

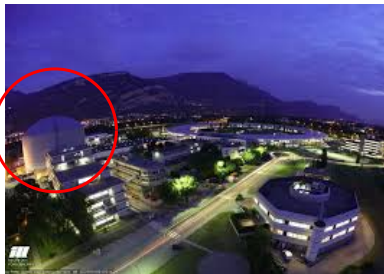
Neutron (and X-ray) imaging for coupled processes in porous media

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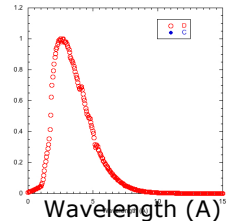
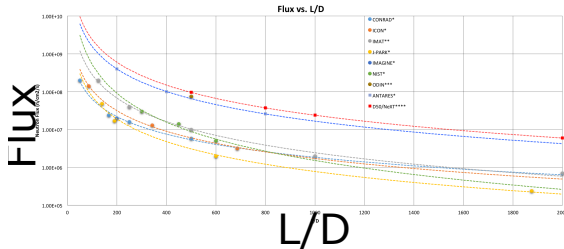
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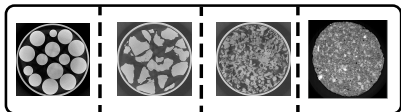
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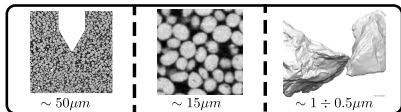
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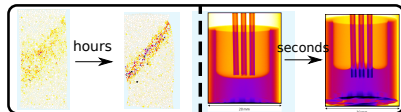


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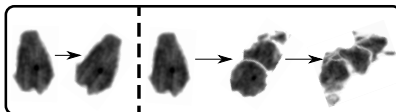


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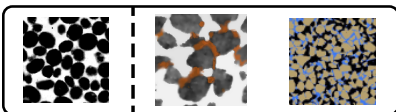
slow tomograph (at 3SR) ultrafast (ESRF)



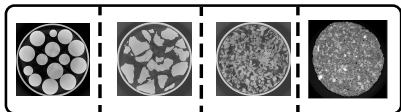
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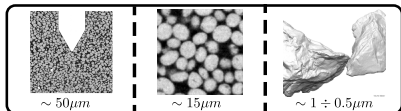
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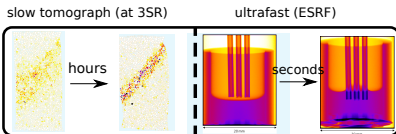
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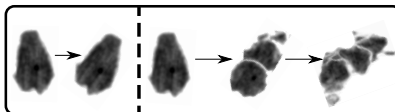
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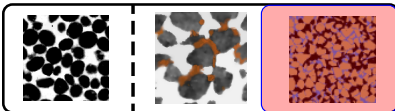
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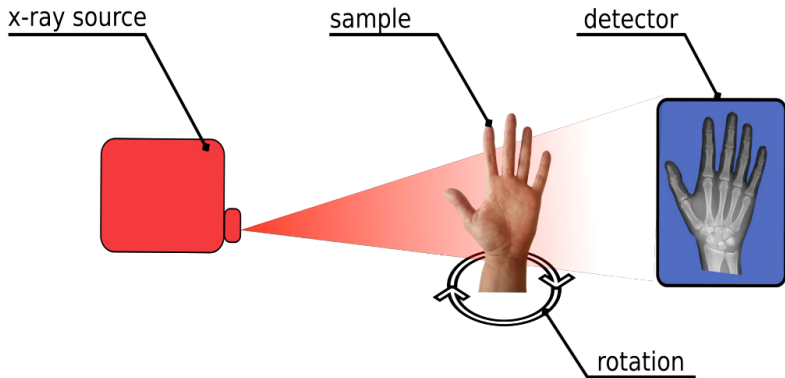
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imaging fluids (e.g. hydrocarbons)
in geomaterials

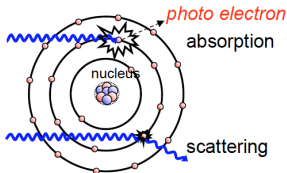


What is (neutron) imaging?

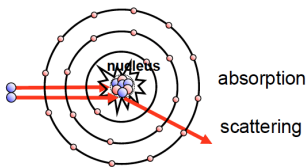
Hydro-thermo-chemo-mechanics through neutron imaging
 Hydro-thermo-chemo-mechanics through neutron (and x-ray!)
 The instrument, Conclusions and Perspectives

What is tomography? Neutrons and x-rays

X-rays



neutrons

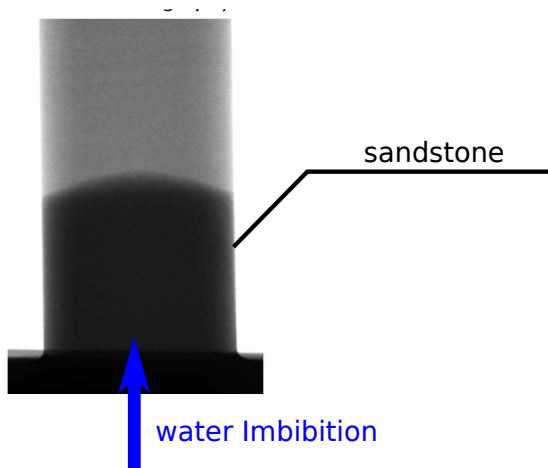


Attenuation coefficients with X-ray [cm²]

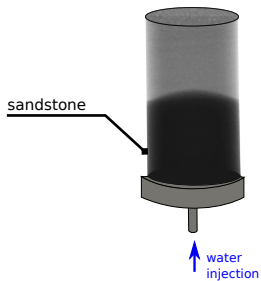
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Cs 1.42	Ba 2.73	La 5.04	Hf 19.70	Ta 25.47	W 30.49	Re 34.47	Os 37.92	Ir 39.01	Pt 38.61	Au 35.94	Hg 25.88	Tl 23.23	Pb 22.81	Bi 20.28	Po 20.22	At 9.77	Rn 9.77
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Lanthanides																	
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Actinides																	
	Th 28.95	Pa 39.65	U 49.08	Np	Pu	Am	Cm	Bk	Vf	Es	Fm	Md	No	Lr	x-ray		

Attenuation coefficients with neutrons [cm²]

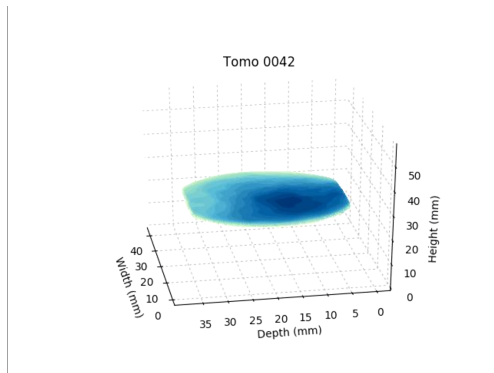
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Lanthanides																	
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Actinides																	
	Th 0.59	Pa 8.46	U 0.82	9.80	Np 50.20	Pu 2.86	Cm	Bk	Cf	Es	Fm	Md	No	Lr	neut		



