MODULE 1:
INTRODUCTION

Computational Materials Science and Engineering
I. What is CMSE
What is CMSE?

- Computational Materials Science and Engineering

The application of computational tools to materials discovery, characterization, design, testing, and optimization.

- Integrated Computational Materials Engineering

Integration of materials information, captured in computational tools, with engineering product performance analysis and manufacturing process simulation.

What is CMSE?

The Theory

The Will

The Way
Materials are governed by (mostly known) physical laws.

We can probe materials behavior in three ways:

- Experiment
- Theory
- Computation
The third pillar

- Computation presents a third way to do science by performing *in silico experiments*

- Computer models of materials governed by physical laws allow us to answer similar questions as “real” experiments

  properties  behavior  hypothesis testing  “what if...”
MatSE is multiscale

- Physics, chemistry, chemical engineering, mechanical engineering all have long-standing computational traditions.
- The “action” in these disciplines tends to be confined to a single scale (smallest - quantum - or largest - continuum).

http://www.icams.de/content/research-at-icams/index.html
MatSE is inherently multiscalar and multiphysical.

Relative latecomer to mature computational approaches.
MatSE is multiscale

Need to determine which lengths scales are essential for the particular engineering requirement

1 m
Engine Block

1 – 10 mm
Macrostructure
- Grains
- Macroporosity

Properties
- High cycle fatigue
- Ductility

10 – 500 um
Microstructure
- Eutectic Phases
- Dendrites
- Microporosity
- Intermetallics

Properties
- Yield strength
- Tensile strength
- High cycle fatigue
- Low cycle fatigue
- Thermal Growth
- Ductility

1-100 nm
Nanostructure
- Precipitates

Properties
- Yield strength
- Thermal Growth
- Tensile strength
- Low cycle fatigue
- Ductility

0.1-1 nm
Atomic Structure
- Crystal Structure
- Interface Structure

Properties
- Thermal Growth
- Yield Strength

But CMSE is catching up!

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- **Ab-initio**
  - Code: Qbox/LATTE
  - Motif: Particles and wavefunctions, plane wave DFT, ScalAPACK, BLACS, and custom parallel 3D FFTs
  - Prog. Model: MPI + CUBLAS/CUDA

- **MD**
  - Code: SPaSM(ddcMD/CoMD)
  - Motif: Particles, explicit time integration, neighbor and linked lists, dynamic load balancing, parity error recovery, and in situ visualization
  - Prog. Model: MPI + Threads

- **Long-time**
  - Code: SEAKMC
  - Motif: Particles and defects, explicit time integration, neighbor and linked lists, and in situ visualization
  - Prog. Model: MPI + Threads

- **Phase Field**
  - Code: AMPE/GL
  - Motif: Regular and adaptive grids, implicit time integration, real-space and spectral methods, complex order parameter
  - Prog. Model: MPI

- **Dislocation**
  - Code: ParaDiS
  - Motif: “segments” Regular mesh, implicit time integration, fast multipole method
  - Prog. Model: MPI

- **Crystal**
  - Code: VP-FFT
  - Motif: Regular and irregular grids, tensor arithmetic, meshless image processing, implicit time integration, 3D FFTs
  - Prog. Model: MPI + Threads

- **Continuum**
  - Code: ALE3D/LULESH
  - Motif: Regular and irregular grids, explicit and implicit time integration
  - Prog. Model: MPI + Threads

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https://www.xstackwiki.com/index.php/ExMatEX
And enabling ICME
II. Why CMSE / ICME?
Moore’s Law

- Gordon Moore’s 1965 prediction (just) continues to hold
- Modern computation is cheap and powerful

http://www.eeweb.com/blog/alex_toombs/the-potential-for-the-end-of-moores-law
What is driving CMSE?

- Industry, government, and academia are united (!)
- CMSE will **drive innovation and discovery**
- Critical to:

  **address national goals**
  (mineral security, military hardware, biomedicine)

  **bring new products to market**
  (renewable energy, advanced electronics, prosthetics)

  **train next-generation workforce**
  (knowledge economy, domestic competitiveness)
Materials Genome Initiative
for Global Competitiveness

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In summary, advanced materials are essential to human well-being and are the cornerstone for emerging industries. Yet, the time frame for incorporating advanced materials into applications is remarkably long, often taking 10 to 20 years from initial research to first use. The Materials Genome Initiative is an effort that will address this problem through the dedicated involvement of stakeholders in government, education, professional societies, and industry, to deliver: (1) the creation of a new materials-innovation infrastructure, (2) the achievement of national goals with advanced materials, and (3) the preparation of a next-generation materials workforce to sustain this progress. Such a set of objectives will serve a more competitive domestic manufacturing presence — one in which the United States will develop, manufacture, and deploy advanced materials at least two times faster than is possible today, at a fraction of the cost.
Global competitiveness of manufacturing firms requires accelerated materials development and deployment. CMSE can compress development pipeline by eliminating laborious, costly, and lengthy experimental “trial and error.” Validated computational models to perform: prototyping, screening, materials selection, failure analysis, forensics, optimization, reliability testing.
Case Study: Ford Motor - Virtual Aluminum Casting (VAC)

