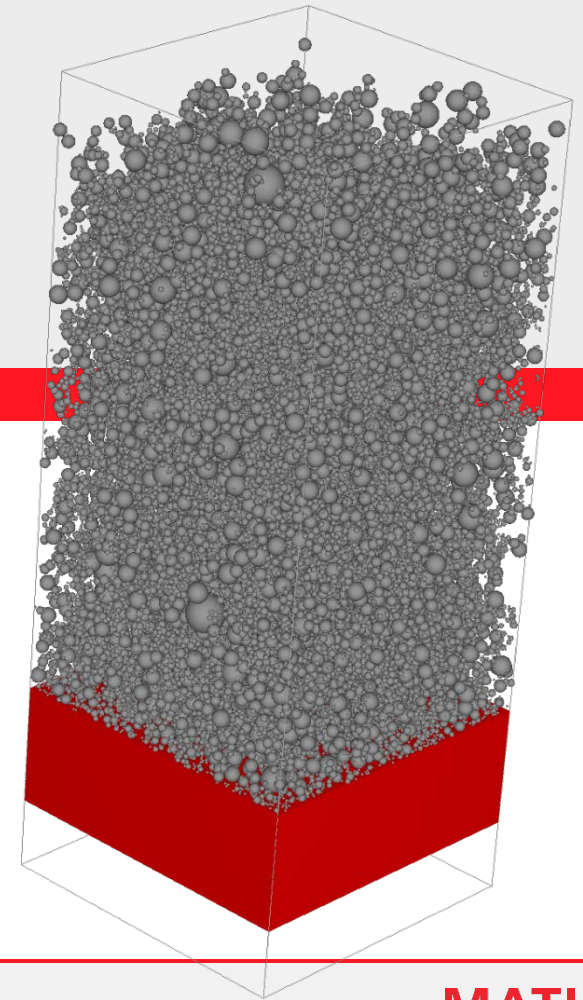


# Estimation of Effective Cake Filtration Simulation Parameters from Resolved Filtration Simulations

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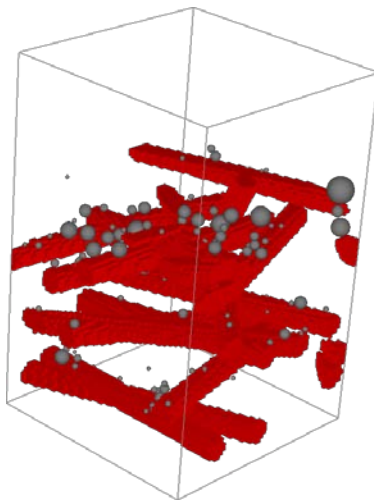
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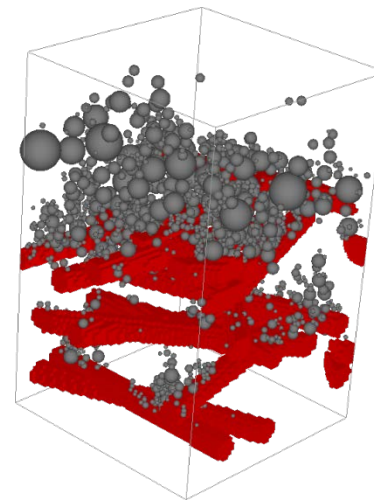
# The Regimes of Fluid-Solid Filtration

In fluid-solid filtration processes, solid particles are carried by a fluid (liquid or gas) and trapped inside a filter media or on top of a filter media.

- Trapping *inside* the filter media is called *depth filtration*
- Trapping *on top* of the filter media is called *cake filtration*
  - In cake filtration, the filtration is achieved primarily by previously deposited particles, not so much by the filter media.



Depth Filtration

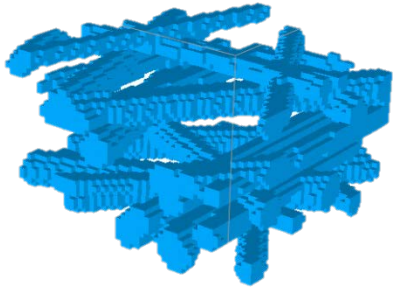


Cake Filtration

# Scale Issue of Cake Filtration Simulation on Uniform 3d Grids

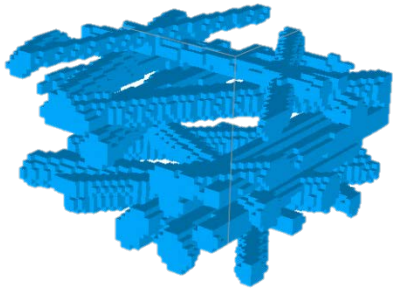
- While the inhomogeneity of the filter media may be on a single scale, poly-disperse particles usually span multiple scales.
- When all particles are much smaller than the computational grid size, then an homogeneous porous media approach works.
- When all particles are much larger than the grid size, then solid and empty cells suffice to represent them.
- When the particle size distribution includes larger particles and smaller particles than the grid size, then sub-grid resolution and parameters for inhomogeneous porous media are required.
- We describe two procedures by which these parameters can be found.

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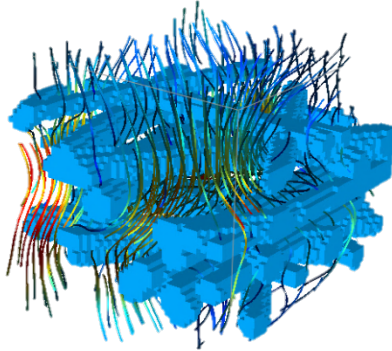


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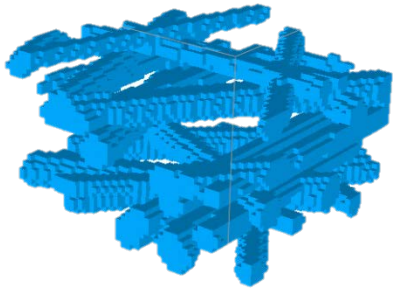


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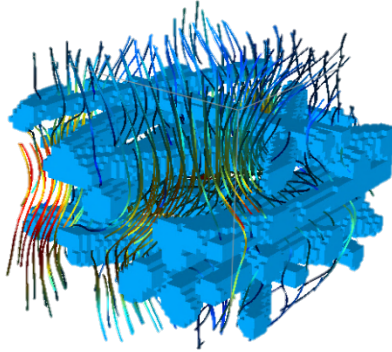


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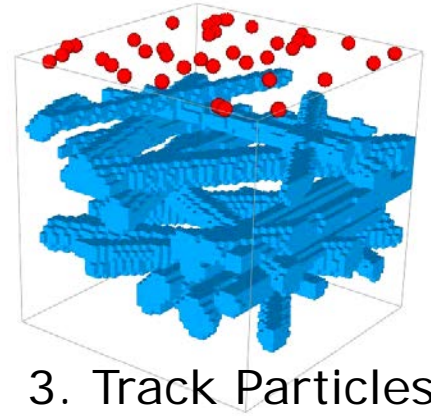
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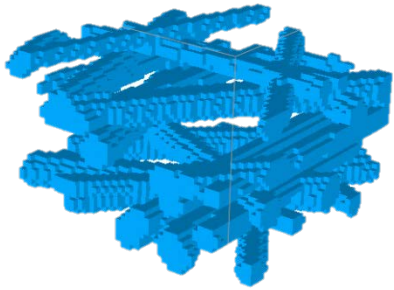