Fluid flow within an intact rock



Quantification of front position, speed, permeability

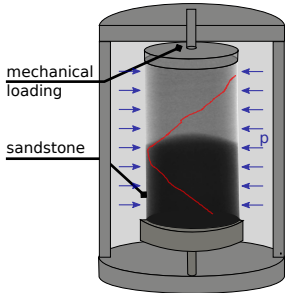


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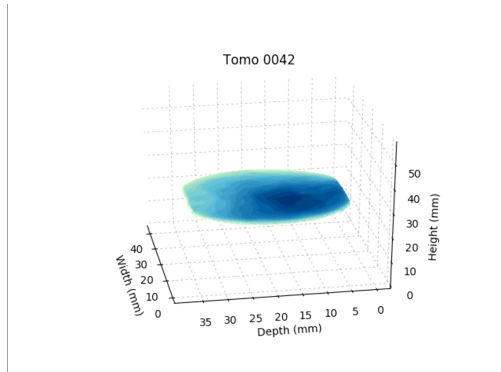
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Fluid flow within a damaged rock



Quantification of front position, speed, permeability

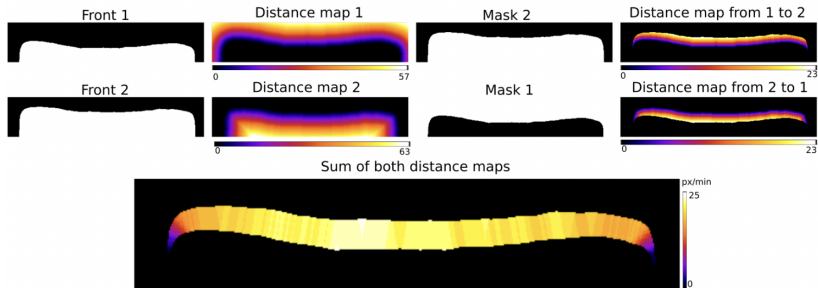


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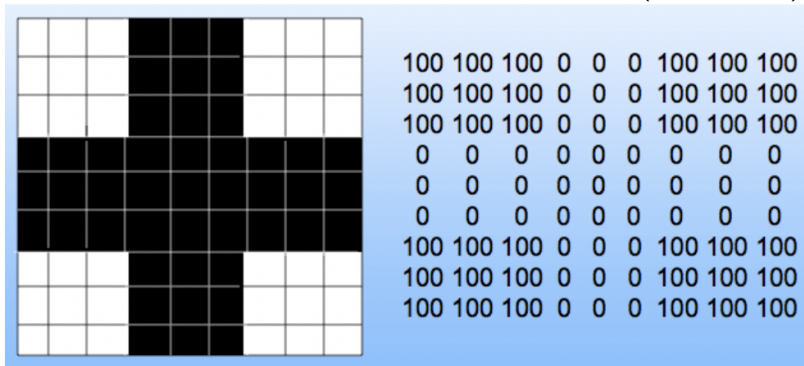
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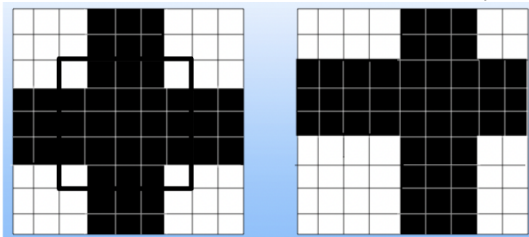
An example of “Bespoke analysis” – speed maps



A “go-to keystone Tool” Digital Volume Correlation (e.g., SPAM)



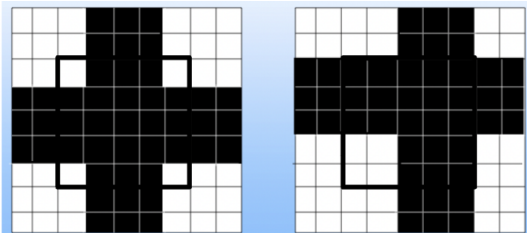
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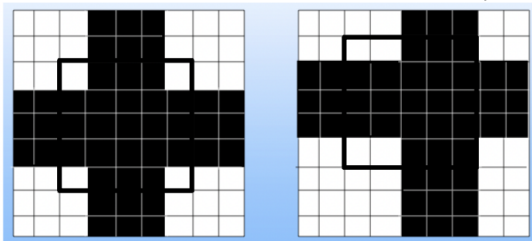
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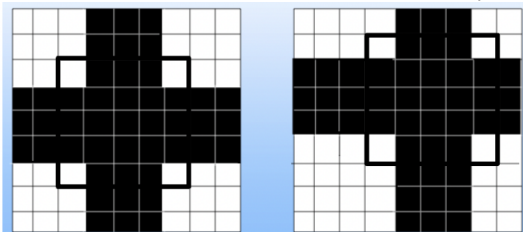
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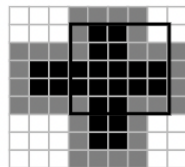
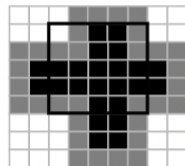
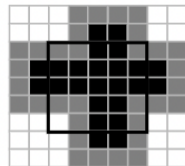
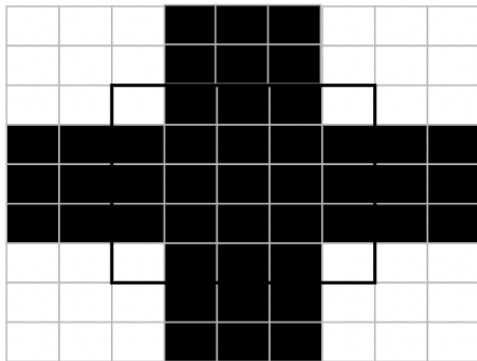


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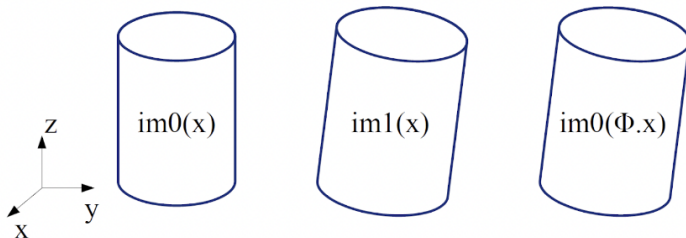
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A “go-to keystone Tool” Digital Volume Correlation (e.g., SPAM)

Best correlation?



