



Northern Lights on Food Masterclass

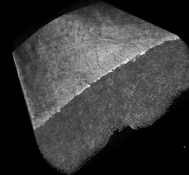
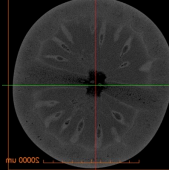
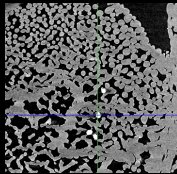
IMAGING MICROSTRUCTURES OF FOOD AND PACKAGING WITH X-RAYS AND NEUTRONS

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Why do x-ray and neutron imaging?...
what's happening inside?...



By normal visual inspection, we have no idea...

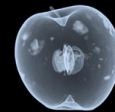
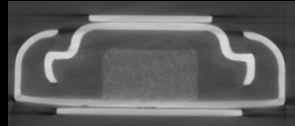
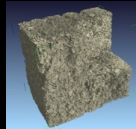
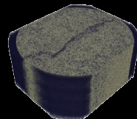
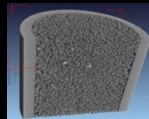
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Dynamic neutron radiography

Objectives:

- Introduce neutron and x-ray imaging
- Describe some of the details of x-ray and neutron tomography
- Demonstrate the usage of x-ray and neutron imaging with applications to food and packaging



History

RADIOGRAPHY

- Discovery of X-rays by Wilhelm Röntgen
- First radiographies in 1895
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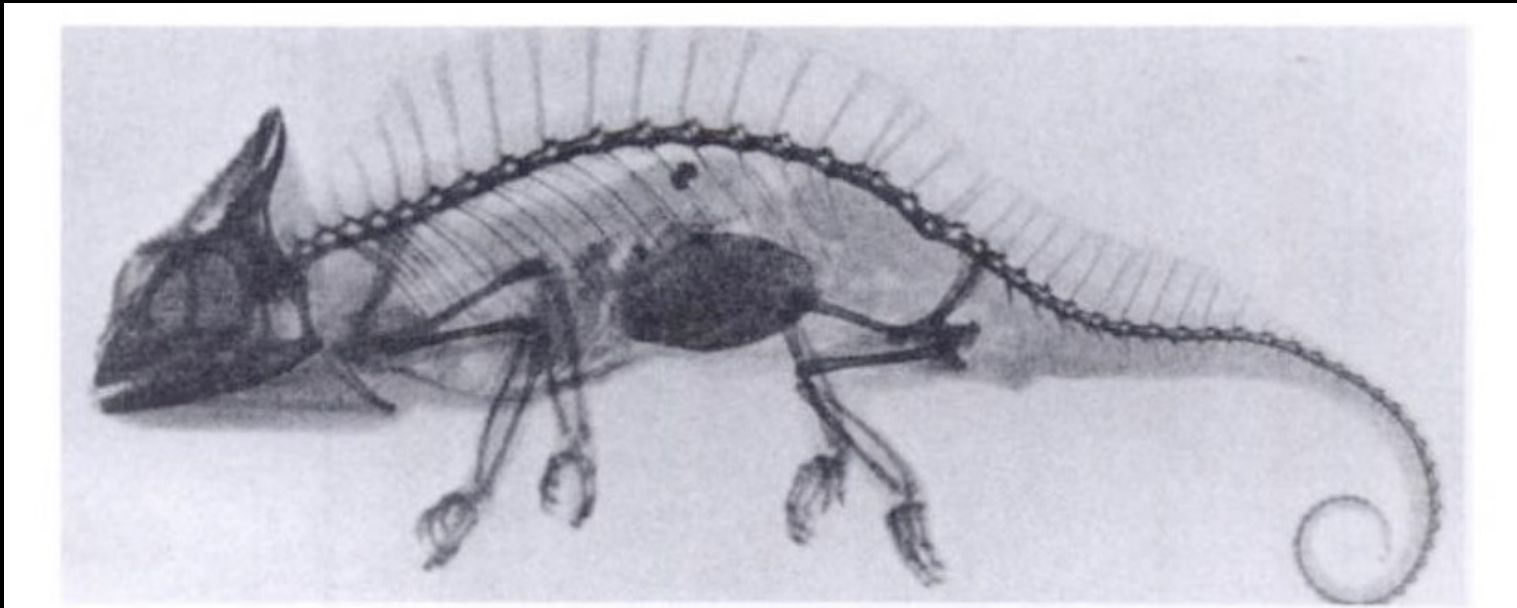
Hand mit Ringen (Hand with Rings): print of Wilhelm Röntgen's first "medical" X-ray, of his wife's hand, taken on 22 December 1895 and presented to Professor Ludwig Zehnder of the Physik Institut, University of Freiburg, on 1 January 1896

(<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/X-ray>)

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February 1896 - African chameleon

2D → 3D imaging

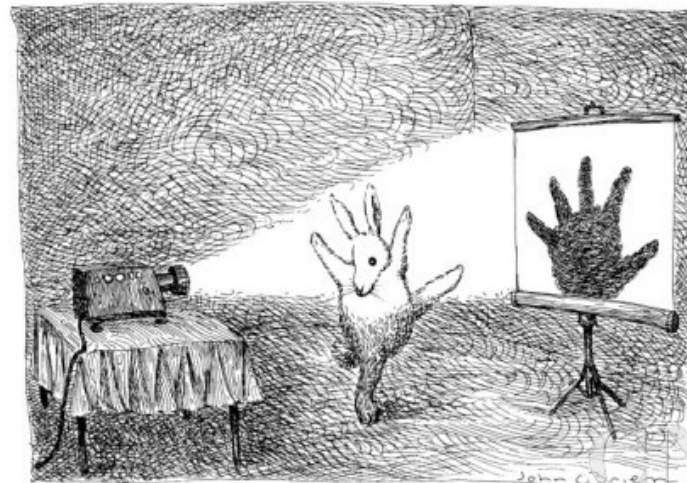
radiography vs. tomography



when the detail to be observed (here, a fracture) is in the plane of the radiography, this can be sufficient (for medical diagnosis in this case)

But this can be misleading...

When things must be seen in 3D, radiography is not sufficient



History

TOMOGRAPHY

- Tomography = “extension” of radiography
- The original mathematical framework by Radon in 1917
- First X-ray CT scanner in 1972 by Hounsfield in collaboration with Cormack
- Nobel prize in Medicine in 1979



Godfrey N. Hounsfield with a medical “CT” scanner
(www.betterproductdesign.net)

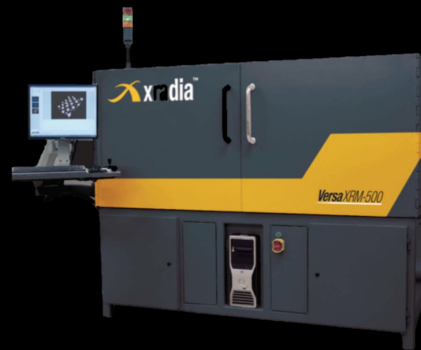
X-ray tomography machines

X-RAY SOURCE + DETECTOR + SYSTEM FOR THE MULTI-ANGLE MEASUREMENT

3 main types of machines for X-ray tomography:
Medical (“CT”), lab/industrial and synchrotron



Medical scanner
e.g., LBIC



Lab/Industrial scanner
e.g., 4D Imaging Lab



Synchrotron
e.g., MAXIV

X-RAY TUBE

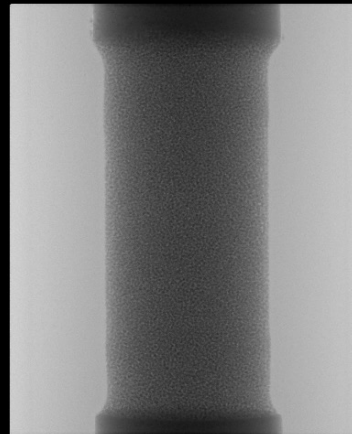
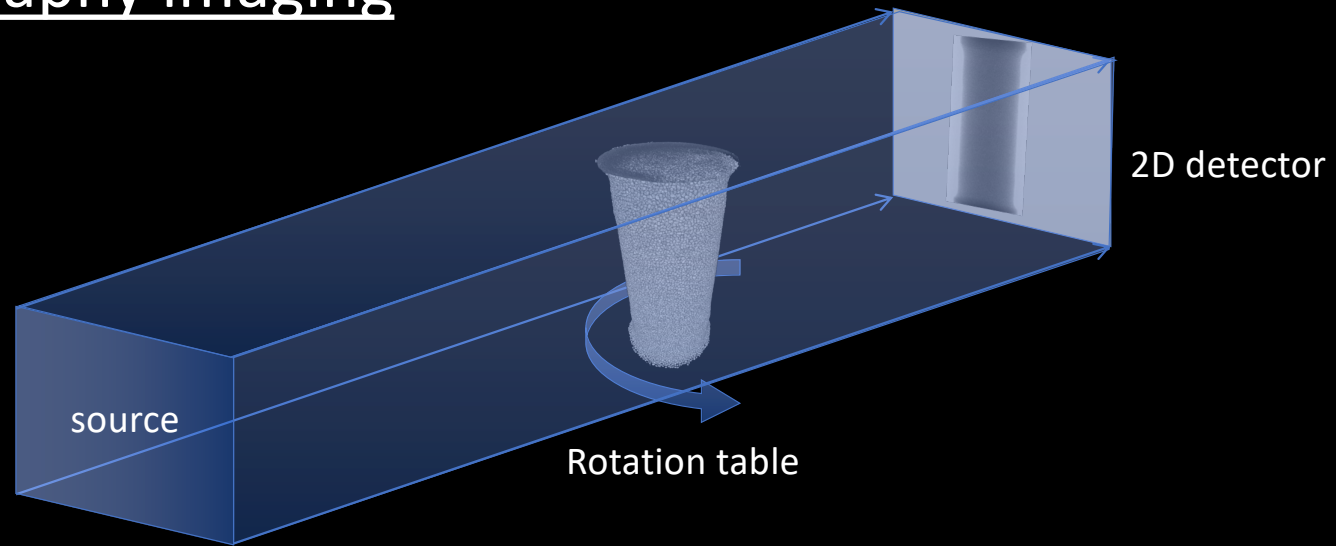
**ACCELERATED
ELECTRONS**

Comparison between X-ray tomography machines

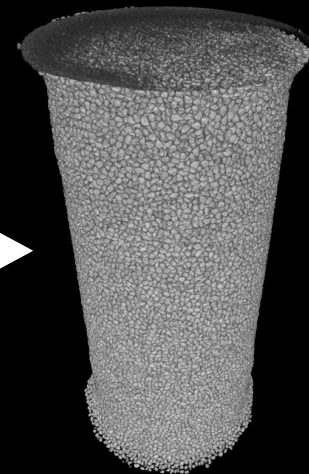
Type of tomograph	Medical	Industrial/lab	Synchrotron
X-ray source	X-ray tube		Accelerator of electrons
Geometry beam	Fan or cone beam		Parallel beam
Resolution	100-500 μm	0.5-100 μm	0.1-10 μm
Object size	dm	mm-cm	μm -mm
Scanning time	sub.-sec to mins	10's mins to hrs	seconds to mins

- Best resolution with industrial/lab scanners and synchrotron.
- Best scanning time with medical scanners and synchrotron.
- Synchrotron - Best conditions for slice reconstruction (i.e. parallel and monochromatic beam) BUT generally small specimen size and difficult to obtain experiment time.
- Note that rapid advances are being made (30-50 nm in one lab tomograph (Xradia) but for VERY small samples) and MAXIV, NINA-ESRF...

Full field Tomography imaging



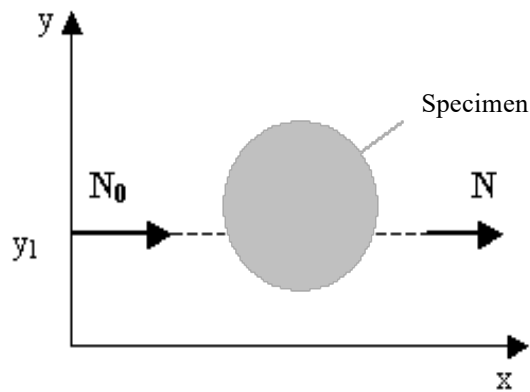
Reconstruction



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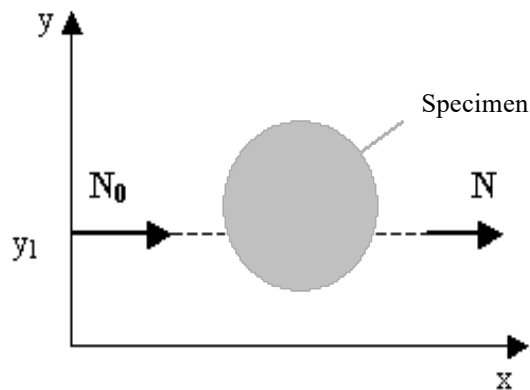
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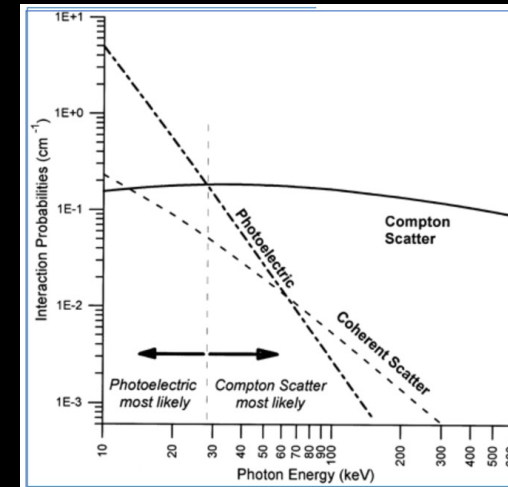
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As Z/A is roughly constant and m and n can be determined for most of the materials and energies used

Linear attenuation coefficient

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Photoelectric absorption scattering



$E < 30 \text{ keV} \rightarrow$ Photoelectric absorption is predominant so :

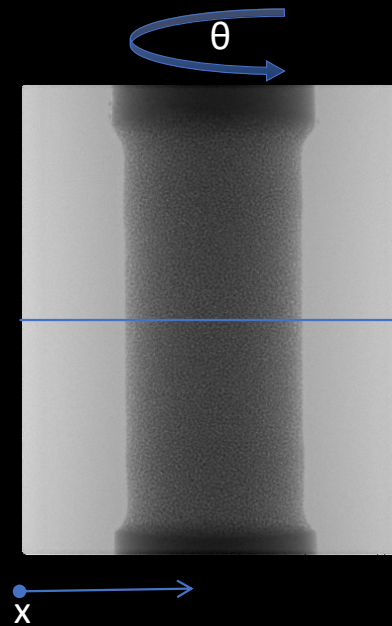
1. comparing density in two different zones in the object is only possible if the atomic number Z is constant
2. a change in density between two zones can be cancelled by a change of the atomic number in the opposite direction

$E > 30 \text{ keV} \rightarrow$ Compton scattering is predominant so μ is only related to mass density BUT contrast within the image is lower:

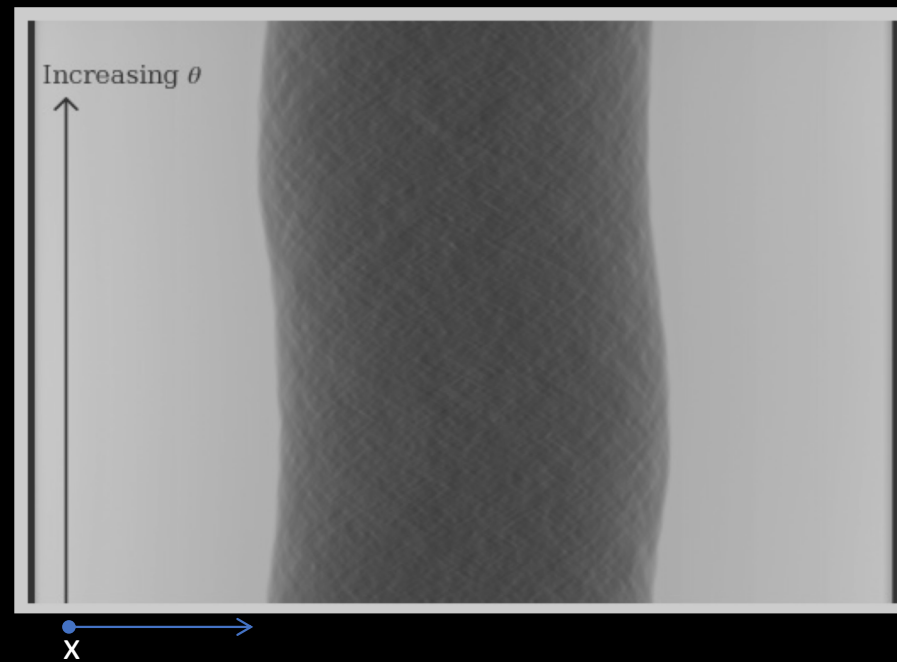
(variation with keV is material dependent)

Tomography methodology

We reconstruct the 3D image slice by slice



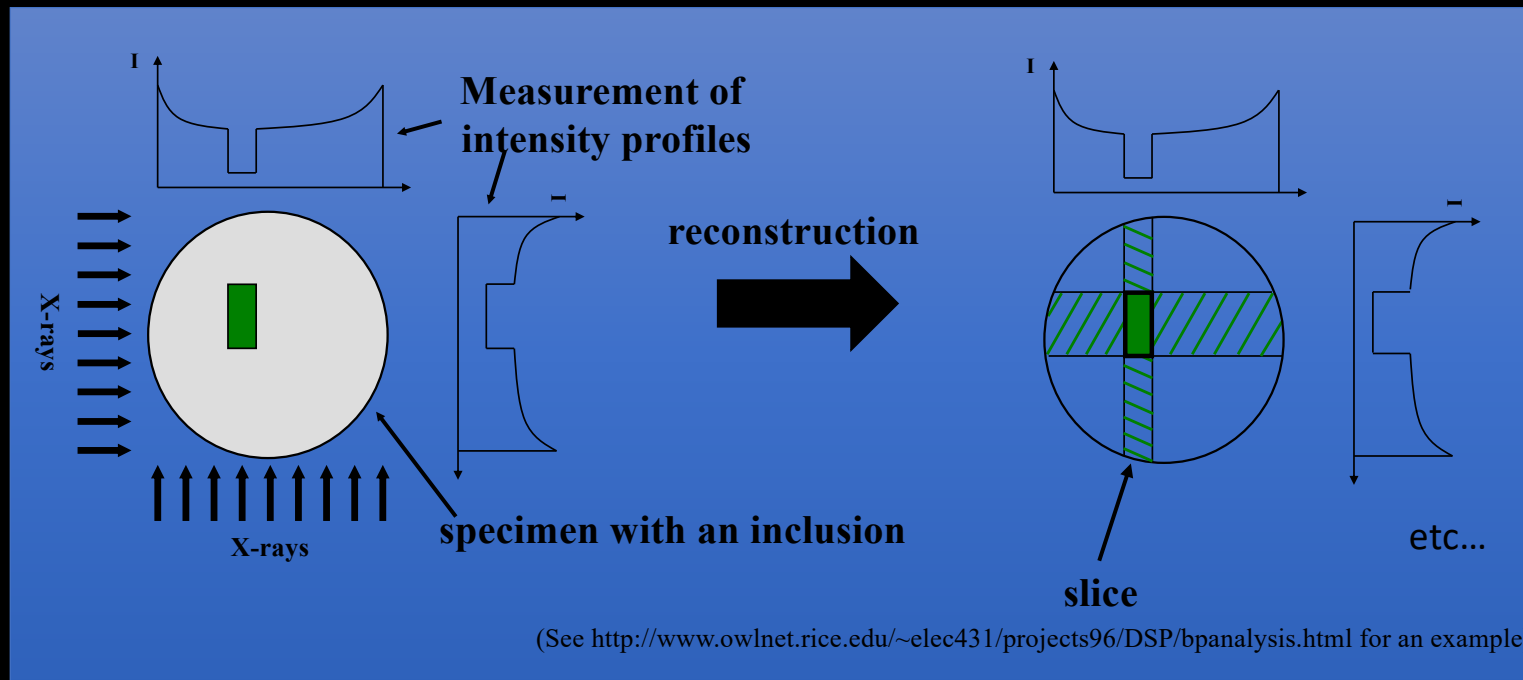
looking at this row of pixels as it evolves with angle gives



