SIMULATION OF AN ACOUSTICALLY INDUCED ELECTROMAGNETIC FIELD IN A BOREHOLE EMBEDDED IN A POROUS FORMATION

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ABSTRACT

When an acoustic point source located on the borehole axis emits an acoustic wave, an electric field, as well as an acoustic field, is generated in the porous formation around the borehole due to an electrokinetic effect. The coupled acoustic and electromagnetic wavefields were formulated by applying Pride's (1994) governing equations and boundary conditions at the borehole wall. Numerical examples show that two kinds of electric fields can be received on the borehole axis. The propagating electromagnetic wave arrives at different receivers almost simultaneously, and appears as the first wave packet in the full electric field waveform. Another kind of electric field accompanies the acoustic pressures, and consists of the same component waves as that of the acoustic waveforms.

On the borehole axis, the coupled electric field vector is in the axial direction on the borehole axis. A study of the ratio of the magnitude of electric field strength to the magnitude of pressure, or REP, shows that the compressional wave has the largest REP value, the Stoneley wave the next, and the shear wave the smallest. The peak value of the electric field strength at 1 kHz is about 100 times larger than that at 10 kHz, while the REP at 1 kHz is about five times larger than REP at 10 kHz. Off the borehole axis, the electric field has a radial and axial component, and one can also receive a circumferential magnetic field. When the interdependence between porosity, tortuosity and permeability is ignored, the REP increases rapidly with porosity, decreases with tortuosity, and changes little with permeability. The electric field strength decreases

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with borehole fluid salinity and formation water salinity.

INTRODUCTION

In sedimentary rocks, pore fluid usually contains conducting ions. While there are no net charges in the bulk porous medium, there is an electric double layer (EDL) at the matrix-fluid interface. One of the common models of EDL is the Stern-Guoy model (Pride and Morgan, 1991), consisting of a Stern layer and a diffuse layer. For sandstones, there are immovable anions in the Stern layer, which are balanced by a diffuse layer of movable cations in the fluid belt near the pore wall. When an acoustic wave propagates in a fluid saturated porous medium, the fluid and ions in the diffuse layer move relative to the solid matrix, causing a convection electric current and streaming potential. This phenomenon is called acoustoelectric (A-E) conversion. The reverse, electroosmosis phenomenon is called electroacousto (E-A) conversion, in which an electric field causes pore fluid flow. As these conversions are associated with electrical and mechanical properties of the pore fluid and rock frame, they may be potentially useful in hydrocarbon exploration.

Effort has been given to understanding the mechanism of this kind of electrokinetic effect. Zhu et al. (1994) observed an acoustically-induced electrical field in rock samples, and Zhu et al. (1999) measured acoustoelectric signals in scaled model wells in the laboratory. The center frequency of their transducer is higher than 10 kHz, although they call their observed phenomenon 'seismoelectric' conversion. Using the volumeaveraging method, Pride (1994) derived from first principles the governing equations for acoustic and electromagnetic coupling in porous media. He assumed that the diffuse layer is thin when compared to pore size, and that the ions in the Stern layer do not contribute to conduction. Despite these and other assumptions in his derivation, Pride's theory seems an effective tool in explaining Zhu et al.'s (1994, 1999) experimental results. Pride's theory assumes the absence of a macroscopic static electric field before the arrival of acoustic disturbance. While we adopt this assumption in our work here, we point out that there is usually spontaneous potential (SP) around the borehole. The effect of SP on A-E conversion needs to be studied further. In this paper, we apply Pride's theory to formulate acoustic and electric fields in porous formation near a fluid-filled borehole, then simulate the wavefields in A-E logging. We see that the waveguide effect of the borehole is obvious if the frequency is in the order of kilohertz, which is the conventional acoustic logging frequency.

FORMULATION

Coupled acoustic and electromagnetic fields in a homogeneous porous formation may be described by Pride's governing equations. Appendix A is a brief review of the Pride theory. Equation (A-1) shows coupling between mechanical motion and an electromagnetic field in the frequency domain. The dynamic permeability, κ , the formation conductivity, σ , and electrokinetic coupling coefficient, L, appearing in that equation are

important to the problem studied here. If L were set to zero, Pride's equations separate to Maxwell equations for an electromagnetic field, and Biot's equations (Biot, 1962) for a mechanical field in porous media. L is frequency-dependent, and can be determined by experiments in the low frequency range as was done by Li *et al.* (1995). The value of L depends on many factors, such as pore geometry, pore fluid salinity, temperature, and chemical composition of the rock matrix. Measuring formation conductivity σ has been one of the most effective methods in petroleum exploration, and many empirical relations between conductivity and other formation parameters have been set up. In our numerical simulation we will use the expressions for σ and L derived by Pride (1994) under a thin diffuse layer assumption. The concept of dynamic permeability was first proposed by Johnson *et al.* (1987), and is related to Darcy permeability κ_0 , porosity ϕ , tortuosity α_{∞} , characteristic pore size Λ , and frequency ω . The expression for L, σ , and κ are given in Appendix D.

In A-E logging the acoustic source is located in the borehole; there are neither acoustic nor electromagnetic sources outside the borehole. Here, we study the axisymmetric fields excited by a point pressure source on the borehole axis. Let us adopt the cylindrical coordinate system (r, z, θ) , with z coinciding with the borehole axis, and the source being on the origin. In the porous formation, the P wave (compressional wave) and SV wave (shear wave whose motion is in the r-z plane) are coupled with an electromagnetic TM (transverse magnetic) wave due to the electrokinetic effect. These waves are transformed at the borehole wall, and there will be electromagnetic waves in the borehole. In Appendix B, we derived expressions for the acoustic and electromagnetic fields from Pride's governing equations. In the borehole one can receive acoustic pressure p, radial and axial components of the electric field E_r and E_z , and circumferential magnetic field H_{θ} . Expressions for p, E_r, E_z, H_{θ} are given by equations (B-5) through (B-7), where coefficients A_m and B_e are determined by solving linear equation (C-2). As both the source and the media are assumed symmetrical about the borehole axis, the circumferential component of the electric field E_{θ} , and radial and axial components of magnetic field H_r and H_z are zero.

