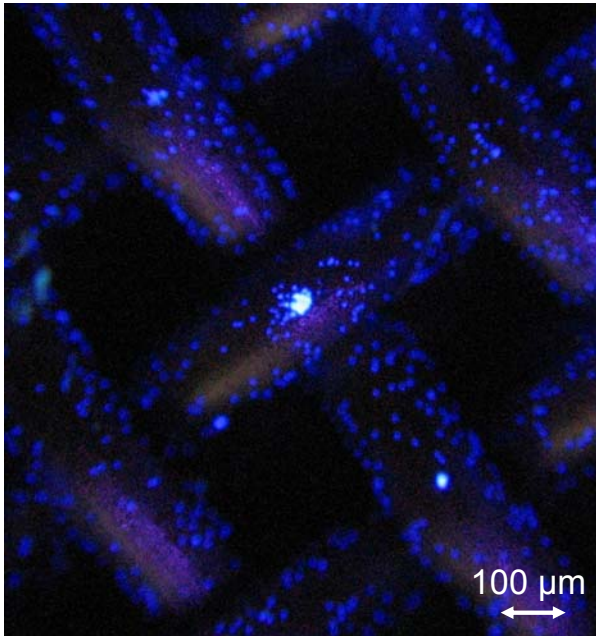


***DIMENSIONLESS ANALYZIS OF THE
CLEANABILITY OF WOVEN FILTER MEDIA
USED IN INVERTING FILTER CENTRIFUGES***

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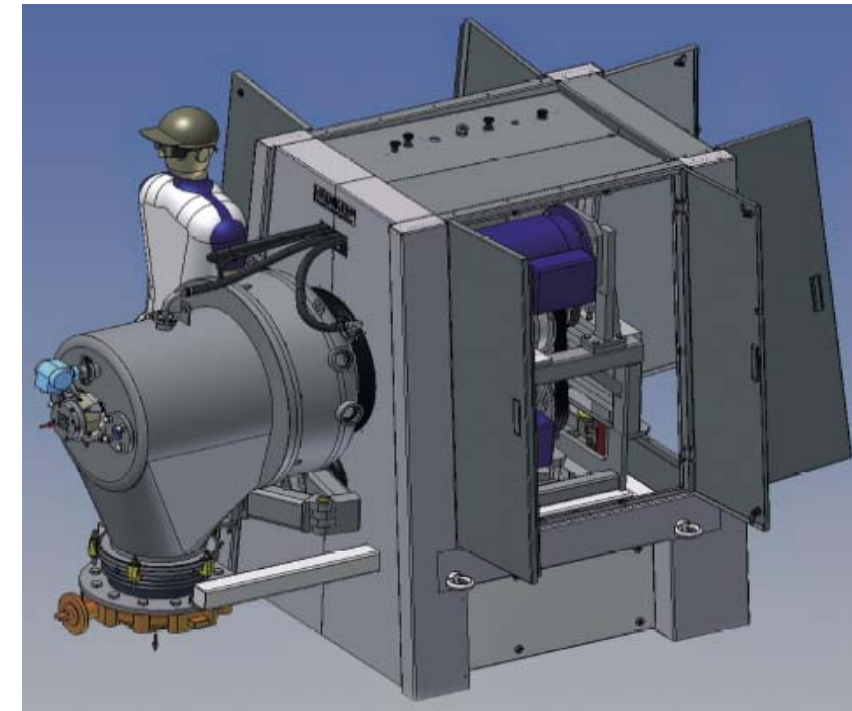
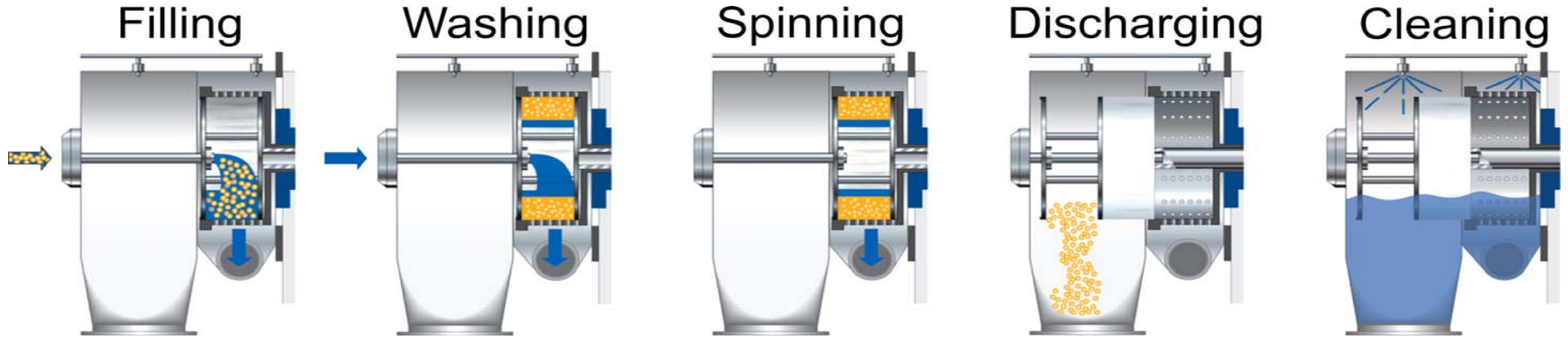
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- Main issue and approach
- Characterization of the filter media (pore size distribution)
- Cleaning of insoluble impurities
 - Determination of the adhesion force (between filter media & particle)
 - Determination of the pressure drop
 - Determination of the friction force
- Cleaning of soluble impurities
 - Determination of the diffusion coefficient D → Schmidt-number
 - Determination of the mass transfer coefficient β → Sherwood-number
 - Validation with the theoretic model for the mass transfer
- Conclusion and Perspectives



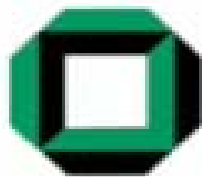
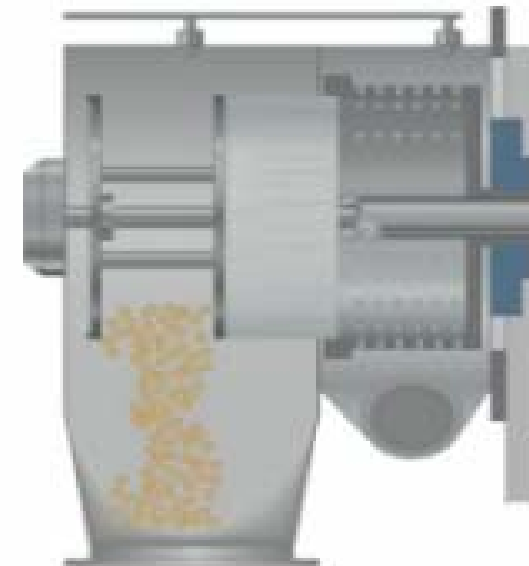
THE INVERTING FILTER CENTRIFUGE



