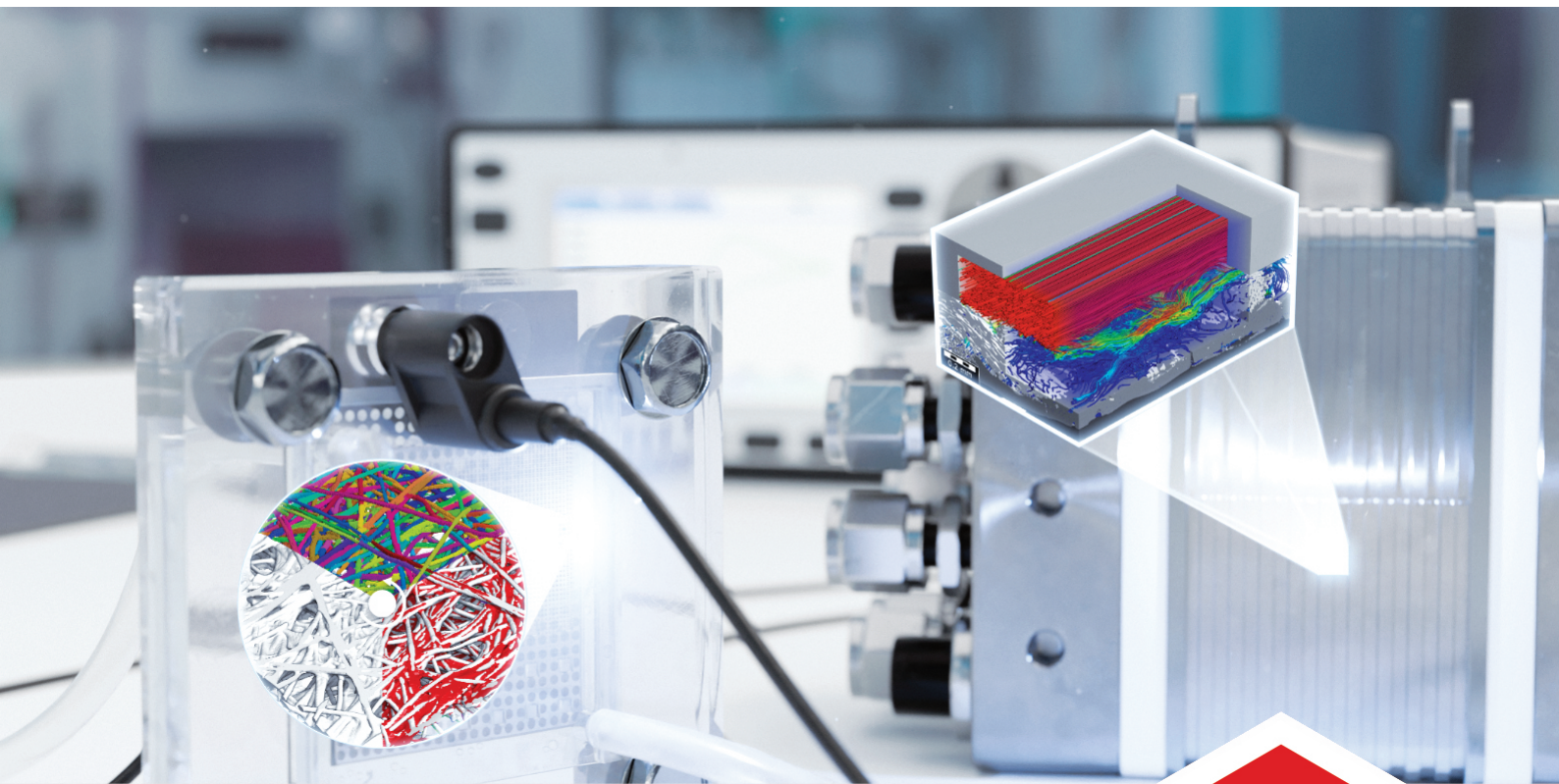


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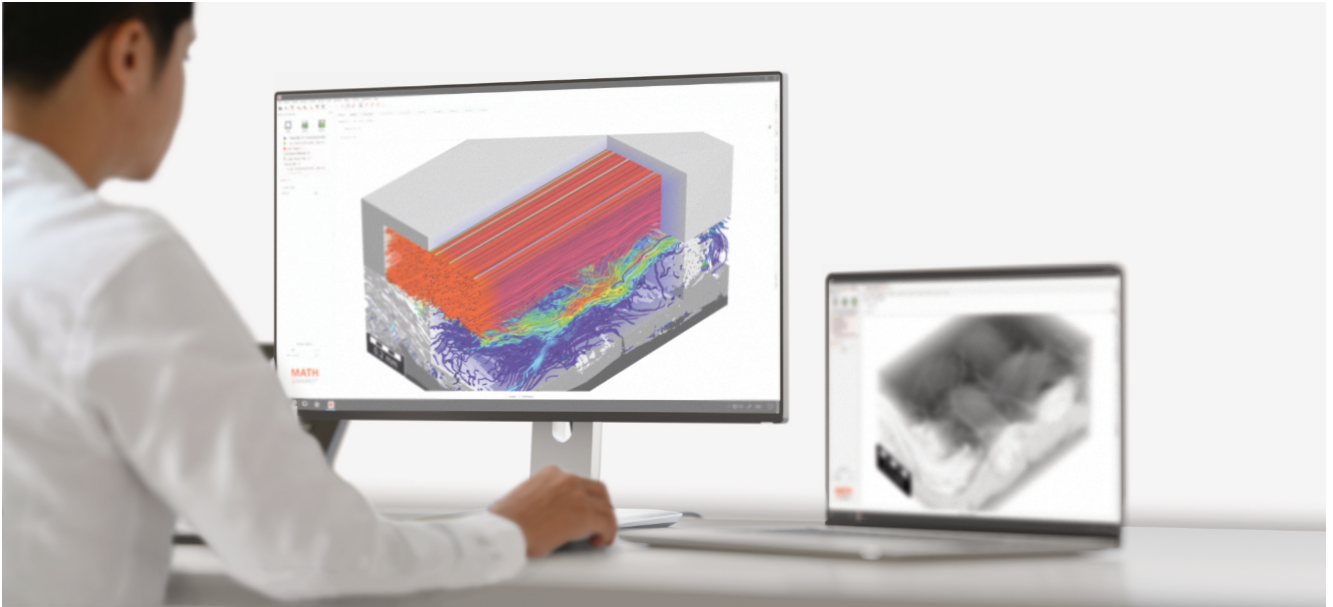


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GEODICT: REVOLUTIONIZING FUEL CELL AND ELECTROLYZER ANALYSIS AND R&D



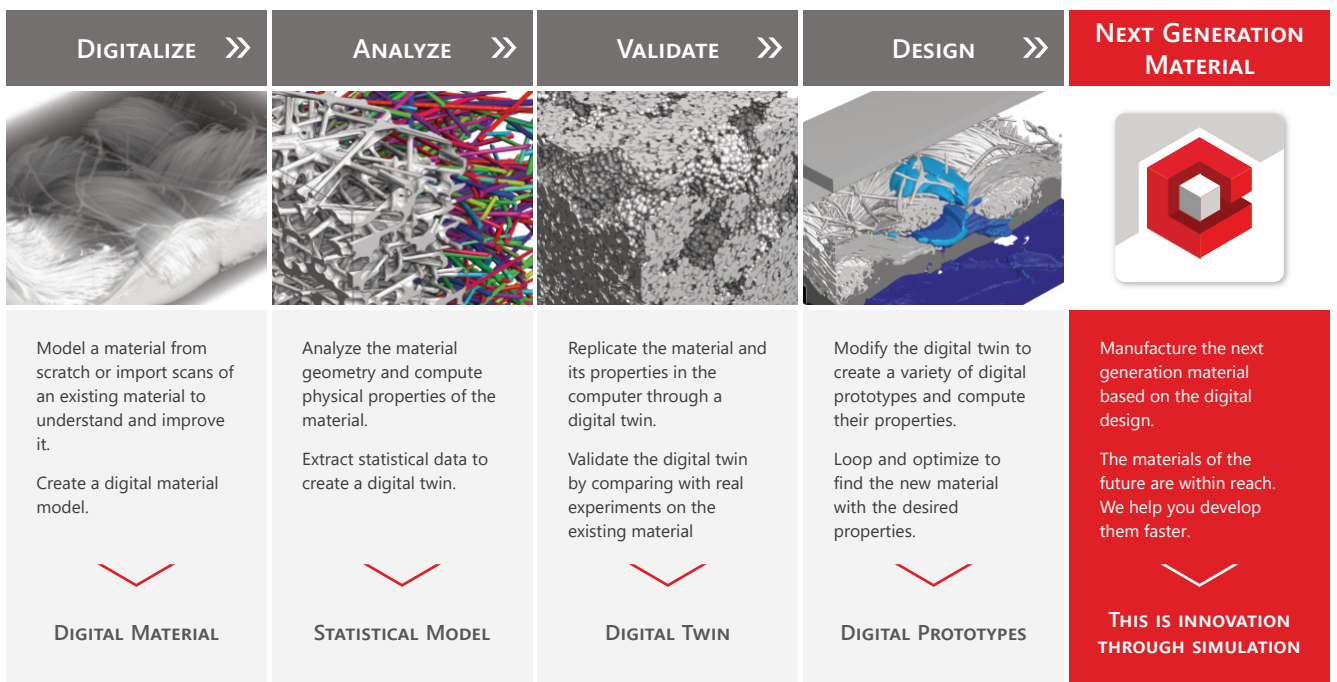
The GeoDict software stands as a pioneering digital platform in materials science and engineering, delivering unique problem-solving capabilities and innovative insights through microscale analysis and modeling of complex materials.

