

1. User Interface

The screenshot displays a software interface for a simulation. At the top, there is a row of four buttons: 'Remove grains' (highlighted with a blue border), 'Draw borders', 'Clear N.Borders', and 'Restart'. Below this, the 'Size of simulation' section contains a text input field with the value '50' and a 'Generate' button. The 'Neighbour type' section features a dropdown menu set to 'Neuman' and a text input field with the value '0'. The 'Inclusions select' section has two radio buttons, 'Radius' (selected) and 'Size', with a text input field containing '1'. The 'Monte Carlo' section includes a 'Monte Carlo iteration' button and a text input field with the value '2'. Below these, there are three text input fields, each containing '0', followed by buttons for 'Distribute energy', 'Show Energy', and 'Revert Energy'. The bottom section contains a text input field with '0' and buttons for 'Border', 'Constant', 'Increasing', 'Site', and 'Generate'. A 'Recrystallise' button is located at the very bottom left.

Illustration 1: User interface

Application consist of two major part. Working area, which allows to create and display grains and their growth, and control menu. Menu allows user to adjust many parameters of the grain growth simulation. The most important ones are: size of the simulation, automatic generation of grains, inclusion generation. The application is also able to save and load microstructure from and to bpm or json file via top menu.

Detailed UI description:

- **Top buttons (Reset, Draw borders)** - applies global changes to the workarea (reset, substructure etc)
- **Size of simulation textfield** – specify simulation size
- **Neighbourhood type** – choice between curvature or moore grain growth
- **Generate button and textfield** – generates given nyumber of grain

- **Inclusion select** – allows to change select mode to inclusion (clicking on workarea will generate inclusion)
- **Monte Carlo** – allows to generate initial microstructure and then perform MC growth
- **Energy** - adds and displays energy on grains
- **Nucleons** – generates first recrystallised grains (Site, Constant adding or increasingly adding)
- **Recrystallization** - performs recrystallization

Least, clicking on the work area with left-mouse button will generate single grain, clicking on exsisting grain will mark it for substructure generation and right click will merge it to single grain.

2. Technology

Project was written in Kotlin Programming Language with the use of TornadoFx library (Kotlin dsl port for javaFX). Technology was chosen on personal preferences and desire to learn new skills.

