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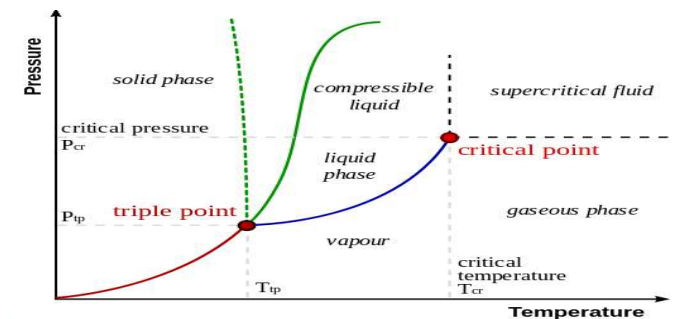
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## Computational Modeling and Simulation (Task 2)

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**Overall Objective (5 years):** demonstrate how modern experimental and modeling tools can be integrated across the National Laboratory Enterprise to accelerate the development and deployment of new Extreme Environment Materials (EEM) for fossil energy applications.

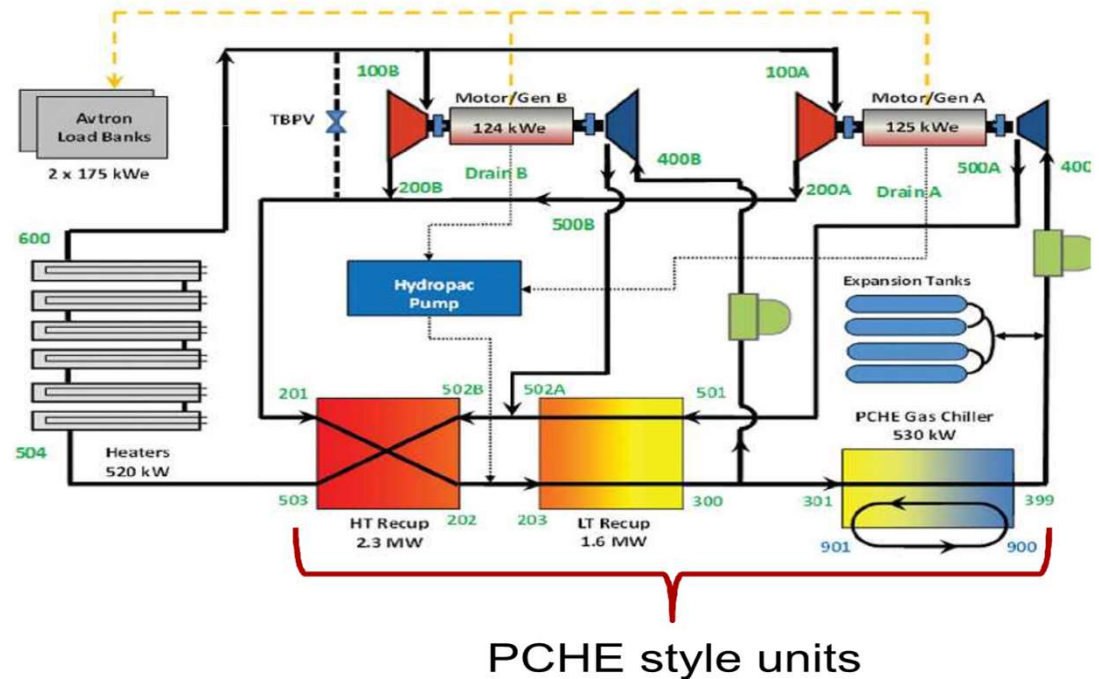
**Design austenitic steels that perform as well at 750 C to 800 C as current Fe-based alloys perform at 700 C.**

**Predict the lifetime of complex components exposed to extreme environments, via an integrated multi-scale modeling approach.**

## GOALS



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Priority #1: Alloy design

Priority #2: Lifetime assessment



Type	Examples	Potential SCO <sub>2</sub> Brayton Impacts
Precipitation	Salt Scale (H <sub>2</sub> O) Oil Transport (CO <sub>2</sub> )	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Decreased heat exchanger performance.</li> <li>2. Cleaning / replacement of heat exchangers.</li> <li>3. Local thermodynamic property variation.</li> </ol>
Particulate	Fabrication Shavings	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Erosion of surfaces and sharp corners.</li> <li>2. Sedimentation of piping, headers.</li> <li>3. Plugging of heat exchanger channels.</li> </ol>
Chemical Reaction	Coking	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Reduced heat exchanger performance</li> <li>2. Localized hot-spots from high emissivity.</li> </ol>
Corrosion	Oxide Formation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Reduction of material thickness.</li> <li>2. Spallation of weak oxide layers.</li> <li>3. Reduced heat exchanger performance.</li> </ol>
Solidification	Vent Line Freeze-up	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Blockage of vent lines and over-pressurization of other system components.</li> <li>2. Mechanical failure due to cold temperatures.</li> <li>3. Stuck mechanisms from material shrinkage.</li> </ol>

Materials related failure modes observed in SCO<sub>2</sub> High-T HX (SNL Tests):

1. Corrosion
2. Precipitation

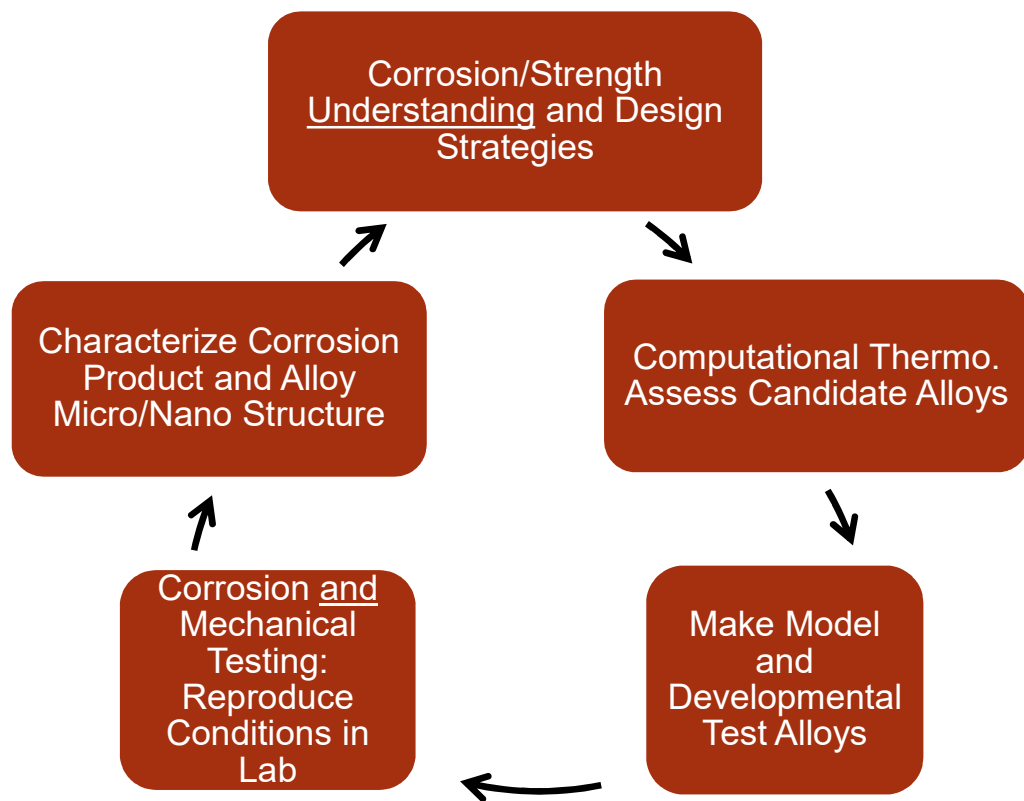
Primary importance: develop a predictive capability (i.e., extrapolation) to quantify microstructure evolution within the material system



