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.



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?





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Turbine Heat Transfer Facilities

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



Sweeping Jet Impingement Cooling

Design Variables

□ Jet-to-wall spacing (H/D)

□ Exit fan angle (Ø)

Aspect ratio (AR)

□ Hole pitch (P/D)

Reynolds number (Re)



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<u>Overview</u>

□ Goal: Study the potential for using sweeping jets for impingement heat transfer in leading edge internal cooling applications.

Progression:

- \Box Flat plate experiments to determine the effect of Re, z/d_h
- □ **Computational studies** to determine the effect of exit nozzle angle, impingement surface curvature, and reduced frequency
- **Low speed** wind tunnel experiments with engine-relevant Biot number
 - □ Array of sweeping jets in a **faired cylinder**
 - □ Array of sweeping jets in a linear cascade **nozzle guide vane**
- **Transonic** cascade



Flat Plate Impingement Experiments with Solo Fluidic Oscillator



□ Surface temperature was measured with IR thermography, and heat flux was measured locally with heat flux gauges

Test matrix:

- **Reynolds numbers**: 20,000 to 35,000
- **Jet-to-wall spacings**: 5 to 7 (z/d_h)
- **\Box** Exit nozzle angles: 70° and 102°
- **T** Hydraulic diameter $d_h = 4.11 \text{ mm}$
- **A**= 1 for all fluidic oscillators

- Test jets mounted in a temperaturecontrolled chamber for transient tests
- Results compared to a circular L/D=1 orifice jet at similar test conditions



Heat Flux Gauge Impingement Measurements

- Unsteadiness evident in local heat transfer (HFG power spectra and IR)
- □ Validation of **oscillation frequency** (to within 5%), **bi-stable flow field**, and **spreading angle**



Results for Sweeping Impingement Jet

- □ Sweeping jet impingement Nu depends on jet Re^0.5
- □ Sweeping jet impingement heat transfer is **not symmetric** between lobes of high heat transfer
- □ Changing fluidic oscillator **exit angle** drastically **changes the sweeping jet** impingement heat transfer profile
- □ Heat transfer **on flat plate underperformed** compared to the circular jet

Opportunities for Design Optimization!!!



Impingement Study (CFD)

- □ CFD calculations performed with FO and round jet to investigate the external flow field and heat transfer parameters.
- **Unsteady RANS** ($k \omega$ *SST model*)



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External Flow Field(Iso-surface of Q-criterion)

- **CFD** showed complicated flow structure due to entrainment that leads to a pulsing action of the jet.
- □ Iso-surfaces are colored by Mach number and impingement surface is colored by local Nu number.







Surface Nusselt Number

- Sweeping action of the jet enhance cooling in the lateral direction.
- The time averaged Nu contour shows two distinct lobe of cold regions that were confirmed by heat flux gauge data.







Effect of \theta and H/D for Impingement Cooling(CFD)

- □ 72 cases were examined.
- $\Box \ \theta = 0^{\circ}, 20^{\circ}, 40^{\circ}, 55^{\circ}, 70^{\circ}, 85^{\circ}, 100^{\circ}, 130^{\circ}.$
- $\square \quad \dot{m} = 50, 75, 100 slpm$
- □ H/D = 3,5,8
- lacksquare Unsteady RANS ($k-\omega$ *SST* turbulence)
- $\square Re_D \sim 17500, 26000, 35000$

 $\theta = 100^{\circ}$ $\theta = 85^{\circ}$ $\theta = 70^{\circ}$ $\theta = 55^{\circ}$ $\theta = 40^{\circ}$



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H/D = 3~8

<u>Time Averaged Nu Distribution</u>

- □ Time averaged contours show the effect of exit fan angle on local Nu distribution.
- Large fan angle shows increased spreading of coolant. However, the peak value of Nu drops significantly due to mixing.



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Area Averaged Nu Distribution

- □ Results are shown as a function of exit angle.
- □ Area averaged Nu drops linearly (up to $\theta = 85^{\circ}$) as the exit angle increases for all massflow rates for H/D = 5.
- **\Box** Recall θ =0 is essentially steady jet.



