



Overview & Philosophy

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1999 Technology
of the year



Organizations

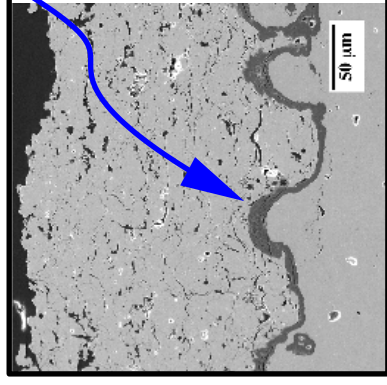
- NIST Center for Theoretical & Computational Computer Science
- NIST Materials Science & Engineering Laboratory
- NIST Information Technology Laboratory
- MIT Department of Materials Science & Engineering
- US DOE Advanced Turbine Systems

Goals of the OOF Project

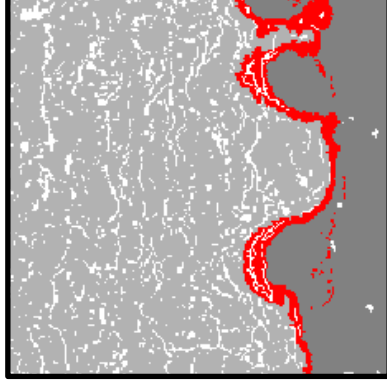
- Easy-to-use tools for analyzing the effects of microstructure on material properties.
- Input from micrographs and simulations, using all available microstructural data. No mean-field approximations.
- User defined constitutive relations.
- Convenient “what if?” experiments.
- Extensibility.
- Generality.
- We are successful if OOF is used in unanticipated ways.

ppm2oof: a tool to convert an image or a **micrograph** of a heterogeneous, multi-component material into a **finite element mesh** with **constitutive properties** specified by the user.

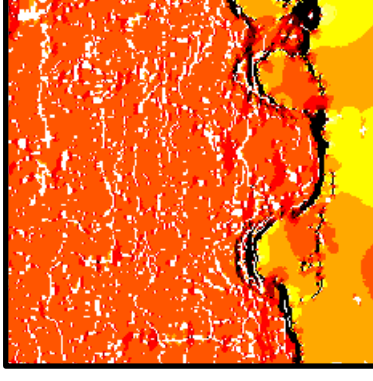
Real (or
Simulated)
Microstructure



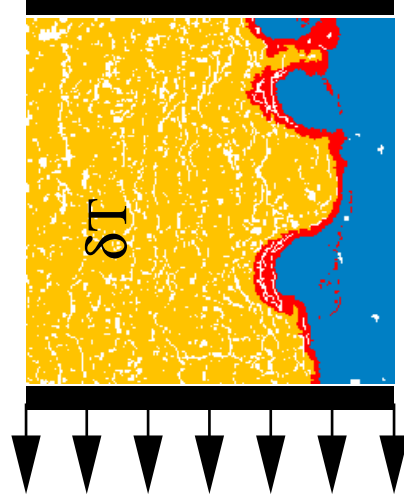
Point, Click,
and Specify
Properties



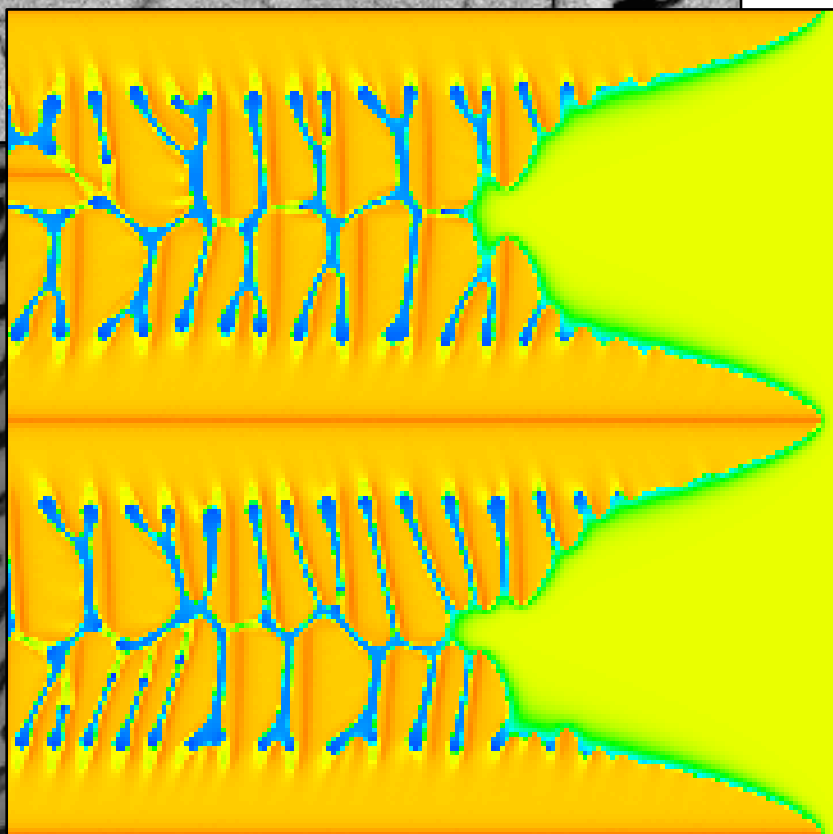
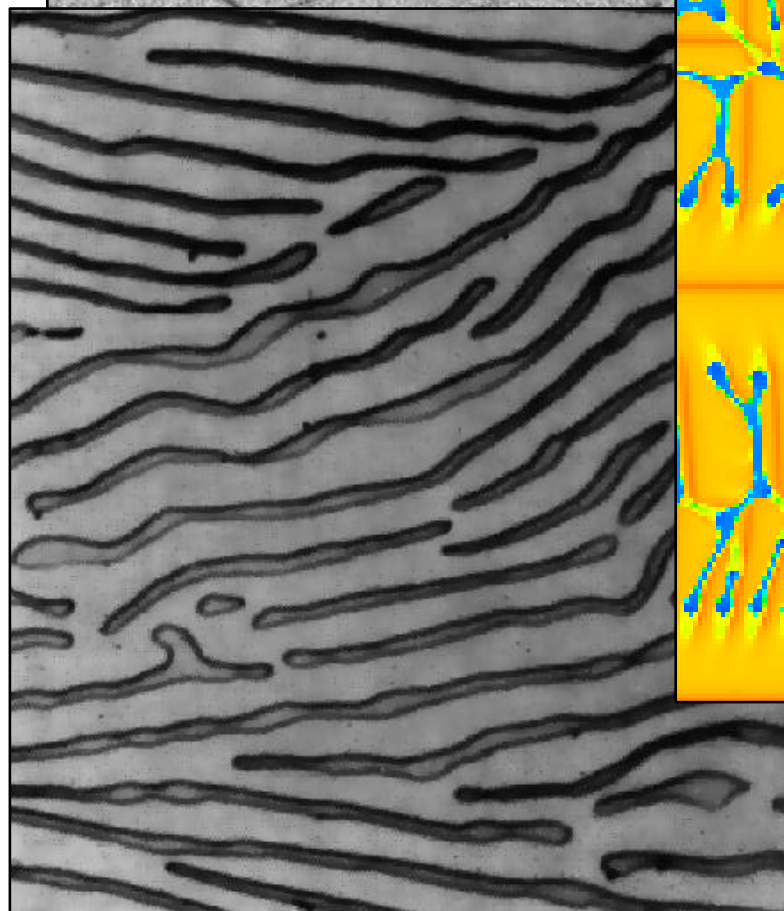
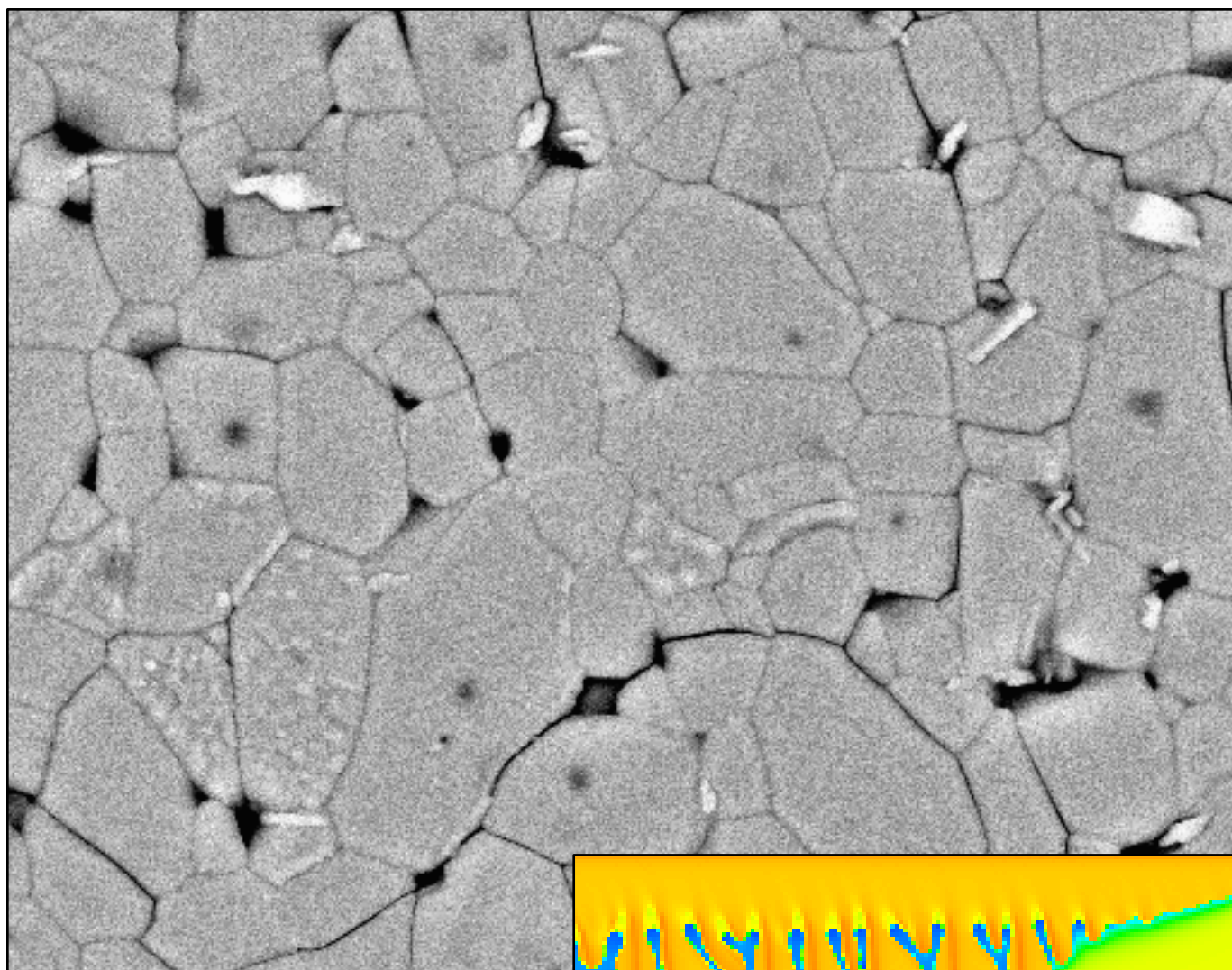
Visualize and
Quantify

