Matlab Interface

- MatlabInterface package is an extension to SCIRun.
- To install the interface:
  --enable-package=”MatlabInterface”
- The MatlabInterface package has no external dependencies and Matlab is not strictly needed to run the interface.

Package layout

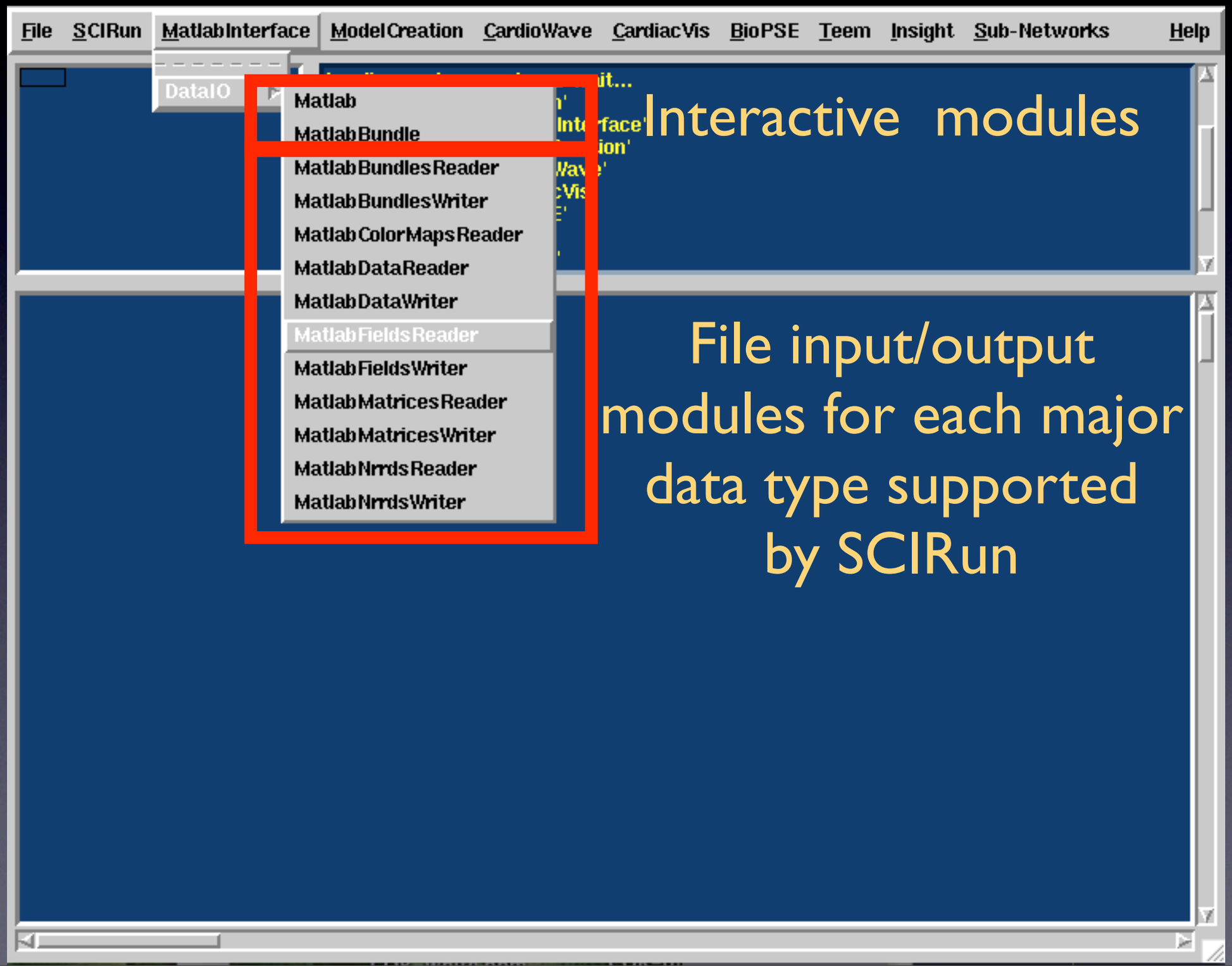
Interactive Interface
that runs Matlab
within SCIRun

Access to Matlab
is only needed for
this core

Plugins for default
readers and writers
to export and import
matlab files
version 1.25 and beyond

Importers and Exports
that let you browse
a matlab file

What is in the package?



