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Additive Manufacturing: from object reconstruction to component production. A world full of geometrical and modeling challenges!!

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• Introduction

• AM - 3DP: technologies, materials, advantages, open problems

• Design for additive

- Phase-field topology optimization: gradient material
- Adaptive isogeometric analysis

• Process simulations

- o Immersed boundary approach
 - Melt pool: high fidelity simulations
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Additive manufacturing (AM) also known as 3D printing (3DP)
 Different from traditional subtractive (machining / milling) or molding manufacturing





Some AM key-words !!

Native digital technology

✓ Technology which was born digital

Democratic technology

- ✓ Wide machine cost range
- ✓ Democratic manufacturing & production

Material-dependent technology

- ✓ many different technologies & materials
- ✓ 7 classes of processes (ASTM/ISO)
 - Material extrusion
 - Vat Photo Polymerization
 - Material jetting
 - Powder bed fusion
 - Directed energy deposition
 - \circ Binder jetting process
 - Sheet lamination

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Material extrusion FDM (Fused Deposition Modeling)

- Material: thermoplastic filaments (PLA, ABS, HIPS,TPU, TPE, PETG, Nylon, reinforced materials)
- Curing: temperature gradient

Vat Photo Polymerization SLA (stereolithography)

- Material: **photo-polymeric resins**
- o Curing: UV laser



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Material Jetting

- Material: **photo-polymeric resins**
- o Curing: UV lamp
- Possible debinding and sintering step



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AM – 3DP: 7 classes of processes (ASTM/ISO)



Directed energy deposition (DED)

- o Material: metal alloys (Ni, Co, Fe, Al, steel)
- Curing: laser, electron beam, arc





Power bed fusion

- Material: metal alloys (Ni, Co, Fe, Al, steel), ceramics
- Curing: CO₂ laser, electron beam





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Advantages

- Produce complex geometries: close to free-form flexibility
- Produce single device made of multiple components (assembling more parts into a single one)
- Combine different devices and geometries in a single printing batch
- Green technology: reduced waste
- Accelerate design-testing-production process chain (even in our labs)

Disadvantages

- Need of support materials (technology dependent)
- Very localized physics (multi-scale problem, technology dependent)
- Low speed (still a limitation)
- High cost (still a limitation)
- Interaction with further production steps (subtractive or finishing)

Economics (Impact)

- Still production on low volumes: from prototypes to small batches (10.000 components)
- Entire supply chain will be radically changed
- <u>Expected reduction of energy consumption</u> from 5% up to 27% in many sectors

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Design for additive: challenges

- Close-to-freeform flexibility requiring novel design approaches
- Topology and shape optimization as tools for design, focusing on product functionality and production constraints









Topology optimization: goal

- Optimal distribution of given amount of material
- Minimize structure compliance (i.e., maximize stiffness)

Phase-field Method:

• No filtering methods required (cfr. SIMP approaches)

Limit discussion to for linear elastic problems Introduce standard elastic problem in a domain $\boldsymbol{\Omega}$

 $div[\mathbb{C} \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}(\mathbf{u})] = \mathbf{b} \quad in \quad \Omega$ $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{0} \qquad on \quad \Gamma_D$ $[\mathbb{C} \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}(\mathbf{u})] = \mathbf{t} \quad on \quad \Gamma_N$

Introduce description of meso-structure (variable density, lattice):

• Obtain a graded design, i.e., structure with varying density



Objective Minimize structure compliance: $\int_{\Omega} \mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{u} \, d \, \Omega + \int_{\Gamma_N} \mathbf{t} \cdot \mathbf{u} \, d \, \Gamma$ properly distributing material in Ω

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• Messerschmitt-Bölkow-Blohm (MBB) beam

- Applied force = 25 N
- Material: RGD851 rigid polymer from Stratasys (E=2.3 GPa and v=0.3)
- 3D printer machine: Stratasys Objet 260 Connex 3
- Volume fraction = 0.6
- Mass fraction = 0.4

• Results

- 1. Black-and-white structure indicates material presence
- 2. Density continuously re-distributed within material region



Messerschmitt-Bolkow-Blohm GmbH;Paytenet al.1998; Bulmanet al.2001

X 1.0e-04 0.2 0.3 0.4 0.5 0.6 0.7 0.8 1.0e+00



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Phase-field gradient top-opt: numerics, 3D printing &



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experiments

Objective: evaluate optimized versus uniform (same weight) specimen in terms of max. displacements



Results: for the same load, we observe a reduction of 50% as max. displacement

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3D cantilever



3D bridge







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- Adaptive Isogeometric Analysis as presented in **Henning et al. 2016** allows to **locally concentrate** the computational effort at the material interface without any loss of accuracy
- Single material



0.6 0.8 1.0e+00







Work in progres...

