Designing metastable stainless steels for additive manufacturing

**ABSTRACT**

Metal additive manufacturing (AM) is a disruptive processing technology that enables near-net shape synthesis in a single step. Yet, of over 5,500 engineering alloys commercially available, only a handful are printable. This material-process incompatibility arises from fast heating and cooling cycles associated with AM. In this presentation, I will detail strategies we are pursuing to quickly screen and design new alloys that are adapted to AM. We envision materials as dynamic systems, that are out of equilibrium, and leverage metastable phases to obtain superior mechanical and thermal properties. To reach this goal, we develop new methods in correlative microscopy and uncover fundamental linkages between printing process, microstructure, and properties.

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