

Modeling Fluid

Absorption in

Anisotropic 3D-Printed

Cement-Based Materials

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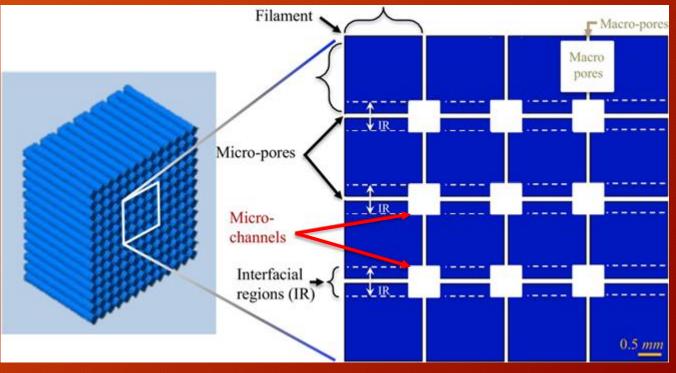




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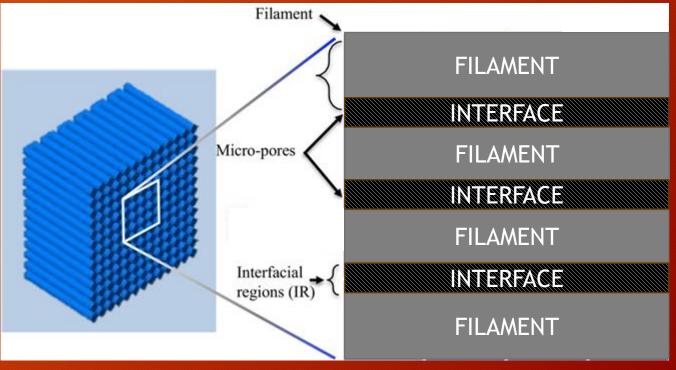
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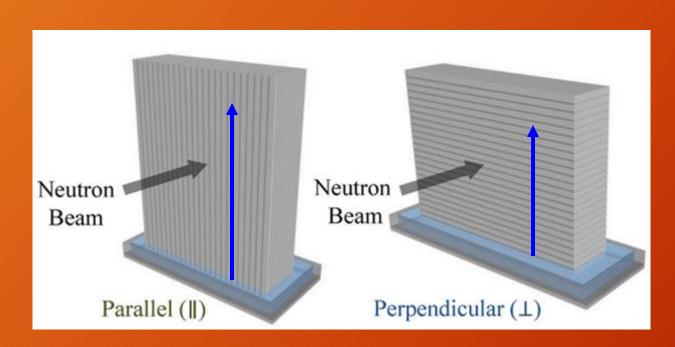
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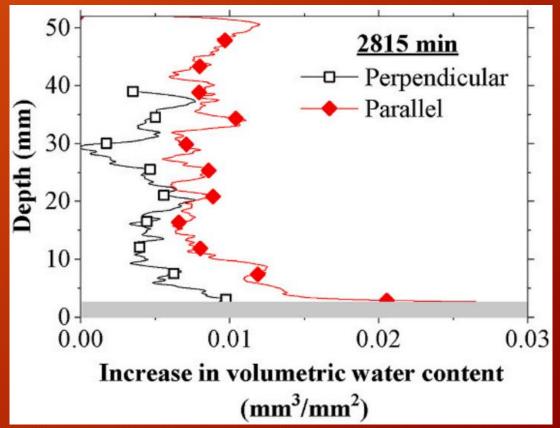
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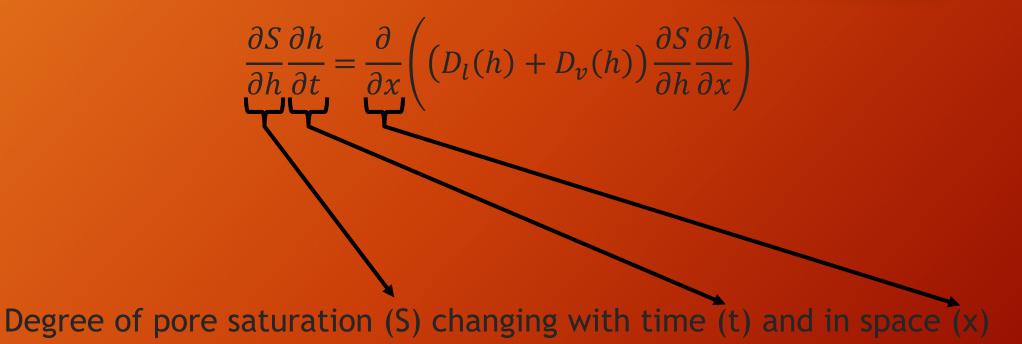
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Fluid Absorption Modeling



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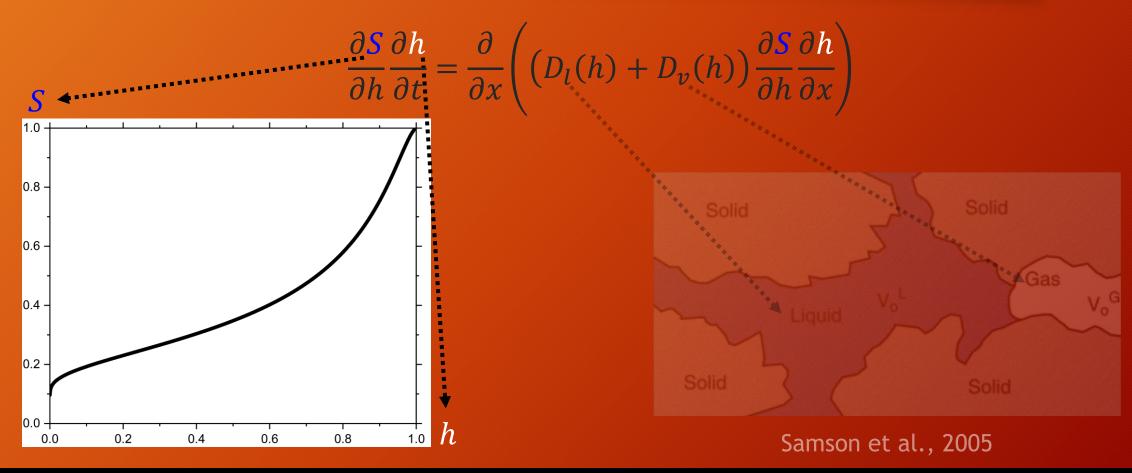
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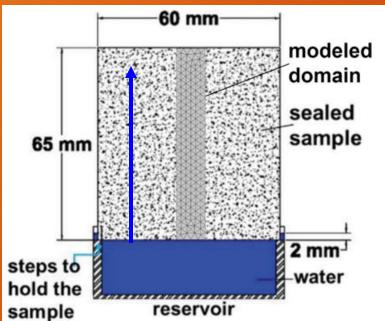
Samson et al., 2005

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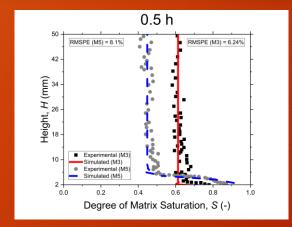


