

Berücksichtigung von In-Situ-Bedingungen in der digitalen Gesteinsphysik

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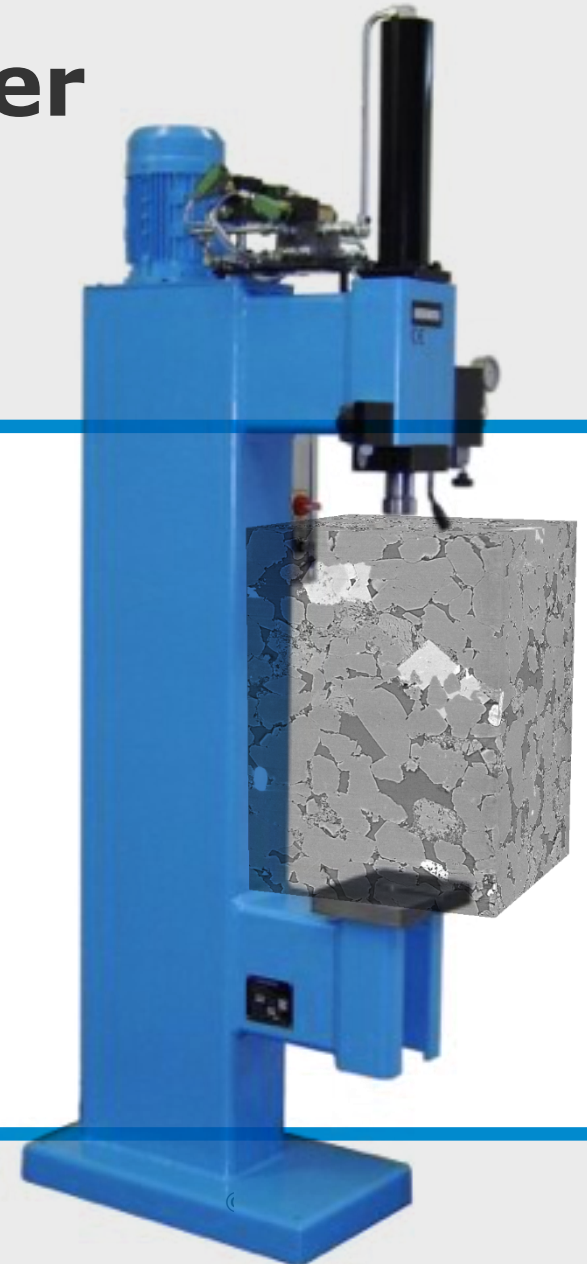
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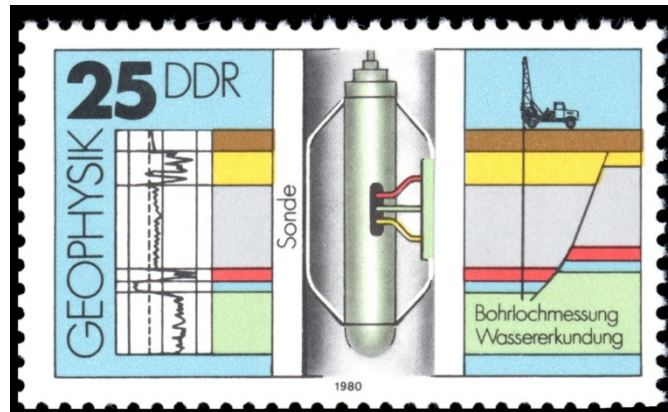


(Reservoir) Rock Physics

Analog outcrop



Well logging



Core analysis



Core Analysis

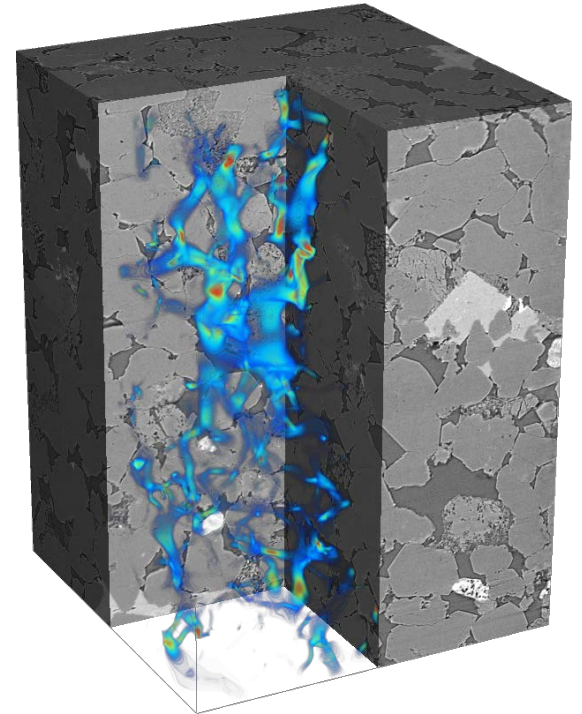
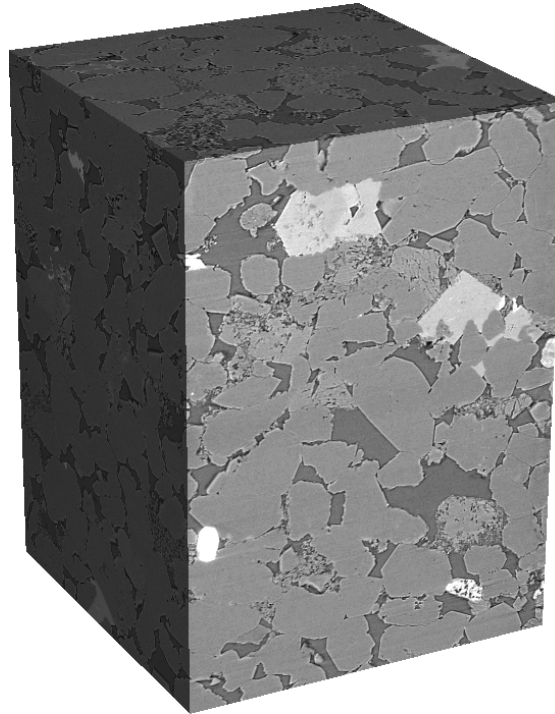
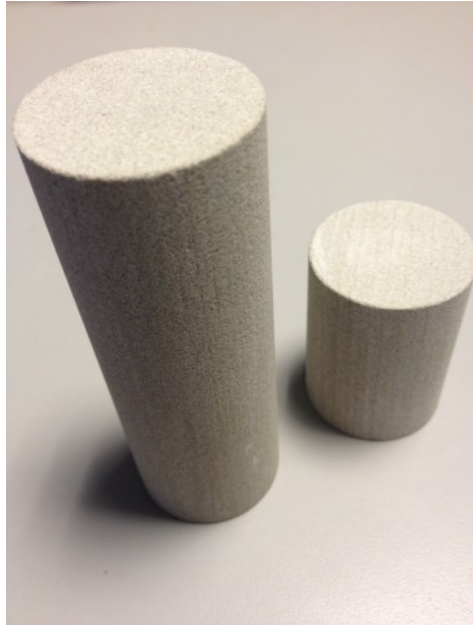


