The capabilities of Stevens Institute of Technology in the areas of rheology, structure formation, mathematical modeling of continuous processing of energetics

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Highly Filled Materials Institute at Stevens

- Founded in 1989 at Stevens Institute of Technology capitalizing on the strong funding history in the area of processing of energetic materials
- HfMI focuses on the manufacturing of materials which are loaded with solids at concentrations which approach the maximum packing fraction of the solid phase. Such materials are difficult to characterize, process, simulate. Especially with energetics there is little room for experimentation.





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Highly Filled Materials Institute (1989-): From particles to products with specialization in Highly filled suspensions



<u>Continuous Processing Lab</u> of HfMI: Twin Screw <u>Extruder Facility</u> and the <u>Slit Die Rheometer</u>



CORE STRENGTHS

- Ability to characterize accurately the rheological behavior of highly filled materials
- Ability to simulate the processing of highly filled materials
- Ability to characterize microstructural distributions quantitatively
- Ability to design and manufacture tools for processing of highly filled materials: dies, processors, control systems.

Specialized Tools

- Custom designed rheometers with remote loading and data acquisition capabilities
- Custom designed processing equipment with remote access for data acquisition and control
- Source codes (FEM, FD) with ability to run using the internet
- Structural analysis tools for degree of mixedness, particle size analysis and coating thickness

Challenge: To determine how to processprocessing-structure development and ultimate properties





Counter-rotating fully

intermeshing twin screws.

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Counter-rotating tangential twin screws



Co-rotating fully intermeshing twin screws.











Many types of flighted-screws and kneading disks: right or left handed, different stagger angles



Each screw configuration is a different processor- how does one select the screw barrel configuration- given a task

Specialized technologies

Rheology

- Structure analysis using WXD
- Mathematical modeling using 3-D FEM
- Experimental validation methods
- Custom design and manufacture
 - Rheometers
 - Dies
 - Extruders





Demonstration of Viscoplasticity for Gels:



S. Aktas, D. M. Kalyon, B. M. Marín-Santibáñez and J.Pérez-González, "Shear viscosity and wall slip behavior of a viscoplastic hydrogel", J. Rheology, 58, 2, 513-535 (2014).

With wall slip rheology data become dependent on the surface/volume ratio: Flow curves at constant capillary length/radius (L/R)



D. Kalyon, "Apparent Slip and Viscoplasticity of Concentrated Suspensions", J. Rheology, 49, 3, 621-640 (2005).

Wall slip velocity versus shear stress behavior is characterized and used as the boundary condition in mathematical modeling



FIG. 6. Slip velocity vs shear stress at 25, 60, and 90 °C.

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Boundary condition in simulation: wall slip



Specialized rheometers which allow the determination of wall slip velocity as well as shear viscosity



ADJUSTABLE GAP RECTANGULAR SLIT DIE



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Squeeze flow rheometer



- •Simple to operate
- •Data analysis instantaneous
- •Ideal for complex fluids
- •Replaces the "finger" rheometer

SAMPLE

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NOVEL RHEOMETERS DEVELOPED, DESIGNED AND BUILT BY SIT



Adjustable Gap On-line Rheometer

- Currently used for live energetics @ NSWC / IH



Squeeze Flow Rheometer

- Built for characterization of gun propellants @ Alliant TechSystems / Radford, VA

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New-generation of squeeze flow rheometer built for IBM and Bergquist

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Mathematical modeling

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Experimental validation





Thermal imaging camera: extrusion

Temperature distribution: experimental versus simulation



Challenges



Extrudate with 76.5% solids prior to axial migration of binder

Unstable flow

Filtration of the binder phase





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Mixingdegree of mixedness Ability to mathematically model the processing/mixing process









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Analysis of Kneading Disks staggered at 30 forward



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To quantitatively characterize the degree of mixedness of the ingredients



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Effects of mixing time on distribution of particle concentration in the mixture



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Degree of mixing parameters of the twin screw extruded grains (SIT/ARDEC study).

$$s^{2} = \frac{1}{(N-1)} \sum_{i=1}^{N} (c_{i} - c)^{2}$$

S is the standard deviation, C_i is the concentration, C is the average, N is the number of specimens

$$s_0^2 = \bar{c}(1-\bar{c})$$

Variance for the completely segregated sample

Mixing Index, $MI = 1 - s/s_o$

Conductive particles in insulating binder

Volume resistivity versus the mixing index

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Comparison of flow curves for the suspension specimens with different mixing indices and extruded through a capillary di

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Comparison of slip velocity vs wall shear stress data for the suspension specimens batch mixed for different durations

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STATISTICS OF MIXING DISTRIBUTIONS IN FILLED ELASTOMERS PROCESSED BY TWIN SCREW EXTRUSION

Annular extrudate cross section

Mixing distribution of ammonium peroxide (AP) in filled elastomer extrudate as a function of radial location on the annular cross section.

Capabilities with industrial impact:

•Dies

- •New rheometers
- •New extruders- Universal and the mini
- •New screw elements
- •New technologies based on extrusion

Continuous processing platforms: Universal and the Mini

Universal extrusion system for energetic materials processing

J. E. Kowalczyk, M. Malik, D. M. Kalyon, H. Gevgilili, D. F. Fair, M. Mezger and M. Fair, "Safety in Design and Manufacturing of Extruders used for the Continuous Processing of Energetic Formulations", Journal of Energetics Materials, 25, 247-271 (2007).

The smallest twin screw extruder in the World: 7.5 mm

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Complex Screw Configuration

Brabender SR12-05 Feeder with the mini-TSE

HfMI Highly Filled Materials Institute

Specialized capabilities in particle formation, rheology, processing, simulation, structural analysis. Sources of funding used in 2005: ONR, ARDEC, P&G, MPR, IBM (750K for 7 staff and 8 students)

Examples

Processing of nanoparticles for energetic applications

Intercalation and exfoliation of clay tactoids into nanoclays

Processing of nanoparticles:

In situ synthesis of hydroxyapatite for tissue engineering

A recent example of development of a novel processing method

Production of a nano*bursa* mesh material with a newly-developed hybrid process of twin-screw extrusion and electrospinning: (a) Feeding of the polymer and metal-functionalized CNTs, (b) Continuous mixing of the polymer with CNTs, (c) Electrospinning via a spinneret with multiple nozzles, (d) Encapsulation of the nanotubes into polymer nanofibres, (e) Graded nano*bursa* mesh with consecutive layers of CNTs functionalized with Pd, Co, Ag, and Pt nanoparticles.

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Ramifications of capabilities on additive manufacturing

- •Rheology, viscoplasticity, viscoelasticity, wall slip
- Microstructure formation
- •Modeling time dependence- functional grading
- •Capabilities in hardware design and fabrication

Government Sponsors

- BMDO/IST
- DARPA
- DURIP
- ONR
- NAWC
- NSF

- NSWC
- SDI
- SERDP
- US Army RO
- US Army PBMA
- US Army TACOM/TARDEC

Thanks for listening