

## HOMOGENIZATION OF A MODEL FOR THE PROPAGATION OF SOUND IN THE LUNGS\*

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**Abstract.** In this paper, we are interested in the mathematical modeling of the propagation of sound waves in the lung parenchyma, which is a foam-like elastic material containing millions of air-filled alveoli. In this study, the parenchyma is governed by the linearized elasticity equations, and the air by the acoustic wave equations. The geometric arrangement of the alveoli is assumed to be periodic with a small period  $\varepsilon > 0$ . We consider the time-harmonic regime forced by vibrations induced by volumic forces. We use the two-scale convergence theory to study the asymptotic behavior as  $\varepsilon$  goes to zero and prove the convergence of the solutions of the coupled fluid-structure problem to the solution of a linear-elasticity boundary value problem.

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**1. Introduction and motivation.** Lung sounds provide a cheap, noninvasive diagnostic measure which is often used for the detection of some pathologies of the respiratory system [35, 37]. Some diseases are associated with changes in the structure of the lung at various scales. Medical doctors have developed a good empirical understanding of the relation between the characteristics of the lung sounds they can hear, for example thanks to the stethoscope, and underlying pathologies. But one lacks a precise physical understanding of the generation and propagation of sound waves through the respiratory system and the lung tissue, as well as of the changes in acoustic properties associated with underlying lung diseases. Another factor of interest is the propagation of pressure waves due to high-velocity impacts on the chest, thought to be responsible for lung contusions [28].

The lung tissue (called the parenchyma) is a very complex structure similar to a foam. Indeed, the lungs contain up to 300 million air pockets, called the alveoli, connected by a bifurcating network of airways and embedded in an elastic matrix of connective tissue. The acoustic properties of this medium are the consequence of this very complex, porous microstructure. Nevertheless, it is hard to describe accurately the properties of such porous media, and, in practice, macroscopic models of reduced complexity are used. Our goal is to obtain macroscopic models based on more detailed tissue mechanics and geometry that are expected to further improve the understanding of experimental studies [35].

Current models for the acoustic properties of the lung parenchyma are usually based on the work by Rice [36], modeling the parenchyma as a homogeneous mixture

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of tissue and noncommunicating air bubbles. When the sound wavelength is greatly superior to the size of the air bubbles, averaging the properties of the medium over volume leads us to consider the porous medium as an elastic one. In this case, the speed of sound is independent of frequency and given by Wood's formula,  $c = (K/\rho)^{1/2}$ , where  $K$  is the effective volumetric stiffness of the medium and  $\rho$  its average density. When the volumetric proportion of the tissue phase is  $h$ , and under adiabatic conditions, the effective stiffness can be found by the following averaging process:

$$(1.1) \quad \frac{1}{K} = \frac{1-h}{\gamma P} + \frac{h}{K_s},$$

where  $\gamma$  is the adiabatic index of the air,  $P$  is the gas pressure, and  $K_s$  is the stiffness of the tissue structure. The average density is given by

$$\rho = (1-h)\rho_g + h\rho_s,$$

where  $\rho_g$  is the density of the air phase and  $\rho_s$  the density of the tissue phase. Experimental measurements of the speed of sound in the low-frequency range (100 Hz to 1000 Hz) presented in [31, 36] show a good agreement with Wood's formula. However, this homogeneous elastic representation is not valid as the frequency increases and the wavelength approaches the size of the alveoli, as studied in [28] on a one-dimensional model.

Other acoustic models of the lung's parenchyma have been proposed, mainly to study the effects of air communication between alveoli, which may be an important phenomenon at very low frequencies [16]. The main wave propagation models for such porous media go back to the work of Biot [11, 12]. Biot's equations were first introduced to characterize the flow of a viscous fluid through a porous elastic frame as well as the associated acoustic phenomena [13]. This model has then been derived using general homogenization theory [7, 38, 15]. More recently, assuming periodicity, the model has been obtained in [1, 27] by an asymptotic process using two-scale homogenization theory [32, 2]. Concerning lung tissue modeling, the homogenization approach has been used by Owen and Lewis [34] to study high-frequency ventilation, and by Siklosi et al. [39] to study the lungs of fetal sheep. A homogenized model for the propagation of sound waves in cancellous bone is also obtained by Fang et. al. [24], who consider the vibrations of a viscoelastic frame containing a viscous, slightly compressible fluid in the time-harmonic domain for a well-chosen small frequency.

Here, we propose to derive rigorously, thanks to the homogenization theory, the nondissipative model developed by Rice [36] for the propagation of low-frequency sound in a domain  $\Omega$  modeling the parenchyma. We assume that this domain is occupied by an elastic deformable structure (the lung tissue [40]) and closed pockets filled with a compressible inviscid fluid (the air). Moreover, we assume that the size of the alveoli is small compared to the wavelength, i.e., that the macroscale and microscale are well separated, and we use the two-scale homogenization technique in order to investigate the asymptotic behavior of this medium as the size of the alveoli tends to zero. Consequently we have to find the homogenized limit of a fluid-structure interaction problem where the structure is elastic and the enclosed air is compressible and inviscid. Note that when the model includes a viscous fluid, the effective material obtained by homogenization usually depends strongly upon the contrast of property between the viscosity of the fluid and the elasticity of the structure, ranging from a viscoelastic material when this contrast is small to material with a diphasic macroscopic behavior when the contrast is strong [27]. The case of an inviscid but

incompressible fluid can be found in [25]. In this work, since there is no viscosity, the main difficulty is in dealing with the absence of space derivatives of the fluid velocity in the linearized compressible Euler equations. As a result, the limit behavior depends strongly upon the geometry of the microstructure and specifically the connectedness of the fluid part. Here we assume that the alveoli are disconnected. This is based on the common assumption [36, 28] that air does not communicate freely between neighboring alveoli at frequencies above a few hundred Hertz under normal circumstances. This hypothesis has been validated by a number of experimental studies; see, e.g., [31, 16]. Moreover, the space repetition of the alveoli leads us to consider an idealized medium containing a periodic arrangement of disconnected pores with a small period  $\varepsilon > 0$ .

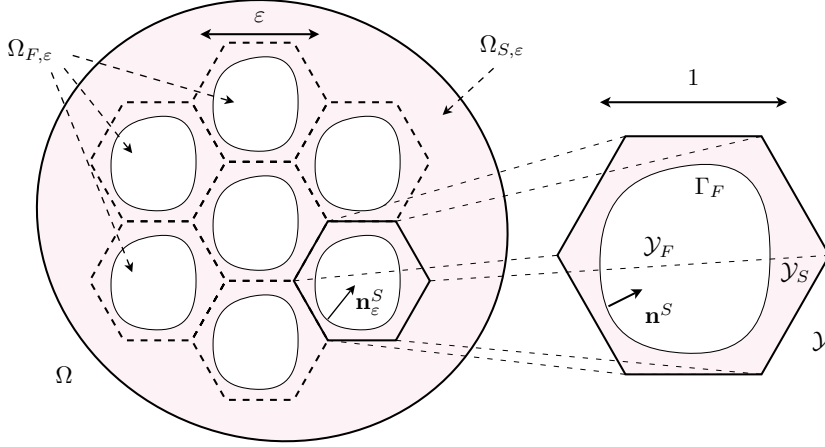
The material we study thus behaves like a closed foam. We consider time-harmonic solutions to understand the behavior of the material in response to a harmonic forcing. Such a material was studied in the static case in [9], and we will see that we recover the same model in the vanishing frequency limit. To obtain a homogenized system, we pass to the limit as  $\varepsilon$  goes to zero and use the two-scale convergence theory. In the case of a vanishing viscosity of order  $\varepsilon^2$  and a connected incompressible fluid, the limit of the time-harmonic system was studied in [5]. The harmonic nondissipative case brings some specific difficulties, since the problem set in the frequency domain, of a Helmholtz nature, is not coercive. This means that the standard two-scale homogenization procedure cannot be applied directly, and we have to use some nonstandard arguments to obtain our main convergence theorem, Theorem 3.17, applying the theory of collectively compact sequences of operators; see, e.g., [6, 33, 3]. Another possible method would be to use a contradiction argument, as first presented in [14] and then, e.g., in [8, 5].

In the limit, we obtain a homogeneous, nondispersive elastic medium, as expected [35]. We can recover the effective coefficients by computing the solutions of cell problems. Interestingly, on one hand, the averaging effects on the fluid pressure give rise to a nonlocal term in the formulation of the cell problems, and we obtain the same elastic tensor as in [9]. On the other hand, the macroscopic effect of the gaseous bubbles is mainly a modification of the bulk modulus (compressibility) of the limit material.

The paper is organized as follows. First, we detail the geometry and derive the equations of the model. Then, we study the well-posedness of the coupled elastic-acoustic problem for a fixed value of the microscale parameter  $\varepsilon$  and show that it verifies a Fredholm alternative principle (Proposition 2.12). In section 3, we analyze the asymptotic behavior of the displacement field, using homogenization techniques and an argument by contradiction. The main result of the paper is the convergence theorem, Theorem 3.17, which describes both the two-scale convergence of the displacement field and the homogenized problem (3.31).

## 2. Description of the coupling of the elastic and acoustic equations in a perforated domain.

**2.1. Geometric setting.** We consider that the lung tissue occupies a smooth domain  $\Omega$  of  $\mathbb{R}^d$  with  $d = 2$  or  $3$ . This domain is homogeneously composed of a porous medium modeling the air-filled alveoli embedded in the elastic structural matrix. We assume that the alveoli are periodically distributed and of size  $\varepsilon > 0$ . More precisely, we define an open periodic unit cell  $\mathcal{Y}$  representing the geometry of an alveolus. By rescaling, we normalize  $\mathcal{Y}$  so that  $|\mathcal{Y}| = 1$ , and we define the associated periodic array  $\mathbf{Z}$  of  $\mathbb{R}^d$ , which is the discrete set of translation vectors such that  $\mathcal{Y} + \mathbf{Z}$  is a tiling of

FIGURE 1. Domain  $\Omega$  and reference cell  $\mathcal{Y}$ .

the whole space. The standard example is  $\mathcal{Y} = (-1/2, 1/2)^d$  and  $\mathbf{Z} = \mathbb{Z}^d$ . We can also study, for example, a honeycomb as presented in Figure 1, where  $\mathcal{Y}$  is a hexagon with side  $a > 0$  such that its volume is 1 and  $\mathbf{Z}$  the discrete lattice with basis  $(0, \sqrt{3}a)$  and  $(3a/2, \sqrt{3}a/2)$  in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , or a paving based on the truncated octahedron in  $3D$  which is a standard representation of the alveolus [22]. Note that we will always use bold face to denote vectors or spaces of vectors.

The reference unit cell is supposed to be divided between an elastic and a fluid (acoustic) part,  $\mathcal{Y}_S$  and  $\mathcal{Y}_F$ , where  $\overline{\mathcal{Y}_F} \subset \overset{\circ}{\mathcal{Y}}$  is smooth, simply connected, and locally lies on only one side of its boundary. The boundary  $\Gamma_F = \partial\mathcal{Y}_F$  is the interface between the two components of  $\mathcal{Y}$ . For the sake of simplicity, we suppose that the barycenter of  $\mathcal{Y}_F$  is at the origin of  $\mathbb{R}^d$ .

Next, for any given small parameter  $\varepsilon > 0$ , we introduce the following notation:

- For a given multi-index  $\mathbf{k} \in \mathbf{Z}$ , let

$$\mathcal{Y}_\varepsilon^{\mathbf{k}} = \varepsilon(\mathcal{Y} + \mathbf{k}), \quad \mathcal{Y}_{F,\varepsilon}^{\mathbf{k}} = \varepsilon(\mathcal{Y}_F + \mathbf{k}), \quad \mathcal{Y}_{S,\varepsilon}^{\mathbf{k}} = \varepsilon(\mathcal{Y}_S + \mathbf{k}), \quad \Gamma_{F,\varepsilon}^{\mathbf{k}} = \varepsilon(\Gamma_F + \mathbf{k}),$$

which are a translation by  $\mathbf{k}$  and a rescaling by  $\varepsilon$  of the unit cell  $\mathcal{Y}$  and of the fluid and structure part as well as of the fluid-structure boundary.

- Introducing the multi-index set

$$\mathbf{Z}_\varepsilon^\Omega = \{\mathbf{k} \in \mathbf{Z} \mid \overline{\mathcal{Y}_\varepsilon^{\mathbf{k}}} \subset \Omega\},$$

we define the periodically perforated structure domain, the fluid domain, and the interior interface respectively as

$$(2.1) \quad \Omega_{S,\varepsilon} = \Omega \setminus \bigcup_{\mathbf{k} \in \mathbf{Z}_\varepsilon^\Omega} \overline{\mathcal{Y}_{F,\varepsilon}^{\mathbf{k}}}, \quad \Omega_{F,\varepsilon} = \bigcup_{\mathbf{k} \in \mathbf{Z}_\varepsilon^\Omega} \mathcal{Y}_{F,\varepsilon}^{\mathbf{k}}, \quad \Gamma_\varepsilon^I = \bigcup_{\mathbf{k} \in \mathbf{Z}_\varepsilon^\Omega} \Gamma_{F,\varepsilon}^{\mathbf{k}}.$$

- Let  $\mathbf{n}^S$  and  $\mathbf{n}_\varepsilon^S$  be unit normal vectors on the fluid-structure cell interface  $\Gamma_F$  and interior interface  $\Gamma_\varepsilon^I$ , respectively, pointing in each case to the exterior of the structure represented respectively by  $\mathcal{Y}_S$  and  $\Omega_{S,\varepsilon}$ .
- Let  $\chi_F, \chi_S$  be the characteristic functions of  $\mathcal{Y}_F$  and  $\mathcal{Y}_S$ , respectively, and  $\chi_{F,\varepsilon}, \chi_{S,\varepsilon}, \chi_{F,\varepsilon}^{\mathbf{k}}, \chi_{S,\varepsilon}^{\mathbf{k}}$  the characteristic functions of  $\Omega_{F,\varepsilon}, \Omega_{S,\varepsilon}, \mathcal{Y}_{F,\varepsilon}^{\mathbf{k}},$  and  $\mathcal{Y}_{S,\varepsilon}^{\mathbf{k}}$ , respectively.

- The subscript  $\#$  on the functional spaces' name denotes the property of periodicity with respect to  $\mathbf{Z}$ , in the sense that  $C_{\#}^{\infty}(\mathcal{Y})$  is the space of  $\mathbf{Z}$ -periodic functions on  $\mathbb{R}^d$  indefinitely differentiable on  $\mathbb{R}^d$ , and  $H_{\#}^1(\mathcal{Y})$  and  $L_{\#}^2(\mathcal{Y})$  are the closure of  $C_{\#}^{\infty}(\mathcal{Y})$  respectively in the  $H^1$ - and the  $L^2$ -norms. Moreover,  $H_{\#}^1(\mathcal{Y}_S)$  and  $L_{\#}^2(\mathcal{Y}_S)$  are defined as the spaces of restrictions of functions in  $H_{\#}^1(\mathcal{Y})$  and  $L_{\#}^2(\mathcal{Y})$  to  $\mathcal{Y}_S + \mathbf{Z}$ .

Note that, due to the choice of  $\mathbf{Z}_{\varepsilon}^{\Omega}$ , no hole intersects the exterior boundary of  $\Omega$ . For this reason,  $\partial\Omega_{S,\varepsilon} = \partial\Omega$  does not depend on  $\varepsilon$ . This will make the homogenization process, as  $\varepsilon$  goes to zero, more convenient but not fundamentally different from a case where the holes are allowed to sometimes intersect the exterior boundary. As is standard, we introduce  $\mathbf{x} \in \Omega$ , the slow space variable, and  $\mathbf{y} = \varepsilon^{-1}\mathbf{x}$ , the fast variable.

To make a difference between differentiation with respect to either set of variables  $\mathbf{x}$  or  $\mathbf{y}$ , we will use a subscript as in  $\nabla_{\mathbf{x}}$  or  $\nabla_{\mathbf{y}}$  when there is a doubt. When necessary, we will use the Einstein convention of repeated indexes to write summations.

**2.2. Acoustic-elastic interaction.** Following [30], we write the model equations for the propagation of sound waves through our perforated material. As a first step, we describe the equations governing this propagation in the time domain for a given parameter  $\varepsilon$ . As we are studying sound waves, the perturbation or displacement from the reference configuration of the structure or air is the relevant unknown to consider. This perturbation is supposed to be small, so one can consider the linearized models to describe the behavior of both structure and air parts of the material to understand the wave propagation. As a second step, the signal will be represented by a harmonic superposition of monochromatic waves, for which every excitation source and every unknown obeys a harmonic dependence of frequency  $\omega$ . Our goal is then to obtain a homogenized system in the asymptotic limit where  $\varepsilon$  goes to zero, providing the effective equation satisfied by the pressure wave for each value of  $\omega$ .

