Electrohydrodynamic (EHD) printing for high resolution 2D patterning and additive manufacturing

ABSTRACT – Capabilities to produce micro-structures with complex geometry and using a broad set of functional materials are critical for many emerging products. Printing is a scalable and flexible process to work with different functional materials. However, most existing printing approaches are limited in resolution with their best resolution no better than 50-100 µm. This talk will focus on a high resolution printing approach, electrohydrodynamic (EHD) printing, which can integrate multi-materials for advanced micro/nano devices and for super-resolution additive manufacturing. Two printing modes, filament plotting and drop-on-demand printing, are developed for the fabrication of 3D microstructures. We will discuss the process models to study and predict the EHD printing process, including droplet formation from the nozzle and droplet settlement on the substrate, which is very important to predict the feature dimension at different system configurations and process conditions for planning the printing sequences. We will also discuss the solution for a critical challenge in EHD printing that is the residue charge cancellation by our process innovation for printing electronic materials.

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