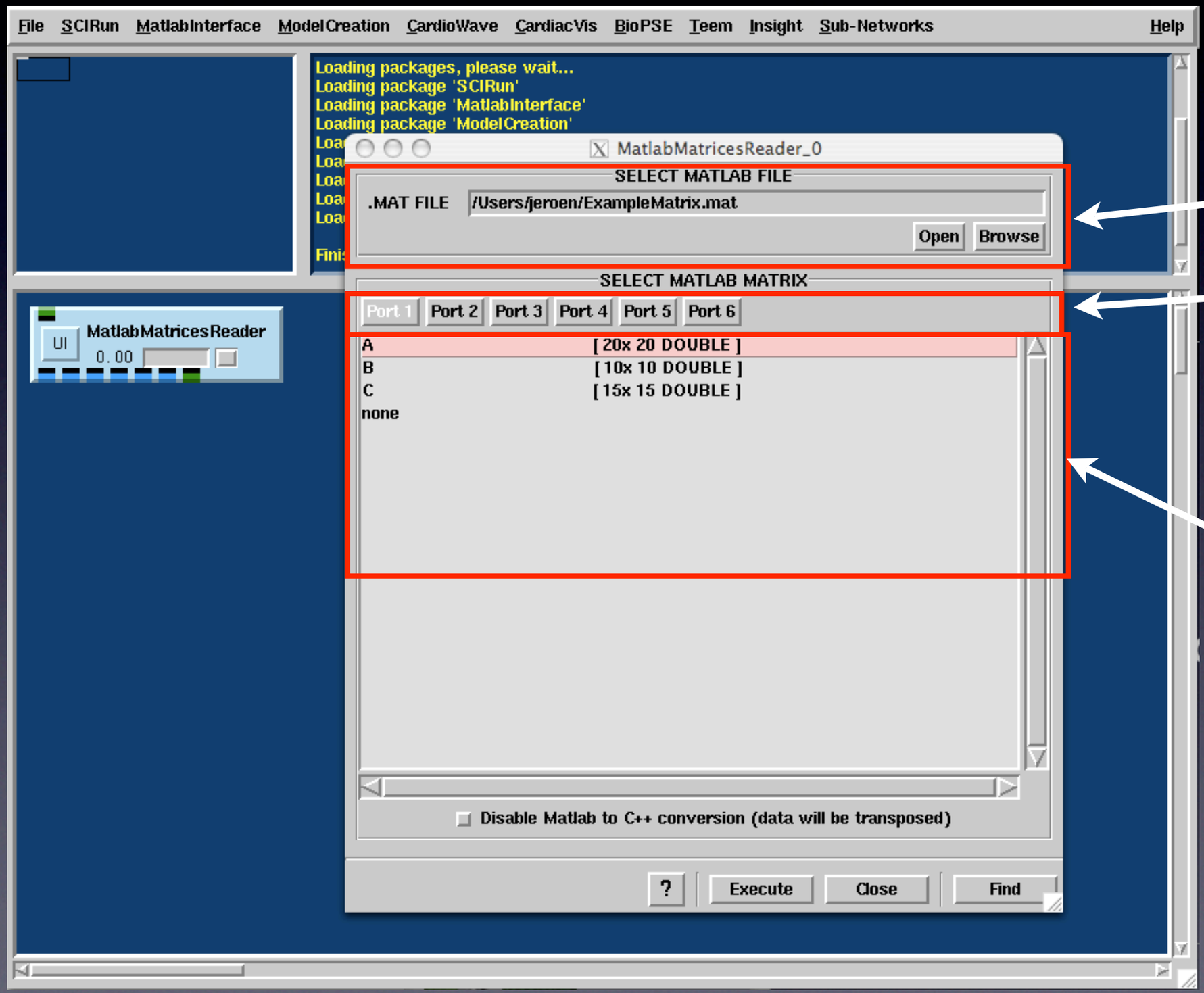
Example 1: Importing a matrix

A sparse or dense matrix in Matlab corresponds to a sparse or dense matrix in SCIRun.

Create an example file in Matlab:

```
>> A = rand(20);
>> B = rand(10);
>> C = rand(15);
>> save ExampleMatrix A B C
```

