

Compactness and Large-Scale Regularity for Darcy's Law

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Abstract

This paper is concerned with the quantitative homogenization of the steady Stokes equations with the Dirichlet condition in a periodically perforated domain. Using a compactness method, we establish the large-scale interior $C^{1,\alpha}$ and Lipschitz estimates for the velocity as well as the corresponding estimates for the pressure. These estimates, when combined with the classical regularity estimates for the Stokes equations, yield the uniform Lipschitz estimates. As a consequence, we also obtain the uniform $W^{k,p}$ estimates for $1 < p < \infty$.

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1 Introduction

In this paper we continue the study of the quantitative homogenization of the steady Stokes equations for an incompressible viscous fluid,

$$\begin{cases} -\varepsilon^2 \mu \Delta u_\varepsilon + \nabla p_\varepsilon = f, \\ \operatorname{div}(u_\varepsilon) = 0, \end{cases} \quad (1.1)$$

with a no-slip (Dirichlet) boundary condition on solid pores, in a periodically perforated domain in $\mathbb{R}^d$, $d \geq 2$. In (1.1), $\mu > 0$ is the viscosity constant, and we have normalized the velocity vector by a factor ε^2 , where $\varepsilon > 0$ is the period. It is well known that as $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$, the effective equations for (1.1) are given by a Darcy law [22, 26, 1, 18, 2, 20, 4]. In [24] we established the sharp $O(\sqrt{\varepsilon})$ convergence rate in a bounded domain by constructing some boundary correctors. In this paper we will investigate the large-scale regularity problem for solutions $(u_\varepsilon, p_\varepsilon)$.

To describe the porous domain, we let $Y = (0, 1)^d$ be an open unit cube and Y_s (solid part) an open subset of Y with Lipschitz boundary. Throughout the paper we assume that $\operatorname{dist}(\partial Y, \partial Y_s) > 0$ and that $Y_f = \bar{Y} \setminus \bar{Y}_s$ (the fluid part) is connected. Let

$$\omega = \bigcup_{z \in \mathbb{Z}^d} (Y_f + z) \quad (1.2)$$

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be the periodic repetition of Y_f . For $R > 0$, let

$$Q_R = (-R, R)^d \quad \text{and} \quad Q_R^\varepsilon = Q_R \cap \varepsilon\omega. \quad (1.3)$$

The following are the main results of the paper.

Theorem 1.1. *Let $(u_\varepsilon, p_\varepsilon) \in H^1(Q_R^\varepsilon; \mathbb{R}^d) \times L^2(Q_R^\varepsilon)$ be a weak solution of*

$$\begin{cases} -\varepsilon^2 \mu \Delta u_\varepsilon + \nabla p_\varepsilon = f & \text{in } Q_R^\varepsilon, \\ \operatorname{div}(u_\varepsilon) = 0 & \text{in } Q_R^\varepsilon, \\ u_\varepsilon = 0 & \text{on } Q_R \cap \partial(\varepsilon\omega), \end{cases} \quad (1.4)$$

where $0 < \varepsilon < R/2$ and $f \in C^\alpha(Q_R; \mathbb{R}^d)$ for some $\alpha \in (0, 1)$. Then

$$\varepsilon \left(\int_{Q_r} |\nabla u_\varepsilon|^2 \right)^{1/2} + \left(\int_{Q_r} |u_\varepsilon|^2 \right)^{1/2} \leq C \left\{ \left(\int_{Q_R} |u_\varepsilon|^2 \right)^{1/2} + R^\alpha \|f\|_{C^{0,\alpha}(Q_R)} \right\} \quad (1.5)$$

for any $\varepsilon \leq r < R/2$, where C depends only on d , μ , α , and Y_s .

In (1.5) (and thereafter) we have extended u_ε to Q_R by zero. In the next theorem, $W(y) = (W_j^i(y))$ is a 1-periodic $d \times d$ matrix-valued function, defined by the cell problem (2.1).

Theorem 1.2. *Let $(u_\varepsilon, p_\varepsilon)$ be the same as in Theorem 1.1. Then*

$$\begin{aligned} & \inf_{E \in \mathbb{R}^d} \left(\int_{Q_r} |\varepsilon \nabla u_\varepsilon - \mu^{-1} \nabla W(x/\varepsilon) E|^2 \right)^{1/2} + \inf_{E \in \mathbb{R}^d} \left(\int_{Q_r} |u_\varepsilon - \mu^{-1} W(x/\varepsilon) E|^2 \right)^{1/2} \\ & \leq C \left(\frac{r}{R} \right)^\beta \left\{ \left(\int_{Q_R} |u_\varepsilon|^2 \right)^{1/2} + R^\alpha \|f\|_{C^{0,\alpha}(Q_R)} \right\} \end{aligned} \quad (1.6)$$

for any $0 < \varepsilon \leq r < R/2$, where $0 < \beta < \alpha$ and C depends only on d , μ , α , β , and Y_s .

Theorems 1.1 and 1.2 give the large-scale interior Lipschitz and $C^{1,\alpha}$ estimates for the Stokes equations (1.1) in a periodically perforated domain. We also obtain the corresponding large-scale estimates for the pressure p_ε . See Section 6. We remark that the large-scale estimates for $(u_\varepsilon, p_\varepsilon)$ hold under the assumption that Y_s is an open set with Lipschitz boundary. If the boundary of Y_s is smooth, we may combine the classical regularity estimates for the Stokes equations (with $\varepsilon = 1$) in $Y \setminus \overline{Y_s}$ with these large-scale estimates to obtain regularity estimates that are uniform in $\varepsilon > 0$. In particular, this yields

$$\varepsilon \|\nabla u_\varepsilon\|_{L^\infty(Q_{R/2})} + \|u_\varepsilon\|_{L^\infty(Q_{R/2})} \leq C \left\{ \left(\int_{Q_R} |u_\varepsilon|^2 \right)^{1/2} + R^\alpha \|f\|_{C^{0,\alpha}(Q_R)} \right\} \quad (1.7)$$

for $0 < \varepsilon \leq 1$ and $R > 0$, where C depends only on d , μ , α , and Y_s . See Remark 5.7.

Our approach to Theorems 1.1 and 1.2 is based on a compactness method, originated in the study of regularity problems for nonlinear PDEs and minimal surfaces. The method

was introduced in a seminal work [8] by M. Avellaneda and F. Lin to the study of the quantitative homogenization theory (see [17] for the use of the compactness method for the Stokes equations with periodic coefficients in a fixed domain). Let $\{(u_{\varepsilon_j}, p_{\varepsilon_j})\}$ be a sequence of solutions of (1.4) with $R = 4$ and $\varepsilon = \varepsilon_j \rightarrow 0$. Assume that $\{u_{\varepsilon_j}\}$ is bounded in $L^2(Q_4; \mathbb{R}^d)$. To apply the compactness method to the Stokes equations in perforated domains with the Dirichlet condition, the key is to extract a subsequence, still denoted by $\{(u_{\varepsilon_j}, p_{\varepsilon_j})\}$, such that $P_{\varepsilon_j} \rightarrow p_0$ in $L^2(Q_1)$, where P_ε is a suitable extension of p_ε defined by (2.7), and that

$$u_{\varepsilon_j} - \mu^{-1}W(x/\varepsilon_j)(f - \nabla p_0) \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{in } L^2(Q_1; \mathbb{R}^d). \quad (1.8)$$

While the strong convergence P_{ε_j} in L^2 may be proved as in the classical work [26, 1, 18, 2, 20, 4] on Darcy's law, the strong convergence for u_ε in (1.8) was only known previously in the case when the sequence $\{u_{\varepsilon_j}\}$ has the same Dirichlet data on a fixed boundary [2, 4]. One of the main technical contributions of this work is establishing the compactness property (1.8) for a sequence of solutions with a uniform L^2 bound for u_ε . This is done by first proving a boundary layer estimate,

$$\left(\int_{Q_{1+\delta} \setminus Q_{1-\delta}} |\varepsilon \nabla u_\varepsilon|^2 dx \right)^{1/2} \leq C \delta^\sigma \{ \|u_\varepsilon\|_{L^2(Q_4)} + \|f\|_{L^\infty(Q_4)} \} \quad (1.9)$$

for $\varepsilon \leq \delta < 1/2$, where C and $\sigma > 0$ depend only on d , μ , and Y_s . The proof of (1.9) uses the self-improving property of the (weak) reverse Hölder inequalities as well as an energy estimate in [24] and the nontangential-maximal-function estimates in [11] for the Stokes equations in a bounded (unperforated) Lipschitz domain. With (1.9) at our disposal, (1.8) is proved by applying the two-scale convergence method.

The large-scale regularity estimates in the homogenization theory have been studied extensively in recent years. Besides the compactness method, there is another approach that is based on the convergence rate and is effective in both the periodic and non-periodic settings for second-order elliptic systems with oscillating coefficients (see [7, 12, 16, 6, 23] for references). In a recent work [24] the present author was able to establish the sharp convergence rate for the Stokes equations (1.1) in a periodically perforated domain Ω_ε . However, since the results are proved by energy estimates, the bounds for solutions u_ε and their divergences cannot be separated. As a result, the error bound in [24] requires a strong condition for the normal component of u_ε on the fixed boundary $\partial\Omega$, which is difficult to handle in the approximation scheme.

For second-order elliptic equations and systems in perforated domains, the large-scale regularity estimates may be found in [27, 30, 29, 28, 21, 5, 25, 10], where the Neumann type conditions are imposed on the boundaries of the solid obstacles. In this case, the effective equations are of the same type and the effective solutions share the same boundary data as u_ε on the fixed boundary. To the best of the author's knowledge, the paper [19] by N. Masmoudi seems to be the only one that treats the Stokes equations with the Dirichlet condition on the boundaries of solid pores. In particular, the uniform $W^{k,p}$ estimates for the Stokes equations (1.1) in $\varepsilon\omega$ with smooth boundary were stated in [19, Theorems 4.1 and 4.2] without proof (no proof has appeared since). As a consequence of Theorem 1.1, we are able to provide a proof for the uniform $W^{k,p}$ estimates.

Theorem 1.3. Assume that ∂Y_s is of $C^{1,\alpha}$ for some $0 < \alpha < 1$. Let $F \in L^q(\mathbb{R}^d; \mathbb{R}^d)$ and $f \in L^q(\mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{R}^{d \times d})$ for some $1 < q < \infty$. Then there exist a unique $u_\varepsilon \in W_0^{1,q}(\varepsilon\omega; \mathbb{R}^d)$ such that

$$\begin{cases} -\varepsilon^2 \mu \Delta u_\varepsilon + \nabla p_\varepsilon = F + \varepsilon \operatorname{div}(f) & \text{in } \varepsilon\omega, \\ \operatorname{div}(u_\varepsilon) = 0 & \text{in } \varepsilon\omega, \\ u_\varepsilon = 0 & \text{on } \partial(\varepsilon\omega), \end{cases} \quad (1.10)$$

for some $p_\varepsilon \in L_{loc}^q(\varepsilon\omega)$. Moreover,

$$\varepsilon \|\nabla u_\varepsilon\|_{L^q(\varepsilon\omega)} + \|u_\varepsilon\|_{L^q(\varepsilon\omega)} + \varepsilon^{-1} \|\nabla p_\varepsilon\|_{W^{-1,q}(\varepsilon\omega)} \leq C \{ \|F\|_{L^q(\varepsilon\omega)} + \|f\|_{L^q(\varepsilon\omega)} \}, \quad (1.11)$$

where C depends only on d, μ, q , and Y_s .

Theorem 1.4. Assume that ∂Y_s is of $C^{k,\alpha}$ for some $k \geq 2$ and $0 < \alpha < 1$. Let $F \in W^{k-2,q}(\mathbb{R}^d; \mathbb{R}^d)$ for some $1 < q < \infty$. Then there exists a unique $u_\varepsilon \in W_0^{k,q}(\varepsilon\omega; \mathbb{R}^d)$ such that

$$\begin{cases} -\varepsilon^2 \mu \Delta u_\varepsilon + \nabla p_\varepsilon = F & \text{in } \varepsilon\omega, \\ \operatorname{div}(u_\varepsilon) = 0 & \text{in } \varepsilon\omega, \\ u_\varepsilon = 0 & \text{on } \partial(\varepsilon\omega), \end{cases} \quad (1.12)$$

for some $p_\varepsilon \in L_{loc}^q(\varepsilon\omega)$. Moreover,

$$\sum_{\ell=0}^k \varepsilon^\ell \|\nabla^\ell u_\varepsilon\|_{L^q(\varepsilon\omega)} + \sum_{\ell=1}^k \varepsilon^{\ell-2} \|\nabla^\ell p_\varepsilon\|_{W^{-1,q}(\varepsilon\omega)} \leq C \sum_{\ell=0}^{k-2} \varepsilon^\ell \|\nabla^\ell F\|_{L^q(\varepsilon\omega)}, \quad (1.13)$$

where C depends only on d, μ, q, k , and Y_s .

We remark that as a consequence of the large-scale $C^{1,\alpha}$ estimates in Theorem 1.2, we obtain a Liouville property for weak solutions of (1.12) in $\varepsilon\omega$ with $u_\varepsilon \in W_{loc}^{1,2}(\varepsilon\omega; \mathbb{R}^d)$ and F being constant. See Theorem 6.4. This property is used in the proof of the uniqueness in Theorems 1.3 and 1.4.