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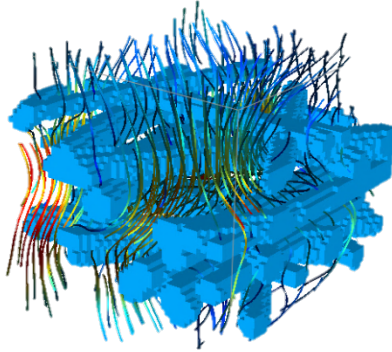


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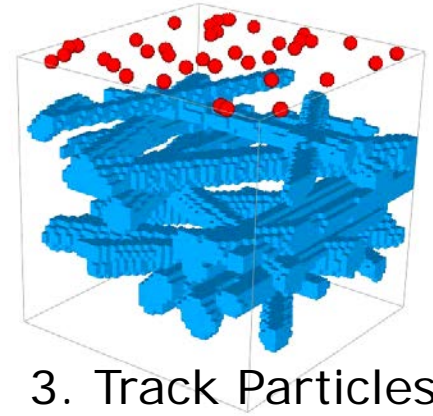
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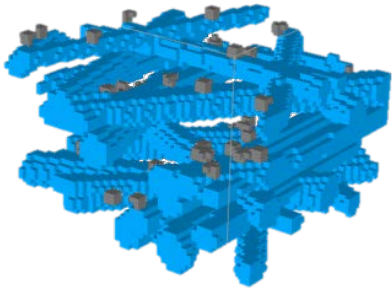
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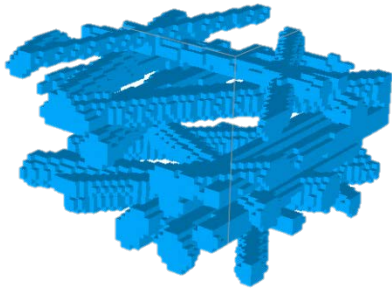


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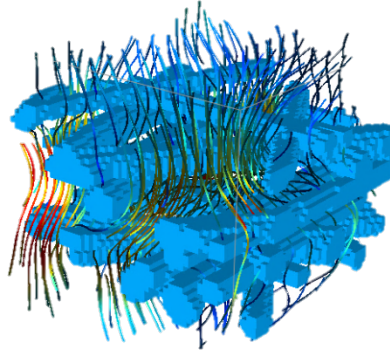


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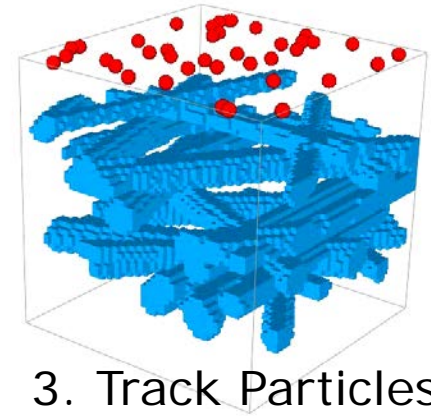
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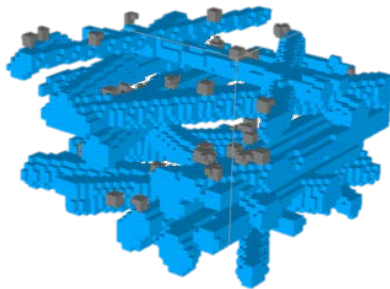
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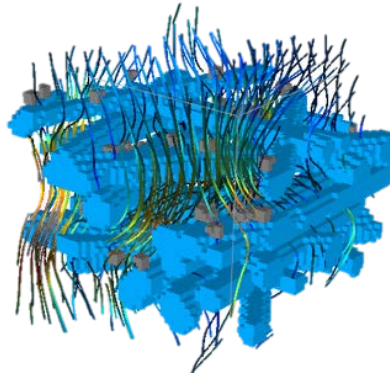
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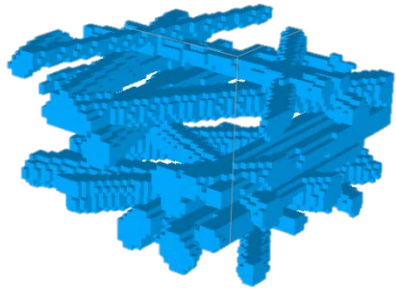


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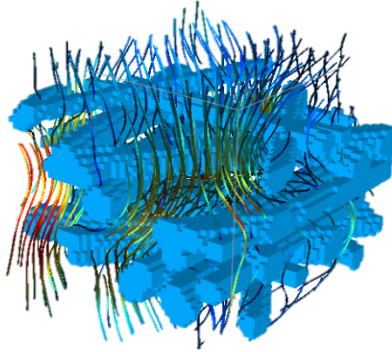


