

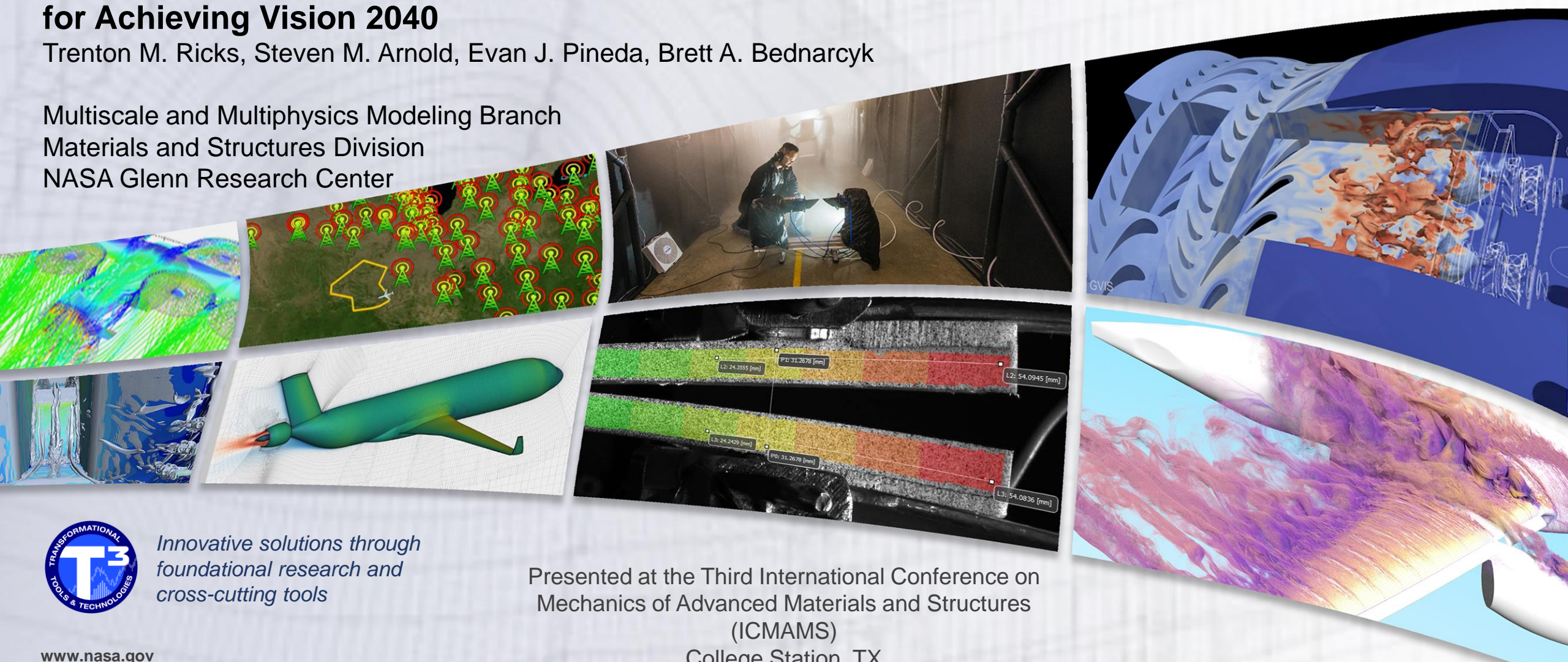


## Transformational Tools and Technologies (T<sup>3</sup>) Project

# The NASA Multiscale Analysis Tool: An Enabling Platform for Achieving Vision 2040

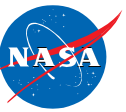
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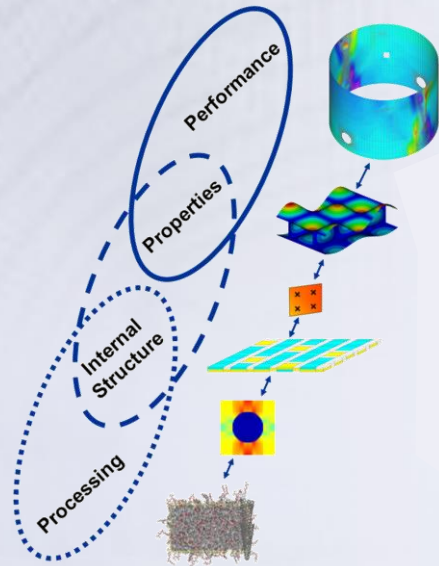


*Innovative solutions through  
foundational research and  
cross-cutting tools*

# Vision 2040: A Roadmap for Integrated, Multiscale Modeling and Simulation of Materials and Systems

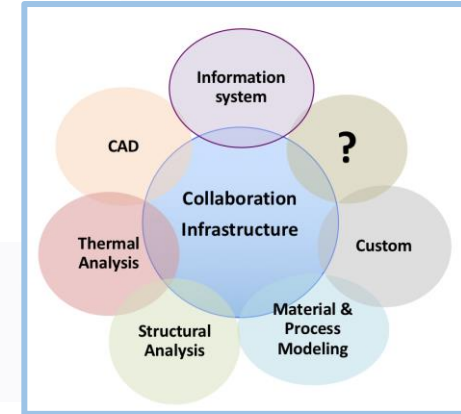


Provides a public/private investment strategy for the design of fit-for-purpose materials and structures



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<https://ntrs.nasa.gov>

2040  
*cyber-physical-social ecosystem*



## Nine Identified Key Element Discipline Areas

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| <span style="color: #8B4513;">■</span> 1. Models and Methodologies                                    | <span style="color: #FF0000;">■</span> 6. Data, Informatics, & Visualization   |
| <span style="color: #FF8C00;">■</span> 2. Multiscale Measurement & Characterization Tools and Methods | <span style="color: #8B0000;">■</span> 7. Workflows & Collaboration Frameworks |
| <span style="color: #00008B;">■</span> 3. Optimization & Optimization Methodologies                   | <span style="color: #008000;">■</span> 8. Education & Training                 |
| <span style="color: #00BFFF;">■</span> 4. Decision Making and UQ                                      | <span style="color: #9ACD32;">■</span> 9. Computational Infrastructure         |
| <span style="color: #4682B4;">■</span> 5. Verification & Validation                                   |  |

## 2040 Vision State:

*A cyber-physical-social ecosystem that impacts the supply chain to **accelerate** model-based concurrent design, development, and deployment of materials and systems throughout the product lifecycle for **affordable, producible** aerospace applications*



# Study Identified 9 Key Element Domains



Key Element		End State Characteristics With Most Connections to Gaps and Recommended Actions		
1	<p><b>Models and Methodologies</b></p> <p>All models and methods, at all length scales, whether phenomenological, physics-based, data-driven, deterministic, or probabilistic. Also concerned with methods and protocols to characterize and validate models.</p>	Robust	Interoperable	Adaptive
2	<p><b>Multiscale Measurement and Characterization Tools and Methods</b></p> <p>Methods, practices, and measurement devices for observing, defining, and characterizing material and structural response and underlying causal mechanisms as associated with deformation, damage, and failure.</p>	Robust	Accessible	Interoperable
3	<p><b>Optimization and Optimization Methodologies</b></p> <p>Computational/numerical approaches and mathematical formalizations for optimizing or improving the performance of products, materials, structures, manufacturing processes, and design workflows for given applications.</p>	Robust	Adaptive	Accessible
4	<p><b>Decision Making and Uncertainty Quantification and Management</b></p> <p>The investigation, characterization, and management of uncertain or variable inputs to quantify prediction confidence, enhance the design process, enable optimal decision making for new material and component design, facilitate materials and component certification, and enable a response to regulatory requirements.</p>	Traceable	Robust	Accessible
5	<p><b>Verification and Validation</b></p> <p>Methods/practices associated with verification of algorithms and validation of models.</p>	Accessible	User Friendly	Robust
6	<p><b>Data, Informatics, and Visualization</b></p> <p>All aspects associated with the electronic capture, analysis, archival, maintenance, dissemination, and visualization of material and system data and metadata, whether experimental or simulation, at all length scales.</p>	Traceable	Accessible	User Friendly
7	<p><b>Workflows and Collaboration Frameworks</b></p> <p>Technologies associated with workflows and collaboration functions, both physical (e.g., human, organizational) and computational.</p>	Accessible	User-Friendly	Traceable
8	<p><b>Education and Training</b></p> <p>All aspects of curriculum development, education, and training opportunities for preparing the current, emerging, and future workforce in the capabilities and skills needed to realize and utilize the Vision 2040 end state.</p>	Accessible	Robust	Interoperable
9	<p><b>Computational Infrastructure</b></p> <p>All computer hardware, firmware, software, networks, platforms, and HPC architectures required to support the 2040 vision.</p>	Adaptive	Accessible	Robust



# Identified Critical Gaps & Possible Subset of Actions Required To Close Each Gap

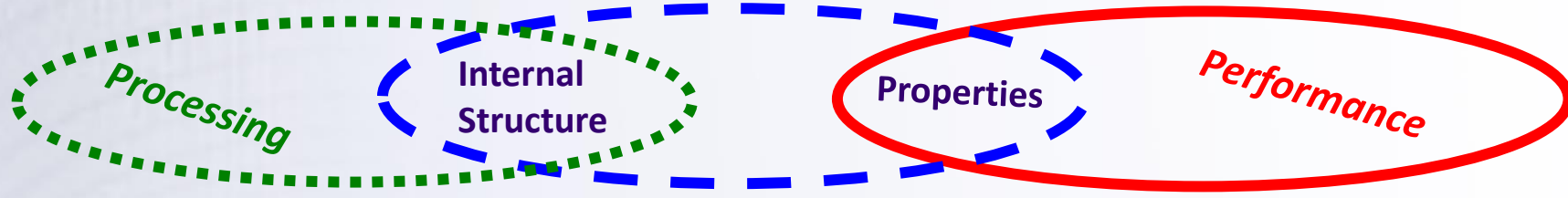


Key Element	Critical Gap	Priority Action	Time Frame						End State Characteristics	
			2018	2020	2025	2030	2035	2040		
1	Underdevelopment of physics-based models that link length and time scales for relevant material systems	Multiscale V&V methods (5.6)							Shield	Gears
		Integration of uncertainty across scales (1.13)								
2	Inability to conduct real time characterization and measurement of structure and response at appropriate length and time scales	ICME-based fast process models (1.21)							Shield	
		Multiscale models for rare-events/nucleation (1.22)								
3	Lack of reliable optimization methods that bridge across scale	Information framework for 3D/4D model dev. (2.11)							Shield	Gears
		Models for key uncertainty sources (1.23)								
4	Existing models and software codes are not designed to compute input sensitivities and propagate uncertainties to enable UQ	Real-time measurement methods (2.14)							Shield	Speech bubble
		Real-time visualization for experiment modeling (6.15)								
5	Lack of guidelines and practitioner aids for multiscale/multiphysics (e.g., ICME) V&V	Lifecycle data: automated ingestion and storage (6.23)							Key	People
		Protocols: link characterization, test data, models (2.10)								
6	No widely accepted community standards or schema for materials information storage and communication methods	New optimization formulation methods (3.13)							Key	Gears
		Education modules: data analytics tools/methods (8.2)								
7	Lack of open, community/industry standards defining inputs/outputs, needed functionality, data quality, model maturity levels, etc. for smooth operation in the envisioned ecosystem	Optimization methods with uncertainty incorporated (3.11)							Key	Gears
		Coupled multiphysics and optimization methods (3.5)								
8	Education/training does not bridge the gap between "essential" or "fundamental" knowledge and industrially relevant skills	Surrogate models for large scale optimization (4.15)							Shield	
		Benchmark characterization methods (2.3)								
9	Lack of support, or adequate business models, for code development and maintenance, particularly for software used in engineering applications	Optimization methods with uncertainty incorporated (3.1)							Key	Gears
		UQ: sensitivity analysis methods (4.19)								



# Relevance and Background

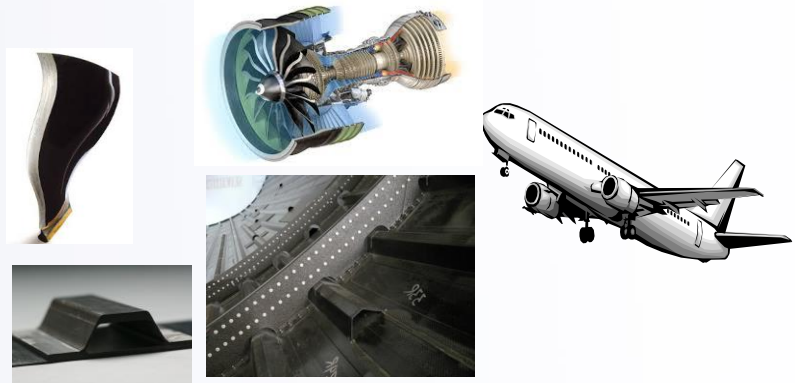
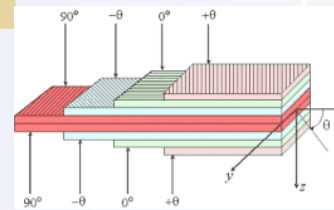
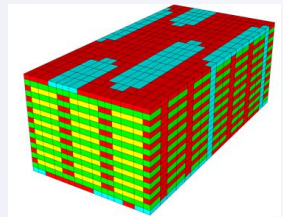
*Integrated Computational Materials Engineering (ICME) Is The Future*



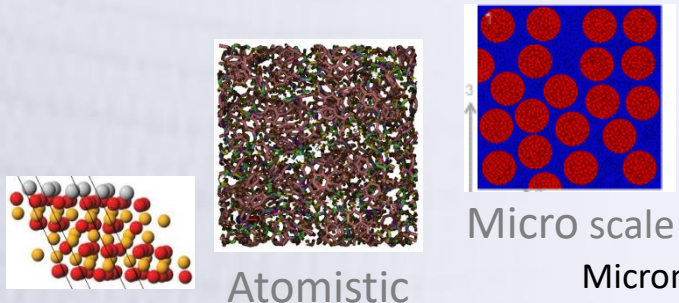
ICME is an approach to the design of products and the materials which comprise them by **linking experimentally validated materials models at multiple length scales.**

Design "The" Material

Design "With" Material



Part      Assembly      System



Quantum

Atomistic

Micro scale

**Handshake via Constitutive Model**

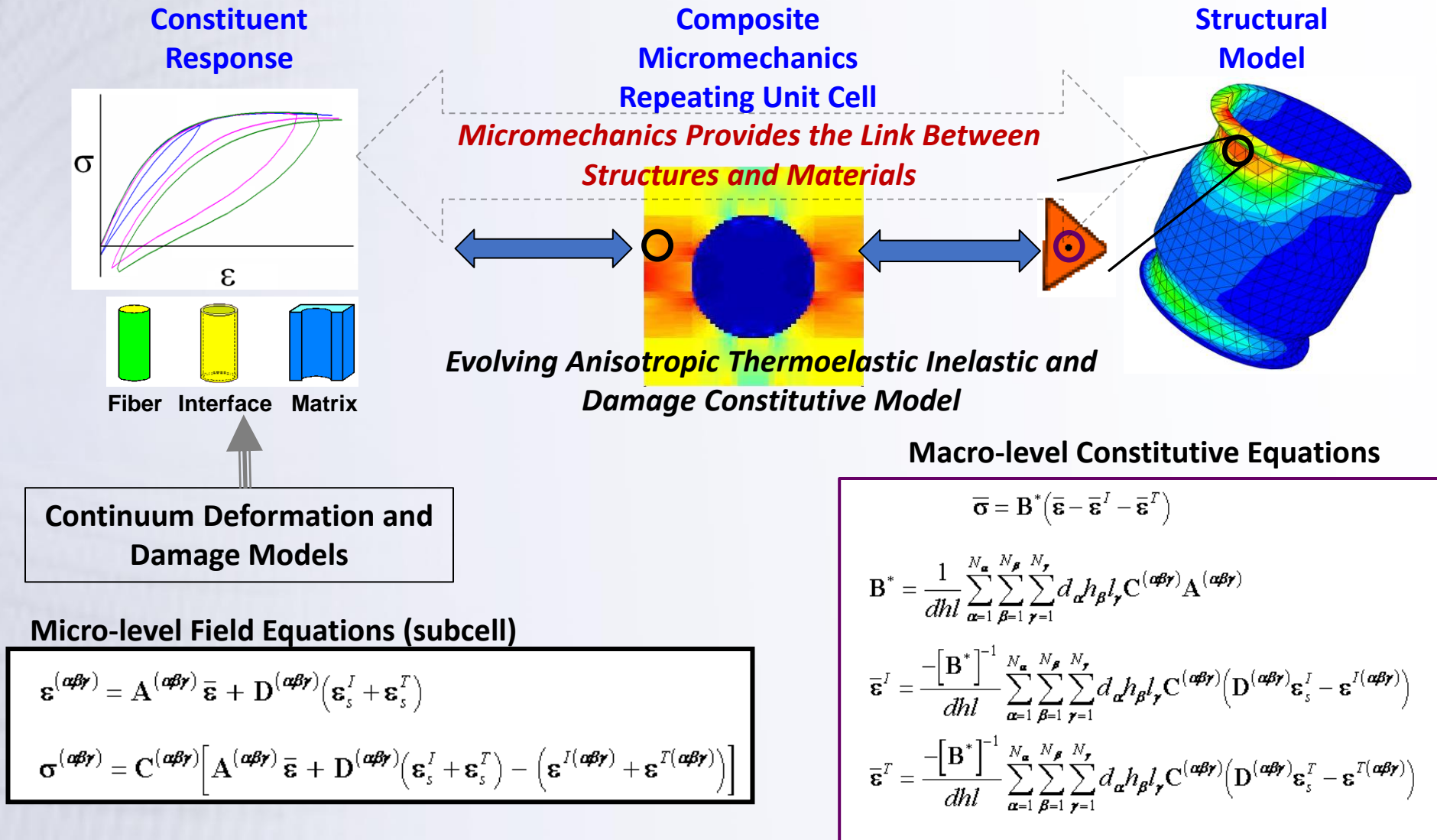
**Design for Manufacturability, Certifiability and Lowest Cost, with Performance Constraints**

