

# MODULE I: INTRODUCTION

Computational Materials Science and Engineering

# **I. What is CMSE**

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- Computational Materials Science and Engineering

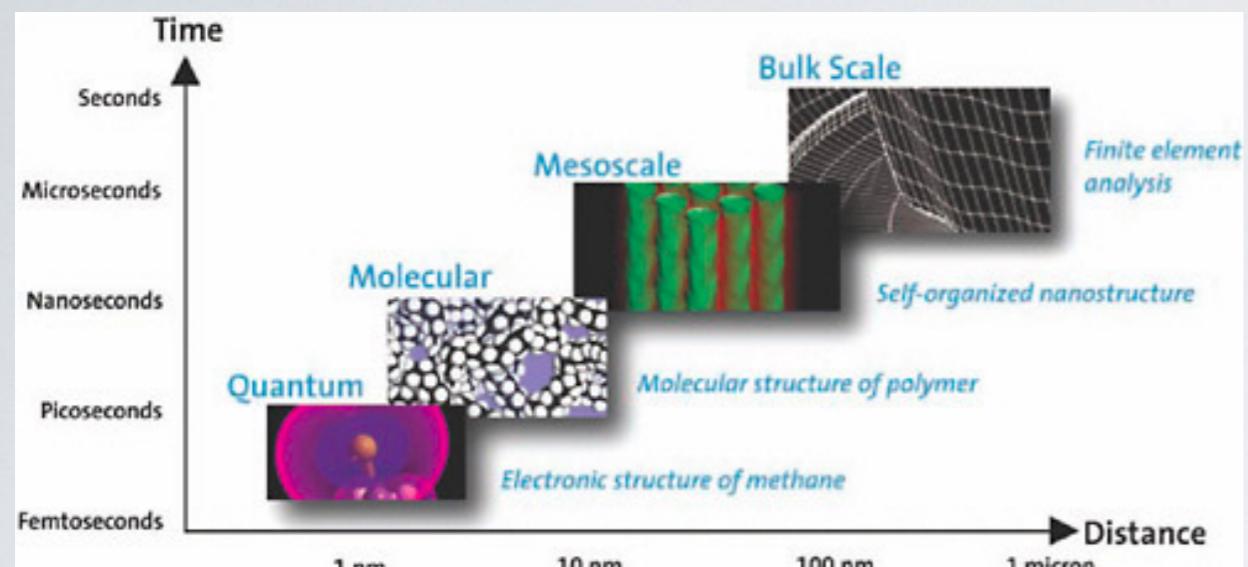
**The application of computational tools to materials discovery, characterization, design, testing, and optimization.**

- Integrated Computational Materials Engineering

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

- NAE ICME Report (2008)

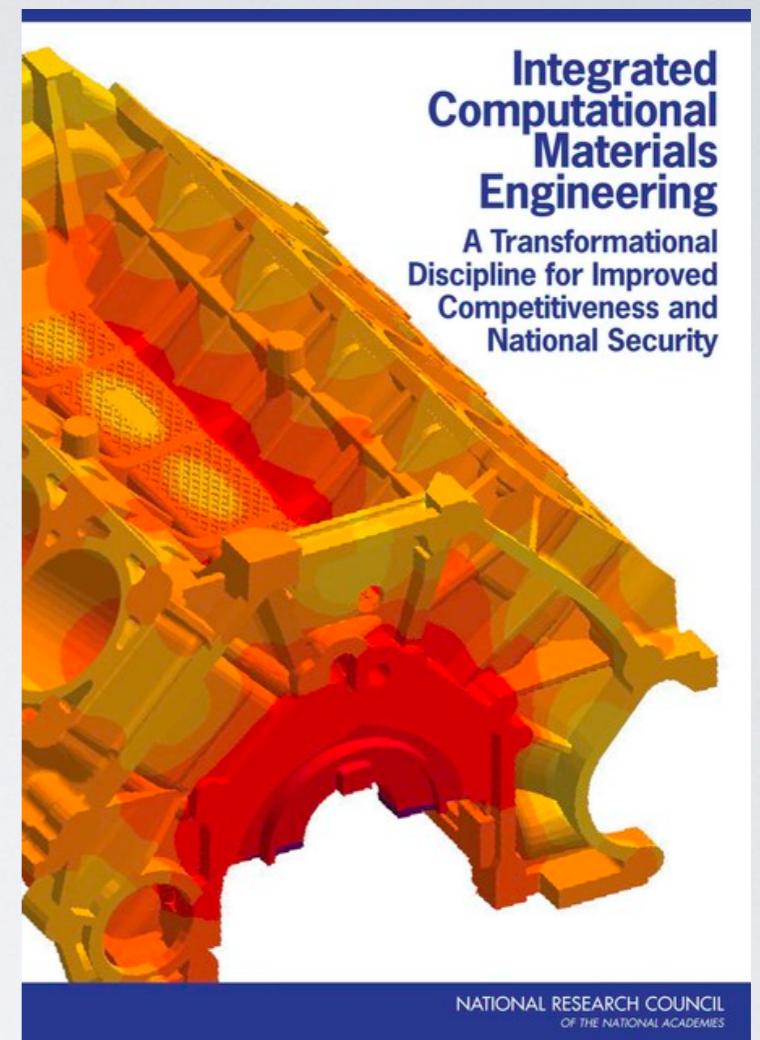
# What is CMSE?



