

# Strömungen in porösen Medien

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## Characterization of Porous Media

- Heterogeneous system of solid matrix and void space with fluid involving two or three phases:

solid - liquid

solid - gaseous

solid - gaseous - liquid

- Consolidated:  
fixed structures
- Static structures
- Regular shaped
- Deterministic
- Non-consolidated:  
loosely packed beds
- Non-static structures
- Highly irregular
- Statistical

## Forms of Porous Media

- naturally formed
  - rocks, sand beds, sediments, ground water transport
  - sponge-like structures, lung
  - woods, plants
- fabricated, artificial
  - catalytic pellets, Raschig rings, fixed beds of particles
  - wicks, filaments
  - insulation
  - foam-like structures
  - regular structures, e.g. monoliths
  - materials: metals, ceramics, glass,

## Packing material



Raschig-Ringe



Berl-Sattel



Pall-Ringe



Top-Pak



VSP



Hacketten

## Fields of Interest / Applications

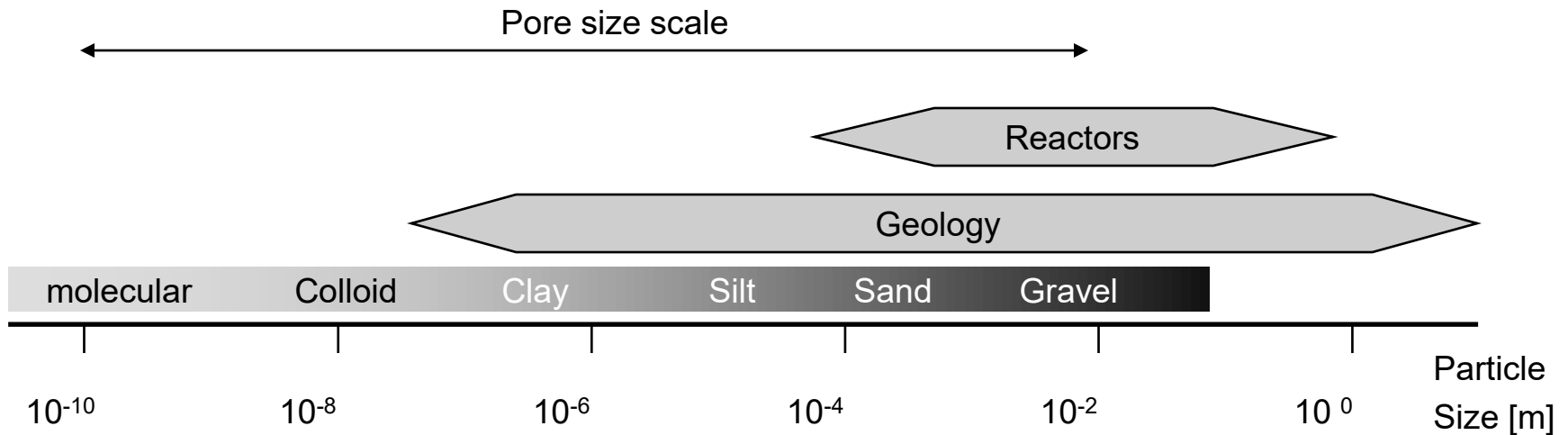
- Chemical Engineering
  - catalytic and inert packed bed reactors (gaseous, aqueous)
  - filtering, drying, trickle bed reactors
  - catalytic converters
  - adsorption / desorption at surfaces
- Environmental / Geological
  - groundwater transport, contamination migration
  - salt water intrusion
  - waste disposal
- Petroleum
  - Oil / Gas flows in reservoirs

## Fields of Interest / Applications

- Mechanical Engineering
  - Single- and two phase transpiration cooling
  - Insulation, thermal protection systems
  - Radiant porous burners
  - Enhancing heat transfer by surface modification
  - Preheating, flame stabilization
  - Absorbing and storing solar energy
  - Catalytic converters and soot traps
- Medicine / Biology
  - Exchange processes in human lounge
  - Transport in fibers / plants

## Length scales / Hierarchy of Heterogeneity

- microscopic, ultra-micropore scale, pore scale :  
1-10 Å - Millimeter
- macroscopic scale: system dimension
- megascopic scale: dimension of entire reservoirs
- gigascopic scale: landscapes, rivers



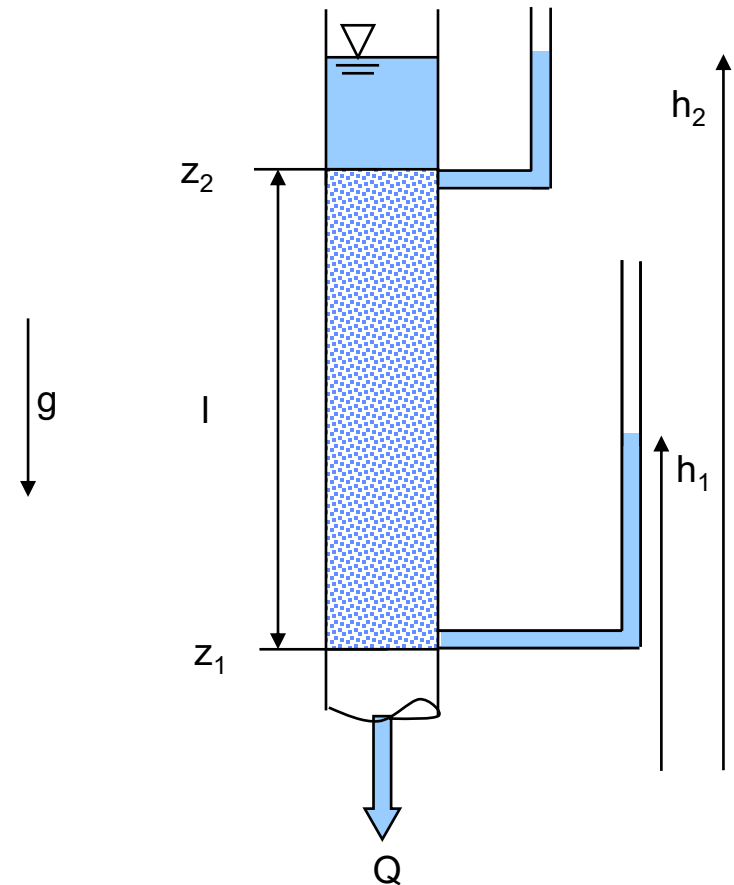
## Characterization of Porous Media

$$\varepsilon = \text{porosity} = \frac{\text{fraction of (connected) volume occupied by fluid}}{\text{total volume of solid matrix and fluid}}$$

