Pre- and Post-Processing Files for ho-CP Simulations

Namit Pai, Suketa Chaudhary, Anirban Patra

Department of Metallurgical Engineering and Materials Science

Indian Institute of Technology Bombay



Geometry and Mesh File Generation

Steps to Generate Mesh File With Cubic Grains - 1

- File: tools/geometry_and_mesh_file_generators/write_inp_cubic_grains.m
- MATLAB script to generate meshes (.inp format): write_inp_cubic_grains.m
- MATLAB version used for this example: R2022b
- Input details: number of grains, grain size, number of elements per grain
- Output filename: (\$number of grains)grains_(\$number of elements)elements.inp

Steps to Generate Mesh File With Cubic Grains - 2

 MATLAB script to generate meshes (.inp format): tools/geometry_and_mesh_file_generators/write_inp_cubic_grains.m

```
function write_inp_cubic_grains()
          %% Define the size of the model in terms of unit cells and grain size
          n \times grain = 4;
          n y grain = 4; > Input: Number of grains in x, y, z direction
                                                                         * Only the segments marked as
          n z grain = 4;
                                                                         input should be altered
6
          grain size = 0.1; % (mm)
          grn xdir = 0.1; % (mm)
                                                                         * Units dependent upon the
                                   Input: Grain size in x, y, z direction
          grn_ydir = 0.1; % (mm)
          grn zdir = 0.1; % (mm)
                                                                         values provided in the props file
          % Define the number of elements of each grain
10
          n_x ele = 2;
11
                          Input: Number of elements per
          n y_ele = 2;
12
                             grain in x, y, z direction
          n z ele = 2;
                                                                Output: Check the total number
13
                                                                of grains in the simulation cell
14
          el size = grain size/n x ele;
          total_grains = n_x_grain * n_y_grain * n_z_grain
15
          16
17
              n z grain * n z ele
                                                                      elements in the simulation cell
18
19
          % Define the size of model
          x size = n_x grain*grn_xdir;
20
          y size = n y grain*grn ydir;
21
                                      Output: Size of the simulation cell
22
          z_size = n_z_grain*grn_zdir;
23
          % Define the local origin
24
          x0 = 0.0;
          y0 = 0.0;
```

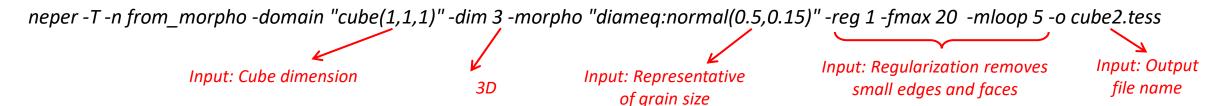
Steps to Generate Mesh File With Cubic Grains - 3

- Output filename: (\$number of grains)grains_(\$number of elements)elements.inp
- Steps for importing the mesh into input file:

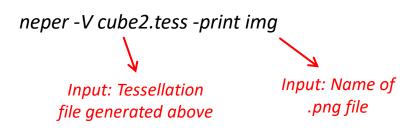
```
[Mesh]
        displacements = 'disp x disp y disp z'
                                                   Name of the mesh file along
         type = FileMeshGenerator
          file = 64grains 512elements.inp
                                                         with the extension
 6
         [./bot corner]
 8
          type = ExtraNodesetGenerator
 9
          new boundary = bot corner
          input = fmg
10
11
           coord = '0 0.0 0.0'
         [.../1]
12
13
         [./add side sets]
           type = SideSetsFromNormalsGenerator
14
15
          normals = '1 0
16
17
18
19
20
21
          fixed normal = false
22
          new boundary = 'xp face yp face zp face xn face yn face zn face'
23
          input=bot corner
24
         [.../]
25
```

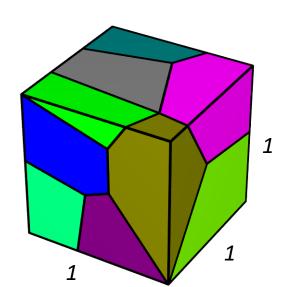
- Neper installation: https://neper.info/doc/introduction.html#installing-neper
- Neper commands to generate a 3D polycrystal (Tested on versions 4.5.1-4 and 4.7.0)

Tessellation:



Viewing the Tessellation:





- * Only the segments marked as input should be altered
- * Units dependent upon the values provided in the props file

Tessellation:

neper -T -n from_morpho -domain "cube(1,1,1)" -dim 3 -morpho "diameq:normal(0.5,0.15)" -reg 1 -fmax 20 -mloop 5 -o cube2.tess

Input: Cube dimension

Input: Cube dimension

Input: Representative of grain size

Input: Regularization removes small edges and faces

Input: Output file name

Meshing:

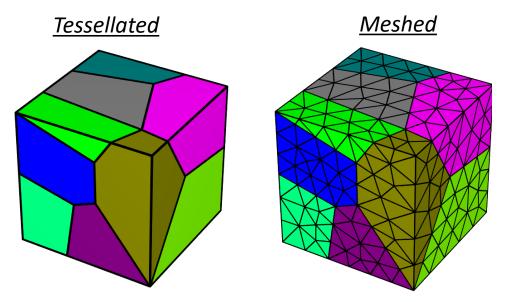
neper -M cube2.tess -cl 0.2 -clmin 0.15 -meshqualmin 1 -o cube2_meshed

Input: Mesh size Mesh quality Input: Name of output mesh file

* Only the segments marked as input should be altered

Viewing the mesh:

Input: Tessellation Input: Name of .png file generated above file



Convert to inp (ABAQUS input) format

Meshing:

end

neper -M cube2.tess -cl 0.2 -clmin 0.15 -meshqualmin 1 -o cube2 meshed -format inp Format of output file *Input: Mesh size* Mesh quality Input: Name of Default: .msh parameters output mesh file

