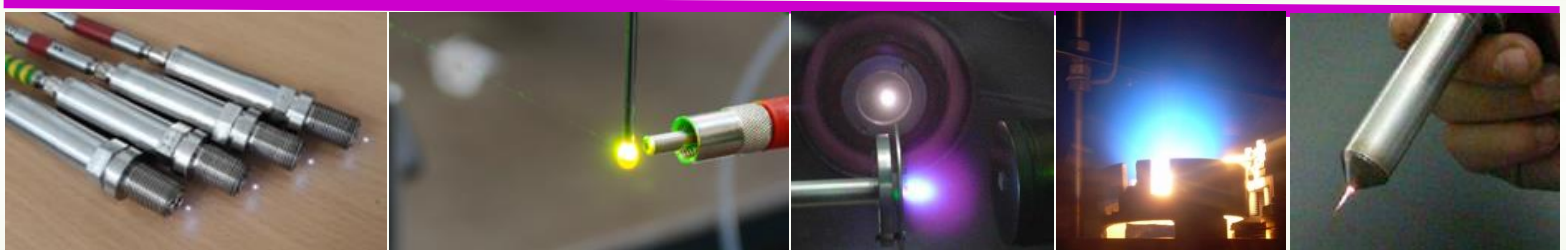


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Motivation

X-ray tomography is an imaging technique for non-invasive volumetric characterization of materials and processes

It can be used in optimization of processes of waste valorization as:

- recycling & resource recovery (ex. rare earths, tungsten);
- pelletization of coal ash or fly ash resulted from solid waste incinerators;
- production of composites from waste recycled armor materials and natural matrix (ex. volcanic ash, mortar);
- characterization of waste recycled glass/textile fibers to be used in composites;
- production of ultra-light composites used as building materials;
- characterization of wood-plastic composites;
- advanced characterization and modeling of porous materials (ex. charcoal pellets) ...

It could provide a unique access channel for a fully non-invasive inspection and quantitative analysis of some hazardous waste.

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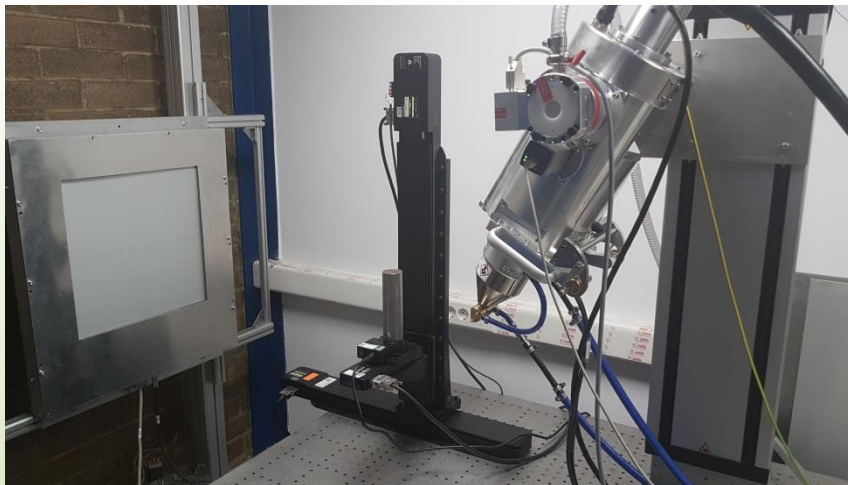
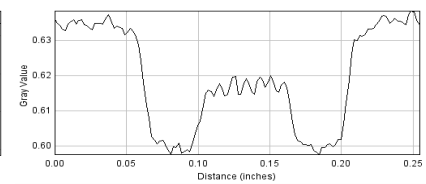
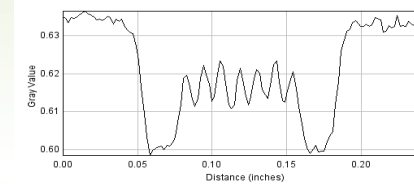
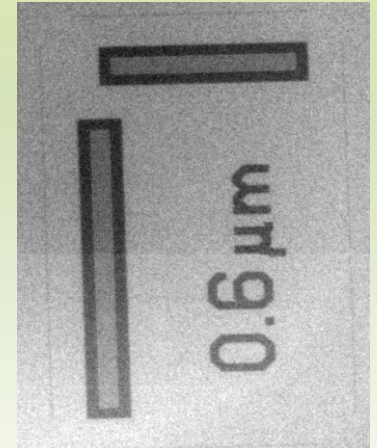
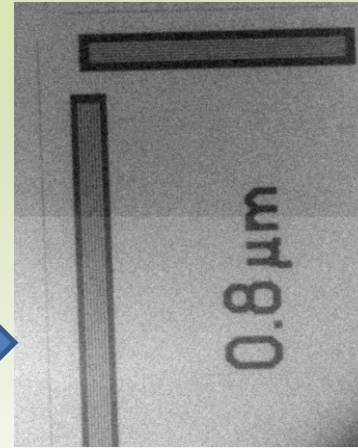
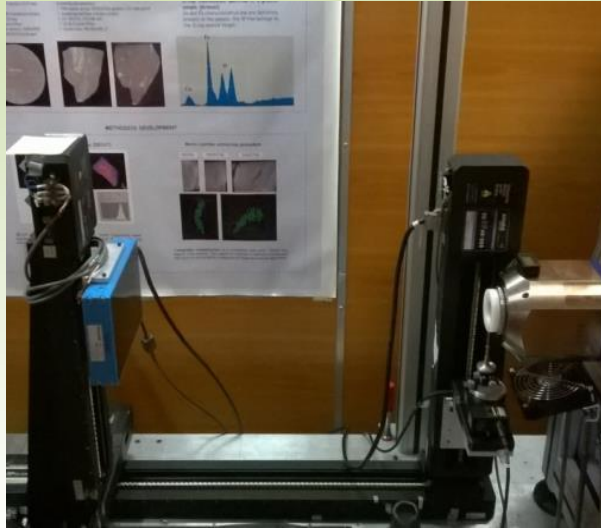
Applications of X-ray microtomography in microstructural analysis of materials resulting from waste processing

Outline

- Tomography equipment
- Porosity analysis & fluid transport in porous media
- Passive treatment to remediate contaminated water from acid mine drainage
- Tomography analysis of fly ash pelletization process
- Volumetric analysis of composite materials based on waste of metal or wood processing
- Geological CO₂ storage

Tomography Equipment

submicron resolution



High penetration power
microfocus @ 320 kV

Technical data of various XCTs

Type		X-ray source	Voxel size
Medical XCT-systems	Med-XCT	140 kV rotating anode tube	$>(0.3 \text{ mm})^3$
Cone beam XCT: Rayscan 250E or v tome x s 240	μ XCT	225 kV μ -focus tube	$>(2 \text{ }\mu\text{m})^3$
Cone beam XCT: nanotom 180	Sub- μ XCT	180 kV nanofocus tube	$>(0.4 \text{ }\mu\text{m})^3$
INFLPR NanoCT	Sub- μ XCT	225 kV nanofocus tube	$>(0.5 \text{ }\mu\text{m})^3$
INFLPR XCT	μ XCT	225 kV μ-focus tube 320 kV μ-focus tube	$>(2 \text{ }\mu\text{m})^3$ $>(10 \text{ }\mu\text{m})^3$
Synchrotron XCT: Grenoble, ESRF-ID19	sXCT	7–60 keV	$>(0.2 \text{ }\mu\text{m})^3$

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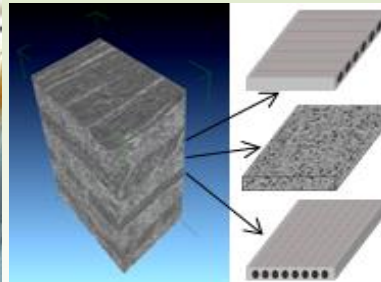
X-ray microtomography

Equipment for X-Ray microtomography analysis and compositional mapping

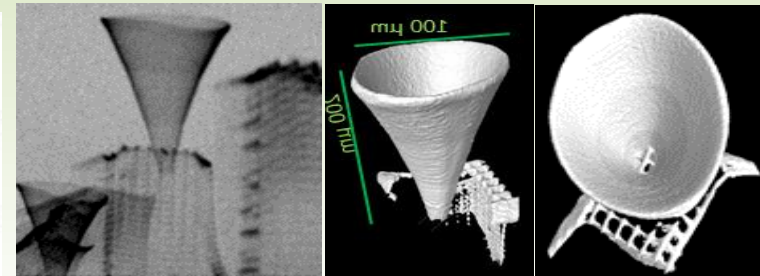


Four versatile tomography units designed and constructed in INFLPR with energies from 50 to 320 keV and sub-micron feature recognition. Wide variety of applications with samples sizes from 5 m down to 100 μm

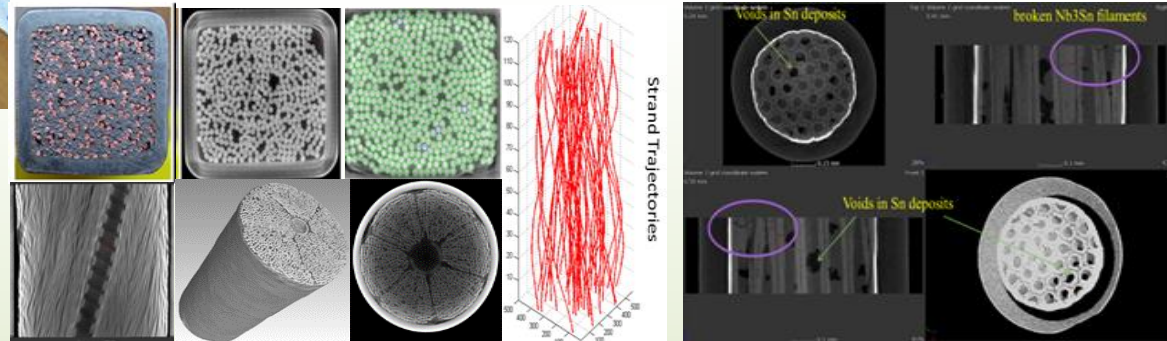
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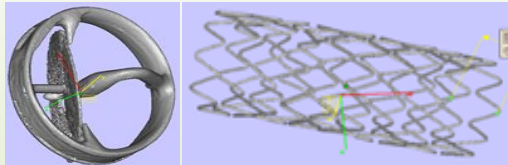
3D targets for high power laser interaction



