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Database of Generated Rock Microstructures and their computed Geometrical and Hydraulic properties

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Abstract

There is a strong link between a material's microstructural features and its macroscopic physical properties. However, heterogeneities in real-world rock microstructures often result in strong cross-correlations between the microscopic features, making it difficult to evaluate the influence of individual characteristics. Minkowski functionals (MFs), a set of measures derived from integral geometry, have recently gained attention as a robust way to quantify microstructural features. Recent datasets include the computed MFs to study their influence, but typically lack variation in individual MFs and offer limited ability to isolate specific contributions. Therefore, we present a curated, open-source dataset of microstructures, including random packings with varying grain shapes and cemented configurations featuring complex void networks. For each microstructure, the corresponding MFs are computed alongside the results of Stokes flow simulations. The controlled variation in particle shape and packing fraction enables a broader range of MFs, allowing for targeted analysis of how specific microstructural features influence macroscopic properties. This dataset supports the development and validation of structure-property models.

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1. Background

A strong correlation exists between the microstructural features of a material and its macroscopic physical properties. This understanding has led to numerous studies aimed at investigating all types of microstructural properties that could be measured. For example, in geomaterials, properties such as grain shape, grain roughness, and porosity strongly influence mechanical (Klinkmüller et al., 2016; Zhao et al., 2021; Huang et al., 2023; Noguier-Lehon et al., 2003; Hatefi et al., 2024; Carrasco et al., 2025) and hydraulic behavior (Tillmann et al., 2008; Dolinar, 2009; Vienken and Dietrich, 2011; Zieba, 2016; Zhao et al., 2020; Rezaei et al., 2021), while in energy materials, similar microstructural features affect electrical performance (GUO and WASER, 2006; Beal Hossen and Akther Hossain, 2015; Ghayour and Abdellahi, 2016; Bansal et al., 2020;

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Gomaa, 2020; Kaliyaperumal et al., 2023; Gomaa, 2025). To better understand these structure–property relationships, researchers have increasingly turned to large databases of microstructures (Röding et al., 2020; Santos et al., 2022; Avilkin et al., 2025; Prodanovic et al., 2025) where microstructural properties vary depending on rock samples and rock types.

Real-world microstructures, however, inherently exhibit heterogeneities in the distribution of microscale features, such as grain morphology and spatial arrangement. These heterogeneities complicate efforts to isolate the influence of individual features on macroscopic behaviour. In many cases, the resulting structural complexity leads to cross-correlations between properties. For instance, increased surface roughness often coincides with variations in porosity, making it difficult to establish causal relationships between specific microstructural characteristics and observed physical properties.

To enable a more robust understanding of these structure–property relationships, the microstructure must be thoroughly quantified. Standard descriptors, such as porosity, particle size distribution orientation, and particle shape, are commonly used in characterizing porous media, but are often correlated and only specific to granular materials. The more generic use of porosity also falls short as, for example, they do not adequately capture the connectivity of the pore space, which is critical for fluid transport, nor the continuity of the solid matrix, which underpins mechanical strength. A more rigorous methodology to quantify these topological and geometrical features, which is introduced in recent research, are Minkowski Functionals (MFs) (Santaló and Kac, 2004; Schneider, 2014; Armstrong et al., 2018). MFs are a set of functionals, coming from integral geometry, which allows for a necessary and sufficient characterization of the geometry and topology of an image, assuming the image is motion invariant or isotropic. The functionals are the porosity, material matrix surface area, mean curvature and the Euler characteristic, from which the latter is directly related to the connectivity of the pore network (Scholz et al., 2012; Herring et al., 2019). The MFs enable a generalised and systematic quantification of microstructural features. An additional advantage of MFs is that the values are easily obtained, measured directly on the segmented μ CT images of rock microstructures.

Some studies have tried to couple the MFs to the physical properties and by doing that created their own databases of microstructures with the MFs included (Lindqwister et al., 2025b). However, these generated microstructures still influence the different MFs simultaneously. Therefore, researchers need to first consider idealised microstructures in order to test the influence of individual microstructural characteristics (Lindqwister et al., 2025a). These simplified microstructures enable a controlled variation of the microstructural of specific features, such as grain shape and size distribution. Random packings offer a systematic approach to create granular idealized microstructures based on the packing fraction of particles, which controls the porosity of the structure, while perfectly circular particles eliminate grain roughness of the grains. Many experimental studies use glass beads to isolate the porosity and grain diameter to study the hydraulic or mechanical properties (Lu et al., 1994; Říha et al., 2018; Herring et al., 2019; Carbillet et al., 2021). Numerical studies complement these experiments by enabling the study of microstructure–property relationships in a fully non-destructive and controlled environment. They allow researchers to introduce and analyse microstructural complexity beyond what is easily achievable in physical experiments. Those random packings are for example widely employed in Representative Elementary Volume (REV) conver-

gence studies (Du and Ostoja-Starzewski, 2006; Zwarts and Lesueur, 2024b), which are essential for assessing the size and structure required for rigorous upscaling of material properties in simulations.

