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Generation of 3D Microstructures From 2D Surface Images Using Markov Random Fields

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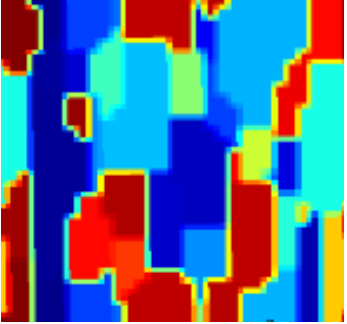
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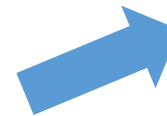
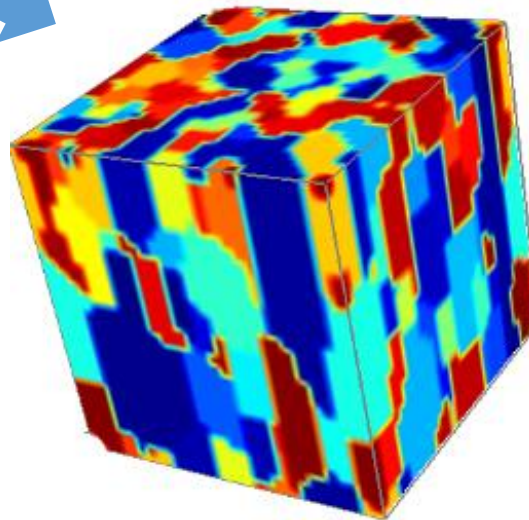
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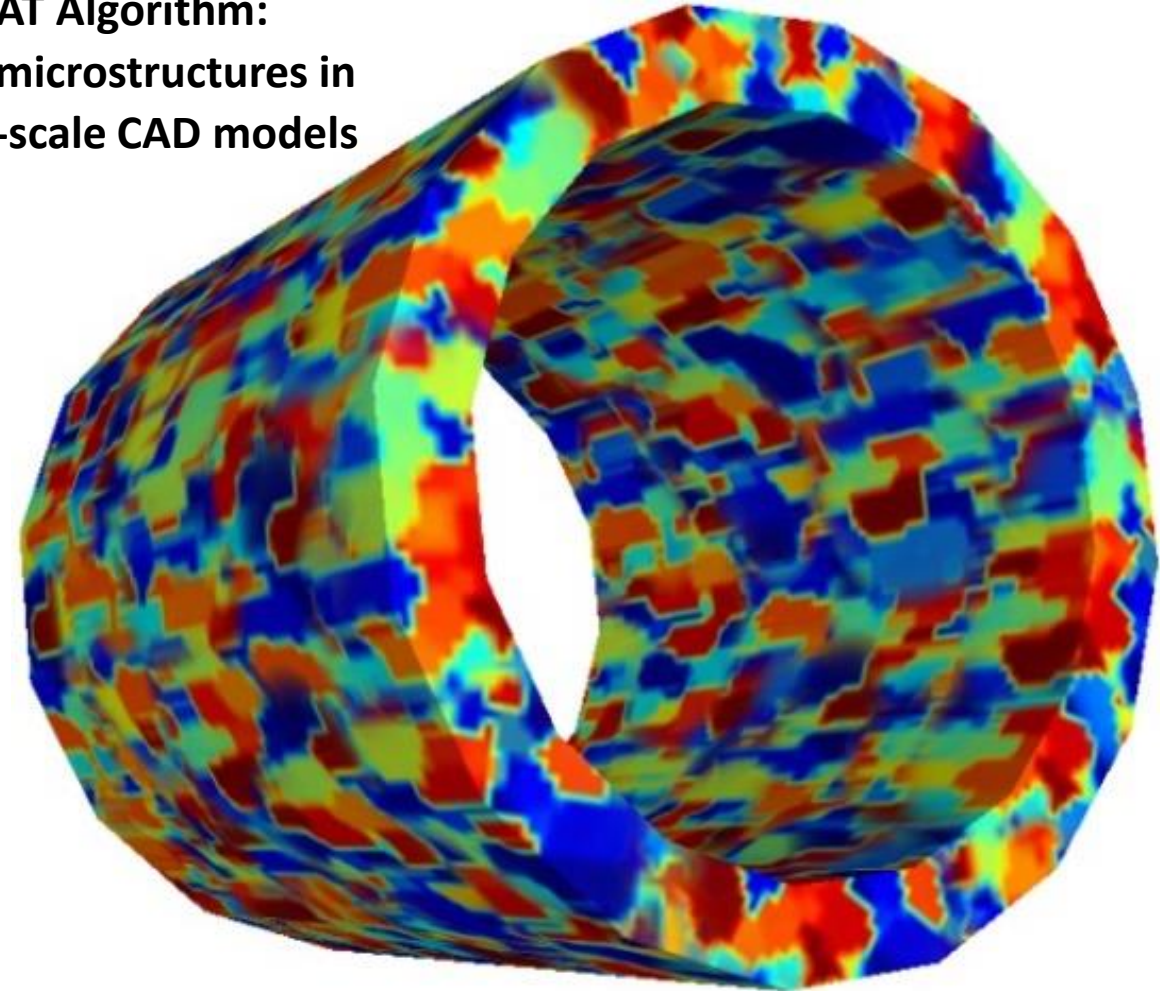
2D Micrograph



Markov Random Field Algorithm:
3D reconstruction from
orthogonal surface images



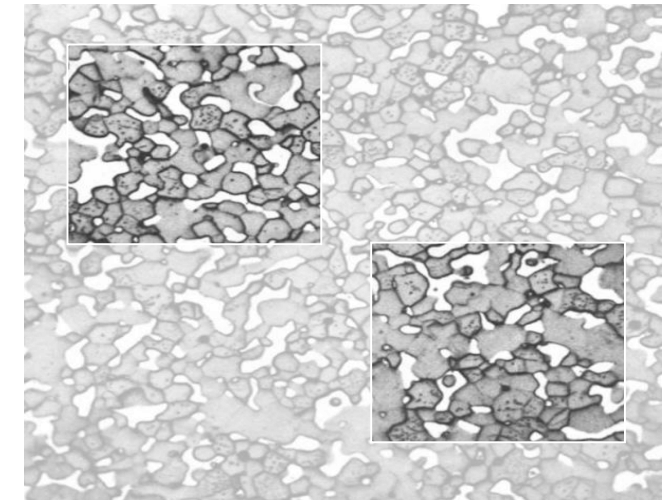
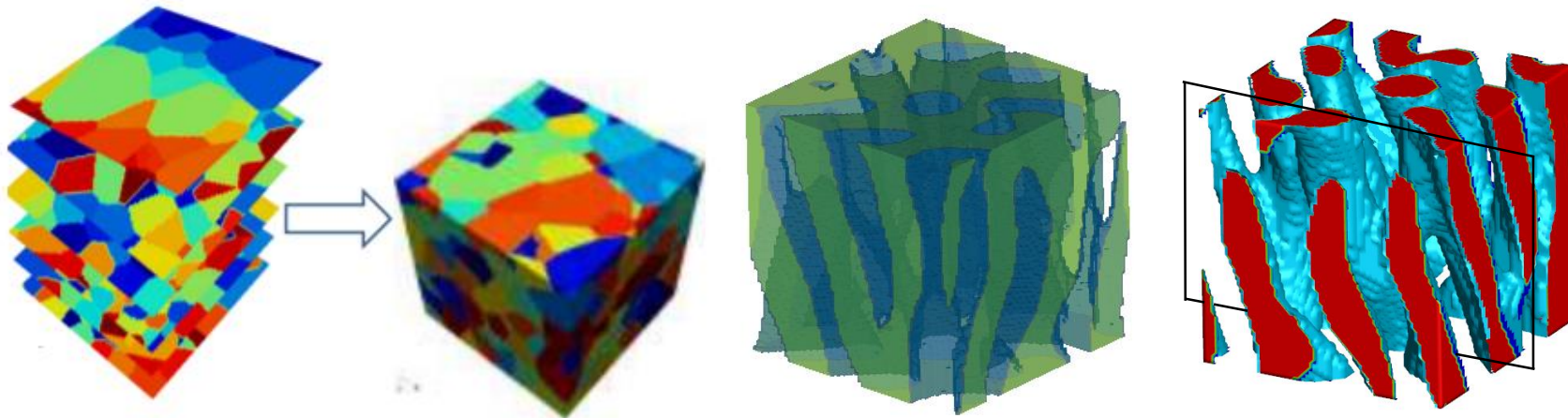
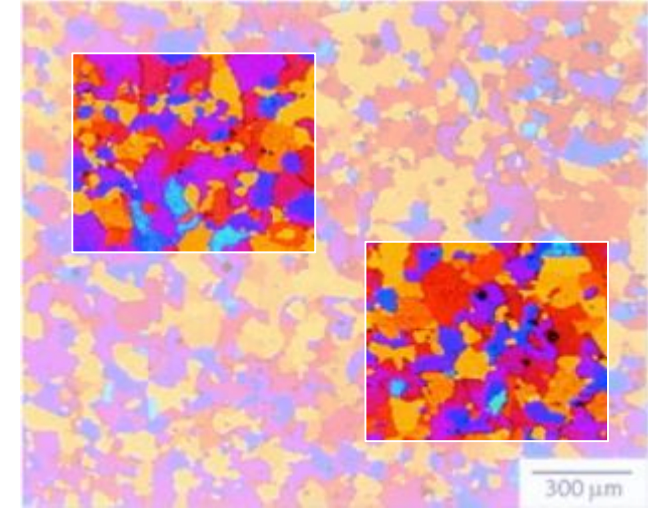
LEGOMAT Algorithm:
embedding microstructures in
engineering-scale CAD models