X-Ray Microtomography analysis of superconductor strand & cables



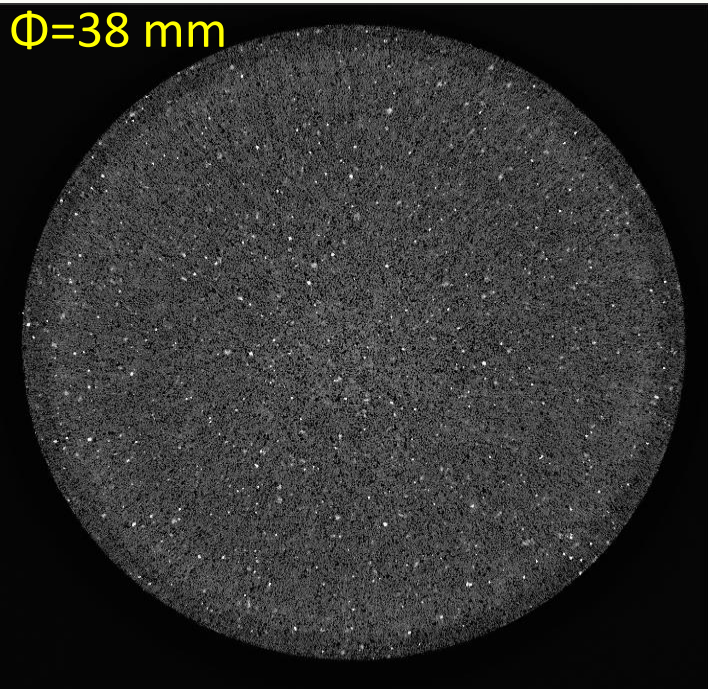
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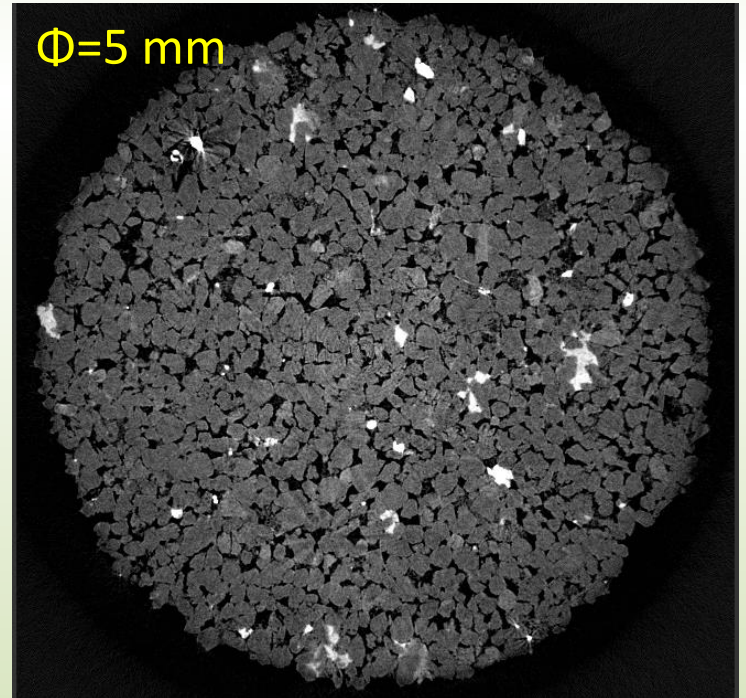
Berea sandstone multi-resolution analysis



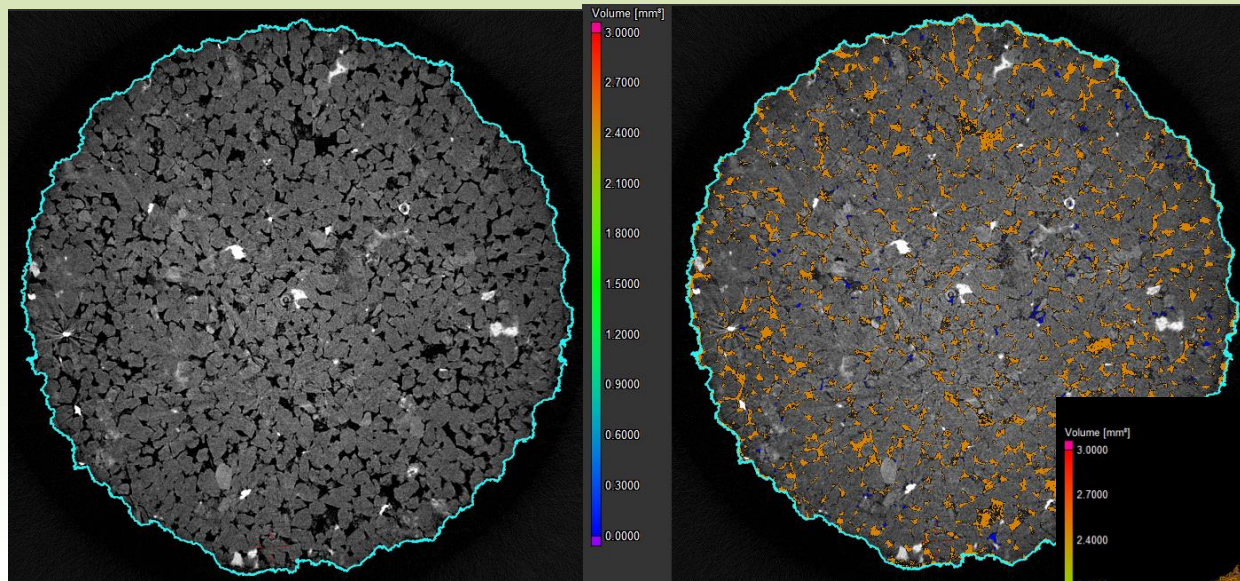
$\Phi=38$ mm



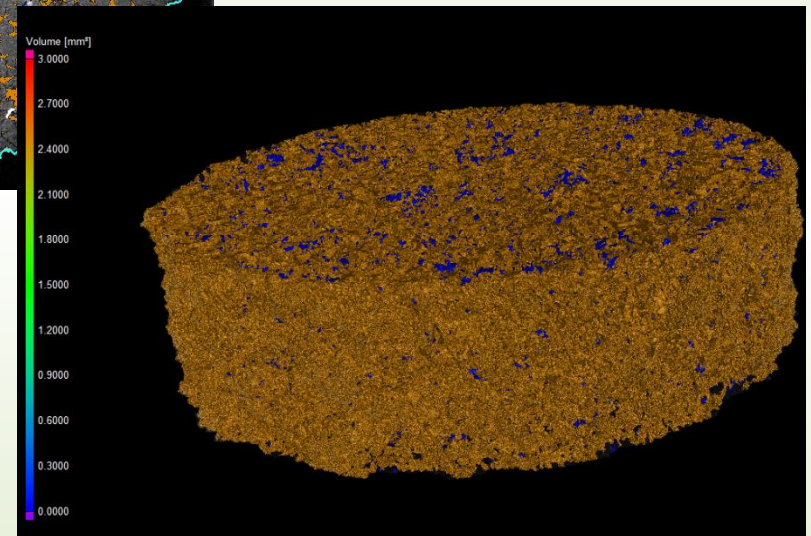
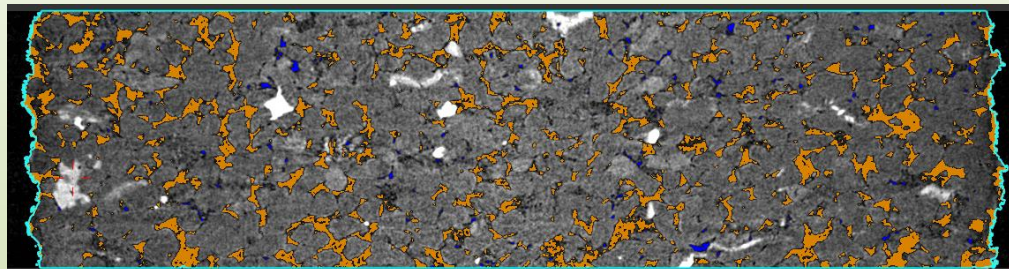
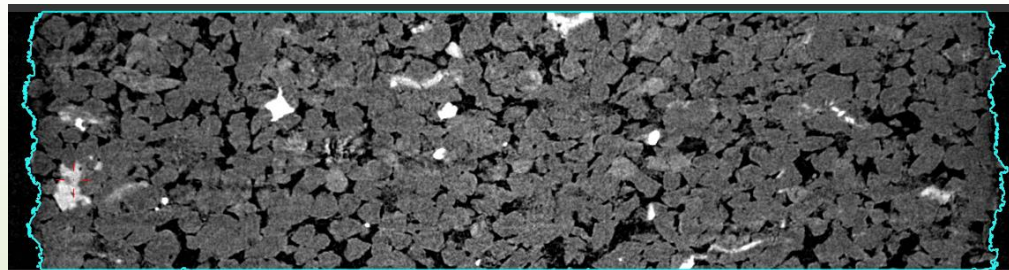
$\Phi=5$ mm



Berea sandstone $\Phi = 5$ mm - pore analysis



Porosity classification
by volume, area, shape,
connectivity etc.

