

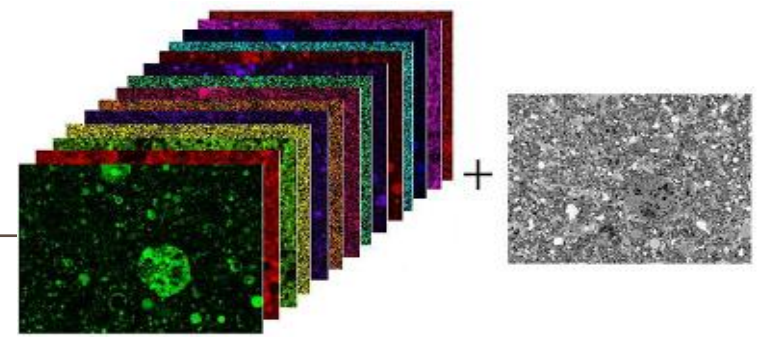
Spectro-Spatial phase analysis applied to S.E.M. X-Ray mappings of building materials - *Concepts & Cases of applications* -

2017 GN-MEBA workshop - *Samuel Meulenyzer*

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This presentation is about...



Supervised phase clustering of building materials SEM/EDS mappings / microstructures

- From satellite tools to industrial applications:
 - Why ? How does it work ?
- Cases of applications:

REACTIVITY • mineral phase quantification of Raw materials

KINETIC • Hydration of heterogeneous blended cement & concrete

GRADIENT • Sulfate attack of concrete

LARGE AREA • Deformulation of concrete

2005: CONTEXT



**CLIMATE → CO2 reduction !
(Total emission of cement = 5 %)**

CONCRETE IS ALSO BEAUTIFUL !



Direct CO₂ emissions in Cement Manufacture (critical issue)

In 2014 total world annual production of cement was about 4000 millions T.

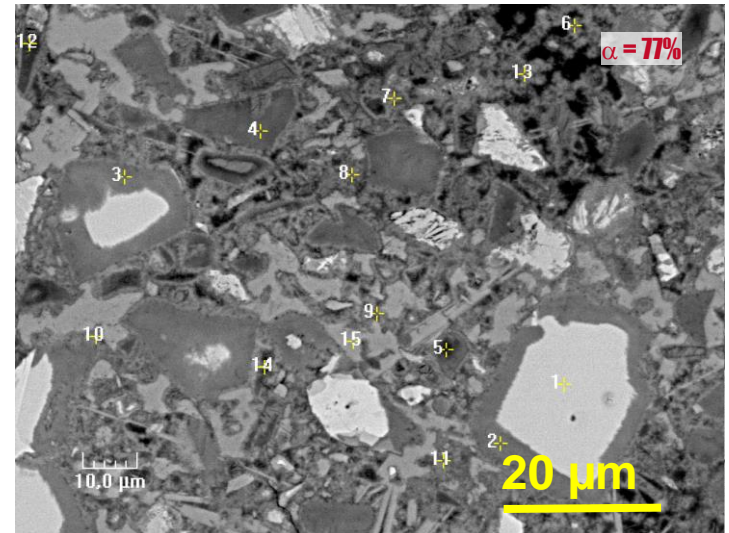
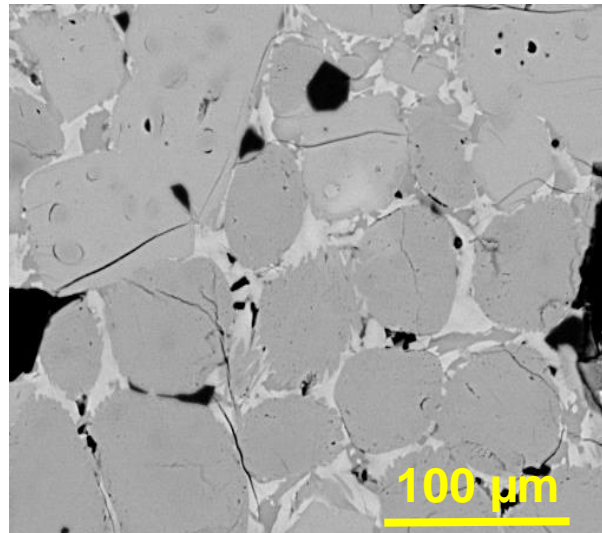
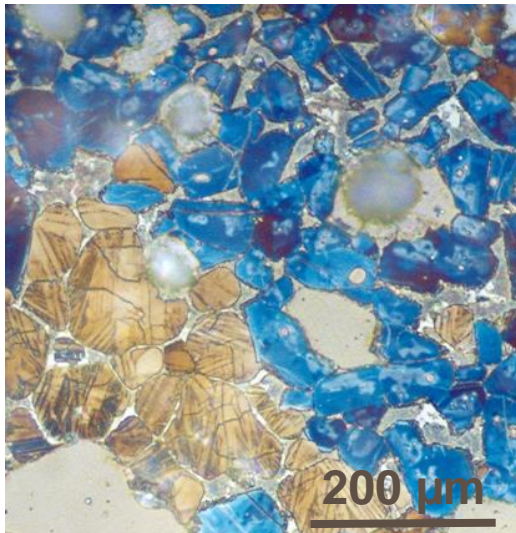
CO ₂ from Limestone calcination <i>(fairly constant from plant to plant)</i>	≈ 510 kg/t clinker
	+
CO ₂ from fuel combustion <i>(larger variations from plant to plant)</i>	≈ 315 kg/t clinker
	=
Direct CO ₂ emissions for clinker	≈ 825 kg/t clinker
	x
Global average PC clinker content in “cementitious materials,” due to addition of fillers and SCMs	75%
	=
Direct CO₂ emissions for cementitious materials	≈ 620 kg/t cement

.62 t/CO₂ X 4 billions T. of cement = 2 billions T. of CO₂ *(per year)*

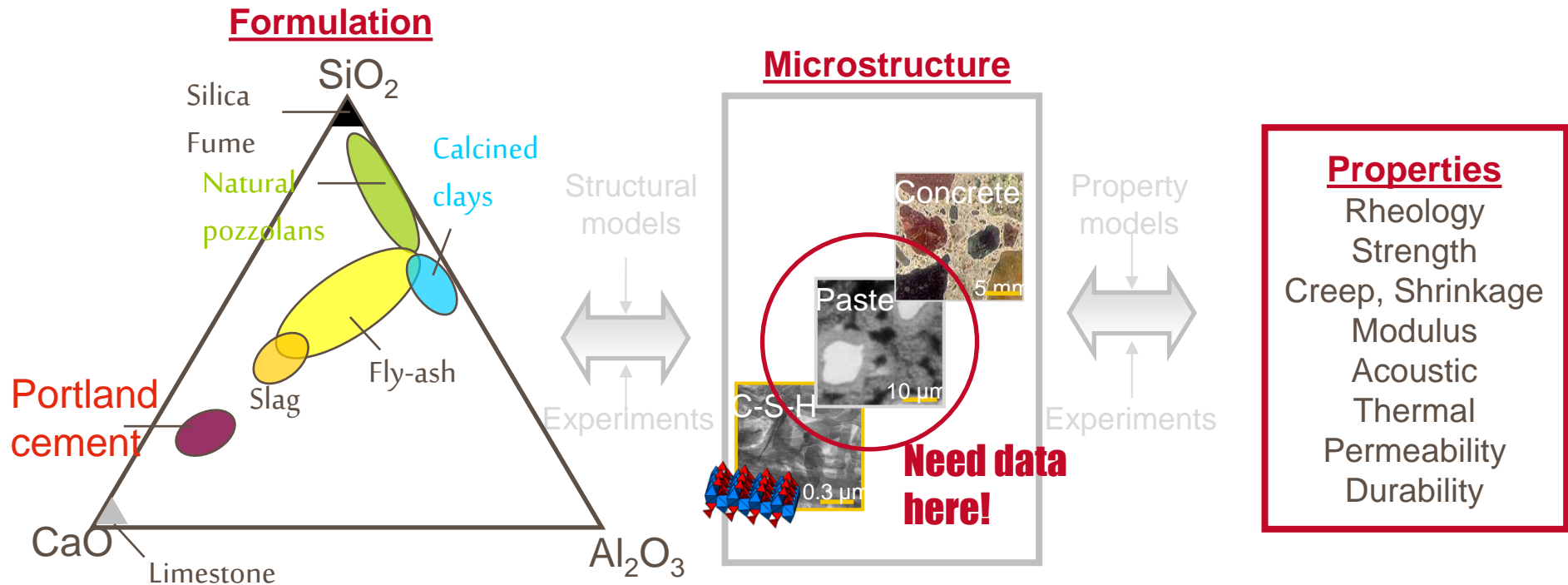
A reminder: What is ordinary portland cement (OPC) and concrete ?



= powder of 4 mineral phases (clinker) and gypsum which react with water

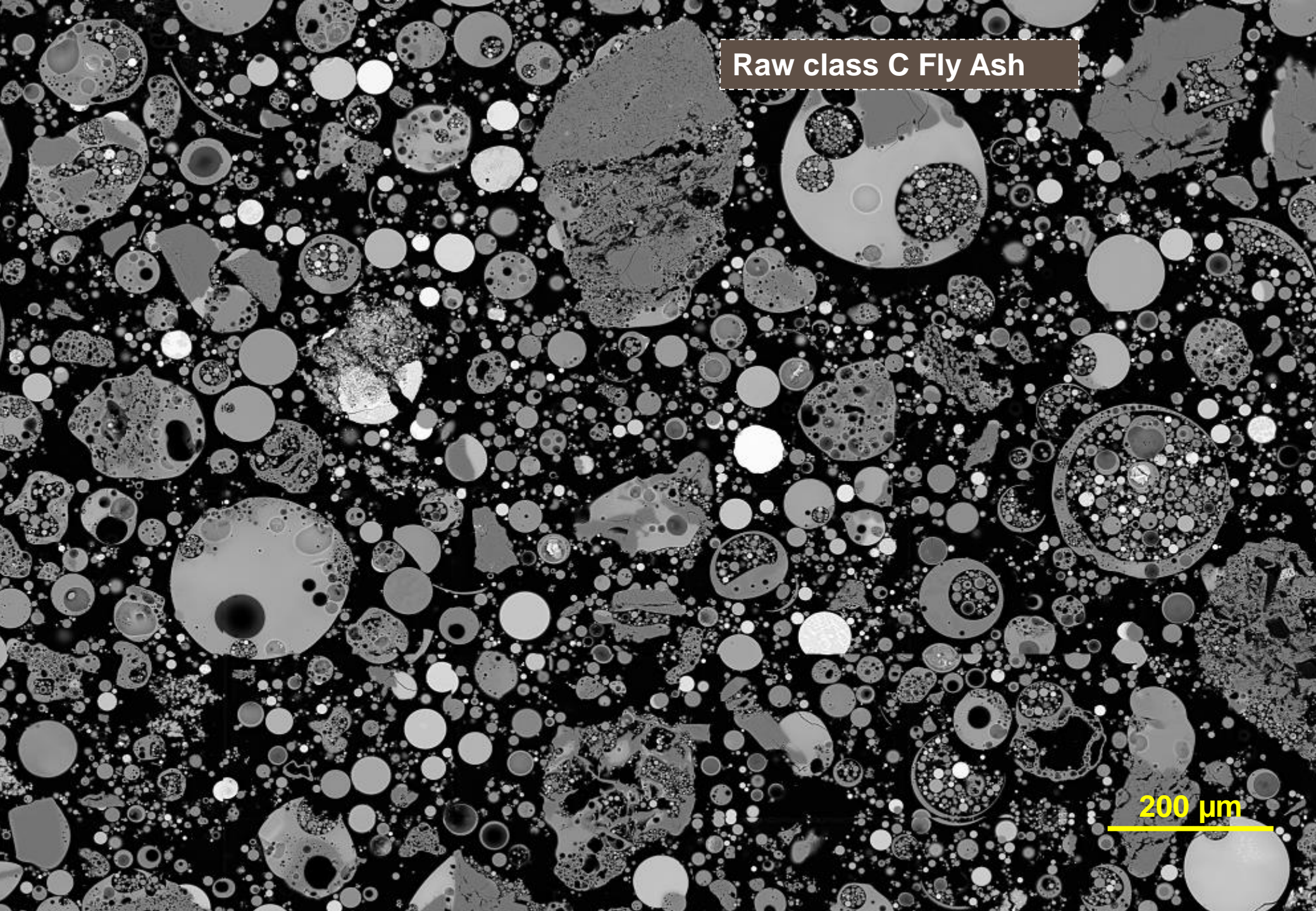


How to reduce OPC in concrete keeping durable prop. ?



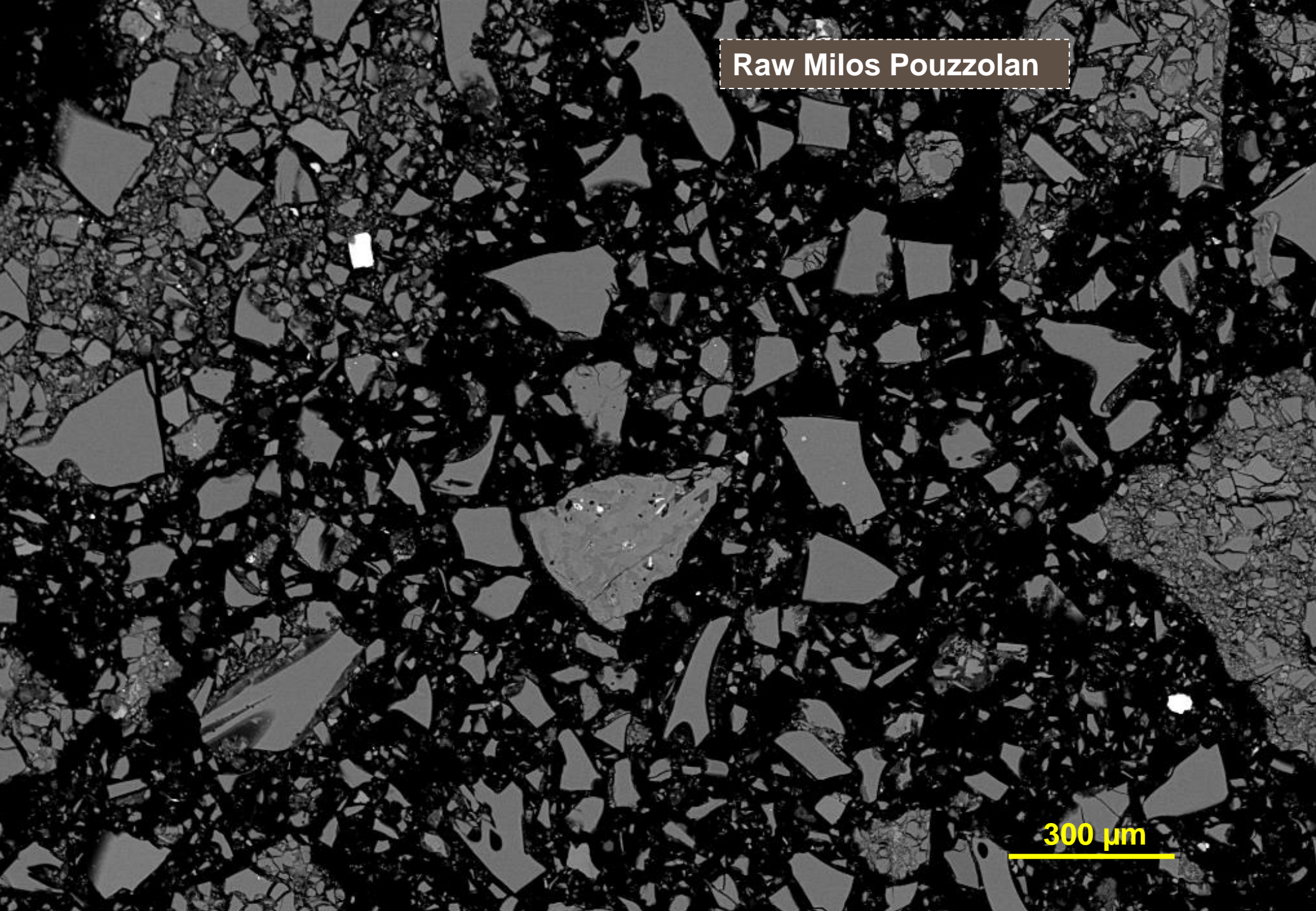
The successful use of SCMs requires that we master the formulation-microstructure-property link

Raw class C Fly Ash



200 μm

Raw Milos Pouzzolan



300 μm



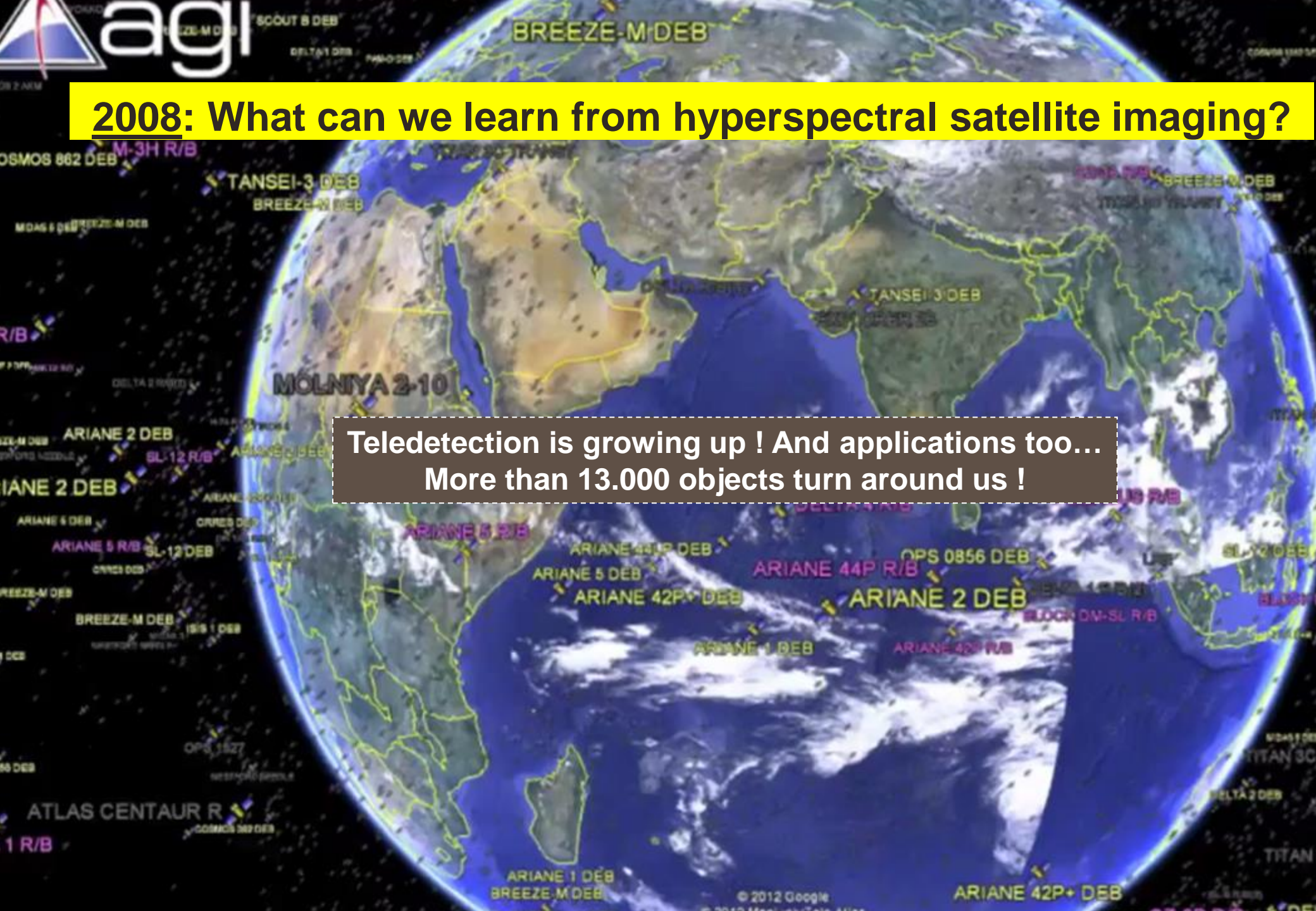
65OPC/25FA/10LF

**What we want is to measure
phase fraction of materials !**

100 μm

2008: What can we learn from hyperspectral satellite imaging?

Teledetection is growing up ! And applications too...
More than 13.000 objects turn around us !



What can we learn from hyperspectral satellite imaging?

Hyperspectral image of Univ Pavia, Italy



Each pixel is a vector containing a reflectance spectrum. (This is a lot of data!)

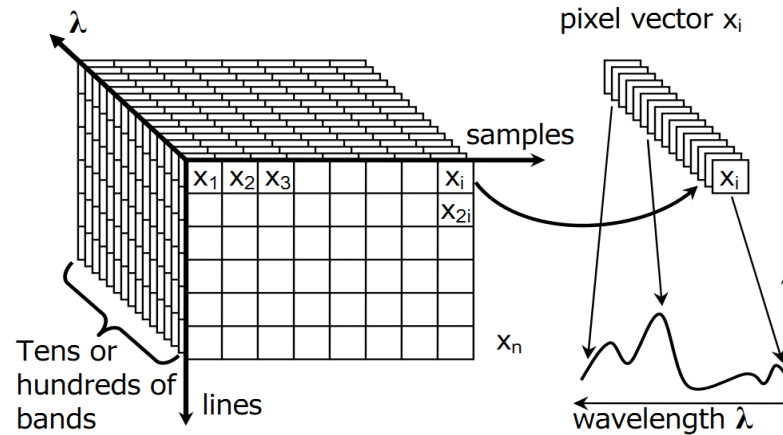
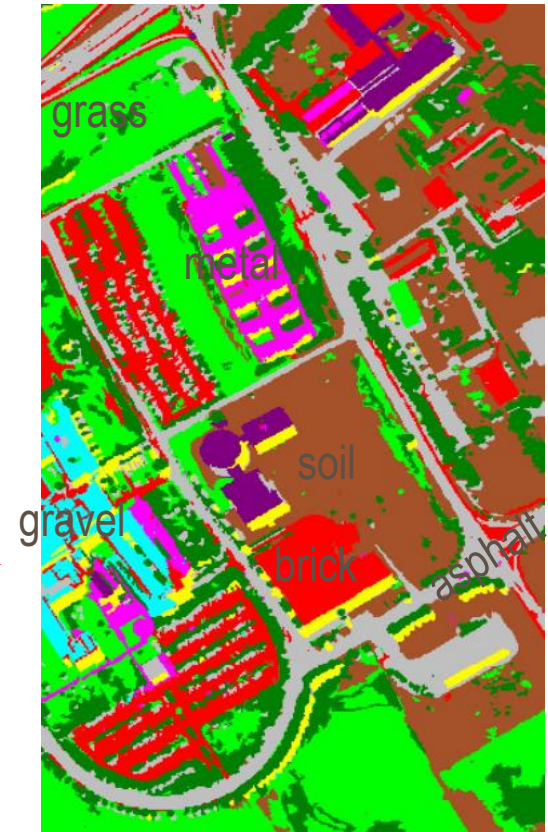
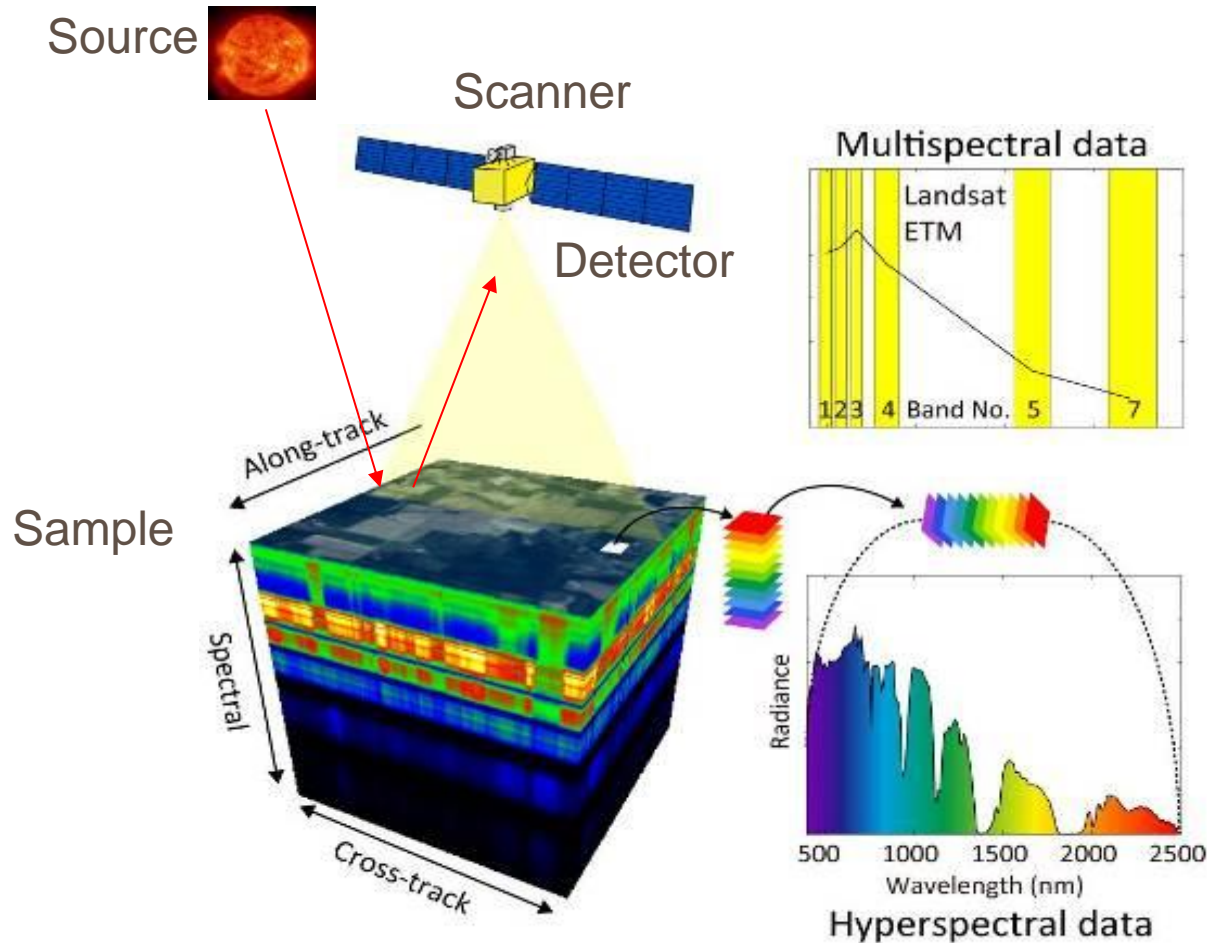


Image processing

Advanced algorithms use spectral + spatial info to classify objects



Could satellite imaging tools inspire us for Building Materials ?

