

***Interactive comment on “A new criterion for determining the representative elementary volume of translucent porous media and inner contaminant” by Ming Wu et al.***

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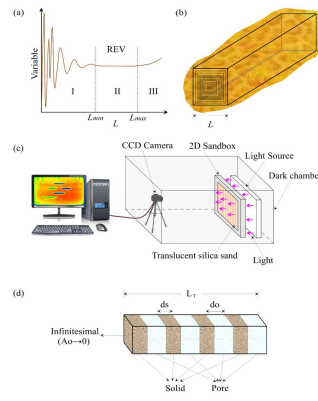
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Fig. 1

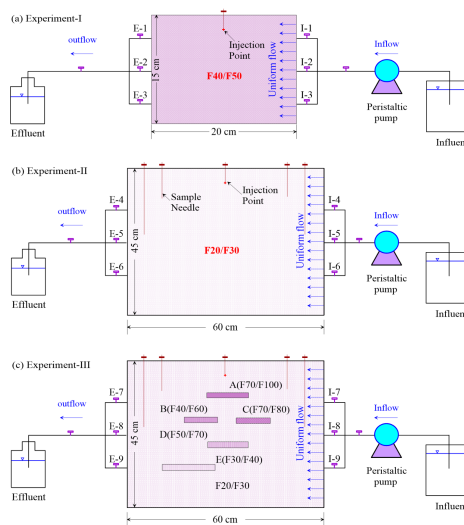


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**Fig. 1.** (a) Variable changes as measured scale ( $L$ ) increment in conceptual curve (Costanza-Robinson et al., 2011); (b) Scale effect and the cuboid image window geometry; (c) System Device for acquisition of  $p$

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Fig. 2

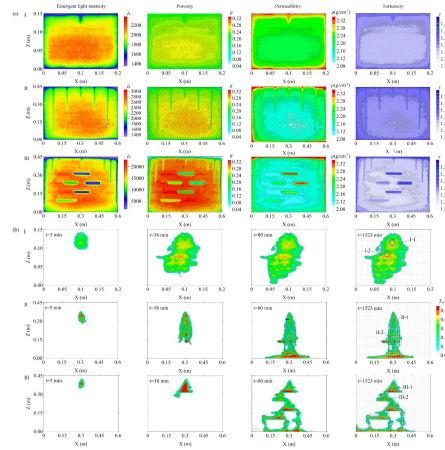


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**Fig. 2.** (a) The system sandbox equipment of Experiment-I; (b) The system sandbox equipment of Experiment-II; (c) The system sandbox equipment of Experiment-III

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Fig. 3

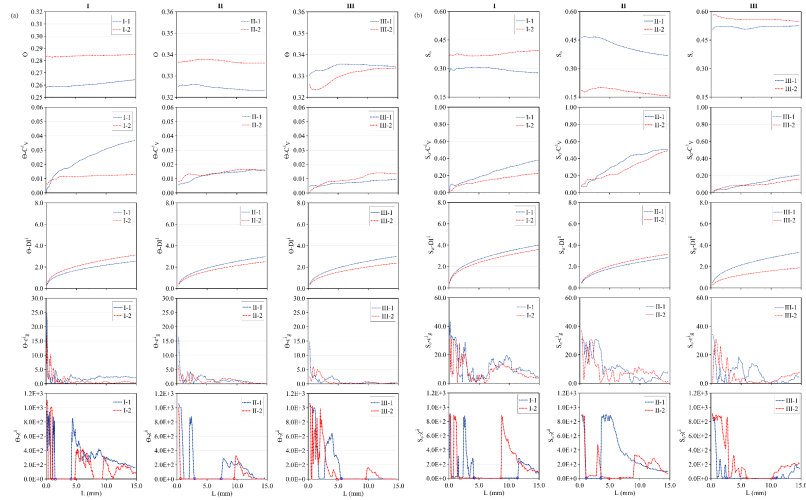


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**Fig. 3.** (a) The emergent light intensity, porosity, permeability and tortuosity of 2D translucent silica sand for Experiments-I-III; (b) The PCE saturation of Experiments-I-III during 0~1523 min and observati

