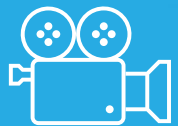




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DEEP DIVE: DIGITAL ROCK ANALYSIS

1. Data Collection

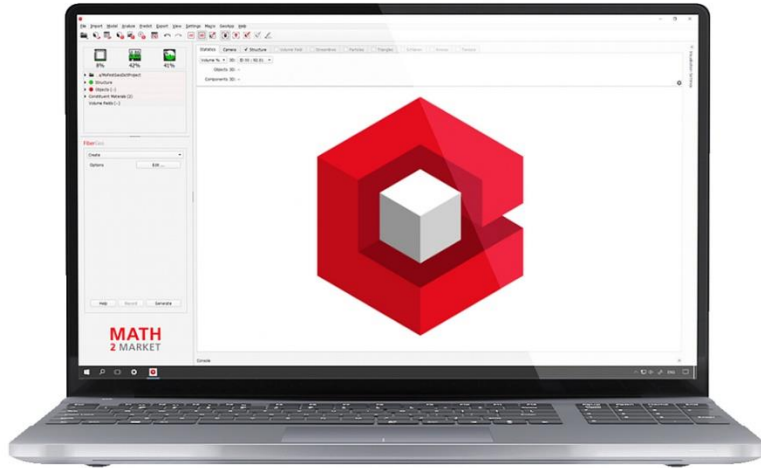


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Presenter: **Aya Takase** | Director of X-ray Imaging

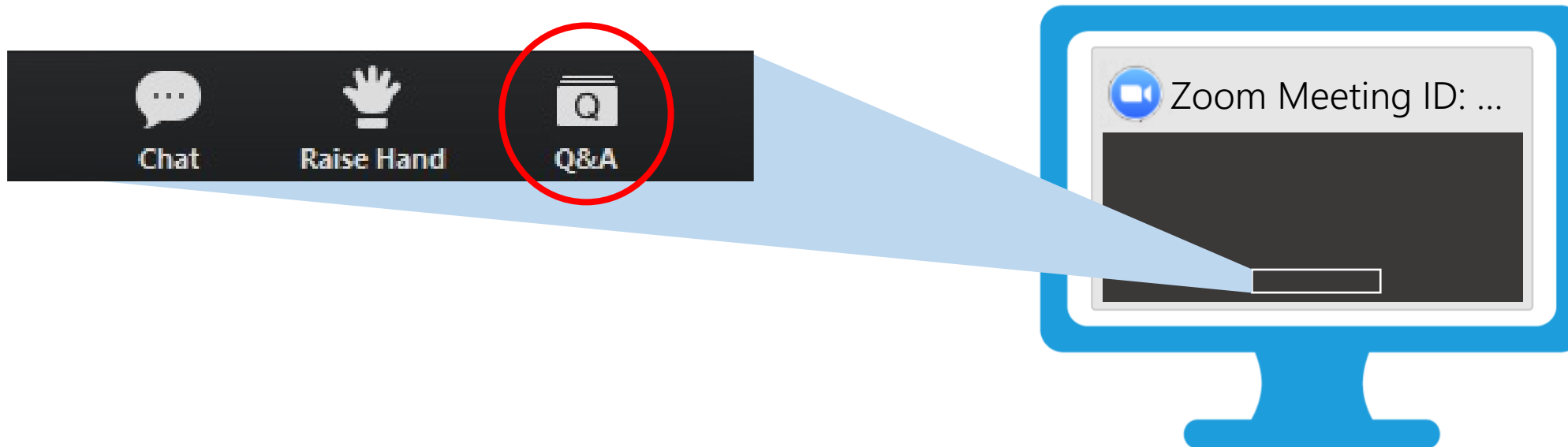
Co-presenter: **Angela Criswell** | Senior Scientist

Host: **Tom Concolino** | Analytical X-Ray Consultant



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Arne Jacob | Math2Market
Application Engineer



You can ask questions during the presentation.
We might turn on your microphone for further discussions.



Recording will be available tomorrow.



Digital Rock Analysis – 1. Data Collection

Virtual Workshop presented by Aya Takase

DIGITAL ROCK ANALYSIS SERIES

1. Data collection
2. Segmentation and property analyses
3. Digital rock simulations

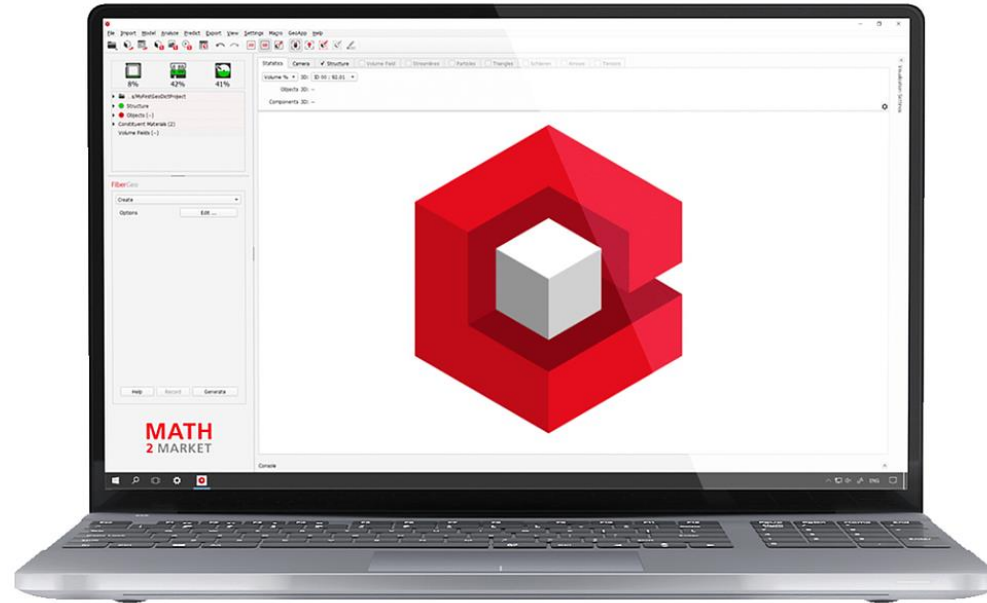
THINGS WE'LL COVER

- How to assess the required resolution
- How to collect high-quality CT images
- How to evaluate the image quality



CT Lab HX by Rigaku

The versatile and compact micro-CT scanner



GeoDict by Math2Market

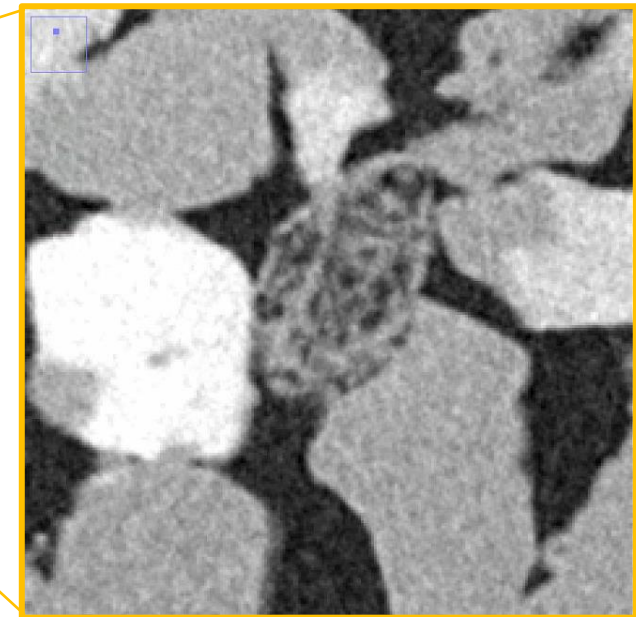
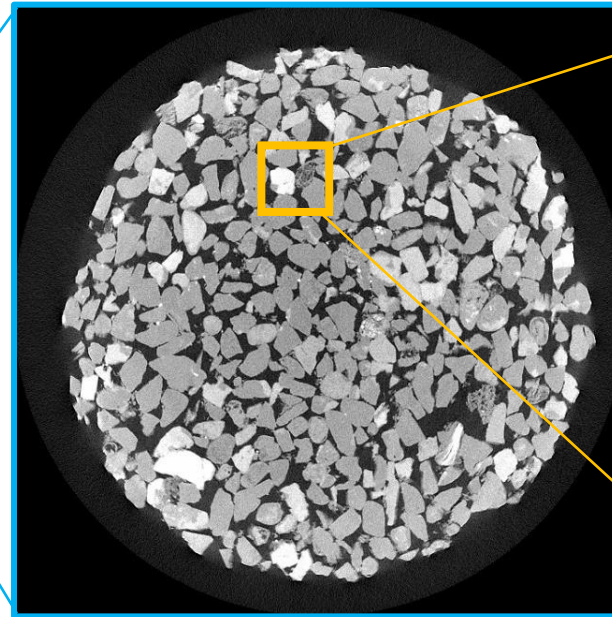
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WHAT IS DIGITAL ROCK PHYSICS/ANALYSIS?

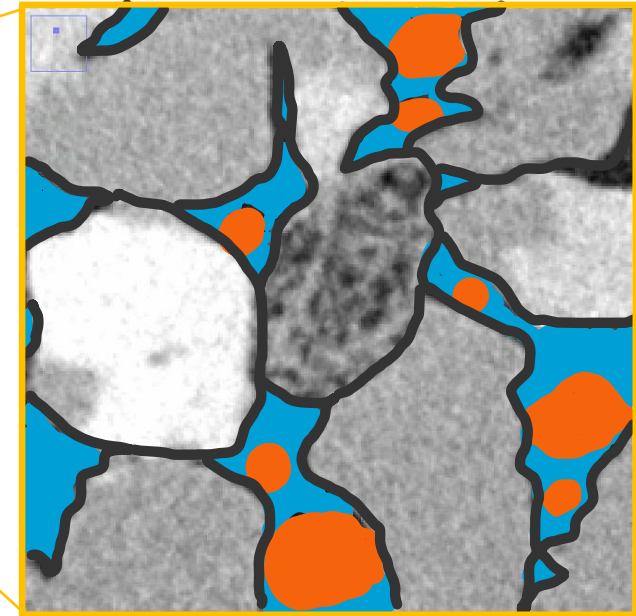
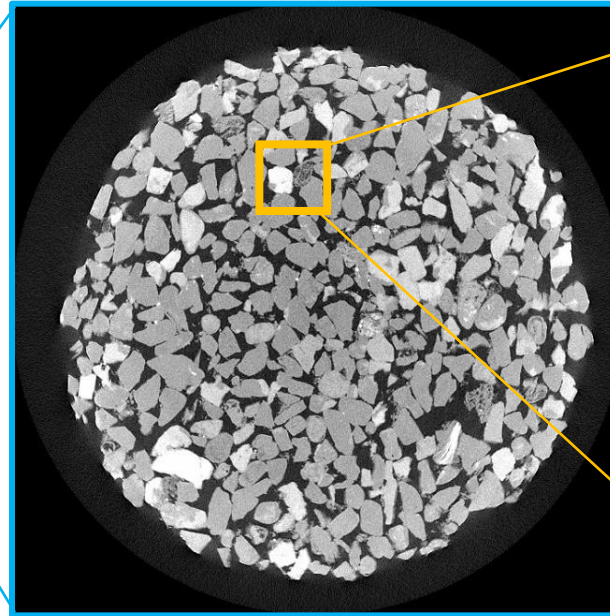
Digital rock physics