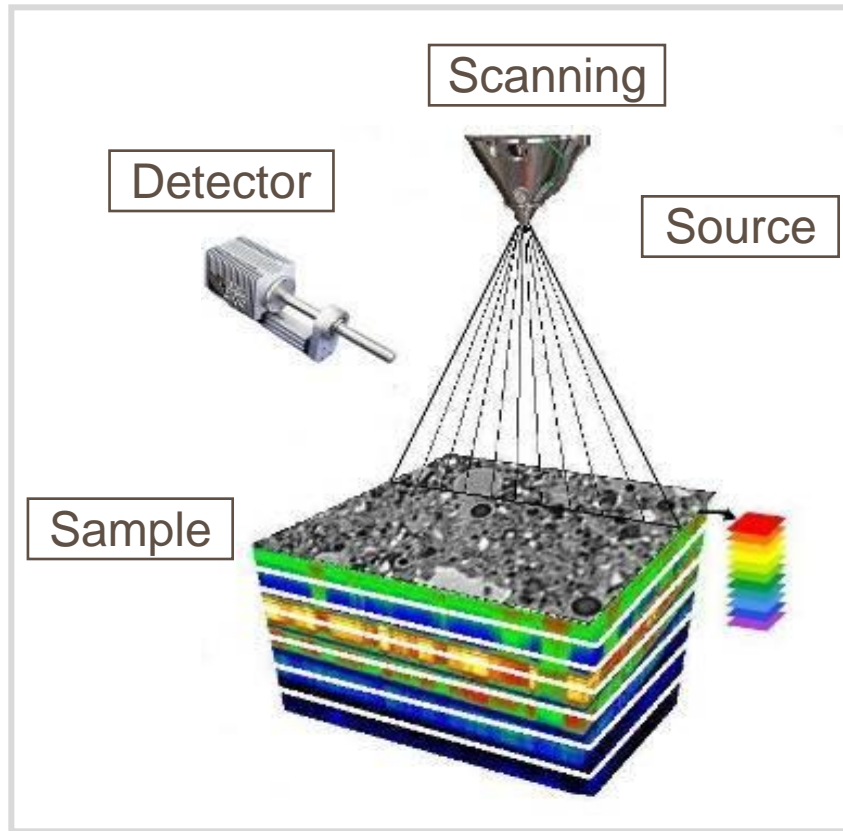


Think about this :

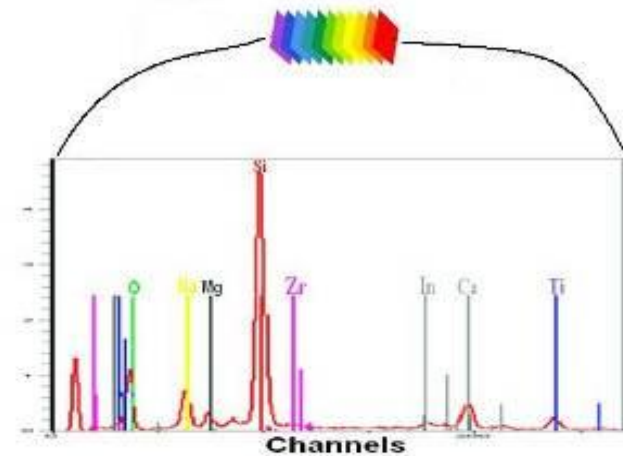
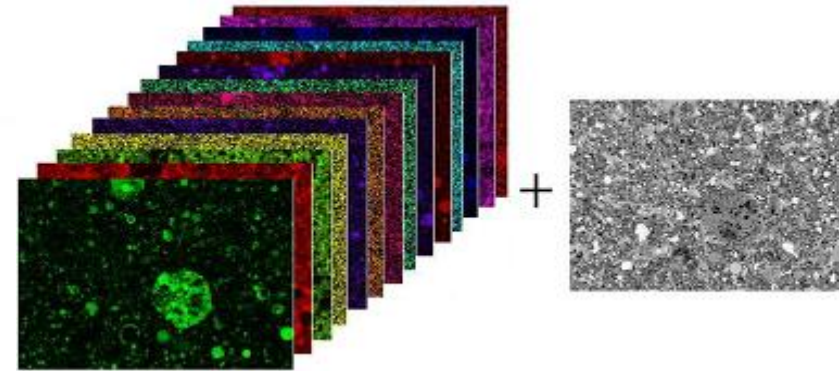
- → 3000 channels Int.+ (x,y) position
- ⇒ 3002 octets/pixel
- ⇒ 629.146 ko (614Mo) if 2000x2000 pixels for 1 image
- Suppose 1 pixel=5m resolution
- ⇒ 1 image = 100 km²
- Paris = 2845 km²
- ⇒ 30 images & 17 To of Data !
- USA = 10.000.000 km² = 6000 To

huge quantity of Data !

Multispectral means a selection of selected channels



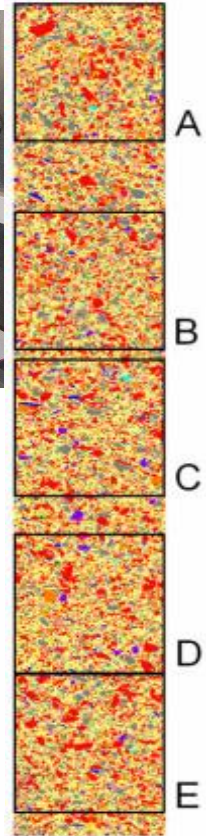
Scanning Electron Microscope



The more simplest way to do phase clustering

How to get phase Id. & clustering from our S.E.M. datasets ?

- By thresholding the grey-level histogram (*ImageJ®*, *FiJI®*)
 - *Observe your sample in optical microscope before SEM !*
- Full quantitative mappings
 - *If you have (lot of) time and don't need large analyzed area*
- Unsupervised classification (*K-Means*, *ME*, *Clara*, *deep learning*, etc...)
 - *Let's the computer decide for you !*
- By combining BSE image and a selected elemental map
 - *A 'mask' is used to cluster a specific signature*
- Supervised classification ← **The solution we've chosen**
 - *Welcome to the jungle ! Complex field of knowledge but it gives the best robustness !*



■	Quartz
■	Albite
■	Orthoclase
■	Dolomite
■	Calcite
■	Siderite
■	I/S matrix
■	Pyrite
■	Rutile
■	Ilmenite
■	Chamosite
■	Fluorite
■	Apatite
■	Muscovite
■	Glaucinite
■	Kaolinite

Some free and commercial tools (non exhaustive)

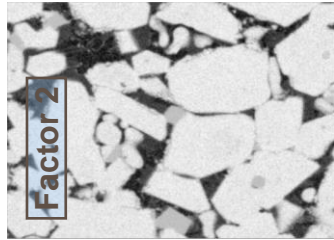
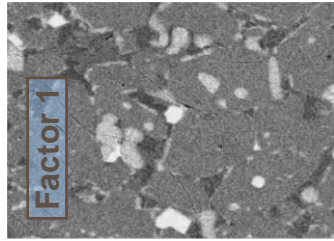
- ImageJ® / FiJi® - 'Weka'
- Multispec®
- And all others clustering Algo in the internet
 - Python
 - Matlab, etc...

free

- Phase Cluster Analysis including in EDS soft.
- ENVIE® free soft.
- 'Royce Rolls' = M.L.A.® (*Mineral Liberation Analysis*)

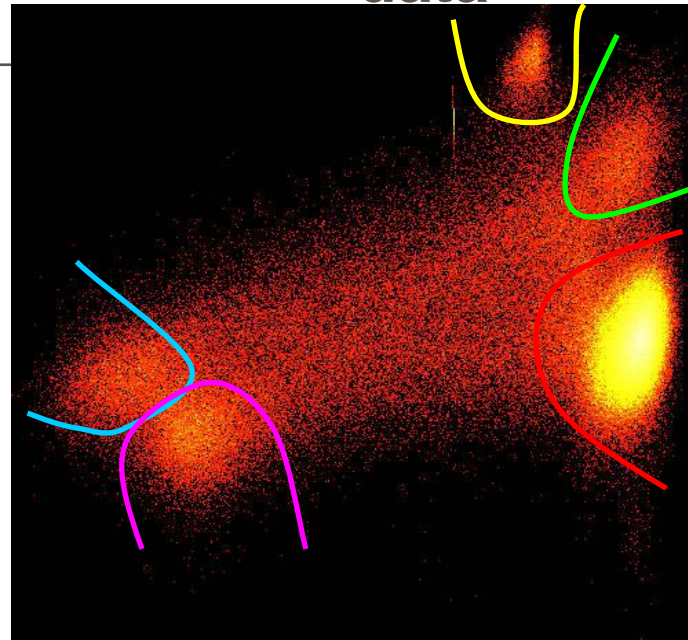
commercial

Starting 2009: Let's apply PCA ('easily') with SEM clinker data

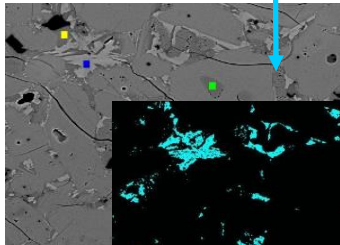
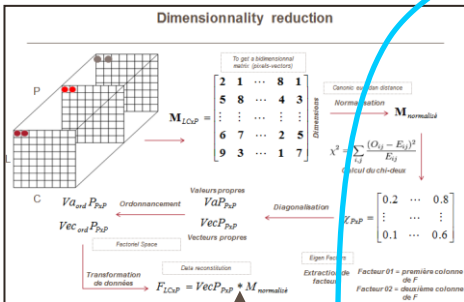


Scatterplot

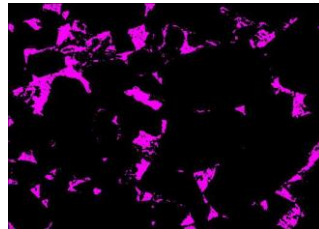
Factor 2



Factor 1



Clinker BSE + Mappings + Training points



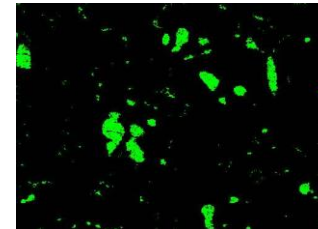
C4AF



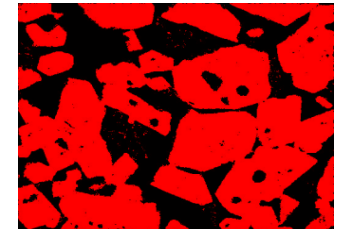
C3A



MgO

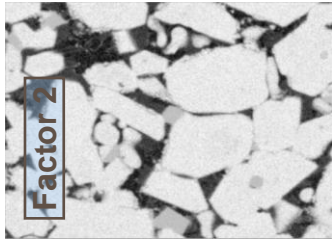
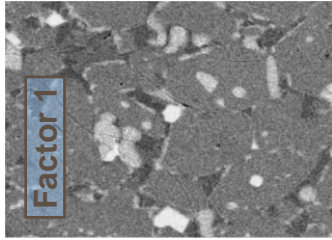


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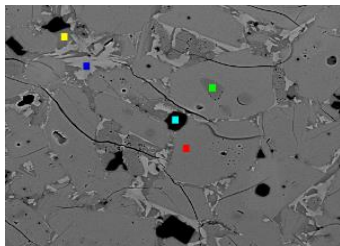
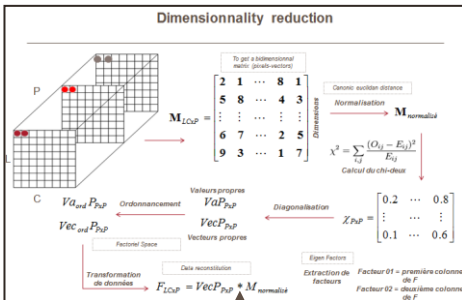
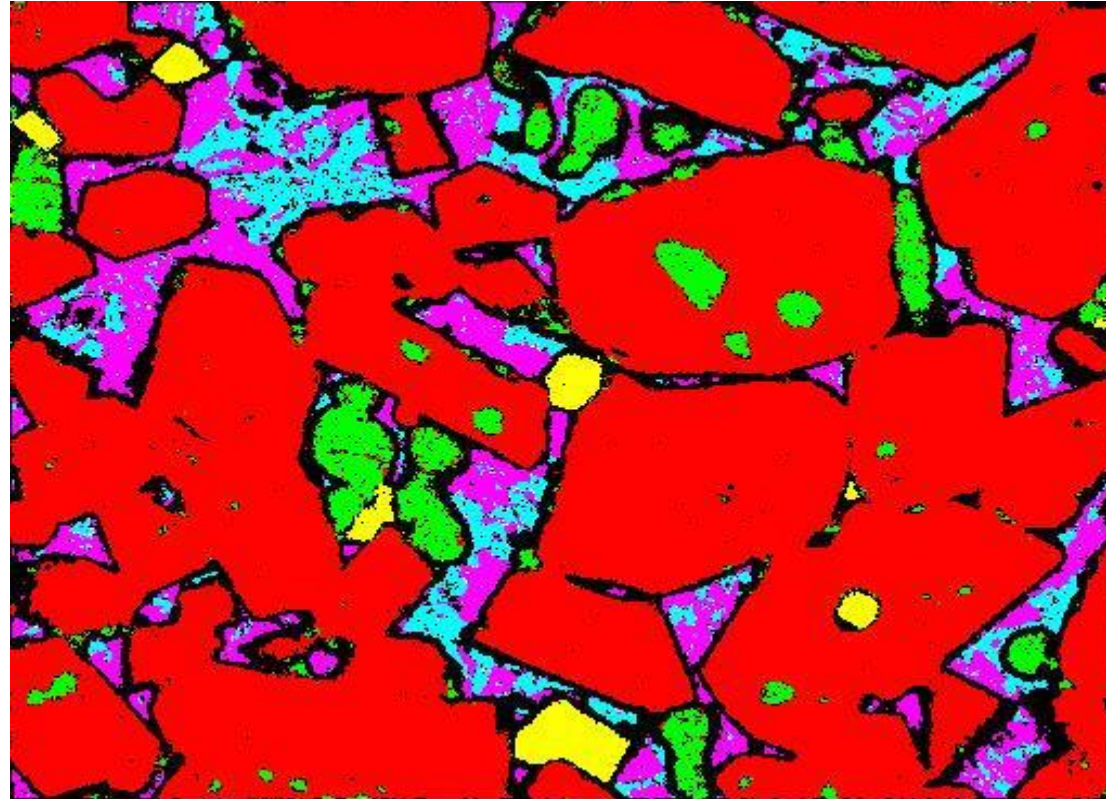


Alite

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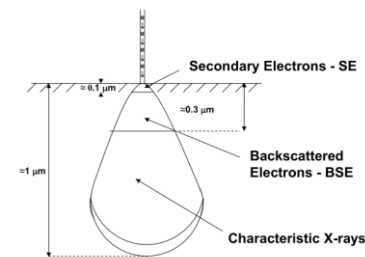
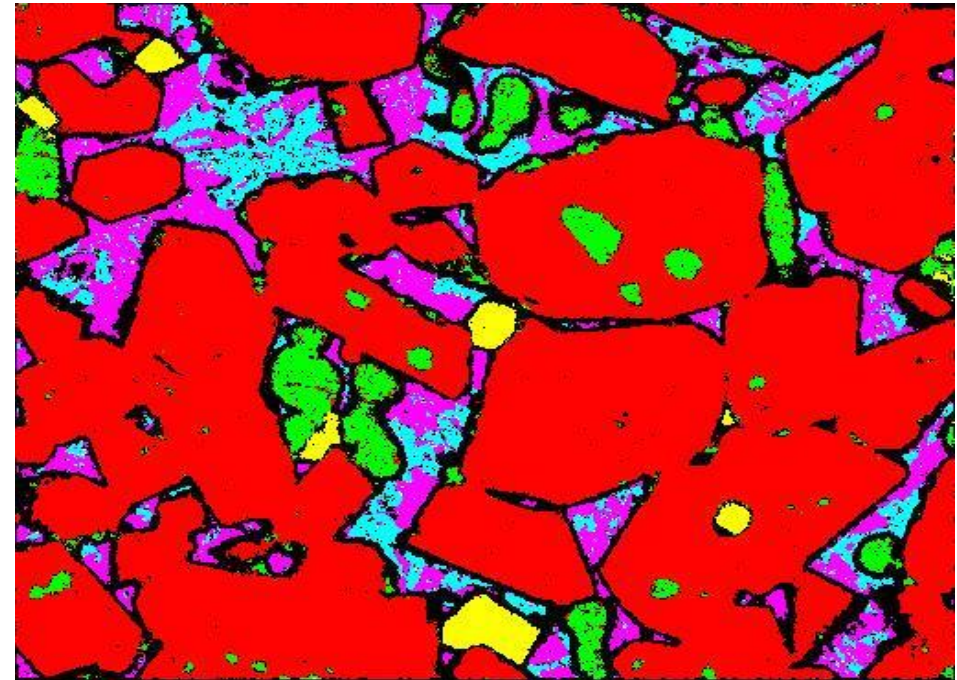
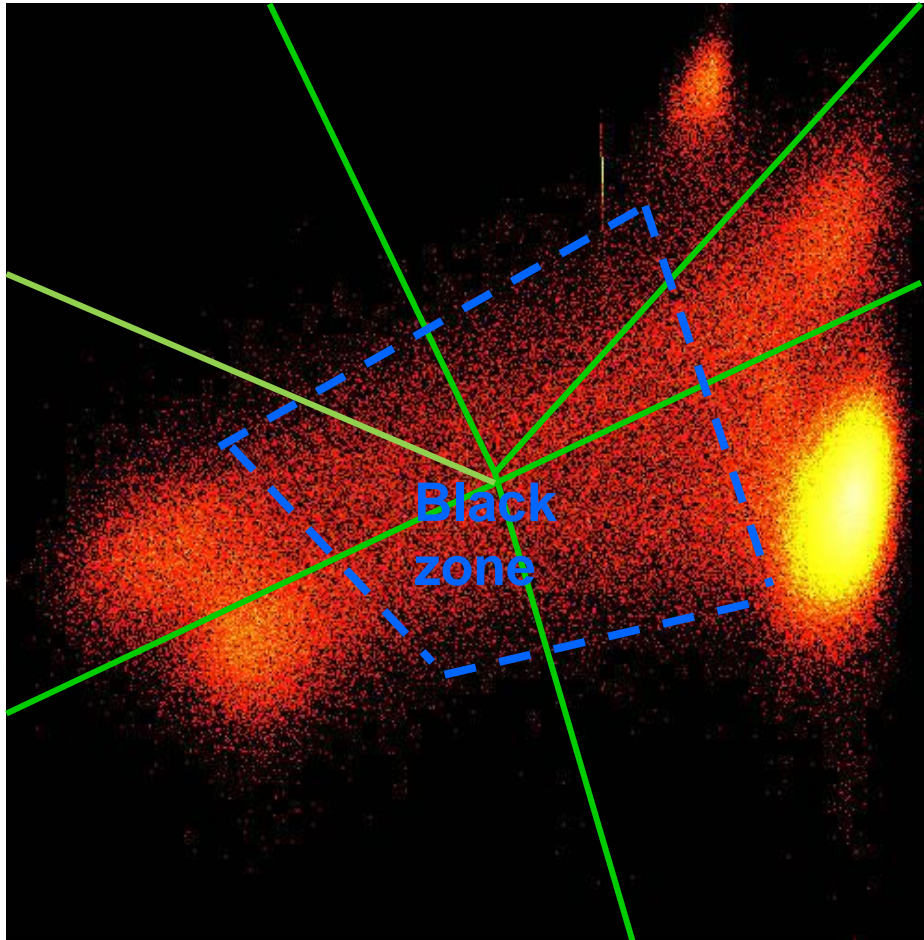


Scatterplot



Clinker BSE + Mappings + Training points

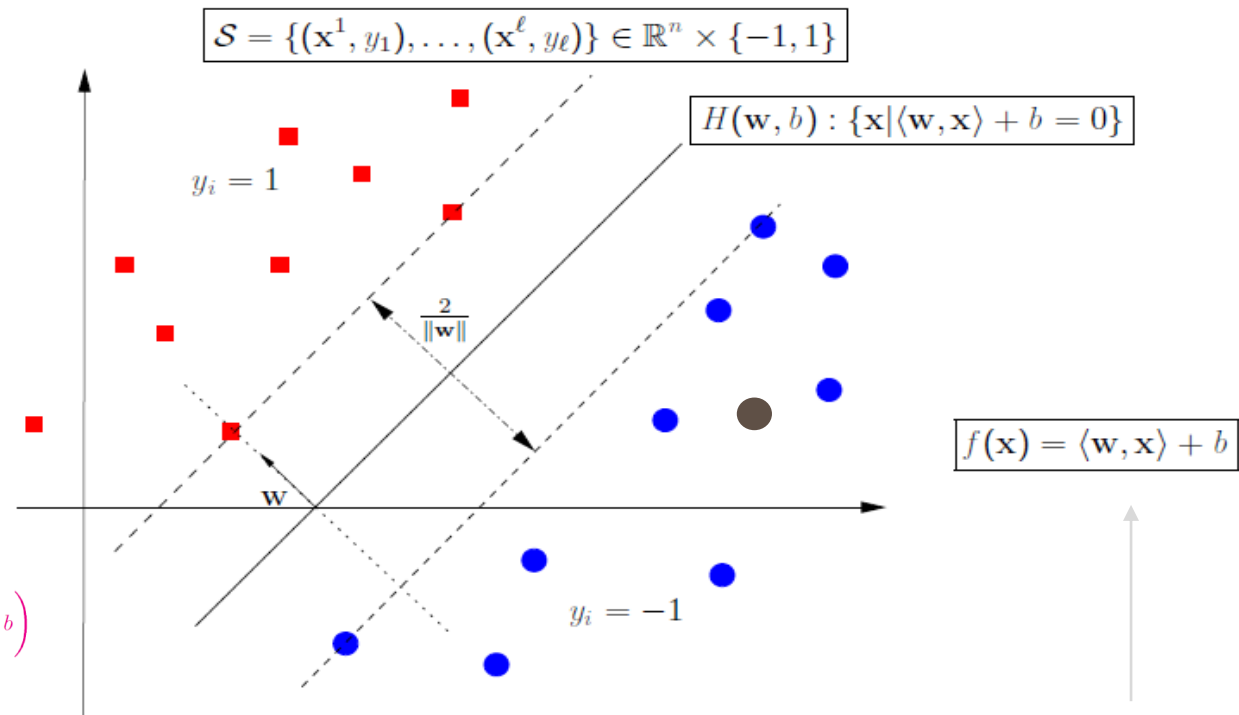
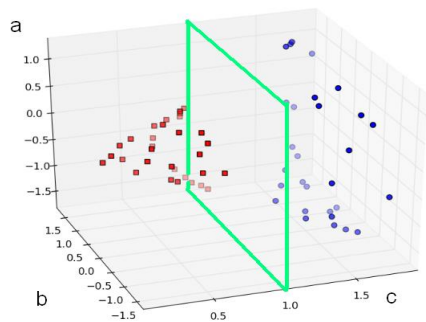
What happened near the interface of phases ?



Choosing a classifier: Support Vector Machines (SVM) as a tool to transform hyper-multispectral data into linearly separated set of pixels

Optimal separating hyperplane [Vapnik-98]:

- Minimize training errors over \mathcal{S}
- Maximize the margin \iff minimize $\|\mathbf{w}\|^2$



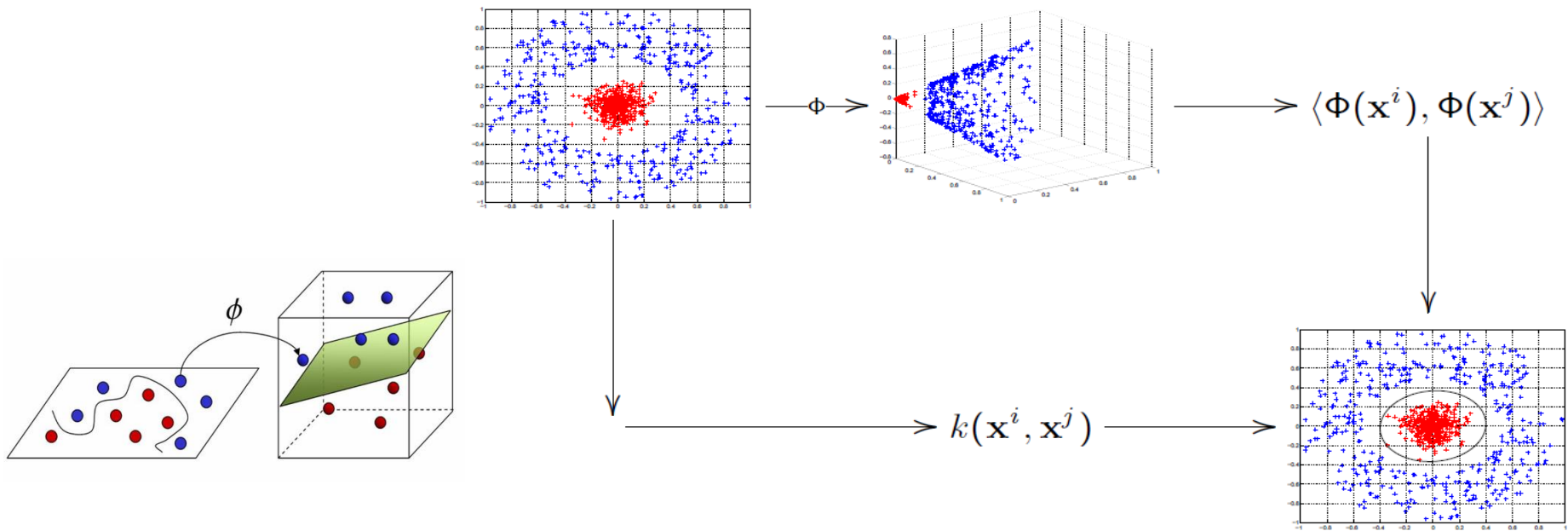
Decision: $g(\mathbf{x}) = \text{sgn}(f(\mathbf{x})) = \text{sgn}\left(\sum_{i=1}^{\ell} \alpha_i y_i \langle \mathbf{x}^i, \mathbf{x} \rangle + b\right)$

No need to know dimension of working space !