- File: tools/geometry and mesh file generators/neper to MOOSE.m
- Use a MATLAB script to convert the .inp file to MOOSE readable format (MATLAB code used: neper to MOOSE.m)

```
function neper to MOOSE()
       %% Convert neper generated .inp file to MOOSE .inp file
 3
           clc; clear;
           filename = 'cube2_meshed.inp'; ______ Input: Name of neper
           id = readlines(filename);
                                                    generated inp file
           count = 1;
           for ia = 3:size(id,1)-2
               clear line data
               line data = id(ia);
               if (line data=="")
10
                   continue;
11
12
                end
13
               new id(count,:) = line data;
14
                                                        Input: Name of output
               count = count + 1;
15
           end
                                                                inp file
16
17
           writelines(new id, 'cube2 meshed MOOSE.inp');
18 L
```

* Only the segments marked as input should be altered

Importing into MOOSE

```
[Mesh]
         displacements = 'disp x disp y disp z'
         [./fmg]
                                                   Name of the mesh file along
          type = FileMeshGenerator
          file = cube2 meshed MOOSE.inp
                                                        with the extension
 6
         [./bot corner]
           type = ExtraNodesetGenerator
           new boundary = bot corner
 9
10
           input = fmg
11
           coord = '0 0.0 0.0'
12
         [../]
13
         [./add side sets]
           type = SideSetsFromNormalsGenerator
14
           normals = '1 0 0
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
           fixed normal = false
22
           new boundary = 'xp face yp face zp face xn face yn face zn face'
23
           input=bot corner
24
         [../]
25
       []
```

Steps to generate mesh file using neper-5

Summary

- (Optional) export OMP_NUM_THREADS=\$number of processors\$
- 2. neper-T-n from morpho-domain "cube(1,1,1)"-dim 3-morpho "diameq:normal(0.5,0.15)"-reg 1-fmax 20-mloop 5-o cube2.tess
- 3. neper -V cube2.tess -print img
- 4. neper -M cube2.tess -cl 0.2 -clmin 0.15 -meshqualmin 1 -o cube2_meshed -format inp
- 5. Run the MATLAB script (neper_to_MOOSE.m) to convert neper .inp file to MOOSE readable .inp file
- 6. Import into MOOSE.

Random Orientation Generator

Steps to Generate Random Input Texture Using MTEX-1

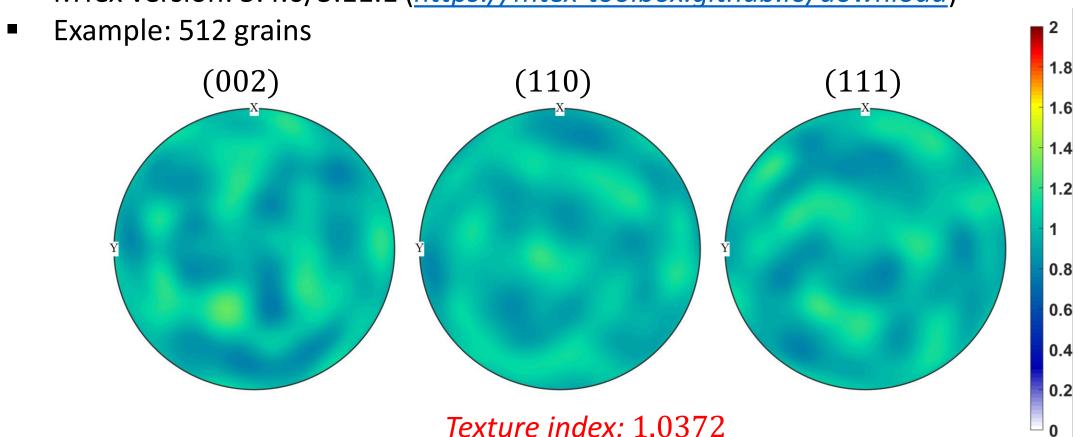
- File: tools/random_orientation_generator/random_ori_generator.m
- MATLAB script to generate random texture : random_ori_generator.m
- MATLAB version used for this example: R2022b
- MTex version: 5.4.0/5.11.1 (https://mtex-toolbox.github.io/download)
- Input details: number of grains
- Output filename: orientations.in

```
function random ori generator()
 2
       %% Generate random orientations for n_total_grains
           n total grains = 512;
                                                        Input: total number of grains
           ori = orientation.rand(n total grains);
                                                           in the simulation cell
 5
           % convert to degrees
 6
           phi1 val = ori.phi1 * 180/pi;
           phi val = ori.Phi * 180/pi;
           phi2_val = ori.phi2 * 180/pi;
                                                       Input: name of the
10
                                                          output file
           % write data into a text file
11
12
           file = fopen('orientations.in', 'wt');
13
           fprintf(file,'%d\n',n total grains);
14 🗀
           for ia = 1:n total grains
15
               fprintf(file,'%e%s%e%s%e\n',phi1 val(ia),' ', ...
16
                    phi val(ia), ' ',phi2 val(ia));
17
           end
           fclose(file);
18
19
       end
```

