

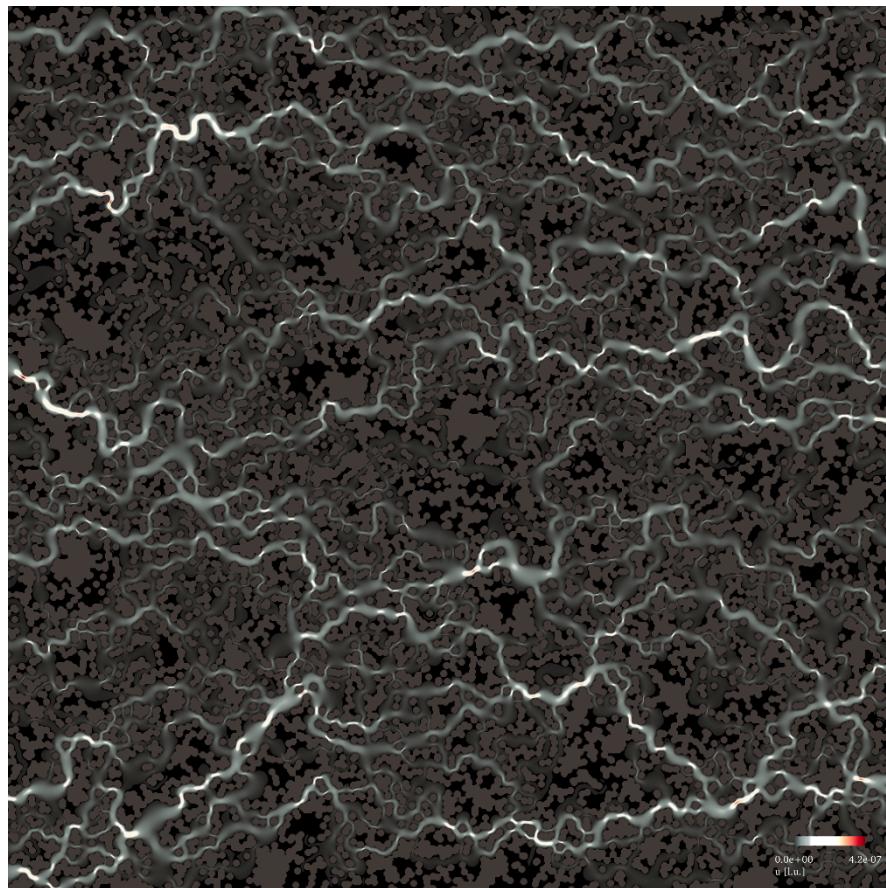


# TORTUOSITY OF THE FLOW IN POROUS MEDIA

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Irrespective of the type of the solid matrix shaping a porous medium, the interconnected voids appear as highly complex and tortuous paths. Here, we visualize the velocity field of a fluid flowing from left to right through such a tortuous path within a digital model of a thin layer of porous media. A porous matrix is immersed in the fluid. The deviation from a straight path line of the flow is a direct indication of the phenomena called tortuosity, an important physical property of a porous medium[1].

The absolute momentum visualized as a color gradient conveys information on the paths chosen by the transport mechanism. Brighter sections correspond to larger fluid velocities (with top peak as red color). It wouldn't be visible without proper adjustment of color/brightness/contrast.

The sample has 1000000 (one million) of computational cells. To find the solution to the fluid flow we used the Palabos code which implements the Lattice Boltzmann method[2].

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