#### Building a Digital Twin of Additive Manufacturing

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### Motivation

- Additive manufacturing is a big step in digital manufacturing
- Fewer limitations on part design leads to innovation
- But...it also leads to diverse processing conditions
- Having tools to aid in the design of parts is critical to having defect-free, structurally sound parts





# **Digital Twins**

- Creation of a digital twin will enable forward prediction and back-calculation of necessary input parameters
- Need to understand the phenomenon associated with the process



T. DebRoy, W. Zhang, J. Turner, S.S. Babu, Building digital twins of 3D printing machines. *Scripta Materialia*, 2016.

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REALITY Usability of Part			DIGITAL TWIN Prediction of Part Quality	
Post-Processing	Mechanical Properties		Solid-state transformations, coarsening, growth	Empirical relations
Solidification	Defect Prevention		Calculation of solidification parameters	Residual stress, lack-of-fusion defects
Material Properties	Laser-Material Interactions		Temperature dependent material property database	Numerical analysis of heat transfer & fluid flow
System Mechanics	Process Parameters		Numerical representation of system	Process Parameters



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## **Overview – Predicting Product Properties**



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# **Directed Energy Deposition**

- Powder-blown process
- Allows for faster build rates than powder bed processes
- Material deposits on a substrate from nozzle coaxial to the laser



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#### Numerical Model: Bead Shape





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### Numerical Model

Constant geometry is assumed for deposited bead



Knapp et al. Acta Materialia, 2017.



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## Heat source modeling

- Combination of surface heat and volumetric heat source
- Powder is heated in-flight
- Remaining laser power goes to surface of deposit



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### **Computational Resources**

- Rectangular grid: 250 x 30 x 20 (2.5cm long deposit, single pass)
- Grid points: 150,000
- Five constitutive equations (enthalpy, x/y/z velocity, pressure): 750,000 equations per iteration
- Iterate at each time step: 7,500,000 75,000,000 equations
- Typical CPU speed: 2-3GHz (~10<sup>9</sup> operations/second)
- Typically can solve each time step in ~1 second
- Solve single pass in ~2 minutes



### Heat transfer and Fluid flow simulations

- Convection carries fluid from the front to the back of the molten pool
- Largely driven by surface tension gradients (Marangoni stresses)



Temperature and velocity distributions on the curved shaped deposit for stainless steel 316L at 2500 W, 10mm/s. Scanning direction is along the +x-axis.



Comparison with real geometry

- Penetration depth is measured experimentally for SS 316
- Increased power allows more material to be melted, larger bead to form

$$Q = \frac{\left(P_{/\nu_s}\right)^{2/3}}{\left(C_P \varDelta T + L\right)^{2/3}} \, \Box \rangle \, \eta_c = f(P)$$



Comparison of the calculated deposit shape and size with experimental macrograph at the transverse cross section of the build for stainless steel 316L at (a) 1500 W and (b) 2500 W laser power.



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**Thermal history** 

- From numerical analysis, thermal histories can be extracted for each point
- Essential to calculating solidification parameters, temperature gradient (G) and solidification velocity (R)
- Enables coupling to residual stress/distortion model



#### Solidification parameters (G and R)



#### Solidification parameters (G/R)





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- Spatial variations of solidification parameters occur in all three dimensions
- Simple case studies need to be used to validate before using for larger-scale applications

#### Calculate $\Delta T / \Delta t$ for each point







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#### $H_{v} = 3\sigma(0.1)^{2.25-m}$ For SS 316 m = 2.5

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V. Manvatkar, A. De, T. DebRoy, Heat transfer and material flow during laser assisted multilayer additive manufacturing, J Appl. Phys. 116, no. 12 (2014) 124905.



### Product property calculations

 $\lambda = 50 * (GR)^{-0.4}$  $\lambda \equiv SDAS \text{ in } \mu m$ 

$$\sigma_y = \sigma_0 + K_Y(\lambda)^{-0.5}$$
For SS 316
$$\sigma_0 = 240MPa$$

$$K_Y = 279MPa. \mu m^{0.5}$$

#### **Importance of Fluid Convection**

Ignoring fluid convection can lead to over-prediction of cooling rates, and thus miscalculation of mechanical properties.





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### Conclusions

- A number of building blocks for a digital twin of additive manufacturing have been validated
- Transient temperature fields are important, especially for evaluating critical solidification parameters
- Spatial variations in values can be seen
- In simpler alloys, general microstructural features can be predicted that can't be known from an equilibrium phase diagram
- Framework set for building of more complex digital twins

