Revolutionizing Turbine Cooling with Micro-Architectures Enabled by Direct Metal Laser Sintering

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Objectives

• Explore innovative cooling architectures enabled by <u>additive</u> <u>manufacturing techniques</u> for improved cooling performance and reduced coolant waste.

• Leverage DMLS to better distribute coolant through microchannels, as well as to integrate inherently unstable flow devices to enhance internal and external heat transfer.

- Demonstrate these technologies
 - 1. at large scale and low speed.
 - 2. at relevant Mach numbers in a high-speed cascade.
 - 3. finally, at high speed and high temperature.
- Complement experiments with CFD modeling to explore a broader design space and extrapolate to more complex operating conditions.



Direct Metal Laser Sintering

QUOTES FROM 2015 UTSR WORKSHOP at Georgia Tech

"To take advantage of additive manufacturing, you need to start with the design." - Bill Brindley, Pratt & Whitney

"DMLS enables novel designs." - Karl Wygant, Samsung Techwin America

"Challenges become opportunities!" – David Teraji, Solar Turbines

"Additive manufacturing moving from nicety to necessity." - Boeing

"Manufacturing as an enabler rather than as a burden." - Sanjay Sampath, Stony Brook University

"Ability to make macroscale parts with microscale features." Suman Das, Georgia Tech



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Integration of Promising Designs in NGV

Reverse Cooling on PS:

- Fed by upstream microchannel
- Better surface coverage with lower massflow?

Fluidic Oscillator Impingement Cooling on LE:

- Eliminate showerhead
- Lower massflow required?
- Microchannel exhaust





Microchannels in TE:

- Improved coverage with lower massflow required?
- Weight savings with skin cooling?

Sweeping Fluidic Oscillator Film Cooling:

- Improved coverage with lower massflow required?

VS.









Turbine Heat Transfer Facilities

 For innovative concepts to be viable, must be vetted in facilities that simulate the real operating environment



Gantt Chart



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PHASE 1: Concept Exploration

- Use available literature to identify most promising cooling designs:
 - Pulsed fluidic oscillators for internal cooling of leading edges
 - Sweeping fluidic oscillators for external film cooling
 - Reverse flow film cooling from microchannel circuits for pressure surface
 - Microcooling circuits replace trailing edge cooling
- Low-speed wind tunnel testing with scaled geometry
 - o Characterize cooling effectiveness and heat transfer
 - Test variants of geometry to determine optimum
 - Test sensitivity of each design to manufacturing tolerances
- Develop <u>computational models</u> of each cooling design
 - Generate flow solutions for each initial geometry
 - Validate solutions with experimental data from initial geometry
 - Explore design space and aid in optimization of geometry for each design
- Determine most promising and feasible technologies for Phase 2 based on experimental and computational results



Fluidic Oscillator Characterization

Design Variables: Aspect Ratio Surface Roughness



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Fluidic Oscillator Characterization

- Jet attached to the main channel wall due to Coanda effect.
- Part of the flow comes back through feedback channel.
- The extra mass feeds the separation bubble that pushes the jet to the other wall.



Lagrangian coherent structures in the flow field of a fluidic oscillator, **Ostermann et al (2015)**



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Fluidic Oscillator Characterization

- Schlieren for unsteady jet motion
- A microphone to measure the fluctuating pressure field.
- Hot wire to measure spreading angle.





Intensity [dB]

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Fluidic Oscillator Frequency Response

[zH] 100

Throat width (W)

Throat height (h

Aspect ratio (AR) =

- Two different 3D printing technique have been used.
 - Fused deposition modeling (FDM)
 - Polyjet.



Aspect ratio : 0.125,0.25,0.5,1,2



Fluidic Oscillator Frequency Response

- High density ABS.
- Resolution: 0.010"
- Identical build direction.