Kernel methods: Use kernel function k (positive semi-definite)

$$k(\mathbf{x}^i, \mathbf{x}^j) = \langle \Phi(\mathbf{x}^i), \Phi(\mathbf{x}^j) \rangle_{\mathcal{H}}$$

Fauvel et al. *, 2007



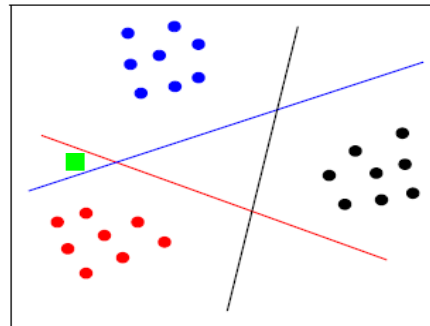
Some kernels:

- Polynomial kernel: $k(\mathbf{x}^i, \mathbf{x}^j) = (\langle \mathbf{x}^i, \mathbf{x}^j \rangle + q)^p$
- Gaussian kernel: $k(\mathbf{x}^i, \mathbf{x}^j) = \exp\left(-\frac{\|\mathbf{x}^i - \mathbf{x}^j\|^2}{\gamma^2}\right)$

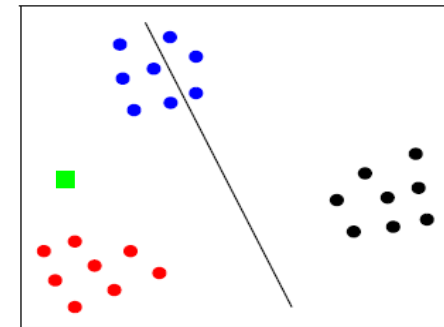
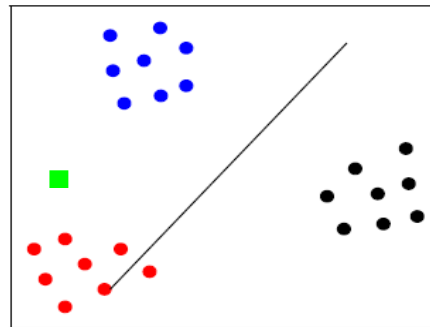
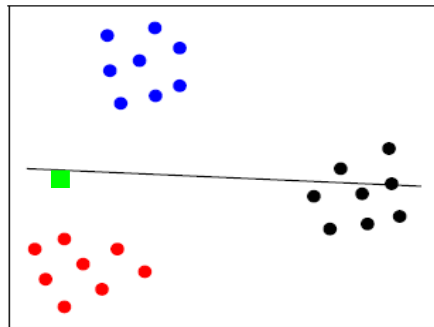
How to separate data in a multiclass problem ?

Multiclass problem: m classes

- 1 One versus All: m binary classifiers

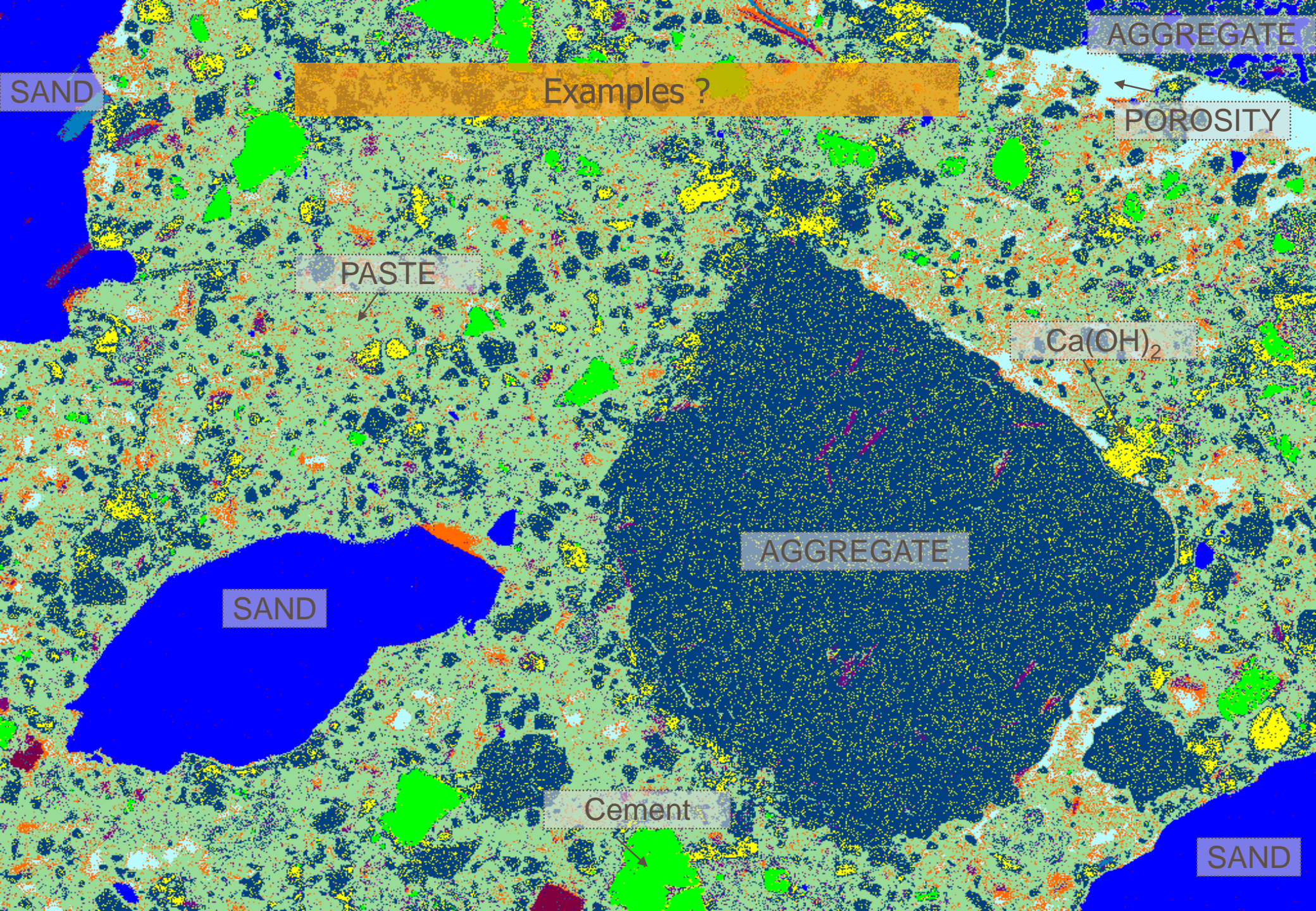


- 2 One versus One: $m(m-1)/2$ classifiers



Let's have a look on 'Clustering' applied to building materials

- **1994:** D.P. Bentz & P Stutzman (NIST) combined BSE & X-Ray maps for cement Quant.
- **1997:** Bonnet et al. (Mines Nancy) used PCA as a tool for clustering (rocks)
- **2003:** D.P. Bentz & P Stutzman (NIST) introduced pixel-wise classification
 - Using EDS quantitative maps, applied on clinkers & OPC
- **2003:** Pret et al. (Univ. Poitiers) used WDS quanti mappings for clustering
- **2009:** Kocaba et al. (EPFL) used Mg mapping to measure HD of slag
- **2010:** Ben Haha et al. found a grey level way to quantity fly ashes
- **2010:** Chancey et al. (Austin) used Maps & Multispec® to quantify phases in Anh-FA
- **2013:** Meulenyzer et al. (Lafarge) introduced supervised classification using non quanti mappings of blended pastes
- **2015:** Durdinsky et al. (EPFL) used EDX quantitative maps as input for clustering
- **2015:** Munch et al. (EMPA) combined supervised classification and quanti EDS



AGGREGATE

SAND

Examples ?

POROSITY

PASTE

Ca(OH)₂

AGGREGATE

SAND

Cement

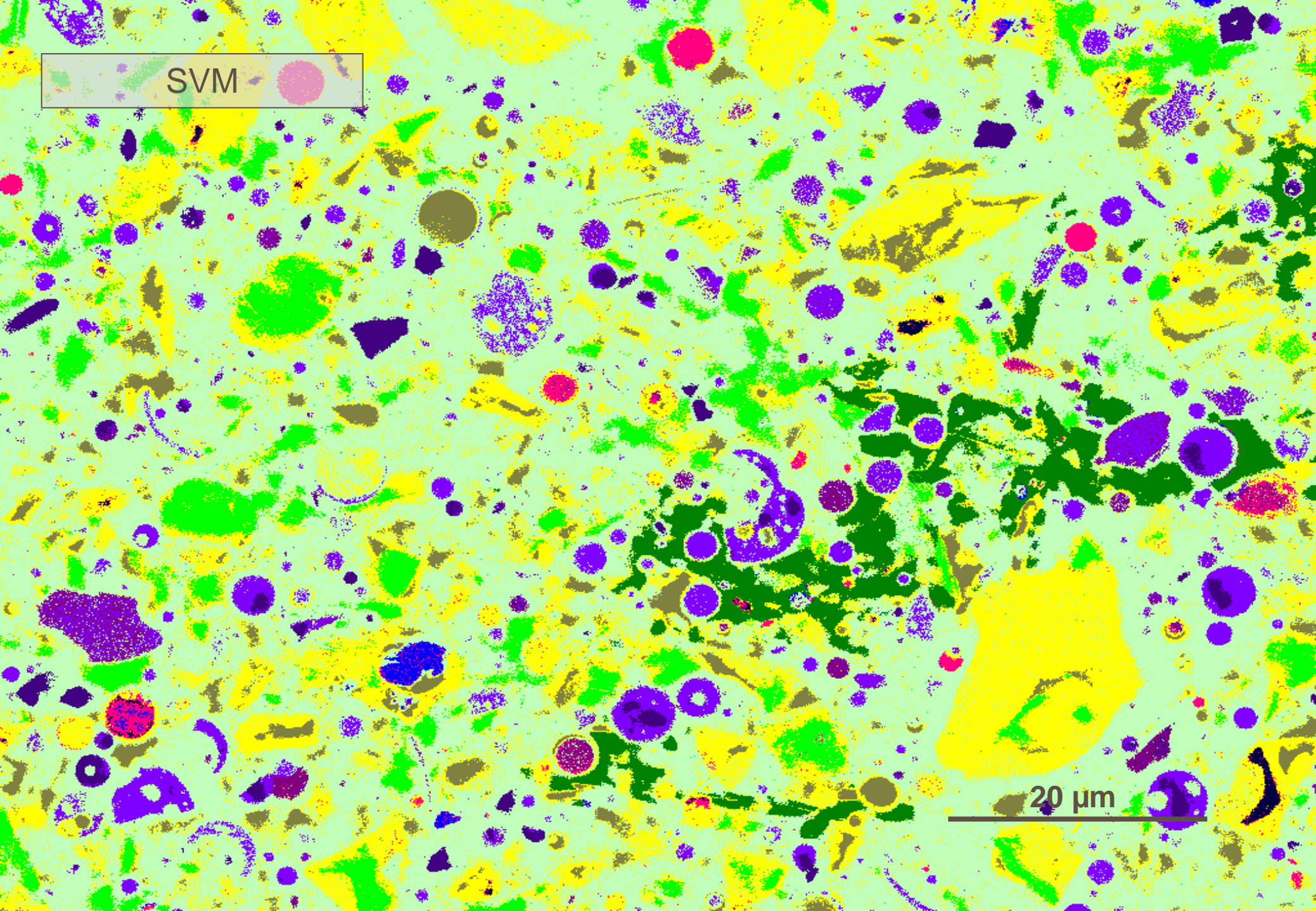
SAND

- 
- *Total Image size = 7680 pixels x 8192 pixels*
 - *Total pixels of image = 81.000.000 pixels*
 - *Total Acquisition time with SDD detector = 40 hours*
 - *Total time Time for image analysis = 20 hours*

SVM + MRF

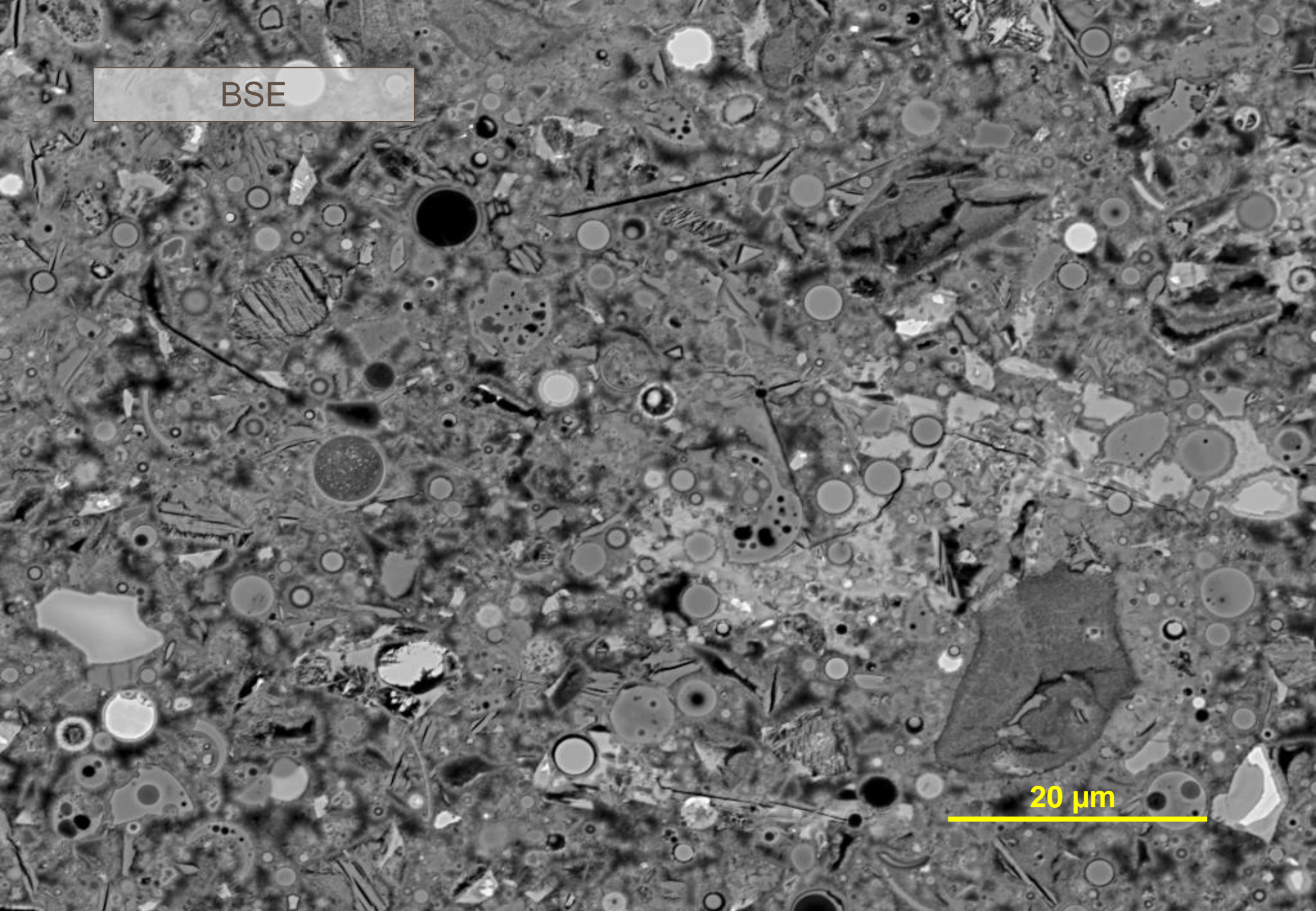
SVM

20 μm



BSE

20 μm



Filtering & spatiality: Need to get info from spatial domain

Boggle effect

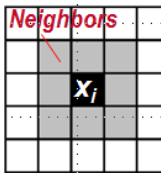


NOISE management:

- Before classification
- After classification

Markov Random Field:

- ‘Recuit simulé’ based
- Reassess classification by taking into account class probabilities of pixel x_i and of its neighbors.
- Spatial energy minimisation



$$U_{spatial}^E(\mathbf{x}_i) = \sum_{\mathbf{x}_j \in \mathbf{N}_j} \beta \varepsilon(\mathbf{x}_j) (1 - \delta(L_i, L_j)).$$

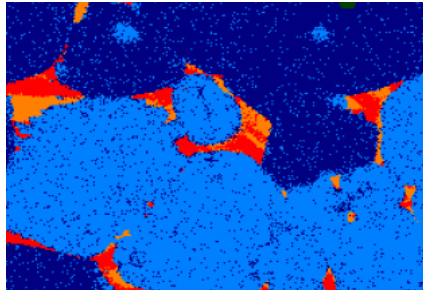
BM3D [9]:

Estimation of noise variance using Median Absolute Deviation (MAD) [10]

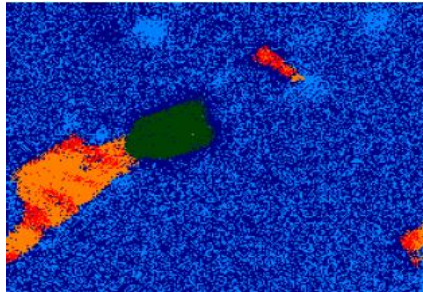
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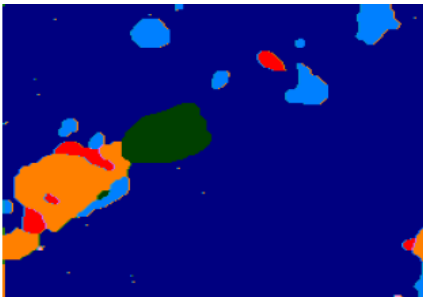
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Clinker with alite / belite

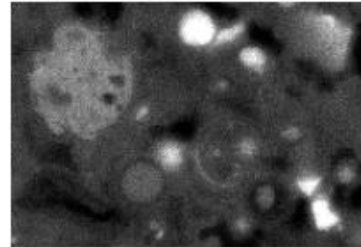


Clinker with alite (SVM)

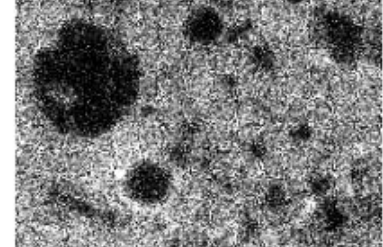


Clinker with alite (SVM + MRF)

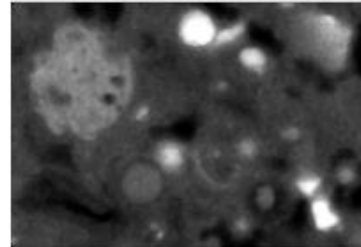
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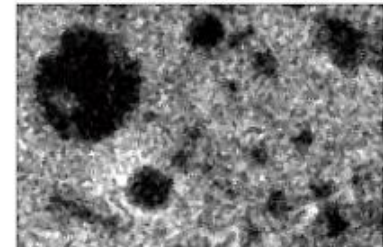
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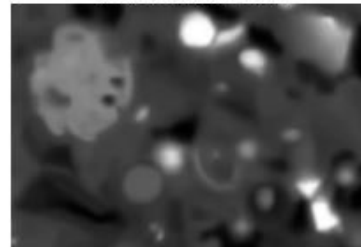
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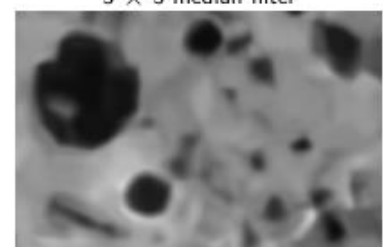
3 × 3 median filter



3 × 3 median filter



BM3D

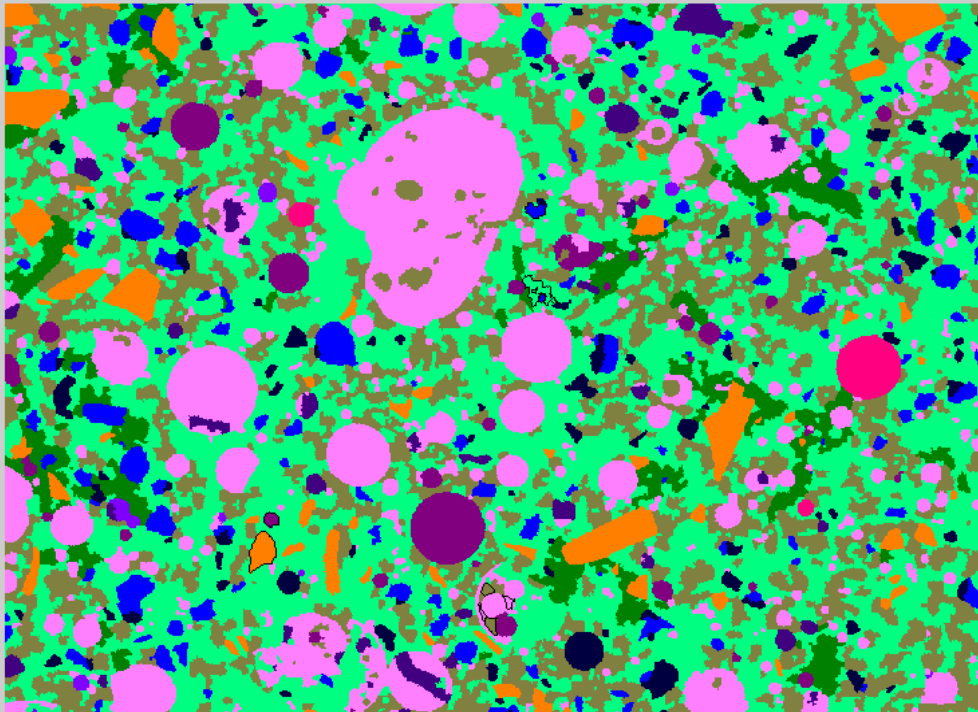
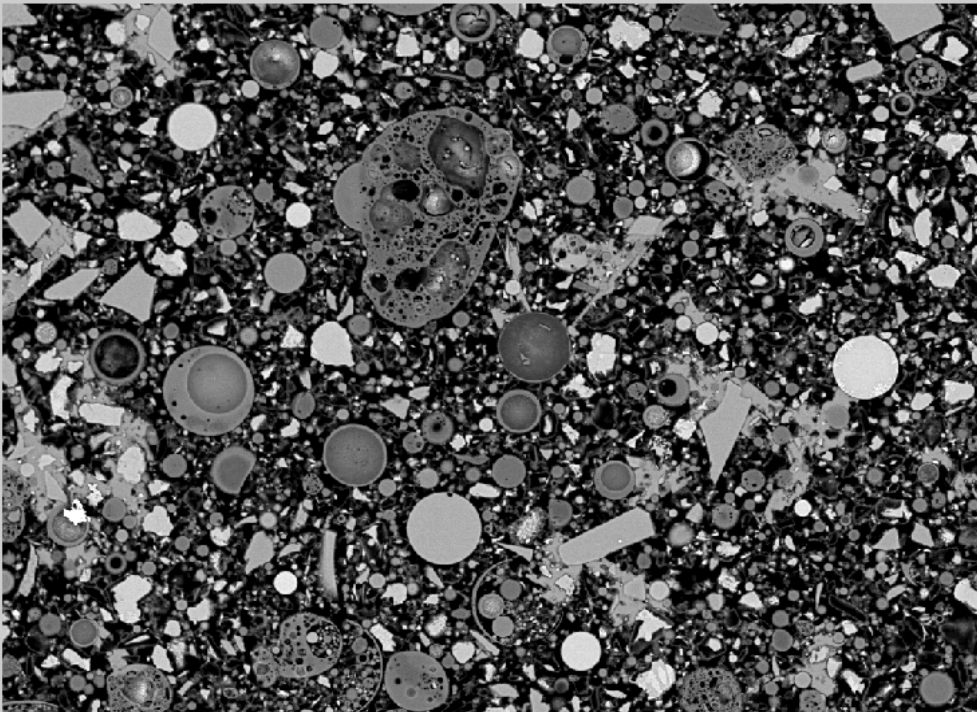


BM3D

Figure 2: Interactive classification

File Edit View Insert Tools Desktop Window Help

Click somewhere on the classification to display the selected region on both images



INTERFACE

- (1) Anhydres: 3.6869
- (2) Aluminoferrites: 1.789
- (3) Laitier: 3.4682
- (4) portlandite: 4.1351
- (5) hydratesreste: 42.7413
- (6) quartz: 1.3861
- (7) cvgrisfonce: 0.73229
- (8) cvgrisclair: 2.099
- (9) cvblanche: 0.70674
- (10) cvporeuse: 17.6478
- (11) porosité: 21.6076

Video Band
RGB Composition
Segmentation Map
Training Image
Original Classification
Original SVM classification
Video Band

Enter the desired class for the region, then press enter

0

Add last choice to training set

Percentage of the regions integrated to the training:

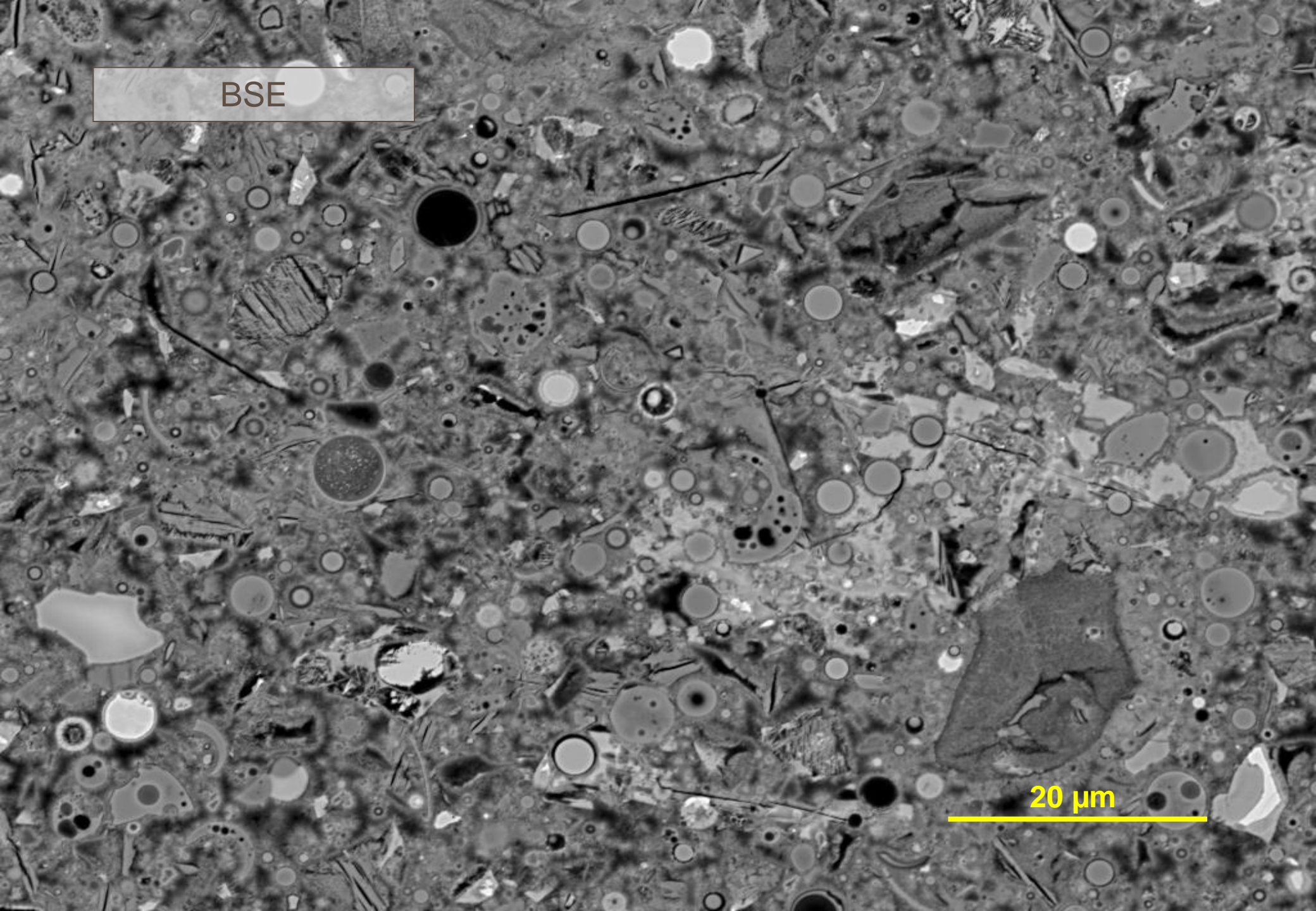
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Generate a new classification map

