

OVERVIEW OF RESEARCH ACTIVITIES ON AIRCRAFT ICING PHYSICS & ANTI-/DE-ICING @ IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

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AIRCRAFT ICING AND AERO-ENGINE ICING PHENOMENA



- 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





ISU ICING PHYSICS AND ANTI-/DE-ICING (IPAD) CENTER





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:

 $V_{\infty} = 5 \sim 100 \text{ m/s};$ $T_{\infty} = -25 \circ C \sim 20 \circ C;$ $D_{droplet} = 10 \sim 100 \mu m;$ $LWC = 0.1 \sim 10 \text{ g/m}^3$

- 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 PHYSICS: RIME ICING AND GLAZE ICING





UNSTEADY HEAT TRANSFER DURING ICE ACCRETION OVER AN AIRFOIL SURFACE



Liu & Hu (2018) "An Experimental Investigation on the Unsteady Heat Transfer Process over an Ice Accreting Airfoil Surface", Intel. J. Heat&Mass Transfer, 122, pp707-718.
 Li & Hu (2019) "Effects of Thermal Conductivity of Airframe Substrate on the Dynamic Ice Accretion Process", Intl. J. of Heat & Mass Transfer, 131, pp1184-1195.

ICING PHYSICS: TRANSIENT BEHAVIOR OF WIND-DRIVEN WATER RUNBACK



• K. Zhang, W. Tian and H. Hu, , Experiments in Fluids, 56:173 (16 pages), 2015

DYNAMIC SURFACE WATER RUNBACK AND GLAZE ICE ACCRETION PROCESS



AERODYNAMIC PERFORMANCE DEGRADATION DUE TO ICE ACCRETION



0.5

0.5

0.5



QUALIFICATION OF COMPLEX 3D ICE SHAPES ACCRETED ON AIRFOIL SURFACE



LY Gao, R. Veerakumar, Y. Liu, and H. Hu. "Quantification of the 3D Shapes of the Ice Structures Accreted on a Wind Turbine Airfoil Model", Journal of Visualization, Vol.22, No. 4, pp 661–667, 2019.

U VARIOUS ACTIVE AND PASSIVE ANTI-/DE-ICING STRATEGIES



- 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



Bio-Inspired Ice Phobic Coatings for Aircraft Icing Mitigation





DYNAMIC DROPLET IMPINGEMENT ONTO DIFFERENT SURFACES





TRANSIENT BEHAVIOR OF WIND-DRIVEN FILM/RIVULET FLOWS





Hydrophilic (Comparison baseline, CA=65 deg.)

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



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









EFFECTS OF BIO-INSPIRED COATINGS ON IMPACT ICE ACCRETION





□ Hybrid Ant-/De-Icing Strategy with Heating + Icephobic Coatings



Leading edge heating + SHS (~ 90% energy saving)

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



- Aero-engine icing problem has been known since 1950s.
- More than 100 jet engines experience icing-related "power-loss" events since 1990.
- "Power loss" of the aero-engine, including surge, stall, flameout, or roll back, can result in a sub-idle operating condition.





British Airways B777 crash , 01/17/2008.

Ice crystals in the jet fuel were blamed as accident, clogging the exchanger of engine.



EXPERIMENTAL SETUP FOR AERO-ENGINE ICING STUDY





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

Advanced Ratio, J

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



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



ICING MITIGATION OVER AERO-ENGINE FAN BLADES DUE TO ICEPHOBIC COATURE



EFFECTS OF AERO-ENGINE BLADE MATERIALS ON ICE ACCRETION PROCESS





Icing conditions: V_w=40m/s, T_w = -5°C, LWC=2.0 g/m³



• LK Li, Y. Liu, ZC Zhang and H. Hu, International Journal of Heat and Mass Transfer, Vol. 131, pp1184-1195, 2019

How TO DISTINGUISH RR, PW, GE ENGINES - SHAPE OF ENGINE SPINNER



 $0.1 \sim 2.0$

1.80

 $0.6 \sim 2.4$

1.80

Liquid Water Content (g/m³)

Advanced Ratio, J

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

Dynamic ice Accretion over the Surfaces of Rotating Spinners Glaze icing: U_w =15 m/s, T_w = -5°C , LWC=2.4 g/m³, J=1.8



DYNAMIC ICE ACCRETION OVER THE SURFACES OF ROTATING SPINNERS





LK Li, Y. Liu, <u>H. Hu.</u> "An Experimental Study on Dynamic Ice Accretion Process over the Surfaces of Rotating Aero-Engine spinners".
 Experimental Thermal and Fluid Science, Vol.109, 109879 (13 pages), 2019.

HOT-AIR-BASED ICING PROTECTING SYSTEM FOR ENGINE INLET-GUILD-VAN



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



Aero-engine Icing Phenomena

Supercooled water droplet icing

- Similar to the airframe icing.
- Cold airflow with supercooled water droplets, freezing drizzle and freezing rain.
- Mostly happen at inlet, spinner and fan blades.
- Additional effects of rotation motion.

Ice crystals icing

- Cold airflow with ice crystals
- Ice crystals melt to form mixed phase icing.
- Mostly happen over the surfaces of heated IGV & sensors, low-pressure compressor blades.

(Ice crystal icing test rig is ready in 2019 fall)



EXPERIMENTAL CHARACTERIZATION OF ICE CRISTAL ICING OVER HEATED SURFACES



PITOT PROBE ICING MITIGATION WITH ICEPHOBIC COATINGS



- Ice accretion in or around the pitot probes can led to a false readinas to cause wrona reactions of the flight control system, which may result in deadly aircraft crashes.
- In June 1, 2009, Air France Flight 447 from crashed into the Atlantic Ocean and killed all 228 people on board.
- On February 11, 2018, Saratov Fliaht 703, Airlines from Moscow to Orsk in Russia, crashed shortly after take-off, killing all 71 people on board.

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Power

(W)

6.4

9.5

13.8

24

35

40

48



v

v

temperature measurements

UAS PROPELLER PERFORMANCE DEGRADATION DUE TO ICE ACCRETION





Y. Liu, LK. Li, WL Chen, W. Tian and H. Hu, "An Experimental Study on the Aerodynamic Performance Degradation of a UAS Propeller Model Induced by Ice Accretion", Experimental Thermal and Fluid Science, Vol.102, pp101-112, 2019

ICING PHYSICS & ANTI-/DE-ICING OF BRIDGE STAY CABLES





ICING PHYSICS & ANTI-/DE-ICING OF POWER TRANSMISSION CABLES





• **R. Veerkumar, LY Gao, Y. Liu and <u>H. Hu.</u>** Dynamic Ice Accretion Process and Its Effects on the Aerodynamic Drag Characteristics of a Power Transmission Cable Model. Cold Regions Science and Technology, Vol. 169, 102908 (11 pages), 2020

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