
Modeling Life Time and Dust Holding Capacity of Nonwoven Filter Media with GeoDict

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- Founded September 21 2011 in Kaiserslautern.
- Spin-off of Fraunhofer Institute for Industrial Mathematics ITWM. Located in the Business and Innovation Center in Kaiserslautern.
- Business based on GeoDict software formerly developed by ITWM. Continued close cooperation with ITWM on algorithms.



- GeoDict® exists since 2001, first sales in 2003, first sales for filtration (FilterDict® module) in 2005.
- The intellectual property rights to the GeoDict software belong to Math2Market GmbH since January 1, 2013.

Outline

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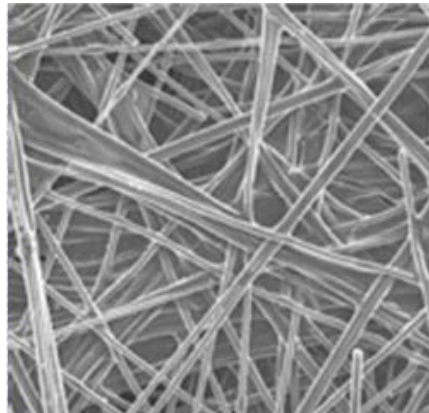
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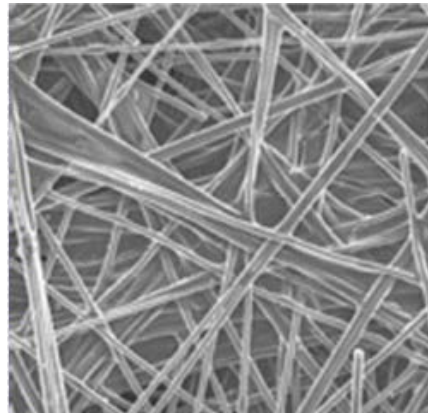
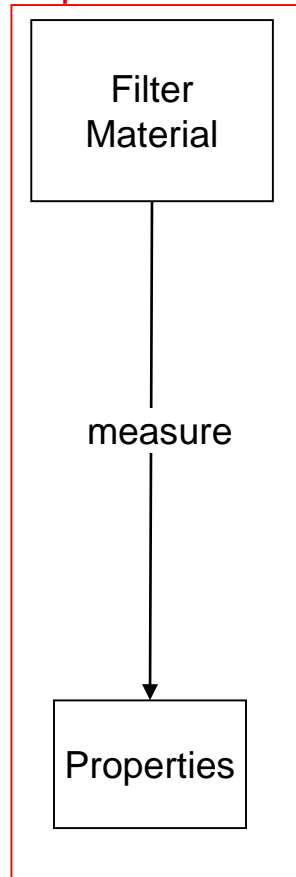
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Filter
Material