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Core analysis provides data available from no other source:

- Allows visual examination of reservoir rocks
- Direct evidence of presence, quantity, distribution and deliverability of hydrocarbons
- Characterization of the pore system in reservoir rocks (e.g. permeability, wettability)
- Allows to calibrate well log interpretation

Basic Principle of *Digital* Rock Physics (DRP)



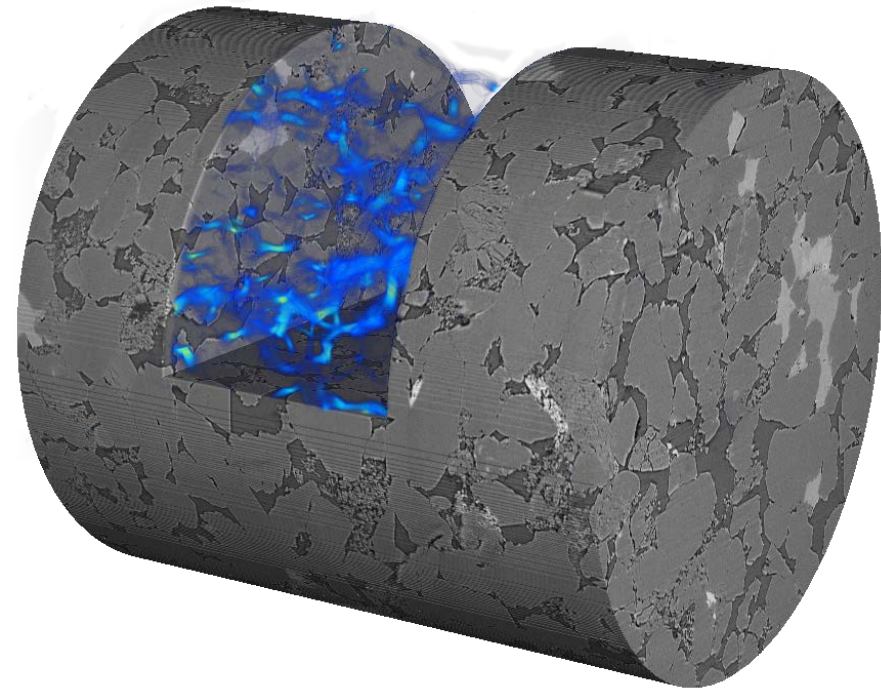
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Imaging

Computing

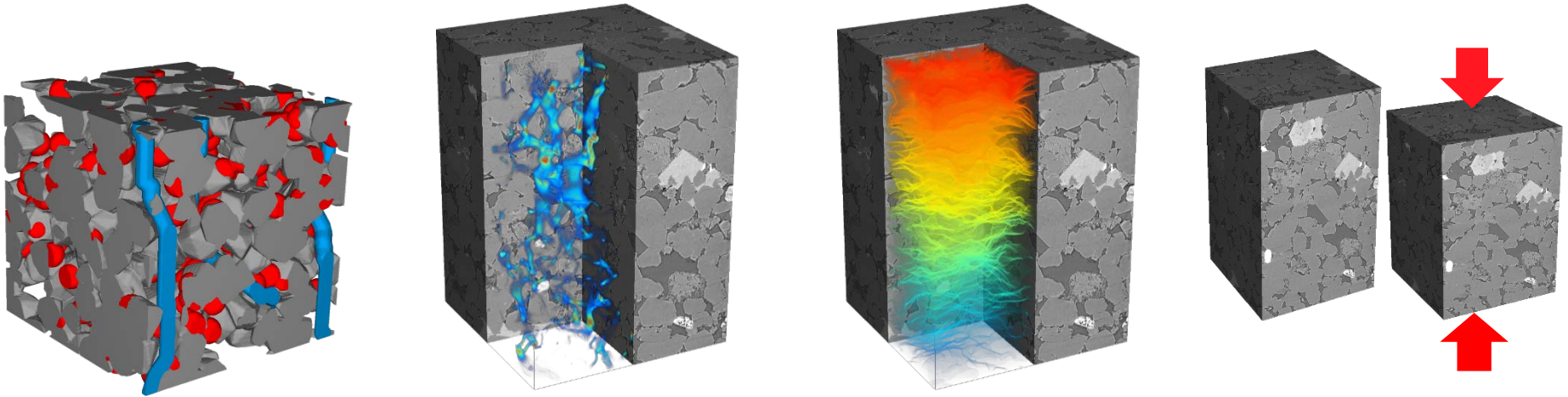
Why DRP?