LEGOMAT: Locally-Extracted Globally-Organized
Markovian Material Models

Background

- Explore the notion of **stationary probability distribution** i.e. *Markov Random Fields (MRF)*:
 - Different windows on a 2D microstructure ‘look-alike’
 - Different sections on a 3D microstructure ‘look-alike’
- Reconstruction of 3D synthetic microstructural models from orthogonal 2D images taken along x -, y -, and z - directions
- *Applications*:
 - Generation of large-scale models with full-field microstructural features
 - Analysis of Process-Structure-Property relationships



3D Reconstruction Formulation

- The 3D microstructure is to be synthesized by solving an L_2 minimization of the cost function:
 - Where $\omega_{v,u}^i$, $V_{v,u}^i$, and $S_{v,u}^i$ denote the weight, color of voxel u in the neighborhood of V_v^i , and color of pixel u in the neighborhood of S_v^i , respectively

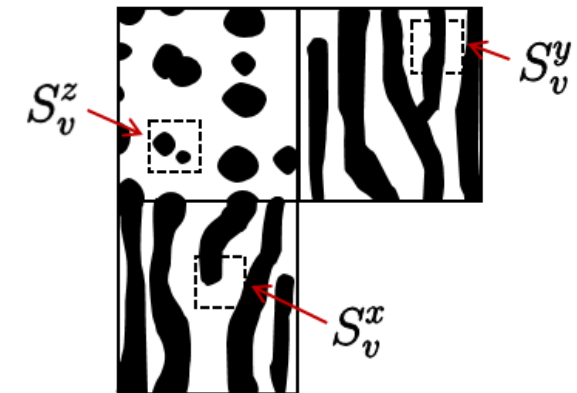
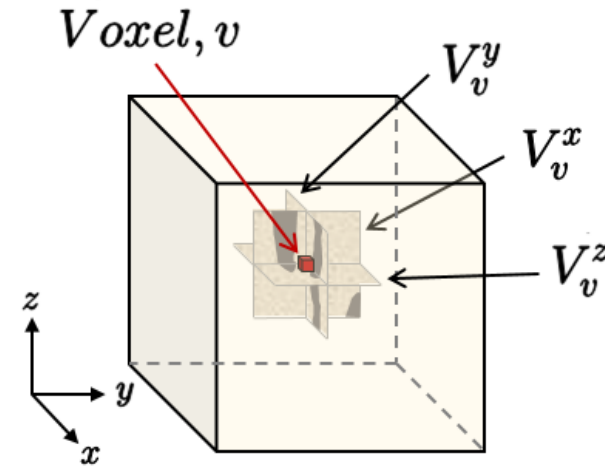
$$E(V) = \sum_{i \in \{x,y,z\}} \sum_v \sum_u \omega_{v,u}^i \|V_{v,u}^i - S_{v,u}^i\|^2$$

- Each iteration for the optimization problem is carried out in two steps:
 - Minimization Step: Minimize the *cost function* w.r.t. the set of input neighborhoods, S_v . Here, the **best-matching neighborhood** of voxel v , say along x -plane, is selected by solving the following:

$$S_v^x = \arg \min_{S^{x,w}} \sum_u \omega_{v,u}^x \|V_{v,u}^x - S_u^{x,w}\|^2$$

- Expectation Step: Minimize the *cost function* w.r.t. V_v . In this step a **unique value** for the voxel v is found:

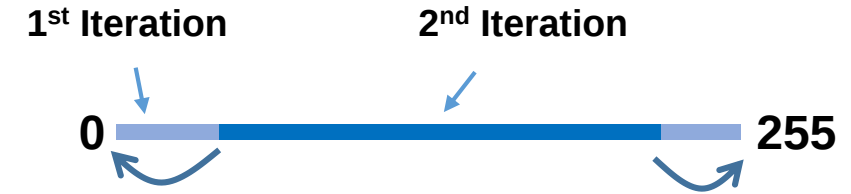
$$V_v = \left(\sum_{i \in \{x,y,z\}} \sum_u \omega_{u,v}^i S_{u,v}^i \right) / \left(\sum_{i \in \{x,y,z\}} \sum_u \omega_{u,v}^i \right)$$



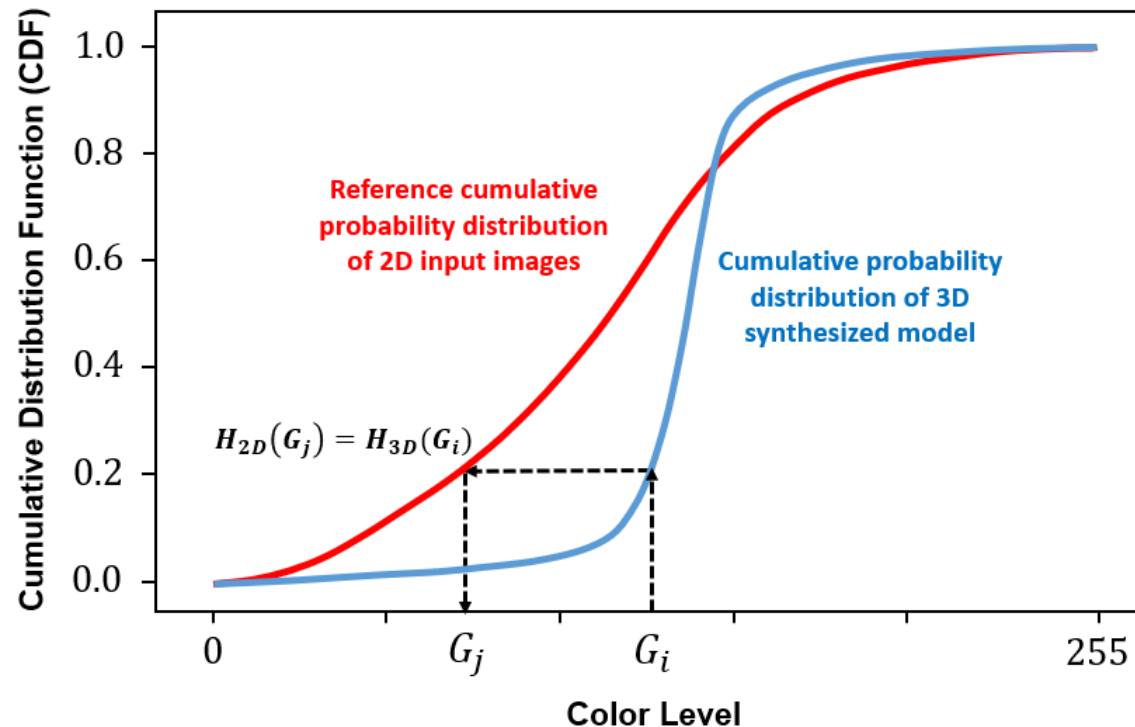
Histogram Matching



- The averaging tends to shrink the Red-Green-Blue (RGB) color levels. To solve this issue, **histogram matching** is performed after every iteration such that color levels are stretched back properly

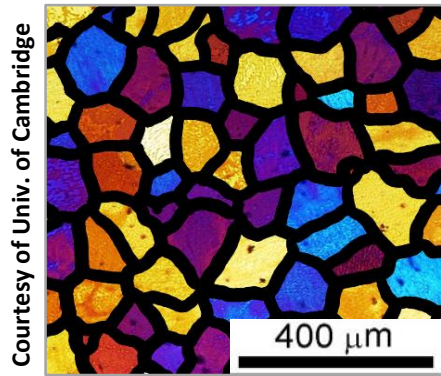


- Histogram matching modifies the MRF algorithm's color density such that its overall **cumulative distribution function (CDF)** matches with the input images
- This process is applied after every iteration for each color channel (RGB) separately



Histogram Matching

- The reference 2D micrograph shows an Al-Mg-Fe-Si alloy containing less than 1 wt. % of each solute that was obtained through cross-polarized light microscopy



Reference Image

Al-Mg-Fe-Si alloy (cross-polarized light microscopy)



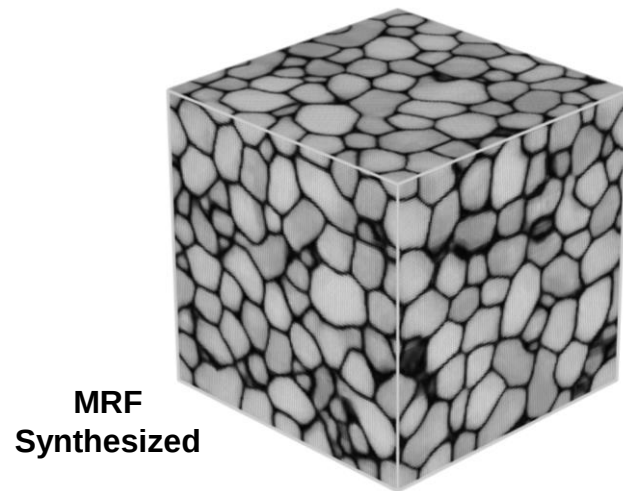
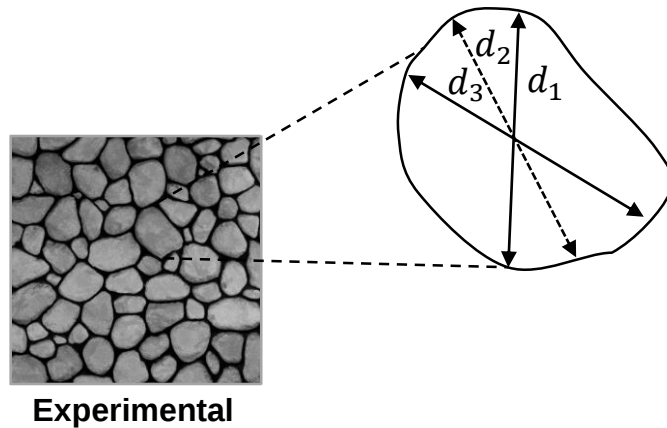
Without histogram matching,
the color space shrinks, phase
information is lost