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- 60% reduction in terms of DOFs
- 40% less CPU time
- Higher improvement are likely expected for the 3D case...

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Process simulations: challenges

- Large scale range both in space and time
- > Complex physical phenomena to be modeled
- Predict defects due to process







Focus on the most industrially relevant technology: laser powder bed fusion for metal components (LPBF)



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Standard AM-design process

- 3D virtual model is developed within a CAD environment
- Geometry to be repaired
- Conform mesh generated
- Finite element analysis of the process
- To update the geometry, need to go back to CAD software and start procedure once again ...

AM-design-through-analysis

- Thermo-mechanical analyses can be performed directly on CAD models
- STL repair step required only once the final design ready to be printed
- Remarkable computational speed-up for multi-layer high-fidelity analyses of complex geometrical features







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The Finite Cell Method (FCM)

• Initial domain discretization





- > Weak form modified using a parameter α evaluated at Gauss points
- Integration points distributed on sub-cells to accurately integrate over discontinuities at boundaries

• Application to growing domains

- LPBF is a layer-by-layer process
- > Physical domain **grows during the process**
- Distinguish among cell-layers (where shape functions are defined) and powder-layers (where Gauss points are activated)





 $\alpha(\mathbf{x}) \ \alpha(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) = l(\mathbf{v})$

Х	Х	Х	x x x	x x x x
X	x	Х	x x x x	x x x x
Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
Х	x	Х	х	х

with $\alpha(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{cases} 1 : \forall \mathbf{x} \in \Omega_{phys} \\ 0 : \forall \mathbf{x} \notin \Omega_{phys} \end{cases}$



powder

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air

powder

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 t_{n+1}

X

Х

The powder entirely fills

the cell

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Due to problem complexity, need to choose a-priori solution scale

Choose quantities of interested



Input parameters	Range values
Laser power	100÷1000 [W]
Laser speed	0.2÷1.5 [m/s]
Laser spot radius	25÷100 [μm]





Part-scale analysis Low-fidelity simulation



different scale approaches

Objective

- Predict temperature and stress state at the melt-pool length-scale (element size $\sim 10 \mu m)$
- Evaluate melt-pool shape and cooling rate

Model features

- Few laser strokes can be simulated (10÷100 mm length)
- Powder is included in the model
- Phase-change has to be taken into account

Objective

- Predict part deflection after base plate removal
- Evaluate **residual stresses** in the final component

Model features

- **Complete process** is simulated (including post-processing steps, e.g. part removal)
- Powder modeled as conduction BC, not included in the domain
- Latent heat usually neglected

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Mechanical equation

 $\nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma} + \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{0}$

 $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon} = \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^{th} + \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^{el} + \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^{pl}$

 $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^{th} = \alpha^{th} \Delta T \mathbf{I}$

 $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^{pl} = \dot{\boldsymbol{\gamma}} \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial \boldsymbol{\sigma}}$



• Heat transfer equation

$$\rho c \dot{T} + \rho L \dot{f}_{pc} - \nabla (k \nabla T) = 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega^{\frac{1}{1}}$$

$$f_{pc} = \frac{1}{2} \left[\tanh \left(S \frac{2}{T_l - T_s} \left(T - \frac{T_s + T_l}{2} \right) \right) + 1 \right]$$

• Initial conditions

$$T(\mathbf{x},t) = T_0 \quad \text{at} \quad t = 0$$

• Boundary conditions

 $k \nabla T(\mathbf{x}, t) \cdot \mathbf{n} = q^s + q^L \quad on \quad \Gamma_N$

Radiation heat flux: $q^s = \sigma \epsilon (T^2 + T_e^2) (T_e^2 - T^2)$ Laser heat source: $q^L = \frac{2Q\eta}{\pi\rho^2} \exp\left[-2\left(\frac{y - y_0}{r^2} + \frac{x - x_0}{r^2}\right)\right]$

> Obtained fitting measured data with a gaussian distribution



- $\Phi = \sigma_{vm} \sigma_y(\gamma, T) \le 0$
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Material: INCONEL 625

combinations of power and speed

24.08 mm

Ten scan tracks are performed

using 3 different power and

speed combinations

Source: https://www.nist.gov/ambench/amb2018-02-description

In situ measurement field

of view

Adjacent, independent laser scans using 3 different

All scans are performed

from the right to the left

No powder involved

IB melt pool: experimental validation of thermal model



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(AMBench2018)

• Ex-situ measurements of the melt-pool cross



• *In-situ* measurements of the melt-pool length.



