

Bachelor's Thesis

Simulation of flame propagation in Aluminum-Steam suspensions

Motivation & Background

Micron sized metal powder can serve as a carbon free energy carrier in a circular energy economy, in a similar manner as hydrogen. Energy is stored by reducing aluminum ore to aluminum. The CO₂-free combustion of aluminum particles suspended in pure steam (H₂O) is one possible thermochemical process to release the stored energy, obtaining around half of the energy in the form of heat and hydrogen gas, respectively.

Recently at STFS, a Lagrangian point-particle model has been developed which features the most important physical processes of individual particle combustion on the micro-scale. This enables simulations of macroscopic flame propagation through particle suspensions. In this thesis, the interaction of these micro-scale processes on the macroscopic flame propagation, i.e. flame stabilization is to be evaluated.

Tasks

- Familiarize yourself with the particle model and flame solver
- Set up and run parameter variations of flame simulations, varying single particle model parameters
- Evaluate the results, analyze the flame structure and find the effects on the the macroscopic processes

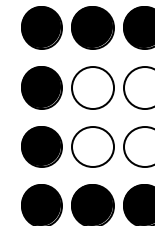
Focus areas

Simulation

Modeling

Implementation

Data analysis



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