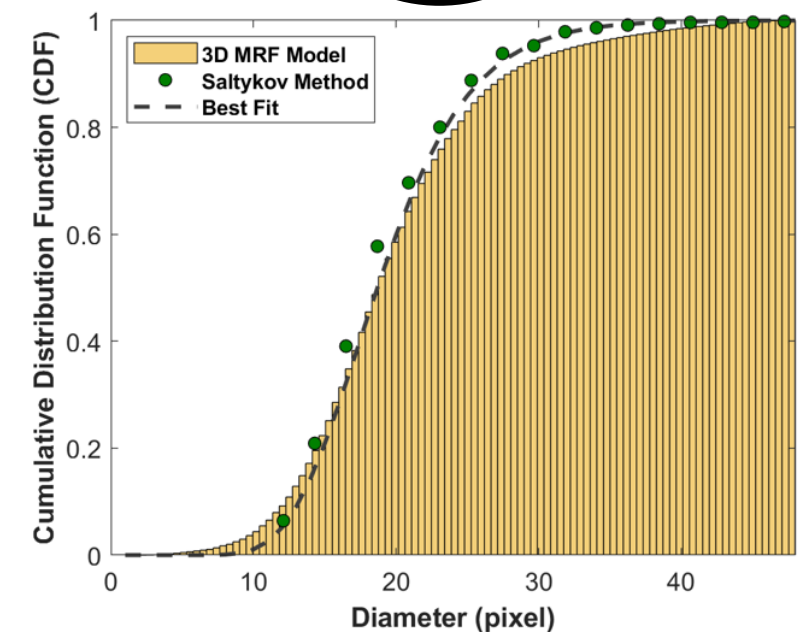
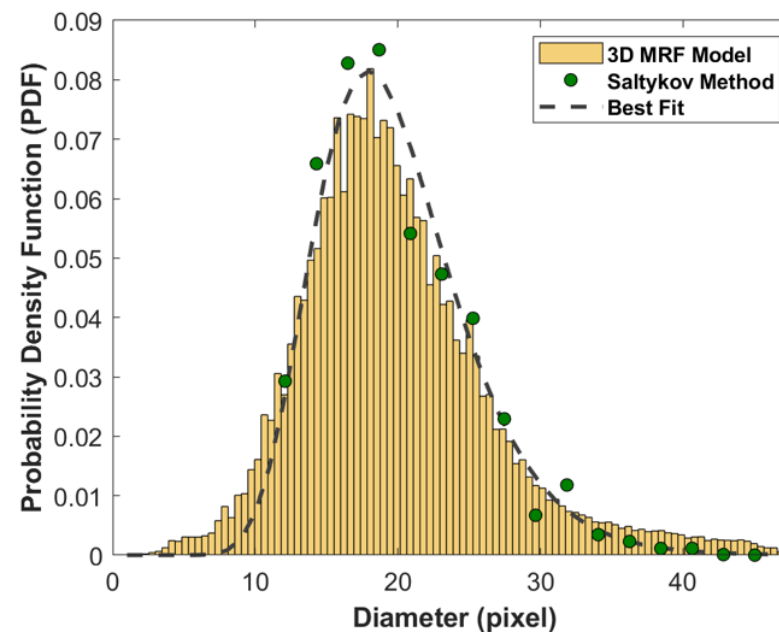
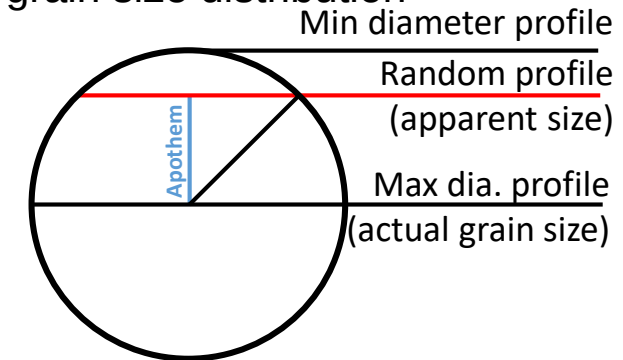
With histogram matching,
the color space remains
consistent with input image

Grain Size Distribution

- Saltykov method was used for estimation of 3D grain size distribution from 2D sectional images:
 - Where R is the 3D grain size, r_1 and r_2 are lower and upper limits of the subinterval for 2D grain size, P is the probability to cut the section within the defined interval, Δ is the bin size, and $F(R)$ is 3D grain size distribution

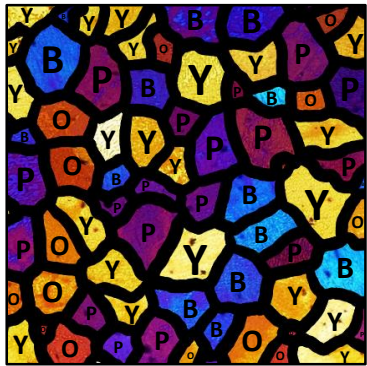


$$P(r_1 < r < r_2) = 2\Delta \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\sqrt{R_i^2 - r_1^2} - \sqrt{R_i^2 - r_2^2} \right) F(R_i)$$

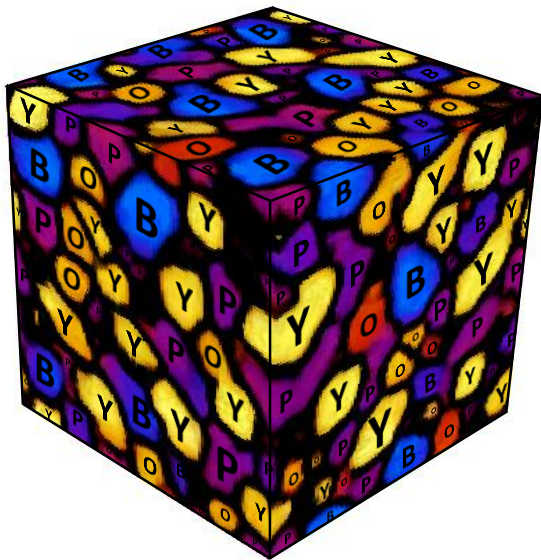


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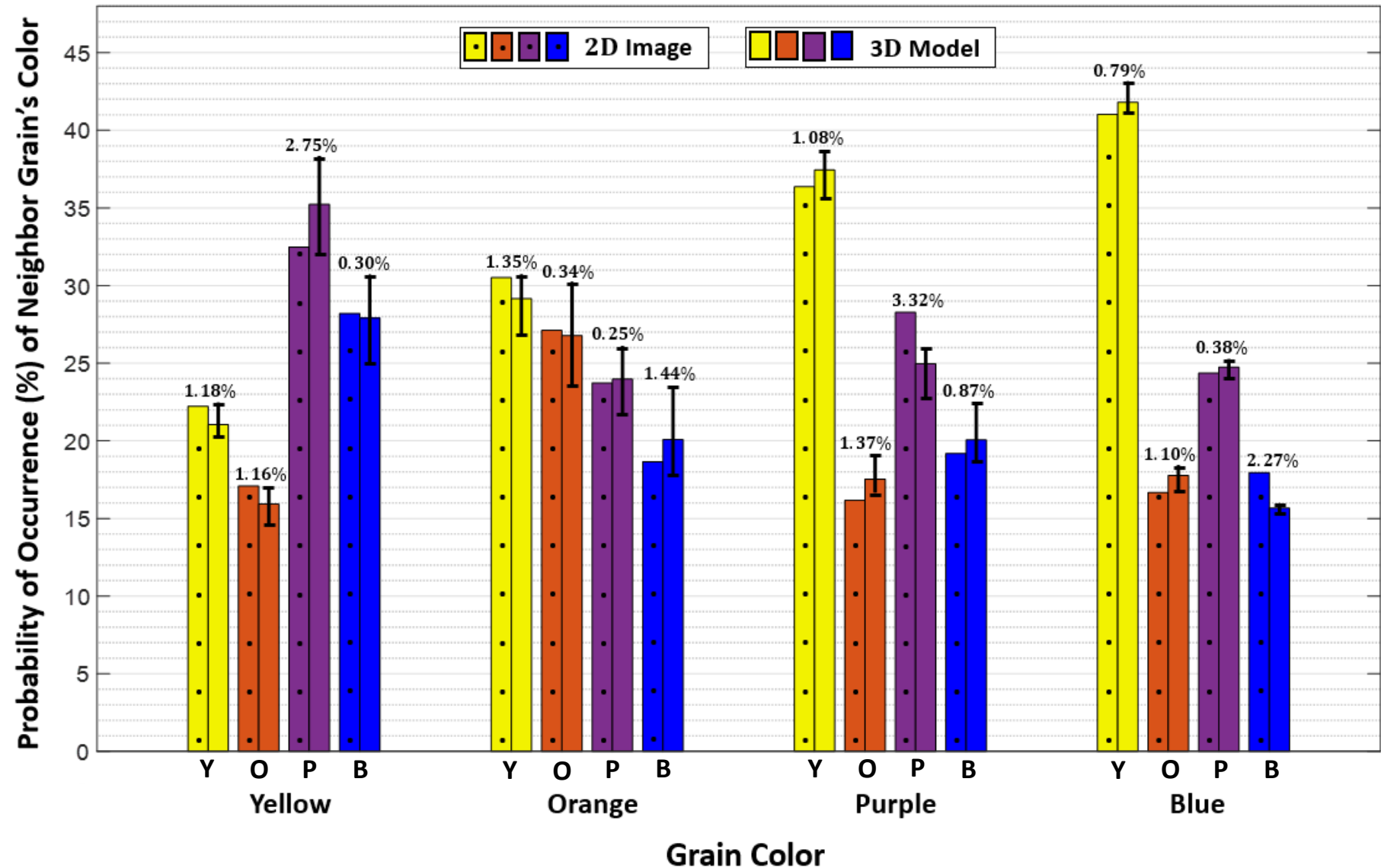
Nearest Neighbor Correlation