Molecular Dynamics

Micromechanics / Statistical Mechanics

Continuum Mechanics

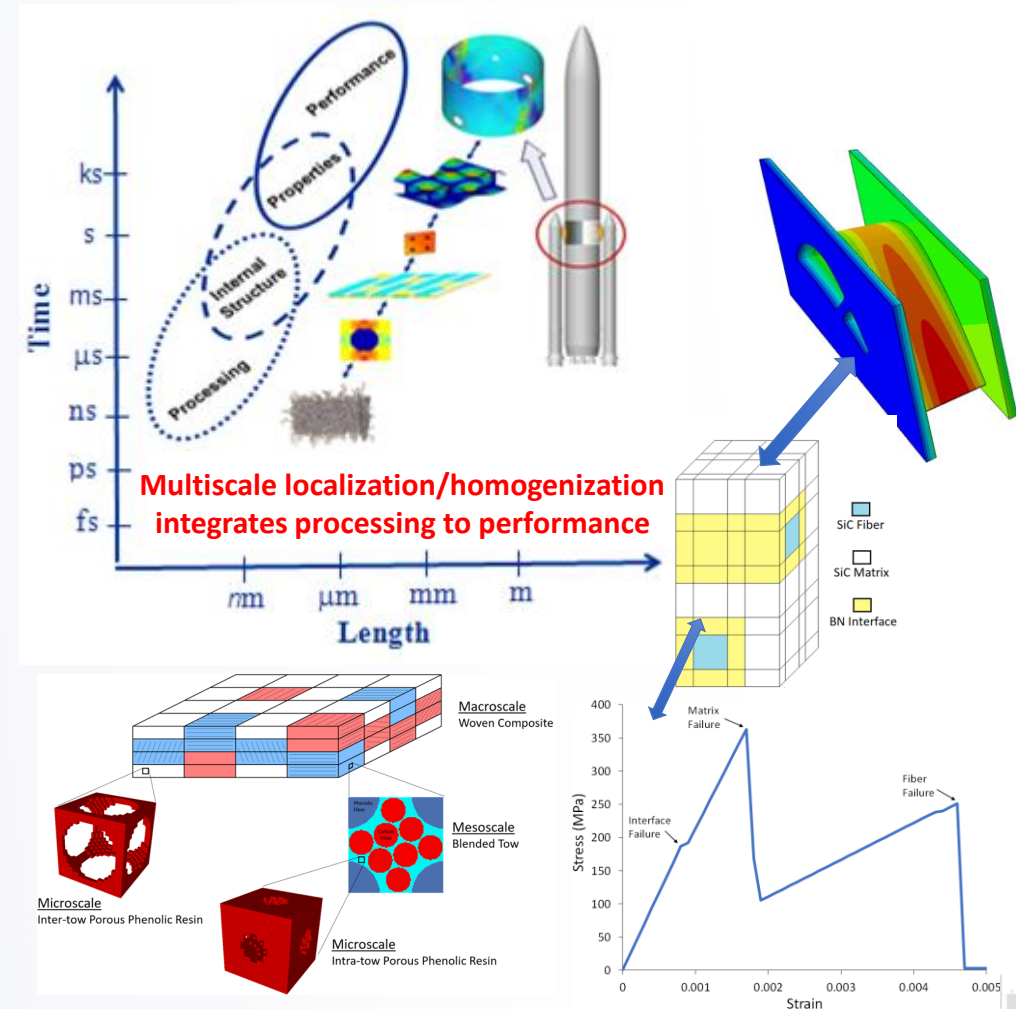
# Micromechanics: The Link Between Structures and Materials



# NASA Multiscale Analysis Tool (NASMAT)

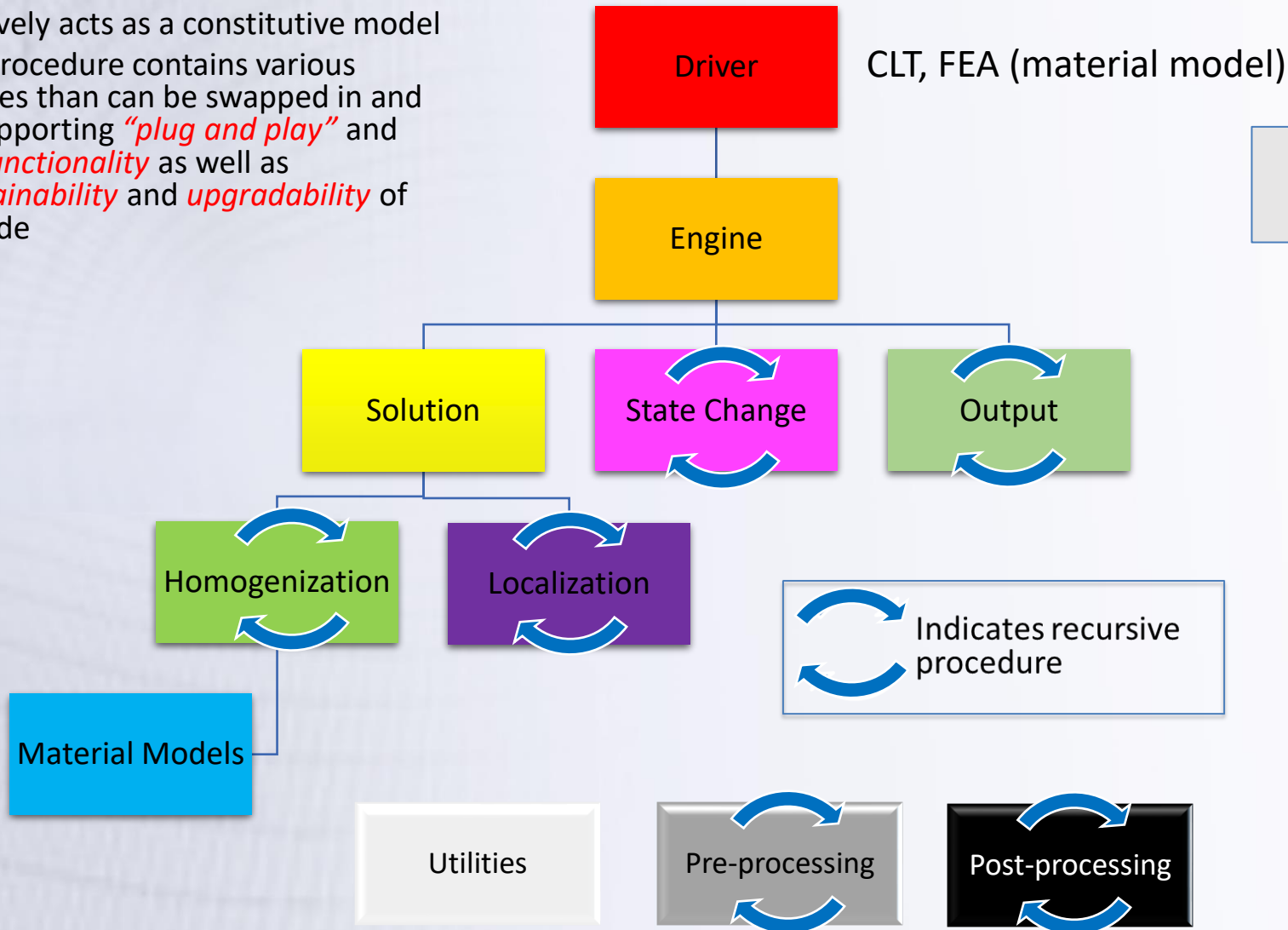


- Clean-sheet development based on legacy MAC/GMC and FEAMAC tools (~30 years of tool development)
- A framework designed to support massively multiscale modeling (M3) on high-performance computing (HPC) systems
  - Solves real, large-scale, non-linear, thermo-mechanical problems
- Modular design to support “plug-and-play” capabilities
  - Operational components categorized into NASMAT procedures
    - Each procedure has access to a library of modules
- Developed for enhanced interoperability
  - Integrates with 3<sup>rd</sup> party structural analysis codes (e.g., FEA)
  - Arbitrary number of length scales
  - Arbitrary micromechanics theories (including user-defined)
  - Library constitutive laws/damage models (including user-defined)
  - Data output in HDF5 file format
- ASCII input, pre/post-processor under development

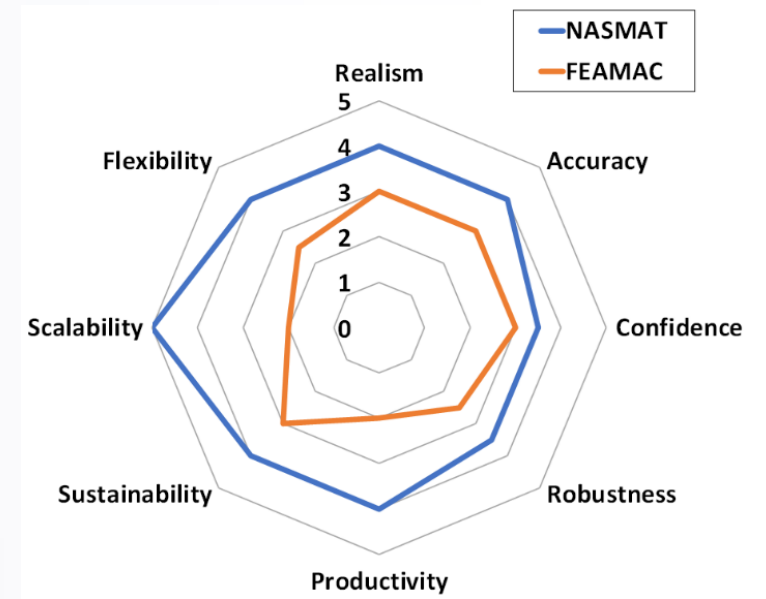


# NASMAT Workflow

- Effectively acts as a constitutive model
- Each procedure contains various modules that can be swapped in and out supporting *“plug and play”* and *user functionality* as well as *maintainability* and *upgradability* of the code



Improvements over legacy multiscale software (FEAMAC)





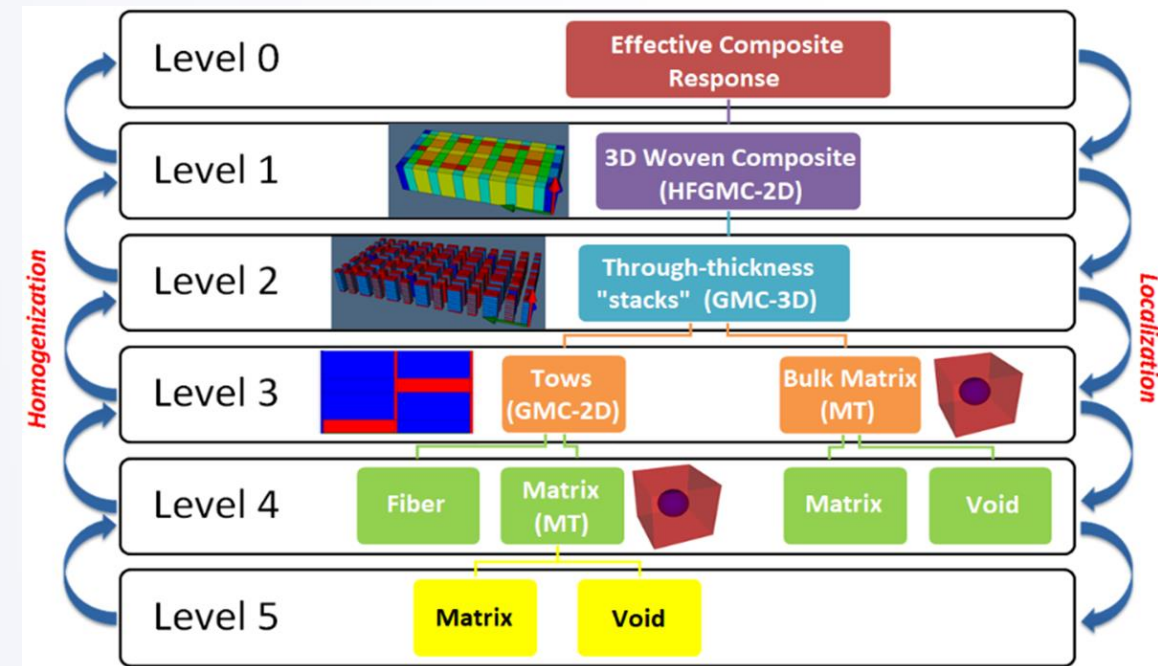
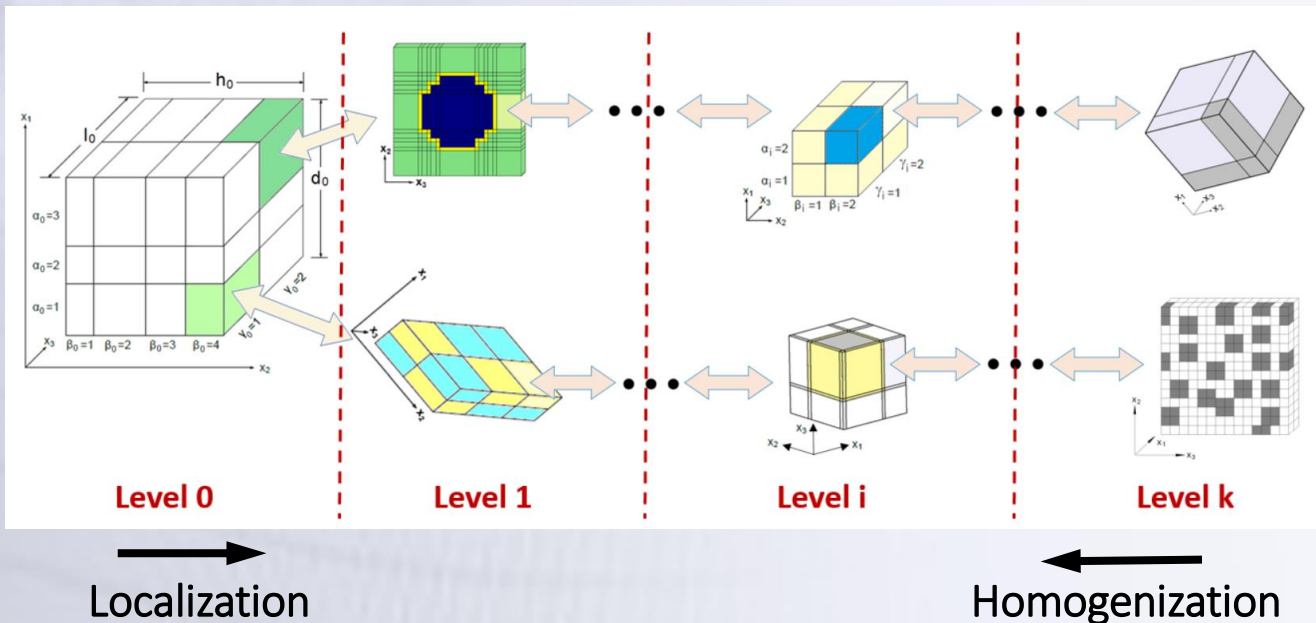


# Comparison of Different Modeling Approaches

	<b>Mori-Tanaka</b>	<b>GMC</b>	<b>HFGMC</b>	<b>FEA</b>
General Global Accuracy	Good	Very Good	Excellent	Excellent
Computational Efficiency	Superior	Excellent	Fair	Fair
Local Field Accuracy	Poor	Good	Excellent	Excellent
Normal/Shear Coupling	No	No	Yes	Yes
Admits Local Inelasticity	Yes*	Yes	Yes	Yes
Suitable for Inclusion in Structural Models	Excellent	Excellent	Good	Fair
Multi-Axiality	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Ability to Model Debonding	Yes*	Yes	Yes	Yes
Ability to Model Disordered Microstructures	n/a	Fair	Excellent	Excellent
Local Fields Insensitive to Refinements in Mesh	Yes	Yes	No	No

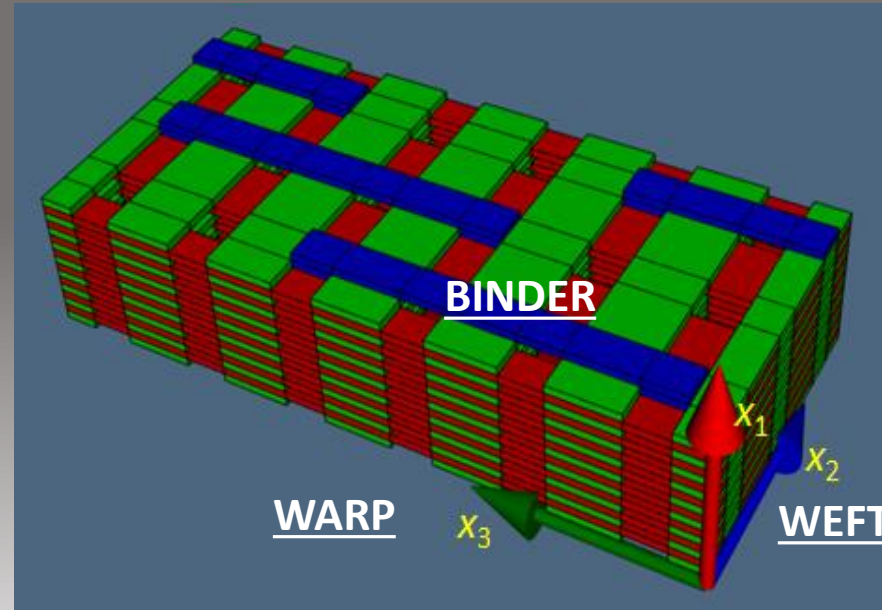
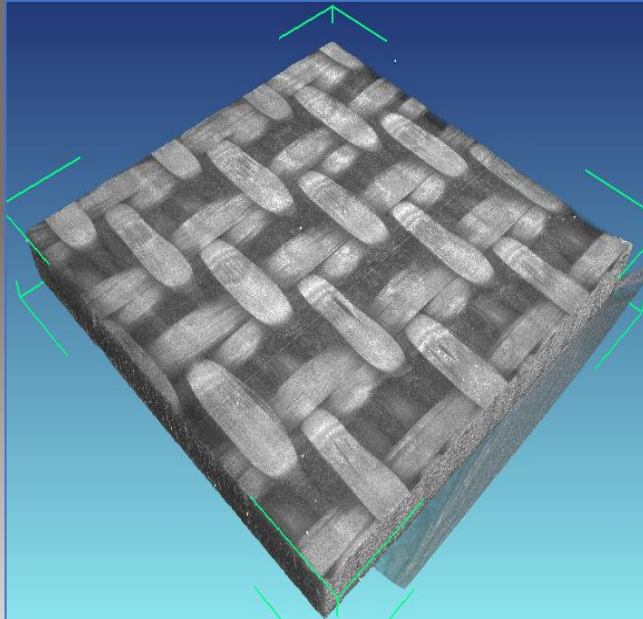
# Multiscale Recursive Micromechanics (MsRM)

- Efficient, semi-analytical micromechanics theories
- Call each other (or themselves, recursively)
- Captures microstructure on **arbitrary** number of scales
  - No limit on depth of scales