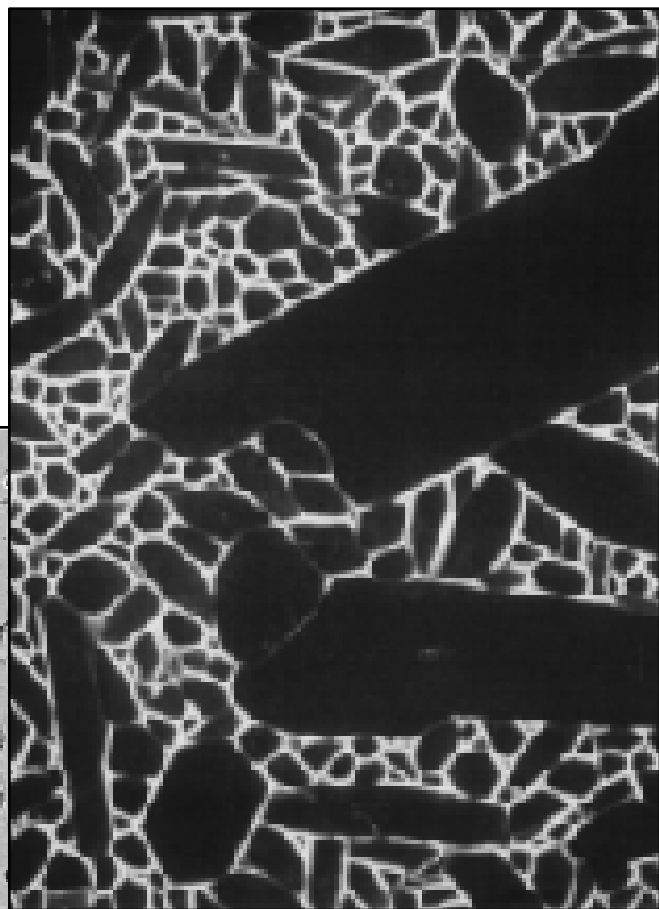
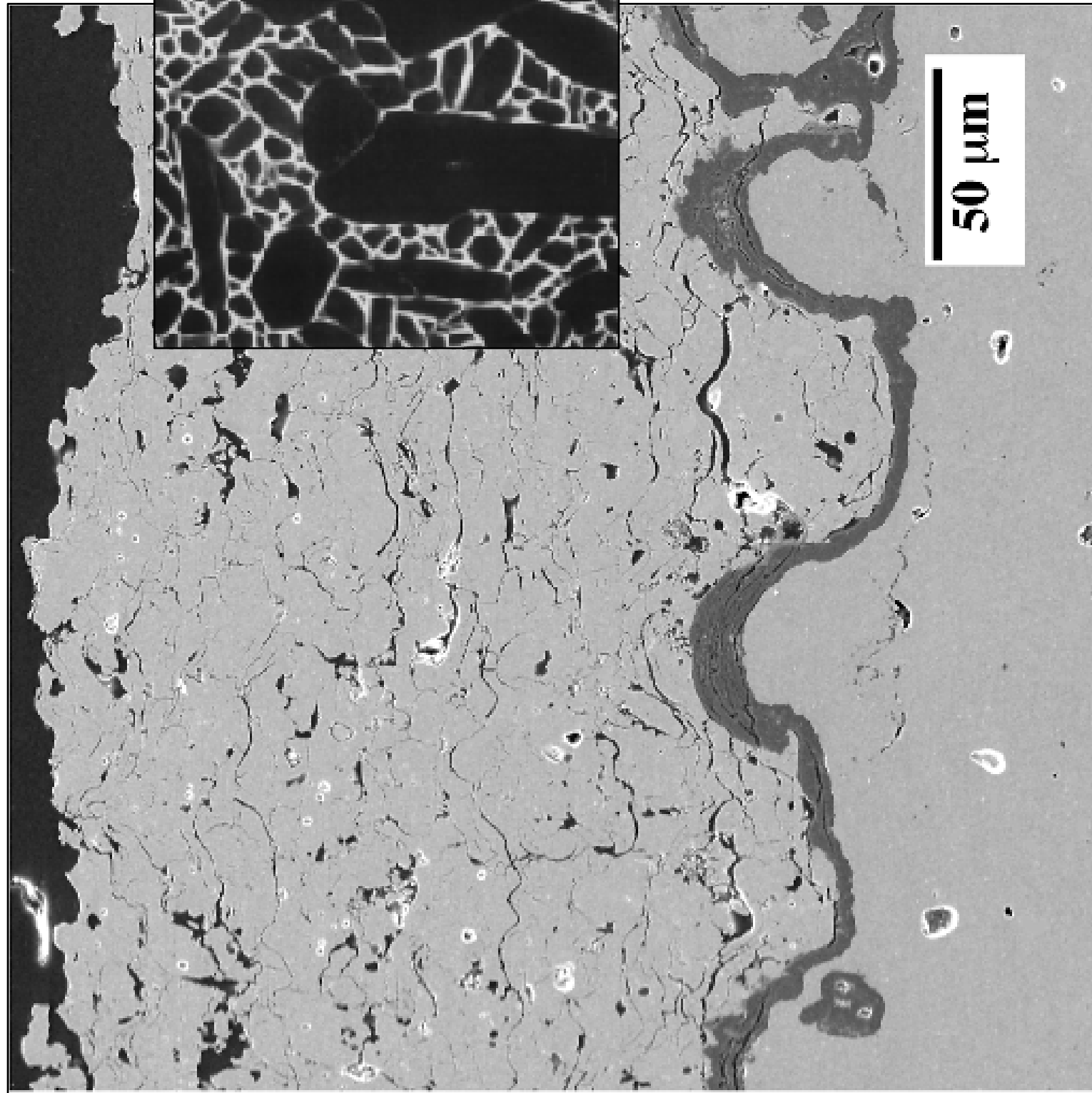


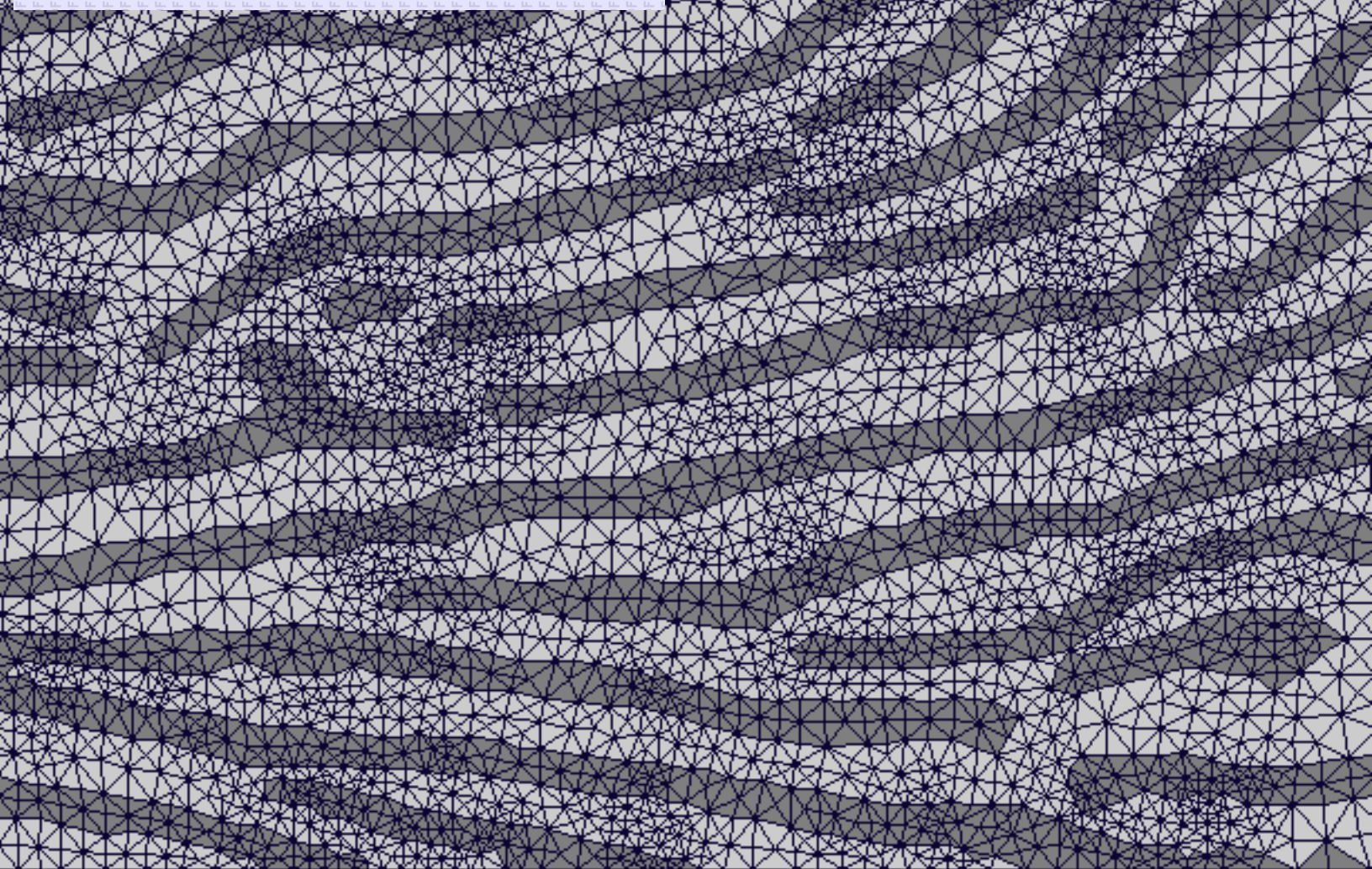
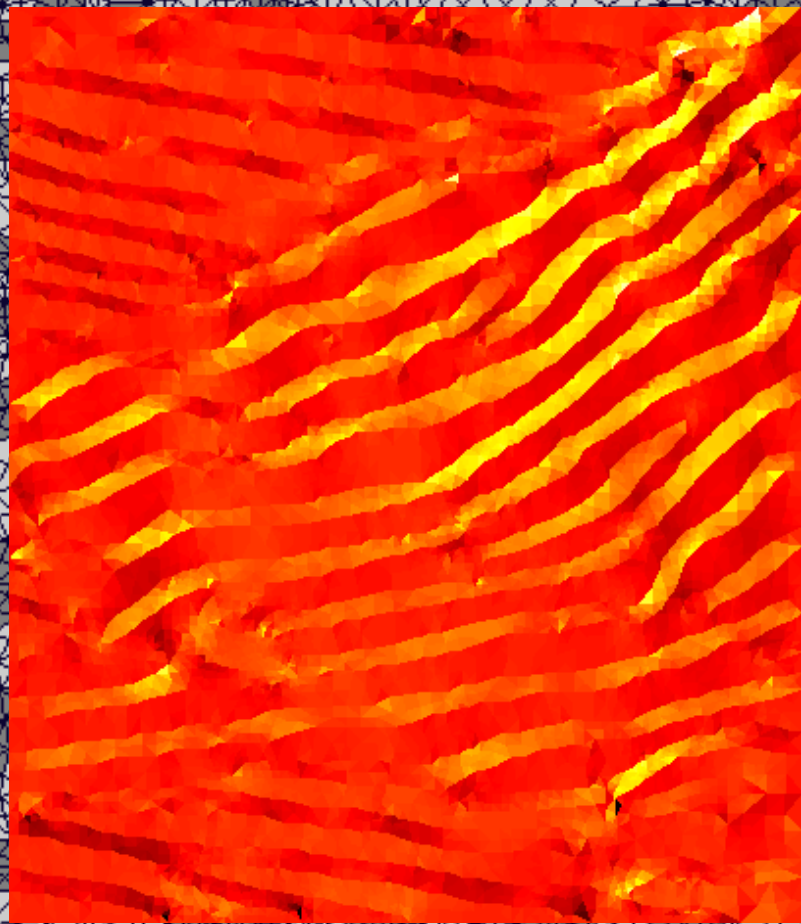
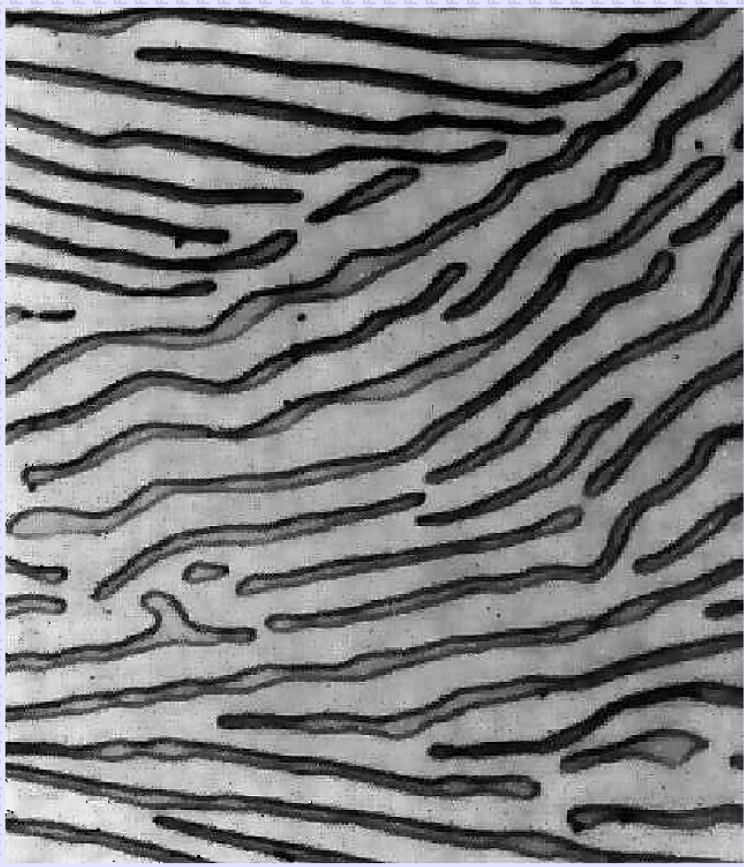
Virtual Test



