

AIRCRAFT ICING PHYSICS & INNOVATIVE ANTI-/DE-ICING STRATEGIES FOR AIRCRAFT ICING MITIGATION

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INTRODUCTION: AIRCRAFT ICING AND ANTI-/DE-ICING



- Aircraft icing, including aero-engine icing, is widely recognized as a significant hazard to aircraft operations in cold weather.
- While research progress has been made in recent years, aircraft icing remains as an important unsolved problem at the top of the National Transportation Safety Board's most wanted list of aviation safety improvements.





Air Florida Flight-90 Crash at Washington DC on 01/13/1982 due to the failure of Ice Protection System





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ICING RESEARCH TUNNEL @ IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY (ISU-IRT)





ISU Icing Research Tunnel (ISU-IRT), donated by Collins Aerospace System, is a new refurbished, research-grade multi-functional icing research tunnel.

- The working parameters of the ISU-IRT include:
 - Test section: 0.4m × 0.4m×2.0m
 - Airflow velocity:
 - Temperature:
 - Droplet size:
 - Liquid Water Content:
- $V_{\infty} = 5 \sim 100 \text{ m/s};$ $T_{\infty} = -25 \ ^{\circ}C \sim 20 \ ^{\circ}C;$ $D_{droplet} = 10 \sim 100 \ \mu m;$ $LWC = 0.1 \sim 10 \ q/m^{3}$
- The large LWC range allows ISU-IRT to be run over a wide range of conditions (i.e., from dry rime to wet glaze icing).
- We received **~\$4.0 M in funded research** in the past **5 years** from NASA, NSF, FAA, NAVY, GE, P&W, UTAS, DuPont...



Impact Icing Phenomena: Rime Icing and Glaze Icing



• Aircraft icing is a complex, multiphase flow problem coupled with heat transfer & phase changing.



• It can form much more complicated ice shapes, and will be much more difficult to remove once built up.



ICING PHYSICS: UNSTEADY HEAT & MASS TRANSFER DURING ICING PROCESS





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ICING PHYSICS: SURFACE-TENSION INDUCED MARANGONI FLOW INSIDE DROPUTS



Temperature of Plate, T_{Wall}=21.9 ^oC Video was taken at f=0.5hz; Re-play speed is f=5hz



• (Hu and Jin, Int. J. of Multiphase Flow, Vol. 36, No.8, pp672–681, 2010)

UNSTEADY HEAT TRANSFER & MASS TRANSFER INSIDE IMPINGED DROPLETS



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ICING PHYSICS: DYNAMIC PHASE CHANGING PROCESS OF ICING DROPLETS



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ICING PHYSICS: IMPINGING DYNAMICS OF DROPLETS ONTO AIRFOIL SURFACE



• A novel Digital Image Projection (DIP) Technique for surface topology measurements (USA Patent Pending)



• (Zhang, Tian & Hu, Exp. In Fluids, 56:173, 2015.)

ICING PHYSICS: IMPINGING DYNAMICS OF DROPLETS ONTO AIRFOIL SURFACE



Measurements of Dynamic Droplet Impinging Process

 $E_{s0} = \gamma S = \pi d_0^2 \gamma$





- would increase as the increase of the Weber number;
 - (S. Chandra & C. T. Avedisian, Proc. R. Soc., 1991) •

ICING PHYSICS: TRANSIENT BEHAVIOR OF WIND-DRIVEN WATER RUNBACK



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ICING PHYSICS: TRANSIENT BEHAVIOR OF WIND-DRIVEN WATER RUNBACK



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ICING PHYSICS: TRANSIENT BEHAVIOR OF WIND-DRIVEN WATER RUNBACK

Water Runback Scaling Law #1:

 Feo (2001) & Rothmayer (2003) predicted theoretically that wind- driven water film thickness would follow a x^{1/4}law :

 $h \sim x^{1/4}$





• Measured water film thickness was found to be proportional to $x^{1/4}$ only when the distance $S^{1/4} > 1.9$ (i.e., > 13%c).



• K. Zhang, W. Tian and H. Hu, "An Experimental Investigation on the Surface Water Transport Process over an Airfoil by using a Digital Image Projection Technique", Experiments in Fluids, 56:173 (16 pages), 2015

ICING PHYSICS: DYNAMIC WATER RUNBACK & GLAZE ICE ACCRETION PROCESS



AIRFOIL AERODYNAMIC PERFORMANCE DEGRADATION DUE TO ICE ACCRETION



Complex 3D Shapes of Ice Structures Accreted on Airfoil Surface



a Wind Turbine Airfoil Model", Journal of Visualization, Vol.22, No. 4, pp 661–667, 2019.