- Generates results faster and at lower costs
- Lower demand on the quality of rock material (e.g. cuttings)
- Non-destructive: derive all parameters from one core
- Fast solvers enable studies on the **sensitivity** of parameters
- Multi-scale analysis of parameters enables up-scaling



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Geometrical parameters

- Porosity
- Pore size distribution
- Percolation
- Surface area
- Tortuosity

Flow parameters

- Absolute permeability
- Relative permeability
- Multi-scale flow
- Capillary pressure curve

Electrical Parameters

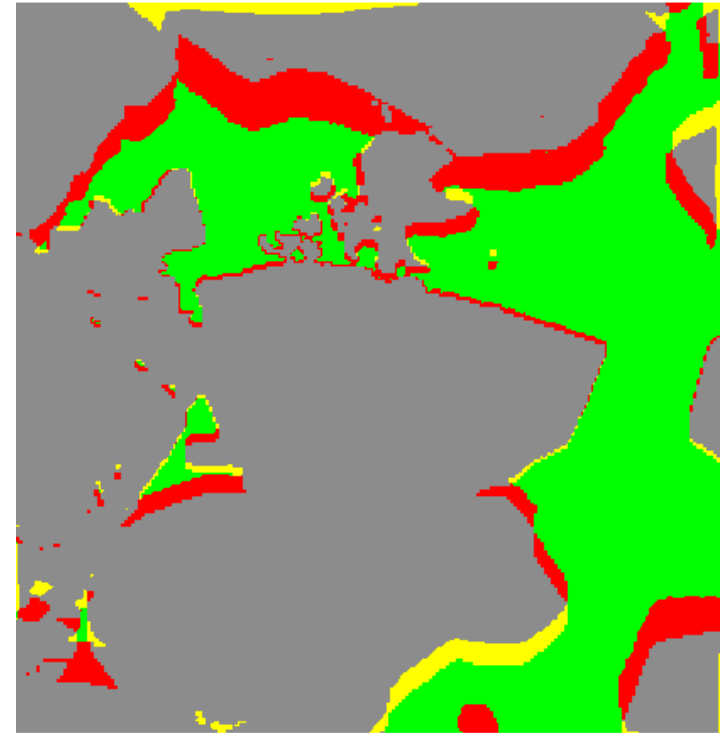
- Formation factor
- Resistivity index
- Saturation exponent
- Cementation exponent

Mechanical parameters

- Elastic moduli
- Stiffness
- In-Situ conditions

Need for in-situ conditions in DRP

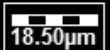
- Rocks in a reservoir are exposed to elevated pressures and temperatures (in-situ conditions)
- Generally in-situ conditions are not maintained during DRP workflows
- Changes in the pressure and temperature conditions
 - impact the properties of fluids: density, viscosity, solubility of phases in the fluid
 - lead to changes in the pore space



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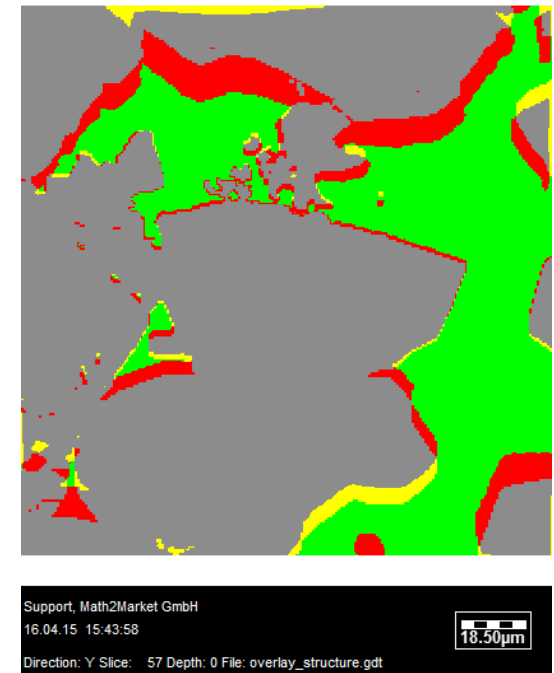
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Compressed image



