathcal{T}_d \gg \mathcal{T}_T$ . With our data the value of the Terzaghi time is  $\mathcal{T}_T = 1,52$  hours. Our motivation is the study of nuclear waste storage which are buried in some deep geological layers. The worst radioactive waste has a half life of about  $10^5$  to  $10^6$  years. Therefore we choose the characteristic time scale to be of this order,  $\mathcal{T}_c \approx 10^5$  years. It is clearly much larger than  $\mathcal{T}_T$  which is linked to the vibration period of the fluid-structure system. Our choice  $\mathcal{T}_c \gg \mathcal{T}_T$  simplifies a lot the analysis since the time derivative disappears in the nonlinear model (25), (27), but also in the linearized model (51), (52). Then, the structure deformation is weakly coupled to the electrokinetic model. More precisely, we first solve the electrokinetic model (independently of the elastic deformation) and in a second step we compute the elastic displacement which depends on the electrokinetic flow.

It remains to compare the diffusive time scale  $\mathcal{T}_d$  with our choice of the characteristic time scale  $\mathcal{T}_c$ . Remember that, from definition (24), we have  $\mathcal{T}_d = \mathcal{L}_c^2/D^0$  where  $\mathcal{L}_c$  is the observation length. To define  $\mathcal{L}_c$  we introduce a so-called observation time scale  $\mathcal{T}_{obs}$  which is related to  $\mathcal{L}_c$  through the characteristic velocity  $v_c$  defined by (22)

$$\mathcal{L}_c = v_c \mathcal{T}_{obs} = \ell \sqrt{\frac{p_c \mathcal{T}_{obs}}{\eta}}.$$

In other words the observation time coincides with the convective time. At least in its early life, the waste disposal will be observed on a yearly basis. Therefore we choose the observation time to be  $\mathcal{T}_{obs} = 1$  year  $\approx 3.15e7$  sec. Looking at the data from Table 1, we find out  $p_c = 3e5$  Pa which implies that  $\mathcal{L}_c \approx 0.15$  m. Next, by virtue of (24) we find  $\mathcal{T}_d = 0.32e7$  sec, which is roughly 1 month. Thus, we conclude that  $\mathcal{T}_c \gg \mathcal{T}_d$ , which will be our standing assumption in the sequel. Note that

this conclusion would be the same if we had chosen the observation length  $\mathcal{L}_c$  to be of the order of the size of a single waste package (typically 1 m). With the chosen scaling  $\mathcal{T}_c \gg \mathcal{T}_d$  we are back to the results of the articles [6] and [7]. The swelling of the elastic structure is calculated a posteriori.

**Remark 6.** *Another possible scaling of time is  $\mathcal{T}_c \approx \mathcal{T}_d$  (it could correspond, for example, to identify  $\mathcal{T}_c$  with  $\mathcal{T}_{obs}$ ). In such a case, there is still a weak coupling between the deformability of the structure and the electrokinetic system. However, this case is more complicated than the previous one ( $\mathcal{T}_c \gg \mathcal{T}_d$ ) because equation (49) for the potential perturbation  $\delta\Psi^\varepsilon$  remains coupled to the ionic potential equation (53).*

The above discussion shows that by neglecting all terms multiplied by the factors  $\mathcal{T}_T/\mathcal{T}_c$  and  $\mathcal{T}_d/\mathcal{T}_c$ , we obtain a simplified system in lieu of (51)-(55).

**Lemma 7.** *Assume that the physical parameters are such that  $\mathcal{T}_T \ll \mathcal{T}_c$  and  $\mathcal{T}_d \ll \mathcal{T}_c$ . In the limit when the ratio  $\mathcal{T}_T/\mathcal{T}_c$  and  $\mathcal{T}_d/\mathcal{T}_c$  vanish, system (51)-(55) simplifies to*

$$\varepsilon^2 \Delta \mathbf{w}^\varepsilon - \nabla P^\varepsilon = -\mathbf{f}^* - \sum_{j=1}^N z_j n_j^{0,\varepsilon}(x) (\nabla \Phi_j^\varepsilon + \mathbf{E}^*) \quad \text{in } \Omega^\varepsilon, \quad (61)$$

$$\operatorname{div} \mathbf{w}^\varepsilon = 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega^\varepsilon, \quad \mathbf{w}^\varepsilon = 0 \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega^\varepsilon \setminus \partial\Omega, \quad (62)$$

$$-\operatorname{div} \left( n_j^{0,\varepsilon}(x) (\nabla \Phi_j^\varepsilon + \mathbf{E}^* + \frac{\operatorname{Pe}_j}{z_j} \mathbf{w}^\varepsilon) \right) = 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega^\varepsilon, \quad (63)$$

$$(\nabla \Phi_j^\varepsilon + \mathbf{E}^*) \cdot \nu = 0 \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega^\varepsilon \setminus \partial\Omega, \quad (64)$$

$$\mathbf{w}^\varepsilon, P^\varepsilon, \Phi_j^\varepsilon \text{ are } L\text{-periodic.} \quad (65)$$

The decoupled system (61)-(65) is exactly the one obtained in the case of a rigid porous medium, studied in [6]. Therefore, the deformation of the porous medium is weakly coupled to the electrokinetic flow since we first homogenize (61)-(65) and later homogenize (49)-(50) for  $\delta\Psi^\varepsilon$  and (57)-(59) for the solid displacement  $\delta\mathbf{u}^\varepsilon$ .

## 7 Homogenization of the decoupled electrokinetic system

The homogenization of (61)-(65) is completely identical to that of the electrokinetics system for a rigid porous medium. It was already performed in our previous work [6] and we merely recall its results for the sake of completeness.

We first recall the variational formulation of (61)-(65) which relies on the following functional space for the velocity

$$H^\varepsilon = \{ \mathbf{z} \in H^1(\Omega^\varepsilon)^d, \operatorname{div} \mathbf{z} = 0 \text{ in } \Omega^\varepsilon, \mathbf{z} = 0 \text{ on } \partial\Omega^\varepsilon \setminus \partial\Omega, L\text{-periodic in } x \},$$

and for the ionic potential

$$H_{\#}^1(\Omega^\varepsilon) = \{ \phi \in H^1(\Omega^\varepsilon), L\text{-periodic in } x \}.$$

Introducing a bilinear form  $a(\cdot, \cdot)$  and a linear form  $\mathfrak{L}(\cdot)$ , it reads: find  $\mathbf{w}^\varepsilon \in H^\varepsilon$  and  $\{\Phi_j^\varepsilon\}_{j=1,\dots,N} \in H_{\#}^1(\Omega^\varepsilon)$

$H_{\#}^1(\Omega^\varepsilon)^N$ , such that

$$\begin{aligned}
a((\mathbf{w}^\varepsilon, \{\Phi_j^\varepsilon\}), (\xi, \{\phi_j\})) &:= \varepsilon^2 \int_{\Omega^\varepsilon} \nabla \mathbf{w}^\varepsilon : \nabla \xi \, dx + \sum_{j=1}^N z_j \int_{\Omega^\varepsilon} n_j^{0,\varepsilon} (\mathbf{w}^\varepsilon \cdot \nabla \phi_j - \xi \cdot \nabla \Phi_j^\varepsilon) \, dx \\
&\quad + \sum_{j=1}^N \frac{z_j^2}{\text{Pe}_j} \int_{\Omega^\varepsilon} n_j^{0,\varepsilon} \nabla \Phi_j^\varepsilon \cdot \nabla \phi_j \, dx \\
&= \mathfrak{L}(\xi, \{\phi_j\}) := \sum_{j=1}^N z_j \int_{\Omega^\varepsilon} n_j^{0,\varepsilon} \mathbf{E}^* \cdot \left( \xi - \frac{z_j}{\text{Pe}_j} \nabla \phi_j \right) \, dx + \int_{\Omega^\varepsilon} \mathbf{f}^* \cdot \xi \, dx, \tag{66}
\end{aligned}$$

for any test functions  $\xi \in H^\varepsilon$  and  $\{\phi_j\}_{j=1,\dots,N} \in H_{\#}^1(\Omega^\varepsilon)^N$ .

