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MATERIALS PROCESSING CONTROL USING ELECTRIC AND MAGNETIC FIELDS

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ABSTRACT

This lecture will present a variety of mathematical models governing fluid flow and possible solidification processes under the influence of pressure, temperature, electric and magnetic fields. It will also illustrate a few applications of such combined fields when they are optimized in order to achieve certain desired features of the flow-field and the solid accrued during solidification. Finally, it will present a vision of the fully automated optimally controlled additive manufacturing using such fields combined with the optimized time-varying chemistry of the mixture of powders used in additive manufacturing.

Creation of arbitrarily shaped objects with specified functionally graded, spatially varying physical properties requires development of algorithms for optimal control of the manufacturing processes that include thermal, electric and magnetic fields. In case of creating composite materials, the fundamental concept is based on specifying a desired pattern of orientations and concentrations of microfibers in the final composite material product. Then, the task is to determine the proper strengths, locations, and orientations of magnets and/or electrodes that will have to be placed along the boundaries of the curing composite part so that the resulting magnetic and/or electric field lines of force will coincide with the specified (desired) pattern of the coated microfibers' distribution. The basic idea is that

the coated fibers will align with the local magnetic lines of force. The pattern of these lines depends on the solidifying resin flow-field and the variation of the applied magnetic field.

Thus, the successful accomplishment of the proposed solidification process involves the development of an appropriate software package for the numerical solution of the partial differential equations governing combined Electro-Magneto-Hydro-Dynamics (EMHD) or Magneto-Hydro-Dynamics (MHD) or Electro-Hydro-Dynamics (EHD) involving liquid flow, electric field, magnetic field, and heat transfer that includes solid-liquid phase change.

In the case of additive manufacturing, this concept requires determination of spatial variation of physical properties that will create desired effects on the boundary of the functionally graded object by optimally time-varying chemical composition of the mixture of alloying powders, intensity and frequency of the melting high energy beam and the motion of the beam or the substrate.

In addition, it involves development of a constrained optimization software package that is capable of automatically determining the correct strengths, locations, and orientations of a finite number of magnets and electrodes that will produce the desired magnetic and electric field force pattern in the melt of the solid object been created.

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