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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Mechanical Engineering , Purdue University, West Lafayette, USA	2017 - 2022
M.S. in Mechanical Engineering , Bursa Technical University, Turkey	2013 - 2016
B.S. in Industrial Engineering , Uludag University, Turkey, (<i>Double Major</i>)	2010 - 2013
B.S. in Mechanical Engineering , Uludag University, Turkey	2008 - 2013
<i>Honor student, Ranked 1st in the class diploma</i>	

RESEARCH & PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor , Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, USA	Jan 2024 - Now
Post-Doctoral Associate , Purdue University, USA	2022 - 2023
Lecturer , Purdue University, USA	2021 - 2022
Teaching Assistant , Purdue University, USA	2019 - 2021
Research Assistant , Purdue University, USA	2017 - 2021
Research Assistant , Bursa Technical University, Turkey	2013 - 2016

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Surface Engineering: Surface-matter interaction, Meta-material surface deposition, smart thin-films, Electroless deposition, Functional surface metallization of polymers and glass

Additive Manufacturing: Cold spray additive manufacturing & sustainable repairing, Aerosol printing, Multifunctional 3-D printing, Ceramic 3D printing

Printed Electronics: Flexible electronics, Electronic textiles, Microheaters

Energy Devices: Triboelectric nanogenerators, Dye-sensitized solar cells, Supercapacitors

HONORS, AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

Research Awards:

- **Outstanding Graduate Student Research Award**, Purdue University, CoE, 2023
- **Best Researcher Awards**, International Research Awards on Computer-Aided Design in Mechanical Engineering, 2023
- **Italian Packaging Technology Award** by the Italian Trade Agency, 2023
- **Graduate School Summer Research Grant**, Purdue University, CoE, 2022
- **Featured article** in the Purdue News, (e-textiles for ambulatory health monitoring), 2022
- **Master thesis scholarship** by the Technological Research Council of Turkey, 2015
- **Honor student, ranked 1st** in Mechanical Engineering, Bursa Uludag University, 2013
- **Outstanding student scholarship** by the Turkish Automobile Factory (TOFAS), 2009-2013

Teaching Awards:

- **Ward A. Lambert Graduate Teaching Fellowship**, Purdue University, 2022
- **Graduate Teaching Award**, Purdue University Teaching Academy, 2022

Paper Awards:

- **Frontispiece cover article**, *Advanced Materials*, 2022
- **Editor's choice article**, *Journal of Thermal Spray Technology*, 2021
- **Best paper award**, *World Congress on Micro and Nano Manufacturing (WCMNM)*, 2021

Travel Awards:

- **National Science Foundation (NSF) travel award** for the WCMNM 2023
- **Early-career travel award** by the NSF for NAMRC 51/MSEC 2023
- **NSF student travel award** for the WCMNM 2019
- **Technical trip award** to Germany by the Durmazlar Machine Company, 2013

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

1. C.H. Lee, T. Chang, **S. Akin**, MBG. Jun, “*In-situ* spray polymerization of conductive polymers” (*U.S. Patent application-pending*), (2023)
2. MBG. Jun, **S. Akin**, “Cold spray printed flexible electronics and method for manufacturing the same” (*U.S. Patent application-pending*), (2022) [\[Link\]](#)
3. C.H. Lee, T. Chang, **S. Akin**, MBG. Jun, L. Couetil, “Electronic textiles and methods for fabrication thereof”, (*U.S. Patent application-pending*), (2021) [\[Link\]](#)

JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

23. JT. Tsai, **S. Akin**, DF. Bahr, MBG. Jun, “A predictive modeling for cold spray metallization on polymers”, **Surface & Coatings Technology**, (Under review).
22. Jeong H. Kim, **S. Akin**, MBG. Jun, Y. H. Jeong, “Fabrication of electrospun nanofibers with spray direct-write conductive patterns”, **Journal of the Korean Soc. for Precision Eng.**, (Under review).
21. **S. Akin**, T. Chang, Y. W. Kim, S. Xu, J. Lim, C. Nath, J.T. Tsai, J. Lee, H. Lee, W. Wu, C.H. Lee, MBG. Jun, “One-step manufacturing of functionalized electrodes on 3-D printed polymers for triboelectric nanogenerators”, **Journal of Manufacturing Process**, (Under review).
20. T. Gabor, **S. Akin**, MBG. Jun, “Numerical studies on cold spray gas dynamics and powder flow in circular and rectangular nozzles”, **Journal of Manufacturing Process**, (Under review).
19. DG. Ruzgar, **S. Akin**, S.Lee, J. Walsh, YH. Jeong, H.Lee, MBG. Jun, “Highly flexible, conductive, and antibacterial surfaces toward multifunctional flexible electronics”, **International Journal of Precision Engineering and Manufacturing Green Technology**, (Under review).
18. T. Chang*, **S. Akin***, S. Cho*, S. Lee, J. Lee, S. Lee, T. Park, S. Hong, T. Yu, Y. Ji, S. Gong, D.R. Kim, Y.L. Kim, MBG. Jun, C.H. Lee, “*In-situ* spray polymerization of conductive polymers for personalized e-textiles”, **ACS Nano**, (2023), (<https://doi.org/10.1021/acsnano.3c07283>).
17. **S. Akin**, C. Nath, MBG. Jun, “Selective surface metallization of 3D-printed polymers by cold spray-assisted electroless deposition”, **ACS Applied Electronic Materials**, (2023), ([10.1021/acsaem.3c00893](https://doi.org/10.1021/acsaem.3c00893)).
16. J. Lee, **S. Akin**, J. Walsh, H. Lee, MBG. Jun, Y. Shin, “A Nitinol structure with functionally gradient pure titanium layers and hydroxyapatite over-coating for orthopedic implant applications”, **Progress in Additive Manufacturing**, (2023), (<https://doi.org/10.1007/s40964-023-00500-0>).
15. **S. Akin**, Y.W. Kim, S. Xu, C. Nath, W. Wu, MBG. Jun, “Cold spray direct writing of flexible electrodes for enhanced performance triboelectric nanogenerators”, **Journal of Manufacturing Process**, (2023), (<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jmapro.2023.05.015>).

