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Key Points:

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9	•	We developped an open-source platform for multi-scale simulations of hydro-geochemical
10		processes
11	•	A unique formulation can handle pore-scale, hybrid-scale and continuum-scale simu-
12		lations for hydro-geochemical processes
13	•	The framework is verified using reference solutions both at the pore-scale and at
14		continuum-scale using PHREEQC

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1 Introduction

Over the last decades, reactive transport modelling (RTM) has become an essential tool 32 for the study of subsurface processes involving flow, transport and geochemical reactions 33 (C. I. Steefel et al., 2005). This discipline arises from the junction of two scientific communi-34 35 ties, namely geochemistry and transport in porous media. RTM consists of computational models that describe the coupled physical, chemical, and biological processes that inter-36 act with each other over a broad range of spatial and temporal scales. For example, such 37 modelling tools enable the predictions of contaminant migration in polluted aquifers and 38 are used to design enhanced remediation techniques. Moreover, the integration of physical 39 and biogeochemical processes makes RTM an ideal research instrument for elucidating the 40 complex and non-linear interactions among roots, micro-organisms, water composition and 41 minerals in the Critical Zone (Li et al., 2017). Other applications include the assessment of 42 the long-term integrity of reservoirs for storing carbon dioxide, hydrogen or nuclear wastes 43 in deep geological formations (DePaolo & Cole, 2013; Claret et al., 2018). In practice, three 44 different kinds of models are used to describe reactive transport in porous media as illus-45 trated in Figure 1: (i) continuum models, (ii) pore-scale models, and (iii) hybrid models 46 that combine both former approaches. 47

Continuum models (see Fig. 1c) are the historical and standard approaches for solving 48 reactive transport in large-scale natural porous systems (Lichtner, 1985). Continuum-scale 49 RTM codes include among others MIN3P (Mayer et al., 2002), CrunchFlow (C. Steefel et al., 50 2015), TOUGHREACT (Xu et al., 2006), PFlotran (Lichtner et al., 2015) or HP1 (Jacques et 51 al., 2008). In such codes, the flow and transport equations are formulated in terms of volume-52 averaged equations with respect to a Representative Elementary Volume (REV) of the 53 porous structure (Bear, 1972) and are coupled with geochemical reactions (see C. Steefel et 54 al. (2015) for an comprehensive description of the coupling). The topology of the rock micro-55 structures is described using effective properties including porosity, tortuosity, permeability 56 or hydraulic conductivity – and specific surface area. Flow is usually modelled using 57 Darcy's law and multi-component species transport relies on a set of advection-dispersion-58 reaction equations. In addition to the classic challenges related to transport in porous 59 media including the medium heterogeneity awareness and the description of hydrodynamic 60 dispersion, RTM has to consider the variation of the rock properties with regards to chemical 61 reactions. Indeed, by enlarging or clogging pore throats and fractures, geochemical processes 62 such as minerals dissolution and precipitation can change very locally the streamlines which 63 subsequently modify the rock properties, e.g permeability, tortuosity, accessible reactive 64 surface area (Poonoosamy et al., 2020; Seigneur et al., 2019). 65

The variation of the rock properties with chemical reaction in continuum-scale RTM is 66 usually described as heuristic functions of the porosity. For example, in most of the reactive 67 transport codes, tortuosity is described using Archies's law, permeability change is mod-68 elled using Kozeny-Carman relationship, and the mineral surface area evolves as a two-third power law (Xie et al., 2015). However, the complex interplay between reaction, advection, 70 and diffusion can lead to highly nonlinear porosity feedback that is poorly captured using 71 this kind of relationships that do not have a strong theoretical background (Daccord & 72 Lenormand, 1987; Garing et al., 2015). The limiting factor of the continuum-scale models 73 is therefore the determination of such parameters and their evolution as a function of the 74 progress of geochemical processes. To circumvent these challenges, recent efforts have fo-75 cused on the numerical modelling of coupled hydro-geochemical processes at the pore-scale 76 (Békri et al., 1997; Chen et al., 2013; Tartakovsky et al., 2007; Molins et al., 2014, 2017). 77

In pore-scale models (see Fig. 1a), the pore network is fully resolved, i.e. each point of 78 space is occupied by either the fluid phase or the solid phase. As the exact knowledge of 79 the phase distribution is known, continuum-scale concepts such as porosity, permeability, 80 and reactive surface area do not apply at the pore-scale. They can be obtained, however, 81 by averaging pore-scale simulation results if the computational domain is large enough 82 to reach the size of a REV (Whitaker, 1999; Soulaine et al., 2013). The strategy that 83 consists in simulating flow and transport in a three-dimensional image of a porous sample to 84 characterize its continuum-scale properties has become an independent scientific discipline 85 sometimes referred to as Digital Rock Physics (Blunt et al., 2013; Andrä et al., 2013b, 86 2013a). Most of the efforts so far have been devoted to solve the Navier-Stokes equations 87 under single (Spanne et al., 1994; Bijeljic et al., 2013; Guibert et al., 2015; Soulaine et al., 88 2016) and two-phase flow conditions (Horgue et al., 2013; Raeini et al., 2014; Graveleau et 89 al., 2017; Maes & Soulaine, 2018; Pavuluri et al., 2020) to compute absolute and relative 90 permeabilities. Despite the growing investment in the development of RTM at the pore-scale 91 - pioneer simulators date back to the late 90s (Békri et al., 1997) – the field is still emerging. 92 The main challenge consists in moving the fluid/solid boundary with respect to chemical 93 reactions at the mineral boundaries. A comprehensive review of the different approaches 94 used to solve this problem can be found in Molins et al. (2020). It is only very recently that 95 the pore-scale simulators have been proved mature for reproducing accurately and without 96 any adjusting parameters the dissolution of a calcite crystal (Soulaine et al., 2017; Molins et 97 al., 2020), or of a gypsum grain (Dutka et al., 2020). Actually, the benchmark presented in 98 Molins et al. (2020) is a first effort based on a relatively simple geochemical reaction (a single 99 component that reacts with a single mineral using a first-order kinetics) to demonstrate the 100 ability of current codes to accurately simulate mineral dissolution at the pore scale in a 101 reproducible manner with several codes. Further developments and verifications still need 102 to be done for simulating multi-component aqueous solutions interacting with heterogeneous 103 multi-mineral media using comprehensive reaction networks. 104