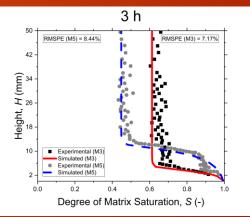
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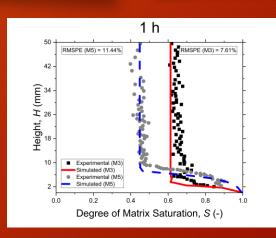
Moradllo et al., 2018

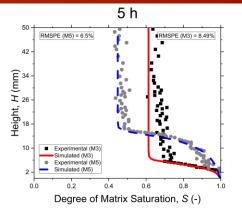


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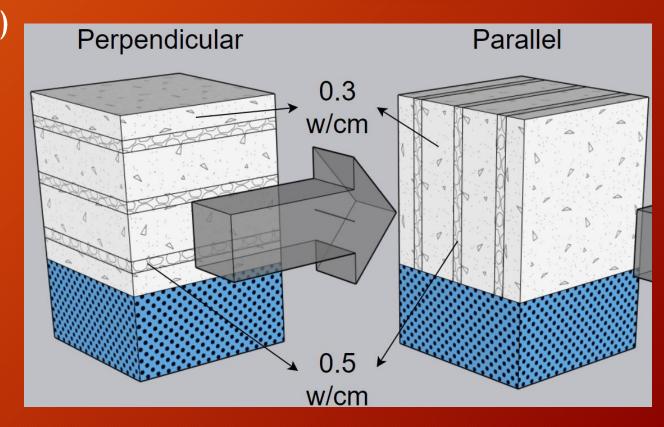




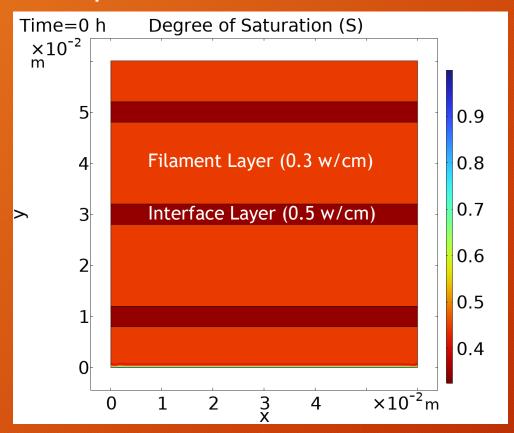


Simulated Layered Geometry

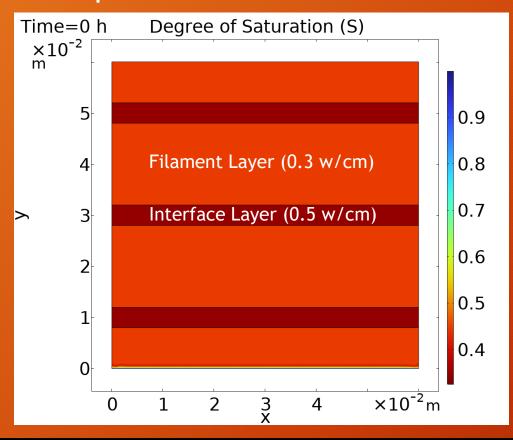
- Printed filaments (8 mm, 0.3 w/cm)
- Interfaces (2 mm, 0.5 w/cm)
- Degree of pore saturation (S) 2D contour plots

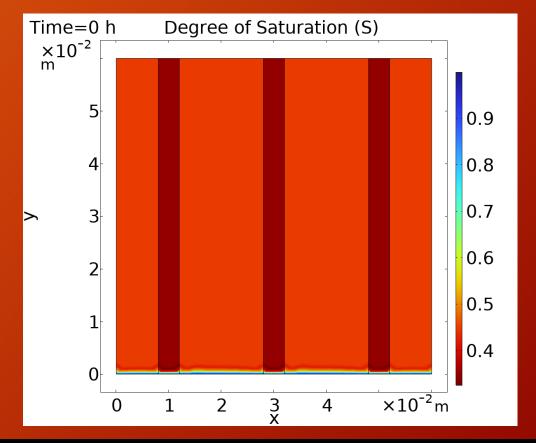


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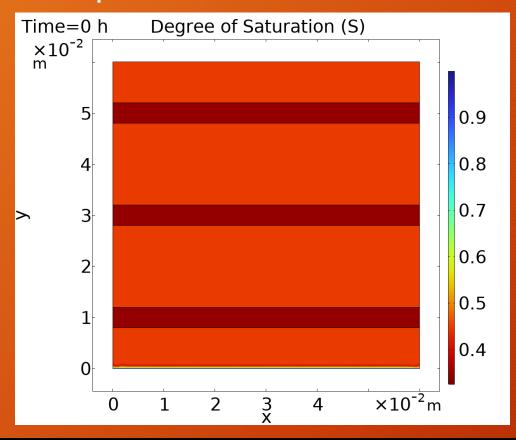


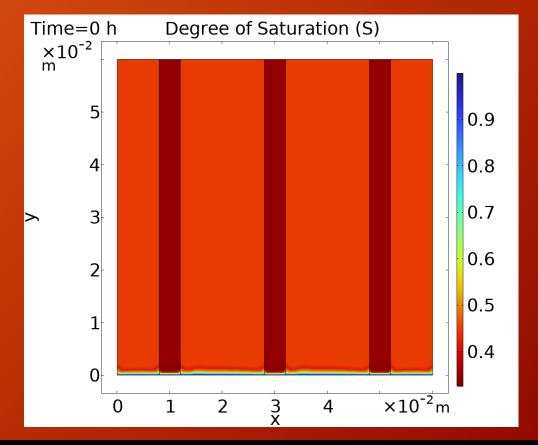
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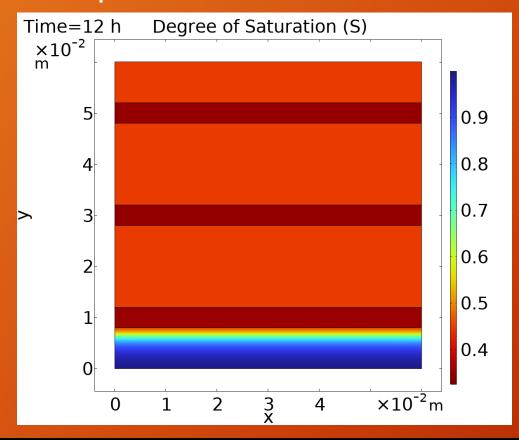


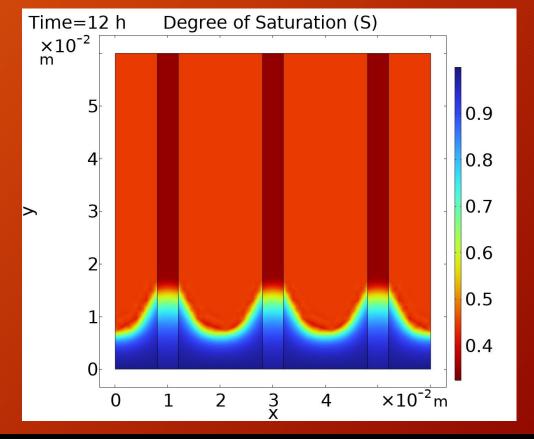
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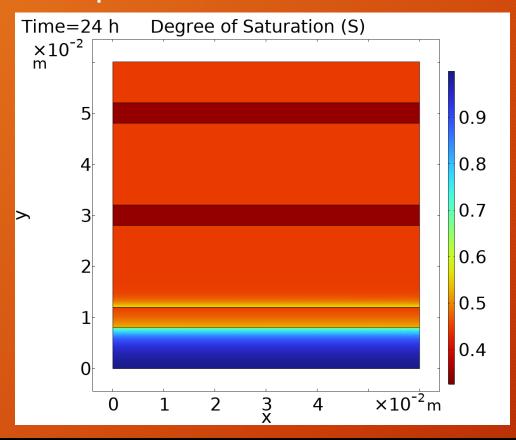


