



## Methods for analysis and visualization of industrial XCT-data of fibre reinforced composites

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

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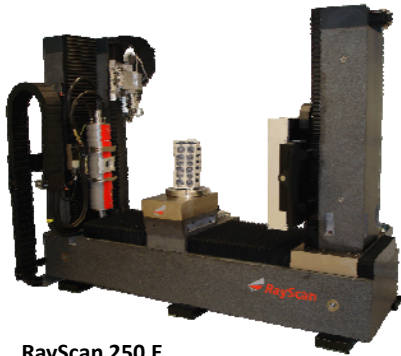
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## Devices



### RayScan 250 E

- 225 kV microfocus X-ray source  
variable focal spot size > 5  $\mu\text{m}$
- 450 kV minifocus X-ray source  
fixed focal spot size: 0,4 mm
- 2048<sup>2</sup> pixel flat panel detector

### GE phoenix nanotom s

- 180 kV sub-microfocus  
variable focal spot size > 0,5  $\mu\text{m}$
- 2304<sup>2</sup> pixel flat panel detector
- In-situ loading stage



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## Projects



### **FFG – ZPT**

- K-Project for Non-destructive Testing and Tomography
- 2009-2014, 6 M€
- [www.nondestructive.at](http://www.nondestructive.at)



### **EU-FP7 NanoXCT**

- Compact X-ray computed tomography system for non-destructive characterization of nano materials
- 2012-2015, 4.5 M€
- [www.nanoxct.eu](http://www.nanoxct.eu)



### **EU-FP7 QUICOM**

- Quantitative inspection of complex composite aeronautic parts using advanced X-ray techniques
- 2012-2015, 5.1 M€)
- [www.quicom.eu](http://www.quicom.eu)



### **further European and national projects**

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## Expertise and Methods



### Expertise:

- Non destructive testing, materials characterization and 3D micro structure analysis
- 3D-Metrology
- Quality control and assurance
- 3D Image Processing and Visualization



### Methods:

- Macro-, Micro- und Sub-micro-Xray Computed tomography, (especially quantitative XCT)
- In-situ stages
- XCT Simulation
- Advanced Image Processing and Visualization techniques



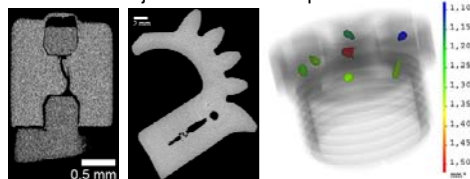
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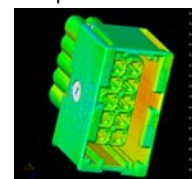
## XCT applications for polymers



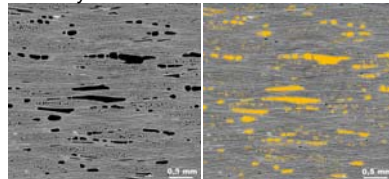
Non destructive testing, e.g., Crack + pore detection in injection moulded specimens



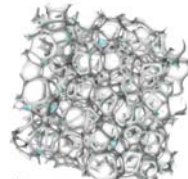
Actual – nominal comparison



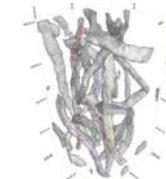
Quantitative analysis, e.g., Porosity in CFRP



Cellulose distribution in PUR foam



Cellulose fibre characterisation



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# Fiber extraction



## CT resolution

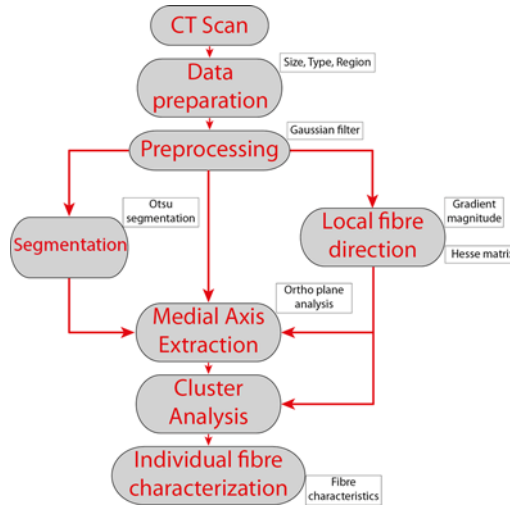
- ~ fibre diameter / 6
- e.g. 2 µm per voxel

