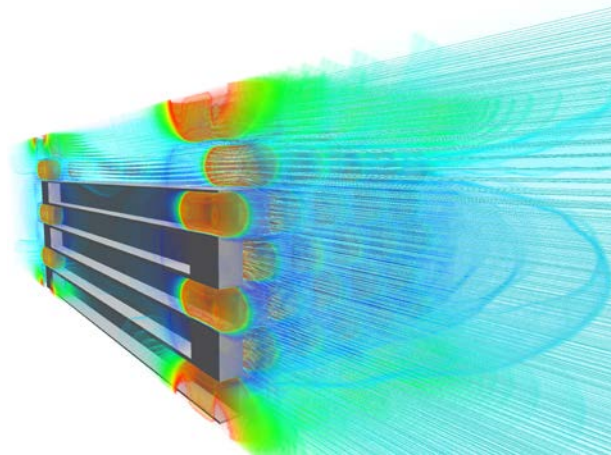


# Soot Filtration Modeling and Simulation in Diesel Particulate Filters

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# Math2Market GmbH and its GeoDict software

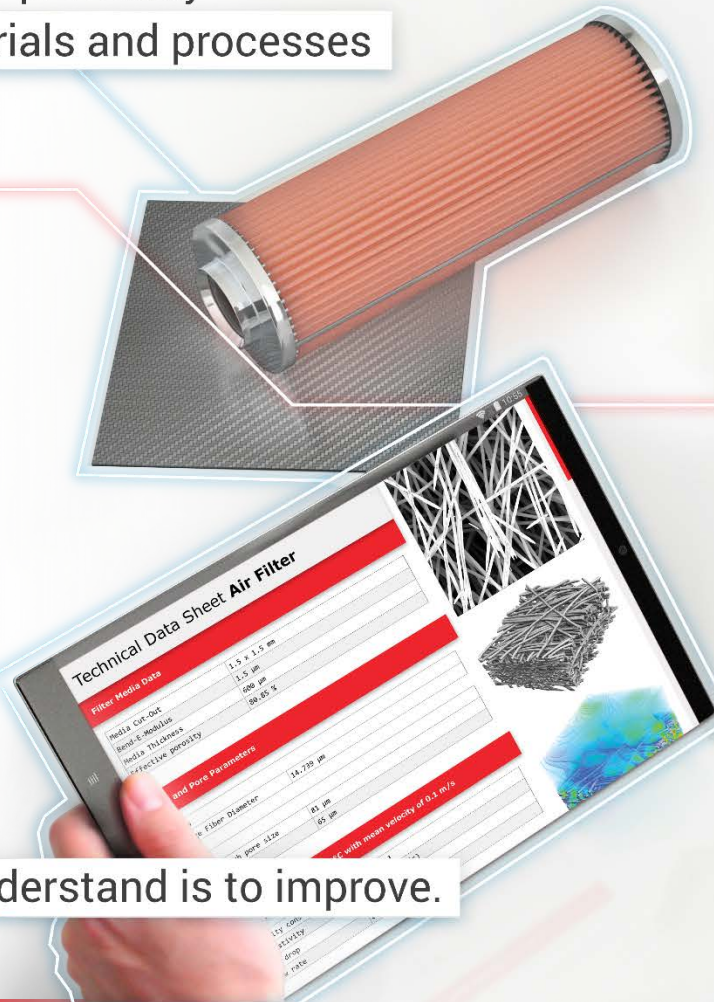
## Some background information

- Math2Market creates & markets software to analyze/design porous & composite materials based on the material's geometric inhomogeneity
- M2Ms software is called GeoDict, the Digital Material Laboratory
- GeoDict works on  $\mu$ CT-based, FIB-SEM-based and intrinsic models  
- in all cases, the computer representation consists of 3-D images
- M2M was spun off in 2011 from Fraunhofer Institute for Industrial Mathematics
- M2M is based in Kaiserslautern, Germany, and privately owned
- M2M has more than 150 clients from around the world

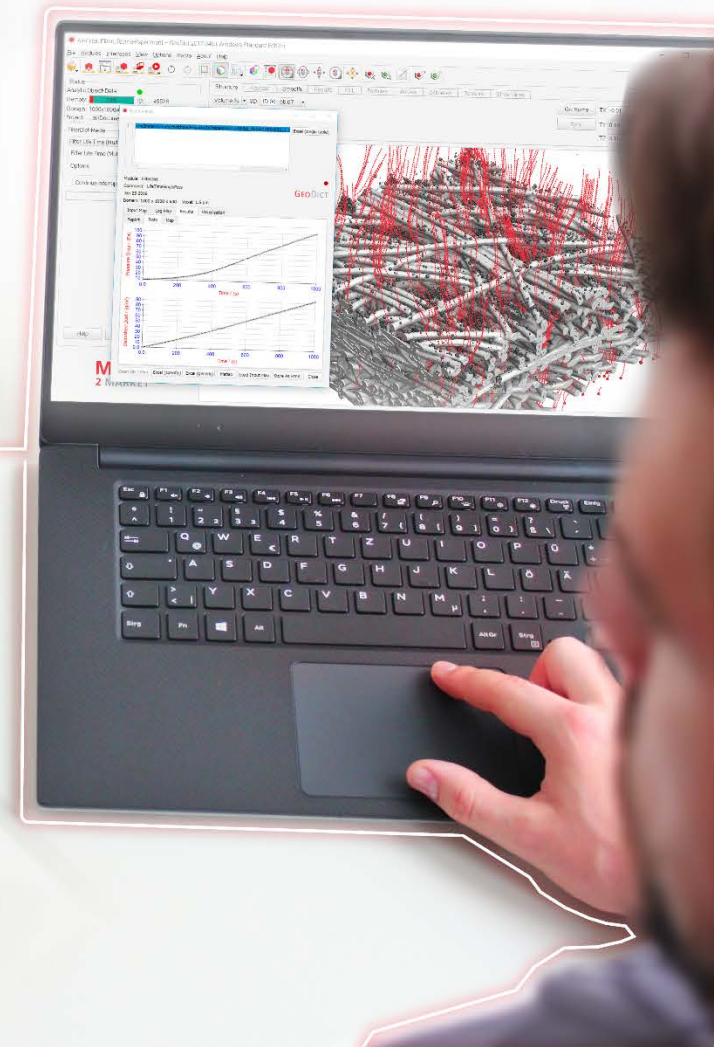


# GeoDict The Digital Material Laboratory

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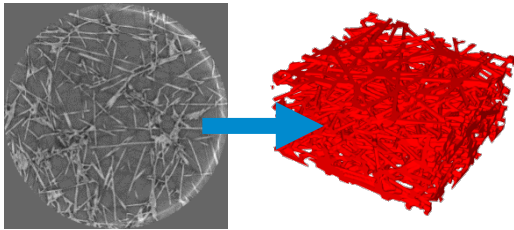


We believe that to understand is to improve.

