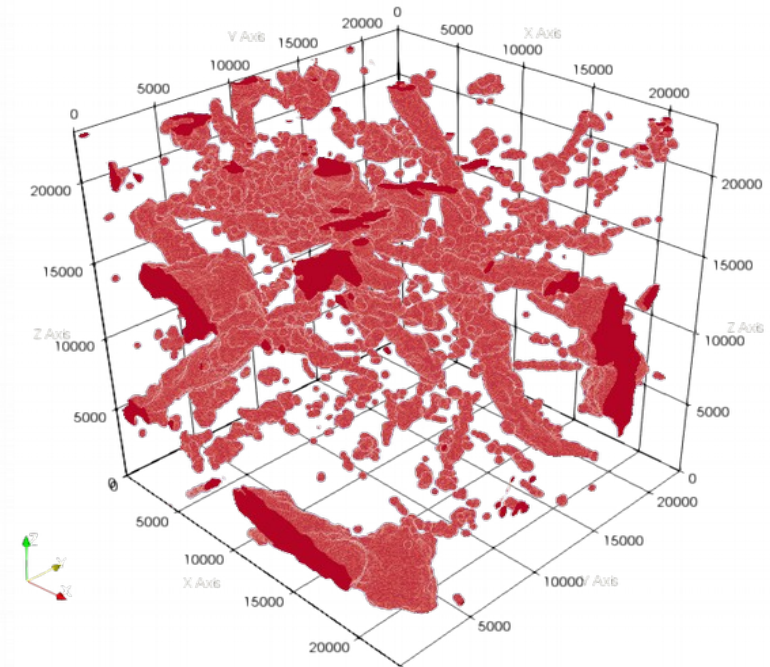
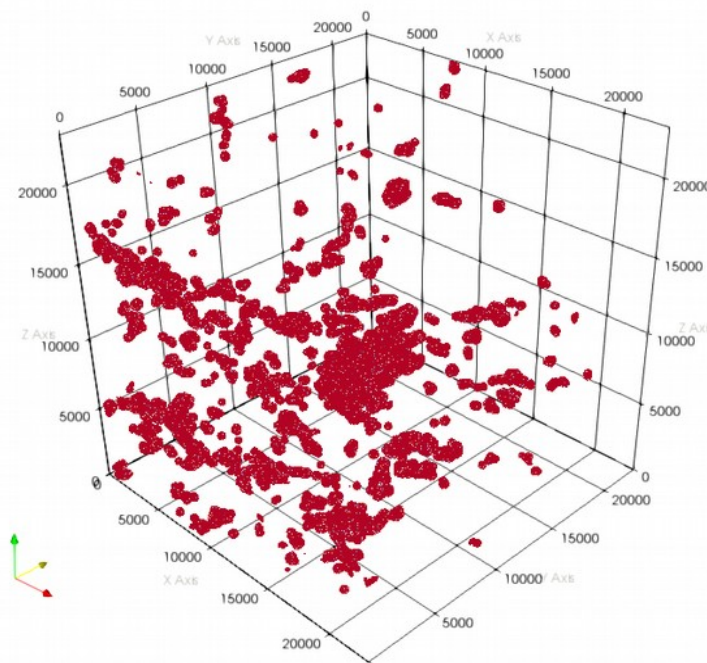


Applications of synchrotron radiation tomography to soil sciences – from the microaggregate to the centimeter scale



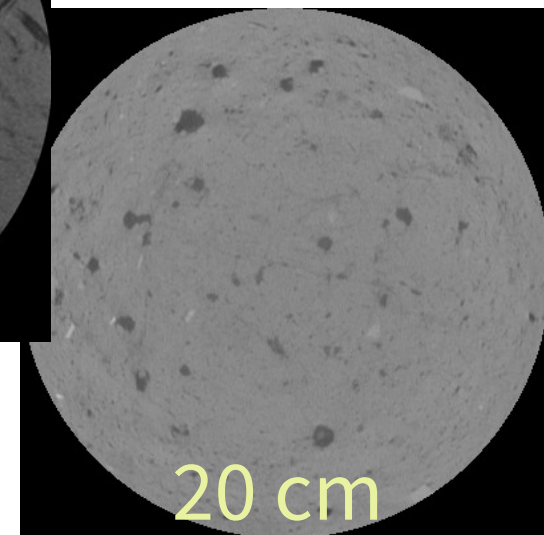
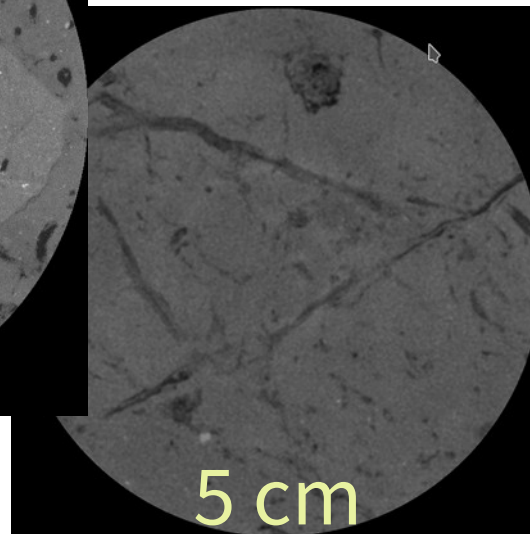
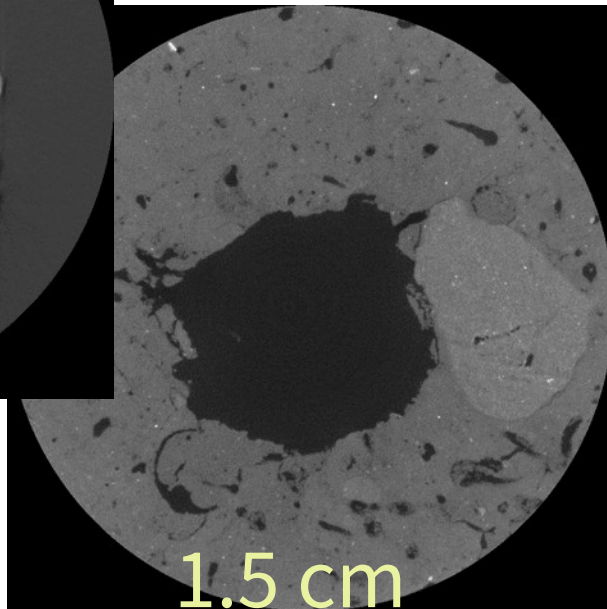
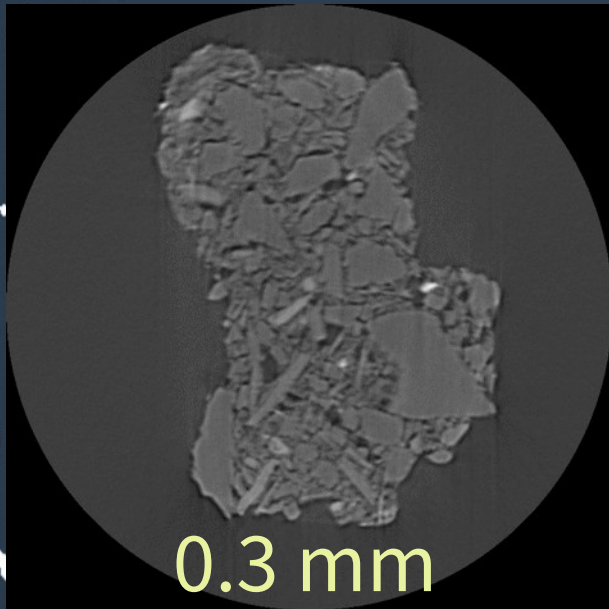
Diversity of soils

- Soils are diverse
- Many properties
- High variability
- Scale dependency

12 Orders of Soil Taxonomy

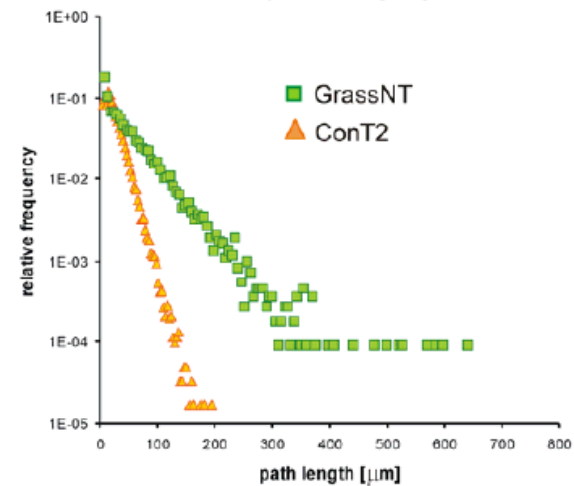
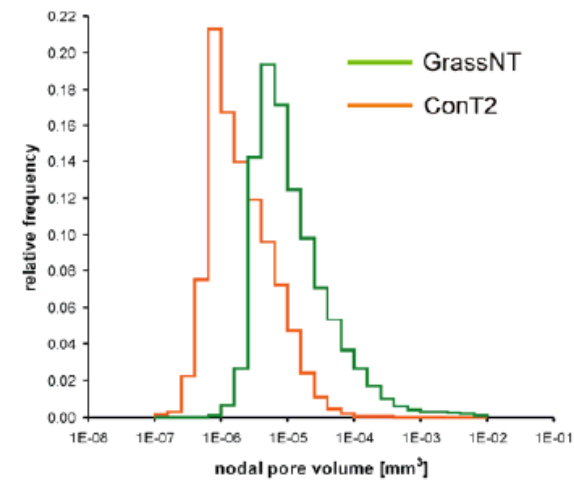
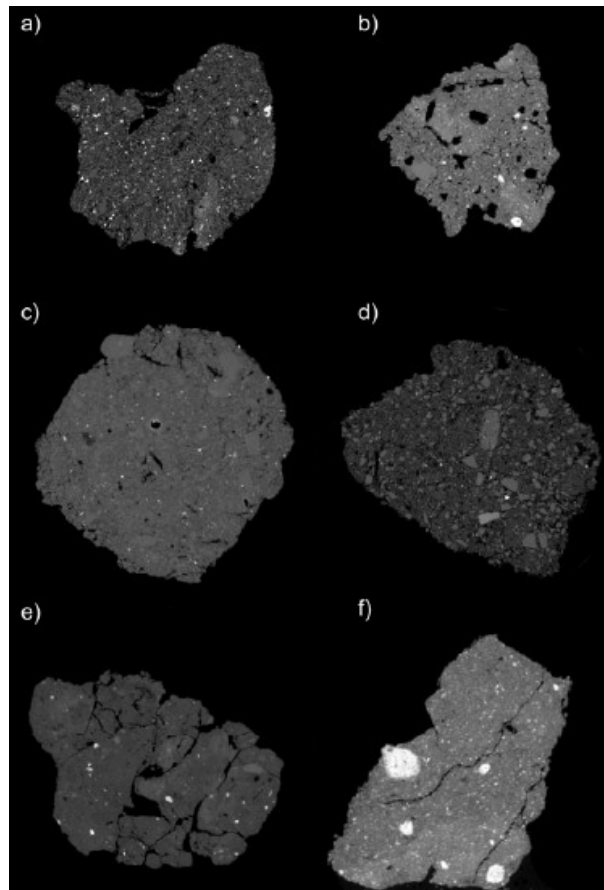