**Lemma 8.** (see [6]) Let  $\mathbf{E}^*$  and  $\mathbf{f}^*$  be given elements of  $L^2(\Omega)^d$ . The variational formulation (66) admits a unique solution  $(\mathbf{w}^\varepsilon, \{\Phi_j^\varepsilon\}) \in H^\varepsilon \times H_{\#}^1(\Omega^\varepsilon)^d$ , such that  $\int_{\Omega^\varepsilon} \Phi_j^\varepsilon(x) \, dx = 0$ . Furthermore, there exists a constant  $C$ , which does not depend on  $\varepsilon$ ,  $\mathbf{f}^*$  and  $\mathbf{E}^*$ , such that the solution satisfies the following a priori estimate

$$\|\mathbf{w}^\varepsilon\|_{L^2(\Omega^\varepsilon)^d} + \varepsilon \|\nabla \mathbf{w}^\varepsilon\|_{L^2(\Omega^\varepsilon)^{d^2}} + \max_{1 \leq j \leq N} \|\Phi_j^\varepsilon\|_{H^1(\Omega^\varepsilon)} \leq C \left( \|\mathbf{E}^*\|_{L^2(\Omega)^d} + \|\mathbf{f}^*\|_{L^2(\Omega)^d} \right).$$

All unknowns (velocity, pressure and ionic potentials) are merely defined in the fluid part  $\Omega^\varepsilon$  of the porous domain. It is convenient to extend them to the whole domain  $\Omega$ . For simplicity we keep the same notation for the functions in  $\Omega^\varepsilon$  and their extensions in  $\Omega$ . This is not difficult for the velocity  $\mathbf{w}^\varepsilon$  which we extend by 0 in the solid part. For the ionic potential  $\Phi_j^\varepsilon$  we use the extension operator introduced in [1] and which is uniformly bounded from  $H^1(\Omega^\varepsilon)$  in  $H^1(\Omega)$ . For the pressure field we use the extension proposed in [41] (see also [5]).

In the present periodic setting the appropriate convergence is *the two-scale convergence* [4], [31]. We just recall its definition.

**Definition 9.** A sequence  $\{w^\varepsilon\} \subset L^2(\Omega)$  is said to two-scale converge to a limit  $w \in L^2(\Omega \times Y)$  if  $\|w^\varepsilon\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \leq C$ , and for any  $\varphi \in C_0^\infty(\Omega; C_\#^\infty(Y))$  ( $\#$  denotes 1-periodicity) one has

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_{\Omega} w^\varepsilon(x) \varphi\left(x, \frac{x}{\varepsilon}\right) \, dx = \int_{\Omega} \int_Y w(x, y) \varphi(x, y) \, dy \, dx$$

Using the a priori estimates and the notion of two-scale convergence, we were able to prove in [6] our main convergence result for the solutions of system (61)-(65).

**Theorem 10.** (see [6]) Let  $n_j^{0,\varepsilon}$  be given by (39),  $\{\mathbf{w}^\varepsilon, \{\Phi_j^\varepsilon\}_{j=1,\dots,N}\}$  be the variational solution of (66) and  $P^\varepsilon$  be the corresponding pressure in (61). Then there exist limits  $(\mathbf{w}^0, P^0) \in L^2(\Omega; H_{\#}^1(Y)^d) \times L^2(\Omega)$  and  $\{\Phi_j^0, \Phi_j^1\}_{j=1,\dots,N} \in \left( H^1(\Omega) \times L^2(\Omega; H_{\#}^1(Y)) \right)^N$  such that the following convergences hold

$$\mathbf{w}^\varepsilon \rightarrow \mathbf{w}^0(x, y) \quad \text{in the two-scale sense} \tag{67}$$

$$\varepsilon \nabla \mathbf{w}^\varepsilon \rightarrow \nabla_y \mathbf{w}^0(x, y) \quad \text{in the two-scale sense} \tag{68}$$

$$P^\varepsilon \rightarrow P^0(x) \quad \text{strongly in } L^2(\Omega) \tag{69}$$

$$\{\Phi_j^\varepsilon\} \rightarrow \{\Phi_j^0(x)\} \quad \text{weakly in } H^1(\Omega) \text{ and strongly in } L^2(\Omega) \tag{70}$$

$$\{\nabla \Phi_j^\varepsilon\} \rightarrow \{\nabla_x \Phi_j^0(x) + \nabla_y \Phi_j^1(x, y)\} \quad \text{in the two-scale sense} \tag{71}$$



Furthermore,  $(\mathbf{w}^0, P^0, \{\Phi_j^0, \Phi_j^1\})$  is the unique solution of the corresponding two-scale homogenized problem.

We do not give the detailed two-scale homogenized problem (see [6] if necessary) but we rather give the following decomposition of those limits in Theorem 10 which still depend on the microscopic variable  $y$ , as proved in [6],

$$\mathbf{w}^0(x, y) = \sum_{k=1}^d \left( -\mathbf{v}^{0,k}(y) \left( \frac{\partial P^0}{\partial x_k} - f_k^* \right) (x) + \sum_{i=1}^N \mathbf{v}^{i,k}(y) \left( E_k^* + \frac{\partial \Phi_i^0}{\partial x_k} \right) (x) \right), \quad (72)$$

$$\Phi_j^1(x, y) = \sum_{k=1}^d \left( -\theta_j^{0,k}(y) \left( \frac{\partial P^0}{\partial x_k} - f_k^* \right) (x) + \sum_{i=1}^N \theta_j^{i,k}(y) \left( E_k^* + \frac{\partial \Phi_i^0}{\partial x_k} \right) (x) \right), \quad (73)$$

where we introduced two family of cell problems, indexed by  $k \in \{1, \dots, d\}$ . We denote by  $\{\mathbf{e}^k\}_{1 \leq k \leq d}$  the canonical basis of  $\mathbb{R}^d$ .

The first cell problem, corresponding to the macroscopic pressure gradient, is

$$-\Delta_y \mathbf{v}^{0,k}(y) + \nabla_y \pi^{0,k}(y) = \mathbf{e}^k + \sum_{j=1}^N z_j n_j^0(y) \nabla_y \theta_j^{0,k}(y) \quad \text{in } Y_F \quad (74)$$

$$\operatorname{div}_y \mathbf{v}^{0,k}(y) = 0 \quad \text{in } Y_F, \quad \mathbf{v}^{0,k}(y) = 0 \quad \text{on } S, \quad (75)$$

$$-\operatorname{div}_y \left( n_j^0(y) (\nabla_y \theta_j^{0,k}(y) + \frac{\mathbf{P}e_j}{z_j} \mathbf{v}^{0,k}(y)) \right) = 0 \quad \text{in } Y_F \quad (76)$$

$$\nabla_y \theta_j^{0,k}(y) \cdot \nu = 0 \quad \text{on } S. \quad (77)$$

The second cell problem, corresponding to the macroscopic electric field, is for each species  $i \in \{1, \dots, N\}$

$$-\Delta_y \mathbf{v}^{i,k}(y) + \nabla_y \pi^{i,k}(y) = \sum_{j=1}^N z_j n_j^0(y) (\delta_{ij} \mathbf{e}^k + \nabla_y \theta_j^{i,k}(y)) \quad \text{in } Y_F \quad (78)$$

$$\operatorname{div}_y \mathbf{v}^{i,k}(y) = 0 \quad \text{in } Y_F, \quad \mathbf{v}^{i,k}(y) = 0 \quad \text{on } S, \quad (79)$$

$$-\operatorname{div}_y (n_j^0(y) (\delta_{ij} \mathbf{e}^k + \nabla_y \theta_j^{i,k}(y) + \frac{\mathbf{P}e_j}{z_j} \mathbf{v}^{i,k}(y))) = 0 \quad \text{in } Y_F \quad (80)$$

$$(\delta_{ij} \mathbf{e}^k + \nabla_y \theta_j^{i,k}(y)) \cdot \nu = 0 \quad \text{on } S, \quad (81)$$

where  $\delta_{ij}$  is the Kronecker symbol. As usual the cell problems are complemented with periodic boundary conditions.

