

# Surface Engineering and Quality Assurance

Instructor: Prof. Satish T.S. Bukkapatnam Teaching Assistant: Zimo Wang

# Schedule

# • Day 1

- Lecture 1: Learning profilometery on contact and non-contact profilometer
- Lecture2: Estimation of surface finish, bearing area curve
- Day 2
  - Lab session: Measuring surface morphology using profilometer
  - Lecture 3: Mechanical property of finished surface (with hands-on experience on mechanical property tests)
- Day 3
  - Advanced analytic approaches for surface characterization

# **Project Goals**

#### Goals

- Understand surface finish for manufacturing processes
- Gain hands-on experiences with non-contact surface roughness measurement
- Expose to advanced imaging and analysis techniques

# Lab safety and security

- No drinks or food in the lab
- Be very cautious while using the ZeGage profilometer
- Use computer only to operate ZeGage profilometer
- Remember to log out after use
- Keep the door closed

#### **Contact information**

- Zimo Wang
- Email: <a href="mailto:zimowang@tamu.edu">zimowang@tamu.edu</a>
- Office: ETB 4050, ETB 3018

#### Introduction

Surface finish of advanced manufacturing processes



Ikawa, Donaldson, Komanduri et al. 1991







Issue on surface finish during manufacturing processes

- Stability of process dynamics and vibrations are crucial to surface quality (Altintas 2008)
- Several surface defects are due to instability and uncertainty issues
- Chip thickness, vibrations, grain size are of similar magnitude
  - Low amplitude instability modes need to be investigated
  - Significant **uncertainties** exist in specifying stability boundaries



**Texture Variation** 

Chatter marks

#### Surface Roughness

- Sometimes also called "surface finish" or just "surface". Acceptable surface roughness depends on the applications
- A laser mirror requires a very smooth surface whereas an orthopedic titanium implant requires a rough surface. Surface roughness is calculated from the asperities (high and low points) of a surface



#### Surface Roughness

- After collecting the amplitude  $y_i$ 's all points *i*'s along an axis, the common surface roughness values are defined as:
  - Maximum Valley depth:  $R_v = \min(y_i)$
  - Maximum Peak depth:  $R_p = \max(y_i)$
  - Average roughness:  $R_a = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} |y_i|$

• Root mean squared 
$$R_q = \sqrt{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i}^{n} y_i^2}$$



#### Surface Roughness

• Total roughness  $R_t$  from the highest peak to t he lowest valley points. It is also referred to as  $R_t$  or  $R_{max}$ :

$$R_{max} \equiv R_t = R_p - R_v$$

• Average consecutive peak-valley roughness  $R_z$ . This is the average of 5 largest consecutive peak-valley distances

$$R_{Z} = \frac{1}{5} \left[ \sum_{i}^{5} (R_{pi} - R_{vi}) \right]^{2}$$



#### Surface roughness



Surface finish measurement with a (contact type) profilometer



Surface finish measurement with a noncontact optical interferometer [www.zygo.com]

- Surface texture means integrity of surface which includes finish and defects at or below surface.
- For a 2D surface, similar calculations are performed but the results are labeled with a letter 'S" as in  $S_a$ ,  $S_q$ ,  $S_z$ ... rather than  $R_a$ ,  $R_q$ ,  $R_z$ ... for line roughness measurement

# Profilometry

# Profilometry

- A method to extract topographical data from a surface
- Instrument used for this purpose is known as Profilometer



### Profilometry

# Purpose of using profilometer

- How rough is surface?
- What is the density of defects?
- What is the area of voids?
- What is the height of the features

# Functionality of profilometer

- Measure surface profile/morphology and defects/voids
- Generate quantifiers (surface roughness) for surface characteristics
- Questions: what are the approaches for getting the profile?
  - It can be a single point, a line scan or even a full three-dimensional scan

#### Contact/Non-contact profilometers

- Digital holographic microscopy
- White light interferometry
- Phase shifting interferometry
- Advantages:
  - Prevent surfaces from scratches
  - High lateral resolution
  - High speed when requirement is of small steps



http://www.isf.de/en/institut/ausstattung/alicona.html



Surface finish measurement with a noncontact optical interferometer [www.zygo.com]

