

# Computational Materials Science and the Materials Genome Initiative

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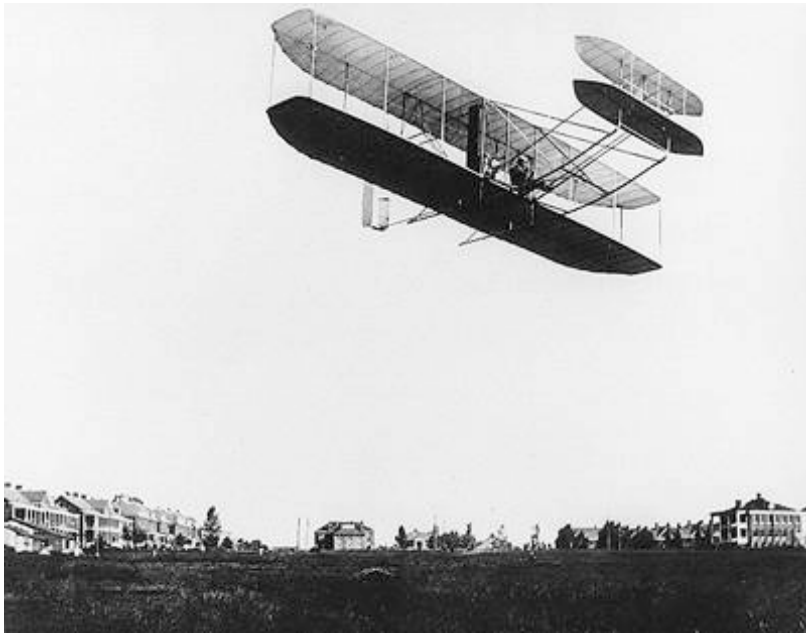
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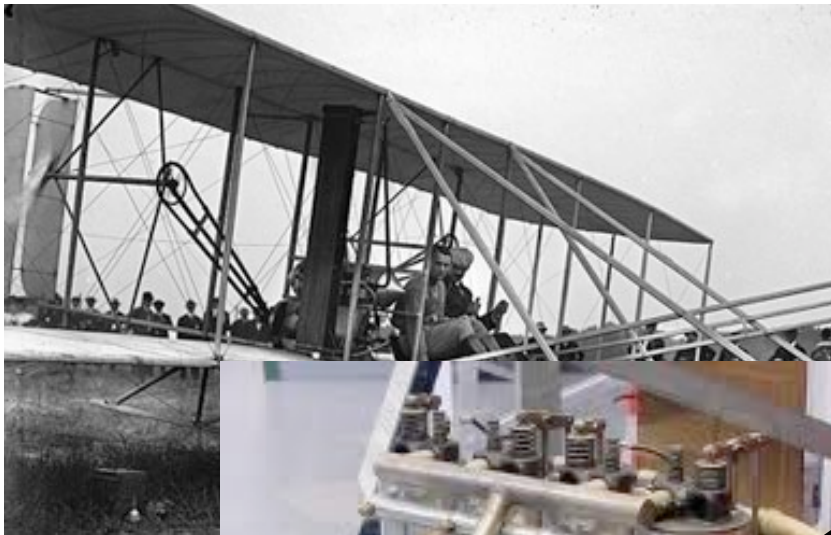
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# The Challenge: What do these have in common?

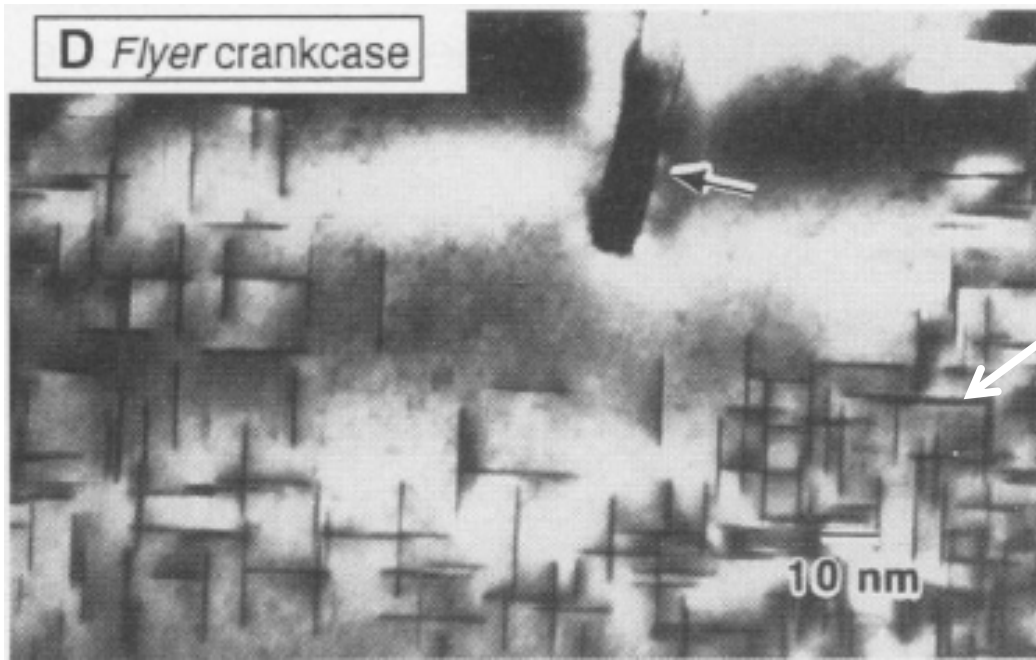


# The Materials For The Skin And Engine Block Are Both Al Alloys



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# Flyer Crankcase



Copper precipitates

Gayle and Goodway, Science 1994

The Wright brothers created the first nanostructured material for aerospace applications