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## State of the art: material design



- Alloy design relies on a clear understanding of the relationship between material microstructure, chemistry and its mechanical response (strength), rupture life (damage evolution) and ability to form a continuous oxide layer.

- Task 2 will allow for an acceleration of the design cycle aided by advanced computational models



Design a new material system to favor the formation of an alumina passivation layer

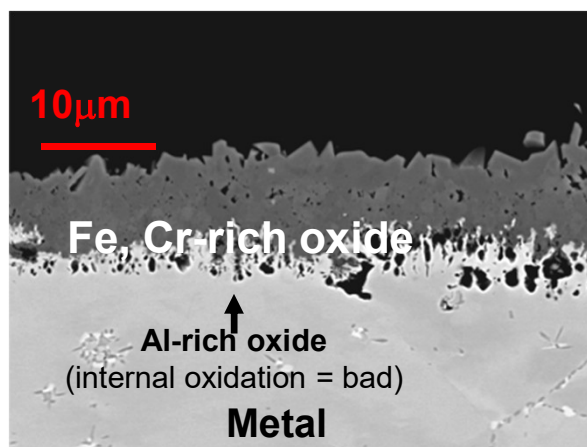


Replace Ti and V with Nb to yield Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>-Forming Austenitics



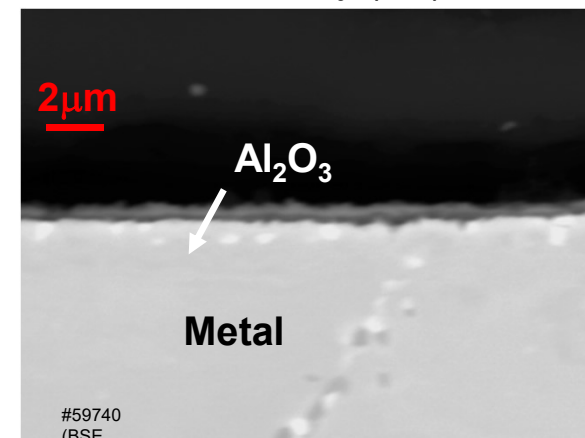
- Can't just add Al, complex interactions among Al, Cr, Ni, B, C, Nb, Ti, V
- Mechanism(s) not well understood
- Alumina formation lost in this AFA alloy  $\geq 850-900^{\circ}\text{C}$

Original alloy (V/Ti)



Fe-20Ni-14Cr-2.5Al-0.5V-0.3Ti-0.1C

New alloy (Nb)



Fe-20Ni-14Cr-2.5Al-0.9Nb-0.1C

Cannot focus on pure systems or proxies; need to tackle the complexity of chemistry.

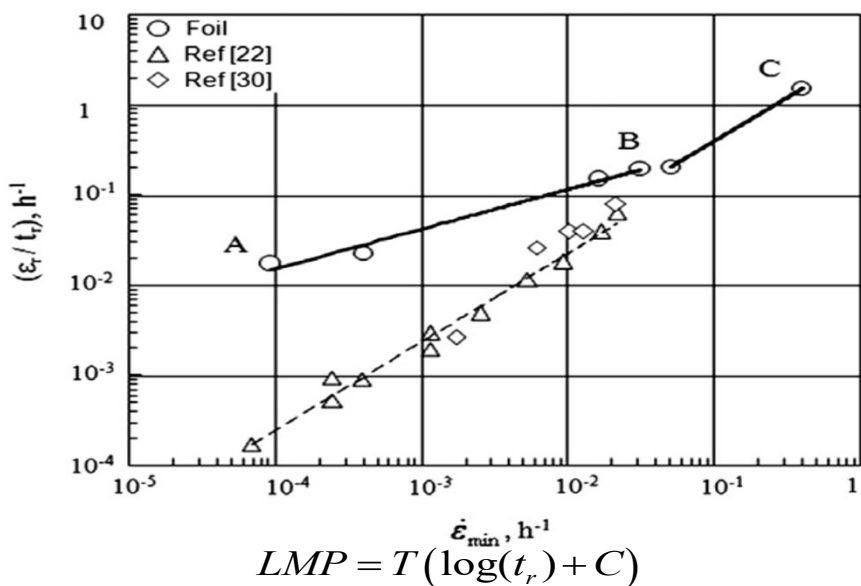
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## State of the art: assessing rupture life



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Larson Miller approach to rupture life

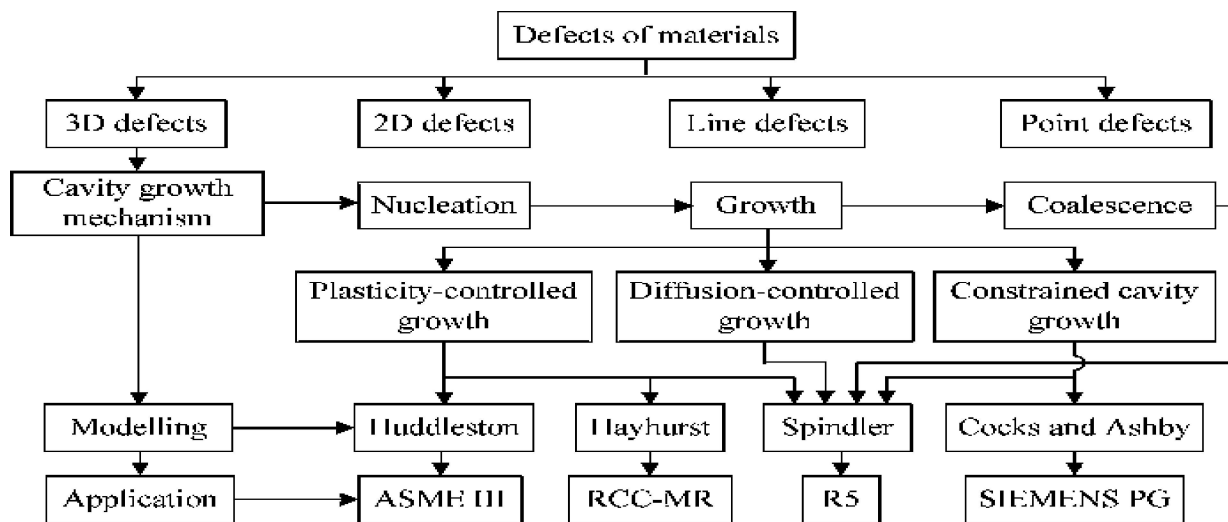
Current engineering criteria to predict the rupture life of a system **can only be used to interpolate** in between empirical data.