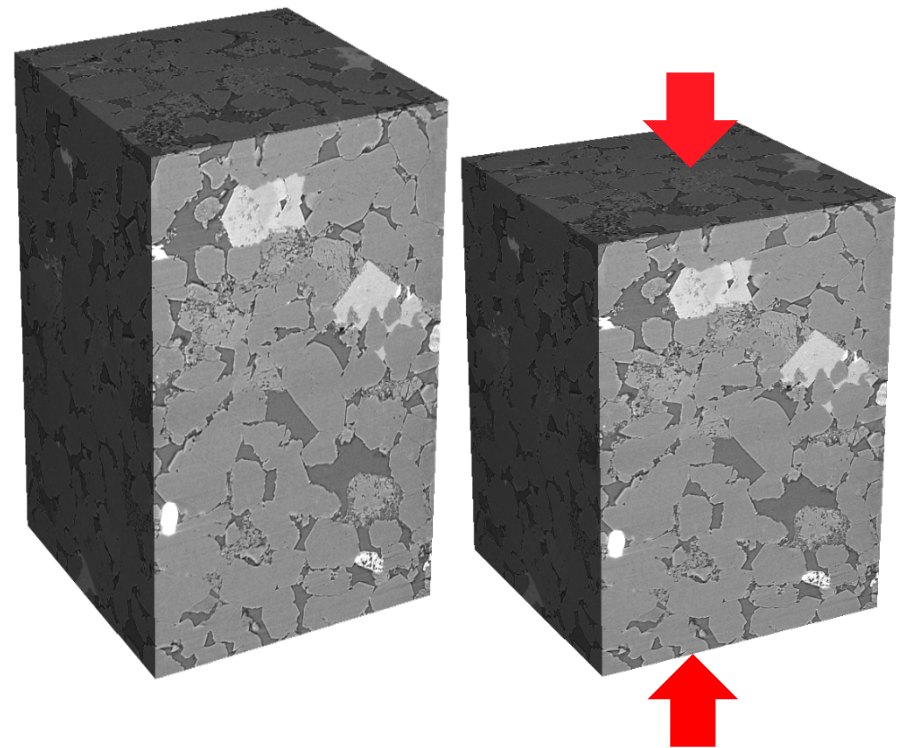
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In-Situ DRP techniques

In-Situ imaging

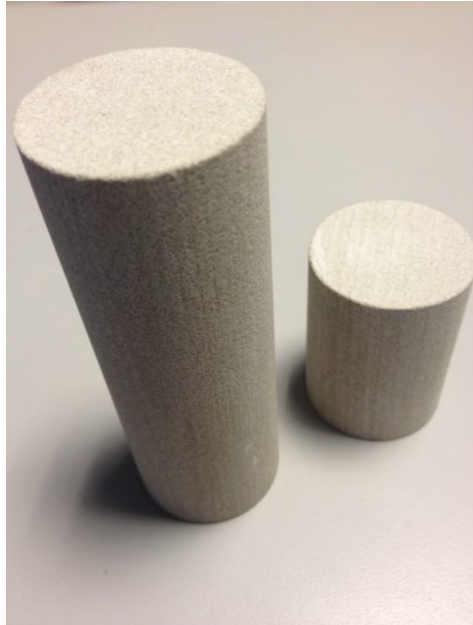


In-Situ modelling

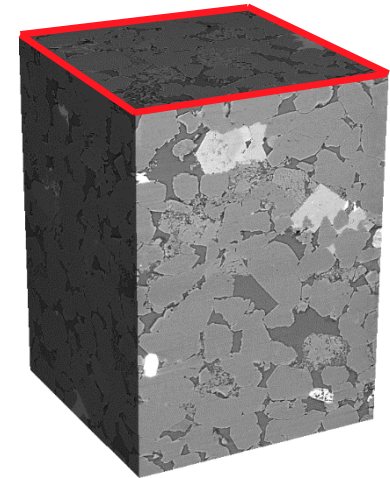


Detailed In-situ DRP workflow

In-situ simulation I



- Cropping
- Noise reduction
- Artifact reduction¹



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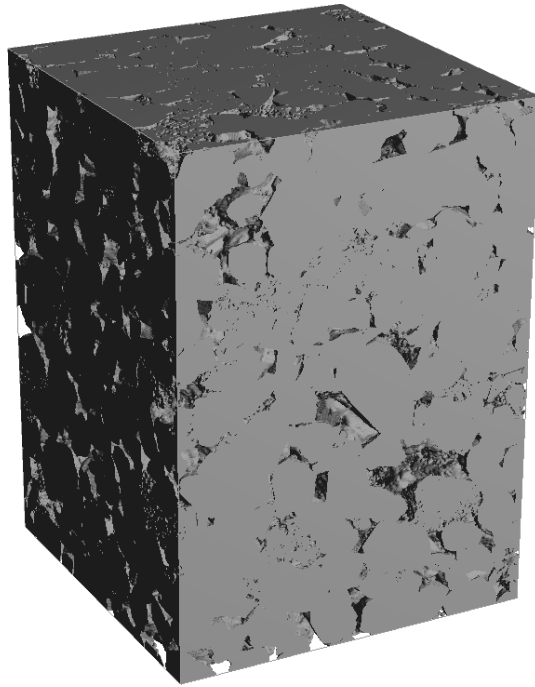
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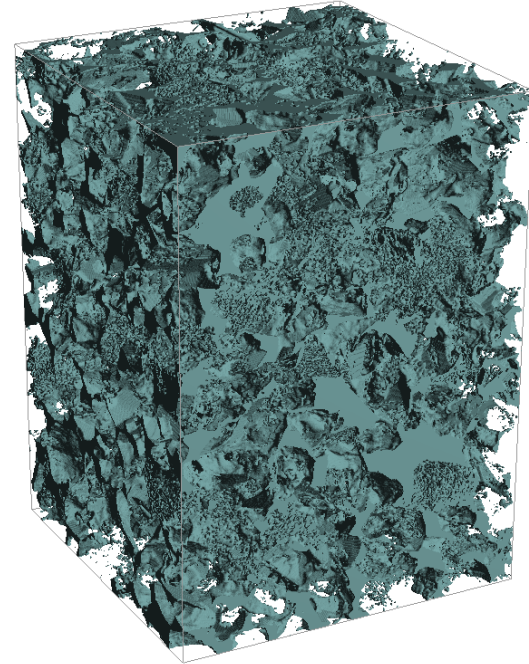
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In-situ simulation II