CONVERTED ELECTROMAGNETIC FIELD FOR A GIVEN FORMATION

Using the expressions in the frequency domain from Appendix B, we calculate the waveforms in the time domain using Fourier transform. For example, the acoustic pressure in the borehole is

$$p(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} p(\omega) \cdot S_0(\omega) \cdot \exp(-i\omega t) d\omega, \qquad (1)$$

Where $p(\omega)$ is given by equation (B-5), and $S_0(\omega)$ is the spectrum of the source pulse function $s_0(t)$. In the appendices, the symbol p is used to represent pressure in the frequency domain. It is also used to represent pressure in the time domain in the text.

To model the pressure change of the acoustic source, a cosine pulse function $s_0(t)$, with a variable center frequency f_0 , and a pulse width T_c is used as follows:

$$s_0(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} \left[1 + \cos \frac{2\pi}{T_c} \left(t - \frac{T_c}{2} \right) \right] \cos 2\pi f_0 \left(t - \frac{T_c}{2} \right), & 0 \le t \le T_c \\ 0, & t < 0 \text{ or } > T_c \end{cases}$$
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Figure 1 shows the waveform and spectrum of the source pulse with f_0 being 6 kHz and T_c being 0.5 ms. In the following discussion, f_0 and T_c will be given explicitly if different values are used. The expressions in Appendix B are established for an acoustic point source of a volume change type (Kurkjian and Chang, 1986). In our calculation the source is assumed to be of a pressure type as described by Tsang (1979), with the pressure amplitude being 1 kPa when measured 1 mm away from the source center. This is achieved by dividing expressions (B-6) and (B-7) for ϕ_m , E_r , E_z , H_θ by $\rho_0 \omega^2$.

Next, we investigate the properties of the converted electromagnetic field for a given formation. The formation parameters are listed in Table 1, where ρ_s , K_s , and ϵ_s are the density, the compressional modulus, and the permittivity of the solid phase of the formation, respectively, ϵ_0 is the permittivity in the vacuum, and K_b and G_b are compressional and shear moduli of the drained frame. A quality factor of 100 is assumed for the borehole fluid compressional wave. For brevity sake, we will not explain the parameter unless it is different from that in Table 1. Table 2 lists calculated velocities and attenuation coefficients at frequencies of 2 kHz and 6 kHz. We see that the shear and fast compressional wave velocities change little with frequency, and that the electromagnetic and slow compressional waves are highly dispersive. The attenuation coefficient of the slow compressional wave is much higher than the other waves. The velocity of the formation electromagnetic wave, V_{em} , is much smaller than light speed in vacuum, but is two to three orders greater than the speed of the fast compressional wave, V_f .

First, we look at simulated waveforms when the receivers are 3 meters away from the acoustic source. In Figure 2, the dotted line is the acoustic pressure p, calculated using Pride's theory. For comparison, we also calculate an acoustic waveform using the Biot-Rausenbaum model (Rausenbaum, 1974; Wang and Dong, 1986; Schmitt *et al.*, 1988; Zhang *et al.*, 1995), and found it coincides with the dotted lines in Figure 2. As the acoustic signal is minimally decreased due to electrokinetic coupling, one can reason that the energy of the converted electromagnetic field in A-E logging is very weak.

In Figure 2, each component acoustic wave has a counterpart E_z wave. We designate by REP the ratio of the peak value of each wave packet of E_z to that of the counterpart wave packet of p. The REP is different for different component waves, as shown in Table 3. Although the electric component wave and the acoustic component wave accompany each other, they do not go in step. The reason for the phase shift needs to be studied further. In the full E_z waveform, a wave arrives earlier than the compressional wave. In Figure 3, the distance to the source varies from 3 m to 5 m. Both the pressure waveform and the electric field waveform are scaled to their respective wave magnitudes at z = 3m. We see that there is a type of wave that travels so fast that it arrives at five different

medium parameters						
Pore fluid and	Formation frame and	Formation solid				
borehole fluid	pore geometry					
density ρ_f , 1000 kg/m ³	porosity ϕ , 0.2	density ρ_s , 2650 kg/m ³				
bulk modulus K_f , 2.25 GPa	permeability k_0 , $1.0 \times 10^{-12} \text{ m}^2$	bulk modulus K_s , 35.70 GPa				
salinity C_f , 585 g/m ³	tortuosity α_{∞} , 3	permittivity ϵ_s , 4 ϵ_0				
viscosity η_f , 0.001 Pa · s	bulk modulus K_b , 14.39 GPa					
permittivity ϵ_f , $80\epsilon_0$	shear modulus G_b , 13.99 GPa					
acoustic source parameters, receiver position, and borehole radius						
center frequency f_0 , 6 kHz	pulse width T_c , 0.5 ms	borehole radius 0.1 m				
axial distance to acoustic sourc	e z, 3 m radial distance to aco	ustic source $r, 0$ m				

Table 1: Default input parameters used in examples. ϵ_0 is the vacuum permittivity. The characteristic pore size is assumed to be $\Lambda = \sqrt{8\kappa_0 \alpha_\infty/\phi}$ in all examples. Parameters in this table are used implicitly unless stated explicitly.

wave type	velocity	velocit	y (m/s)	attenuation (m^{-1})	
	symbol	at 2 kHz	at 6 kHz	at 2 kHz	at 6 kHz
fast compressional wave	V_f	3973.45	3978.24	0.00330	0.02048
show compressional wave	V_s	428.45	595.45	23.75953	33.29026
shear wave	V _{sh}	2457.36	2465.12	0.01376	0.08342
formation TM wave	Vem	1,820,146.17	3,114,326.45	0.00708	0.01211
bore fluid TM wave	Ve	470,156.49	804,505.74	0.02740	0.04687
bore fluid compressional wave	V_m	1500.00	1500.00	0.04295	0.12578

Table 2: Calculated velocities and intrinsic attenuation coefficients.

