



Numerical Analysis of Multiphase Porous Media Flow in Groundwater Contamination Problems

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Exact Solutions of Two-Phase Flow in Porous Media

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- Leaking tanks
- Disposal of industrial waste products
- Agricultural activity (fertilization)
- Groundwater depletion
- Salt water intrusion

Forecasting problems

- Oil and natural gas extraction
- Transport of contaminations in subsurface



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Model restrictions

- Two-phase flow system
- Incompressible fluids
- Immiscible phases
- One-dimensional benchmark solutions

Purpose of exact solutions

- Complex numerical schemes validation
- Understanding immiscible two-phase flow



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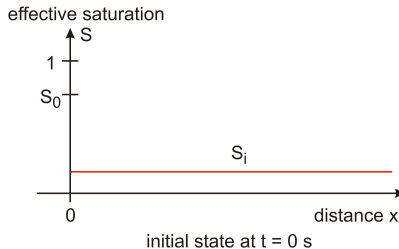
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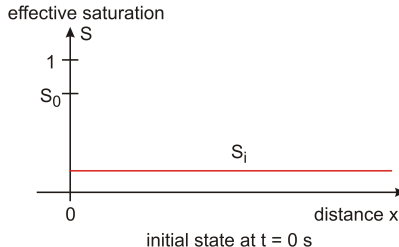
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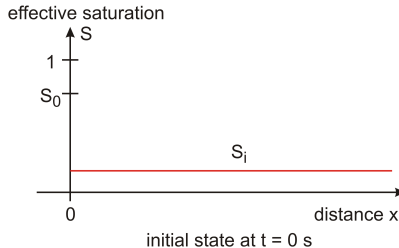
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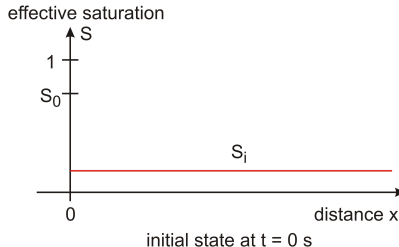
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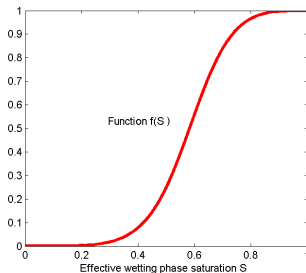
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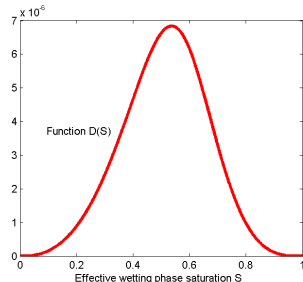
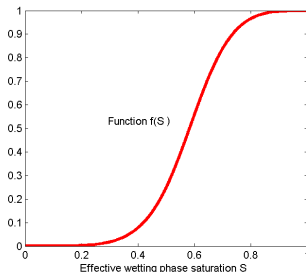
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- McWhorter and Sunada suggest to solve the integral equation by iterations with $F_0 \equiv 1$.



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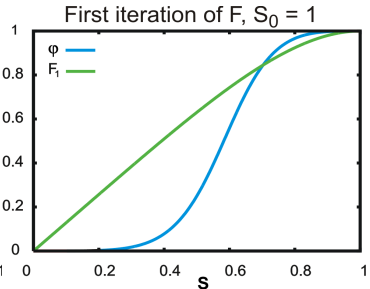
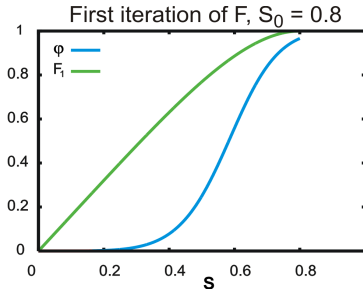
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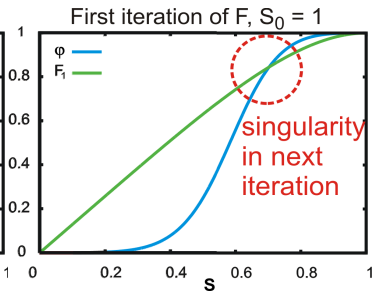
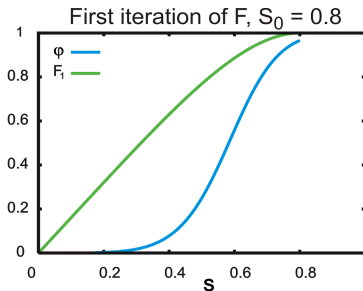


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Substitution $G \equiv \frac{D}{F-\varphi}$ allows to obtain modified integral equations :

variant A :

$$G_{k+1}(S) = D(S) + G_k(S) \left(\varphi(S) + \frac{\int_{S_0}^{S_0} (v - S_e) G_k(v) dv}{\int_{S_i}^{S_0} (v - S_i) G_k(v) dv} \right)$$

variant B :

$$G_{k+1}(S) = (D(S) + G_k(S) \varphi(S)) \left(1 - \frac{\int_{S_0}^{S_0} (v - S) G_k(v) dv}{\int_{S_i}^{S_0} (v - S_i) G_k(v) dv} \right)^{-1}$$



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- iterative process fails due to computer errors



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The Buckley-Leverett solution is the analytical solution (MOC) of the hyperbolic problem

$$\vartheta \Phi \frac{\partial S}{\partial t} + ARt^{-\frac{1}{2}} \frac{\partial f(S)}{\partial x} = 0$$

i.e. the two-phase flow equation without the diffusion term



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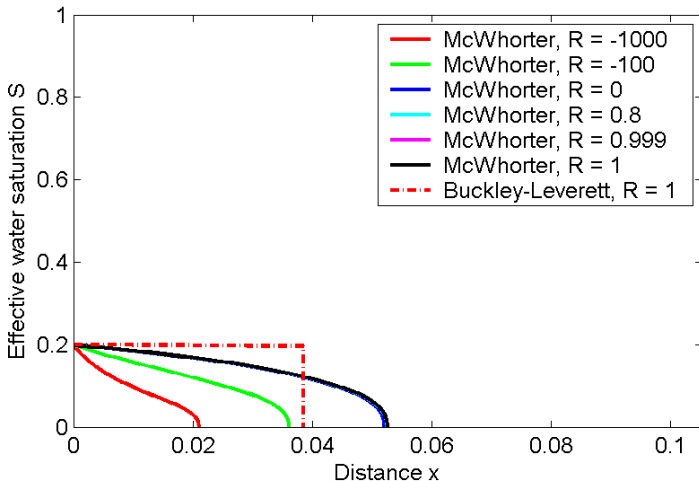
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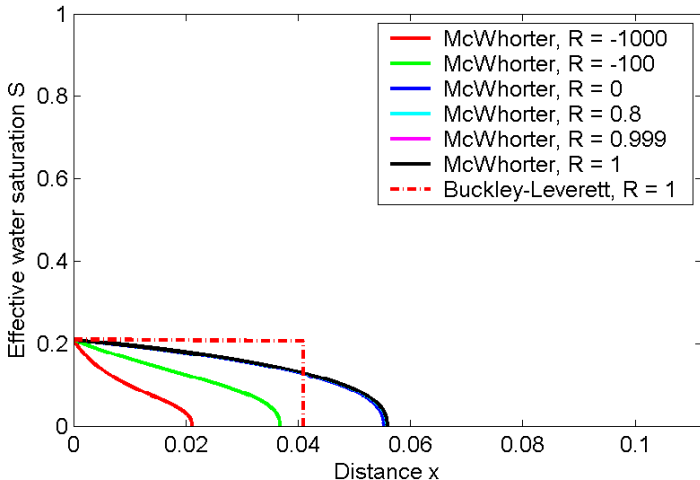
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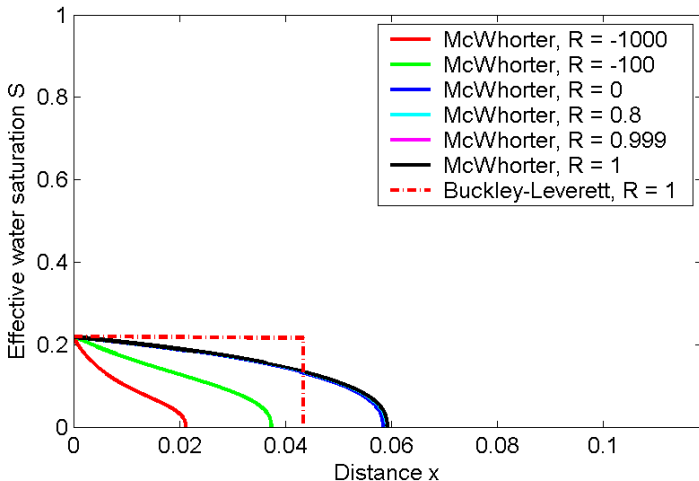
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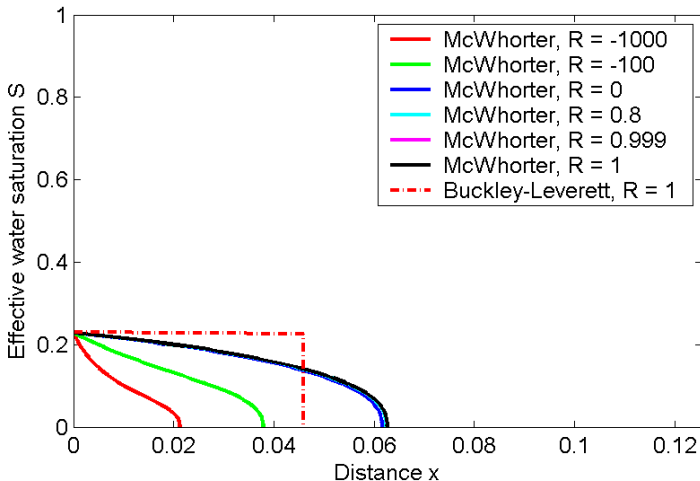
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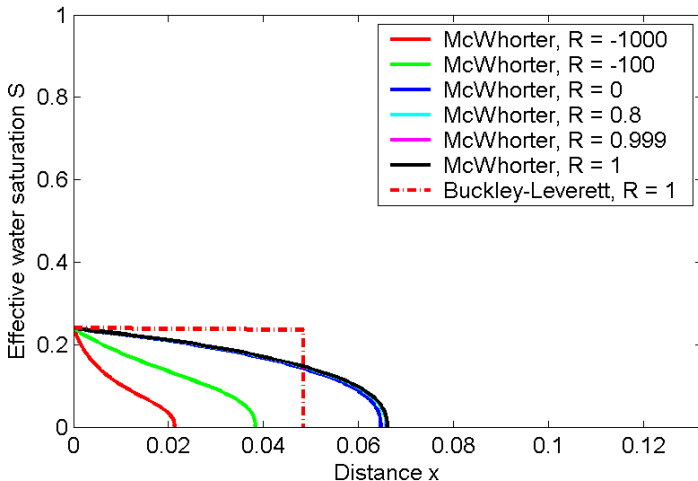
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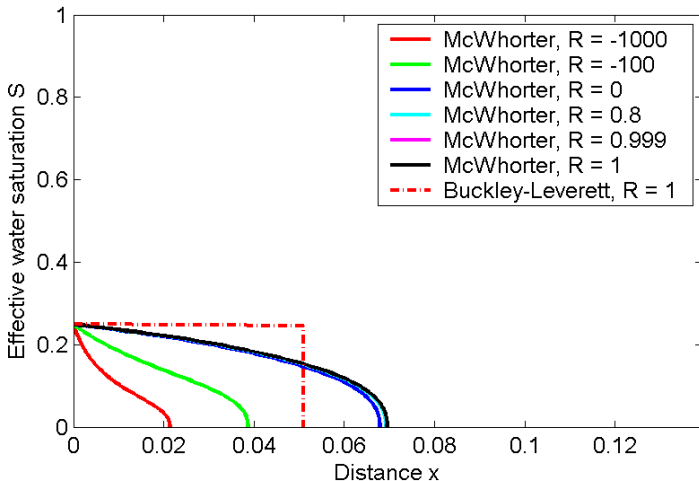