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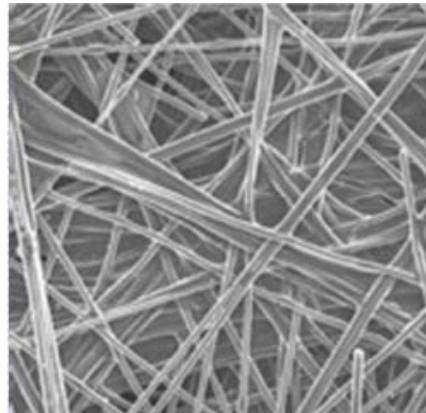
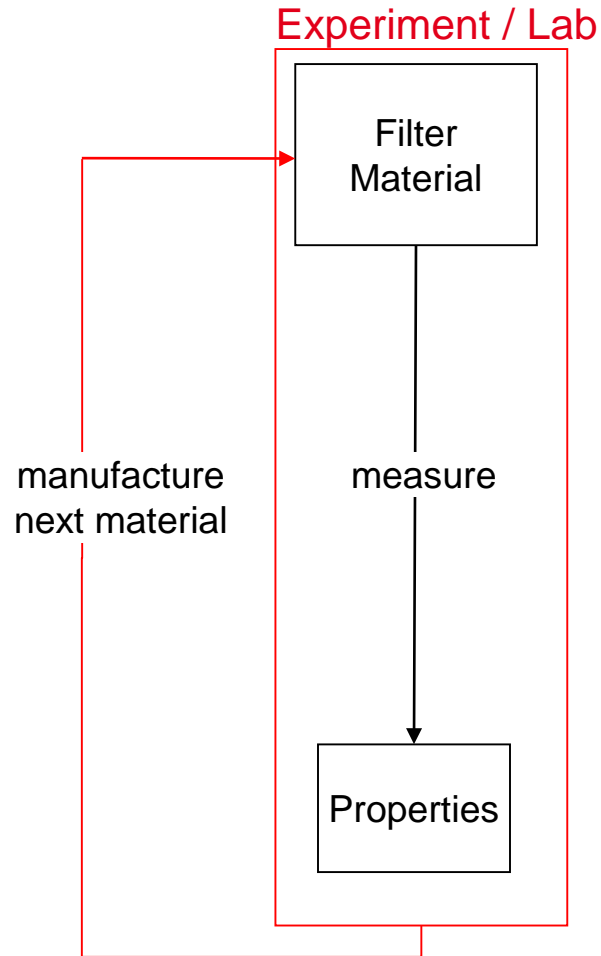
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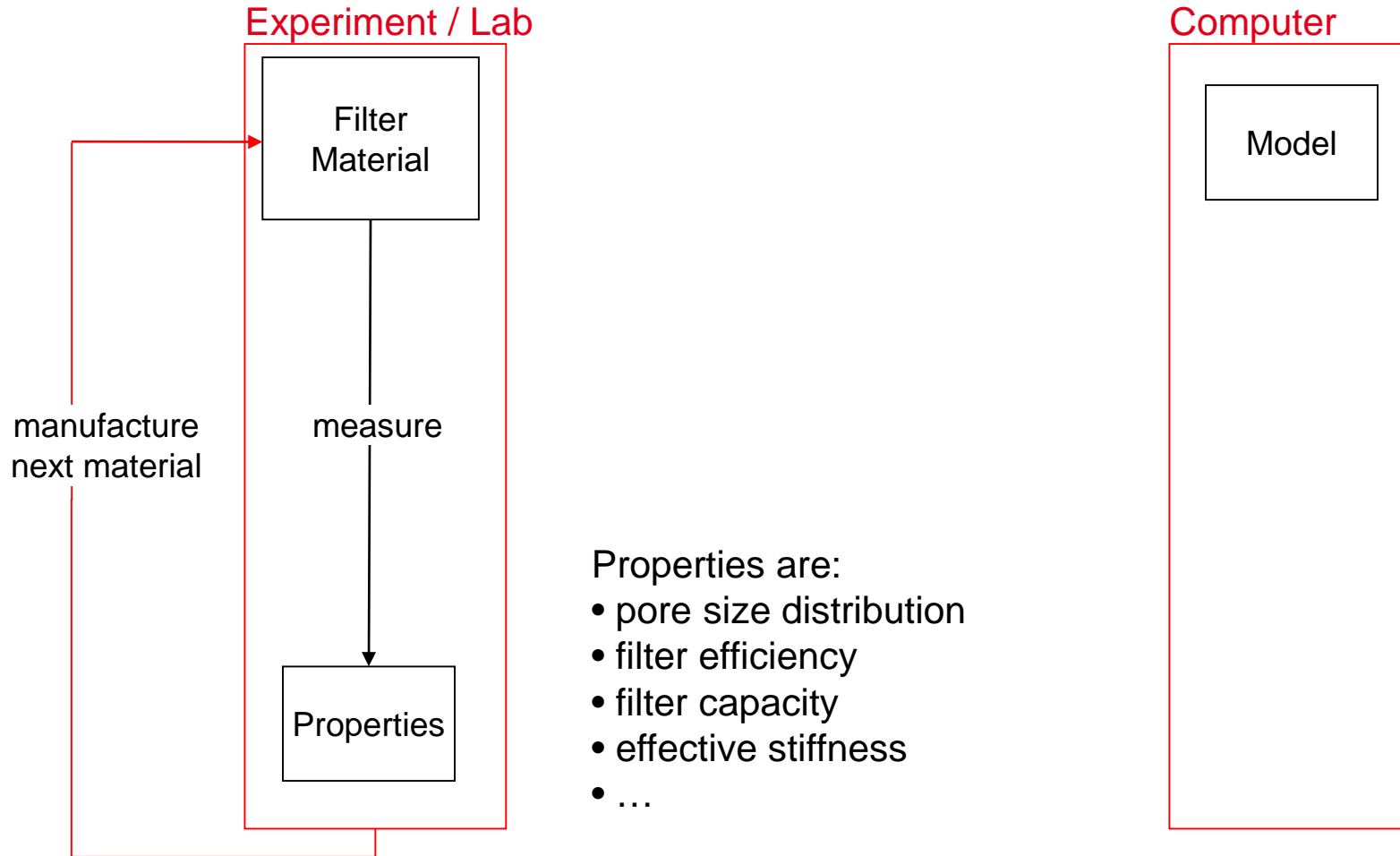
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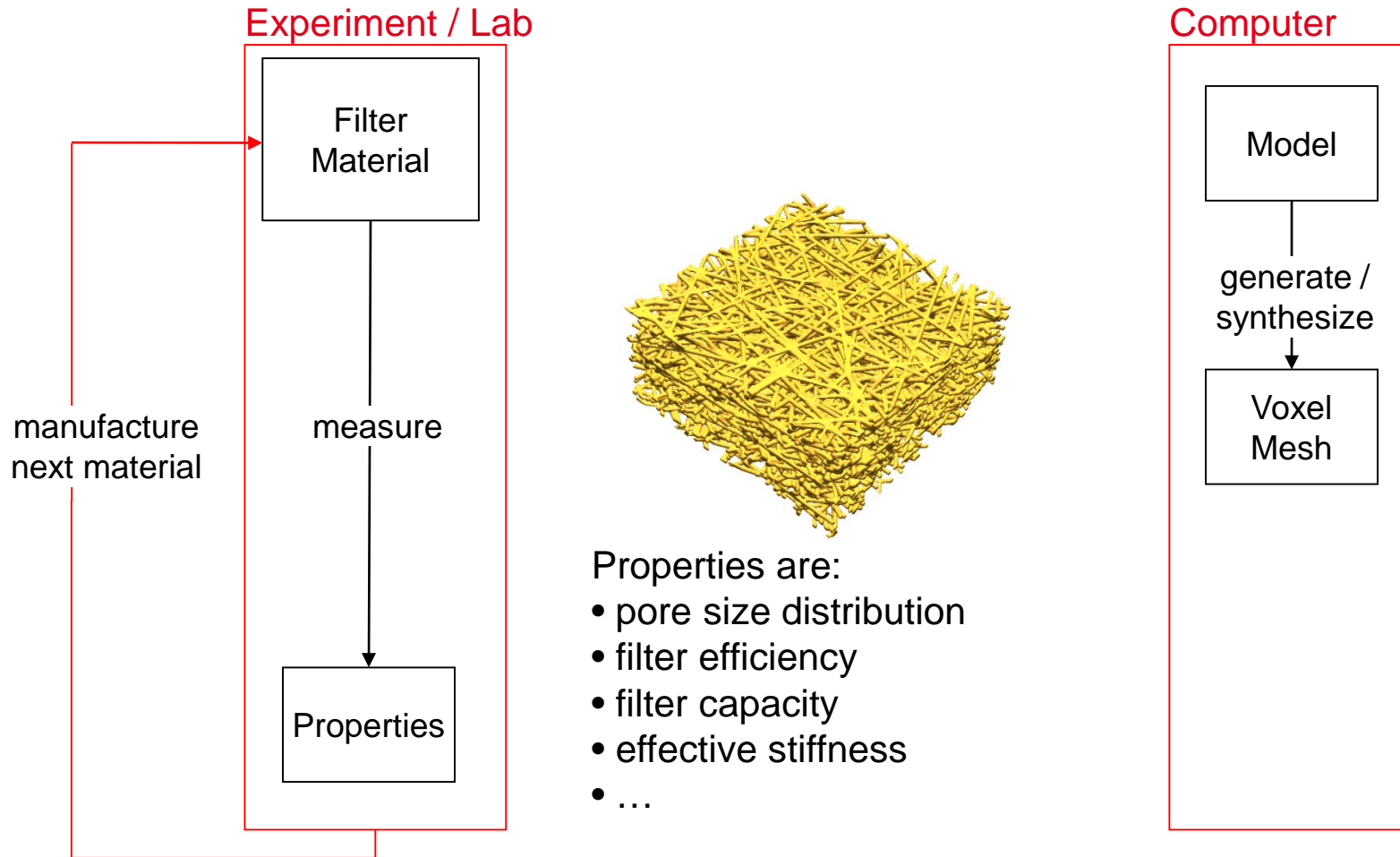
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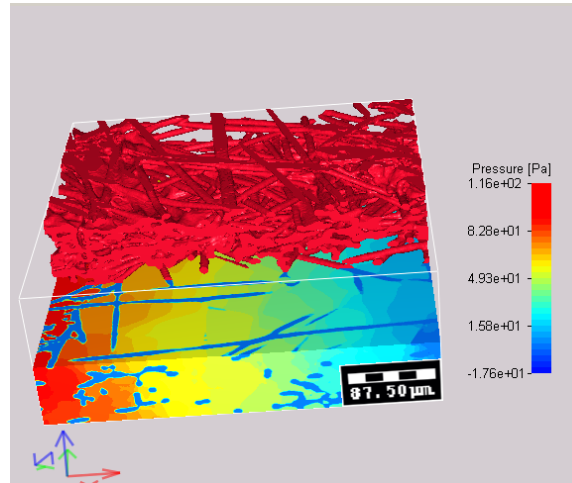
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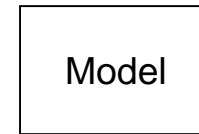
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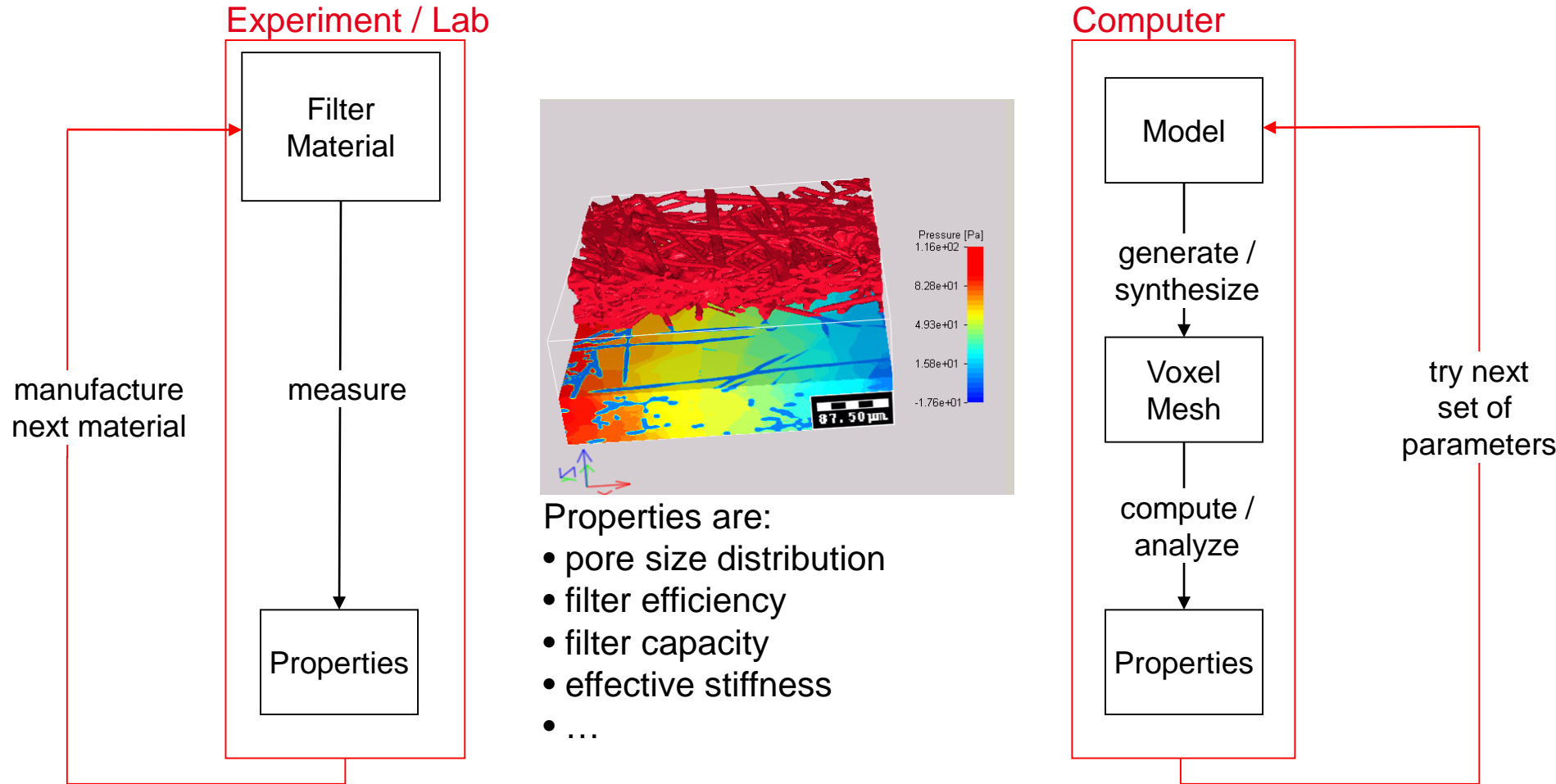
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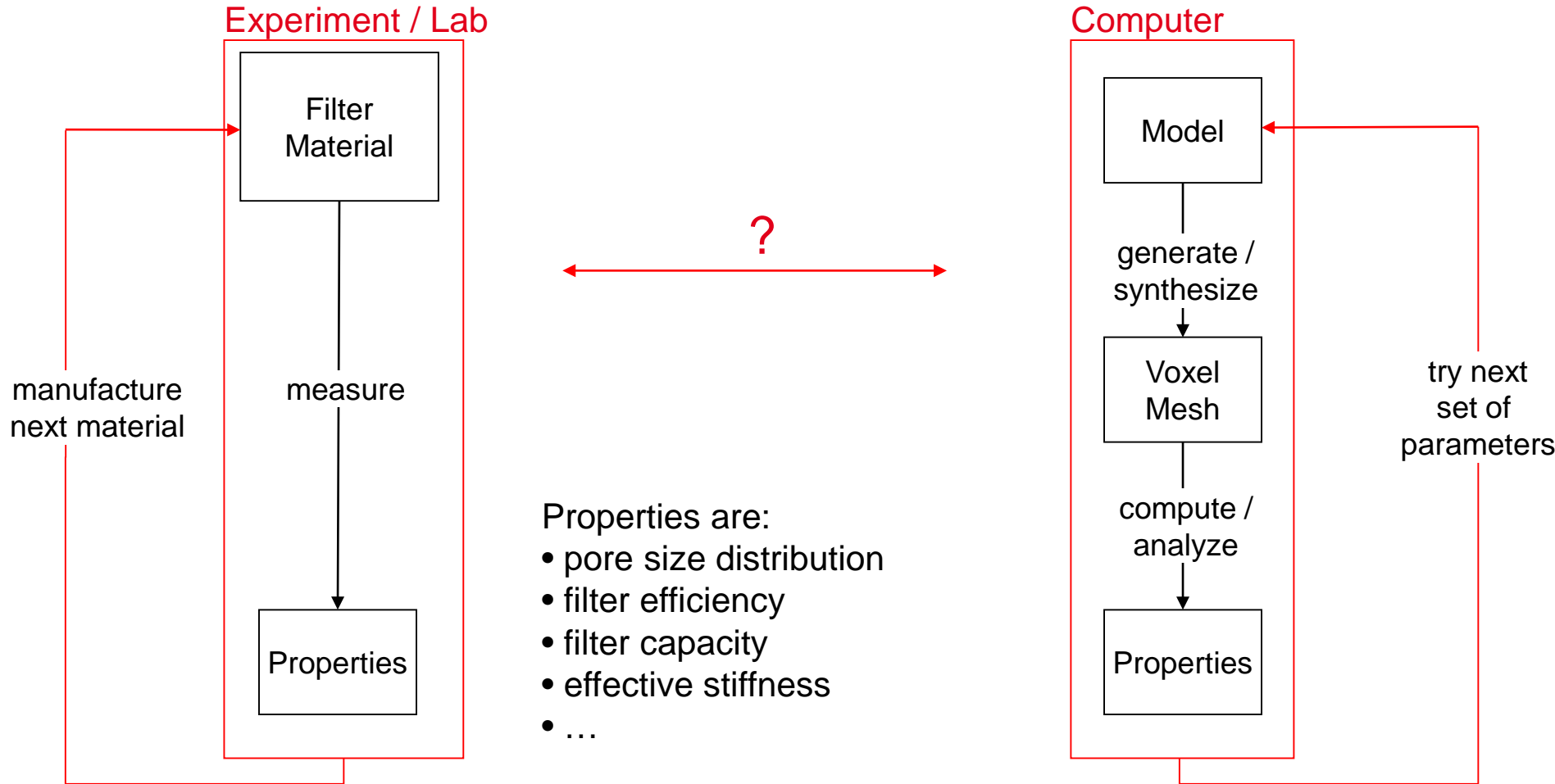
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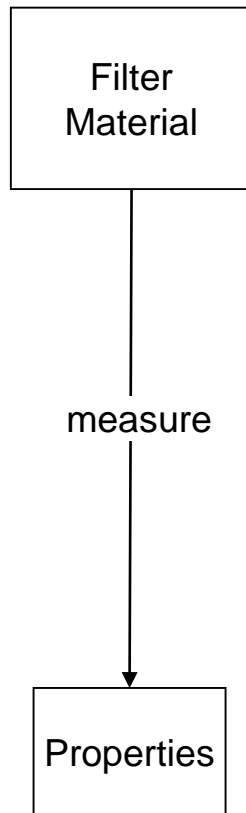
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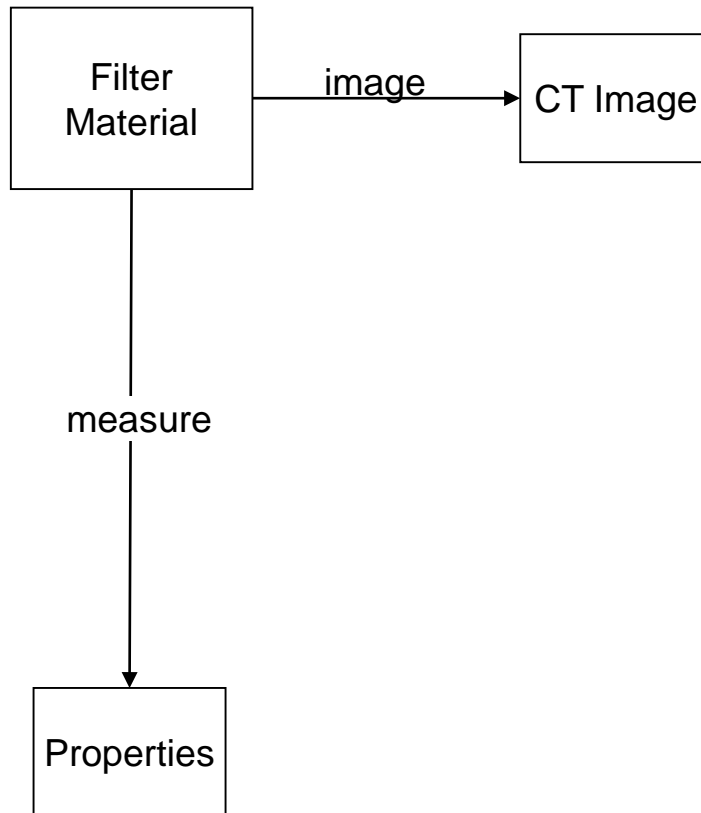
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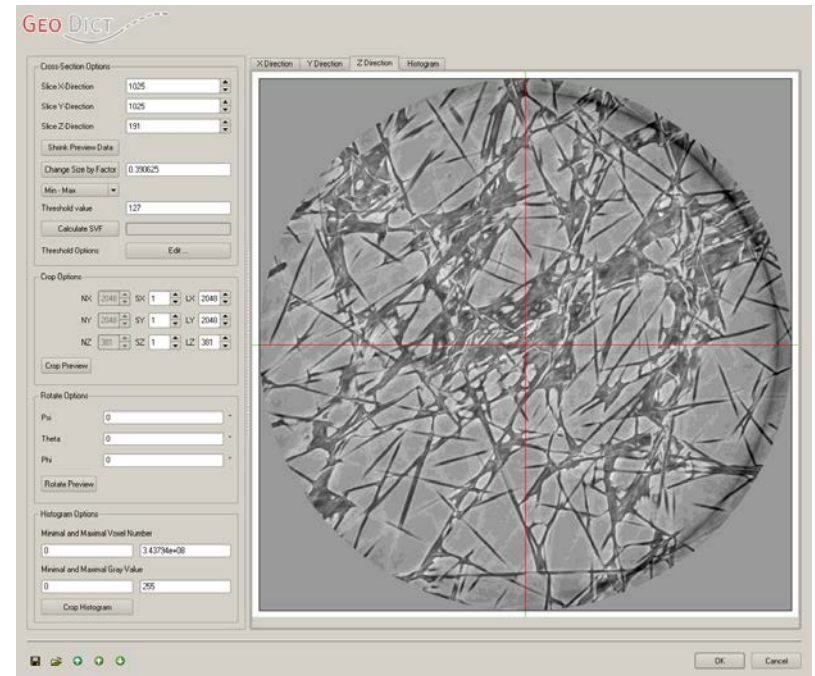
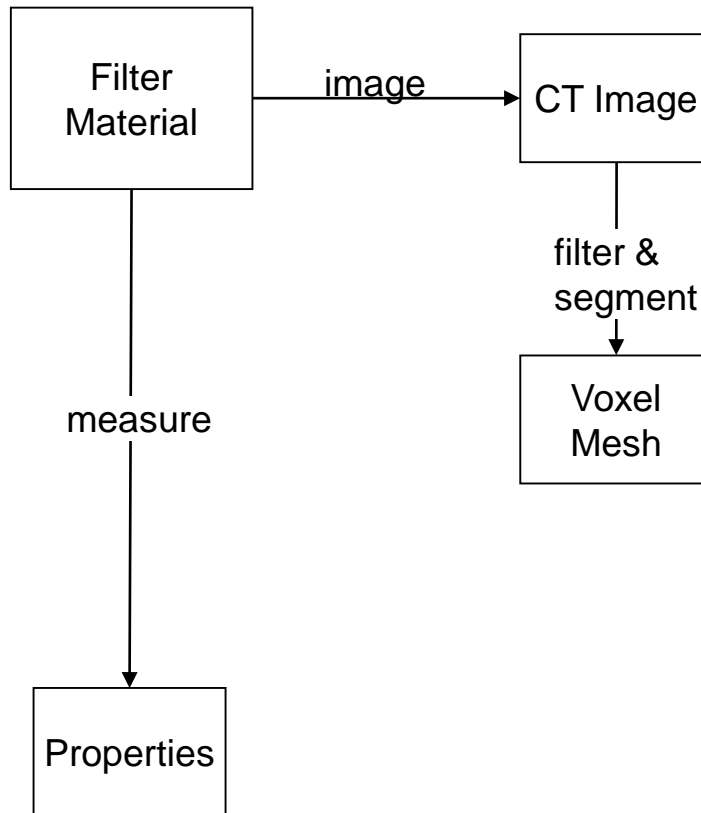
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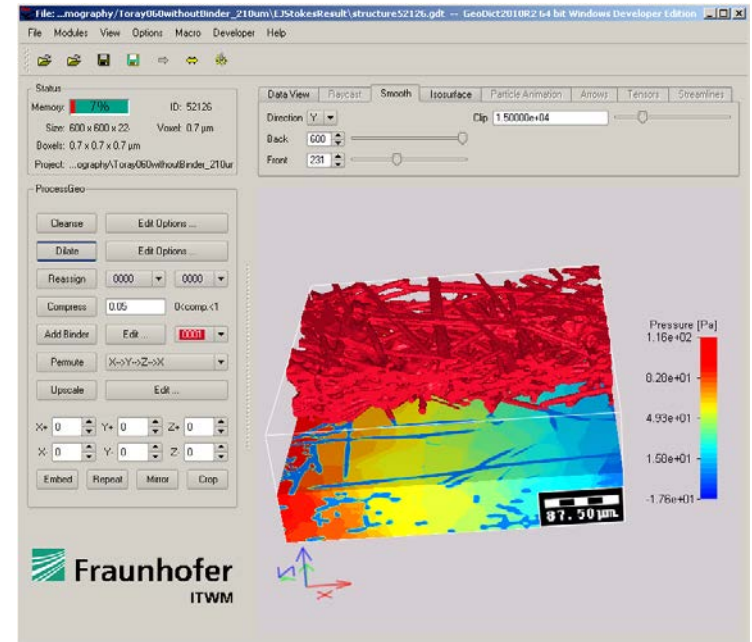
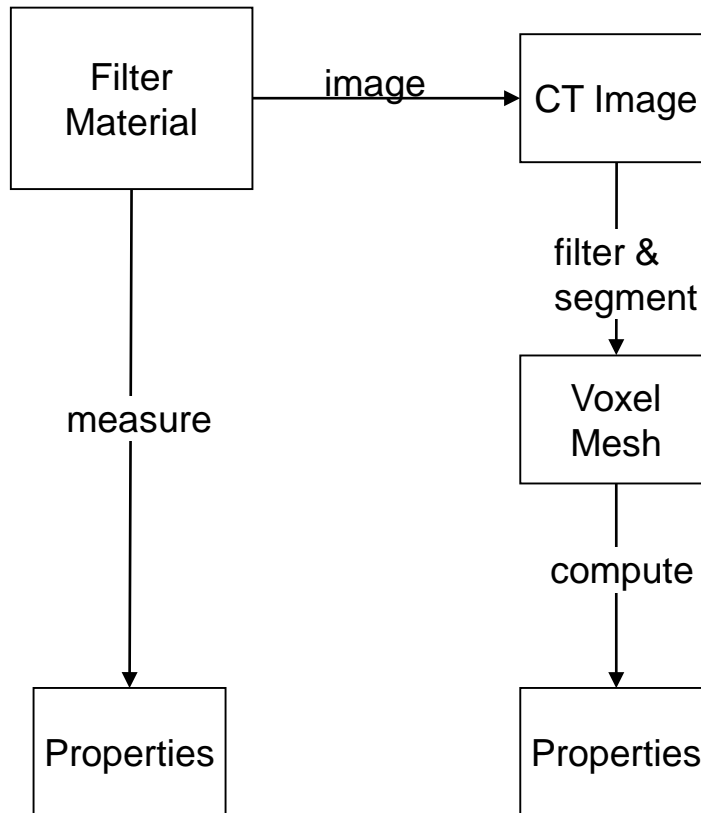
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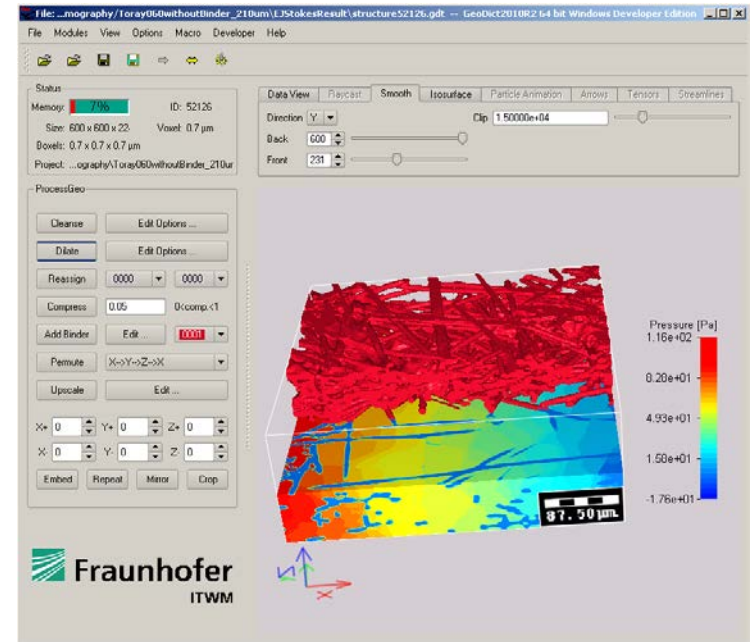
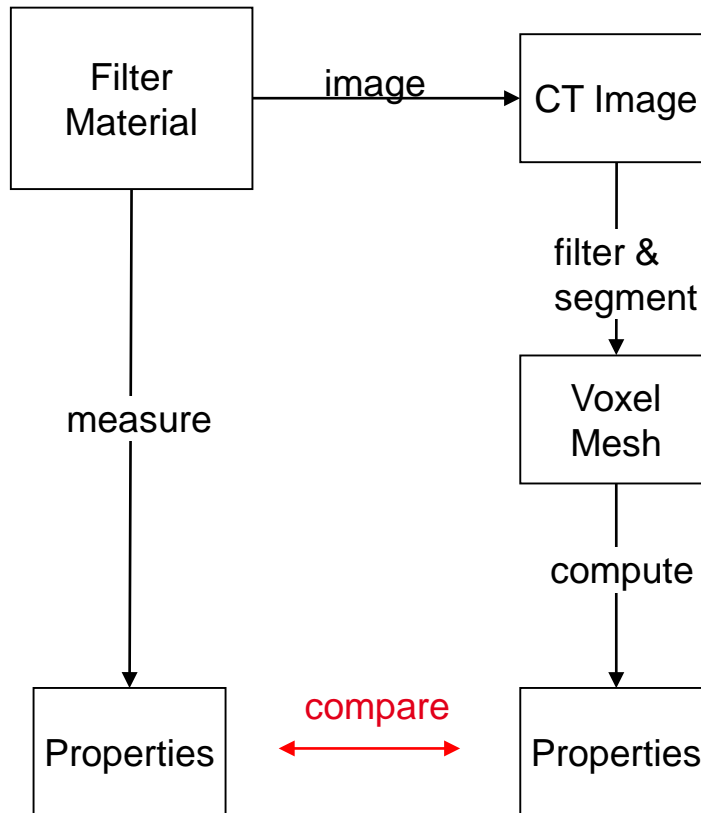
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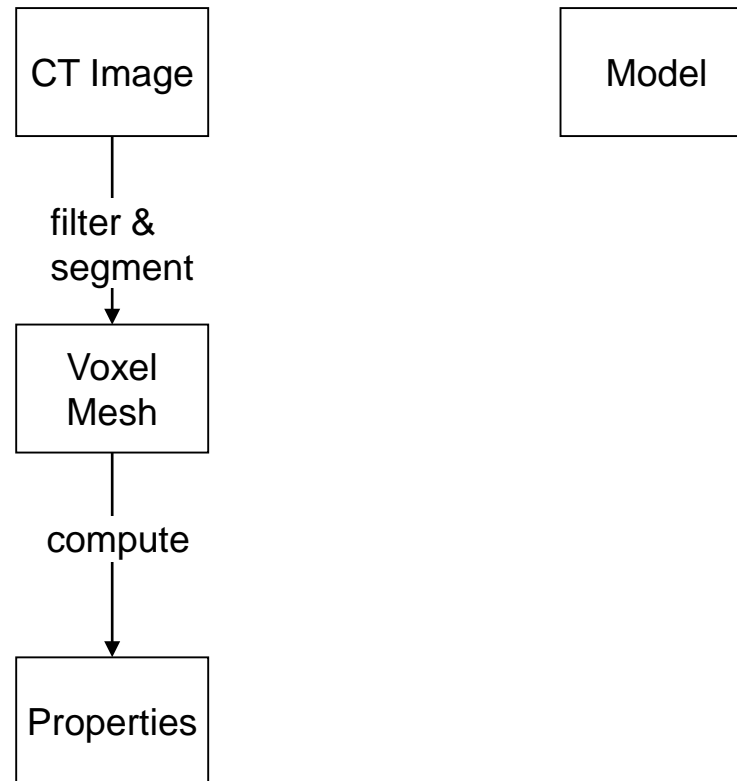
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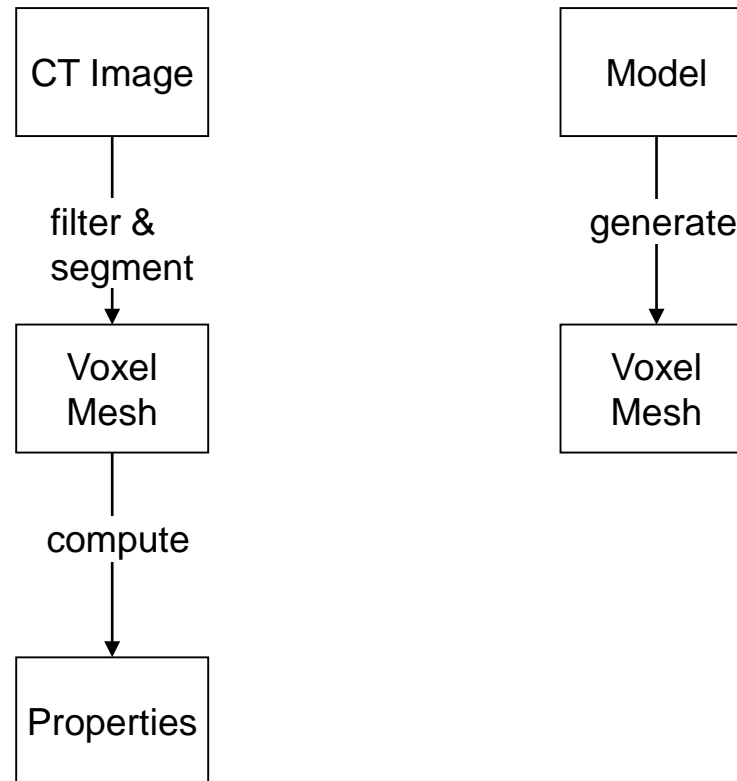
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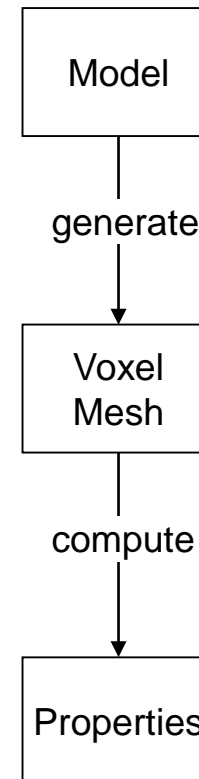
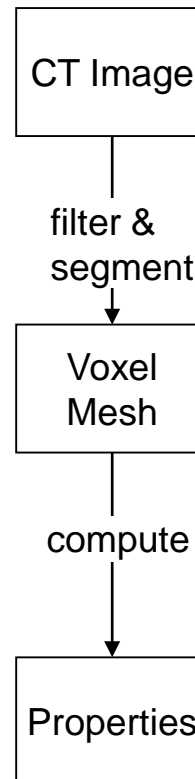