**The Theory**



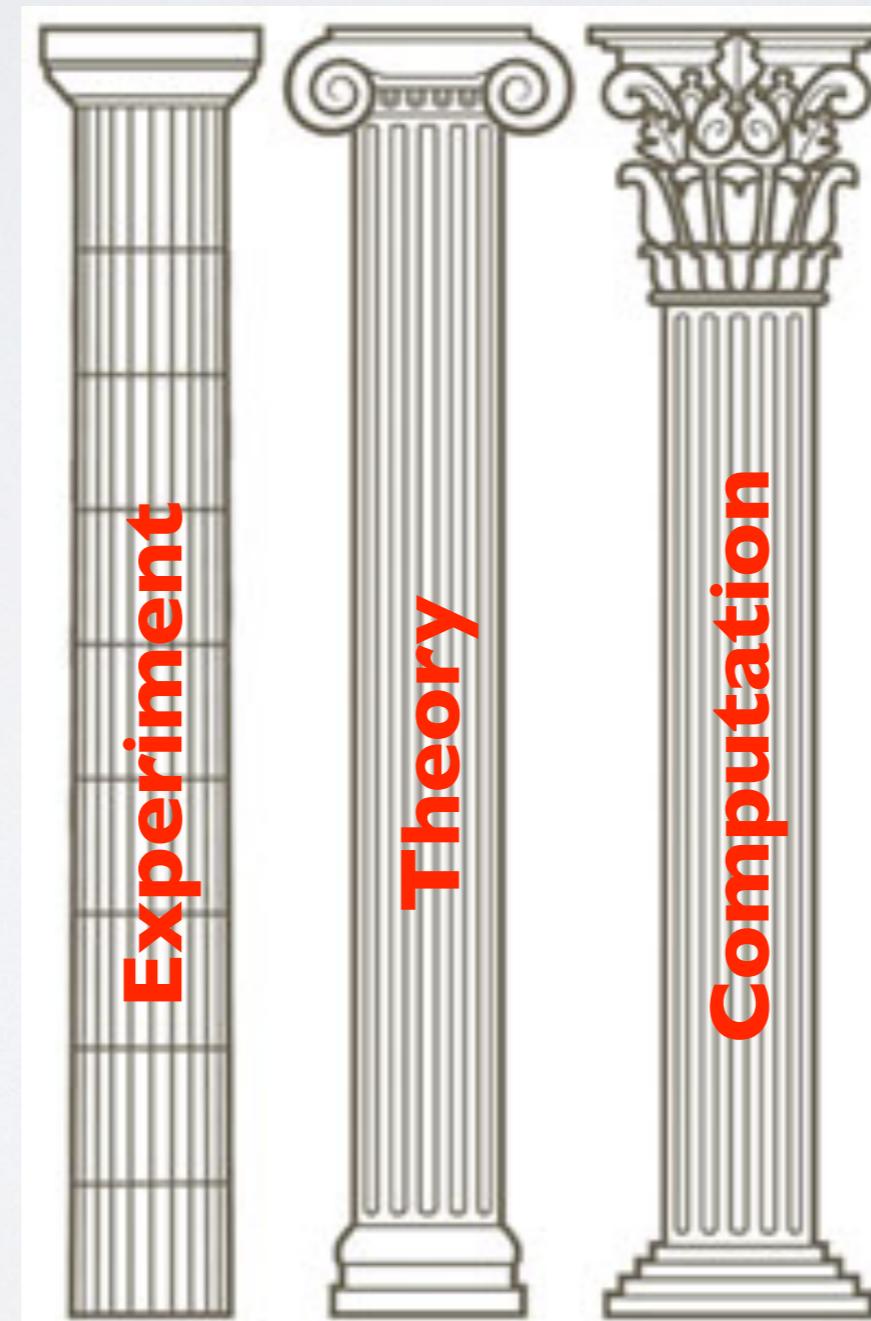
**The Way**



**The Will**

# Does it work?

- Materials are governed by (mostly known) physical laws
- We can probe materials behavior in three ways:



# The third pillar

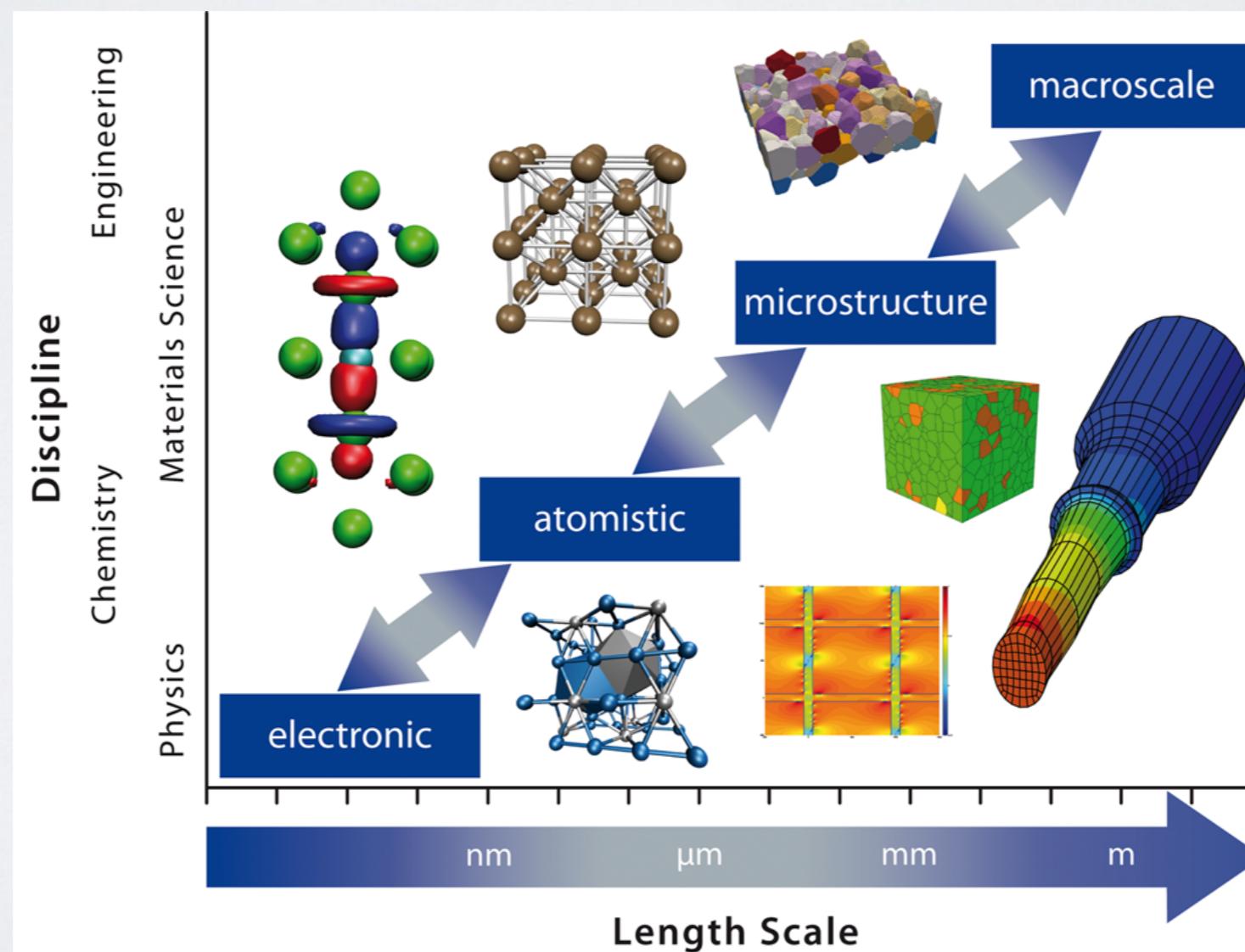
- Computation presents a third way to do science by performing ***in silico experiments***
- Computer models of materials governed by physical laws allow us to answer similar questions as “real” experiments

properties   behavior   hypothesis testing   “what if...”