The paper is organized as follows. In Section 2 we collect some basic facts and estimates that will be used in later sections. In Section 3 we prove the crucial estimate (1.9), which is used in the proof of a compactness result, given in Section 4. The proofs of Theorems 1.1 and 1.2 are given in Section 5, while the corresponding large-scale estimates for the pressure are established in Section 6. Finally, Theorems 1.3 and 1.4 are proved in Section 7.

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2 Preliminaries

Let $Y = (0, 1)^d$ and Y_s (solid part) be an open subset of Y with Lipschitz boundary. Throughout the paper we assume that $\operatorname{dist}(\partial Y, \partial Y_s) > 0$ and that (the fluid part) $Y_f = \bar{Y} \setminus \bar{Y}_s$ is connected.

Let ω is given by (1.2). Note that the unbounded domain ω is connected, 1-periodic, and $\partial\omega$ is locally Lipschitz. Also, observe that $\operatorname{dist}(\mathbb{Z}^d, \partial\omega) > 0$. For $1 \leq j \leq d$, let

$(W_j(y), \pi_j(y)) = (W_j^1(y), \dots, W_j^d(y), \pi_j(y)) \in H_{\text{loc}}^1(\omega; \mathbb{R}^d) \times L_{\text{loc}}^2(\omega)$ be the 1-periodic solution of the cell problem,

$$\begin{cases} -\Delta W_j + \nabla \pi_j = e_j & \text{in } Y \setminus \overline{Y_s}, \\ \operatorname{div}(W_j) = 0 & \text{in } Y \setminus \overline{Y_s}, \\ W_j = 0 & \text{on } \partial Y_s, \end{cases} \quad (2.1)$$

with $\int_{Y \setminus \overline{Y_s}} \pi_j dy = 0$, where $e_j = (0, \dots, 1, \dots, 0)$ with 1 in the j^{th} place. Define

$$K_j^i = \int_Y W_j^i(y) dy, \quad (2.2)$$

where we have extended W_j to $\mathbb{R}^d$ by zero. The $d \times d$ matrix $K = (K_j^i)$, called the permeability matrix, is symmetric and positive definite. This follows readily from the observation

$$K_j^i = \int_Y \nabla W_j^\ell \cdot \nabla W_i^\ell dy \quad (2.3)$$

(the index ℓ is summed from 1 to d).

Recall that $Q_R = (-R, R)^d$ and $Q_R^\varepsilon = Q_R \cap \varepsilon\omega$.

Lemma 2.1. *Let $u \in W^{1,q}(Q_R^\varepsilon)$ for some $R \in \varepsilon\mathbb{N}$ and $1 \leq q < \infty$. Assume $u = 0$ on $Q_R \cap \partial(\varepsilon\omega)$. Then*

$$\|u\|_{L^q(Q_R^\varepsilon)} \leq C\varepsilon \|\nabla u\|_{L^q(Q_R^\varepsilon)}, \quad (2.4)$$

where C depends only on d , q , and Y_s .

Proof. By dilation we may assume $\varepsilon = 1$. The result then follows by covering Q_R^1 with unit cubes and applying Poincaré's inequality on each cube. $\square$

Suppose

$$\begin{cases} -\varepsilon^2 \mu \Delta u_\varepsilon + \nabla p_\varepsilon = f \\ \operatorname{div}(u_\varepsilon) = 0 \end{cases} \quad \text{in } Q_R^\varepsilon,$$

with $u_\varepsilon = 0$ in $Q_R \cap \partial(\varepsilon\omega)$. Let

$$v(x) = u_\varepsilon(rx), \quad q(x) = r^{-1} p_\varepsilon(rx), \quad \text{and } g(x) = f(rx),$$

then

$$\begin{cases} -(\varepsilon/r)^2 \mu \Delta v + \nabla q = g \\ \operatorname{div}(v) = 0 \end{cases} \quad \text{in } Q_{R/r}^{\varepsilon/r},$$

with $v = 0$ in $Q_{R/r} \cap \partial((\varepsilon/r)\omega)$. This rescaling property will be used frequently in the paper.

Lemma 2.2. *Let $(u_\varepsilon, p_\varepsilon)$ be a weak solution of (1.1) in Q_R^ε with $u_\varepsilon = 0$ in $Q_R \cap \partial(\varepsilon\omega)$, where $0 < \varepsilon \leq 1$ and $R \in \varepsilon\mathbb{N}$. Then*

$$\left\| p_\varepsilon - \int_{Q_R^\varepsilon} p_\varepsilon \right\|_{L^2(Q_R^\varepsilon)} \leq CR \{ \varepsilon \|\nabla u_\varepsilon\|_{L^2(Q_R^\varepsilon)} + \|f\|_{L^2(Q_R^\varepsilon)} \}, \quad (2.5)$$

where C depends only on d , μ , and Y_s .

Proof. By rescaling we may assume $R = 1$. Without loss of generality we may also assume that $\int_{Q_1^\varepsilon} p_\varepsilon dx = 0$. Choose $v_\varepsilon \in H_0^1(Q_1^\varepsilon; \mathbb{R}^d)$ such that

$$\operatorname{div}(v_\varepsilon) = p_\varepsilon \quad \text{in } Q_1^\varepsilon,$$

and

$$\|v_\varepsilon\|_{L^2(Q_1^\varepsilon)} + \varepsilon \|\nabla v_\varepsilon\|_{L^2(Q_1^\varepsilon)} \leq C \|p_\varepsilon\|_{L^2(Q_1^\varepsilon)}, \quad (2.6)$$

where C depends only on d , μ , and Y_s . We refer the reader to [9, pp.146-148] for the existence of such v_ε with the estimate (2.6) in a periodically perforated domain. By using v_ε as a test function, we see that

$$\varepsilon^2 \mu \int_{Q_1^\varepsilon} \nabla u_\varepsilon \cdot \nabla v_\varepsilon dx - \int_{Q_1^\varepsilon} |p_\varepsilon|^2 dx = \int_{Q_1^\varepsilon} f \cdot v_\varepsilon dx.$$

Hence, by the Cauchy inequality,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{Q_1^\varepsilon} |p_\varepsilon|^2 dx &\leq \varepsilon^2 \mu \|\nabla u_\varepsilon\|_{L^2(Q_1^\varepsilon)} \|\nabla v_\varepsilon\|_{L^2(Q_1^\varepsilon)} + \|f\|_{L^2(Q_1^\varepsilon)} \|v_\varepsilon\|_{L^2(Q_1^\varepsilon)} \\ &\leq C \|p_\varepsilon\|_{L^2(Q_1^\varepsilon)} \left\{ \varepsilon \|\nabla u_\varepsilon\|_{L^2(Q_1^\varepsilon)} + \|f\|_{L^2(Q_1^\varepsilon)} \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

which yields (2.5). $\square$

Remark 2.3. Let $(u_\varepsilon, p_\varepsilon)$ be a weak solution of (1.1) in Q_R^ε . We extend u_ε to Q_R by zero and denote the extension still by u_ε . For the pressure p_ε , we use P_ε to denote its extension defined by

$$P_\varepsilon(x) = \begin{cases} p_\varepsilon(x) & \text{if } x \in Q_R^\varepsilon, \\ \oint_{\varepsilon(Y_f + z_k)} p_\varepsilon & \text{if } x \in \varepsilon(Y_s + z_k) \text{ and } \varepsilon(Y + z_k) \subset Q_R \text{ for some } z_k \in \mathbb{Z}^d. \end{cases} \quad (2.7)$$

See [26, 18, 4]. Note that if $\varepsilon(Y + z_k) \subset Q_R$ for some $z_k \in \mathbb{Z}^d$, then

$$\oint_{\varepsilon(Y + z_k)} P_\varepsilon = \oint_{\varepsilon(Y_f + z_k)} p_\varepsilon.$$

It follows that if $R \in \varepsilon\mathbb{N}$,

$$\oint_{Q_R} P_\varepsilon = \oint_{Q_R^\varepsilon} p_\varepsilon. \quad (2.8)$$

The next lemma provides a Caccioppoli type inequality for (1.1) in perforated domains.

Lemma 2.4. *Let $(u_\varepsilon, p_\varepsilon)$ be a weak solution of (1.1) in $Q_{R+\varepsilon}^\varepsilon$ with $u_\varepsilon = 0$ on $Q_{R+\varepsilon} \cap \partial(\varepsilon\omega)$, where $0 < \varepsilon \leq 1$ and $R \in \varepsilon\mathbb{N}$. Then*

$$\varepsilon^2 \int_{Q_R^\varepsilon} |\nabla u_\varepsilon|^2 dx + R^{-2} \int_{Q_R^\varepsilon} |p_\varepsilon - \oint_{Q_R^\varepsilon} p_\varepsilon|^2 dx \leq C \int_{Q_{R+\varepsilon}^\varepsilon} |u_\varepsilon|^2 dx + C \int_{Q_{R+\varepsilon}^\varepsilon} |f|^2 dx, \quad (2.9)$$

where C depends only on d , μ , and Y_s .

Proof. In view of (2.5), it suffices to bound the first term in the left-hand side of (2.9). By rescaling we may assume $\varepsilon = 1$. Now suppose that

$$-\mu\Delta u + \nabla p = f \quad \text{and} \quad \operatorname{div}(u) = 0$$

in $Q_{R+1} \cap \omega$, and $u = 0$ in $Q_{R+1} \cap \partial\omega$ for some $R \in \mathbb{N}$. Since $\operatorname{dist}(\partial Y, \partial Y_s) > 0$, we may choose $\delta \in (0, 1/2)$ so small that

$$\widetilde{Y}_f := (1 + \delta)Y \setminus \overline{Y}_s \subset \omega.$$

It follows from the standard Caccioppoli inequality for the Stokes equations [15] that

$$\int_{Y_f+z} |\nabla u|^2 dx \leq C \int_{\widetilde{Y}_f+z} |u|^2 dx + C \int_{\widetilde{Y}_f+z} |f|^2 dx,$$

where $z \in \mathbb{Z}^d$ and $Y + z \subset Q_R$. By summing the inequality above over z we obtain (2.9) with $\varepsilon = 1$. $\square$

Remark 2.5. Let $(u_\varepsilon, p_\varepsilon)$ be a weak solution of (1.1) in Q_{2R}^ε with $u_\varepsilon = 0$ on $Q_{2R}^\varepsilon \cap \partial(\varepsilon\omega)$, where $0 < \varepsilon \leq 1$ and $R \geq 2\varepsilon$. Then

$$\varepsilon^2 \int_{Q_R^\varepsilon} |\nabla u_\varepsilon|^2 dx + R^{-2} \int_{Q_R^\varepsilon} |p_\varepsilon - \fint_{Q_R^\varepsilon} p_\varepsilon|^2 dx \leq C \int_{Q_{2R}^\varepsilon} |u_\varepsilon|^2 dx + C \int_{Q_{2R}^\varepsilon} |f|^2 dx. \quad (2.10)$$

To see this, we choose $k \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $R \leq k\varepsilon \leq R + \varepsilon$. The left-hand side of (2.10) is bounded by

$$\varepsilon^2 \int_{Q_{k\varepsilon}^\varepsilon} |\nabla u_\varepsilon|^2 dx + CR^{-2} \int_{Q_{k\varepsilon}^\varepsilon} |p_\varepsilon - \fint_{Q_{k\varepsilon}^\varepsilon} p_\varepsilon|^2 dx,$$

which is bounded by the right-hand side of (2.10), using (2.9) and the fact $R \geq 2\varepsilon$.

3 Reverse Hölder inequalities

Let $Q(x, r) = x + (-r, r)^d = x + Q_r$ and $Q^\varepsilon(x, r) = Q(x, r) \cap \varepsilon\omega$. Define

$$g_\varepsilon(x) = \left(\fint_{Q(x, \varepsilon)} (\varepsilon |\nabla u_\varepsilon| + |u_\varepsilon|)^2 \right)^{1/2}. \quad (3.1)$$

The goal of this section is to establish the following.

Theorem 3.1. *Let $(u_\varepsilon, p_\varepsilon) \in H^1(Q_{2R}^\varepsilon; \mathbb{R}^d) \times L^2(Q_{2R}^\varepsilon)$ be a weak solution of (1.1) in Q_{2R}^ε with $u_\varepsilon = 0$ on $Q_{2R} \cap \partial(\varepsilon\omega)$, where $0 < \varepsilon \leq 1$ and $R \geq \varepsilon$. Let g_ε be defined by (3.1). Then, there exist $q > 2$ and $C > 0$, depend only on d, μ , and Y_s , such that*

$$\left(\fint_{Q_R} |g_\varepsilon|^q \right)^{1/q} \leq C \left(\fint_{Q_{2R}} (\varepsilon |\nabla u_\varepsilon| + |u_\varepsilon|)^2 \right)^{1/2} + C \left(\fint_{Q_{2R}} |f|^q \right)^{1/q}. \quad (3.2)$$

We begin with an estimate for the Stokes equations in $Q_t = (-t, t)^d$.

