

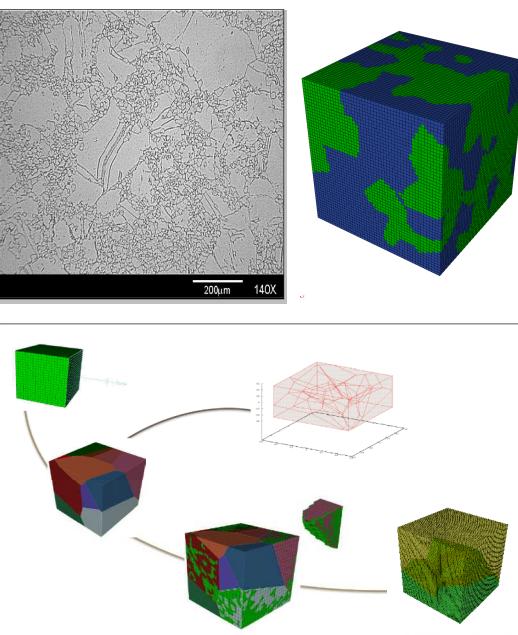
Effect of Partially Recrystallized Microstructures on Macroscopic Properties

Predicting Performance Margins Project

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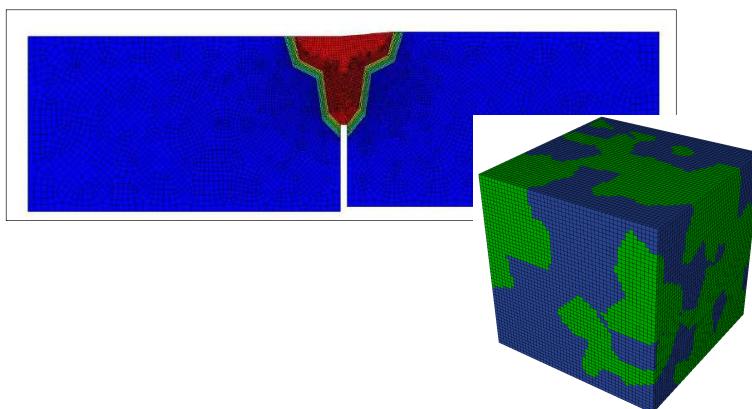
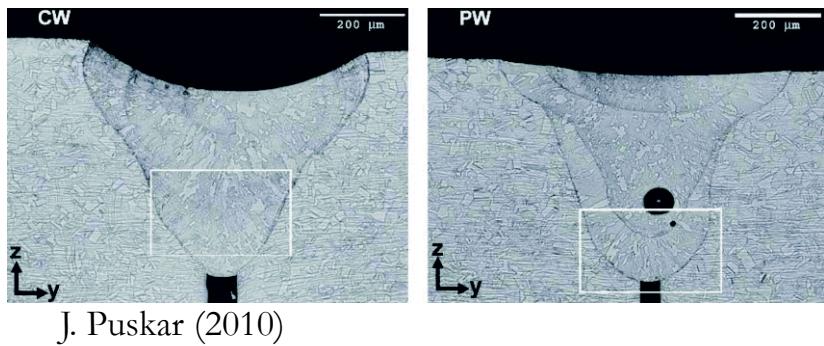


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Predict Weld Response Confidently

Accurately predict influence of microstructure on macroscopic response with improved material models