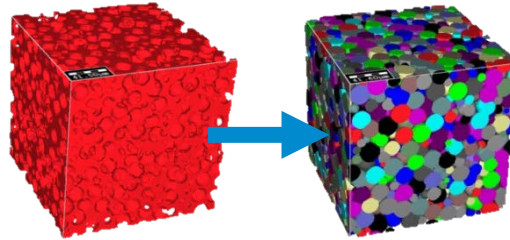


# GeoDict's Core Capabilities

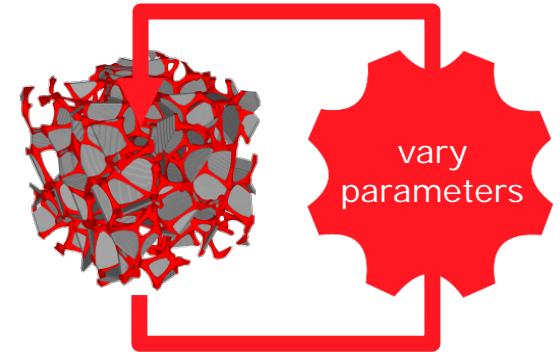
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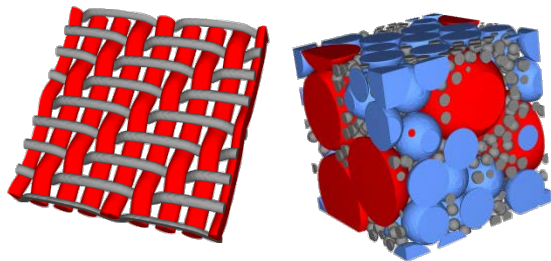
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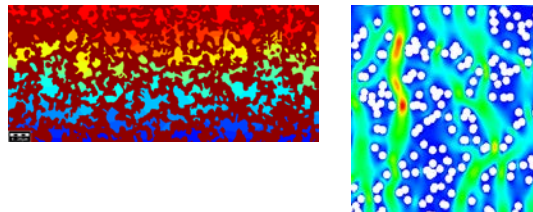
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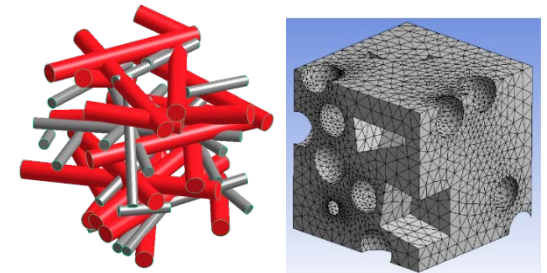
## Model Materials



## Analyze Properties



## Export Materials





# Selected Clients



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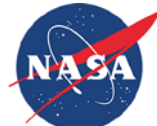
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# Modeling & Simulation of Soot Filtration

# The Diesel Particulate Filter (DPF)

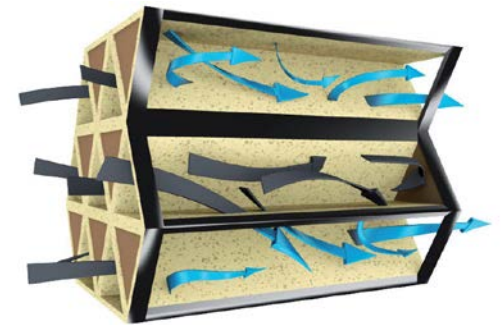
Description:

- Ceramic honeycomb with porous walls
- Channels alternately plugged at the ends
- Trap the particles over the whole size range

Goal: design a better DPF using simulations

- Lower pressure drop
- Higher filter efficiency
- Longer life time

Key element governing the performance of the DPF:  
**Ceramic filter media**



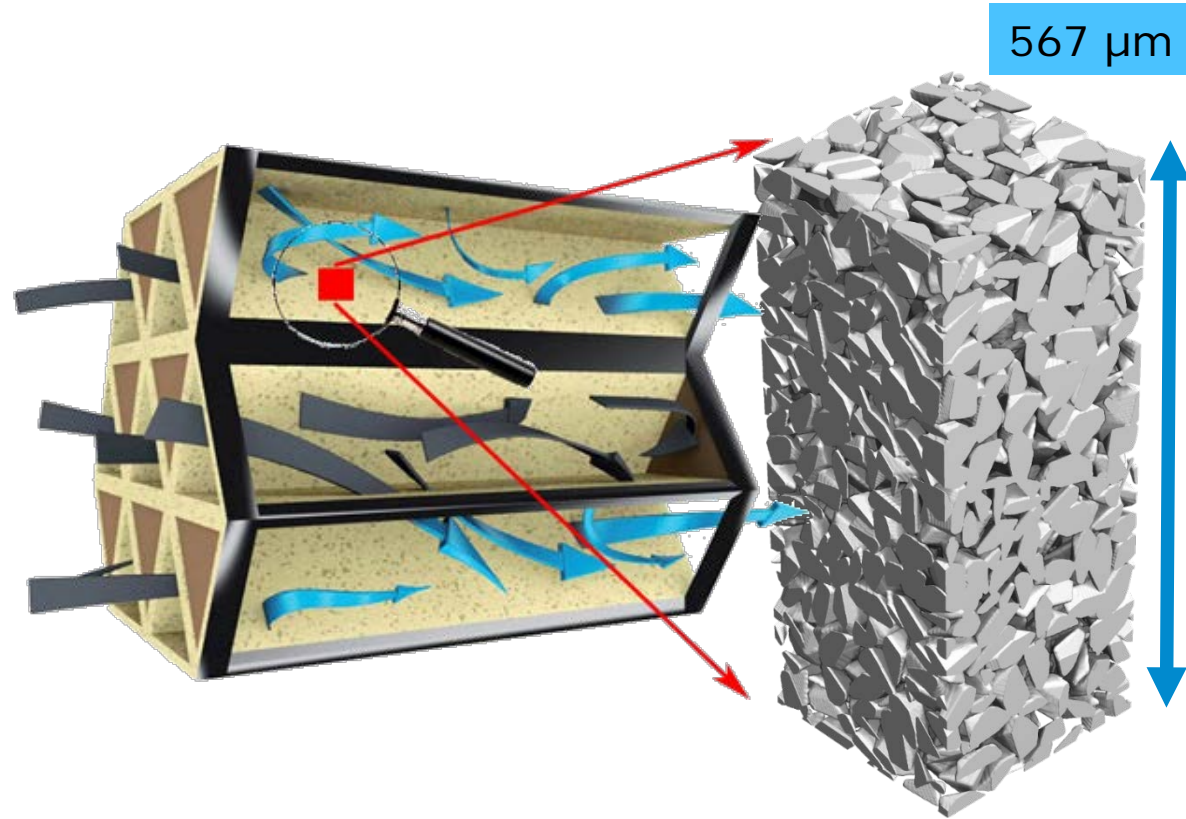
# Diesel Particulate Filter Simulations

Energy use of the DPF:

1. Pressure loss across the (loaded) ceramic walls
2. Pressure loss along the channels

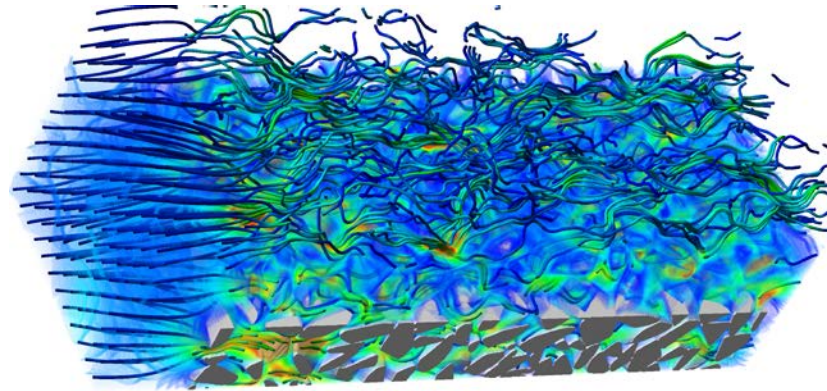
**Step 1:** Simulate pressure loss & solid loading across the wall.