Let us write the equations describing the mechanical behavior of the material. For simplicity, we adopt a Lagrangian point of view and denote by  $\mathbf{U}_{\varepsilon}$  the time-dependent displacement field throughout the structure and air parts of the domain  $\Omega$ . We begin by describing the equations modeling the behavior of the structure part. Assuming that the wall material behaves like a linearized elastic medium, the stress tensor satisfies Hooke's law:

$$\sigma_{\varepsilon}(\mathbf{U}_{\varepsilon}) = \lambda \left( \mathbf{x}, \frac{\mathbf{x}}{\varepsilon} \right) \operatorname{div}(\mathbf{U}_{\varepsilon}) \operatorname{Id} + \mu \left( \mathbf{x}, \frac{\mathbf{x}}{\varepsilon} \right) e(\mathbf{U}_{\varepsilon}),$$

where  $\lambda > 0$ ,  $\mu > 0$  are the Lamé parameters,  $\operatorname{Id}$  the identity matrix, and  $e(\mathbf{U}_{\varepsilon})$  is the linearized Cauchy strain tensor,

$$e(\mathbf{U}_{\varepsilon}) = \frac{1}{2} (\nabla \mathbf{U}_{\varepsilon} + {}^T \nabla \mathbf{U}_{\varepsilon}).$$

Note that we allow  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  to vary through the domain, for example to model a pathology where the parenchyma is locally rigidified. To model variations both at the macroscopic level and at the alveolar, microscopic level, we allow a dependence on both the slow variable  $\mathbf{x}$  and the fast variable  $\mathbf{y} = \varepsilon^{-1}\mathbf{x}$ . We assume that  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  are essentially bounded, continuous in the  $x$  variable on  $\overline{\Omega}$ , and periodic in the  $\mathbf{y}$  variable. (This is the right regularity for the two-scale convergence method, and continuity in at least one variable is necessary for  $\mathbf{x} \mapsto \mu(\mathbf{x}, \varepsilon^{-1}\mathbf{x})$  to be measurable;

see [2].) Moreover,  $\mu$  is supposed to be uniformly bounded away from 0; consequently there exists a constant  $\mu_0 > 0$  independent of  $(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$  such that

$$(2.2) \quad \forall \mathbf{x} \in \Omega, \forall \mathbf{y} \in \mathcal{Y}, \quad \mu(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \geq \mu_0 > 0.$$

Suppose that the material reacts to a volumic force  $\mathbf{F}$ . Newton's law then yields the equations for the linearized elastic material, with  $\rho_s$  denoting the density, assumed to be constant:

$$(2.3) \quad \rho_s \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{U}_\varepsilon}{\partial t^2} - \operatorname{div}(\sigma_\varepsilon(\mathbf{U}_\varepsilon)) = \mathbf{F} \quad \text{in } \Omega_{S,\varepsilon}.$$

Finally we also impose homogeneous Dirichlet boundary conditions on the outer boundary  $\partial\Omega$ :

$$(2.4) \quad \mathbf{U}_\varepsilon = \mathbf{0} \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega.$$

Let us describe the fluid behavior. The fluid domain  $\Omega_{F,\varepsilon}$  is filled with air, which is considered as an inviscid, irrotational, compressible perfect gas. We consider only small perturbations with respect to a reference equilibrium state in each hole, with the reference pressure being the atmospheric pressure  $P_0$  and a constant equilibrium density  $\rho_g$ , under a potential volumic excitation force  $\nabla G$ . Following [30], a complete description of the behavior of the gas is given by two conservation laws and an appropriate state law of the gas, using three unknowns: the displacement  $\mathbf{U}_\varepsilon$ , the absolute pressure  $P_\varepsilon$ , and the gas density  $\rho_\varepsilon$ .

The momentum conservation law for an inviscid, irrotational gas can be written

$$(2.5) \quad \rho_\varepsilon \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{U}_\varepsilon}{\partial t^2} + \nabla P_\varepsilon = \nabla G \quad \text{in } \Omega_{F,\varepsilon}.$$

The continuity equation, or mass conservation law, is written

$$(2.6) \quad \frac{\partial \rho_\varepsilon}{\partial t} + \operatorname{div} \left( \rho_\varepsilon \frac{\partial \mathbf{U}_\varepsilon}{\partial t} \right) = 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega_{F,\varepsilon}.$$

To close the system, we make the assumption that the air compression associated with the propagation of sound waves is an adiabatic process. This is a usual assumption regarding sound propagation, and it is motivated by the difference in characteristic times between the heat dissipation process and the short timescale associated with the propagating waves. Pressure and density are then linked by the following relation:

$$(2.7) \quad P_\varepsilon = P_0 \left( \frac{\rho_\varepsilon}{\rho_g} \right)^\gamma \quad \text{in } \Omega_{F,\varepsilon},$$

where  $\gamma$  is the adiabatic index of the air ( $\gamma \approx 1.4$ ). Let us linearize (2.5), (2.6), and (2.7) around the reference state, following our assumption of small perturbation from rest:

$$(2.8a) \quad \rho_g \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{U}_\varepsilon}{\partial t^2} + \nabla P_\varepsilon = \nabla G \quad \text{in } \Omega_{F,\varepsilon},$$

$$(2.8b) \quad \frac{\partial \rho_\varepsilon}{\partial t} + \rho_g \operatorname{div} \left( \frac{\partial \mathbf{U}_\varepsilon}{\partial t} \right) = 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega_{F,\varepsilon},$$

$$(2.8c) \quad P_\varepsilon - P_0 = c^2(\rho_\varepsilon - \rho_g) \quad \text{in } \Omega_{F,\varepsilon},$$

where we have introduced  $c = \sqrt{\gamma P_0 / \rho_g}$ , the sound speed in the air. We eliminate the density  $\rho_\varepsilon$  by combining (2.8b) and (2.8c), and we find that the displacement and pressure in the fluid are solution to the coupled system of equations

$$(2.9a) \quad \rho_g \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{U}_\varepsilon}{\partial t^2} + \nabla P_\varepsilon = \nabla G \quad \text{in } \Omega_{F,\varepsilon},$$

$$(2.9b) \quad \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial P_\varepsilon}{\partial t} + \rho_g \operatorname{div} \left( \frac{\partial \mathbf{U}_\varepsilon}{\partial t} \right) = 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega_{F,\varepsilon}.$$

Let us describe the coupling conditions between the fluid and the structure. The first condition expresses the continuity of the normal component of the strain tensor at the interface:

$$(2.10) \quad -P_\varepsilon \mathbf{n}_\varepsilon^S = \sigma_\varepsilon(\mathbf{U}_\varepsilon|_{\Omega_{S,\varepsilon}}) \mathbf{n}_\varepsilon^S \quad \text{on } \Gamma_\varepsilon^I.$$

Because the air is inviscid, there is no constraint on the tangential component of the trace of the velocity at the interface. Rather, we have slip boundary conditions, meaning that the normal component of the displacement is continuous:

$$(2.11) \quad \mathbf{U}_\varepsilon|_{\Omega_{S,\varepsilon}} \cdot \mathbf{n}_\varepsilon^S = \mathbf{U}_\varepsilon|_{\Omega_{F,\varepsilon}} \cdot \mathbf{n}_\varepsilon^S \quad \text{on } \Gamma_\varepsilon^I.$$

Finally, our coupled fluid-structure interaction problem is described by (2.3), (2.9) and the boundary conditions (2.4), (2.10), and (2.11), complemented with initial conditions. By construction, this coupled system is now linear, and its behavior can be understood by harmonic superposition technique. We thus assume that both  $G$ ,  $\mathbf{F}$  and the initial conditions are coherent with a time-harmonic forcing along the mode  $e^{i\omega t}$ . This leads to assume that the unknowns can be written

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{U}_\varepsilon(\mathbf{x}, t) &= \mathbf{u}_\varepsilon(\mathbf{x}) e^{i\omega t} & \text{in } \Omega, & \quad P_\varepsilon(\mathbf{x}, t) = p_\varepsilon(\mathbf{x}) e^{i\omega t} & \text{in } \Omega_{F,\varepsilon}, \\ \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}, t) &= \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}) e^{i\omega t} & \text{in } \Omega, & \quad G(\mathbf{x}, t) = g(\mathbf{x}) e^{i\omega t} & \text{in } \Omega. \end{aligned}$$

Note that the fields  $\mathbf{u}_\varepsilon$ ,  $p_\varepsilon$ ,  $\mathbf{f}$ ,  $g$  will be complex-valued in what follows. In particular, the Hilbert spaces we consider will be complex-valued spaces unless otherwise specified. We denote by  $\operatorname{Re}(\cdot)$  and  $\operatorname{Im}(\cdot)$ , respectively, the real and imaginary parts of a complex argument.

**2.3. Harmonic formulation.** Taking into account this time dependency, the behavior of the coupled fluid and structure for some frequency  $\omega$  is described by the complex displacement/pressure field  $(\mathbf{u}_\varepsilon, p_\varepsilon)$  solving the following system:

$$(2.12a) \quad -\rho_s \omega^2 \mathbf{u}_\varepsilon - \operatorname{div} \sigma_\varepsilon(\mathbf{u}_\varepsilon) = \mathbf{f} \quad \text{in } \Omega_{S,\varepsilon},$$

$$(2.12b) \quad -\rho_g \omega^2 \mathbf{u}_\varepsilon + \nabla p_\varepsilon = \nabla g \quad \text{in } \Omega_{F,\varepsilon},$$

$$(2.12c) \quad \frac{1}{c^2} p_\varepsilon + \rho_g \operatorname{div}(\mathbf{u}_\varepsilon) = 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega_{F,\varepsilon},$$

$$(2.12d) \quad -p_\varepsilon \mathbf{n}_\varepsilon^S = \sigma_\varepsilon(\mathbf{u}_\varepsilon) \mathbf{n}_\varepsilon^S \quad \text{on } \Gamma_\varepsilon^I,$$

$$(2.12e) \quad \mathbf{u}_\varepsilon|_{\Omega_{S,\varepsilon}} \cdot \mathbf{n}_\varepsilon^S = \mathbf{u}_\varepsilon|_{\Omega_{F,\varepsilon}} \cdot \mathbf{n}_\varepsilon^S \quad \text{on } \Gamma_\varepsilon^I,$$

$$(2.12f) \quad \mathbf{u}_\varepsilon = \mathbf{0} \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega.$$

Remember that we have assumed that  $\mathbf{u}_\varepsilon$  is irrotational in  $\Omega_{F,\varepsilon}$ , which has led to (2.12b). To write this system in a more suitable form for further analysis, let us introduce a velocity potential  $\phi_\varepsilon$ , defined up to a constant in each hole, such that

$$(2.13) \quad \nabla \phi_\varepsilon = i\omega \mathbf{u}_\varepsilon.$$

We choose to work with the potential that has zero mean in each hole so as to fix the constant. By combining the three relations (2.12b), (2.12c), and (2.13), we see that

$$\nabla \left( -\omega^2 \phi_\varepsilon - c^2 \Delta \phi_\varepsilon - i\omega g / \rho_g \right) = 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega_{F,\varepsilon}.$$

To get rid of the gradient in this equation we need to introduce a constant  $C_\varepsilon^{\mathbf{k}}$  on each connected component of  $\Omega_{F,\varepsilon}$ , depending only on the hole index  $\mathbf{k}$ . This leads to the following Helmholtz equation set on each hole  $\mathcal{Y}_{F,\varepsilon}^{\mathbf{k}}$ :

$$(2.14) \quad -\omega^2 \phi_\varepsilon - c^2 \Delta \phi_\varepsilon = i\omega \frac{g + C_\varepsilon^{\mathbf{k}}}{\rho_g}.$$

Moreover, the boundary condition (2.12e) together with (2.13) implies that the following compatibility condition is satisfied:

$$(2.15) \quad \int_{\mathcal{Y}_{F,\varepsilon}^{\mathbf{k}}} \left( i\omega \frac{g + C_\varepsilon^{\mathbf{k}}}{\rho_g} \right) = c^2 \int_{\Gamma_{F,\varepsilon}^{\mathbf{k}}} \frac{\partial \phi_\varepsilon}{\partial \mathbf{n}_\varepsilon^S} = i\omega c^2 \int_{\Gamma_{F,\varepsilon}^{\mathbf{k}}} \mathbf{u}_\varepsilon \cdot \mathbf{n}_\varepsilon^S.$$

From (2.15) the constant  $C_\varepsilon^{\mathbf{k}}$  appearing in (2.14) can be determined and satisfies

$$(2.16) \quad C_\varepsilon^{\mathbf{k}} = \frac{1}{|\mathcal{Y}_{F,\varepsilon}^{\mathbf{k}}|} \left( \rho_g c^2 \int_{\Gamma_{F,\varepsilon}^{\mathbf{k}}} \mathbf{u}_\varepsilon \cdot \mathbf{n}_\varepsilon^S - \int_{\mathcal{Y}_{F,\varepsilon}^{\mathbf{k}}} g \right),$$

which allows us to define a function  $C_\varepsilon$  of  $L^2(\Omega)$ , constant in each cell  $\mathcal{Y}_\varepsilon^{\mathbf{k}}$ , by

$$(2.17) \quad C_\varepsilon(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{cases} C_\varepsilon^{\mathbf{k}} & \text{if } \mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{Y}_\varepsilon^{\mathbf{k}} \text{ for some } \mathbf{k} \in \mathbf{Z}_\varepsilon^\Omega, \\ 0 & \text{else.} \end{cases}$$

Let us eliminate the fluid pressure from the equations. From (2.12c) and (2.13) we derive that  $i\omega p_\varepsilon = -\rho_g c^2 \Delta \phi_\varepsilon$ , which, combined with (2.14), yields

$$(2.18) \quad p_\varepsilon = -i\omega \rho_g \phi_\varepsilon + g + C_\varepsilon.$$

Bringing together (2.14), (2.16), and (2.18), we write a new, equivalent system of equations describing the behavior of our coupled fluid-structure material. The new unknowns are the structure displacement and the fluid velocity potential  $(\mathbf{u}_\varepsilon, \phi_\varepsilon)$ . Note that the displacement field  $\mathbf{u}_\varepsilon$  is defined only on  $\Omega_{S,\varepsilon}$  from now on.

$$(2.19a) \quad -\rho_s \omega^2 \mathbf{u}_\varepsilon - \operatorname{div} \sigma_\varepsilon(\mathbf{u}_\varepsilon) = \mathbf{f} \quad \text{in } \Omega_{S,\varepsilon},$$

$$(2.19b) \quad -\omega^2 \phi_\varepsilon - c^2 \Delta \phi_\varepsilon = i\omega \frac{g + C_\varepsilon}{\rho_g} \quad \text{in } \Omega_{F,\varepsilon},$$

$$(2.19c) \quad \sigma_\varepsilon(\mathbf{u}_\varepsilon) \mathbf{n}_\varepsilon^S = -(-i\omega \rho_g \phi_\varepsilon + g + C_\varepsilon) \mathbf{n}_\varepsilon^S \quad \text{on } \Gamma_\varepsilon^I,$$

$$(2.19d) \quad i\omega \mathbf{u}_\varepsilon \cdot \mathbf{n}_\varepsilon^S = \frac{\partial \phi_\varepsilon}{\partial \mathbf{n}_\varepsilon^S} \quad \text{on } \Gamma_\varepsilon^I,$$

$$(2.19e) \quad \mathbf{u}_\varepsilon = \mathbf{0} \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega,$$

with  $C_\varepsilon$  defined by (2.17).

We are going to write the variational formulation of this problem. Let us define the complex Hilbert spaces:

$$\mathbf{H}_0^1(\Omega_{S,\varepsilon}) = \{ \mathbf{v}_\varepsilon \in \mathbf{H}^1(\Omega_{S,\varepsilon}), \mathbf{v}_\varepsilon|_{\partial\Omega} = \mathbf{0} \},$$



$$H_{mean}^1(\Omega_{F,\varepsilon}) = \left\{ \psi \in H^1(\Omega_{F,\varepsilon}), \forall \mathbf{k} \in \mathbf{Z}_\varepsilon^\Omega, \int_{\mathcal{Y}_{F,\varepsilon}^{\mathbf{k}}} \psi = 0 \right\}.$$

The norms associated with functional spaces on  $\Omega_{F,\varepsilon}$  are to be understood, as is standard, as broken norms. Let us also define the  $L^2$ -projector  $\Pi_\varepsilon$  onto the space of functions that are constant on each cell  $\mathcal{Y}_\varepsilon^{\mathbf{k}}$  by

$$(2.20) \quad \Pi_\varepsilon(\phi) = \sum_{\mathbf{k} \in \mathbf{Z}_\varepsilon^\Omega} \frac{1}{|\mathcal{Y}_\varepsilon^{\mathbf{k}}|} \left( \int_{\mathcal{Y}_\varepsilon^{\mathbf{k}}} \phi \right) \chi_{\mathcal{Y}_\varepsilon^{\mathbf{k}}} = \sum_{\mathbf{k} \in \mathbf{Z}_\varepsilon^\Omega} \frac{1}{\varepsilon^d} \left( \int_{\mathcal{Y}_\varepsilon^{\mathbf{k}}} \phi \right) \chi_{\mathcal{Y}_\varepsilon^{\mathbf{k}}}.$$

Using the operator  $\Pi_\varepsilon$  and (2.16), we can rewrite the  $L^2$  function  $C_\varepsilon$  introduced in (2.17) as

$$C_\varepsilon = \rho_g c^2 \sum_{\mathbf{k} \in \mathbf{Z}_\varepsilon^\Omega} \frac{1}{\varepsilon^d |\mathcal{Y}_F|} \left( \int_{\Gamma_{F,\varepsilon}^{\mathbf{k}}} \mathbf{u}_\varepsilon \cdot \mathbf{n}_\varepsilon^S \right) \chi_{\mathcal{Y}_\varepsilon^{\mathbf{k}}} - \frac{1}{|\mathcal{Y}_F|} \Pi_\varepsilon(\chi_{F,\varepsilon} g).$$

By taking a pair of test functions  $(\mathbf{v}, \psi)$  in  $\mathbf{H}_0^1(\Omega_{S,\varepsilon}) \times H_{mean}^1(\Omega_{F,\varepsilon})$  and using  $\mathbf{v}$  as a test function in (2.19a) and  $\psi$  in (2.19b), the weak formulation of (2.19) reads as follows: for  $\mathbf{f} \in \mathbf{L}^2(\Omega)$  and  $g \in H^1(\Omega)$ , find  $(\mathbf{u}_\varepsilon, \phi_\varepsilon) \in \mathbf{H}_0^1(\Omega_{S,\varepsilon}) \times H_{mean}^1(\Omega_{F,\varepsilon})$  such that, for any  $(\mathbf{v}, \psi) \in \mathbf{H}_0^1(\Omega) \times H_{mean}^1(\Omega_{F,\varepsilon})$ ,

$$(2.21) \quad \left\{ \begin{aligned} & \int_{\Omega_{S,\varepsilon}} -\rho_s \omega^2 \mathbf{u}_\varepsilon \cdot \bar{\mathbf{v}} + \sigma_\varepsilon(\mathbf{u}_\varepsilon) : \overline{e(\mathbf{v})} + \rho_g \int_{\Gamma_\varepsilon^I} i\omega \left( \overline{\psi \mathbf{u}_\varepsilon \cdot \mathbf{n}_\varepsilon^S} - \phi_\varepsilon \overline{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{n}_\varepsilon^S} \right) \\ & \quad + \rho_g c^2 \sum_{\mathbf{k} \in \mathbf{Z}_\varepsilon^\Omega} \frac{1}{\varepsilon^d |\mathcal{Y}_F|} \left( \int_{\Gamma_{F,\varepsilon}^{\mathbf{k}}} \mathbf{u}_\varepsilon \cdot \mathbf{n}_\varepsilon^S \right) \overline{\left( \int_{\Gamma_{F,\varepsilon}^{\mathbf{k}}} \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{n}_\varepsilon^S \right)} \\ & \quad + \rho_g \int_{\Omega_{F,\varepsilon}} -\frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \phi_\varepsilon \bar{\psi} + \nabla \phi_\varepsilon \cdot \nabla \bar{\psi} \\ & = \int_{\Omega_{S,\varepsilon}} \mathbf{f} \cdot \bar{\mathbf{v}} - \int_{\Gamma_\varepsilon^I} \left( g - \frac{1}{|\mathcal{Y}_F|} \Pi_\varepsilon(\chi_{F,\varepsilon} g) \right) \overline{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{n}_\varepsilon^S} \\ & \quad + \int_{\Omega_{F,\varepsilon}} \frac{i\omega}{c^2} \left( g - \frac{1}{|\mathcal{Y}_F|} \Pi_\varepsilon(\chi_{F,\varepsilon} g) \right) \bar{\psi}. \end{aligned} \right.$$

Note that the trace of  $\Pi_\varepsilon(\chi_{F,\varepsilon} g)$  over  $\Gamma_\varepsilon^I = \cup_{\mathbf{k} \in \mathbf{Z}_\varepsilon^\Omega} \Gamma_{F,\varepsilon}^{\mathbf{k}}$  makes sense since its restriction to each  $\mathcal{Y}_\varepsilon^{\mathbf{k}}$  is constant and thus belongs to  $H^1(\mathcal{Y}_\varepsilon^{\mathbf{k}})$ .

