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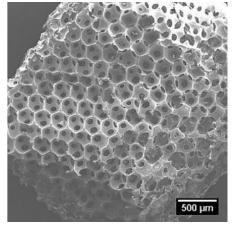
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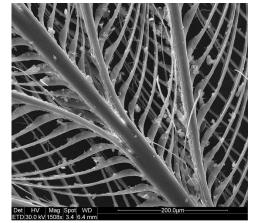
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Regular, small-scale textures are the norm in nature and technology



Freeze-dried hydrogel foam

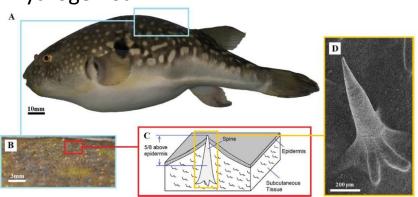
Butterfly wing scales



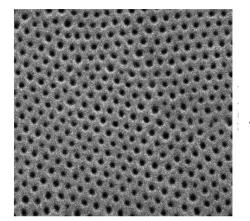
Bird feather



Hydraulic filter

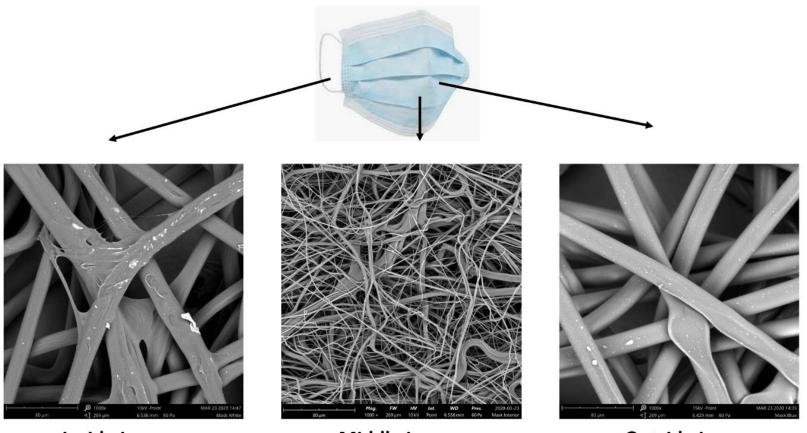


Pufferfish spines (Tian et al., ACS Omega, 2021)



Polysterene membrane for water purification





Inside Layer

Middle Layer

Outside Layer

Middle layer of surgical mask is key to stopping virus particles (D. Verma, *nanoscience.com*, 2021)

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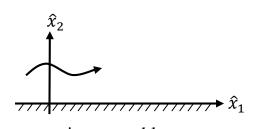
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Three prototype problems:

- Rough wall (eventually superhydrophobic)
- Thin membrane
- Porous layer

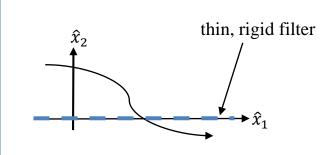
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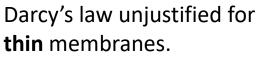
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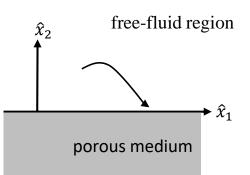


impermeable, rough wall

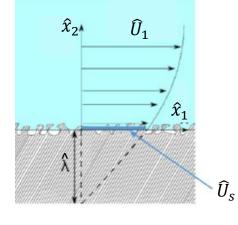
Navier slip condition (1823)

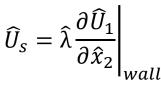




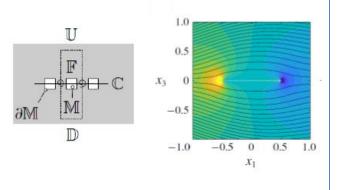


Beavers-Joseph-Saffman

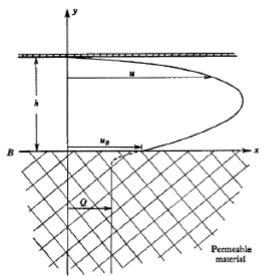


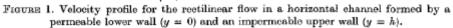






Classical result: Beavers & Joseph, JFM 1967



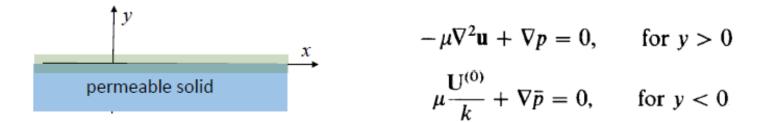


$$\left. \frac{du}{dy} \right|_{y=O_+} = \frac{\alpha}{\sqrt{k}} (u_B - Q) \qquad \qquad Q = -\frac{k}{\mu} \frac{dP}{dx}$$

with α a dimensionless function of the structural properties of the porous matrix

Block	$k(\text{in.}^2)$	a	Average pore size (in.)
Foametal A	$1.5 imes 10^{-5}$	0.78	0.016
Foametal B	$6 \cdot 1 \times 10^{-5}$	1.45	0.034
Foametal C	$12.7 imes10^{-5}$	$4 \cdot 0$	0.045
Aloxite	$1.0 imes10^{-6}$	0.1	0.013
Aloxite	2.48×10^{-6}	0.1	0.027

Classical result: Saffman, Stud. Appl. Math. 1971

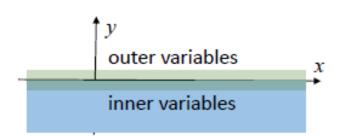


The velocity U in the *intermediate/boundary layer* must satisfy asymptotic matching conditions:

$$\lim_{y/k^{1/2}\to\infty} \mathbf{U} = \lim_{y\to 0^+} \mathbf{u}_{y}$$

$$\lim_{y/k^{1/2} \to -\infty} U = \lim_{y \to 0^{-}} U^{(0)},$$

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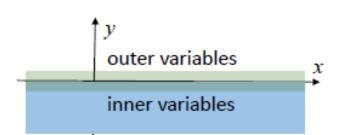
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The result by Saffman permits to find the outer flow solution without iterating between inner and outer domains. Elaborating upon Saffman's results it is possible to find the order k correction:

$$\hat{u} = -\frac{Bk}{\mu} \frac{\partial \hat{p}^{-}}{\partial \hat{x}} + \hat{\lambda} \frac{\partial \hat{u}}{\partial \hat{y}}$$
 on $y = 0$.