Naturally occurring porous media involve a wide range of spatial scales. For exam-105 ple, the important contrast in pore-size distributions in fractured porous rocks comes from 106 much larger characteristic lengths for the fractures than for the surrounding porous matrix. 107 Therefore, the domain size required to reach a REV limits the use of pure pore-scale mod-108 elling. Hybrid-scale models have been proposed to describe systems that include multiple 109 characteristic length-scales, for which some regions are described using pore-scale modelling 110 while others are modelled with continuum approaches (see Fig. 1b) (Liu & Ortoleva, 1996; 111 Liu et al., 1997). Two kinds of approaches solve hybrid-scale problems. On the one hand, 112 the domain decomposition technique solves different physics on separate domains – one for 113 Darcy flow, another for Stokes flow – linked together through appropriate boundary condi-114 tions (Molins et al., 2019). On the other hand, micro-continuum models use a single set of 115 partial differential equations throughout the computational domain regardless of the content 116 of a grid block (C. I. Steefel et al., 2015; Soulaine & Tchelepi, 2016). The latter approach 117 is particularly well-suited to capture the dynamic displacement of the interface between 118 the porous and solid-free regions without involving complex re-meshing strategies. For ex-119

ample, micro-continuum models have been used successfully to simulate the formation and
growth of wormholes in acidic environments (Ormond & Ortoleva, 2000; Golfier et al., 2002;
Soulaine & Tchelepi, 2016). Hybrid-scale modelling is also a powerful tool in image-based
simulations to account for microscale features that are not visible in the images because
they are smaller than the imaging instrument resolution (Arns et al., 2005; Apourvari &
Arns, 2014; Scheibe et al., 2015; Soulaine et al., 2016, 2019).

In this study, we developed a comprehensive open-source simulator to model coupled 126 hydro-geochemical processes at continuum-, pore- and hybrid-scales. This unique multi-127 128 scale framework relies on the micro-continuum model and its ability to tend asymptotically toward continuum-scale models if grid block contains solid content $(0 < \phi < 1)$ or towards 129 pore-scale models otherwise ($\phi = 1$) (Soulaine & Tchelepi, 2016). The resulting advanced 130 RTM allows the treatment of complex reactions network as a function of flow conditions, 131 water composition and minerals distribution within the rock including the complex poros-132 ity feedback between flow and chemistry. It is part of *porousMedia4Foam*, an open-source 133 package developed by the authors to solve flow and transport in porous media within the 134 popular simulation platform OpenFOAM[®]. Because of its versatility and advanced fea-135 tures such as three-dimensional unstructured grids, dynamic meshes, and high-performance 136 computing, there is a growing interest in the community to develop mathematical models 137 for solving flow and transport in porous media within OpenFOAM[®] (Horgue et al., 2015; 138 Maes & Geiger, 2018; Orgogozo et al., 2014; Soulaine et al., 2017). We developed a generic 139 interface to combine flow and transport models with existing geochemical packages. We il-140 lustrate the versatility of our coupling interface by combining flow models with geochemical 141 models using PHREEQC (D. L. Parkhurst & Wissmeier, 2015), an open-source and popular 142 geochemistry package. 143

In Section 2, we present the mathematical models implemented in *porousMedia4Foam* 144 including a multi-scale and a continuum-scale flow solver, a wide range of porous proper-145 ties models and the packages used to perform geochemical calculations. In Section 3, we 146 verify the robustness of the coupled hydro-geochemical platform by simulating cases for 147 which reference solutions exist both at the continuum-scale and at the pore-scale. Simula-148 tion results are compared with the results obtained with state-of-the-art reactive transport 149 codes. Then in Section 4, we use the simulation framework to illustrate the potential of 150 porousMedia4Foam to model hybrid-scale cases. 151

¹⁵² 2 The *porousMedia*4Foam package

The multi-scale solver for simulating hydro-geochemical problems is part of *porousMe*-153 dia4Foam (https://github.com/csoulain/porousMedia4Foam¹), a generic platform for 154 solving flow and transport in porous media at various scales of interest. porousMedia4Foam 155 is an open-source platform developed by the authors using the C++ library OpenFOAM 156 (http://www.openfoam.org). Hence, the package benefits from all the features of Open-157 FOAM including the solution of partial differential equations using the finite-volume method 158 on three-dimensional unstructured grids as well as High Performance Computing. Although 159 porousMedia4Foam has capabilities for solving two-phase flow (liquid-liquid and liquid-gas) 160 in porous systems, the coupling with geochemistry introduced in this paper only considers 161 single-phase flow. 162

The code is organized in three interacting parts: a class for describing porous media properties (Section 2.4), the flow solvers (Section 2.2) and the geochemical packages (Section 2.3). As *porousMedia4Foam* intends to be a versatile platform, it is designed in a such way that other porous media models, other flow solvers or other geochemical packages can be

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Figure 1. Porosity distribution considered in : a) a pure pore-scale approach (Navier-Stokes) for which the porosity is fully resolved, b) a micro-continuum approach (DBS) that handles region free of solid and porous region in the same framework, c) a pure continuum-scale approach (Darcy) for which all the control volumes contain an aggregate of fluid and solid.

easily implemented using the C++ code architecture. In this section, we introduce the models and their numerical implementation in the code.

2.1 Mineral distribution and porosity

A geological medium is made of an assembly of N_s minerals whose porous properties are defined in Section 2.4. The distribution of each mineral i on the computational grid is determined by the volume fraction,

$$Y_{s,i}\left(x,y,z,t\right),\tag{1}$$

¹⁷⁰ in each grid block. The N_s solid volume fraction fields are dimensionless. They can be ¹⁷¹ initialized with uniform or distributed values. The evolution of $Y_{s,i}$ due to geochemical ¹⁷² reactions is dictated by the geochemical packages that are described in Section 2.3. In ¹⁷³ some simulations, it is relevant to define an inert mineral $Y_{s,inert}$ that is not part of the ¹⁷⁴ geochemical calculation.