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3.18 mm

24.82 mm

ch scan begins outside the field o

w of the NIR camera so that the

camera observes only the steady

state melt noo

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• Heat transfer equation

 $\rho c \dot{T} - \nabla (k \nabla T) = Q \quad \text{in } \Omega$ $Q = \frac{\eta P}{HAV} \quad \text{(heating)}$ Q = 0 (cooling)

• Thermal problem Initial conditions

 $T(\mathbf{x},t) = T_0 \quad \text{at} \quad t = 0$

- Thermal problem boundary conditions $k \nabla T(\mathbf{x}, t) \cdot \mathbf{n} = q^s + q^p \quad on \quad \Gamma_N$ q^s conduction through the upper layer q^p conduction through the powder
- Mechanical equation

 $\begin{aligned} \nabla \boldsymbol{\sigma} &= \boldsymbol{0} \\ \boldsymbol{\varepsilon} &= \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^{th} + \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^{el} + \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^{pl} \\ \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^{th} &= \boldsymbol{\alpha}^{th} \Delta T \mathbf{I} \\ \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^{pl} &= \dot{\gamma} \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial \boldsymbol{\sigma}} \\ \boldsymbol{\Phi} &= \sigma_{vm} - \sigma_{y}(\gamma, T) \leq 0 \end{aligned}$



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Experimental Validation



• Problem setup:

- Part height: 12.5 mm
- # total powder layers: 625
- Layer thickness: 20 μm
- Experimental setup:
 - 4 cantilever beams are printed on a build plate using Inconel 625 using an EOS M270.

A) Parts on the

build plate afte

the huild process

• Part deflection after support removal is measured at the eleven ridges

• Simulation setup:

- 2 FCM discretization with agglomerated layers of 2.5 mm and 0.5 mm thickness, respectively 125 and 25 powder layers / agglomerated layer
- Numerical results:
 - Max. deflection relative error < 5%
 - Almost perfect correlation with experimental measurements (~99%)





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AM: toward a two-level method



Physical domains



Final physical domain Ω Green: component to be printed



Physical domain Ω @ tGray: active domainYellow: dormant domain

Global coarse mesh @ t

as an artificial domain

• fixed throughout simulation

• **dormant region**: numerically



Different scales @ t: Cyan: coarse-scale region Ωt+ **Magenta**: fine-scale region Ωt-.



Full discrete problem @ t

- fine local mesh covers fine-scale region
- coarse global mesh covers entire

domain

Computational grids



Global coarse mesh:

- resolves coarse scale
- covers entire domain

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- **GOAL**: approach problems with small portion featuring a significantly more complex physics
 - o Additive manufacturing / Fluid flow with immersed membranes
- > IDEA: avoid adaptivity, computationally attractive, difficult to generate, possibly with preconditioning issues
 - O **DIFFICULTIES**: problems with time-dependent evolution of region requiring fine mesh
- ORIGINAL TOY PROBLEM: steady thermal problem
- \succ Two regions, Ω_A and Ω_B with different thermal properties





- continuity condition on γ / initial condition
- piecewise heat conductivity β
- Extension to transient & phase transition problems

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As in Fat Boundary Method, split original problem into two subproblems (Global & Local)

Global problem in Ω_+

$$\begin{cases} \Omega_+ = \Omega_A \cup \Omega_B \\ \kappa_+ = \kappa_A \quad \text{in } \Omega_+ \end{cases}$$







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- Since $\Omega_{-} \subset \Omega_{+}$, in Ω_{-} we have two distinct functions at the same time, a local one and a global one
- > Theorem: Two level formulation ($\Omega_{+} \& \Omega_{-}$) is equivalent original formulation ($\Omega_{A} \& \Omega_{B}$)
- ✓ Use two-level formulations to derive a two-level iterative method
- \checkmark Solve iteratively until convergence is reached

Step k (iterate until convergence)

- **k.1** Obtain temperature distribution T_{k+1}^- by solving on subdomain Ω_-
- **k.2** Obtain temperature distribution \tilde{T}_{k+1}^+ by solving on the entire domain Ω_+
- **k.3** Perform <u>relaxation step</u> to obtain a temperature distribution T_{k+1}^+

$$-\nabla \cdot (\kappa_{-} \nabla T_{k+1}^{-}) = f \text{ in } \Omega_{-}$$
$$T_{k+1}^{-} = T_{k}^{+} \text{ on } \gamma$$

$$-\nabla \cdot \left(\kappa_{+} \nabla \tilde{T}_{k+1}^{+}\right) = f \Big|_{\Omega_{+} \setminus \Omega_{-}} + \left(\kappa_{+} - \kappa_{-}\right) \frac{\partial T_{k+1}^{-}}{\partial n} \quad \text{in} \quad \Omega_{+}$$
$$\tilde{T}_{k+1}^{+} = T_{0} \quad \text{on} \quad \Gamma_{D} \qquad \& \qquad \kappa_{+} \frac{\partial \tilde{T}_{k+1}^{+}}{\partial n} = \tilde{q} \quad \text{on} \quad \Gamma_{D}$$
$$T_{k+1}^{+} = \theta \tilde{T}_{k}^{+} + (1 - \theta) T_{k}^{+} \quad \text{with} \quad \theta \in (0, 1]$$