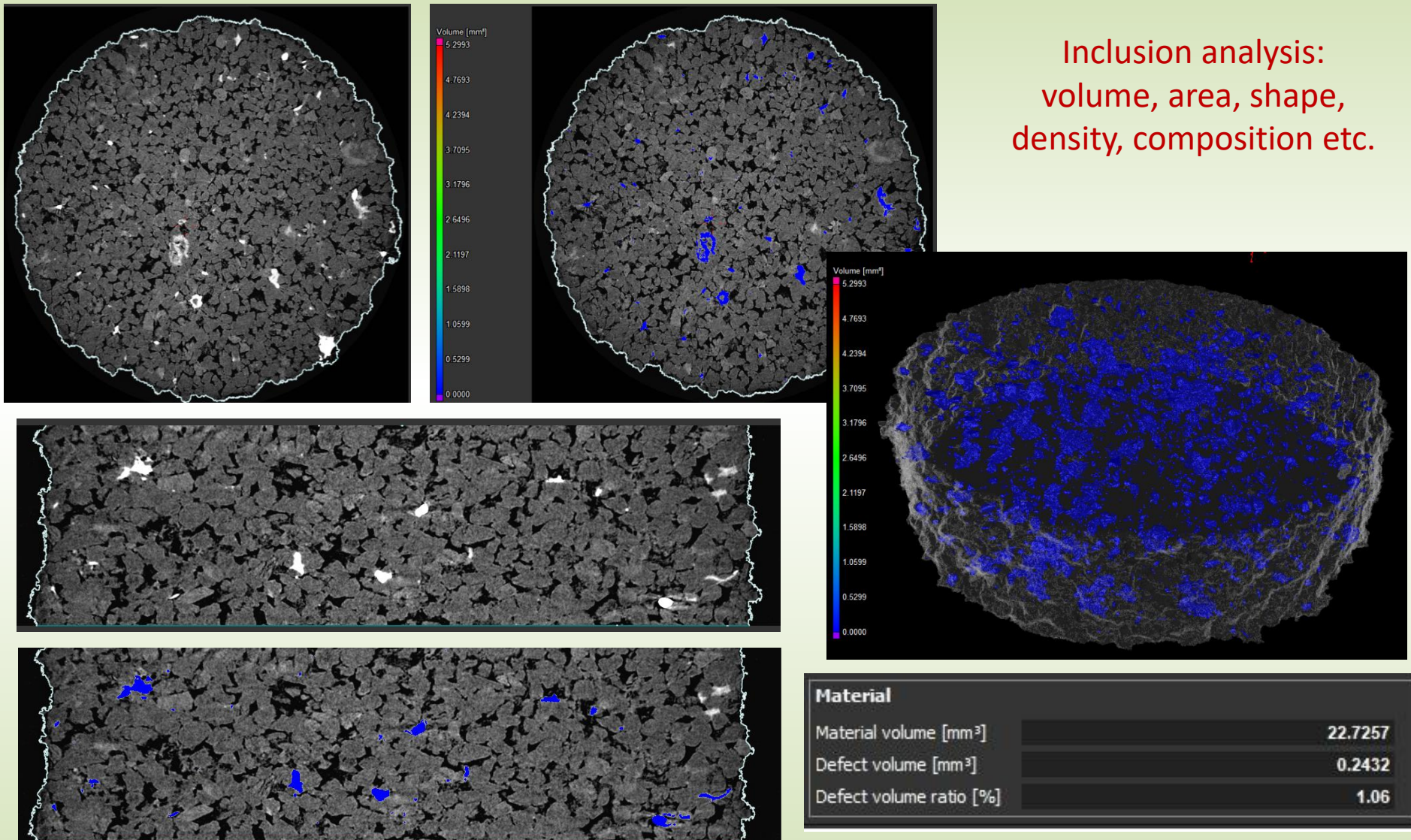


Material

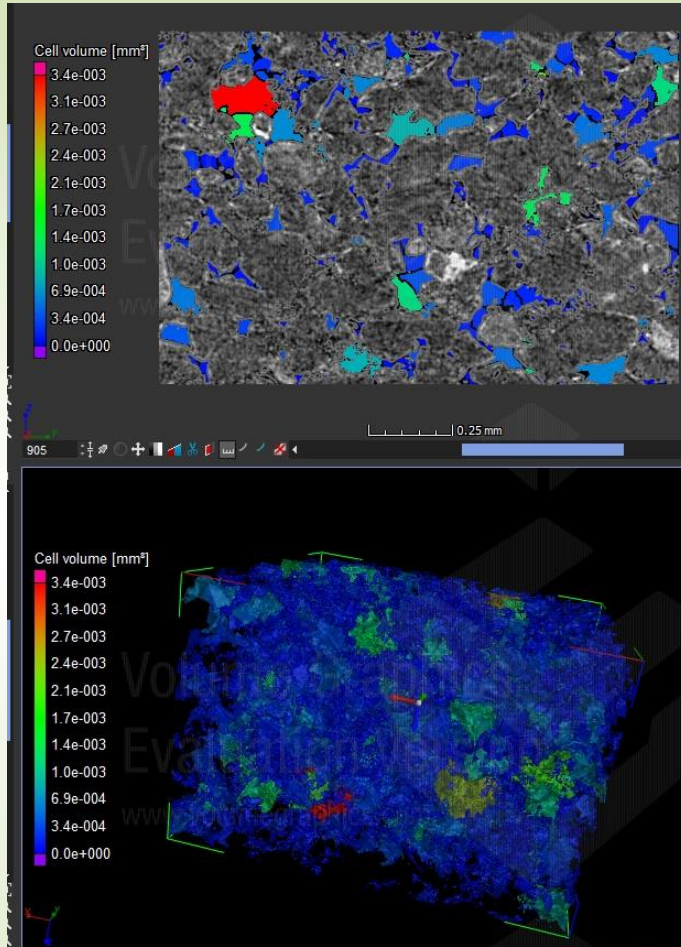
Material volume [mm ³]	20.4175
Defect volume [mm ³]	2.5514
Defect volume ratio [%]	11.11

Berea sandstone $\Phi = 5$ mm – inclusions analysis

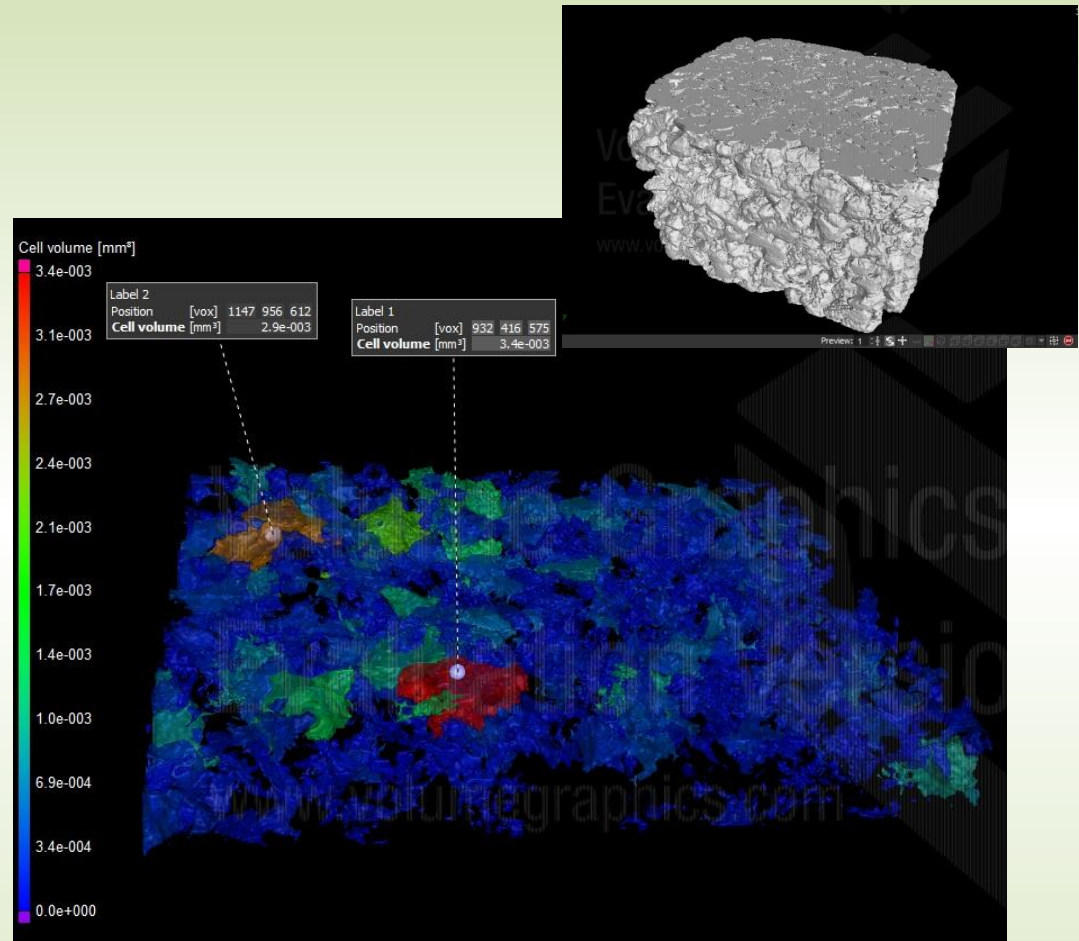
Inclusion analysis:
volume, area, shape,
density, composition etc.



Berea sandstone 2 mm - submicron pore analysis



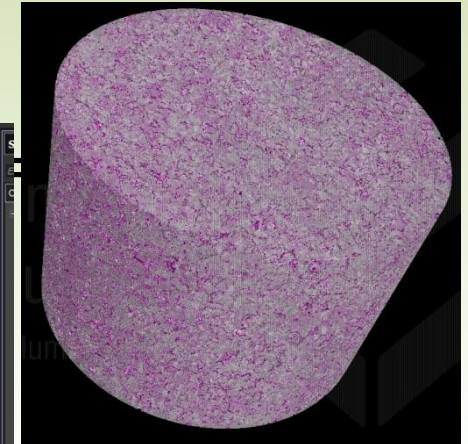
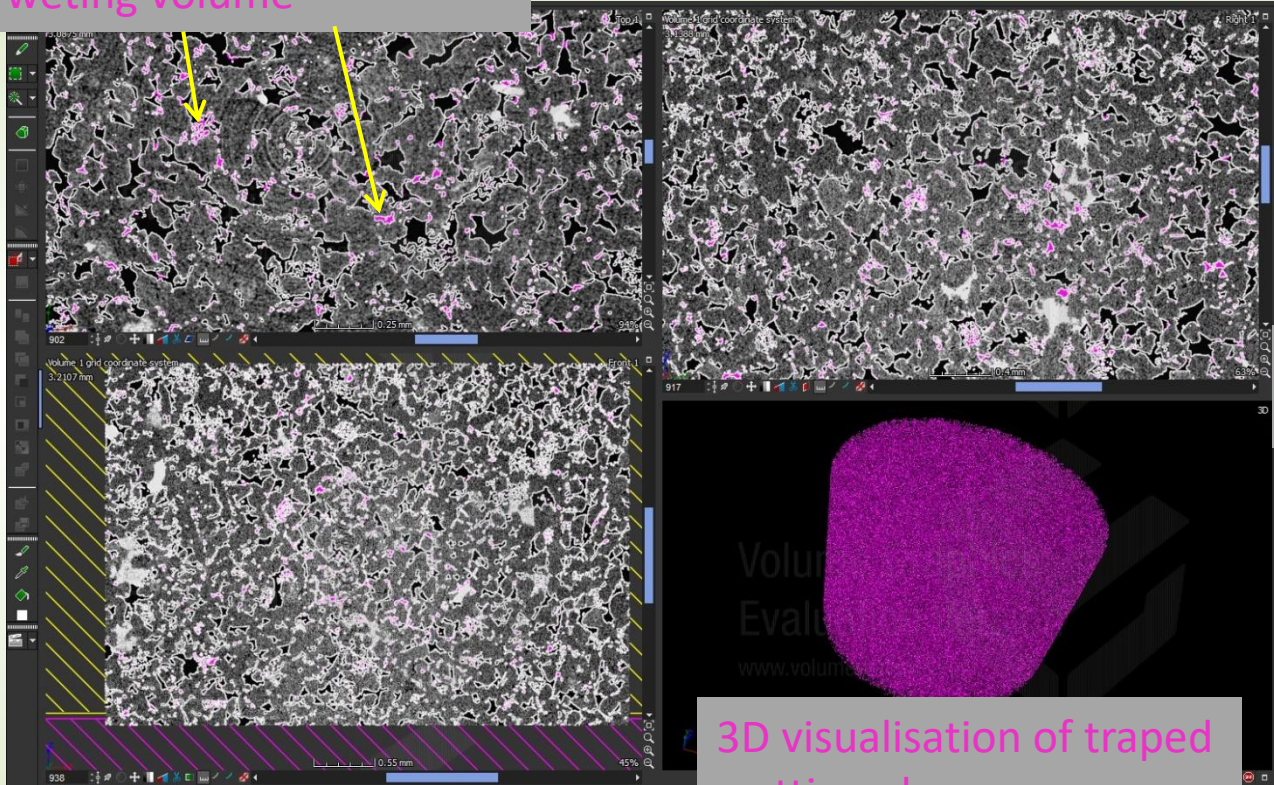
3D representation of all pores from reconstructed volume



ROI – magnified inner pores in 3D

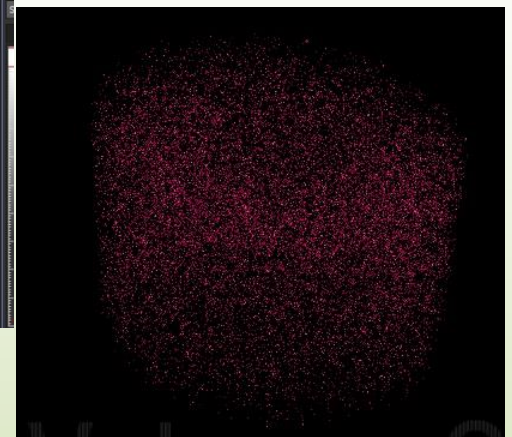
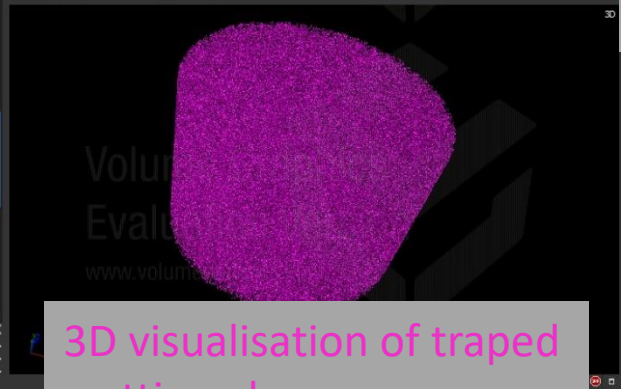
Capillary pressure simulation $\Phi=6$ mm – wetting phase

