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Project Title: Integrated Transpiration and Lattice Cooling Systems developed by Additive Manufacturing with Oxide-Dispersion-Strengthened Alloys

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Outlines

- Background, Challenges, Objectives, Benefits of Technology, Research Task Plans
- Additive Manufacturing Processes
- Heat Transfer Results: Transpiration Cooling
- > Heat Transfer Results: Lattice Cooling
- Heat Transfer Results: Integrated Cooling
- > ODS Powder Development

Need for Turbine Cooling



Airfoil metal temperature distributions (in K) h_c=3000W/m²-K

Gas temperature: Hydrogen-fired turbine (~1430°C)

Near surface 'skin cooling' or 'double-wall' internal cooling arrangement leads to a significant reduction of metal surface temperature, ~50 – 100°C, compared to conventional serpentine cooling designs

Bunker RS. Evolution of Turbine Cooling. ASME. Turbo Expo: Power for Land, Sea, and Air, Volume 1: Aircraft Engine; Fans and Blowers; Marine; Honors and Awards ():V001T51A001. doi:10.1115/GT2017-63205.

One key will be the marriage of design and manufacturing to bring about the concurrent use of engineered micro cooling or transpiration, with the ability of additive manufacturing. If successful, this combination could see a further 50% reduction in coolant usage for turbines.

Proposed Technologies





Advanced Additive Manufacturing

Intricate Heat Transfer Enhancement Features

ODS Enhanced oxidation resistance and high temperature strength





Project Work Breakdown Structure



Milestones

- > All completed milestones achieved on schedule
- Milestones E moved to 2022 due to delays caused by COVID-19 shutdowns

Milestone Title	Planned Date	Verification Method	
A - Identify prototypes for integrated transpiration and internal cooling	6/30/2018	Prototypes geometries will be generated through the original optimization algorithm, and CFD simulation should be conducted for each geometry.	
B - Identify optimal configurations for integrated transpiration and internal cooling	9/30/2019	Systematic experimental tests should be conducted to proof the cooling effectiveness of the optimal geometry.	
C - Integrate new unit types into the optimization algorithm for ODS lattice structure	12/30/2019	Mechanical and heat transfer property of new lattice unit type should be obtained and input into the optimization algorithm. Several optimization cases should be conducted to proof the reliability of the algorithm.	
D - Identify the capability of AM equipment to print ODS Structure	9/30/2018	The capability of printing ODS structures should be identified for the AM equipment at Pitt. Decision should be made which AM equipment is the most suitable to fabricate ODS lattice structure.	
E - Develop successful approach to make ODS Structure for integrated transpiration and internal cooling	5/31/2022	Complete the fabrication of ODS structures with complex lattice geometry. Microstructure inspection should be conducted using OM and SEM.	
(Descoped) F - Complete high temperature experiments for integrated cooling structures made from ODS	9/30/2021	Heat transfer analysis will be conducted for the data obtained under high temperature. SEM characterization should also be included to exam the microstructure of ODS after high temperature operation.	
G - Develop successful approach to produce ODS powder suitable for additive manufacturing and lattice structures	9/30/2019	SEM and TEM characterization should be conducted to identify the sphericity, microstructure and size distribution of ODS powder.	
H - Complete thermal cyclic loading tests	5/31/2021	Optical micrographs, SEM and nondestructive micro-indentation tests should be conducted to proof the long term stability of ODS material.	

Benefits of Technology to the DOE Turbine Program



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AM Processes



As metallic additive manufacturing technologies advance significantly over the recent past, complex metal products, such as turbine components, can be manufactured by this innovative technology.

ODS Coupons using DMLS

- Powder bed fusion process using laser
- Well developed process \geq parameters for Inconel superalloys
- \geq Challenges regarding ODS powder process development to be mitigated by systematic study





EOS M290

Laser Power: 400W ٠

200um

- Laser Focal Diameter: 100µm
- Scan Speed: up to 7m/s
- **Printing Material:** Inconel 718 (similar composition to ODS) ٠





Fabricated coupons (In718)



ODS Coupons using Binder Jetting

- Powder bed fusion process using binder
- Close flowability and particle size to IN718
- Printing parameters:
 - Hopper frequency: ~2100 Hz
 - Coating layer speed: ~9 mm/s
 - Layer thickness: 100-120 μm
 - Layer curing time

Process overview







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Transpiration Cooling – Introduction

Concept: The coolant was forced through a porous wall or multiple micro-cooling channels to form an insulating layer of coolant film between the outer wall surface and hot stream.