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Fig. 4

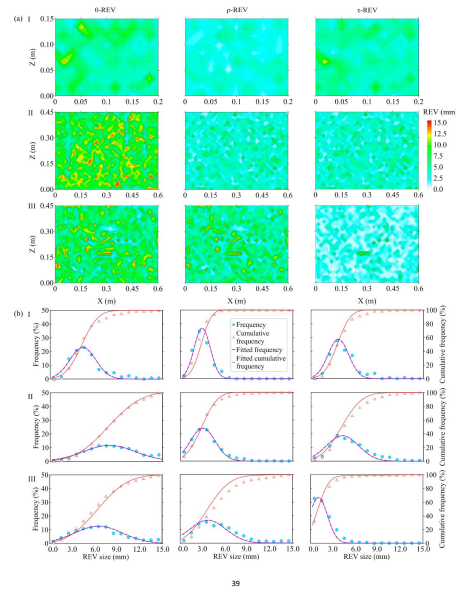


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**Fig. 4.** (a) The change of porosity ( $\theta$ ), associated coefficient of variation ( $C_V$ ), entropy dimension ( $DI$ ), the relative gradient error ( $\varepsilon_g$ ), and new criterion- $\chi$  for observation cells as cuboid window

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Fig. 5

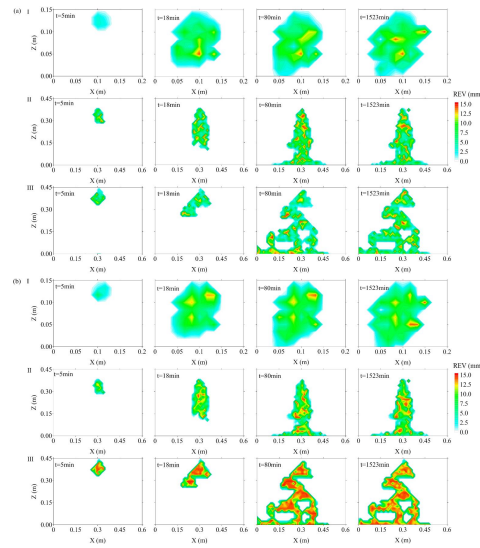


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**Fig. 5.** (a) The distributions of minimum REV sizes of porosity, sand density and tortuosity for Experiments-I-III; (b) The frequency of minimum REV sizes of Experiments and fitted models

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Fig. 6

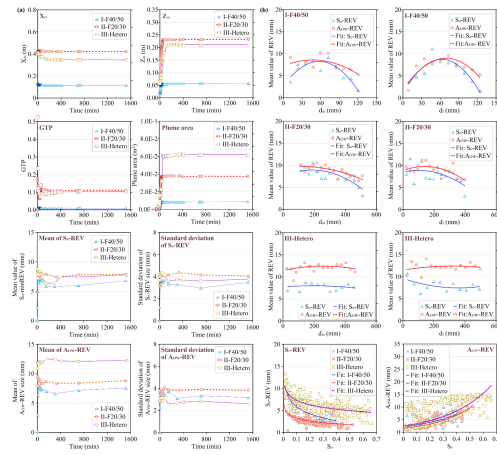


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**Fig. 6.** (a) The distributions of So-REV sizes during 0~1523 min for Experiments-I-III; (b) The distributions of AOW-REV sizes during 0~1523 min for Experiments-I-III

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Fig. 7



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**Fig. 7.** (a) The mass center coordinate of PCE plume, GTP, plume area and the mean, standard deviation of So-REV and AOW-REV during 0~1523 min; (b) The change of average REV size as the distance  $d_l$ ,  $d_m$  increases

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