2D Image



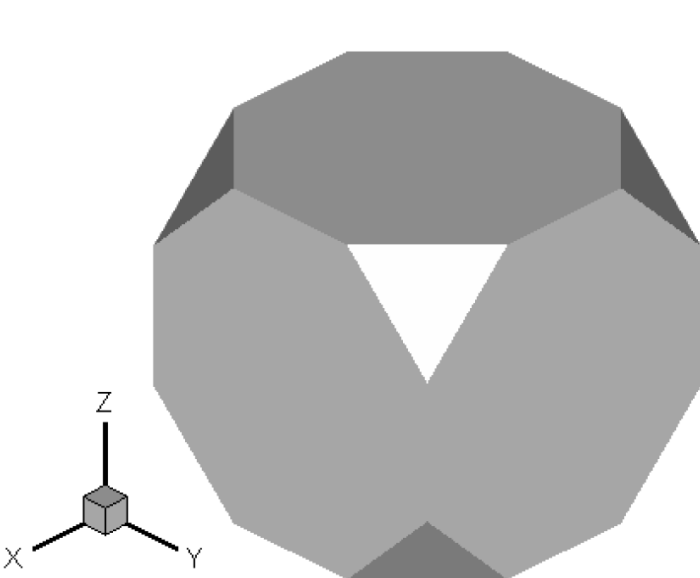
MRF Reconstruction



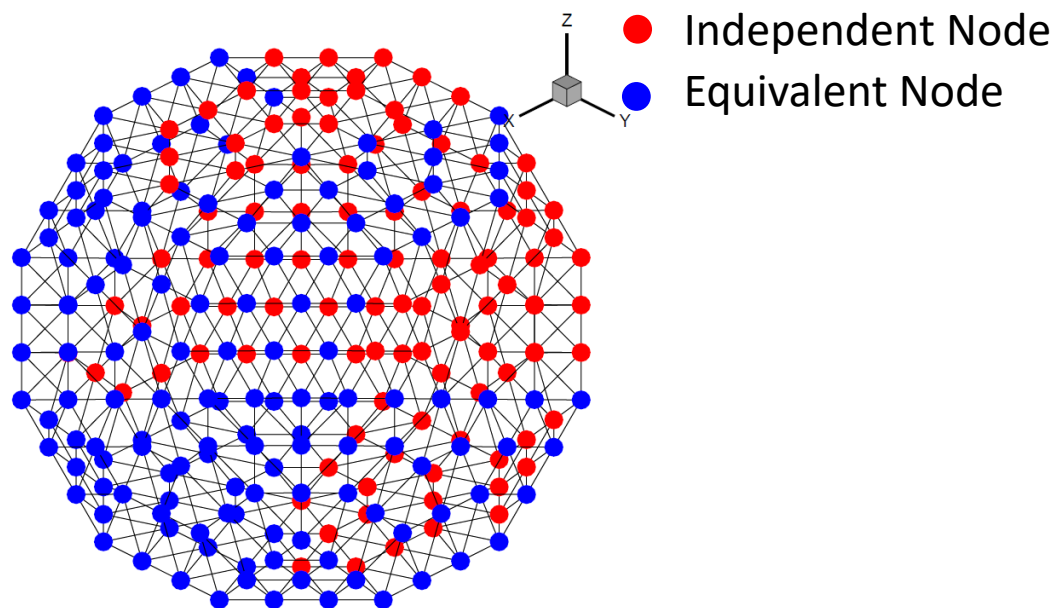
Modeling Crystal Orientation



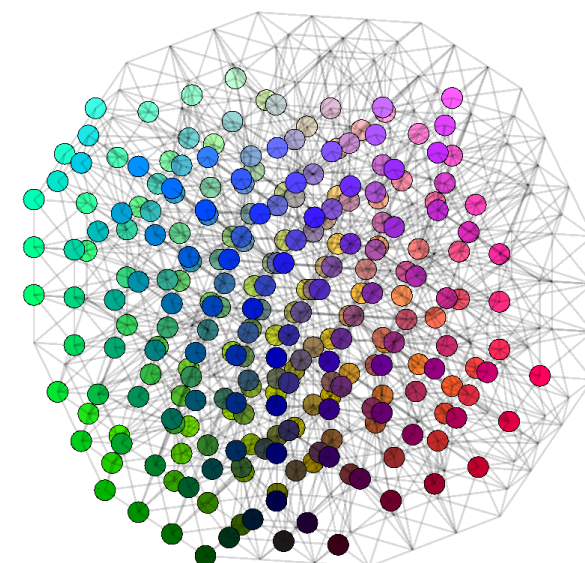
- Orientations are colored according to the **nearest nodes** in the orientation space (Rodrigues space)
- Nearest node may not be independent, so a symmetry map is performed
- Number of colors in an Electron Backscatter Diffraction (EBSD) image controlled by the discretization of the fundamental region



FCC fundamental
Rodrigues space

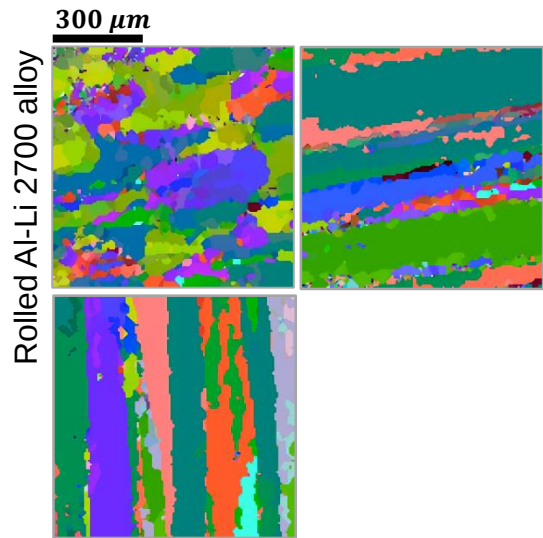


399 nodes, 254
independent nodes

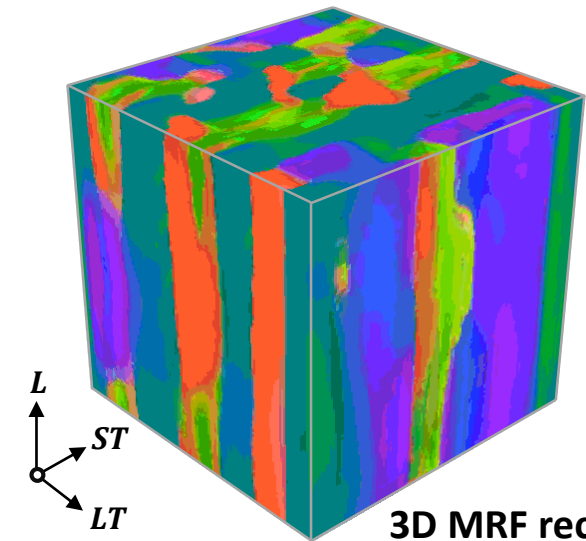


A colormap based on distances
in fundamental region

Orientation Distribution

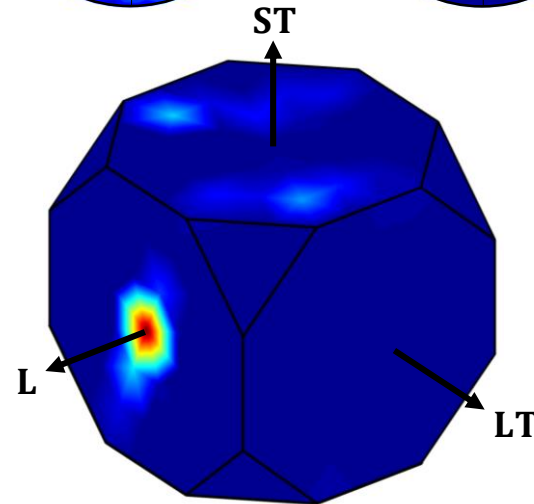
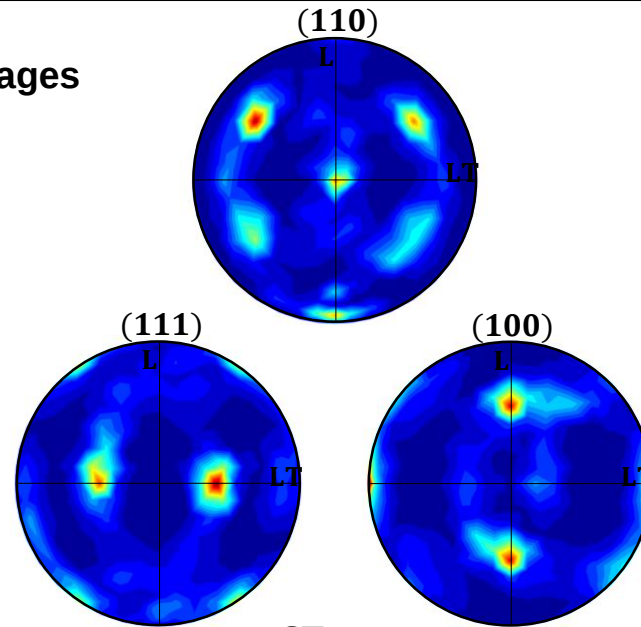


