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Roadmapping Workshop: Measurement Science for Polymer- Based Additive Manufacturing





Challenges in AM Processing



- Slow ?
- · Limited combinations of materials
- · Processing conditions vs materials properties
- Temperature monitor and control [non-isothermal!]
- Non-equilibrium phenomena
- Marriage of thermal and materials properties
- Mechanics, shrinkage, and morphology
- · How to optimize and design shapes of materials
- Desperate need for standards!





Fused Deposition [Filament] Modelling of Polymers (FDM, FFD, FFF)



- "Hot Glue Gun" Extrusion
- Molten polymers: glassy or semicrystalline
- Non-isothermal process..
- Rapid prototyping

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- Poor mechanical properties?
- Great potential to expand to biopolymers, medical devices, mechanically strong materials,





Some Challenges in Polymer FDM

- Weak mechanical properties
- Sagging
- Poor/textured surface properties
- Porosity
- Shrinkage, warping, and debonding.











Polymer Materials



Material

- Semi-crystalline polymers
 - poly-caprolactate (PCL) [biodegradeable polyester]
 - polylactic acid (PLA) [biodegradeable]
- Amorphous polymers
 - Polycarbonate (PC)
 - ABS: Acrylonitrile-butadienestyrene (copolymers + rubber particles)

Transition Temperature

- Melt: 60 C
- Melt: 150-160 C
- Glass: 147 C
- Glass: 80-125 C







1%

Relevant Polymer Physics

- Crystallization
 - Exothermic, structure formation, flow-induced,
- Molecular orientation in flow
 - Alignment influences welding, deposition
- Rheology of entangled polymers
 - Non-Newtonian, non-linear,
- Entanglement and diffusion
 - Controls weld process
- Glass transition
 - Ideally want sharper liquefaction above T_g (fragile glass)





[PLLA (Grade 4043D, Mw=111kg/mole, Z=12 Entanglements]



[Doi & Edwards, Faraday Discussions II (1978-1979)]





during extrusion



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Example of polypropylene (L Scelsi, et al., J Rheology (2009)



Modelling: Structure formation/crystallization, rheology, flow geometry. McHugh & Doufas; Fiber Spinning (JNNFM 2000); Graham and Olmsted: flow-induced crystallization (Phys Rev Lett 2009)



Computational/Modelling challenges

A Angel, 1997

- · Many coupled time-dependent quantities:
 - Molecular shape/structure/orientation/alignment
 - Temperature
 - Velocity field/deformation
 - Density
 - Moving/changing boundaries
 - Phase change materials
- Multiple scales (chemistry → polymer → mesoscale ordering → fluid mechanics of extruded filaments → bulk mechanical properties of composite FDM material).





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Details of extrusion

- Strong alignment and orientation in the nozzle.
- Molecular `skin' layer remains well-aligned upon extrusion and deposition.





Polymer Welding – A race against time!





Time





Ge, Periaha, Grest, Robbins [ACS Nan 2013, PRE 2014]



Three Stages of Printing:

- Nozzle: Steady axisymmetric pipe flow.
 High shear rates stretch and orient the polymer.
- **Deposition:** Map axisymmetric flow to elliptical layer. Complex 3D polymer configurations across layer.
- Weld: Temperature-dependent relaxation of deformation. Entanglement density is key to welding characteristics.

Non-Isothermal Processes: fiber modelling: semicrystalline polymers



$$W\frac{\mathrm{d}v_z}{\mathrm{d}z} = \frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}z}[A(\tau_{zz} - \tau_{rr})] - \pi B\mu_a(v_z - v_d) + \rho gA + \frac{1}{2}\pi s \frac{\mathrm{d}D}{\mathrm{d}z}$$
$$\boldsymbol{c}_{(1)} = -\frac{1}{\lambda_a(T)} \frac{k_{\mathrm{B}}T}{K_0} \left((1 - \alpha)\boldsymbol{\delta} + \alpha \frac{K_0}{k_{\mathrm{B}}T} E\boldsymbol{c} \right) \left(\frac{K_0}{k_{\mathrm{B}}T} E\boldsymbol{c} - \boldsymbol{\delta} \right)$$