- Scientific insight to engineering issues from a multidisciplinary effort



Account for weld variability

- Local microstructure complex

“Continuum-Down” approach

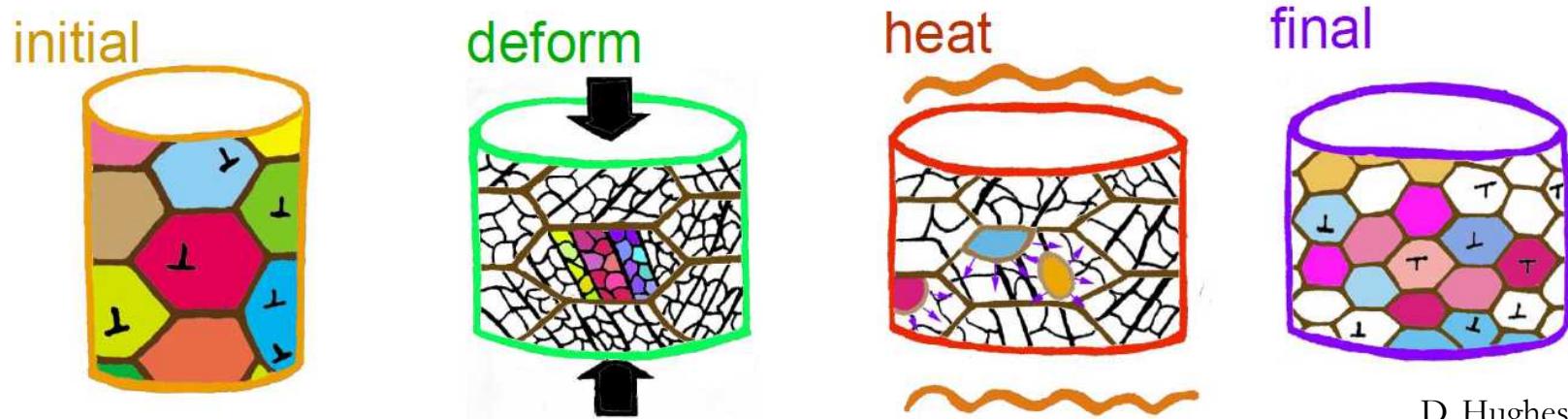
- Establish a paradigm for variability modeling
- Captures geometric variation

Extend approach to material property variation

- Grain structure, recrystallization

Recrystallization Lowers Strength

Recrystallization erases dislocation structure of worked material
Growth of dislocation free grains around larger worked grains



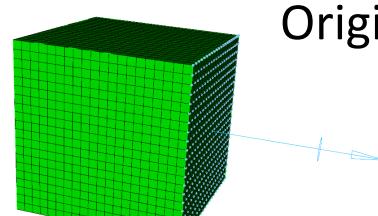
D. Hughes (2000)

Volume averaging of isotropic hardening in continuum model

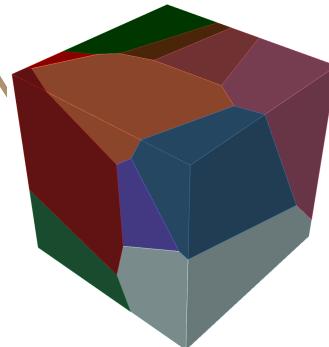
$$\bar{\kappa} = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \bar{\kappa}_{X_i-X_{i+1}} (X_i - X_{i+1}) + \bar{\kappa}_{X_n} X_n$$

Validity of continuum model near yield stress

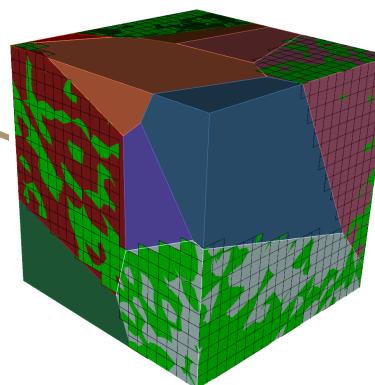
Representative Volume Generation



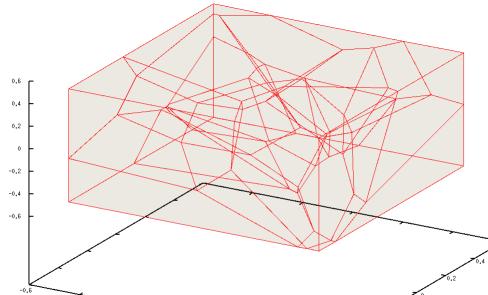
Original mesh and shape
created in CUBIT



Retain robust hex
elements in geometry

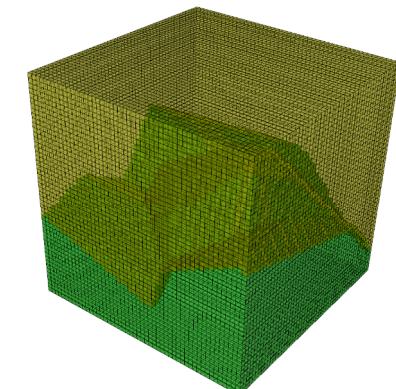
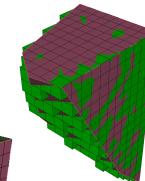


