# SAGAR BHATT

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### EDUCATION

• Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Doctor of Philosophy in Mechanical Engineering

Trov. NY

May 2022(Expected)

• University at Buffalo, State University of New York

Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering

Buffalo, NY

• Vellore Institute of Technology

Bachelor of Technology in Mechanical Engineering

Feb 2017

Vellore, India May 2014

### Projects

### • Adaptive control of microstructure evolution:

Since Aug 2017

- Using Monte-Carlo method and Finite Element Crystal Plasticity to simulate microstructure evolution of Ti-6Al-4V alloy under thermo-mechanical loading.
- Successfully simulated grain growth in Ti-6Al-4V microstructure above β-transus temperature.
- Currently working on calibrating Monte-Carlo model to simulate microstructure evolution under  $\beta$ -transus temperature and a deformation model for mechanical loading.
- Finite element modeling of columnar grained nickel microstructure deformation near triple junctions: May 2020
  - Used Finite Element Crystal Plasticity to simulate 2% tensile strain on a columnar grained Nickel microstructure.
  - Accurately predicted slip activity and deformation fields at the triple junctions, which were compared to the experimental observations.
  - Currently in the process of submission for publication.

## Hybrid Potts-Phase field model to simulate microstructure evolution:

May 2018

- Implemented a hybrid Monte-Carlo (Potts)-Phase field model to simulate coupled grain growth and phase change in a microstructure
- Produced comparable results to published studies on similar work and performed scalability study on the parallel code achieving speed up of 92X at 72% strong scaling efficiency for 8.2K MPI ranks.

## • Optimization of temperature profile of billet in extrusion process:

Dec 2017

- Formulated an optimization problem to compute an initial temperature profile for a billet that will result in uniform grain size after extrusion.
- Implemented it using Matlab's optimization toolbox, coupled it with a parallel Monte-Carlo grain growth framework.
- Final microstructure resulted in a 77.5% reduction in standard deviation of the grain size after optimization.

#### • Particulate matter measurement of a two-stage boiler:

Aug 2016

- Designed, fabricated apparatus and carried out experiments to extract particulate matter from the flue gas of a two-stage wood fired boiler.
- Developed a methodology to correctly estimate the mass of PM 2.5 particles in the collected residue, taking into account moisture and adsorption of water on carbon particles.

#### Solution to Laplace equation using preconditioned conjugate gradient method with compressed row Dec 2016 storage and MPI:

- Implemented a conjugate gradient Krylov solver that uses Jacobi preconditioning to solve Laplace equation.
- Used compressed row storage and its matrix-vector product computational kernel to store and operate on large sparse matrices, reducing the memory required by the large matrices from 7.2 Terabytes to 60.7 Megabytes.
- Decomposed the domain and matrix storage into well-balanced chunks and performed scalability study showing speedup of 115X and scaling efficiency of 87% on 132 processes.

## • Finite element code for simulating deformation in an isotropic elastostatic body:

Dec 2016

- Developed 3D finite element code using Matlab for 8-node hexahedron elements and a 2D code for constant strain triangle, 4-noded and 8-noded quadrilateral elements.
- Performed convergence study based on the energy norm and compared the results with ABAQUS for a rectangular beam and I-beam with maximum displacement within 1% of those predicted by ABAQUS.

## • Simulation of steady, laminar flow over a backward-facing step:

May 2016

- Developed a Navier-Stokes solver using a three-point, second order finite differencing scheme to discretize the convective and viscous fluxes in conjunction with scalar, fourth-difference, third-order artificial dissipation for stability.
- Implemented dual time-stepping with a second-order backward scheme in time and four stage Runge-Kutta time stepping for pseudo time. Demonstrated reasonable agreement with experimental and computational results from literature.