Intensity [dB]

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- Low density ABS.
- Resolution: 0.013"

Build direction

(a)

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Different build direction 15



Intensity [dB]

Roughness affects both frequency and spreading of the jet arc.engineering.osu.edu

Effect of Roughness

- Grit 100 sand paper has been characterized by Confocal microscopy.
- Range : -81 to 164 μm

$$Ra = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} |z_{surf,i} - z_{mean,i}| = 25.28 \mu m$$



Confocal laser scanning (CLSM) data for a grit 100 sand paper

Roughness configurations for different test runs

Test case	Тор	Bottom	Feedback	Mixing
	wall	wall	channel	Channel
Case 1	Rough	Rough		
Case 2	Rough	Rough	Rough	
Case 3	Rough	Rough		Rough
Case 4	Rough	Rough	Rough	Rough



Different test configurations with added roughness



(a) rough top & bottom wall (b) rough feedback channel (c) rough mixing channel

Schematics of different roughness configuration where rough walls are colored in red. *arc.engineering.osu.edu*

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Effect of Roughness (Frequency Response)

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- Weak frequency peak was observed for rough case.
- No oscillation was detected at higher mass flow (Case 4).



Test case	Top wall	Bottom wall	Feedback channel	Mixing Channel
Case 1	Rough	Rough		
Case 4	Rough	Rough	Rough	Rough



Oscillation frequency of different roughness configurations at $\dot{m} = 100 SLPM$



Oscillation frequency at different roughness configurations

(b)

500

Effect of Roughness (Schlieren Imaging)

- Frame rate: 3200 fps.
- Exposure time: 10ms.





Rough Fluidic Oscillator



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Fluidic Oscillator CFD study (Grid generation)

Boundary conditions

- Mass flow inlet.
- Pressure outlet.

Model description

URANS k- ω SST model



Grid independence study (a) coarse grid with 0.6 million cells, (b) fine grid with 1.3 million cells





Oscillation frequency calculation from CFD at $\dot{m} =$ 100 slpm, (a) Static pressure monitor locations, (b) Static pressure variation (c) FFT of the static pressure



Estimated oscillation frequency for different grids and comparison with experimental data



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Fluidic Oscillator CFD study (Model Validation)



Comparison of oscillating frequency (left) and supply pressure (right) with experimental data



Comparison of streamlines on a bisecting plane from experiment (top) taken from and CFD (bottom), over a half period.

Ref: Ostermann, F., Woszidlo, R., Nayeri. C.N., Paschereit, C.O., "Experimental comparison between the flow field of two common fluidic oscillator designs," 53rd AIAA Aerospace Science Meeting, Jan 2015, AIAA 2015-0781 *arc.engineering.osu.edu* 19



Fluidic Oscillator Impingement Heat Transfer



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Fluidic Oscillator Impingement: Motivation

 Camci (2002) found fluidic oscillators provide a "highly elevated stagnation line Nusselt number", where the impingement zone area coverage is "significantly enhanced"



Camci, C., Herr, F., "Forced Convection Heat Transfer Enhancement Using a Self-Oscillating Impinging Planar Jet," J. Heat Trans. 2002 Vol. 124, pp. 770-782.

• Fluidic oscillators at lower x/D values could provide a wider, more uniform impingement zone than straight jets in leading edge impingement cooling

<u>Fluidic Oscillator Impingement:</u> <u>IR Thermography Test Setup</u>



Schematic of Impingement Heat Transfer Test Setup

Transient IR Thermography Test Batch				
Device	z/D	ṁ [SLPM]	T_t [°F]	Re _D
Fluidic Osc.	4	70	150	22,600
Round Jet	4	70	150	33,200
Fluidic Osc.	8	70	150	22,600
Round Jet	8	70	150	33,200





<u>Fluidic Oscillator Impingement:</u> <u>IR Thermography Open Test Analysis</u>



Fluidic Oscillator Impingement: Transient h Analysis

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$$\frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} = \frac{1}{\alpha} \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} \quad \text{1D heat equation}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial r} \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial \eta^2} = -2\eta \frac{\partial T}{\partial \eta} \qquad \eta \equiv \frac{x}{(4\alpha t)^{1/2}}$$
Boundary conditions (semi-infinite solid)
$$T(x,0) = T_{init} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\lim_{x \to \infty} T(x,t) = T_{init}}{x \to \infty} T(x,t) = T_{init}$$

$$\frac{T(x,t) - T_{min}}{T_{x} - T_{min}} = erf\left(\frac{x}{2\sqrt{\alpha t}}\right) \qquad T_{x}$$
Boundary condition (step change in T_surface)
$$T(0,t) = T_{x} \qquad T_{x} - \int_{x} x$$