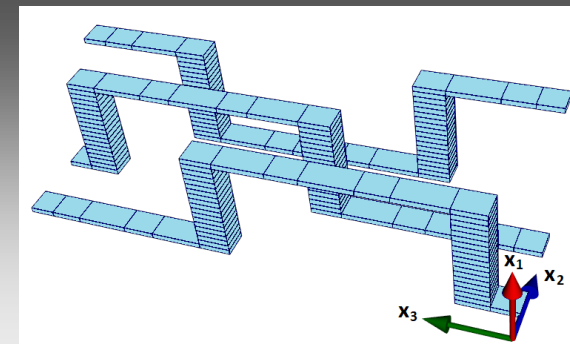
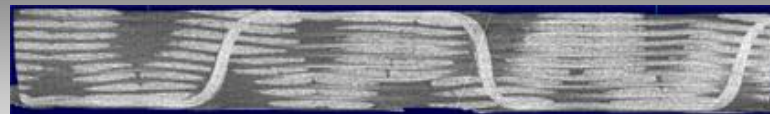


# Development of a 3D Woven Repeating Unit Cell (RUC)

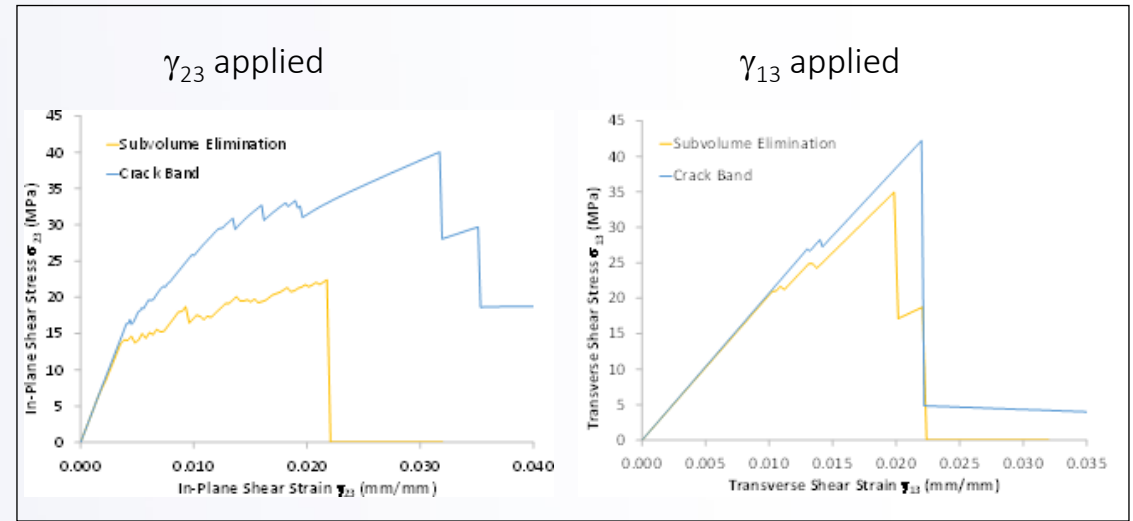
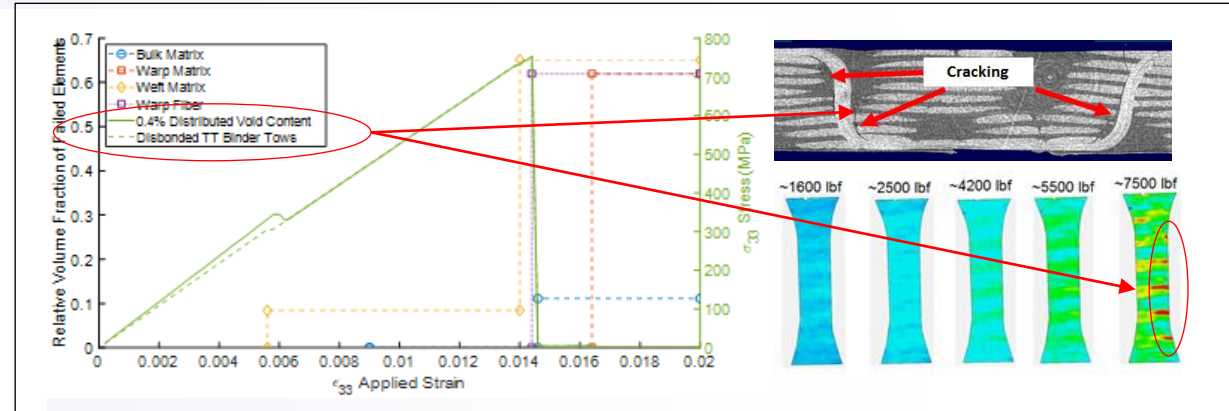
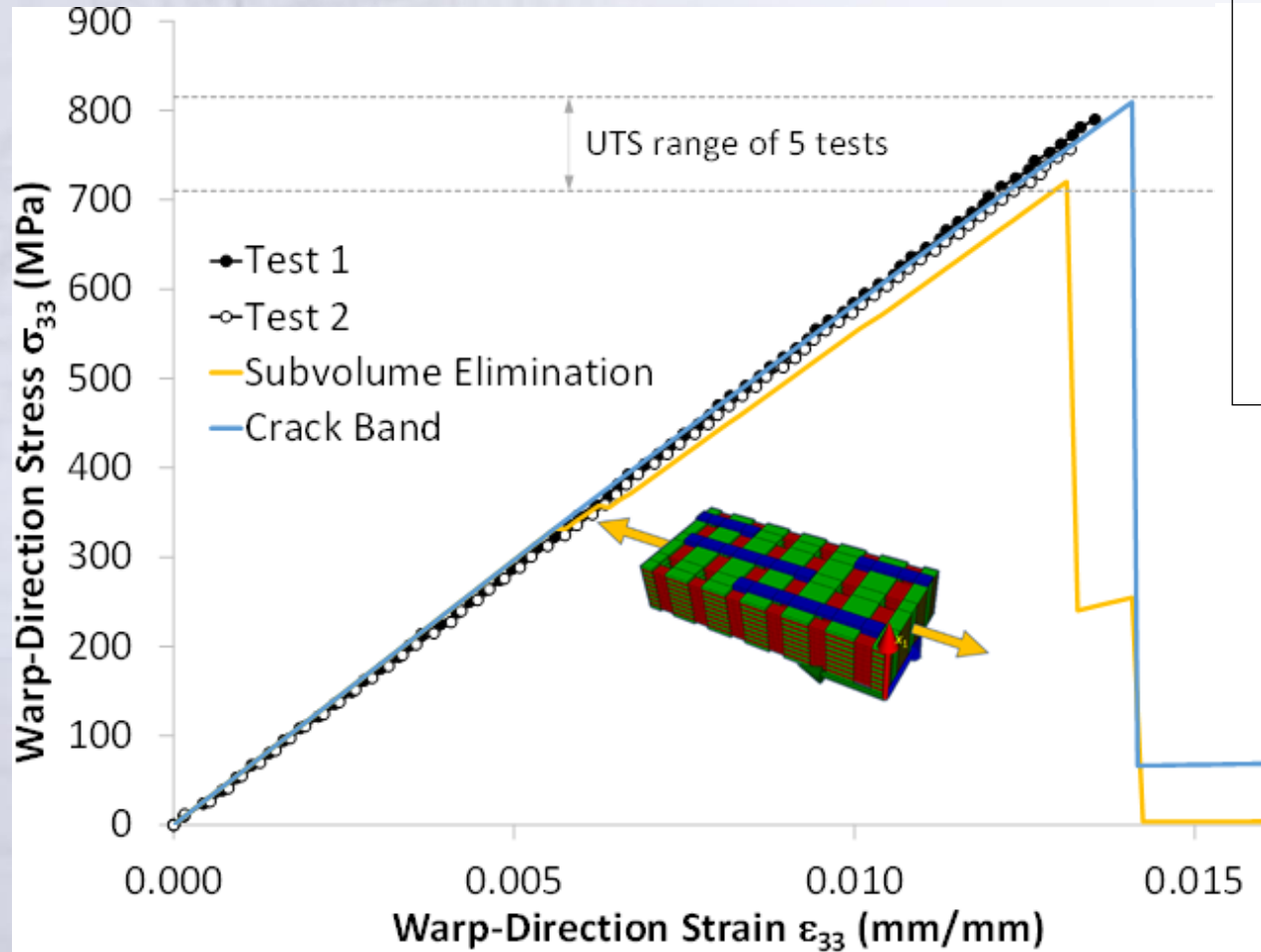
## Idealization of Tow Paths from X-Ray CT



## Through-thickness Binder Tow



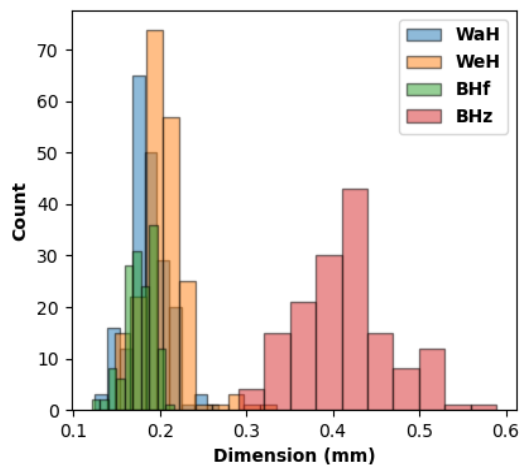
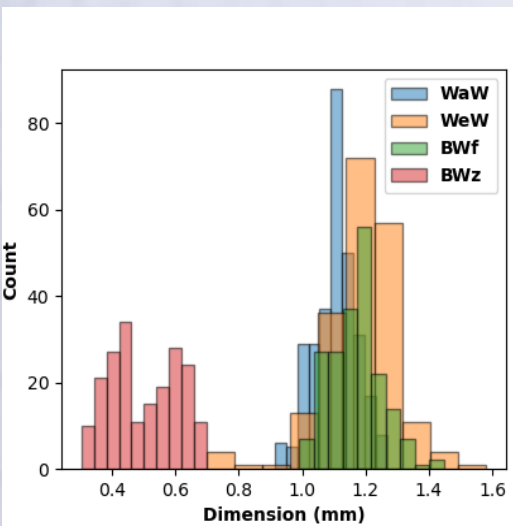
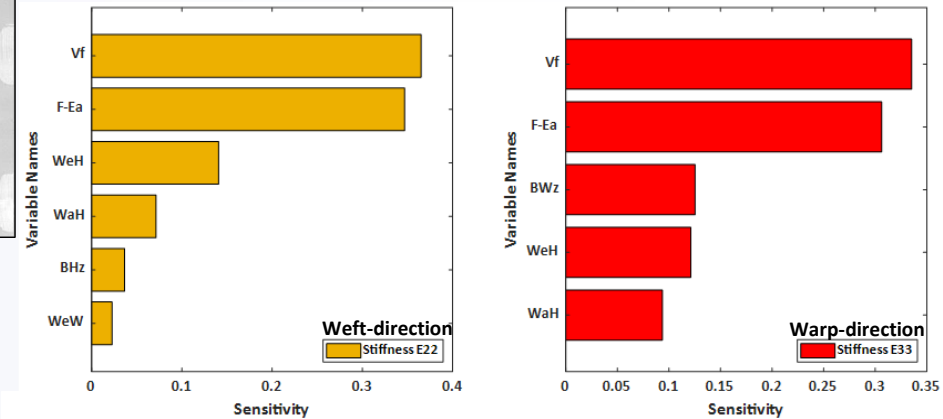
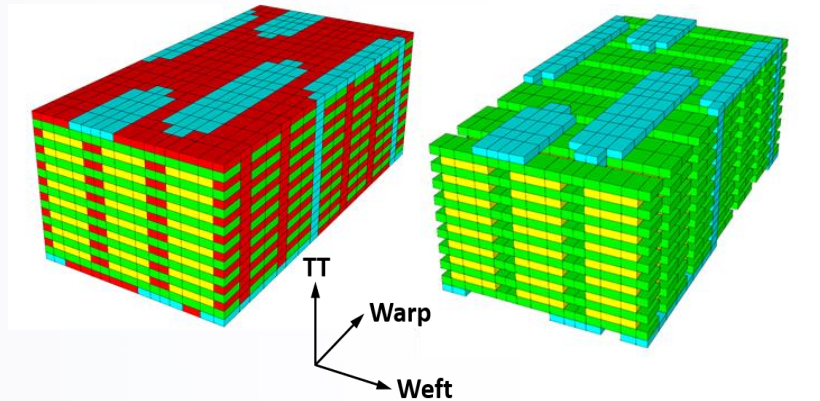
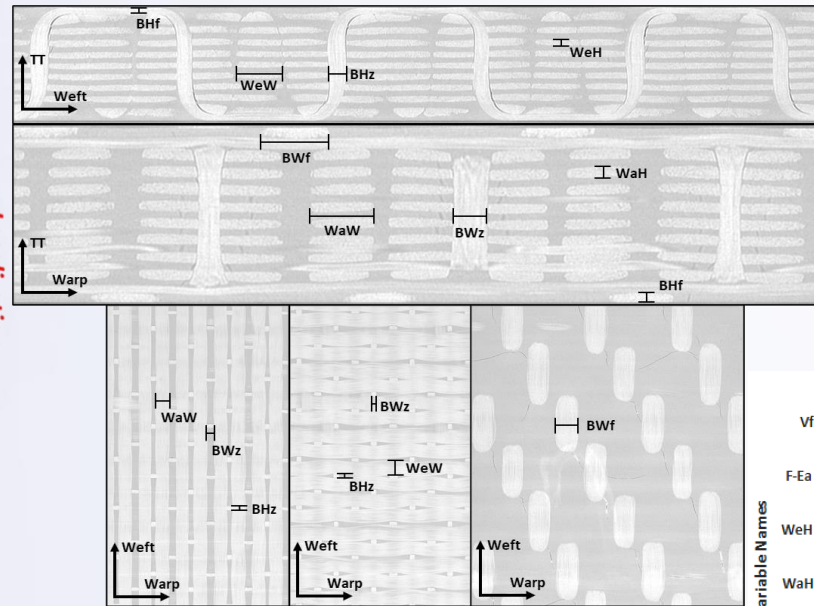
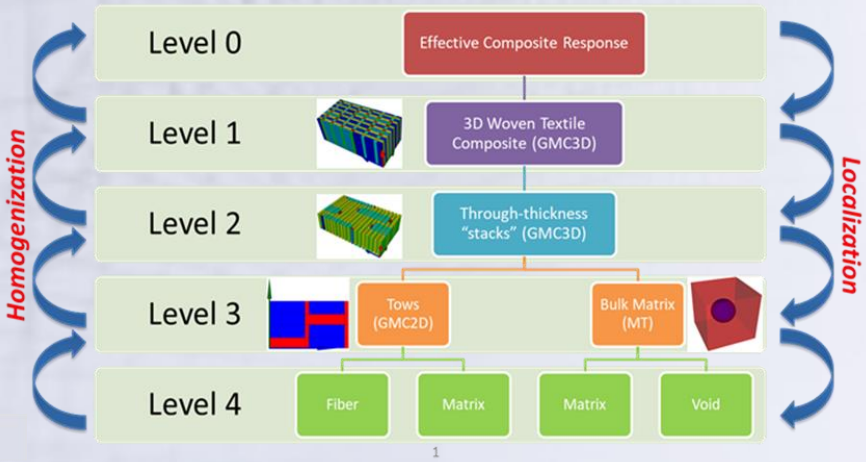
# Failure Prediction of a 3D Woven Composite



- Warp-direction strength predicted
- Use of quasi-brittle damage model improved overall prediction of stress-strain curve

- Failure mode predicted – disbonding of binder tows
- Crack band model results in more shear nonlinearity
- Runtimes: Subvolume elimination ~ 30 sec., crack band ~ 15 min.

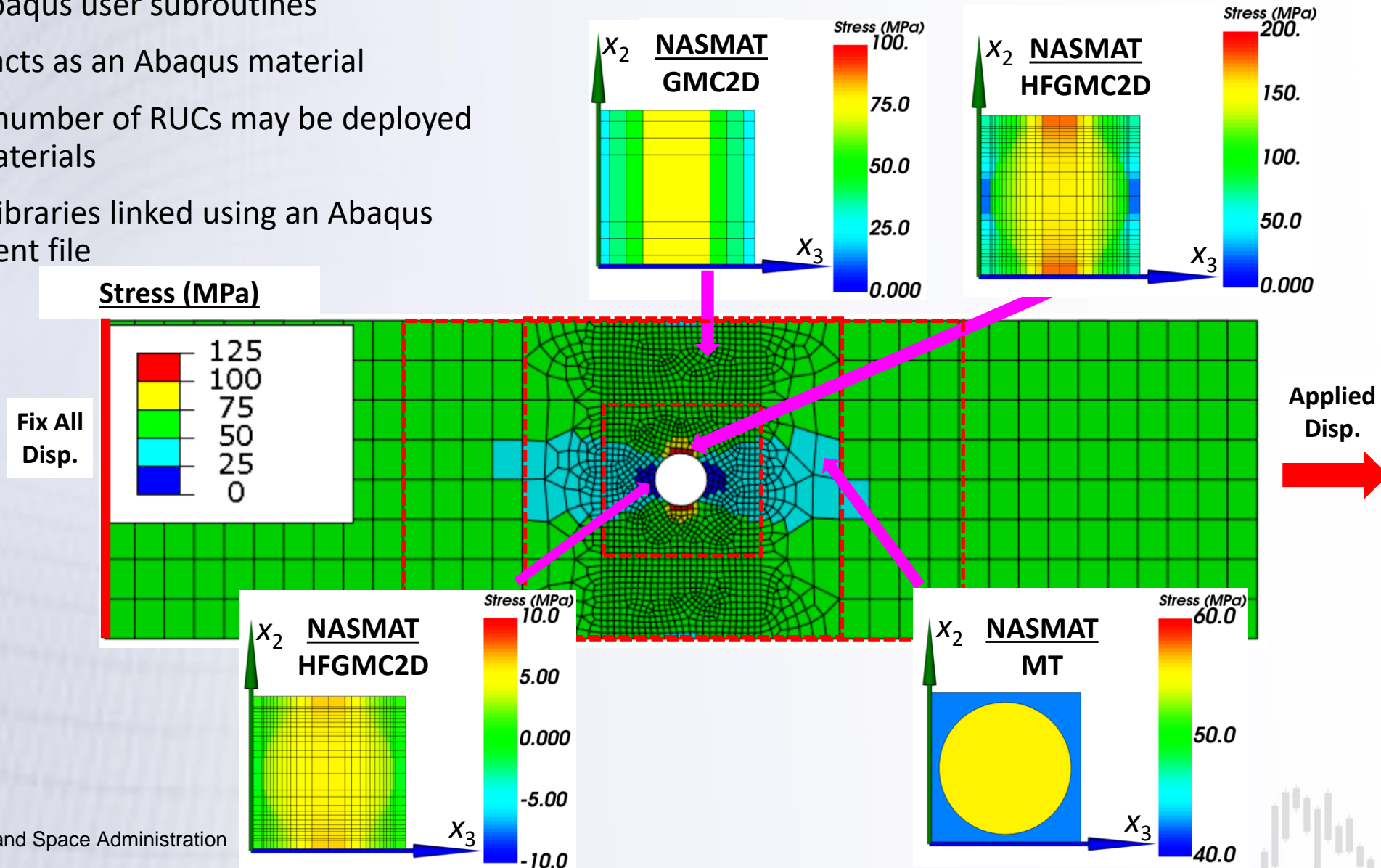
# Sensitivity Analysis of 3D Woven Composites



