

ADDITIVE MANUFACTURED  
OSCILLATING HEAT PIPE (OHP)

HIGH PRECISION  
THERMAL-FLUID  
NUMERICAL SIMULATION

THERMAL-STRUCTURE  
MULTI-FUNCTIONAL SYSTEM

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## Multi-functional Oscillating Heat Pipe System for High-Density Heat Management

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# Introduction

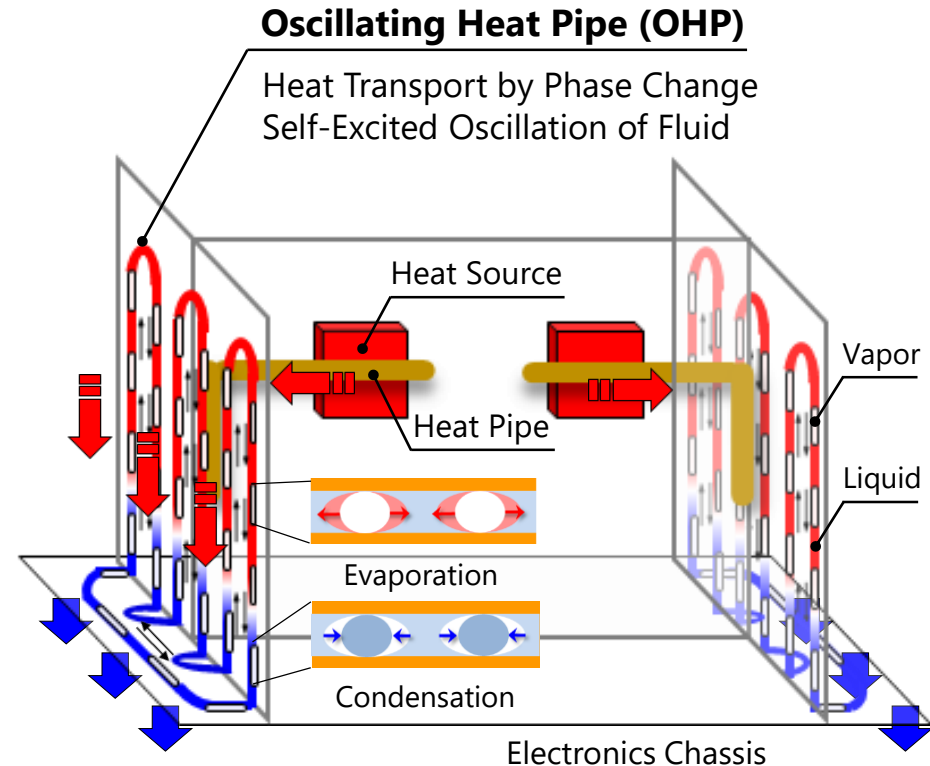
## Abstract

An OHP is a new type of heat pipe technology which transports heat by evaporation and condensation of fluid. The self-excited oscillation occurs when heat is applied to the OHP. This oscillation enhances the heat transfer by creating thin liquid film on the tube wall surface.

We propose a 10x increase in heat transport versus a traditional heat pipe (100s W/cm<sup>2</sup> vs. 10s W/cm<sup>2</sup>). By integrating OHPs directly in a truly multi-functional structure, thermal interface resistances are removed and freedom to optimize the geometry is gained. This thermal-structure multi-functional system can provide high heat transfer rates from the electronic component.

In this project, one of world's first additive manufactured OHP was successfully fabricated and tested. Also, a high precision thermal-fluid numerical simulation model was developed. Finally, multi-functional OHP systems for high heat density electronics is proposed.