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$$q_{s,cond}''(t) = -\kappa \frac{dT}{dx}\Big|_{x=0} = \frac{\kappa}{\sqrt{\pi\alpha}} \frac{(T_s - T_{init})}{\sqrt{t}}$$



$$q_{s,cond}^{"}(t) = \frac{\kappa}{\sqrt{\pi\alpha}} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{T_{s}(\tau_{i}) - T_{s}(\tau_{i-1})}{\frac{1}{2} \left[\sqrt{t - \tau_{i}} - \sqrt{t - \tau_{i-1}} \right]}$$



$$q_{conv} = h(T_{\infty} - T_{s})$$

$$h_{n} = \frac{1}{T_{\infty} - T_{sn}} \left[\frac{2\kappa}{\sqrt{\pi\alpha}} \sum_{m=1}^{n} \frac{T_{sm}(\tau_{i}) - T_{sm-1}(\tau_{i-1})}{\sqrt{t_{n} - \tau_{i}} + \sqrt{t_{n} - \tau_{i-1}}} \right]$$

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Fluidic Oscillator Impingement: IR Thermography Open Test Analysis



• Fluidic oscillator achieves a higher, more uniform heat transfer coefficient

Fluidic Oscillator Impingement: IR Thermography Thermal Enclosure Test Setup

Engine Conditions: Cold Jet, Cold Entrainment Open Test Conditions: Hot Jet, Cold Entrainment

Entrained Flow



<u>Thermal Enclosure Test Conditions:</u> Hot Jet, Hot Entrainment



Fluidic Oscillator Test Batch			
AR	D _h (mm)	Manufacturing Technique	
0.5	4.11	CNC	
1	4.11	CNC, FDM	
2	4.11	CNC	
1	2.06	CNC, DMLS	
1	1.37	DMLS	





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<u>Fluidic Oscillator Impingement:</u> <u>IR Thermography Thermal Enclosure Test</u>





• Smooth CNC part has greater spreading angle than "rough" FDM part

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• Asymmetry in fluidic oscillator flow field is commonly observed

<u>Fluidic Oscillator Impingement:</u> <u>Heat Flux Gauge *h* Analysis</u>

- Transient heat transfer calculations are more commonly used for steady systems
- Heat flux gauges
 - Validate the transient method
 - Resolve oscillations with high frequency response
- New test plate accommodates IR and HFGs
- HFGs provide q, T_s
- T_{∞} taken from plenum or box quiescent air



Epstein, A.H., Guenette, G.R., Norton, R.J.G., and Yuzhang, C., 1985, "High Frequency Response Heat-Flux Gauge," Review of Scientific Instruments, 75(4): pp. 639-649.



$$q_{conv}^{"} = h(T_{\infty} - T_{s})$$



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Fluidic Oscillator Impingement: CFD Summary

- Jet impingement heat transfer Fluidic Oscillator vs. Steady Round Jet
 - Three z/D positions: 4, 6, and 8
 - Five mass flow rates: 10, 25, 50, 75, and 100 SLPM





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Steady Circular Jet



Fluidic Oscillator Impingement: CFD Domain

- Mesh size: 2-8 million polyhedral cells
- Boundary conditions:
 - Mass flow inlet
 - Pressure outlet
 - Constant temperature impingement plate
 - Symmetry boundary at the center of the oscillator
 - Other walls are adiabatic
- Turbulence modeled with the $v^2 f$ model
- Second order in time and space
 URANS with nominal 2µs time steps

STAR-CCM + r/D = 40

Aspect ratio = 2



Fluidic Oscillator Impingement: CFD Validation

Dscillating Frequency, Hz

- The steady jet average Nu up to r/D = 6 matches within 10% of the Nu correlation at all flow rates.
- Grid independence was measured by looking at meshes ranging from 2 million to 16 million cells. An intermediate grid (m2) was determined sufficient for this study.
- The v²f turbulence model was selected in order to best model the impingement heat transfer, though some accuracy of the fluidic oscillator fluid mechanics was sacrificed.