- Ability to capture relevant physics at multiple length scales
- Rapid analysis capability (~sec-min, single CPU) compared to state of the art (~hrs, many CPUs)
- **100k NASMAT simulations in ~6 hours**
- Able to estimate output sensitivities to input variables

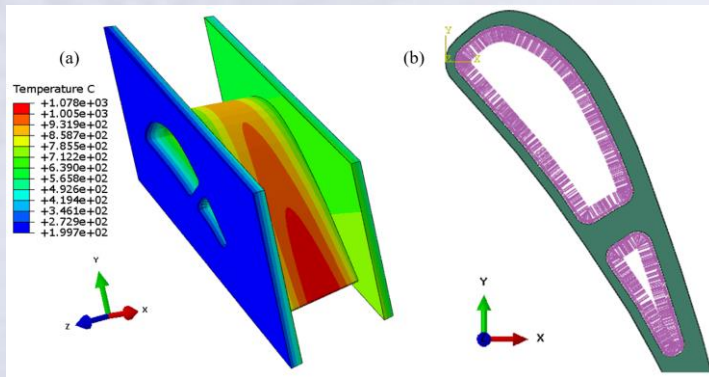
# Multifidelity Integration with Abaqus

- Utilizes Abaqus user subroutines
- NASMAT acts as an Abaqus material
- Arbitrary number of RUCs may be deployed as user materials
- NASMAT libraries linked using an Abaqus environment file

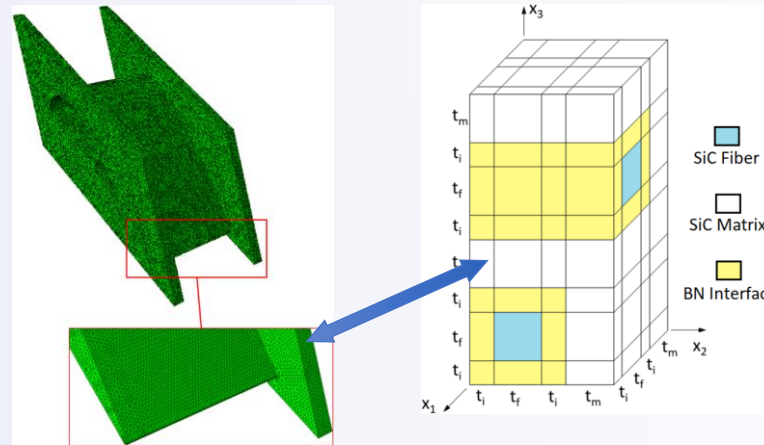


# Application to a Realistic, Industrial Sized Problems

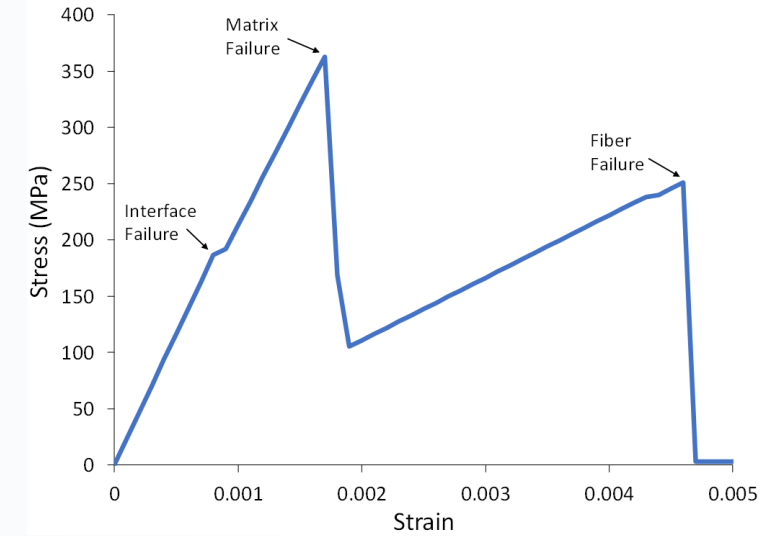
- Multiscale simulation of realistic SiC/SiC CMC turbine vane subjected to thermal and internal pressure loading
  - Fully integrated nonlinear analysis
    - 5.5 hrs, 102 CPUs



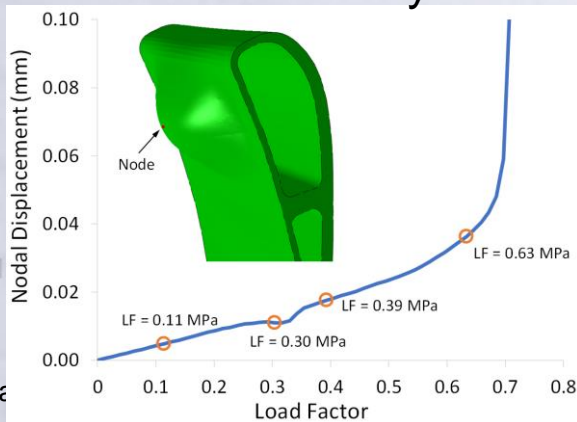
- FE Mesh ~0.5M C3D10 quadratic tets
- GMC3D SiC/SiC CMC RUC – 128 subcells



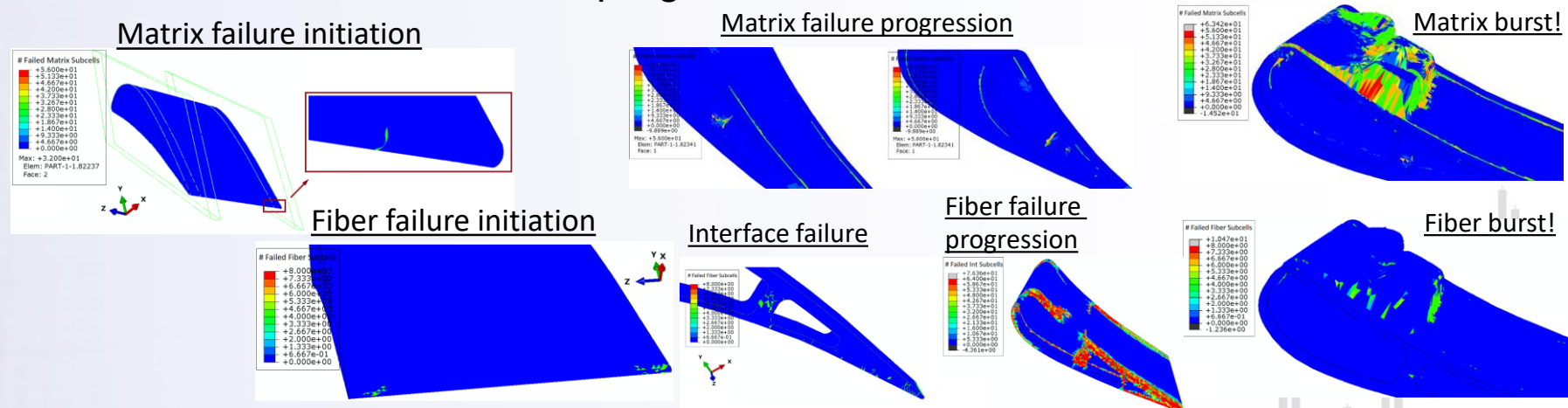
- Failure invoked at the microscale in the constituents



- Nodal displacement monitored as cavity bursts

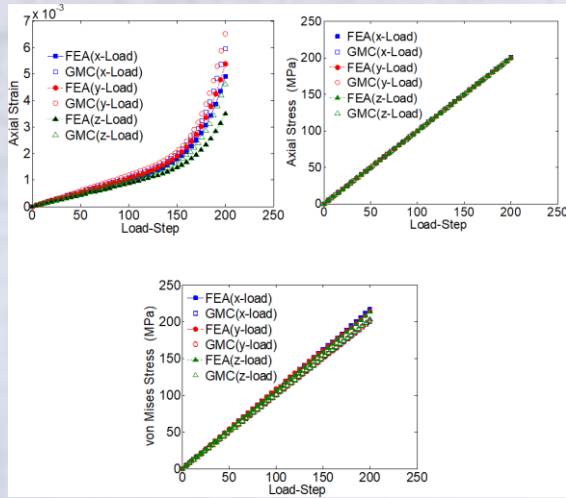


- Failure progression monitored in constituent

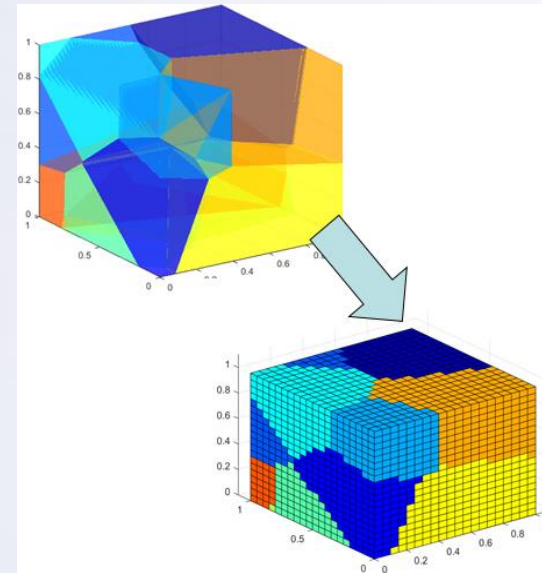


# Microscale Tailoring of a Multiphase Metallic Alloy Disk

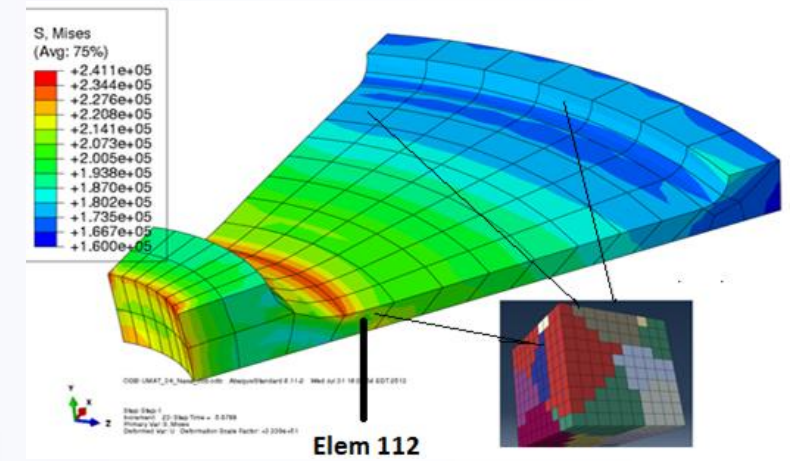
Single-crystal plasticity – collab. with Achuthan (Clarkson University)



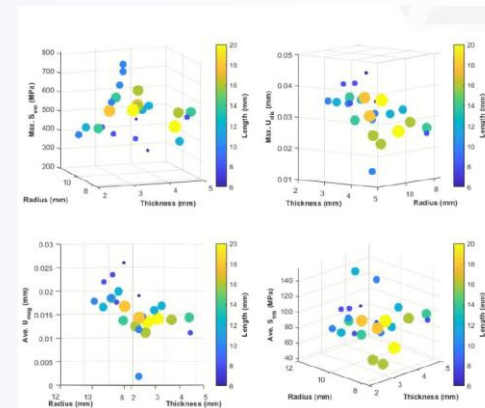
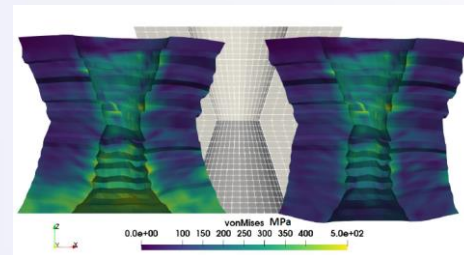
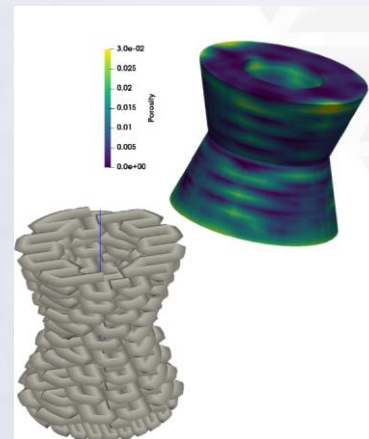
Voxelization of polycrystalline RUC for HFGMC analysis



Multiscale Modeling: Supported through NASA SBIR – ADDITIVE MANUFACTURING INNOVATIONS, LLC; PI: Ajit Achuthan



Additive Manufacturing: collab. with Gustafson (Western Michigan University)





# Multiphysics Governed by Vector Constitutive Laws

- New HFGMC formulation can solve any physics governed by vector constitutive law
- Predicts:
  - Effective properties (given constituent properties and arrangement)
  - Local fields (given global field loading)
- Second order potential or (temperature, etc.) expansion:

$$\begin{aligned} \psi^{(\alpha\beta\gamma)} = & \bar{X}_j x_j + \theta_{(000)}^{(\alpha\beta\gamma)} + \bar{y}_1^{(\alpha)} \theta_{(100)}^{(\alpha\beta\gamma)} + \bar{y}_2^{(\beta)} \theta_{(010)}^{(\alpha\beta\gamma)} + \bar{y}_3^{(\gamma)} \theta_{(001)}^{(\alpha\beta\gamma)} \\ & + \frac{1}{2} \left( 3\bar{y}_1^{(\alpha)2} - \frac{d_\alpha^2}{4} \right) \theta_{(200)}^{(\alpha\beta\gamma)} + \frac{1}{2} \left( 3\bar{y}_2^{(\beta)2} - \frac{h_\beta^2}{4} \right) \theta_{(020)}^{(\alpha\beta\gamma)} + \frac{1}{2} \left( 3\bar{y}_3^{(\gamma)2} - \frac{l_\gamma^2}{4} \right) \theta_{(002)}^{(\alpha\beta\gamma)} \end{aligned}$$

- System of  $3N_\alpha N_\beta N_\gamma$  algebraic equations:

$$\mathbf{K} \boldsymbol{\Omega} = \mathbf{f}$$

- Concentration equation:

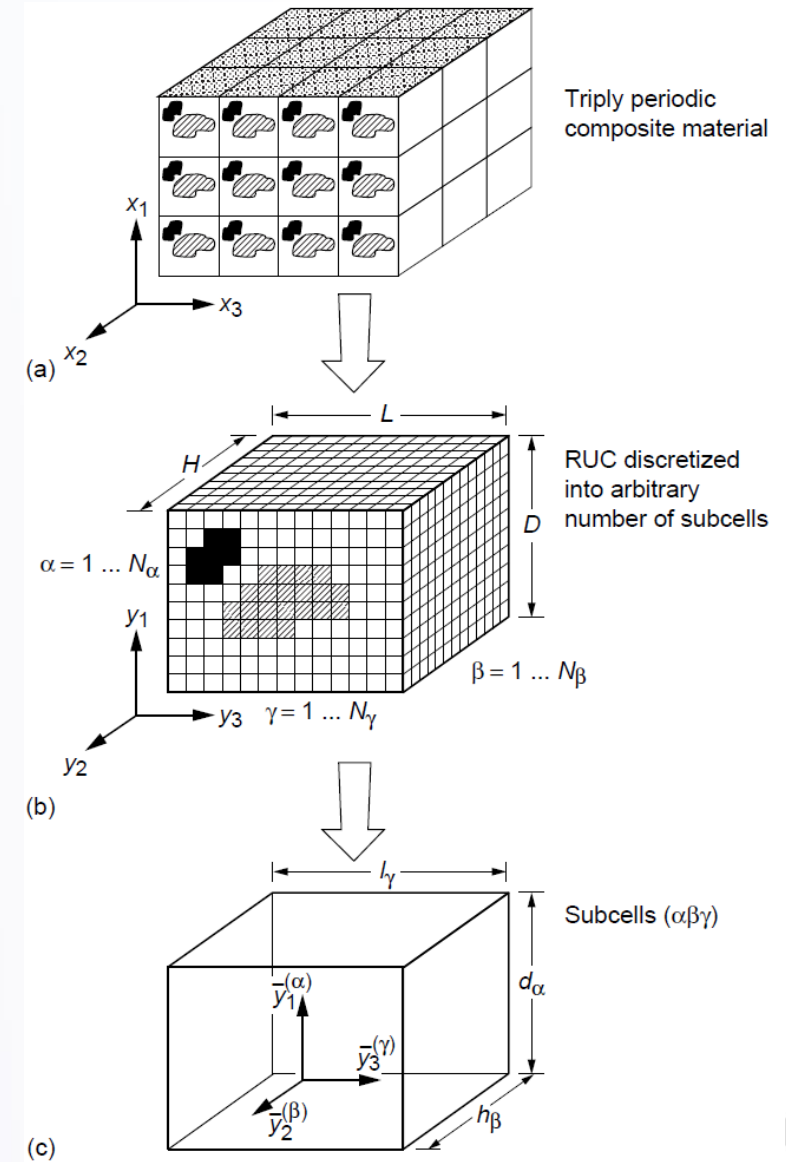
$$\mathbf{X}^{(\alpha\beta\gamma)} = \mathbf{A}^{(\alpha\beta\gamma)} \bar{\mathbf{X}}$$

- Global (effective) constitutive equation:

$$\bar{\mathbf{Y}} = \mathbf{Z}^* \bar{\mathbf{X}}$$

- Where, effective property tensor is:

$$\mathbf{Z}^* = \frac{1}{DHL} \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N_\alpha} \sum_{\beta=1}^{N_\beta} \sum_{\gamma=1}^{N_\gamma} d_\alpha h_\beta l_\gamma \mathbf{Z}^{(\alpha\beta\gamma)} \mathbf{A}^{(\alpha\beta\gamma)}$$

