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### Additive Manufacturing – Module 11

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#### History



Inkjet Overview Complexity Printhead Falling Deposition

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Syringe

1867 Lord Kelvin: Syphon recorder Continuous inkjet





1951: Chart recorder -- Siemens 1970s: Desktop printerContinuous inkjetDOD inkjet



1990s: 3D printer 2000 inkjet



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# **Inkjet Deposition**



### Applications



Tseng, Huai-Yuan. "Scaling of Inkjet-Printed Transistors using Novel Printing Techniques." (2011).

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Anode

Light emission





#### HP Moore's Law



**HP Moore's law**: inkjet printhead performance as printhead drops per second (the number of nozzles times the maximum drop-on-demand frequency) doubles every 18 months for the past 20 years.



### Types of inkjet

paper |

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#### 2 The two types of ink-jet technology -----Overview Complexity Printhead drop generator charge electrode Falling gutter high-voltage Deposition deflection plate paper Drying pressure wave transducer ink supply at atmospheric pressure nozzle ink droplets



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## **Inkjet Deposition**



#### Complexities – Drop Formation





Tripathi, Manoj Kumar, Kirti Chandra Sahu, and Rama Govindarajan. "Why a falling drop does not in general behave like a rising bubble." Scientific reports 4 (2014).









#### Droplet formation

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(a)



- (c) Second wind-induced regime.
- (d) Atomization regime.





#### Droplet formation





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#### Droplet formation







### Continuous inkjet



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Emerging from an orifice liquid jet breaks-up into droplets. Because of the surface tension:

Droplets have random size
Droplets have random spacing

- $\alpha_0$  the initial disturbance
- $\rho$  the density of the fluid
- $\sigma$  the surface tension of the fluid
- L-break-up length
- $\mathbf{f}_{s}-\mathbf{the}\ \mathbf{frequency}\ \mathbf{of}\ \mathbf{spontaneous}\ \mathbf{drop}\ \mathbf{formation}$
- $\lambda$  wave length

L = K\*ln(d/2 $\alpha_0$ )V( $\rho d^3/\sigma$ )<sup>0.5</sup>  $\lambda = 4.51d; f_s = V/4.51d$ 





#### Continuous inkjet

- Can the drop size be controlled?
- Can the spatial spacing of the drops be controlled?
- Can the break-up length be controlled?
- What would be the drop selection method?



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### Electrostatic Inkjet









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#### Thermal inkjet



- Uses tiny resistor to rapidly heat a thin layer of liquid ink
- Vaporize a tiny fraction of the ink to form an expanding bubble that ejects a droplet (and any trapped air)
- Nothing moves but the ink very high frequency attainable
- Use fabrication technology similar to semiconductor manufacturing; nozzles can be integrated at very high densities – provides high throughput and spare nozzles for reliability





#### Thermal inkjet



- Stack of extremely thin films form the floor of each firing chamber, some are electrically conductive, others are insulators.
- Thin film resistor is located in the center of each firing chamber floor and gets extremely hot when electricity passes through
- Each resistor is 60um or smaller on each side, but power density on its surface is 1.28 billion watts per square meter – more than on the surface of the Sun!



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#### Thermal inkjet



A film of ink about 100nm thick is heated to ~340C
A vapor bubble forms to expel the ink, but it doesn't "boil"





#### Thermal inkjet











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- Drying







S = dE

- The elementary cell of PZT: (a) above the Curie temperature; (b) below the Curie temperature. At a high temperature, the electric charges coincide in a cubic structure and there is no piezoelectricity. Below the Curie temperature the electric charges do not coincide anymore. This results in piezoelectric effect.
- D is the electric displacement field (or the charge density), S is strain, E is the applied electrical field, T is stress, d and d<sup>T</sup> are matrices for the piezoelectric effects
- Caused by lack of symmetry, and therefore inherently anisotropic



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#### Piezoelectric Inkjet







#### shear





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#### Piezoelectric Inkjet



- Actuation efficiency
  - Piezo (electrical to mechanical): ~15% to 25%
  - Piezo deformation to channel deformation: ~13%
  - Channel deformation to acoustic pressure wave: ~20%
  - Acoustic pressure to droplet (for low viscosity): ~10%
  - **Total efficiency**: ~0.07%
  - For a 32pL droplet with a ejection velocity of 7m/s, the surface energy and kinetic energy of the droplet is ~0.85 nJ. As a result, the required input of electric energy is 1200 nJ.
  - For an operation frequency of 100 kHz (10us), the required power is then 0.12W. For a voltage of 40V, current 3mA.