Example 1: Importing a matrix

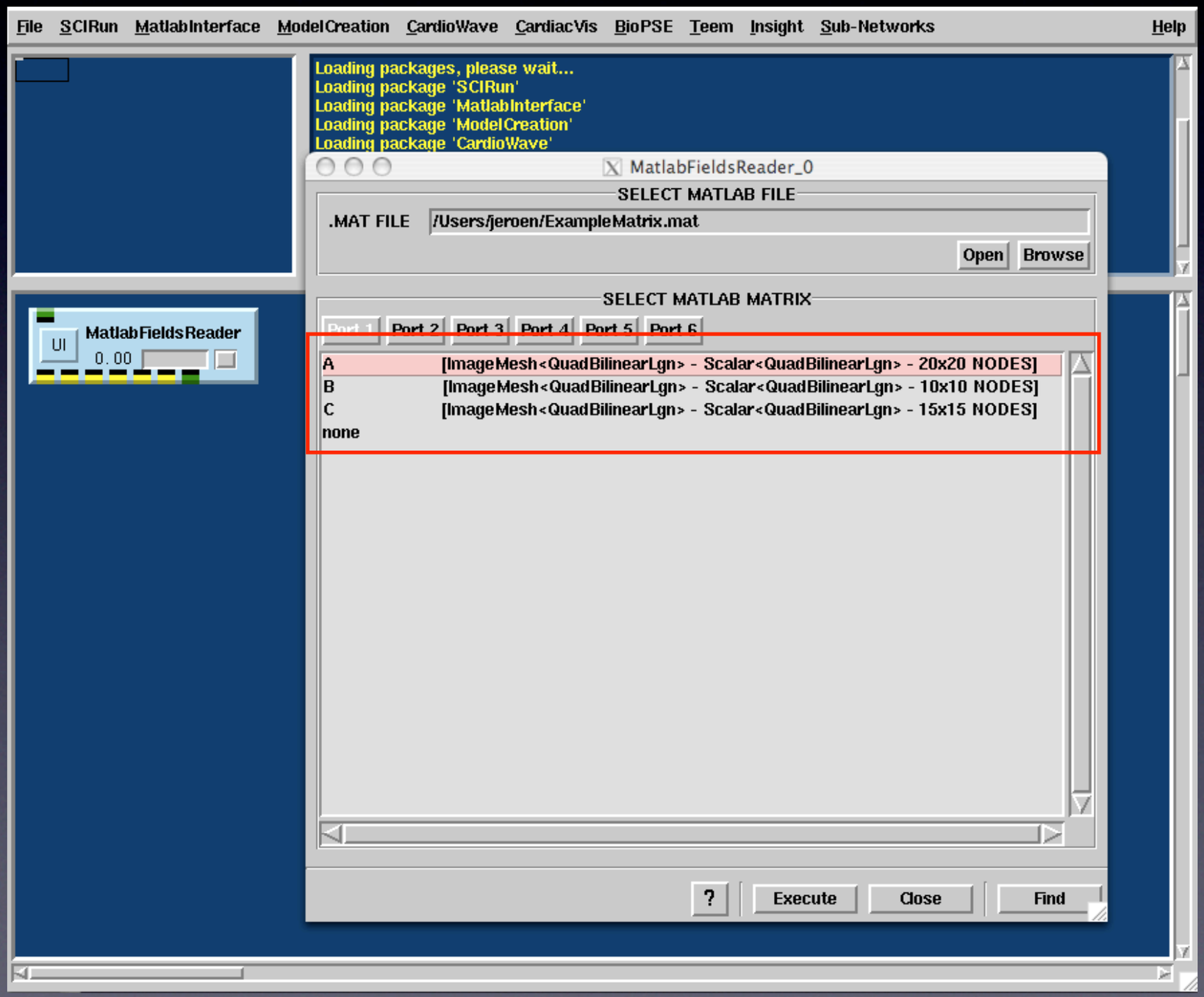


Select Matlab file

Select Module output port

Select which matrix needs to be projected on the selected output port

Example 2: SCIRun Fields



Matrix is now interpreted as an ImageMesh and the data in the matrix is interpreted as the data in the field

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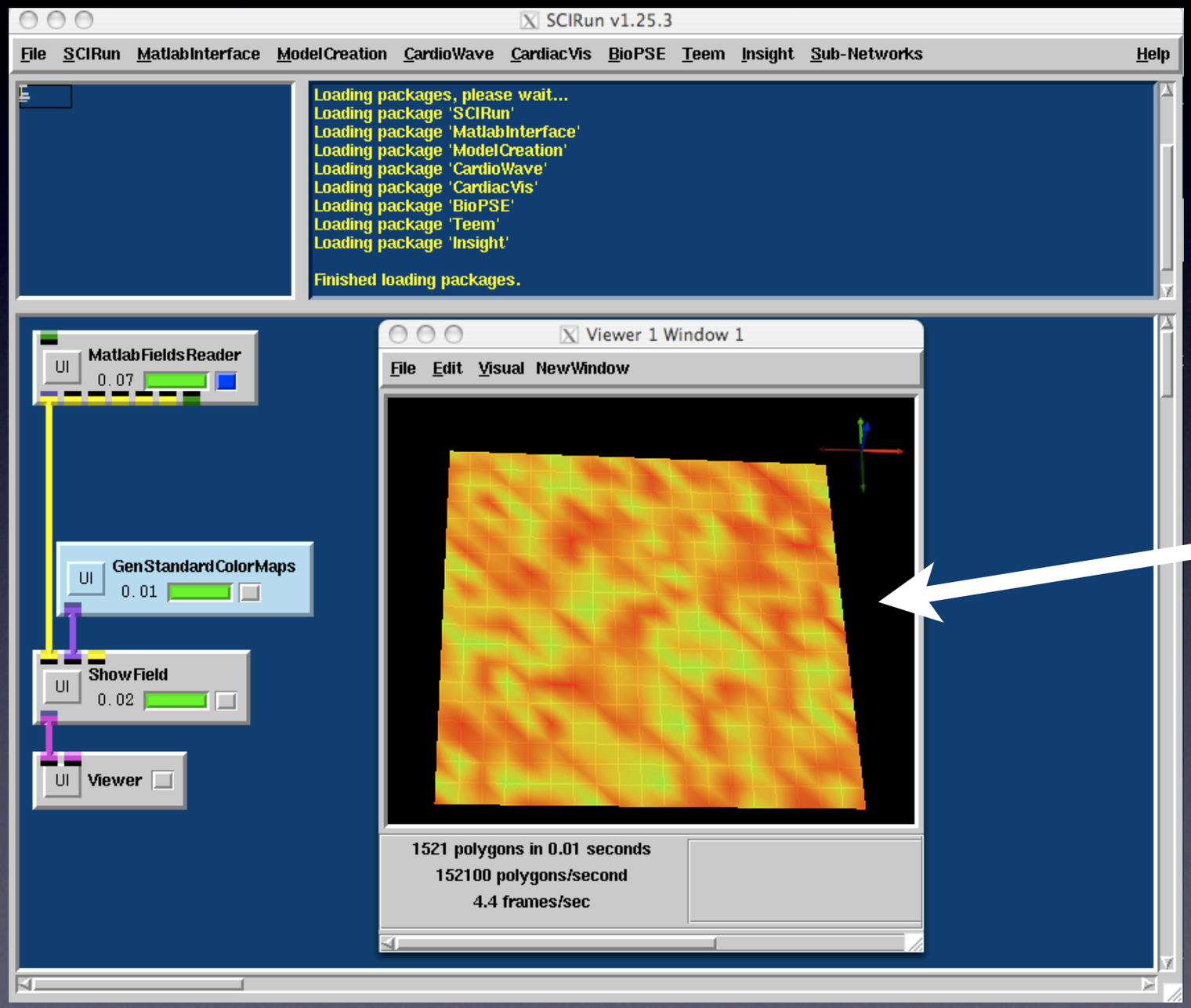


Visualization of the matrix

What about more complex geometries ?

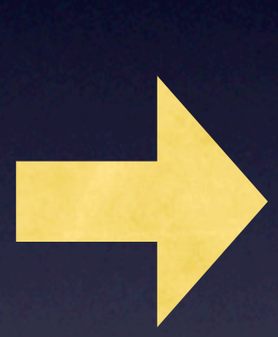
- SCIRun has three major types of mesh classes:
  - Regular mesh with fixed distances between nodes (1D, 2D, or 3D mesh).
  - Structured mesh with variable node positions (1D, 2D, or 3D mesh).
  - Irregular meshes: line, triangular, quadrilateral, textrahedral and hexahedral elements.