Assign material properties

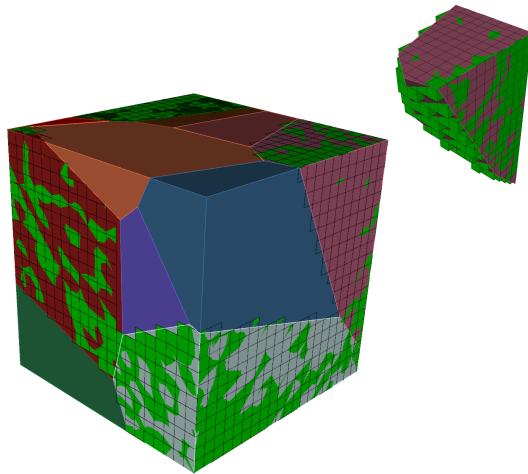


Generate
Voronoi
Tessellation
input data

C. Rycroft. Chaos 19 (2009) 041111



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Voronoi tessellation structure

- Voronoi cells well accepted grain model
- Python script generates background Voronoi cell structure, hex cell assignment

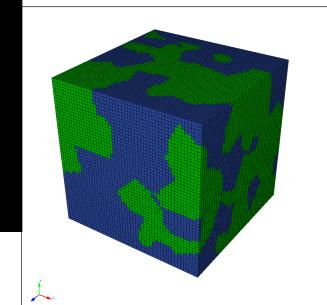
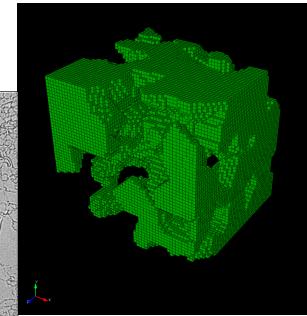
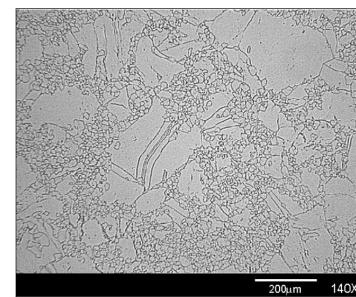
Sort elements into grains, location based

- Hex elements necessary for robustness

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Recrystallized material properties assigned to smallest grains

- Volume fraction controlled
- Python script sorts cells



Future Realizations of RVE

Use smaller RVE volumes

- Compensate by averaging over many realizations

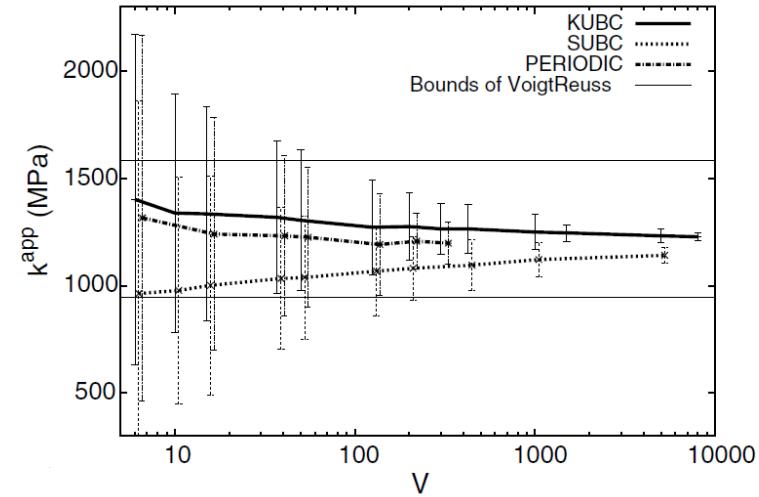
Effective properties bounded

- Periodic converges quickest

Calculate required realizations

- Compute mean, variance of RVE series apparent properties
- Find size from desired precision

Apparent homogenized material properties are calculated by averaging the results of many RVE simulations



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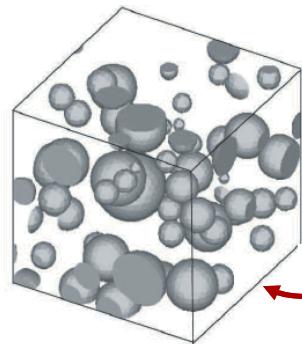
$$2D_z(V) = 2D_z \sqrt{\left(\frac{A_3}{V}\right)^\alpha}$$