This is a sinogram - a Radon transform of the slice

Principle of reconstruction

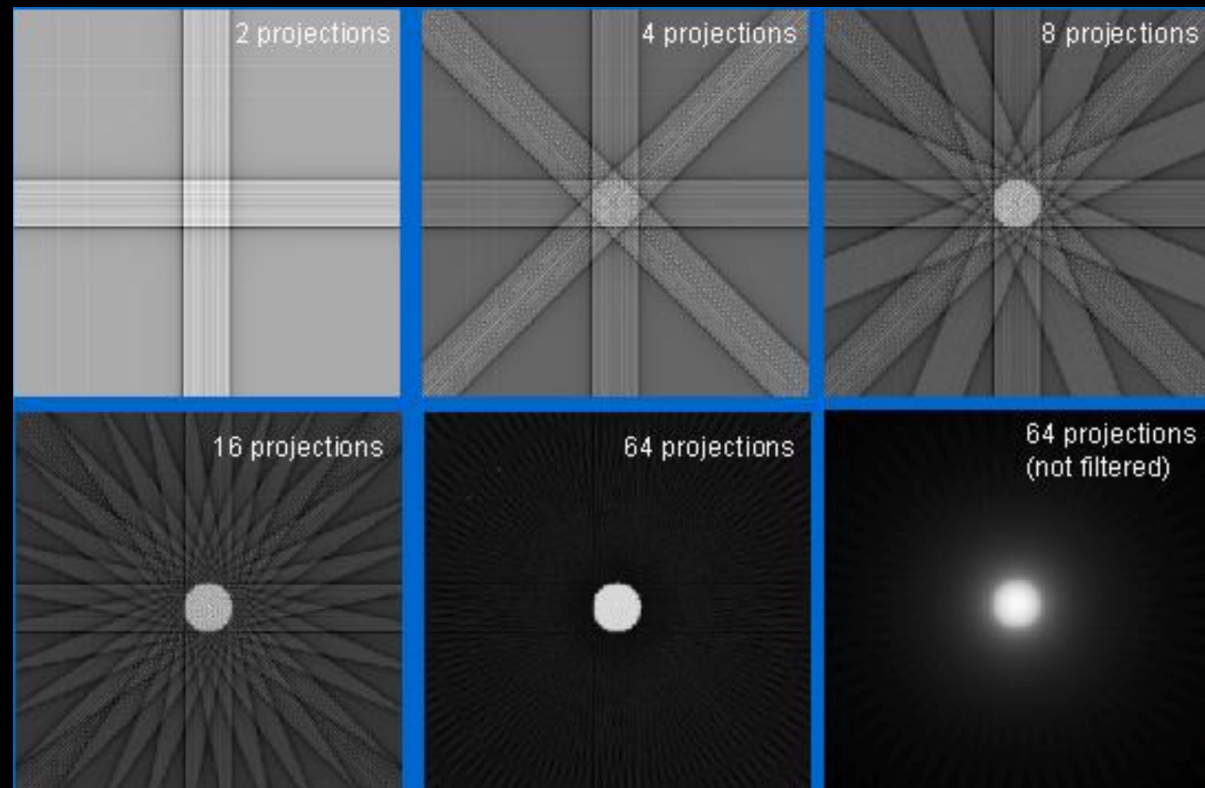
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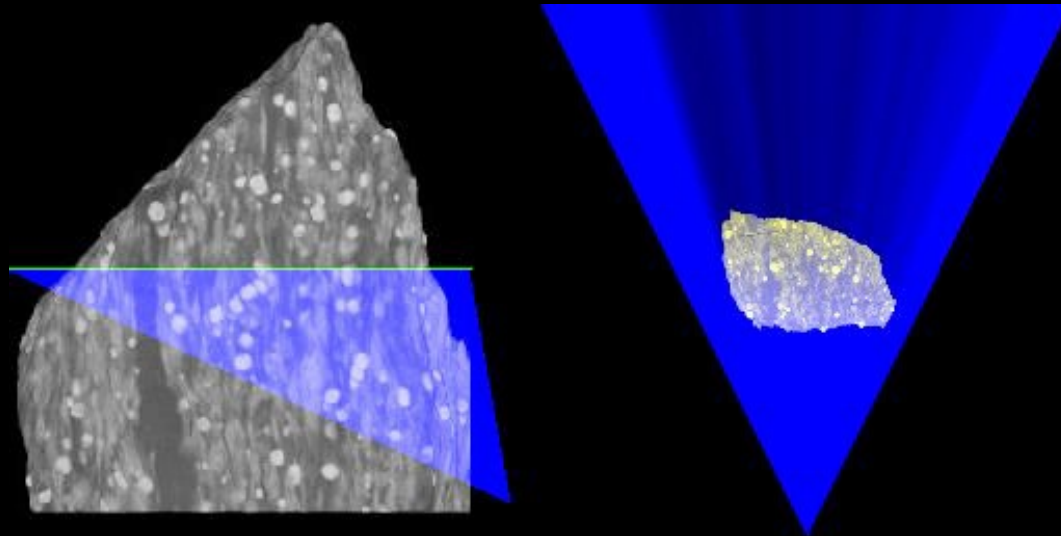
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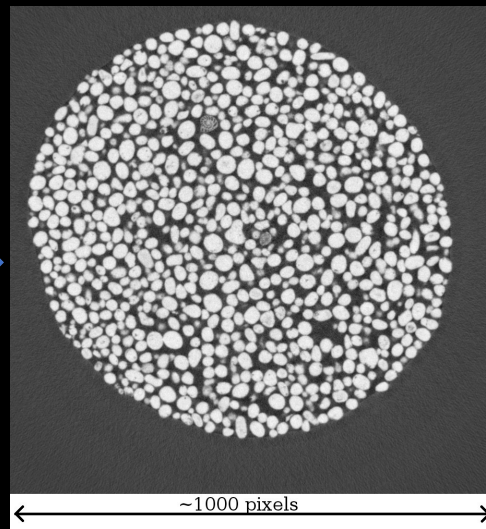


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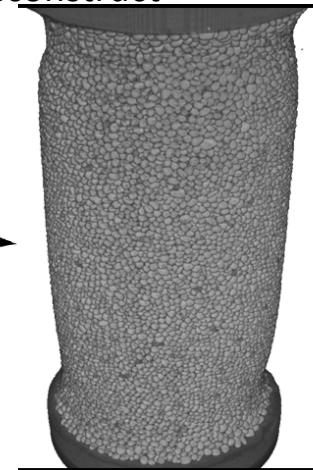
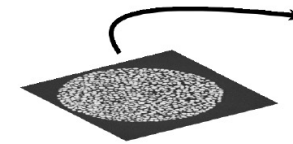


Principle of reconstruction

Knowing the centre of rotation we can solve the inverse problem (inverse radon transform), which results in a reconstruction of the slice that gave rise to the sinogram

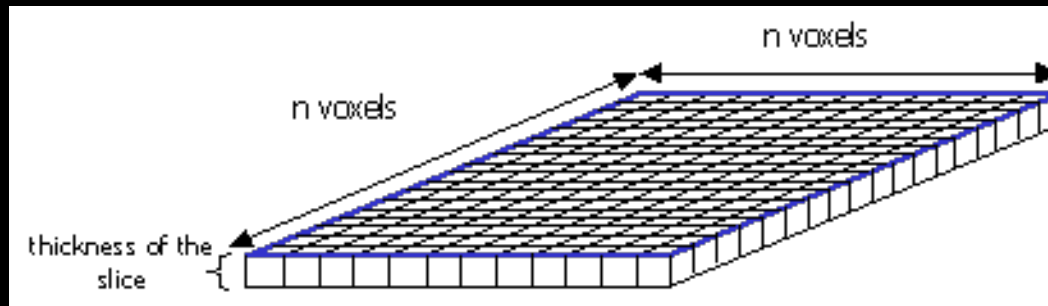


slice by slice... we reconstruct the whole volume...



Voxel = pixel in 3D

Each slice represents a finite thickness of the object and is composed of voxels (extension in 3D of a pixel).

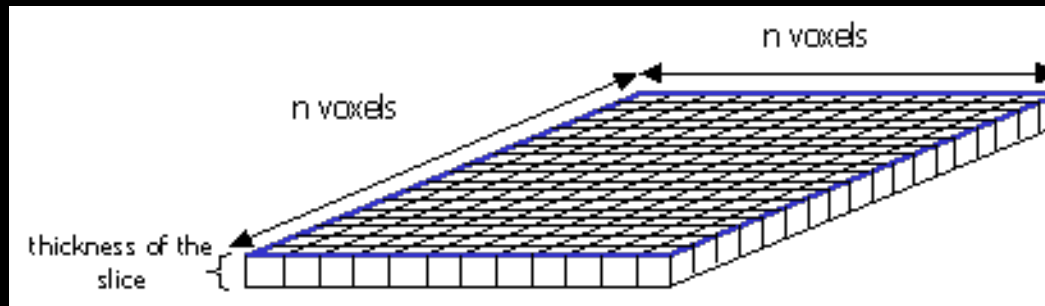


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The size of the voxel is the **image “discretisation”**...

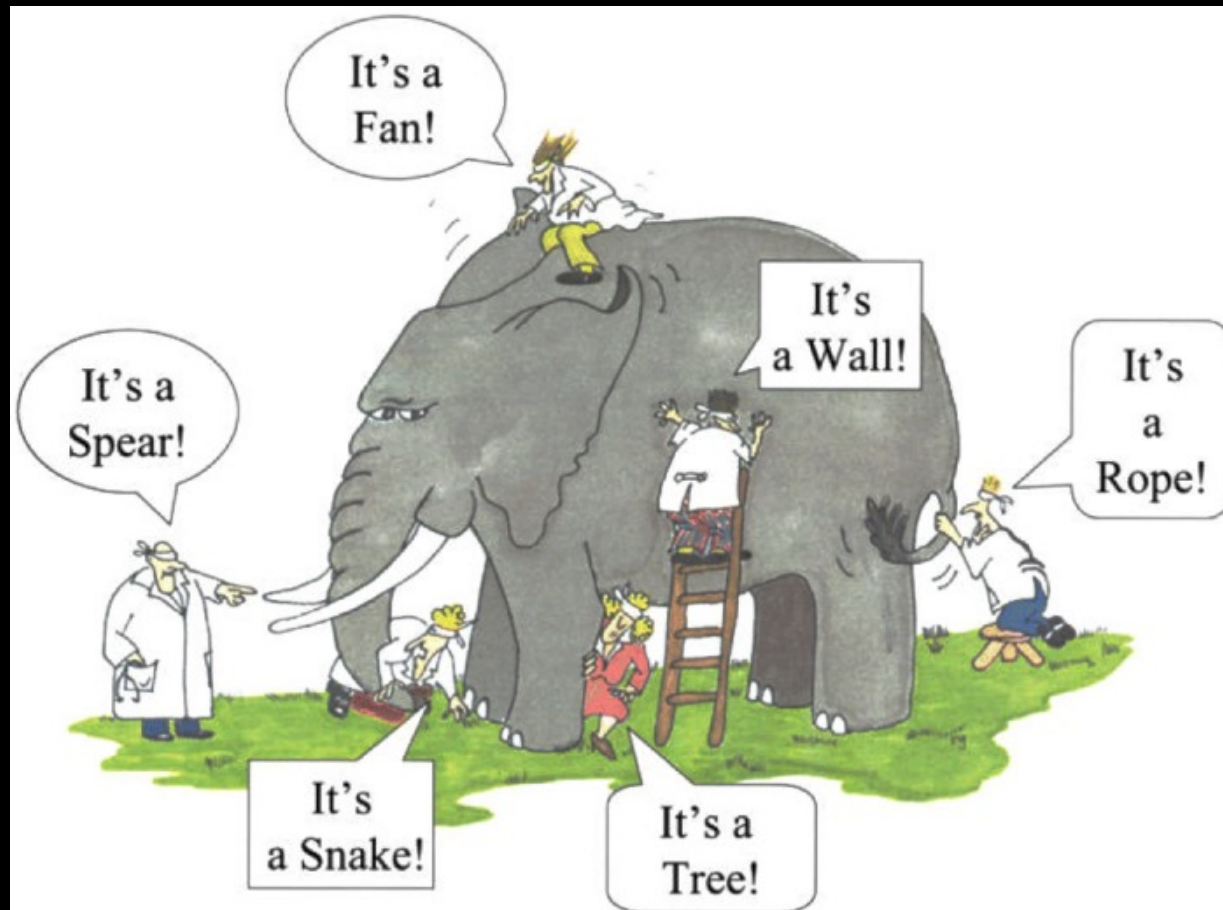
... this is not the **spatial resolution** as is commonly said...

... spatial resolution will be a function of the reconstruction algorithm, the detector quality and the beam divergence

... in reality the image is normally blurred between voxels

X-ray imaging or neutron imaging?

...Depends on what you want to see!



Neutron sources



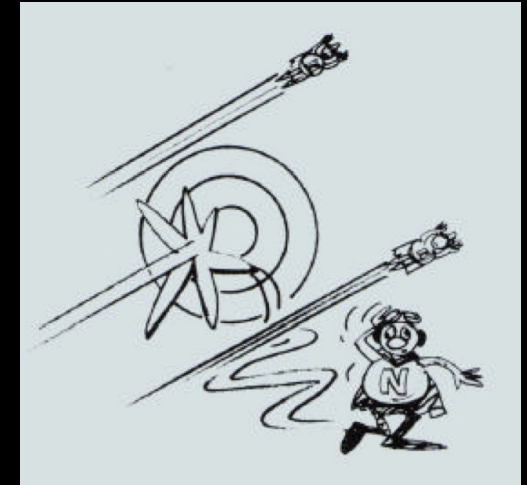
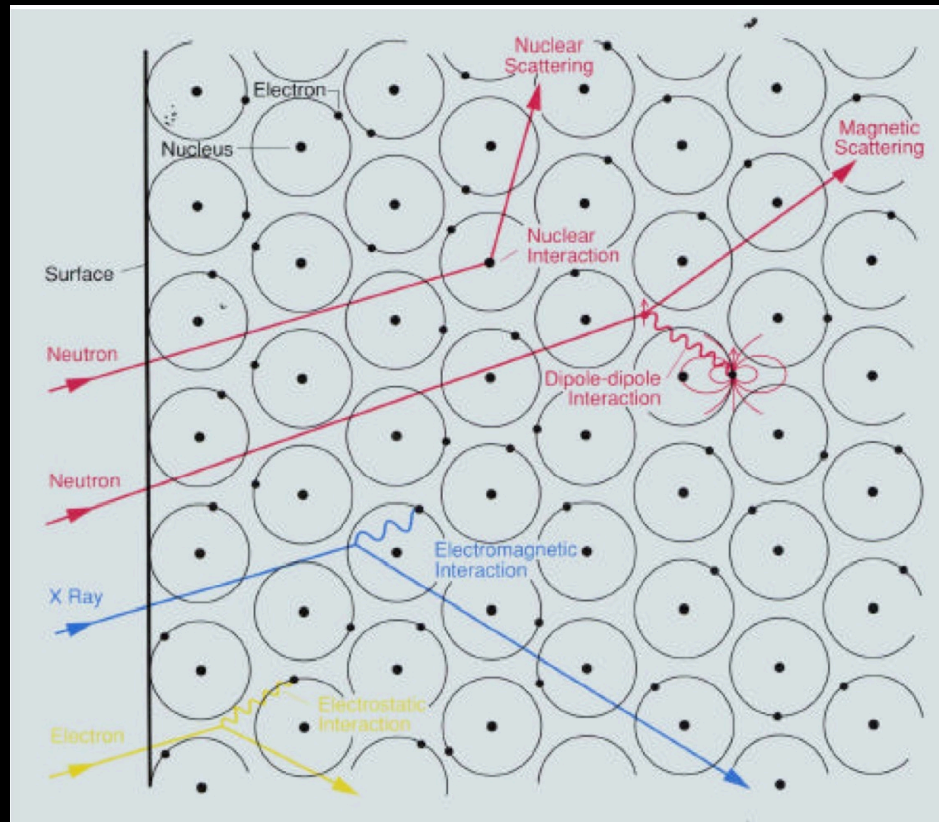
Institut Laue Langevin, Grenoble, France: Reactor source



European Spallation Source, Lund, Sweden

Neutron imaging

Neutron interaction mechanisms

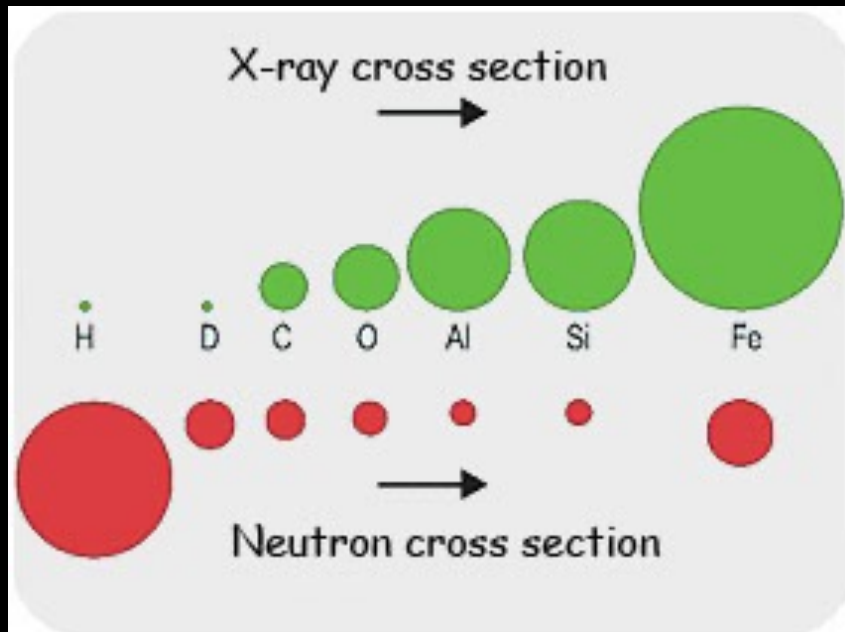


- Neutrons interact with atomic nuclei via very short range ($\sim 10^{-15}\text{m}$) forces.
- Neutrons also interact with unpaired electrons and therefore “see” magnetism.