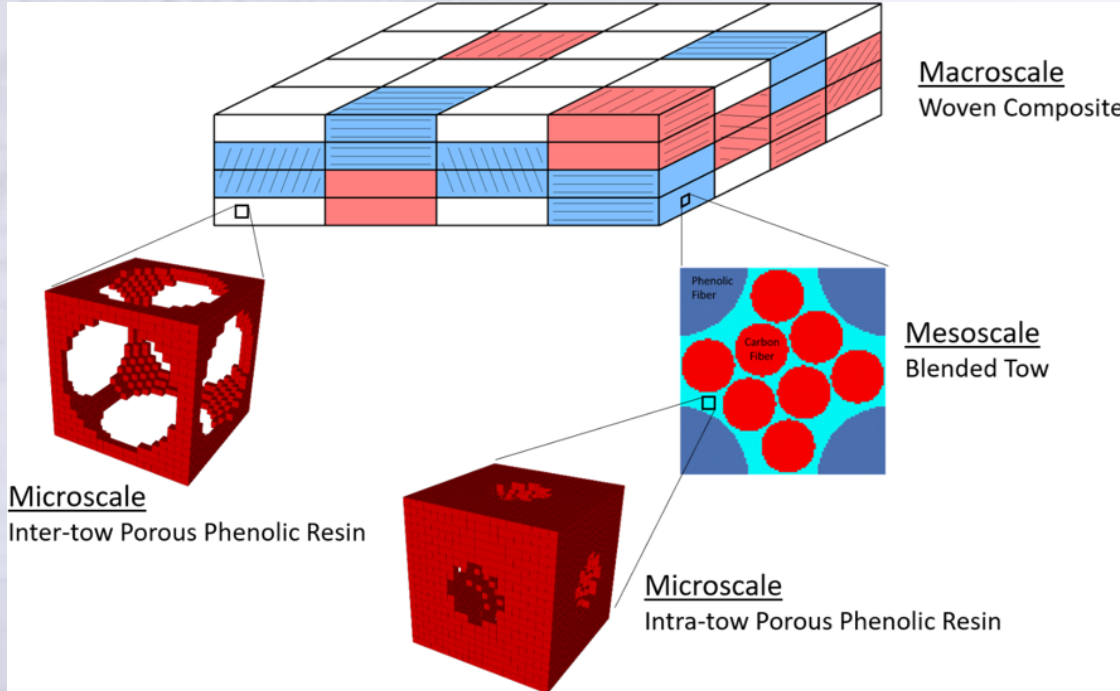


# Physics Governed by Vector Constitutive Laws

Heat conduction (Fourier's Law)	$\mathbf{q} = -\boldsymbol{\kappa} \nabla T$	$\mathbf{q}$ = heat flux vector $\boldsymbol{\kappa}$ = 2nd order thermal conductivity tensor $T$ = temperature	
Electrical conduction	$\mathbf{J} = -\boldsymbol{\sigma} \nabla \phi$	$\mathbf{J}$ = electric current density vector $\boldsymbol{\sigma}$ = 2nd order electric conductivity tensor $\phi$ = electrical potential	Electric field: $\mathbf{E} = -\nabla \phi$
Diffusion (Fick's Law)	$\mathbf{j} = -\mathbf{d} \nabla C$	$\mathbf{j}$ = permeant flux vector $\mathbf{d}$ = 2nd order diffusivity tensor $C$ = concentration	
Magnetic permeability	$\mathbf{B} = -\boldsymbol{\mu} \nabla \xi$	$\mathbf{J}$ = magnetic flux density vector $\boldsymbol{\sigma}$ = 2nd order magnetic permeability tensor $\phi$ = magnetic potential	Magnetic field: $\mathbf{H} = -\nabla \xi$
Electrical permittivity	$\mathbf{D} = -\boldsymbol{\epsilon} \nabla \phi$	$\mathbf{D}$ = electric displacement vector $\boldsymbol{\epsilon}$ = 2nd order electric permittivity tensor $\phi$ = electric potential	Electric field: $\mathbf{E} = -\nabla \phi$
In General	$\mathbf{Y} = -\mathbf{Z} \nabla \psi = \mathbf{Z} \mathbf{X}$	Governing Equation: $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{Y} = 0$	

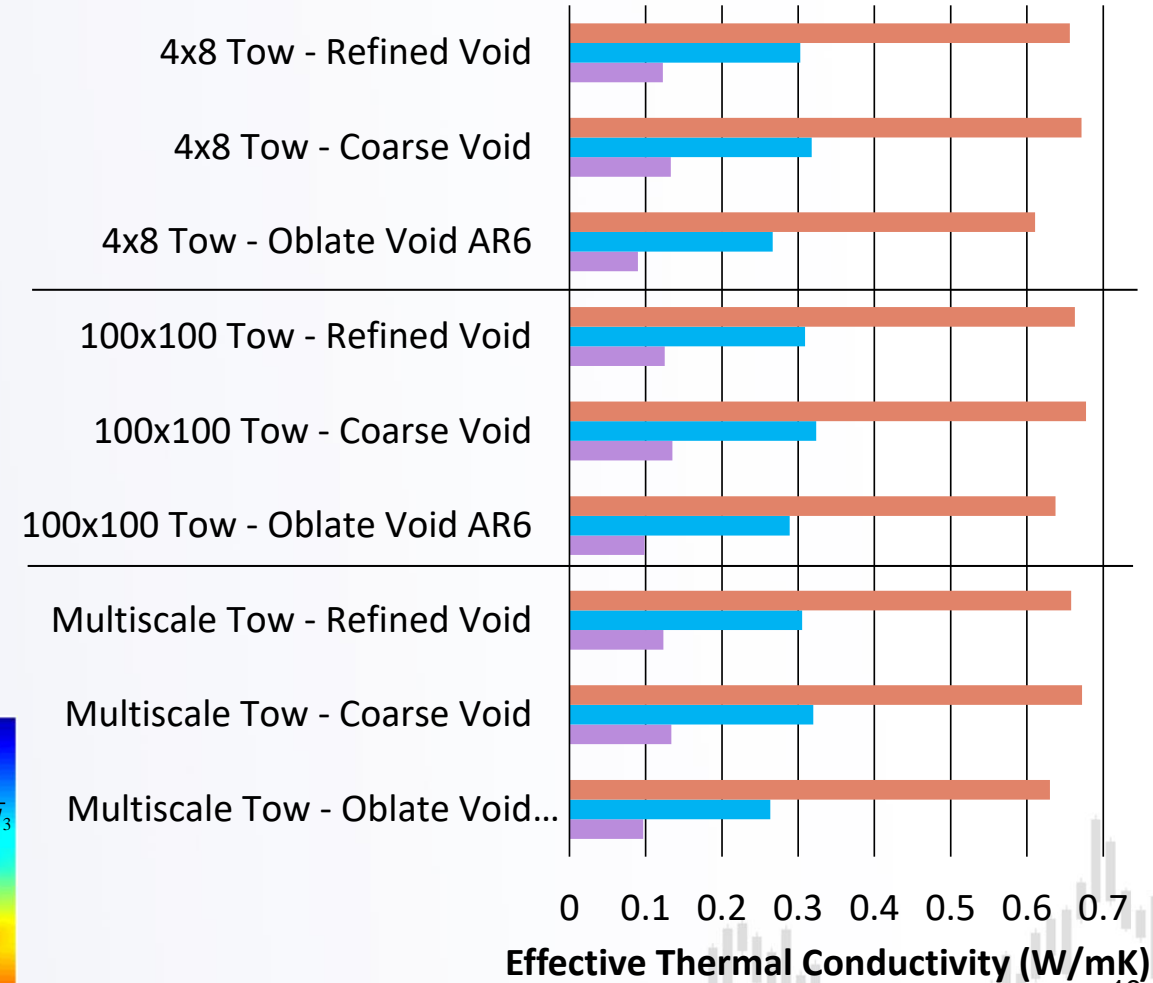
# Multiscale Thermal Conductivity – C/Phenolic TPS Material

- Three scales (woven composite/tows/voids)

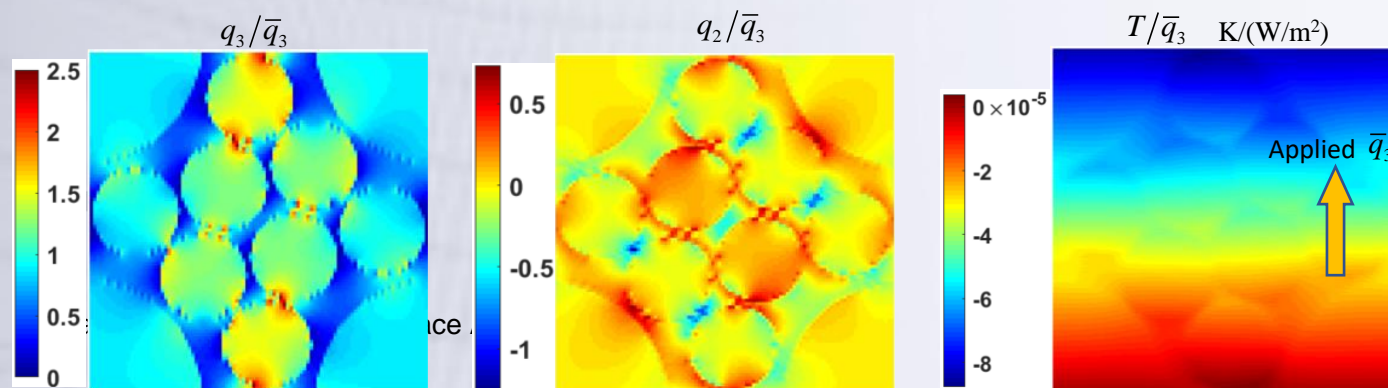


Anisotropic effective thermal conductivity as a function of tow and void representation

■ k33 (fill)   
 ■ k22 (warp)   
 ■ k11 (through-thickness)



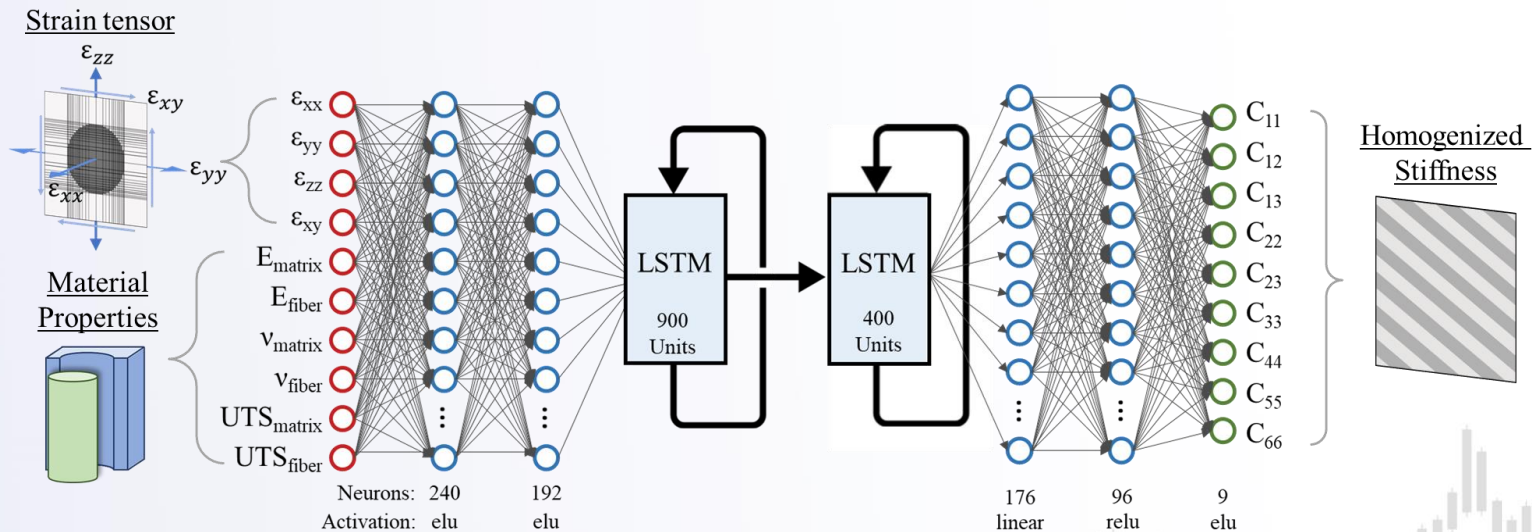
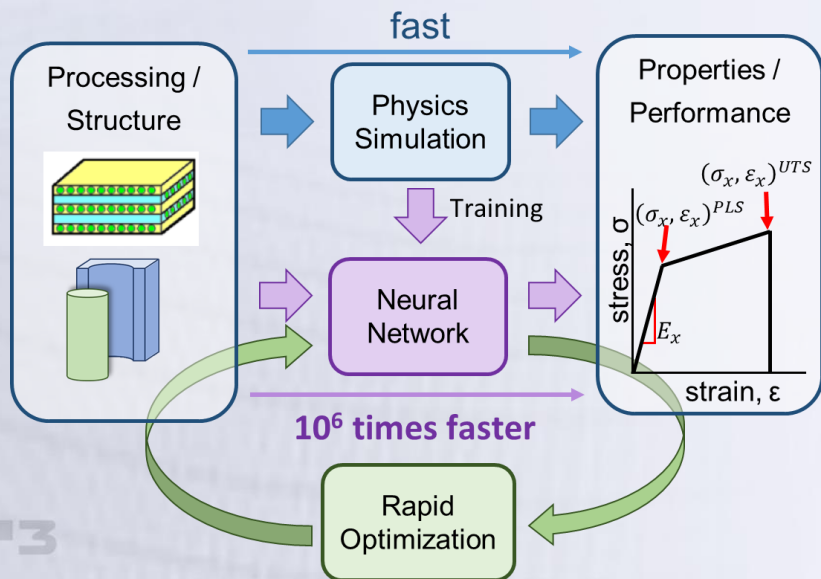
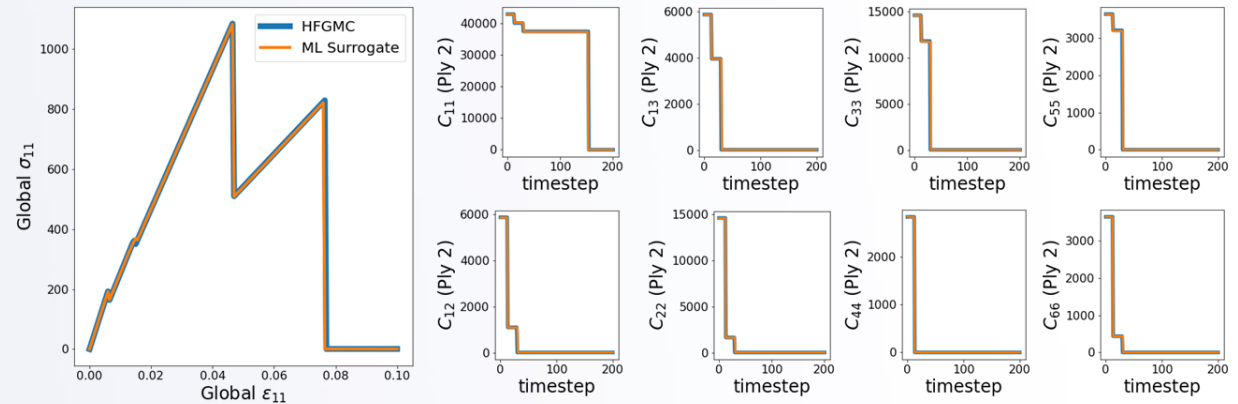
Sample local flux and temperature fields in tow (normalized)



# Coupling NASMAT with Machine Learning Tools

- Surrogate model interface to NASMAT developed
  - Couples Tensorflow to NASMAT
- Machine learning models developed to accurately replace physics-based models
- Currently validating approach for large-scale problems

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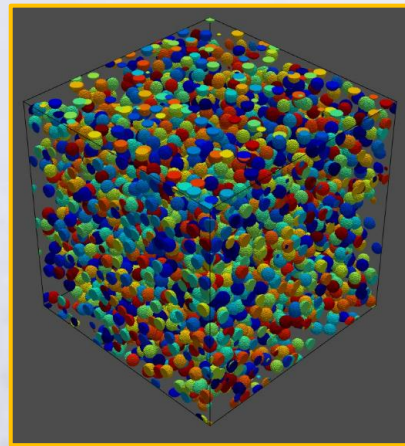
# Framework for Multiscale Process Modeling

## Hierarchical process modeling approach (FEA)

- Analysis outputs at lower length scales become inputs to analysis at higher length scales
- Allows characterization of in-situ residual stresses
  - Proposed key driver of initial damage



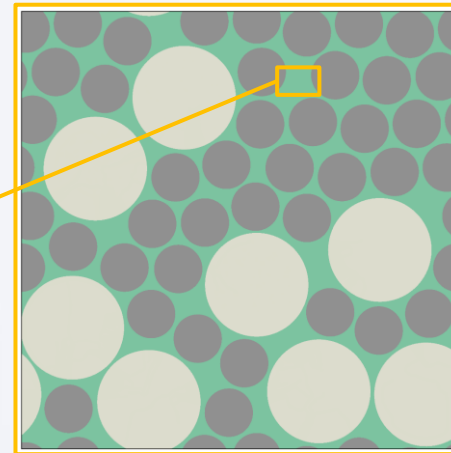
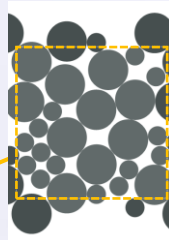
Porous  
Microstructure  
Analysis (PuMA)