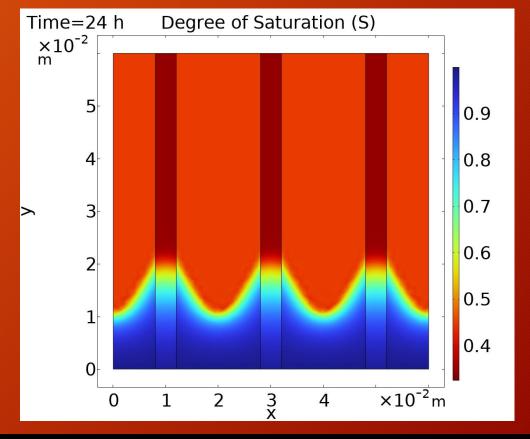
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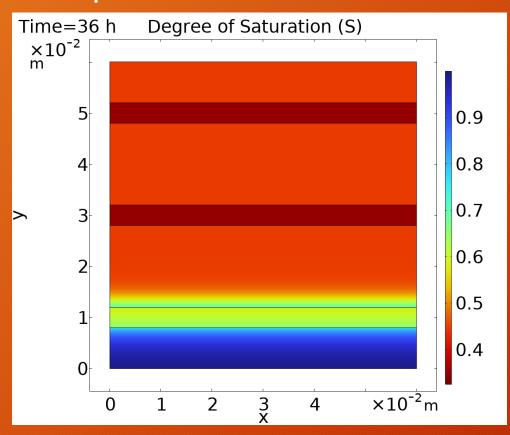


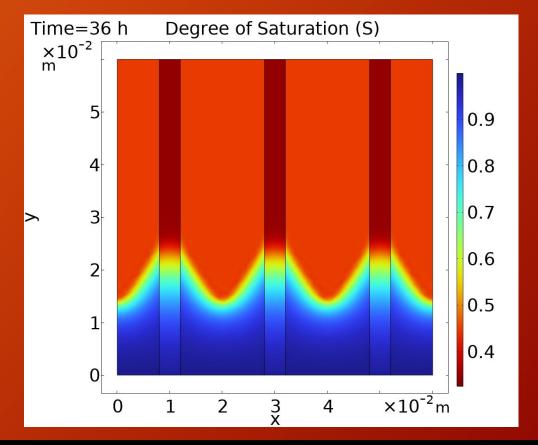
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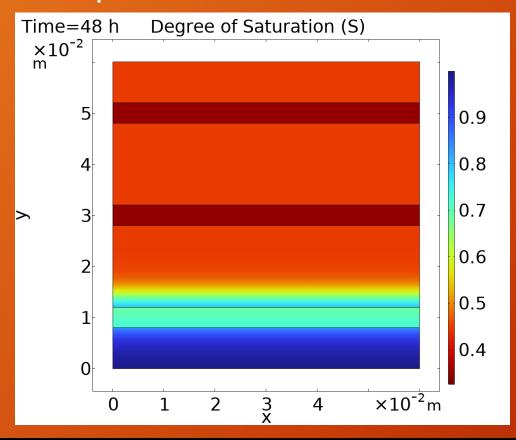


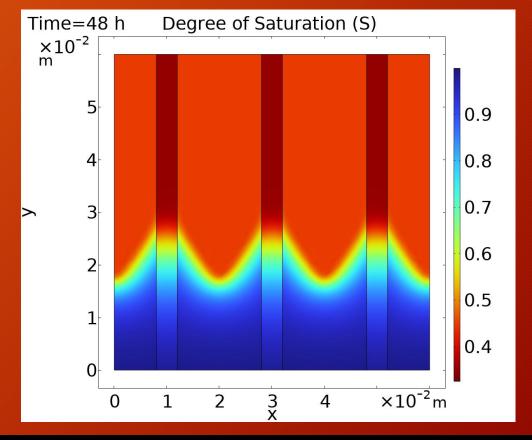
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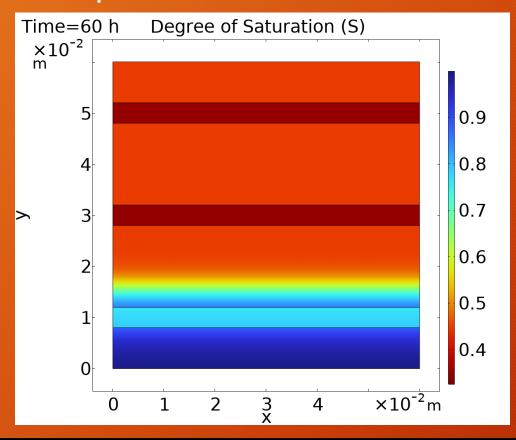


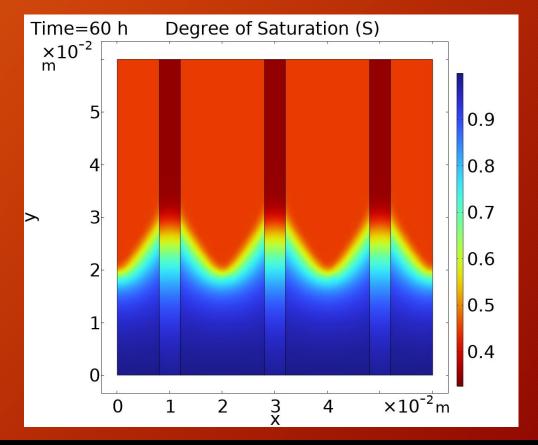
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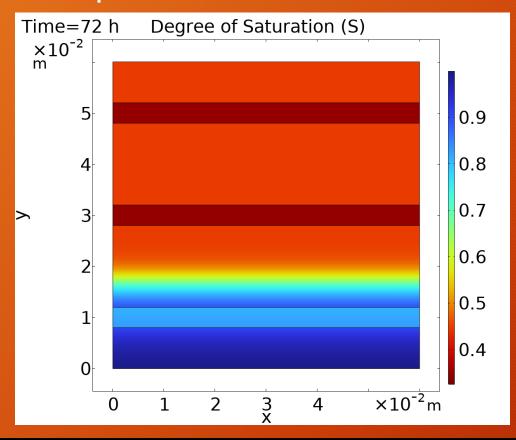