**Step 2:** Simulate pressure loss & solid loading along the channels.





**Step 1:**  
**Simulate pressure loss across the ceramic wall**



# 3D Ceramic Microstructure

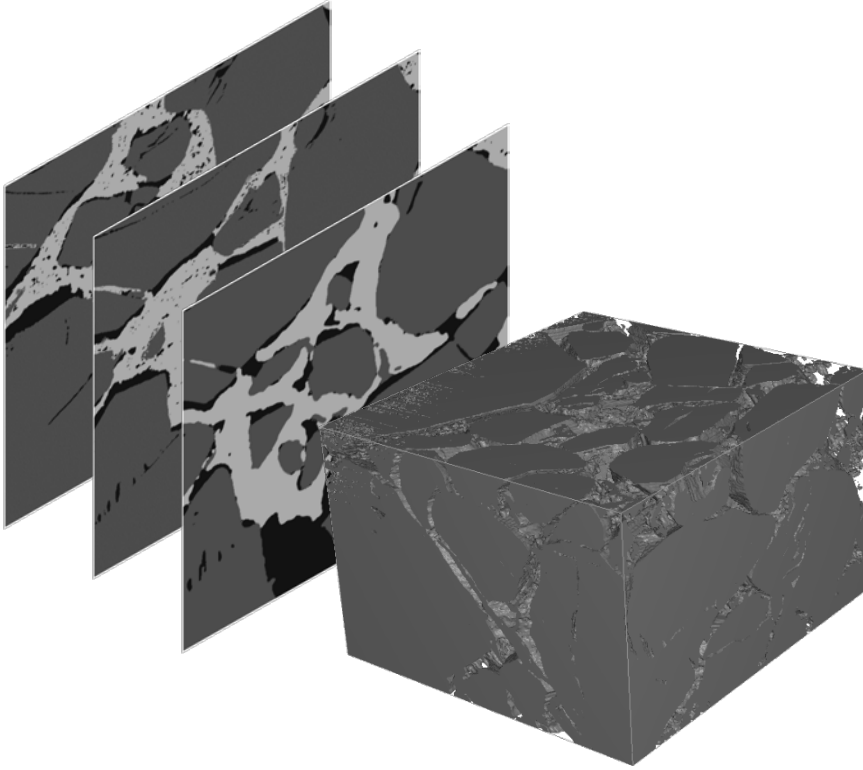
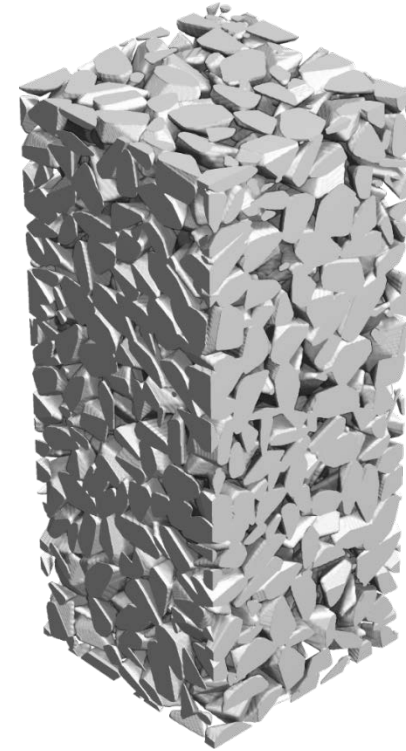


Image acquisition by  $\mu$ CT

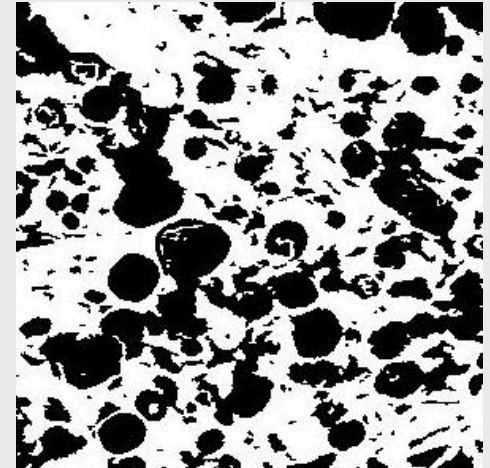


Modelled with GrainGeo

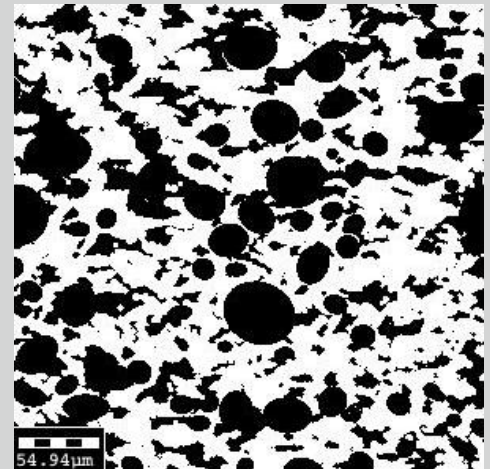
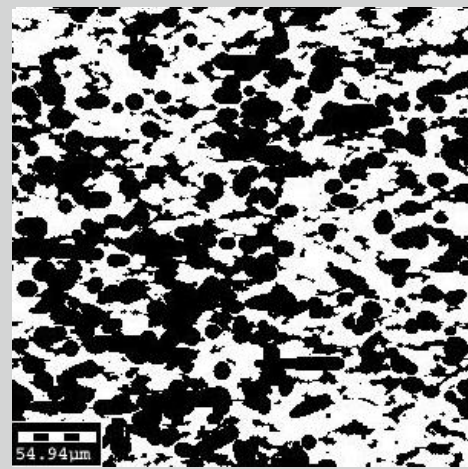
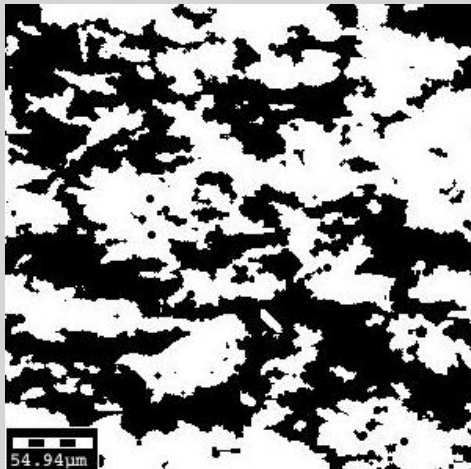
- (+) Allows simulations on real filter structures.
- (-) Modifications of the filter structure are not possible.