2D visualisation of trapped wetting volume



3D visualisation of wetting phase trapped in all volume

3D visualisation of trapped wetting phase

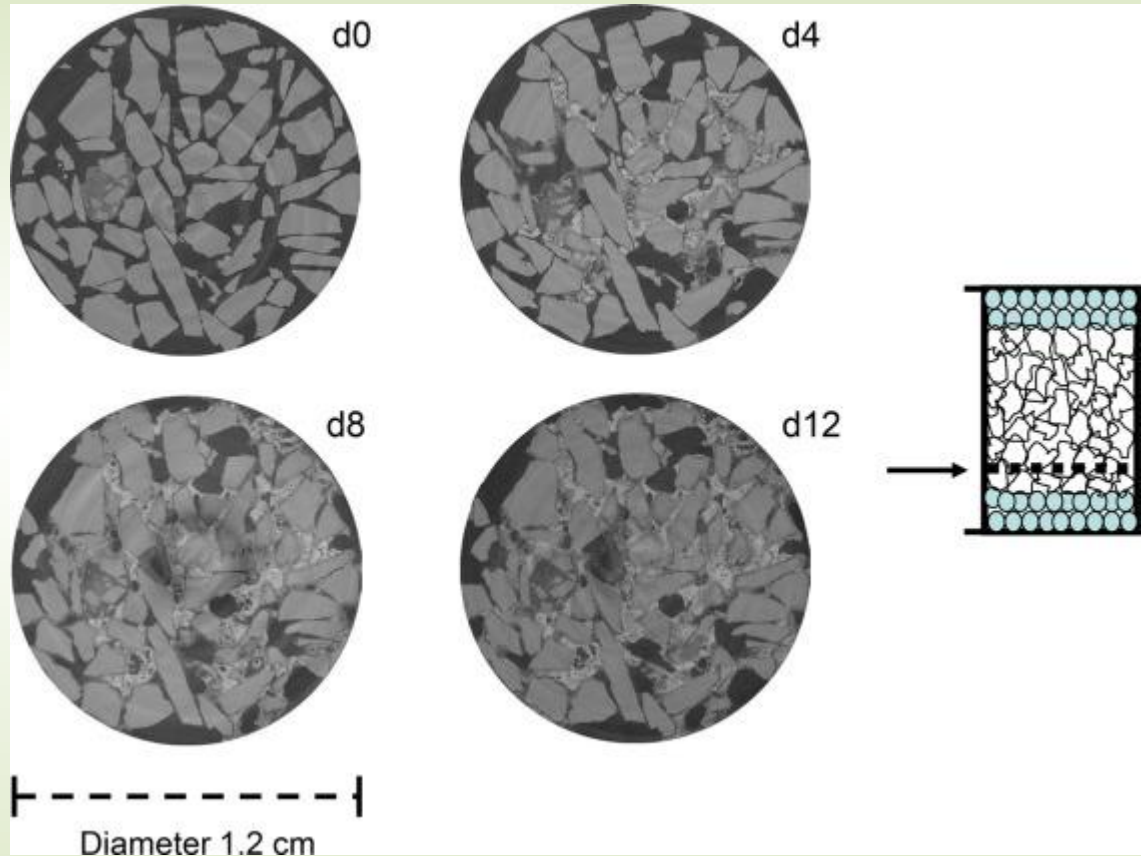


3D visualisation of isolated pore space

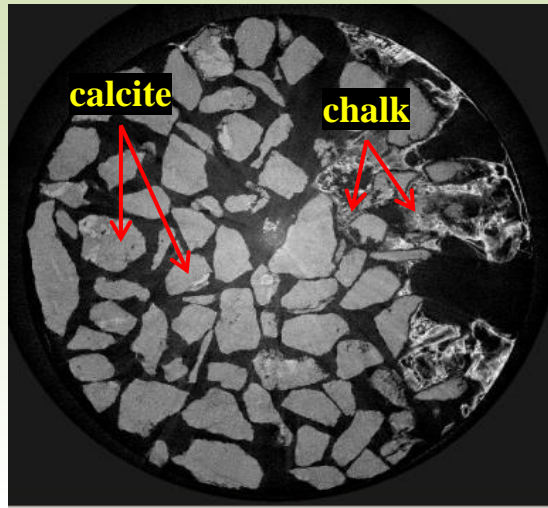
Passive treatment systems designed to remediate contaminated water from acid mine drainage



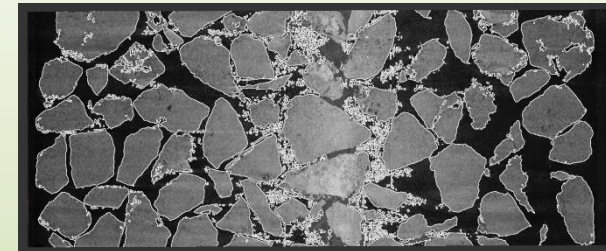
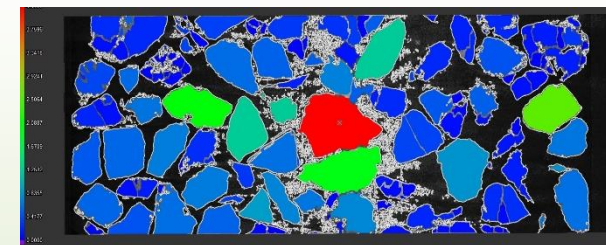
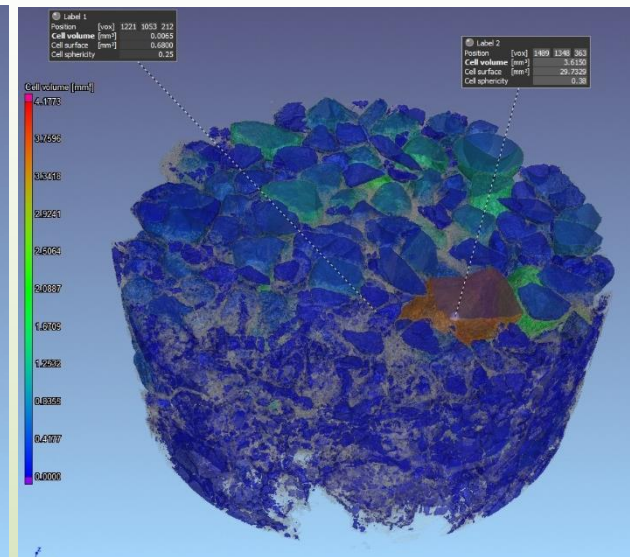
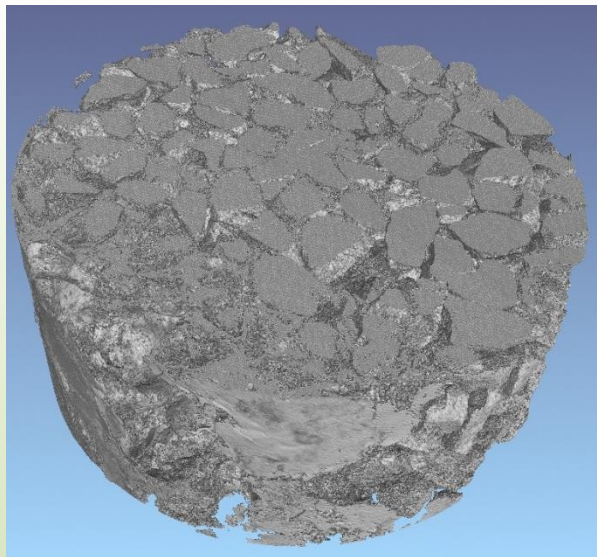
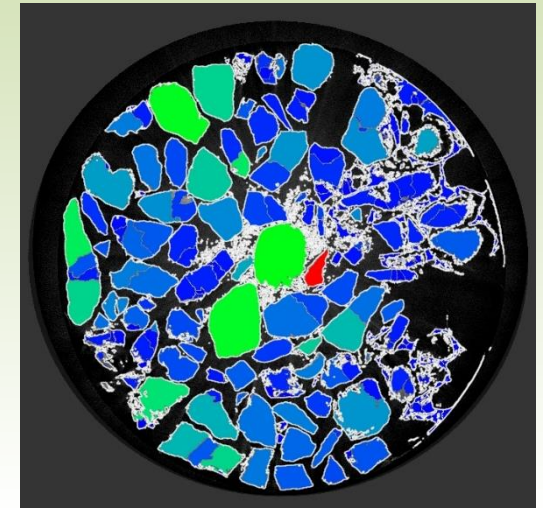
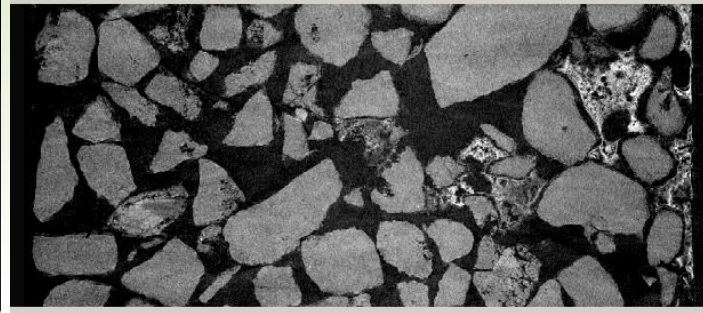
Four CT images of the same section:
before **drainage**; after 4, 8 and 12
days (passivation at ≈ 300 h).