After R. Pynn (Los Alamos National Laboratory)

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- Different sensitivities
- Different penetration depths for different materials
 - Can see into dense objects with neutrons

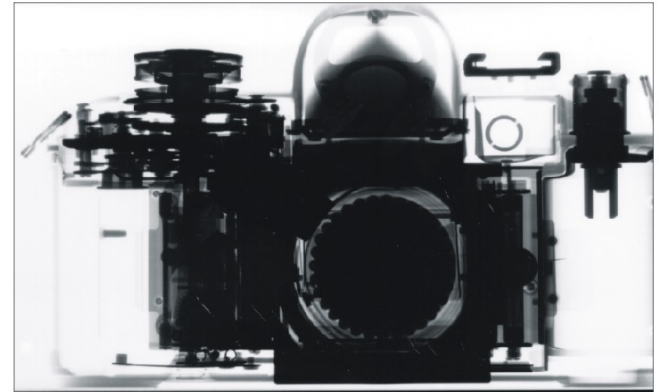


Fig. b: Radiographic image of a camera made X-rays

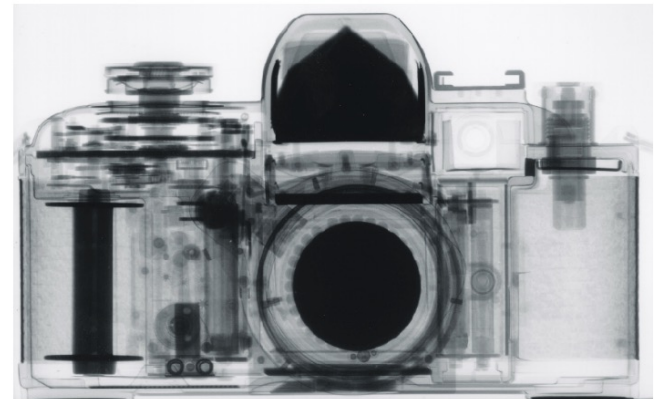


Fig. a: Neutron radiography of a camera

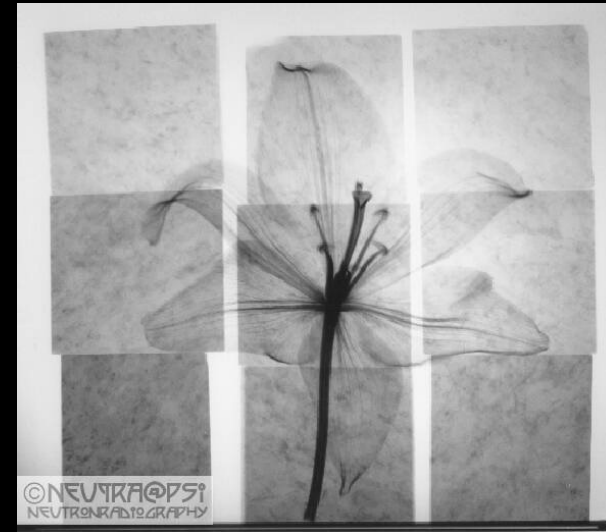
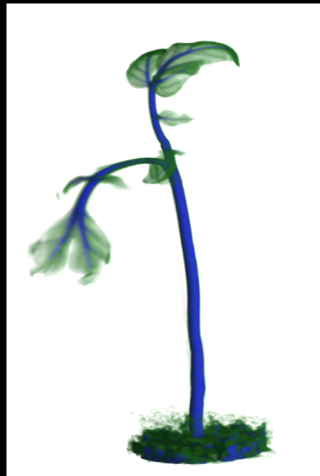
Why use neutrons

Some advantages:

High penetration power

High sensitivity to Hydrogen

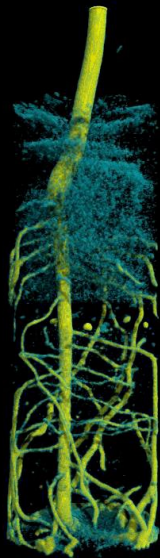
Low radiation damage



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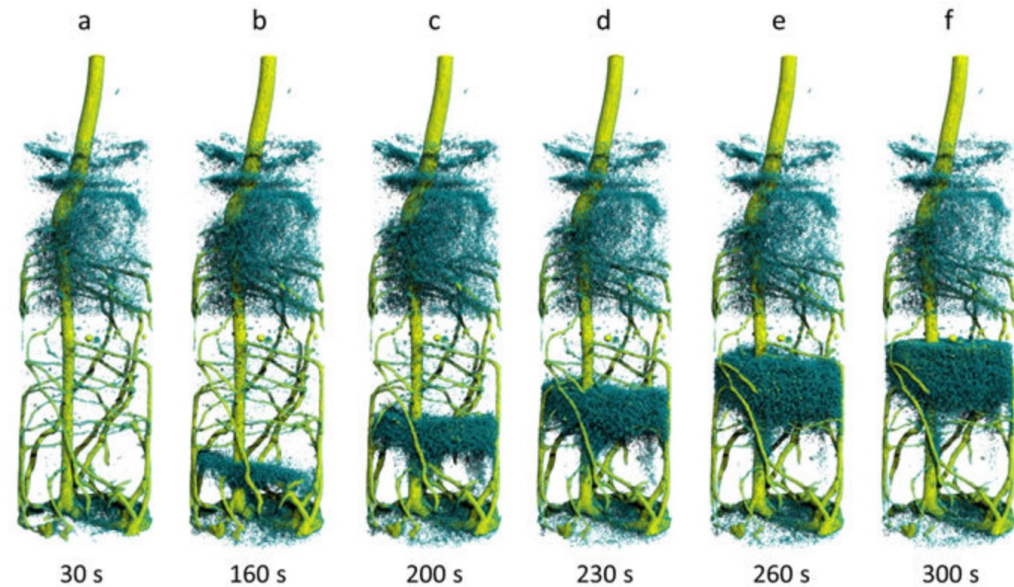
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Isotope sensitivity



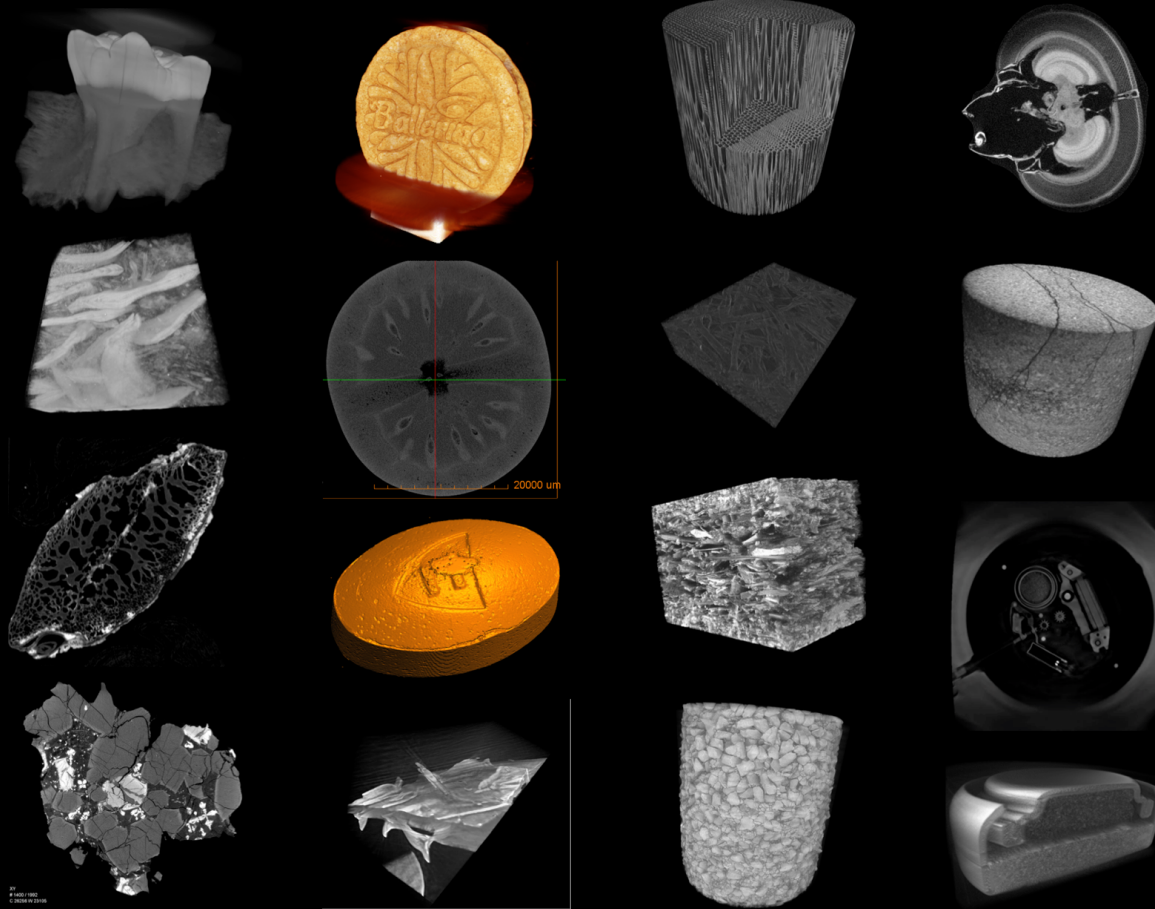
time : 0 s

10 mm



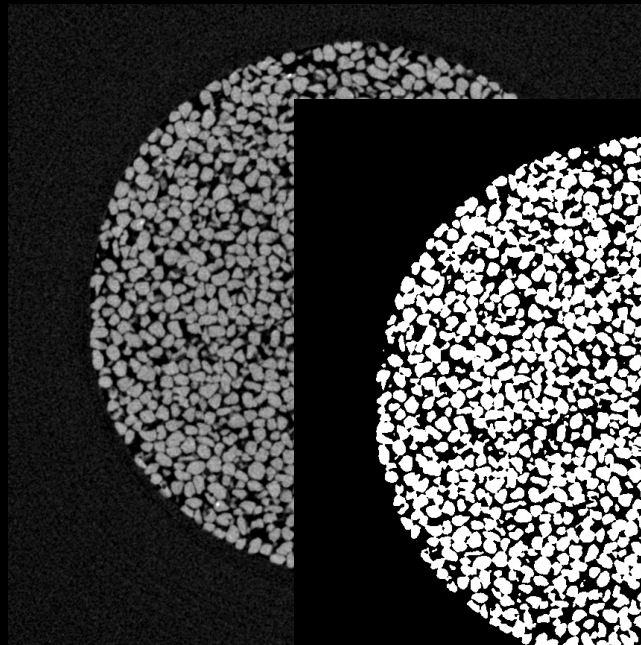
Time-resolved neutron tomography of the lupine root system after the injection of 4 ml deuterated water (D_2O) through the bottom. The time series ($30\text{ s} \leq t \leq 300\text{ s}$) shows the ascending front of water (H_2O) displaced by deuterated water moving upwards. The time resolution for each tomogram is just 10 s. A video of this sequence is provided in the supplementary information.

Multiple applications... and many nice images...

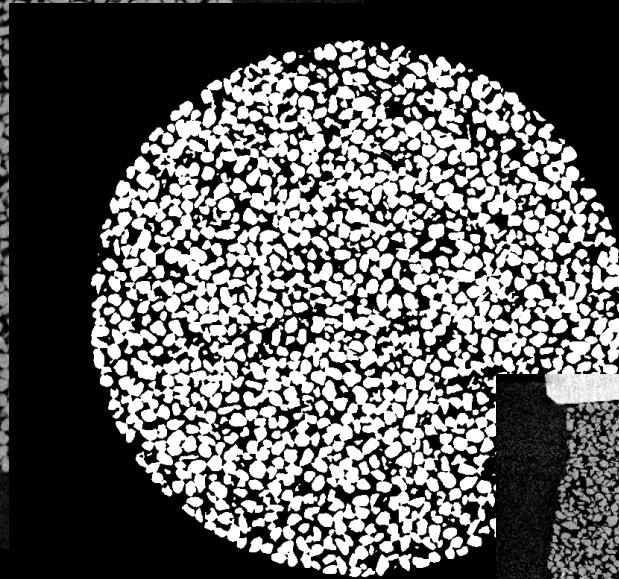


But so what...

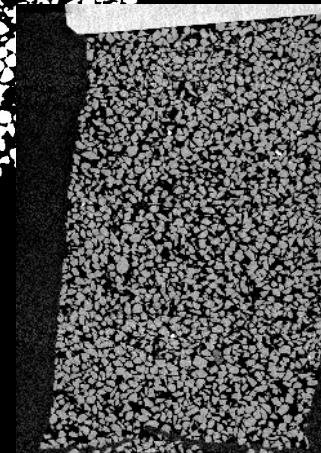
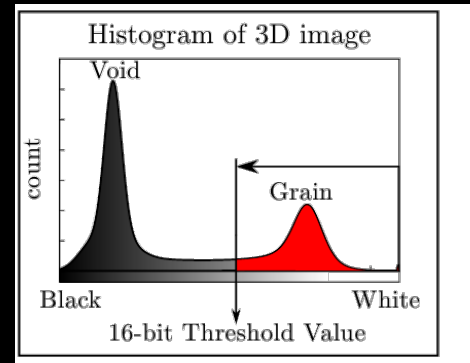
How do we see/identify and characterise microstructure?



