

User friendly processing of sediment CT data:

Software and application in high resolution non-destructive sediment core data sets

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Sediment Computed Tomography

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Why CT Scans?

- 3-D Volumes
- Quantitative HU scale
- Up to 0.5 mm resolution

HU values are relative to the attenuation
coefficient of water

Air \sim -1000

Water = 0

Calcite \sim 2500

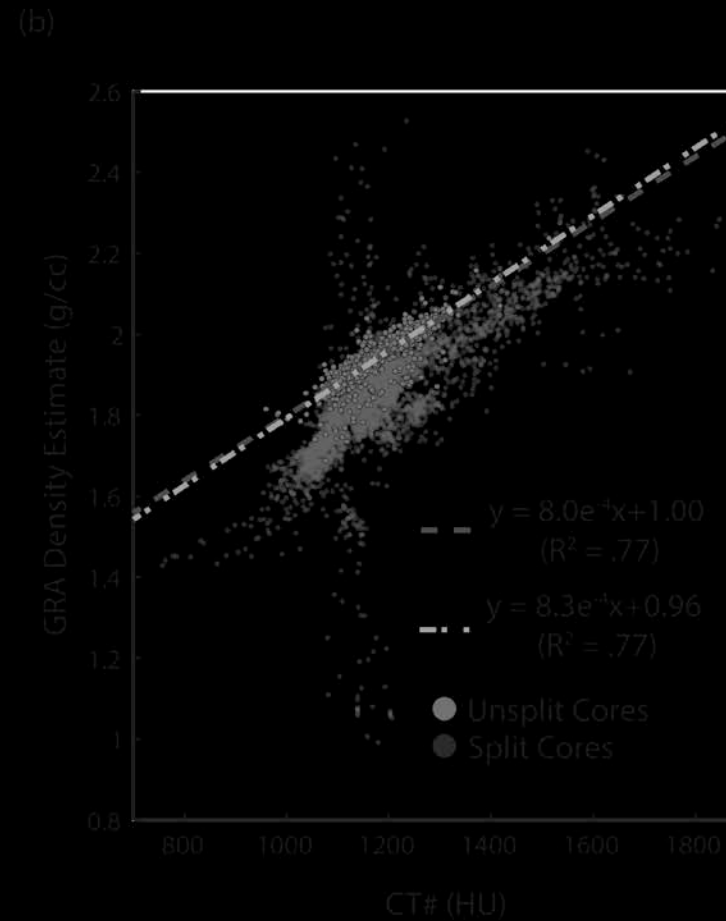
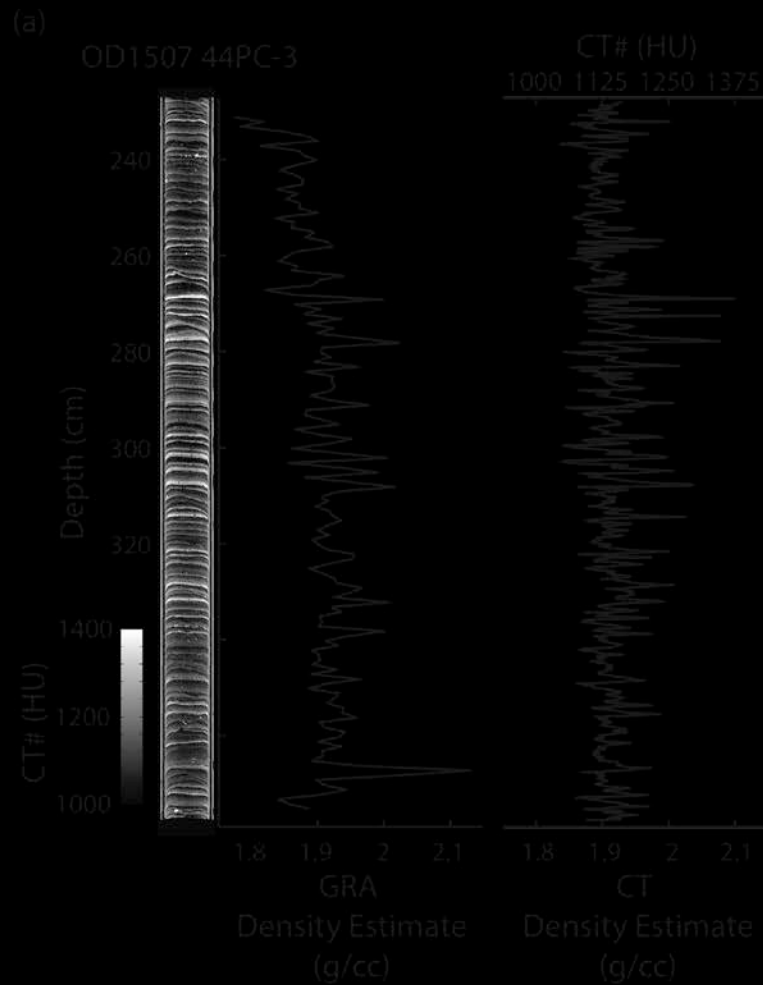
$$HU = (\mu / \mu_w - 1) \times 1000$$

HU = Hounsfield Unit

μ = attenuation coefficient of sediment

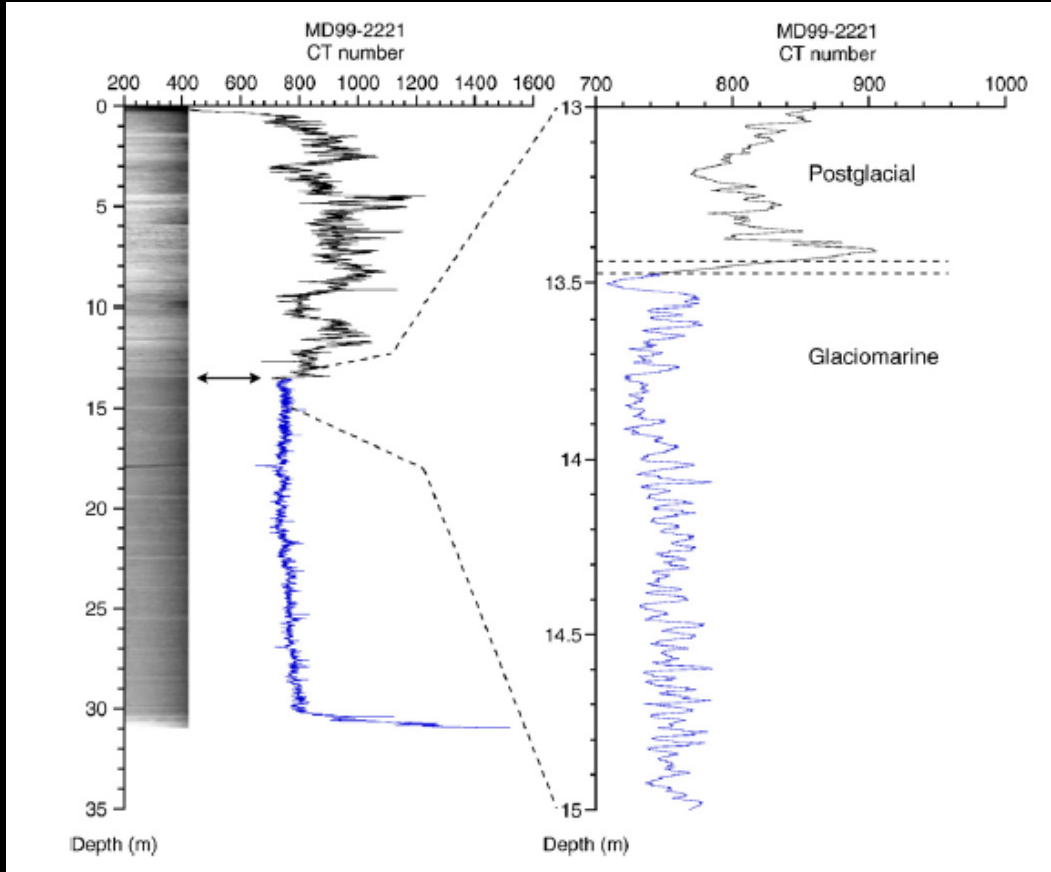
μ_w = attenuation coefficient of water

Comparison with GRA density



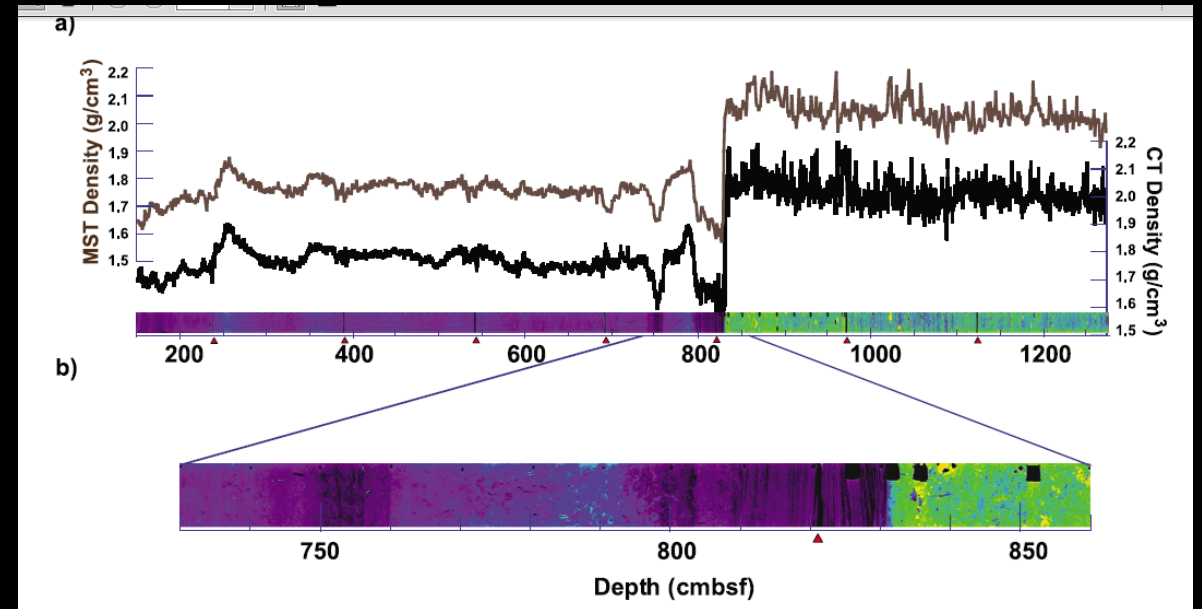
CT Scans are already demonstrated as useful in paleoclimate studies

St. Lawrence Estuary



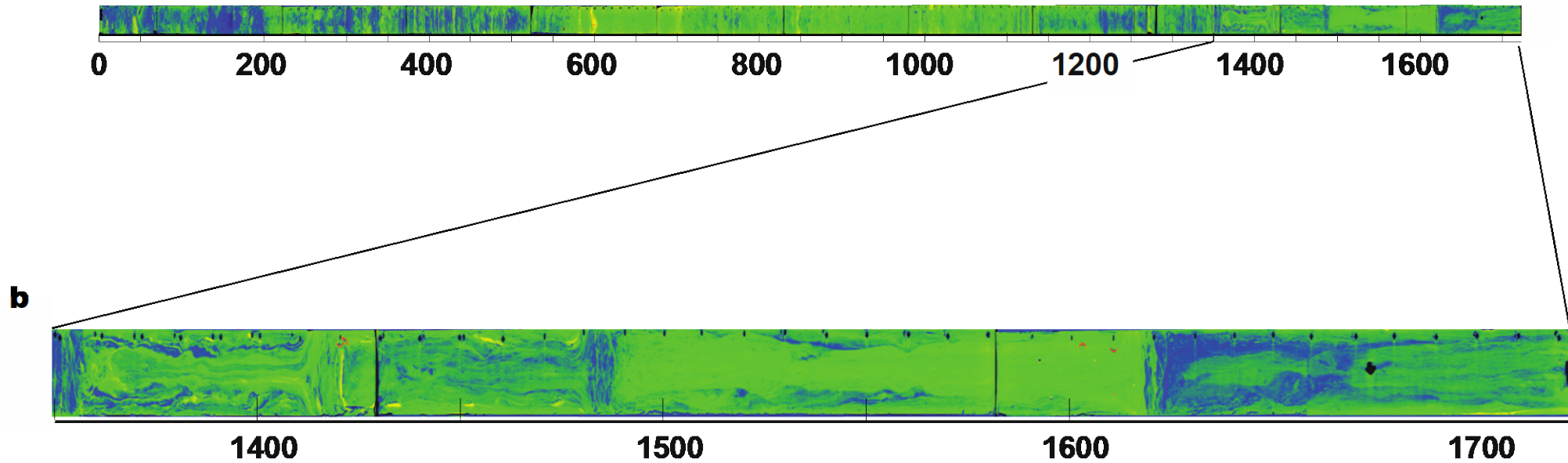
St-Onge & Long, 2009,
Engineering Geology

Gulf of Alaska



Davies et al., 2011,
Paleoceanography

CT Scans can facilitate identification of disturbances



Gulf of Alaska

Depth (cmbst)

Walczak (nee Davies) et al., in press,
EPSL

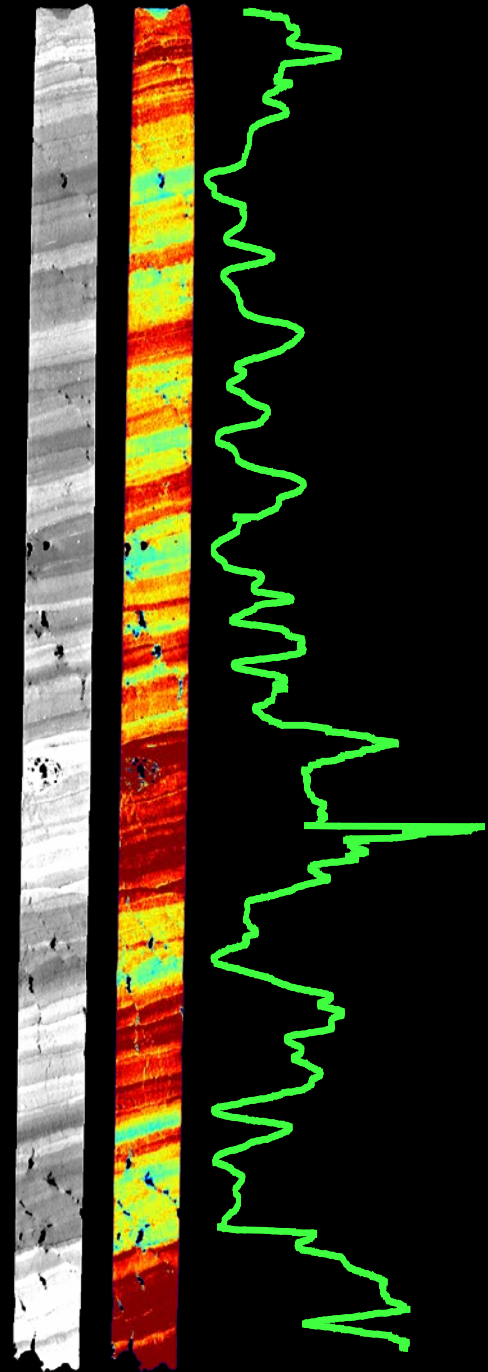
Motivation

Standardize CT Processing:

- Utilize entire 3-D volume and sets of DICOM files
- Interactive and simple tool
- Fast
- Direct comparison of large sediment core suites
- Preserves quantitative information (HU Scale)

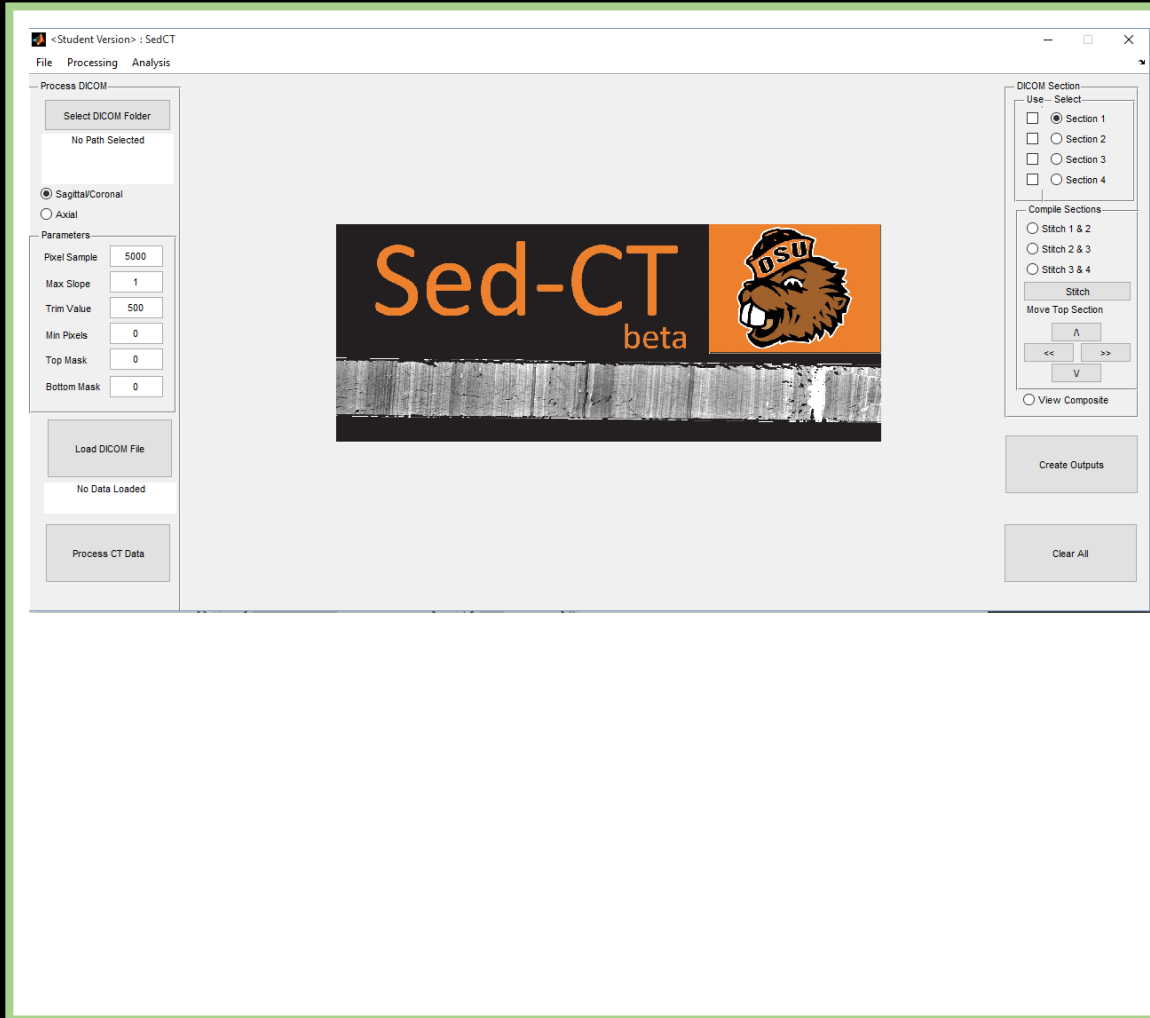
Robustness to Normal Coring Imperfections