## Multi-functional Oscillating Heat Pipe System





## Problem being solved:

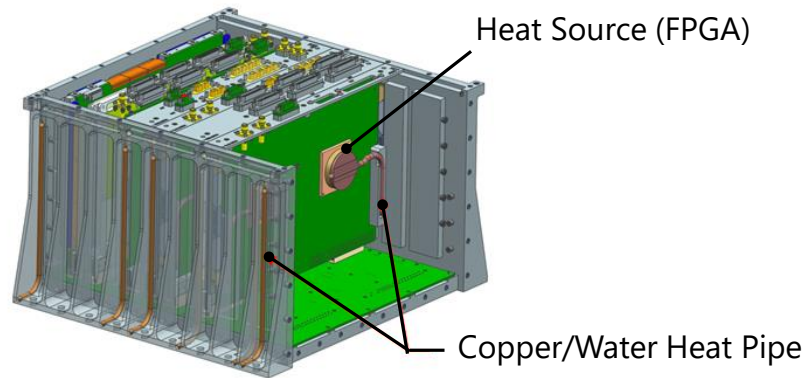
- Very-High Heat Density Electronics Cooling
  - Low Margin, Capability-driven Operation
  - Ex.) FPGA on OCO-3, SWOT, Mars2020

## Comparison with State of the Art

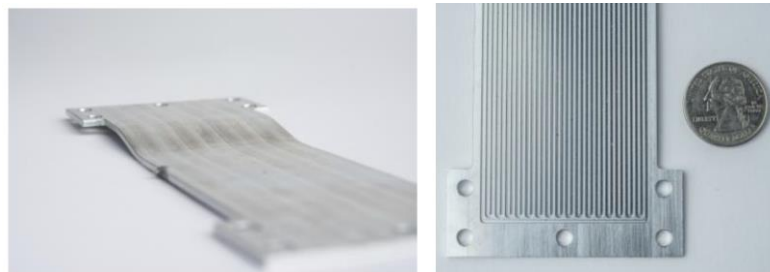
- SoA within JPL: **Copper / Water Heat Pipe**
  - Lower Performance / 1-D Heat Transfer
  - Problem on Freeze/Thaw Cycle due to Sintered Wick
- SoA outside JPL: **Flat-plate Shape OHP**
  - JAXA and AFRL, On-orbit Experiments
  - Limited in Flat-plate Shape/Simple Channel Pattern
- This Project: **Additive Manufactured OHP**

## Why this is important to JPL

- Increase Flexibility to Add More Functions to Devices
  - Without Increasing Thermal Subsystem Mass and Volume
  - Thermal and Structural Multi-Functional System



**Current Electronics Chassis in JPL**



**Flat-Shape OHP Developed by AFRL**



## Methodology

### 1) Establish Additive Manufacturing Method

- Mini-Channel by Additive Manufacturing
- **Enables Complex 3D Channel Configuration**

### 2) OHP Proto Type by Additive Manufacturing

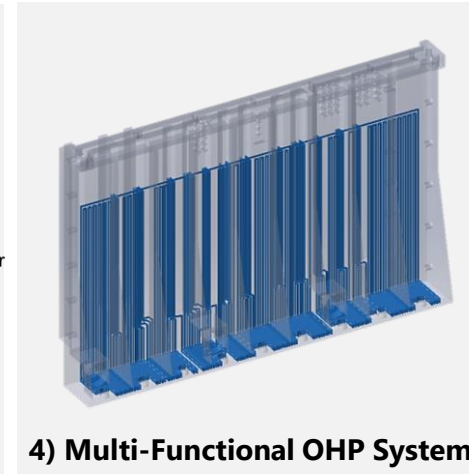
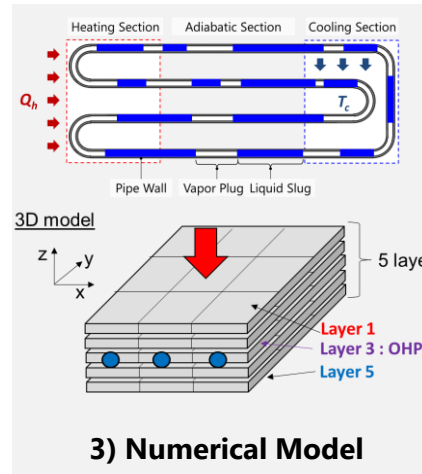
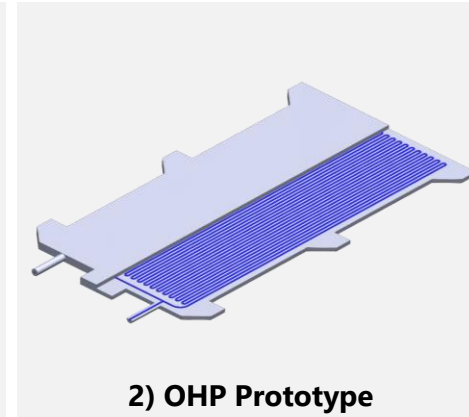
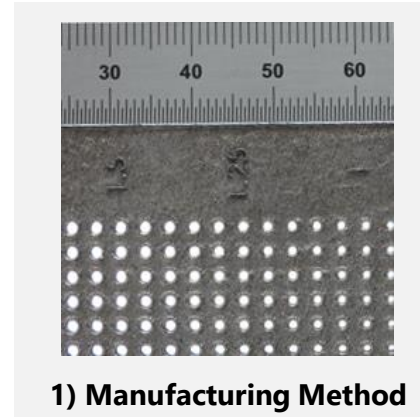
- Flat-Plate OHP Proto Type
- **One of World's First Results**