Regular Meshes

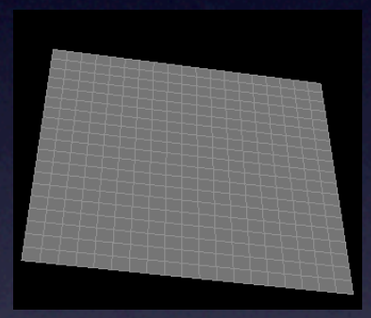
Matlab

SCIRun

2D Dense matrix

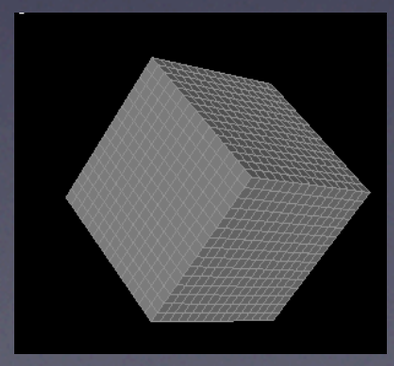


SCIRun Image class



3D Dense matrix

SCIRun LatVol class



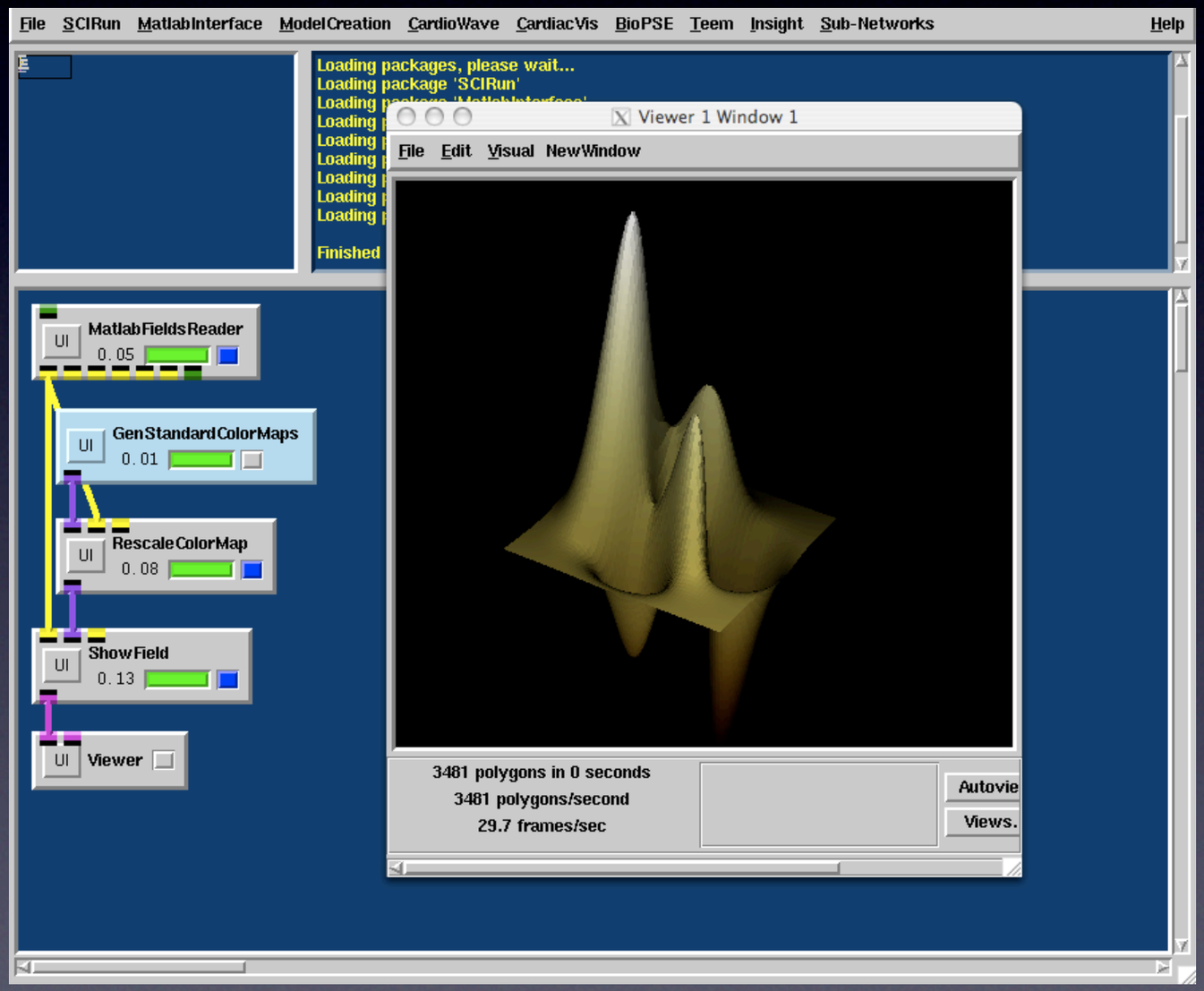
Structured meshes

- We need to provide SCIRun with node coordinates and data values:

```
>> [x,y,z] = peaks(60);

>> sf.x = x;

>> sf.y = y;

>> sf.z = z;

>> sf.field = z;

>> save Example3 sf
```

Matlab Note: The notation <variable>.<fieldname> creates a structured matlab object in which each field can be a matrix or a nested structured array. We use this type of variable to construct most SCIRun objects.