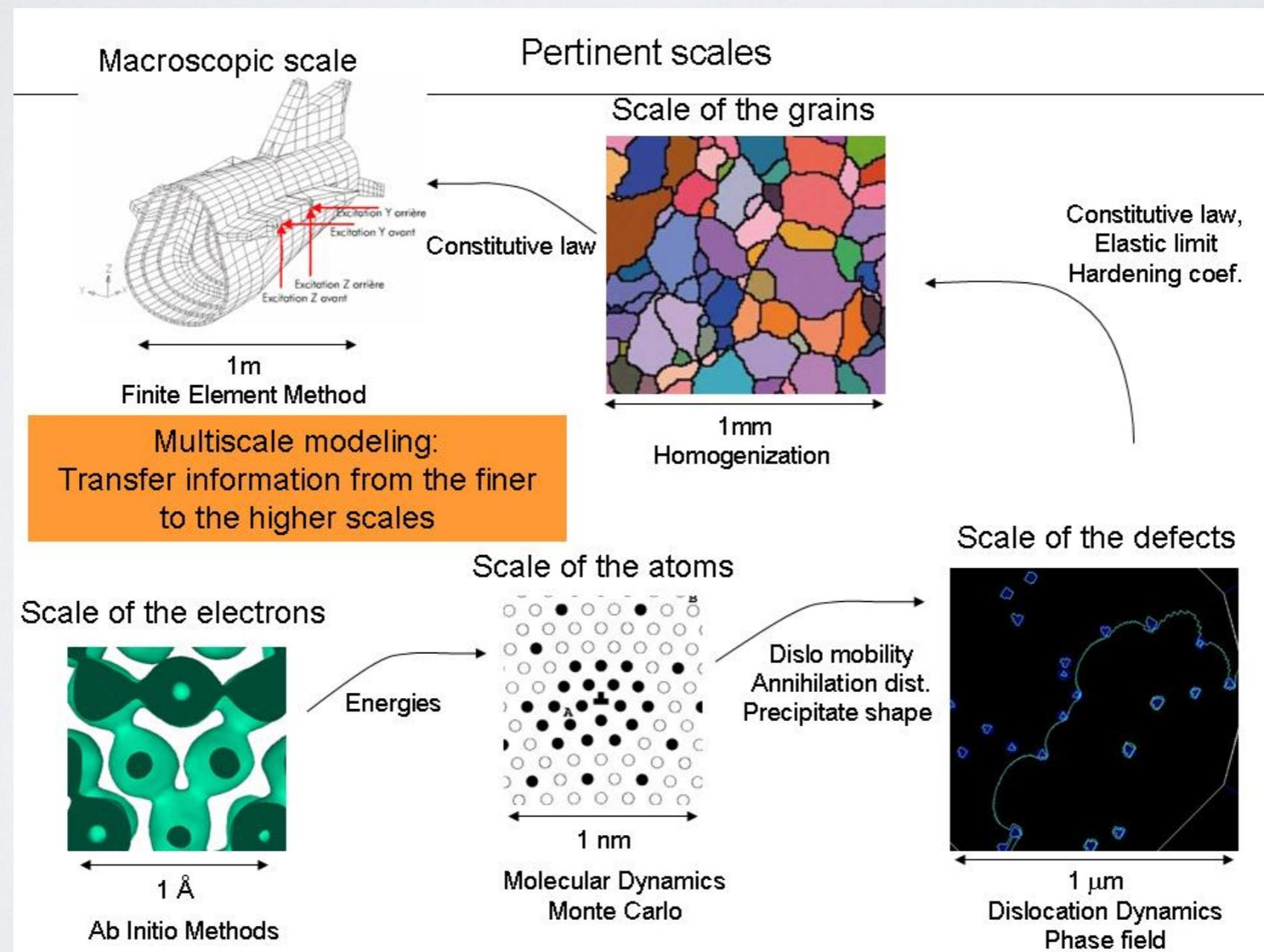
# MatSE is multiscale

- 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)



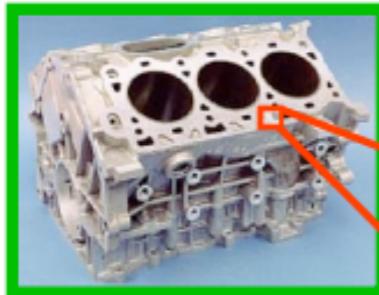
# MatSE is multiscale

- MatSE is inherently **multiscale** and **multiphysics**
- 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

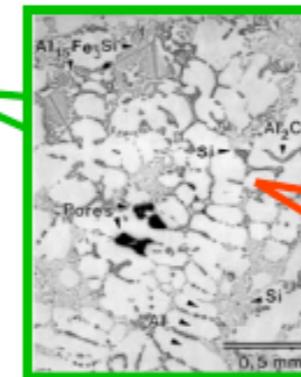


## 1 – 10 mm Macrostructure

- Grains
- Macroporosity

**Properties**

- High cycle fatigue
- Ductility

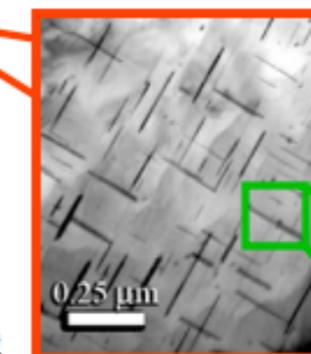


## 10 – 500 μm Microstructure

- Eutectic Phases
- Dendrites
- Microporosity
- Intermetallics

**Properties**

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

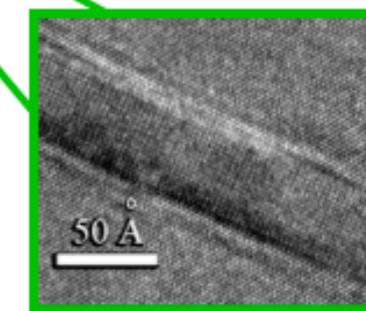


## 1-100 nm Nanostructure

- Precipitates

**Properties**

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



## 0.1-1 nm Atomic Structure

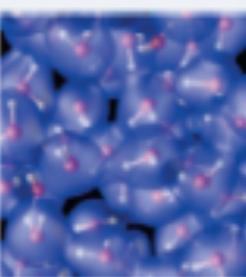
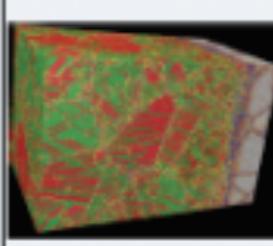
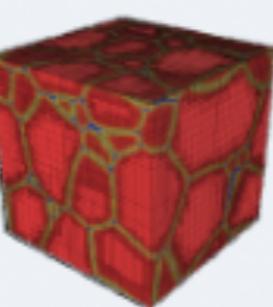
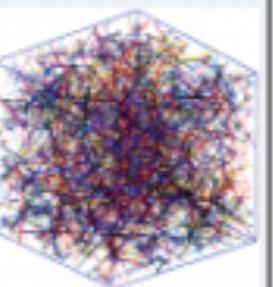
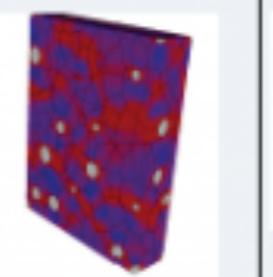
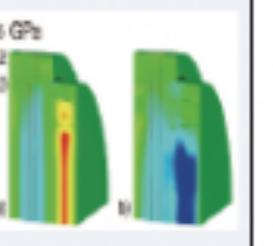
- Crystal Structure
- Interface Structure