- Deformation
- Bowing
- Gas Expansion
- Gaps



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Graphical User Interface

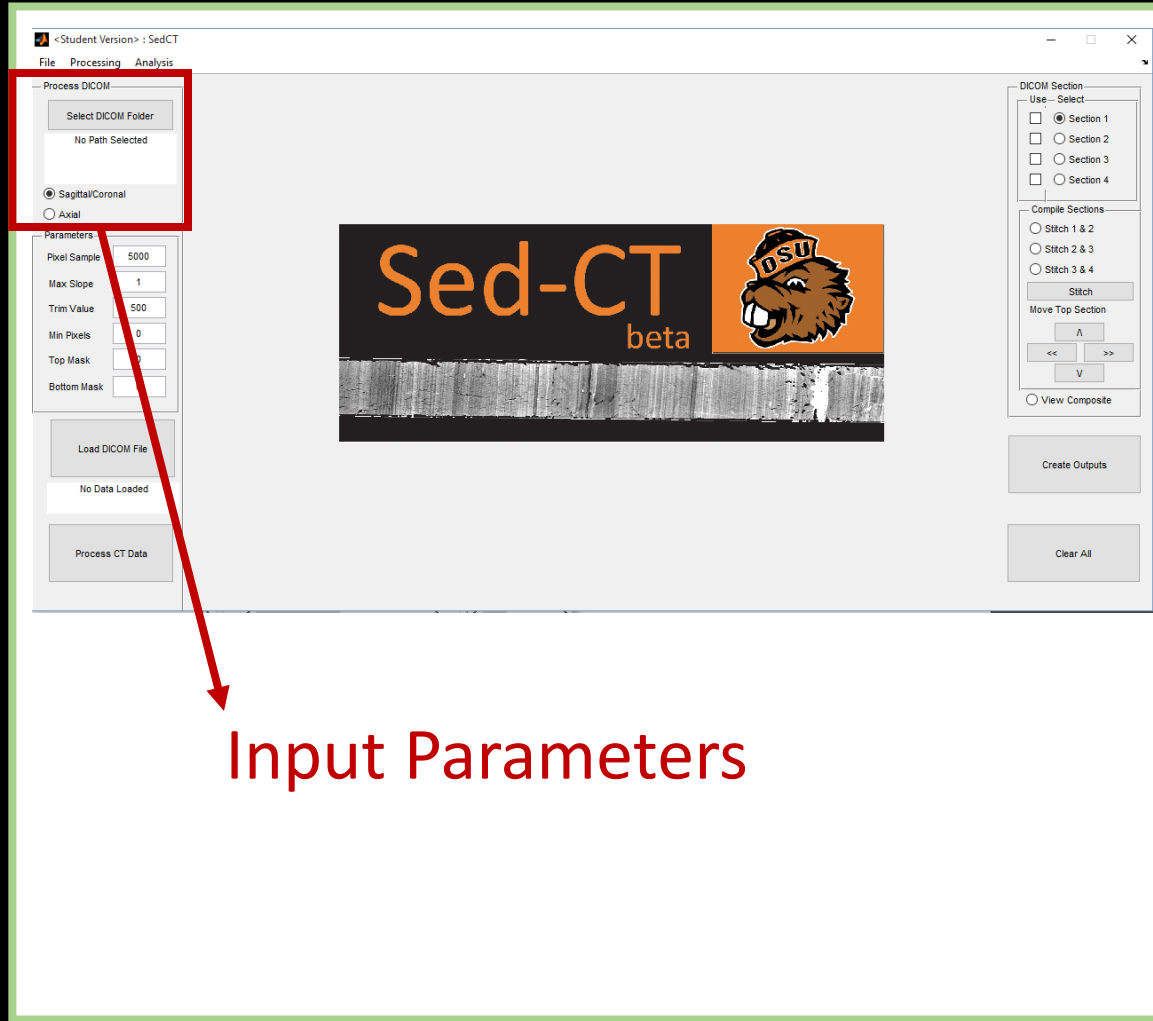


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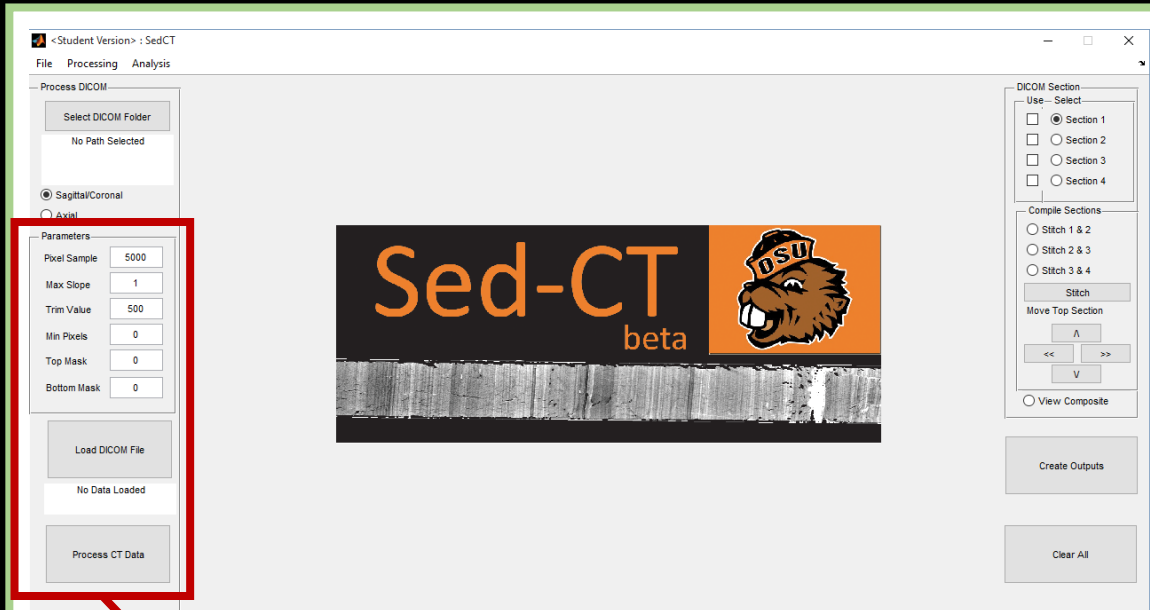
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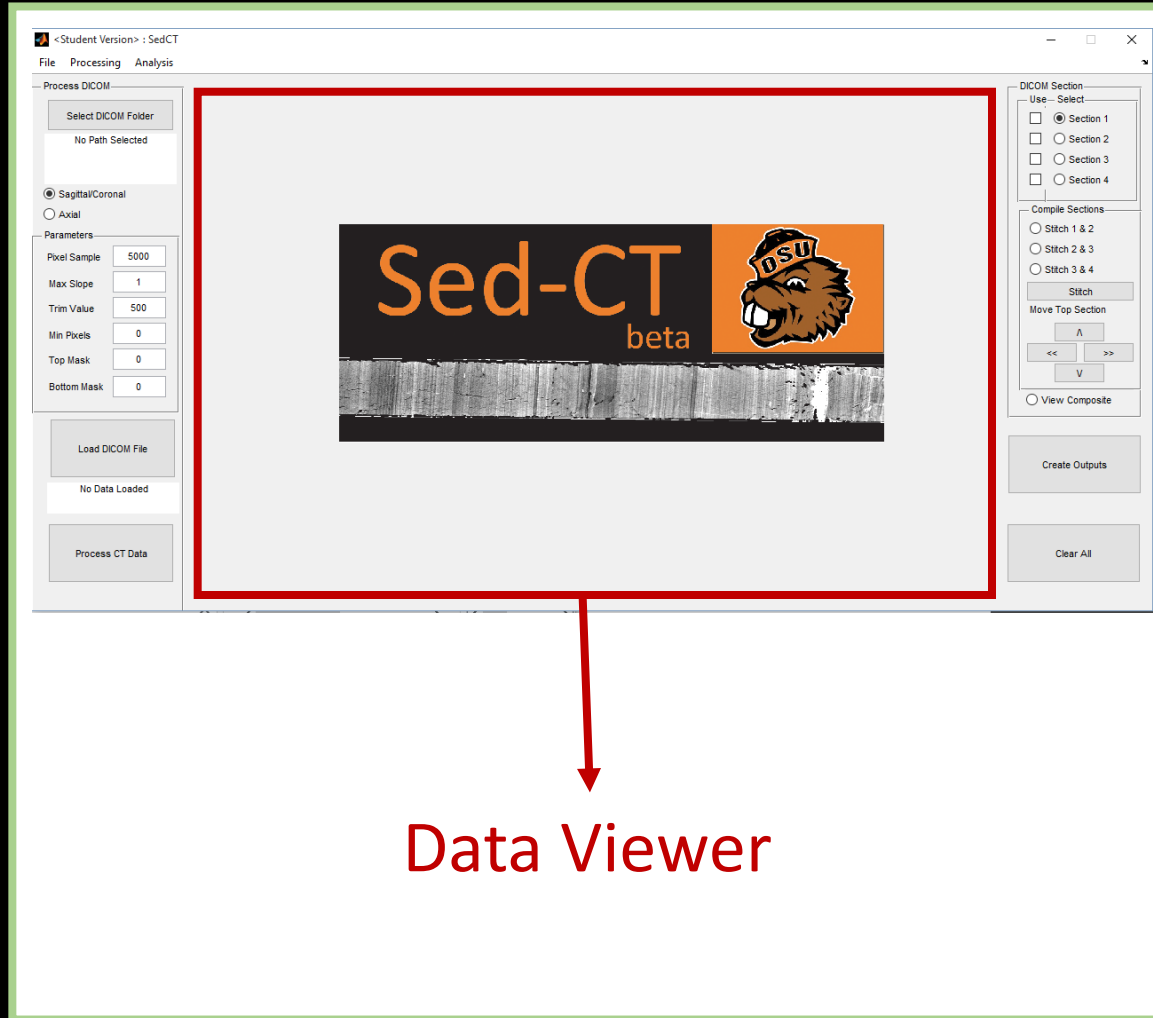


Processing Parameters

Data Processing

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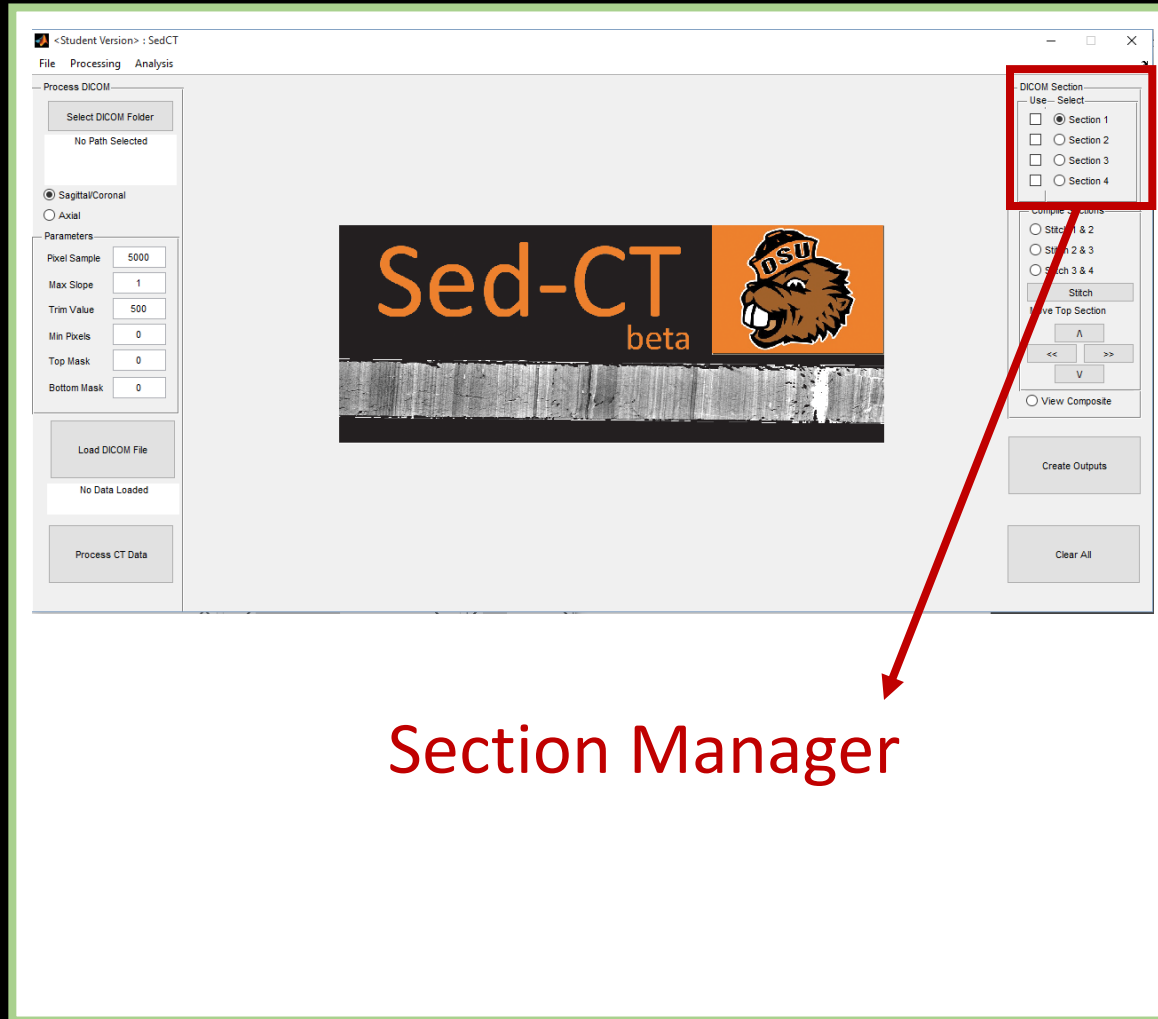


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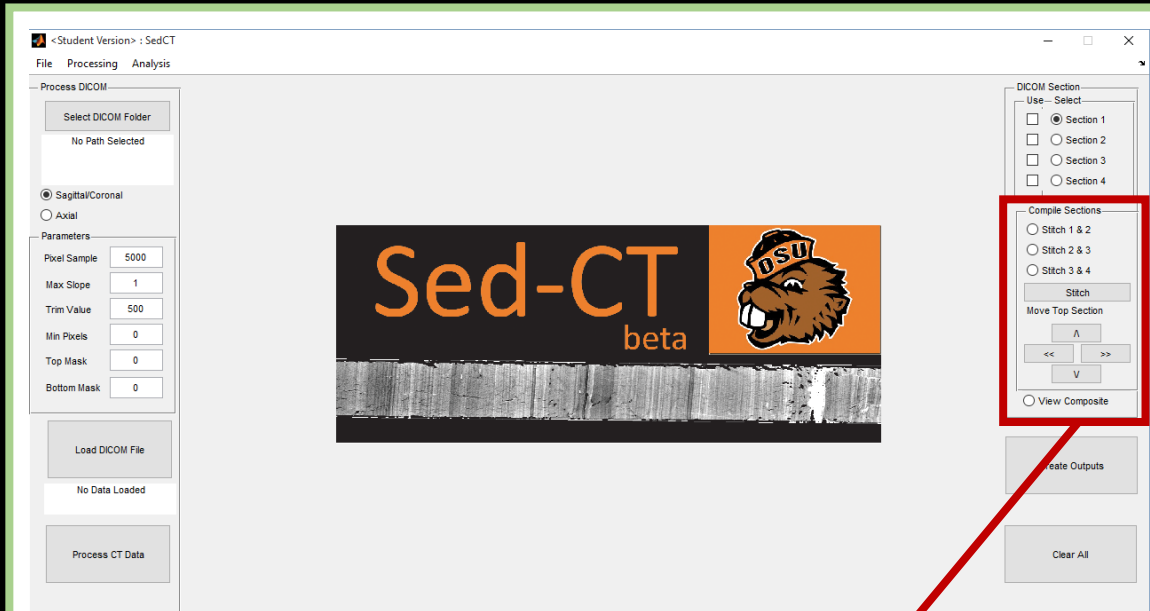
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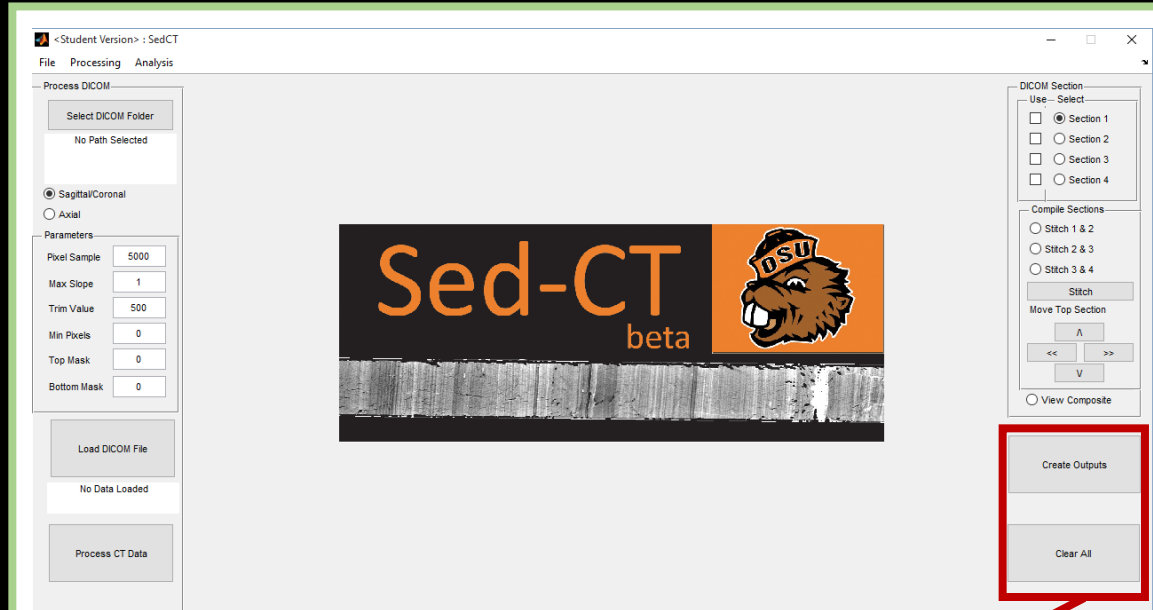


Create Composite Record

Data Processing

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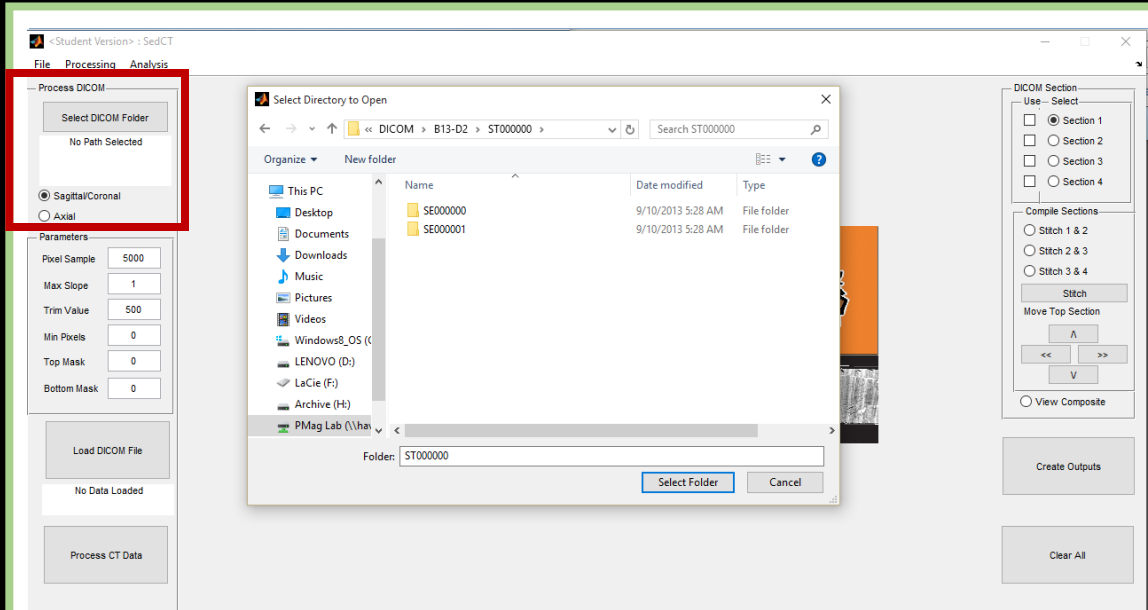
Create Output of Results

