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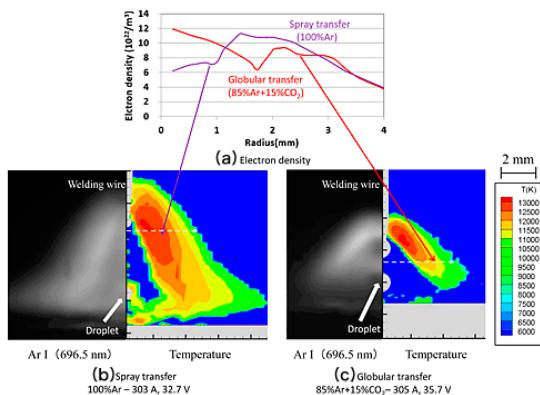
Research summary

The main research subject is the development of the high density energy source for processing advanced materials having special functions and properties. We undertake fundamental investigations of the properties of the high energy source interacting with materials, and we study advanced control techniques for optimizing the energy transport.

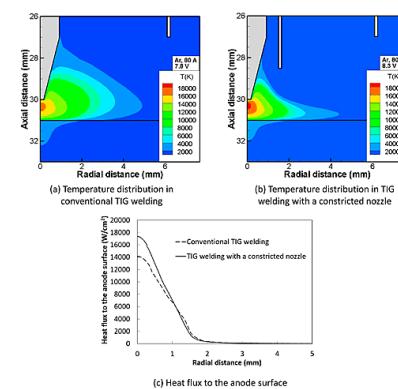
Major emphasis is placed on the generation, control and energy transport in arc plasmas, which are a high density energy source which have been applied to a variety of materials processing techniques such as welding, cutting, heating, high temperature processing, surface modification and the creation of powders.

Research subjects

- (1) Generation and control of thermal plasmas, and their application to welding and joining processes
- (2) Arc physics, molten pool behavior, and transport theory in fusion welding
- (3) Development of new arc electrodes based on the analysis of electrode-plasma interaction
- (4) Development of advanced high quality clean welding processes
- (5) Development of new generation welding and joining processes employing atmospheric pressure plasma
- (6) Control of arc discharge in lighting and electrical devices



Optical measurement of electron density and plasma temperature during spray transfer and globular transfer in gas metal arc welding process. (a) Electron density, (b) Spray transfer, (c) Globular transfer. An addition of CO₂ into shielding gas causes constriction of arc current toward the arc axis, which leads to globular transfer due to increase in arc pressure.



Numerical simulation on effects of constricted nozzle on arc phenomena in TIG welding process. (a) Temperature distribution in conventional TIG welding, (b) Temperature distribution in TIG welding with a constricted nozzle, (c) Heat flux to the anode surface. In TIG welding with a constricted nozzle, arc temperature increases due to constriction of arc. Consequently, larger heat flux to the anode surface is obtained compared with that of conventional TIG welding.

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J. Liu, F. Jiang, S. Tashiro, S. Chen and M. Tanaka, "A physics-informed and data-driven framework for robotic welding in manufacturing", Nat. Commun., 16(2025), 4807. [doi](#)

V. H. Bui, Q. N. Trinh, D. K. Le, S. Tashiro, L. D. Han, H. L. Phan, A. B. Murphy, K. Yamanaka, M. Tanaka and L. Xiao, "Effect of external magnetic field on arc characteristics and weld bead formation in metal-cored arc welding", Int. J. Adv. Manuf. Technol., 140(2025), 4845-4858. [doi](#)

X. Xiao, C. Zhang, S. Bai, D. Wu, H. Komen, K. Zhang, S. Uchida, M. Tanaka "Volatile alloying elements modulate laser-induced arc stability: A material-dependent interaction mechanism", J. Mater. Res. Technol-JMRT, 38(2025), 1643-1650. [doi](#)

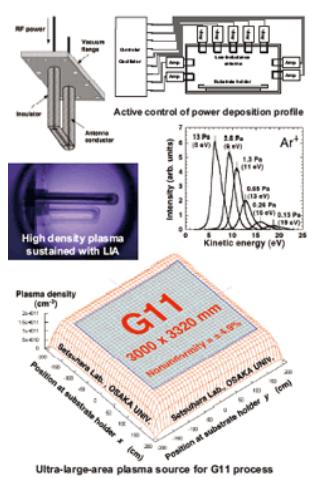
Research Division of Materials Joining Process, Dep. of Energy Transfer Dynamics

Research summary

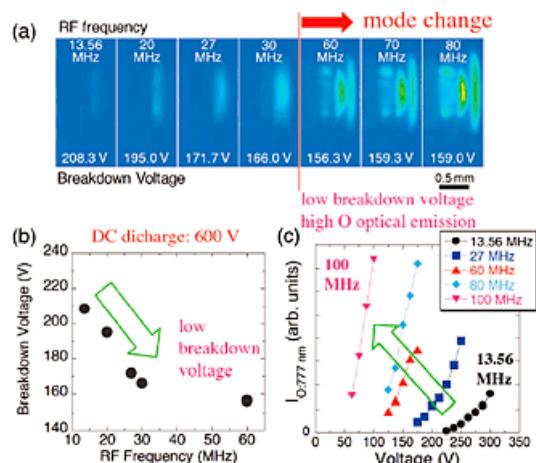
Our research activities encompass works on development of process control technologies of surface and interface for advancement of materials joining science and processing technologies through creation of novel process-energy sources (plasmas and particle beams), and span the range of applications from to functionalization of materials to their process control. These research activities are based on fundamental studies on energy transfer dynamics involved in a variety of materials processing with process-energy sources.

Research subjects

- (1) Development of novel plasma sources and particle beams for advanced process technologies (CVD, PVD)
- (2) Development of novel large-area, low-damage and high-density plasma sources for advanced process control of functional materials
- (3) Development of novel large-area, low-damage and high-density plasma sources for advanced process control of functional materials
- (4) Creation of softmaterial processing science for development of advanced green nanotechnologies with inorganic/organic flexible hybrid structures
- (5) Studies on temporal and spatial control of discharge for development of innovative plasma sources for plasma medicine



Low-damage and ultra-large-area plasma source with multiple low inductance antenna modules



Development of innovative plasma source for plasma medicine
(a) ICCD images of atmospheric RF plasmas
(b) Frequency dependence of discharge breakdown voltage
(c) Frequency dependence of O optical emission intensity

Major Papers

S. Kakuta, K. TAKENAKA, M. Takahashi, Y. Setsuhara, T. Okada, "Photocatalytic decomposition of methylene blue using a zinc-tungsten oxide compound prepared by co-sputtering and calcination", *Jpn. J. Appl. Phys.*, 64 (2025) 04SP07/1-5. [doi](#)

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K. Takenaka, S. Nakamoto, M. Shimabukuro, A. Jinda, R. Koyari, S. Shigemori, K. Ueno, S. Toko, G. Uchida, M. Kawashita, Y. Setsuhara, "Effect of surface treatment using non-thermal atmospheric pressure plasma jet on dissimilar material direct joining using Polyetheretherketone" *Surf. Interfaces*, 79 (2025) 108187/1-9. [doi](#)

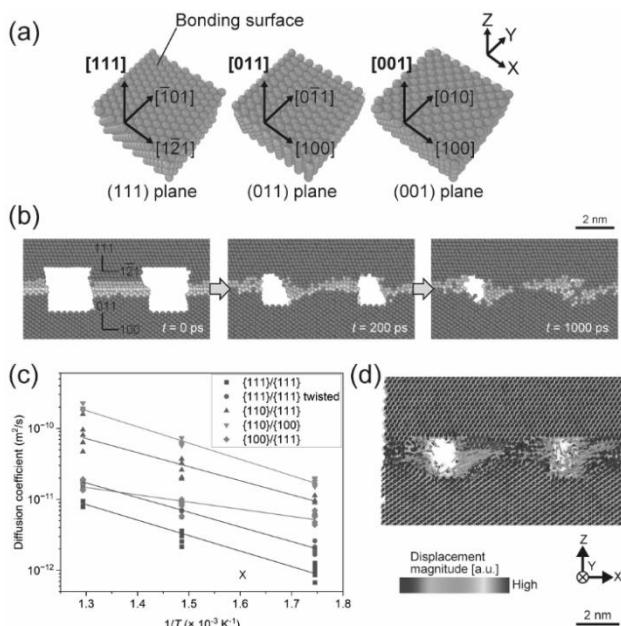
Research Division of Materials Joining Process, Dep. of Micro Joining

Research summary

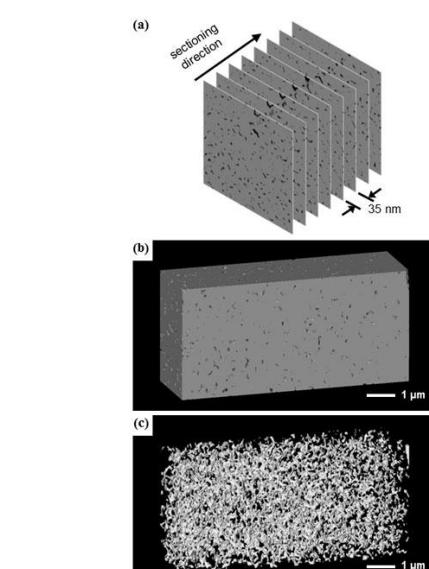
The main research objectives are for electronics packaging to develop advanced joint materials, to establish advanced micro joining processes, and to elucidate the mechanisms of the micro joining processes. Especially, the creation of the functional joint materials, the development of novel advanced micro processes by various energy sources, the understanding of interfacial behaviors in nano-/micro-scale, and the enhancement of the highly reliable joints based on the control of interfacial structure and performance are performed.