The GeoDict software, Math2Market's solution for digital material design and analysis, represents an integrated platform that revolutionizes materials science by way of microscale visualization, modeling, and analysis of complex material structures.

GeoDict's robust simulation capabilities also offer precise predictions of the performance of designs under various conditions. GeoDict facilitates efficient modeling of material properties and

phenomena, and fosters innovation in materials science, with a user-friendly interface and powerful algorithms.

GeoDict bridges the gap between theoretical principles in mathematics and physics and practical applications in material sciences and engineering, enhancing precision and reliability. GeoDict provides a key toolset for those in materials science research & development, to drive forward their work and projects.



THE MATERIAL DESIGN PROCESS

The interplay between the geometry of the microstructure, properties of the constituent materials, and properties of the resulting materials forms a fundamental link in materials science and engineering. This intricate relationship serves as the cornerstone for advanced material design and optimization in GeoDict.

The geometry of the microstructure, such as the arrangement of phases, pores, and interfaces, critically influences a material's performance. GeoDict's expertise lies in the potential to harness this geometry as a lever to tailor material properties. By manipulating microstructural features, the tool enables the design of materials with specific electrochemical or morphological properties, or other attributes.

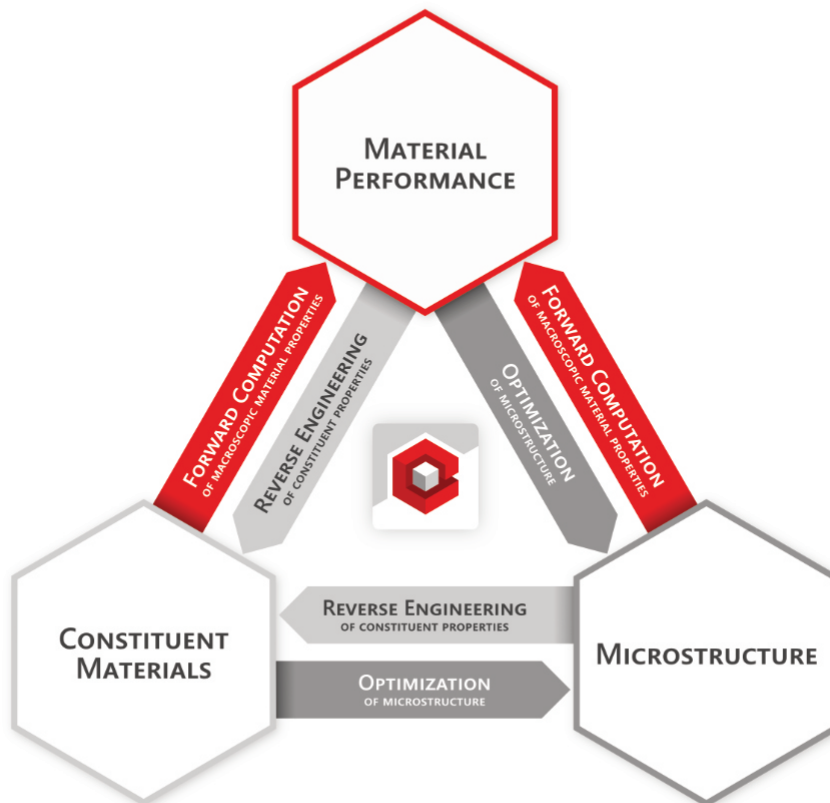
Equally pivotal are the properties of the constituent materials. GeoDict empowers researchers to input these properties from its database and predict resulting material behaviors. This predictive capability opens avenues to choose optimal constituent materials for a desired outcome, thus circumventing exhaustive and costly trial-and-error approaches.

Moreover, GeoDict opens the door to the reverse approach: deriving constituent material properties based on the material characteristics and geometry from its results. This reverse inference unlocks insights into the underlying composition of complex materials, accelerating the understanding of intricate systems.

In certain cases, GeoDict even enables the estimation of geometrical properties from known material properties and from the properties of the constituent materials. This versatile bi-directional prediction transforms the way new materials may be conceptualized and designed.

In essence, GeoDict's unique capability to interrelate microstructure, constituent materials, and resultant properties empowers materials engineers to innovate with unprecedented precision and efficiency. It transforms the field by enabling systematic exploration, efficient optimization, and the modeling of materials with tailored functionalities, all while unraveling the intricate threads that weave materials science together.

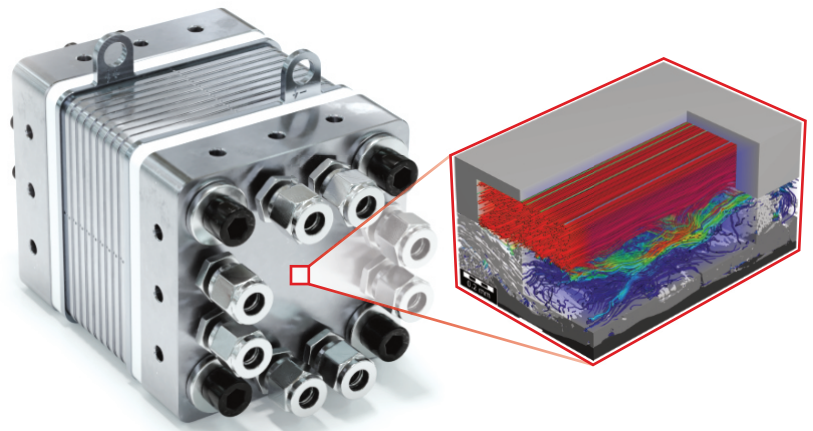
THE GEODICT TRIANGLE



EXPLORING THE RELATIONS BETWEEN MICROSTRUCTURE,
CONSTITUENT PROPERTIES, AND MATERIAL PERFORMANCE

INNOVATION THROUGH SIMULATION

GeoDict, by Math2Market, offers tailored solutions for R&D professionals in materials science. Among its features, the detailed material analysis, specialized applications, a user-friendly interface, and true-to-life 3D modeling stand out. Advantages encompass high precision, easy integration, comprehensive scientific support, and continuous innovation, providing benefits such as improved efficiency, data-driven decision making, scalability, and cost-effectiveness.



Digitization of a fuel cell

GeoDict Features

GeoDict offers a robust suite of features tailored to the requirements of R&D professionals working with fuel cell and electrolyser technologies, including catalyst layers, microporous layers, gas diffusion layers, proton exchange membrane, solid oxide fuel cells, and thermal management systems applications.

- **Detailed Material Analysis:** GeoDict provides in-depth analysis capabilities to investigate key material characteristics, such as grain sizes, conductivity, surface areas, diffusivity, tortuosity, and pore size analysis.
- **Specialized Application:** GeoDict is designed specifically for the simulation of materials such as fuel cells, electrolysers, catalyst layers, microporous layers, gas diffusion layers, and electrolytes, delivering precise, reliable results.
- **User-friendly Interface:** GeoDict offers an intuitive interface, simplifying navigation and operation and enhancing user productivity.
- **True-to-Life Material Modeling:** Build 3D material models with GeoDict as base for accurate simulations for reliable, practical outcomes.

Why choose GeoDict?

GeoDict offers several key advantages over other material simulation software options:

- **Precision:** Advanced algorithms confer GeoDict unique accuracy in data interpretation and modeling.
- **Easy Integration:** GeoDict integrates smoothly with existing software tools, enhancing workflows and reducing time spent on configuration and data preparation.
- **Support and Training:** Our commitment to our clients extends beyond providing a superior software solution. We offer ongoing scientific support and training to ensure maximal benefits from GeoDict.
- **Continual Innovation:** GeoDict remains a leading solution for simulations in materials science by continually fine-tuning the software based on user feedback and industry advancements.

Benefits of GeoDict

Investing in GeoDict is more than a software decision; it's a strategic move towards better efficiency, informed decision-making, scalability, and cost-effectiveness.

- **Improved Efficiency:** GeoDict reduces time spent on data analysis and simulation, leading to increased productivity and faster turnaround times.
- **Better Decision-Making:** With its precise and detailed material analysis, GeoDict supports data-driven decision-making processes.
- **Scalability:** No matter the size of the project, GeoDict can handle it, providing a reliable tool for all material development needs. We offer efficient cloud solutions for further scalability.
- **Cost-Effective:** GeoDict's comprehensive capabilities and seamless integration make it a cost-effective solution that provides a significant return on investment.