The porosity field is computed by,

$$\phi = 1 - \sum_{i}^{N_s - 1} Y_{s,i} - Y_{s,\text{inert}},$$
(2)

and can be updated at any moment following dissolution or precipitation processes.

176 2.2 Flow solvers

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porousMedia4Foam for hydro-geochemical simulations includes three flow models: a
 multi-scale flow solver based on the micro-continuum approach, a continuum-scale Darcy
 solver and a constant velocity solver (see Table 1).

Name	Model	Comments
dbsFoam	Micro-continuum (Darcy-Brinkman-Stokes)	pore-scale, hybrid-scale, continuum-scale, Soulaine and Tchelepi (2016).
darcyFoam	Darcy's law	continuum-scale only.
constantVelocityFoam	constant velocity profile	uniform or non-uniform velocity profiles.

 Table 1.
 Summary of the flow solvers implemented in *porousMedia4Foam* for simulating hydrogeochemical processes.

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2.2.1 dbsFoam: Multi-scale micro-continuum flow model

dbsFoam is a multi-scale flow solver based on the micro-continuum modelling approach developed in Soulaine and Tchelepi (2016). Micro-continuum approaches are intermediate between a pure Navier-Stokes description of the transport for which all the porosity is fully resolved (see Fig. 1a), and a pure continuum-scale modelling for which the flow is governed by Darcy's law (see Fig. 1c). This hybrid-scale approach relies on the Darcy-Brinkman-Stokes (DBS) equation (Brinkman, 1947) that allows for the modelling of flow and transport in regions free of solid and porous regions in a single framework (Neale & Nader, 1974; Soulaine & Tchelepi, 2016). DBS equation arises from the integration of Navier-Stokes equations over a control volume (Vafai & Tien, 1981; Hsu & Cheng, 1990; Bousquet-Melou et al., 2002; Goyeau et al., 2003). The momentum equation reads,

$$\frac{1}{\phi} \left(\frac{\partial \rho_f \boldsymbol{v}_f}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \left(\frac{\rho_f}{\phi} \boldsymbol{v}_f \boldsymbol{v}_f \right) \right) = -\nabla p_f + \rho_f \boldsymbol{g} + \nabla \cdot \left(\frac{\mu_f}{\phi} \left(\nabla \boldsymbol{v}_f + {}^t \nabla \boldsymbol{v}_f \right) \right) - \mu_f k^{-1} \boldsymbol{v}_f, \quad (3)$$

where ϕ is the porosity, v_f is the seepage velocity, p_f is the fluid pressure, g is the gravity, ρ_f is the fluid density, μ_f is the fluid viscosity and k is the matrix permeability. The porous media properties including porosity and permeability change dynamically with geochemical processes and are updated at every time steps.

Eq. (3) is valid throughout the computational domain regardless the content of a cell. In regions that contain fluid only, $\phi = 1$, and the drag force $\mu_f k^{-1} \boldsymbol{v}_f$ vanishes so that the momentum equation tends to the Navier-Stokes equation. In regions that contain an aggregate of fluid and solid, $0 < \phi < 1$, and the drag force is dominant over the inertial and viscous forces so that Eq. (3) tends asymptotically to Darcy's law.

The momentum equation, Eq. (3), can be used to model pore-scale flows. Indeed, if a 190 solid region is approximated by a low-permeability low-porosity matrix, the velocity in this 191 region goes to near zero which forces a no-slip boundary condition at the fluid/solid interface. 192 This feature of the DBS equation is particularly relevant to solve Navier-Stokes problems 193 using Cartesian grids only (also called penalized approach) (Angot et al., 1999; Soulaine & 194 Tchelepi, 2016) and to move the fluid/solid interface with respect to geochemical processes 195 such as precipitation/dissolution (Soulaine et al., 2017; Molins et al., 2020) or swelling by 196 using the local porosity field, ϕ , as a phase indicator function (Carrillo & Bourg, 2019). 197

The pressure-velocity coupling is achieved by solving the momentum equation along with the micro-continuum continuity equation for multiple minerals. For an incompressible Newtonian aqueous fluid, the latter reads,

$$\nabla . \boldsymbol{v}_f = \sum_{i=1}^{N_s} \dot{m}_{s,i} \left(\frac{1}{\rho_f} - \frac{1}{\rho_{s,i}} \right),\tag{4}$$

where $\rho_{s,i}$ is the solid density of mineral *i* and $\dot{m}_{s,i}$ represents the rate of phase change of the solid into fluid, or of a fluid into solid. For example, it can represent the rate of solid minerals that is dissolved into aqueous solution. Inversely, it can describe an amount of fluid that is removed of a control volume because it has precipitated. The right-hand side of Eq. (4) is provided by the geochemistry calculation (Section 2.3). Although this term if often neglected in continuum-scale models, it may be necessary to keep it to ensure the mass balance at the fluid/solid interface in pore-scale simulations (Soulaine et al., 2017), as well as in continuum scale simulations (Seigneur et al., 2019).

The flow model formed by Eqs (3)-(4) is discretized using the finite volume method 206 and solved sequentially. The pressure-velocity coupling is handled by a predictor-corrector 207 strategy based on the PIMPLE algorithm implemented in OpenFOAM. It consists in a 208 combination of PISO (Pressure Implicit with Splitting of Operator, Issa (1985)) and SIM-209 PLE (Semi-Implicit Method for Pressure Linked Equations, Patankar (1980)). PIMPLE 210 algorithm allows both transient and steady-state simulations. Moreover, PIMPLE enables 211 larger time steps than PISO. Further information regarding the numerics is found in Soulaine 212 and Tchelepi (2016). 213

214 2.2.2 darcyFoam: Darcy's law

darcyFoam is a standard continuum-scale solver that is based on the Darcy's law,

$$\boldsymbol{v}_f = -\frac{k}{\mu_f} \left(\nabla p_f - \rho_f \boldsymbol{g} \right), \tag{5}$$

for describing flow in porous media. Numerically, Eq. (5) is combined along with Eq. (4) to form a Laplace equation solving implicitly for the pressure field, p_f . Then, the velocity field is calculated point-wise using Eq. (5) and p_f . If activatePorosityFeedback is switched on, Darcy's law is recalculated at every time steps to update the velocity and pressure fields according to the new permeability value.