* Only the segments marked as input should be altered

Steps to Generate Random Input Texture Using MTEX-2

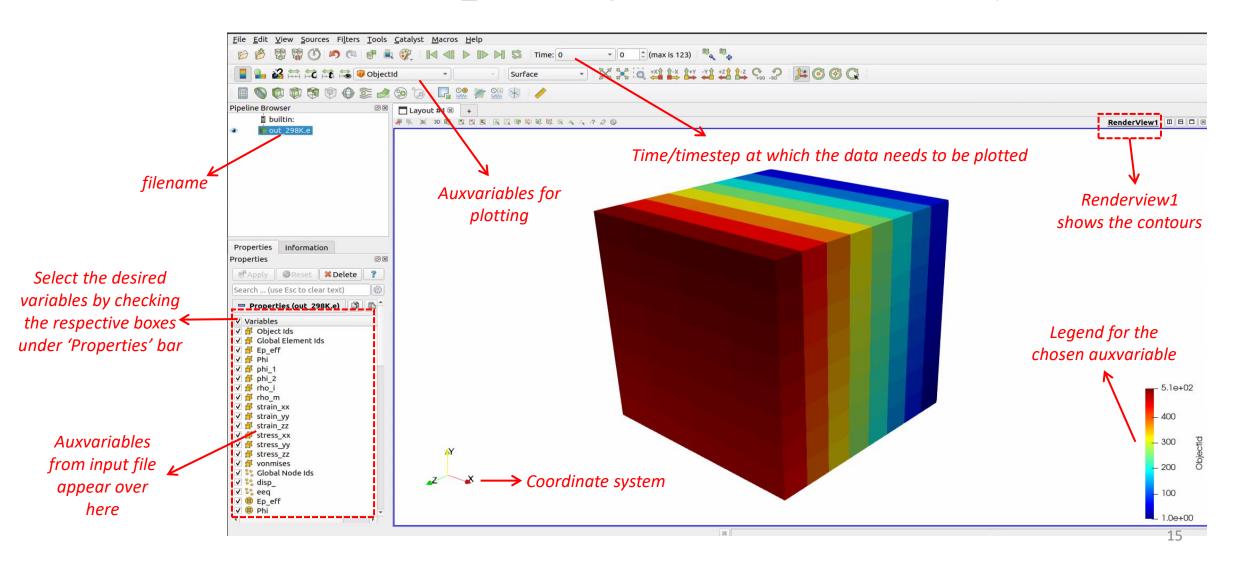
- MATLAB script to generate random texture : random_ori_generator.m
- MATLAB version used for this example: R2022b
- MTex version: 5.4.0/5.11.1 (https://mtex-toolbox.github.io/download)



Please refer to https://mtex-toolbox.github.io/OrientationDefinition.html for further understanding on this topic

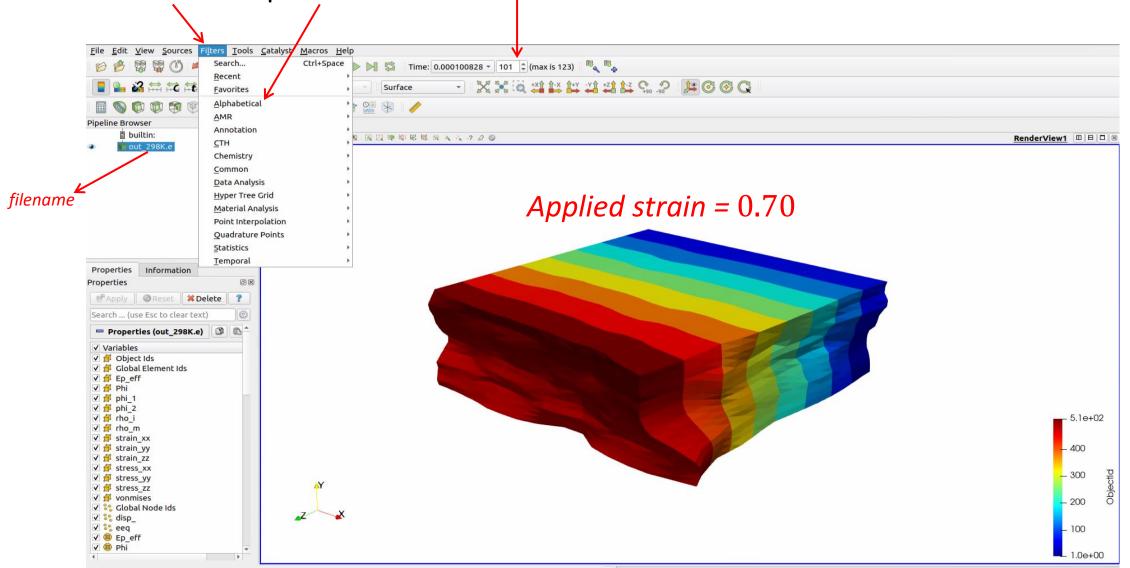
Plotting Textures using MTEX

- Paraview version: 5.7.0 (https://www.paraview.org/download/)
- File used for this exercise: out_298K.e (Figure 14 from Patra et al., Comp. Mat. Sci. (2023))

