

Micro-macro models for reactive two-mineral systems

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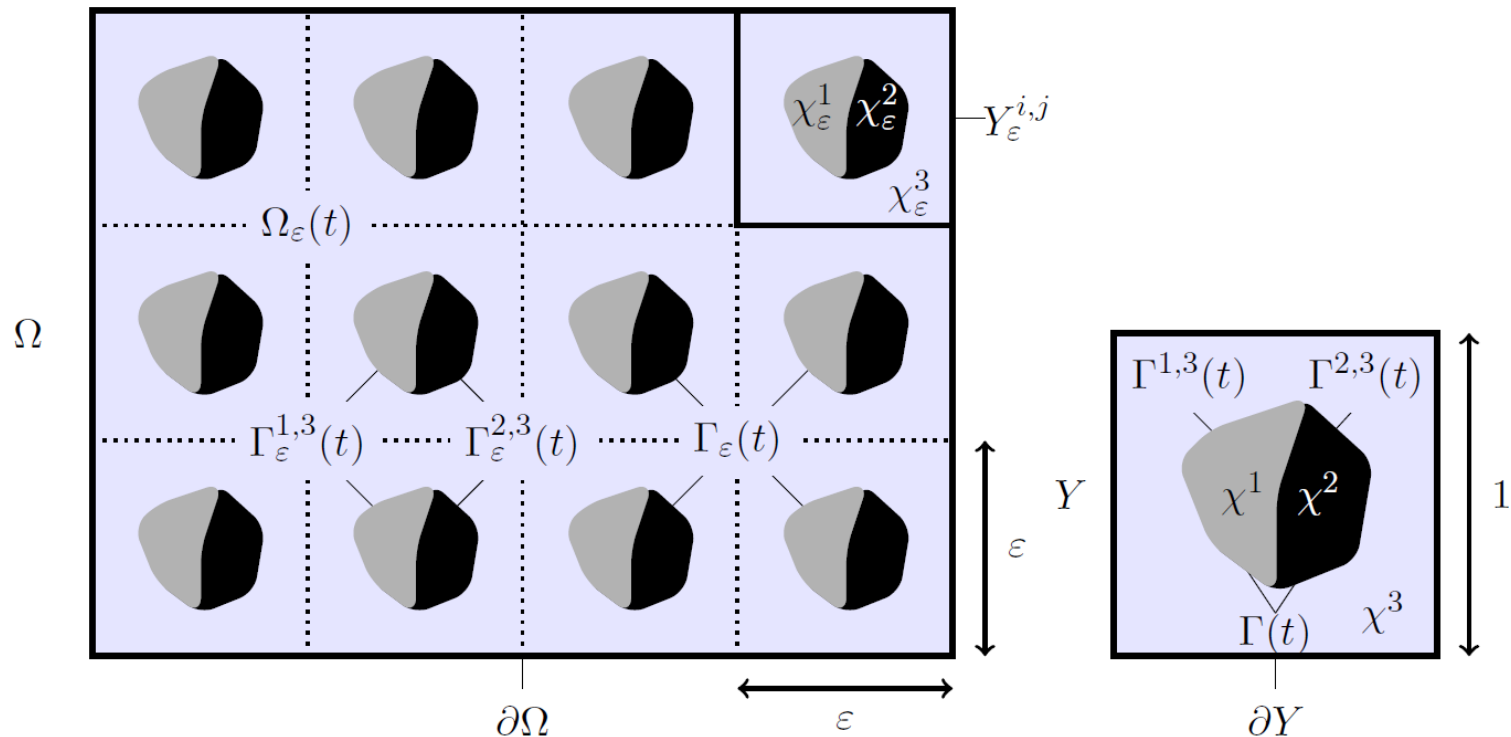