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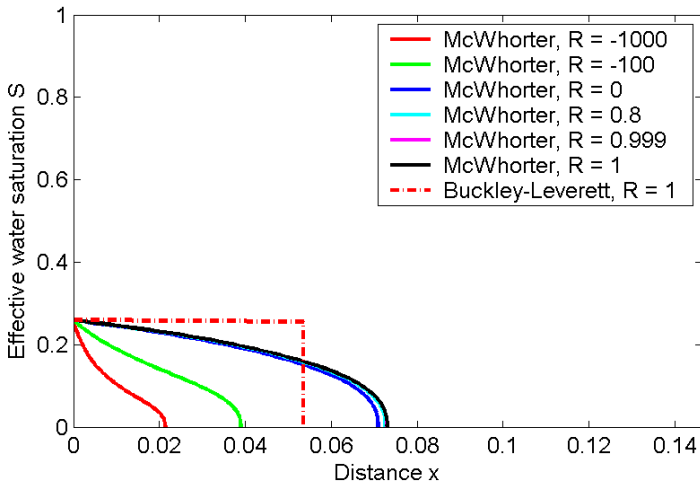
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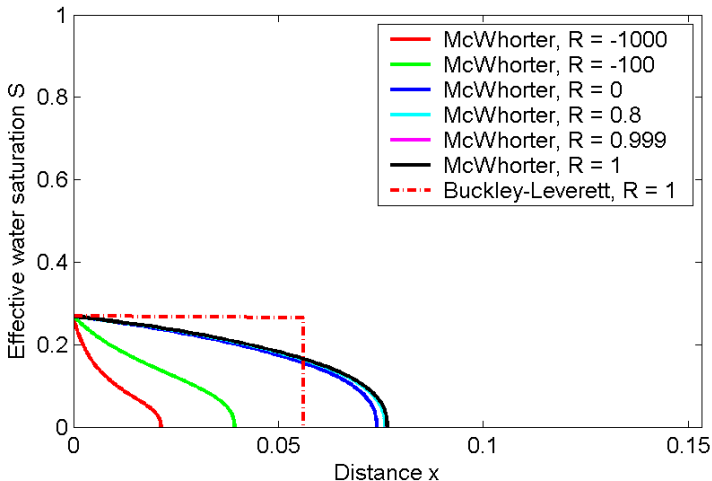
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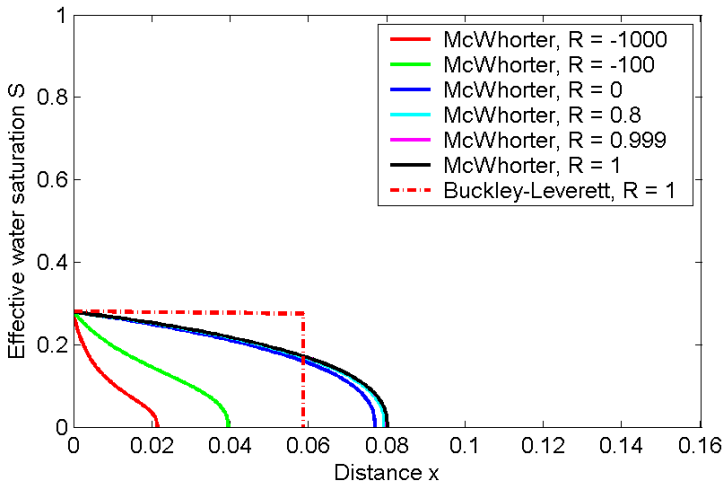
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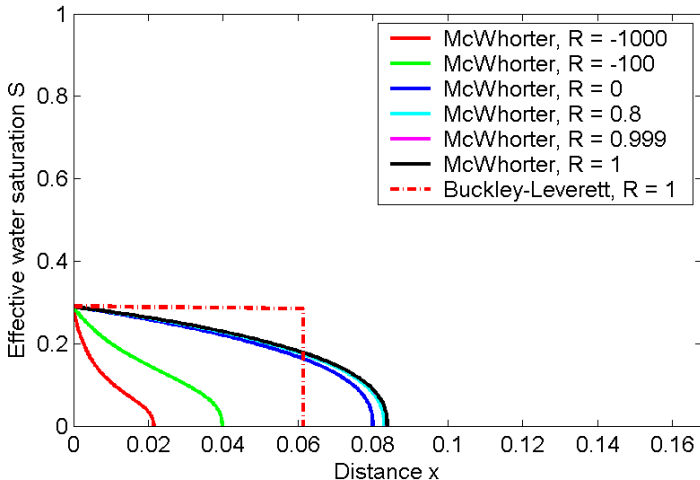
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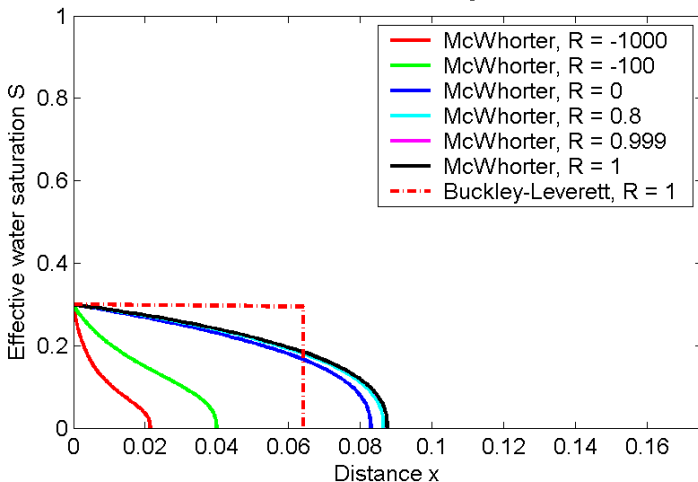
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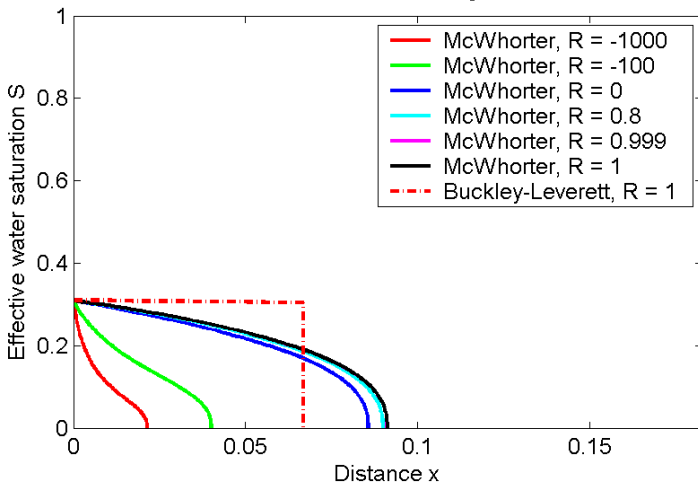
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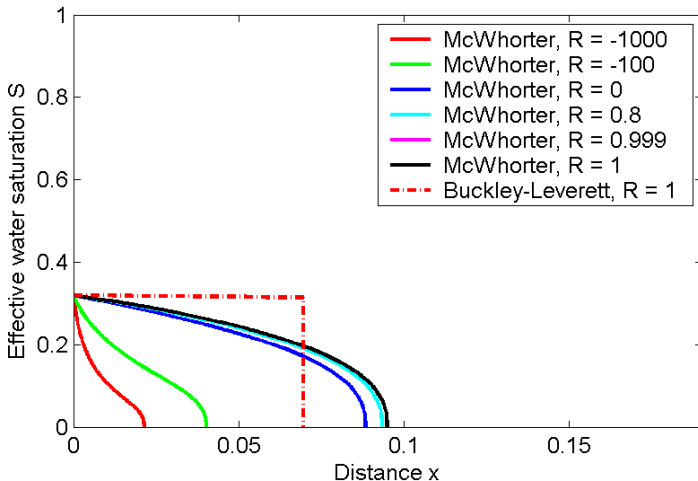
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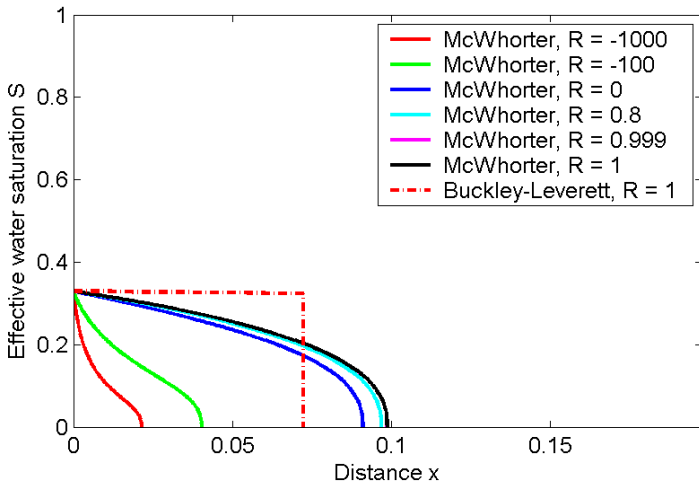




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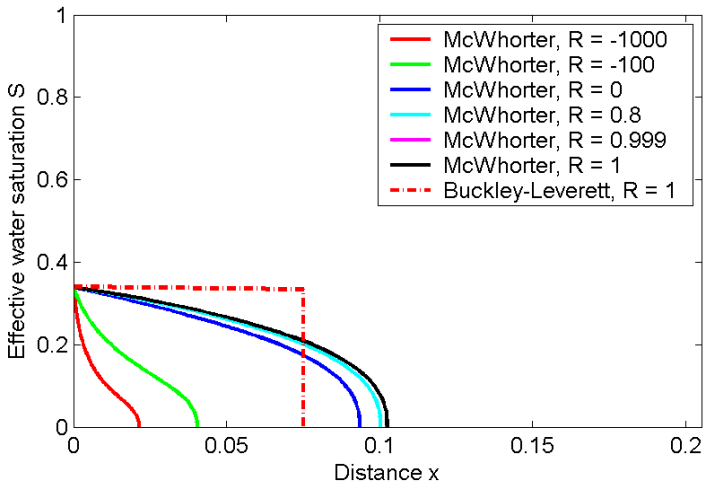
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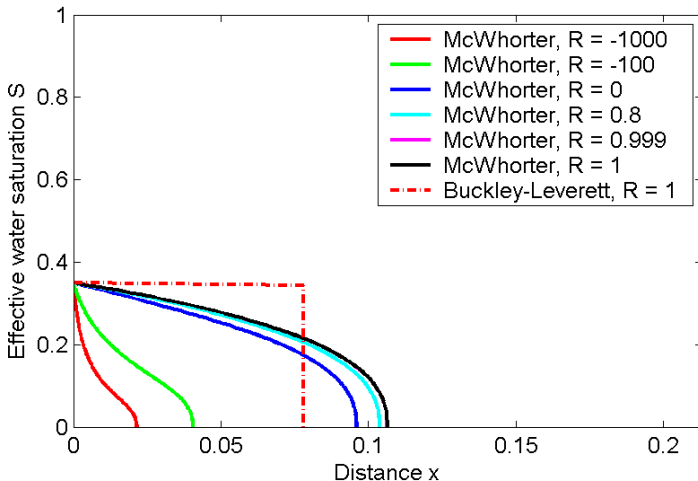
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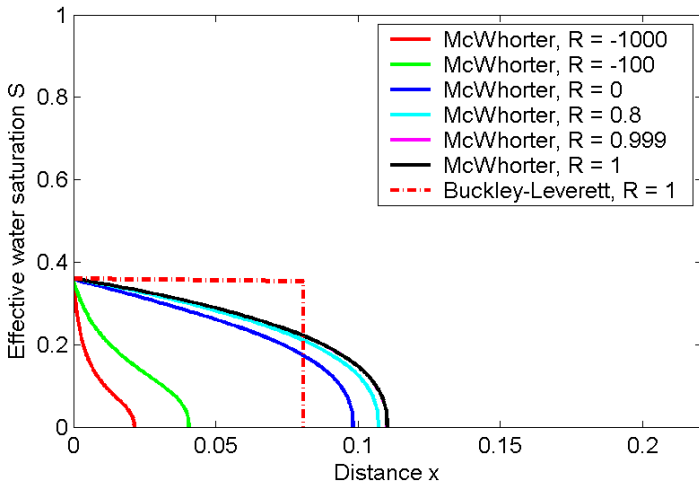
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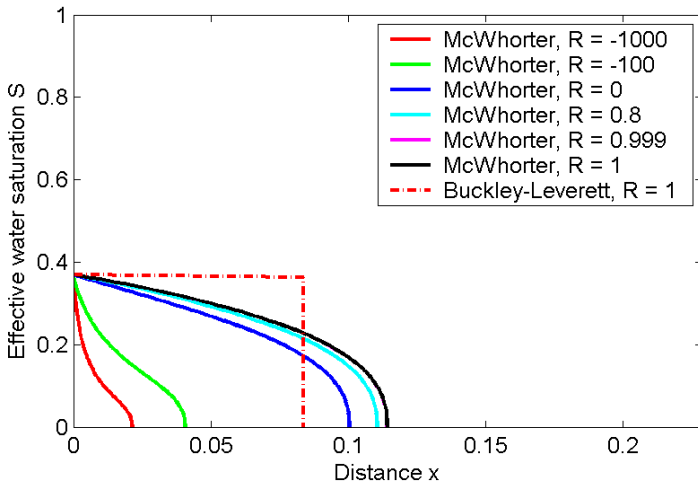
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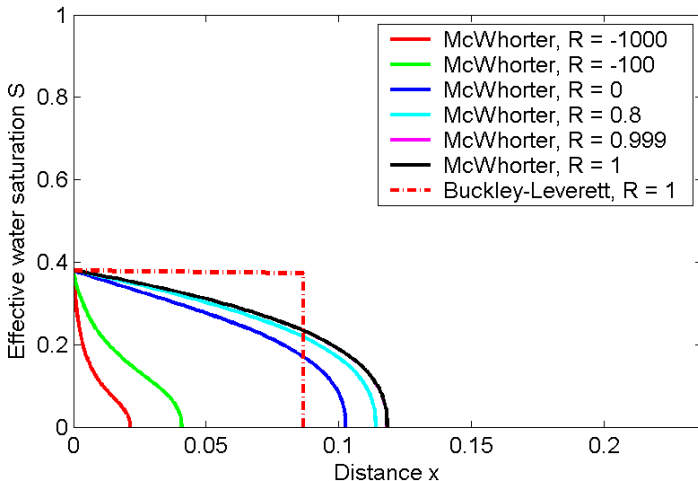