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f_0	field quantity	compressional wave	shear wave	Stoneley wave
6 kHz	p (Pa)	0.0172	0.2784	0.5586
	$E_z (10^{-9} \text{ V/m})$	16.21	32.31	185.9
	REP $(10^{-9} \text{ m}^2/\text{C})$	942.44	116.06	332.80
5 kHz	p (Pa)	0.0089	0.0729	0.8081
Í	$E_z (10^{-9} \text{ V/m})$	15.06	6.531	267.80
	REP $(10^{-9} \text{ m}^2/\text{C})$	1688.91	89.38	331.39

Table 3: Magnitudes and REP of component waves at z = 3 m.

receivers at almost the same time. This is the same wave that travels at the formation electromagnetic velocity, V_{em} . When the borehole radius increases, this wave arrives later. If the borehole radius changes to 0.3 m from 0.1 m, the wave delays 0.13 ms, which is the time it takes for an acoustic wave in fluid to travel 0.2 meters. This wave is weak compared to the later wavetrain.

From the above analysis and Table 3, the following three characteristics of acoustoelectric conversion in the borehole are evident: (1) There are two kinds of converted electric fields—one propagating at V_{em} , which is approximately the conventional electromagnetic velocity in a water-saturated rock—and the other accompanying the acoustic waves, thus having an apparent velocity of the acoustic wave; (2) for the electromagnetic field that accompanies the acoustic waves, the compressional wave has the highest REP value, the shear wave has the smallest, and the Stoneley wave is somewhere in between; and (3) between each component acoustic wave and its counterpart electric field, there is a phase shift, which remains almost constant when the receiver moves from z = 3 m to z = 5 m.

Next, we examine the acoustoelectric conversion properties when there are changes in frequency. Figure 4 shows the pressure and electric field waveforms at z = 3 m when the source center frequency is 1 kHz and the time duration T_c is 3 ms. Compared to the Stoneley wave, all other component waves are too small to be seen. This is consistent with borehole wave excitation analysis (Cheng and Toksöz, 1981), i.e., the lower the frequency, the stronger the excitation amplitude of the Stoneley wave. In Figure 4, the maximum amplitude of the electric field is 8.77 μ V/m, which is much larger than that at 6 kHz. When the source center frequency increases to 10 kHz, the shear, pseudo-Rayleigh, and Stoneley waves are stacked together (see Figure 5). The compressional wave and its converted electrical field are obvious. In the full E_z waveform, the relative amplitude of the electromagnetic wave traveling at V_{em} is larger than that at lower frequencies. This is due to an increase of frequency in the ratio of the displacement current to the conduction current. Table 4 lists the magnitudes of the pressure, the electric field strength and the REP values at frequencies of 1, 5, 6, and 10 kHz. At lower frequencies the converted electric field is stronger and easier to receive. Two factors contribute to a larger E_z of the Stoneley wave speed at a lower frequency: (1) a stronger Stoneley wave at a lower source frequency; and (2) an increasing coupling

f_0	T_c	р	E_z	REP	E_z
(kHz)	(ms)	(Pa)	(10^{-9} V/m)	$(10^{-9} \text{ m}^2/\text{C})$	(10^{-9} V/m)
1	3.0	16.54	8766.00	529.99	151.20
5	0.8	0.8081	267.80	331.39	17.09
6	0.5	0.5586	185.90	332.80	16.74
10	0.4	1.0510	89.83	85.47	14.02
10	0.25	0.7233	83.02	114.78	12.59

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Table 4: Magnitudes and REP of component waves when frequency changes.

coefficient L with decreasing frequency. On the other hand, at a higher frequency, one can utilize component waves other than the Stoneley wave, especially the compressional wave that has the largest REP value. Additionally, at a higher frequency, one can utilize the propagating electromagnetic wave.

Finally, we study the acoustic field and electromagnetic field when receiver position changes. Figure 6 shows pressure and electric fields at z = 0. The direct pressure field is purposely excluded in calculating the pressure at the origin. The maximum reflected pressure amplitude is 17.1 Pa. The maximum converted electric field amplitude is 4.817 μ V, which is 25.91 times larger than that at z = 3 m. Because a smaller source receiver distance causes the converted electric field strength to be larger, it is necessary to place the receiver nearer to the source when the signal to noise ratio is the main concern.

Looking at the case where the receiver is placed off the borehole axis, there will be a nonzero radial electric field, an axial electric field, and a circumferential magnetic field when $r \neq 0$. Figure 7 shows E_z , E_r , and H_{θ} at r = 0.05 m and z = 3 m. We notice that E_r and H_{θ} are almost in phase, while there is a phase shift about a quarter of a period between them and E_z . We also notice that in the full E_z and H_{θ} waveforms, the head waves that travel at the speed of V_{em} , are seen clearly, but are barely visible in the full E_r full waveform.

INFLUENCE OF FORMATION PARAMETERS ON ACOUSTOELECTRIC CONVERSION

In this section, we investigate the acoustic pressure and the converted electromagnetic field when formation parameters change. These parameters include porosity ϕ , permeability κ_0 , tortuosity α_{∞} and pore fluid salinity C. We assume the solid phase parameters K_s , ρ_s , and ϵ_s are unchanged.

Porosity

When ϕ changes, the drained-frame moduli K_b and G also change. By analyzing a large experimental database, Vernik (1998) proposed empirical velocity-porosity relations. From his empirical relations for pure sandstones, we deduced K_b and G for a given

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porosity		Fields with	fast	Fields with			TM head wave
	con	npressional v	velocity	Stoneley wave velocity			
φ	$p E_z D$		REP	p	E_z	REP	E_z
%	Pa	$10^{-9}V/m$	$10^{-9} {\rm m}^2/{\rm C}$	Pa	10^{-9} V/m	$10^{-9}{ m m}^2/{ m C}$	$10^{-9} V/m$
10	0.0097	13.16	1356.70	1.4820	164.7	111.13	15.27
20	0.0172	16.21	942.44	0.5586	185.9	332.80	16.74
25	0.0287	27.90	970.77	0.4239	180.9	426.75	15.92
32	0.1128	71.17	630.94	0.2512	172.2	685.51	12.97
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Table 5: Magnitudes and REP of component waves when porosity changes.

