



Material property characterization and modelling from FIB/SEM nanoscale 3D imaging

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- About VSG and Avizo software
- From FIB/SEM imaging to 3D material properties characterization
- Examples in electronics, metals, fuel cells, rocks
- Introducing Avizo version 7

VSG HQ and R&D centre (A)



Proven track record

- 25+ years of expertise
- Uniquely experienced team
- Successful serving 1000+ first-class customers

Worldwide organization

- USA (Boston, Houston, San Diego)
- France (Bordeaux, Paris)
- Germany (Düsseldorf)
- UK (London)

Distributors channel

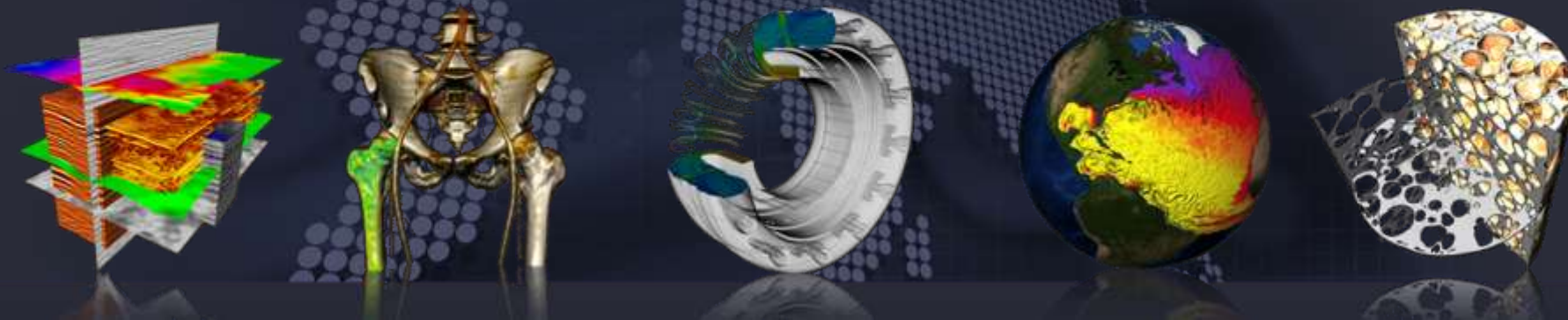
- Asia/Pacific (China, India, Japan, Taiwan, Korea)
- Mexico, Israel, Russia

MARKETS

- Engineering & Simulation
- Oil & Gas, Geosciences, Mining
- Biomedical & Life Sciences
- Materials science, Industrial Inspection
- Scientific data visualization
- Collaborative & Immersive VR

SOLUTIONS

- Object-oriented 3D libraries and API
- Open application framework
- State-of-the-art 3D rendering and analysis
- Very Large Data Management
- Scalability and remote application
- 3D computing framework



Open Inventor®

3D development toolkit



Integrate
high-performance 3D
in your applications

Avizo®

3D application framework

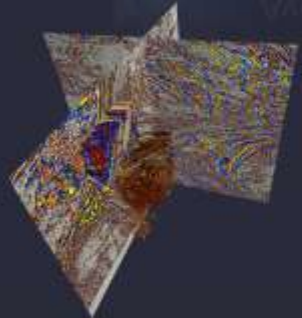


Visualize and
analyze scientific
and industrial data

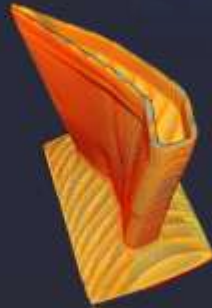
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Professional services



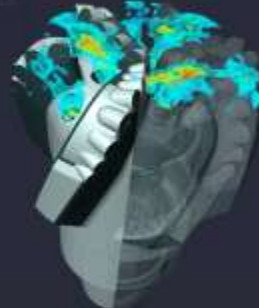
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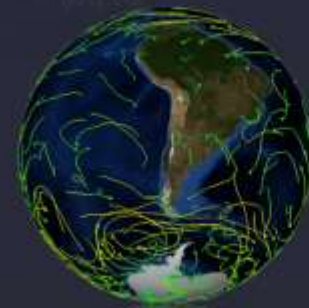
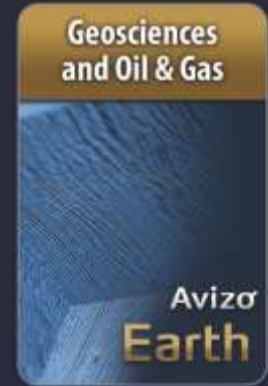
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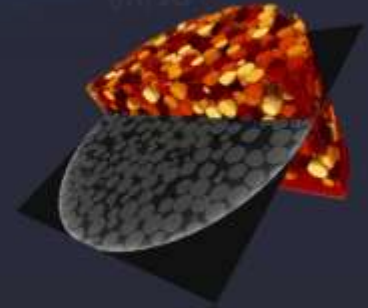
Data: GE Aircraft



Data: VAREL



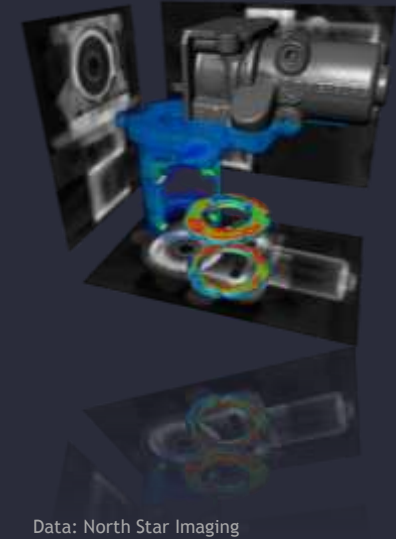
Data: MPI-MP / DRKZ



Data: ICMCB



Avizo **Fire** is a 3D analysis application for Materials Science and Industrial Inspection



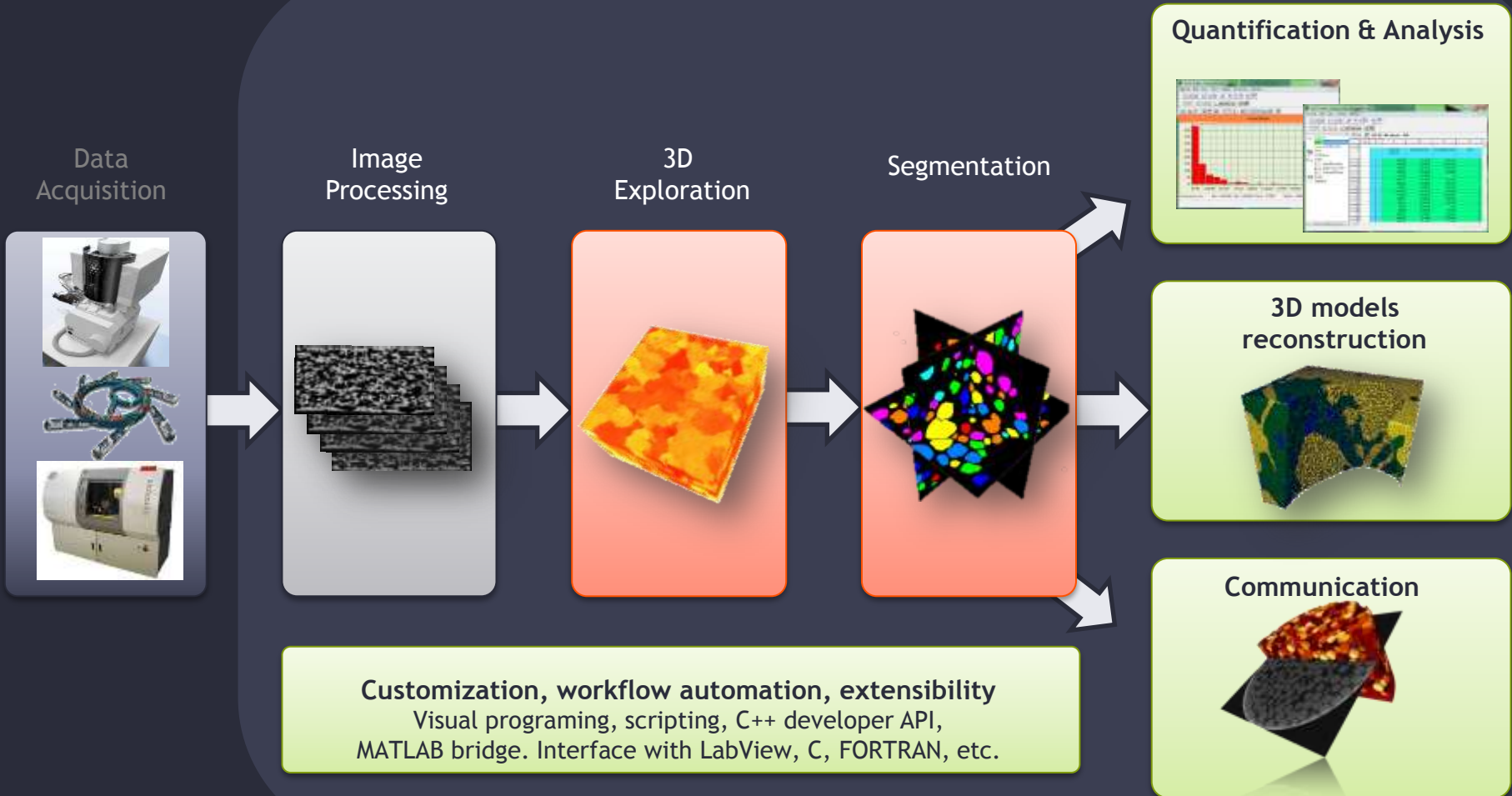
Key Features

- Extensive 3D image import and processing
- Advanced image segmentation
- Quantification and analysis
- High-quality presentation and reporting

