

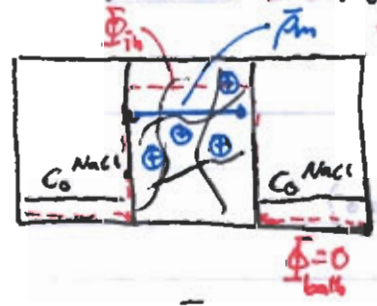
Today: Electromechanical Interaction Forces at Molecular, (Cell), Tissue Levels

I Tissue: Donnan Osmotic Swelling  
(macro-continuum scale & model)

Examples: Cornea, Tendon, Cartilage, ... (many)

II Molecular Repulsive Interactions (DLVO)  
(nano-scale: Poisson-Boltzmann (PB))

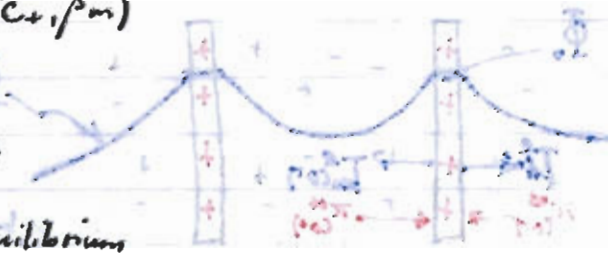
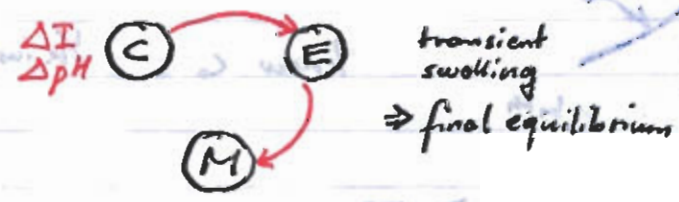
I DONNAN SWELLING (OSMOTIC)



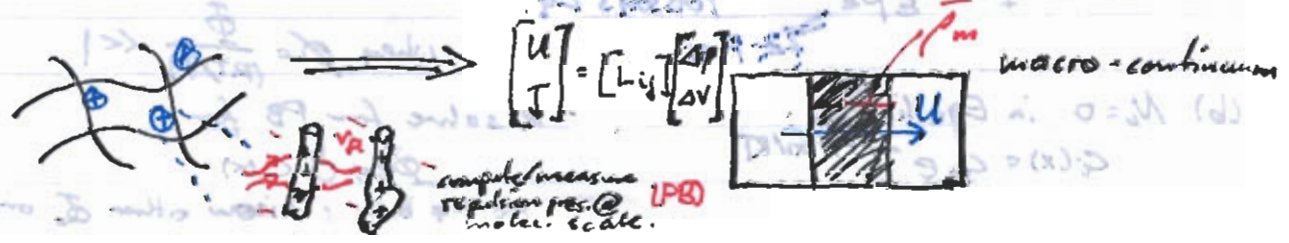
• assume  $\bar{p}_m = \text{const.}$   
 $\Rightarrow \Phi^{in}$  is const.  
 $\Rightarrow E^{in} = -\nabla\Phi = 0!$

Given:  $C_0, \bar{p}_m$

Find:  $\bar{c}_+, \bar{c}_-; \Delta\pi^{os} = f(\bar{c}_+, \bar{p}_m)$



• apply relations @ both macro- & molecular levels  
 → have to be careful about assumptions at both sites.



① Donnan:

- (a)  $\rho_e \approx 0$  (electroneut.)
- (b) Boltzmann

$$\Rightarrow \bar{c}_{\pm} = \mp \left( \frac{\rho_m}{2F} \right) + \sqrt{\left( \frac{\rho_m}{2F} \right)^2 + c_0^2}$$

Constitutive Law: van't Hoff

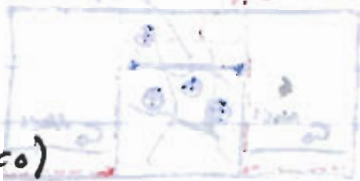
$$\pi^{os} = RT \sum c_i$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta\pi^{os} = RT (\bar{c}_+ + \bar{c}_- - 2c_0) \text{ "swelling" } \quad (c)$$

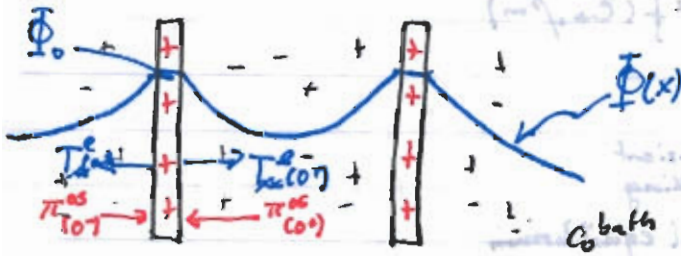
$$\Delta\pi^{os} = RT (2 \sqrt{\left( \frac{\rho_m}{2F} \right)^2 + c_0^2} - 2c_0)$$

$$\lim_{\rho_m \rightarrow 0} \Delta\pi^{os} \rightarrow 0$$

$$\left( \frac{\rho_m}{F} \right) \gg c_0 \Rightarrow \Delta\pi = RT \left( \frac{\rho_m}{F} - 2c_0 \right)$$



② Nano-molecular Model: PB eqn. (Chapt. 4 §4.5-7)



Find:  $f^o$  causing repulsion.

know  $c_0 \gg \frac{1}{4} \text{ nm}^{-3}$  inside  $\sim 0.14 \text{ nm}$

- (a) Gauss ( $\rho_e = \nabla \cdot \underline{\epsilon E}$ )
- Faraday ( $\underline{E} = -\nabla\Phi$ )

$\Rightarrow$  PB

$$\nabla^2 \Phi = K^2 \sinh \Phi$$

$$\nabla^2 \Phi = K^2 \Phi \text{ (linearized)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \nabla^2 \Phi = -\frac{1}{\epsilon} \rho_e \quad \text{Poisson's Eq.}$$

$$\text{when } \Phi = \frac{\Phi}{(RT/F)} \ll 1$$

- (b)  $N_i = 0$  in Equilibrium:
- $c_i(x) = c_{i0} e^{-2F\Phi_{ox}/RT}$

$\Rightarrow$  solve for PB for

$$\Phi(x) \text{ \& } c(x)$$

using B.C.: know either  $\Phi_0$  or  $\partial d$

(a) + (b)  $\Rightarrow$  Solve P.B.

for  $\Phi(x)$  &  $c_i(x)$

$\Rightarrow$  solve for  $E_x = -\frac{d\Phi(x)}{dx}$

Now (c) Stokes:  $\rho \frac{Dv}{Dt} = -\nabla p + \mu \nabla^2 v + \rho_e E$   
In equil.

Balance:  $0 = -\nabla p + \rho_e E \Rightarrow \nabla \cdot \underline{\underline{I}}^e$   
osmotic      elec. pressure

between elec. & osmotic  
stresses at nano-scale

$$f_{net} = \oint \underline{\underline{I}} \cdot \underline{\underline{n}} \, ds$$