Broad scale range



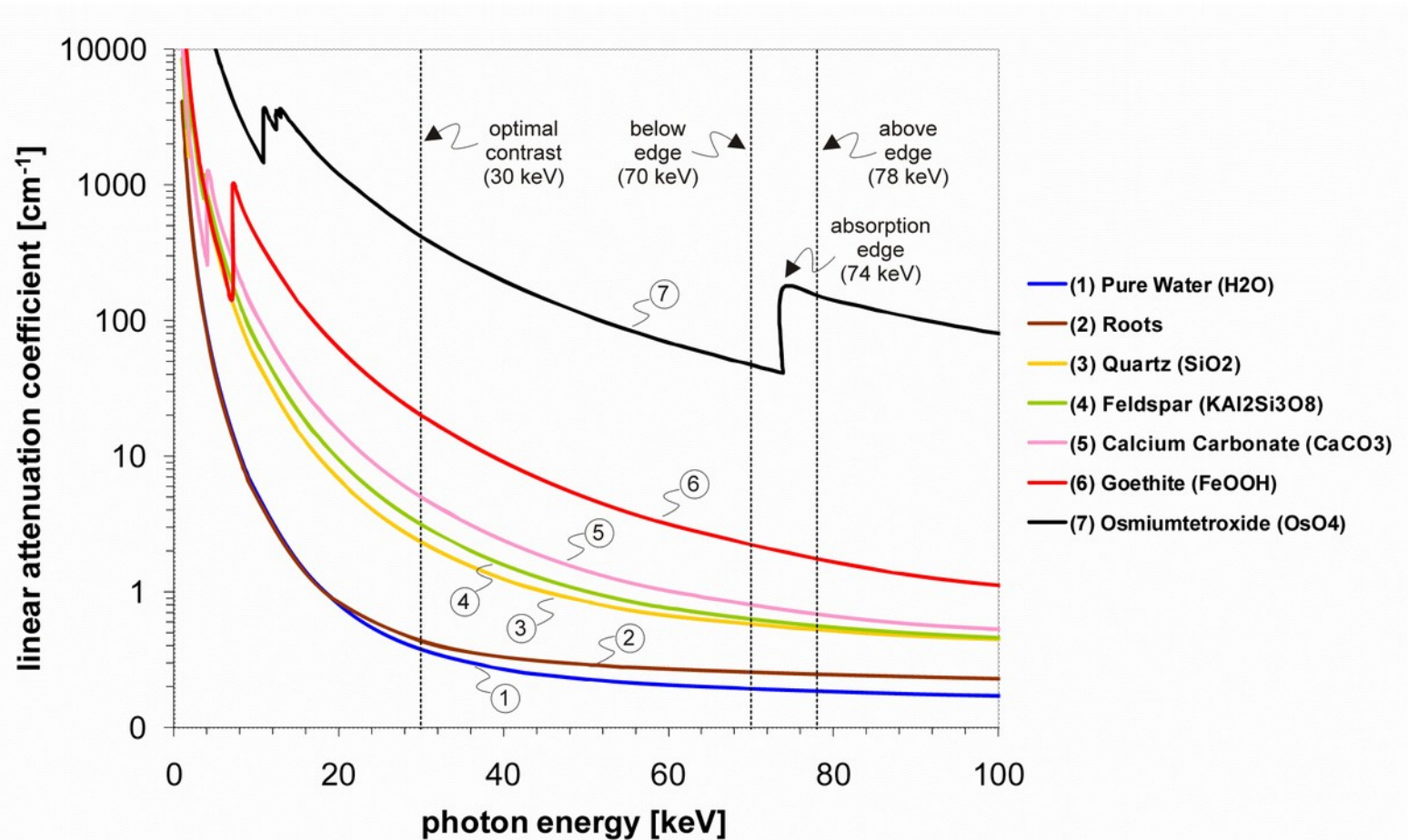
First approaches

Search for structure patterns...



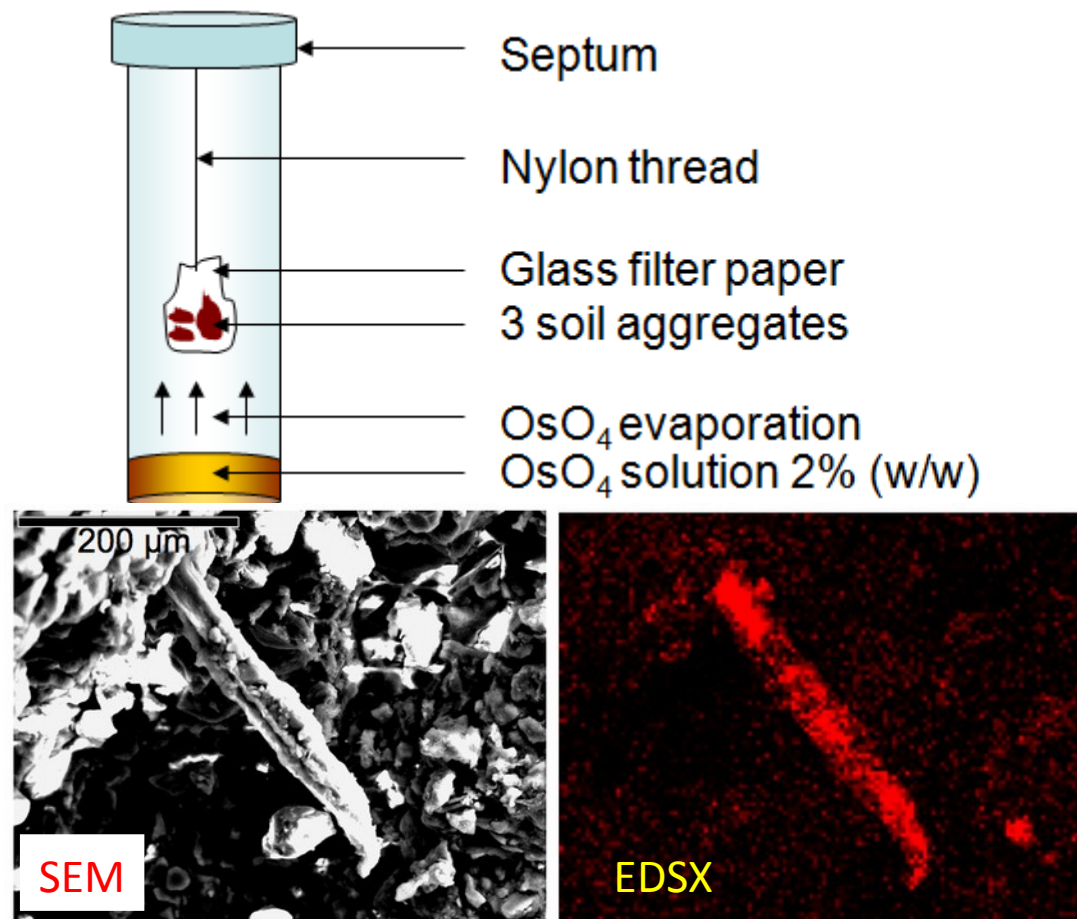
3D organic matter localization

Osmium staining



3D organic matter localization

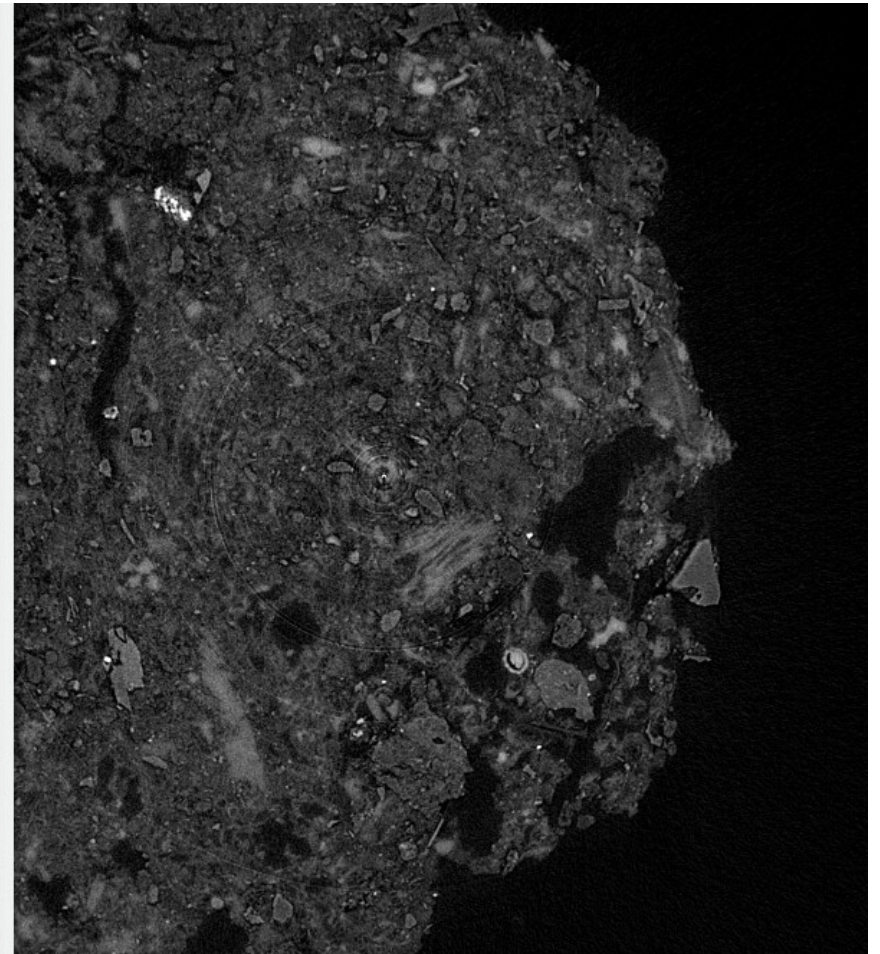
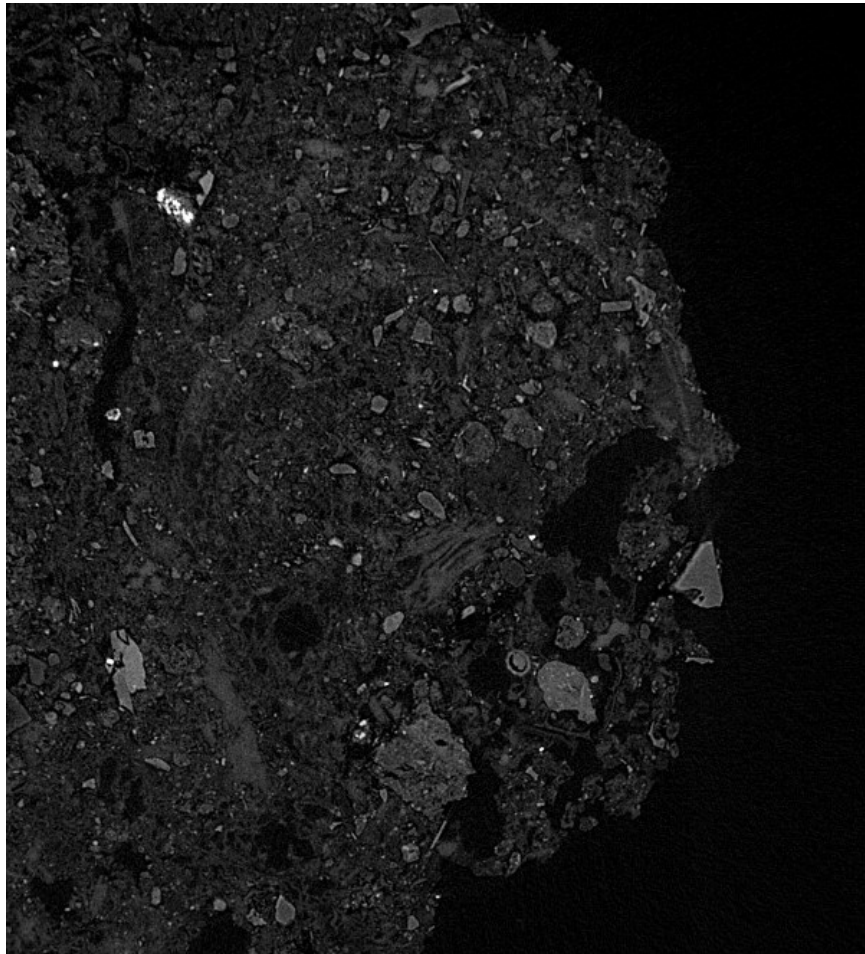
Staining OM with OsO_4