**Properties**

- Thermal Growth
- Yield Strength

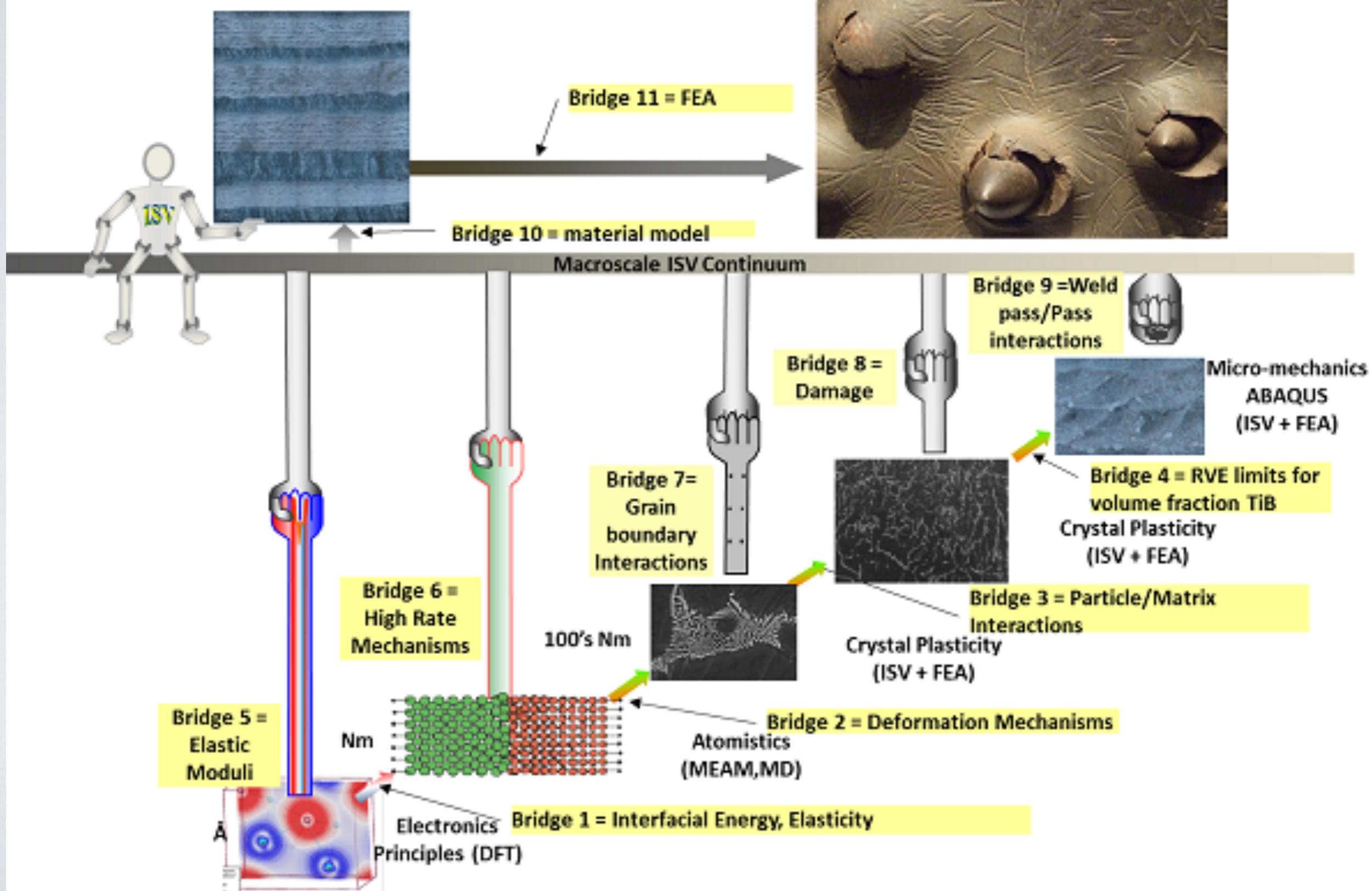


# But CMSE is catching up!

Ab-initio	MD	Long-time	Phase Field	Dislocation	Crystal	Continuum
Inter-atomic forces, EOS, excited states	Defects and interfaces, nucleation	Defects and defect structures	Meso-scale multi-phase evolution	Meso-scale strength	Meso-scale material response	Macro-scale material response
						
Code: Qbox/ LATTE  Motif: Particles and wavefunctions, plane wave DFT, ScalAPACK, BLACS, and custom parallel 3D FFTs  Prog. Model: MPI + CUBLAS/CUDA	Code: SPaSM/ ddcMD/CoMD  Motif: Particles, explicit time integration, neighbor and linked lists, dynamic load balancing, parity error recovery, and <i>in situ</i> visualization  Prog. Model: MPI + Threads	Code: SEAKMC  Motif: Particles and defects, explicit time integration, neighbor and linked lists, and <i>in situ</i> visualization  Prog. Model: MPI + Threads	Code: AMPE/GL  Motif: Regular and adaptive grids, implicit time integration, neighbor and linked lists, and <i>in situ</i> visualization  Prog. Model: MPI	Code: ParaDiS  Motif: "segments" Regular mesh, implicit time integration, real-space and spectral methods, complex order parameter  Prog. Model: MPI	Code: VP-FFT  Motif: Regular grids, tensor arithmetic, meshless image processing, implicit time integration, 3D FFTs.  Prog. Model: MPI + Threads	Code: ALE3D/ LULESH  Motif: Regular and irregular grids, explicit and implicit time integration.  Prog. Model: MPI + Threads