2D planar images

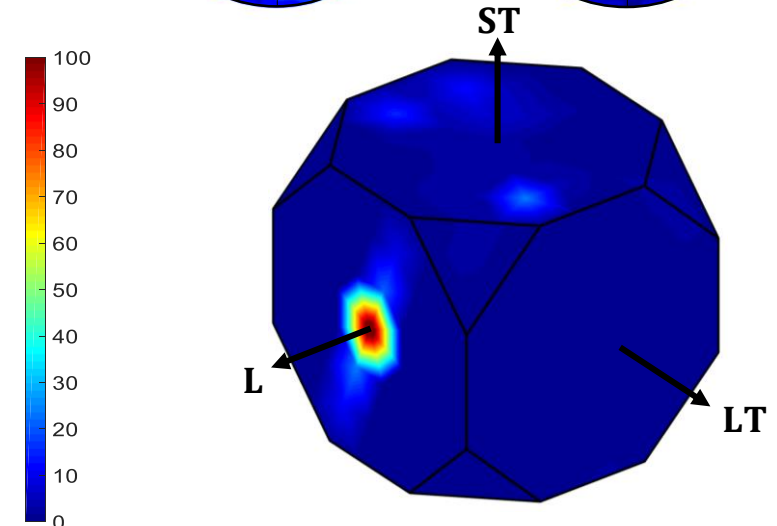
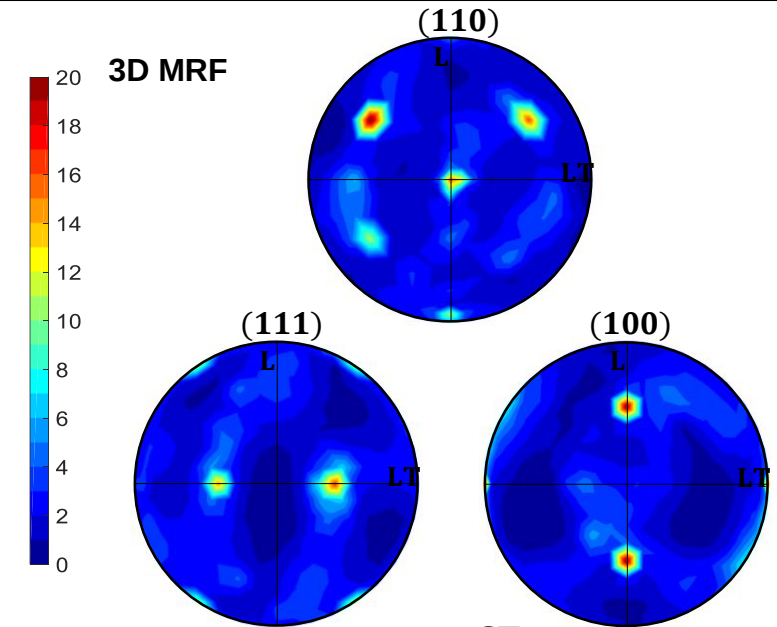


3D MRF reconstruction

2D images

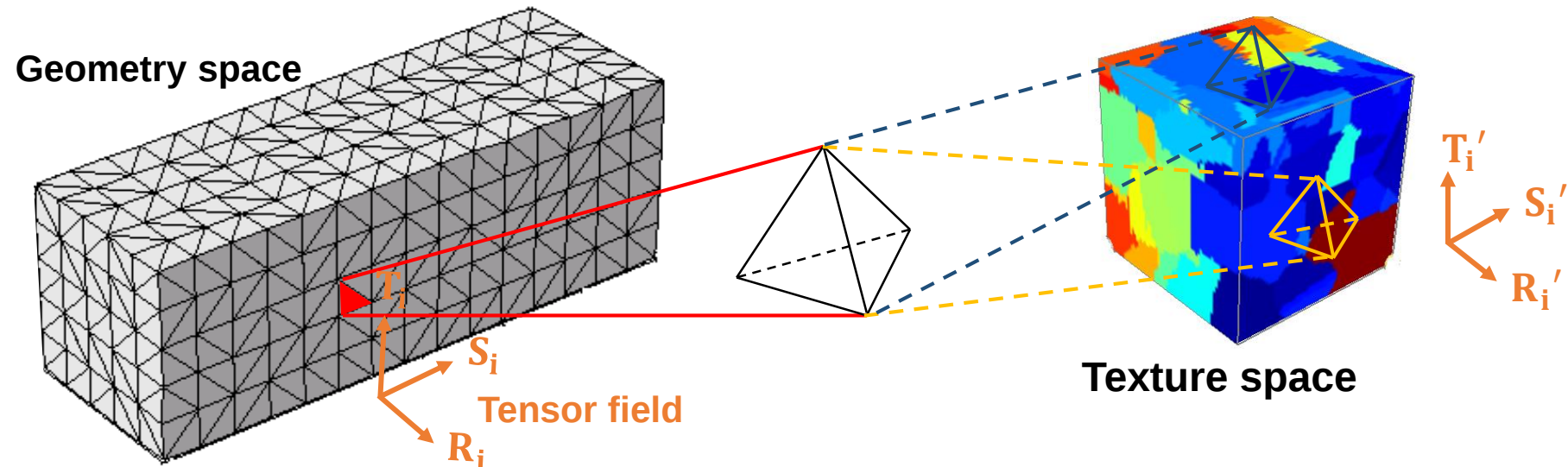


3D MRF

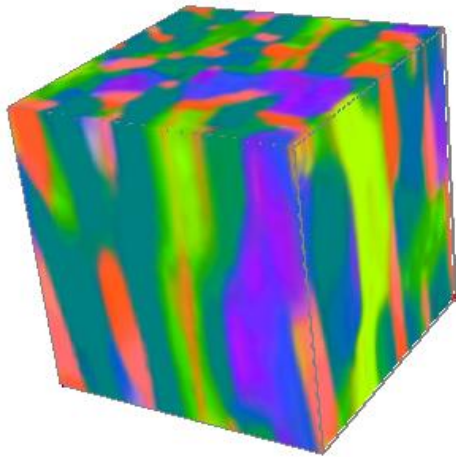


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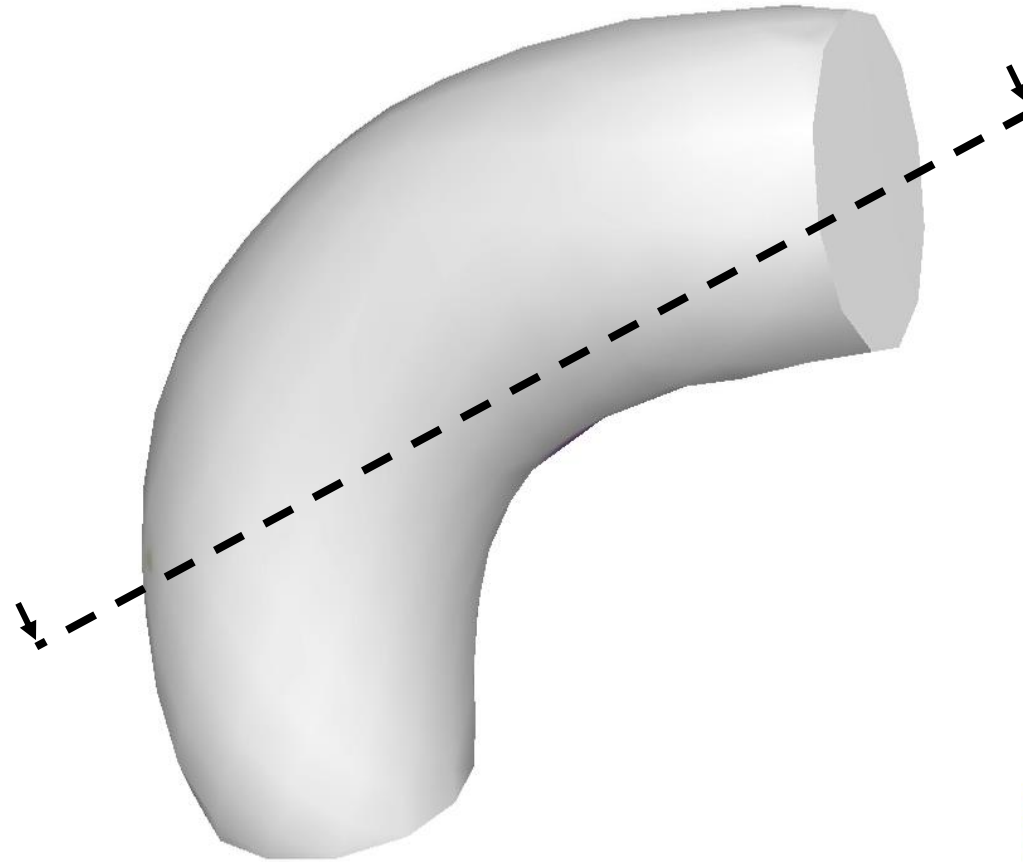
- **Patch-Based MRF algorithm:**
 - Discretization of the geometry space via tetrahedral elements
 - Mapping the geometry space to microstructural domain by associating nodes in the geometry to nodes in the textural mesh
 - Patches merge together seamlessly through optimization of the boundary patches
- *Approach:*
 - User defines the **scale and direction** of patches to control grain size
 - Warp microstructure according to geometry to control anisotropy directions