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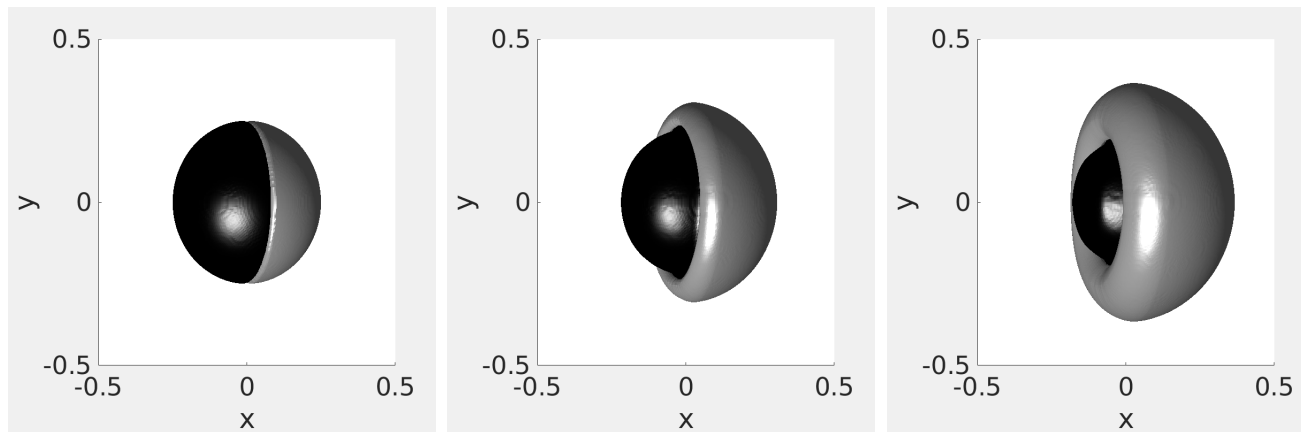
Reactive flow and transport modeling on different scales

