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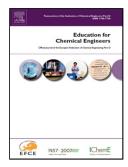
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Highlights

• An interactive method teaching particle size analysis by 'people sieving' is presented

• Sieves are constructed by students using cheap and readily available PVC tubing

• Sizes and numbers of sieves are chosen by students based on discussions in class

• People distributions are drawn from student-led 'people sieving'

• Effects of sieving time and people particle shapes are presented

ABSTRACT

Some engineering subjects, while mathematically straightforward, can be conceptually

difficult for students to understand. Traditional lecture methods using textbooks and

PowerPoint point slides, while popular with some lecturers, are not always the best teaching

tool when critical concepts require embedding. In this paper we consider the development of a

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