Lemma 3.2. *Let $(v, \tau) \in H^1(Q_t; \mathbb{R}^d) \times L^2(Q_t)$ be a weak solution of the Dirichlet problem,*

$$\begin{cases} -\Delta v + \nabla \tau = 0 & \text{in } Q_t, \\ \operatorname{div}(v) = 0 & \text{in } Q_t, \\ v = h & \text{on } \partial Q_t, \end{cases} \quad (3.3)$$

for some $t > 0$, where $h \in H^1(\partial Q_t; \mathbb{R}^d)$ satisfies the compatibility condition $\int_{\partial Q_t} h \cdot n \, d\sigma = 0$. Then there exist $q_0 \in (1, 2)$ and $C > 0$, depending only on d , such that

$$\left(\int_{Q_t} |v|^2 \right)^{1/2} \leq C \left(\int_{\partial Q_t} |h|^{q_0} \right)^{1/q_0}, \quad (3.4)$$

and

$$\left(\int_{Q_t} |\nabla v|^2 \right)^{1/2} \leq C \left(\int_{\partial Q_t} |\nabla_{\tan} h|^{q_0} \right)^{1/q_0}. \quad (3.5)$$

Proof. By dilation we may assume $t = 1$. To prove (3.5), we use the energy estimates to obtain

$$\|\nabla v\|_{L^2(Q_1)} \leq C \|h\|_{H^{1/2}(\partial Q_1)} \leq C \|h\|_{W^{1,q_0}(\partial Q_1)},$$

where $\frac{2(d-1)}{d} < q_0 < 2$, and we have used the Sobolev imbedding on ∂Q_1 for the last inequality. Replacing v by $v - E$, with $E = \int_{\partial Q_1} h$, we obtain (3.5) by a Poincaré inequality on ∂Q_1 .

To see (3.4), we use the nontangential-maximal-function estimate,

$$\|(v)^*\|_{L^{q_0}(\partial Q_1)} \leq C \|h\|_{L^{q_0}(\partial Q_1)}. \quad (3.6)$$

The estimate (3.6) was proved in [11] for the Stokes equations in bounded Lipschitz domains Ω , where $|q_0 - 2| < \sigma$ and $\sigma > 0$ depends only on d and the Lipschitz characters of Ω . As a result, (3.6) holds for some $\frac{2(d-1)}{d} < q_0 < 2$, depending only on d . This, together with the estimate,

$$\|v\|_{L^2(Q_1)} \leq C \|(v)^*\|_{L^{q_0}(\partial Q_1)}, \quad (3.7)$$

gives (3.4).

Finally, to see 3.7, we use the observation

$$|v(x)| \leq C \int_{\partial Q_1} \frac{(v)^*(y)}{|x - y|^{d-1}} \, d\sigma(y)$$

for any $x \in Q_1$. It follows that

$$\left| \int_{Q_1} v(x) g(x) \, dx \right| \leq C \int_{\partial Q_1} (v)^*(y) G(y) \, d\sigma(y),$$

where

$$G(y) = \int_{Q_1} \frac{|g(x)|}{|x - y|^{d-1}} \, dx.$$

Since

$$\|G\|_{L^{q'_0}(\partial Q_1)} \leq C \|G\|_{H^{1/2}(\partial Q_1)} \leq C \|G\|_{H^1(Q_1)} \leq C \|g\|_{L^2(Q_1)},$$

we obtain (3.7) by a duality argument. $\square$

In the proof of the next lemma, we will use the following observation: there exists $c_0 > 0$, depending only on d and Y_s , such that

$$\text{dist}(\partial Q_t, \mathbb{R}^d \setminus \varepsilon\omega) \geq c_0\varepsilon \quad \text{if} \quad \text{dist}(t, \varepsilon\mathbb{N}) \leq c_0\varepsilon. \quad (3.8)$$

The case $\varepsilon = 1$ follows from the assumption that $\text{dist}(\partial Y, \partial Y_s) > 0$, while the general case follows by dilation.

Lemma 3.3. *Let $(u_\varepsilon, p_\varepsilon) \in H^1(Q_{2R}^\varepsilon; \mathbb{R}^d) \times L^2(Q_{2R}^\varepsilon)$ be a weak solution of (1.1) in Q_{2R}^ε with $u_\varepsilon = 0$ in $Q_{2R} \cap \partial(\varepsilon\omega)$, where $0 < \varepsilon \leq 1$ and $R \in \varepsilon\mathbb{N}$. Then*

$$\begin{aligned} & \varepsilon \left(\int_{Q_R} |\nabla u_\varepsilon|^2 \right)^{1/2} + \left(\int_{Q_R} |u_\varepsilon|^2 \right)^{1/2} \\ & \leq C\varepsilon \left(\int_{Q_{2R}} |\nabla u_\varepsilon|^{q_0} \right)^{1/q_0} + C \left(\int_{Q_{2R}} |u_\varepsilon|^{q_0} \right)^{1/q_0} + C \left(\int_{Q_{2R}} |f|^2 \right)^{1/2}, \end{aligned} \quad (3.9)$$

where $q_0 \in (1, 2)$ is given by Lemma 3.2, and C depends only on d , μ , and Y_s .

Proof. By dilation we may assume $R = 1$ and $\varepsilon^{-1} \in \mathbb{N}$. We first observe that by Fubini's Theorem, there exists $t \in [1, 2]$ such that $\text{dist}(t, \varepsilon\mathbb{N}) \leq c_0\varepsilon$ and

$$\varepsilon^{q_0} \int_{\partial Q_t} |\nabla u_\varepsilon|^{q_0} d\sigma + \int_{\partial Q_t} |u_\varepsilon|^{q_0} d\sigma \leq C_0 \left\{ \varepsilon^{q_0} \int_{Q_2} |\nabla u_\varepsilon|^{q_0} dx + \int_{Q_2} |u_\varepsilon|^{q_0} dx \right\}, \quad (3.10)$$

where C_0 depends on d and Y_s . For otherwise, suppose that for any $t \in [1, 2]$ with $\text{dist}(t, \varepsilon\mathbb{N}) \leq c_0\varepsilon$,

$$\varepsilon^{q_0} \int_{\partial Q_t} |\nabla u_\varepsilon|^{q_0} d\sigma + \int_{\partial Q_t} |u_\varepsilon|^{q_0} d\sigma > C_0 \left\{ \varepsilon^{q_0} \int_{Q_2} |\nabla u_\varepsilon|^{q_0} dx + \int_{Q_2} |u_\varepsilon|^{q_0} dx \right\}.$$

By integrating the inequality above with respect to t over the set

$$E_\varepsilon = \{t \in (1, 2) : \text{dist}(t, \varepsilon\mathbb{N}) \leq c_0\varepsilon\},$$

and using the observation that $|E_\varepsilon| \geq c > 0$, we obtain

$$\varepsilon^{q_0} \int_{Q_2 \setminus Q_1} |\nabla u_\varepsilon|^{q_0} dx + \int_{Q_2 \setminus Q_1} |u_\varepsilon|^{q_0} dx \geq C_1 C_0 \left\{ \varepsilon^{q_0} \int_{Q_2} |\nabla u_\varepsilon|^{q_0} dx + \int_{Q_2} |u_\varepsilon|^{q_0} dx \right\},$$

where C_1 depends only on d and c_0 . This gives a contradiction if we choose $C_0 = (2C_1)^{-1}$.

Next, let (v, τ) be a weak solution of (3.3) in Q_t with Dirichlet data $h = u_\varepsilon$ on ∂Q_t . Since $\text{dist}(\partial Q_t, \mathbb{R}^d \setminus \varepsilon\omega) \geq c_0\varepsilon$, by the energy estimates for the Stokes equations in periodically perforated domains in [24, Inequality (3.9)], we deduce that

$$\varepsilon^2 \int_{Q_t} |\nabla u_\varepsilon|^2 dx + \int_{Q_t} |u_\varepsilon|^2 dx \leq C \left\{ \varepsilon^2 \int_{Q_t} |\nabla v|^2 dx + \int_{Q_t} |v|^2 dx + \int_{Q_t} |f|^2 dx \right\}.$$

This, together with (3.4) and (3.10), gives

$$\begin{aligned}
\varepsilon \|\nabla u_\varepsilon\|_{L^2(Q_1)} + \|u_\varepsilon\|_{L^2(Q_1)} &\leq C \left\{ \varepsilon \|\nabla v\|_{L^2(Q_t)} + \|v\|_{L^2(Q_t)} + \|f\|_{L^2(Q_t)} \right\} \\
&\leq C \left\{ \varepsilon \|\nabla_{\tan} u_\varepsilon\|_{L^{q_0}(\partial Q_t)} + \|u_\varepsilon\|_{L^{q_0}(\partial Q_t)} + \|f\|_{L^2(Q_t)} \right\} \\
&\leq C \left\{ \varepsilon \|\nabla u_\varepsilon\|_{L^{q_0}(Q_2)} + \|u_\varepsilon\|_{L^{q_0}(Q_2)} + \|f\|_{L^2(Q_2)} \right\},
\end{aligned}$$

which completes the proof. $\square$

Remark 3.4. Let $(u_\varepsilon, p_\varepsilon)$ be a weak solution of (1.1) in $Q^\varepsilon(x_0, 4R)$ with $u_\varepsilon = 0$ in $Q(x_0, 4R) \cap \partial(\varepsilon\omega)$, where $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^d$, $0 < \varepsilon \leq 1$ and $R \geq 2\varepsilon$. Then

$$\begin{aligned}
&\varepsilon \left(\int_{Q(x_0, R)} |\nabla u_\varepsilon|^2 \right)^{1/2} + \left(\int_{Q(x_0, R)} |u_\varepsilon|^2 \right)^{1/2} \\
&\leq C\varepsilon \left(\int_{Q(x_0, 4R)} |\nabla u_\varepsilon|^{q_0} \right)^{1/q_0} + C \left(\int_{Q(x_0, 4R)} |u_\varepsilon|^{q_0} \right)^{1/q_0} + C \left(\int_{Q(x_0, 4R)} |f|^2 \right)^{1/2},
\end{aligned} \tag{3.11}$$

where $q_0 \in (1, 2)$ is given by Lemma 3.3. Indeed, by (3.9) and translation, (3.11) holds if $x_0 \in \varepsilon\mathbb{Z}^d$ and $R \in \varepsilon\mathbb{N}$. Moreover, in this case, $Q(x_0, 4R)$ in the right-hand side is replaced by $Q(x_0, 2R)$. For the general case, we choose $y_0 \in \varepsilon\mathbb{Z}^d$ and $R_1 \in \varepsilon\mathbb{N}$ such that

$$Q(x_0, R) \subset Q(y_0, R_1) \quad \text{and} \quad Q(y_0, 2R_1) \subset Q(x_0, 4R),$$

which is possible under the assumption $R \geq 2\varepsilon$.

Proof of Theorem 3.1. By rescaling we may assume $R = 1$ and $0 < \varepsilon \leq 1$. We also assume $0 < \varepsilon < c$, where $c > 0$ is sufficiently small; the case $c \leq \varepsilon \leq 1$ is trivial.

Let $q_0 \in (1, 2)$ be given by Lemma 3.3. Define

$$G_\varepsilon(y) = \sup \left(\int_{Q(z, r)} (\varepsilon |\nabla u_\varepsilon| + |u_\varepsilon|)^{q_0} \right)^{1/q_0}, \tag{3.12}$$

where the supremum is taken over all $Q(z, r)$ with the properties that $y \in Q(z, r)$, $r \geq 2\varepsilon$, and $Q(z, r) \subset Q_2$. We will show that

$$\left(\int_{Q_1} |G_\varepsilon|^q \right)^{1/q} \leq C \left(\int_{Q_2} |G_\varepsilon|^2 \right)^{1/2} + C \left(\int_{Q_2} |f|^q \right)^{1/q} \tag{3.13}$$

for some $q > 2$, depending only on d , μ , and Y_s . Note that by the L^{2/q_0} boundedness of the Hardy-Littlewood maximal operator,

$$\left(\int_{Q_2} |G_\varepsilon|^2 \right)^{1/2} \leq C \left(\int_{Q_2} (\varepsilon |\nabla u_\varepsilon| + |u_\varepsilon|)^2 \right)^{1/2}.$$

Also, observe that by (3.11),

$$\begin{aligned} g_\varepsilon(x) &\leq C \left(\int_{Q(x, 2\varepsilon)} (\varepsilon |\nabla u_\varepsilon| + |u_\varepsilon|)^2 \right)^{1/2} \\ &\leq C G_\varepsilon(x) + C \left(\int_{Q(x, 8\varepsilon)} |f|^2 \right)^{1/2} \end{aligned}$$

for $x \in Q_1$. It follows that

$$\left(\int_{Q_1} |g_\varepsilon|^q \right)^{1/q} \leq C \left(\int_{Q_1} |G_\varepsilon|^q \right)^{1/q} + C \left(\int_{Q_2} |f|^q \right)^{1/q}.$$

As a result, the estimate (3.2) follows from (3.13).

Finally, to prove (3.13), we use the well-known self-improving property of (weak) reverse Hölder inequalities [14]. Consequently, it suffices to show that

$$\left(\int_{Q(x, t)} |G_\varepsilon|^2 \right)^{1/2} \leq C \left(\int_{Q(x, 8t)} |G_\varepsilon|^{q_0} \right)^{1/q_0} + C \left(\int_{Q(x, 8t)} |f|^2 \right)^{1/2} \quad (3.14)$$

for any $x \in Q_1$ and $0 < t < c$. We divide the proof of (3.14) into two cases.