Data Processing



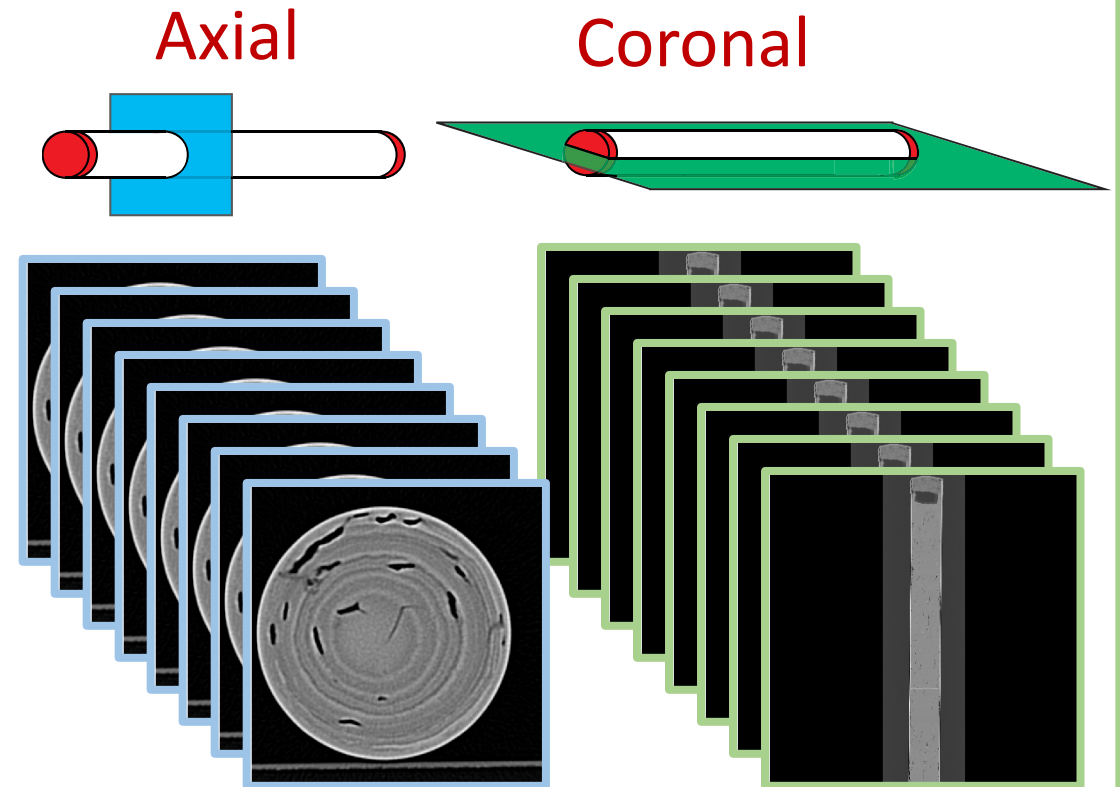
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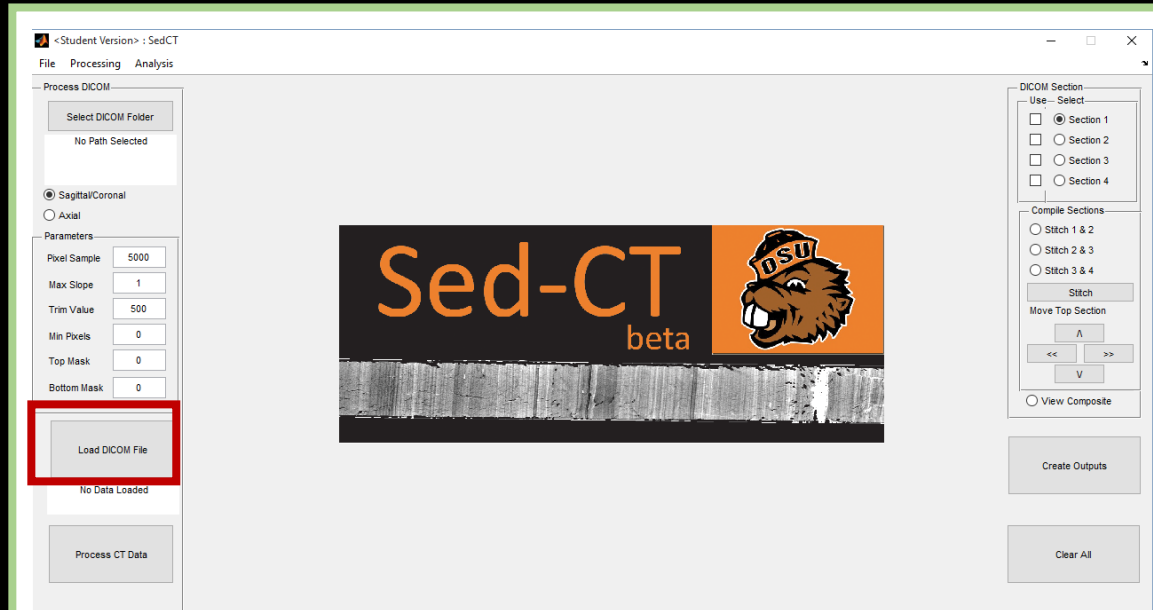
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DICOM (Digital Imaging and
Communications in Medicine) Files
Choose Axial or Coronal Plane

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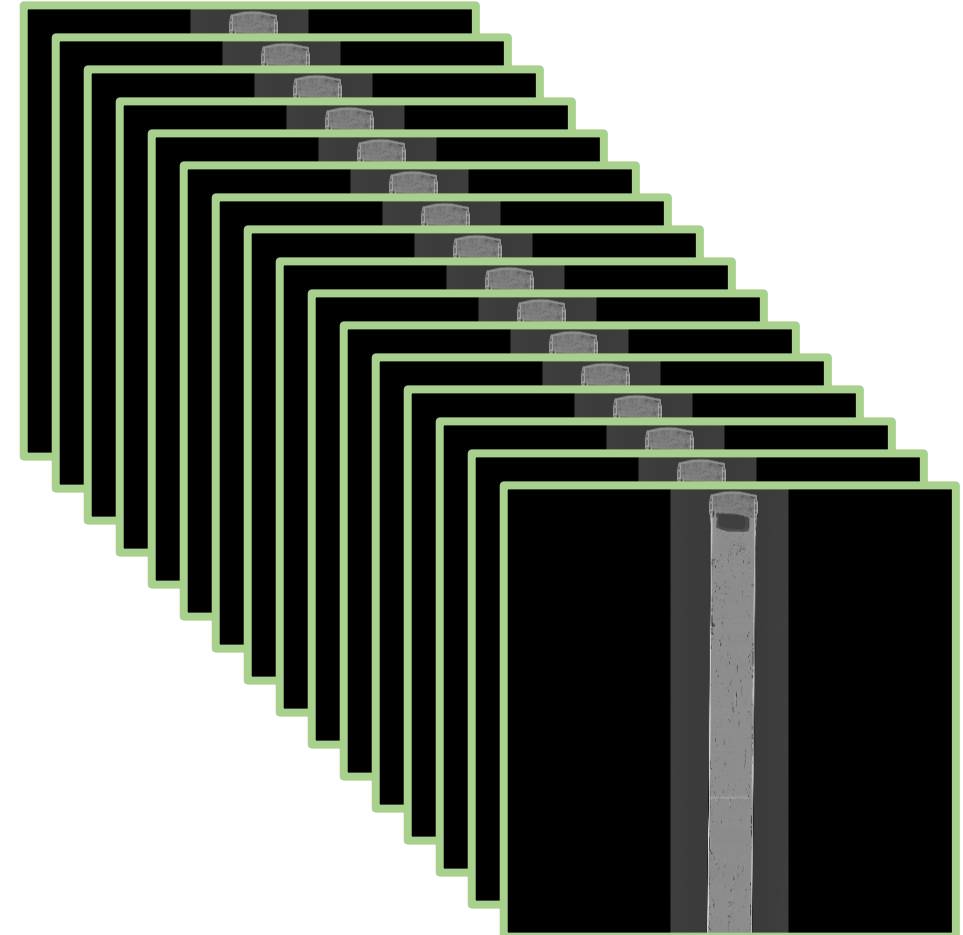
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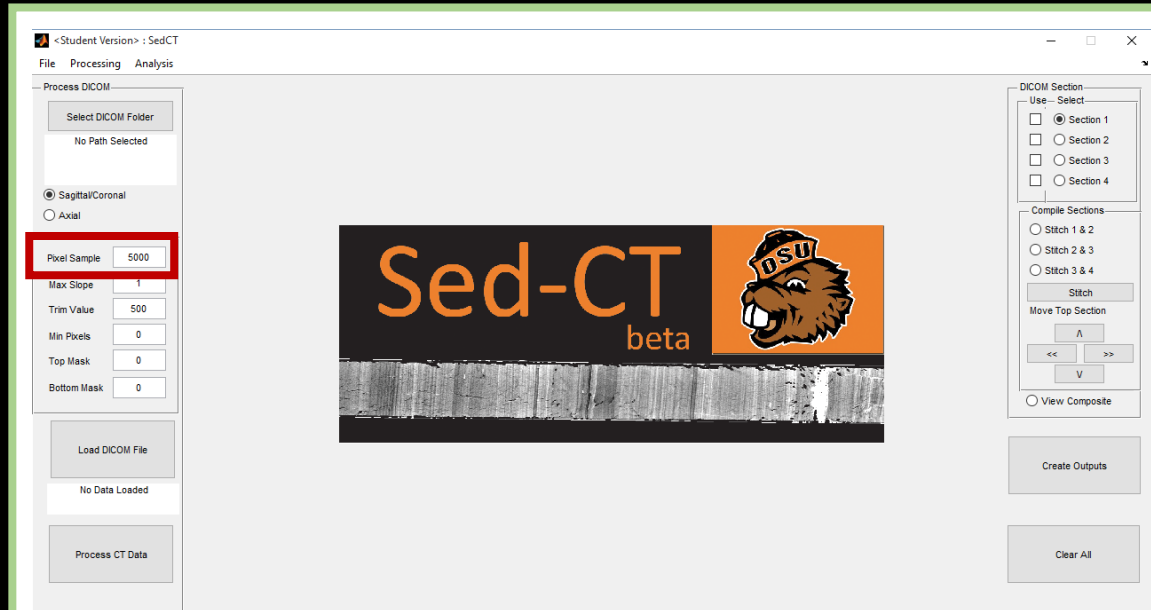
Load Data

Data Processing



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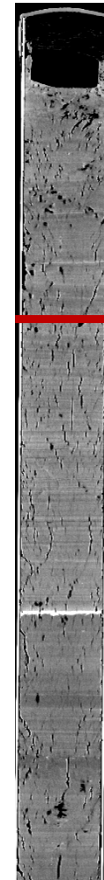
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Generate Image and Random
Sampling of HU Values
(Default = 5,000)

Data Processing

Image

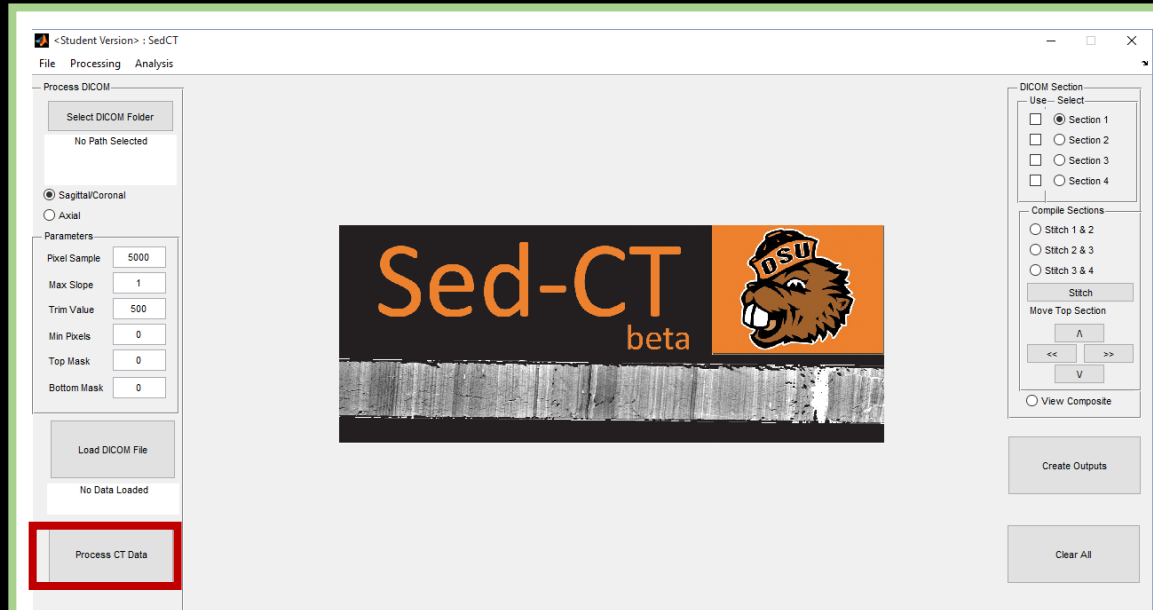


Random HU Value
Sampling



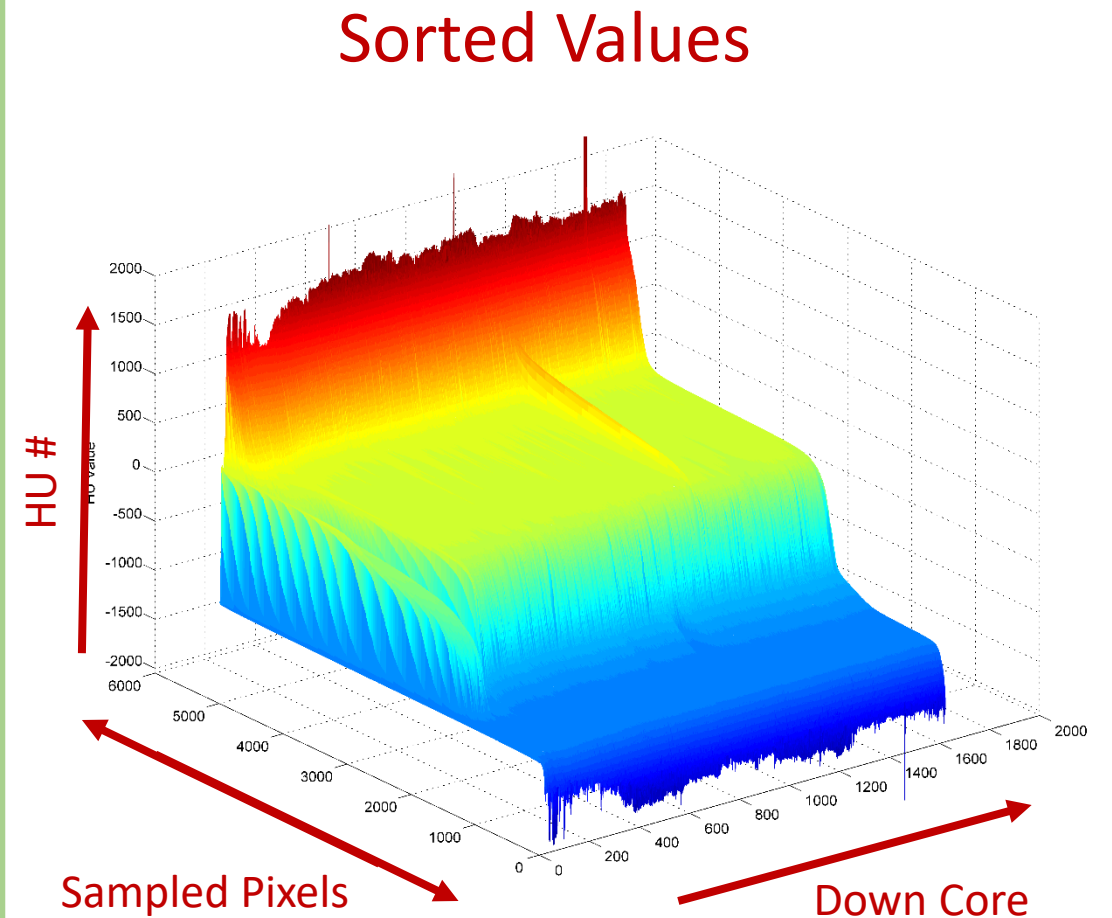
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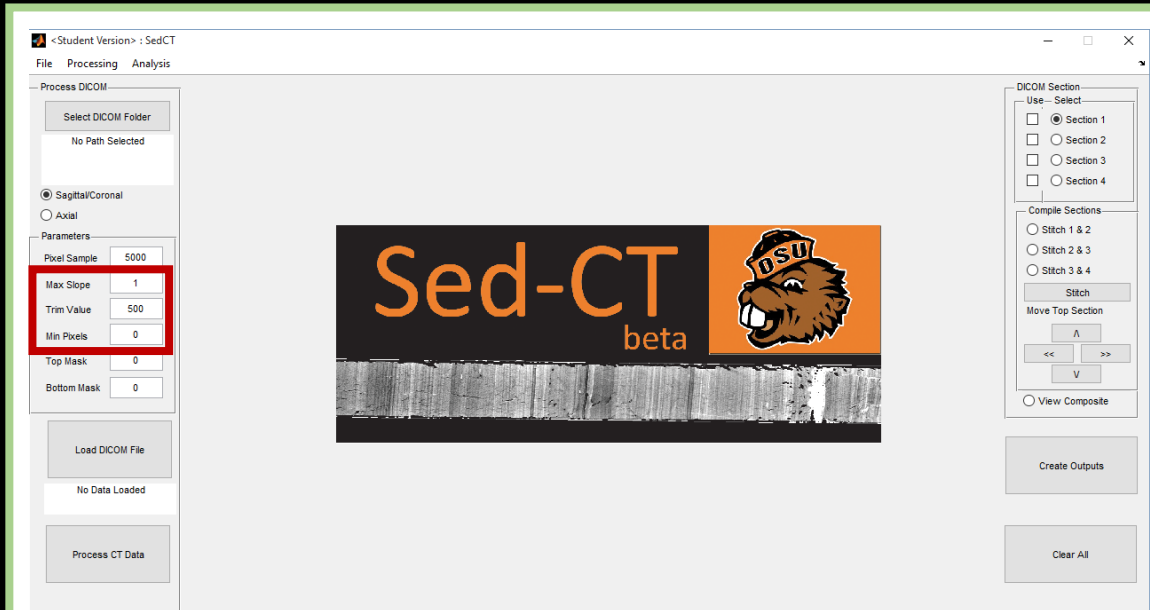
Process CT Data