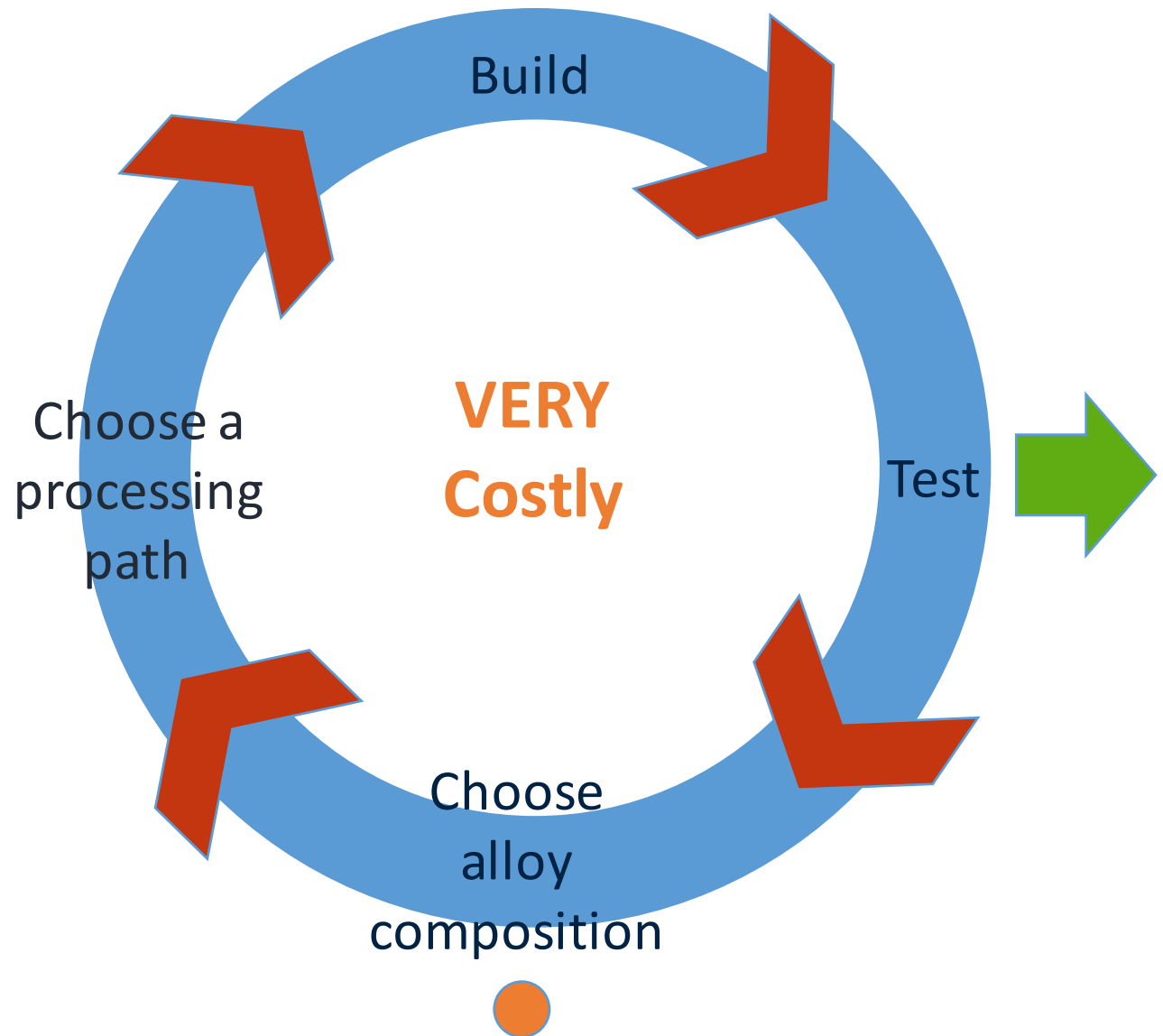
# After 100+ Years of Alloy Development



“Al 319”