Highly porous phenolic matrix

*Microscale Level I*

Random RVE generator

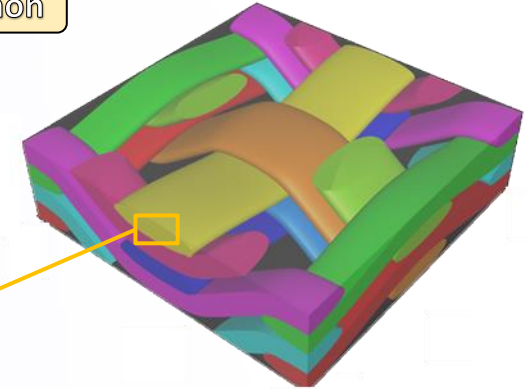


Blended carbon/phenolic tow microstructure

*Microscale Level II*

Plans to incorporate into NASMAT

TexGen

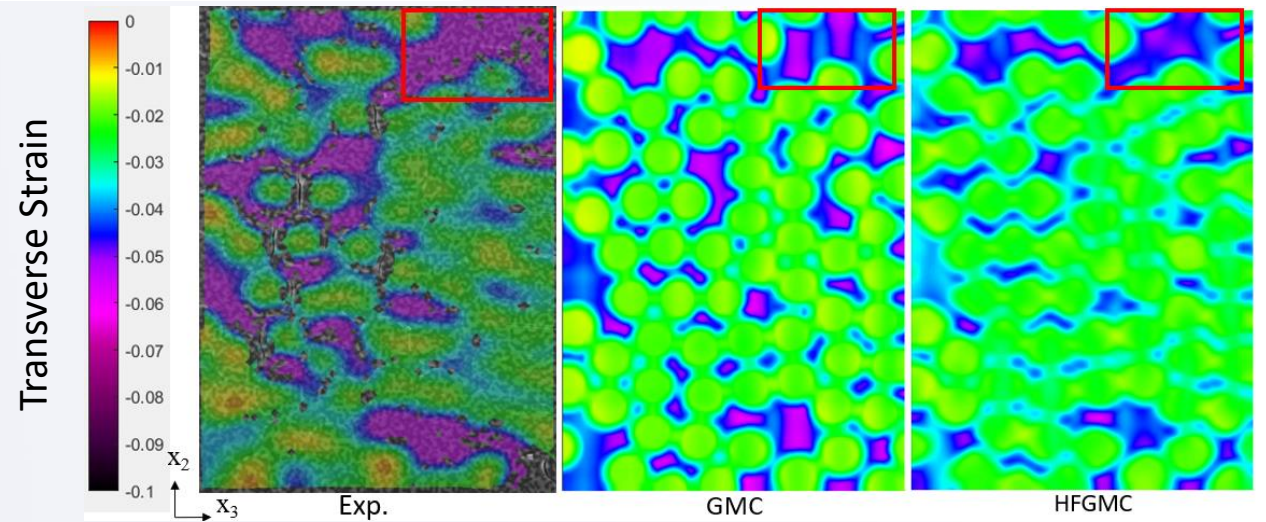
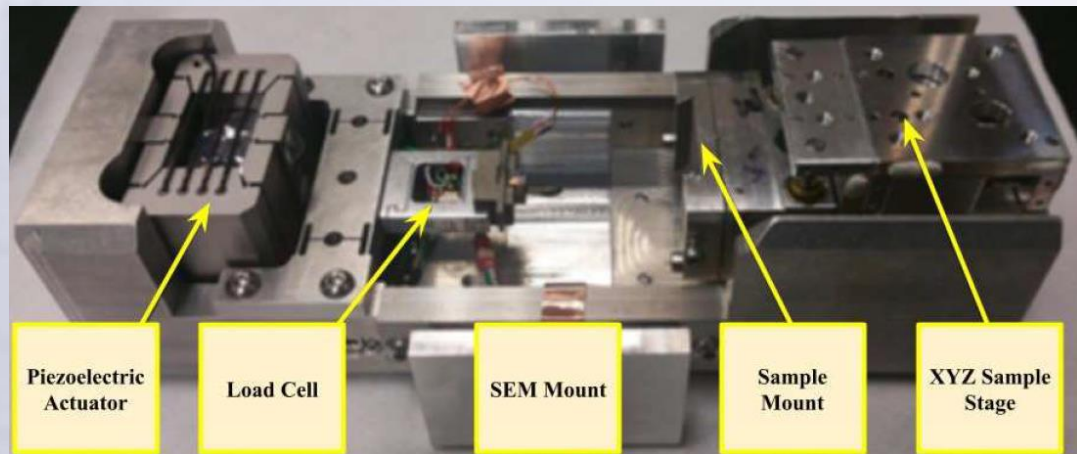
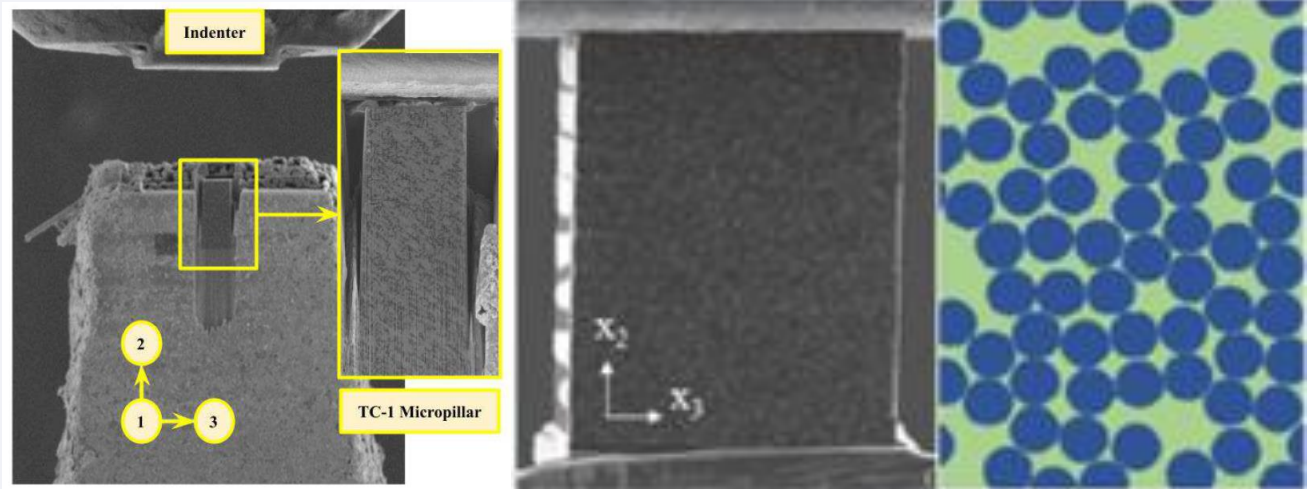


3D medium density carbon phenolic (3MDCP) textile

*Mesoscale*

# Micropillar Composite Testing to Validate Microscale Modeling

- Novel compression testing of micropillar composites (AFRL – M. Flores)
- Test useful for validating microscale modeling approaches
- Modeling performed with NASMAT/Abaqus
- Stiffness prediction close to experiments
- Exploring methods for comparing local DIC/ model fields
- Planning to model compressive failure



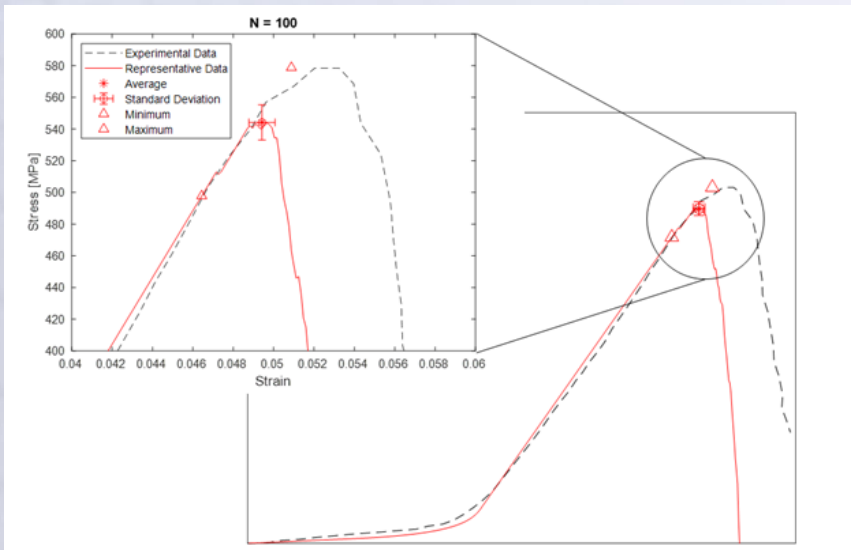
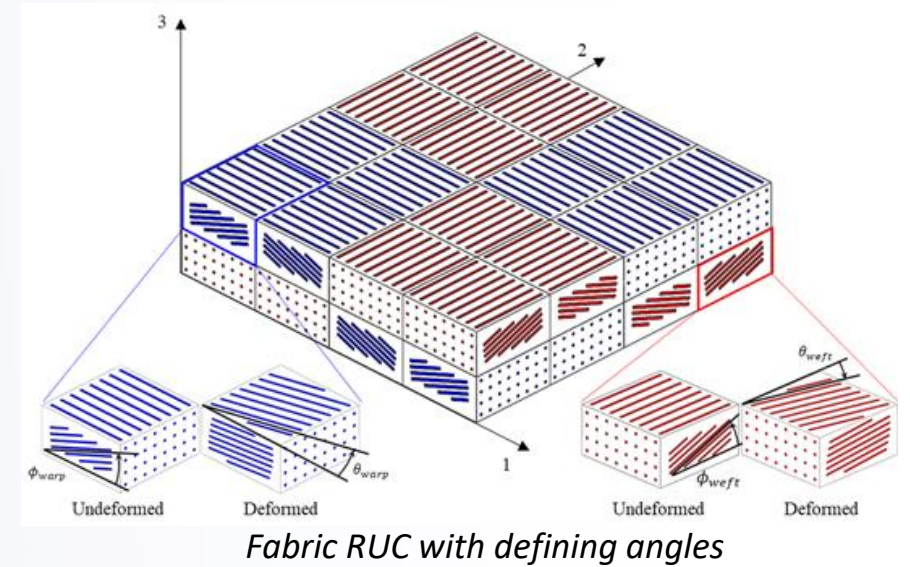
**\*Partnership with AFRL**



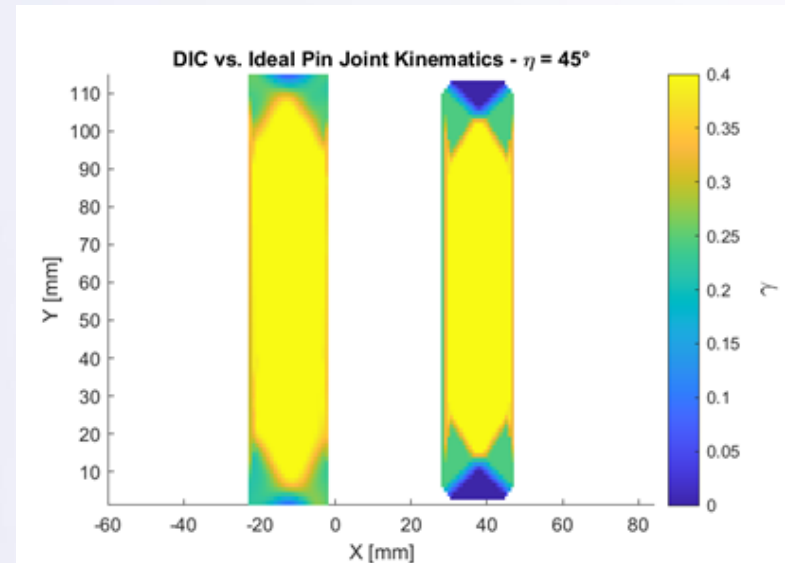
	Experiment	GMC	HFGMC	FEA
<b>Transverse Stiffness (GPA)</b>	10.79	9.37	10.05	10.06

# Dry Fabrics for Entry Parachute Applications

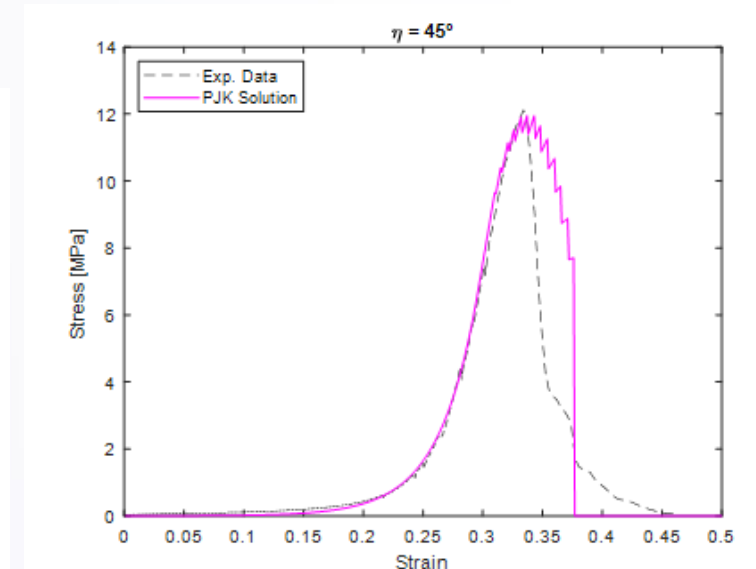
- Simulate dry fabric behavior by allowing the tow orientation in each subcell to change with applied loading
  - $\phi$  – Crimp or tow undulation angle
  - $\vartheta$  – Relative tow rotation angle
- Failure predicted for both fiber breakage and yarn pullout
  - Fiber breakage accounts for statistical variation observed experimentally
  - Yarn pullout failure criteria developed for macroscale (coupon)
    - Able to capture full field strain development



*Warp-Aligned Uniaxial Tension (100 simulations)*



*Bias Extension Shear Strain Development*

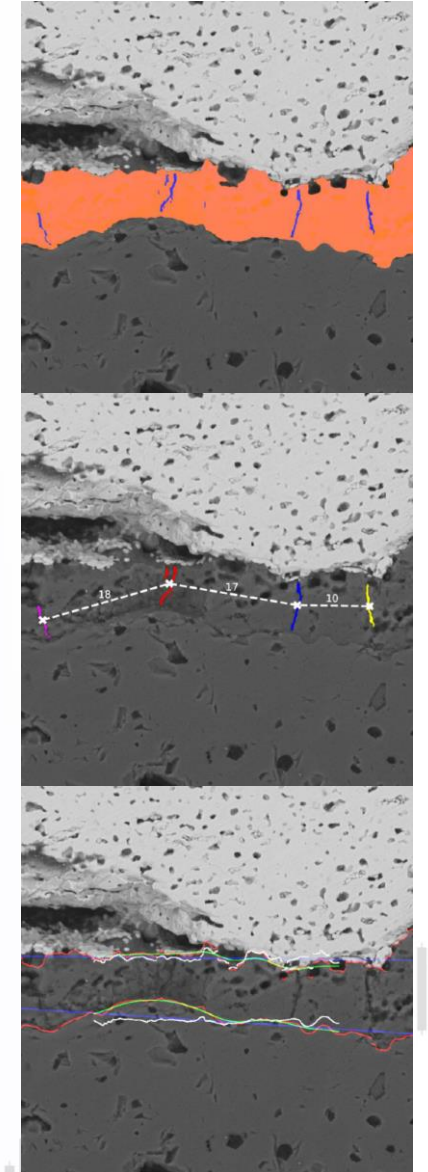
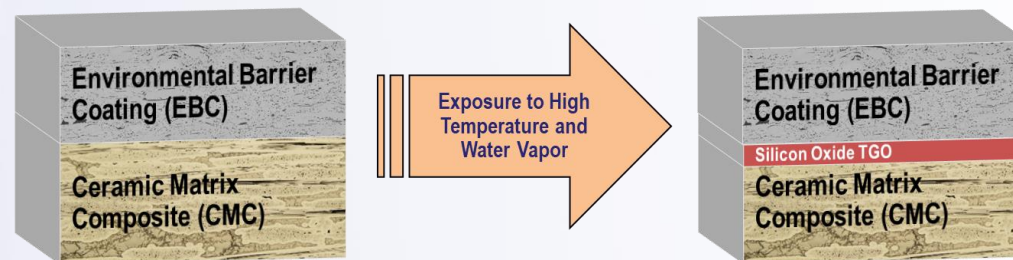
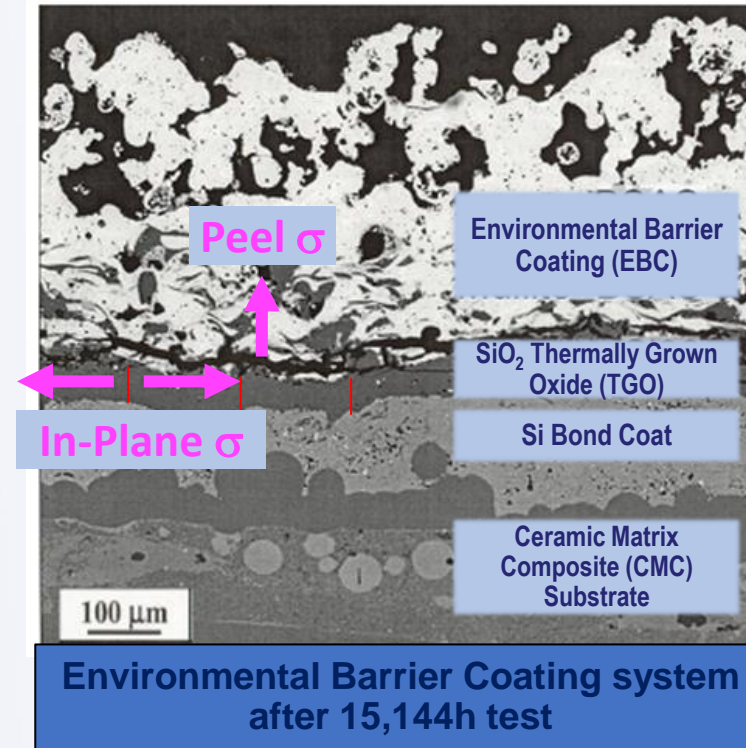
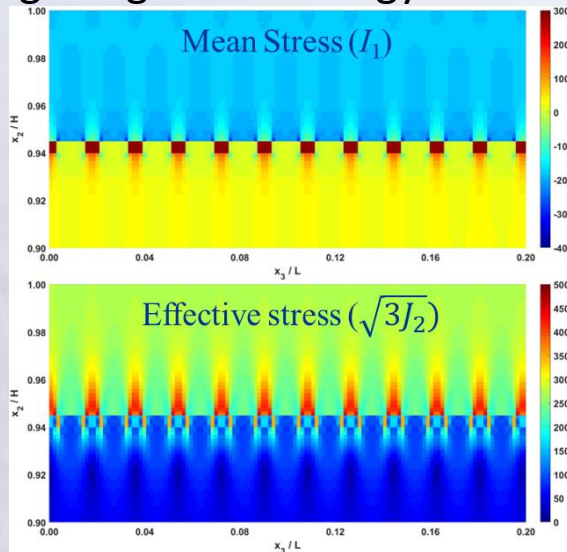