A “go-to keystone Tool” Digital Volume Correlation (e.g., SPAM)



Transformation
Gradient Tensor

Displacement

$$im0(\Phi.x) = im1(x) \quad \Phi = \begin{bmatrix} F_{zz} & F_{zy} & F_{zx} & t_z \\ F_{yz} & F_{yy} & F_{yx} & t_y \\ F_{xz} & F_{xy} & F_{xx} & t_x \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

A “go-to keystone Tool” Digital Volume Correlation (e.g., SPAM)

Error function:

$$\tau(\Phi) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{x \in ROI} (im0(x) - im1(\Phi x))^2$$

Minimisation problem:

$$\nabla \tau(\Phi) = 0$$

Newton's method:

$$\nabla \tau(\Phi^n) + \nabla^2 \tau(\Phi^n) : \delta \Phi^{n+1} = 0$$

Implementation*:

$$\delta \Phi^{n+1} = (M^n)^{-1} A^n$$

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Original

X Displ.

Z Displ.

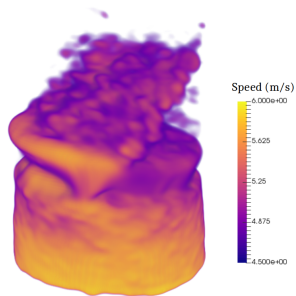
Shear Strain

Vol. Strain

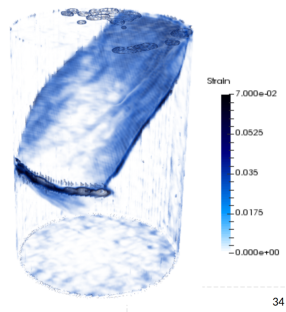


Quantification of incremental strain through Digital Volume correlation of the map of fluid Speed

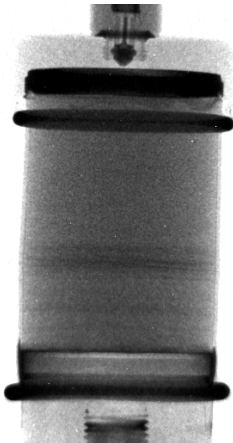
3D SPEED FIELD



3D DEVIATORIC STRAIN FIELD



How about more complex geometries?

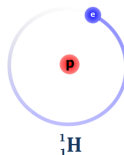
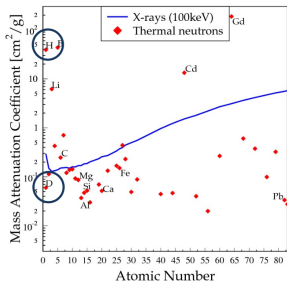


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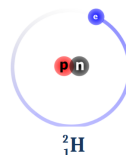
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Neutrons are isotope sensitive, “**normal water**” and **heavy water** have an order of magnitude difference in opacity

Can be used to **track fluid in an already saturated sample**

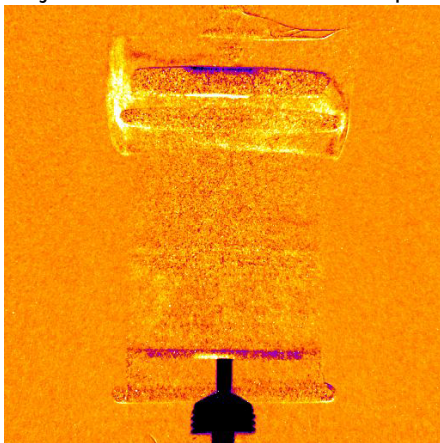


Hydrogen



Deuterium

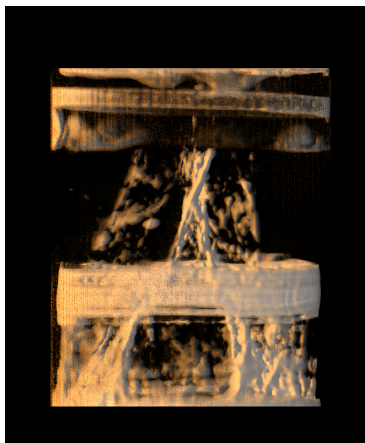
Injection in D2O-saturated sample



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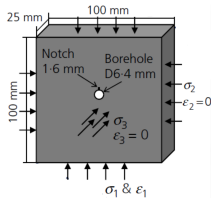
and in 3D?



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Hydrofracking of rocks

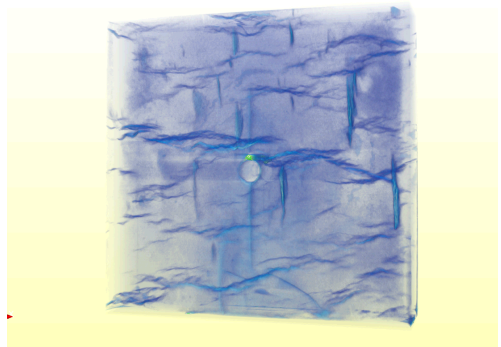


Marcellus shale

$\sigma_1 = 70 \text{ MPa}$

Flow rate /6/12 ml/min

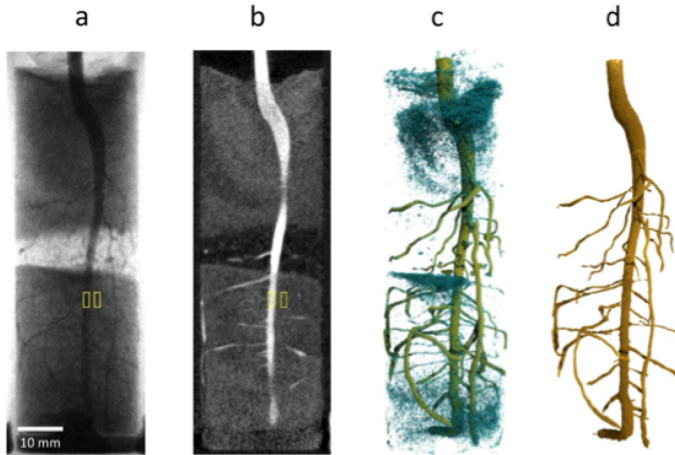
Quantification of front position, speed, permeability



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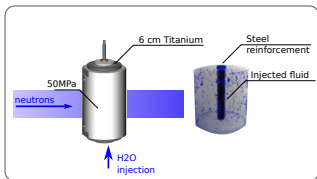
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Other applications

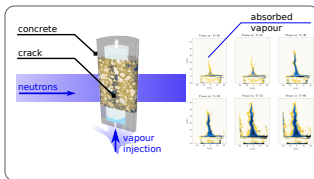


Other applications

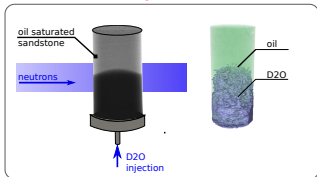
Neutrons can penetrate through thick environmental cells [1]



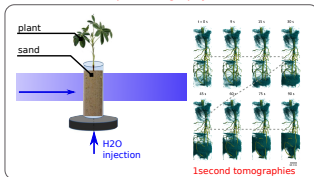
Neutrons can help track even vapour low into fractures [2]



Neutrons can help track flow into immiscible fluids (e.g., oil) [3]



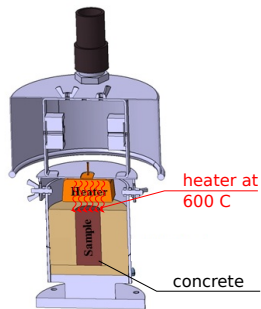
Neutrons tomographies can be acquired as fast as 1s per tomography [4]