## Analysis volume

- 5 x 3 x 3,7 mm<sup>3</sup>

## Duration

- Scan: 5 hours
- Data analysis: 1,5 hours

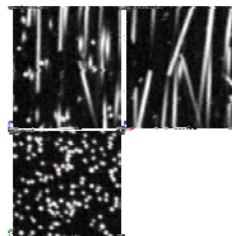


# Fiber extraction

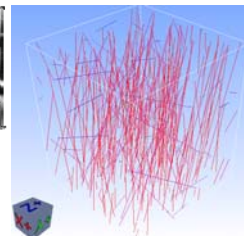


## Individual fiber characteristics

- Position, Length
- Diameter, Orientation
- Surface, Volume, etc.



CT slice images of original data set (PP-GF30)  
Voxelsize: 2 µm



3D image of extracted fibres colour coded according to orientation (PP-GF30)

Export of individual fibre characterization in \*.csv format

## Accuracy and Reproducibility



### Reference

- XCT simulation: fibers as cylinders

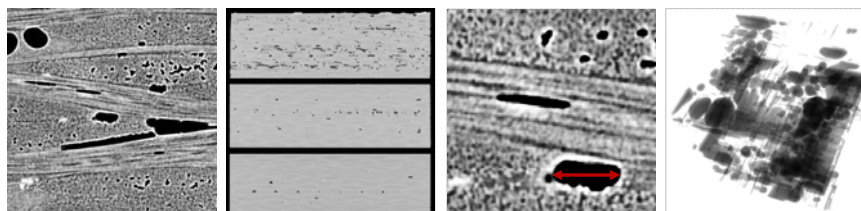
### Fiber characterization

- Simulated data, constant fiber diameters
- Simulated data, varying fiber diameters
- Real world scan

### Results

- Correctly extracted fibres:
  - > Simulated data, constant fiber diameters: 90,9 %
  - > Simulated data, varying fiber diameters: 80,7 %
  - > Real world scan (voxelsize 2  $\mu\text{m}$ ): 82,7 %
- Errors mainly due to:
  - > Breakage, Wrong connection

## Visual Analysis of Porosity



**Task 1:**  
Quantitative  
porosity

**Task 2:**  
Porosity overview

**Task 3:**  
Local pore  
properties

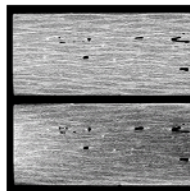
**Task 4:**  
Best viewpoint

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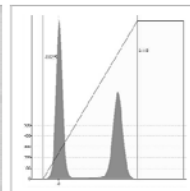
## Porosity Maps Pipeline



CT  
Measurement

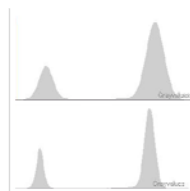


Beam  
Hardening  
Correction



Data Mapping

## Porosity Maps Pipeline



Anisotropic  
Diffusion



Otsu  
Thresholding

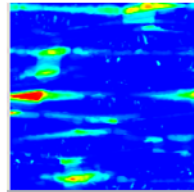


Connected  
Components

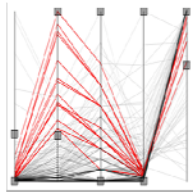


Porosity  
Determination

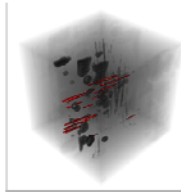
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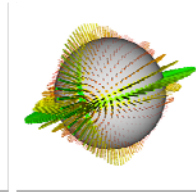
Porosity Maps