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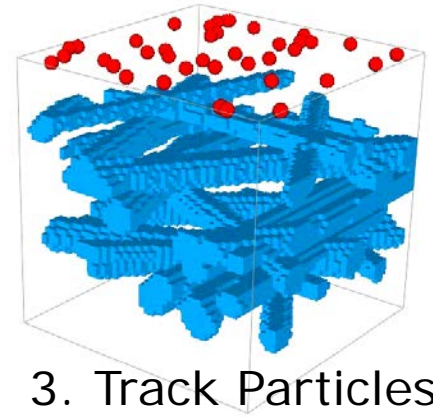
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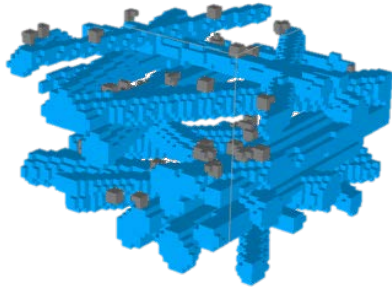
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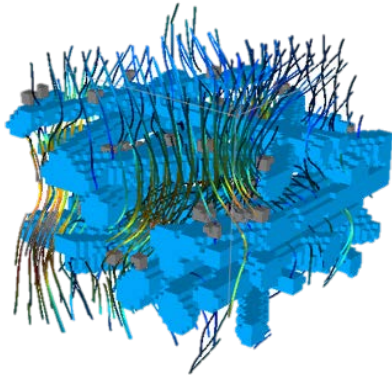
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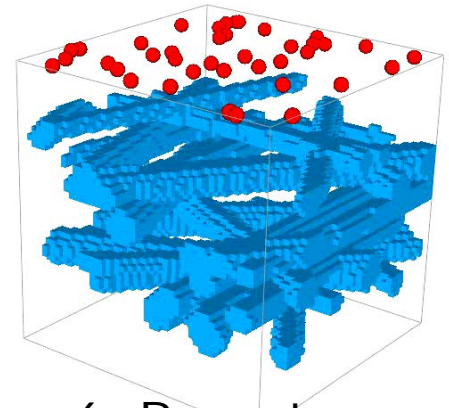
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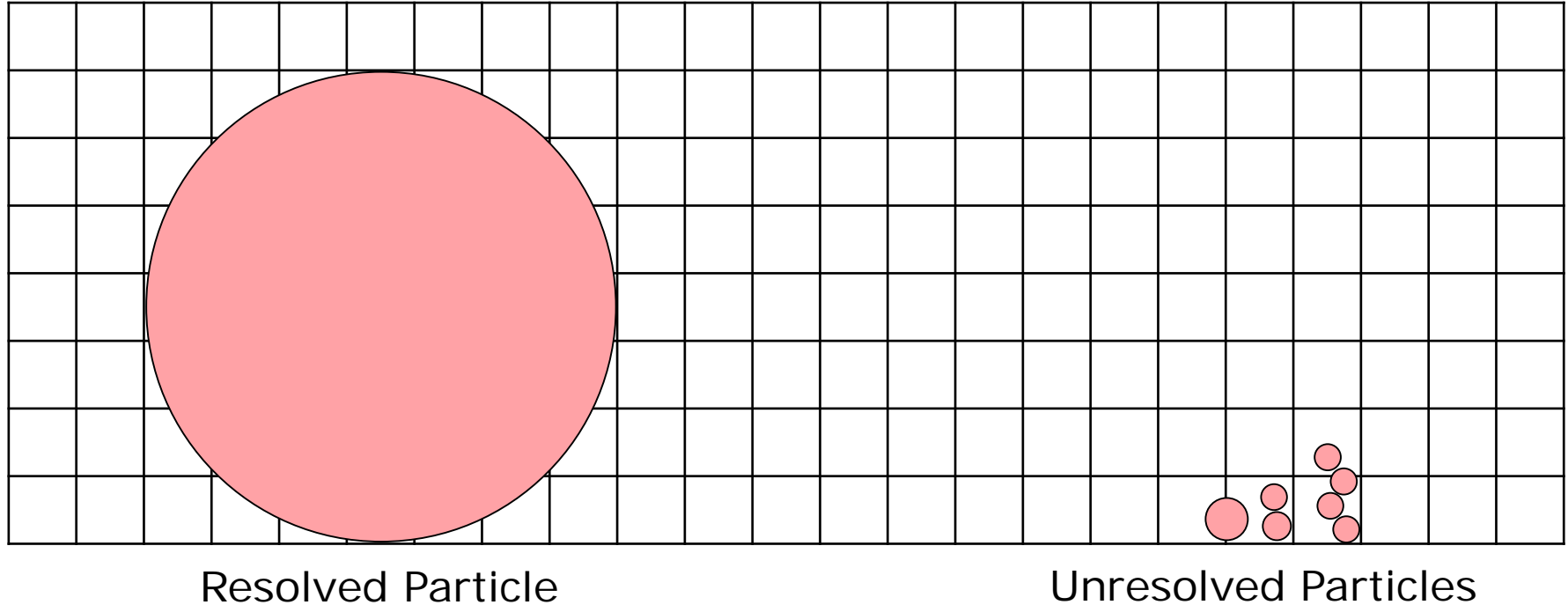
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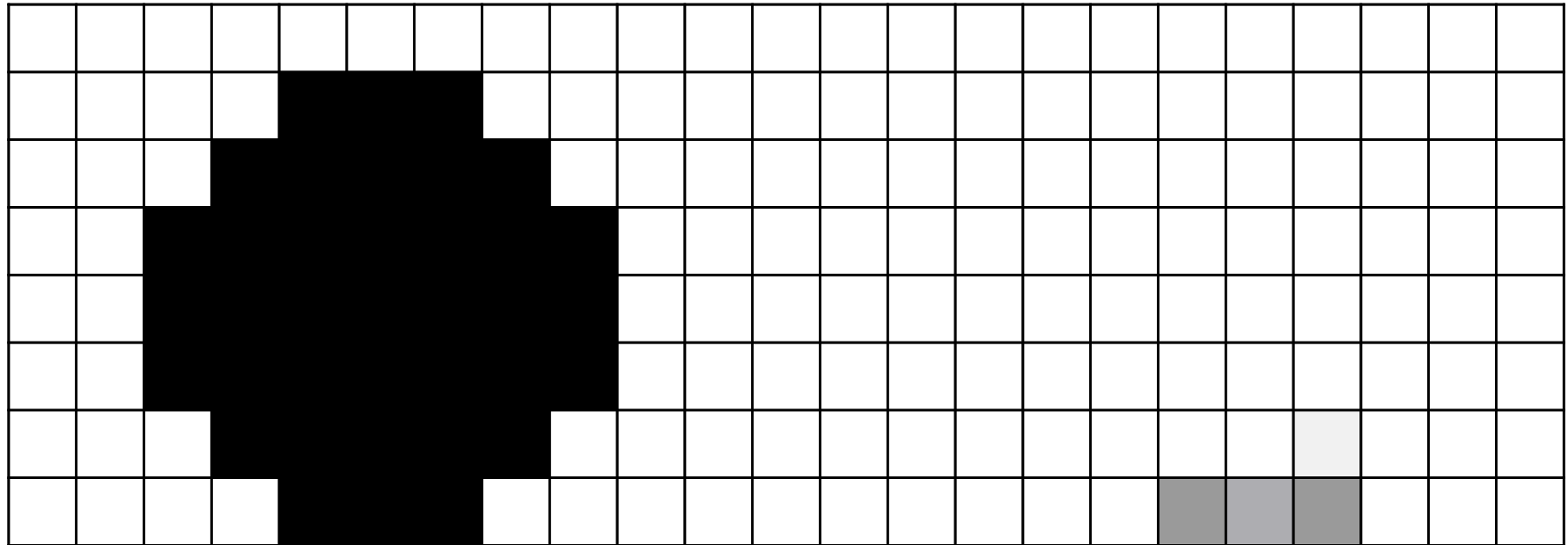
# Computational Grid, Resolved & Unresolved Particles