GEO-DICT WORKFLOW FOR FUEL CELL DEVELOPMENT

Easy-to-use

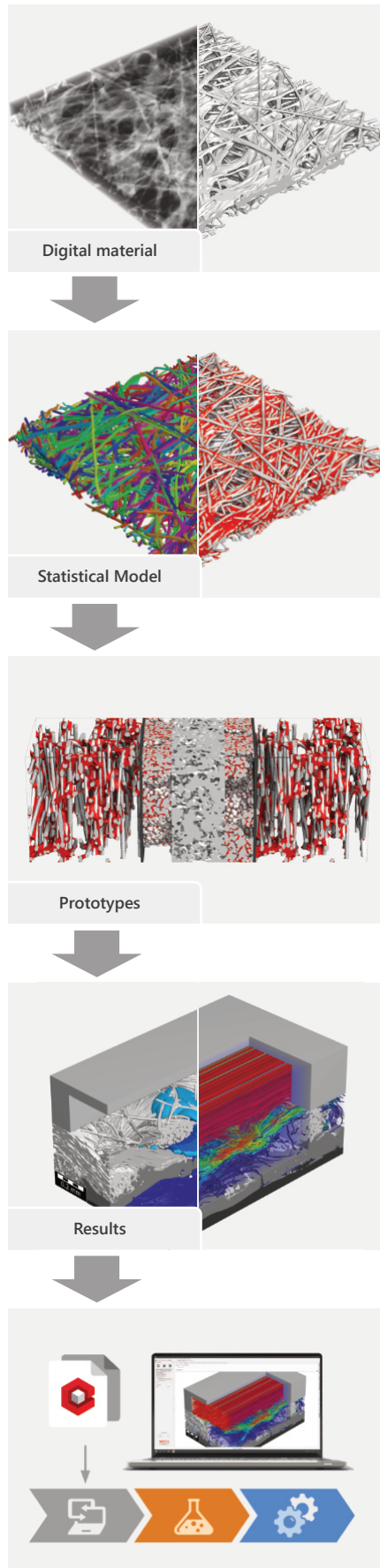
- User-friendly, intuitive graphical user interface
- Effortless integration into existing IT infrastructure
- Complete automation and replication - thanks to Python
- Voxel grid-based simulation eliminates the need for complex meshing

Advanced and powerful features

- Analysis, property prediction, and visualization directly on computed tomography (CT) scans, focused ion beam-scanning electron microscopy (FIB-SEM) scans, and synchrotron scans.
- Structure generators: realistic modelling of microstructures with random elements for fast digital experiments
- Artificial Intelligence for identification of binder, fibers and grains, and fiber and grain distribution analysis
- High storage efficiency: simulations on structures of 64 billion voxels and more are possible on single computers or in clusters

Accurate property prediction

- Accurate prediction of fuel cell and electrolyser performance characteristics, such as gas diffusion and flow, water saturations, gas and water transport, thermal and electrical conductivity - all relevant to the overall efficiency.
- Unmatched range of physical parameters predicted by GeoDict
- Prediction of complex material behaviors, including transport changes from elastic deformations under pressure and efficient transport properties across scales, using effective parameters for non-resolved structures.



Example of GeoDict workflow for fuel cell development

1. Data acquisition

Import: Choose the optimal imaging technique tailored to the material's scale. Import and segment high-resolution image stacks such as μ CT or FIB-SEM scans, specifically focusing on gas diffusion layers, microporous layers, or catalyst layers. Experience streamlined handling and post-processing of the material models.

2. Analysis

Identify fibers, grains, and binder with artificial intelligence for material statistics, and analyze pore space to get pore size distributions. Analyze the transport properties inside of the fuel cell; not only gas flow and gas diffusion, but also the water saturation and water transport in the gas stream.

Valuable insights into fuel cell internal processes, such as effective diffusivities, the flow field of gases and the formation of water droplets upon operation are provided, facilitating the optimization of fuel cell performance.

3. Modeling and Structure Design

Generate and calibrate a wide array of digital prototypes quickly and efficiently using the Digital Twin concept, integrating unseen structural features from tomography data. Explore a multitude of structure types, such as fibers, wovens, and grains, adjusting them to meet specific physical properties like conductivity and porosity.

Enhance productivity by employing Python scripts for the automated generation and parameter variation of digital prototypes, ensuring a consistent fit to functional requirements.

4. Simulation and Prediction

Simulate and predict the performance of digital prototypes under various loads, capturing the nuanced effects on flow fields and mechanical behavior. By analyzing these simulations, deduce (anisotropic) stiffness tensors or track micro-level deformations. Iterate the design process, remodeling the prototype in a loop to refine its properties and behavior. Select prototypes that best align with the desired material characteristics for fabrication and empirical testing in the laboratory.

5. Export

Export the simulation results from GeoDict to other software packages.

Visualize results as high-resolution images, in videos, or integrate them into PowerPoint presentations.

Use exported data to optimize electrochemical models, improving predictions of cell-level performance and aiding in cost-efficient workflow management.

GEODICT IN INDUSTRIAL AND ACADEMIC SETTINGS



R&D Professionals

Challenges for R&D professionals often involve developing innovative materials while reducing the time and cost of experimentation. GeoDict, with its advanced simulation capabilities, allows to create and test materials in a digital environment. It provides in-depth material analysis, speeding up the process of fine-tuning material properties. It's a reliable partner to enhance innovation and reduce time-to-market in material development.

All the desired properties of the material are simulated from the desk. No need to purchase small quantities of sample materials, to setup large production machines for small test quantities and to evaluate properties with the usual experimental deviations.

GeoDict qualifies and quantifies the needed material properties with rigorous precision.

Production Managers

Efficiency, quality, and cost-effectiveness are key in production. Using GeoDict's simulations, manufacturers identify potential problems early on.

GeoDict helps to optimize the use of raw materials, minimize waste, and improve quality control. It's a powerful tool to achieve the required production efficiency and sustainability goals.

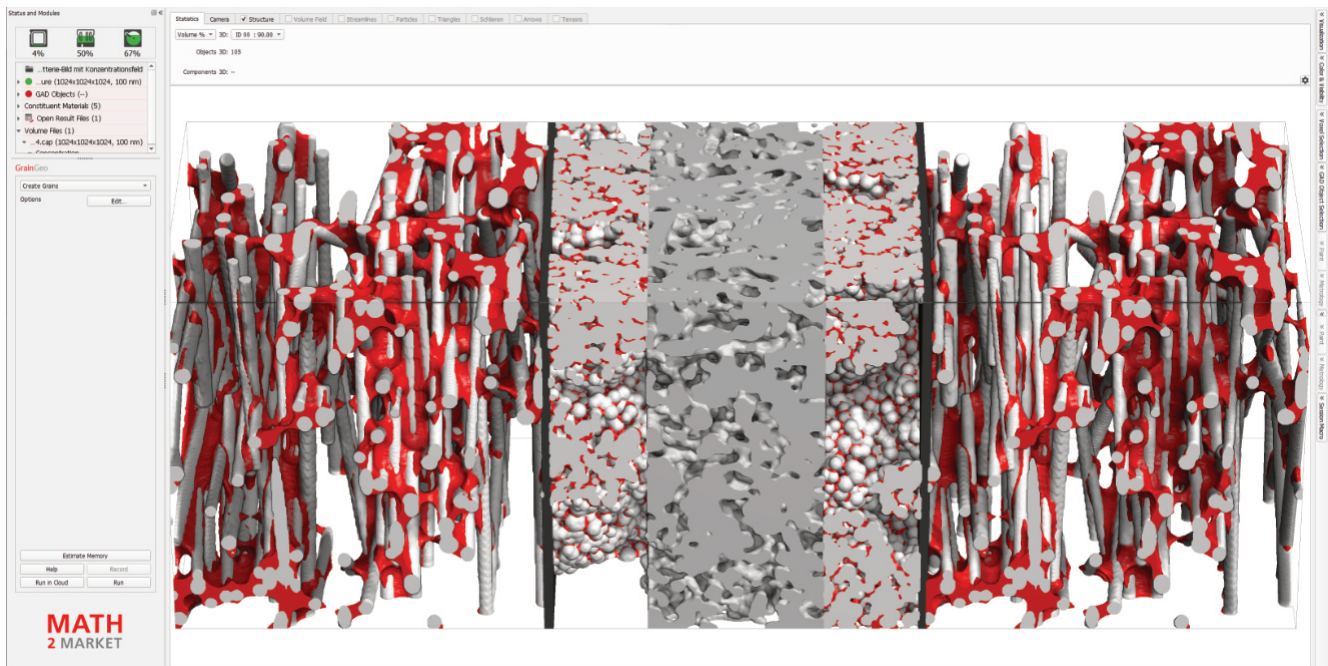
As you know, errors in production quickly develop into large costs. Before even encountering any of these errors, GeoDict is brought into play to conduct studies using design-of-experiments methods and estimate the impact of these errors on product quality. Moreover, GeoDict is a great tool for quality control and helps to effectively monitor particular relevant parameters.

Academic Researchers

In the world of academic research, the boundaries of material science are continuously pushed and tested. GeoDict supports research studies with its true-to-life 3D material modeling and its precision in the analysis of numerous material characteristics. Its ability to handle complex simulations allows exploring novel research areas and deepen the understanding of material behavior. GeoDict, with its ongoing updates and enhancements, is a powerful and reliable tool in the pursuit of academic excellence.

By calculating material properties using physical models on microstructures, GeoDict is a crucial tool for all material scientists. The relevant parameters for the design of novel materials are easily determined and optimized for future usage cases while maintaining full control of all related input values.

USABILITY: A CORE STRENGTH OF GEODICT



GeoDict has gained notable acclaim due to its unique fusion of advanced simulation capabilities and an exceptionally intuitive user interface. This software has been purposefully crafted to clarify the intricacies of complex material simulations and analyses, presenting itself as an accessible and user-friendly tool suitable for individuals of all skill levels. Whether you are a novice venturing into the world of simulations or a seasoned expert, GeoDict's user-centric approach ensures effortless navigation through sophisticated simulations, smoothly translating complex data into valuable insights.

The coupling of sophistication and simplicity within GeoDict delivers a powerful material simulation tool that prioritizes usability. This steadfast commitment to user-friendly design underscores Math2Market's unwavering dedication to providing accessible solutions to the materials science community, enabling the realization of advanced simulations without the typical steep learning curve. GeoDict empowers a diverse user base by striking the perfect equilibrium between technical prowess and an approachable interface, making it a cornerstone in the realm of material science innovation.



User-friendly Interface

One of the fundamental aspects of GeoDict's usability lies in its intuitive interface. A clean, organized layout facilitates easy navigation through its comprehensive suite of features. The process to set up, run simulations, and interpret results has been streamlined, reducing the learning curve and enhancing productivity.