Inverting Filter Centrifuge HF 300

Discharging

Limstone Eskal 150
Cake Height: 65mm
Residual Moisture: 2.1%
Speed: 600rpm

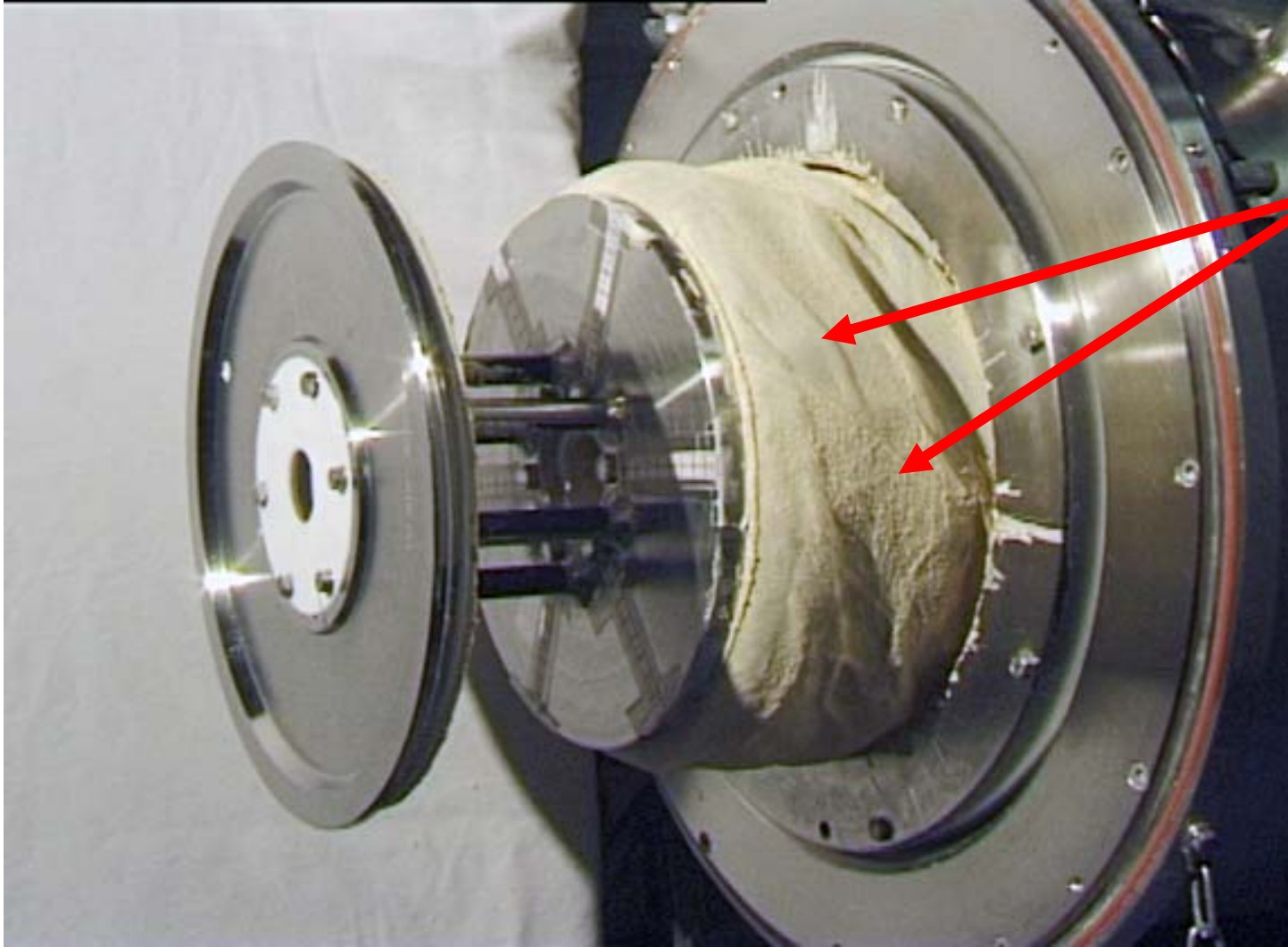


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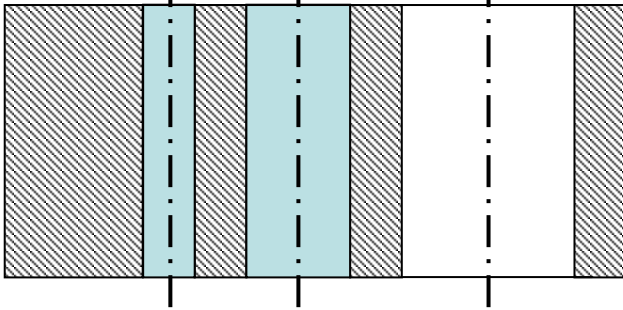
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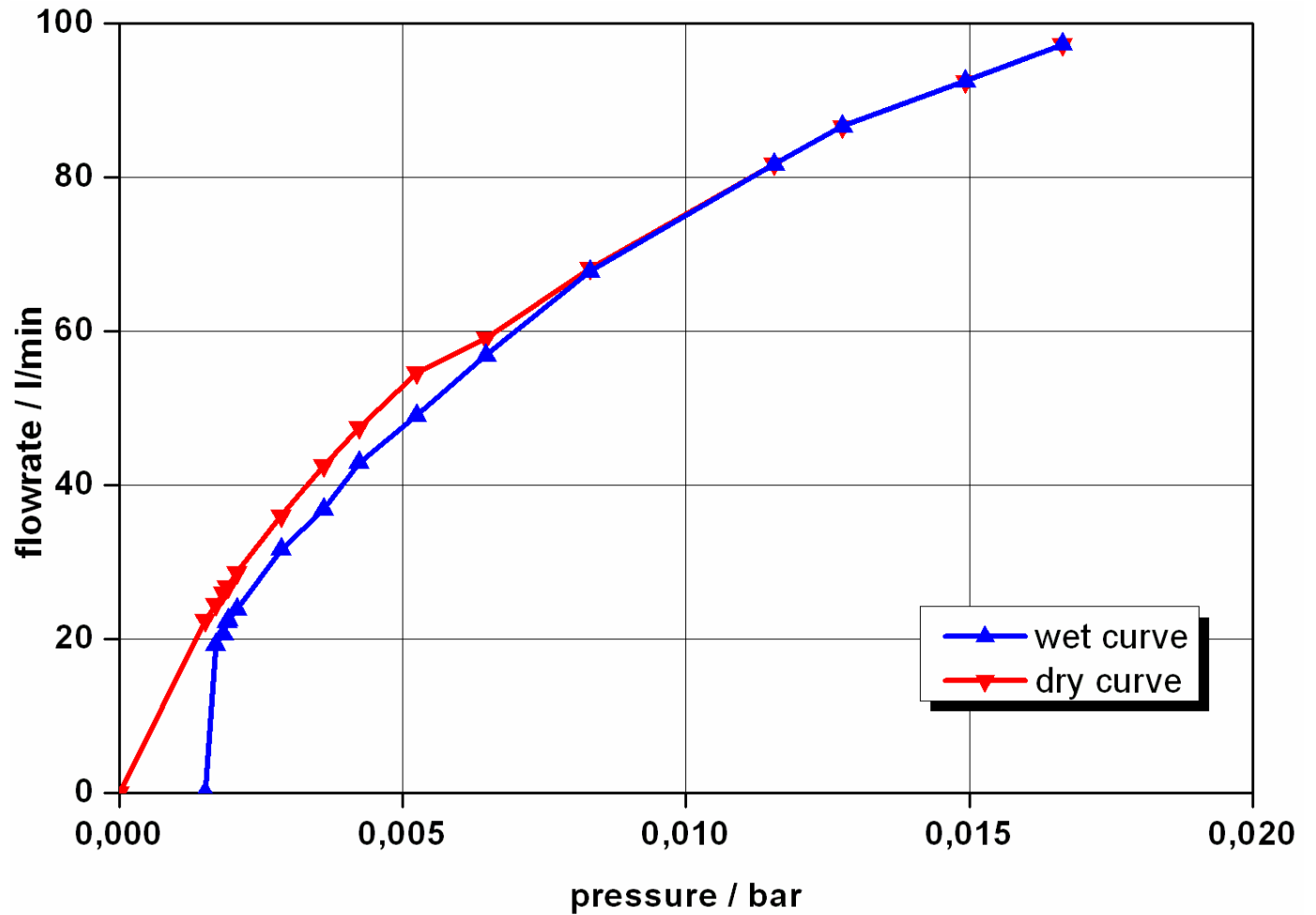
Residues on the filter media

The state after dislodging
is the base for
the CIP-procedure

Bubble Point



The pressure where the largest pore is free of liquid is called bubble point.