Research subjects

- (1) Development and evaluation of advanced micro joining process
- (2) Elucidation of micro joining phenomena and defect suppression
- (3) Control and analysis of microstructure at soldered interface
- (4) Development of low-temperature solder alloys contributing to the reduction of CO₂ emissions
- (5) Formation of high heat-resistance joint using three-dimensional nanostructure
- (6) Elucidation of interfacial bonding mechanisms through atomistic simulation
- (7) Macro-micro simulation for joint-property prediction



Molecular Dynamics (MD) simulation results on Cu-Cu bonding behavior:
(a) Bonding interfaces replicating various crystal orientations, (b) Void closure behavior at the interface, (c) Diffusion coefficients on the bonding interface with various orientations, (d) Atomic displacement vectors analysis.



Microstructure of sintered joint using Ag nanoparticle paste
(a) Serial sectioning of Ag sintered layer by FIB/SEM system
(b) Reconstructed 3D image of Ag sintered layer
(c) Reconstructed 3D pore distribution into Ag sintered layer analysis.

Major Papers

H. Tatsumi, S. Nitta, A. M. Ito, A. Takayama, M. Takahashi, S. Moon, E. Tsushima, H. Nishikawa, "Experimental and first-principles insights into Ti-mediated Cu–Si₃N₄ interfaces for high-reliability electronic substrates", *Acta Mater.*, 304, (2025), 121813. [doi](#)

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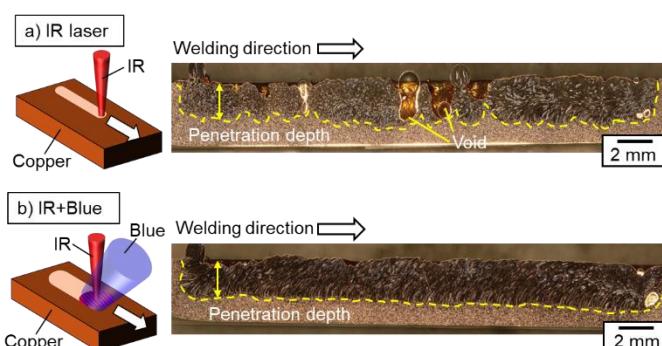
Research Division of Materials Joining Process, Dep. of Laser Materials Processing

Research summary

Fundamental studies are performed concerning welding, joining, cutting, surface modification and removal processing with laser beams, aimed at advanced fusion between laser science and production engineering. We focus on clarification of welding or joining mechanisms on the basis of the visualization of material processing phenomena with high-speed optical observation or X-ray transmission imaging techniques. Moreover, laser should be utilized with not only high thermal efficiency but also physicochemical effects induced by interaction between light and material. Thus we create innovative processes including laser direct joining of metal and plastic, put these processes to practical use and disseminate achievements of our research to the world.

Research subjects

- (1) Development and evaluation of joining and welding processes for the advanced functional materials
- (2) Development of additive manufacturing technologies with blue diode laser
- (3) Creation of new function by surface modification with laser
- (4) Fundamental studies on laser interaction with materials and fundamental studies of materials processing utilizing laser



Longitudinal section of welding bead with a) IR fiber laser and b) blue and IR hybrid laser



Clarification of laser welding phenomena with 16 kW disk laser

Major Papers

M. Sudo, S. Fujio, K. Koda, H. Shirai, K. Takenaka, M. Mizutani, T. Pasang, Y. Sato & M. Tsukamoto, "The effect of plume removal on welding efficiency of pure copper using 1.5 kW blue diode laser", *Appl. Phys. A-Mater. Sci. Process.*, 131(4), (2025). 273. [doi](#)

T. Kayahara, T. Tanabe, Y. Sato, K. Takenaka, M. Tsukamoto, "Effects of beam shape formed by beam-splitting diffractive optical element on keyhole and molten pool behavior in high-power laser welding of stainless steel", *J. Laser Appl.*, 37(3), (2025) 032014. [doi](#)

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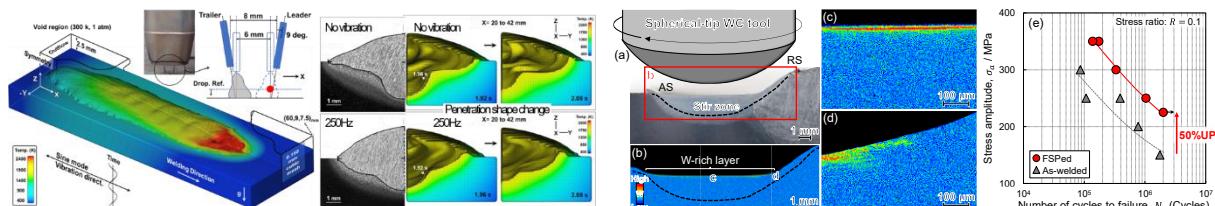
Research Division of Materials Joining Mechanism, Dep. of Welding Mechanism

Research summary

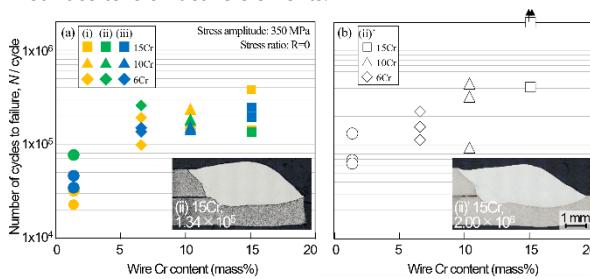
Mechanisms controlling the joint performance of structural and functional materials, which obtained by fusion welding, liquid-state/solid-state bonding, and solid-state bonding, are metallographically characterized to establish a scientific basis to produce joint materials featuring superior performance. The microstructures of the weld-deposited metal, the heat-affected zone of fusion-welded joints, and the interfacial region of solid-state bounded joint are thoroughly investigated utilizing various methods such as X-ray diffraction, electron-microscopy observation, elementary analysis, EBSP analysis, and numerical modeling and simulation. Formation processes of the microstructures and their relation to joint performance are discussed from the material scientific viewpoint.

Research subjects

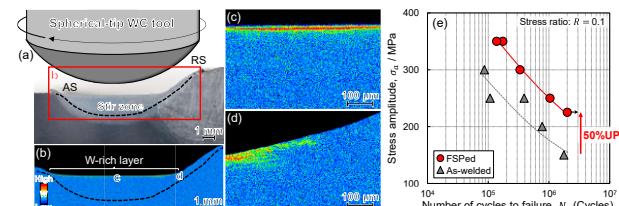
- (1) Weld microstructure analyses of structural material such as steel
- (2) Bonding mechanism of solid-state joining of metals and ceramics, and its application to microstructural control
- (3) Application of welding and joining phenomena to development of advanced materials
- (4) Synthesis of new functional materials at welding and joining interface
- (5) Evaluation of the effect of microstructure on mechanical behavior of structural materials joints



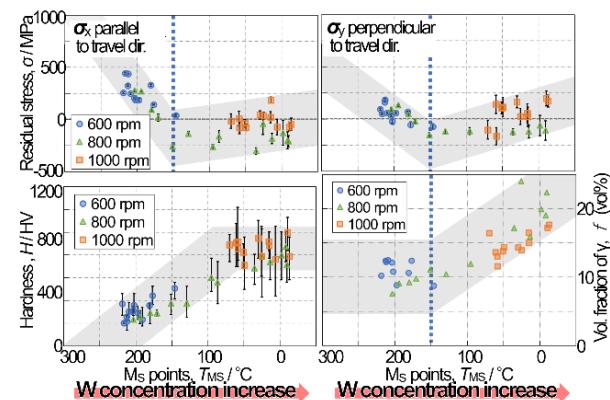
Welding-time variation of penetration shape change in the simulated vibration assisted tandem-pulsed GMAW using the Flow-3D commercial software in the presence of sine-vibration parallel to the welding direction (250 Hz) and the surface tension active elements.