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#### Piezoelectric Inkjet



Cross talk

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#### Droplet falling in the air







#### Droplet falling in the air

		Drop size	Characteristic shape
nkjet	Surface-tension forces are able to maintain the spherical shape against external forces.	0.14 mm	
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Deposition Drying	Flattening of bases begins.	1.4 mm	
	Concavity of the flattened base begins.	2 mm	
	At 5 mm the force of the air through which the drop is falling causes the drop to break up.	5mm	





#### Droplet deposition



spreading



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splashing

rebounding



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#### Droplet deposition

Wetting on a solid surface



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Reason for Surface tension



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**Partial Wetting** 

Ultra-hydrophobic



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phase

#### **Droplet spreading dynamics** • $\sim f(We, Re, \theta_{rec}, t^*)$ Spread factor ~t\*<sup>1/2</sup> Time\* Wetting/equilibrium Relaxation Kinematic Spreading

Schematic representation of the spread factor with time

phase

phase

phase

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### Droplet deposition

#### Regimes of droplet spreading dynamics







#### Droplet deposition

- Splash
  - Corona splash
  - Prompt splash



Caused by surrounding gas



Caused by rough surface

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#### Droplet deposition

#### Contact angle hysteresis

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Advancing contact angle

Receding contact angle





### Droplet deposition

#### Simulations of droplet impingement dynamics

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Most previous research: single droplet impact due to prohibitive computational complexity and cost

Make it more relevant to manufacturing, we need to study multiple droplet interaction





#### Droplet deposition

Simulations of droplet impingement dynamics – Lattice Boltzmann method

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Re: 238.26 We: 12.88

Fluid: Water Droplet size: 48.8um Density: 1e3 kg/m<sup>3</sup> Impact velocity: 4.36m/s Viscosity: 8.93e-4Pa\*s Surface tension: 0.072N/m

COMSOL on a cluster CPU: 16-core Memory: Over 100GB Time: Over a month

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Our LBM on a Laptop **CPU: single thread** Memory: ~ 1GB Time: Less than 20 hrs





#### Droplet deposition

Simulations of droplet impingement dynamics –
 Lattice Boltzmann method – validation



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#### Droplet deposition

#### Multiple droplet interaction





#### Droplet spacing = 0.3\*Droplet Diameter

Regime I: We = 100; Oh = 0.04; High impact velocity and low viscosity



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Droplet spacing = 0.6\*Droplet Diameter

Regime I: We = 100; Oh = 0.04; High impact velocity and low viscosity

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#### Droplet deposition

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Droplet spacing = 0.8\*Droplet Diameter

Regime I: We = 100; Oh = 0.04; High impact velocity and low viscosity



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#### Droplet deposition

#### Multiple droplet interaction



Droplet spacing = 1.0\*Droplet Diameter

Regime I: We = 100; Oh = 0.04; High impact velocity and low viscosity





#### Droplet deposition

#### Suspension droplet drying





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### Droplet deposition

#### Suspension droplet drying

	Zone	Regime	Superheat	Description
erview mplexity nthead	1	Film evaporation	Low	<ul> <li>When T<sub>w</sub> &lt; T<sub>ONB</sub>, the droplet spreads and evaporates slowly</li> <li>Total contact of the droplet with the surface</li> <li>Conduction is the dominant mechanism inside the droplet</li> </ul>
ing position ring	2	Nucleate boiling	Intermediat e	- When $T_{ONB} \le T_w \le T_{max}$ , vapor bubbles arise in the droplet - Increase in momentum transport around the droplet causes increase of heat transfer - Partial and intermittent contact of the droplets and solid surface
	3	Transition boiling	Intermediat e	- When $T_{max} < T_w \le T_{Leid}$ , the frequency of contact of the droplet and solid surface decreases, causing a decrease in heat transfer - Formation of an unstable vapor film between droplet and solid surface
	4	Film boiling	High	- When $T_w > T_{Leid}$ , a thin and stable vapor film is present - No contact between the liquid and solid surface 45





#### Droplet deposition

Suspension droplet drying – coffee ring effect



Cracks in the printed line – not conductive Coffee ring effect: evaporation flow



Contact line pinned – form a ring

Contact line moving – no ring <sup>46</sup>

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### Droplet deposition

#### Suspension droplet drying – skinning effect



Nanoparticle skin



Form a skin on top of the surface, prevent further drying

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Porous substrate: change evaporation flow



Larger particle size and high viscosity: reduce particle motion







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