

# The Analysis of Residual Contaminants and Migration of Leakage at Pore Scale in Leakage Process of Pipeline

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**Abstract** The buried pipeline leakage has tremendous impact on the surrounding environment, while crude oil migration and residues of contaminants in the soil porous media law is an important basis for the detection and elimination. Considering the characteristics of oil multiphase flow in porous media, we establish underground pipeline leak oil contaminants diffusion model under pore-scale to analyze the influence of the porous medium particle size, pore structure, and the nature on its oil migration and the residues. The results show that Plasmid size has the more influences on the oil residues in the soil porous media, light crude oil varying with time gradually migrate out from small gap between the ball, stop separating from the water after 20 seconds, some part of light crude oil still adhere to the wall and near the ball.

## Introduction

Oil leakage of Pipelines often caused by corrosion or breaking during the operation of oil gathering pipeline, which cause serious pollution to the soil and surrounding environment, so studying the characteristics of pipeline leakage contaminant residues is of great significance to the later environmental restoration. The domestically study mainly focuses on the simulation of influence of leakage position on leakage rate, the relationship between the leakage rate and leakage depth, the relationship between the speed and depth of the leakage. It has been demonstrated that the leakage diffusion and oil pollutant in groundwater which is obtained and the leaked oil adhesion in the riverbed will be augmented with the increase of groundwater flow velocity, leakage mouth in the upper part pipeline minimum leakage range, and conclusions such as landmark diffusion area is the most popular<sup>[1-4]</sup>. Factors such as the pore structure and leakage velocity have been controlled in this article. The migration of pollutants is simulated after pipeline leakage.

## Mathematical model

The buried pipelines leaked pollutants is porous flow medium in this article the soil particles are simplified as the radius of 3-4 mm balls, the space between the ball all assumed to be the air, according to the leakage process and selection of boundary conditions, this article uses the VOF model and establishes conservation of mass and momentum conservation equation.

## Mass conservation equation

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}(\mathbf{r}_m) + \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{r}_m \mathbf{v}_m) = 0 \quad (1)$$

In the formula:

$m$ —The number of multiphase fluid.

$v_m$ —The average velocity of fluid, m/s.

$$\mathbf{v}_m = \frac{\sum_{k=1}^m \mathbf{a}_k \mathbf{r}_k \mathbf{v}_k}{\mathbf{r}_m} \quad (2)$$

$\rho_m$ —The density of multiphase fluid, kg/m<sup>3</sup>.

$$v_m = \frac{\sum_{k=1}^m a_k \rho_k v_k}{\rho_m} \tag{3}$$

$a_k$ —The volume ratio in the k’s phase.

$v_k$ —The velocity in the k’s phase, m/s.

$\rho_k$ —The density in the k’s phase, kg/m<sup>3</sup>.

**The momentum conservation equation**

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}(\rho_m) + \nabla \cdot (\rho_m v_m) = -\nabla \cdot [m_m (\nabla v_m + \nabla v_m^T)] + \rho_m g + F + \nabla \cdot \left( \sum_{k=1}^n a_k \rho_k v_{dr,k} \right) \tag{4}$$

In the formula:

m—The number of multiphase fluid.

F—Volume force, N.

$\tilde{N}p$ —The flowing differential pressure, Pa.

$m_m$ —The viscosity of the multiphase fluid, kg/m·s.

$$m_m = \sum_{k=1}^n a_k m_k \tag{5}$$

$v_{dr,k}$ —Drive speed in the k’s phase relative to the multiphase fluid, it is  $v_{dr,k} = v_k - v_m$ , m/s.

**Simulation conditions**

Select VOF model, due to the simulation boundary dimensions, the small ball size, making the porosity uniform use 0569, it is concluded that the viscous resistance coefficient is 4201521, the co inertial resistance coefficient is 1364763 the size of the spill area is 300×300mm, the diameter of leakage pipe is 20mm, the size of leakage mouth is 7mm.

The numerical simulation has been performed under pore scale Particle radius of 3mm and 4mm is selected, respectively Arrangement mode is the straight and alternating forms The size of the simulation area is 300×300mm, the diameter of leakage pipe is 20mm, the size of leakage mouth is 7mm, the porosity of porous medium is 0569.