REMARK 2.1. *If we take the frequency  $\omega$  to be zero, we recover precisely the static model studied in detail in [9].*

REMARK 2.2. *Note the presence of the unusual term*

$$\sum_{\mathbf{k} \in \mathbf{Z}_\varepsilon^\Omega} \frac{1}{\varepsilon^d |\mathcal{Y}_F|} \left( \int_{\Gamma_{F,\varepsilon}^{\mathbf{k}}} \mathbf{u}_\varepsilon \cdot \mathbf{n}_\varepsilon^S \right) \overline{\left( \int_{\Gamma_{F,\varepsilon}^{\mathbf{k}}} \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{n}_\varepsilon^S \right)},$$

which, for instance, appeared in the models studied in [4, 9]. It is a local term at the macroscopic scale and nonlocal at the microscopic (alveolar) scale, and it comes from an average pressure in each hole that mathematically was expressed by the compatibility condition (2.15).

We are going to study this system and its limit as  $\varepsilon$  goes to zero. But first let us introduce some useful notation and tools.

**2.4. A few useful definitions and results.** Let us describe here a few definitions and results that we will frequently use in what follows. In particular, we recall the framework of two-scale homogenization laid out by Nguetseng [32] and Allaire [2]. Since we want to pass to the limit as  $\varepsilon$  goes to zero, we have to pay special attention to the dependency of the various constants on  $\varepsilon$ : it is indeed crucial to get uniform bounds in order to obtain the compactness properties of the weak or two-scale topologies. For this purpose we will first define extension operators for functions defined on the domains  $\Omega_{S,\varepsilon}$  or  $\Omega_{F,\varepsilon}$  to functions defined on the whole domain  $\Omega$ , whose norms are independent of  $\varepsilon$ . Next, we will derive Poincaré and Korn inequalities on  $\Omega_{S,\varepsilon}$ . Finally, after recalling the two-scale convergence properties, we will study the well-posedness of (2.21) for a given  $\varepsilon > 0$  and derive some uniform energy bounds. As is standard, let us denote by  $|\cdot|_{H^1(\Omega)} = \|\nabla(\cdot)\|_{\mathbf{L}^2(\Omega)}$  the  $H^1$  Sobolev seminorm.

**2.4.1. Extension operators.** As is standard when dealing with porous multi-scale domains, we need extension operators from  $\Omega_{S,\varepsilon}$  and  $\Omega_{F,\varepsilon}$  onto  $\Omega$  since convergence cannot be described in parameter dependent domains. We define two extension operators:

- An extension operator in  $\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{H}^k(\Omega_{S,\varepsilon}), \mathbf{H}^k(\Omega))$  for  $k = 0, 1$ , denoted by  $\widehat{\cdot}$ , such that for some  $C > 0$  independent of  $\varepsilon$  and depending only on  $\Omega$  and  $\mathcal{Y}_S$ , for all  $\mathbf{u}_\varepsilon \in \mathbf{H}^1(\Omega_{S,\varepsilon})$ ,

$$(2.22) \quad \begin{aligned} \widehat{\mathbf{u}}_\varepsilon &= \mathbf{u}_\varepsilon && \text{in } \Omega_{S,\varepsilon}, \\ \|\widehat{\mathbf{u}}_\varepsilon\|_{\mathbf{L}^2(\Omega)} &\leq C \|\mathbf{u}_\varepsilon\|_{\mathbf{L}^2(\Omega_{S,\varepsilon})}, && \|\nabla \widehat{\mathbf{u}}_\varepsilon\|_{\mathbf{L}^2(\Omega)} \leq C \|\nabla \mathbf{u}_\varepsilon\|_{\mathbf{L}^2(\Omega_{S,\varepsilon})}. \end{aligned}$$

The construction of such an operator can be found, e.g., in [20].

- An extension still denoted by  $\widehat{\cdot} : H_{mean}^1(\Omega_{F,\varepsilon}) \rightarrow H_0^1(\Omega)$ , which we are going to construct in the following lemma.

LEMMA 2.3. *There exists an extension operator  $\widehat{\cdot} : H_{mean}^1(\Omega_{F,\varepsilon}) \mapsto H_0^1(\Omega)$  for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that  $\forall \phi_\varepsilon \in H_{mean}^1(\Omega_{F,\varepsilon})$  we have the property*

$$|\widehat{\phi}_\varepsilon|_{H^1(\Omega)} \leq C |\phi_\varepsilon|_{H^1(\Omega_{F,\varepsilon})},$$

where the constant  $C$  depends only on  $\mathcal{Y}_S$ ,  $\mathcal{Y}_F$  and not on  $\varepsilon$ .

*Proof.* First, let us consider a linear continuous extension operator from  $H_{mean}^1(\mathcal{Y}_F)$  (defined as the set of functions in  $H^1(\mathcal{Y}_F)$  with zero average) to the space  $H_0^1(\mathcal{Y})$ . As an example, we define for any  $\phi \in H_{mean}^1(\mathcal{Y}_F)$  its harmonic extension  $E(\phi) \in H_0^1(\mathcal{Y})$  by solving the Poisson problem

$$\begin{cases} -\Delta \psi = 0 & \text{in } \mathcal{Y}_S, \\ \psi = \phi|_{\Gamma_F} & \text{on } \Gamma_F, \\ \psi = 0 & \text{on } \partial Y. \end{cases}$$

It is well known (see, e.g., [23, Remark 5, p. 380]) that for some constant  $C$  depending only on  $\mathcal{Y}_S$ ,  $\mathcal{Y}_F$ ,

$$\|\psi\|_{H^1(\mathcal{Y}_S)} \leq C \|\phi\|_{H^{1/2}(\Gamma_F)}.$$

Thanks to both the trace inequality and the Poincaré–Wirtinger inequality, holding in  $H_{mean}^1(\mathcal{Y}_F)$ , we have

$$C^{-1} \|\psi\|_{H^1(\mathcal{Y}_S)} \leq \|\phi\|_{H^1(\mathcal{Y}_F)} \leq C |\phi|_{H^1(\mathcal{Y}_F)},$$

where  $C$  depends only on  $\mathcal{Y}_S, \mathcal{Y}_F$ . The function  $E(\phi)$  on  $\mathcal{Y}$ , defined as

$$E(\phi)(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{cases} \phi(\mathbf{x}) & \text{if } \mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{Y}_F, \\ \psi(\mathbf{x}) & \text{if } \mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{Y}_S, \end{cases}$$

belongs to  $H_0^1(\mathcal{Y})$ , and the following estimate holds for some constant  $C$  depending only on  $\mathcal{Y}_S, \mathcal{Y}_F$ :

$$(2.23) \quad |E(\phi)|_{H^1(\mathcal{Y})} \leq C|\phi|_{H^1(\mathcal{Y}_F)}.$$

Let  $\phi_\varepsilon \in H_{mean}^1(\Omega_{F,\varepsilon})$ . For each  $\mathbf{k} \in \mathbf{Z}_\varepsilon^\Omega$  we have  $\phi_\varepsilon|_{\mathcal{Y}_{F,\varepsilon}^{\mathbf{k}}}(\varepsilon \cdot + \mathbf{k}) \in H_{mean}^1(\mathcal{Y}_F)$ . Let us define

$$\widehat{\phi}_\varepsilon(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{cases} E\left(\phi_\varepsilon|_{\mathcal{Y}_{F,\varepsilon}^{\mathbf{k}}}(\varepsilon \cdot + \mathbf{k})\right)(\varepsilon^{-1}(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{k})) & \text{if } \mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{Y}_\varepsilon^{\mathbf{k}}, \mathbf{k} \in \mathbf{Z}_\varepsilon^\Omega, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Because the traces of  $\widehat{\phi}_\varepsilon$  coincide on each side of  $\partial\mathcal{Y}_\varepsilon^{\mathbf{k}}$  with 0,  $\widehat{\phi}_\varepsilon$  belongs globally to  $H_0^1(\Omega)$ . We have the estimate

$$\begin{aligned} |\widehat{\phi}_\varepsilon|_{H^1(\Omega)}^2 &= \sum_{\mathbf{k} \in \mathbf{Z}_\varepsilon^\Omega} \int_{\mathcal{Y}_\varepsilon^{\mathbf{k}}} |\nabla \widehat{\phi}_\varepsilon|^2 = \sum_{\mathbf{k} \in \mathbf{Z}_\varepsilon^\Omega} \varepsilon^d \int_{\mathcal{Y}} |\varepsilon^{-1} \nabla (E\{\phi_\varepsilon(\varepsilon \cdot + \mathbf{k})\})(\mathbf{y})|^2 \\ &= \varepsilon^{d-2} \sum_{\mathbf{k} \in \mathbf{Z}_\varepsilon^\Omega} |E\{\phi_\varepsilon(\varepsilon \cdot + \mathbf{k})\}|_{H_0^1(\mathcal{Y})}^2 \\ &\leq C^2 \varepsilon^{d-2} \sum_{\mathbf{k} \in \mathbf{Z}_\varepsilon^\Omega} |\phi_\varepsilon(\varepsilon \cdot + \mathbf{k})|_{H^1(\mathcal{Y}_F)}^2 \\ (2.24) \quad &\leq C^2 |\phi_\varepsilon|_{H^1(\Omega_{F,\varepsilon})}^2, \end{aligned}$$

where  $C$  is the same constant as in (2.23) and thus is independent of  $\varepsilon$ . This concludes the proof of the lemma.  $\square$

**2.4.2. Korn and Poincaré inequalities.** The  $L^2$ -norm of the Cauchy stress tensor  $e(\mathbf{u})$  will appear naturally when we compute energy bounds for our solutions. To deduce  $H^1$ -bounds, we rely on the Korn inequality [18]: there exists  $K_1 > 0$  depending only on  $\Omega$  such that

$$(2.25) \quad \|e(\mathbf{u})\|_{\mathbf{L}^2(\Omega)} \geq K_1 |\mathbf{u}|_{\mathbf{H}^1(\Omega)} \quad \forall \mathbf{u} \in \mathbf{H}_0^1(\Omega).$$

The Poincaré inequality also holds on  $\Omega$ : there exists  $K_2 > 0$  depending only on  $\Omega$  such that

$$(2.26) \quad \|\mathbf{u}\|_{\mathbf{H}^1(\Omega)} \leq K_2 |\mathbf{u}|_{\mathbf{H}^1(\Omega)} \quad \forall \mathbf{u} \in \mathbf{H}_0^1(\Omega).$$

Here we also pay special attention to the dependency of the constants on  $\varepsilon$ . Using the extension operator  $\mathbf{u} \mapsto \widehat{\mathbf{u}}$ , we can easily extend, uniformly with respect to  $\varepsilon$ , the Korn and the Poincaré inequalities to  $\Omega_{S,\varepsilon}$  using the property (2.22), as follows.

**LEMMA 2.4** (Korn inequality on  $\Omega_{S,\varepsilon}$ ). *There exists a constant  $\alpha$ , depending only on  $\Omega$  and  $\mathcal{Y}_S, \mathcal{Y}_F$ , such that*

$$(2.27) \quad \forall \varepsilon > 0, \forall \mathbf{u}_\varepsilon \in \mathbf{H}_0^1(\Omega_{S,\varepsilon}), \quad \|e(\mathbf{u}_\varepsilon)\|_{\mathbf{L}^2(\Omega_{S,\varepsilon})} \geq \alpha |\mathbf{u}_\varepsilon|_{\mathbf{H}^1(\Omega_{S,\varepsilon})}.$$

LEMMA 2.5 (Poincaré inequality on  $\Omega_{S,\varepsilon}$ ). *There exists a constant  $\beta$ , depending only on  $\Omega$  and  $\mathcal{Y}_S, \mathcal{Y}_F$ , such that*

$$(2.28) \quad \forall \varepsilon > 0, \forall \mathbf{u}_\varepsilon \in \mathbf{H}_0^1(\Omega_{S,\varepsilon}), \quad \|\mathbf{u}_\varepsilon\|_{\mathbf{H}^1(\Omega_{S,\varepsilon})} \leq \beta |\mathbf{u}_\varepsilon|_{\mathbf{H}^1(\Omega_{S,\varepsilon})}.$$

REMARK 2.6. *To sum things up,  $|\cdot|_{\mathbf{H}_0^1(\Omega_{S,\varepsilon})}$ ,  $\|\cdot\|_{\mathbf{H}_0^1(\Omega_{S,\varepsilon})}$ ,  $\|e(\cdot)\|_{\mathbf{L}^2(\Omega_{S,\varepsilon})}$ ,  $|\widehat{\cdot}|_{\mathbf{H}_0^1(\Omega)}$ ,  $\|\widehat{\cdot}\|_{\mathbf{H}_0^1(\Omega)}$ , and  $\|e(\widehat{\cdot})\|_{\mathbf{L}^2(\Omega)}$  are all equivalent norms on  $\mathbf{H}_0^1(\Omega_{S,\varepsilon})$ , uniformly with respect to  $\varepsilon$ .*

On  $H_{mean}^1(\Omega_{F,\varepsilon})$ , we also have a Poincaré inequality. Let  $\phi_\varepsilon$  belong to  $H_{mean}^1(\Omega_{F,\varepsilon})$ . By rescaling each  $\mathcal{Y}_\varepsilon^{\mathbf{k}}$  to  $\mathcal{Y}$  and applying the Poincaré inequality for  $E(\phi_\varepsilon(\varepsilon \cdot + \mathbf{k})) \in H_0^1(\mathcal{Y})$ , using (2.24), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|\phi_\varepsilon\|_{L^2(\mathcal{Y}_{F,\varepsilon}^{\mathbf{k}})}^2 &\leq \|\widehat{\phi_\varepsilon}\|_{L^2(\mathcal{Y}_\varepsilon^{\mathbf{k}})}^2 = \varepsilon^d \|E(\phi_\varepsilon(\varepsilon \cdot + \mathbf{k}))\|_{L^2(\mathcal{Y})}^2 \\ &\leq C \varepsilon^d \|\nabla(E(\phi_\varepsilon(\varepsilon \cdot + \mathbf{k})))\|_{L^2(\mathcal{Y})}^2 \\ &\leq C \varepsilon^d \|\nabla(\phi_\varepsilon(\varepsilon \cdot + \mathbf{k}))\|_{L^2(\mathcal{Y}_F)}^2 \\ &\leq C \varepsilon^{d+2} \|(\nabla \phi_\varepsilon)(\varepsilon \cdot + \mathbf{k})\|_{L^2(\mathcal{Y}_F)}^2 \\ &\leq C \varepsilon^2 |\phi_\varepsilon|_{H^1(\mathcal{Y}_{F,\varepsilon}^{\mathbf{k}})}^2, \end{aligned}$$

where the constant  $C$  depends only on  $\mathcal{Y}_S, \mathcal{Y}_F$ . Summing these inequalities over  $\mathbf{k}$ , we get the following result.

LEMMA 2.7 (Poincaré inequality on  $\Omega_{F,\varepsilon}$ ). *There exists a constant  $\gamma$  depending only on  $\mathcal{Y}_S, \mathcal{Y}_F$  such that*

$$(2.29) \quad \forall \varepsilon > 0, \forall \phi_\varepsilon \in H_{mean}^1(\Omega_{F,\varepsilon}), \quad \|\phi_\varepsilon\|_{L^2(\Omega_{F,\varepsilon})} \leq \|\widehat{\phi_\varepsilon}\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \leq \gamma \varepsilon |\phi_\varepsilon|_{H^1(\Omega_{F,\varepsilon})}.$$

**2.4.3. Two-scale convergence.** Our objective in this paper is the study of the behavior of the solutions  $\mathbf{u}_\varepsilon$  and  $\phi_\varepsilon$  of problem (2.21) as the parameter  $\varepsilon$  tends to zero. To achieve this, we will use the two-scale homogenization, and for the sake of completeness, let us recall now the definition of two-scale convergence; see [32, 2]. Note that we could also use the closely related periodic unfolding method; see [19].

DEFINITION 2.8. *We say that a sequence  $(u_\varepsilon)_{\varepsilon>0} \subset L^2(\Omega)$  two-scale converges to some function  $u \in L^2(\Omega; L^2_\#(\mathcal{Y}))$ , and we note that  $u_\varepsilon \rightharpoonup u$  if for all admissible test functions  $v \in L^2(\Omega, C_\#(\mathcal{Y}))$ ,*

$$(2.30) \quad \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_\Omega u_\varepsilon(\mathbf{x}) v\left(\mathbf{x}, \frac{\mathbf{x}}{\varepsilon}\right) d\mathbf{x} = \int_\Omega \int_{\mathcal{Y}} u(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) v(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) dy d\mathbf{x}.$$

*This definition can be extended in an obvious way to complex, vector- and tensor-valued functions in  $L^2(\Omega)$ ,  $\mathbf{L}^2(\Omega)$ , or  $\mathbf{L}^2(\Omega)^d$  by changing the product to the sesquilinear scalar product in  $\mathbb{C}$ , the scalar product for vectors, or the tensorial product for matrices, respectively.*

The two-scale homogenization method relies on the following proposition; see [2] for proof.