# And enabling ICME

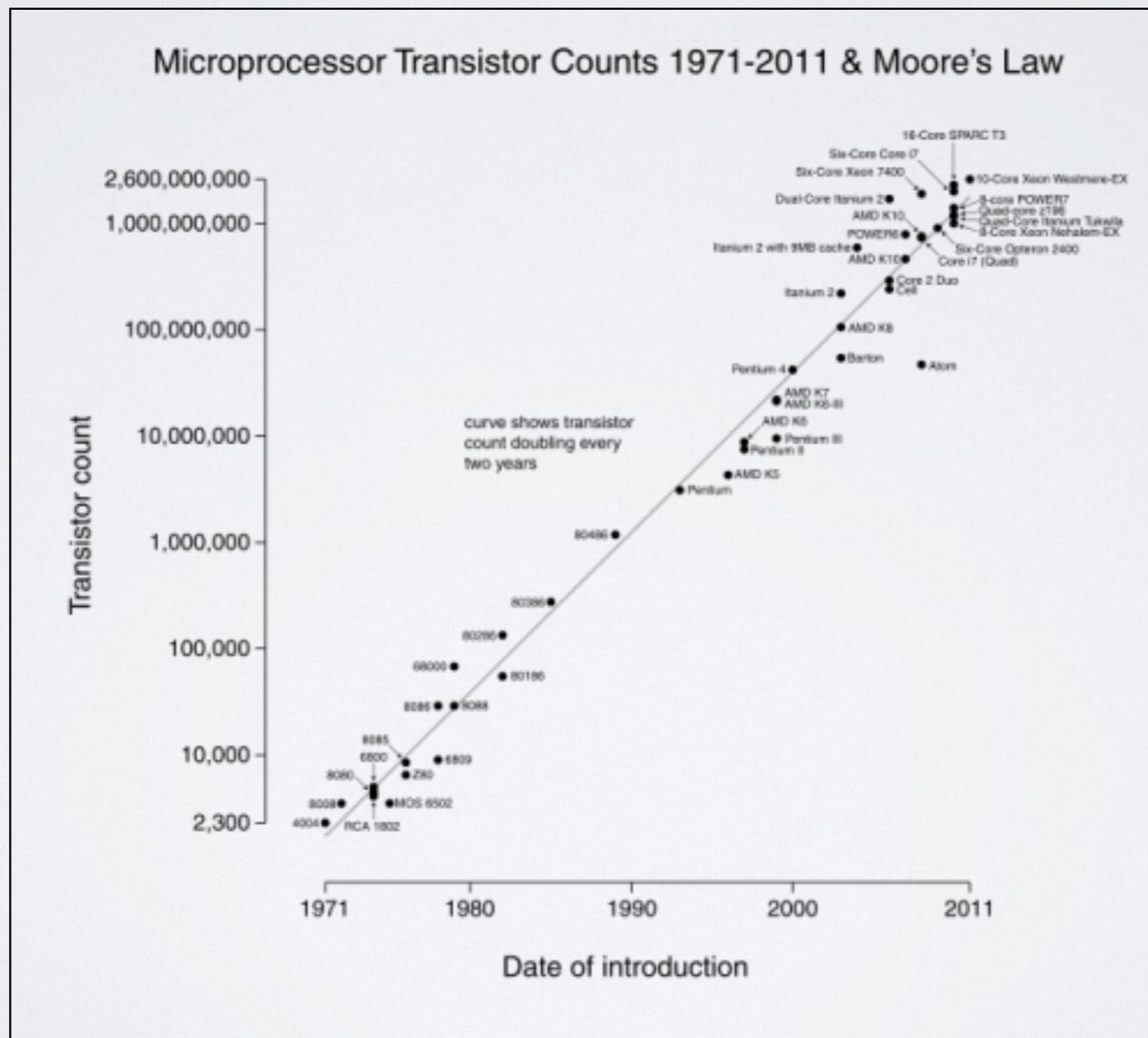
## Reinforced Titanium Armor Composite



## **II. Why CMSE / ICME?**

# Moore's Law

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



# 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)

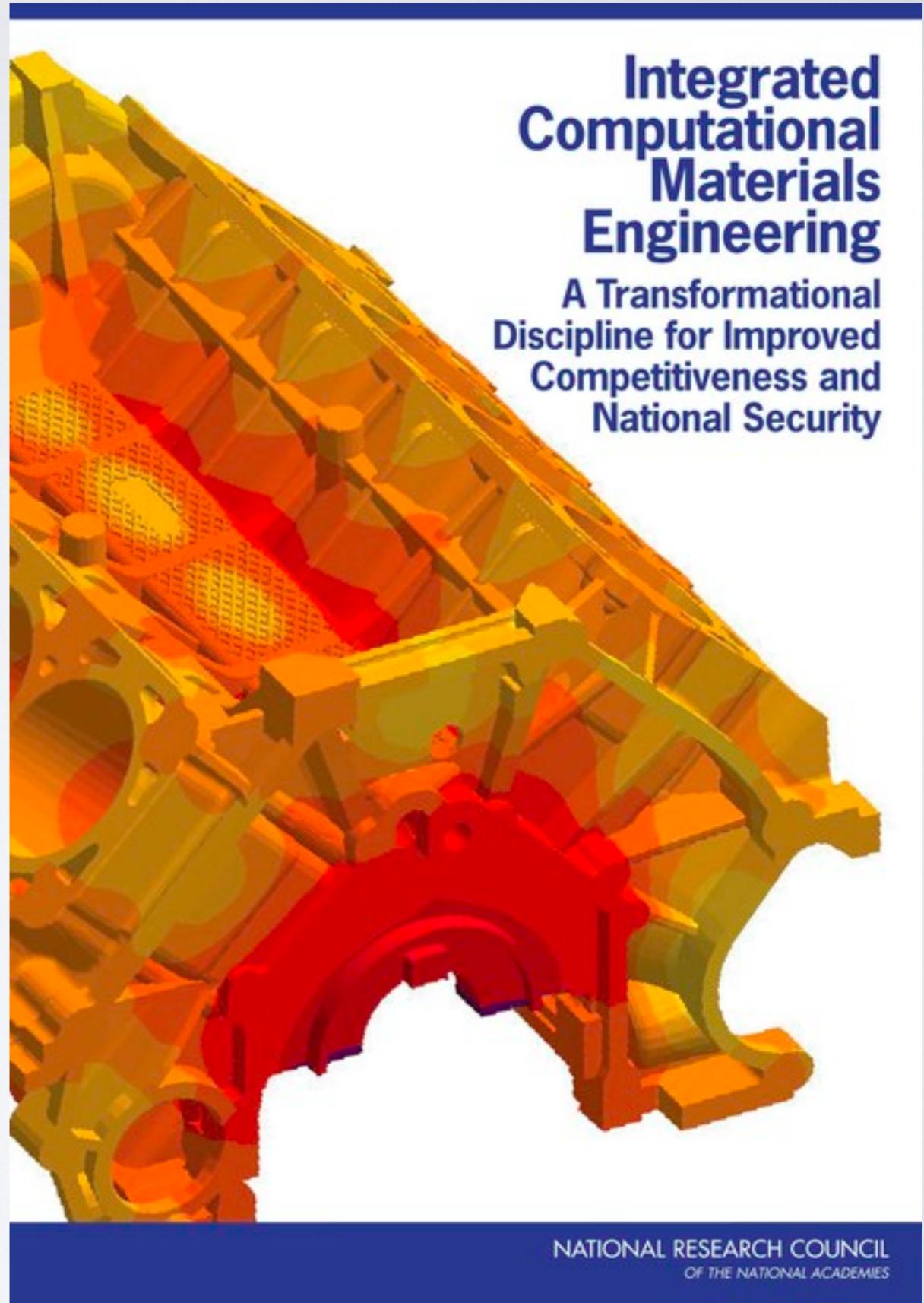
## **train next-generation workforce**

(knowledge economy, domestic competitiveness)

# Public policy

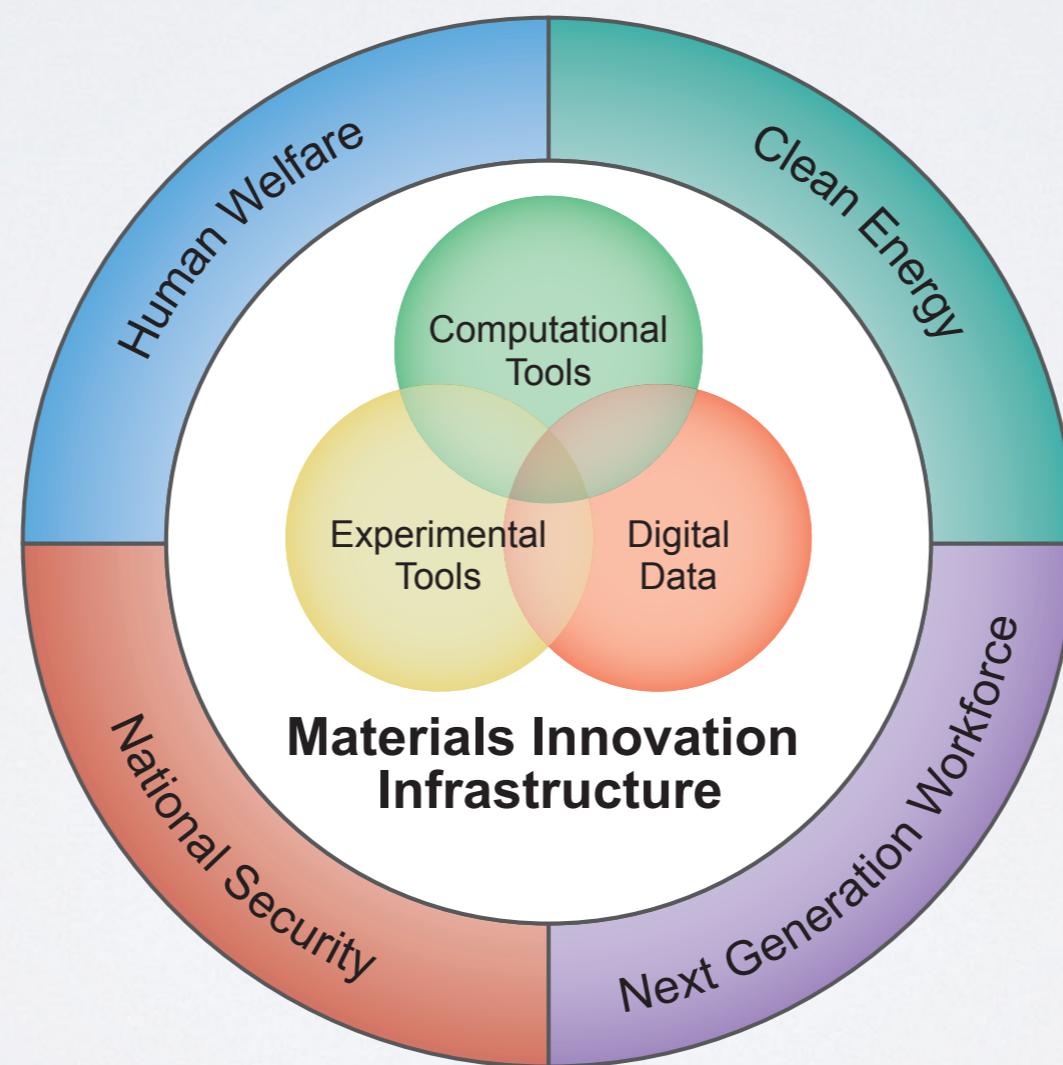
## Materials Genome Initiative for Global Competitiveness