We now average (72)-(73) with respect to  $y$  in order to get a purely macroscopic homogenized problem. To start with, we recall our definition of the chemical potential  $\mu_j^\varepsilon = \mu_j^{0,\varepsilon} + \ln n_j^\varepsilon$  which is the scaled version of (3). Following Remark 1 in [6], it turns out that, for the homogenized problem, it is better to use the total electrochemical potential defined by

$$\mu_j^{\varepsilon,T} = \mu_j^\varepsilon + z_j \Psi^\varepsilon. \quad (82)$$

Its small perturbation is thus

$$\delta \mu_j^{\varepsilon,T} = \delta \mu_j^\varepsilon + z_j \delta \Psi^\varepsilon = -z_j (\Phi_j^\varepsilon + \Psi^{ext,*}).$$

Next we introduce the ionic flux of the  $j$ th species

$$\mathbf{j}_j^\varepsilon = \frac{z_j}{\text{Pe}_j} n_{0,j}^\varepsilon \left( \nabla \Phi_j^\varepsilon + \mathbf{E}^* + \frac{\text{Pe}_j}{z_j} \mathbf{w}^\varepsilon \right),$$

where  $\mathbf{E}^* = \nabla \Psi^{ext,*}$ . We then define their averages which will be the effective quantities

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_j^{0,T}(x) &= -z_j(\Phi_j^0(x) + \Psi^{ext,*}(x)), \\ \mathbf{j}_j^0(x) &= \frac{z_j}{\text{Pe}_j |Y_F|} \int_{Y_F} n_j^0(y) (\nabla_x \Phi_j^0(x) + \mathbf{E}^* + \nabla_y \Phi_j^1(x, y) + \frac{\text{Pe}_j}{z_j} \mathbf{w}^0(x, y)) dy, \\ \mathbf{w}(x) &= \frac{1}{|Y_F|} \int_{Y_F} \mathbf{w}^0(x, y) dy. \end{aligned}$$

Note that, for the ease of reading, we dropped the  $\delta$  prefix. We are now able to write the homogenized or upscaled equations for the above effective fields.

**Proposition 11.** (see [6]) *Define the gradient vector of pressure and total chemical potentials,  $\mathcal{F} = (\nabla_x P^0, \{\nabla_x \mu_j^{0,T}/z_i\})$ , the fluid velocity and the ionic fluxes  $\mathcal{J} = (\mathbf{w}, \{\mathbf{j}_j^0\})$ . The effective equations are*

$$\begin{aligned} \text{div}_x \mathcal{J} &= 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega, \\ \mathcal{J} &= -\mathcal{M} \mathcal{F} + \mathcal{M}(\mathbf{f}^*, \{0\}), \\ P^0, \Phi_j^0 & \quad L\text{-periodic}, \end{aligned} \tag{83}$$

where the overall tensor  $\mathcal{M}$  is symmetric positive definite, defined by

$$\mathcal{M} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{K} & \frac{\mathbb{J}_1}{z_1} & \dots & \frac{\mathbb{J}_N}{z_N} \\ \mathbb{L}_1 & \frac{\mathbb{D}_{11}}{z_1} & \dots & \frac{\mathbb{D}_{1N}}{z_N} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \mathbb{L}_N & \frac{\mathbb{D}_{N1}}{z_1} & \dots & \frac{\mathbb{D}_{NN}}{z_N} \end{pmatrix}. \tag{84}$$

The blocks of  $\mathcal{M}$  are defined by

$$\begin{aligned} \{\mathbb{J}_i\}_{lk} &= \frac{1}{|Y_F|} \int_{Y_F} \mathbf{v}^{i,k}(y) \cdot \mathbf{e}^l dy, \quad \{\mathbb{K}\}_{lk} = \frac{1}{|Y_F|} \int_{Y_F} \mathbf{v}^{0,k}(y) \cdot \mathbf{e}^l dy, \\ \{\mathbb{D}_{ji}\}_{lk} &= \frac{1}{|Y_F|} \int_{Y_F} n_j^0(y) (\mathbf{v}^{i,k}(y) + \frac{z_j}{\text{Pe}_j} (\mathbf{e}^k \delta_{ij} + \nabla_y \theta_j^{i,k}(y))) \cdot \mathbf{e}^l dy, \\ \{\mathbb{L}_j\}_{lk} &= \frac{1}{|Y_F|} \int_{Y_F} n_j^0(y) \left( \mathbf{v}^{0,k}(y) + \frac{z_j}{\text{Pe}_j} \nabla_y \theta_j^{0,k}(y) \right) \cdot \mathbf{e}^l dy. \end{aligned}$$

The tensor  $\mathbb{K}$  is called permeability tensor, and  $\mathbb{D}_{ji}$  electrodiffusion tensors. The symmetry of the tensor  $\mathcal{M}$  is precisely the famous Onsager's reciprocal relations (see Proposition 3 in [6]).

**Remark 12.** *Besides the standard convergences of the microscopic variables to the effective ones, in [6] we also established the following strong convergences:*

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_{\Omega^\varepsilon} \left| \mathbf{w}^\varepsilon(x) - \mathbf{w}^0(x, \frac{x}{\varepsilon}) \right|^2 dx = 0$$

and

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_{\Omega^\varepsilon} \left| \nabla \left( \Phi_j^\varepsilon(x) - \Phi_j^0(x) - \varepsilon \Phi_j^1(x, \frac{x}{\varepsilon}) \right) \right|^2 dx = 0.$$

## 8 Homogenization of the potential perturbation $\delta\Psi^\varepsilon$

Once the main electokinetics system (61)-(65) has been homogenized, we now turn to the equations (49)-(50) for the potential perturbation  $\delta\Psi^\varepsilon$ . The corresponding variational formulation is: find  $\delta\Psi^\varepsilon \in H_{\#}^1(\Omega^\varepsilon)$  such that

$$\varepsilon^2 \int_{\Omega^\varepsilon} \nabla \delta\Psi^\varepsilon \cdot \nabla \varphi \, dx + \beta \int_{\Omega^\varepsilon} \left( \sum_{j=1}^N z_j^2 n_j^{0,\varepsilon} \right) \delta\Psi^\varepsilon \varphi \, dx = -\beta \sum_{j=1}^N z_j^2 \int_{\Omega^\varepsilon} n_j^{0,\varepsilon} (\Phi_j^\varepsilon + \Psi^{ext,*}) \varphi \, dx, \quad (85)$$

for any test functions  $\varphi \in H_{\#}^1(\Omega^\varepsilon)$ . Note that, in (85), the functions  $n_j^{0,\varepsilon}$  are periodic coefficients, already determined by the equilibrium solution (39). Taking  $\varphi = \delta\Psi^\varepsilon$  in (85) we obtain an energy equality from which it is straightforward to prove the following a priori estimate.

**Lemma 13.** *Let  $\Psi^{ext,*}$ ,  $\mathbf{E}^*$  and  $\mathbf{f}^*$  be given elements of  $L^2(\Omega)$ . The variational formulation (85) admits a unique solution  $\delta\Psi^\varepsilon \in H_{\#}^1(\Omega^\varepsilon)$ . Furthermore, there exists a constant  $C$ , which does not depend on  $\varepsilon$ ,  $\mathbf{f}^*$  and  $\Psi^{ext,*}$ , such that the solution satisfies the following a priori estimates*

$$\varepsilon^2 \|\nabla \delta\Psi^\varepsilon\|_{L^2(\Omega^\varepsilon)^d}^2 + \|\delta\Psi^\varepsilon\|_{L^2(\Omega^\varepsilon)}^2 \leq C \left( \|\Psi^{ext,*}\|_{H^1(\Omega)}^2 + \|\mathbf{f}^*\|_{L^2(\Omega)^d}^2 \right).$$

Using the a priori estimates, the notion of two-scale convergence, and recalling that, by virtue of (39), the functions  $n_j^{0,\varepsilon}$  are periodic, we are able to prove our main convergence result for the solutions of system (49)-(50).