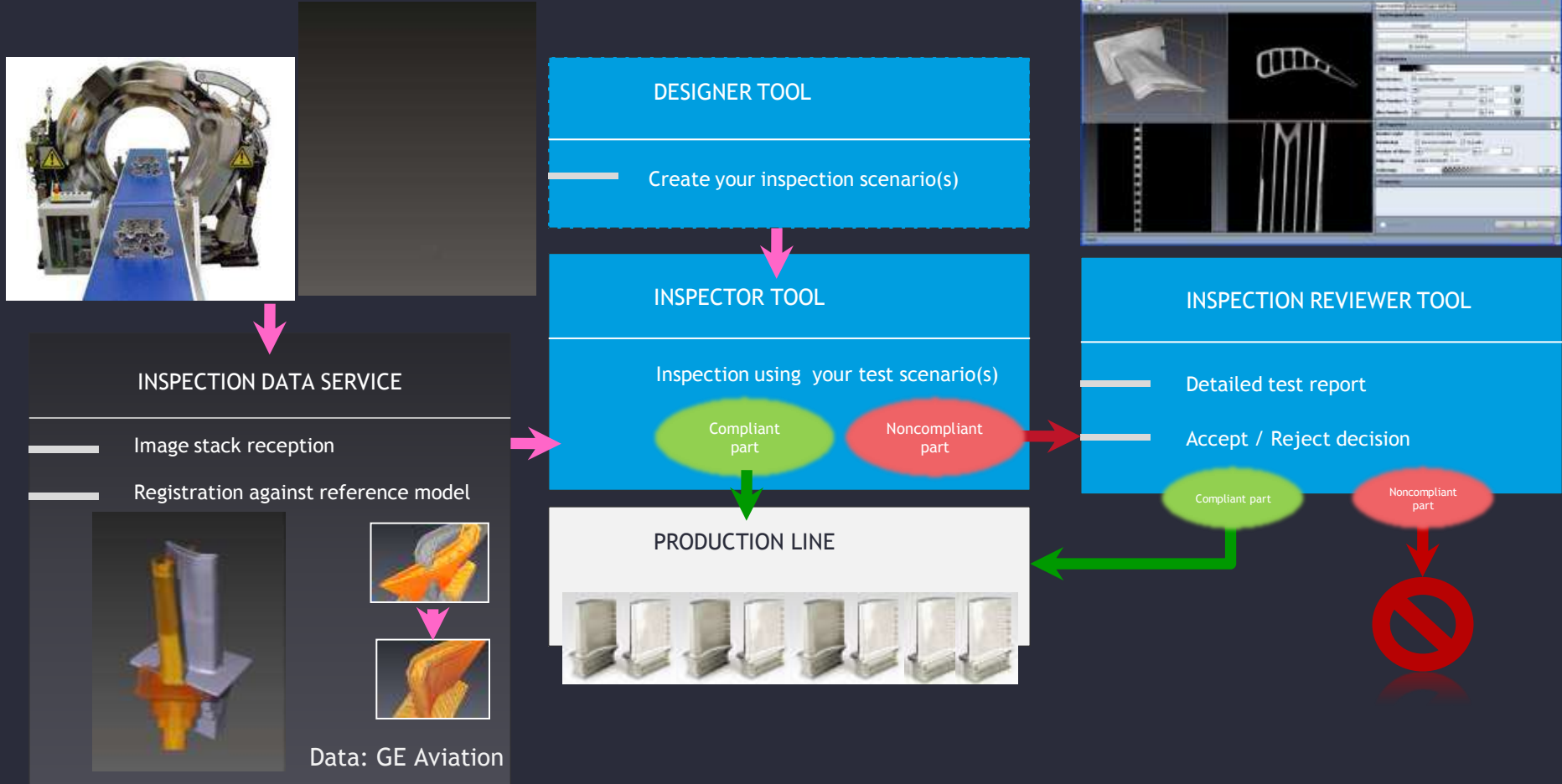
Market applications

- Materials science, micro-CT
- Industrial tomography, Non destructive inspection
- Reverse engineering
- Core sample analysis

Avizo Fire for Materials Science 3D imaging and analysis



Avizo Automation Framework



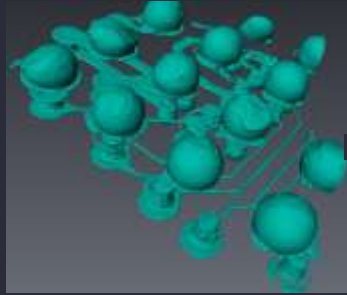
Defect inspection, root cause analysis

Circuit failure,
packaging defect

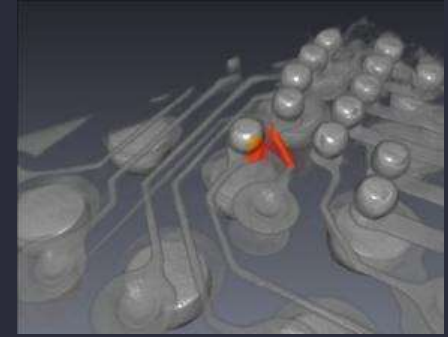
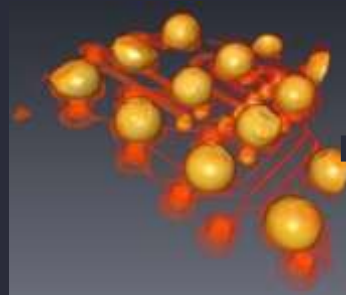


BGA

CT or
FIB/SEM



Advanced
visualization and
data exploration



Defect analysis

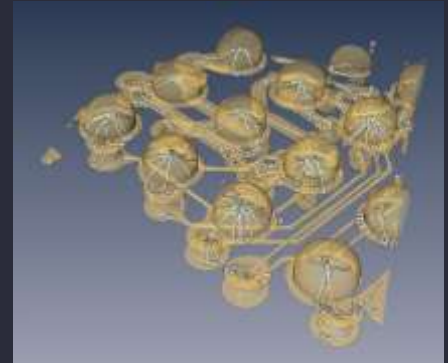
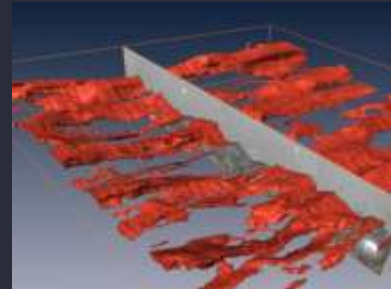
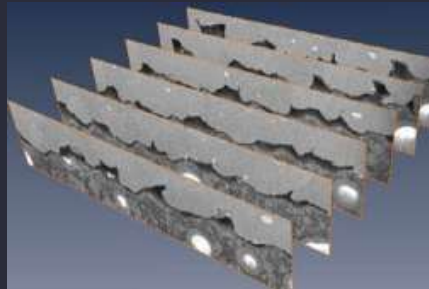
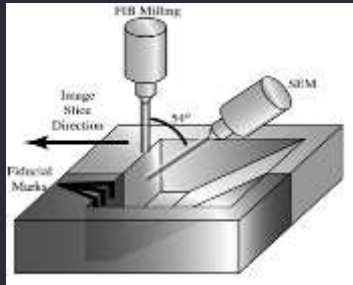
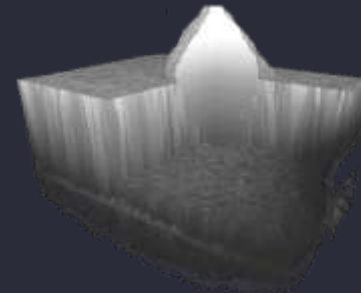
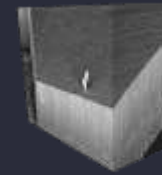
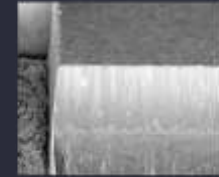
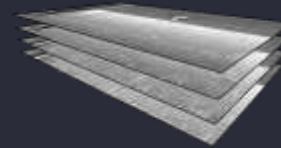


Image skeletonization



Characterization of delaminations at a chip / molding compound interface
Courtesy A. Rucki

- Alignment / drift correction
 - Registration (XY)
 - Least square or other methods
 - Optional arbitrary 3D region reference mask
 - Calibration of slice thickness (Z)
- Foreshortening correction (Y)
- Shearing
- Masking/cropping
- Shadow/contrast correction



- Workflow assistant for 3D reconstruction
from FIB/SEM images coming in Avizo Fire 7

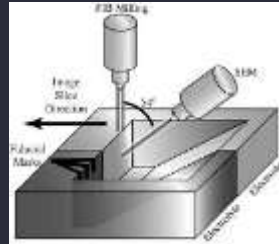
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Porous graphitic
carbon foam

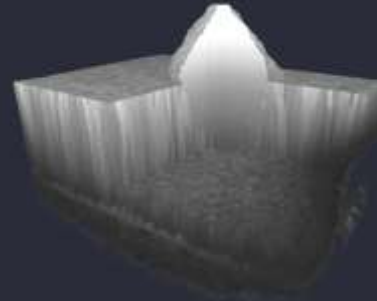


Images from
NASA Goddard
Tin Whiskers
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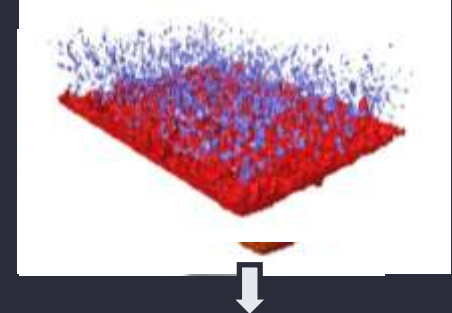
FIB/SEM
acquisition



3D Image
reconstruction
and visualization



3D image
segmentation



Global metrics, individual measures and population distributions, e.g. :

Fractal dimension of basal surface: **2.31**

Degree of anisotropy of interspersed: **0.598**

3D Density of interspersed: **0.13 grain / μm^3**

Volume, specific surface, length, width, aspect ratio, orientation, contacts, etc.