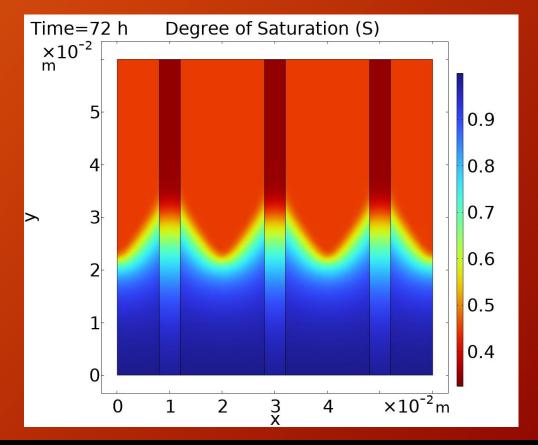
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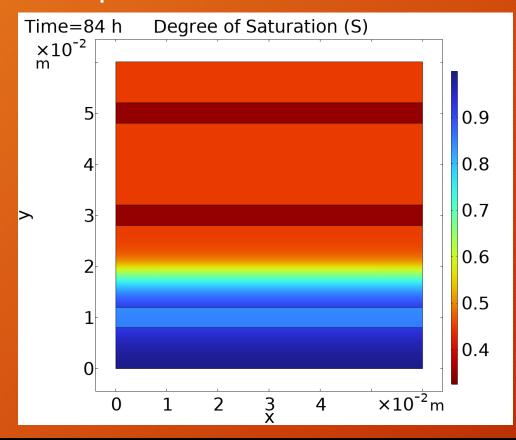


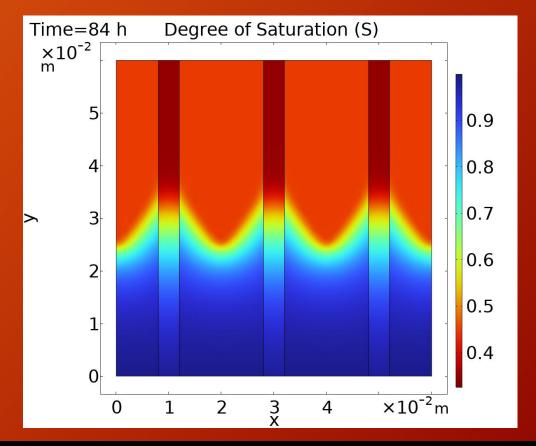
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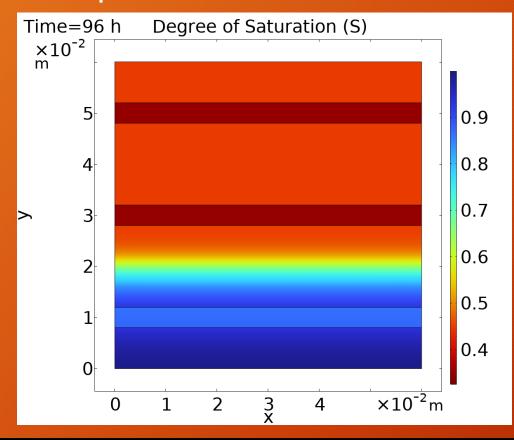


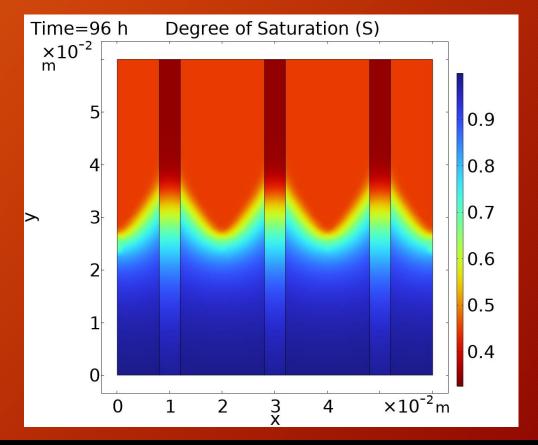
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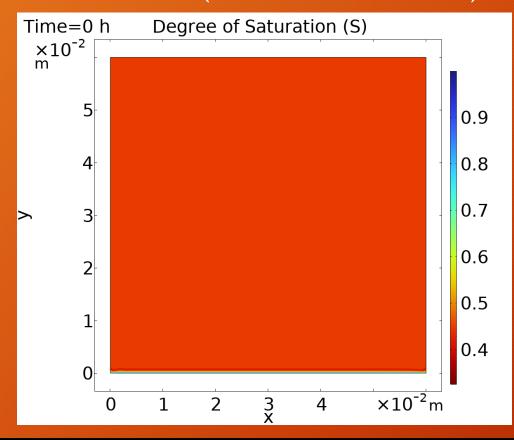


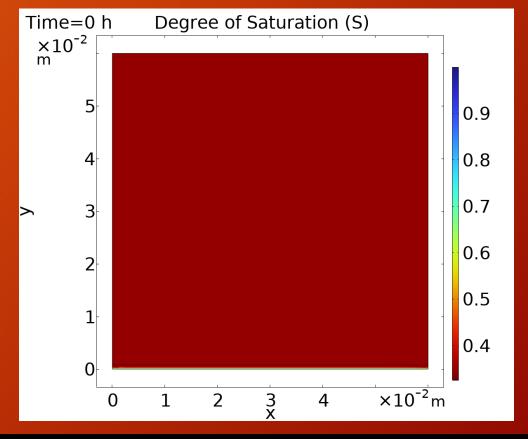
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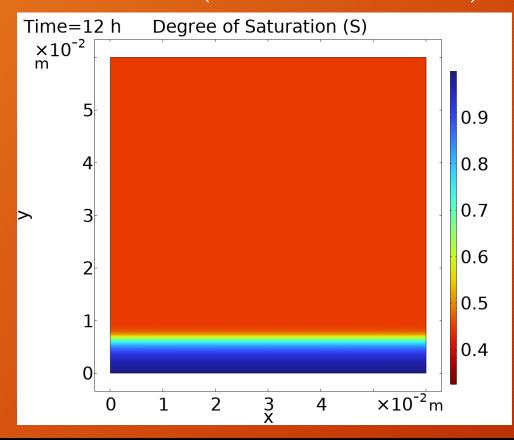


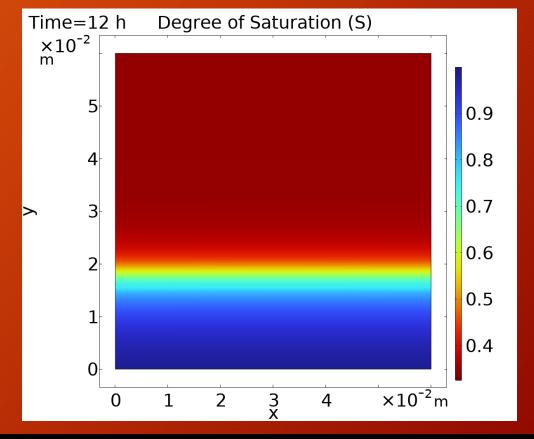
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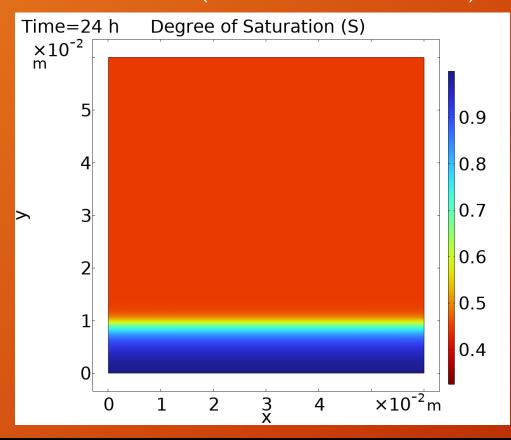