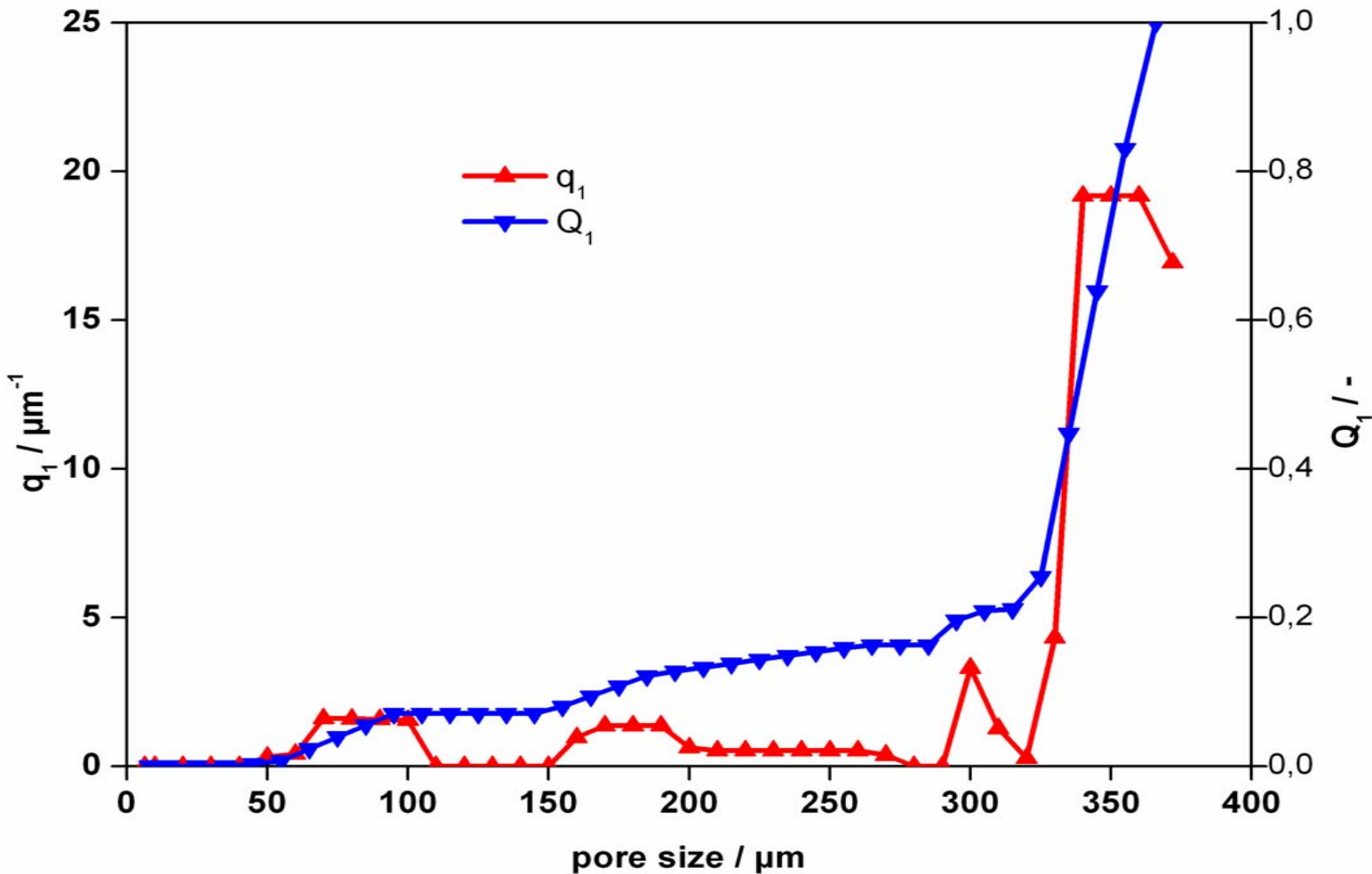
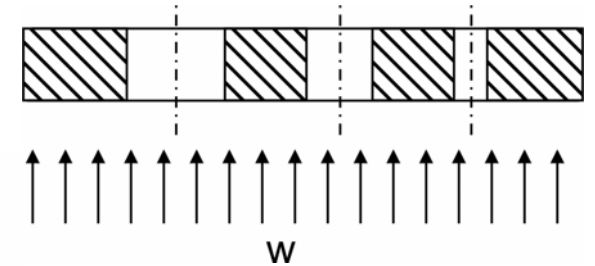




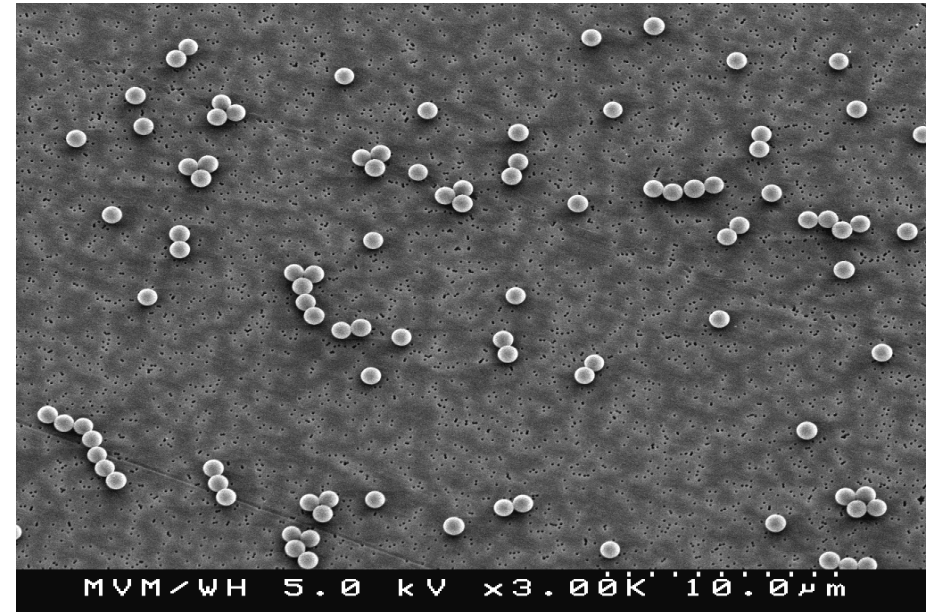
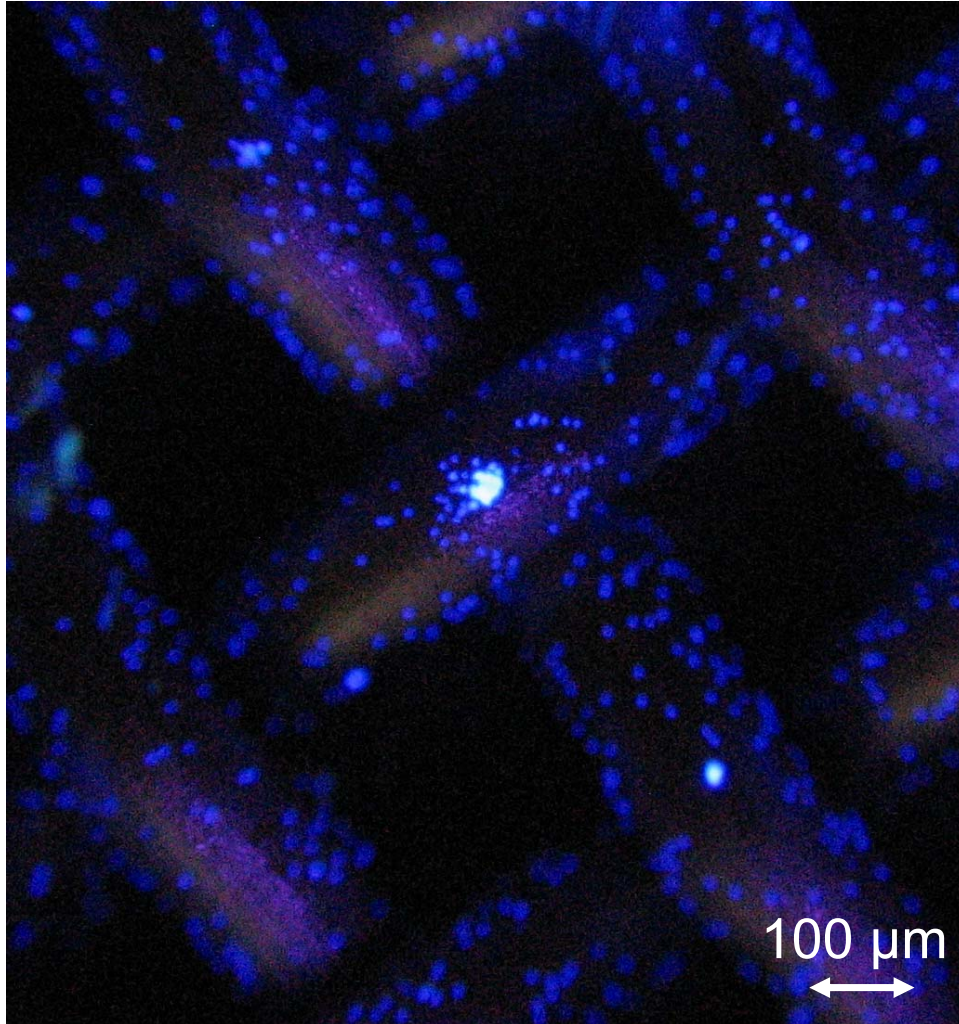
PORE SIZE DISTRIBUTION