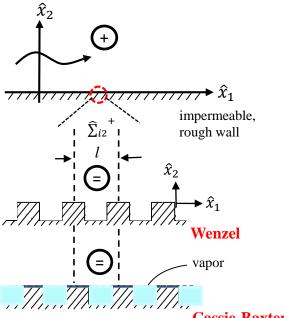




Asymptotic homogenization approach

(Mei & Vernescu, Homogenization Methods for Multiscale Mechanics, 2010)





Cassie-Baxter

Scales:

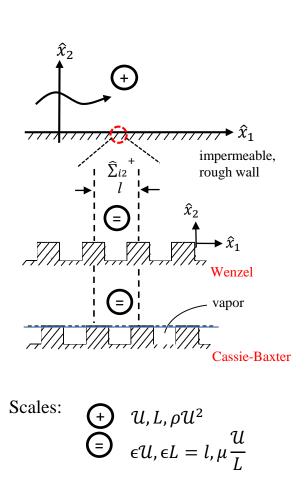
Macroscopic, outer domain

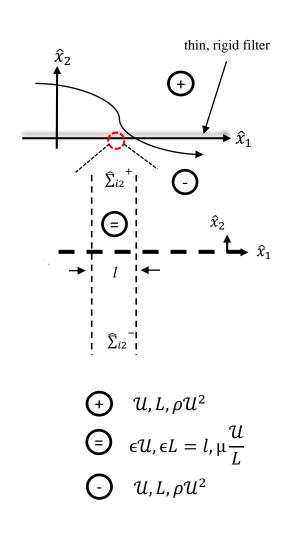
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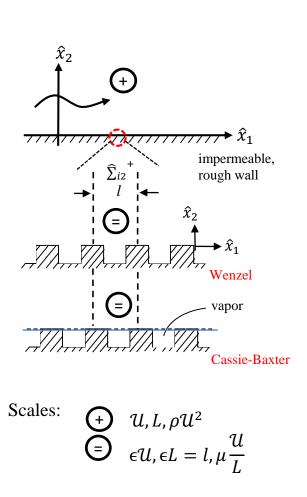
Near wall, inner domain

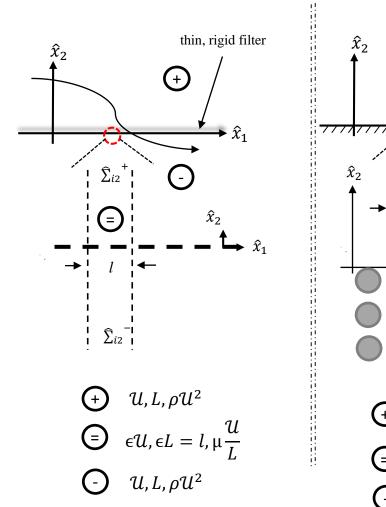
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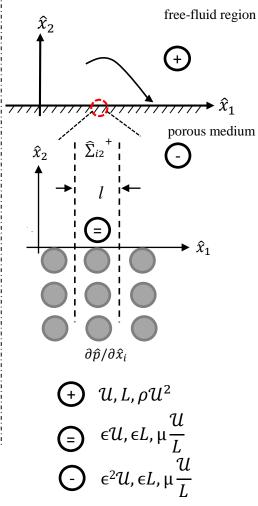




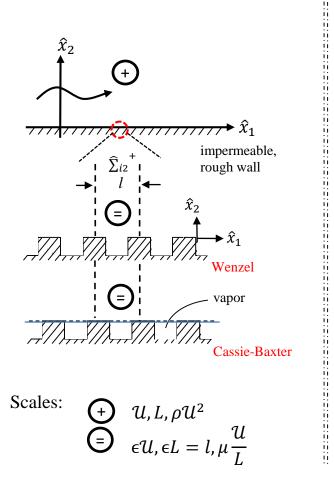
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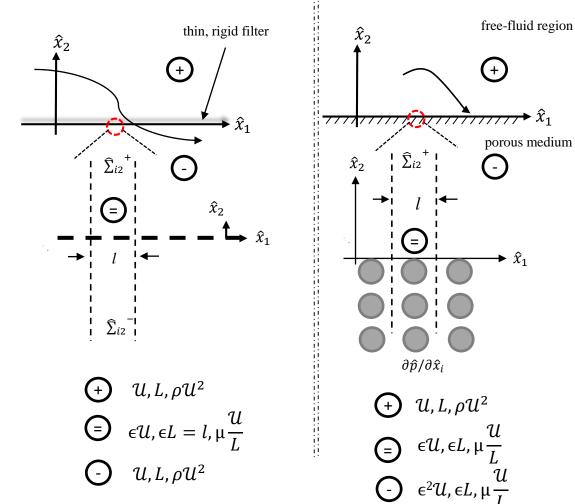






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Dimensionless, normalized equations in each subdomain

The approach followed can also be employed to study conditions near a **fracture** in a porous medium, the problem of the "interface" between **two porous media** of different porosity/microstructure or the condition at a **solid**, **impermeable boundary**.

All of these problems have been treated by Valdés-Parada & Lasseux (*Phys. Fluids* 2021) by the method of *volume averaging*, in the frame of the **one-domain approach**.