### 3) Development of High Precision Numerical Model

- Extend Original 1D OHP Model to 3D Heat Transfer
- Validation by Experimental Data
- **Enables Performance Prediction**

### 4) Propose Multi-Functional OHP System

- 3D Channel Configuration to Accommodate Heat Source
- Using Numerical Simulation as Design Tool





# Results: 1) Establish the Manufacturing Method

## Step 1: Smooth Surface Development

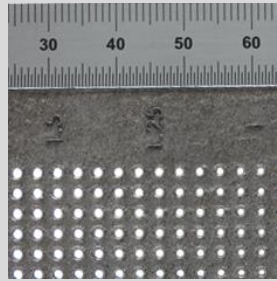


Coupon of AlSi10Mg

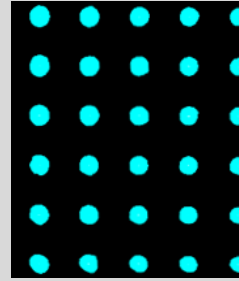


- Print Direction
- Laser Spot Size
- Laser Power
- Scan Speed

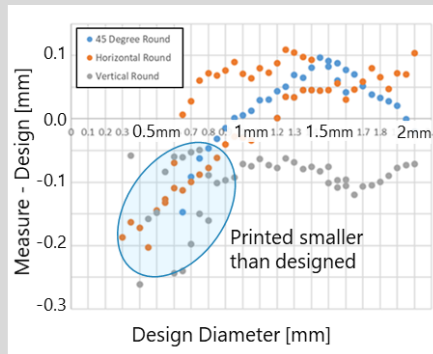
## Step 2: Chanel Size Measurement



Printed Coupon

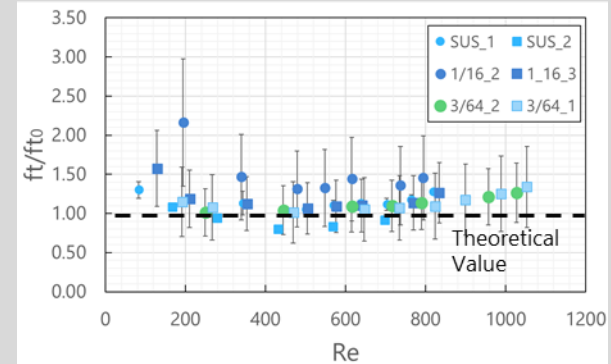


Analysis



Design vs Printed