Foam metal	0.98
Fiberglas	0.88 - 0.93
Silica grains	0.65
Raschig rings	0.56 - 0.65
Crushed rock	0.44 - 0.45
Sand	0.37 - 0.50
Spherical packing	0.37 - 0.47
Cigarette filters	0.17 - 0.49
Coal	0.02 - 0.12
Concrete	0.02 - 0.07

## Darcy's law: 1856

- experiment to determine the **bulk resistance** of a fluid through porous media
- assuming isotropic media
- non-consolidated, isotropic, small particles
- gravity driven flow
- internal surface much larger than confining domain  
=> dominance of shear forces
- measurement of flow rates and pressure difference
- low pore velocities



## Darcy's law: from measurements

$$Q = -A K \frac{\rho}{\mu} \frac{h_2 - h_1}{z_2 - z_1}$$

$$U_D = -K \frac{\rho}{\mu} \frac{dh}{dz}$$

Q *volume flux*

A *area*

$U_D$  *spec. volume flux per area*

g *gravity constant*

p *pressure*

k *capilarity* =  $\frac{K}{g}$

$$p = \rho g h - \rho g z \quad \frac{dp}{dz} = \rho g \frac{dh}{dz} - \rho g$$

$$U_D = \frac{k}{\mu} \left( \rho \bar{g} - \frac{dp}{dz} \right)$$

$$U_D = -\frac{k}{\mu} \frac{dp}{dz}, \text{ if no gravity}$$

## Darcy's law: for multidimensional flows

in general coordinates  
for isotropic media

$$\bar{\mathbf{U}}_D = -\frac{k}{\mu} \nabla p$$

for an-isotropic media

$$\bar{\mathbf{U}}_D = -\frac{\mathbf{K}}{\mu} \nabla p$$

$$\mathbf{K} = \begin{bmatrix} k_{11} & k_{12} & k_{13} \\ k_{21} & k_{22} & k_{23} \\ k_{31} & k_{32} & k_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

for orthotropic media

$$U_{D,i} = -\frac{k_i}{\mu} \frac{dp}{dx_i}$$

$$k_{ii} = k_i$$

## Permeability: [m<sup>2</sup>]

some examples from measurements

Cigarette	$1.1 \cdot 10^{-9}$
Sand	$2,0 \cdot 10^{-11} - 2,0 \cdot 10^{-10}$
Fiberglas	$2,4 \cdot 10^{-11} - 5,1 \cdot 10^{-10}$
Sandstone	$5,0 \cdot 10^{-16} - 3,0 \cdot 10^{-12}$
Dolomite	$\sim 10^{-15}$
Rock Salt	$\sim 10^{-17}$
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1 Darcy  $\sim 10^{-12} \text{ m}^2$