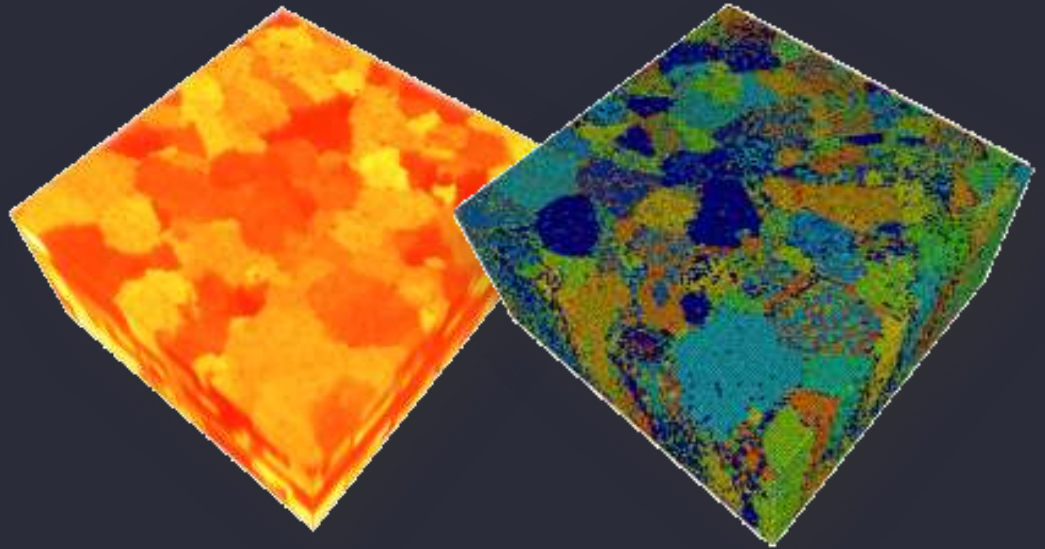


Quantification
and analysis

3D FIB/SEM images registration and fusion

- Multiple data channels, e.g. BSE, EBSD, EDS, etc. for compositional analysis and enhanced segmentation.
- Multiple datasets, modalities: micro/nanoCT, AFM, etc. for multi-scale and correlative analysis, or for experiment imaging

Example: Multi-channel imaging of
microcrystalline metals (IN100
Nickel-based superalloy)
Secondary electron (SE) and electron
backscatter diffraction (EBSD)

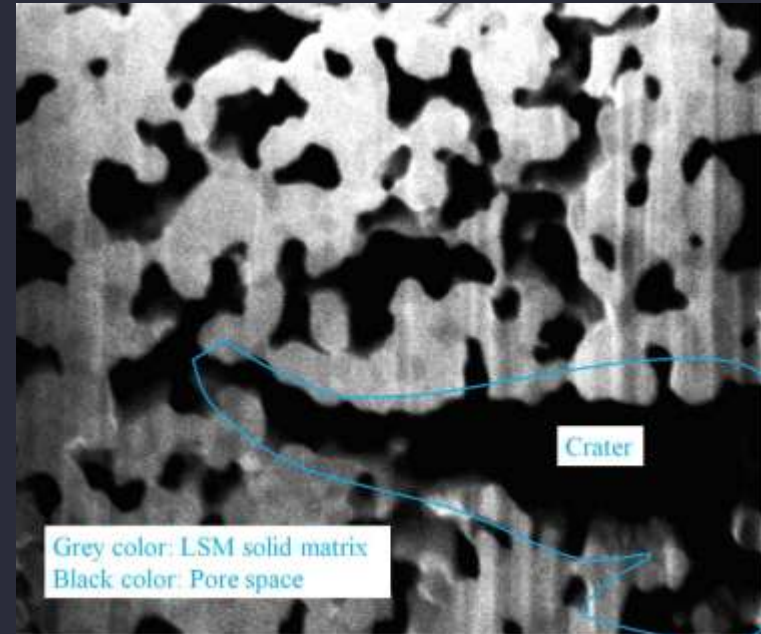


Pilot study of FIB-SEM characterization of microstructure of fuel cells

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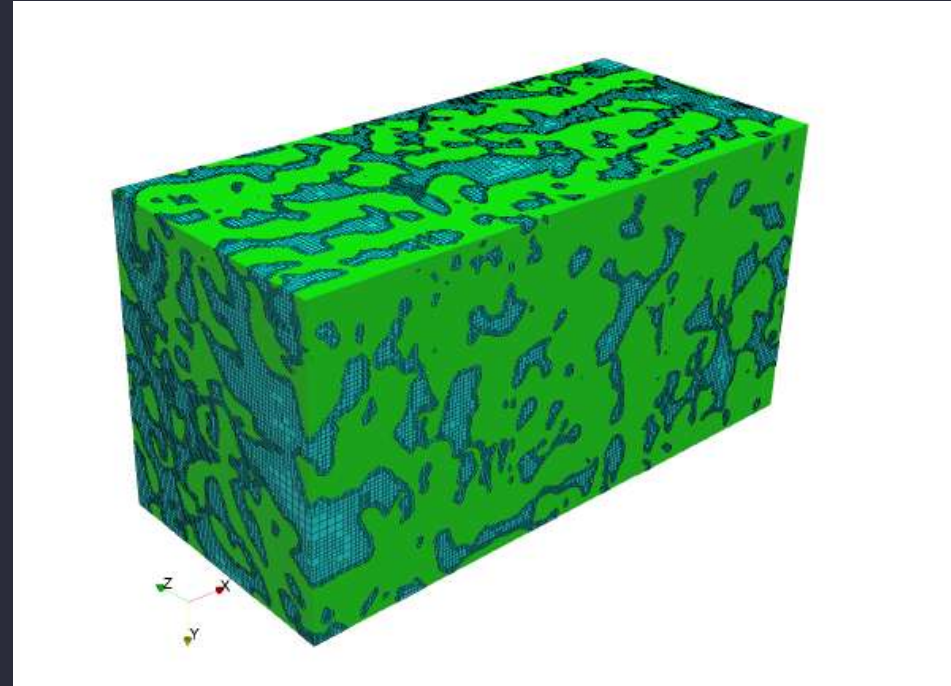


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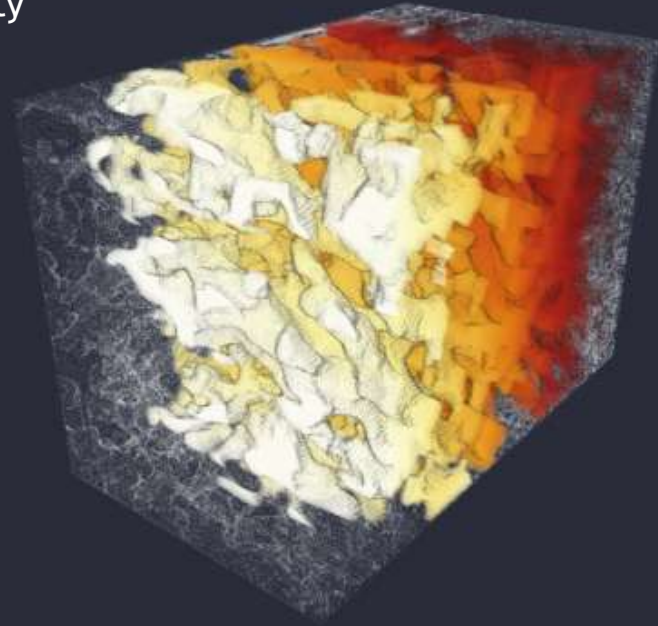
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Characterizing Materials

- Image-based quantification, such as
 - Total porosity, Connected porosity, Included Porosity
 - Specific surfaces
 - Porosity distance, Tortuosity
 - Phases interfaces, multi-phase boundaries, etc.
- Modeling-based quantification, such as
 - Permeability Tensor and Absolute Permeability
 - Molecular Diffusivity
 - Heat Conductivity
 - Formation Factor