PROPOSITION 2.9.

1. *Let  $u_\varepsilon$  be a bounded sequence in  $L^2(\Omega)$ ; there exists  $u(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \in L^2(\Omega \times \mathcal{Y})$  such that, up to a subsequence still denoted by  $u_\varepsilon$ ,  $u_\varepsilon \rightharpoonup u$ .*

2. *Let  $u_\varepsilon$  be a bounded sequence in  $H^1(\Omega)$  that converges weakly to a limit  $u$  in  $H^1(\Omega)$ . Then,  $u_\varepsilon$  two-scale converges to  $u(\mathbf{x})$  and there exists a function  $u^1(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$  in  $L^2(\Omega; H^1_\#(\mathcal{Y})/\mathbb{R})$  such that, up to a subsequence,  $\nabla u_\varepsilon$  two-scale converges to  $\nabla_x u(\mathbf{x}) + \nabla_y u^1(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$ .*

3. Let  $u_\varepsilon$  and  $\varepsilon \nabla u_\varepsilon$  be two bounded sequences in  $L^2(\Omega)$ . Then there exists a function  $u(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$  in  $L^2(\Omega; H_{\#}^1(\mathcal{Y}))$  such that, up to a subsequence,  $u_\varepsilon \rightarrow u(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$  and  $\varepsilon \nabla u_\varepsilon \rightarrow \nabla_{\mathbf{y}} u(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$ .

**2.5. Gårding's inequality and well-posedness.** Let us now study the variational problem (2.21) for any given  $\varepsilon > 0$ . As is standard, using the fact that  $\lambda \geq 0$ , property (2.2) on  $\mu$ , and Korn's inequality derived at Lemma 2.4, we obtain for all functions  $\mathbf{v}_\varepsilon$  in  $\mathbf{H}_0^1(\Omega_{S,\varepsilon})$  the inequality

$$(2.31) \quad \int_{\Omega_{S,\varepsilon}} \sigma_\varepsilon(\mathbf{v}_\varepsilon) : e(\mathbf{v}_\varepsilon) \geq \mu_0 \|e(\mathbf{v}_\varepsilon)\|_{\mathbf{L}^2(\Omega_{S,\varepsilon})}^2 \geq \mu_0 \alpha^2 |\mathbf{v}_\varepsilon|_{\mathbf{H}^1(\Omega_{S,\varepsilon})}^2.$$

We define the sesquilinear form on  $\mathbf{H}_0^1(\Omega_{S,\varepsilon}) \times H_{mean}^1(\Omega_{F,\varepsilon})$  appearing in the left-hand side of (2.21) by

$$(2.32) \quad \begin{aligned} a_\varepsilon^\omega((\mathbf{u}_\varepsilon, \phi_\varepsilon); (\mathbf{v}, \psi)) &= \int_{\Omega_{S,\varepsilon}} -\rho_s \omega^2 \mathbf{u}_\varepsilon \cdot \bar{\mathbf{v}} + \sigma_\varepsilon(\mathbf{u}_\varepsilon) : \overline{e(\mathbf{v})} + \rho_g \int_{\Gamma_\varepsilon^I} i\omega (\bar{\psi} \mathbf{u}_\varepsilon \cdot \mathbf{n}_\varepsilon^S - \phi_\varepsilon \overline{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{n}_\varepsilon^S}) \\ &+ \rho_g c^2 \sum_{\mathbf{k} \in \mathbf{Z}_\varepsilon^\Omega} \frac{1}{\varepsilon^d |\mathcal{Y}_F|} \left( \int_{\Gamma_{F,\varepsilon}^{\mathbf{k}}} \mathbf{u}_\varepsilon \cdot \mathbf{n}_\varepsilon^S \right) \overline{\left( \int_{\Gamma_{F,\varepsilon}^{\mathbf{k}}} \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{n}_\varepsilon^S \right)} + \rho_g \int_{\Omega_{F,\varepsilon}} -\frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \phi_\varepsilon \bar{\psi} + \nabla \phi_\varepsilon \cdot \bar{\nabla} \psi. \end{aligned}$$

For fixed  $(\mathbf{f}, g)$  we also define the antilinear form on  $\mathbf{H}_0^1(\Omega_{S,\varepsilon}) \times H_{mean}^1(\Omega_{F,\varepsilon})$  appearing in the right-hand side of (2.21) by

$$(2.33) \quad \begin{aligned} b_\varepsilon^\omega(\mathbf{v}, \psi) &= \int_{\Omega_{S,\varepsilon}} \mathbf{f} \cdot \bar{\mathbf{v}} - \int_{\Gamma_\varepsilon^I} \left( g - \frac{1}{|\mathcal{Y}_F|} \Pi_\varepsilon(\chi_{F,\varepsilon} g) \right) \overline{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{n}_\varepsilon^S} \\ &+ \int_{\Omega_{F,\varepsilon}} \frac{i\omega}{c^2} \left( g - \frac{1}{|\mathcal{Y}_F|} \Pi_\varepsilon(\chi_{F,\varepsilon} g) \right) \bar{\psi}. \end{aligned}$$

With this notation, problem (2.21) reads: find  $(\mathbf{u}_\varepsilon, \phi_\varepsilon) \in \mathbf{H}_0^1(\Omega_{S,\varepsilon}) \times H_{mean}^1(\Omega_{F,\varepsilon})$  such that for any  $(\mathbf{v}, \psi) \in \mathbf{H}_0^1(\Omega) \times H_{mean}^1(\Omega_{F,\varepsilon})$ ,

$$(2.34) \quad a_\varepsilon^\omega((\mathbf{u}_\varepsilon, \phi_\varepsilon); (\mathbf{v}, \psi)) = b_\varepsilon^\omega(\mathbf{v}, \psi).$$

The analysis proceeds by the use of the Fredholm theory. We show that the alternative holds by proving a uniform (in  $\varepsilon$ ) Gårding inequality on the sesquilinear form  $a_\varepsilon^\omega$  defined by (2.32).

LEMMA 2.10. *The sesquilinear form  $a_\varepsilon^\omega(\cdot, \cdot)$  verifies Gårding's inequality on  $\mathbf{H}_0^1(\Omega_{S,\varepsilon}) \times H_{mean}^1(\Omega_{F,\varepsilon})$ : for all  $\omega \in \mathbb{R}$  there exist constants  $C(\omega)$ ,  $\gamma > 0$ , both independent of  $\varepsilon$  but with  $C$  dependent on  $\omega$ , such that for any  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $(\mathbf{v}_\varepsilon, \psi_\varepsilon) \in \mathbf{H}_0^1(\Omega_{S,\varepsilon}) \times H_{mean}^1(\Omega_{F,\varepsilon})$ ,*

$$(2.35) \quad \begin{aligned} &\gamma \left( \|\mathbf{v}_\varepsilon\|_{\mathbf{H}^1(\Omega_{S,\varepsilon})}^2 + \|\psi_\varepsilon\|_{H^1(\Omega_{F,\varepsilon})}^2 \right) \\ &\leq \operatorname{Re} (a_\varepsilon^\omega((\mathbf{v}_\varepsilon, \psi_\varepsilon); (\mathbf{v}_\varepsilon, \psi_\varepsilon))) + C(\omega) \left( \|\mathbf{v}_\varepsilon\|_{\mathbf{L}^2(\Omega_{S,\varepsilon})}^2 + \|\psi_\varepsilon\|_{L^2(\Omega_{F,\varepsilon})}^2 \right). \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Let  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $\omega \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $(\mathbf{v}_\varepsilon, \psi_\varepsilon) \in \mathbf{H}_0^1(\Omega_{S,\varepsilon}) \times H_{mean}^1(\Omega_{F,\varepsilon})$ . From (2.32) we have

$$\begin{aligned} a_\varepsilon^\omega((\mathbf{v}_\varepsilon, \psi_\varepsilon); (\mathbf{v}_\varepsilon, \psi_\varepsilon)) &= \int_{\Omega_{S,\varepsilon}} \left( -\rho_s \omega^2 |\mathbf{v}_\varepsilon|^2 + \sigma_\varepsilon(\mathbf{v}_\varepsilon) : \overline{\varepsilon(\mathbf{v}_\varepsilon)} \right) + \rho_g c^2 \sum_{\mathbf{k} \in \mathbf{Z}_\varepsilon^\Omega} \frac{1}{\varepsilon^d |\mathcal{Y}_F|} \left| \int_{\Gamma_{F,\varepsilon}^{\mathbf{k}}} \mathbf{v}_\varepsilon \cdot \mathbf{n}_\varepsilon^S \right|^2 \\ &\quad + \rho_g \int_{\Omega_{F,\varepsilon}} \left( -\frac{\omega^2}{c^2} |\psi_\varepsilon|^2 + |\nabla \psi_\varepsilon|^2 \right) + \rho_g \int_{\Gamma_\varepsilon^I} i\omega \left( \overline{\psi_\varepsilon} \mathbf{v}_\varepsilon \cdot \mathbf{n}_\varepsilon^S - \psi_\varepsilon \overline{\mathbf{v}_\varepsilon \cdot \mathbf{n}_\varepsilon^S} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Taking the real part of the previous equality and using the coercivity of the stress tensor operator (2.31), it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} &\mu_0 \alpha^2 \|\mathbf{v}_\varepsilon\|_{\mathbf{H}^1(\Omega_{S,\varepsilon})}^2 + \rho_g \|\psi_\varepsilon\|_{H^1(\Omega_{F,\varepsilon})}^2 - 2\rho_g |\omega| \left| \int_{\Gamma_\varepsilon^I} \overline{\psi_\varepsilon} \mathbf{v}_\varepsilon \cdot \mathbf{n}_\varepsilon^S \right| \\ &\leq \operatorname{Re}(a_\varepsilon^\omega((\mathbf{v}_\varepsilon, \psi_\varepsilon); (\mathbf{v}_\varepsilon, \psi_\varepsilon))) + (\mu_0 \alpha^2 + \rho_s \omega^2) \|\mathbf{v}_\varepsilon\|_{\mathbf{L}^2(\Omega_{S,\varepsilon})}^2 + \rho_g \left( \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} + 1 \right) \|\psi_\varepsilon\|_{L^2(\Omega_{F,\varepsilon})}^2. \end{aligned}$$

If  $\omega$  is equal to zero, we have proved the Gårding inequality (2.35). Else, we bound the last term as follows. Using the divergence theorem, the Cauchy–Schwarz inequality, and the extension operator properties (see (2.22)), we have as in [21, Lemma 3.6]:

$$(2.36) \quad \left| \int_{\Gamma_\varepsilon^I} \overline{\psi_\varepsilon} \mathbf{v}_\varepsilon \cdot \mathbf{n}_\varepsilon^S \right| = \left| \int_{\Omega_{F,\varepsilon}} \operatorname{div}(\widehat{\mathbf{v}}_\varepsilon) \overline{\psi_\varepsilon} + \int_{\Omega_{F,\varepsilon}} \nabla \overline{\psi_\varepsilon} \cdot \widehat{\mathbf{v}}_\varepsilon \right| \leq C \left( \|\mathbf{v}_\varepsilon\|_{\mathbf{H}^1(\Omega_{S,\varepsilon})} \|\psi_\varepsilon\|_{L^2(\Omega_{F,\varepsilon})} + |\psi_\varepsilon|_{H^1(\Omega_{F,\varepsilon})} \|\mathbf{v}_\varepsilon\|_{\mathbf{L}^2(\Omega_{S,\varepsilon})} \right),$$

where  $C$  is a constant independent of  $\varepsilon$  and  $\omega$ . Upper-bounding the  $H^1$ -seminorm by the full norm of  $\mathbf{v}_\varepsilon$ , there exists a constant  $C(\omega) > 0$ , independent of  $\varepsilon$  but dependent on  $\omega$ , such that

$$\begin{aligned} 2\rho_g |\omega| \left| \int_{\Gamma_\varepsilon^I} \overline{\psi_\varepsilon} \mathbf{v}_\varepsilon \cdot \mathbf{n}_\varepsilon^S \right| &\leq \frac{\mu_0 \alpha^2}{2} \|\mathbf{v}_\varepsilon\|_{\mathbf{H}^1(\Omega_{F,\varepsilon})}^2 + C(\omega) \|\psi_\varepsilon\|_{L^2(\Omega_{F,\varepsilon})}^2 \\ &\quad + \frac{\rho_g}{2} |\psi_\varepsilon|_{H^1(\Omega_{F,\varepsilon})}^2 + C(\omega) \|\mathbf{v}_\varepsilon\|_{\mathbf{L}^2(\Omega_{S,\varepsilon})}^2. \end{aligned}$$

Finally we have, with  $C(\omega) > 0$  independent of  $\varepsilon$  but dependent on  $\omega$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{\mu_0 \alpha^2}{2} \|\mathbf{v}_\varepsilon\|_{\mathbf{H}^1(\Omega_{S,\varepsilon})}^2 + \frac{\rho_g}{2} \|\psi_\varepsilon\|_{H^1(\Omega_{F,\varepsilon})}^2 \\ &\leq \operatorname{Re}(a_\varepsilon^\omega((\mathbf{v}_\varepsilon, \psi_\varepsilon); (\mathbf{v}_\varepsilon, \psi_\varepsilon))) + C(\omega) \left( \|\mathbf{v}_\varepsilon\|_{\mathbf{L}^2(\Omega_{S,\varepsilon})}^2 + \|\psi_\varepsilon\|_{L^2(\Omega_{F,\varepsilon})}^2 \right). \end{aligned}$$

We have proved that  $a_\varepsilon^\omega$  satisfies (2.35) for all  $\omega \geq 0$ .  $\square$

Next we derive bounds for  $b_\varepsilon^\omega$ , as follows.

**LEMMA 2.11.** *The antilinear form  $b_\varepsilon^\omega$  verifies that, for all  $\omega \in \mathbb{R}$ , there exists a constant  $C(\omega)$ , independent of  $\varepsilon$  but dependent on  $\omega$ , such that for any  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $(\mathbf{v}_\varepsilon, \psi_\varepsilon) \in \mathbf{H}_0^1(\Omega_{S,\varepsilon}) \times H_{mean}^1(\Omega_{F,\varepsilon})$ ,*

$$(2.37) \quad |b_\varepsilon^\omega(\mathbf{v}_\varepsilon, \psi_\varepsilon)| \leq C(\omega) \left( \|\mathbf{f}\|_{\mathbf{L}^2(\Omega)} + \|g\|_{H^1(\Omega)} \right) \left( \|\mathbf{v}_\varepsilon\|_{\mathbf{H}^1(\Omega_{S,\varepsilon})} + \|\psi_\varepsilon\|_{H^1(\Omega_{F,\varepsilon})} \right).$$

*Proof.* We denote by  $g_\varepsilon^0$  the  $L^2$ -function defined by

$$(2.38) \quad g_\varepsilon^0 = g - \frac{1}{|\mathcal{Y}_F|} \Pi_\varepsilon(\chi_{F,\varepsilon} g).$$

Note that  $\nabla (g_\varepsilon^0|_{\mathcal{Y}_\varepsilon^k}) = \nabla (g|_{\mathcal{Y}_\varepsilon^k})$  and  $\|g_\varepsilon^0\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \leq (1 + \frac{1}{|\mathcal{Y}_F|}) \|g\|_{L^2(\Omega)}$ . From (2.33) we have for any  $(\mathbf{v}_\varepsilon, \psi_\varepsilon) \in \mathbf{H}_0^1(\Omega_{S,\varepsilon}) \times H_{mean}^1(\Omega_{F,\varepsilon})$

$$(2.39) \quad b_\varepsilon^\omega(\mathbf{v}_\varepsilon, \psi_\varepsilon) = \int_{\Omega_{S,\varepsilon}} \mathbf{f} \cdot \overline{\mathbf{v}_\varepsilon} + \frac{i\omega}{c^2} \int_{\Omega_{F,\varepsilon}} g_\varepsilon^0 \overline{\psi_\varepsilon} - \int_{\Gamma_\varepsilon^I} g_\varepsilon^0 \overline{\mathbf{v}_\varepsilon \cdot \mathbf{n}_\varepsilon^S}.$$

To control the last term in (2.39), we proceed as for (2.36), the two first terms of  $b_\varepsilon^\omega(\mathbf{v}_\varepsilon, \psi_\varepsilon)$  being treated in a standard way.  $\square$

Gårding's inequality (2.35) is a sufficient condition for the Fredholm alternative principle to hold for problem (2.21) (see [26]). Moreover, from the two previous lemmas, we can deduce an "energy" estimate satisfied by any solution. Note that it is not possible to obtain directly a priori estimates uniform in  $\varepsilon$  because  $\omega$  could be an eigenvalue for the harmonic problem (2.21); see Remark 2.13. Thus the following proposition holds true.

**PROPOSITION 2.12.** *Either the problem (2.21) has a unique solution  $(\mathbf{u}_\varepsilon, \phi_\varepsilon) \in \mathbf{H}_0^1(\Omega_{S,\varepsilon}) \times H_{mean}^1(\Omega_{F,\varepsilon})$  or there exists a nonzero solution  $(\widetilde{\mathbf{u}}_\varepsilon, \widetilde{\phi}_\varepsilon)$  to the homogeneous adjoint problem:*

$$\overline{a_\varepsilon^\omega} \left( (\mathbf{v}_\varepsilon, \psi_\varepsilon); (\widetilde{\mathbf{u}}_\varepsilon, \widetilde{\phi}_\varepsilon) \right) = 0 \quad \forall (\mathbf{v}_\varepsilon, \psi_\varepsilon) \in \mathbf{H}_0^1(\Omega_{S,\varepsilon}) \times H_{mean}^1(\Omega_{F,\varepsilon}).$$

Any solution  $(\mathbf{u}_\varepsilon, \phi_\varepsilon) \in \mathbf{H}_0^1(\Omega_{S,\varepsilon}) \times H_{mean}^1(\Omega_{F,\varepsilon})$  satisfies

$$(2.40) \quad \|\mathbf{u}_\varepsilon\|_{\mathbf{H}^1(\Omega_{S,\varepsilon})}^2 + \|\phi_\varepsilon\|_{H^1(\Omega_{F,\varepsilon})}^2 \leq C(\omega) \left( \|\mathbf{u}_\varepsilon\|_{\mathbf{L}^2(\Omega_{S,\varepsilon})}^2 + \|\phi_\varepsilon\|_{L^2(\Omega_{F,\varepsilon})}^2 + \|\mathbf{f}\|_{\mathbf{L}^2(\Omega)}^2 + \|g\|_{H^1(\Omega)}^2 \right)$$

for a constant  $C(\omega) > 0$ , independent of  $\varepsilon$  but dependent on  $\omega$ .