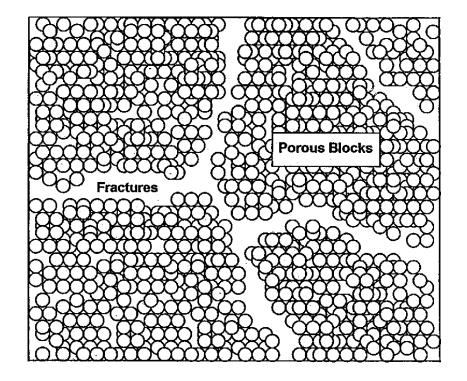
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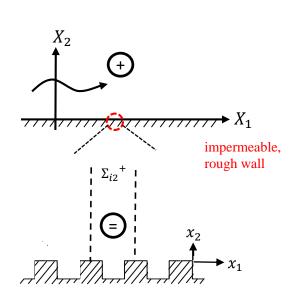
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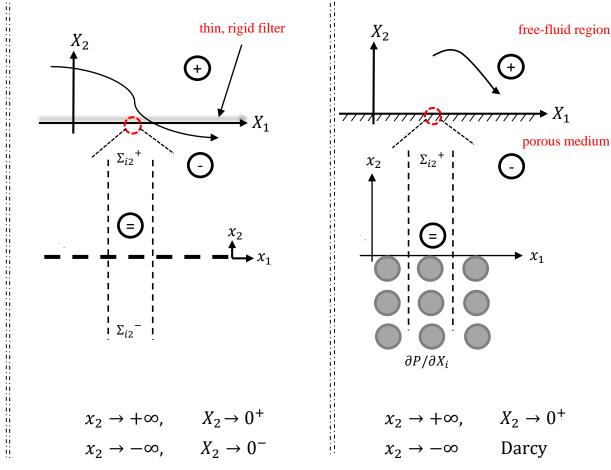


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Dimensionless matching conditions:

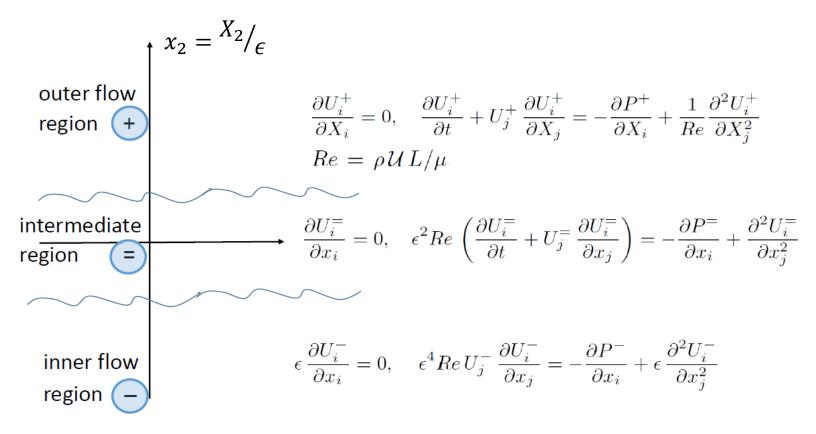
 $x_{2} \rightarrow +\infty, \quad X_{2} \rightarrow 0^{+}$ $\begin{bmatrix} U_{i}^{+} = \epsilon U_{i}^{=} \\ \sigma_{i2}^{=} = -P^{=} \delta_{i2} + \frac{\partial U_{i}^{=}}{\partial x_{2}} + \frac{\partial U_{2}^{=}}{\partial x_{i}} = \\ = \Sigma_{i2}^{+} = -Re P^{+} \delta_{i2} + \frac{\partial U_{i}^{+}}{\partial X_{2}} + \frac{\partial U_{2}^{+}}{\partial X_{i}} \end{bmatrix}$



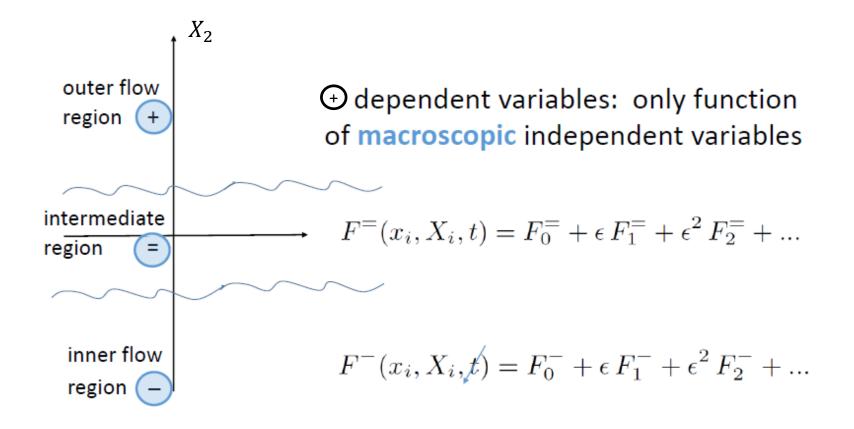


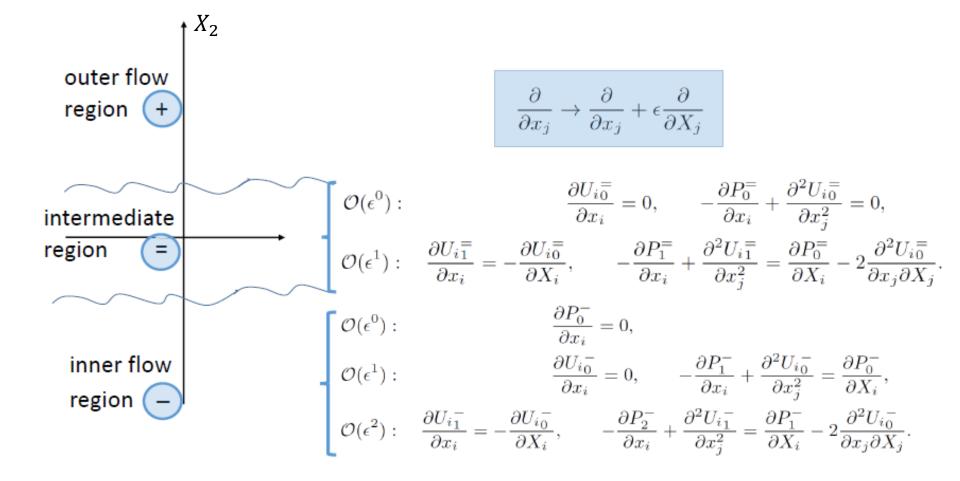
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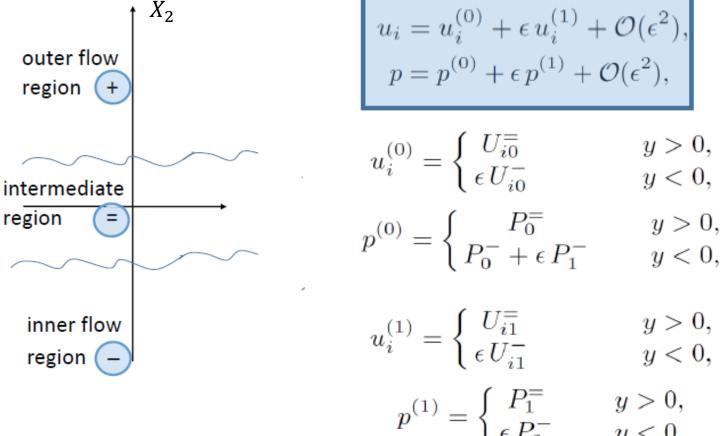