*Analysis of flow properties of reservoir rocks
using image-based computation*

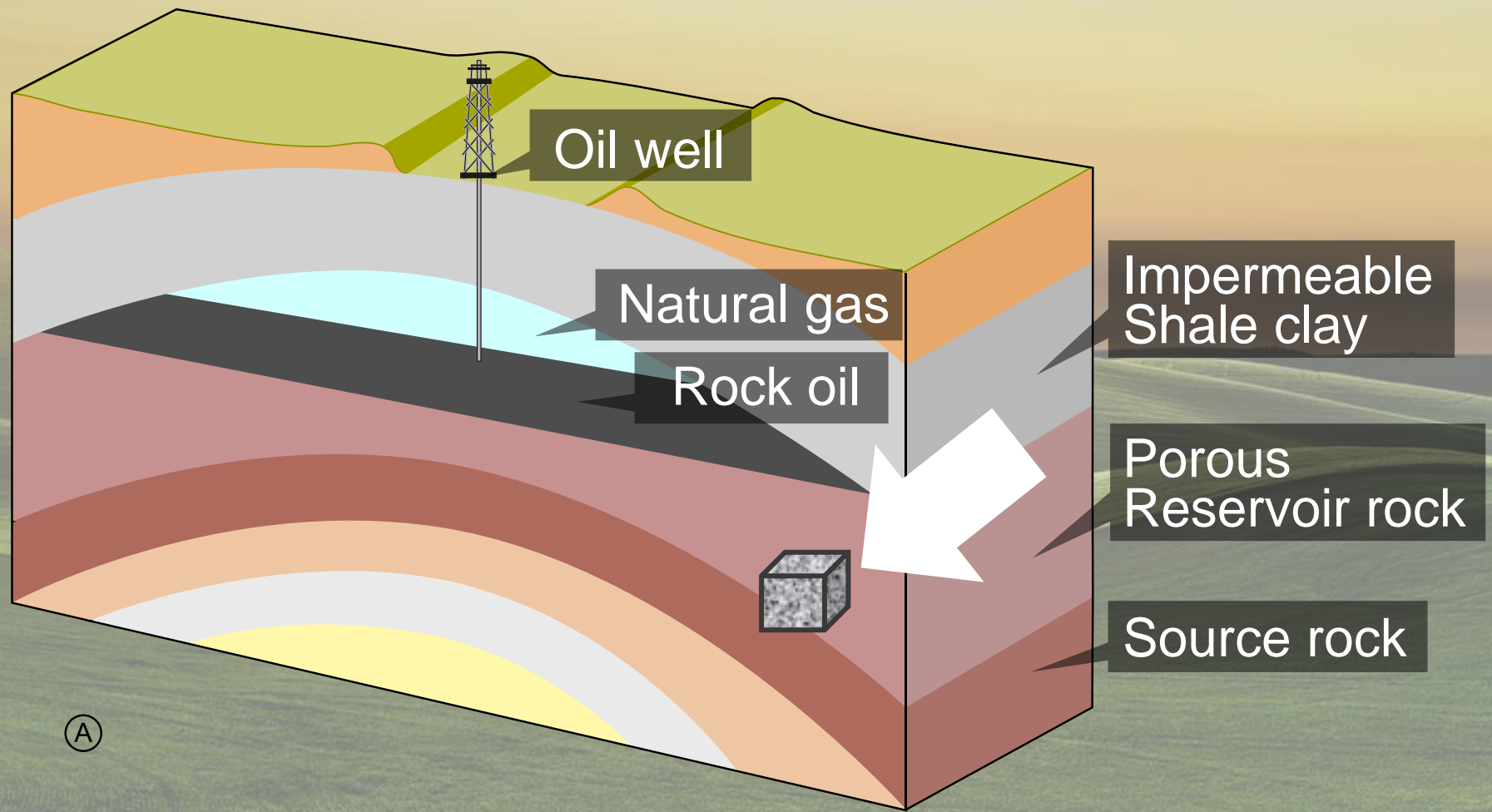
Sandstone



Sandstone



Water + Oil + Gas



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Porosity

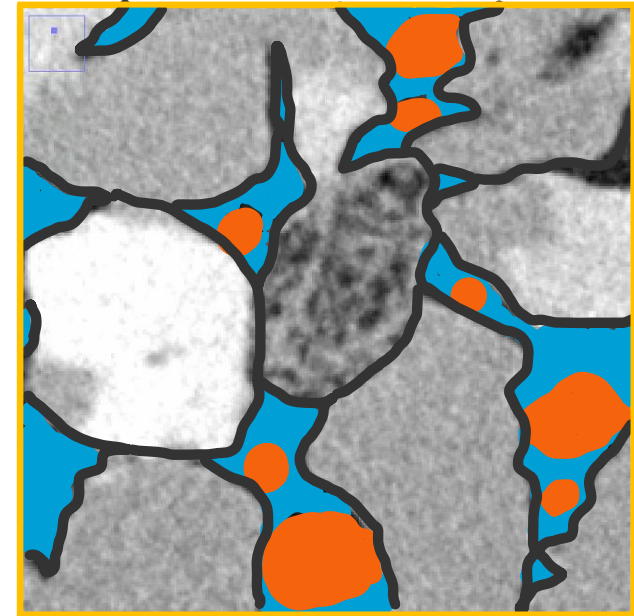
Ratio of open/connected pores

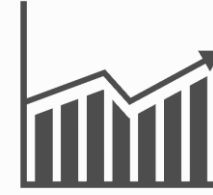
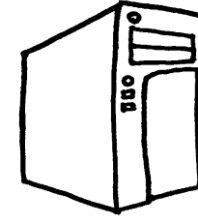
Absolute permeability

Relative permeability

Mechanical properties

Forced imbibition characteristics





Experimental approach

Empirical

Slow (years)

Expensive

Needs to scale better

Digital approach

Theoretical

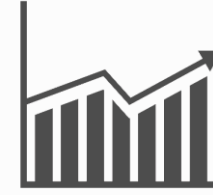
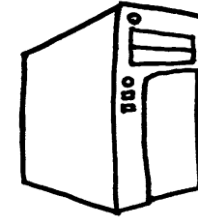
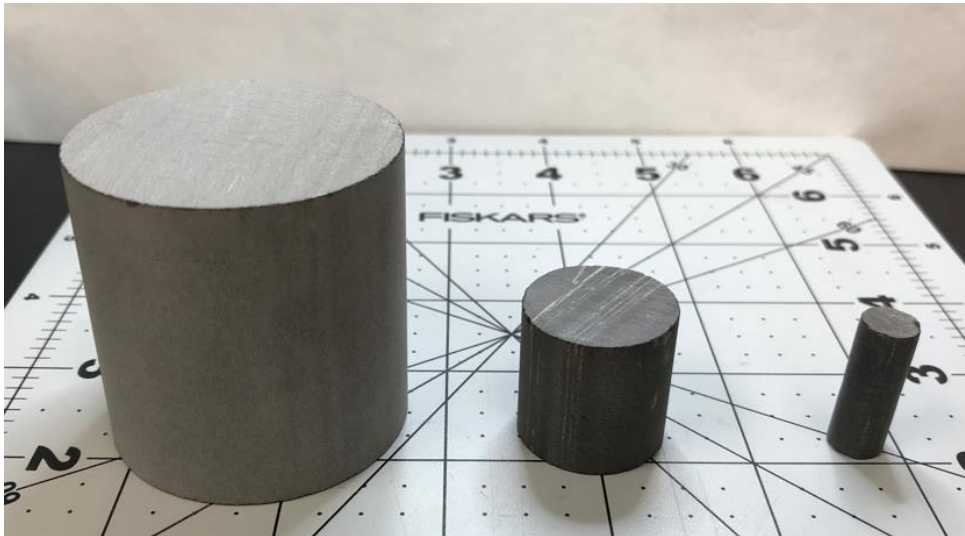
Fast (weeks)

Inexpensive

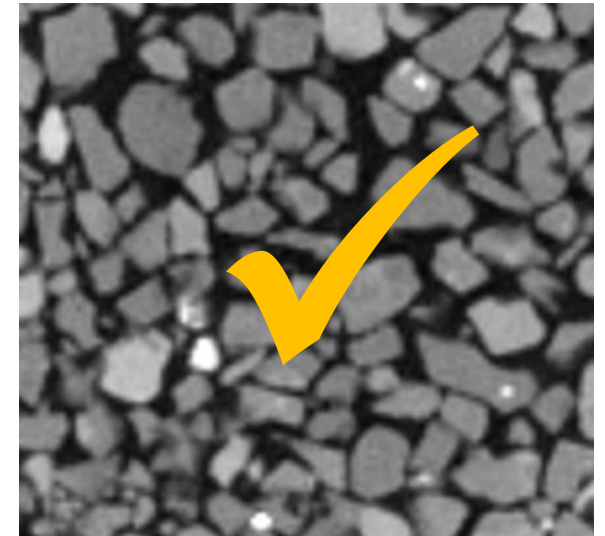
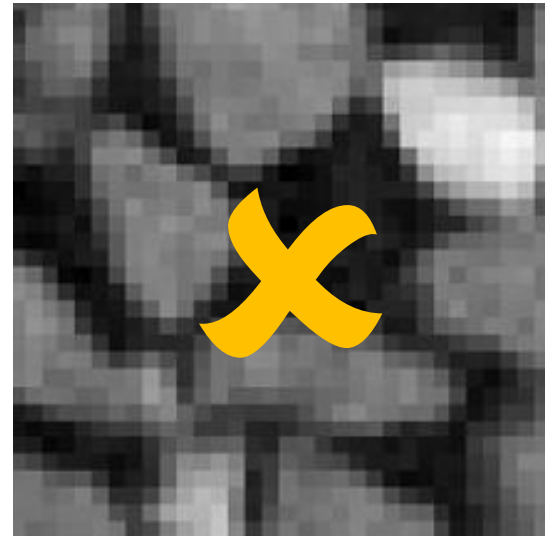
Needs to be validated



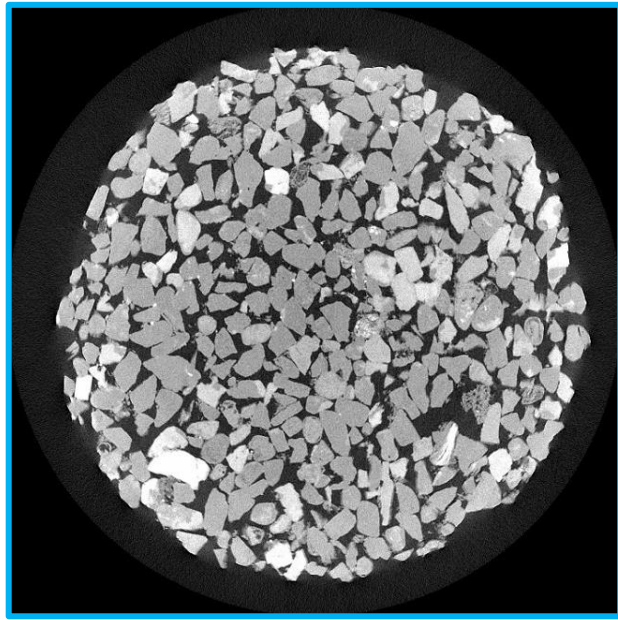
Experimental approach



Digital approach

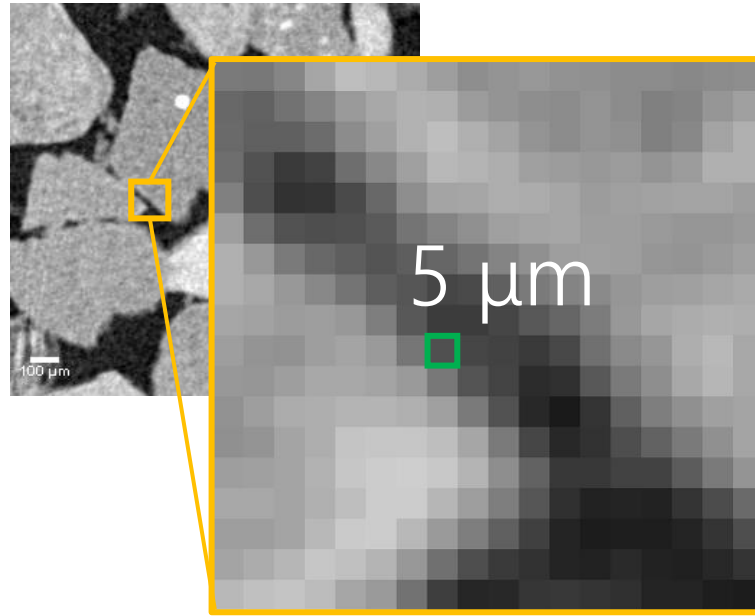


WHAT IMAGE PROPERTIES TO CONSIDER?