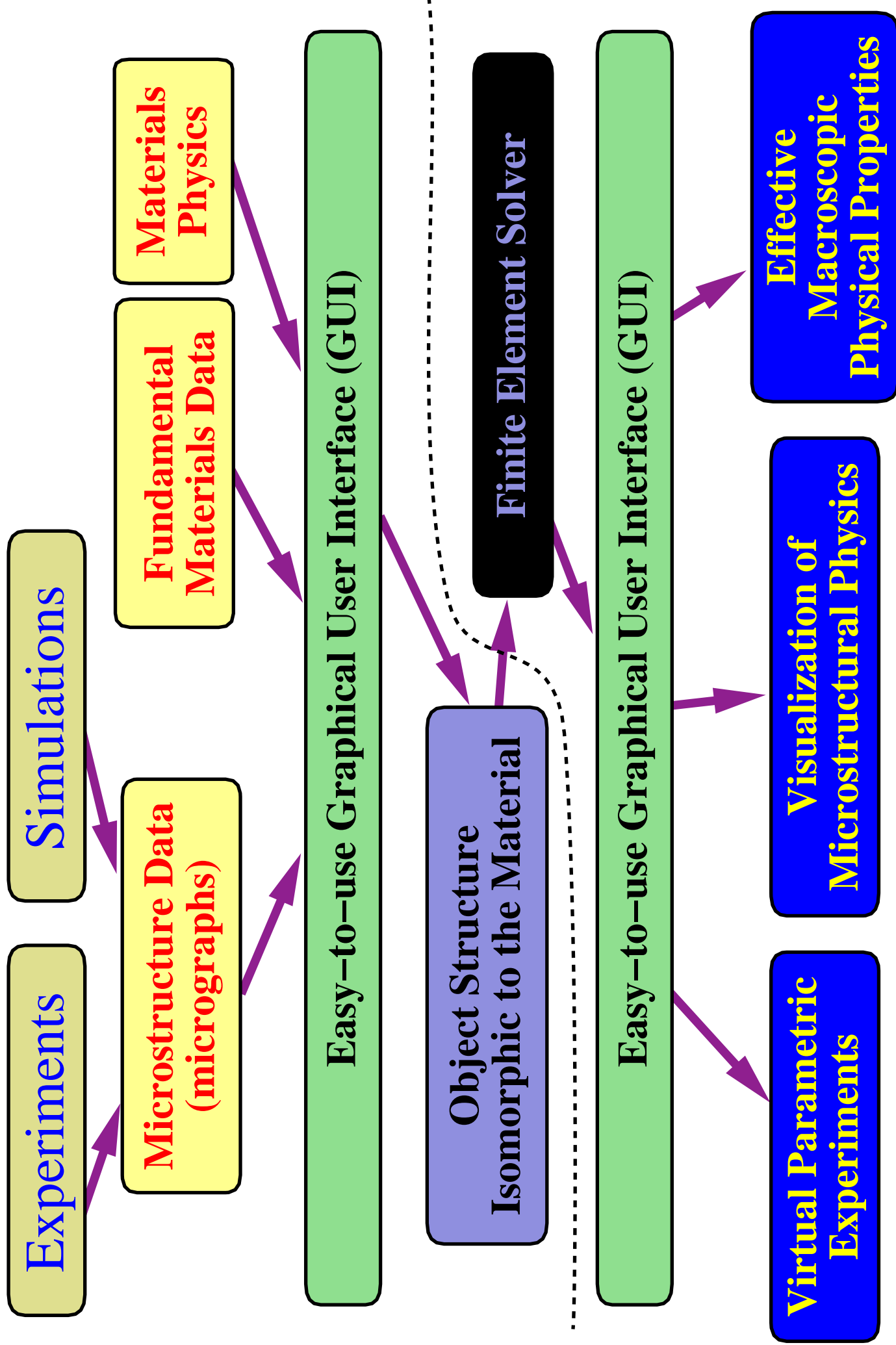
oof: a tool to test physical properties and to investigate the influence of microstructure on macroscopic behavior, via finite element analysis.





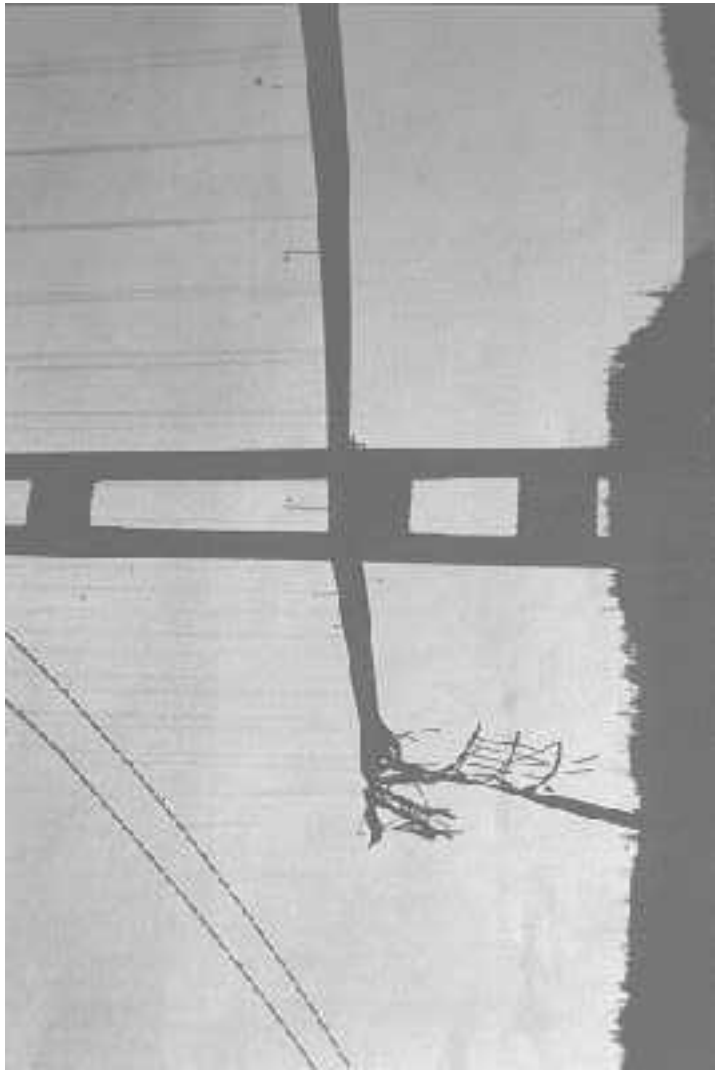
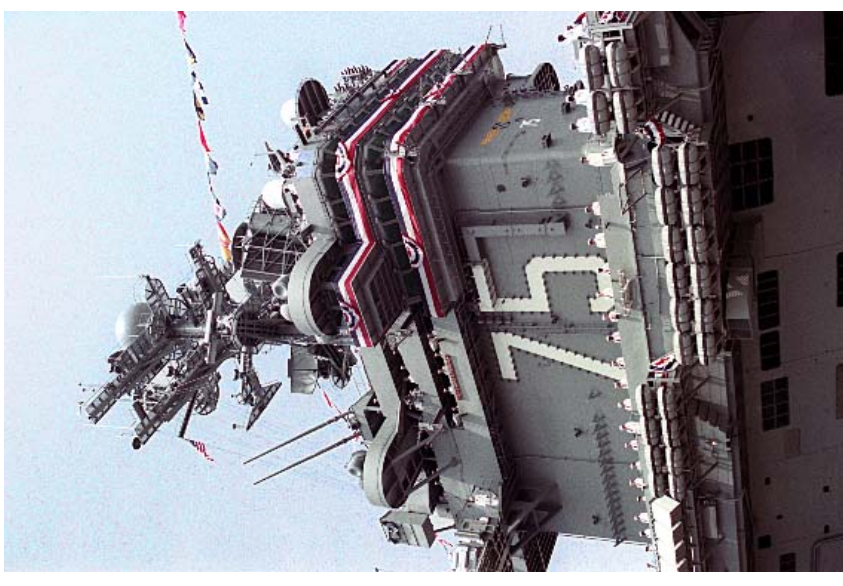


