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Persistent homology is implemented for the analysis of 3 dimensional images obtained by X-ray micro CT. The code package, diamorse, for computing skeletons, partitions, and persistence diagrams from 2D and 3D images is available on GitHub. This software enables to explore the connections between topology, geometry and physical properties of sandstone rock cores and granular packings.

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# Insights from the persistent homology analysis of porous and granular materials

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#### overview

- X-ray micro CT image acquisition, reconstruction, analysis
  - Segmentation into phases, e.g. "rock" and "pore"
  - Geometry via the Signed Euclidean Distance Function
- Persistent homology from images
  - via (discrete) Morse theory
- Connecting persistent homology to physical properites.
  - consolidation of sandpacks versus sandstones
  - percolating length scales in porous materials
  - permeability of 2D and 3D models
  - trapping in two-phase fluid flow experiments

Above covers work with the Applied Maths micro CT group and Adrian Sheppard, Anna Herring, Moh Saadatfar, Olaf Delgado-Friedrichs, Peter Wood

# ANU lab-scale micro-CT facility

- In continual development since 2000, over 30 staff and students involved in past 15 years (lead by Mark Knackstedt, Tim Senden, Adrian Sheppard)
- x-ray sources and detectors "off the shelf"
- standard resolution down to ~2 microns on samples up to ~150 mm long
- latest machines achieve submicron resolution on ~ 2 mm samples.
- in-house acquisition protocols (Heliscan), and reconstruction,
- image segmentation and quantitative analysis (mango, diamorse) and visualisation software (Drishti)
- samples include porous and granular materials, fossils, insects, plants.





Sheppard et al. "Techniques in Helical Scanning" Nuclear Instruments and Methods in Physics Research B vol 324 (2014): 49–56.

#### sample applications



rock core



#### 400 MYO placoderm fish

figures obtained at the ANU micro CT facility, volume rendering using Drishti

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English willow (from a professional cricket bat)

bee brain cavity (imaged with osmium staining)

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## granular and porous materials



Ottawa sand

Clashach sandstone

Mt Gambier limestone

Want accurate geometric and topological characterisation from x-ray micro-CT images

- pore and grain size distributions, structure of immiscible fluid distributions
- adjacencies between elements, network models

Understand how these quantities correlate with physical properties such as

• diffusion, permeability, trapping capacity, mechanical response to load.

figures obtained at the ANU micro CT facility

# homology





 $\beta_0$  = 1,  $\beta_1$  = 2,  $\beta_2$  = 1

Manifold

Cell complex

 $C_i$  = formal sums of *i*-dimensional cells  $\partial : C_i \rightarrow C_{i-1}$  is the boundary operator.  $\partial \partial = 0$ Boundaries are the image space of  $\partial$ Cycles are the null space of  $\partial$ Two cycles are homologous when their difference is a boundary. The homology group is  $H_i(X) = \text{null } \partial / \text{ im } \partial$ Betti numbers,  $\beta_i$ , are the ranks of the homology groups

# homology

Theorems: [1] homology is independent of the way a space is 'cut up' into cells.[2] homology is invariant up to homotopy

(deformation that maintains connectivity)

for a subset of R<sup>3</sup>, the possible non-zero Betti numbers are



the Euler characteristic  $\chi = \beta_0 - \beta_1 + \beta_2$  is another topological invariant

#### Topological property:

Betti numbers are independent of the "size" of the topological feature so small "noisy" features contribute as much as large ones.

#### persistent homology

idea is to measure topology of a growing sequence of spaces (a filtration)

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this is the lower-level set filtration of a real-valued function:

$$X_h = \{x \text{ such that } f(x) \le h\}$$

Each homology class is born at a parameter value h = b and dies (becomes a boundary) at a value h = d. This gives us a set of intervals (*b*,*d*) for the filtration.

#### Morse theory

Suppose f: M -> **R** is a real valued function on a manifold, M. A filtration of M is defined by the lower-level sets of f:  $M_t = \{x \text{ in } M \text{ such that } f(x) \le t \}$ 



-1.5

-0.5

-1

0.5

Key insight of Morse theory: The topology of lower level sets,  $M_t$ , changes only when t passes through a critical value of f

#### Morse complex

#### The index of an isolated critical point is the number of descending directions



negative gradient flowlines show where a drop of water would flow

unstable manifold of an index-i critical point is an i-cell.

these flowlines define adjacencies between critical points in an (abstract) cell complex called the Morse Complex

# filtration of the Morse complex

#### Order the critical points by function value to get a filtration of the cell complex



#### persistence diagram



# stability of persistence diagrams

The connection between Morse theory and persistent homology helped establish the stability of persistence diagrams [Cohen-Steiner, Edelsbrunner, Harer (2007)]



 $d_{H}(PD(X), PD(Y)) \leq || f_{X} - f_{Y} ||_{\infty}$ 

Figure 2: Left: two close functions, one with many and the other with just four critical values. Right: the persistence diagrams of the two functions, and the bijection between them.