Kanit et.al. Int. J. Solids Struct. 40 (2003) 3647-3679

Preliminary Homogenization Efforts

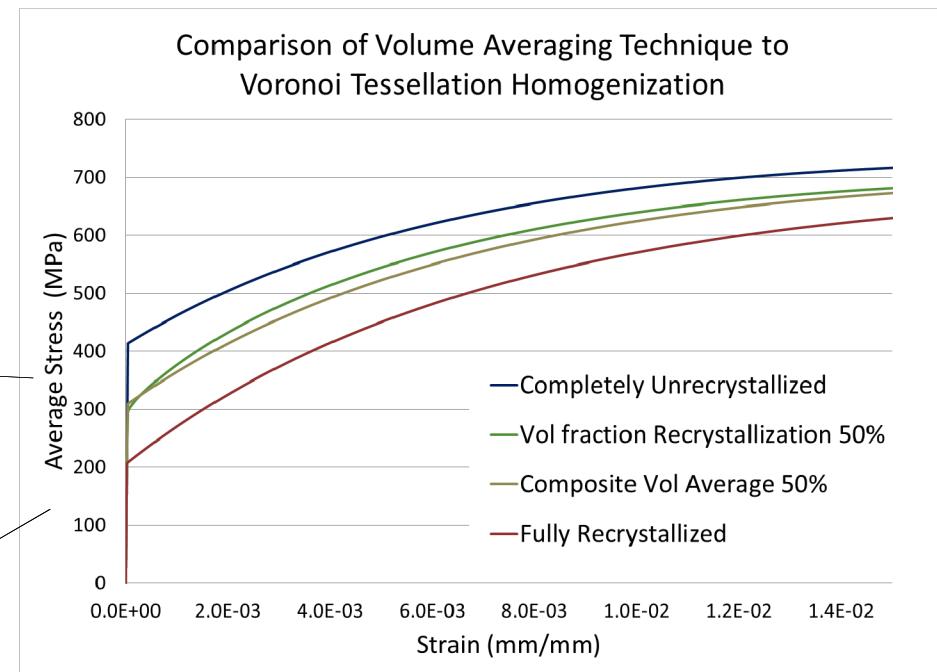
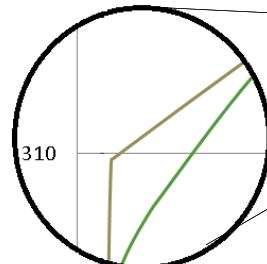
Mechanically periodic boundaries with non-periodic structure

Multiple point constraints allow sides to move while remaining planar



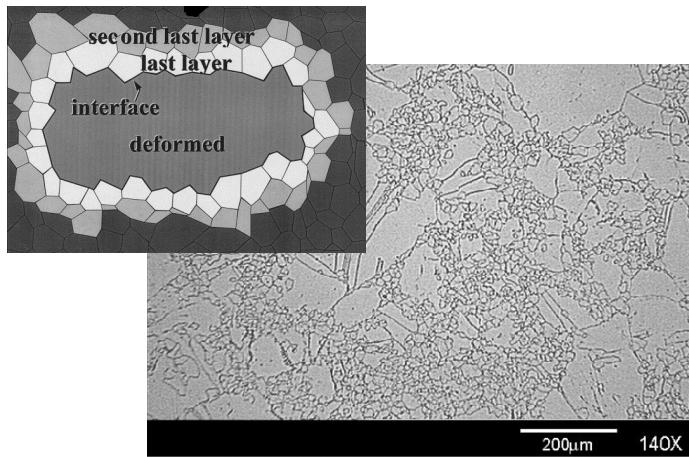
Surfaces constrained to remain parallel to load direction

H. Shen and C. Brinson.
J. Mech. Mat. Struct. (2006)
1179-1204



Volume averaging does not fully predict homogenized response

Accurately Reflect Microstructure



Develop python scripting tool

- Identify interfaces among grains
- Interface elements assigned recrystallized material properties
- Volume fraction dictates thickness