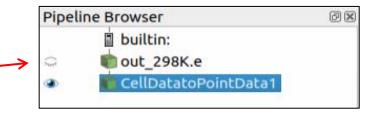


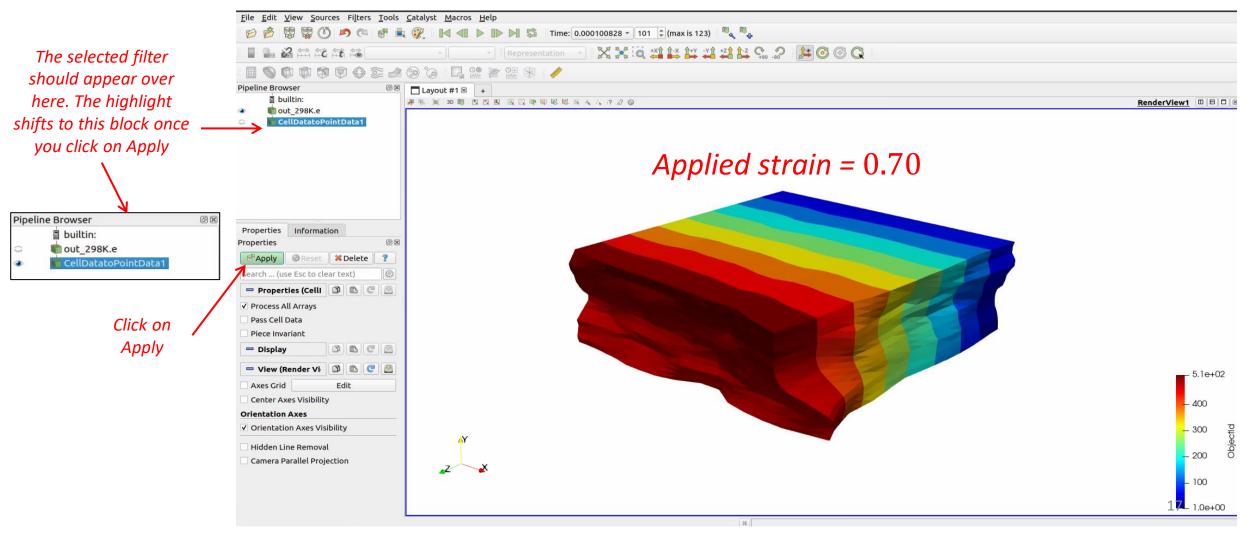
1. Select the desired time/timestep-

Go to Filters→Alphabetical→Cell Data to Point Data

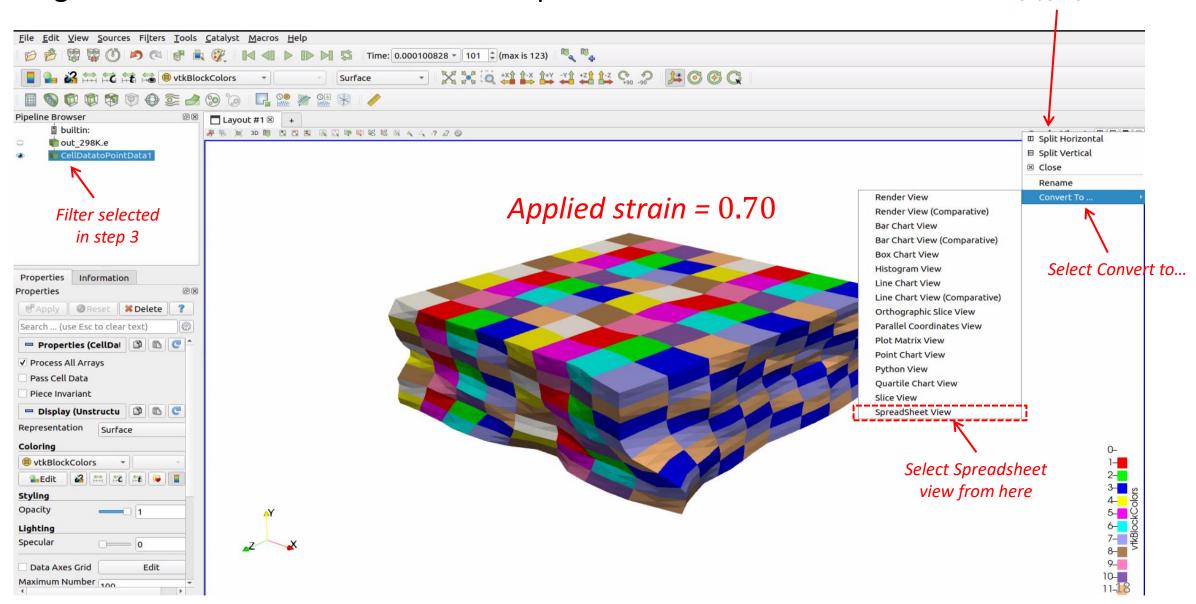


- 3. Select Apply
- 4. The highlighted block should be placed on the CellDatatoPointData as shown here:



