

# deep learning for automated segmentation of tomographic images

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introduction



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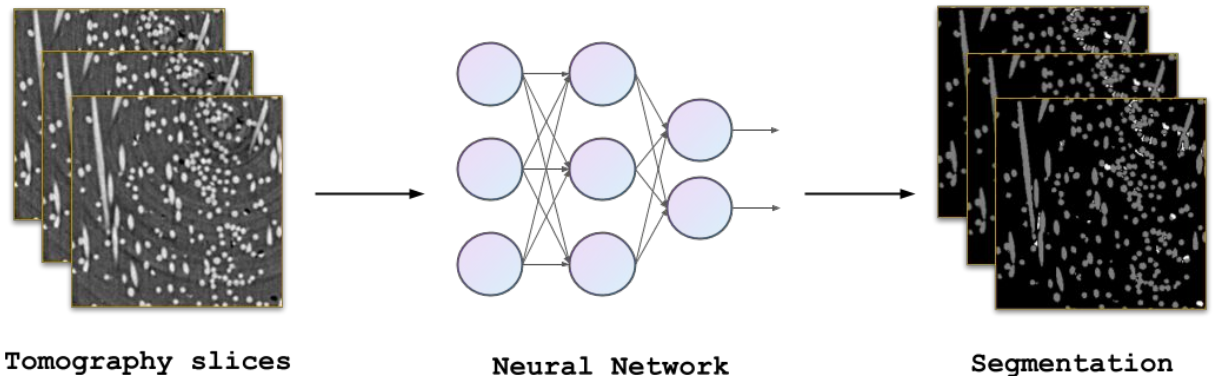
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$$I \in [0, 1]^{W \times L \times D}$$

$$f : I \rightarrow S$$

$$S \in \{0, 1, 2\}^{W \times L \times D}$$

**goal** segment an x-ray tomography with a neural network

**why?** because doing it (semi-)manually is time-consuming

**data** a composite material with fibers and porosities

project repository: [github.com/joaopcbertoldo/tomo2seg](https://github.com/joaopcbertoldo/tomo2seg)

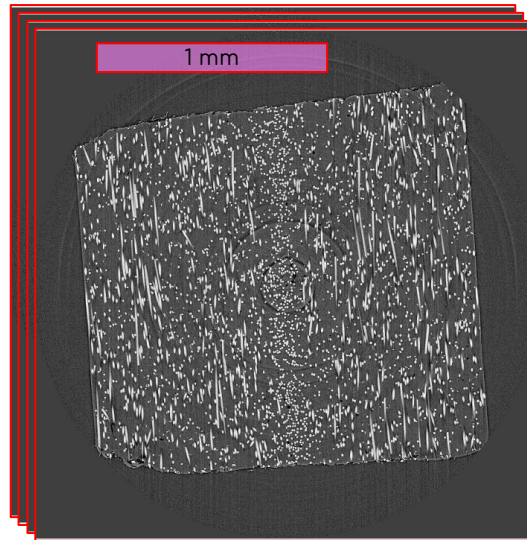
- background and context  
material, u-net architecture
- overview  
project framework
- in detail  
data, architecture, optimization
- results  
hyperparameters, fun videos

background and context

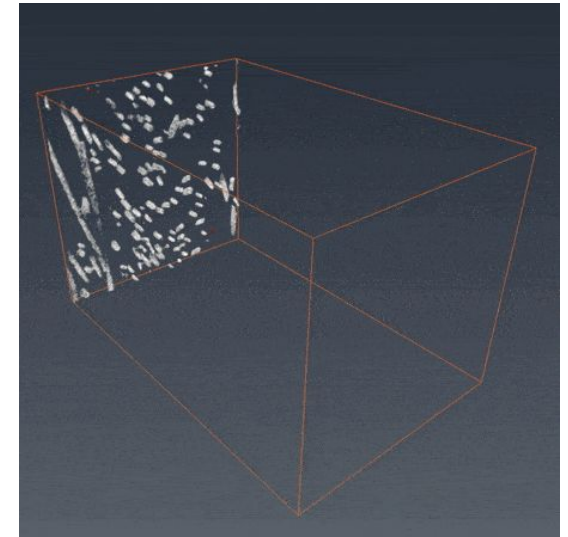
we wish to locate separate phases voxel by voxel

glass fiber-reinforced composite

- 3 phases
  - PolyAmide 66 matrix
  - Glass fiber reinforcement
  - Porosities (holes) in the matrix
- specimen size: 2mm x 2mm x 6mm
- voxel size: 1.3  $\mu\text{m}^3$



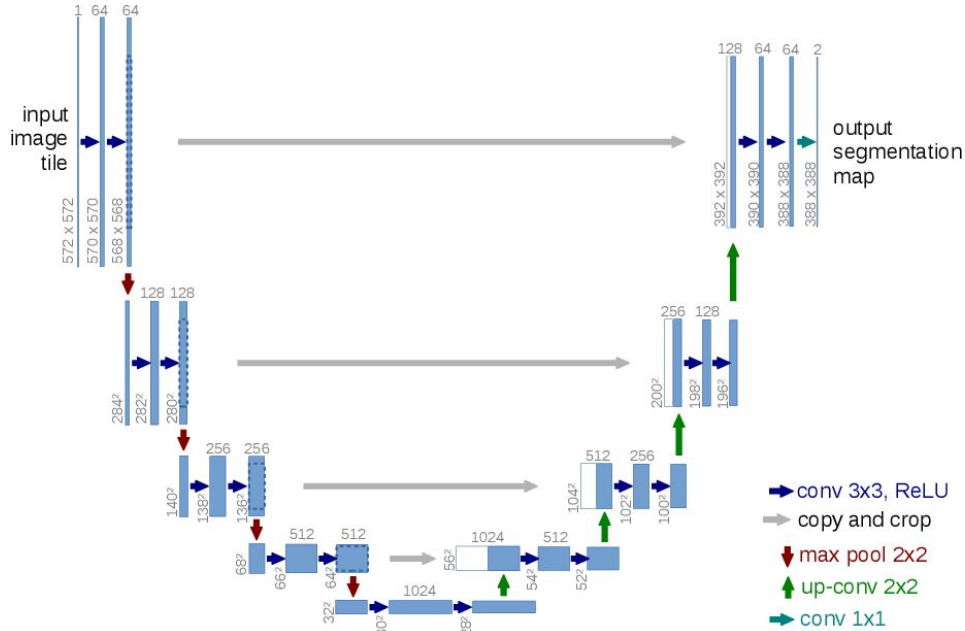
2048 x 2048 x 2048  $\approx 9 * 10^9$  voxels



glass fibers (white)  
and porosities (red)

[link to the video](#)

# u-net



## U-Net: Convolutional Networks for Biomedical Image Segmentation.

Ronneberger, Olaf & Fischer, Philipp & Brox, Thomas.

University of Freiburg, Germany.

DOI: [10.1007/978-3-319-24574-4\\_28](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-24574-4_28)

International Conference on Medical Image Computing and Computer-Assisted Intervention (2015).

*cited 18,000 times (January 2021, source: [Semantic Scholar](https://www.semanticscholar.org/paper/U-Net%3A-Convolutional-Networks-for-Biomedical-Image-Segmentation/Ronneberger%2C-Fischer%2C-Brox))*

## 3D U-Net: Learning Dense Volumetric Segmentation from Sparse Annotation

Çiçek, Özgün & Abdulkadir, Ahmed & Lienkamp, Soeren & Brox, Thomas & Ronneberger, Olaf.

University of Freiburg, Germany.

DOI: [10.1007/978-3-319-46723-8\\_49](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-46723-8_49)

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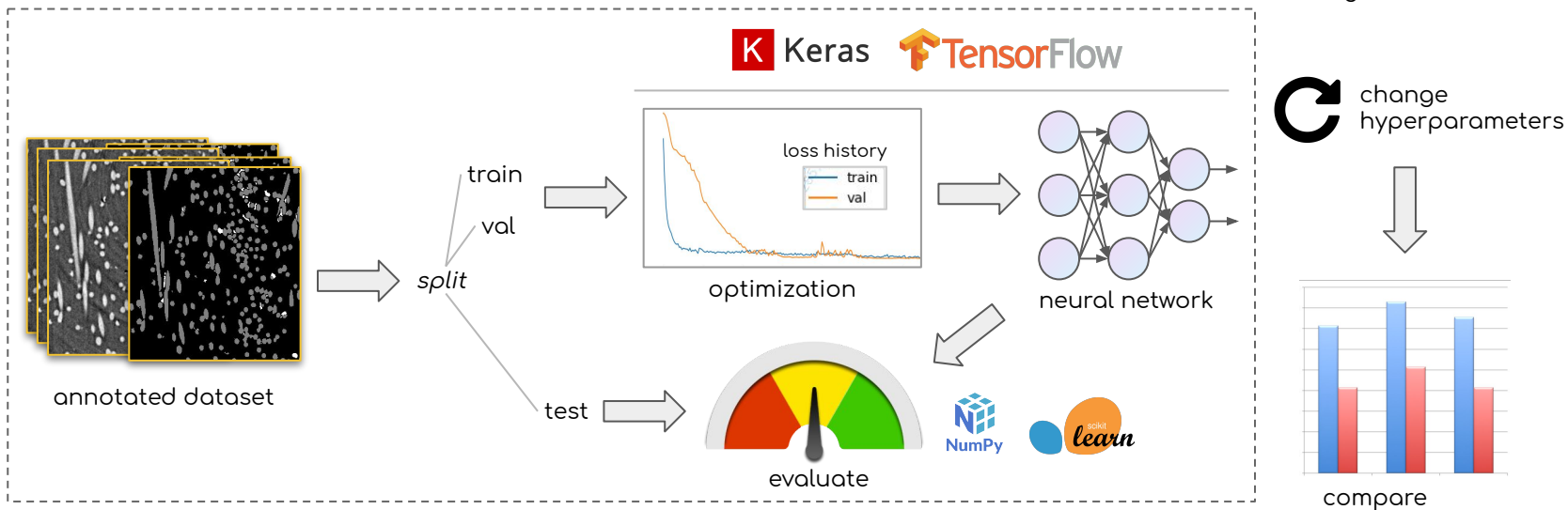
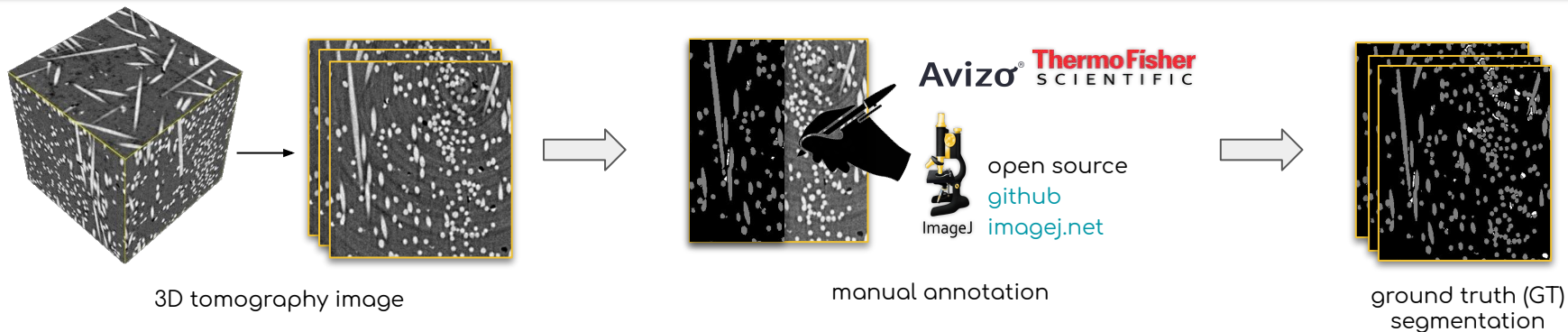
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which one is better?



