Optimization of Gas Turbine Blade Cooling System

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Abstract: ***At present, Gas turbines play an essential responsibility in different areas such as jet, generating power and various commercial and industrial sectors. Melting point of the turbine blade may causes the hotness levels which go rapidly raise. Likewise, heavy crack may cause because of Turbine Inlet Temperature (TIT) at turbine blades for the period of expansion procedure of turbine sector. Hence, a highly developed blade cooling system is required for safe operation of turbines. The proposed system deals with the serpentine rip - roughened passage with micro pin fin cooling system and it has been analyzed corresponding to serpentine cooling system. It increases the heat transfer enhancement. Therefore, very warm gases in and around the turbine blade may have a stream temperature at 1500K. On the other side, cool air disclosed to the blade core duct and an entry temperature may have been 650K. The proposed systems with 2D and 3D model were developed by using CATIA. The 3D design is then analyzed using CFD. Further, the corresponding results of serpentine rip - roughened passage and micro pin fin arrangement in serpentine rip-roughened passage are compared and the details are presented.***

Keywords: Gas Turbines, Turbine Inlet Temperature (TIT), CFD, Cooling system, CATIA

I. INTRODUCTION

Nowadays, the gas turbine plays a vital role in power generation, industrial and aircraft propulsion. The gas turbine is one of the most powerful power plants, which generates more amount of energy for its weight/size ratio. It is more compact, less weight and it is used as a multiple fuel application. By increasing TET which consequences in raise of performance and output power of turbines. It is very clear that, Brayton cycle states that the efficiency of the gas turbines increase with amplify the pressure ratio and go along with boost the temperature of the turbine. All most overall efficiency can increase by increasing the pressure ratio at a particular temperature. Moreover, raising the pressure may causes certain firing temperature can face the consequence in decreasing the whole cycle efficiency.

As the Turbine Temperature is more, the high temperature shifted to gas turbine blades which also increase. The stage and deviation in the heat surrounded by the turbine blade substance should be incomplete to achieve realistic toughness targets.

Also the heats are far away from the acceptable metal hotness due to such condition there is a necessity to cool down the blades and operated in a safe condition. Consequently, the improvement of high temperature materials a complicated cooling technique should be improved by HP phase turbine blade for nonstop and protected operation with higher efficiency.

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Numerous research works are being passed away to sort-out the mentioned crisis.

OBJECTIVE OF THE WORK:

- To develop turbine blade, cooling tools plays an essential responsibility in growing thermal power performance and output power.
- Turbine blades are internally cooled by passing an air enhanced serpentine rib-roughened passage with micro pin fin system.
- To boost temperature transfer in the interior part of the turbine blade.

PROBLEM STATEMENT AND ASSUMPTIONS:

The objective of the proposed system is to deal with the consequence of pin fin cooling ducts on turbine blades by changing the numerical parameters and contrasting the similar with rounded cooling ducts.

The below mentioned statements are assumed to be made by a. The computational area is embedded and prepared by liquid-solid boundary with conjugate temperature transfer. b. Stable incompressible flow for the fluid and c. Flow is implicit and tumultuous with fully designed forms.

II. INCREASING PERFORMANCE BY COOLING

Nowadays, the environmental awareness is increased and fuel costs become more and more. Lately, they contain strong endeavors towards improved performances for all automobile applications. Especially in aircraft applications, fuel consumptions plays major role when compare to gas turbine and also one must concentrate on the certain work output. The former is similar to the in- verse of the performance while the latter is a correct measure of the density of the turbine.

Last decades, especially in stressed environment the odd materials are worn, and they are unable to survive the demanded temperature with lacking of yielding to the harsh environment.

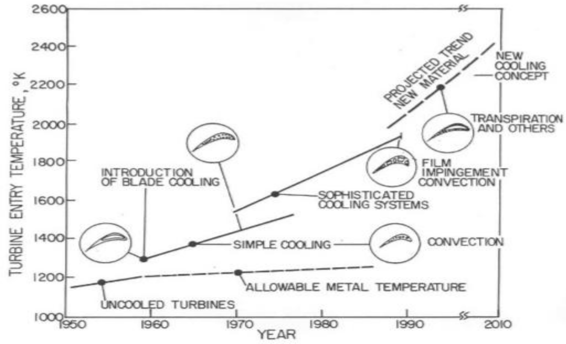


Figure 1. Turbine Entry Temperature (Copyright Rolls Royce plc)

