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Modeling solute transport in segregated porous media:

Sensitivity-driven calibration of a new double continuum model

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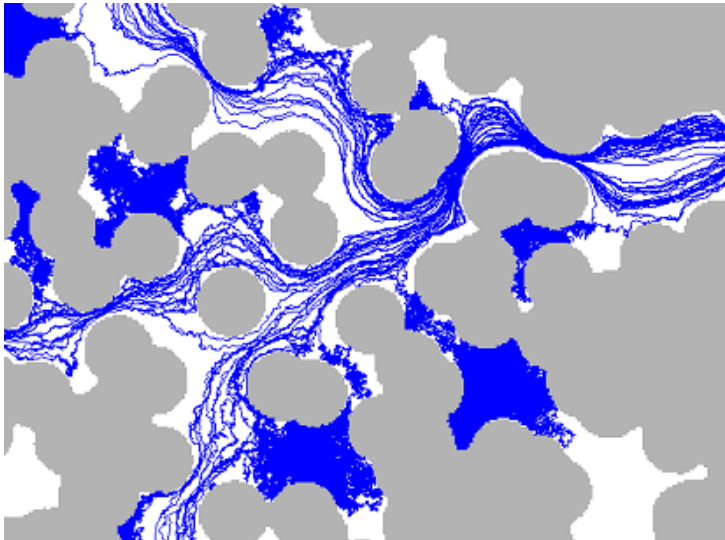
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$\phi=0.23$

Average velocity

$6 \mu\text{m/s}$

$t = 20h$



(Wirner et al., 2014)

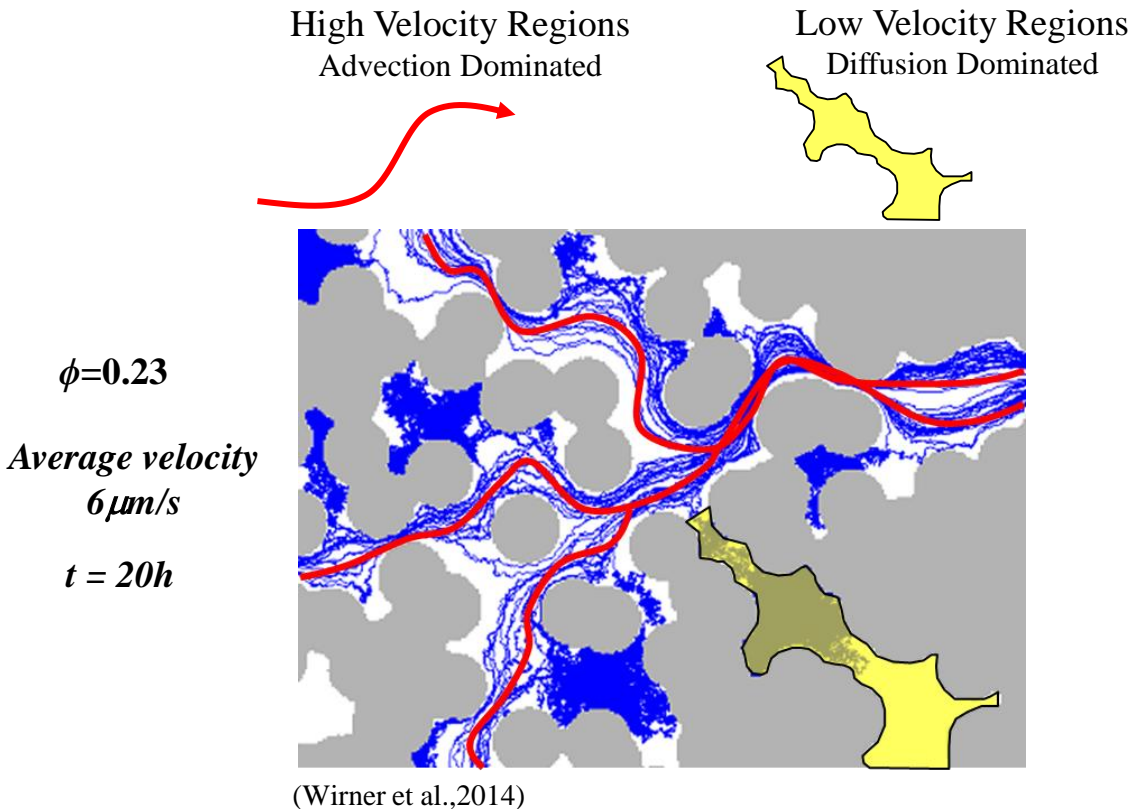


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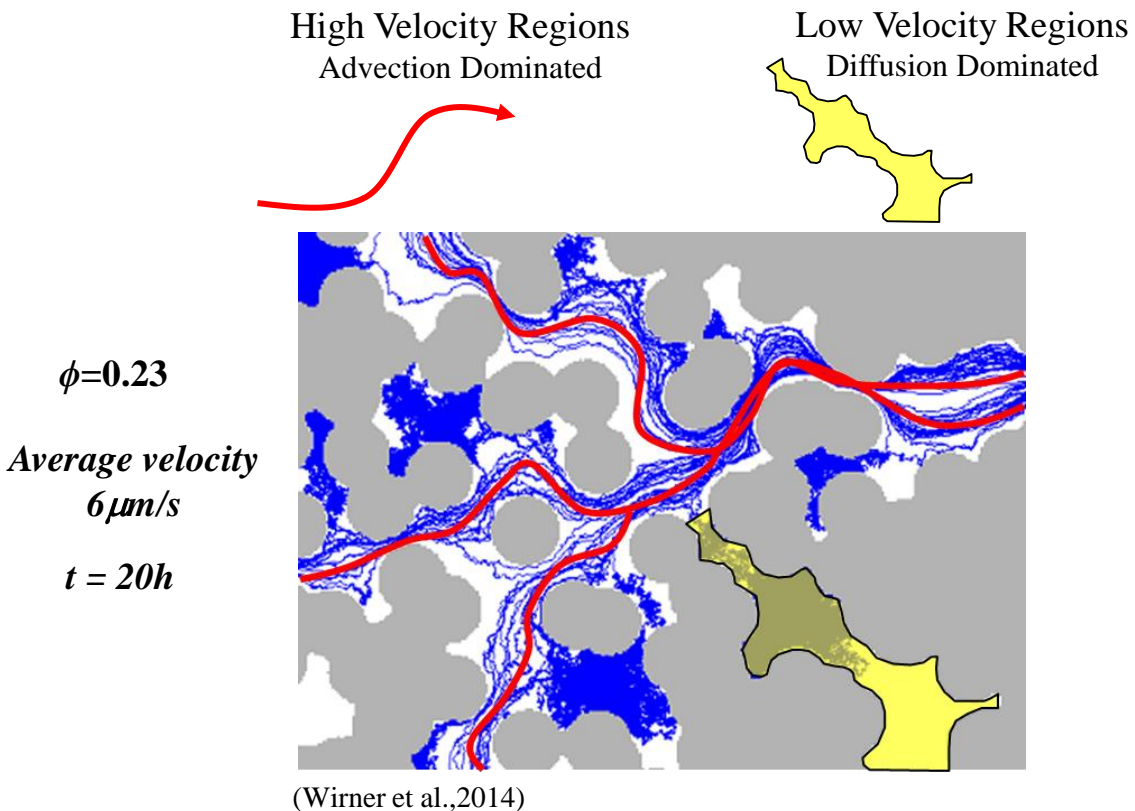


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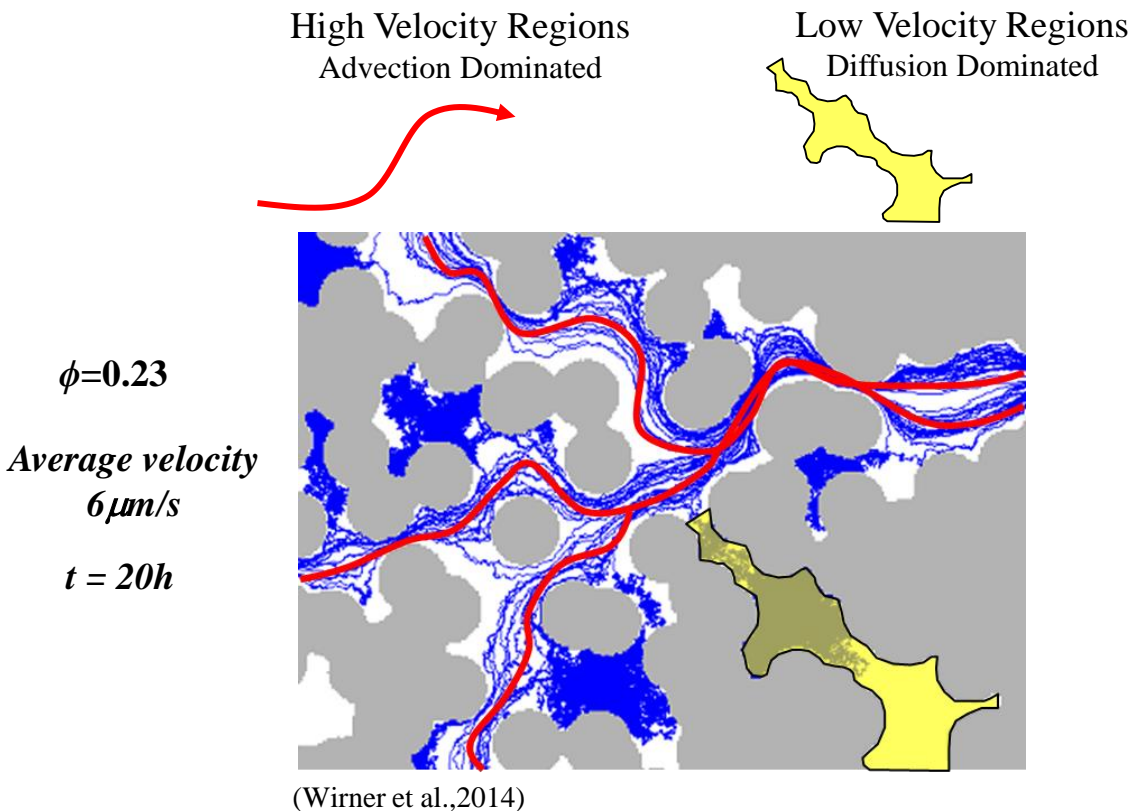


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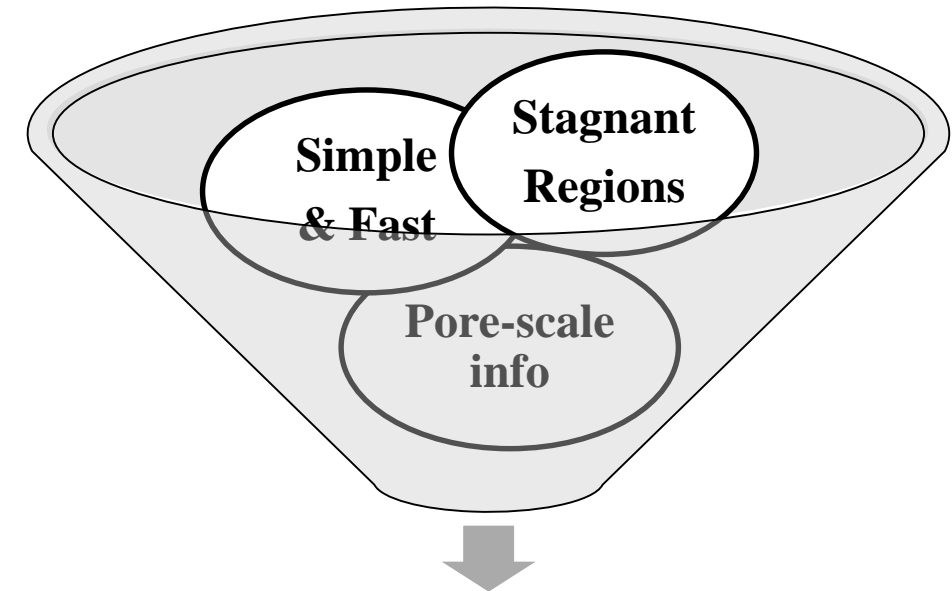


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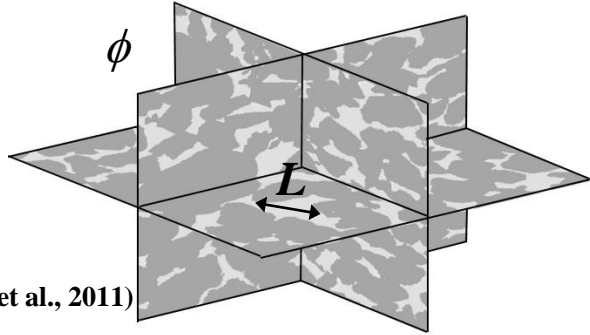
Our Aim:



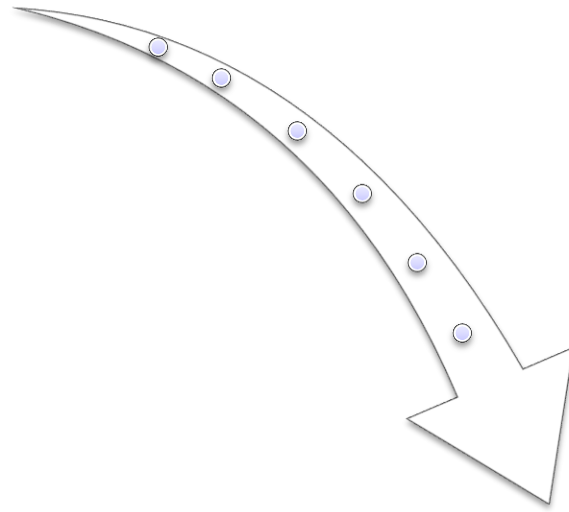
1-D Continuum Model



Real porous medium (L, ϕ)



(Bijeljic et al., 2011)