## Permeability

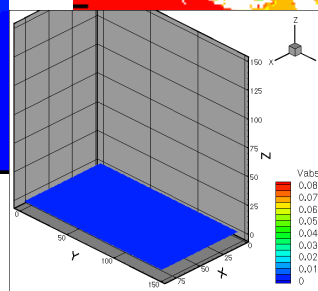
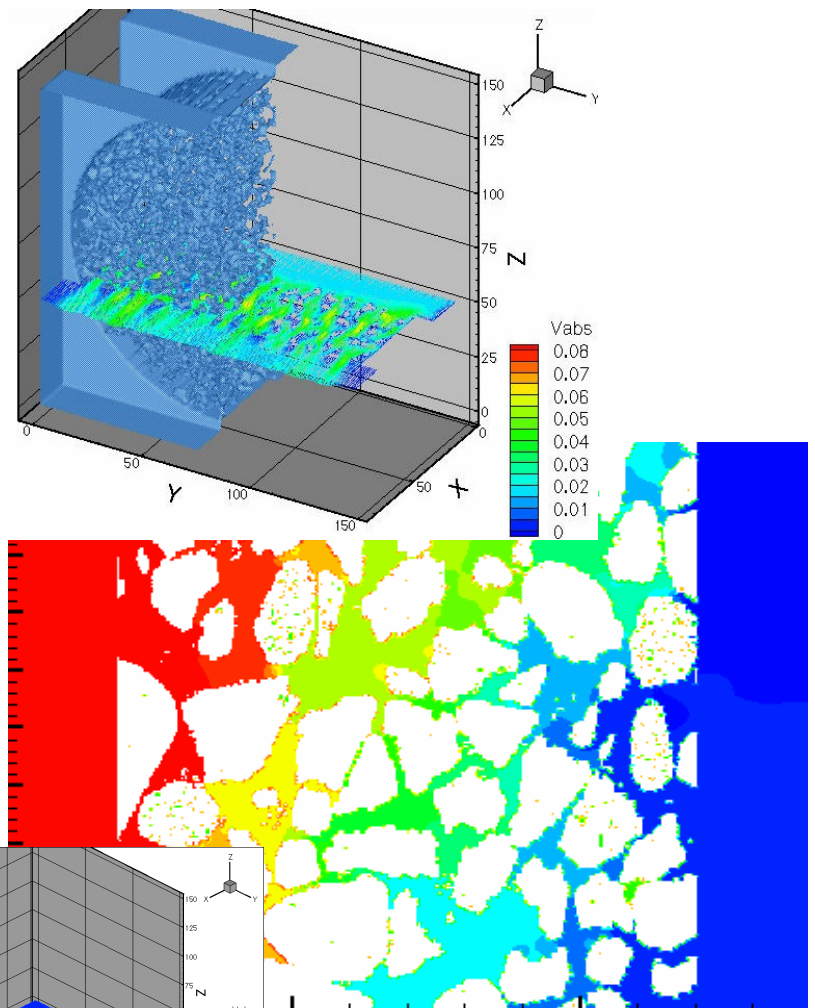
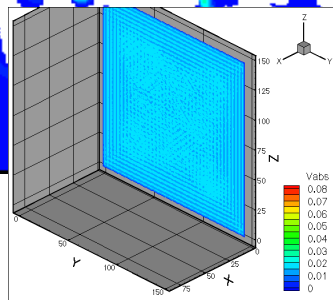
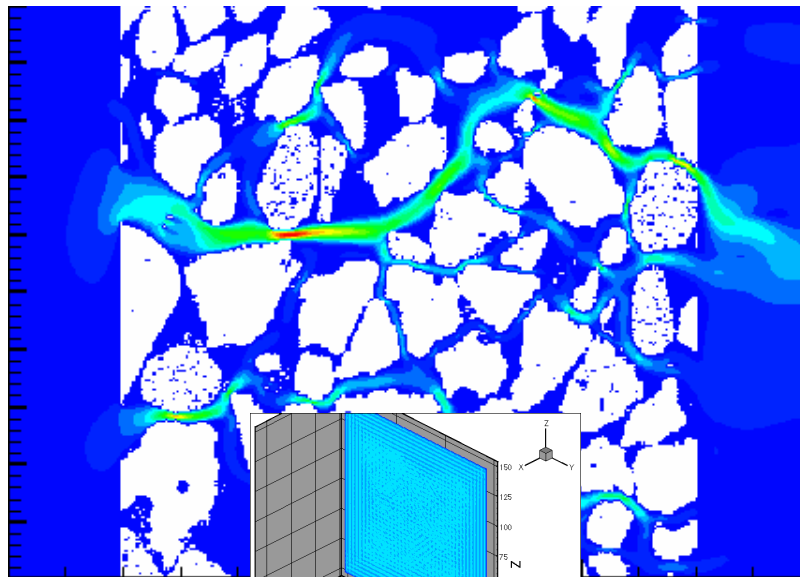
- is a measure for the bulk conductance of the flow
- describes the bulk hydrodynamics (if Darcy law is valid)

## Estimation of Permeability

- from measurements of bulk properties
  - heuristic method
- from models
  - capillary models
  - hydraulic radius models
  - drag models
- from first principles
  - solving mass and momentum conservation at pore level
  - averaging the conservation equations

- Channeling effect in real probes of porous media (from numerical solution of Navier-Stokes Equations)

velocity magnitude

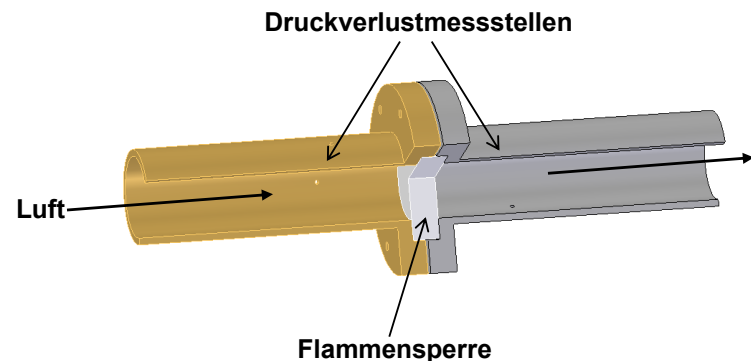


## Flows with higher flow rates

- in turbulent flows, friction mainly depends on wall roughness
- pressure loss of a porous structure can be described by the Darcy equation and the Forchheimer extension

$$\frac{dp}{dz} = - \underbrace{\frac{\mu}{k_{\text{lam},i}} U_D}_{\text{Darcy}} - \underbrace{\frac{\rho}{k_{\text{turb},i}} U_D^2}_{\text{Forchheimer}}$$

- determination of pressure loss of real structures can be derived experimentally or numerically



## Flow Regimes (in terms of pore level Reynoldsnumber)

- $Re < 1$ : Darcy or creeping flow regime
  - viscous forces dominate
  - flow dominated by particle geometry on pore level
- $1-10 < Re < 150$ : Inertial flow regime
  - steady nonlinear laminar flow
  - formation of boundary layer
- $150 < Re < 300$ : Unsteady laminar flow regime
  - wake instabilities, oscillations ( $\sim 1\text{Hz}$ )
- $300 < Re$ : Unsteady chaotic (turbulent) regime
  - asymptotic behaviour (see Ergun equation)

## Modes of Energy (Heat) Transport in Porous Media

- Conduction in solid matrix and in fluid
  - no fluid velocity
  - depends on solid and fluid properties (thermal conductivity)
  - depends in structure of porous matrix
- Convection in fluid
  - may be coupled with conduction in solid matrix and fluid
  - depends on solid/fluid properties and geometry
  - depends strongly on local fluid velocity variations
- Radiation Energy Transport

- heat conduction is transport of energy due to molecular motion of particles (molecules, atoms)
- may take place in solids, liquids and gases
- may be described on a gas kinetic level (microscopic level) as exchange of energy within molecular collisions
- may be described at macroscopic level by Fourier's law