Building a Microstructural Model



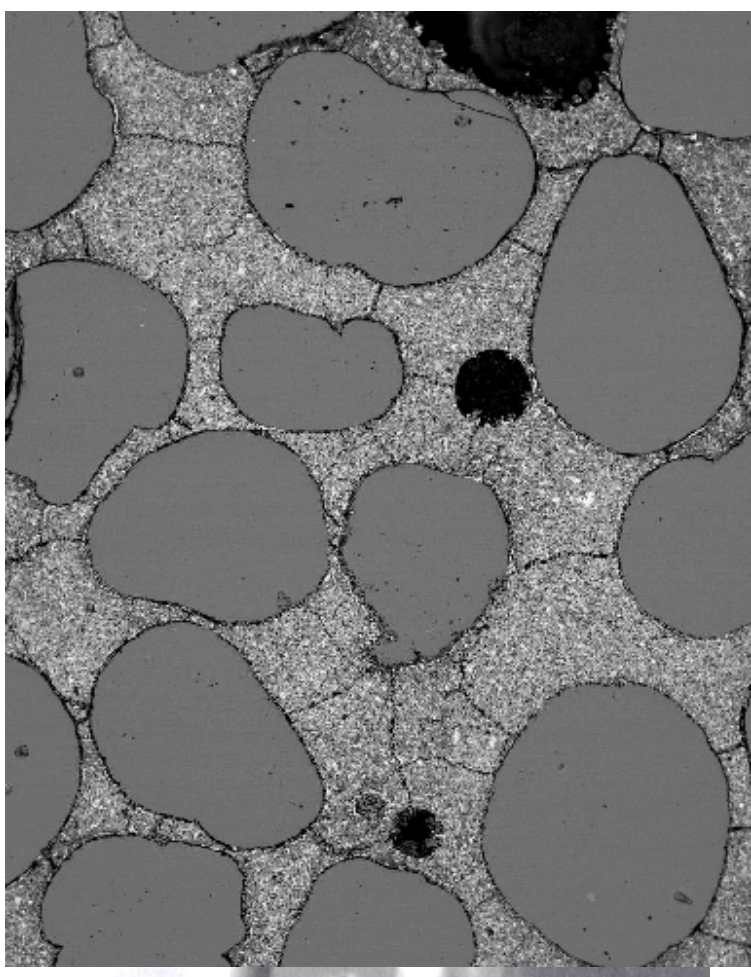
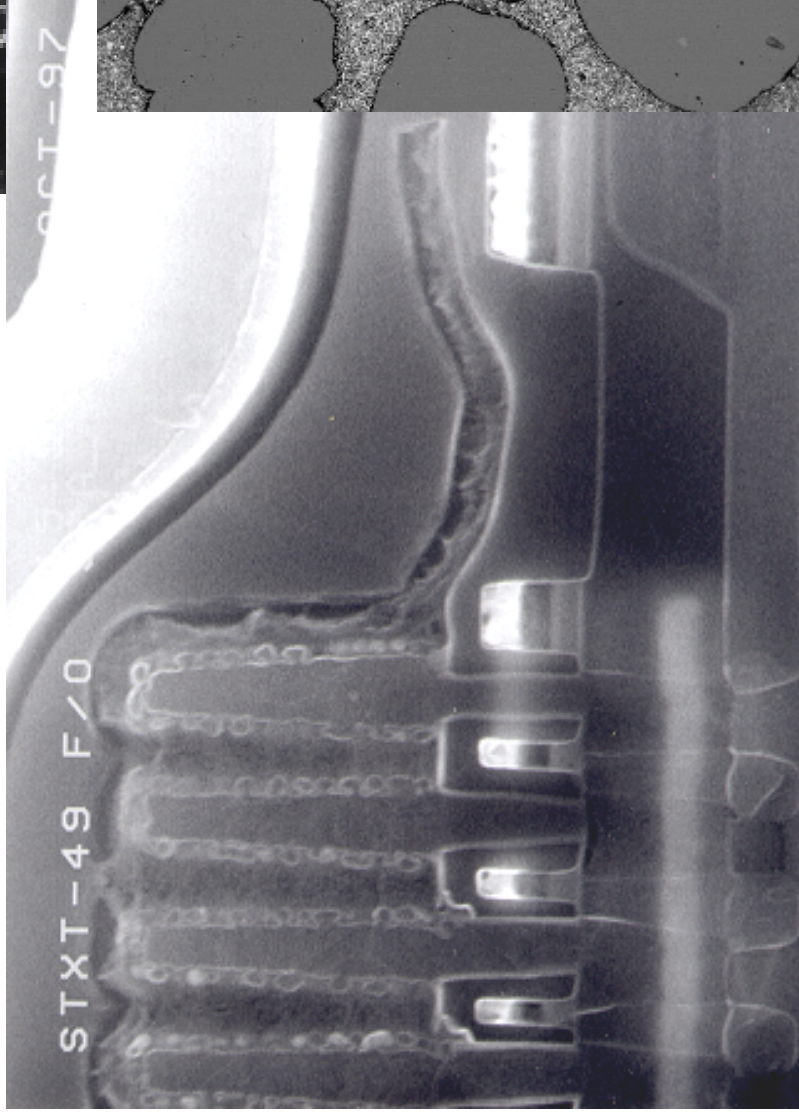
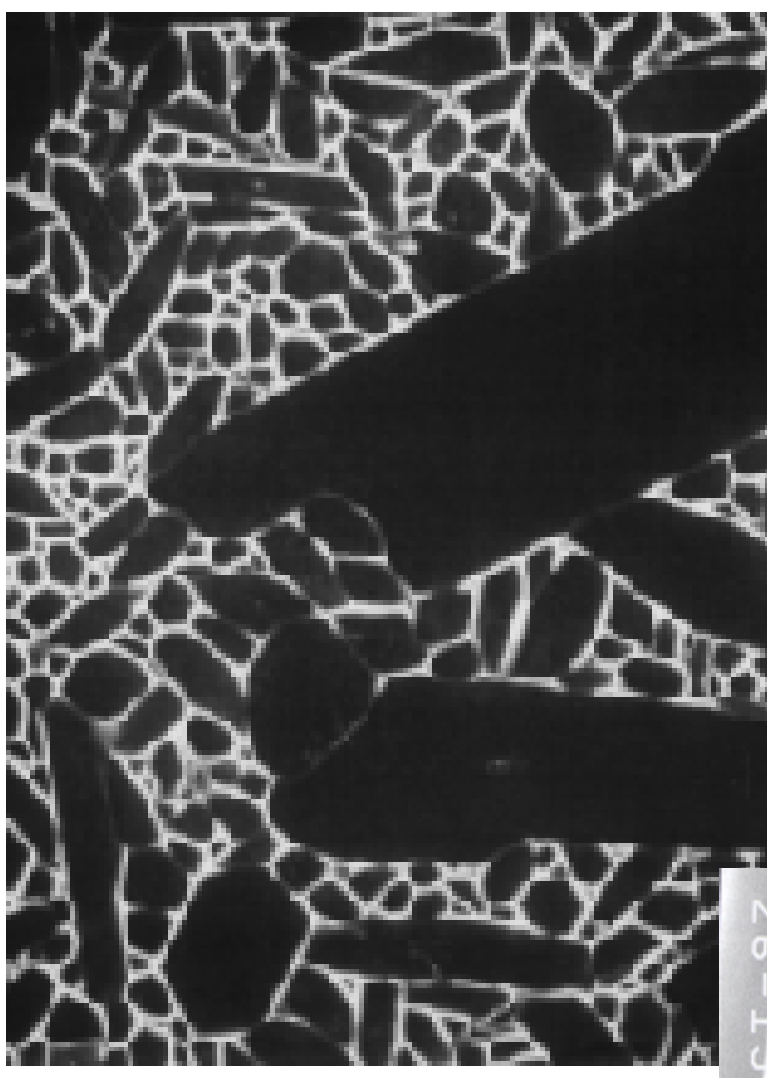
Why OOF?

- Commercial finite element packages work best for large-scale systems with regularly shaped components.



Why OOF?

- Materials systems are small-scale and disordered.



Why OOF?

- OOF is designed for materials scientists
- OOF is easy to use.



Current Capabilities

PPM200F:

- Modify images.
- Select pixels.
- Assign material properties to pixels.
- Create unstructured 2–dimensional triangular mesh.
- Adapt mesh to material boundaries.
 - refine elements.
 - move nodes.
 - swap edges.
- Define element and pixel groups.
- Define “active areas” to localize operations.

Current Capabilities

OOF:

- Solve unstructured two-dimensional triangular mesh.
- Linear elasticity with thermal expansion.
- Thermal conductivity.
- Any crystal symmetry:
 - isotropic.
 - hexagonal.
 - etc.
 - new crystal symmetries added easily .
- Plane stress or plane strain.
- Simple models of fracture.
- Designer elements.
- Boundary conditions:
 - fixed displacement, temperature.
 - free.
 - constrained motion.
 - any combination of the above.

Current Capabilities

OOOF, continued:

- Distortions:
 - applied displacement, temperature.
 - applied force, heat flux.
- Mesh creation:
 - Unstructured mesh from ppm2oof.
 - Generate uniform mesh.
 - Modify material properties of existing mesh.
- Output
 - Maps of stress, strain, temperature, energy density, etc.
 - Statistics of stress, strain, etc for whole mesh or element group
 - Plot of stress, strain, etc along a cross section.
 - Stress, strain, etc at selected elements.
 - Forces at selected nodes.

Current Capabilities

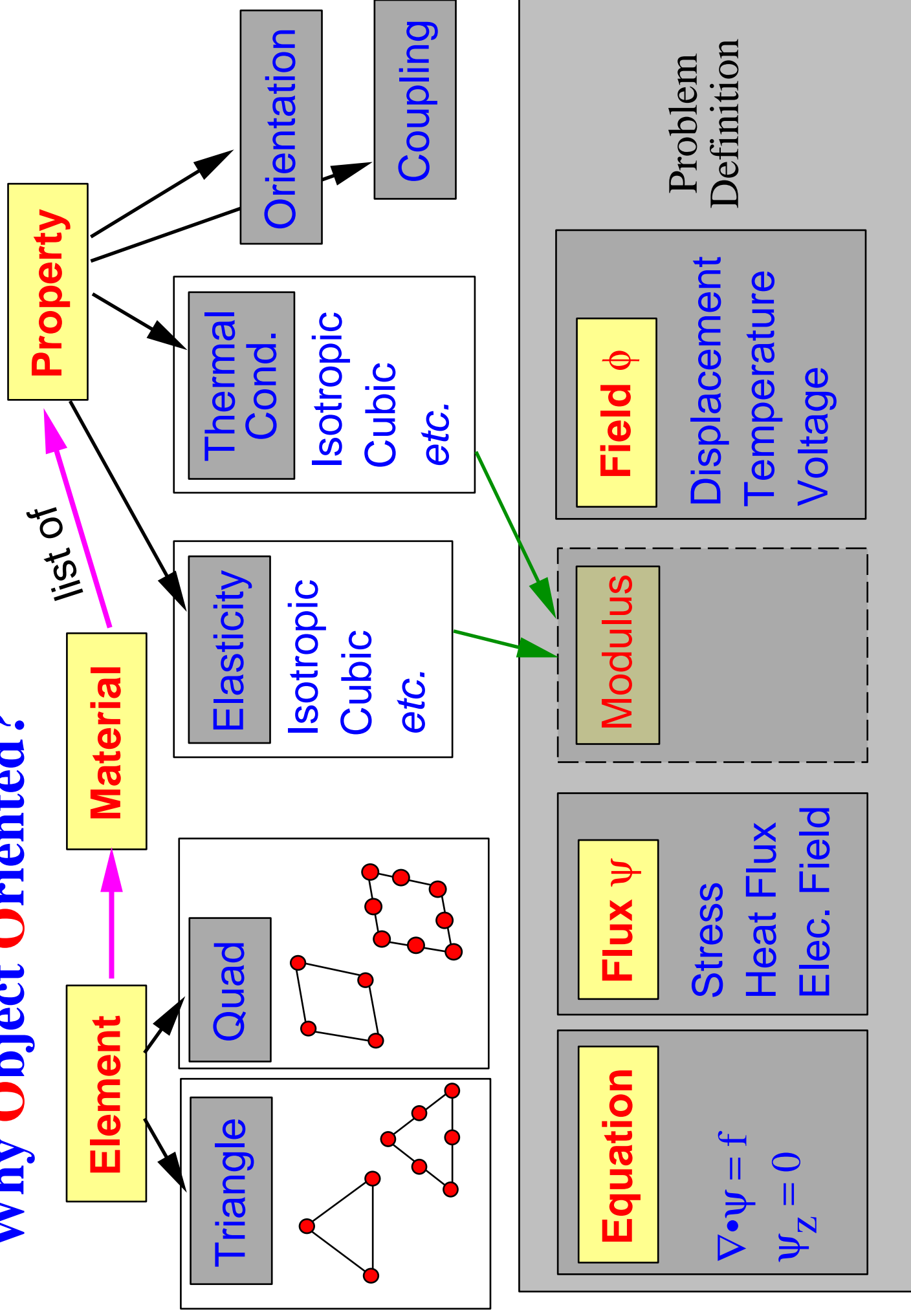
OOF & PPM2OOOF:

- Controlled from graphical user interface or script.
 - menu driven.
 - commands in tree of submenus.
- Run on SGI, Sun, Alpha, and PC (Linux).