3. Scenarios

1. Firs scenario: grain growth using MC method (2 different grains)

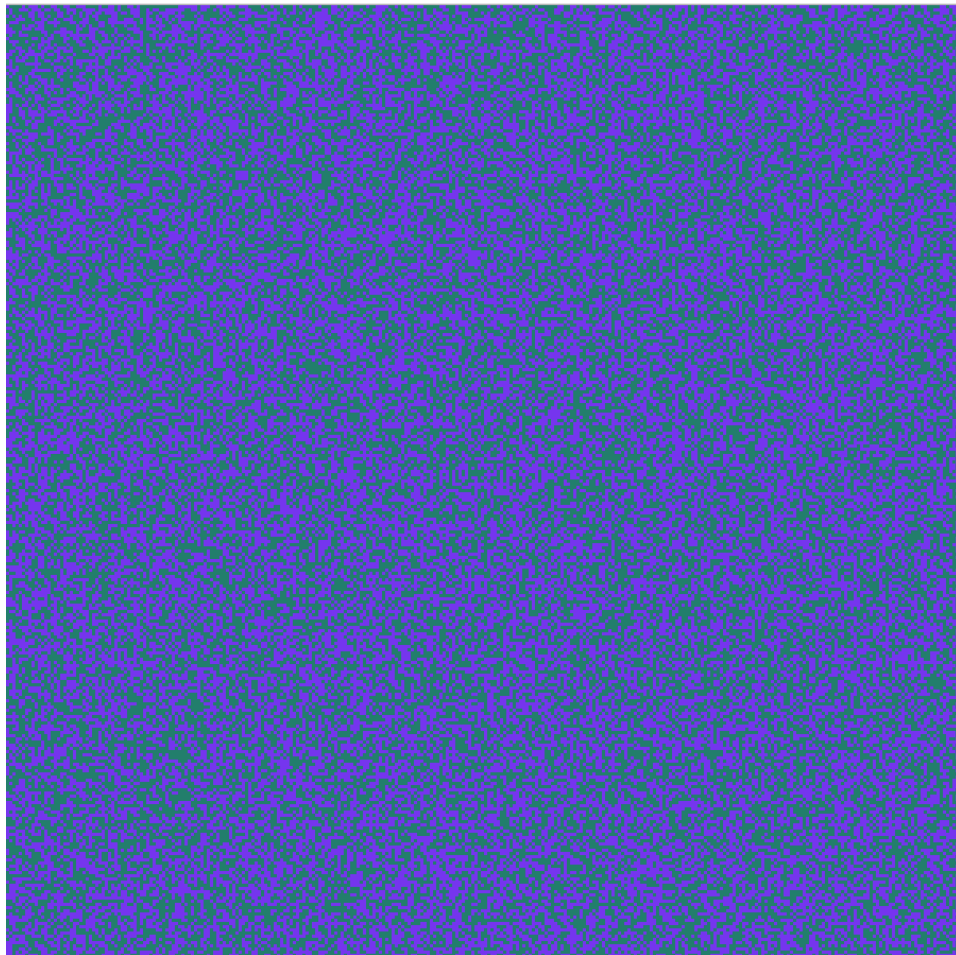


Illustration 2: Micostructure before MC

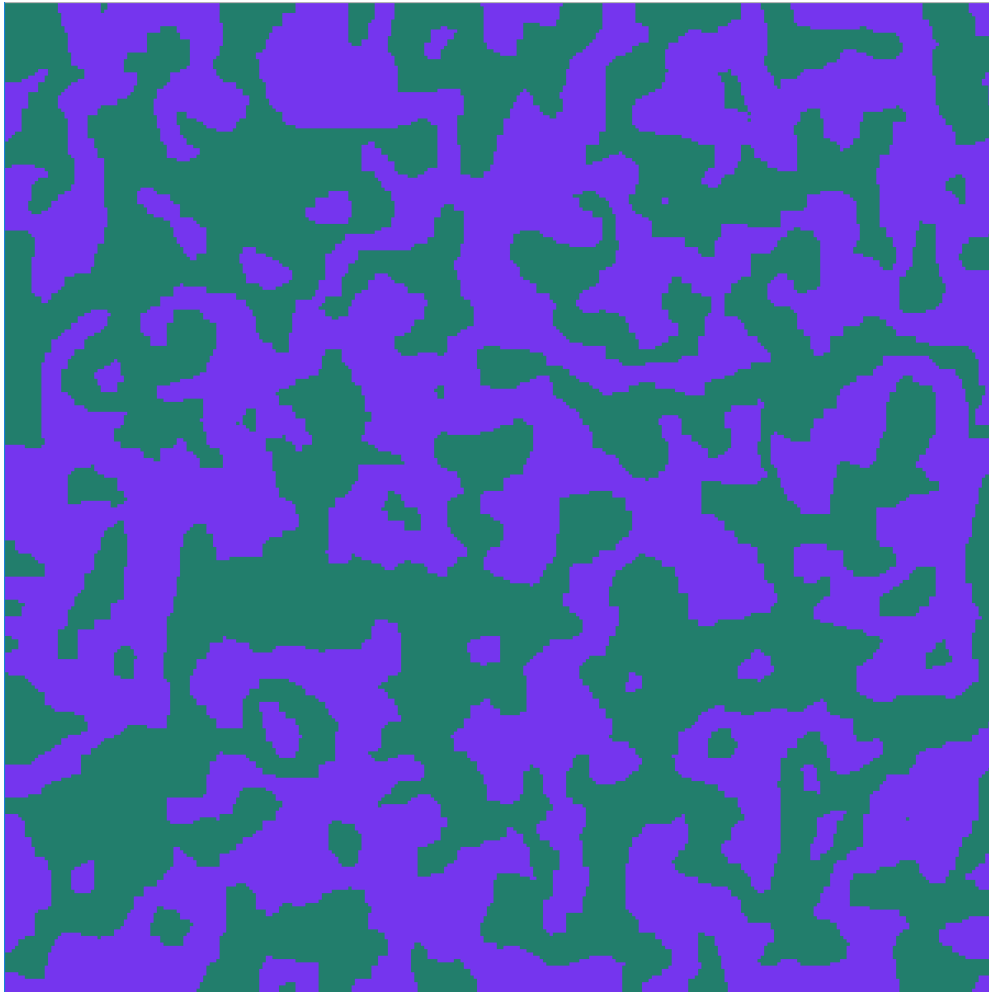


Illustration 3: Microstructure after MC

Performing growth with MC method allowed to create very realistic models of microstructure. CA method, because of it's neighbourhood characteristics, had more sharp, unnatural edges. Mc on the other hands is much more smooth.