Number of cycles to failure of a lap-filler arc welded joint of 1.2 GPa grade cold-rolled ultra high tensile strength steel sheets varied with wire Cr content in (a) three welding conditions (i), (ii), (iii) and (b) one welding condition (ii)'. Inset figures are cross-sectional optical images of weld metal after a plane bending fatigue test applied with stress amplitude of 350 MPa, together with wire Cr contents and number of cycles to failure; 1.34×10^5 and more than 2.0×10^6 cycle.



Geometry modification and W-rich layer formation for weld toe of high-strength low-alloy steel joints using friction stir processing (FSP) with spherical-tip WC tool, resulting in fatigue strength improvement.



Variation of residual stress, hardness, and the volume fraction of the retained γ with Ms , depending on W having a solution hardening, in the SZ steel surface FSPed using a WC tool at tool rotational speeds of 600, 800, and 1000 rpm.

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Research Division of Materials Joining Mechanism, Dep. of Joint Interface Structure and Formation Mechanism

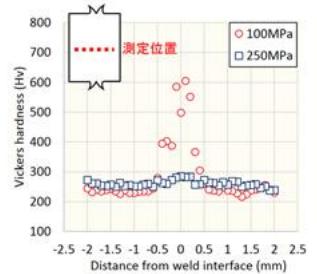
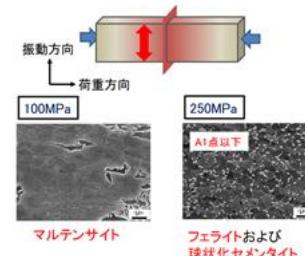
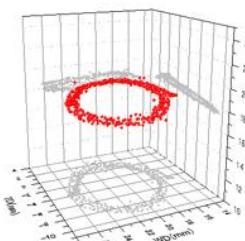
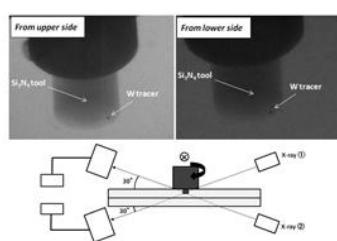
Research summary

In this department, based on the elucidation of the various phenomena at the joint interfaces of ferrous, nonferrous, non-metal materials at both macroscopic and microscopic levels, the interface formation mechanisms during various joining processes are clarified to create new interface control methods.

In addition, novel welding and modification processes are developed, mainly based on fusion welding methods and friction welding methods such as the friction stir welding, rotary friction welding and linear friction welding methods, which is the core of the fundamental technologies having a great potential to produce new values. These developments are going to be used and focused simultaneously in our society in order to create a new research field and elevate the continuous growth of industrial competitiveness of our country.

Research subjects

- (1) Control of interface and elucidation of formation mechanism during friction welding (FSW, Friction welding, Linear friction welding)
- (2) Development of novel joining and modification processes
- (3) Elucidation of formation mechanism of weld interface and molten pool
- (4) Analysis of joint interface structure
- (5) Control of solid-liquid interface formation



Three-dimensional visualization of the material flow using a W tracer during the FSW.

SEM microstructures and Vickers hardness along the central axis of LFWed joints.

Major Papers

A. Sharma, S. Singh, Y. Morisada, K. Ushioda, J. Andersson, H. Fujii, "Microstructural evolution and mechanical behavior of friction stir welded additively manufactured Haynes 282 Ni superalloy", Mater. Des., 260(2025), 115029. [doi](#)

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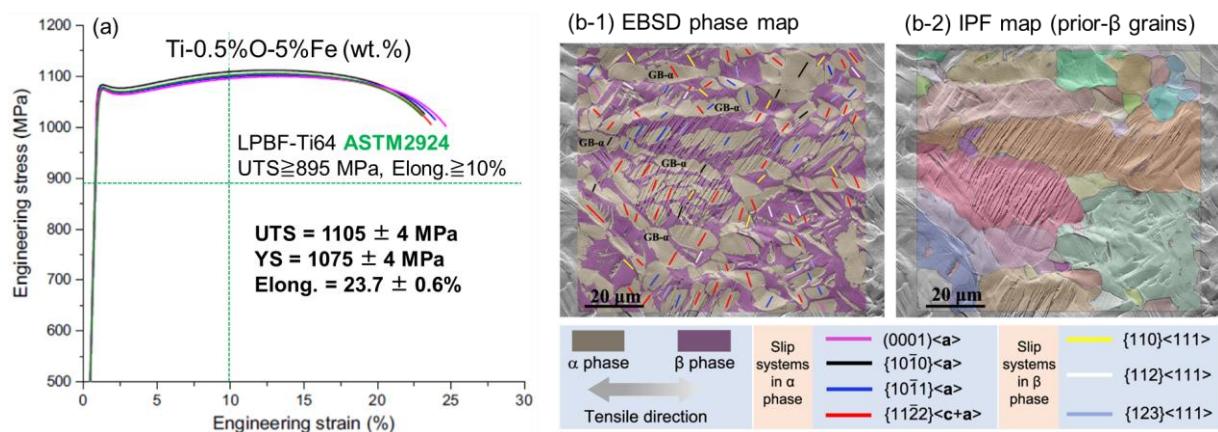
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Research summary

From a viewpoint of the energy saving and environmental problem solutions, the research fields of this department focus on both of the effective reuse of resources and energy including renewable ones and reduction of life hazardous materials and air pollutions. In particular, by controlling the interfacial mechanics and high-performance of materials, atomic/nano-scale composite materials and processing designs for the environmentally benign are established, and applied to innovative industrial development.

Research subjects

- (1) Powder based titanium materials with static and dynamic high-strength & ductility
- (2) Core-shell structured Ti-N composite powders via solid-gas reaction
- (3) Laser powder bed fusion titanium alloys strengthened by solid-solution and nano-dispersoids
- (4) Nano-carbon materials reinforced metal matrix composites via local interface mechanics
- (5) Direct bonding of plastic materials to metals by molecular structure and fine bubbles control



(a) Engineering stress-strain curves of PBF-LB α + β Ti-0.5O-5Fe alloy after annealing at 800 °C for 1 h. The mechanical properties shown in the inset are derived from five independent stress-strain curves.
(b) Dislocation activity in Ti-0.5O-5Fe alloy during tensile deformation. (b-1) SEM image superimposed with the corresponding EBSD phase map, obtained at 10.1% uniform elongation through in-situ SEM uniaxial tensile tests. Multiple slip systems are active, with $\{11\bar{2}2\}<\mathbf{c+a}>$ (red) being predominant. (b-2) Overlaying IPF maps of prior- β grains with SEM images reveals numerous slip traces traversing prior- β GBs, confirming that GB- α does not hinder slip transfer.

Major Papers

Y. Yang, X. Wang, B. Chen, S. Lu, K. Liu, S. Kariya, X. Shi, X. Liao, K. Kondoh, M. Qian, J. Shen, "Oxygen-mediated high uniform plasticity in α - β titanium alloys", *Nature Commun.*, 16 (2025) 10833. [doi](#)

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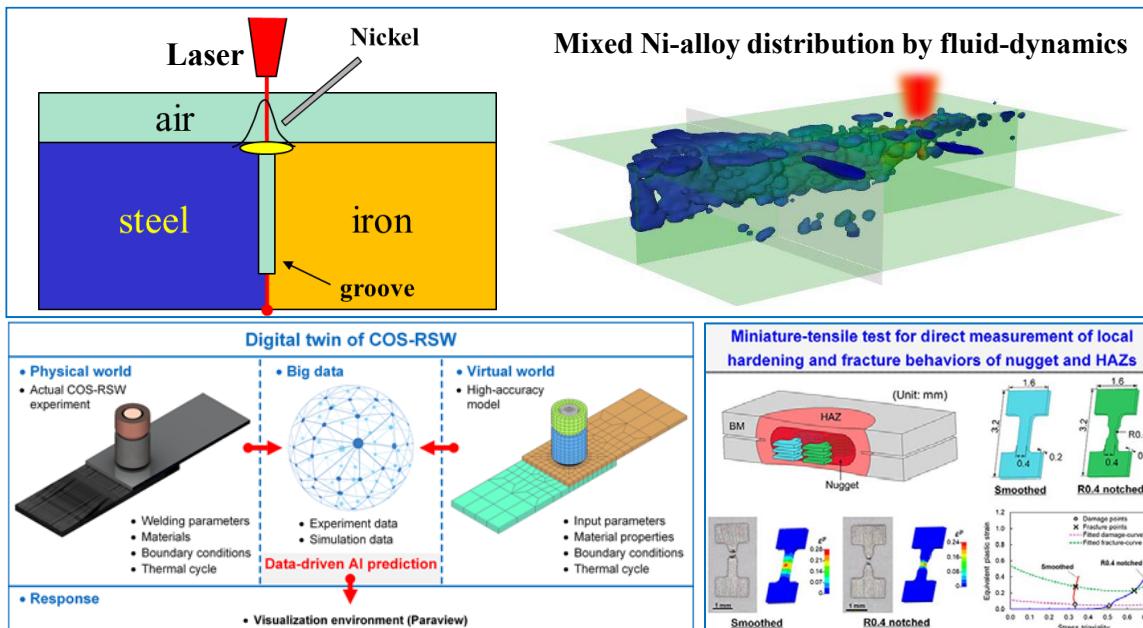
Research Division of Materials Joining Assessment, Dep. of Joining Mechanics and Analyses

Research summary

Numerical modelling is a basis of the Artificial Intelligent (AI) and one of the most efficient approaches to look into various detail phenomena involved in joining & welding & additive manufacturing processes & structure sensing. In addition, assessment to residual stress/strain and strength of various types of joints between dissimilar materials is being studied through both the advanced measuring technology and numerical computational approaches.