As can be noted from all references, researchers often rely on their own numerically generated data. As a consequence, the dataset is often limited in terms of variations of the different geometrical and topological properties. This prevents structure-property models being developed from being thoroughly validated by testing against a large range of microstructures. The influence of certain properties is also difficult to perceive without a dataset that allows one to isolate those specific properties. Indeed, despite the interest in linking microstructural characteristics to macroscopic properties, there remains a lack of a large, coherent dataset with a large variation of the individual MFs and the ability to isolate each of them. This limits the ability to rigorously evaluate and develop models to study the influence of both the physical and numerical quantities.

This work presents a curated database of idealized microstructures designed to enable systematic investigation of microstructure–property relationships. The dataset includes granular microstructures, spanning a wide range of grain shapes and packing fractions to generate broad variability in the associated MFs. This variability facilitates the isolation of individual MF effects on macroscopic properties. Beyond random packings, the database also incorporates cemented microstructures with more complex void networks that better approximate the channel morphology found in real rocks. For each microstructure, we provide computed Minkowski Functionals, as well as data on homogenized hydraulic conductivity and microscale flow energetics, which allows for direct correlation studies between microstructural descriptors and permeability. The dataset supports consistent use of idealized microstructures across numerical studies. Additionally, the large number of samples makes the database particularly suitable for training machine learning models aimed at predicting effective properties from microstructural geometry. The availability of user-friendly source code allows future users to add new entries to the database to grow it even larger and widen its scope.

2. Material and methods

2.1. Minkowski functionals

Minkowski functionals (MFs) are a set of measures used to quantify the geometric and topological features of a structure, including shape, convexity, and connectivity. These characteristics are particularly relevant at the microstructural level, making MFs a promising tool for linking microstructure to physical properties (Santaló and Kac, 2004; Schneider, 2014; Armstrong et al., 2018). Derived from integral geometry, MFs provide a general and mathematically rigorous framework for describing complex structures. Their additive nature makes them especially well-suited for digital image analysis, enabling consistent characterisation across scales and configurations.

Here, the basic formulations and theorems of the Minkowski functionals are presented, while more detailed treatments can be found in the referenced works. Consider a microstructure with a solid body Ω , bounded by a surface $\partial\Omega$, in an n -dimensional Euclidean space. The integral geometry provides that $n + 1$ functionals are needed to describe the geometry and topology of the microstructure in its completion. The first functional is

the total volume of the body, described by:

$$M_0 = \int_{\Omega} dV \quad (1)$$

Note that in the case of this dataset, the point of view starts from the pore-space. Hence, the normalised value of the first Minkowski functional is equivalent to the porosity commonly used in the Digital Rock Physics framework (Saxena et al., 2019). The second functional is the integral measure of the surface area of the body, defined as:

$$M_1 = \int_{\partial\Omega} dS \quad (2)$$

In which dS is the boundary of the surface elements in the microstructure. The third integral, applicable in a three-dimensional case, represents the mean curvature of the sample, described as:

$$M_2 = \int_{\partial\Omega} \left(\frac{1}{r_1} + \frac{1}{r_2} \right) dS \quad (3)$$

Here r_1 and r_2 are the principal radii of curvature of the surface elements of the body in the different axis. The last Minkowski functional is the Gaussian curvature of the surface, which is linked to the topology of the microstructure via the Gauss-Bonnet theorem (do Carmo, 1976).

$$M_3 = \int_{\partial\Omega} \left(\frac{1}{r_1 r_2} \right) dS = 4\pi\chi(\Omega) \quad (4)$$

Where $\chi(\Omega)$ is the Euler characteristic of the solid object. The Euler characteristic can also be found by the sum of the number of objects and cavities, minus the number of redundant loops. In the datasets of granular packings, it is assumed that the grains are impermeable and therefore are created without any intrinsic porosity, which means that the Euler characteristics are equal to the number of particles. A graphical overview of all the Minkowski functionals is provided in Fig. 1.