# Binarized SEM Images from Polished Micrograph Sections and Modeled Sintered Ceramics

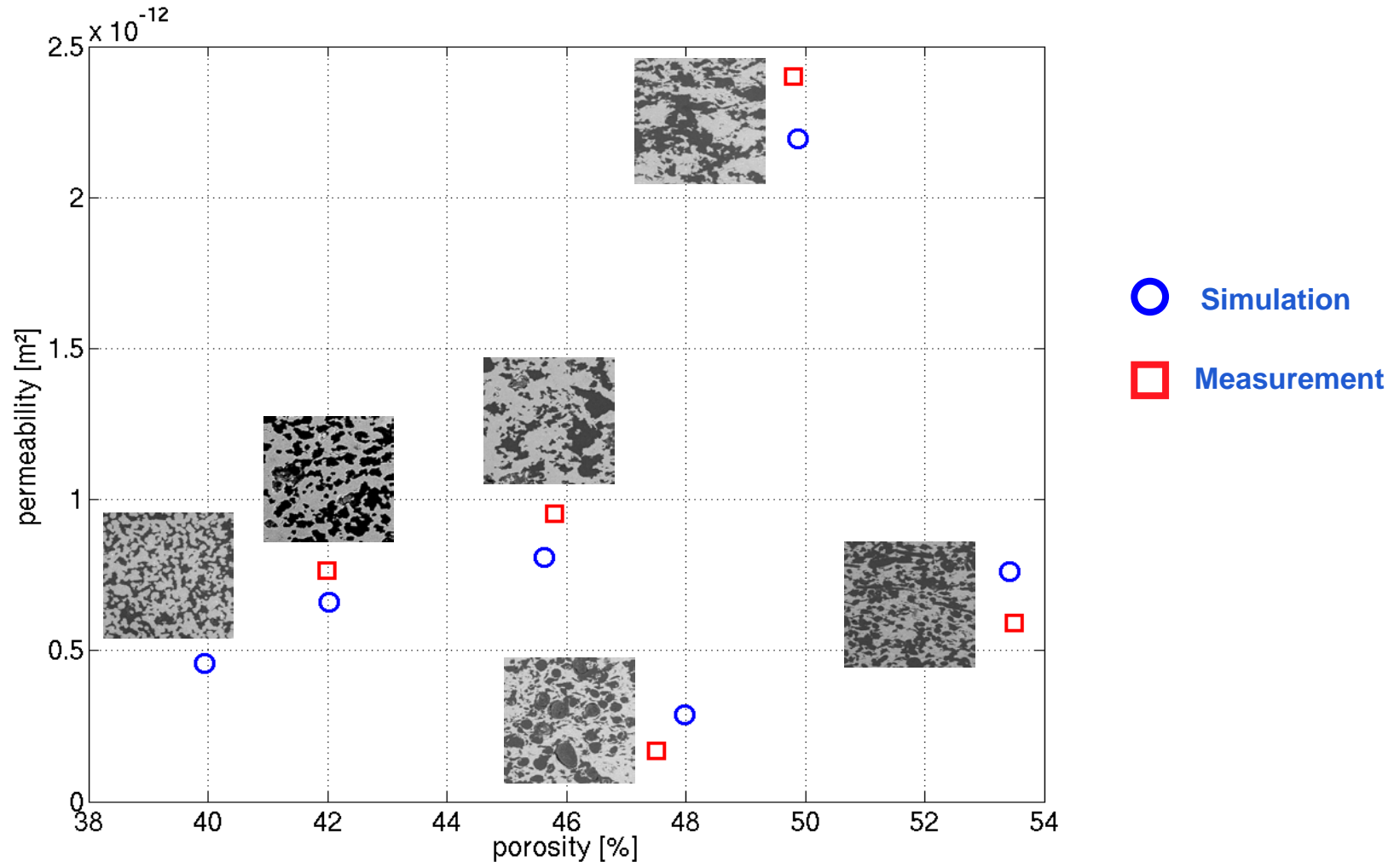
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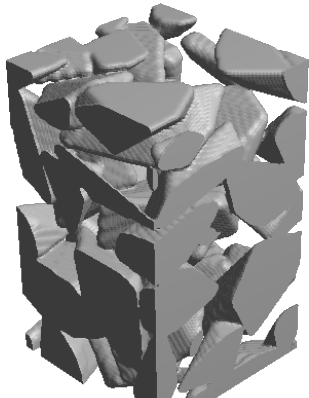


# Measured Porosities and Permeabilities of Real Ceramics vs Modeled Porosities and Simulated Permeabilities on Modeled Ceramics

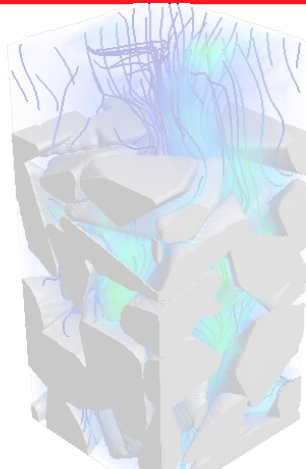




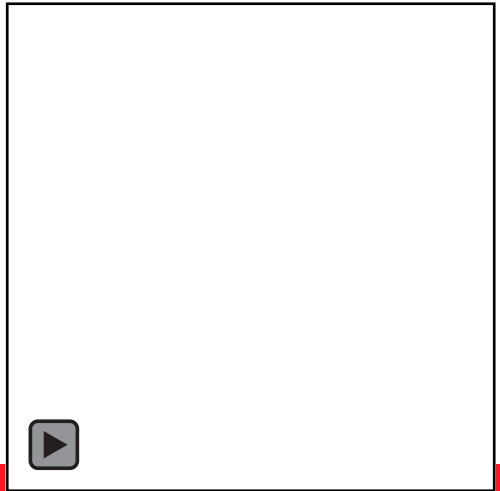
# Filter Clogging Simulation with **FilterDict**-Media