Boundary conditions can be described by imposing fixed pressure or fixed velocity values on the domain edges. However, as darcyFoam solves implicitly for the pressure field, the boundary conditions on the velocity are transformed into pressure gradient conditions using Darcy's law:

$$\boldsymbol{n} \cdot \nabla p_f = -\boldsymbol{n} \cdot \left(\mu_f k^{-1} \boldsymbol{v}_f - \rho_f \boldsymbol{g} \right), \tag{6}$$

where n is the vector normal to the domain boundary. In the code, Eq. (6) is achieved using the boundary condition darcyGradPressure (Horgue et al., 2015).

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2.2.3 constantVelocityFoam: Constant flow rate

The flow solver constantVelocityFoam is used to model cases in which the chemical species are transported using a steady-state velocity field, v_f –uniform or non-uniform– provided as an input data that can come from a separate flow simulation. constantVelocityFoam is particularly useful if the feedback between geochemical reactions and the flow is negligible. Indeed, in such a case, the characteristic timescale of flow changes is much longer than the characteristic time of species transport and the calculation of the velocity profile can be uncoupled from the species transport.

230 2.3 Geochemical packages

In *porousMedia*4Foam, complex reaction networks are handled by geochemical pack-231 ages. The chemical species are transported using the velocity profile, v_f , computed by 232 the flow solver (see section 2.2) and surface reactions rely on the reactive surface area, 233 A_{ϵ} , calculated with the porous media models (see section 2.4.2). The code architecture of 234 porousMedia4Foam is generic so that a wide variety of third-party geochemical packages can 235 be coupled with our platform for solving hydro-geochemical processes at the pore-scale and 236 at the continuum-scale. In this paper, we illustrate the potential of the coupled simulation 237 framework using the popular geochemistry package PHREEQC (D. Parkhurst & Appelo, 238

dia4Foam to account for geochemistry are summarized in Table 2.

Name	Model	Comments
phreeqcRM	PHREEQC	D. L. Parkhurst and Wissmeier (2015)
simpleFirstOrderKineticMole	first order kinetic, C_i in mol	Molins et al. (2020) ; Soulaine et al. (2017)
transportOnly	no geochemistry	-
flowOnly	no transport, no geochemistry	_

Table 2. Summary of the geochemical packages implemented in *porousMedia*4*Foam* for simulating hydro-geochemical processes.

The geochemical packages update the water composition, C_j and the distribution of the solid minerals $Y_{s,i}$, and return the rate of solid changes,

$$\dot{m}_{s,i} = -\frac{\partial \rho_{s,i} Y_{s,i}}{\partial t},\tag{7}$$

where $\rho_{s,i}$ is the density of solid mineral *i*.

242 $2.3.1 \ phreeqcRM$

The phreeqcRM class calls the general-purpose geochemical reaction model PHREEQC through the PhreecRM module. It carries out the transport of the aqueous solution composition, C_j (in moles of elements), along with equilibrium and kinetic reactions with the solid minerals described by $Y_{s,i}$. The aqueous solution is defined either in terms of components or in terms of species. By default, phreeqcRM is set with components.

The geochemistry setup is carried out using an input file that follows PHREEQC format. Hence, the aqueous composition are defined in the block SOLUTION (0 for the composition of the injected fluid at the inlet boundary, 1 for the initial aqueous composition in the bulk). The EQUILIBRIUM_PHASES and KINETICS blocks are generated automatically within the code and the user only have to assign before the calculation which mode of reactions is used for each mineral. Moreover, *porousMedia4Foam* can load any customized database using PHREEQC format.

The coupling between transport and reactions relies on an operator-splitting approach based on the Strang's algorithm (Strang, 1968). First, all species concentration fields, C_j , are transported sequentially using the advection-dispersion equations,

$$\frac{\partial \phi C_j}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \left(\boldsymbol{v}_f C_j \right) - \nabla \cdot \left(\phi D_j^* \nabla C_j \right) = 0, \tag{8}$$

where v_f is the fluid velocity computed with the flow solver (see Section 2.2) and D_j^* is an effective diffusion coefficient that accounts for tortuosity and hydrodynamic dispersion effects (see Section 2.4.3). The transport equation is discretized on the computational domain using the finite-volume method and solved implicitly using OpenFOAM's engines.

Then, the volume fractions of solid minerals, $Y_{s,i}$, are updated according to phase equilibrium and/or kinetic reaction calculations provided by PHREEQC. Reaction kinetics use the surface area computed at every time steps using the surface area models in section 2.4.2. It corresponds to the surface area per volume and its units are m²/m³ (or m⁻¹). Hence, the RATE block provided in PHREEQC database to describe reaction rates has to be defined accordingly.

^{239 2013;} D. L. Parkhurst & Wissmeier, 2015). Models currently implemented in *porousMe*-

265 2.3.2 simpleFirstOrderKineticMole

simpleFirstOrderKineticMole is a simple geochemical engine for solving the transport of
 a single species labelled A that reacts with solid minerals using first order kinetic reactions.
 It is an extension to multiple minerals of the model used in the benchmark presented in
 (Molins et al., 2020) in which pore-scale simulators were used to model the dissolution of a
 calcite crystal by hydrochloric acid.

The chemical reaction reads,

$$Mineral_{i(s)} + A = B_i.$$
(9)

The mass balance equation for species A reads,

$$\frac{\partial \phi C_A}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \left(\boldsymbol{v}_f C_A \right) - \nabla \cdot \left(\phi D_j^* \nabla C_A \right) = -\left(\sum_{j=1}^{N_s} A_{s,j} k_{A,j} \gamma_A \right) C_A, \tag{10}$$

where v_f is the fluid velocity, D_j^* is an effective diffusion, A_e is the reactive surface area (in m⁻¹), $k_{j,s}$ is the constant of reaction of the species A with the mineral s (in mol.m⁻².s⁻¹) and γ_A is the activity of A in water (in m³.mol⁻¹). In simpleFirstOrderKineticMole, the concentration field, C_j , is defined in mol/m³. The equation is discretized on the computational grid using the finite-volume method and solved implicitly.