porosity. For porosities of 0.1, 0.2, 0.25, and 0.32, K_b equals 22.627, 14.394, 12.093, and 5.891 GPa, and G equals 22.225, 13.992, 10.828, and 4.63 GPa. The sandstone of 0.32 porosity is unconsolidated, and the other three sandstones are consolidated. The compressional and shear velocities are 3670 m/s and 2205 m/s, respectively, when ϕ is 0.25. When ϕ increases to 0.32, the shear velocity is 1480 m/s (which is less than the borehole fluid velocity). We assume that all input parameters besides the less important parameter Λ do not change with porosity. The pore geometry relation $\Lambda = \sqrt{8\kappa_0 \alpha_{\infty}/\phi}$ is used in the calculation, which is approximately valid for most sedimentary rocks (Johnson et al., 1987). Figure 8a shows the waveforms of the pressure and the axial electric field in a formation of porosity 0.25; Figure 8b corresponds to a formation of porosity 0.32. Table 5 shows maximum magnitudes of p and E_z and the REP values for compressional and Stoneley waves. The amplitude of the Stoneley wave decreases when porosity increases, while the accompanying electric field changes very little. Thus, the REP value of the Stoneley wave increases with porosity. On the other hand, both the compressional wave and its accompanying electric field increase when porosity increases, and the REP value decreases with porosity.

Permeability and Tortuosity

The formation permeability is related to many other parameters, such as porosity, clay content, tortuosity and pore size. Figure 9 shows p and E_z when $\kappa_0 = 1 \times 10^{-14} \text{ m}^2$. Comparing with Figure 2 where $\kappa_0 = 1 \times 10^{-12} \text{ m}^2$, we see that the amplitudes of the acoustic Stoneley wave and its converted electric field are sensitive to permeability. But REP changes so little with κ_0 that we see no advantage of A-E logging over conventional acoustic logging for permeability measurement. However, such a conclusion is obtained under an unrealistic assumption. In practical situations an increase in permeability usually accompanies an increase in porosity or a decrease in tortuosity. From Tables 5 and 6, one can see that REP increases with (ϕ/α_{∞}) . Thus, we argue that REP increases with permeability if an increase in (ϕ/α_{∞}) accompanies an increase in κ_0 . Noting that (ϕ/α_{∞}) is the reverse of the formation factor for pure sandstones, one can deduce that

F	Permeability	P wave and converted E_z			Stoneley wave and converted E_z			TM wave
	κ_0	p	E_z	REP	p	E_z	REP	$\dot{E_z}$
	$10^{-15} m^2$	Pa	$10^{-9}V/m$	$10^{-9} { m m}^2/{ m C}$	Pa	$10^{-9}V/m$	$10^{-9} { m m}^2/{ m C}$	10^{-9} V/m
1	10	0.0135	20.73	1540.12	4.1580	1287.0	309.52	21.71
	1000	0.0172	16.21	942.44	0.5586	185.9	332.80	16.74

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Table 6: Magnitudes and REP of component waves when permeability changes.

tortuosity	P wave and converted E_z			Stoneley wave and converted E_z			TM wave
α_{∞}	p	REP	p	E_z	REP	E_z	
3	0.0172	16.21	942.44	0.5586	185.9	332.80	16.74
5	0.0161	8.76	544.10	0.7373	125.4	170.08	14.44
p: Pa; E_z : 10^{-9} V/m; E_z/p : 10^{-9} m ² /C.							

Table 7: Magnitudes and REP of component waves when tortuosity changes.

the REP value decreases with the formation factor. The relation between REP and permeability cannot be obtained quantitatively until a large database is set up for the relations between κ_0 and other parameters through experiments.

Furthermore, permeability decreases sharply when clay exists in the formation pores. The existence of clay means an increase of anions on the matrix surfaces, or cation exchange capacity (CEC), leading to a larger zeta potential. On the other hand, the existence of clay also increases the tortuosity of the pore channel. We cannot estimate the effect of clay content on REP. Experiments done by Li *et al.* (1995) show no obvious relation between CEC and the coupling coefficient L_0 . The rock samples they use are limited, thus more experiments need to be performed on this aspect.

Table 7 shows the REP, the maximum magnitudes of pressure waveform, and the maximum magnitudes of the converted electric field waveform for $\alpha_{\infty} = a3$ and $\alpha_{\infty} = 5$. All other input parameters remain unchanged except Λ . We see that a formation with a larger tortuosity has a smaller REP value. While the accompanying electric field strength becomes much smaller, the amplitude of the electromagnetic head wave decreases slightly.

Salinity

In the above examples, both the formation brine and borehole mud are assumed to have the same salinity of C = 0.01 mol/L. In a practical downhole environment, the borehole mud salinity may be higher or lower than that of the formation, giving rise to spontaneous potential. In our calculation, we ignore the effect of SP on acoustoelectric conversion. We also ignore possible small changes in acoustic velocity due to change in salinity. Table 8 shows the magnitudes of converted electric field strength under four different combinations of the borehole and formation salinity. Figure 10 shows full electric waveforms, where the dotted line, the fine solid line, and the thick solid line

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	Salinity (m	.ol/L)	$E_z: V/m$			
No.	bore fluid	formation	P wave	SV wave	Stoneley wave	TM wave
1	0.01	0.01	16.210	32.310	185.9	16.74
2	0.01	0.1	2.543	6.631	38.48	0.623
3	0.1	0.01	1.952	3.579	20.64	9.708
4	0.1	0.1	0.663	1.322	7.61	0.685

Table 8: Magnitudes and REP of component waves when brine salinity changes.

correspond to salinity No. 2, No. 3, and No. 4 (in Table 8), respectively. The acoustic responses are not shown because they are almost the same as in Figure 2. For a given salinity of the borehole fluid, the amplitude of the converted electric field decreases when formation salinity increases. The amplitude of the converted electric field also decreases when borehole fluid salinity increases and formation water salinity is fixed. Salinity affects acoustoelectric conversion in two ways: First, an increase in formation water salinity makes the zeta potential smaller, and the surplus ions in the diffuse layer fewer, so the acoustoelectric coupling is weaker. Second, a change in either the formation water salinity or the borehole mud salinity makes the medium conductivity contrast different; thus, the reflection and refraction at the boundary behave differently.

DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSIONS

Coupled acoustic and electromagnetic fields around a borehole were formulated by applying Pride's governing equations and boundary conditions. Acoustoelectric well logs were simulated. When a transducer emits an acoustic wave in a borehole, two kinds of electromagnetic fields, as well as acoustic pressure, can be received. One kind of electric field accompanies the acoustic wave. The other kind of wave travels with conventional electromagnetic wave speed, and arrives at different receivers at almost the same time.

The strength of the converted electric and magnetic fields depends not only on the coupling coefficient, but also on the borehole waveguide effect. We studied the factors affecting the REP value. These factors included source frequency, receiver position, porosity, permeability, and fluid salinity in and out of the borehole. At proper frequency and receiver positions, there are distinct compressional, shear, and Stoneley waves in the full acoustic waveform. For each of these component waves, there is an accompanying electric field. However, the REP value is different for different component waves. The compressional wave has the largest REP value, the Stoneley wave the next largest, and the shear and pseudo-Rayleigh wave group the smallest. The converted electric field at 1 kHz frequency is about 100 times as strong as that at 10 kHz, and REP increases by five. Two factors contribute to the increase in the magnitude of the converted field. First, the coupling coefficient is larger at a lower frequency. Off the borehole axis there is a magnetic field as well as an electric field. REP increases when porosity

increases. If all the other parameters do not change when permeability changes, there is little change in REP, therefore, A-E logging has no advantage over conventional acoustic logging. However, in practical situations, either an increase in porosity or a decrease in tortuosity usually accompanies an increase in permeability. If these factors are taken into consideration, the REP value increases with permeability.

We note that the expression for the electrokinetic coupling coefficient (Eq. D-2) and the expression for the formation conductivity (Eq. D-3) are an integral part of Pride's theory. One of the many parameters that must be known in using these expressions is the zeta potential. It may vary with temperature and the chemical property of the formation matrix, as well as brine salinity. As the zeta potential is difficult to define in rocks, measuring DC or the low frequency electrokinetic coupling coefficient is more straightforward. More experiments must be done to understand the mechanism of electrokinetic coupling in rocks before we can discuss possible applications of acoustoelectric well logging.

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Appendix A. PRIDE THEORY FOR A FLUID-FILLED POROUS FORMATION

Pride (1994) derived from first principles the governing equations for coupled acoustic and electromagnetic waves in a porous medium. Besides the assumptions adopted in Biots theory (1962), Pride made two assumptions for coupling between mechanical motion and electric fields: (1) The ion distribution in the radial direction of the pore is of the Gouy-Stern type, with the diffuse layer thickness being much smaller than the pore diameter; and (2) ions in the Stern layer do not contribute to conduction. For harmonic fields with time dependence of $\exp(-i\omega t)$, coupling between mechanical motion and electric field are expressed as follows.

$$\mathbf{J} = \sigma \mathbf{E} + L(-\nabla p + \omega^2 \rho_f \mathbf{u}) -i\omega \mathbf{w} = L\mathbf{E} + (-\nabla p + \omega^2 \rho_f \mathbf{u})\kappa/\eta$$
(A-1)

where **u** is the solid frame displacement, **w** is the volume average relative filtration displacement, **E** is the electric field, ρ_f and η are density and viscosity of the pore fluid, respectively, and κ , σ , and L are the dynamic permeability, conductivity, and electrokinetic coupling coefficient of the formation, respectively. Expressions for calculating κ , σ , and L are given in Appendix D. Equations (A-1a) and (A-1b) are generalizations of Ohms law and Darcys law, respectively. The filtration velocity $-i\omega \mathbf{w}$ is related to **E** as well as pore fluid pressure gradient ∇p and inertial force $\omega^2 \rho_f \mathbf{u}$. Osmotic motion, as well as the electric field, contributes to electric current density **J**.

In the frequency domain, \mathbf{u} , \mathbf{w} , and \mathbf{E} obey the following set of equations (Pride and Haartsen, 1996).

$$(H - G)\nabla\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} + G\nabla^{2}\mathbf{u} + \omega^{2}\rho\mathbf{u} + C\nabla\nabla \cdot \mathbf{w} + \omega^{2}\rho_{f}\mathbf{w} = 0$$
$$C\nabla\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} + \omega^{2}\rho_{f}\mathbf{u} + M\nabla\nabla \cdot \mathbf{w} + \omega^{2}\tilde{\rho}\mathbf{w} - i\omega\tilde{\rho}L\mathbf{E} = 0$$
$$\nabla\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} - \nabla^{2}\mathbf{E} - \omega^{2}\mu\tilde{\epsilon}\mathbf{E} + i\omega^{3}\mu\tilde{\rho}L\mathbf{w} = 0$$
(A-2)

where ϵ is the permittivity of the formation, $\tilde{\epsilon} = \epsilon + i\sigma/\omega - \tilde{\rho}L^2$ is effective electrical permittivity of the formation, ρ is density of the formation, $\tilde{\rho} = i\eta/(\omega \cdot \kappa)$ is the effective density for relative flow, G is the shear modulus of the formation, and H, C, and M are porous medium moduli. In terms of porosity ϕ , bulk moduli of the solid grain K_s and the fluid K_f , and densities of the grain ρ_s and fluid ρ_f . The formation parameters ρ H, l, C, and M are defined by

$$\rho = (1 - \phi)\rho_s + \phi\rho_f,
H = K_b + 4G/3 + (K_s - K_b)^2/(D - K_b),
C = K_s(K_s - K_b)/(D - K_b),
M = K_s^2/(D - K_b),$$

where $D = K_s [1 + \phi (K_s / K_f - 1)].$

Once u, w, E are known, all other quantities can be determined. Specifically, the stress tensor t and pore fluid pressure p can be determined by the constitutive equations, which are the same as those in Biot theory, i.e.,

$$\tau = (H - 2G)(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u})\mathbf{I} + C(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{w})\mathbf{I} + G(\nabla \mathbf{u} + \nabla \mathbf{u}^T)$$
(A-3)

$$-p = C\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} + M\nabla \cdot \mathbf{w} \tag{A-4}$$

and the magnetic field can be determined by Faradays law

$$\mathbf{B} = -i(\nabla \times \mathbf{E})/]\omega. \tag{A-5}$$

Finally, the constitutive equation for magnetic field,

$$\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{B}/\mu \tag{A-6}$$

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where μ is the magnetic permeability of the formation, and is assumed to be equal to the vacuum magnetic permeability.