- ▶ **Multiscale models (obtained by averaging)**

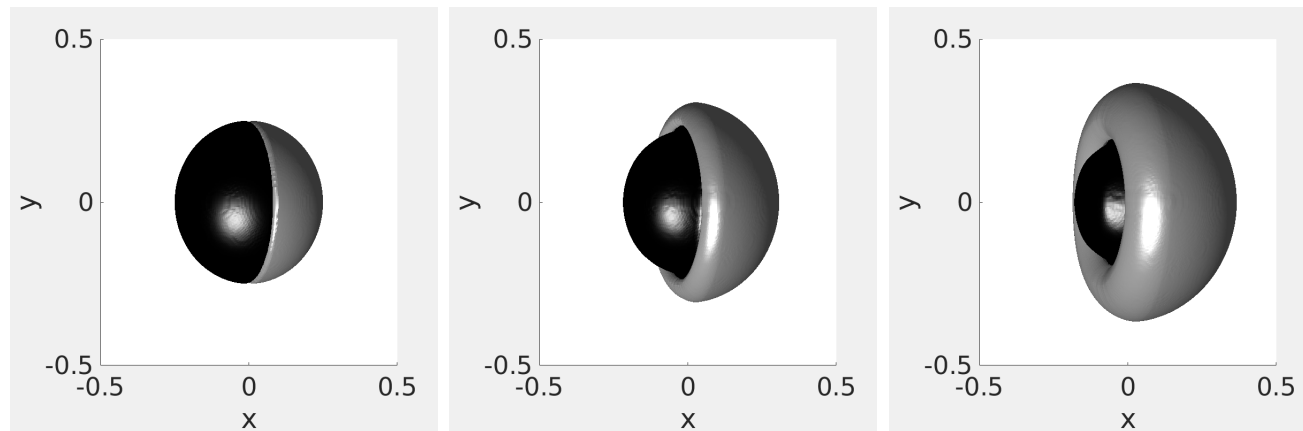
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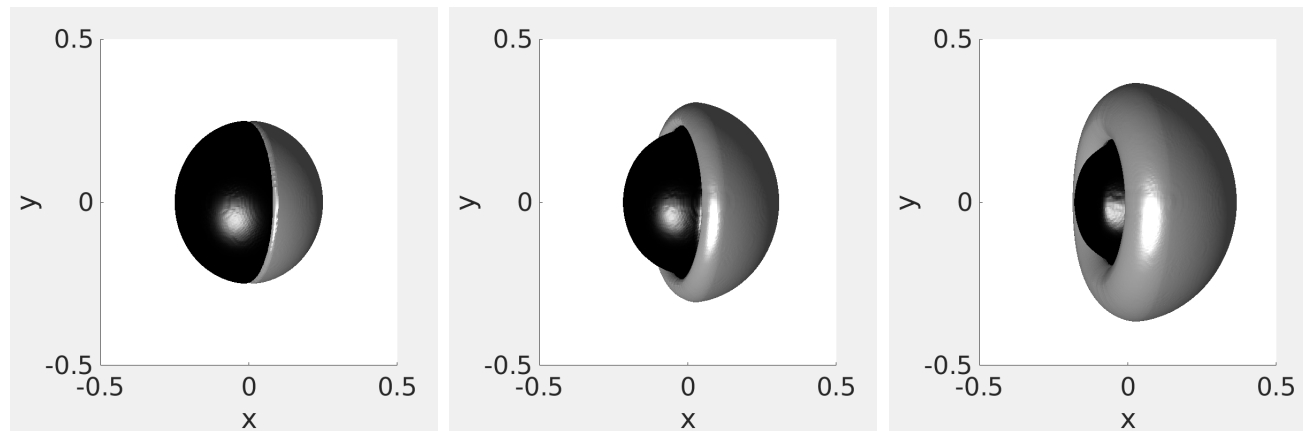
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Level set equation for level set L