Laplace-equation
$$p_k = \frac{2\gamma_l \cos \delta}{r}$$

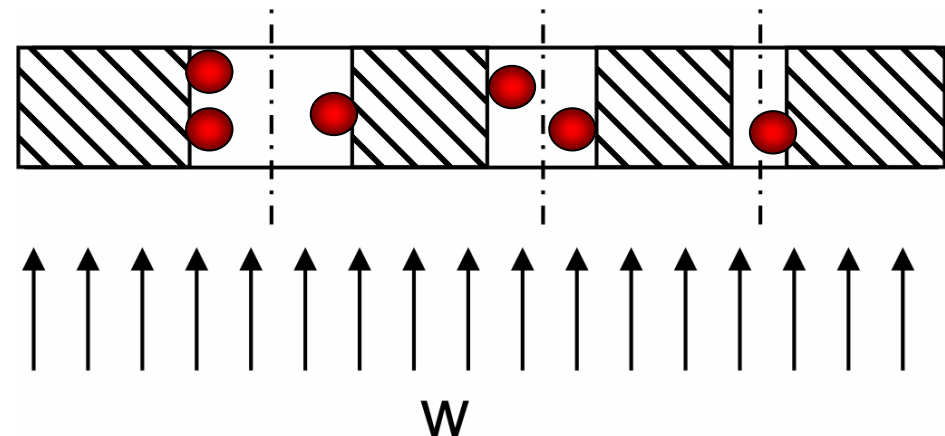
cylindrical capillaries



Porometer PMI

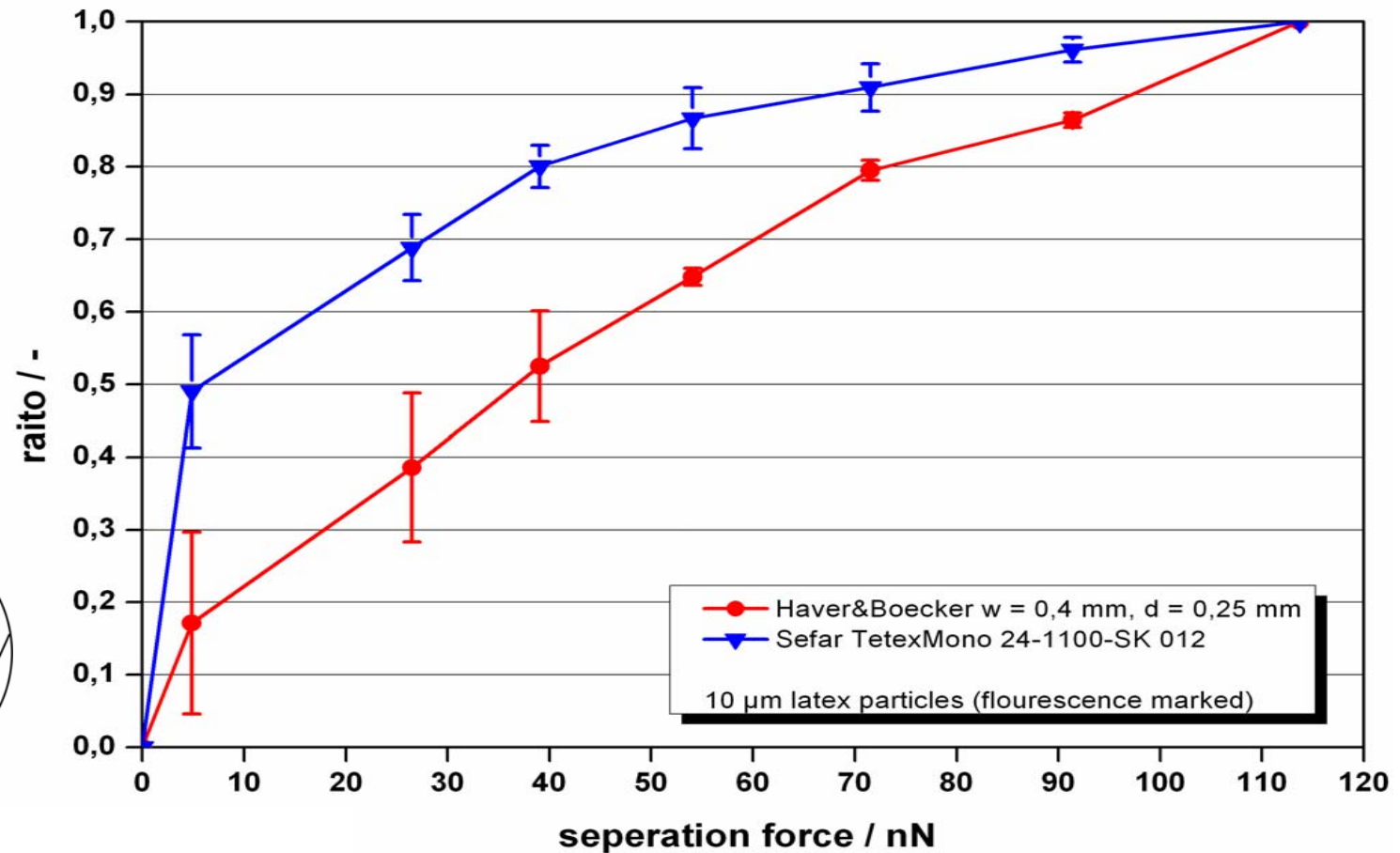
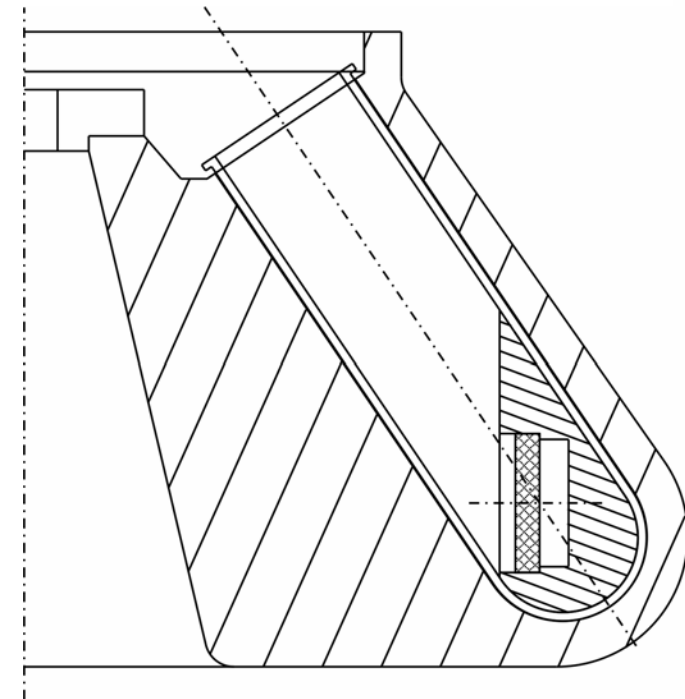
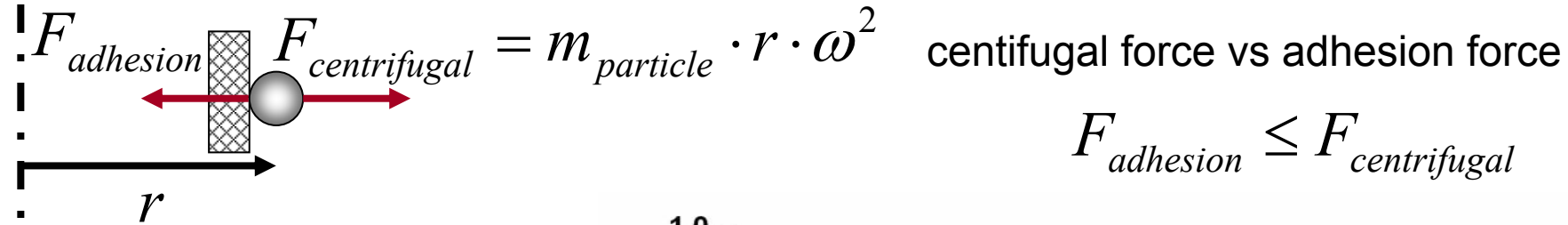