Case 1. Suppose $0 < t < 4\varepsilon$. Observe that in this case, $G_\varepsilon(y) \sim G_\varepsilon(z)$ for any $y, z \in Q(x, t)$; i.e., there exist $c_0 > 0$ and $c_1 > 0$, depending only on d and Y_s , such that

$$c_0 G_\varepsilon(y) \leq G_\varepsilon(z) \leq c_1 G_\varepsilon(y) \quad \text{for } y, z \in Q(x, t).$$

This implies that

$$\left(\int_{Q(x, t)} |G_\varepsilon|^2 \right)^{1/2} \leq C \left(\int_{Q(x, 8t)} |G_\varepsilon|^{q_0} \right)^{1/q_0}.$$

Case 2. Suppose $4\varepsilon \leq t < c$. For $y \in Q(x, t)$, write

$$G_\varepsilon(y) = \max \left(G_\varepsilon^{(1)}(y), G_\varepsilon^{(2)}(y) \right),$$

where $G_\varepsilon^{(1)}$ is defined as in (3.12), but with the supremum being taken over all $Q^\varepsilon(z, r)$ with the properties that $y \in Q(z, r)$, $r \geq 2\varepsilon$, and $Q(z, r) \subset Q(x, 2t)$. By the L^{2/q_0} boundedness of the Hardy-Littlewood maximal operator, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\int_{Q(x, t)} |G_\varepsilon^{(1)}|^2 \right)^{1/2} &\leq C \left(\int_{Q(x, 2t)} (\varepsilon |\nabla u_\varepsilon| + |u_\varepsilon|)^2 \right)^{1/2} \\ &\leq C \left(\int_{Q(x, 8t)} (\varepsilon |\nabla u_\varepsilon| + |u_\varepsilon|)^{q_0} \right)^{1/q_0} + C \left(\int_{Q(x, 8t)} |f|^2 \right)^{1/2} \\ &\leq C \left(\int_{Q(x, 8t)} |G_\varepsilon|^{q_0} \right)^{1/q_0} + C \left(\int_{Q(x, 8t)} |f|^2 \right)^{1/2}, \end{aligned}$$

where we have used (3.11) for the second inequality. Since

$$G_\varepsilon^{(2)}(y) \sim G_\varepsilon^{(2)}(z) \quad \text{for } y, z \in Q(x, t),$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\int_{Q(x,t)} |G_\varepsilon^{(2)}|^2 \right)^{1/2} &\leq C \left(\int_{Q(x,t)} |G_\varepsilon^{(2)}|^{q_0} \right)^{1/q_0} \\ &\leq C \left(\int_{Q(x,t)} |G_\varepsilon|^{q_0} \right)^{1/q_0}. \end{aligned}$$

As a result, we have proved (3.14) for Case 2. This completes the proof. $\square$

Corollary 3.5. *Let $(u_\varepsilon, p_\varepsilon) \in H^1(Q_3^\varepsilon; \mathbb{R}^d) \times L^2(Q_3^\varepsilon)$ be a weak solution of (1.1) in Q_3^ε with $u_\varepsilon = 0$ on $Q_3 \cap \partial(\varepsilon\omega)$, where $0 < \varepsilon \leq 1$. Then*

$$\begin{aligned} &\left(\int_{Q_{1+\delta} \setminus Q_{1-\delta}} (\varepsilon |\nabla u_\varepsilon| + |u_\varepsilon|)^2 dx \right)^{1/2} \\ &\leq C\delta^\sigma \left\{ \left(\int_{Q_3} (\varepsilon |\nabla u_\varepsilon| + |u_\varepsilon|)^2 dx \right)^{1/2} + \|f\|_{L^\infty(Q_3)} \right\}, \end{aligned} \quad (3.15)$$

for any $\delta \in (\varepsilon, 1]$, where C and $\sigma > 0$ depend only on d , μ , and Y_s .

Proof. We may assume $\delta \leq 1/4$; for otherwise the estimate is trivial. By Fubini's Theorem,

$$\left(\int_{Q_{1+\delta} \setminus Q_{1-\delta}} (\varepsilon |\nabla u_\varepsilon| + |u_\varepsilon|)^2 dx \right)^{1/2} \leq C \left(\int_{Q_{1+\delta} \setminus Q_{1-\delta}} |g_\varepsilon|^2 dx \right)^{1/2},$$

where g_ε is defined by (3.1) and we have used the assumption $\delta > \varepsilon$. By Hölder's inequality, the right-hand side of the inequality above is bounded by

$$C\delta^\sigma \left(\int_{Q_{3/2}} |g_\varepsilon|^q dx \right)^{1/q},$$

where $q > 2$ is given by Theorem 3.1 and $\sigma = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{q} > 0$. The estimate (3.15) now follows readily from (3.2). $\square$

4 Compactness

The goal of this section is to establish the compactness in the following theorem. The condition $\varepsilon_j^{-1} \in \mathbb{N}$ ensures that $\partial(\varepsilon_j\omega) \cap \partial Q_\ell = \emptyset$ for $\ell = 1, 2, 3, 4$.

Theorem 4.1. *Let $\{(u_{\varepsilon_j}, p_{\varepsilon_j})\}$ be a sequence of weak solutions of*

$$\begin{cases} -\varepsilon_j^2 \mu \Delta u_{\varepsilon_j} + \nabla p_{\varepsilon_j} = f_{\varepsilon_j} & \text{in } Q_4^{\varepsilon_j}, \\ \operatorname{div}(u_{\varepsilon_j}) = 0 & \text{in } Q_4^{\varepsilon_j}, \\ u_{\varepsilon_j} = 0 & \text{on } Q_4 \cap \partial(\varepsilon_j\omega), \end{cases} \quad (4.1)$$

where $\varepsilon_j^{-1} \in \mathbb{N}$ and $\varepsilon_j \rightarrow 0$. Assume that

$$\oint_{Q_4} |u_{\varepsilon_j}|^2 \leq 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \|f_{\varepsilon_j}\|_{C^\alpha(Q_4)} \leq 1 \quad (4.2)$$

for some $\alpha \in (0, 1)$. Then there exists a subsequence, still denoted by $\{(u_{\varepsilon_j}, p_{\varepsilon_j})\}$, and $f \in C^\alpha(Q_4; \mathbb{R}^d)$, $p_0 \in H^1(Q_2)$, such that $f_{\varepsilon_j} \rightarrow f$ uniformly in Q_4 ,

$$P_{\varepsilon_j} - \oint_{Q_2} P_{\varepsilon_j} \rightarrow p_0 \quad \text{in } L^2(Q_2), \quad (4.3)$$

$$u_{\varepsilon_j} - \mu^{-1}W(x/\varepsilon_j)(f - \nabla p_0) \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{in } L^2(Q_1; \mathbb{R}^d), \quad (4.4)$$

and

$$\varepsilon_j \nabla u_{\varepsilon_j} - \mu^{-1} \nabla W(x/\varepsilon_j)(f - \nabla p_0) \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{in } L^2(Q_1; \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}), \quad (4.5)$$

where P_{ε_j} denotes the extension of p_{ε_j} defined by (2.7).

Proof. We divide the proof of Theorem 4.1 into several steps.

Step 1. By subtracting a constant we may assume $\int_{Q_2^{\varepsilon_j}} p_{\varepsilon_j} dx = 0$. It follows from Caccioppoli's inequality (2.10) and (4.2) that

$$\varepsilon_j \|\nabla u_{\varepsilon_j}\|_{L^2(Q_2)} + \|P_{\varepsilon_j} - \oint_{Q_2} P_{\varepsilon_j}\|_{L^2(Q_2)} \leq C. \quad (4.6)$$

Thus, by passing to a subsequence, we may assume that

$$\begin{cases} P_{\varepsilon_j} - \oint_{Q_2} P_{\varepsilon_j} \rightarrow p_0 & \text{weakly in } L^2(Q_2), \\ u_{\varepsilon_j} & \text{two-scale converges to } u_0(x, \xi), \\ \varepsilon_j \nabla u_{\varepsilon_j} & \text{two-scale converges to } \nabla_\xi u_0(x, \xi), \end{cases} \quad (4.7)$$

for some $p_0 \in L^2(Q_2)$ and $u_0 \in L^2(Q_2; H_{per}^1(Y; \mathbb{R}^d))$. Moreover, since $u_{\varepsilon_j} = 0$ in $Q_2 \setminus (\varepsilon_j \omega)$ and $\operatorname{div}(u_{\varepsilon_j}) = 0$ in Q_2^ε , the limit u_0 satisfies

$$\begin{cases} u_0(x, \xi) = 0 & \text{in } Q_2 \times Y_s, \\ \operatorname{div}_\xi u_0(x, \xi) = 0 & \text{in } Q_2 \times Y, \\ \operatorname{div}_x \int_Y u_0(x, \xi) d\xi = 0 & \text{in } Q_2. \end{cases} \quad (4.8)$$

We refer the reader to [3] for an introduction to the two-scale convergence and its applications to homogenization. Clearly, by passing to a subsequence, we may also assume that $f_{\varepsilon_j} \rightarrow f$ uniformly in Q_4 for some $f \in C^\alpha(Q_4; \mathbb{R}^d)$ with $\|f\|_{C^\alpha(Q_4)} \leq 1$.

Step 2. We show that

$$P_{\varepsilon_j} - \oint_{Q_2} P_{\varepsilon_j} \rightarrow p_0 \quad \text{in } L^2(Q_2). \quad (4.9)$$

The proof is the same as in the case with boundary value $u_\varepsilon = 0$ on ∂Q_2 . See e.g. [4]. We sketch a proof here for the reader's convenience. The key is to show that for any $\psi \in H_0^1(Q_2; \mathbb{R}^d)$,

$$\begin{aligned} & | \langle \nabla P_{\varepsilon_j}, \psi \rangle_{H^{-1}(Q_2) \times H_0^1(Q_2)} | \\ & \leq C \left\{ \varepsilon_j \|\nabla u_{\varepsilon_j}\|_{L^2(Q_2^{\varepsilon_j})} + \|f\|_{L^2(Q_2^{\varepsilon_j})} \right\} \left\{ \varepsilon_j \|\nabla \psi\|_{L^2(Q_2)} + \|\psi\|_{L^2(Q_2)} \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (4.10)$$

To see (4.10), let $R_{\varepsilon_j} : H_0^1(Q_2; \mathbb{R}^d) \rightarrow H_0^1(Q_2^{\varepsilon_j}; \mathbb{R}^d)$ be the restriction operator defined in [4, Lemma 1.7]. Then

$$\begin{aligned} & | \langle \nabla P_{\varepsilon_j}, \psi \rangle_{H^{-1}(Q_2) \times H_0^1(Q_2)} | \\ & = | \langle \nabla p_{\varepsilon_j}, R_{\varepsilon_j}(\psi) \rangle_{H^{-1}(Q_2^{\varepsilon_j}) \times H_0^1(Q_2^{\varepsilon_j})} | \\ & = | \langle \varepsilon_j^2 \mu \Delta u_{\varepsilon_j} + f_{\varepsilon_j}, R_{\varepsilon_j}(\psi) \rangle_{H^{-1}(Q_2^{\varepsilon_j}) \times H_0^1(Q_2^{\varepsilon_j})} | \\ & \leq \varepsilon_j^2 \mu \|\nabla u_{\varepsilon_j}\|_{L^2(Q_2^{\varepsilon_j})} \|\nabla R_{\varepsilon_j}(\psi)\|_{L^2(Q_2^{\varepsilon_j})} + \|f_{\varepsilon_j}\|_{L^2(Q_2^{\varepsilon_j})} \|R_{\varepsilon_j}(\psi)\|_{L^2(Q_2^{\varepsilon_j})} \\ & \leq C \left\{ \varepsilon_j \|\nabla u_{\varepsilon_j}\|_{L^2(Q_2^{\varepsilon_j})} + \|f_{\varepsilon_j}\|_{L^2(Q_2^{\varepsilon_j})} \right\} \left\{ \varepsilon_j \|\nabla \psi\|_{L^2(Q_2)} + \|\psi\|_{L^2(Q_2)} \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

The estimate (4.10) implies (4.9). For otherwise, since

$$\|P_{\varepsilon_j} - \int_{Q_2} P_\varepsilon - p_0\|_{L^2(Q_2)} \leq C \|\nabla P_{\varepsilon_j} - \nabla p_0\|_{H^{-1}(Q_2)},$$

it follows that ∇P_{ε_j} does not converge to ∇p_0 in $H^{-1}(Q_2; \mathbb{R}^d)$. Hence, there exists a sequence $\{\psi_j\} \subset H_0^1(Q_2; \mathbb{R}^d)$ such that $\|\psi_j\|_{H_0^1(Q_2)} = 1$ and

$$| \langle \nabla P_{\varepsilon'_j} - \nabla p_0, \psi_j \rangle_{H^{-1}(Q_2) \times H_0^1(Q_2)} | \geq c_0 > 0$$

for a subsequence $\{\varepsilon'_j\}$. By passing to a subsequence we may assume $\psi_j \rightarrow \psi_0$ weakly in $H_0^1(Q_2; \mathbb{R}^d)$ and thus strongly in $L^2(Q_2; \mathbb{R}^d)$. Since

$$\langle \nabla P_{\varepsilon_j} - \nabla p_0, \psi_0 \rangle_{H^{-1}(Q_2) \times H_0^1(Q_2)} \rightarrow 0,$$

we see that

$$| \langle \nabla P_{\varepsilon'_j}, \psi_j - \psi_0 \rangle_{H^{-1}(Q_2) \times H_0^1(Q_2)} | \geq c_0/2$$

if j is sufficiently large. This leads to a contradiction if we take $\psi = \psi_j - \psi_0$ in (4.10).