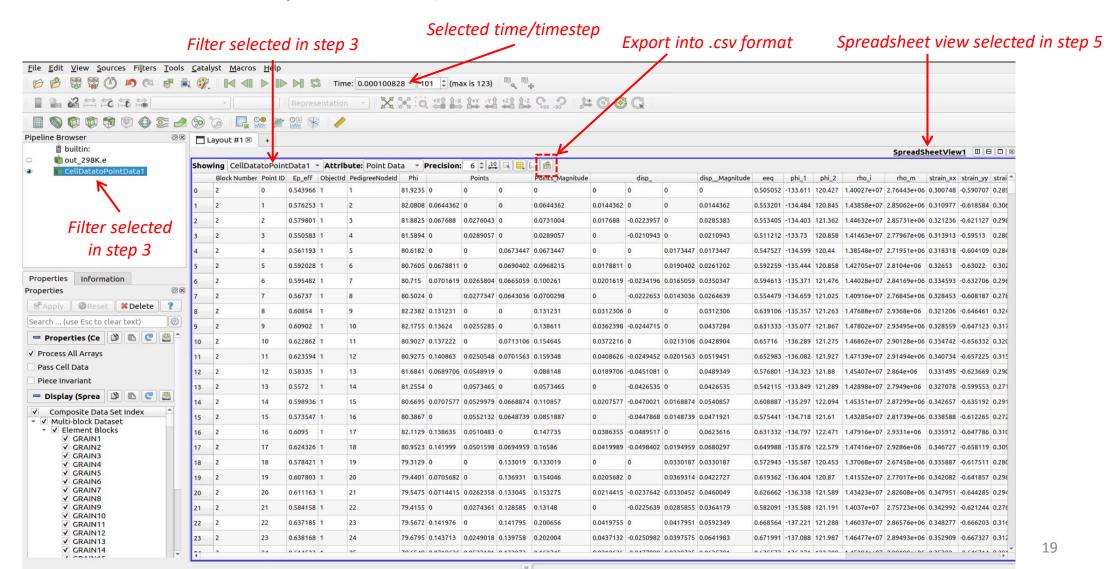


5. Right click on Renderview1 and select spreadsheet view.

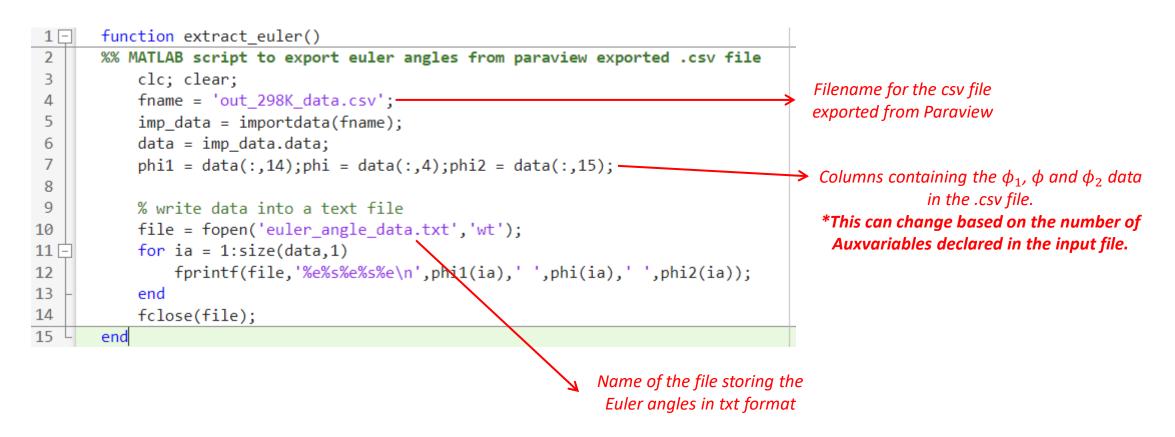


Renderview1

6. Export the spreadsheet view as .csv file. (Cross-check if all desired variables are present, if not, revisit slide 14 'Properties' bar)

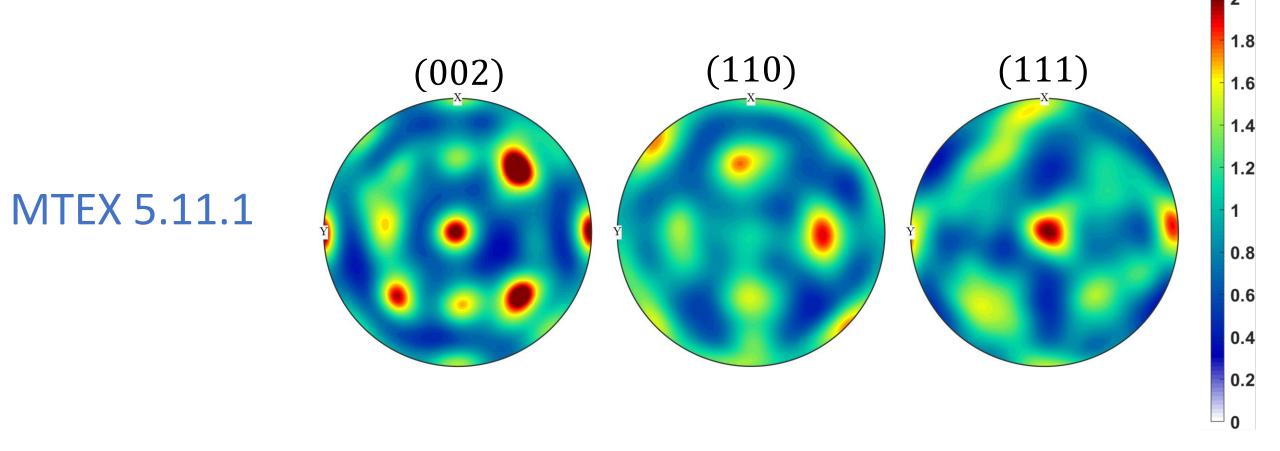


7. Extract the Euler angles from the csv file exported in step 6 (MATLAB code used: tools/texture_plotting/extract_euler.m)



- MTex version: 5.11.1 (https://mtex-toolbox.github.io/download)
- Exported File from step 7: euler_angle_data.txt (Figure 14 from Patra et al. 2023)
- Code to be used for plotting: tools/texture_plotting_mtex_5p11/pole_figure_mtex_5p11.m

```
function pole_figure_mtex_5p11()
           clc; clear;
           CS = crystalSymmetry('m-3m', [3.3013 3.3013], 'mineral', 'Tantalum');
           % specimen symmetry
 6
           SS = specimenSymmetry('1');
                                                                  Crystal symmetry, lattice
           % plotting convention
 8
                                                                     parameters and ID
 9
           setMTEXpref('xAxisDirection', 'north');
10
           setMTEXpref('zAxisDirection','outOfPlane');
           fname = 'euler_angle_data.txt'; > Name of input file
11
12
           % plotting
13
           ori = orientation.load(fname,CS,'ColumnNames',{'phi1','Phi','phi2'});
14
           odf = calcKernelODF(ori, 'halfwidth', 10*degree, 'resolution', 5*degree);
15
16
           plotPDF(odf,Miller({0,0,2},{1,1,0},{1,1,1},CS));
17
           setColorRange([0 2]);
18
                                                                 poles will be plotted
           % saving
19
           exportgraphics(gcf, 'texture.png', 'Resolution', 300);
20
21
       end
```



Extracting and Reducing Data from .ang Files

Steps to Extract Data From .ang File

- MATLAB script to extract Euler angles: tools/euler_angle_extractor_ang_file/extract_euler_from_ang.m
- MATLAB version used for this example: R2022b
- Input data: input_ang_file.ang (Aluminium)

function extract_euler_from_ang() 2 %% Extracting euler angles from EBSD (.ang) format data 3 clc;clear; % the header end line should be checked by opening the ang file ... % in a text editor before running this script header line end = 126; imp_data = importdata('input_ang_file.ang',' ',header_line_end); 8 data = imp data.data; *Input: The header line end can vary Input: name of the ang file* % convert to degrees 10 for different machines. This should phi1 = data(:,1) * 180/pi; 11 be cross-checked by opening the 12 Phi = data(:,2) * 180/pi; ang file in a text editor phi2 = data(:,3) * 180/pi; 13 14 15 % write data into a text file 16 file = fopen('full_data_euler.txt','wt'); > Input: name of the output for ia = 1:size(data,1) 17 fprintf(file, '%e%s%e%s%e\n', phi1(ia), ' ', ... 18 file Phi(ia), '', phi2(ia)); 19 20 end

