

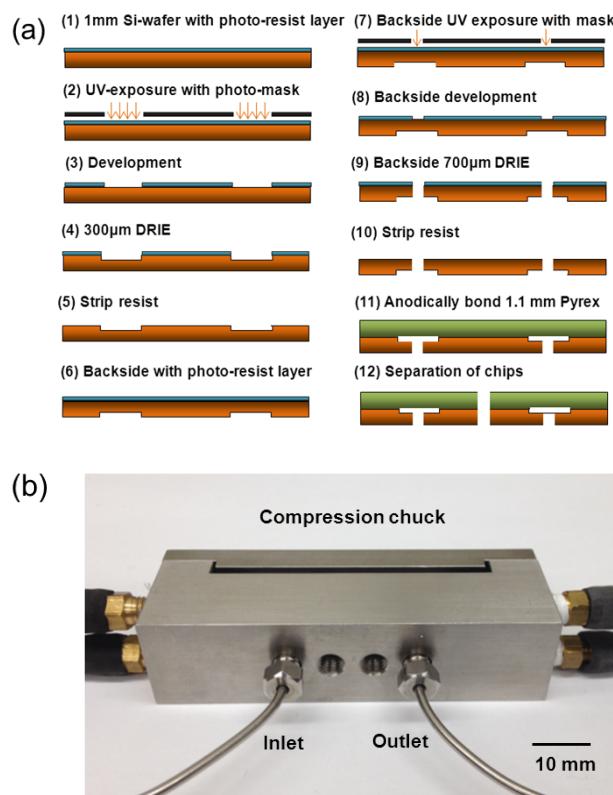
## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

### Microfluidic investigation of the deposition of asphaltenes in porous media

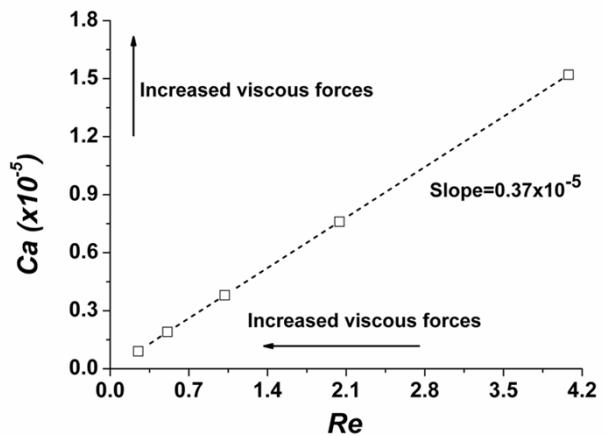
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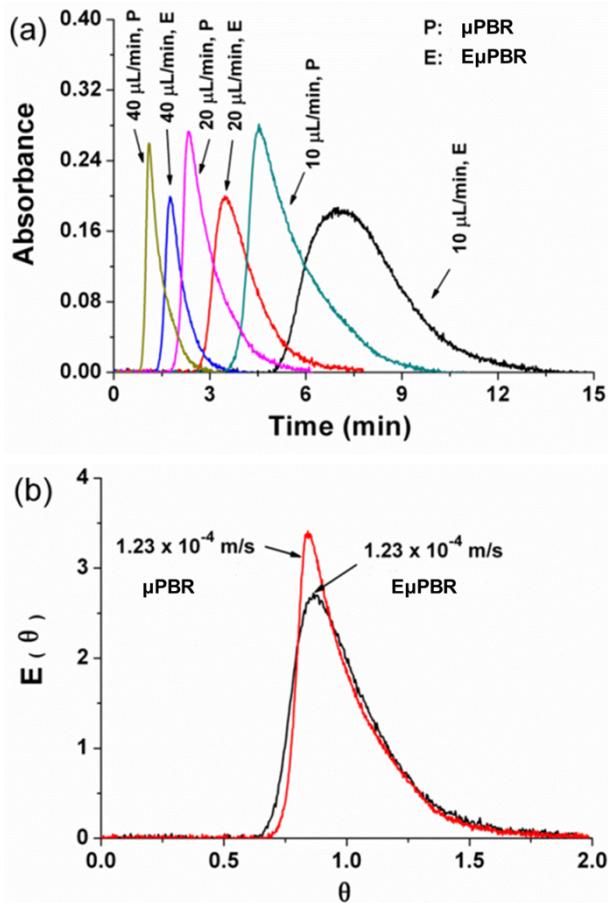
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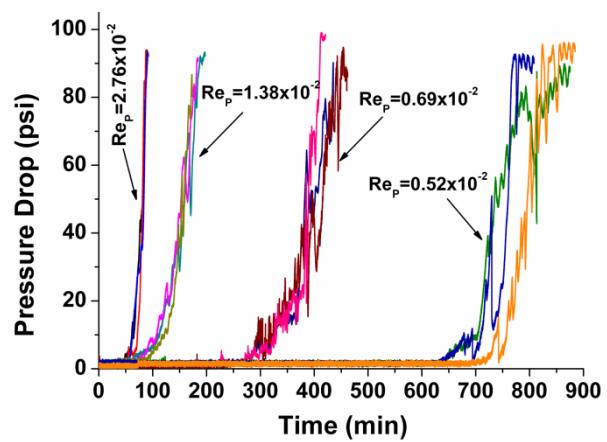
**Fig. S1.** (a) Schematic fabrication process of the  $\mu$ PBR. (b) Backside view of the packaged system.