Integrated computational tools for design of Al powertrain

Reduced experimental iterations and optimized processing

Development time shortened by 15-20%  
Cost savings of $10-20M p.a.
Computational Materials Science and Engineering Education: A Survey of Trends and Needs

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Results from a recent reevaluation of the state of computational materials science and engineering (CMSE) education are reported. Surveys were distributed to the chairs and heads of materials programs, faculty members engaged in computational research, and employers of materials scientists and engineers, mainly in the United States. The data was compiled to assess current course offerings related to CMSE, the general climate for introducing computational methods in MSE curricula, and the requirements from the employers’ viewpoint. Furthermore, the available educational resources and their utilization by the community are examined. The surveys show a general support for integrating computational content into MSE education. However, they also reflect remaining issues with implementation, as well as a gap between the tools being taught in courses and those that are used by employers. Overall, the results suggest the necessity for a comprehensively developed vision and plans to further the integration of computational methods into MSE curricula.

INTRODUCTION

Materials science and engineering (MSE) encompasses metallurgy, semiconductors, ceramic engineering, and polymer science. It is a multidisciplinary field that enables new technologies required to address a wide variety of critical challenges facing society, such as clean energy production. While traditionally viewed as an experimental discipline, many researchers have begun to take advantage of rapidly growing computing resources and associated algorithmic and theoretical developments, and the capabilities of integrated computational approaches are increasingly being utilized to accelerate materials design and development. Recent National Research Council (NRC) reports have indicated that successful integration of computational tools has also begun to be demonstrated in industrial settings, comparing its potential impact to that of bioinformatics. The reports summarized recommendations that include incorporation of computational modules into a broad range of materials science courses in order to train the next generation of materials engineers with the abilities required to exploit these tools. However, the degree to which such efforts are already underway, and what steps must still be taken to address these NRC recommendations remain unclear. Therefore, we have undertaken a survey of the field to assess the current status of computational materials science and engineering (CMSE) education. A summary is presented below, which serves as an update to a previously published report based on similar surveys performed in 2003–2004. See the sidebar on page 13 for a survey description and the list of respondents.

UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION IN CMSE

The status of undergraduate CMSE curricula was assessed through five survey questions directed to department chairs, as well as corresponding questions included in the survey target.

1. Introduction

Materials science and engineering (MSE) is a discipline which has grown substantially from its original roots in metallurgy and ceramic and polymer engineering. Traditionally, significant research breakthroughs in this discipline have been driven mainly by advances in experimental techniques, rather than by theory or modeling. However, recent advances in theoretical and numerical methods, coupled with an explosion in available computational resources, has led to enormous progress in the development and integration of modeling techniques applicable to the study of a wide range of materials systems and properties. Modelling and simulation tools are thus finding increasing applications not only in fundamental materials science research, but also in real-world design and optimization of new materials. The relatively new field of computational materials science is continuing to find a growing number of practitioners not only in academia and national labs but also, increasingly, in industry.

The growing impact of computational materials research is clear. In surveying the publications in Acta Materialia during 2003, one out of five articles included at least one of the two words "simulat**" and "comput**" in the key words (including the title and the abstract) [1].
Academia

- Role of academy to **develop CMSE tools** (research) and **train practitioners in their use** (education)

- Studies have identified a role for formal undergraduate and graduate CMSE training to support:
  - graduate placement in industry and national labs
  - improved employee productivity and expanded skill set
  - provision of expertise for post-graduate research

- Other key findings:
  - academic / industrial mismatch in software focus
  - industry privileges software skills, not programming
  - familiarity and competency with range of CMSE software
  - “hands-on” experimental labs, but not computational

The program must demonstrate that graduates have: the ability to apply advanced science (such as chemistry and physics) and engineering principles to materials systems implied by the program modifier, e.g., ceramics, metals, polymers, composite materials, etc.; an integrated understanding of the scientific and engineering principles underlying the four major elements of the field: structure, properties, processing, and performance related to material systems appropriate to the field; the ability to apply and integrate knowledge from each of the above four elements of the field to solve materials selection and design problems; the ability to utilize experimental, statistical and computational methods consistent with the goals of the program.
MatSE departments have / are incorporating CMSE into the undergraduate and graduate curriculum
(MIT, Purdue, Cornell, Berkeley, UNT, UVa)

CMSE provision by incorporating into existing courses or establishing a new course offering

**MSE 485 - Atomic-Scale Simulations** offers deep exposure to classical simulation and statistical mechanics

**MSE 404 - Computational MatSE MICRO + MACRO, ELA + PLA** offers broad hands-on exposure to industrial CMSE tools
III. CMSE tools
http://iweb.tms.org/forum/

http://nanohub.org/

http://www.mcc.uiuc.edu/

http://matdl.org/
Software tools

So many...

- Electronic structure
  (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_quantum_chemistry_and_solids_state_physics_software)

- Molecular simulation

- Finite element
  (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_finite_element_software_packages)

- Phase equilibria
  (FactSage, MTDATA, PANDAT, MatCalc, JMatPro, Thermo-Calc)

- CAD
  (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Category:Computer-aided_design_software)
IV. Surveys
Entrance Survey

https://illinois.edu/fb/sec/3019895