Interoperability

GeoDict has been built with interoperability as a key feature. It integrates with other software tools commonly used in material development and research, creating a unified workflow. This simplifies data management and enhances efficiency.

Comprehensive Support

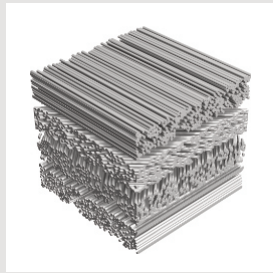
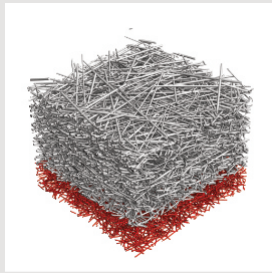
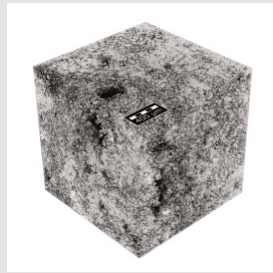
GeoDict's usability extends beyond its software design. Math2Market provides robust customer support, including detailed user manuals, video tutorials, and access to our team of experts for more complex scientific queries. We offer dedicated training courses to master GeoDict and exploit its full potential.

Customization

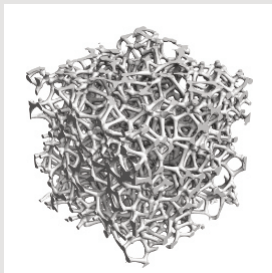
The flexibility of GeoDict allows for customization to meet individual project needs. Users choose from a wide array of parameters and settings to tailor their simulations, offering a personalized experience.



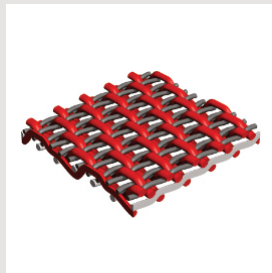
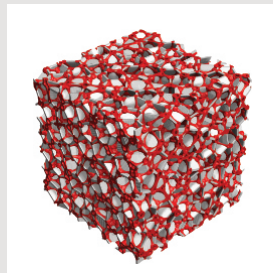
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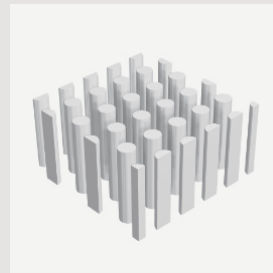
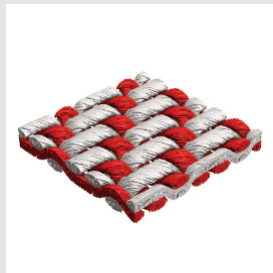
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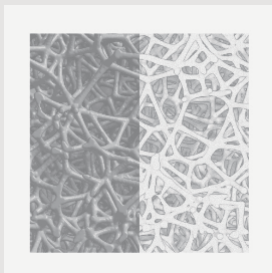
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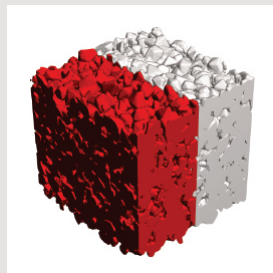
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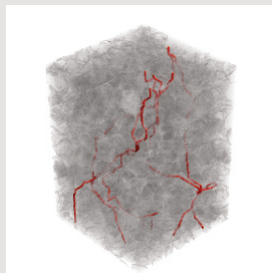
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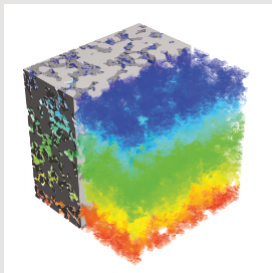


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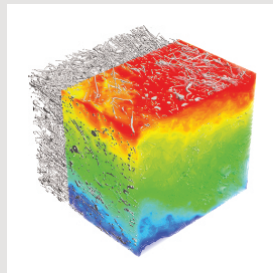


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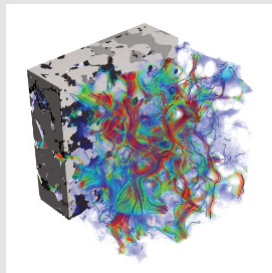
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through **SIMULATION**



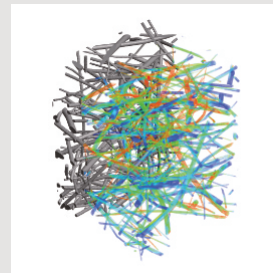
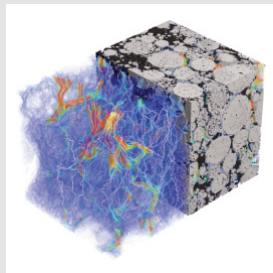
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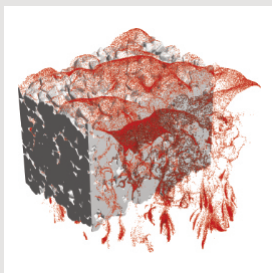
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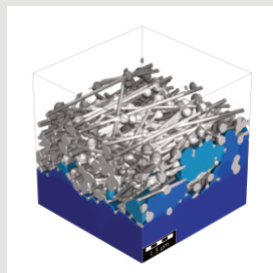
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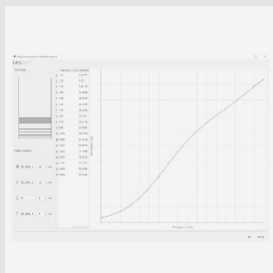
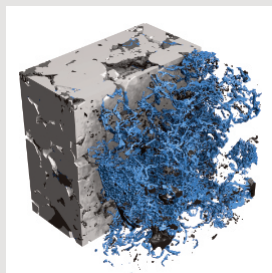
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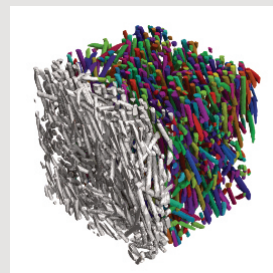
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GEODICT MODULES

GeoDict Base

The GeoDict Base package contains the basic features and modules of the GeoDict software. It includes a graphical user interface, advanced visualization capabilities, and tools for fine-tuning and transforming 3D images and material models. Also included are a Python integration for workflow automation and modules for interface with Matlab® and Microsoft Excel®. Overall, the Base package provides a comprehensive set of tools to create, analyze, and manipulate 3D images and material models.

GeoDict's Base Package comes fully equipped with the following essential modules:

- **GeoLab:** Matlab® interface for GeoDict.
- **GeoDexcel:** Analyze GeoDict results with Microsoft Excel®.
- **ProcessGeo:** Powerful 3D image and material model processing tools.
- **LayerGeo:** Combine and layer segmented 3D images and models.
- **ImportGeo-Base:** Import data in various GeoDict formats.
- **ExportGeo-Base:** Export to GeoDict and other formats (*raw, *png, *am).
- **GadGeo:** Create and manipulate 3D material models with ease.

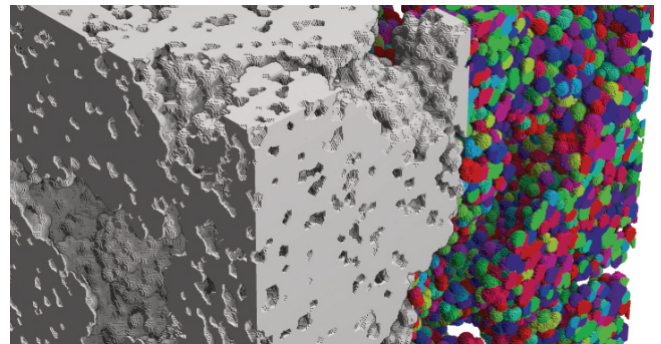


GrainFind

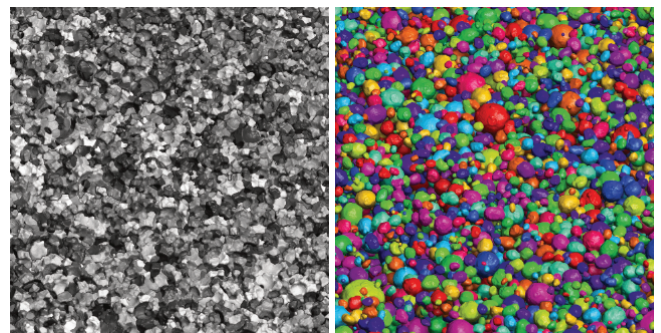
The GrainFind module is designed for analyzing μ CT- or FIB-SEM scans of granular structures, such as those found in microporous layers. It features the Identify Grains algorithm, which calculates the best-fit shape for each grain, recognizing individual grains and their spatial orientation. This information is integrated into GrainGeo to create detailed microstructure representations or to consider anisotropic material properties, facilitating the modeling of statistical Digital Twins of the scanned microstructure.

A common challenge in μ CT scans is distinguishing between binder and grains due to similar gray values. To address this, the "Identify Binder (AI)" command in GrainFind applies Artificial Intelligence to differentiate between the two based on shape. GeoDict includes neural networks for identifying binders in granular structures, with the capability to train additional networks for varied particle shapes and distributions through the GeoDict-AI module.

GrainFind streamlines material analysis with AI, automating grain and binder identification for applications in fuel cell and electrolyzer development, offering insights through 3D visualization.



Grain identification of a fuel cell PEM



Identified grains are displayed as an index image on the 3D model.