Solids



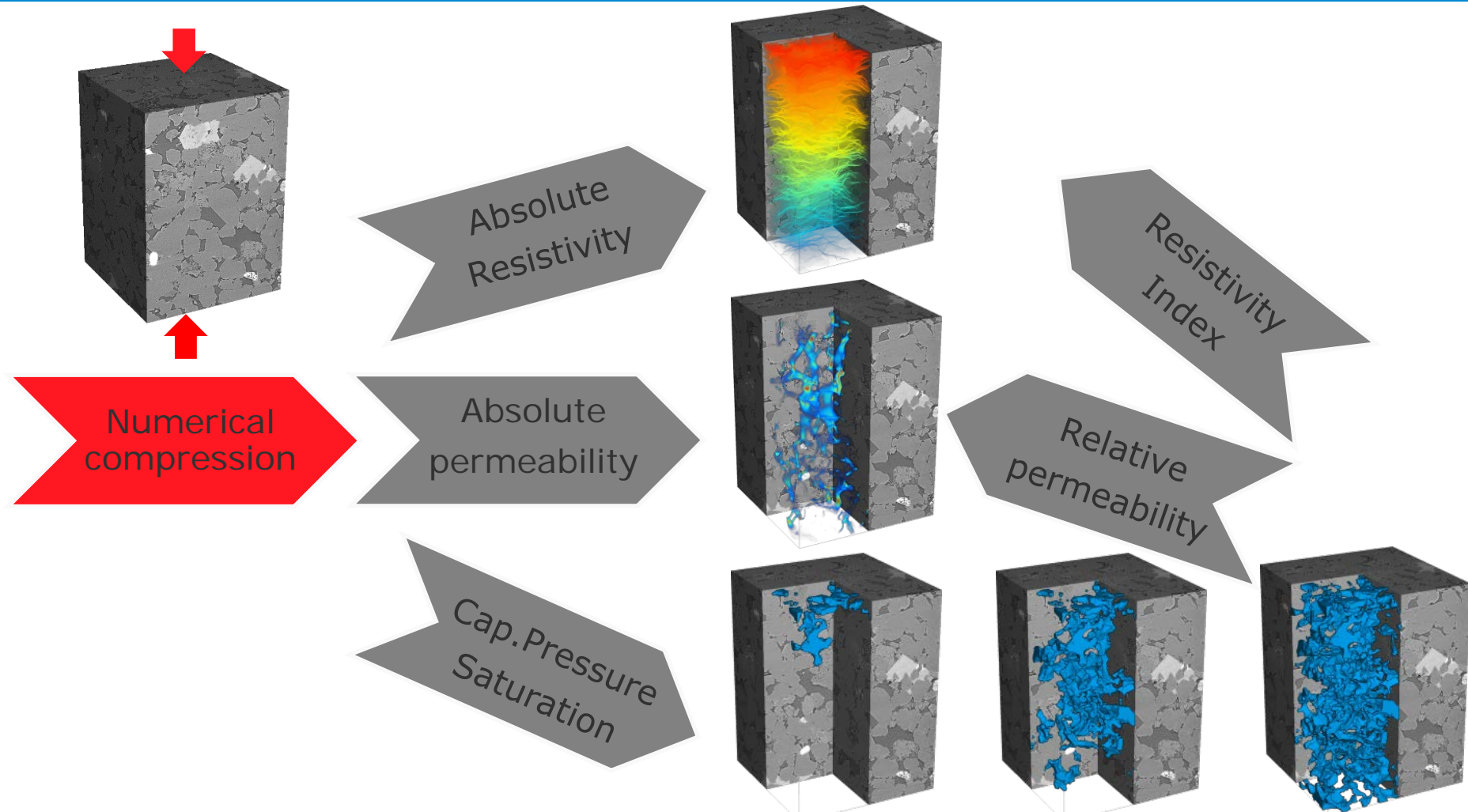
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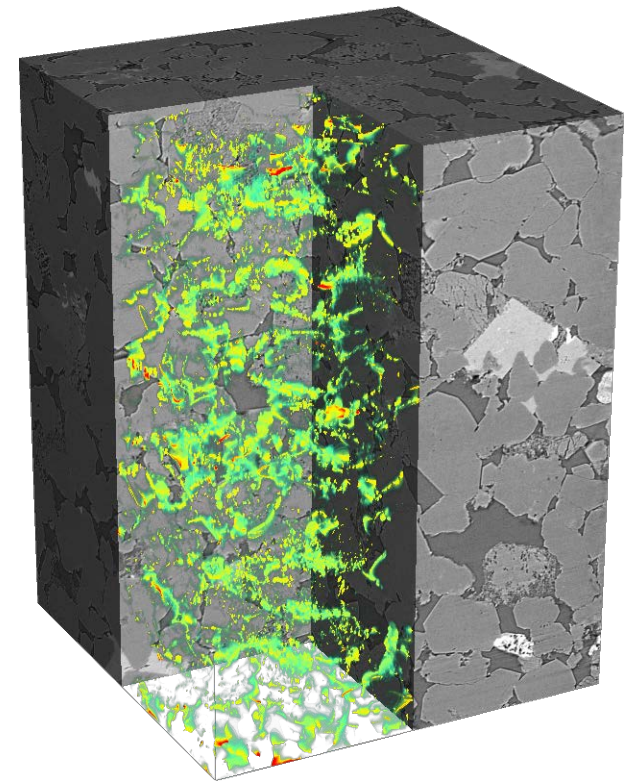
Segmentation