According to the derivation of Pride and Haartsen (1996), four types of waves can exist in an infinite uniform porous medium. Their slowness s_f , s_s , s_{sh} , and s_{em} can be calculated as

$$2s_{f,s}^2 = \gamma \pm \sqrt{\gamma^2 - \frac{4\rho\tilde{\rho}}{MH - C^2} \left(\frac{\rho_t}{\rho} + \frac{\tilde{\rho}L^2}{\tilde{\epsilon}}\right)}$$
(A-7)

$$2s_{sh,em}^2 = \frac{\rho_t}{G} + \mu\tilde{\epsilon}\left(1 + \frac{\tilde{\rho}L^2}{\tilde{\epsilon}}\right) \pm \left\{ \left[\frac{\rho_t}{G} - \mu\tilde{\epsilon}\left(1 + \frac{\tilde{\rho}L^2}{\tilde{\epsilon}}\right)\right]^2 - 4\mu\frac{\rho_f^2L^2}{G} \right\}^{1/2} (A-8)$$

where

$$\begin{split} \gamma &= \frac{\rho M + \tilde{\rho} H (1 + \tilde{\rho} L^2 / \tilde{\epsilon}) - 2\rho_f C}{H M - C^2}, \\ \rho_t &= \rho - \rho_f^2 / \tilde{\rho}, \end{split}$$

when $L \to 0$, s_f , s_s , and s_{sh} approach fast and slow compressional and shear slowness in a Biot medium, respectively, and s_{em} approaches the electromagnetic slowness in the formation.

Appendix B. THE ACOUSTIC AND ELECTROMAGNETIC FIELD EXPRESSIONS

Consider an axisymmetric medium system consisting of the borehole fluid and the formation. A point pressure source located at the origin will excite axisymmetric P-SV waves in the formation. The filtration displacement \mathbf{w} and corresponding streaming current are also axisymmetric. So the electromagnetic wave is a wave of TM (transverse magnetic) type. As a result, an axisymmetric acoustic field is associated with an axisymmetric electric field. We adopt the cylindrical coordinate system (r, z, θ) , and let z be the axis of the borehole. According to Pride and Haartsen (1996), there are four different modes of waves in an infinite homogeneous fluid-saturated porous medium. Two of them are nonrotational waves. The other two are nondivergent waves. Similar to Zhang *et al.* (1988), we express \mathbf{u} , \mathbf{w} , \mathbf{E} by potential functions as below.

$$\mathbf{u} = A_{f} \nabla \phi_{f} + A_{s} \nabla \phi_{s} + A_{sh} \nabla \times (\Gamma_{sh} \mathbf{i}_{\theta}) + A_{em} \nabla \times (\Gamma_{em} \mathbf{i}_{\theta})$$

$$\mathbf{w} = \alpha_{f} A_{f} \nabla \phi_{f} + \alpha_{s} A_{s} \nabla \phi_{s} + \alpha_{sh} A_{sh} \nabla \times (\Gamma_{sh} \mathbf{i}_{\theta}) + \alpha_{em} A_{em} \nabla \times (\Gamma_{sh} \mathbf{i}_{\theta})$$

$$\mathbf{E} = beta_{f} A_{f} \nabla \phi_{f} + \beta_{s} A_{s} \nabla \phi_{s} + \beta_{sh} A_{sh} \nabla \times (\Gamma_{sh} \mathbf{i}_{\theta}) + \beta_{em} A_{em} \nabla \times (\Gamma_{sh} \mathbf{i}_{\theta})$$

$$(B-1)$$

where ϕ_f is associated with the fast compressional wave whose slowness is s_f , ϕ_s is associated with the slow compressional wave whose slowness is s_s ; Γ_{sh} is associated with the shear wave whose slowness is s_{sh} , and Γ_{em} is associated with the electromagnetic wave whose slowness is s_{em} . The factors α_f , α_s , α_{sh} , α_{em} , β_f , β_s , β_{sh} , and β_{em} are as below (Pride and Haartsen, 1996).

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_{i} &= -\frac{Hs_{i}^{2}-\rho}{Cs_{i}^{2}-\rho_{f}}, & i = f, s \\ \beta_{i} &= \frac{i\omega L\tilde{\rho}}{\tilde{\epsilon}} \left(\frac{Hs_{i}^{2}-\rho}{Cs_{i}^{2}-\rho_{f}}\right), & i = f, s \\ \alpha_{i} &= \frac{G}{\rho_{f}} \left(s_{i}^{2}-\frac{\rho}{G}\right), & i = sh, em \\ \beta_{i} &= -i\omega\mu\tilde{\rho}L\frac{G}{\rho_{f}} \left(\frac{s_{i}^{2}-\rho/G}{s_{i}^{2}-\mu\tilde{\epsilon}}\right). & i = sh, em \end{aligned}$$
(B-2)

When the coupling coefficient L approaches zero, α_f and α_s are ratios of the filtration displacement to the solid frame displacement for fast and slow compressional waves, respectively, and s_{sh} is the ratio of the filtration displacement to the solid frame displacement for shear wave.

In order for **u**, **w**, **E** expressed as in (B-1) to be solutions to equation (A-2), the scalar potential function ϕ_f must satisfy scalar Helmholtz equation with a wavenumber $l_f = \omega s_f$, and the vector potential function ($\Gamma_{sh}i_{\theta}$) must satisfy vector Helmholtz equation with a wavenumber $l_{sh} = \omega s_{sh}$. Similarly are ϕ_s and ($\Gamma_{em}i_{\theta}$). Outside the borehole (r > a), the solutions are

$$\phi_{i} = K_{0}(\eta_{i}r)e^{ikz}, \quad \eta_{i} = \sqrt{k^{2} - l_{i}^{2}} \quad i = f, s$$

$$\Gamma_{j} = K_{1}(\eta_{j}r)e^{ikz}, \quad \eta_{j} = \sqrt{k^{2} - l_{j}^{2}} \quad j = sh, em$$
(B-3)

where k is the axial wavenumber, η_i and η_j are radial wavenumber, and where and hereafter I_n and K_n are modified Bessel functions of the *n*th order.