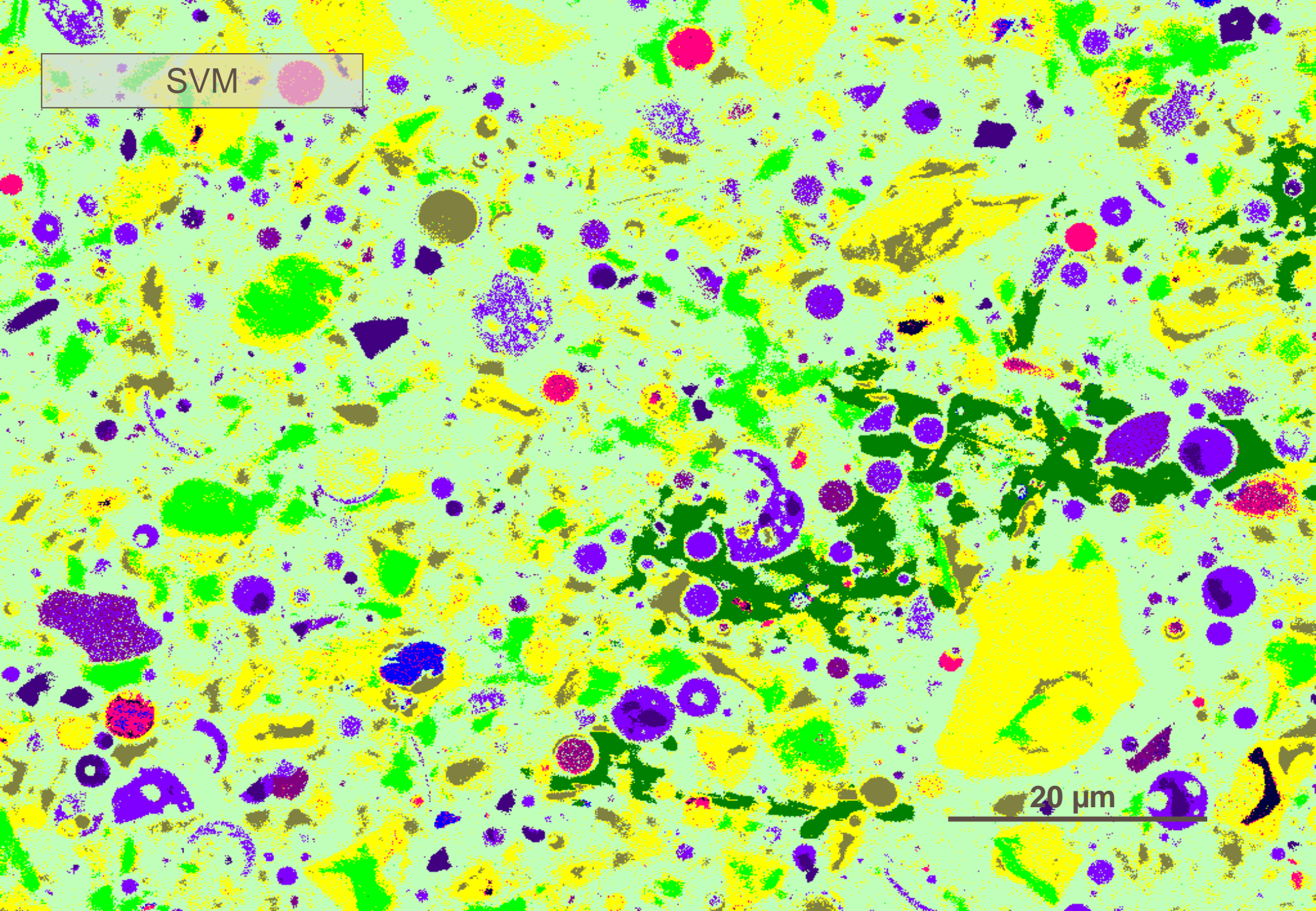
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BSE

20 μm

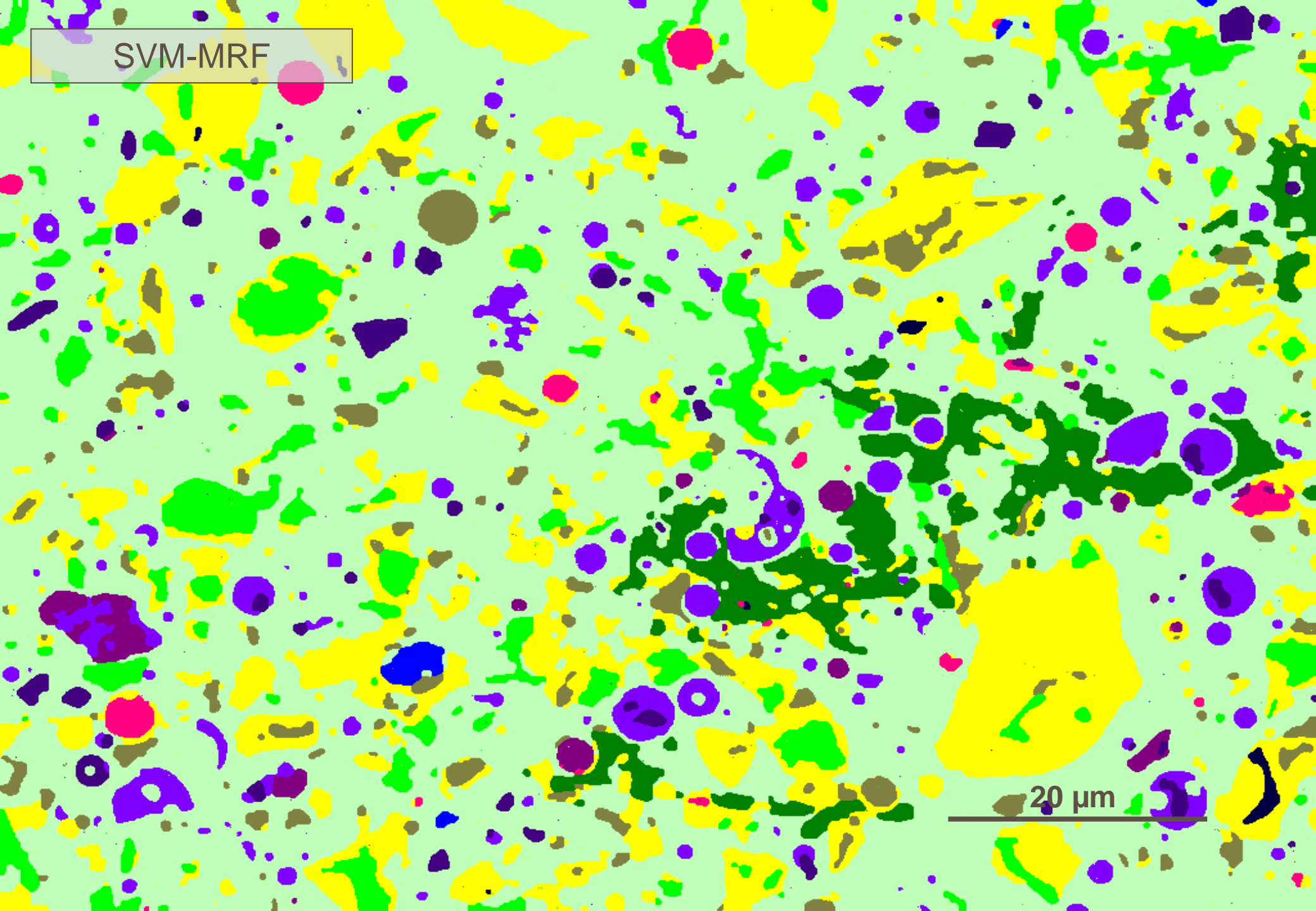


SVM



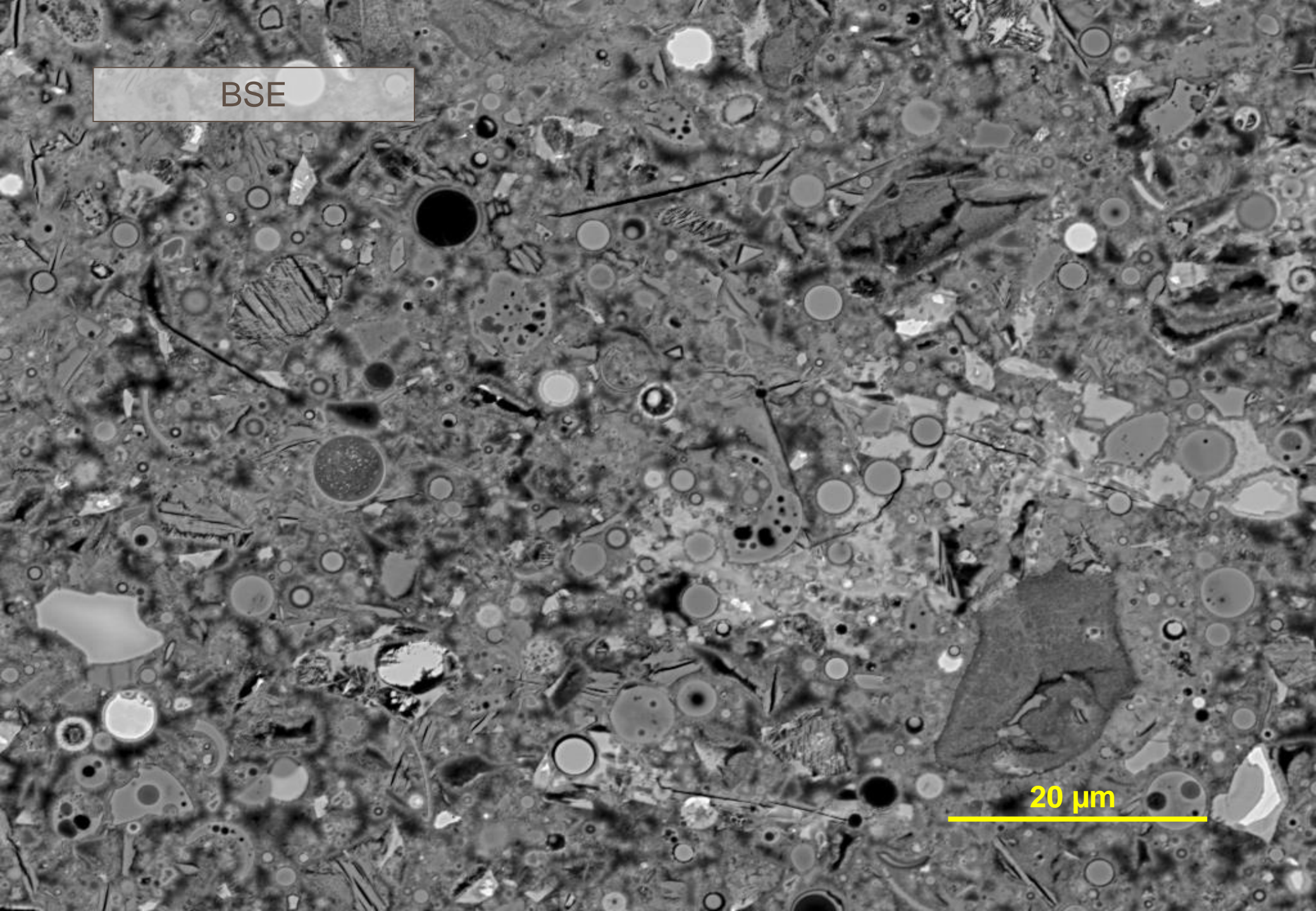
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SVM-MRF

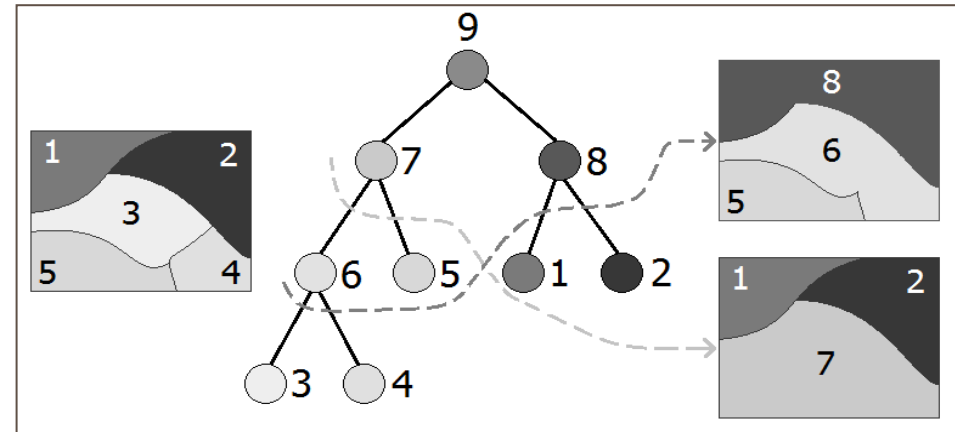
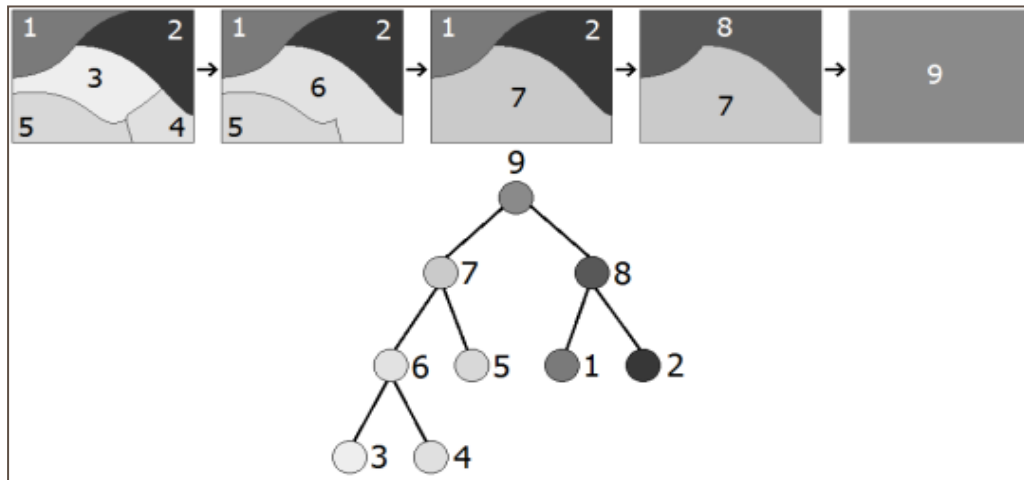
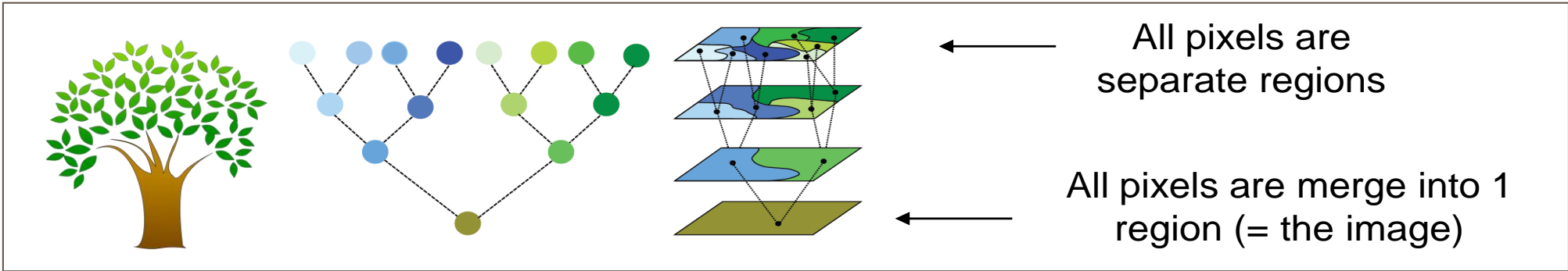


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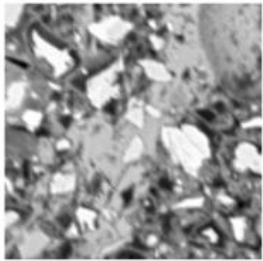
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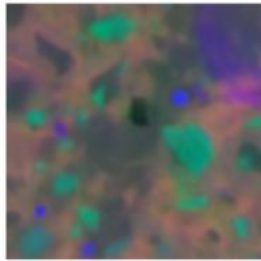
Supervision of the supervision: Binary of Partition Tree



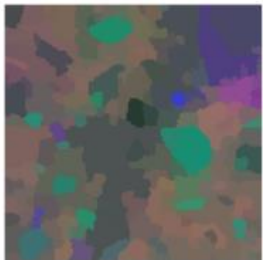
BPT with our eyes



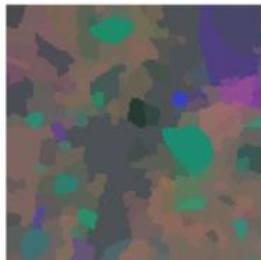
(a) Video band.



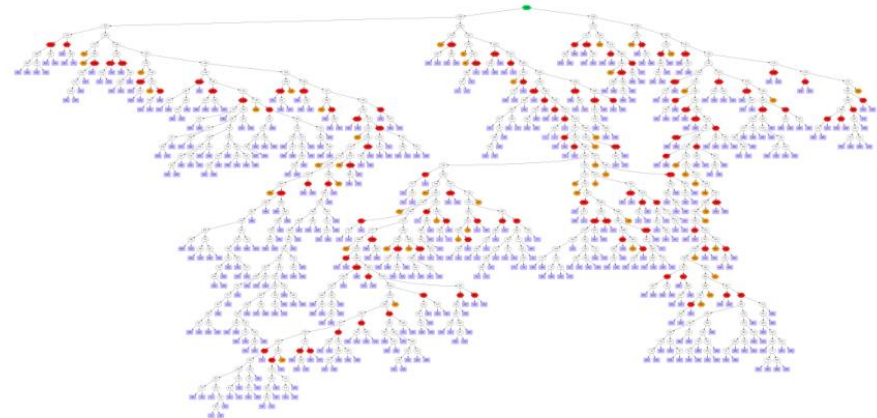
(b) RGB composition (first three bands of a PCA on the denoised data).



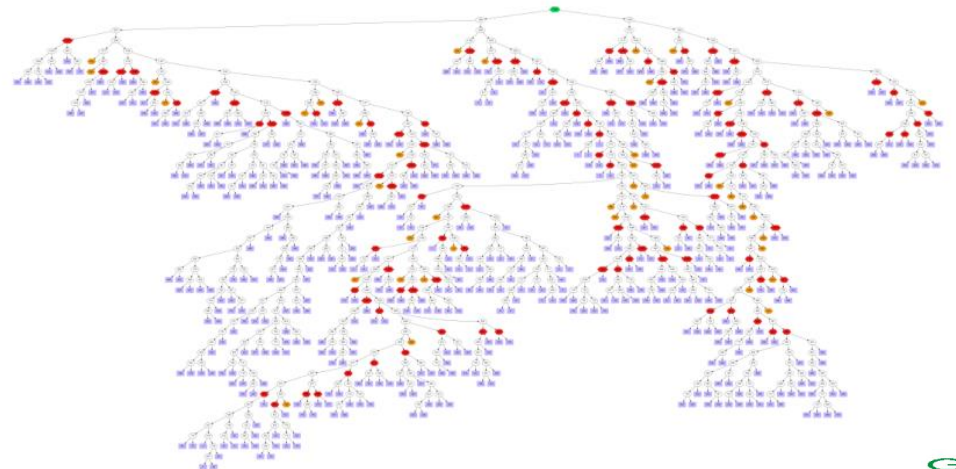
(c) Automatic segmentation with our method (threshold on SAM: 0.2 rad, threshold on size: 10 pixels).



(d) Correction of the automatic segmentation with the interface.

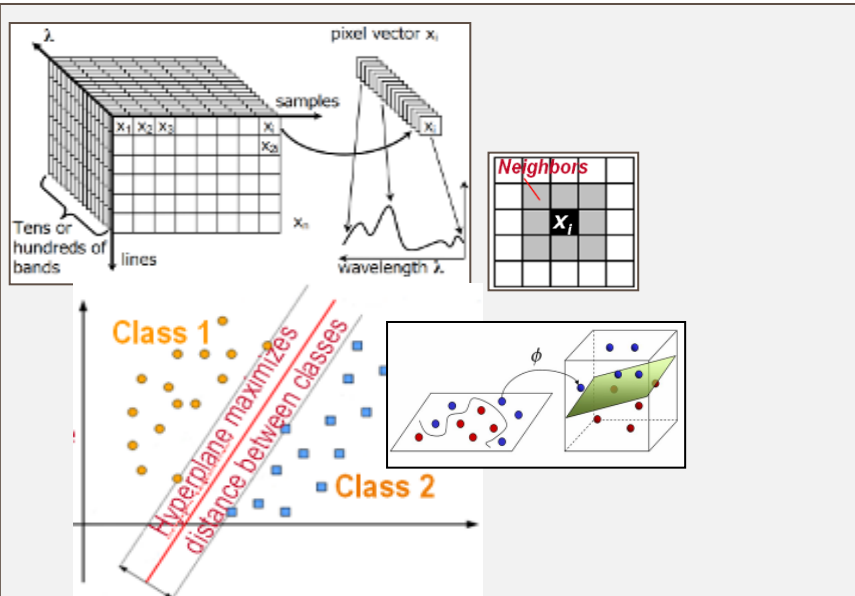


(a) BPT corresponding to the automatic segmentation

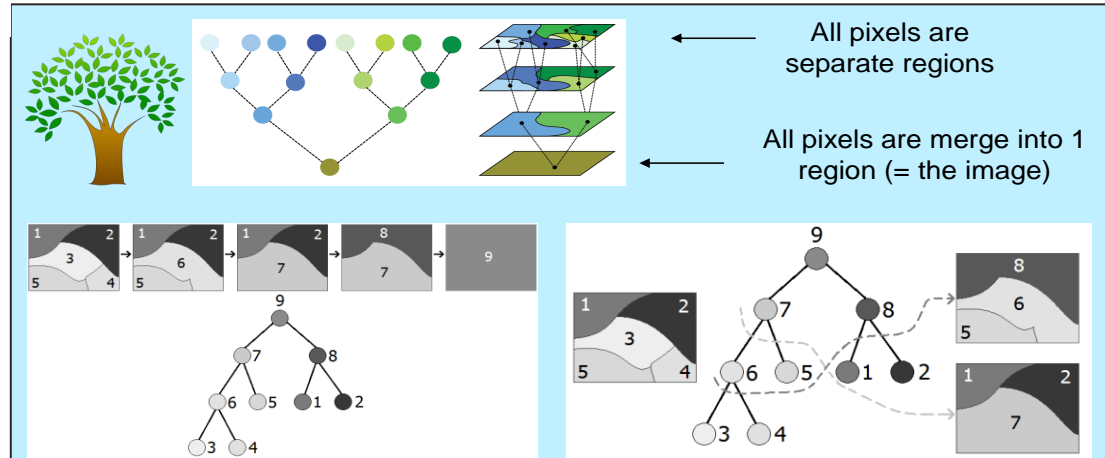


(b) BPT corresponding to the corrected segmentation

Supervised classification: a classifier, a filtering process and an idea to improve final results

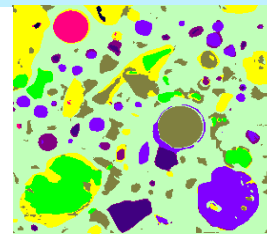


- **Multispect. image (= BSE+X-Ray Maps) is dimensionally reduced**
- **Expert assign some of chosen pixel to a known class → SVM is performing on training data set (= a class has now a specified signature)**
- **SVM is performed on the entire dataset → each new unknown pixel is assigned to a class according its probability of belonging**
- **A filter is applied in order to get more spatiality in images (alone pixels)**
- **Final result is the classified image : all classes are now separated**

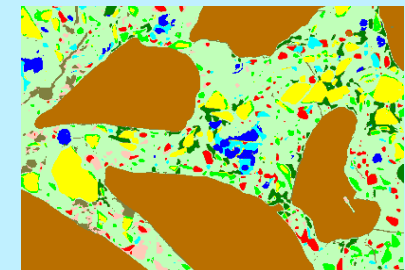


- **BPTs are a region-based hierarchical representation of an image [Salembier & Garrido, 2000]**
- **A BPT is built using denoised data using initial SVM partition**
- **An user can interact with classification using pruning process keeping only certain nodes of the tree. A new class can e.g. be created. Then the modified training set provide new classified image**

- Alite
- Belite
- Portlandite
- Hydrates
- Sulfo Aluminates
- Inners
- Quartz
- Dark gray fly ashes
- Light gray fly ashes
- White fly ashes
- Porosity