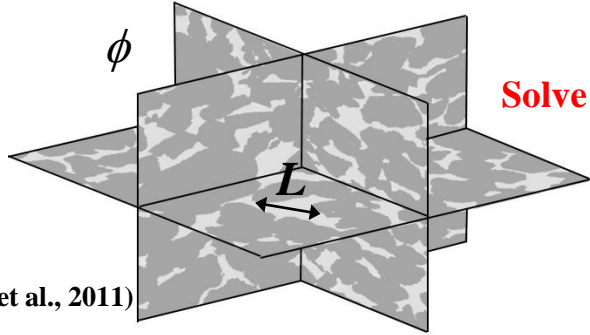


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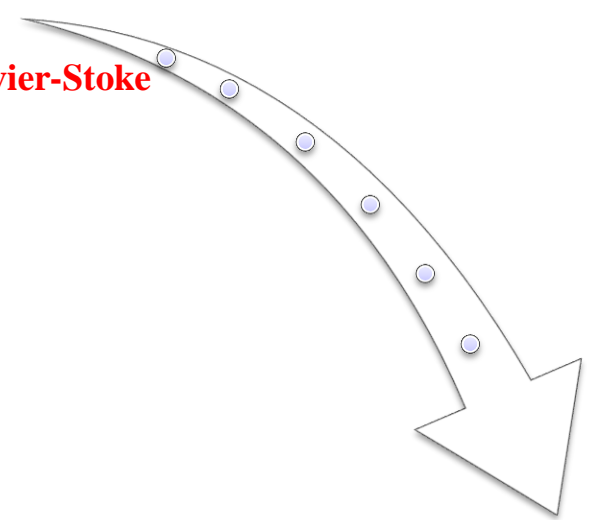
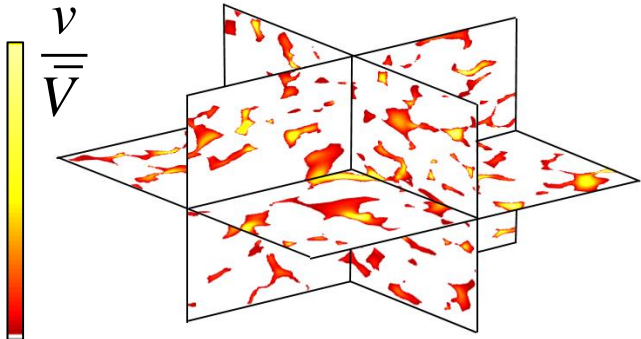


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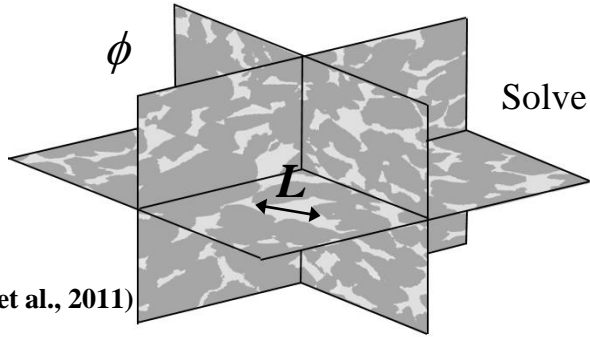


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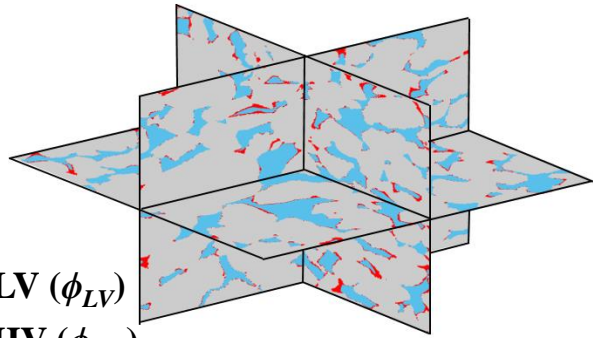
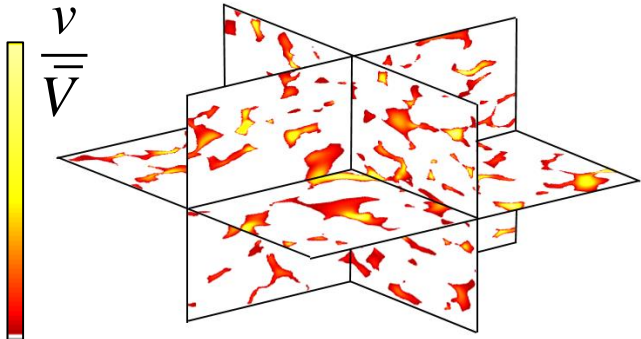
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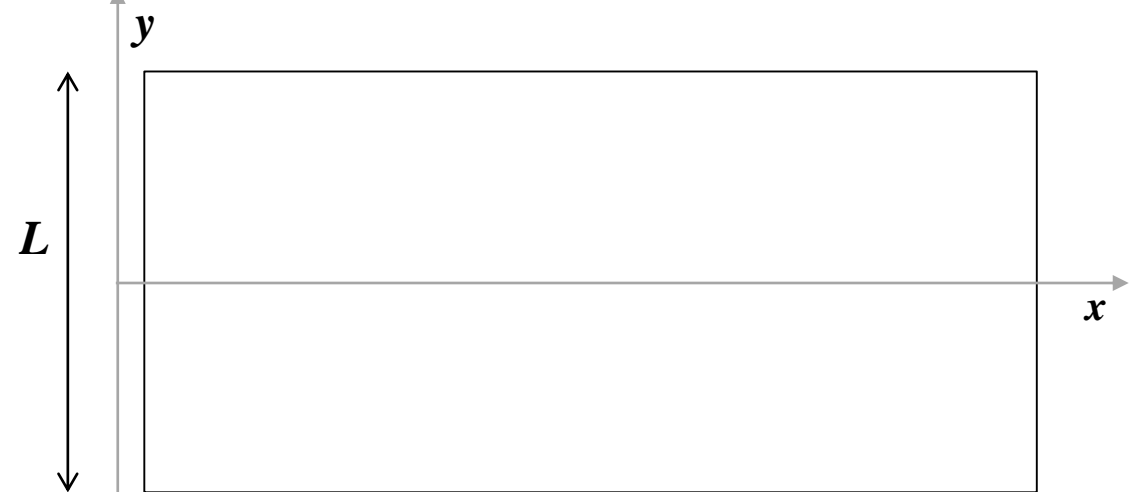
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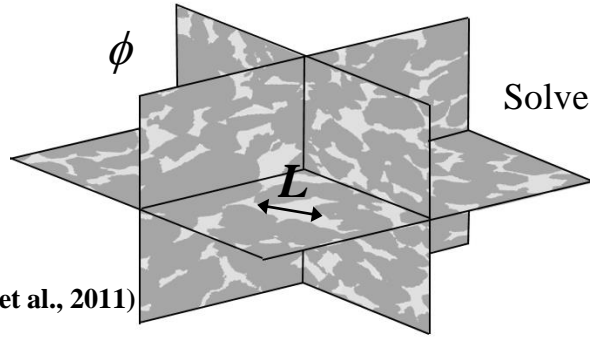
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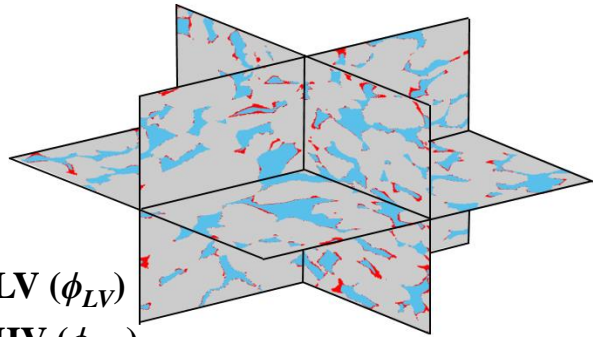
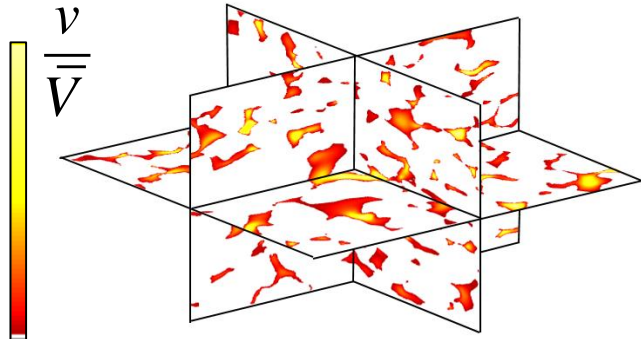
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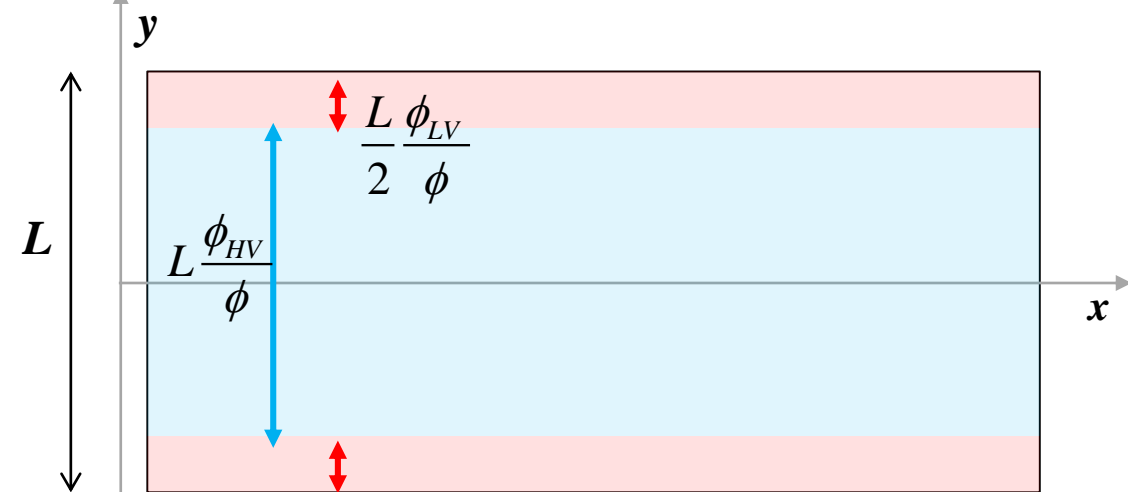
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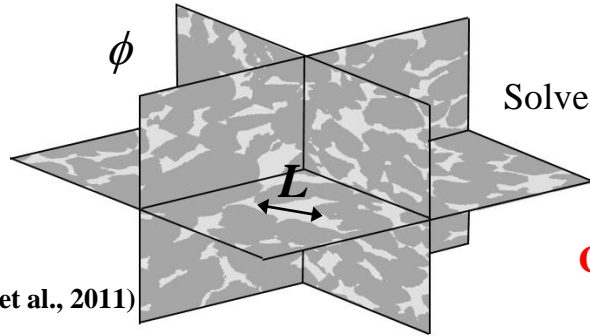
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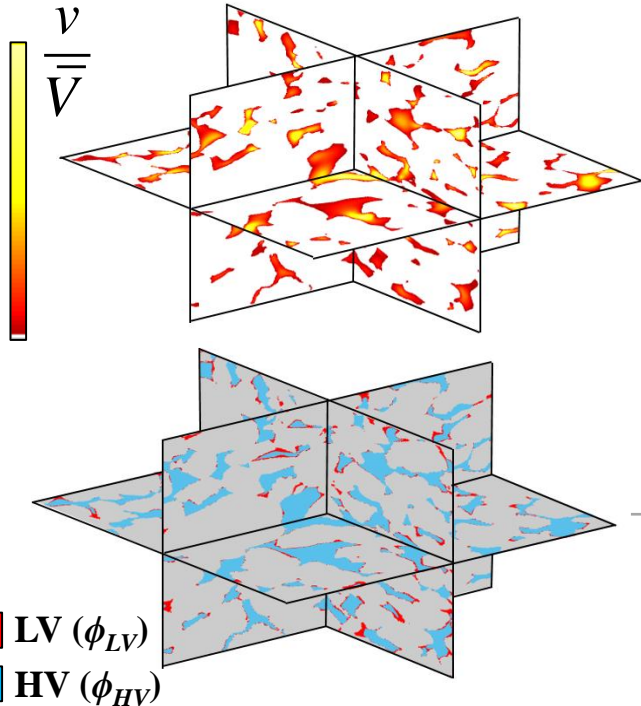


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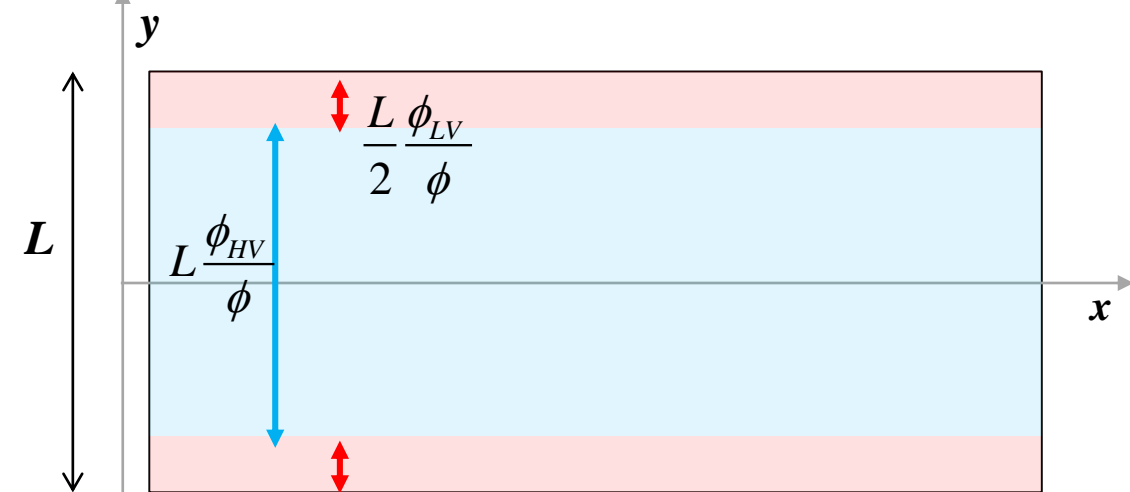
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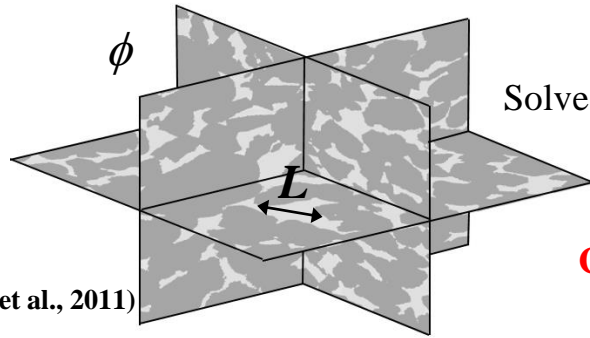
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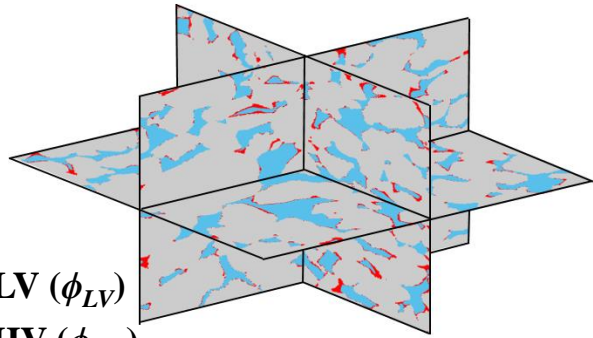
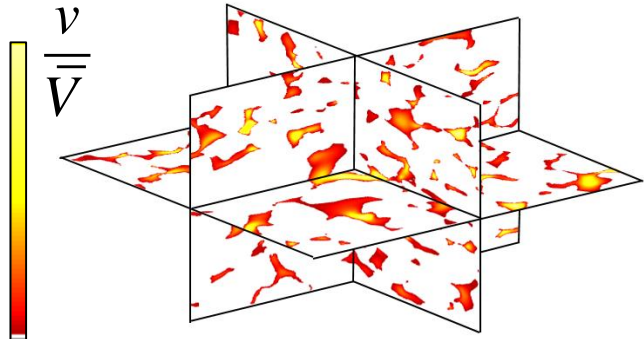