SEM – image of the used latex particles





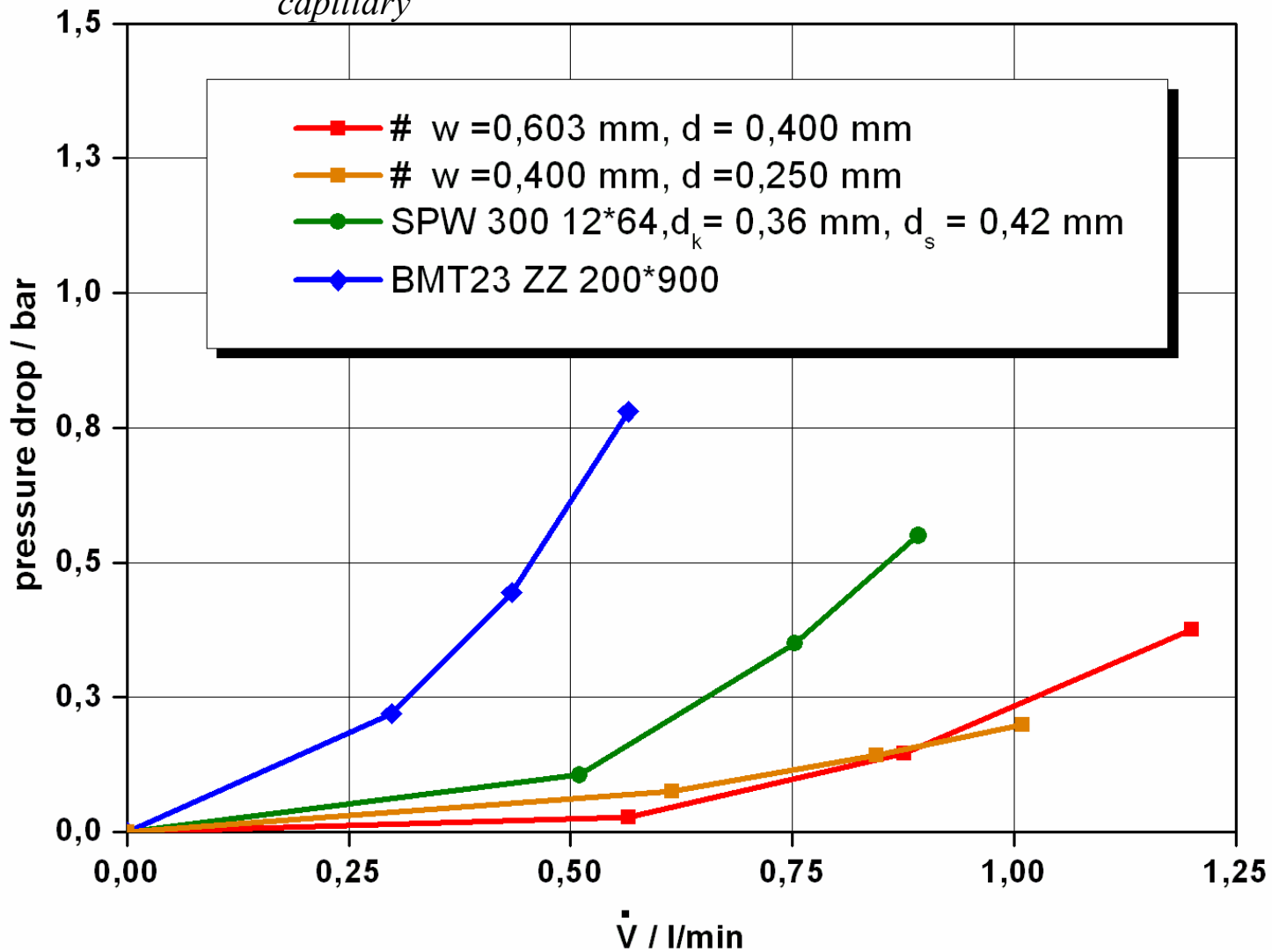
DETERMINATION OF F_{adhesion}



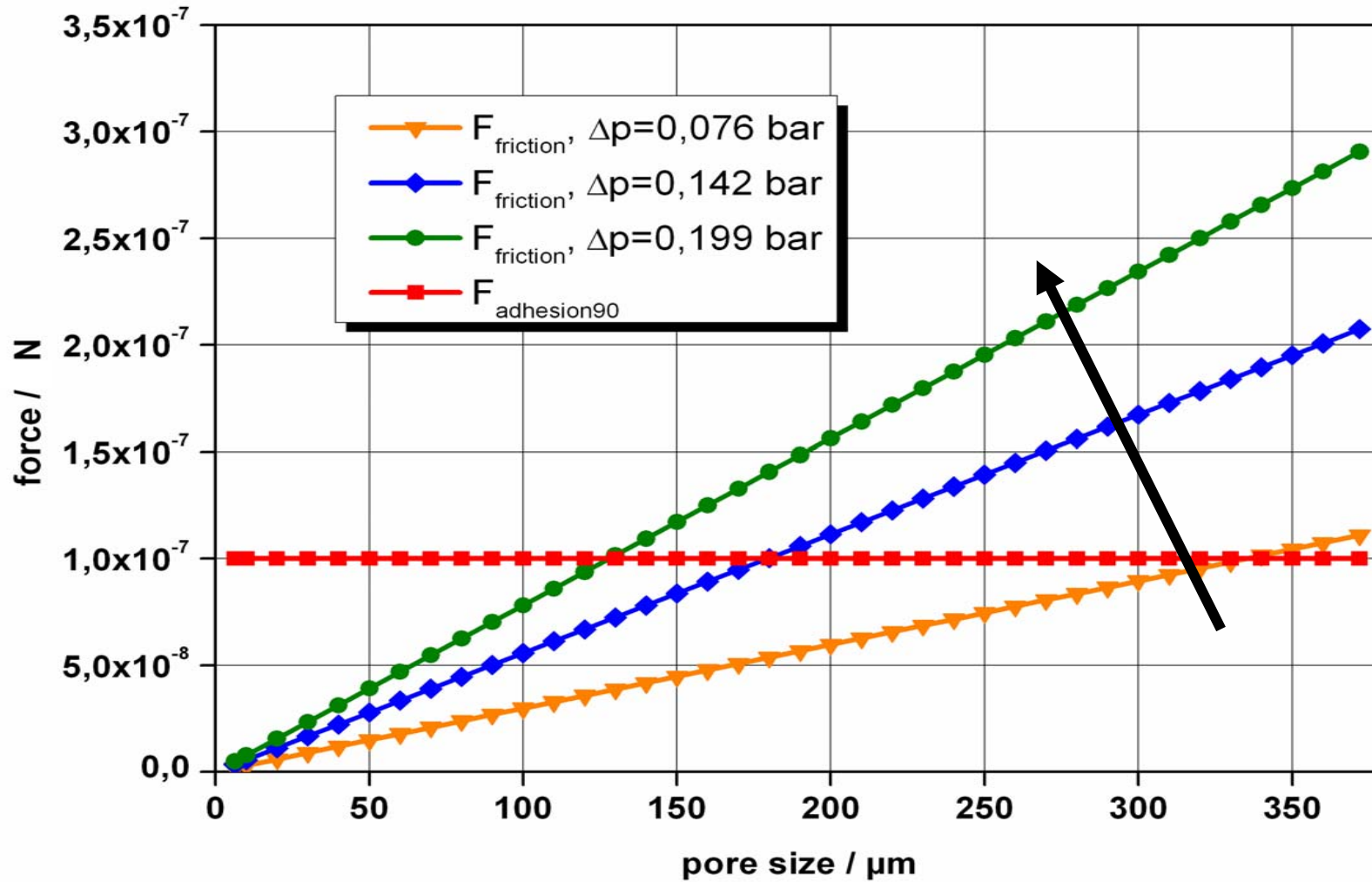


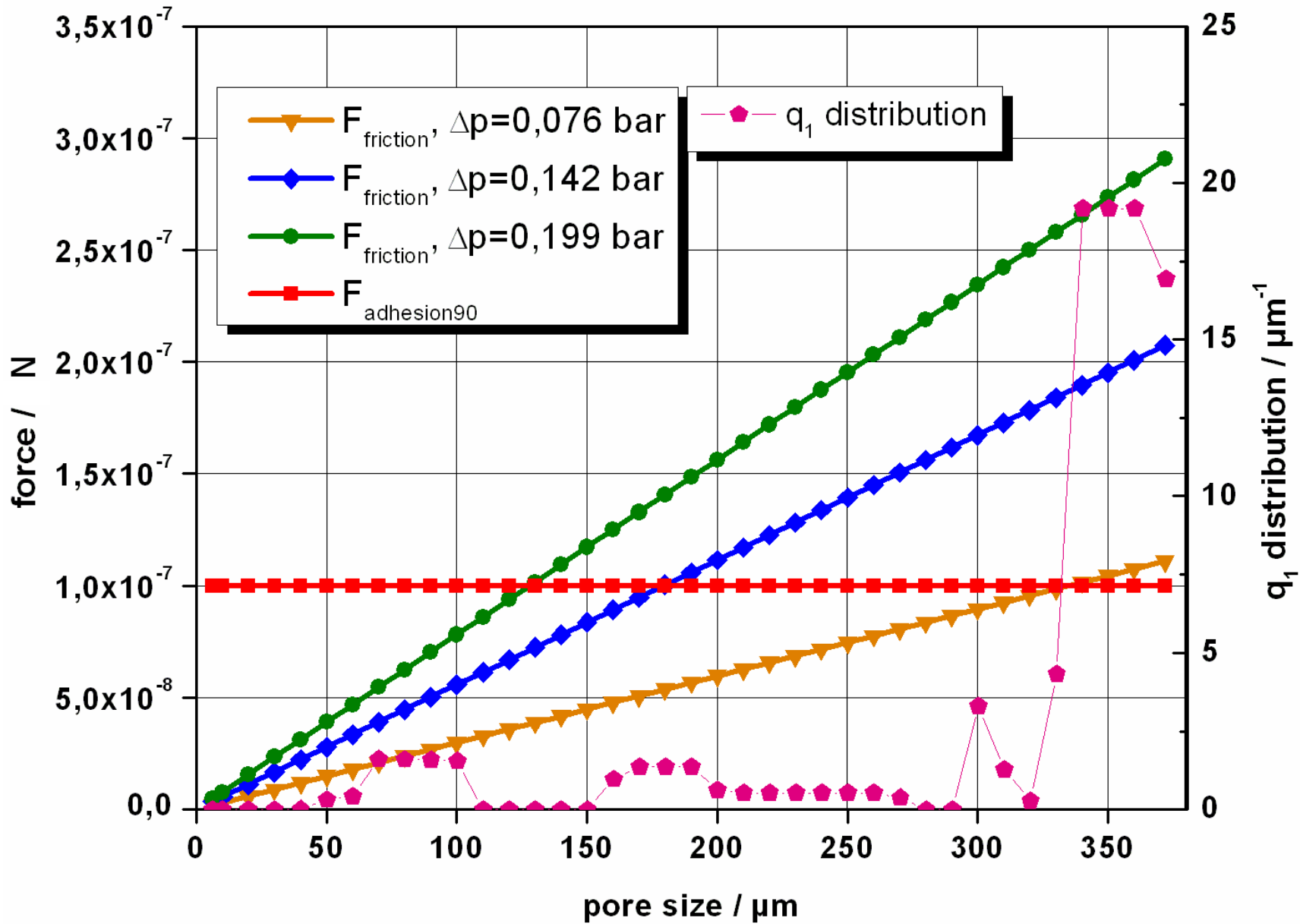
PRESSURE DROP

$$\tau = \frac{\Delta p_v A_{cylinder}}{A_{capillary}} \longrightarrow F_{friction} = \tau \cdot A_{sphere}$$



F_{friction} vs. F_{adhesion}







DIMENSIONLESS ANALYSIS

Reynolds-number

$$\underline{Re}_{\Psi,1} = \frac{w l}{\Psi \nu}$$

$$10 < \underline{Re}_{\Psi,1} < 10^6$$

Schmidt-number

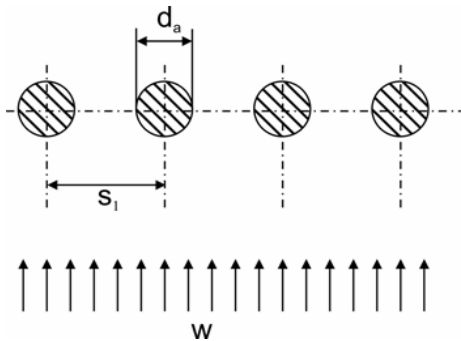
$$\underline{Sc} = \frac{\nu}{D}$$

$$0,7 < \underline{Sc} < 10^4$$

Für

Sherwood-number

$$\underline{Sh} = \frac{\beta l}{D} \rightarrow \beta = \frac{D \cdot \underline{Sh}}{l}$$

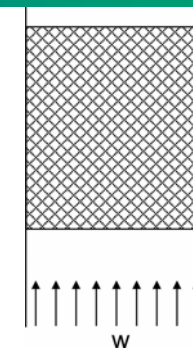


Tubes in a row

$$\underline{Sh}_{1,lam} = 0,664 \sqrt{\underline{Re}_{\Psi,1}} \sqrt[3]{\underline{Sc}}$$

