# Some aspects of Numerical Modelling for Additive Manufacturing

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## Context



Pressurized Water Reactor Vessel Head ⓒNRC







### WHY SIMULATE THE WELDING PROCESS ? OUR MAIN GOALS

#### Requirements

- safety: reliability (quality of welds) and maintainability (mitigation, repair, control, ...);
- manufacturability: welding procedure and process development.

#### Simulation to improve the control of

- welding processes (understanding the limitations, control, limit defects ...);
- effects of the welding operation on the manufacturability and their consequences on the behaviour:
  - residual stresses => structural integrity, e.g. fatigue, stress corrosion
  - microstructure, metallurgy => mechanical strength, joint coefficient



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Modélisation

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## TIG welding process



Tungsten Inert Gas (TIG) Process



[EWM AG, 2022; Nguyen, 2015]

### TIG welding

- refractory electrode;
- input parameters: tension, intensity, welding speed, arc height, electrode geometry, shielding gas;
- output parameters: weldpool shape, velocity field, temperature field;
- TIG welding video: (local, web).







## Observables in TIG welding

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# Comparison with Additive Manufacturing



Figure 3 – Présentation en coupe d'une torche de soudage TIG manuel à refroidissement eau

TIG welding [Paillard, 2017]



Direct Metal Deposition Laser process [Morville, 2012b]

### Additive manufacturing

- S. Morville. Multiphysics modelling of the Direct Laser Metal Deposition process with a focus on surface finish issues (in french). PhD thesis, Université de Bretagne-Sud, décembre 2012b. https://tel.archives-ouvertes.fr/tel-00806691, PDF file;
- same physics but different process parameters (heat source velocity, filler metal).









#### [Bergheau, 2004]

### Thermo-mechanico-metallurgical modelling

- 1. Heat source definition Q;
- 2. Thermal (T nodal), metallurgical (phase content  $p_k$  Gauss points);
- 3. Mechanical (nodal displacement, stress at Gauss points);
- 4. Analysis: residual stresses and deformations.







## Macroscopic modelling: analysis



Figure 32 – Distorsions typiquement rencontrées lors du soudage en V de deux tôles minces assemblées en « bout à bout »

[Feulvarch, 2016]

### Analysis

- deformation: alignment defect;
- fatigue: residual stresses are superimposed to other applied stresses.







## Macroscopic modelling: heat source





[Bergheau, 2004]

#### Heat source

- Goldak (filler material), Gaussian linear attenuation (high energy process), Surface Gaussian;
- problem 1: Heat source calibration depends on material, process and process parameters => costly experiments;
- problem 2: No physical modelling above the melting temperature (higher artificial conductivity).









Physical phenomena in TIG process [Brochard, 2009] + free surface + filler metal







## Context : Mesoscopic modelling: material properties (I)



## Complexity

High temperature material properties difficult to measure (316L steel)

















# Melt pool computation



### Example (S. Gounand)

Tee-like geometry TIG welding, WProcess–Cast3m









## Surface tension in 2D



### Normal and tangential force

$$f_{\text{Tension}} = \underbrace{\frac{\gamma}{R}}_{\text{Surface tension}} n + \underbrace{\nabla_s \gamma}_{\gamma \text{ surface gradient (Marangoni effect)}}$$



















### Anisotropic grain structure (A. Baumard)

- A. Baumard, D. Ayrault, O. Fandeur, C. Bordreuil, and F. Deschaux-Beaume. Numerical prediction of grain structure formation during laser powder bed fusion of 316l stainless steel. Materials & Design, 199:109434, 2021. URL https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0264127520309709;
- Experimental-numerical comparison;
- Macroscopic modelling: Finite Element thermal analysis;
- Mesoscopic modelling: Cellular Automata grain growth model (phenomenological, driven by surfusion);
- [Gandin and Rappaz, 1994].











*Powder bed laser fusion installation (PIMM – ENSAM, France)* 

#### Process parameters

•  $P = 400 \text{ W}, d = 150 \, \mu\text{m}, \lambda = 1030 \, \text{nm}, v = 400 \, \text{mm} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$ 









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### Finite Element Analysis

- 4 geometric parameters Goldak heat source q;
- $\rho c_p \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = \Delta T + q$  Finite element solver: Cast3m



• Molten pool videos: raw, powder bed





# CAFE : grain structure (IV)



### Cellular Automata

- Fine Cartesian Grid;
- In-house Fortran 2008 code chained with Cast3m
- Grain structure videos: longitudinal view (local, web) and top view (local, web).









Grain structure				
		Avg cross-sectional area $(\mu m^2)$	Avg diameter (µm)	Aspect ratio
Substrate	Experimental	509	25.5	1.5
	Numerical	390	22.3	1.8
Fusion line	Experimental	380	22.0	3.4
	Numerical	546	26.4	3.0

















# Thermomechanics : context (I)

### 316L WAAM Mock-up for residual stresses (S. Pascal)

- C. Cambon, S. Rouquette, I. Bendaoud, C. Bordreuil, R. Wimpory, and F. Soulie. Thermomechanical simulation of overlaid layers made with wire + arc additive manufacturing and GMAW-cold metal transfer. Welding in the World, 64(8):1427–1435, 2020. URL https://doi.org/10.1007/s40194-020-00951-x;
- Experimental-numerical comparison;
- Macroscopic modelling: Finite Element transient non-linear thermal analysis;
- Macroscopic modelling: Finite Element static non-linear mechanical analysis (small and large displacements; 3 behavior laws: perfect plasticity, linear isotropic hardening, linear kinematic hardening);









## Thermomechanics : experimental setup (II)









# Thermomechanics : thermal analysis (III)



### Finite Element thermal Analysis

- Spherical Gaussian heat source;
- P = 2600 W (first pass) 2000 W , d = 37 s,  $v = 0,36 \text{ m} \cdot \text{min}^{-1}$ ;
- Video: temperature







## Thermomechanics : mechanical analysis (IV)



### Finite element mechanical analysis

- Linear isotropic hardening, large displacements;
- Video: Von Mises stress

















### Conclusions

- welding, additive manufacturing: major role of surface tension on the melt pool shape and fluid flow;
- multiphysics ⇒ more material properties, numerically harder, better physical insights and predictions;
- usefulness of multimodel coupling or chaining;
- multiscale necessity depends on the simulation goals.





# Conclusions (II)

### Outlook

- better characterization of material properties especially for liquid metals (ex: 50% error for  $\partial \gamma / \partial T$  Eustathopoulos and Drevet [2017]);
- measurement techniques in the melt pool: velocity, temperature;
- multiphysics: uncertainty quantification ? (error bars for numerical results);
- more physics: metal evaporation, turbulence...;
- more coupling or chaining: arc-melt pool, grain structure-behavior laws;
- numerics: efficient linear solvers for badly-conditionned linear systems, automatic, adaptive meshing...







# Conclusions (III)

### Training sessions (S. Pascal)

Thermomechanical modeling of Additive Manufacturing in Cast3m



October, 21 2022, just after a beginners' course.

See http://www-cast3m.cea.fr/, Training Sessions tab.

### Doctoral course (in french)

Metallic Additive Manufacturing (50 hours spread over 2 years) at Paris-Saclay University scheduled March, 2023. See https://www.adum.fr/psaclay/formations.pl?mat=289085.







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