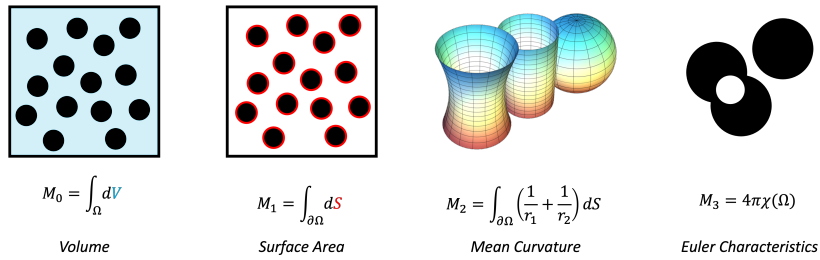


Figure 1: A graphical representation of the different Minkowski Functions, from the pore spaces' point of view.

The second Minkowski functional, corresponding to the mean curvature in 3D, does not have a direct 2D equivalent. In 2D, only three Minkowski functionals are defined: area, perimeter, and Euler characteristic.

2.2. Digital computation of Minkowski Functionals

To compute MFs from digital representations of the microstructures, we adopt a voxel-based approach. Each microstructure is represented as a two-dimensional binary image, where the pore space and the solid matrix are denoted by 1 and 0, respectively. The following procedure is used to extract the Minkowski functionals:

- M_0 : Porosity

The zeroth Minkowski functional corresponds to the volume (or area, in 2D) of the pore phase and is computed as the ratio of pore voxels to the total number of voxels. This is implemented using `ps.metrics.porosity(binarised)`, where `binarised` is the binary image of the microstructure. It returns the scalar porosity:

$$M_0 = \frac{N_{\text{pore}}}{N_{\text{total}}}$$

which provides a basic measure of void space in the material.

- M_1 : Surface area

The first Minkowski functional is the surface area (or in 2D the perimeter) between solid and pore space. We estimate this using the Crofton formula (Cayley, 1868) via the `perimeter_crofton(im_inv, directions=8)` function, implemented in scikit (van der Walt et al., 2014), where `im_inv` is the inverse binary image. The perimeter is estimated by counting intersections with lines from multiple directions:

$$M_1 = \text{perimeter_crofton}(\text{im_inv}, \text{directions}=4)$$

For consistent measurement of the length, the image is normalised to have a unitary length in each direction. There is the option to choose between algorithms that determine continuity in the matrix in 4 or 8 directions, either including the diagonal pixels or not. We found the best consistency with the exact analytical solution for random packings with `directions=4`. and apply those to other microstructures as well.

- M_2 : Mean Curvature:

The second Minkowski functional corresponds to the mean curvature, which is only defined in 3D. We estimate it by first extracting the surface mesh of the pore space using a marching cubes algorithm on the binary voxel data. The mean curvature at each vertex of the mesh is then computed using the curvature function of pyvista (Sullivan and Kaszynski, 2019). The mean curvature is integrated over the entire surface by averaging over each triangular face and weighting by its area.

- M_3 : Euler Characteristic

The third Minkowski functional corresponds to the Euler characteristic, which measures the connectivity of the pore network. It is computed using `euler_number(im_inv)` from scikit (van der Walt et al., 2014), where the inverse image `im_inv` ensures that solid structures are counted as objects. The Euler number is defined as:

$$M_3 = \chi = \#\text{objects} - \#\text{holes}$$

158 The function checks the connectivity of the voxels and, from that determines the
 159 number of objects and wholes, which leads to the Euler Characteristic. When
 160 working with granular materials, it is assumed that the grains are impermeable,
 161 and therefore the Euler Characteristic of those microstructures is equal to the
 162 number of particles. Similar to the perimeter, we use `directions=4`.

163 2.3. Generating Microstructures

164 2.3.1. Two-dimensional Random Packings

165 The microstructures consist of two-dimensional random packings of non-overlapping
 166 circles of equal size, created with PoreSpy (Gostick et al., 2019). During generation,
 167 the packing fraction is set to control the porosity, and the random seed is varied to
 168 obtain a statistically representative ensemble of samples. As a counterpart to the random
 169 packings, a structured microstructure is also generated for each packing fraction, where
 170 particles are arranged on a regular grid. This supplementary dataset allows to directly
 171 test the effect of microstructure randomness.

