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Applications of a Reduced-Order Model of CC Mold Heat Transfer

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Introduction

- Need a simple model of the mold for shell solidification models coupled with:
 - Shell mechanical behavior
 - Mold distortion
 - Fluid flow
- "Reduced-order model" (ROM) options:
 - CON1D: 1D mold (2D at meniscus), interface, shell, etc.
 - Layer of finite elements: mold as a rectangle/brick
 - Boundary condition: mold as zero-D model



1D Temperature Solution

 Treat channels as fins, solve 1D steady conduction equation to give

$$T_{1\mathrm{D}}(x) = \begin{cases} \bar{T}_{\mathrm{water}} + q_{\mathrm{hot}} \left(\frac{1}{h_{\mathrm{cold}}} + \frac{d_{\mathrm{plate}}}{k_{\mathrm{mold}}} + \frac{d_{\mathrm{coat}} - x}{k_{\mathrm{coat}}} \right) & \text{if } 0 \le x \le d_{\mathrm{coat}} \\ \\ \bar{T}_{\mathrm{water}} + q_{\mathrm{hot}} \left(\frac{1}{h_{\mathrm{cold}}} + \frac{d_{\mathrm{plate}} + d_{\mathrm{coat}} - x}{k_{\mathrm{mold}}} \right) & \text{if } d_{\mathrm{coat}} \le x \le d_{\mathrm{coat}} + d_{\mathrm{plate}} \end{cases}$$

• Cold face HTC: $h_{\text{cold}} = \left(\frac{w_{\text{c}}}{p_{\text{c}}}\right) h_{\text{roots}} + \left(1 - \frac{w_{\text{c}}}{p_{\text{c}}}\right) h_{\text{fins}}$

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Water Channel HTC

• We recommend the Sleicher-Rouse model – Good fit (7% error) with measurements

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Aside: Optimum Fin Geometry

• h_{cold} has the maximum value of 5/3 h_{water} with $p_{\text{c}} = \frac{3}{4} \frac{k_{\text{mold}}}{h_{\text{water}}} \approx 9 \text{ mm}$ $w_{\text{c}} = \frac{1}{4} \frac{k_{\text{mold}}}{h_{\text{water}}} \approx 3 \text{ mm}$ $d_{\text{c}} = \operatorname{atanh}(\chi) \frac{1}{2} \frac{k_{\text{mold}}}{h_{\text{water}}} \approx 21 \text{ mm}$ $0.95 \le \chi < 1.0$

Values from solving the unconstrained optimization problem $\nabla h_{cold}(p_c, w_c, d_c) = 0$ assuming no fouling and constant h_{water}

- Fin assumption not valid at this configuration
- BUT, maximizing the heat extraction is one of many goals of mold/channel design

ROM Calibration

 Use a small 3D FEM model of the mold that captures all the details of mold heat transfer

- Called "snapshot" model in ROM literature



ROM Calibration Summary

• Examine blueprints, calculate channel geometry $p_{
m c} \, \, w_{
m c} \, \, d_{
m c}$

$$w_{\rm c}, d_{\rm c} = \frac{A_{\rm physical}}{D_{\rm h, physical}} \left(1 \pm \sqrt{1 - \frac{D_{\rm h, physical}^2}{A_{\rm physical}}} \right) \qquad \qquad \frac{A_{\rm c}}{p_{\rm c}} = \frac{A_{\rm c, total}}{w_{\rm mold}}$$

Maintain 1) cross-sectional area 2) hydraulic diameter and 3) water area per unit width

 Build 3D calibration model, calculate average hot face, average channel, max channel, average TC temperatures

$$d_{\text{plate}} = \frac{k_{\text{mold}}^{\diamond}}{q_{\text{hot}}^{\diamond}} \left(T_{3\text{D,hot}} - \bar{T}_{\text{water}}^{\diamond} \right) - k_{\text{mold}}^{\diamond} \left(\frac{1}{h_{\text{cold}}^{\diamond}} + \frac{d_{\text{coat}}^{\diamond}}{k_{\text{coat}}^{\diamond}} \right)$$
$$d_{\text{roots}} = \frac{k_{\text{mold}}^{\diamond}}{q_{\text{hot}}^{\diamond}} \left(T_{3\text{D,hot}} - T_{3\text{D,roots}} \right) + d_{\text{coat}}^{\diamond} \left(1 - \frac{k_{\text{mold}}^{\diamond}}{k_{\text{coat}}^{\diamond}} \right)$$
$$d_{\text{channels}} = \frac{k_{\text{mold}}^{\diamond}}{q_{\text{hot}}^{\diamond}} \left(T_{3\text{D,hot}} - T_{3\text{D,c}} \right) + d_{\text{coat}}^{\diamond} \left(1 - \frac{k_{\text{mold}}^{\diamond}}{k_{\text{coat}}^{\diamond}} \right)$$
$$d_{\text{TC}} = \frac{k_{\text{mold}}^{\diamond}}{q_{\text{hot}}^{\diamond}} \left(T_{3\text{D,hot}} - T_{3\text{D,TC}} \right) + d_{\text{coat}}^{\diamond} \left(1 - \frac{k_{\text{mold}}^{\diamond}}{k_{\text{coat}}^{\diamond}} \right)$$

Use same values of k_{mold} , q_{hot} , h_{water} , and coating and fouling layers as used in 3D model

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• Calibrating with $h_{\text{water}} = 40 \text{ kW/m}^2 \cdot \text{K}$ and using the ROM with $h_{\text{water}} = 50 \text{ kW/m}^2 \cdot \text{K}$ causes about 0.6 mm error in d_{plate} , which causes about 4 °C error in mold temperatures







Using the ROM

- Standalone CON1D is fast and accurate

 Includes 2D correction near meniscus
- 2. In 2D and 3D models of shell heat transfer (with deformation, fluid flow, *etc*.),
 - a) model the mold as a rectangular plate of calibrated thickness d_{plate} with h_{cold} and T_{water} convection on the back
 - b) use a "zero-D" model of the mold with

$$\frac{1}{h_{\text{mold}}} = \frac{1}{h_{\text{cold}}} + \frac{d_{\text{plate}}}{k_{\text{mold}}} + \frac{d_{\text{coat}}}{k_{\text{coat}}}$$

ROM Mold as Plate

Mold as rectangle or brick of thickness d_{plate} , with h_{cold} and T_{water} for cold-face convection Meshed $h_{
m cold}$ Solidifying mold Allows for heat conduction shell in other directions Axial near meniscus Transverse near slab corners **d**_{plate} Several layers of elements for transient behavior **d**_{plate} h_{water} h_{cold} Mold kW/m²⋅K kW/m²·K mm WF 21.86 26.4 31.5 NF 28.43 26.4 33.6 • 17 University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign L. C. Hibbeler Metals Processing Simulation Lab



ROM Mold as BC

- Mold a single row of elements at hot face temperature (use constraint equations) with h_{mold} on cold side
- ABAQUS subroutine FILM gives T_{hot} as input and wants h_{mold} and dh_{mold}/dT_{hot} as output

Mold	h _{water} kW/m²⋅K	h _{mold} kW/m²⋅K
WF	26.4	6.76
NF	26.4	5.64



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Conclusions

- Physics of 1D temperature solution used to construct a ROM of mold heat transfer
- Heat transfer characteristics consistent with the physical mold, by construction
- Key temperatures as accurate as a 3D FEM model, by construction, in fraction of the time
 - Hot face
 - Channel root and average
 - Thermocouple



For model details and complete discussion of assumptions,

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