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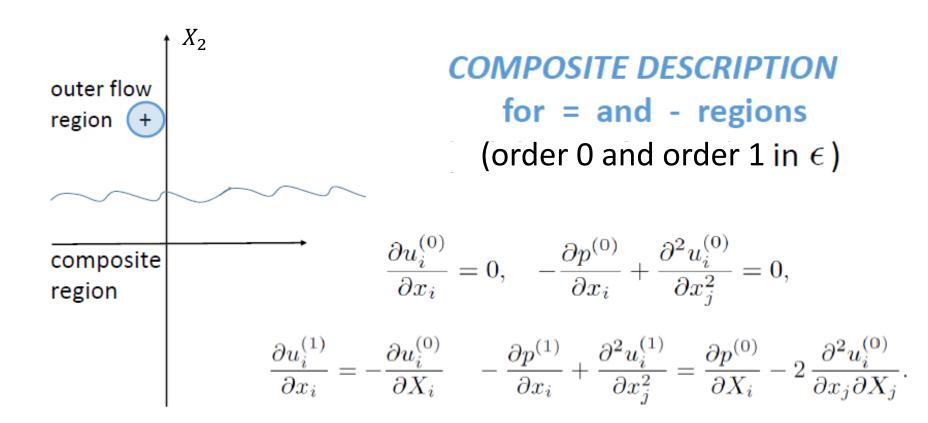


$$\begin{array}{ll}
U_{i1}^{=} & y > 0, \\
U_{i1}^{-} & y < 0, \\
P_{1}^{=} & y > 0, \\
\epsilon P_{2}^{-} & y < 0.
\end{array}$$

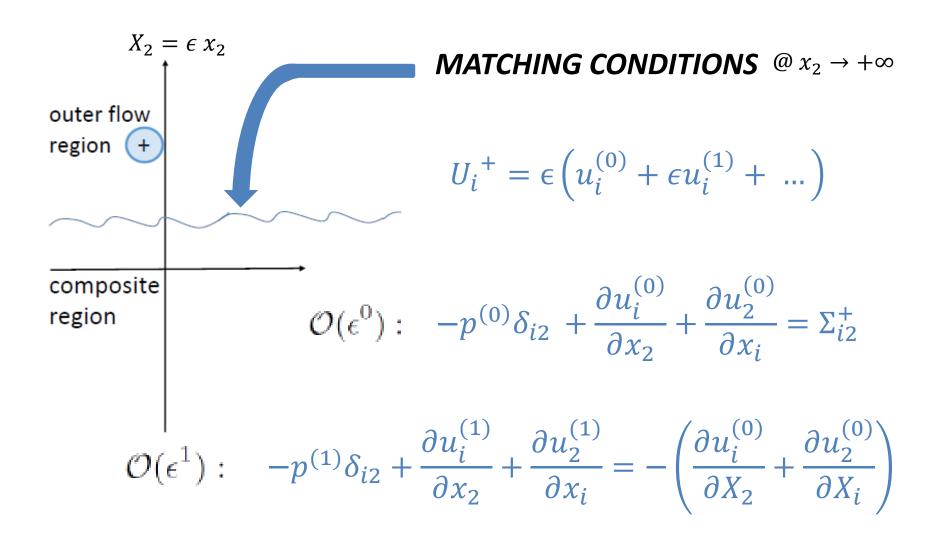
$$\epsilon P_2^- \qquad y > \epsilon P_2^-$$

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Linearity permits to express the order 0 solution as

 $\begin{cases} u_{i}^{(0)} = u_{ij}^{\dagger} \Sigma_{j2}^{+} \\ p^{(0)} = p_{j}^{\dagger} \Sigma_{j2}^{+} + K \end{cases}$

with u_{ij}^{\dagger} and p_{j}^{\dagger} function of only **microscopic** independent variables.

A Stokes system for the 'dagger' variables ensues, to be solved in a **periodic** (along x_1 and x_3) **elementary cell** subject to

$$-p_j^{\dagger}\delta_{i2} + \frac{\partial u_{ij}^{\dagger}}{\partial x_2} + \frac{\partial u_{2j}^{\dagger}}{\partial x_i} = \delta_{ij} \quad \text{when} \quad x_2 \to +\infty$$

plus 1-periodicity when $x_2 \rightarrow -\infty$.

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The **order 1** condition at $x_2 \rightarrow \infty$ becomes

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$$-p^{(1)}\delta_{i2} + \frac{\partial u_i^{(1)}}{\partial x_2} + \frac{\partial u_2^{(1)}}{\partial x_i} = -\left(u_{ij}^{\dagger} \frac{\partial \Sigma_{j2}^{}}{\partial X_k} \delta_{k2} + u_{2j}^{\dagger} \frac{\partial \Sigma_{j2}^{}}{\partial X_k} \delta_{ik}\right)$$

so that, on account of linearity, the couple $\left(u_{i}^{(1)}, p^{(1)}\right)$ has the form:

$$\begin{cases}
 u_i^{(1)} = u_{ijk}^* \frac{\partial \Sigma_{j2}^+}{\partial X_k} \\
 p^{(1)} = p_{jk}^* \frac{\partial \Sigma_{j2}^+}{\partial X_k} + K
\end{cases}$$