**REMARK 2.13.** *Note that nonzero solutions  $(\widetilde{\mathbf{u}}_\varepsilon, \widetilde{\phi}_\varepsilon)$ , as introduced in Proposition 2.12, may exist since this is the case when, e.g.,  $\omega$  is an eigenvalue for the elasticity problem in  $\Omega_{S,\varepsilon}$  with the boundary conditions  $\sigma_\varepsilon(\widetilde{\mathbf{u}}_\varepsilon) \cdot \mathbf{n}_\varepsilon^S = \mathbf{0}$  such that the associated eigenmode  $\widetilde{\mathbf{u}}_\varepsilon$  satisfies at the same time the additional condition  $\widetilde{\mathbf{u}}_\varepsilon \cdot \mathbf{n}_\varepsilon^S = 0$  on  $\Gamma_\varepsilon^I$ ; see [30, 21]. The associated  $\widetilde{\phi}_\varepsilon$  is then equal to zero. Since we cannot control the apparition of these eigenmodes as  $\varepsilon$  varies, we have to be careful about the well-posedness of (2.21).*

**3. Two-scale homogenization of the coupled model.** In this section we study the asymptotic behavior of the solution  $(\mathbf{u}_\varepsilon, \phi_\varepsilon)$  as  $\varepsilon$  goes to zero. Usually we follow the standard steps:

- prove existence of a solution for a given  $\varepsilon$ ,
- derive a priori bounds, independent of  $\varepsilon$ ,
- establish two-scale convergence up to a subsequence by the use of Proposition 2.9,
- identify of the two-scale homogenized problem.

However, the problem presented here satisfies neither the first point, because of the two valid statements in the Fredholm alternative, nor the second point, since we only

have a Gårding inequality and not a coercivity property. In fact, it happens that for some values of the frequency  $\omega$ , depending on  $\varepsilon$ , our problem is not well-posed due to the occurrence of so-called traction-free oscillations, as explained in Remark 2.13.

A way to deal with this difficulty is to make the hypothesis that the required existence, uniqueness, and boundedness results are true for  $\varepsilon$  small enough, and perform the homogenization process according to the usual theory. Then, by studying the resulting homogenized problem, it is possible to get a better understanding of the Fredholm alternative for the coupled problem (2.21) as  $\varepsilon$  goes to zero. This kind of argument, already used in [33, 3, 14, 8, 5], allows us to prove that the initial assumptions (existence of a unique solution and a priori estimates for  $\varepsilon$  small enough) hold true for all values of  $\omega$  distinct from the spectrum of the limit homogenized problem.

Let us now present the main result of this section, which will allow us to pass to the limit and obtain, as the main conclusion of the paper, the homogenized behavior of the material. This theorem will be made more precise in section 3.2.

**THEOREM 3.1.** *There is a discrete set  $\Lambda$  such that, for any  $\omega \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \Lambda$ , there exists  $\varepsilon_0(\omega)$  and  $C(\omega)$  in  $\mathbb{R}_+^*$  such that for any  $0 < \varepsilon < \varepsilon_0(\omega)$  problem (2.21) is well-posed for any data  $(\mathbf{f}, g) \in \mathbf{L}^2(\Omega) \times H^1(\Omega)$ , and its solution  $(\mathbf{u}_\varepsilon, \phi_\varepsilon)$  satisfies the a priori bounds*

$$(3.1) \quad \|\mathbf{u}_\varepsilon\|_{\mathbf{H}^1(\Omega_{S,\varepsilon})}^2 + \|\phi_\varepsilon\|_{H^1(\Omega_{F,\varepsilon})}^2 \leq C(\omega) \left( \|\mathbf{f}\|_{\mathbf{L}^2(\Omega)}^2 + \|g\|_{H^1(\Omega)}^2 \right).$$

The proof of this result is detailed in section 3.2, but we need to identify and study the homogenized problem first.

**3.1. Two-scale problem identification.** In this whole section, we fix  $\omega \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $(\mathbf{f}, g) \in \mathbf{L}^2(\Omega) \times H^1(\Omega)$ . We assume that the variational problem (2.21) with data  $(\mathbf{f}, g)$  has at least one solution  $(\mathbf{u}_\varepsilon, \phi_\varepsilon)$  for  $\varepsilon$  small enough and that there exists  $C > 0$  independent of  $\varepsilon$  such that

$$(3.2) \quad \|\mathbf{u}_\varepsilon\|_{\mathbf{H}^1(\Omega_{S,\varepsilon})}^2 + \|\phi_\varepsilon\|_{H^1(\Omega_{F,\varepsilon})}^2 \leq C.$$

**REMARK 3.2.** *Note that (3.2) reflects the conclusion of Theorem 3.1, which we prove in section 3.2.*

Using the two-scale convergence framework, we are going to investigate the asymptotics of problem (2.21) and identify the homogenized two-scale problem. Thanks to (3.2), the properties of the extension operators introduced in section 2.4, and (2.29), we have then for some constant  $C > 0$

$$(3.3) \quad \|\widehat{\mathbf{u}}_\varepsilon\|_{\mathbf{H}^1(\Omega)}^2 + \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} \|\widehat{\phi}_\varepsilon\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 + |\widehat{\phi}_\varepsilon|_{H^1(\Omega)}^2 \leq C.$$

Thanks to Proposition 2.9, we know that there exists a subsequence, still indexed by  $\varepsilon$  for simplicity, and three functions— $\mathbf{u} \in \mathbf{H}_0^1(\Omega)$ ,  $\mathbf{u}^1 \in \mathbf{L}^2(\Omega; H_{\#}^1(\mathcal{Y})/\mathbb{C})$ , and  $\phi \in L^2(\Omega; H_{\#}^1(\mathcal{Y}))$ —such that  $\widehat{\mathbf{u}}_\varepsilon$ ,  $\widehat{\phi}_\varepsilon$  and their gradients two-scale converge:

$$(3.4) \quad \begin{aligned} \widehat{\mathbf{u}}_\varepsilon &\rightharpoonup \mathbf{u} && \text{in } \mathbf{L}^2(\Omega \times \mathcal{Y}), && \nabla \widehat{\mathbf{u}}_\varepsilon &\rightharpoonup \nabla_x \mathbf{u} + \nabla_{\mathbf{y}} \mathbf{u}^1 && \text{in } \mathbf{L}^2(\Omega \times \mathcal{Y}), \\ \widehat{\phi}_\varepsilon/\varepsilon &\rightharpoonup \phi && \text{in } L^2(\Omega \times \mathcal{Y}), && \nabla \widehat{\phi}_\varepsilon &\rightharpoonup \nabla_{\mathbf{y}} \phi && \text{in } \mathbf{L}^2(\Omega \times \mathcal{Y}). \end{aligned}$$

We are now going to identify the homogenized problem, satisfied by  $\mathbf{u}$ ,  $\chi_S \mathbf{u}^1$ , and  $\chi_F \phi$ .



**3.1.1. Identification of the homogenized problem.** To pass to the limit in the variational formulation we shall use well chosen test functions:

- $\mathbf{v}_\varepsilon(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}/\varepsilon) = \mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x}) + \varepsilon \mathbf{v}^1(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}/\varepsilon)$  with  $\mathbf{v} \in \mathcal{D}(\Omega)$  and  $\mathbf{v}^1 \in \mathcal{D}(\Omega, C^\infty_\#(\mathcal{Y}))$ , and
- $\psi_\varepsilon(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}/\varepsilon) = \varepsilon \psi(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}/\varepsilon)$  with  $\psi \in \mathcal{D}(\Omega, C^\infty(\mathcal{Y}_F) \cap H^1_{mean}(\mathcal{Y}_F))$ .

We can then pass to the limit as  $\varepsilon$  goes to zero in the weak formulation (2.21), which can be written as

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3.5) \quad & \int_{\Omega_{S,\varepsilon}} -\rho_s \omega^2 \mathbf{u}_\varepsilon \cdot \overline{\mathbf{v}_\varepsilon} + \sigma_\varepsilon(\mathbf{u}_\varepsilon) : \overline{e(\mathbf{v}_\varepsilon)} + \rho_g \int_{\Gamma_\varepsilon^I} i\omega (\overline{\psi_\varepsilon} \mathbf{u}_\varepsilon \cdot \mathbf{n}_\varepsilon^S - \phi_\varepsilon \overline{\mathbf{v}_\varepsilon} \cdot \mathbf{n}_\varepsilon^S) \\
 & + \rho_g c^2 \sum_{\mathbf{k} \in \mathbf{Z}_\varepsilon^\Omega} \frac{1}{\varepsilon^d |\mathcal{Y}_F|} \left( \int_{\Gamma_{F,\varepsilon}^{\mathbf{k}}} \mathbf{u}_\varepsilon \cdot \mathbf{n}_\varepsilon^S \right) \overline{\left( \int_{\Gamma_{F,\varepsilon}^{\mathbf{k}}} \mathbf{v}_\varepsilon \cdot \mathbf{n}_\varepsilon^S \right)} \\
 & + \rho_g \int_{\Omega_{F,\varepsilon}} -\frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \phi_\varepsilon \overline{\psi_\varepsilon} + \nabla \phi_\varepsilon \cdot \overline{\nabla \psi_\varepsilon} \\
 & = \int_{\Omega_{S,\varepsilon}} \mathbf{f} \cdot \overline{\mathbf{v}_\varepsilon} + \int_{\Omega_{F,\varepsilon}} \nabla g \cdot \overline{\mathbf{v}_\varepsilon} \\
 & + \int_{\Omega_{F,\varepsilon}} \left( g - \frac{1}{|\mathcal{Y}_F|} \Pi_\varepsilon(\chi_{F,\varepsilon} g) \right) \overline{\left( \operatorname{div}(\mathbf{v}_\varepsilon) - \frac{i\omega}{c^2} \psi_\varepsilon \right)}.
 \end{aligned}$$

It is straightforward to pass to the limit in most of the terms in (3.5). For instance,

$$\int_{\Omega_{S,\varepsilon}} \sigma_\varepsilon(\mathbf{u}_\varepsilon) : \overline{e(\mathbf{v}_\varepsilon)} \rightarrow \int_{\Omega} \int_{\mathcal{Y}_S} (\sigma_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{u}) + \sigma_{\mathbf{y}}(\mathbf{u}^1)) : \overline{(e_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{v}) + e_{\mathbf{y}}(\mathbf{v}^1))},$$

where we denote by  $\sigma_{\mathbf{x}}(\cdot)$  and  $\sigma_{\mathbf{y}}(\cdot)$ , respectively, the following tensor-valued operators:

$$\sigma_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{v})(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \lambda(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \operatorname{div}_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{v})(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \operatorname{Id} + \mu(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) e_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{v})(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \quad \text{for } \mathbf{v} \in \mathbf{H}^1(\Omega, L^2_\#(\mathcal{Y})),$$

$$\sigma_{\mathbf{y}}(\mathbf{v})(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \lambda(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \operatorname{div}_{\mathbf{y}}(\mathbf{v})(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \operatorname{Id} + \mu(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) e_{\mathbf{y}}(\mathbf{v})(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \quad \text{for } \mathbf{v} \in \mathbf{H}^1_\#(\mathcal{Y}, L^2(\Omega)).$$

The main difficulty consists of dealing with the nonstandard terms supported by the interior boundary  $\Gamma_\varepsilon^I$ , which are

$$(3.6a) \quad \rho_g c^2 \sum_{\mathbf{k} \in \mathbf{Z}_\varepsilon^\Omega} \frac{1}{\varepsilon^d |\mathcal{Y}_F|} \left( \int_{\Gamma_{F,\varepsilon}^{\mathbf{k}}} \mathbf{u}_\varepsilon \cdot \mathbf{n}_\varepsilon^S \right) \overline{\left( \int_{\Gamma_{F,\varepsilon}^{\mathbf{k}}} \mathbf{v}_\varepsilon \cdot \mathbf{n}_\varepsilon^S \right)},$$

$$(3.6b) \quad \rho_g \int_{\Gamma_\varepsilon^I} i\omega (\overline{\psi_\varepsilon} \mathbf{u}_\varepsilon - \phi_\varepsilon \overline{\mathbf{v}_\varepsilon}) \cdot \mathbf{n}_\varepsilon^S,$$

$$(3.6c) \quad \int_{\Omega_{F,\varepsilon}} \left( g - \frac{1}{|\mathcal{Y}_F|} \Pi_\varepsilon(\chi_{F,\varepsilon} g) \right) \overline{\left( \operatorname{div}(\mathbf{v}_\varepsilon) - \frac{i\omega}{c^2} \psi_\varepsilon \right)}.$$

First, we consider the product (3.6a) as in [4, 9]. We write

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sum_{\mathbf{k} \in \mathbf{Z}_\varepsilon^\Omega} \varepsilon^{-d} \left( \int_{\Gamma_{F,\varepsilon}^{\mathbf{k}}} \mathbf{u}_\varepsilon \cdot \mathbf{n}_\varepsilon^S \right) \overline{\left( \int_{\Gamma_{F,\varepsilon}^{\mathbf{k}}} \mathbf{v}_\varepsilon \cdot \mathbf{n}_\varepsilon^S \right)} \\
 & = \int_{\Omega} \chi_{F,\varepsilon} \operatorname{div} \widehat{\mathbf{u}}_\varepsilon \overline{\Pi_\varepsilon(\chi_{F,\varepsilon} \operatorname{div} \mathbf{v}_\varepsilon)},
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $\Pi_\varepsilon$  is defined by (2.20). We know that for  $\psi \in C^\infty(\overline{\Omega}; C^\infty_\#(\mathcal{Y}))$  (see, e.g., [9, Lemma 2.3]),

$$(3.7) \quad \Pi_\varepsilon \left( \psi \left( \cdot, \frac{\cdot}{\varepsilon} \right) \chi_{F,\varepsilon} \right) \rightarrow \int_{\mathcal{Y}_F} \psi(\cdot, \mathbf{y}) d\mathbf{y}, \quad \text{strongly in } L^2(\Omega).$$

Since  $\operatorname{div} \mathbf{v}_\varepsilon = \operatorname{div}_{\mathbf{x}} \mathbf{v} + \varepsilon \operatorname{div}_{\mathbf{y}} \mathbf{v}^1 + \operatorname{div}_{\mathbf{x}} \mathbf{v}^1$ , we obtain immediately

$$\Pi_\varepsilon(\chi_{F,\varepsilon} \operatorname{div} \mathbf{v}_\varepsilon) \rightarrow \int_{\mathcal{Y}_F} \operatorname{div}_{\mathbf{x}} \mathbf{v} + \operatorname{div}_{\mathbf{y}} \mathbf{v}^1, \quad \text{strongly in } L^2(\Omega).$$

By definition of the two-scale convergence, we obtain

$$\chi_{F,\varepsilon} \operatorname{div} \widehat{\mathbf{u}}_\varepsilon \rightharpoonup \int_{\mathcal{Y}_F} \operatorname{div}_{\mathbf{x}} \mathbf{u} + \operatorname{div}_{\mathbf{y}} \mathbf{u}^1, \quad \text{weakly in } L^2(\Omega).$$

Combining these two results, we see that the term (3.6a) converges to

$$\frac{1}{|\mathcal{Y}_F|} \int_{\Omega} \left( \int_{\mathcal{Y}_F} (\operatorname{div}_{\mathbf{x}} \mathbf{u} + \operatorname{div}_{\mathbf{y}} \mathbf{u}^1) d\mathbf{y} \right) \overline{\left( \int_{\mathcal{Y}_F} (\operatorname{div}_{\mathbf{x}} \mathbf{v} + \operatorname{div}_{\mathbf{y}} \mathbf{v}^1) d\mathbf{y}' \right)}.$$

The term (3.6b) is easier to deal with since it can be rewritten as a standard bilinear form by using the Stokes formula,

$$\int_{\Gamma_\varepsilon^I} \overline{\psi} \mathbf{u}_\varepsilon \cdot \mathbf{n}_\varepsilon^S - \phi_\varepsilon \overline{\mathbf{v}}_\varepsilon \cdot \mathbf{n}_\varepsilon^S = \int_{\Omega_{F,\varepsilon}} (\nabla \phi_\varepsilon \cdot \overline{\mathbf{v}}_\varepsilon + \phi_\varepsilon \operatorname{div} \mathbf{v}_\varepsilon - \overline{\nabla \psi}_\varepsilon \cdot \mathbf{u}_\varepsilon - \overline{\psi}_\varepsilon \operatorname{div} \mathbf{v}_\varepsilon).$$

Because  $\widehat{\phi}_\varepsilon$  and  $\psi_\varepsilon$  converge strongly to 0 in  $L^2(\Omega)$  from (3.4), passing to the two-scale limit yields

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_{\Gamma_\varepsilon^I} \overline{\psi} \mathbf{u}_\varepsilon \cdot \mathbf{n}_\varepsilon^S - \phi_\varepsilon \overline{\mathbf{v}}_\varepsilon \cdot \mathbf{n}_\varepsilon^S = \int_{\Omega} \int_{\mathcal{Y}_F} \nabla_{\mathbf{y}} \phi \cdot \overline{\mathbf{v}} - \overline{\nabla_{\mathbf{y}} \psi} \cdot \mathbf{u}.$$

Finally, let us pass to the limit in (3.6c). Let  $g_\varepsilon^0 = (g - \frac{1}{|\mathcal{Y}_F|} \Pi_\varepsilon(g \chi_{F,\varepsilon})) \in L^2(\Omega)$  as in (2.38). Then, by (3.7),  $(g_\varepsilon^0)_{\varepsilon > 0}$  converges strongly to 0 in  $L^2(\Omega)$ . Hence