Detailed In-situ DRP Workflow

In-situ simulation III

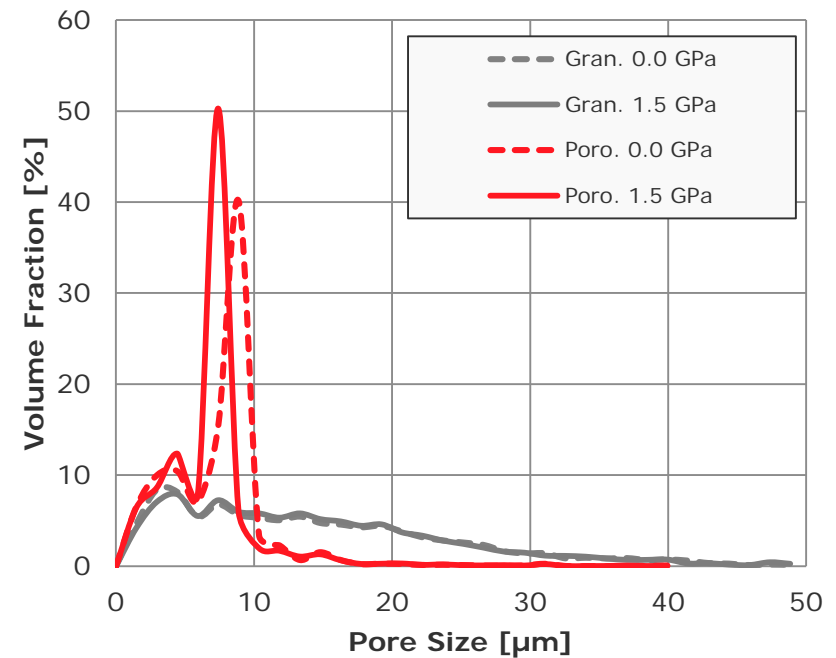
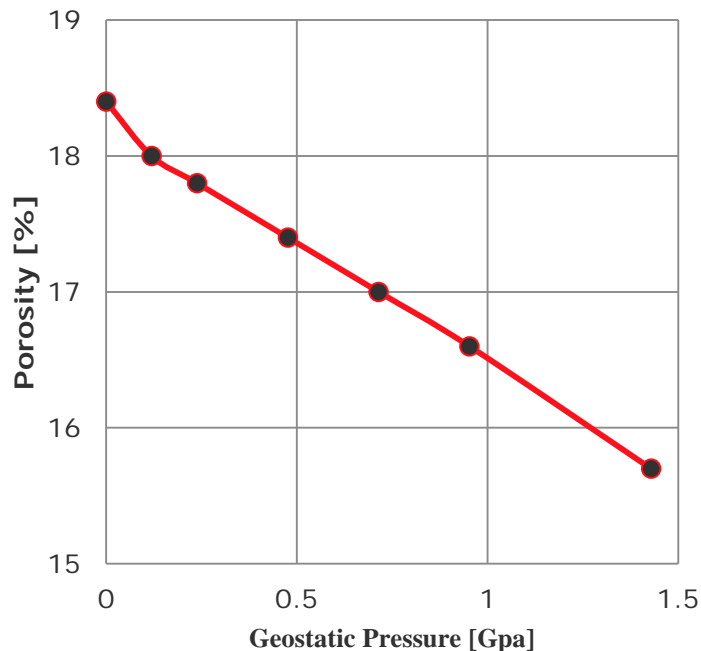


- Two mineral phases
 - Quartz ($E = 94.5 \text{ GPa}$, $\nu = 0.074$)
 - Void ($E = 0 \text{ GPa}$, $\nu = 0$)
- Elastic properties
($E = 46.9 \text{ GPa}$, $\nu = 0.108$)
- FeelMath solver
 - Lippmann-Schwinger formulation for linear / non-linear mechanics
- Uniaxial macroscopic stress
 - Periodic boundary conditions
 - Stages [GPa]: 0.12, 0.24, 0.48, 0.71, 0.95, 1.43