**Theorem 14.** *Let  $n_j^{0,\varepsilon}$  be given by (39) and  $\delta\Psi^\varepsilon$  be the variational solution of (85). Then there exist a limit  $\delta\Psi^0 \in L^2(\Omega; H_{\#}^1(Y))$  such that the following convergences hold*

$$\begin{aligned} \delta\Psi^\varepsilon &\rightarrow \delta\Psi^0(x, y) && \text{in the two-scale sense} \\ \varepsilon \nabla \delta\Psi^\varepsilon &\rightarrow \nabla_y \delta\Psi^0(x, y) && \text{in the two-scale sense} \end{aligned}$$

Furthermore,  $\delta\Psi^0(x, y)$  is the unique solution of the two-scale homogenized problem

$$-\Delta_y \delta\Psi^0 + \beta \left( \sum_{k=1}^N z_k^2 n_k^0(y) \right) \delta\Psi^0 = -\beta \sum_{j=1}^N z_j^2 n_j^0(y) (\Phi_j^0(x) + \Psi^{ext,*}(x)) \quad \text{in } \Omega \times Y_F, \quad (86)$$

$$\nabla_y \delta\Psi^0(x, y) \cdot \nu(y) = 0 \quad \text{on } \Omega \times S, \quad (87)$$

$$\delta\Psi^0(x, y) \text{ being 1-periodic in } y \text{ and } L\text{-periodic in } x. \quad (88)$$

Again, it is important to separate the fast and the slow scale. To this end, we introduce the cell problems

$$-\Delta_y \xi^j(y) + \beta \left( \sum_{k=1}^N z_k^2 n_k^0(y) \right) \xi^j(y) = -\beta z_j^2 n_j^0(y) \quad \text{in } Y_F, \quad (89)$$

$$\nabla_y \xi^j(y) \cdot \nu(y) = 0 \quad \text{on } S, \quad \xi^j \text{ being 1-periodic in } y, \quad (90)$$

which admits a unique solution by application of the Lax-Milgram lemma. Furthermore, by summing these problems over  $j$ , we easily deduce that

$$\sum_{j=1}^N \xi^j(y) = -1 \quad \text{in } Y_F, \quad (91)$$

and by the maximum principle we deduce  $-1 \leq \xi^j(y) \leq 0$ , for  $j = 1, \dots, N$ , in  $Y_F$ , while

$$\delta\Psi^0(x, y) = \sum_{j=1}^N \xi^j(y)(\Phi_j^0(x) + \Psi^{ext,*}(x)). \quad (92)$$

Finally, we obtain the strong convergence of this sequence.

**Proposition 15.** *The following strong two-scale convergences hold*

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_{\Omega^\varepsilon} \varepsilon^2 \left| \nabla \left( \delta\Psi^\varepsilon(x) - \delta\Psi^0\left(x, \frac{x}{\varepsilon}\right) \right) \right|^2 dx = 0$$

and

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_{\Omega^\varepsilon} \left| \delta\Psi^\varepsilon(x) - \delta\Psi^0\left(x, \frac{x}{\varepsilon}\right) \right|^2 dx = 0.$$

*Proof.* This is an easy consequence of the following energy convergence

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \varepsilon^2 \int_{\Omega^\varepsilon} |\nabla \delta\Psi^\varepsilon|^2 dx &= \int_{\Omega} \int_{Y_F} |\nabla_y \delta\Psi^0(x, y)|^2 dx dy, \\ \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_{\Omega^\varepsilon} \left( \sum_{k=1}^N z_k^2 n_k^{0,\varepsilon} \right) |\delta\Psi^\varepsilon|^2 dx &= \int_{\Omega} \int_{Y_F} \left( \sum_{k=1}^N z_k^2 n_k^0(y) \right) |\delta\Psi^0(x)|^2 dx dy, \end{aligned}$$

and of the notion of strong two-scale convergence [4]. The energy convergences are obtained by simply passing to the limit in (85) with the test function  $\delta\Psi^\varepsilon$  and using the weak lower semi-continuity of two-scale convergence.  $\square$

## 9 Homogenization of the displacement perturbation $\delta\mathbf{u}^\varepsilon$

It remains to homogenize the linearized equation for the displacement. To simplify the notations in this section, we denote by  $\mathbf{u}^\varepsilon$  the perturbation  $\delta\mathbf{u}^\varepsilon$ . We recall equations (57)-(59):

$$-\operatorname{div}(Ae(\mathbf{u}^\varepsilon)) = \mathbf{f}^* \quad \text{in } \Omega_s^\varepsilon, \quad (93)$$

$$Ae(\mathbf{u}^\varepsilon) \cdot \nu = \sigma^{f1,\varepsilon} \nu \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega^\varepsilon \setminus \partial\Omega, \quad (94)$$

$$\mathbf{u}^\varepsilon \text{ is } L\text{-periodic.} \quad (95)$$

In the boundary condition (94) we used the fluid stress tensor defined by

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma^{f1,\varepsilon} &= -P^\varepsilon I + 2\varepsilon^2 e(\mathbf{w}^\varepsilon) + \sum_{j=1}^N z_j n_j^{0,\varepsilon} (\delta\Psi^\varepsilon + \Phi_j^\varepsilon + \Psi^{ext,*}) I \\ &+ \frac{\varepsilon^2}{\beta} (\nabla\Psi^{0,\varepsilon} \otimes \nabla\delta\Psi^\varepsilon + \nabla\delta\Psi^\varepsilon \otimes \nabla\Psi^{0,\varepsilon} - \nabla\Psi^{0,\varepsilon} \cdot \nabla\delta\Psi^\varepsilon I), \end{aligned} \quad (96)$$

which is the linearization of the fluid stress tensor  $\sigma^{f,\varepsilon}$ , defined by (25). The corresponding variational form is: find  $\mathbf{u}^\varepsilon \in H_{\#}^1(\Omega_s^\varepsilon)^d$ , such that

$$\int_{\Omega_s^\varepsilon} Ae(\mathbf{u}^\varepsilon) : e(\varphi) dx = \int_{\partial\Omega^\varepsilon \setminus \partial\Omega} \sigma^{f1,\varepsilon} \nu \cdot \varphi dS + \int_{\Omega_s^\varepsilon} \mathbf{f}^* \cdot \varphi dx, \quad (97)$$

for any test functions  $\varphi \in H_{\#}^1(\Omega_s^\varepsilon)^d$ .

As in the scalar case, it is comfortable to work with functions defined on the entire domain  $\Omega$ . The same  $H^1$ -extension works for vector valued functions in periodic perforated domains (see [33], Sec. 4, Chapter 1). According to Theorem 4.2 in [33], there exists an extension operator  $\Pi_\varepsilon : H^1(\Omega_s^\varepsilon)^d \rightarrow H^1(\Omega)^d$  such that, for every  $\mathbf{v} \in H^1(\Omega_s^\varepsilon)^d$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Pi_\varepsilon \mathbf{z} &= \mathbf{z}, \quad \forall \text{ rigid motions } \mathbf{z}, \quad \|\Pi_\varepsilon \mathbf{v}\|_{H^1(\Omega)^d} \leq C_1 \|\mathbf{v}\|_{H^1(\Omega_s^\varepsilon)^d}, \\ \|\Pi_\varepsilon \mathbf{v}\|_{L^2(\Omega)^d} + \|e(\Pi_\varepsilon \mathbf{v})\|_{L^2(\Omega)^{d^2}} &\leq C_1 \left( \|\mathbf{v}\|_{H^1(\Omega_s^\varepsilon)^d} + \|e(\mathbf{v})\|_{L^2(\Omega_s^\varepsilon)^{d^2}} \right), \\ \|\nabla \Pi_\varepsilon \mathbf{v}\|_{L^2(\Omega)^d} &\leq C_1 \|\nabla \mathbf{v}\|_{H^1(\Omega_s^\varepsilon)^d}, \quad \|e(\Pi_\varepsilon \mathbf{v})\|_{L^2(\Omega)^{d^2}} \leq C_1 \|e(\mathbf{v})\|_{L^2(\Omega_s^\varepsilon)^{d^2}}. \end{aligned}$$

In the sequel we identify  $\mathbf{u}^\varepsilon$  and its extension  $\Pi_\varepsilon(\mathbf{u}^\varepsilon)$  and we omit writing the extension operator. The homogenization of linearized elasticity systems, like (93)-(95), is a standard problem (see e.g. [39]). The originality here is the non-homogeneous Neumann boundary condition, which couples the elasticity problem with the electrokinetic system.

