

Absolute permeability @model

There is a statistical correlation between **absolute permeability** k_a and **effective porosity** $\phi = \phi_e$ which can be approximated by various empirical models based on **PORO-PERM correlations**.

The most generic approach to **permeability** modelling is based on the concepts of **Flow Zone Indicator** FZI :

$$(1) \quad k = 1014.24 \cdot FZI^2 \cdot \frac{\phi^3}{(1 - \phi)^2}$$

In case $FZI = \text{const}$ for each **lithofacies** the model (1) represents conventional **Cozeny-Karman permeability @model**

In a more general case, the **Flow Zone Indicator** keeps dependance on variation of **shaliness** and **effective porosity** with in a given **lithofacies**:

$$(2) \quad FZI = FZI(V_{sh}, \phi)$$

but not as strong as **permeability** and with a better separation between **lithofacies** which makes it easier to pick up the correlation.

Below is the list of popular **permeability-porosity** models also called **PORO-PERM correlations**:

Exponential permeability @model
Power law permeability @model
Dual-component power law permeability @model
Cozeny-Karman permeability @model
Dual-component Cozeny-Karman permeability @model
ANN permeability @model

See also

Petroleum Industry / Upstream / Subsurface E&P Disciplines / Petrophysics / Absolute permeability

References