Needed for **in-service conditions**. E.g., there is no stress dependence in the Larson Miller Parameter; multi-axial loading is not considered.

### Assumptions:

1. Stage II creep is dominant relative to stage I and III
2. The creep rate in stage II explicitly depends on a single activation energy independent of stress.





**Phenomenological scheme for rupture life**

- Damage mechanics has significantly evolved over the past few decades yielding rupture life criteria that relies on the activation of distinct processes (e.g., void nucleation, growth)

- However, both empirical (e.g., Larson Miller) and phenomenological rupture life criteria are significantly disconnected from the materials microstructure and from chemistry

Propose a new rupture life/failure criterion in order to *a priori* predict the lifetime of an actual system subjected to service conditions.

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## Reality check: challenges



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Mechanism	Plasticity	Creep
Dislocation mechanisms	Dislocation glide	<b>Dislocation creep (climb and glide)</b>
Diffusion mechanisms	No significant role of diffusion mechanisms.	<b>Diffusion mechanisms relevant.</b>
Grain boundary sliding	No significant role of grain boundary sliding.	<b>Grain boundary sliding relevant.</b>
Damage nucleation	Breakage/decohesion of (intragranular or intergranular) particles	<b>At grain boundaries, related to dislocation pile-ups, breakage/decohesion of intergranular particles, GBS</b>
Damage Growth	Accommodated by dislocation plasticity, controlled by stress triaxiality, crystal orientation/misorientation	<b>Accommodated by dislocation plasticity and/or diffusional creep, GBS. Depending on temperature and stress, controlled by general stress state/GB orientation.</b>

In task 2, a rigorous understanding of the activation and contributions of several deformation processes, as a function of chemistry and microstructure, will have to be derived.





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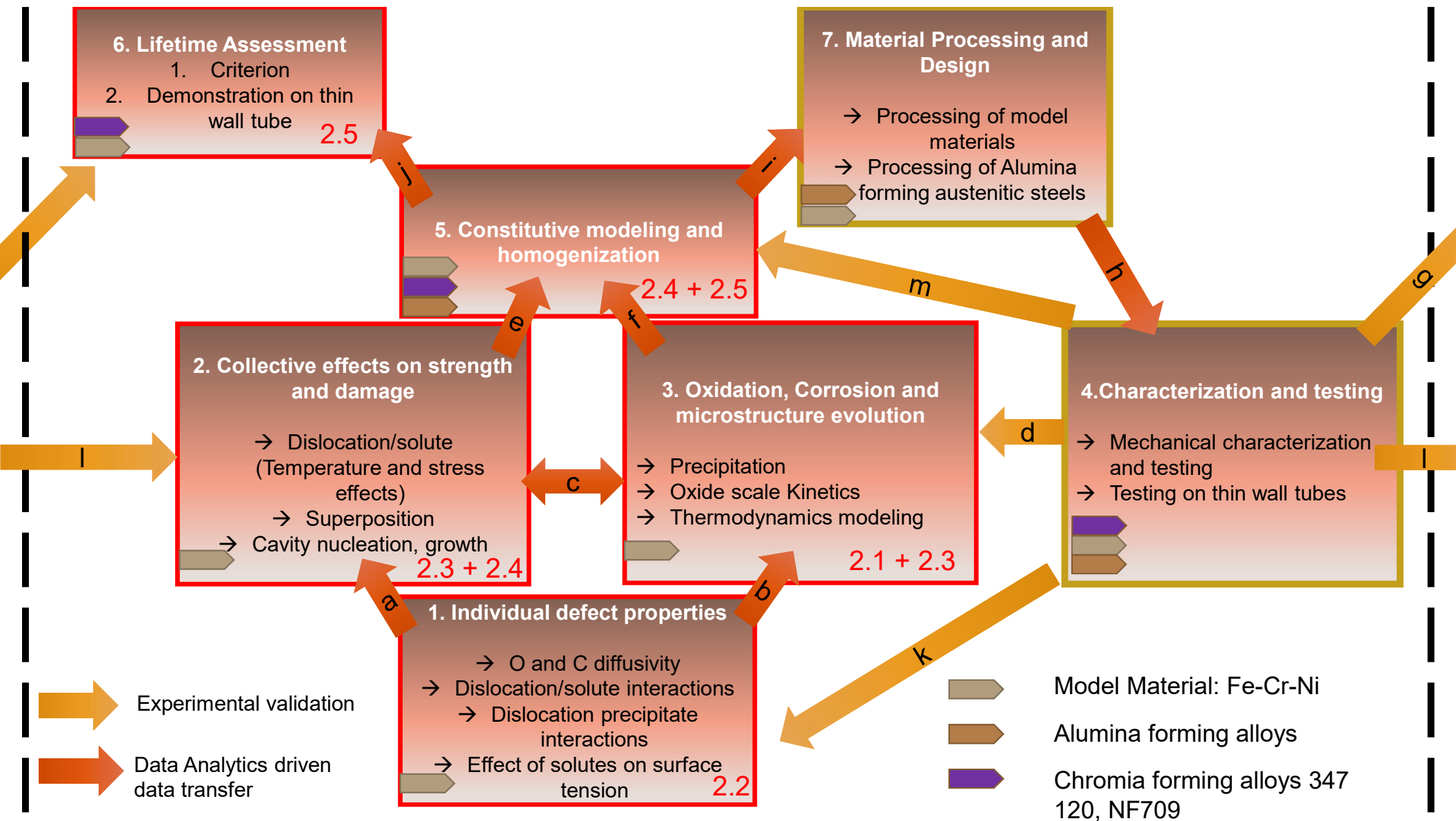