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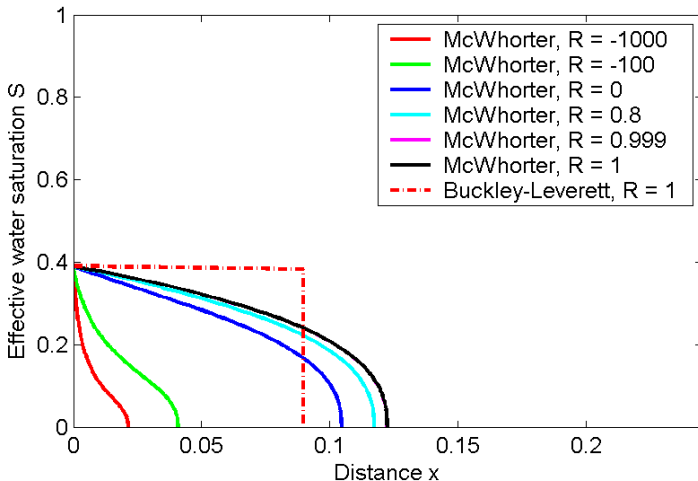
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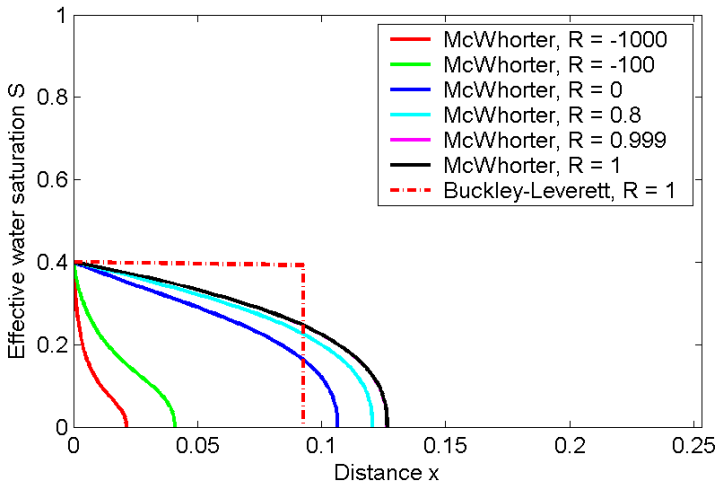
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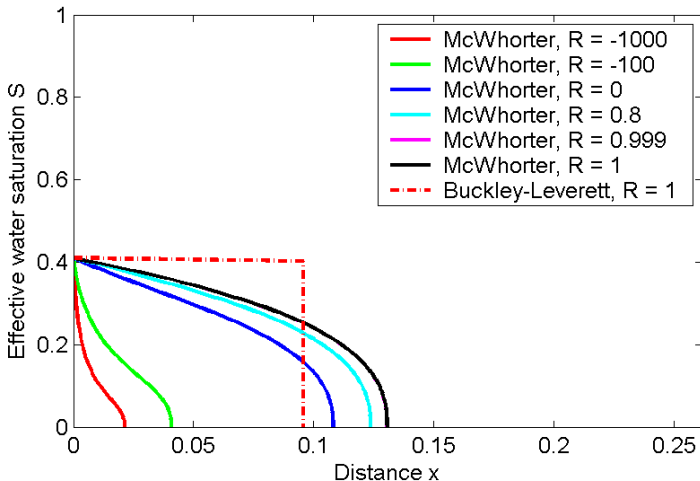
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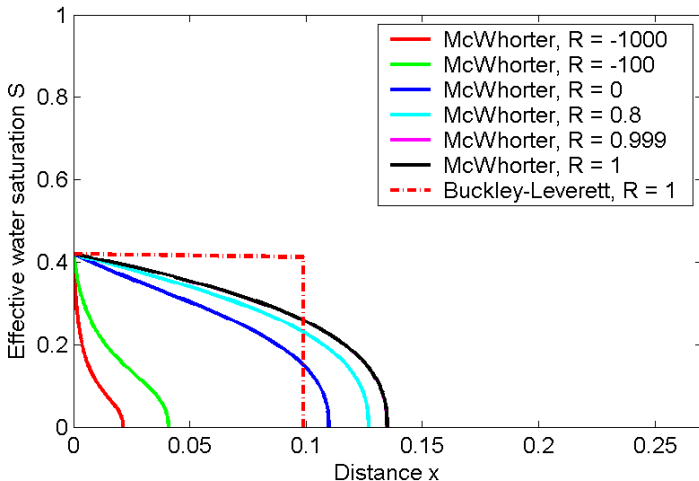
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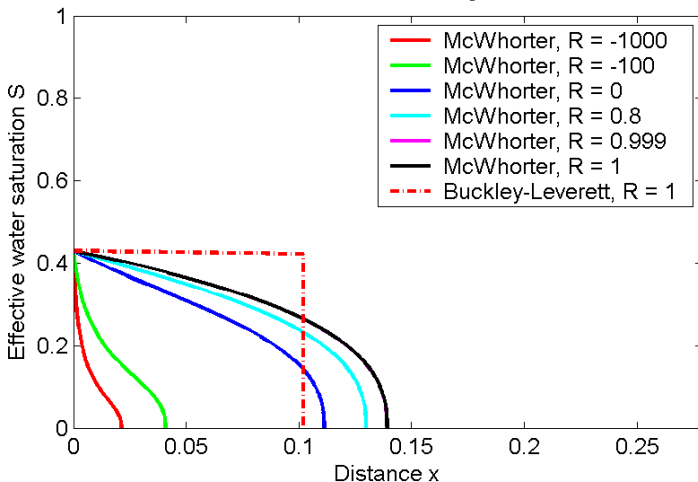
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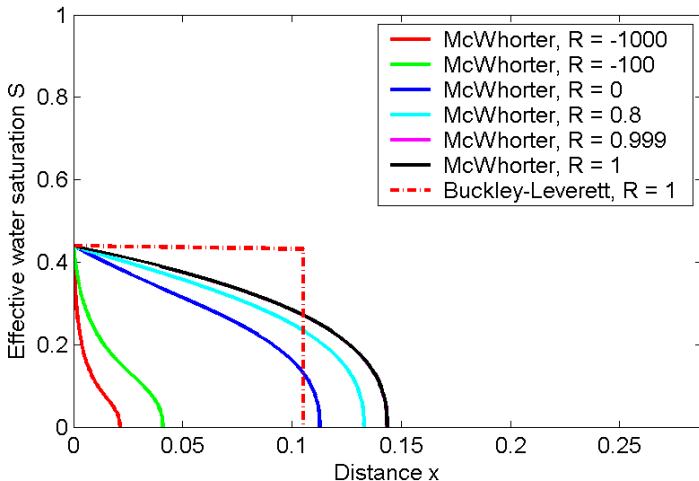




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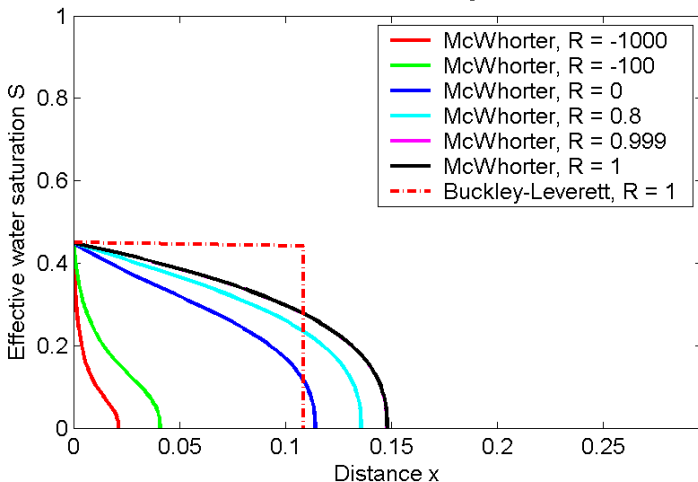
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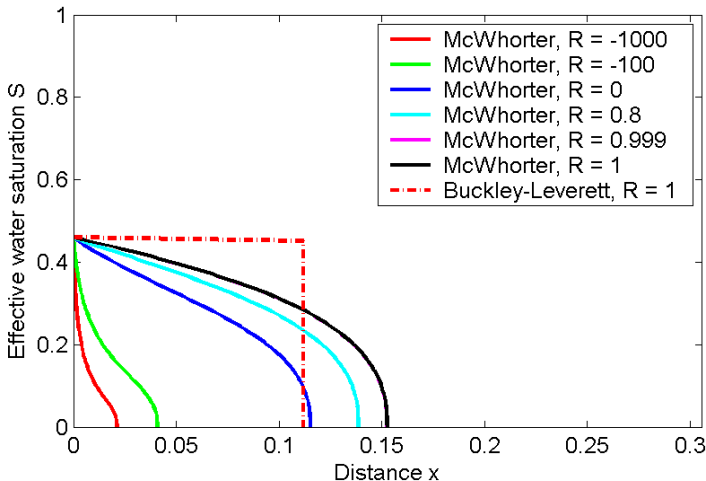




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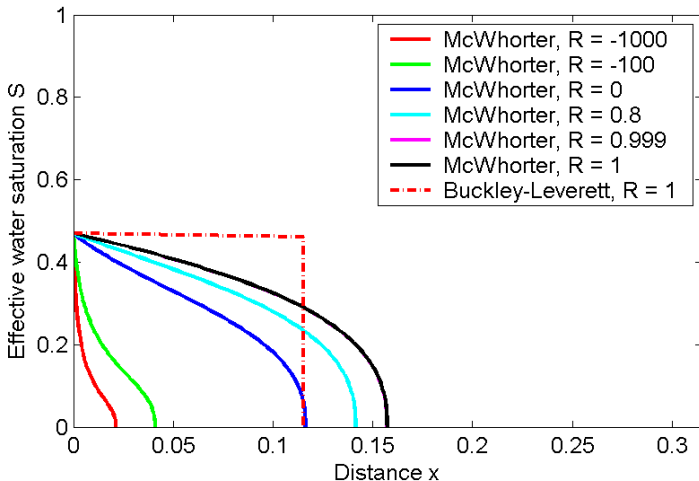
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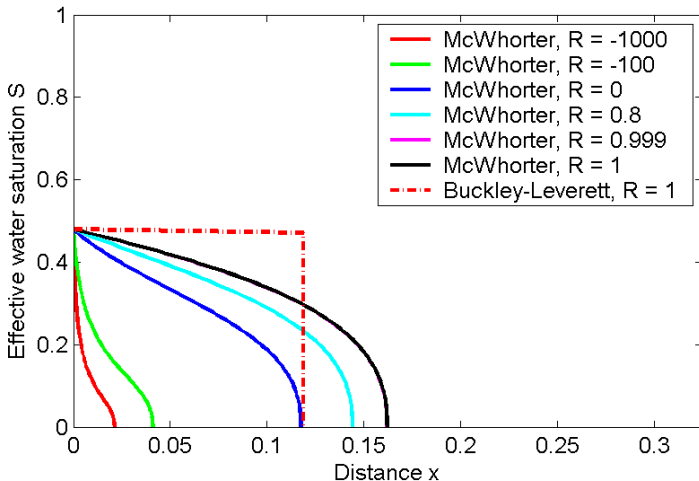