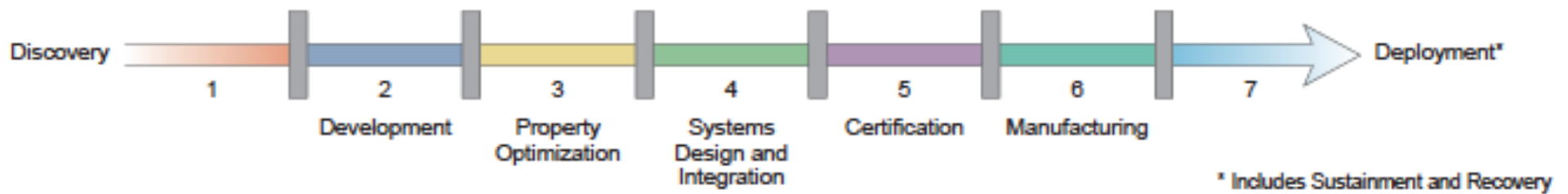
$\text{Al}_{88.08}\text{Si}_{7.43}\text{Cu}_{3.33}\text{Mg}_{0.22}\text{Fe}_{0.38}\text{Mn}_{0.24}\text{Zn}_{0.13}\text{Ti}_{0.12}\text{Ni}_{0.01}\text{Cr}_{0.03}\text{Sr}_{0.03}$

# Traditional Approach



- Huge barrier to the introduction of new materials

# Materials Development



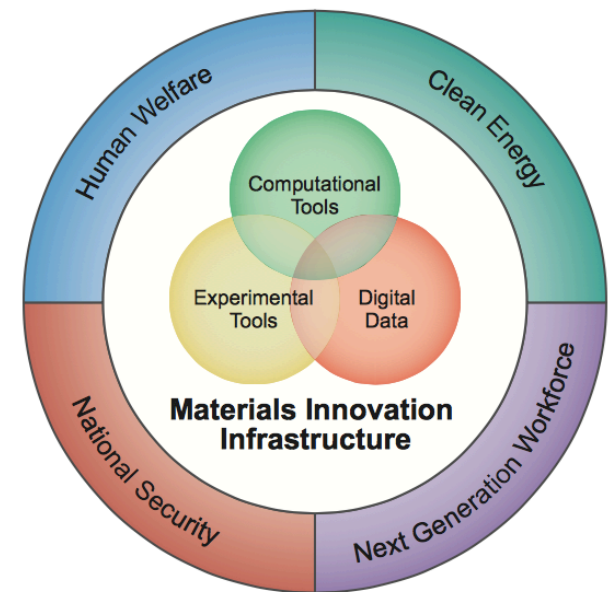
## Solution:

Integrate computations, experimental tools, and digital data to speed up the design

# Materials Genome Initiative for Global Competitiveness – June 2011

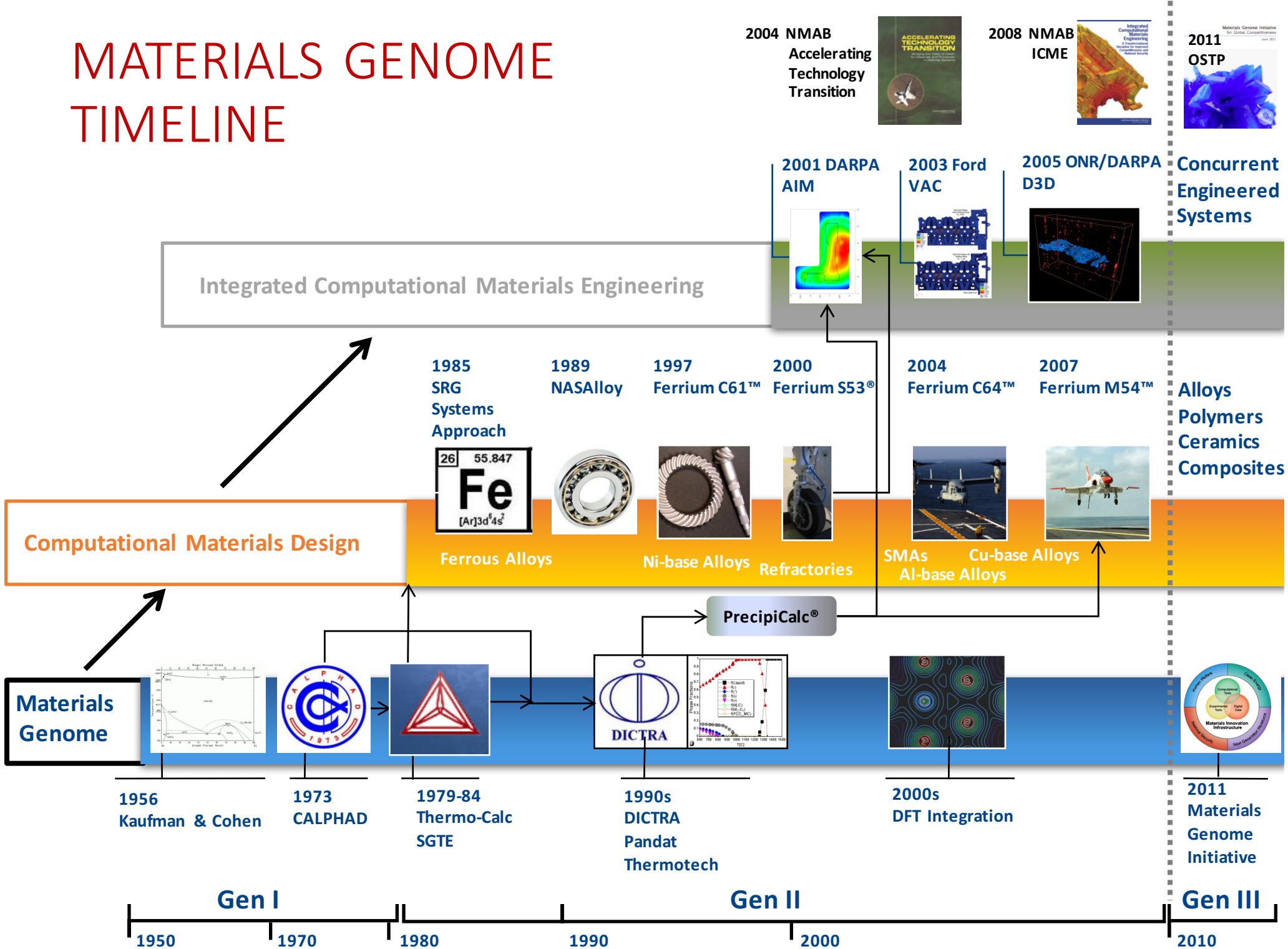
*Fundamental databases and tools enabling reduction of the 10-20 year materials creation and deployment cycle by 50% or more*