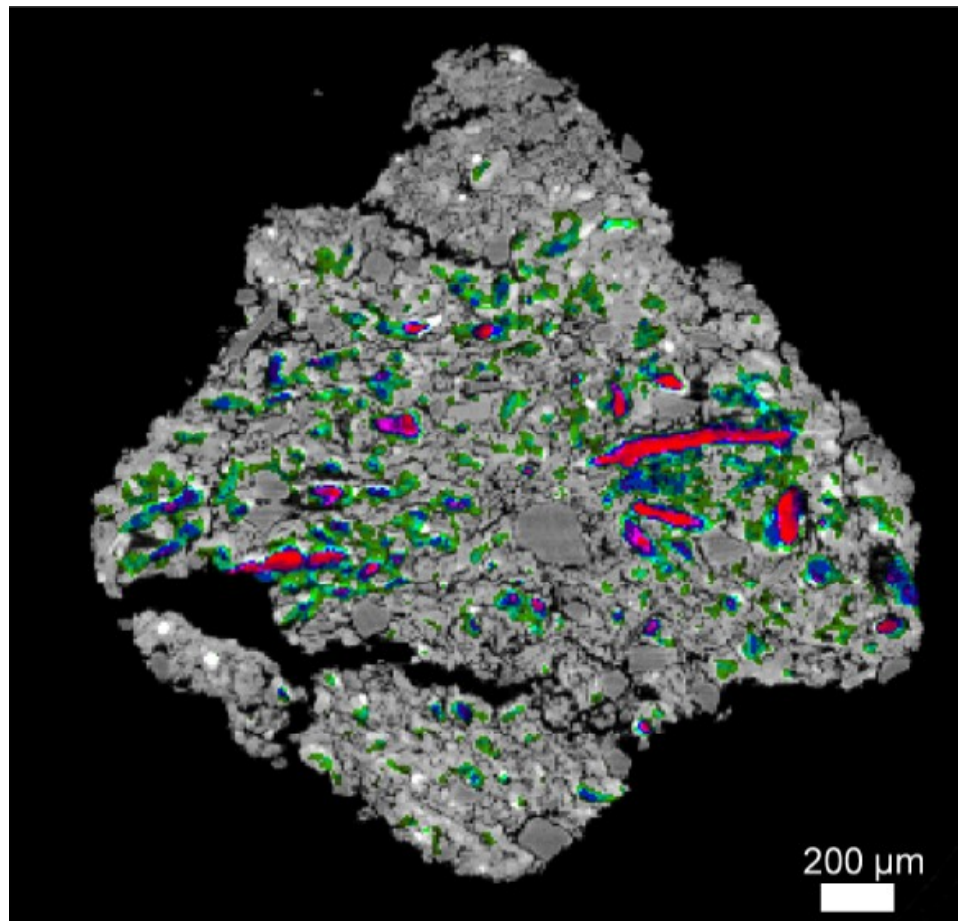
(Chenu & Plante, 2006)

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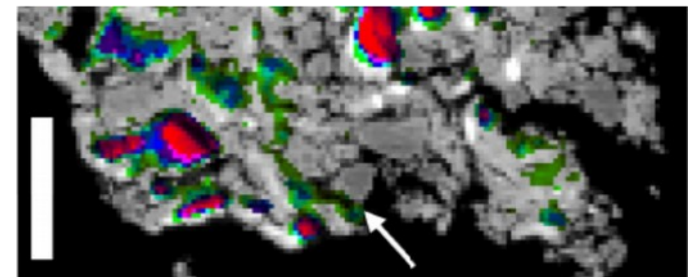
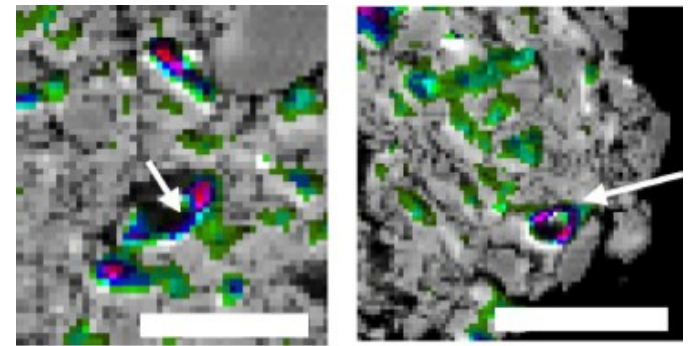
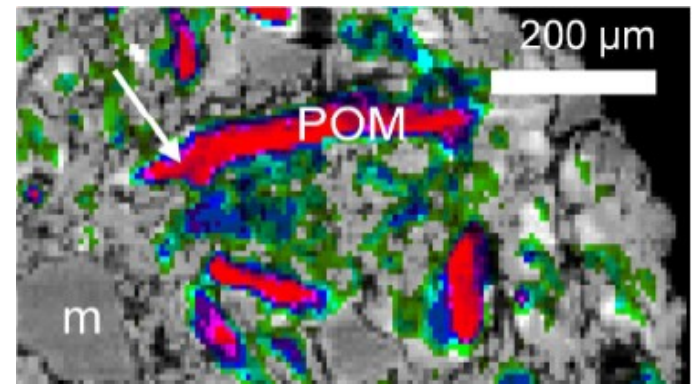
Image contrast



3D organic matter localization



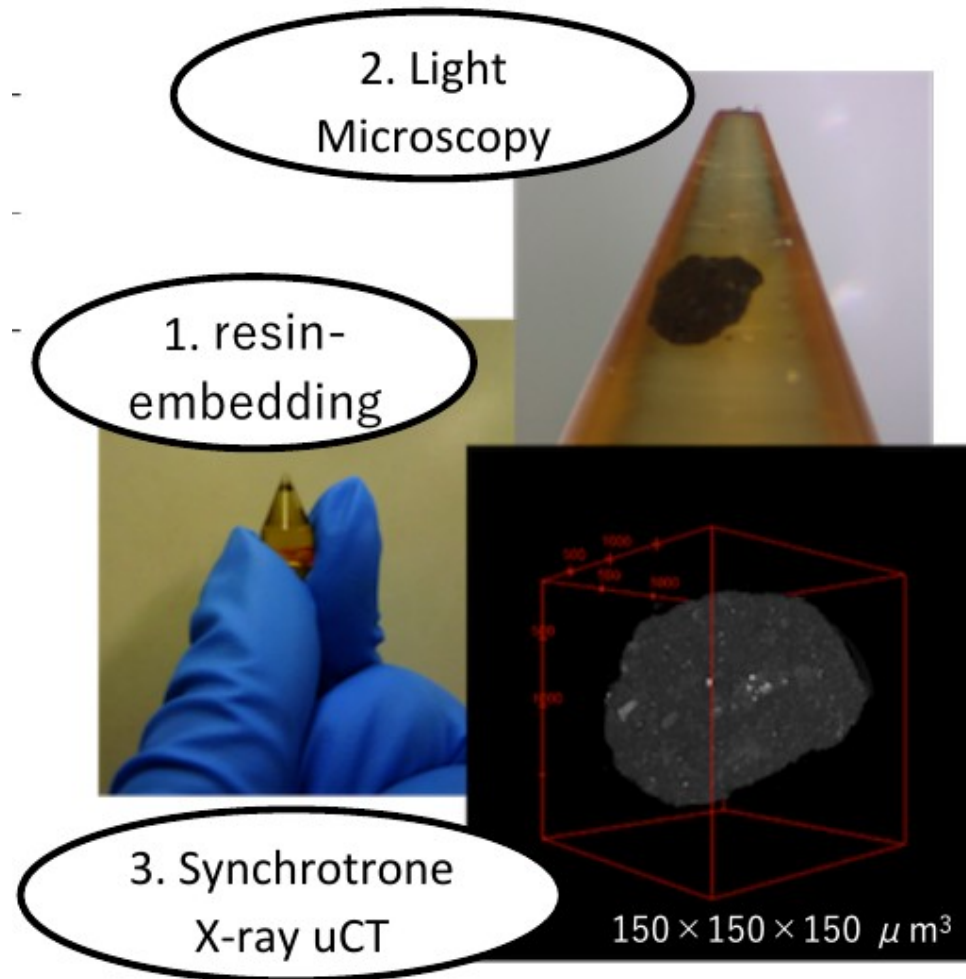
low  high
Osmium concentration



3D organic matter localization (Wagai et al.)