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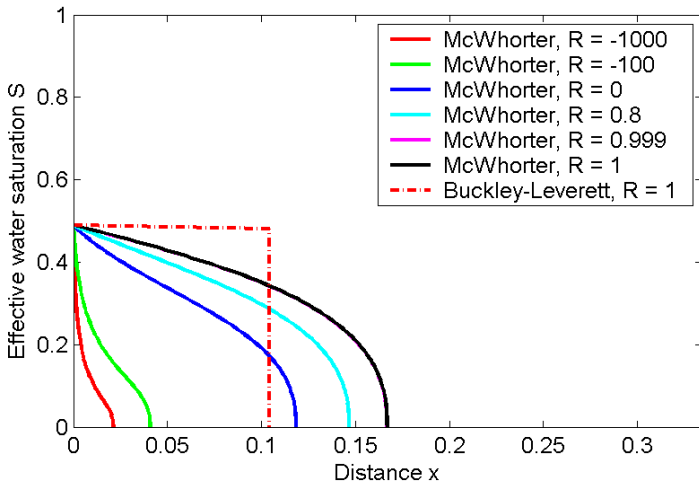
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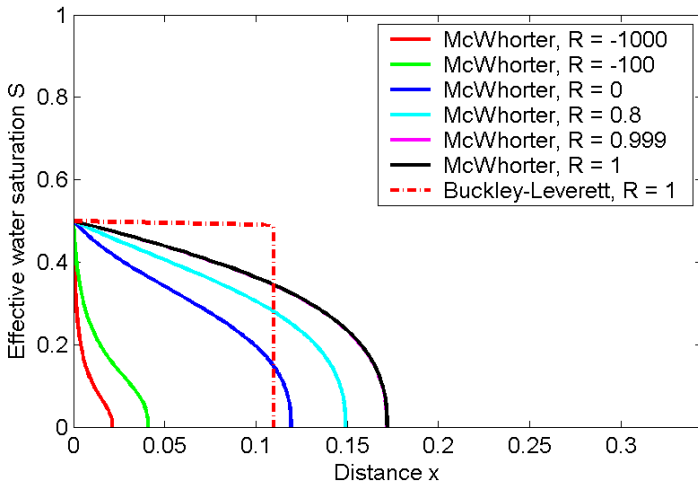
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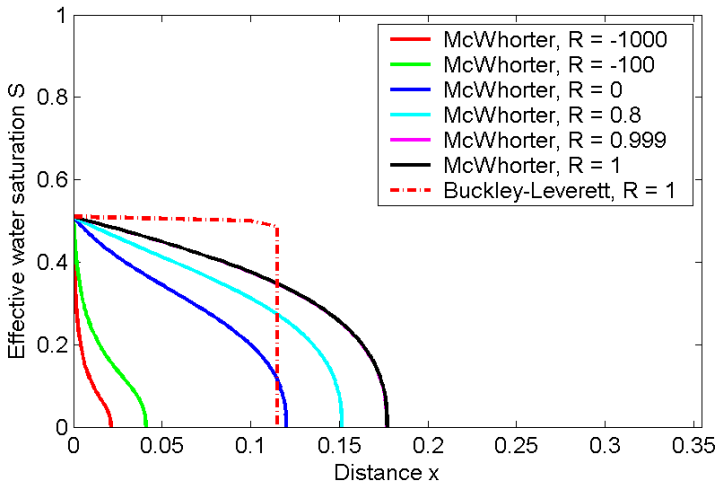
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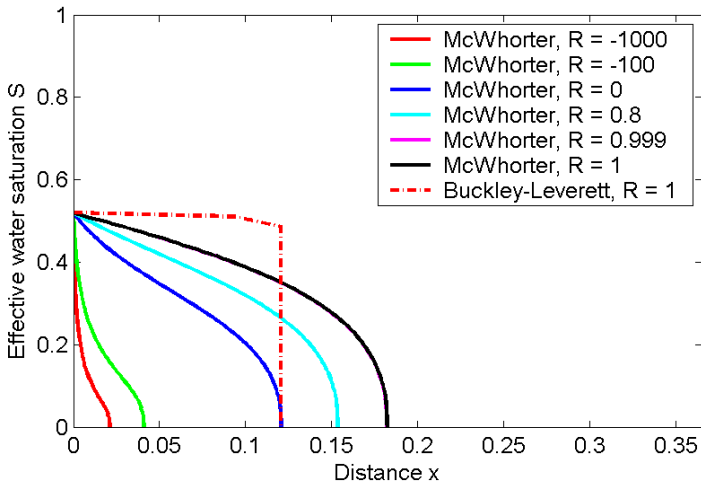
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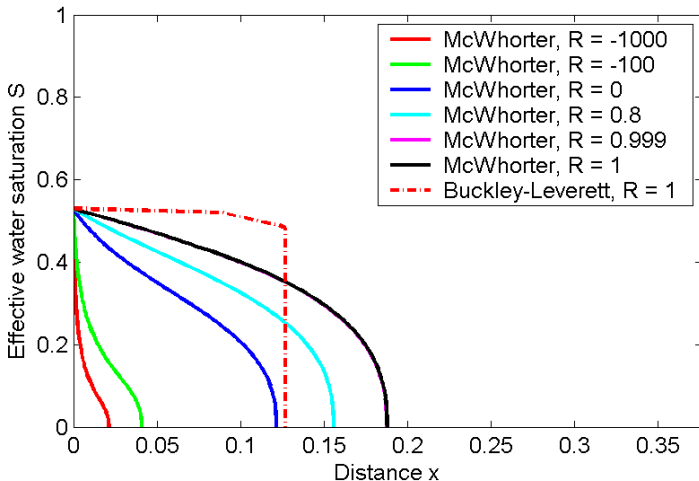




