

# **The Materials Age**

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### The Stone age:

## 3.4 million BC – 2000 BC





1.9 million BC Olduvai Gorge, Tanzania 1.2 million BC Olduvai Gorge, Tanzania



### The Bronze age:

2000 BC - 1000 BC



#### 1400 BC France

1200 BC Britain



## The Iron age:

## 1000 BC - 500 AD





900 BC Iran 300 BC Yorkshire



## **First Steel age:**

### 500 AD - 1850 AD



900 AD Oxford 1200 AD Damascus



## Second Steel age:

### 1850 AD – 1930 AD





#### 1876 France

1906 Portsmouth



## **Modern materials: plastics**





## Modern materials: ceramics







## Modern materials: composites



### Modern materials: rubbers

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- Kinetic energy in handgun bullet:
- Potential energy in enormous band:

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$$E = \frac{1}{2}kx^{2} = \frac{1}{2}Fx = \frac{1}{2}100 \times 5 = 250 \text{ J}$$





## Modern materials: alloys





## Jet engine: military jet





## Jet engine: commercial jet





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## Jet engine: turbine discs





### **Designing a new alloy – what is required ?**





## **Multidimensional design space**



#### and 4 different manufacturing processes



## **Selection of design space**





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## **Automated sampling - parallel optimization**





















## **Conclusions: scientific**

- Developed new algorithms to optimize a material's properties
- Manufactured alloys fulfill physical criteria



## Conclusions: why work in material sciences?

- Union of different sciences that encourages analysis with a variety of techniques analytical, numerics, and experiments
- Close connection to real-world problems
- Strong academic funding and well-paid industrial jobs