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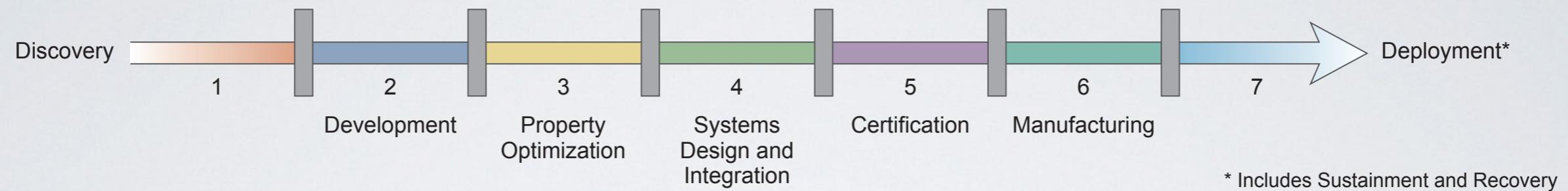
# Public policy

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.



# Industry

- Global competitiveness of manufacturing firms requires accelerated materials development and deployment



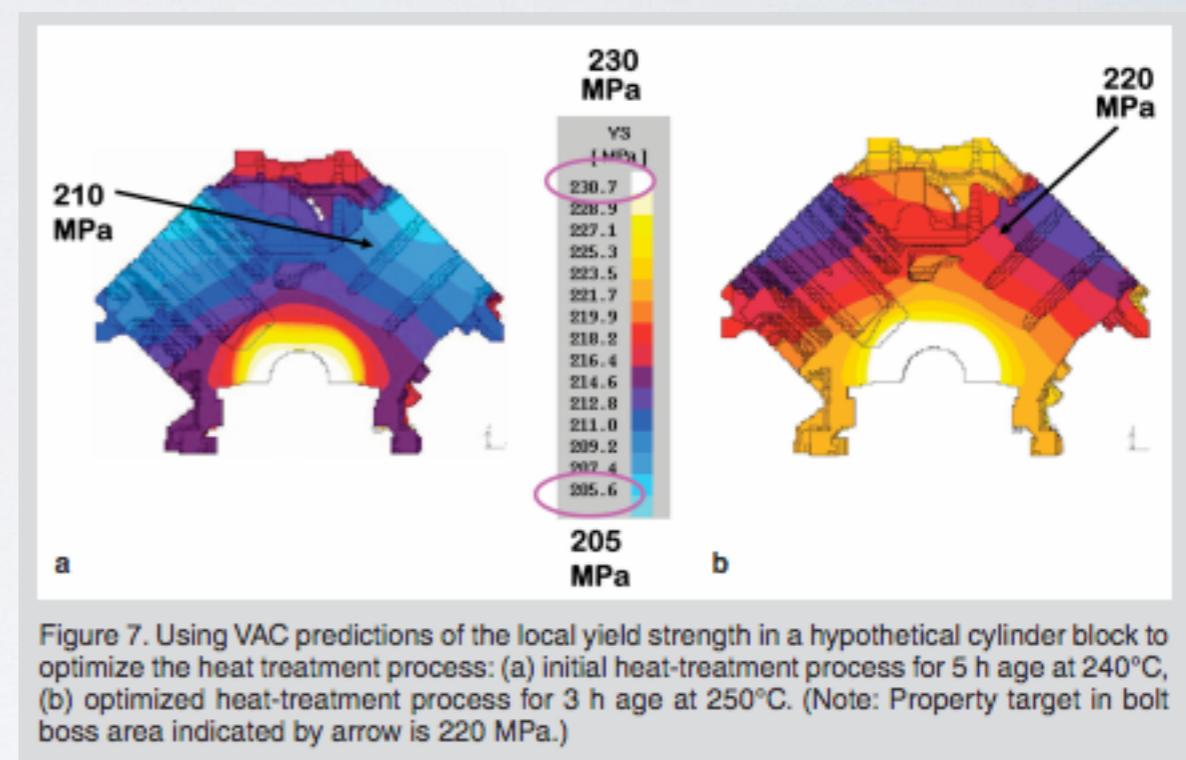
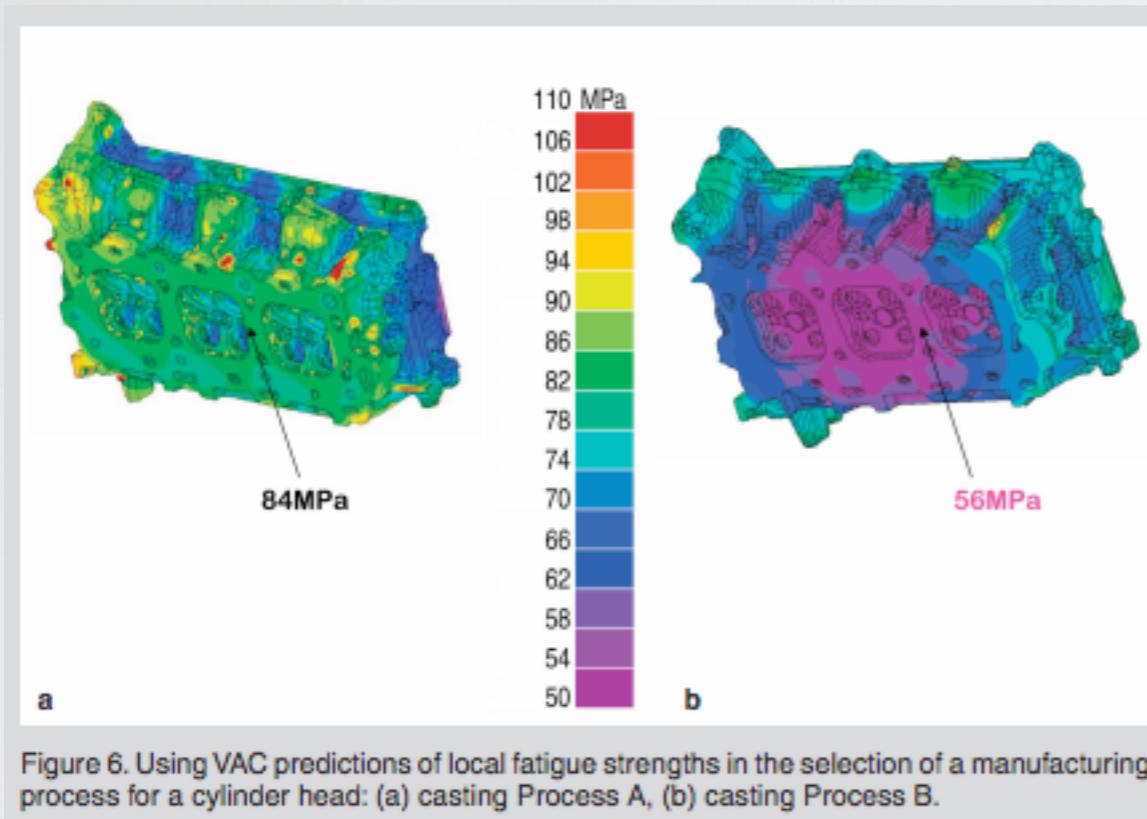
- CMSE can compress development pipeline by eliminating laborious, costly, and lengthy experimental “trial and error”