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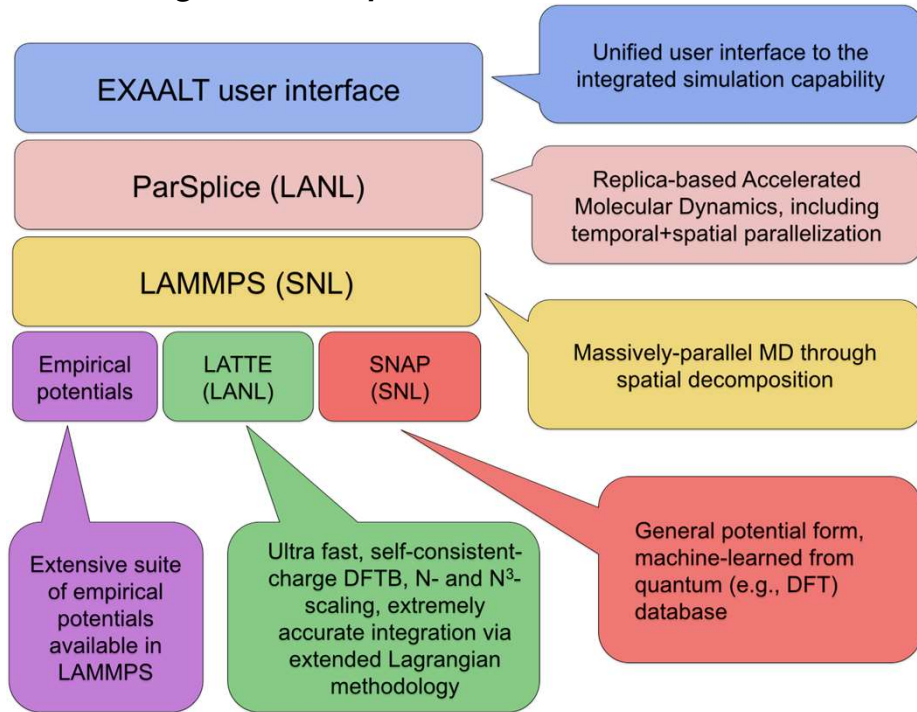
	Subtask
2.1	Individual defect properties
2.2	Collective effects of defects
2.3	Oxidation, corrosion, and microstructure evolution
2.4	Constitutive modeling and homogenization
2.5	Lifetime assessment





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## Task 2.1: Individual defect properties



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The overall mission of Task 2.1 is to provide critical information to Tasks 2.2 and 2.3 associated with individual defect properties.

### Questions to be addressed

- Interatomic potential development
- Solute-Dislocation interactions
- C and O diffusivities
- Strengthening due second phase particles
- Effect of chemistry on cavity nucleation and growth kinetics (diffusive regime)
- Carbide and metallic/intermetallic kinetics

A series of MD and DFT based approaches will be used to (1) enrich thermodynamics and kinetic databases such as to accelerate alloy design and (2) to assist in the quantification of solute and precipitates to strength and damage



Exascale Atomistic capability for Accuracy, Length, and Time



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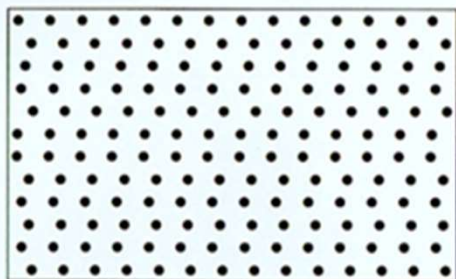
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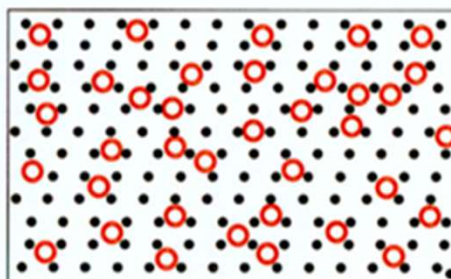
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## Strength Improvement: Synergies Across Multiple Length Scales/Mechanisms

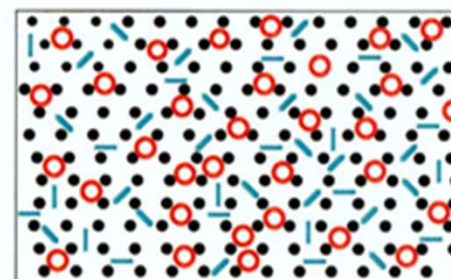
**Solid solution +**  
substitutional and interstitial



**Carbides/Nitrides** +  
nanoscale



**Intermetallics**  
nano to micro scale



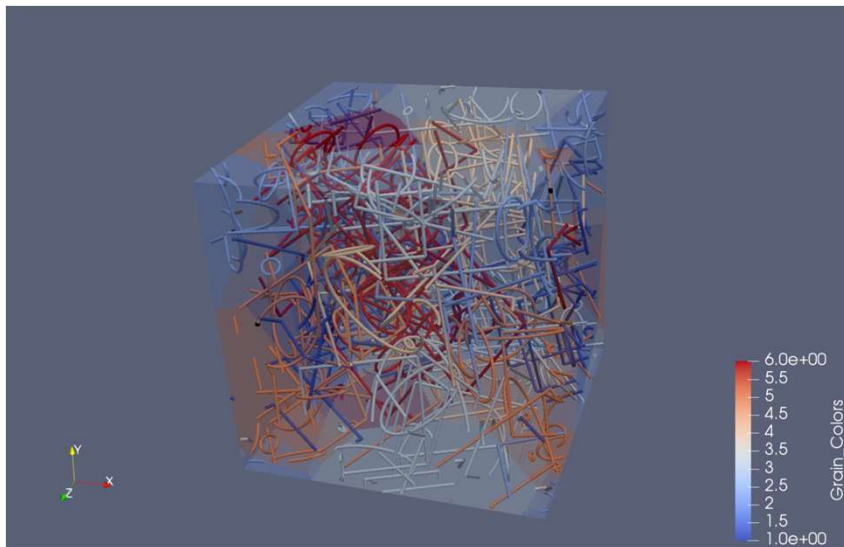
- Solid solution impact: use computational thermodynamics to predict composition of FCC matrix, other approaches to predict strengthening potentially gain?
- Predict number density, size, location, coherency, dislocation interactions, etc. of potential carbide/nitride/intermetallic 2<sup>nd</sup> phases. Impact of phase chemistry?
- Multi scale: How multiple strengthening mechanisms interact, synergistic benefits which yield greatest strength? What is optimum mix of strengthening mechanisms?



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Derive laws that quantify the correlation between material chemistry, microstructure and damage nucleation, strength and chemico-mechanical dissipative processes (e.g., climb).



## Task 2.2: Collective effects of defects



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**Problem statement:** Plasticity is governed by the short and long-range interactions between defects (i.e., V, I, dislocations). Atomistic scale simulations alone cannot quantify the long range interactions.

**Solution:** Discrete dislocation dynamics

### Questions to be addressed:

- Effect of Solute-Dislocation interactions on strength
- Effects of Carbides on strength
- Superposition law (i.e., how to quantify strength when several strengthening processes are use simultaneously)
- Damage evolution

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**Discrete dislocation dynamics (DDD)** is a method that simulates plasticity in microstructures by tracking the evolution of individual dislocations within the system.

**DDD** allows for the quantification of the collective effects of defect interactions on strength. It is used to validate/correct/devise constitutive models.