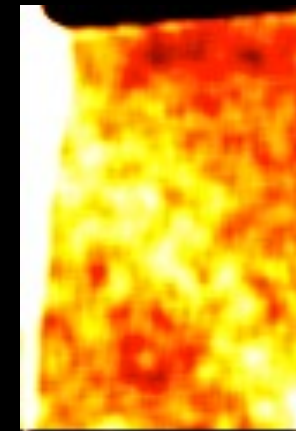
"Raw" image



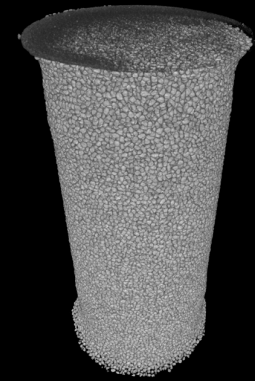
Binarise
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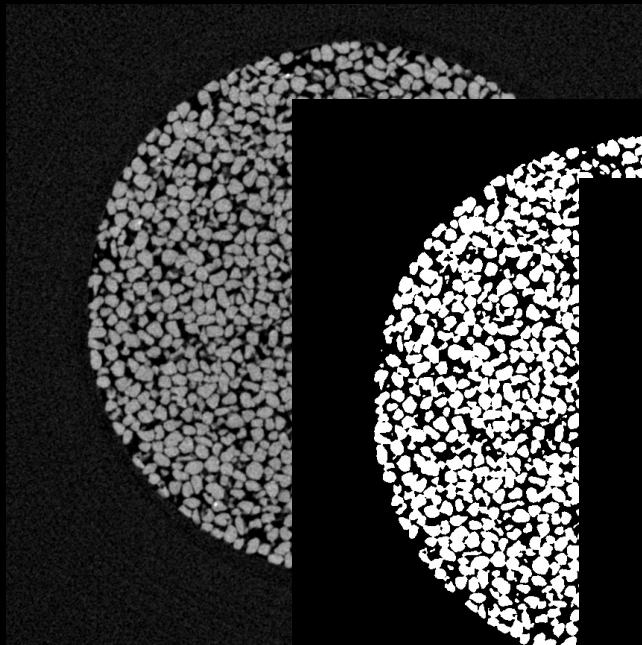
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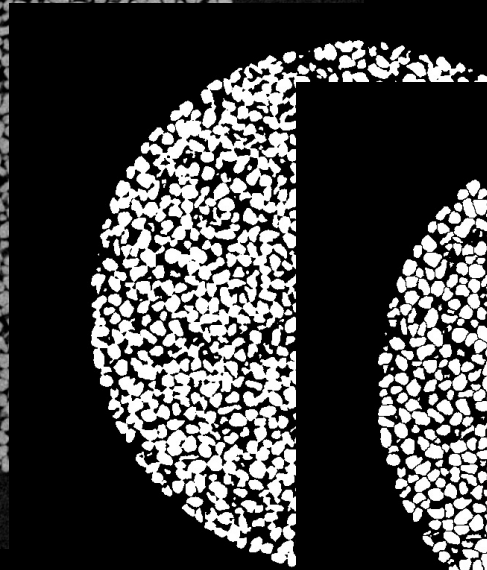
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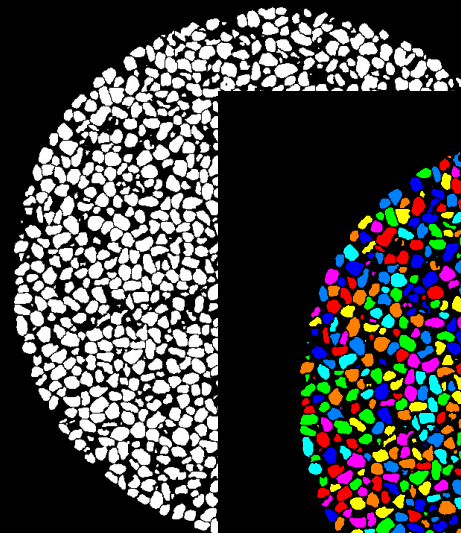
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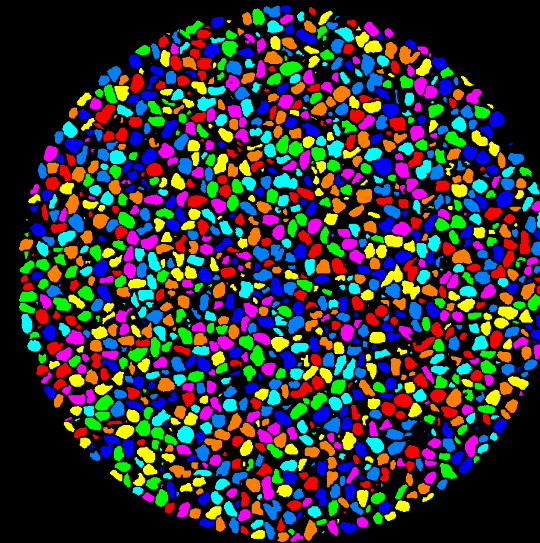
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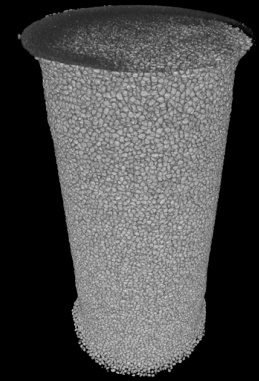
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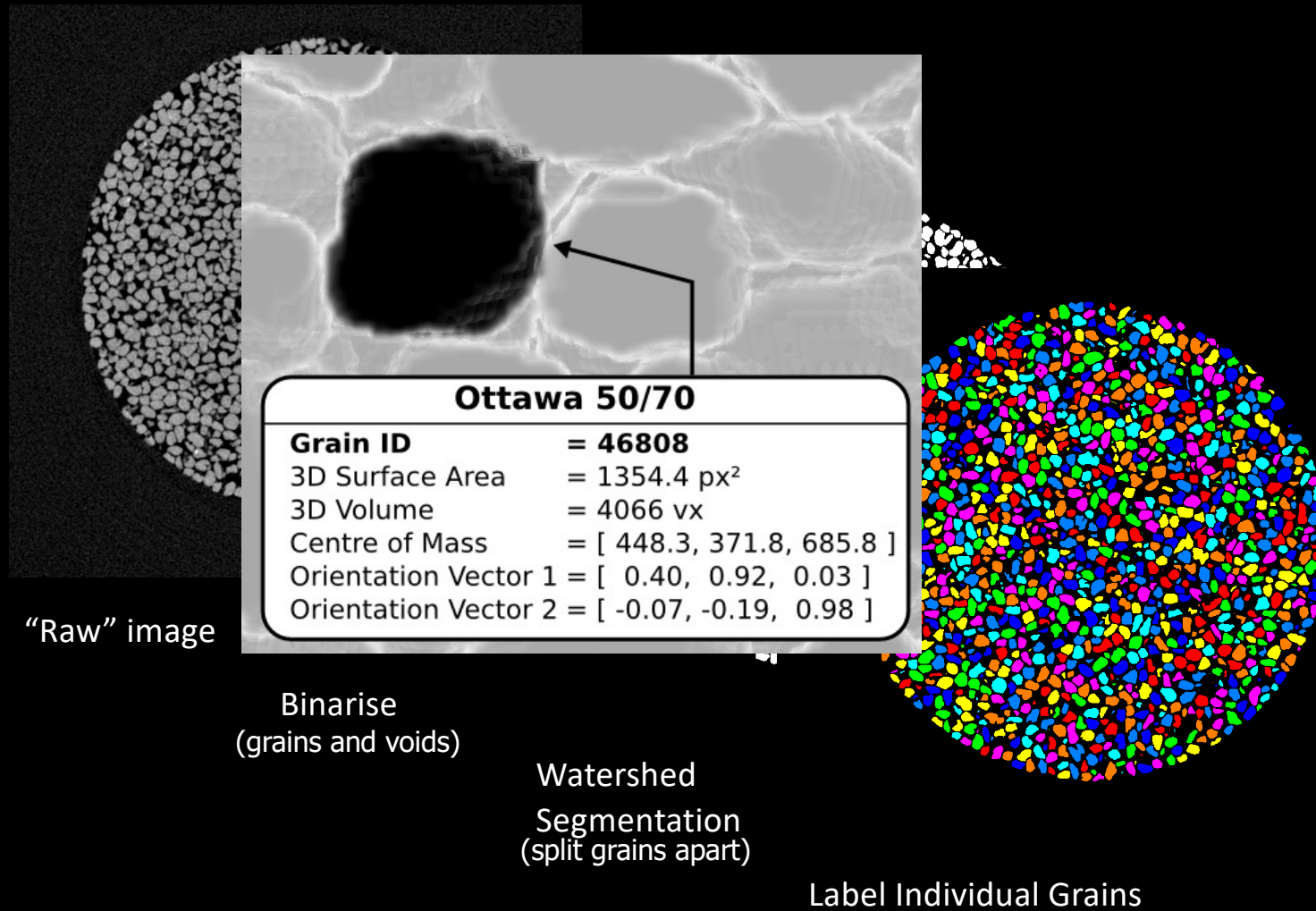
Watershed
Segmentation
(split grains apart)



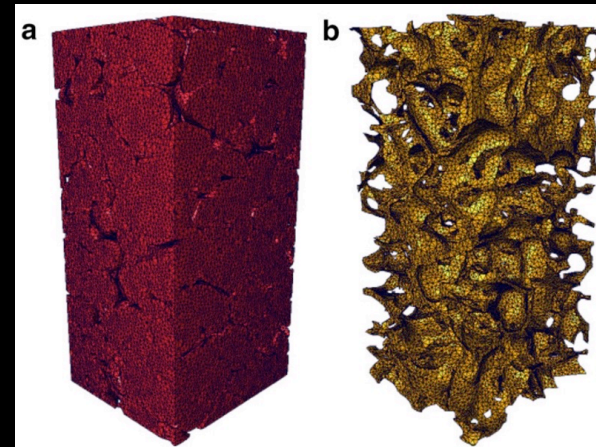
Label Individual Grains



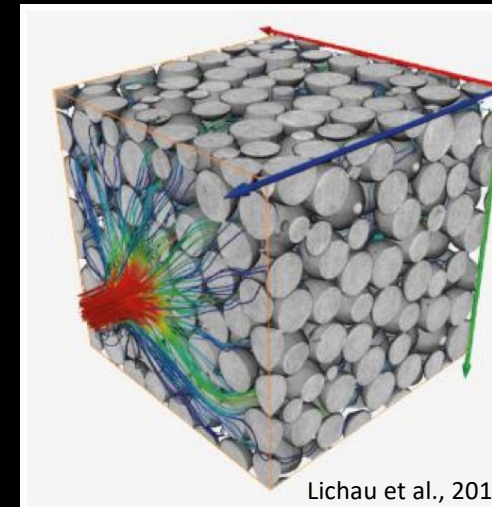
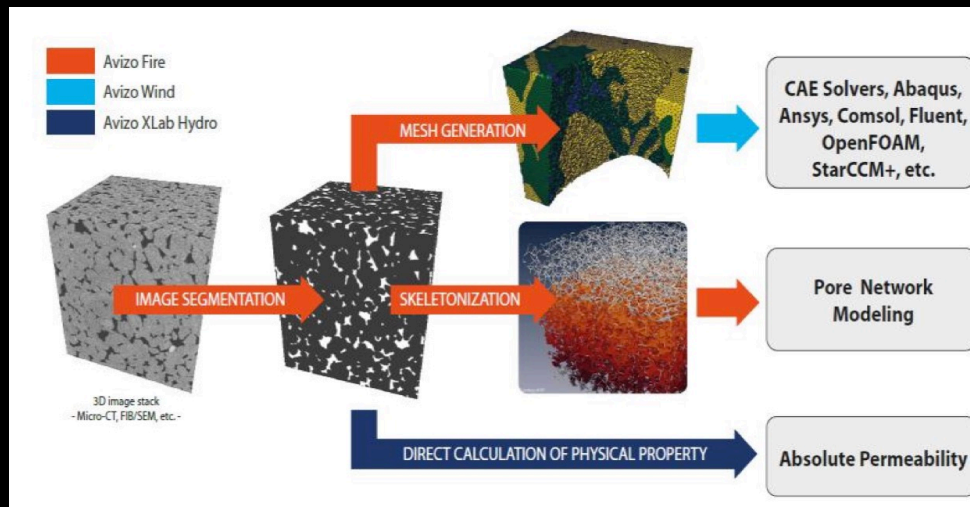
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Structural imaging and characterisation → models



Madi et al., 2006

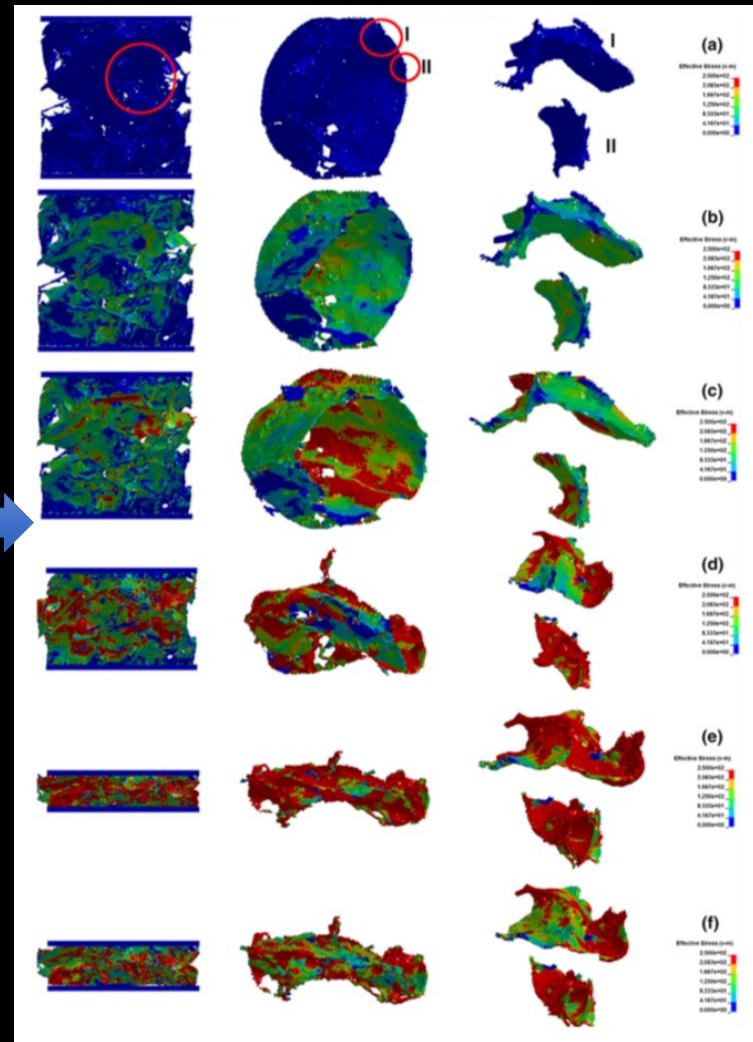


Lichau et al., 2011

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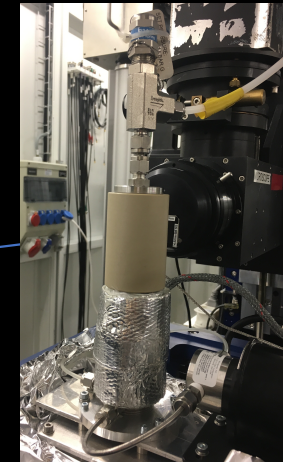
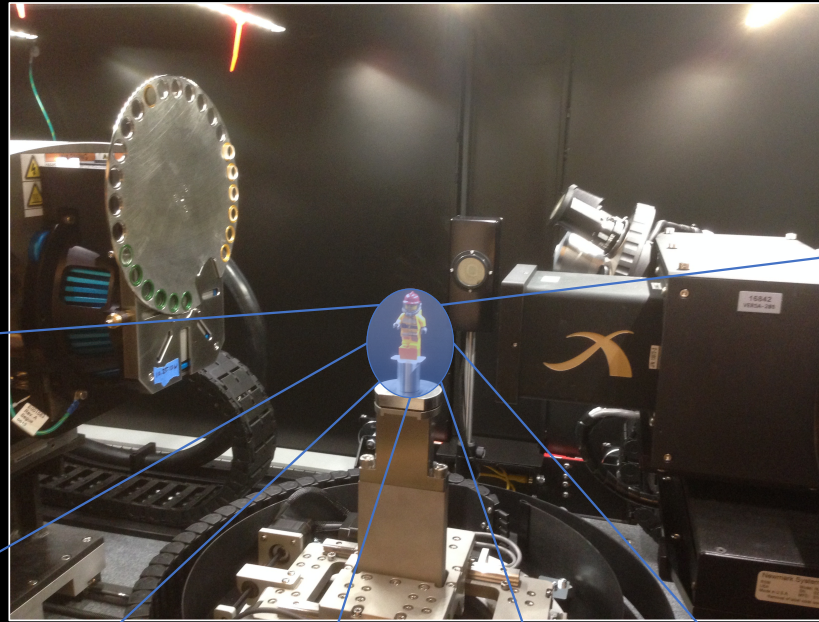


(Images from 4D Imaging Lab)

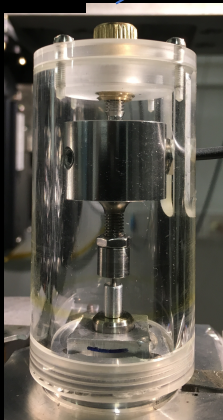


4D imaging...

- In-situ devices



Chemical treatment
(Delignification)



Compression



Tension



Peeling



Vacuum



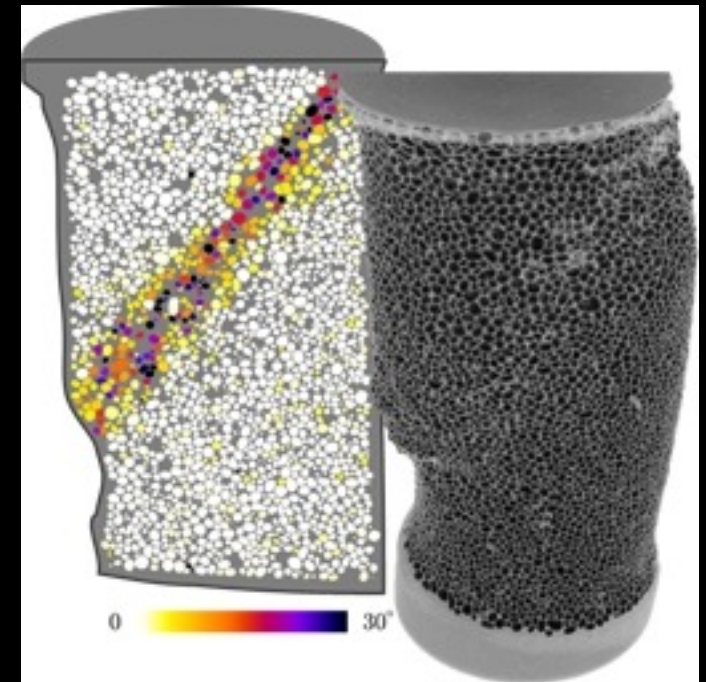
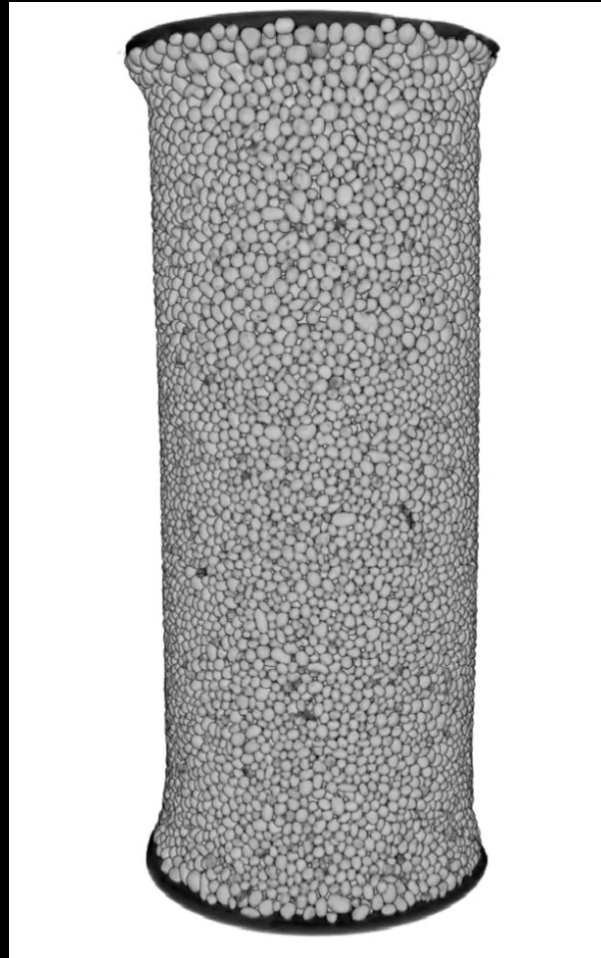
Humidity

Others and Future:

- Pressure
- Fluid flow
- Electrochemical
- Heating
- Cooling (freezing)
- ...