Computational Grid



# Discretization of Resolved and Unresolved Particles

Computational Grid



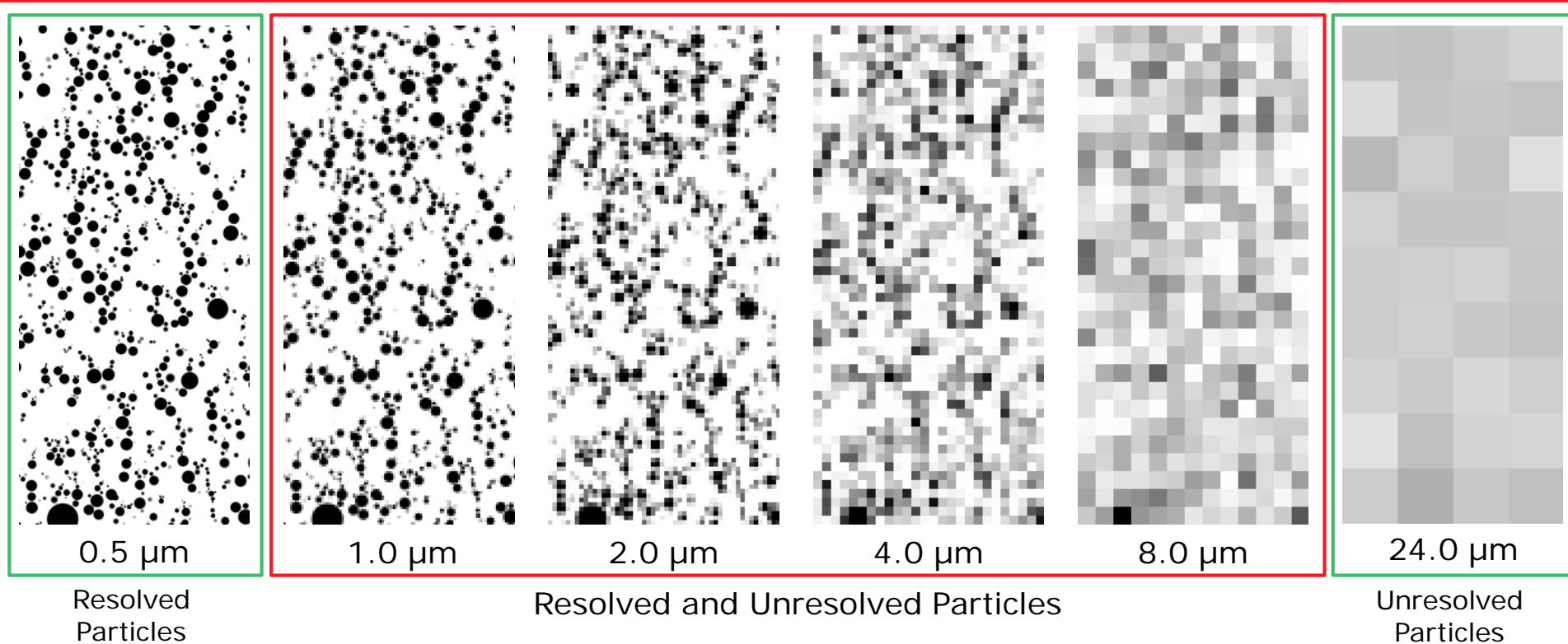
Resolved Particle

Unresolved Particles




Empty/Solid Cells

Porous Cells

# Mixed Resolved & Unresolved Particles for Varying Resolutions



SVF from resolved 3d simulation (voxel length 0.5 $\mu\text{m}$ )  
upscaled by post-processing.

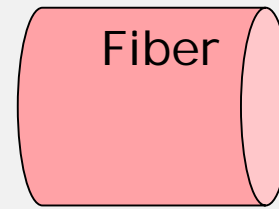
	SVF=0	(empty)
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	SVF=1	(solid)

# Resolved Particles

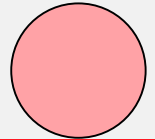
Voxel



Fiber



Particle



- Voxels are solid or empty
- Stationary incompressible Navier-Stokes equation

$$-\mu\Delta\vec{u} + \rho(\vec{u} \cdot \nabla)\vec{u} + \nabla p = 0, \quad \nabla \cdot \vec{u} = 0$$

$\mu$	viscosity
$\rho$	density
$u$	velocity
$p$	pressure

- Particles are discretized into solid/empty grid cells

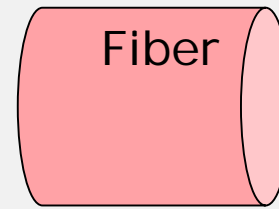
Output parameters:  $f_{max}$  (maximal solid volume fraction)  
and  $\sigma_{max}$  (maximal flow resistivity)

# Unresolved Particles

Voxel



Fiber



Particle



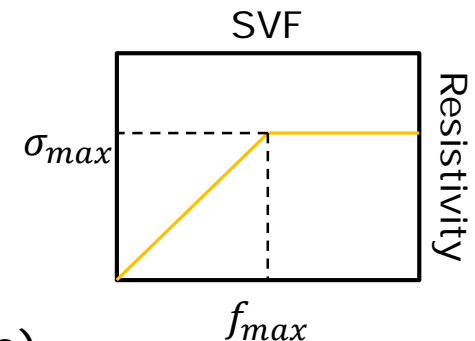
- Voxels are solid, empty or porous
- Stationary incompressible Navier-Stokes-Brinkman equation

$$-\mu \Delta \vec{u} + \rho (\vec{u} \cdot \nabla) \vec{u} + \frac{\mu}{\kappa} \vec{u} + \nabla p = 0, \quad \nabla \cdot \vec{u} = 0 \quad \kappa: \text{permeability}$$

In porous voxels:

- Local solidity  $f$  changes when a particle is added.
- When  $f_{max}$  is reached, no more particles can be added.
- Local flow resistivity:

$$\sigma = \frac{\mu}{\kappa} = \begin{cases} \frac{f}{f_{max}} \sigma_{max} & \text{for } 0 < f < f_{max} \\ \sigma_{max} & \text{for } f_{max} \leq f \leq 1 \end{cases}$$