Parallel Coordinates View

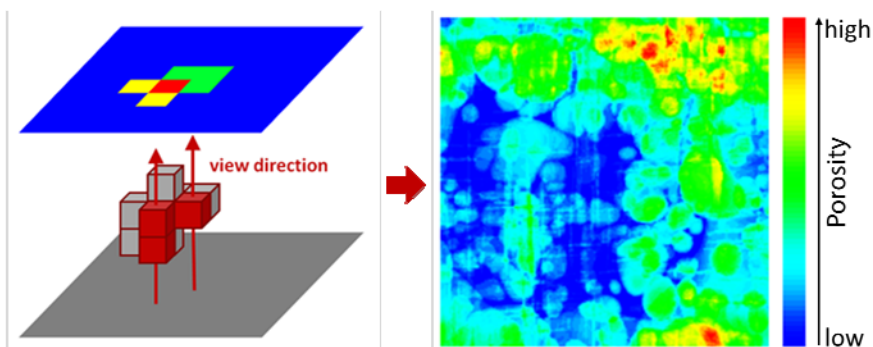


Interactive Exploration



Best Viewpoint Widget

## Porosity Maps Calculation

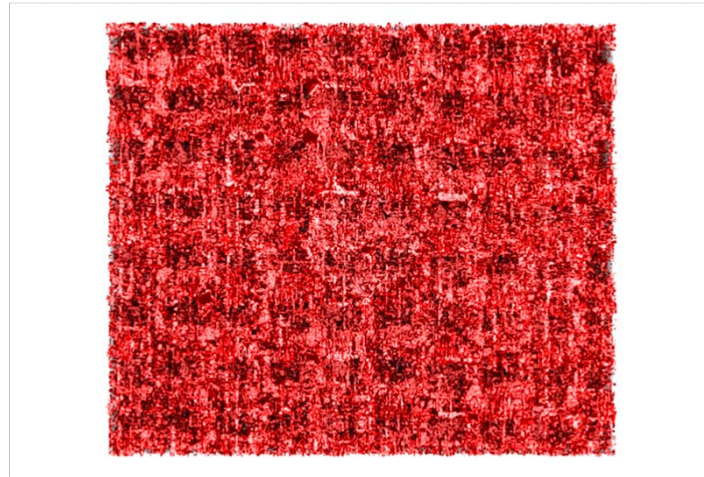


Porosity Map calculation

Porosity Map



## Results: Porosity Maps

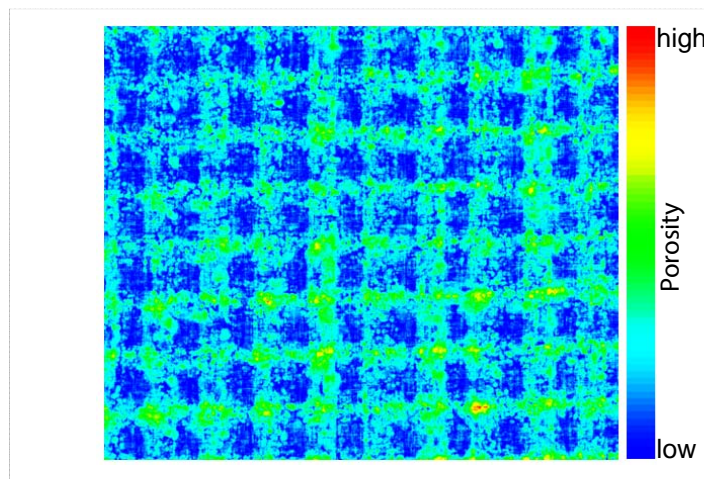


XZ view

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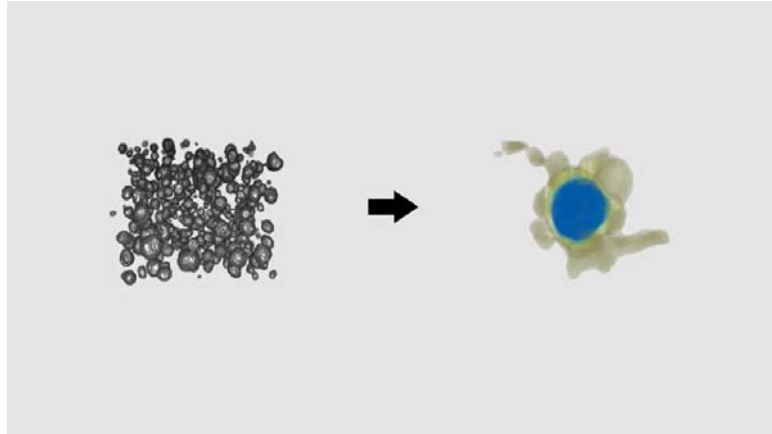