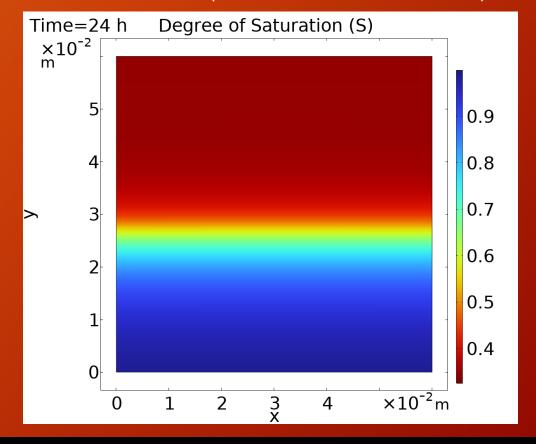
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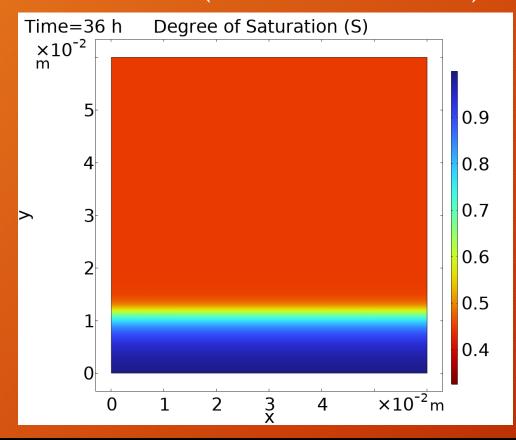


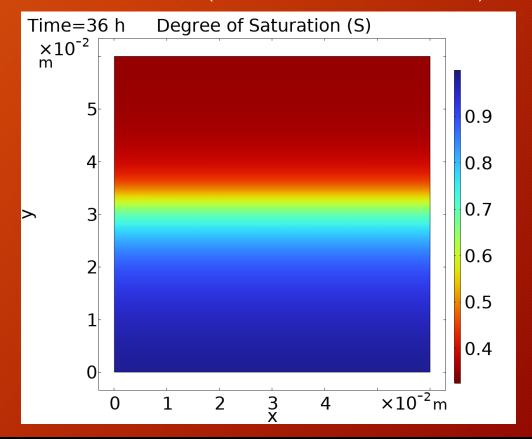
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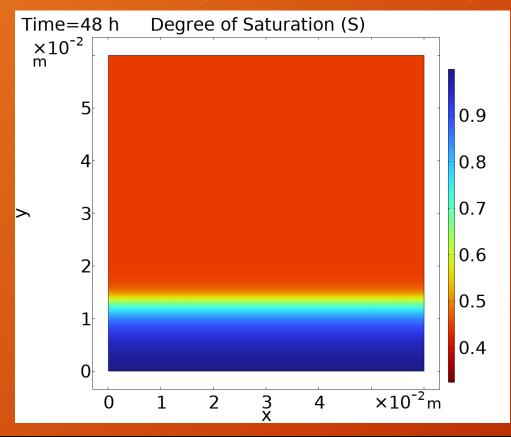


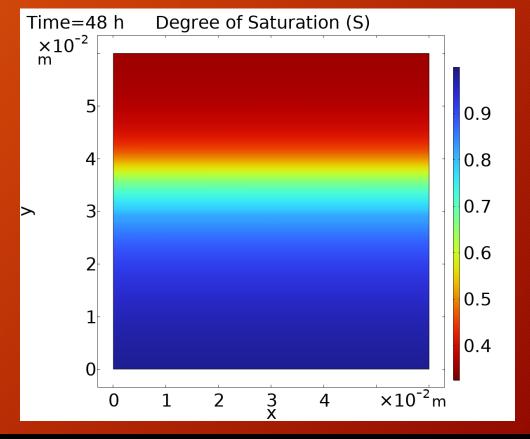
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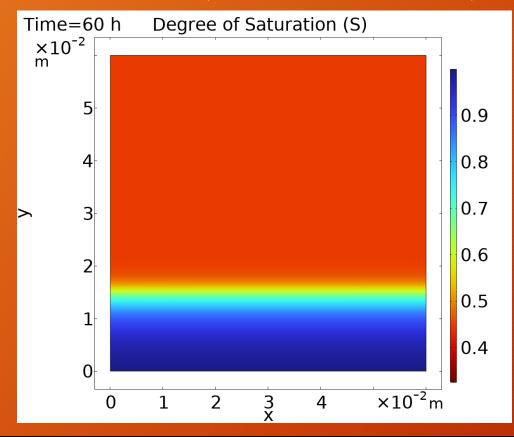


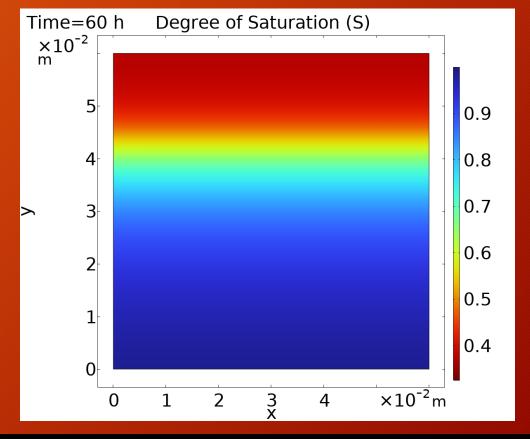
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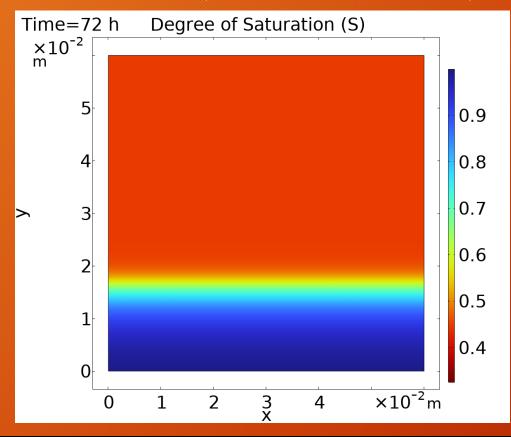


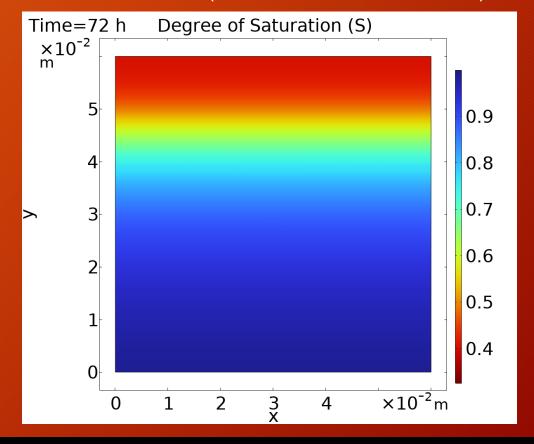
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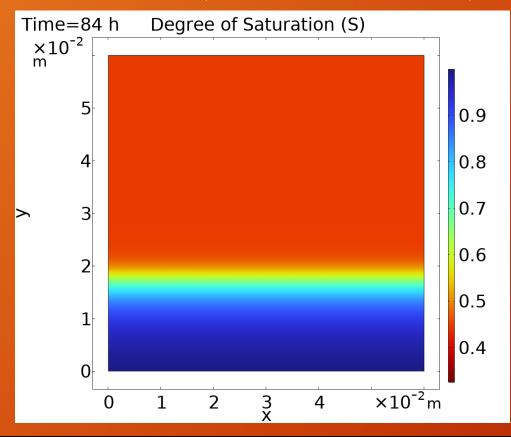