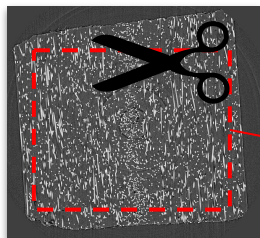
overview

# Annotate, train, evaluate

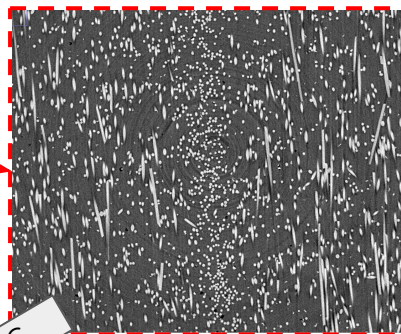


in detail

## phase 1 double Seeded Region Growing (fiji)



original volume  
2048 x 2048 x 2048



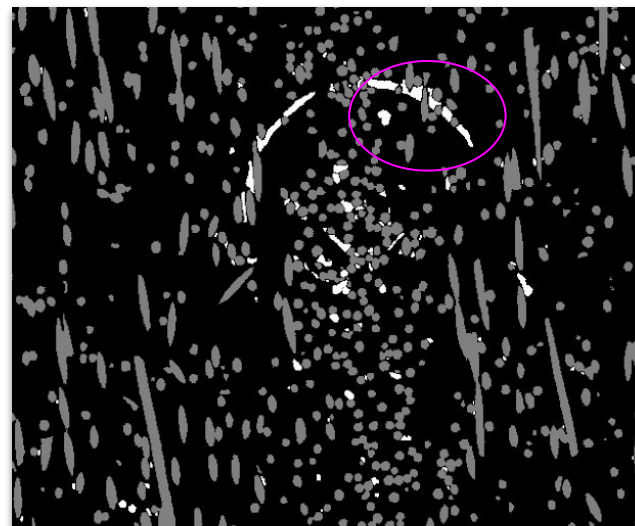
1300 x 1040 x 1900



ground truth  
 $v_{i,j,k} \in \{0,1,2\}$

SRG

## phase 2 artifacts correction (avizo)



### issue

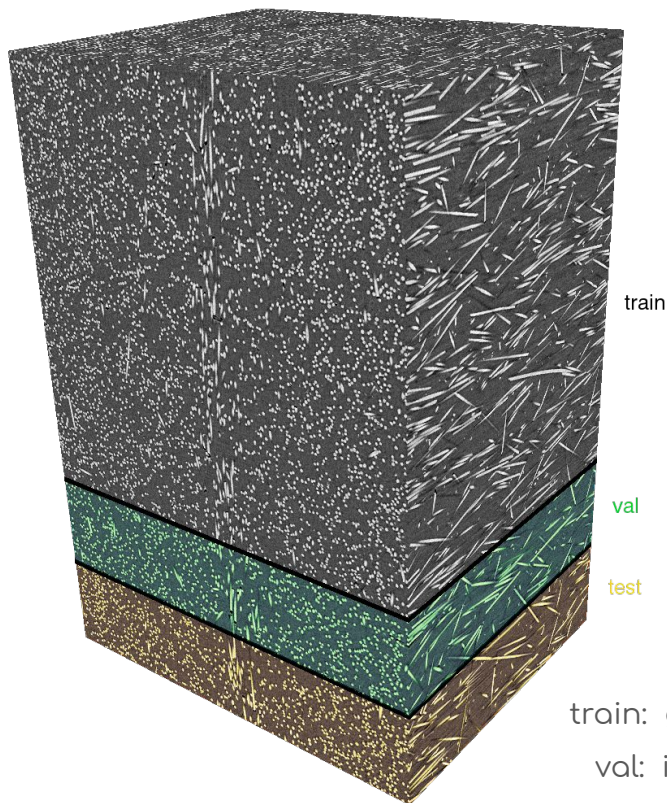
- ring artefacts
- ill-defined porosity boundary

### mitigation strategy

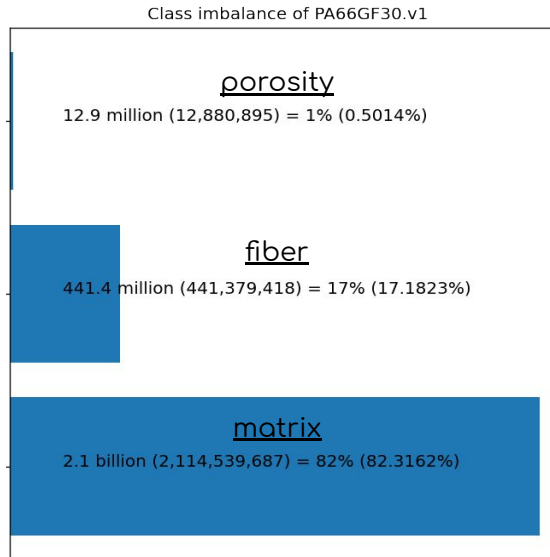
- find large, long 2d blobs\*
- manually alter the voxels

\* "blob": connected set

# data split & class imbalance



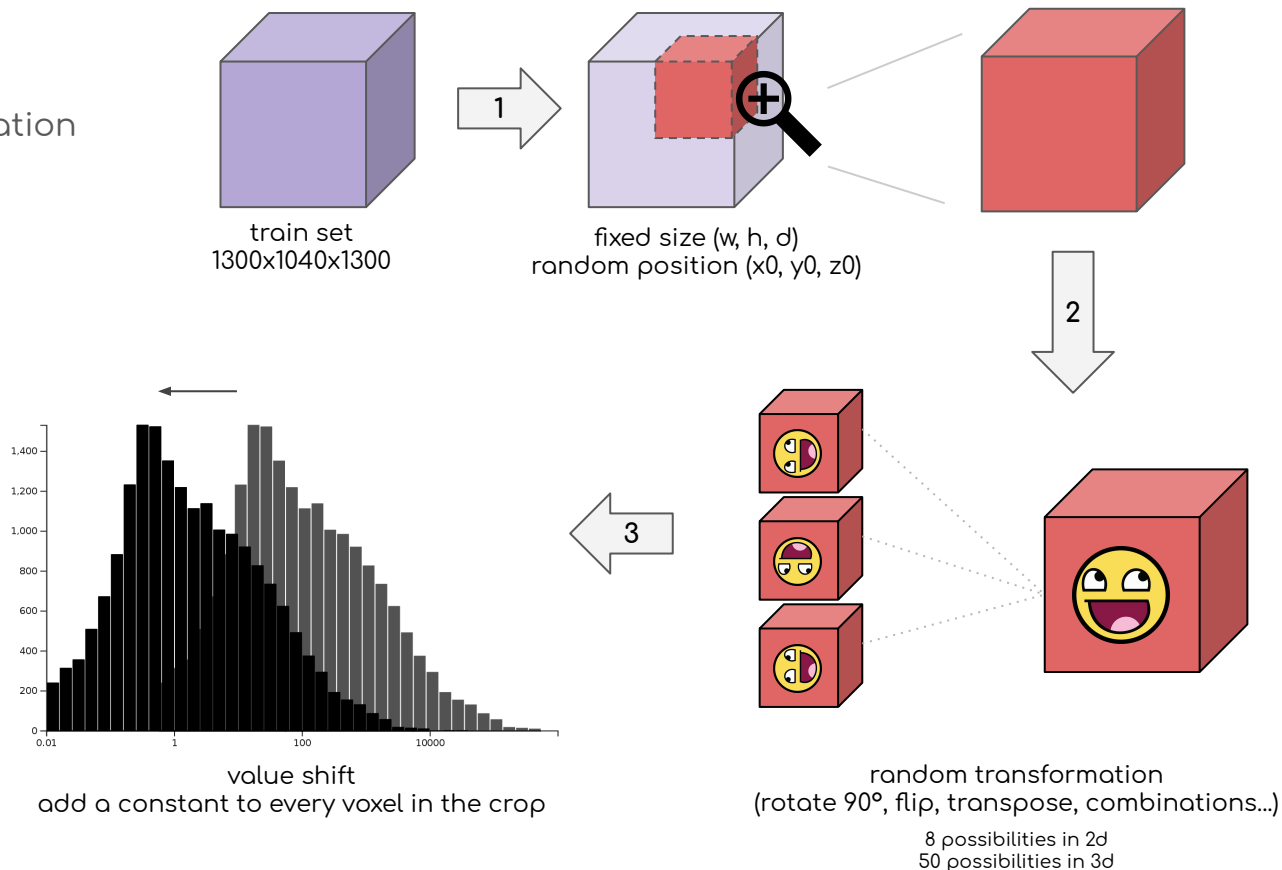
train: gradient descent  
val: in-the-loop model selection  
test: evaluation



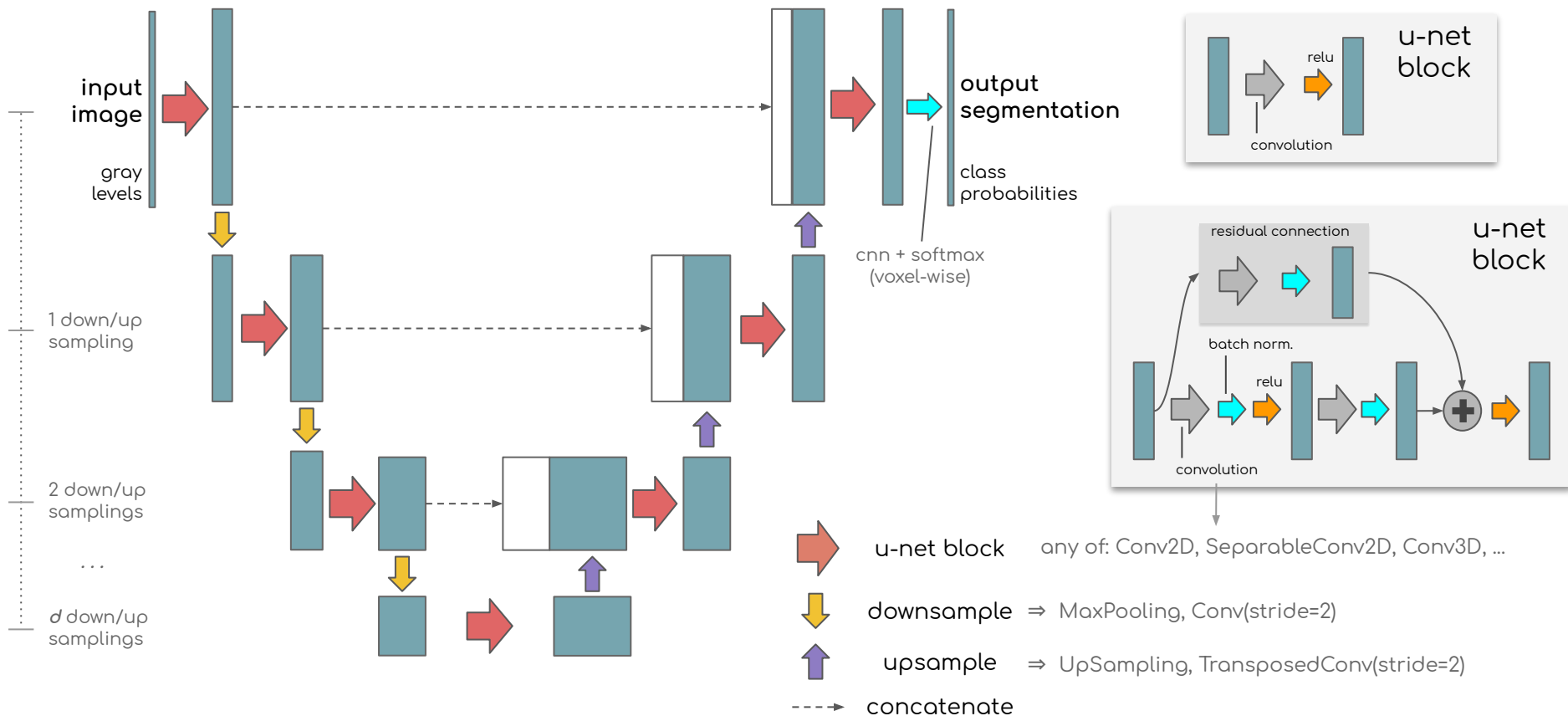
set	nb. layers (1300x1040)	nb. voxels (millions)	proportion
train	1300	1.800	68%
val	128	170	9%
test	300	400	16%

