

Influence of depth-dependent Brinkman viscosity on the onset of convection in ternary porous layers

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Abstract

In the Darcy-Boussinesq-Brinkman scheme, the onset of convection in a porous horizontal layer L with depth-dependent permeability and viscosities, is investigated. The linear instability is studied and the global nonlinear stability is investigated via the Auxiliary System Method. By looking for symmetries and skew-symmetries hidden in the Darcy-Boussinesq-Brinkman model, a condition, in closed form, guaranteeing the global nonlinear stability, is furnished. Applications to the earth's mantle and to artificial porous materials are furnished.

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