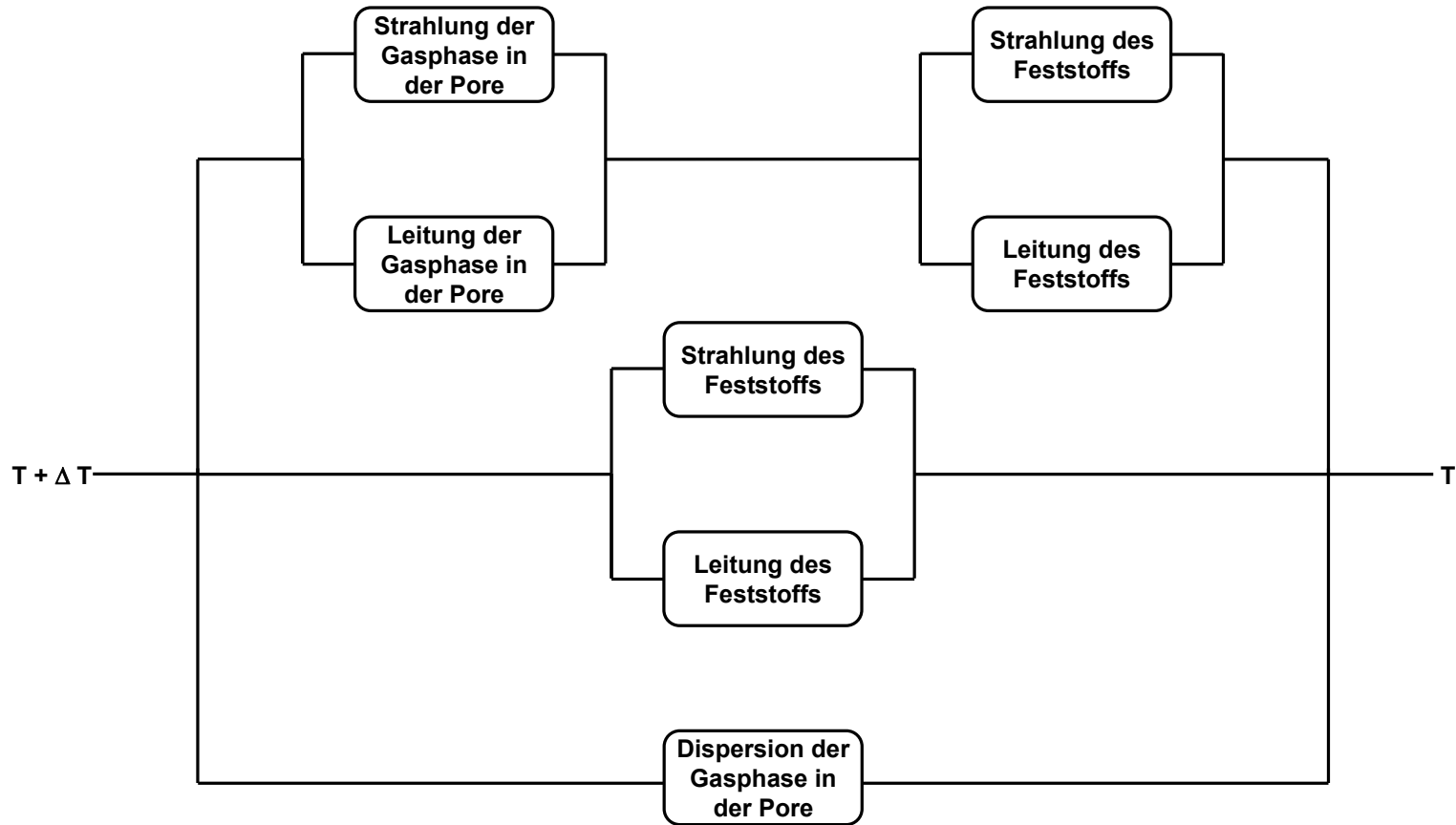
$$\dot{q}_x = k \frac{dT}{dx} \quad \dot{q} = k \nabla T$$

- $k$  thermal conductivity, is a material property
- typical values:
 

air	$k_g = 10^{-4}$ [cal/cm sK] at 300 K
water	$k_f = 10^{-3}$
steel	$k_f = 10^{-1}$

- In porous media, the bulk heat flux is the result of conduction in solid and fluid phase
- For an analysis of heat transport in porous media, effective material properties are used as a result of an a.g. averaging procedure  $\langle k \rangle$ 
  - depends on material properties of each phase
  - depends strongly on solid structure, since  $k_{solid} \gg k_{gas}$
  - in non-consolidated structures, depends on contact resistance, and thus surface properties (coatings, oxidations, ...)

# Heat transport in porous media



## Transport equations

$$\frac{\partial(\rho v_j)}{\partial x_j} = 0$$

**mass**

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left( \rho v_j v_i - \mu \frac{\partial v_i}{\partial x_j} \right) = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial x_i} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left( \mu \frac{\partial v_j}{\partial x_i} \right) + \rho g_i$$

**momentum**

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left( \rho v_j c_p T_g - \lambda_g \frac{\partial T_g}{\partial x_j} \right) = \sum_{k=1}^{N_s} \dot{\omega}_k \Delta h_{j,k}^0 + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left( \sum_{k=1}^{N_s} \rho h_k D_k \frac{\partial Y_k}{\partial x_j} \right)$$

**energy**

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left( \rho v_{s,j} Y_k - \rho D_k \frac{\partial Y_k}{\partial x_j} \right) = \dot{\omega}_k$$

**species**

## Modification of transport equations

$$\frac{\partial(\rho v_{s,j})}{\partial x_j} = 0$$

**Mass balance, s: „superficial velocity“**

$$\frac{dp}{dx_i} = -\frac{\mu}{k_{1,jj}} v_{s,j} - \frac{\rho}{k_{2,jj}} |v_{s,j}| v_{s,j}$$