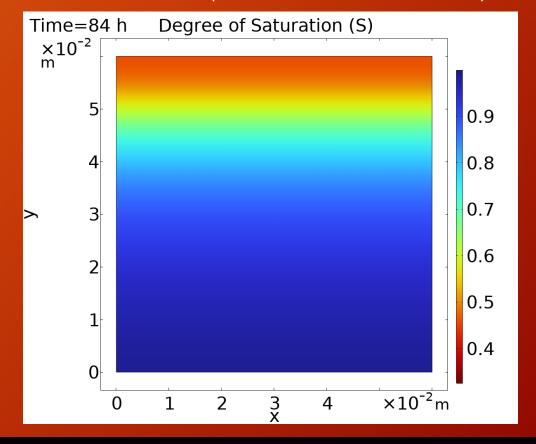
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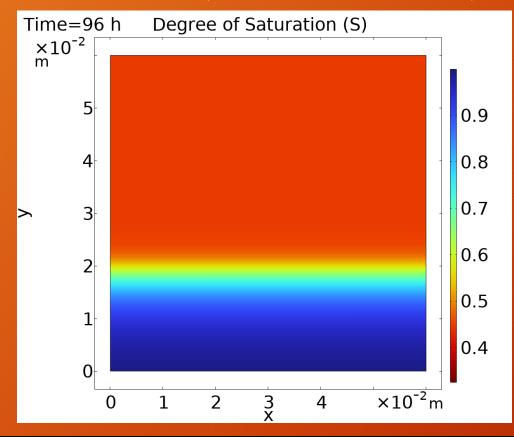


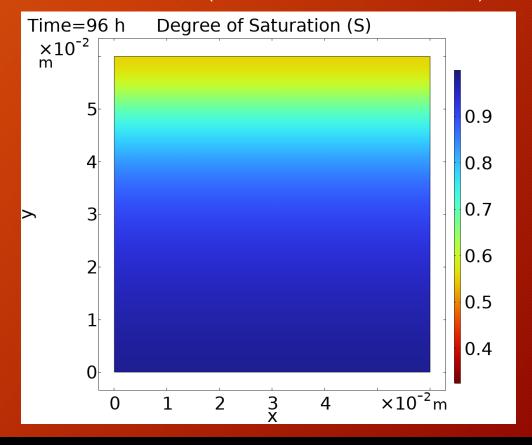
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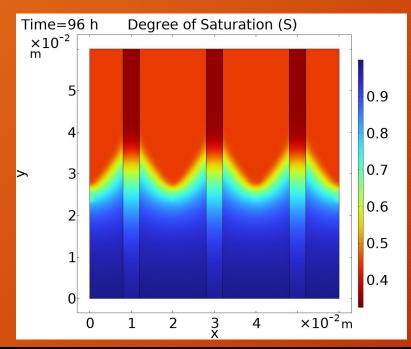
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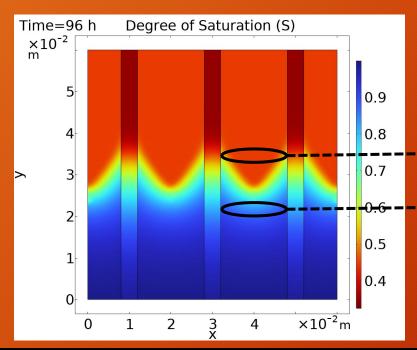
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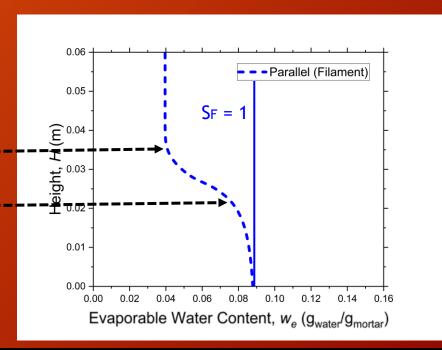
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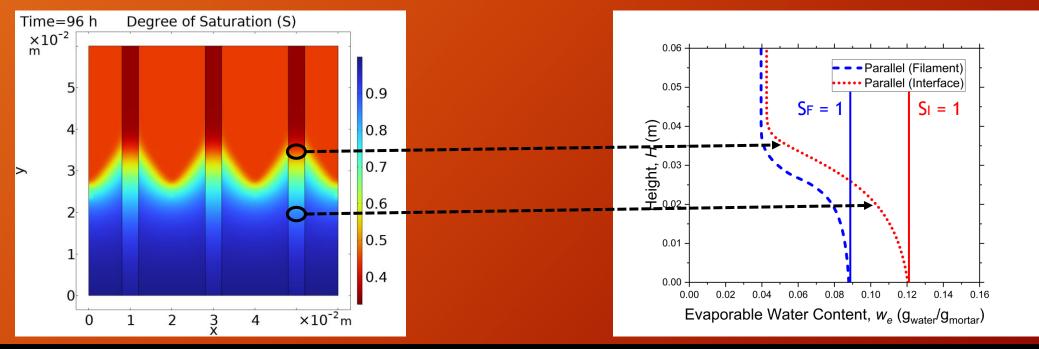
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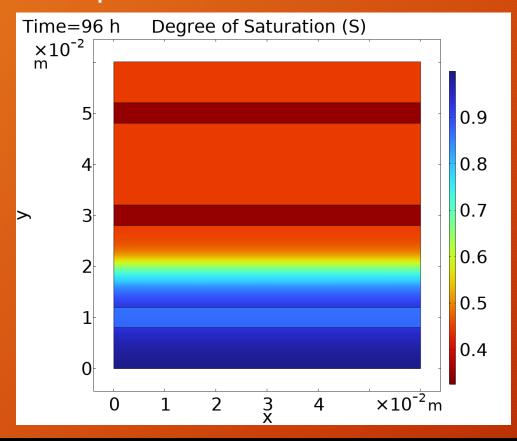
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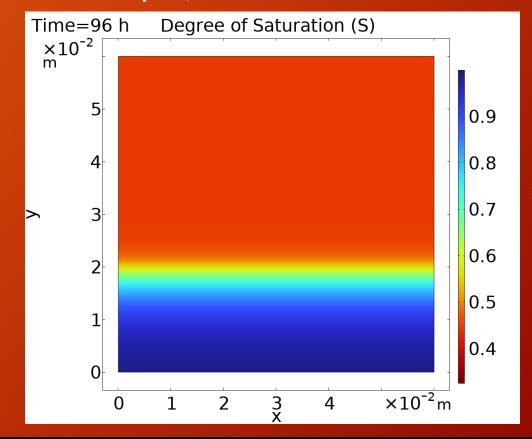