**Lemma 16.** *Let  $\Psi^{ext,*}$ ,  $\mathbf{E}^*$  and  $\mathbf{f}^*$  be given elements of  $L^2(\Omega)$ . The variational formulation (97) admits a unique solution  $\mathbf{u}^\varepsilon \in H_{\#}^1(\Omega_s^\varepsilon)^d$ , such that  $\int_{\Omega} \mathbf{u}^\varepsilon dx = 0$ . Furthermore, there exists a constant  $C$ , which does not depend on  $\varepsilon$ ,  $\mathbf{f}^*$  and  $\Psi^{ext,*}$ , such that the solution satisfies the following a priori estimates*

$$\|\nabla \mathbf{u}^\varepsilon\|_{L^2(\Omega)^{d^2}}^2 + \|\mathbf{u}^\varepsilon\|_{L^2(\Omega)^d}^2 \leq C \left( \|\Psi^{ext,*}\|_{H^1(\Omega)}^2 + \|\mathbf{f}^*\|_{L^2(\Omega)^d}^2 \right). \quad (98)$$

*Proof.* For a smooth  $L$ -periodic test function  $\varphi$ , by using Stokes divergence theorem we rewrite

$$\int_{\partial\Omega^\varepsilon \setminus \partial\Omega} \sigma^{f^{1,\varepsilon}\nu} \cdot \varphi dS = - \int_{\Omega^\varepsilon} \operatorname{div}(\sigma^{f^{1,\varepsilon}\varphi}) dx = \int_{\Omega^\varepsilon} \mathbf{f}^* \cdot \varphi dx - \int_{\Omega^\varepsilon} \sigma^{f^{1,\varepsilon}} : \nabla \varphi dx,$$

where we used equation (61) in the fluid domain. Therefore, the variational formulation (97) becomes

$$\int_{\Omega_s^\varepsilon} A e(\mathbf{u}^\varepsilon) : e(\varphi) dx = \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{f}^* \cdot \varphi dx - \int_{\Omega^\varepsilon} \sigma^{f^{1,\varepsilon}} : \nabla \varphi dx.$$

Hence, using the compatibility condition (60), we find out that the Fredholm alternative is satisfied and problem (97) admits a solution  $\mathbf{u}^\varepsilon \in H_{\#}^1(\Omega_s^\varepsilon)^d$ , unique up to an additive constant. Next we choose  $\varphi = \mathbf{u}^\varepsilon$  (or, more precisely, its uniformly bounded extension in  $\Omega$ ) as a test function and obtain the uniform bound for  $e(\mathbf{u}^\varepsilon)$  in  $L^2(\Omega_s^\varepsilon)^{d^2}$ . By the property of the extension,  $e(\mathbf{u}^\varepsilon)$  is also uniformly bounded in  $L^2(\Omega)^{d^2}$ . Now if we choose  $\mathbf{u}^\varepsilon$  such that  $\int_{\Omega} \mathbf{u}^\varepsilon dx = 0$ , it is a unique solution for problem (97). By Korn's inequality it satisfies inequality (98) since  $\sigma^{f^{1,\varepsilon}}$  depends on terms bounded by the right hand side of (98).  $\square$

Using the a priori estimates and the notion of two-scale convergence, we are able to prove our main convergence result for the solutions of system (93)-(95). Recall that  $n_j^{0,\varepsilon}$  are given periodic functions and that  $\Phi_j^\varepsilon$  converges weakly in  $H^1(\Omega)$  to  $\Phi_j^0$  by virtue of Theorem 10.

**Theorem 17.** Let  $n_j^{0,\varepsilon}$  be given by (39) and  $\mathbf{u}^\varepsilon$  be the variational solution of (97). Then there exist limits  $\mathbf{u}^0 \in H_{\#}^1(\Omega)^d$  and  $\mathbf{u}^1 \in L^2(\Omega; H_{\#}^1(Y)^d)$  such that the following convergences hold

$$\mathbf{u}^\varepsilon \rightarrow \mathbf{u}^0(x) \quad \text{in the two-scale sense} \quad (99)$$

$$\nabla \mathbf{u}^\varepsilon \rightarrow \nabla_x \mathbf{u}^0(x) + \nabla_y \mathbf{u}^1(x, y) \quad \text{in the two-scale sense} \quad (100)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma^{f1,\varepsilon} \rightarrow \sigma^{f1} &= -P^0(x)I + \sum_{j=1}^N z_j n_j^0(y) (\delta \Psi^0(x, y) + \Phi_j^0(x) + \Psi^{ext,*}(x)) I \\ &+ \frac{1}{\beta} (\nabla_y \Psi^0(y) \otimes \nabla_y \delta \Psi^0(x, y) + \nabla_y \delta \Psi^0(y) \otimes \nabla_y \Psi^0(y) - \nabla_y \Psi^0(y) \cdot \nabla_y \delta \Psi^0(x, y) I) \end{aligned} \quad (101)$$

in the two-scale sense

Furthermore,  $(\mathbf{u}^0, \mathbf{u}^1)$  is the unique solution of the two-scale homogenized problem

$$-\operatorname{div}_y (A(e_y(\mathbf{u}^1) + e_x(\mathbf{u}^0))) = 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega \times Y_s, \quad (102)$$

$$A(e_y(\mathbf{u}^1) + e_x(\mathbf{u}^0)) \cdot \nu(y) = \sigma^{f1} \cdot \nu \quad \text{on } \Omega \times S, \quad (103)$$

$$\mathbf{u}^0 \text{ being } L\text{-periodic in } x, \quad \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{u}^0 dx = 0, \quad (104)$$

$$\mathbf{u}^1 \text{ being } 1\text{-periodic in } y, \quad \int_{Y_s} \mathbf{u}^1 dy = 0, \quad (105)$$

$$-\operatorname{div}_x \int_{Y_s} A(e_y(\mathbf{u}^1) + e_x(\mathbf{u}^0)) dy = \mathbf{f}^* - \operatorname{div}_x \int_{Y_F} \sigma^{f1}(x, y) dy \quad \text{in } \Omega. \quad (106)$$

Again, it is important to separate the fast and the slow scale. We introduce the following cell problems. For  $i, j = 1, \dots, d$ , find vector valued function  $\mathbf{w}^{ij} \in H_{\#}^1(Y_s)^d$ , with  $\int_{Y_s} \mathbf{w}^{ij}(y) dy = 0$ , satisfying

$$\begin{cases} -\operatorname{div}_y \left\{ A \left( \frac{\mathbf{e}^i \otimes \mathbf{e}^j + \mathbf{e}^j \otimes \mathbf{e}^i}{2} + e_y(\mathbf{w}^{ij}) \right) \right\} = 0 & \text{in } Y_s, \\ A \left( \frac{\mathbf{e}^i \otimes \mathbf{e}^j + \mathbf{e}^j \otimes \mathbf{e}^i}{2} + e_y(\mathbf{w}^{ij}) \right) \nu = 0 & \text{on } \partial Y_s \setminus \partial Y, \end{cases} \quad (107)$$

and find vector valued function  $\mathbf{b}^0 \in H_{\#}^1(Y_s)^d$ ,  $\int_{Y_s} \mathbf{b}^0(y) dy = 0$ , satisfying

$$\begin{cases} -\operatorname{div}_y (Ae_y(\mathbf{b}^0)) = 0 & \text{in } Y_s, \\ Ae_y(\mathbf{b}^0) \nu = -\nu & \text{on } \partial Y_s \setminus \partial Y. \end{cases} \quad (108)$$

We need a third type of cell problems, linked to the ionic potentials. For  $j = 1, \dots, N$ , find  $\kappa^j \in H_{\#}^1(Y_s)^d$ , with  $\int_{Y_s} \kappa^j(y) dy = 0$ , such that

$$\begin{cases} -\operatorname{div}_y (Ae_y(\kappa^j)) = 0 & \text{in } Y_s, \\ Ae_y(\kappa^j) \nu = \left( n_j^0 I + \frac{1}{\beta} (\nabla_y \Psi^0 \otimes \nabla_y \xi^j + \nabla_y \xi^j \otimes \nabla_y \Psi^0 - \nabla_y \Psi^0 \cdot \nabla_y \xi^j I) \right) \nu & \text{on } \partial Y_s \setminus \partial Y. \end{cases} \quad (109)$$

Due to the periodicity, the problems (107), (108) and (109) have a unique solution with regularity depending only on the smoothness of the geometry. With the assumptions made,  $\mathbf{w}^{ij}$ ,  $\mathbf{b}^0$  and  $\kappa^j$  belong to  $H^2(Y_s)^d$ .

