# from c-axis to grainsize - my last 50 years of image analysis 



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"The Deformation of
Mountains Must Indeed Be Examined With the Microscope"

## this talk will be about ...

c-axis
quartz <000|>


## grain size


... and the use of image analysis

# I <br> decades ago - <br> before microstructure and <br> texture analysis went digital 

## when I was young ...


my view of geology

my start in geology


## stereology and point counting ... or how to go from 2D to 3D

find volume density:
Achille Ernest Oscar Joseph Delesse (1817-I88I)

$$
\mathrm{VV}=\mathrm{AA}
$$

August Karl Rosiwal (1860-1923)

$$
V V=A A=L L
$$

Andrei Aleksandrovich Glagolev (1894-I969)

$$
V V=A A=L L=P P
$$



Stereology for Statisticians


## which is all about probabilities ...



## Comte de Buffon

"Mémoire sur le jeu du franc-carreau"


## John Ramsay: $\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{f}} / \varphi$...

## ... or how to measure strain



## Bruno Sander: AVA*) <br> ... or how to map c-axis orientations




Plate III.b. Quartzite, Vikarspitze, Innsbruck; section $\perp b$; 1484 quartz-axes; $\times 25$; A.V.A. (Ramsauer)

## 2 <br> early 'digital image analysis' (vector graphics)

## manual digitisation


boundaries on tablet


polygonal outline (polyline) defined by:

|  | $\#$ | $\mathbf{x}$ | $\mathbf{y}$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | 1. | 457 | 11 |
|  | 2. | 446 | 16 |
|  | 3. | 432 | 36 |
| verteces | 4. | 427 | 49 |
| of polyline | 5. | 443 | 66 |
|  | 6. | 484 | 77 |
|  | 7. | 503 | 68 |
|  | 8. | 470 | 15 |
|  | 9. | 457 | 11 |
| delimiter $\longrightarrow$ | 10. | 9999 | 9999 |

putting the curve on the grid

polygonal outline (polyline) defined by:


## try again



## "Houston - we have a problem


$\Delta L_{x}=20 \mathrm{px}$

| $\Delta L_{y}$ | tan: | angle: |
| :---: | ---: | ---: |
| 4 | $4 / 20$ | $11.3^{\circ}$ |
| 3 | $3 / 20$ | $8.5^{\circ}$ |
| 2 | $2 / 20$ | $5.7^{\circ}$ |
| 1 | $1 / 20$ | $2.9^{\circ}$ |
| 0 | 0 | $0^{\circ}$ |

## "Stand by, I3,

.... we are looking at it"


## small data sets - huge computers



## from $\operatorname{Rf} / \varphi$... when grains were elliptical



CT3 $700^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$


CT2 $800^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$




closed outlines only
$700^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ - high strain

length of surface projection


$$
\begin{aligned}
\mathrm{b} / \mathrm{a} & =0.146 \\
\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{s}} & =6.85 \\
\varphi & =18^{\circ}
\end{aligned}
$$

surface ODF

strain ellipse

## strain - no strain ?

"fact or fiction ?"


## 3

the beginning of digital image analysis (raster graphics)

## time moves on



Wayne Rasband

## NIH Image



Steve Barrett


## types of image analysis


segments

best-fit ellipse outlines


mathematical objects

## image processing vs. image analysis

image processing

image analysis


## some heavy duty image processing



COI image: 2 channels (azi/inc)
RGB color image: 3 channels


## from AVA to CIP



## CIP versus AVA

one grain - one c-axis orientation
procedure:
first segment then color-code

one pixel - one c-axis orientation
procedure:
first color-code then segment


# 4 <br> 3D grain size <br> - an ongoing project 

## short intro: the tomato salad problem



## the effect of using 3D vs. 2D means

## STRIPSTAR

calculates the mode of the volume weighted 3D diameters
vol\%

frequency


## ... have a look





# 5 image analysis today ... by way of an example 

## looking at deformation experiments



Heilbronner, R. and Tullis, J. (2002). Geol. Soc. Lond., Spec. Publ.

