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Introduction

- ✓ Key parameters for heat transfer conditions,
- ✓ Heat transfer mechanistic model.



Description of CFB facility (large scale)

- ✓ Arrangement of heating surfaces,
- ✓ Data of water membrane walls,
- ✓ Measuring ports of furnace data,
- ✓ Experimental conditions for all tests.



Results

- ✓ Temperature distribution vs furnace height,
- ✓ Solid suspension density profiles,
- ✓ Heat transfer coefficient distributions,
- ✓ Contribution of heat transfer mechanisms.



Conclusions

Heat transfer behaviour inside furnace chamber can be depended on upon following parameters:

- **particle size distribution** of granular materials (i.e. fuel, sorbent, make-up sand),
- **suspension density,**
- **bed voidage,**
- **solid circulation rate,**
- **air staging,**
- **carbon dioxide concentration,**
- **circulation rate of bed material** between combustion chamber and return system,
- **fuel moisture content and heating value.**

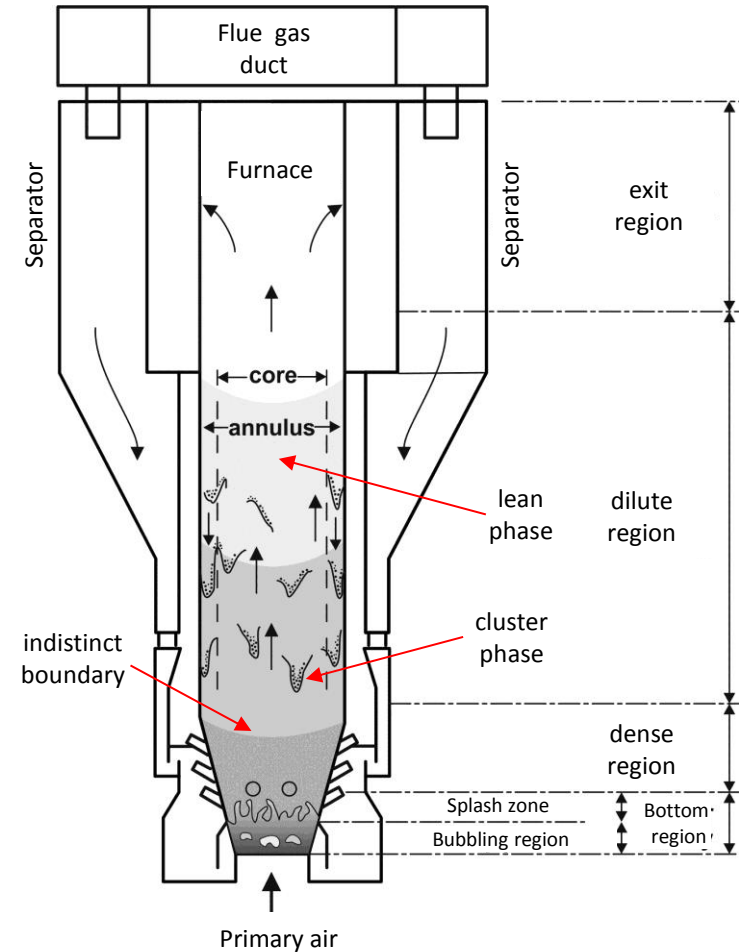


Fig. 1. Core annulus structure of CFB.

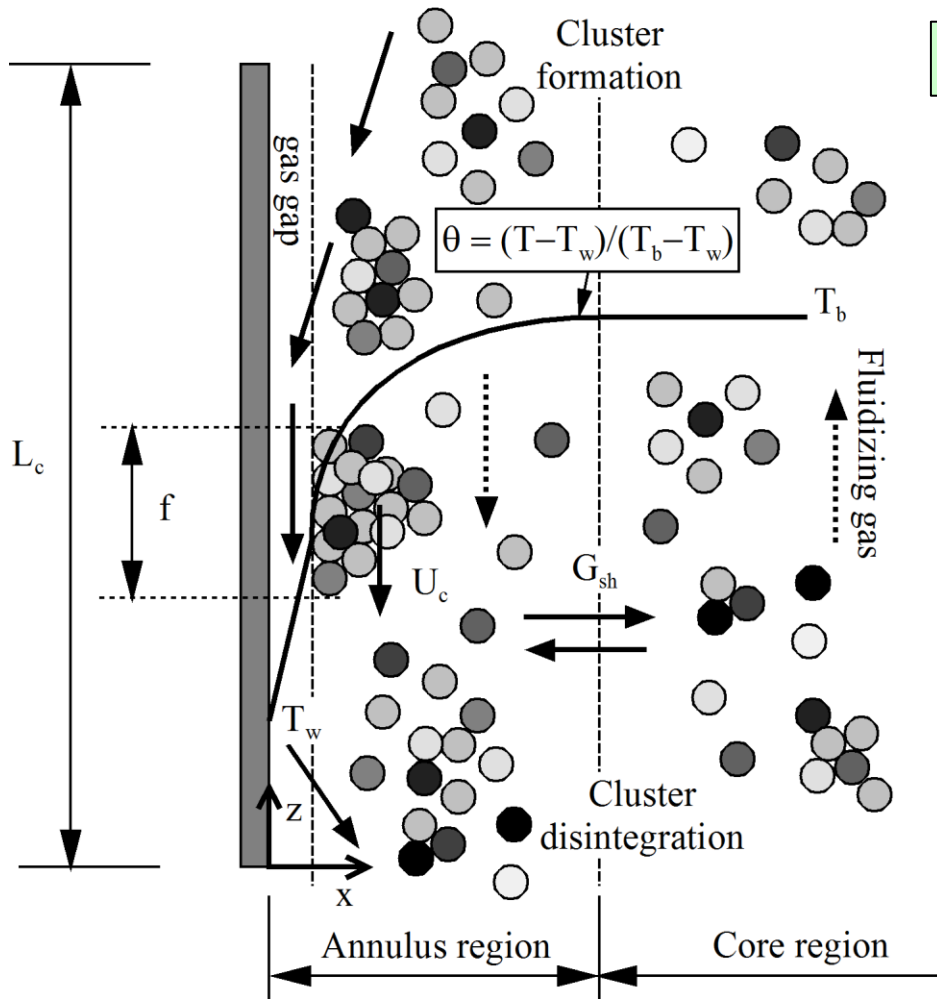


Fig. 2. Single cluster forms in the vicinity of the membrane wall inside CFB furnace [1, 2, 3].