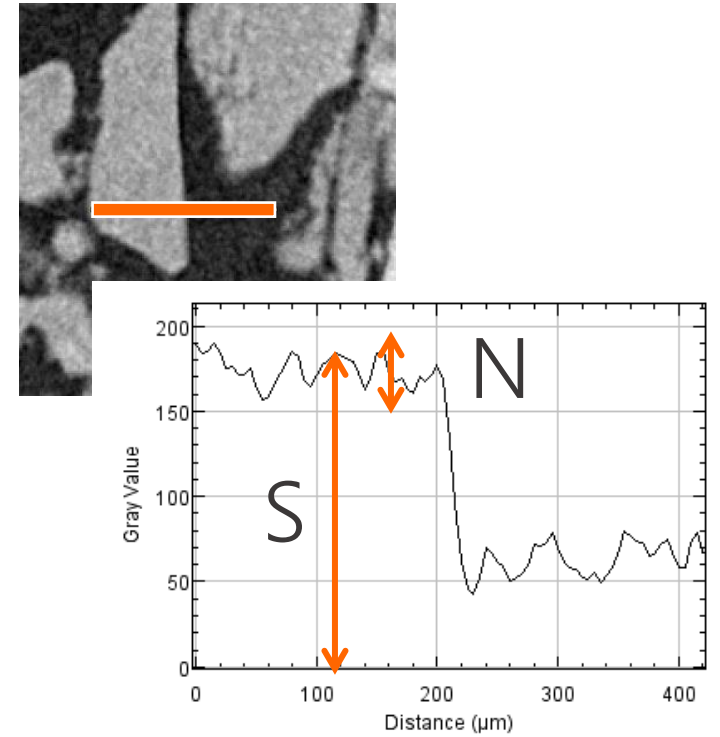


10 mm

Field of view (FOV)

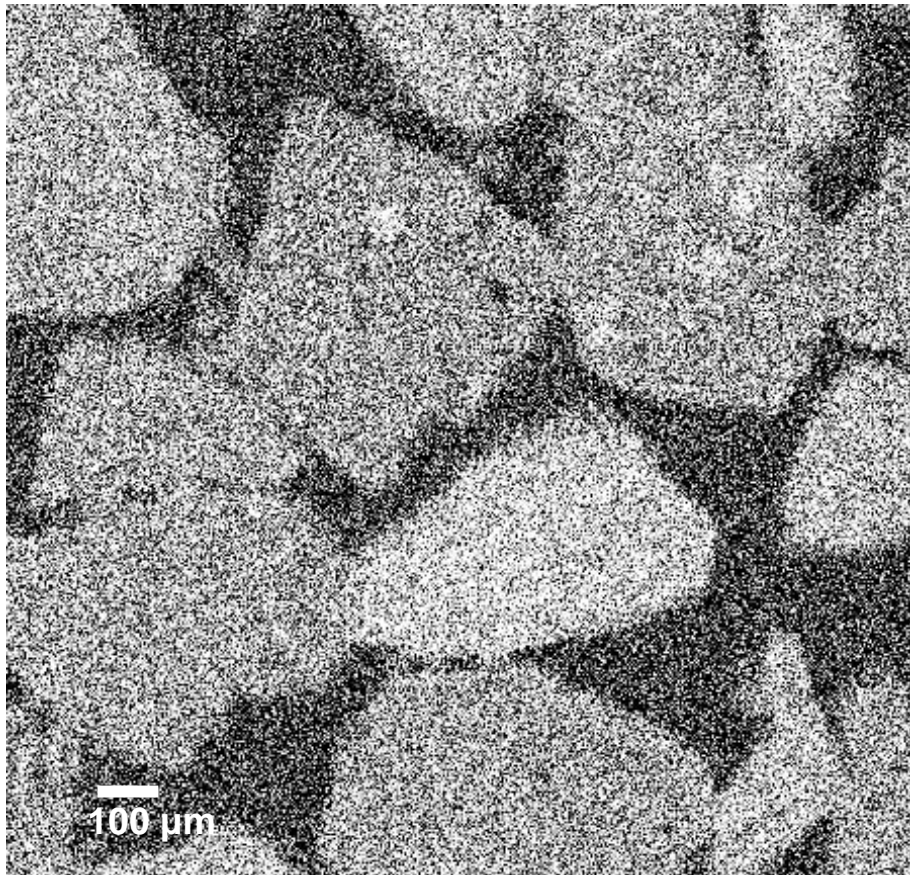


Voxel resolution

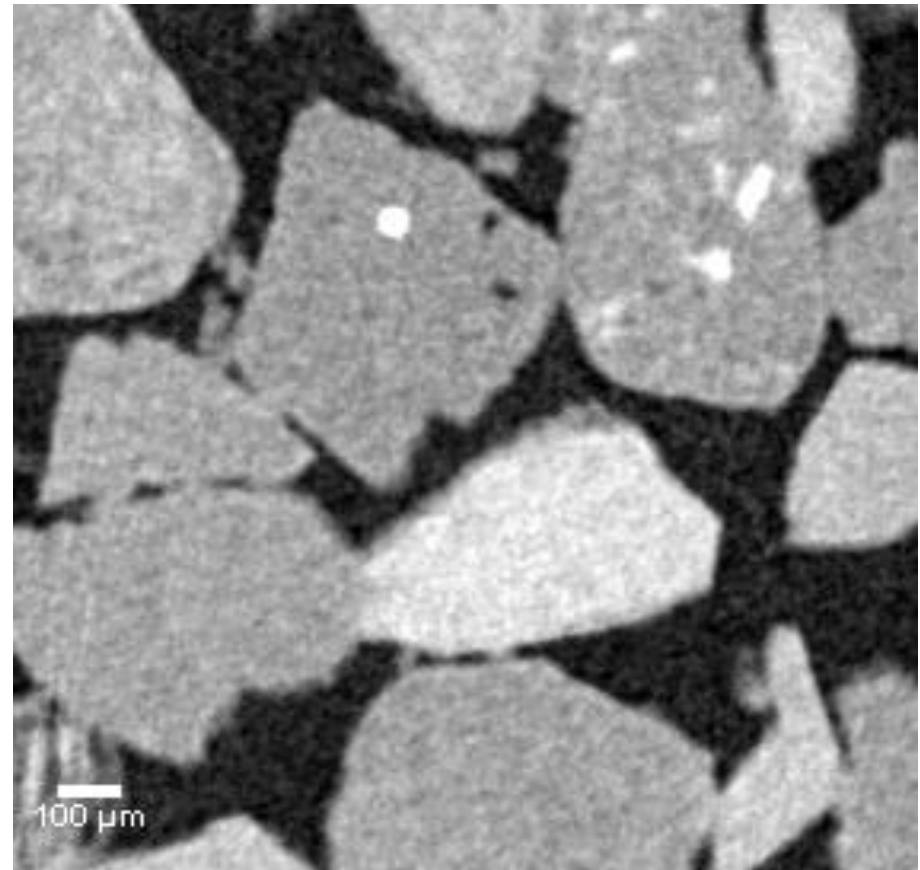


Signal-to-noise ratio
(scan time)