- Validated computational models to perform:
  - prototyping
  - materials design
  - virtual analysis
  - screening
  - failure analysis
  - optimization
  - materials selection
  - forensics
  - reliability testing

# Industry

## ■ 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 reassessment 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<sup>1,2</sup> indicate 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 generations of materials engineers with the abilities required to exploit these tools. However, the de-

gree to which such efforts are already under way, 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<sup>3</sup> based on similar surveys performed in 2003–2004. See the sidebars on page 13 for a survey description and the list of respondents.

### UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION IN CMSE

The status of undergraduate CMSE curriculum was assessed through five survey questions directed to department chairs, as well as corresponding questions included in the survey tar-

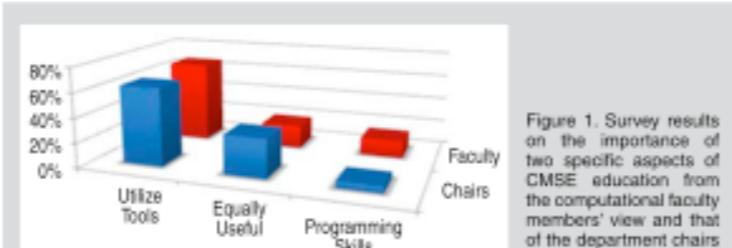


Figure 1. Survey results on the importance of two specific aspects of CMSE education from the computational faculty members' view and that of the department chairs and program heads.

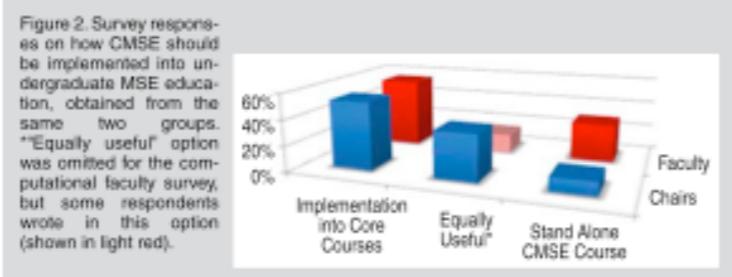


Figure 2. Survey responses on how CMSE should be implemented into undergraduate MSE education, obtained from the same two groups. "Equally useful" option was omitted for the computational faculty survey, but some respondents wrote in this option (shown in light red).

### TOPICAL REVIEW

## Current status and outlook of computational materials science education in the US

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### Abstract

We examine the current state of computational materials science education based upon information compiled from top universities in materials science and engineering (MSE). We find that there is a large variation in the emphasis on computational modelling between universities. It is reported that a relatively large course offering is the result of changes in the curriculum made in the last five years, showing a rapid pace in the implementation of computational courses at these departments. We also collected information from industry and national labs regarding their current and future needs in MSE graduates, and the results are summarized. This paper also provides a list of resources that are currently used in computational materials science education.

### 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 theory or modelling. 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 modelling 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 computation in 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

# Academia

## ■ ABET - Materials Engineering Programs:

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.

# MSE 404 CMSE

- 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 458 - 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**

# CMSE resources



<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\\_solid\\_state\\_physics\\_software](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_quantum_chemistry_and_solid_state_physics_software))

### ■ Molecular simulation

([http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_software\\_for\\_molecular\\_mechanics\\_modeling](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_software_for_molecular_mechanics_modeling))

### ■ Finite element

([http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_finite\\_element\\_software\\_packages](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_finite_element_software_packages))