Surface Uniformity Index

- □ The time averaged Nu distribution is not the whole story.
- □ In order to show the actual benefit of the sweeping action, a new parameter has been defined as 'Surface Uniformity Index (γ)'
- $\Box \gamma = 1$ indicates a perfectly uniform metal temperature.

$$\gamma = 1 - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{N} \sqrt{(Nu_i - \overline{Nu}_i)} \cdot A_i}{\overline{NuA}}$$



Leading Edge Model

- **\Box** Radius of curvature, $R_{LE} = 17D_h$
- \Box Leading edge diameter, $D_{LE} = 101.6mm$
- \Box Span, $S_{LE} = 380mm$
- \Box LE wall thickness, $t_{LE} = 1.5mm$
- \Box Exit Fan angle 40°



Leading Edge Wall Thickness (matched Bi number approach)

Adiabatic film effectiveness-

$$\eta = \frac{T_{\infty} - T_{aw}}{T_{\infty} - T_c}$$

Overall cooling effectiveness-

$$\phi = \frac{T_{\infty} - T_{wall,ext}}{T_{\infty} - T_{c}}$$

One dimensional heat transfer analysis-

$$\phi = \frac{1 - \eta}{1 + Bi + \frac{h_e}{h_c}} + \eta$$

$$Nu_D = 0.3 + \frac{0.62Re_D^{0.5}Pr^{0.33}}{\left(1 + \left(\frac{0.4}{Pr}\right)^{0.66}\right)^{0.25}} \left[1 + \left(\frac{Re_D}{282000}\right)^{\frac{5}{8}}\right]^{\frac{5}{28}}$$

	Model	Engine
Bi	0.1	0.1-1.0
h_e/h_i	0.5	0.5
\mathbf{T}_{∞}	310K	1680K [1]
T _c	275K	819K [1]

[1] Mattingly, J.D., Heiser, W.H., and Pratt, D.T., 2002, Aircraft Engine Design, 2nd edition, American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics





Test Matrix

- **7**2 tests were conducted.
- □ Both heat transfer and pressure drop measurements were performed.
- □ Span averaged and area averaged cooling effectiveness were estimated.

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

Pitch (P/D)	H/D	Tu
16	358	0.5%,
4,0	5,5,0	10.1%
16	358	0.5%,
4,0	5,5,6	10.1%
16	3,5,8	0.5%,
4,0		10.1%
	Pitch (P/D) 4,6 4,6 4,6 4,6	Pitch (P/D) H/D 4,6 3,5,8 4,6 3,5,8 4,6 3,5,8





Effect of H/D

- □ Span averaged cooling effectiveness are shown for AR = 1, P/D = 6
- □ Cooling effectiveness decreases with the increases of H/D and turbulence.
- At H/D = 5, sweeping jet shows promising performed compared to round jet.





Effect of H/D

- □ Span averaged cooling effectiveness are shown for AR = 1, P/D = 4
- Area averaged cooling effectiveness shows the effect of turbulence at varying H/D.





Effect of Aspect Ratio

- Overall cooling effectiveness contours are shown for sweeping jet and steady jet at three different aspect ratios.
- Area averaged effectiveness implies that aspect ratio of AR = 1 has the best cooling performance.





Effect of Freestream Turbulence

Freestream turbulence augments external heat transfer thus a drop in overall cooling effectiveness has been observed.





Effect of Pitch

At P/D = 4, the interaction between the adjacent jets augments internal heat transfer resulting in an increase in overall cooling effectiveness.





Internal flowfield (CDF)

- CFD shows mutual interaction between adjacent jets over time that induce coolant flow in the spanwise direction.
- CFD also reveals that the jet oscillations are not synchronized with adjacent jets.





Pressure Drop Measurement

□ Pressure drop across the device is lower for sweeping jet compared to steady jet for this particular plenum condition.



Vane Leading Edge Impingement

- □ Vane was designed at OSU as a research vane
- The vane has a large leading edge radius to facilitate surface temperature measurements
- Models were additively manufactured with stereolithography and fused deposition modeling
- Modular so that multiple impingement and film cooling geometries can be tested





Cascade Design

- Tests performed in a linear cascade in an open-loop wind tunnel
- The linear cascade section consists of threevanes, two passages.

Turbulence grid U_{∞}, T_{∞} Approach flow measurement slot Pressure loss measurement slot **OSU** vane **Existing tunnel** section **Contraction section Transition section** Adjustable Adjustable tail IR view port turning section board ARC 🗲

Vane geometry and flow condition

Parameter	Value
True chord (C)	15.24 <i>cm</i> (6 <i>in</i>)
Axial chord (C_x)	8.33 <i>cm</i> (3.28 <i>in</i>)
Chord/pitch (C/P)	1.20
Span/chord (S/C)	1.25
Inlet and exit angles	0° and 70°
Chord Reynolds number (Rein)	9.5 x 10 ⁴
Freestream velocity, (U_{∞})	9.5m/s
Freestream temperature, (T_{∞})	315K

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Vane Leading Edge Impingement

- Leading edge modules were manufactured by SLA for circular and sweeping jet configurations
- Leading edge thickness was designed to match enginerelevant Biot (0.1-0.3)
- Fluidic oscillator design parameters were taken from the leading edge model study
- Vane surface temperature was measured with IR thermography in the region indicated





