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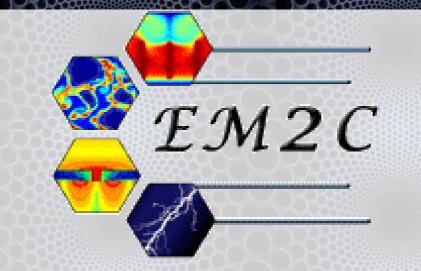
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Macroscopic Modeling of Compressible Flow in Porous Media

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CONTEXT: Pyrolysis of Biomass Natrual gaz Fuel 21% Renewable energy 13% Char Nuclear 29% Global primary energy consumption by fuel type in 2012*

Model the process

Design large scale devices

Prove the competitiveness of this renewable energy

*Source: International Energy Agency (2014) World Energy Outlook – 2014

PROCESS CHARACTERISTICS:

Multiscale Phenomena

- The ratio between the macroscopic scale and the pore scale is about 10⁶

- Length scale constraint

 $l_{\beta} \ll r_0 \ll L$



Compressible Flow

- Temperature gradient
- Pressure gradient
- Fluid mixture

The computational cost of a Direct Numerical Simulation of this process is very High. Therefore, a homogenization technique, the Volume Averaging Method, is used to establish a macroscopic description of the process.

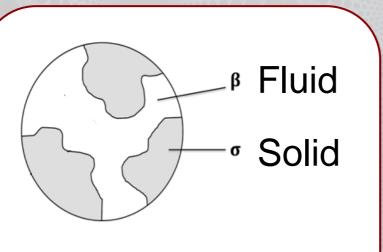
This method leads to macroscopic equations and effective properties (permeability K..).

OBJECTIVE:

Assess the compressibility effects on the macroscopic equations and the effective properties?

ASSUMPTIONS:

- Compressible and isothermal flow
- Constant thermophysical properties
- Constant porosity
- Inertial effects are negligible



Two-phase system

2- Averaged equations

 $\left\langle f\left(\left\langle \psi\right\rangle ,\tilde{\psi}\right)\right\rangle =0$

3- Closure

 $\tilde{\psi} = g\left(\langle \psi \rangle\right)$

- Spatial decomposition (Gray) $\psi_{\beta} = \langle \psi_{\beta} \rangle^{\beta} + \tilde{\psi}_{\beta}$

- Superficial average

 $\langle \psi_{\beta} \rangle = \frac{1}{V} \int_{V_{\beta}} \psi_{\beta} dV$

PORE SCALE EQUATIONS:

$$\rho_{\beta} = \rho(p_{\beta})$$

$$\frac{\partial \rho_{\beta}}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho_{\beta} \mathbf{v}_{\beta}) = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\rho_{\beta} \mathbf{v}_{\beta}) = -\nabla (p_{\beta} - (\eta^{b} + \frac{\mu_{\beta}}{3}) \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}_{\beta}) + \mu_{\beta} \nabla^{2} \mathbf{v}_{\beta}$$

$$\mathbf{v}_{\beta} = 0 \quad at \ A_{\beta\sigma}$$

$$\mathbf{v}_{\beta} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{r}, t) \quad at \ A_{\beta e}$$

1- Pore scale equations

 $f\left(\langle\psi\rangle,\tilde{\psi}\right) = 0$

Volume averaging

DIMENSIONLESS CLOSURE PROBLEM:

Averaging volume

$$\tilde{\rho}_{\beta}^{+} = \gamma M a^{2} \tilde{p}_{\beta}^{+}
\left(1 + \tilde{\rho}_{\beta}^{+}\right) \nabla^{+} \cdot \tilde{\mathbf{v}}_{\beta}^{+} + \mathbf{v}_{\beta}^{+} \cdot \nabla^{+} \tilde{\rho}_{\beta}^{+} = 0$$

$$0 = - \nabla^{+} \tilde{p}_{\beta}^{+} + \frac{1}{Re} \left[\left(\frac{\eta^{b}}{\mu_{\beta}} + \frac{1}{3} \right) \nabla^{+} \nabla^{+} \cdot \tilde{\mathbf{v}}_{\beta}^{+} + \nabla^{+2} \tilde{\mathbf{v}}_{\beta}^{+} \right]$$