10µm

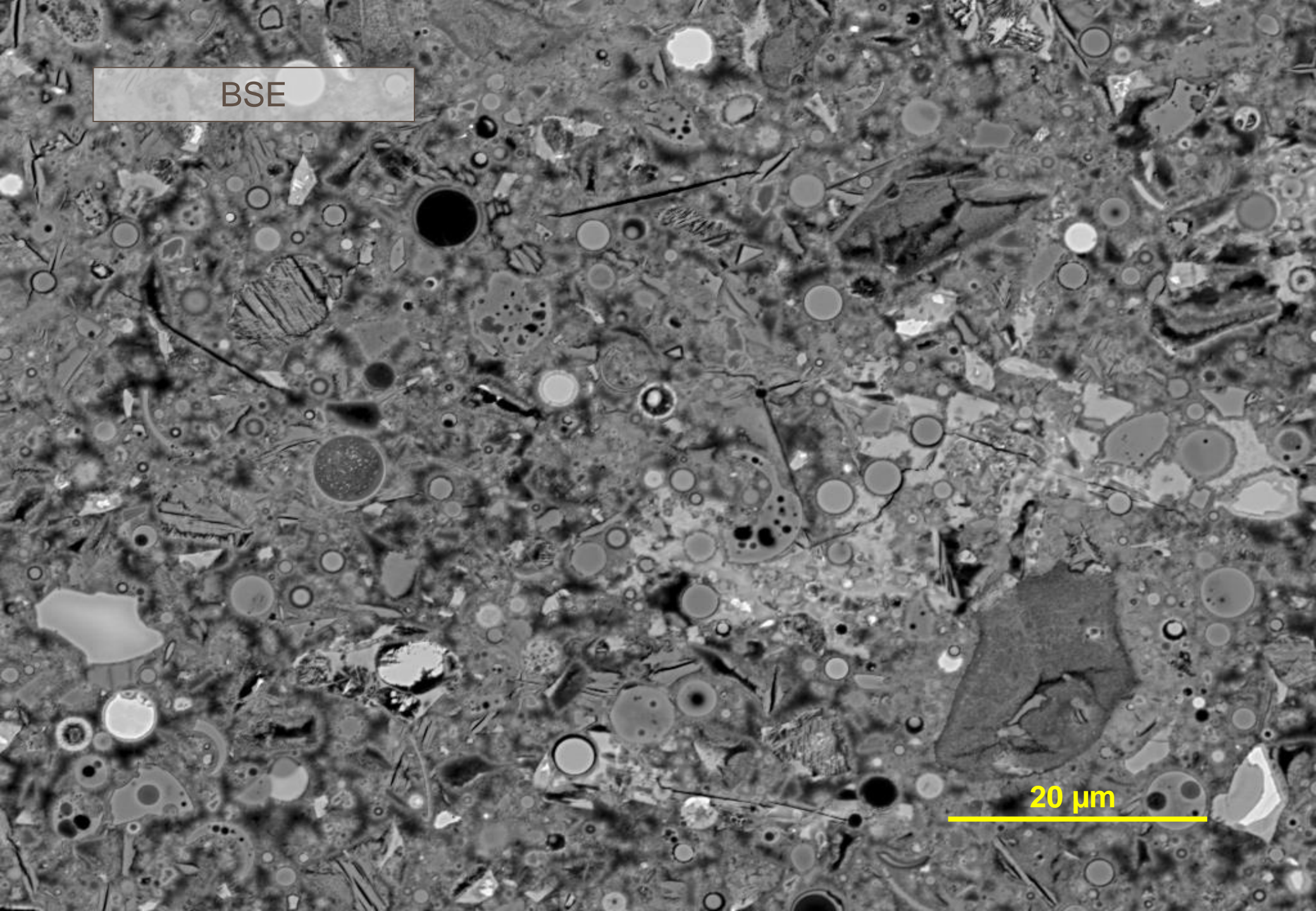


- Anh. Cem.
- Anh. Aluminates
- Ca(OH)₂
- Hydrates
- Hydroxalclite
- Slag
- Sand Agg.
- Gypsum
- TSA pocket
- MSA pocket
- Porosity

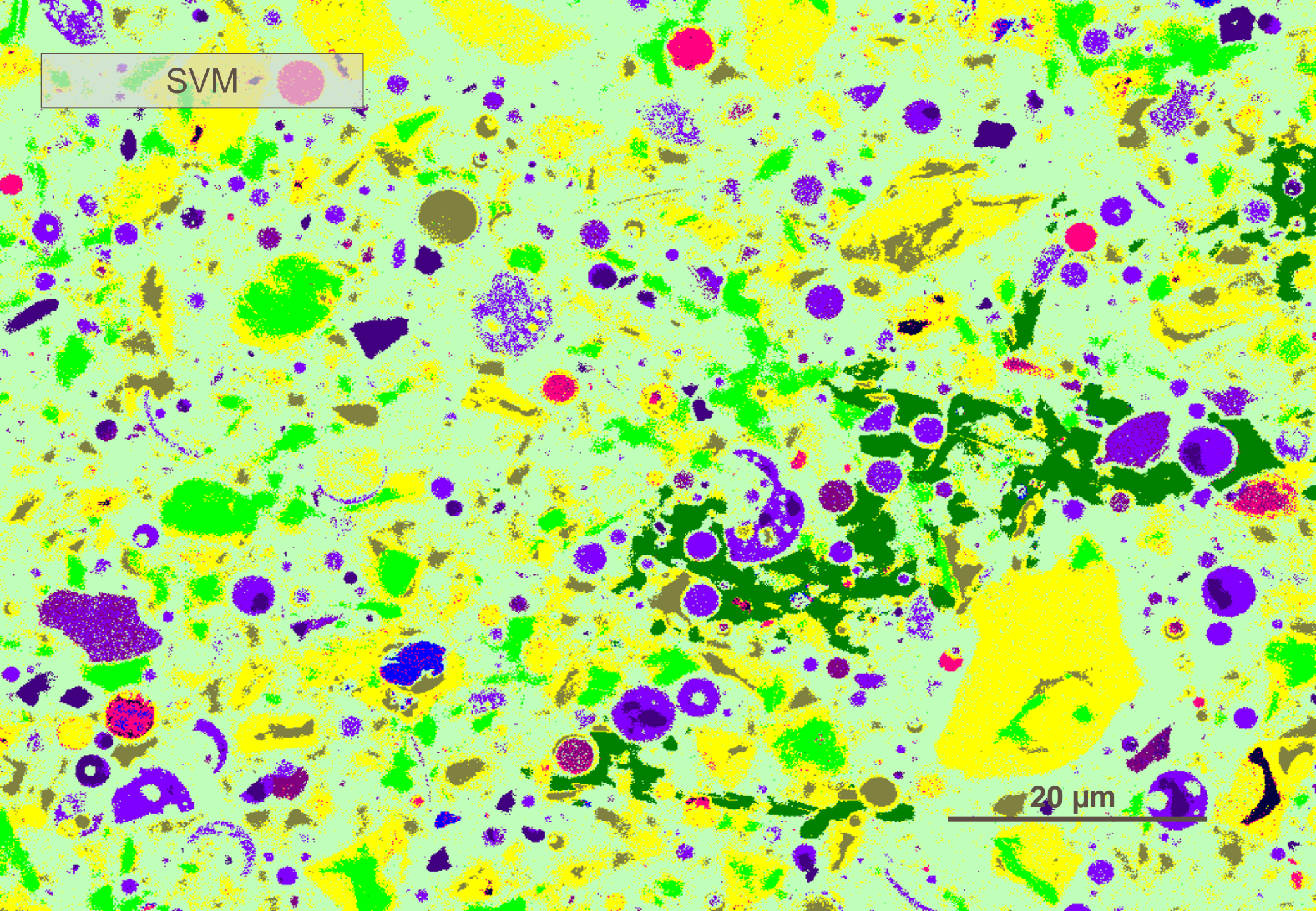
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BSE

20 μm

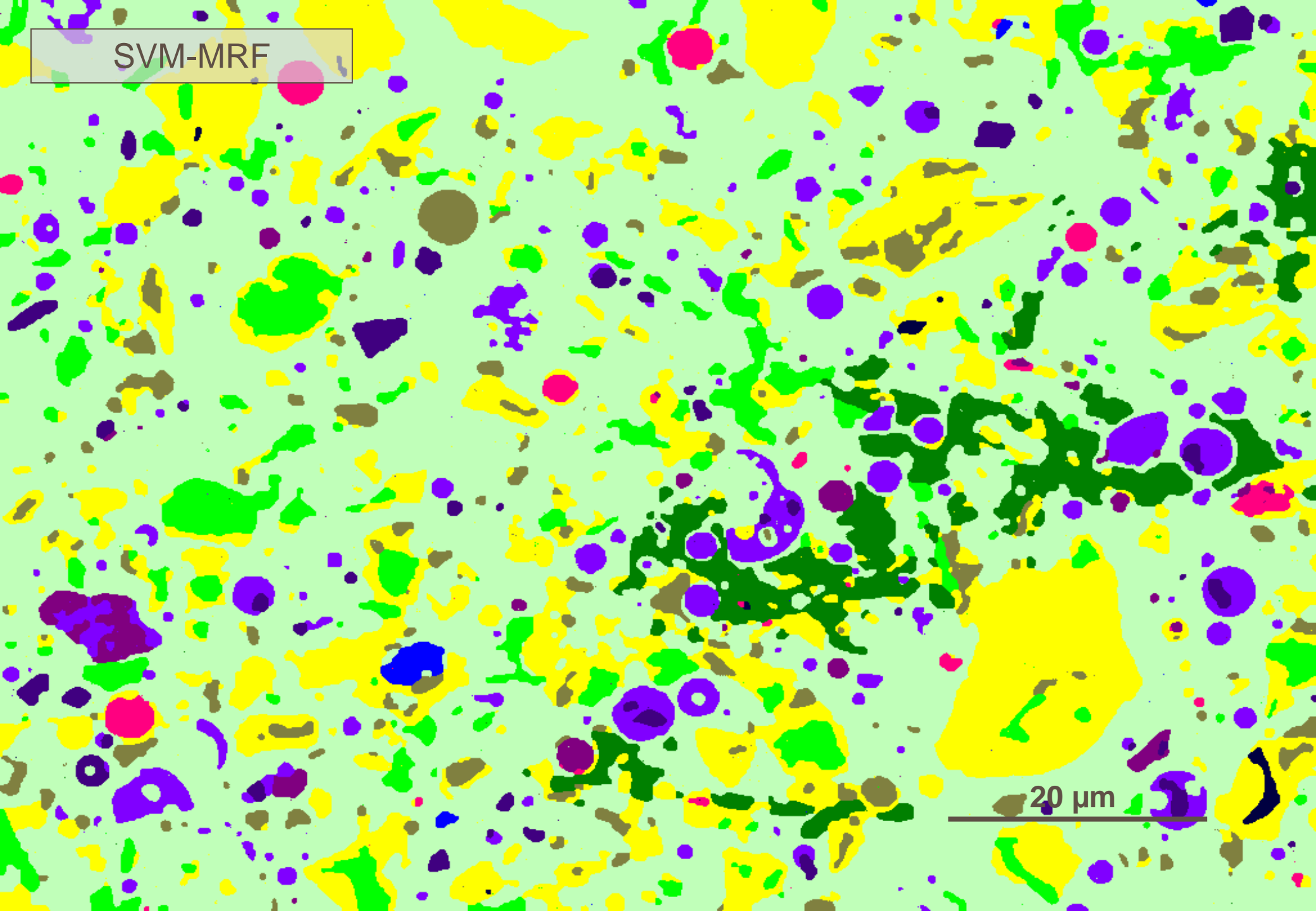


SVM



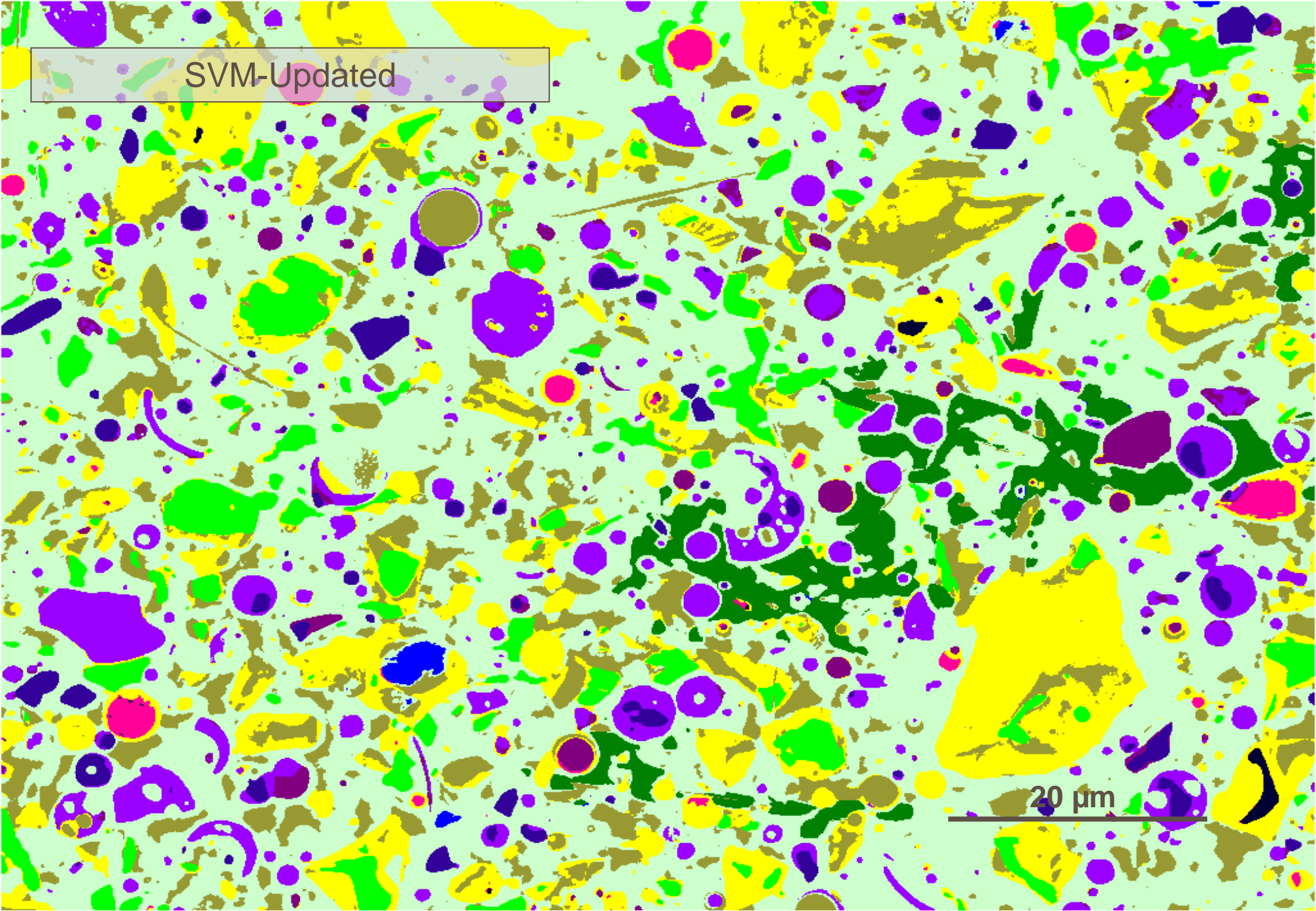
20 μm

SVM-MRF



20 μm

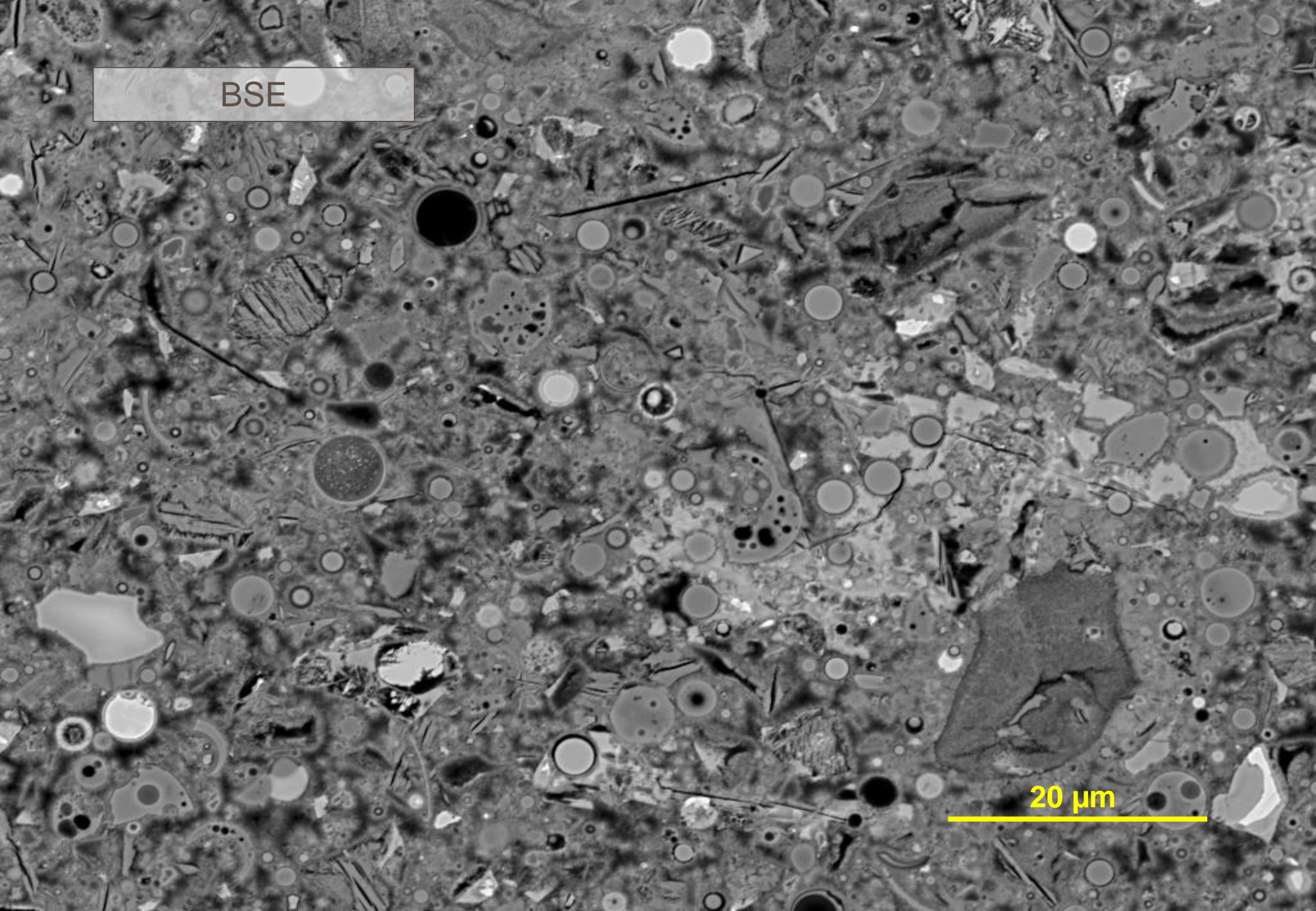
SVM-Updated



20 µm

BSE

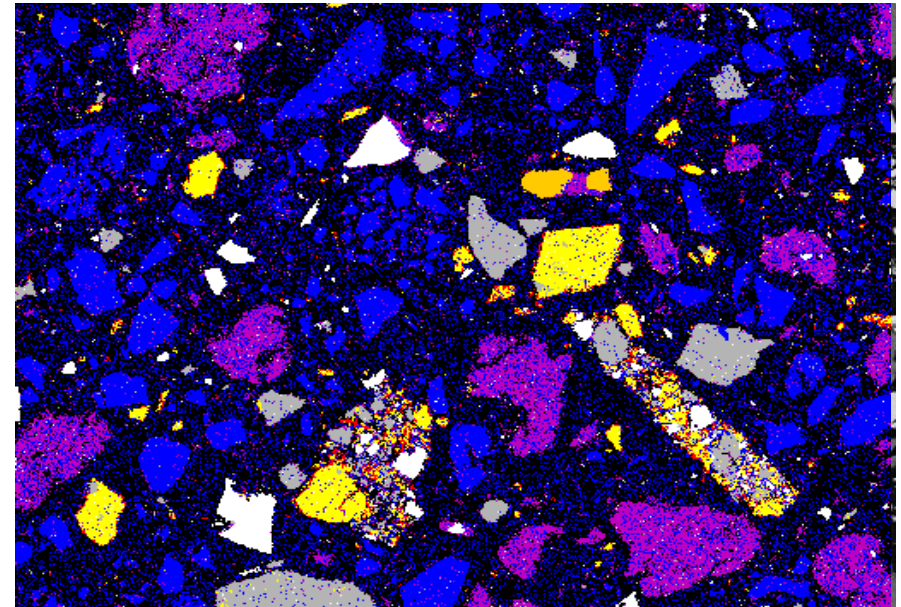
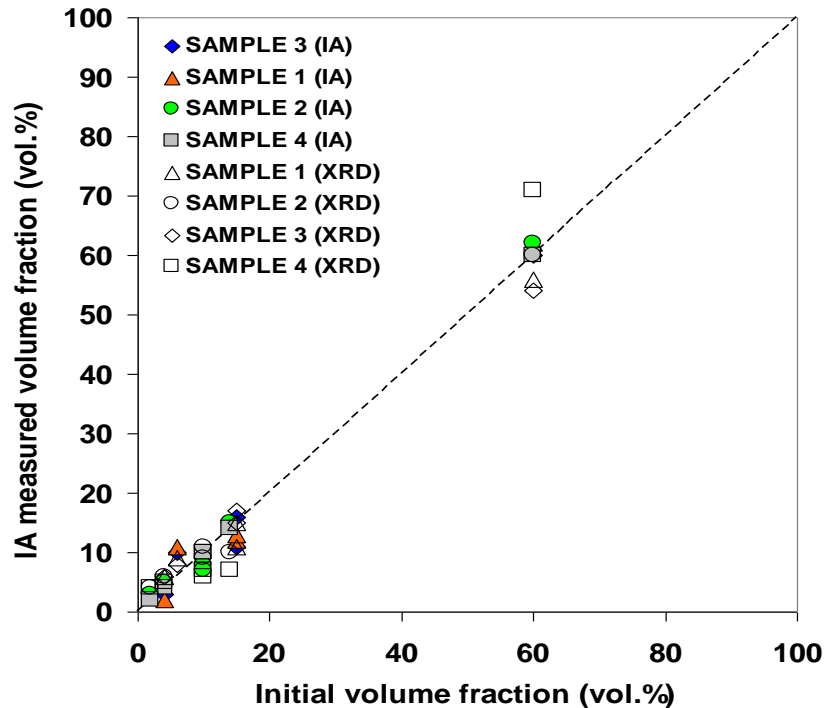
20 μm



CASE 1: Measuring the amorphous fraction of Pouzz.

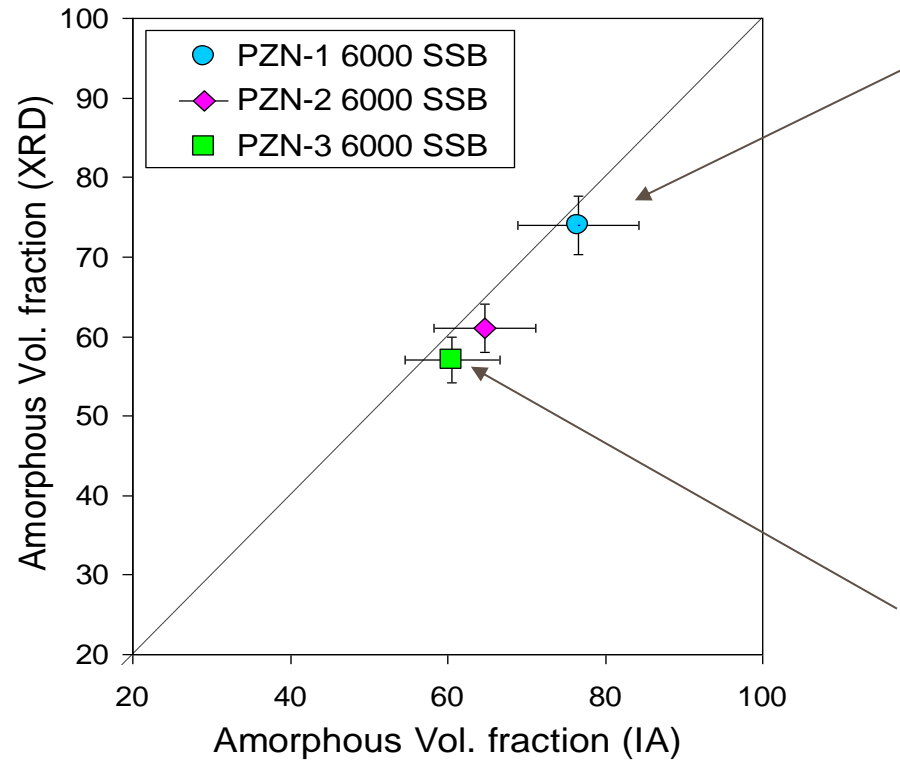
- Artificial mixing :

	Glass	Feldspar	augite	clay	dolomite	calcite	quartz	forsterite	magnesite	Edenite	titanite	Magnetite
PZN1	76.8	8.7	0.3	1.1	6	3.5	2.3	-	-	1.3	-	-
PZN2	53.1	14.3	8.1	2.8	-	2	0.2	16.9	--	0.2	-	2.3
PZN3	47	32.1	5.2	1.3	-	0.4	-	9.4	1.4	0.3	1.4	1.5
PZN4	64.5	26.8	0.1	5.6	-	0.5	2.2	-	-	-	-	0.28

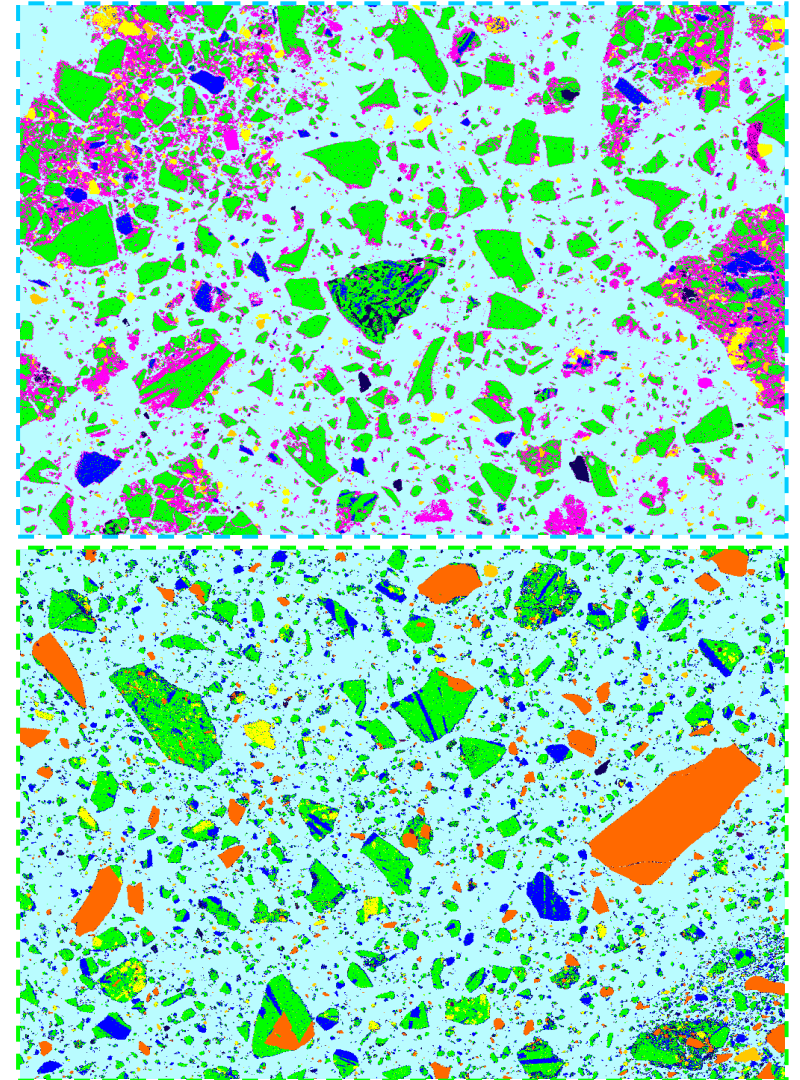


CASE 1: Measuring the amorphous fraction of rocks

- Natural pouzzolana :