Step 3. We show that

$$u_0(x, \xi) = \mu^{-1} W(\xi)(f - \nabla p_0) \quad \text{in } Q_2. \quad (4.11)$$

By using the Stokes equations in Q_2^ε and the two-scale convergence of $\varepsilon_j \nabla u_{\varepsilon_j}$, we have

$$\mu \int_{Q_2 \times Y} \nabla_\xi u_0(x, \xi) \cdot \nabla_\xi \psi(x, \xi) dx d\xi = \int_{Q_2 \times Y} f(x) \psi(x, \xi) dx d\xi \quad (4.12)$$

for any $\psi = \psi(x, \xi) \in L^2(Q_2; H_{per}^1(Y; \mathbb{R}^d))$ satisfying the conditions,

$$\begin{cases} \operatorname{div}_\xi \psi(x, \xi) = 0 & \text{in } Q_2 \times Y, \\ \psi(x, \xi) = 0 & \text{in } Q_2 \times Y_s, \\ \operatorname{div}_x \int_Y \psi(x, \xi) d\xi = 0 & \text{for } x \in Q_2, \\ n \cdot \int_Y \psi(x, \xi) d\xi = 0 & \text{for } x \in \partial Q_2, \end{cases} \quad (4.13)$$

where n denotes the outward unit normal to ∂Q_2 . See [4, p.48-89]. Let $p_* \in H^1(Q_2)$ be a weak solution of the Neumann problem,

$$\begin{cases} \operatorname{div}(K(f - \nabla p_*)) = 0 & \text{in } Q_2, \\ \mu n \cdot K(f - \nabla p_*) = n \cdot \int_Y u_0(x, \xi) d\xi & \text{on } \partial Q_2, \end{cases} \quad (4.14)$$

and

$$v_0(x, \xi) = \mu^{-1} W(\xi)(f - \nabla p_*) \quad \text{in } Q_2. \quad (4.15)$$

It is not hard to show that (4.12) also holds if $u_0(x, \xi)$ is replaced by $v_0(x, \xi)$. Thus,

$$\int_{Q_2 \times Y} \nabla_\xi(u_0(x, \xi) - v_0(x, \xi)) \cdot \nabla_\xi \psi(x, \xi) dx d\xi = 0$$

for any $\psi = \psi(x, \xi) \in L^2(Q_2; H_{per}^1(Y; \mathbb{R}^d))$ satisfying (4.13). By taking $\psi = u_0 - v_0$, we see that $u_0 - v_0$ depends only on x . Since $u_0(x, \xi) - v_0(x, \xi) = 0$ for $\xi \in Y_s$, we conclude that $u_0(x, \xi) = v_0(x, \xi)$ in $Q_2 \times Y$.

It remains to show that $\nabla p_* = \nabla p_0$ in Q_2 . To this end, we note that by using the Stokes equations in Q_2^ε , (4.9) and the two-scale convergence of $\varepsilon_j \nabla u_{\varepsilon_j}$,

$$\begin{aligned} \mu \int_{Q_2 \times Y} \nabla_\xi u_0(x, \xi) \cdot \nabla_\xi \psi(x, \xi) dx d\xi - \int_{Q_2 \times Y} p_0(x) \operatorname{div}_x \psi(x, \xi) dx d\xi \\ = \int_{Q_2 \times Y} f(x) \psi(x, \xi) dx d\xi, \end{aligned} \quad (4.16)$$

if $\psi \in C_0^\infty(Q_2; H_{per}^1(Y))$ satisfies $\operatorname{div}_\xi \psi(x, \xi) = 0$ in $Q_2 \times Y$ and $\psi(x, \xi) = 0$ in $Q_2 \times Y_s$. By taking $\psi = \varphi(x) W_\ell(\xi)$ in (4.16), where $1 \leq \ell \leq d$ and $\varphi \in C_0^\infty(Q_2)$, we obtain

$$K_\ell^j \int_{Q_2} (f^j - \frac{\partial p_*}{\partial x_j}) \varphi dx - K_\ell^j \int_{Q_2} p_0(x) \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x_j} dx = K_\ell^j \int_{Q_2} f^j \varphi dx,$$

where we also used the fact $u_0(x, \xi) = \mu^{-1} W(\xi)(f - \nabla p_*)$. It follows that

$$K_\ell^j \int_{Q_2} \varphi \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} (p_* - p_0) dx = 0$$

for $1 \leq \ell \leq d$. Since $K = (K_\ell^j)$ is invertible and $\varphi \in C_0^\infty(Q_2)$ is arbitrary, we deduce that $\nabla(p_* - p_0) = 0$ in Q_2 .

Step 4. We show that

$$\varepsilon_j \nabla u_{\varepsilon_j} - \mu^{-1} \nabla W(x/\varepsilon_j)(f - \nabla p_0) \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{in } L^2(Q_1; \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}). \quad (4.17)$$

Let

$$I_j = \|\mu \varepsilon_j \nabla u_{\varepsilon_j} - \nabla W(x/\varepsilon_j)(f - \nabla p_0)\|_{L^2(Q_1)}^2. \quad (4.18)$$

Observe that

$$\begin{aligned} I_j &= \varepsilon_j^2 \mu^2 \int_{Q_1} |\nabla u_{\varepsilon_j}|^2 dx - 2\mu \int_{Q_1} \varepsilon_j \nabla u_{\varepsilon_j} \cdot \nabla W(x/\varepsilon_j)(f - \nabla p_0) dx \\ &\quad + \int_{Q_1} |\nabla W(x/\varepsilon_j)(f - \nabla p_0)|^2 dx \\ &= I_j^1 + I_j^2 + I_j^3. \end{aligned}$$

Since $\varepsilon \nabla u_{\varepsilon_j}$ two-scale converges to $\nabla_\xi u_0(x, \xi) = \mu^{-1} \nabla W(\xi)(f - \nabla p_0)$ in Q_2 , we see that

$$\begin{aligned} I_j^2 + I_j^3 &\rightarrow - \int_{Q_1 \times Y} |\nabla W(\xi)(f - \nabla p_0)|^2 dx d\xi \\ &= - \int_{Q_1} K(f - \nabla p_0) \cdot (f - \nabla p_0) dx \\ &= -\mu \int_{Q_1} \bar{u} \cdot (f - \nabla p_0) dx, \end{aligned}$$

where $\bar{u} = \mu^{-1} K(f - \nabla p_0)$. To handle I_j^1 , we fix $\delta \in (0, 1/8)$ and choose a cut-off function $\varphi = \varphi_\delta \in C_0^\infty(Q_1)$ such that $0 \leq \varphi \leq 1$, $\varphi(x) = 0$ if $\text{dist}(x, \partial Q_1) \leq \delta/2$, $\varphi(x) = 1$ if $x \in Q_1$ and $\text{dist}(x, \partial Q_1) \geq \delta$, and $|\varphi| \leq C\delta^{-1}$. Note that

$$\begin{aligned} I_j^1 &= \mu^2 \varepsilon_j^2 \int_{Q_1^\varepsilon} |\nabla u_{\varepsilon_j}|^2 \varphi dx + \mu^2 \varepsilon_j^2 \int_{Q_1^\varepsilon} |\nabla u_{\varepsilon_j}|^2 (1 - \varphi) dx \\ &= \mu \int_{Q_1^\varepsilon} (u_{\varepsilon_j} \cdot f_{\varepsilon_j}) \varphi dx + \mu \int_{Q_1^\varepsilon} (u_{\varepsilon_j} \cdot \nabla \varphi) (P_{\varepsilon_j} - \oint_{Q_2} P_{\varepsilon_j}) dx \\ &\quad - \mu^2 \varepsilon_j^2 \int_{Q_1^\varepsilon} u_{\varepsilon_j} (\nabla u_{\varepsilon_j}) (\nabla \varphi) dx + \mu^2 \varepsilon_j^2 \int_{Q_1^\varepsilon} |\nabla u_{\varepsilon_j}|^2 (1 - \varphi) dx, \end{aligned}$$

where we have used the Stokes equations in Q_1^ε and integration by parts. By the strong convergence of f_{ε_j} and $P_{\varepsilon_j} - \oint_{Q_2} P_{\varepsilon_j}$ and weak convergence of u_{ε_j} in $L^2(Q_2)$, it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} &\limsup_{j \rightarrow \infty} \left| I_j^1 - \mu \int_{Q_1} (\bar{u} \cdot f) \varphi dx - \mu \int_{Q_1} (\bar{u} \cdot \nabla \varphi) p_0 dx \right| \\ &\leq C \sup_j \int_{Q_1^\varepsilon \setminus Q_{1-\delta}} \varepsilon_j^2 |\nabla u_{\varepsilon_j}|^2 dx \\ &\leq C\delta^{2\sigma}, \end{aligned}$$

where we have used (3.15) for the last inequality. Since

$$\int_{Q_1} (\bar{u} \cdot f) \varphi dx + \int_{Q_1} (\bar{u} \cdot \nabla \varphi) p_0 dx = \int_{Q_1} (\bar{u} \cdot (f - \nabla p_0)) \varphi dx,$$

we have proved that

$$\begin{aligned}
\limsup_{j \rightarrow \infty} |I_j| &\leq \limsup_{j \rightarrow \infty} \left| I_j^1 - \mu \int_{Q_1} \bar{u} \cdot (f - \nabla p_0) dx \right| \\
&\leq C\delta^{2\sigma} + \mu \int_{Q_1} |\bar{u}| |f - \nabla p_0| (1 - \varphi) dx \\
&\leq C\delta^{2\sigma} + \mu \int_{Q_1 \setminus Q_{1-\delta}} |\bar{u}| |f - \nabla p_0| dx,
\end{aligned}$$

where C does not depend on δ . By letting $\delta \rightarrow 0$, we conclude $I_j \rightarrow 0$, as $j \rightarrow \infty$.

Step 5. We show that

$$u_{\varepsilon_j} - \mu^{-1}W(x/\varepsilon_j)(f - \nabla p_0) \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{in } L^2(Q_1; \mathbb{R}^d). \quad (4.19)$$

Since $f \in C^\alpha(Q_4; \mathbb{R}^d)$ and $\operatorname{div}(K(f - \nabla p_0)) = 0$ in Q_2 , it follows that $\nabla p_0 \in C^\alpha(Q_1; \mathbb{R}^d)$. As a result, we may choose a sequence $\{F_j\} \subset C^1(Q_1; \mathbb{R}^d)$ such that

$$\|F_j - (f - \nabla p_0)\|_{L^\infty(Q_1)} \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } j \rightarrow \infty,$$

and $\|\nabla F_j\|_{L^\infty(Q_1)} \leq C\varepsilon_j^{\alpha-1}$. Note that

$$\begin{aligned}
&\|u_{\varepsilon_j} - \mu^{-1}W(x/\varepsilon_j)(f - \nabla p_0)\|_{L^2(Q_1)} \\
&\leq \|u_{\varepsilon_j} - \mu^{-1}W(x/\varepsilon_j)F_j\|_{L^2(Q_1)} + \|\mu^{-1}W(x/\varepsilon_j)(F_j - (f - \nabla p_0))\|_{L^2(Q_1)} \\
&\leq C\varepsilon_j \|\nabla(u_{\varepsilon_j} - \mu^{-1}W(x/\varepsilon_j)F_j)\|_{L^2(Q_1)} + \|\mu^{-1}W(x/\varepsilon_j)(F_j - (f - \nabla p_0))\|_{L^2(Q_1)} \\
&\leq C\|\varepsilon_j \nabla u_{\varepsilon_j} - \mu^{-1} \nabla W(x/\varepsilon_j)F_j\|_{L^2(Q_1)} + C\varepsilon_j \|W(x/\varepsilon_j) \nabla F_j\|_{L^2(Q_1)} \\
&\quad + \|\mu^{-1}W(x/\varepsilon_j)(F_j - (f - \nabla p_0))\|_{L^2(Q_1)} \\
&\leq C\|\varepsilon_j \nabla u_{\varepsilon_j} - \mu^{-1} \nabla W(x/\varepsilon_j)(f - \nabla p_0)\|_{L^2(Q_1)} + C\|\nabla W(x/\varepsilon_j)(F_j - (f - \nabla p_0))\|_{L^2(Q_1)} \\
&\quad + C\varepsilon_j \|W(x/\varepsilon_j) \nabla F_j\|_{L^2(Q_1)} + C\|W(x/\varepsilon_j)(F_j - (f - \nabla p_0))\|_{L^2(Q_1)} \\
&\leq C\|\varepsilon_j \nabla u_{\varepsilon_j} - \mu^{-1} \nabla W(x/\varepsilon_j)(f - \nabla p_0)\|_{L^2(Q_1)} \\
&\quad + C\|F_j - (f - \nabla p_0)\|_{L^\infty(Q_1)} + C\varepsilon_j \|\nabla F_j\|_{L^\infty(Q_1)},
\end{aligned}$$

where we have used the Poincaré inequality (2.4) for the second inequality. As a result, (4.19) follows from (4.17). This completes the proof of Theorem 4.1. $\square$

Remark 4.2. It follows from the proof of Theorem 4.1 that

$$u_{\varepsilon_j} \rightarrow \bar{u} := \mu^{-1}K(f - \nabla p_0) \quad \text{weakly in } L^2(Q_2; \mathbb{R}^d). \quad (4.20)$$

Since $\operatorname{div}(u_{\varepsilon_j}) = 0$ in Q_2 , we obtain

$$\operatorname{div}(K(f - \nabla p_0)) = 0 \quad \text{in } Q_2. \quad (4.21)$$

5 Large-scale estimates for the velocity

In this section we give the proof of Theorems 1.1 and 1.2.