2. Second scenario: Dual phase structure MC \rightarrow CA (2 grains MC, 7 grains CA)

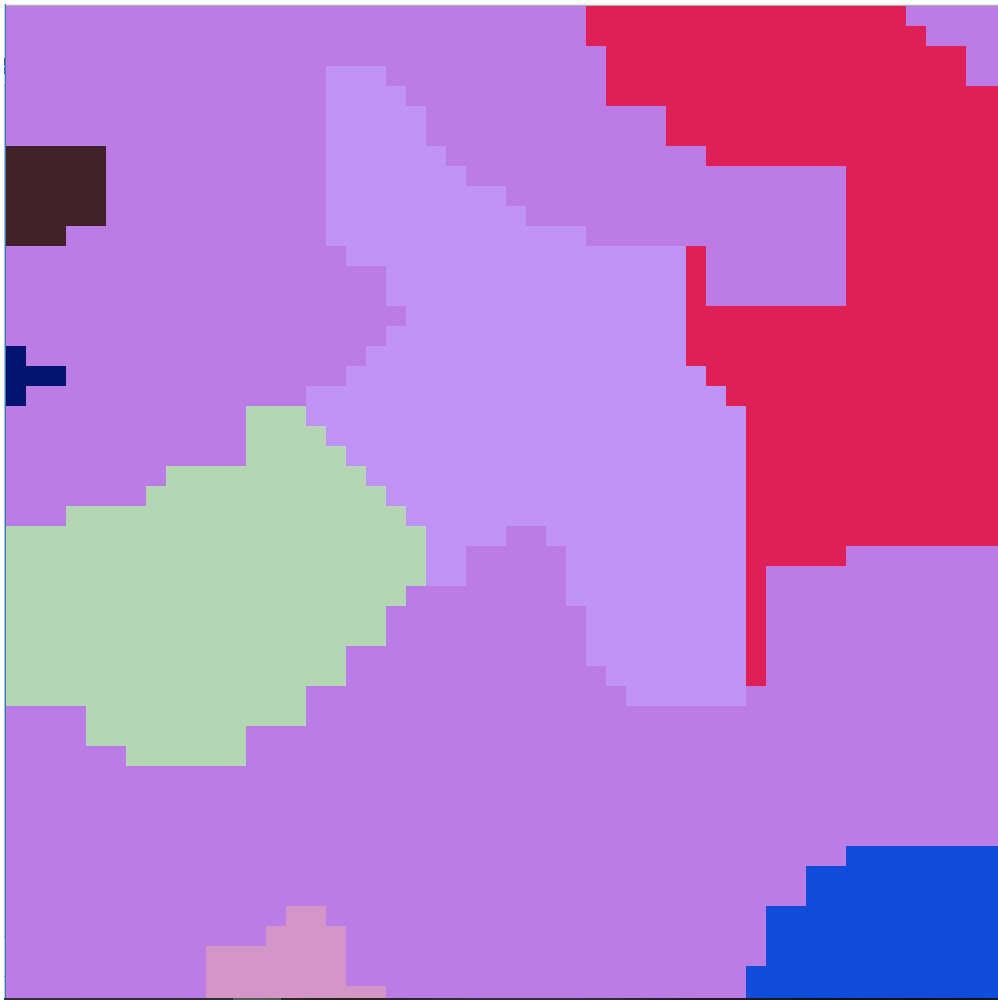


Illustration 4: MC \rightarrow CA Dualphase

Using dual phase functionality it is possible to create more complex structure. We can model materials with different attributes that are better suited for our needs. In this example MC simulation was performed (with 2 grains) and then