■ Amorphous



CASE 2: Validating SVM-MRF-BPT on reference mix design

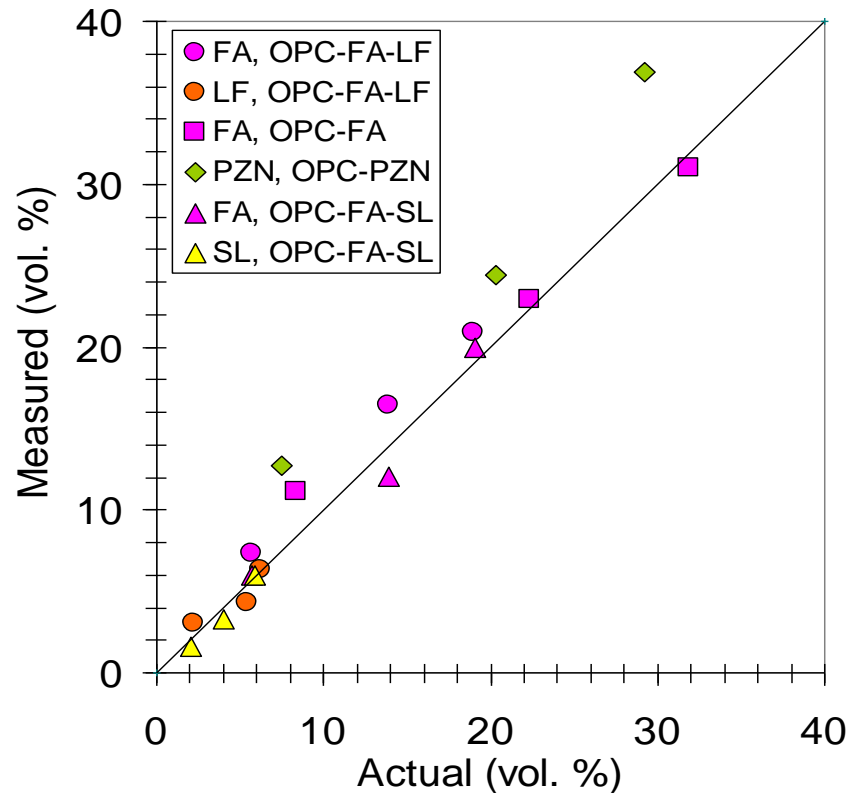
- 1d-stopped blended pastes:

	System	Series	Sample designation	Micronized-OPC (20 μ m)	Fly Ash	Limestone Filler	Slag	Pozzolan
1 day	Binary	1	μ OPC-FA1-1	38	62			
			μ OPC-FA1-2	58	42	-	-	-
			μ OPC-FA1-3	85	15			
		2	μ OPC-PZN-1	38				62
			μ OPC-PZN-2	58	-	-	-	42
			μ OPC-PZN-3	85				15
	Ternary	3	μ OPC-FA1-LF-1	50	35	15		
			μ OPC-FA1-LF-2	65	25	10	-	-
			μ OPC-FA1-LF-3	85	10	05		
		4	μ OPC-FA1-SLAG-1	50	35		15	
			μ OPC-FA1-SLAG-2	65	25	-	10	-
			μ OPC-FA1-SLAG-3	85	10		05	

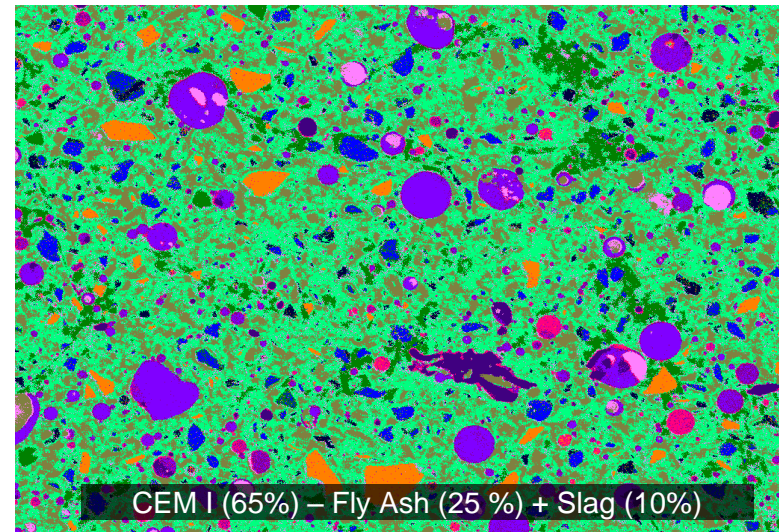
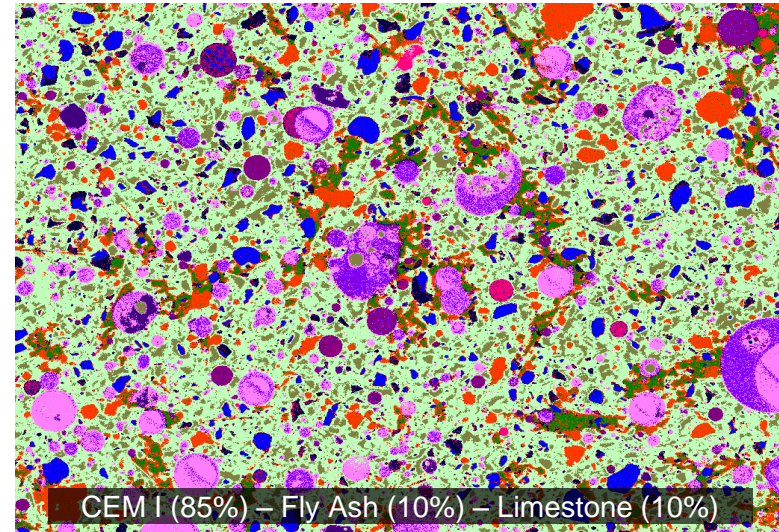
- 91 d stopped mature pastes:

	Sample designation	Regular-OPC	Slag	Fly Ash	PZN1	PZN2	PZN3
91 d	OPC	100					
	OPC-SLAG	55	45				
	OPC-FA1	55		45			
	OPC-PZN1	55			45		
	OPC-PZN2	55				45	
	OPC-PZN3	55					45
	OPC-SLAG-FA1	55	10	35			

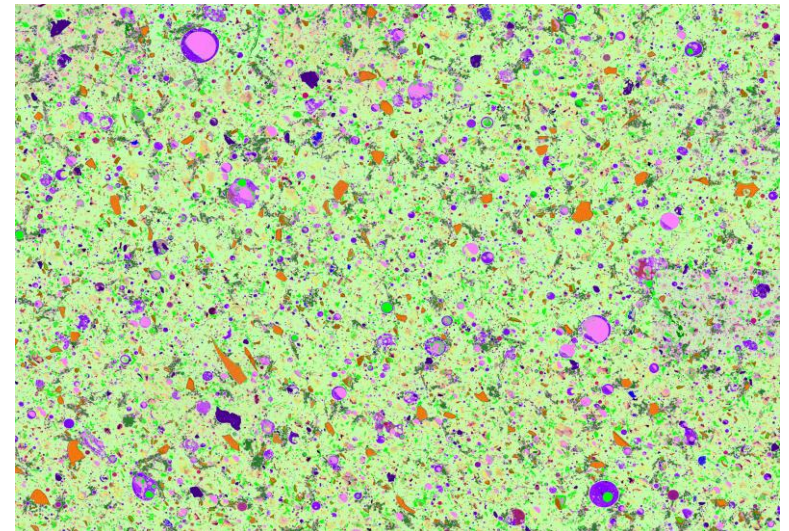
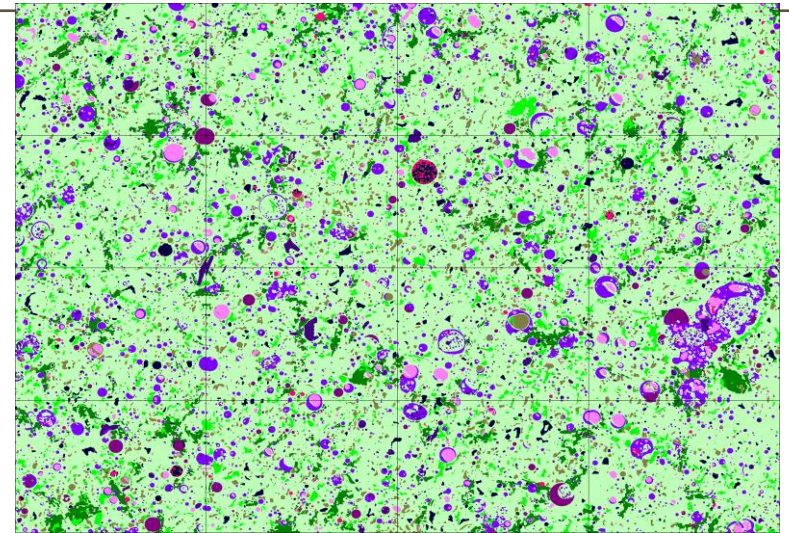
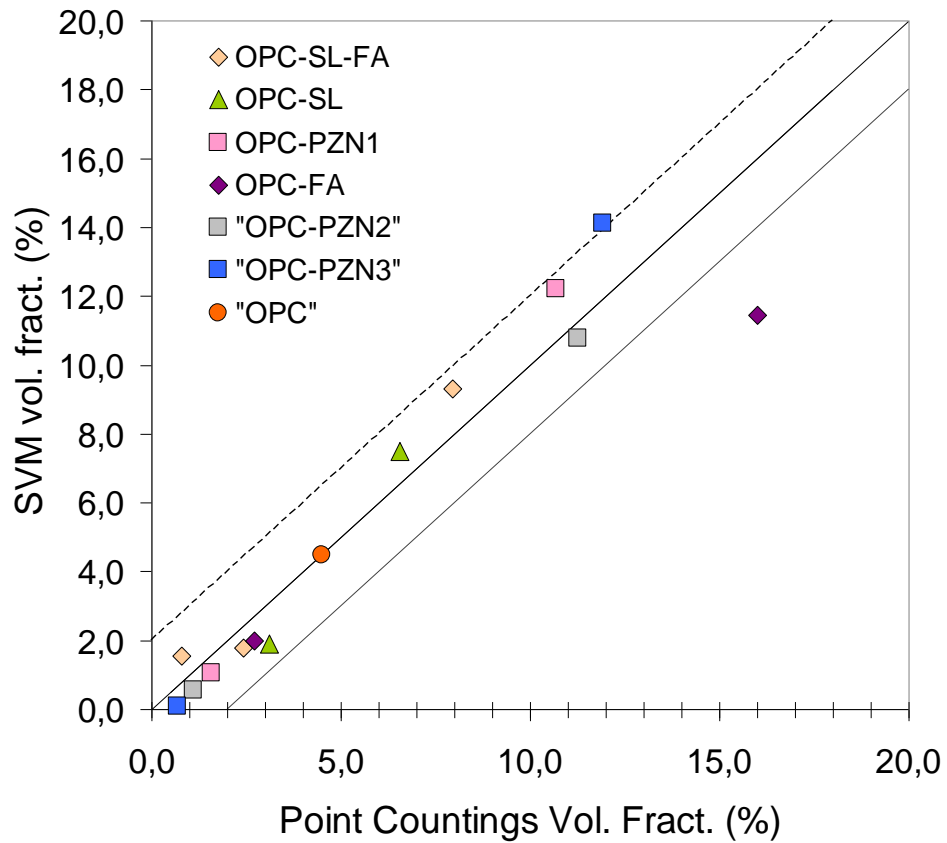
CASE 2: 1d-stopped blended pastes



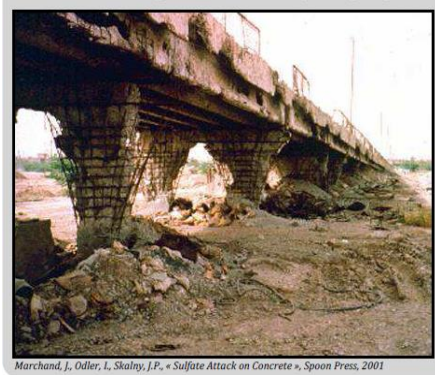
Method shows excellent results on fly-ash, limestone, slag. Discrepancy on pozzolan due to clay impurities.



CASE 2: 91d-stopped mature blended pastes



CASE 3: Connecting binders formulation to sulfate resistance



- Mechanisms understanding is needed to produce new binders or new concretes
- It is widely recognized that Ettringite and (probably) Gypsum (sulfate containing phases) cause damage due to expansion
- Recent studies (e.g. Scrivener, 2013) have shown that pocket of MSA could act as a buffer

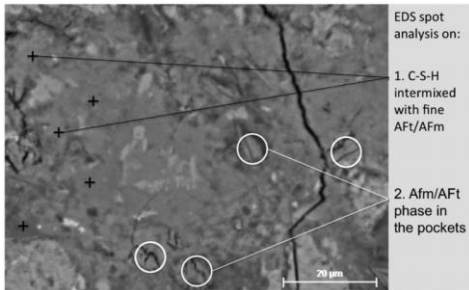
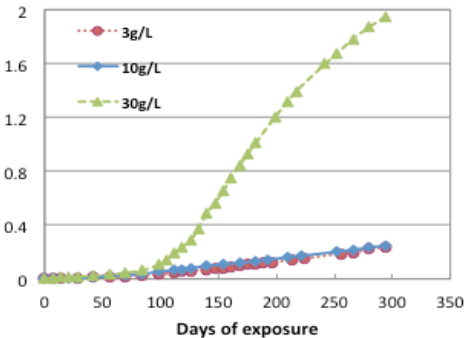


Fig. 2. Example of EDS spot analysis on C-S-H and Afm/AFt phases in the pocket for PC samples.

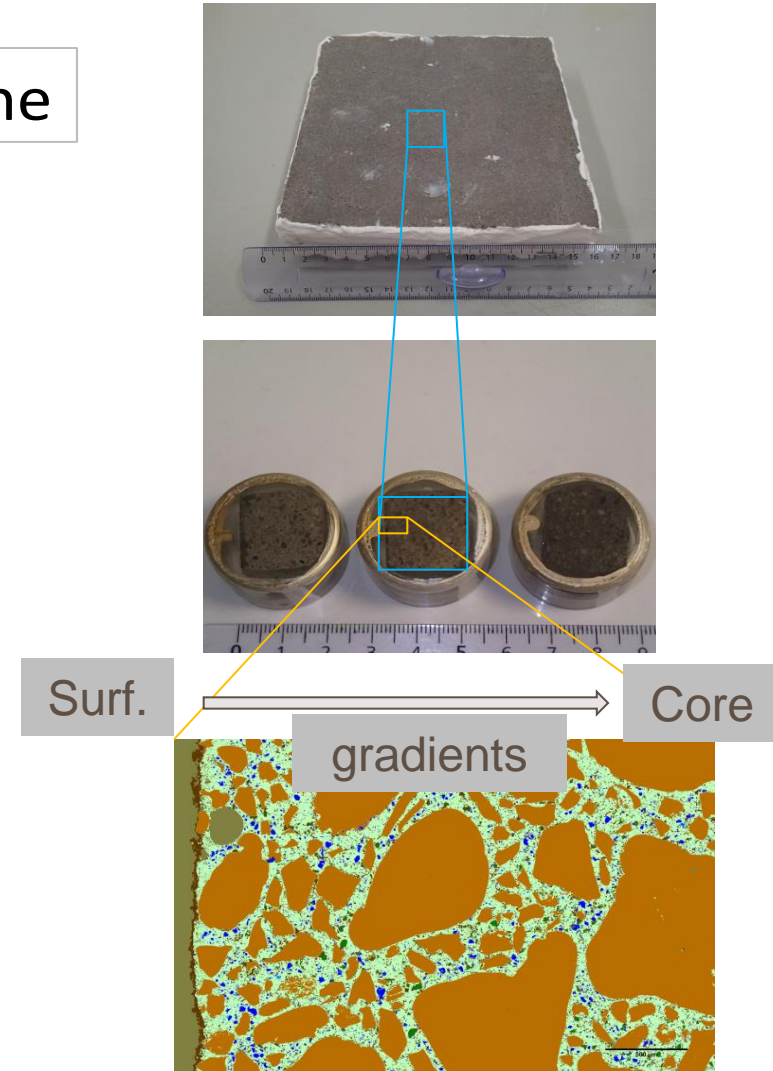
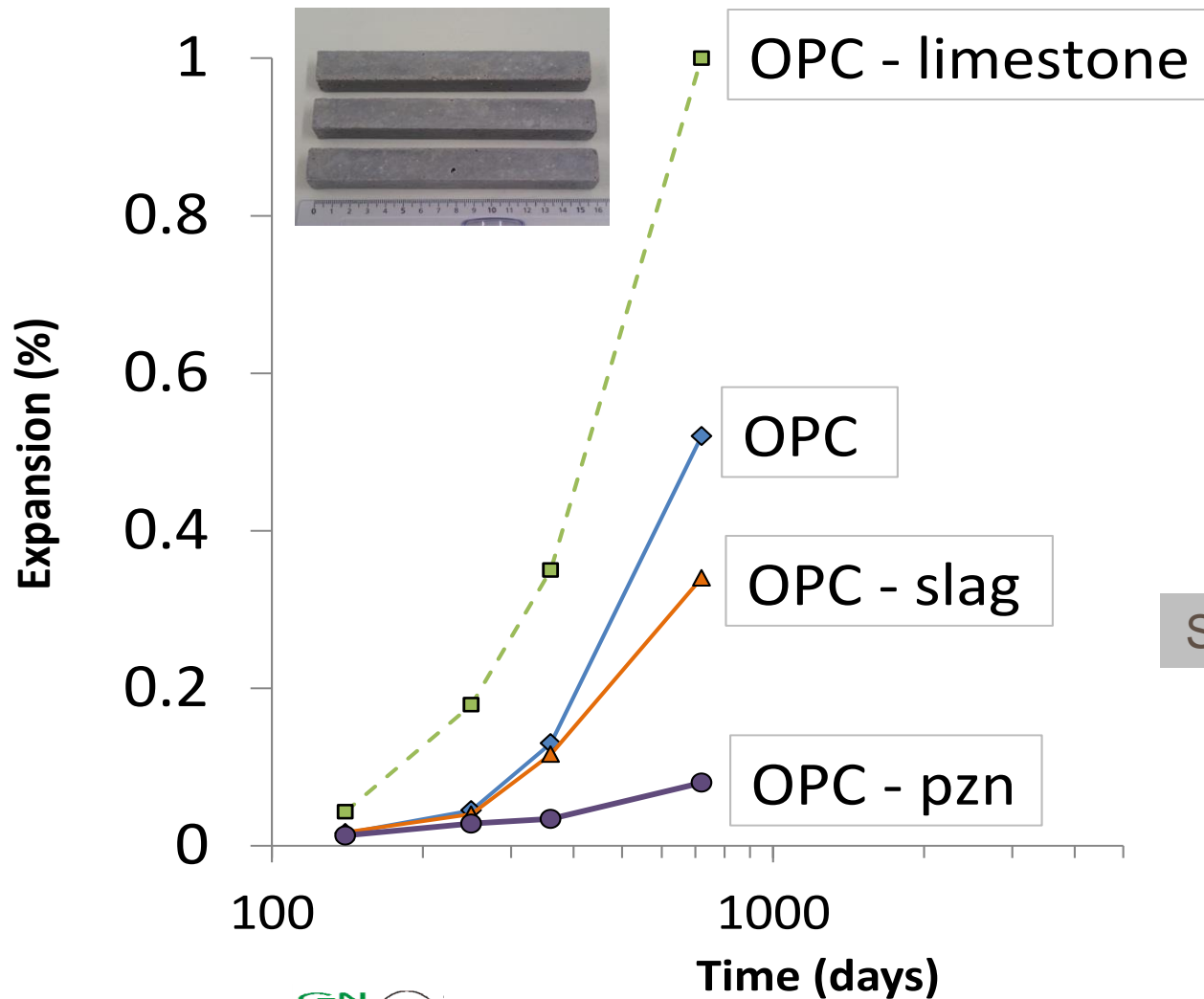


[Yu & Scrivener, 2013]

- Recent IA development (like supervised spectral classification, *Meulenyzer, EMABM 2013*) have shown potential to quantify these pockets
- We've taken opportunity to study 4 mortars through industrial project

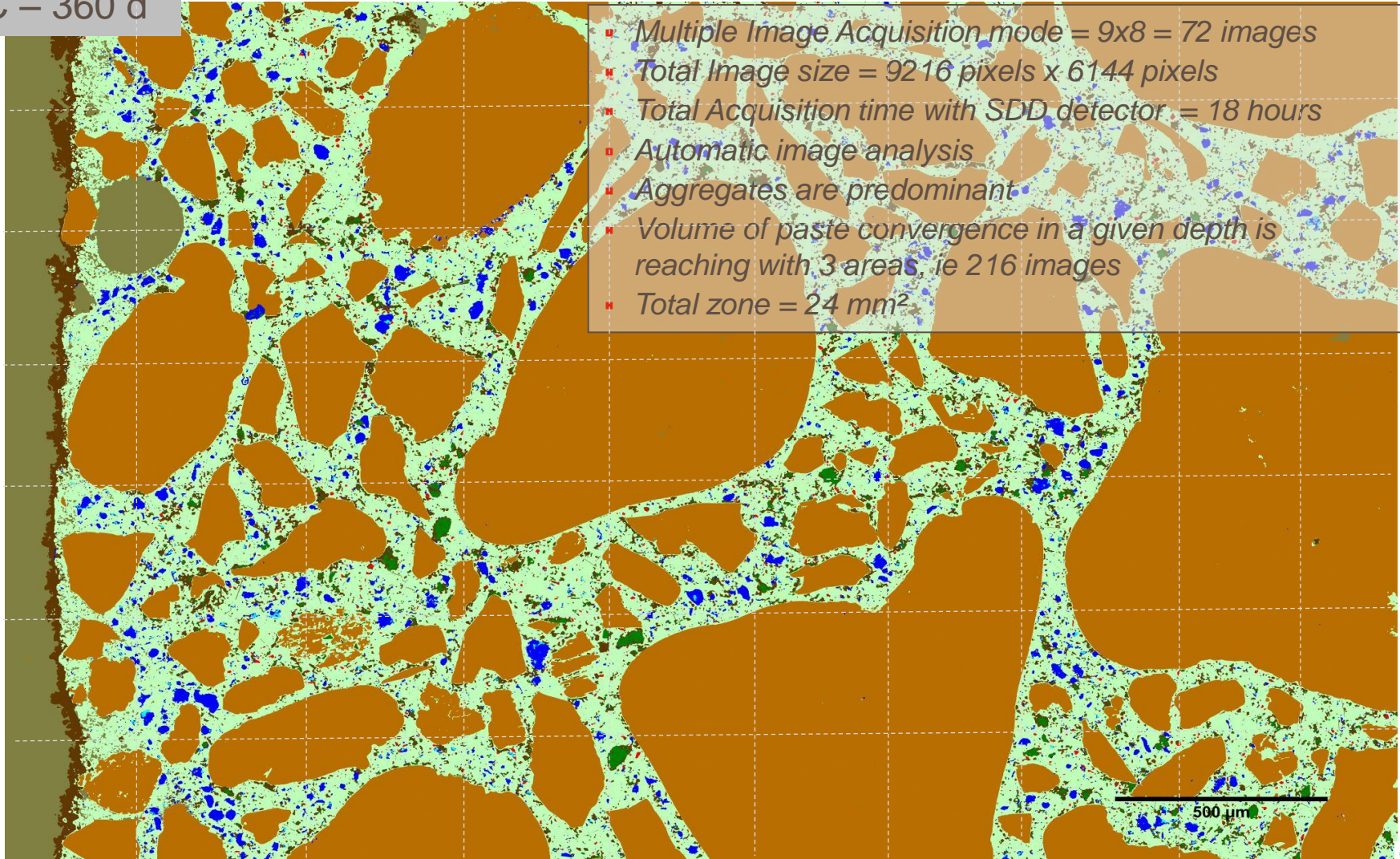
- OPC
- OPC-Limestone Filler
- OPC-Slag
- OPC-Pzn

Expansion strongly depends on binder composition



What are good conditions to be representative ?

OPC – 360 d



Huge Image acquisition program...

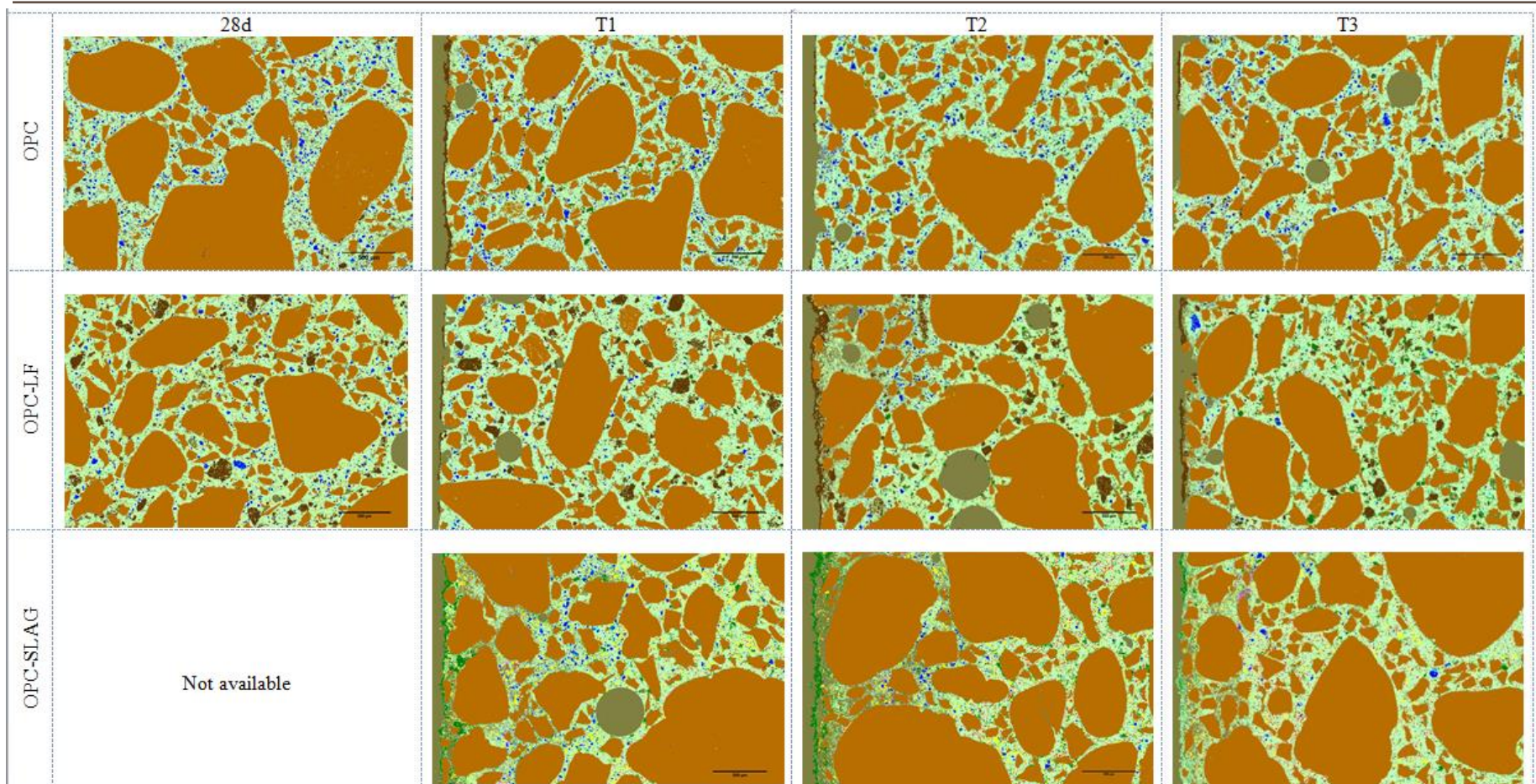


Figure 5: Classified images of OPC, OPC-LF (Limstone Filler) and OPC-Slag at 28, 250, 350 and 720 days, corresponding to previous BSE images (Figure 3). Scale bar is 0.5 mm. The code of colors are: Sand (Orange), Porosity (light brown), Portlandite and/or calcite in OPC and OPC-Slag mortars (dark green), 'Outers' (light green), C3S C2S silicates (light and dark blue), Slag (Yellow), monosulfoaluminates grains (red), trisulfoaluminate coarser phases (rose), limestone filler (dark brown).