$$h = h_{conv} + h_{rad} = fh_p + (1-f)h_g + fh_{rc} + (1-f)h_{rd}$$

$$f = 1 - \exp\left(-4300(1-\varepsilon)^{1.39} \{D_h/H\}^{0.22}\right)$$

Convection components h_{conv}

$$h_p = \frac{1}{\left(\frac{\pi c_c}{4k_c \rho_c c_c}\right)^{0.5} + \frac{d_p \delta}{k_g}}$$

$$h_g = \frac{k_g c_p}{d_p c_g} \cdot \left(\frac{\rho_d}{\rho_p}\right)^{0.3} \cdot \left(\frac{U_t^2}{gd_p}\right)^{0.21} \cdot Pr$$

$$\rho_d = \rho_p Y + \rho_g (1-Y)$$

$$\delta = 0.0282 d_p (1-\varepsilon)^{-0.59}$$

$$t_c = \frac{L_c}{U_c} = \frac{0.0178 \rho_b^{0.596}}{0.75 \cdot (\rho_p g d_p / \rho_g)^{0.5}}$$

$$\theta = \frac{T - T_w}{T_b - T_w} = 1 - \left[-0.023 Re_p + 0.094 \left(\frac{T_b}{T_w}\right) + 0.294 \left(\frac{z}{H}\right) \right] \cdot \exp\left[-0.0054 \left(\frac{x}{d_p}\right) \right]$$

Radiation components h_{rad}

$$h_{rc} = \frac{\sigma \cdot (T_c^4 - T_w^4)}{(1/e_c + 1/e_w - 1) \cdot (T_c - T_w)}$$

$$h_{rd} = \frac{\sigma \cdot (T_b^4 - T_w^4)}{(1/e_d + 1/e_w - 1) \cdot (T_b - T_w)}$$

$$e_c = 0.5(1 + e_p) \quad e_d = \left[\frac{e_p}{(1-e_p)^{0.5}} \left(\frac{e_p}{(1-e_p)^{0.5}} + 2 \right) \right]^{0.5} - \frac{e_p}{(1-e_p)^{0.5}}$$

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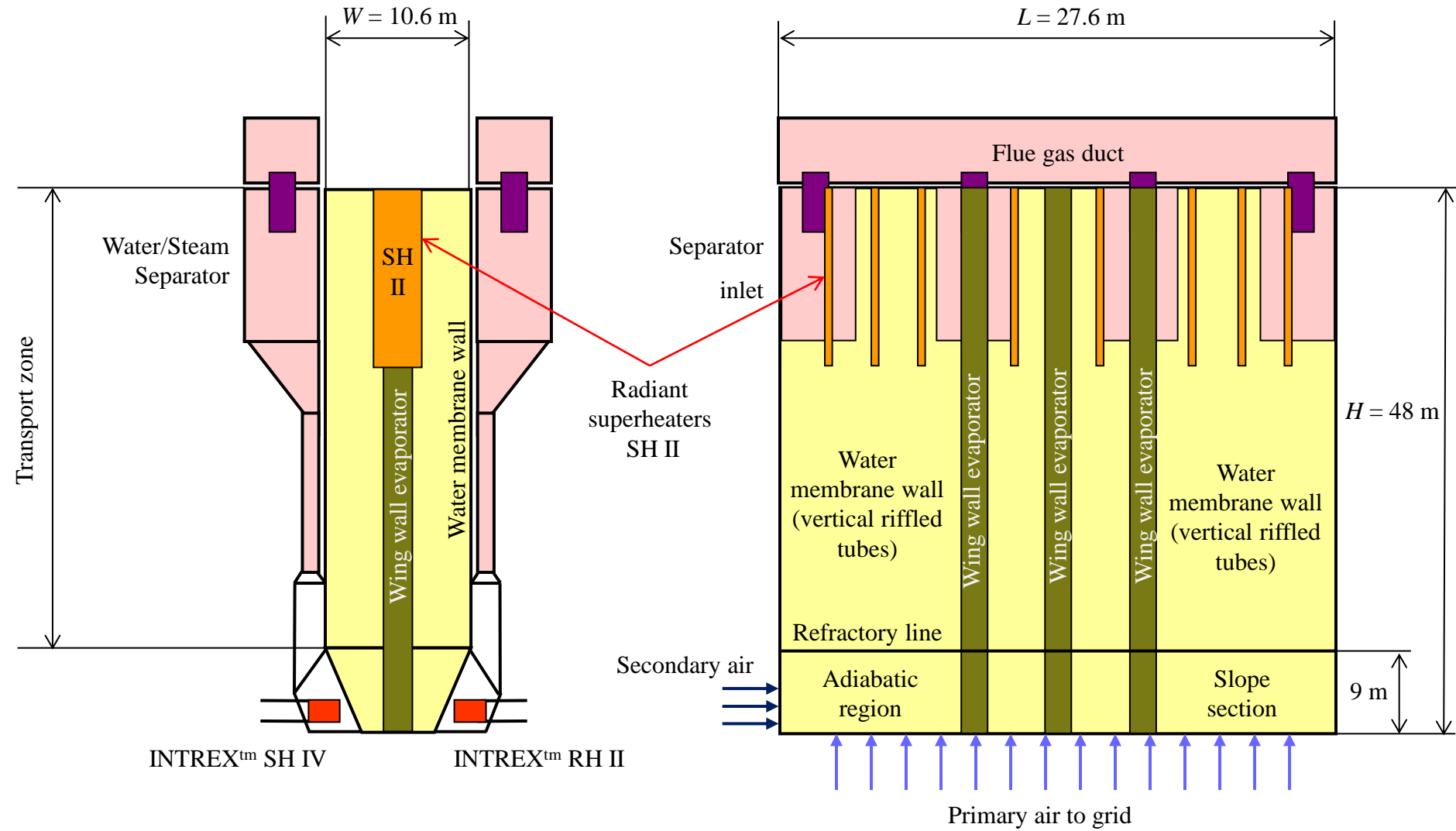


Fig. 3. Arrangement of heating surfaces in circulating fluidized bed boiler with steam capacity 1296t/h [4].