# data augmentation

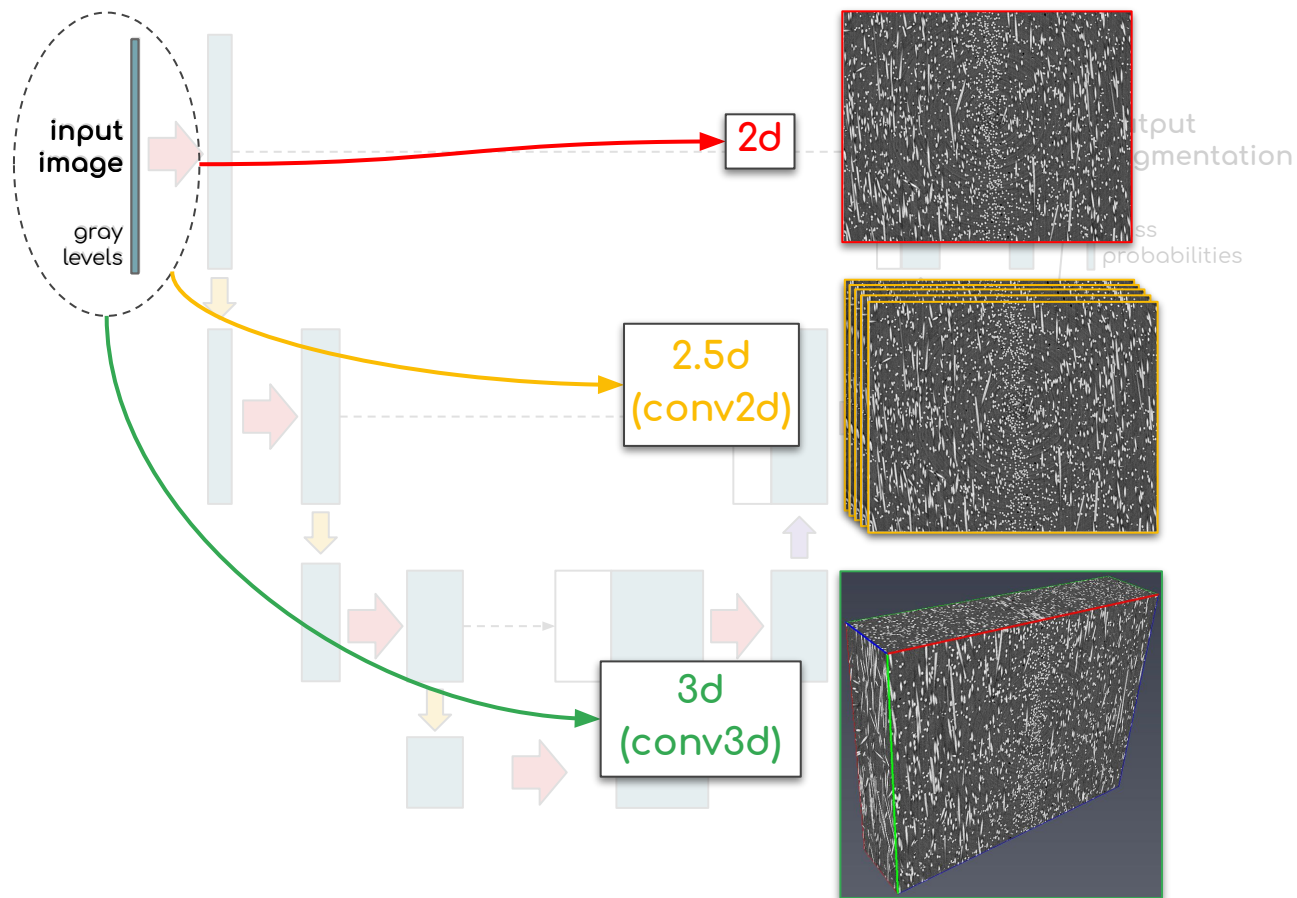
1. random 3D crop
2. geometric transformation
3. value shift



# modular u-net



# model variations





computational resources:

- 1 machine: 2 x Quadro P4000 (2 x 8Gb) *...thanks Centre des Matériaux!*
- 3 machines: 1 x Quadro P2000 (5Gb)

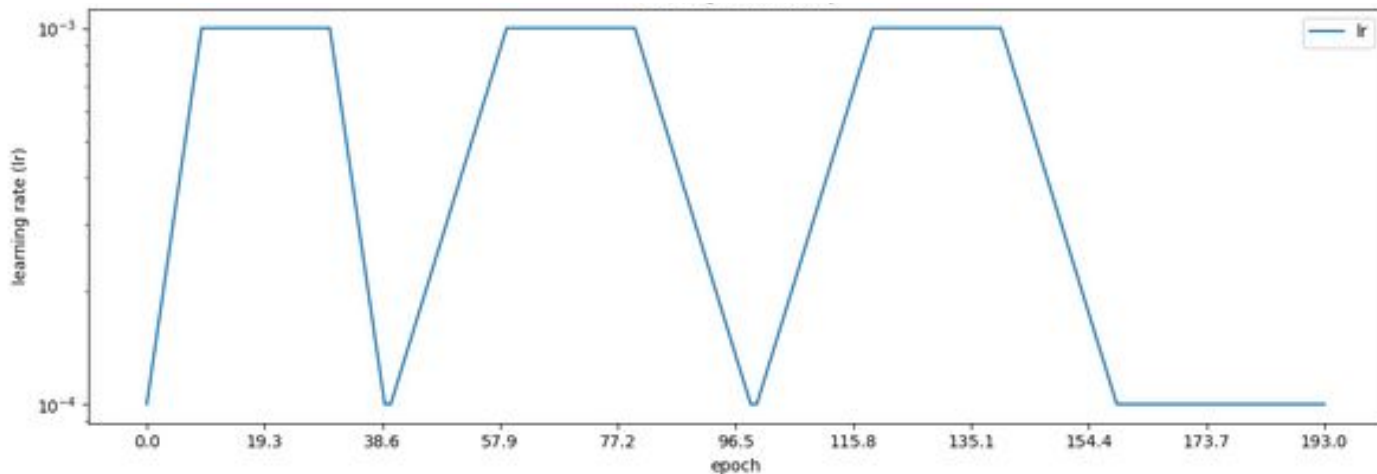
optimizer: adam (Keras's implementation)

loss function: (adapted) jaccard index

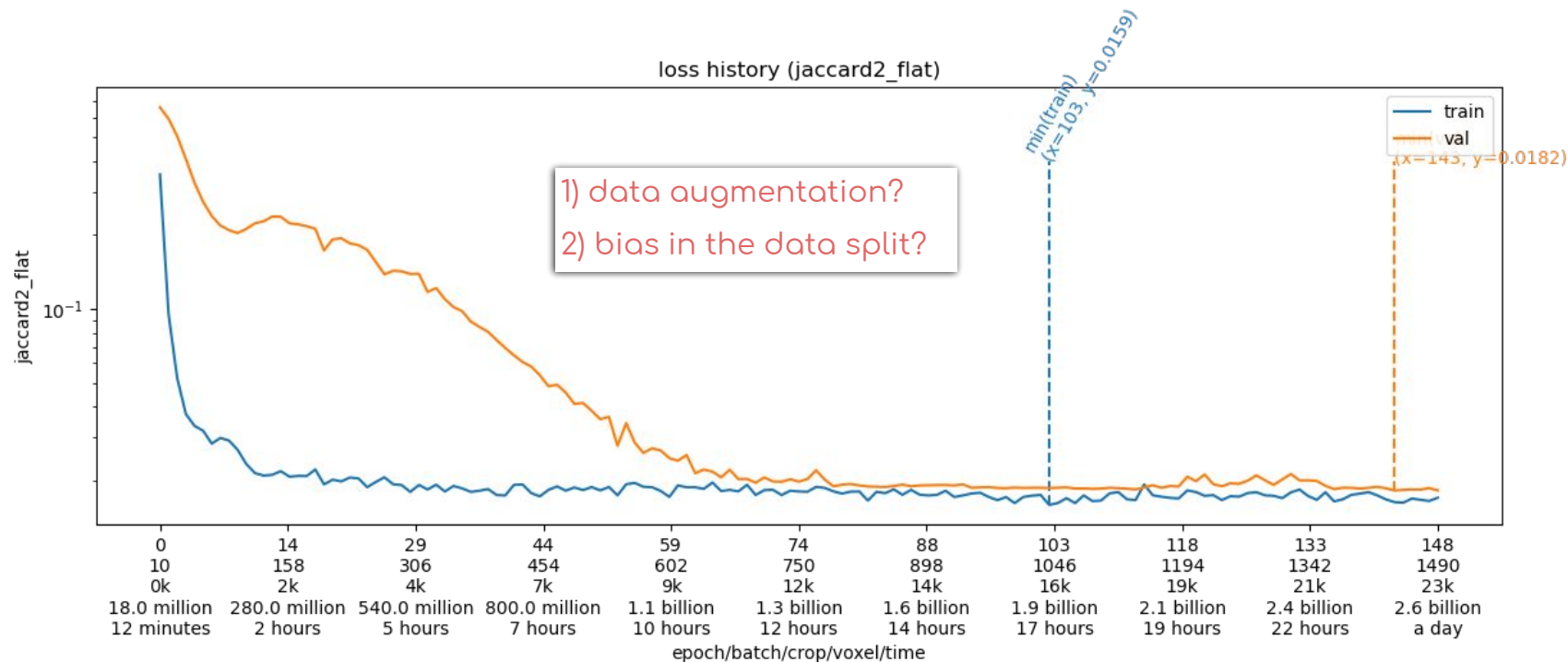
$$J = \frac{|A \cap B|}{|A \cup B|}$$

ref: all voxels classified as matrix  
⇒ L = 32%

learning rate: a triangular-like shaped schedule



model: unet3d.vanilla03-f16.fold000.1606-750-939



training time: 8 ~ 24h

results

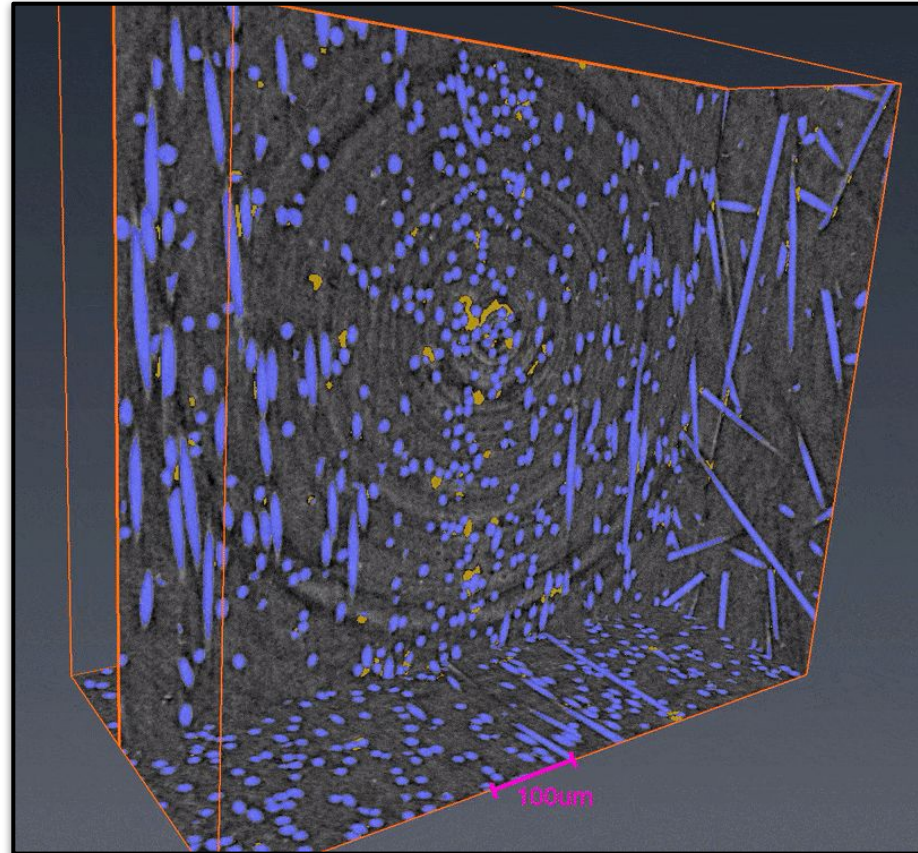
blue: glass fibers

yellow: porosities

[link to the video](#)