$$\underline{Sh}_{1,turb} = \frac{0,037 \underline{Re}_{\Psi,1}^{0,8} \cdot \underline{Sc}}{1 + 2,443 \cdot \underline{Re}_{\Psi,1}^{-0,1} (\underline{Sc}^{2/3} - 1)}$$

$$\underline{Sh}_{0,row} = 0,3 + \sqrt{\underline{Sh}_{1,lam}^2 + \underline{Sh}_{1,turb}^2}$$



Packed bed

$$\underline{Hg} = [150 (1 - \varepsilon) + 1,75 \underline{Re}] \cdot$$

$$\underline{Re} (1 - \varepsilon) / \varepsilon^3$$

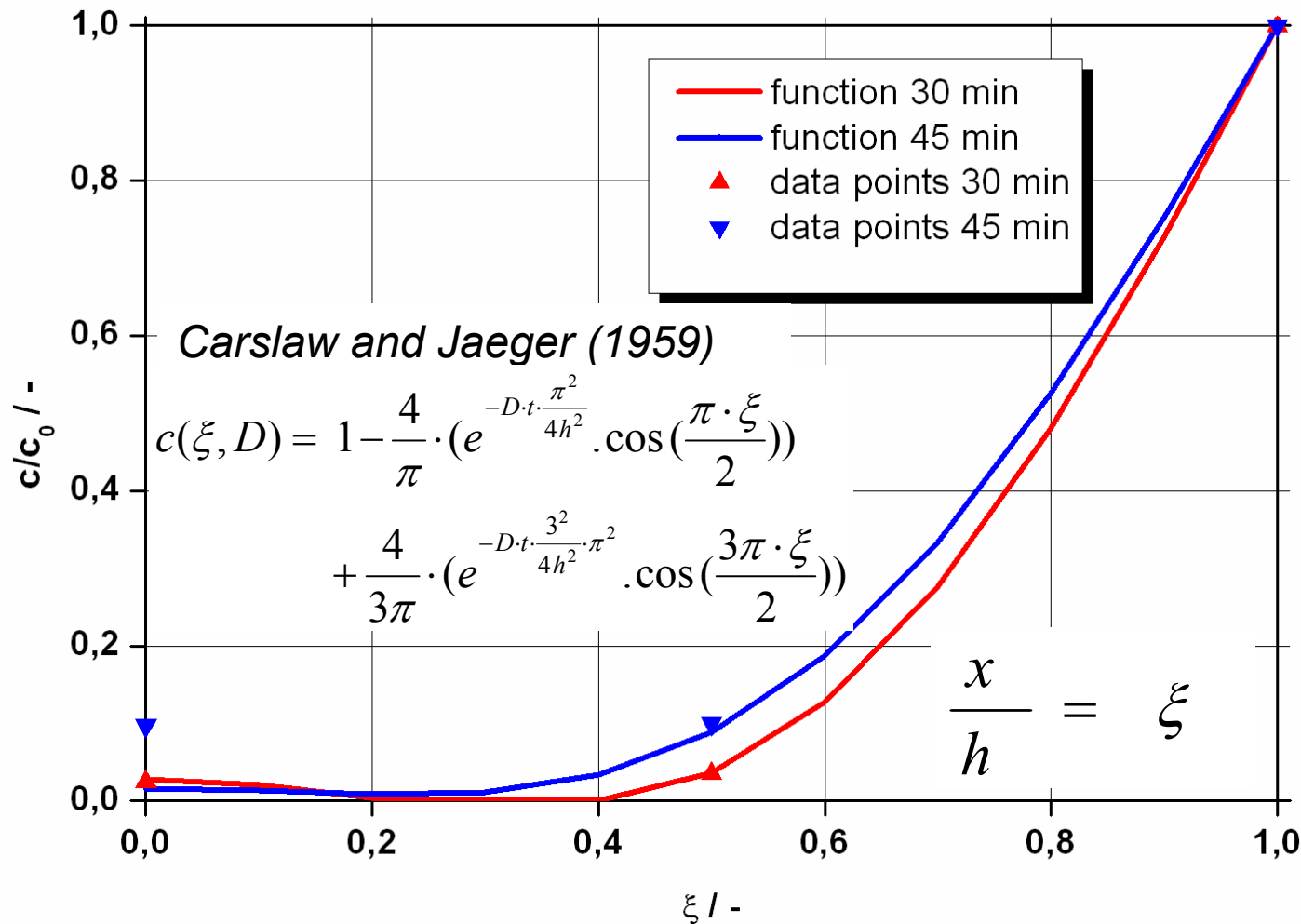
$$\underline{Lq} = 2 x_f \underline{Hg} \frac{2}{3} \frac{\varepsilon}{(1 - \varepsilon)^{2/3}}$$

$$\underline{Sh} / \underline{Sc}^{1/3} = 0,404 \underline{Lq}^{1/3}$$



DETERMINATION OF THE DIFFUSION COEFFICIENT D

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (c(x, t)) = D \cdot \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} c(x, t) \text{ second Fickian law}$$



$$D_{30} = 0,19 \text{ mm}^2/\text{s}$$

$$D_{45} = 0,17 \text{ mm}^2/\text{s}$$

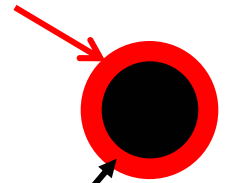
Schmidt-number $Sc = \frac{\nu}{D} = 5,26$