Data Processing



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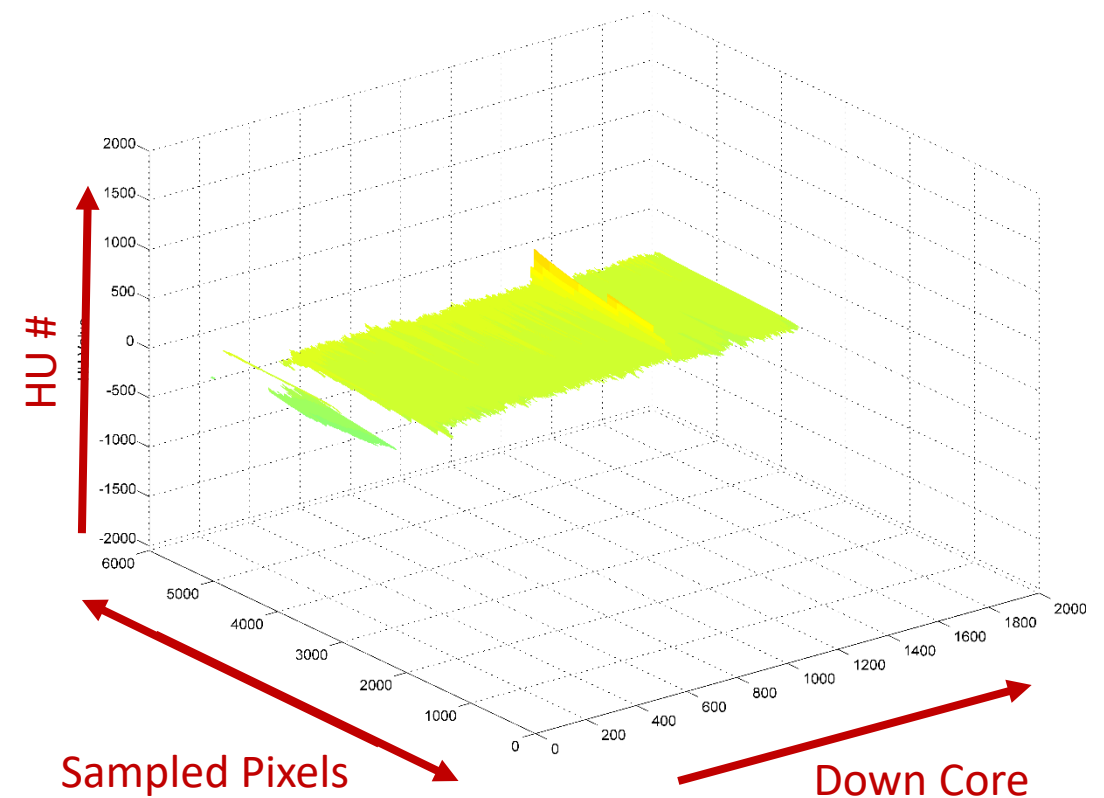
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Processing Parameters to Adjust

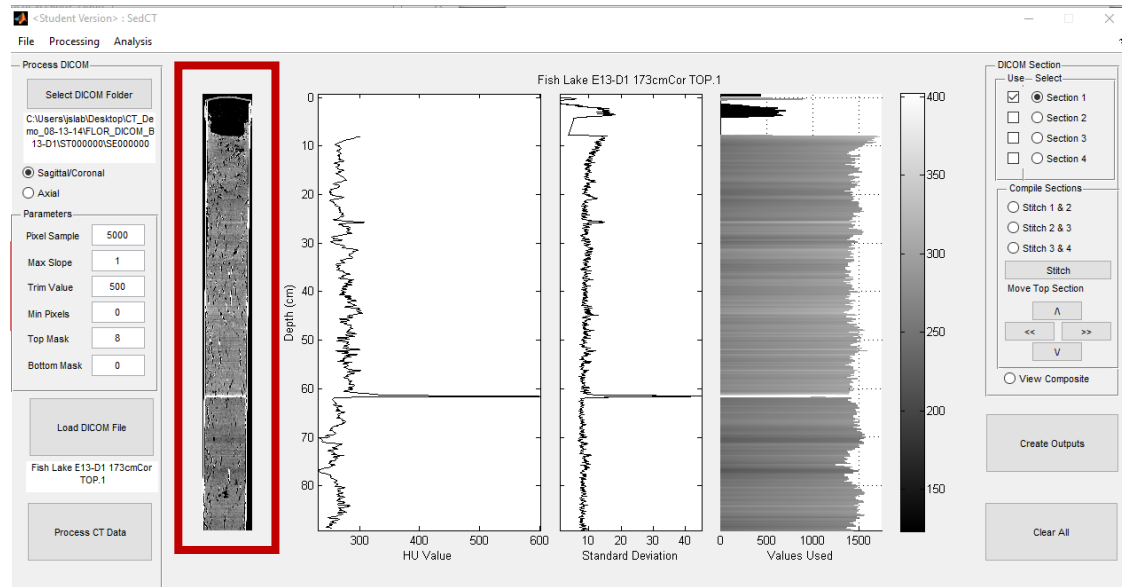
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Select Representative Values



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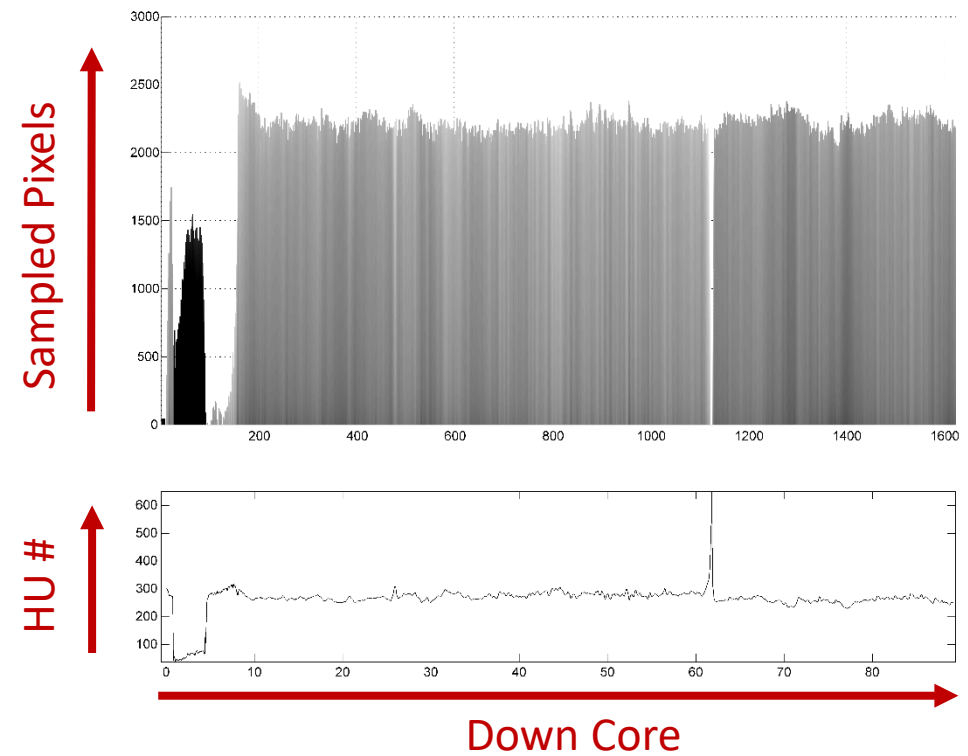
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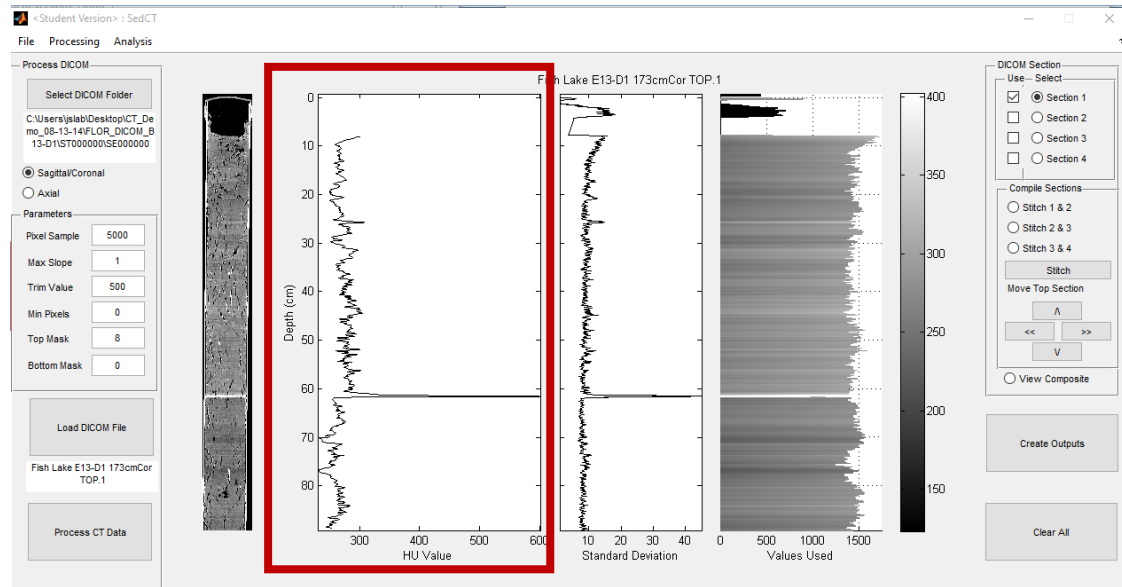
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Calculate Mean and
Convert to Depth



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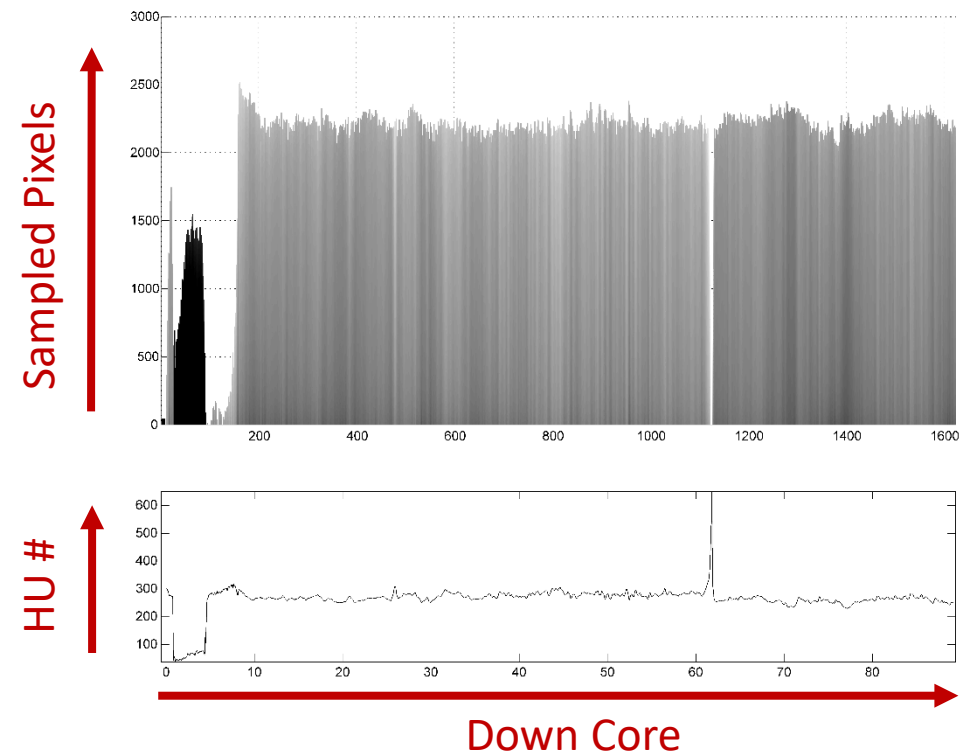
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HU Down Core Profile

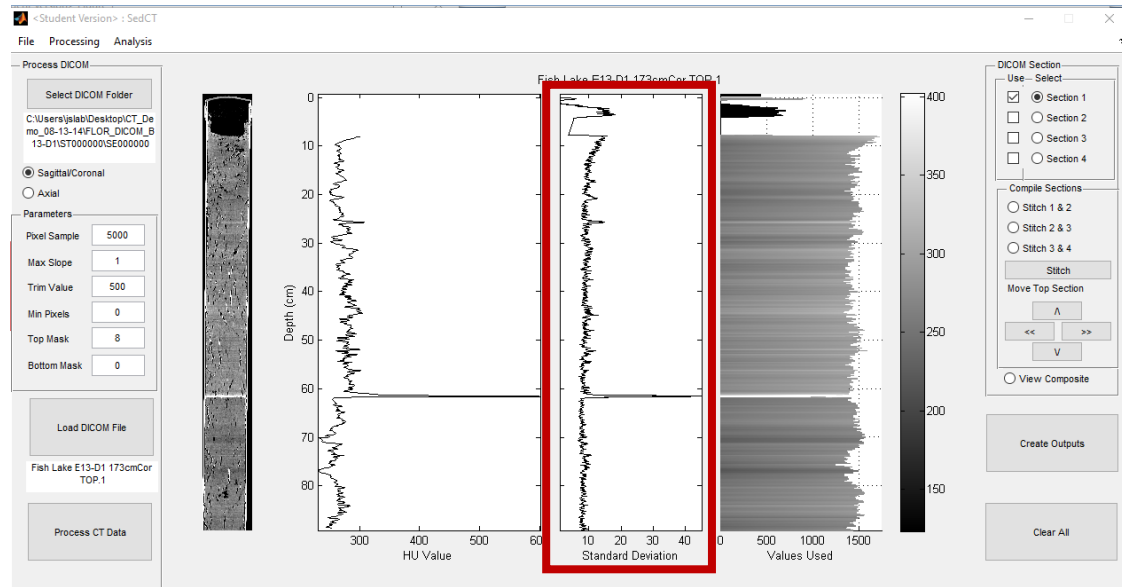
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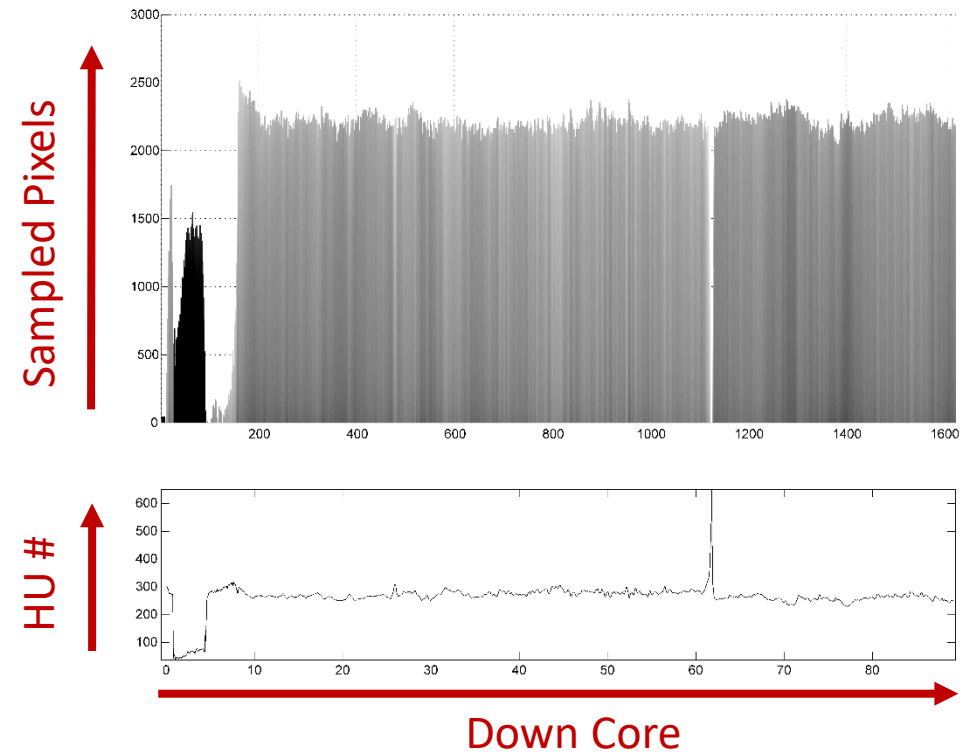
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Standard Deviation

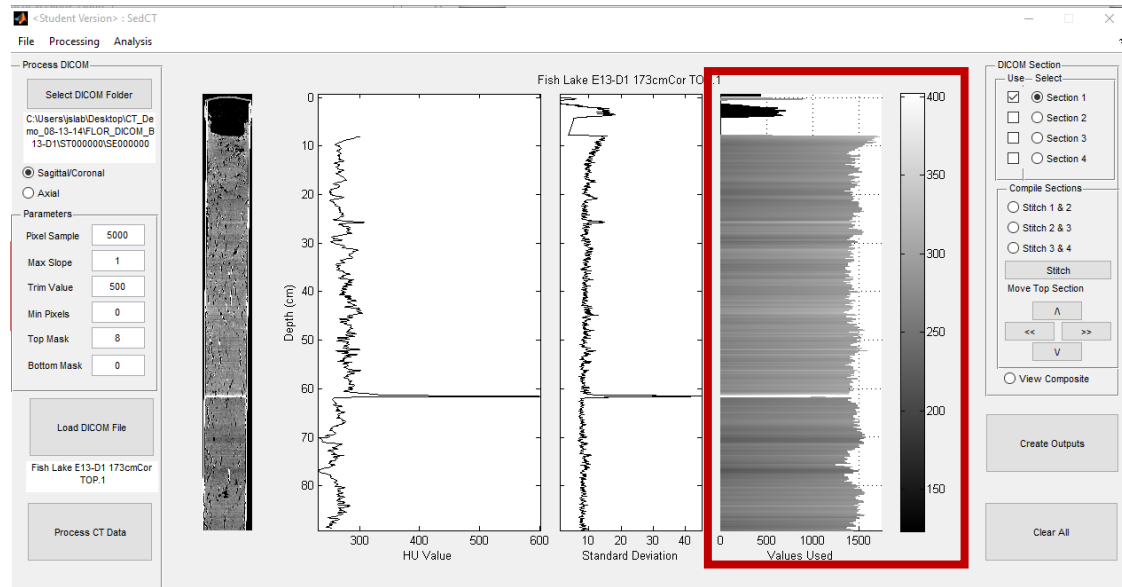
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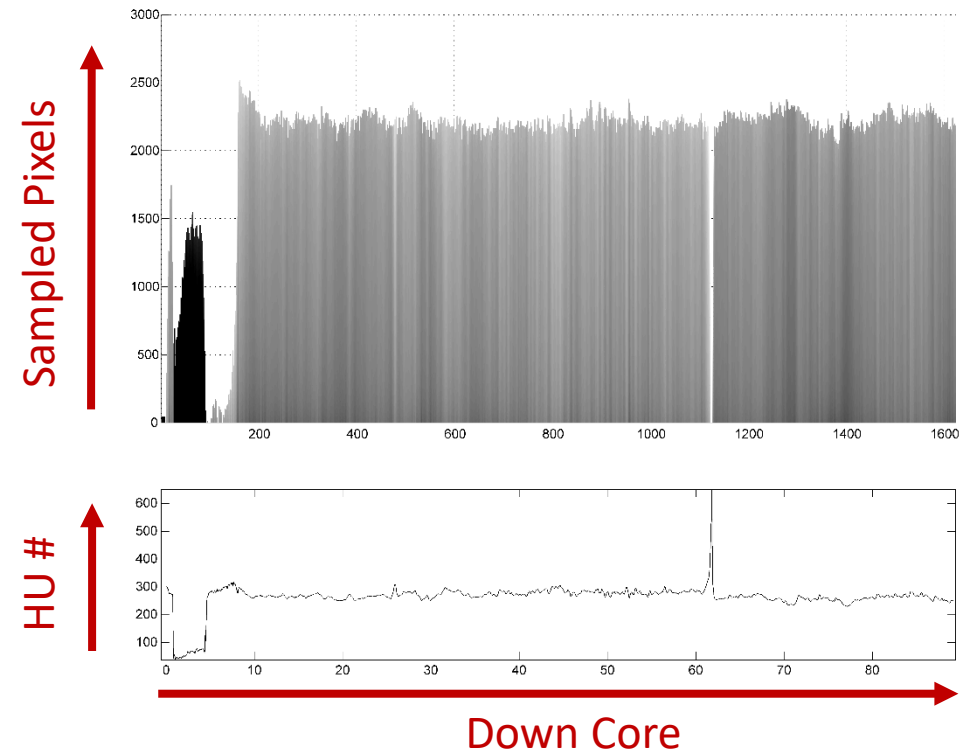
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Pixels Isolated and Used