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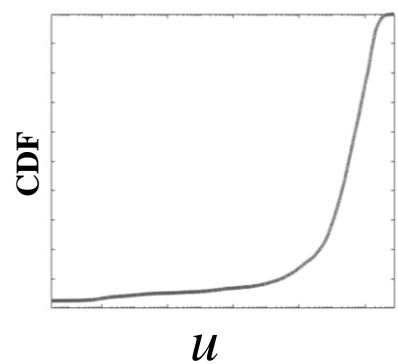


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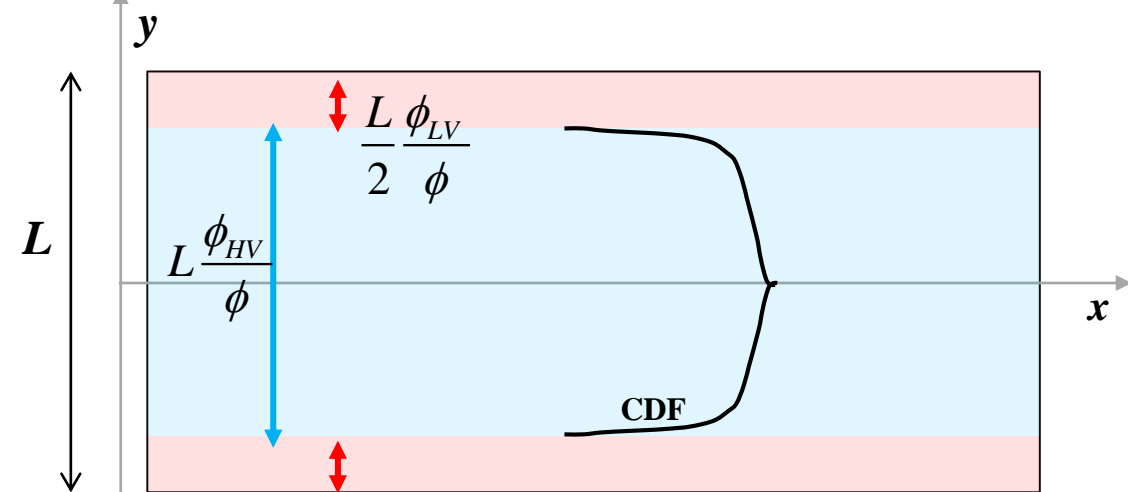
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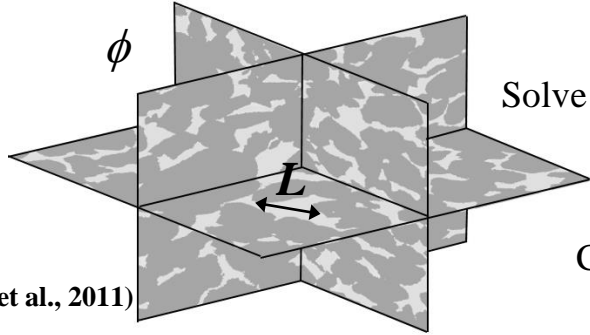


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Define the unit cell equations

Transport in the unit cell

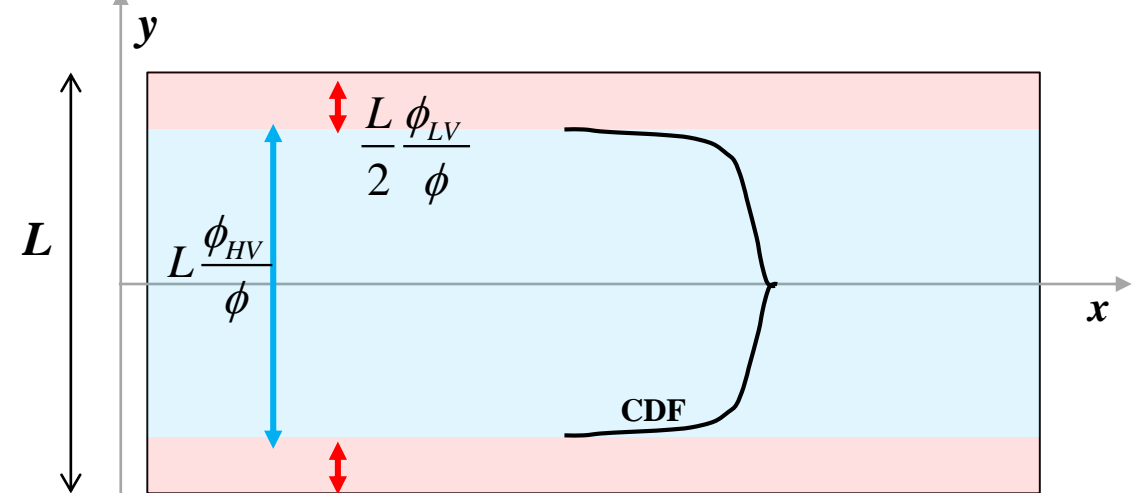
$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial c_M}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial c_M}{\partial x} = \frac{1}{Pe} \frac{1}{\tau_M} \frac{\partial^2 c_M}{\partial x^2} + \frac{1}{Pe} \frac{\partial^2 c_M}{\partial y^2} & |y| < l/(2L) \\ \frac{\partial c_I}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{Pe} \frac{1}{\tau_{IM}} \frac{\partial^2 c_I}{\partial x^2} + \frac{R_D}{Pe} \frac{\partial^2 c_I}{\partial y^2} & |y| > l/(2L) \end{cases}$$

Boundary Conditions

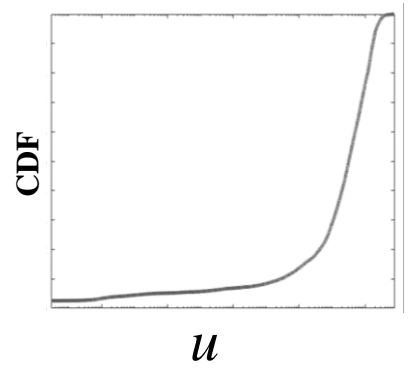
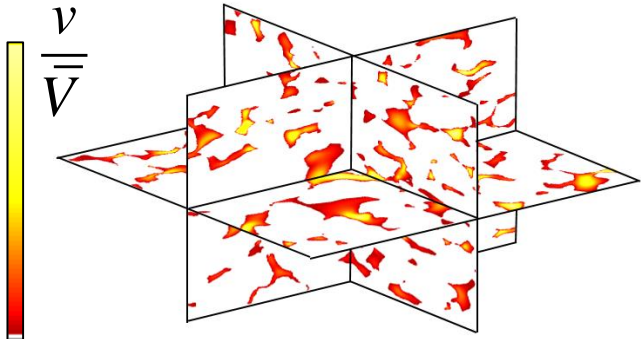
$$\begin{aligned} c_M = c_I \text{ and } \frac{\partial c_M}{\partial y} = R_D \frac{\partial c_I}{\partial y} & \quad |y| = l/(2L) \\ \frac{\partial c_I}{\partial y} = 0 & \quad |y| = 1/2 \end{aligned}$$

$$R_D = \frac{t_d}{t_e}$$

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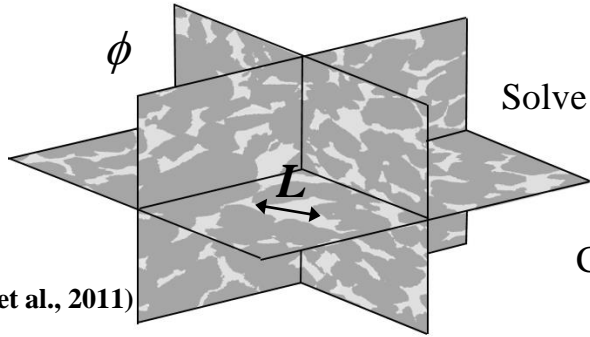
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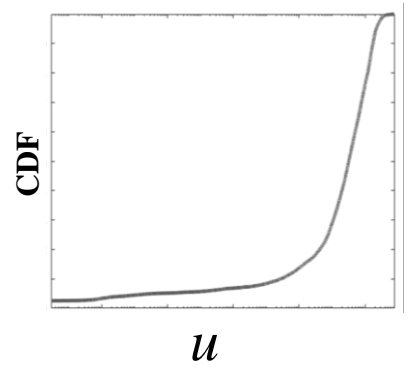
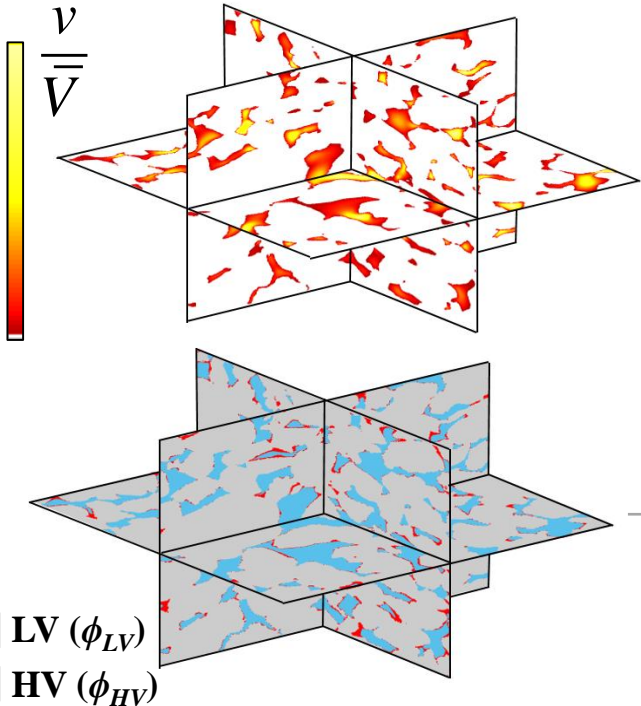
Averaged equations along the y-direction

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial C_M}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial C_M}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[d_{H1} \frac{\partial C_M}{\partial x} + d_{H2} \Delta C_{MI} \right] = \frac{1}{Pe} \frac{1}{\tau_M} \frac{\partial^2 C_M}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\phi}{Pe \phi_{HV}} \left(e_1 \frac{\partial C_M}{\partial x} + e_2 \Delta C_{MI} \right) \\ \frac{\partial C_I}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{\tau_{IM}} \frac{1}{Pe} \frac{\partial^2 C_I}{\partial x^2} - \frac{\phi}{\phi_{LV} Pe} \left(e_1 \frac{\partial C_M}{\partial x} + e_2 \Delta C_{MI} \right) \end{cases}$$

Closure Variables

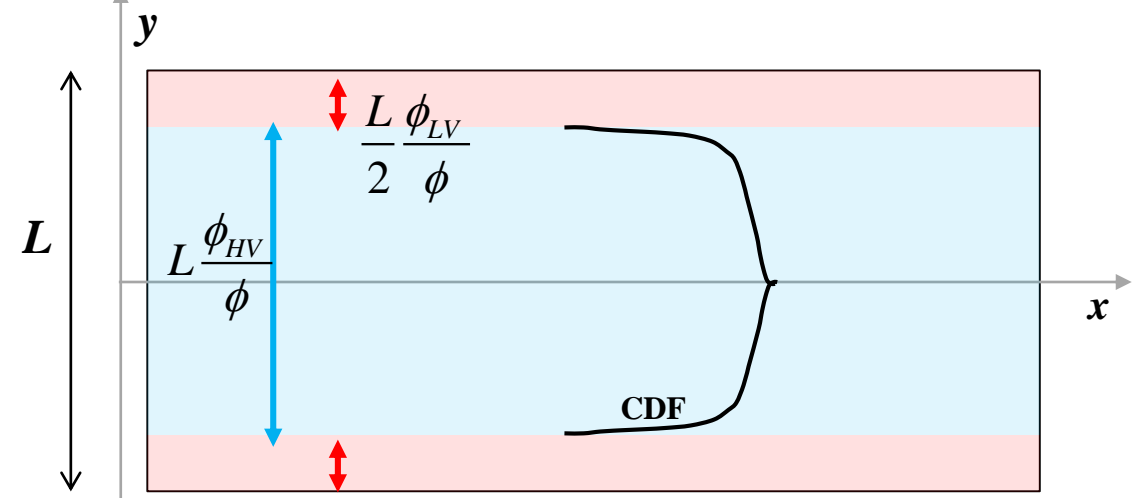
$$\begin{matrix} e_1 & e_2 & \longrightarrow & f(RD) \\ d_{H1} & d_{H2} & & \end{matrix}$$