Substituting (B-3) into (B-1) one can get expressions for \mathbf{u} , \mathbf{w} , \mathbf{E} . Using equations (A-3) through (A-6) one can obtain expressions for τ , p, \mathbf{H} . Here, we do not write explicitly the resultant expressions for \mathbf{u} , \mathbf{w} , \mathbf{E} , \mathbf{t} , p and \mathbf{H} , but readers can refer to Hu and Wang (1999). Thus, all field quantities in the porous formation are determined once coefficients A_f , A_s , A_{sh} , and A_{em} are determined by boundary conditions.

The expressions for fields in the borehole are much simpler because the acoustic field and the electromagnetic field are not coupled. The pressure and displacement excited by a point source at the origin can be represented by a scalar potential ϕ_m as

$$\mathbf{u} = \nabla \phi_m. \tag{B-4}$$

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$$p(\omega) = p = \rho_0 \omega^2 \phi_m, \tag{B-5}$$

where ρ_0 is borehole fluid density. Assuming the source is of a volume change type as described by Kurkjian and Chang (1986), the scalar potential is

$$\phi_m = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} [K_0(\eta_m r) + A_m I_0(\eta_m r)] \exp(ikz) dk$$
(B-6)

where $\eta_m = \sqrt{k^2 - l_m}$, l_m is the acoustic wavenumber of the borehole fluid.

For A-E logging, there is no electric source in the borehole. The electric field must satisfy the Helmholtz equation $\nabla^2 \mathbf{E} + l_e^2 \mathbf{E} = 0$, where l_e is the electromagnetic wavenumber in the borehole fluid. The electric field must also satisfy the nondivergence condition $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = 0$. The solution is given by

$$E_r = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} B_e I_1(\eta_e r) \exp(ikz) dk$$

$$e_z = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} B_e \frac{\eta_e}{ik} I_0(\eta_e r) K_0(\eta_e r) \exp(ikz) dk$$

From equations (A-5) and (A-6), one can obtain the magnetic field. The only nonzero component is

$$H_{\theta} = \frac{1}{\omega\mu} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} B_e \left(k - \frac{\eta_e^2}{k}\right) I_1(\eta_e r) \exp(ikz) dk \tag{B-7}$$

The coefficients A_m and B_e can be determined by the boundary conditions in Appendix C. In equations (B-6) and (B-7) the time dependence is $\exp(-i\omega t)$.

Appendix C. THE BOUNDARY CONDITIONS

To determine the coefficients in equations (B6), (B-7) and (B-1), the following conditions are applied:

$$u_{r0} = u_{r1} + w_{r1};$$

$$p_0 = p_1;$$

$$-p_0 = \tau_{rr1};$$

$$0 = \tau_{rz1};$$

$$E_{z0} = E_{z1};$$

$$H_{\theta 0} = H_{01}.$$
(C-1)

where quantities with subscript 0 are fields in the borehole, and quantities with subscript 1 are fields in the formation.

Using equations (B-4) through (B-7), one can get expressions for the left sides of the above boundary conditions: for the right sides, one can use equations (B-1), (B-3), and (A-3) through (A-6). The formation magnetic permeability of the borehole fluid can be assumed to be the same as that of the formation. The above six boundary conditions lead to the following linear equations.

$$\mathbf{M}\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{B} \tag{C-2}$$

where

$$\mathbf{A} = \{A_m, B_e, A_f, A_s, A_{sh}, A_{em}\}^T,$$
(C-3)
$$\mathbf{B} = \{\eta_m K_1(\eta_m a)/\pi, -\omega^2 \rho_0 K_0(\eta_m a)/\pi, -\omega^2 \rho_0 K_0(\eta_m a)/\pi, 0, 0, 0\}^T,$$
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and where the elements of ${\bf M}$ are

$$\begin{split} m_{41} &= m_{51} = m_{61} = m_{12} = m_{22} = m_{32} = m_{42} = m_{63} = m_{64} = m_{25} = m_{26} = 0 \\ m_{11} &= \eta_m I_1(\eta_m a) / \pi m_{21} = m_{31} = \rho_0 \omega^2 I_0(\eta_m a) / \pi \\ m_{13} &= \eta_f (1 + \alpha_f) K_1(\eta_f a), \\ m_{14} &= \eta_s (1 + \alpha_s) K_1(\eta_s a), \\ m_{15} &= ik (1 + \alpha_{sh}) K_1(\eta_{sh} a), \\ m_{16} &= ik (1 + \alpha_{em}) K_1(\eta_{em} a), \\ m_{23} &= -l_s^2 (C + M \alpha_f) K_0(\eta_f a), \\ m_{24} &= -l_s^2 (C + M \alpha_s f) K_0(\eta_s a), \\ m_{33} &= 2G \eta_f K_1(\eta_f a) / a + \lfloor (2G - H - C \alpha_f) l_f^2 + 2G \eta_f^2 \rfloor \cdot K_0(\eta_f a), \\ m_{34} &= 2G \eta_s K_1(\eta_s a) / a + \lfloor (2G - H - C \alpha_f) l_s^2 + 2G \eta_s^2 \rfloor \cdot K_0(\eta_f a), \\ m_{35} &= 2ik G [\eta_{em} K_0(\eta_{em} a) + K_1(\eta_{em} a) / a], \\ m_{36} &= 2ik G [\eta_{em} K_0(\eta_{em} a) + K_1(\eta_{em} a) / a], \\ m_{44} &= -2ik \eta_s K_1(\eta_s a), \\ m_{45} &= (k^2 + \eta_{em}^2) K_1(\eta_{em} a), \\ m_{46} &= (k^2 + \eta_{em}^2) K_1(\eta_{em} a), \\ m_{52} &= \eta_e I_0(\eta_e a) / ik, \\ m_{53} &= ik \beta_f K_0(\eta_f a), \\ m_{54} &= ik \beta_s K_0(\eta_s a), \\ m_{55} &= -\beta_{sh} \eta_{sh} K_0(\eta_{sh} a), \\ m_{56} &= -\beta_{en} \eta_{em} K_0(\eta_{em} a), \\ m_{56} &= -\beta_{en} \eta_{em} K_0(\eta_{em} a), \\ m_{65} &= \beta_{sh} l_{sh}^2 K_1(\eta_{sh} a), \\ m_{66} &= \beta_{em} l_{em}^2 K_1(\eta_{em} a). \\ (C-5) \end{aligned}$$