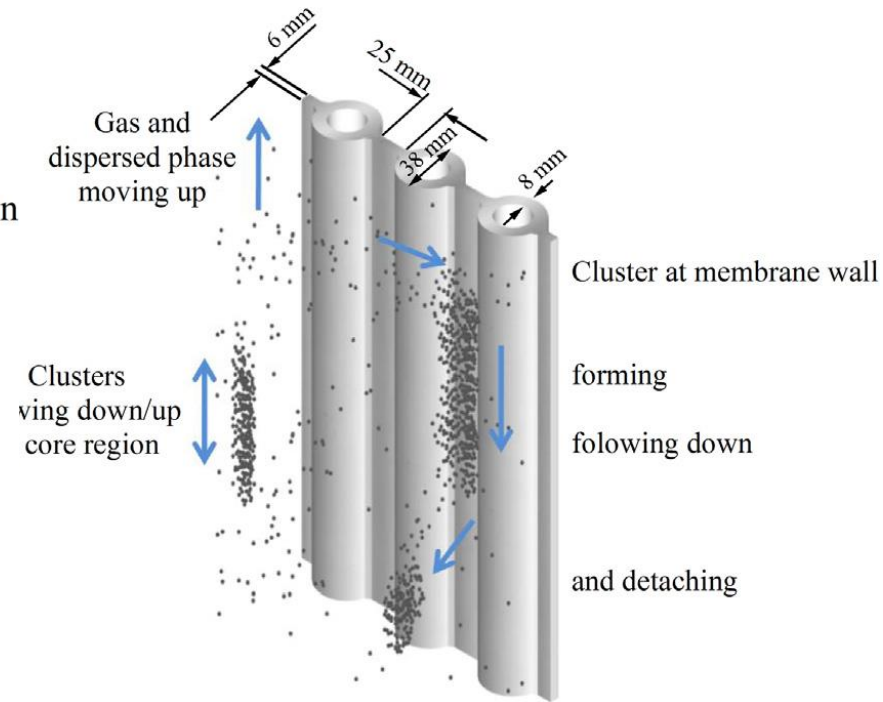
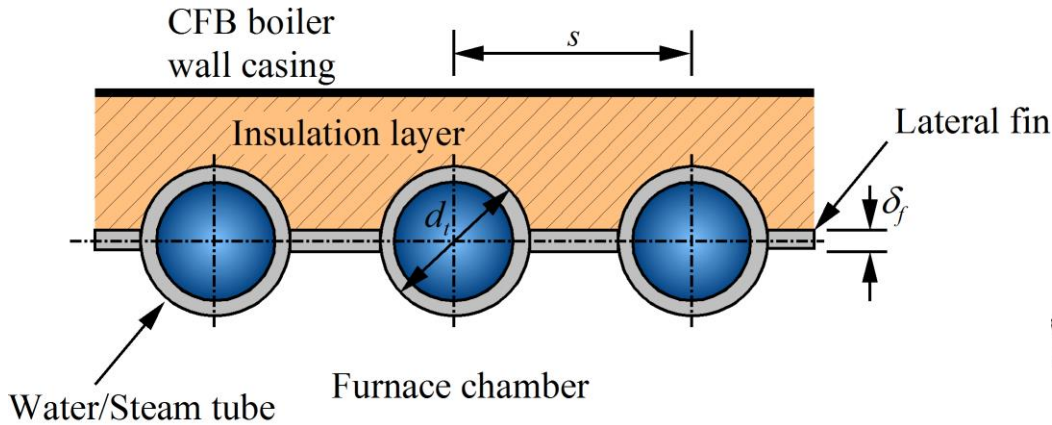