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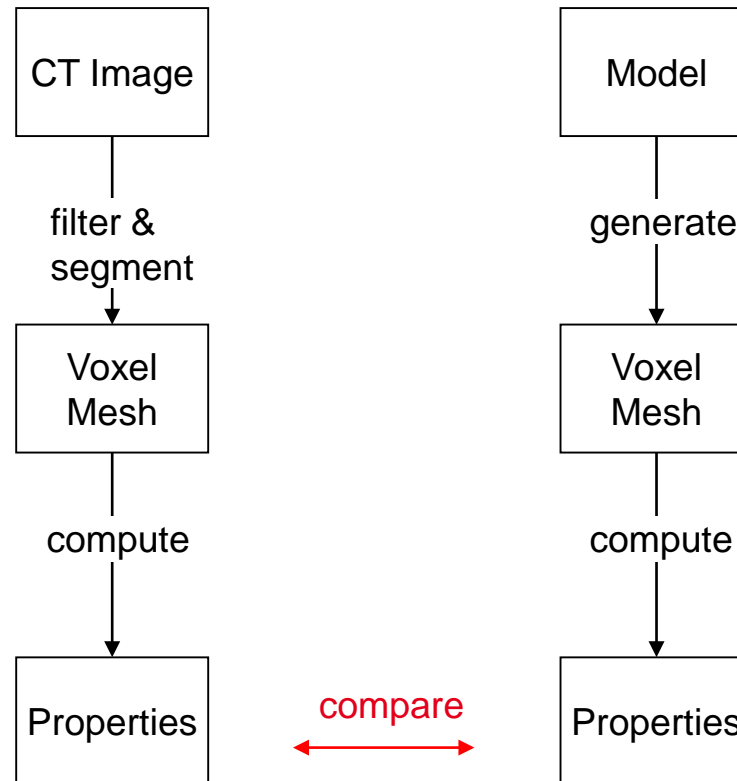