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Fluidic Oscillator Impingement: <u>CFD Results @ z/D = 4</u>

 Even though the mass flow rate and the hydraulic diameters were matched, the jet Re is significantly different between the two geometries.

The throat of an oscillator with an aspect ratio of 2 and a round hole with matching D_h

If hydraulic diameters are matched, the round hole will have 30% less area than the rectangular F.O. throat for AR = 2.

$$\dot{m} = \rho V A$$
 $Re_{D_h} = \frac{\rho V D_h}{\mu}$





Fluidic Oscillator Impingement:

<u>CFD Results @ z/D = 4</u>

*Steady = Steady round jet

- In the stagnation region, the Nu for the fluidic oscillator is nominally 50% below the steady jet
- Nu peaks near r/D = 2 for the oscillator and then drops more gradually than the steady jet





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Fluidic Oscillator Impingement: <u>CFD Results @ z/D = 4</u>

- Dividing Nu by $Re^{0.72}$ collapses the data sets for r/D > 2.
- The fluidic oscillator Nu is higher than the round jet by **30%** at r/D=3 and **70%** at r/D=6, which creates a more uniform Nu over a larger r/D



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Fluidic Oscillator Impingement: CFD Results

- Results at z/D = 6 and 8 have a similar trend.
- Nu is higher for the steady jet in the stagnation region.
- Nu is higher for the fluidic oscillator at larger r/D values.





Fluidic Oscillator Impingement: CFD Results







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Fluidic Oscillator film cooling study by Thurman et al.



Sweeping film cooling yields higher midpitch film effectiveness. More uniform coverage.



Experimental Setup



Cooling Hole Geometry



Frequency response



AR = 1, D = 4.1 mm

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2D (b) Angled exit 4D

1.5D

6.9D







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Shaped exit (SE)

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Freestream velocity	U_{∞}	10.4 m/s	
Exit geometry		Shaped, Angled	
Blowing ratio	$U_c \rho_c / U_\infty \rho_\infty$	0.98, 1.97, 2.94, 3.96	
Freestream temp	T_{∞}	95 °F	
Coolant temp	T _c	75 °F	
Freestream turbulence	Tu	0.4%, 10.1%	
Hole Reynolds number	Re _D	2900	
Density ratio,	$ ho_c/ ho_\infty$	1.05	

Test Conditions

Infrared camera:

- Cedip SILVER 480M
- Resolution: 320x256 pixel
- Sensor: Indium Antimonide (InSb) sensor
- Accuracy: ± 1°C
- Sensitivity: ± 0.02°C
- Max frame rate: 270Hz
- Intergation time : 1000µs







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Film Effectiveness Results



Film Effectiveness Results



Film Effectiveness Comparison



Ref: Thurman, D., Poinsatte, P., Ameri, A., Culley, D., Raghu, S., Shyam, V., 2016, "Investigation of Spiral and Sweeping Holes," ASME J. Turbomach., 138, pp. 091007-11



<u>Thermal Field (Tu = 0.4%, x/D = 6)</u>

- Angled exit hole exhibits larger spreading than the shaped exit case.
- Maximum jet penetration height is 2.25D at the blowing ratio of 2.94.
- Jet liftoff was also observed at higher blowing ratios

 $\theta = \frac{T_{\infty} - T_{w}}{T_{\infty} - T_{c}}$

 $T_{\infty} = freestream temperature$ $T_c = Coolant temperature$



Shaped exit (SE) Angled exit (AE) M = 0.98, Tu = 0.4% (SE) M = 0.98, Tu = 0.4% (AE) ₽² <u>न</u>ू 2 0^L -4 0⊏ -4 -2 -2 2 2 0 0 Δ z/D z/D M = 1.97, Tu = 0.4% (SE) <u>M = 1.97, Tu = 0.4% (AE)</u> ₽ ² ₹ 2 0└ -4 0Ľ -4 -2 -2 2 0 0 2 z/D z/D M = 2.94, Tu = 0.4% (SE) M = 2.94, Tu = 0.4% (AE) Q 2 <u>م</u>2 0└ -4 0⊑ -4 -2 2 -2 2 0 0 z/D z/D $\theta = \frac{T_{\infty} - T}{T_{\infty} - T_c} \quad \blacksquare$ 0.1 0.2 0.3 0.4 arc.engineering.osu.edu