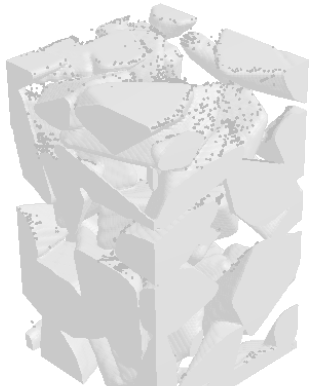
1. Model filter



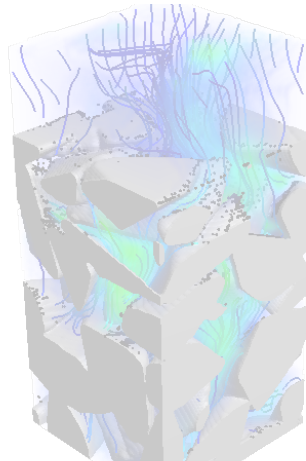
2. Compute flow field



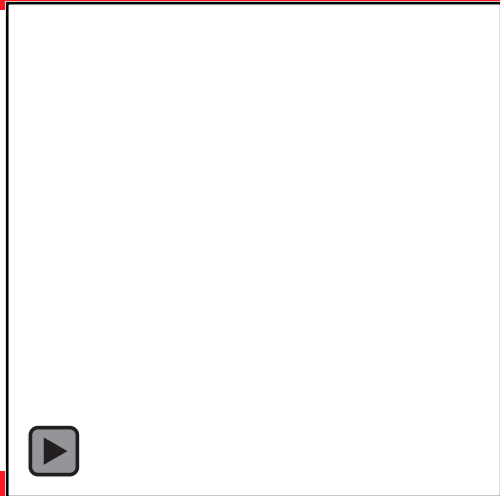
3. Track particles



4. Deposit particles



5. Update flow field

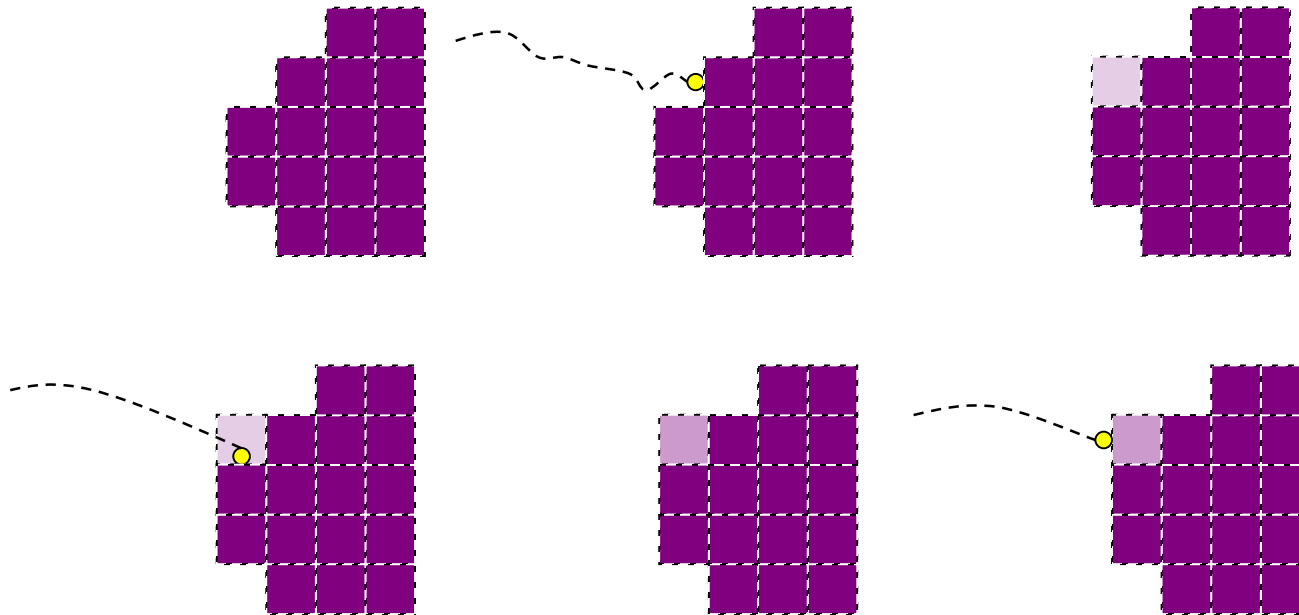


6. Repeat ...

# Simulation of Unresolved Particles

## Solid, Empty, or Porous (& Permeable) Grid Cells

- Soot particles (25~600 nm) are smaller than the grid size.
- Deposited particles do not fill the computational cell, but form a permeable media
- Define how much a cell can get filled:  $f_{max}$
- Define flow resistivity depending on the degree of filling:  $\sigma(f)$

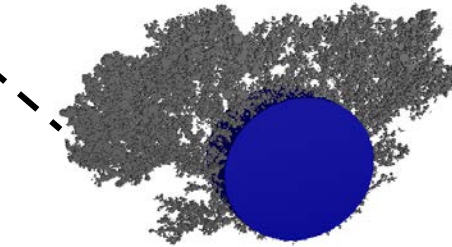
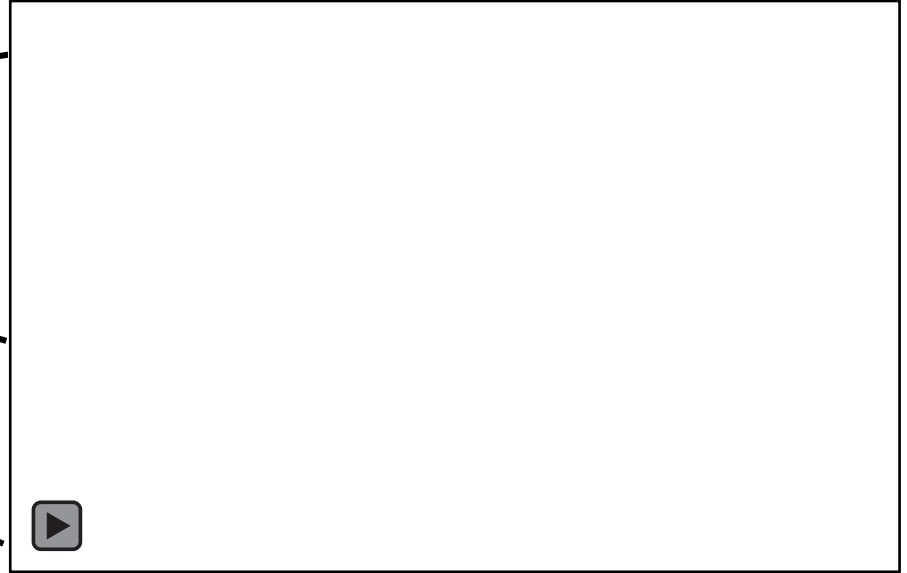