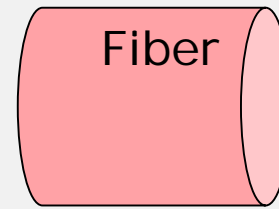
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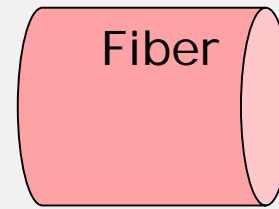
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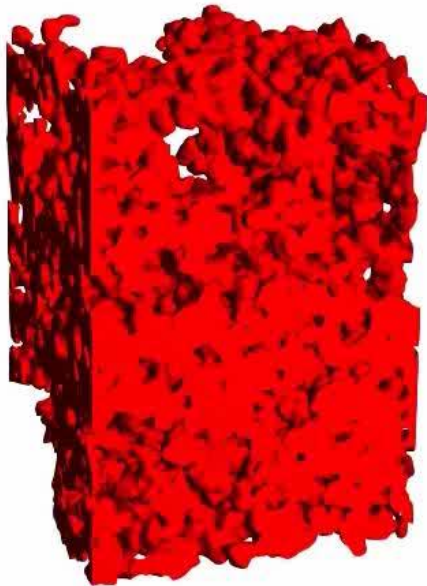
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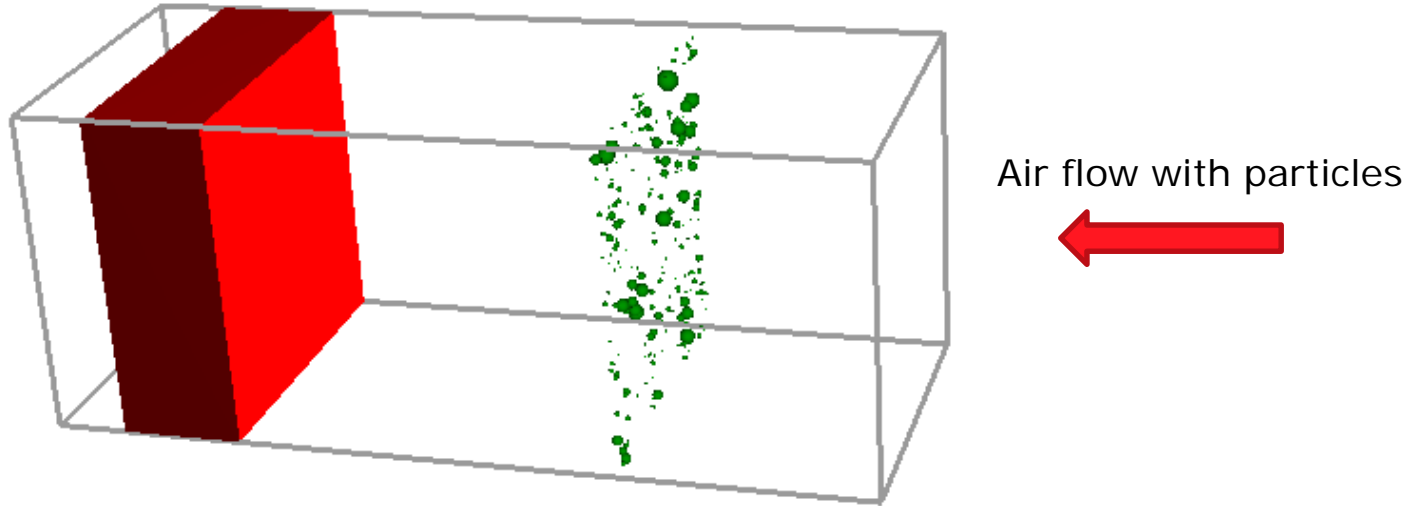
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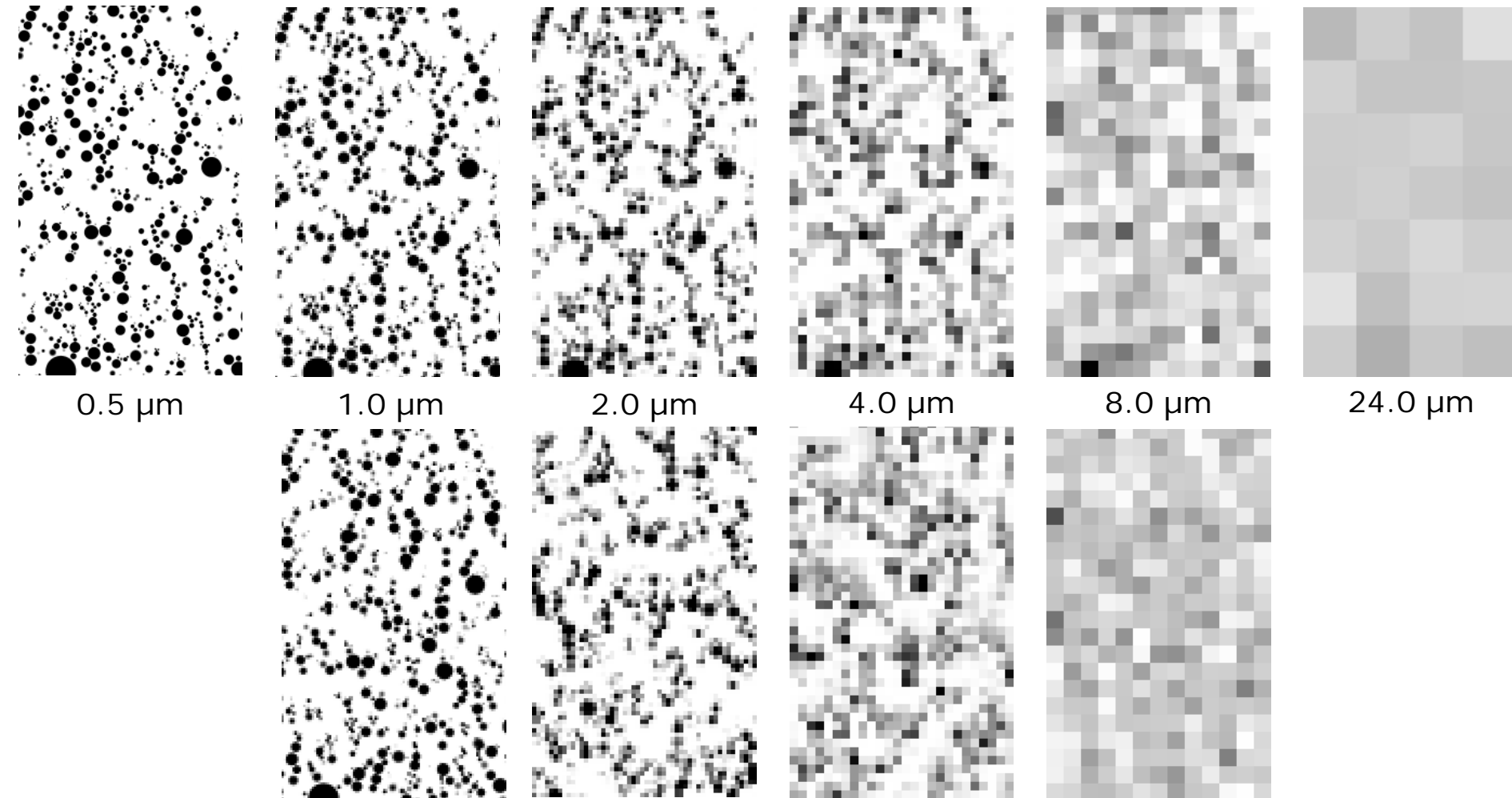


# Simulation Setup






- No depth filtration, only cake filtration
  - Unresolved filter media: 48  $\mu\text{m}$  thick, fixed permeability
  - Particles are *caught on first touch*
  - Particle diameter range between 1 $\mu\text{m}$  and 15 $\mu\text{m}$
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1. Vary resolution between 0.5  $\mu\text{m}$  per voxel and 24  $\mu\text{m}$  per voxel
  2. Determine flow resistivity and cake solidity

# Comparison: Computations with Resolved Particles vs Partially Resolved Particles and up to Unresolved Particles

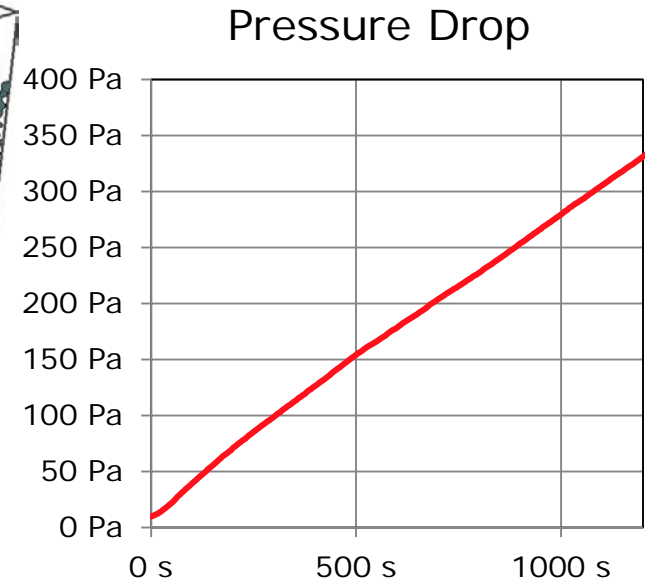
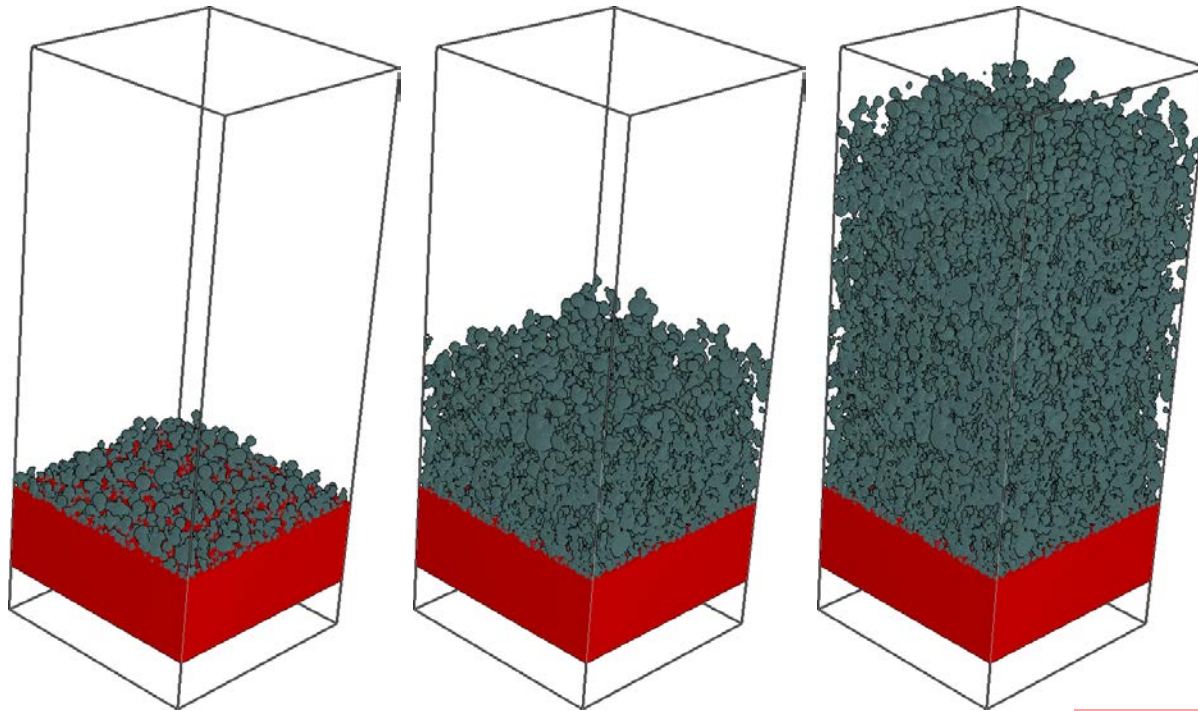


