

Supplementary Information for:

**Transport and attenuation of particles of  
different density and surface charge: a karst  
aquifer field study**

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Table S1: Tap water and spring water chemistry at the test site during stable discharge conditions of  $0.8 \text{ m}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$  in April 2015.

Method		Tap water	Spring water	Limit of detection
<i>Cation concentration [mg L<sup>-1</sup>]</i>				
ICP <sup>a</sup>	Na <sup>+</sup>	6.2	6.7	0.03
AAS <sup>b</sup>	K <sup>+</sup>	0.7	0.7	0.2
ICP <sup>a</sup>	Ca <sup>2+</sup>	122.1	106.8	0.13
ICP <sup>a</sup>	Mg <sup>2+</sup>	8.6	8.8	0.0004
<i>Anion concentration [mg L<sup>-1</sup>]</i>				
IC <sup>c</sup>	Cl <sup>-</sup>	10.7	11.1	1.5
Titration	HCO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>	341	339	-
IC <sup>c</sup>	SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	10.5	10.7	2.5
IC <sup>c</sup>	NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>	14.8	15.0	0.75
<i>Total dissolved solids [mg L<sup>-1</sup>]</i>				
Calculated from ion content		514.5	499.3	-
<i>pH [-]</i>				
Hach Portable Meter <sup>d</sup>		7.6	7.3	-
<i>Electrical conductivity [<math>\mu\text{S cm}^{-1}</math>]</i>				
Hach Portable Meter <sup>d</sup>		556	569	-

<sup>a</sup>TS 1CAP 6300 DUO; <sup>b</sup>Jena NovAA 400G; <sup>c</sup>Dionex DX 120;

<sup>d</sup>Hach Portable Meter HQ40d equipped with Conductivity Probe IntelliCAL<sup>TM</sup> CDC401 and pH Probe IntelliCAL<sup>TM</sup> PHC101

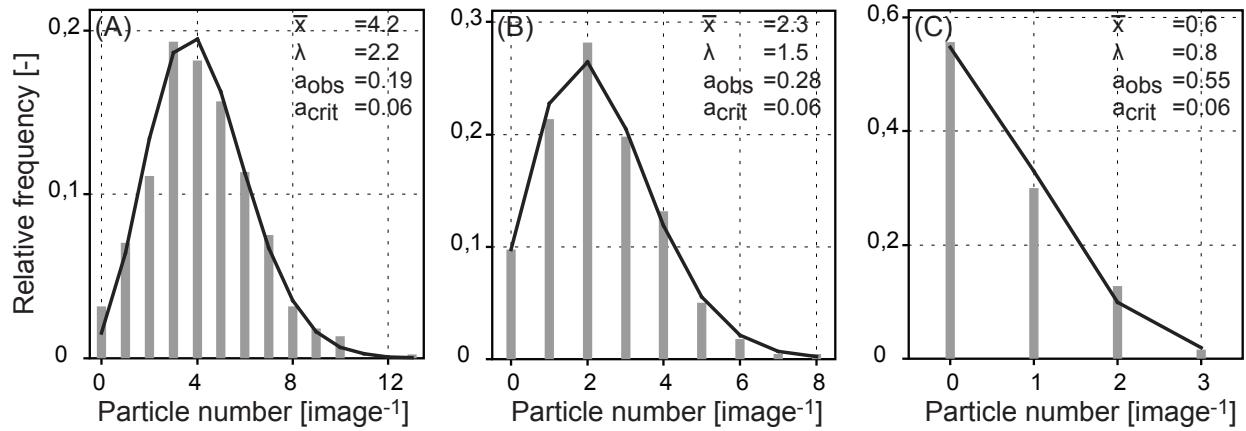
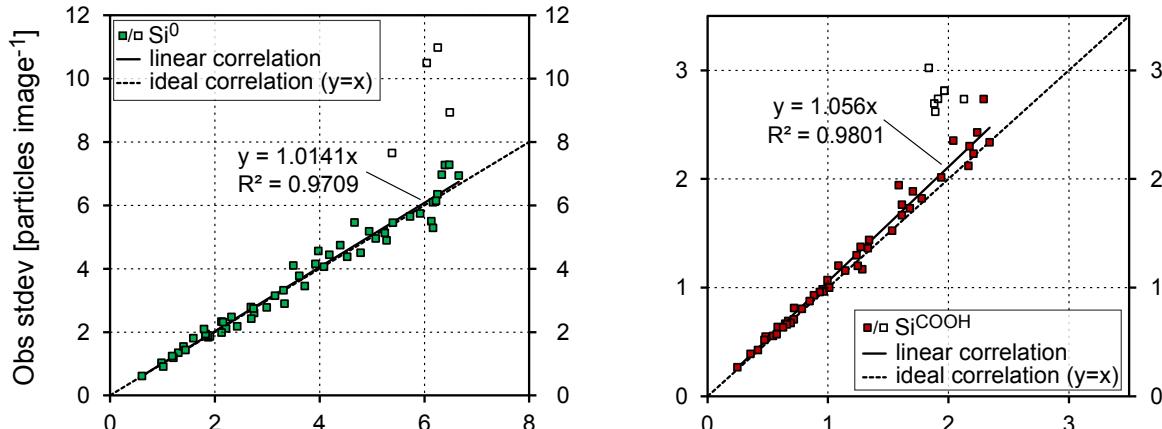


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### Silicate particles



### Polystyrene particles

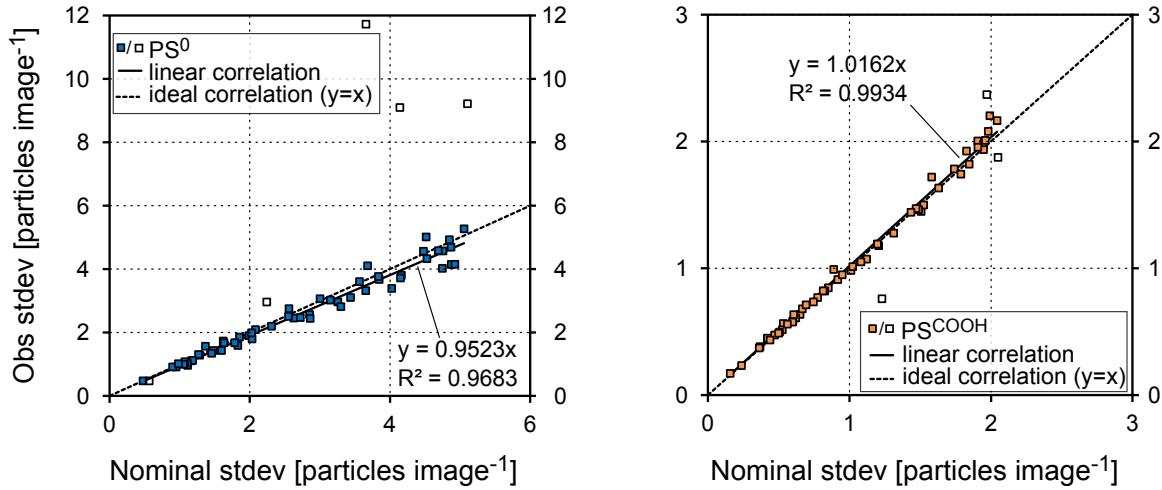


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