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14. **S. Akin**, P. Wu, C. Nath, J. Chen, MBG. Jun, “A study on converging-diverging nozzle design for supersonic spraying of liquid droplets towards nanocoating applications”, **Journal of Manufacturing Science and Engineering**, (2023), (<https://doi.org/10.1115/1.4062351>).
13. DG. Ruzgar, **S. Akin**, S. Lee, J. Walsh, YH. Jeong, H. Lee, MBG. Jun, “Multifunctional Cold Spray Hybrid Coatings on Flexible Polymers for Improved Surface Properties”, **SSRN Pre-print**, (2023), (<https://dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.4332298>).
12. **S. Akin**, S. Jo, MBG. Jun, “A cold spray-based novel manufacturing route for flexible electronics”, **Journal of Manufacturing Process**, (2023), (<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jmapro.2022.12.035>).
11. **S. Akin**, S. Lee, S. Jo, DG. Ruzgar, JT. Tsai, MBG. Jun, “Cold spray-based rapid and scalable production of printed flexible electronics”, **Additive Manufacturing**, (2022), (doi.org/10.1016/j.addma.2022.10324).
10. Y.W. Kim, **S. Akin**, H. Yun, S. Xu, W. Wu, MBG. Jun, “Enhanced performance of triboelectric nano-generator and sensor via cold spray particle deposition”, **ACS Applied Materials & Interfaces**, (2022), (<https://pubs.acs.org/doi/10.1021/acsami.2c09367>).
9. T. Gabor, H. Yun, **S. Akin**, K.H. Kim, J.K. Park, MBG. Jun, “Continuous coaxial nozzle designs for improved powder focusing in direct laser metal deposition”, **Journal of Manufacturing Process**, (2022), (<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jmapro.2022.08.03900>).
8. JT. Tsai, **S. Akin**, F. Zhou, MS Park, D.F. Bahr, MBG. Jun, “Electrically conductive metallized polymers by cold spray and co-electroless deposition”, **ASME Open Journal of Engineering**, (2022), (<https://doi.org/10.1115/1.4053781>).
7. T. Chang*, **S. Akin***, M.K. Kim, L. Murray, S. Cho, L. Couetil, MBG. Jun, C.H. Lee “A Programmable dual regime spray for large-scale and custom-designed electronic textiles”, **Advanced Materials**, (2022), (<https://doi.org/10.1002/adma.202108021>), (*Frontispiece Cover Article*, [\[Link\]](#)).
6. S. Jo, **S. Akin**, MS. Park, MBG. Jun, “Selective metallization on glass surface by laser direct writing combined with supersonic particle deposition”, **Manufacturing Letters**, (2022), (<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.mfglet.2021.07.009>).
5. **S. Akin**, P. Wu, JT. Tsai, C. Nath, J. Chen, MBG. Jun, “A study on droplets dispersion and deposition characteristics under supersonic spray flow for nanomaterial coating applications”, **Surface & Coatings Technology**, (2021), (<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.surfcoat.2021.127788>).
4. JT. Tsai, **S. Akin**, F. Zhou, DF. Bahr, MBG. Jun, “Establishing a cold spray particle deposition window on polymer substrate”, **Journal of Thermal Spray Technology**, (2021), (doi.org/10.1007/s11666-021-01179-x), (*Editor's choice article*)
3. **S. Akin**, JT. Tsai, MS. Park, YH. Jeong, MBG. Jun, “Fabrication of electrically conductive patterns on ABS polymer using low-pressure cold spray and electroless plating”, **ASME Journal of Micro and Nano-Manufacturing**, (2020), (<https://doi.org/10.1115/1.4049578>).
2. **S. Akin**, T. Gabor, S. Jo, H. Joe, JT. Tsai, Y. Park, C.H. Lee, MS. Park, MBG. Jun, “Dual regime spray deposition based laser direct writing of metal patterns on polymer substrates”, **ASME Journal of Micro and Nano-Manufacturing**, (2020), (<https://doi.org/10.1115/1.4046282>).
1. **S. Akin**, Y. Kara, “An assessment of wind power potential along the coast of Bursa, Turkey: A wind power plant feasibility study for Gemlik Region”, **Journal of Clean Energy Technologies**, (2017), ([doi:10.18178/JOCET.2017.5.2.352](https://doi.org/10.18178/JOCET.2017.5.2.352)).

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS & PRESENTATIONS

13. MBG. Jun, Y.W. Kim, **S. Akin**, J. Sutherland, “Cold spray-produced functional surfaces for triboelectric nanogenerators and sensors”.
12. J. Lee, **S. Akin**, Y. Kim, E. Kim, MBG. Jun, “Powder flow diagnosis in cold spray additive manufacturing via stethoscope sound-guided interpretable deep learning”, *North American Manufacturing Research Conference, NAMRC-52*, (Under review).