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Average along y

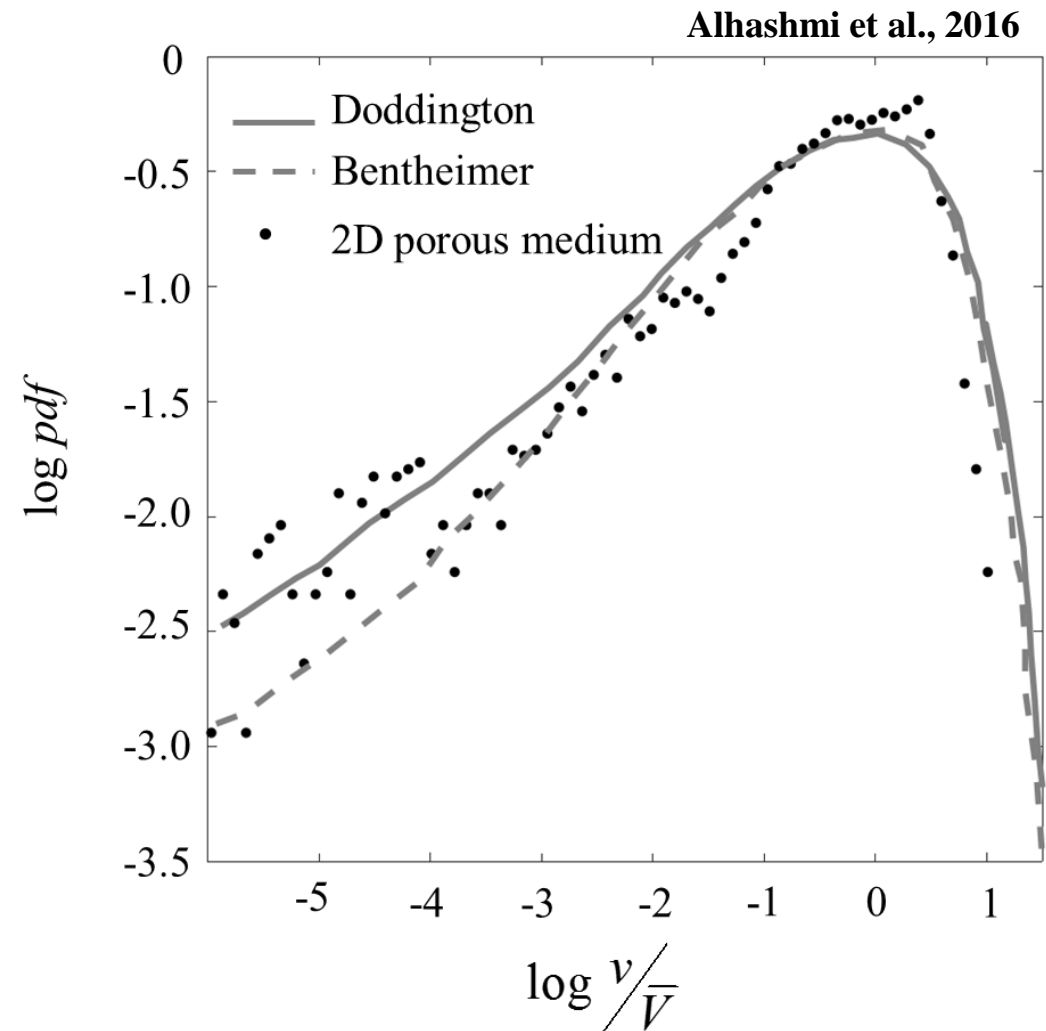
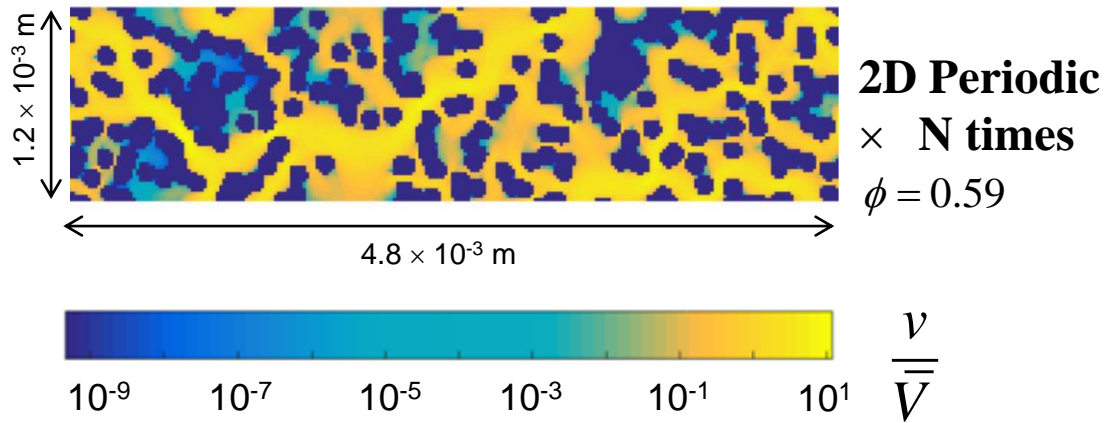
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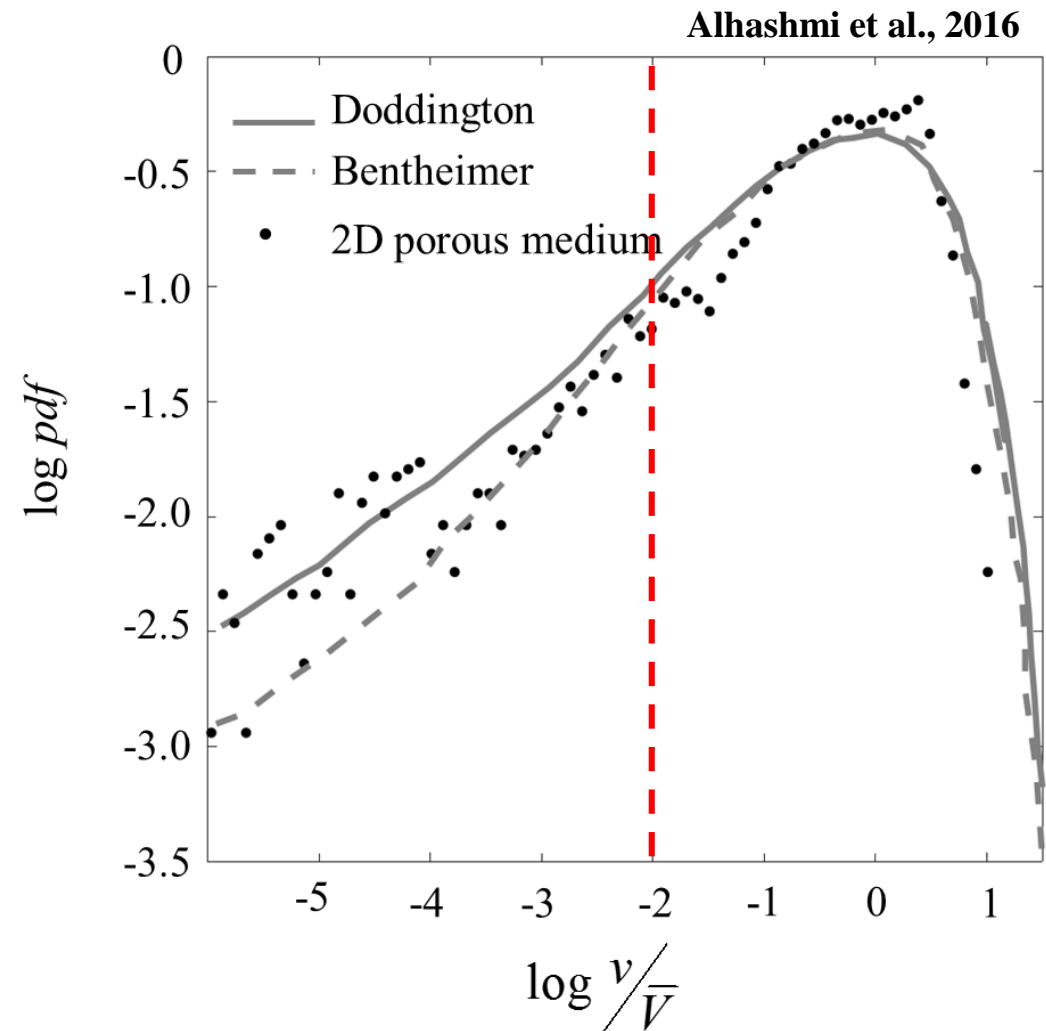
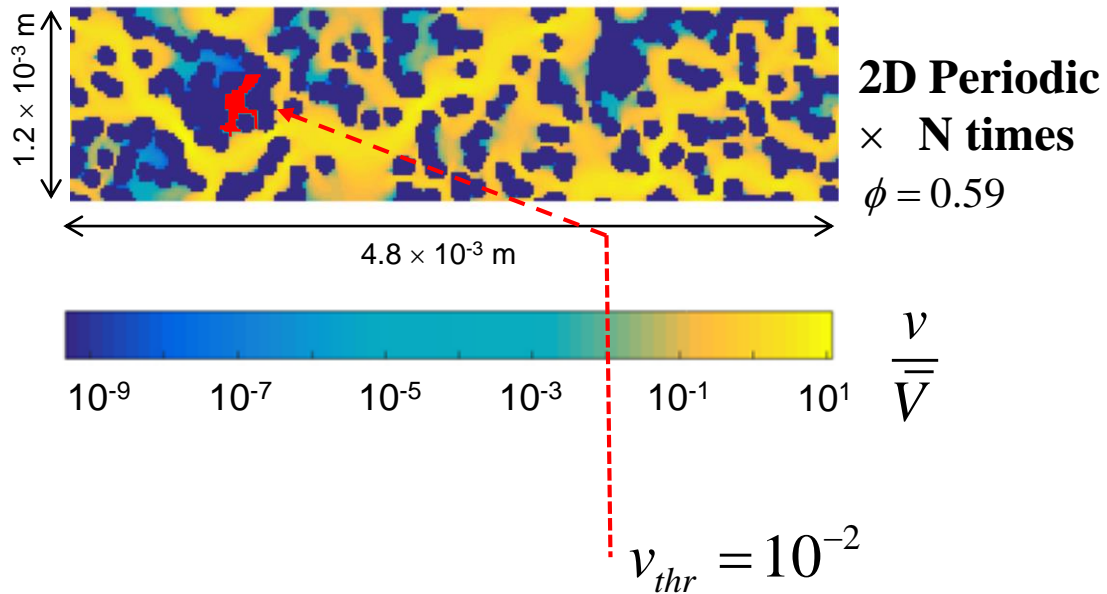


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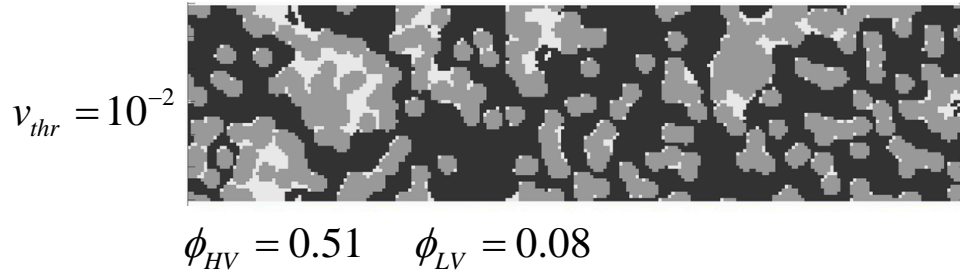


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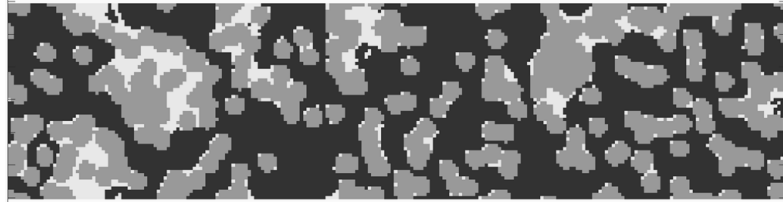


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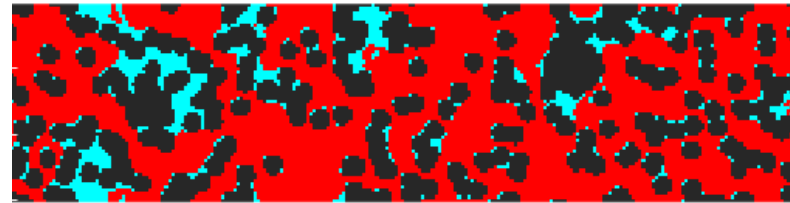
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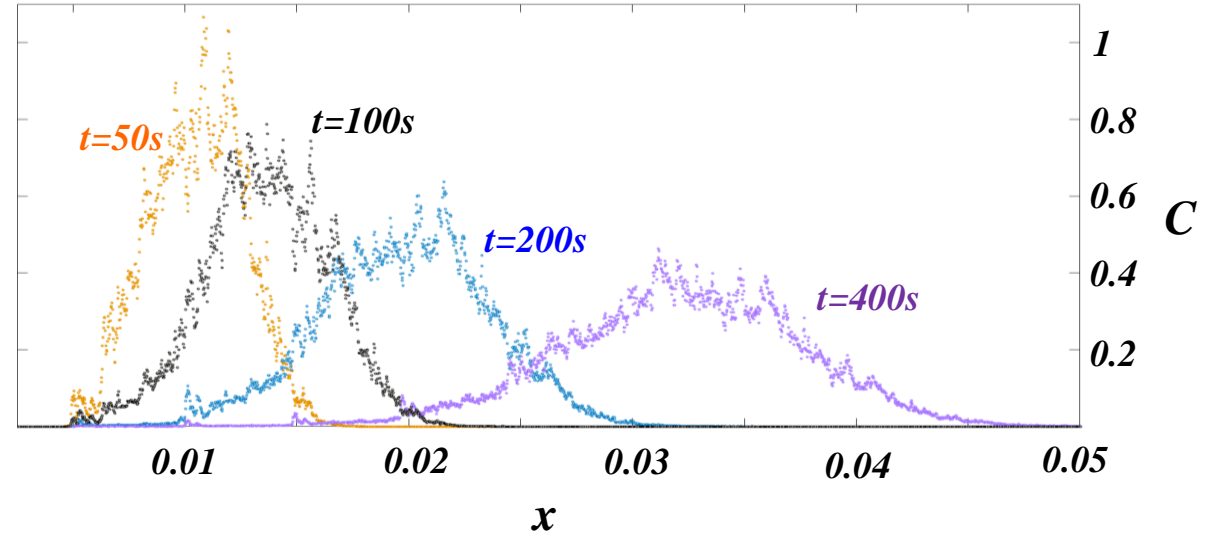
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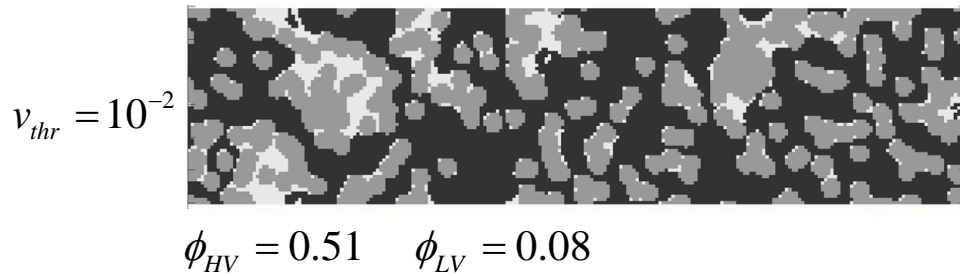
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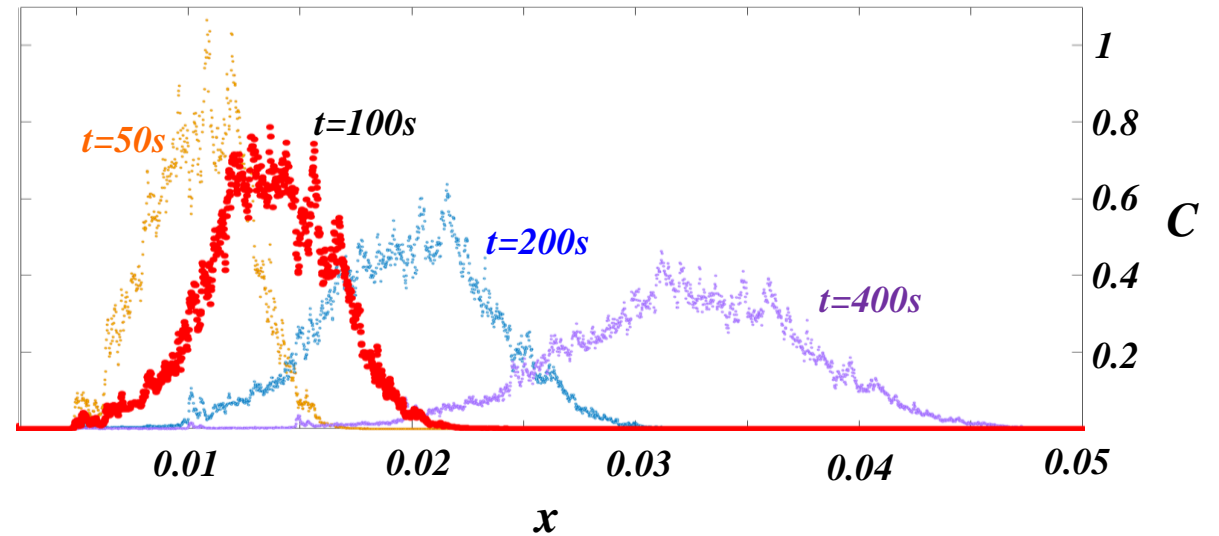
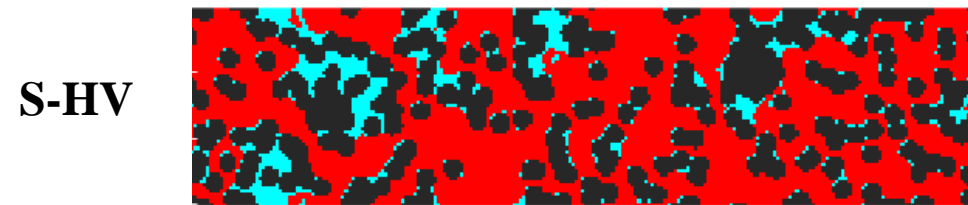
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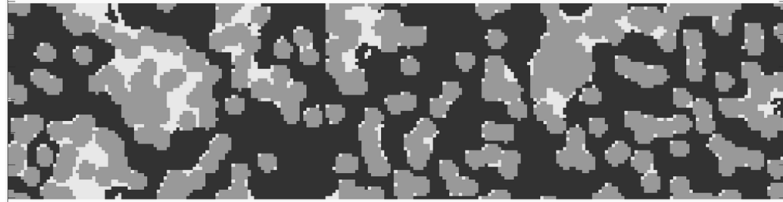