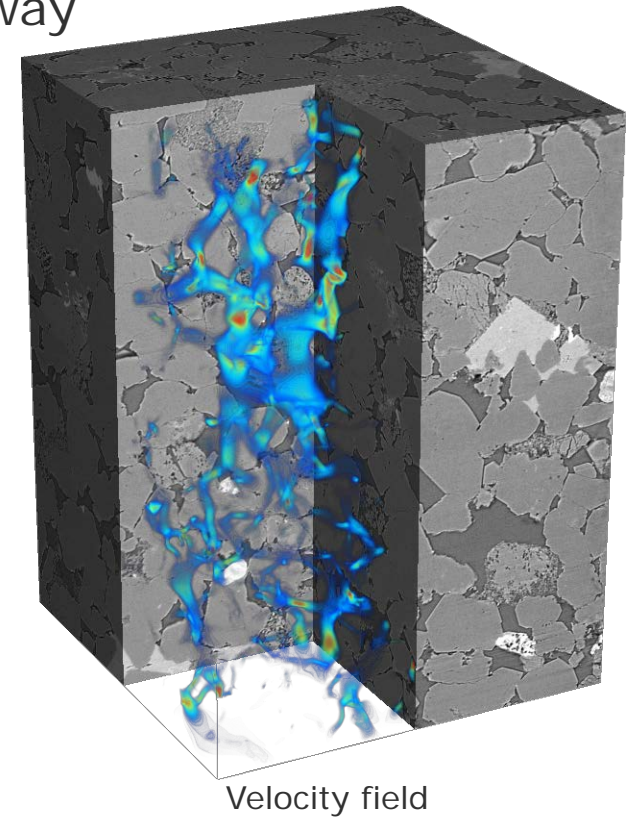
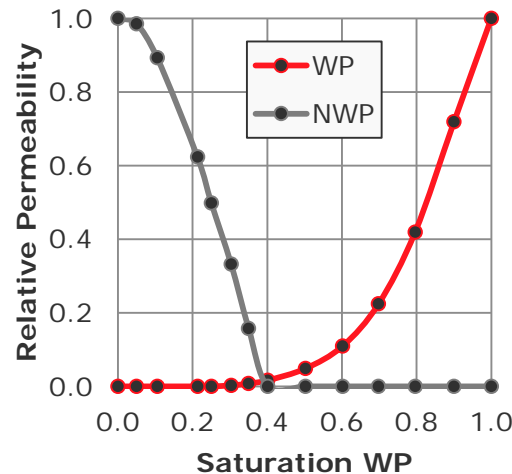
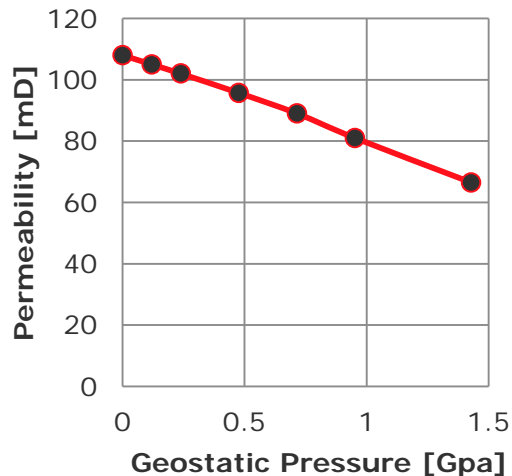


Von-Mises-Stress field

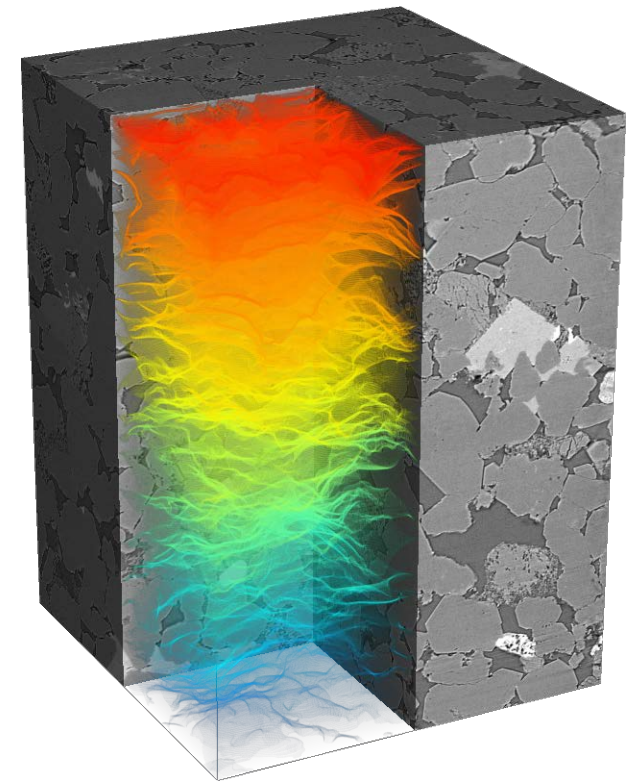
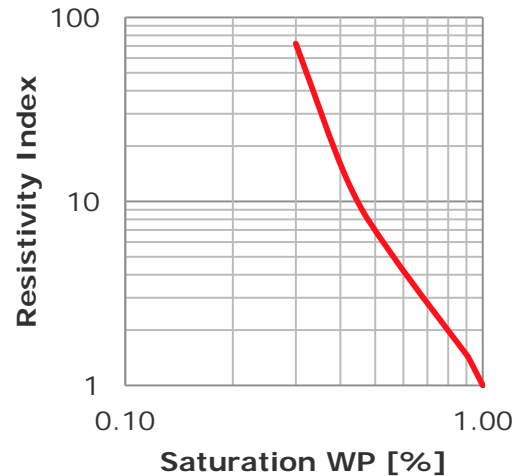
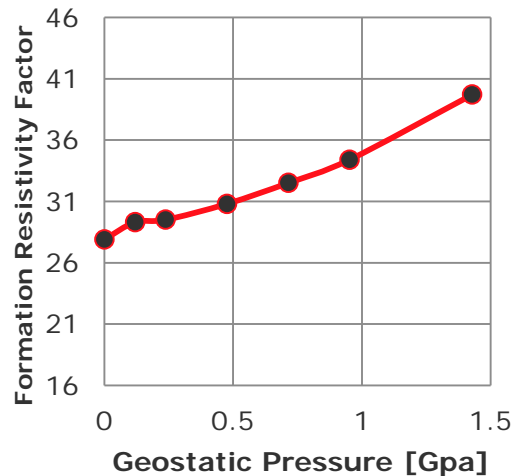
- Porosity: 18.4 changes to 15.7%
- Most frequent pore throat diameter: 8.8 changes to 7.4 μm
- Granulometry and Porosimetry