DETERMINATION OF THE MASS TRANSFER COEFFICIENT

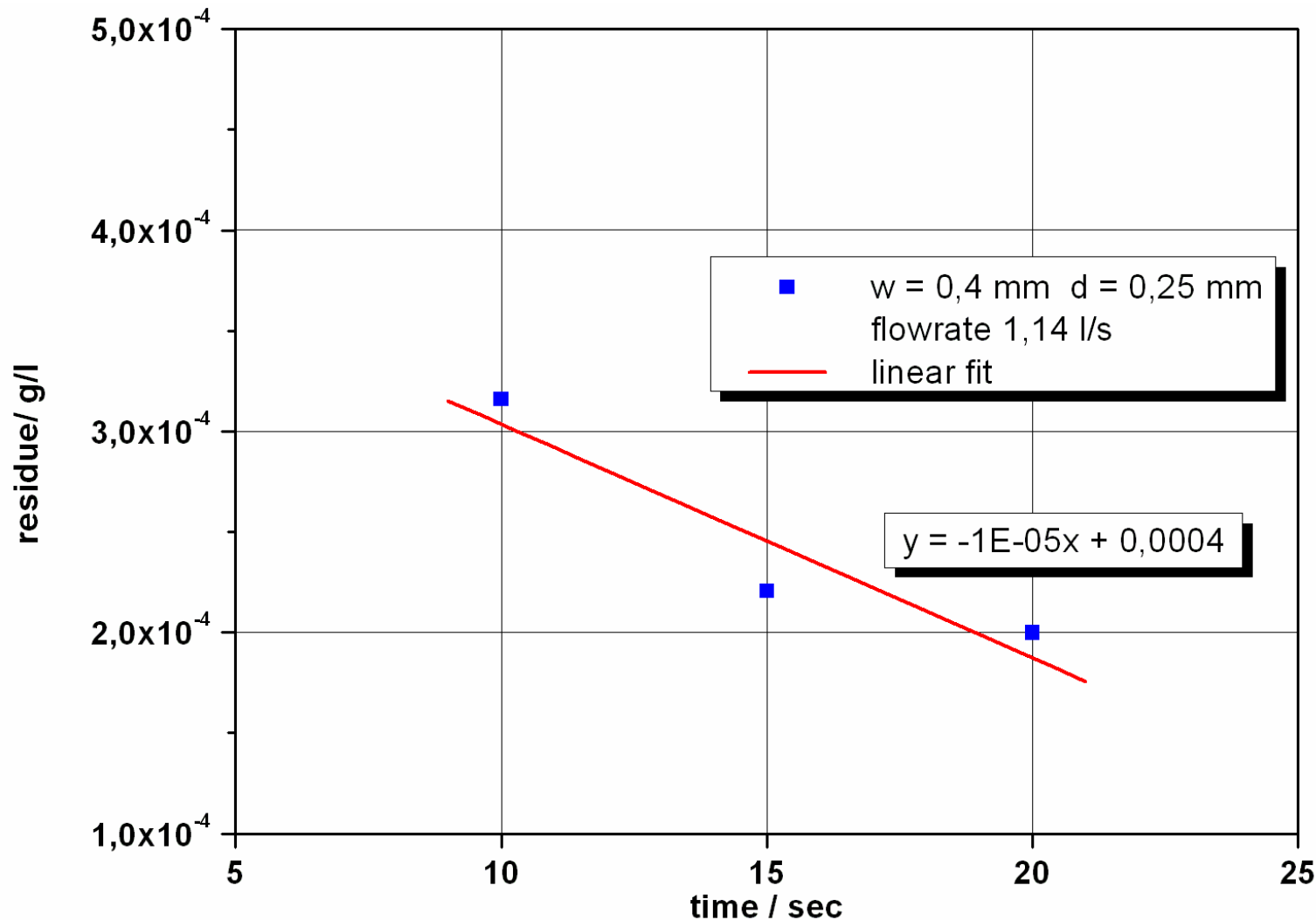
Kinetic theory:

$$\dot{N}_i = \beta_i \cdot A_s \cdot \Delta c_i$$

residue



fiber

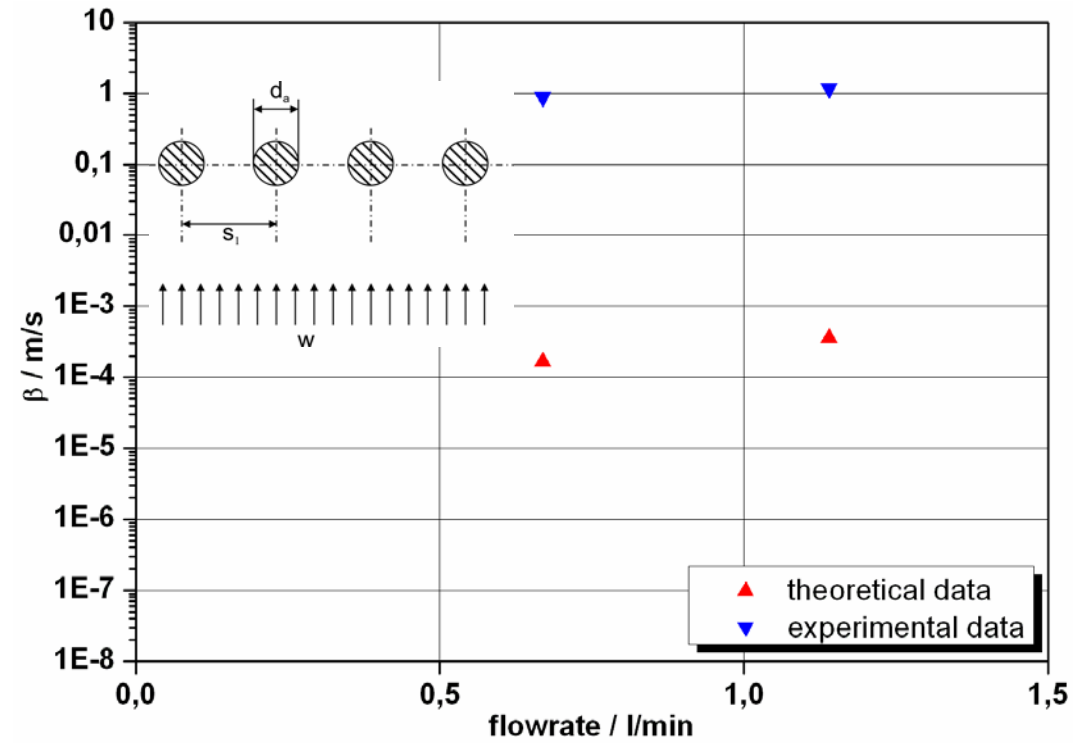
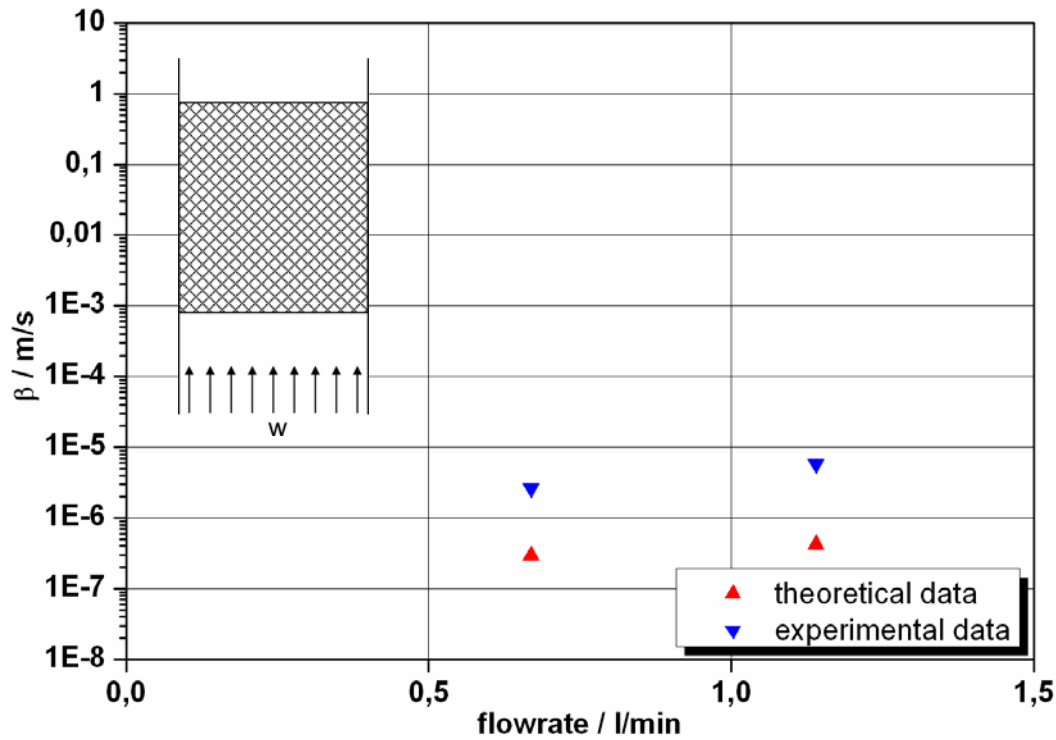