[1] Yehya *et al.*, Nucl. Inst. Met. Phys. Res. A (2018)
[3] Madankan *et al.*, Ready for submission (2021)

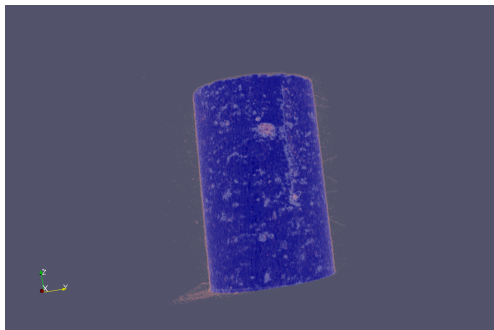
[2] Lukich *et al.*, Mat. Letters (2021)
[4] Totzke *et al.*, Optics Express (2019)

Heating construction materials
to fire-like conditions



Understanding of explosive
spalling for fire safety of
buildings

Quantification of moisture migration, accumulation
for different materials, 20 second tomographies

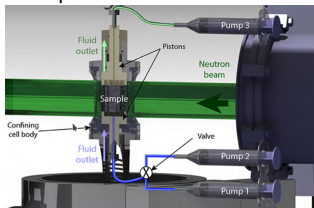


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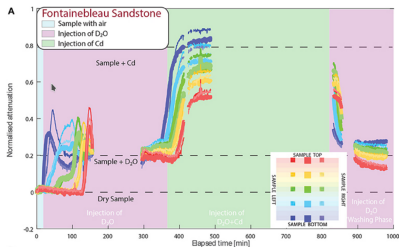
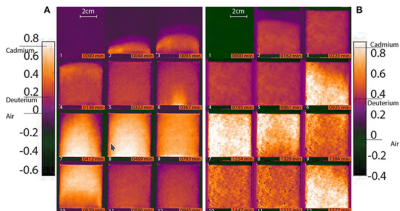
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Cadmium Sorption and Transport in Porous Rocks



Study of Cd concentration

Quantification of Cd sorption and displacement of Contaminants



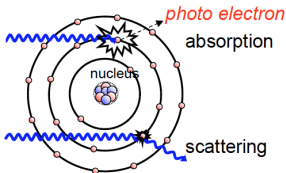
Cordonnier *et al.*, *Front. Earth Sci* (2019)

In summary

- = Neutrons have a different contrast from x-rays
- = Neutrons can see light elements (such as hydrogen, lithium) and their compounds (e.g., water, oil)
- = Neutrons are isotope sensitive; for example can distinguish deuterated fluids as D₂O vs H₂O
- = Neutron can penetrate through thick metal casings for extreme conditions (pressure, temperature, acids)

Neutrons or X-Rays?

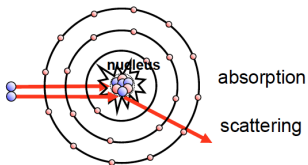
X-rays



Attenuation coefficients with X-ray [cm²]

1a	2a	3b	4b	5b	6b	7b	8	1b	2b	3a	4a	5a	6a	7a	0			
H															He 0.02			
Li	Be									B	C	N	O	F	Ne			
0.06	0.22									0.28	0.27	0.11	0.16	0.14	0.17			
Na	Mg									Al	Si	P	S	Cl	Ar			
0.13	0.24									0.38	0.33	0.25	0.30	0.23	0.20			
K	Ca	Sc	Ti	V	Cr	Mn	Fe	Co	Ni	Cu	Zn	Ga	Ge	As	Se	Br	Kr	
0.14	0.26	0.48	0.73	1.04	1.29	1.32	1.57	1.78	1.96	1.97	1.84	1.42	1.33	1.50	1.23	0.90	0.73	
Rb	Sr	Y	Zr	Nb	Mo	Tc	Ru	Rh	Pd	Ag	Cd	In	Sn	Sb	Te	I	Xe	
0.47	0.86	1.61	2.47	3.43	4.29	5.06	5.71	6.08	6.13	5.67	4.84	4.31	3.98	4.28	4.06	3.45	2.53	
Cs	Ba	La	Hf	Ta	W	Re	Os	Ir	Pt	Au	Hg	Tl	Pb	Bi	Po	At	Rn	
1.42	2.73	5.04	19.70	25.47	30.49	34.47	37.92	39.01	38.61	35.94	25.89	23.23	22.81	20.26	20.22		9.77	
Fr	Ra	Ac	Rf	Ha														
	11.80	24.47																
Lanthanides																		
		Ce	Pr	Nd	Pm	Sm	Eu	Gd	Tb	Dy	Ho	Er	Tm	Yb	Lu			
		5.79	6.23	6.46	7.33	7.68	5.66	8.69	9.46	10.17	10.91	11.70	12.49	9.32	14.07			
Actinides																		
		Th	Pa	U	Np	Pu	Am	Cm	Bk	Vl	Es	Fm	Md	No	Lr			
		28.95	39.65	49.08											x-ray			

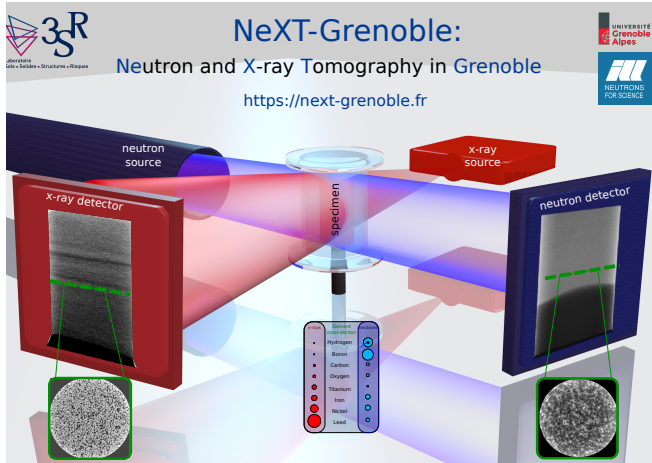
neutrons



Attenuation coefficients with neutrons [cm²]