one of the grains was replace with new grains that was enlarged using CA algorithm. It allowed to create above structure.

3. MC structure → Distributing energy → Nucleation and growth

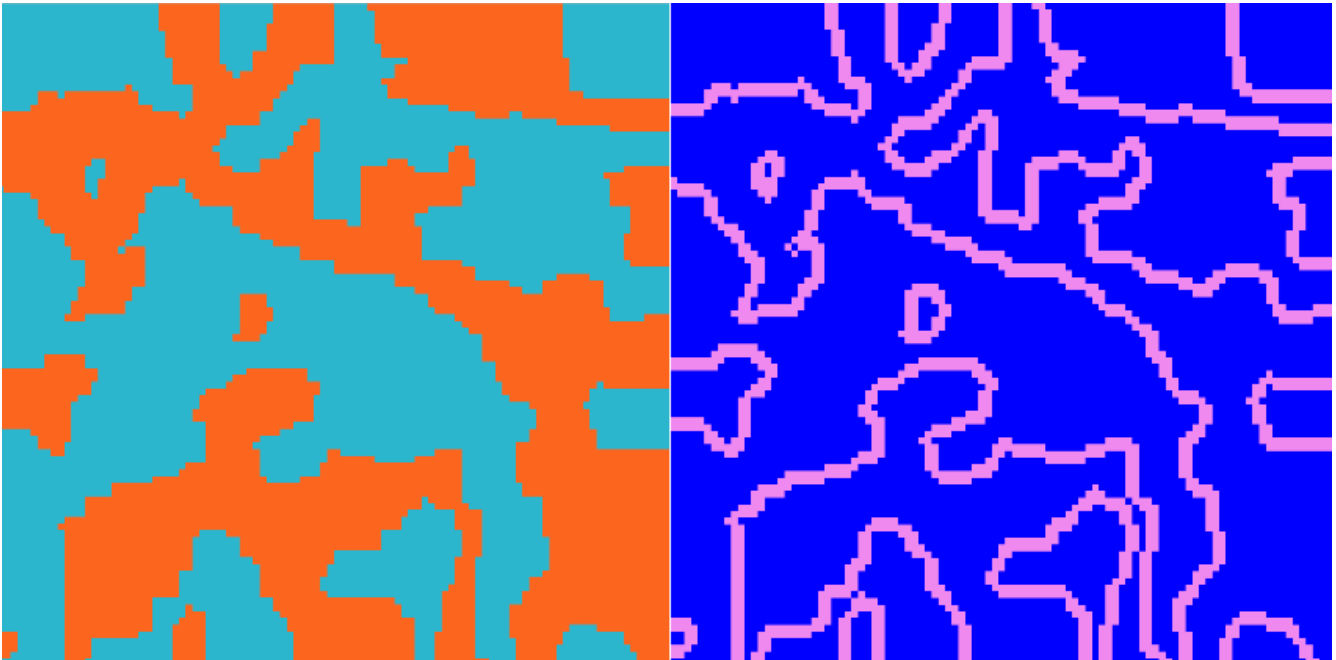


Illustration 5: MC structure with energy distribution

First performed MC simulation. After that energy was distribute (heterogeneous 1 , 12) and its distribution was displayed.