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Thermo-fluid investigations

Thermo-fluid investigation – film cooling

- Flat surface without coolant protection:
- Film covered surface:

Net heat flux reduction (NHFR) = $1 - \frac{q}{q_0} = 1 - \frac{h_f}{h_0} \frac{(T_{aw} - T_w)}{(T_g - T_w)} = 1 - \frac{h_f}{h_0} (1 - \eta/\varphi)$

- Unknowns: $T_w, T_{aw}, \frac{h_f}{h_0}$
- In film cooling:

 $\eta = \frac{T_g - T_{aw}}{T_g - T_c}$: Adiabatic cooling effectiveness

 $\frac{h_f}{h_0}$: Heat transfer coefficient ratio

 Obtained from polymer coupons with low thermal conductivity

 $q_0 = h_0 (T_{ref} - T_w), \quad T_{ref} = T_a$

 $q = h_f (T_{ref} - T_w), \quad T_{ref} =$



 $\varphi = \frac{T_g - T_w}{T_g - T_c}$: Overall cooling effectiveness

Ranged from 0.5 - 0.7 in real engine conditions

Transpiration Cooling – Surface Heater

- Surface heater fabrication
- 1. SLA printed resin samples with low thermal conductivity
 - Reduction of conductive heat loss
- 2. Micro-lithography fabrication for surface heater
 - Direct deposition of silver coil onto the target surface
 - No blockage/plugging of the outlets



Plassys Electron Beam Evaporation System





$$R_h = \rho \frac{L_h}{w_h t}$$

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Transpiration Cooling – Wind Tunnel Test



- Heat transfer coefficient test:
- 1. Blowing Ratio: M = 0.125, 0.25, 0.5
- 2. Coolant Temperature: $T_c = 35 \ ^{\circ}C$
- 3. Mainstream Temperature: $T_g = 35 \text{ °C}$
- 4. Mainstream Velocity: $v_g = 11 \text{ m/s}$ (Re_g=98,000)
- 5. Heater power on for h_f : 0.2W

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6. No coolant injection to obtain h_0

- Adiabatic cooling effectiveness test:
- 1. Blowing Ratio: M = 0.125, 0.25, 0.5
- 2. Coolant Temperature: $T_c = 21 \ ^{\circ}C$
- 3. Mainstream Temperature: $T_q = 50 \text{ °C}$
- 4. Mainstream Velocity: $v_g = 11 \text{ m/s}$ (Re_g=98,000)
- 5. Heater power off for T_{aw}

Conduction Loss Evaluation

➢ 3D finite element method (FEM)



Transpiration Cooling – Adiabatic Cooling Effectiveness



- Smaller hole size or smaller hole pitch present better performance
- The impact of increasing blowing ratio from 0.25 to 0.5 is not as significant as the increase from 0.125 to 0.25

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Transpiration Cooling – HTC



HTC sensitive to blowing ratio and pitch-to-diameter ratio; but less sensitive to hole size

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• Smaller pitch leads to higher HTC, due possibly to interactions between closely adjacent coolant discharge

Comparison with Film Cooling



Min, Z, Parbat, S, Wang, Q, & Chyu, MK. "Surface Heater Fabrication Using Micro-Lithography for Transpiration Cooling Heat Transfer Coefficient Measurements." *Proceedings of the ASME Turbo Expo 2021: Turbomachinery Technical Conference and Exposition. Volume 5B: Heat Transfer — General Interest; Internal Air Systems; Internal Cooling*. Virtual, Online. June 7–11, 2021. V05BT13A007. ASME. <u>https://doi.org/10.1115/GT2021-59275</u>

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Approaches to Fabricate ODS Lattice Structures





Challenges:

- AM process parameters for ODS
- Controlling dimension change and deformation
- Identify minimum limitation of pore diameters

Lattice Heat Transfer Characterization

Objective: Design highly efficient and manufacturable integrated transpiration and internal cooling which has an overall averaged cooling efficiency of more than 0.6.

Internal Cooling with Macro Scale Lattice (Phase 1)
Transpiration Cooling with Micro Scale Lattice (Phase 2)

Approach

Identification of candidate transpiration and lattice geometries

- Transpiration: Candidate geometries from transpiration experiments
- > Lattice: Unit cell geometries, porosity, unit cell arrangement
- Experimental and numerical iteration
 - Experimental studies on cooling effectiveness
 - CFD to obtain flow fields
- Integrated design
 - Combining transpiration and lattice designs together to get high cooling effectiveness of more than 0.6
- Lattice optimization for improved thermal fluid characteristics

Unit Cells

Overview of unit cells under investigation:



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Lattices from Unit Cells



True – Scale Geometries

True scale geometries fabricated using DMLS additive manufacturing process
varying diameter and build orientation

Overhang issues









45° build orientation selected for fabrication

Conjugate heat transfer tests



- True-scale test coupons for conjugate heat transfer analysis
- Constant wall temperature boundary condition
- Obtain overall heat transfer
- Re_{ch} : ~3000 to ~13,000