The distribution of solid minerals evolves according to,

$$\frac{\partial Y_{s,i}}{\partial t} = -A_{s,A}k_{i,A}\gamma_A V_{m_{s,i}}C_A.$$
(11)

276 2.3.3 transportOnly

transportOnly solves the advection-dispersion equation,

$$\frac{\partial \phi C_j}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \left(\boldsymbol{v}_f C_j \right) - \nabla \cdot \left(\phi D_j^* \nabla C_j \right) = 0, \tag{12}$$

without considering geochemistry. It allows the transport of species using the dispersion models implemented in *porousMedia4Foam* (see Table 5).

279 **2.3.4** flowOnly

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flowOnly is an empty class for computing velocity profiles without species transport nor geochemistry. For example, Poonoosamy et al. (2020) used the multi-scale flow solver of *porousMedia4Foam* to compute the steady-state velocity profile in absence of geochemical reactions within a two-scale domain, i.e. a domain that contains both solid-free regions and porous regions (see Fig. 1b). This option is particularly interesting in cases for which geochemistry and flow can be treated independently from each other.

2.4 Porous media models

The flow solvers and geochemistry modules rely on porous media properties including absolute permeability, specific surface area and dispersion tensor. These properties describe pore-scale effects related to the micro-structure geometry of the porous medium. Hence, they may change if the micro-structure evolves with geochemical reactions.

2.4.1 Absolute permeability models

The absolute permeability describes the ability of a porous medium to resist to the flow. This property is intrinsic to the medium micro-structure and therefore evolves with geochemical processes including precipitation and dissolution. *porousMedia*4Foam includes several porosity-permeability relationships summarized in Table 3.

Name	Expression	Comments
none	k = 0	_
constant	$k = k_0$	k_0 is uniform or non-uniform.
Power-law	$k = k_0 \left(rac{\phi}{\phi_0} ight)^n$	n is a user defined variable.
Kozeny-Carman	$k = k_0 \left(\frac{\phi}{\phi_0}\right)^n \left(\frac{1-\phi_0}{1-\phi}\right)^m$	by default, $n = 2$ and $m = 3$ (Kozeny, 1927; Carman, 1937).
Verma-Pruess	$k = k_0 \left(\frac{\phi - \phi_c}{\phi_0 - \phi_c}\right)^n$	n is a model parameter. ϕ_c refers to the critical porosity where permeability reduces to 0 (Verma & Pruess, 1988).
Hele-Shaw	$k = \frac{h^2}{12}$	for simulating 2D depth-averaged flow in micromodels (e.g. Poonoosamy et al. (2020); Roman et al. (2016)).

Table 3. Summary of the permeability-porosity models implemented in *porousMedia4Foam*. In the table, subscripts 0 refers to variable data at initial time. Optionally, ϕ_0 and k_0 are updated at every time-steps.

296 2.4.2 Surface area models

The estimation of the reactive surface area is crucial to model geochemical processes 297 described by kinetic reactions. Actually, reactive surface area is a difficult quantity to assess 298 as only a portion of the geometric surface area is accessible to the reactants. For example, 299 in an advection-dominated transport, only the surfaces at the vicinity of the faster flowlines 300 react (Soulaine et al., 2017) leading to a reactive surface area smaller than the geometric 301 surface area. Moreover, the evolution of the specific surface area as the mineral volume 302 fractions change due to dissolution or precipitation is not necessarily monotonic (Noiriel et 303 al., 2009). Table 4 summarizes the models implemented in *porousMedia4Foam* to describe 304 the surface area as a function of the mineral volume fraction. 305

Unlike continuum-scale simulations, the surface area in pore-scale modelling is not an input parameter but is a direct output of the simulation. Indeed at the pore-scale, the micro-structure of the porous medium is fully resolved in the computational grid and there is a sharp interface between the fluid and the solid mineral. The Volume-of-Solid model computes the surface area of an explicit fluid/solid interface using the gradient of the volume fraction of mineral (see Soulaine et al. (2017) for additional details on the technique).

2.4.3 Dispersion models

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In porous media, the spreading of a solute is not governed only by molecular diffusion (D_i) but also by the micro-structure and the local velocity field. On the one hand, the tortuosity of the porous structure tends to slow down the spreading. On the other hand, hydrodynamic dispersion stretches a solute band in the flow direction during its transport. In *porousMedia4Foam*, a single effective diffusion coefficient, D_i^* , is used to represent both mechanisms. The models implemented in the code are summarized in Table 5.

³¹⁹ 3 Verification of the hydro-geochemical simulation platform

In this section, the multi-scale hydro-geochemical simulation package *porousMedia4Foam* introduced in Section 2 is used along with PHREEQC to investigate several scenarios for which reference solutions exist. The verification of the results is achieved by comparison

Name	Expression	Comments
None	$A_e = 0$	If specific surface area is not necessary, e.g. for phase equilibrium calculation.
Constant	$A_e = A_0$	_
Volume of solid	$A_e = \left \nabla \phi \right \psi$	for pore-scale simulations only. Compute the local surface area based on the mineral mapping (Soulaine et al., 2017).
Power-law	$A_{e,i} = A_{0,i} \left(Y_{s,i} \right)^n$	n is a user defined variable
Sugar-lump	$A_{e} = \left(A_{0} + A_{m}\left(1 - \left(\frac{Y_{s}}{Y_{0}}\right)^{n_{1}}\right)^{n_{2}}\right)\left(\frac{Y_{s}}{Y_{0}}\right)^{n_{3}}$	Evolution of the surface area of an aggregate during dissolution (Noiriel et al., 2009). A_m is the maximum surface area given by the sum of the surface areas of all individual particles, n_1, n_2 and n_3 are user-defined parameters.
Hydro- geochemical coupling	$A_{e} = A_{0} \left(\frac{\phi_{0}}{\phi}\right)^{n} \left(1 - \exp\left(Pe^{-p}Da^{-q}\right)\right)$	including surface reduction due to hydro- geochemical coupling (Soulaine et al., 2017). n, p, q are user defined parameters.