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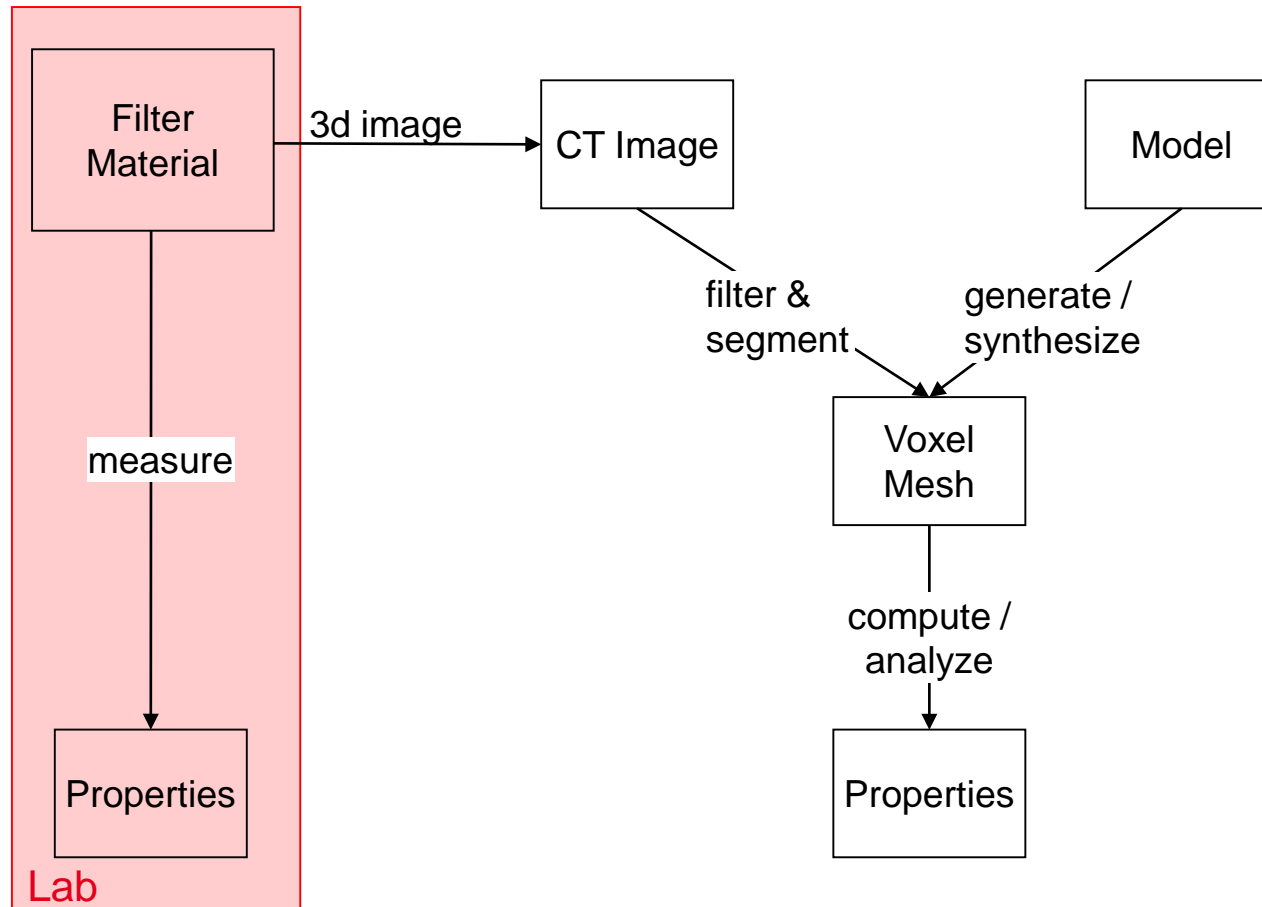
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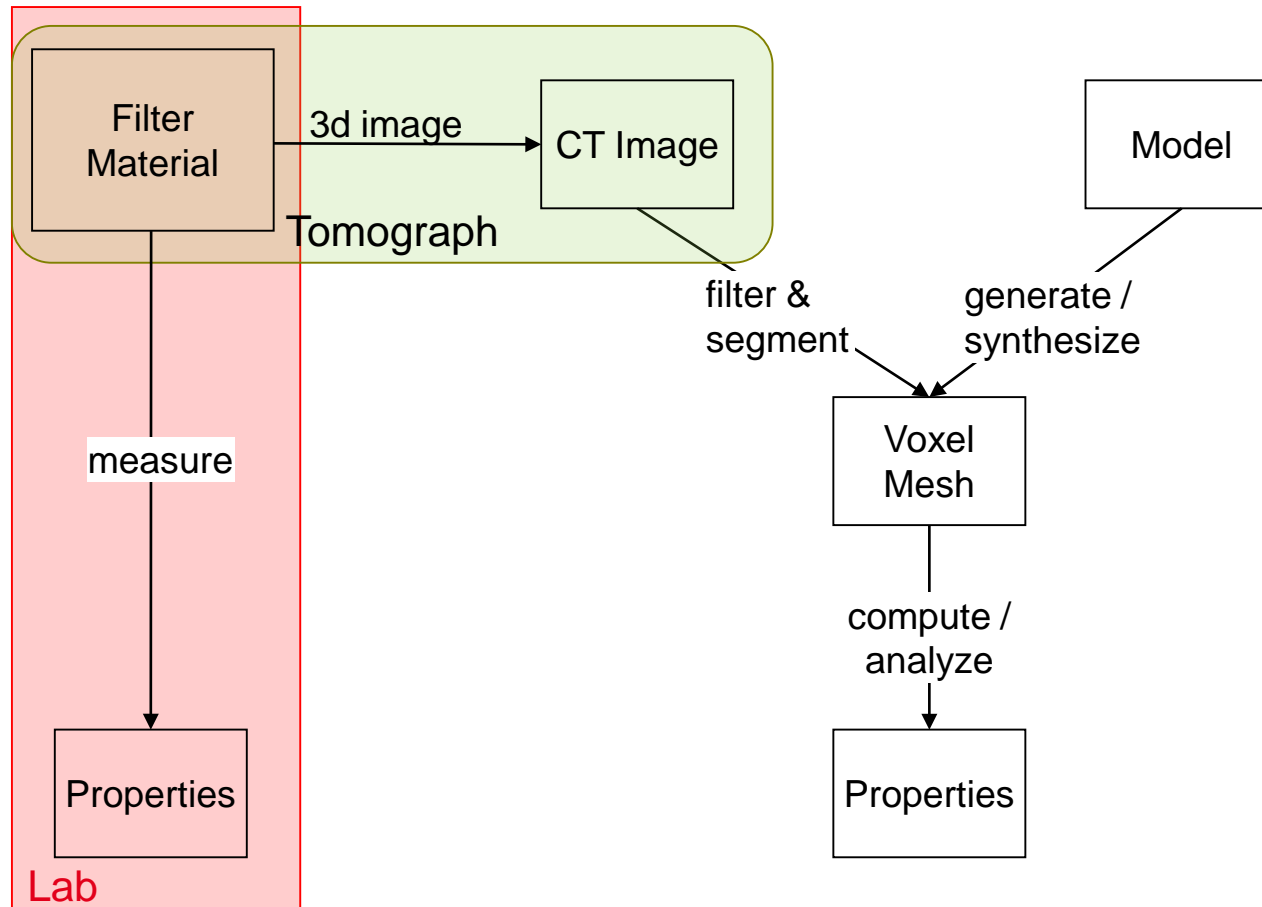
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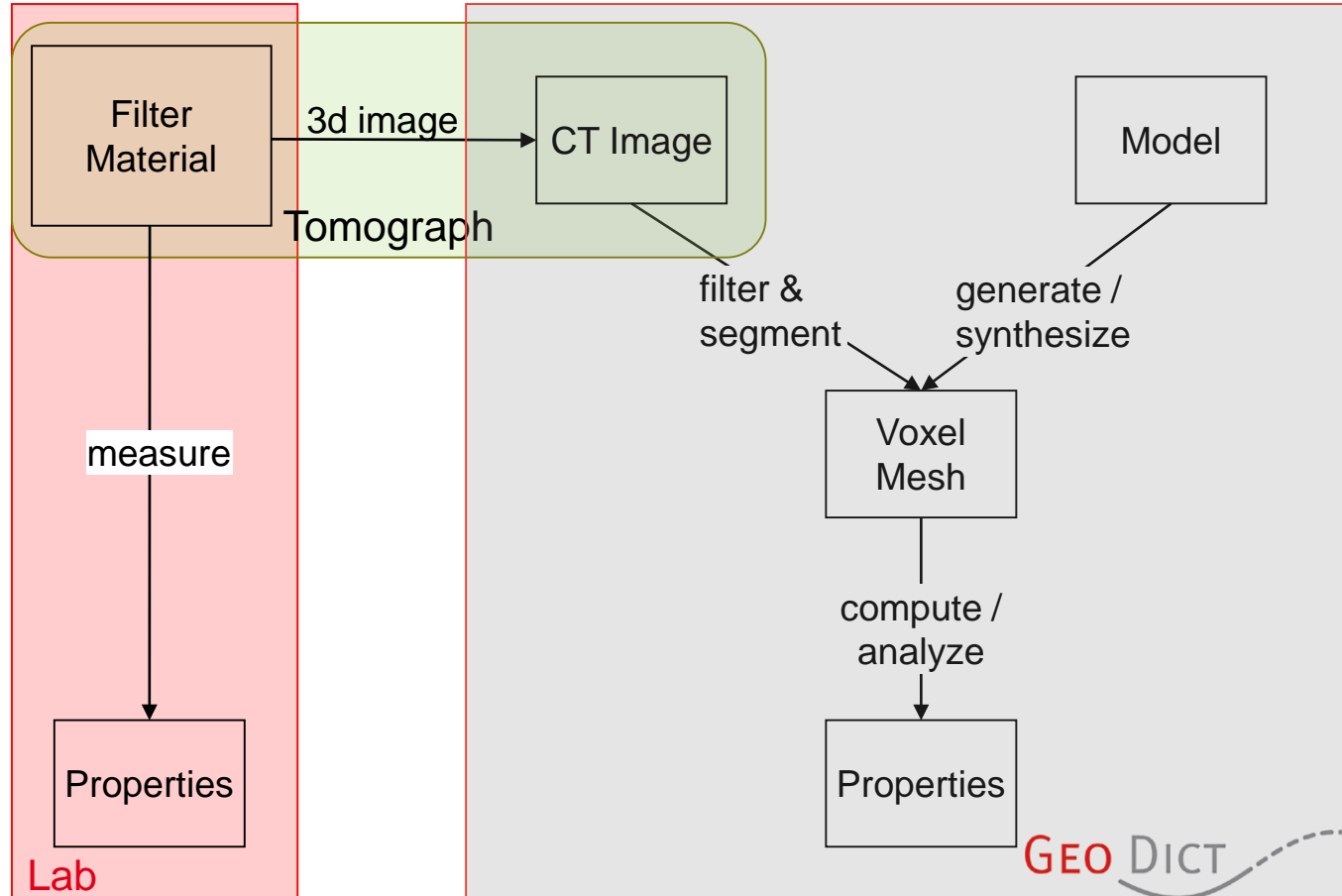
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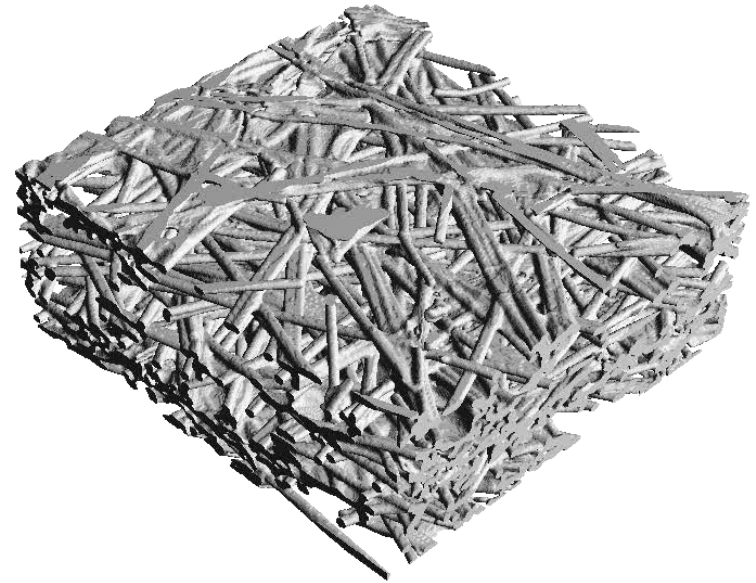
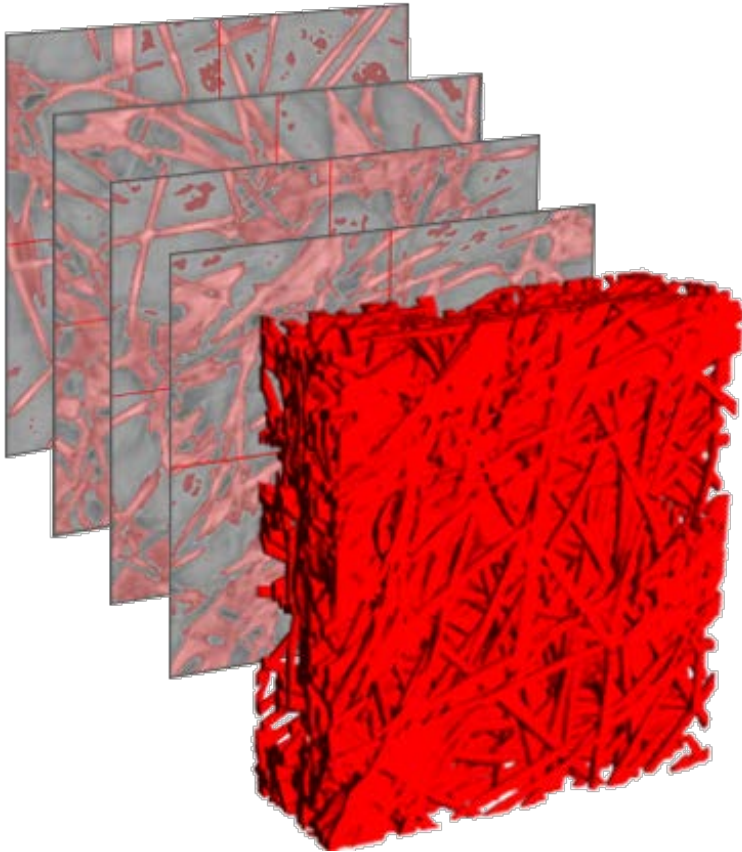