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H															He 0.02			
Li	Be									B	C	N	O	F	Ne			
3.30	0.79									101.60	0.56	0.43	0.17	0.20	0.10			
Na	Mg									Al	Si	P	S	Cl	Ar			
0.09	0.15									0.10	0.11	0.12	0.06	1.33	0.63			
K	Ca	Sc	Ti	V	Cr	Mn	Fe	Co	Ni	Cu	Zn	Ga	Ge	As	Se	Br	Kr	
0.96	0.08	2.00	0.60	0.72	0.54	1.21	1.19	3.92	2.05	1.07	0.35	0.49	0.47	0.67	0.73	0.24	0.61	
Rb	Sr	Y	Zr	Nb	Mo	Tc	Ru	Rh	Pd	Ag	Cd	In	Sn	Sb	Te	I	Xe	
0.08	0.14	0.27	0.29	0.40	0.52	1.76	0.58	10.88	0.78	4.04	115.11	7.58	0.21	0.30	0.25	0.23	0.43	
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		0.14	0.41	1.87	5.72	171.47	94.58	1479.04	0.93	32.42	2.25	5.48	3.53	1.40	2.75			
Actinides																		
		Th	Pa	U	Np	Pu	Am	Cm	Bk	Cf	Es	Fm	Md	No	Lr			
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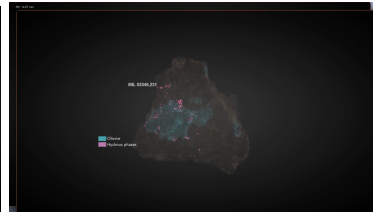
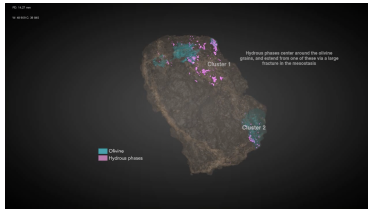
Neutrons or and X-Rays!



Martian Meteorite

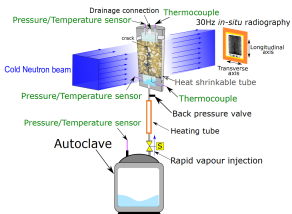
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Martell *et al.*, Science Advances, 2022

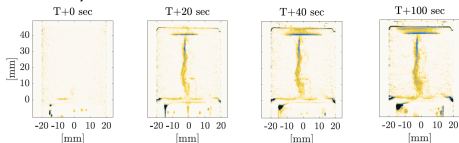
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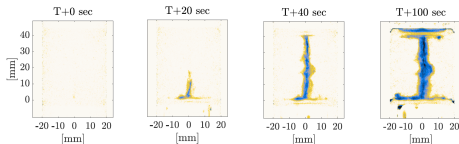
Emulating Loss of Coolant Accident in Reactor



Initially saturated

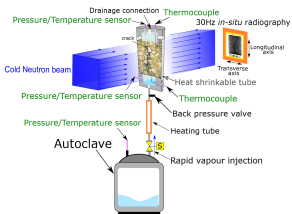


Initially dry



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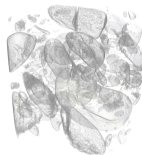
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3D rendering of the superimposed segmented phases

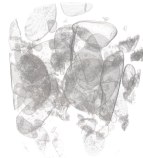
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- Segmentation in *spom* (Stamatii et al., 2020)

□ Dry sample



□ Saturated sample

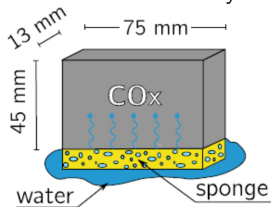
Gravels
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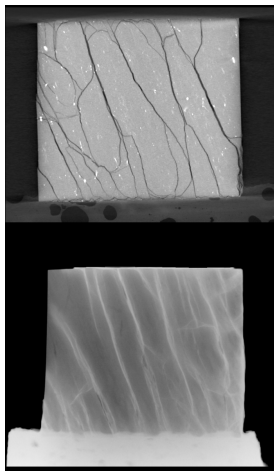
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Hydo-mechanical coupling of Callovo-Oxfordian Clayrock



Rock used for long-term storage of radioactive contaminants



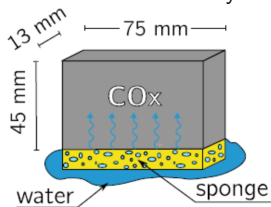
x-rays (structure)

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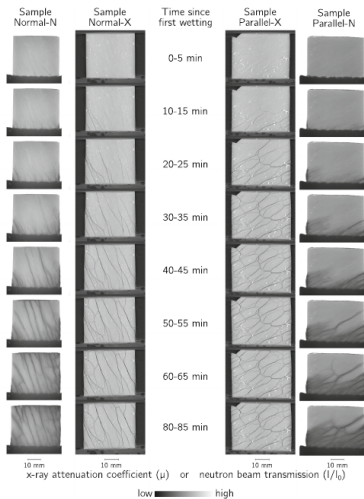
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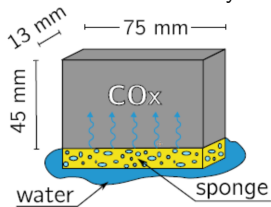
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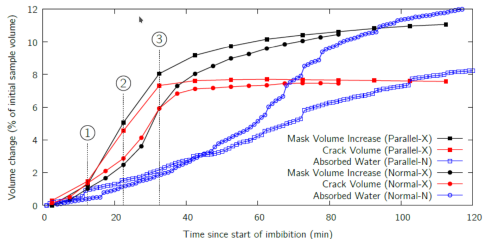
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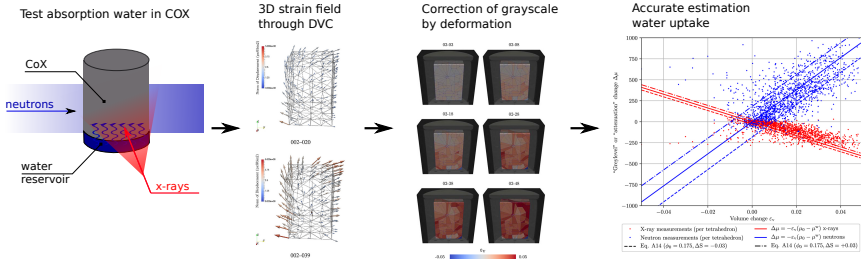


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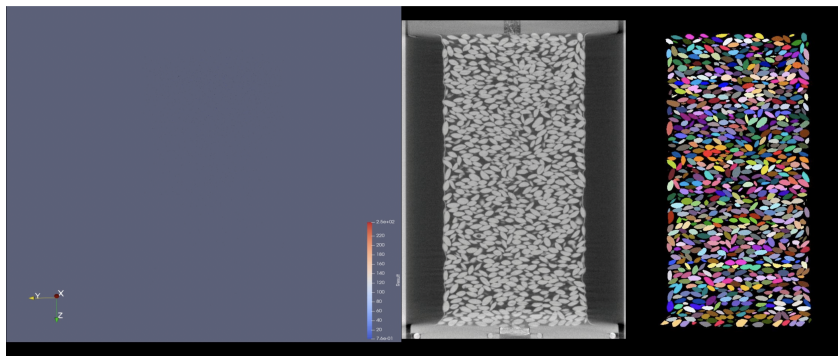
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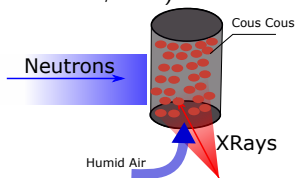


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How about **Granular Media** – Discrete DVC!