**DDD** can be combined with reaction diffusion models to track the evolution of chemical species on the system.

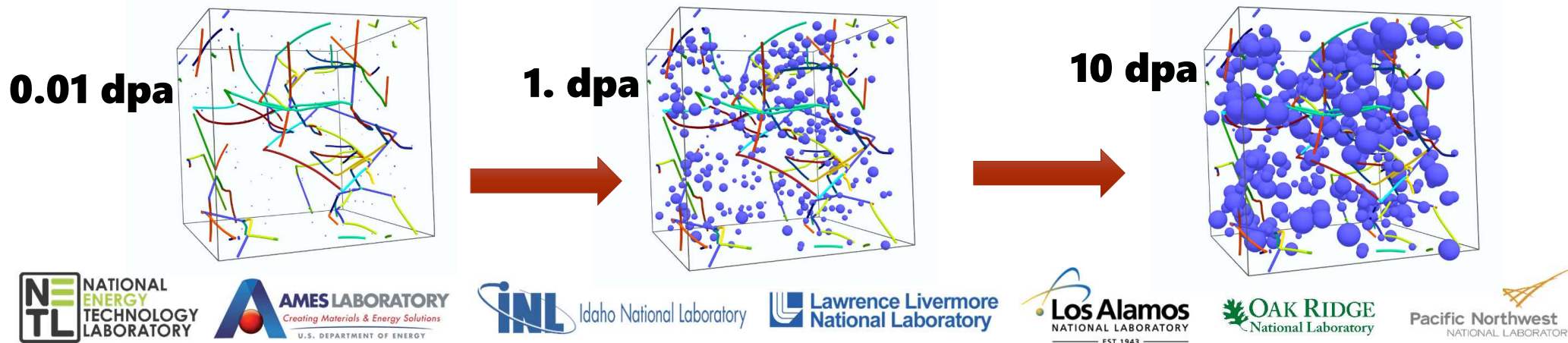
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By combining discrete dislocation dynamics with cluster dynamics we will simultaneously predict microstructure evolution due to plasticity and due to damage evolution.

**Example:** reaction/diffusion model for vacancy evolution (taken from work on Radiation Damage)



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- Predicting the relationship between composition and as-processed microstructure and kinetics of microstructure evolution.
- Propose designs for new alloys.
- Two key questions will be addressed:
  - Material thermodynamics (i.e., likely microstructure as per the phase diagram)
  - Material kinetics (boundary mobility, coarsening of precipitates).
- A series of tools will be used: CALPHAD, DICTRA, Phase Field modeling

## Task 2.3: Oxidation, corrosion and microstructure evolution



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### Phase Field, Thermodynamics modeling (DICTRA, CALPHAD)

Questions to be addressed:

- Second phase precipitation (Coarsening of carbide, metallic, and intermetallic strengthening phases)
- Transition from internal to external oxidation
- Establishment and maintenance of protective oxide scale: oxygen diffusivity/oxidation kinetics across protective oxides



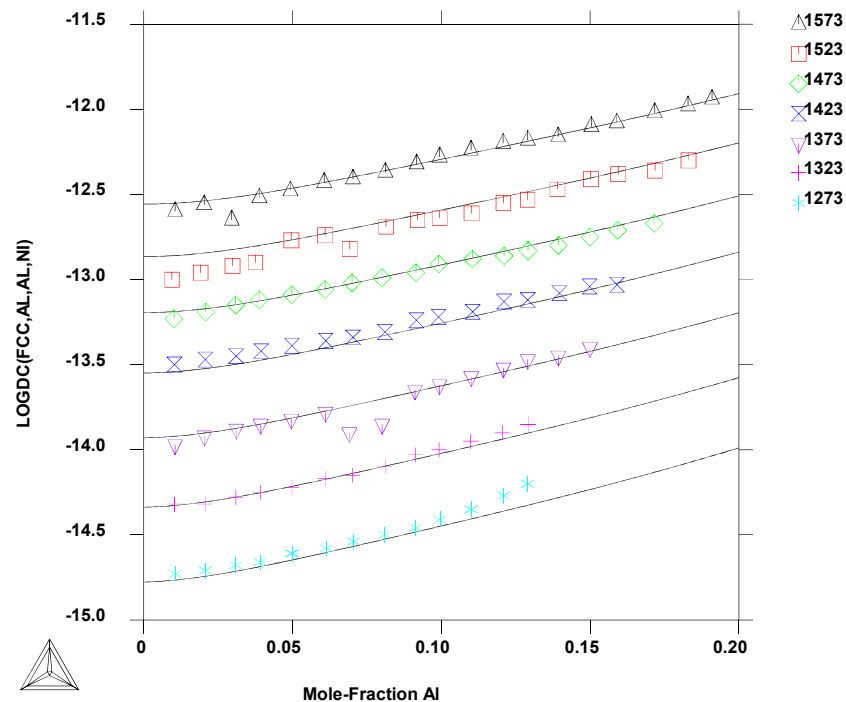
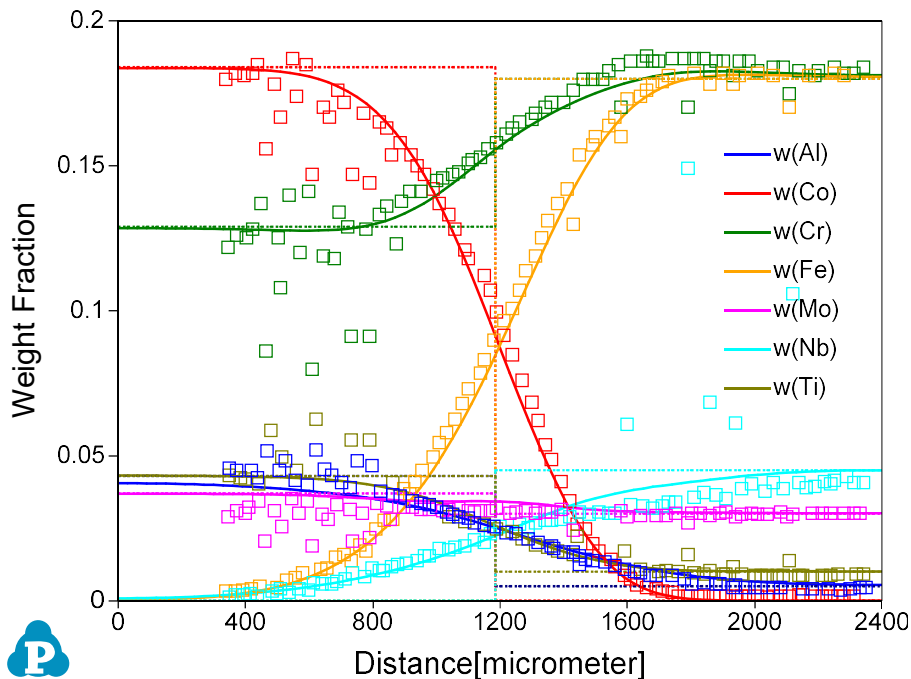
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## Task 2.3: Diffusion Modeling



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Diffusion between IN100 and Alloy 718 at 1150 °C for 1000 hours, experimental data are from Campbell et al., Mater. Sci. Eng. A **407** (2005), 135-146.