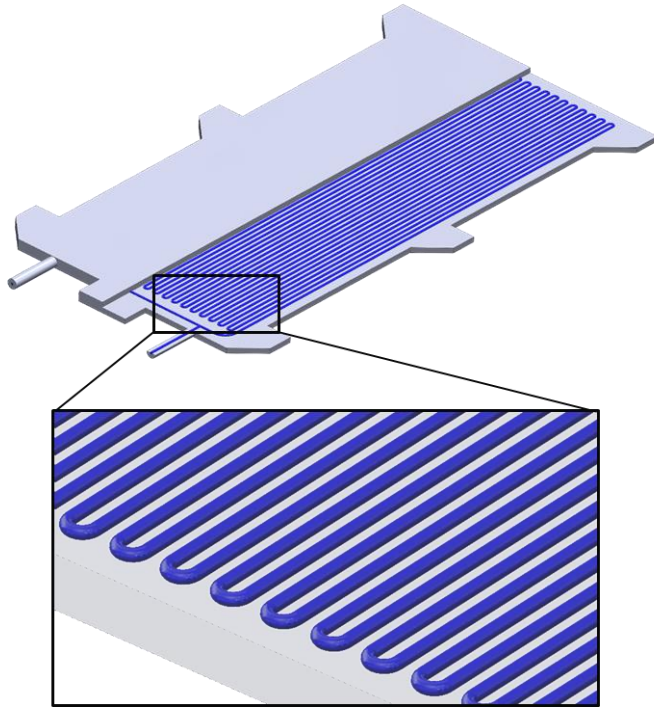
## Step 3: Pressure Loss Measurement



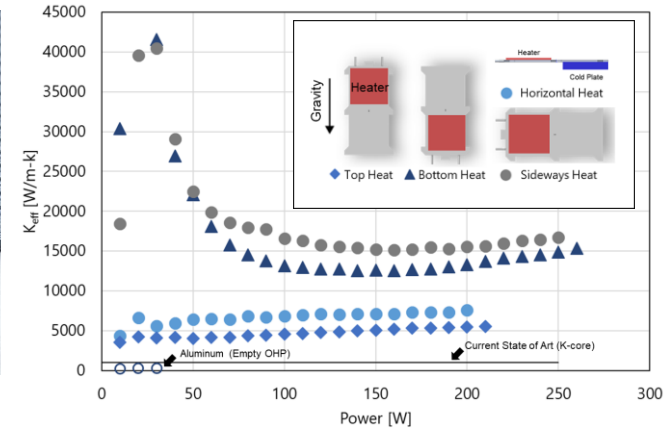
❖ Manufacturing method of mini-channel by additive manufacturing was successfully established.



## Results: 2) OHP Prototype by Additive Manufacturing



- Material : AlSi10Mg
- Number of Turns : 42
- Chanel Diameter : 1 mm
- Turn Radius : 1 mm
- Plate Length : 20 cm
- Plate Width : 9 cm
- Plate Thickness : 4 mm



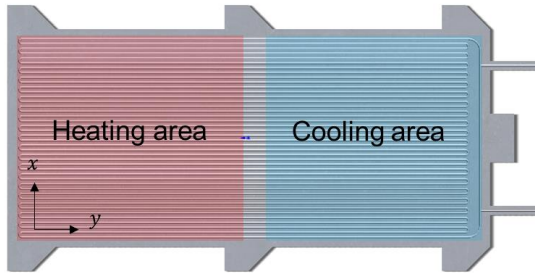
- ❖ One of world's first Additive manufactured OHP was successfully fabricated and tested.
- ❖ Effective thermal conductivity of 7500 W/m/K (Horizontal orientation) is 47 times higher than Aluminum Plate.



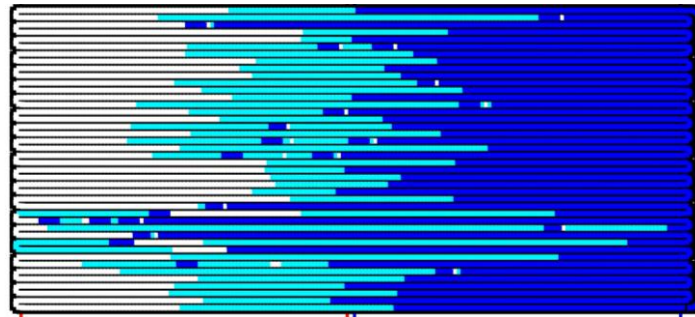
## Results: 3) Develop High Precision Numerical Model