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_{\Omega_{F,\varepsilon}} g_\varepsilon^0 \overline{\left( \operatorname{div}(\mathbf{v}_\varepsilon) - \frac{i\omega}{c^2} \psi_\varepsilon \right)} = \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_{\Omega} \chi_{F,\varepsilon} g_\varepsilon^0 \overline{\left( \operatorname{div}(\mathbf{v}_\varepsilon) - \frac{i\omega}{c^2} \psi_\varepsilon \right)} = 0.$$

We can now pass to the two-scale limit in every term of identity (3.5). We deduce that  $\mathbf{u}$ ,  $\mathbf{u}^1$ , and  $\phi$  are solutions of the following two-scale variational formulation: for all  $\mathbf{v} \in \mathcal{D}(\Omega)$ ,  $\mathbf{v}^1(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \in \mathcal{D}(\Omega, C^\infty_\#(\mathcal{Y}))$ , and  $\psi \in \mathcal{D}(\Omega, C^\infty(\mathcal{Y}_F) \cap H^1_{mean}(\mathcal{Y}_F))$ ,

$$(3.8) \quad \begin{aligned} & \int_{\Omega} \int_{\mathcal{Y}_S} -\rho_s \omega^2 \mathbf{u} \cdot \overline{\mathbf{v}} + (\sigma_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{u}) + \sigma_{\mathbf{y}}(\mathbf{u}^1)) : \overline{(e_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{v}) + e_{\mathbf{y}}(\mathbf{v}^1))} \\ & + \frac{\rho_g c^2}{|\mathcal{Y}_F|} \int_{\Omega} \left( \int_{\mathcal{Y}_F} (\operatorname{div}_{\mathbf{x}} \mathbf{u} + \operatorname{div}_{\mathbf{y}} \mathbf{u}^1) d\mathbf{y} \right) \overline{\left( \int_{\mathcal{Y}_F} (\operatorname{div}_{\mathbf{x}} \mathbf{v} + \operatorname{div}_{\mathbf{y}} \mathbf{v}^1) d\mathbf{y}' \right)} dx \\ & + \rho_g \int_{\Omega} \int_{\mathcal{Y}_F} \nabla_{\mathbf{y}} \phi \cdot \overline{\nabla_{\mathbf{y}} \psi} + \rho_g i\omega \int_{\Omega} \int_{\mathcal{Y}_F} (\nabla_{\mathbf{y}} \phi \cdot \overline{\mathbf{v}} - \overline{\nabla_{\mathbf{y}} \psi} \cdot \mathbf{u}) \\ & = \int_{\Omega} \int_{\mathcal{Y}} (\mathbf{f} \chi_S + \nabla g \chi_F) \cdot \overline{\mathbf{v}}. \end{aligned}$$

COROLLARY 3.3. *We have*

$$(3.9) \quad \int_{\mathcal{Y}_F} \phi = 0 \quad \text{a.e. in } \Omega.$$

*Proof.* Note that  $\chi_{F,\varepsilon} \widehat{\phi}_\varepsilon / \varepsilon$  converges weakly to  $\int_{\mathcal{Y}_F} \phi$  in  $L^2(\Omega)$  since  $\widehat{\phi}_\varepsilon / \varepsilon \rightharpoonup \phi$  and by definition of the two-scale convergence. Moreover, since  $\phi_\varepsilon \in H^1_{mean}(\Omega_{F,\varepsilon})$ ,

$$(3.10) \quad \Pi_\varepsilon(\chi_{F,\varepsilon} \phi_\varepsilon / \varepsilon) = \sum_{\mathbf{k} \in \mathbf{Z}_\varepsilon^\Omega} \frac{1}{|\mathcal{Y}_\varepsilon^{\mathbf{k}}|} \left( \int_{\mathcal{Y}_{F,\varepsilon}^{\mathbf{k}}} \phi_\varepsilon / \varepsilon \right) \chi_{\mathcal{Y}_\varepsilon^{\mathbf{k}}} = 0.$$

But for any test function  $\psi \in C^\infty(\overline{\Omega})$  we have

$$\int_{\Omega_{F,\varepsilon}} \Pi_\varepsilon(\chi_{F,\varepsilon} \phi_\varepsilon / \varepsilon) \psi = \int_{\Omega} \chi_{F,\varepsilon}(\phi_\varepsilon / \varepsilon) \Pi_\varepsilon(\chi_{F,\varepsilon} \psi).$$

Applying (3.7) yields

$$\int_{\Omega} \chi_{F,\varepsilon}(\phi_\varepsilon / \varepsilon) \Pi_\varepsilon(\chi_{F,\varepsilon} \psi) \rightarrow \int_{\Omega} \left( \int_{\mathcal{Y}_F} \phi \right) |\mathcal{Y}_F| \psi \quad \text{as } \varepsilon \rightarrow 0.$$

Consequently, thanks to this convergence and (3.10), we obtain that for any test function  $\psi \in C^\infty(\overline{\Omega})$ ,  $\int_{\Omega} \left( \int_{\mathcal{Y}_F} \phi \right) \psi = 0$ , and (3.9) follows.  $\square$

REMARK 3.4. *Let us make a few comments on the homogenized model described by system (3.8). At first glance, the only remaining inertia term seems to be  $\rho_s \omega^2 \mathbf{u}$ , and so it seems that there is no added mass effect from the fluid on the structure. However, we will see that we have the relationship  $\nabla_{\mathbf{y}} \phi = i\omega \mathbf{u}$ , so the effective density is equal to the average density of the mixture.*

*On the other hand, there is no impact from the microstructure geometry on the effective density of the homogenized material, because  $\mathbf{u}^1$  does not appear in the inertia terms. This means, for example, that there is no possibility of a band gap effect as in [8], as the mass does not depend on the frequency  $\omega$ .*

REMARK 3.5. *When  $\omega$  is zero, the fluid and the structure decouple. We then have*

$$\rho_g \int_{\Omega} \int_{\mathcal{Y}_F} \nabla_{\mathbf{y}} \phi \cdot \overline{\nabla_{\mathbf{y}} \psi} = 0 \quad \forall \psi \in \mathcal{D}(\Omega, C^\infty(\mathcal{Y}_F) \cap H^1_{mean}(\mathcal{Y}_F)).$$

*Since  $\mathcal{D}(\Omega, C^\infty(\mathcal{Y}_F) \cap H^1_{mean}(\mathcal{Y}_F))$  is dense in  $L^2(\Omega; H^1_{mean}(\mathcal{Y}_F))$ , one can take  $\psi = \phi$  as a test function to obtain  $\nabla_{\mathbf{y}} \phi = 0$  in  $\Omega \times \mathcal{Y}_F$ . Moreover,  $\int_{\mathcal{Y}_F} \phi = 0$  a.e. in  $\Omega$  (see Remark 3.3), and so we find that  $\phi|_{\mathcal{Y}_F} = 0$  a.e. in  $\Omega$ . Our homogenized model then reduces to the same homogenized two-scale system found in the static case in [9], as expected.*

The next step is to decompose this two-scale problem on  $\Omega \times \mathcal{Y}$  into cell problems for  $\phi$  and  $\mathbf{u}^1$  and an effective homogenized problem on  $\mathbf{u}$ . Solving the cell problems yields explicit corrector functions, which can be reinjected into (3.8) to write the homogenized coefficients for the macroscopic problem.

**3.1.2. Fluid cell problem.** Choosing  $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$  and  $\mathbf{v}^1 = \mathbf{0}$ , we recover the following variational problem for the homogenized fluid velocity potential  $\phi$ . The restriction  $\phi|_{\mathcal{Y}_F} \in L^2(\Omega, H^1_{mean}(\mathcal{Y}_F))$  verifies

$$\rho_g \int_{\Omega} \int_{\mathcal{Y}_F} \nabla_{\mathbf{y}} \phi \cdot \overline{\nabla_{\mathbf{y}} \psi} = \rho_g i\omega \int_{\Omega} \int_{\mathcal{Y}_F} \overline{\nabla_{\mathbf{y}} \psi} \cdot \mathbf{u} \quad \forall \psi \in \mathcal{D}(\Omega, C^\infty(\mathcal{Y}_F) \cap H^1_{mean}(\mathcal{Y}_F)).$$

Since  $\mathbf{u}$  does not depend on the  $\mathbf{y}$  variable and  $\mathcal{Y}_F$  is strictly included in  $\mathcal{Y}$ , the previous equation implies that  $\nabla_{\mathbf{y}}\phi = i\omega\mathbf{u}$  a.e. in  $\Omega \times \mathcal{Y}_F$ . This determines  $\phi|_{\mathcal{Y}_F}$  uniquely as a function of  $\mathbf{u}$ . Remember that we have initially chosen the origin as the barycenter of  $\mathcal{Y}_F$ ; hence this yields

$$(3.11) \quad \phi = i\omega\mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{u} \quad \text{and} \quad \nabla_{\mathbf{y}}\phi = i\omega\mathbf{u} \quad \text{on } \Omega \times \mathcal{Y}_F.$$

REMARK 3.6. *We see that the limit velocity of the fluid coincides locally with the limit velocity of the structure. This result is mainly a consequence of the completely disconnected geometry of the fluid domain: since the pores are closed, there is no independent motion of the gas with respect to the structure.*

**3.1.3. Elastic cell problem.** From (3.8), by taking  $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$  and  $\psi = 0$ , we obtain that for almost every  $\mathbf{x} \in \Omega$  and for all  $\mathbf{v}^1 \in \mathbf{C}_{\#}^{\infty}(\mathcal{Y})$ ,

$$(3.12) \quad \int_{\mathcal{Y}_S} (\sigma_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{u}) + \sigma_{\mathbf{y}}(\mathbf{u}^1)) : \overline{e_{\mathbf{y}}(\mathbf{v}^1)} = \frac{\rho_g c^2}{|\mathcal{Y}_F|} \left( \int_{\mathcal{Y}_F} \operatorname{div}_{\mathbf{x}}\mathbf{u} + \operatorname{div}_{\mathbf{y}}\mathbf{u}^1 d\mathbf{y} \right) \overline{\left( \int_{\Gamma_F} \mathbf{v}^1 \cdot \mathbf{n}_S \right)}.$$

The strong formulation associated with (3.12) is

$$\begin{cases} -\operatorname{div}_{\mathbf{y}}(\sigma_{\mathbf{y}}(\mathbf{u}^1)) = \operatorname{div}_{\mathbf{y}}(\sigma_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{u})) & \text{in } \mathcal{Y}_S, \\ \sigma_{\mathbf{y}}(\mathbf{u}^1)\mathbf{n}_S - \frac{\rho_g c^2}{|\mathcal{Y}_F|} \left( \int_{\Gamma_F} \mathbf{u}^1 \cdot \mathbf{n}_S \right) \mathbf{n}_S = \rho_g c^2 \operatorname{div}_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{u})\mathbf{n}_S - \sigma_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{u})\mathbf{n}_S & \text{on } \Gamma_F, \\ \mathbf{u}^1 \text{ is } \mathcal{Y}\text{-periodic.} \end{cases}$$

REMARK 3.7. *Note that there is no dependence on  $\omega$  in the structure cell problem, so the homogenized material's elastic behavior is independent of frequency.*

REMARK 3.8. *The cell problem is nonstandard as there is a nonlocal term in the boundary conditions, as in the static case [9], which corresponds to the case  $\omega = 0$ .*

Since this problem is linear, we are going to take advantage of the superposition principle to express  $\mathbf{u}^1$  in terms of  $\mathbf{u}$ . We define the classical auxiliary functions  $\mathbf{p}^{kl} \in \mathbf{H}^1(\mathcal{Y}_S)$  (see, e.g., [10]) by

$$(3.13) \quad \mathbf{p}^{kl}(\mathbf{y}) = \frac{1}{2} (y_k \mathbf{e}^l + y_l \mathbf{e}^k) \quad \text{for } 1 \leq k, l \leq d,$$

where the vectors  $\mathbf{e}^k$  for  $1 \leq k \leq d$  are the unit vectors of  $\mathbb{R}^d$  whose components are  $e_i^k = \delta_{ki}$  for  $1 \leq k, l \leq d$ . Using the superposition principle in the local problem (3.12), we decompose  $\mathbf{u}^1|_{\Omega \times \mathcal{Y}_S}$  as follows:

$$(3.14) \quad \mathbf{u}^1(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = e_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{u})_{kl}(\mathbf{x}) \chi^{kl}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \quad \text{for } \mathbf{x} \in \Omega, \mathbf{y} \in \mathcal{Y}_S,$$

where the functions  $\chi^{kl} \in \mathbf{L}^{\infty}(\Omega, H_{\#}^1(\mathcal{Y}_S, \mathbb{R})/\mathbb{R})$ ,  $1 \leq k, l \leq d$ , are solutions of the cell problems

$$(3.15) \quad \begin{cases} -\operatorname{div}_{\mathbf{y}}(\sigma_{\mathbf{y}}(\mathbf{p}^{kl} + \chi^{kl})) = \mathbf{0} & \text{in } \mathcal{Y}_S, \\ \sigma_{\mathbf{y}}(\mathbf{p}^{kl} + \chi^{kl})\mathbf{n}_S - \frac{\rho_g c^2}{|\mathcal{Y}_F|} \left( \int_{\Gamma_F} (\mathbf{p}^{kl} + \chi^{kl}) \cdot \mathbf{n}_S \right) \mathbf{n}_S = \mathbf{0} & \text{on } \Gamma_F, \\ \chi^{kl} \text{ is } \mathcal{Y}\text{-periodic.} \end{cases}$$

REMARK 3.9. *The functions  $\chi^{kl}$  are called the correctors for the homogenized problem (3.8). The cell problems (3.15) have only real coefficients and data; therefore,*

the family of correctors  $(\chi^{kl})_{kl}$  are in fact  $\mathbb{R}^d$ -valued functions by opposition to the complex-valued displacement. This will be important when computing the homogenized coefficients; see Proposition 3.11.

The necessary compatibility conditions for existence of solutions of (3.15), or more generally for any problem of the form

$$(3.16) \quad \begin{cases} -\operatorname{div}_{\mathbf{y}}(\sigma_{\mathbf{y}}(\mathbf{u})) = \mathbf{F} & \text{in } \mathcal{Y}_S \\ \sigma_{\mathbf{y}}(\mathbf{u})\mathbf{n}_S - \frac{\rho_g c^2}{|\mathcal{Y}_F|} \left( \int_{\Gamma_F} \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{n}_S \right) \mathbf{n}_S = \mathbf{G} & \text{on } \Gamma_F \\ \mathbf{u} \text{ is } \mathcal{Y}\text{-periodic,} \end{cases}$$

read  $\int_{\mathcal{Y}_S} \mathbf{F} + \int_{\Gamma_F} \mathbf{G} = \mathbf{0}$ , since  $\int_{\Gamma_F} \mathbf{n}_S = \mathbf{0}$ . In our case, we can write

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathcal{Y}_S} \operatorname{div}_{\mathbf{y}}(\sigma_{\mathbf{y}}(\mathbf{p}^{kl})) + \int_{\Gamma_F} (\rho_g c^2 \operatorname{div}_{\mathbf{y}}(\mathbf{p}^{kl})\mathbf{n}_S - \sigma_{\mathbf{y}}(\mathbf{p}^{kl})\mathbf{n}_S) \\ = \int_{\Gamma_F} \sigma_{\mathbf{y}}(\mathbf{p}^{kl})\mathbf{n}_S - \int_{\Gamma_F} \sigma_{\mathbf{y}}(\mathbf{p}^{kl})\mathbf{n}_S = \mathbf{0}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, the compatibility conditions are satisfied, and the local problems (3.15) as well as (3.12) are well posed. Notice that the function  $\mathbf{p}^{kl} + \chi^{kl}$ , which appears in the cell problem (3.15), describes the microstructure's response to a spatially slowly varying strain.

**3.1.4. Homogenized problem.** Thanks to the expressions of  $\phi$  given by (3.11) and of  $\mathbf{u}^1$  parameterized by  $\mathbf{u}$  given by (3.14), we can eliminate  $\mathbf{u}^1$  and  $\phi$  from the two-scale system (3.8) to obtain the homogenized variational formulation satisfied by the displacement  $\mathbf{u}$ . We obtain, for any  $\mathbf{v} \in \mathcal{D}(\Omega)$ ,

$$(3.17) \quad \begin{aligned} \int_{\Omega} -(|\mathcal{Y}_S|\rho_s + |\mathcal{Y}_F|\rho_g)\omega^2 \mathbf{u} \cdot \bar{\mathbf{v}} + \left( \int_{\mathcal{Y}_S} \sigma_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{u}) + e_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{u})_{kl} \sigma_{\mathbf{y}}(\chi^{kl}) \right) : \overline{e_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{v})} \\ + \rho_g c^2 \int_{\Omega} \left( |\mathcal{Y}_F| \operatorname{div}_{\mathbf{x}} \mathbf{u} - e_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{u})_{kl} \int_{\Gamma_F} \chi^{kl} \cdot \mathbf{n}_S \right) \overline{\operatorname{div}_{\mathbf{x}} \mathbf{v}} dx \\ = \int_{\Omega} (|\mathcal{Y}_S| \mathbf{f} + |\mathcal{Y}_F| \nabla g) \cdot \bar{\mathbf{v}}. \end{aligned}$$

Now, this formulation motivates the introduction of the *homogenized coefficients*, respectively the homogenized density, elastic tensor, and stress of the effective material:

$$(3.18) \quad \rho^* = |\mathcal{Y}_S|\rho_s + |\mathcal{Y}_F|\rho_g,$$

$$(3.19) \quad \mathcal{A}_{ijkl}^* = \int_{\mathcal{Y}_S} (\sigma_{\mathbf{y}}(\mathbf{p}^{kl} + \chi^{kl}))_{ij} - \rho_g c^2 \delta_{ij} \operatorname{div}_{\mathbf{y}} \chi^{kl} + \rho_g c^2 |\mathcal{Y}_F| \delta_{ij} \delta_{kl},$$

$$(3.20) \quad \sigma^*(\mathbf{u}) = (\mathcal{A}_{ijkl}^* e(\mathbf{u})_{kl})_{1 \leq i, j \leq d} = \mathcal{A}^* e(\mathbf{u}).$$

Finally, by the density of test functions  $\mathbf{v} \in \mathcal{D}(\Omega)$  in  $\mathbf{H}_0^1(\Omega)$ ,  $\mathbf{u}$  is a solution of the following variational problem on  $\mathbf{H}_0^1(\Omega)$ : find  $\mathbf{u} \in \mathbf{H}_0^1(\Omega)$  such that for any  $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbf{H}_0^1(\Omega)$ ,

$$(3.21) \quad \int_{\Omega} -\rho^* \omega^2 \mathbf{u} \cdot \bar{\mathbf{v}} + \mathcal{A}^* e(\mathbf{u}) : \overline{e(\mathbf{v})} = \int_{\Omega} (|\mathcal{Y}_S| \mathbf{f} + |\mathcal{Y}_F| \nabla g) \cdot \bar{\mathbf{v}}.$$

**REMARK 3.10.** *Let us make some comments on the properties of the homogenized problem (3.21). From the definitions of the effective density (3.18) and of the homogenized elastic tensor (3.19) the effects of the fluid on the structure are the following:*

- An added mass effect, so that the effective density (3.18) of the homogenized porous medium is also its averaged density.
- A mean pressure term, which is nonlocal in the microscale cell problems (3.15) and appears in the effective elastic tensor (3.19) as a contribution to the compressibility factor of the material. This is the consequence of the phenomenon described in Remark 2.2 for finite values of  $\varepsilon$ : the pressure term in each hole results in an effect which is nonlocal at the microscopic scale but local at the macroscopic scale. In fact, this is the same effective tensor that was found in [9] in the static case (modulo a different air compressibility factor, because we have used here a different state law for the gas).