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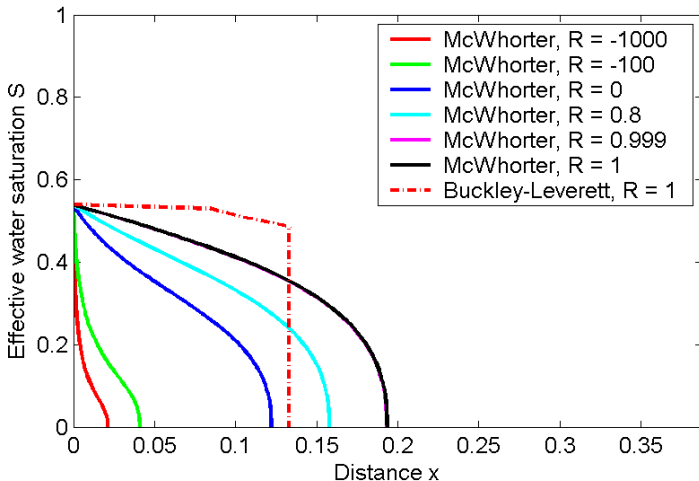
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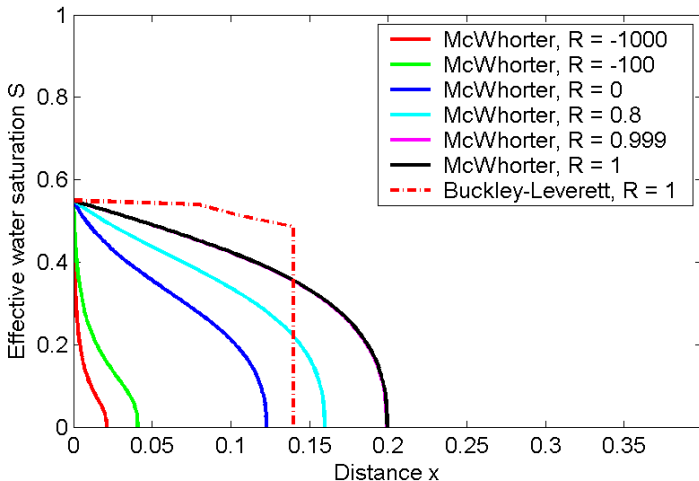
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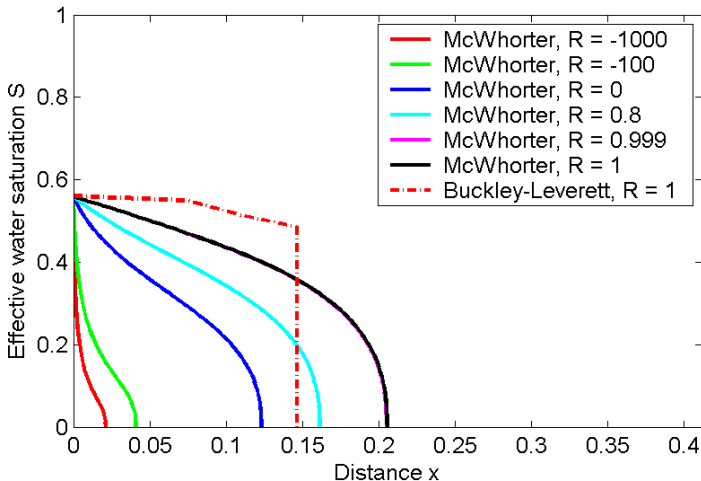
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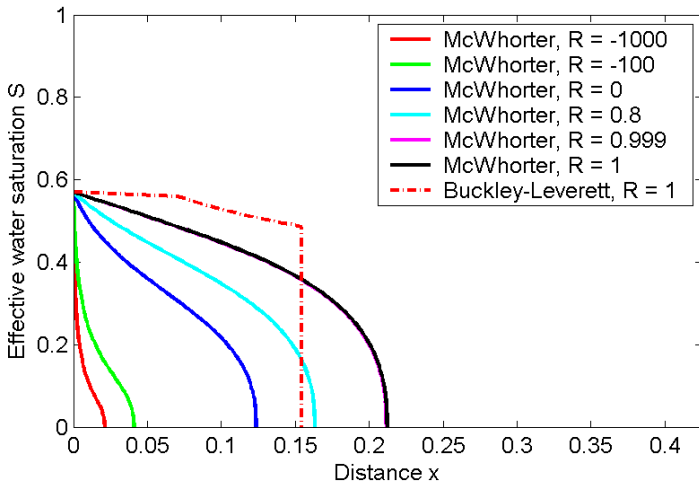
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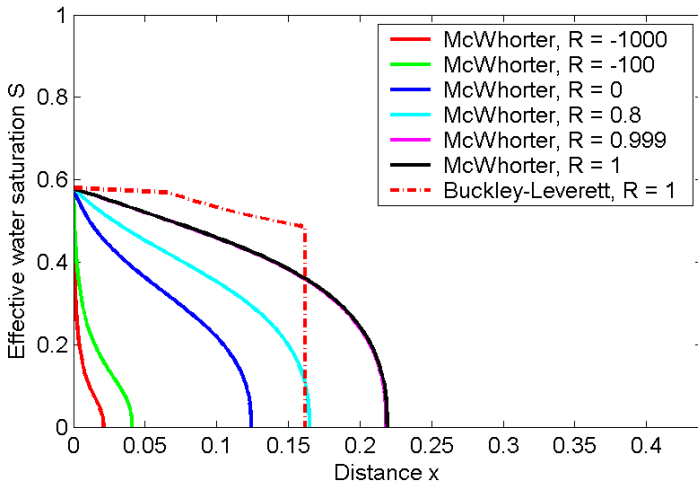
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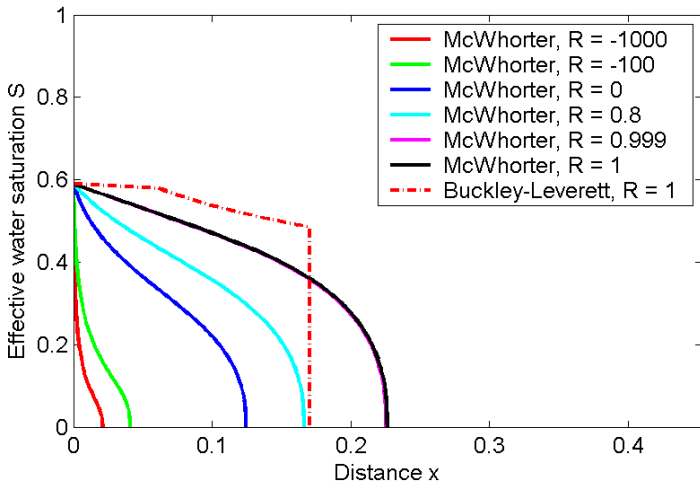
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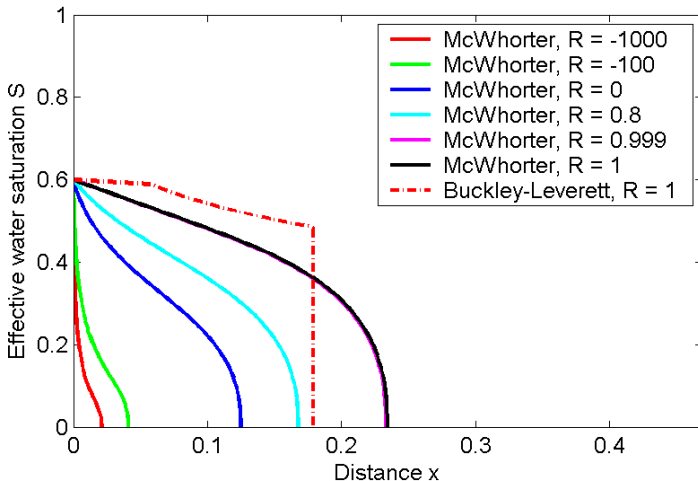
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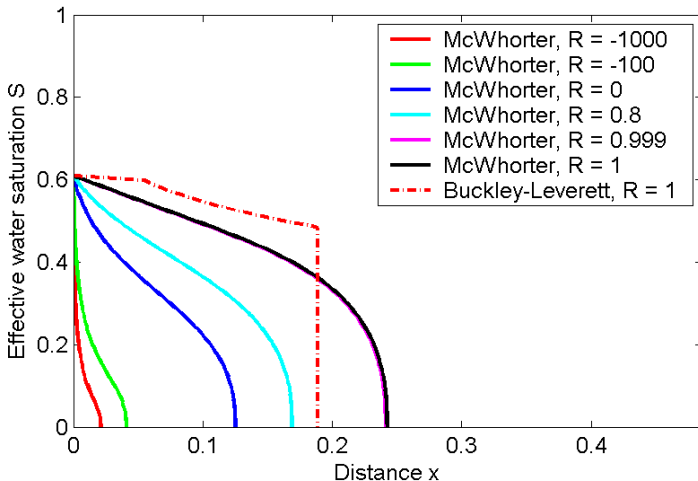
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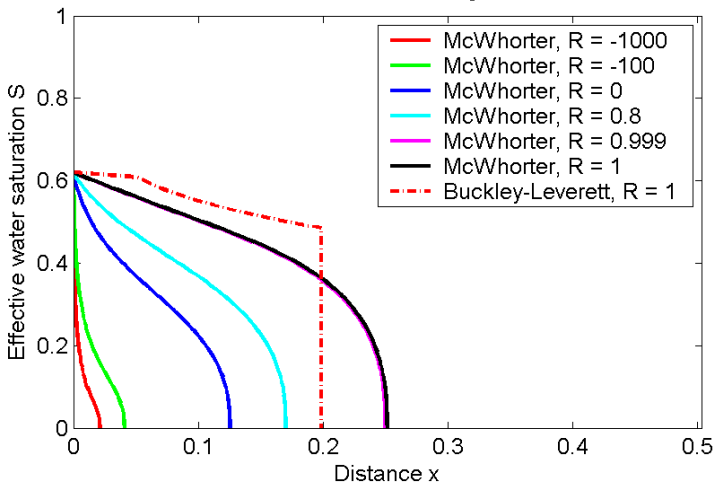
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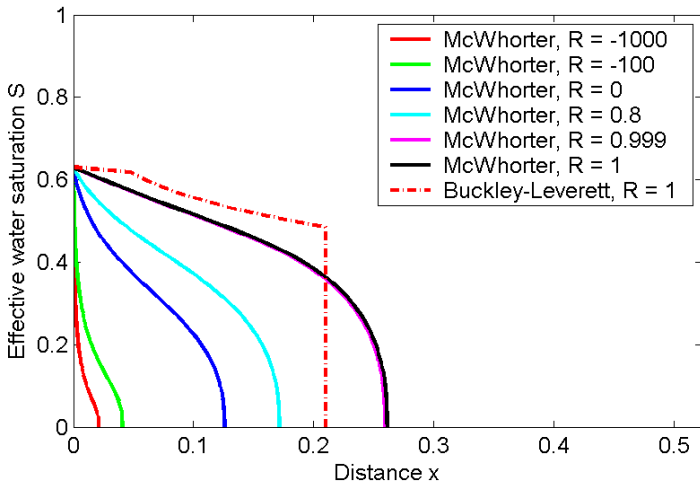
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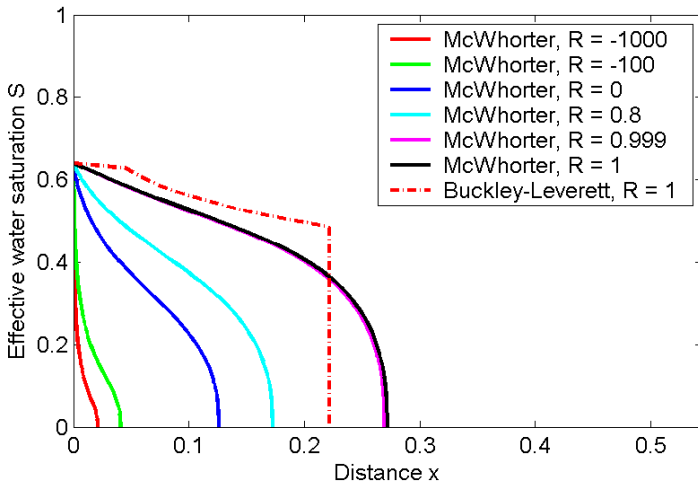
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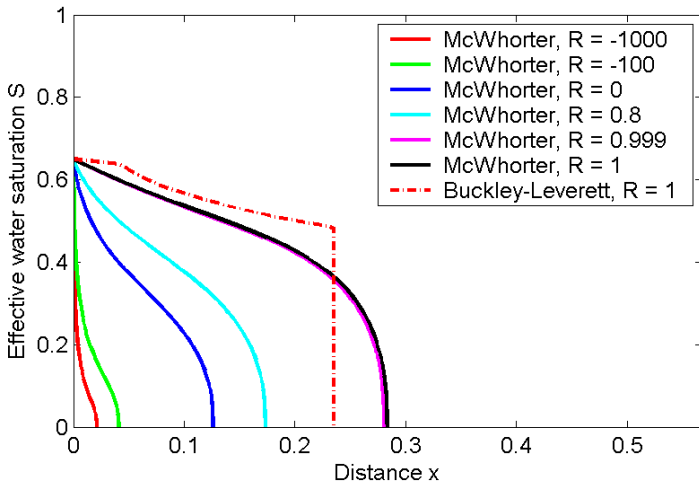
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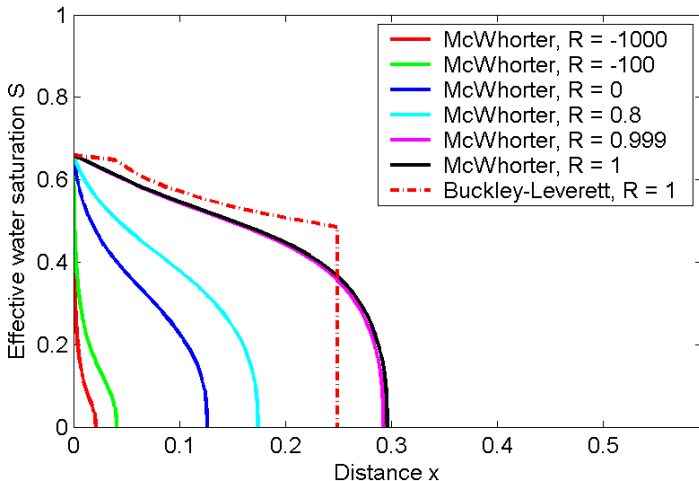