**100 W**

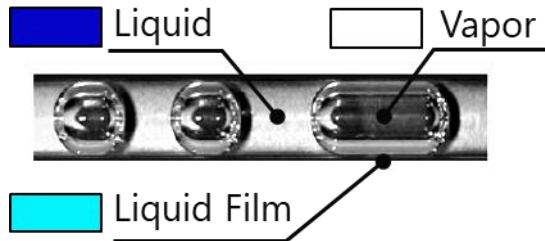
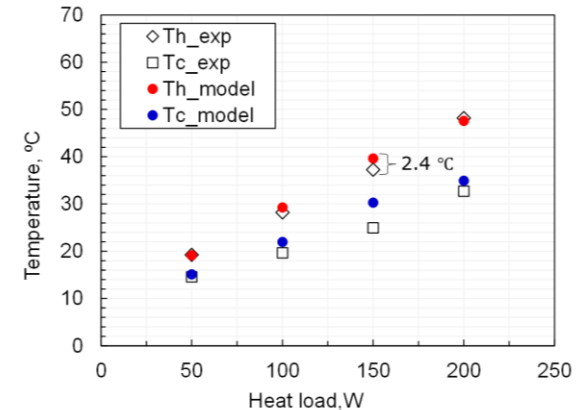
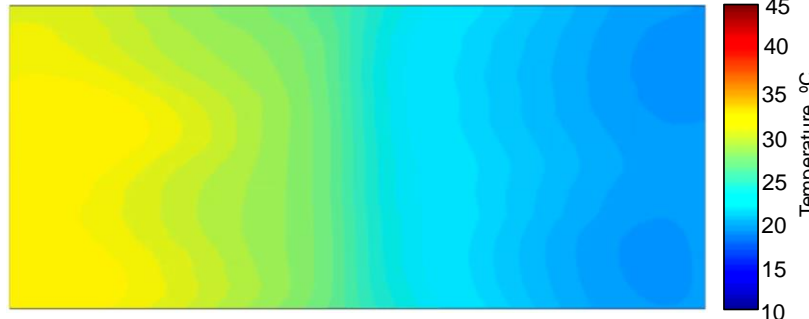
Time = 30 sec  
Steady-state  
1.0 x speed



Change in liquid-vapor distribution



Change in temperature distribution

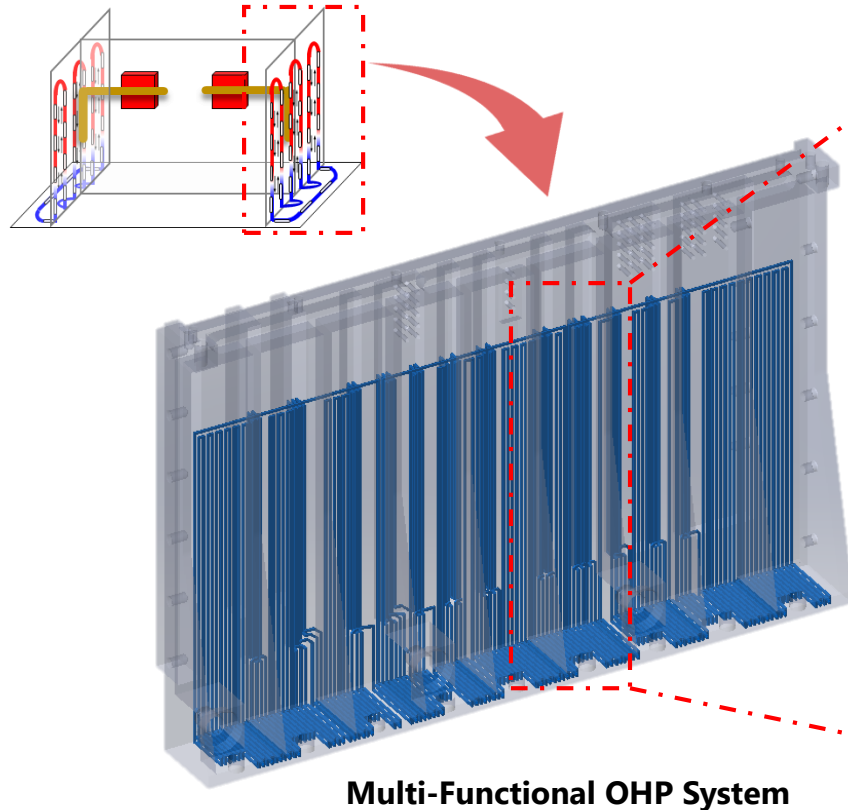


❖ Precise OHP numerical model with 3D heat transfer was developed.

❖ Heat removal of 100 W/cm<sup>2</sup> was successfully simulated.