Example of structured mesh



Structured meshes

Field in structured mesh:

.x
.y
.z

Depending on whether the matrix with the x, y, and z positions is a 1D, 2D, or 3D matrix, the object is a 1D, 2D, or 3D Structured SCIRun object.

.field

The field data array should have the same dimensions as the x, y, and z arrays.

If no ‘field’ array is given the object is assumed to be a pure mesh with no data.

If ‘field’ has dimensions that are one smaller than x, y, or z arrays, the data is assumed to be on the cells of the mesh

Unstructured meshes

A point cloud:
.node
.field

A curve:
.node
.edge
.field

A surface:
.node
.face
.field

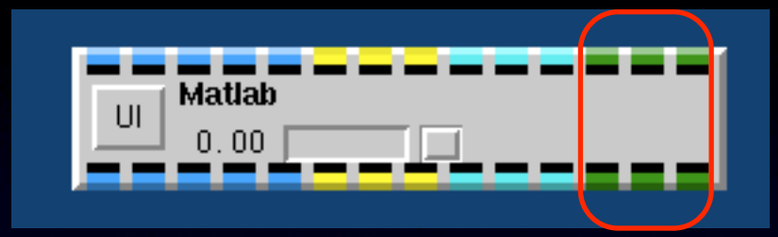
A volume:
.node
.cell
.field

.node is a 3 by N defining all the nodes in the mesh. The points are defined by the x, y, and z coordinates

.edge/.face/.cell defining the connectivity of a mesh. For example for a triangular mesh this should be a 3 by M matrix, defining M triangular elements.

.field are the data values at a node or an element. Depending on whether there are N or M values the interface will assign data on the nodes or on the elements. In case N is M it will assign data on the nodes.