* Only the segments marked as input should be altered

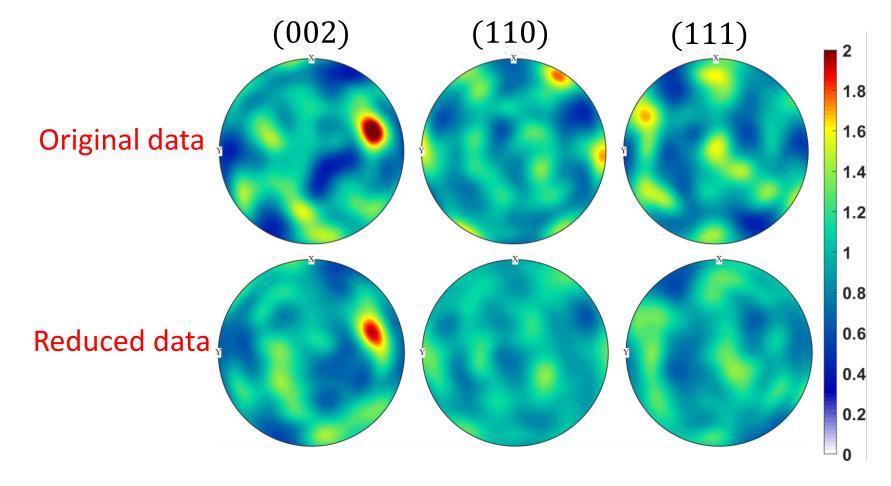
Steps to Reduce the Extracted Data-1

- MATLAB script used: tools/euler_angle_extractor_ang_file/pole_figure_mtex.m
- MATLAB version used for this example: R2022b
- MTex version: 5.4.0 (<u>https://mtex-toolbox.github.io/download</u>)
- Input: Euler angle data generated in the previous slide

```
function pole figure mtex()
1 🗔
       %% MATLAB script to plot/reduce input euler angles
           clc;clear;
                                                                                                  * Only the segments
           % crystal symmetry
                                                                                                      marked as input
           CS = crystalSymmetry('m-3m', [4.0478 4.0478 4.0478], 'mineral', 'Aluminium');
                                                                                                    should be altered
           % specimen symmetry
                                                       Input: Crystal symmetry,
           SS = specimenSymmetry('1');
                                                       lattice parameters and ID
10
11
           % plotting convention
12
           setMTEXpref('xAxisDirection', 'north');
           setMTEXpref('zAxisDirection','outOfPlane');
13
14
                                                        Input: name of the
15
           % file to be imported
                                                         Euler angle file
           fname = 'full data euler.txt';
                                                                             Input: Number of data points
                                                                           needed for the reduced texture file
35
            % reduce the input texture
36
            number of grains = 512;
37
            export_VPSC(odf, 'reduced_data_euler.txt', 'points', number_of_grains);
38
       end
                                                  Input: Name of the reduced texture file
                                                                                                                            25
```

Steps to Reduce the Extracted Data-2

- MATLAB version used for this example: R2022b
- MTex version: 5.11.1 (https://mtex-toolbox.github.io/download)
- Original data file: tools/euler_angle_extractor_ang_file_mtex_5p11/full_data_euler.txt



Alternatively, users can also try the shuf command in Linux to reduce the original data file.

Using EBSD Mesh (.ang) in ρ -CP

- MATLAB version used for this example: R2022b
- MTex version: 5.11.1 (<u>https://mtex-toolbox.github.io/download</u>)
- Name of MATLAB script: mtex_ang_to_rhocp_e1.m
- Original data file: tools/ebsd_mesh/example_1_file.ang

* Only the segments marked as input should be altered

The scan file has 2

```
%% Conversion of .ang file to rhocp-mesh
                                                                                                   phases: phase 1: Nickel
          % example 1: dummy scan with Ni - phase 1 (p1) and AlNi3 - phase (p2)
                                                                                                     and phase 2: Al Ni3
          % crystal symmetry
                                                                                                          Input: appropriate lattice
          CS = {...
                                                                                                      parameters, phases and symmetry
            'notIndexed'....
                                                                                                         should be added over here
            crystalSymmetry('m-3m', [3.48 3.48 3.48], 'mineral', 'Ni', 'color', 'red'), ....
            crystalSymmetry('m-3m', [3.52 3.52 3.52], 'mineral', 'Al Ni3', 'color', 'green')};
10
          % plotting convention
11
                                                               Input: This can vary based on the
          setMTEXpref('xAxisDirection','east'); __
12
                                                             EBSD system used to acquire the data
          setMTEXpref('zAxisDirection','intoPlane');
13
14
          % which files to be imported
15
                                               → Input: name of the file
          fname = 'example_1 file.ang'; ---
16
17
          ebsd = EBSD.load(fname,CS, 'interface', 'ang', 'convertEuler2SpatialReferenceFrame', 'setting
18
          [grains,ebsd.grainId] = calcGrains(ebsd);
19
          figure(1)
20
21
          plot(grains); % phase map
          exportgraphics(gcf,'phase_map_example_1.png','Resolution',300);
22
23
                                                                                                                                          28
```