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Simulation on CT Images

- (+) Allow simulations on real filter structures
- (-) Modifications of the filter structure are not possible

Aim: create a model that mimics the tomography first,
then modify it to find structures with enhanced properties!

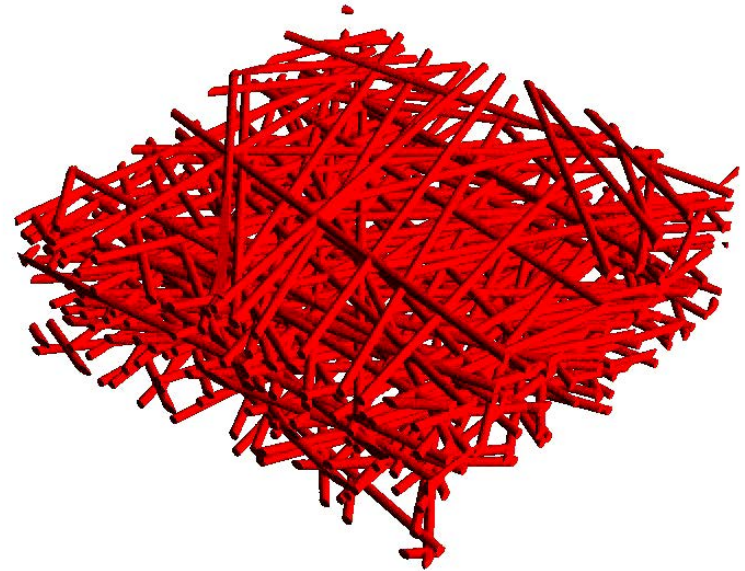
In this presentation: because of confidentiality, the filter structure used for the simulations does not mimic a specific filter media.

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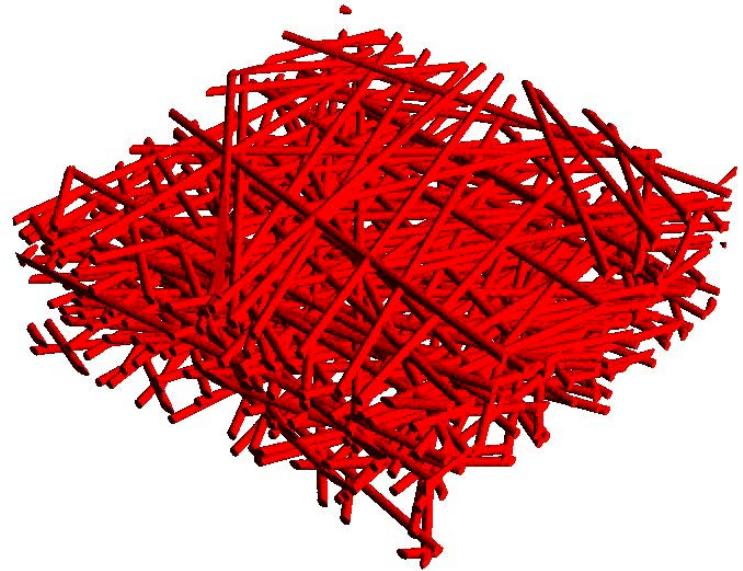
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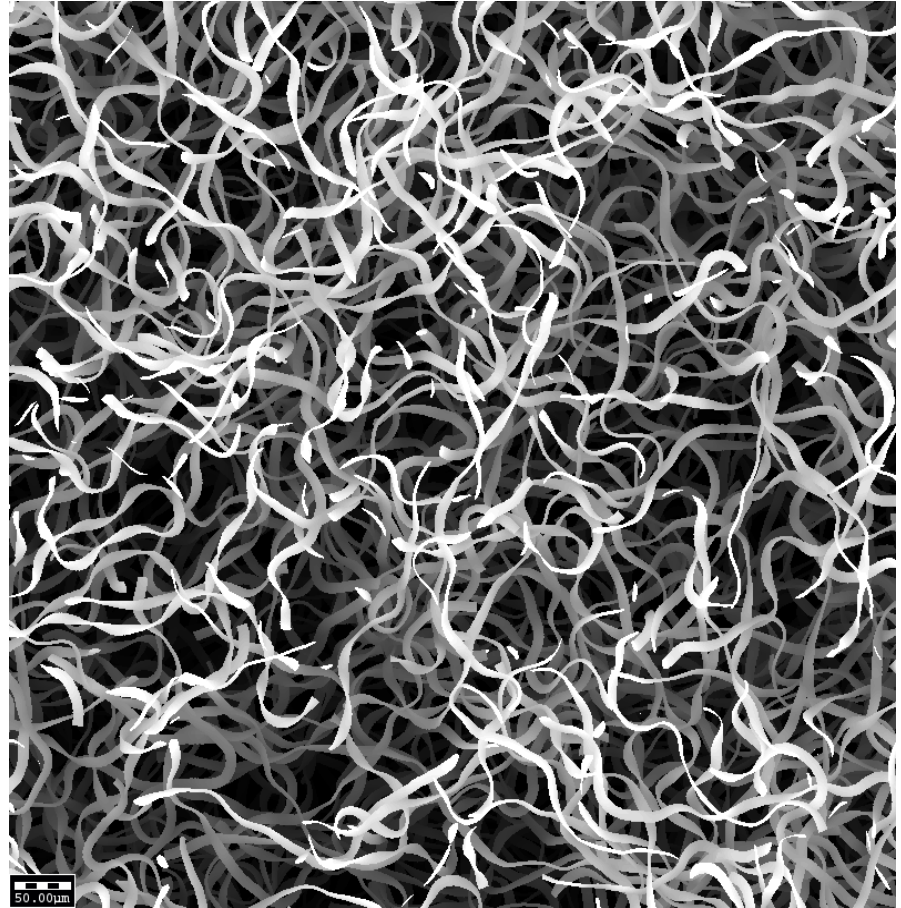
- known from manufacturing process
- measured experimentally
- measured from CT image