# Parameter Identification

## Estimate Packing Density and Flow Resistivity



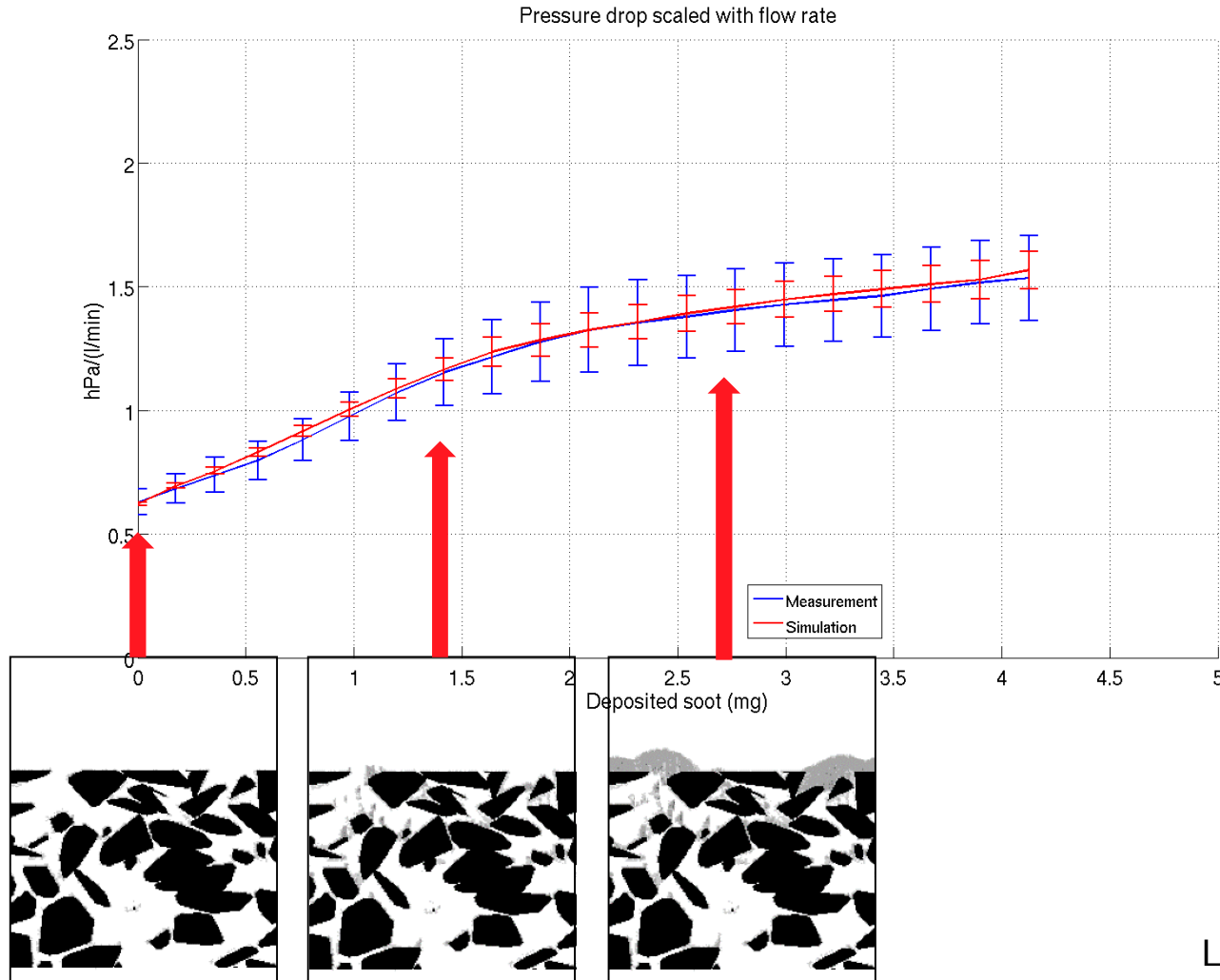
Soot deposited in ceramic DPF  
- model soot as porous media  
requires:  
 $f_{max}$  maximum soot packing density  
 $\sigma_{max}$  corresponding flow resistivity



Soot deposited on a single grain  
- high resolution simulation to approximate:  
 $f_{max}$  &  $\sigma_{max}$  for depth filtration

Soot deposited on a grid frame  
- high resolution simulation to identify:  
 $f_{max}$  &  $\sigma_{max}$  for cake filtration

# Experimental and Simulated Pressure Drop Evolution



- Error bars induced by 5 measurements and 5 different realizations of the digital structure.
- Match achieved by introducing different parameters  $f_{max}$  &  $\sigma(f)$  for depth & cake filtration.