XZ porosity map

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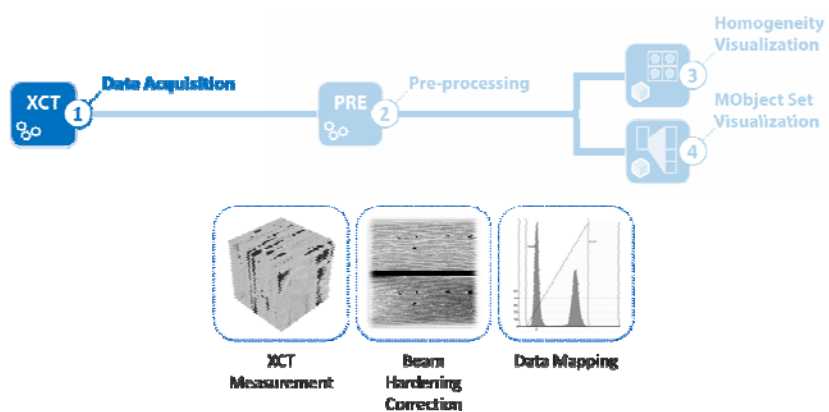


## Mean object representations

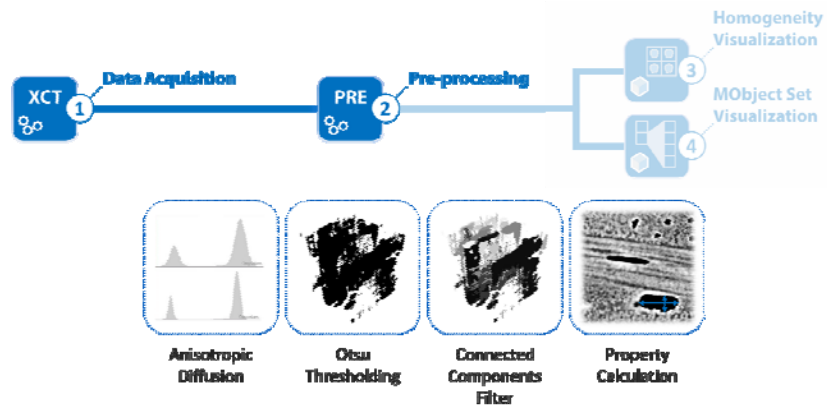


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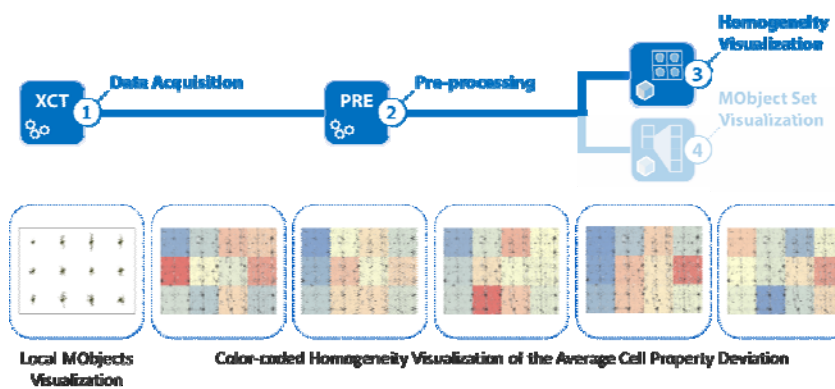
## MObjects Pipeline Overview