Controlled Axial Orientation

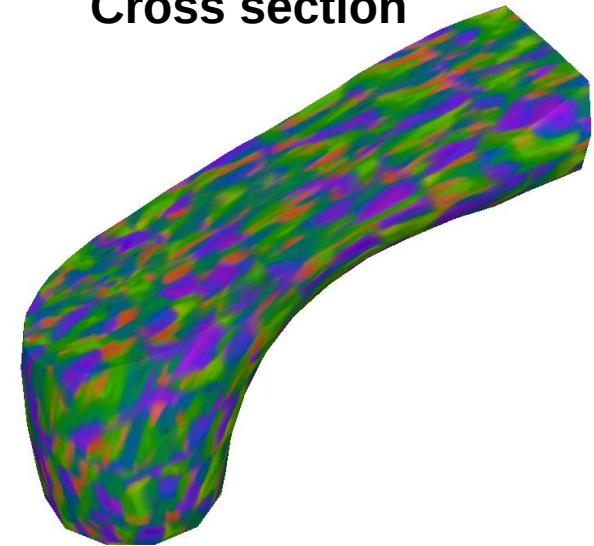


**MRF reconstructed
unit cell**

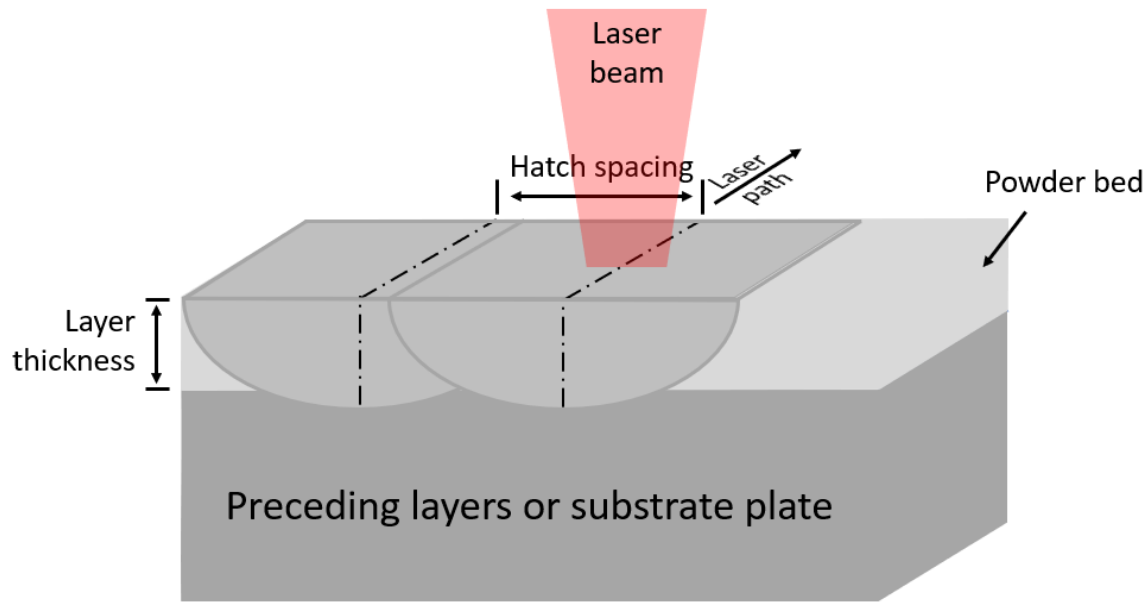


**Synthesized model with full-field
microstructural information**

Cross section

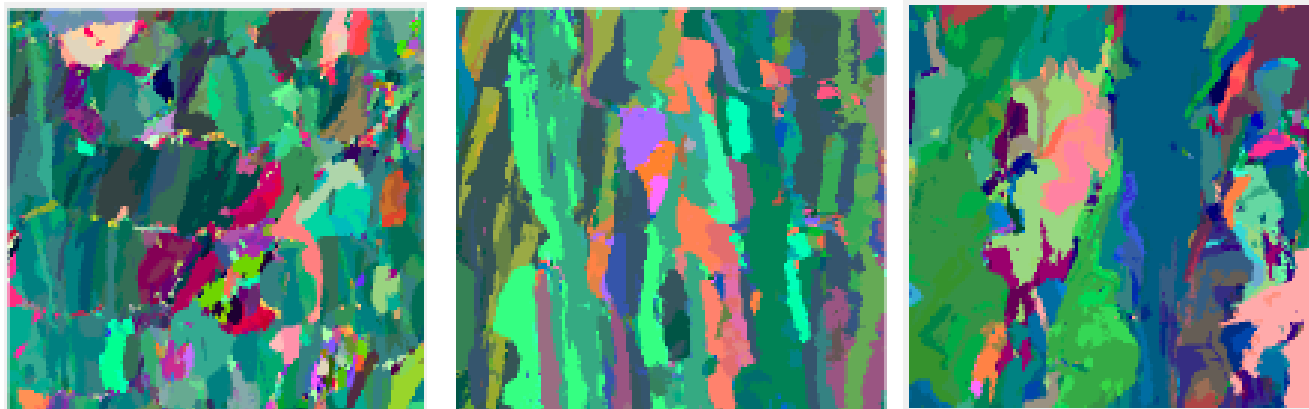


Additive Manufacturing (AM)



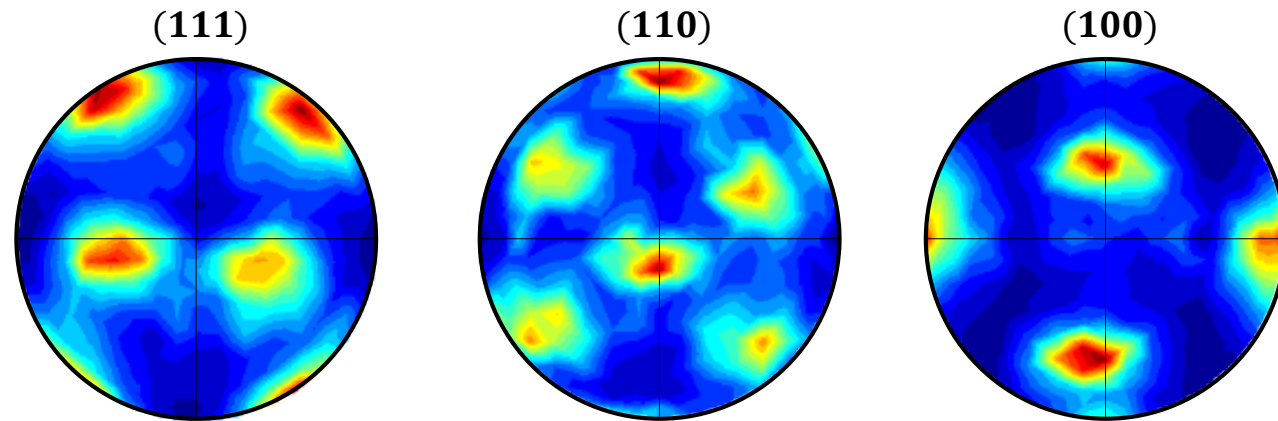
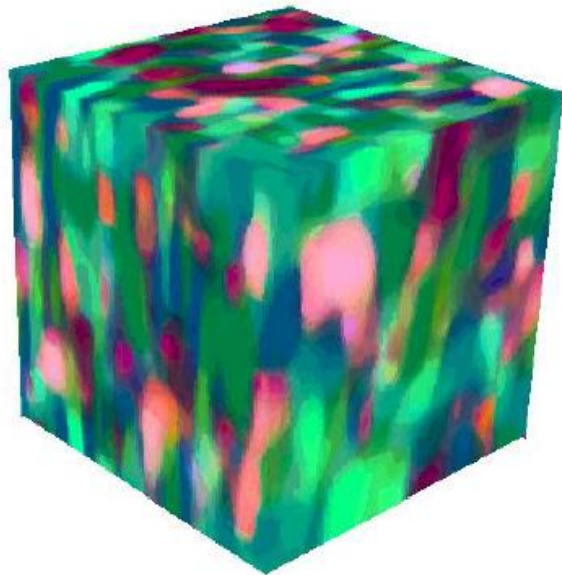
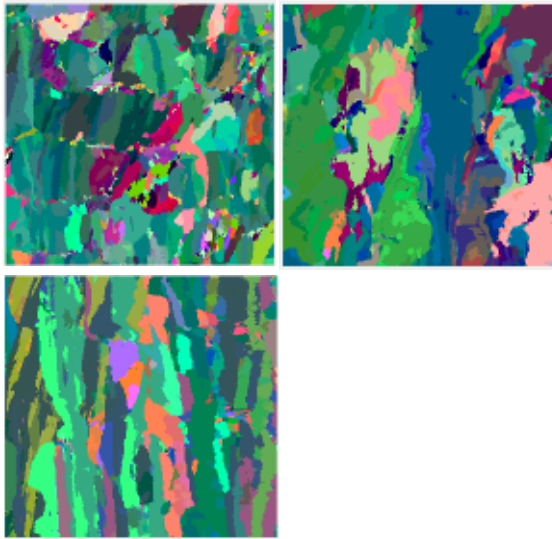
- Process: Selective Laser Melting (SLM)
- Material: 316 L stainless steel
- Process Parameters:
 - Effective laser power: 200 W
 - Layer thickness: $30\ \mu\text{m}$
 - Scan velocity: $800\ \frac{\text{mm}}{\text{s}}$
 - Hatch spacing: $120\ \mu\text{m}$
 - Zigzag scans

3 orthogonal
EBSD images:

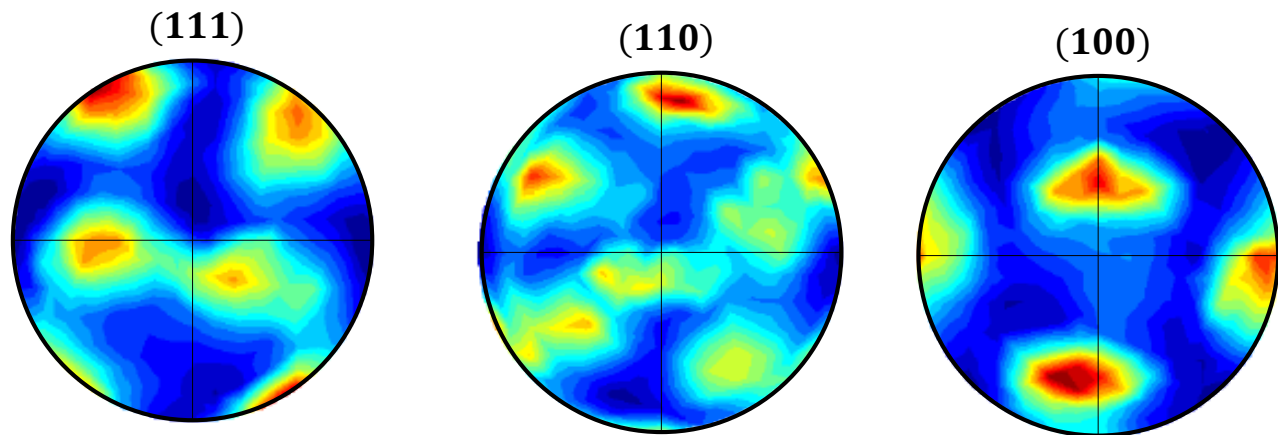


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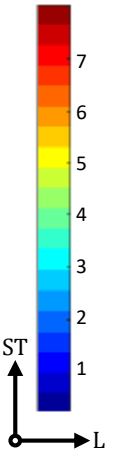
EBSD Reconstruction of AM



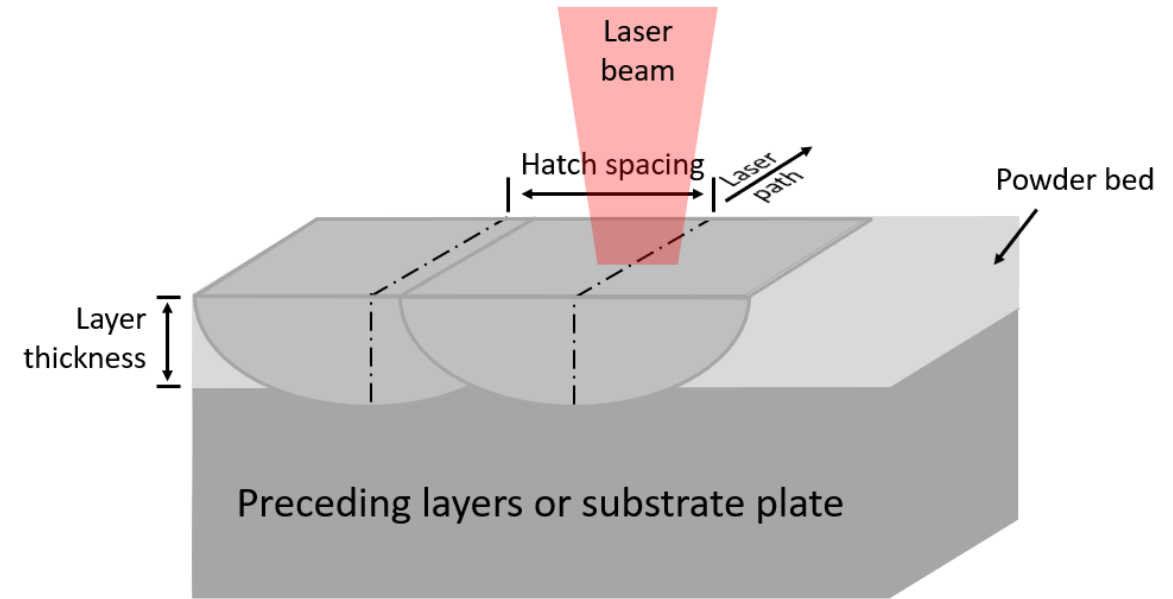
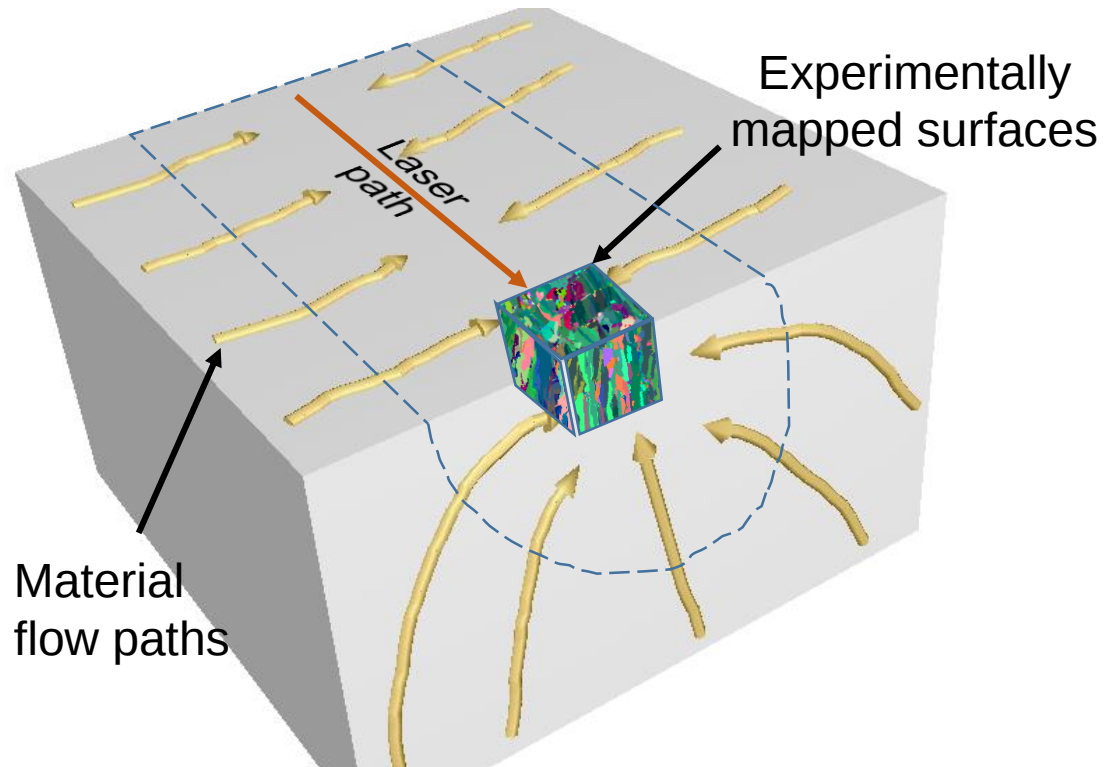
Texture (experiment)



Texture (MRF reconstruction)

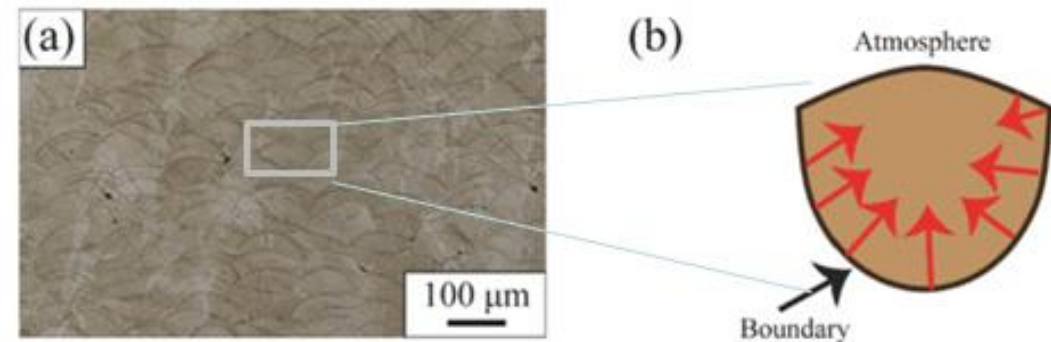


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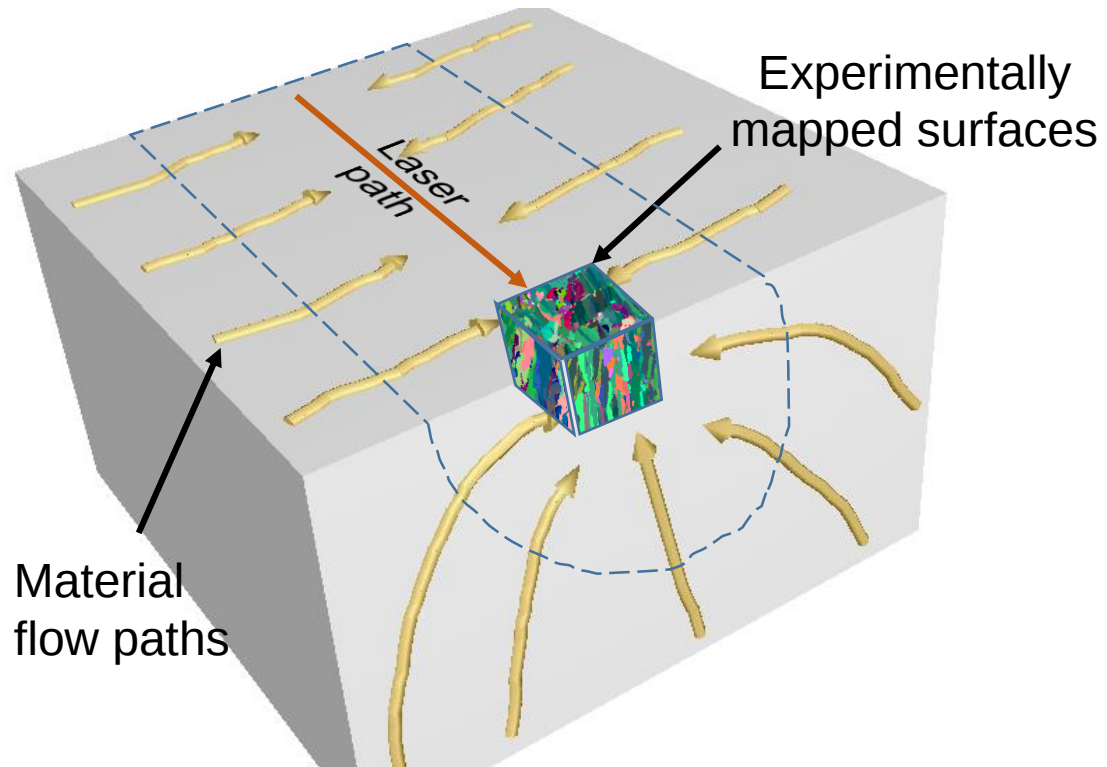