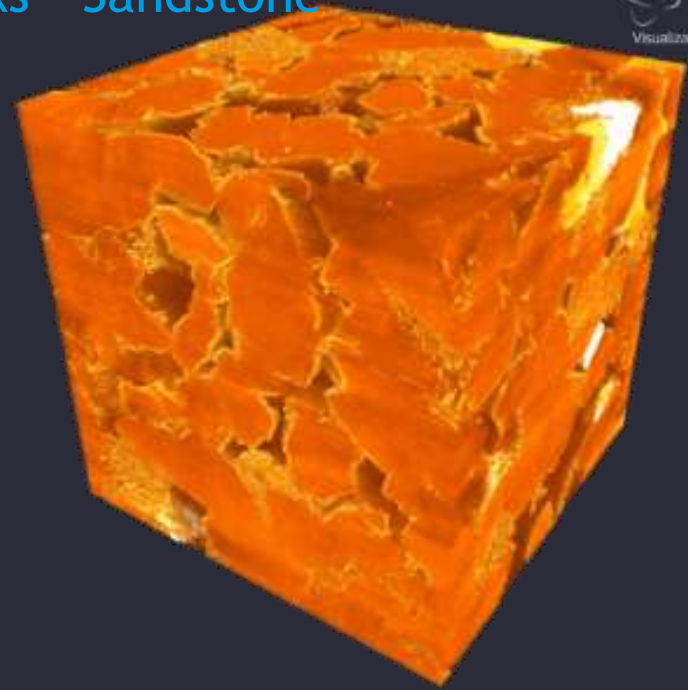
Validation of microCT porosity in berea sandstone

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Characterizing the pore space in sandstone

- MicroCT
 - 3 μm in-plane, 6 μm slice-thickness
 - Bulk pores (150-200 μm)
 - Small pores (30-80 μm)
 - Suspicious micro-pores ($\sim 5\mu\text{m}$)
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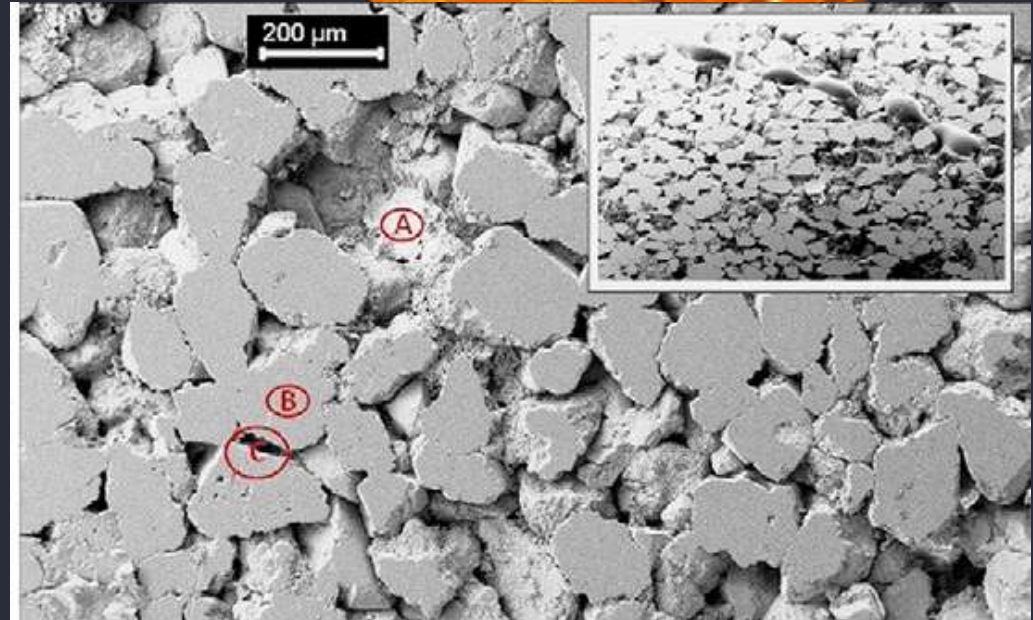
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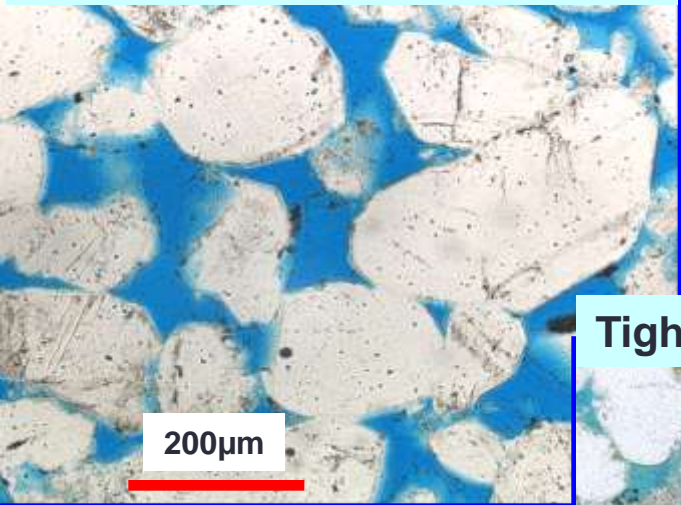
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 - Micro-pores are absent (artifact of x-ray microCT)