Signal-to-noise ratio

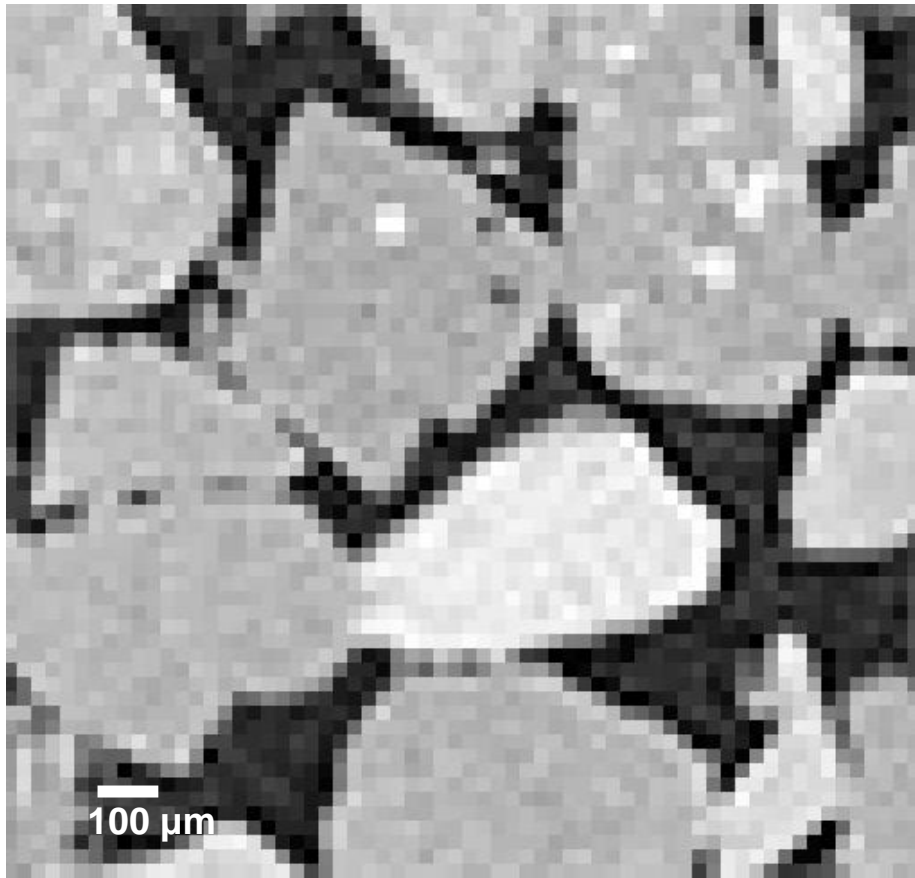


Not good enough

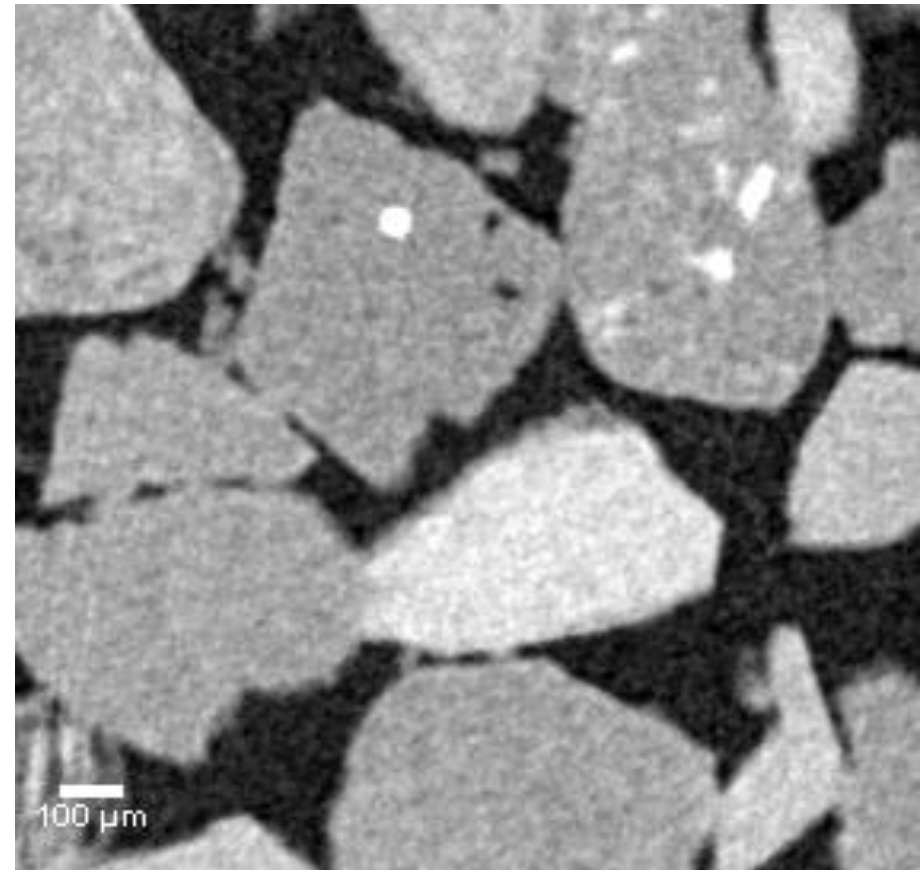


Good

Voxel resolution

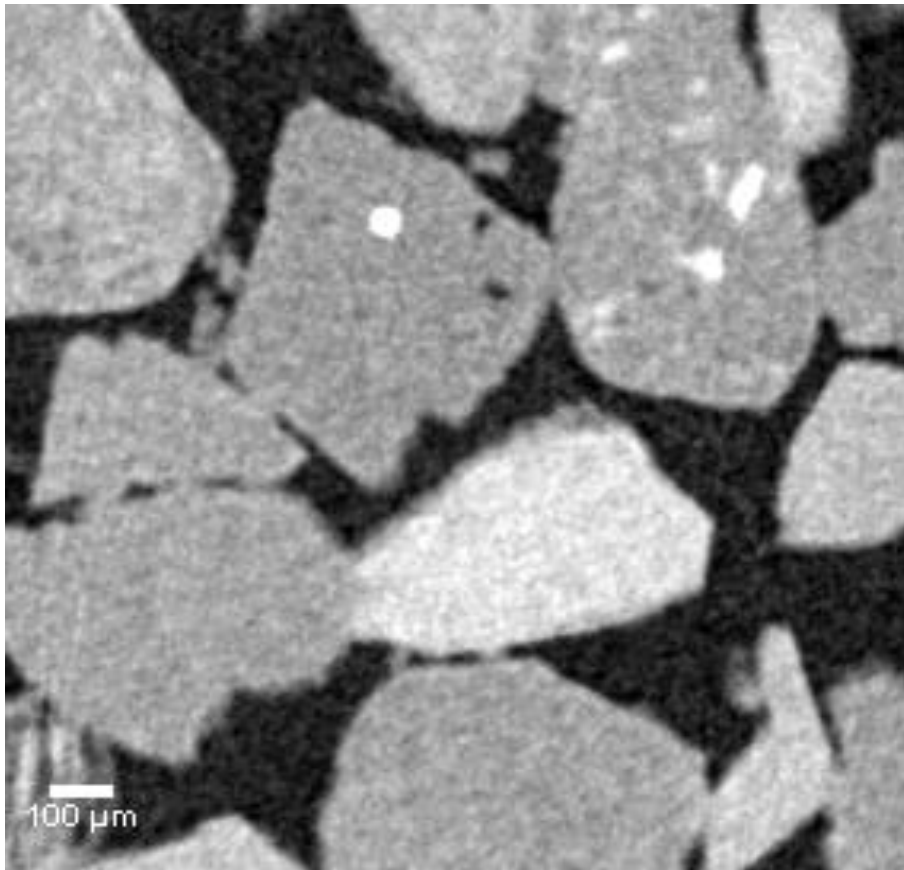


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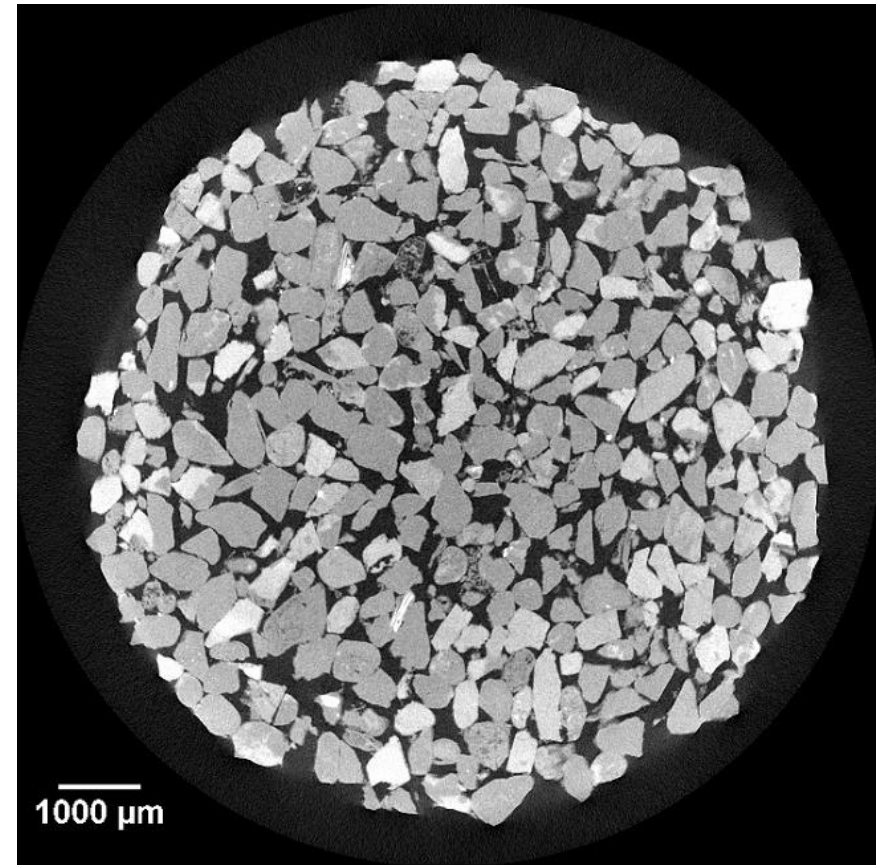


Good

Field of view (FOV)



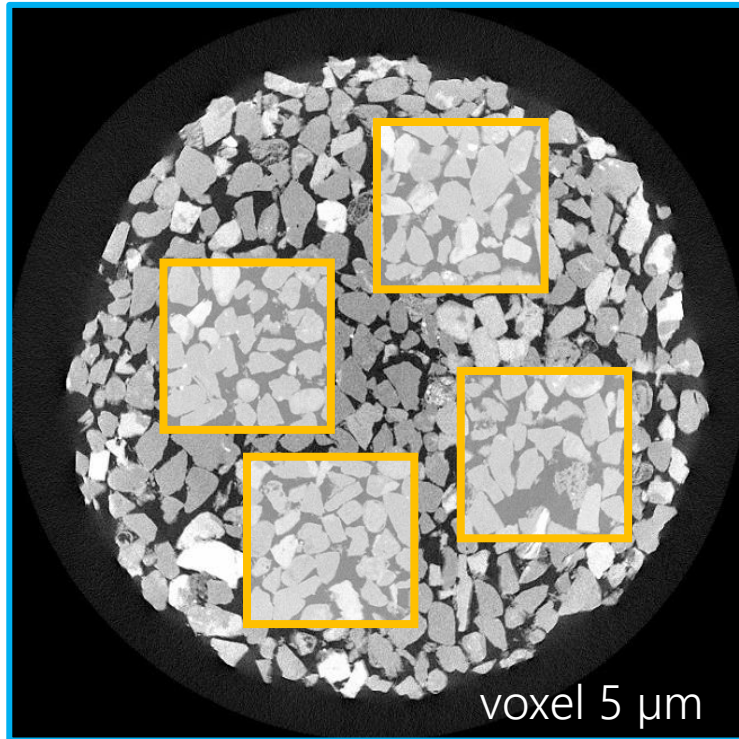
Not large enough



Large enough...File size?

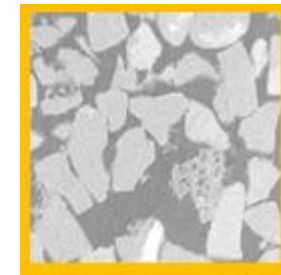
HOW DO WE SELECT ALL PARAMETERS?

Field of view (FOV) > Representative elemental volume (REV)



FOV 10 mm

$2K^3$, 16-bit, 16 GB

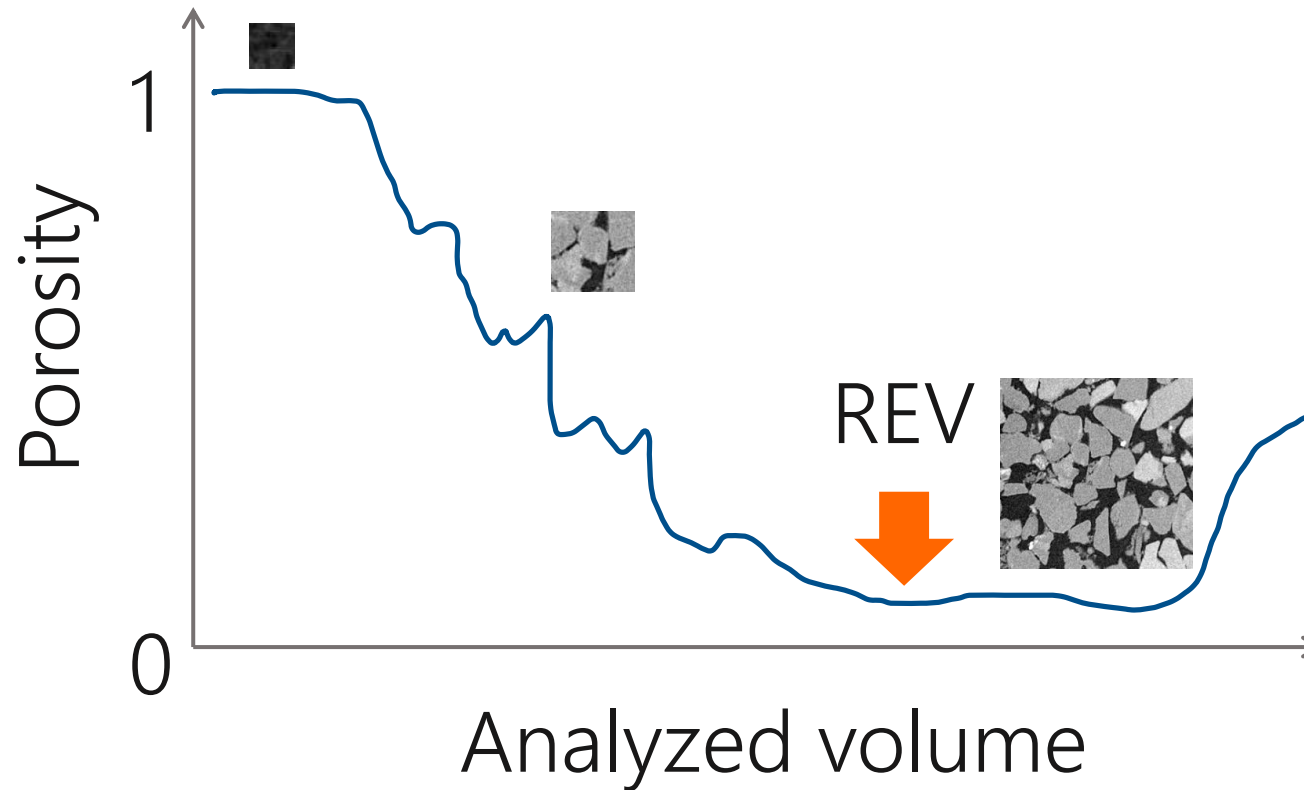


FOV 2.3 mm

450^3 , 16-bit, 182 MB

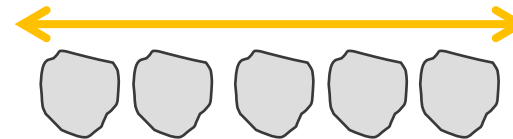
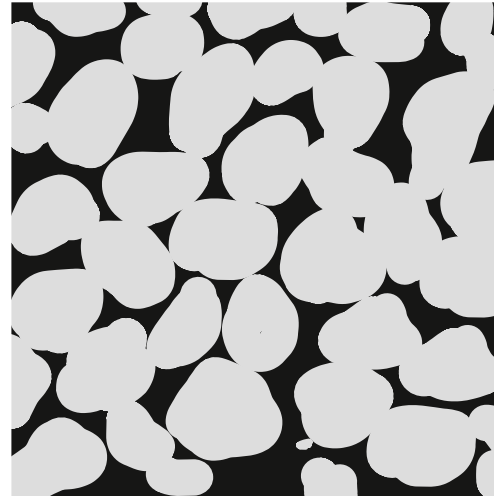
Representative elemental volume (REV)

Representative volume element (RVE)



Field of view (FOV) > REV $\sim D_{\text{eff}} \times 5$ [*]

[*] [Saxena et al., Adv. Water Resour., 2018, 116, p. 127-144](#)



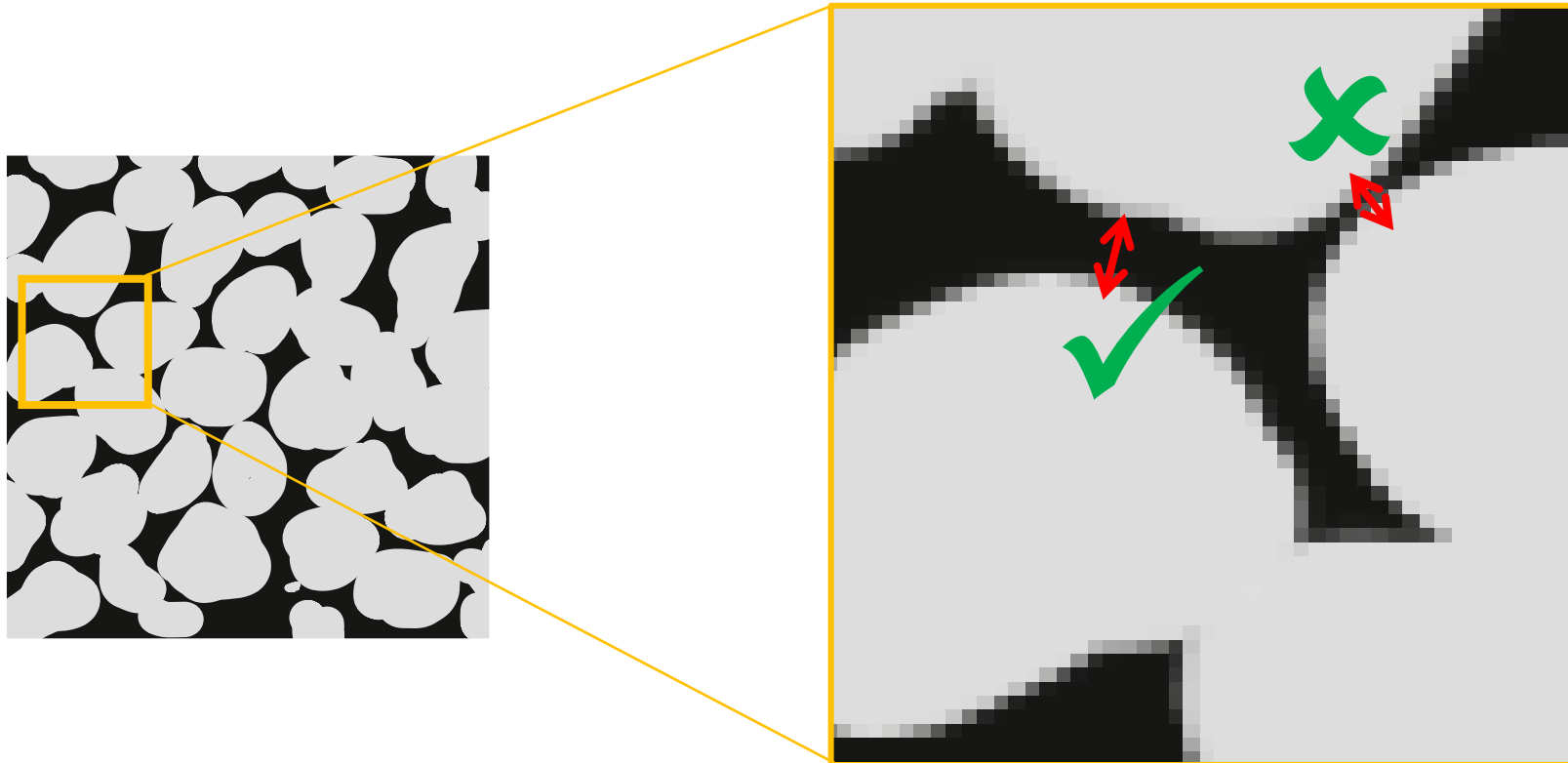
D_{eff} : The effective grain size

Definition: [Rumpf et al., Chemie Ingenieur Technik, 1973, 43\(6\), p. 367-375](#)