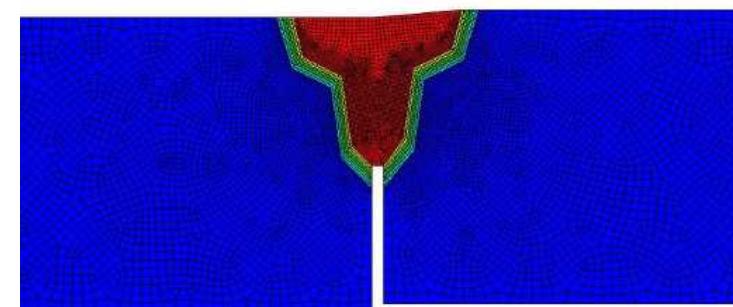
Microstructure informs RVE geometry

E. Barker (2011), Ponge and Gottstein (1998) Acta. Mat.

Weld Heat Affected Zone (HAZ)

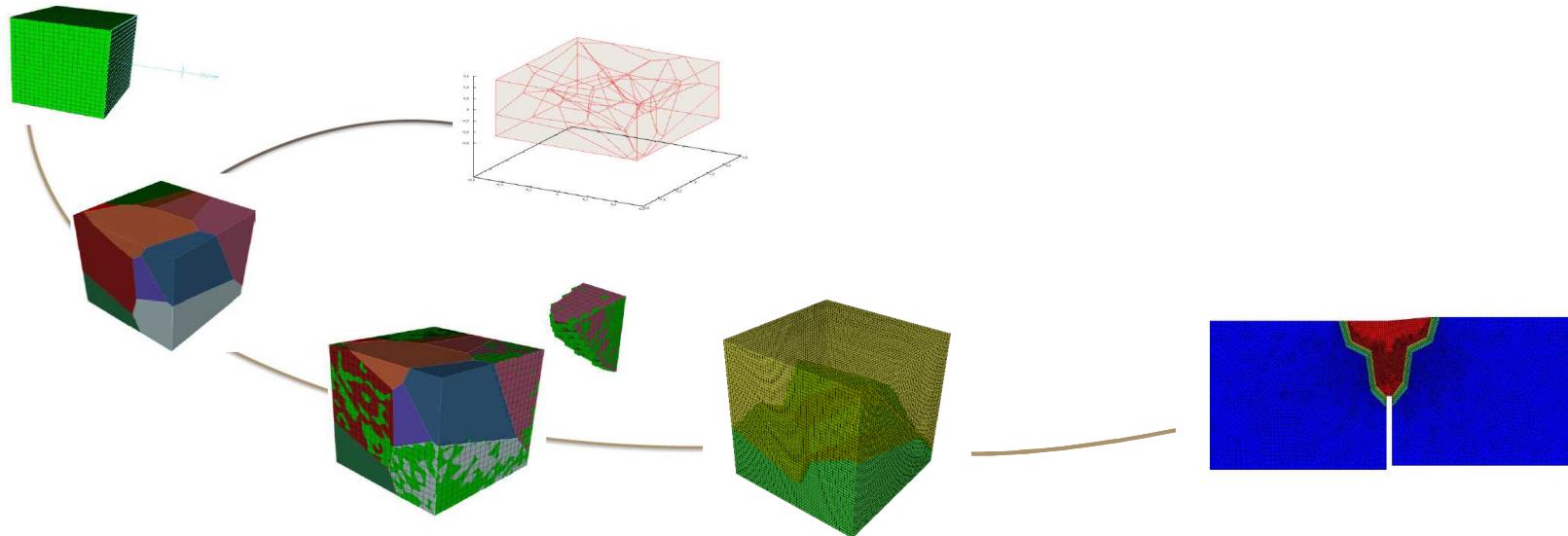
- Model partially recrystallized microstructures in the HAZ
- Effect of variability on macroscale weld response

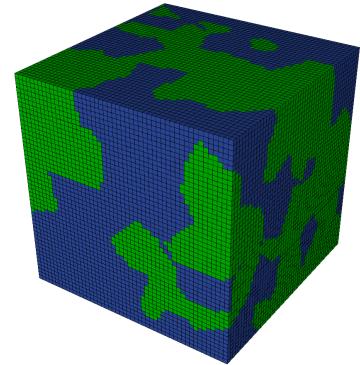
L. Diebler (2012)



Summary

- Validity of continuum recrystallization model examined
- RVE geometry informed by actual microstructure
- Python scripting tools developed
- Target application for Heat Affected Zone (HAZ) model





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