**additional pressure loss**

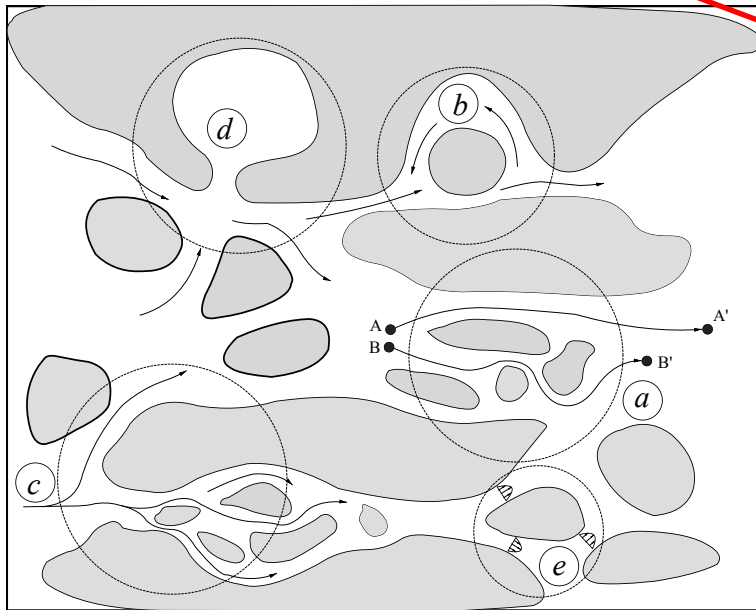
$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left( \rho v_{s,j} Y_k - \rho \varepsilon D_{k,eff} \frac{\partial Y_k}{\partial x_j} \right) = \dot{\omega}_k$$

**conservation of species, influence of dispersion**

# Modellbildung für numerische Simulation III

## Einfluss der Dispersion auf den Diffusionskoeffizienten

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left( \rho \varepsilon U_j Y_k - \rho D_{k,eff} \frac{\partial Y_k}{\partial x_j} \right) = \varepsilon \dot{\omega}_k$$



Dispersion wird hervorgerufen durch

- Tortuosität des porösen Mediums
- Rezirkulationen
- unterschiedliche Zugänglichkeit und Durchströmungslängen von Poren
- nicht durchströmbaren Poren
- Inhomogenitäten im Strömungsfeld

Verschiedene Dispersionsmechanismen in porösen Medien Boukhezar, N.; (2004)

## Heterogeneous model

Gas phase:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left( \rho v_{s,j} c_P T_g - \lambda \varepsilon \frac{\partial T_g}{\partial x_j} \right) = \sum_{k=1}^{N_s} \dot{\omega}_k \Delta h_{j,k}^0 + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left( \sum_{k=1}^{N_s} \rho h_k \varepsilon D_k \frac{\partial Y_k}{\partial x_j} \right) - \alpha A_V (T_g - T_s)$$

Solid phase:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left( -\lambda_s (1 - \varepsilon) \frac{\partial T_s}{\partial x_j} \right) = \alpha A_V (T_g - T_s) + S_R$$

exchange

Source-/Sink term from radiation model

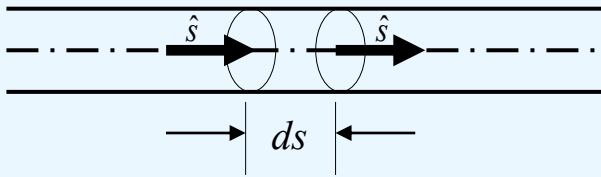
# Radiation transfer equation

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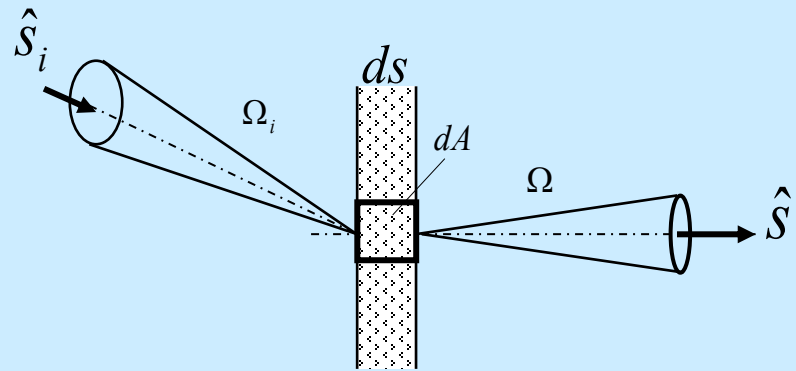
$$I_\eta(\mathbf{s} + d\mathbf{s}, \hat{\mathbf{s}}, t + dt) - I_\eta(\mathbf{s}, \hat{\mathbf{s}}, t) =$$

$$\underbrace{\kappa_\eta I_{b\eta}(\mathbf{s}, t) ds}_{\text{Increase due to emission}} - \underbrace{\kappa_\eta I_\eta(\mathbf{s}, \hat{\mathbf{s}}, t) ds}_{\text{Decrease due to absorption}} - \underbrace{\sigma_{s\eta} I_\eta(\mathbf{s}, \hat{\mathbf{s}}, t) ds}_{\text{Decrease due to outgoing radiation}} + \underbrace{\frac{\sigma_{s\eta}}{4\pi} \int I_\eta(\hat{\mathbf{s}}_i) \Phi_\eta(\hat{\mathbf{s}}_i, \hat{\mathbf{s}}) d\Omega_i ds}_{\text{Increase due to incoming Dispersion}}$$