4D imaging and in-situ experiments

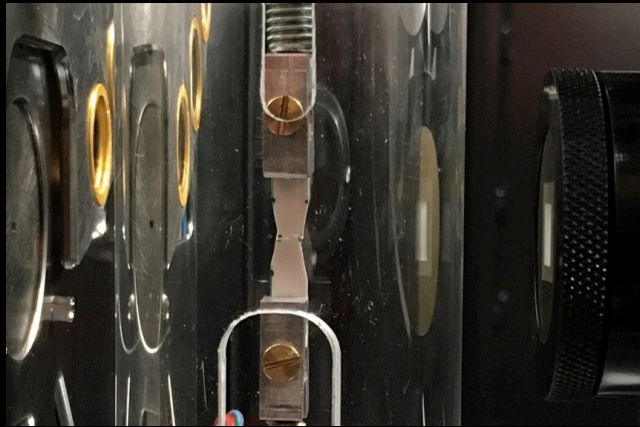
4D imaging of triaxial compression
of a sample of (oolitic) sand
(10's thousands grains)



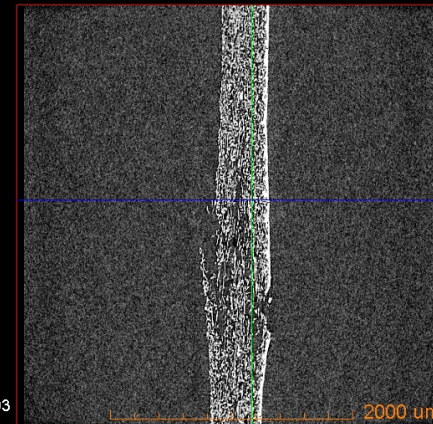
Quantification of grain kinematics

4D imaging and in-situ experiments

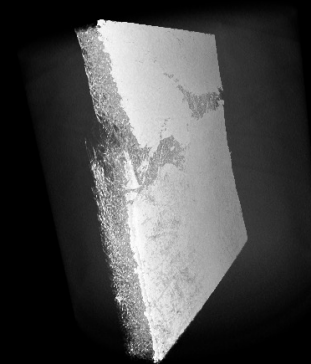
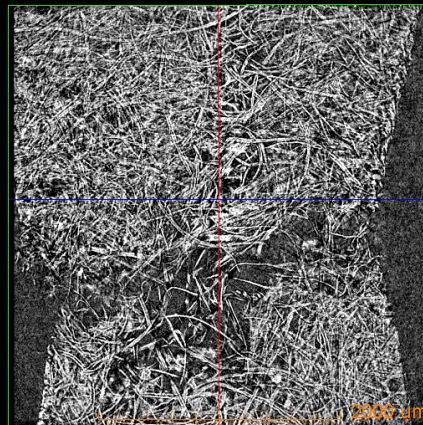
“in-situ” tensile testing of paperboard



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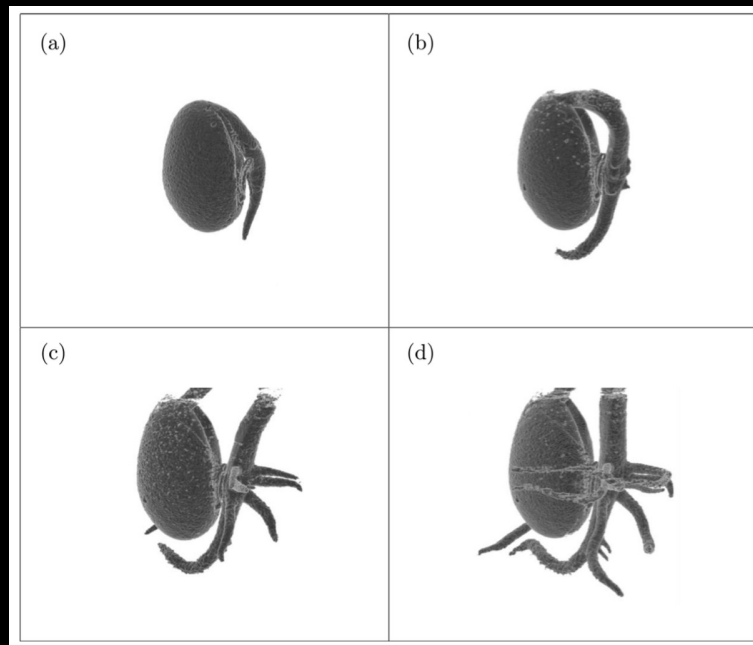


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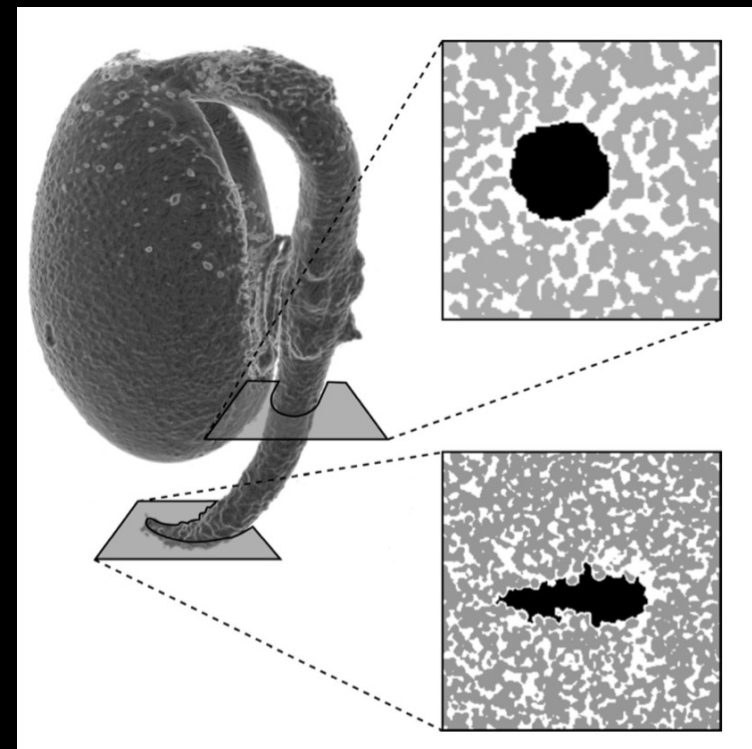


4D imaging and in-situ experiments

Growth of seeds in soil...

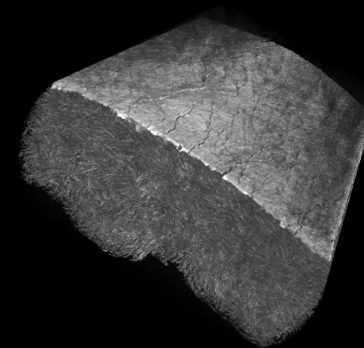
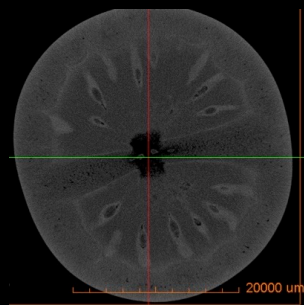


Bean-root system: evolution during germination
(a) 4 days, (b) 5 days, (c) 6 days, and (d) 7 days
after wetting

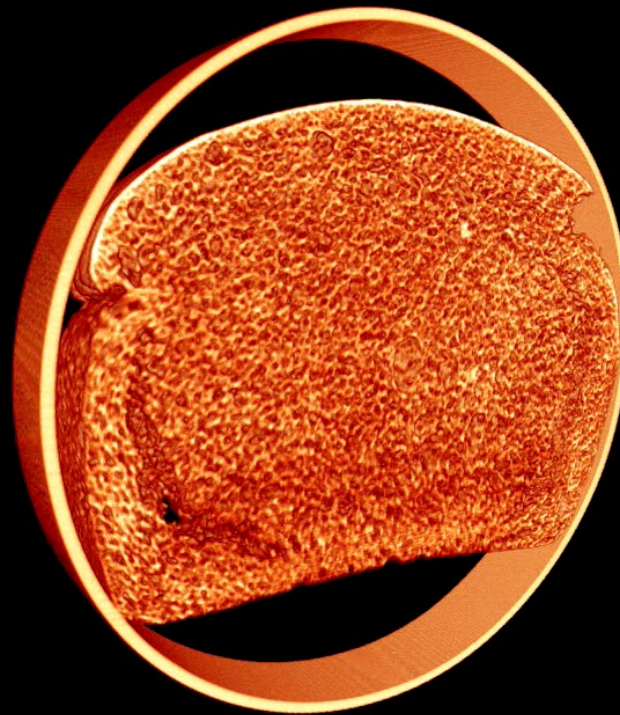


Bean-root system 5 days after wetting

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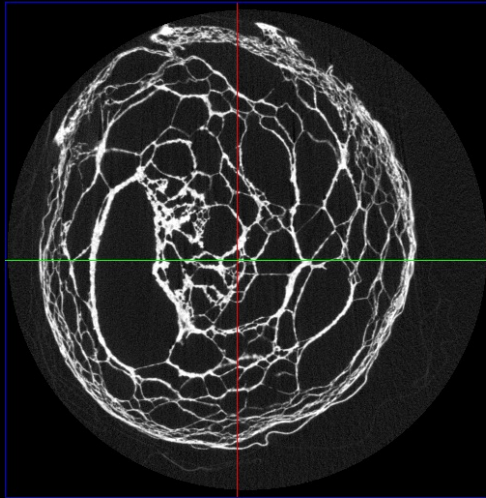
Imaging internal structures: bread-products



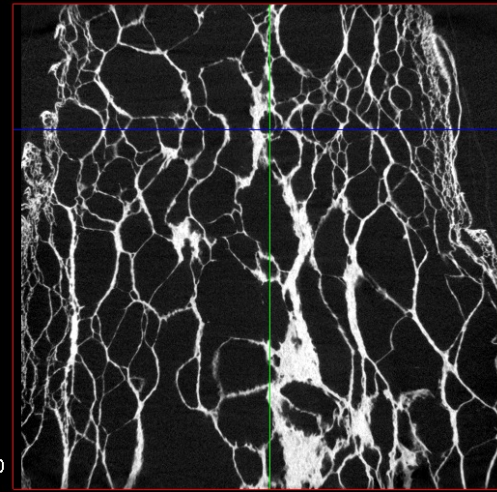
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≈ 25 mm

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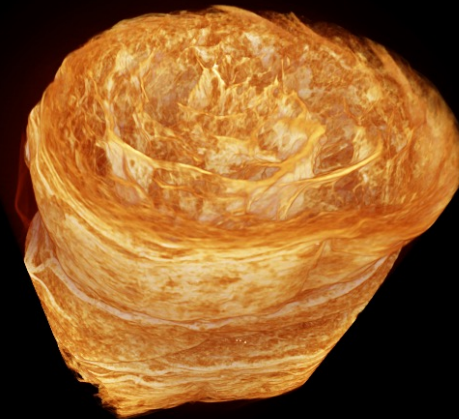
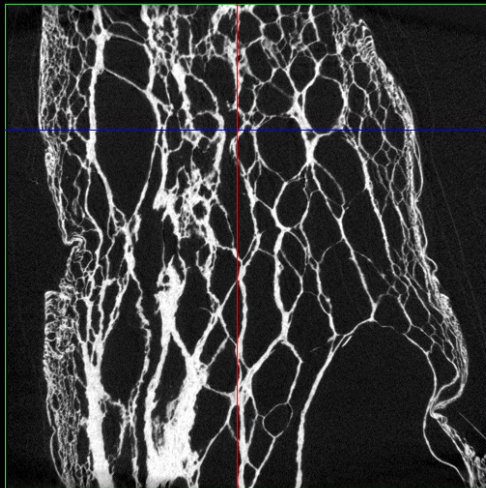
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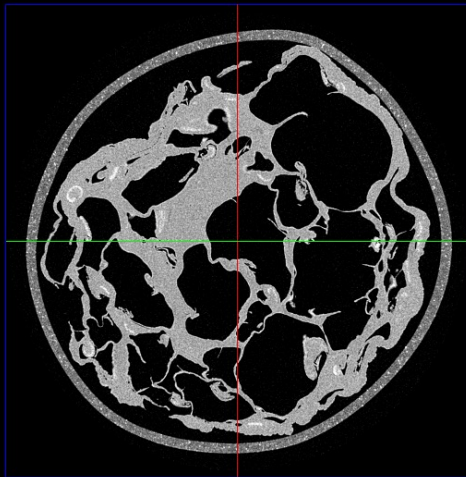


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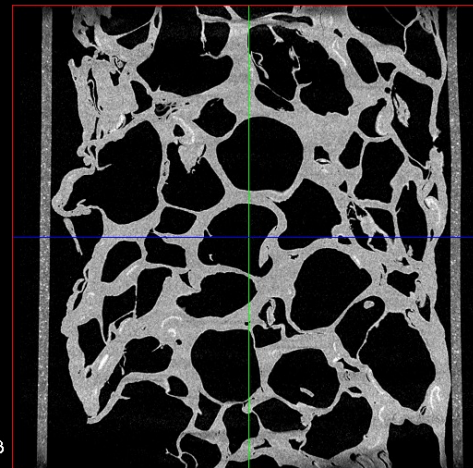
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Extruded product structure

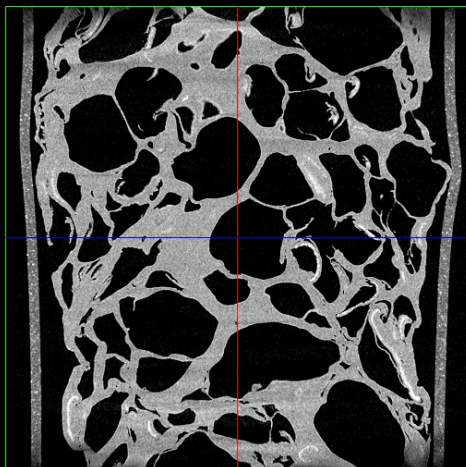
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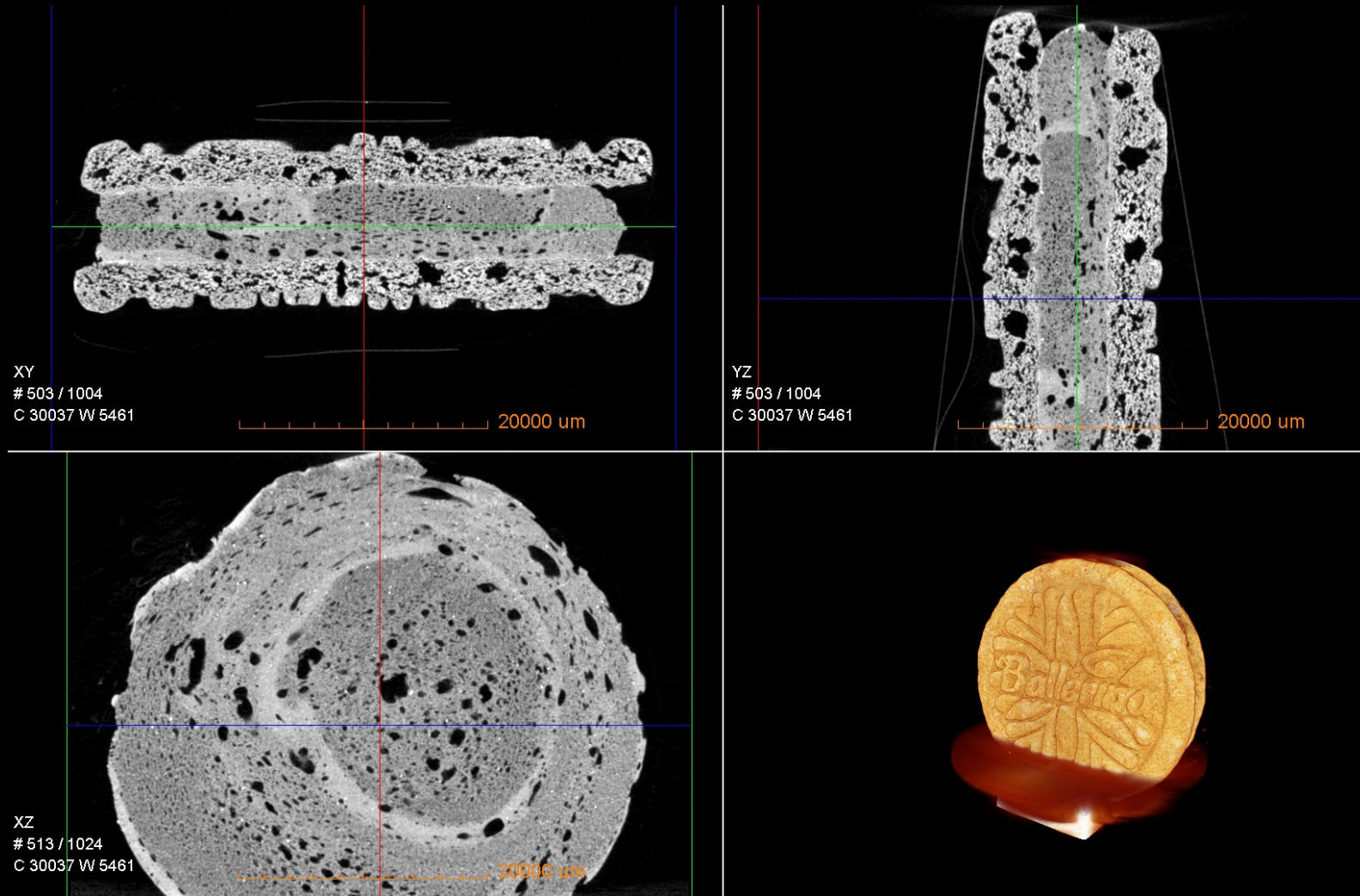
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Imaging internal structures: biscuit-filling interaction



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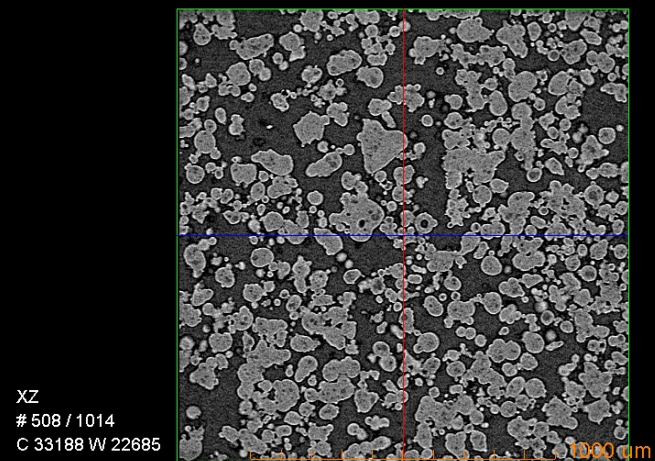
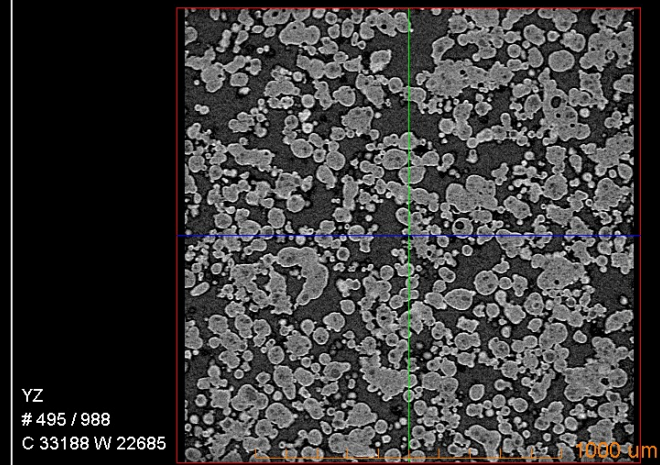
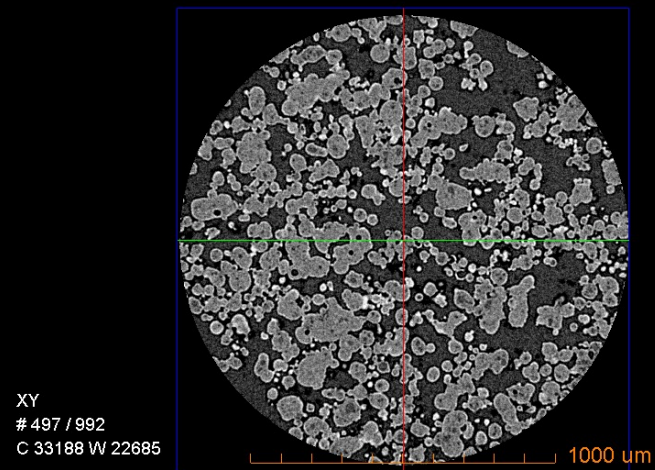
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Whole-milk powder structure



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Freeze-dried milk powder structure