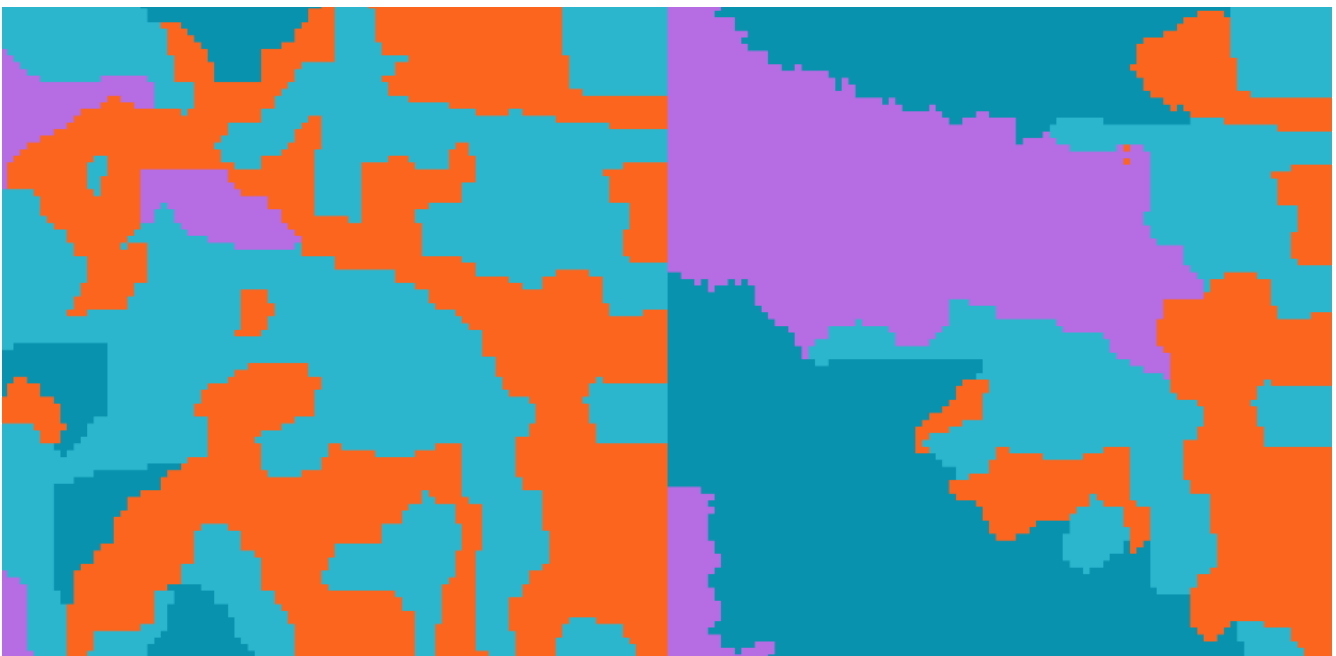


Illustration 6: Recrystallization 9 and 20 iteration

After nucleation phase (5 two-colored grains) recrystallization was performed (9 and 20 iterations). In the picture we can clearly see that because of energy distribution the grains are growing along the edges of old ones, and are expanding inside during later iteration (e.g 20)

4. Real structure comparison

- Single phase
- Aluminium (0.1 % Mg)
- Cold rolled \rightarrow nucleation phase \rightarrow recrystallization