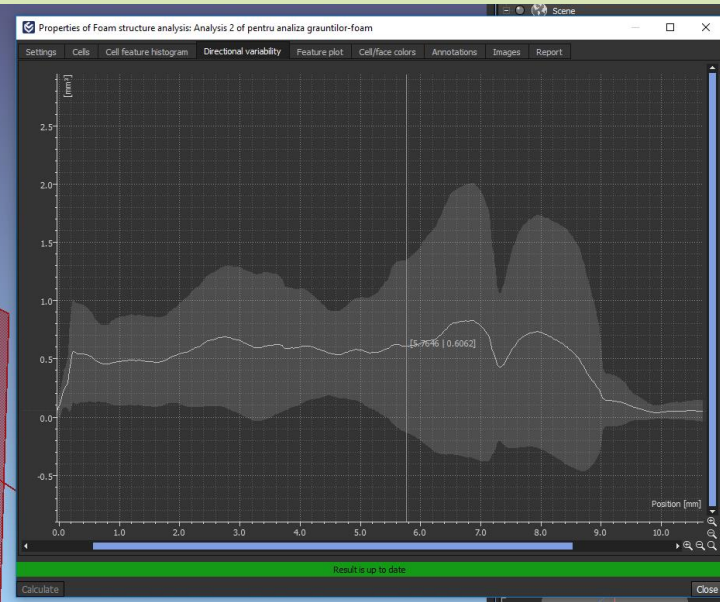
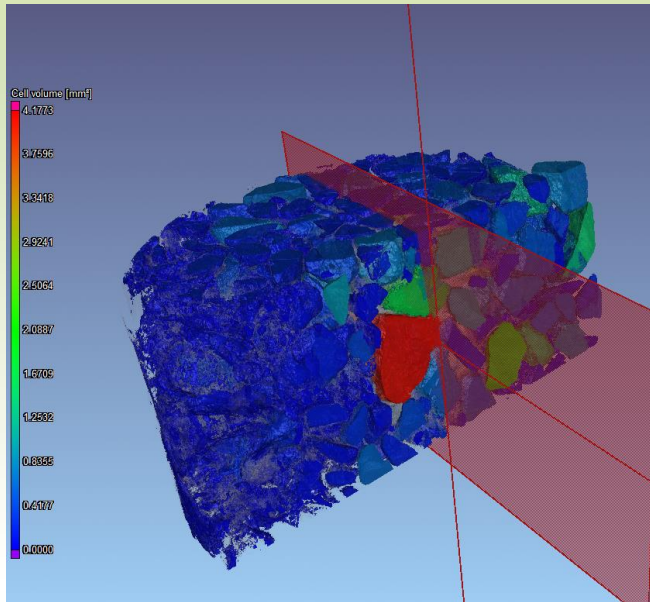
Passive treatment systems designed to remediate contaminated water from acid mine drainage



Rocks and mineral grain filter (such as calcite, aragonite or dolomite) with size grain between 1-2 mm

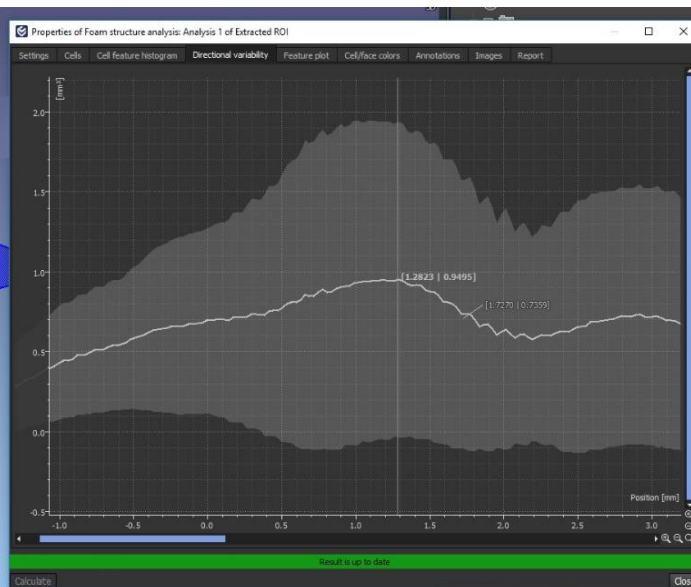
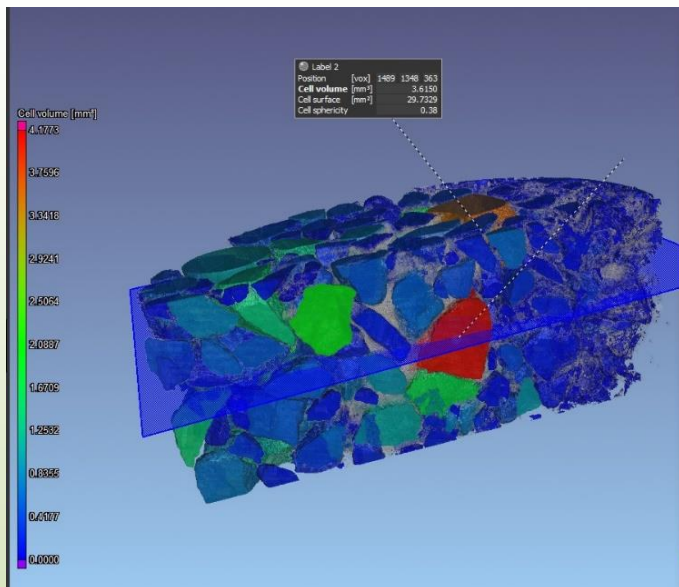


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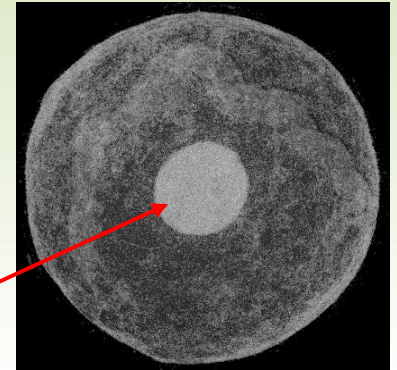
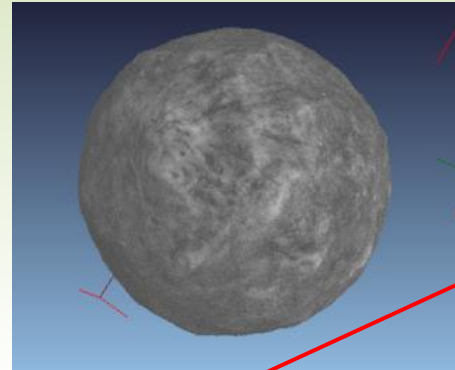
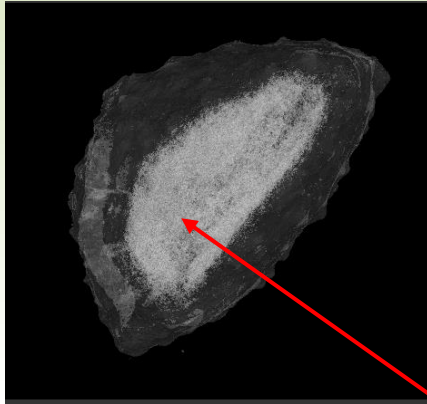
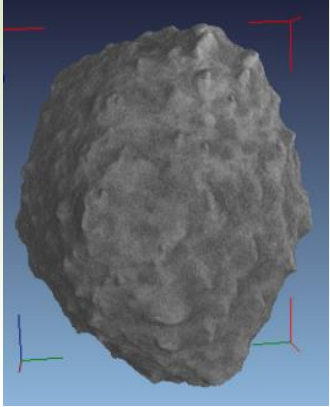
Directional variability

Grain orientation on right view sections

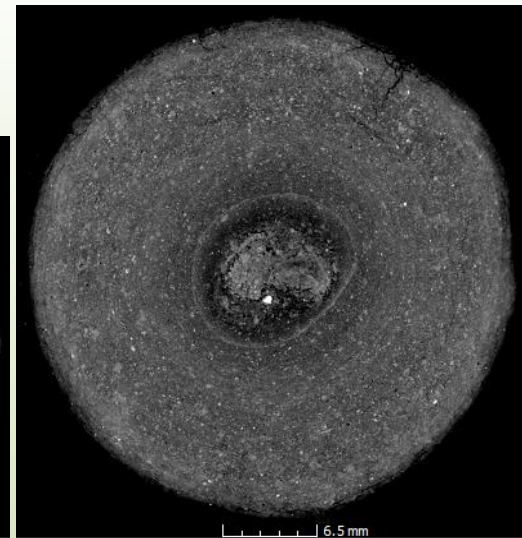
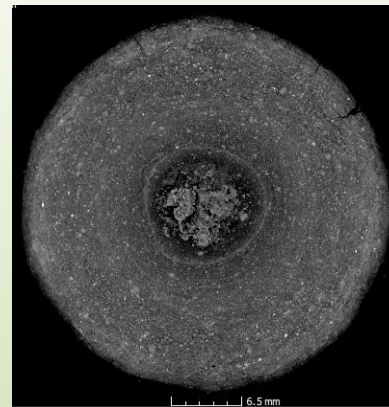
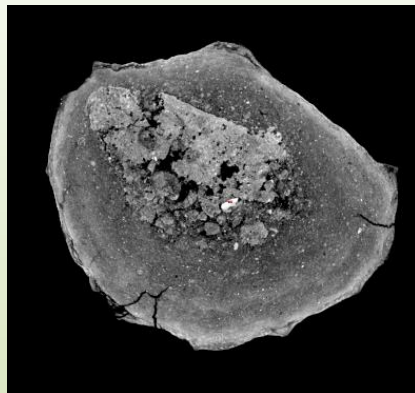
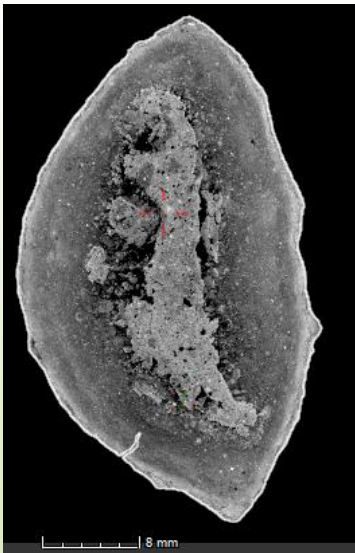


Grain orientation on top view sections

Tomography analysis of fly ash pelletization process

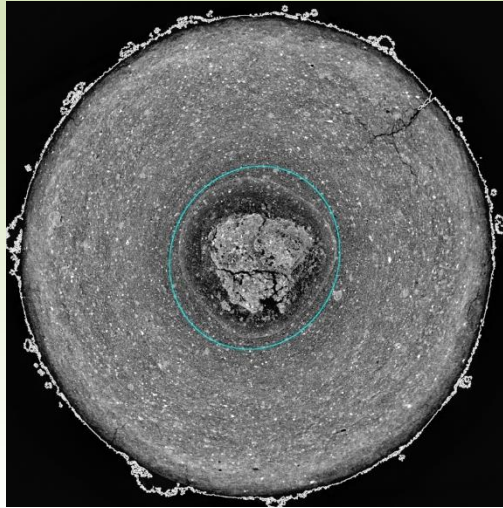


Core carbonation dependent
on the reaction time

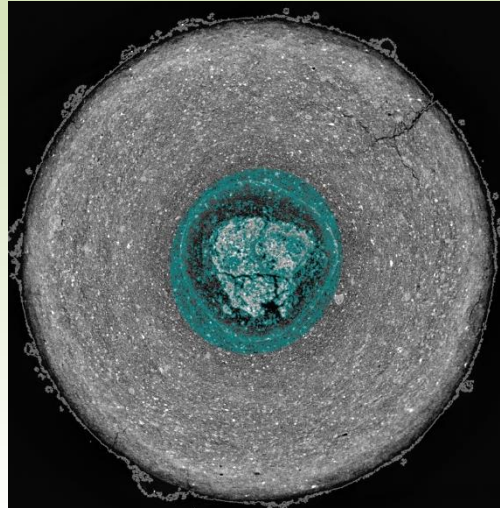


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Core analysis

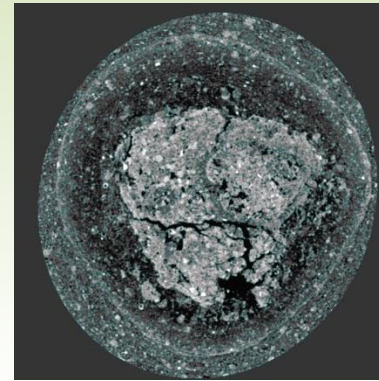


ROI selection

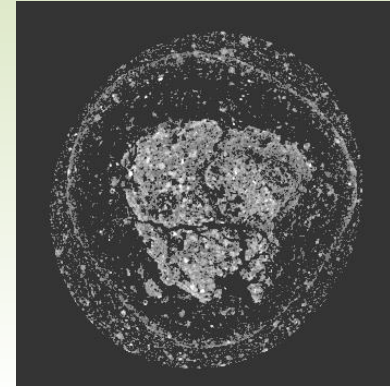


Surface determination
on selected ROI

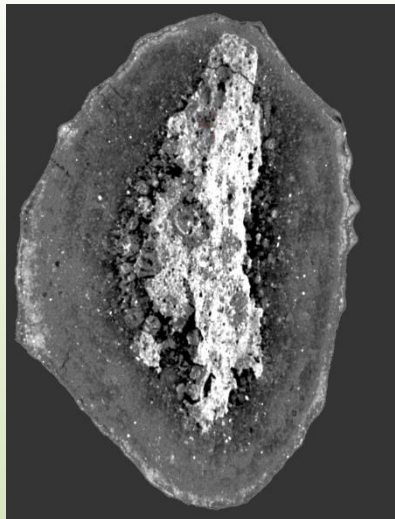
Extracted core volume: 16.04%



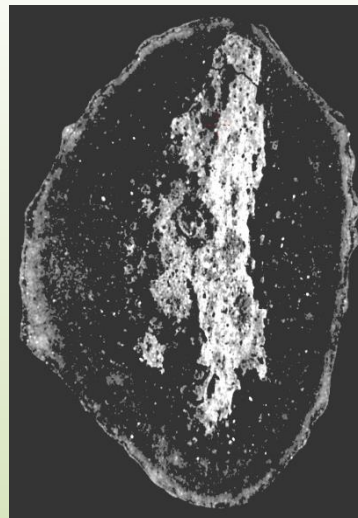
Extracted ROI with
surface determination