- **Developing a Materials Innovation Infrastructure**
  - Integrated experimental, computational, and data informatics tools
  - Span entire materials continuum
  - Open-access/Open-source
- **Achieving National Goals with Advanced Materials**
  - Develop the *infrastructure* to design new materials
- **Equipping Next Generation Materials Workforce**
- **Engaging all stakeholders**
  - Government, academia, and industry

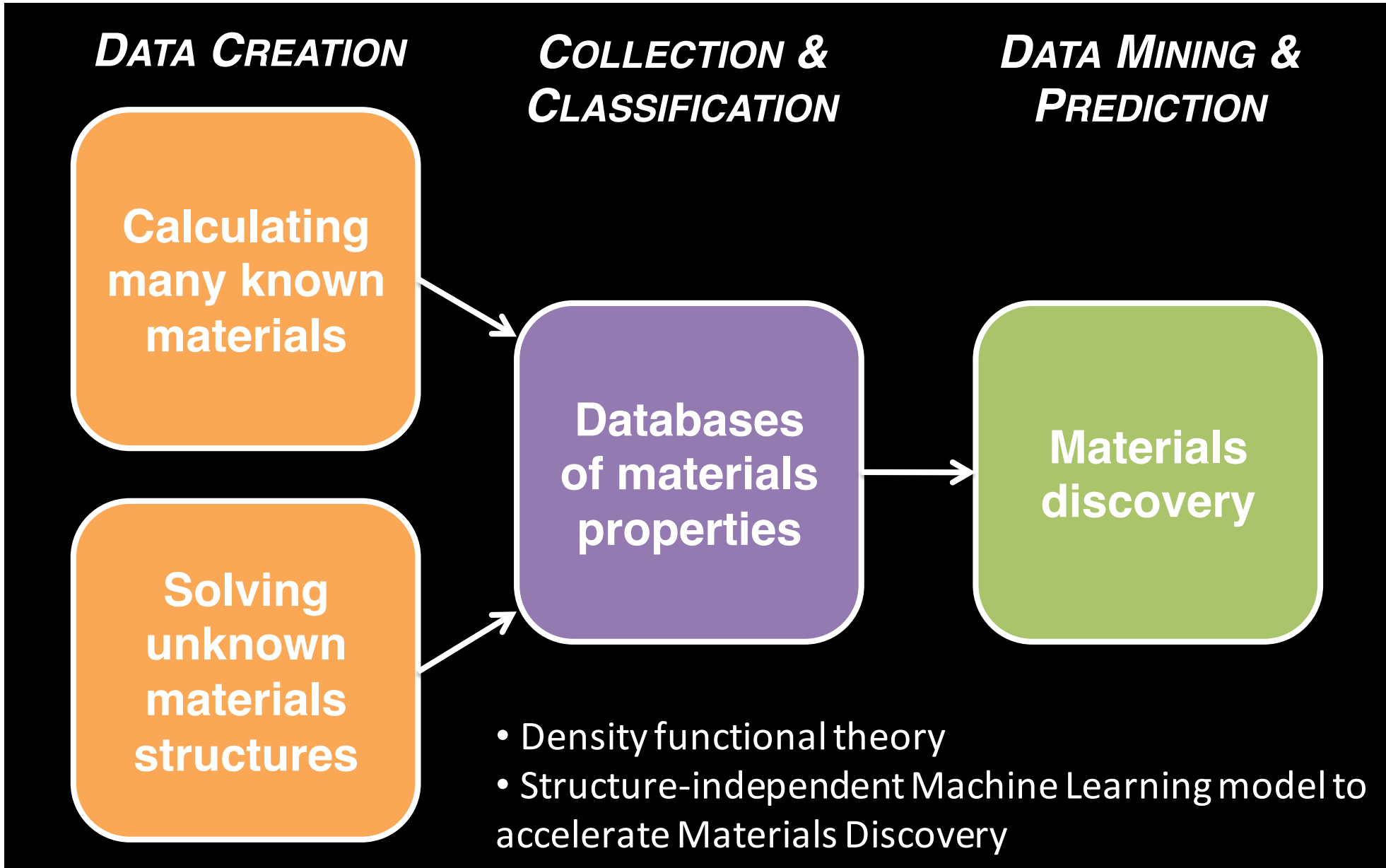




# MATERIALS GENOME TIMELINE



# How to discover new compounds?

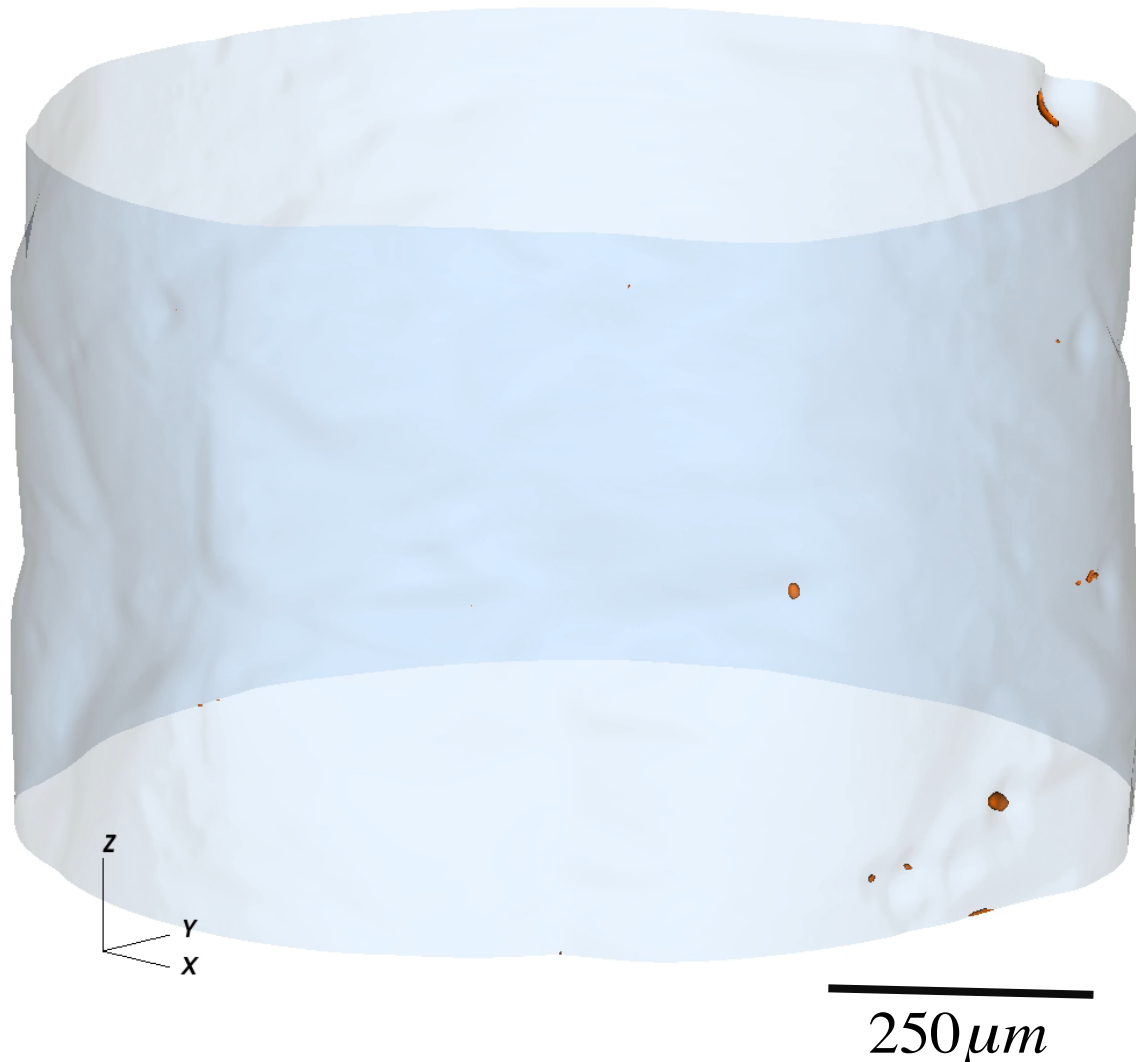