11. JT. Tsai, **S. Akin**, DF. Bahr, MBG. Jun, “A predictive modeling for cold spray deposition and the resulting microstructure toward additive manufacturing using polymeric templates”, *International Thin Films Conference (TACT-2023)*, (2023).
10. **S. Akin**, MBG. Jun, “Additively manufactured counter electrodes for dye-sensitized solar cells”, *World Congress on Micro and Nano Manufacturing (WCMNM-2023)*, (2023).
9. MBG. Jun, **S. Akin**, “Unleashing the potential of cold spray additive manufacturing in triboelectric energy harvesting”, *US-Korea Conference on Science, Technology and Entrepreneurship (UKC-2023)*.
8. **S. Akin**, Y.W. Kim, S. Xu, C. Nath, W. Wu, MBG. Jun, “Cold spray direct writing of flexible electrodes for enhanced performance triboelectric nanogenerators”, *North American Manufacturing Research Conference, NAMRC*, (2023).
7. **S. Akin**, P. Wu, C. Nath, J. Chen, MBG. Jun, “A study on the effect of nozzle geometrical parameters on supersonic cold spraying of droplets”, *ASME International Manufacturing Science and Engineering Conference*, (2022), (doi.org/10.1115/MSEC2022-85703).
6. T. Gabor, **S. Akin**, JT. Tsai, S. Jo, F. Najjar, MBG. Jun, “Numerical studies on cold spray particle deposition using a rectangular nozzle”, *ASME MSEC*, (2022), (doi.org/10.1115/MSEC2022-85673).
5. **S. Akin**, J.H. Kim, MBG. Jun, “Electrically conductive textiles based on decoupled atomized spray coating and electroless plating”, *International Symposium on Precision Engineering and Sustainable Manufacturing (PRESM 2021)*.
4. S. Jo, **S. Akin**, MS. Park, MBG. Jun, “An integrated method for selective metallization on glass surface: Laser direct writing coupled with supersonic spray coating”, *World Congress on Micro and Nano Manufacturing (WCMNM)*, (2021), (*Best Paper Award*).
3. T. Gabor, H. Joe, **S. Akin**, KH. Kim, JK. Park, MBG. Jun, “Numerical investigations of various coaxial nozzle designs for direct laser deposition”, *ASME International Manufacturing Science and Engineering Conference (MSEC)*, (2020), (<https://doi.org/10.1115/MSEC2020-8444>).
2. JT. Tsai, **S. Akin**, F. Zhou, DF. Bahr, MBG. Jun, “Simulation and characterization of cold spray deposition of metal powders on polymer substrate electrically conductive application”, *ASME International Manufacturing Science and Engineering Conference*, (2020), (<https://doi.org/10.1115/MSEC2020-8461>).
1. **S. Akin**, T. Gabor, S. Jo, H. Joe, JT. Tsai, Y. Park, CH. Lee, MS. Park, MBG. Jun, “Dual regime spray deposition based laser direct writing of metal patterns on polymer substrates”, *The 3rd World Congress on Micro and Nano-Manufacturing*, Raleigh NC, (2019), (*WCMNM-2019*).

TEACHING & MENTORING EXPERIENCE

Instructor:

- **ENGR 2050:** Introduction to Engineering Design Jan 2024-Now
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
- **ME 354:** Machine Design Aug 2022-Dec 2022
Purdue University, West Lafayette
 - Course Quality: 4.3/5 Teaching Effectiveness: 4.4/5

Teaching Assistant:

- Purdue University, West Lafayette 2019-2022
- **ME 352:** Machine Design I (Fall 2019, Spring 2020, Spring 2022)
- **ME 354:** Machine Design II (Fall 2020, Spring 2021, Fall 2021)
- Bursa Technical University, TURKEY 2013- 2016
- Computer-aided design (CAD), Thermodynamics, Machine Laboratory, Senior Design Project

INDUSTRIAL EXPERIENCE

Intern at the **OYAK-RENAULT Automotive Company**, TURKEY

2012-2013

- Assisted a project from concept to minimize quality errors in vehicle batteries.
- Collected and analyzed data on quality errors of the vehicle batteries.
- Designed the software for quality control of the batteries.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Programming languages: Python, MATLAB

Engineering software:

- **Computer-aided design (CAD):** Solidworks, CATIA, NX, AutoCAD, SpaceClaim
- **Computer-aided engineering (CAE):** ANSYS (Workbench, Fluent), HyperMesh, Abaqus
- **Other:** MS Office, L^AT_EX, OriginPro, MS Visio

INVITED TALKS & SEMINARS

1. Spray-based Additive Manufacturing of Functional Smart Surfaces

-University of Illinois Chicago (UIC) - Mechanical and Industrial Engineering, October 2023.

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES & SERVICES

Journal Reviewer:

- ASME Journal of Manufacturing Science and Engineering
- ASME Journal of Micro-and Nano Manufacturing
- ASME Open Journal of Engineering
- Journal of Manufacturing Process
- Additive Manufacturing

Conference Reviewer:

- North American Manufacturing Research Conference (NAMRC-52, 2024)
- North American Manufacturing Research Conference (NAMRC-51, 2023)
- World Congress on Micro-and Nano-Manufacturing (WCMNM-2023)

Professional Membership:

- American Society of Mechanical Engineering (ASME)
- Society of Manufacturing Engineers (SME)

Services:

Head volunteer, ASME MSEC/SME NAMRC-2022