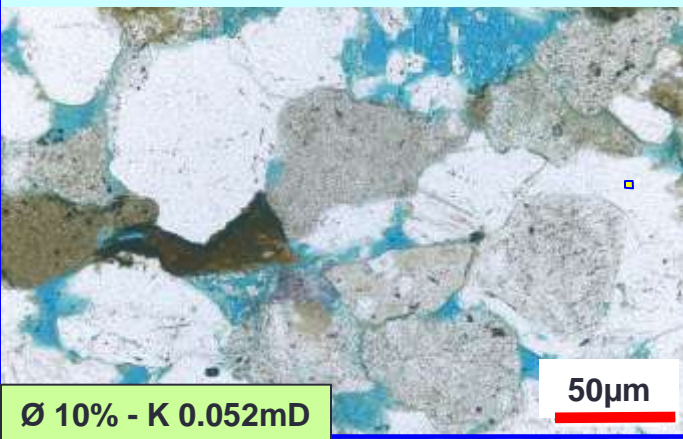
Sandstone vs. Shale reservoir rocks

Convention Sandstone Reservoir



200µm

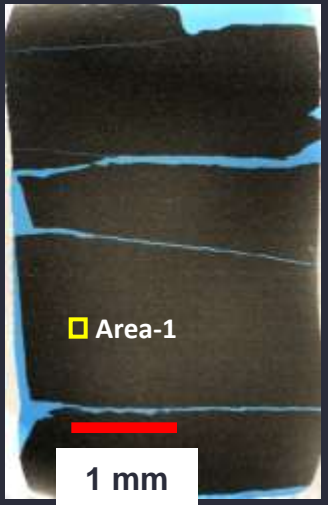
Tight-Gas Sandstone Reservoir



50µm

Ø 10% - K 0.052mD

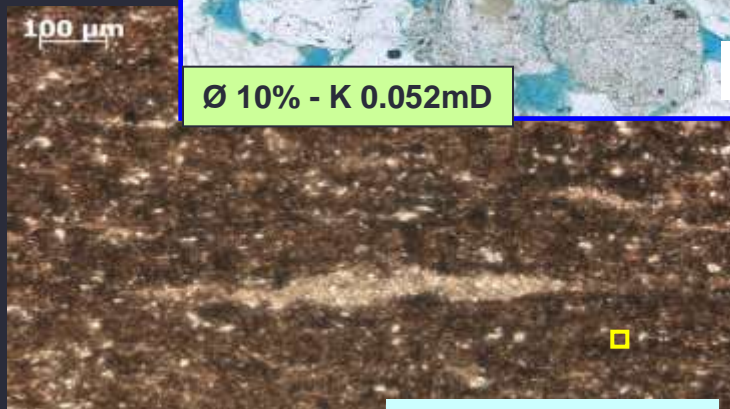
Ø 33.0% - K 753mD



Area-1

1 mm

Thin section - Shale

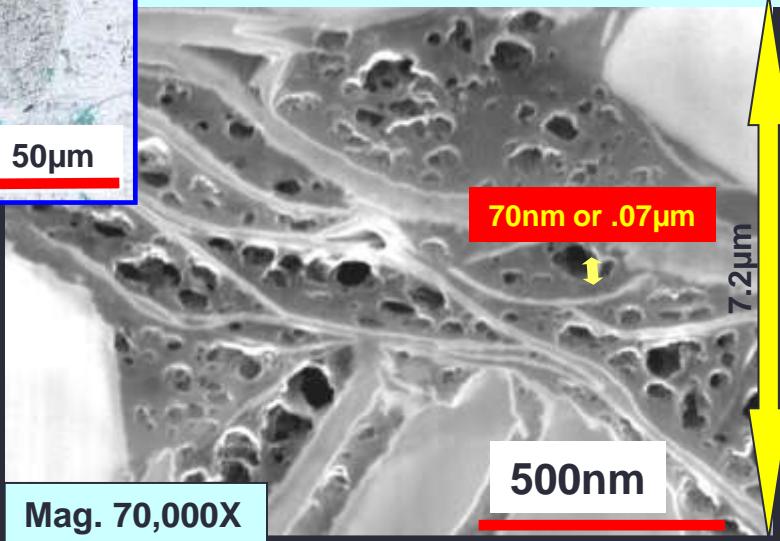


100 µm

Ø 2.57% K ~0.0003mD

Shale Reservoir

Shale Gas Reservoir



70nm or .07µm

7.2µm

500nm

Mag. 70,000X

Porosity & Permeability Analysis on Nanoscale FIB-SEM 3D Imaging of Shale Rock

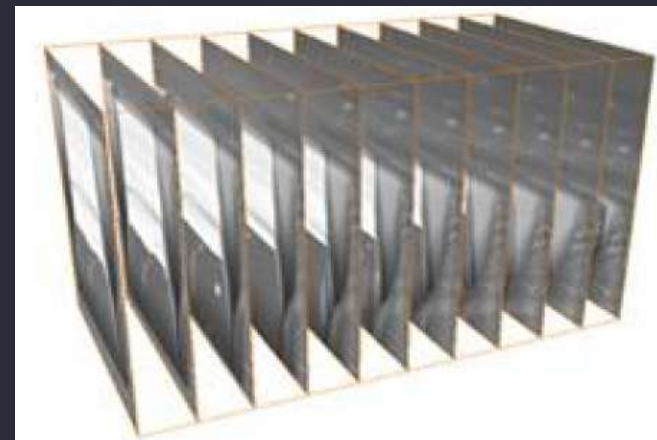
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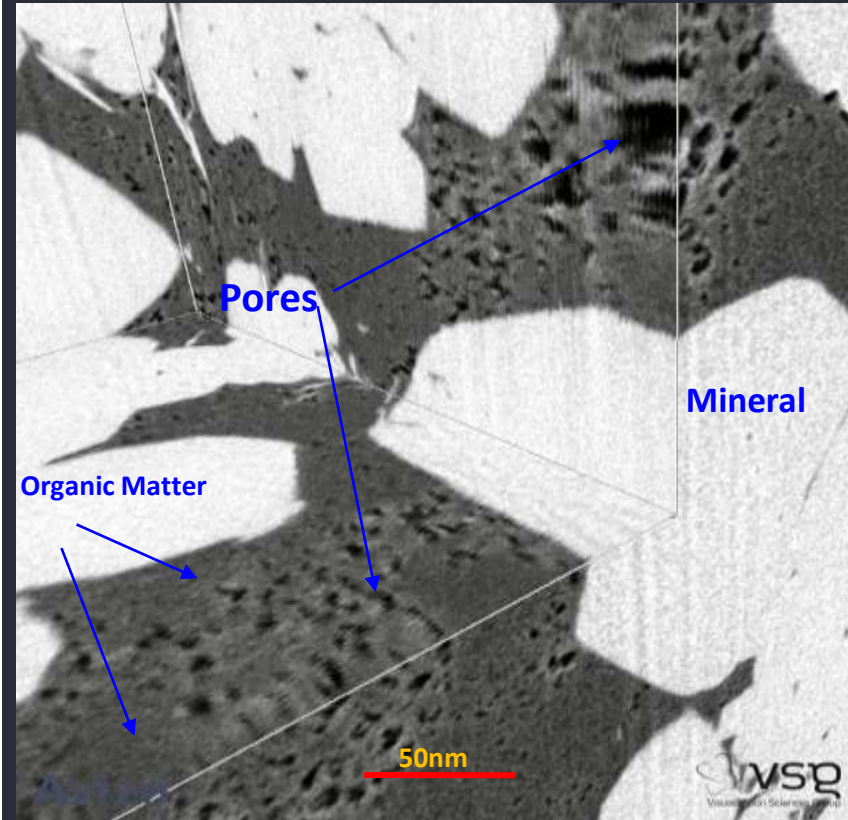
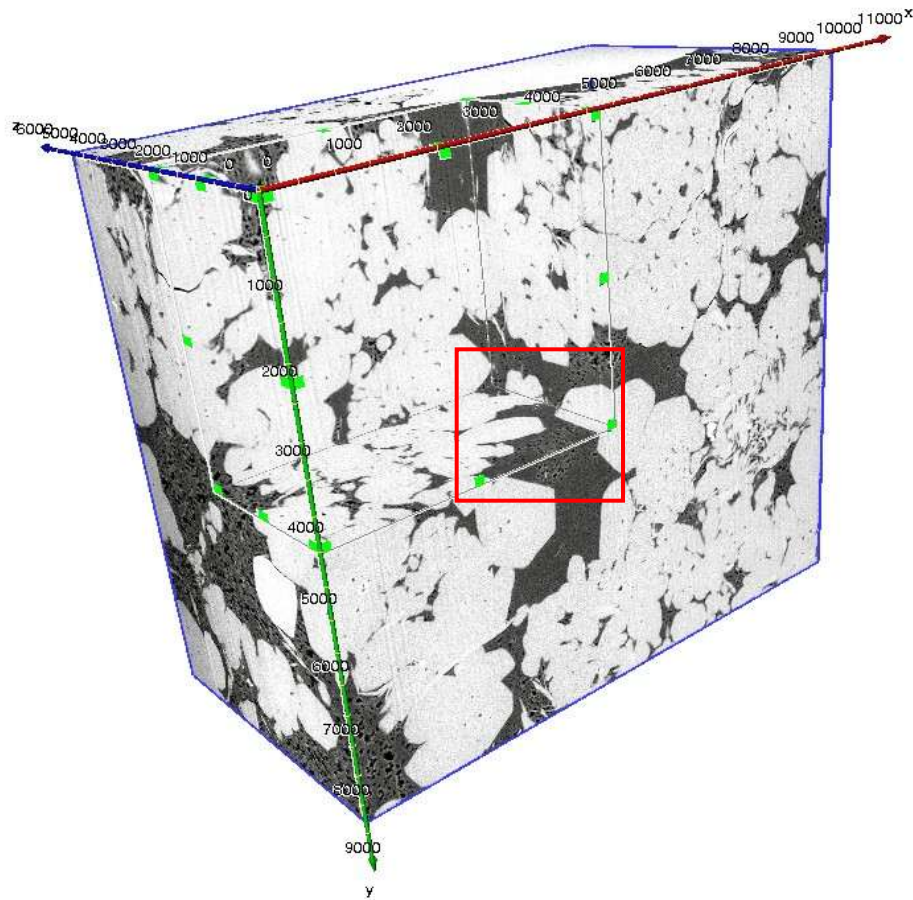
International Symposium of the Society of Core Analysts

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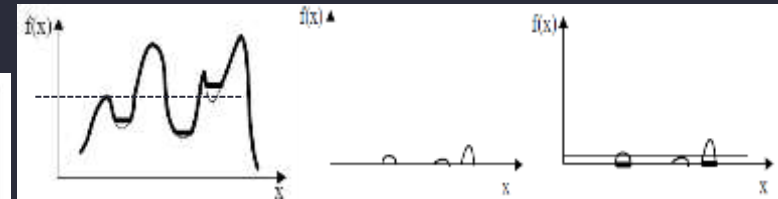
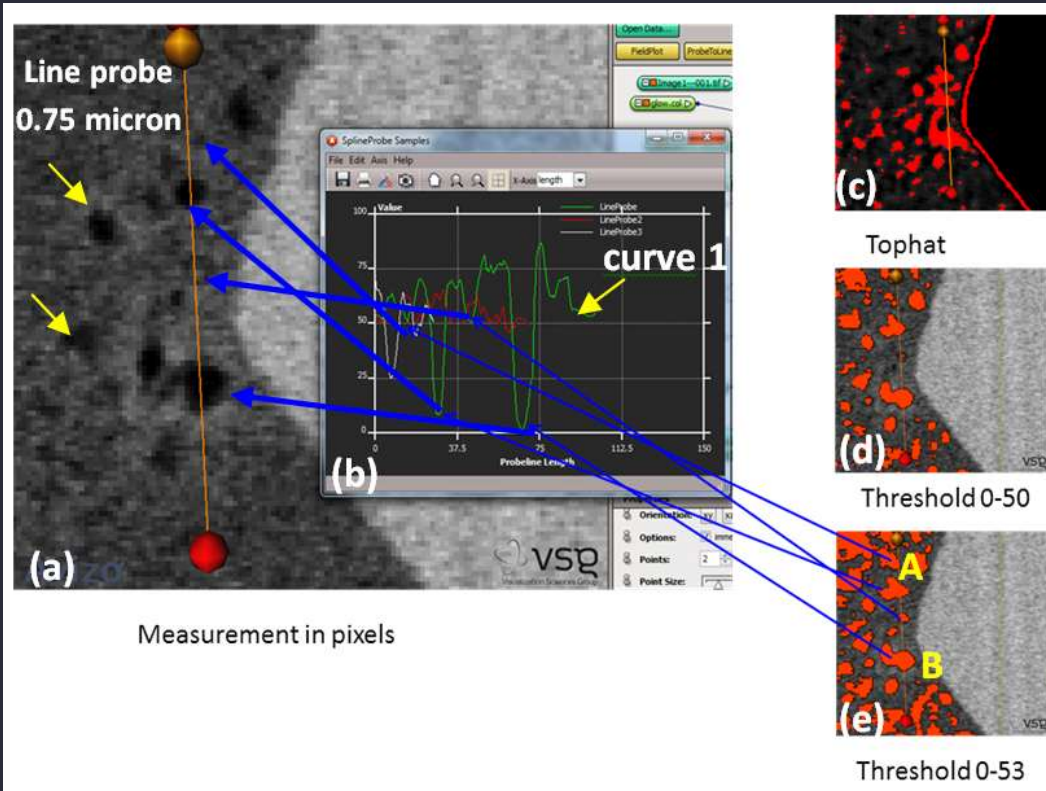
Serial slices images
5 nm voxel resolution