Empirical data: [Glover et al., Geophysics, 2009, 74\(1\):E17](#)

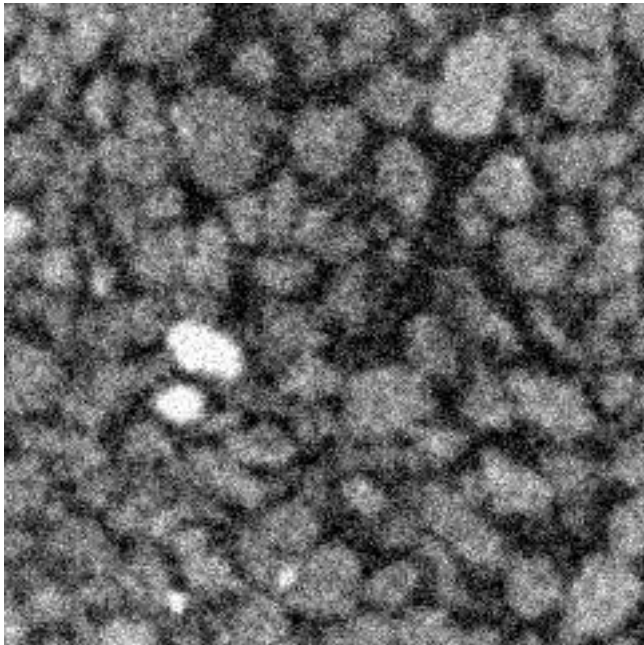
Voxel resolution

< Dominant throat size / 10 [*]

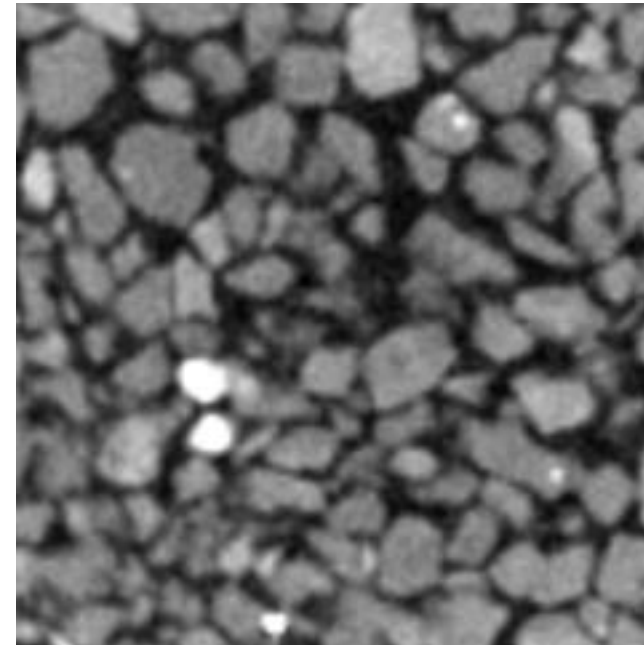


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Signal to noise ratio (SNR) High enough to segment image

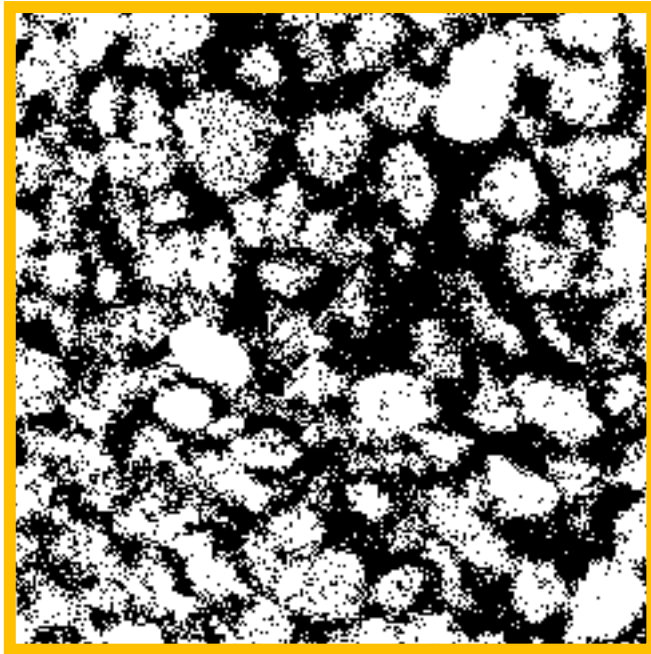


Low SNR

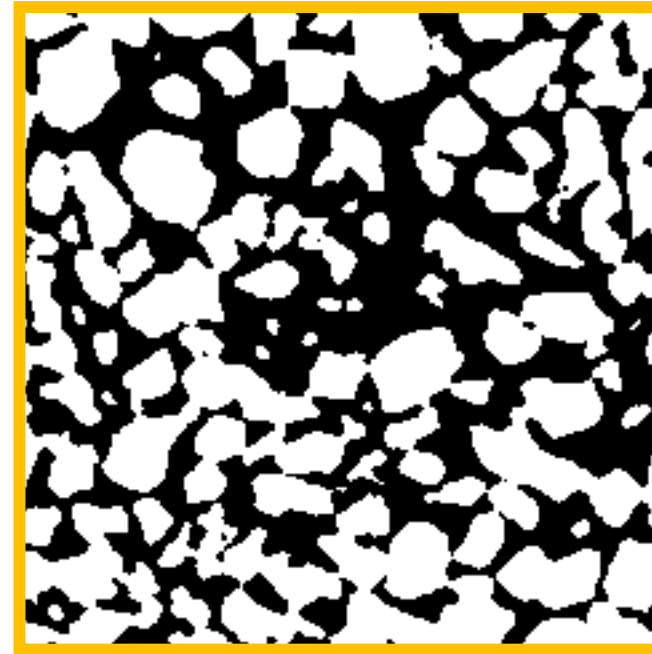


High SNR

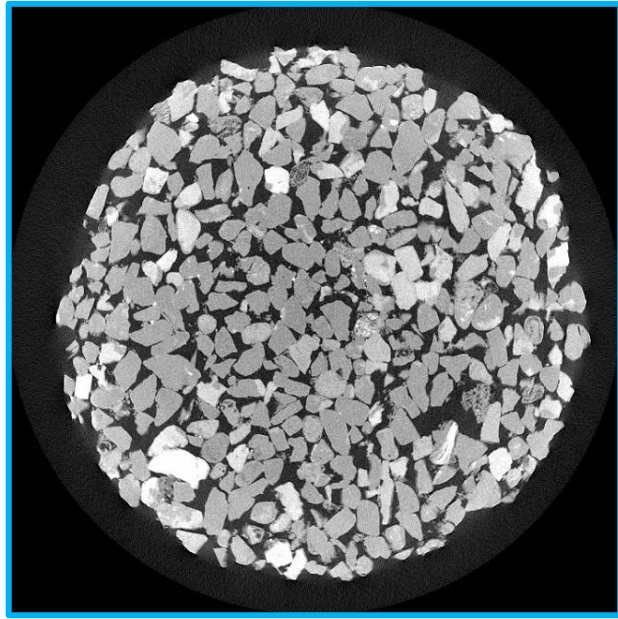
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Low SNR

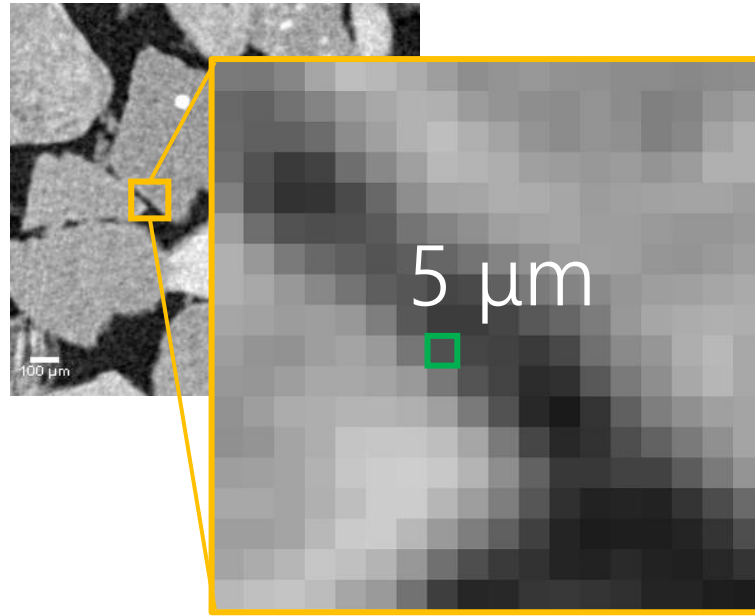


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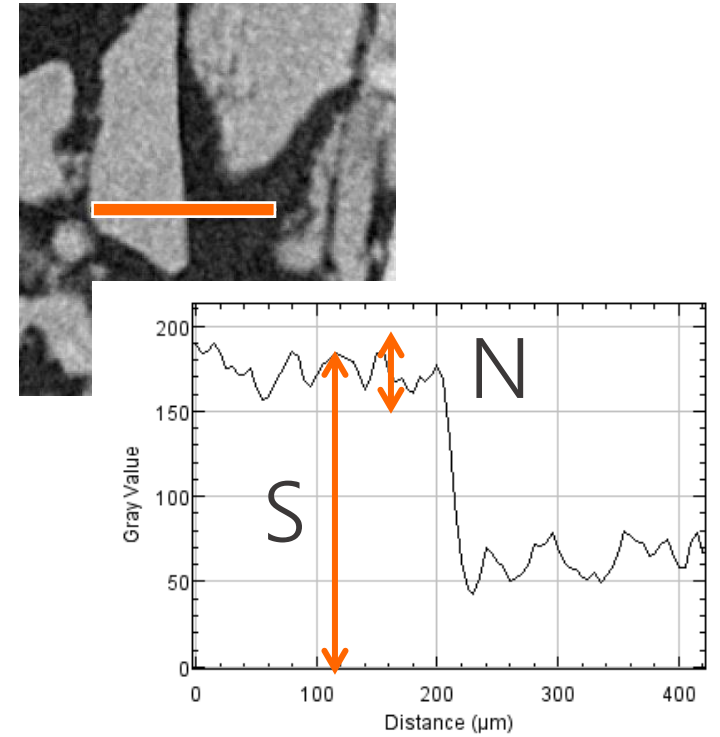


10 mm

Field of view (FOV)



Voxel resolution



Signal-to-noise ratio

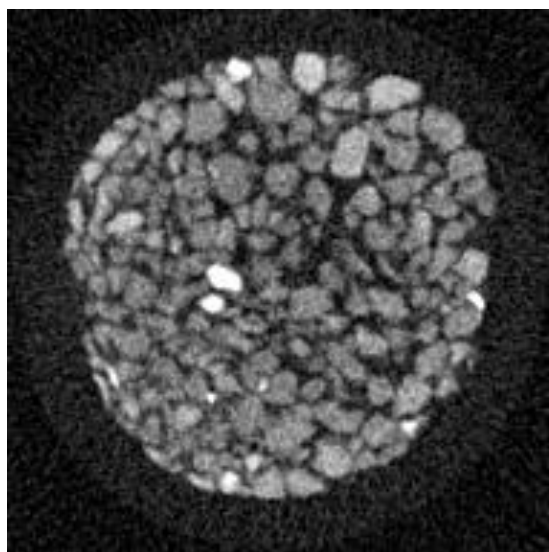
HOW DO WE INCREASE
THE RESOLUTION & SNR?