Curved Fibers

Additional input for curved fibers:

- Local straightness
- Global straightness
- Torsion

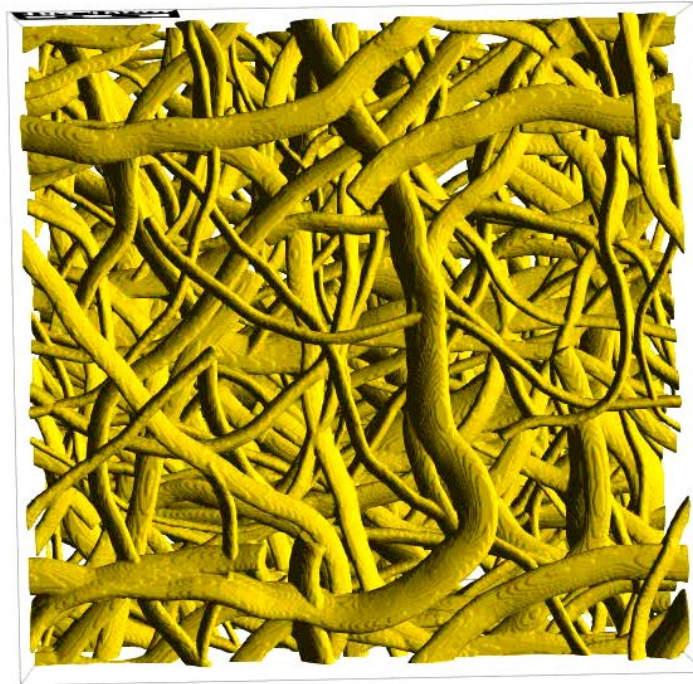


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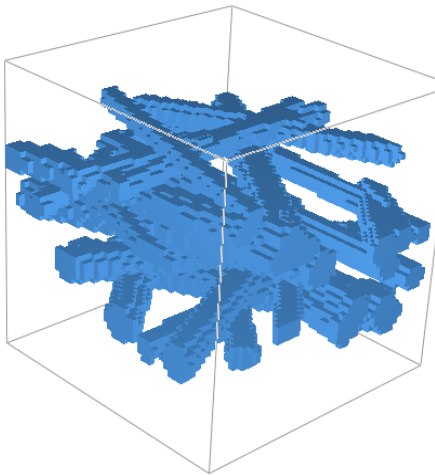


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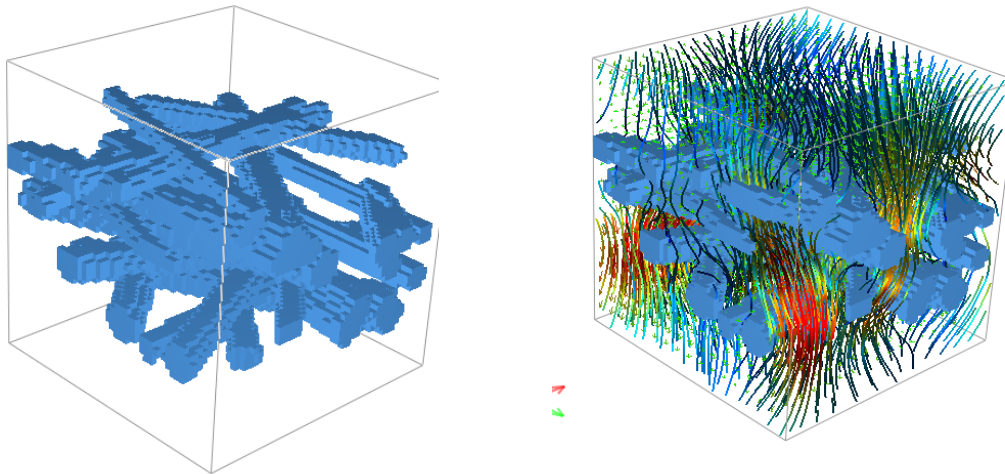
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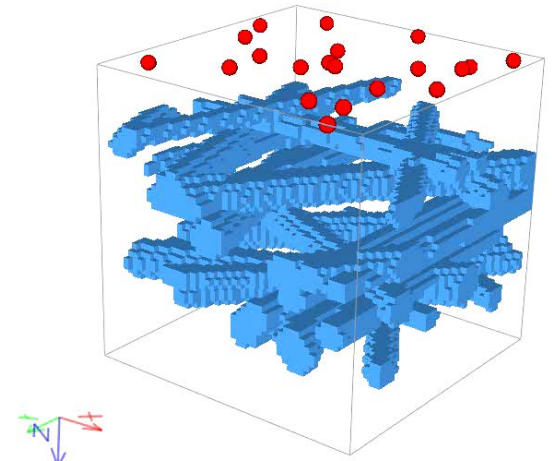
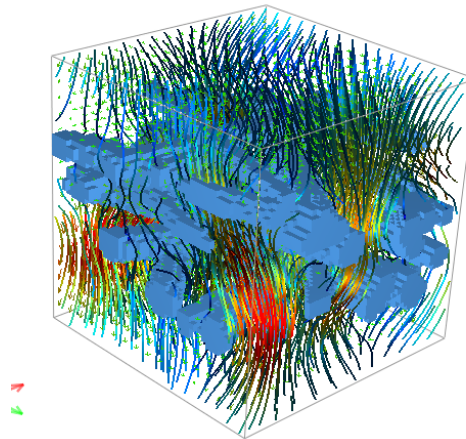
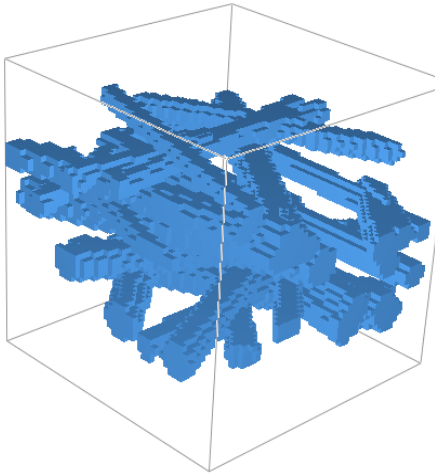
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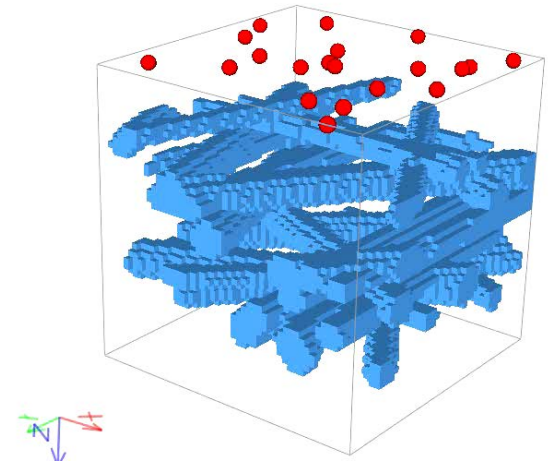
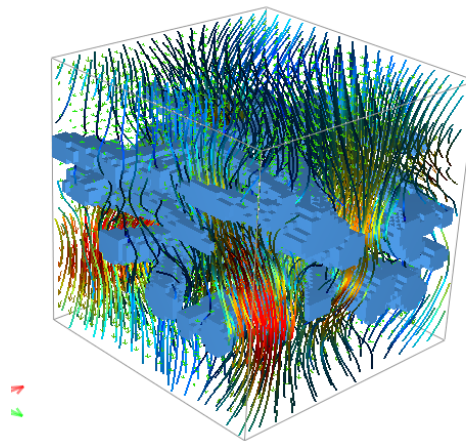
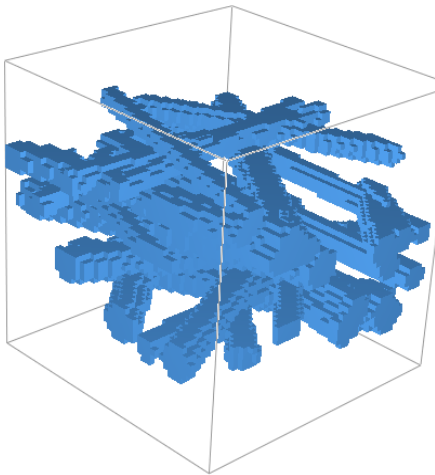
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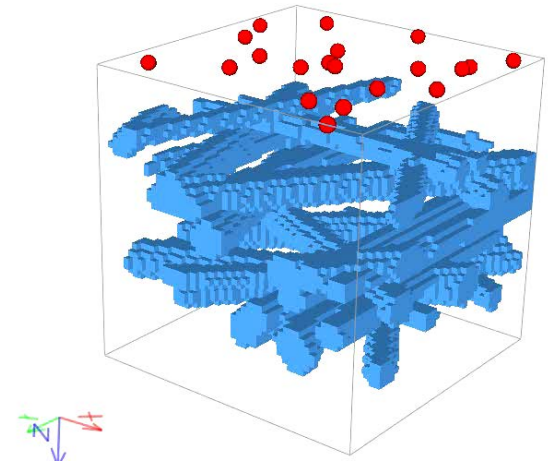
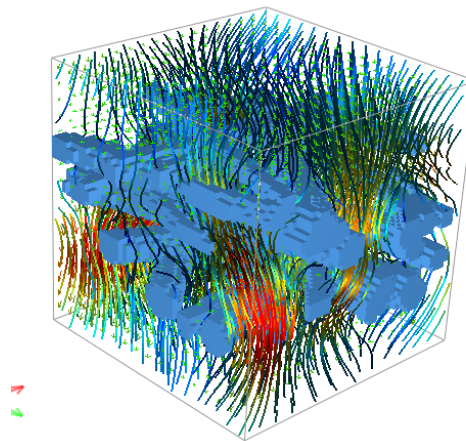
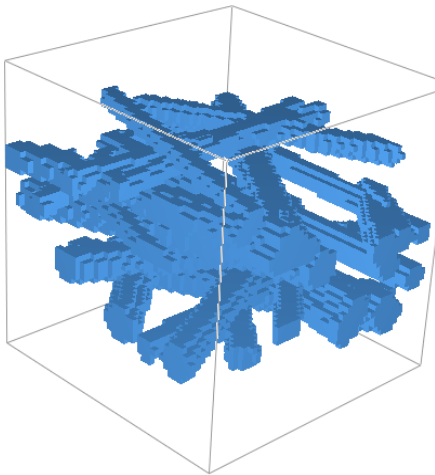
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Result:

- Percentage of filtered particles



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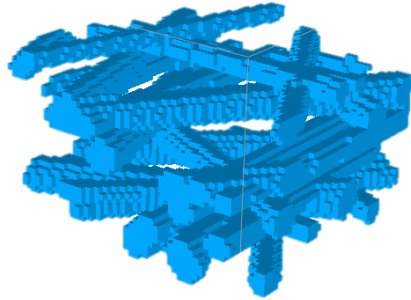
Particles always stick \Rightarrow ***Caught on first touch***

Particles stick if kinetic energy
cannot overcome adhesive forces \Rightarrow ***Hamaker***

Particles do not stick \Rightarrow ***Sieving***

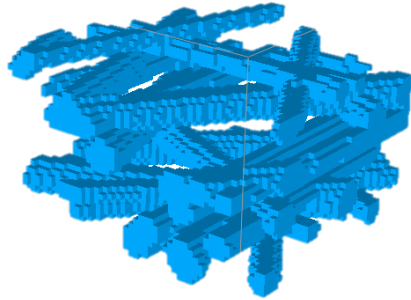
(Particles loose energy when touching \Rightarrow ***Restitution*** factor)

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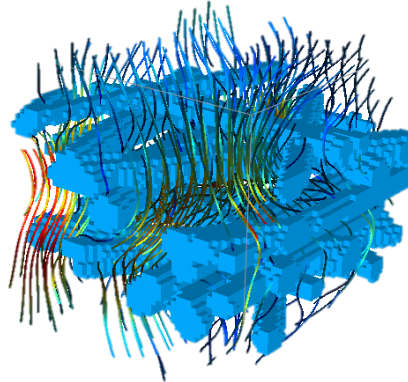