Table 4. Summary of the specific surface area models implemented in *porousMedia*4*Foam*. Units of specific surface area are m^{-1} .

against benchmarks published in literature both at the continuum-scale and at the porescale. Essential files required to run all the test cases presented in this section are available
as examples within the package. All simulations were run on Intel Xeon with 2.60 GHz.

3.1 Verification at the continuum-scale

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We verify the ability of *porousMedia4Foam* to simulate coupled hydro-geochemical processes that include porosity feedback on the transport properties at the continuum-scale. We also verify that the multi-scale solver dbsFoam tends asymptotically towards Darcy's law in porous domains. The case is based on the Benchmark 1 described in Xie et al. (2015). It consists of a 2 meters long 1D column initially filled with 35 % of inert mineral and 30 % of calcite. An acidic solution having pH = 3 is continuously injected at the inlet to initiate the dissolution of calcite according to,

$$CaCO_3 + H^+ \leftrightarrow Ca^{2+} + HCO_3^-, HCO_3^- \leftrightarrow H^+ + CO_3^{2-}.$$
(13)

Table 6 provides the initial and boundary conditions data specific to the primary components. A hydraulic head of 0.007 m is applied between the inlet and outlet (Xie et al., 2015) by fixing the pressure at 70 Pa and 0 Pa respectively at the inlet and outlet boundaries throughout the simulation.

The calcite dissolution with porosity feedback is simulated using both the multi-scale solver dbsFoam and the continuum-scale solver darcyFoam. The aqueous species are transported by advection only. The calcite dissolution is modelled using a kinetic rate of reaction with $k_{\text{calcite}} = 5 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol/m}^2/\text{s}$ and the initial specific area $A_0 = 1 \text{ m}^2/\text{m}^3$. As the calcite dissolves, the surface area decreases according to a power-law function with n = 2/3 (see Table 4). The porosity-permeability relationship is described by the Kozeny-Carman equa-

Name	Expression	Comments
none	$D_i^* = 0$	for modelling transport by advection only
diffusionOnly	$D_i^* = D_i$	no tortuosity effects, no hydrodynamic dispersion.
archiesLaw	$D_i^* = \phi^n D_i$	tortuosity is represented by $\phi^n.$ By default, $n=0$
linearDispersion	$D_i^* = \phi^n D_i \left(1 + \frac{\alpha_L}{D_i} U \right)$	tortuosity is represented by ϕ^n . α_L is a model parameter.
powerLaw	$D_i^* = \phi^n D_i \left(1 + \alpha_L P e^p \right)$	tortuosity is represented by ϕ^n . Pe is the Péclet number. α_L and p are model parameters.

 Table 5.
 Summary of the dispersion models implemented in porousMedia4Foam.

Primary components	Units	Initial conditions	Boundary condition
pH	-	9.38	3
Ca^{2+}	mol/l	1.56×10^{-4}	9.97×10^{-5}
CO_3^{2-}	mol/l	2.56×10^{-4}	9.97×10^{-3}
SO_4^{2-}	mol/l	9.97×10^{-11}	6.44×10^{-4}

Table 6. Initial and boundary conditions of the primary components for calcite dissolution under kinetic conditions considering porosity feedback.

tion (Table 3). The initial permeability of the column is set to $k_0 = 1.186 \times 10^{-11} \text{ m}^2$. The column is spatially discretized with $\Delta x = 25 \text{ mm}$ (80 cells). 150 years are simulated with $\Delta t = 21600 \text{ s}$.

There is a perfect match between dbsFoam and darcyFoam confirming that the multi-340 scale solver converges well to the continuum-scale solution predicted by Darcy's law (Fig-341 ure 2). The analysis of results includes the evolution of porosity (Fig. 2a), calcite volume 342 fraction (Fig. 2b), hydraulic head (Fig. 2c) along the column length and the outflux over 343 time (Fig. 2d). As the dissolution of calcite occurs, the calcite volume fraction decreases 344 and the porosity increases over time. In Fig. 2c, we notice different slopes of hydraulic head 345 at different times. The slope is minimal where porosity is large and vice-versa. The velocity 346 - and therefore the outflux - increases over time as the permeability (and porosity) of the 347 system increases. The evolution of porosity, calcite volume fraction, hydraulic head and out-348 flux predicted by *porousMedia4Foam* solvers are in close agreement with those of MIN3P 349 and TOUGHREACT which demonstrates the ability of our platform to simulate hydro-350 geochemical processes with porosity feedback. As calcite dissolution reaches the end of the 351 column, however, there is a slight difference in *porousMedia4Foam* results compared with 352 other solvers. This numerical artefact due to boundary effects was also observed amongst 353 different solvers in the benchmark of (Xie et al., 2015) when there was a breakthrough. 354 At 150 years, there is only non reactive inert mineral in the column and the flow reaches 355 steady-state. 356

357 **3.2** Verification at the pore-scale

In this section, we highlight the capabilities of our OpenFOAM package to model hydrogeochemical interactions occurring at the pore-scale using PHREEQC.



Figure 2. Calcite dissolution under kinetic conditions considering feedback of porous media properties. Evolution of (a) porosity, (b) calcite volume fraction, (c) hydraulic head along the channel and (d) evolution of outflux. MIN3P and TOUGHREACT data are taken from (Xie et al., 2015) for comparison.



Figure 3. The considered model set-up along with initial and boundary conditions to investigate calcite grain dissolution in a microchannel.

In porousMedia4Foam, pore-scale simulations are run using the micro-continuum approach through the flow solver dbsFoam. At the pore-scale, the reaction rates are directly applied at the fluid-mineral interface that is described explicitly in the computational grid using the mineral volume fraction. The micro-continuum approach has been used to simulate the dissolution of a calcite crystal at the pore-scale and compared successfully with microfluidic experiments (Soulaine et al., 2017). In Molins et al. (2020), the approach is compared with state-of-the-art RTM at the pore-scale using various numerical techniques including Chombo-Cruch with Level-Set (Molins et al., 2017), Lattice Boltzmann Method (Prasianakis et al., 2018), dissolFoam moving grids with conformal mapping (Starchenko et al., 2016), and Vortex methods (Sanchez et al., 2019). The benchmark consists of a 0.2 mm diameter calcite crystal posted in a 1 mm long 0.5 width channel (see Fig. 3). An acidic solution of pH=2 is continuously injected from the inlet at a rate of $U_{inj} = 1.2 \times 10^{-3}$ m/s.