test set (300 slices, 400M voxels)

processing time: 2~7 min

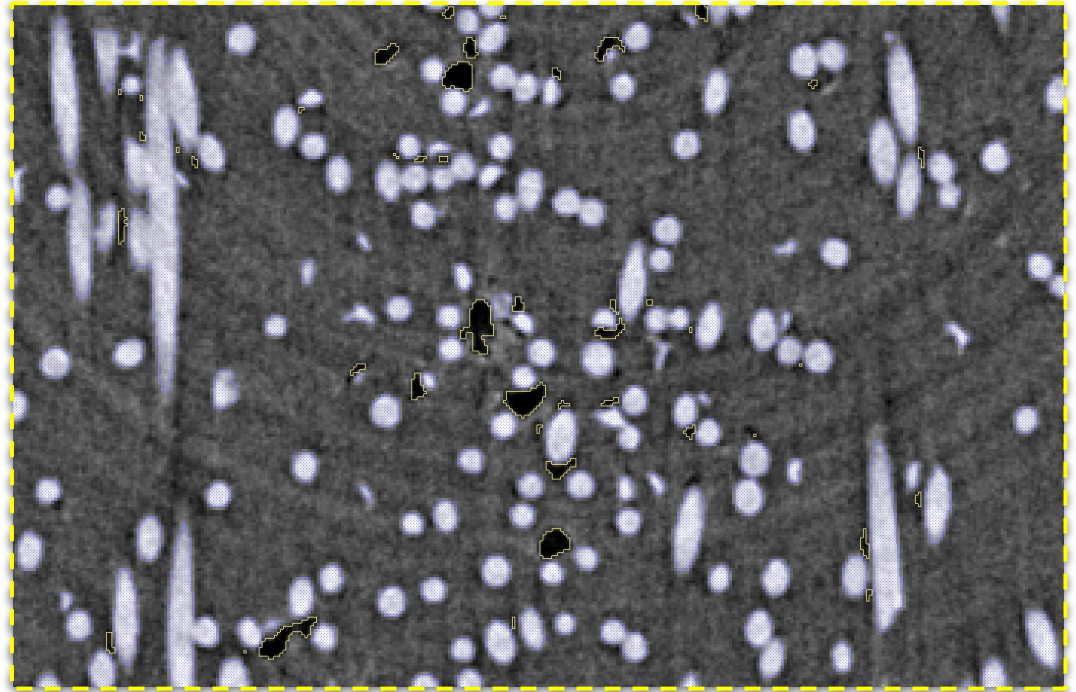


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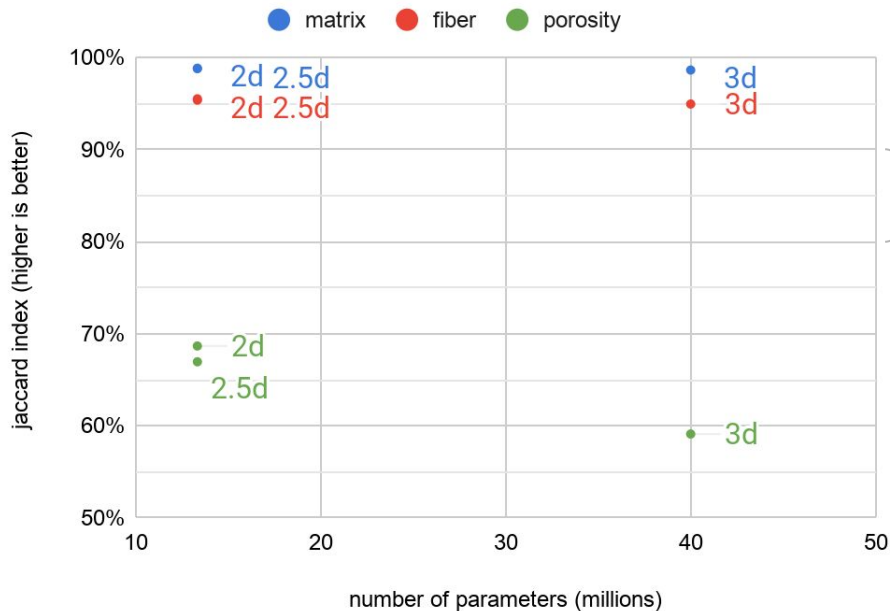
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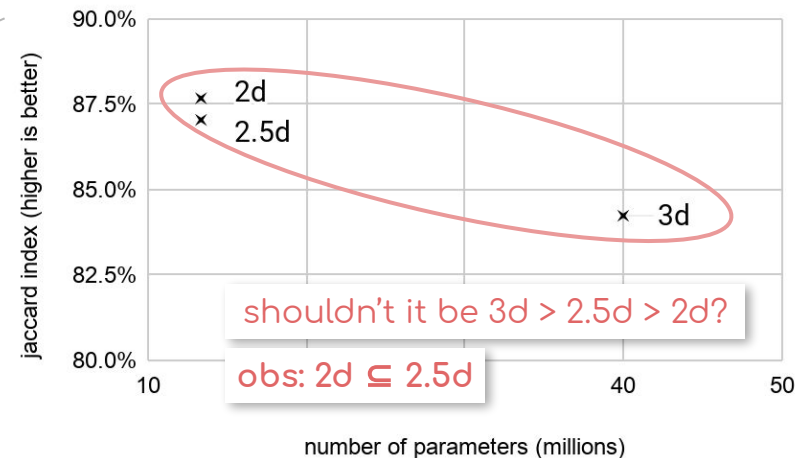


classwise jaccard index on the test set (400M voxels)



[link to the chart](#)

mean classwise jaccard index on the test set (400M voxels)

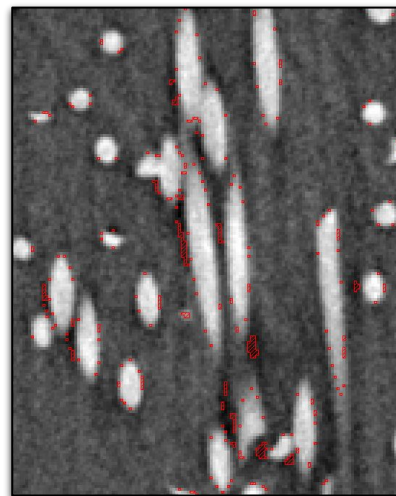
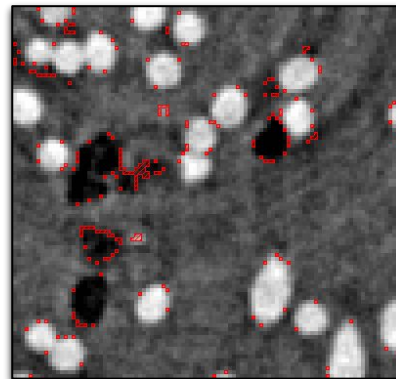
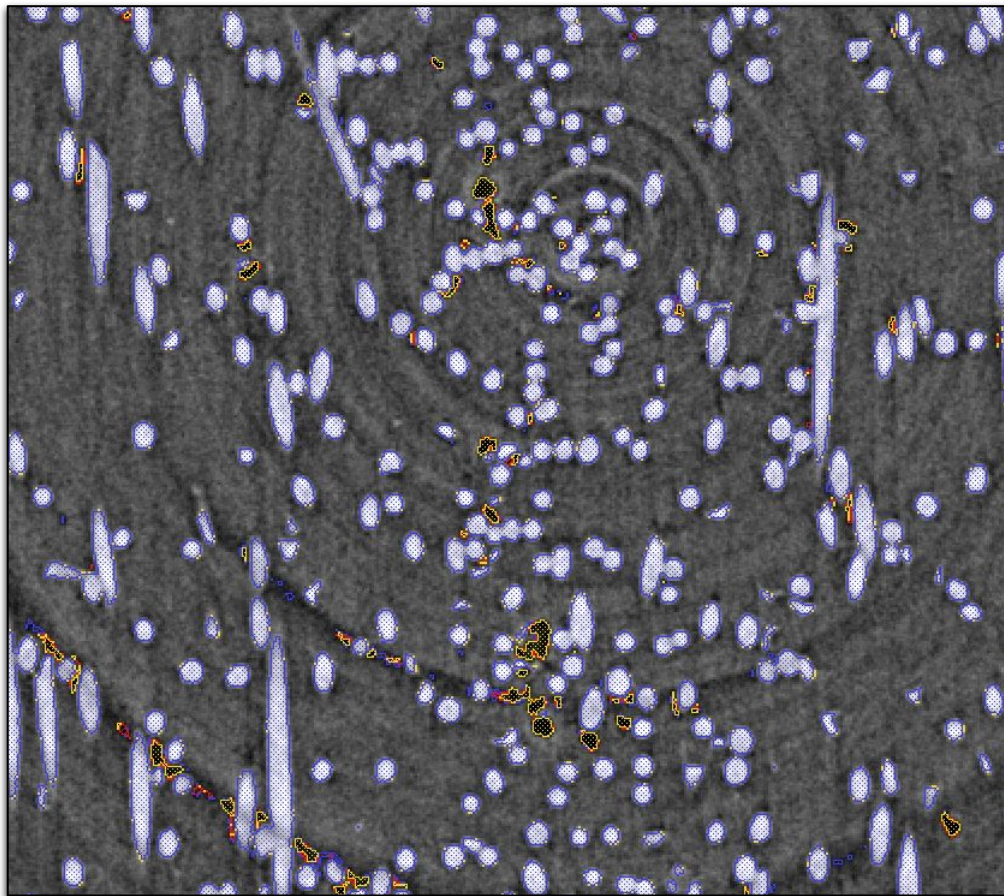


shouldn't it be 3d > 2.5d > 2d?

obs: 2d ≤ 2.5d

[link to the chart](#)

