Modeling, machine learning, and experiments to control structure, properties, and defects of additively manufactured parts

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Abstract:
Unlike welding and casting technologies that matured largely through many decades of trial and error testing, additive manufacturing is uniquely positioned to benefit from the powerful emerging digital tools such as mechanistic modeling and machine learning. Grain structure, mechanical properties, and defects such as cracking, lack of fusion, distortion, residual stress, and surface roughness are difficult to control using empirical testing. The expensive machines and feedstocks and the wide range of values of additive manufacturing process variables make a large volume of physical testing expensive and time-consuming. In contrast, experiments supported by mechanistic modeling and machine learning can control structure, properties, and defects based on scientific principles. The synergy between physical and virtual experiments improves scientific rigor, accelerates the pace of development, and makes manufacturing cost-competitive. Research in the virtual world using emerging digital tools has the potential to make the world a more inclusive and welcoming place for all.

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