Top: SVF from computations with resolved particles upscaled by post-processing  
Bottom: SVF from computations with fit-parameters on partially resolved and unresolved particles

	SVF=0	(empty)
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	SVF=1	(solid)

# Resolved Particles Caught On First Touch

Resolution  $0.5\mu\text{m}$

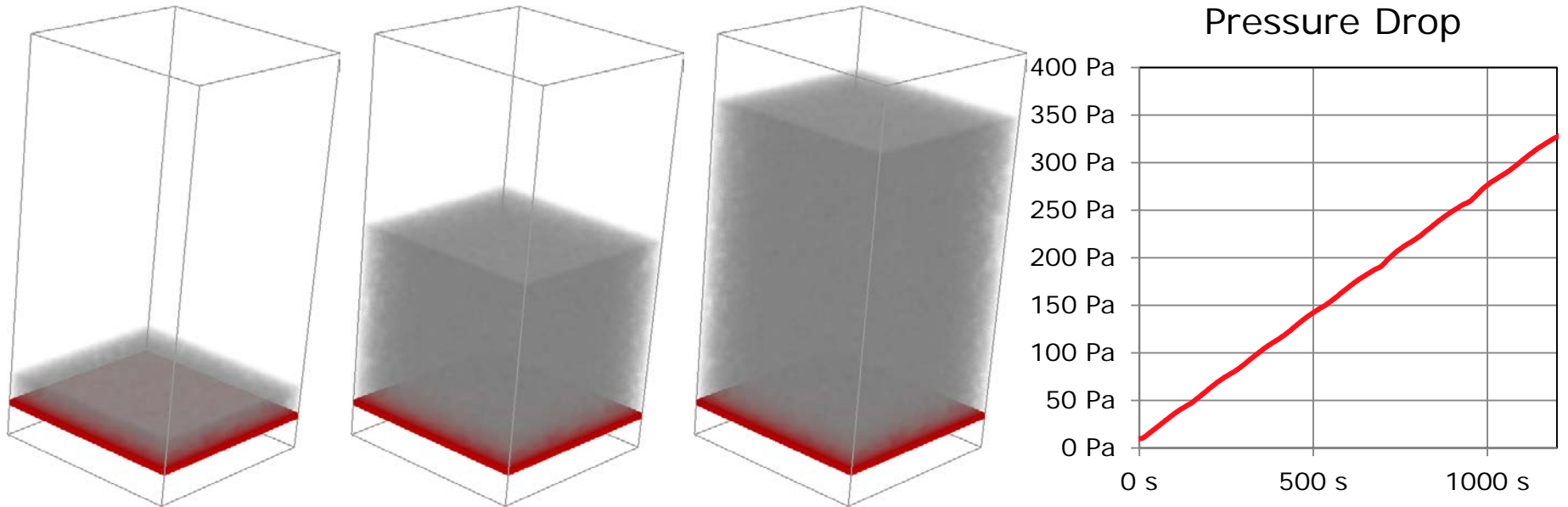


Result:

- Flow resistivity  $14.4 \text{ e}+6 \text{ kg/m}^3\text{s}$
- Cake solidity 0.1953

# Fully Unresolved Particles Caught On First Touch

Resolution 24 $\mu$ m



Input (porous voxels):  
 $\sigma_{max} = 14.4 \text{ e}+6 \text{ kg/m}^3\text{s}$   
 $f_{max} = 0.1953$

Result:

- Flow resistivity  $14.3 \text{ e}+6 \text{ kg/m}^3\text{s}$
- Cake solidity 0.2027

# Results for Partially Resolved Particles with Parameters for Unresolved Particles

Resolution	Input Parameters		Resulting Cake	
	$f_{\max}$	$\sigma_{\max}$ [ $10^6 \text{ kg/m}^3\text{s}$ ]	Solidity	Flow Resistivity [ $10^6 \text{ kg/m}^3\text{s}$ ]
24 $\mu\text{m}$	0.1953	14.4	0.2027	14.34
8 $\mu\text{m}$	0.1953	14.4	0.1953	10.17
4 $\mu\text{m}$	0.1953	14.4	0.1422	4.02
2 $\mu\text{m}$	0.1953	14.4	0.1346	3.09
1 $\mu\text{m}$	0.1953	14.4	0.1535	4.41
0.5 $\mu\text{m}$	solid/empty	solid/empty	0.1953	14.40

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# Quick Parameter Fitting

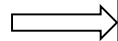
Resolution 4  $\mu\text{m}$

Input Parameters		Resulting Cake	
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# Quick Parameter Fitting

Resolution 4  $\mu\text{m}$

1. Use result of resolved model

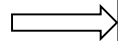


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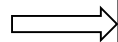
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2. Use other values



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Resolution 4  $\mu\text{m}$

1. Use result of resolved model  $\Rightarrow$

3. Assume linear dependency  
 • solidity from  $f_{\max}$   $\Rightarrow$   
 • resistivity from  $\sigma_{\max}$

2. Use other values  $\Rightarrow$

Input Parameters		Resulting Cake	
$f_{\max}$	$\sigma_{\max}$ [ $10^6 \text{ kg/m}^3\text{s}$ ]	Solidity	Flow Resistivity [ $10^6 \text{ kg/m}^3\text{s}$ ]
0.1953	14.40	0.1422	4.02
0.2956	56.34	0.1904	13.50
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# Results for Mixed Resolutions with Fitted Parameters