Extracted core



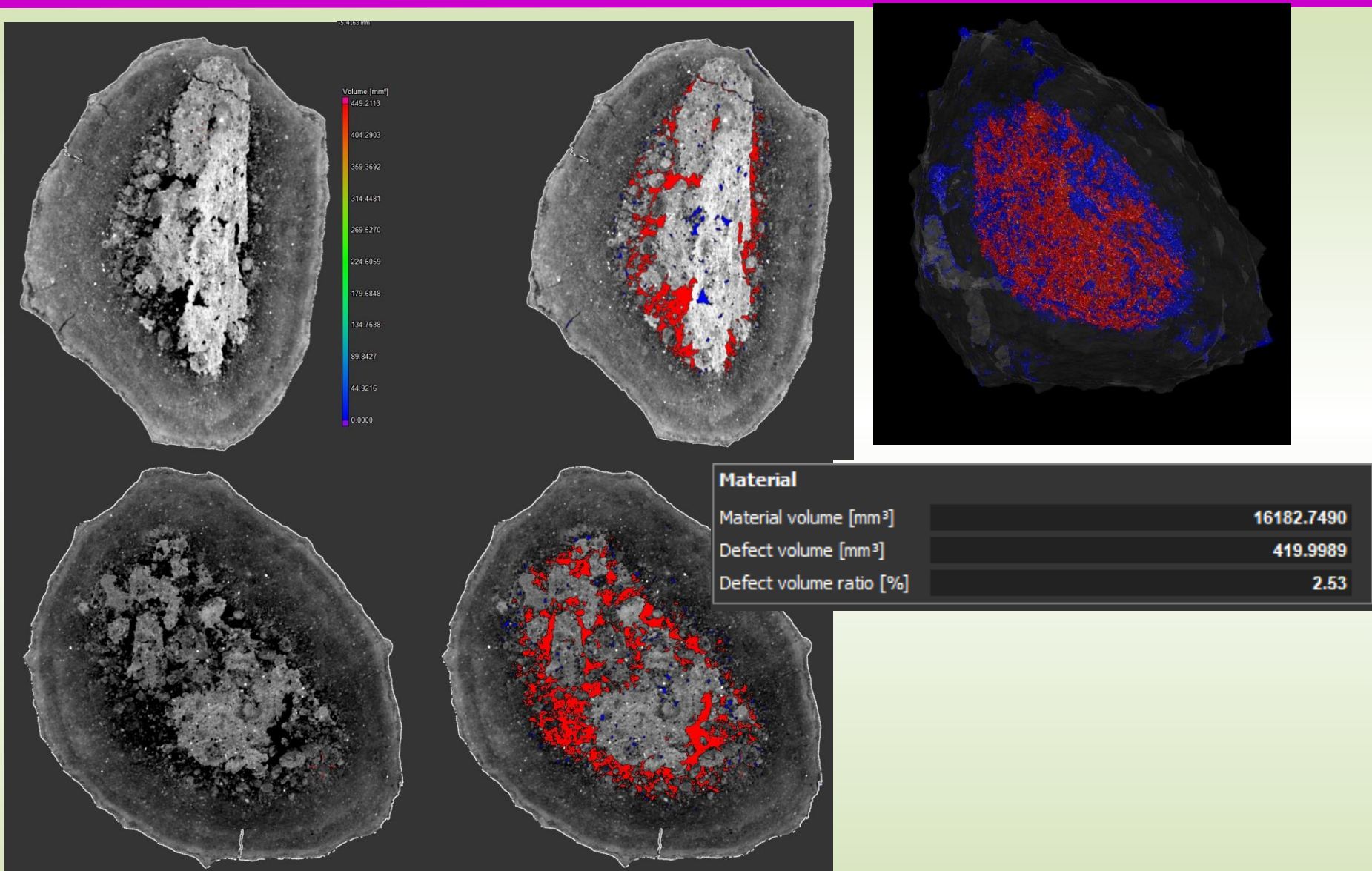
Extracted core



Extracted core volume: 32.92%

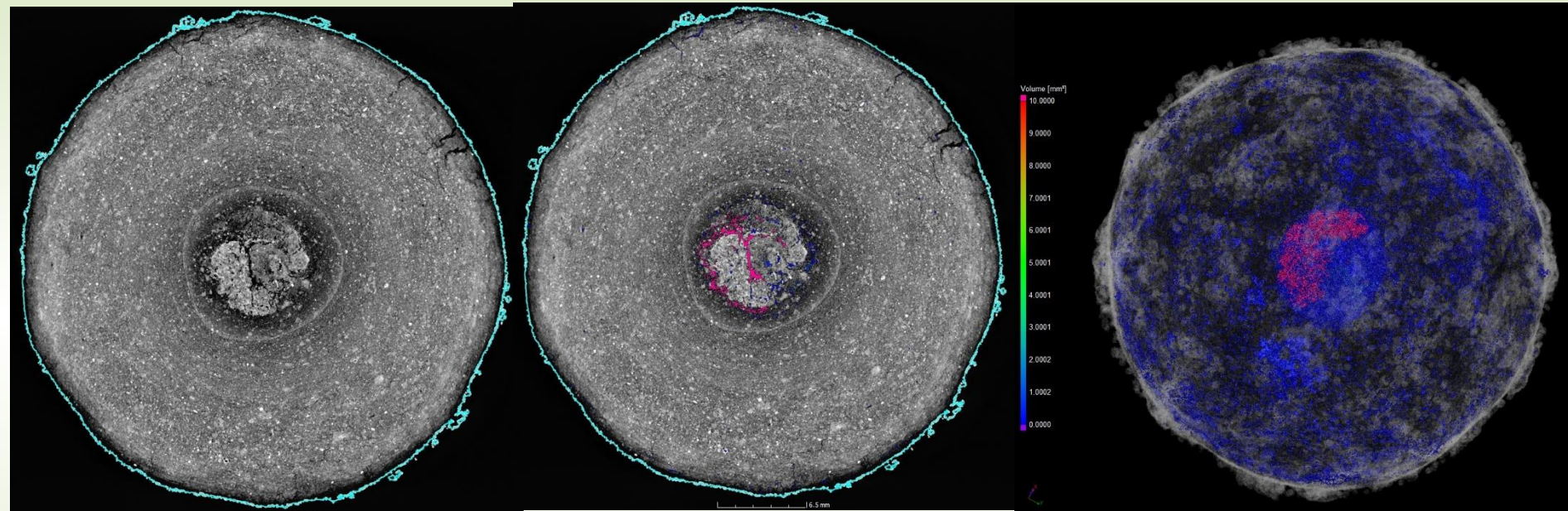
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Porosity analysis



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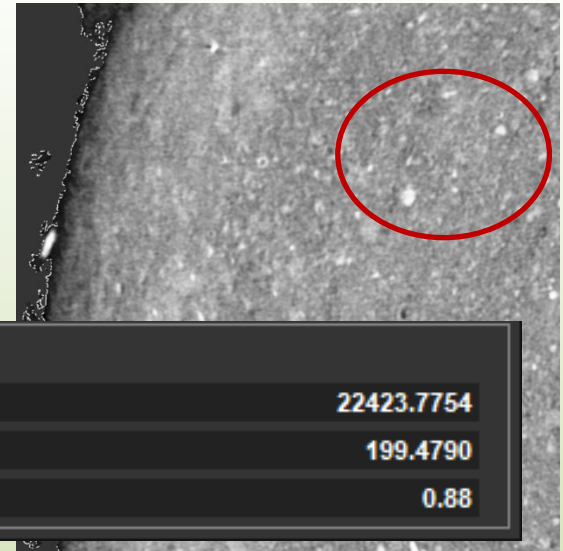
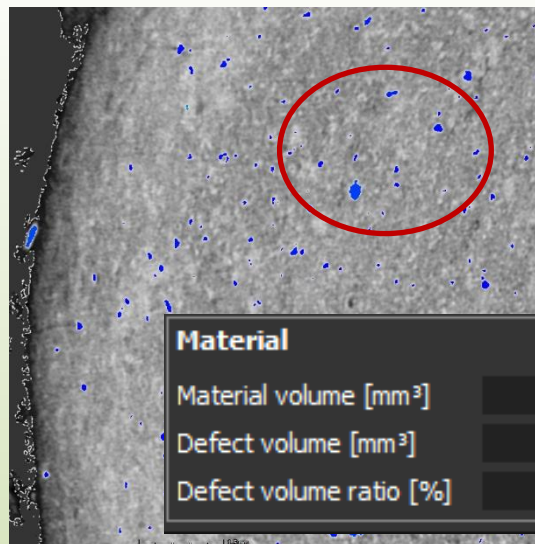
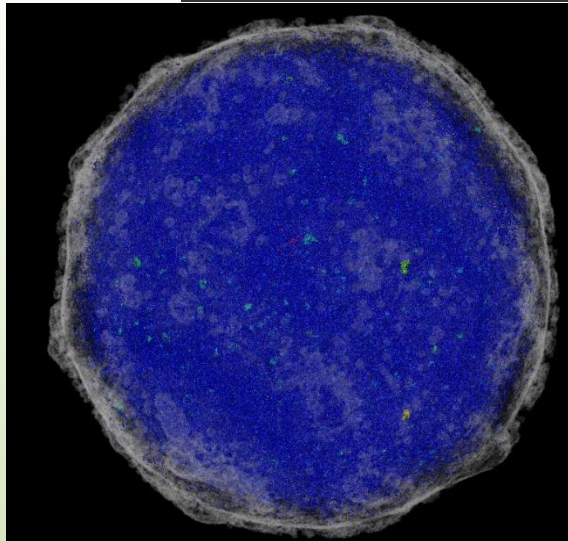
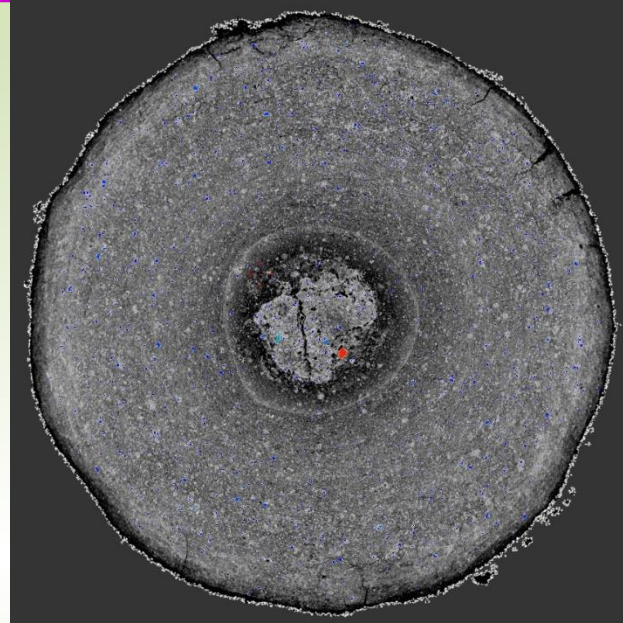
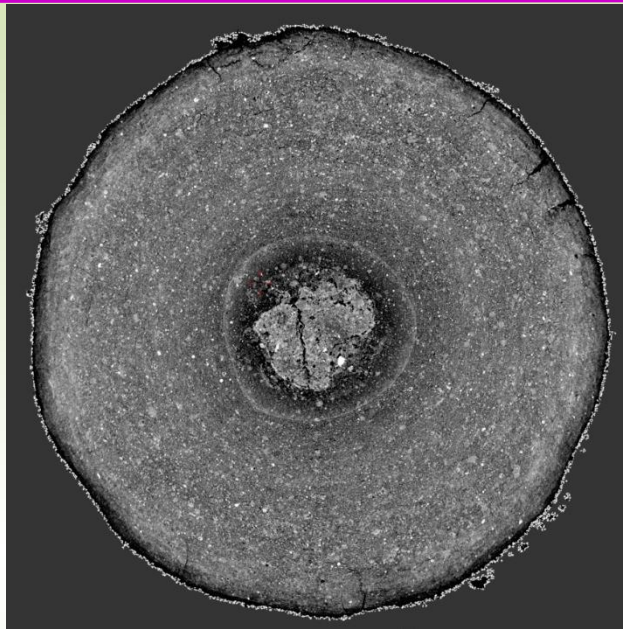