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<u>Thermal Field (Tu = 0.4,10.1%, x/D = 6)</u>

- Significant mixing was observed.
- Maximum jet penetration height did not change significantly.
- Larger lateral spreading was observed for high turbulence case.

 $\theta = \frac{T_{\infty} - T_{w}}{T_{\infty} - T_{c}}$

 $T_{\infty} = freestream temperature$ $T_c = Coolant temperature$





Film Cooling CFD Study (Grid Generation)

Grid description

	Cell (ml)	M_dot (g/s)	Time/step (sec)	Time steps
Grid 1	2.31	0.394	5e-5	4000
Grid 2	6.18	0.394	5e-5	1500
Grid 3	8.14	0.394	5e-5	1800

Boundary conditions

- Blowing ratio , M = 1.97
- Mass flow inlet for fluidic oscillator
- Outlet : outflow boundary condition.
- Adiabatic wall.

Model description

- URANS k-*ω SST* model
- 2nd order in time.





Adiabatic Film Effectiveness and Thermal Field (CFD)

• CFD predicted higher oscillation frequency for the angled exit case which was validated by experimental data.







Exp. vs CFD (Thermal field)



<u>CFD Result (Streamwise vortices)</u>



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<u>CFD Result (Streamwise vortices)</u>



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Thermal field (Exp vs. CFD)

- Experiment was conducted with rough polyjet part while CFD calculation was done with a smooth fluidic device.
- Roughness limits the spreading of the jet.

 Spreading of the jet of the two fluidic oscillator varies with the exit geometry.

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Reverse Film Cooling



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Reverse Film Cooling: Motivation and Background

 Reverse film cooling consists of film cooling holes oriented to inject coolant upstream





Film cooling effectiveness from CFD comparing conventional and reverse configurations (Li et al., 2013)

 This configuration has not been extensively studied, the studies that have been conducted show that the reverse configuration produces a uniform effectiveness distribution downstream



Raw IR measurements of (a) downstream blowing and (b) upstream (reverse)



IR Images of temperature distribution comparing conventional and reverse configurations (Li et al., 2013)

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Reverse Film Cooling: Test Plate



Reverse Film Cooling: Test Conditions

- Flat plate film cooling experiments conducted in a low speed, open loop wind tunnel
- Freestream is heated to achieve temperature difference
- Low and high freestream turbulence conditions tested (Tu = 0.4% and 10.1%)
- Several blowing ratios tested at density ratio of approximately 1

Test Conditions			
U_{∞}	10 m/s		
T_{∞}	93 °F (307 К)		
T _c	55 – 65 °F (286 – 291 K)		
$M = (\rho_c u_c) / (\rho_\infty u_\infty)$	0.25, 0.5, 0.75, 1.0		
$DR = \rho_c / \rho_\infty$	1.055 – 1.073		
Re _D	10,500		



Schematic of low speed wind tunnel setup





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Reverse Film Cooling: Flow Visualization

- Coolant seeded with olive oil
- Images acquired at 5Hz
- Qualitative flow visualization
- Several interesting flow features flow interaction





Reverse Film Cooling: Particle Image Velocimetry

- Planar PIV performed in a bisecting plane down the hole centerline (z = 0)
- Freestream and coolant seeded with atomized olive oil. Coolant seeder mass flow rate measured/controlled to ensure accurate blowing ratio
- PIV details:
 - LaVision Imager Intense CCD camera
 - Nd:YAG Laser 532nm
 - 32x32 and 16x16 window sweeps to determine correlation and velocity vectors