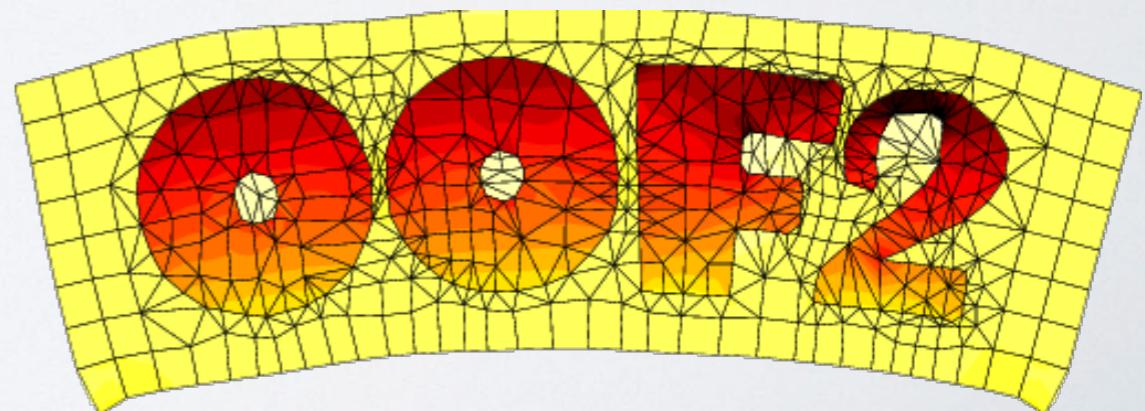
### ■ Phase equilibria

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

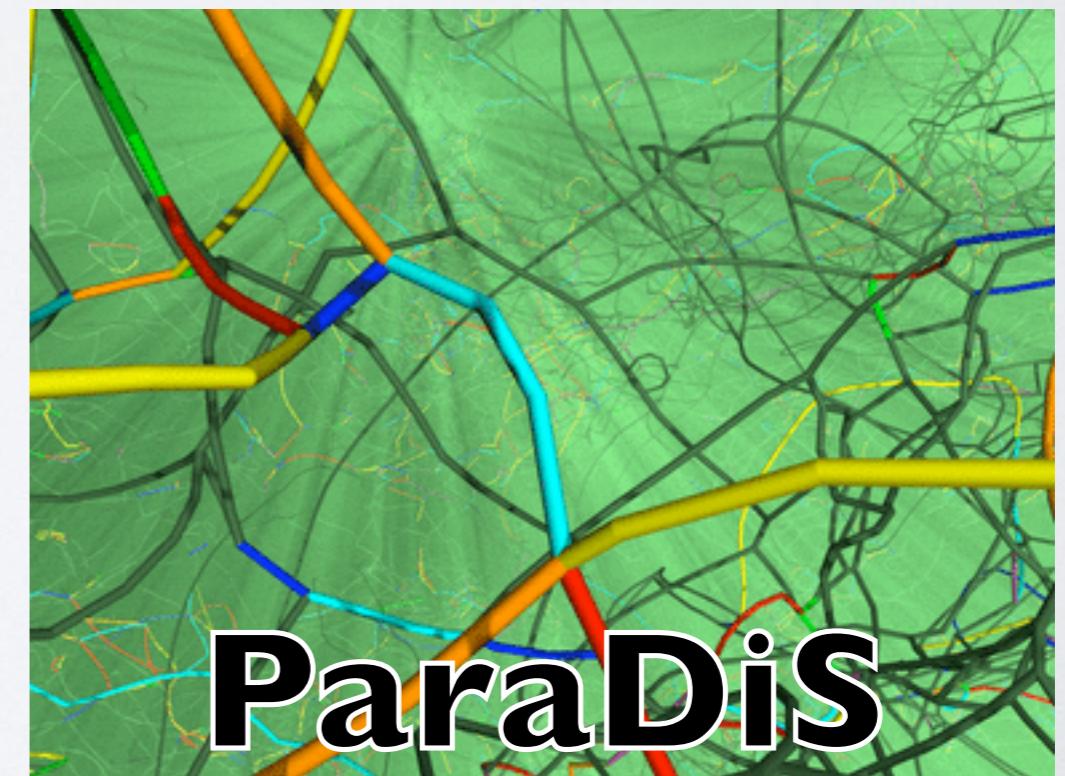
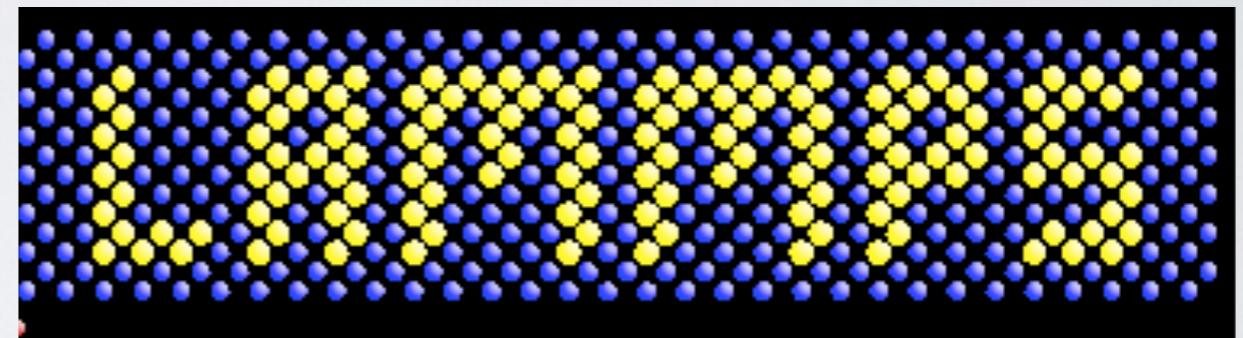
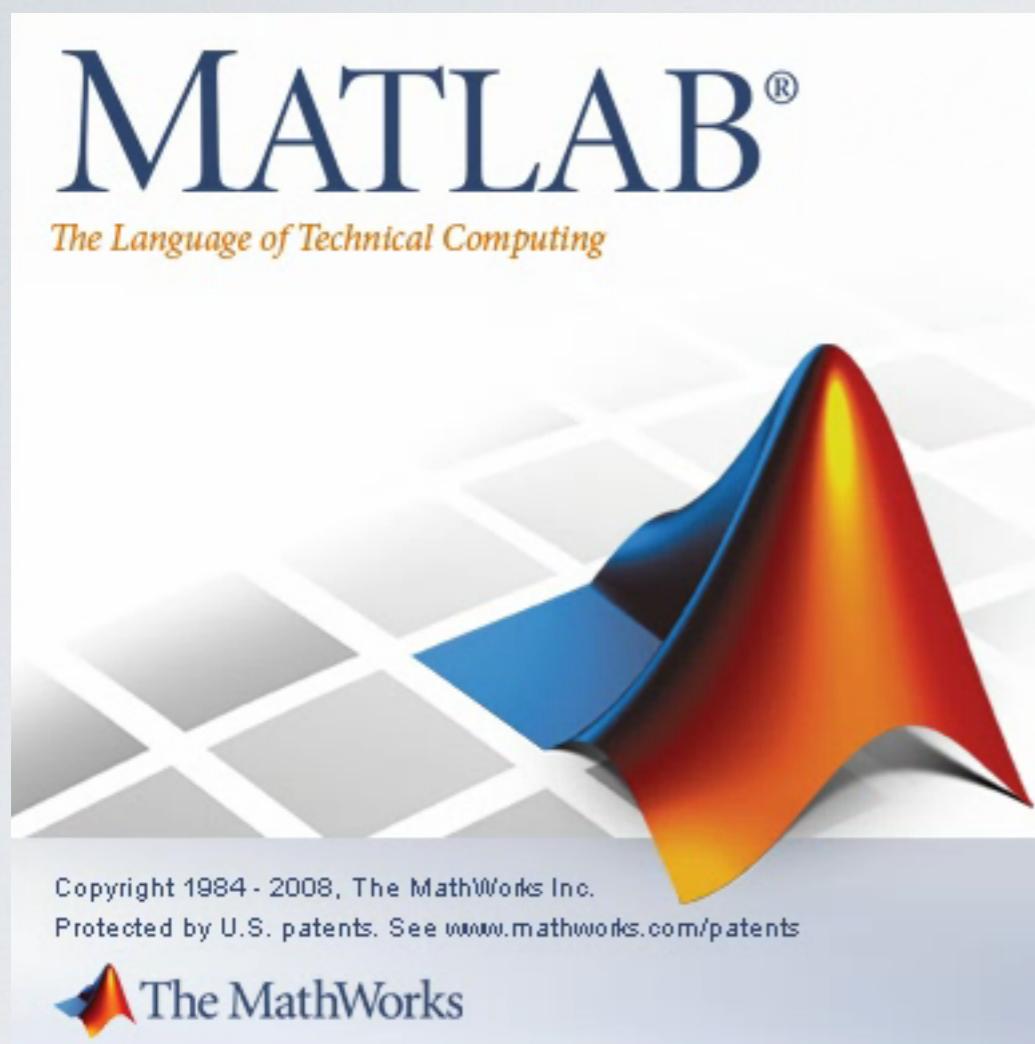
### ■ CAD

([http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Category:Computer-aided\\_design\\_software](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Category:Computer-aided_design_software))

# MSE 404 CMSE (Elastic)



# MSE 404 CMSE (Plastic)



## **IV. Surveys**

# Entrance Survey

**<https://illinois.edu/fb/sec/3019895>**