$$\dot{N}_i = \frac{dc_R}{dt}$$

$$A_s = \frac{\sum n_i A_{pi}}{V_T}$$

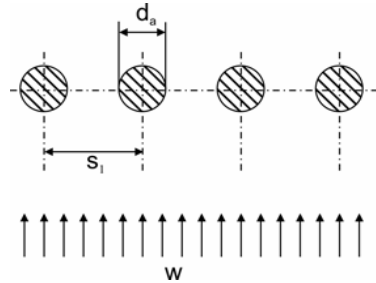
$$\Delta c_i = c_R$$

COMPARISON OF THE TWO MODELS

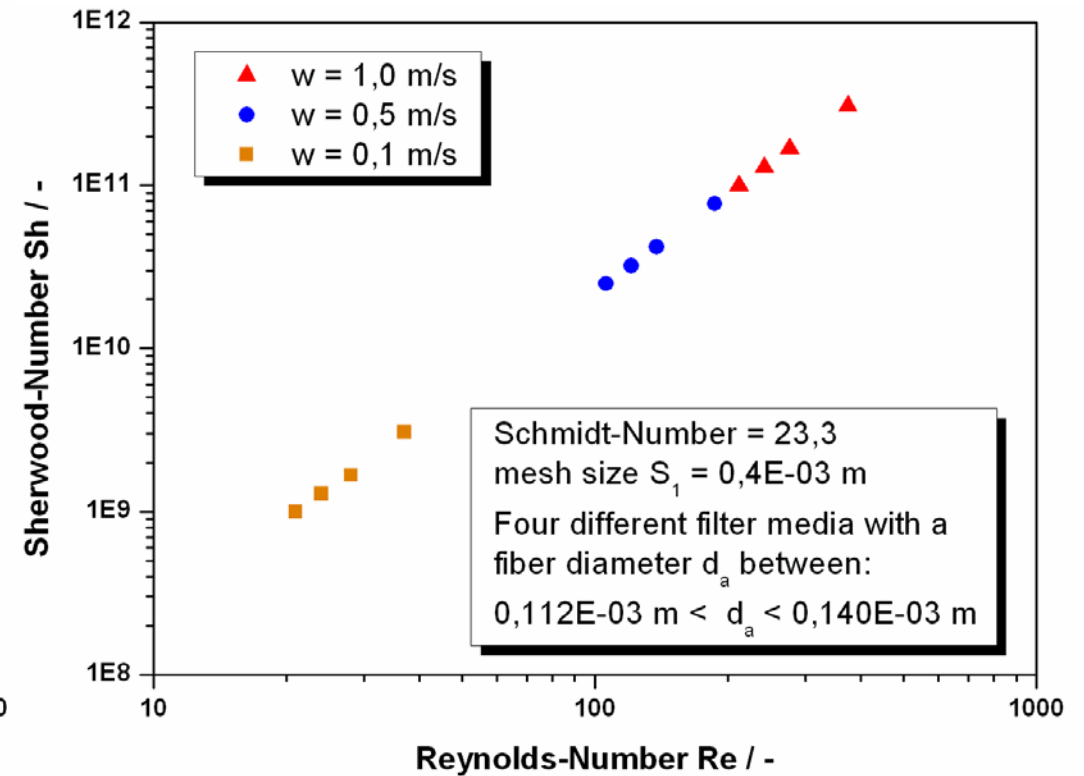
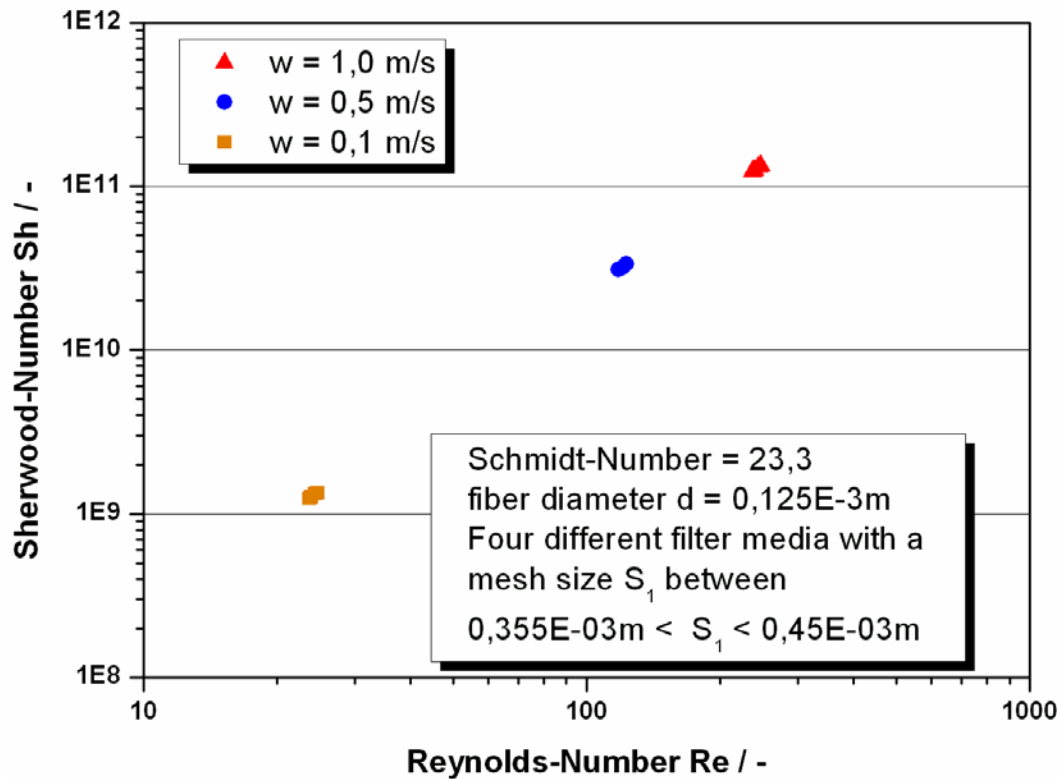


INFLUENCE OF GEOMETRIC PARAMETERS

Constant fiber diameter
Variation of mesh size



Variation of fiber diameter
Constant mesh size



- The relevant parameters for the mechanical cleaning of insoluble residues like the pore size distribution, the pressure loss and the adhesion force distribution are determined.
- For the validation of the mechanical cleanability the adhesion force $F_{\text{adhesion90}}$ is correlated with the friction force F_{friction} . With an overall regard the pores are identified which are not mechanically cleaned.
- The mass transfer coefficient is both determined by the theory and proven by experiments.
- The experimental determined diffusion coefficient leads to the Schmidt-number.
- The experimental results are correlated to the model of a ‚row of tubes‘ and of a ‚packed bed‘.
- The developed dimensionless model leads to a validation due to the cleanability of filter media.



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