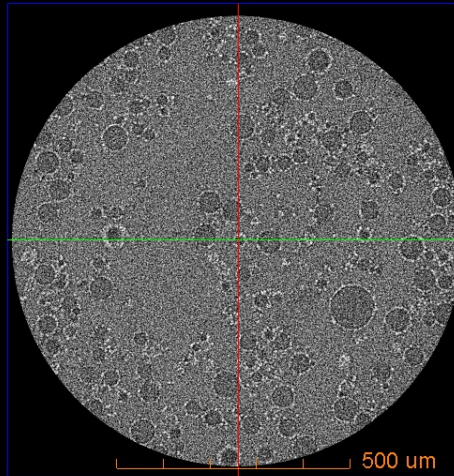


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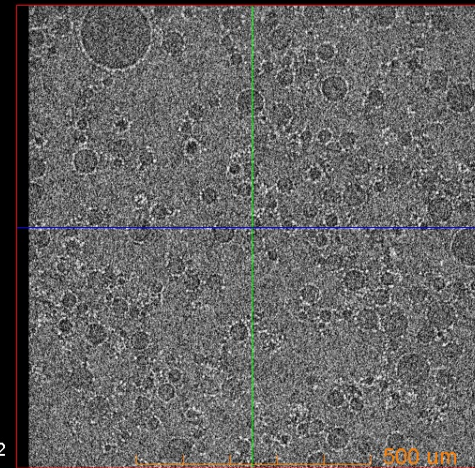
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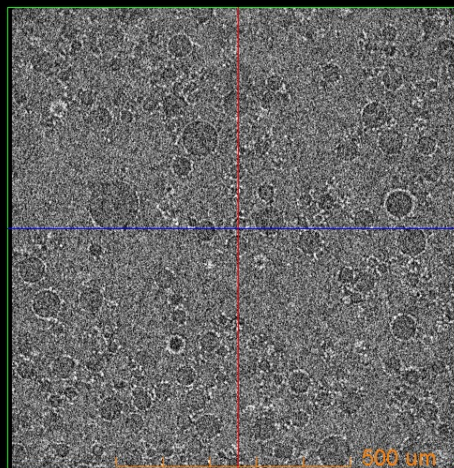
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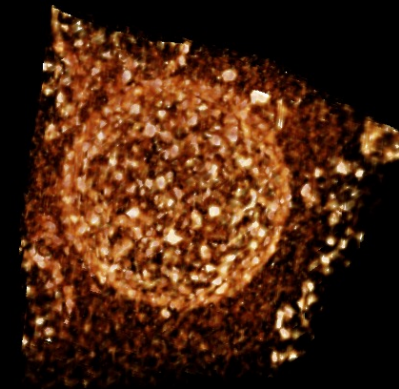
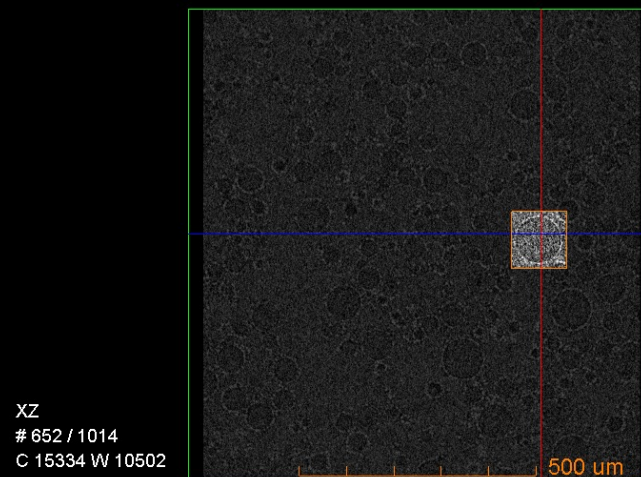
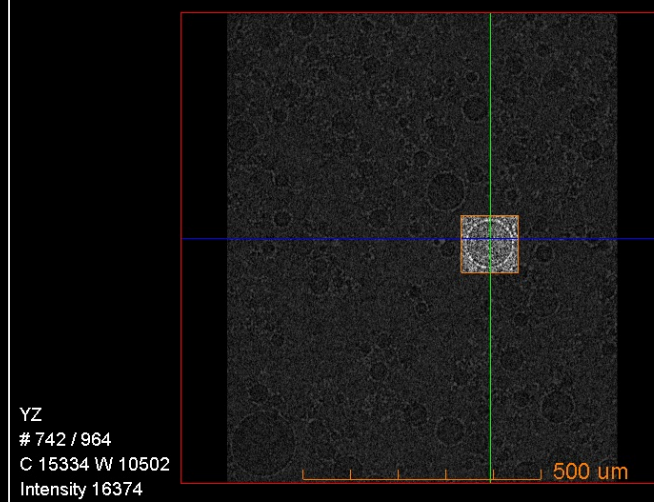
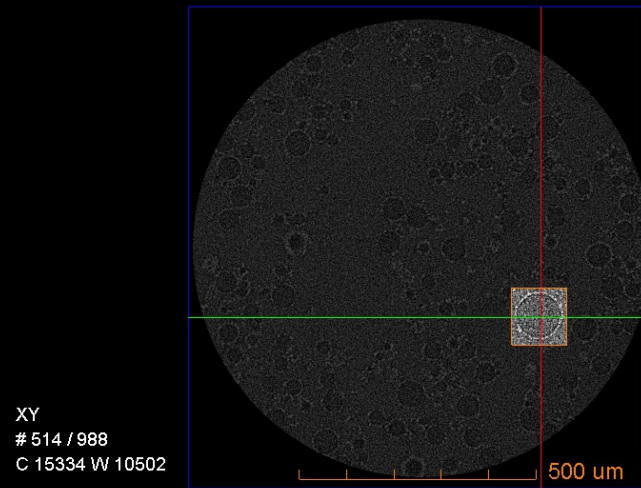
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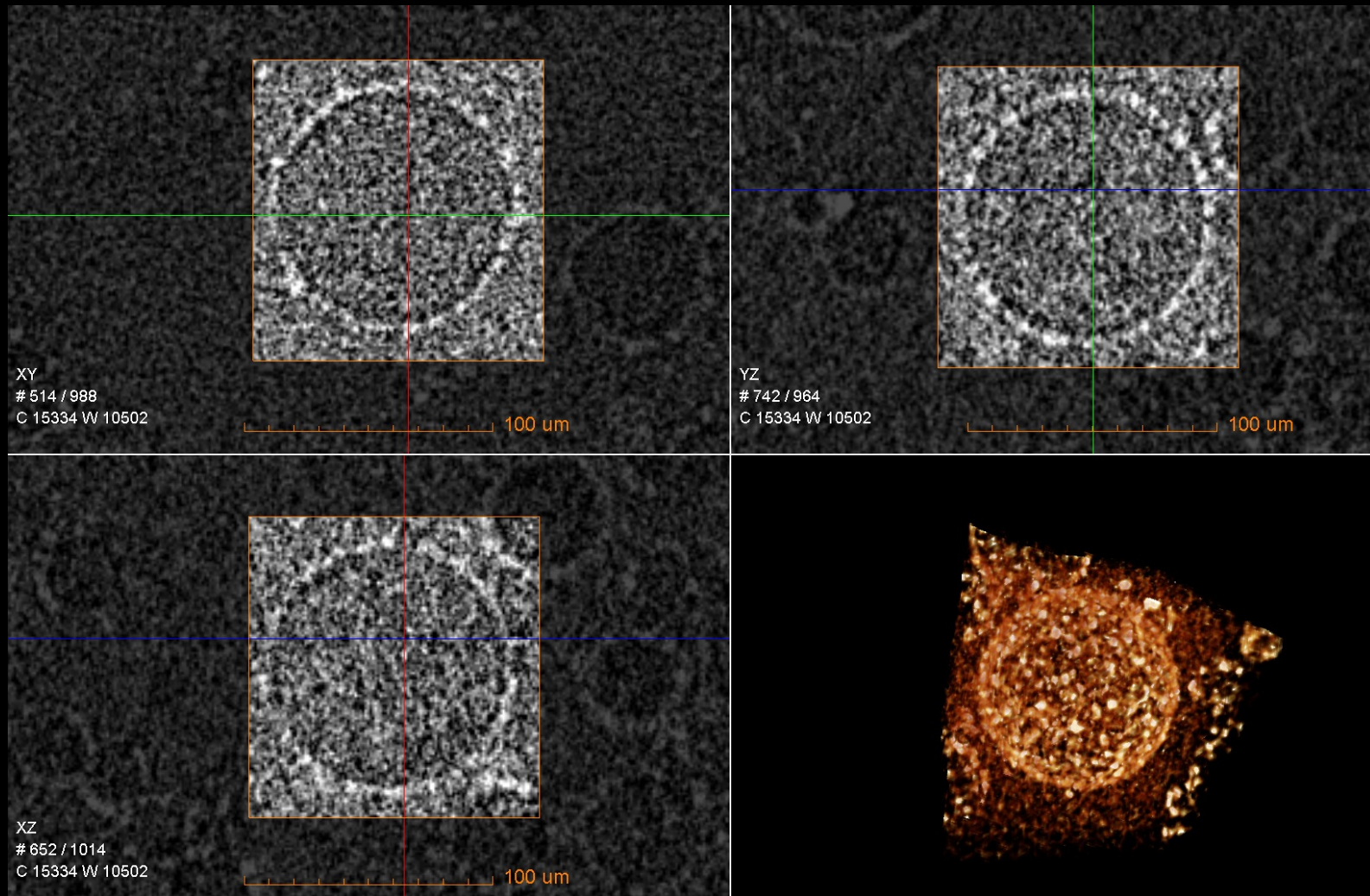
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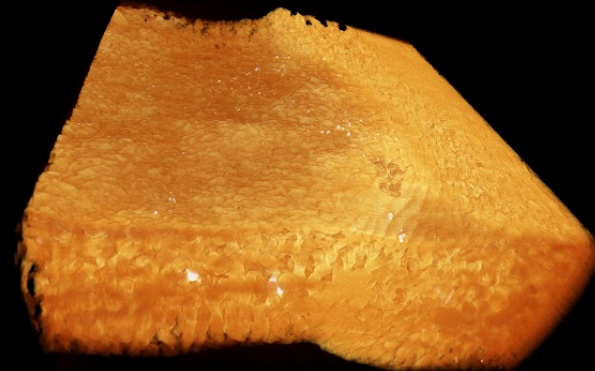
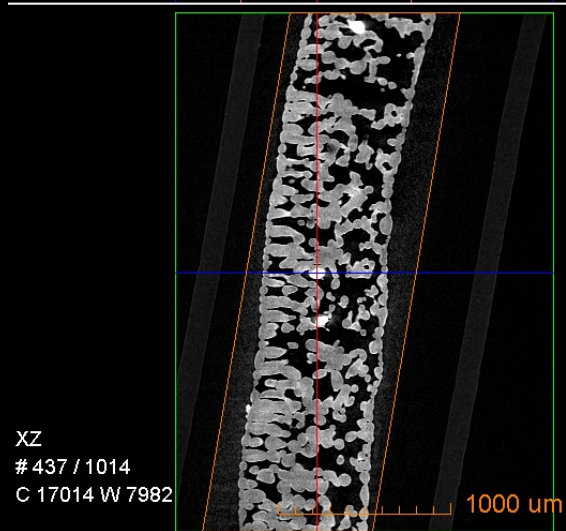
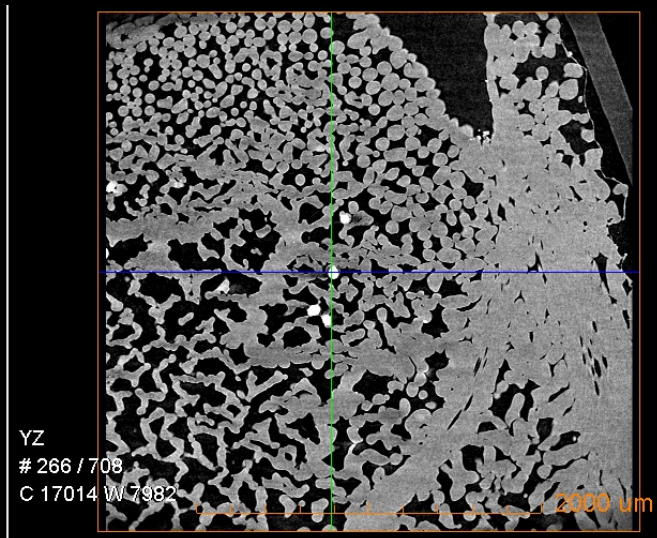
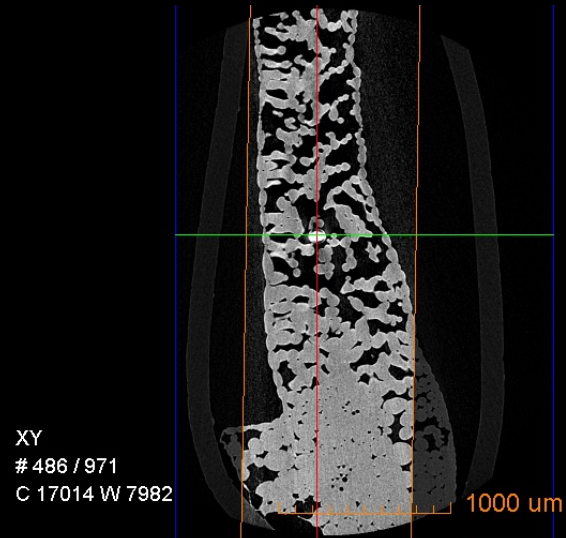
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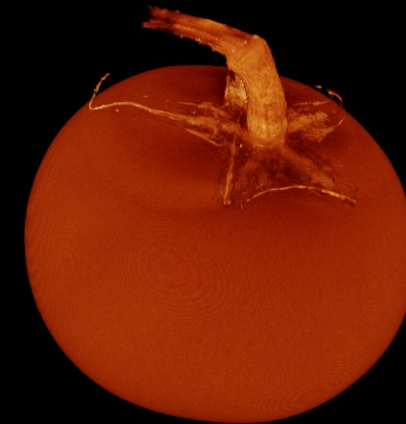
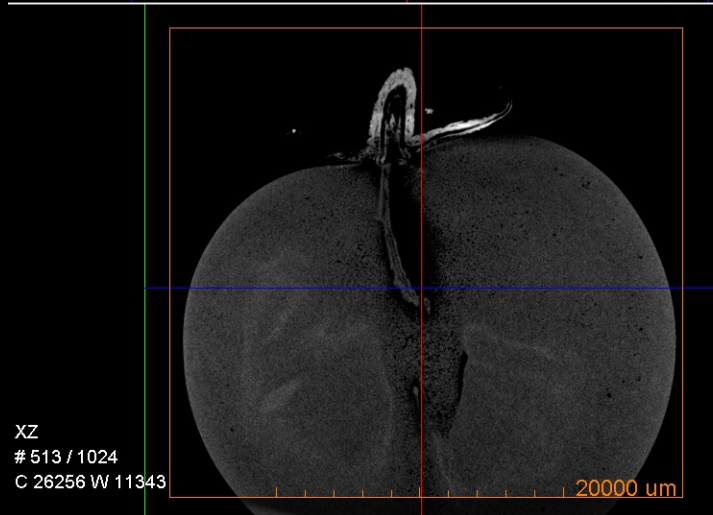
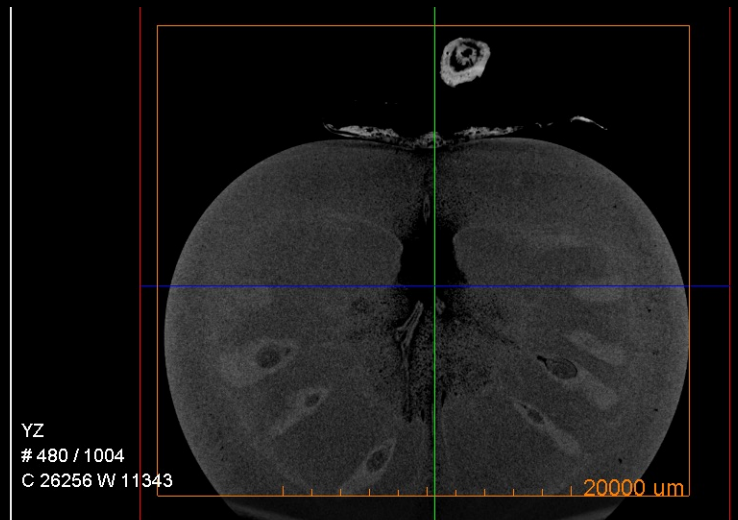
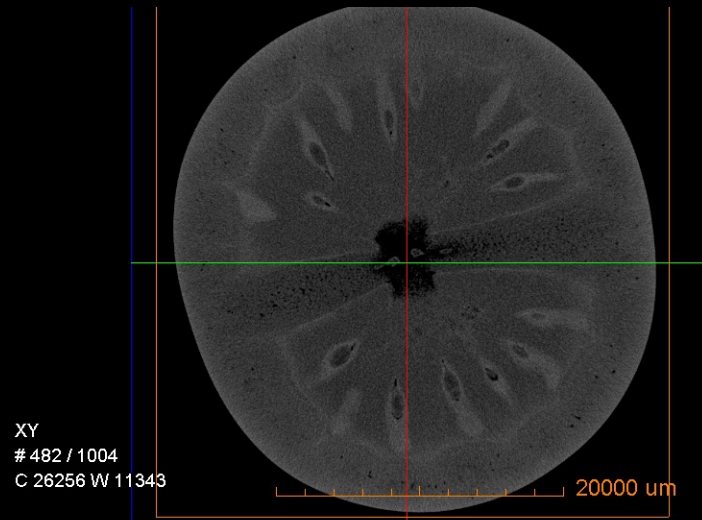
Internal structure of leaves towards optimisation of processing (freezing ,drying...)