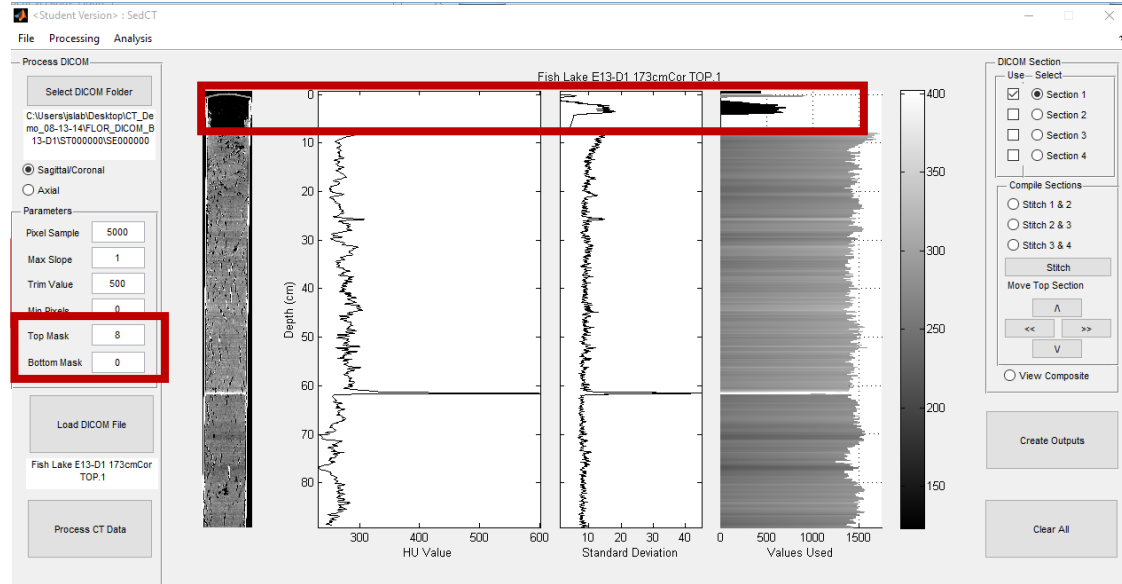
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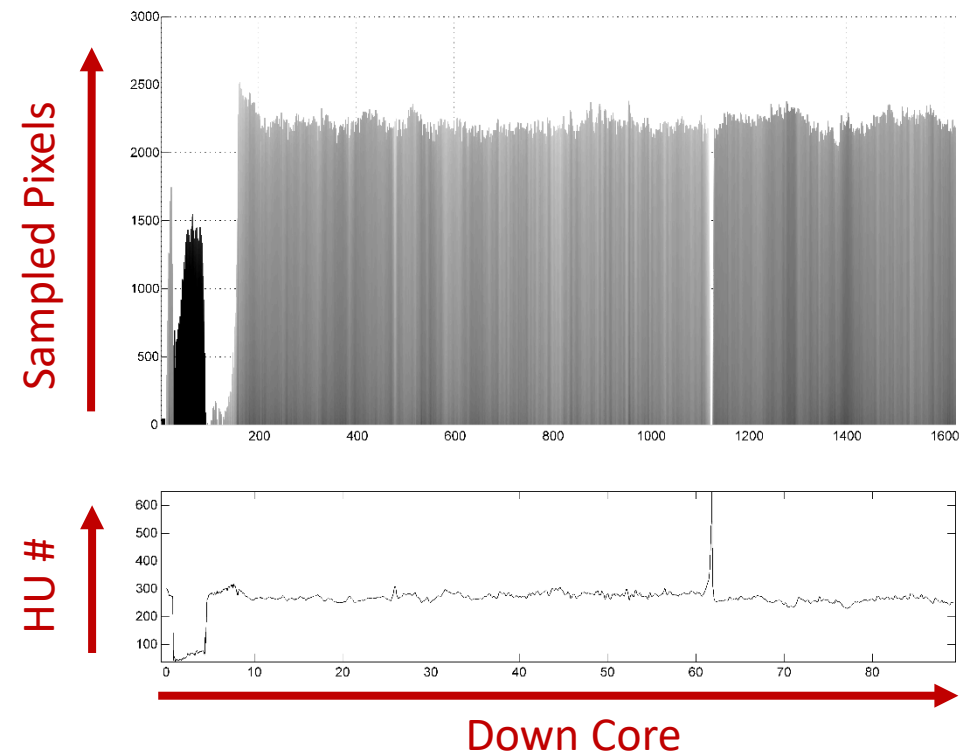
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User defines regions to mask

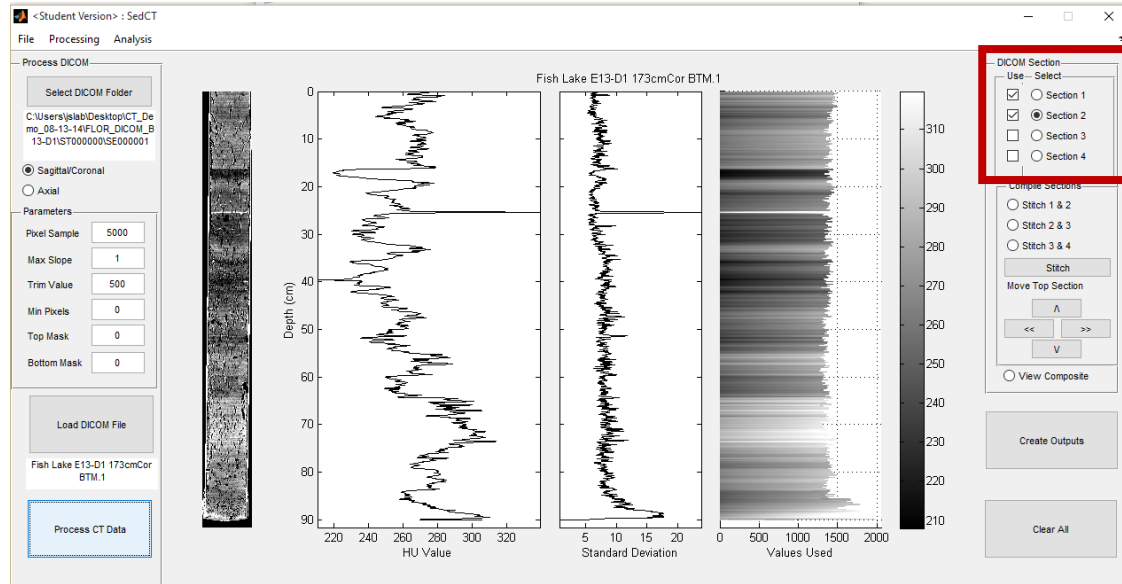
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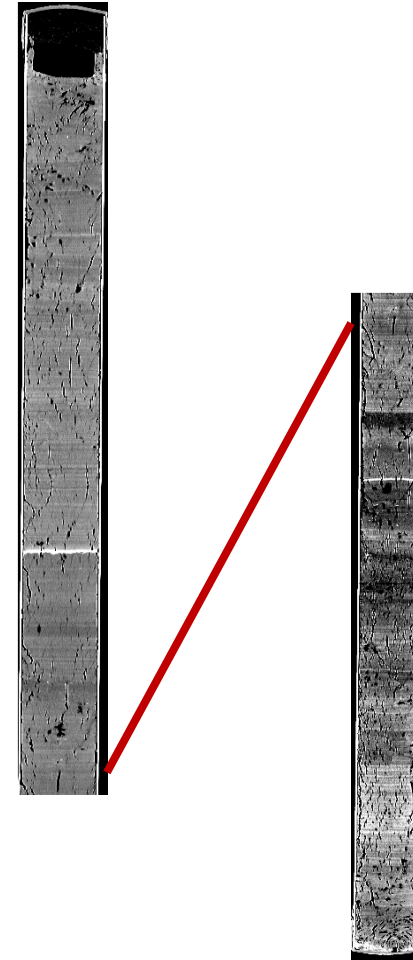
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If core is run in multiple sections,
load in all sections

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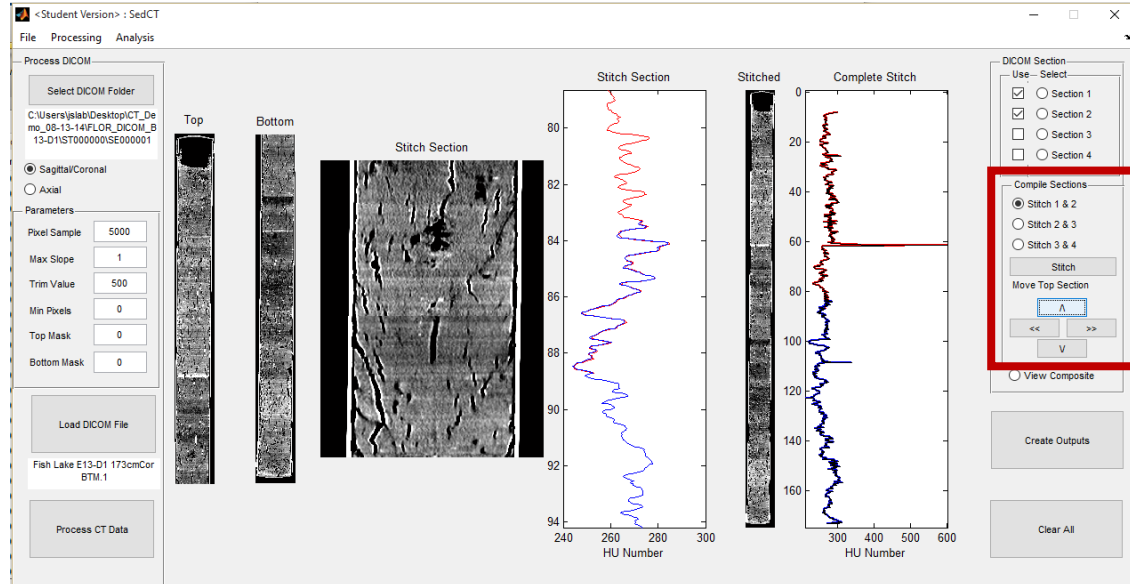
Top



Bottom

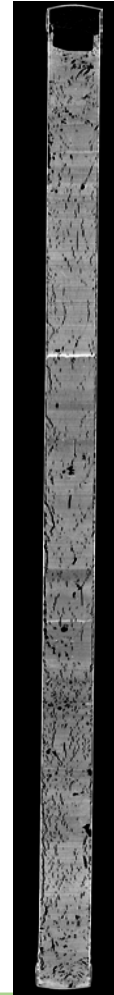
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Stitch sections together to make
composite core

Data Processing



Software makes a best guess

User refines the composite

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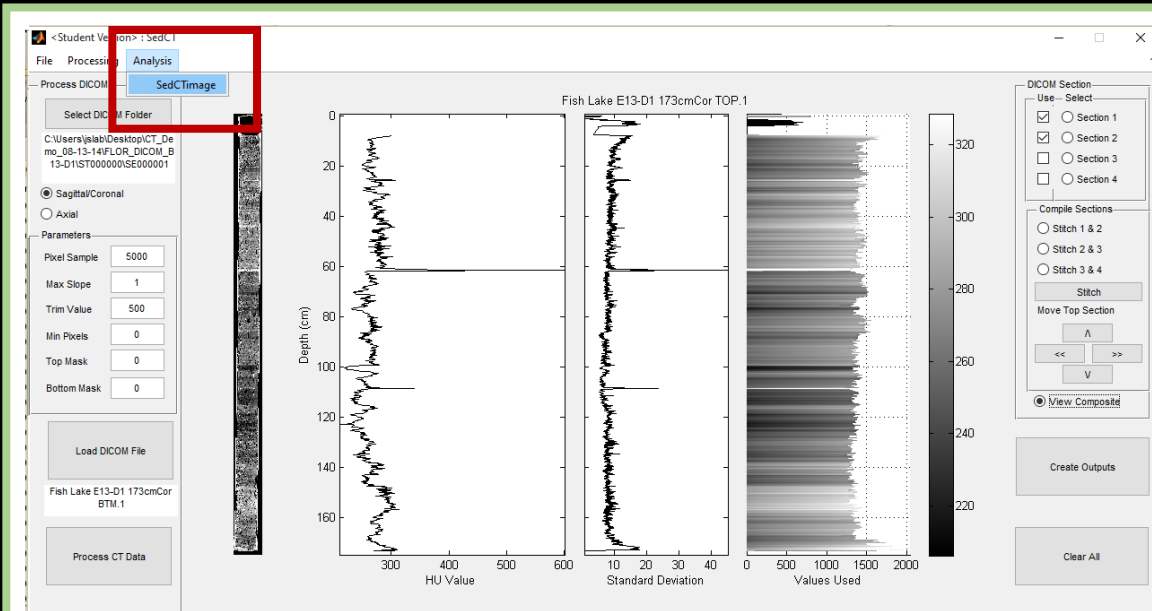


Comma delimited '*.dpro'

Unscaled '*.tiff'

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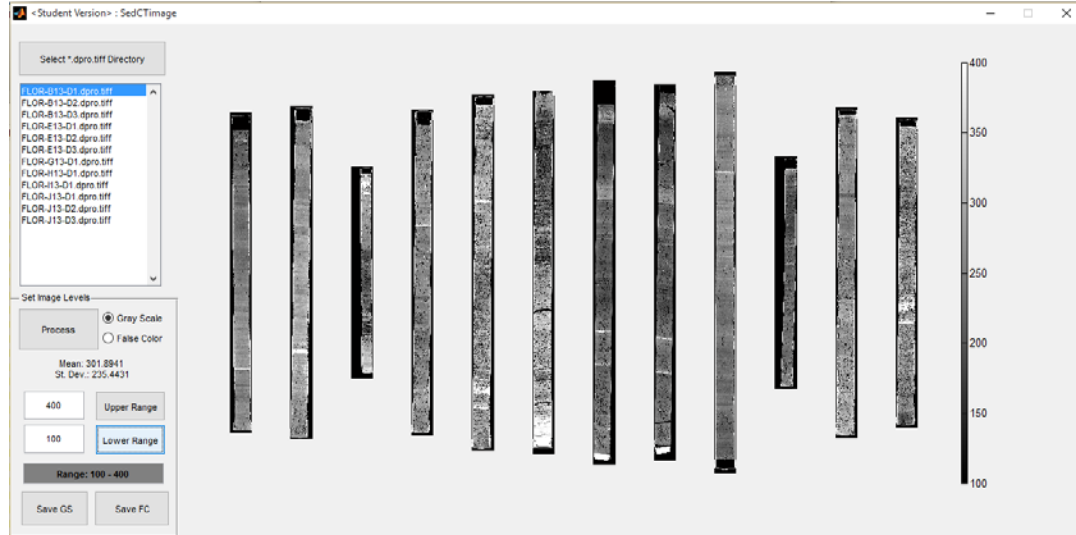


Batch process image files using
SedCTimage (add on package)

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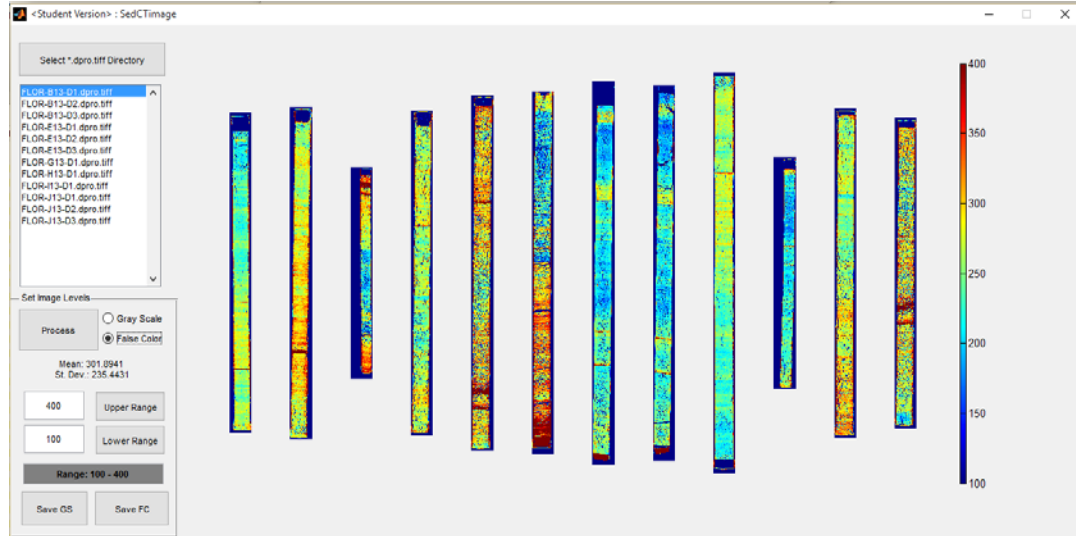


Scale all cores in suite to same,
quantitative grayscale

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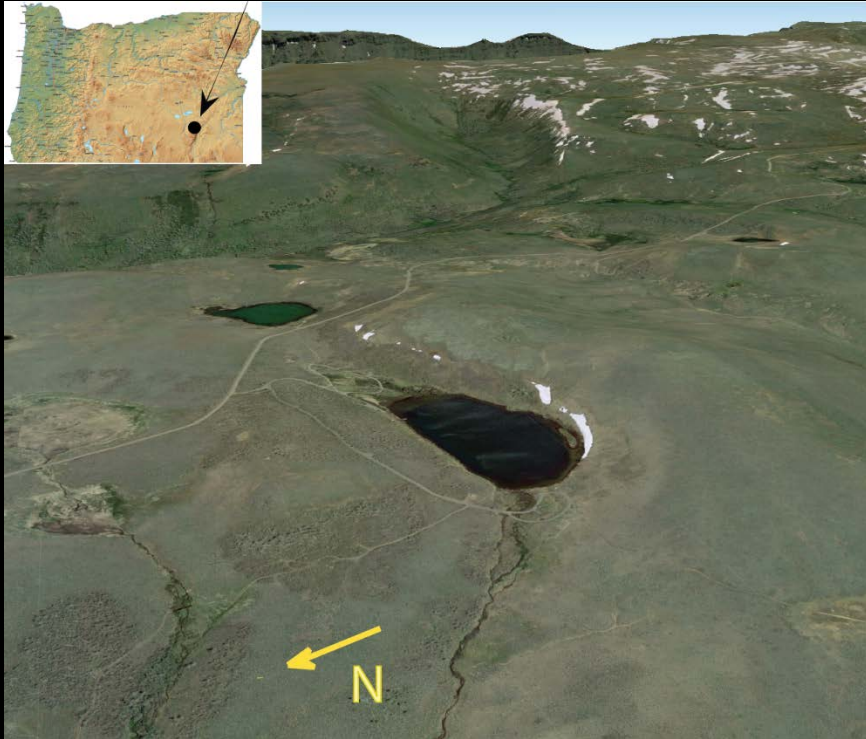
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...or false color

Data Processing

Fish Lake, Steens Mountain, Oregon, USA



- Re-cored in 2013 (UWITEC, Livingston, Surface)
- Brown, faintly laminated mud with tephra layers
- Recovered in (at least) triplicate entire Holocene (Basal date ~ 13,000 cal yrs BP)
- Classic paleomagnetic site (Verosub et al., 1986, JGR)

Learn about the Fish Lake, Oregon paleomagnetic record

J. Stoner, M. Abbott, L. Zeigler, et al.

The Holocene history of the North American flux lobe:

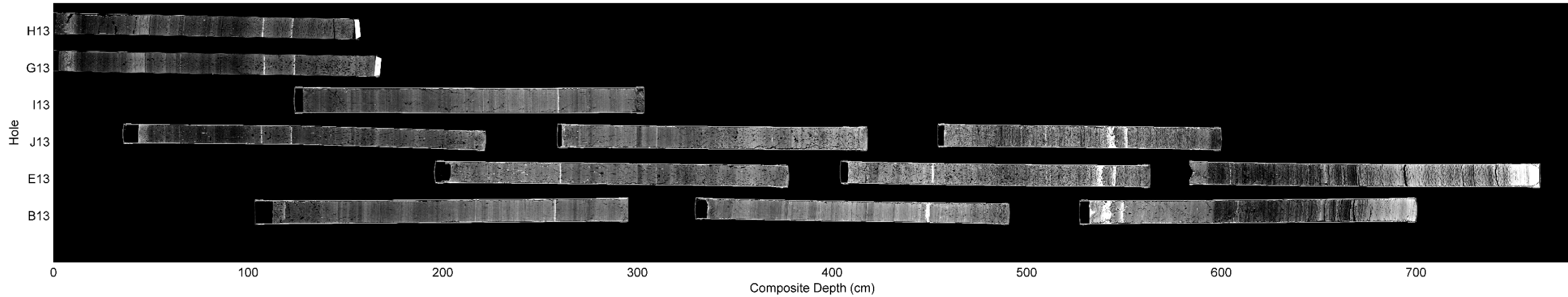
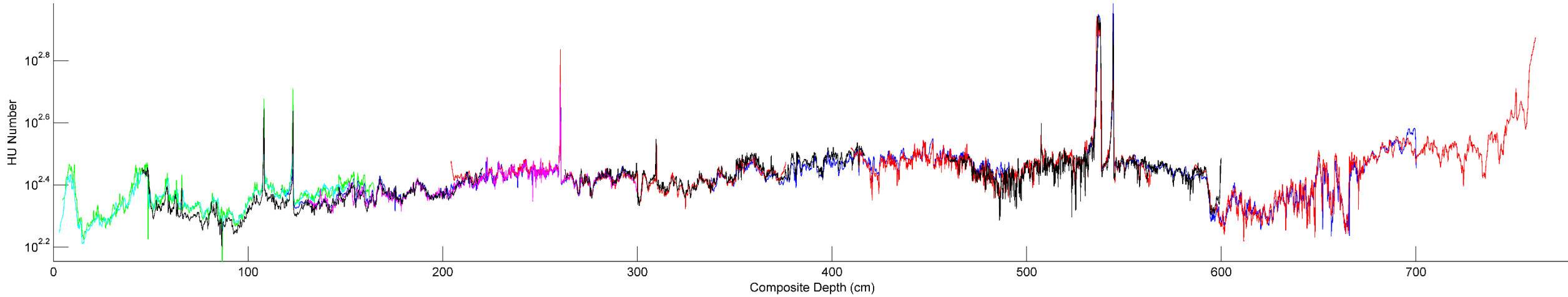
New constraints from Fish Lake, Harney County, Oregon
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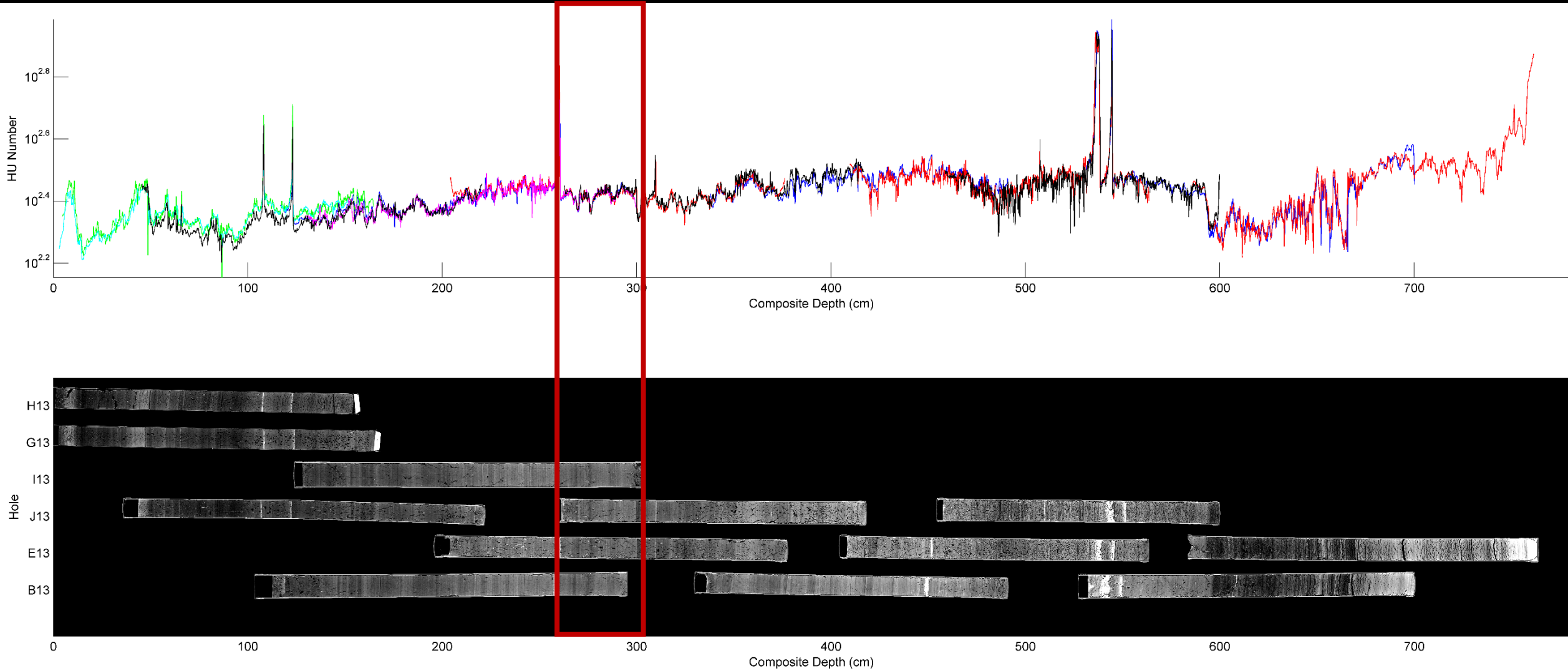
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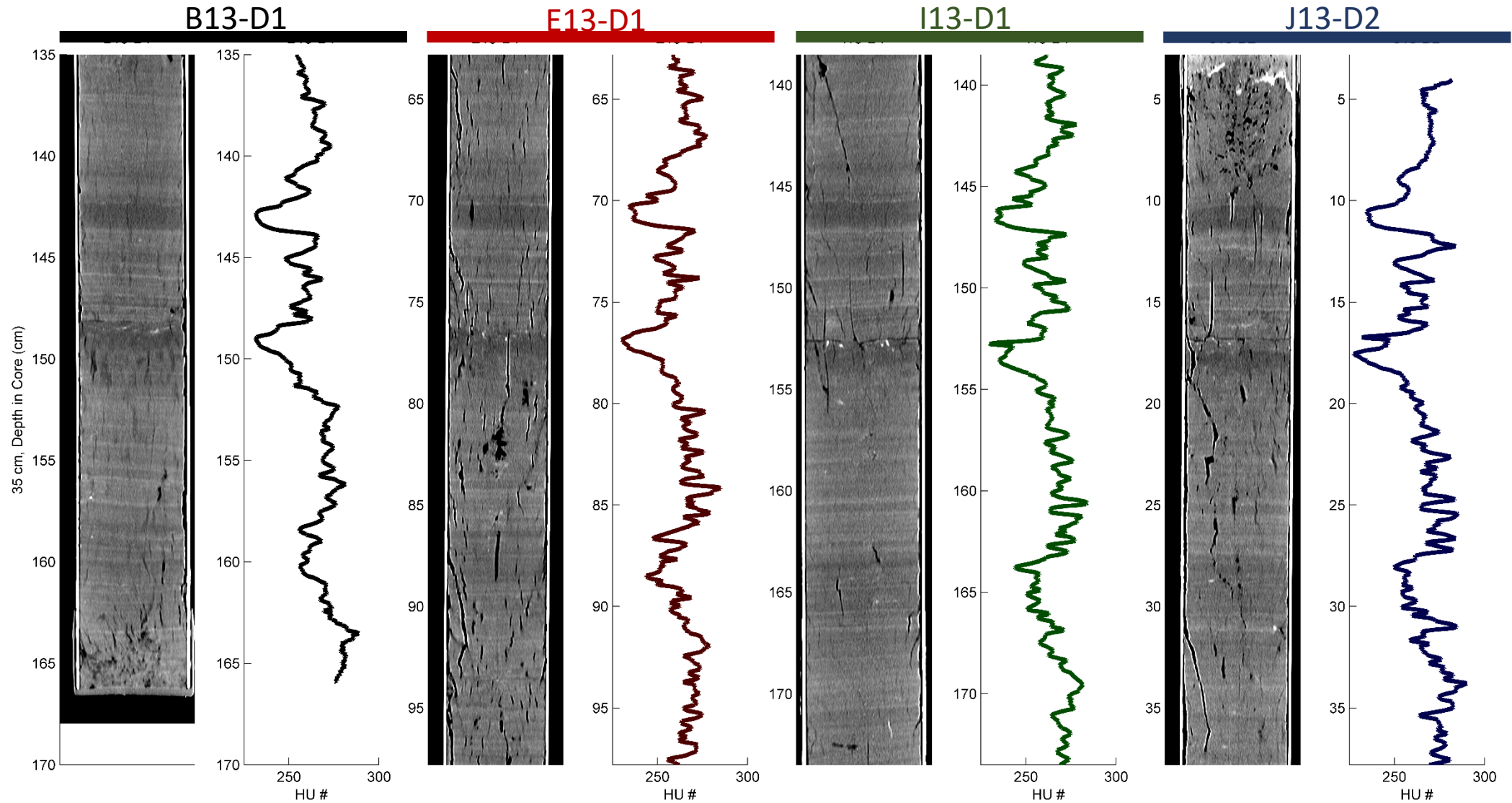
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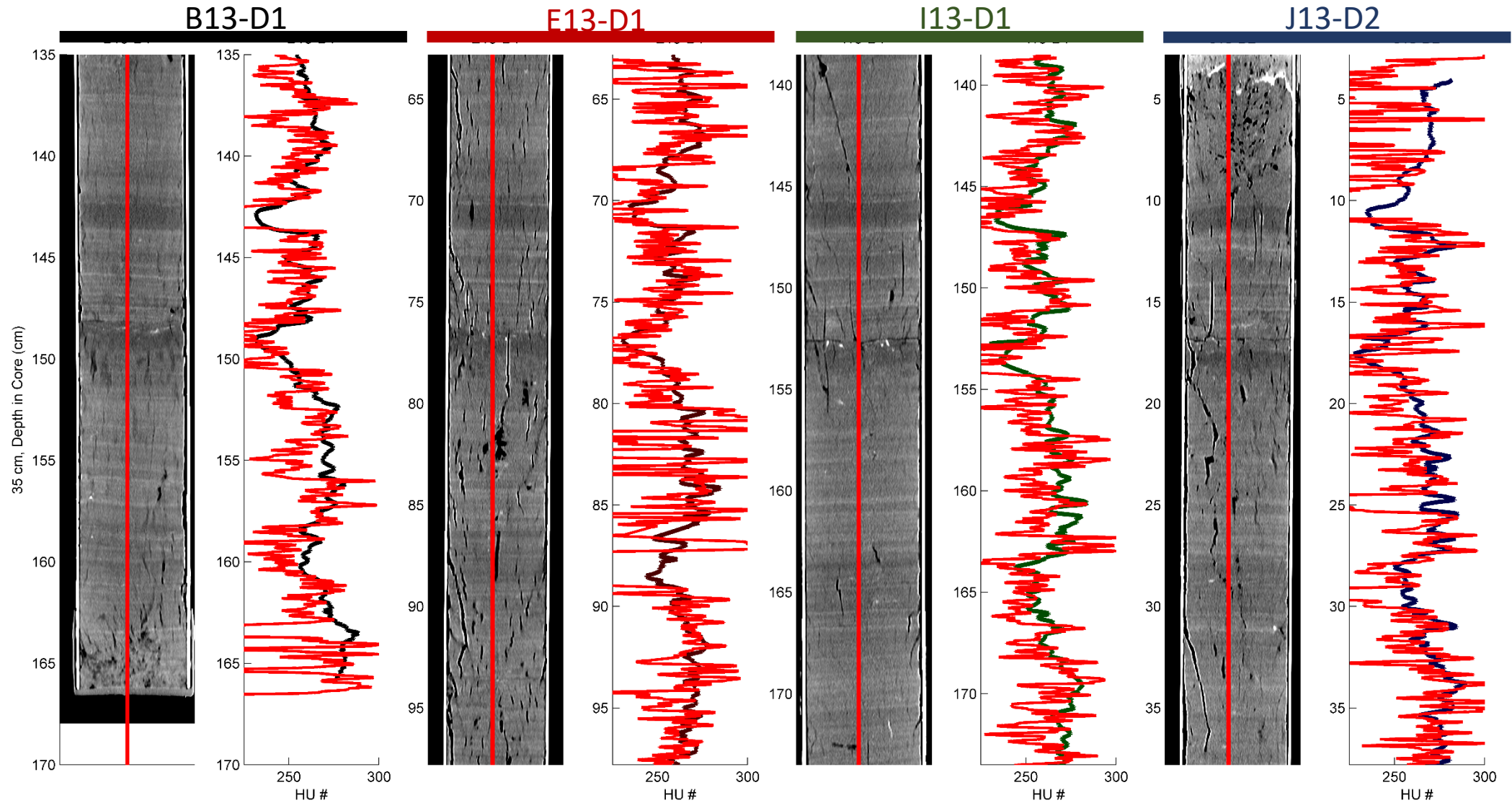
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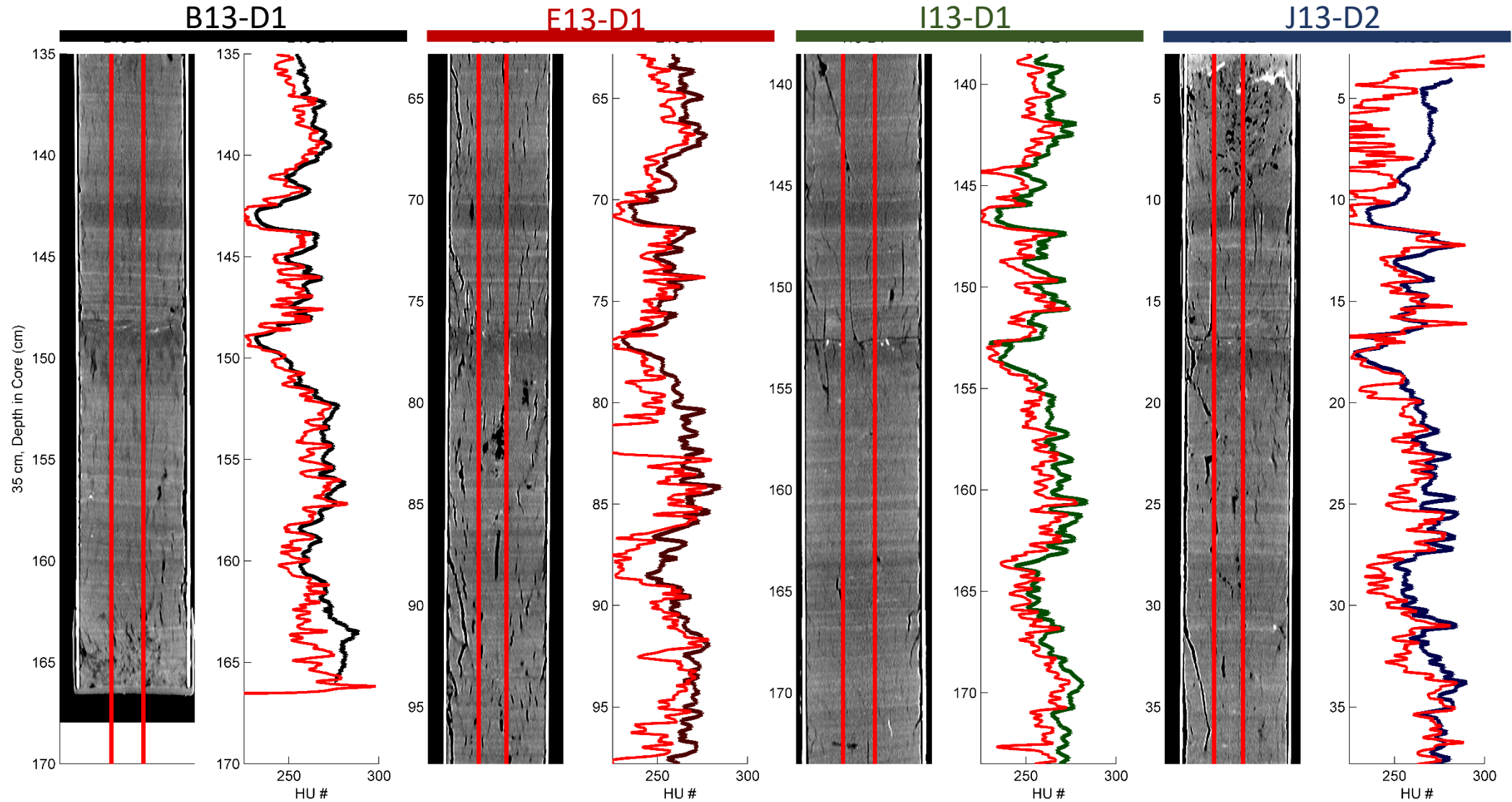
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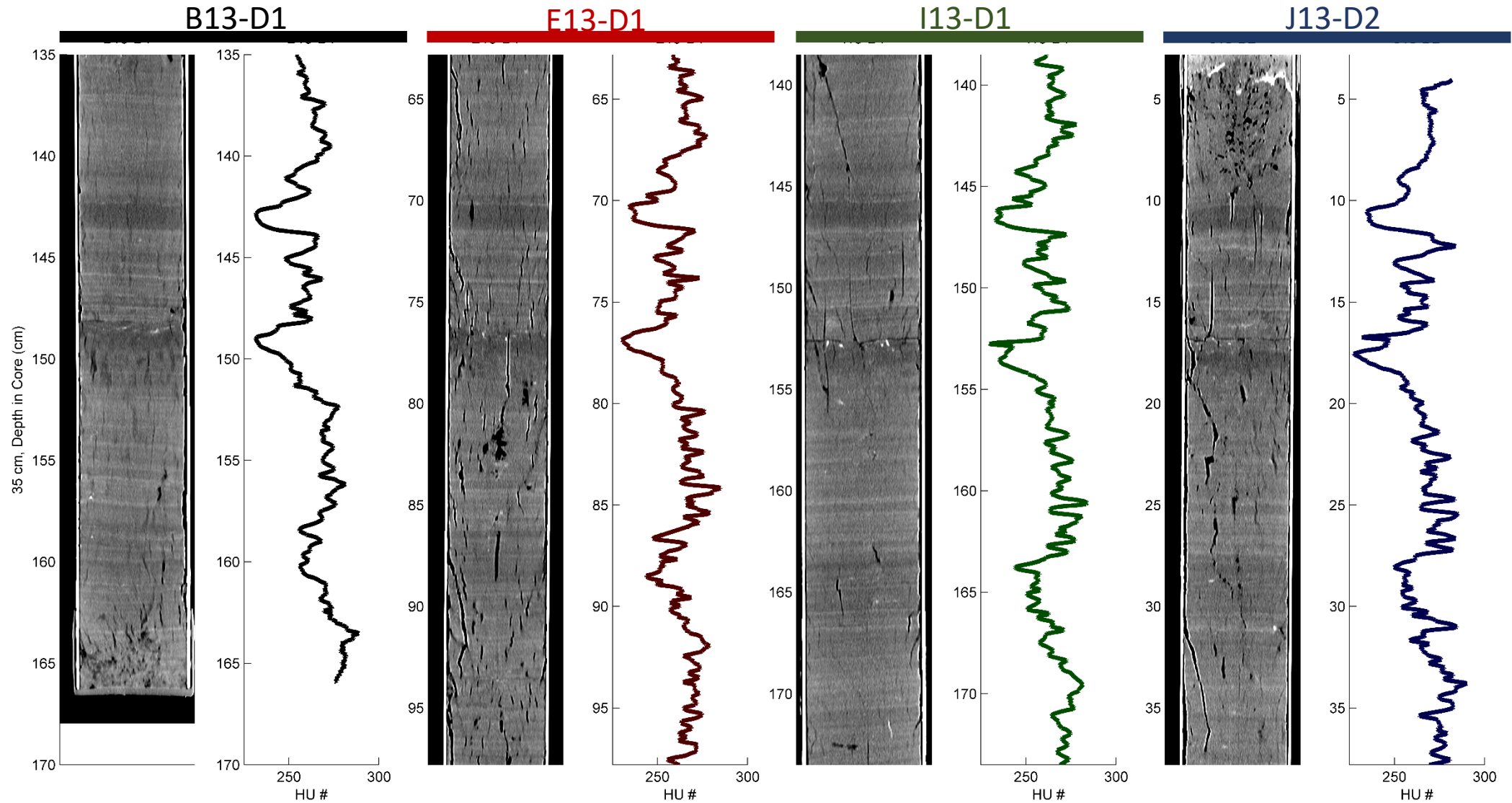
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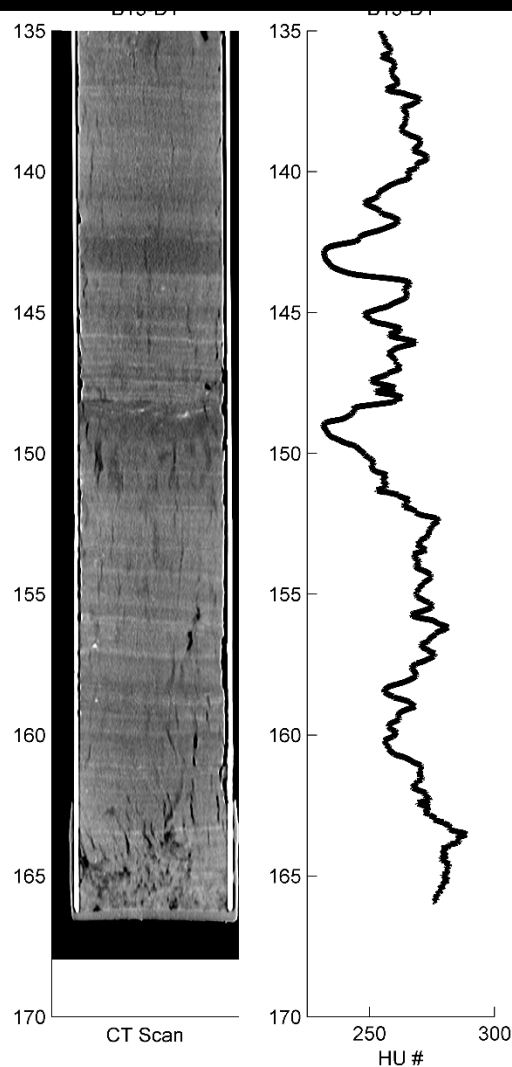