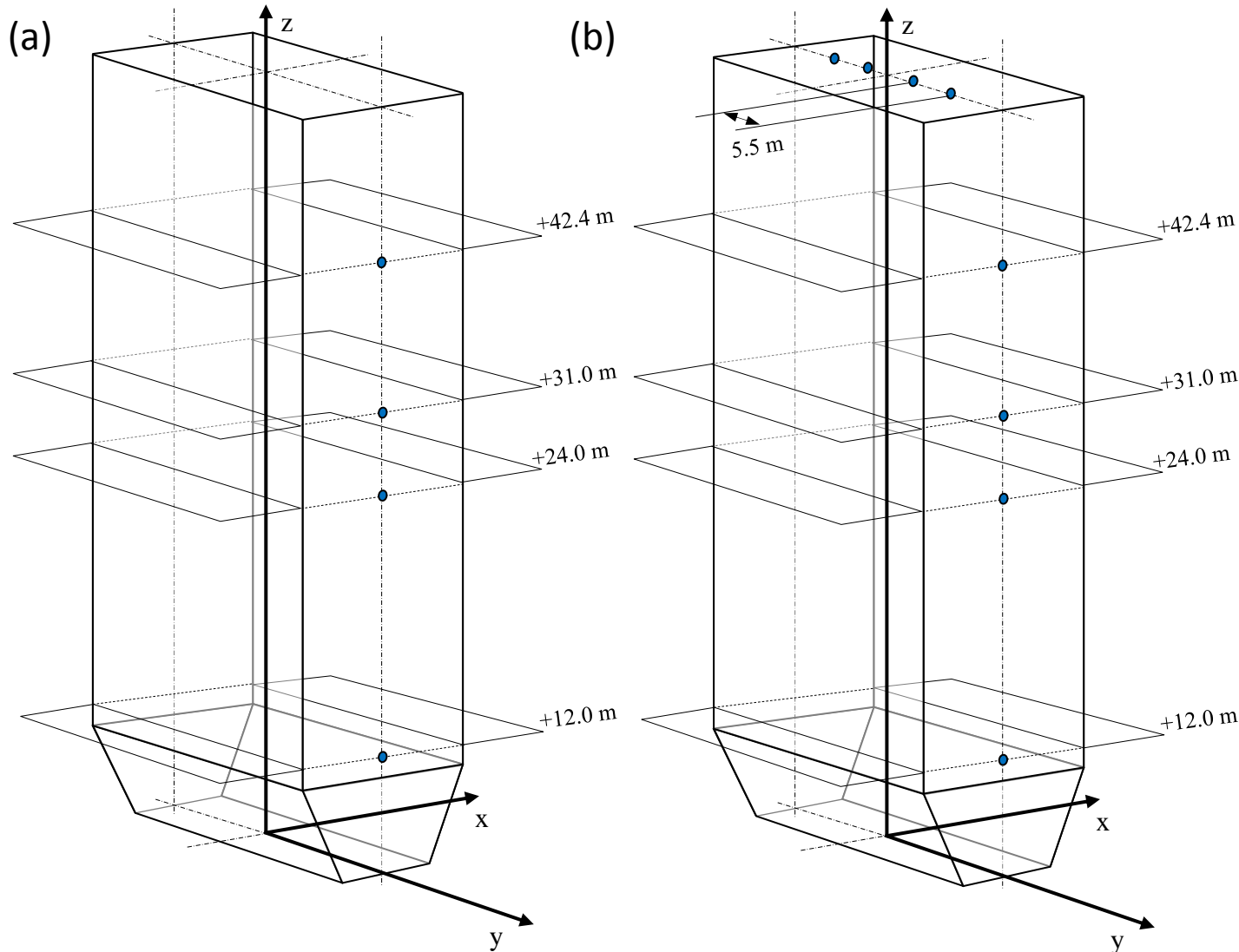
Fig. 4. Horizontal cross section of the membrane wall of CFB boiler [2].

Table 1. Membrane structure for water walls.

Parameter	Symbol	Unit	Value
Tube outside diameter	d_t	mm	38
Tube pitch	s	mm	63
Lateral fin thickness	δ_f	mm	6
Ratio	ξ	-	1.24

The ratio of the contracted area to the projection area $\xi = 1.24$

$$\xi = 1 + \frac{\left[\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - 1 \right) d_t - \delta_f \right]}{s}$$



Bed temperature – classical bare thermocouples with weights made of metal with high density and resistant to high furnace temperature.

Gas temperature – the shielded thermocouples with insulated junction. The outside of the shield was polished. This eliminated the reflection of the membrane wall radiation.

Wall temperature – thermocouples at the front wall CFB furnace were imbedded in the water membrane wall with the front end flush with the fin.

Fig. 5. Arrangement of the measuring points inside furnace chamber of 1296t/h CFB reactor: (a) pressure taps, (b) temperature ports.

EXPERIMENTAL CONDITIONS

Table 2. Experimental conditions.

Parameter	Unit	Overall range
Superficial gas velocity, U_o	m/s	2.99-5.11
Terminal velocity, U_t	m/s	1.99-2.91
Minimum fluidization velocity, U_{mf}	m/s	0.0164-0.0544
Solids circulation rate, G_s	kg/(m ² s)	23.3-26.2
Sauter mean particle diameter, d_p	mm	0.219-0.411
Suspension density, ρ_b	kg/m ³	1.36-6.22
Bed temperature, T_b	K	1037-1209
Wall temperature, T_w	K	700-902
Pressure drop, Δp	kPa	8.23-8.44

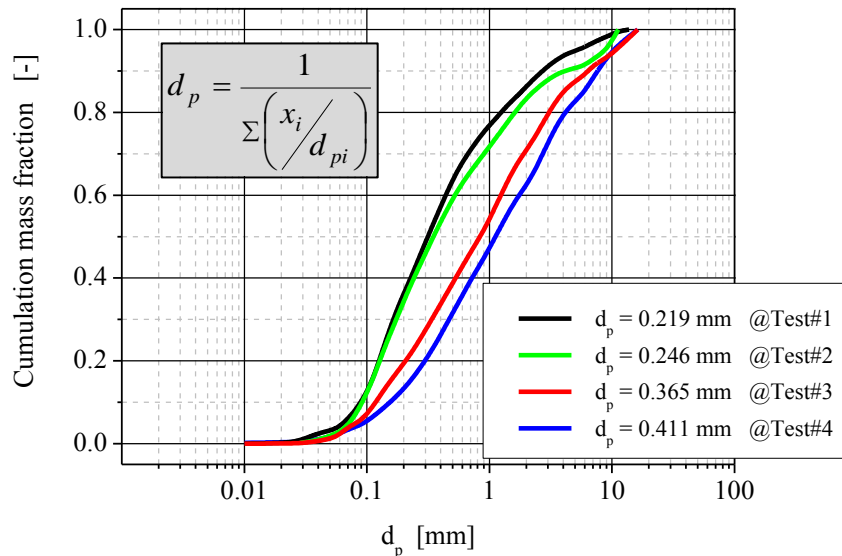


Fig. 6. Particle size distribution of bed material during performance tests.

Table 3. Accuracies of measured parameters.