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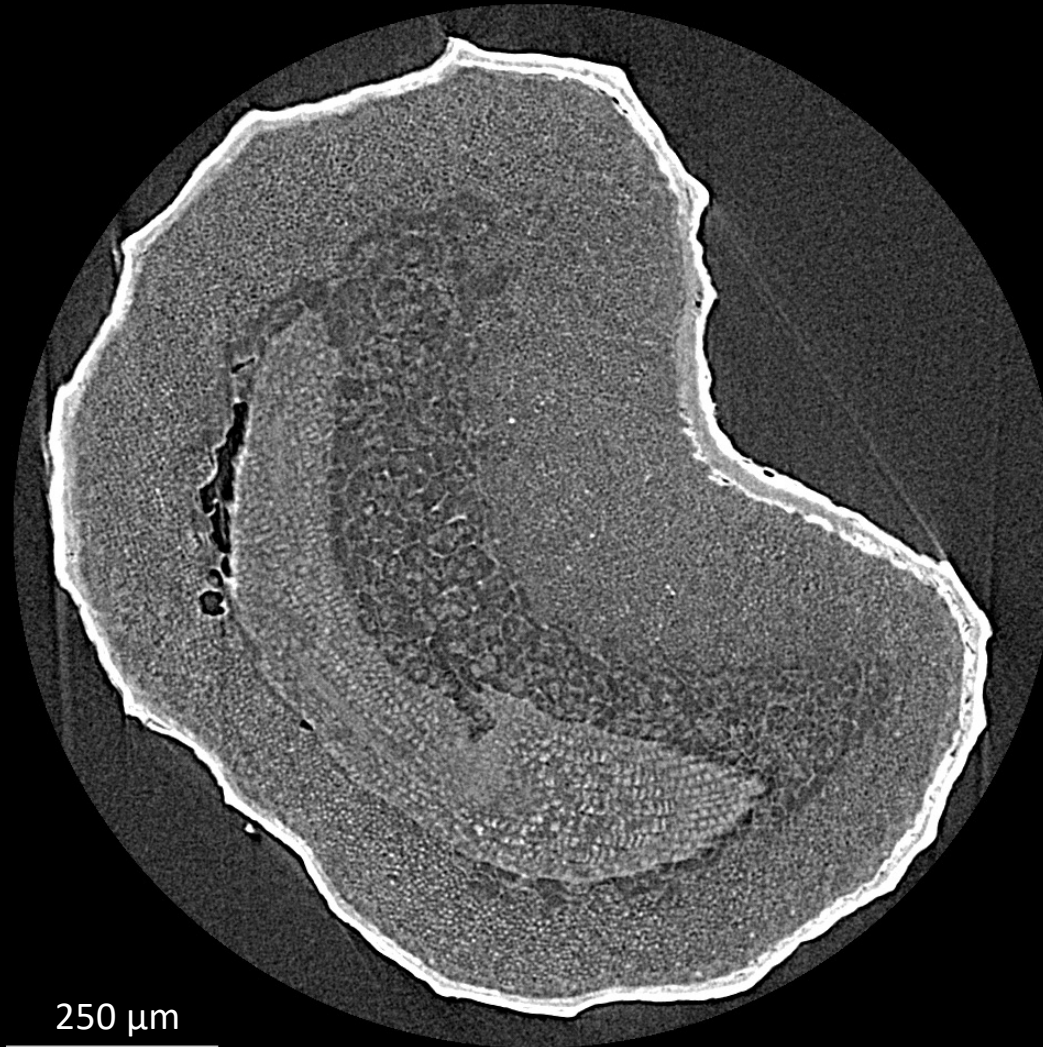
Internal structure of soft fruits/berries



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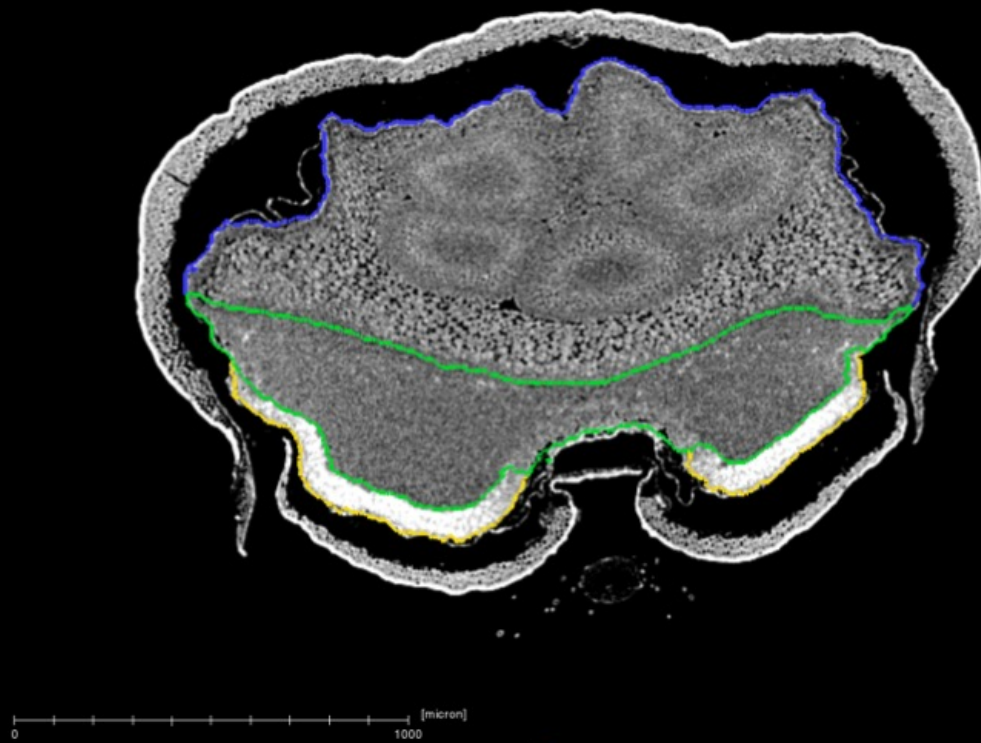
Seeds: Internal structure of a poppy seed



250 μ m

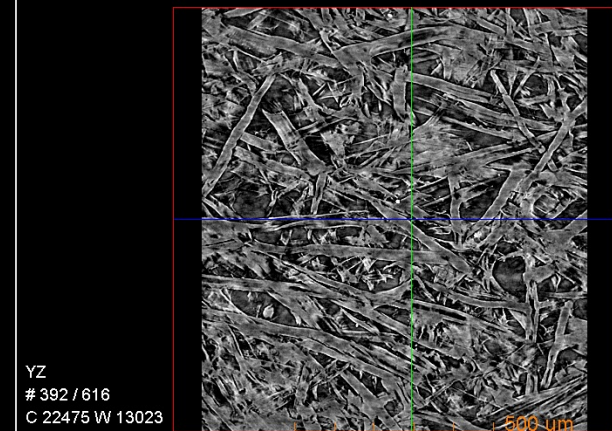
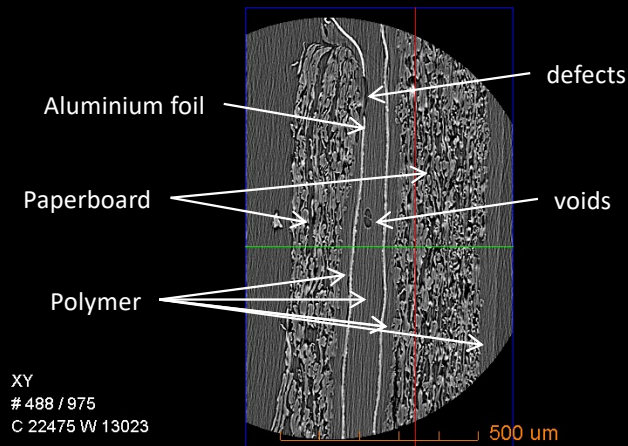
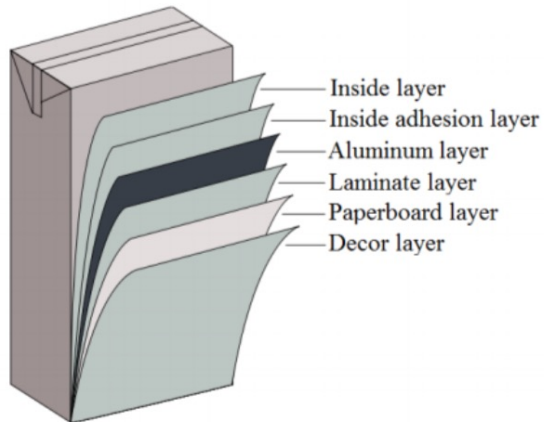
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Seeds: Analysis of structures in barley and oat mutants



→ Quantification of differences between cereal mutations

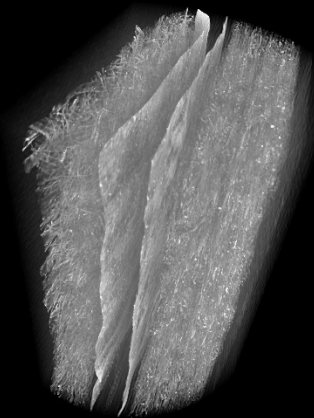
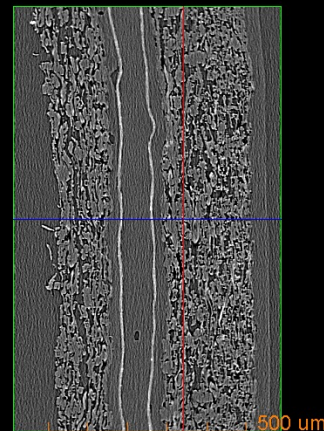
Imaging of packaging materials



TetraPak recart

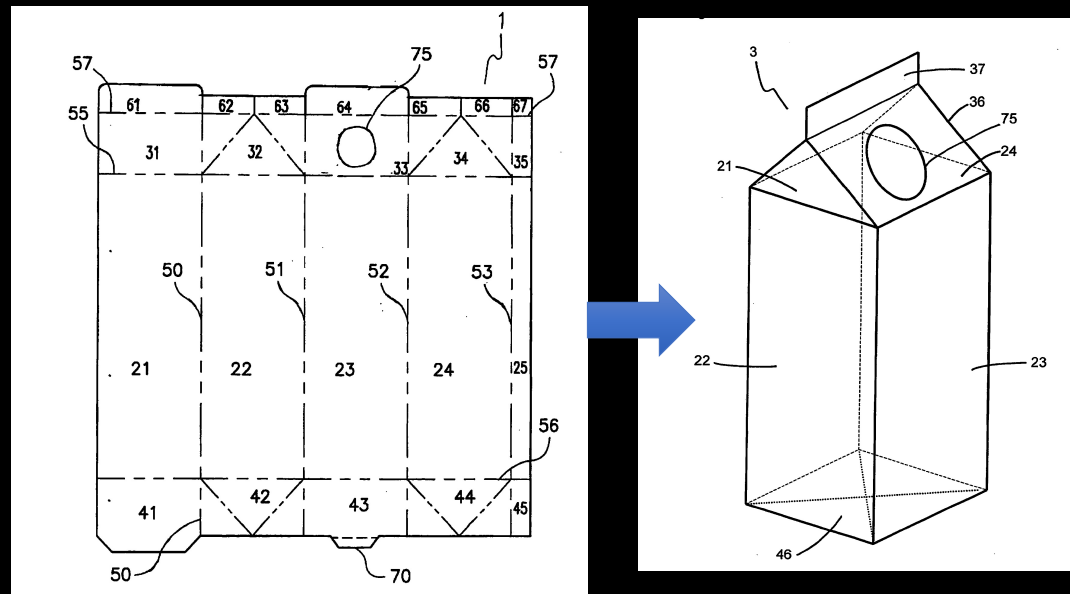


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Packaging production

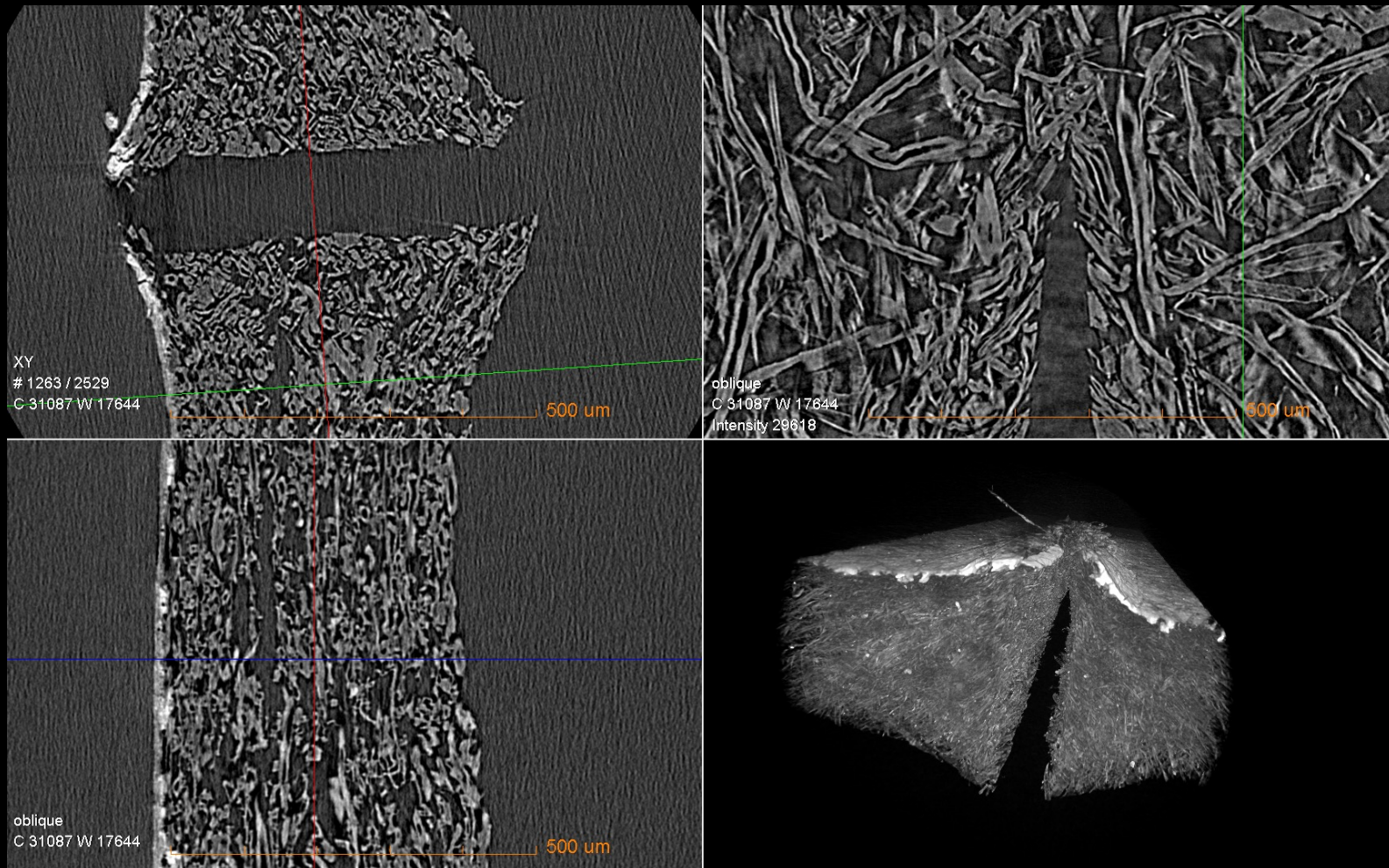
Paperboard package production involves a number of processing steps, including creasing and folding that produce significant deformation of the material...



- ... What happens to the material(s) during these processes?
- ... How can the processes be optimised to mitigate product failure?

➡ 3D imaging can be used to investigate material structure, deformation and process mechanisms

Sharp edge cutting through paperboard

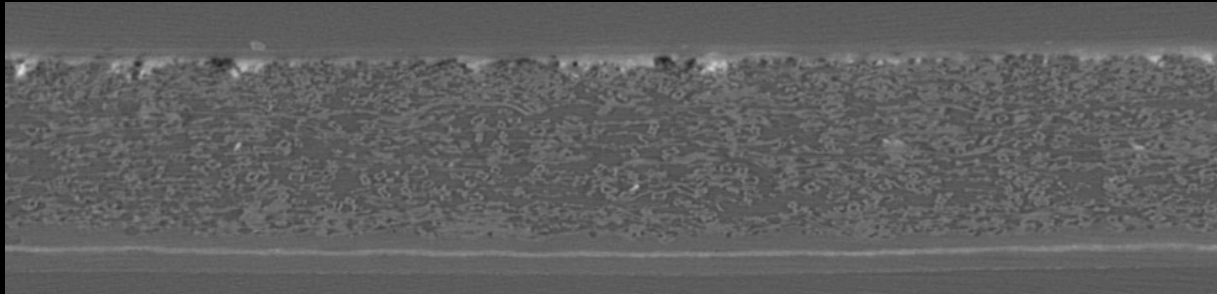


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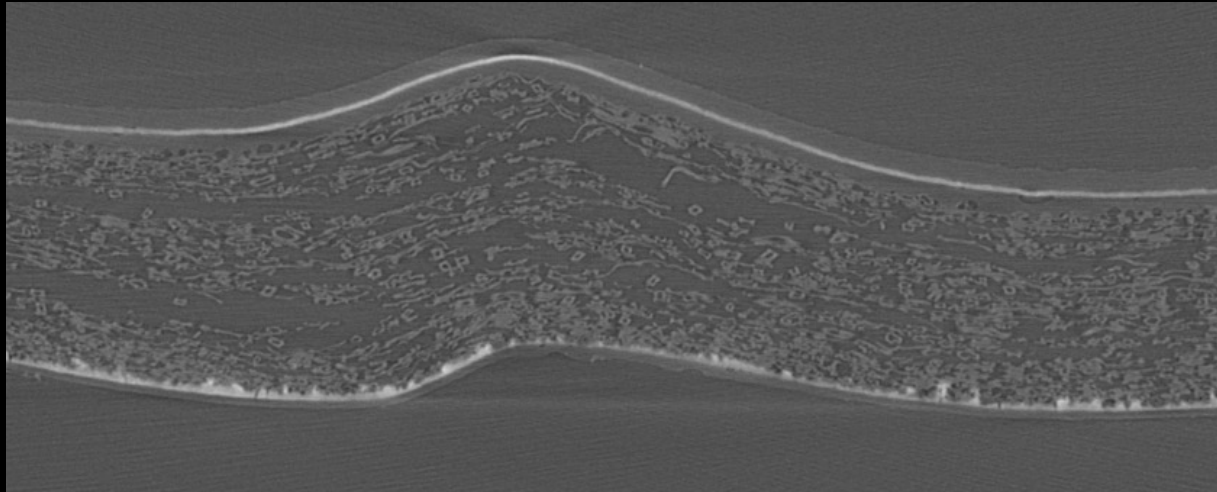
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Deformation due to folding