Lemma 5.1. *Let $0 < \beta < \alpha < 1$. There exist $\theta \in (0, 1/4)$ and $\varepsilon_0 \in (0, 1/4)$, depending only on d, α, β, μ , and Y_s , such that $\theta^{-1} \in 4\mathbb{N}$, $\varepsilon_0^{-1} \in 4\mathbb{N}$, and*

$$\inf_{E \in \mathbb{R}^d} \left(\oint_{Q_\theta} |u_\varepsilon - \mu^{-1}W(x/\varepsilon)E|^2 \right)^{1/2} \leq \theta^\beta \max \left\{ \left(\oint_{Q_1} |u_\varepsilon|^2 \right)^{1/2}, \|f\|_{C^{0,\alpha}(Q_1)} \right\}, \quad (5.1)$$

whenever $0 < \varepsilon < \varepsilon_0$, $\varepsilon^{-1} \in 4\mathbb{N}$, and $(u_\varepsilon, p_\varepsilon) \in H^1(Q_1^\varepsilon; \mathbb{R}^d) \times L^2(Q_1)$ is a weak solution of the Stokes equations (1.1) in Q_1^ε , $u_\varepsilon = 0$ in $Q_1 \cap \partial(\varepsilon\omega)$, and $f \in C^\alpha(Q_1; \mathbb{R}^d)$ with $f(0) = 0$.

Proof. The lemma is proved by contradiction. We begin by choosing $\theta \in (0, 1/4)$ such that $\theta^{-1} \in 4\mathbb{N}$ and $C_0\theta^\alpha \leq (1/2)\theta^\beta$, where C_0 is the constant in (5.6), which depends only on d, μ , and Y_s . This is possible since $\beta < \alpha$.

Suppose that no ε_0 with the desired properties exists for this θ . Then there exist a sequence of weak solutions $(u_{\varepsilon_j}, p_{\varepsilon_j})$ of the Stokes equations,

$$\begin{cases} -\varepsilon_j^2 \mu \Delta u_{\varepsilon_j} + \nabla p_{\varepsilon_j} = f_{\varepsilon_j}, \\ \operatorname{div}(u_{\varepsilon_j}) = 0, \end{cases}$$

in $Q_1^{\varepsilon_j}$ with $u_{\varepsilon_j} = 0$ on $Q_1 \cap \partial(\varepsilon_j\omega)$ such that $\varepsilon_j^{-1} \in 4\mathbb{N}$, $\varepsilon_j \rightarrow 0$,

$$\max \left\{ \left(\oint_{Q_1} |u_{\varepsilon_j}|^2 \right)^{1/2}, \|f\|_{C^{0,\alpha}(Q_1)} \right\} \leq 1, \quad (5.2)$$

and

$$\inf_{E \in \mathbb{R}^d} \left(\oint_{Q_\theta} |u_{\varepsilon_j} - \mu^{-1}W(x/\varepsilon_j)E|^2 \right)^{1/2} > \theta^\beta. \quad (5.3)$$

By subtracting a constant we may assume $\int_{Q_{1/2}^{\varepsilon_j}} p_{\varepsilon_j} dx = 0$. It follows that

$$\oint_{Q_{1/2}} P_{\varepsilon_j} = \oint_{Q_{1/2}^{\varepsilon_j}} p_{\varepsilon_j} = 0.$$

In view of Theorem 4.1, by passing to a subsequence, we may assume that $f_{\varepsilon_j} \rightarrow f$ uniformly in Q_1 for some $f \in C^\alpha(Q_1; \mathbb{R}^d)$,

$$P_{\varepsilon_j} \rightarrow p_0 \quad \text{in } L^2(Q_{1/2}), \quad (5.4)$$

and

$$u_{\varepsilon_j} - \mu^{-1}W(x/\varepsilon_j)(f - \nabla p_0) \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{in } L^2(Q_{1/4}; \mathbb{R}^d), \quad (5.5)$$

for some $p_0 \in H^1(Q_{1/2})$. Note that

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left(\int_{Q_\theta} |u_{\varepsilon_j} - \mu^{-1}W(x/\varepsilon_j)E|^2 \right)^{1/2} \\
& \leq \left(\int_{Q_\theta} |u_{\varepsilon_j} - \mu^{-1}W(x/\varepsilon_j)(f - \nabla p_0)|^2 \right)^{1/2} + \mu^{-1} \left(\int_{Q_\theta} |W(x/\varepsilon_j)(f - \nabla p_0 - E)|^2 \right)^{1/2} \\
& \leq \left(\int_{Q_\theta} |u_{\varepsilon_j} - \mu^{-1}W(x/\varepsilon_j)(f - \nabla p_0)|^2 \right)^{1/2} + C\|f - \nabla p_0 - E\|_{L^\infty(Q_\theta)} \\
& \leq \left(\int_{Q_\theta} |u_{\varepsilon_j} - \mu^{-1}W(x/\varepsilon_j)(f - \nabla p_0)|^2 \right)^{1/2} + C\theta^\alpha \left\{ \|f\|_{C^{0,\alpha}(Q_{1/4})} + \|\nabla p_0\|_{C^{0,\alpha}(Q_{1/4})} \right\},
\end{aligned}$$

where we have let $E = \nabla p_0(0)$ and used the assumption $f(0) = 0$. By letting $j \rightarrow \infty$ and using (5.3) and (5.5), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
\theta^\beta & \leq C\theta^\alpha \left\{ \|f\|_{C^{0,\alpha}(Q_{1/4})} + \|\nabla p_0\|_{C^{0,\alpha}(Q_{1/4})} \right\} \\
& \leq C\theta^\alpha \left\{ \|f\|_{C^{0,\alpha}(Q_1)} + \|p_0\|_{L^2(Q_{1/2})} \right\},
\end{aligned}$$

where, for the last step, we have used the interior $C^{1,\alpha}$ estimates for the elliptic equation $\operatorname{div}(K(f - \nabla p_0)) = 0$ in $Q_{1/2}$ (see Remark 4.2).

Finally, by the Caccioppoli inequality (2.10),

$$\|p_{\varepsilon_j}\|_{L^2(Q_{1/2}^{\varepsilon_j})} \leq C.$$

This, together with (5.4), yields $\|p_0\|_{L^2(Q_{1/2})} \leq C$. Hence,

$$\theta^\beta \leq C_0\theta^\alpha, \tag{5.6}$$

where $C_0 > 0$ depends only on d , μ , and Y_s . This is a contradiction with the choice of θ . $\square$

Remark 5.2. Note that if $v_\varepsilon = W_j(x/\varepsilon)$ and $q_\varepsilon = \varepsilon^{-1}\pi_j(x/\varepsilon) - x_j$, then

$$\begin{cases} -\varepsilon^2 \Delta v_\varepsilon + \nabla q_\varepsilon = 0, \\ \operatorname{div}(v_\varepsilon) = 0, \end{cases}$$

in $\mathbb{R}^d \setminus \varepsilon\omega$ and $v_\varepsilon = 0$ on $\partial\omega$. This allows us to replace u_ε in (5.1) by $u_\varepsilon - \mu^{-1}W(x/\varepsilon)E_0$ for any $E_0 \in \mathbb{R}^d$. It follows that (5.1) in Lemma 5.1 may be replaced by

$$\begin{aligned}
& \inf_{E \in \mathbb{R}^d} \left(\int_{Q_\theta} |u_\varepsilon - \mu^{-1}W(x/\varepsilon)E|^2 \right)^{1/2} \\
& \leq \theta^\beta \max \left\{ \inf_{E \in \mathbb{R}^d} \left(\int_{Q_1} |u_\varepsilon - \mu^{-1}W(x/\varepsilon)E|^2 \right)^{1/2}, \|f\|_{C^{0,\alpha}(Q_1)} \right\}.
\end{aligned} \tag{5.7}$$

Lemma 5.3. *Let $0 < \beta < \alpha < 1$. Let $\theta, \varepsilon_0 \in (0, 1/4)$ be given by Lemma 5.1. Then*

$$\inf_{E \in \mathbb{R}^d} \left(\int_{Q_{\theta^k}} |u_\varepsilon - \mu^{-1}W(x/\varepsilon)E|^2 \right)^{1/2} \leq \theta^{k\beta} \max \left\{ \left(\int_{Q_1} |u_\varepsilon|^2 \right)^{1/2}, \|f\|_{C^{0,\alpha}(Q_1)} \right\}, \quad (5.8)$$

whenever $0 < \varepsilon < \theta^{k-1}\varepsilon_0$, $\varepsilon^{-1} \in 4\mathbb{N}$, and $(u_\varepsilon, p_\varepsilon) \in H^1(Q_1^\varepsilon; \mathbb{R}^d) \times L^2(Q_1)$ is a weak solution of the Stokes equations (1.1) in Q_1^ε , $u_\varepsilon = 0$ in $Q_1 \cap \partial(\varepsilon\omega)$, and $f \in C^\alpha(Q_1; \mathbb{R}^d)$ with $f(0) = 0$.

Proof. The lemma is proved by induction. The case $k = 1$ is given by (5.7).

Suppose the estimate (5.8) holds for some $k \geq 1$. Let $(u_\varepsilon, p_\varepsilon) \in H^1(Q_1^\varepsilon; \mathbb{R}^d) \times L^2(Q_1)$ be a weak solution of the Stokes equations (1.1) in Q_1^ε , $u_\varepsilon = 0$ in $Q_1 \cap \partial(\varepsilon\omega)$, and $f \in C^\alpha(Q_1; \mathbb{R}^d)$ with $f(0) = 0$. Assume that $0 < \varepsilon < \theta^k\varepsilon_0$ and $\varepsilon^{-1} \in 4\mathbb{N}$. Consider

$$v(x) = u_\varepsilon(\theta^k x) \quad \text{and} \quad q(x) = \theta^{-k} p_\varepsilon(\theta^k x).$$

Then

$$\begin{cases} -(\varepsilon\theta^{-k})^2 \mu \Delta v + \nabla q = g, \\ \operatorname{div}(v) = 0, \end{cases}$$

in $Q_1^{\theta^{-k}\varepsilon}$, and $v = 0$ on $Q_1 \cap \partial(\varepsilon\theta^{-k}\omega)$, where $g(x) = f(\theta^k x)$. Since $\theta^{-k}\varepsilon < \varepsilon_0$, it follows from (5.7) that

$$\begin{aligned} \inf_{E \in \mathbb{R}^d} \left(\int_{Q_{\theta^{k+1}}} |u_\varepsilon - \mu^{-1}W(x/\varepsilon)E|^2 \right)^{1/2} &= \inf_{E \in \mathbb{R}^d} \left(\int_{Q_\theta} |v - \mu^{-1}W(x/(\varepsilon\theta^{-k}))E|^2 \right)^{1/2} \\ &\leq \theta \max \left\{ \inf_{E \in \mathbb{R}^d} \left(\int_{Q_1} |v - \mu^{-1}W(x/(\varepsilon\theta^{-k}))E|^2 \right)^{1/2}, \|g\|_{C^{0,\alpha}(Q_1)} \right\} \\ &= \theta \max \left\{ \inf_{E \in \mathbb{R}^d} \left(\int_{Q_{\theta^k}} |u_\varepsilon - \mu^{-1}W(x/\varepsilon)E|^2 \right)^{1/2}, \theta^{k\alpha} \|f\|_{C^{0,\alpha}(Q_{\theta^k})} \right\} \\ &\leq \theta^{(k+1)\beta} \max \left\{ \inf_{E \in \mathbb{R}^d} \left(\int_{Q_1} |u_\varepsilon - \mu^{-1}W(x/\varepsilon)E|^2 \right)^{1/2}, \|f\|_{C^{0,\alpha}(Q_1)} \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

where we have used the induction assumption for the last inequality. This completes the induction argument. $\square$

The next theorem gives the large-scale $C^{0,\alpha}$ estimates for the Stokes equations in perforated domains.

Theorem 5.4. *Let $(u_\varepsilon, p_\varepsilon)$ be a weak solution of the Stokes equations in Q_R^ε with $u_\varepsilon = 0$ on $Q_R \cap \partial(\varepsilon\omega)$, where $0 < \varepsilon < R$ and $f \in C^\alpha(Q_R; \mathbb{R}^d)$ for some $0 < \alpha < 1$. Then*

$$\begin{aligned} \inf_{E \in \mathbb{R}^d} \left(\int_{Q_r} |u_\varepsilon - \mu^{-1}W(x/\varepsilon)E|^2 \right)^{1/2} \\ \leq C \left(\frac{r}{R} \right)^\beta \left\{ \left(\int_{Q_R} |u_\varepsilon|^2 \right)^{1/2} + R^\alpha \|f\|_{C^{0,\alpha}(Q_R)} \right\}, \end{aligned} \quad (5.9)$$

for any $\varepsilon \leq r < R$, where $0 < \beta < \alpha$ and C depends only on d, μ, α, β , and Y_s .