Water sensitive material (e.g., Medicines, food)

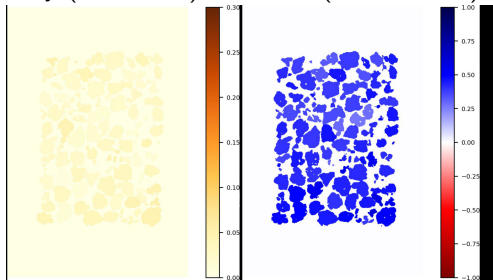


Societal problem: Caking – loss of usability of food exposed to humidity

Horizon 2020 ITN



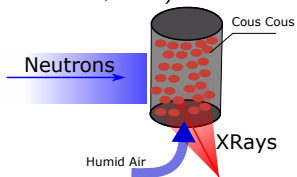
Xrays(Vol Strain) Neutrons(H₂O content)



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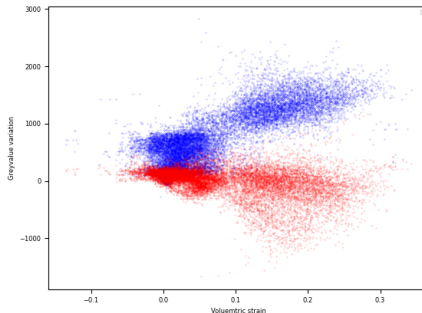


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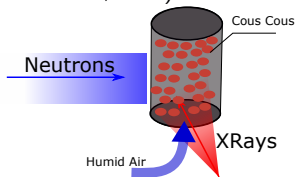
Statistical correlation of Vol. Strain to H2O content



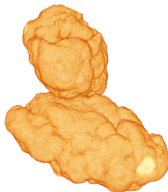
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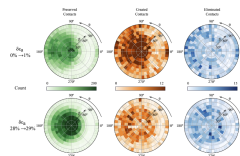
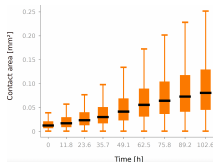


Contact Analysis



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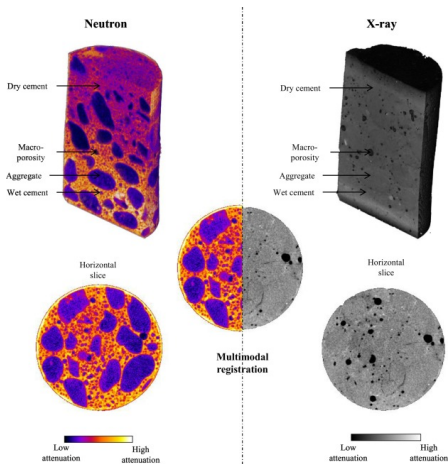
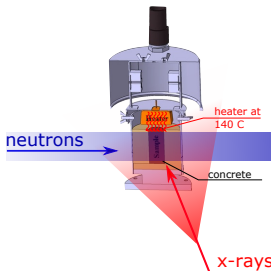
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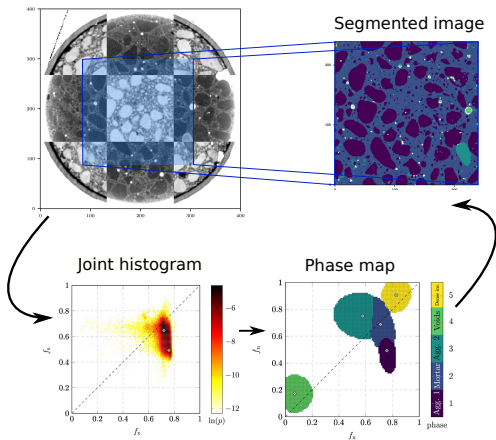
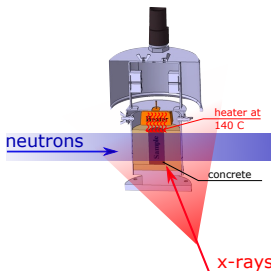
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Heating construction materials to high temperatures



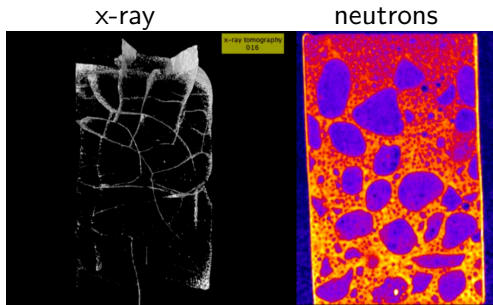
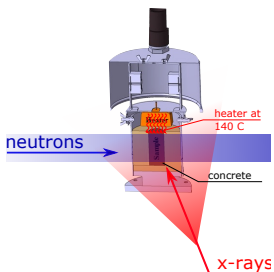
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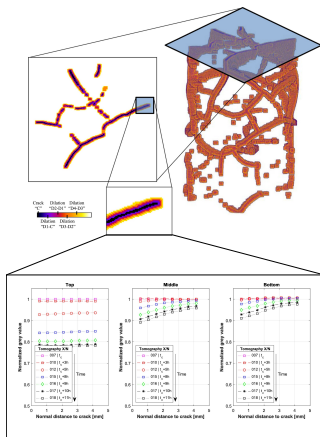
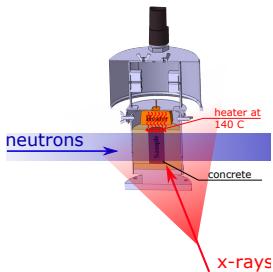


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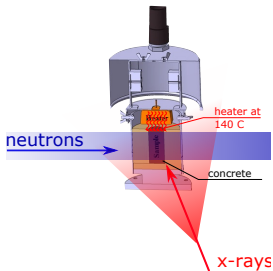
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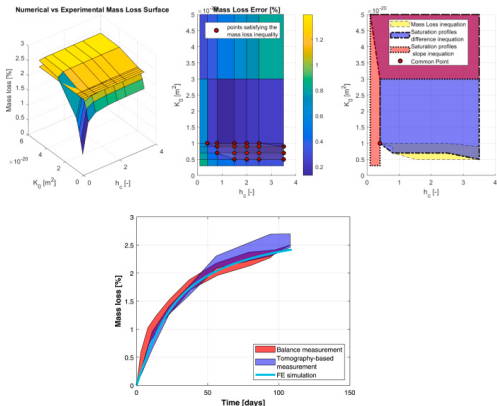


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Towards more realistic numerical models

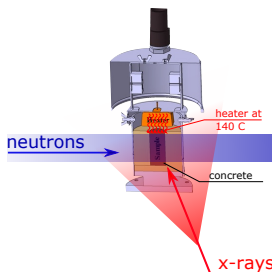


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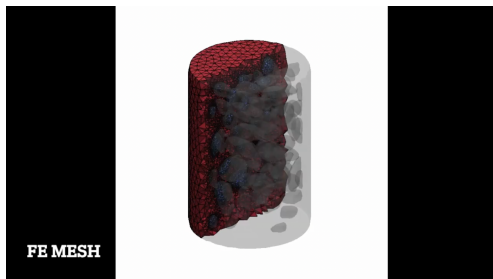
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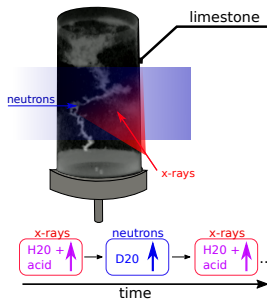