(Courtesy of Fan Zhang of CompuTherm)

Symbols are experimental data taken from Yamamoto et al, Trans. Jpn. Inst. Met. **21**(1980), p. 601.

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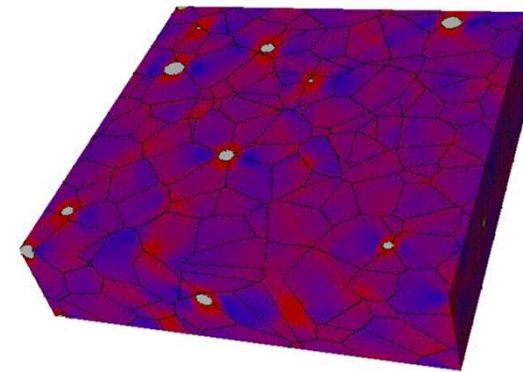
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- Predict the mechanical response and damage kinetics of austenitic steels (e.g., 347, 316 etc.) as a function of material chemistry and microstructure.
- Focus on a full-field description of the polycrystalline microstructure.
- Kinetics of microstructure evolution and strength models will be provided by Tasks 2.2 and 2.3.
- Use a numerically efficient Fast Fourier Transform method for rapid simulation (100x faster than finite element methods)

## Task 2.4: Constitutive modeling and homogenization



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- **Constitutive model development for single crystals**
- **Prediction of mechanical response in the absence of oxide scale**
- **Reduced order modeling for mechanical response in the absence of oxides**

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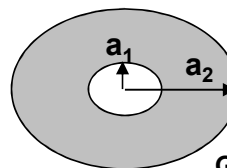


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**MESOSCALE polycrystal (PX)**

$$\left(\frac{\sigma_{eq}}{\sigma_o}\right)^2 + 2\phi \cosh\left(\frac{3\sigma_m}{2\sigma_o}\right) - 1 - \phi^2 = 0$$

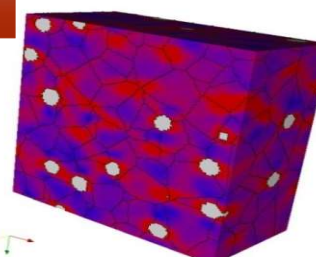
**Semi-analytical methods**  
Gurson-type with anisotropic matrix and porosity



↑ validation/calibration

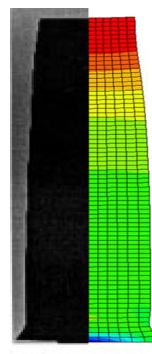
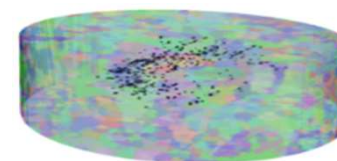
**Polycrystal models**

full-field

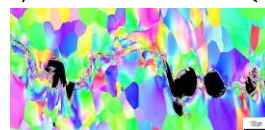


↑ validation

**Mesoscale experiments**



major profile



**FEM: A voided PX in each material point**

**MACROSCALE (specimen)**



Tasks 2.2 and 2.3 will provide an enhanced constitutive modeling approach (i.e., strength models and damage nucleation and growth laws) and microstructure evolution kinetics



Tasks 2.4 will be used to derive simple reduced order models that can be used within FEM (i.e., Task 2.5) in order to predict the rupture life of a system



Tasks 2.2 and 2.3



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- MOOSE: a finite element, multiphysics framework that **simplifies the development** of advanced numerical applications.
- MAMBA: a 3D adaptive mesh framework that solves **coupled transport and chemistry** encountered in the corrosion and oxide growth in alloys.

## Questions to be addressed:

- Component level modeling of corrosion (outside)
- Component level modeling of microstructure evolution
- Mechanistically-based multiscale/multiphysics modeling
- Component level modeling of system performance

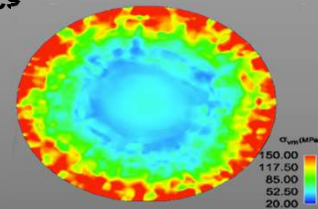
## Task 2.5: Lifetime assessment

**MOOSE, MAMBA**



### Tensor Mechanics

- Linear elasticity
- Eigenstrains
- J2 Plasticity
- Crystal plasticity
- Power-law creep
- Rate-dependent damage models



### Generic Multi-species Diffusion-Reaction Module

- Full reaction networks: both equilibrium and kinetic reactions
- Examples:
  - H diffusion and hydride formation in nuclear claddings
  - Chemical degradations of concrete structures in nuclear power plants
  - All coupled with thermo-mechanics modules

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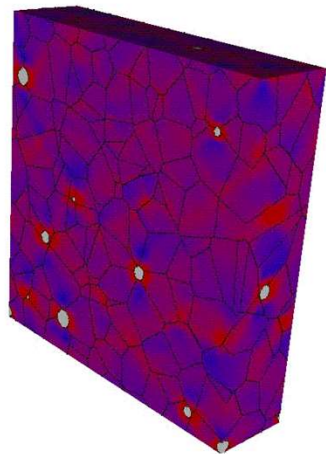
The MOOSE framework will predict the mechanical response and failure of components as a function of alloy chemistry and microstructure



Reduced order models (ROM) at the FEM integrations points

- Tangent stiffness matrix sensitive to chemistry, composition and conditions
- Oxidation rate

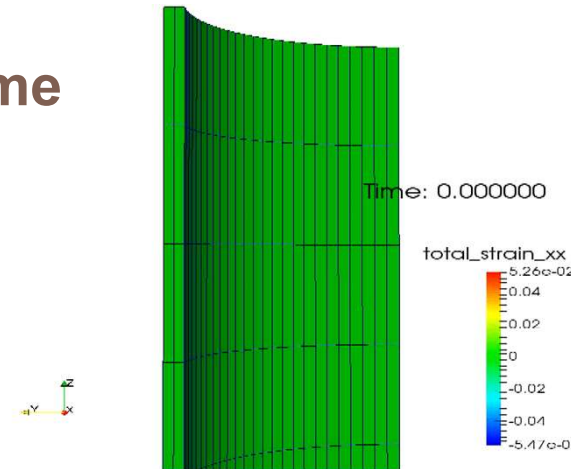
ROM via data analytics, multiscale experiments