Then we have the following scale separation formula

$$\mathbf{u}^1(x, y) = \sum_{i,j=1}^d \mathbf{w}^{ij}(y) e_{ij}(\mathbf{u}^0(x)) + P^0(x) \mathbf{b}^0(y) + \sum_{j=1}^N \kappa^j(y) z_j (\Phi_j^0(x) + \Psi^{ext,*}(x)), \quad (110)$$

where  $e_{ij}(\mathbf{u}^0)$  is the  $(i, j)$ -entry of the strain tensor  $e_x(\mathbf{u}^0)$ . The effective coefficients are given by

$$\mathcal{A}_{kl}^H = \left( \int_{Y_s} A \left( \frac{\mathbf{e}^i \otimes \mathbf{e}^j + \mathbf{e}^j \otimes \mathbf{e}^i}{2} + e_y(\mathbf{w}^{ij}) \right) dy \right)_{kl}, \quad (111)$$

$$\mathcal{B}^H = \int_{Y_s} A e_y(\mathbf{b}^0) dy, \quad (112)$$

and, for  $j = 1, \dots, N$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{C}^{H,j} &= \int_{Y_s} A e_y(\kappa^j) dy + \sum_{k=1}^N z_k I \int_{Y_F} n_k^0(y) (\xi^j(y) + \delta_{kj}) dy \\ &+ \frac{1}{\beta} \int_{Y_F} (\nabla_y \psi^0 \otimes \nabla_y \xi^j + \nabla_y \xi^j \otimes \nabla_y \psi^0 - \nabla_y \psi^0 \cdot \nabla_y \xi^j I) dy. \end{aligned}$$

**Proposition 18.** *The effective equation satisfied by  $\mathbf{u}^0$  is*

$$\begin{aligned} -\operatorname{div}_x (\mathcal{A}^H e_x(\mathbf{u}^0)) + \operatorname{div}_x \left( (|Y_F|I - \mathcal{B}^H) P^0 - \sum_{j=1}^N \mathcal{C}^{H,j} (\Phi_j^0 + \Psi^{ext,*}) \right) &= \mathbf{f}^*(x) \quad \text{in } \Omega, \quad (113) \\ \mathbf{u}^0 \text{ being } L\text{-periodic in } x, \quad \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{u}^0 dx &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

The fourth-order tensor  $\mathcal{A}^H$  and the second-order tensor  $\mathcal{B}^H$ , defined by (111) and (112), respectively, are positive definite and symmetric. Furthermore, we have the following strong convergence:

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_{\Omega_\varepsilon} |e(\mathbf{u}^\varepsilon - \mathbf{u}^0 - \varepsilon \mathbf{u}^1(x, \frac{x}{\varepsilon}))|^2 dx = 0. \quad (114)$$

*Proof.* Inserting the value (101) of  $\sigma^{f1}$  and (110) into equation (106), averaging in  $y$  leads to the effective equation for  $\mathbf{u}^0$ . Note that, in (113), the pressure  $P^0$  and the ionic potentials  $\Phi_j^0$  are like source terms since they have already been determined in Section 7. The proof of the symmetry and positive definiteness of  $\mathcal{A}^H$  and  $\mathcal{B}^H$  is classical (see [39]).

Eventually, (114) is a consequence of the notion of strong two-scale convergence [4] and of the following energy convergence

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_{\Omega_\varepsilon} A e(\mathbf{u}^\varepsilon) : e(\mathbf{u}^\varepsilon) dx = \int_{\Omega} \int_{Y_s} A (e_x(\mathbf{u}^0) + e_y(\mathbf{u}^1)) : (e_x(\mathbf{u}^0) + e_y(\mathbf{u}^1)) dy dx,$$

which is obtained by simply passing to the limit in (97) with the test function  $\mathbf{u}^\varepsilon$  and using the weak lower semi-continuity of two-scale convergence.  $\square$

## 10 Assembling the global homogenized problem

The first goal of this section is to assemble the global homogenized system from the previously obtained, decoupled limit equations. Second, we explain how to recover the concentrations from the ionic potentials which have been introduced in the change of variables (47). Third, we give a dimensional version of our results, which may be more useful for the more physically or numerically inclined reader.

We start by collecting the results of the previous sections and writing down the asymptotic behavior of all unknowns in non-dimensional form. These unknowns, defined in Section 3, are the electrostatic potential  $\Psi^\varepsilon$ , the species concentrations  $n_i^\varepsilon$ , the convective velocity  $\mathbf{w}^\varepsilon$  and the elastic displacement  $\mathbf{u}^\varepsilon$ . Their asymptotic behavior is obtained by summing the equilibrium solutions of Section 4 to their small perturbations, homogenized limits of the solutions of the linearized equations of Section 5. These homogenized limits are obtained in Section 7 for the electrokinetic system, in Section 8 for the potential and in Section 9 for the elastic displacement. Furthermore, we recall that our results are obtained under our specific choice of time scaling, explained in Section 6.

**Theorem 19.** *Let  $\Psi^0$  be given by (41),  $n_j^0 = n_j^0(\infty) \exp\{-z_j \Psi^0\}$  by (40) and  $\xi^j$  by (89)-(90). Let  $\mathbf{w}^0$  be the velocity given by (72),  $\Phi_j^0$  be the ionic potential and  $P^0$  the effective pressure, given by (83). Let  $\mathbf{u}_\pi^1$  be the equilibrium elastic displacement, solution of (44)-(45), and  $\mathbf{u}^0$  be the perturbed elastic displacement, solution of the Biot equation (113).*

*Then the obtained two-scale approximations are summarized as follows:*

$$\Psi^\varepsilon(x) \approx \Psi^0(y) + \sum_{j=1}^N \xi^j(y) (\Phi_j^0(x) + \Psi^{ext,*}(x)) \quad (115)$$

$$n_i^\varepsilon(x) \approx n_i^0(y) \left( 1 - z_i \sum_{j=1}^N (\xi^j(y) + \delta_{ij}) (\Phi_j^0(x) + \Psi^{ext,*}(x)) \right) \quad (116)$$

$$\mathbf{w}^\varepsilon(x) \approx \mathbf{w}^0(x, y) \quad (117)$$

$$p^\varepsilon(x) \approx P^0(x) + \sum_{i,j=1}^N n_j^0(y) (\delta_{ij} - z_j (\xi^i(y) + \delta_{ij})) (\Phi_i^0(x) + \Psi^{ext,*}(x)) \quad (118)$$

$$\mathbf{u}^\varepsilon(x) \approx \varepsilon \mathbf{u}_\pi^1(y) + \mathbf{u}^0(x), \quad (119)$$

with the variable  $y = x/\varepsilon$ .

*Proof.* The starting point is the linearization expansion (46). The leading terms (indexed with an exponent 0) in the linearization are the equilibrium solutions computed in Section 4. Concerning the perturbations (denoted with a prefix  $\delta$ ), we first recall the change of variable (48) which replace  $\delta n_i^\varepsilon$  by the ionic potential  $\Phi_i^\varepsilon$ . Then, each perturbative term has an asymptotic expansion provided by Theorem 10 in Section 7, Theorem 14 in Section 8 and Theorem 17 in Section 9. Collecting these results yields (115)-(119).  $\square$

The next step is to average, with respect to  $y$ , the right hand sides in Theorem 19 in order to obtain the effective or upscaled unknowns. To do so, we introduce some averaged and constant



quantities

$$\begin{aligned}\Xi_j &= \frac{1}{|Y_F|} \int_{Y_F} \xi^j(y) dy, \quad n_j^{\text{moy}} = \frac{1}{|Y_F|} \int_{Y_F} n_j^0(y) dy, \quad j = 1, \dots, N, \\ \Psi^{\text{moy}} &= \frac{1}{|Y_F|} \int_{Y_F} \Psi^0(y) dy, \quad \mathcal{N}_{ij} = \frac{z_i}{|Y_F|} \int_{Y_F} n_i^0(y) (\xi^j(y) + \delta_{ij}) dy, \quad i, j = 1, \dots, N.\end{aligned}\quad (120)$$