*Bias Extension Simulation*

**POC: B. Hearley**

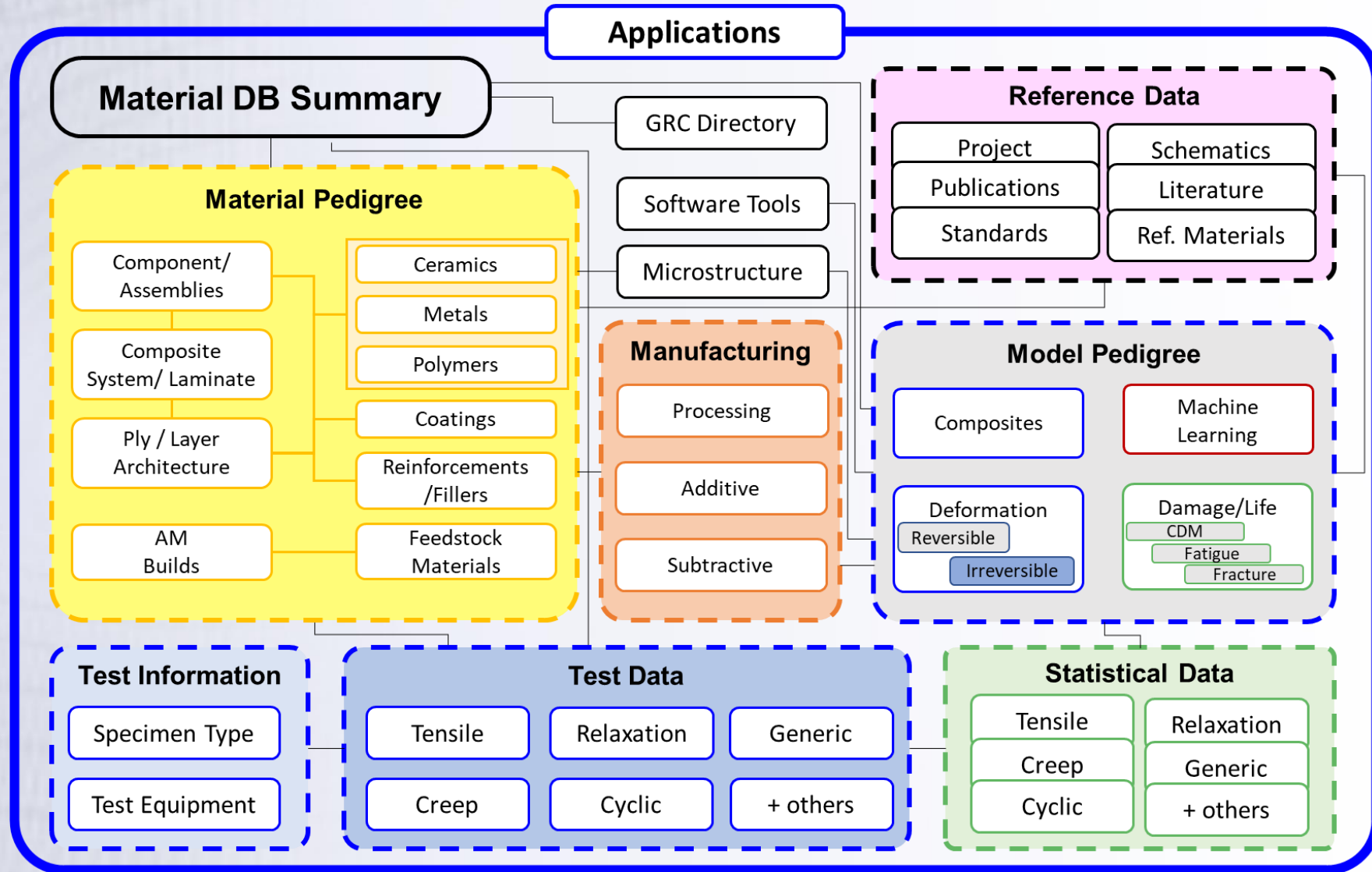
# Modeling of Ceramic Matrix Composite (CMC) / Environmental Barrier Coating (EBC) Systems

- Coupled thermal-mechanical analysis performed using legacy tools and FEA
- Porting legacy capability over to NASMAT to analyze
- Focused on understanding driving forces
- Modeling captures temperature dependence, creep, volumetric changes
- Generating more realistic models by incorporating measured data (roughness, thickness, crack spacing)
- Developing lifing methodology for CMC/EBC systems



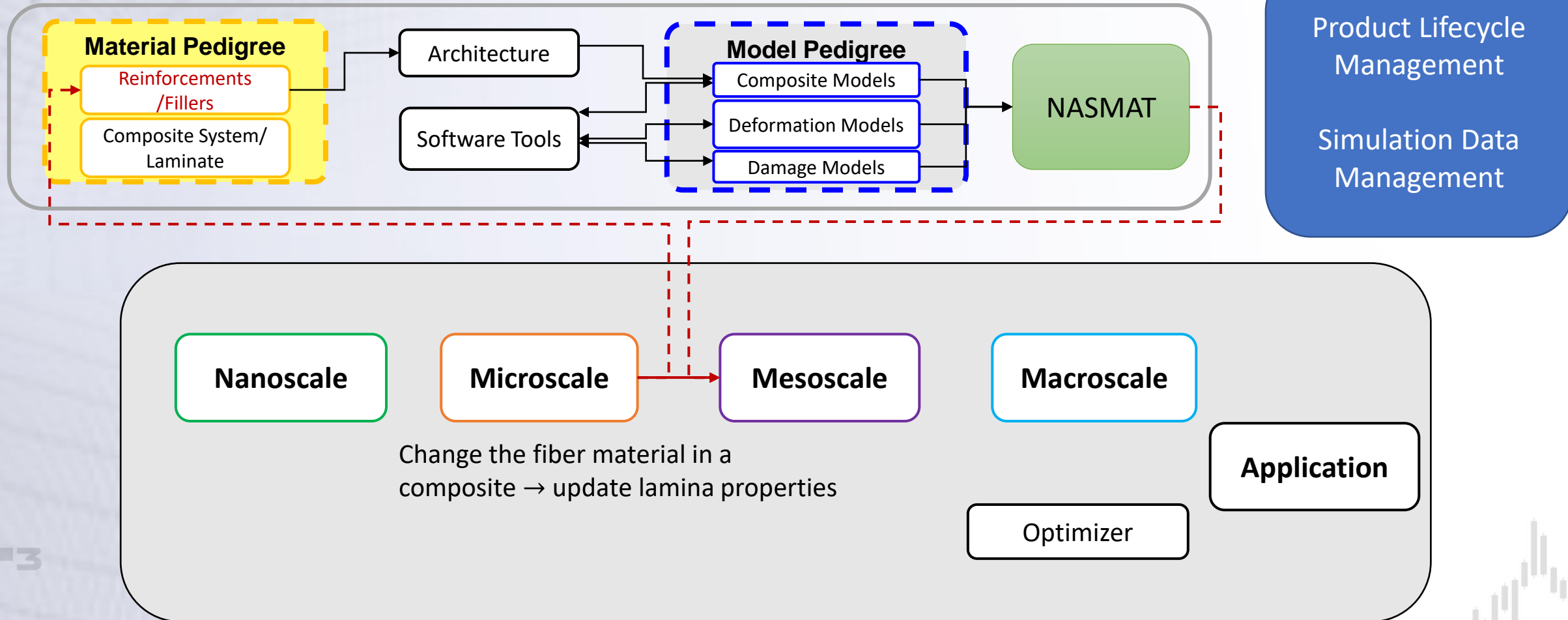


# NASA GRC Database Schema for ICME



# Database/Simulation Management in ICME

Automation of read/write and tool execution in background





# Summary

- NASMAT is an efficient and accurate nonlinear deformation and damage framework for the design and analysis of composite materials and structures (laminated and woven)
- NASMAT is an enabling tool to realize Vision 2040
- Suitable for modeling various materials (composite, fabrics, metallics)
- Able to capture relevant mechanisms at multiple scales
- Variable fidelity models available to balance computational efficiency and accuracy
- Has multi-physics modeling capability (including sequentially coupled)
- Can be coupled to external third-party software (e.g., FEA)
- Ongoing work focused on parallelizing multiscale recursive models within NASMAT





# How to Get

- NASA Software Catalog
- <https://software.nasa.gov/software/LEW-20244-1>
- Format: Windows/Linux standalone executable and Abaqus compiled libraries
- Prerequisites: Intel OneAPI Base and HPC toolkits, HDF5 (1.10.6)
- Contact: [nasmat@lists.nasa.gov](mailto:nasmat@lists.nasa.gov)

## Materials And Processes

### NASA Multiscale Analysis Tool (NASMAT)

(LEW-20244-1)

#### Overview

The NASA Multiscale Analysis Tool (NASMAT) serves as a state-of-the-art, plug and play, software package which utilizes multiscale recursive micromechanics as a platform for massively multiscale modeling of hierarchical materials and structures subjected to thermomechanical loads on high performance computing systems.

[Request Software](#)

#### Software Details

<b>Category</b>	Materials and Processes
<b>Reference Number</b>	LEW-20244-1
<b>Release Type</b>	U.S. and Foreign Release
<b>Operating System</b>	Windows, Linux

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  - NASA STMD Entry Systems Modeling
  - NASA STMD Thermoplastics Development for Exploration Activities
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# 2040 Ecosystem *Revolutionizes* Design Paradigm

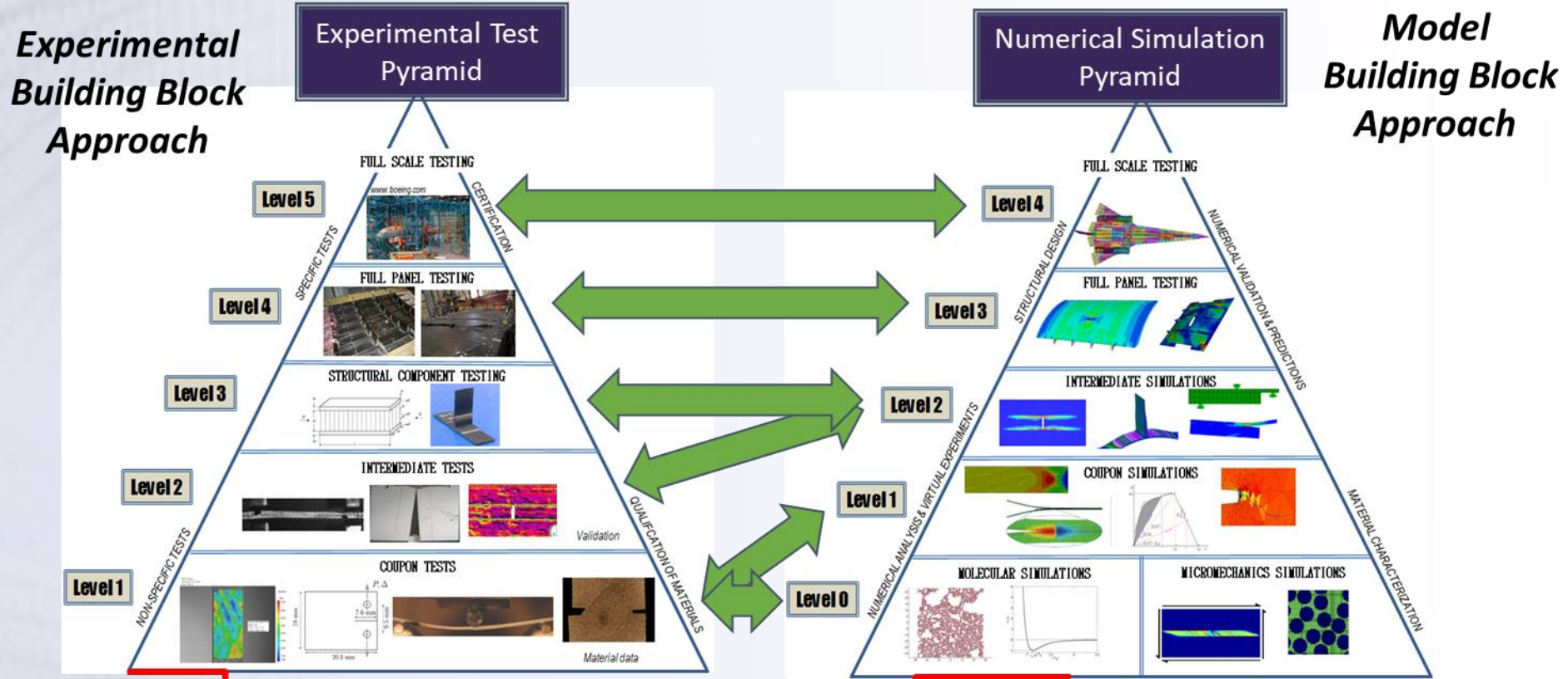


The cyber-physical-social ecosystem that marries “the design of materials” (material scientist viewpoint) with “the design with materials” (structural analyst viewpoint) approaches into one concurrent *transformational digital paradigm*.

Today' s Design Paradigm	2040 Design Paradigm
Design Of Materials And Systems Is <i>Disconnected</i>	Design Of Materials And Systems Is <i>Integrated</i>
Stages Of The Product Development Lifecycle Are <i>Segmented</i>	Stages Of The Product Development Lifecycle Are <i>Seamlessly Joined</i>
Tools, Ontologies, And Methodologies Are <i>Domain-specific</i>	Tools, Ontologies, And Methodologies Are <i>Usable Across The Community</i>
Materials Properties Are Based On <i>Empiricism</i>	Materials Properties Are <i>Virtually Determined</i>
Product Certification Relies Heavily On <i>Physical Testing</i> .	Product Certification Relies Heavily On <i>Simulation</i>



# Virtual Testing Can Enable Significant Cost Savings in Certification Process



A robust **validated computational** platform is **essential** for sustainable, cost-effective technology development program  
 ➤ **reduced testing and time to certify!**

\$\$\$ Savings!



# NASMAT Input File

- Input file is an ASCII text file – use any text editor
- **Keywords** and **Specifiers** described in user manual (distributed with code)
- Pre/Post-processor under development to aid users

**Keywords**

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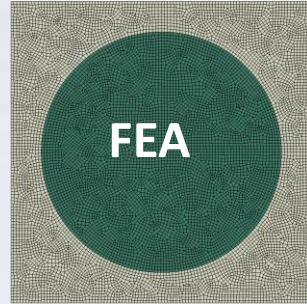
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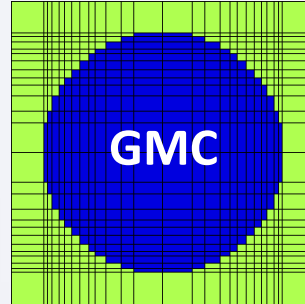
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# Fidelity vs. Efficiency in Composite Micromechanics

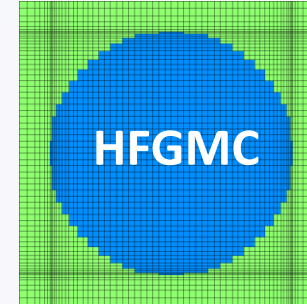
Transverse Loading  
50% Glass/Epoxy



~11,000 GPS Elements



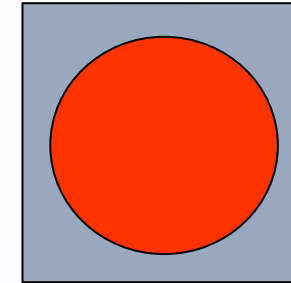
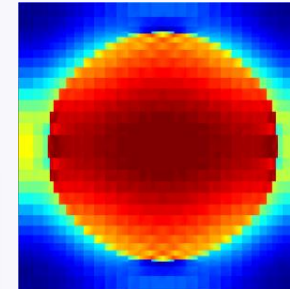
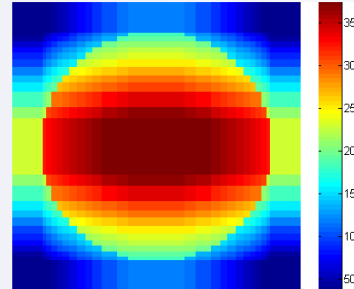
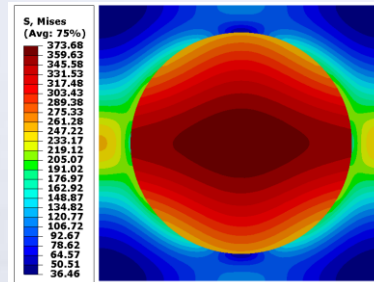
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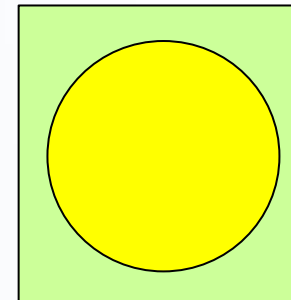
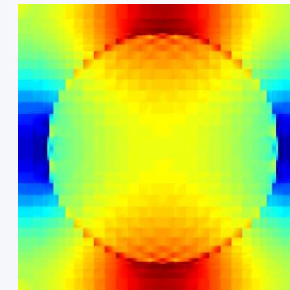
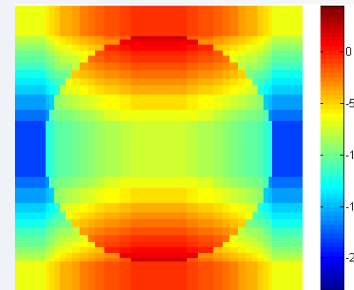
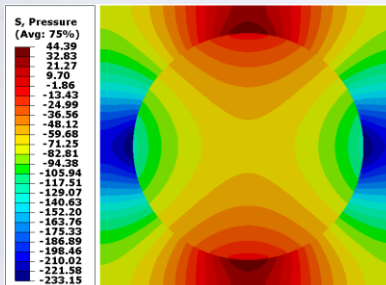
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Simpler Methods  
Mean Field

von Mises  
stress ( $J_2$ )



Pressure  
(=  $-\sigma_{\text{mean}}$ )  
(MPa)



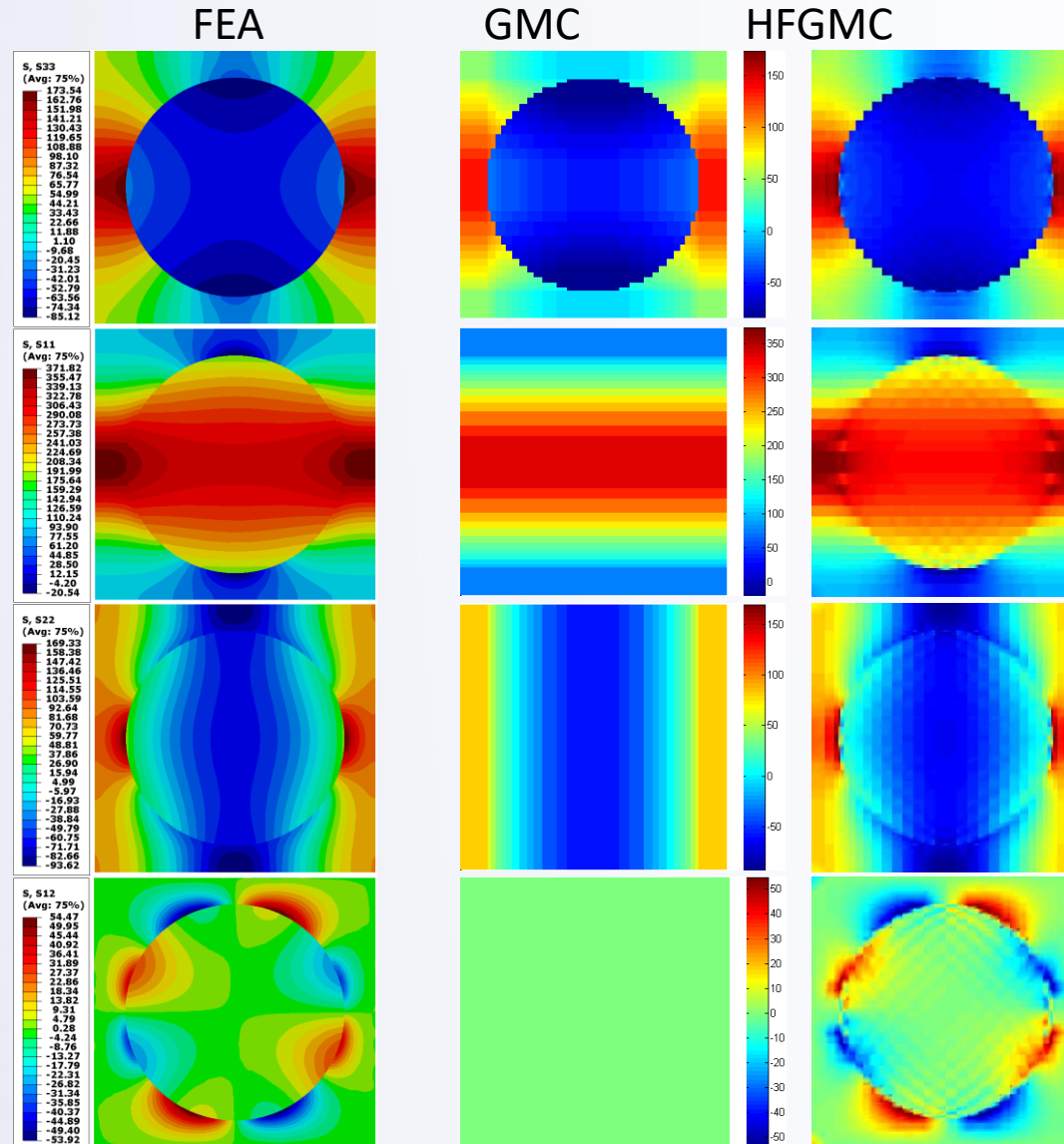
# Individual Stress Components

Axial stress (MPa)