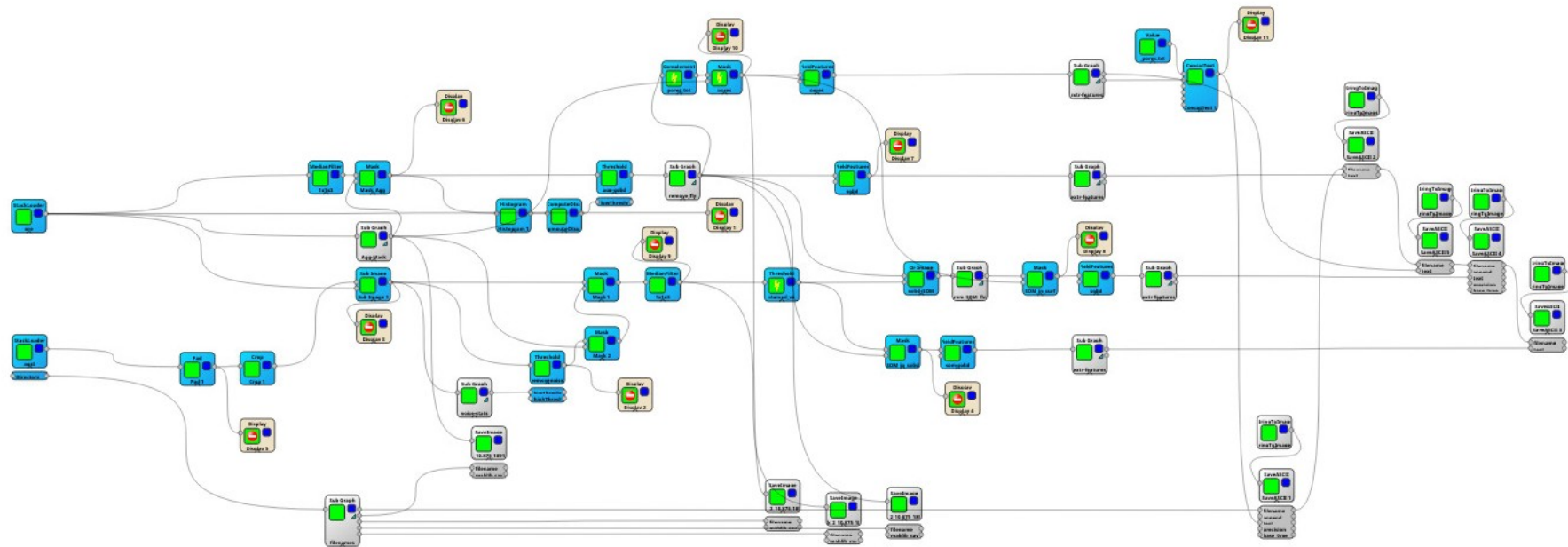
Osmium staining at SPring-8 beamline

- Andosols
- NT / CT



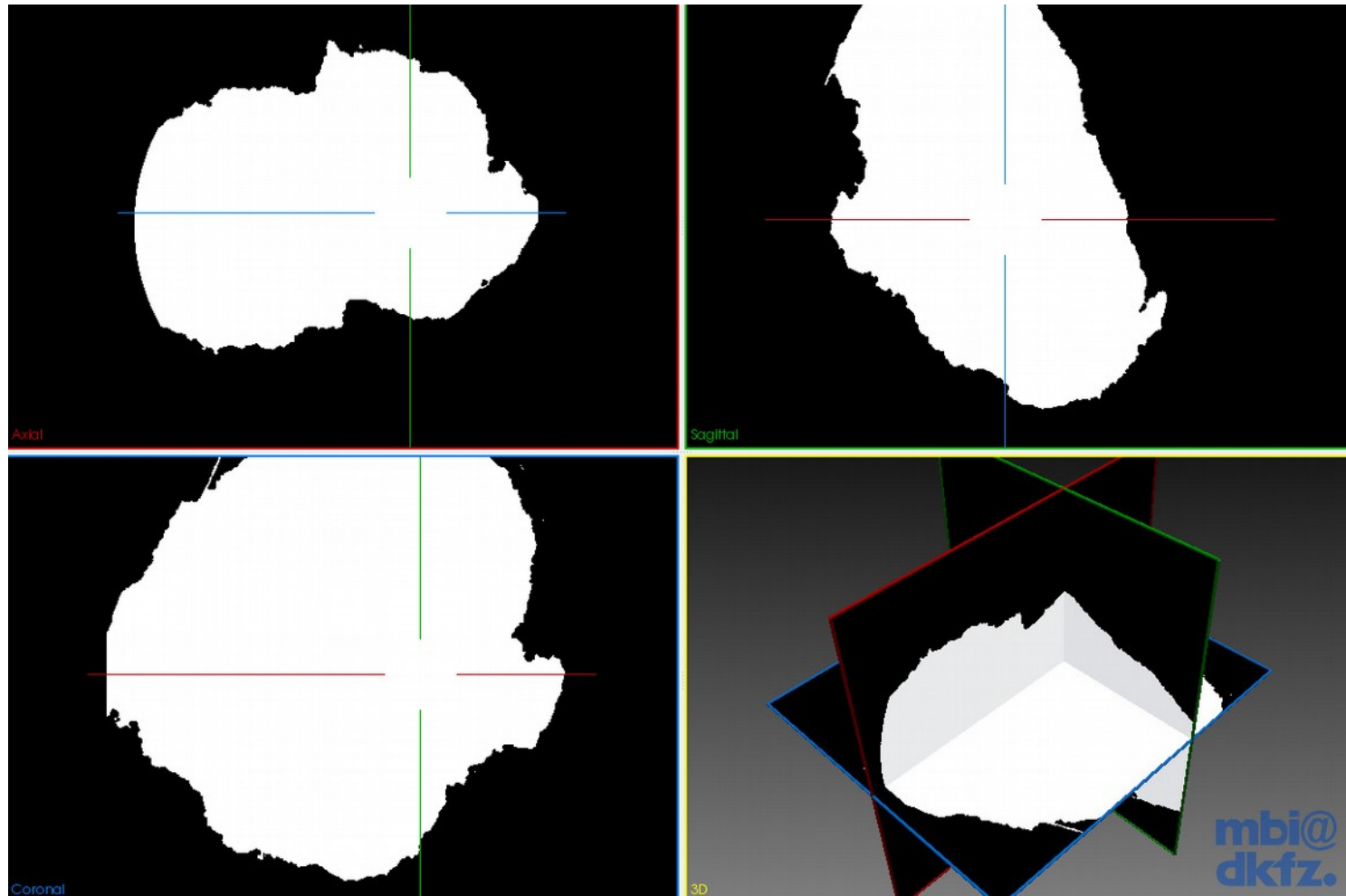
3D organic matter localization

ToolIP Workflow



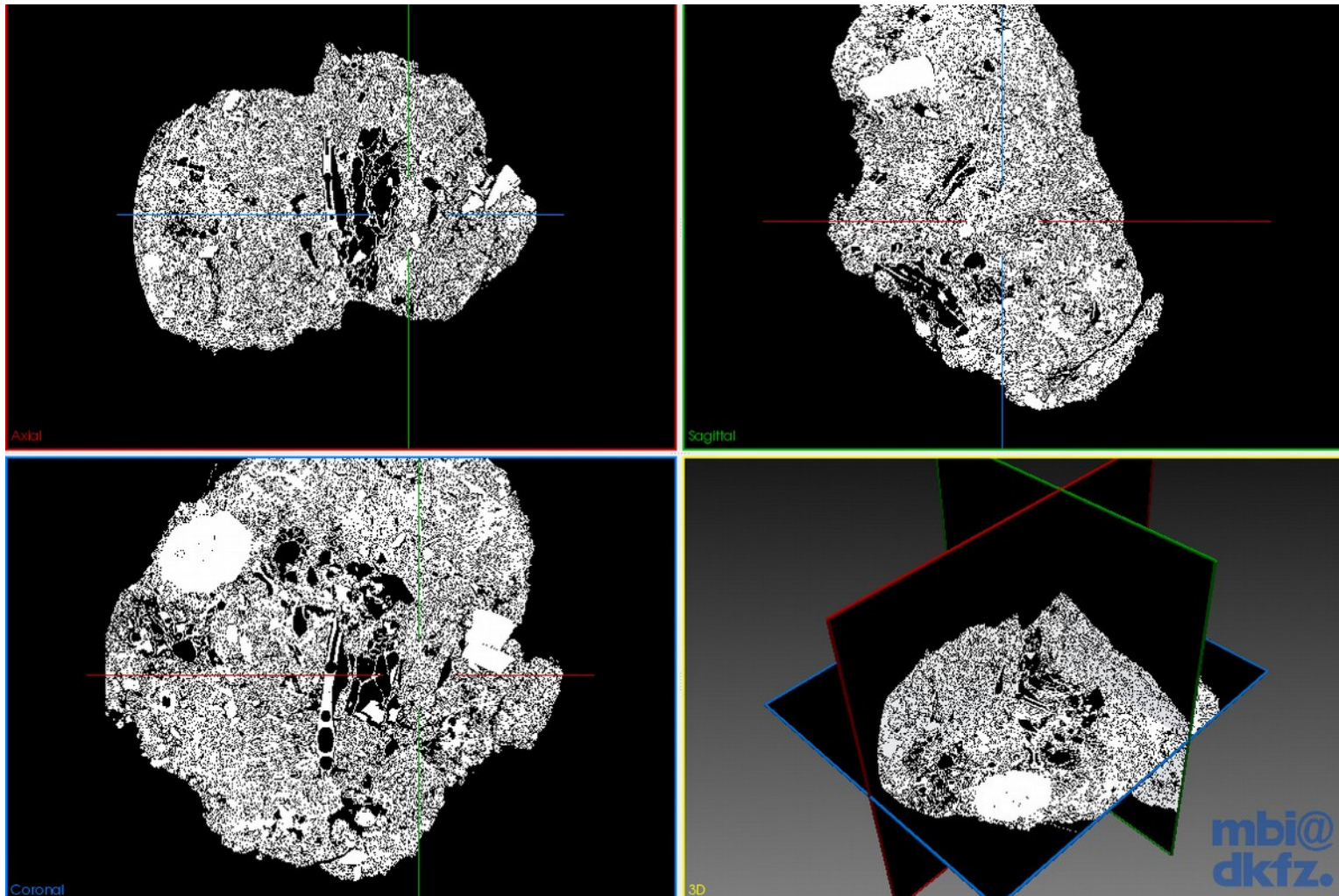
3D organic matter localization

ToolIP Workflow - Mask



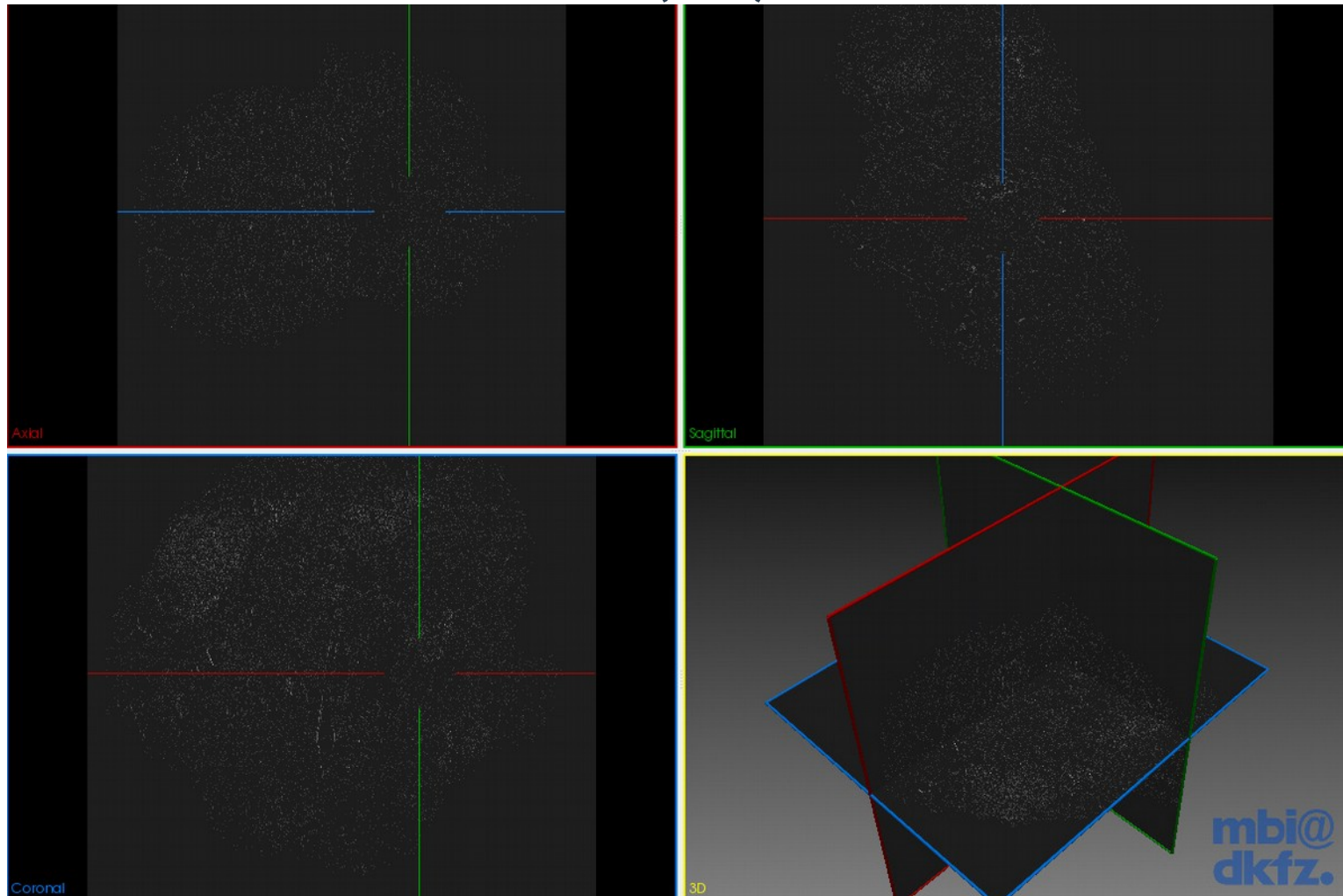
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ToolIP Workflow - Matrix