Perpendicular vs. Isotropic (0.3 w/cm)

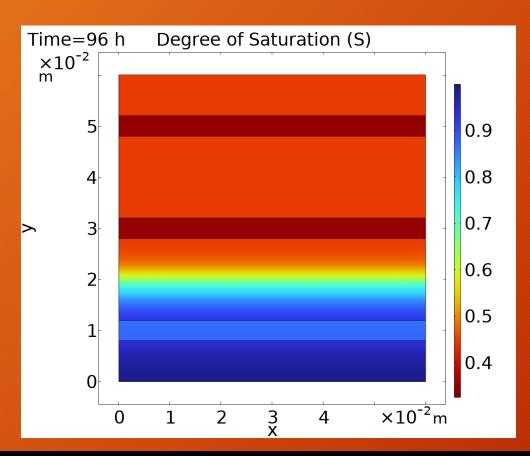
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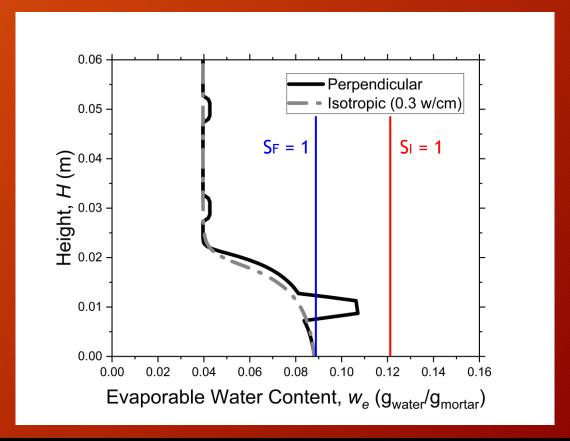


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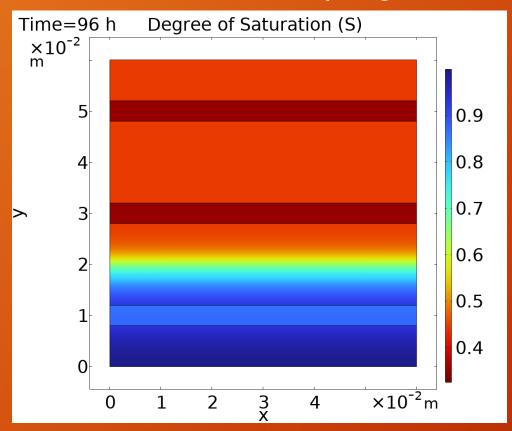
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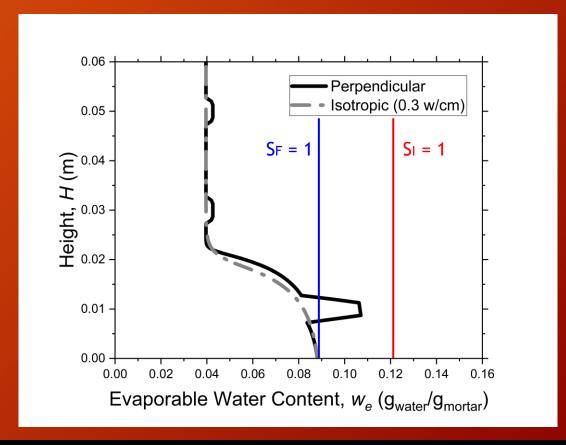




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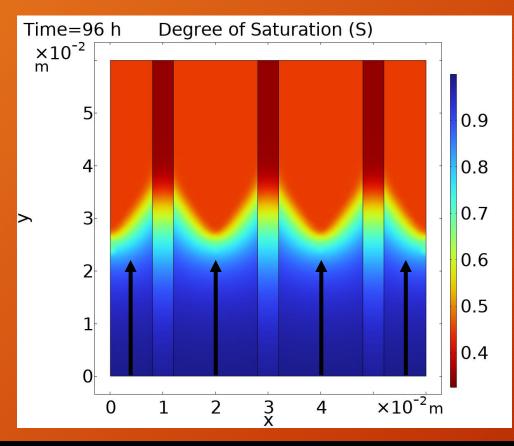
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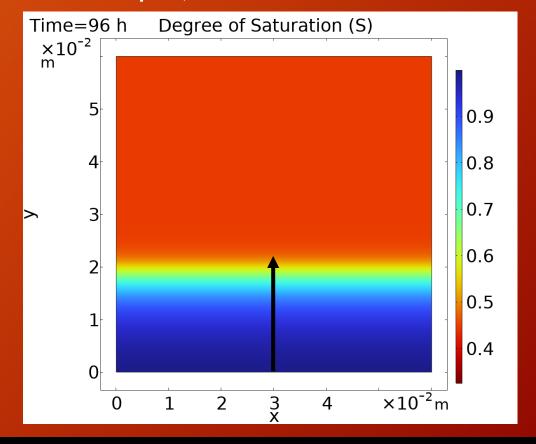


Parallel vs. Isotropic (0.3 w/cm)

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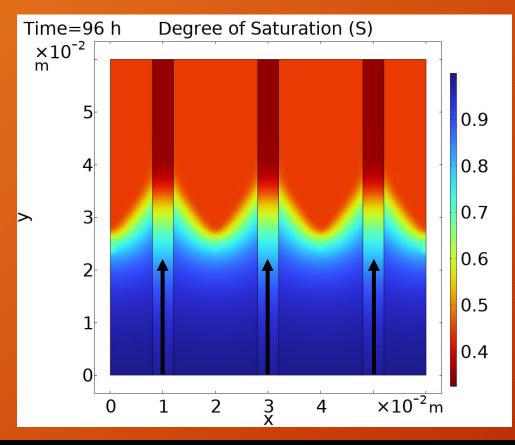


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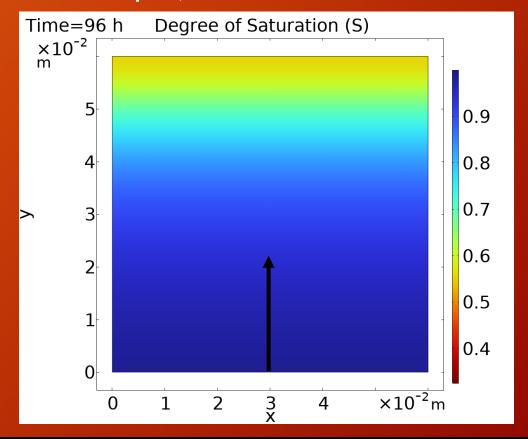


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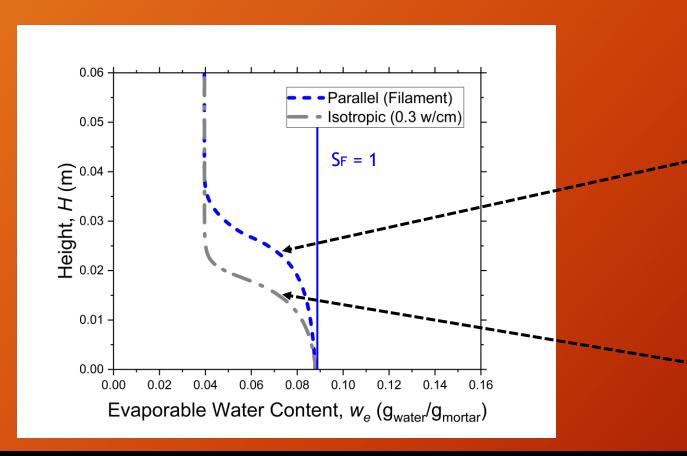
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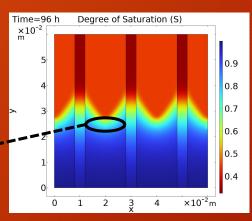


