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Distortion Compensation for Metal Additive Manufacturing

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 - Why distortion happens?
 - How do we quantify it?
- Distortion compensation optimization algorithm
- Results validation: It works!

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Fig. 1 Video on metal additive manufacturing. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yiUUZxp7bLQ

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Fig. 2 Images of metal additive manufacturing.

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Get deformations



them to initial

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geometry

Goal: Printed Geometry Distorts Into Desired Geometry

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Fig. 4 Element birth simulation using Abaqus. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FqE3kj9ESVc Optical approaches



Fig. 5 ATOS Compact Scan: Blue Light 3D Scanner. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T-RkQioXHYg

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Fig. 6 Element birth simulation using

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Abaqus. <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FqE3kj9ESVc</u>

Optical approaches



Fig. 7 ATOS Compact Scan – Blue Light 3D Scanner. <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T-RkQioXHYg</u>

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• 300 series austenitic stainless steel (304L and 316L)

- Elastic model fit to widely established 304L data
 - Young's modulus: 200e9 Pa
 - Poisson's ratio: 0.25
- Elastic-Plastic model fit to 316L tensile data
 - Young's modulus: 200e9 Pa
 - Poisson's ratio: 0.3
 - Yield stress: 500e6 Pa
 - Hardening modulus: 500e6 Pa
 - Hardening exponent: 0.55



Fig. 8 Stress-strain curve for 316L stainless steel.

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- Layer-by-layer element
- Inactive elements accu



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- Number of Processor
- Inherent Strain Values
 - Strain in $x \approx -2\%$
 - Strain in y $\approx -2\%$
 - Strain in $z \approx 2\%$

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²⁰ Distortion Results: As-Built Distortion Significantly Reduced



Distortion Results: Elastic Model

- Number of Processor
- Inherent Strain Values
 - Strain in x = -0.2%
 - Strain in y = -0.2%
 - Strain in z = 0.2%



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Distortion Results: As-Built Distortion Significantly Reduced



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Model	Iteration	Iteration Avg 2- Norm Error	Minimized Avg 2-Norm Error
Elastic- Plastic	1	2.45E-7	2.45E-7
	2	4.30E-8	4.17E-8
	3	3.32E-8	2.58E-8
	4	2.45E-8	2.58E-8
Elastic	1	1.70E-7	1.70E-7
	2	3.49E-8	3.39E-8
	3	2.46E-8	2.06E-8
	4	1.96E-8	1.65E-8

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- The distortion of metal builds with SLS is an impediment to the reliability and widespread adoption of additive manufacturing.
- We developed an efficient numerical distortion compensation optimization workflow which outputs a CAD file that will distort into the desired geometry when printed.
- We developed a comprehensive tool to obtain a geometrically compensated stereolithography file from a mesh input
- We tested this algorithm on a thin house geometry, and it works!
- Future work:
 - Integrate coupled thermomechanical modeling techniques into the workflow
 - Validate the algorithm with a printed proof-of-concept



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BACKUP SLIDES

30 IS vs MIS methods

$$\begin{aligned} \epsilon_{to} &= \epsilon_e + \epsilon_p + \epsilon_{th} + \epsilon_{pt} + \epsilon_{cr} \\ \epsilon^* &= \epsilon_{to} - \epsilon_e = \epsilon_p + \epsilon_{th} + \epsilon_{pt} + \epsilon_{cr} \end{aligned}$$

Original inherent strain method

 $\epsilon^* = \epsilon_p$

Contribution of the plastic deformation to the IS of the AM process

$$\epsilon_p^* = \epsilon_p^I$$

Contribution to the IS in the AM process $\epsilon_{th} = \epsilon_e^I - \epsilon_e^S$

Modified inherent strain model

$$\epsilon^* = \epsilon_p^* + \epsilon_{th}^*$$

 ϵ_{to} total strain ϵ_e elastic strain ϵ_p plastic strain

 ϵ_{th} thermal strain

 ϵ_{pt} phase transformation

 ϵ_{cr} creep strain

 ϵ^* inherent strain

 ϵ_p^I largest compressive plastic strain at intermediate state

 ϵ_e^I elastic strain at the intermediate state

 ϵ_e^S elastic strain at the steady state

Compensated Geometry: Elastic-Plastic Model



Fig. 17 Simulated deformation without distortion compensation.



Fig. 18 Distortion compensated file (final geometry to be printed).

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Fig. 19 Simulated deformation without distortion compensation.



Fig. 20 Distortion compensated file (final geometry to be printed).

Comparing Experimental Data vs Simulated Data for Uncompensated Build