L. Cheng et al., WFC 11, 2012.



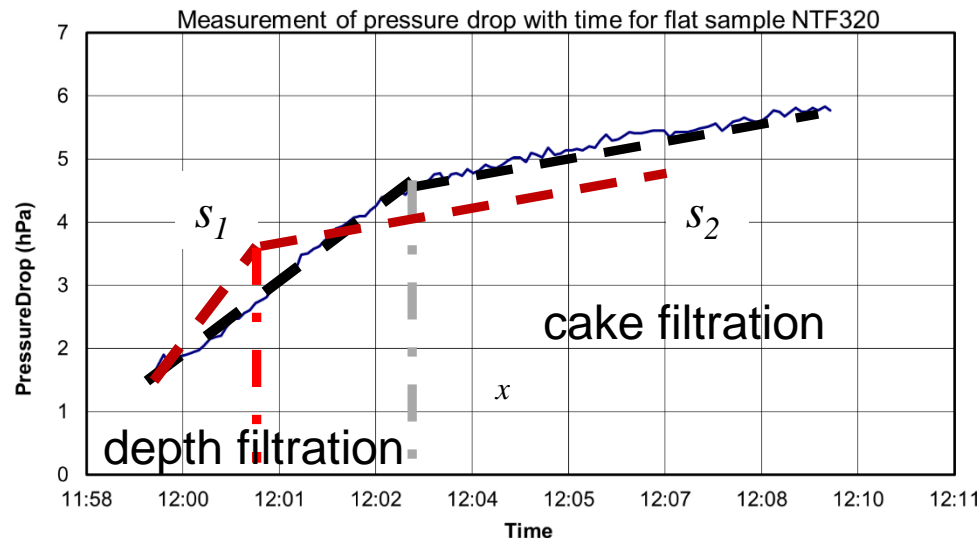
# Spatial Particle Deposition over Time



# Reduced Pressure Drop by Use of an Innovative Coating

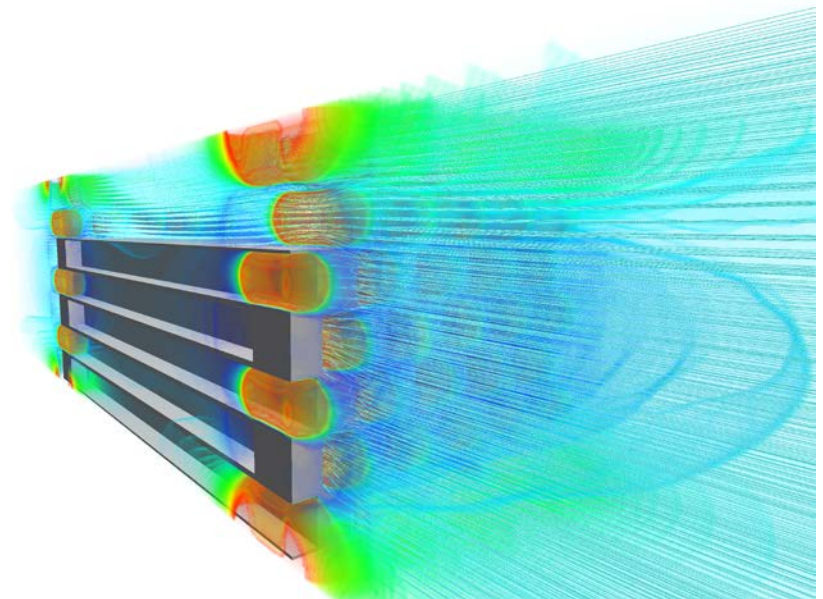
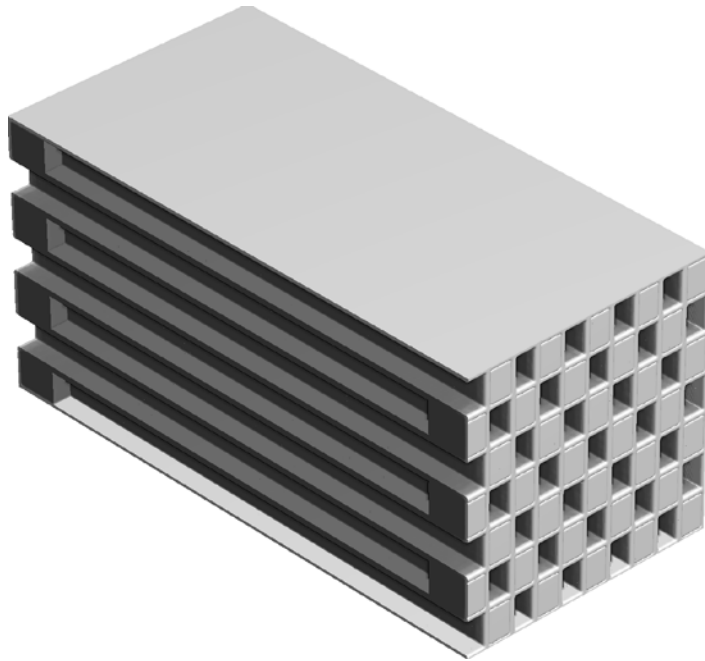
After fast initial pressure drop increase (slope  $s_1$ , depth filtration phase)  
follows long slower pressure drop increase (slope  $s_2$ , cake filtration phase)

- Matched experiment with simulations
- Shortened depth phase to lower pressure drop during cake phase
- Fraunhofer IKTS manufactured ceramic, experiment matched simulations, and patent was granted: *Particulate filter, No. DE102012220181 A1*



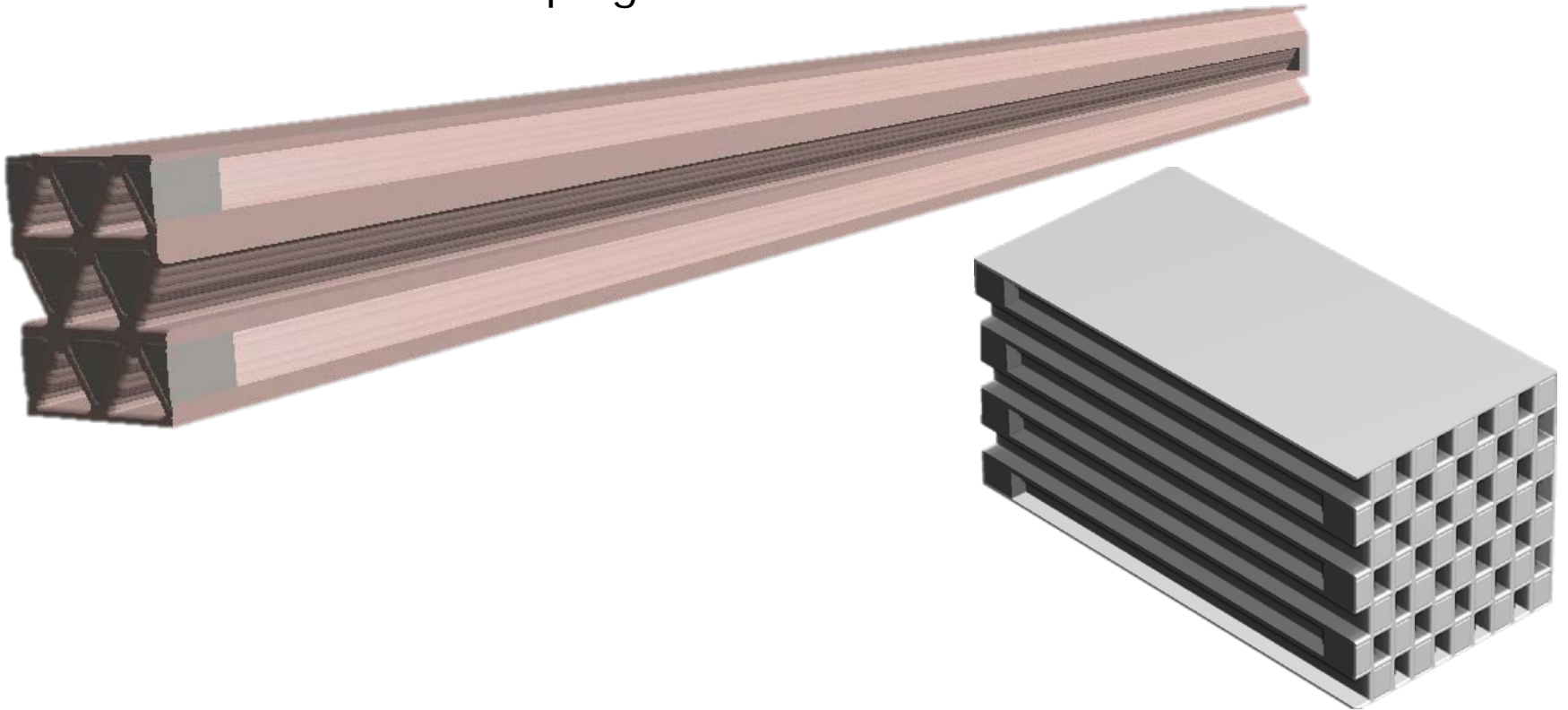
## Step 2

### Simulate pressure loss along the channels



# Designing Honeycombs with GridGeo

- Triangular or square channels
- Channels alternately plugged at the ends
- Thicknesses of wall and plugs

