

Cooled Turbine Airfoil Agile Design System

CTAADS™

CTAADS is a systematic, logical, and rapid 3D modeling approach to cooling-system design for cooled axial turbine vanes and blades. The system includes many special features that can significantly reduce the total time and cost for designing cooled turbine airfoils.

CFD Solution

- Integrated suite of independent software modules
- Efficient data transfer and sharing complete 3D thermal analysis including film holes, impingement holes, trailing edge exit slots, pedestals, and thermal barrier coating
- geometric finite elements
- Fast finite difference thermal solver TAS™ by ANSYS Corporation
- Airfoil Core Generation External Airfoil **Boundary Conditions** 3D Auto Mesh Film Effectiveness External Airfoil Boundary Condition 3D airfoil model represented with Thermal Analysis System (by Harvard Thermal, Inc.) Film Effectiveness CTAADS System Schematic

Steady-State Solution

Internal Cooling Airflow

- User-defined pressure loss and heat transfer correlations (for internal cooling airflow model)
- User-defined film effectiveness curves

Basic System Components

- Airfoil core and 3D solid-model generation
- Automatic 3D mesh generation
- Internal cooling airflow model
- External airfoil boundary conditions

Film effectiveness

Analysis Parameters and Documentation

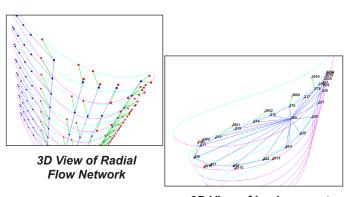
- Automatic boundary conditions mapping
- Steady state thermal analysis
- Postprocessing

3D Visualization of Internal Flow Network

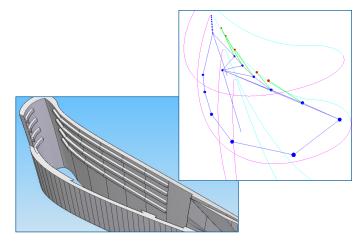
The internal flow network can be visualized in 3D space relative to the cored airfoil, with node and branch information being viewed on the same network, after the "Construct Definition" is executed. The radial flow network shows the internal nodes, boundary nodes, stagnation points, internal branches and Airfoil PS & SS wall contours in different colors for easy identification.

External Flow Solver

Users can specify a uniform initial external airfoil wall temperature. However, once the steady-state module is started in CTAADS, external wall temperatures are read from the TAS thermal model and the initial estimates no longer apply.



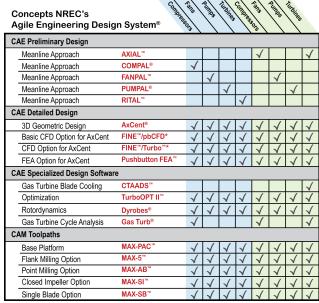
3D View of Impingement Flow Network

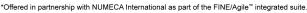


Axial Riblet (left), and model view of cooling on one side of airfoil (right).

New Cooling Features

Users can model axial riblets that act as axial channels and cooling fans, for single impingement type cooling configurations which will wrap around the airfoil internal wall and break before the TE cooling feature starts. Riblets can be discontinued at LE to allow radial flow. Staggered and inline impingement hole arrangements for single and double impingement type cooling configurations are also available, as well as configurations with impingement cooling on only one side of the airfoil tube (either on PS or SS), and a meter plate on cooling air supply network.







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