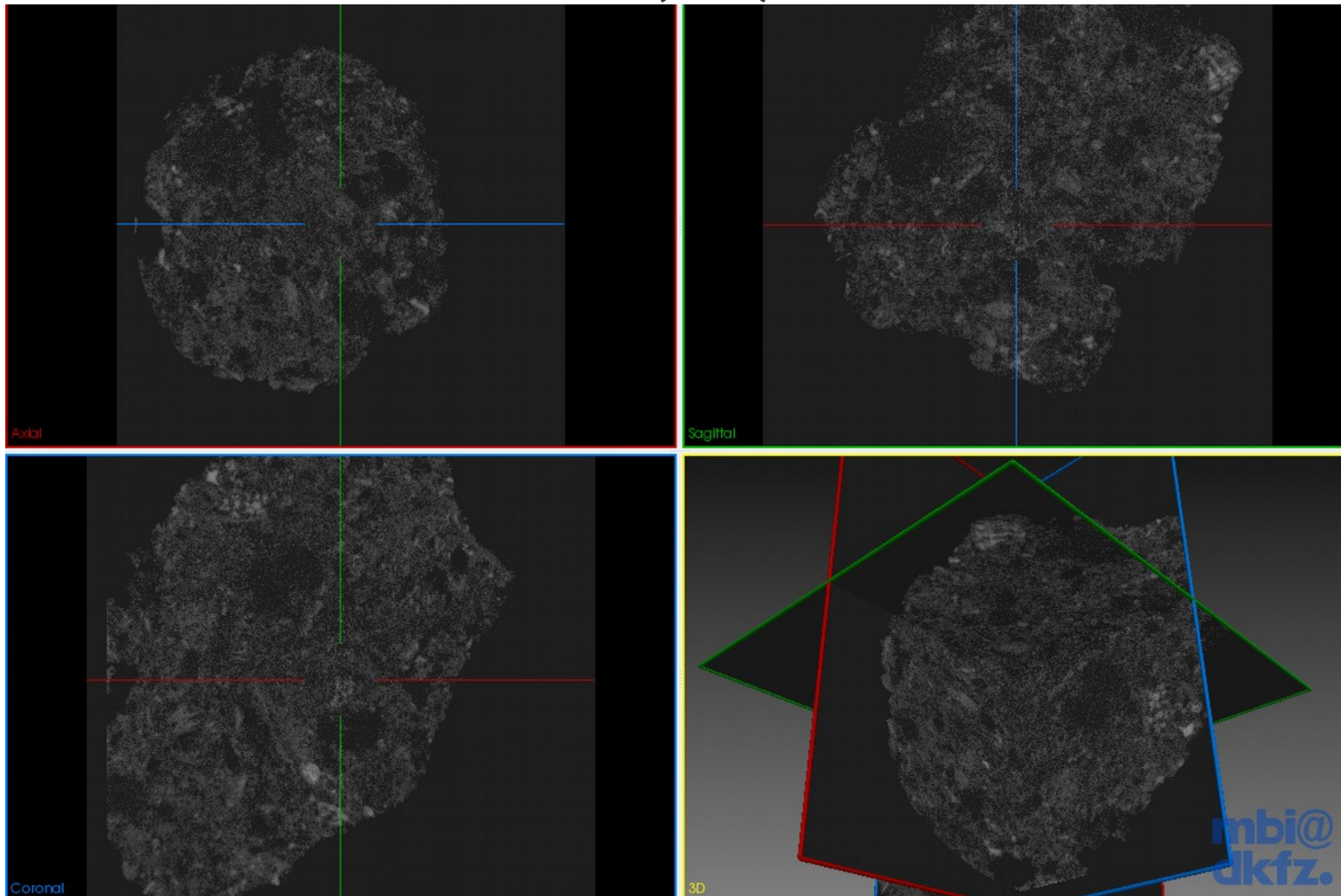
3D organic matter localization

ToolIP Workflow – SOM (CT)



3D organic matter localization

ToolIP Workflow – SOM (NT)



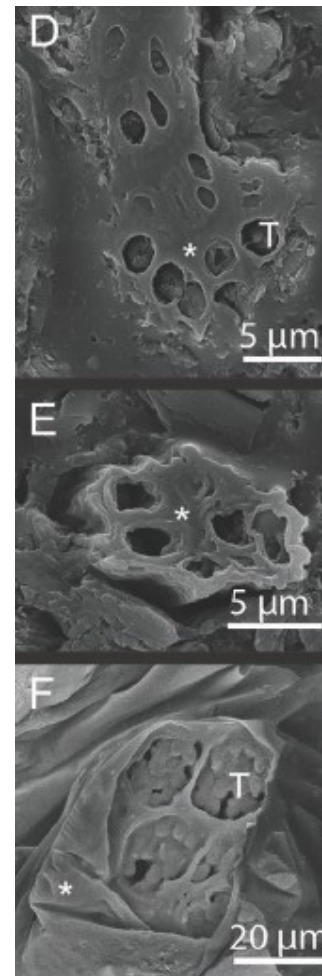
3D organic matter localization

Preliminary results

	Tillage	Not-Till
TOC [%]	5.1	9.7
d_B [g cm ⁻³]	0.78	0.59
SOM in surfaces [%]	37.3	45.6
SOM in matrix [%]	62.7	54.4
SOM connected to border at -300 hPa [%]	88.8	94.2
Pores connected to border at -300 hPa [%]	97.6	98.3

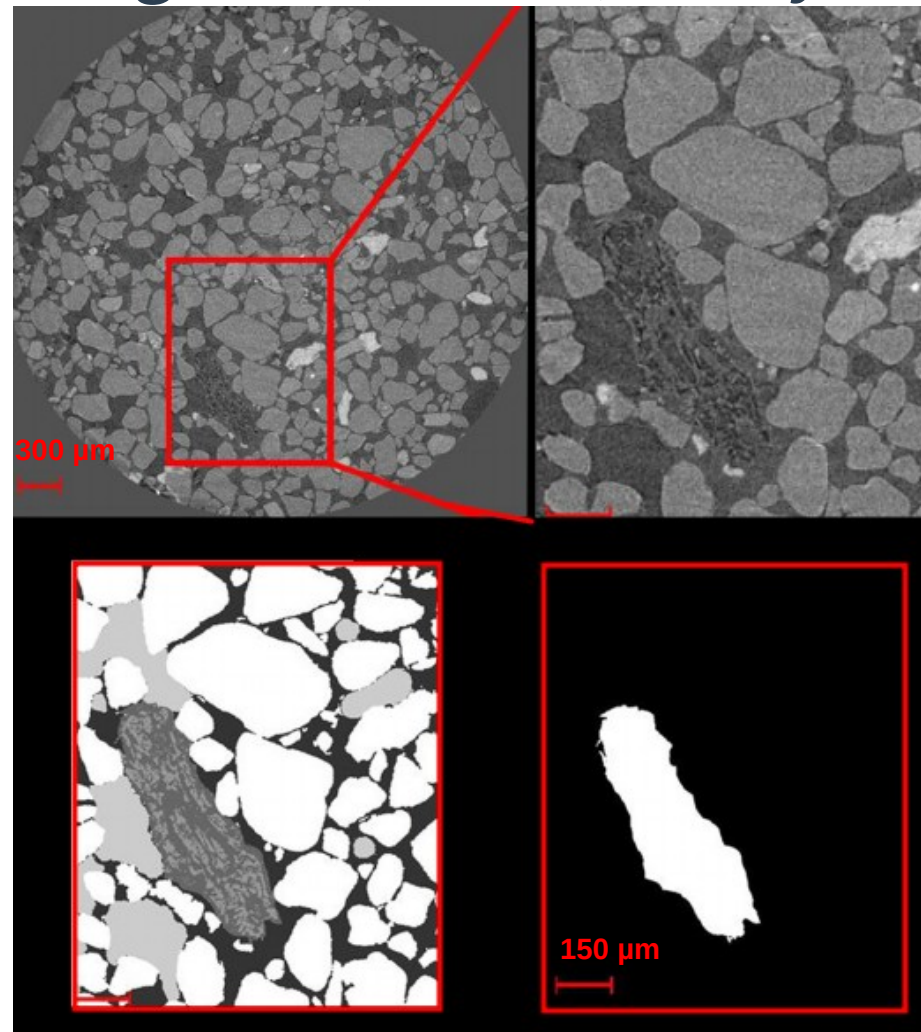
Cyanobacteria analysis

Moab, Utah. Soil crusts examined on SRCT Berkeley

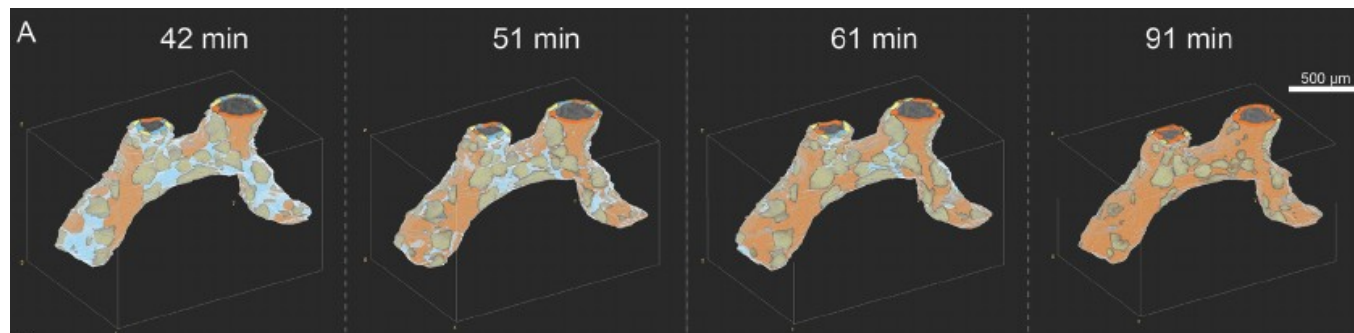
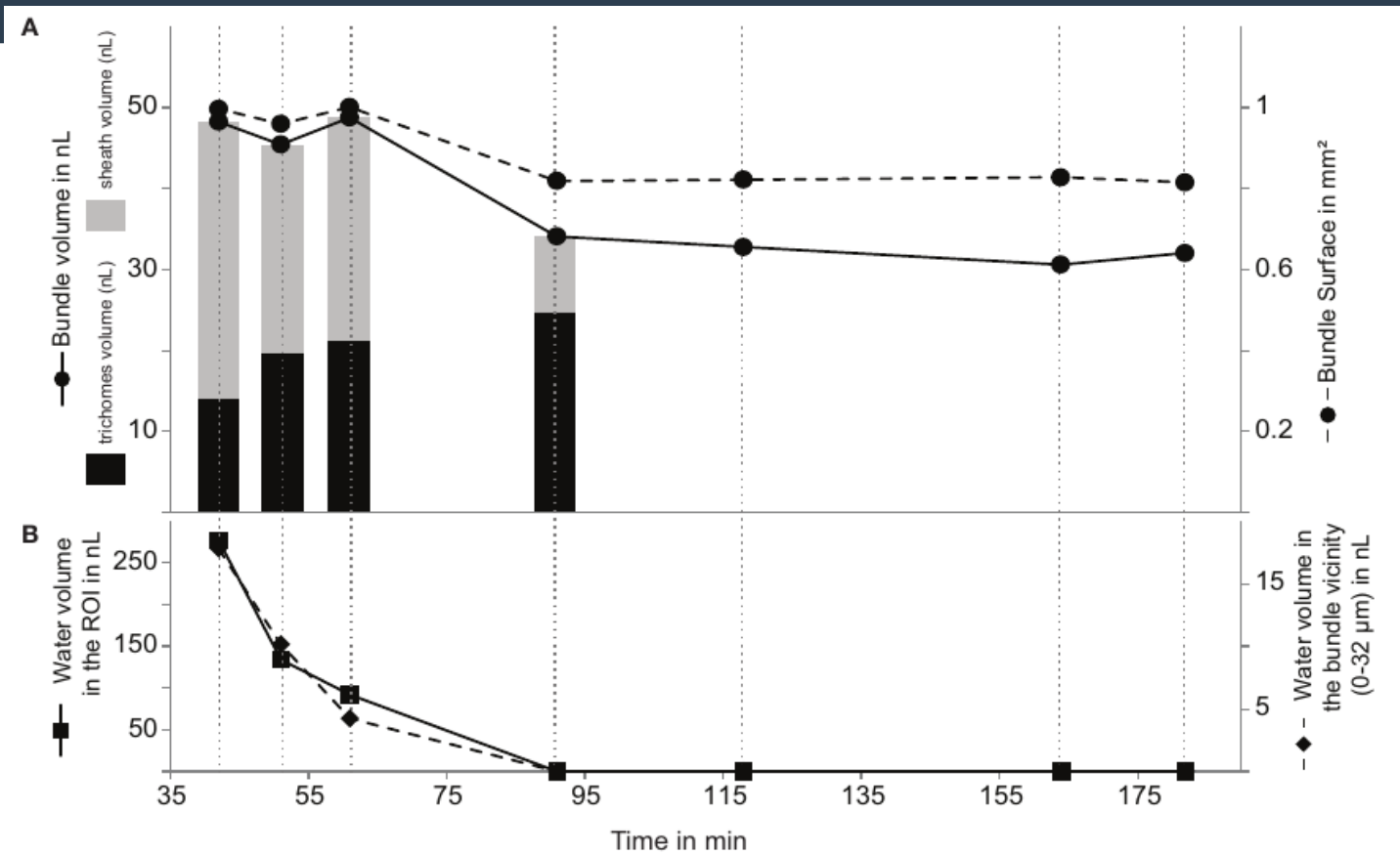