# Databases via High Throughput DFT Calculations

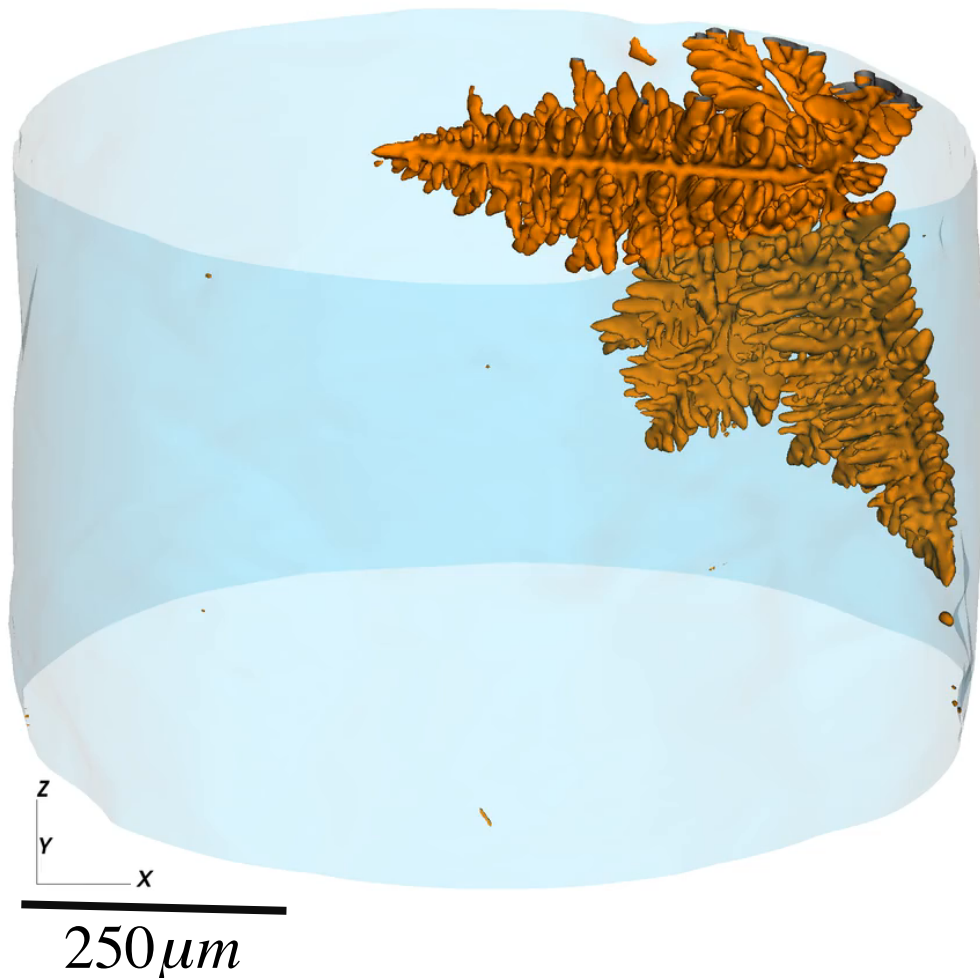
- DFT Databases: Materials Project (LBL), Open Quantum Mechanical Database (NU), and AFLOW (Duke), ...
- For example, OQMD (OQMD.org, C. Wolverton) has thermodynamic and structural properties of 285,000 compounds “synthesized” on the computer
- This data can be mined to screen compounds for: Li-ion battery coatings, precipitates in Mg and Al alloys, high-efficiency thermoelectrics
- Accuracy? Metadata?