Material

Material volume [mm ³]	22409.8594
Defect volume [mm ³]	44.6834
Defect volume ratio [%]	0.20

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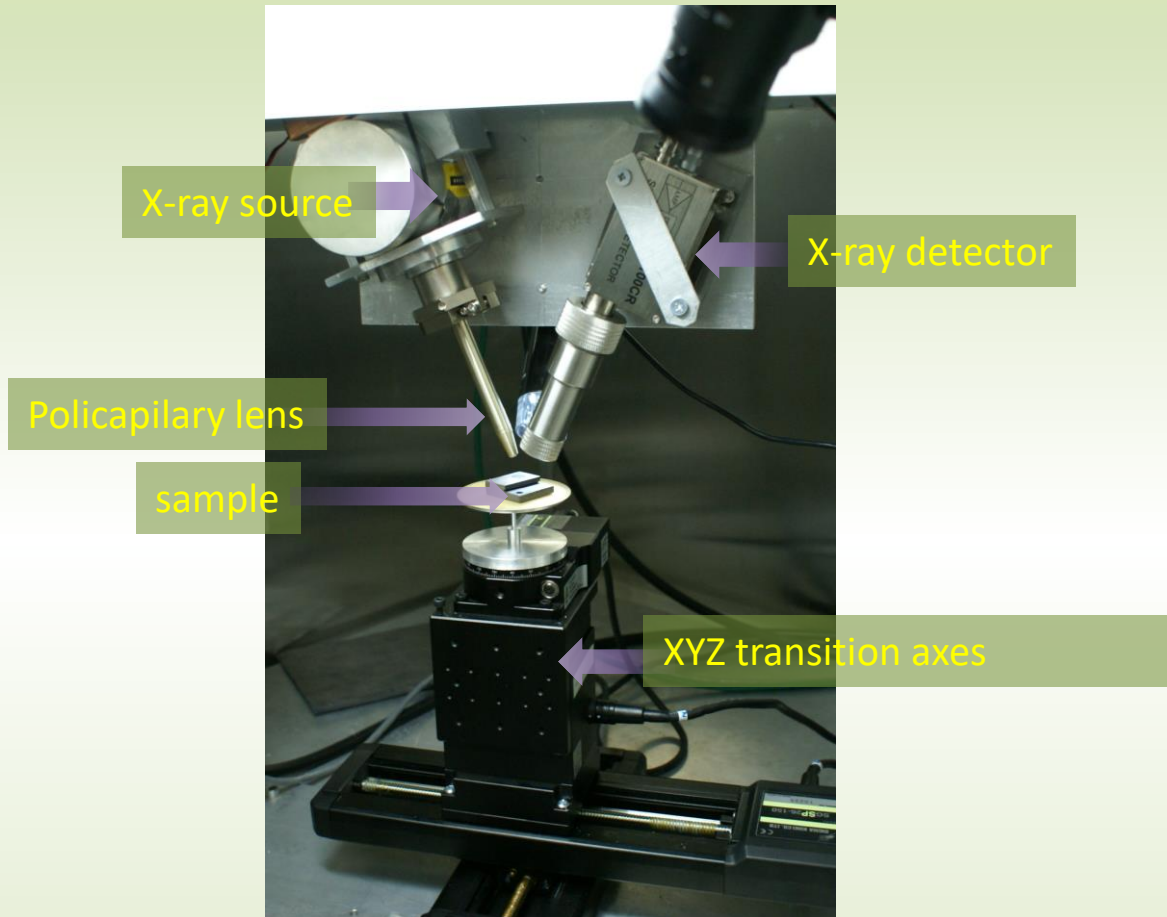
Inclusions analysis



Material

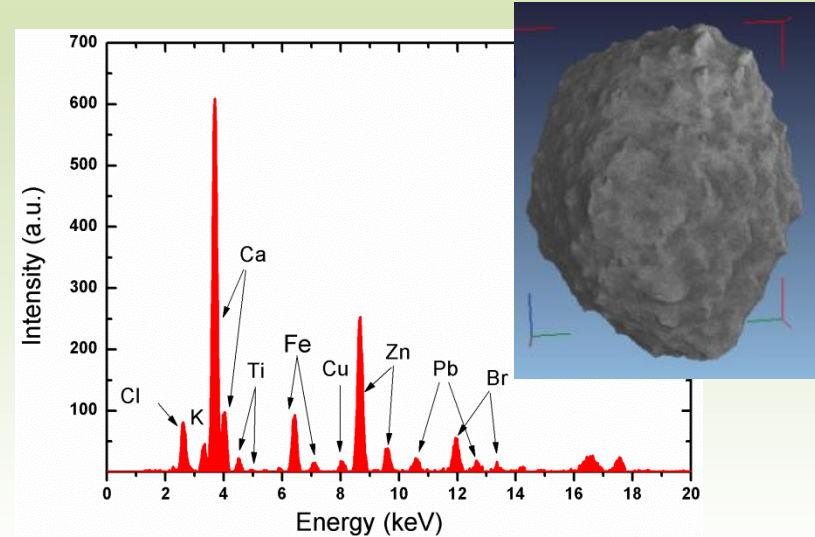
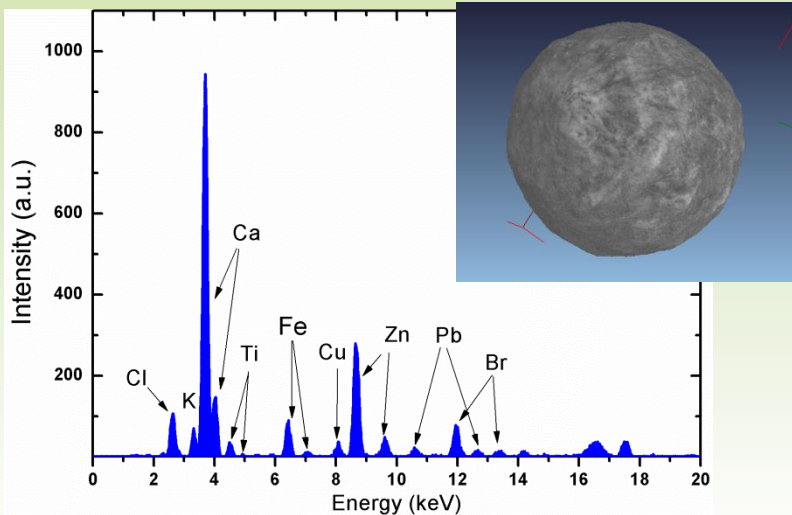
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Defect volume ratio [%]	0.88

Composition mapping by microbeam X-ray fluorescence microXRF

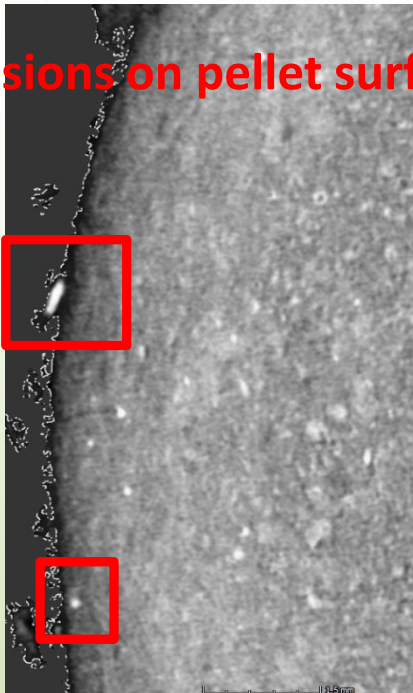


Standardless procedure for elemental composition

Elemental composition of fly ash pellets by microXRF



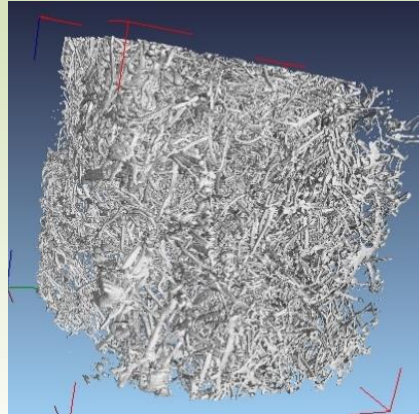
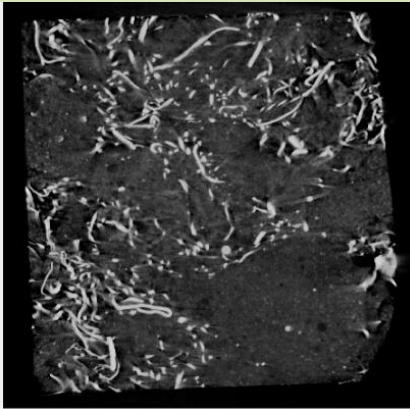
Inclusions on pellet surface