The 'star' variables satisfy the forced Stokes system

$$\frac{\partial u_{ijk}^*}{\partial x_i} = -u_{kj}^{\dagger}$$
$$-\frac{\partial p_{jk}^*}{\partial x_i} + \frac{\partial^2 u_{ijk}^*}{\partial x_l^2} = -p_j^{\dagger} \delta_{ik} - 2 \frac{\partial u_{ij}^{\dagger}}{\partial x_k}$$

with the condition at $x_2 \rightarrow \infty$:

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$$-p_{jk}^*\delta_{i2} + \frac{\partial u_{ijk}^*}{\partial x_2} + \frac{\partial u_{2jk}^*}{\partial x_i} = -u_{ij}^\dagger \delta_{k2} - u_{2j}^\dagger \delta_{ik}$$

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> Once the 'dagger' and the 'star' systems are solved for, the macroscopic solution at $X_2 = \epsilon y_{\infty}$ is

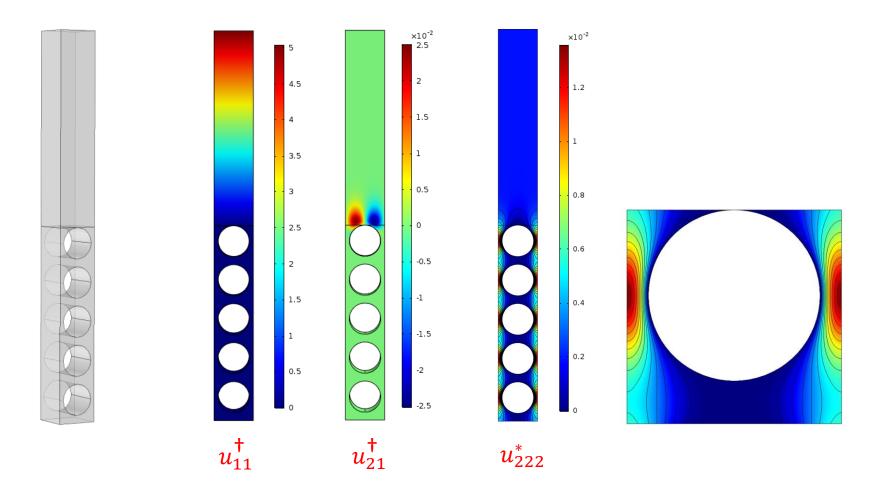
$$U_{i}^{+} = \epsilon \left(u_{ij}^{\dagger} \Sigma_{j2}^{+} + \epsilon \, u_{ijk}^{*} \frac{\partial \Sigma_{j2}^{+}}{\partial X_{k}} \right) + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^{3})$$

The variable u_{ij}^{\dagger} evaluated at $x_2 = y_{\infty}$ is a **Navier slip tensor**; the variable u_{ijk}^{*} is a rank-3 **permeability tensor**, and it includes an *interface permeability* effect.

Solutions can be pursued also at order ϵ^3 and higher (Bottaro & Naqvi, *Meccanica* 2020)



Porous medium: cylinders aligned along x_3 , porosity $\theta = 0.5$



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Sufficiently far from the axis' origin in $x_2 = 0$, results are independent of x_1 and x_3 , and the non-trivial solutions of interest are:

$$u_{11}^{\dagger} = \lambda_{x} + x_{2} \qquad u_{33}^{\dagger} = \lambda_{z} + x_{2}$$
$$u_{121}^{*} = -u_{211}^{*} = K_{xy}^{itf} + \lambda_{x}x_{2} + \frac{1}{2}x_{2}^{2}$$
$$u_{323}^{*} = -u_{233}^{*} = K_{zy}^{itf} + \lambda_{z}x_{2} + \frac{1}{2}x_{2}^{2}$$

 $u_{222}^* = K_{yy}$

Transferring the interface condition from $X_2 = \epsilon y_{\infty}$ to $X_2 = 0$:

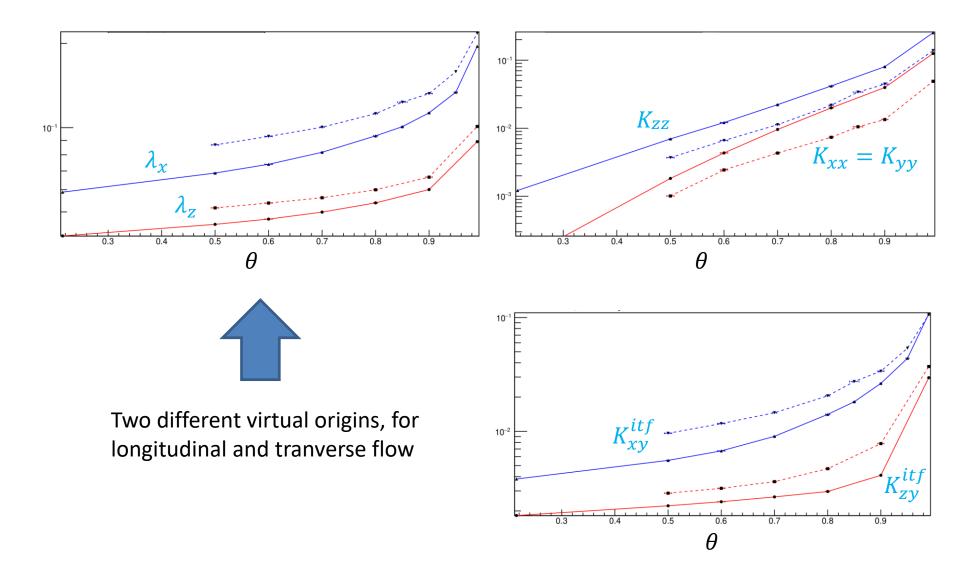
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$$\begin{aligned} U_1^+\Big|_{X_2=0} &= \epsilon \lambda_x \Sigma_{12}^+\Big|_{X_2=0} + \epsilon^2 K_{xy}^{itf} \frac{\partial \Sigma_{22}^+}{\partial X_1}\Big|_{X_2=0} + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^3) \\ U_2^+\Big|_{X_2=0} &= -\epsilon^2 K_{xy}^{itf} \frac{\partial \Sigma_{12}^+}{\partial X_1}\Big|_{X_2=0} - \epsilon^2 K_{zy}^{itf} \frac{\partial \Sigma_{32}^+}{\partial X_3}\Big|_{X_2=0} \\ &+ \epsilon^2 K_{yy} \frac{\partial \Sigma_{22}^+}{\partial X_2}\Big|_{X_2=0} + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^3) \end{aligned}$$
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In dimensional form the interface conditions reduce to