OPC T2 (1-year) local gradient evolution

3.3.1 Microstructural evolution of OPC-T2 mortar

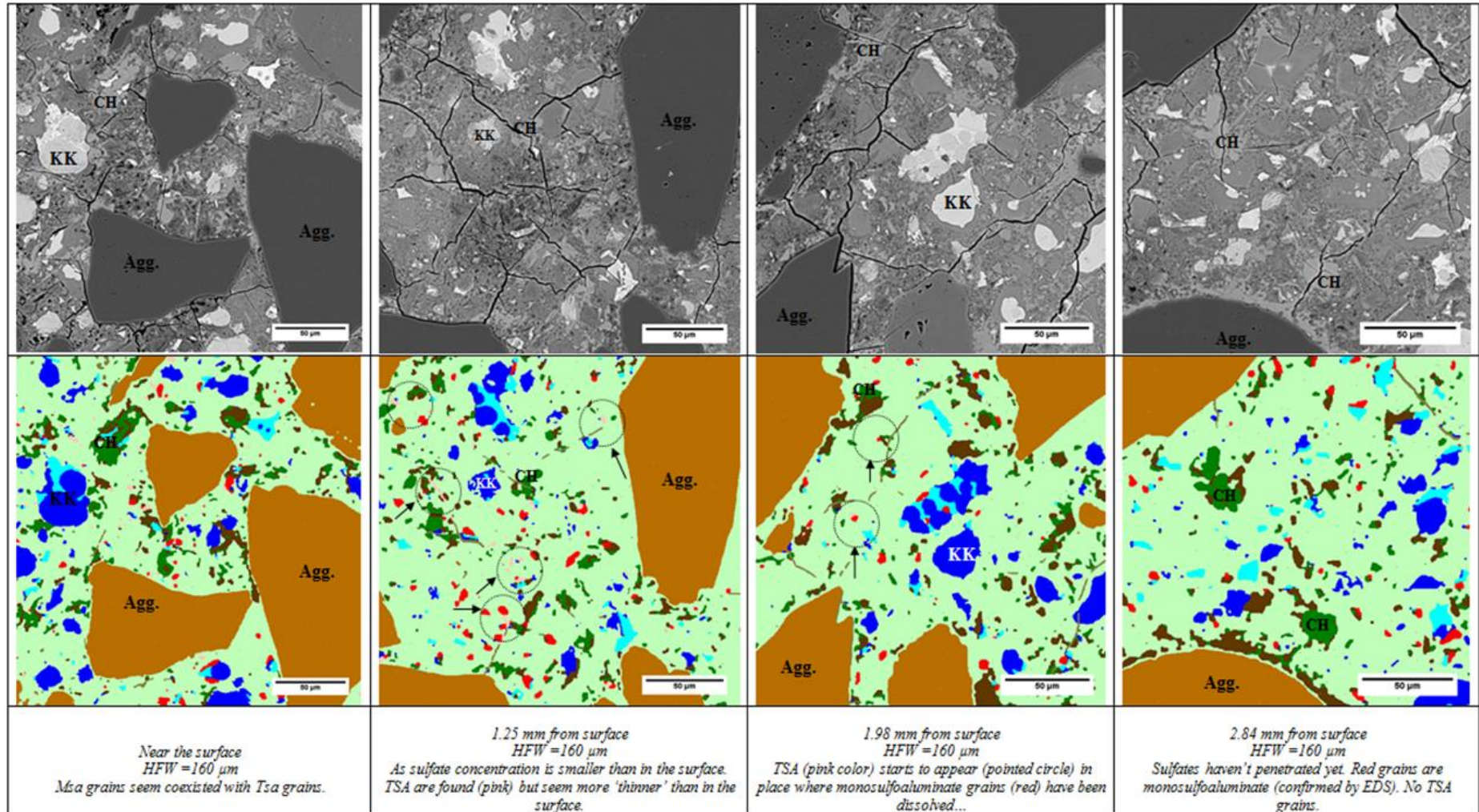


Figure 7: Microstructural phase evolution at local scale from surface (left) to core of mortar (OPC). KK=clinker; Agg.=Aggregates; CH=portlandite;

OPC-LF T2 (1 year) local gradient evolution

3.3.2 Microstructural evolution of OPC-Limestone filler-T2 mortar

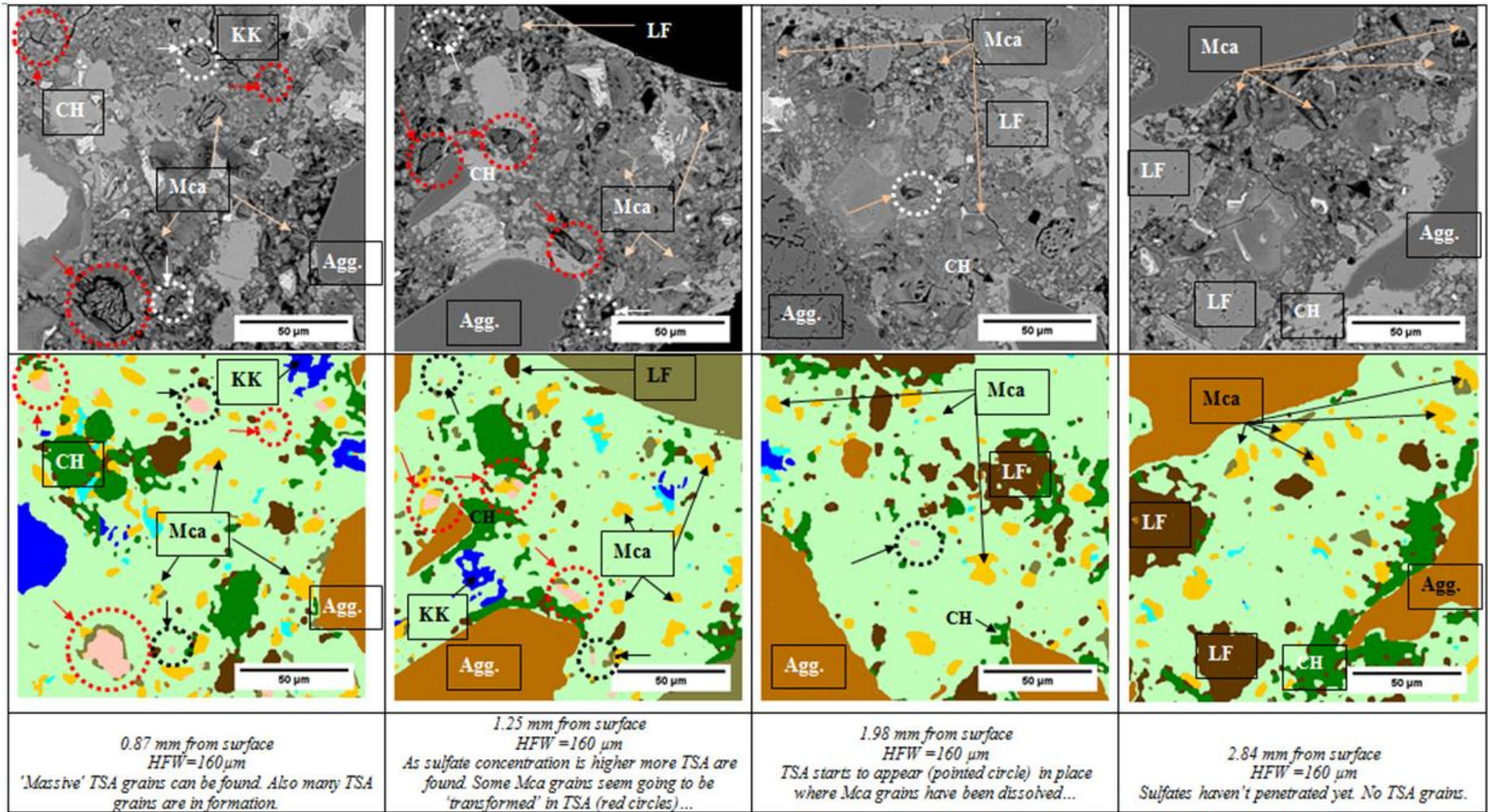
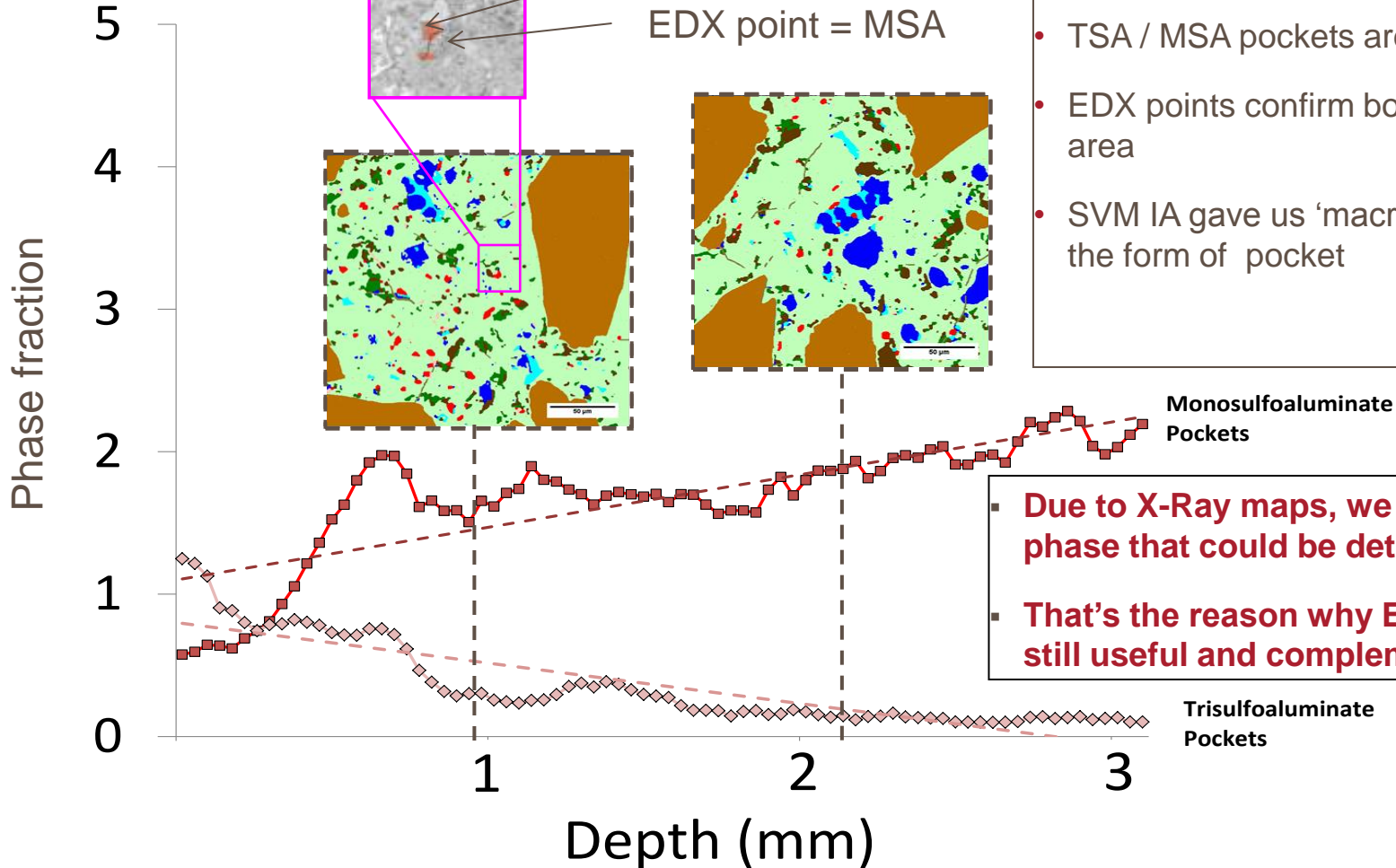


Figure 8: Microstructural phase evolution at local scale from surface (left) to core of mortar (OPC-LF). KK=clinker; Agg.=Aggregates; CH=portlandite; LF=Limestone Filler; Mca= Monocarboaluminate

MSA / TSA Pockets gradients get quantified

OPC – 360 d

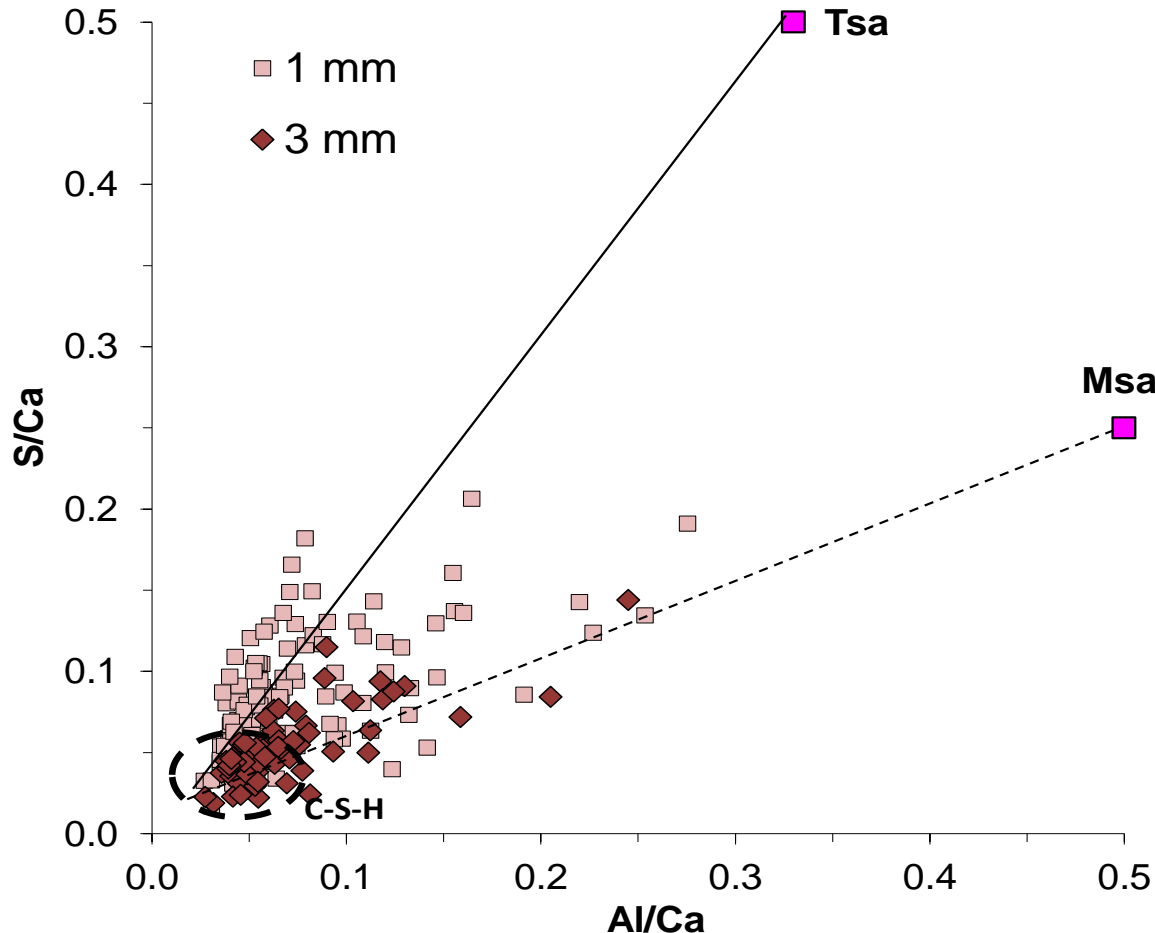


- No front in that case, surprising
- TSA / MSA pockets are sometimes coexisting
- EDX points confirm both MSA / TSA in a same area
- SVM IA gave us 'macro' vision of TSA / MSA, in the form of pocket

- Due to X-Ray maps, we are limiting by size of phase that could be detected, ie few μm
- That's the reason why EDX analyses in CSH are still useful and complementary

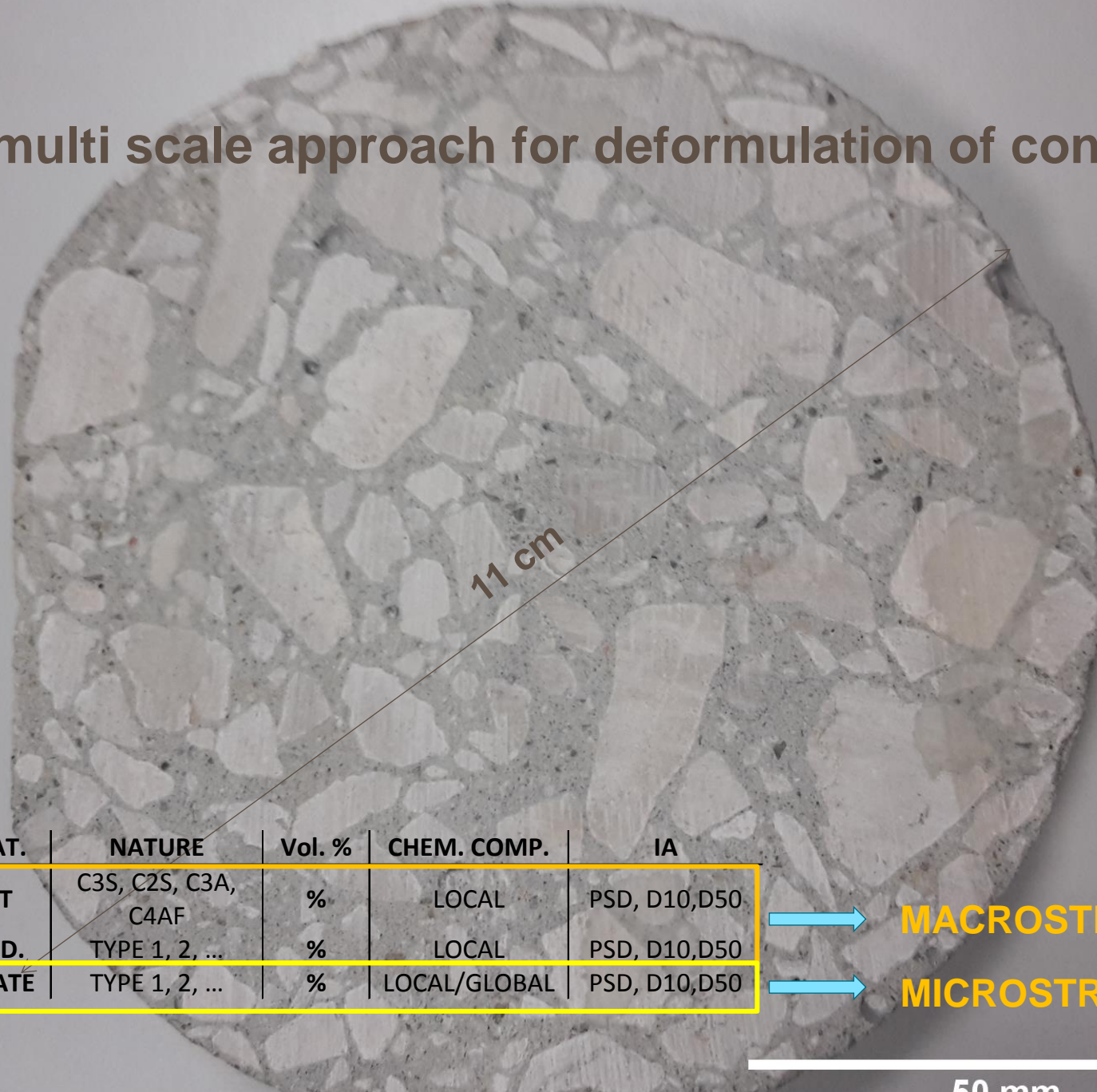
EDX on CSH show evolution from MSA to TSA

OPC – 360 d



- Classical EDX quantifications have been operated in function of depth
- In theory, pocket of Msa should have a buffering effect with sulfates before creating TSA in CSH (smallest pores...)
- IA combined to EDX clearly show that both phenomena seem coexist...

CASE 4: multi scale approach for de formulation of concrete



UNKNOWN



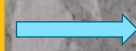
INFOS ?

11 cm

RAW MAT.	NATURE	Vol. %	CHEM. COMP.	IA
CEMENT	C3S, C2S, C3A, C4AF	%	LOCAL	PSD, D10, D50
MIN. ADD.	TYPE 1, 2, ...	%	LOCAL	PSD, D10, D50
AGGREGATE	TYPE 1, 2, ...	%	LOCAL/GLOBAL	PSD, D10, D50

< 80 μm

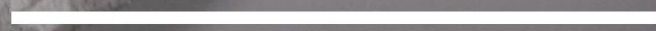
> 80 μm



MACROSTRUCTURE



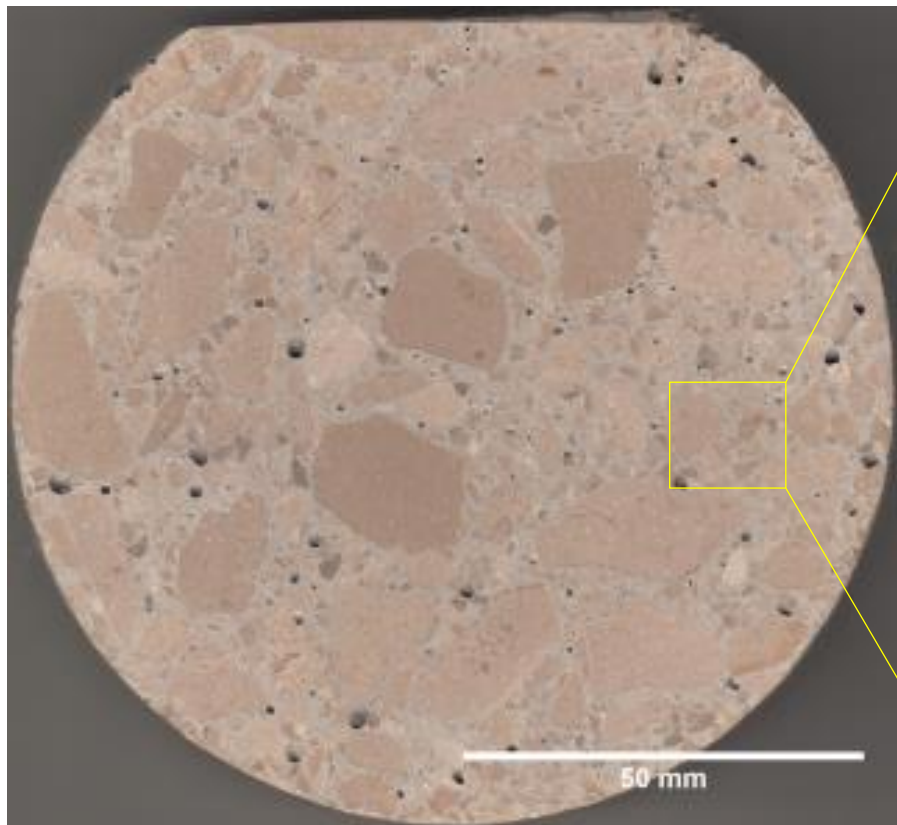
MICROSTRUCTURE



50 mm

CASE 4: multi scale approach for deformatation of concrete

MACROSTRUCTURE



- No impregnation, fast polishing $3 \mu\text{m}$ (1h)
- BSE & X-RAY MAPS in Low-Vacc
- EDS: 'rough' chemistry of phases