ImportGeo-Vol

Import

GeoDict offers the option to import / load a variety of file formats. Its ImportGeo-Vol module handles the following file formats: *.raw, *.vol, *.rek, *.vox, *.vgi, *.iass, *.am, *.txm, *.bmp, *.gif, *.jpg, *.mng, *.pbm, *.pgm, *.png, *.ppm, *.tif, *.tiff, *.xbm, *.xpm, and GeoDict specific formats. The add-on ImportGeo-CAD module is required for the import of *.stl files.

3D Image Processing

GeoDict's ImportGeo-Vol module offers various image editing and processing features, including file import and domain editing tools such as rotation, cropping, and slice extraction.

The module includes a variety of image filters e. g. for denoising, edge detection, and contrast enhancement, all of which run in 3D on both CPU and GPU.

Specific tools for microCT and FIB-SEM scans are also available, such as ring-artifact removal and slice alignment. GeoDict provides several tools for image segmentation, including user-defined thresholds, threshold filters like the Phansalkar filter, and automated segmentation methods such as k-means and Otsu clustering algorithms, as well as Artificial Intelligence-based methods.

AI-Powered Labeling with Magic Brush

The Magic Brush for AI Labeling makes labeling of gray scale image data easy for users by offering a clustered selection tool for efficient labeling of segmented areas.

Enhanced Multi-Channel AI Segmentation

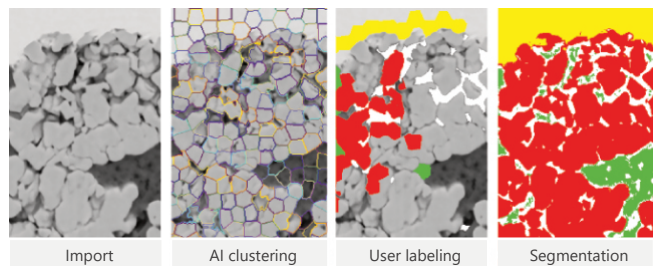
Multi-channel AI segmentation within ImportGeo-Vol allows to integrate multiple image stack data sets, e.g. recorded by different detectors, to use the maximum available information for the μ CT or FIB-SEM segmentation. When segmenting a FIB-SEM scan, it combines the SE2 detector's ability to identify the scan's focus plane and the ESB detector's material contrast clarity. This integration results in superior segmentation outcomes compared to conventional single-image methods.

Deep Learning for Image Quality Enhancement

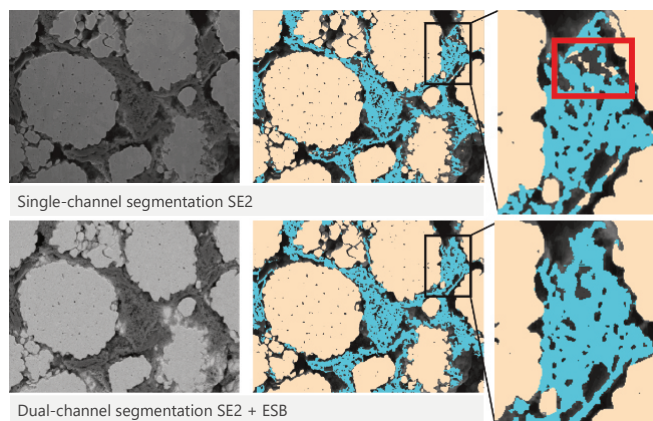
Deep learning advancements enable GeoDict to transform quickly captured, low-resolution images into high-quality versions by training a neural network with pairs of low and high-quality images. This process reduces noise and enhances resolution, saving time and costs in scanning your sample while ensuring detailed structure import.



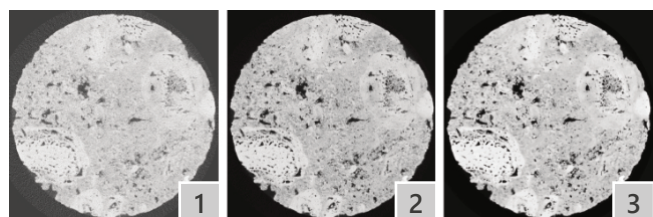
CT scan of PEM fuel cell layer



Magic Brush segmentation of a FIB-SEM scan of a NMC532 cathode



Comparison of single-channel segmentation (SE2) and dual-channel segmentation (ESB)



Comparison of fast-scan (1), quality-scan (2), and AI-enhanced-scan (3)

GEO-DICT MODULES

GrainGeo

GrainGeo is a GeoDict module designed to create digital 3D models of various granular microstructures such as

- electrode materials,
- sintered materials,
- grain packings,
- and powders.

GrainGeo inputs are user-defined parameters like

- grain size,
- pore size distribution,
- and grain shapes

to generate detailed microstructure models for visual analysis, comparable to what one might achieve through μ CT-scans.

In GrainGeo, these parameters might be modified to design new material structures and compute their properties, facilitating the optimization of material performance by comparing new designs with existing products.

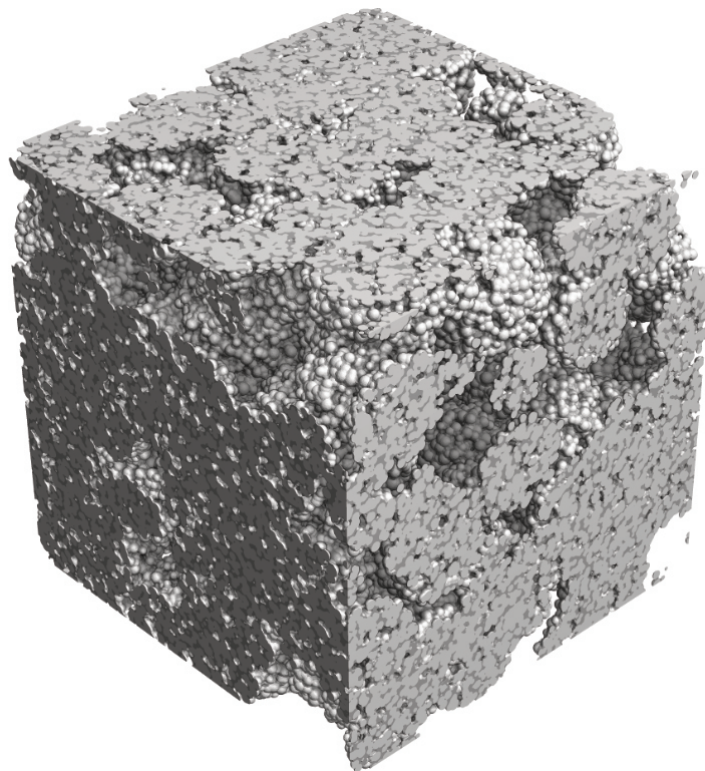
Applications of GrainGeo include the modeling of

- battery electrodes,
- secondary active material particles made up of primary particles,
- sintered structures,
- granular agglomerates for microporous layers
- and components of other electrochemical devices, such as PEM fuel cells and electrolyzers,

focusing on target parameters such as

- certain porosity,
- grain size distribution,
- grain shapes,
- or achieving high packing densities.

GrainGeo models various states of the sintering process and handles objects of different shapes and sizes, including spheres, ellipsoids, polyhedra, and fibers, with the capability to model both open and closed porosities, as well as sintered composites without porosity.



3D microstructure model of a PEM fuel cell microporous layer

FiberFind

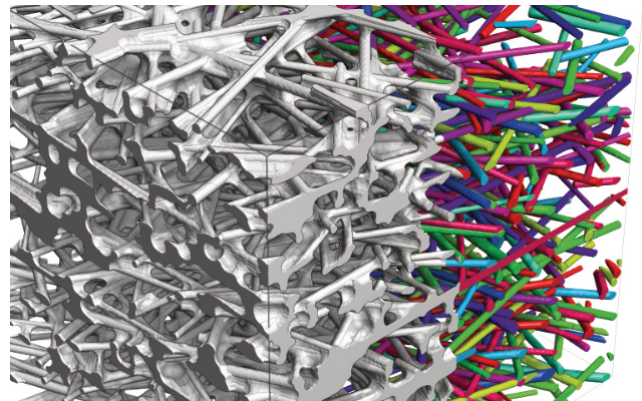
The FiberFind AI module enhances object recognition in μ CT images by combining fast parameter prediction and neural networks for accurate fiber and binder detection. It focuses on understanding 3D scans of fibrous materials such as nonwovens and fibrous composites.

FiberFind employs three approaches:

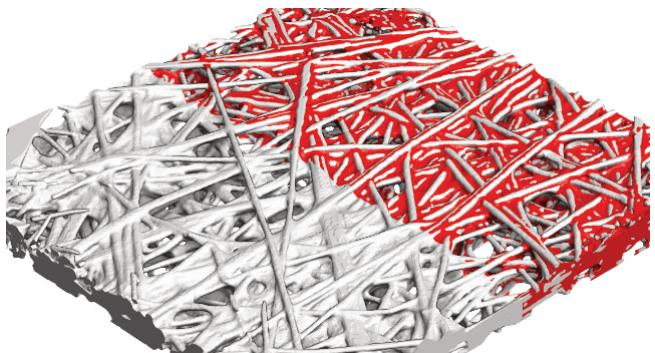
- Classical image processing methods for identifying individual fibers.
- FiberFind-AI and BinderFind-AI: Identification of individual fibers and binder by Artificial Intelligence (AI) approaches
- Analysis of statistical properties of fibers, including diameter distribution, orientation distribution, and curvature distribution.

FiberFind-AI relies on neural networks trained with ground truth data generated by the FiberGeo module in GeoDict.