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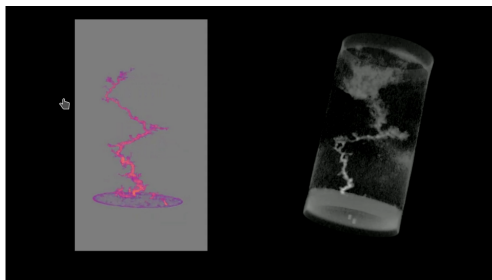
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Wormhole Growth in Dissolving Limestones



From X-ray: wormhole development by acid dissolution

From neutron: evolution hydraulic properties



Szymczak *et al.*, EGU (2021)

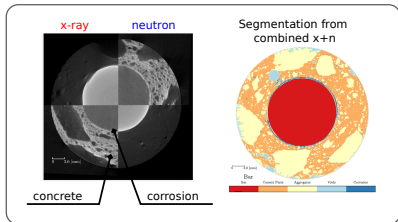
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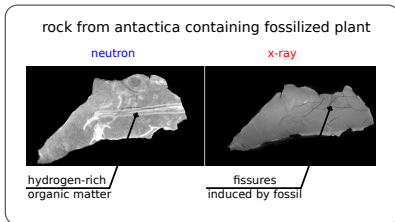
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Other applications

The combination of neutron and x-rays allow for advanced segmentation and image processing [1-3]

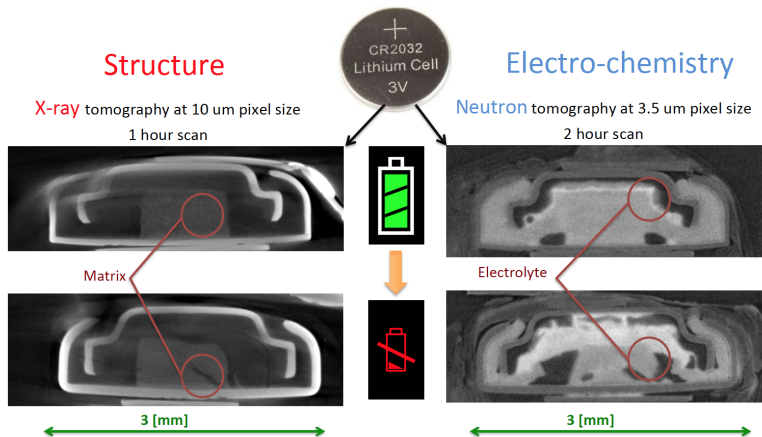


Neutron and x-ray imaging are highly complementary
e.g., to identify organic material

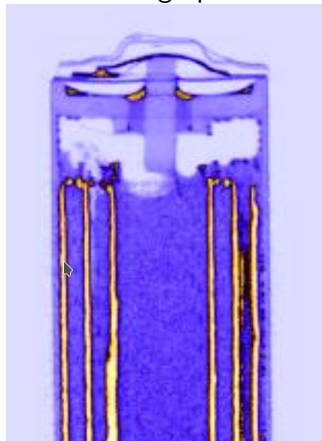


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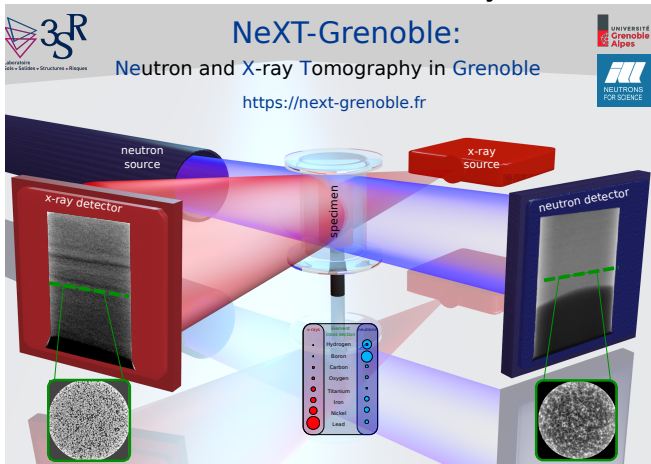
30 minute tomographies at 30um



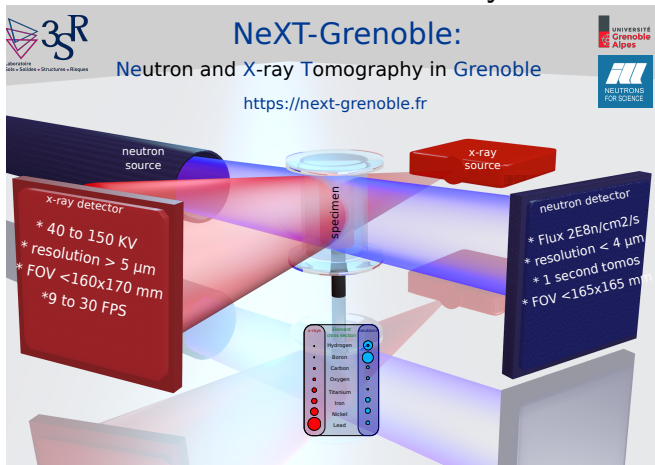
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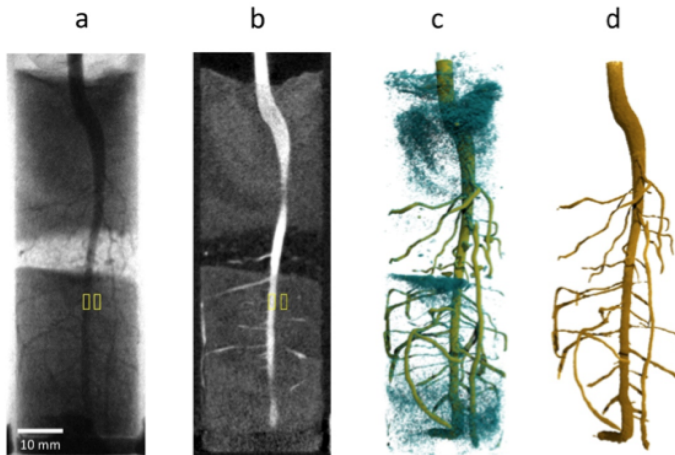
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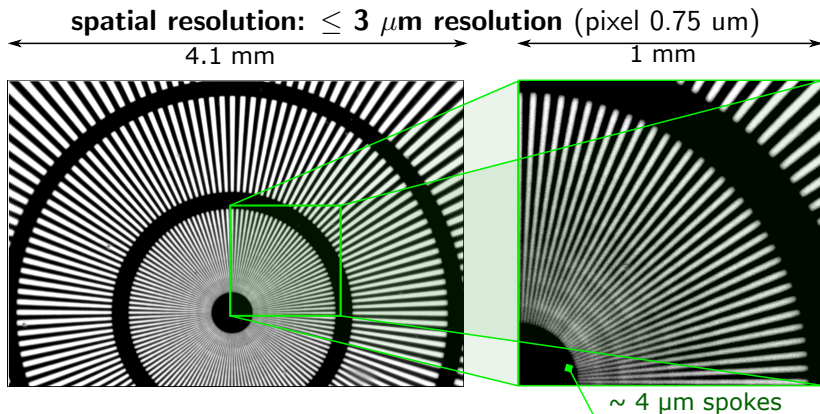
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temporal resolution: 1.5s tomographies