Interactive module



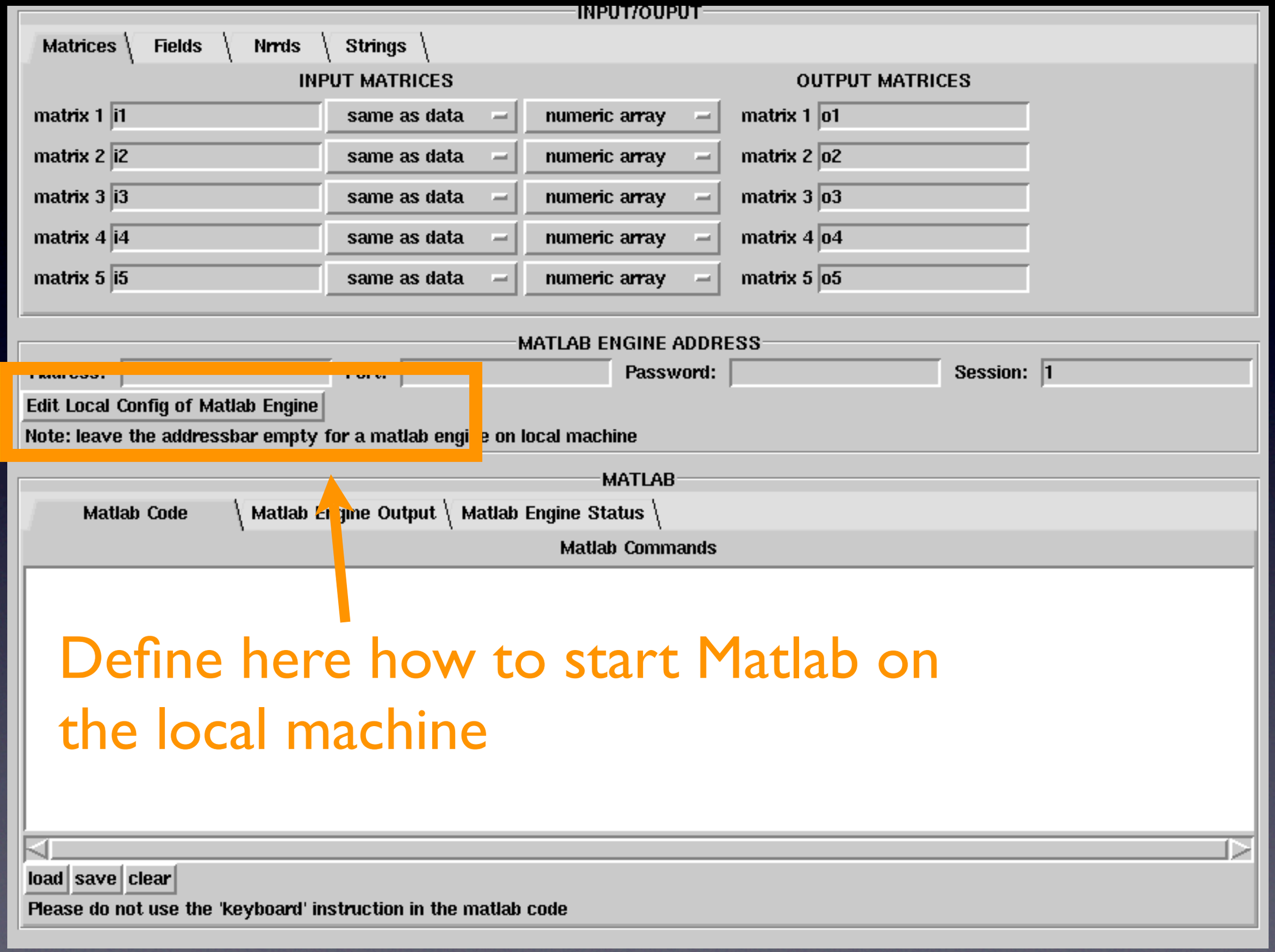
extension in version 1.25

translate object into Matlab object

Matlab

A separate process
under control of SCIRun

translate object into SCIRun object



Define here how to start Matlab on the local machine

For 1.24: ~/SCIRun/services/matlabengine.rc

CONFIGURATION FILE

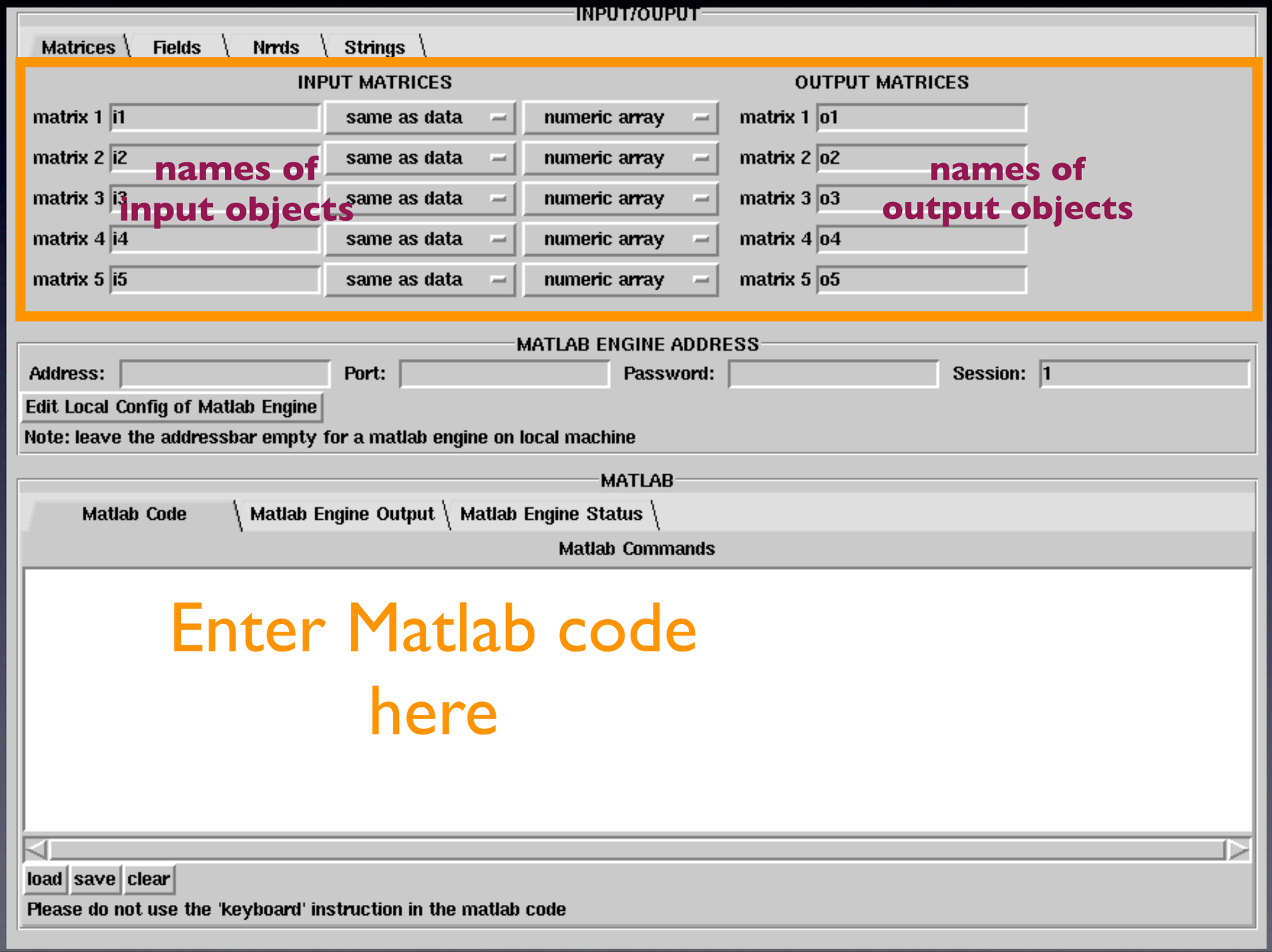
matlab engine configuration file

```
# PASSWORD:
# If this field is set, then the client wanting to use this service over the inte
# needs to supply a password to access the service.
password=

# RHOSTS:
# A comma or space separated list of all clients that are allowed to connect to t
# The list may include the wildcard symbol '*'. Hence the following kind of lists
#
# rhosts= *.sci.utah.edu *.cvrti.utah.edu
# rhosts= 155.140.*.*
#
rhosts=

# DISABLE:
# This setting will disable this service to be used from the internet for each pr
# using this configuration file. The service cannot be switched on.
disable=false

# STARTMATLAB:
# What command a sh shell should execute to start matlab
startmatlab=/Applications/MATLAB71/bin/matlab -nodesktop -nosplash -nojvm

# MATLABTIMEOUT
# After how many seconds to fail if matlab did not start
matlabtimeout=180
```

