

# Alex Selimov

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Motivated soon-to-be PhD graduate seeking to apply extensive experience in high performance computing, simulation tool development, and materials modeling to Computational Research Scientist position.

## Education

- **Georgia Institute of Technology** (North Avenue, Atlanta, GA 30332)  
PhD in Materials Science and Engineering (August 2017 - December 2022 Expected)
- **University of Central Florida** (4000 Central Florida Blvd, Orlando, FL 32816)  
B.S. in Mechanical Engineering (August 2013 - December 2016)  
Bachelor's Thesis: Characterization of Dispersion and Residual Stress in Nanoparticle Reinforced Hybrid Carbon Fiber Composites

## Publications:

- Chu, K., **Selimov, A.**, Chen, Y., McDowell, D.L. (2022). A coarse grained atomistics Concurrent Atomistic-Continuum (CAC) implementation of the nudged elastic band method, *in review*
- **Selimov, A.**, Chu, K., & McDowell, D. (2022). Effects of interdiffusion on shear response of semi-coherent {111} interfaces in Ni/Cu, *International Journal of Plasticity*, 157, 103393,
- **Selimov, A.**, Chu, K., & McDowell, D. L. (2022). Coarse-grained atomistic modeling of dislocations and generalized crystal plasticity. *Journal of Micromechanics and Molecular Physics*, 7, 103-125.
- **Selimov, A.**, Xu, S., Chen, Y., & McDowell, D. (2021). Lattice dislocation induced misfit dislocation evolution in semi-coherent {111} bimetal interfaces. *Journal of Materials Research*, 36, 2763-2778.
- **Selimov, A.**, Jahan, S. A., Barker, E., Dackus, P., Carolan, D., Taylor, A., Raghavan, S. (2018). Silane functionalization effects on dispersion of alumina nanoparticles in hybrid carbon fiber composites. *Applied optics*, 57(23), 6671-6678.
- **Selimov, A. P.**, Hoover, R., Fouliard, Q., Manero, A. C., Dackus, P., Carolan, D., ... Raghavan, S. (2017). Characterization of hybrid carbon fiber composites using photoluminescence spectroscopy. In 58th AIAA/ASCE/AHS/ASC Structures, Structural Dynamics, and Materials Conference (p. 0123).
- Manero II, A., **Selimov, A.**, Fouliard, Q., Knipe, K., Wischek, J., Meid, C., ... Raghavan, S. (2017). Piezospectroscopic evaluation and damage identification for thermal barrier coatings subjected to simulated engine environments. *Surface and Coatings Technology*, 323, 30-38.
- Hanhan, I., **Selimov, A.**, Carolan, D., Taylor, A. C., Raghavan, S. (2017). Quantifying alumina nanoparticle dispersion in hybrid carbon fiber composites using photoluminescent spectroscopy. *Applied spectroscopy*, 71(2), 258-266.
- Hanhan, I., **Selimov, A. P.**, Carolan, D., Taylor, A., Raghavan, S. (2016). Characterizing mechanical properties of hybrid alumina carbon fiber composites with piezospectroscopy. In 57th AIAA/ASCE/AHS/ASC Structures, Structural Dynamics, and Materials Conference (p. 1413).

## Presentations

- Selimov, A., Chu, K., Chen, Y., McDowell, D. L. (2022) Effects of interdiffusion on Cu/Ni semi-coherent interface properties. In *Grain Boundaries, Interfaces, and Surfaces: Fundamental Structure-Property-Performance Relationships*. MS&T22: Materials Science & Technology (*Scheduled in Oct*)
- Selimov, A., Chen, Y., McDowell, D. L. (2022) Concurrent Atomistic-Continuum studies of confined layer slip in Cu/Ni nanolaminates. The 10th International Conference on Multiscale Materials Modeling (*Scheduled in Oct*)
- Selimov, A., Xu, S., Chen, Y., McDowell, D. (2019). Concurrent Atomistic-Continuum Framework for Slip Transfer Across Phase Interfaces In Nanoscale Metallic Multilayer Composites. International Conference on Plasticity, Damage, and Fracture 2020. [Download pptx here](#)
- Selimov, A., Chen, Y., McDowell, D. (2019) Collective Dislocation-Interface Interactions using the Concurrent