Volume Reconstruction



Segmenting Pores

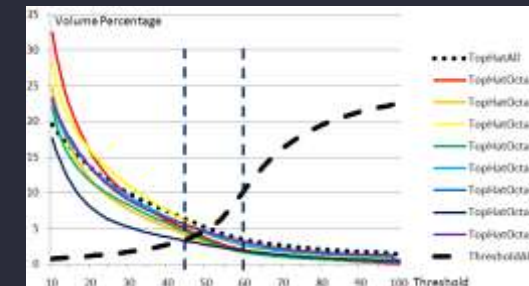
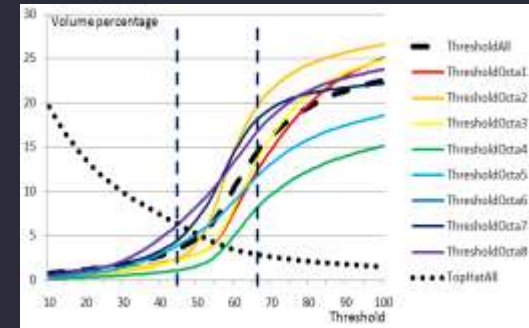
Threshold + Tophat 'local thresholding'



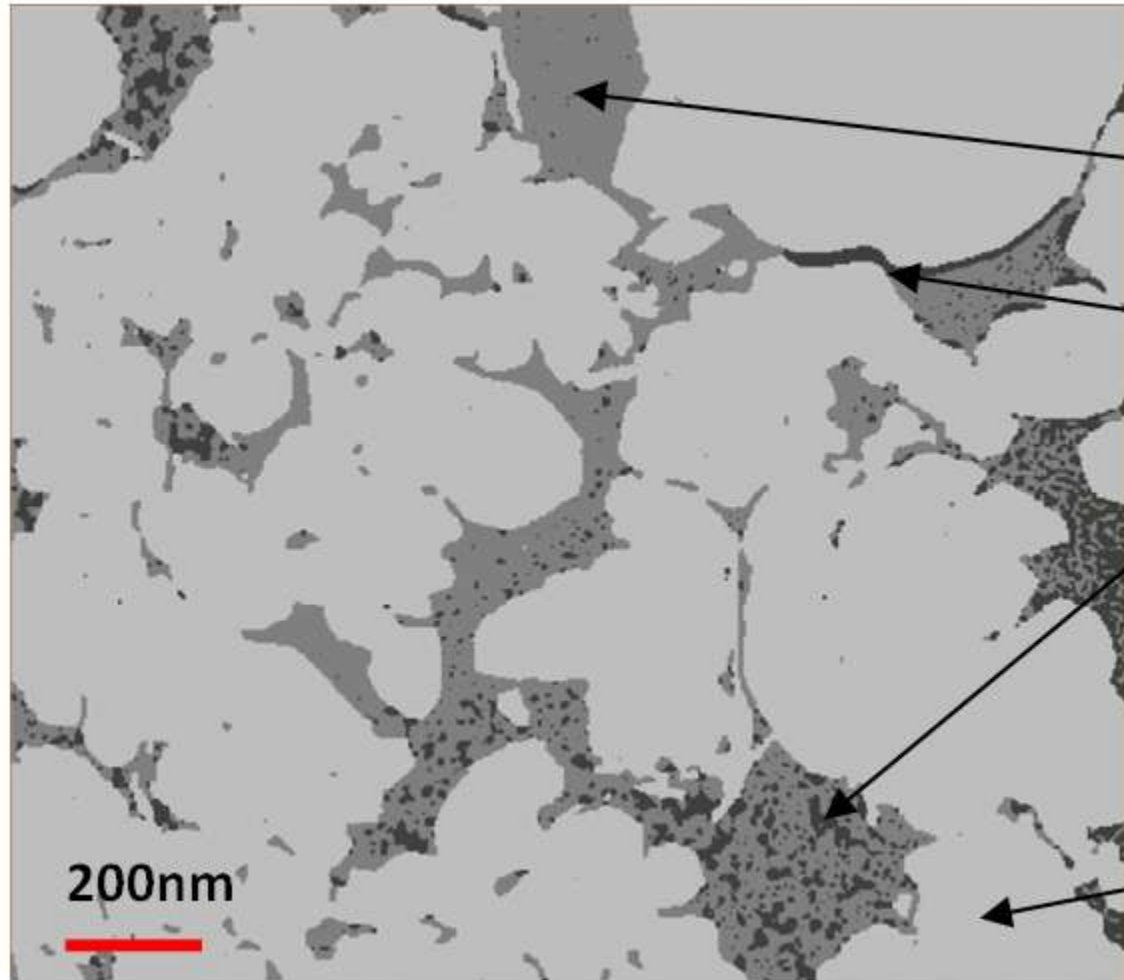
Closing
of $f(x)$

$C\{f\}-f$

Threshold to
retain only the
deepest valleys



2D slice of the final segmentation results

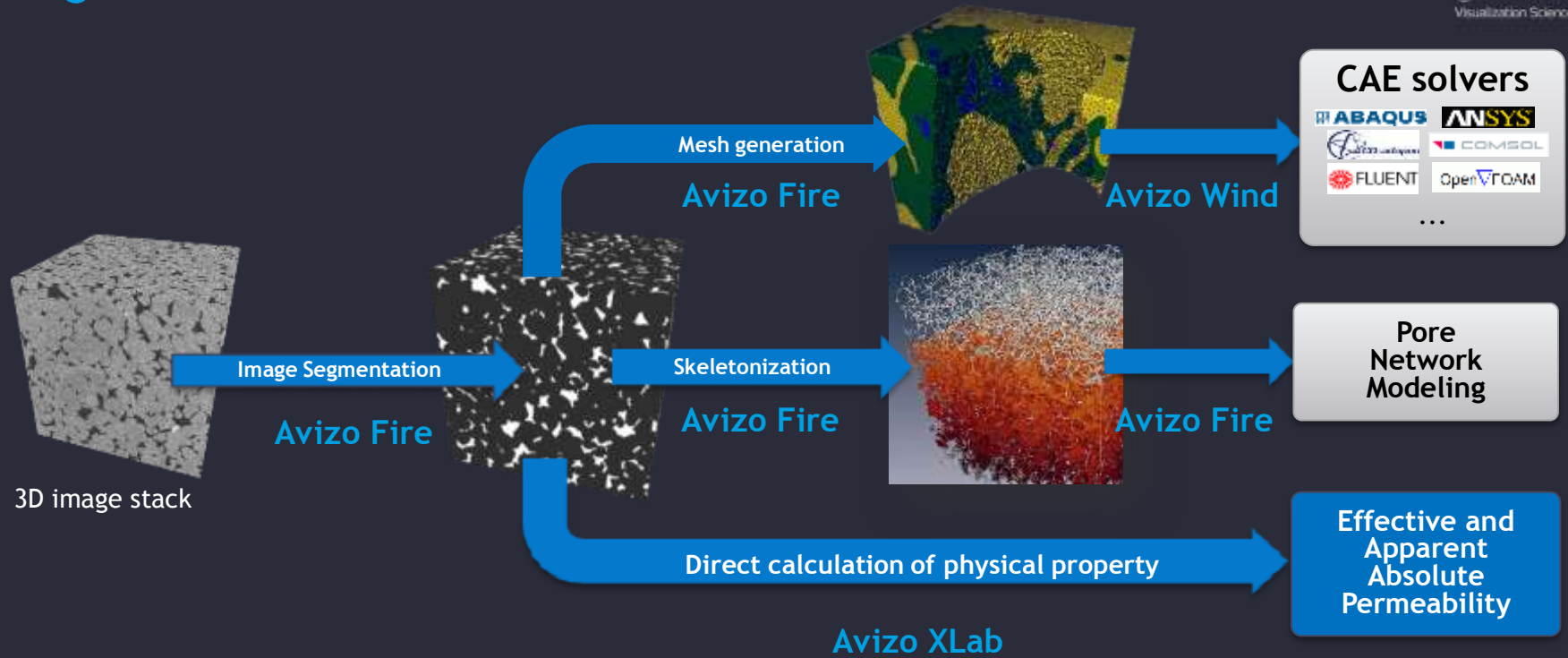


Organic Matter

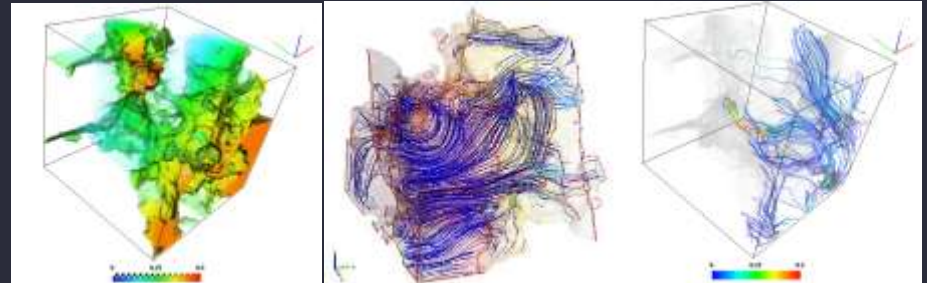
Pores

Mineral

Image-to-Simulation workflows

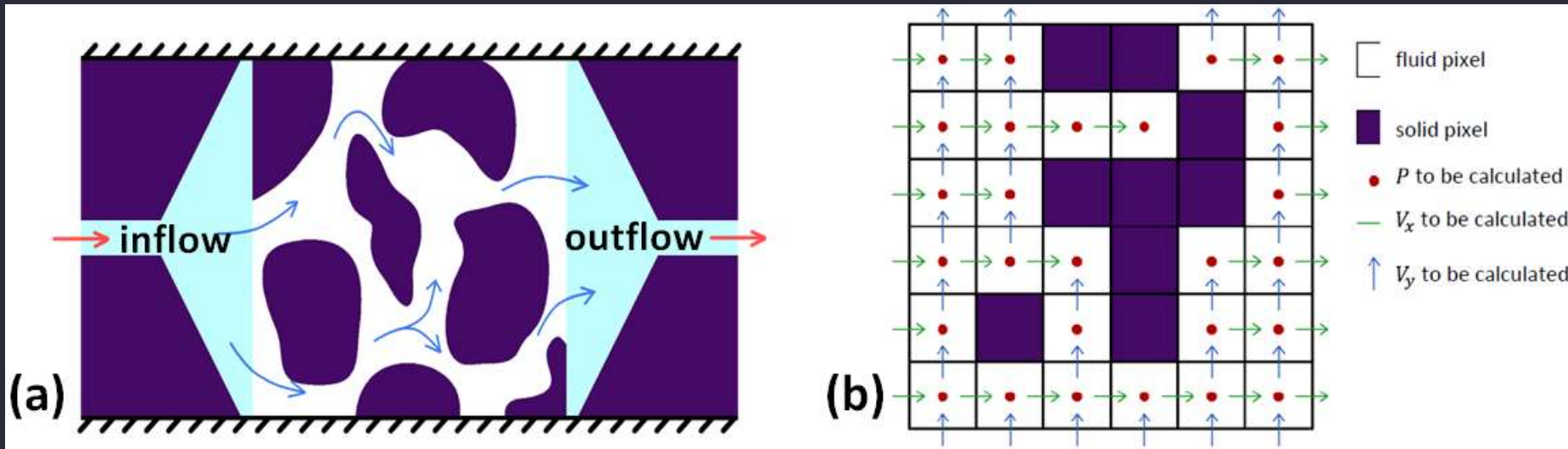


Advanced
Post-processing
Avizo Wind



- At-a-glance,
 - Stokes flow solver
 - Finite volume scheme
 - Artificial compressibility

- Goal
 - Simplified physics & numerics
 - Much bigger problem



XLab Hydro: new extension to Avizo Fire version 7 for Materials Characterization

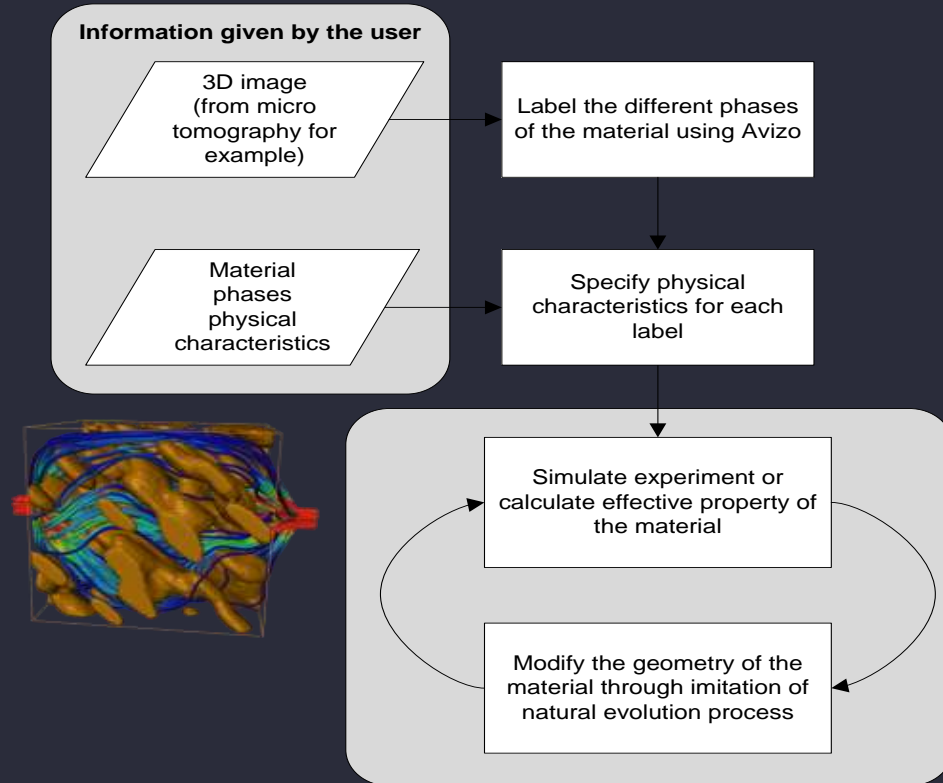
■ Collaborative research



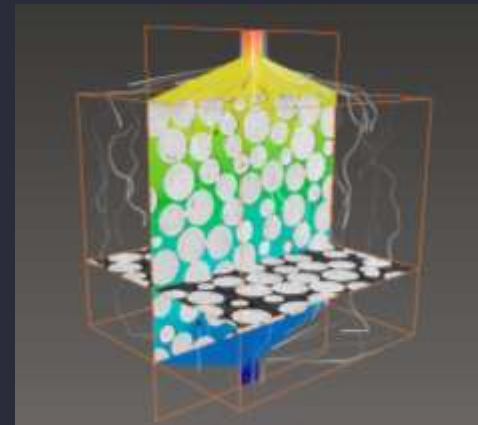
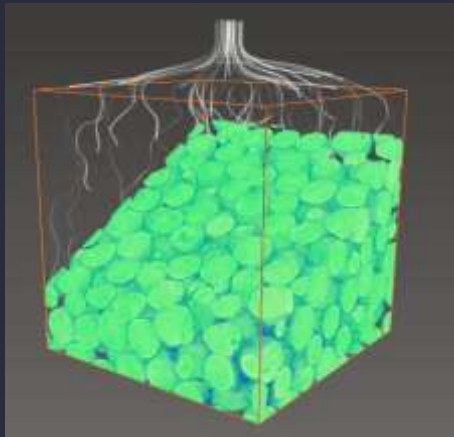
Dominique Bernard - ICMCB