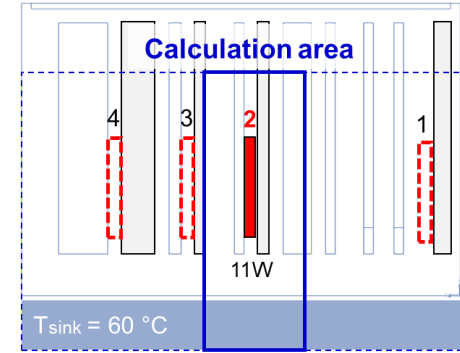
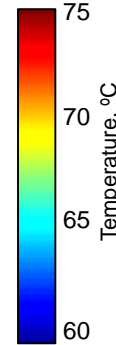


## Results: 4) Design Electronics Chassis with Embedded OHP



**Multi-Functional OHP System**

### Numerical Simulation



❖ **Multi-Functional OHP system was proposed and design was demonstrated by numerical simulation.**

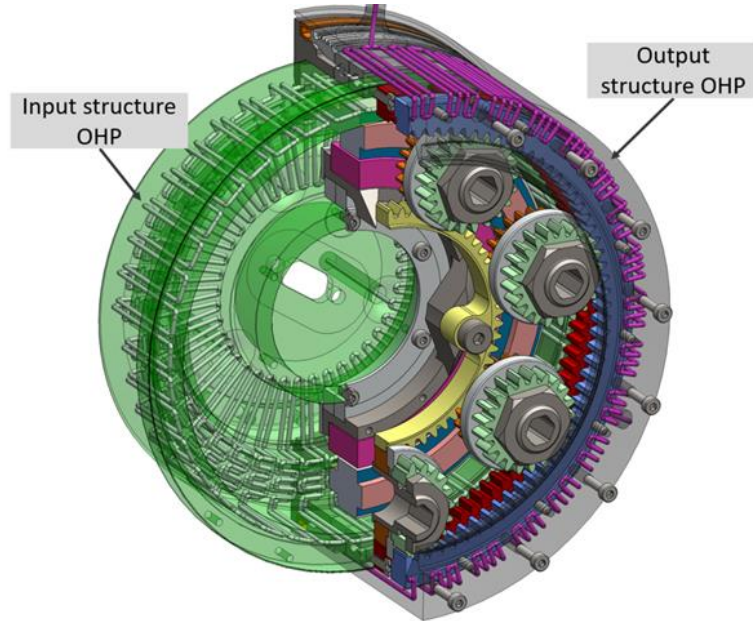
❖ **Future Work:**

Fabrication and test of proposed system.

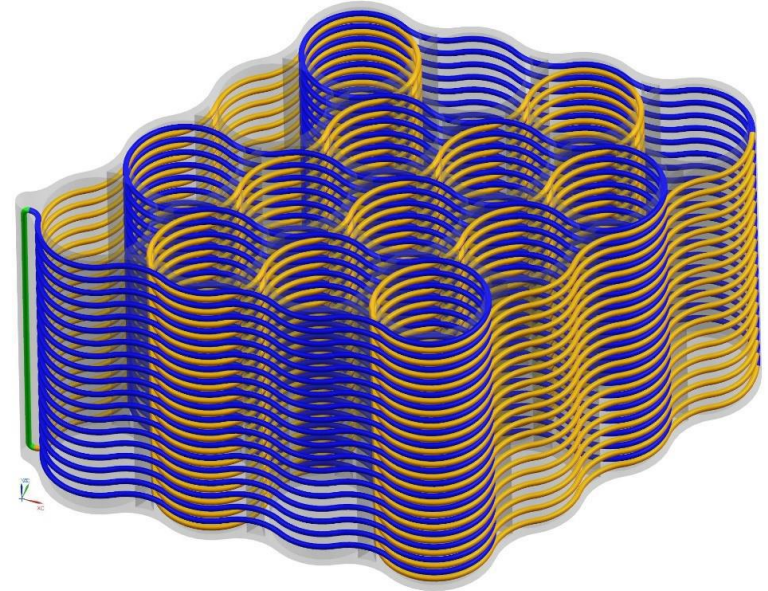


## Other Applications of Additive Manufactured OHP in JPL

**AM OHP for Actuator Thermal Management**  
Courtesy of Elham Maghsoudi (RPC-173)



**AM OHP for Lithium-Ion Battery Case that Prevents Thermal Runaway**  
Courtesy of Benjamin Furst (RPC-174)



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