Figure 4. Evolution of the shape of the calcite grain as a function of time (t = 0 min, 15 min, 30 min and 45 min) predicted by dbsFoam + first order kinetics geochemical module (simpleFirstOrderKineticsMole, red line) and dbsFoam + PHREEQC (phreeqcRM geochemical module of *porousMedia4Foam*, black line). The red and black lines represent cells having calcite volume fraction of 0.5.

The calcite crystal dissolution is described considering a kinetic rate,

$$r = A_{\text{calcite}} k_{\text{calcite}} c_{H^+} \gamma, \tag{14}$$

where, r is the reaction rate in mol/m³.s, A_{calcite} is the reactive surface area in m²/m³ com-360 puted using the volume-of-solid approach (see Table 4), $k_{\text{calcite}} = 0.89 \,\text{mol/m}^2$.s is the reac-361 tion rate constant of calcite, c_{H^+} is the concentration of H^+ in mol/m³ and $\gamma = 10^{-3} \text{ m}^3/\text{mol}$ 362 is an activity constant. This reaction rate may not be fully representative of the underly-363 ing geochemical processes. It has been chosen in Molins et al. (2020) to demonstraste the 364 ability of various approaches to move the fluid-mineral interface according to geochemical 365 processes. All the numerical methods were able to capture accurately the shape evolution 366 of the calcite crystal, giving confidence in pore-scale simulators for moving fluid-mineral 367 interfaces along with geochemical processes. 368

Actually, in Soulaine et al. (2017) and Molins et al. (2020), the micro-continuum ap-369 proach, dbsFoam, was combined with the geochemical package simpleFirstOrderKineticsMole 370 (see Table 2) that solves Eq. (14) using OpenFOAM's internal engines. This limits drasti-371 cally the applicability of the approach to comprehensive reaction networks. In this section, 372 we reproduce the two-dimensional case presented in Molins et al. (2020) using dbsFoam 373 and phreeqcRM to demonstrate the robustness of our coupling between OpenFOAM and 374 PHREEQC at the pore-scale. The kinetic rate in PHREEQC input file has been modified 375 to match Eq. (14). The system is spatially discretized using a Cartesian mesh of 128×64 376 cells. The simulation is run for 45 minutes using a time step size $\Delta t = 5$ ms. 377

The shape evolution of the calcite grain determined by the two approaches matches perfectly (Fig. 4) which verifies, therefore, that in our modelling plateform, PHREEQC can be used to model hydro-geochemical interactions occurring at the pore-scale. This gives us confidence for further investigations that rely on more complex reactive transport phenomena occurring at the pore-scale.

³⁸³ 4 Hybrid-scale simulation in fractured porous media

In most subsurface environments, fractures intercept porous media domains. These 384 fractures act as free-flow zones transporting substantial quantities of fluids alongside chemi-385 cal species compared to the flow and transport that occur within the porous medium (Noiriel 386 et al., 2007; Ajo-Franklin et al., 2018). The complex interplay between advection, diffusion, 387 and reaction can lead to very different dissolution and precipitation patterns. For example, 388 Poonoosamy et al. (2020) uses micro-Raman spectroscopy to visualise the replacement of ce-389 lestite with barite in a fractured porous media flooded with a solution that contains barium 390 ions. They observe that the mineral replacement occurs either uniformly or at the vicinity 391 of the fracture-matrix interface. This difference in the mineral distribution was attributed 392 to the injection flow rates leading to advection or diffusion-dominated transport. 393

We investigate such a multiscale system, where a fracture is sandwiched in between a reactive porous matrix made of 50% celestite (SrSO₄) having specific reactive surface area of $A_0 = 20000 \text{ m}^2/\text{m}^3$ as shown in Fig. 5. The fracture has a length of $\ell = 0.03 \text{ m}$ and height h = 0.002 m. Transport phenomena in the fracture is fully resolved, i.e. the flow is governed by Navier-Stokes equations whereas the flow in the matrix is described by Darcy's law. This hybrid-scale case is modelled using the dbsFoam solver. The initial porosity and permeability of the porous medium are $\phi_0 = 0.5$ and $k_0 = 10^{-12} \text{ m}^2$, respectively. A solution containing 300 mol/m³ of barium (Ba²⁺) is continuously injected through the inlet at a constant velocity U_{inj} for 200 hours. The dispersivity of species within the porous matrix are taken into account considering linear dispersion law (Table 5) with molecular diffusion set to $D_j = 10^{-9} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$, hydrodynamic dispersion coefficient set to $\alpha_L = 10^{-5} \text{ m}$ and tortuosity exponent set to n = 2. Once the barium ions reach the porous matrix, celestite dissociates into strontium (Sr²⁺) and sulphate (SO₄²⁻) ions. The barium ions react with sulphate ions resulting in the precipitation of barite (BaSO₄) according to the following reaction (Poonoosamy et al., 2018),

$$Ba^{2+} + SrSO_4 \to BaSO_4 + Sr^{2+}.$$
 (15)

Celestite dissolution is taken into account considering kinetics with $k_{\text{celestite}} = 10^{-5.66} \text{ mol/m}^2$.s whereas, barite precipitation is accounted considering phase equilibrium. Celestite reactive surface area evolves linearly with its volume fraction. The matrix permeability is updated according to Kozeny-Carman.