$$\partial_t L_\varepsilon + v_{n,\varepsilon} |\nabla L_\varepsilon| = 0 \quad x \in \Omega$$

with normal velocity of the interface $v_{n,\varepsilon}$ related to distinct reaction kinetics.

Pore-scale model in evolving domain – reactive flow and transport

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with molecular diffusion D_m , interface normal ν_ε , reaction $f_i(c_\varepsilon, \rho)$, mineral densities ρ_i , and $\alpha_i = 1/\rho_i$, $i = 1, 2$.

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Stokes equation for advective velocity v_ε and pressure p_ε

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with dynamic viscosity μ .

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Upscaling via two-scale asymptotic expansion in level-set framework [van Noorden]

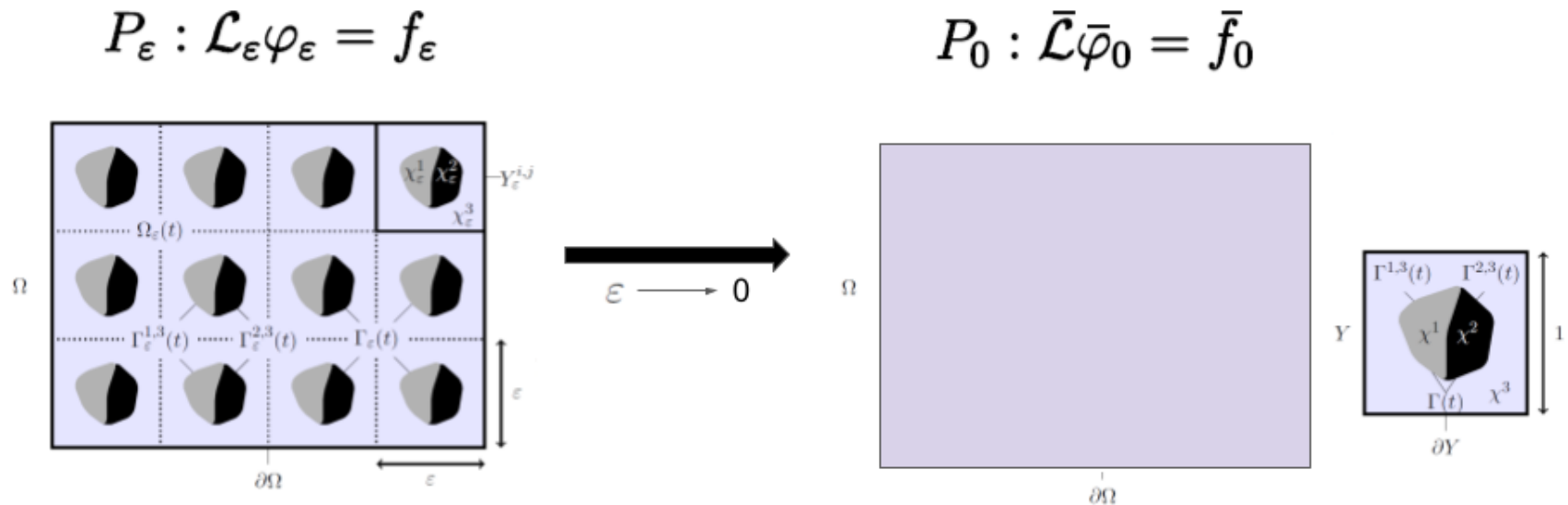


Figure: Upscaling concept. Left: idealized porous medium with scale parameter ε ; Right: micro-macro model with unit cell.

Two-way coupled micro-macro model

Transport equation for the concentration c_0

$$\partial_t(\theta c_0) + \nabla_x \cdot (\bar{v}_0 c_0) - \nabla_x \cdot (D \nabla_x c_0) = -\sigma_{1,2} f_1(c_0) - \sigma_{1,3} f_2(c_0) \quad \text{in } \Omega \times (0, T)$$

with porosity θ , effective diffusion tensor D and specific surfaces $\sigma_{i,j}$.

Darcy equation for the averaged velocity field \bar{v}_0 and pressure p_0

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{v}_0 &= -\frac{K}{\mu} \nabla p_0, & \text{in } \Omega, \quad t \in (0, T), \\ \nabla \cdot \bar{v}_0 &= -\sigma_{1,2} \alpha_1 f_1(c_0) - \sigma_{1,3} \alpha_2 f_2(c_0) & \text{in } \Omega, \quad t \in (0, T). \end{aligned}$$

with permeability tensor K .

Level set equation for level set ϕ_0

$$\partial_t L_0 - f_\delta(x, t, c_0, \rho, y) |\nabla_y L_0| = 0 \quad \text{in } Y \times \Omega \times (0, T)$$

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Cell problems in ζ_j for diffusion tensor

$$\begin{aligned} -\nabla_y \cdot (\nabla_y \zeta_j) &= 0 \\ \nabla_y \zeta_j \cdot \nu_0 &= -e_j \cdot \nu_0 \\ \zeta_j \text{ periodic in } y, \quad \int_{Y_{l,0}(t,x)} \zeta_j \, dy &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