2d/2.5d	disk size
	150 Mb
3d	460 Mb



blue: glass fibers  
 yellow: porosities  
 red: errors



# other volumes

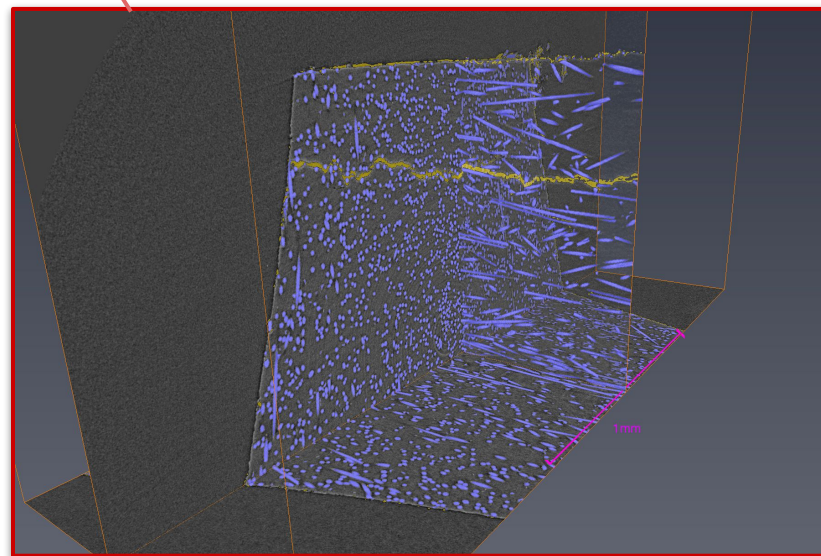
	dimension	≈ nb. voxels	processing time	
'sister'	2048 x 2048 x 2048	9B	75'	} 2x Quadro P4000
bending test	1842 x 1766 x 1946	6B	40'	
biaxial test	1579 x 1845 x 2002	6B	32'	
<i>original (manual)</i>	<i>1300 x 1040 x 1900</i>	<i>3B</i>	<i>12 + 20 person-hour</i>	

blue: glass fibers

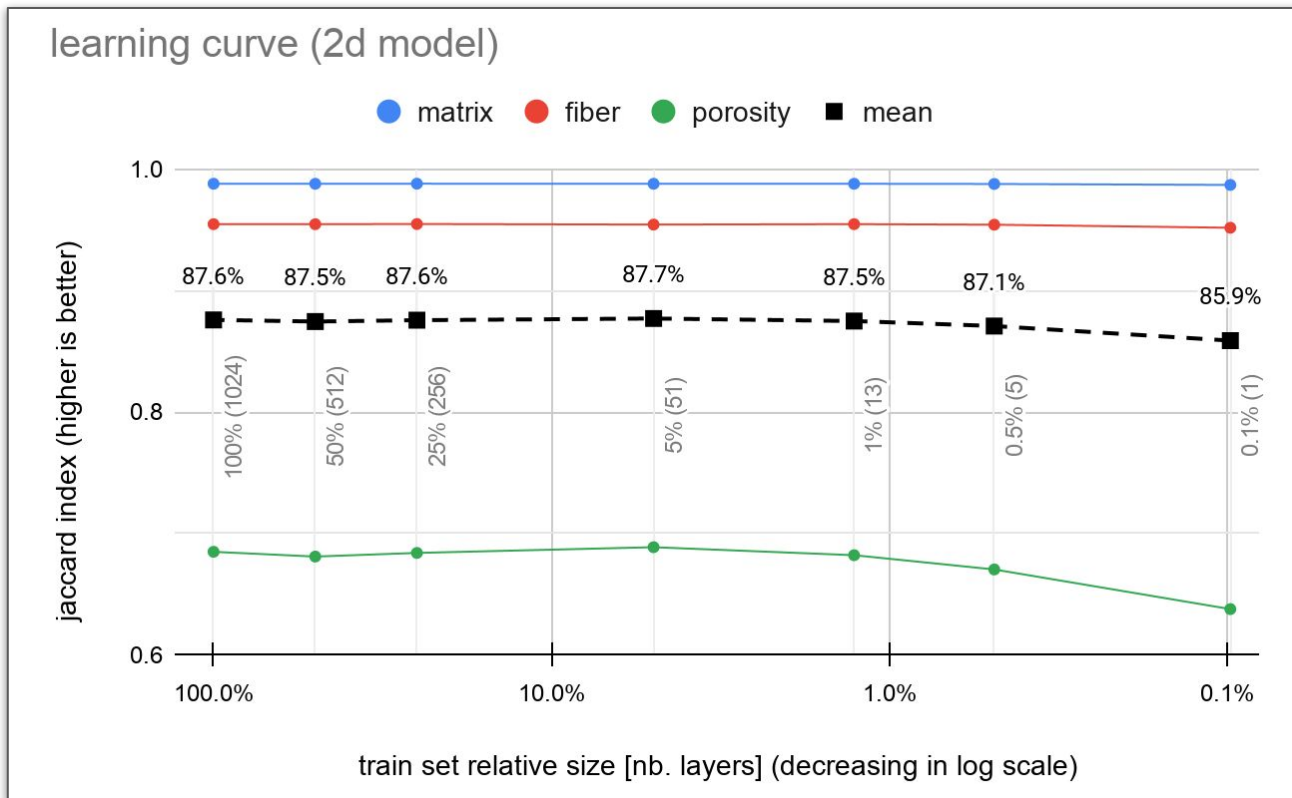
yellow: porosities crack

[link to the video](#)

*the outside and the crack  
are undefined phases*







[link to the chart](#)

thanks to the data augmentation?

“In many biomedical applications, **only very few images are required** to train a network that generalizes reasonably well.”

Ö. Çiçek, A. Abdulkadir, S. Lienkamp, T. Brox, and O. Ronneberger, “3D U-Net: Learning Dense Volumetric Segmentation from Sparse Annotation,” presented at the Medical Image Computing and Computer-Assisted Intervention (MICCAI), 2016, doi: 10.1007/978-3-319-46723-8\_49.

## takeaways

- ⇒ satisfactory results  
human-like or under-resolution errors
- ⇒ training  
8h ~ 24h  
1 ~ 10 annotated layers (~1000 x 1000 pixels)
- ⇒ processing  
~ 30 layers / minute (2048 x 2048 images)
- ⇒ model selection takeout  
2d > 2.5d > 3d

## next

- ⇒ application  
segment harder cases like fractures
- ⇒ leverage the 2d model to build the 2.5d  
construct a 2.5d model using the weights of a pre-trained 2d model
- ⇒ funny val loss curve  
investigate why the validation is “late”

# thank you for your attention!

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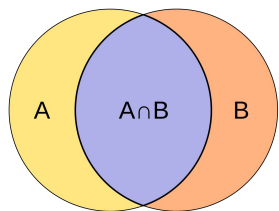
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extras

jaccard index



$$J = \frac{|A \cap B|}{|A \cup B|} = \frac{|A \cap B|}{|A| + |B| - |A \cap B|}$$

$$J \in [0, 1]$$

solution: generalization of J for K classes

$$I = \sum_{k=1}^K y_k \tilde{y}_k \quad J_2 = \frac{I}{\sum_{k=1}^K y_k^2 + \sum_{k=1}^K \tilde{y}_k^2 - I}$$

Shouldn't it be a loss?

$$\text{loss} = 1 - J_2$$

issue: it doesn't fit

for each voxel:

ground truth ( $y$ )

0	0	1
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model's output ( $\tilde{y}$ )

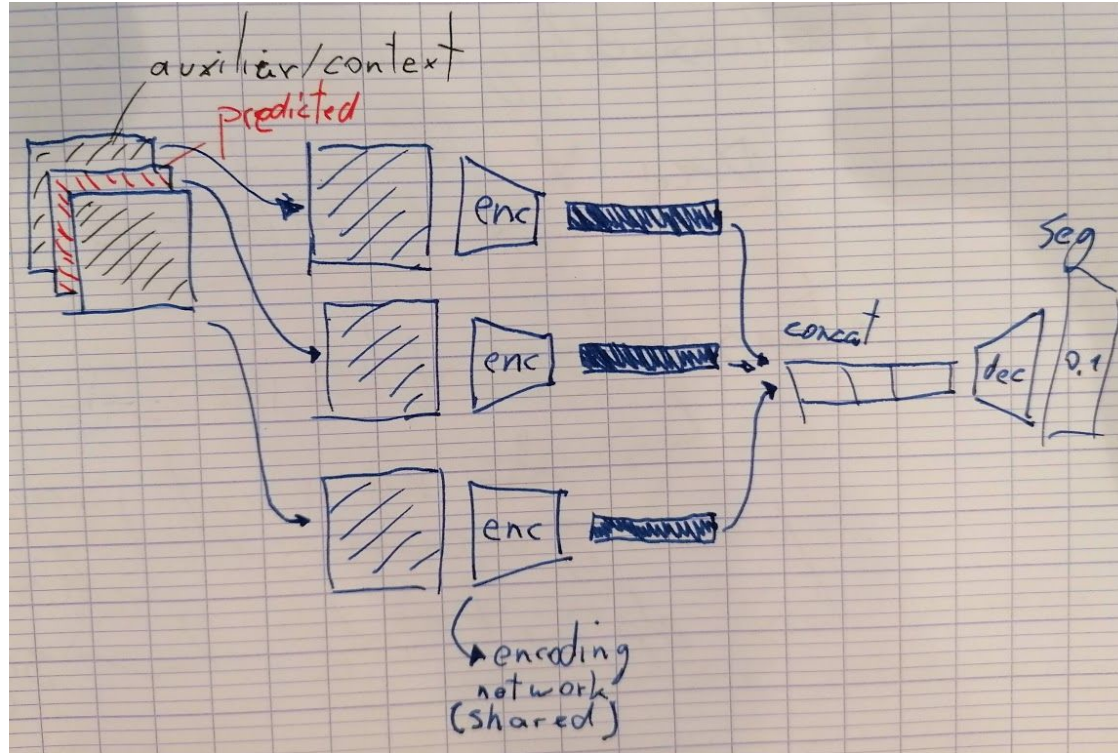
.10	.10	.80
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matrix      fiber      porosity  
k=1          k=2          k=3

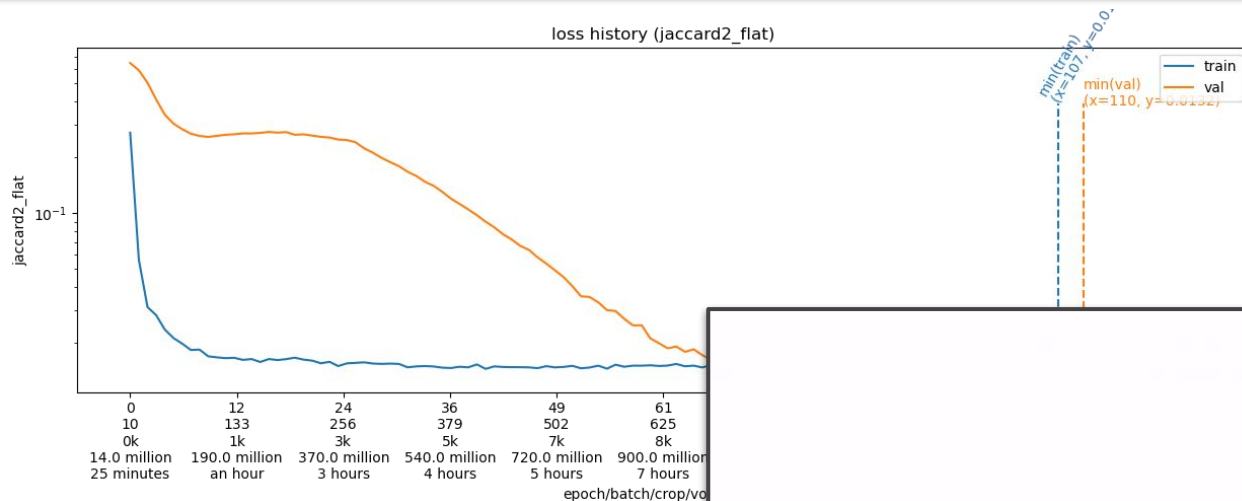
reference values

theoretical model	jaccard2
all probabilities 1/3	67%
all voxels classified as matrix	32%