This module finds applications in various areas, such as creating structure models matching physical samples, analyzing binder content, optimizing materials, and ensuring material quality control.



Fiber identification in a GDL

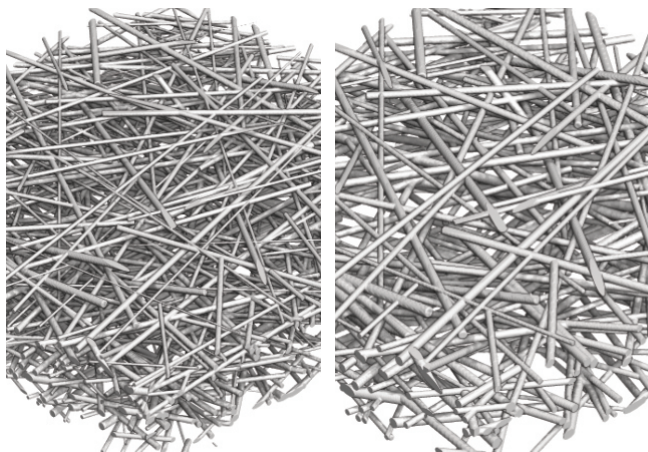


Binder identification in a gas diffusion layer (GDL)

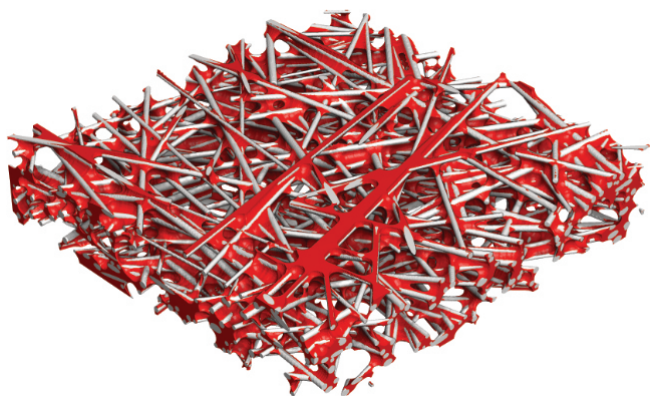
FiberGeo

The FiberGeo module generates detailed 3D microstructure digital models of nonwovens and composites based on statistical properties such as fiber parameters and orientation distribution. These models allow for close analysis akin to μ CT scans and enable the design of new materials with computed material properties. The module

can create various structures, including dense fiber networks, fiber lay-down processes, gradient media, and binder distribution. It supports straight or curved fibers with different profile shapes and allows specification of fiber orientation and parameter distribution. Examples of applications include modeling composites, rovings, laminates, and technical textiles like nonwovens and weaves.



Gas diffusion layers with different fiber diameters



Gas diffusion layer with added binder

GEO_DICT MODULES

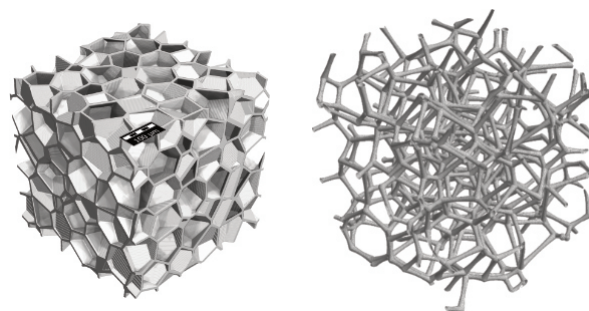
FoamGeo

FoamGeo is a powerful module for creating detailed 3D digital models of various foam types. It supports regular and random foam structures with different cell sizes, shapes, and orientations. These models provide a close analysis similar to μ CT scans, revealing the intricate microstructure of foams.

One of FoamGeo's key benefits is its ability to design new foams by adjusting statistical descriptions. Users can manipulate parameters like cell sizes, shapes, and orientations to simulate material properties such as stiffness and thermal conductivity. This enables the prediction and evaluation of foam performance through computational simulations.

FoamGeo is also valuable for comparing and optimizing foam properties. Users assess the material properties of newly designed foams against existing products, facilitating informed decision-making and performance enhancements. The module finds applications in various industries, including metal foams, acoustic foams, and insulation materials like closed cell polyethylene foam.

With FoamGeo, researchers and engineers have a versatile tool for exploring, designing, and analyzing foam structures. Its comprehensive modeling capabilities support foam-related research, development, and optimization efforts.



Closed cell random foam

Mesh of the foam structure

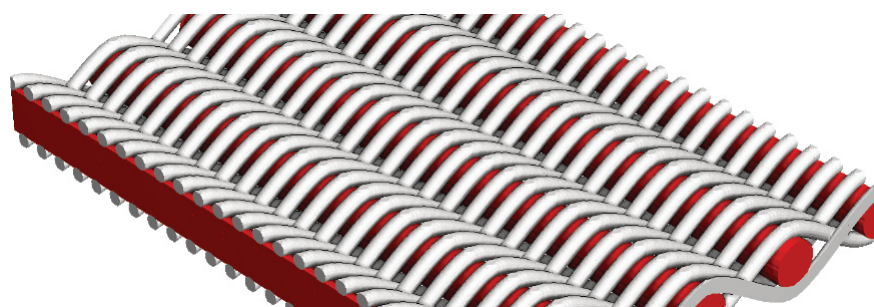
WeaveGeo

The WeaveGeo module swiftly designs and generates 3D models of regular woven structures like textiles, carbon fiber reinforced plastics, and wire meshes. Within minutes, users create models that simulate material properties using GeoDict's Digital Material Analysis modules. The results allow for optimization of design parameters in just a few days.

WeaveGeo supports both mono- and multifilament yarns, including ropes and random fiber bundles. Control over the mutual deformation of weft and warp yarns is achieved by assigning stiffness to materials.

This module consists of sub-modules for designing various weave types. Simplified user interfaces are available for common weave patterns like Plain, Twill, and Satin. For more complex designs, including multi-layer structures, the FreeWeave sub-module allows custom bindings through weave diagrams. The properties of the generated weaves are further analyzed using other GeoDict modules, such as FlowDict for CFD, FilterDict for filtration efficiency/capacity, and ConductoDict for thermal/electrical conductivity.

WeaveGeo finds applications in diverse fields, such as textiles for composites, wire meshes in architecture, protective clothing, and the paper industry.



Wire mesh for porous transport layer in electrolyzer

AddiDict

AddiDict is designed for tracing the movement of particles through advection and diffusion within a 3D structure. It enables users to start experiments by placing particles initially, then tracks their movement across the computational domain until they exit or are captured by a collecting structure surface.

After the simulation, AddiDict computes breakthrough curves and particle concentrations over time. It integrates with the GeoLab library, allowing for the import and analysis of particle trajectories in Matlab®.

Key Processes and Modeling

- **Advection:** Movement is driven by external pressure differences, with the flow field calculated using FlowDict's solvers.
- **Diffusion:** Modeled using a random walk algorithm to simulate either the Brownian motion of particles in a fluid or the diffusive motion of molecules.

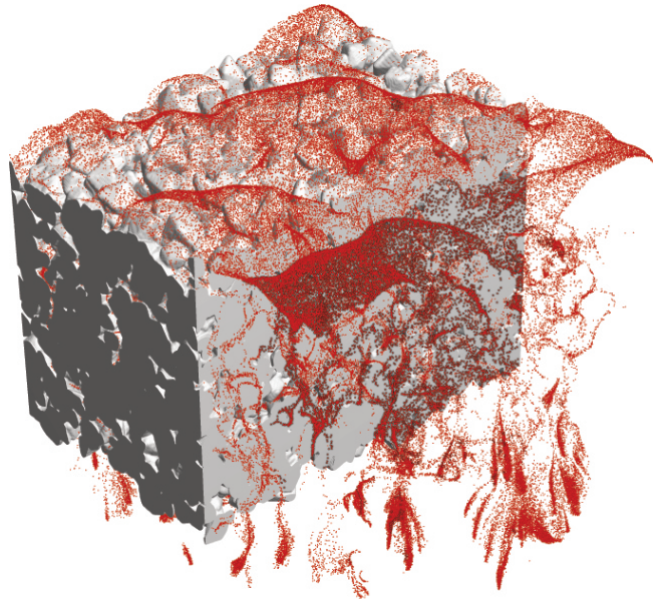
Features

- Enables arbitrary placement of particles for experimentation.
- Models flow and diffusion in pores and porous voxels for realistic simulations.
- Supports parallel computation on both shared and distributed memory systems for efficiency.