## Bilanzierung über Strahlungsrichtungen:



Balance of radiation energy in one direction  
 $\hat{S}$

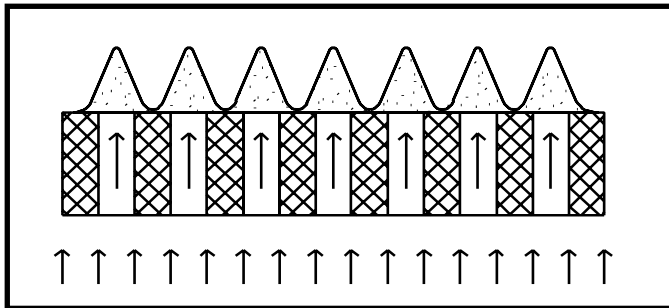


Change of direction due to dispersion

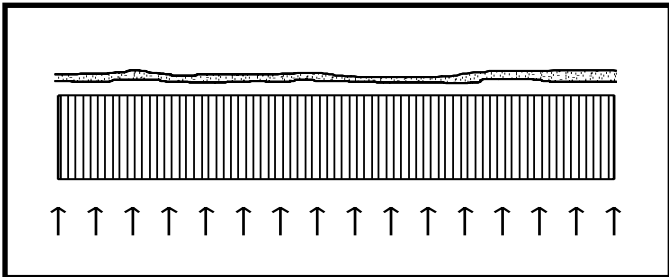
Source term for energy equation:  $S_R = \nabla \cdot \mathbf{q}_R(\vec{r}) = k(4\pi \cdot I_b - G)$

mit  $I_b = \frac{\sigma T_b^4}{\pi}$  und  $G(\vec{r}) = \int_{4\pi} I(\vec{r}, \hat{\mathbf{s}}) d\Omega$

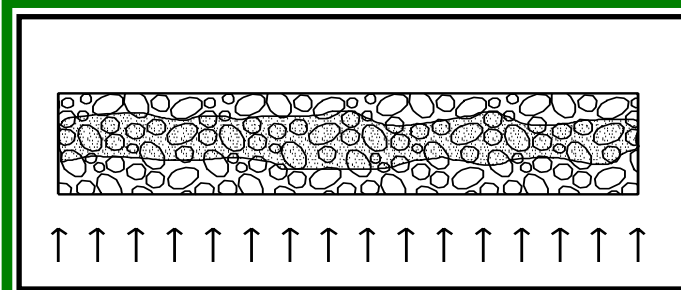
# Stabilisierung des Verbrennungsprozesses an einer porösen Oberfläche und in einem porösen Medium



Einzelne Flammen



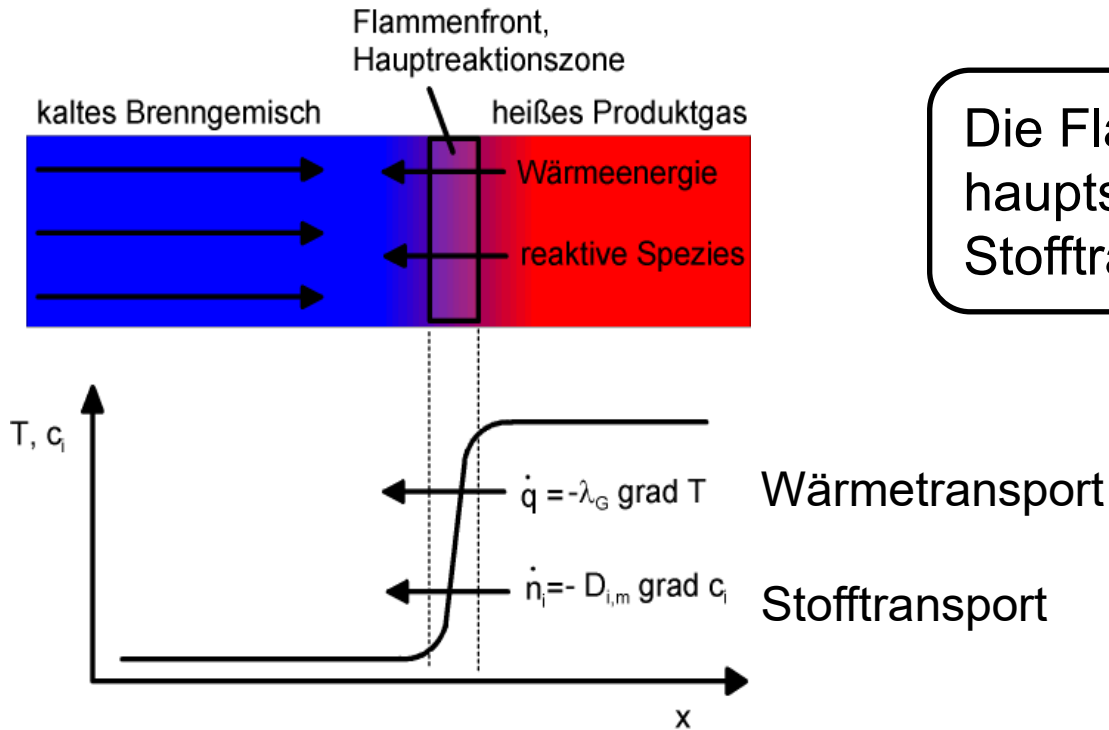
Flammenteppich



Verbrennung im  
porösen  
Medium



# Mechanismen der Flammenausbreitung



Die Flammenfront breitet sich hauptsächlich durch Wärme- und Stofftransportmechanismen aus

Die **laminare Brenngeschwindigkeit  $s_L$**  ist die minimale Anströmungsgeschwindigkeit, damit sich eine laminare Flamme nicht entgegen der Strömung ausbreitet. Sie wird durch den Wärme- und Stofftransport limitiert.