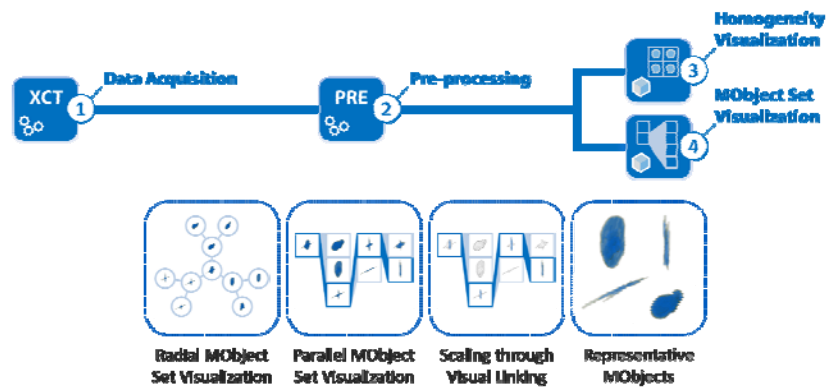
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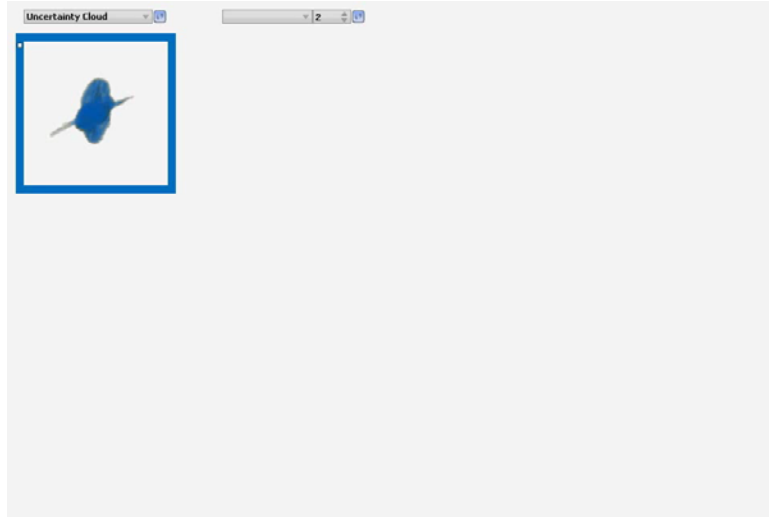


## Results: Homogeneity Visualization



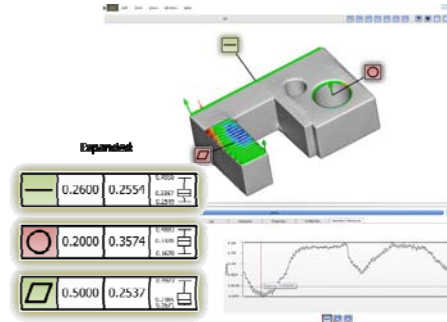
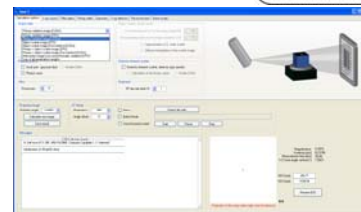
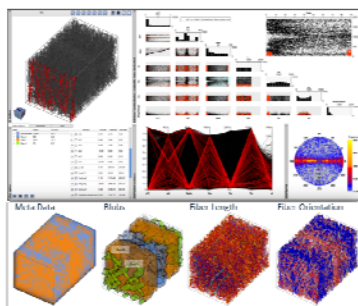
Deviation from avg. pore dimension X [mm]

## Results: MObject Set Visualization



## Further Activities

- Individual Fiber Visualization
- Fuzzy 3D metrology
- Multimodal Visualization
- XCT Simulation



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