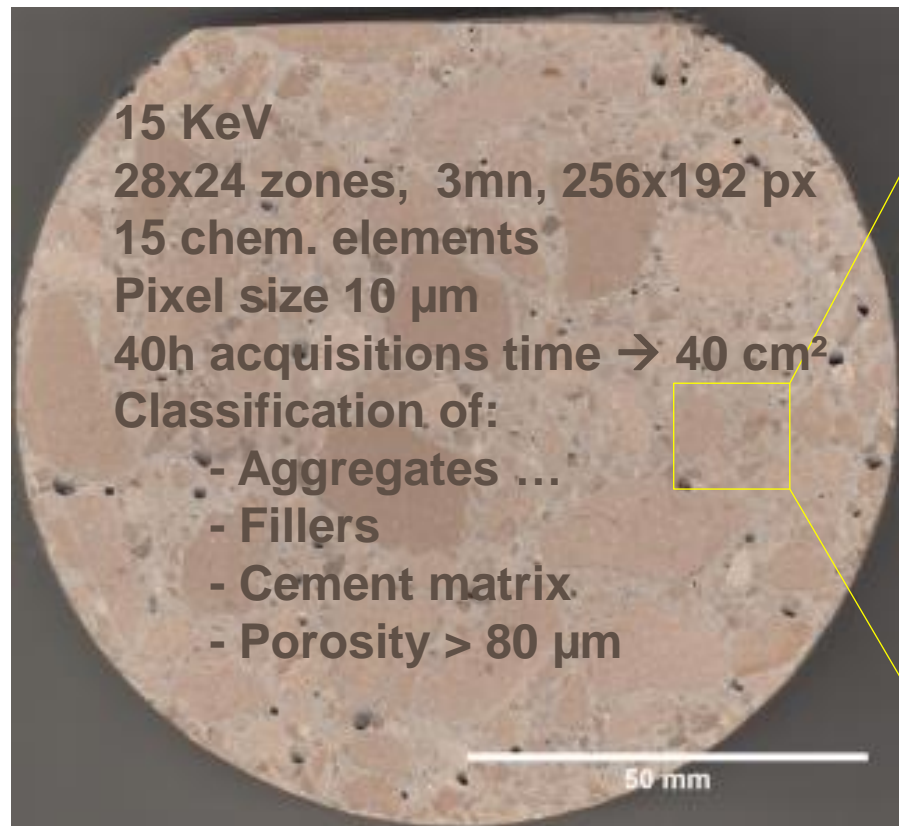
MICROSTRUCTURE



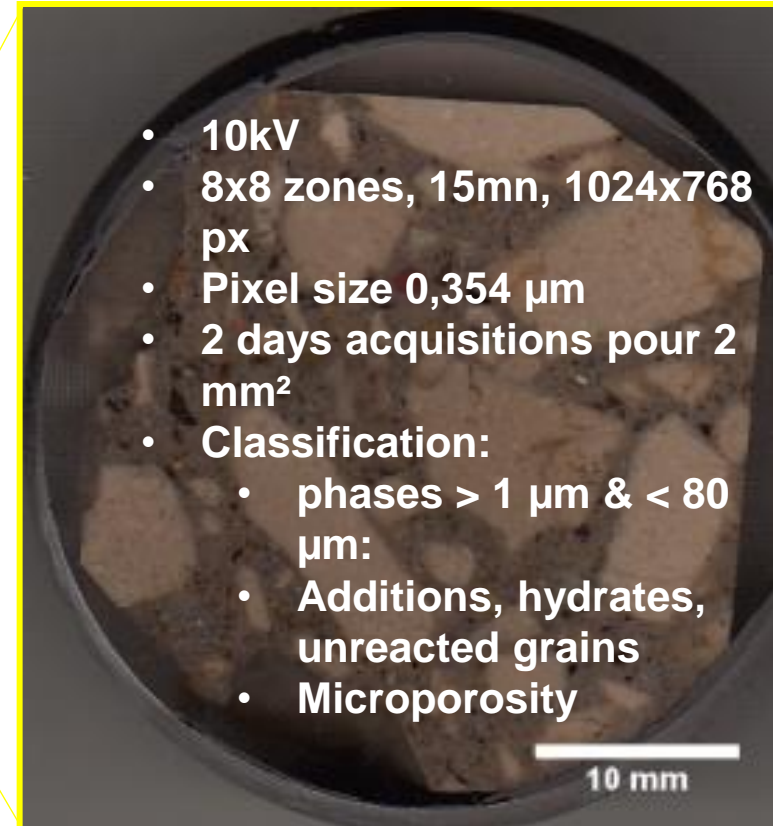
- Impregnation, slow polishing $\frac{1}{4} \mu\text{m}$ (1 week)
- BSE & X-RAY MAPS in Hi-Vacc
- EDS: quanti. of small phases

CASE 4: multi scale approach for de formulation of concrete

MACROSTRUCTURE



MICROSTRUCTURE



- No impregnation, fast polishing 3 μm (1h)
- BSE & X-RAY MAPS in Low-Vacc
- EDS: 'rough' chemistry of phases
- Impregnation, slow polishing 1/4 μm (1 week)
- BSE & X-RAY MAPS in Hi-Vacc
- EDS: quanti. of small phases

Macrostructure – phase analysis > 80 μm

Supervised step: definition of signatures

Porosity

Matrix

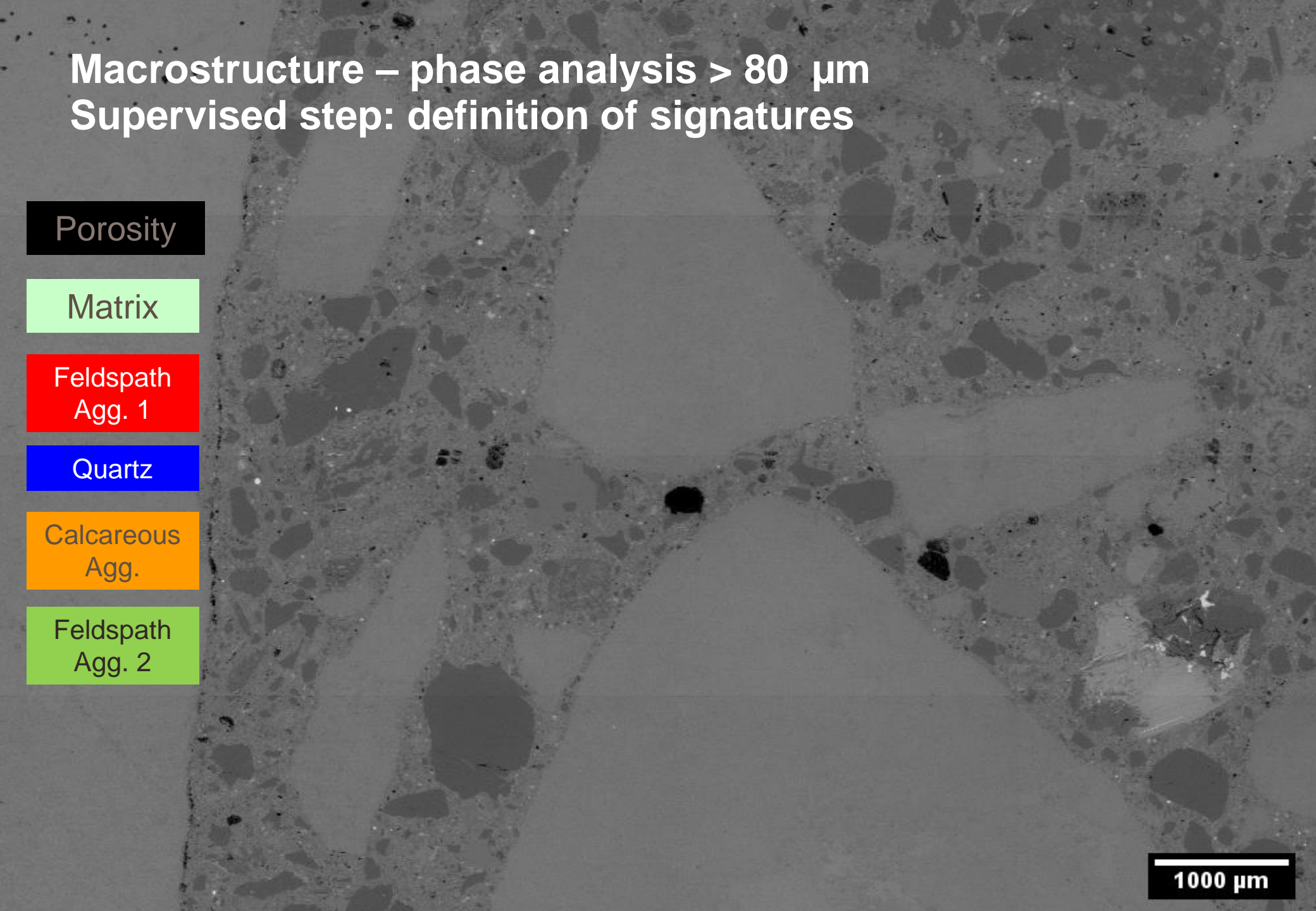
Feldspath
Agg. 1

Quartz

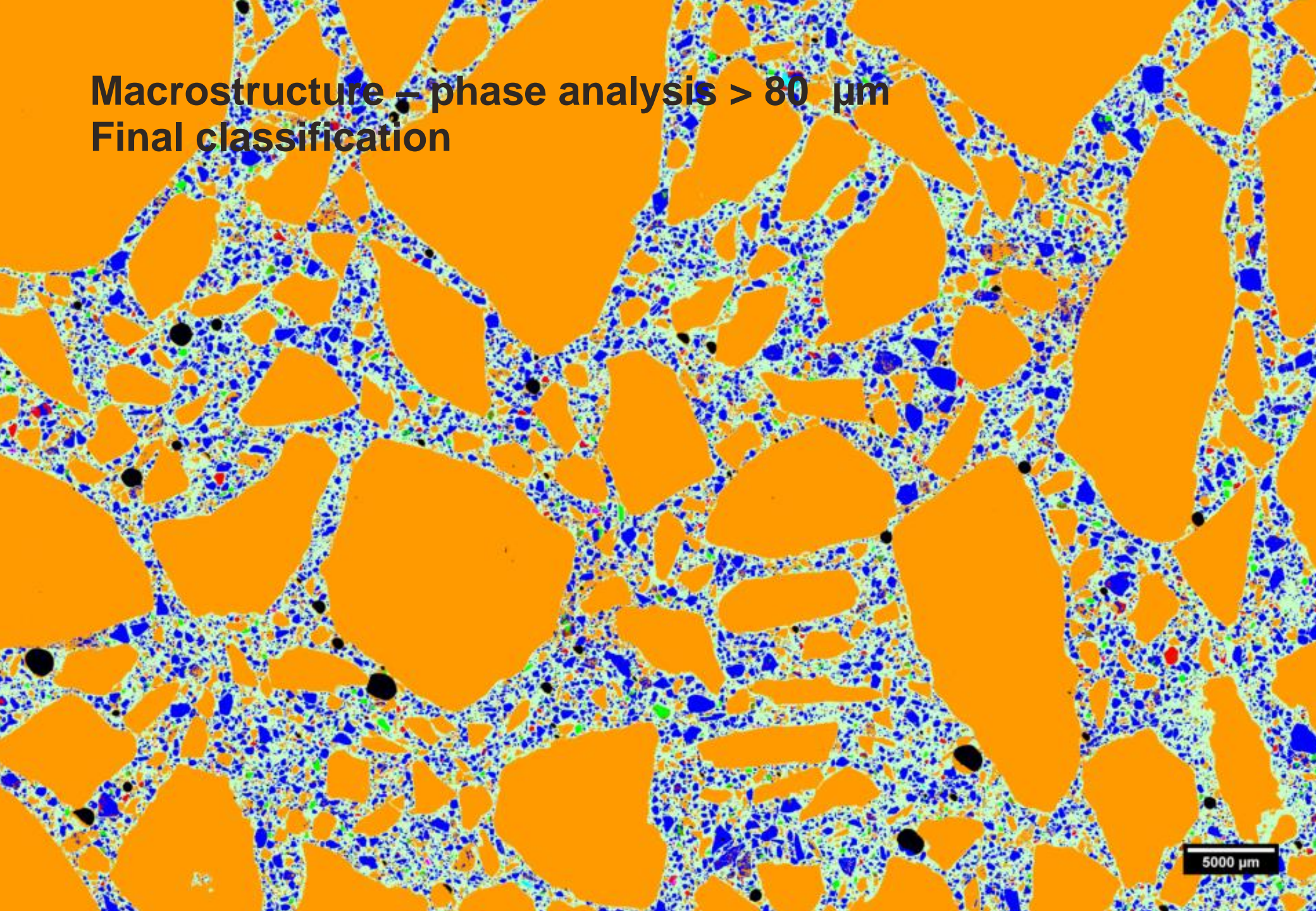
Calcareous
Agg.

Feldspath
Agg. 2

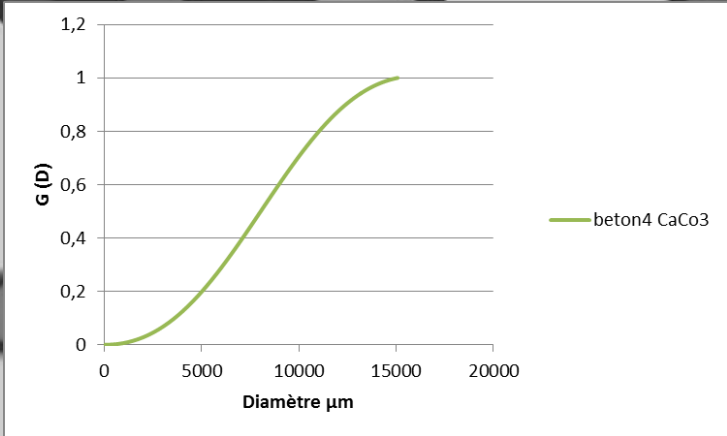
1000 μm



Macrostructure + phase analysis > 80 μm
Final classification



Open granulometry



Microstructure – phase analysis < 80 μm
Supervised step: definition of signatures

Porosity

Matrix

Hydrates

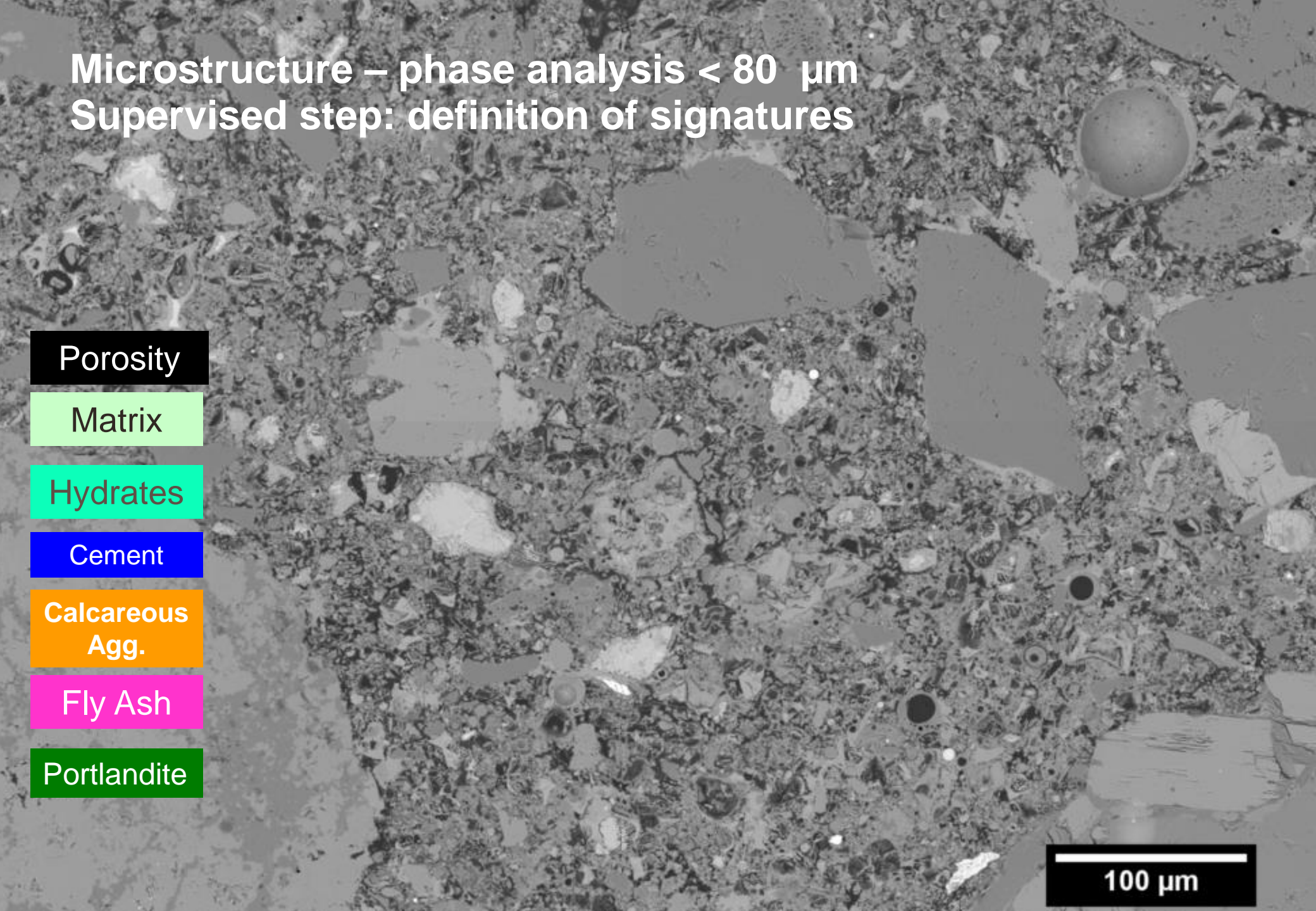
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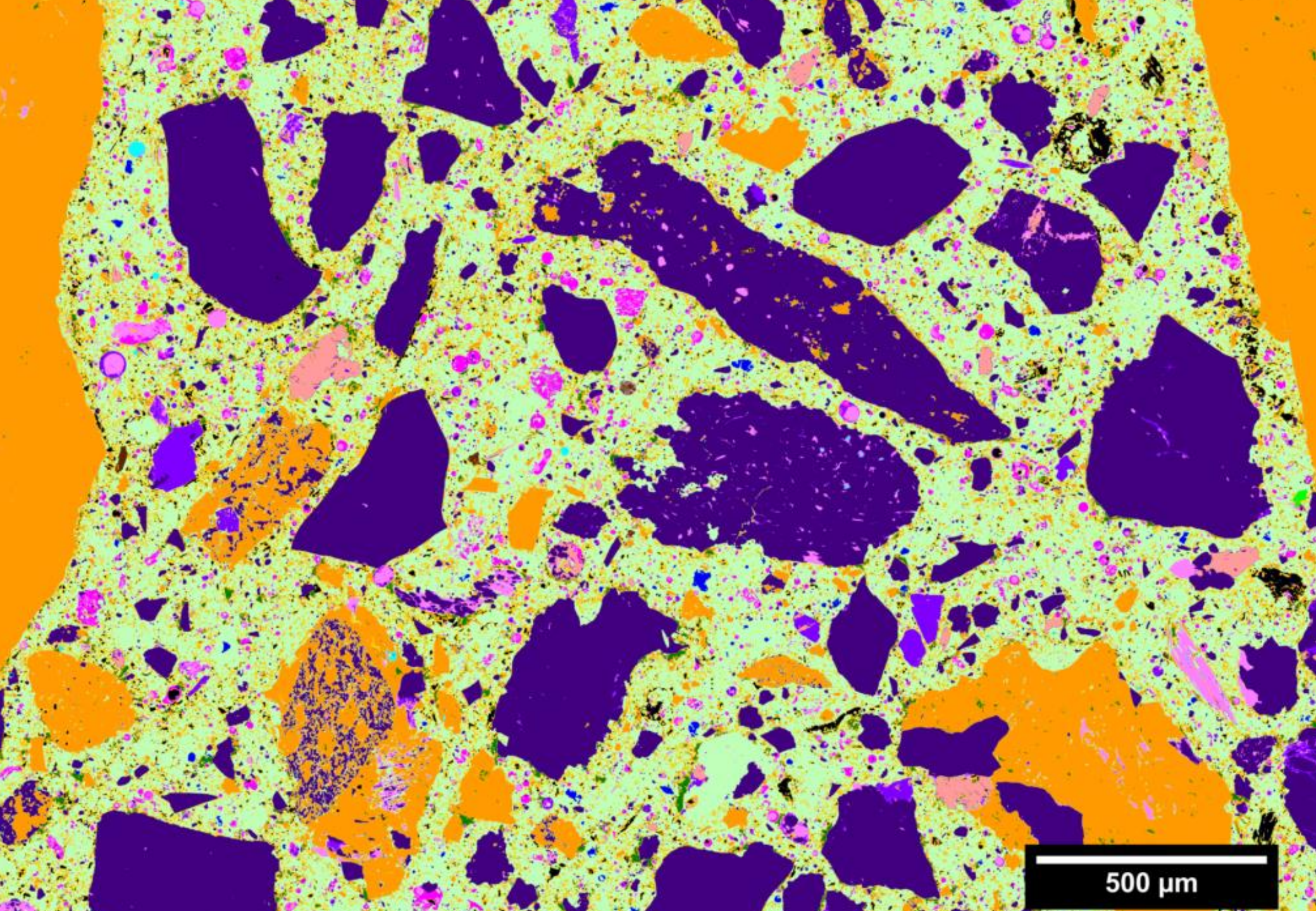
Calcareous
Agg.

Fly Ash

Portlandite

100 μm





500 μm

Complete deformation example

matière 1ère	Nature	Mass %	Composition chimique (masse oxyde %)					Répartition granulométrique		
			SiO2	CaO	Al2O3	Fe2O3	S mineur	D10 mm	D50 mm	D90 mm
Cem		11,3								
SCM	Cendre Volante	1,7	45	3,9	28	16,5	6,6			
Granulats	Calcaire	70,4	7	88	1	2,5	1,5	3,6	8,0	12,4
	Siliceux	12,8	89,9	6,5	1,5		2,1	0,1	0,3	0,6
	Autres	1,8								
	Squelette Granu	1,8	19,2	75,7	1,4	2,3	1,9			
Eau de gâchée		7,3								

Complete de formulation validation...

Approches complémentaires avec données MEB pour granulats

Approche 2 bis			
	Mesure	Théorie	écart
%liant	11.90	12.4	-0.50
%GraSi	13.95	22.8	-8.85
%GraCa	65.97	56.8	9.17
%eau	8.02	8.1	-0.08
<i>kg/m3 béton</i>	Mesure	Théorie	écart
Mliant	282.44	290.00	-7.56
MgraSi	331.07	534.00	-202.93
MgraCa	1565.55	1334.00	231.55
Meau	190.31	189.00	1.31
Observation : Bon calcul pour le ciment, résultats ok pour somme des granulats (mais pas bon pour granulats séparé)			

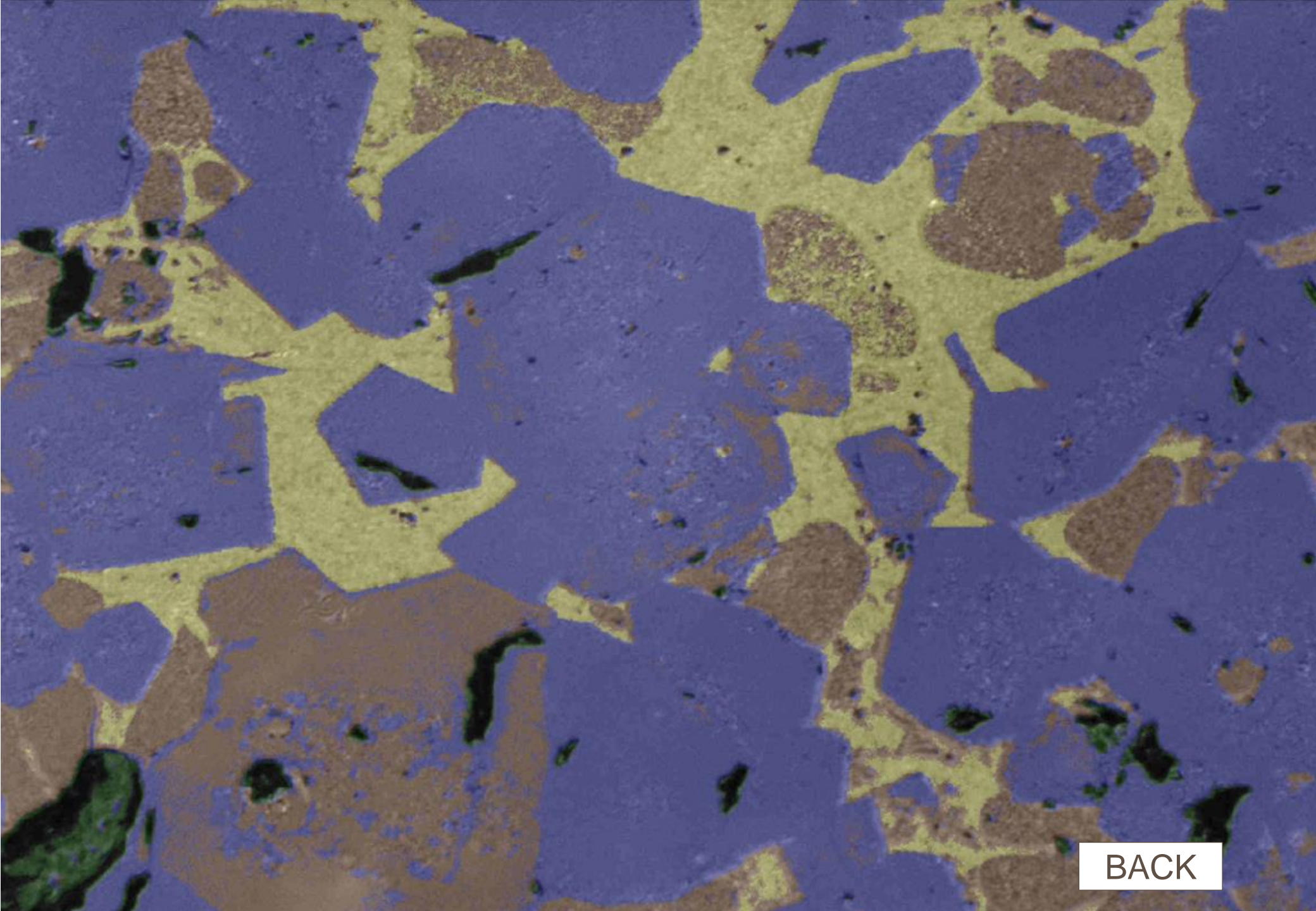
Approche 5			
	Mesure	Théorie	écart
%liant	12.24	12.4	-0.16
%GraSi	10.33	22.8	-12.47
%GraCa	69.41	56.8	12.61
%eau	8.02	8.1	-0.08
<i>kg/m3 béton</i>	Mesure	Théorie	écart
Mliant	290.53	290.00	0.53
MgraSi	245.16	534.00	-288.84
MgraCa	1646.99	1334.00	312.99
Meau	190.31	189.00	1.31
Observation : Bon calcul pour le ciment, résultats ok pour somme des granulats			

Key messages

- Multispectral imaging / classification of phases
 - several **tools** (free, commercial, home-made), **strategies**: supervised / unsupervised
 - Several raw data **quality**: quali/ semi-quant/ quantitative
- Multi-scale/Heterogeneous materials → representativity → large areas
- High number of phases → robustness needed !
 - Choice of **SVM-MRF-BPT** approach:
 - **SVM** (Support Vector Machine) as a robust classifier in any situation
 - **MRF** (Markov Random Filter) as spatial filtering process
 - **BPT** (Binary Partition Tree) as decision improvement tool
- Supervised strategy → expertise of microstructures is kept in the learning step !
 - Computer is not deciding for you.
- Demonstrated the application of the SVM-MRF classification on SEM multispectral image datasets of blended cement and blended cement paste
 - Good agreement, results and **validation** with reference samples. Measurement on selected SCMs / natural pozzolans and pastes are quite good.
- Fast growing of these techniques, applicable to any signals ! (Optical ?)
 - Tomorrow in your EDX software !



Thank you for your attention !



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