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Overall Cooling Effectiveness



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Overall Cooling Effectiveness

- \Box Span-averaged θ profiles show the circular jet cools the surface more effectively
- Sweeping jet has a broader, more uniform cooling profile
- Increasing freestream turbulence has a similar effect on both circular and sweeping jets



 $J, \dot{m} = 0.125 \ g/s$ $= 0.188 \ q/s$

FO, $\dot{m} = 0.188 \ q/$

 $FO, \dot{m} = 0.25 \ g/s$

0.04

 $= 0.25 \ q/s$

0.02

0

 $= 0.125 \ g/s$

Span averaged effectiveness

0.5

θ

Span-averaged Overall Effectiveness 0.4 0.3 0.3 0.25

0.2 0.16

Low Tu (0.3%)

0.12

0.1

0.08

0.06

0.14

<u>Internal Nusselt Number</u>

- Calculated with a computational thermal inertia method
 - Driving coolant temperature, external temperature, and external heat transfer coefficient are known
 - Measured external surface temperature is applied as a boundary condition on the solid model
 - Internal heat transfer coefficient is guessed, and updated based on how accurate the predicted external temperature is compared to the measured temperature



Pressure Drop

- Sweeping jet has HIGHER pressure drop than circular jets
- **Opposite of cylinder result**
- □ Could be solved with **improved plenum design**, enabled by additive manufacturing





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Reverse Film Cooling



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Reverse-oriented Film Cooling



- Reverse film cooling has potential to provide a more uniform coolant spread due to the redirection of the coolant flow by the main flow
- Reverse cooling was studied experimentally and numerically to gain an understanding of the physics behind the interaction in attempt to increase net heat flux benefit



Mid-hole PIV Measurements

- Clear high-velocity jetting from the leeward edge of the hole
- Jetted fluid creates a blockage, accelerating the freestream over the hole
- Low velocity fluid above the hole, and large recirculation zone downstream of the hole





Adiabatic Cooling Effectiveness – High Turbulence



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Adiabatic Cooling Effectiveness

□ Laterally averaged data compared with conventional cylindrical and 777-shaped holes

Reverse cooling shows better performance near the hole, with good coverage downstream





Area-averaged Heat Transfer Values

- Reverse cooling augments heat transfer coefficient significantly compared to conventional cooling cases
- Reverse cooling provides net heat flux benefit, but less than the conventional holes due to increased h



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Pressure Loss

- Pressure loss created by reverse cooling holes was calculated with total pressure taps downstream
- □ Follows trend of increasing pressure loss with increasing compound angle





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LES Computations – Flow Visualizations



Physical Understanding

Goal of the computations was to gain a better understanding of the hole flow physics so that design changes could be made to improve reverse cooling



Sweeping Jet Film Cooling



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Preliminary Flow Field Analysis (CFD)

- Unsteady RANS simulation was performed to evaluate the time averaged and time accurate flow field at the down stream of the hole.
- □ The time averaged flow field is deceiving since it would suggest that the SJ vortices mutually induce each other to the wall.
- □ The jet acts as a vortex generator as it interacts with the freestream.



Effect of Exit Fan Angle for Film Cooling(CFD)

- □ Four different exit angles have been studied for sweeping jet film cooling hole.
- Distance between hole leading edge and trailing edge was kept constant.





Effect of Exit Fan Angle for Film Cooling(CFD)

- **D**ata were averaged over the hole pitch (P/D = 8.5).
- □ Hole with **70 degree fan angle shows the highest** area averaged film effectiveness.



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Effect of Exit Fan Angle (CFD)

- Cross plane velocity fields are shown at x/D = 6
- □ Two CRVPs have been observed for $\phi = 40^{\circ}$ and $\phi = 100^{\circ}$ case.



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 $\phi = 40^{\circ}$

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SJ

M = 0.98, Tu = 0.4%, SJ

M = 1.97, Tu = 0.4%, SJ

M = 2.94, Tu = 0.4%, SJ

M = 3.96, Tu = 0.4%, SJ

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30 0

0.2

0.3

0.1

10

0.4

x/D

0.5

20

10

x/D

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

Preliminary Hole Design (Flat plate test)

777

- The SJ hole exhibits higher span averaged effectiveness at the near hole region (x/D<15).
- SJ hole film effectiveness is more **uniform** along the span.



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Vane Flow Visualization

□ Water flow visualization shows uniform oscillation at each hole.