OOF2ABAQUS:

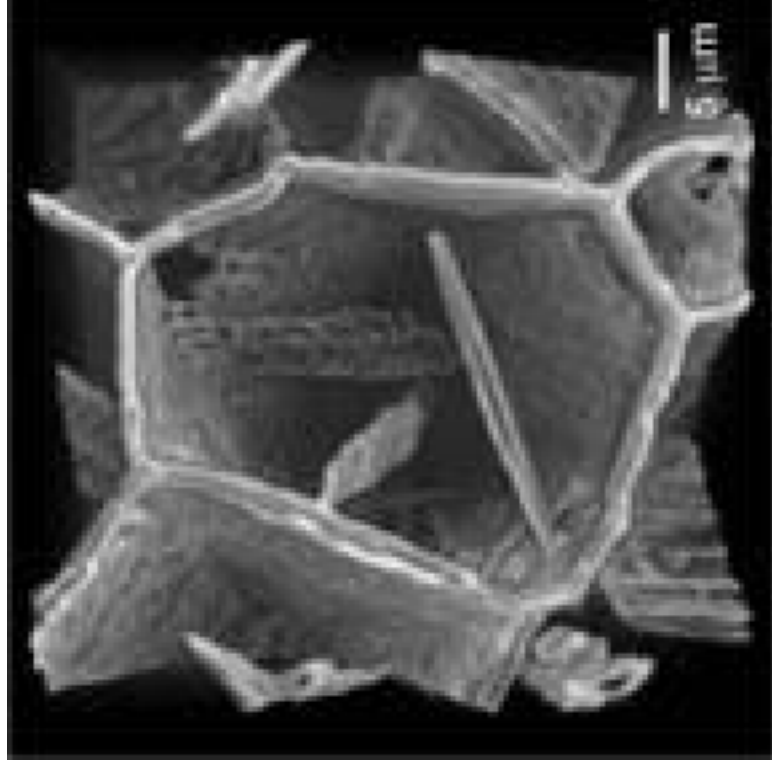
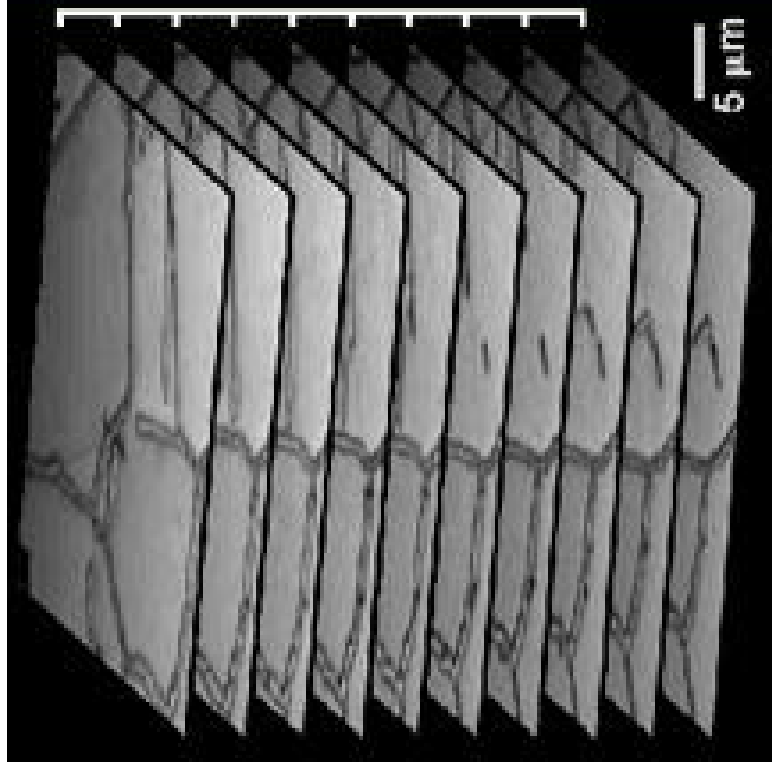
- Converts OOF files into ABAQUS format
- Exports geometrical information (Nodes, elements, node groups, element groups)
- Can write 3–node or 6–node triangular elements
- Material specification is done in ABAQUS

Why Object Oriented?



Why 2D?

- There aren't many three dimensional micrographs.
- There are lots of two dimensional micrographs.
- Two dimensions is easier.
- Three dimensions will come later...



G. Spanos, NRL

<http://mstd.nrl.navy.mil/6320/6324/3dmicrostructures.html>

PPM2OOF in a nutshell

1. Select pixels in the image
2. Assign material properties to groups of pixels
3. Create a mesh
4. Adapt and refine the mesh



Original image

Display



Image



Material



show by pixel



show by triangle



Mesh

0

Color

line width

Selected...



Pixels

Color



Mesh Triangles

Color



Firewalls

Color

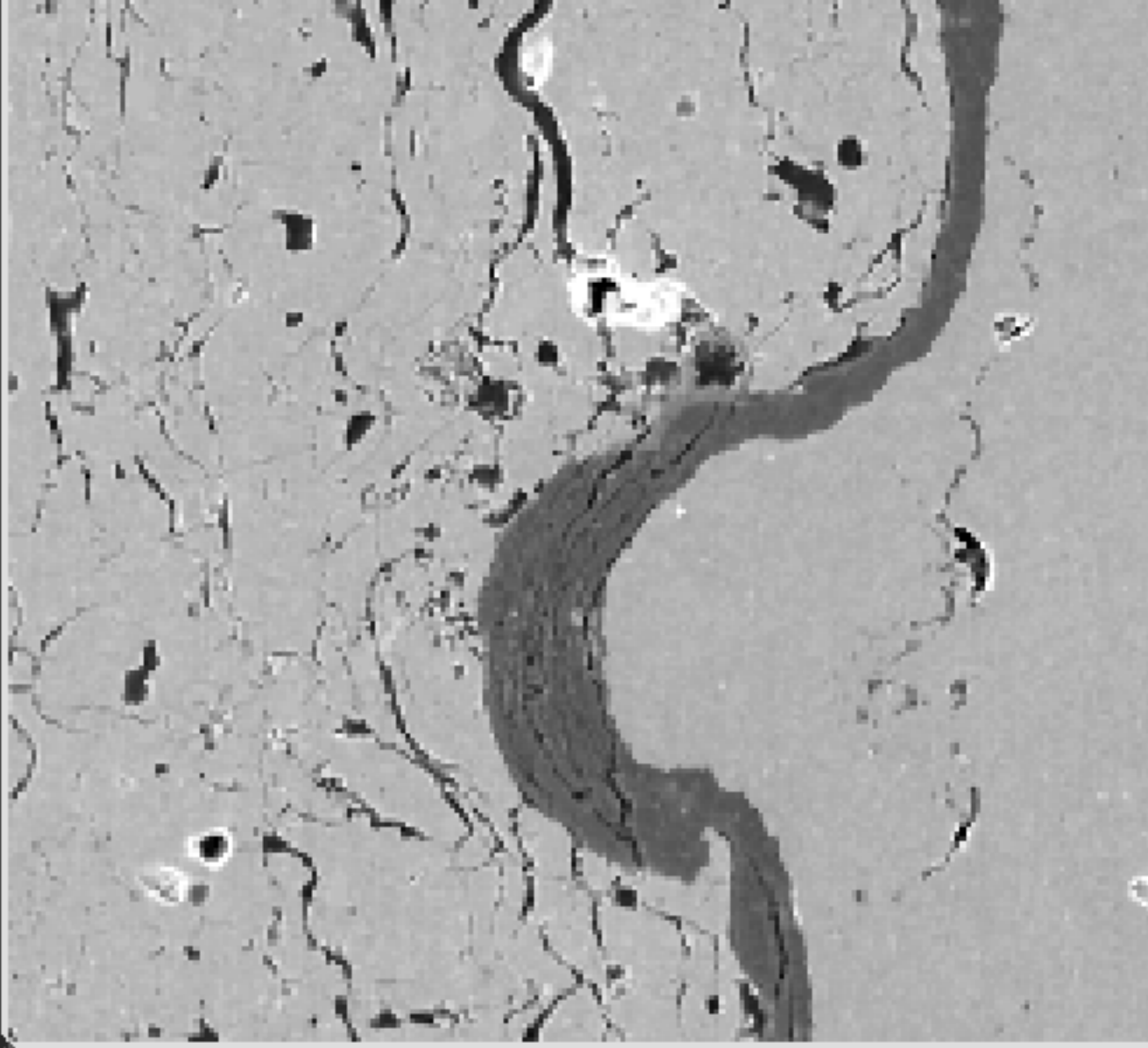
Default Material

Color

Close

Save

z



Selected pixels

Select



Parameters...



Parameters...



Parameters...



rectangle

Repeat

[85, 67]



Gray...

RGB..