Research subjects

- (1) Numerical analysis of nonlinear thermal fluid-dynamics, mechanical and metallurgical phenomena in multi-materials additive manufacturing, fusion welding and solid-state joining.
- (2) Artificial Intelligent (AI) and digital twin for full manufacturing processes including metal forming, joining, welding and assembling of structures.



Major Papers

R. Zhang, D. Nishimoto, N. Ma, F. Lu, T. Suga, T. Tabuchi, S. Shimada, "Numerical modelling of laser welding pool thermal-dynamics and dissimilar materials mixing of cast-iron, carbon-steel and nickel-alloy wire for weld crack prevention", *J. Manuf. Process.*, 156 (2025) 398–410. [doi](#)

W. Li, N. Ma, P. Geng, "Interpretable data-driven modeling of process, microstructure, strength relationship in hot-press joining of aluminum and CFRTP", *Compos. Struct.*, 374 (2025.12.15) 119716, 1-18. [doi](#)

J. Wang, N. Ma, D. Deng, "Progress in welding distortion prediction and control technology for advanced manufacturing", *J. Manuf. Process.*, 152 (2025) 1012–1036, [doi](#)

Y. Ohnishi, K. Sato, Ninshu Ma, K. Narasaki, Li Weihao, K. Yasuda, "Analysis of Residual Stress in Arc Welded Lap Joints of High Strength Steel Sheets and Welding Wire Using Material Properties during Heating and Cooling" *SAE Tech. Paper*, 2025-01-8313 (2025). [doi](#)

N. Xiao, H. Kong, Q. Sun and N. Ma, "Comprehensive Evaluation of Double-Wire Narrow Gap GMAW Process and Dissimilar Joint for Chute Structure", *J. Mater. Eng. Perform.*, (2025), 1-14. [doi](#)

Research Division of Materials Joining Assessment, Dep. of Joining Design and Structuring

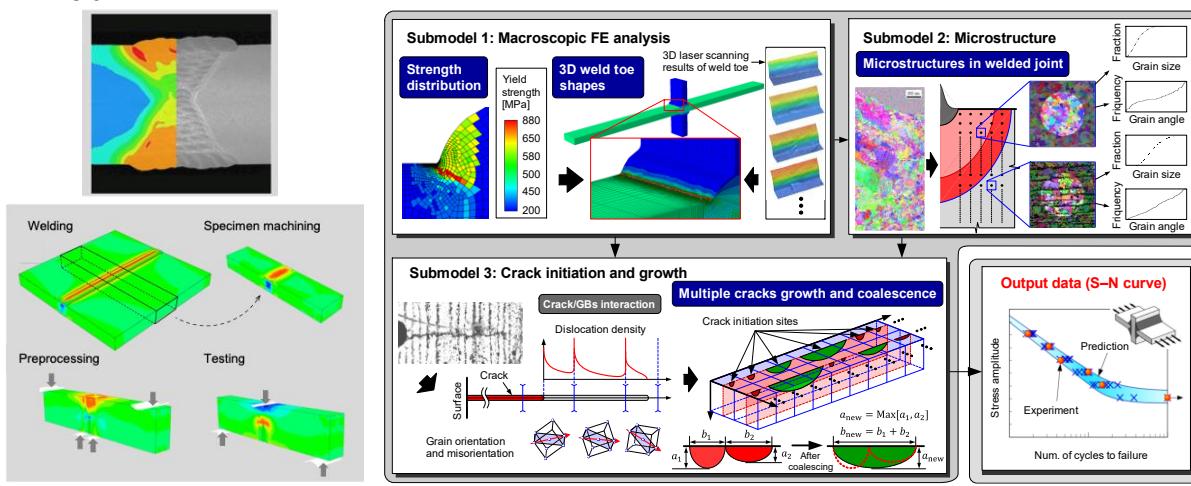
Research summary

In this research division, the structural design and fabrication processes are considered in the following two aspects: the "through-process" and "trans-scale." The concept of "through-process" considers the time axis throughout the life cycle, from the design and construction process, such as welding and joining, to testing, service, repair, reinforcement, and maintenance. The concept of "trans-scale" considers spatial axes ranging from micro to macro, such as the microstructure of materials of welds, welding and joining components, and structures.

We research the evaluation of the performance and reliability of various structures at each of these stages and scales. In particular, the effects of thermal processing, represented by residual stresses and deformations, on the performance of welded and joined components and structures will be clarified from microscopic and macroscopic perspectives. Based on these findings, we will also develop a detailed and intelligent evaluation method. We aim to establish design engineering that contributes to advancing structuring processes such as welding and joining.

Research subjects

- (1) Development of evaluation methods for strength properties and reliability of structural members, welds and joints
- (2) Development of performance evaluation technique for welded structures in consideration of residual stress
- (3) Development of manufacturing process simulation technology for design applications
- (4) Development of damage evaluation method considering microscopic plastic deformation behavior of materials and welds
- (5) Evaluation of cracking characteristics considering the heterogeneity of structural materials and weld



Through-process simulation of specimen machining, residual stress modification, and fracture toughness testing.

Evaluation of Fatigue Properties of Structural Materials and Weldments by Multiscale Modeling

Major Papers

W. Chi, W. Wang, H. Zhou, R. Yan, Y. Mikami, " Multiscale Modelling of Additively Manufactured Ti-6Al-4V Alloy: Fatigue Performance Evaluation from Material to Structural Level", Int. J. Fatigue, 201(2025) 109181. [doi](#)

Research Division of Materials Joining Assessment, Dep. of Joining Metallurgical Evaluation

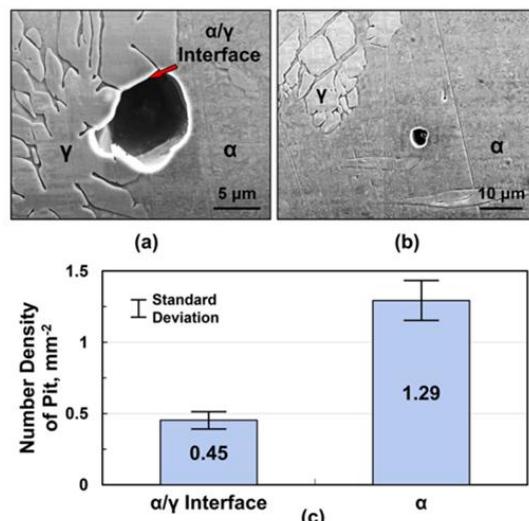
Research summary

Welding and joining technologies are required to achieve the high-performance properties of materials, which are essential for manufacturing industrial products and structures. There is a demand for innovative welding and joining technologies that can be applied to similar and dissimilar materials.

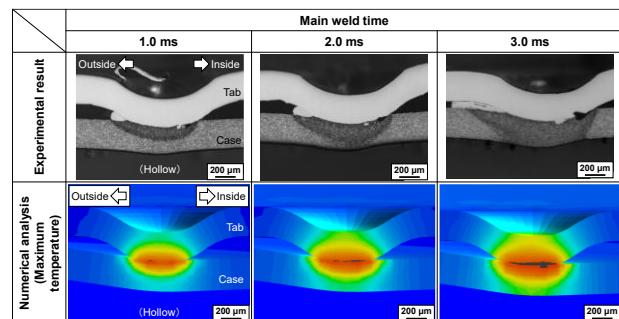
The Department of Joining Metallurgical Evaluation researches to improve the properties and reliability of welding joints when welding similar or dissimilar materials using high-performance materials, with a focus on fusion welding and solid-state joining. Our department elucidates the governing mechanisms in the formation process of welds and research to develop new welding technologies that can control the properties of weld joints.

Research subjects

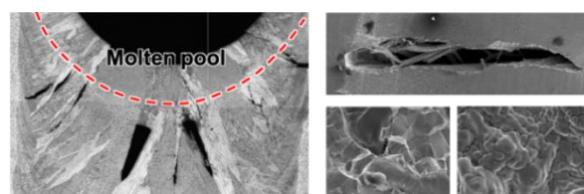
- (1) Development of resistance welding technology for advanced sheet materials.
- (2) Analysis of weld interface structure of dissimilar welded joints.
- (3) Microstructural evolution during solidification and solid state in welds.
- (4) Hot cracking during welding and additive manufacturing process and the prediction technology.
- (5) Improvement of mechanical and corrosion properties of welds of stainless steels and Ni-based alloy by microstructure control.