- ✓ Under-relaxation needed, as iterative algorithm may suffer instability ($\kappa_- >> \kappa_+$)
- ✓ Convert in weak form and discretize in the FE spirit (P₂ piecewise quadratic FE)





Linear steady thermal problem with Ω unit square and Ω_{B} top rectangle



$$H = 1.0, L = 1.0, H_{-} = .05, \kappa_{+} = 1.0, \kappa_{-} = 20.0, T_{0} = 20$$
$$q = 2000 \exp\left(-\frac{(.1-x)^{2}}{.0004}\right) \quad H_{-}/H = 5\% \quad \kappa_{+}/\kappa_{-} = 5\%$$

GOAL: investigate error in terms of global mesh size h_+ vs local mesh size h_- **IDEA:** for different levels of h_+ , observe error when refining h_-

Compute solutions for three global uniform meshes: h_+ = 1/20, 1/40, 1/80 Plot error wrt reference solution (u_{ref} on a single fine uniform mesh with h = 1/500)

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- For each curve the <u>rightmost point</u> corresponds to the solution obtained <u>without using the two-level algorithm</u>
- Refinement of local mesh h₋ reduces error for each level of h₊
- Refine the local mesh to gain accuracy
- Accuracy improvements are not less pronounced as we refine global mesh



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Unsteady non linear thermal problem with moving heating source (heating/cooling) Evolving domain, i.e. domain changes in time



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Product simulation challenges

- > Quality control of the final parts
- Material characterization
- Mechanical properties of the printed part





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MOTIVATION: • lattice structure very appealing in terms of lightness

• AM lattice structures with long/expensive mechanical characterization procedure





Lattice mechanical properties





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LPBF product simulations: lattice components



• As-manufactured vs as-designed components

- LPBF processes: introduces defects on the geometry, e.g., geometric defects due to lack of fusion defects
- Influence of defects on 3D printed mechanical properties cannot be neglected (Maconachie 2019)
- As-manufactured geometrical model of the part should be used for a reliable numerical analysis of the product
- Computed tomography (CT): optima choice for acquisition of asmanufactured geometry of 3D printed parts

• Immersed Numerical Analysis of CT-scan

- CT-scan images: very large and usually <u>unaffordable high</u> <u>computational cost</u> to generate a conforming mesh
- As-designed (CAD) models: not reliable for numerical analyses
- Finite Cell Method: possible solution to compute directly on CT-scan images obtaining reliable numerical results with a reasonable computational cost





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LPBF lattice components:



Objective: compare experimental vs predicted response

Experimental settings

- Uniaxial test
- Three-point bending test
- Four octet-truss structures with varying thickness

Comparison

- CAD-based model (commercial codes)
- **CT-based model** (using FCM)
- Experiments

Results:

- CT-based model: well capture experimental data
- **CAD-model:** also for bending rigidity values approx. <u>45% lower than experimental data</u>

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Bending rigidity N/mm

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AM coffee machine: distorsion prediction



Step 1: evaluation of residual distortion









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HP JET FUSION 580 COLOR

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- Technology: Multi Jet Fusion
- Chamber: 332 x 190 x 248 mm
 - Materials: PA12 PA12HR
 - Precision: Up to 10 μm





CONNEX OBJECT 260

- Technology: PolyJet
- Chamber: 255 x 252 x 200 mm
- Materials: Rigid opaque, Vero series, Tango series, Biocompatible materials
- Precision: Up to 20 µm

AM 400 **RENISHAW**

RENISHAW AM400

- Technology: Selective Laser Melting
- Chamber: 250 x 250 x 300 mm Chamber: 600 x 500 x 900 mm
- Materials: SS316L, Al12Mg10, Ni625, Ni718, Ti64AlV
- Precision: Up to 50 μ m

DMG MORI CMX 600V

- Technology: CNC
- - Materials: metals, plastics
 - Precision: Up to 2 μ m



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Metal parts:







Nylon PA12 parts:











60 °C

30

20



Minutes





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3D4Med



• Bioprinting









Concrete 3D printing

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4D printing: devices activated by light or temperature



• industrial research: combination additive-subtractive / component simulation & production

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3D printing ... a real breakthrough technology

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