Parbat, S., Min, Z., Yang, L., and Chyu, M. (May 12, 2020). "Experimental and Numerical Analysis of Additively Manufactured Inconel 718 Coupons With Lattice Structure." ASME. *J. Turbomach.* June 2020; 142(6): 061004. <u>https://doi.org/10.1115/1.4046527</u>

Pressure Drop



Heat Transfer



Nu and f Augmentation



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Integrated Cooling with Micro Scale Lattice (Phase 2)

- Transpiration for outer cooling, lattice for internal cooling
- Two possible coolant flow configuration





> Testing carried out in the already stablished wind tunnel



Overall Cooling Effectiveness



■ M=0.125 ■ M=0.25 ■ M=0.5

- Very small flow over backend lattices in plenum-fed configuration
- > The φ value follows $A_{lattice}/A_{footprint}$ ratio



Summary

□ Transpiration cooling

- The micro-lithography technique was employed to fabricate the surface heater on transpiration cooling target surface
- The adiabatic cooling effectiveness and HTC for the transpiration cooling structures were investigated for the first time
- Transpiration cooling with low blowing ratio (0.125) has higher adiabatic cooling effectiveness than multi-row film cooling and HTC ratio close to 1
- Although higher blowing ratio increases HTC significantly, the adiabatic cooling effectiveness of transpiration cooling is still higher than film cooling

□ Lattice cooling

- Conjugate heat transfer study was performed for true-scale lattices, showing high heat transfer
- Both heat transfer and pressure drop depended on the ligament diameter, unit cell topology, as well as the lattice orientation

□ Integrated cooling

- Two possible integrated design based on coolant flow direction being investigated
- The A_{lattice}/A_{footprint} is an important parameter for overall cooling effectiveness in integrated designs, thus making lattices preferable to pin fins for backend cooling

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Ni- and Fe-based ODS powder development for Additive Manufacturing of gas turbine component with better high temperature (up to 1200 °C) oxidation/corrosion resistance and material strength (i.e. creep and fatigue)

- (i) (to produce) ODS powder for AM with lower manufacturing cost and better yttria dispersion using a combined Hosokawa mechano chemical bonding (MCB) and ball milling (BM) process:
 - (a) MCB + BM
 - (b) MCB only
- (ii) AM processing optimization
- (iii) (to achieve) a durable α-Al₂O₃ oxide layer with strong adhesion to substrate (via external oxidation) for better oxidation and corrosion resistance

Yttrium Agglomeration in Traditional Mechanical Alloying (MA) using Ball Milling

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Yttrium agglomeration in ODS materials.

** ODS Ni-20Cr-5Al - xY_2O_3 powder is prepared by Ball milling and then sintered in vacuum carbon tube furnace.

Agglomeration phenomenon:

When the percentage is over 0.6%, resulted in the decrease of mechanical properties.

The agglomeration of yttrium is owing to the limitation of ball milling.

Advantage of WVU-developed Mechano-Chemical –Bonding (MCB) method:

Breakdown and uniform distribution of nano-sized refractory elements, e.g. Y_2O_3 in ODS alloy





** (a), (b) Ni-20Cr-5Al-0.6%Y2O3; (c), (d) Ni-20Cr-5Al-0.8%Y2O3; (e), (f) Ni-20Cr-5Al-1.0%Y2O3.



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WV Task Outline



- I. Advantage of MCB-processed powders for AM: uniform distribution of nano-sized yittrim oxide; uniform particle composition; near spherical shape
- II. Microstructure and oxidation resistance of ODS754
- **III.** Surface oxide layer formation of ODS754
- **IV.** Summary



ODS Powder processed by MCB+BM



Ni-20Cr-5Al-3W-1.5Y2O3 in Weight.%





MCB only







ODS Samples by LENS AM Machine





	Powder	Printing Parameters	Heat V Treatment
2	MCB 4000rpm 1h, +BM 400rpm 40h	250W,10mm/s, 0°+90°	N/A
20	MCB 4000rpm 1h, +BM 400rpm 40h	250W,10mm/s, 0°+90°	100W, 10mm/s
26	MCB 4000rpm 1h, +BM 400rpm 40h	250W,10mm/s, 0°+90°	200W, 10mm/s
1	MCB 4000rpm 1h, +BM 400rpm 40h	250W,5mm/s, 0°+90°	N/A
10	MCB 4000rpm 1h, +BM 400rpm 40h	250W,5mm/s, 0°+90°	100W, 10mm/s
16	MCB 4000rpm 1h, +BM 400rpm 40h	250W,5mm/s, 0°+90°	200W, 10mm/s
8	MCB only, 5000rpm 11h, acid+sieved	250W,10mm/s, 0°+90°	N/A
6	MCB only, 5000rpm 11h, acid+sieved	250W,10mm/s, 0°+90°	100W, 10mm/s
7	MCB only, 5000rpm 11h, acid+sieved	250W,10mm/s, 0°+90°	200W, 10mm/s