Proof. Note that (5.9) is trivial if $cR < r < R$. Also, observe that

$$-\mu\varepsilon^2\Delta u_\varepsilon + \nabla(p_\varepsilon - f(0) \cdot x) = f - f(0).$$

We may assume $f(0) = 0$. As a result, by Lemma 5.3, (5.9) holds for $\varepsilon \leq r < R = 1$, if $\varepsilon^{-1} \in 4\mathbb{N}$. By considering the solution $(u_\varepsilon(tx), t^{-1}p_\varepsilon(tx))$, where $1/2 < t < 1$, we deduce that

$$\begin{aligned} & \inf_{E \in \mathbb{R}^d} \left(\int_{Q_r} |u_\varepsilon - \mu^{-1}W(x/\varepsilon)E|^2 \right)^{1/2} \\ & \leq Cr^\beta \left\{ \left(\int_{Q_t} |u_\varepsilon|^2 \right)^{1/2} + \|f\|_{C^{0,\alpha}(Q_t)} \right\}, \end{aligned} \quad (5.10)$$

if $\varepsilon < r < t$ and $t\varepsilon^{-1} \in 4\mathbb{N}$. It follows that (5.9) holds for $\varepsilon \leq r < R = 1$, without the condition $\varepsilon^{-1} \in 4\mathbb{N}$. By dilation this implies that (5.9) holds for any $\varepsilon \leq r < R$. $\square$

Proof of Theorem 1.2. The estimate for the second term in the right-hand side of (1.6) is contained in Theorem 5.4. For the first term, we apply the Caccioppoli inequality (2.10) to $u_\varepsilon - \mu^{-1}W(x/\varepsilon)E$ and $p_\varepsilon - (\varepsilon\pi(x/\varepsilon) - x) \cdot E$. $\square$

The remaining of this section is devoted to the proof of Theorem 1.1.

Lemma 5.5. *Let $0 < \beta < \alpha < 1$ and $\theta, \varepsilon_0 \in (0, 1/4)$ be given by Lemma 5.1. Let $0 < \varepsilon < \theta^{k-1}\varepsilon_0$, $\varepsilon^{-1} \in 4\mathbb{N}$. Suppose $(u_\varepsilon, p_\varepsilon) \in H^1(Q_1^\varepsilon; \mathbb{R}^d) \times L^2(Q_1)$ is a weak solution of the Stokes equations (1.1) in Q_1^ε , $u_\varepsilon = 0$ in $Q_1 \cap \partial(\varepsilon\omega)$, and $f \in C^\alpha(Q_1; \mathbb{R}^d)$ with $f(0) = 0$. Let $E(k) \in \mathbb{R}^d$ be such that*

$$\left(\int_{Q_{\theta^k}} |u_\varepsilon - \mu^{-1}W(x/\varepsilon)E(k)|^2 \right)^{1/2} = \inf_{E \in \mathbb{R}^d} \left(\int_{Q_{\theta^k}} |u_\varepsilon - \mu^{-1}W(x/\varepsilon)E|^2 \right)^{1/2}. \quad (5.11)$$

Then

$$|E(k)| \leq C \left\{ \|u_\varepsilon\|_{L^2(Q_1)} + \|f\|_{C^\alpha(Q_1)} \right\}, \quad (5.12)$$

where C depends only on d , μ , and Y_s .

Proof. The proof uses the following observation,

$$|E| \leq C \left(\int_{Q_r} |\mu^{-1}W(x/\varepsilon)E|^2 \right)^{1/2} \quad (5.13)$$

for any $r \geq \varepsilon$ and $E \in \mathbb{R}^d$, where C depends only on d , μ , and Y_s . Let $1 \leq \ell \leq k$ and

$E(0) = 0$. Then

$$\begin{aligned}
|E(\ell) - E(\ell - 1)| &\leq C \left(\int_{Q_{\theta^\ell}} |\mu^{-1}W(x/\varepsilon)(E(\ell) - E(\ell - 1))|^2 \right)^{1/2} \\
&\leq C \left(\int_{Q_{\theta^\ell}} |u_\varepsilon - \mu^{-1}W(x/\varepsilon)E(\ell)|^2 \right)^{1/2} + C \left(\int_{Q_{\theta^\ell}} |u_\varepsilon - \mu^{-1}W(x/\varepsilon)E(\ell - 1)|^2 \right)^{1/2} \\
&\leq C \left(\int_{Q_{\theta^\ell}} |u_\varepsilon - \mu^{-1}W(x/\varepsilon)E(\ell)|^2 \right)^{1/2} + C \left(\int_{Q_{\theta^{\ell-1}}} |u_\varepsilon - \mu^{-1}W(x/\varepsilon)E(\ell - 1)|^2 \right)^{1/2} \\
&\leq C\theta^{\ell\beta} \left\{ \|u_\varepsilon\|_{L^2(Q_1)} + \|f\|_{C^\alpha(Q_1)} \right\},
\end{aligned}$$

where we have used (5.8) for the last inequality. It follows that

$$\begin{aligned}
|E(k)| &\leq \sum_{\ell=1}^k |E(\ell) - E(\ell - 1)| \\
&\leq C \left\{ \|u_\varepsilon\|_{L^2(Q_1)} + \|f\|_{C^\alpha(Q_1)} \right\}.
\end{aligned}$$

□

Theorem 5.6. *Let $(u_\varepsilon, p_\varepsilon)$ be a weak solution of the Stokes equations in Q_R^ε with $u_\varepsilon = 0$ on $Q_R \cap \partial(\varepsilon\omega)$, where $0 < \varepsilon < R$ and $f \in C^\alpha(Q_R; \mathbb{R}^d)$ for some $0 < \alpha < 1$. Then*

$$\left(\int_{Q_r} |u_\varepsilon|^2 \right)^{1/2} \leq C \left\{ \left(\int_{Q_R} |u_\varepsilon|^2 \right)^{1/2} + R^\alpha \|f\|_{C^{0,\alpha}(Q_R)} \right\}, \quad (5.14)$$

for any $\varepsilon \leq r < R$, where C depends only on d, μ, α , and Y_s .

Proof. As in the proof of Theorem 5.4, we may assume $f(0) = 0$. It follows from Lemmas 5.3 and 5.5 that (5.14) holds for $\varepsilon \leq r < R = 1$, if $\varepsilon^{-1} \in 4\mathbb{N}$. The extra condition $\varepsilon^{-1} \in 4\mathbb{N}$ may be eliminated by considering $(u_\varepsilon(tx), p_\varepsilon(tx))$ for $t \in (1/2, 1)$, as in the proof of Theorem 5.4. Finally, the general case $\varepsilon \leq r < R < \infty$ follows by a dilation argument. □

Proof of Theorem 1.1. The estimate for the second term in the right-hand side of (1.5) is contained in Theorem 5.6. For the first term, we apply the Caccioppoli inequality (2.10). □

Remark 5.7. The large-scale estimates in Theorems 5.4 and 5.6 hold under the assumption that Y_s is an open subset with Lipschitz boundary. Suppose that Y_s is an open set with $C^{1,\alpha}$ boundary for some $\alpha > 0$. Using the classical Lipschitz estimates for the Stokes equations in $\widetilde{Y}_f = (1 + \delta)Y \setminus Y_s$ [13, 15] and a rescaling argument, we see that

$$\begin{aligned}
&\|u_\varepsilon\|_{L^\infty(\varepsilon(Y+z))} + \varepsilon \|\nabla u_\varepsilon\|_{L^\infty(\varepsilon(Y+z))} \\
&\leq C \left\{ \left(\int_{2\varepsilon(Y+z)} |u_\varepsilon|^2 \right)^{1/2} + \|f - f(z)\|_{L^\infty(2\varepsilon(Y+z))} \right\},
\end{aligned}$$

for any $z \in \mathbb{Z}^d$, where C depends only on d , μ , and Y_s . This, together with (5.14), gives

$$\|u_\varepsilon\|_{L^\infty(Q_{R/2})} + \varepsilon \|\nabla u_\varepsilon\|_{L^\infty(Q_{R/2})} \leq C \left\{ \left(\int_{Q_R} |u_\varepsilon|^2 \right)^{1/2} + R^\alpha \|f\|_{C^{0,\alpha}(Q_R)} \right\}, \quad (5.15)$$

where $0 < \varepsilon < R/2$ and C depends only on d , μ , α , and Y_s .

6 Large-scale estimates for the pressure

Theorem 6.1. *Let $(u_\varepsilon, p_\varepsilon)$ be a weak solution of the Stokes equations (1.1) in Q_R^ε with $u_\varepsilon = 0$ on $Q_R \cap \partial(\varepsilon\omega)$, where $0 < \varepsilon < R$ and $f \in C^\alpha(Q_R; \mathbb{R}^d)$ for some $0 < \alpha < 1$. Then*

$$\begin{aligned} & \inf_{\substack{E \in \mathbb{R}^d \\ \gamma \in \mathbb{R}}} \frac{1}{r} \left(\int_{Q_r^\varepsilon} |p_\varepsilon - \gamma - x \cdot f(0) - (\varepsilon\pi(x/\varepsilon) - x) \cdot E|^2 \right)^{1/2} \\ & \leq C \left(\frac{r}{R} \right)^\beta \left\{ \left(\int_{Q_R^\varepsilon} |u_\varepsilon|^2 \right)^{1/2} + R^\alpha \|f\|_{C^{0,\alpha}(Q_R)} \right\}, \end{aligned} \quad (6.1)$$

for any $\varepsilon \leq r < R/2$, where C depends only on d , μ , α , β , and Y_s .

Proof. By rescaling we may assume $r = 1$. We may also assume $\varepsilon^{-1} \in \mathbb{N}$. By the Caccioppoli inequality (2.10),

$$\inf_{\gamma \in \mathbb{R}} \|p_\varepsilon - \gamma\|_{L^2(Q_1^\varepsilon)} \leq C \{ \|u_\varepsilon\|_{L^2(Q_2)} + \|f\|_{L^2(Q_2)} \}. \quad (6.2)$$

By applying the estimate above to the solution

$$v_\varepsilon = u_\varepsilon - \mu^{-1}W(x/\varepsilon)E \quad \text{and} \quad q_\varepsilon = p_\varepsilon - (\varepsilon\pi(x/\varepsilon) - x) \cdot E - x \cdot f(0),$$

we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \inf_{\substack{E \in \mathbb{R}^d \\ \gamma \in \mathbb{R}}} \left(\int_{Q_1^\varepsilon} |p_\varepsilon - \gamma - (\varepsilon\pi(x/\varepsilon) - x) \cdot E - x \cdot f(0)|^2 \right)^{1/2} \\ & \leq C \inf_{E \in \mathbb{R}^d} \left(\int_{Q_2} |u_\varepsilon - \mu^{-1}W(x/\varepsilon)E|^2 \right)^{1/2} + C \|f\|_{C^{0,\alpha}(Q_2)} \\ & \leq C \left(\frac{1}{R} \right)^\beta \left\{ \left(\int_{Q_R} |u_\varepsilon|^2 \right)^{1/2} + R^\alpha \|f\|_{C^{0,\alpha}(Q_R)} \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

where we have used (5.9) for the last step. □

Theorem 6.2. *Let $(u_\varepsilon, p_\varepsilon)$ be the same as in Theorem 6.1. Then*

$$\inf_{\gamma \in \mathbb{R}^d} \frac{1}{r} \left(\int_{Q_r^\varepsilon} |p_\varepsilon - \gamma - x \cdot f(0)|^2 \right)^{1/2} \leq C \left\{ \left(\int_{Q_R} |u_\varepsilon|^2 \right)^{1/2} + R^\alpha \|f\|_{C^{0,\alpha}(Q_R)} \right\}, \quad (6.3)$$

for any $\varepsilon \leq r < R/2$, where C depends only on d , μ , α , and Y_s .