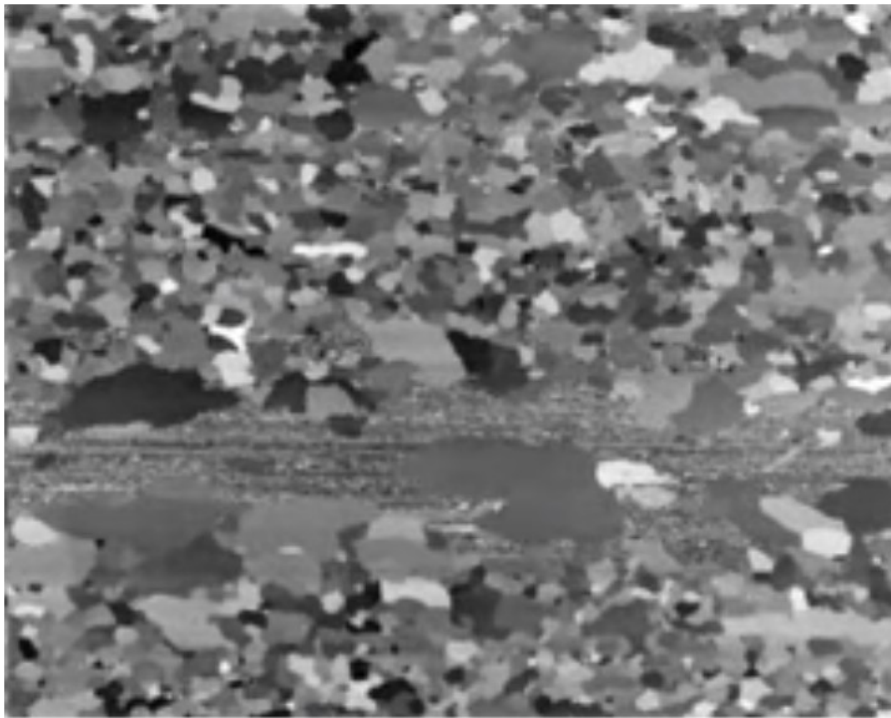
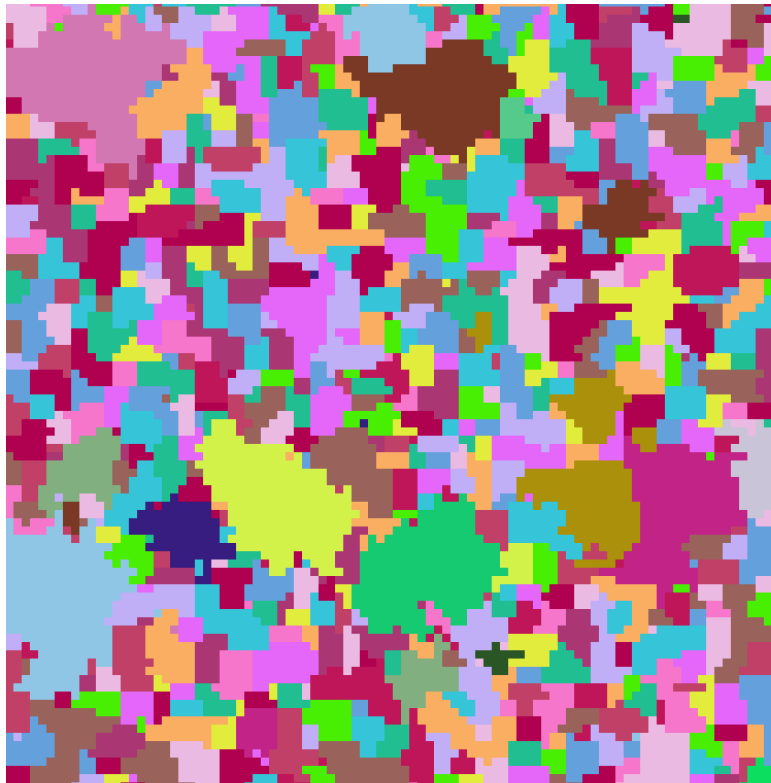


Illustration 7: Real microstructure



In this scenario it was much harder to obtain similar structure. It was finally possible with usage of constant adding new nuclei (rate: 5 per iterations). Because of that, the structure diverge in the size of growing (new) grains. Some of them are already big, where others are just starting to grow. It was especially rewarding to closely model the middle band of recrystallised grains which needed to be bigger and mostly in one band in comparison with other grains