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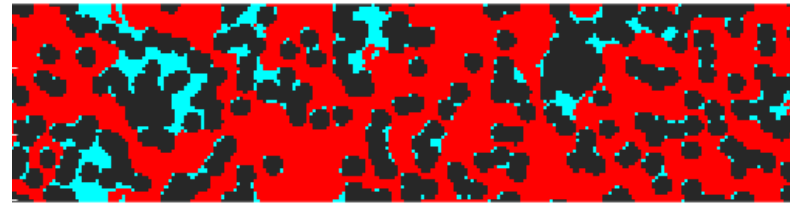
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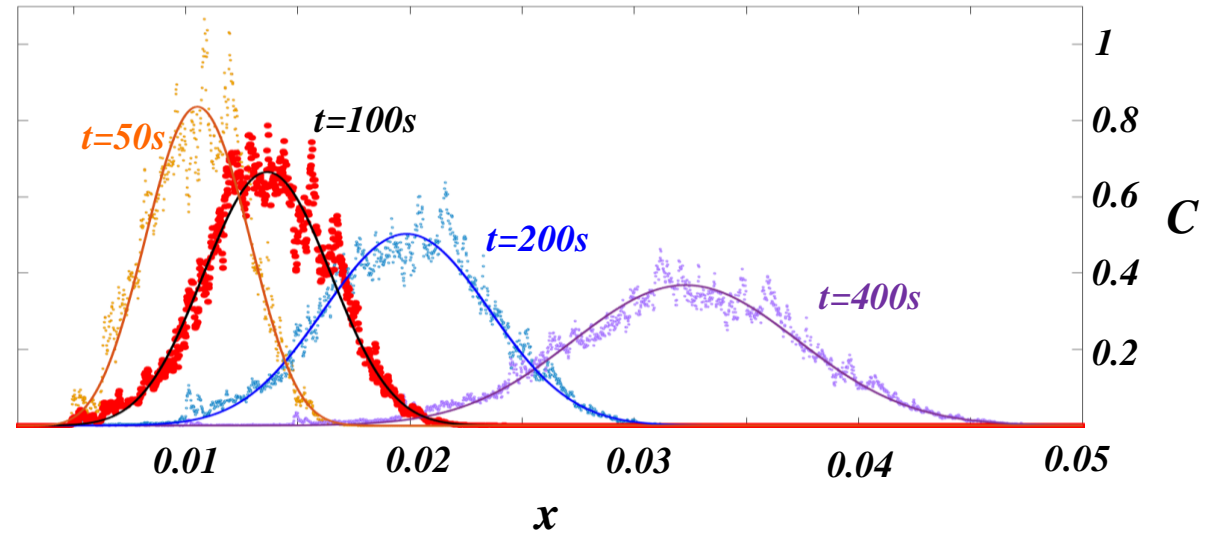
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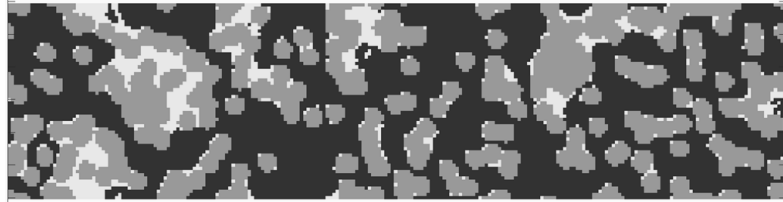
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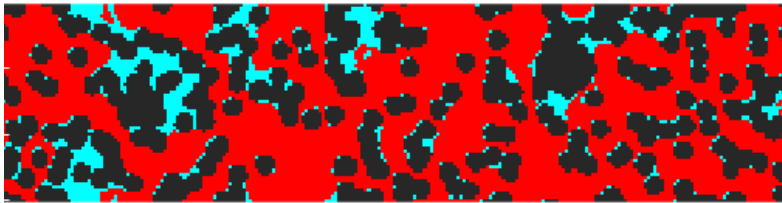


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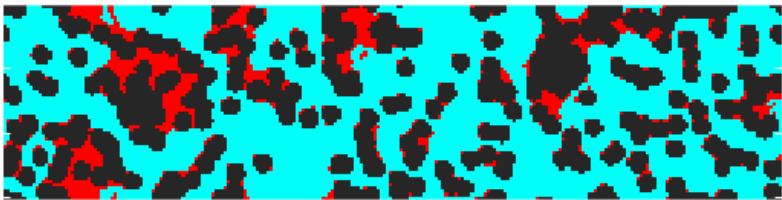
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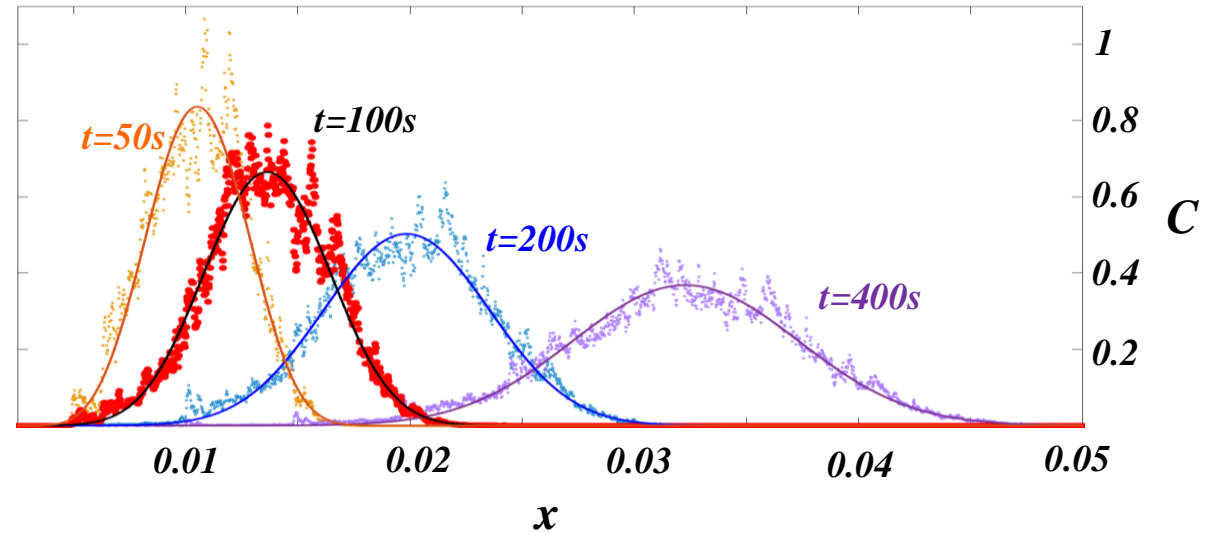
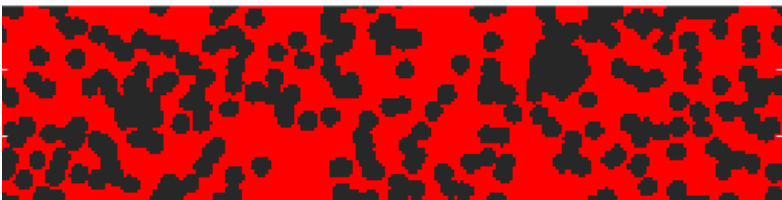
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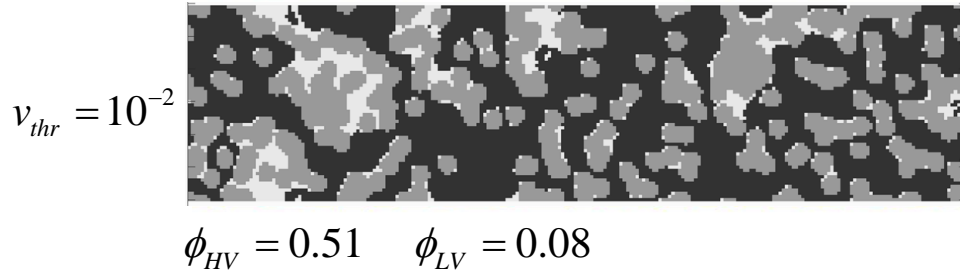
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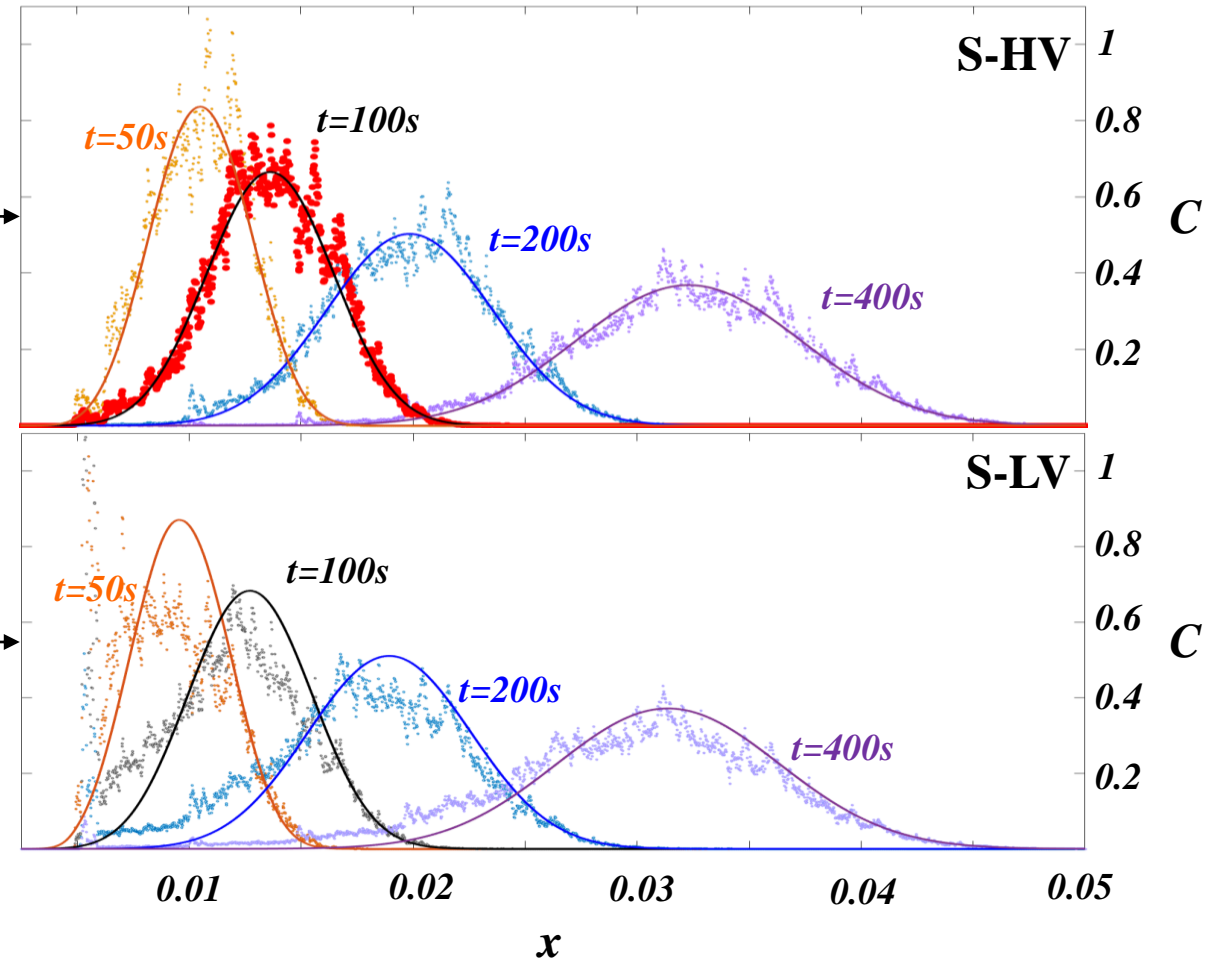
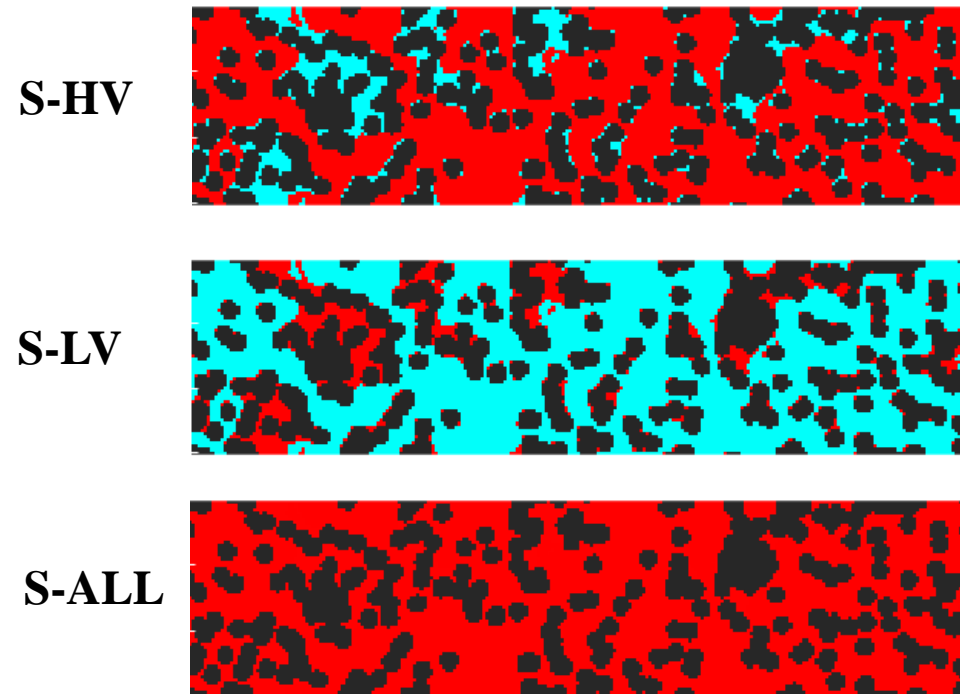
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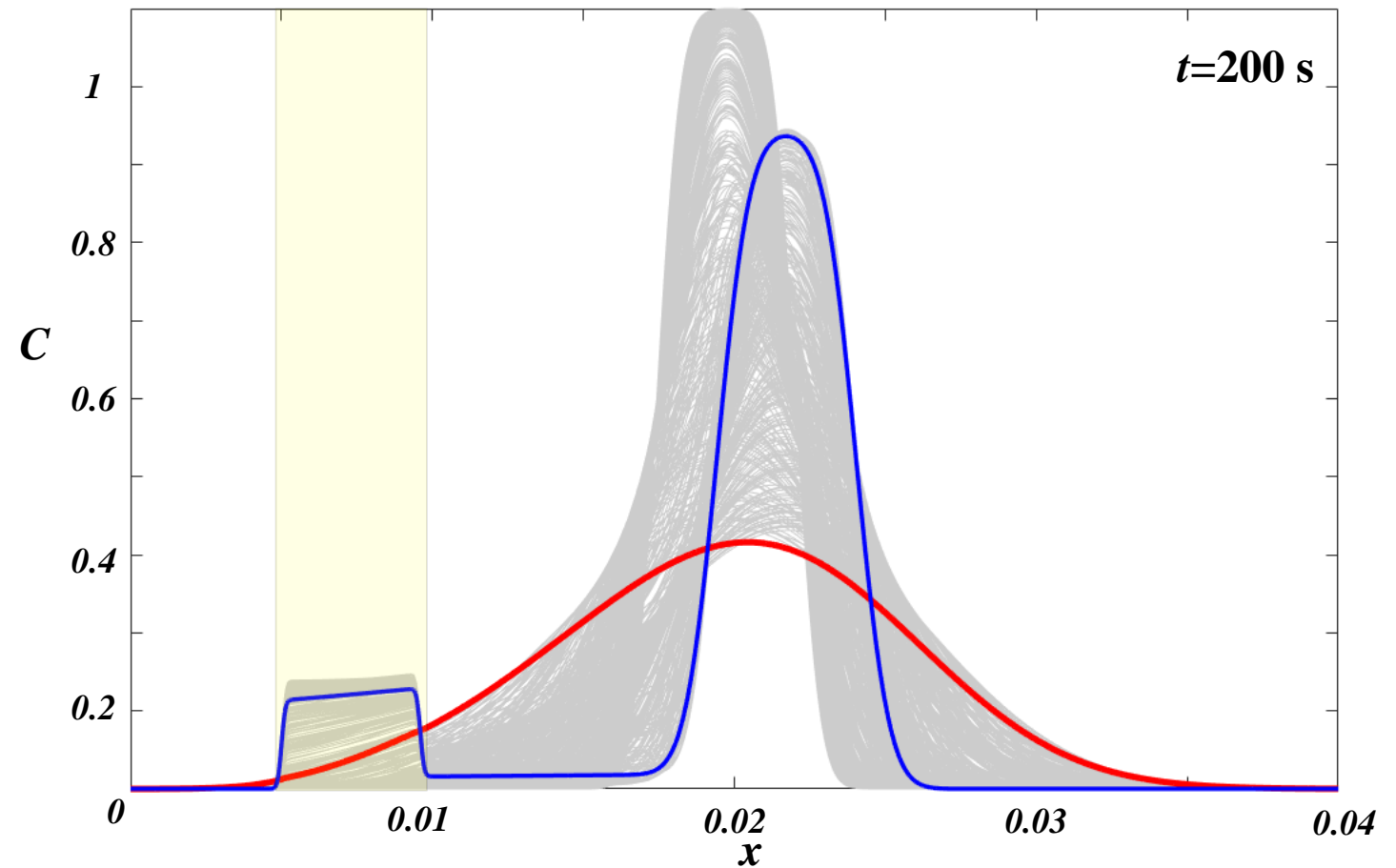
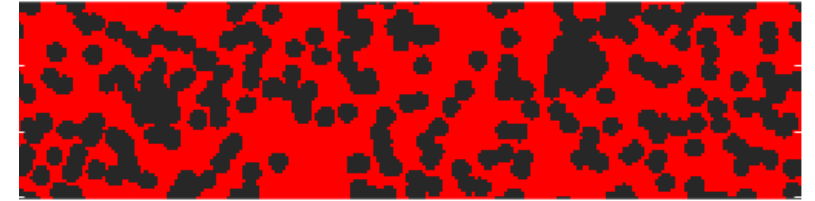
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- Target Variables