Oxidation Weight Gain-ODS754





Comparison of weight gain percentage of WVU ODS sample with other AFA alloys [1,2]

 Wright, I.G., Pint, B.A. & Tortorelli, P.F. Oxidation of Metals (2001) 55: 333. <u>https://doi.org/10.1023/A:1010316428752</u>
Brady, M.P., Muralidharan, G., Yamamoto, Y. et al. Oxid Met (2017) 87: 1.
West Virginia



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Yttrium Element Distribution under SEM As-printed ODS754 (MCB+BM)





Excellent oxide layer stability due to the uniform distribution of yttrium by MCB.



200W ODS – AM Printed





200W ODS – 2200cycles





ODS Coating

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Nano-sized γ' phase 750nm

Nano-sized γ' phase preserved at ODS costing after 2200 cycless West Virginia University.

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ODS samples (MCB +BM)



Uniform distributed nanoparticles



Before thermal cyclic test

After 2000 cycles

** Each cycle consists of moving test sample to the furnace within 15 minute and kept at 1100 °C for 45 minutes and moved out within 15 minutes, kept for 45 minute at room temperature.

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ODS samples (MCB only) -As-printed





Uniform distributed nanoparticles



ODS samples (MCB only) After 2000 thermal cycles





Uniform distribution of yttrium oxide nanoparticles



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Comparison



Material: Plasma rotating electrode process fabricated Rene 88DT powder with 5 vol.% Y₂O₃, ball milling for 48 hours

- Spark plasma sintering (SPS)
- Presence of coarse yttrium oxide particles



STEM bright field images of as-extruded R88-5Y alloy showing the dispersoids**

MCB-processed ODS alloys can achieve uniform dispersion of yttrium oxide nanoparticles.

** Xia, T.; Yang, C.; Zeng, W.; Xie, Y.; Zhang, Y.; Zhang, D.; Zhu, G.; Shu, D.; Lavernia, E. J. Dispersoids and γ' Precipitates in an Ultrafine Grained René 88dt - 5vol.%y2o3 Alloy with Outstanding Thermal Stability. *Materials Characterization* **2018**, *141*, 139–147 DOI: 10.1016/j.matchar.2018.04.027



Long term oxidation

250W (MCB only(6)) ODS, 1280 cycles-Weight gain Scanning Speed 0.5 in/s,100 W In-situ Laser Heat Treatment



(a) 80 cycles



Cross section of oxide layer

External and continuous Al_2O_3 was detected at 80^{th} cycles, 400^{th} , and 1280^{th} cycles.

(b) 400 cycles

(c) 1280 cycles



Long term oxidation (MCB only) 1280 cycles





Oxide layer and corresponding elemental distribution

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Schematic Diagram of Oxidation Process of AM-printed ODS alloys using MCB-processed ODS power





Oxidation mechanism:

Chromium and nickel oxide formed first, then alumina exists underneath the chromium oxide layer. No internal oxidation (underneath surface oxide layer) was observed.



NiO Spallation analysis



Nio spallation along grain boundary and inside the grains



Oxide morphology at the (a) 1st cycles, and (b) 1280th cycle



NiO spallation caused by thermal expansion mismatch.

How about the Cr_2O_3 and Al_2O_3 ?

Schematic of oxide layer and corresponding thermal expansion coefficient of oxides



Spallation Analysis of Surface Oxide Layers



expansion coefficient of oxides

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Spallation Analysis of Surface Oxide Layers



EDS analysis of surface oxides at the 1280th cycle

Layer 2 : Pure NiO



Schematic of oxide layer and corresponding thermal expansion coefficient of oxides West Virginia University, BENJAMIN M. STATLER COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND MINERAL RESOURCES **Spallation Analysis of Surface Oxide Layers**



EDS analysis of surface oxides at the 1280th cycle



Schematic of oxide layer and corresponding thermal expansion coefficient of oxides West Virginia University, BENJAMIN M. STATLER COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND MINERAL RESOURCES

Layer 3: NiO and Cr₂O₃ mixture





- Developed MCB + BM and MCB only methods for production of ODS powders suitable for AM applications.
- AM-printed ODS 754 samples showed uniform distribution of strengthening nano-sized yttrium oxide particles in alloy matrix, with excellent thermal stability after over 1000 thermal cycles.
- Excellent oxidation resistance of AM-printed ODS 754 alloy owing to the presence of a continuous protective and durable alumina layer

