

GEO DICT

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GEO DICT WORKFLOW FOR DIGITAL CORE ANALYSIS

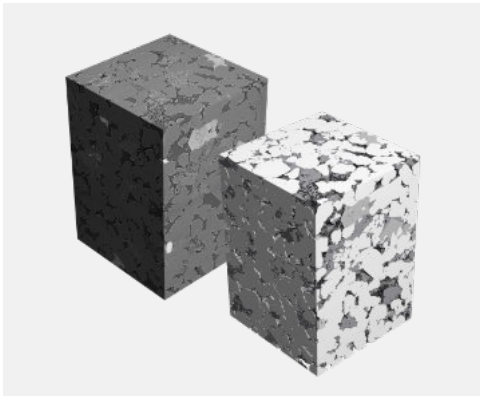
DIGITAL TWO-PHASE FLOW UNDER CONSIDERATION OF THE ENTIRE HYSTERESIS

- The calculation of the capillary pressure curve is an important task to be solved when determining the properties of a reservoir
- The hysteresis cycle maps the following processes:
 - **Primary Drainage (forced):**
Water is displaced by oil
 - **Imbibition (spontaneous+forced):**
Oil is displaced by water based on the preceding fluid distribution
 - **Secondary Drainage (spontaneous+forced):**
Water is displaced by oil based on the preceding fluid distribution



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Import and segmentation



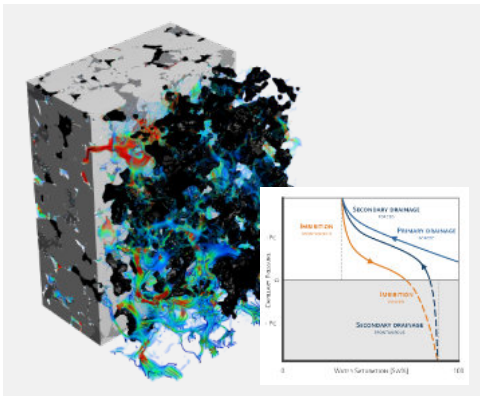
Import a μ CT scan of a rock sample:

- Use advanced GeoDict image processing tools to improve the scan's quality
- Segment the scan into 4 phases via
 - Manual thresholding
 - Automatic thresholding (OTSU, k-Means)
 - Multiphase thresholding via watershed algorithm
 - AI-based segmentation

Result: Digital twin of the rock sample

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Property Analysis

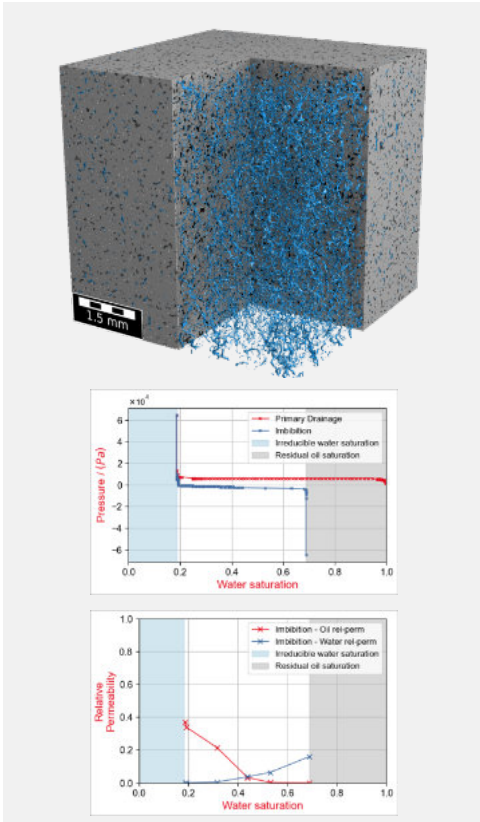


- The entire contact angle range (water-wet, neutrally-wet, oil-wet, mixed-wet) of the simulated fluids is mapped according to the individual wetting properties of the rock
- Extensive automation of individual workflows is possible:
 - Fluid properties
 - Wetting conditions
 - Contact angle
 - Interfacial tensions
 - Flow direction

Result: Statistical description of rock properties

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Calculation of the relative permeability of large structures under mixed-wet conditions



- When determining the rock properties, the saturation distribution of the phases is calculated for each pressure step
- Digital sandstone sample (1500x1500x1500 voxels) with a resolution of 3.7 μ m
- Contact angle (to the mineral surfaces):
 - Water-wet CA: 40°
 - Oil-wet CA: 140°
- Results of the capillary pressure curve calculation:
 - Irreducible Water saturation: 19 %
 - Residual Oil saturation: 31 %
- Used computer resources:
 - Duration: ~3.8 days
 - RAM: ~195 GB
 - Parallelization: 32 Cores
 - Software: GeoDict 2022 (Linux)

Mattila et al., 2016: A prospect for computing in porous material research: very large fluid flow simulations, *Journal of Computational Science*, 15, pp. 62-76, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jocs.2015.11.013>

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Result: The relative permeability can be determined ~100 times faster than using conventional laboratory methods!