Cyanobacteria analysis

Segment, mask, analyze

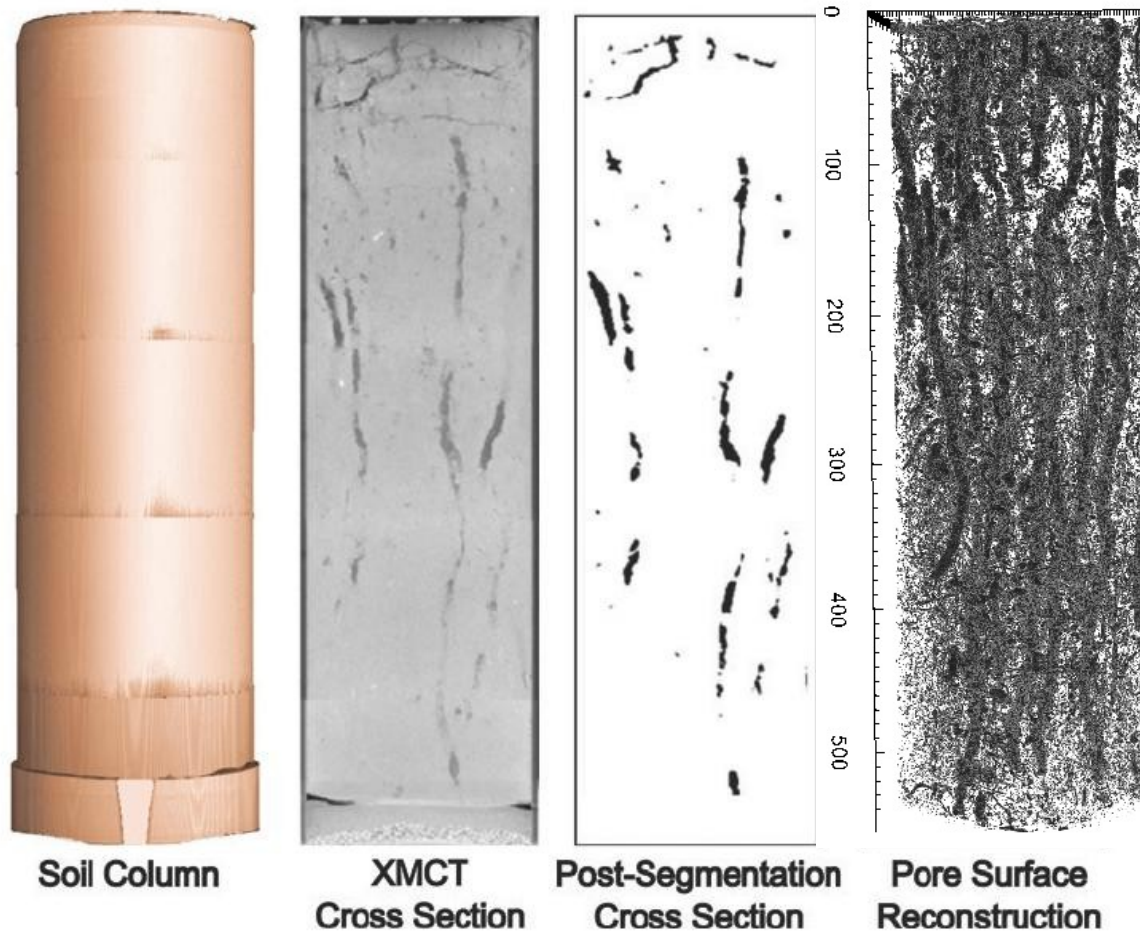


Cyanobacteria analysis: dynamics



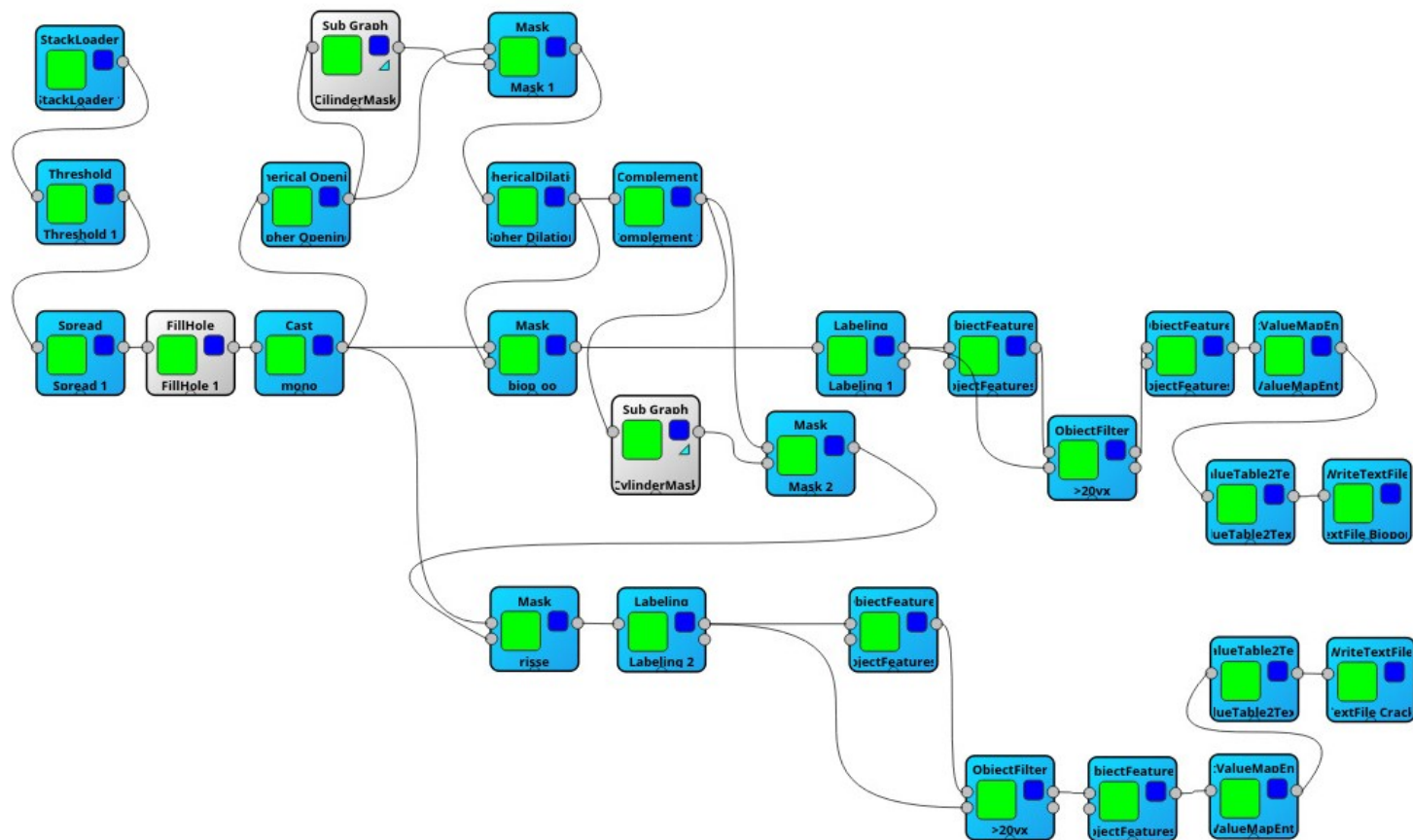
Going macro: Structure/Biopore segmentation