### distance functions from images

Segment an XCT image into grain (white) and pore (black) regions.



Compute the

Signed Euclidean Distance Transform: SEDT(x) = - dist(x, W) if x is in B SEDT(x) = dist(x,B) if x is in W













#### persistence diagrams of an SEDT



b < 0, d < 0

- birth = pore radius
- death = max pore throat

b < 0, d > 0

birth = min throat in loop
death = min grain-contact radius

b > 0, d > 0 birth = max grain contact death = grain radius.

#### porous materials PD1



**Fig. 3**. Persistence diagrams (represented as 2D histograms of persistence pairs) for 1D cycles in the pore-space of four samples: (a) mono-disperse spherical bead pack, (b) polydisperse unconsolidated sand, (c) well-consolidated Castlegate sandstone, (d) fossiliferous Mt Gambier limestone.

PD1 diagrams show us the degree of consolidation of a sandstone

Delgado-Friedrichs, Robins, Sheppard. IEEE ICIP (2014)



Skeleton derived from void phase of silica sphere packing.

Dark blue 2D patches show that the porespace is not well-modeled by a line skeleton.

Image by Olaf D-F using Voluminous a web-based version of Drishti, both apps developed at NCI Vizlab

# percolating length scales in PDs

the percolating length is the maximal radius of a sphere that can move through the pore space = threshold for which  $X_h$  connects opposite boundaries of the sample.



Persistence diagrams for SEDT of a sandstone micro CT image, 1280 cubed voxels Critical percolating radii are significant features in the PDs

see: Robins, Saadatfar, Delgado-Friedrichs, Sheppard "Percolating length scales..." WRR (2016)

### permeability



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Katz-Thompson cross-property model: (PhysRevB 1986)

$$k = c l_c^2 \left(\frac{\sigma}{\sigma_0}\right),$$

c geometric const (= 1/226)  $l_c$  critical pore radius for percolation ( $\sigma/\sigma_0$ ) electrical conductivity rel to bulk



Image from Scholz et al. PRL 2012



FIG. 2. Calculated permeability  $k_{calc}$  vs measured permeability  $k_{meas}$  for various sandstones and carbonates. The dashed lines indicate a factor of 2 deviation. Note that the unit of permeability is the millidarcy (md) =  $10^{-11}$  cm<sup>2</sup>.

### permeability and topology

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# topology and trapping



#### summary

- 1. acquire micro-CT image
- 2. segment into pore and grain
- 3. compute signed distance transform
- 4. build Morse complex
- 5. compute persistence diagrams
- 6. interpret!

diamorse package available at: https://github.com/AppliedMathematicsANU/diamorse





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The fourth biannual conference of IntACT (Int. Assoc. of Computed Tomography), ICTMS 2019, will bring together scientists from universities, research organisations, and industry, to discuss 3D/4D tomographic imaging and analysis methods for (non-clinical) studies of materials and structures as well as their evolution.

Australia has a strong tomography community with a long commitment to GeoX and ICTMS, with research groups active in theory, algorithms and hardware . Australian developments include lab-based micro and ultra-micro CTs (some commercialised e.g. Gatan XuM, FEI Heliscan); imaging and XRF beamlines at the Australian Synchrotron (AS), a recently commissioned neutron imaging facility, high-end TEM systems, along with numerous applications groups with sophisticated 3D analysis techniques. We hope that hosting the next ICTMS in Australia will enhance involvement in ICTMS (and intACT in general) by this community in future, and encourage increased involvement from the Asia-Pacific region simply by being more accessible. It is great timing for AS which has received a new round of funding and is expected to announce shortly the addition of a micro-CT beamline that will be nearing completion by ICTMS 2019.

# Topological image analysis

# Topologically consistent skeletonisation and partitioning

Solid phase shown in grey

Pore space divided into coloured pores by the basins

Blue lines are basin boundaries

White lines are the Morse Skeleton

Delgado-Friedrichs, Robins, Sheppard IEEE TPAMI (2014)

Source code available from https://github.com/AppliedMathemat icsANU/diamorse

image created by Olaf Delgado-Friedrichs