ANTI-/DE-ICING STRATEGIES: ACTIVE METHODS & PASSIVE METHODS



- Active Methods: rely on external energy input for anti-/de-icing operation:
 - Pneumatic inflating systems: Deform to cause ice crack-off.
 - Hot air bleeding systems: Provide heat air to melt out ice.
 - Electro-thermal systems: Provide heat flux by using electrical heater
 - DBD Plasma Based Anti-/De-icing Systems.
- Passive methods: take advantage of the physical properties of airframe surface to prevent ice formation.
 - Hydro- and Ice-phobic materials: Water repellent; Smaller ice adhesion forces





Surface Wettability: Hydrophilic, Hydrophobic, & Superhydrophobic



Bird-Feather-Inspired Technology





Lotus-Leaf-Inspired Technology





Lotus Effect: "Air-cushion"



Liquid



• Hydrobead® coating.

- Spray onto aluminum test plates.
- Both Hydrobead® standard & enhancer were applied.



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Pitcher-Plant-Inspired Technology









- Teflon nanofibrous membranes:
 - Having an average pore size of ≥ 200 nm
 - Its polypropylene film was sticked to an aluminum substrate.
- KRYTOX™ GPL103 oil:
 - Clear, colorless, fluorinated synthetic oils that are nonreactive, nonflammable,
 - Safe in chemical and oxygen service, and are longlasting.

□ ANTI-FROSTING VS. IMPACT ICING MITIGATION



- Most previous studies were performed based on static tests for anti-frosting applications.
- Very little can be found in literature to evaluate the ice-phobic coatings for "impact icing" mitigation pertinent to aircraft icing phenomena, in either dry rime or/and wet glaze icing conditions.

Anti-Frosting:

• Icing process is almost static, and ice accretion rate is very slow.



Impact Icing:

Duration of icing is vey short; high-speed droplet impacting (>100 m/s).





DYNAMIC DROPLET IMPINGEMENT ONTO DIFFERENT SURFACES





TRANSIENT BEHAVIOR OF WIND-DRIVEN FILM/RIVULET FLOWS





(Comparison baseline, CA=65 deg.)

Super-hydrophobic surface (Lotus-leaf-inspired, CA=160 deg.)



SLIPS (Pitcher-plant-inspired, CA=110 deg.)









MEASUREMENTS OF ICE ADHESION STRENGTH OVER DIFFERENT SURFACES









	Compared Surfaces	Ice adhesion strength	Std. deviation
		at T _{wall} = -10 °C [KPa]	@ T _{wall} = -10 °C [KPa]
	🗖 🗕 Al, 220 Grit	450	70
	Al, mirror finish	130	60
	Polymer (Enamel)	1400	130
	Teflon	420	60
	Hydro-bead SHS	120	30
	SLIPS	60	10
	PFA plastic	570	60
	Stainless steel	550	130
	NeverWet	420	40

EFFECTS OF BIO-INSPIRED COATINGS ON IMPACT ICE ACCRETION





HYBRID ANT-/DE-ICING STRATEGY: MINIMIZED HEATING + ICEPHOBIC COATURES



AERO-ENGINE ICING PHYSICS AND ANTI-/DE-ICING





Aero-engine icing due to supercooled water droplets



EXPERIMENTAL SETUP FOR AERO-ENGINE FAN BLADE ICING STUDY





Intermittent maximum atmospheric icing conditions from 14 CFR Part 25 Appendix C^[1]

DYNAMIC ICE ACCRETING PROCESS OVER ROTATING FAN BLADES



Glaze icing condition:

- V_{∞} = 15 m/s;
- T_{∞} = -5 °C,
- LWC = 2.0 g/m^3
- Rotation = 2,500 rpm

Rime icing condition:

- V_{∞} = 15 m/s;
- T_{∞} = -15 °C,
- LWC = 0.5 g/m^3
- Rotation = 2,500 rpm



DYNAMIC ICE ACCRETING PROCESS OVER ROTATING FAN BLADES





HYDRO-/ICE-PHOBIC COATINGS FOR AERO-ENGINE ICING MITIGATION



V_∞ = 20 m/s;
T_∞ = -10 °C;
LWC = 2.0 g/m³;
n = 2,500rpm

Hydrophilic (Baseline, CA=65 deg.)





Super-hydrophobic (CA=160 deg.)







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• After 300 seconds of icing testing



DURABLE METAL-BASED ICEPHOBIC COATING FOR AERO-ENGINE ICING PROTECTION

Project currently funded by NAVY STTR 1&2



15 m, -5.0 ʻ

2.0 a/m³

2,500 rpm

V~

LWC =

Rotation =

lowa State University Email:huhui@iastate.edu The Durable Metal-based Icephobic Coating is developed by Dr. Tuteja group @ Univ. of Michigan (Golovin et al., Science 364, 371–375 (2019).



• DIP scanning system for 3D ice shape measurements

ICING MITIGATION OVER FAN BLADES WITH DURABLE ICEPHOBIC COATINGS



HOT-AIR-BASED ANT-/DE-ICING SYSTEM FOR ENGINE INLET-GUILD-VANES



RR, PW, GE ENGINES – DIFFERENT SHAPES OF ENGINE SPINNERS





Intermittent maximum atmospheric icing conditions from 14 CFR Part 25 Appendix C^[1]

Dynamic Ice Accretion over the Surfaces of Rotating Spinners





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