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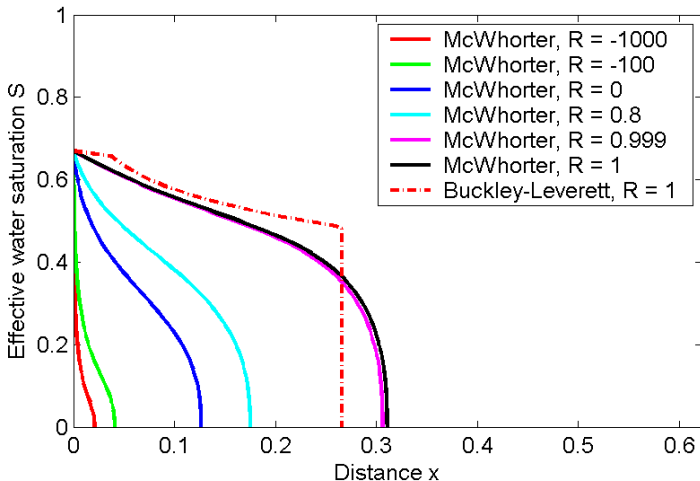
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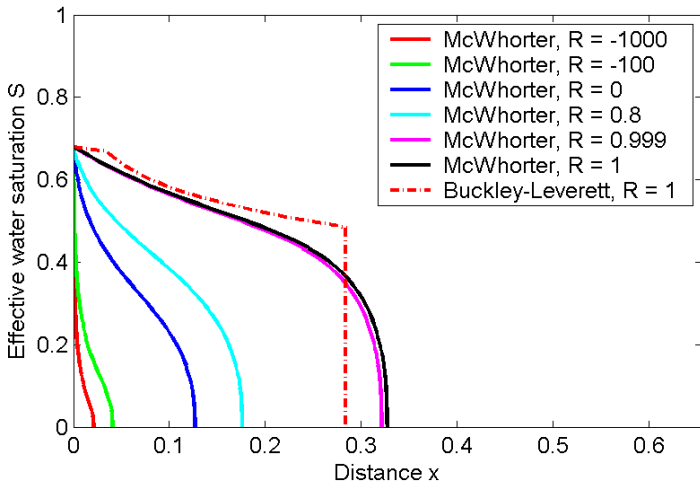
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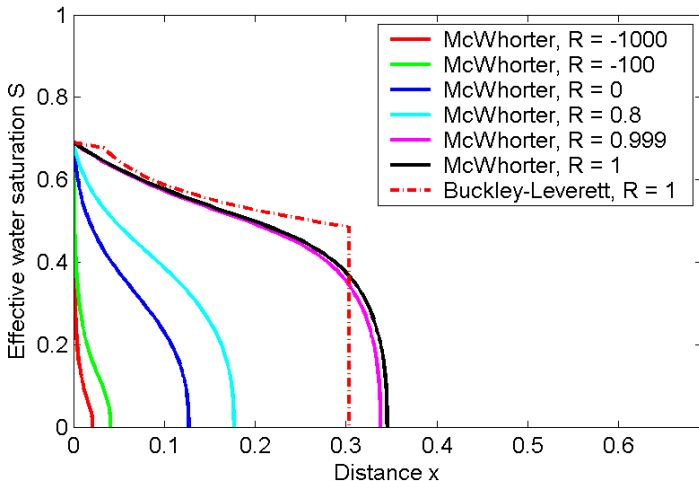
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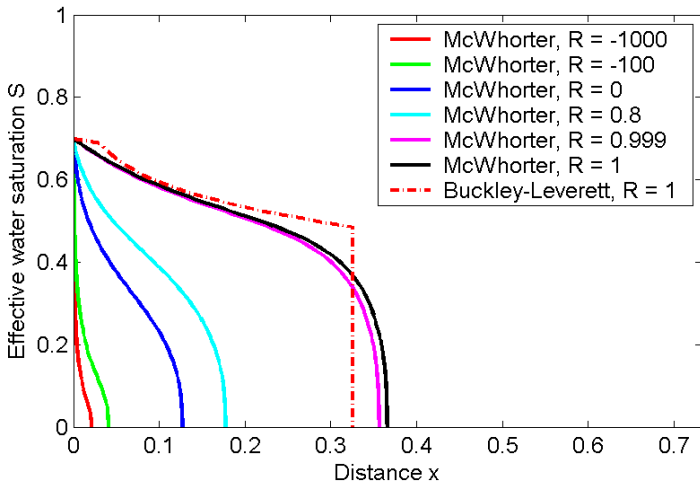
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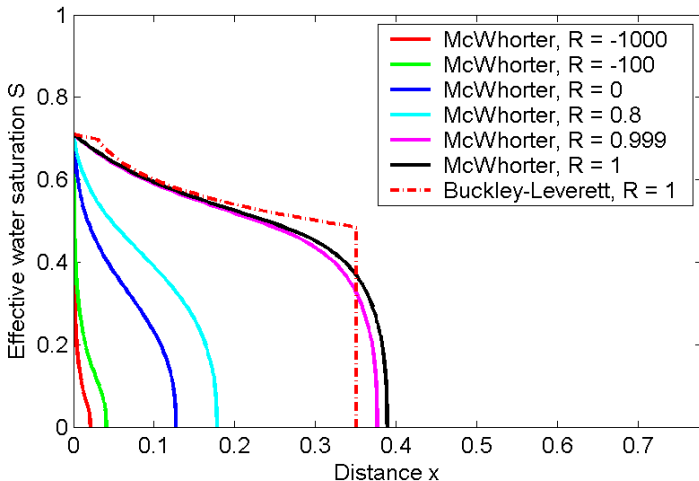
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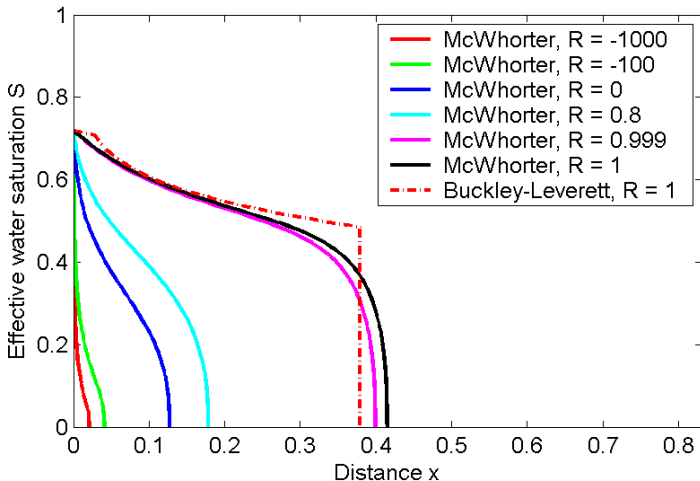
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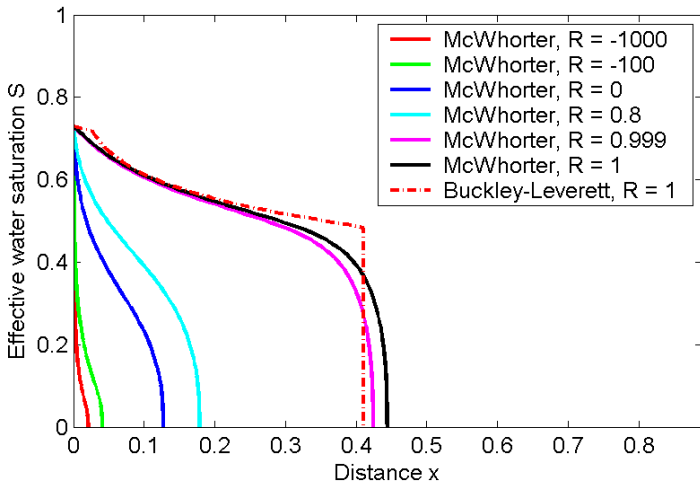
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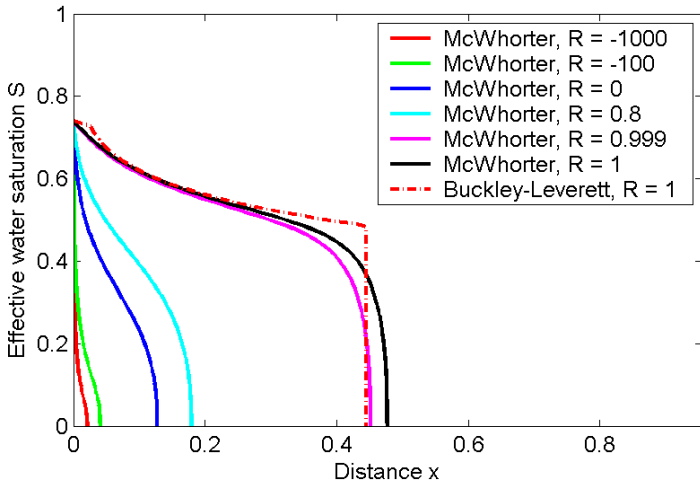
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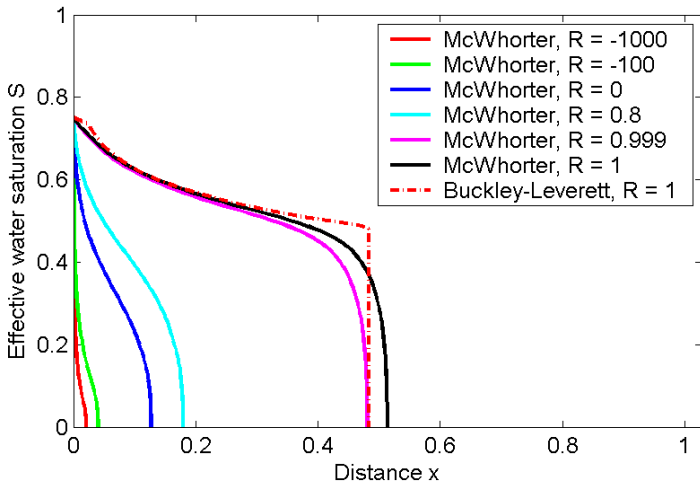
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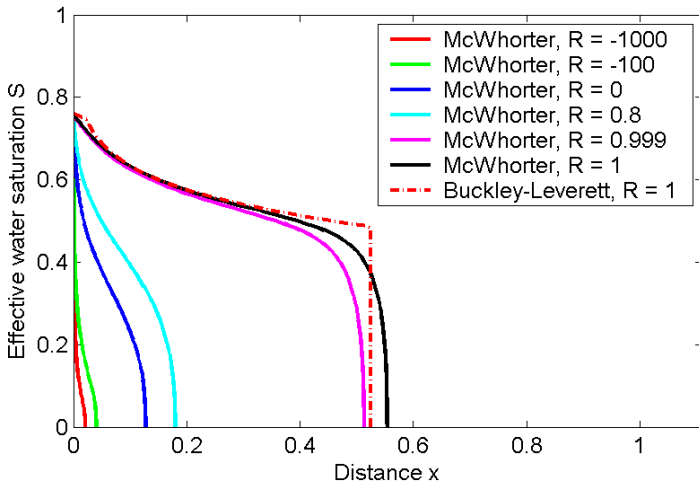
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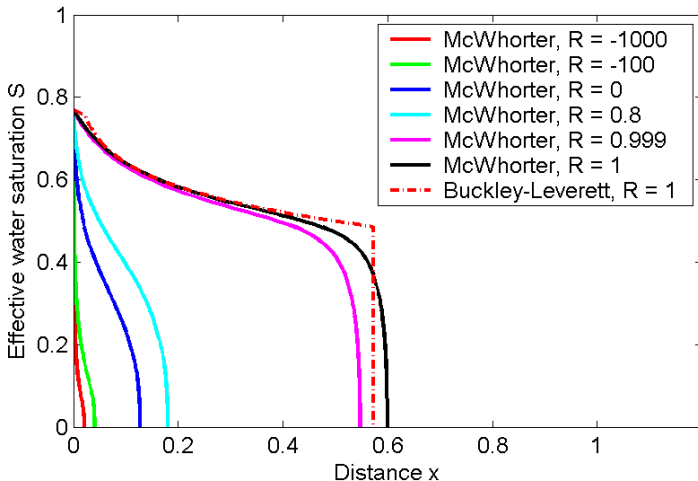
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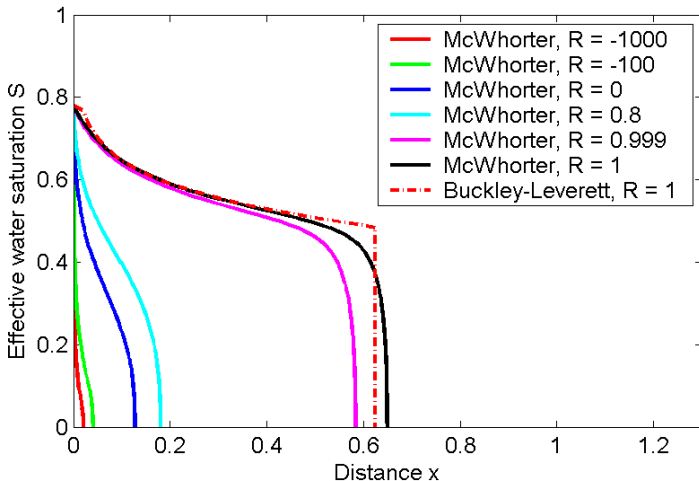
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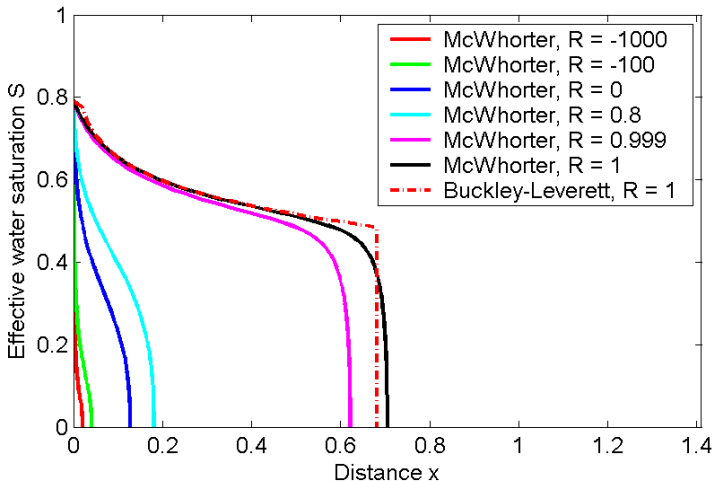
