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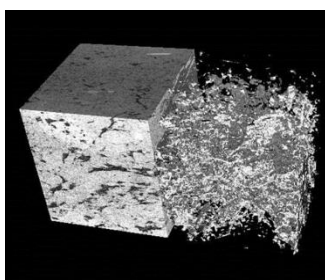
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## SAGES Phase 2: 2015-2020. The Benefits of Membership

- Core budget of **£1.36M** (50% from SFC, 50% from member institutions)
- Researcher support funds: **£246k**
- Post-graduate studentships scheme: **£315k**
- Support funds from SFC: **£48k** currently available under two schemes
  - PEER (Pools Engagement in European Research)
  - PECRE (Early Career Researcher Exchanges; Europe, North America, China and India)
- Research themes, Research for a and Small Grants
  - Four research themes
  - Fora developed in response to members' requirements – core funding available
  - Annual Research Conference – attendance fully funded for members
- Graduate School
  - Co-funding for 9 new PhD studentships
  - Training events
  - Networking events
  - Mentoring (for early-career researchers)
- Shared facilities and equipment
  - Centre for Earth System Dynamics (University of Edinburgh)
  - Shared infrastructure available to members <http://www.sages.ac.uk/about/facilities/>
- Policy and industry links
  - SAGES-hosted partnering events
  - Engagement with Innovation Centres
  - Partnership with ECCI (<http://edinburghcentre.org/>) – monthly SAGES opportunities update for members
  - Roll-out of concise policy interface documents
- International opportunities
  - Gateway to Scotland for international postgraduate students in environmental geoscience.