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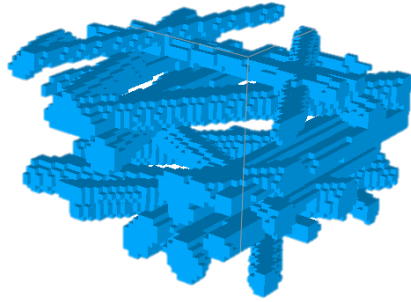


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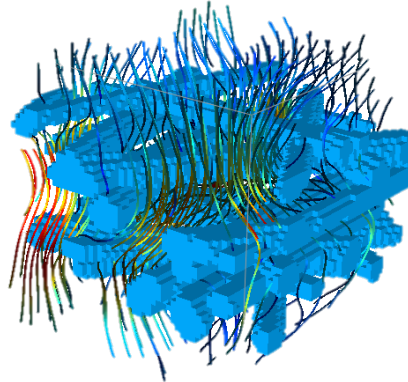


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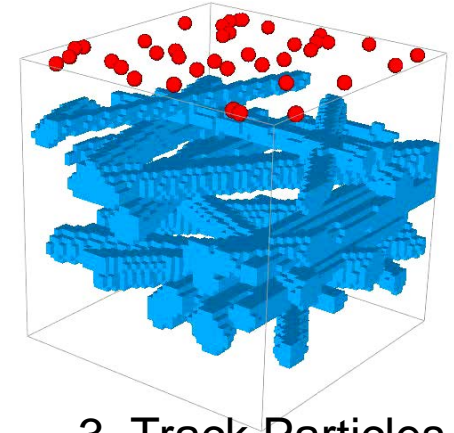
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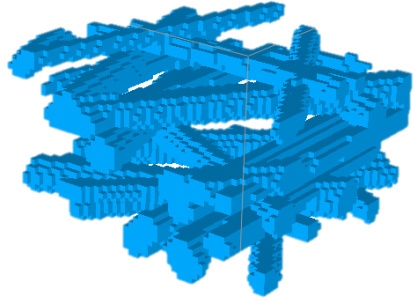


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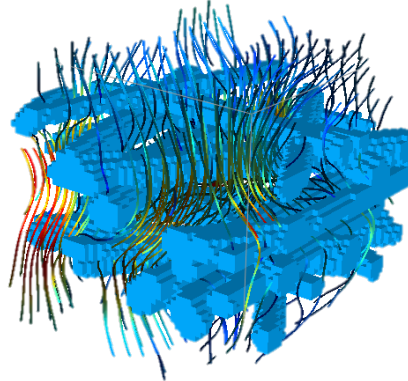


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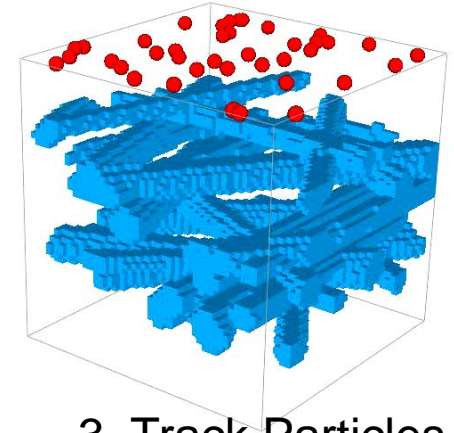
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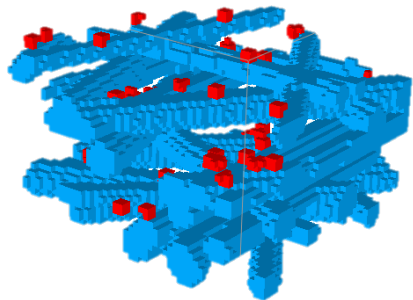
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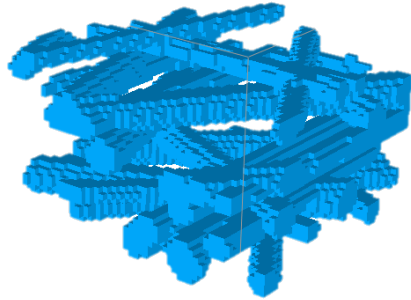


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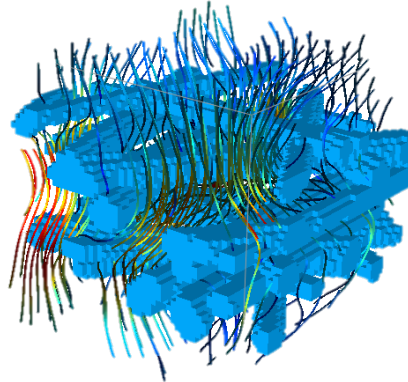


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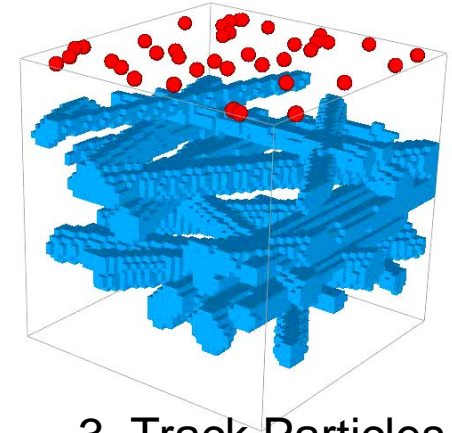
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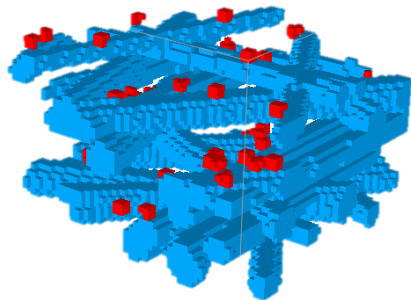
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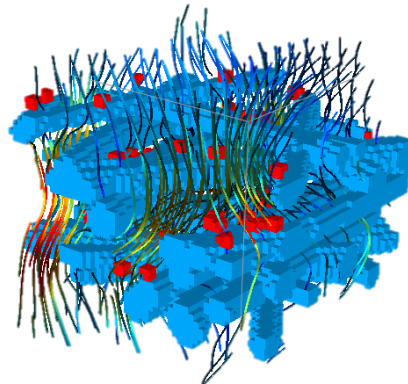
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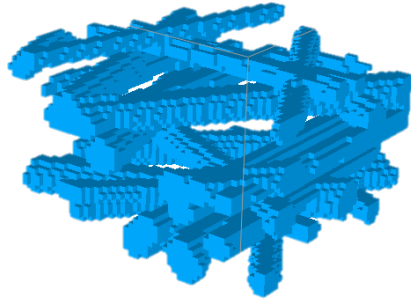


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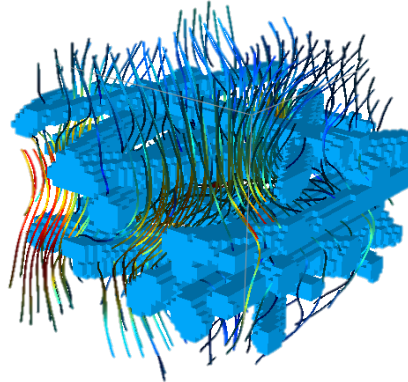