■ Simulator for physical properties

- Integrated with Avizo platform
- Computes:
 - Lab experiment simulation
 - Property tensor
- For **Absolute permeability (Avizo 7.0)**
- *Coming:*
 - *Heat conductivity*
 - *Electrical resistivity / formation factor*
 - *Molecular diffusivity*

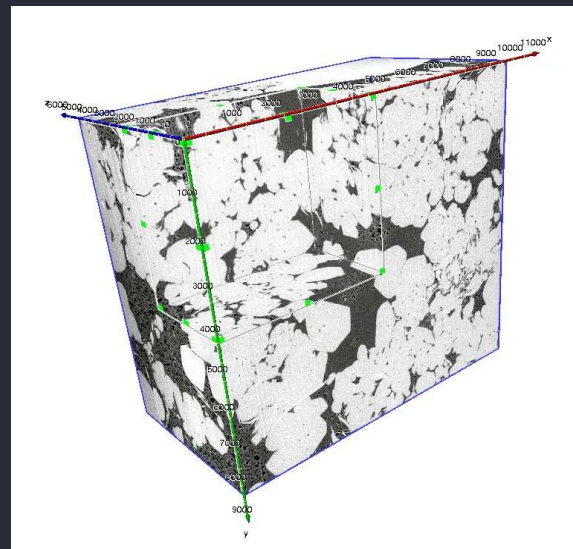


Case	Theory	Theory value	Xlab value
Square Cylinder, Side length b =25 pixel	$K=0.422b^2/12$ [7]	21.979 pixel ²	21.91 pixel ²
Round cylinder Radius r =25 pixel	$K=r^2/8$ [7]	78.125 pixel ²	78.439 pixel ²
MicroCT scan of glass packaging with spherical particles diameter d = 100-120um, material porosity $\epsilon=36.5$, 400x400x400	Kozeny-Carman equation[3] : $K = \frac{1}{180} \frac{\epsilon^3}{(1-\epsilon)^2} d^2$	6.7-9.7 um ² (6.6-9.6 D)	7.8um ² (7.7 D)



Application to shale sample - Petrophysical parameters

Volume percentage	Values
1.Total non-mineral	24.2
2.Percolating organic matter and porosity	24.1
3.Total porosity	6.25
4.Percolating porosity	5.3