Proof. As in the proof of Theorem 6.1, we may assume that $r = 1$ and $\varepsilon^{-1} \in \mathbb{N}$. It follows from (6.2) that

$$\inf_{\gamma \in \mathbb{R}} \|p_\varepsilon - \gamma - x \cdot f(0)\|_{2(Q_1^\varepsilon)} \leq C \left\{ \|u_\varepsilon\|_{L^2(Q_1)} + \|f\|_{C^{0,\alpha}(Q_2)} \right\}.$$

The desired estimate now follows readily from (5.14). $\square$

Remark 6.3. Let $(u_\varepsilon, p_\varepsilon)$ be the same as in Theorem 6.1. It follows from (6.3) that

$$\frac{1}{r} \left(\int_{Q_r^\varepsilon} |p_\varepsilon - \int_{Q_r^\varepsilon} p_\varepsilon|^2 \right)^{1/2} \leq C \left\{ \left(\int_{Q_R} |u_\varepsilon|^2 \right)^{1/2} + \|f\|_{L^\infty(Q_R)} + R^\alpha \|f\|_{C^{0,\alpha}(Q_R)} \right\}, \quad (6.4)$$

for $\varepsilon \leq r < R/2$. This implies that

$$\left| \int_{Q_{2r}^\varepsilon} p_\varepsilon - \int_{Q_r^\varepsilon} p_\varepsilon \right| \leq Cr \left\{ \left(\int_{Q_R} |u_\varepsilon|^2 \right)^{1/2} + \|f\|_{L^\infty(Q_R)} + R^\alpha \|f\|_{C^{0,\alpha}(Q_R)} \right\} \quad (6.5)$$

for $\varepsilon \leq r < R/4$. It follows that

$$\left| \int_{Q_\varepsilon^\varepsilon} p_\varepsilon - \int_{Q_{R/2}^\varepsilon} p_\varepsilon \right| \leq CR \left\{ \left(\int_{Q_R} |u_\varepsilon|^2 \right)^{1/2} + \|f\|_{L^\infty(Q_R)} + R^\alpha \|f\|_{C^{0,\alpha}(Q_R)} \right\}. \quad (6.6)$$

Suppose that Y_s is an open subset of Y with $C^{1,\alpha}$ boundary. By the classical local estimates for the Stokes equations in $(1 + \delta)Y \setminus \overline{Y_s}$ [13, 15] and a rescaling argument,

$$\|p_\varepsilon - \int_{\varepsilon(Y_f+z)} p_\varepsilon\|_{L^\infty(\varepsilon(Y_f+z))} \leq C\varepsilon \left\{ \left(\int_{2\varepsilon(Y_f+z)} |u_\varepsilon|^2 \right)^{1/2} + \|f\|_{L^\infty(2\varepsilon(Y_f+z))} \right\}.$$

This, together with (6.6)

$$\|p_\varepsilon - \int_{Q_{R/2}^\varepsilon} p_\varepsilon\|_{L^\infty(Q_{R/2}^\varepsilon)} \leq CR \left\{ \left(\int_{Q_R} |u_\varepsilon|^2 \right)^{1/2} + \|f\|_{L^\infty(Q_R)} + R^\alpha \|f\|_{C^{0,\alpha}(Q_R)} \right\}, \quad (6.7)$$

where $0 < \varepsilon < R/4$ and C depends only on d, μ, α , and Y_s .

We end this section by establishing a Liouville property for the Stokes equations in ω .

Theorem 6.4. Let $(u, p) \in H_{loc}^1(\omega; \mathbb{R}^d) \times L_{loc}^2(\omega)$ be a weak solution of the Stokes equations

$$-\mu \Delta u + \nabla p = f \quad \text{and} \quad \operatorname{div}(u) = 0 \quad \text{in } \omega,$$

with $u = 0$ on $\partial\omega$, where f is constant. Assume that there exist some $C > 0$ and $\sigma \in (0, 1)$ such that

$$\left(\int_{Q_R} |u|^2 \right)^{1/2} \leq CR^\sigma \quad (6.8)$$

for any $R > 1$. Then

$$u = \mu^{-1} W(x) E \quad \text{and} \quad p = (\pi(x) - x) \cdot E + x \cdot f(0) + \gamma, \quad (6.9)$$

for some $E \in \mathbb{R}^d$ and $\gamma \in \mathbb{R}$.

Proof. Choose α, β so that $\sigma < \beta < \alpha < 1$. We apply the estimate (5.9) with $\varepsilon = 1$ to (u, p) and let $R \rightarrow \infty$. It follows that for each $k \in \mathbb{N}$, $u = \mu^{-1}W(x)E(k)$ in $Q_k \cap \omega$ for some $E(k) \in \mathbb{R}^d$. Since

$$\mu \int_{Y_f} u \, dx = \int_{Y_f} W(x)E(k) \, dx = KE(k),$$

and $K = (K_j^i)$ is invertible, we see that $E(k) = E(k+1)$ for any $k \in \mathbb{N}$. This implies that $u = \mu^{-1}W(x)E$ in $\mathbb{R}^d$ for some $E \in \mathbb{R}^d$. It follows that

$$\nabla \{p - (\pi(x) - x) \cdot E - x \cdot f(0)\} = 0 \quad \text{in } \omega.$$

Since ω is connected, we conclude that $p = (\pi(x) - x) \cdot E + x \cdot f(0) + \gamma$ for some $\gamma \in \mathbb{R}$. $\square$

7 Uniform $W^{k,p}$ estimates

In this section we give the proof of Theorems 1.3 and 1.4. By rescaling we may assume $\varepsilon = 1$.

Proof of Theorem 1.3. Step 1. The case $q = 2$.

Let V denote the closure of $\mathcal{V}$ in $W_0^{1,2}(\omega; \mathbb{R}^d)$, where

$$\mathcal{V} = \{\psi \in C_0^\infty(\omega; \mathbb{R}^d) : \operatorname{div}(\psi) = 0 \text{ in } \omega\}. \quad (7.1)$$

Using the inequality $\|u\|_{L^2(\omega)} \leq C\|\nabla u\|_{L^2(\omega)}$ for any $u \in W_0^{1,2}(\omega)$, and the Lax-Milgram Theorem, one may show that for each $F \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^d; \mathbb{R}^d)$ and $f \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^d; \mathbb{R}^{d \times d})$, there exists a unique $u \in V$ such that

$$\mu \int_{\omega} \nabla u \cdot \nabla \psi \, dx = \int_{\omega} F \cdot \psi \, dx - \int_{\omega} f \cdot \nabla \psi \, dx \quad (7.2)$$

for any $\psi \in V$. Moreover, u satisfies the estimate (1.11) with $q = 2$ and $\varepsilon = 1$, and $-\mu\Delta u + \nabla p = F + \operatorname{div}(f)$ in ω for some $p \in L_{\operatorname{loc}}^2(\omega)$.

Step 2. Let (u, p) be the weak solution of (1.10) with $\varepsilon = 1$, given by Step 1, where $F \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d; \mathbb{R}^d)$ and $f \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d; \mathbb{R}^{d \times d})$. We prove the estimate (1.11) for $2 < q < \infty$ by a real variable method.

Consider the linear operator,

$$T(F, f) = u,$$

where $F \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^d; \mathbb{R}^d)$, $f \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^d; \mathbb{R}^{d \times d})$, and u is the solution of (1.10) with $\varepsilon = 1$, given by Step 1. Clearly, $\|T(F, f)\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)} \leq C\|(F, f)\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)}$. We claim that if $\operatorname{supp}(F), \operatorname{supp}(f) \subset \mathbb{R}^d \setminus Q(x_0, 4R)$ for some $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^d$ and $R > 0$, then

$$\|T(F, f)\|_{L^\infty(Q(x_0, R))} \leq C \left(\int_{Q(x_0, 4R)} |T(F, f)|^2 \right)^{1/2}. \quad (7.3)$$

Indeed, since $F = 0$ and $f = 0$ in $Q(x_0, 4R)$, we have $-\mu\Delta u + \nabla p = 0$ and $\operatorname{div}(u) = 0$ in $Q^1(x_0, 4R)$, and $u = 0$ on $\partial\omega$. If $0 < R < 2$, by the classical L^∞ estimates for the Stokes equations in $C^{1,\alpha}$ domains, we obtain

$$\max_{Q(x_0, R)} |u| \leq C \left(\int_{Q(x_0, 4R)} |u|^2 \right)^{1/2}.$$

If $R > 2$, in view of (5.15), the inequality above continues to hold. As a result, by [23, Theorem 4.2.5], we deduce that

$$\|T(F, f)\|_{L^q(\mathbb{R}^d)} \leq C_q \|(F, f)\|_{L^q(\mathbb{R}^d)}$$

for any $q > 2$ and $F \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d; \mathbb{R}^d)$, $f \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d; \mathbb{R}^{d \times d})$, where C_q depends only on d, μ, q , and Y_s . This gives the desired estimate for u . To bound ∇u , we use the local estimate [13],

$$\int_{Y_f+z} |\nabla u|^q dx \leq C \left\{ \int_{\widetilde{Y}_f+z} |u|^q dx + C \int_{\widetilde{Y}_f+z} |F|^q dx + \int_{\widetilde{Y}_f+z} |f|^q dx \right\} \quad (7.4)$$

for $1 < q < \infty$, where $z \in \mathbb{Z}^d$ and $\widetilde{Y}_f = (1 + \delta)Y \setminus \overline{Y_s}$. It follows from (7.4) by summing over $z \in \mathbb{Z}^d$ that

$$\begin{aligned} \|\nabla u\|_{L^q(\omega)} &\leq C \{ \|u\|_{L^q(\omega)} + \|F\|_{L^q(\mathbb{R}^d)} + \|f\|_{L^q(\mathbb{R}^d)} \} \\ &\leq C \{ \|F\|_{L^q(\mathbb{R}^d)} + \|f\|_{L^q(\mathbb{R}^d)} \}. \end{aligned} \quad (7.5)$$

Step 3. Let (u, p) be the weak solution of (1.10), given by Step 1, where $F \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d; \mathbb{R}^d)$ and $f \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d; \mathbb{R}^{d \times d})$. We prove the estimate (1.11) for $1 < q < 2$ by a duality argument.

Let (v, τ) be the weak solution of (1.10), given by Step 1, with $G \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d; \mathbb{R}^d)$ in the place of F and $g \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d; \mathbb{R}^{d \times d})$ in the place of f . Since $u, v \in V$, by (7.2),

$$\int_{\omega} F \cdot v dx - \int_{\omega} f \cdot \nabla v dx = \int_{\omega} \nabla u \cdot \nabla v dx = \int_{\omega} G \cdot u dx - \int_{\omega} g \cdot \nabla u dx.$$

It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \int_{\omega} G \cdot u dx - \int_{\omega} g \cdot \nabla u dx \right| &\leq \|F\|_{L^q(\mathbb{R}^d)} \|v\|_{L^{q'}(\mathbb{R}^d)} + \|f\|_{L^q(\mathbb{R}^d)} \|\nabla v\|_{L^{q'}(\mathbb{R}^d)} \\ &\leq C \{ \|G\|_{L^{q'}(\mathbb{R}^d)} + \|g\|_{L^{q'}(\mathbb{R}^d)} \} \{ \|F\|_{L^q(\mathbb{R}^d)} + \|f\|_{L^q(\mathbb{R}^d)} \}. \end{aligned}$$

By duality we obtain $\|\nabla u\|_{L^q(\mathbb{R}^d)} + \|u\|_{L^q(\mathbb{R}^d)} \leq C \{ \|F\|_{L^q(\mathbb{R}^d)} + \|f\|_{L^q(\mathbb{R}^d)} \}$ for $1 < q < 2$.

Step 4. The existence of solutions u in $W_0^{1,q}(\omega; \mathbb{R}^d)$ with the estimate (1.11) for general $F \in L^q(\mathbb{R}^d; \mathbb{R}^d)$ and $f \in L^q(\mathbb{R}^d; \mathbb{R}^{d \times d})$ follows readily from Steps 2 and 3 by a density argument. We note that the estimate for ∇p in $W^{-1,q}(\omega; \mathbb{R}^d)$ follows from the equation $\nabla p = \mu \Delta u + F + \operatorname{div}(f)$.

Step 5. To establish the uniqueness of solutions in $W_0^{1,q}(\omega; \mathbb{R}^d)$, we assume that $u \in W_0^{1,q}(\omega; \mathbb{R}^d)$ is a solution of (1.10) with $\varepsilon = 1$ and $F = 0$, $f = 0$. By local estimates for the Stokes equations in $\widetilde{Y}_f$ (see e.g. [13]),

$$\max_{Y_f+z} |u| \leq C \left(\int_{\widetilde{Y}_f+z} |u|^q dx \right)^{1/q},$$

where $z \in \mathbb{Z}^d$. Since $u \in L^q(\omega; \mathbb{R}^d)$, it follows that u is bounded in ω . In view of Theorem 6.4, we deduce that $u = \mu^{-1}W(x)E$ for some $E \in \mathbb{R}^d$. This shows that u is 1-periodic, and thus $u = 0$ in ω . $\square$

Proof of Theorem 1.4. The uniqueness is contained in Theorem 1.3. To establish the existence and the estimate (1.13) with $\varepsilon = 1$, we use the local estimate [13],

$$\sum_{\ell=0}^k \int_{Y_f+z} |\nabla^\ell u|^q dx \leq C \left\{ \int_{\widetilde{Y}_f+z} |u|^q dx + \sum_{\ell=0}^{k-2} \int_{\widetilde{Y}_f+z} |\nabla^\ell F|^q dx \right\} \quad (7.6)$$

for $1 < q < \infty$, where $z \in \mathbb{Z}^d$. This yields that

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\ell=0}^k \|\nabla^\ell u\|_{L^q(\omega)} &\leq C \left\{ \|u\|_{L^q(\omega)} + \sum_{\ell=0}^{k-2} \|\nabla^\ell F\|_{L^q(\omega)} \right\} \\ &\leq C \sum_{\ell=0}^{k-2} \|\nabla^\ell F\|_{L^q(\omega)}, \end{aligned}$$

where we have used (1.11) to bound $\|u\|_{L^q(\omega)}$ for the last inequality. The estimate for $\nabla^\ell p$ in $W^{-1,q}(\omega; \mathbb{R}^d)$ follows by using the equation $\nabla p = \mu \Delta u + F$. $\square$

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