$$- \frac{1}{V_{\beta}} \int_{A_{\beta\sigma}} \mathbf{n}_{\beta\sigma} \cdot \left(-\mathbf{I} \tilde{p}_{\beta}^{+} + \frac{1}{Re} \left[\left(\frac{\eta^{b}}{\mu_{\beta}} + \frac{1}{3} \right) \nabla \cdot \tilde{\mathbf{v}}_{\beta}^{+} + \nabla^{+} \tilde{\mathbf{v}}_{\beta}^{+} \right] \right) dA$$

$$\tilde{\mathbf{v}}_{\beta}^{+} = \frac{-\langle \mathbf{v}_{\beta} \rangle^{\beta}}{||\langle \mathbf{v}_{\beta} \rangle^{\beta} ||} \quad at \ A_{\beta\sigma}$$

CLOSED MACROSCOPIC EQUATIONS:

$$\frac{\partial \langle \rho_{\beta} \rangle^{\beta}}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \left[\mathbf{R}_{\beta} \cdot \langle \mathbf{v}_{\beta} \rangle^{\beta} \right] = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left[\mathbf{R}_{\beta} \cdot \langle \mathbf{v}_{\beta} \rangle^{\beta} \right] = -\nabla \left[\langle p_{\beta} \rangle^{\beta} - (\eta^{b} + \frac{\mu_{\beta}}{3}) \nabla \cdot \langle \mathbf{v}_{\beta} \rangle^{\beta} \right] + \mu_{\beta} \nabla^{2} \langle \mathbf{v}_{\beta} \rangle^{\beta} - \mu_{\beta} \varepsilon_{\beta} \mathbf{K}_{\beta \mathbf{T}}^{-1} \cdot \langle \mathbf{v}_{\beta} \rangle^{\beta}$$

4- Closed macroscopic equations

 $\langle f(\langle \psi \rangle, g(\langle \psi \rangle)) \rangle = 0$

Effective density

$$\mathbf{R}_{\beta} = \langle \rho_{\beta} \rangle^{\beta} \left[\mathbf{I} + \mu_{\beta} \chi_{\mathbf{T}} \langle \mathbf{B} \mathbf{b} \rangle^{\beta} \cdot \langle \mathbf{v}_{\beta} \rangle^{\beta} + (\mu_{\beta} \chi_{\mathbf{T}})^{2} \langle \mathbf{C} \mathbf{b} \rangle^{\beta} : \langle \mathbf{v}_{\beta} \rangle^{\beta} \langle \mathbf{v}_{\beta} \rangle^{\beta} \right]$$
Compressibility effects

Effective permeability

$$\mathbf{K}_{eta\mathbf{T}}^{-1} = \mathbf{K}_{eta\mathbf{i}}^{-1} + \mathbf{K}_{eta\mathbf{c}}^{-1}$$
 Compressibility effects

 $\mathbf{K}_{\beta \mathbf{c}}^{-1} = \mu_{\beta} \chi_{\mathbf{T}} \mathbf{F}_{\mathbf{c}} \cdot \langle \mathbf{v}_{\beta} \rangle^{\beta}$

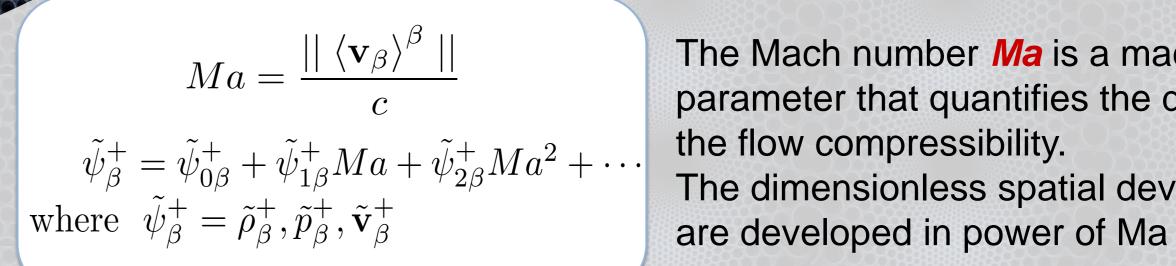
$$\frac{1}{V_{\beta}} \int_{A_{\beta\sigma}} \mathbf{n}_{\beta\sigma} \cdot \left[-\mathbf{I}\mathbf{b} + \nabla \mathbf{B} \right] dA = -\varepsilon_{\beta} \mathbf{K}_{\beta\mathbf{i}}^{-1}$$

$$\frac{1}{V_{\beta}} \int_{A_{\beta\sigma}} \mathbf{n}_{\beta\sigma} \cdot \left[-\mathbf{I}(\mathbf{c} - \frac{1}{3}\nabla \cdot \mathbf{C}) + \nabla \mathbf{C} \right] dA = -\varepsilon_{\beta} \mathbf{F}_{\mathbf{c}}$$

-The Total permeability depends on the intrinsic permeability K_{Bi} and a compressibility correction tensor $K_{\beta c}$.