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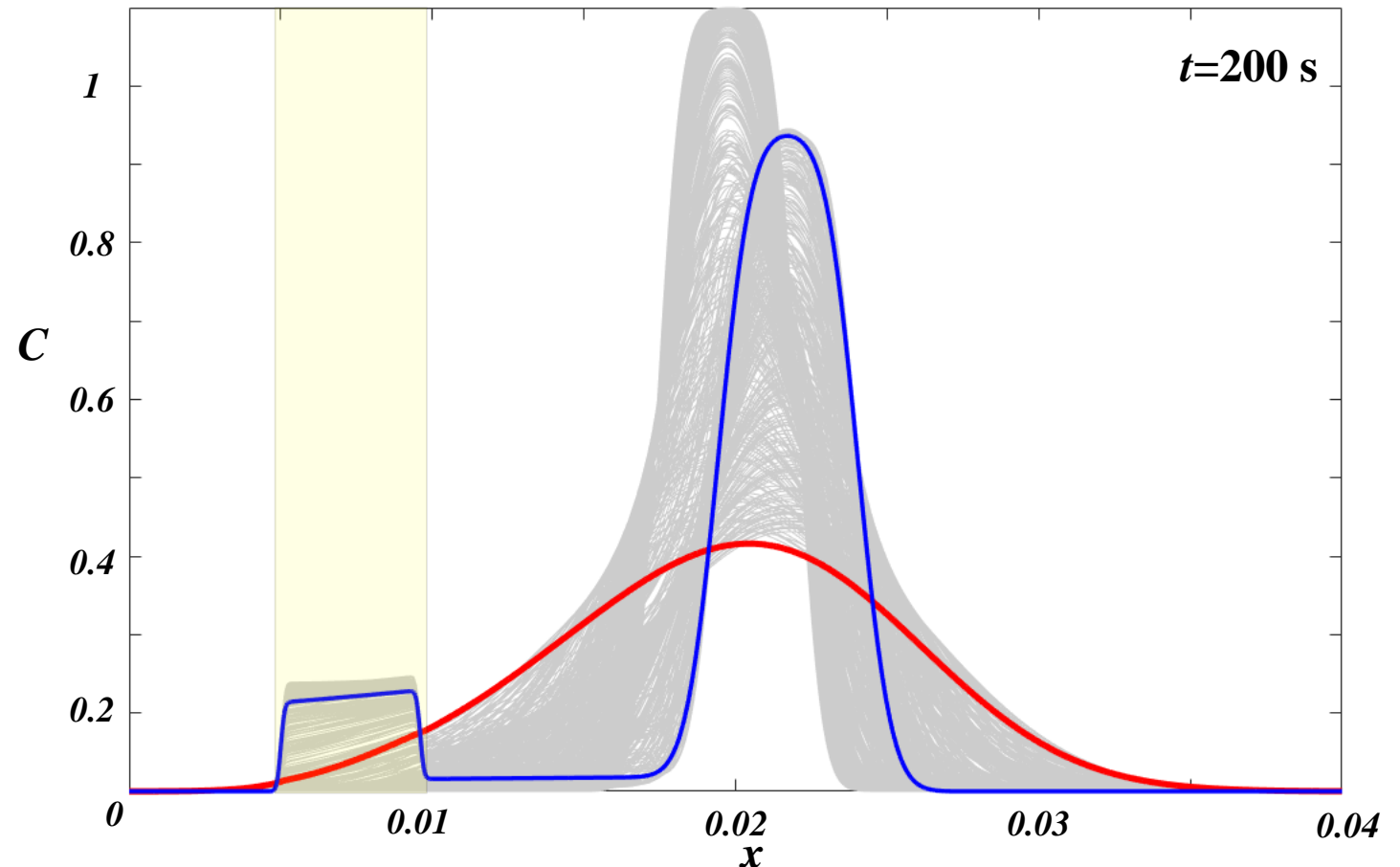
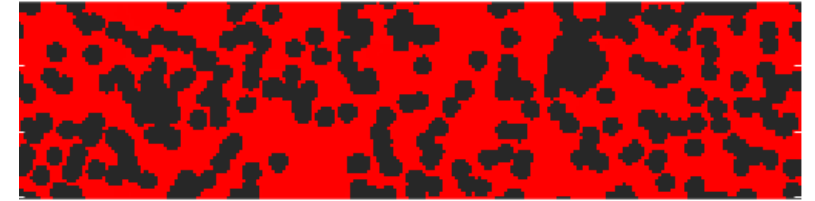
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$$\gamma(\hat{t}) = \frac{\int [\hat{x} - \mu(\hat{t})]^3 C_n(\hat{x}, \hat{t}) d\hat{x}}{\sigma^3(\hat{t})}$$

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S-ALL





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The contribution to the variance of the profile spread given by the variability of L



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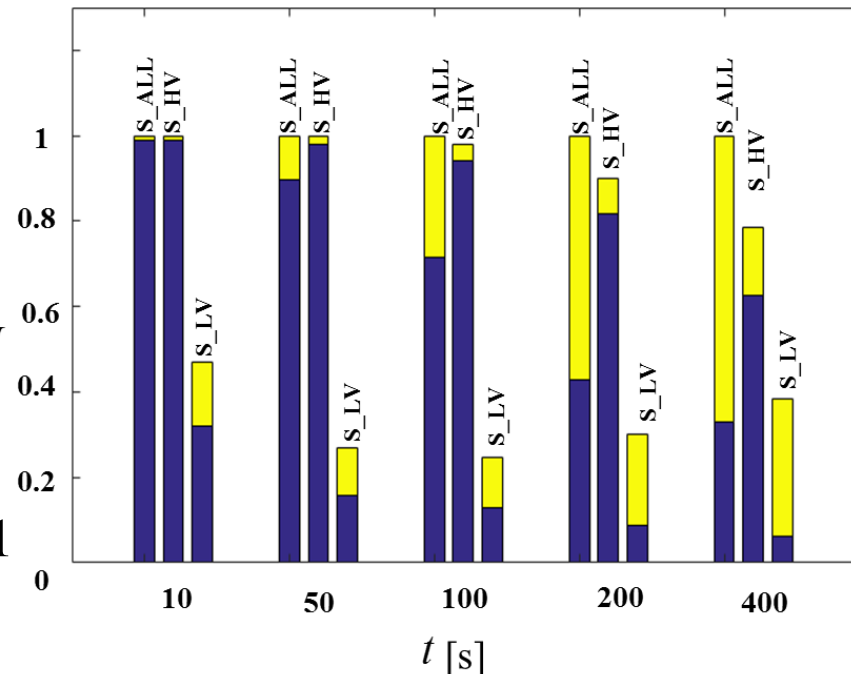
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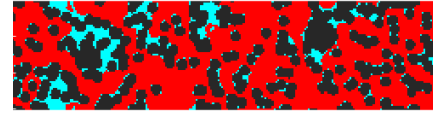
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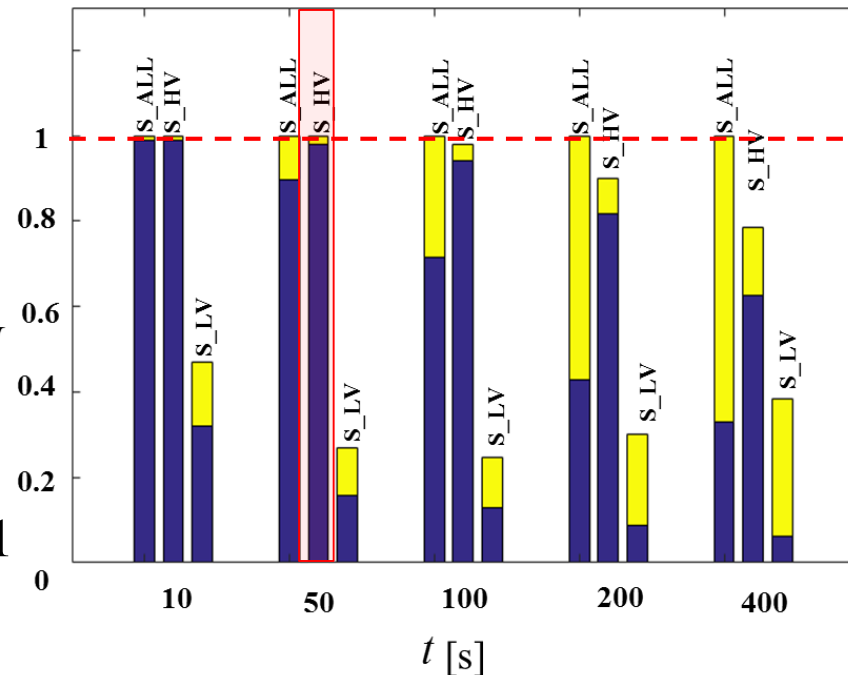
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S-HV Profile Spread at t = 50 s sensitive to L