Parameters	Accuracy
Thermocouple sensor	$\pm 9^\circ\text{C}$
Temperature transmitter	$\pm 0.1^\circ\text{C}$
Pressure sensor	$\pm 2.5\text{Pa}$
Stopwatch	$\pm 0.2\text{s}$

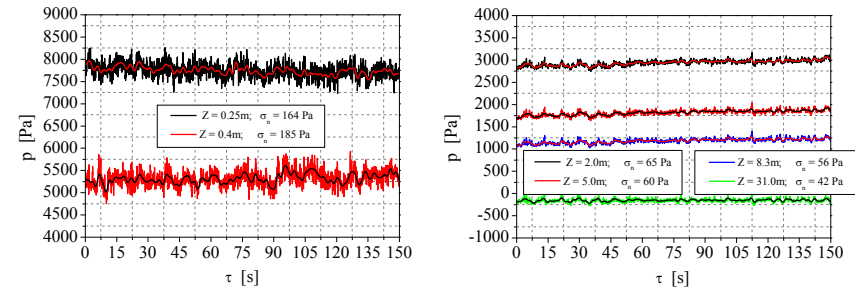


Table 4. Fuel characteristic.

Ultimate analysis (air dried basis)	Unit	Overall range
C^{ad} , carbon	wt.%	52.32-57.09
H^{ad} , hydrogen	wt.%	4.02-4.41
O^{ad} , oxygen	wt.%	6.09-6.98
N^{ad} , nitrogen	wt.%	0.73-0.85
S^{ad} , sulphur	wt.%	0.87-1.17
Proximate analysis (as-received)		
Q^{ar} , caloric value	MJ/kg	19.91-22.91
V^{ar} , volatile matter	wt.%	24.48-29.65
A^{ar} , ash	wt.%	11.12-20.11
M^{ar} , total moisture	wt.%	13.01-19.97

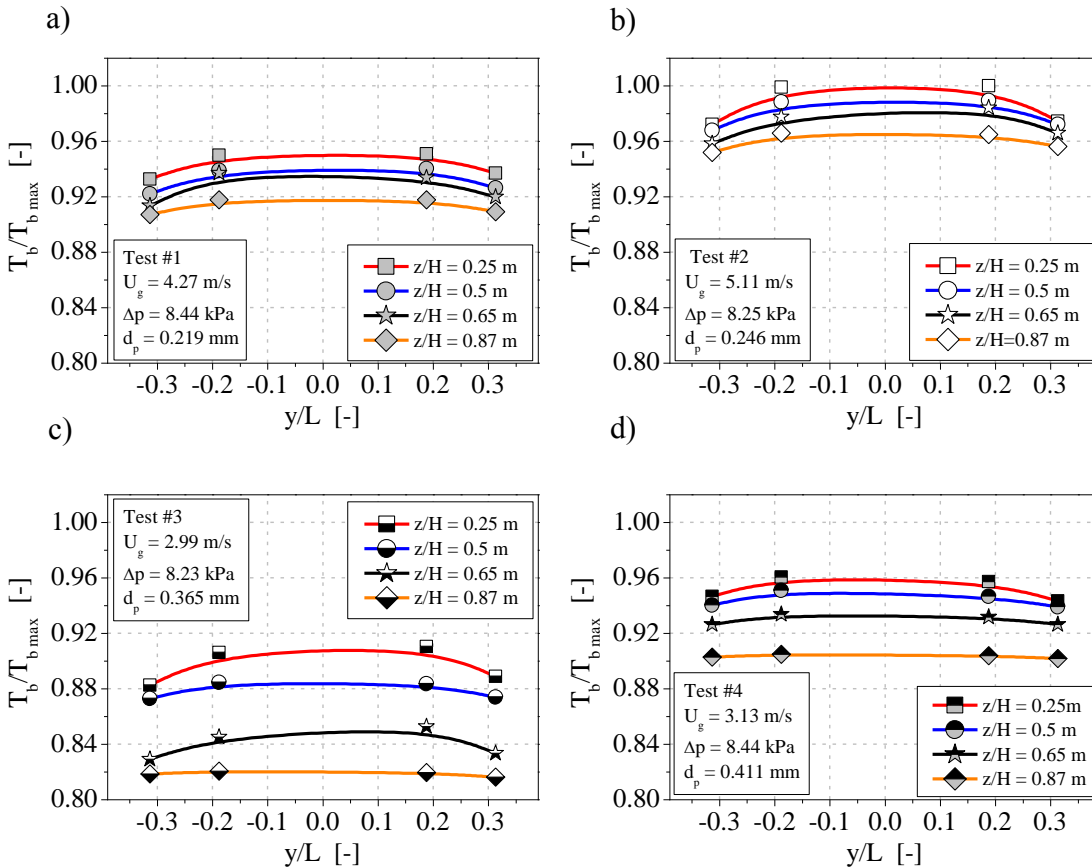


Fig. 7. Lateral temperature profiles inside furnace chamber of CFB boiler.

Table 5. Error analysis of bed temperature. (average value for each test)

Test No	Statistical parameter	
	SD	\bar{x}
Test #1 @ $d_p=0.219\text{mm}$	$\pm 8.2\text{K}$	867K
Test #2 @ $d_p=0.246\text{mm}$	$\pm 10.4\text{K}$	911K
Test #3 @ $d_p=0.365\text{mm}$	$\pm 7.5\text{K}$	804K
Test #4 @ $d_p=0.411\text{mm}$	$\pm 4.4\text{K}$	872K