# The looming Big Data Problem and the Challenge of Computing the Evolution of Interfaces in 3D

- 4D tomography of dendritic solidification



# The Big Data Problem and Computing the Evolution of Interfaces in 3D

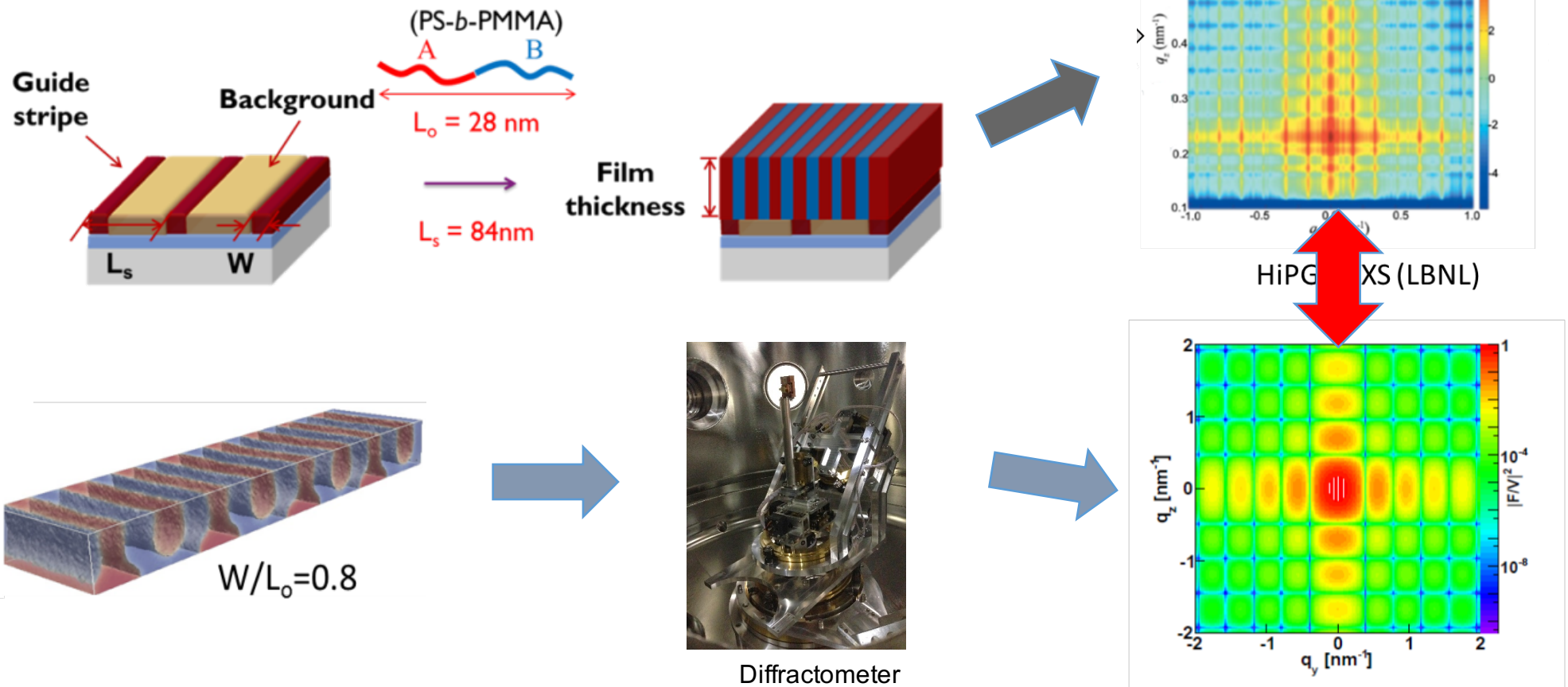


- Secondary arm spacing sets the fatigue life of the alloy