Signal to noise ratio (SNR)

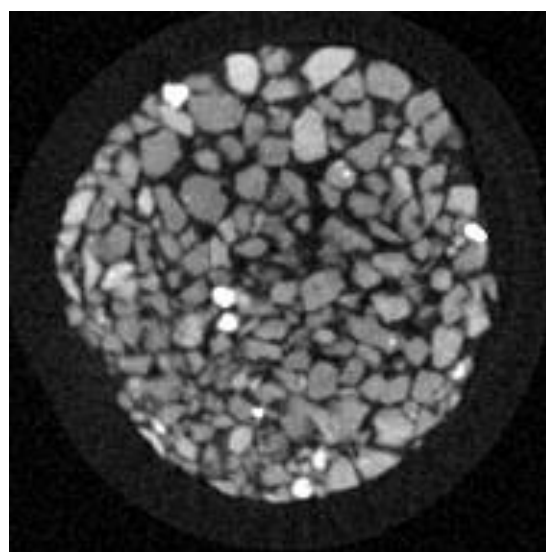
Voxel resolution



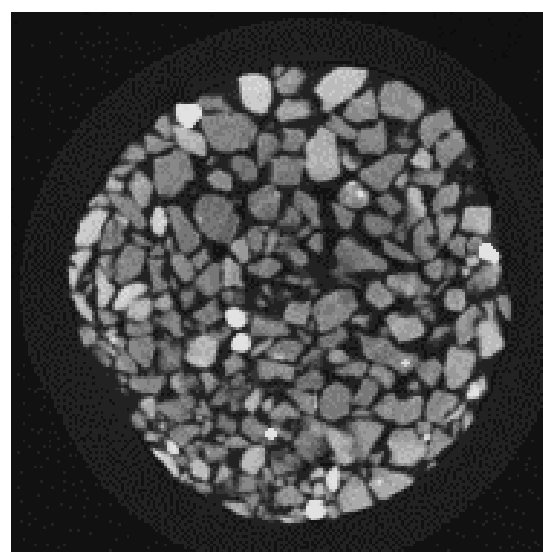
Scan time



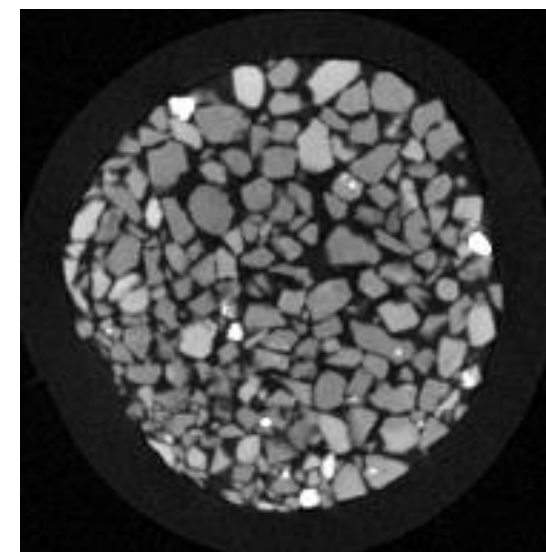
18 sec, 50 μm



2 min, 50 μm



17 min, 25.2 μm

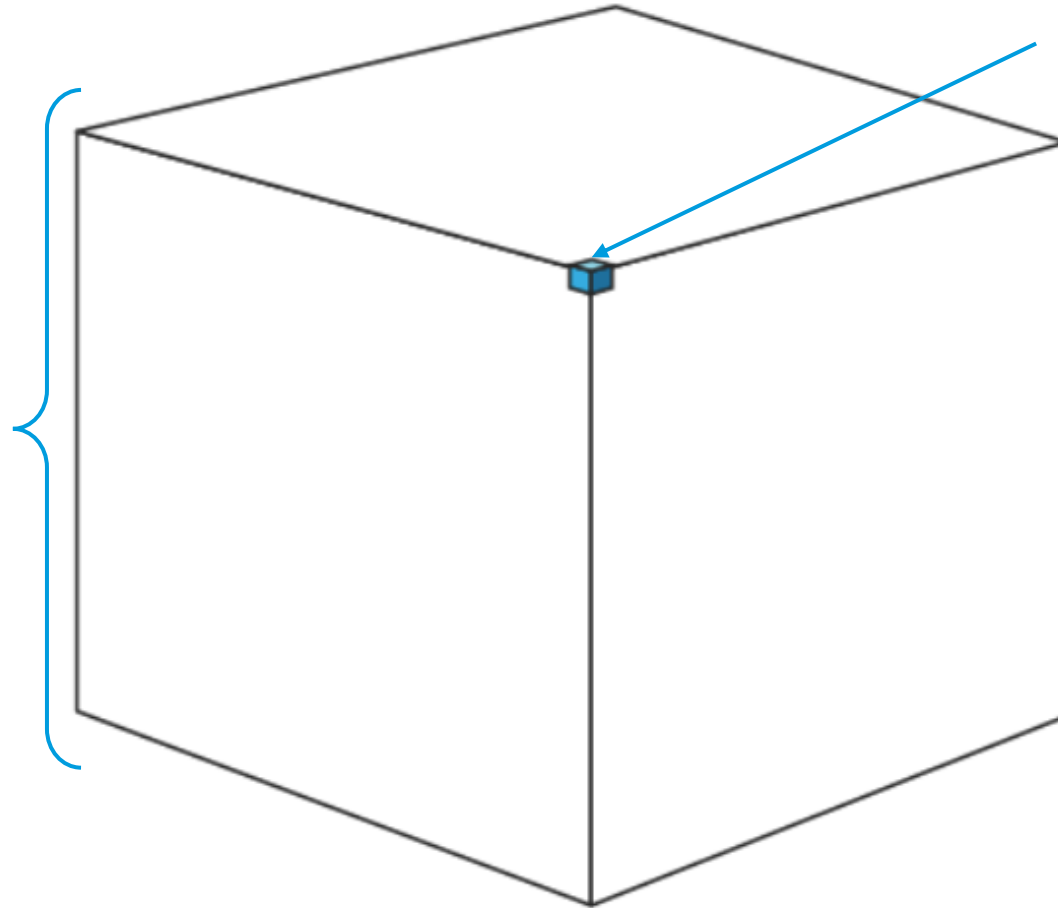


75 min, 9.4 μm

WHAT HAPPENS IF WE INCREASE
THE FOV, TOO?

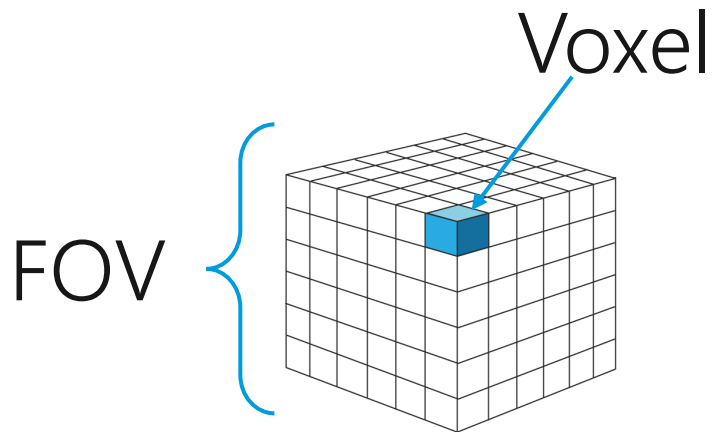
100 x 100 x 100 mm FOV

1 μm voxel

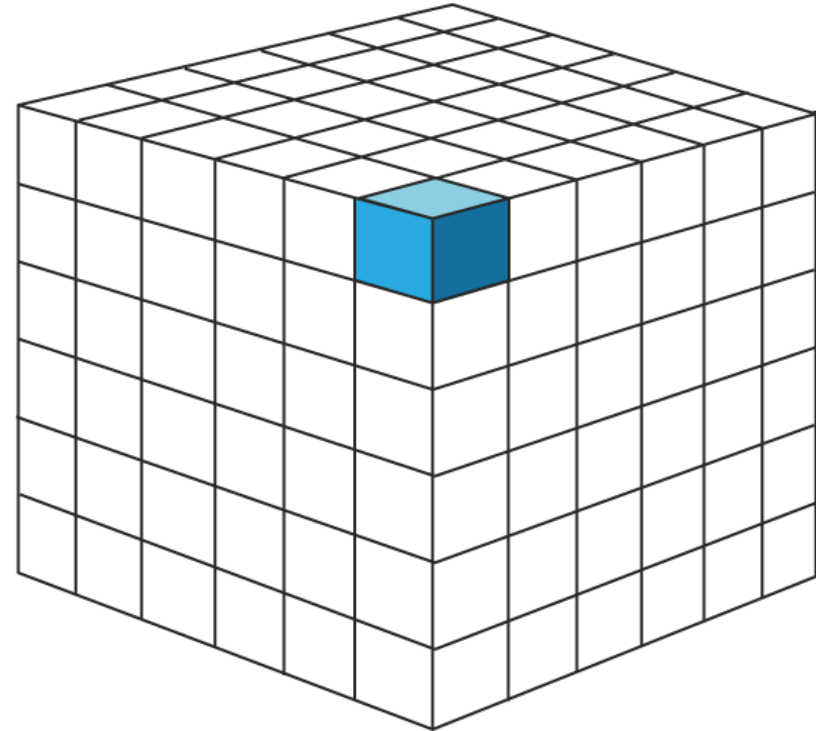


File size = 2 PB = 2000 TB

$$\text{Voxel resolution} = \text{FOV} / 3000 \sim \text{FOV} / 1000$$



Small FOV, small voxel



Large FOV, large voxel

WHAT DOES THIS ALL MEAN?

permeability (mDarcy)

porosity (fraction)

$$k = 3.8068G^{-1.3334} \left(\frac{\phi D}{2.13} \right)^2$$

pore throat diameter

G : ~ 0.2 for siliciclastic rocks

[Thomeer, J. Pet. Technol., 1983, 35, p. 809-814](#)

[Saxena et al., Adv. Water Resour., 2017, 109, p. 211-235](#)

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Minimum $D \sim$ voxel size $\times 10$

permeability (mDarcy)

porosity (fraction)



Required voxel size

permeability (mDarcy)