Appendix D. EXPRESSIONS FOR κ , σ , AND L

The dynamic permeability κ , conductivity σ , and coupling coefficient L appearing in Eq. 1 are all frequency dependent. In calculation we use expressions derived by Pride (1994). These expressions are as follows.

$$\frac{\kappa(\omega)}{\kappa_0} = \left[\left[1 - i \frac{\omega}{\omega_c} \frac{4}{m} \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} - i \frac{\omega}{\omega_c} \right]^{-1}$$
(D-1)

$$\frac{L(\omega)}{L_0} = \left[1 - i\frac{\omega}{\omega_c}\frac{m}{4}\left(1 - 2\frac{\tilde{d}^2}{\Lambda}\right)\left(1 - i^{\frac{3}{2}}\frac{\tilde{d}}{\delta}\right)^2\right]^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$
(D-2)

$$\frac{\sigma(\omega)}{\sigma_0} = 1 + \frac{2}{\sigma_f \Lambda} [C_{em} + C_{os}(\omega)]. \tag{D-3}$$

where κ_0 is Darcy permeability, m is a dimensionless parameter defined as $m = \phi \Lambda^2 / \alpha_{\infty} \kappa_0$ and assumed to be 8 in calculation, α_{∞} is tortuosity, Λ is the characteristic pore size, $\omega_c = \phi \eta / \alpha_{\infty} \kappa_0 \rho_f$ is the transition frequency from viscous flow to inertial flow, $\delta = \sqrt{\eta / \omega \rho_f}$ is the viscous skin depth, \tilde{d} is less than or equal to Debye length d,

$$\tilde{d} \le d = \sqrt{\epsilon_f k_B T / e^2 z^2 N},\tag{D-4}$$

 ϵ_f is fluid permittivity, k_B is Boltzman constant, T is absolute temperature, e is the electrical charge, z is ionic valence of the solution, N is ion concentration, $N = 6.022 \times 10^{26} \times \text{molarity}$, L_0 is the low frequency limit of the coupling coefficient,

$$L_0 = -\frac{\phi}{\alpha_{\infty}} \frac{\epsilon_f \varsigma}{\eta} \left[1 - a \alpha_{\infty} \frac{\tilde{d}}{\Lambda} \right], \qquad (D-5)$$

where ς is the potential on the slipping plane. When the electrical double layer is very thin, i.e., $\tilde{d} \ll \Lambda$, one has the approximate expression

$$L_0 \approx -(\phi \epsilon_f / \alpha_\infty \eta)\varsigma. \tag{D-6}$$

Pride and Morgan (1991) got an expression for ς based on experiments with brine saturated quartz sand. When molarity is C (mole/liter), the average ς is

$$\varsigma = 0.008 + 0.026 \log_{10}(C).$$
 (D-7)

Formation conductivity-is defined as $\sigma_0 = \sigma_f \phi / \alpha_\infty$ for pure quartz sand. The formation water conductivity can be calculated by $\sigma_f = e^2 z^2 N(b_+ + b_-)$, where b_{\pm} is ionic mobility.

$$C_{em} = 4de^2 z^2 N b \left[\cos h \left(\frac{ez\varsigma}{2kT} \right) - 1 \right], \qquad (D-8)$$

$$C_{os}(\omega) = \frac{(\epsilon_f \varsigma)^2}{2d\eta} P_0 \left(1 - \frac{2i^{3/2}}{P_0} \frac{d}{\delta} \right)^{-1}, \qquad (D-9)$$

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where

$$P_0 = \frac{16kTd^2N}{\epsilon_f \varsigma^2} \left[\cos h\left(\frac{ez\varsigma}{2kT}\right) - 1 \right].$$
 (D-10)

In our calculation, T is assumed to be 298 K, $b_+ = b_- = 3 \times 10^{11}$ m/s/N, and z = 1.





Figure 1: Pulse function of the acoustic source. The solid curve is the pulse function. The dotted line is the scaled spectrum.

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Figure 2: p and E_z on the borehole axis and at z = 3 m. The dotted line is p. The solid line is E_z . All input parameters are given in Table 1.



Figure 3: p and E_z when z changes. z increases from z = 3 m on the top to z = 5 m at the bottom. The dotted line is p. The solid line is E_z . The pressure waveforms are scaled relative to the maximum magnitude of pressure at z = 3 m. The electric field waveforms are scaled relative to the maximum magnitude of the electric field at z = 3 m.

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Figure 4: p (dotted curve) and E_z (solid curve) when the source frequency f_0 is 1 kHz and pulse duration T_c is 3 ms. All the other input parameters are default parameters in Table 1.



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Figure 5: p (dotted curve) and E_z (solid curve) when the source frequency f_0 is 10 kHz and pulse duration T_c is 0.25 ms. All the other input parameters are default parameters in Table 1.

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Figure 6: p (dotted curve) and E_z (solid line) at z = 0. All the other input parameters are default parameters in Table 1.



Figure 7: E_z (dotted curve), E_r (thick solid curve) and H_{θ} (fine solid curve) at r = 0.05 m and z = 3 m. All other input parameters are default parameters in Table 1.



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Figure 8: p (dotted curve) and E_z (solid line) for different porosities. (a) $\phi = 0.25$, (b) $\phi = 0.32$. All other input parameters are default parameters in Table 1.



Figure 9: p (dotted curve) and E_z (solid line) when permeability is $\kappa_0 = 1 \times 10^{-14} \text{ m}^2$. All other input parameters are default parameters in Table 1.

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Figure 10: Axial electric field E_x when salinity changes. The dotted line, the fine solid line, and the thick solid line correspond, respectively, to salinity combinations No. 2, No. 3, and No. 4 in Table 8. All other input parameters are default parameters in Table 1.