172 In the circular particle packings, the Minkowski functionals (MFs) are inherently
 173 coupled due to the fixed grain shape. Specifically, the number of particles M_3 is controlled
 174 by the packing fraction, which in turn directly determines the porosity $M_0 = \pi r^2 M_3$ and
 175 the surface area $M_1 = 2\pi r M_3$. This tight correlation limits the ability to study the
 176 independent effect of each MF.

177 To overcome this limitation, additional packings are generated using the same circle
 178 configurations as a base, but with particles of different shapes inscribed within each circle,
 179 namely rectangles, triangles, and ellipses, as shown in Fig. 2. These alternate shapes
 180 are defined by adjustable parameters such as aspect ratio (for rectangles and ellipses)
 181 and skewness (for triangles), while ensuring the particles remain non-overlapping. For
 182 example, a lower aspect ratio in ellipses or rectangles reduces M_0 and decreases M_1 ,
 183 while in triangles, the skewness parameter φ alters both the packed area and the surface
 184 area per particle. In addition, the overall packing fraction provides a global control on
 185 M_0 that is independent of the particle shape.

186 Taken together, these variations in grain geometry expand the accessible range of
 187 Minkowski functionals within the dataset. More importantly, they partially decouple
 188 the functionals: for instance, M_3 can be held constant (as defined by the original circle
 189 packing) while M_0 and M_1 vary with shape. Likewise, a given M_1 may correspond to
 190 different particle counts and porosities. This MF control allows us to investigate the
 191 influence of individual MFs in isolation.

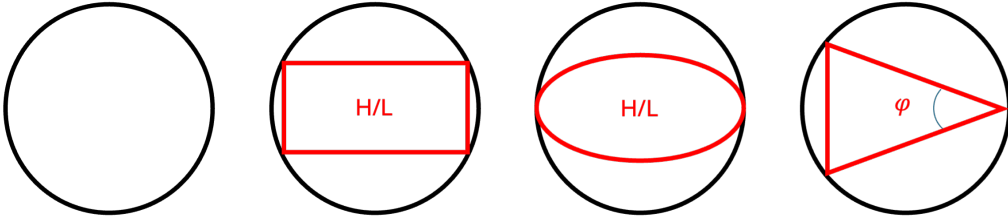


Figure 2: Abstract visualisation of how the different grain shapes are fitted. The rectangular and elliptical shapes depend on the ratio of the height and length. The triangular grains depend on the angle of the triangle shown as φ .

While the circle packings are an idealised representation of granular material which does not change by rotating the individual particle shape, the other grain shapes introduce a directional aspect to the shape packings. To allow for the study of this anisotropy, both a random distribution of grain orientation and an aligned orientation of all grains based on a certain angle (β) are included. In both configurations, the rotation of each particle is performed from the centre of the circle to ensure that the different particles still inscribe the original circle, preserving the original non-overlapping property of the circle. An example of the resulting inscription and rotation with the different grain shapes is shown in Fig. 3.