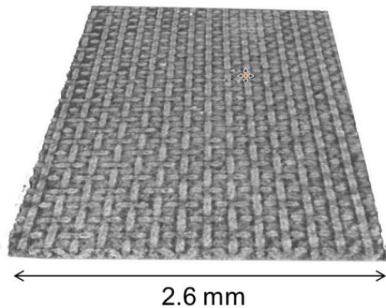
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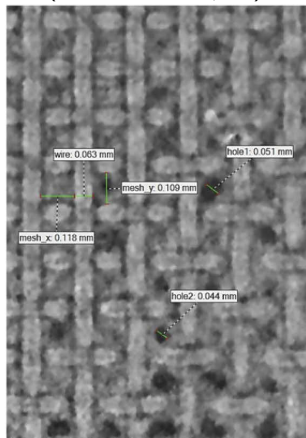
Tengattini, Kardjilov, Helfen *et al.*, 2022 Optics Express

spatial resolution: $\leq 3 \mu\text{m}$ resolution (pixel size $1.5 \mu\text{m}$)

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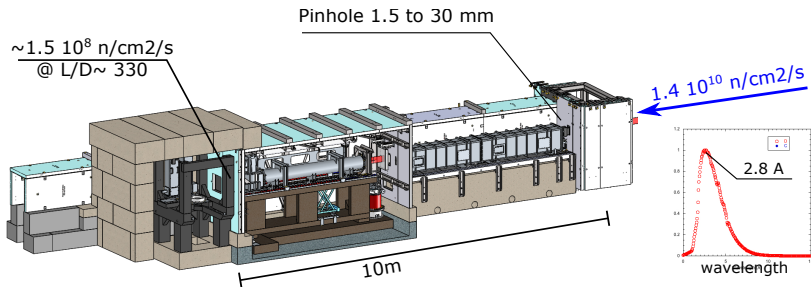


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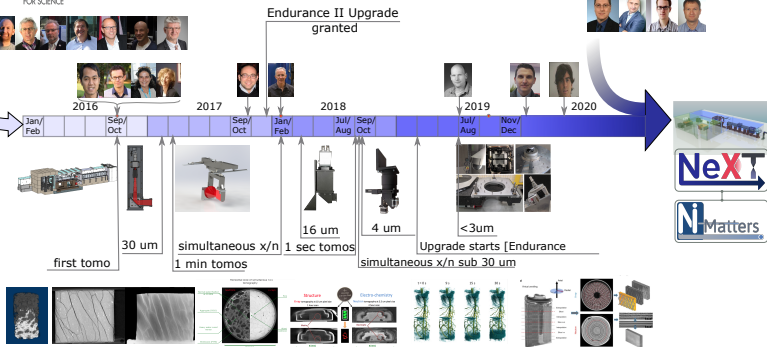
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The old instrument (NeXT V.1.0)/ D50Tomo





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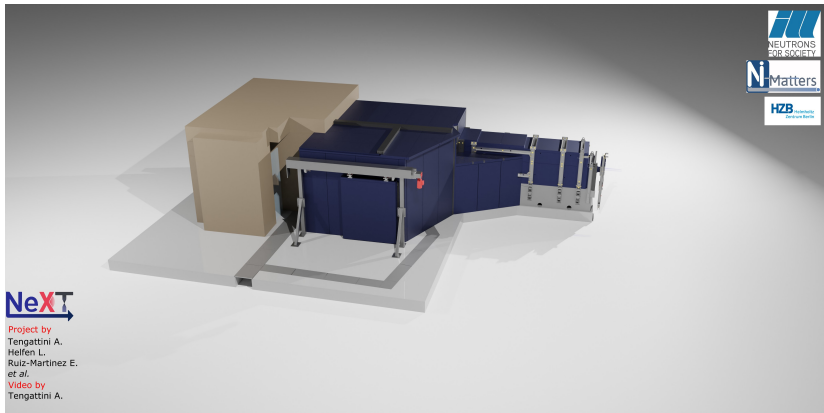
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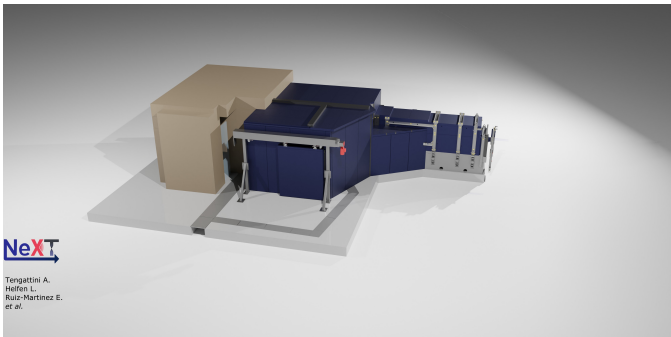
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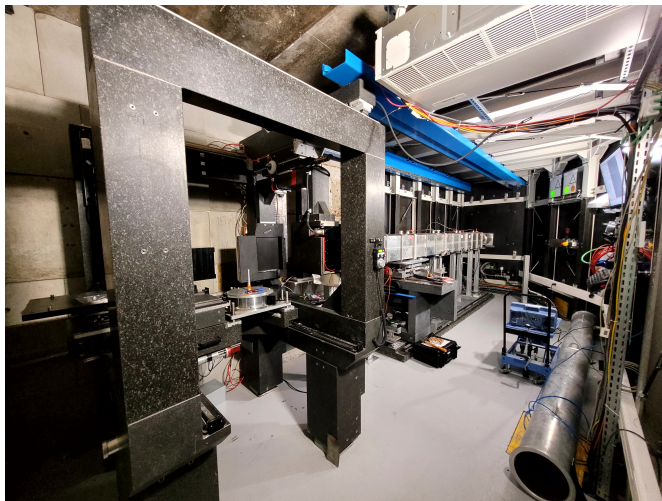
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The status quo



- Temendous possibilities from Neutron and x-ray imaging
- Neutron Imaging now down to $\leq 4\mu\text{m}$ resolution and up to 1s tomographies (at much coarser resolutions)
- These images are *quantitative*, *i.e.*, they are **data**
- Plenty of things to fix, plenty of things to develop, in particular in the joint use of x-rays and neutrons

there is still plenty of work (and fun) ahead!

Want to know more?

- About neutron (plus x-ray) imaging review papers:
 - *For Geomechanics*: Tengattini *et al.*, *Geom. Ener. Envir.* (2021)
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