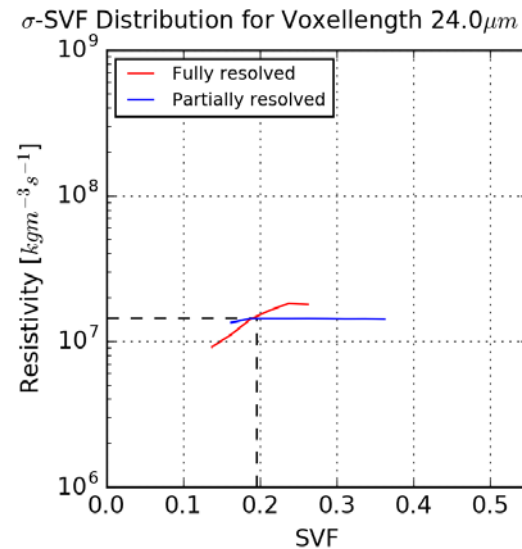
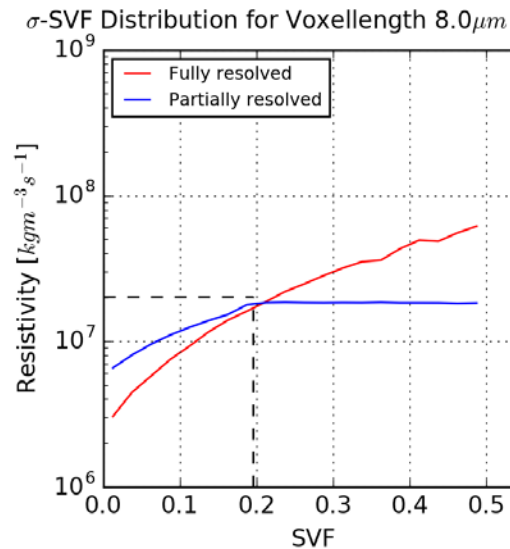
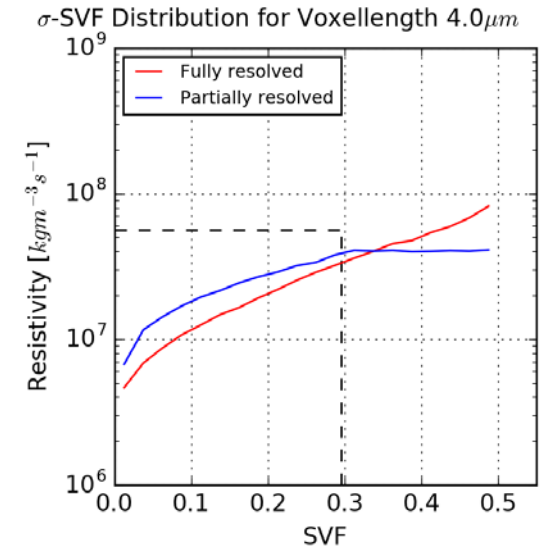
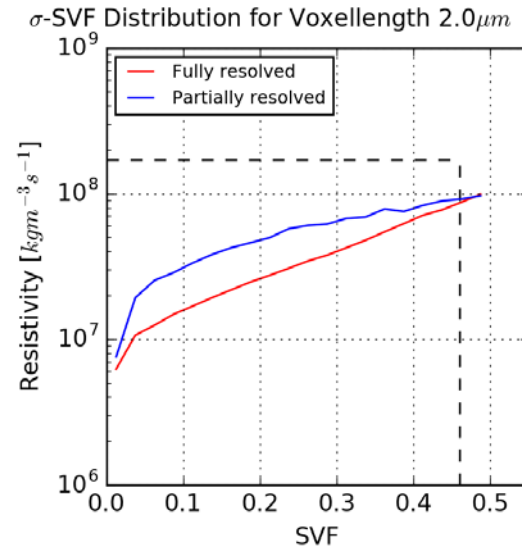
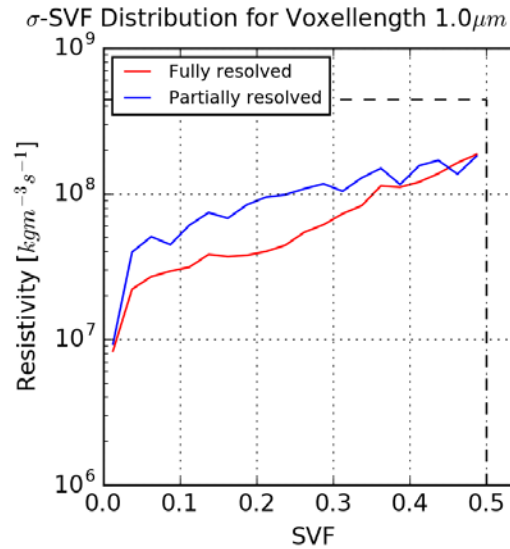
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2 $\mu\text{m}$	0.4600	170.00	0.1949	13.8
1 $\mu\text{m}$	0.5000	441.50	0.1928	15.2
0.5 $\mu\text{m}$	solid/empty	solid/empty	0.1953	14.4

## Questions:

- Do *local solidity* and *local flow resistivity* distributions match for resolved and mixed resolution computations?
- Can we estimate  $f_{max}$  and  $\sigma_{max}$  from just a single resolved cake filtration simulation?
  - Reduce estimation effort from three to one simulation
  - Develop a theory or provide a data base with effective parameters depending on particle size distribution and grid resolutions

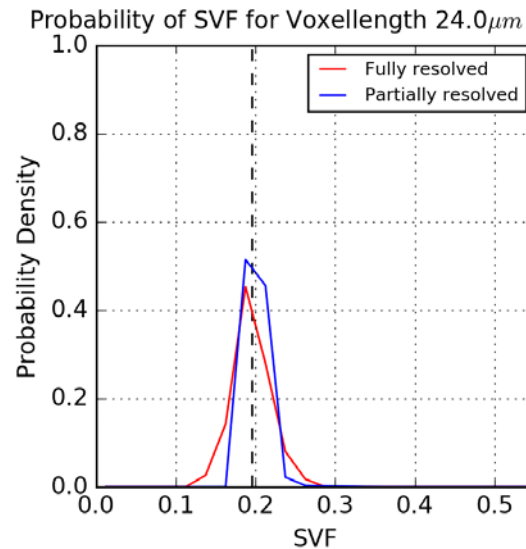
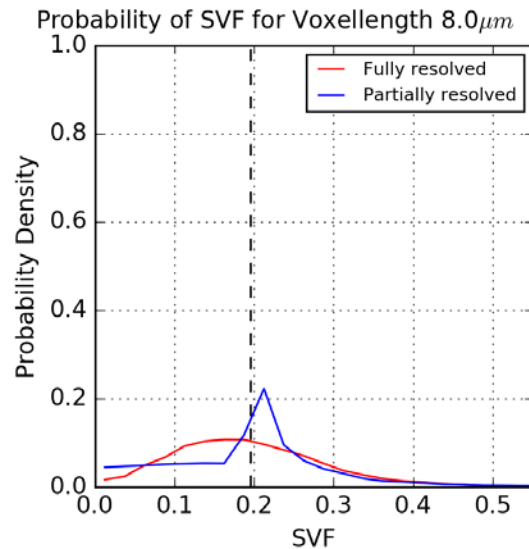
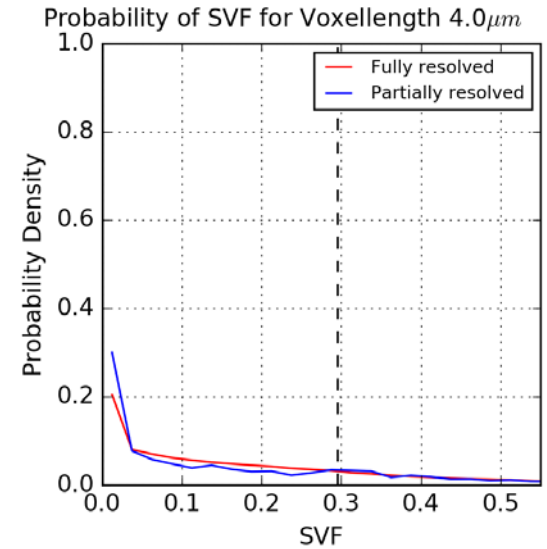
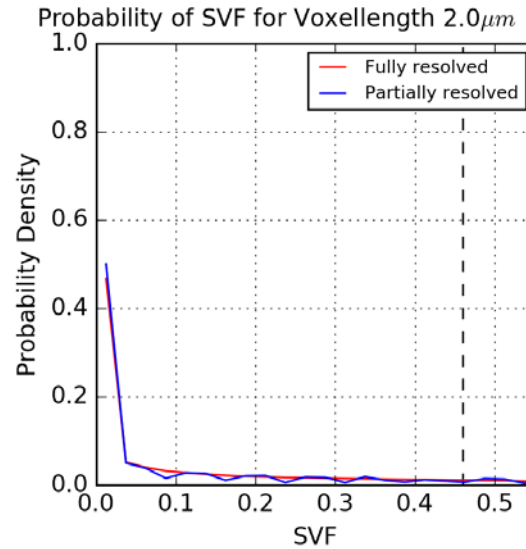
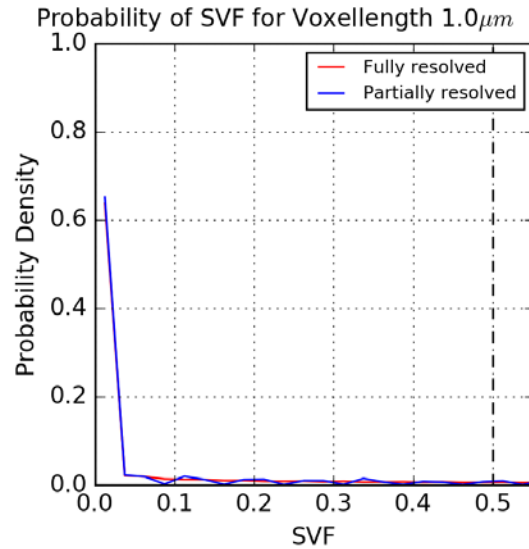