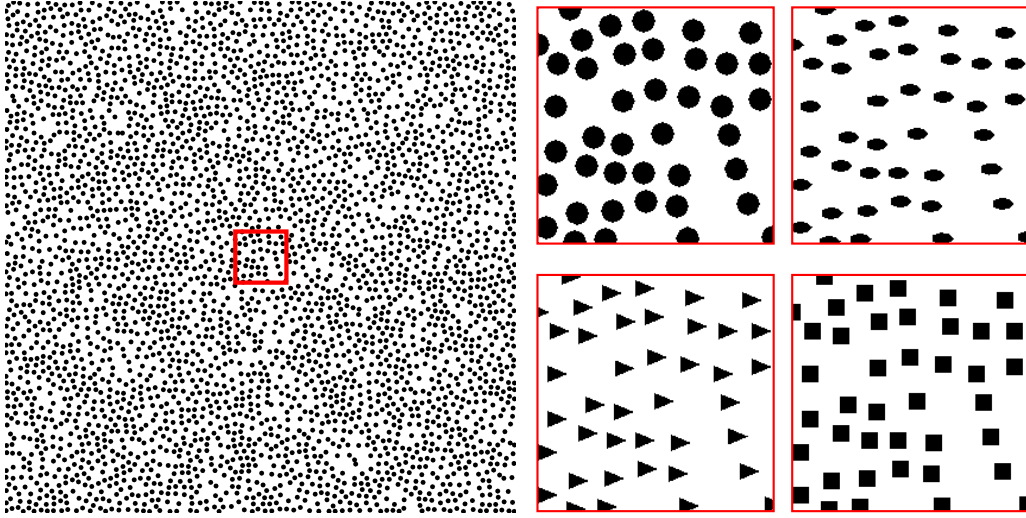


Figure 3: Example of the microstructure generation process. The left panel shows a representative random circle packing used as a baseline configuration. This packing is systematically converted into four different grain shapes—circles, ellipses, triangles, and rectangles, all oriented with the direction of the flow path—while preserving the spatial distribution. The right panel presents a zoomed-in 2×2 grid illustrating one example of each grain shape derived from the same initial packing.

In the previously described two-dimensional packings, the particle diameter of the original circle is fixed across all structures. To introduce further variability and to better approximate a two-dimensional cross-section of a three-dimensional porous material, we generate sphere packings using OpenMC (Romano et al., 2015) and Porespy (Gostick et al., 2019) and extract random cross-sections. These cross-sections naturally result in a distribution of particle sizes, as particles intersect the plane at different depths. This approach extends to non-spherical grains as well. Ellipsoidal particles are inscribed into the spherical cross-sections in the same way that ellipses are inscribed into circles in the 2D case. For cubical grains, however, a true two-dimensional cross-section would yield identical-sized rectangles, resembling the outcome of directly inscribing rectangles in circles. To increase the variance of the Minkowski functionals in this database, we generate supplementary samples where we relax the assumption of uniform grain size in three dimensions and inscribe rectangles of varying aspect ratios into the cross-section based on the effective radii observed in the two-dimensional slice.

2.3.2. Three-dimensional random packings

In addition to generating 2D cross-sections, the 3D sphere packings also allow for the direct construction of three-dimensional microstructures. To expand the dataset into 3D, we inscribe various grain shapes—including cubes, ellipsoids, and pyramids—within the spheres of the packing. This enables the study of shape-induced heterogeneity in fully three-dimensional domains and provides a more realistic representation of natural and engineered porous materials. These 3D structures complement the 2D dataset and support future work on volumetric Minkowski functionals, permeability tensors, and anisotropic transport phenomena.

2.3.3. Cemented microstructures

While the previously described microstructures consist of discrete, non-overlapping grains typical of granular media, real-world porous materials often consist of cemented structures in which individual grains are fused together. To capture such morphologies, an additional set of microstructures is generated using a "blob" model. These structures exhibit more continuous, channel-like pore geometries, which particularly resemble carbonate rocks. The blobs are created by applying a Gaussian blur to a field of random noise, followed by renormalisation to a uniform distribution using functionality available in PoreSpy (Gostick et al., 2019). This process results in a binary image representing the solid and void phases. Next to the porosity, the blobiness is varied in this dataset, which controls the size of the rock-like structure, as shown in Fig. 4

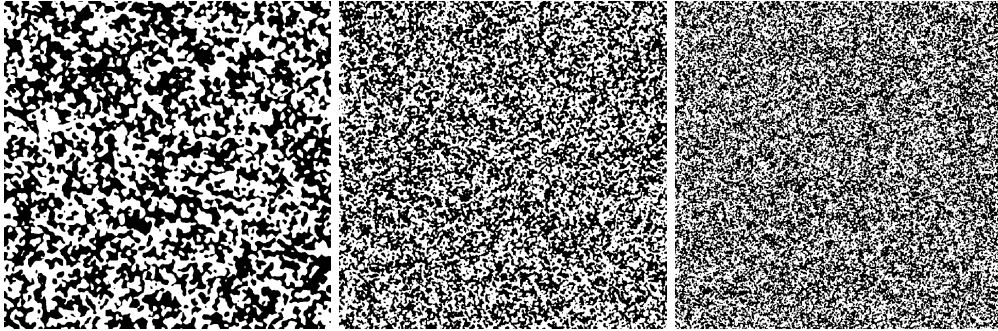


Figure 4: Three examples of generated cemented microstructures, controlled by the porosity and the size of the initial particles (blobiness). Black represents the material matrix in the microstructure and white the porosity. In this example, from left to right, a blobiness of 5, 10 and 15 are shown, all with a porosity of 50%.