20 cm diameter x 70cm height soil columns



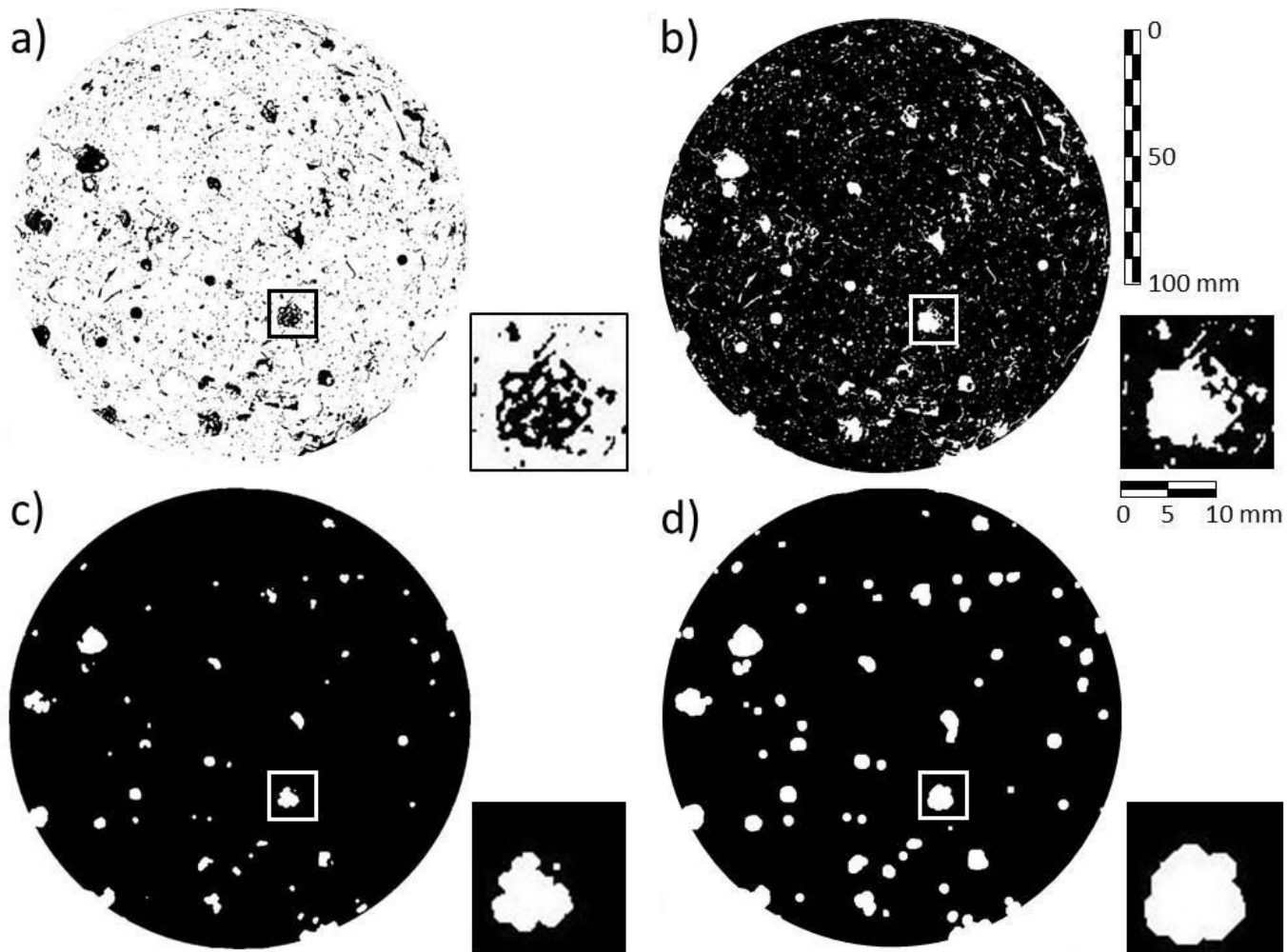
Structure/Biopore segmentation

Using morphological operators, labeling and masking



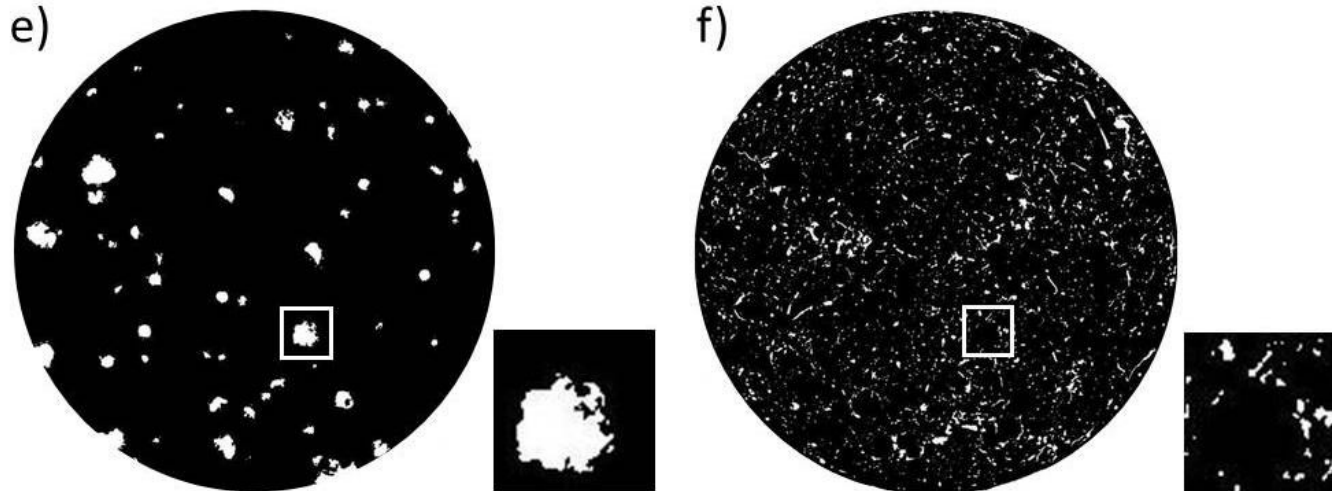
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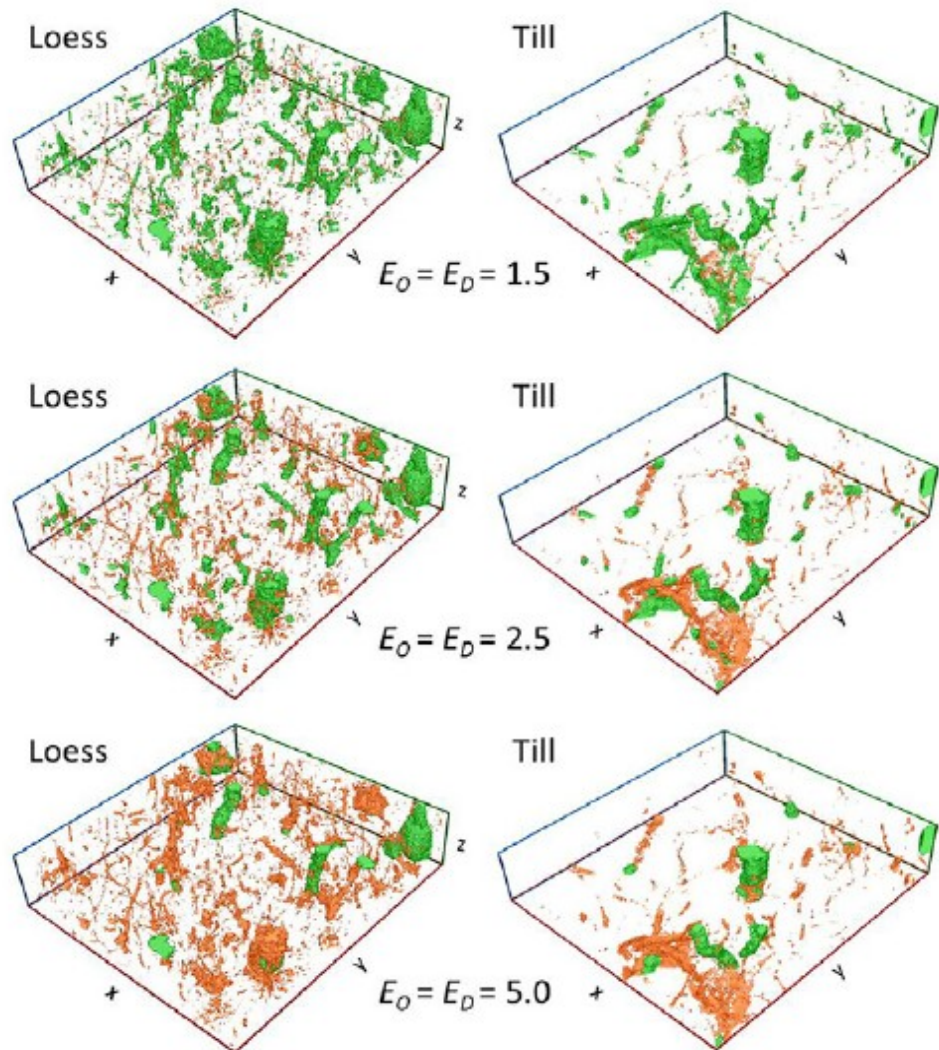