Clear

Invert

Undo

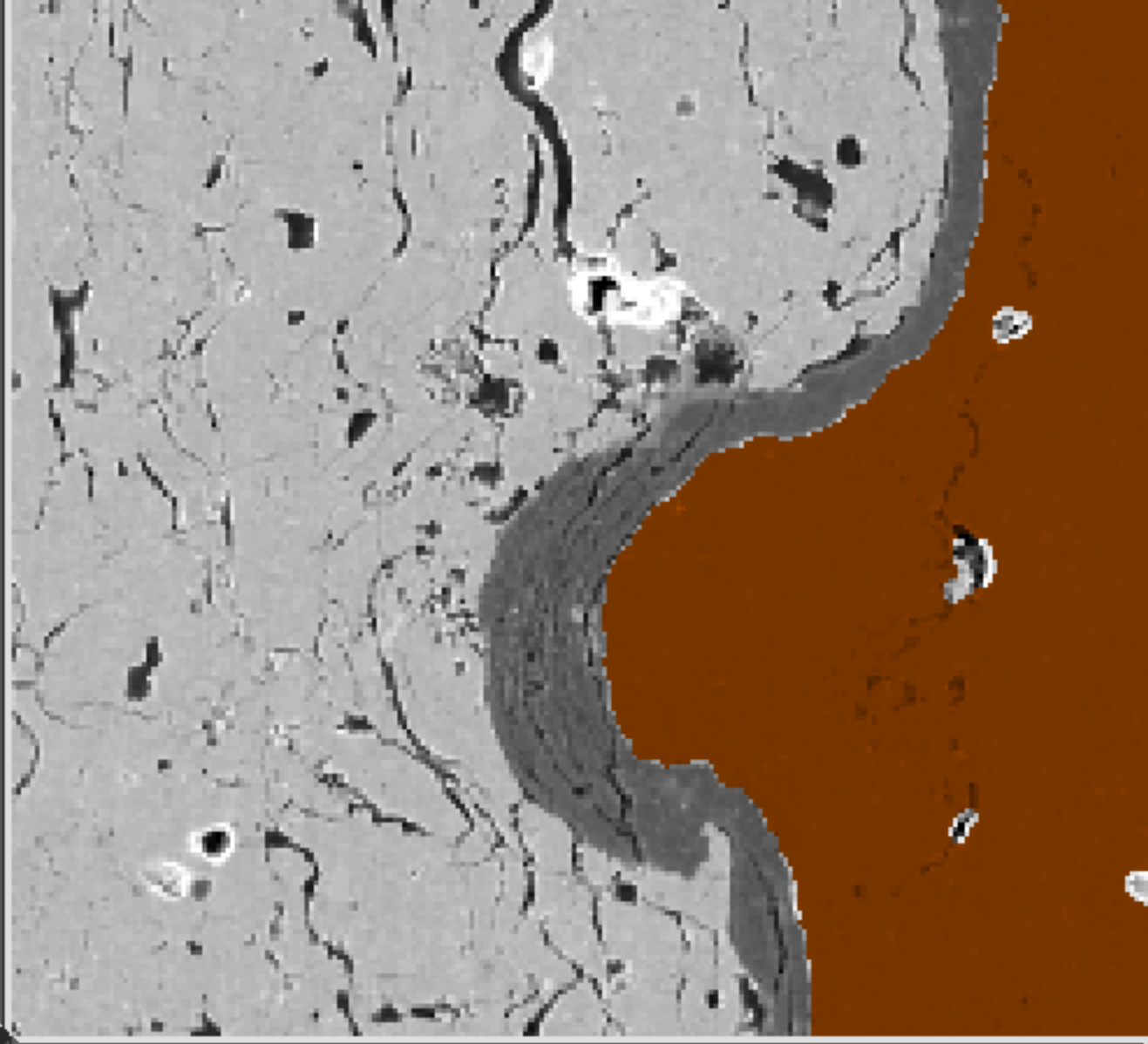
Redo

Info

Close

Save

Z



Assigned materials

z

Pixel

width=213 height=233

Mouse

(70.047, 92.249)

Pixel

[70, 91]

Color = 178

Material

isotropic

gray=0.3

planestrain=false

young=1

Groups

bondcoat

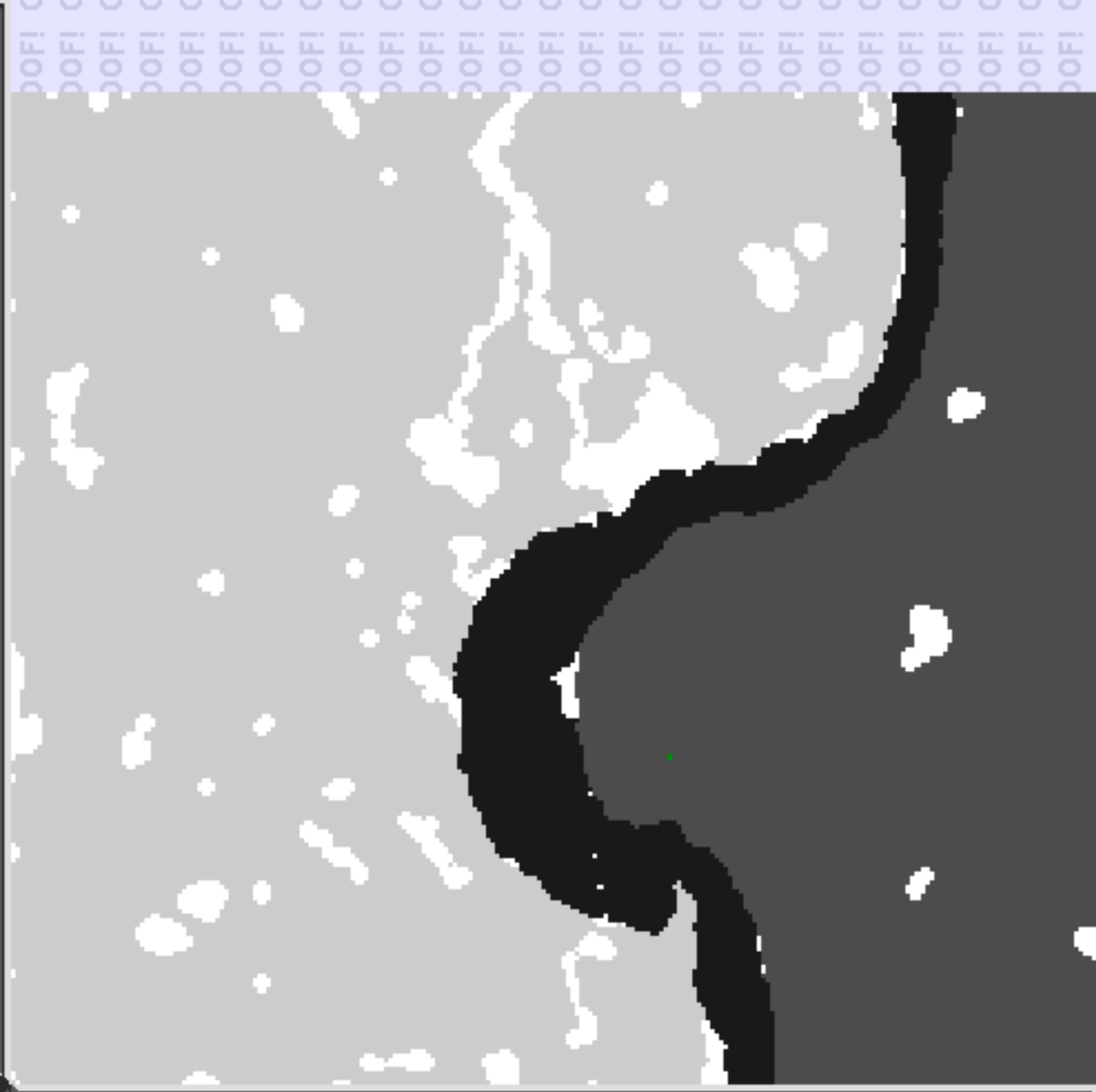


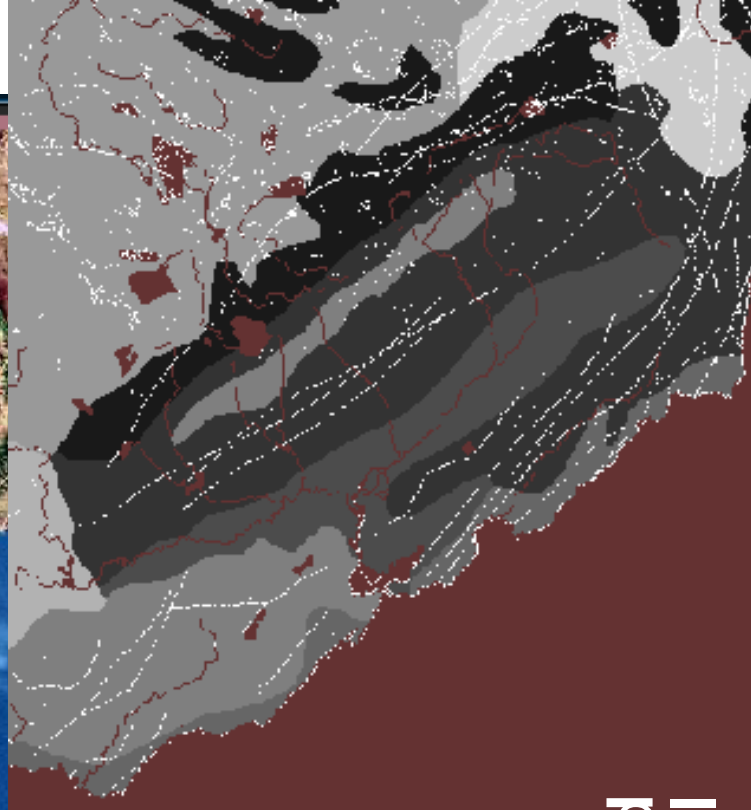
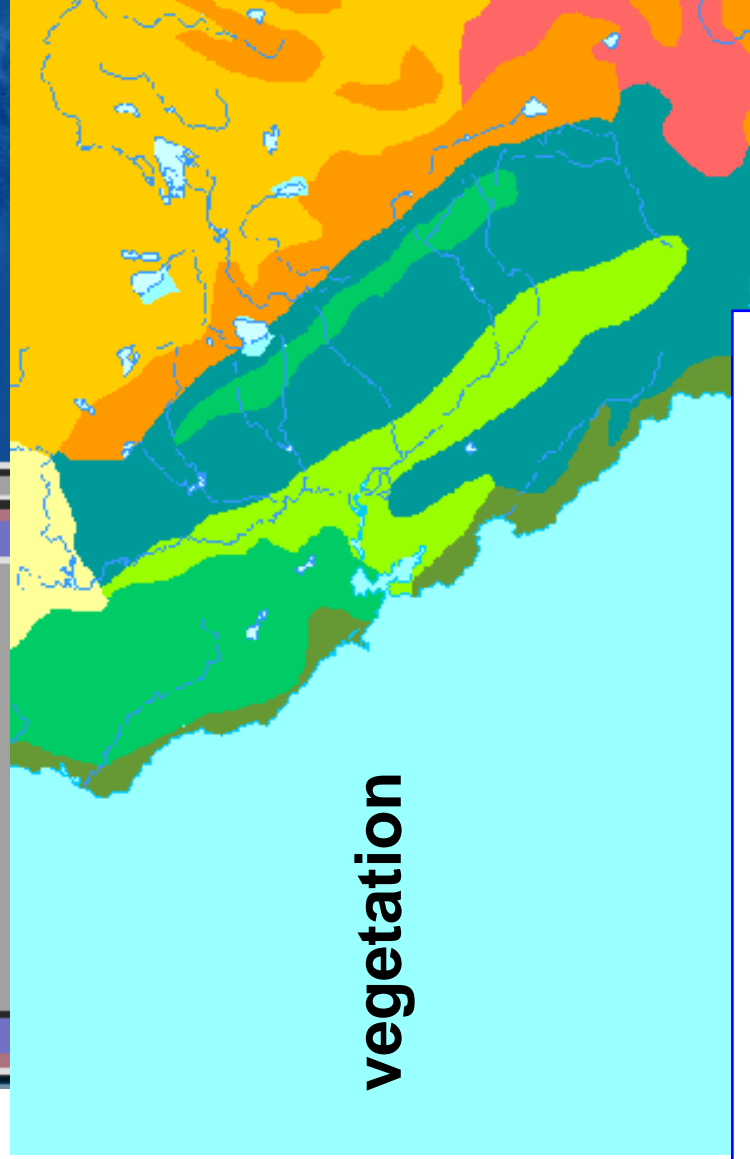
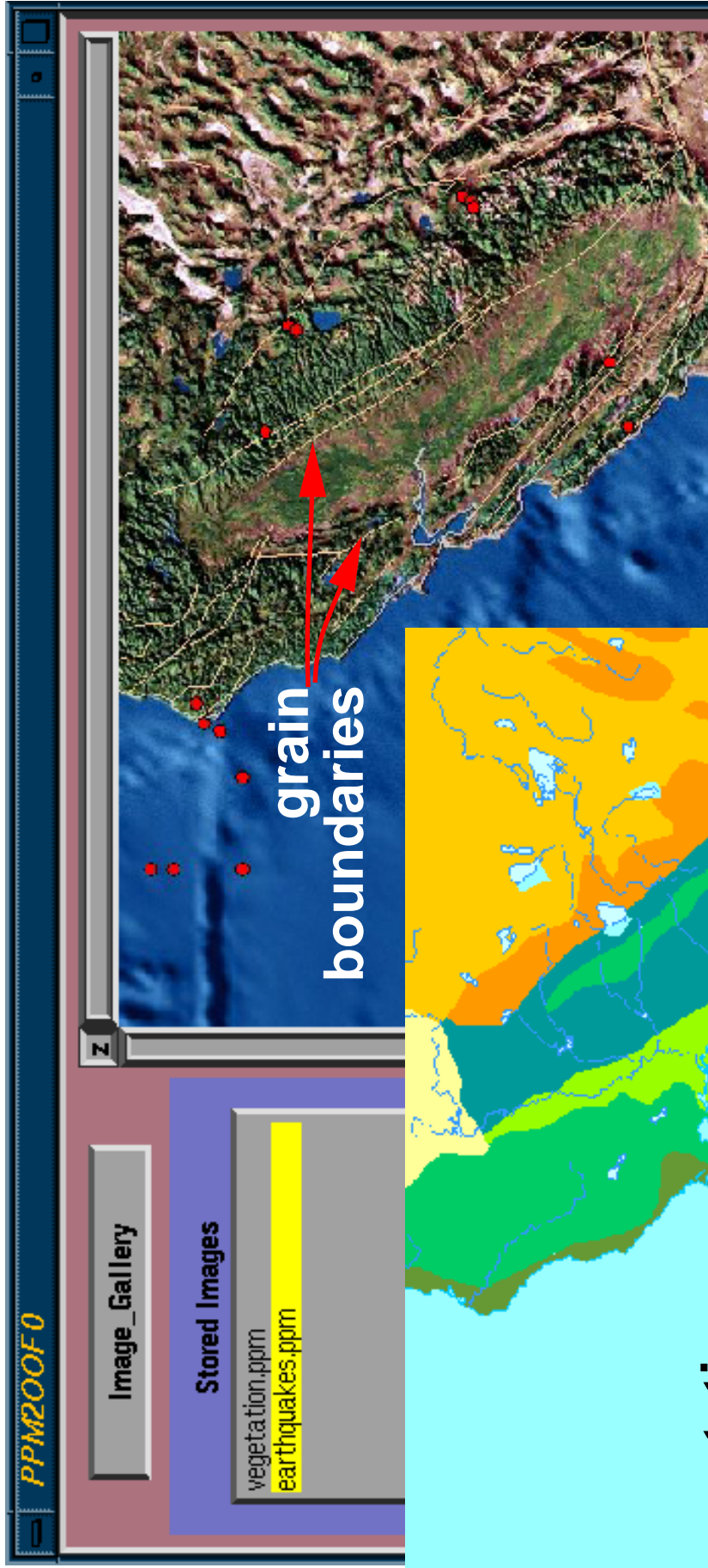
Mark clicked pixel