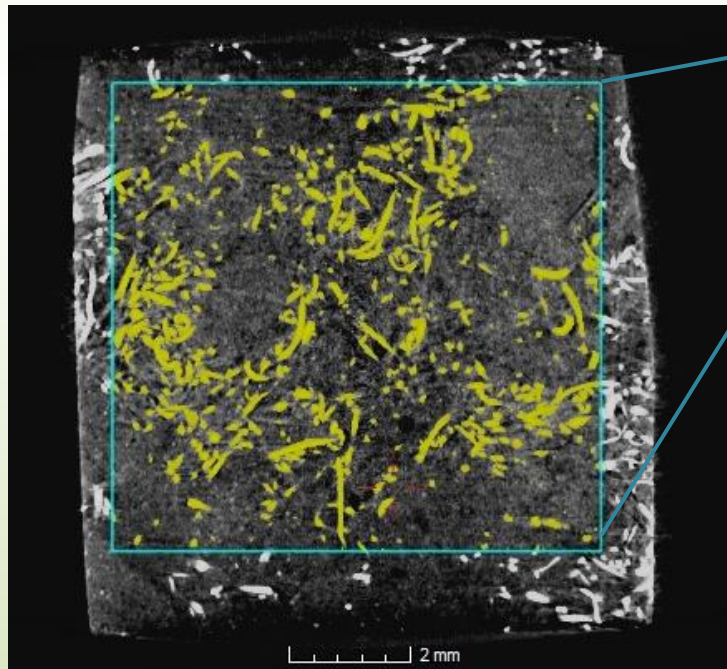
Element	Concentratie (wt%)
Fe	1,92
Cl	8,54
K	5,57
Ca	76,11
Cu	0,45
Zn	3,23
Pb	0,65
Ti	2,74
Br	0,79

Element	Concentratie (wt%)
Fe	2,94
Cl	9,16
K	6,18
Ca	73,25
Cu	0,34
Zn	4
Pb	1,03
Ti	2,26
Br	0,83

Volumetric analysis of waste based composite materials volcanic ash & metallic insertions



Composite material made by
volcanic ash (matrix) and
metallic swarf (insertions)



Selected ROI

Values (grid coordinate system)	
Min.:	34356.00
Max.:	50445.00
Mean:	36666.64
Deviation:	2219.04
Volume [mm ³]	62.77
Number of voxels:	136268705
Between cursors [%]:	12.17

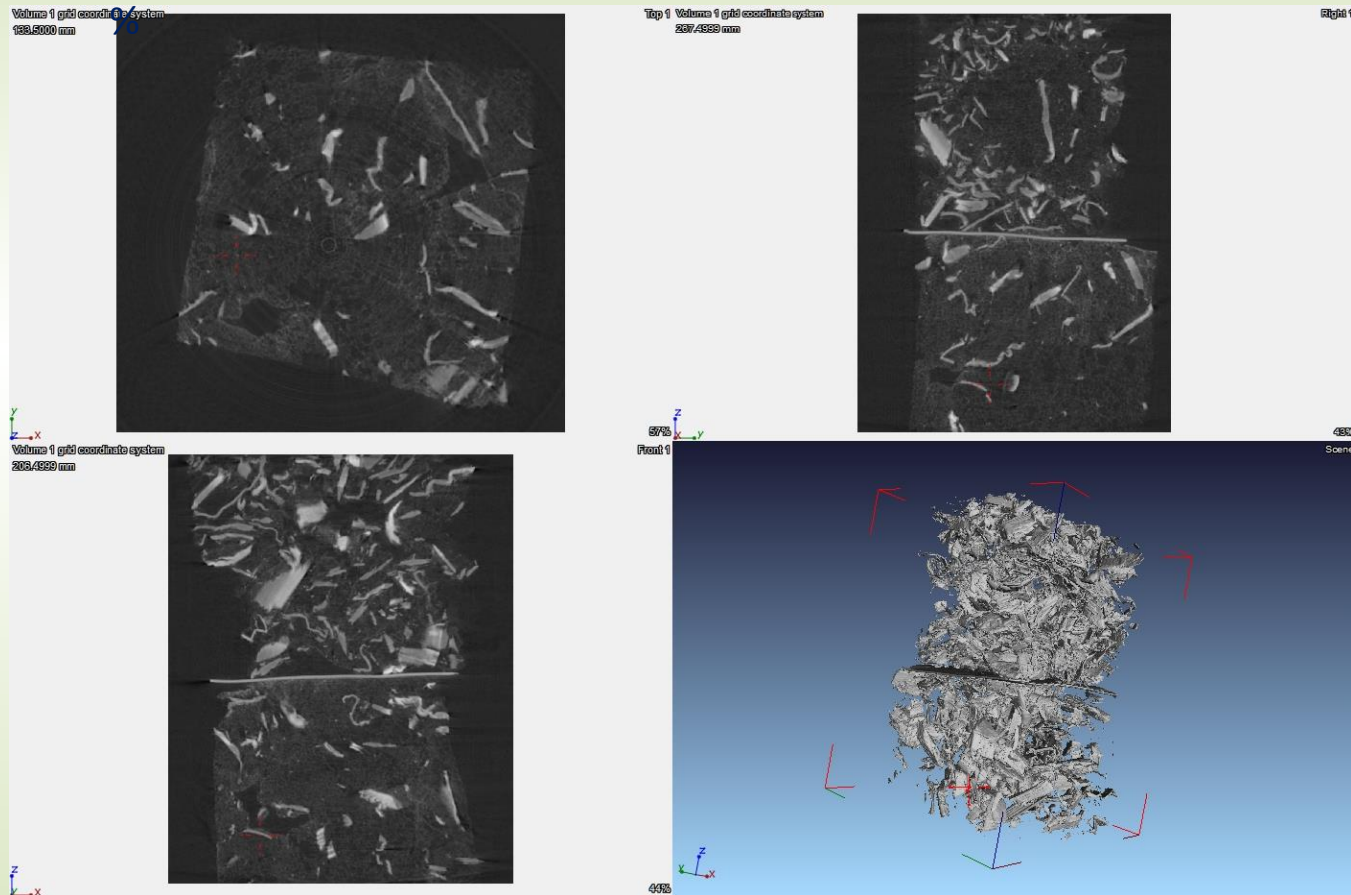
Total volume of metallic insertions
from selected ROI

Volumetric analysis of waste based composite material foam matrix & wood fibers

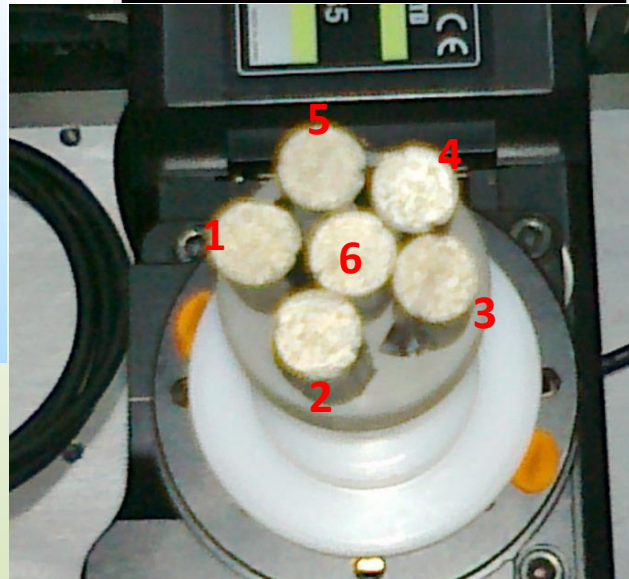
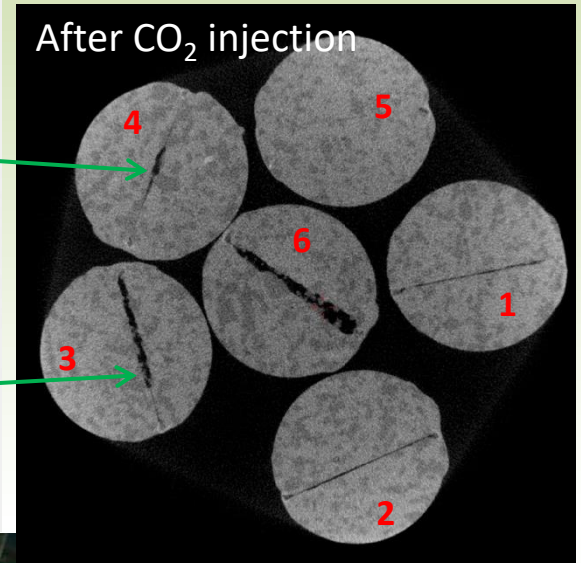
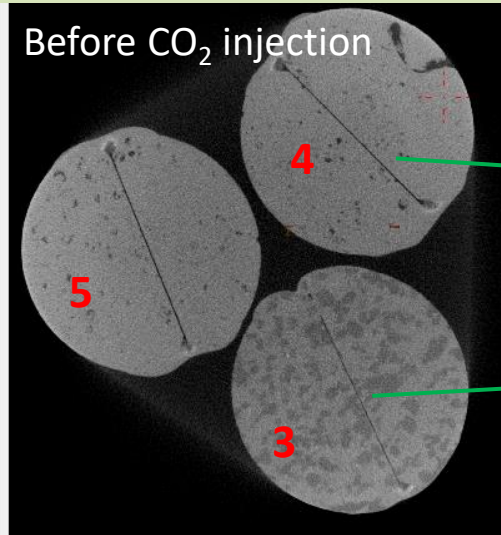
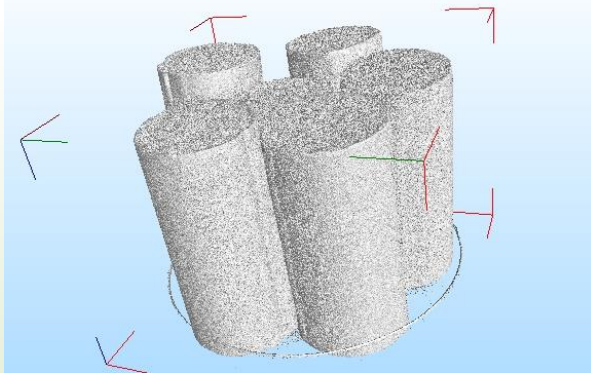
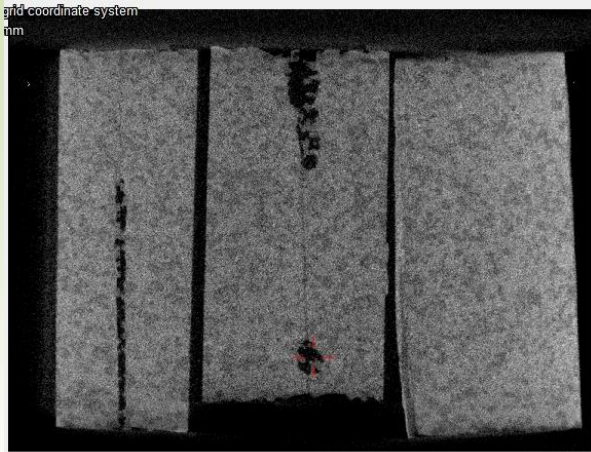
Space resolution 30 μm /voxel

Top: wood to matrix $\sim 8.25\%$

Bottom: wood to matrix ~ 7.0



Geological CO₂ storage



CO₂-rich acid brine will likely promote the dissolution of carbonate minerals (calcite) and aluminosilicates (microcline).

These coupled dissolution and precipitation reactions may induce changes in porosity and pore structure of the repository rocks

The reservoir rocks are composed of limestone (calcite) and sandstone (66 wt.% calcite, 28 wt.% quartz and 6 wt.% microcline)