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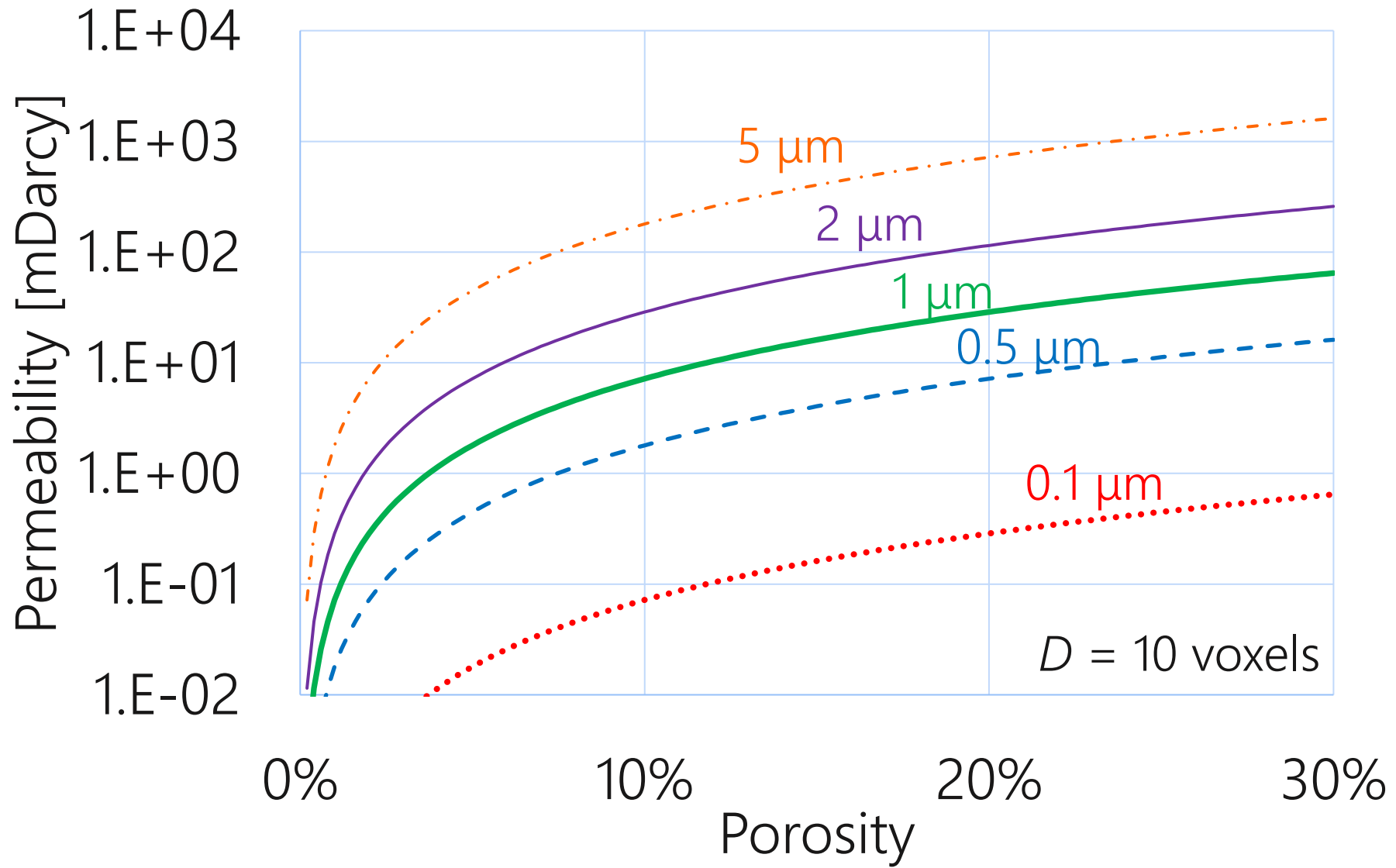
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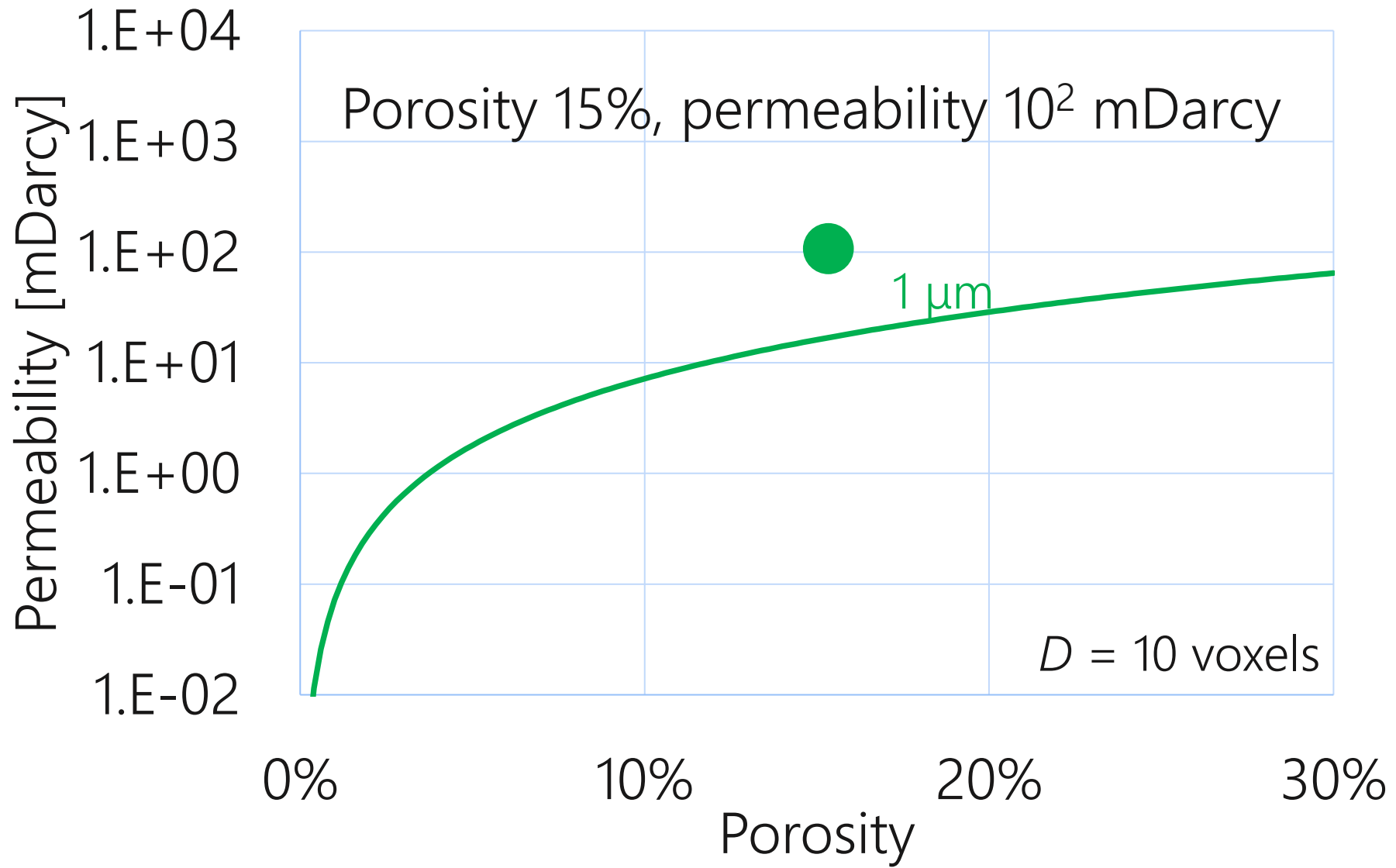
voxel size

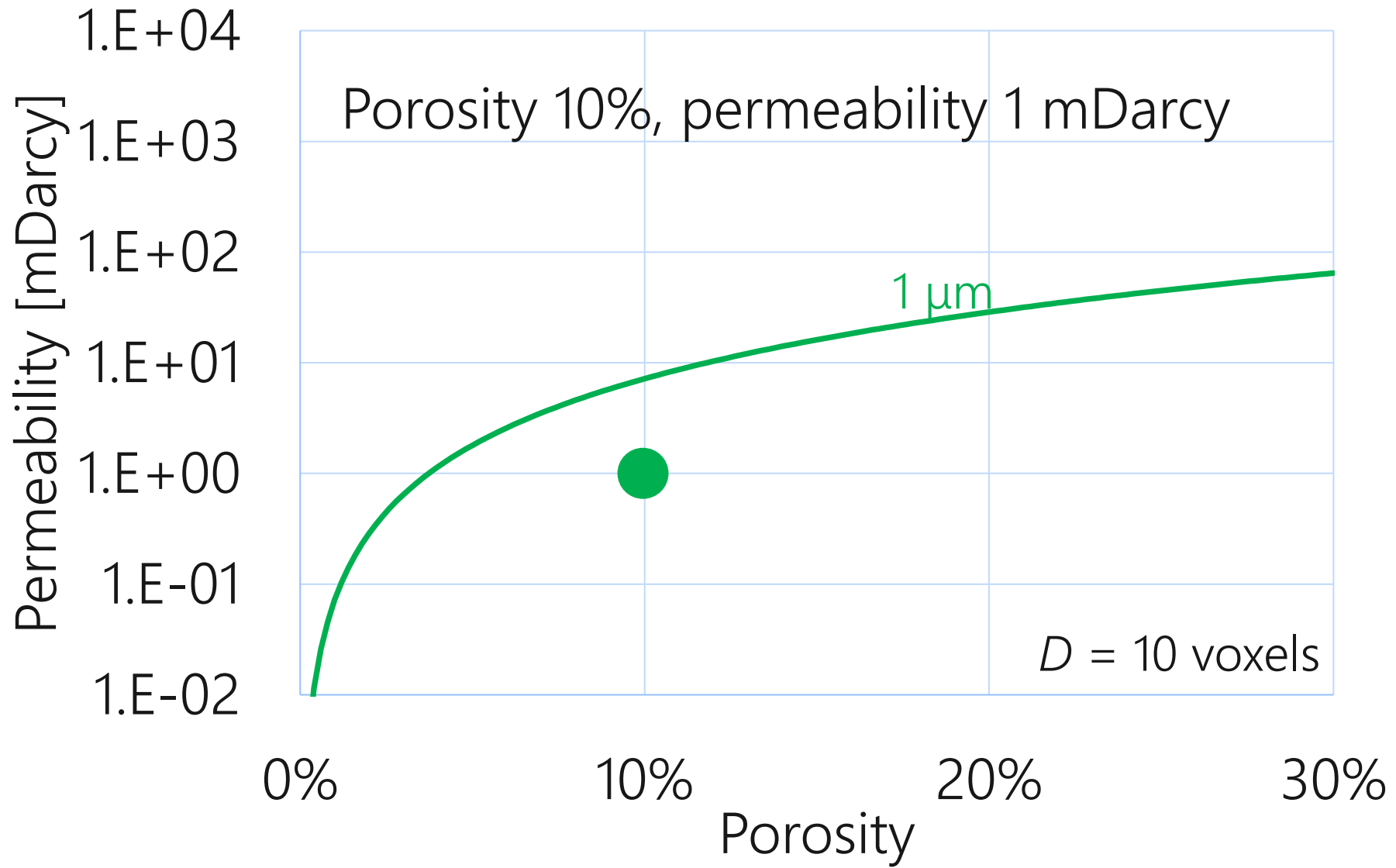
porosity (fraction)