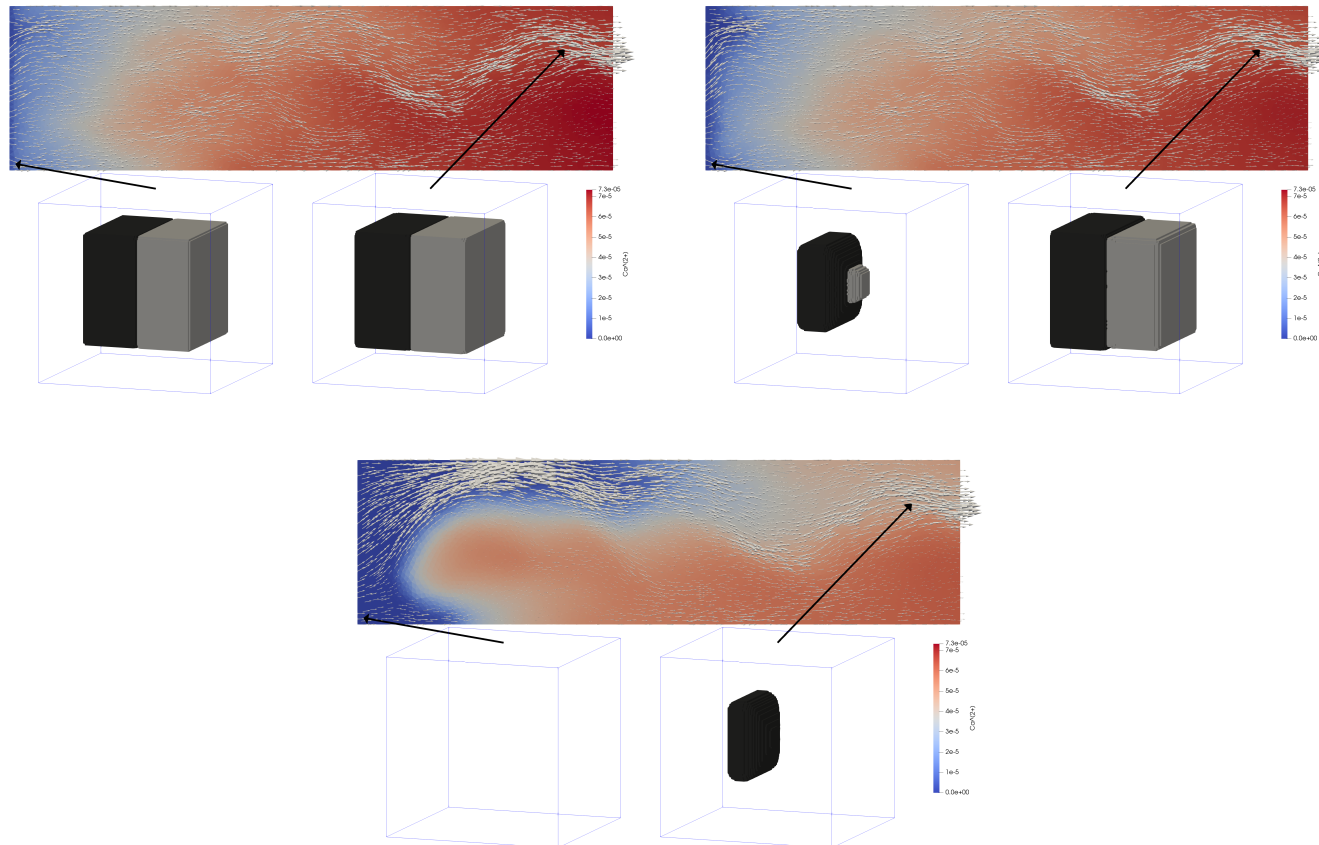
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Simulation scenario



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Interpolation

$$h_\delta(x) = \begin{cases} \left[\frac{\text{dist}(x, \tilde{\chi}_\varepsilon^2(t))}{2\delta\varepsilon} + \frac{1}{2} \right] h_1(x) + \left[-\frac{\text{dist}(x, \tilde{\chi}_\varepsilon^2(t))}{2\delta\varepsilon} + \frac{1}{2} \right] h_2(x), & \text{if } 0 < \text{dist}(x, \tilde{\chi}_\varepsilon^2(t)) \leq \delta\varepsilon \\ \left[-\frac{\text{dist}(x, \tilde{\chi}_\varepsilon^1(t))}{2\delta\varepsilon} + \frac{1}{2} \right] h_1(x) + \left[\frac{\text{dist}(x, \tilde{\chi}_\varepsilon^1(t))}{2\delta\varepsilon} + \frac{1}{2} \right] h_2(x), & \text{if } 0 < \text{dist}(x, \tilde{\chi}_\varepsilon^1(t)) \leq \delta\varepsilon \\ h_1(x), & \text{if } \text{dist}(x, \tilde{\chi}_\varepsilon^2(t)) > \delta\varepsilon \\ h_2(x), & \text{if } \text{dist}(x, \tilde{\chi}_\varepsilon^1(t)) > \delta\varepsilon. \end{cases}$$