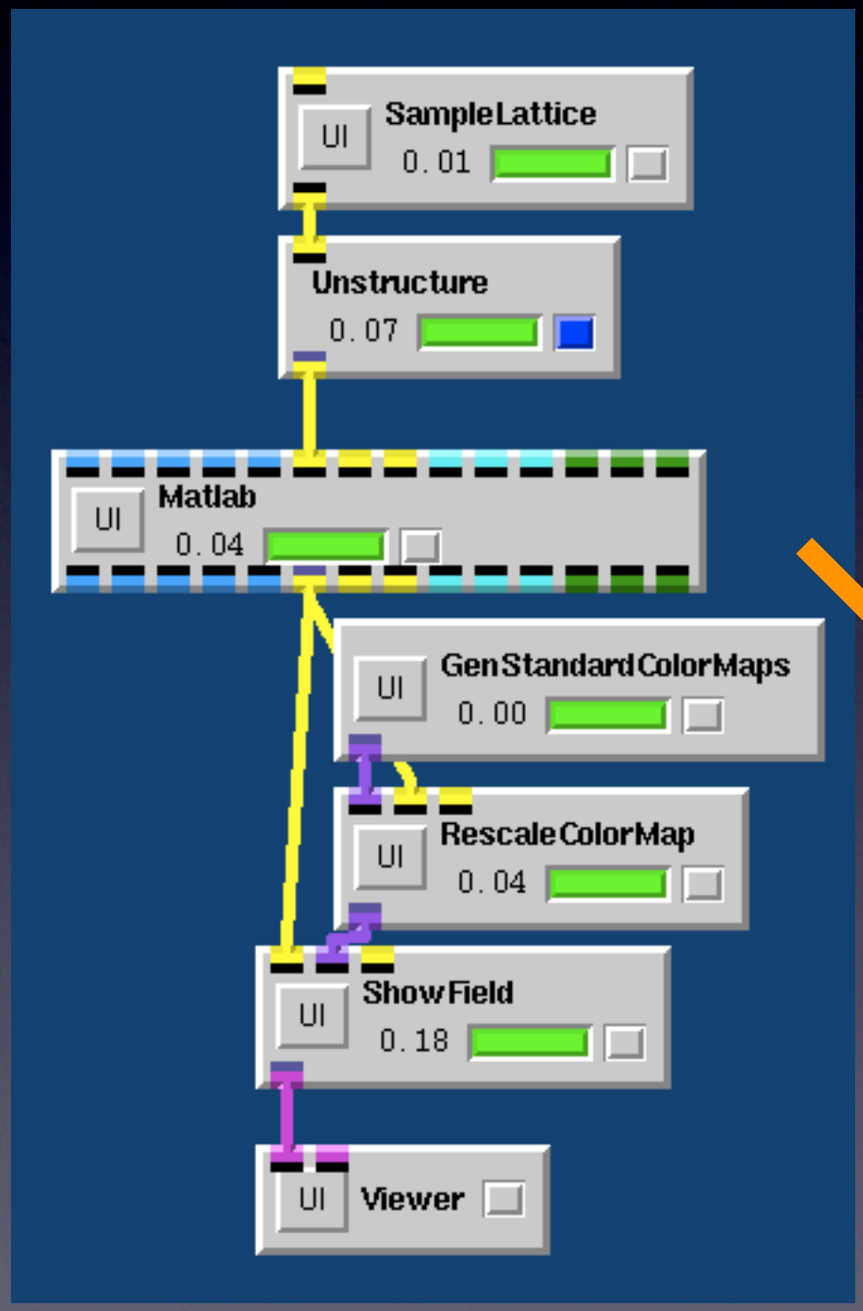
load save

To run Matlab within SCIRun:
use ‘-nodesktop’ and ‘-nojvm’ option:
This will disable the graphical user interface so we can interface with Matlab directly

This section describes how the SCIRun data flow objects are loaded into the Matlab Workspace and which objects need to be grabbed at the end of the session



Example interactive function in SCIRun



INPUT/OUPUT

Matrices | Fields | Nrrds | Strings

INPUT FIELD MATRICES			OUTPUT FIELD MATRICES	
field 1	field1	struct array	field 1	field1
field 2	field2	struct array	field 2	field2
field 3	field3	struct array	field 3	field3

MATLAB ENGINE ADDRESS

Address: Port: Password:

Edit Local Config of Matlab Engine

Note: leave the addressbar empty for a matlab engine on local machine

MATLAB

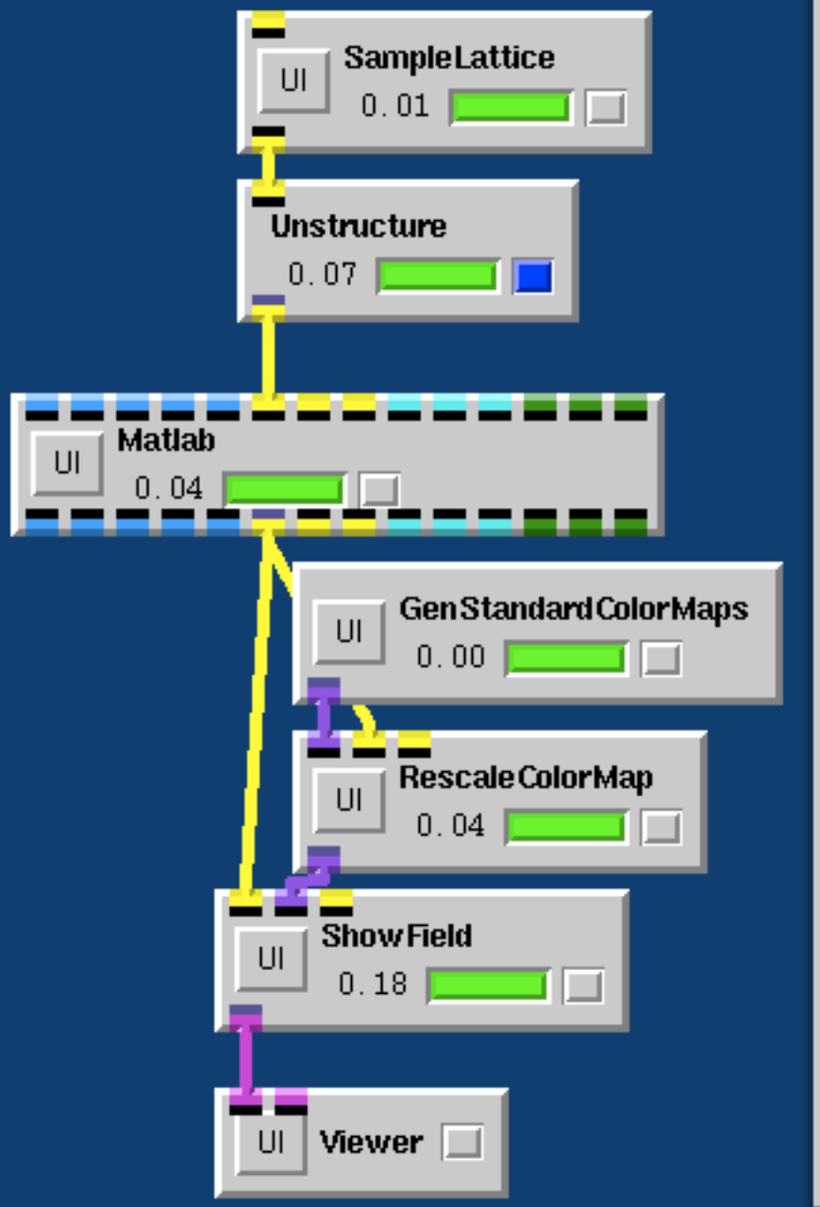
Matlab Code | Matlab Engine Output | Matlab Engine Status