Observation of pitting initiation in heat-affected zone by FESEM
(a) α/γ Interface and (b) α -ferrite, (c) Location of pitting



Comparison of cross-sections of the micro-projection dissimilar metal welded joints at different main weld times between experimental and numerically calculated results on the positive electrode side



Evaluation and analysis of hot cracking susceptibility test

Major Papers

K. Kadoi, Y. Nakamori, K. Yamada, T. Osuki, "Relationship between grain boundary characteristic and liquation cracking susceptibility of alloy 625", Mater. Des. 261 (2025), 115400. [doi](#)

Y. Hou, K. Kadoi, "Nucleation of equiaxed δ -ferrite grain by Oxide + TiN to improve tensile properties of ferritic stainless steel welds", Mater. Charact. 227 (2025), 115270. [doi](#)

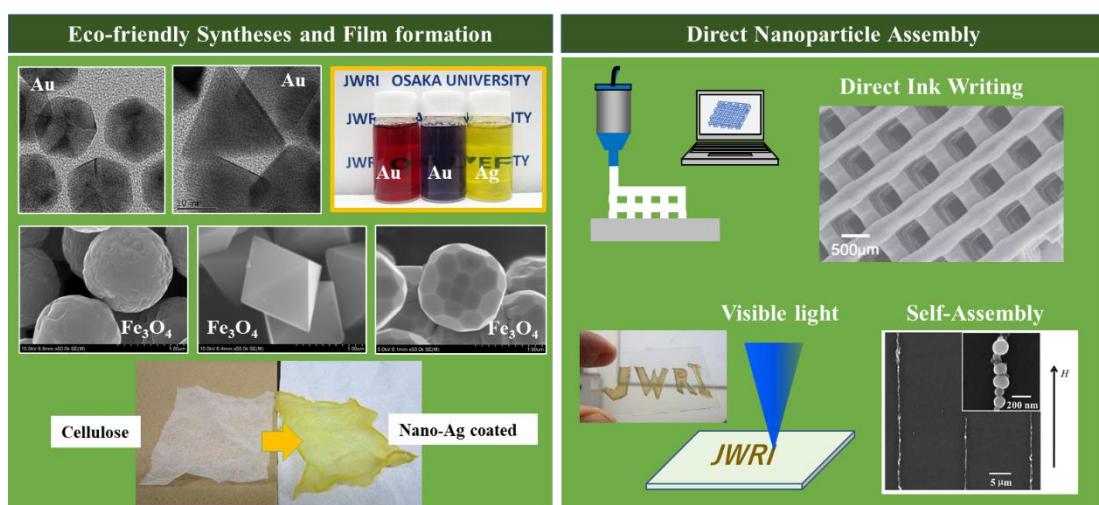
T. Yamamoto, Y. Ogawa, M. Hayashi, K. Kadoi, D. Shiozawa, T. Sakagami, "Estimation of Fatigue Limit for Aluminum Alloy Laser Welds Based on Dissipated Energy", Exp. Mech. 65 (2025), 385-395. [doi](#)

Research summary

As environmental and energy problems become more serious on a global scale, we are working on research and development of material process technologies and environment-friendly materials that will greatly reduce the environmental load. We recently focus on inorganic nano- and micro-particles as building blocks for functional materials and devices, and we develop low-environmental load methodologies for their syntheses, film formation, bonding, integration, and 3D printing. Furthermore, we are proceeding with research and development of environment and energy related materials and devices using our new process technology.

Research subjects

- (1) Eco-friendly solution-based syntheses of nano- and micro-particles
- (2) Eco-friendly assemblies of nano- and micro-particles
- (3) Development of Environment friendly materials
- (4) Development of environmental monitoring devices



(Top) Reductant free synthesis of noble metal nanoparticles (NPs)

(Middle) Shape-controlled synthesis without any additives

(Bottom) Reductant-free coating of noble metal NPs

(Top) Direct Ink Writing of Nanoparticle-Ink

(Left-bottom) Visible-light induced patterning of metal NPs

(Right-bottom) Self-assembly of magnetic NPs under magnetic field

Major Papers

C. T. Thanh , N. T. Huyen, V. T. Thu , P. V. Trinh, N. V. Tu, B. H. Thang, T. V. Hau, D. Tuan, M. T. Phuong, P. T. Binh, P. N. Minh , H. Abe, N. V. Chuc, "Improved electrochemical sensor based on 3D porous Gr-DCNTs-AuNPs-PANi hybrid film for fenitrothion detection", Mater. Lett., 386 (2025)138209. [doi](#)

N. T. Huyen, L. T. Q. Xuan, T. A. S. Suong, C. T. Thanh, P. V. Trinh, N. V. Tu, N. T. Loan, L. T. Q. Ngan, P. T. Binh, C. T. L. Huong, D. N. Thuan, V. X. Hoa, N. V. Hao, N. V. Quynh, H. Abe and N. V. Chuc, "A novel approach for the fabrication of SERS substrates based on 3D urchin-like TiO₂@Gr-AuNPs architecture", RSC Adv., 15 (2025) 15806-15818. [doi](#)

Y. Suzuki, H. Abe, "Murataite ceramics – mineral, structure, synthesis and applications: A review", J. Ceram. Soc. Jpn., 133 (2025) 189-196. [doi](#)

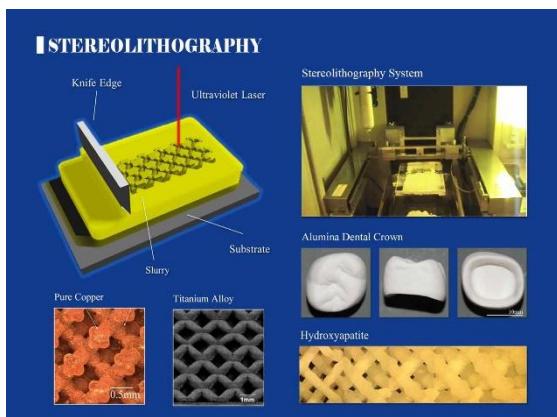
Research Center for Additive Joining Application, Dep. of Lithographic Additive Manufacturing

Research summary

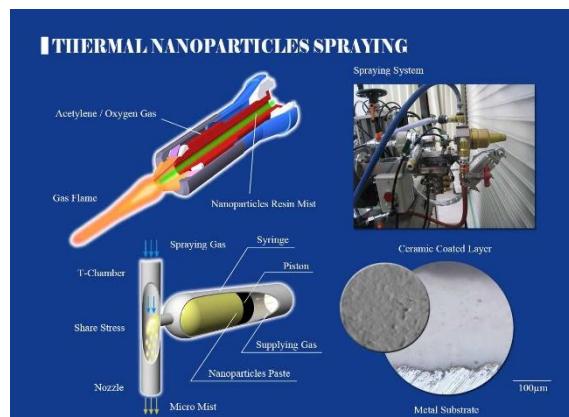
Additive Manufacturing (AM) was newly developed as novel process to create three dimensional (3D) structures through two dimensional (2D) layer laminations. Metal and ceramic nanoparticles were dispersed into resin paste to use for our original process. In lithography techniques, a high power laser beam was scanned on the spread paste for 2D layer drawing and 3D structure forming. In deposition techniques, the paste was introduced into high temperature plasma or gas flame for 2D cladding and 3D patterning. Created electric devices, biological implants and energy modules will contribute to sustainable development.

Research subjects

- (1) Stereolithographic Additive Manufacturing of Metal and Ceramic Parts Using Nanoparticles Pastes
- (2) Structural Fabrication of Photonic Crystals with Diamond Structures for Terahertz Wave Control
- (3) Modulation of Micro Porous Structures in Biological Ceramic Implants for Artificial Metabolism
- (4) Manufacturing of Micro Metal Lattices for Effective Controls of Heat Flow and Stress Distributions
- (5) Advance Development of Thermal Nanoparticles Spraying for Additive Manufacturing Technique
- (6) Fine Separator Formation in Solid Oxide Fuel Cells by Using Thermal Nanoparticles Spraying
- (7) Fine Ceramic Coating with Thermal Conductivity and Corrosion Resistance for Heat Exchanger Tubes
- (8) Layer Laminations by Fine Particles Spraying and Sintering to Create Functionally Graded Structures



Laser Scanning Stereolithography of Additive Manufacturing to Fabricate Bulky Metal and Ceramic Components with Micro Geometric Patterns



Thermal Spraying Using Fine Particle Pastes to Laminate Metal and Ceramic Coated Layers with Functional Nano/Micro Structures

Major Papers

F. Spirrett, S. Kirihara, "Mechanical Strengthening of Lightweight Metals by Fractal Pattern Surface Modification via Stereolithography", *J. Smart Process.*, 14(6), (2025), 294-300. [doi](#)