The use of triangle mesh of porous media model, the grid size is 05 pore scale grid partition uses two kinds of particle radius with 3 mm and 4 mm, respectively and use the straight and horizontal line to draw in two ways, for the triangular grid, size of 05 local grid diagram as shown in figure 1

The grid number in table 1

**Table 1**

Arrangement Particle radius	The straight line	Alternately
3mm	446584	442300
4mm	437668	439178

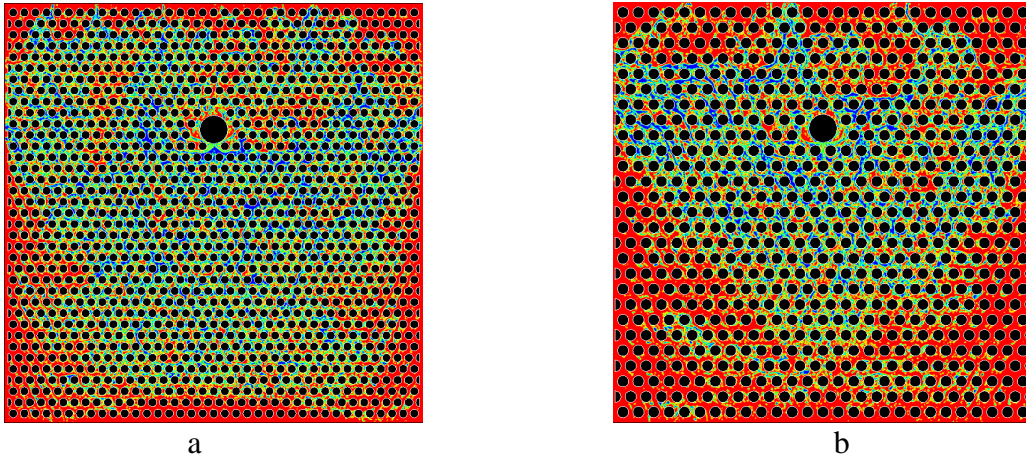
Leakage area boundary for the pressure of 0 pa's export, leakage mouth entrance for speed, the speed is 011 m/s considering the influence of gravity, acceleration of gravity is 981 m/s<sup>2</sup>, the particle surface is wall, the ratio of oil and water is 1:1.

The material for oil-water two phase simulation use water and decane (C10H22), main properties can be seen in the table below.

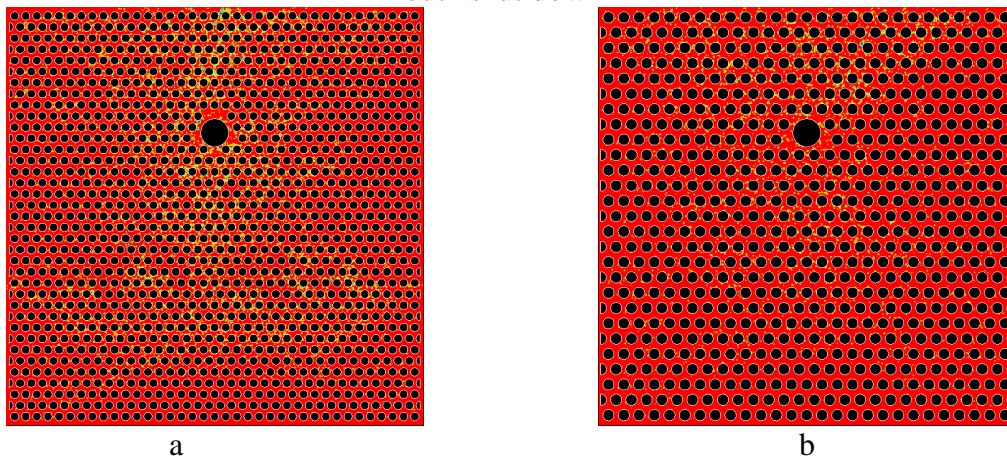
**Table 2**

Property	water	oil	Oil and water, on average
Density	9982kg/m <sup>3</sup>	730kg/m <sup>3</sup>	8641kg/m <sup>3</sup>
Viscosity	000103Pa·s	00024Pa·s	0001715Pa·s

