

Onset of convection for ternary fluid mixtures saturating rotating horizontal porous layers with large pores, under the action of Brinkman law

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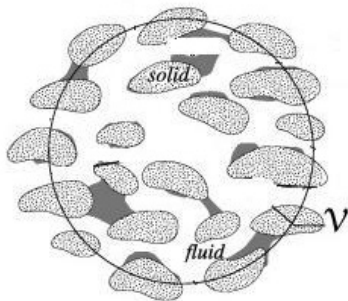
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Due to numerous applications in the real-world phenomena, convection-diffusion in fluid mixtures in porous media is a very active area of research.

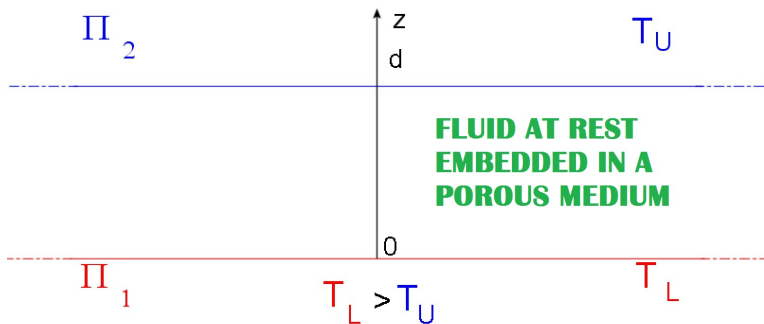
In fact, till now, many papers have been devoted either to the double diffusive-convection or to multi-component diffusive-convection since it appears in numerous physical problems such as the **spreading of pollutants, contaminant transport in saturated soil, underground disposal of nuclearwastes and food processing.**

Representative Elementary Volume of Porous Medium

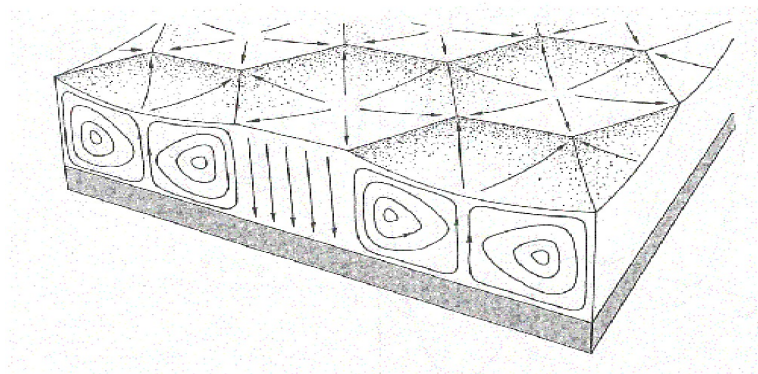


$$\phi = \frac{\text{Volume of Void Space}}{\text{Total Volume}} \quad (\text{Porosity})$$

Horton-Rogers-Lapwood Problem

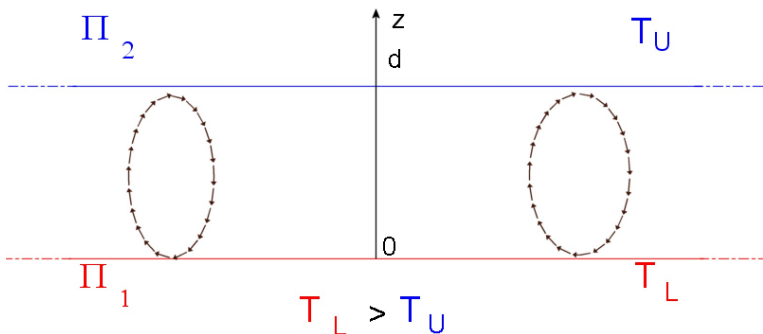


Cells Pattern Formation



....when Convective Motions arise: $R^2 > R_C^2$

$$R^2 = \frac{g\alpha\beta}{k\nu} d^4 \quad \text{Rayleigh Number}$$



Lord Rayleigh "On convective currents ... the under side" Phil. Mag **32** (1916)

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Further, since **the porous medium is assumed to have large pores**, we assume **the validity of Brinkman law**.