The superscript "moy" indicates an averaged quantity. We also remark that the equilibrium displacement  $\mathbf{u}_\pi^1$ , solution of the cell problem (44)-(45), is defined up to an additive constant. We therefore choose this constant such that

$$\int_{Y_s} \mathbf{u}_\pi^1(y) dy = 0.$$

Even if we do not make this choice, the average of the equilibrium displacement is small because it is multiplied by  $\varepsilon$  in (119). From these definitions, we deduce the macroscopic or effective quantities (in non-dimensionalized form: this is outlined by the "nond" exponent)

$$\Psi^{\text{eff,nond}}(x) = \Psi^{\text{moy}} + \sum_{j=1}^N \Xi_j (\Phi_j^0(x) + \Psi^{\text{ext},*}(x)), \quad (121)$$

$$n_i^{\text{eff,nond}}(x) = n_i^{\text{moy}} - \sum_{j=1}^N \mathcal{N}_{ij} (\Phi_j^0(x) + \Psi^{\text{ext},*}(x)), \quad (122)$$

$$\mathbf{w}^{\text{eff,nond}}(x) = -\mathbb{K} (\nabla_x P^0(x) - \mathbf{f}^*(x)) + \sum_{i=1}^N \mathbb{J}_i (\nabla_x \Phi_i^0(x) + \mathbf{E}^*(x)), \quad (123)$$

$$p^{\text{eff,nond}}(x) = P^0(x) + \sum_{j=1}^N n_j^{\text{moy}} - \sum_{k,j=1}^N \mathcal{N}_{jk} (\Phi_k^0(x) + \Psi^{\text{ext},*}(x)) = P^0(x) + \sum_{j=1}^N n_j^{\text{eff,nond}}(x) \quad (124)$$

$$\mathbf{u}^{\text{eff,nond}}(x) = \mathbf{u}^0(x). \quad (125)$$

All these physical quantities (121)-(125) depend on the unknowns  $\{P^0, \mathbf{u}^0, \Phi_j^0\}$  which are found by solving successively the electrokinetic homogenized system (83) for  $\{P^0, \Phi_j^0\}$  and the homogenized Biot equation (113) for  $\mathbf{u}^0$ .

From a physical point of view, the ionic potentials  $\Phi_j^0$  are not the most convenient unknowns and one would rather replace them by some effective concentrations. We now explain how to recover the concentrations from these ionic potentials, which were introduced in the change of variables (47), and why the homogenized system (83) cannot possibly be written in terms of concentrations rather than ionic potentials.

As in the proof of Theorem 19, we start from equation (48) which, in the two-scale limit, gives

$$\delta n_i(x, y) = -z_i n_i^0(y) (\delta \Psi^0(x, y) + \Phi_i^0(x) + \Psi^{\text{ext},*}(x)). \quad (126)$$

The limit perturbed potential  $\delta \Psi^0(x, y)$  is a solution of the homogenized equation (86), with the boundary conditions (87) and (88), and is given by (92). We recall the definition (82) of the total electrochemical potential, adapted here to the homogenized potentials

$$\mu_j^{0,T}(x) = -z_j (\Phi_j^0(x) + \Psi^{\text{ext},*}(x)). \quad (127)$$

From (126) and (127) we deduce

$$\delta n_i(x, y) = n_i^0(y) \left( \mu_i^{0,T}(x) + \sum_{j=1}^N \frac{z_i}{z_j} \mu_j^{0,T}(x) \xi_j(y) \right). \quad (128)$$

Averaging (128) on the unit cell yields

$$\delta n_i(x) = \frac{1}{|Y_F|} \int_{Y_F} \delta n_i(x, y) dy = \sum_{j=1}^N \frac{1}{z_j} \mathcal{N}_{ij} \mu_j^{0,T}(x),$$

where  $\mathcal{N}_{ij}$  is defined by (120). Introducing the matrix  $A = (a_{ij})$  defined by

$$a_{ij} = \frac{\mathcal{N}_{ij}}{z_j},$$

we recover the perturbed concentrations from the homogenized electrochemical potential

$$\delta n(x) = A \mu^{0,T}(x)$$

The key point, which prevents the use of the unknown  $\delta n$  in lieu of  $\mu^{0,T}$ , is the following lemma.

**Lemma 20.** *The matrix  $A$  is symmetric and not invertible. Furthermore, in the limit  $\beta \rightarrow +\infty$   $A$  is non-negative and its kernel is of dimension one.*

*Proof.* By virtue of (91) we know that the solutions  $\xi_j(y)$  are not independent. From (91) we deduce

$$\sum_{j=1}^N \mathcal{N}_{ij} = \sum_{j=1}^N z_j a_{ij} = 0.$$

In other words, the vector  $(z_1, \dots, z_N)$  belongs to the kernel of  $A$  which is thus not invertible.

For a vector  $\lambda = (\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_N)$ , introduce  $n_\lambda^0 = \sum_{j=1}^N \lambda_j z_j^2 n_j^0$  and  $\xi_\lambda = \sum_{j=1}^N \lambda_j \xi_j$  which is a solution of

$$-\Delta_y \xi_\lambda + \beta \left( \sum_{j=1}^N z_j^2 n_j^0 \right) \xi_\lambda = -\beta n_\lambda^0 \text{ in } Y_F,$$

$$\nabla_y \xi_\lambda \cdot \nu = 0 \text{ on } S, \quad y \rightarrow \xi_\lambda(y) \text{ is } Y\text{-periodic.}$$

In view of definition (120) of  $\mathcal{N}_{ij}$ , one can check that the matrix  $A$  satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} |Y_F| A \lambda \cdot \mu &= \sum_{i,j=1}^N \mu_i \lambda_j \frac{z_i}{z_j} \int_{Y_F} n_i^0(y) (\xi_j^j(y) + \delta_{ij}) dy \\ &= \int_{Y_F} n_\mu^0(y) \xi_{\bar{\lambda}}(y) dy + \sum_{j=1}^N \lambda_j \mu_j \int_{Y_F} n_j^0(y) dy \\ &= -\beta^{-1} \int_{Y_F} \left( \nabla \xi_{\bar{\mu}} \cdot \nabla \xi_{\bar{\lambda}}(y) + \beta \left( \sum_{j=1}^N z_j^2 n_j^0 \right) \xi_{\bar{\lambda}} \xi_{\bar{\mu}} \right) dy + \sum_{j=1}^N \lambda_j \mu_j \int_{Y_F} n_j^0(y) dy, \end{aligned}$$

with  $\tilde{\lambda} = (\lambda_1/z_1, \dots, \lambda_N/z_N)$ , which proves the symmetry of  $A$ . In the limit as  $\beta \rightarrow +\infty$ , we now prove that the matrix  $A$  is non-negative and that its kernel is reduced to the vector  $(z_1, \dots, z_N)$ . Indeed, for  $\beta = +\infty$  one find

$$\xi_\lambda = \frac{-n_\lambda^0}{\sum_{j=1}^N z_j^2 n_j^0}$$

By Cauchy-Schwarz inequality we deduce

$$-n_{\tilde{\lambda}}^0(y) \xi_{\tilde{\lambda}}(y) = \frac{\left(\sum_{j=1}^N \tilde{\lambda}_j z_j^2 n_j^0(y)\right)^2}{\sum_{j=1}^N z_j^2 n_j^0(y)} \leq \sum_{j=1}^N \lambda_j^2 n_j^0(y),$$

which proves that  $A\lambda \cdot \lambda \geq 0$  and equality can happen only in the case of equality in the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality which is equivalent to the vector  $(\lambda_j \sqrt{n_j^0})$  being parallel to  $(z_j \sqrt{n_j^0})$ . In other words, the kernel of  $A$  is reduced to the vector  $(z_1, \dots, z_N)$ .  $\square$

**Remark 21.** For example, consider an electrolyte with two ions ( $N = 2$ ). Then, the matrix  $A$ , being symmetric and having  $(z_1, z_2)$  in its kernel, is necessary of the type

$$A = a^2 \begin{pmatrix} z_2^2 & -z_1 z_2 \\ -z_1 z_2 & z_1^2 \end{pmatrix},$$

for some constant  $a$ . One cannot use the perturbed concentrations  $\delta n_i(x)$  as unknowns, in place of the total electrochemical potentials  $\mu_i^{0,T}(x)$ , since they satisfy the following electro-neutrality condition

$$\sum_{j=1}^N \delta n_j(x) = 0,$$

which is the direct consequence of the vector  $(z_1, \dots, z_N)$  belonging to the kernel of  $A$ .