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$$\hat{u}|_{0^{+}} \approx \hat{\lambda}_{x} \left(\frac{\partial \hat{u}}{\partial \hat{y}} + \frac{\partial \hat{v}}{\partial \hat{x}} \right) \Big|_{0^{+}} + \frac{\hat{\mathcal{K}}_{xy}^{itf}}{\mu} \frac{\partial}{\partial \hat{x}} \left(-\hat{p} + 2\mu \frac{\partial \hat{v}}{\partial \hat{y}} \right) \Big|_{0^{+}}$$

$$\begin{split} \hat{v}|_{0^{+}} &\approx \frac{\hat{\mathcal{K}}_{yy}}{\mu} \frac{\partial}{\partial \hat{y}} \left(-\hat{p} + 2\mu \frac{\partial \hat{v}}{\partial \hat{y}} \right) \bigg|_{0^{+}} - \hat{\mathcal{K}}_{xy}^{itf} \frac{\partial}{\partial \hat{x}} \left(\frac{\partial \hat{u}}{\partial \hat{y}} + \frac{\partial \hat{v}}{\partial \hat{x}} \right) \bigg|_{0^{+}} - \hat{\mathcal{K}}_{zy}^{itf} \frac{\partial}{\partial \hat{z}} \left(\frac{\partial \hat{w}}{\partial \hat{y}} + \frac{\partial \hat{v}}{\partial \hat{z}} \right) \bigg|_{0^{+}} \\ \hat{w}|_{0^{+}} &\approx \hat{\lambda}_{z} \left(\frac{\partial \hat{w}}{\partial \hat{y}} + \frac{\partial \hat{v}}{\partial \hat{z}} \right) \bigg|_{0^{+}} + \frac{\hat{\mathcal{K}}_{zy}^{itf}}{\mu} \frac{\partial}{\partial \hat{z}} \left(-\hat{p} + 2\mu \frac{\partial \hat{v}}{\partial \hat{y}} \right) \bigg|_{0^{+}} \end{split}$$

NO EMPIRICAL COEFFICIENTS!

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These can be further modified using the balance of normal forces at the interface:

$$\hat{p}\Big|_{0^{-}} \approx \hat{p}\Big|_{0^{+}} - 2\mu \frac{\partial \hat{v}}{\partial \hat{y}}\Big|_{0^{+}}$$

... yielding an extended set of Saffman's conditions:

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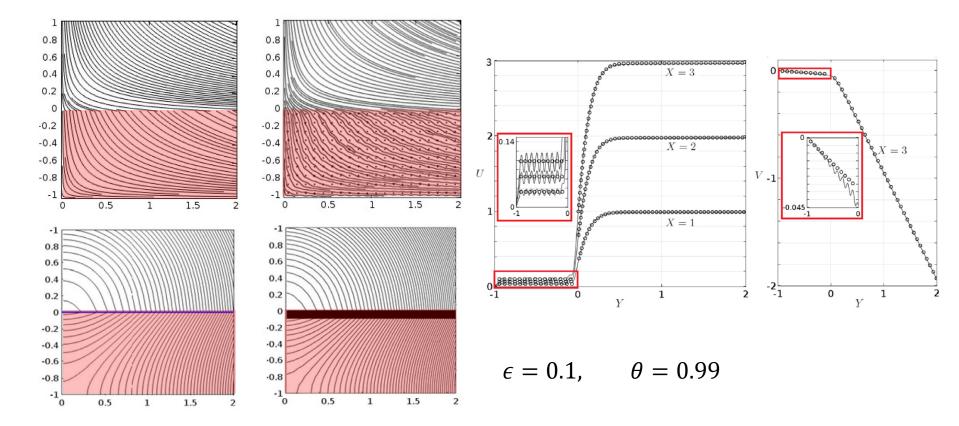
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(which require, however, coupling with the solution for the pressure within the porous medium ...)

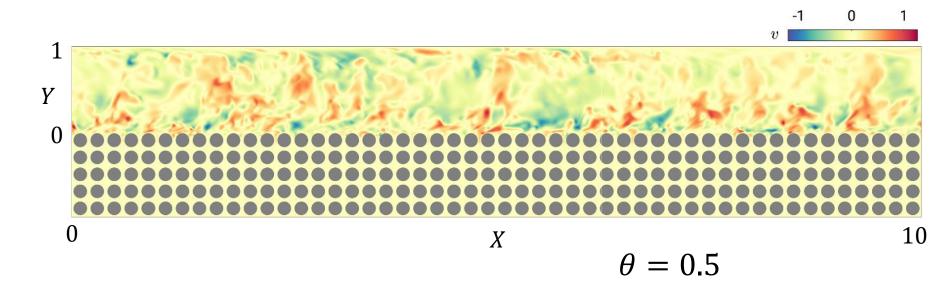


These interface conditions have been extensively tested (Naqvi & Bottaro, *Int. J. Multiphase Flow*, 2021) including cases with significant infiltration within the porous medium.

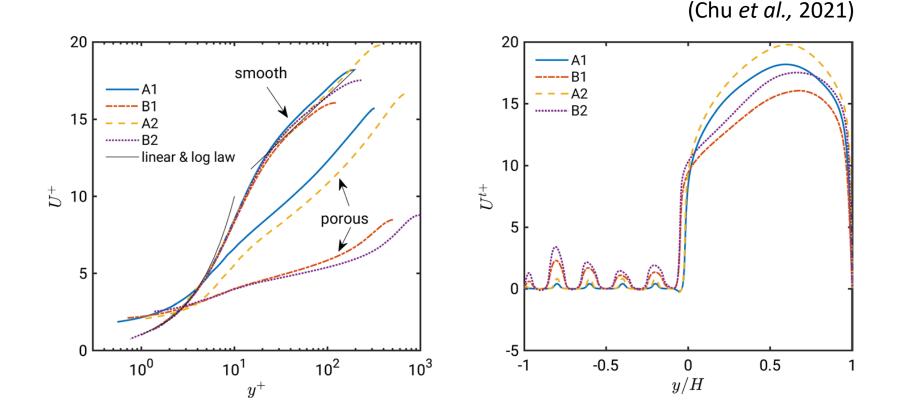




More laborious test case: turbulent flow in a channel, with one permeable wall



Chu et al., Transp. Porous Media, 2021 Wang et al., JFM, 2021



 $Re_{\tau} \approx 200$ based on boundary layer thickness and friction velocity

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 $\epsilon = 0.4 \implies l = 0.4 L \implies l^+ = \frac{l u_\tau}{v} = 0.4 Re_\tau \approx 80$ (probably too large for modeling via an effective boundary condition!)