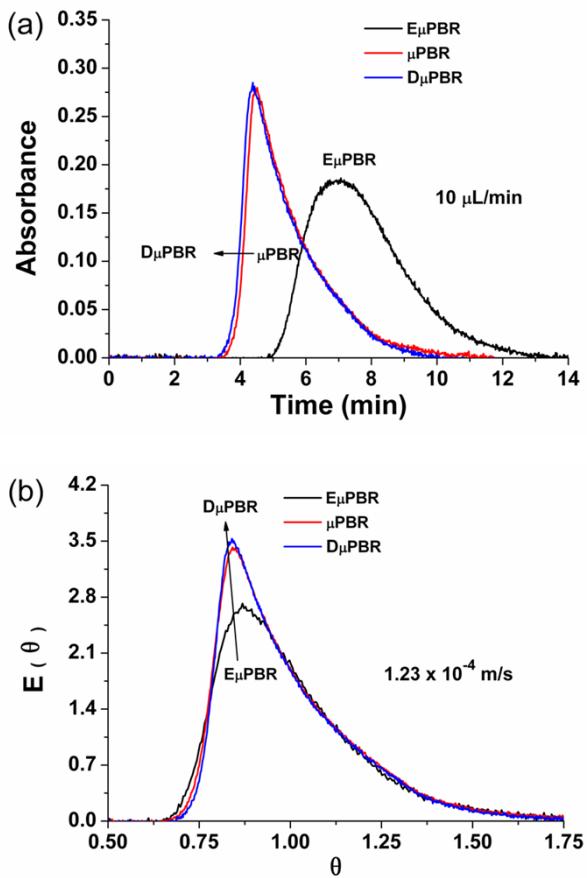
**Fig. S2.** Dimensionless characterization of Capillary and Reynolds numbers.