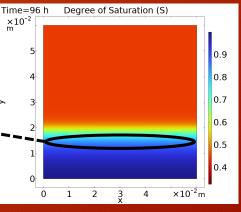
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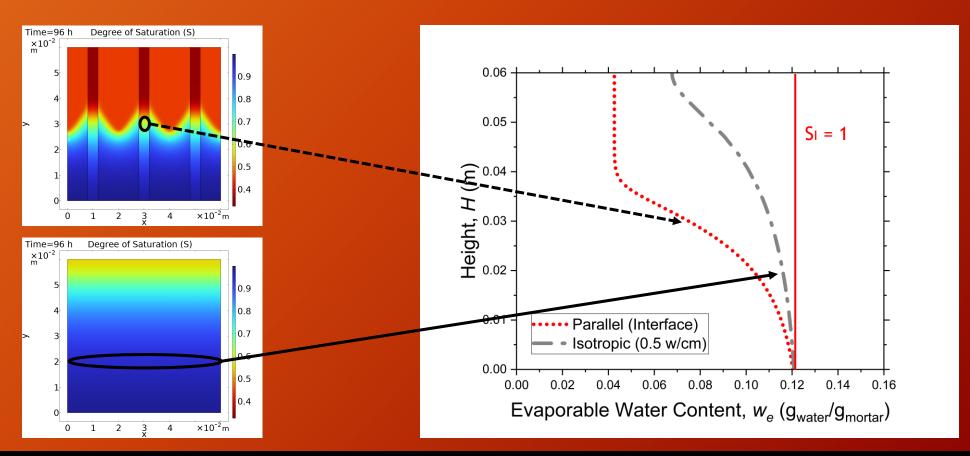
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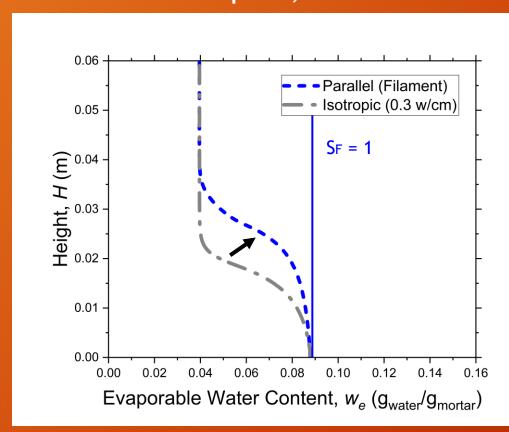


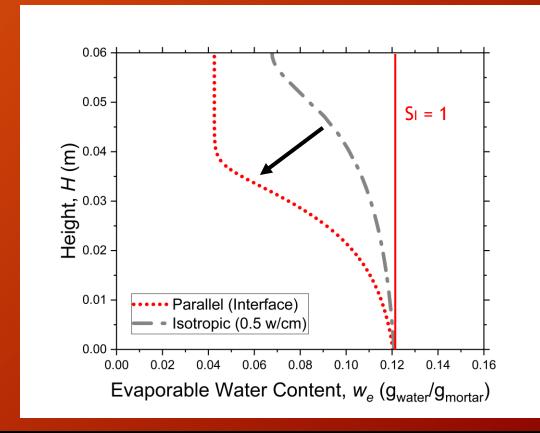
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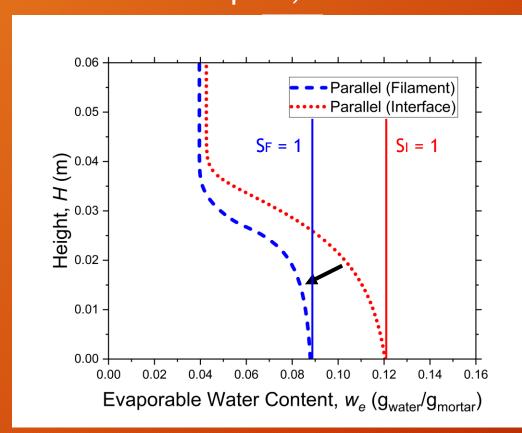
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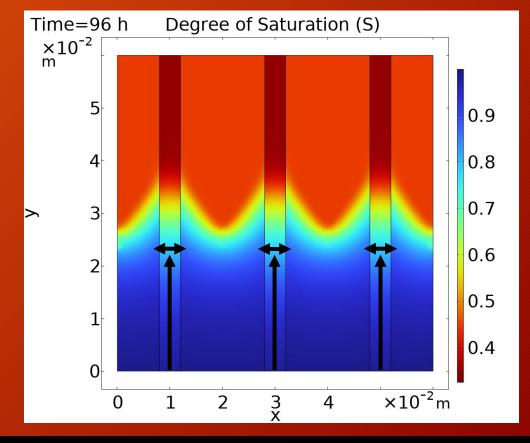




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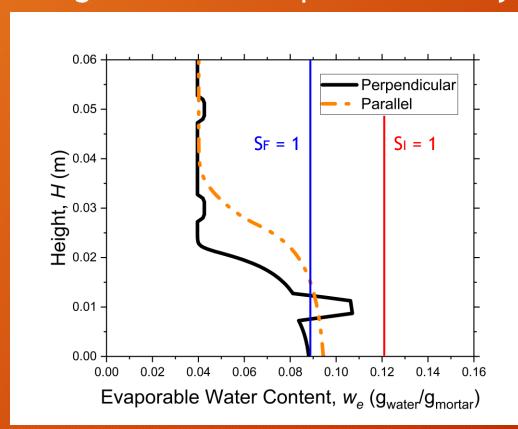
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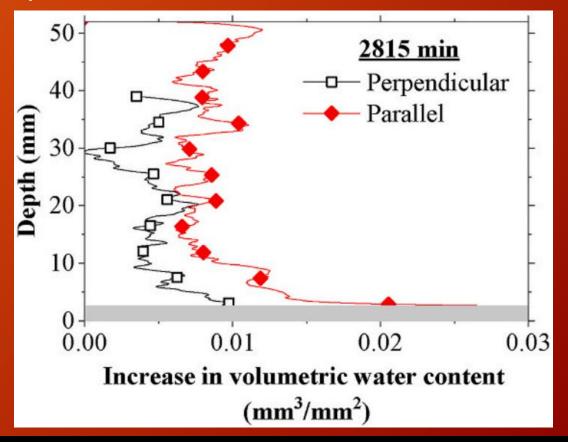




Parallel vs. Perpendicular

Higher fluid absorption when layers are parallel





Summary

- A finite element model was used to simulate fluid absorption in an anisotropic 3D-printed mortar system, in parallel and perpendicular orientations
- Fluid transport in anisotropic systems is directional
- Perpendicular interfaces act as "sponges", little influence on absorption
- Parallel interfaces act as "channels", bring fluid to filaments, increase absorption

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