### The influence of particle size



Under the 3 mm diameter oil phase distribution before the leakage mouth shut down(a)  
 Under the 4 mm diameter oil phase distribution before the leakage mouth shut down(b)  
 Fig1. The oil-water mixture phase diagram under the different particle diameter before the leakage mouth shut down



Under the 3 mm diameter oil phase distribution after the leakage mouth shut down 15s(a)  
 Under the 4mm diameter oil phase distribution after the leakage mouth shut down 15s(b)  
 Fig 2. The oil-water mixture phase diagram under the different particle diameter after the leakage mouth shut down

As you can see from figure 1, in the same flow rate, the condition of small ball diameter size will impact on mixed pollutants leakage distribution, when particle size large, light oil concentrates distribution in the upper, diffusion range is small. Particle size small, lightweight oil dispersed evenly, wide spread.

As you can see from figure 2, light oil were separated with water after 15s, migrate to outside surface on the simulation range, but a few size small residual is near the leak.

## Export density changes over time

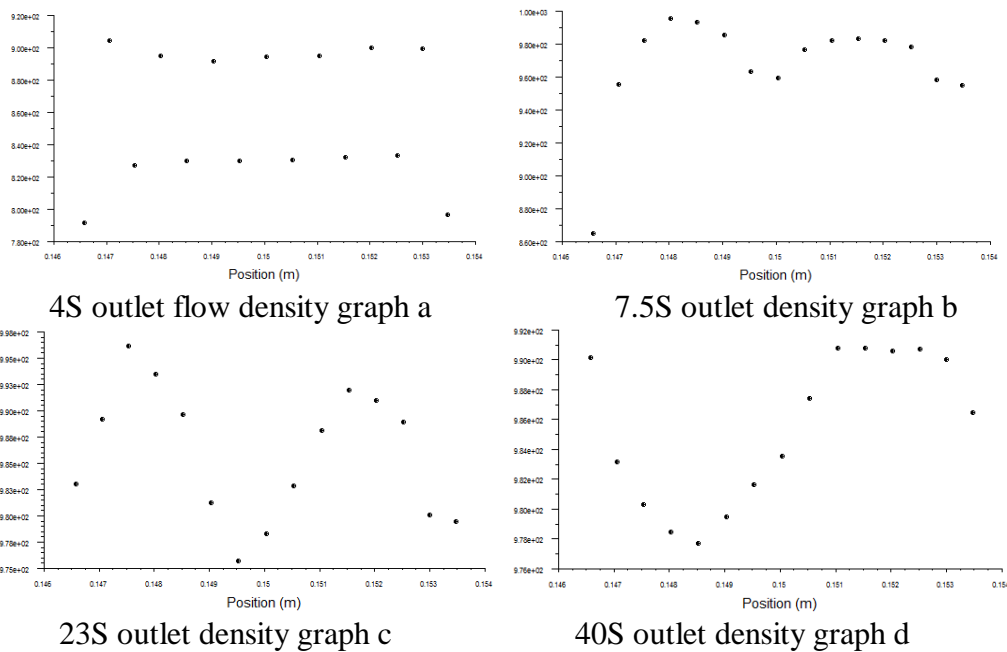


Fig 3. The 4 mm diameter near the leakage mouth density variation over time

Close the leakage after mouth, leakage near the mouth density decreases with time which can know from figure 3, After 20 s density almost no changes, but still uneven density, may safely draw the conclusion: Light crude which changes gradually over time migration out from the space between the ball, from the water after 20 s almost stop separation process, there is still some light crude adhesion in the tube wall and near the ball.

## Conclusions

In this paper, residual characteristics of buried oil pipeline leak pollutants are simulated with the CFD software, contrast analysis before and after the leakage from the CFD simulation, it can be concluded that:

- (1) Small ball diameter size will impact on mixed pollutants leakage distribution, the greater particle size, the easier it is upward migration, and the light oil residue is less.
- (2) Light crude which changes gradually with time from the space between the ball can migrate out, almost stop separating from the water after 20s, there is still some light crude adhered on the tube wall and near the ball.

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