Structure/Biopore segmentation

- Using morphological operators, labeling and masking



Structure/Biopore segmentation

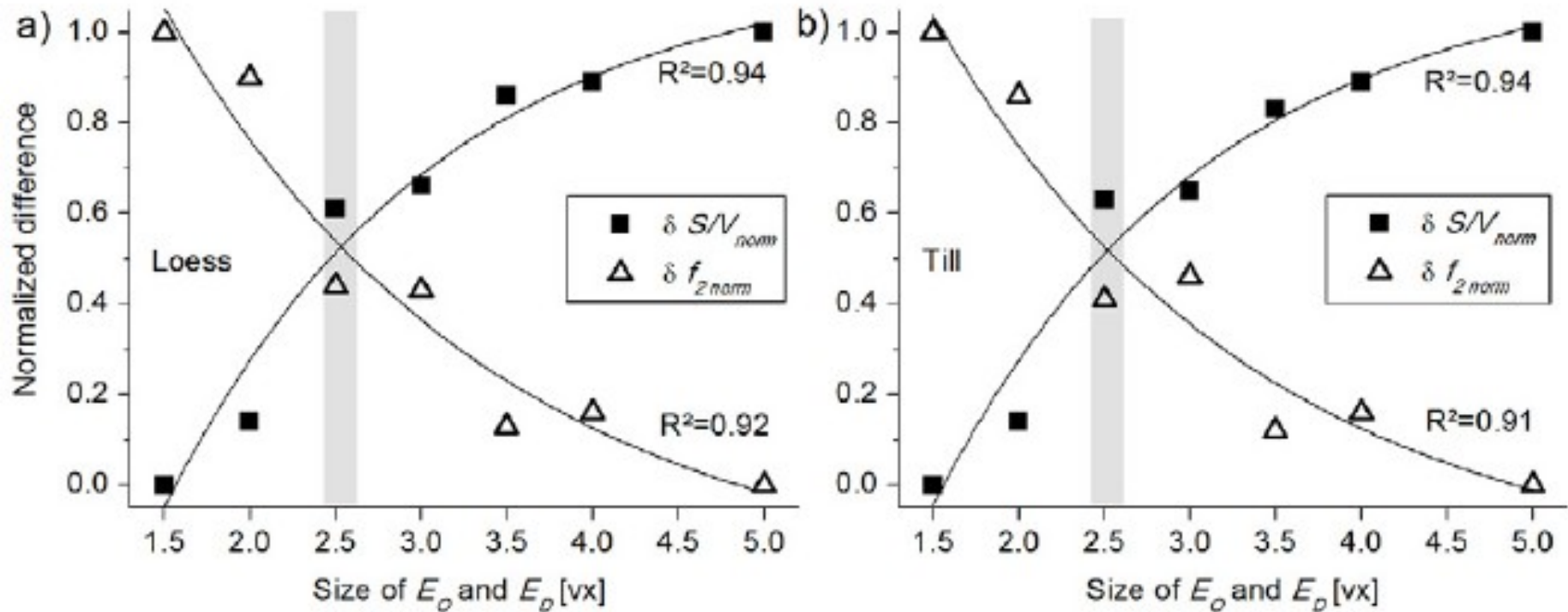


Green:
classified as biopore

Orange:
classified as structure pore

Structure/Biopore segmentation

Results: objective method to separate objects

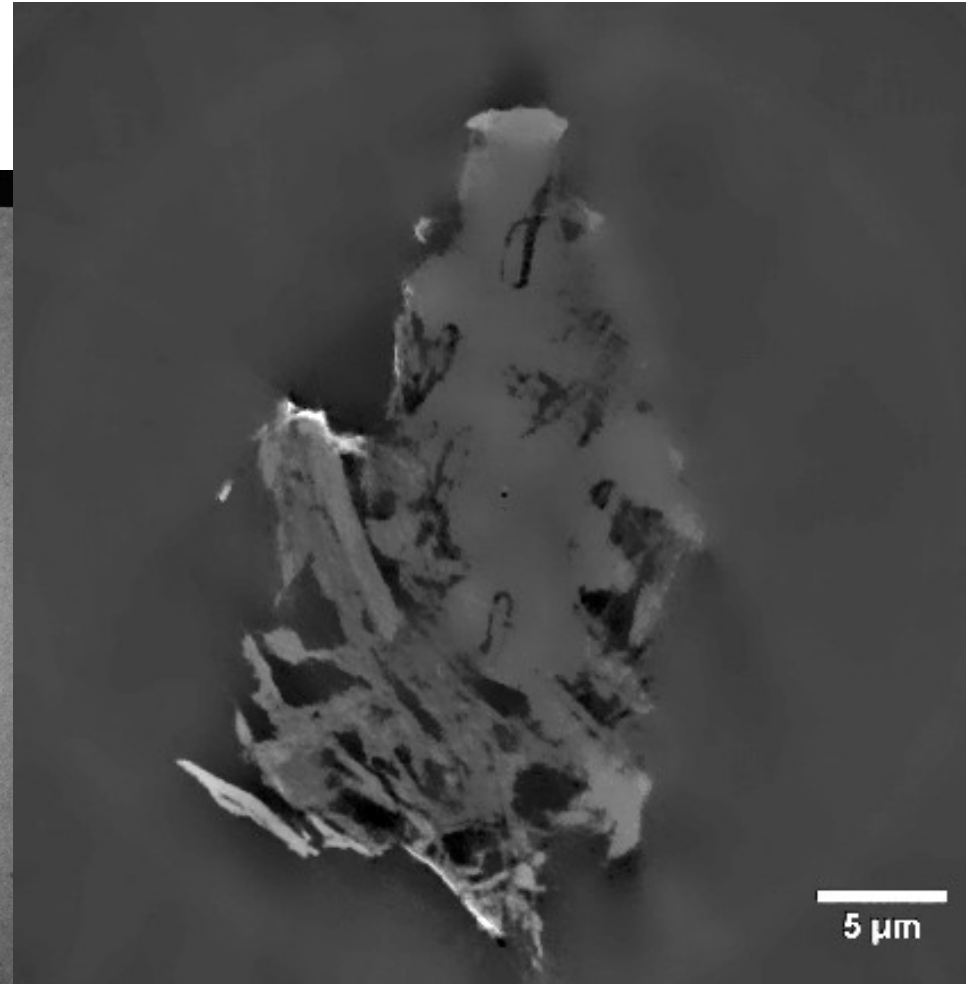
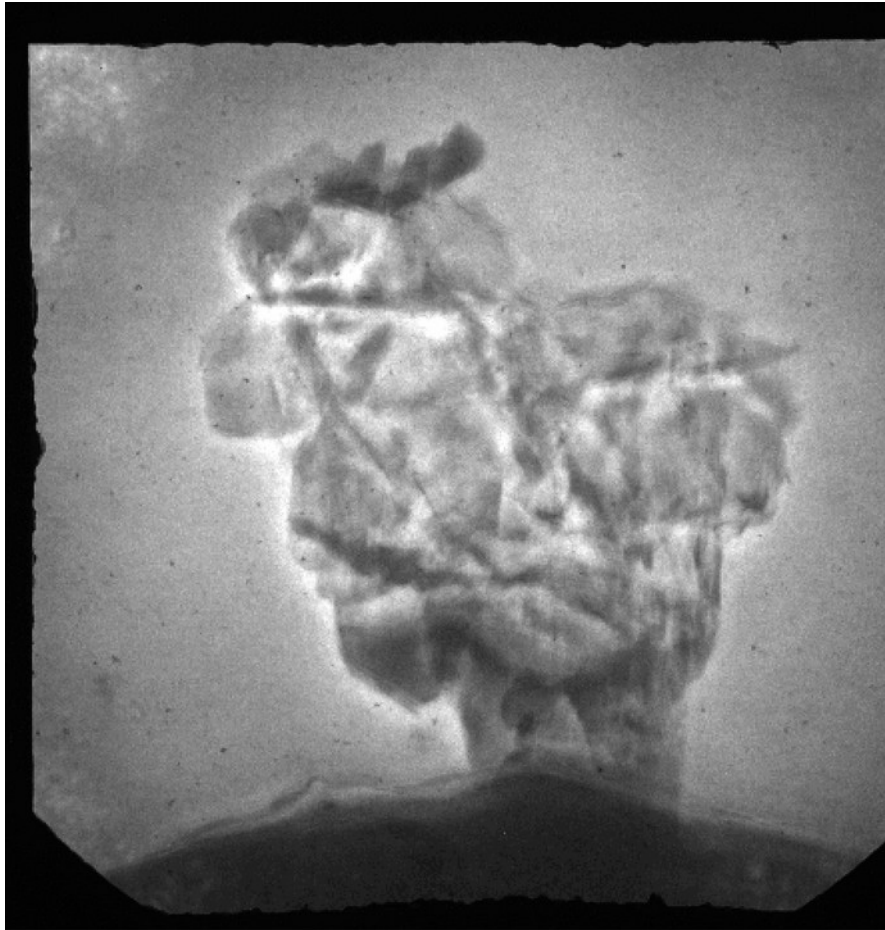


Further work to do...

Preliminary tests...

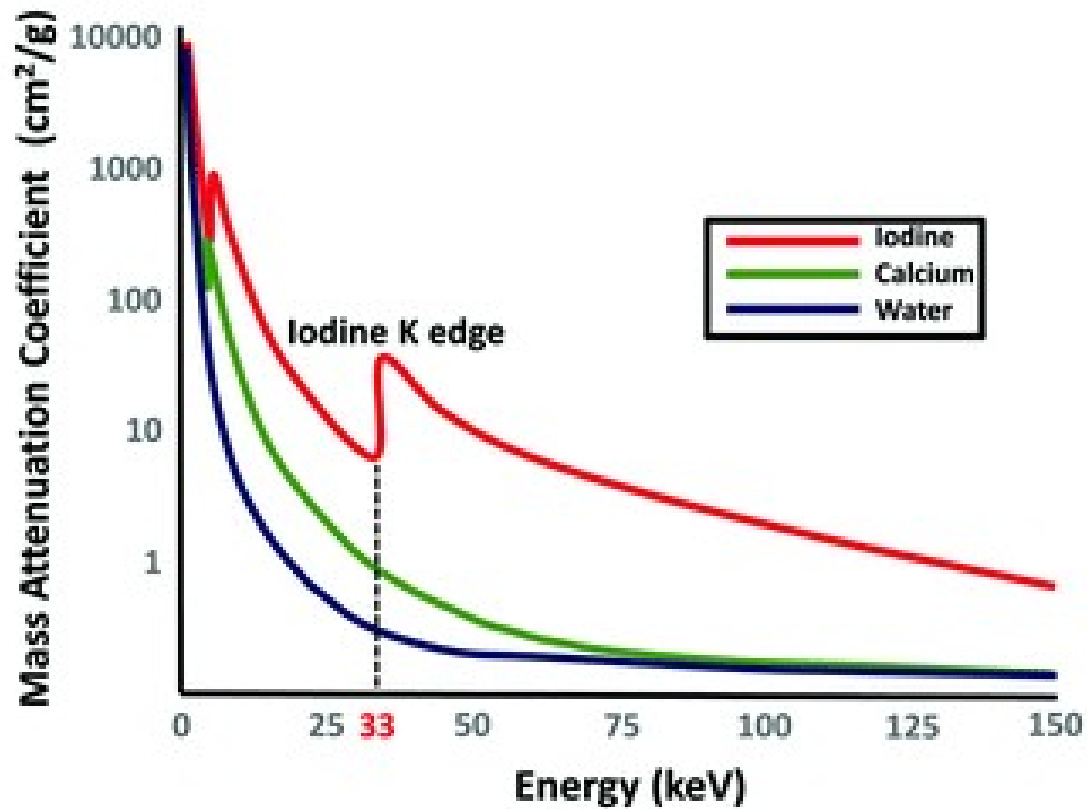
Nano-tomography

Preliminary results



3D microbe localization

Iodine staining (Propidiumiodine)



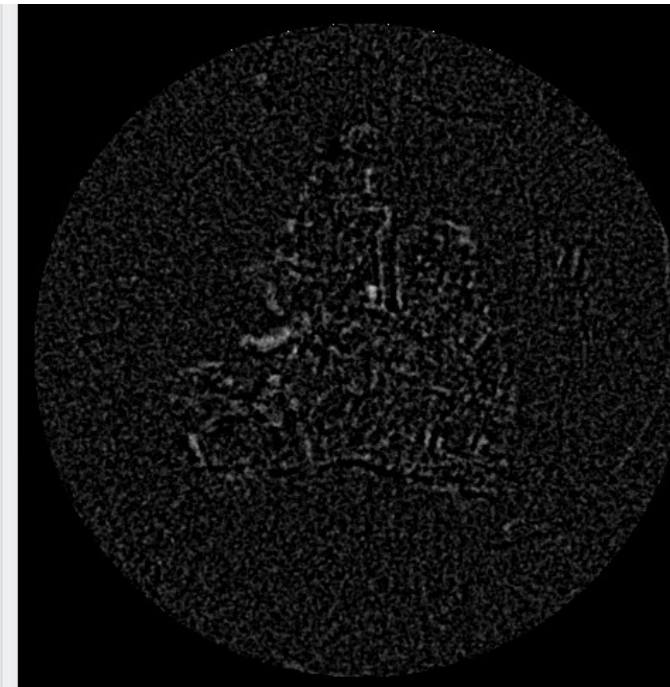
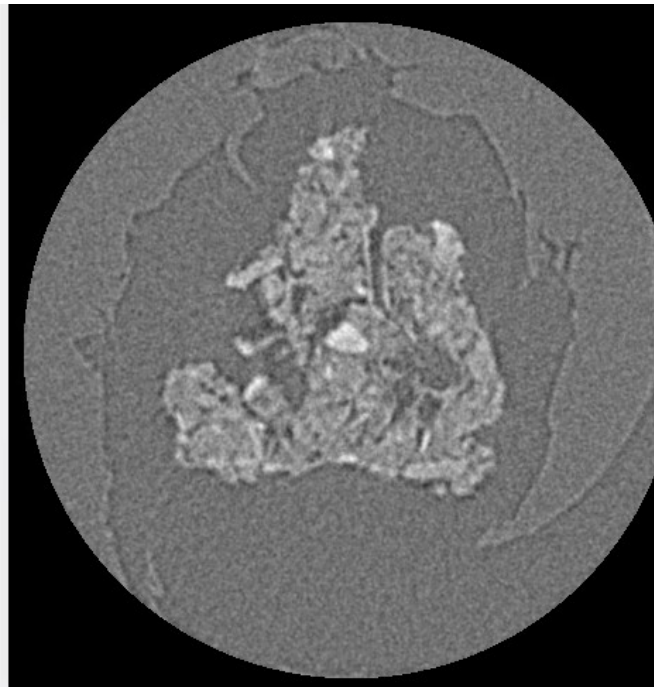
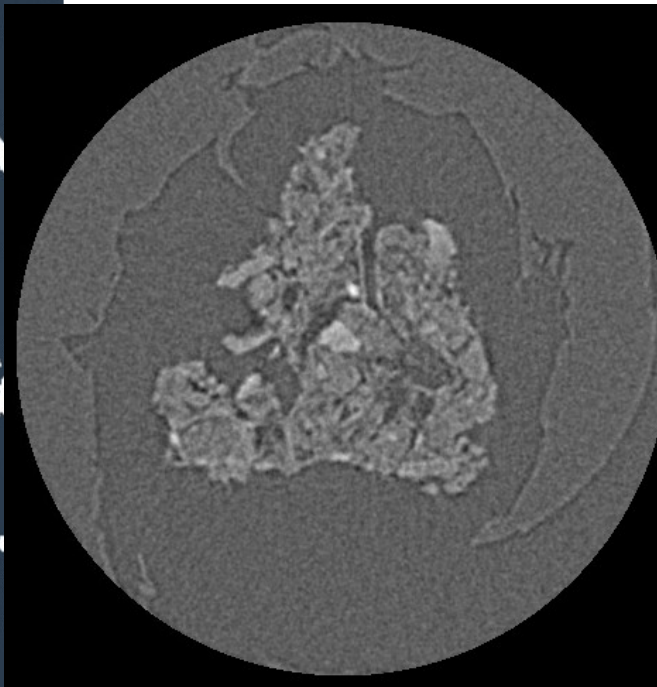
3D microbe localization

„High active“ μ -aggregate with staining agent

33 kV

35 kV

difference



3D microbe localization

• Preliminary results

Iodine edge scanning → maybe possible
Microbe localization → long way off

Thank you for your attention