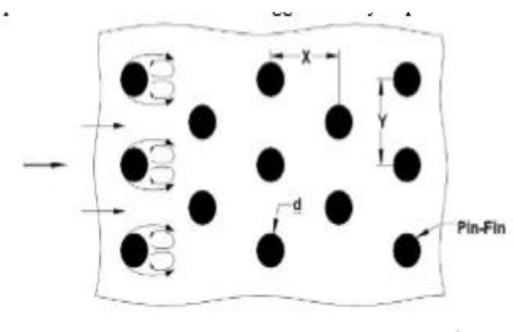
Moreover if temperature rises, high- strength matter like nickel and cobalt alloys are become weak, and while the loads in a rotating turbine are enormously high, and it leads to fails the overall structure of the turbines, so necessary measure should be taken to avoid such failures.

COMPUTATIONAL FLUID DYNAMICS

The proposed system is done with CATIA and ANSYS software and for mechanical mesh generation and node collection. ANSYS 14.5 is used to design the thermal and structural modules; for the investigation of the rotor blade. Here the rotor blades were fully checked for distribution of temperature, and different mode shapes.

The blade is then examined repeatedly with thermal preceding and structural analysis. The design is discredited using 8 noded plane elements & 20-nodes structural solid element.

III. INRODUCTION TO CATIA:



The turbine blade is designed by using CATIA software. Key points are designed along with the shape and in the running plane. The points are combined by linking spine curves to get a smooth curve. The curve is then changed into region and then volume was created by extrusion. The hub is also created similarly. These two volumes are then merged into solo volume. The airfoil (blade) points are downloaded from NACA airfoil series. These points are put into the EXEL form coordinates in X, Y and Z. These points are import to the CATIA software.

INRODUCTION TO ANSYS:

Using ANSYS solutions, the design of turbine blade is conceded out. The blade is then designed successively with thermal analysis and structural analysis. The design is done by using 6 noded solid elements (INCONEL). The turbine blade surface is applied with Surface element for implementing the convection loads. By thermal analysis, the temperatures of blade can be done with resolute. Continue with this, the structural analysis is passed out by importing the temperatures resolute in thermal analysis. 6 noded solid elements were used for structural analysis. The loads measured for structural analysis are tangential forces, centrifugal and axial.

SERPENTINE COOLING SYSTEM:

(a) RIP TURBULATED COOLING:

Rib turbulated are commonly worn technique to develop the temperature transfer in the internal twisting cooling ways. The rib turbulence supporters are usually kept on two opposed walls of the cooling passageway. Heat passes from the surface of pressure and suction all the way through the blade walls and is again transformed to the cool turbine which is passing within the blade. The temperature transfer feat of the ribbed canal depends on the rib configurations, channel aspect ratio, and the Reynolds number of coolant flow. Many basic studies had been investigated and to identify the cool flow through a static ribbed canal.

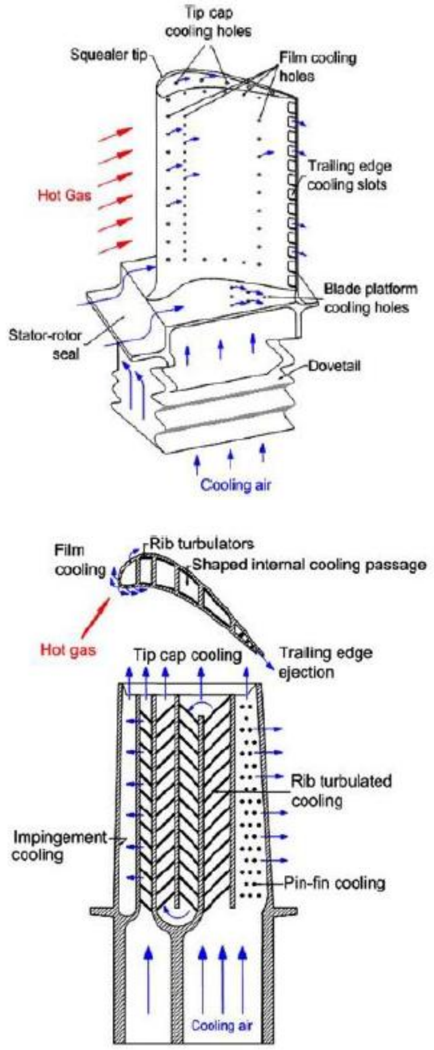


Figure 2: Serpentine rib roughened cooling system.