- K_{Bi} depends only on the geometry of the porous medium. It can be calculated from the closure variables b and B that satisfy the incompressible subclosure problem (0 order in Ma).

- K_{Bc} depends on a geometrical parameter F_c that is calculated from the closure variables c and C. K_{bc} depends also on the isothermal compressibility coefficient χ_T and the average velocity.



The Mach number *Ma* is a macroscopic parameter that quantifies the degree of the flow compressibility. The dimensionless spatial deviations

CLOSURE VARIABLES:

2 SUB-CLOSURE PROBLEMS:

0 order in *Ma* $\nabla \cdot \tilde{\mathbf{v}}_{0\beta} = 0$ $0 = -\nabla \tilde{p}_{0\beta} + \mu_{\beta} \nabla^{2} \tilde{\mathbf{v}}_{0\beta} - \frac{1}{V_{\beta}} \int_{A_{\beta\sigma}} \mathbf{n}_{\beta\sigma} \cdot \left[-\mathbf{I} \tilde{p}_{0\beta} + \mu \nabla \tilde{\mathbf{v}}_{0\beta} \right] dA$

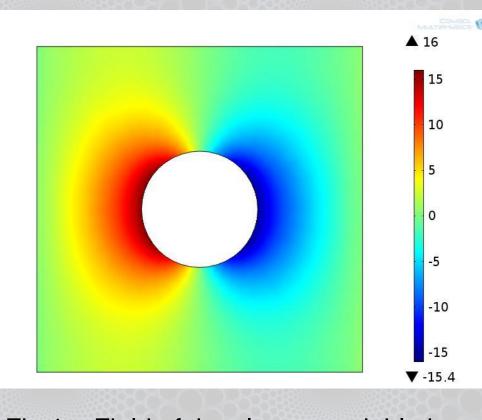
2nd order in *Ma* $\nabla \cdot \tilde{\mathbf{v}}_{2\beta} + \chi_T \left[\langle \mathbf{v}_{\beta} \rangle^{\beta} + \tilde{\mathbf{v}}_{0\beta} \right] \cdot \nabla \tilde{p}_{0\beta} = 0$

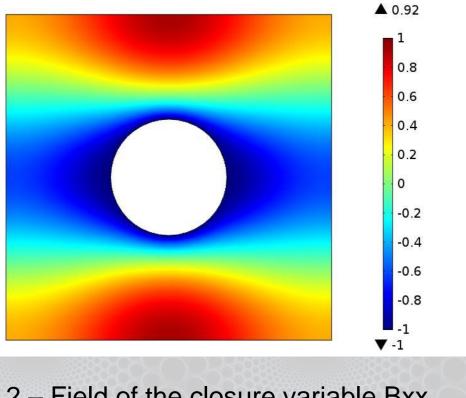
 $0 = - \nabla \left[\tilde{p}_{2\beta} - (\eta^b + \frac{\mu_\beta}{3}) \nabla . \tilde{\mathbf{v}}_{2\beta} \right] + \mu_\beta \nabla^2 \tilde{\mathbf{v}}_{2\beta}$ $- \frac{1}{V_{\beta}} \int_{A_{\beta}} \mathbf{n}_{\beta\sigma} \cdot \left[-\mathbf{I}(\tilde{p}_{2\beta}' - (\eta^b + \frac{\mu_{\beta}}{3}) \nabla \cdot \tilde{\mathbf{v}}_{2\beta}) + \mu_{\beta} \nabla \tilde{\mathbf{v}}_{2\beta} \right] dA$ $\tilde{\mathbf{v}}_{2\beta} = 0$ at $A_{\beta\sigma}$