- Absolute permeability: 108 changes to 66 mD
- Relative permeability of uncompressed state
 - Compressed states computations are under way
- Two flow solver: LIR-Stokes and SIMPLE-FFT

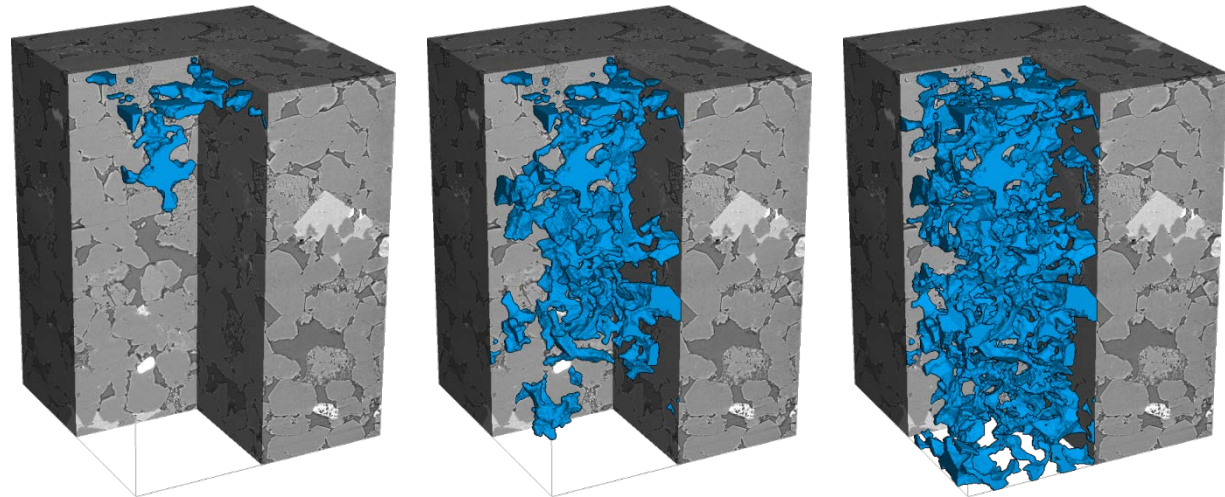
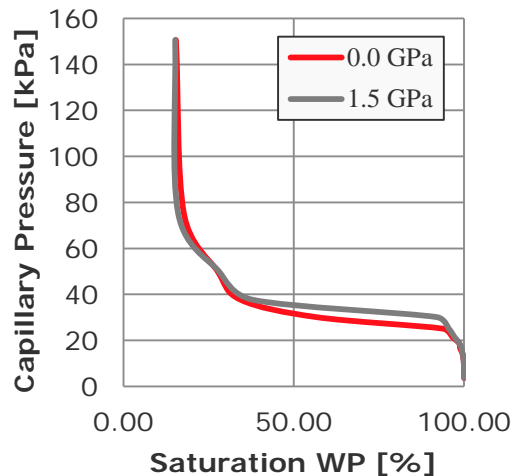


- Electrical Conductivity (Brine 5 S/m): 0.17 S/m
- Formation resistivity factor: 27 changes to 39
- Explicit-Jump immersed interface method



Potential field

- Irreducible WP saturation: 18%
- Displacement pressure changes from 24 to 29 kPa
- Pore morphology method



Air drains Brine with saturation stages 75%, 50% and 25%

Solver Performance

- Flow and mechanics are expensive to compute
 - Relative permeability is most expensive
- Efficient solver allow:
 - Property simulations overnight
 - simulations on large data sets ($>2000^3$)
 - sensitivity analysis

Porperty	Flow	Flow	Conductivity	Two phase distribution	Elasticity
Solver	SIMPLE-FFT	LIR Stokes	Explicit Jump	Pore Morphology	FeelMath
Runtime [h]	3.6	3.1	0.6	0.8	8.3
Memory [GB]	42.3	5.4	9.4	5.0	97.1

Runtime and memory requirements per direction for a data set of 720x720x1024 voxels.
Computer with 16 Cores and 128 GB RAM.

Conclusions

- In-situ conditions for reservoir rocks are characterized by elevated pressure and temperature conditions
- Influence of temperature can be considered by adjustment of the fluid and mineral phase input parameters
- Pressure changes affect the 3D geometry of the rock and have to be corrected
- Non-consideration of the in-situ pressure can lead to substantial errors in the derived DRP parameters
- Simulation of the in-situ conditions represents an alternative for in-situ measurements

Outlook

- **Evaluation** - comparison of structures generated by:
 - in-situ CT measurements (Zeiss Xradia)
 - numerical compression of conventional CT scans
- **Improvements** of the workflow:
 - Segmentation of all present phases
 - Incorporation of special properties for grain-grain contacts in the simulation of elastic deformation

Thank you for your attention!