#### SKILLS

- Programming: C++, C, Matlab, Python, MPI, Open MP, Bash Scripting, Julia
- Softwares: Simmetrix, ANSYS, Abaqus, Siemens NX, SolidWorks, CATIA, Pro E, Autodesk Fusion 360/Inventor, AutoCAD
- Miscellaneous: Git, Paraview, LATEX, Microsoft Office Suite

#### **Publications**

• S. Bhatt, A. Baskaran, D. Lewis, and A. Maniatty. Numerical modeling of Ti-6Al-4V microstructure evolution for thermomechanical process control. In *Proceedings of NUMIFORM 2019: The 13th International Conference on Numerical Methods in Industrial Forming Processes*, 2019

## Presentations and Posters

- S. Bhatt and A. Maniatty. Numerical modeling of columnar grained nickel microstructure deformation near triple junctions. CMDIS Annual Research Symposium, Center for Materials, Devices, and Integrated Systems, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, 2019
- M. Allahua, A. Baskaran, S. Bhatt, G. Kane, A. Kekre, R. Hull, D. Lewis, A. Maniatty, and J. Wen. *Poster:* Adaptive control of Ti-6Al-4V evolution during thermomechanical processing. CMDIS Annual Research Symposium, Center for Materials, Devices, and Integrated Systems, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, 2019
- S. Bhatt, A. Baskaran, D. Lewis, and A. Maniatty. Numerical modeling of Ti-6Al-4V microstructure evolution for thermomechanical process control. NUMIFORM 2019: The 13th International Conference on Numerical Methods in Industrial Forming Processes, 2019
- S. Bhatt and A. Maniatty. Numerical modeling of Ti-6Al-4V microstructure evolution for thermomechanical process control. SCOREC CSE Seminar Series, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, 2019
- A. Kekre, A. Baskaran, S. Bhatt, G. Kane, M. Allahua, D. Lewis, A. Maniatty, J. Wen, and Hull R. Poster: Towards
  integrating multiscale modeling methods with adaptive control of Ti-6Al-4V microstructure during thermomechanical
  processing. New York Manufacturing Conference 2019, Center for Automation Technologies and Systems, Rensselaer
  Polytechnic Institute, 2019
- A. Baskaran, S. Bhatt, G. Kane, M. Allahua, Z. Huang, D. Lewis, A. Maniatty, J. Wen, and Hull R. Poster:
   Adaptive control of Ti-6Al-4V using adaptive microscale simulator techniques. CMDIS Annual Research Symposium,
   Center for Materials, Devices, and Integrated Systems, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, 2018
- S. Bhatt. Physical system modeling and simulation using hpc. CMDIS Annual Research Symposium, Center for Materials, Devices, and Integrated Systems, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, 2017

#### Awards

- Argonne Training Program on Extreme Scale Computing (ATPESC): Selected to participate in a competitive program that provided intensive two-week training on tools and approaches to computational science applications on current and future leadership class computing systems.

  Aug 2021
- NSF Travel Grant for Early Career US-based Researchers: Among selected number of people awarded this grant which covered the costs associated with attending the NUMIFORM 2019 conference.

  May 2019

## EXPERIENCE

• Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Research and Teaching Assistant Troy, NY

Aug 2017 - Present

- TA for courses Introduction to Engineering Design, Engineering Graphics & CAD and Engineering Dynamics.
- Working as a RA in Prof. Antoinette M. Maniatty's research group on simulating microstructure evolution under thermomechanical loading.
- University at Buffalo, State University of New York Grader and Tutor

Buffalo, NY July 2016 - Dec 2016

- Grader for Thermodynamics class.
- Tutored Math, Physics and Mechanical Engineering courses at the Academic resource center.

## • GRS Assistant, Graduate Research Symposium, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

May 2021

- Judged presentations, organized and facilitated sessions at the research symposium organized by graduate students at RPI.
- Chair and Organizer of the networking event component of the symposium.

## • Vice President, Graduate Council, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

May 2020 - March 2021

- Elected Vice President of the 15 person graduate student council representing 1366 graduate students at RPI.
- Worked with the institute to address issues related to graduate academics, Teaching and Research Assistants, ensuring smooth transition to remote research.
- Organized various online programs to address student issues ranging from Mental Health to public safety to international student concerns apart from the usual fun events.

## • Representative, Graduate Council, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

May 2019 - May 2020

- Coordinated admissions activities with the Graduate School, Graduate Admissions office and International Student and Scholar Services.
- Coordinated social functions for the Graduate Student Body.

## • Graduate Council Representative, Executive Board, Rensselaer Union

May 2019 - May 2020

- Prepared and approved the budget for Fiscal Year 2020-21 of the Student Union.
- Managed the business affairs, approved the hiring and continuance of all administrative personnel and determined the classification of student clubs and organizations at the Rensselaer Union.
- Represented 5 clubs clubs in the Executive Board and part of the club-operations committee.