Time accurate

Instantaneous

 $\emptyset = \mathbf{0}^{\circ}$

 $\emptyset = \mathbf{180}^{\circ}$







Measurement Location

- Transient IR measurements were take at the mid-span of the vane. The measurement area covers five holes.
- Heat transfer measurement were taken at –
 - Tu = 0.3%,
 - M = 0,0.5,1.0,1.5.
- Wake survey was performed at 0.1C downstream of the vane over a single pitch.
- Wake survey was performed at –
 - Tu = 0.3%, 6.1%
 - M = 0,0.5,1.0,1.5.





<u>Cooling Effectiveness (SJ vs 777)</u> <u>at Tu = 0.3%</u>

 Cooling effectiveness was estimated at three different blowing ratios (M = 0.5,1.0,1.5)

$$\eta = \frac{T_{\infty} - T}{T_{\infty} - T_c}$$

- At low blowing ratio (M = 0.5), a high cooling effectiveness was observed in the near hole region for SJ hole.
- As blowing ratio increases, the cooling effectiveness increases downstream and drops again at the highest blowing ratio (M = 1.5)

Cooling performance of the 777-shaped hole similar to flat plate.





<u>Cooling Effectiveness (SJ vs 777)</u> <u>at Tu = 6.1%</u>

- Turbulence increases lateral spreading of the coolant for 777 hole.
- Turbulence increases mixing, thus a reduced film effectiveness was observed at all blowing ratios for SJ hole.





Span averaged Cooling Effectiveness

- □ Span averaged cooling effectiveness was estimated at three different blowing ratios (M = 0.5, 1.0, 1.5)
- Sweeping jet hole shows higher cooling effectiveness in the near hole region compared to 777-hole.



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Lateral effectiveness



Area averaged Cooling Effectiveness

Data were averaged over 20 hole diameter in the streamwise direction and three hole pitch (18D) in the spanwise direction.

D Sweeping jet hole shows higher $\overline{\eta}$ compared to 777-holes at all blowing ratios

- The area averaged film effectiveness data for SJ are compared with cylindrical hole (CY), shaped hole (SH), and anti-vortex hole (AV) in a similar low speed cascade experiment performed by Ramesh et. al. [2017].
- □ Note that the vane geometry (*GE* E^3) used in their study is different from the current geometry



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Heat Transfer Coefficient

- Transient experiments were performed at three different blowing ratios (M = 0.5,1 and 1.5) and Tu = 0.3%.
- The convective heat transfer coefficient was then estimated using Duhamel's superposition principle
- SJ shows a high values of convective heat transfer coefficient compared to 777-shaped hole.
- The unsteady interaction between the shear layers of two coolant streams probably causes this augmentation of h.





Net Heat Flux Reduction

- Heat transfer augmentation depends on both the heat transfer coefficient ratio and adiabatic film effectiveness.
- Results show approximately 18% improvement in overall cooling benefit at M = 1.0 for SJ hole.



 $\frac{q}{q_o} = \frac{h}{h_o} \left(1 - \frac{\eta}{\phi} \right)$

Here, $\phi = 0.6$

Q 0

η

0.8

0.6

0.4

Total Pressure Loss Measurement (2D Grid)

Baseline (M = 0)

= 0.3% (M = 1)

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= 6.1% (M = 1)

2

z/P

Z/P

Z/P

- A wake survey was performed in a 127 mm x 51 mm plane normal to the vane span at 0.1C downstream of the vane trailing edge
- A wake total pressure loss coefficient (γ) was then estimated.

$$\gamma = \frac{Pt_{in} - Pt_{ex}}{\frac{1}{2} \rho U_{\infty}^2}$$

SJ hole shows a uniform increase of γ along the span due to sweeping action of the coolant.



Total Pressure Loss Measurement

- \Box Span averaged loss coefficient ($\overline{\gamma}$) for SJ and 777-shaped hole.
- □ The baseline data implies the span averaged loss coefficient ($\overline{\gamma_o}$) without any coolant flow.
- □ An increase in $\bar{\gamma}$ on the suction side implies additional aerodynamics loss due to coolant flow.
- It is also evident that SJ hole generates more aerodynamic losses compared to 777-hole at all blowing ratios.



Trailing Edge Cooling







Trailing Edge Cooling AM Concepts

Can we decrease pressure drop without decreasing heat transfer?

- **Elliptical** pin fin <u>decreases</u> pressure loss with comparable thermal performance
- Dimples <u>increase</u> Nu while <u>decreasing</u> pressure loss
- **Centerbody** <u>concentrates</u> coolant at the wall
- **Tip clearance** <u>decreases</u> pressure drop and maintains Nu at the wall with the pins.
- Triangular pins <u>increase</u>heat transfer augmentation
- Design concepts enabled by AM









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Preliminary Pressure Drop (CFD vs Exp)







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