2.4. Stokes-flow simulations

Once a random packing is generated, it is discretised and meshed using GMSH (Geuzaine and Remacle, 2008) into conforming triangular elements. The cemented structures are meshed with the in-built meshing of MOOSE (Giudicelli et al., 2024), based on a colour threshold. These meshes serve as the input for finite element simulations of steady-state incompressible fluid flow. Assuming negligible inertial and body forces, and constant viscosity, the governing equations result in the Stokes flow equations:

$$\mu \nabla^2 \mathbf{v} - \nabla P = 0 \quad (5)$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} = 0 \quad (6)$$

where μ is the dynamic viscosity, \mathbf{v} is the fluid velocity, and P is the pressure. These conditions are representative of low Reynolds number flow in porous or granular media such as subsurface environments. The simulations are implemented in the MOOSE framework (Peterson et al., 2018), following the setup of Lesueur et al. (2017). A unit viscosity is imposed, and a unit pressure drop is applied between the left and right boundaries of the domain to drive flow, while the top and bottom boundaries are set as no-flow. A no-slip condition is enforced on all solid-fluid interfaces to reflect the impermeability of the grains.

Postprocessing is based on the methodology described by Zwarts and Lesueur (2024a), in which spatial homogenization is applied in the center of the domain to extract effective quantities, minimizing the influence of boundary layers. From the spatially averaged velocity $\bar{\mathbf{v}}$, the intrinsic permeability K is obtained using Darcy's law:

$$K = \frac{\bar{v}\varphi}{\nabla P} \quad (7)$$

where φ is the porosity and ∇P is the imposed pressure gradient. The microscale energy dissipation E , a second quantity of interest, is computed as the scalar product of the velocity field with the pressure gradient:

$$E = \int_V \nabla P \cdot \mathbf{v} \quad (8)$$

3. Data Records

As summarised in Table 1, a comprehensive set of two-dimensional microstructures was generated by systematically varying grain shape, orientation, size distribution, and size parameters. For each unique parameter combination, 25 random configurations were created to enable statistical analysis of microstructural variability. Additionally, one structured (regular) packing was generated per configuration to serve as a reference. The packing fraction with a homogeneous circle diameter was varied from 1% to 55% in 1% increments, providing fine-grained coverage of the full range of dilute to moderately dense microstructures. While the theoretical maximum packing fraction for circular particles approaches 91% in a hexagonal arrangement, we limit the upper bound to 55% to maintain computational feasibility and allow for efficient generation of diverse samples. Beyond this threshold, particle overlap constraints complexity significantly increase generation time without yielding proportional benefit for the intended statistical analysis. For the varying diameter, packing fractions varying from 7% to 62%, with increments of 5% are generated. As the samples come from a sphere-packing, in which the closed random packing limit is 64%. In total, the dataset comprises 82075 individual two-dimensional random packing samples.

Fig. 5 shows that the MF space originates from a reference point characterised by $M_0 = 1$, $M_1 = 0$ and $M_3 = 0$ and evolves linearly along distinct trajectories depending on the microstructural configuration. Circular grain packings follow a single linear trend, determined by the radius of the particles. Introducing varied grain shapes leads to a broader distribution in MF space. By systematically varying shape parameters, we

Grain shape	Grain orientation	Grain size distribution	Size parameter
Circles	Random	Homogeneous Heterogeneous	-
Triangles	Random Aligned Perpendicular Diagonal	Homogeneous Heterogeneous	$\varphi =$ 25 30 35 40 45
Rectangles	Random Aligned Perpendicular Diagonal	Homogeneous Heterogeneous	$\frac{h}{L} =$ 0.5 0.66 0.75 1
Ellipses	Random Aligned Perpendicular Diagonal	Homogeneous Heterogeneous	$\frac{h}{L} =$ 0.5 0.66 0.75 1

Table 1: Summary of the contents of the 2D Random Packings in the dataset

observe changes in the directional slopes of the MF vector, suggesting the potential to span an octant of a sphere in the Minkowski space.