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$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} T(x, y, 0, t) = T_l, \quad T(x, y, d, t) = T_u, \quad T_l > T_u \\ C_i(x, y, 0, t) = C_{il}, \quad C_i(x, y, d, t) = C_{iu}, \quad i = 1, 2, \\ \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{k} = 0, \text{ on } z = 0, d \end{array} \right. \quad (2)$$

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$$\tilde{\Gamma}_n(x, y, t) = \Gamma_n^*(t) e^{i(a_x x + a_y y)} \quad (8)$$

Theorem 1

Let $(w, \theta, \gamma_1, \gamma_2) \in [L^*(\Omega)]^4$, then $\mathbf{u} = (u, v, w)$, solution of

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is given by

$$\begin{cases} u = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} u_n(x, y, z, t), & v = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} v_n(x, y, z, t) \\ w = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} w_n(x, y, z, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \tilde{w}_n(x, y, t) \sin(n\pi z), \end{cases} \quad (10)$$

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$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} u_n = \frac{1}{a^2} \frac{\partial^2 w_n}{\partial x \partial z} + \frac{\tau}{a^2(1 + D_a \xi_n)} \frac{\partial^2 w_n}{\partial y \partial z} \\ v_n = \frac{1}{a^2} \frac{\partial^2 w_n}{\partial y \partial z} - \frac{\tau}{a^2(1 + D_a \xi_n)} \frac{\partial^2 w_n}{\partial x \partial z} \\ w_n = \eta_n (R\theta_n - R_1 \gamma_{1n} - R_2 \gamma_{2n}) \end{array} \right. \quad (11)$$

$$a^2 = a_x^2 + a_y^2$$

$$\xi_n = a^2 + n^2 \pi^2$$

$$\eta_n = \frac{a^2(1 + D_a \xi_n)}{\xi_n(1 + D_a \xi_n)^2 + n^2 \pi^2 \tau^2}.$$

Remark

In view of Theorem 2, it follows that the *independent fields* of (4) are reduced to the three fields $\theta, \gamma_1, \gamma_2$.

Setting

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} a_{1n} = R^2 \eta_n - \xi_n, a_{2n} = -RR_1 \eta_n, a_{3n} = -RR_2 \eta_n \\ b_{1n} = \frac{H_1 RR_1 \eta_n}{P_1}, b_{2n} = \frac{-(H_1 R_1^2 \eta_n + \xi_n)}{P_1}, b_{3n} = \frac{-H_1 R_1 R_2 \eta_n}{P_1} \\ c_{1n} = \frac{H_2 RR_2 \eta_n}{P_2}, c_{2n} = \frac{-H_2 R_1 R_2 \eta_n}{P_2}, c_{3n} = \frac{-(H_2 R_2^2 \eta_n + \xi_n)}{P_2} \end{array} \right.$$

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the evolution system can be written as follows

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \begin{pmatrix} \theta \\ \gamma_1 \\ \gamma_2 \end{pmatrix} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{L}_n \begin{pmatrix} \theta_n \\ \gamma_{1n} \\ \gamma_{2n} \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \theta \\ \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \gamma_1 \\ \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \gamma_2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (12)$$

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where $\mathbf{u} = (u, v, w)$ is the divergence free vector determined by solving

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Uniqueness Theorem

The i.b.v. problem (12)-(13) admits a unique solution
 $(\theta, \gamma_1, \gamma_2) \in [L^*(\Omega)]^3$.

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Remark

The global nonlinear stability of the conduction solution is guaranteed if exist conditions - independent of n - guaranteeing the global nonlinear stability of the null solution of the "Auxiliary System".

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0.1	0	39.6756	$R_C^2 < 39.6756$
0.2	0	40.2641	$R_C^2 < 40.2641$
0.5	0	44.2757	$R_C^2 < 44.2757$
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0	0.1	108.573	$R_C^2 < 108.573$
0	0.5	372.722	$R_C^2 < 372.722$
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0	0	$4\pi^2$	$R_C^2 < 4\pi^2 = 39.4384$
0.1	0.1	74.1243	$R_C^2 < 74.1243$
0.2	0.5	206.493	$R_C^2 < 206.493$
0.3	1	371.462	$R_C^2 < 371.462$

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Let

$$1 < \tau < 1 + D_a \pi^2. \quad (31)$$

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$$R^2 + R_1^2 + R_2^2 < \max \{ A_\tau^*; A_{D_a^*}^* \} \quad (32)$$

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τ	D_a	D_a^*	$\frac{A_\tau^* + A_{D_a^*}^*}{2}$	$R_C^2 < \frac{A_\tau^* + A_{D_a^*}^*}{2}$
1.1	0.02	0.0101321	54.0569	$R_C^2 < 54.0569$
1.2	0.1	0.0202642	59.5725	$R_C^2 < 59.5725$
1.5	0.5	0.0506606	76.4521	$R_C^2 < 76.4521$
2	3	0.101321	106.406	$R_C^2 < 106.406$
2.1	3.5	0.111453	112.695	$R_C^2 < 112.695$
2.5	4	0.151982	138.863	$R_C^2 < 138.863$
3	5	0.202642	173.841	$R_C^2 < 173.841$
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Theorem 8

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