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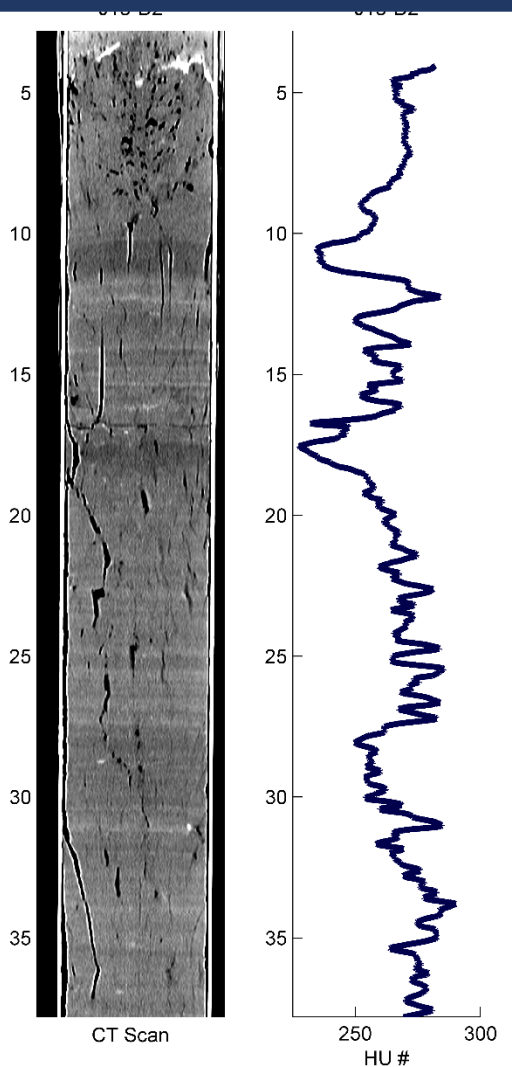


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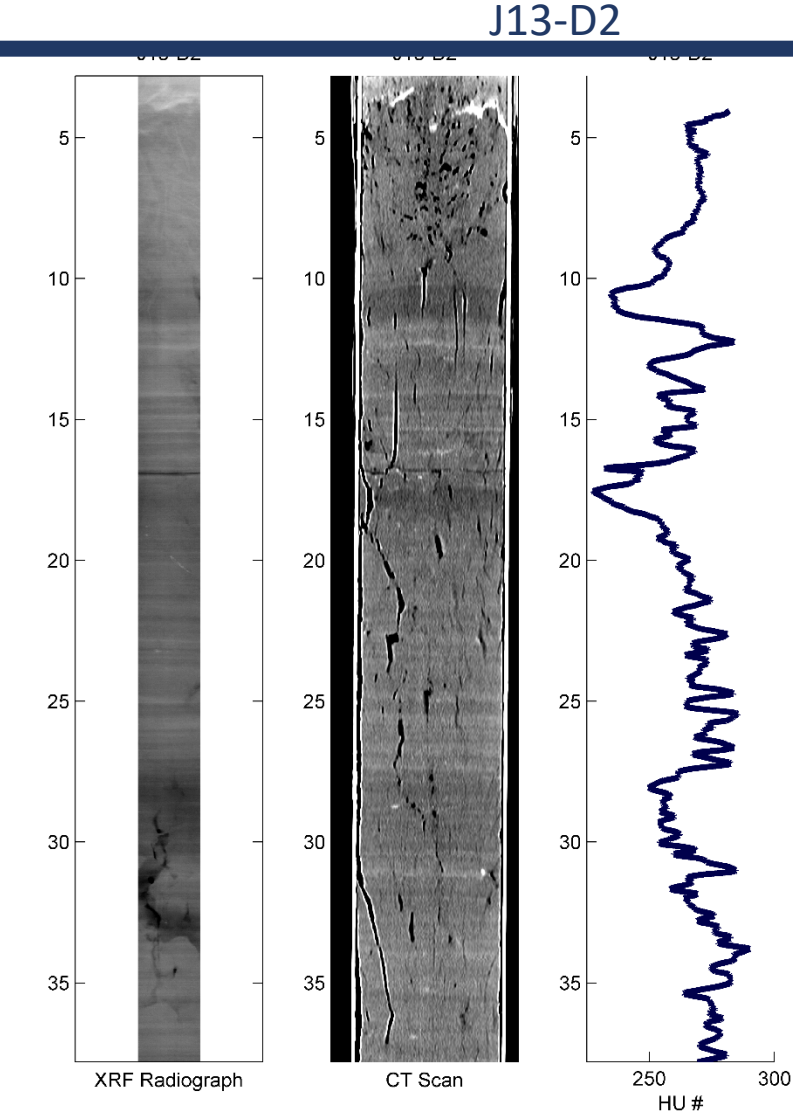
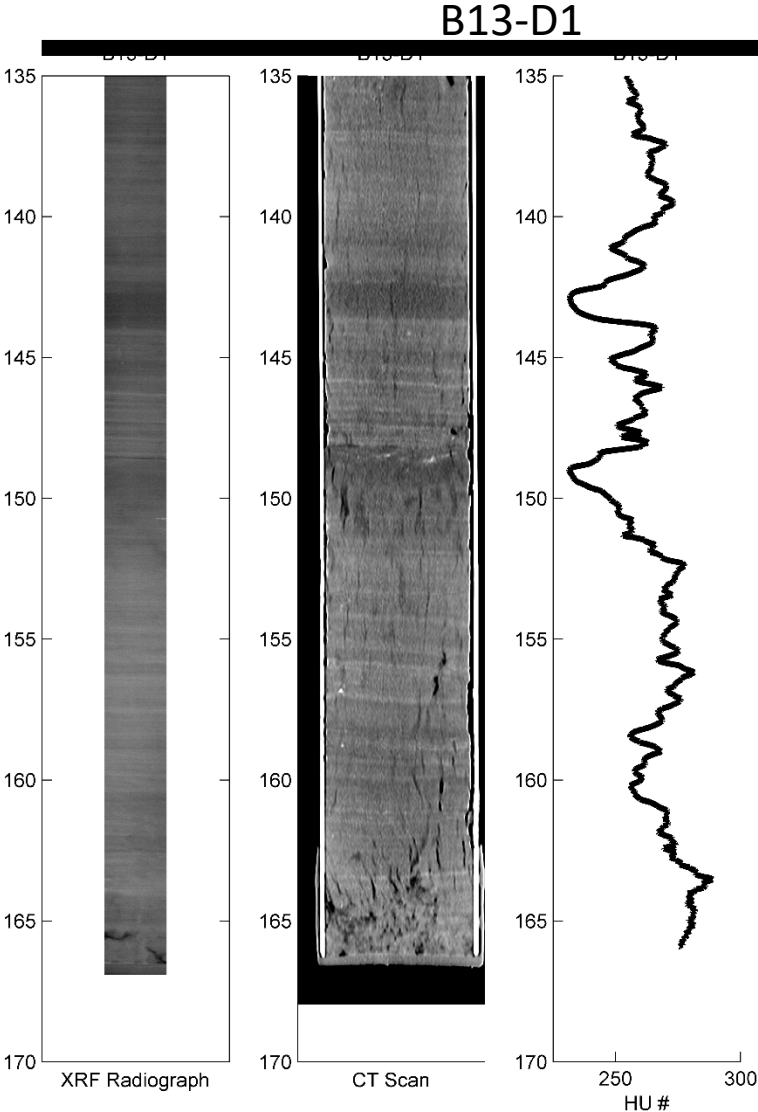
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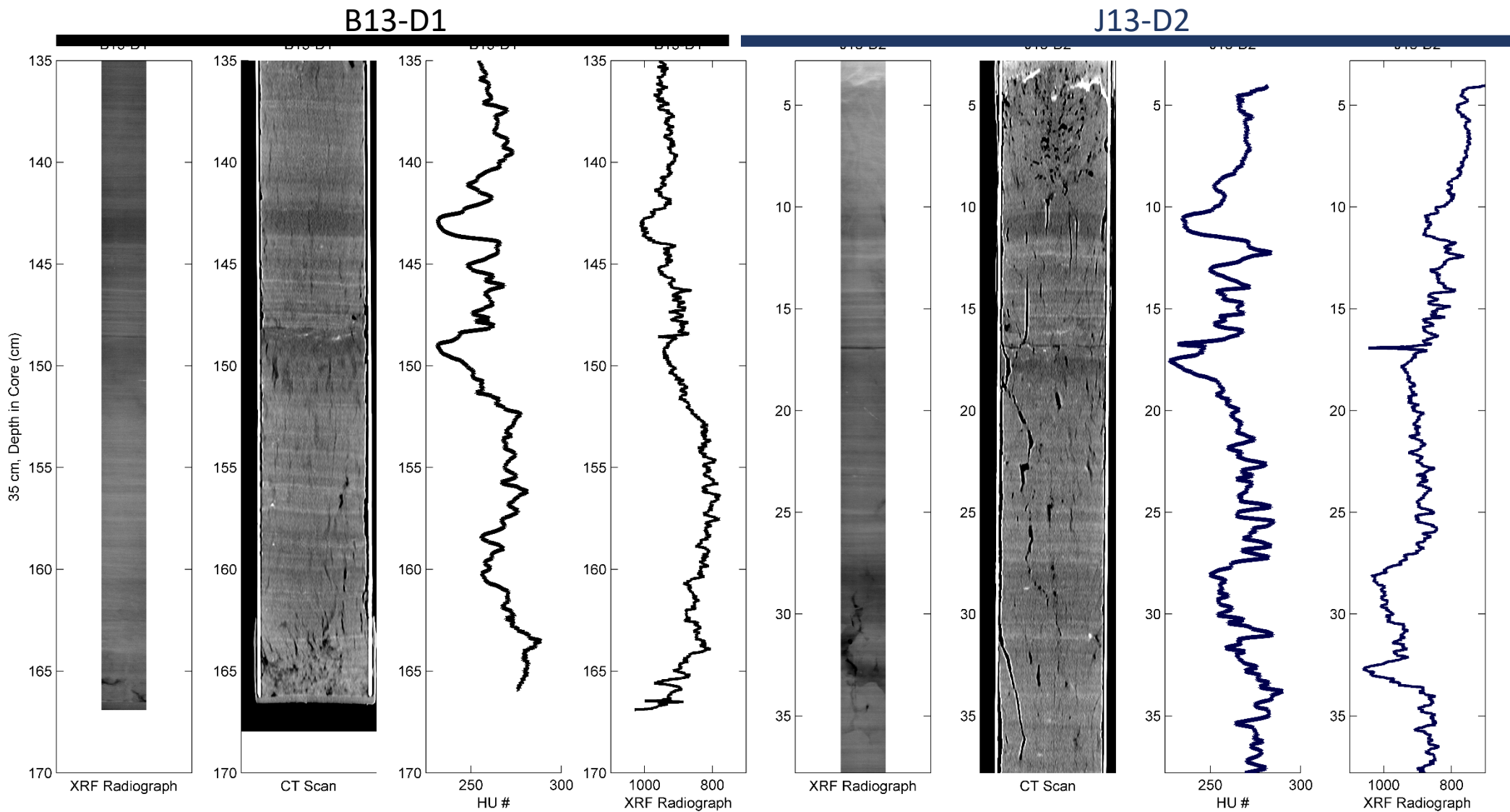
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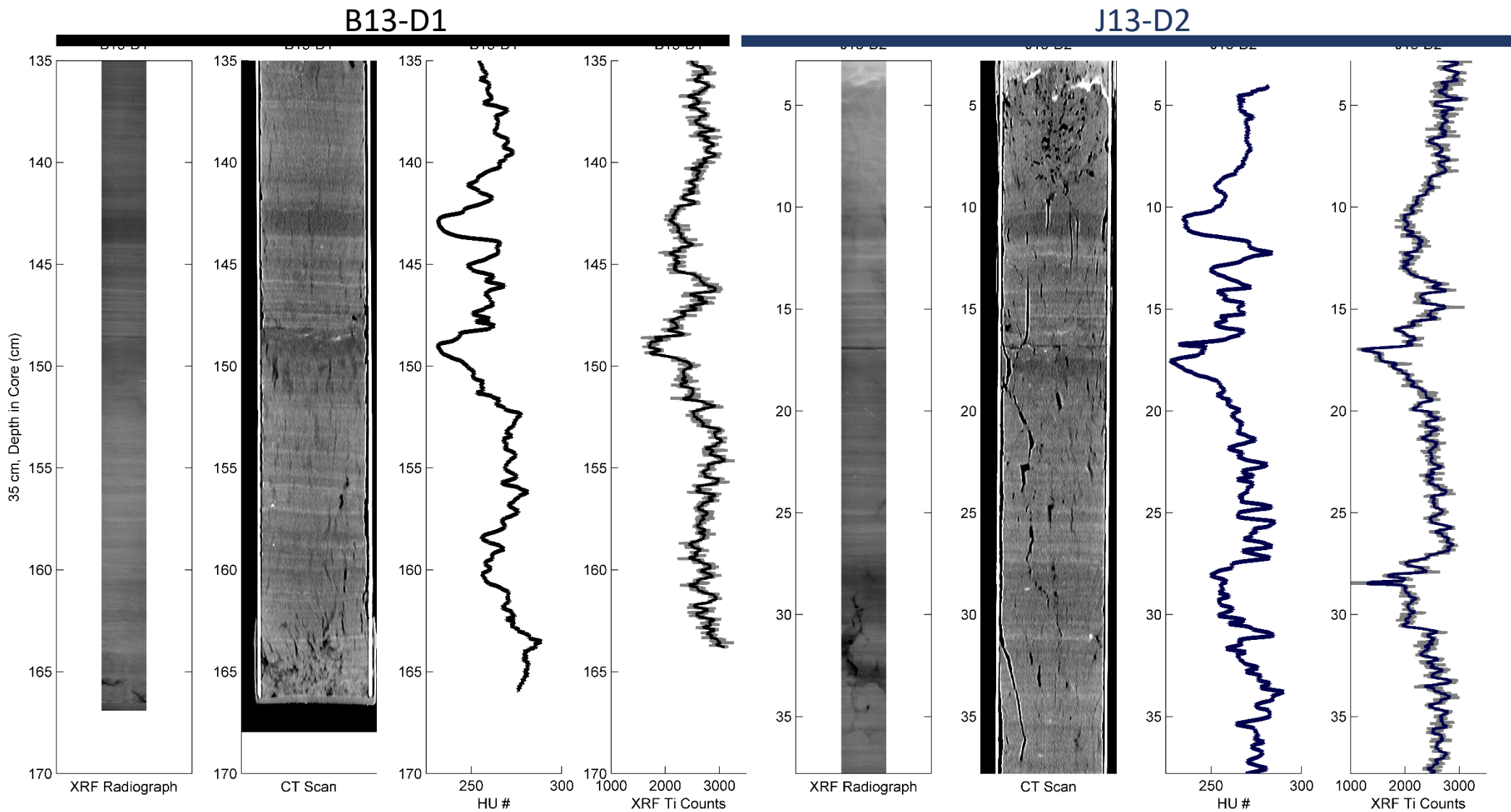
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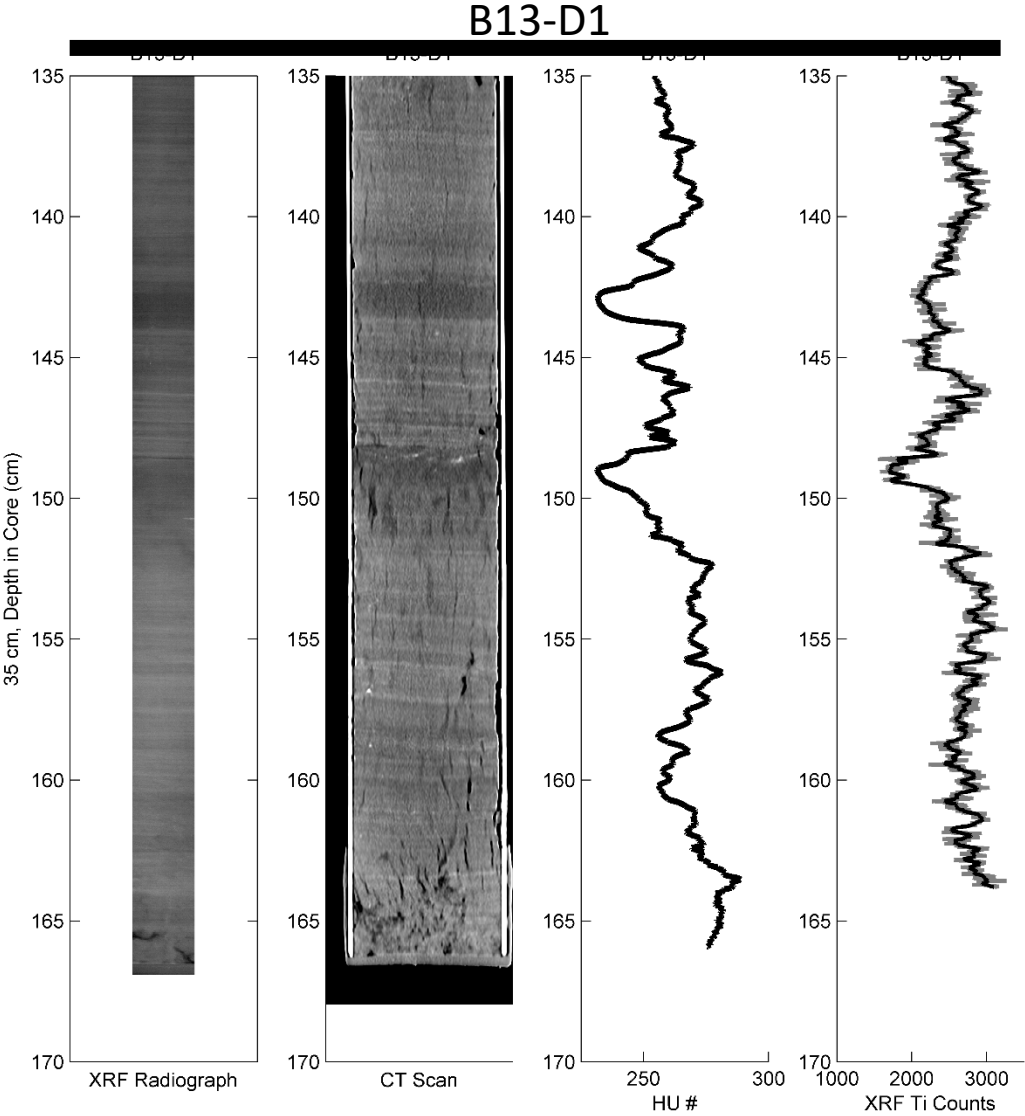
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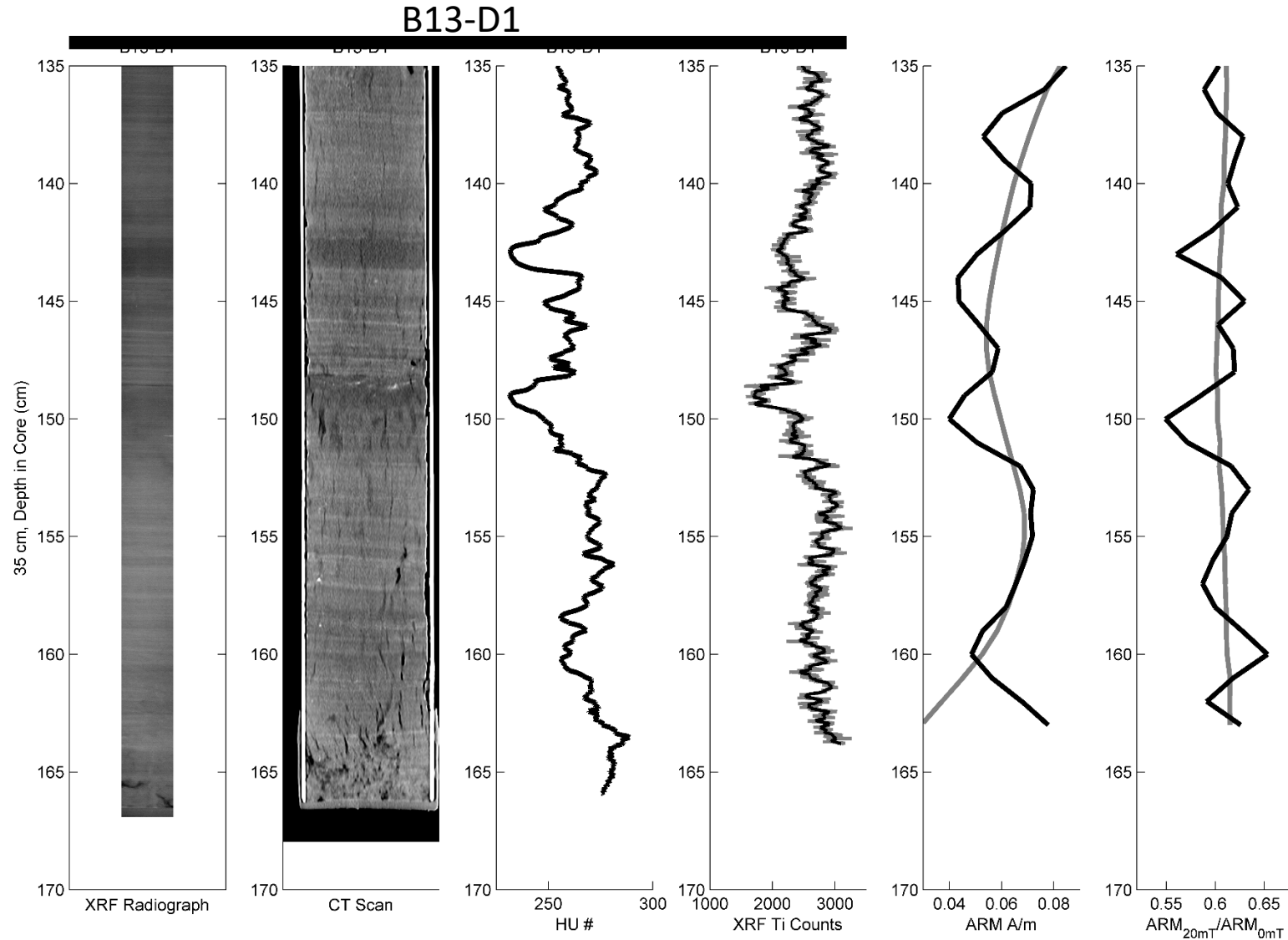
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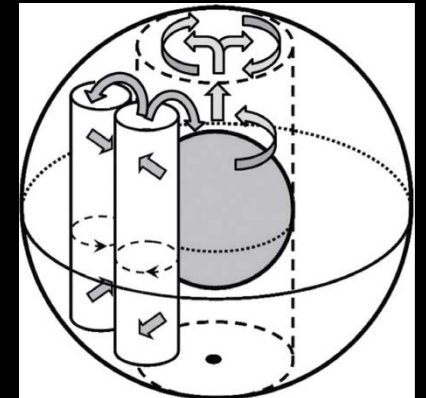
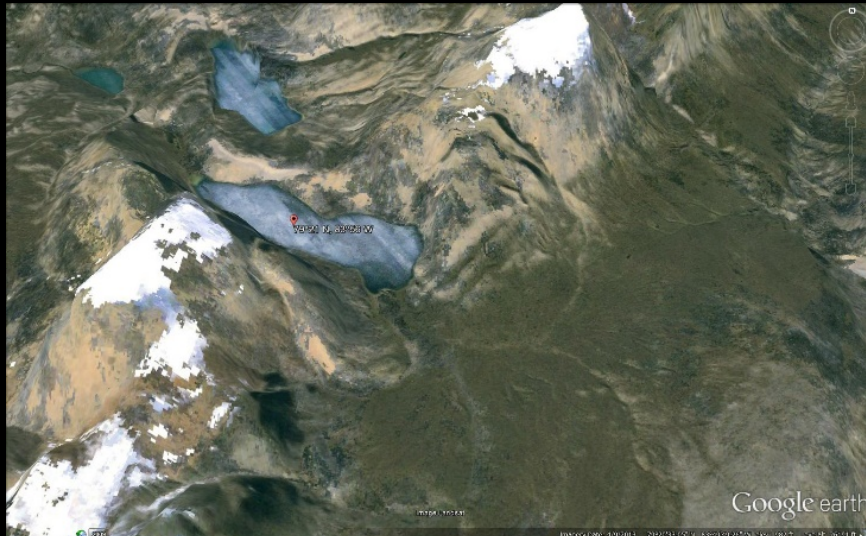