$$\boldsymbol{\tau}_{\mathrm{sc}} = 3nk_{\mathrm{B}}T(\boldsymbol{S}+2\lambda_{\mathrm{sc}}(\nabla\boldsymbol{v})^{\mathrm{T}}:\langle\boldsymbol{uuuu}\rangle).$$

$$\rho C_{\mathrm{p}} v_z \frac{\mathrm{d}T}{\mathrm{d}z} = -\frac{4}{D} h(T - T_{\mathrm{a}}) + (\tau_{zz} - \tau_{rr}) \frac{\mathrm{d}v_z}{\mathrm{d}z} + \rho \Delta H_{\mathrm{f}} v_z \frac{\mathrm{d}\phi}{\mathrm{d}z}.$$

$$\frac{\mathrm{D}x}{\mathrm{D}t} = mK_{\mathrm{av}}(T)[-\ln(1-x)]^{(m-1)/m}(1-x)\exp\left(\xi\frac{\mathrm{tr}\,\boldsymbol{\tau}}{G}\right),$$

$$\lambda_{\mathrm{a}}(x,T) = \lambda_{\mathrm{a},0}(T)(1-x)^2,$$

- Momentum
- Conformation
- Stress Constitutive Relation
- Heat Flow
- Crystallinity
- Timescales

Outputs: orientation and structure of spun fibers.

[Doufas, McHugh, & Miller, JNNFM 92 (2000) 27-66]

Molecular-based kinetics of flow-induced crystallization: Graham & Olmsted (PRL 2009)







Printing with Polymer Melts



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- Spectroscopies (IR, X-ray, neutron, Raman, fluorescence)
- Microscopies (light, Raman, TEM, SEM, ...)
- Interfacial characterization (neutron scattering)

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- Develop coupled molecular and thermodynamic fields (temperature, mass, velocity, crystallinity, orientation, ...). Micron scale
- Polymeric atomistic (or united atom model) simulation: welding, deformation of materials. nm scale
- Experimental inputs: temperature, extrusion conditions, build protocols,
- Build theory and prediction around model materials; in conjunction with `wild' materials.
- Finite element simulations of parts/pieces; compare with experiment on deformation, fracture, yield. mm scale



Current modeling capabilities in flow





DPD Simulations, Z=17, 705 chains, startup at Wi=40 for 5 reptation times (200 strain units). [Mohagheghi & Khomani, ACS Macro Letters 2015].



Scientific arenas for Additive Manufacturing



- 1. Fundamental Scientific Issues:
 - Non-isothermal conditions. molecular alignment and welding, phase changes/glass transition, shrinkage and warping, crystallization
- 2. Unique Fundamental Theory/Computational approaches
 - Multiple scales (molecular [nm] to part size [cm])
 - Multiple dynamic fields (temperature, velocity, deformation)
 - Complex molecular and non-linear rheology/constitutive relations
- 3. Mathematical Models/Validation
 - Rheology: advanced models for polymer deformation.
 - Computation: flow-solvers for complex non-isothermal constitutive models for different build protocols.
 - Experimental: in situ characterization of T, orientation, etc; weld properties, mechanical performance.



Scientific challenges for FDM

- 5. Involves the most important (relevant) open questions in polymer materials and mechanics
 - The glass transition
 - Flow-induced crystallization
 - The relation of molecular structure to fracture strength and deformation.

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6. What multidisciplinary sciences are needed?

• Chemistry, physics, metrologies, mathematics, computation, engineerings (chem, mech, ...), computer science, massive data.

7. Partnerships

• Academia; National Labs (NIST, Sandia, LLNL,...); Industry (materials manufacturers, AM machine developers, end users and suppliers).