Chavarin *et al.* (*JFM* 2021) have shown that anisotropic permeable substrates can hamper the near-wall turbulent cycle, leading to drag reduction, in a manner similar to that of riblets, producing an offset between the virtual origin felt by the mean flow and that by the turbulent fluctuations.

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Porous medium: **longitudinal cylinders** (with driving pressure gradient along the same direction).

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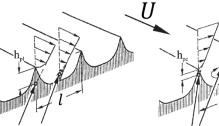
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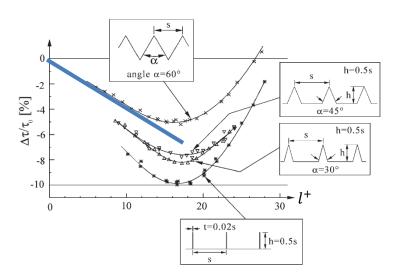
This mimics **riblets**, with the added effect of transpiration through the pores. For riblets, to leading order, the skin friction coefficient is reduced proportionally to $\lambda_z - \lambda_x$

(Bechert & Hage, WIT Trans., 2006 Luchini *et al., JFM* 1991)



Virtual origin of longitudinal flow

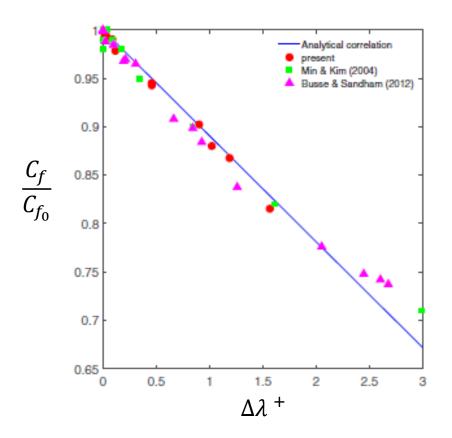






$$\frac{C_f}{C_{f_0}} \approx 1 - \frac{\Delta \lambda^+}{(2C_{f_0})^{-0.5} + (2k)^{-1}}$$

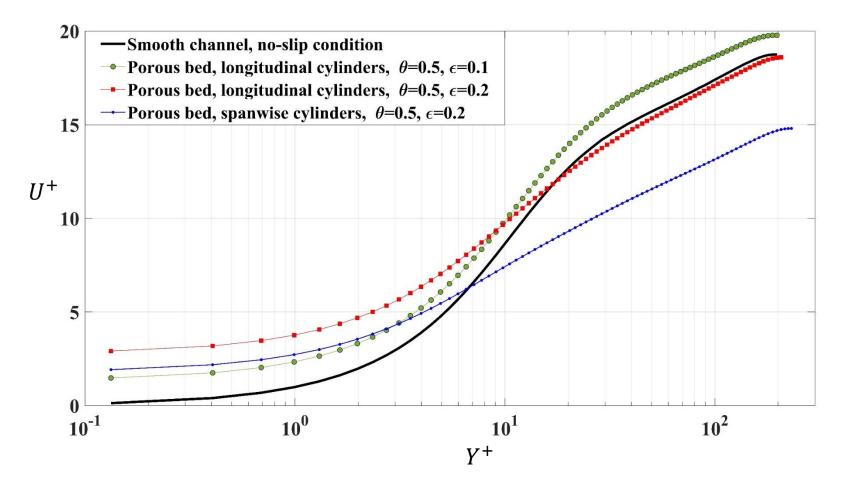
Luchini, 1996



Alinovi & Bottaro, PRF, 2018

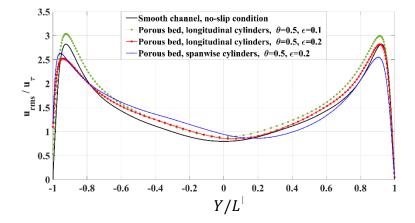


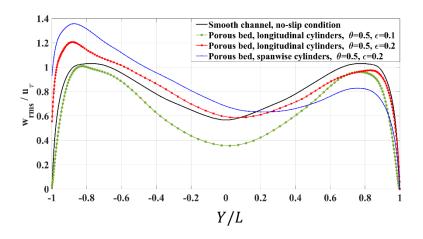
DNS results for different arrangements of solid cylindrical inclusions within the porous layer

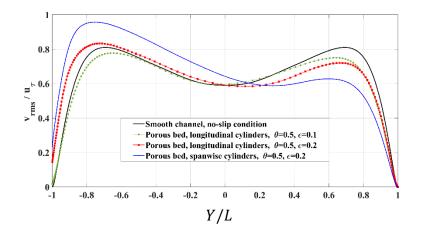


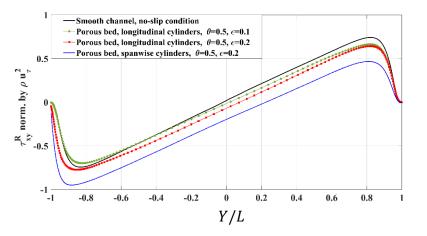


MODELING FLOWS OVER NATURAL OR ENGINEERED SURFACES

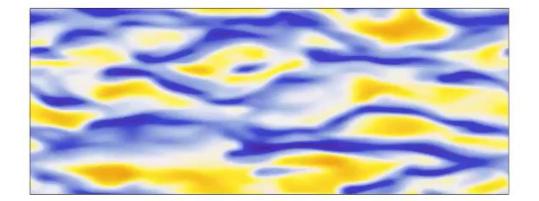




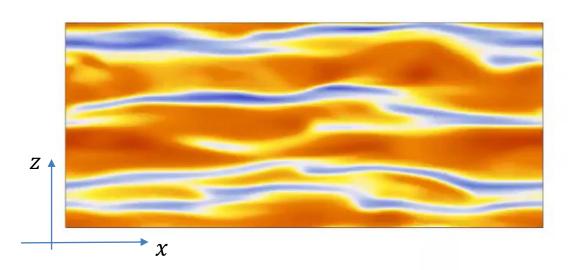




Isolines of U at $y^+ = 20$ Channel of dimensions $2\pi \times 2 \times \pi$ ($\Delta x^+ = 9.5$, $\Delta y^+_{wall} = 0.28$, $\Delta z^+ = 6.3$)