Transverse stress in loading direction (MPa)

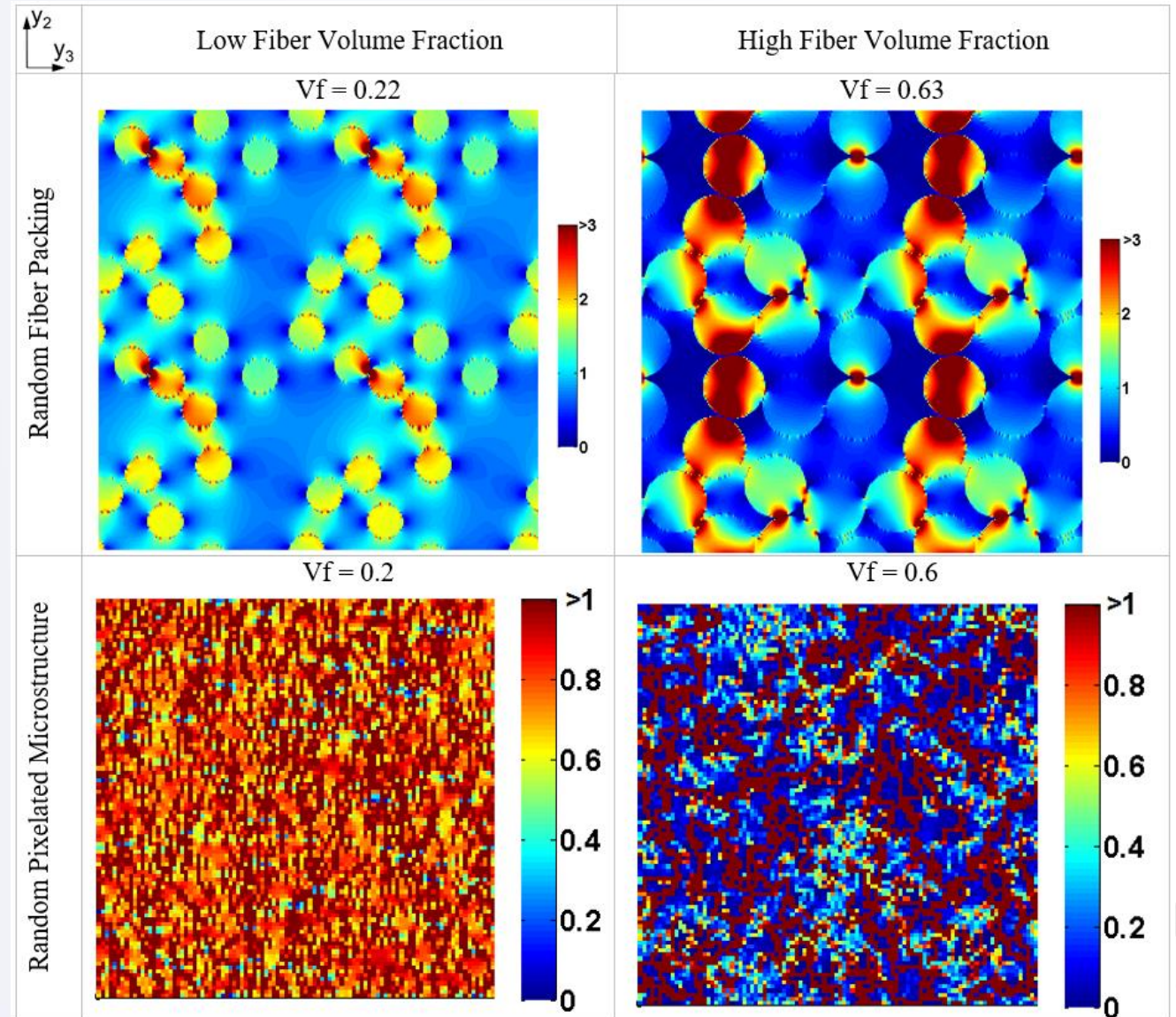
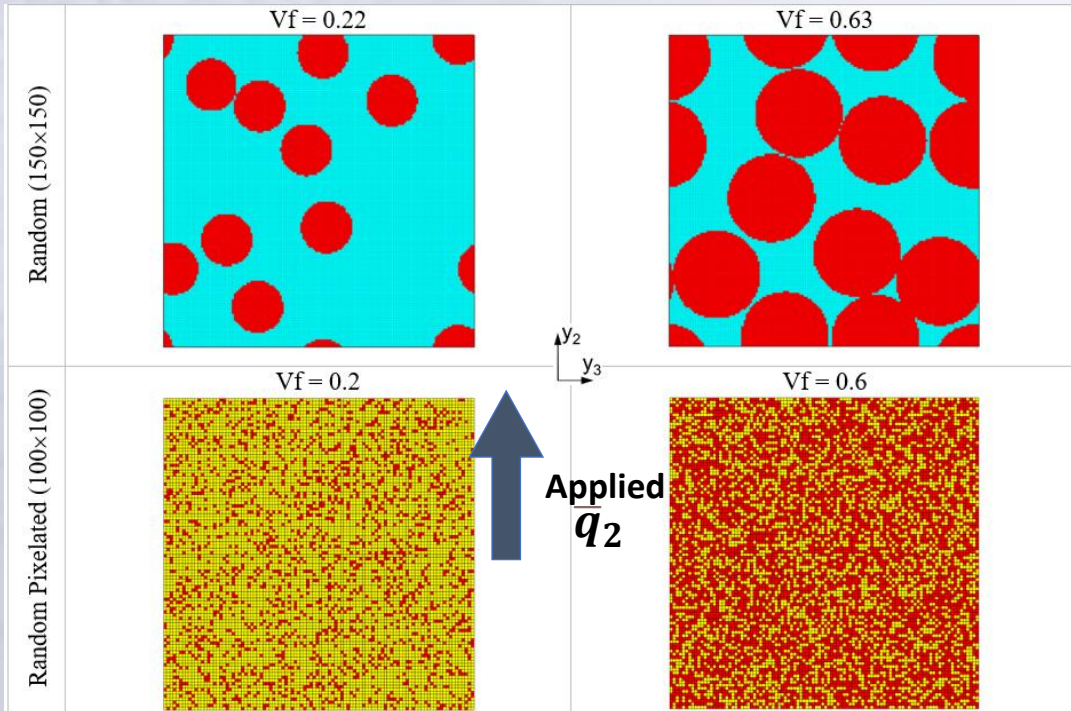
Transverse stress (MPa) normal to loading direction

Transverse shear stress (MPa)



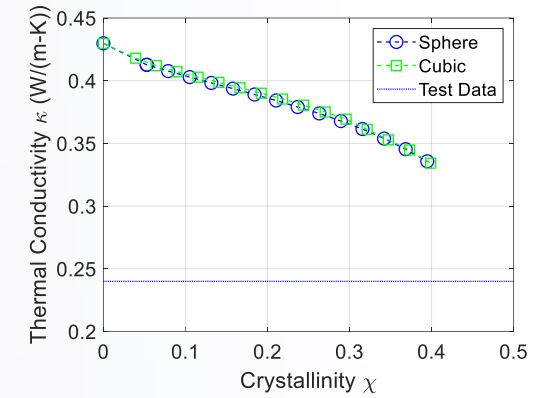
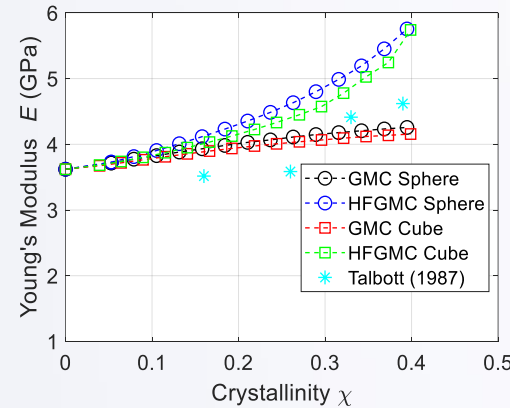
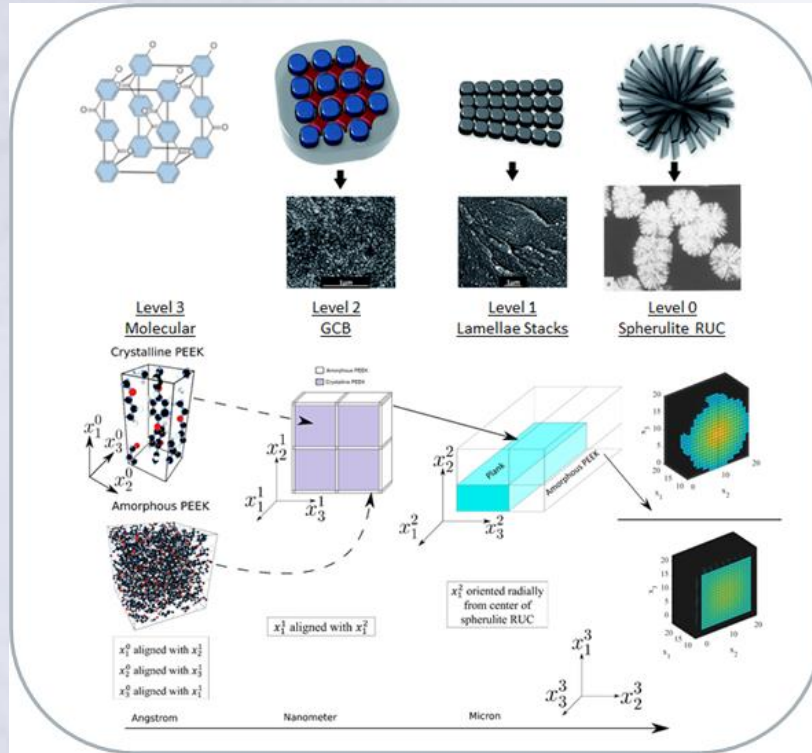
# Application to Random Microstructures

## Local Heat Flux Fields



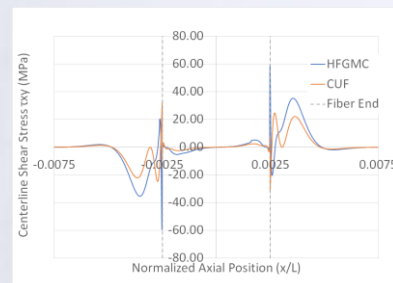
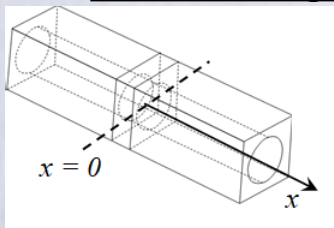
# Multiscale Process Modeling of Thermoplastics

## Bulk Thermoplastic



- Semi-crystalline thermoplastic involves 4 separate scales
  - Nano  $\rightarrow$  micro
- Can **predict** stiffness, CTE, thermal conductivity as **function of crystallinity**
  - **Purely computational** prediction
    - MD at lowest scale, integrated micromechanics at other scales

## Discrete Long Fiber Composite

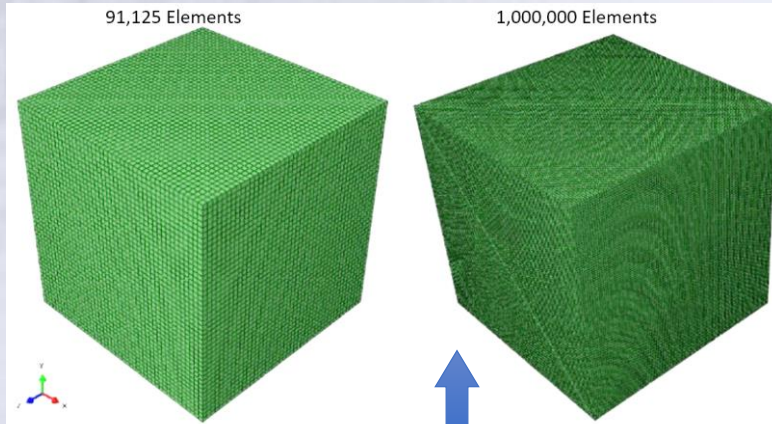


- Repeating unit cell (RUC) model of discrete long fiber composites
- **Can capture** complex local stress state due to **shear lag effect**
  - Critical for nonlinear predictions
- Next phase will link thermoplastic and discrete fiber models together

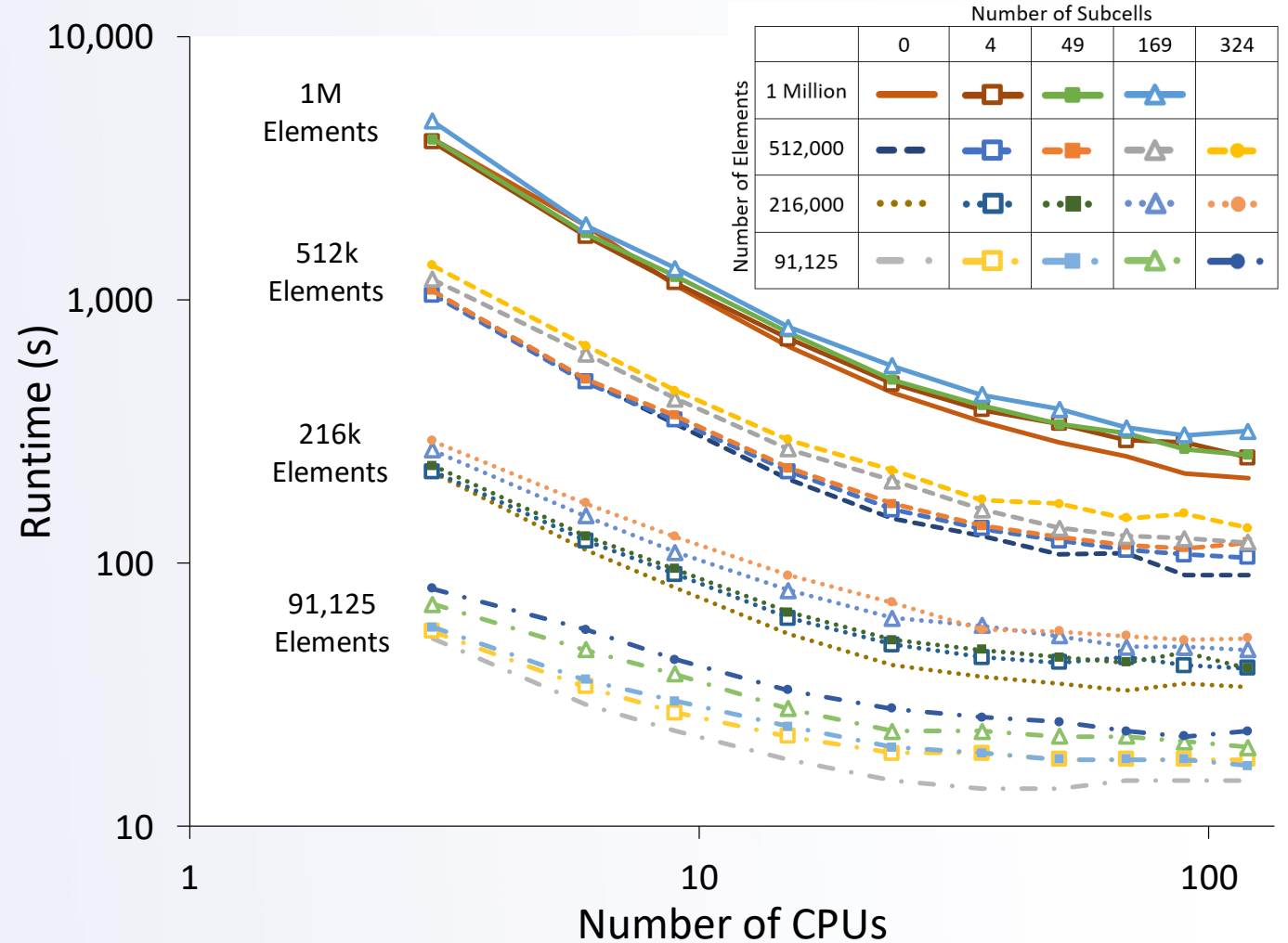
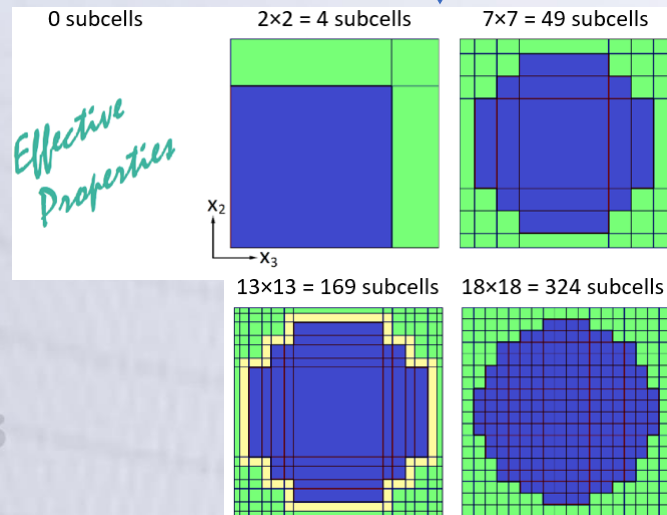
# Multiscale HPC Performance, NASMAT with Abaqus

- Profiling of 4 mesh densities, each element int. pt. calling micro model (5 microscale refinements)

## Structural Abaqus Model



## Micromechanics Model



- Strong performance dependence on FEM density
- Weak dependence on micromechanics model refinement