Atomistic-Continuum Method. International Mechanical Engineering Congress Exposition

- Selimov, A. P., Hoover, R., Fouliard, Q., Manero, A. C., Dackus, P., Carolan, D., ... Raghavan, S. (2017). Characterization of hybrid carbon fiber composites using photoluminescence spectroscopy. In 58th AIAA/ASCE/AHS/ASC Structures, Structural Dynamics, and Materials Conference

## Grants

- Role: Co-PI (PI. David McDowell), Amount: 1,997,041 Service Units  
Funding Source: Extreme Science and Engineering Discovery Environment (XSEDE)  
Project Title: Concurrent atomistic-continuum simulations of extended scale defect interactions in heterogeneous microstructures (TG-MSS150010)  
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## Research Experience

**McDowell Research Group**, Dr. David McDowell, Georgia Tech

*Graduate Research Assistant (August 2017 – Present)*

- Worked on the development and extension of the Concurrent Atomistic-Continuum method for running massively parallel coarse-grained atomistic simulations of dislocation interactions with interfaces and other defect structures in nanolaminate and stainless steel materials.
- Improved parallel implementation and tuned calculation algorithms of in-house simulation suite obtaining runtime reductions of 66%. Also contributed to a fork of LAMMPS implementing the CAC simulation method.
- Implemented the finite element method to solve conservation law field equations to enable reductions in degrees-of-freedom leading to reduced computational cost.
- Tested various metrics to numerically characterize atomic interface structure of metallic semi-coherent interfaces and applied machine learning methods to track the interface structure evolution with loading.
- Modeled solute distributions in diffuse Cu/Ni semi-coherent interfaces and their effect on the glide of interface misfit dislocations and overall interface properties.
- Investigated the sequential interactions between dislocations and obstacles in various systems to quantify evolving obstacle strength and interaction mechanisms.

**Mechanics of Materials Organization**, Dr. Xiaowang Zhou, Sandia National Lab

*Intern - Engineering Sciences Summer institute (May 2021 – Aug 2021)*

- Studied the barrier strength of grain boundaries with embedded helium bubbles to improve hardening predictions of irradiated stainless steel materials, collaboration continued beyond internship period.
- Extended molecular dynamics barostat algorithms to coarse-grained regions for pressure relaxation.
- Worked on CAC capabilities for high temperature dynamics simulations through development of new finite element types and extension of neighboring codes for cluster potentials.

**AeroStructures Lab**, Dr. Seetha Raghavan, UCF

*Research Assistant (September 2013 – December 2016)*

- Utilized photoluminescence spectroscopy and piezospectroscopy for the characterization of material and mechanical properties in ceramic and composite materials.
- Worked on collaborative project with Imperial College London (Dr. Ambrose Taylor's Research Group) for the testing and characterization of novel hybrid carbon fiber reinforced polymer (HCFRP) composites.
- Worked on collaborative project with German Aerospace Center (DLR) to study stress development in thermally grown oxide layers of thermal barrier coatings.

**Pollock Research Group**, Dr. Tresa Pollock, UCSB

*RISE Undergraduate Intern, NSF funded REU (June – August 2015)*

- Studied Magnesium-zinc alloys to determine methods for texture weakening for improvement of material properties through analyzing presence of intermetallic particles.
- Utilized scanning electron microscopy to take secondary electron images, backscatter electron images, and to analyze crystallographic texture through electron backscatter diffraction

- Prepared image analysis tools to determine volume fraction of intermetallic particles from SEM images for comparison to grain size distribution of samples with Matlab.

## Skills

- Programming in Fortran, C, and C++ with additional expertise utilizing the Message Passing Interface (MPI) for implementation of parallel and scalable simulation tools.
- Programming in MATLAB, HTML, and CSS.
- Data analysis and pipeline creation using Python with Numpy, Scipy, Scikit-Learn, Pandas, and Tkinter modules. Additional familiarity with Jupyter Notebooks.
- Expertise in atomistic simulations using LAMMPS with Molecular Statics, Molecular Dynamics, and Monte-Carlo methods.
- Expertise with Linux software environment and building applications for use with computing cluster architectures.
- Familiarity with software development methodologies including test case design and CI/CD pipelines.