- The script generates a 3D dimensional mesh (1 element along the Z direction) from the input EBSD data.
- It is assumed that the input .ang file contains Euler angles in Bunge format and in radians.

```
* Only the segments
                                                                    These are taken directly from the
                                                                      .ang file data. Can be altered
40
         x min = ebsd.prop.x(1); % start X co-ordinate
                                                                                                        marked as input
                                                                         manually if required
41
         y min = ebsd.prop.y(1); % start Y co-ordinate
         z min = 0.0; % start Z co-ordinate
42
                                                                                                       should be altered
43
                                                                    Input: Step size used for the
44
         x step = 0.5; % step size in X direction
                                                                           EBSD scan
         y step = 0.5; % step size in Y direction
45
46
         z step = 0.5; % one element along Z direction
                                                                                          These are taken directly from
47
                                                                                           the .ang file data. Can be
48
         x_max = ebsd.prop.x(size(ebsd.rotations.phi1,1)); % end X co-ordinate
                                                                                          altered manually if required
         y max = ebsd.prop.y(size(ebsd.rotations.phi1,1)); % end Y co-ordinate
49
50
         z_max = 0.0; % one element along Z-direction
51
52
         x_dim = (x_max - x_min + x_step) / x_step; % dimension - X
                                                                           Dimensions of the input file
53
         y dim = (y max - y min + y step) / y step; % dimension - Y '
         z_dim = (z_max - z_min + z_step) / z_step; % dimension - Z
54
55
56
         array = [ebsd.rotations.phi1 * 180/pi ebsd.rotations.Phi * 180/pi ebsd.rotations.phi2 * 180/pi ...
57
                           abs(max(ebsd.prop.y)-ebsd.prop.y) zeros(size(ebsd.rotations.phi1,1),1) ...
              ebsd.grainId ebsd.phaseId-1 sym id];
58
59
```

```
phase 1 name = 'p1';
60
                                           Phase names and
           phase 1 sym = 225;
61
                                           symmetry classes
62
           phase 2 name = 'p2';
                                                           These are taken directly from the .ang file
           phase 2 sym = 221;
                                                           data. Can be altered manually if required
           total grains = max(array(:,7));
64
65
                                                                     Input: Name of the output file
          % write data into a text file
66
                                                                         (to be used in \rho-CP)
67
           file = fopen('example 1 file rhocp.txt','wt');
```

Structure of the output file

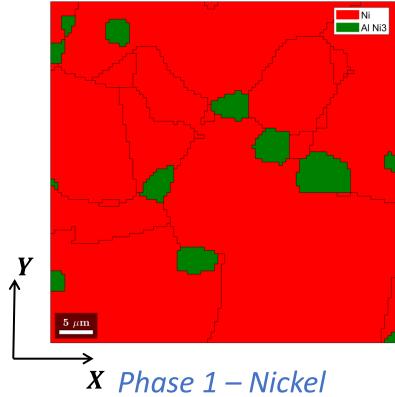
Structure of the output mesh format (to be used in ρ -CP):

- Column 1: Euler angle "phi1"
- Column 2: Euler angle "PHI"
- Column 3: Euler angle "phi2"
- Column 4: x-coordinate (in microns)
- Column 5: y-coordinate (in microns)
- Column 6: z-coordinate (in microns)
- Column 7: grain number (integer)
- Column 8: phase number (integer)
- Column 9: Symmetry class (from TSL)

* Only the segments marked as input should be altered

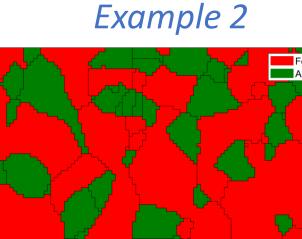
1 element along Z direction

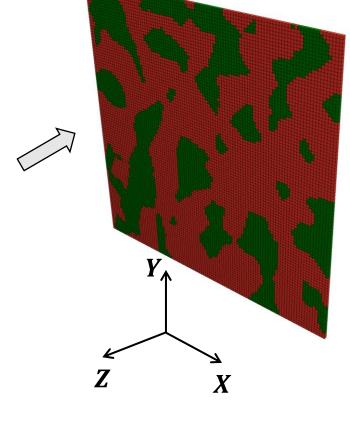
Example 1



Phase 1 – Nicke Phase 2 – AlNi3

Output file:
/tools/ebsd_mesh/example_1_file_rhocp.txt





Phase 1 – Ferrite
Phase 2 – Austenite

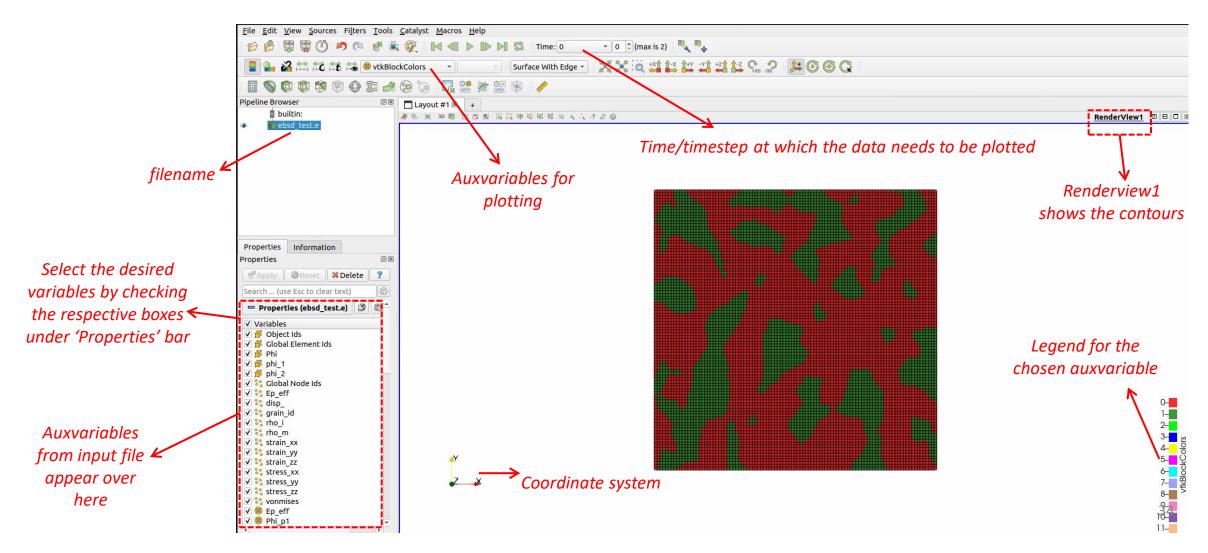
Output file: /tools/ebsd_mesh/example_2_file_rhocp.txt