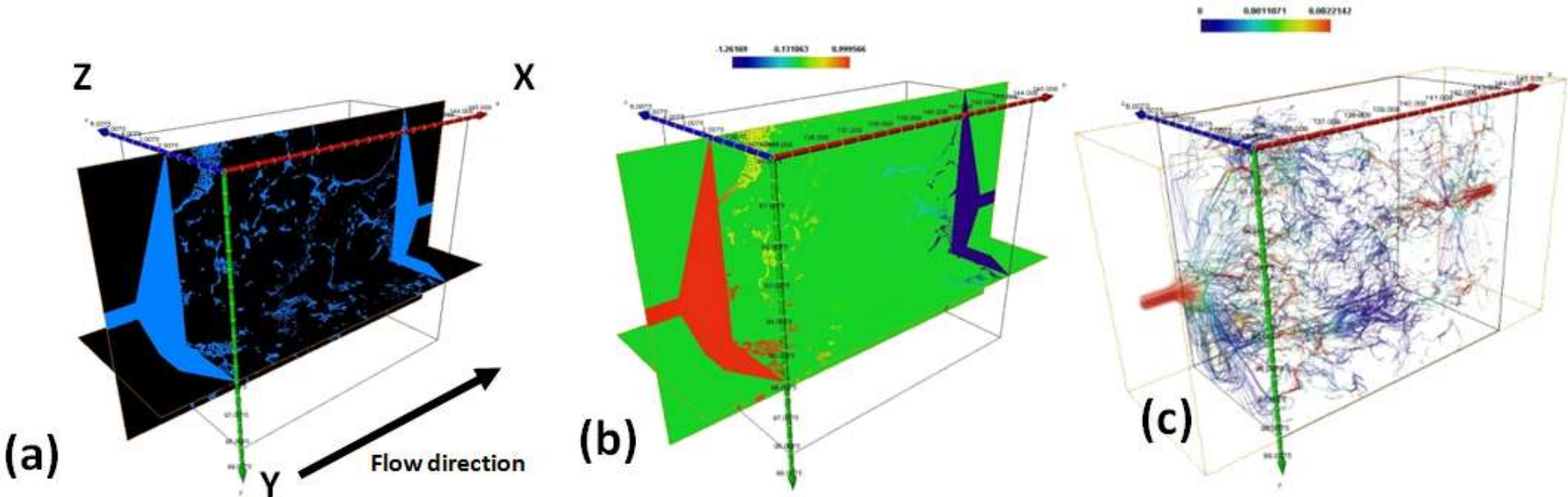


	Percolat-ing	Total pore perm (nD)	Organic matter network perm (nD)	Shortest path (μm)	Shortest path/thickness	Longest path (μm)
X	Yes	828	156,000	11.29	1.141	14.18
Y	Yes	936	106,400	9.77	1.13	12.48
Z	Yes	280	224,400	5.84	1.08	9.49

Average = 681nD

Good agreement with experimental measures

Permeability experiment simulation using image based approach



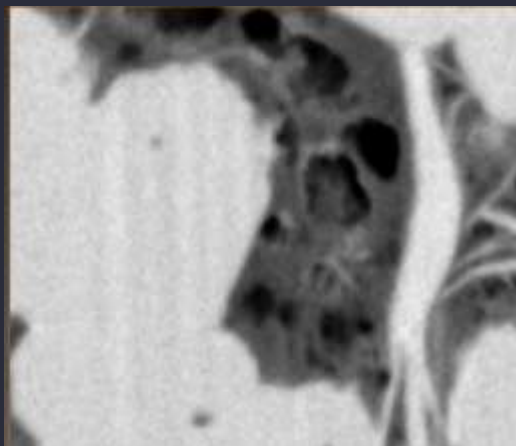
- Digital rock analysis workflow
 - Challenges in image processing and segmentation can not be under estimated
 - New solver was successful in initial validations
- More work to be done
 - Strong shadowing effect common in many FIB-SEM core sample data
 - Segmentation: Consistency, validation, and uncertainty quantification
 - Perm solver: More validation and verification
- More solvers in the works:
 - Thermal Conductivity, Winter 2011
 - Electrical Resistivity/Formation Factor, Winter 2011
 - Molecular Diffusivity, Spring 2012

Coming Avizo version 7

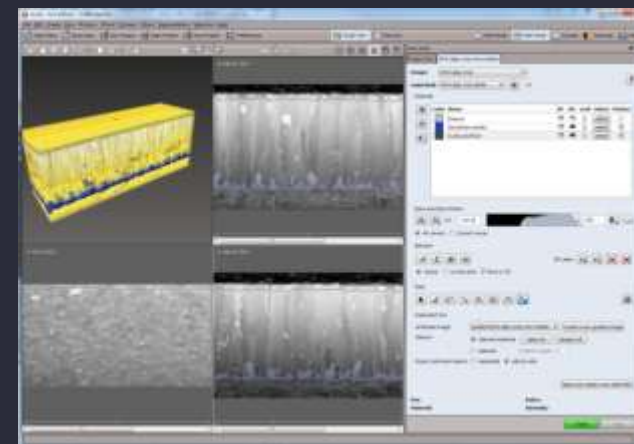
- Much enhanced and simplified user interface
- Many more image processing and analysis tools
- Enhancements for pre/post-processing numerical data
- Performance enhancements
- New extension XLab Hydro for absolute permeability



FIB Stack Wizard

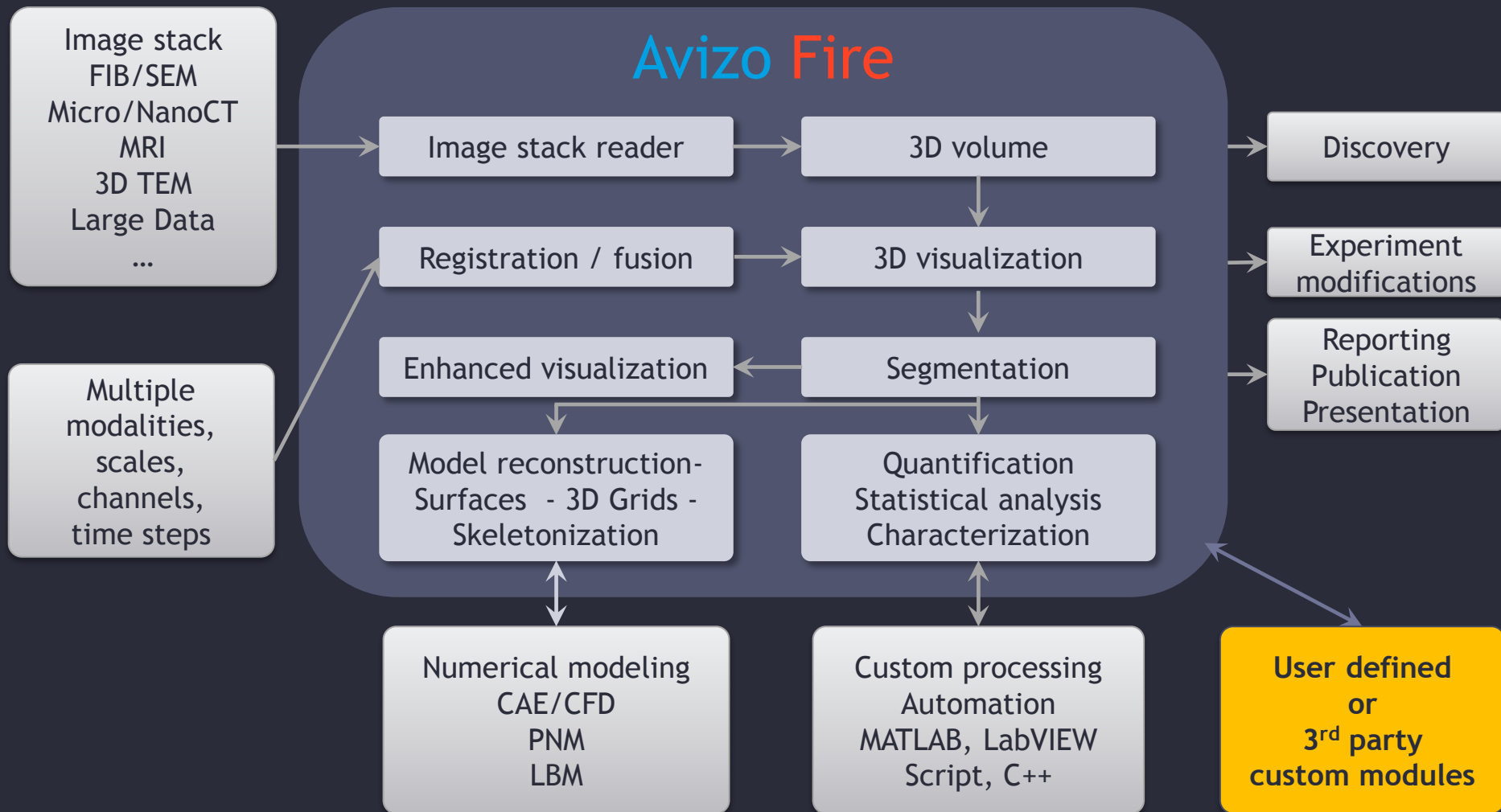


Advanced denoising filter : Non-Local Means (GPU accelerated)



New watershed tool in segmentation editor

3D imaging and material science framework

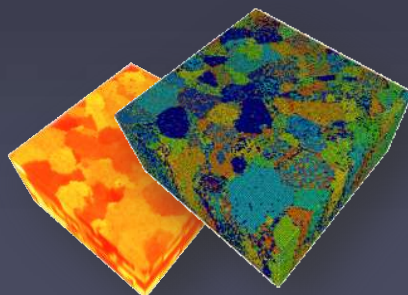
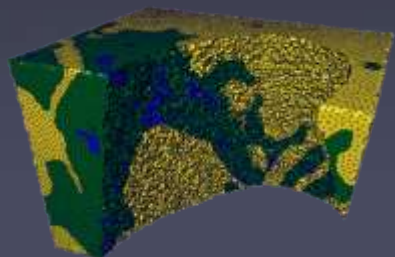
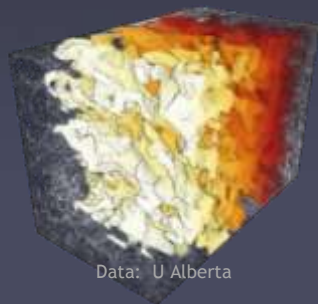




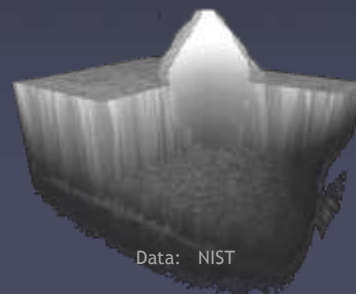
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