## 2.5d variation: shared encoder-decoder



# model evolution (model 2d)



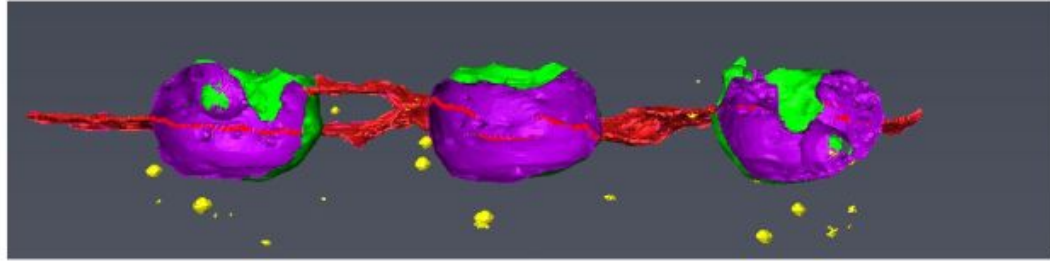
black: matrix

gray: fibers

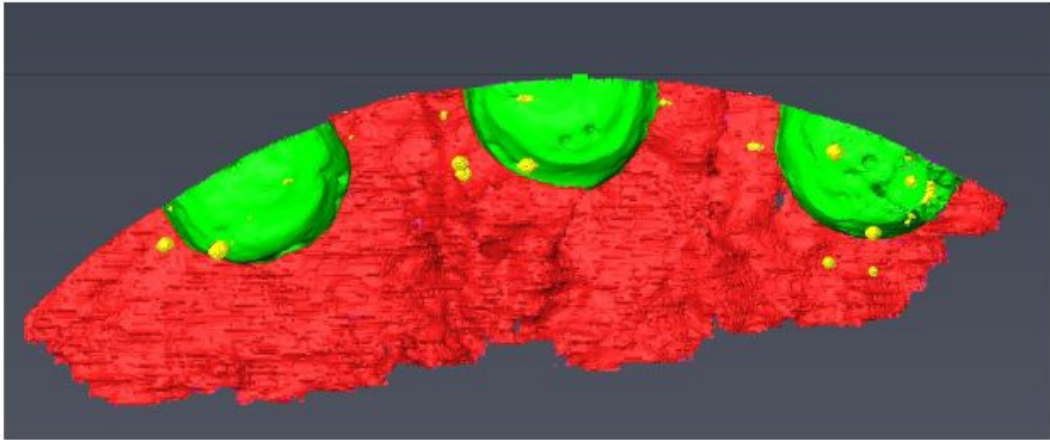
white: porosities

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# crack volume



(a)

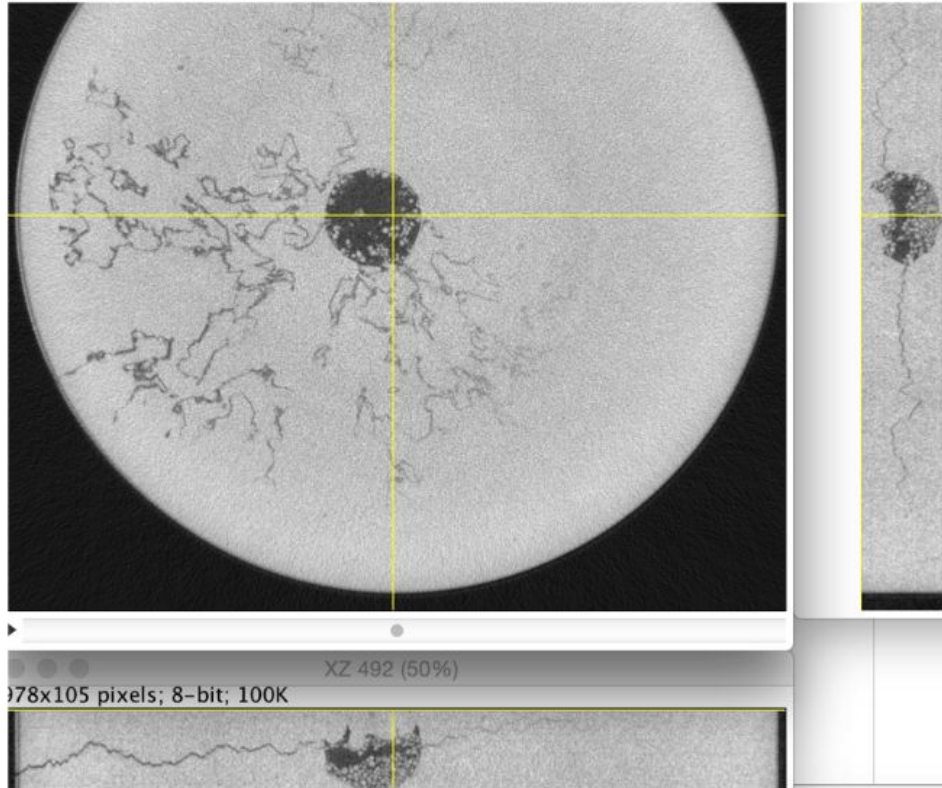


(b)

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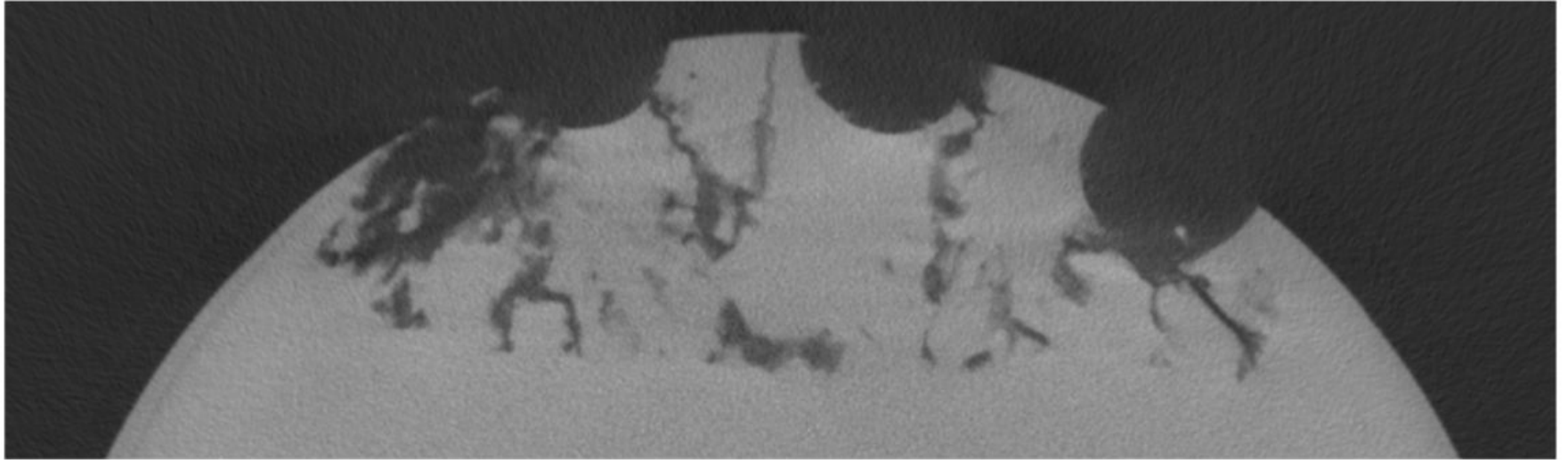
# crack volume