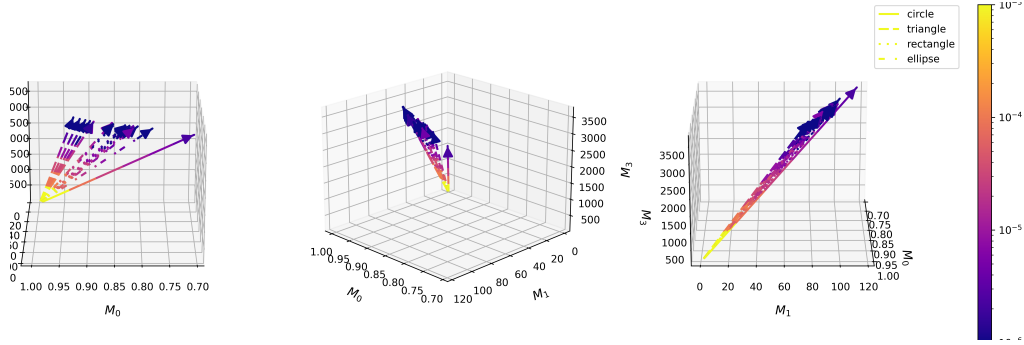


Figure 5: The MF space of the different random packings generated with different porosity and grain properties. The colours in the graph indicate the computed permeability of the samples on a log-normal scale.

For the blobs, samples span a wide porosity range, from 55% to 95%, in increments of 4.5%. Below a porosity of 50%, we obtain a negative Euler number (see Fig. 6) indicating a lack of percolation [Sadeghnejad et al. \(2023\)](#). For each porosity level, structures were generated with blobiness parameters varying from 10 to 15 in unit steps, selected to capture different degrees of pore-space smoothness, connectivity and a realistic range of microstructures. Each unique combination of porosity and blobiness results in 50 independently generated configurations. For each configuration, the sample is cut into 400 smaller subsamples for the postprocessing of the physical properties. Whereas the granular material had a MF space starting from the origin, the MF space for the cemented

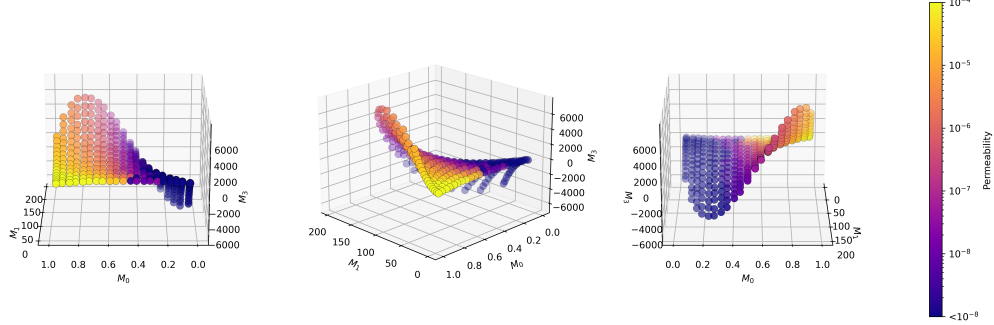


Figure 6: The MF space of different cemented microstructures generated with different porosity and blobiness, shown in 3 different view orientations. The colour scale indicates the dimensionless permeability of the samples, shown in a log-normal scale.

microstructures offer a different shaped plane, in which lower porosities correlate to a negative curvature compared to the surface area, and higher porosities correlate to a positive curvature. This contributes to a wider variation of the whole MF space and permeability.

4. Technical validation

To ensure the robustness and reliability of the dataset, several validation steps were performed.

4.1. Mesh independence

We verified the numerical stability of computed permeability values with respect to mesh resolution by performing mesh convergence tests for representative geometries. As shown in the example of Fig. 7, the permeability stabilises with increasing degrees of freedom (DOFs), indicating that the mesh density used in the final dataset is sufficient for accurate fluid flow simulations. This mesh-convergence study is performed for the different hydraulic properties and MFs.

4.2. REV convergence

Once the results of all the samples with the same characteristics have been gathered, a REV convergence study is applied to find the representative physical property of the microstructures, following the method from Zwarts and Lesueur (2024b). In summary, the physical properties are fitted into a log-normal distribution, from which we extract the variance for a sample with a reference size. This variance directly correlates to the variance of samples with different sizes, using the ratio of the sizes. This allows to fit a cone-shaped convergence law on the samples and extract the converged properties and size of the REV, which is provided in the following formula:

$$y = \mu \cdot \exp\left(\pm \sqrt{\frac{V_{ref}}{V_s}} \sigma_{ref}\right) \quad (9)$$

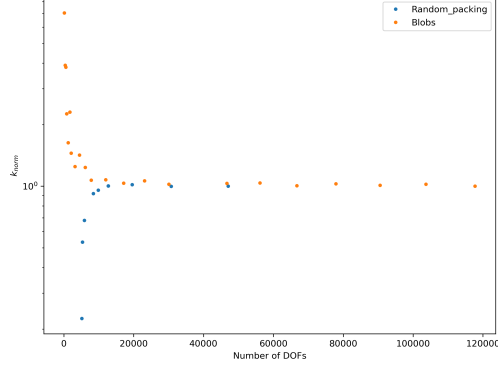


Figure 7: Mesh convergence study for the random packing (blue) and the blob microstructure (orange), shown in the permeability normalised to the last computed value. Once a certain number of degrees of freedom (DOFs) has been reached, the numerical solution converges to a value.