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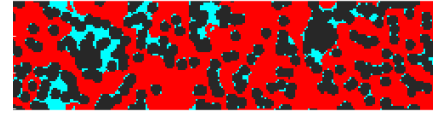
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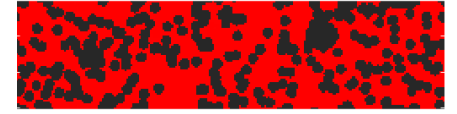
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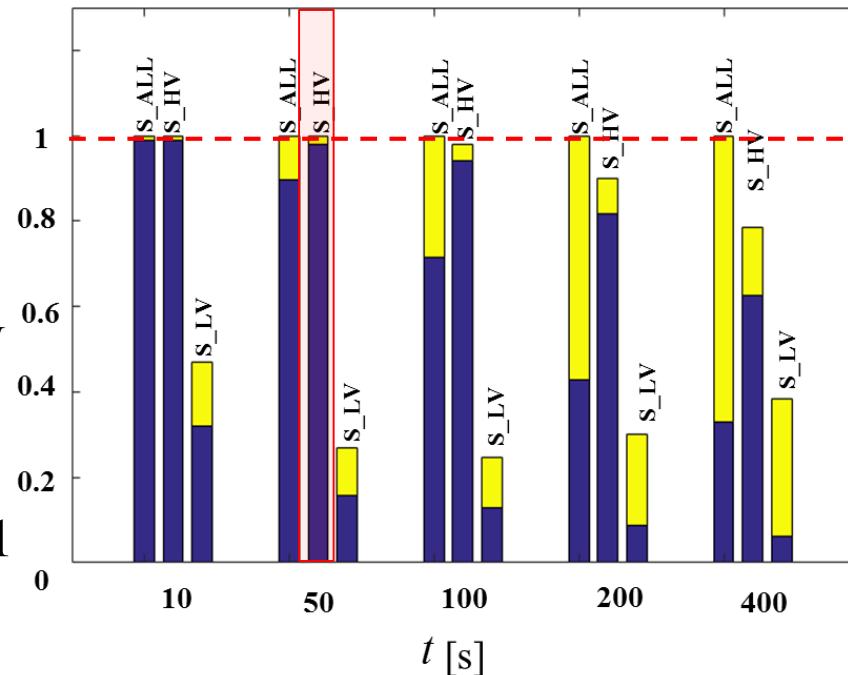
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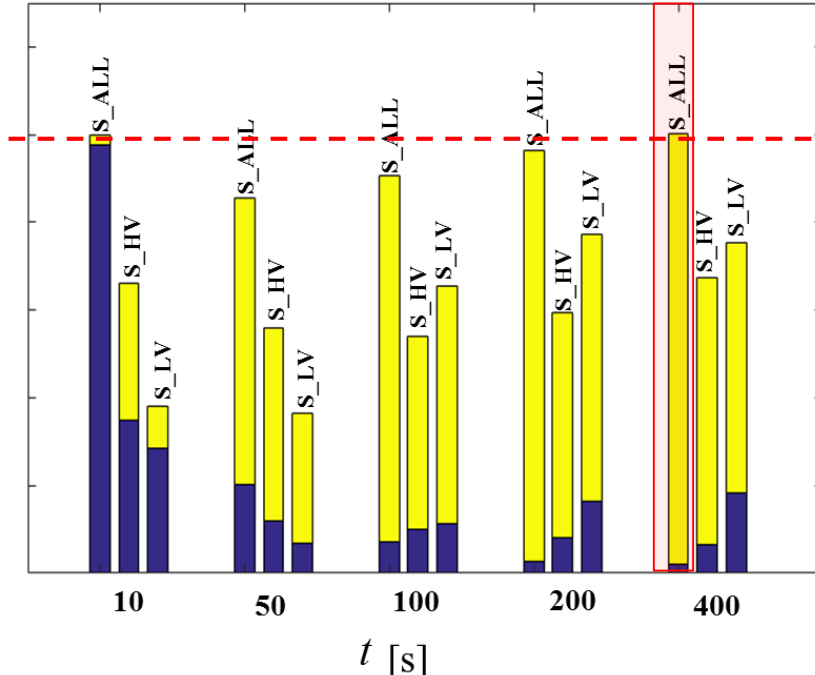
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Sensitivity of solute profile SPREAD



Sensitivity of solute profile SKEWNESS





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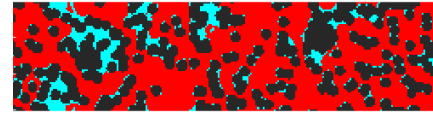
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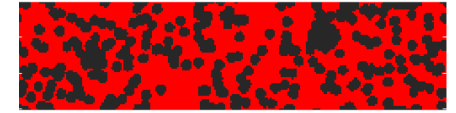
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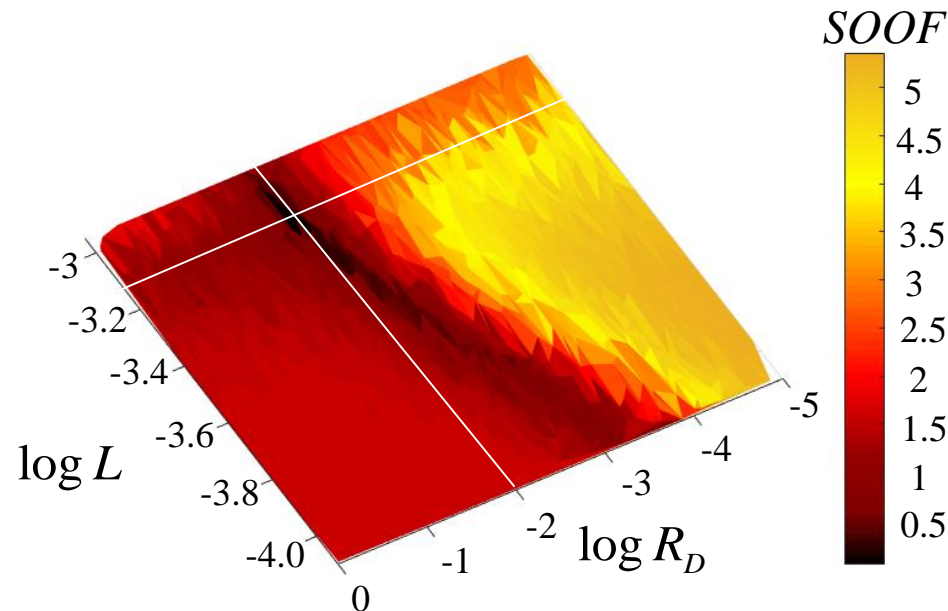
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Definition of a new calibration criterion

$$SOOF = P1 + P2$$



SOOF Calibration

L	R_D
673.4 μm	$10^{-1.9972}$

OBF Calibration

743 μm	$10^{-1.011}$
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Model Validation with *SOOF* criterion

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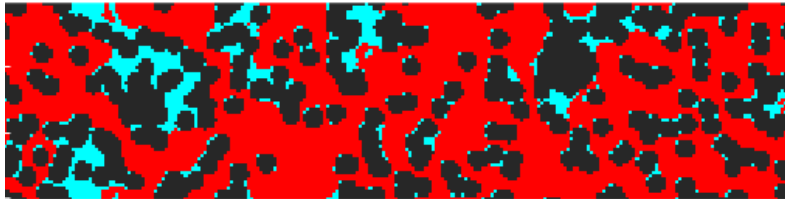
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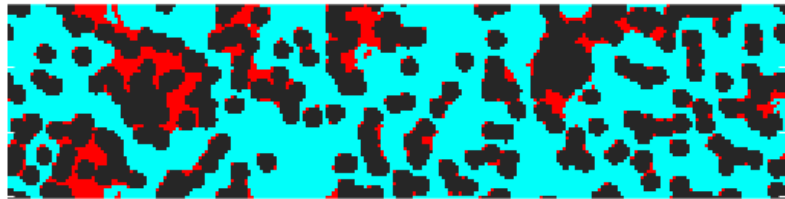
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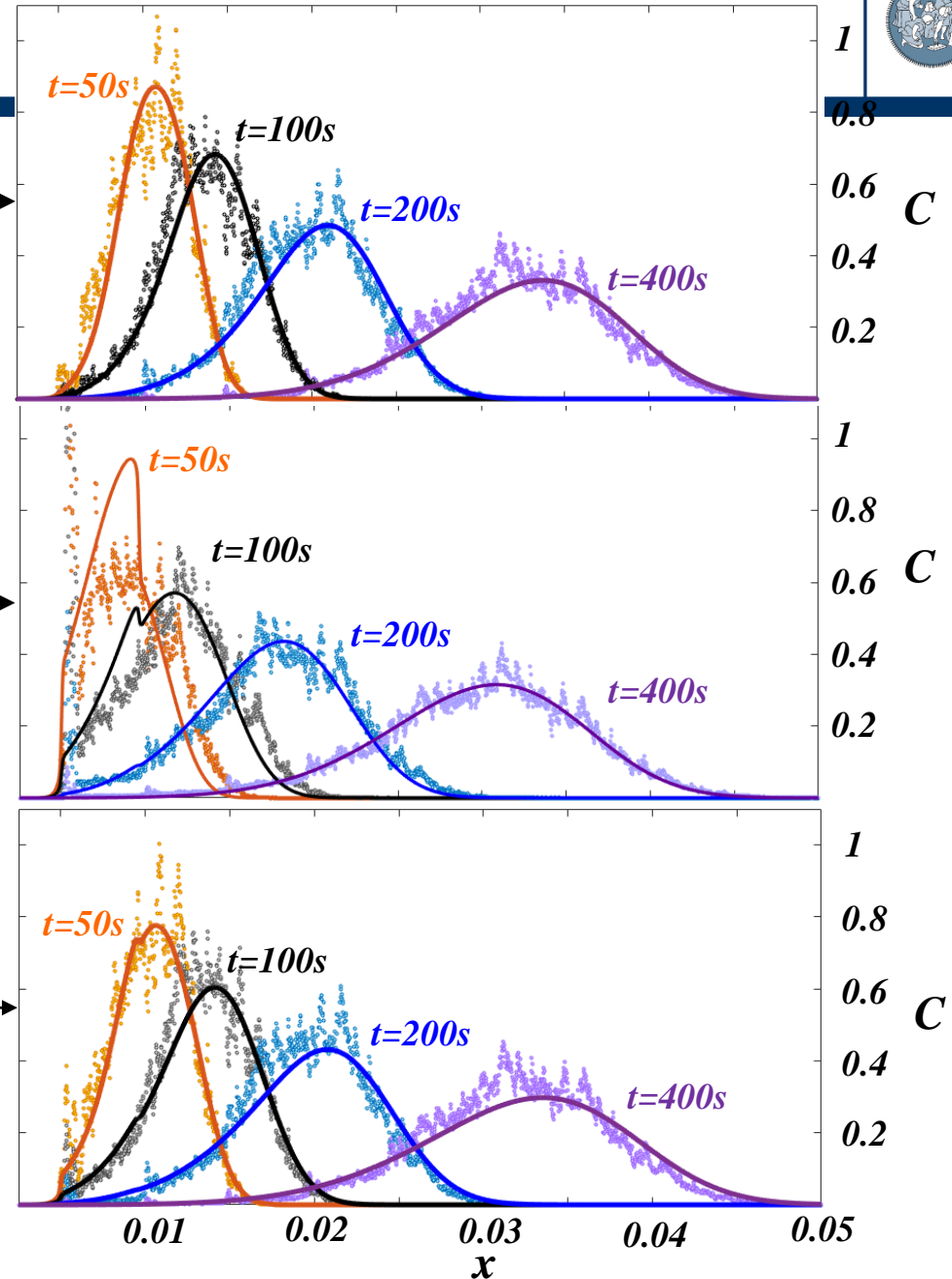
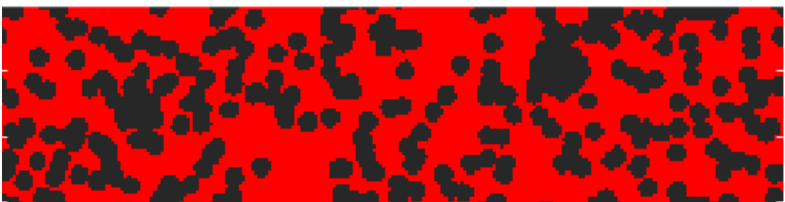
S-HV