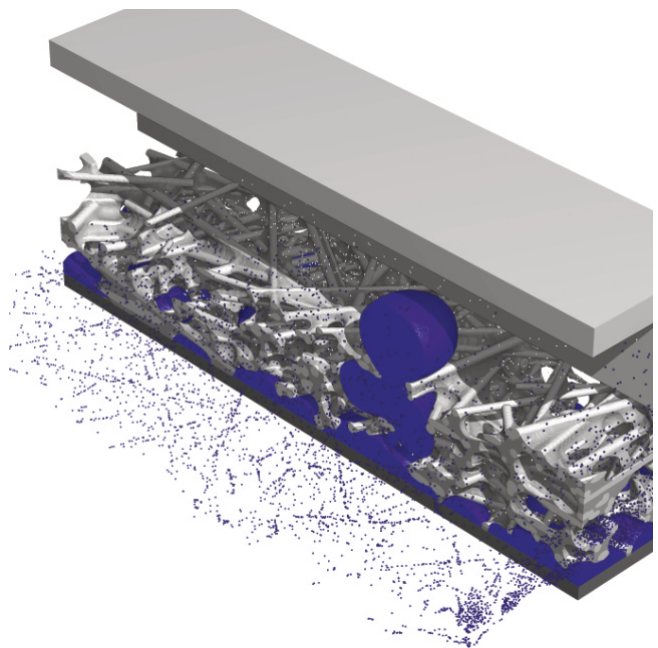
Applications

AddiDict is applicable in various fields, particularly in studying particle transport in porous media, relevant to:

- Wastewater treatment
- Water transport in gas stream
- Pollutant propagation in subsurfaces
- Membrane fouling
- Seawater injection in oil reservoirs
- Groundwater contamination by particle-adsorbed organic contaminants



Particles in granular structure



Water vapor transport in fuel cell

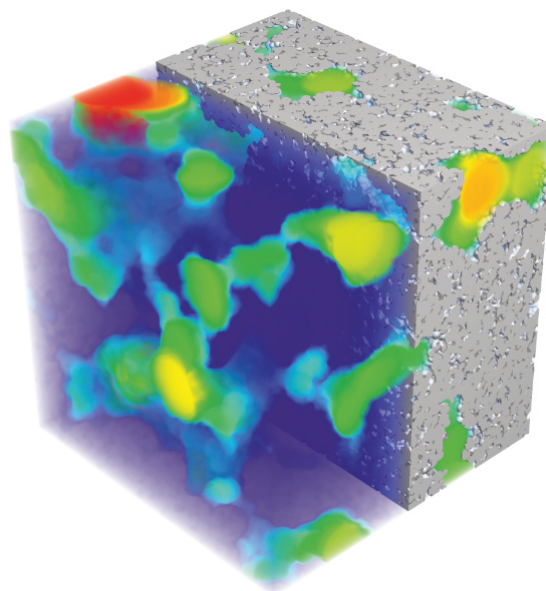
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PoroDict + MatDict

Geometrical characterization of the pore-space is carried out in GeoDict within the PoroDict module. The PoroDict module determines total porosity, connected and isolated porosity, pore size and pore throat size distributions, and the surface area, and computes percolation paths (connectivity) through the pore space.

Furthermore, PoroDict identifies individual pores by a specialized watershed algorithm, to perform shape characterization (e.g. sphericity), and determine pore volume, orientation, coordination number, pore cluster sizes, Minkowski parameters, etc.

The MatDict module examines the solid material distribution in segmented 3D images or models. It determines the spatial heterogeneity, density, structure information, connected components, percolation paths (connectivity), etc.



Pore size analysis of a micro porous layer (MPL) with PoroDict

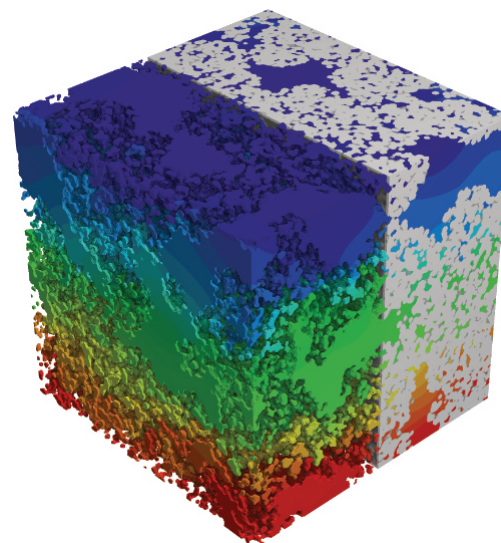
DiffuDict

DiffuDict computes the tortuosity factor and effective diffusivity of porous media. Depending on the pore size, the diffusing fluid is treated as a continuum or as single molecules reflecting off pore walls. The dominant model is determined by the Knudsen number (Kn), which compares the pore diameter to the mean path length of fluid molecules.

For small Knudsen numbers, the fluid is treated as a continuum, and the concentration distribution follows Laplace's equation. Effective diffusivity is determined from the resulting concentration flux using Fick's first law. The relative diffusivity and tortuosity factor are obtained by comparing the effective diffusivity with the bulk diffusivity of the fluid.

For large Knudsen numbers, the simulation includes the reflection of single molecules at the pore walls, calculating their mean squared displacement over time. The effective diffusivity is computed based on this value.

For intermediate Knudsen numbers, Bosanquet's approximation is applied to find the effective diffusivity by averaging between the two cases.

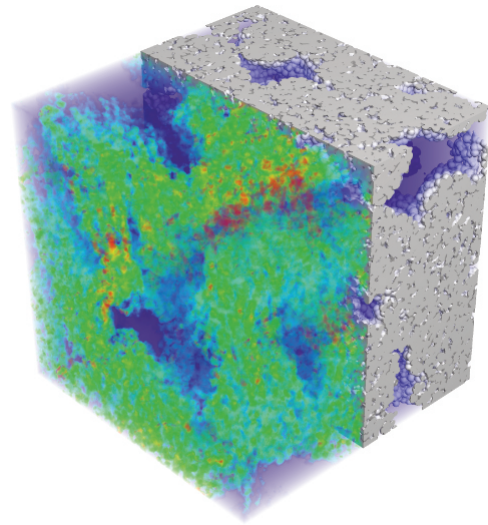


Bulk diffusion in a micro porous layer (MPL)

ConductoDict

ConductoDict is dedicated to simulating electrical and thermal properties of materials. Within ConductoDict, effective conductivity computations are performed for porous and composite materials. This module encompasses two solvers: EJ (Explicit Jump) and LIR, which facilitate the calculation of electrical and thermal conductivity tensors, formation factor, as well as potential, temperature, current density, electric field, and heat flux fields.

ConductoDict offers flexibility in assigning different conductivity values to segmented phases and varying contact resistivity between different phases. Additionally, it supports the assignment of non-isotropic material properties, such as transverse-isotropic or orthotropic properties. This capability allows for accurate modeling of materials with varied conductivity and complex structural configurations, providing insights into their electrical and thermal behavior.



Determination of thermal conductivity in a micro porous layer (MPL)

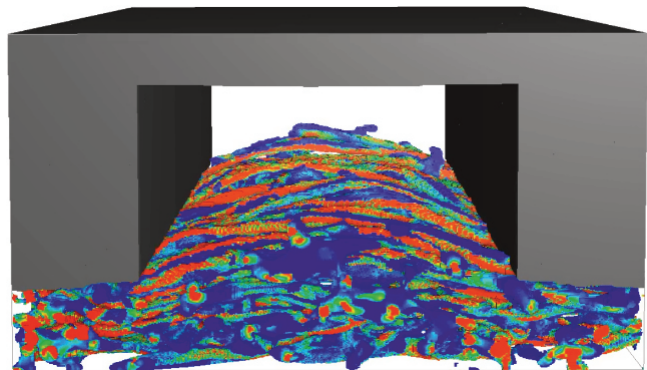
ElastoDict

ElastoDict in GeoDict revolutionizes the characterization of complex materials by enabling direct calculations on segmented CT scans, eliminating the need for meshing. With ElastoDict, you can analyze anisotropic stiffness, elastoplastic deformation, damage, and material failure directly on the 3D microstructure, even visualizing these properties on CT images. It offers three powerful options:

- **ElastoDict-AF:** This option provides fast analytic approximations and bounds for the linear elastic properties of complex microstructures. It efficiently computes a first approximation of the material behavior without solving partial differential equations, making it ideal for quick assessments.
- **ElastoDict-VOX:** This option accurately computes the linear elastic properties of complex microstructures by solving the corresponding partial differential equation on the 3D image or model. It provides detailed results, including the local von Mises stress, the complete stiffness tensor, and information about the material's orthotropic, transversal isotropic, or isotropic character, which indicates directionally dependent properties. Additionally, extensive post-processing steps can be performed on the VOX results.
- **ElastoDict-LD:** This option enables the simulation of nonlinear large deformations. It allows to set up standard tensile experiments in arbitrary directions of the 3D microstructure. By incorporating advanced material models, such as damage, failure, plastic deformation, and viscous effects, it provides comprehensive insights. With ElastoDict-LD, you can obtain strain-stress curves, identify regions where da-

mage occurs and the material fails, and conduct cyclic load experiments, bending tests, and shear experiments. Furthermore, the LD simulation generates deformed 3D structures from each computed deformation step, facilitating visualization and further analysis.

By its application on the microstructure scale, ElastoDict empowers engineers and researchers to improve component simulations and optimize material designs, all while directly utilizing segmented CT scans without the need for meshing. It represents a significant advancement in accurately characterizing and understanding the mechanical properties of complex materials.



Compression of a gas diffusion layer

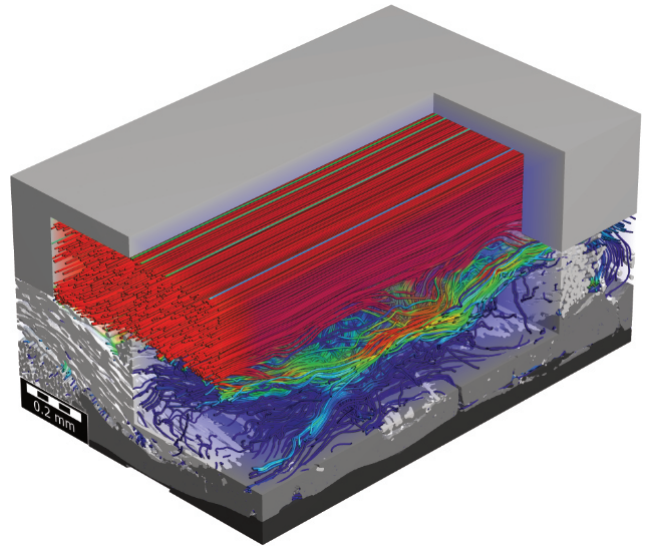
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FlowDict

FlowDict in GeoDict enables simulation of single-phase flow, offering three solvers (SimpleFFT, LIR, Explicit Jump) to compute permeability and fluid flow fields by solving the (Navier-)Stokes(-Brinkman) equations using finite volume approaches. Its capabilities encompass predicting mean flow velocity for a given pressure drop, estimating pressure drop for a given mean flow velocity, and determining the full or partial permeability tensor.