U-channel deconvolution of
Oda & Xuan, 2014, G^3

Sawtooth Lake, Ellesmere Island

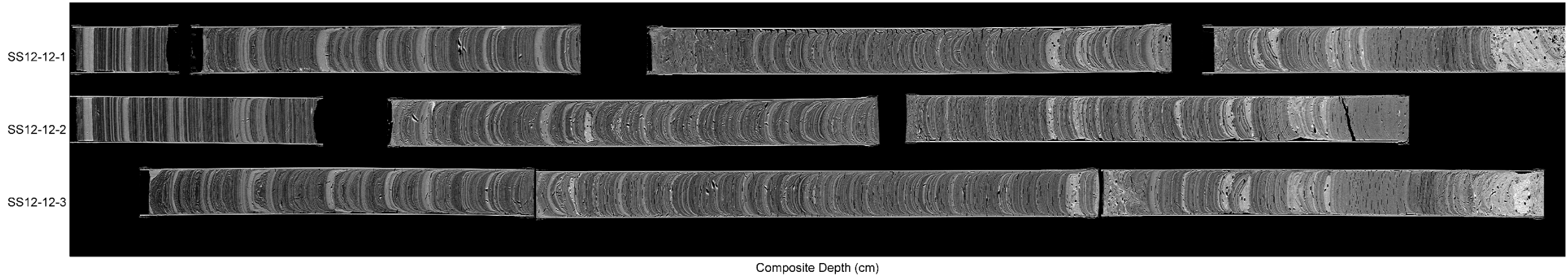
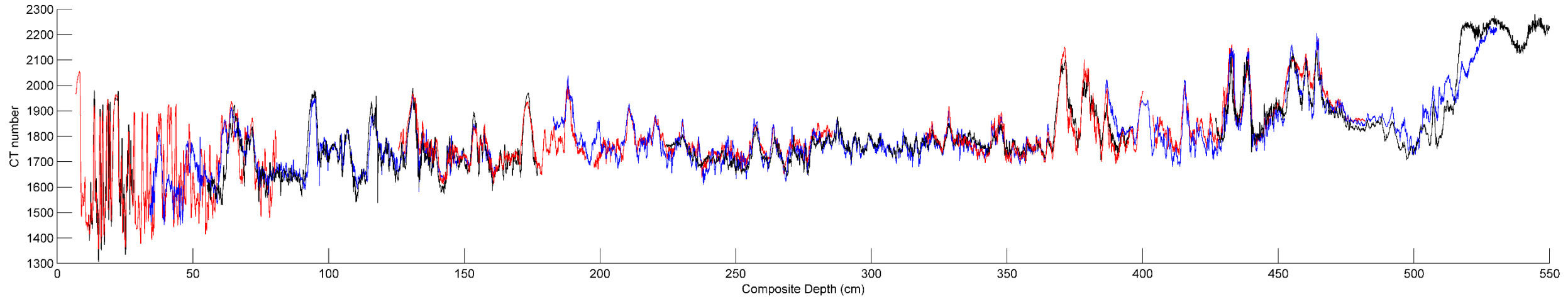


- Re-cored in 2012 (UWITEC)
- High sedimentation rates (~ 150 cm/ka)
- Clastic varves
- Varved based chronology back to ~ 3 ka
- Paleomagnetic record could provide valuable insight to the high latitude geomagnetic field
- More info: (Francus et al., 2008, J Paleolimnol)

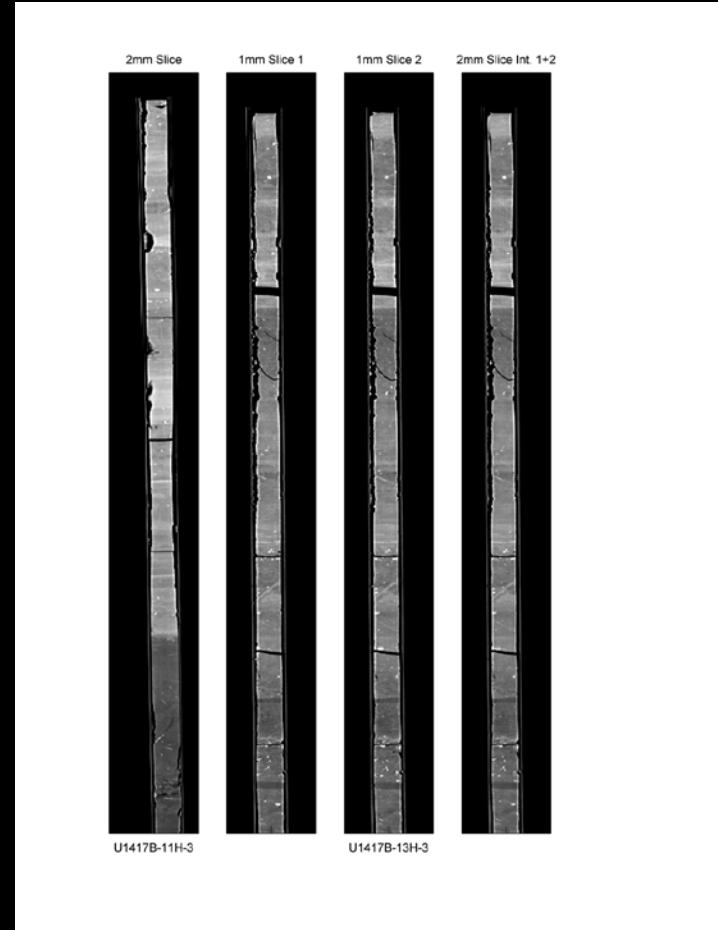
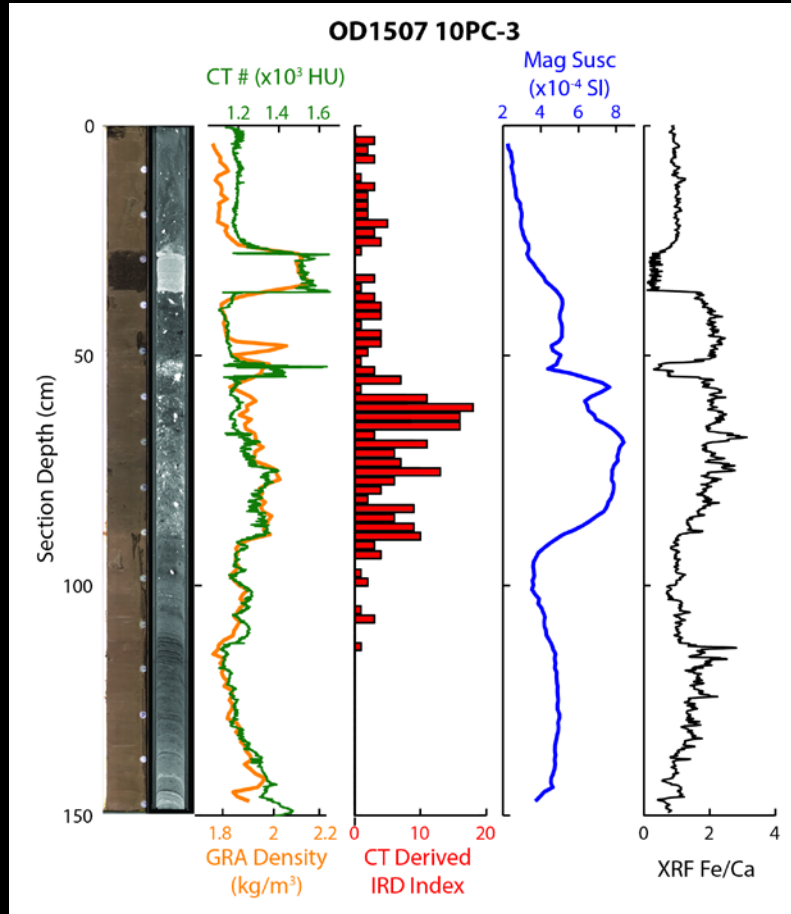


Christensen 2011

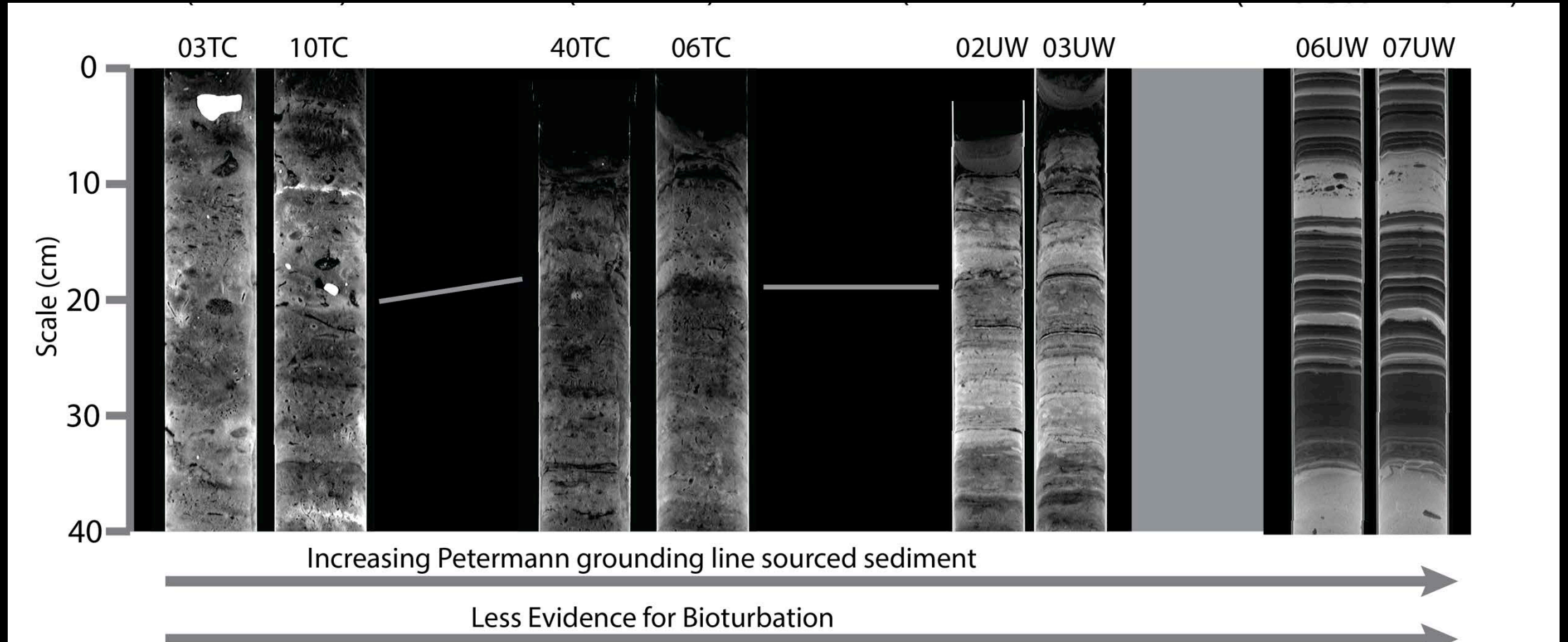
Sawtooth Lake, Ellesmere Island



Other Capabilities, IRD counts, scans of multiple u-channels



Comparison of cores with distance from grounding line of the Petermann Glacier, Greenland



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