where

$$\tilde{\chi}_\varepsilon^i(t) := \left\{ x \in \Omega : \text{dist}(x, \chi_\varepsilon^i(t)) < \text{dist}(x, \chi_\varepsilon^j(t)) \right\}, \quad j \neq i \in \{1, 2\}$$

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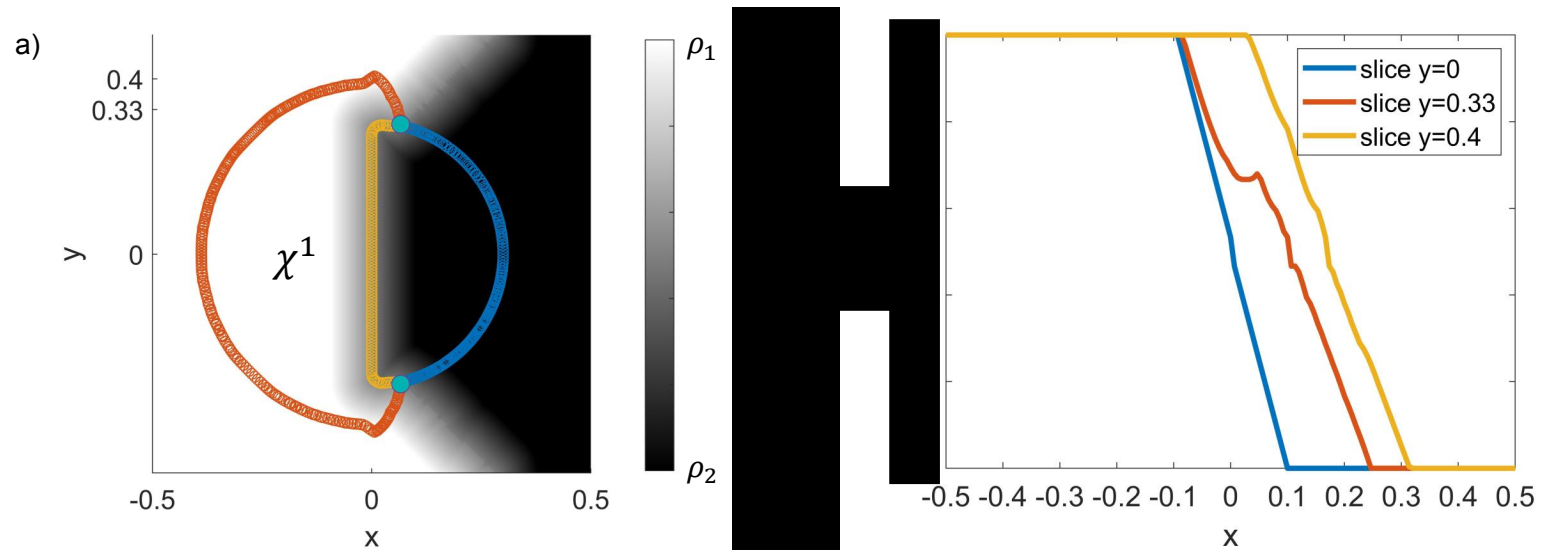


Figure: (a) Smoothing applied to mineral densities $\rho_1 > \rho_2$ being related to phases χ^1 and χ^2 for $\delta = 0.1$. The part of the fluid-solid interface $\Gamma^{1,3}$ is highlighted in red, $\Gamma^{2,3}$ in blue. Illustration (b) presents the values of ρ_δ as the interpolation between both mineral densities ρ_1 , ρ_2 along different horizontal slices.