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- Each image pair separated by 80µs to achieve pixel shift ~ 8 pixels
- 500 image pairs for each case



Reverse Film Cooling: Particle Image Velocimetry

- Centerline flow field shows several features:
 - Vertical-redirection and acceleration of the freestream
 - "Jetting" occurs at leeward edge of hole exit
 - Jet penetration increasing with blowing ratio
 - Recirculation zone downstream of the hole exit, which grows with blowing ratio
- Converged vectors in the near hole region for M = 1 case challenging due to high velocities in the "jetting" flow. $U = \sqrt{u^2 + v^2}$



Reverse Film Cooling: Film Cooling Effectiveness

- Film cooling effectiveness obtained using steady-state infrared measurements
- Effectiveness defined as $\eta = \frac{T_{\infty} T}{T_{\infty} T_{c}}$
 - Note: this is not the conventional η_{aw} in the near hole region, due to conduction from the upstream injection
- Lobes of high effectiveness apparent either side of the hole exit, and advance upstream with increasing blowing ratio
- Downstream of the holes the effectiveness becomes very uniform in the lateral direction
- Increased freestream turbulence leads to slightly decreased effectiveness



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Reverse Film Cooling: Film Cooling Effectiveness



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z/D

0.5

- Tu = 0.4%

---· Tu = 10.1%

-M = 0.25

-M = 0.5

-M = 1.0

1

1.5

-M = 0.75

Reverse Film Cooling: Thermal Field

- Thermal field obtained in lateral crossplanes at various streamwise locations
- Measurements acquired by traversing a rake of 1mm diameter K-type thermocouples (spaced 15mm apart) in a 2D grid
- Near-exit measurements at the windward edge show a portion of the jet penetrating upstream of the hole exit
- Regions of high non-dimensional temperature correspond to lobes of high effectiveness



Reverse Film Cooling: Thermal Field

- Thermal fields at x/D = 8 are laterally uniform for all blowing ratios
- Vertical extent and magnitude of θ increases with blowing ratio



Reverse Film Cooling: Computational Details

- Computational domain consists of one hole pitch with periodic boundaries, and models a portion of the plenum.
- Domain discretized using structured hexahedral cells.
- Simulations performed using commercial package Star-CCM+ :
 - Unsteady RANS
 - Implicit 2nd order unsteady solver
 - Star-CCM+'s "segregated solver" for flow and energy (SIMPLE)
 - 2nd order upwind scheme for convective terms
 - Turbulence modeled using k-ω-SST model





Reverse Film Cooling CFD: Grid Independence

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 $\mathbf{2}$

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x/D

8

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Reverse Film Cooling CFD: Unsteady Flow Field





Manufacturing Oscillators with DMLS

Inconel 718



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Fluidic Oscillators in Leading Edge Model



Fluidic Oscillator Nozzle Guide Vane Simulations

- A more uniform heat transfer performance would be advantageous in gas turbine applications.
- Currently, the fluidic oscillator impinging jet is being explored in a vane leading edge cooling application.





Fluidic Oscillator Film Cooling Vane Model


Reverse Film Cooling Vane Model and Simulations

Notional NGV Experimental Model





Trailing Edge Cooling with Microchannels



Adapted from: Han, J.-C., 2013, "Fundamental Gas Turbine Heat Transfer," J. Therm. Sci. Eng. App., Vol. 5, 021007

Microchannel Surface Cooling



Conventional Cooling Methods



Gantt Chart



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Reverse Film Cooling CFD: Film Cooling Effectiveness

- Simulations over predict effectiveness for all blowing ratios
 - Simulation (adiabatic wall) does not account for conduction and heating of coolant in the hole
- Similar "lobes" of high effectiveness observed in simulations, exaggerated over the experimental results
- Lateral uniformity predicted downstream of the hole





Reverse Film Cooling CFD: Conjugate Model



- Solid is meshed using an unstructured polyhedral mesh, with a non-conformal interface between the fluid and solid
- Struggling to get converged, symmetric solutions for M = 0.5 and 1.0. Suspect it may be the thermal time scale difference between fluid and solid? M = 0.25