LIR and SimpleFFT have been demonstrated to handle geometries with 10^9 cells and more, as documented in Saxena et al., 2017, and Menke et al., 2018. The LIR solver's methodology, published by Linden et al., 2015, has also been cited in these studies.

GeoDict provides visualizations and exports of pressure and velocity fields in *.raw file format. Additionally, it reports key values such as absolute permeability, pressure drop, mean velocity, and the complete permeability tensor.

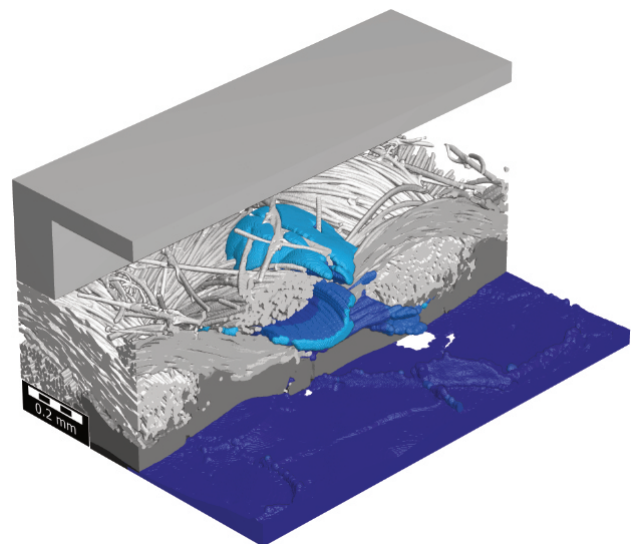


Gas flow inside a fuel cell cathode

SatuDict

SatuDict in GeoDict analyzes the distribution of two fluid phases (gas or liquid) within porous materials, affecting properties like permeability, diffusivity, thermal conductivity, and electrical conductivity. For example, it can track down the water saturation of the gas diffusion layer during fuel cell operation.

It computes capillary pressure curves using the pore morphology (PM) method, enabling calculation for imbibition and drainage. Schulz et al. (2015) extended the PM method to accommodate different wettability conditions. The PM method considers fluid properties by adjusting interfacial tension and derives actual fluid distributions in the pore space. Berg et al. (2016) compared PM-generated distributions with computed tomography measurements. Combined with FlowDict, it determines effective and relative permeability, while combined with ConductoDict, it computes resistivity index, saturation exponent, cementation exponent, and relative diffusivity as in DiffuDict.



Water saturation of a fuel cell cathode in operation

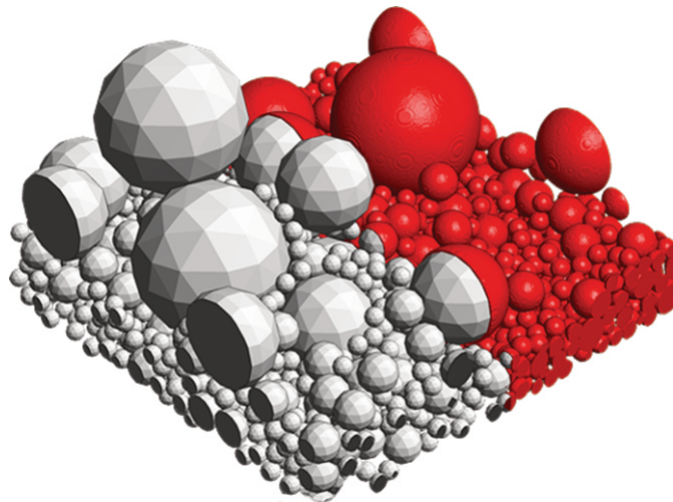
ExportGeo-CAD

ExportGeo-CAD exports structures from GeoDict formats to generic surface representation formats or generic CAD formats, enabling the integration of GeoDict-modelled structures into pre-established workflows.

ExportGeo supports a variety of surface description formats like *.stl, *.wrl, *.obj.

It also is used in combination with CADlook (only available for Windows) to export CAD formats e.g. *.x_t, *.stp, *.igs, *.sat.

ExportGeo-CAD enables e.g. 3D printing, visualization using an external render software and integration into a simulation workflow.



Preview of the surface triangulation of a sphere cluster

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An intensive exchange of information, trainings, workshops and our annual **GeoDict Innovation Conference** ensure for our customers and partners the transfer of know-how and the same high-service standard for all GeoDict users.

For complex projects and applications, Math2Market offers consulting and carries out project work for our customers.

GeoDict User Guide

A comprehensive User Guide is available to all GeoDict users. The User Guide handbooks, for all GeoDict modules, describe all parameters in the Graphical User Interface for the modules, with images and explanations of their options.

The User Guide handbooks are reachable with 1-click directly from the GeoDict GUI and available as PDFs from the Math2Market website.

Training

Online or in person, our application specialists use practical examples to show the functionality and the possibilities of GeoDict simulations.

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We offer a flexible range of licenses for the versatile fields of application of GeoDict and provide an attractive price/performance ratio to our customers.

GeoDict is the complete solution for multi-scale digital research and development of materials in academic and industrial settings. GeoDict's modular structure makes possible to adapt the software package to the customer requirements at any time and to find a customized solution for every application. All modules are completely integrated into GeoDict and, thus, guarantee a smooth simulation workflow.

Purchase of a GeoDict license

When purchasing a GeoDict license, a license package is built according to the requirements of the application. The license price depends on the selected license model, the modules included in the package, and the required computing speed.

We help in selecting a license package fitting your application and your working situation by choosing the most useful customizable combination of GeoDict modules. An overview of the available modules is found in pages 10-11. Individual modules may be varied in a package at any time.

Start with a validation project!

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Choose a pay-for validation project run by Math2Market for your specific application. The validation project brings solution-oriented information on a GeoDict configuration that works for you.

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GEODICT: Q&A

What is GeoDict ?

GeoDict is a comprehensive simulation software suite developed by Math2Market for digital material analysis, research, and development. It allows users to generate, edit, visualize, analyze, and predict properties of complex material models and also prepare results for presentations.

Who typically uses GeoDict?

GeoDict is typically used by researchers, scientists, and engineers in the field of materials science, including those working in academia, industry, and research institutions.

How does GeoDict help with material analysis and research?

GeoDict offers a range of tools and features that assist in digital material analysis and research. These include modules for image processing, material modeling, property computation, and prediction. It also provides advanced options to import and export data in various formats.

How does GeoDict integrate with existing workflows?

GeoDict integrates with established workflows through its interfaces to Python, MATLAB®, and Microsoft Excel®. This allows for efficient automation and deep analysis of results within these well-known environments.

What are key features of GeoDict?

Key features of GeoDict include a highly user-friendly graphical interface, fast 3D visualization of material models and simulation results, voxel and analytic object-editing tools, image and video capturing and processing tools, and scripting interfaces to Python and MATLAB®.

How do I customize GeoDict to meet my specific needs?

GeoDict is designed with a focus on flexibility and adjustment to your precise requirements. This can be optimally achieved by selecting from its dedicated modules designed for various tasks, including image processing, material analysis, material modeling, and property prediction. Refer to pages 10 - 21 for an in-depth overview of the modules that are particularly relevant for digital Research & Development of fuel cells and electrolyzers.

What data types may I import into and export from GeoDict?

GeoDict supports import and export of data in various formats. It imports and exports to both GeoDict and non-GeoDict formats. These include RAW Data, VOL Data, Avizo Binary Files, and 2D Image Stack. See page 13 for details.

How does GeoDict handle 3D material models?

GeoDict includes tools to construct any geometry from analytic objects and modify 3D material models. These features allow detailed exploration and analysis of the data.

How does the post-processing and analysis in GeoDict work?

GeoDict provides detailed post-processing and analysis capabilities through its GeoDexcel module. GeoDict result files are automatically loaded into Microsoft Excel® spreadsheets for further analysis and comparison.

How does GeoDict benefit my work in materials science or material development?

GeoDict serves as an innovation catalyst, fostering a space where creativity thrives. Its flexible environment allows experimenting with diverse scenarios regarding materials and conditions, facilitating rapid iteration and exploration of new ideas. With GeoDict as your ally, be ready to push the boundaries of possibility, bringing novel materials to market faster and staying ahead of the competition.

What kind of support and resources are available to learn how to use GeoDict?

Math2Market offers various resources to quickly learn how to use GeoDict, including tutorials, user guides, and a highly skilled support team that assists if technical issues or queries arise.

How is GeoDict licensed and what are the costs associated with using it?

Specific licensing information and costs associated with GeoDict may be obtained by contacting Math2Market directly as these details might vary based on the intended use, number of users, and the specific modules needed.

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the founders had been working on the software since its inception in 2001. Today, Math2Market has a workforce of over 70 employees at its Kaiserslautern site and, with GeoDict, is one of the worldwide leading providers of digital solutions in the field of material analysis, research, and development.

„Thanks to the analysis of microstructures and prediction of properties, GeoDict helps you to significantly increase the performance of fuel cells and electrolyzers.“

*Dr. Ilona Glatt
Business Manager Electrochemistry / Math2Market GmbH*



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