### **Principles of Optical Profilometry**



Courtesy of www.zygo.com/www. nanoscience.com

- Light beam is splits, and then reflection from reference and test material occurs, resulting in the interference
- Formation of inference fringes(light and dark bands) can be seen
- Constructive inferences areas are the lighter ones and destructive inference areas are darker ones

#### **Principles of Optical Profilometry**

- Wavelength of difference between reference and test path is equal to distance between consecutive fringes of same color
- Height variance on the test surface causes optical path differences
- Out of focus area means less inference
- Higher the contrast means better the focus



www.zygo.com

#### Profiolometer

#### ZeMaps Software

- It has a visually rich interface enabling you to see what is happening at virtually every step in the process
- Each 3D measurement provides one million data points, making it possible to evaluate the effects of surface processing
- ISO roughness parameters are standard with the software as are a variety of profiling, plotting, filtering and other interactive data analysis tools



#### **ZeGage Profilometer**

#### ZeGage Controls



# How to Log in ZeMaps ?

#### **Open ZeMaps**

 Open the ZeMaps software by double-clicking on the ZE icon on the desktop. Wait for the initialization routine to be completed.



 In the menu bar at the top of the screen, select:

File→Logout

#### OR,

- Click on the Login/Logout icon in the Stage Control Window.
- Enter Name and Password and click Ok.



#### Software Icon



#### Login Dialog



#### Log In/Logout Icon

#### **Understanding ZeMaps**



## **Understanding ZeMaps**

 Video Window- This window provides access to controls for focus and alignment, data acquisition, viewing, locating areas of interest on a test part, and saving files.



**Map Window** - This window displays 2D and 3D maps of surface data. There are options for saving and loading maps, processing data, changing plot types, and printing. Map Window Toolbar



### **Contact profilometers**

- Exemplary equipment
  - Stylus profilometer
  - Atomic force microscopy
  - Scanning tunneling microscopy
- Advantages
  - Standards of surface finish are mostly written using contact profilometers as benchmark examples
  - Direct technique and modeling is not required
  - "Analog" data- Resolution is very high
  - Independent of the surface and environment contaminants



Profile data acquisition by a stylus-type

profilometer (Credit: Dong-HyeokLee, MST, 2012, J. Rusnák' et. al, 2010)

# **AFM(Atomic Force Microscopy)**

### • AFM

- Belongs to the family of Scanning Probe Microscopy
- AFM senses inter atomic forces that occur between a probe tip & substrate
- It has very high resolution and can be used in topographical imaging of samples such as DNA molecules, protein adsorption



### Working principle of AFM



### **Scanning Electron Microscopy SEM**

# Functions of SEM

- Tiny electron beam scanned across surface of specimen
- Magnification range 15x to 200,000x
- Resolution of 50 Å
- Wide range on depth of field
- Specimen should be conducting (or coated with thin conductive layer)
- Specimen size limited by size of sample chamber



https://www.imaging-git.com/products/electron-and-ionmicroscopy/carl-zeiss-reveals-high-definition-fe-sem-sigma-hd

# **Electron microscopy-SEM**

# Scanning Electron Microscopy (SEM)

- Scanning process and image formation



Schematic of an SEM

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scan ning\_electron\_microscope



Mechanisms of emission of secondary electrons, backscattered electrons, and characteristic X-rays from atoms of the sample

#### SEM vs AFM

	SEM	AFM	
Imaging Advantage	High Depth of Field High Contrast		
Dimensions	2-D	3-D	
Measurements	Chemical Composition	Physical Properties	
Environment	Vacuum	Vacuum, Air, <mark>L</mark> iquid	



AFM (left) and SEM (right) micrograph corresponding to lithium complex (C5) and lithium–calcium complex soap (C6) greases Credits-Tribology Letters, 2016, Volume 63, Number 2, Page 1

# LAB EXERCISE

# Lab Exercise

•

Sample	R <sub>a</sub>	S <sub>a</sub>	Bearing Area curve (Mr1)	Bearing Area curve (Mr2)