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# inside the model

# crack volume

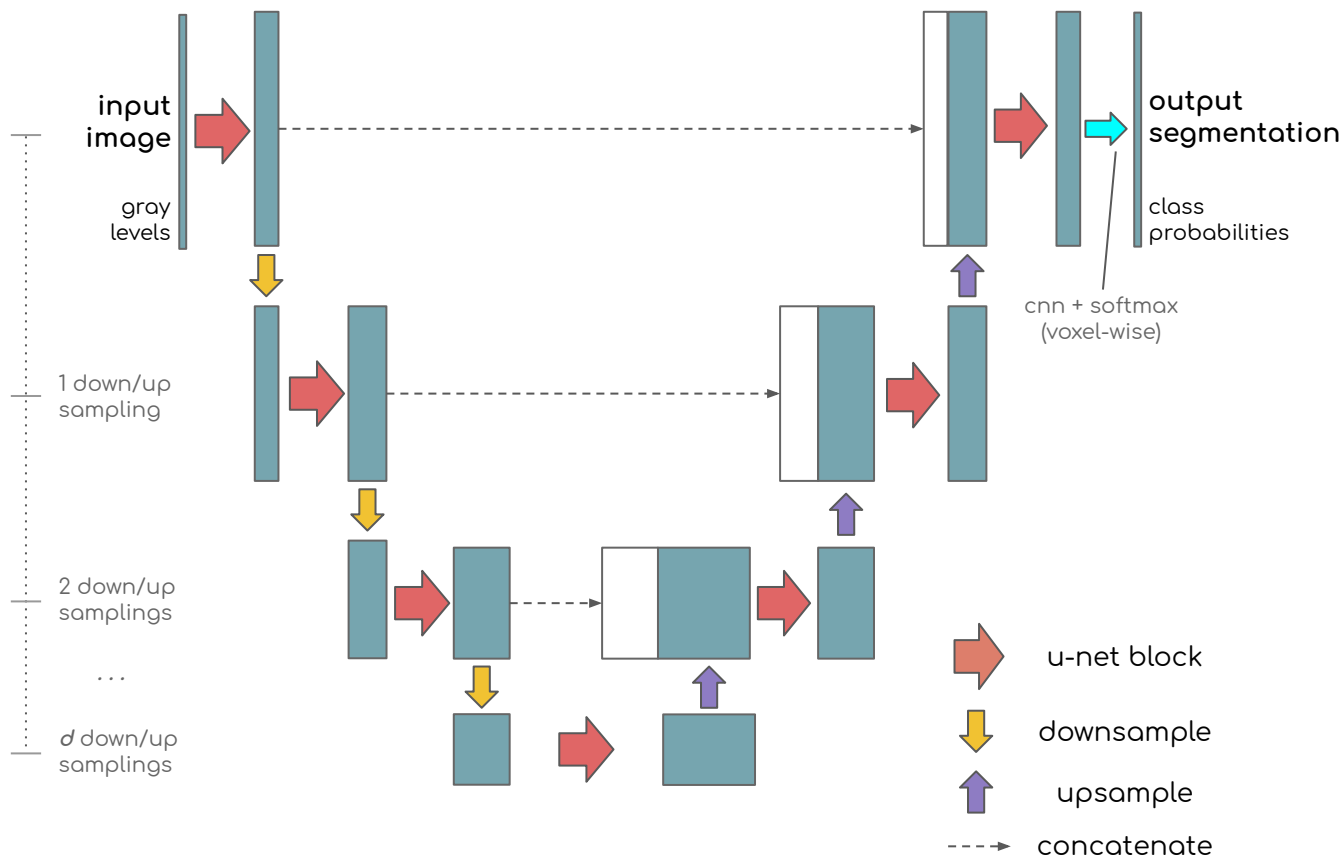


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# ablation

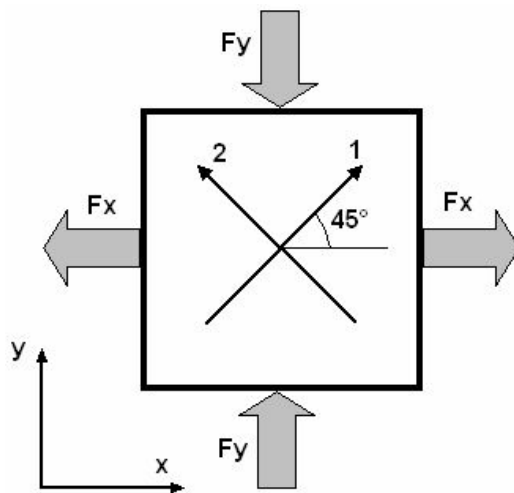
aux

# model: (a) modular u-net

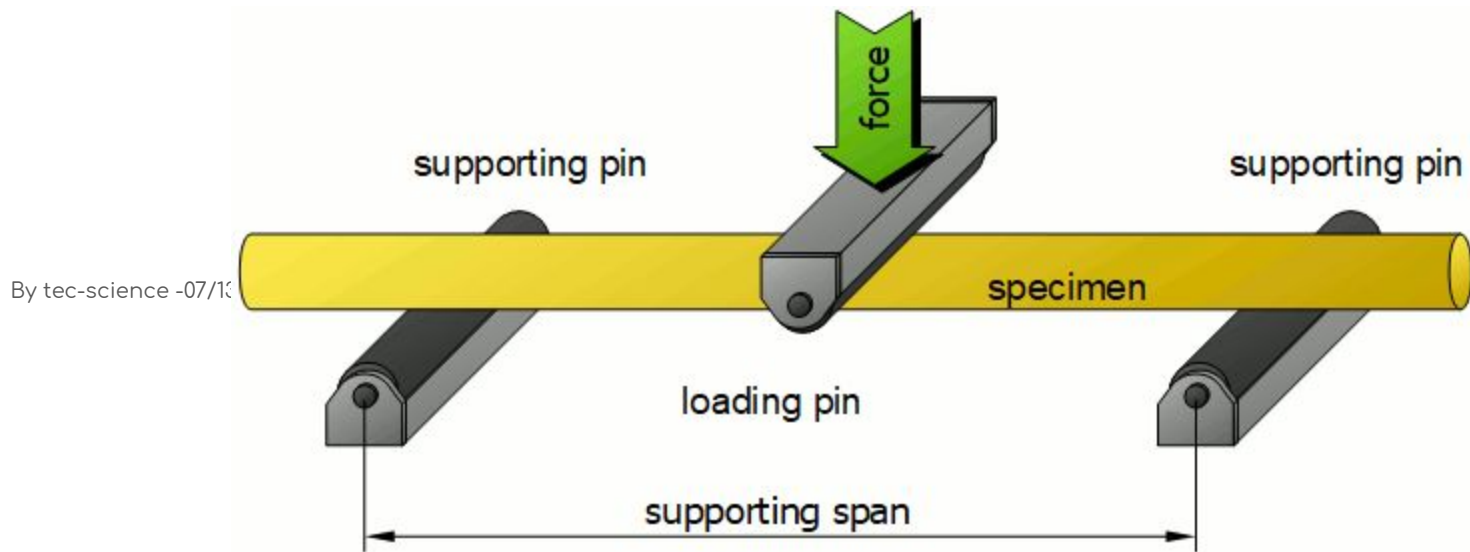


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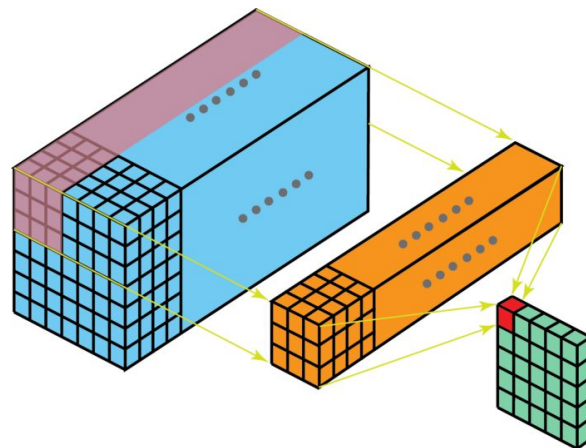
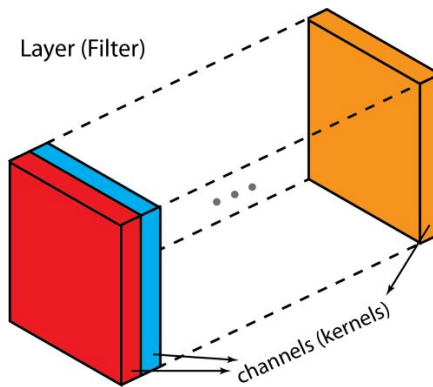
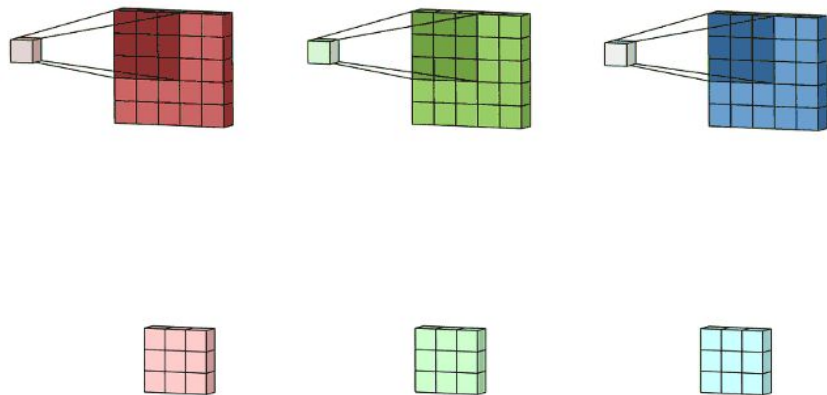
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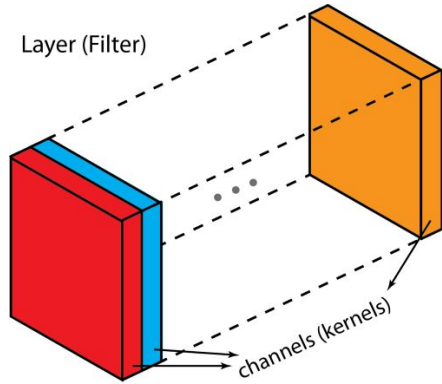
# conv2d

Figures ref: [A Comprehensive Introduction to Different Types of Convolutions in Deep Learning](#), Kunlun Bai  
Tnx, Kuntun!

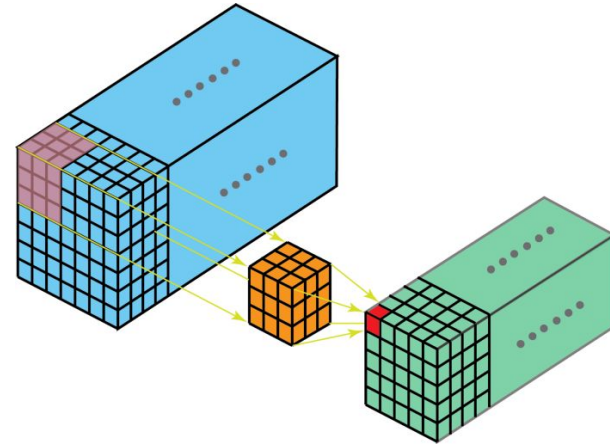
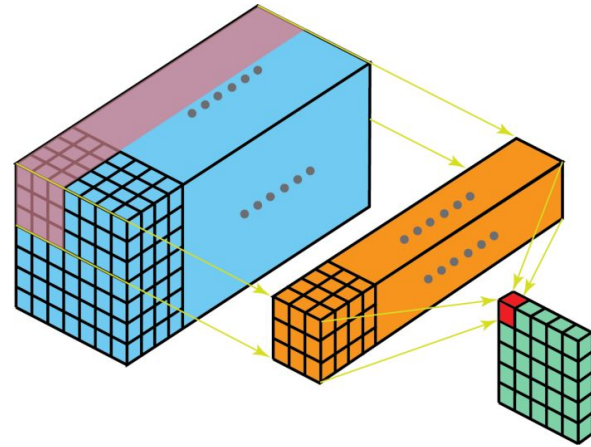


# conv3d

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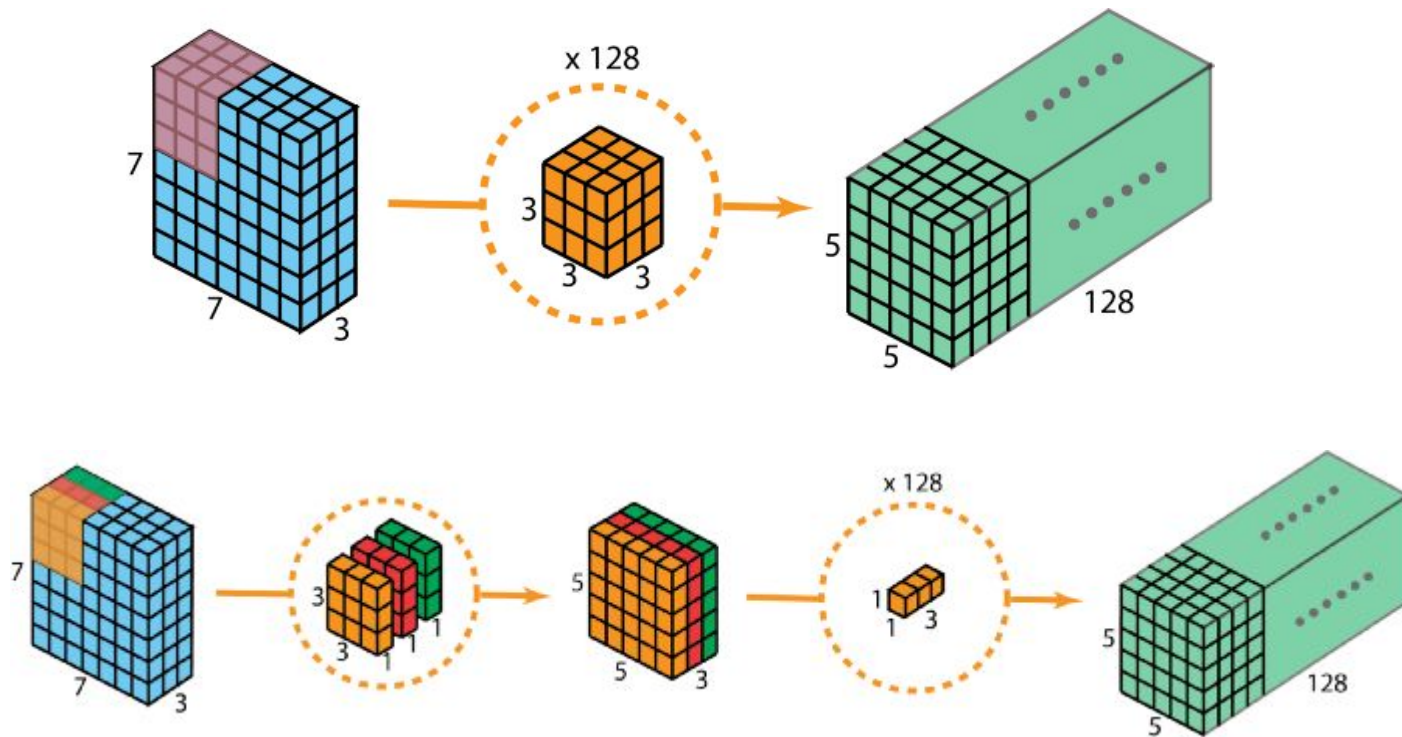


the 4th dimension now!