K. Yoshihara, N. Nagaoka, F. Spirrett, Y. Maruo, Y. Yoshida, B. V. Meerbeek, S. Kirihara, "Top-Down Stereolithography-Based System for Additive Manufacturing of Zirconia for Dental Applications", *Appl. Sci.*, 15(11), (2025), 6155-6155. [doi](#)

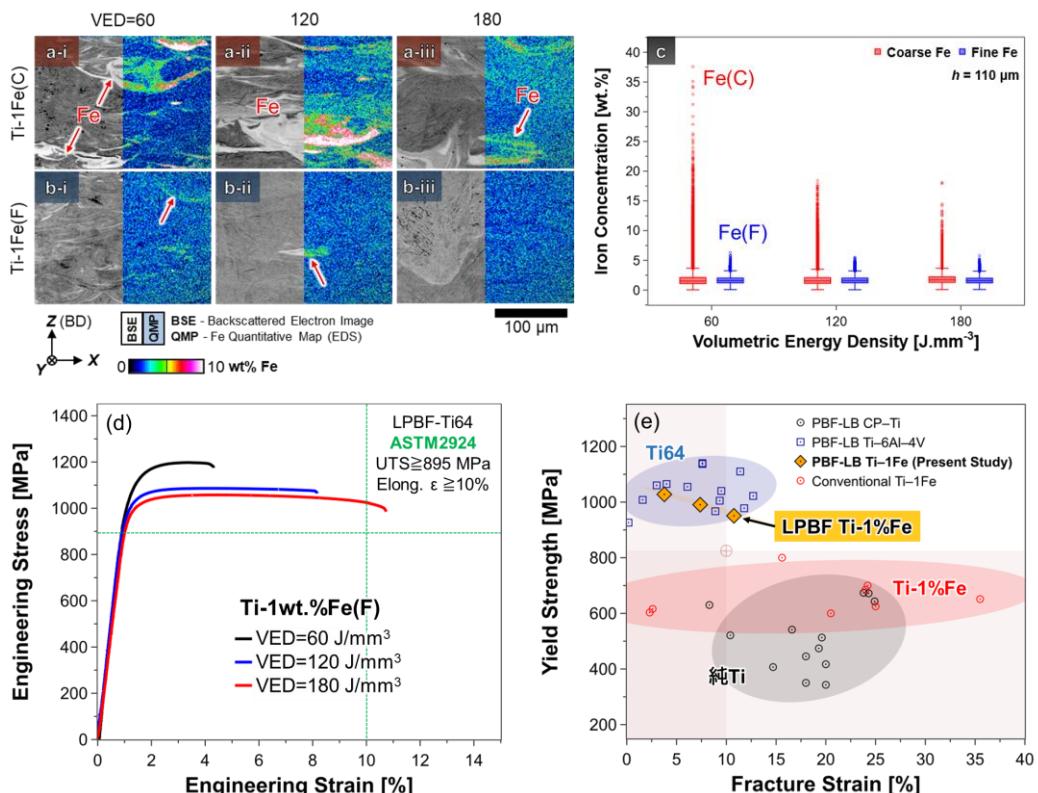
F. Spirrett, S. Kirihara, "Structural Control by Stereolithography Additive Manufacturing and Environmental Material Tectonics", *Trans. Indian Ceram. Soc.* 84(1), (2025), 64-74. [doi](#)

Research summary

Laser powder bed fusion (L-PBF), one of additive manufacturing technologies, is based on a rapid solidification process, and enables to form ultra-fine microstructures and supersaturated solution of metal materials, which are effective to improve mechanical properties. This department focuses on clarification of both unique microstructures formation mechanism and their effect on the strength and ductility balance of L-PBF titanium alloys.

Research subjects

- (1) Formation mechanism of unique fine microstructures and orientations of L-PBF Ti alloys
- (2) High-strength metal matrix composites fabricated by L-PBF process
- (3) Strengthening mechanism of L-PBF Ti alloys – grain refining, solid solution and dispersions
- (4) In-situ alloying process control in L-PBF Ti alloy fabrication using pre-mixed powders



Heterogeneities in the X-Z microstructures of Ti-1%Fe built from pre-mixed feedstock prepared from (a) coarse Fe and (b) fine Fe powders, as observed by BEI (left half) and Fe EDS quantitative mapping (right half). (c) Distributions of local Fe concentrations from EDS data from the same samples, evaluated over scanning areas of 2.4 mm x 1.8 mm. (d) Engineering stress-strain and (e) Comparison of YS and fracture strains of the samples prepared in the present and previous studies.

Major Papers

J. Huang, A. Issariyapat, S. Kariya, J. Umeda, K. Kondoh, "On the viability of in-situ alloyed Ti-1Fe as a strong and ductile alternative to Ti-6Al-4V for laser-based powder bed fusion", *Addit. Manuf.*, 105 5 (2025) 104788. [doi](#)

K. Liu, J. Li, J. Shen, A. Issariyapat, K. Kondoh, W. Huo, B. Chen, "Tuning the size of TiC plates in additive manufactured titanium matrix composites by laser heat input and its effect on strengthening effect", *Mater. Charact.*, 225 (2025) 115212. [doi](#)

D. Xu, W. Yang, M. Yan, M. P. Behera, S. Singamneni, M. A. Hodgson, Y. Yang, K. Kondoh, P. Cao, "Unlocking strength-ductility synergy in laser additive manufacturing of Ti-Cu alloys via core-shell feedstock design", *Mater. Sci. Eng. A*, 946 (2025) 149138. [doi](#)

Research Center for Additive Joining Application, Dep. of Laser Additive Manufacturing

Research summary

In this department, fundamental studies on laser additive manufacturing (LAM) are performed and apparatuses for LAM are developed.

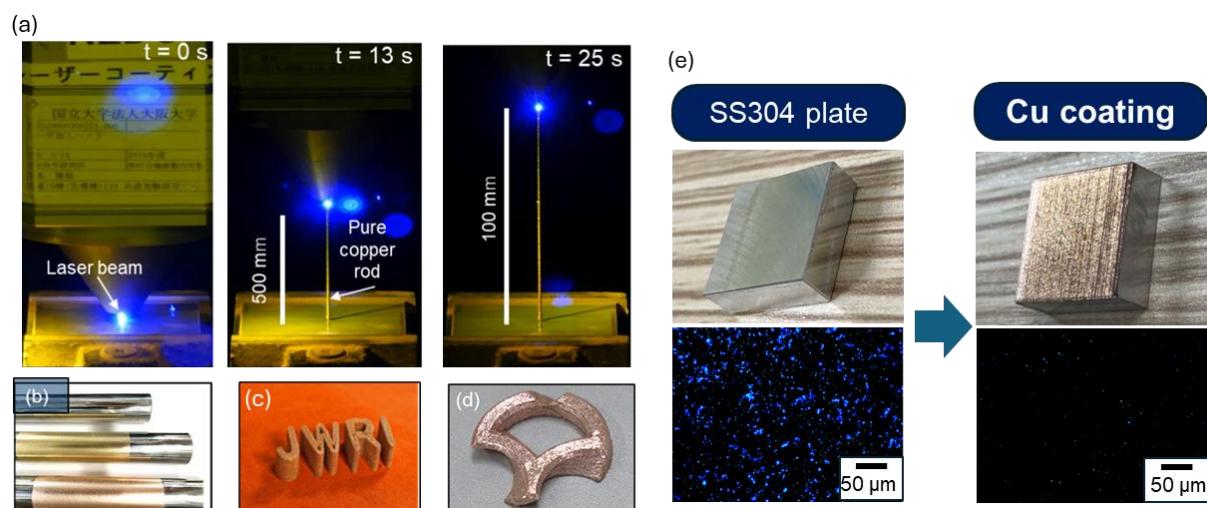
In particular, the apparatuses installed with high power blue diode lasers are also developed since those lasers enable stable and high efficient melting of metal materials such as copper.

Furthermore, in order to realize high-quality and high-speed LAM, we will experimentally and theoretically proceed with the analysis of the melting and solidification process of the material by laser irradiation.

Utilizing the obtained knowledge, we will work on the creation of innovative LAM processes and the development of equipment and promote their social implementation.

Research subjects

- (1) Development of additive manufacturing technologies with blue diode laser
- (2) Elucidation of laser interaction with metal powders for LAM
- (3) Creation of new function by laser metal deposition
- (4) Elucidation of melting and solidification phenomena in LAM process



Additive manufacturing of copper using blue diode laser (a) 3D rod formation (b) Micro-coating of copper alloy (c) JWRI logo by L-PBF (d) Osaka University's school emblem by L-PBF (e) Antimicrobial effect of the pure copper coating by DED against S.aureus.