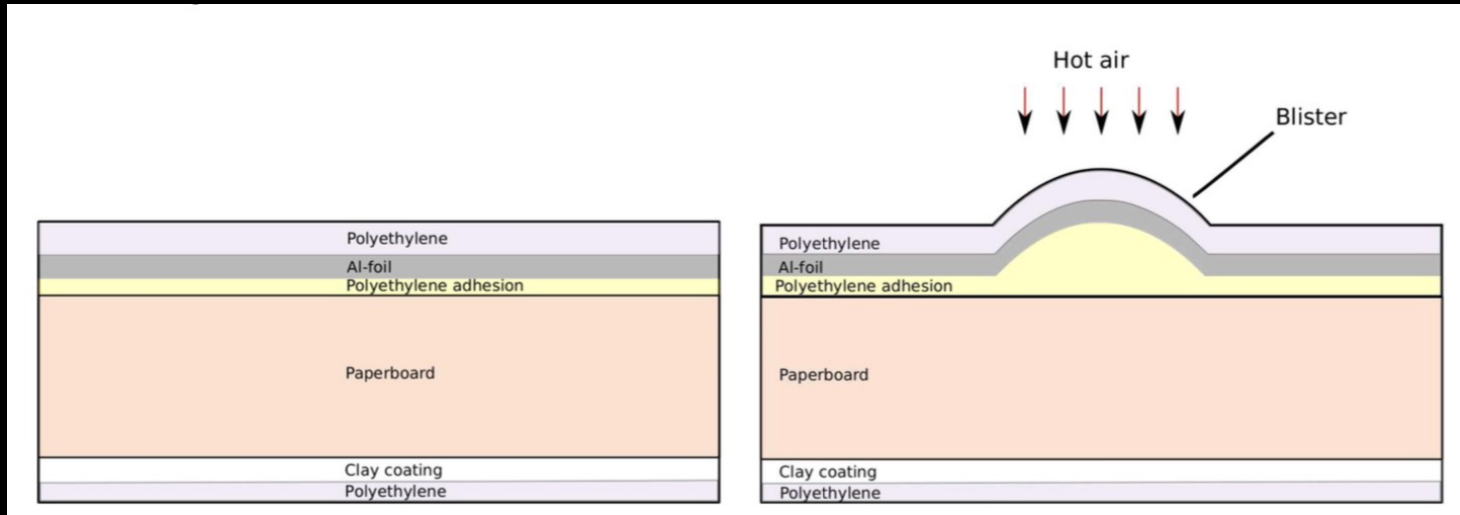
“non-deformed” material



Corner fold



Blistering & Wrinkling in Paperboard



Askfelt & Ristinmaa, 2017

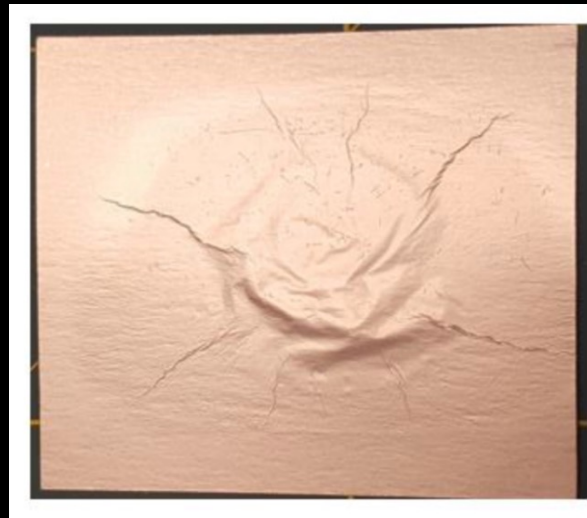
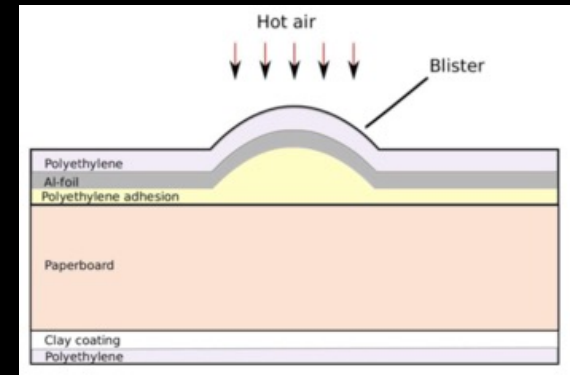
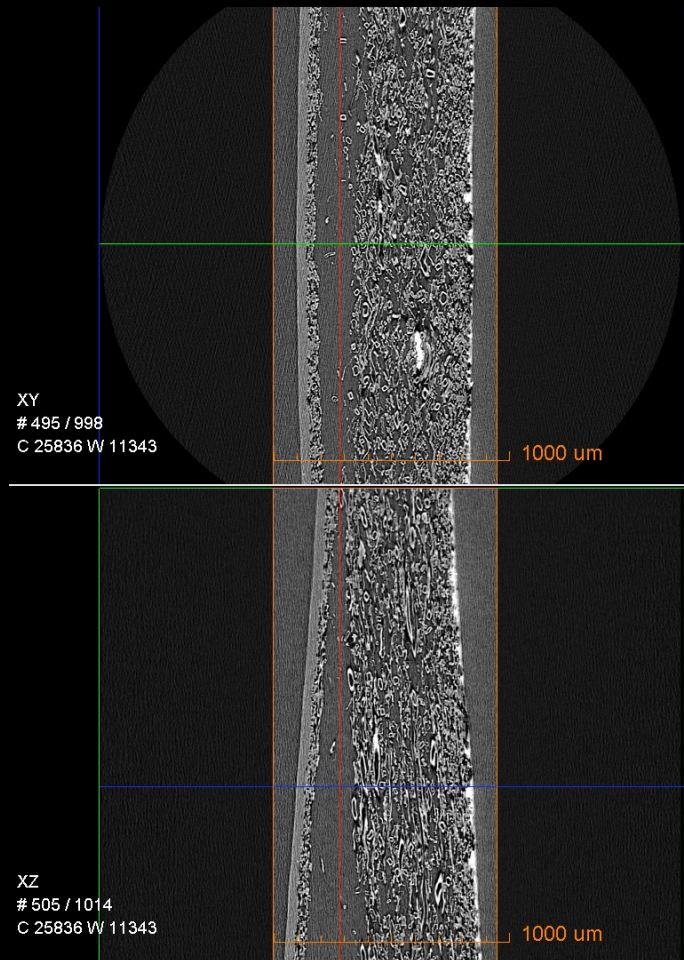


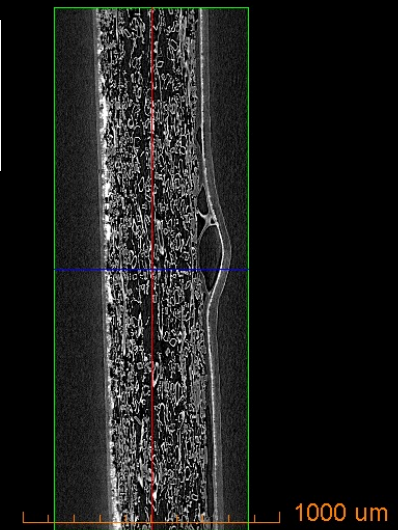
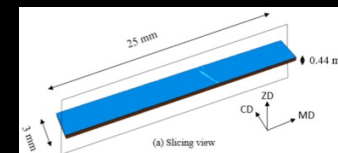
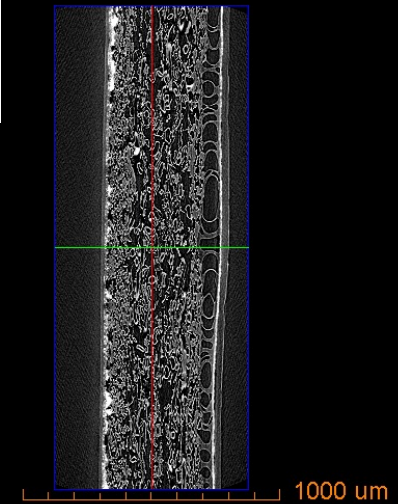
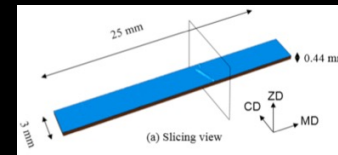
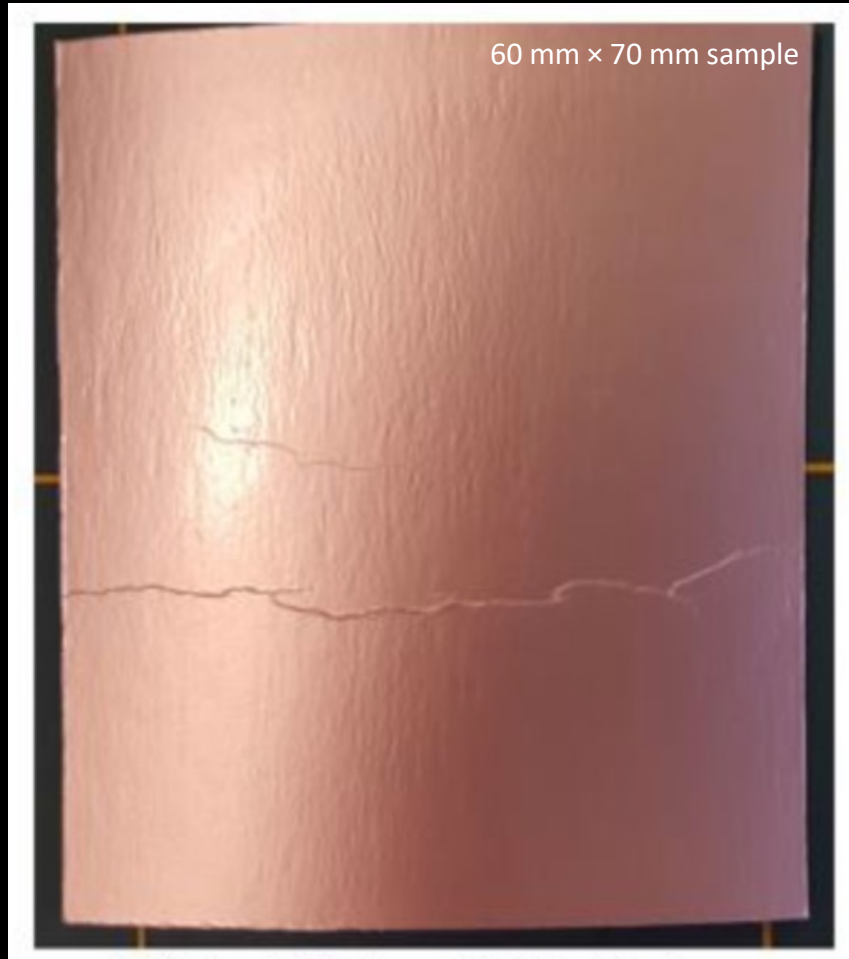
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Blistering in Paperboard



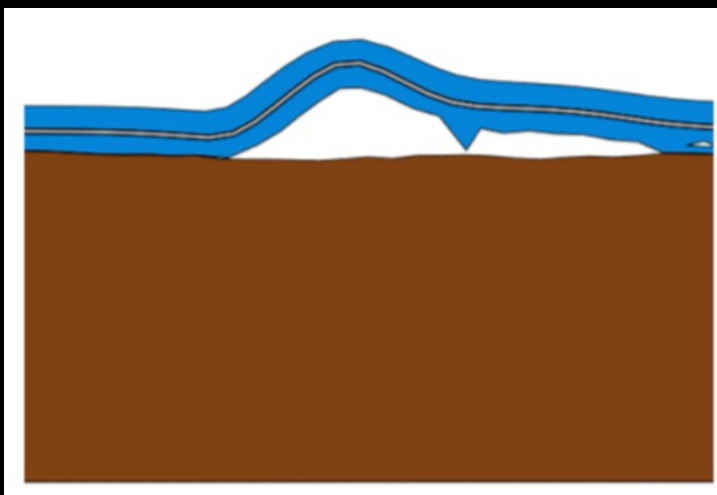
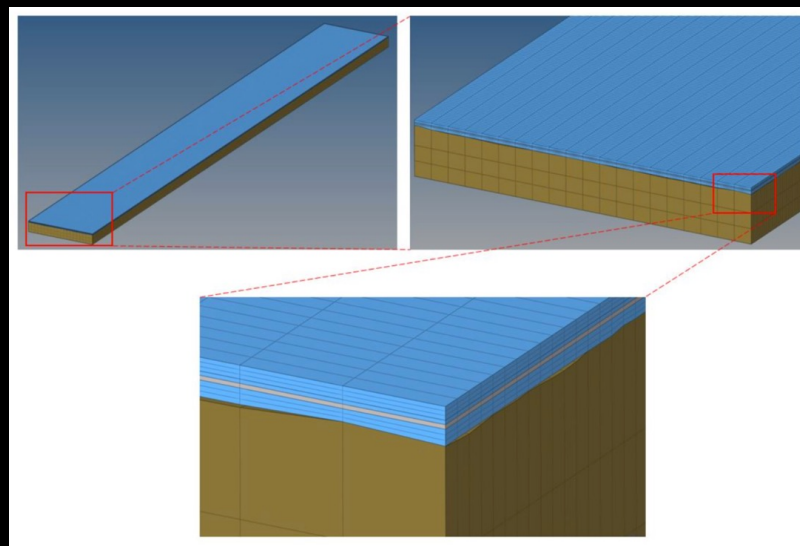
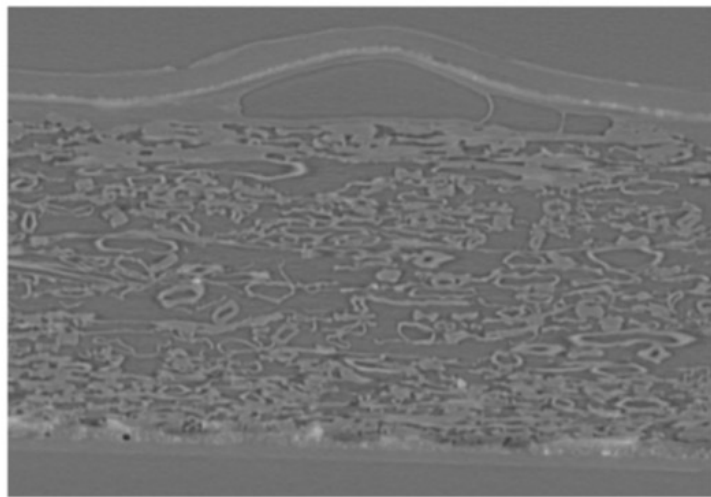
Collaboration with RISE / StoraEnso (SuMo Biomaterials)

Wrinkling in Paperboard



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Zeiss Xradia XRM 520



- High resolution 3D x-ray microscope
- 3D imaging resolutions down to < 700 nm (voxel sizes down to 70 nm)
- 30 – 160 kV
- Diffraction Contrast Tomography (DCT) capability

RXSolutions EasyTom150



- Large field of view (flat panel)
- 40- 150 kV
- Large working space
- Faster imaging



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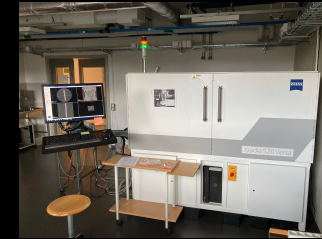
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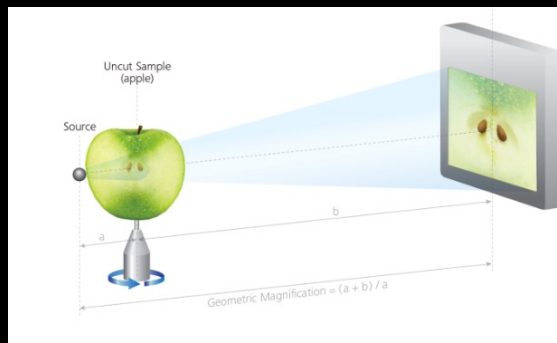
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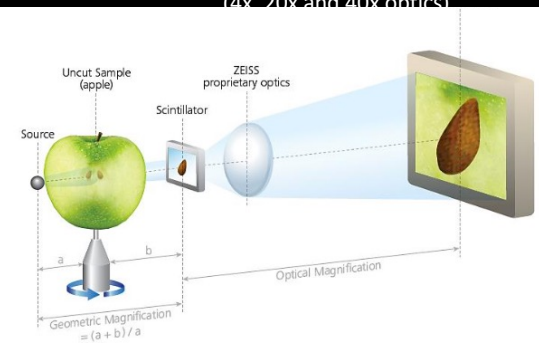


Geometrical magnification



Secondary optical magnification

(4x, 20x and 40x optics)



- High thermal and mechanical stability and high precision positioning
- High resolution CCD camera
- Small spot size (around 2 microns)
- 3D imaging resolutions down to < 700 nm

Images courtesy of Carl Zeiss Microscopy

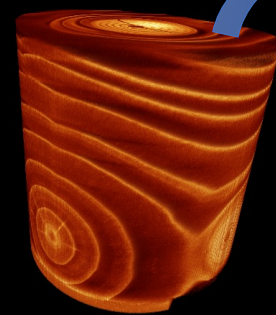


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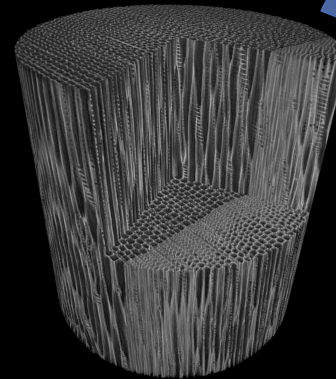
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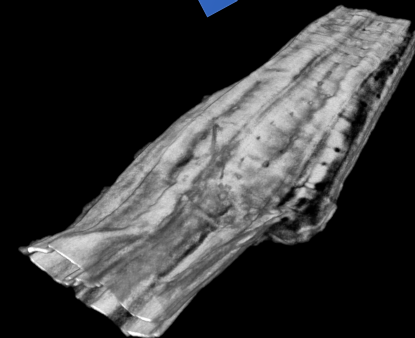
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Tomographic image of
Spruce wood
FoV diameter = 49 mm



Tomographic image of a
sample of Spruce wood
FoV diameter = 1.5 mm



Tomographic image
of wood fibres
Voxel size = 300 nm
FoV = 300 microns

Multiscale

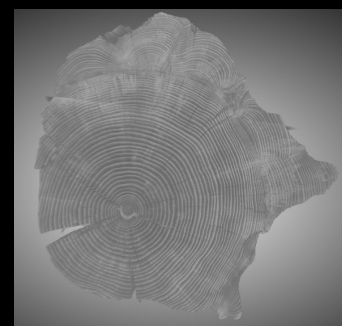


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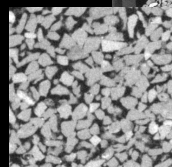
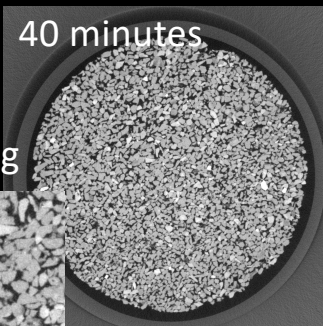
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Larger samples
300 mm x 450 mm

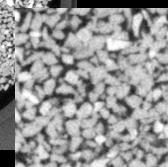
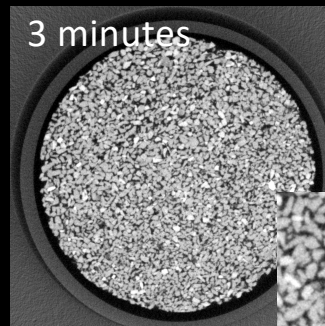


Faster imaging

40 minutes



3 minutes



25 mm diameter sandstone in aluminium test cell