network models of dissolution and precipitation of porous media



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Chemical erosion

- chemical transformation of porous media
- dissolution process is of fundamental importance in a variety of geological systems
- an example of chemical reaction



Figure: Karst caves in Luary.

 $\mathrm{CaCO}_3 + 2\mathrm{H}^+ \rightarrow \mathrm{CO}_2 + \mathrm{H}_2\mathrm{O} + \mathrm{Ca}^{2+}$

Engineering applications



Figure: The process of injecting carbon dioxide into the earth.



Figure: Stimulation of petroleum reservoirs.

Network model





Figure: Triangular lattice with regular nodes. $\frac{4}{20}$

Figure: Triangular lattice with random nodes.

Network model



Figure: Scheme of a network with punctual inlet and outlets.

Figure: Scheme of a network with line inlets and outlets.



Theoretical Model



$$q = -\Delta P \frac{\pi d^4}{128\mu L} \tag{1}$$

The fluid flow is proportional to the pressure drop. Adding contiguity condition we get Ohm's law and the network of pores can be regarded as resistor lattice that evolves in time.

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- Additionally the merging of neighbouring pores is carried out.

Variety of dissolution patterns







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Two reaction types - dissolution and precipitation

$$SiO_2 + 6HF \rightarrow SiF_6^{2-} + 2H_2O + 2H_2^+$$
 (4)

$$2Na^{+} + \operatorname{SiF}_{6}^{2-} \to \operatorname{Na}_{2}\operatorname{SiF}_{6},$$
(5)



Precipitation depending on K and Γ



$$K = \frac{k_{wy}}{k_{roz}}$$
$$\Gamma = \frac{\rho_{roz}}{\rho_{wy}}$$

Figure: Dissolution and precipitation with fixed flow.

Time to breakthrough including precipitation.

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