Major Papers

B. Chayasombat, S. Srisawadi, D. Tanprayoon, P. Promoppatum, K. Tapracharoen, Y. Sato, T. Suga, M. Tsukamoto & O. L. A. Harrysson, "Influence of TiC addition on the microstructures of TiC/IN718 composites fabricated by blue diode laser additive manufacturing", Int. J. Adv. Manuf. Technol., 141(3), (2025), 2277-2287. [doi](#)

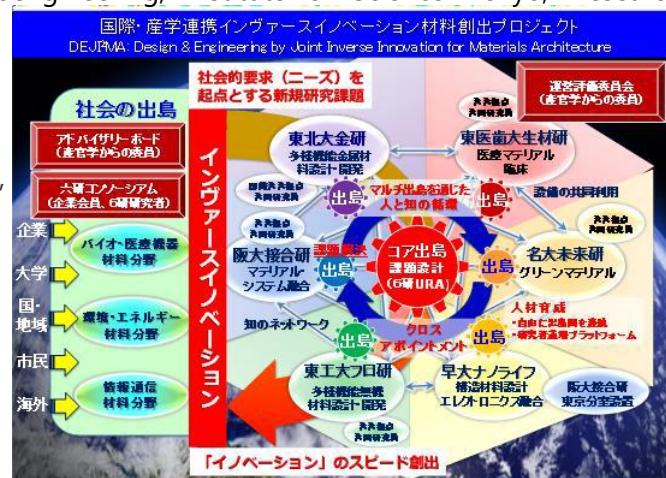
Y. Yamashita, S. Kamo, Y. Sato, K. Takenaka, T. Ohkubo & M. Tsukamoto, "Laser-assisted substrate heating for crack mitigation in laser metal deposition", Appl. Phys. A-Mater. Sci. Process., 131(12), (2025), 1-9. [doi](#)

Strategy Office for Promotion of Inter-Institute Collaborations

Research summary

"Strategy Office for Promotion of Inter-Institute Collaborations" has been established in JWRI as the headquarter to carry out the Project "Development of Inter-Institute Collaborations of 6 Research Institutes from 5 Universities for Strengthening Material Innovation Force", which has been supported by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology since 2022. Through promotion of the inter-institute collaborations of the 6 research institutes from the 5 Universities (Joining and Welding Research Institute, Osaka University, Institute for Materials Research, Tohoku University, Institute of Integrated Research/Materials and Structures Laboratory, Institute of Science Tokyo, Institute of Materials and Systems for Sustainability, Nagoya University, Institute of Integrated Research/Laboratory of Biomaterials and Bioengineering, Institute of Science Tokyo, Research Organization for Nano &

Life Innovation, Waseda University), the project has been carried out for acceleration of the problem-solving and the creation of innovations, which are based on social demands, and thus for strengthening material innovation force. The related research project "Design & Engineering by Joint Inverse Innovation for Materials Architecture (DEJ²MA Project)" has been carried out through the inter-institute cooperative research activities.



Research subjects

- (1) Environmental and Energy Materials
- (2) Biomedical and Healthcare Materials
- (3) Information and Communication Material

Major Papers

T. Kozawa, R. Fujiwara, K. Fukuyama, K. Yoshida, S. Usuki, M. Kawashita, K. Hoshino, S. Ota, H. Abe, "Magnetic Macroporous Microspheres from FeCO₃ via Water Vapor-Mediated Thermal Decomposition: Implications for Nanoparticle Capture and Biomedical Applications", ACS Appl. Nano Mater., 8 (2025) 18781–18789. [doi](#)

M. Jiang, K. Nozaki, T. Mokudai, Y. Nakano, M. Uo, K. Yamashita, S. Ohara, N. Wakabayashi, "Enhancing the Photocatalytic Activity and Antibacterial Efficiency of TiO₂ Nanosheets via Doping with Ag, Cu, or Ce", ACS Appl. Nano Mater., 8(2025) 11568–11581. [doi](#)

R.-V. Canton, Y. Matsunaga, S. Zhang, M. Xue, M. Osada and R. Kitaura, "Covalent functionalization of transition metal dichalcogenides with perylene for light harvesting devices", Nanoscale, 17 (2025) 8084–8100. [doi](#)

Joint Interface Microstructure Characterization Room

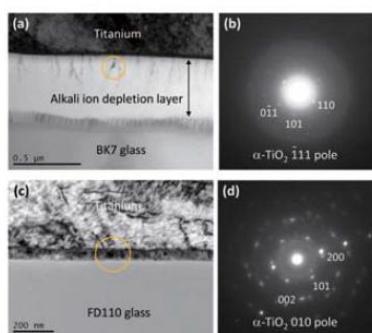
Research summary

In order to clarify the effect of material structure on the properties of joints joined by various methods and materials, microstructures of the joints are examined using a transmission electron microscope (TEM). TEM observation provides various information such as the crystal structure, chemical composition, and distribution of precipitates, inclusions, and lattice defects in minute areas. We also support the preparation of specimens for TEM observation from targeted areas in joint structures that are difficult to process, using various means such as focused ion beam (FIB) processing. In addition to TEM sample preparation, we develop methods for micromechanical testing of materials using FIB processing and apply them to strength evaluation of joint structures.

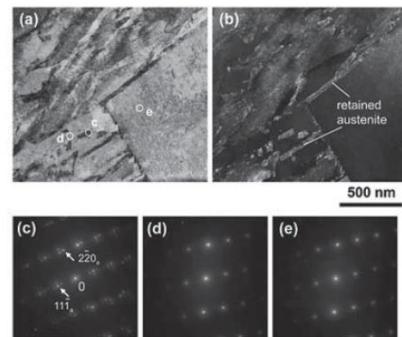
As a unique activity of the analysis room, we perform basic study on the bonding mechanism of anodic bonding, which is a method of bonding glass to conductors at relatively low temperatures, and develop new bonding methods and high-function bonding interfaces by applying that knowledges.

Research subjects

- (1) Microstructural analysis of various bonding interfaces and material structures
- (2) Fundamental research on the anodic bonding process of glass to various conductors
- (3) High functionalize of glass-to-glass anodic bonding interfaces
- (4) Development of new bonding methods that applies the principle of anodic bonding



Reaction products that grew at joint interfaces between titanium and optical glasses. The bright-field image of BK7 crown glass/titanium joint interface by transmission electron microscopy (a), Selected Area electron Diffraction (SAD) pattern taken from the area indicated by a circle in the image (b), bright-field image of FD110 dense flint glass/titanium joint interface (c), and SAD pattern taken from the area indicated by a circle in the image (d). These reaction products were found to consist of $\alpha\text{-TiO}_2$. However, those forms are strongly affected by types of glass.



Distribution of retained austenite in 980 MPa high-tensile steel. (a) Bright-field image, (b) dark-field image taken by 111 reflection from austenite indicated in the diffraction pattern in (c), and (c)-(e) selected-area electron diffraction patterns taken from positions indicated in the bright-field image in (a). Austenite appears bright between ferrite laths in the dark-field image.

Major Papers

M. Takahashi, "Lap Anodic Bonding of Dissimilar Glasses by Lowering the Bonding Temperature", 31th Symposium on Microjoining and Assembly Technology in Electronics, held on 28-29 January in Yokohama, Japan,(2025), 161

M. Wahba, S. M. I. Shamsah, M. A. H. Gepreel, M. Takahashi "High-power ultrasonic spot welding of copper to type 304L austenitic stainless steel", Welding in the World., 69, (2025), 555 [doi](#)

Global Diversity and Inclusion Promotion Office

Summary

Global D&I (Diversity & Inclusion) Promotion Office promotes the development of an environment that maximizes the strengths of Joining and Welding Research Institute (JWRI) and all members by truly embracing diversity and respecting the individuality of each person, regardless of gender, nationality, age, cultural background, etc., in order to achieve the SDGs, which aim to realize a society where "no one is left behind". In response to the trend toward internationalization in academic research, JWRI will develop international joint industry-academia research based on the international network we have established to date. JWRI aims to develop competent human resources to face global challenges, to strive to stimulate innovation in joining science as the world-leading research in the field of welding and joining, and to realize the institute where diverse human resources can play an active role.

In FY 2025, as part of our global diversification activities, the main initiatives include the implementation of a training program in Japan for faculty members of Hanoi University of Science and Technology (HUST); the organization of the Vietnam Welding Research Club meetings (three sessions in total), which function as a platform for industry-academia collaboration for HUST-UOsaka; the delivery of training courses and certification examinations for Welding Coordinator in Vietnam, under the JICA Grassroots Technical Cooperation Project; and the implementation of Coupling Internships as part of global human resource development efforts, funded by The University of Osaka Master Plan Promotion Project (August in USA, and September in Vietnam).

Another activity was focused on diversifying human resources with regards to gender and global perspective in order to enhance outcomes for further diversity and inclusion within JWRI.

Activities

- (1) Increase Global Diversification: Strengthen International Collaboration Research; Operation of "Joining and Welding Research Institute HUST-UOsaka"; Create and activate foundation of International Industry-Academia Collaboration; Increase number and quality of Welding Engineers in Vietnam and in Southeast Asia; Strengthening research collaborations with oversea institutes through various schemes; Foster friendly work environment at JWRI.
- (2) Increase Gender Diversification: Bring together students, faculty and staff from different roles and positions; open the Japanese language designed for daily life at laboratories.