- It is not possible to compute the evolution the evolution of such a dendrite
- Typical data sets are 1-2 TB

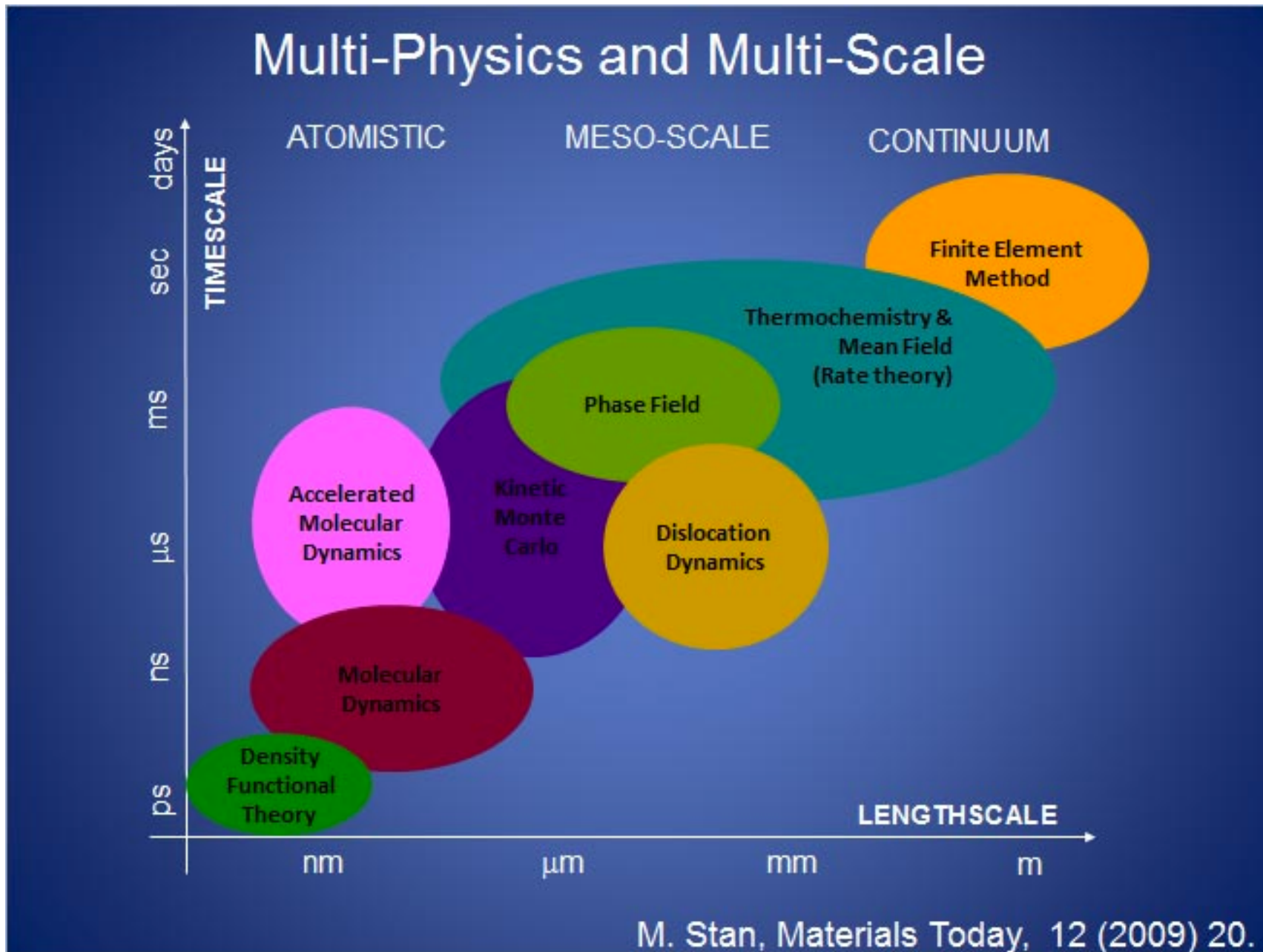
J.W. Gibbs et al, Sci. Reports, 2015

# Directed Self Assembly: Nano Lithography

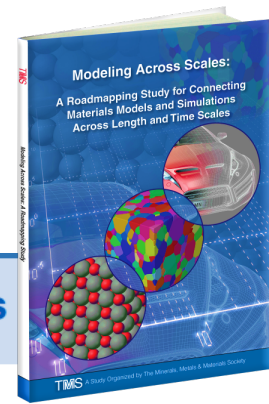
Paul Nealey and Juan De Pablo, University of Chicago