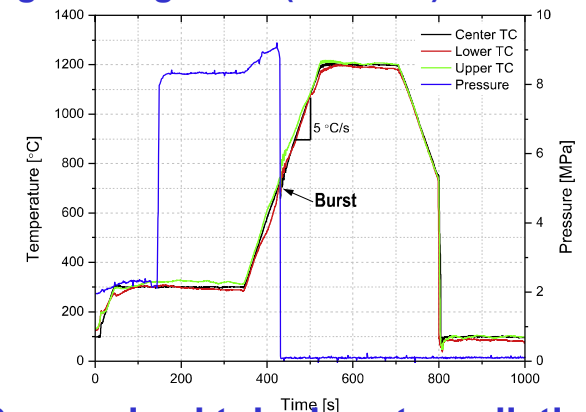
microns

Mesoscale (Task 2.4)

- Predict microstructure evolution
- Determine impact on properties:



millimeters and up  
Engineering scale (Task 2.5)



Pressurized tube burst predictions  
due to temperature ramp





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## Computational Modeling and Simulation



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2.2	Development of coupled chemico-mechanical tool
2.3	Initial thermodynamics analysis for the Fe-Cr-Al-Ni-O system
2.3	Initial phase field alloy design tool for oxides
2.4	Initial framework for elasto-plastic and unified constitutive models
2.5	Implementation of constitutive models in the MOOSE framework
2.5	Demonstration lifetime FEM simulation using MOOSE multiphysics



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## Thank you



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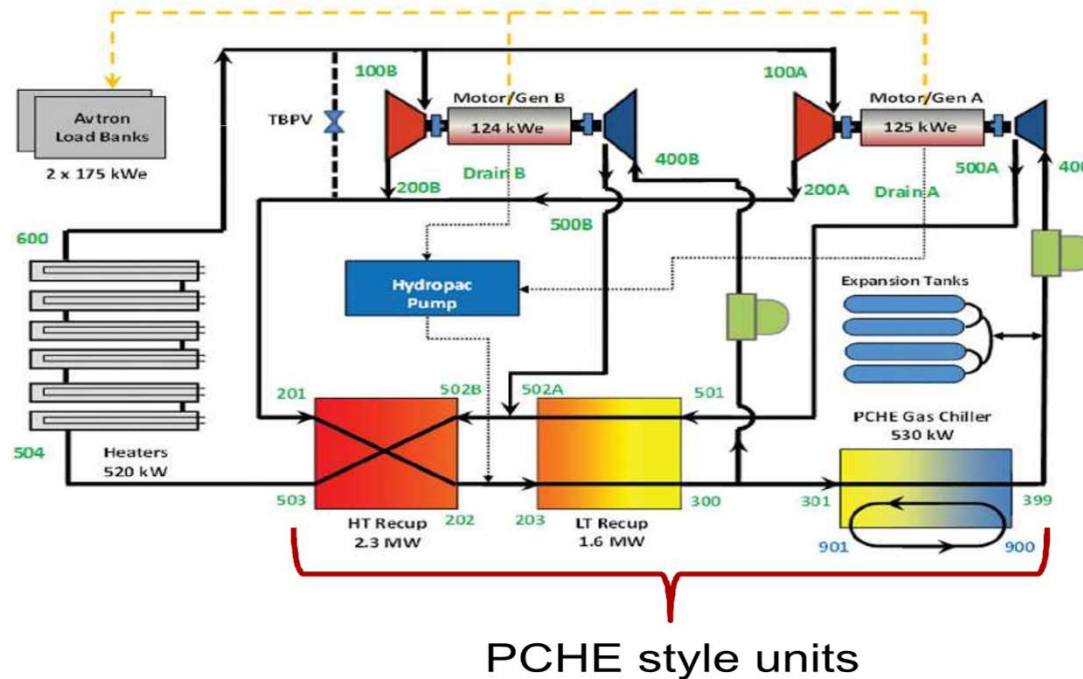
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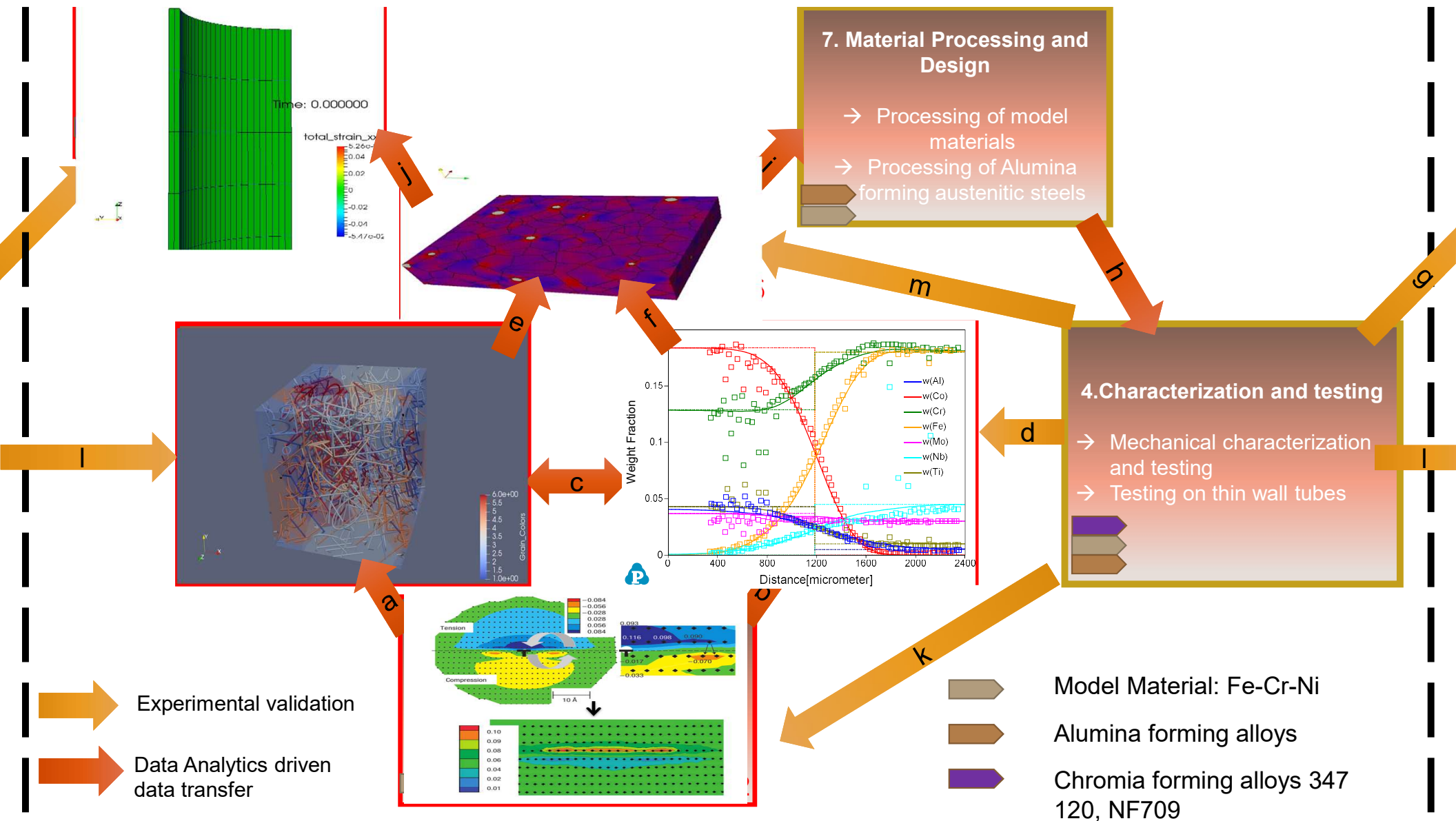
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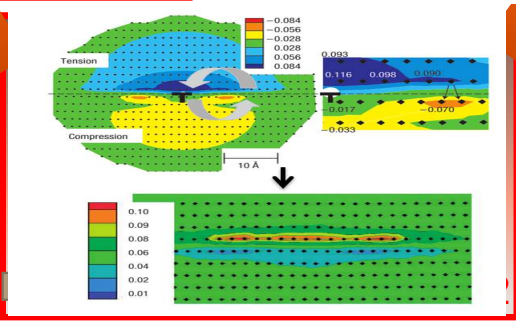
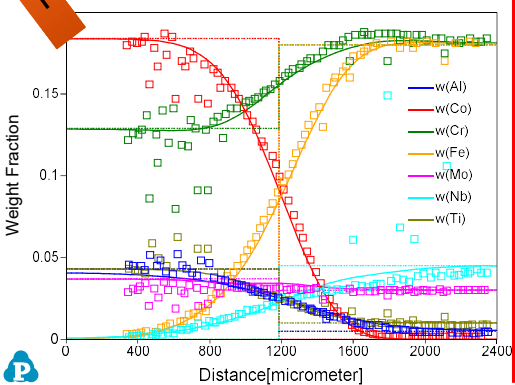
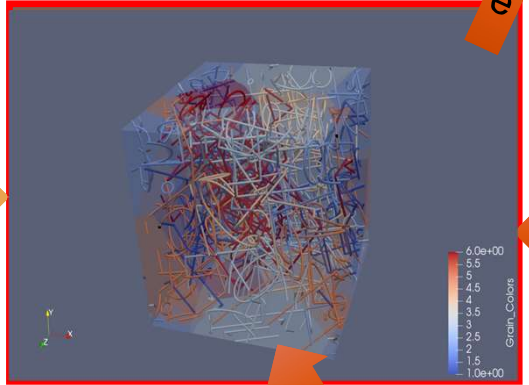