Color ...

Close

Save





Use different versions
of an image to select
different features.

Display



Image



Material



show by pixel



show by triangle



Mesh



Color

line width

Selected...



Pixels

Color



Mesh Tri:

Color



Firewalls

Color

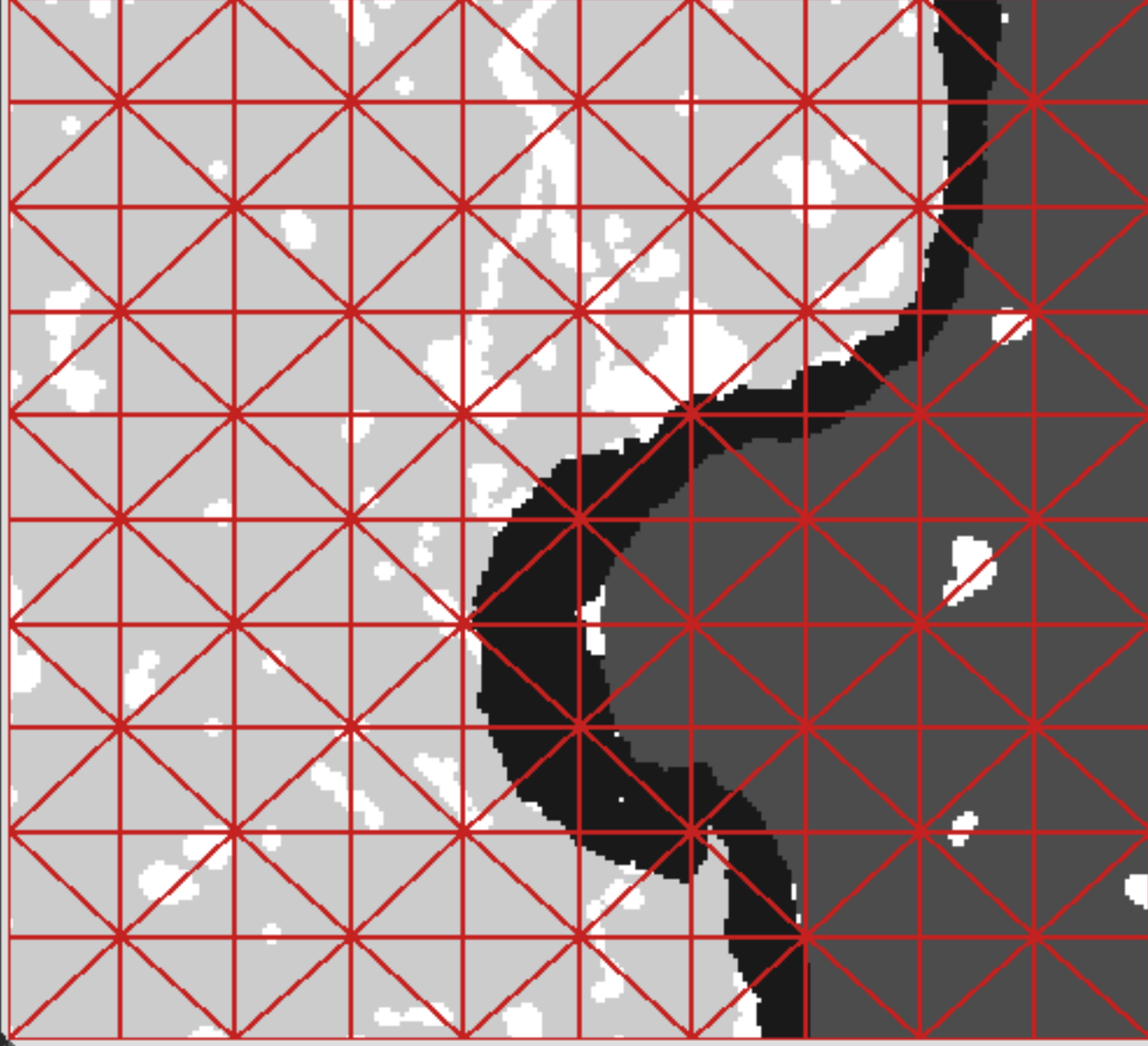
Default Material

Color

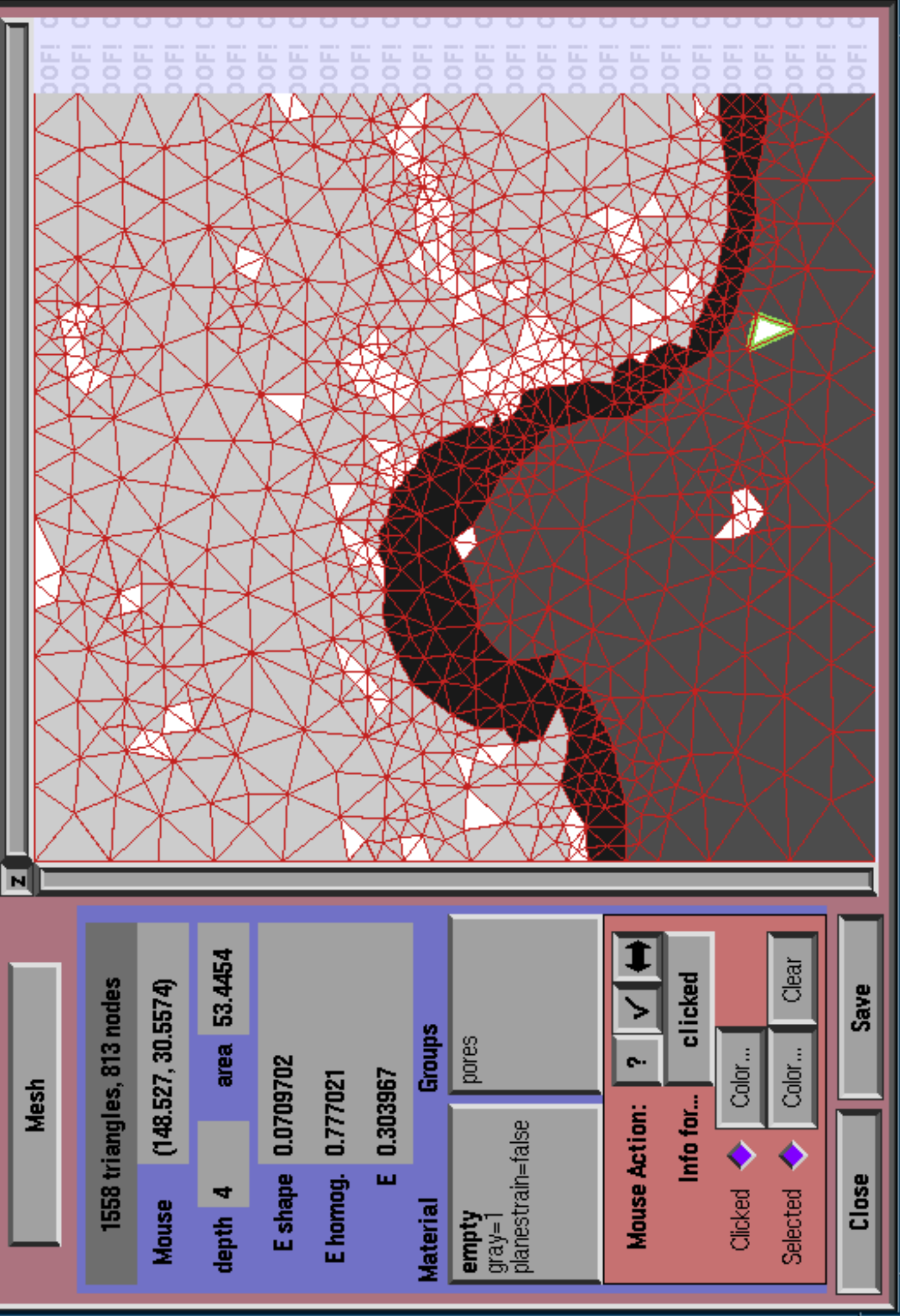
Close

Save

z

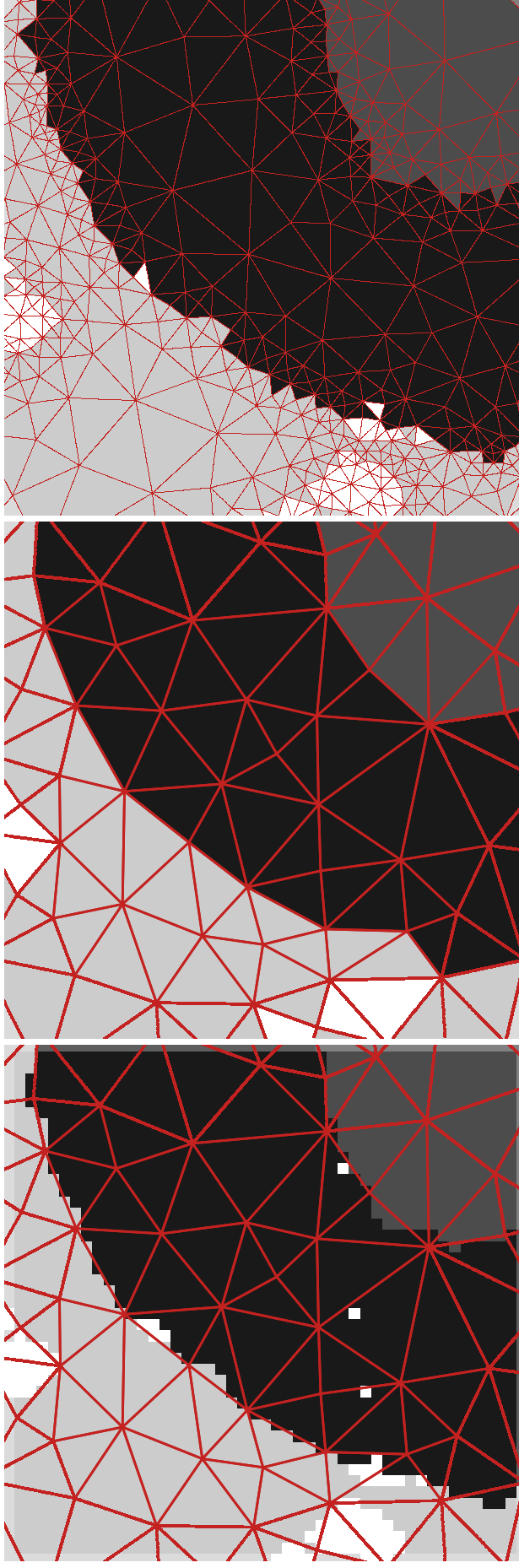


Adapted mesh



Rules for Creating Meshes from Images

- ◆ Remember:
 - Image is an approximation to the material.
 - Assigned materials are an approximation to the image.
 - Mesh is an approximation to the assigned materials.
- ◆ Choose which features to resolve.
- ◆ Don't refine too far!



oops...

Adapting a mesh to material boundaries

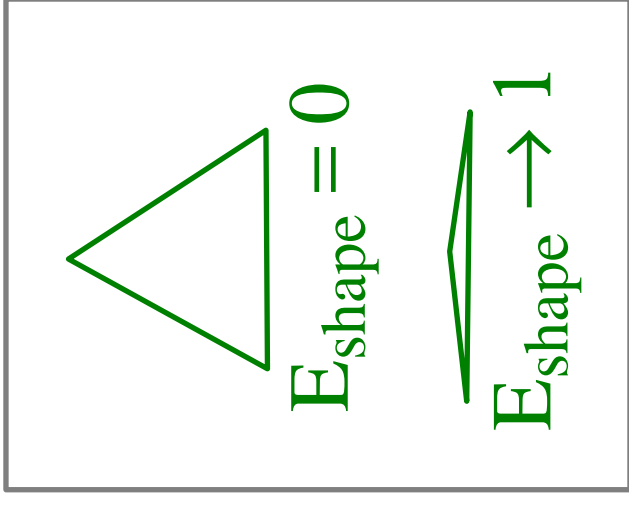
$$E = (1-\alpha) E_{\text{shape}} + \alpha E_{\text{homogeneity}}$$

$$E_{\text{shape}} = 1 - \frac{36}{\sqrt{3}} \frac{A}{L^2}$$