Standard deviation SD

$$SD = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^N (x_i - \bar{x})^2}{(N-1)}}$$

$$\bar{x} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N x_i$$

Transport zone @ $z/H = 0.25-0.87$

Suspension density, ρ_b

$$\rho_b = 9.81^{-1} (p_i - p_{i+1}) \cdot (H_i - H_{i+1})^{-1}$$

Transport zone @ $z/H = 0.25-0.87$

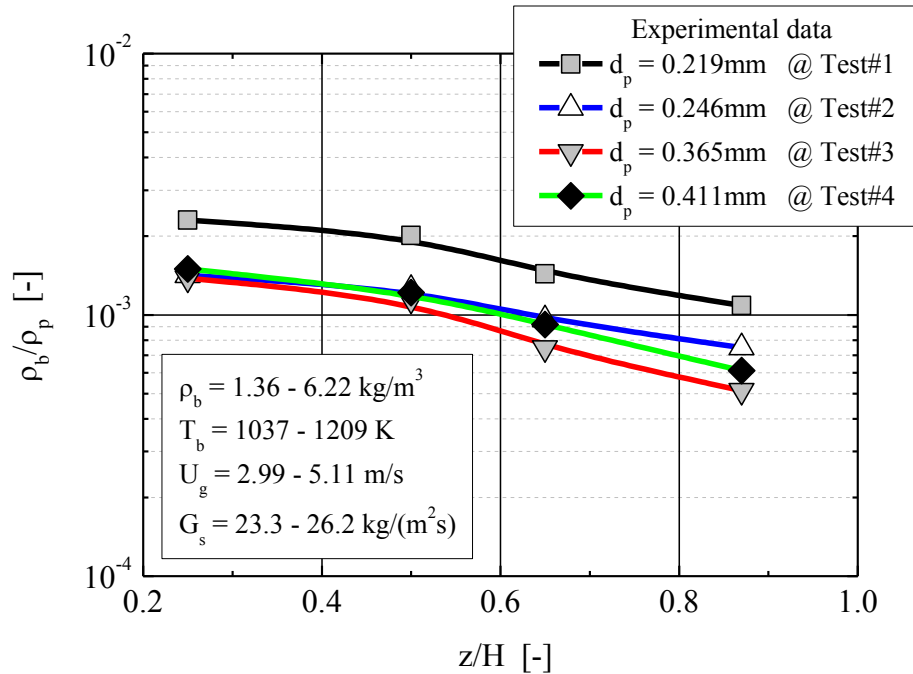


Fig. 8. Solids suspension density profiles inside furnace chamber of CFB boiler.

The root-sum-square approach (RSS)

$$\Delta x = \pm \left[\left(\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1} \right) \Delta x_1 \right)^2 + \left(\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_2} \right) \Delta x_2 \right)^2 + \dots + \left(\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i} \right) \Delta x_i \right)^2 \right]^{1/2}$$

Table 6. Error analysis of the suspension density. (average value for each test)

Test No	Root-Sum-Square approach
	$\Delta \rho_b$ [kg/m ³]
Test #1 @ $d_p=0.219\text{mm}$	± 0.41
Test #2 @ $d_p=0.246\text{mm}$	± 0.21
Test #3 @ $d_p=0.365\text{mm}$	± 0.22
Test #4 @ $d_p=0.411\text{mm}$	± 0.30

RESULTS

Table 7. Relative uncertainty of the bed-to-wall heat transfer data. (average value for each test)

Test No	Relative uncertainty
	Δh [%]
Test #1 @ $d_p=0.219\text{mm}$	± 18.7
Test #2 @ $d_p=0.246\text{mm}$	± 15.8
Test #3 @ $d_p=0.365\text{mm}$	± 11.5
Test #4 @ $d_p=0.411\text{mm}$	± 8

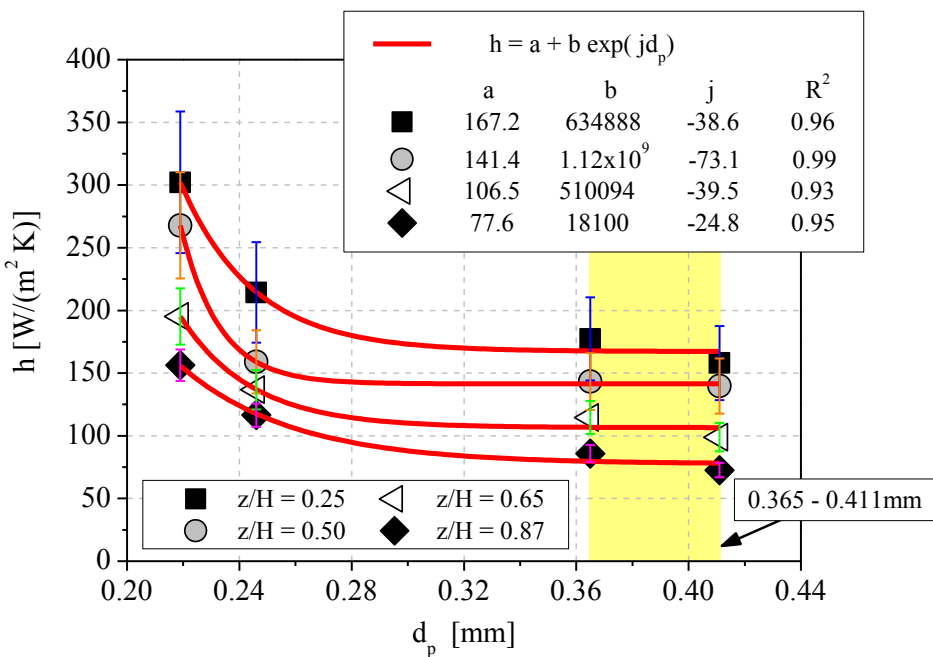


Fig. 9. Local heat transfer coefficient as a function of mean particle sizes.