We investigate the ongoing hydrogeochemistry within this system considering two dif-398 ferent injection velocities, $U_{inj} = 10^{-2} \text{ m/s}$ and $U_{inj} = 10^{-6} \text{ m/s}$. The Péclet number, 399 $Pe = U_{inj} \ell / D_j$ (where the reference length-scale is the fracture aperture), characterizes the 400 importance of advection with respect to diffusion within the fracture. The highest veloc-401 ity corresponds to advection-dominated transport ($Pe \approx 10^4$) while the lowest corresponds 402 to diffusion-dominated regime ($Pe \approx 1$). For both cases, the second Damkhöler number 403 that determines the timescale of reaction with respect to the timescale of species diffusion 404 at the mineral surface is $\text{Da}_{II} = k_{\text{celestite}} \ell/(c_{Ba^{2+}}D_j) \approx 3.6 \times 10^{-4}$ (where the reference length-scale is the inverse of the spectific surface area, $\ell = A_0^{-1}$, according to Soulaine et al. 405 406 (2017)).407

We notice differences in the pattern of celestite dissolution and barite precipitation 408 whether the transport in the fracture is dominated by advection or by diffusion in agreement 409 with Poonoosamy et al. (2020) observations (Fig. 6). For advection dominated regime 410 (Pe > 1), there are two characteristic timescales for the solute transport: first, the barium 411 ions flow through the fracture by advection, then they diffuse laterally into the matrix. 412 Because of the timescale contrast between the two processes, the concentration profile of 413 barium ions is uniform along the porous matrix which leads to a uniform pattern of celestite 414 dissolution and barite precipitation as seen in Figs. 6 and 7. For diffusion-dominated regimes 415 (Pe < 1), the characteristic transport timescales both in the fracture and in the matrix are 416 of the same order of magnitude. Therefore, the front of barium ions in the matrix follows the 417



Figure 5. Numerical set-up for the hybrid-scale case study. A fracture is sandwiched in between two layers of reactive porous medium. The reactive porous medium comprises of celestite. Barium is injected at the inlet. We investigate this scenario considering two different injection velocities, $U = 10^{-2}$ m/s and $U = 10^{-6}$ m/s.



Figure 6. Evolution of mineral volume fractions - celestite on the left and barite on the right - at different injection velocities: $U_{\rm inj} = 1 \times 10^{-2} \,\mathrm{m/s}$ at the top and $U_{\rm inj} = 1 \times 10^{-6} \,\mathrm{m/s}$ at the bottom.



Figure 7. Plots comparing the mineral volume fractions of celestite and barite at three different time intervals (a) t = 0 s, (b) t = 100 h and (c) t = 200 h for different injection velocities. The mineral volume fraction data is collected along the length of the domain at a distance of 0.001 m from the top wall boundary as highlighted by dashed black line in Fig. 6 (see initial mineral volume fraction).

diffusive front within the fracture. Subsequently, we observe mineral dissolution (celestite) and precipitation (barite) fronts within the porous matrix (Figs. 6 and 7).

This illustration emphasizes the capabilities of *porousMedia4Foam* to model dual-porosity systems in reactive environments. Our platform is therefore a powerful tool to complement and augment reactive transport experiments including high-resolution imaging of the evolution the fracture aperture including the effect of the weathered zone (Noiriel et al., 2007, 2009; Ajo-Franklin et al., 2018; Deng et al., 2020) and two-scale reactive microfluidic experiments (Poonoosamy et al., 2020; Nissan et al., 2020; Osselin et al., 2016).

426 5 Conclusion

We developed an integrated open-source simulator to model hydro-geochemical pro-427 cesses at various scales of interest including pore-scale and reservoir-scale. The simulation 428 platform is part of *porousMedia4Foam*, a package that solves flow and transport in porous 429 media using the open-source library OpenFOAM. The modelling framework handles com-430 plex reactions network as a function of flow conditions, water composition and minerals 431 distribution within the rock including the complex porosity feedback between flow and 432 chemistry. Moreover, porousMedia4Foam benefits from all the feature of the OpenFOAM li-433 brary. Hence, the code is fully parallel and handles structured and unstructured grids in one, 434 two and three dimensions. The interface between the flow simulator and the geochemistry 435 is generic and can be used to couple a large variety of geochemical packages. In this paper, 436 we illustrate the hydro-geochemical capabilities of the coupled solver using PHREEQC. 437

Unlike other reactive transport simulators, porous Media 4 Foam is multi-scale, i.e. a 438 unique flow solver describes transport processes both at the continuum-scale and the pore-439 scale. Importantly, the two scales can be solved simultaneously in geological formations 440 that feature large contrast of permeability and porosity. For example, in fractured rocks, 441 porousMedia4Foam solves Stokes flow in the fracture network and Darcy's law in the porous 442 matrix. This multi-scale model is achieved using the micro-continuum approach, hybrid-443 scale approach based on the Darcy-Brinkman-Stokes equation. Indeed, this approach is 444 intermediate between a pure Navier-Stokes description of the transport for which all the 445 porosity is fully resolved and pure continuum-scale modeling based on Darcy's law. Besides 446 this hybrid-scale approach, *porousMedia4Foam* also includes a standard Darcy solver for 447

continuum-scale simulations. Therefore, the same simulator can be used to simulate flow,
 transport, and geochemical reactions in an reservoir and in 3D micro-tomography images.

The coupled hydro-geochemical simulator is verified by running cases for which reference 450 solutions exist. These solutions are well-established and used in the reactive transport 451 community to benchmark the state-of-the-art codes available both at the continuum-scale 452 (Xie et al., 2015) and at the pore-scale (Molins et al., 2020). Finally, we demonstrated 453 the ability of our advanced modelling framework to simulate dissolution and precipitation 454 processes in fractured porous media at the pore-scale using the hybrid-scale approach. Here, 455 the reactive medium consists of celestite grains that react with a barium chloride solution 456 injected into the system, leading to the dissolution of celestite and the growth of barite. 457 We observe differences in the mineral precipitation - dissolution patterns by varying the 458 injection rates. 459

Future works will consider the implementation of other open-source geochemical packages. Moreover, *porousMedia4Foam* has capabilities for modelling two-phase flow in porous media both at the pore-scale and at Darcy-scale using two-phase micro-continuum technique already (Soulaine et al., 2019, 2018; Carrillo et al., 2020). The coupling between such hybrid-scale approaches and geochemistry will pave the path to multi-scale reactive multi-phase simulations.

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Figure1.





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hybrid-scale

continuum-scale (full Darcy approach)



Figure2.



Figure3.



Figure4.



dbsFoam + PHREEQC

Figure5.



Figure6.

Initial Mineral Volume Fraction









$$U_{inj} = 1 \times 10^{-2} \text{ m/s}$$

t = 100 h





t = 200 h







t = 100 h





t = 200 h





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Mineral Volume Fraction [-]

Figure7.