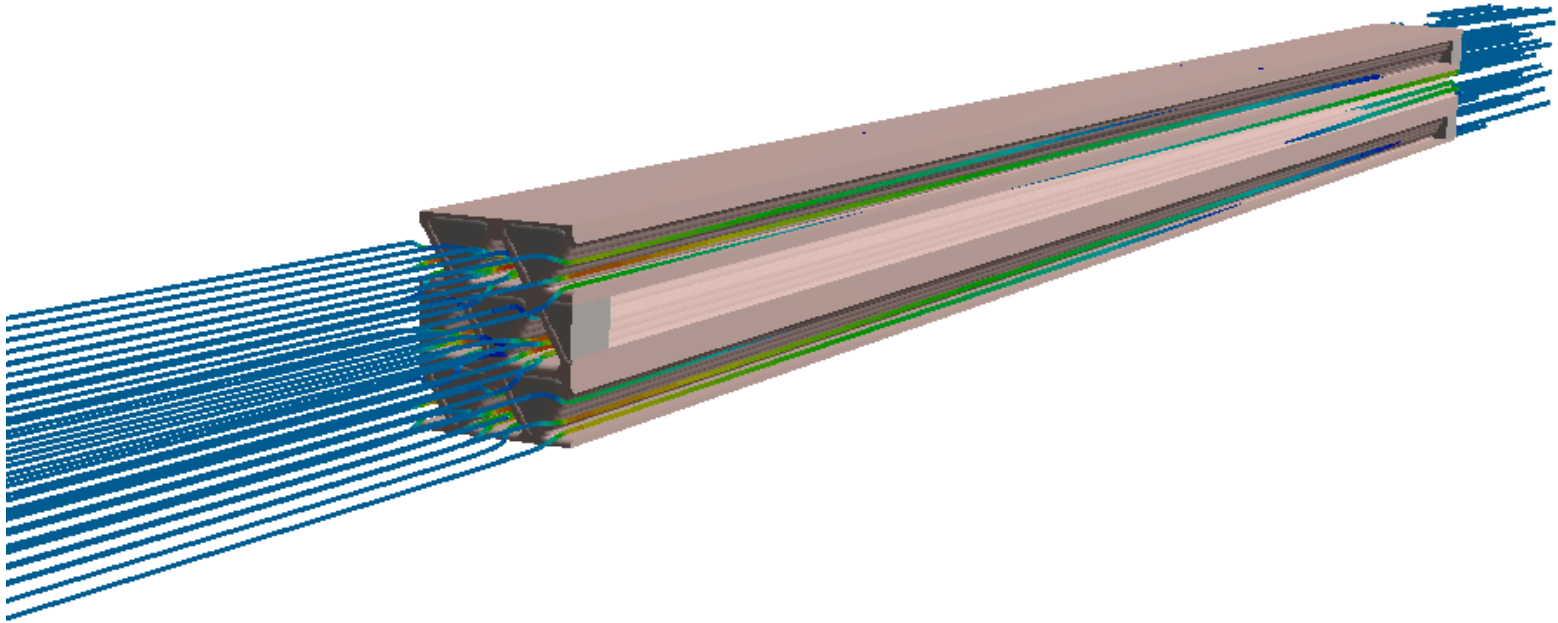




# Pressure Drop along the Channels

Required input from step 1:

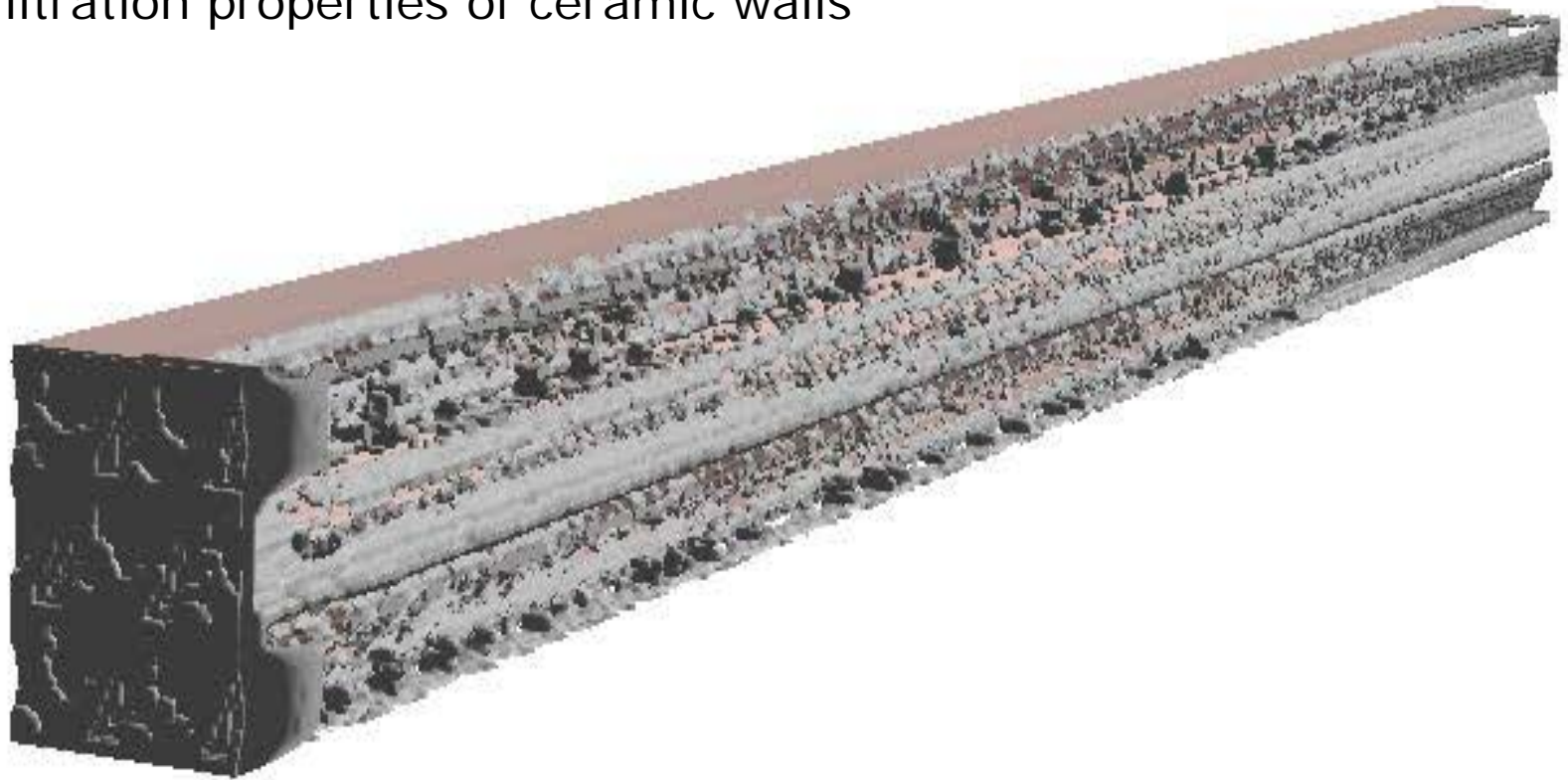
- Permeability of ceramic walls



# Soot Deposition along the Channels

Required input from step 1:

- Permeability of ceramic walls
- Filtration properties of ceramic walls



# Simulation of the Clogging Process of a Honeycomb Filter



# Summary

1. Simulate pressure loss across the ceramic wall.
    - Model ceramic materials.
    - Determine pressure drop evolution and soot loading.
  2. Simulate pressure loss along the channels
    - Model honeycomb structures.
    - Determine pressure drop evolution and soot loading
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- Multi-scale simulations bridge the scales between filter material design and filter design.
  - Developed an improved DPF with Fraunhofer IKTS (patent granted).

# Thank you for your attention.