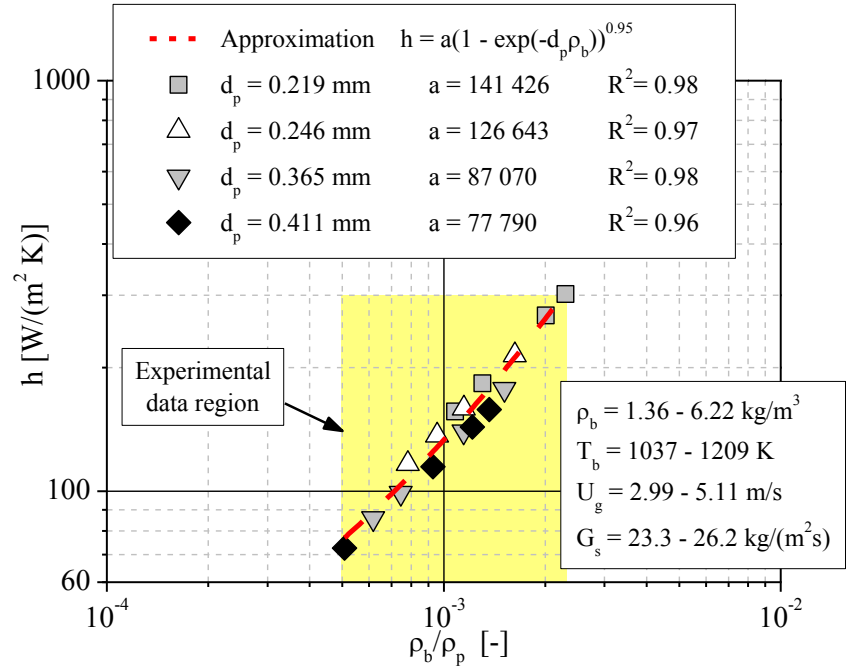


Fig. 10. Variation of bed-to-wall heat transfer coefficient versus suspension density.

h_{rd}/h **0.20% – 41%**
 h_p/h **26% – 82%**
 h_{rc}/h **16% – 17%**
 h_g/h **0.1% – 16%**

h_{rd}/h **13% – 46%**
 h_p/h **19% – 58%**
 h_{rc}/h **11% – 18%**
 h_g/h **8% – 22%**

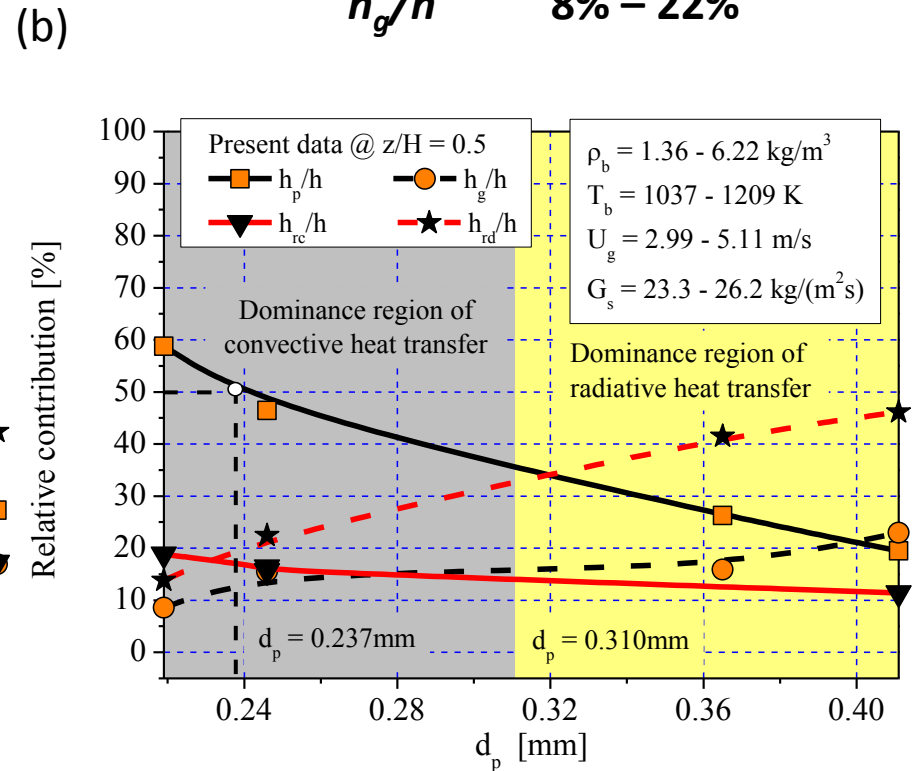
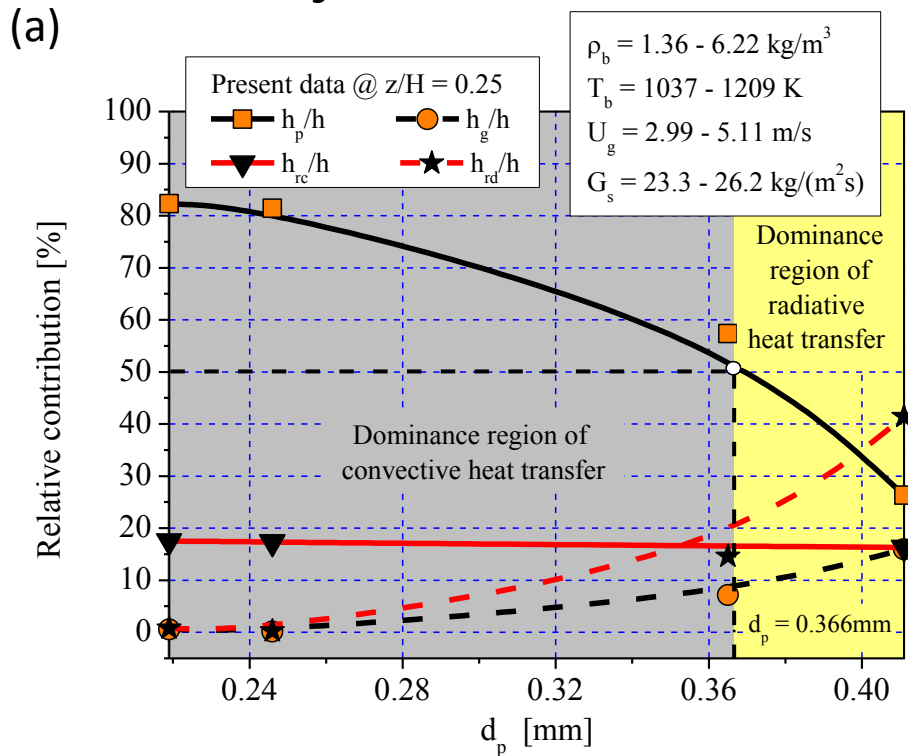