| shearing in |
| :--- |
| dislocation creep |
| regimes I, 2, and 3 |
| $\ldots .$. and annealing |


|  | mismem | \% |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 3 | $\int$ | mode D ( $\mu \mathrm{m}$ ) |  | bulk $\mathrm{CPO}_{\text {max }}$ |  |
|  |  |  | reg.l | ~7 | reg.l | 3.8 |
|  | , | \% | reg. 2 | ~8 | reg. 2 | 10.9 |
| \%im | ${ }^{6}$ | 晹 | reg. 3 | $\sim 14$ | reg. 3 | 10.1 |

## ... of Black Hills Quartzite (BHQ)


circular polarization


Heilbronner, R. and Tullis, J. (2006) JGR
volume (\%)


| mode $D(\mu \mathrm{~m})$ |  |
| :--- | :---: |
| undef. | $99 \pm 12$ |
| reg. 3 | $15 \pm 10$ |

## in the meantime, CIP meets EBSD ...



## CIP images from EBSD data



## comparing CIP and EBSD

## regime I (wl092) - shearing



CIP
EBSD


## optical microscopy in the SEM

regime I (wl092) - shearing


CIP
EBSD

Positive CLUT


## BHQ revisited



## true or false ?

"... the recrystallized grain size of the rhomb domain is approximately $12 \mu \mathrm{~m}$ and that of the prism domain is approximately $19 \mu \mathrm{~m}$, corresponding to shear stresses of 93 and 64 MPa, respectively."

Heilbronner, R. and Tullis, J. (2006) JGR

Heilbronner, R. \& Kilian, R. (20I7), Solid Earth.

## CIP segmentation by shape



## EBSD segmentation by texture



EBSD to CIP outlines >75\%


EBSD without grain completion


艺
 $\mathrm{CIP} \approx \mathrm{EBSD}$

## EBSD with grain completion



## grain size as f(curve fit)

regime 1 regime 2 regime 3

(using normal curve fits)

## the infamous 'correction factor'



## put the numbers back into the picture

 image processing
image analysis

property mapping


## grain size mapping


area equivalent diameter

$\underline{\square}$
regime 3 w935


# if you are allergic to 3D grain size 



| Load Macros... | \&9 |
| :--- | :--- |
| grain size map by area | $[\mathrm{A}]$ |
| grain size map by radius | $[\mathrm{B}]$ |
| grain size map by long diameter | $[\mathrm{C}]$ |
| grain shape map - axial ratio | $[\mathrm{D}]$ |
| grain shape map - aspect ratio | $[\mathrm{E}]$ |
| grain shape map - shape factor 1 | $[\mathrm{~F}]$ |
| grain shape map - shape factor 2 | $[\mathrm{G}]$ |
| grain orientation map | $[\mathrm{H}]$ |
| grain size map by requ corr | $[J]$ |
| grain size map by d equ corr | $[\mathrm{K}]$ |

[K] dequ corr

[J] $\mathrm{requ}_{\text {corr }}=$ corrected

[B] $\mathrm{r}_{\text {equ }} \neq$ corrected


## texture dependent grain size

## area weighting of 2D



$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { 2D }
\end{aligned}
$$

## the quartz piezometer(s)


piezometer different for shearing vs. axial ?

- unresolved
texture domains

piezometer different for different domains?
- unresolved


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about texture

## texture strength - spatial resolution



## texture strength - grain size



synthetic random texture
64 by 64 px $=4096$ 'grains'


## texture mapping


so ...?

## to summarize

- what has digital added to manual' image analysis?
- what is the relation between Bambi and Godzilla ?
- should we worry about grain size?
- why should we visualize?


## ... "you can observe a lot by watching"



## 1010 010








## what image analysis teaches you ...


what image analysis teaches you ...

what image analysis teaches you ...

... so why use image analysis ?
because it makes you ...
... look at your data
... play with your data
you may even solve some problems ...
but most importantly ...
... image analysis makes you ask questions

## and finally, ...

... image analysis has let me meet a lot of nice people, who have asked a lot of very intersting questions therefore ...
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