Table.1. List of activities and projects for Global Diversification (Extracted)

Name	Contents
Training Program for lectures from HUST in Japan funded by JICA	To enhance the capacity of education and research for the lectures at HUST, we organized one-week-training in Japan during the summer 2025, visited Kansai Expo, TOA Kogyo, learned technical knowledge at Uosaka, & more.
Vietnam Welding Research Club	1) May 29 th , 2025 in Hanoi 2) November 27 th , 2025 in Hanoi
Welding Coordinator Training & Exam (Funded partially by JICA)	Training and Exam in Vietnam held November 25-29, 2025. (Certified by Japan Welding Engineering Society)
Coupling Internship (CIS)	Aug: USA (Daihen Inc., Ohio State Univ.) / Sep: Vietnam (IIA, HUST)
JST Sakura Science Exchange Program	Invited 2 students during Nov.26-Dec.16, 2025: 2 from China (Shanghai Giao Tong University and Tsinghua University)
CJLC Blended Japanese Course @JWRI	Japanese for Daily Life in OU Science Labs in July-Sep. 2025, and Nov.2025-Feb.2026.



Welding Club: Seminar



Training in Japan



CIS



Japanese Course

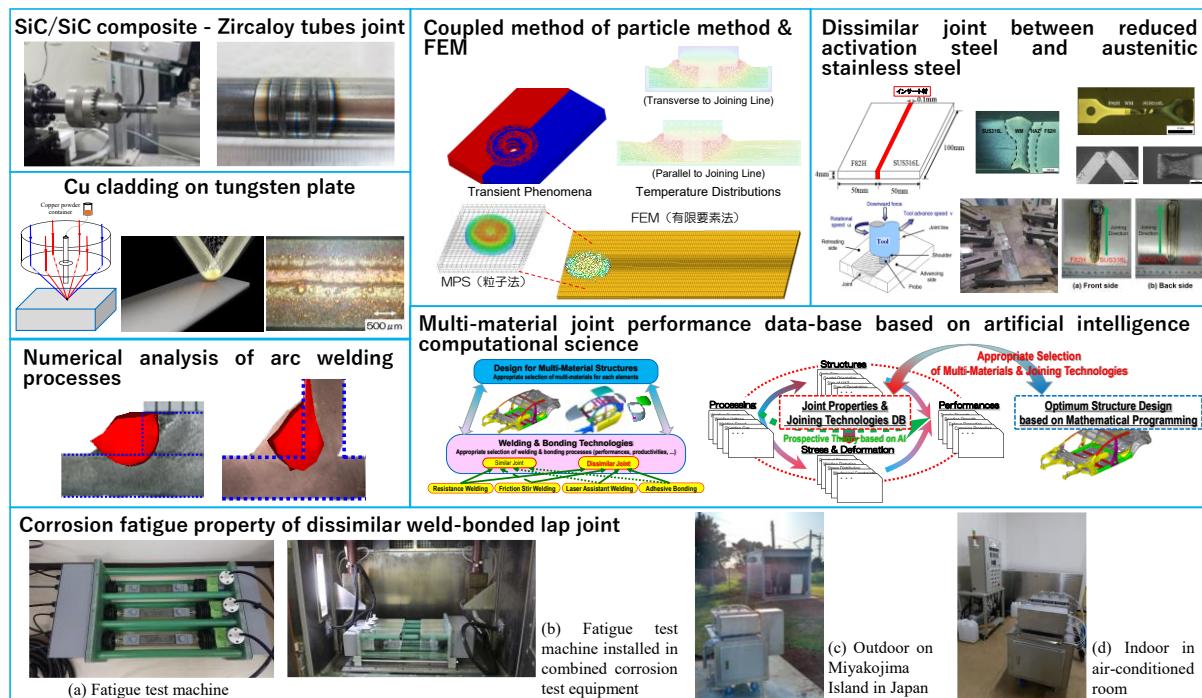
New Normal Manufacturing Consortium Office

Research summary

New Normal Manufacturing Consortium Office deals with not only basic researches for generating advanced materials but also developments & educations of their applied technologies in order to establish Material Innovation Strategy. As for the creation of advanced materials, new high-functional (environmentally) adaptive materials is developed by using the advanced processing technologies. In addition, in order to achieve "Carbon Neural 2050", optimum structural design is studied through the appropriate selection of multi-materials and joining technologies with the aid of Artificial Intelligence computational science.

Research subjects

- (1) Development of advanced dissimilar materials joint technology by using high brightness laser beams
- (2) Computational analysis of friction stir processes by using coupled method between particle method and finite element method
- (3) Numerical analysis of arc welding processes by using three-dimensional, non-stationary thermal model
- (4) Creation of advanced joining technologies for innovative fusion reactor power generation system
- (5) Development of dissimilar materials joint performance data-base based on artificial intelligence computational science



Major Papers

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R. Shotri, G. Masuno, M. Mori, Y. Morisada, K. Ushioda, H. Serizawa and H. Fujii, "Investigating Novel Forging Mechanisms for Thin Dissimilar Copper-Aluminum Rod Weldments via Pressure-Controlled Joule-Heating and Interfacial Deformation", *J. Mater. Process. Technol.*, Vol.343 (2025), 118992. [doi](#)

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R. Shotri, Y. Morisada, K. Ushioda, H. Serizawa and H. Fujii, "Immiscible Cu-SS304 Thin Tube Forge Welding via Novel PJFW Process", Int. J. Mech. Sci., Vol.305 (2025), 110780.

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Osaka Fuji "Advanced Functional Processing" Joint Research Chairs

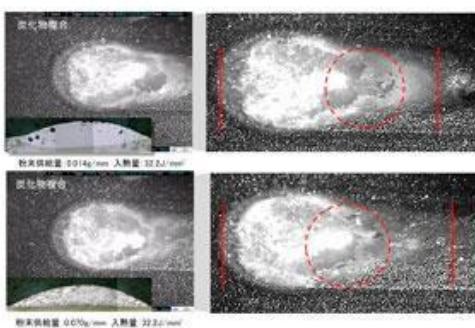
Research summary

This research chair aims to develop advanced functional processing techniques by combining laser processing technology and materials knowledge in JWRI and advanced functional manufacturing technologies of Osaka Fuji Corporation.

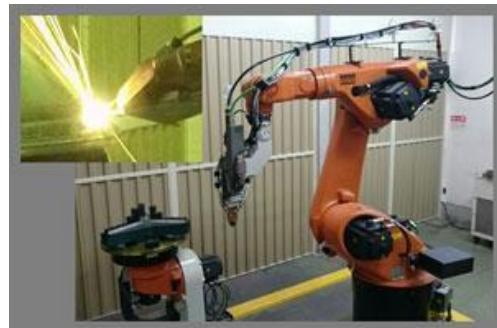
The main purpose is to develop the surface functioning of various materials by laser cladding method, low weldability materials. Finally, these fruits are applied to the next generation of manufacturing technology for various industrial fields.

Research subjects

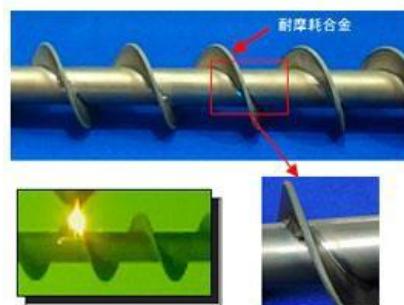
- (1) Development of highly functional surface by laser cladding
- (2) Development of functional surfaces of small or thin parts
- (3) Development of hybrid technology of laser and conventional surfacing technologies
- (4) Fundamental research of laser additive manufacturing technology



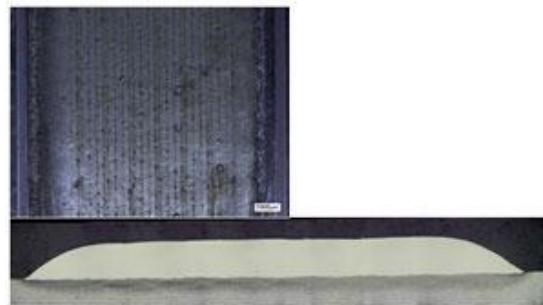
Dynamic observation of molten pool behavior for analysis of blow holes formation using high-speed camera



Experimental apparatus for laser cladding



Example of laser cladding on edge of screw



Wide, flat cladding layer which was provided by beam control

CONTRIBUTIONS TO OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

(January 2025 ~ December 2025)

[Physics, Processes, Instruments & Measurements]

S. SHIGEMATSU, H. KOMEN, M. TANAKA, T. MURATA and A. MURATA

Development of a Milli-Scale WAAM Method Using Constricted Gas Tungsten Arc
Weld. Lett., 43, 4 (2025), 1WL-4WL.

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