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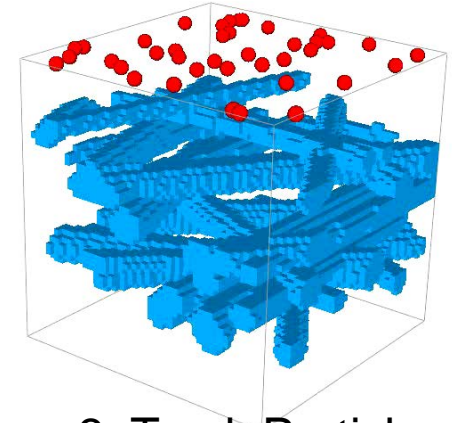
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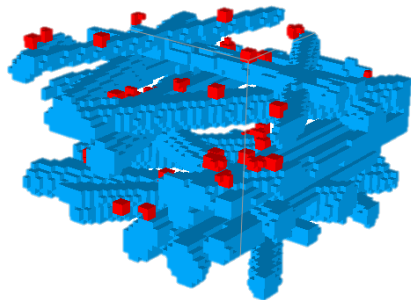
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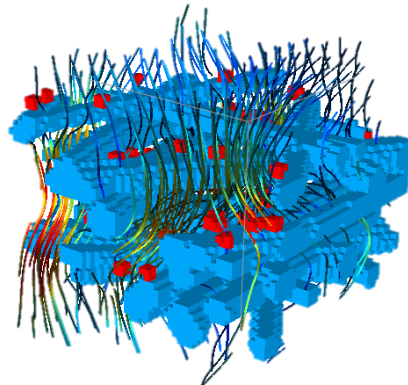
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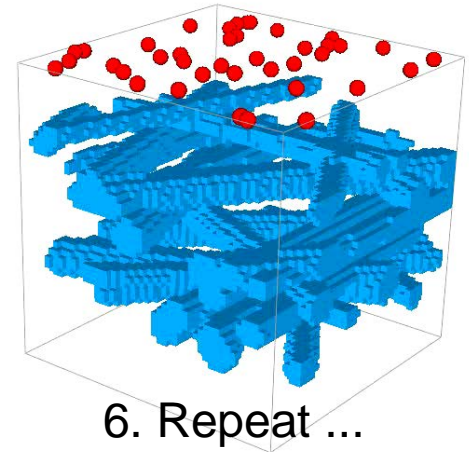
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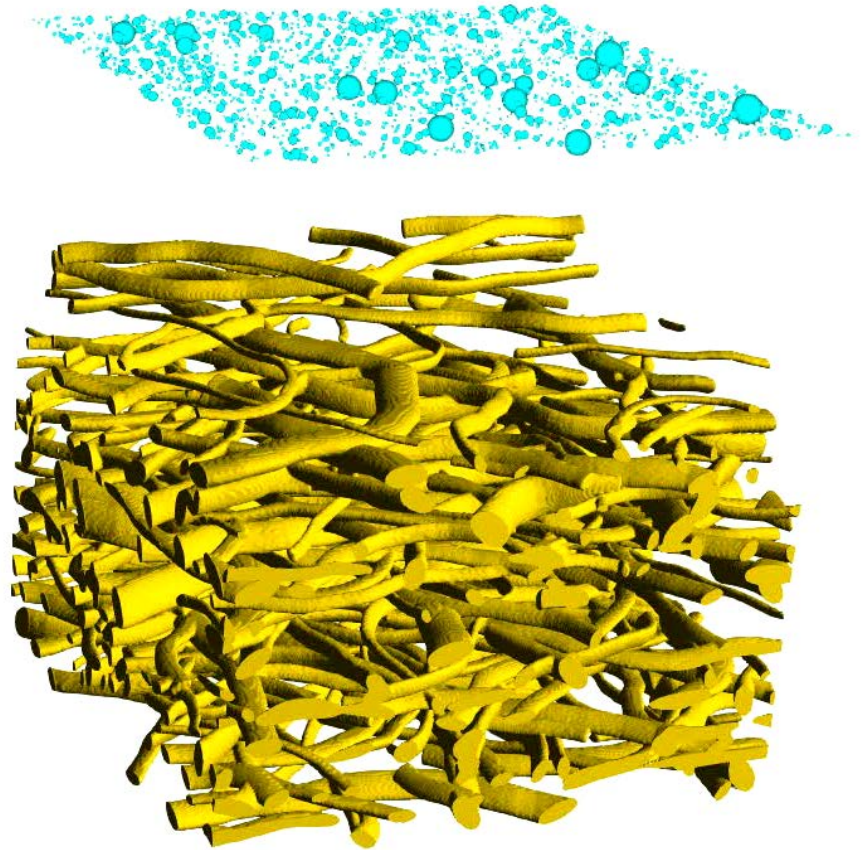
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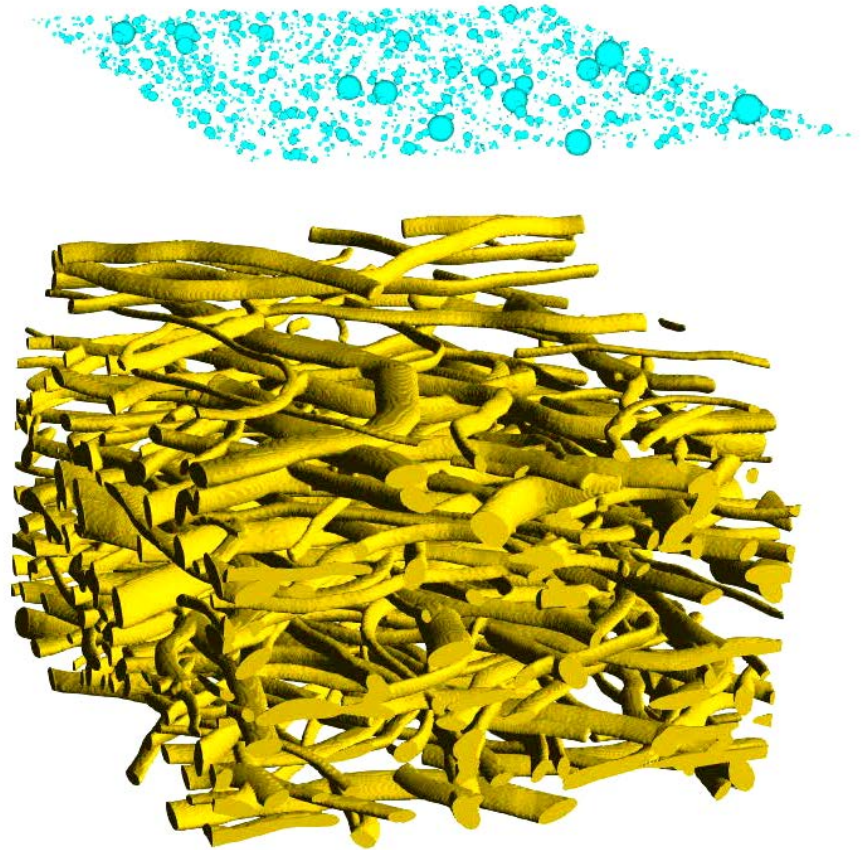
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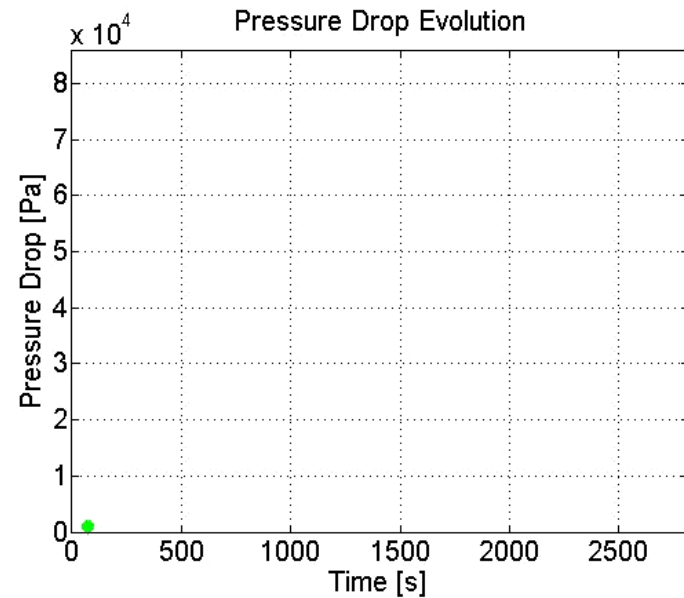
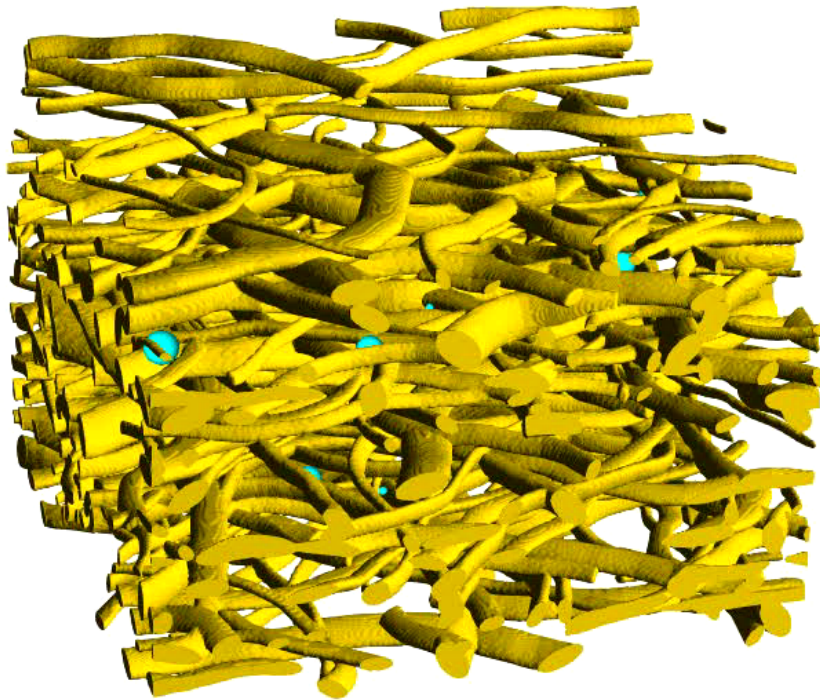
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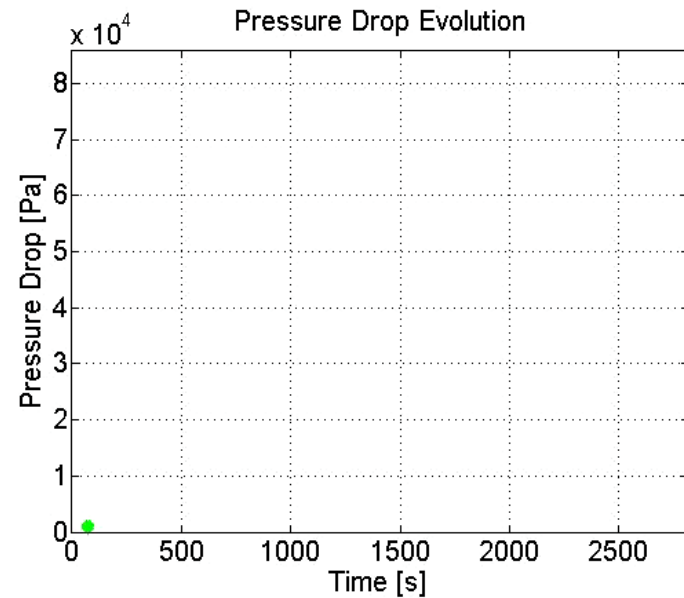
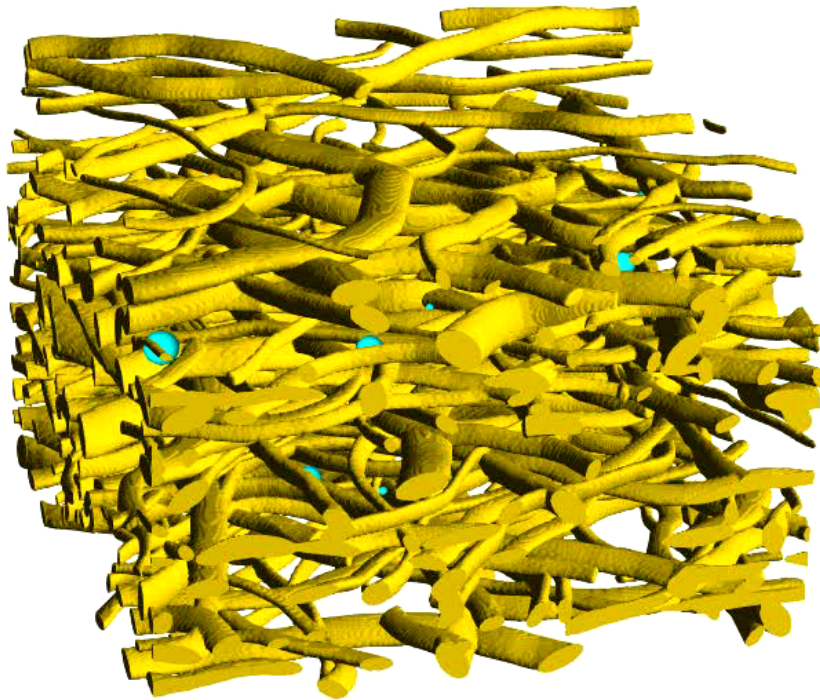


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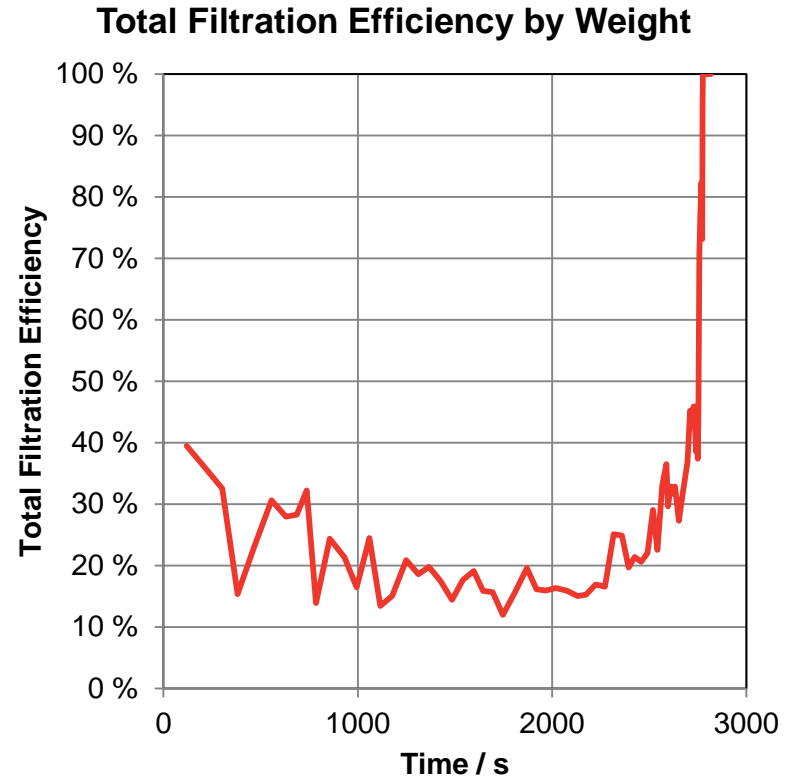
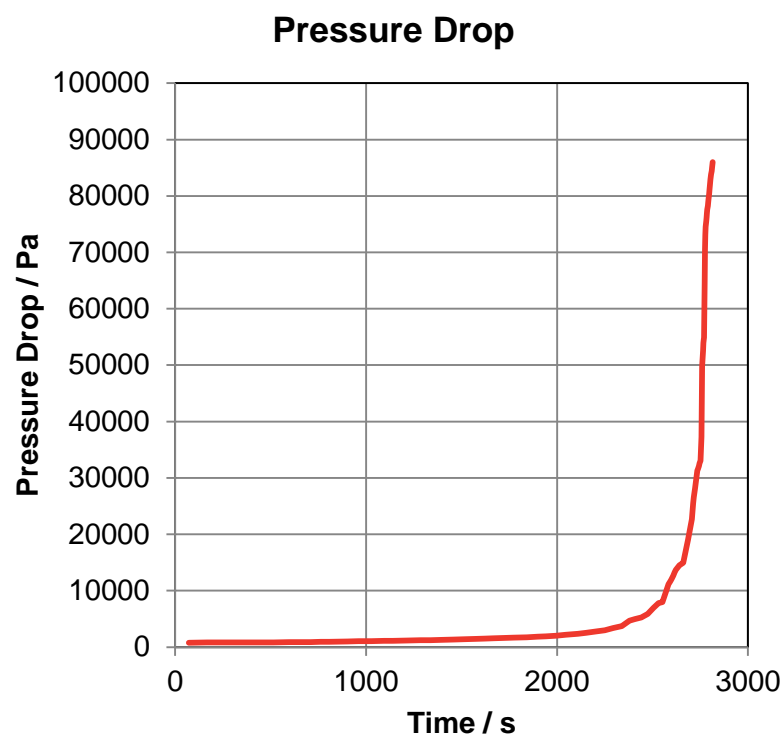
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Efficiency



After 2780 s, efficiency reaches 100% (filter is completely clogged)

Initial pressure drop: 0.8 kPa, after 2000 s: 2.1 kPa, at 2780 s: 75 kPa

Thank You !



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