Fig. 11. Contribution of heat transfer mechanisms as a function of bed particle size inside furnace chamber: (a) at $z/H=0.25$, (b) at $z/H=0.5$.

h_{rd}/h **35% – 56%**
 h_p/h **8% – 29%**
 h_{rc}/h **6% – 12%**
 h_g/h **22% – 31%**

h_{rd}/h **42% – 59%**
 h_p/h **5% – 20%**
 h_{rc}/h **4% – 10%**
 h_g/h **25% – 35%**

(a)

(b)

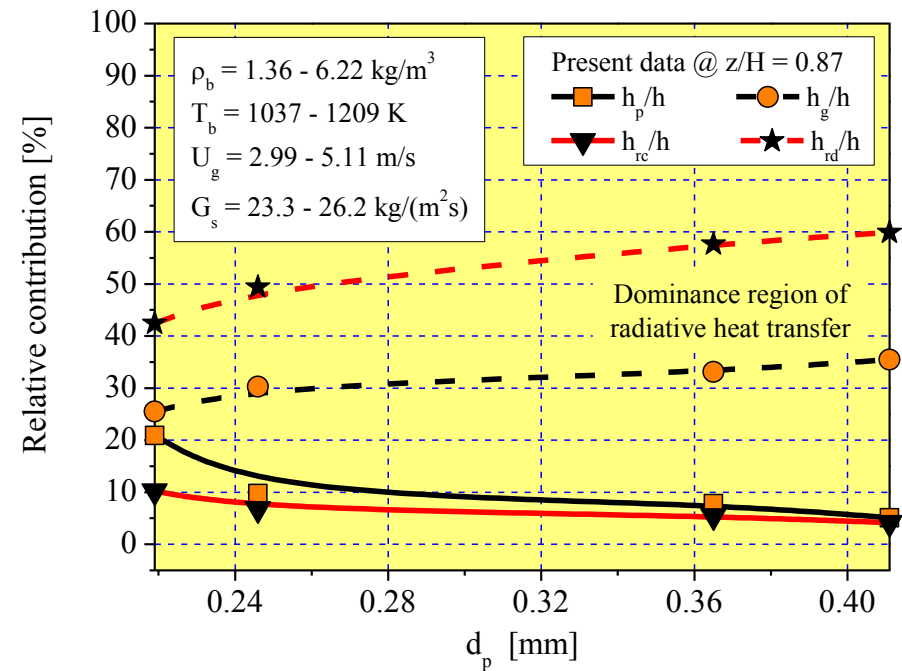
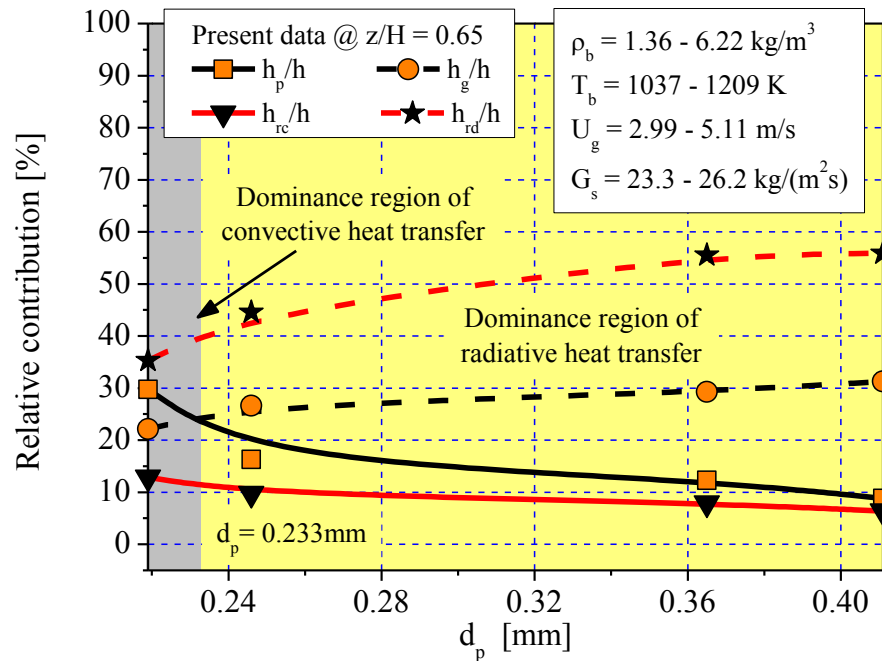









Fig. 12. Contribution of heat transfer mechanisms as a function of bed particle size inside furnace chamber: (a) at $z/H=0.65$, (b) at $z/H=0.87$.

The computational results exhibit that:

-  For the same non-dimensional distance from the grid, the smaller bed particles result in higher bed-to-wall heat transfer coefficient than larger ones. For $d_p < 0.241\text{mm}$ particles, the heat transfer coefficient increased rapidly;
-  For particles tested, $0.365 < d_p < 0.411\text{mm}$, the impact of particle diameter on local heat transfer coefficient is not important;
-  The overall heat transfer coefficient is strongly dependent on particle diameter and suspension density at vertical rifled tubes,
-  The bed-to-wall heat transfer coefficient increases with the decrease of bed particle size,

-  The contribution of radiation from dispersed phase in bed-to-wall heat transfer coefficient increased with the increase in bed particle size, especially for coarse bed particles with diameter $d_p > 0.365\text{mm}$
-  With increase in bed particle diameter, cluster radiation component in the heat transfer mechanism gradually decreases along the furnace height,
-  For all particle tested, $0.240 < d_p < 0.411\text{mm}$, the bed particle diameter had an essential impact on gas convection heat transfer and cannot be ignored,



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