314 An example of the values of the standard deviation for each packing fraction for different
 315 properties is shown in Fig. 8. For each microstructure with the same characteristics,
 316 a REV convergence study of the MFs, permeability, hydraulic energy and tortuosity is
 317 provided.

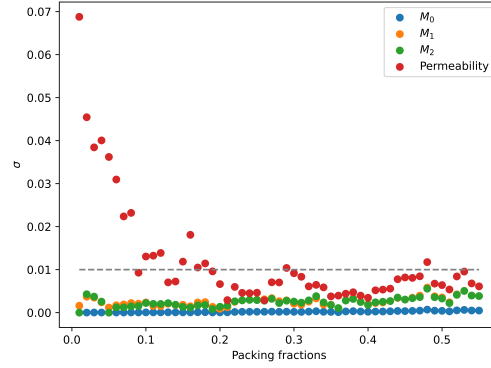


Figure 8: The standard deviation of the different packing fractions, compared to the different properties measured. In this image, an example of the random packing with triangular shapes is presented.

318 4.3. Permeability computation

319 For the validation of the hydraulic properties, we use the semi-analytical formulation
 320 of permeability of Kozeny-Carmen (Carman, 1939), which expresses the permeability in
 321 terms of the surface area S , porosity ε and shape factor k_z . Since the equation is based
 322 on Poiseuille's equation of flow through a tube and Darcy's law, we can express this both
 323 in two and three dimensions as:

$$k = \frac{\varepsilon^3}{k_z S^2} \quad (10)$$

324 Note that we don't use the specific surface area, usually estimated with $S = S_0(1 - \varepsilon)$, as
 325 we measure the full surface area with the computation of the MFs. In two dimensions, we
 326 fit the shape factor, coming from the relation of the hydraulic radius to the representative
 327 channel height, to the circles and use that value with the other grain shapes values to
 328 compare the results of the simulations with the semi-analytical solution, as shown in
 329 Fig. 9. We find that the shape factor is around 14.

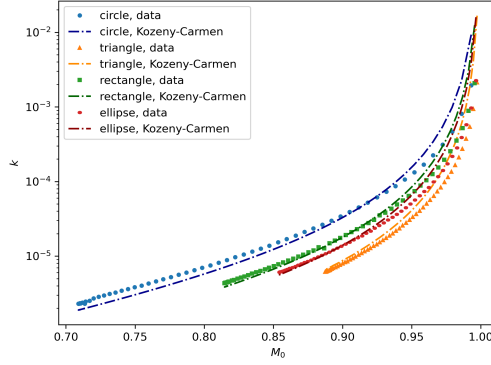


Figure 9: The permeability of the 2D random packing simulated samples, shown with markers, and the permeability as defined by the Kozeny-Carmen equation, shown with the dashed lines. The different grain shapes are presented in different colours.

330 5. Data availability

331 The database can be found in [Zwarts et al. \(2025\)](#), which is a github repository. Both
 332 the details of microstructures and results are shown there, supported by the scripts to
 333 generate the different microstructures.

334 6. Usage Notes

335 The microstructure-permeability database presented in this study spans a wide range
 336 of simulated 2D geometries and extracted transport properties, and can be found at
 337 [Zwarts et al. \(2025\)](#). The current dataset includes permeability computation, Minkowski
 338 functionals, and meshing details for each sample. Future updates —whether to incorpo-
 339 rate new particle shapes, extend the parameter space (e.g., porosity or packing ratio), or
 340 include other physical properties— can be implemented with minimal effort by users.

341 7. Code availability

342 All scripts used for geometry generation, meshing, simulation, and data post-processing
 343 have been made publicly available in the associated repository [Zwarts et al. \(2025\)](#). These
 344 are modular and designed for reproducibility and traceability, allowing users to regener-
 345 ate or extend the dataset seamlessly. We encourage community contributions to expand
 346 the dataset and improve upon the simulation and analysis routines.

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