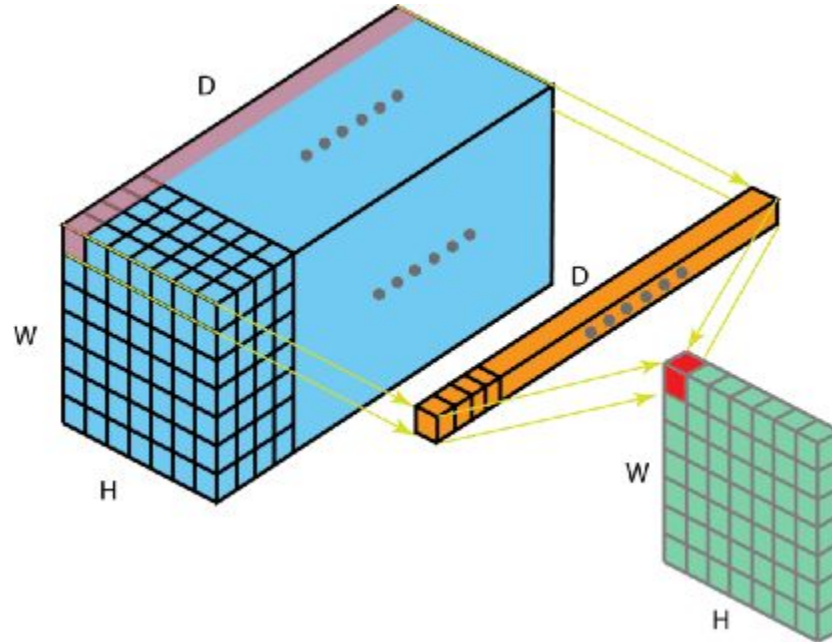
# separable conv2d

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# 1x1 convolution

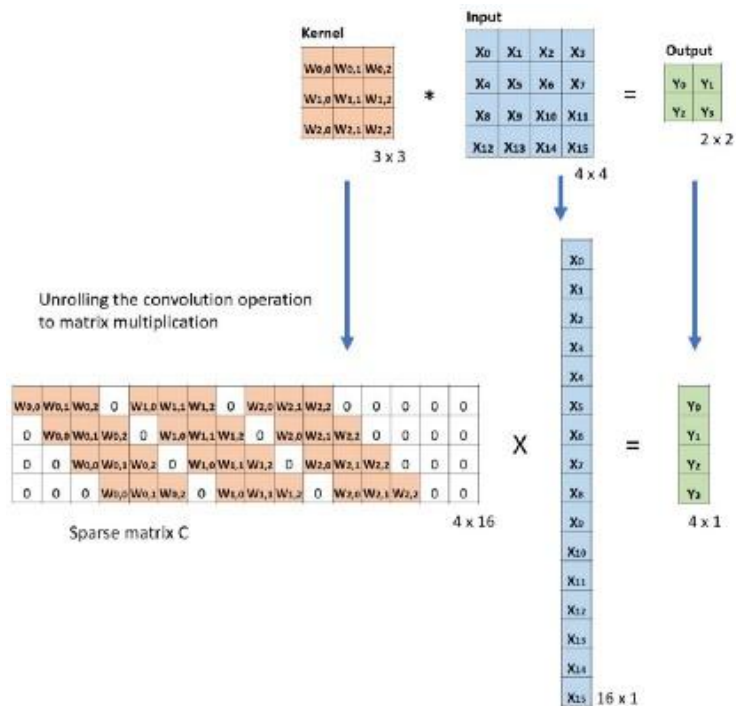
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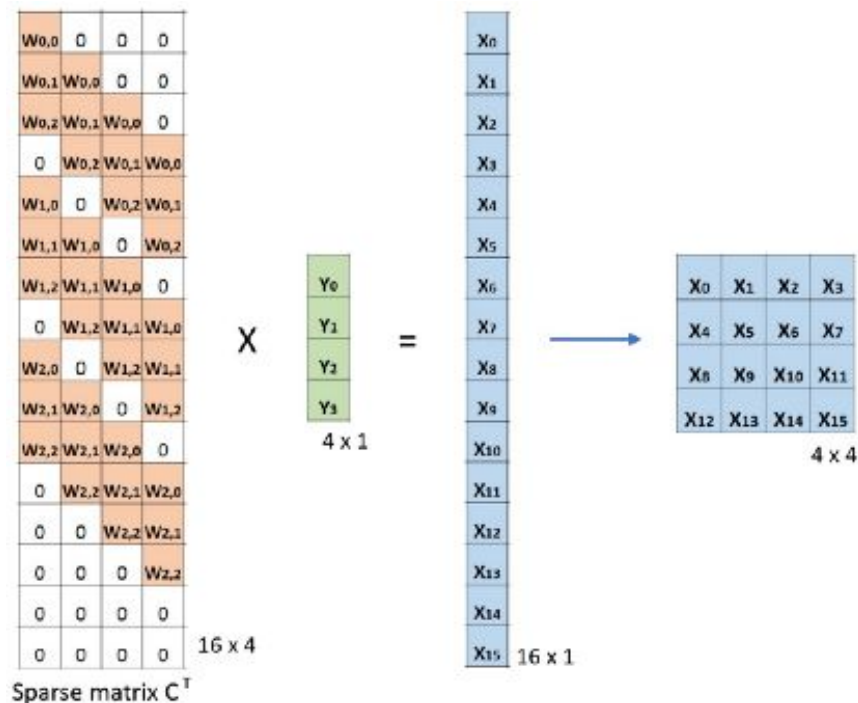
# transposed conv2d

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conv 2d



transposed conv 2d





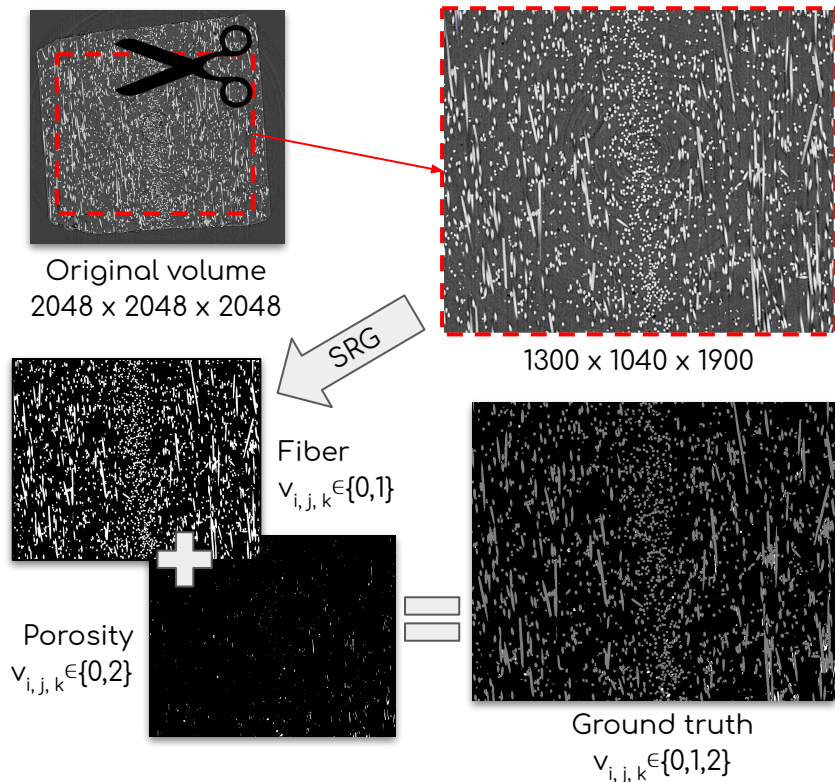
PA66GF30  
PolyAmide 66  
reinforced with glass fibers  
(zoom)

[link to the video](#)

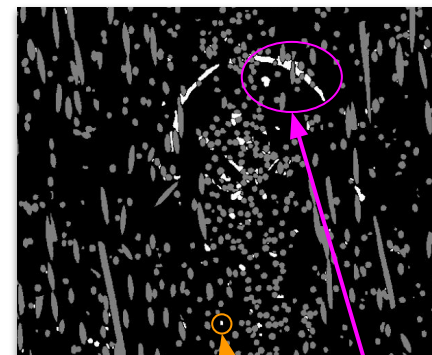
*A few things to notice:*

- *ring artifacts*
- *fibers in different directions*
- *blurred fiber-matrix interfaces*
- *porosities close to fibers*

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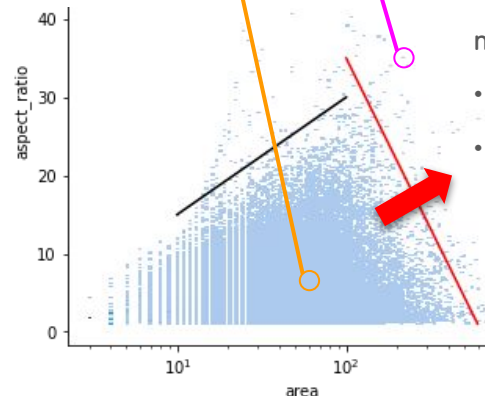


## phase 2 artifacts correction (avizo)



issue

- ring artefacts from the tomography reconstruction
- ill-defined porosity boundary



mitigation strategy

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- manually alter the voxels

\* "blob": connected set

computational resources:

- 1 machine: 2 x Quadro P4000 (2 x 8Gb)
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optimizer: adam (Keras's implementation)

loss function: (adapted) jaccard index

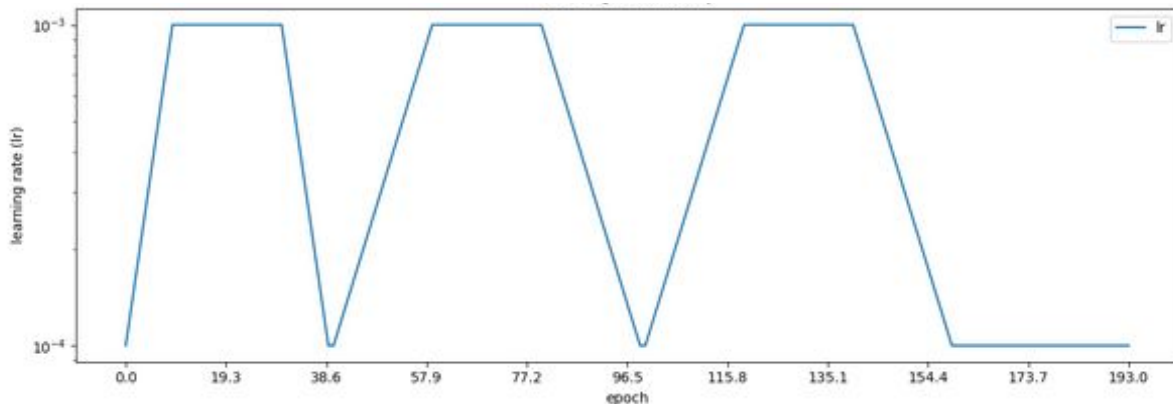
epoch size: 10 batches

batch size: 2 ~ 16 samples

learning rate: a triangular-like shaped schedule

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ref: all voxels classified  
as matrix  $\Rightarrow L = 32\%$





X-ray Computed Tomography (XCT) generates non-invasive 3D images, which give material scientists a means of quantitatively analyzing a material's internal structure. However, processing tomography images often demands expertise and is a tedious, time-consuming task, creating a bottleneck to scale the analysis of large volumes of data - 3D images can weight several Gigabytes. Classic mathematical morphology-based techniques can help to generate phase segmentation but depend on some level of human intervention. This presentation will show a Deep Learning approach developed at the Centre des Matériaux MINES ParisTech and its viability as an alternative for tomographic image segmentation. We compare 2D and 3D versions of a U-net-based model, respectively, using 2D and 3D convolutions, finding that, unlike expected, the 2D model is more suitable. We also evaluate the trade-off between performance and model size of several architectural variations. Qualitative results show that our models can process, in only 30 minutes, a 6-billion-voxel tomography with human-like quality. Finally, we show that this architecture can achieve such results only using five tomography layers.