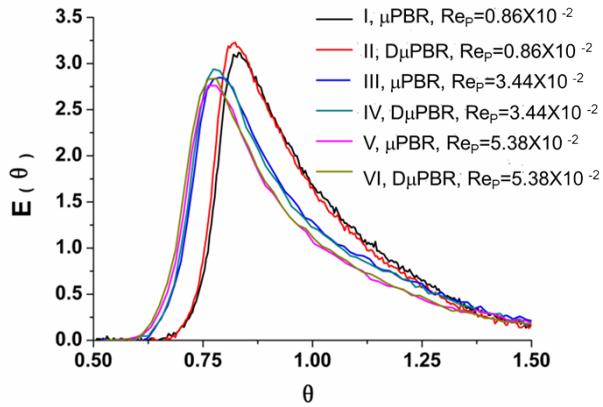
**Fig. S3.** Residence time distribution measurements of *n*-heptane flow in E $\mu$ PBR and  $\mu$ PBRs. (a) Absorbance as a function of time at different flow rates ranging from 10.00 to 40.00  $\mu$ L/min, and (b) comparison of  $E(\theta)$  values as a function of dimensionless time ( $\theta$ ) at the same velocity of  $1.23 \times 10^{-4}$  m/s in E $\mu$ PBR and  $\mu$ PBRs.



**Fig. S4.** Influence of flow rates on the pressure drop as a function of time.



**Fig. S5** Residence time distribution measurements of *n*-heptane flow in E $\mu$ PBR,  $\mu$ PBR, and D $\mu$ PBRs. (a) Absorbance as a function of time at 10.00  $\mu$ L/min, and (b) comparison of  $E(\theta)$  values as a function of dimensionless time ( $\theta$ ) at the same velocity of  $1.23 \times 10^{-4}$  m/s in E $\mu$ PBR,  $\mu$ PBR, and D $\mu$ PBRs.



**Fig. S6** Comparison of  $E(\theta)$  values as a function of dimensionless time ( $\theta$ ) at the Reynolds number of 0.86, 3.44 and  $5.38 \times 10^{-2}$  in a  $\mu$ PBR and  $D\mu$ PBR.

**Table S1.** Mean volume obtained from residence time distribution measurements

Reactor	$F_T$ ( $\mu\text{L}/\text{min}$ )	$\tau$ (min)	$V$ ( $\mu\text{L}$ )	$V_{Mean}$ ( $\mu\text{L}$ )
(a) E $\mu$ PBR	10.00	7.97 $\pm$ 0.046	79.70	
	20.00	4.01 $\pm$ 0.044	80.20	80.20 $\pm$ 0.55
	40.00	2.02 $\pm$ 0.015	80.80	
(b) $\mu$ PBR 1	10.00	5.35 $\pm$ 0.025	53.50	
	20.00	2.71 $\pm$ 0.034	54.10	53.80 $\pm$ 0.30
	40.00	1.35 $\pm$ 0.017	53.80	

**Table S2.** Dispersion within the E $\mu$ PBR and a  $\mu$ PBR for different flow rates.

	$F_T$ ( $\mu$ L/min)	$u$ or $u_i$ ( $\times 10^{-4}$ m/s)	$\sigma^2$ (min $^2$ )	$\sigma_\theta^2$	$D^*/(uL)$	$D^*$ ( $\times 10^{-8}$ m $^2$ /s)	$Bo$
(a) E $\mu$ PBR	10.00	0.62	2.13	0.027	0.0115	1.21	13
	20.00	1.23	0.62	0.026	0.0124	2.59	26
	40.00	2.46	0.17	0.026	0.0134	5.60	52
	80.00	4.92	0.06	0.028	0.0145	12.1	104
	160.0	9.84	0.03	0.031	0.0159	26.6	208
(b) $\mu$ PBR 1	8.000	1.23	2.63	0.015	0.0075	1.57	45
	10.00	1.54	1.51	0.017	0.0081	2.12	56
	20.00	3.09	0.54	0.019	0.0090	4.73	113
	40.00	6.17	0.16	0.021	0.0103	10.8	225
	80.00	12.3	0.05	0.024	0.0117	24.5	450
	160.0	24.7	0.02	0.027	0.0130	54.5	900

**Table S3.** Dispersion within E $\mu$ PBR,  $\mu$ PBR, and D $\mu$ PBRs for different flow rates..

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(c) D $\mu$ PBR	10.00	1.63	1.38	0.015	0.0074	2.05	57
	7.550	1.23	2.79	0.013	0.0063	1.32	43