# Comparison of $\sigma$ – SVF Distribution



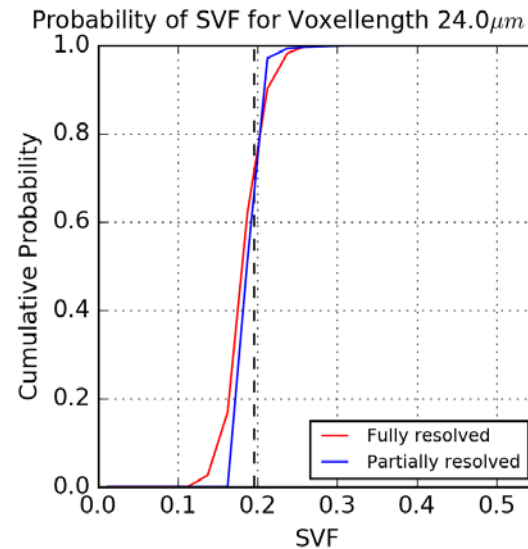
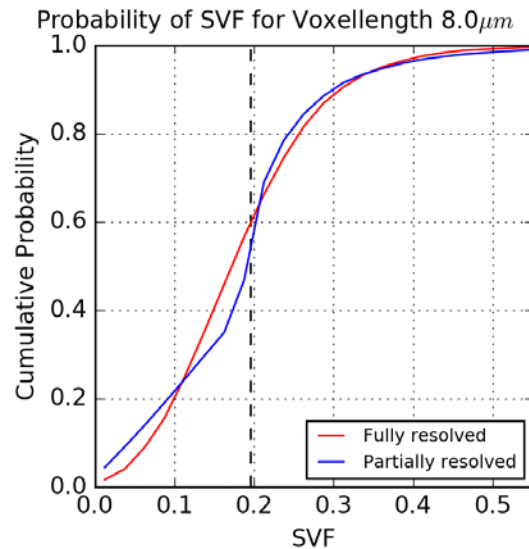
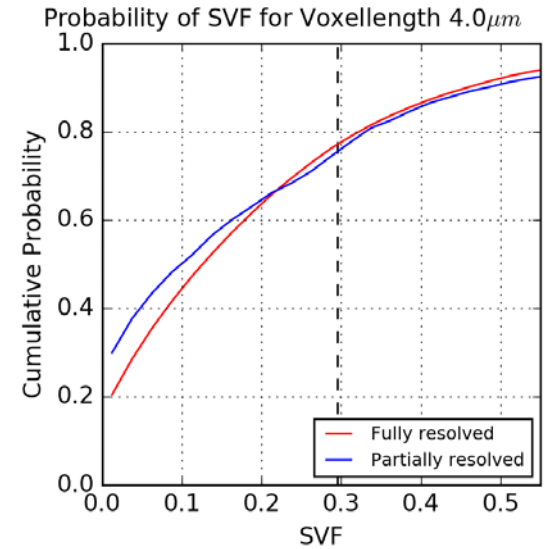
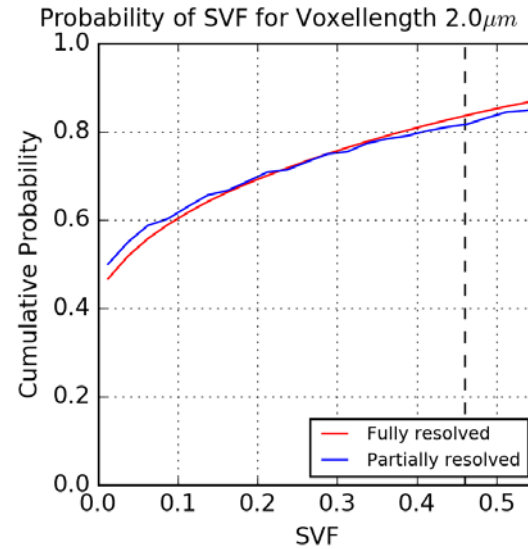
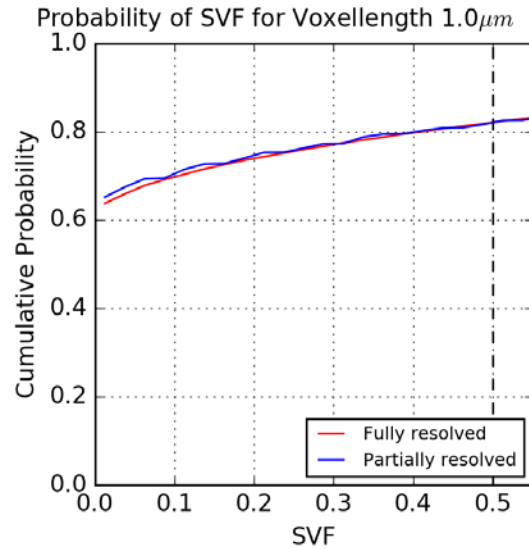
- $\sigma$ -SVF Distribution of fully and partially resolved particles match
- If  $f_{max}$  is known then we can estimate  $\sigma_{max}$

# Comparison of SVF Probability Density



■ SVF probability of fully and partially resolved particles match

# Comparison of SVF Cumulative Probability



- SVF probability of fully and partially resolved particles match
- Cumulative probability between 60% and 80% at  $f_{max}$

# Conclusions And Outlook

- Cake formation can be modeled at different resolutions
- Parameters  $f_{max}$  and  $\sigma_{max}$  can be estimated by linear fitting
- Local solidity and flow resistivity of fully and partially resolved computations match
- The  $\sigma$  function for different resolutions can be estimated from fully resolved computations
- Open questions:
  - How to estimate  $f_{max}$  from one fully resolved cake filtration?
  - Can the  $f_{max}$ ,  $\sigma_{max}$  model be replaced?

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