Our last task is to rewrite the effective equations (83) (electrokinetic system) and (113) (Biot equation) in dimensional form. Following the adimensionalization choices of Section 3, we define the following dimensionalized unknowns

$$\mathbf{u}^{\text{eff}} = u_c^s \mathbf{u}^{\text{eff,nond}}, \quad P^{\text{eff}} = p_c P^0, \quad \Phi_j^{\text{eff}} = \zeta \Phi_j^0, \quad \mathbf{w}^{\text{eff}} = v_c \mathbf{w}^{\text{eff,nond}}.$$

We also introduced the dimensional Darcy permeability tensor  $\mathbb{K}^D = \ell^2 \mathbb{K}$  and the Gassmann elasticity tensor  $\mathbb{A}^G = \Lambda A^H$ . Then, we deduce

$$-\text{div}_x \{\mathbb{A}^G e_x(\mathbf{u}^{\text{eff}})\} + \text{div}_x \{(|Y_F|I - \mathcal{B}^H)P^{\text{eff}} - en_c \sum_{j=1}^N \mathcal{C}^{H,j}(\Phi_j^{\text{eff}} + \Psi^{ext})\} = \mathbf{f} \text{ in } \Omega, \quad (129)$$

$$\text{div}_x \mathbf{w}^{\text{eff}} = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \text{div}_x \mathbf{j}_j^{\text{eff}} = 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega,$$

$$\mathbf{w}^{\text{eff}} = \frac{\ell^2 en_c}{\eta} \sum_{i=1}^N \mathbb{J}_i(\nabla_x \Phi_i^{\text{eff}}(x) + \mathbf{E}) - \frac{\mathbb{K}^D}{\eta} (\nabla_x P^{\text{eff}} - \mathbf{f}) \quad \text{in } \Omega,$$

$$\mathbf{j}_j^{\text{eff}} = \frac{n_c D_j^0}{\zeta} \sum_{i=1}^N \mathbb{D}_{ji}(\nabla_x \Phi_i^{\text{eff}}(x) + \mathbf{E}) - \frac{D_j^0}{k_B T} \mathbb{L}_j(\nabla_x P^{\text{eff}} - \mathbf{f}), \quad j = 1, \dots, N, \quad \text{in } \Omega.$$

We recall that Biot equation (129) for the effective displacement is decoupled from the rest of the system. Because of our scaling assumption from Section 6, our model corresponds to the long time behavior and it is static.

## 11 A convenient ALE formulation

In this section we explain how to couple the fluid and solid equations in a consistent manner. We use an ALE (Arbitrary Lagrangian Eulerian) formulation which is a classical setting in fluid-structure interaction (see e.g. [15], [36], [37], [45]). We first explain the coupling in full generality and then restrict our attention to small deformations of the solid skeleton of the porous medium, in order to recover the setting of Section 2.

The equations describing the deformation of the solid skeleton are usually written in Lagrangian coordinates. Let  $\Omega_s(0)$  be the initial solid skeleton configuration and  $\Omega_s(t)$  be its shape evolving with time  $t$ . We denote by  $\mathbf{u}^s$  the solid skeleton displacement in Lagrangian coordinates, which is defined in  $\Omega_s(0)$ . The fluid-solid structure interface is denoted by  $\Gamma(t)$ . At the interface we write the velocity continuity condition

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}^s}{\partial t} = \mathbf{v} \quad \text{on} \quad \Gamma(t), \quad (130)$$

where the fluid velocity is taken at a point  $x \in \Gamma(t)$  and at instant  $t$ , but the time derivative of the solid displacement  $\mathbf{u}^s$  should be taken at the position where that point  $x$  was initially. Since the fluid part  $\Omega_p(t) = \Omega \setminus (\Omega_s(t) \cup \Gamma(t))$  varies with time, the interface condition (130), as well as the contact force continuity, are nonlocal and the formulation gets unclear.

Our remedy is to use the following framework.

- (i) We assume that the solid displacement  $\mathbf{u}^s$  is smooth and can be smoothly extended to the pore space  $\Omega_p(0)$ .
- (ii) Following [15], [36], [37], we use Stokes equations in ALE coordinates (also called the "practicable ALE fluid problem in a fixed domain" in [45]).
- (iii) We consider the coupled problem consisting of the Navier equations of linearized elasticity and a particular arbitrary Lagrangian-Eulerian formulation for the flow.

The main advantage of this framework is to have fixed interfaces.

Hence we use the Lagrangian formulation for the solid skeleton  $\Omega_s$ . Let us denote by  $\xi \in \Omega_s(t)$  the Eulerian variable and by  $x \in \Omega_s(0)$  the Lagrangian variable (our notations are not the usual ones because we end up with a Lagrangian formulation and for simplicity of notations we prefer to use the letter  $x$  rather than  $\xi$ ). The solid displacement is  $\mathbf{u}^s = \xi - x$ . As already stated, we suppose it smooth and having a smooth extension to the initial pore space  $\Omega_p(0)$ . Next we introduce the deformation gradient  $\mathbf{F} = \nabla_x \xi$  and its Jacobian determinant as

$$\mathbf{F} = I + \nabla_x \mathbf{u}^s, \quad J = \det \mathbf{F}.$$

After [36], or section 2.1 in [45], the momentum equation in Lagrangian formulation reads

$$\begin{aligned} -\operatorname{div}_x (J \sigma^s \mathbf{F}^{-*}) &= \rho_s \mathbf{f} \quad \text{in} \quad \Omega_s(0) \\ \sigma^s &= J^{-1} \mathbf{F} A e(\mathbf{u}^s) \mathbf{F}^* \quad \text{with} \quad e(\mathbf{u}^s) = \frac{1}{2} (\nabla_x \mathbf{u}^s + (\nabla_x \mathbf{u}^s)^*), \end{aligned} \quad (131)$$

where  $\sigma^s$  is the stress tensor of the solid phase and  $A$  is a 4th order symmetric positive definite tensor. As usual, we assume an isotropic tensor,  $A_{ijkl} = 2\mu \delta_{ik} \delta_{jl} + \lambda \delta_{kl} \delta_{ij}$ , where  $\mu$  and  $\lambda$  are the Lamé moduli.

Next the flow equation in the ALE formulation reads as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
-\operatorname{div}_x(J\sigma^f \mathbf{F}^{-*}) &= J\rho_f \mathbf{f} \quad \text{in } \Omega_p(0), \\
\operatorname{div}_x(J\mathbf{F}^{-1}\mathbf{v}) &= 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega_p(0), \\
\sigma^f &= -pI + \eta(\nabla_x \mathbf{v} \mathbf{F}^{-1} + \mathbf{F}^{-*}(\nabla_x \mathbf{v})^*) + \mathcal{E}(\mathbf{E} \otimes \mathbf{E} - \frac{1}{2}|\mathbf{E}|^2) \quad \text{in } \Omega_p(0), \\
\partial_t \mathbf{u}^s &= \mathbf{v} \quad \text{on } \Gamma(0), \\
J\sigma^f \mathbf{F}^{-*} \nu &= J\sigma^s \mathbf{F}^{-*} \nu \quad \text{on } \Gamma(0).
\end{aligned}$$

We continue by transforming the Poisson equation for the electric potential

$$\mathcal{E} \operatorname{div}_x(J\mathbf{F}^{-1}\mathbf{F}^{-*}\nabla_x \Psi) = -Je \sum_{j=1}^N z_j n_j \quad \text{in } \Omega_p(0),$$

where  $\mathbf{E} = -\mathbf{F}^{-1}\nabla_x \Psi$  is the electrical field. The boundary condition reads

$$\mathcal{E} \mathbf{F}^{-1}\nabla_x \Psi \cdot \nu = -\Sigma \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega_p(0) \setminus \partial\Omega,$$

Finally, for the ion concentrations we have

$$\begin{aligned}
J \frac{\partial n_i}{\partial t} + J\mathbf{F}^{-1}(\mathbf{v} - \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}^s}{\partial t}) \cdot \nabla_x n_i + \operatorname{div}_x(J\mathbf{F}^{-1}\mathbf{j}_i) &= 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega_p(0), \quad i = 1, \dots, N, \\
\mathbf{j}_i &= -\frac{D_i}{k_B T} n_i \mathbf{F}^{-*} (k_B T \nabla_x \ln n_i + z_i e \nabla_x \Psi), \quad i = 1, \dots, N. \\
J\mathbf{F}^{-1}\mathbf{j}_i \cdot \nu &= 0 \quad \text{on } \Gamma(0).
\end{aligned} \tag{132}$$

After writing the complete pore level fluid-structure problem in this ALE Lagrangian formulation, we rely on the data of Table 1 (see Remark 2) to conclude that  $\mathbf{F} \approx I$  and  $J \approx 1$ . Therefore equations (131) to (132) simplify in the equations given in Section 2.

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