# **Digital Rock Physics**

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Module	Credits	Workload	Semester[s]	Duration	Group size
number	5 CP	150 h	2. Sem.	1 Semester[s]	20
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Courses			Contact hours	Self-study	Frequency
a) Digital Rock Physics			a) 3 WLH (45 h)	a) 105 h	a) each summer

#### Module coordinator and lecturer(s)

Prof. Dr. Erik Saenger

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# **Admission requirements**

# Learning outcome, core skills

The students will learn the fundamentals of digital rock physics. This broad range of knowledge will be taught with a special emphasis on geothermal and hydrocarbon exploration.

After successful completion of this module, the students will:

- know the fundamentals of digital rock physics:
  - e.g. use of high-performance computer systems
  - e.g. understand the resolution limits of CT devices
- be able apply the fundamentals of digital rock physics:
  - to predict effective material properties
  - to improve digital images with respect to the real rock
- be able to apply the fundamentals of digital rock physics to scientific projects:
  - to upscale elastic properties to understand field scale observations
  - to interpret uncertainties in the digital rock physics workflow

## **Contents**

a)

- The basics of the digital rock physics workflow will be introduced: CT-imaging, reconstruction, segmentation, calculation of physical properties.
- The basics of parallel computing on high-performance computer systems will be introduced.
- The basics of finite-different-schemes to solve the elastodynamic wave equation will be introduced.
- The parallel computer program "Heidimod" to model elastic waves in highly heterogeneous and anisotropic media will be introduced in detail and will be applied to problems in the field of digital rock physics

## **Educational form / Language**

a) Tutorial (2 WLH) / Lecture (1 WLH) / English / German

#### **Examination methods**

• Term paper 'Digital Rock Physics' (30 h., Part of modul grade 100 %)

#### Requirements for the award of credit points

final report on computer exercises

## Module applicability

• M.Sc. Subsurface Engineering

# • M.Sc. Geosciences

# Weight of the mark for the final score

Percentage of total grade [%] = 5 \* 100 \* FAK / DIV

FAK: The weighting factors can be taken from the table of contents.

DIV: The values can be taken from the table of contents.

# **Further Information**