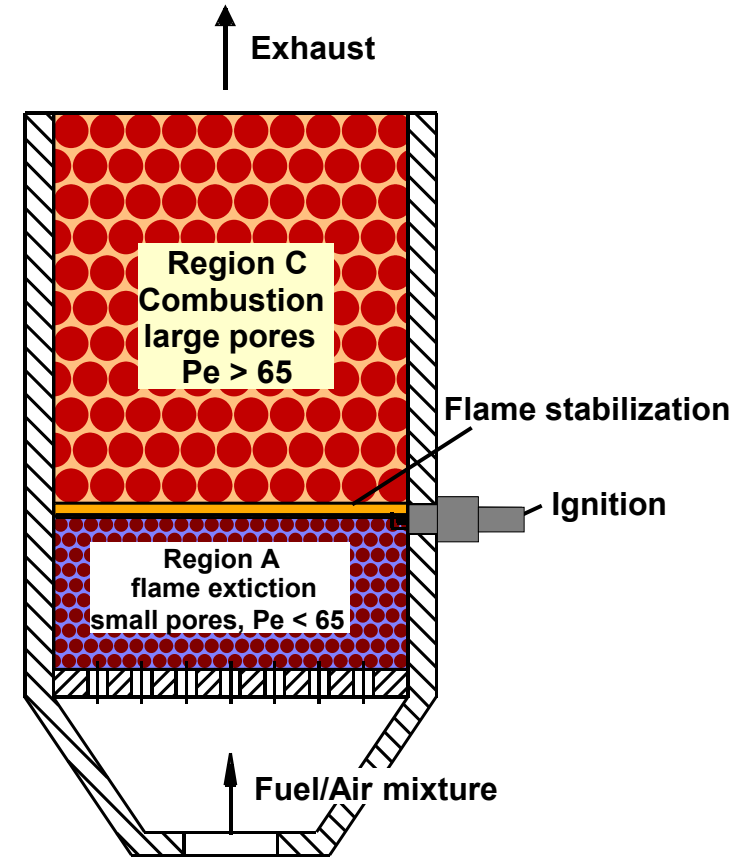
# Stabilization of the combustion process in porous media

Flame propagation at a modified  
Péclet number condition:

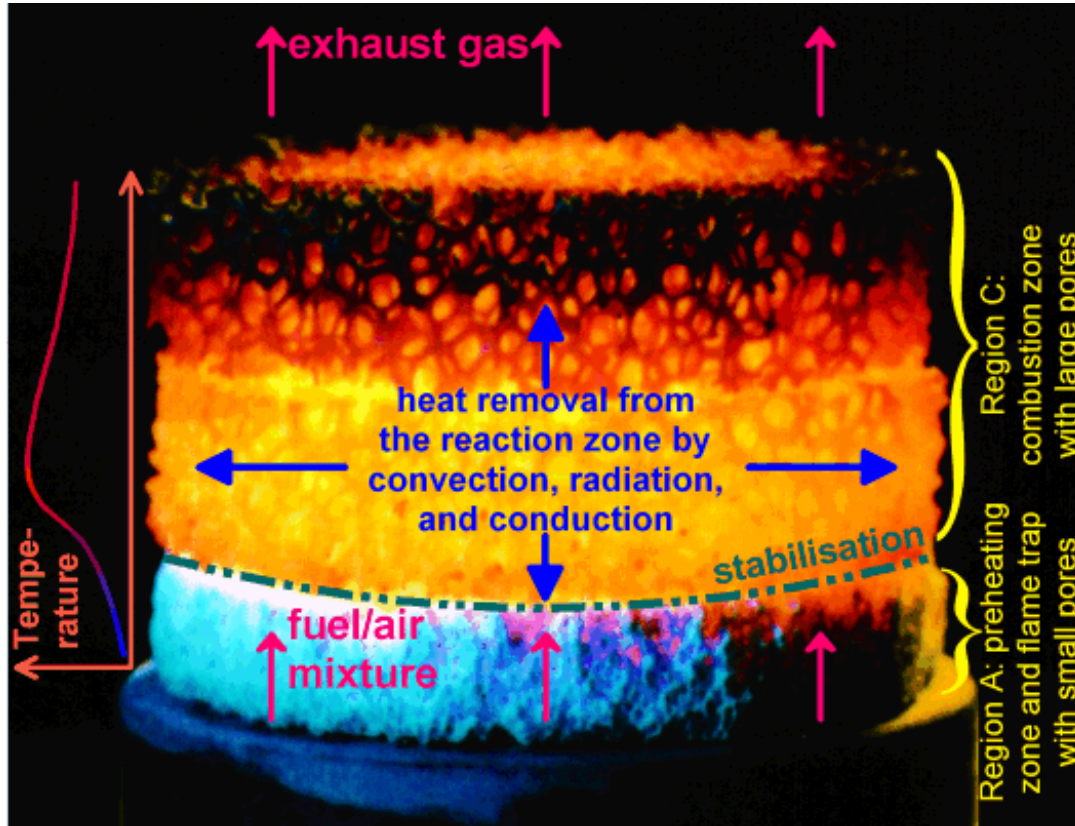
$$Pe \geq 65 \quad \text{Babkin et al (1991)}$$

$$Pe = \frac{s_L d_{p,eff} \rho_f c_{p,f}}{\lambda_f} = \frac{s_L d_{p,eff}}{a_f} = \frac{\text{Heat production}}{\text{Heat removal}}$$

- $s_L$ : laminar flame speed
- $d_{p,eff}$ : equivalent pore diameter
- $c_{p,f}$ : heat capacity of the gas mixture
- $\rho_f$ : density of the gas mixture
- $\lambda_f$ : heat conductivity of the gas mixture



# Combustion in porous inert media

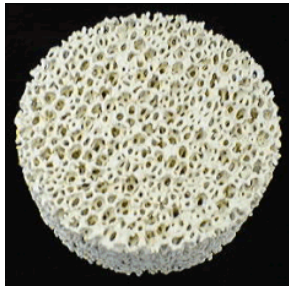


## ADVANTAGES:

- adjustable, homogeneous temperature level
- low waste gas emissions
- high combustion stability
- immense power modulation range
- compact size
- complex combustion chambers geometries possible

# Materials for porous burners

Zirconia  
( $ZrO_2$ )