• Importing into ρ -CP (/tools/ebsd_mesh_rhocp/example_2/ebsd_sim.i)

```
[Mesh]
         displacements = 'disp x disp y disp z'
         construct side list from node list = false
         [./emg]
           # Create a mesh representing the EBSD data
                                                           Name of the mesh file along
 6
          type = EBSDMeshGenerator
           filename = example_2_file_MOOSE.txt
                                                               with the extension
         [./assignphase]
           # Assign a phase ID based on EBSD data
10
                                                              Assign phase ID based
11
          type = AssignSubdomainIDfromPhase
                                                                 on the mesh file
12
           EBSDFilename = example_2_file_MOOSE.txt
13
           input = emg
14
         [../]
15
         [./bottom nodes]
           type = BoundingBoxNodeSetGenerator
16
17
           input = assignphase
           new boundary = bottom nodes
18
           bottom left = '0 1 0'
19
           top right = '0 1 1'
20
21
         [../1]
```

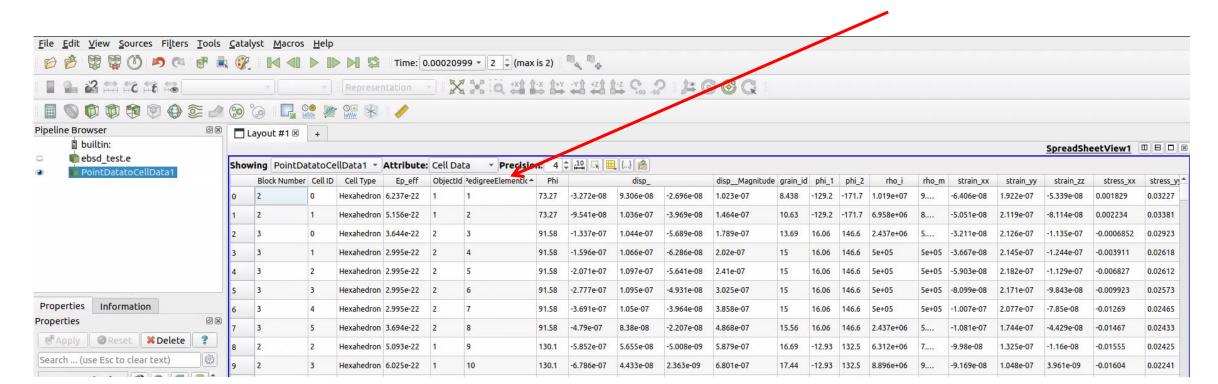
Rebuilding .ang File From Exodus Output

- Paraview version: 5.7.0 (https://www.paraview.org/download/)
- File used for this exercise: /tools/ebsd_mesh_rhocp/example_2/ebsd_test.e



(Follow instructions given in slide 14-18)

- 1. Select the desired time/timestep
- 2. Go to Filters→Alphabetical→Cell Data to Point Data
- 3. Select Apply
- 4. The highlighted block should be placed on the CellDatatoPointData.
- 5. Right click on Renderview1 and select spreadsheet view.
- 6. Before exporting the spreadsheet, sort the data by clicking on "PedigreeElementID" column.

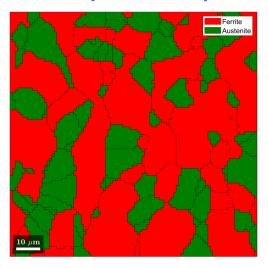


- 7. Use the MATLAB script to generate .ang file from the Paraview exported csv file.
- 8. MATLAB script used: /tools/ebsd_mesh_data_extraction/paraview_to_ang.m

```
function paraview to ang()
2
3
4
5
6
7
       %% MATLAB script to generate .ang file from MOOSE Exodus output
           clc; clear;
                                                            Input: Filename of input
           % original input microstructure
                                                              EBSD microstructure
           fname = 'example_2_file.ang'; -
           ebsd data = importdata(fname, ' ',218);
8
           inp_data = ebsd_data.data;
                                                                        Input: Filename the Paraview
9
                                                                              exported csv file
10
           % csv file exported from Paraview
           imp data = importdata('point to cell data.csv');
11
           data = imp data.data;
                                                                                     *Note: The column ID numbers can change based
12
13
           ori = [data(:,11) data(:,5) data(:,12)] * pi/180;
                                                                                      on the declaration of Auxvariables. Please check
14
           phase id = data(:,3);
                                                                                      the appropriate column numbers in the csv file
15
                                                                                            before running this MATLAB script.
16
           array = [ori inp data(:,4) abs( max(inp data(:,5)) - inp data(:,5) ) ...
17
               ones(size(inp data,1),1) ones(size(inp data,1),1) phase id ...
               ones(size(inp_data,1),1) ones(size(inp_data,1),1)];
18
19
                                                                            Input: name of the output
20
21
           [pathstr, name, ext] = fileparts(fname);
                                                                                     .ang file
22
           outfile = fullfile(pathstr,['example_2_out',ext]);
23
           write OIM data(array, fname, outfile);
24
```

Verify the output .ang file by comparing with the initial microstructure.

Example 2-Input



Example 2-Output at t=0.0002 s

Phase 1 – Ferrite
Phase 2 – Austenite