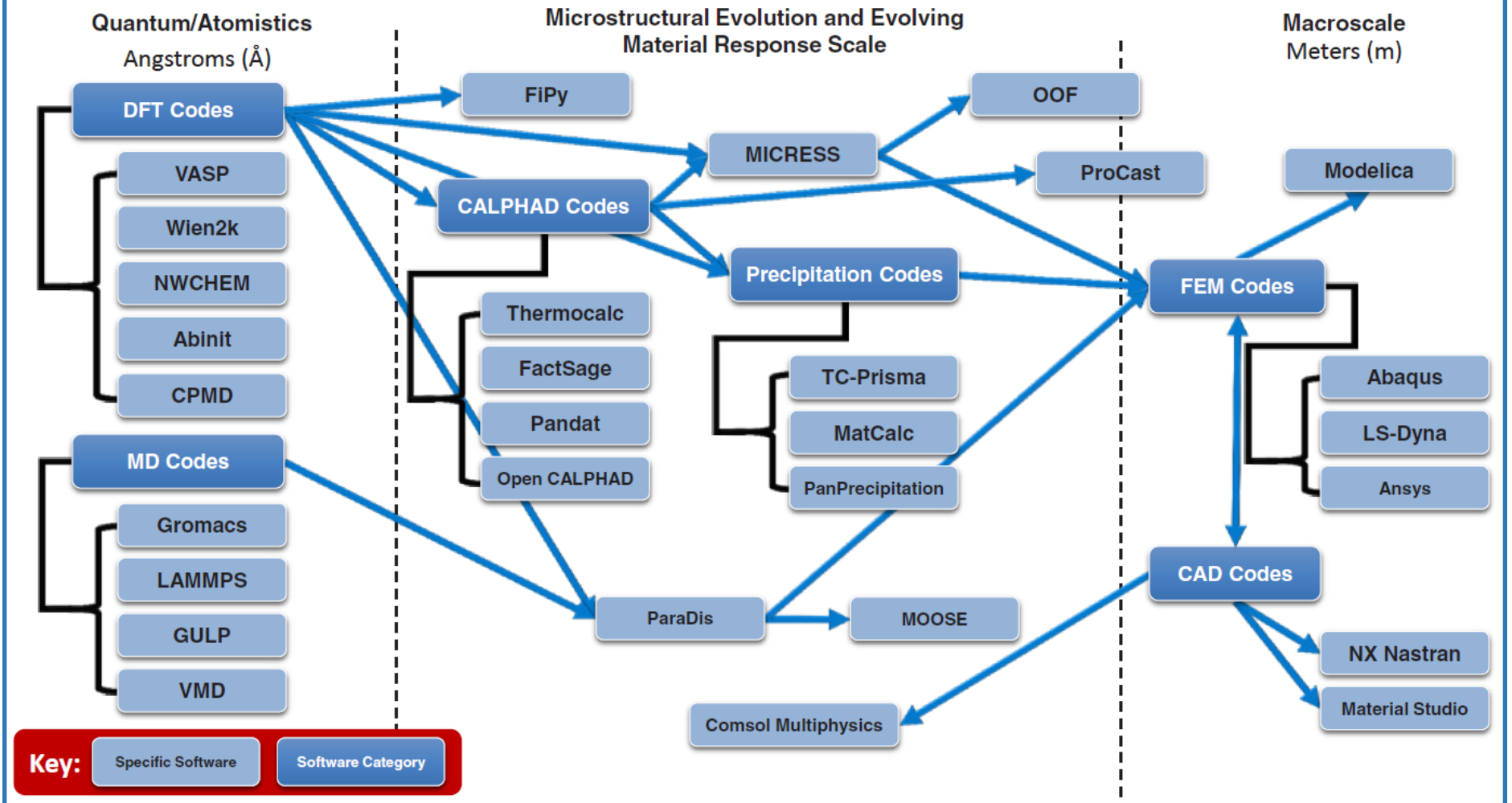
# The challenge of modeling hierarchical materials structure



# Current State of the Art



## Some Common Software Input-Output Relationships





# TMS Materials Models and Simulations Across Length and Time Scales Study

## Selected recommendations:

- Develop initiatives that address uncertainty quantification and propagation (UQ/UP) across multiple models describing a range of material length and time scales
- Develop strong coupling methods that allow bidirectional communication between deformation and microstructural evolution models
- Develop focused research efforts addressing interfacial properties and nucleation effects, with particular emphasis on systematic studies that couple theory, experiments, and simulations across length and time scales
- Devise methods and protocols for taking into account rare events and extreme value statistical distributions