S-LV



S-ALL





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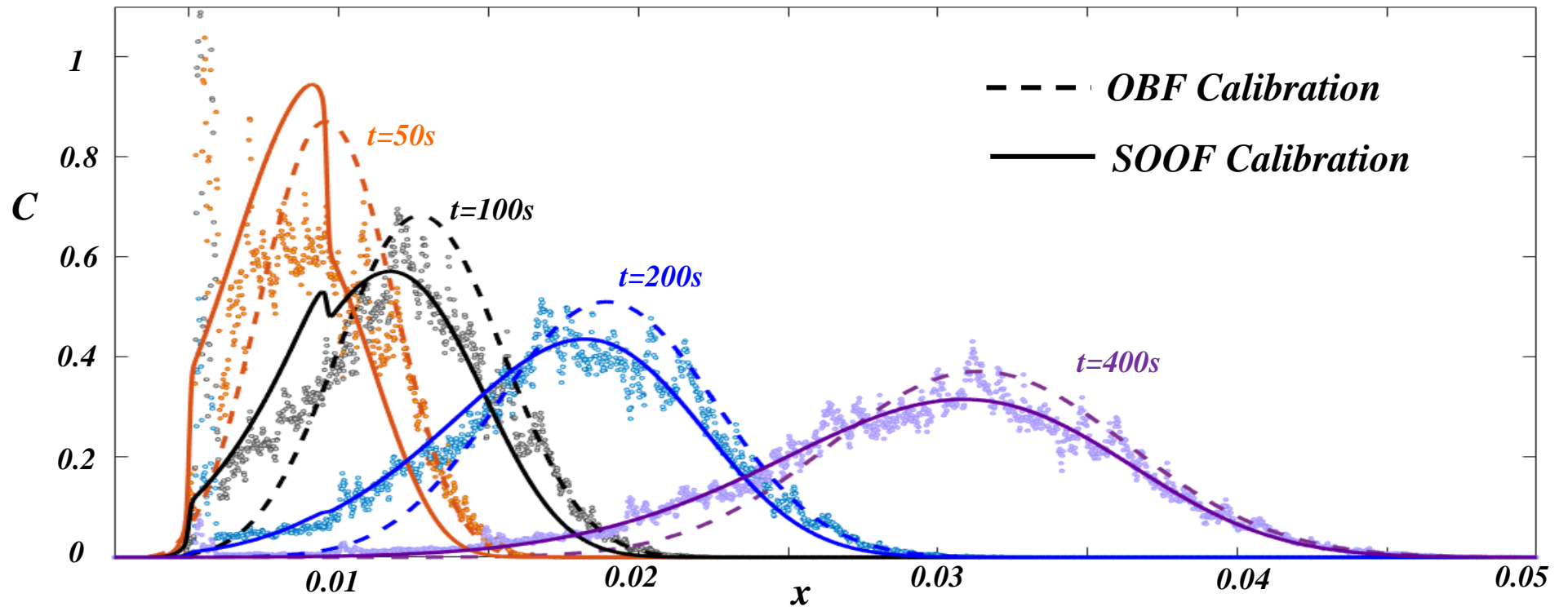
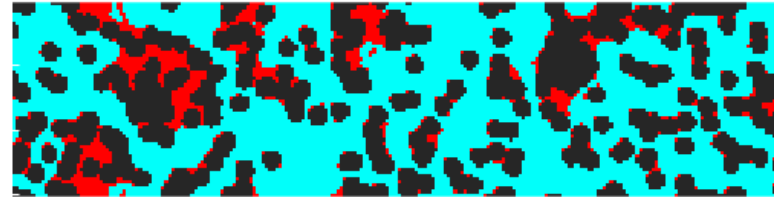
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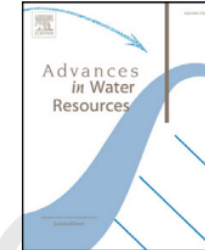


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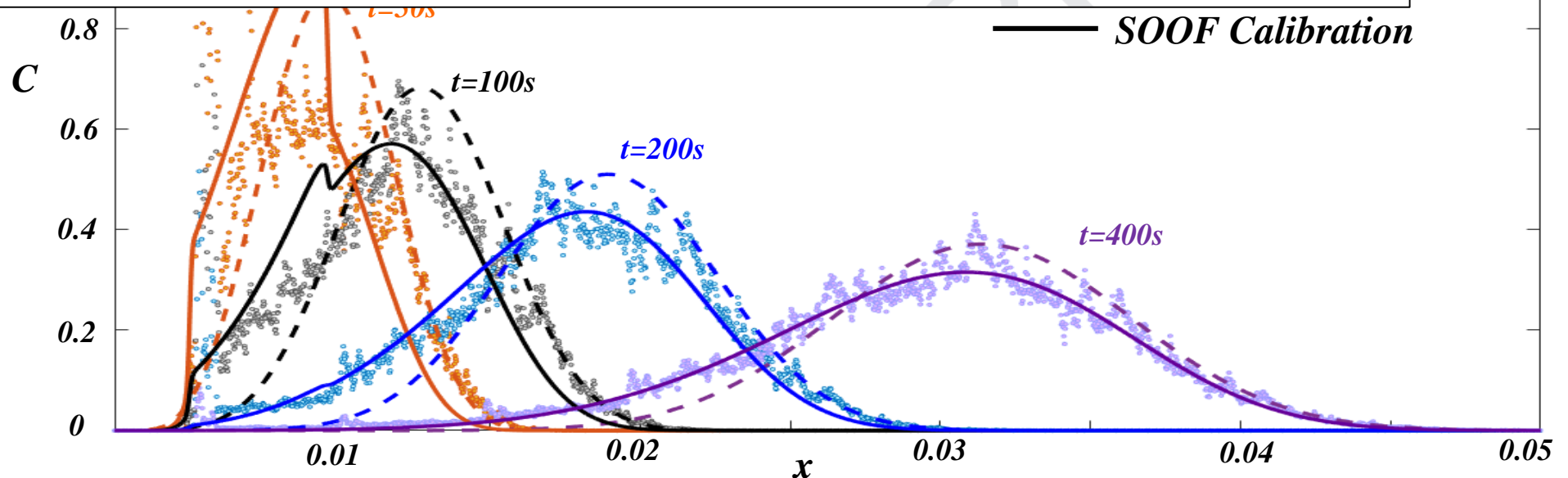
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A double-continuum transport model for segregated porous media: Derivation and sensitivity analysis-driven calibration

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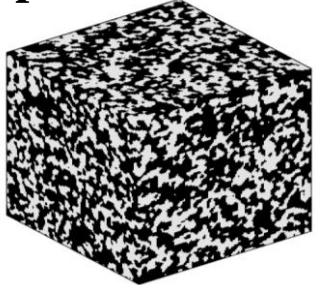




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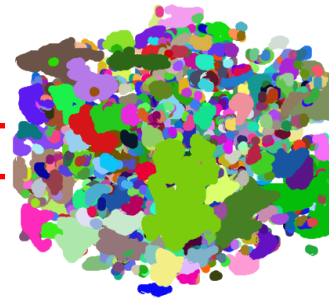
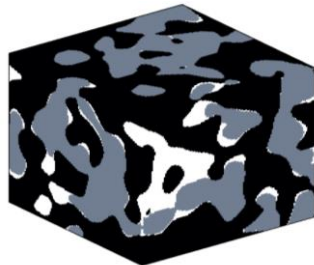
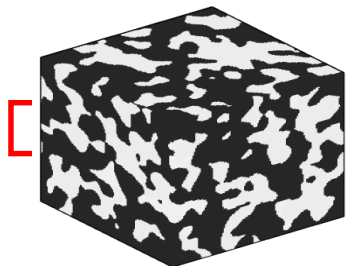
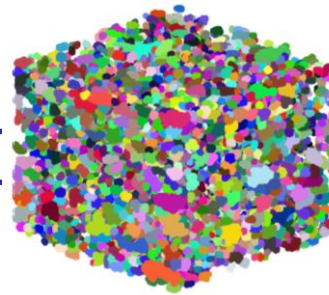
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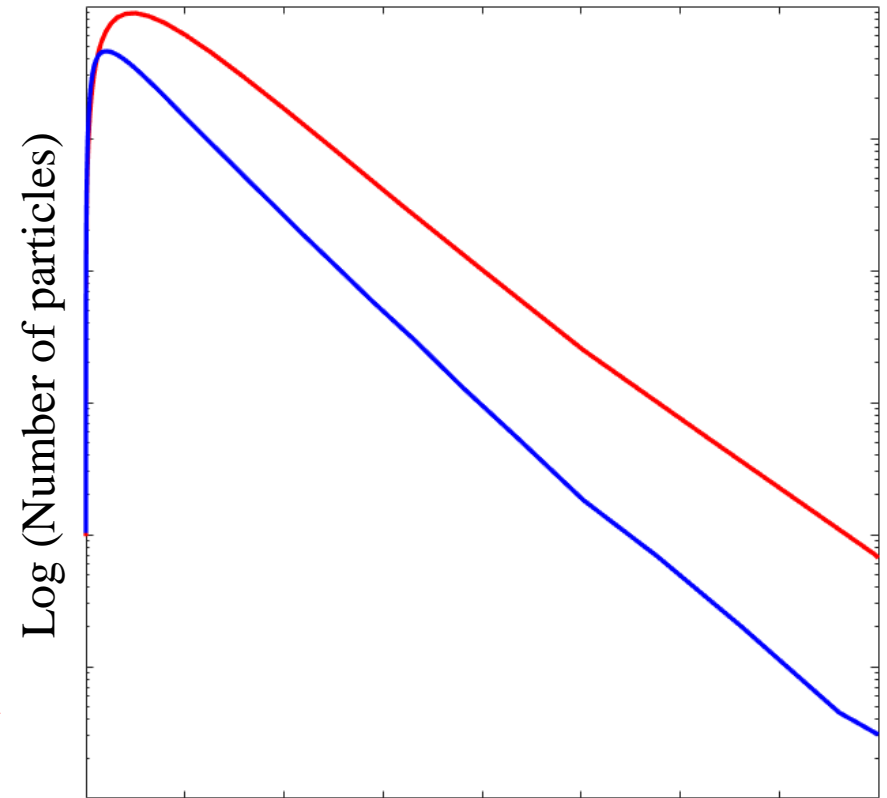
Define a velocity threshold



Analysis of the shape, connectivity and dimension of the low-velocity regions



Particle tracking simulations of the escape time



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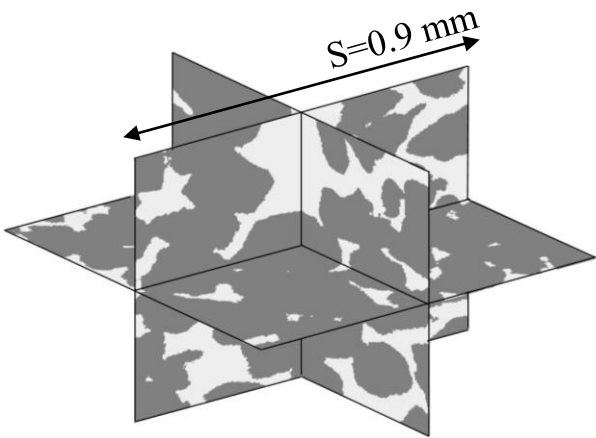
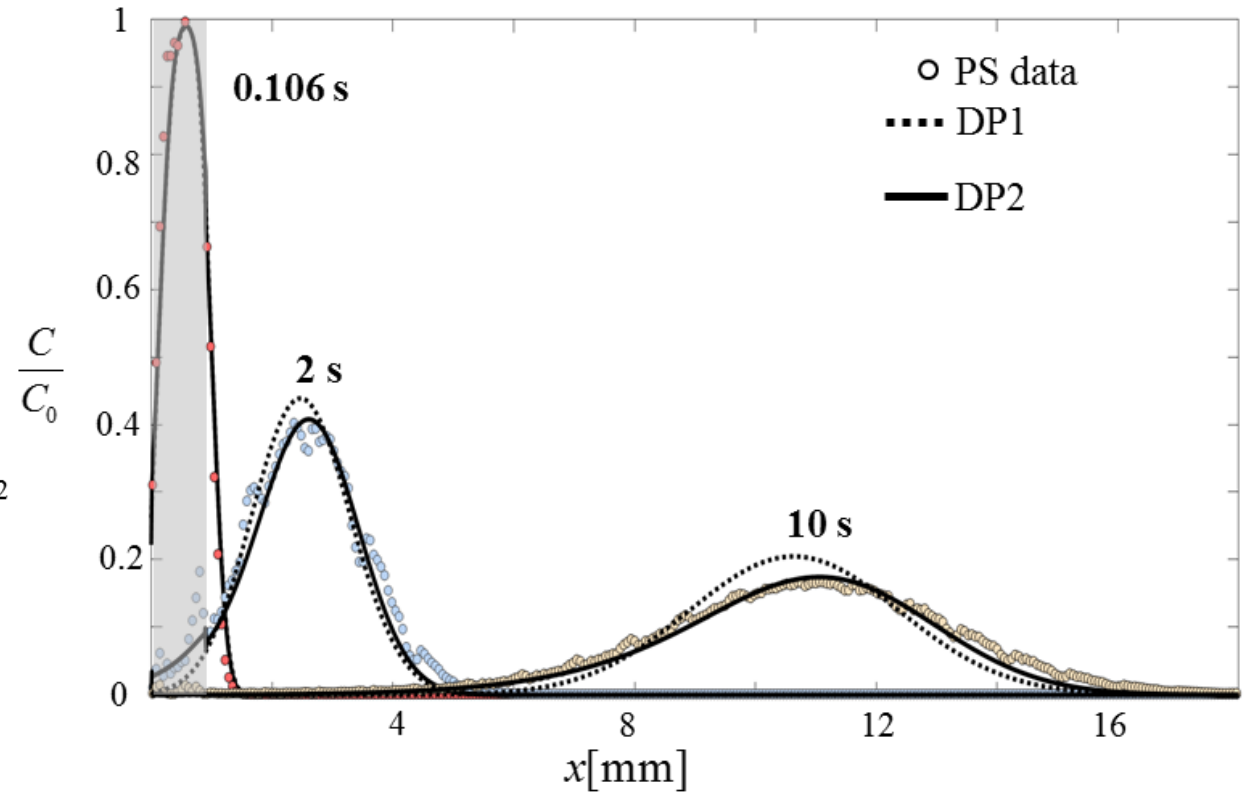
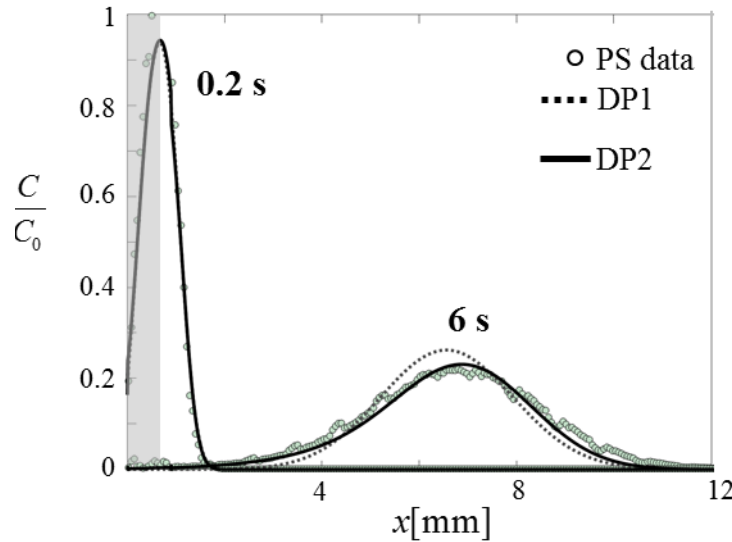
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Is the model performing well on 3D case studies?



ϕ	0.214
ϕ_m	0.199
ϕ_{im}	0.015

(Manually) Estimated parameters	
L	100.45 μm
R_D	0.0017

X-ray scanned 3D sandstone

(Bijeljic et al., 2011)