z-aligned cylinders $\epsilon = 0.2$



x-aligned cylinders $\epsilon = 0.1$

For the same driving pressure gradient ($\theta = 0.5$) we have

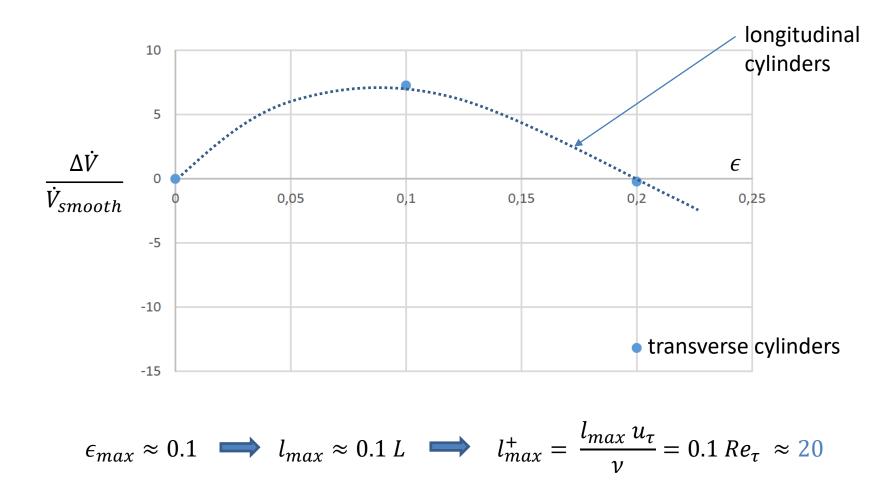
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Optimal anisotropic porous layers can be designed (quickly) by employing effective conditions.

Drawback: should maintain $l^+ = \mathcal{O}(10)$

If the wall is impermeable the conditions at a rough wall are recovered:

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$$\hat{u}|_{0^{+}} \approx \hat{\lambda}_{x} \left(\frac{\partial \hat{u}}{\partial \hat{y}} + \frac{\partial \hat{v}}{\partial \hat{x}} \right) \Big|_{0^{+}} + \frac{\hat{\mathcal{K}}_{xy}^{itf}}{\mu} \frac{\partial}{\partial \hat{x}} \left(-\hat{p} + 2\mu \frac{\partial \hat{v}}{\partial \hat{y}} \right) \Big|_{0^{+}}$$

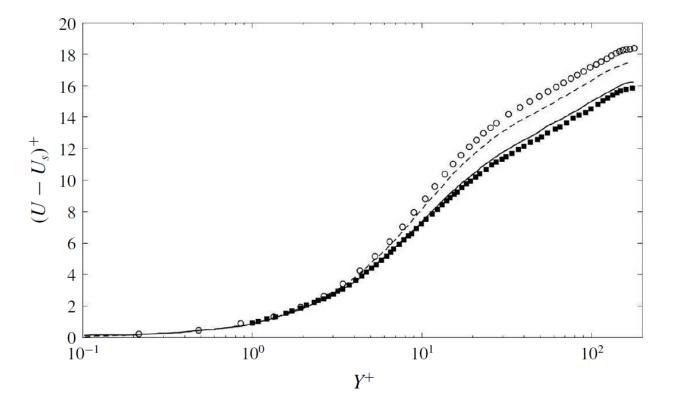
$$\hat{v}|_{0^{+}} \approx \frac{\hat{\mathcal{K}}_{yy}}{\mu} \frac{\partial}{\partial \hat{y}} \left(-\hat{p} + 2\mu \frac{\partial \hat{v}}{\partial \hat{y}} \right) \bigg|_{0^{+}} - \hat{\mathcal{K}}_{xy}^{itf} \frac{\partial}{\partial \hat{x}} \left(\frac{\partial \hat{u}}{\partial \hat{y}} + \frac{\partial \hat{v}}{\partial \hat{x}} \right) \bigg|_{0^{+}} - \hat{\mathcal{K}}_{zy}^{itf} \frac{\partial}{\partial \hat{z}} \left(\frac{\partial \hat{w}}{\partial \hat{y}} + \frac{\partial \hat{v}}{\partial \hat{z}} \right) \bigg|_{0^{+}}$$

$$\hat{w}|_{0^{+}} \approx \hat{\lambda}_{z} \left(\frac{\partial \hat{w}}{\partial \hat{y}} + \frac{\partial \hat{v}}{\partial \hat{z}} \right) \Big|_{0^{+}} + \frac{\hat{\mathcal{K}}_{zy}^{itf}}{\mu} \frac{\partial}{\partial \hat{z}} \left(-\hat{p} + 2\mu \frac{\partial \hat{v}}{\partial \hat{y}} \right) \Big|_{0^{+}}$$

(Bottaro, JFM 2019; Lacis et al., JFM 2020; Bottaro & Naqvi, Meccanica, 2020)



Flow over natural or engineered surfaces



Bottaro, JFM 2019 Lacis et al., JFM 2020

CONCLUSIONS

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'Microscopic', repeated features can be treated via **multiple scale homogenization**, yielding effective conditions at the *interface* which permit to avoid the numerical resolution of very small scale details. This would allow the rapid modeling of geometrical microfeatures, to identify, e.g., the most efficient drag-reducing textures, or the most suitable structure of a porous membrane, etc.



M.C. Escher, Angels and Demons, 1960