Matlab Commands

```
field1.field = sin(field1.node(1,:)) + cos (field1.node(2,:)*4);
```

load save clear

Please do not use the 'keyboard' instruction in the matlab code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ShowField
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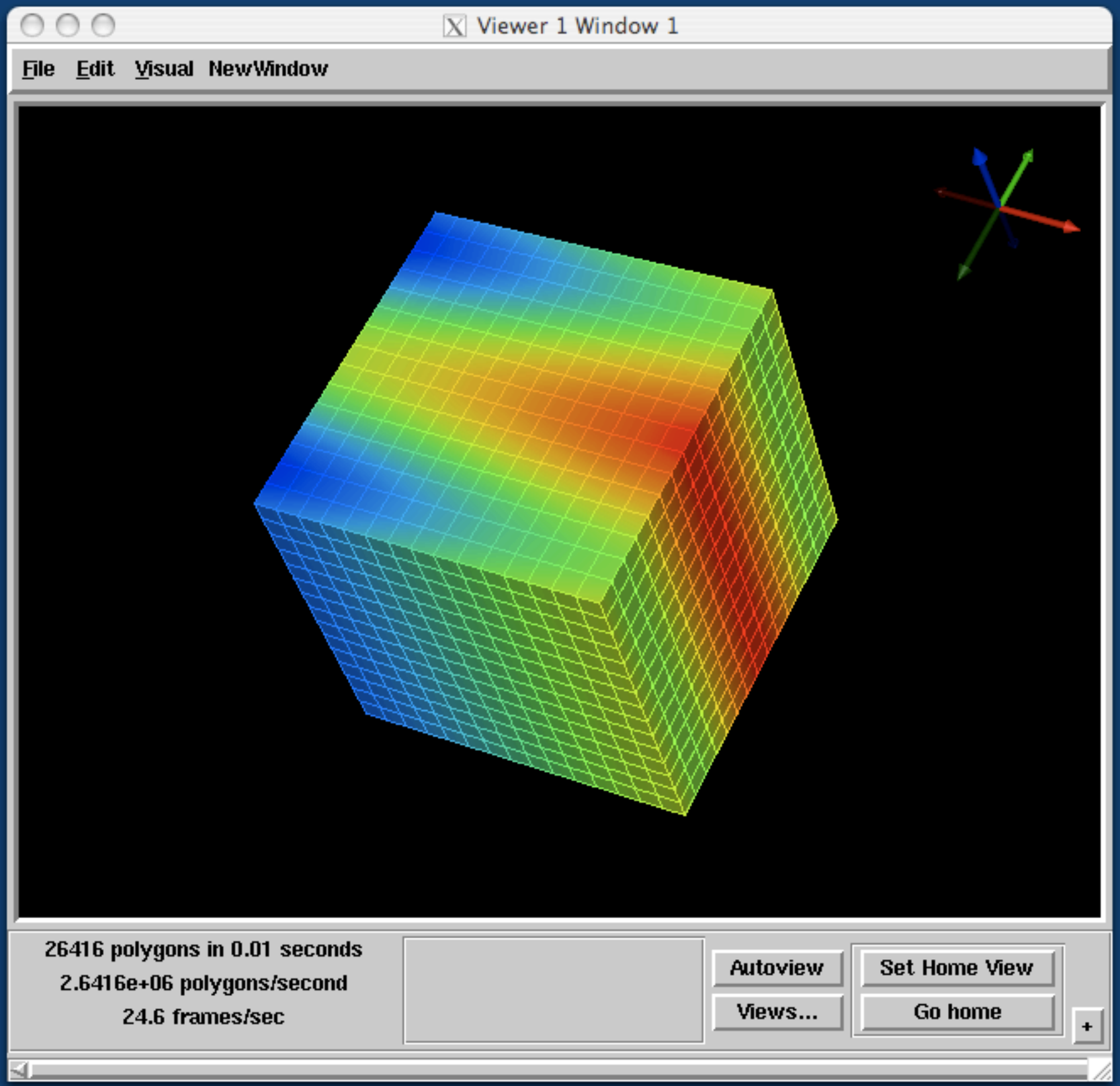
Viewer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24.6 frames/sec
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Go home
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