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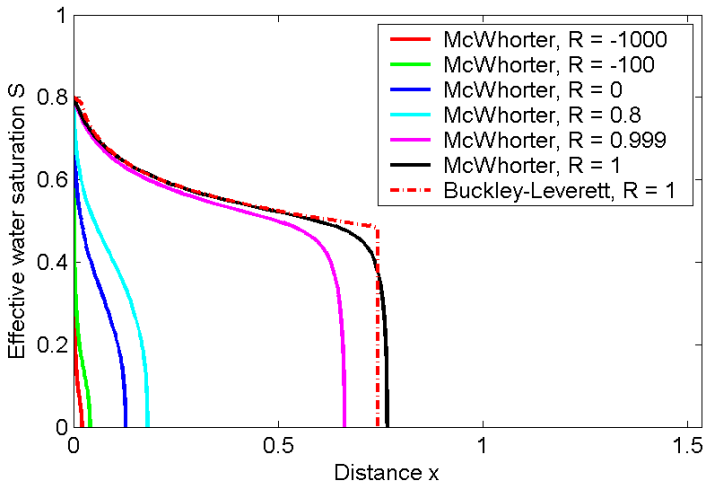
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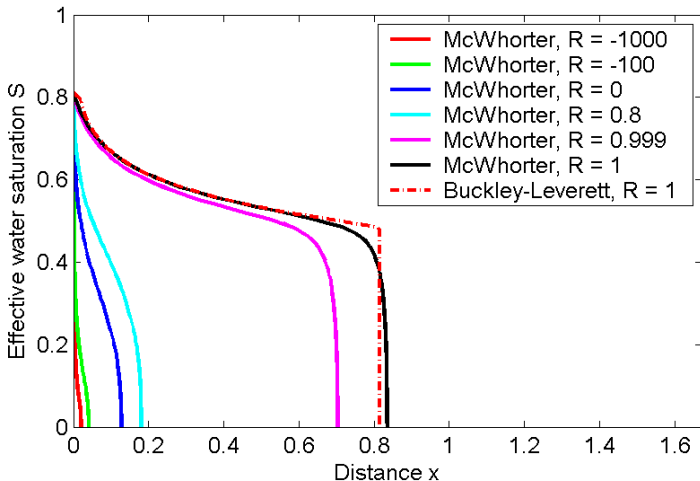
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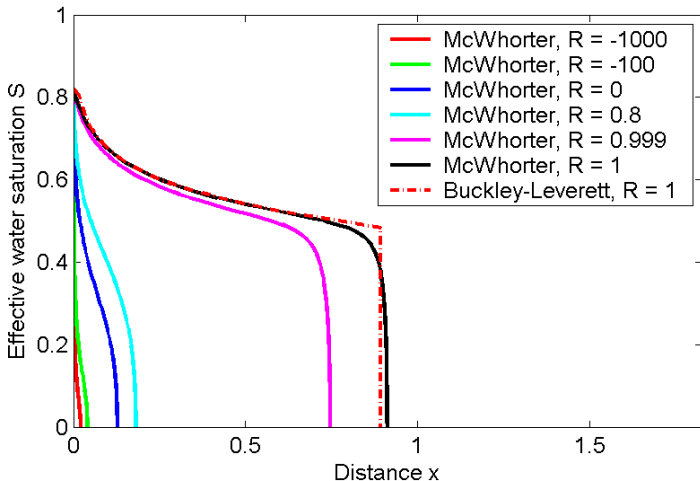
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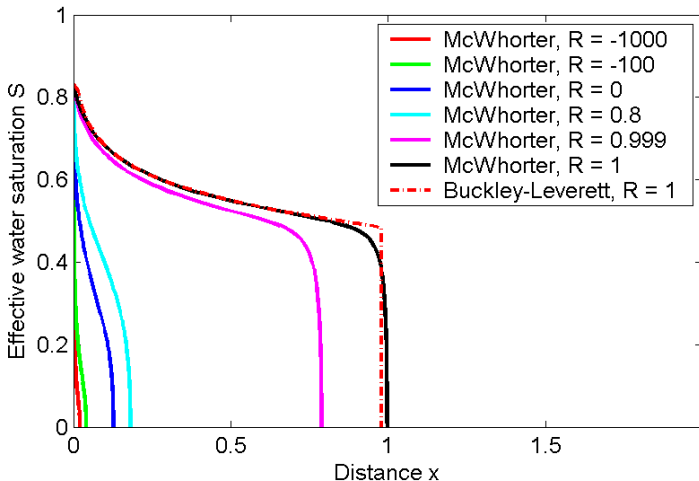
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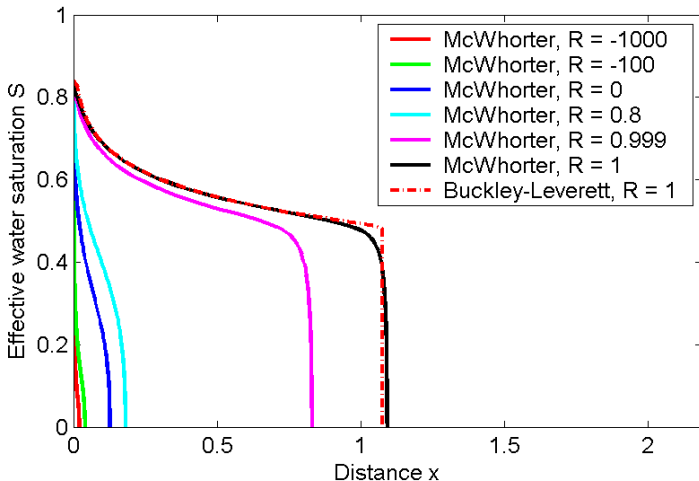
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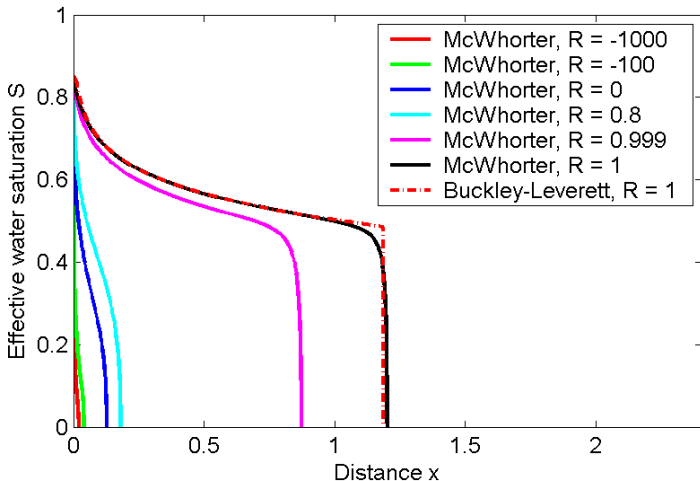
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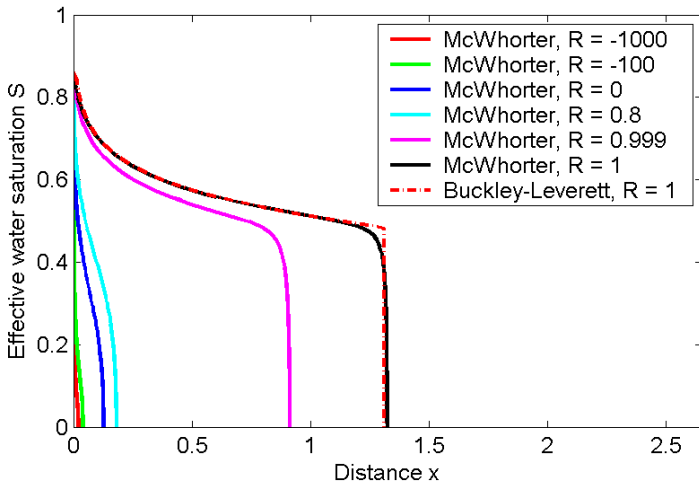
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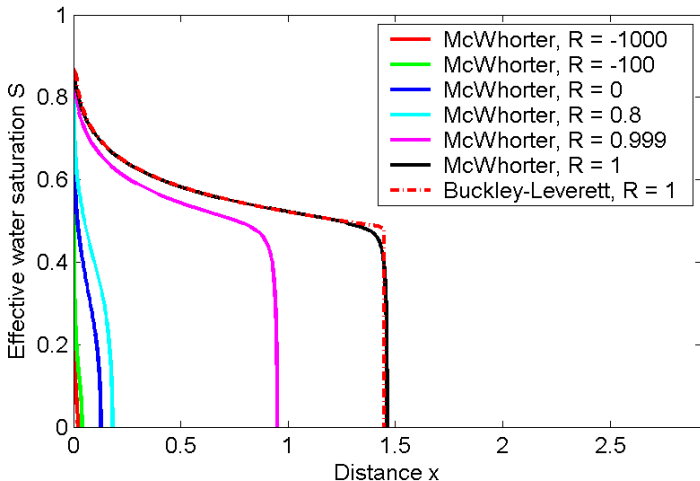
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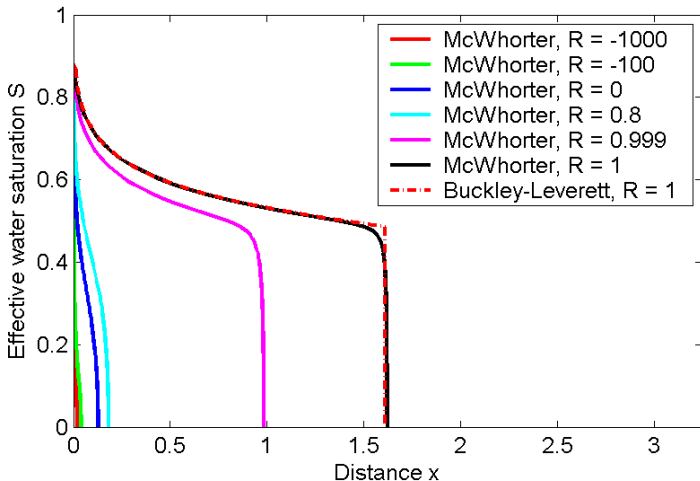
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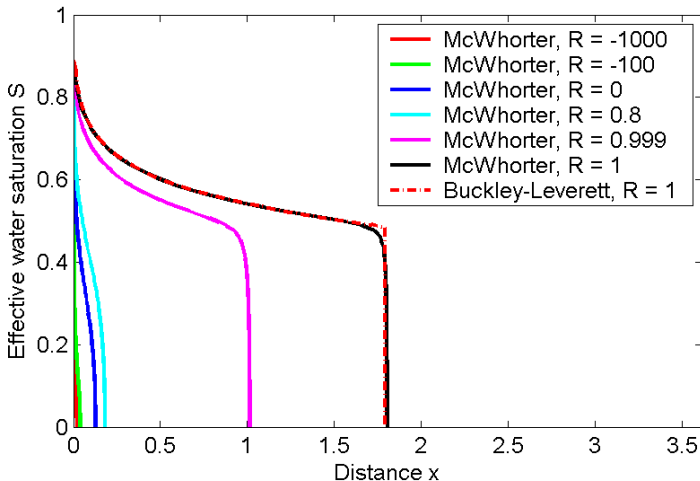
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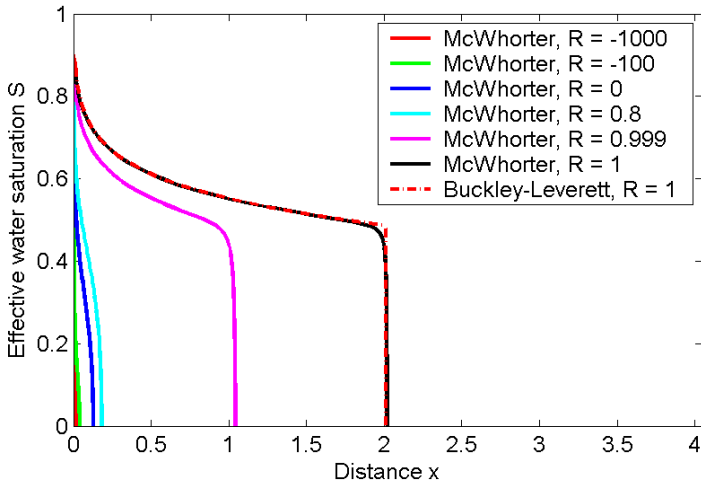
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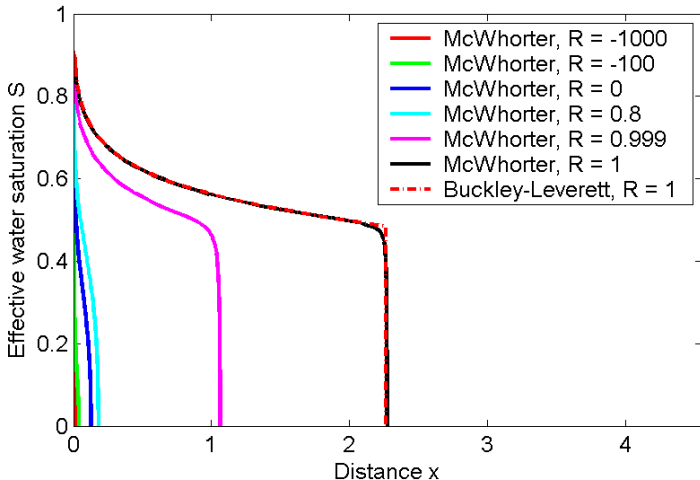
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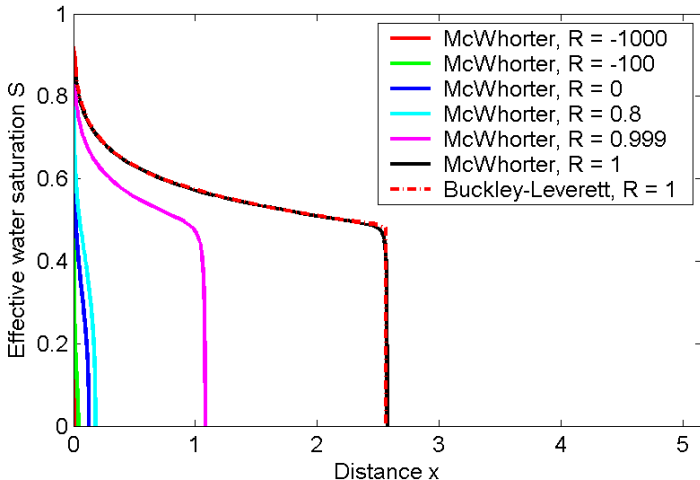
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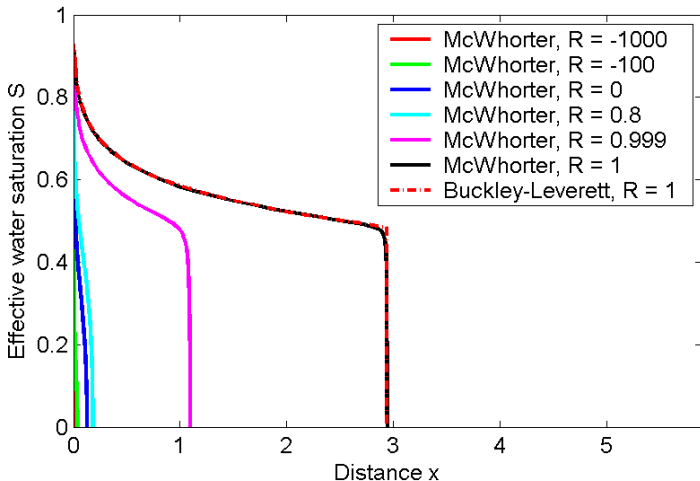