On the whole, the resulting homogenized model (3.21) behaves like a linearized elastic material. This is in agreement with the experimental data since low-frequency sound propagates in the lungs without much attenuation [36].

Let us study the properties of problem (3.21). The sesquilinear form that appears on the left-hand side is not coercive. However, the following ellipticity properties of  $\mathcal{A}^*$  show that the homogenized problem keeps much of the operator structure of linearized elasticity.

PROPOSITION 3.11. *The fourth-order real-valued tensor  $\mathcal{A}^*(\mathbf{x})$  defined in (3.19) has the following properties:*

1. (Symmetry) *The coefficients of  $\mathcal{A}^*$  satisfy the property*

$$(3.22) \quad \mathcal{A}_{ijkl}^* = \mathcal{A}_{ijlk}^* = \mathcal{A}_{klij}^*.$$

2. (Strong ellipticity) *There exists  $\kappa > 0$  depending only on  $\mu_0$  and the geometry of the cell  $\mathcal{Y}$  such that for any  $\mathbf{x} \in \Omega$  and any  $d \times d$  real symmetric matrix  $\underline{\xi}$ ,*

$$(3.23) \quad \mathcal{A}^*(\mathbf{x})\underline{\xi} : \underline{\xi} \geq \kappa \underline{\xi} : \underline{\xi}.$$

3. (Definite positiveness)

$$(3.24) \quad \mathcal{A}^*(\mathbf{x})\underline{\xi} : \underline{\xi} = 0 \Leftrightarrow \underline{\xi} = 0.$$

A proof of this result is provided in the appendix. We are going to apply the Fredholm theory to the homogenized problem to show that there is a discrete set of resonant frequencies  $\omega$  for this limit problem. We denote by  $(\cdot, \cdot)_{\mathbf{L}^2}$  the  $\mathbf{L}^2$ -scalar product in  $\mathbf{L}^2(\Omega)$ .

DEFINITION 3.12. *Let  $B$  be the unbounded operator  $\mathbf{L}^2(\Omega) \rightarrow \mathbf{L}^2(\Omega)$  such that*

$$(3.25) \quad \begin{cases} D(B) = \{ \mathbf{u} \in \mathbf{H}_0^1(\Omega), -\operatorname{div}(\mathcal{A}^*(\mathbf{x})e(\mathbf{u})) \in \mathbf{L}^2(\Omega) \}, \\ B\mathbf{u} = -\operatorname{div}(\mathcal{A}^*(\mathbf{x})e(\mathbf{u})), \end{cases}$$

and let  $b$  be the associated sesquilinear form in  $\mathbf{H}^1(\Omega)$ ; that is,

$$(3.26) \quad b(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) = \int_{\Omega} \mathcal{A}^*(\mathbf{x})e(\mathbf{u}) : \overline{e(\mathbf{v})} = (B\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v})_{\mathbf{L}^2}.$$

Define the family of operators  $A_{\omega} = B - \rho^* \omega^2 I$  with  $D(A_{\omega}) = D(B)$ , and the associated family of sesquilinear forms  $a_{\omega}$  appearing on the left-hand side of (3.21):

$$(3.27) \quad a_{\omega}(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) = \int_{\Omega} -\rho^* \omega^2 \mathbf{u} \cdot \overline{\mathbf{v}} + \mathcal{A}^*(\mathbf{x})e(\mathbf{u}) : \overline{e(\mathbf{v})} = (A_{\omega} \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v})_{\mathbf{L}^2}.$$

Then, we have the following well-known properties, since  $B$  is elliptic.

PROPOSITION 3.13. *The following hold:*

1.  $B$  is self-adjoint and has compact resolvent.
2. The eigenvalues of  $B$  form a sequence of nonnegative real numbers converging to  $+\infty$   $(\lambda_n)_{n \geq 0}$ ,  $0 < \lambda_0 < \dots < \lambda_n < \dots$ .
3.  $A_\omega$  is invertible iff  $\rho^* \omega^2 \notin \{\lambda_n\}_{n \geq 0}$ .
4. If  $\rho^* \omega^2 = \lambda_n$ , the solutions of  $A_\omega u = 0$  form a subspace  $\mathbf{V}_n$  of finite dimension  $d_n$  for which there exists an orthonormal basis of eigenvectors of  $B$ ,  $(\phi^k)_{1 \leq k \leq d_n}$ , and  $A_\omega \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{f}$  is solvable iff  $(\phi^k, \mathbf{f})_{\mathbf{L}^2} = 0 \forall 1 \leq k \leq d_n$ .

REMARK 3.14. In the case of Neumann boundary conditions, the main difference is that  $\lambda_0 = 0$  is an eigenvalue of the problem (with multiplicity  $d_0 = 6$ ) corresponding to the infinitesimal rigid displacements. Except for this, everything else stands. Indeed, the homogenization process and  $\mathcal{A}^*$  do not depend on the boundary conditions.

**3.2. Proof of the a priori bounds and Theorem 3.1.** We are now going to prove Theorem 3.1, making use of our knowledge of the homogenized system (3.21) and its eigenvalue set. Let us define the spaces  $V_\varepsilon = \mathbf{H}_0^1(\Omega_{S,\varepsilon}) \times H_{mean}^1(\Omega_{F,\varepsilon})$  and  $X_\varepsilon = \mathbf{L}^2(\Omega_{S,\varepsilon}) \times L^2(\Omega_{F,\varepsilon})$ ; using the standard Riesz representation, we identify  $V_\varepsilon \subset X_\varepsilon = \overline{X'_\varepsilon} \subset \overline{V'_\varepsilon}$ , where  $\overline{X'_\varepsilon}$  denotes the space of antilinear forms on  $X_\varepsilon$ . Let  $\omega \in \mathbb{R}$  be fixed such that  $\rho^* \omega^2 \notin \{\lambda_n\}_{n \geq 0}$ . For any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , problem (2.21) can be written as: find  $(\mathbf{u}_\varepsilon, \phi_\varepsilon) \in V_\varepsilon$  such that for any  $(\mathbf{v}_\varepsilon, \psi_\varepsilon) \in V_\varepsilon$ ,

$$(3.28) \quad a_\omega^\varepsilon((\mathbf{u}_\varepsilon, \phi_\varepsilon); (\mathbf{v}_\varepsilon, \psi_\varepsilon)) = b_\omega^\varepsilon(\mathbf{v}_\varepsilon, \psi_\varepsilon),$$

where  $a_\omega^\varepsilon$  is defined by (2.32) and  $b_\omega^\varepsilon$  by (2.33). Note that  $(b_\omega^\varepsilon)_{\varepsilon > 0}$  is uniformly bounded in  $\overline{V'_\varepsilon}$  (see (2.37)) but not in  $X_\varepsilon$  as is usually the case. The sesquilinear form  $a_\omega^\varepsilon$ , Hermitian and continuous on  $V_\varepsilon$ , is naturally associated with both

- a bounded operator  $\widetilde{A}_\omega^\varepsilon: V_\varepsilon \rightarrow \overline{V'_\varepsilon}$ , defined by

$$\langle \widetilde{A}_\omega^\varepsilon(\mathbf{u}_\varepsilon, \phi_\varepsilon); (\mathbf{v}_\varepsilon, \psi_\varepsilon) \rangle_{\overline{V'_\varepsilon}, V_\varepsilon} = a_\omega^\varepsilon((\mathbf{u}_\varepsilon, \phi_\varepsilon); (\mathbf{v}_\varepsilon, \psi_\varepsilon)) \quad \forall (\mathbf{v}_\varepsilon, \psi_\varepsilon) \in V_\varepsilon,$$

- an unbounded symmetric operator  $A_\omega^\varepsilon: X_\varepsilon \rightarrow X_\varepsilon$ , defined by

$$D(A_\omega^\varepsilon) = \{(\mathbf{v}_\varepsilon, \psi_\varepsilon) \in V_\varepsilon \text{ s.t. } \widetilde{A}_\omega^\varepsilon(\mathbf{v}_\varepsilon, \psi_\varepsilon) \in X_\varepsilon\} \quad \text{and} \quad A_\omega^\varepsilon \equiv \widetilde{A}_\omega^\varepsilon \text{ on } D(A_\omega^\varepsilon).$$

Let  $\text{Id}_\varepsilon$  denote the identity operator in  $X_\varepsilon$ . Thanks to Lemma 2.10, there exists a constant  $C(\omega) > 0$  such that the shifted operator  $A_\omega^\varepsilon + C(\omega)\text{Id}_\varepsilon$  is coercive uniformly with respect to  $\varepsilon$ , self-adjoint, and has a bounded, compact, self-adjoint inverse, denoted  $K_\omega^\varepsilon$ . Let us also define an extended operator  $\widehat{K}_\omega^\varepsilon$  from  $\mathbf{L}^2(\Omega) \times L^2(\Omega)$  to itself, bounded, compact, and self-adjoint, such that  $\widehat{K}_\omega^\varepsilon(\mathbf{w}_\varepsilon, \gamma_\varepsilon) = (\widehat{\mathbf{t}}_\varepsilon, \widehat{\nu}_\varepsilon)$ , where the extension operators  $\widehat{\cdot}$  are defined in section 2.4 and  $(\mathbf{t}_\varepsilon, \nu_\varepsilon) \in V_\varepsilon$  is given by

$$(3.29) \quad (A_\omega^\varepsilon + C(\omega)\text{Id}_\varepsilon)(\mathbf{t}_\varepsilon, \nu_\varepsilon) = (\mathbf{w}_\varepsilon|_{\Omega_{S,\varepsilon}}, \gamma_\varepsilon|_{\Omega_{F,\varepsilon}}).$$

Let  $(\mathbf{w}_\varepsilon, \gamma_\varepsilon)_{\varepsilon > 0}$  be a sequence which converges weakly in  $X_\varepsilon$  to  $(\mathbf{w}, \gamma)$ . Problem (3.29) is equivalent to the following variational formulation: for any  $(\mathbf{v}_\varepsilon, \psi_\varepsilon) \in V_\varepsilon$ ,

$$a_\omega^\varepsilon((\mathbf{t}_\varepsilon, \nu_\varepsilon); (\mathbf{v}_\varepsilon, \psi_\varepsilon)) + C(\omega) \left( \int_{\Omega_{S,\varepsilon}} \mathbf{t}_\varepsilon \cdot \overline{\mathbf{v}_\varepsilon} + \int_{\Omega_{F,\varepsilon}} \nu_\varepsilon \cdot \overline{\psi_\varepsilon} \right) = \int_{\Omega_{S,\varepsilon}} \mathbf{w}_\varepsilon \cdot \overline{\mathbf{v}_\varepsilon} + \int_{\Omega_{F,\varepsilon}} \gamma_\varepsilon \cdot \overline{\psi_\varepsilon}.$$

Following the steps of section 3.1, we obtain that the sequence of extended solutions  $(\widehat{\mathbf{t}}_\varepsilon, \widehat{\nu}_\varepsilon) = \widehat{K}_\omega^\varepsilon(\mathbf{w}_\varepsilon, \gamma_\varepsilon)$  converges weakly in  $V_\varepsilon$  (and strongly in  $X_\varepsilon$ ) to  $K_\omega^0(\mathbf{w}, \gamma)$ , where

$K_\omega^0$  is the following bounded, compact, self-adjoint operator:

$$\begin{aligned} K_\omega^0 : \mathbf{L}^2(\Omega) \times L^2(\Omega) &\rightarrow \mathbf{L}^2(\Omega) \times L^2(\Omega) \\ (\mathbf{w}, \gamma) &\mapsto (\mathbf{t}_0, 0), \text{ where } \mathbf{t}_0 \text{ is the unique solution to} \\ (A_\omega + C(\omega)\text{Id})\mathbf{t}_0 &= |\mathcal{Y}_S|\mathbf{w}, \end{aligned}$$

with  $A_\omega$  given in Definition 3.12. The sequence of operators  $(\widehat{K}_\omega^\varepsilon)_{\varepsilon>0}$  thus converges uniformly to  $K_\omega^0$  and is collectively compact. Also, it is easy to check that  $K_\omega^\varepsilon$  and  $\widehat{K}_\omega^\varepsilon$  have the same spectrum, denoted  $\sigma(K_\omega^\varepsilon)$ . Then we have the following result (see, e.g., [6, 33, 3]).

LEMMA 3.15. *The set  $\sigma(K_\omega^\varepsilon)$  converges uniformly in  $\mathbb{C}$  to  $\sigma(K_\omega^0)$ .*

Now, (3.28) is equivalent to solving

$$(3.30) \quad (\widetilde{A}_\omega^\varepsilon + C(\omega)\text{Id}_\varepsilon)(\text{Id}_\varepsilon - C(\omega)K_\omega^\varepsilon)(\mathbf{u}_\varepsilon, \phi_\varepsilon) = b_\varepsilon^\varepsilon.$$

Since  $\rho^*\omega^2 \notin \{\lambda_n\}_{n \geq 0}$ ,  $C(\omega)^{-1}$  does not belong to  $\sigma(K_\omega^0)$ . From Lemma 3.15 we obtain immediately that the eigenvalues of  $K_\omega^\varepsilon$  are uniformly bounded away from  $C(\omega)^{-1}$  for  $\varepsilon > 0$  small enough. Then the bounded, self-adjoint operator  $\text{Id}_\varepsilon - C(\omega)K_\omega^\varepsilon$  is invertible, and this inverse is uniformly bounded with respect to  $\varepsilon$ . By the Lax–Milgram lemma, (3.30) has a unique solution for  $\varepsilon > 0$  small enough. In addition, the solutions  $(\mathbf{u}_\varepsilon, \phi_\varepsilon)$  satisfy uniform a priori estimates in  $X_\varepsilon$ , as

- $\widetilde{A}_\omega^\varepsilon + C(\omega)\text{Id}_\varepsilon$  is uniformly coercive and  $(b_\varepsilon^\varepsilon)_{\varepsilon>0}$  is uniformly bounded in  $\overline{V}_\varepsilon'$ ,
- $(\text{Id}_\varepsilon - C(\omega)K_\omega^\varepsilon)^{-1}$  is uniformly bounded on  $X_\varepsilon$  for  $\varepsilon$  small enough.

Hence problem (2.21) is well-posed and, thanks to (2.40), we deduce uniform a priori estimates in  $\mathbf{H}_0^1(\Omega_{S,\varepsilon}) \times H_{mean}^1(\Omega_{F,\varepsilon})$ . This ends the proof of Theorem 3.1.  $\square$

We have in fact proved the following result, which completes Theorem 3.1.

THEOREM 3.16. *Let  $0 < \lambda_0 \leq \dots < \lambda_n \leq \dots$  be the ordered sequence of eigenvalues of the homogeneous variational problem on  $\mathbf{H}_0^1(\Omega)$ ,*

$$-\rho^*\lambda^2\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{div}(\sigma^*(\mathbf{u})) = 0.$$

*Then, for any  $\omega \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $\rho^*\omega^2 \notin \{\lambda_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ , there exists  $\varepsilon_0(\omega)$  and  $C(\omega)$  in  $\mathbb{R}_+^*$  such that for  $0 < \varepsilon < \varepsilon_0(\omega)$  problem (2.21) has a unique solution, and for any data  $\mathbf{f} \in \mathbf{L}^2(\Omega)$  and  $g \in H^1(\Omega)$  the solution  $(\mathbf{u}_\varepsilon, \phi_\varepsilon)$  satisfies the following a priori estimate:*

$$\|\mathbf{u}_\varepsilon\|_{H^1(\Omega_{S,\varepsilon})}^2 + \|\phi_\varepsilon\|_{H^1(\Omega_{F,\varepsilon})}^2 \leq C(\omega) \left( \|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 + \|g\|_{H^1(\Omega)}^2 \right).$$

**3.3. Convergence theorem and homogenized problem.** We can now sum up the asymptotic behavior of the solutions in the following theorem.

THEOREM 3.17 (Two-scale homogenization of problem (2.21)). *Let  $\mathbf{f} \in \mathbf{L}^2(\Omega)$  and  $g \in H^1(\Omega)$ . Let the frequency  $\omega \geq 0$  be such that  $\rho^*\omega^2$  is in the resolvent set of  $B$ ; then for  $\varepsilon$  small enough the problem (2.21) is well posed.*

*Moreover the solutions  $(\mathbf{u}_\varepsilon, \phi_\varepsilon)$  of the problem (2.21) two-scale converge in the sense that*

$$\begin{aligned} \chi_{S,\varepsilon}\widehat{\mathbf{u}}_\varepsilon &\rightharpoonup \mathbf{u}\chi_S, \\ \widehat{\phi}_\varepsilon &\rightharpoonup 0, \quad \chi_{F,\varepsilon}\nabla\widehat{\phi}_\varepsilon \rightharpoonup \mathbf{u}\chi_F, \end{aligned}$$



where  $\mathbf{u}$  is the solution of the homogenized problem,

$$(3.31) \quad \begin{aligned} -\rho^* \omega^2 \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{div}(\sigma^*(\mathbf{u})) &= |\mathcal{Y}_S| \mathbf{f} + |\mathcal{Y}_F| \nabla g && \text{on } \Omega, \\ \mathbf{u} &= 0 && \text{on } \partial\Omega, \end{aligned}$$

and the coefficients  $\sigma^*$  and  $\rho^*$  can be explicitly computed using formulas (3.18), (3.19), and (3.20).