Rodgers, Madison, and Tikare, CMS 2017

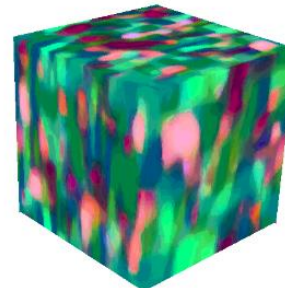
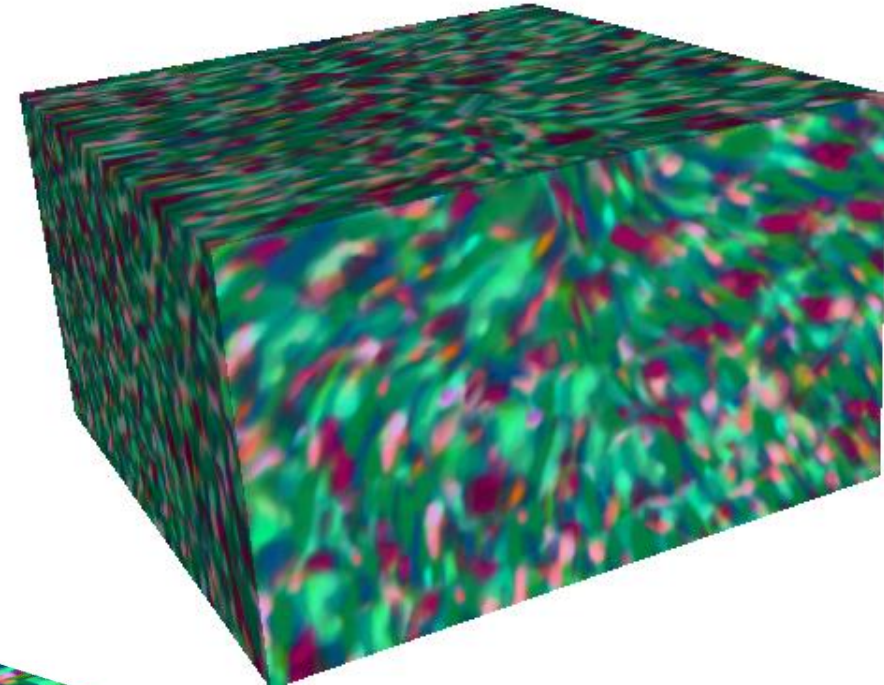
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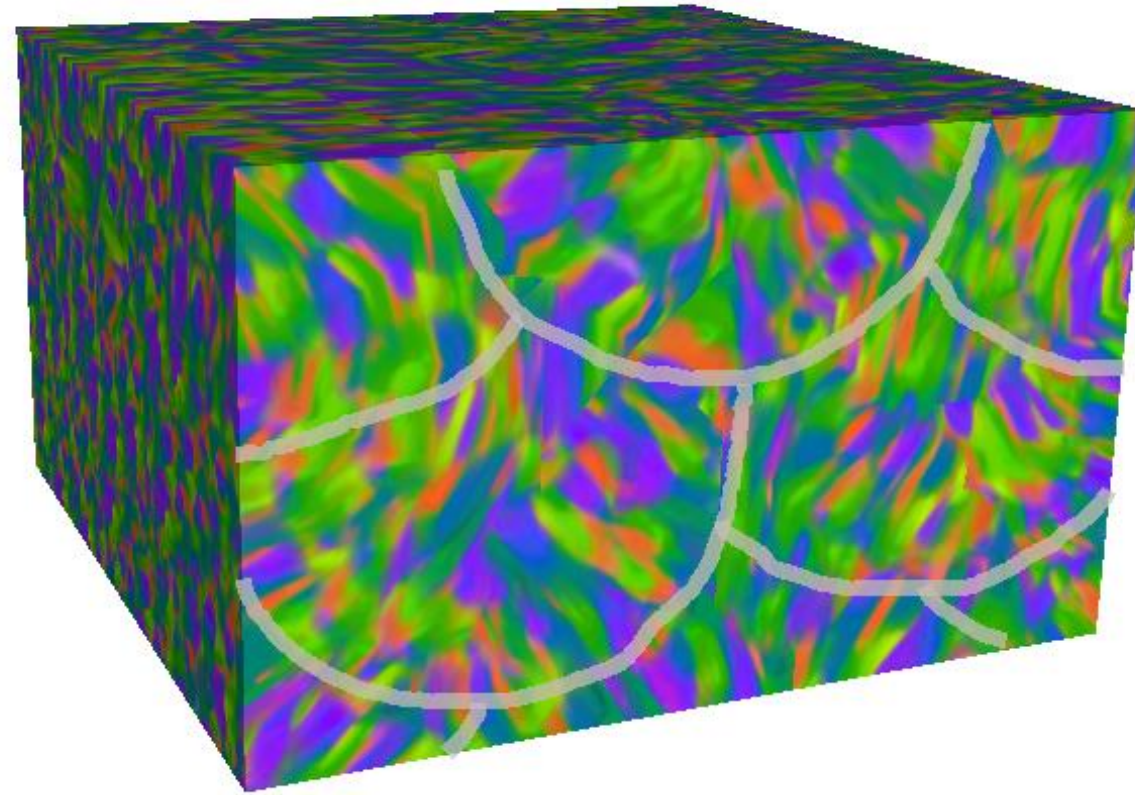
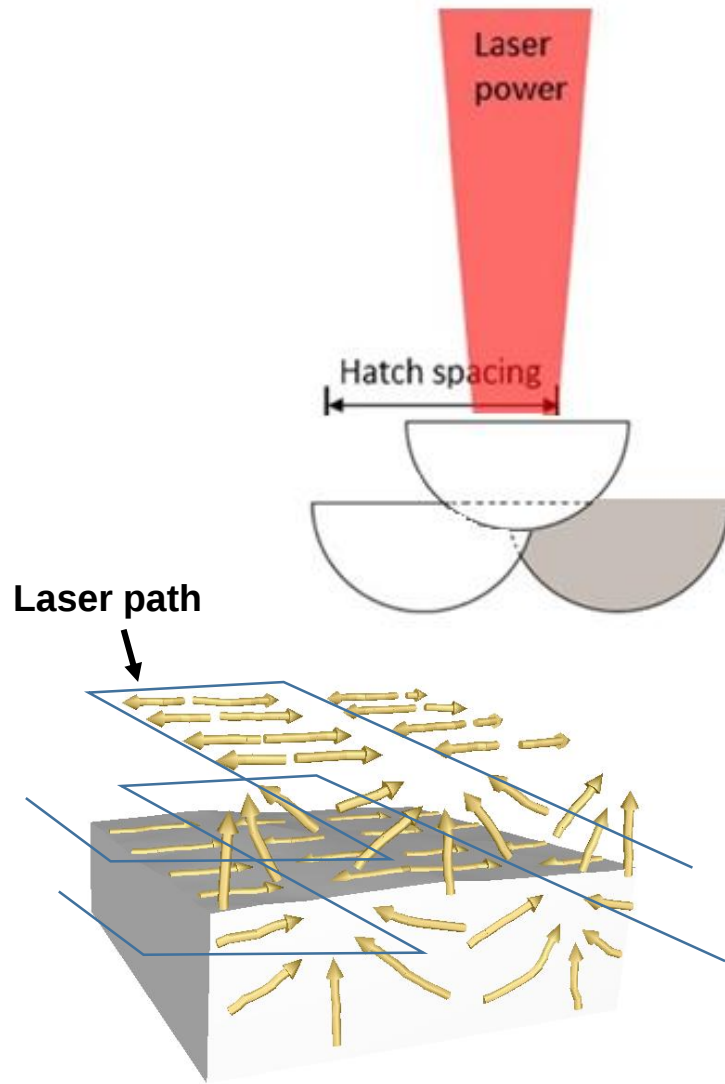


LEGOMAT reconstruction with user-specified flow paths



MRF unit cell

EBSD Reconstruction of AM



Simulation of large-scale AM microstructure based on laser path and processing variables

LEGOMAT for Additive Manufacturing



Method	Computational Cost	Benefits	Challenges
Phase-field	Extremely high	Physics-based	Small scale prediction
Cellular Automata	High	Texture prediction	Accuracy depends on cell size
Kinetic Monte Carlo (e.g., SPPARKS)	Intermediate	Allows large-scale prediction	Texture prediction
LEGOMAT	Real-time	Allows large-scale prediction	Experimental data-dependent & must be coupled to thermal models

- An MRF approach for reconstruction of diverse 3D microstructures from 2D experimental imaging was presented
- Verification of grain size distribution (via stereological formula), crystal orientations (e.g., ODFs and pole figures), and neighborhood correlations
- LEGOMAT for microstructure embedding
 - Combining flow fields with MRF for real-time description of microstructure distribution
- Future work:
 - Input laser paths directly in LEGOMAT and learn thermal fields from simulations
 - Adaptive microstructure selection based on laser parameters using machine learning in LEGOMAT



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