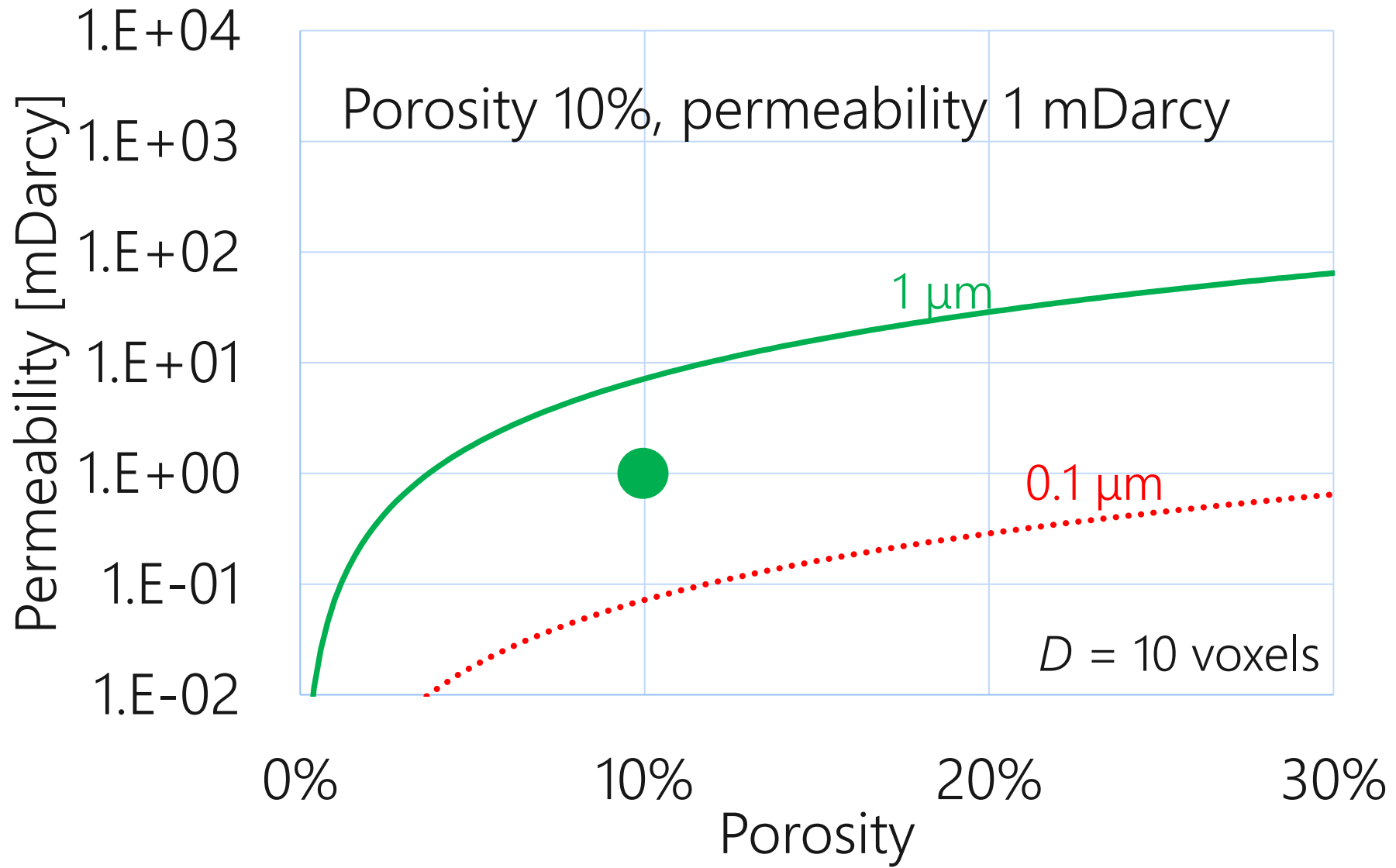


Minimum permeability





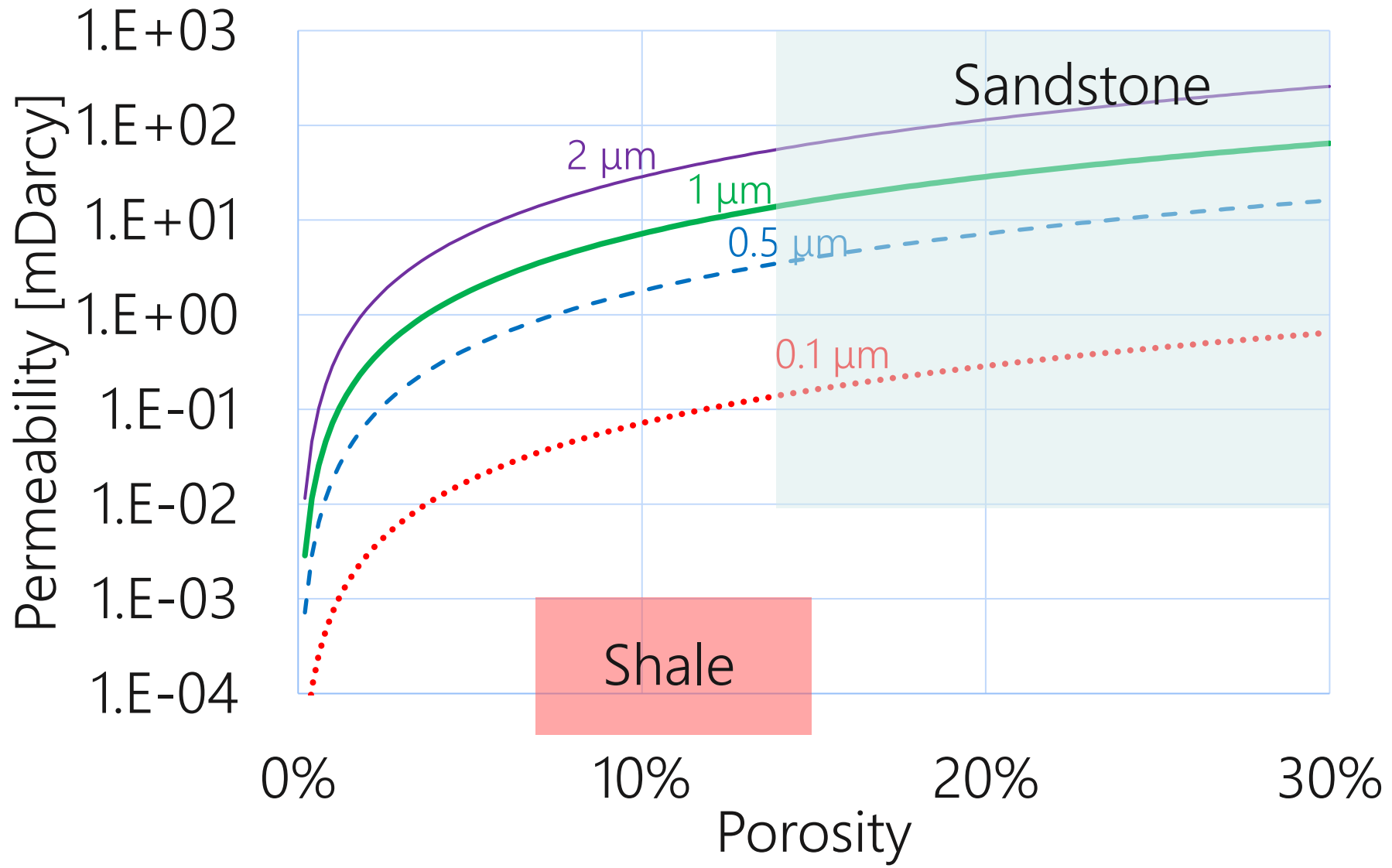




Rock type	Permeability (mD)*	Porosity**
Coarse gravel	$10^6 - 10^7$	
Sands, gravels	$10^3 - 10^6$	
Fine sand, silt	$10^{-1} - 10^3$	
Clay, shales	$10^{-6} - 10^{-3}$	8 – 15%
Limestones	$10^3 - 10^5$	
Sandstones	$10^{-2} - 10^3$	14 – 30%
Granite	$10^{-5} - 10^{-1}$	

* [Introduction to Rock Properties by Prof. Robert Zimmerman at Imperial College London - Course Notes](#)

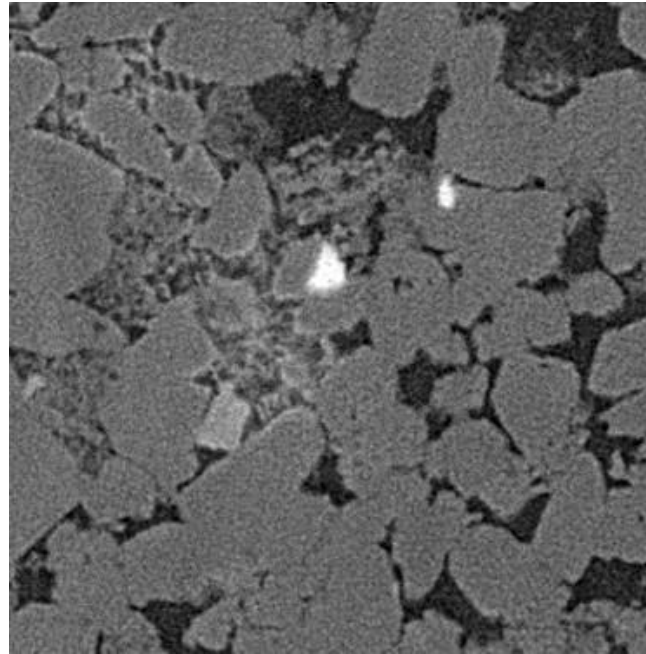
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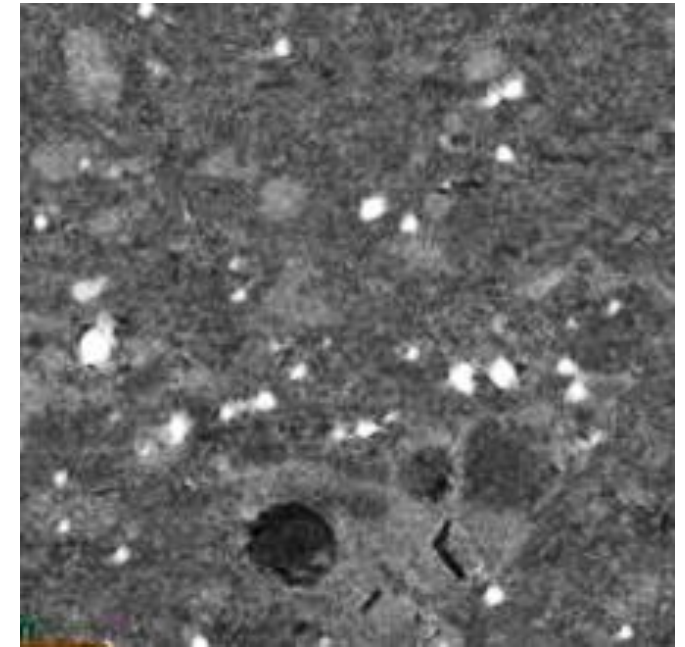
← ~ 1 mm →

Sandstone Idaho Gray
FOV 10 mm, voxel 5 μm
2 hr 20 min scan



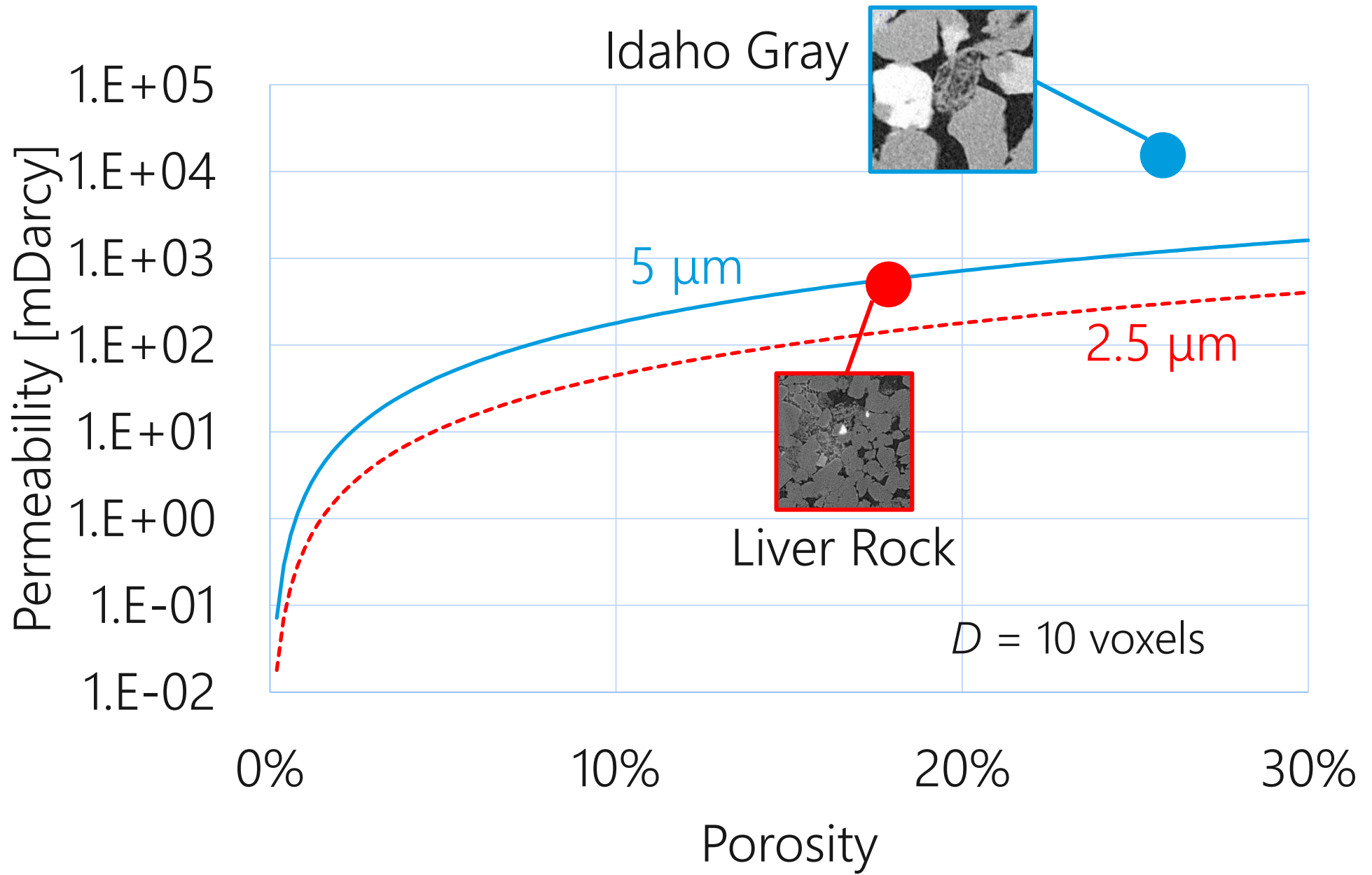
← ~ 1 mm →

Sandstone Liver Rock
FOV 7 mm, voxel 2.5 μm
17 hr 30 min scan



← ~ 200 μm →

Shale Eagle Ford
FOV 0.7 mm, voxel 0.31 μm
14 hr scan



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USEFUL RESOURCES

- PetroWiki

[https://petrowiki.spe.org/Rock type influence on permeability](https://petrowiki.spe.org/Rock_type_influence_on_permeability)

- Digital Rocks Portal

<https://www.digitalrockportal.org/>

Q & A SESSION





We'll follow up with your questions.



Recording will be available tomorrow.



Register for the next workshop.



Next: Digital Rock Analysis
2. Segmentation & property analyses

August 17th Wednesday
11:00 am PDT / 2:00 pm EDT



THANK YOU FOR JOINING US
SEE YOU NEXT TIME

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