**7. Material Processing and Design**

- Processing of model materials
- Processing of Alumina forming austenitic steels

**4. Characterization and testing**

- Mechanical characterization and testing
- Testing on thin wall tubes



- Model Material: Fe-Cr-Ni
- Alumina forming alloys
- Chromia forming alloys 347, 120, NF709

- Experimental validation
- Data Analytics driven data transfer



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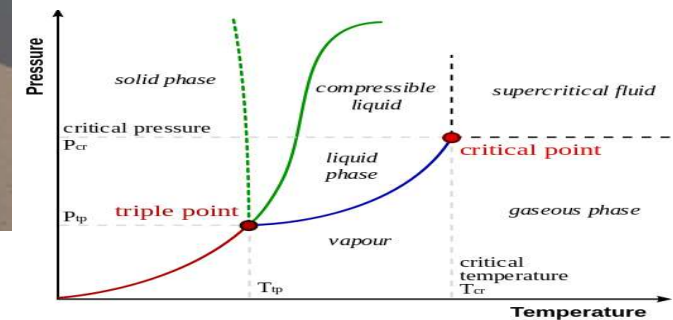
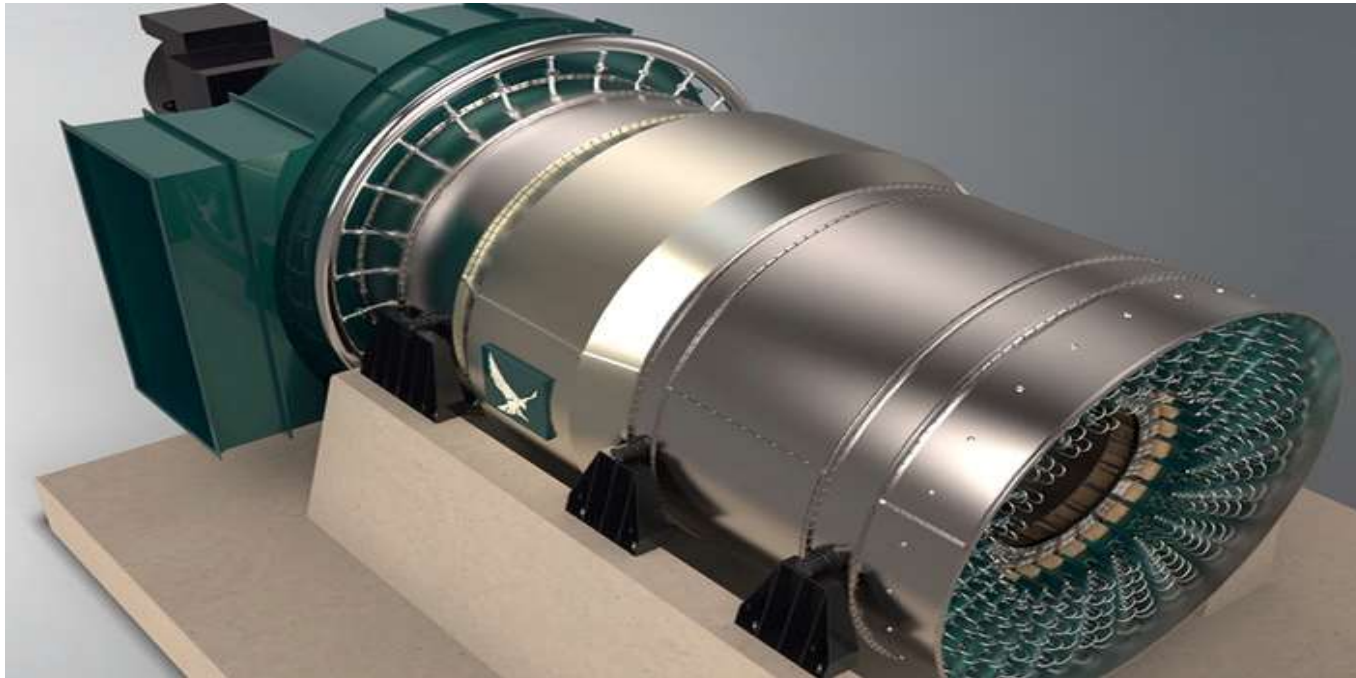
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