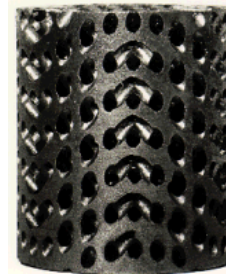
$T_{\max} \approx 2.400^\circ\text{C}$   
 $\lambda_{\text{solid}}$ : -  
T-expans.: +  
T-shock res.: -

Aluminum oxide  
( $Al_2O_3$ )



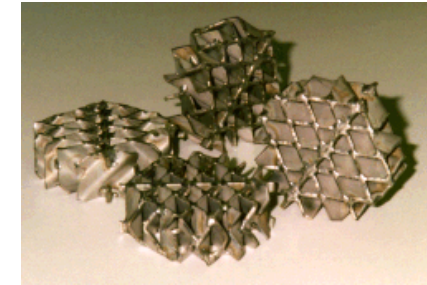
$T_{\max} \approx 1.950^\circ\text{C}$   
 $\lambda_{\text{solid}}$ : +-  
T-expans.: +-  
T-shock res.: +-

Silicon  
carbide  
(SiC)



$T_{\max} \approx 1.600^\circ\text{C}$   
 $\lambda_{\text{solid}}$ : +  
T-expans.: --  
T-shock res.: ++

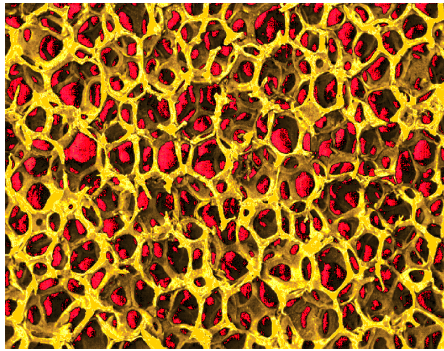
Fe-Cr-Al-  
and Ni-base  
alloys



$T_{\max} \approx 1.250^\circ\text{C}$   
 $\lambda_{\text{solid}}$ : +  
T-expans.: ++  
T-shock res.: ++

# Geometries of porous bodies

## Foams



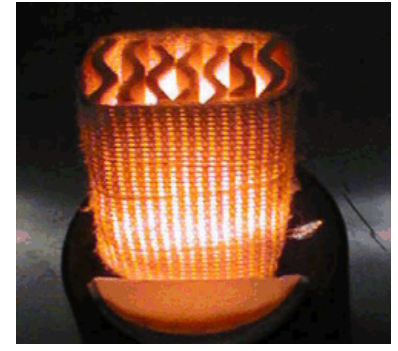
## Meshes



## Static mixers



## Foam based mixer structures



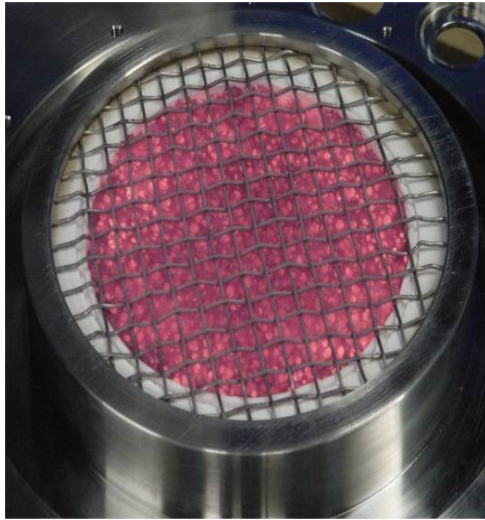
Heat cond.: +  
 Start up: -  
 Radiation: +  
 Dispersion: +-  
 $\Delta p$ : -  
 $T_{max}$ : --  
 T-shock res.: -

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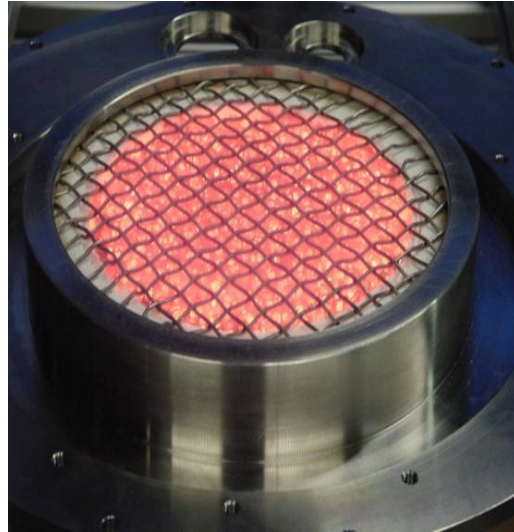
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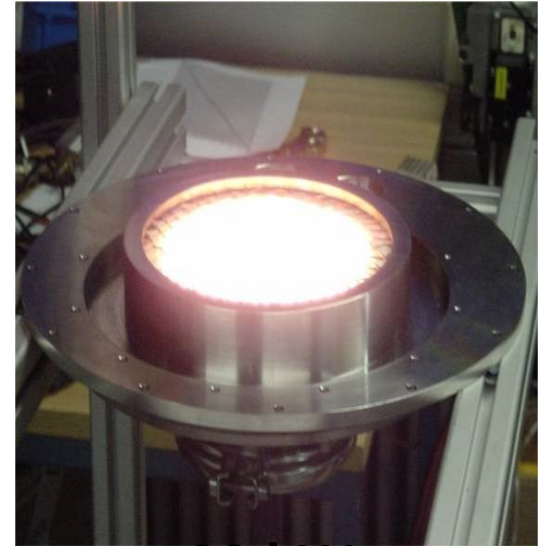
# Burner characteristics



**2 kW**



**7 kW**



**22 kW**

**Stable combustion**  
**Low emissions**

**Operational parameters:**

**air ratio  $\lambda = 1.2 - 2$**   
**power modulation range**  
**P = 2 - 22 kW**