*Proof.* The only result of this theorem which we have not yet proved is the two-scale convergence of the whole sequences  $\chi_{S,\varepsilon} \widehat{\mathbf{u}}_\varepsilon$ ,  $\chi_{F,\varepsilon} \widehat{\phi}_\varepsilon$ , and not only subsequences. This is a consequence of the uniqueness of the solution of the homogenized problem (3.31), since every subsequence then converges to the same limit.  $\square$

**4. Numerical results.** It is possible to numerically study the speed of sound (as a compression wave in an elastic medium; see [39]) in the homogenized material for various sets of parameters. The homogenized coefficients were computed using a hexagonal cell geometry to model an alveolus, which results in an isotropic homogenized effective medium, using FreeFem++ [29]. Results are presented in Table 1.

TABLE 1

Speed of sound in the homogenized parenchyma for a few parameter choices. The coefficient  $\rho^*$  is defined in (3.18), while  $\lambda^*$  and  $\mu^*$  are the classical Lamé coefficients of the homogenized effective medium defined by  $\lambda^* = A_{1122}^* = A_{2211}^*$  and  $\mu^* = A_{1212}^* = A_{2121}^*$ .

| Air proportion    | Density (kg/m <sup>3</sup> ) |          | Lamé parameters, air pressure (Pa) |                       |                 | Sound speed (m/s)                          |
|-------------------|------------------------------|----------|------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|--|
| $ \mathcal{Y}_F $ | $\rho_s$                     | $\rho_g$ | $\lambda$                          | $\mu$                 | $P_0$           | $\sqrt{\frac{\lambda^* + 2\mu^*}{\rho^*}}$ |
| 0.85              | 10 <sup>3</sup>              | 1.3      | 10 <sup>9</sup>                    | 10 <sup>5</sup>       | 10 <sup>5</sup> | 34.1                                       |
| 0.85              | 10 <sup>3</sup>              | <b>0</b> | 10 <sup>9</sup>                    | 10 <sup>5</sup>       | <b>0</b>        | 11   |
| 0.85              | 10 <sup>3</sup>              | 1.3      | 10 <sup>9</sup>                    | <b>10<sup>9</sup></b> | 10 <sup>5</sup> | 871  |
| <b>0.5</b>        | 10 <sup>3</sup>              | 1.3      | 10 <sup>9</sup>                    | 10 <sup>5</sup>       | 10 <sup>5</sup> | 22.6                                       |

In the first case, we note that by using realistic parameters (see, e.g., [39]), we recover a realistic speed of sound close to that obtained by Wood’s formula (1.1) derived by Rice [36]. Note that sound propagation in this porous material is very slow, much slower than in either air (330 m/s) or soft tissue (approximately 1500 m/s). The second case, where the pores are void of air, shows that the absence of gas in the bubbles significantly softens the material as in [9], which leads to a decrease of the speed of sound. Next, when the shear modulus  $\mu$  takes the value 10<sup>9</sup> Pa, which corresponds to a stiff rubbery material instead of a soft living tissue ( $\mu \approx 10^5$  Pa), the material is stiffened and the sound speed greatly increases. Finally, in the last case we see that the speed of sound is lower when the proportion of air in the material diminishes from 85% to 50%. This is mainly due to the much increased density of the homogenized material, since it is known [9] that this material is slightly stiffer for smaller air bubbles (when  $|\mathcal{Y}_F| \rightarrow 0$ ).

**5. Conclusion.** We have obtained a homogenized system of equations for modeling sound propagation in a foam-like material such as the lung tissue. Starting from a model coupling elastic and acoustic equations, we have obtained at the limit a linearized elastic-like medium. In particular, we have shown that the resonances of the material do not change the homogenized model: in fact, the resonances of the real

material, for a given  $\varepsilon > 0$ , are shown to be close to the resonances of the homogenized material.

Obviously, this model is limited in its physical description of the lung tissue, but it is nevertheless valid for the low-frequency range since we recover the model introduced by Rice [36]. However, for higher frequencies some of the phenomena we have neglected may become more important, particularly viscous attenuation or scattering by the alveoli as the wavelength becomes smaller [28]. Indeed, it is well known that sounds of a frequency above 1 kHz are quickly attenuated when propagating through the parenchyma [35, 37]. We refer to [17] for the numerical study of another model showing some memory effects due to a viscoelastic microstructure.

### Appendix.

*Proof of Proposition 3.11.* The proof of the first point is standard and follows exactly the same lines as in [2, 9]. Consequently, we refer to these works for details.

We will focus only on the second point. Note that the third item follows directly from the ellipticity property.

Let us prove the uniform coercivity. Since  $\mathcal{A}^*(\mathbf{x})$  is positive definite in a finite-dimensional space, it is known that there exists a scalar  $\kappa(\mathbf{x}) > 0$  such that  $\mathcal{A}^*(\mathbf{x})\underline{\xi} : \underline{\xi} \geq \kappa(\mathbf{x})\underline{\xi} : \underline{\xi}$ . However,  $\kappa(\mathbf{x})$  depends both on the geometry and on the Lamé coefficient  $\mu(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$ , in a way that is not clear at this point. We are going to prove a uniform lower bound for  $\kappa(\mathbf{x})$ , independent of  $\mathbf{x}$  and of the continuity properties of  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$ , that makes these dependencies explicit. Let us define the function

$$\phi_\xi = \xi_{ij}\phi^{ij}.$$

We have

$$(A.1) \quad \mathcal{A}^*(\mathbf{x})\underline{\xi} : \underline{\xi} = a_y^\#(\phi_\xi(\mathbf{x}), \phi_\xi(\mathbf{x})) \geq \mu_0 \|e_{\mathcal{Y}}(\phi_\xi(\mathbf{x}))\|_{L^2(\mathcal{Y}_S)}^2.$$

Let  $\mathbf{z}_1, \dots, \mathbf{z}_d$  be a basis of  $\mathbf{Z}$  (and  $\mathbb{R}^d$ ) such that for  $d$  faces of the unit cell  $\mathcal{Y}$ , denoted by  $F_1, \dots, F_d$ , the translated surfaces  $F_1 + \mathbf{z}_1, \dots, F_d + \mathbf{z}_d$  are also faces of  $\mathcal{Y}_F$ . For  $i = 1, \dots, d$  and any  $\mathbf{y} \in F_i$ , by the  $\mathcal{Y}$ -periodicity of  $\chi^{kl}$  we have

$$\underline{\xi}\mathbf{z}_i = p_\xi(\mathbf{z}_i) = \phi_\xi(\mathbf{y} + \mathbf{z}_i) - \phi_\xi(\mathbf{y}).$$

Because the trace operator is continuous from  $\mathbf{H}^1(\mathcal{Y}_S)$  on  $F_i$  and  $F_i + \mathbf{z}_i$ , there exists a constant  $C$  depending only on  $\mathcal{Y}_S, \mathcal{Y}_F$  such that

$$\|\underline{\xi}\mathbf{z}_i\| \leq C \|\phi_\xi\|_{\mathbf{H}^1(\mathcal{Y}_S)}.$$

Since the  $\mathbf{z}_i$  form a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^d$ , we have

$$\sqrt{\underline{\xi} : \underline{\xi}} < C \sup_{i=1, \dots, d} \|\underline{\xi}\mathbf{z}_i\| \leq C \|\phi_\xi\|_{\mathbf{H}^1(\mathcal{Y}_S)}.$$

Here,  $C$  depends only on  $\mathcal{Y}_S, \mathcal{Y}_F$ . To conclude, we need to use the following special version of the Korn inequality for the space on which the  $\phi_\xi$  live. We recall the definition of the functions  $\mathbf{p}^{kl} \in \mathbf{H}^1(\mathcal{Y}_S)$ :

$$(A.2) \quad \mathbf{p}^{kl}(\mathbf{y}) = \frac{1}{2} (y_k \mathbf{e}^l + y_l \mathbf{e}^k) \quad \text{for } 1 \leq k, l \leq d,$$

where the vectors  $\mathbf{e}^k$  for  $1 \leq k \leq d$  are the unit vectors of  $\mathbb{R}^d$  whose components are  $\mathbf{e}_l^k = \delta_{kl}$  for  $1 \leq k, l \leq d$ .

LEMMA A.1. Consider the space of real-valued functions on  $\mathcal{Y}_S$  defined as follows:

$$(A.3) \quad \mathbf{V} = \text{Span} \{(\mathbf{p}^{kl})_{1 \leq k, l \leq d}\} + \mathbf{H}_{\#}^1(\mathcal{Y}_S, \mathbb{R})/\mathbb{R}^d \subset \mathbf{H}^1(\mathcal{Y}_S, \mathbb{R})/\mathbb{R}^d,$$

where the family  $(\mathbf{p}^{kl})_{1 \leq k, l \leq d}$  is defined by (A.2). Then the following Korn inequality holds in  $\mathbf{V}$ : there exists  $C > 0$  depending only on the geometry of  $\mathcal{Y}_S$  such that

$$(A.4) \quad \|\phi\|_{H_{\#}^1(\mathcal{Y}_S)} \leq C \|e(\phi)\|_{L^2(\mathcal{Y}_S)} \quad \forall \phi \in \mathbf{V}.$$

Let us conclude before giving a proof of this lemma. Combining estimates (A.1) and (A.4), we have proved that for some constant  $C > 0$  depending only on  $\mathcal{Y}_S$ ,  $\mathcal{Y}_F$ ,

$$\mathcal{A}^*(\mathbf{x})\underline{\xi} : \underline{\xi} > C\mu_0\underline{\xi} : \underline{\xi} \quad \forall \mathbf{x} \in \Omega. \quad \square$$

*Proof of Lemma A.1.* We follow the steps of the proof of Theorem 6.3-4 in [18], with some modifications due to the special vectorial space  $\mathbf{V}$  we are dealing with.

*Step 1.* We begin by showing that  $\mathbf{V}$  is a closed subspace of  $\mathbf{H}^1(\mathcal{Y}_S)/\mathbb{R}^d$ .  $\mathbf{H}_{\#}^1(\mathcal{Y}_S)$  is closed in  $\mathbf{H}^1(\mathcal{Y}_S)$  since it is the closure of  $C_{\#}^{\infty}(\mathcal{Y}_S)^d$  in  $\mathbf{H}^1(\mathcal{Y}_S)$ .

Since the space of constant functions, denoted  $\mathbb{R}^d$  for simplicity, is a subspace of  $\mathbf{H}_{\#}^1(\mathcal{Y}_S)$  with finite dimension, it is closed both in  $\mathbf{H}^1(\mathcal{Y}_S)$  and in  $\mathbf{H}_{\#}^1(\mathcal{Y}_S)$ . Identifying the quotient spaces  $\mathbf{H}^1(\mathcal{Y}_S)/\mathbb{R}^d$  and  $\mathbf{H}_{\#}^1(\mathcal{Y}_S)/\mathbb{R}^d$  with the orthogonal complement of  $\mathbb{R}^d$  in each space, it is clear that  $\mathbf{H}_{\#}^1(\mathcal{Y}_S)/\mathbb{R}^d$  is a closed subspace of  $\mathbf{H}^1(\mathcal{Y}_S)/\mathbb{R}^d$ .

*Step 2.* Let  $\mathbf{M}$  be the orthogonal complement of  $\mathbf{H}_{\#}^1(\mathcal{Y}_S)/\mathbb{R}^d$  in  $\mathbf{H}^1(\mathcal{Y}_S)/\mathbb{R}^d$ . For each choice of  $k, l$ ,  $1 \leq k, l \leq d$ , we can decompose each  $\mathbf{p}^{kl}$  according to the direct sum  $\mathbf{H}^1(\mathcal{Y}_S)/\mathbb{R}^d = \mathbf{M} \oplus \mathbf{H}_{\#}^1(\mathcal{Y}_S)/\mathbb{R}^d$ :

$$\mathbf{p}^{kl} = \mathbf{p}_0^{kl} + \boldsymbol{\psi}^{kl}, \quad \mathbf{p}_0^{kl} \in \mathbf{M}, \quad \boldsymbol{\psi}^{kl} \in \mathbf{H}_{\#}^1(\mathcal{Y}_S)/\mathbb{R}^d.$$

Let  $(\phi^n)$  be a sequence of elements in  $\mathbf{V}$  such that  $\phi^n \rightarrow \phi$  in  $\mathbf{H}^1(\mathcal{Y}_S)/\mathbb{R}^d$ . We have a unique decomposition

$$\phi^n = \alpha_{kl}^n \mathbf{p}_0^{kl} + \boldsymbol{\psi}^n, \quad \underline{\alpha}^n \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}, \quad \boldsymbol{\psi}^n \in \mathbf{H}_{\#}^1(\mathcal{Y}_S)/\mathbb{R}^d,$$

and  $\|\phi^n\|_{\mathbf{H}^1(\mathcal{Y}_S)}^2 = \|\sum_{kl} \alpha_{kl}^n \mathbf{p}_0^{kl}\|_{\mathbf{H}^1(\mathcal{Y}_S)}^2 + \|\boldsymbol{\psi}^n\|_{\mathbf{H}^1(\mathcal{Y}_S)}^2$ , so  $(\alpha_{kl}^n \mathbf{p}_0^{kl})$  is bounded. Since the space  $\text{Span}\{(\mathbf{p}_0^{kl})_{1 \leq k, l \leq d}\}$  has a finite dimension, there exists  $\mathbf{p} \in \text{Span}\{(\mathbf{p}_0^{kl})_{1 \leq k, l \leq d}\}$  such that, up to a subsequence,

$$\alpha_{kl}^n \mathbf{p}_0^{kl} \rightarrow \mathbf{p}.$$

Since  $\mathbf{H}_{\#}^1(\mathcal{Y}_S)/\mathbb{R}^d$  is closed in  $\mathbf{H}^1(\mathcal{Y}_S)/\mathbb{R}^d$  and  $\boldsymbol{\psi}_n$  converges to  $\boldsymbol{\psi}$  in  $\mathbf{H}^1(\mathcal{Y}_S)/\mathbb{R}^d$ ,

$$\boldsymbol{\psi}_n \rightarrow \boldsymbol{\psi} \in \mathbf{H}_{\#}^1(\mathcal{Y}_S)/\mathbb{R}^d.$$

Finally,  $\phi = \mathbf{p} + \boldsymbol{\psi} \in \mathbf{V}$  and  $\mathbf{V}$  is closed as a subspace of  $\mathbf{H}^1(\mathcal{Y}_S)/\mathbb{R}^d$ .

*Step 3.* Let us show that  $\mathbf{V}$  contains no infinitesimal rigid displacement of a solid body. Suppose we have two vectors  $\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^d$  such that

$$\mathbf{V} \ni \mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{y} = \underline{B}_{kl} \mathbf{p}^{kl} + \boldsymbol{\psi}, \quad \underline{B} \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}, \quad \boldsymbol{\psi} \in \mathbf{H}_{\#}^1(\mathcal{Y}_S).$$

Recall that  $\mathbf{p}^{kl}$  is defined by (A.2). Since  $\mathbf{p}^{kl}$ ,  $\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{y}$ , and  $\mathbf{a}$  are all polynomial functions in the variable  $\mathbf{y}$ ,  $\boldsymbol{\psi}$  is one too. Then  $\boldsymbol{\psi}$  is a periodic polynomial function, and it has

to be equal to a constant  $\mathbf{c}$ . Then  $\mathbf{a} = \mathbf{c}$  because  $\mathbf{p}^{kl}(0) = 0$ ; see definition (A.2). Now, we have

$$\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{y} = \frac{1}{2} B_{kl} y_k \mathbf{e}^l + \frac{1}{2} B_{kl} y_l \mathbf{e}^k = \frac{1}{2} (\underline{B} + \underline{B}^T) \mathbf{y}.$$

Observe that the cross product on the left can be represented only by a skew-symmetric matrix, while we have a symmetric matrix on the right of the identity. Thus both matrices are in fact zero. This means that  $\mathbf{b} = \mathbf{0}$ , and since we have taken the quotient by the constants in definition (A.3),  $\mathbf{V}$  contains no infinitesimal rigid displacement of a solid body aside from  $\{\mathbf{0}\}$ .

*Step 4.* Suppose that assertion (A.4) is wrong. Then, there exists  $(\phi^n)$ , a sequence of elements of  $\mathbf{V}$ , such that

$$\|\phi^n\|_{\mathbf{H}^1(\mathcal{Y}_S)} = 1 \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N} \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|e(\phi^n)\|_{L^2(\mathcal{Y}_S)} = 0.$$

Using the Rellich–Kondrasov theorem, there exists a subsequence (still denoted by  $n$ ) such that  $\phi^n$  converges strongly in  $\mathbf{L}^2(\Omega)$ . Since  $e(\phi^n)$  also converges strongly in  $L^2(\Omega)$ , we deduce that  $\phi^n$  is a Cauchy sequence with respect to the norm

$$\phi \mapsto \sqrt{\|\phi\|_{\mathbf{L}^2(\mathcal{Y}_S)}^2 + \|e(\phi)\|_{L^2(\mathcal{Y}_S)}^2}.$$

By the standard Korn inequality in  $\mathbf{H}^1(\mathcal{Y}_S)$ , this norm is equivalent to the norm  $\|\cdot\|_{\mathbf{H}^1(\mathcal{Y}_S)}$  on  $\mathbf{H}^1(\mathcal{Y}_S)$ . Since  $\mathbf{V}$  is closed and therefore complete, there must exist  $\phi \in \mathbf{V}$  such that  $\phi^n$  converges to  $\phi$  strongly. This limit  $\phi$  satisfies

$$\|e(\phi)\|_{L^2(\mathcal{Y}_S)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|e(\phi^n)\|_{L^2(\mathcal{Y}_S)} = 0.$$

Thus  $\phi$  is an infinitesimal rigid displacement of a solid body and belongs to  $\mathbf{V}$ , so  $\phi = \mathbf{0}$ . This is a contradiction, since  $\|\phi^n\|_{\mathbf{H}^1(\mathcal{Y}_S)} = 1 \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ .  $\square$

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