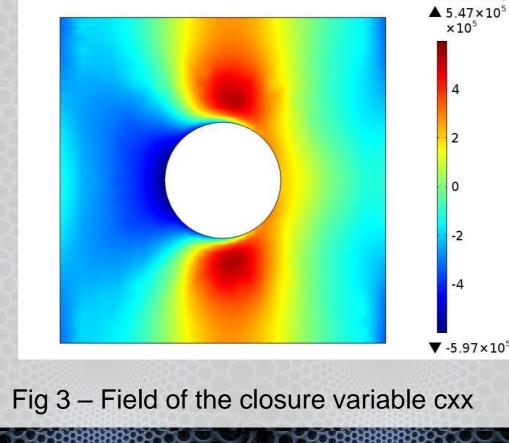
 $\tilde{p}_{\beta 0} = \mu_{\beta} \mathbf{b} \cdot \langle \mathbf{v}_{\beta} \rangle^{\beta}$ $\tilde{\mathbf{v}}_{\beta} = \tilde{\mathbf{v}}_{0\beta} + \tilde{\mathbf{v}}_{2\beta}$ $\tilde{p}_{\beta} = \tilde{p}_{0\beta} + \tilde{p}_{2\beta}$

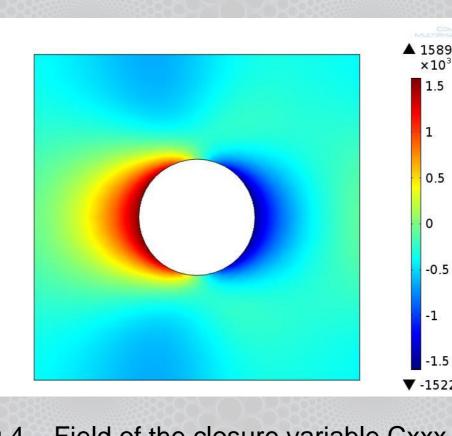
 $\tilde{\mathbf{v}}_{\beta 2} = \mu_{\beta} \chi_T \mathbf{C} : \langle \mathbf{v}_{\beta} \rangle^{\beta} \langle \mathbf{v}_{\beta} \rangle^{\beta}$ $\widetilde{p}_{\beta 2} = \mu_{\beta}^2 \chi_T \mathbf{c} : \langle \mathbf{v}_{\beta} \rangle^{\beta} \langle \mathbf{v}_{\beta} \rangle^{\beta}$ $\tilde{\rho}_{\beta 2} = \chi_T \langle \rho_\beta \rangle^\beta \, \mu_\beta \mathbf{b} \cdot \langle \mathbf{v}_\beta \rangle^\beta$

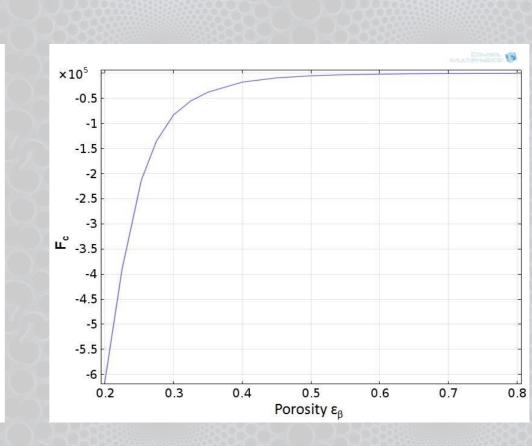
NUMERICAL RESULTS:











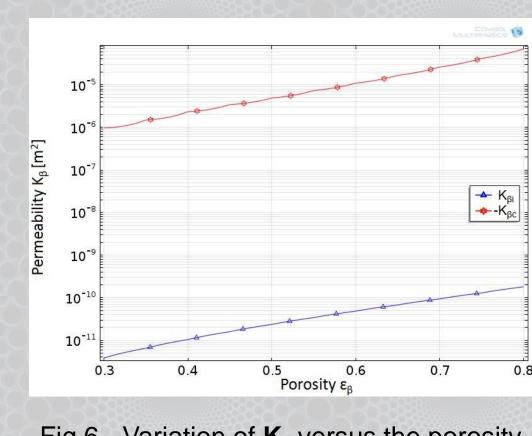


Fig 1 – Field of the closure variable bx

Fig 2 – Field of the closure variable Bxx

Fig 4 – Field of the closure variable Cxxx

Fig 5 - Variation of **Fc** versus the porosity

Fig 6 - Variation of K_{β} versus the porosity