- High Copper Alloy
- Plate
- Alloy: C17200
- Temper: M20

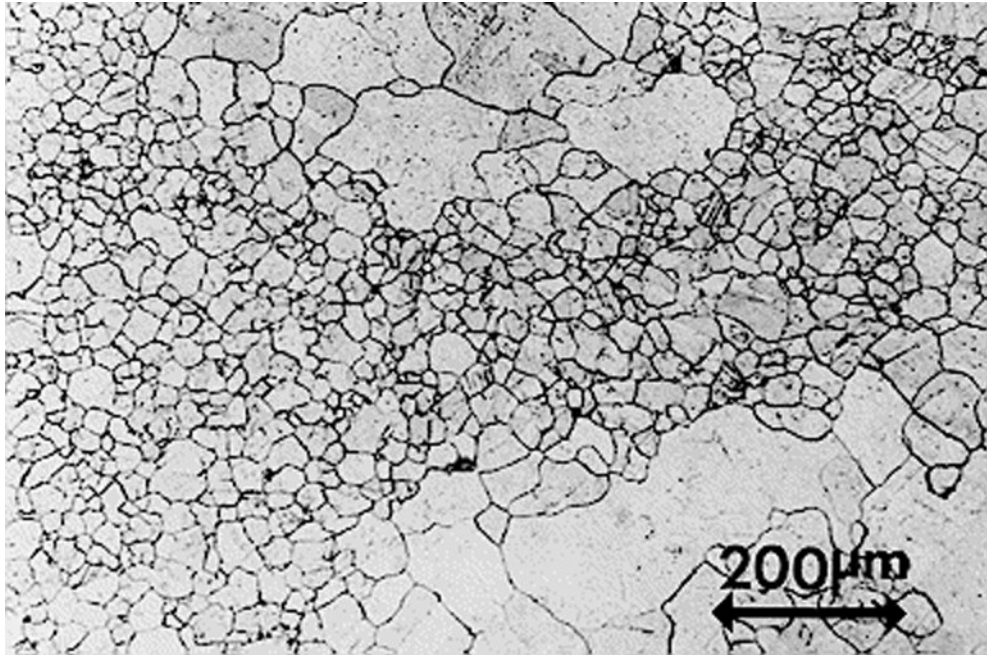


Figure 1: Real Microstructure



Illustration 8: Structure after recrystallization

In this case the simulation and real microstructure is very similar. The size and shape of the grains are close enough to the material. To obtain such structure it was necessary to first create CA structure, and then distribute energy and perform recrystallization. The result resembles original microstructure very closely.

5. Summary

After testing various configurations and settings, I discovered that the program allows to simulate many typical microstructures, its UI and functionality while minimal allows for free manipulation of structure. Tested scenarios show that it is fairly easy to generate grains, perform growth, remove some grains and start growth anew. It is also possible to create only borders of grain and simulate grain growth in this domain. Recrystallization functionality combined with MC offers a broad range of additional simulation and modelling tools. With its help it is possible to create more complicated structures than with the previous algorithm. Using the created software I created structures very similar to real ones, without much of configuration or tweaking (random nucleation and grain position). It shows that the algorithm is capable of modelling real life problems. Its main strength comes from the fact that it is based on the Monte Carlo algorithm which is choosing the next grain in iteration at random. It allows for more smooth edges and more equal distribution of grains. Especially powerful is combination of CA and MC/recrystallization which allows for much more complex structures.

The performance of the small simulation is acceptable. In low resolution of simulation (less than 100x100) it is very fast. During this iteration, some performance fixes were applied, and the program has no problem with simulation of size 300x300. The main problem, performance wise, was using immutable collections and mapping over them every time some operation was performed. It created unnecessary resource usage. This issue was resolved and it is now possible to create bigger simulations.