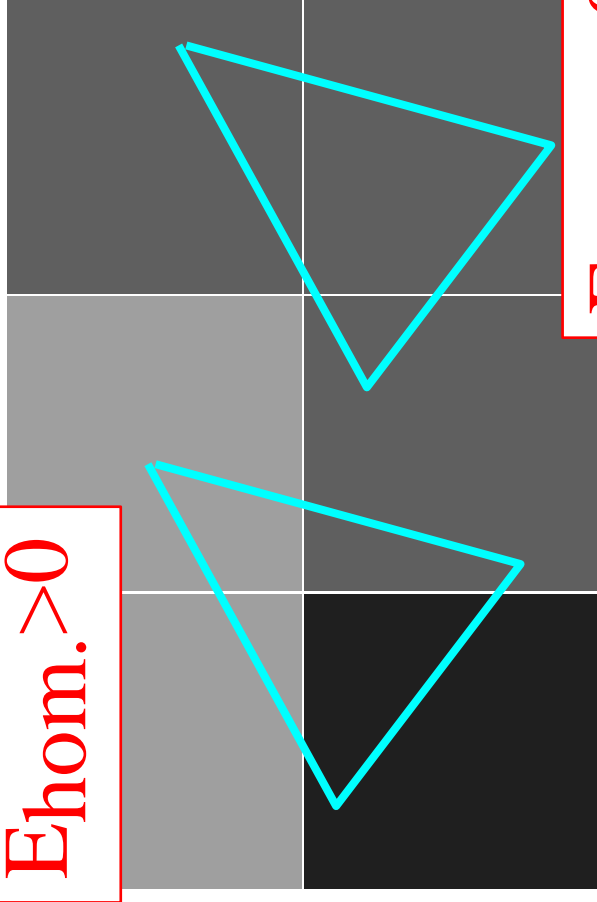
$$E_{\text{homog.}} = \prod_{i=1, N} [(1 - a_i)/(1 - 1/N)]$$

a_i = fractional area
of pixel type i

N = total number of
pixel types

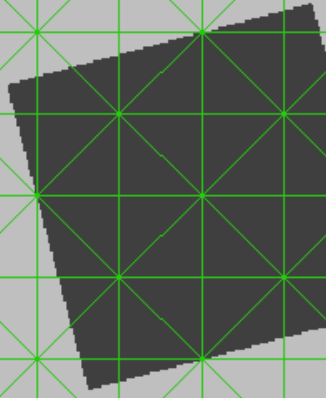


$E_{\text{hom.}} > 0$

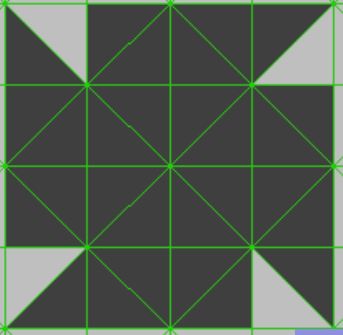


$E_{\text{hom.}} = 0$

Image and initial uniform mesh



Materials assigned to initial mesh



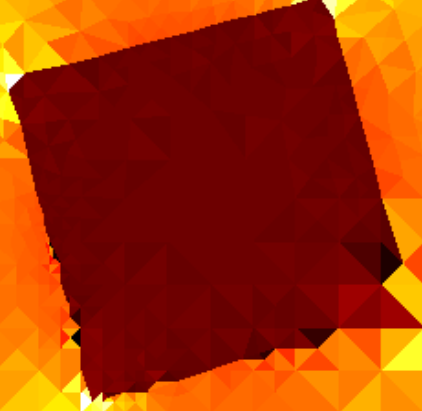
refined by E
and annealed
3 times

refined by E-
3 times

refined once

refined interfaces
and annealed
3 times

thermal stresses, first invariant



Solution in OOF

OOF drawer

Stress Invariant 1

Color

Hold

Color Map

Thermal

size 128

Flip

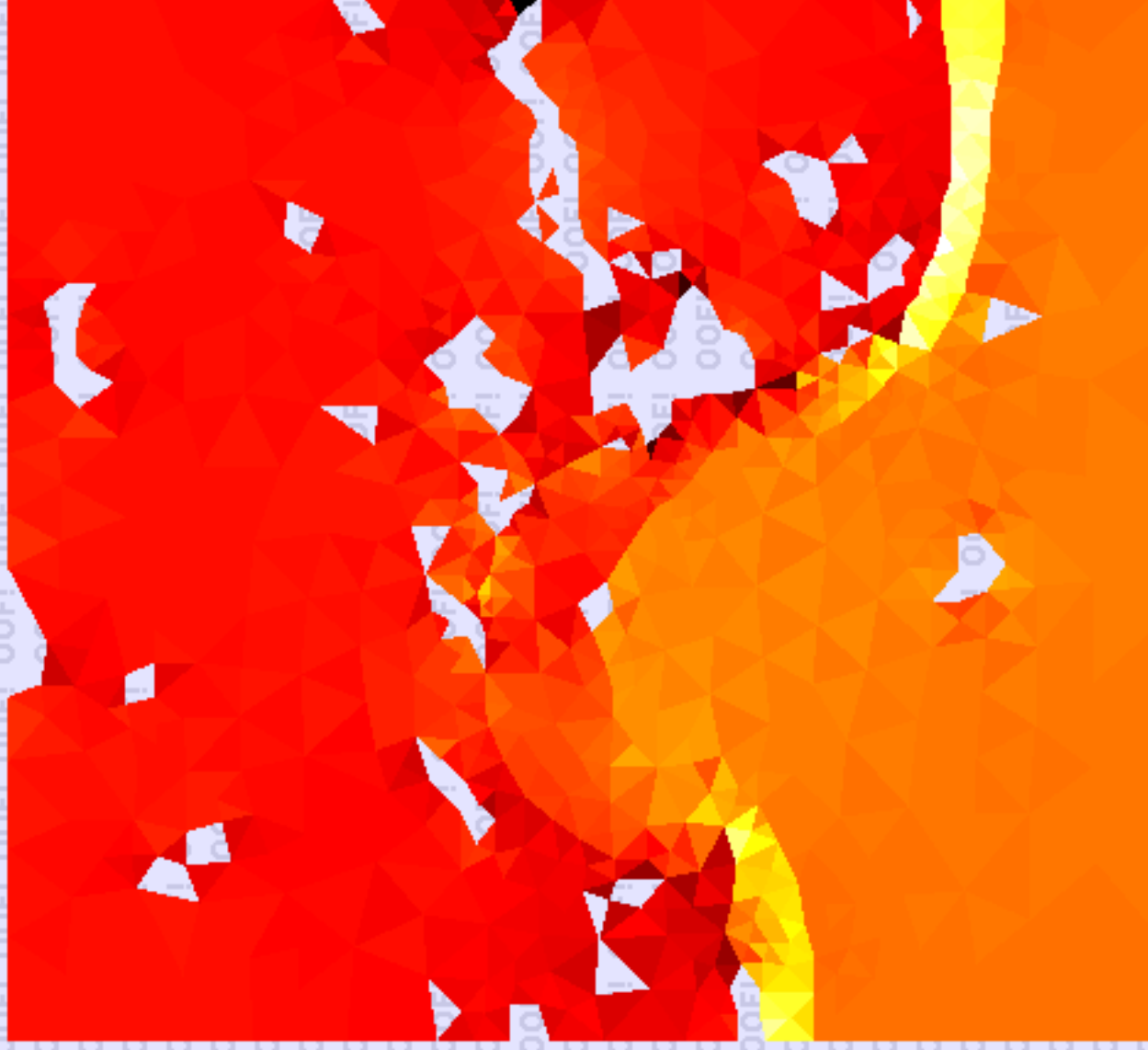
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min = -0.00837435

Full Scale

Close

Save



<http://www.ctcms.nist.gov/oof/>

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