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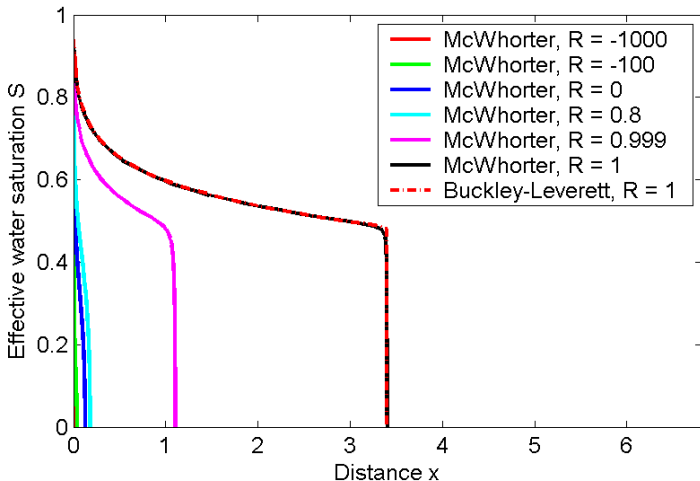
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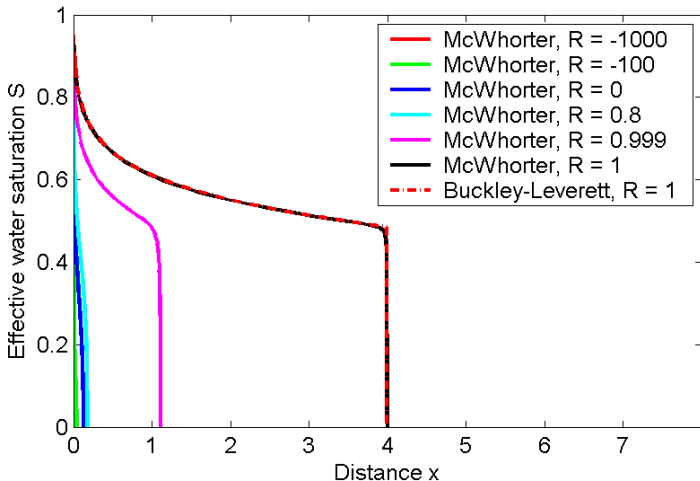
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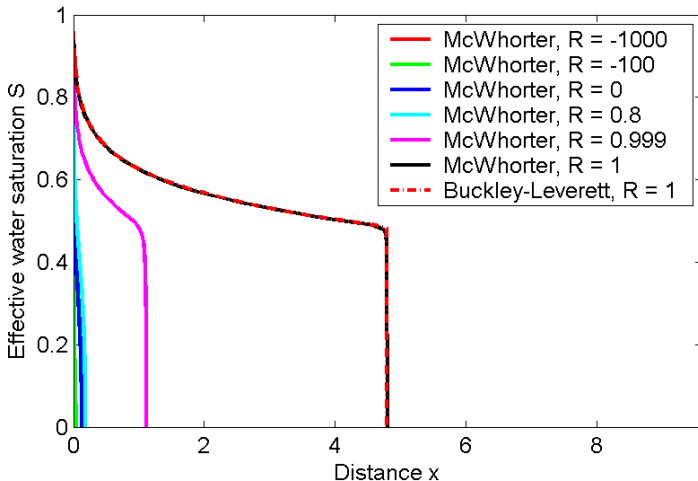
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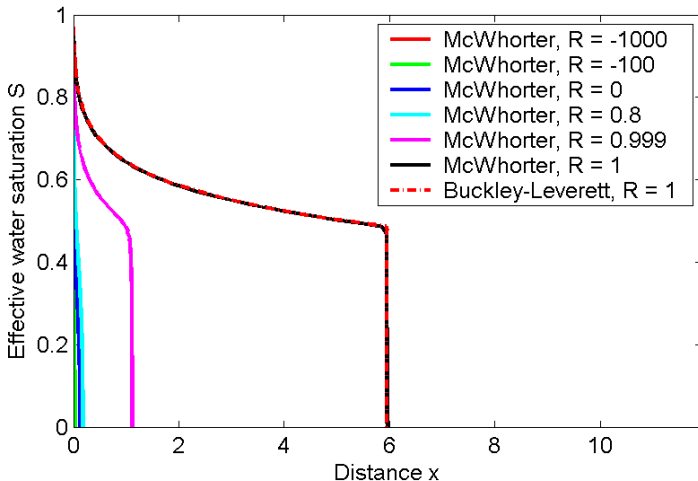
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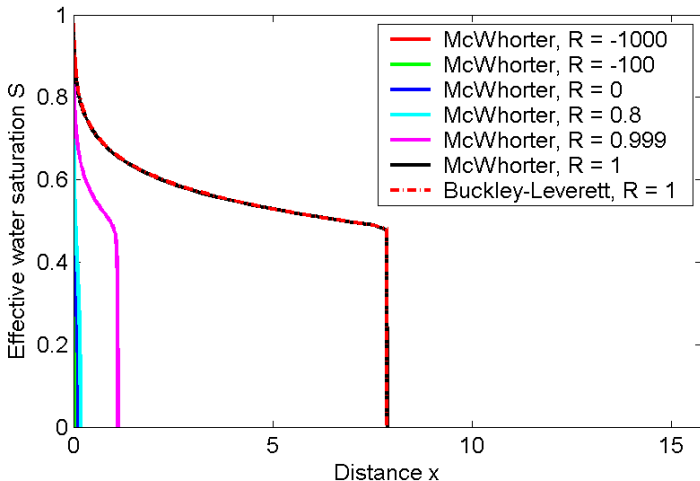
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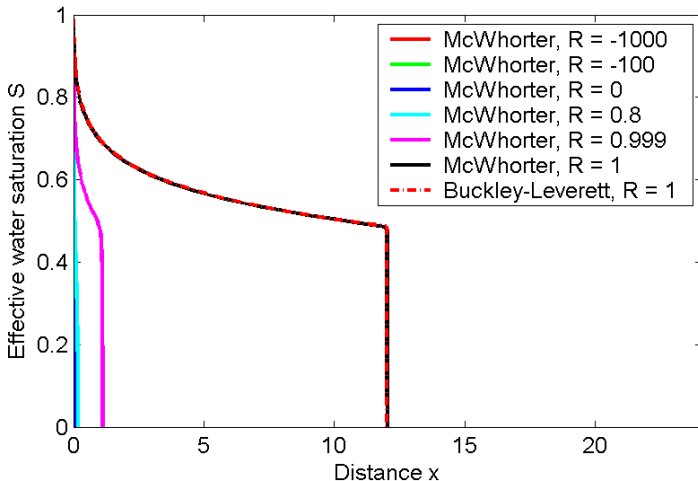
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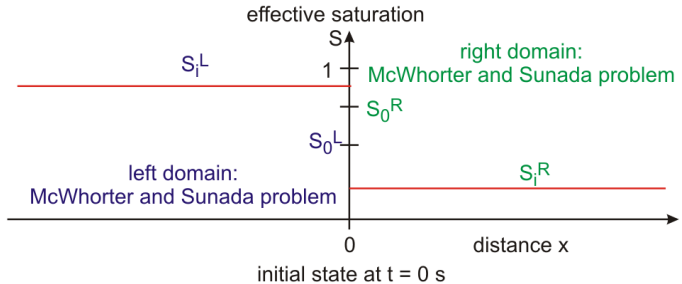
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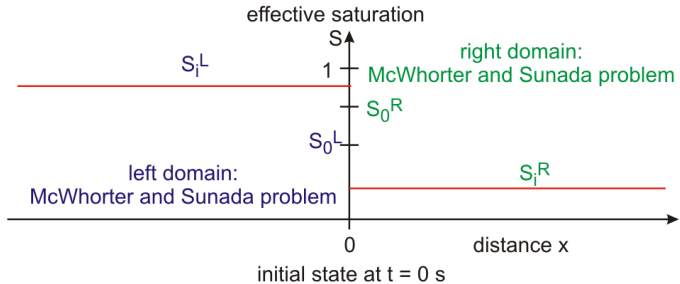
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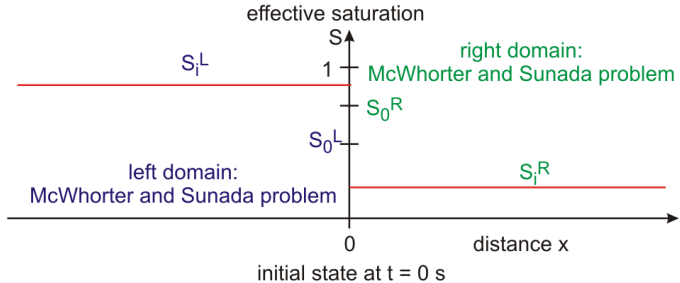
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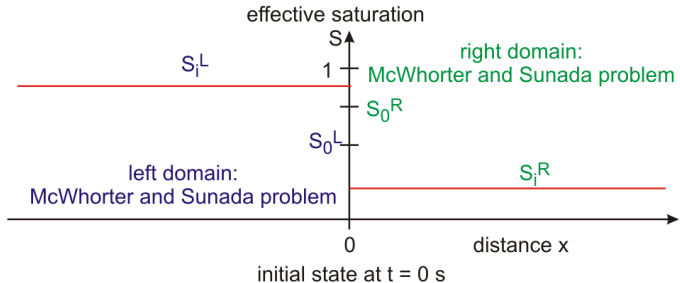
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 - $A^L R^L = A^R R^R$
 - $R^R - R^R R^L + R^L = 0$
 - $S_0^R = \kappa(S_0^L)$



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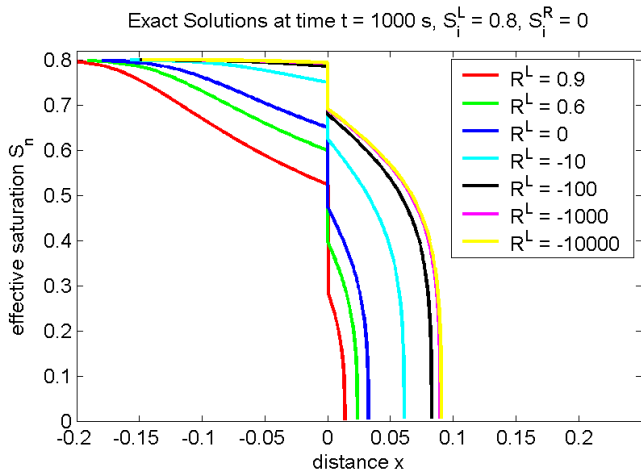
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