(b) TURBULANCE DUE TO PIN FINS:

Main losses in the turbine blade is depends on the thickness of the downstream part. For this reason, the blade has to be much thin as possible. Therefore, multi-pass control is not worn on this part of the blade to evade the thickening of the downstream part of the airfoil. Thus, small cylinders are introduced in a narrow channel from the root of the blade. They are located in an orthogonal method when compared with the airflow in order to significantly raise the turbulence effects and this phenomenon leads to raise the thermal exchange coefficient which improves the cooling effect.

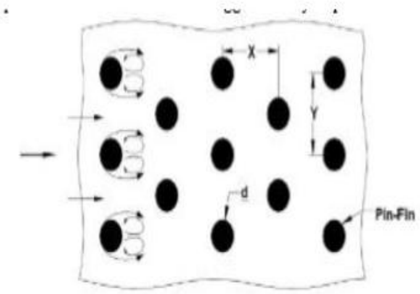
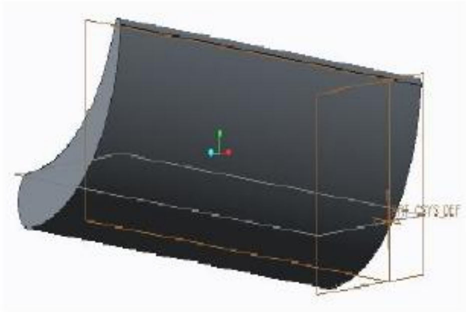


Figure 3: Turbulence due to pin fins.

IV. DIMENSION OF THE AIRFOIL



12% - chord of the airfoil
40% - location of the maximum camber
6% - maximum camber

DIAMENTION OF THE PIN FINS

Diameter - 0.125mm
Length - 0.250mm
Pitch - 0.5mm

MATERIAL SELECTION:

The material of the turbine blade is highly strong, resists the hot gases and withstands the huge temperature and does not change the properties of the materials. Those are all the parameters considered. I had considered INCONAL 718 material.

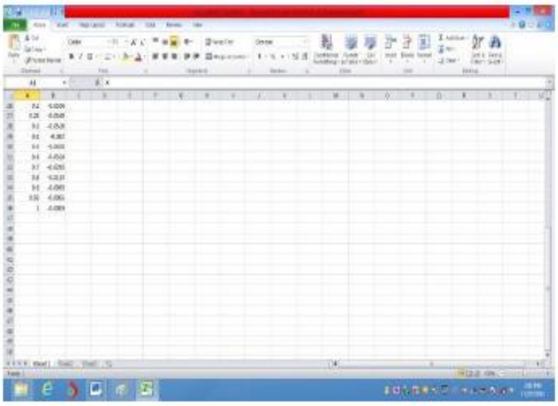
PROPERTIES OF INCONAL 718:

It is mostly comfortable for turbine blade materials.

Table 1 Mechanical properties of N155 & Inconel 718

Properties	Units	N 155	Inconel 718
E	Pa	143 E09	149 E09
ρ	Kg/cu m	8249	8220
K	W/m-K	20.0	25.0
μ	---	0.344	0.331
α	E-06/^{0}C	17.7	16.0
C_p	J/Kg K	435	586.2
Melting Point	^{0}C	1354	1344
Yield stress	MPa	550	1067

The suitable airfoil should select for safe operation from the NACA airfoil series. The airfoil series are illustrated in X,Y coordinates in EXCEL.



V. SERPENTINE RIB ROUGHENED COOLING SYSTEM

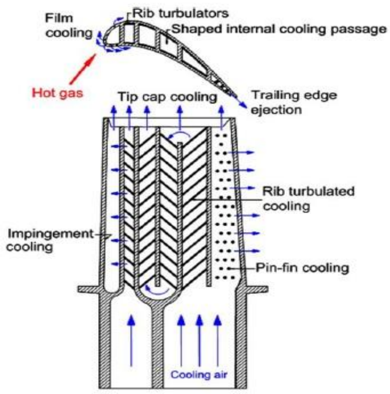


Figure 4: Cooling air passage

As the turbine bay heat rises, the temperature sent to the turbine blade raises. The variation and level in the heat inside the blade substance, which origin thermal stresses, should be restricted to reach sensible toughness goals. The operating heats are far above the tolerable metal heat. Therefore, there is a serious necessitate to cool the blades for harmless and secure process. The air flowing in the turbine is extracted from the compressor of the engine turbine, and is gets cool down. Since this mining in- curs a consequence on the output power of the engine and the thermal performance, it is very essential to identify and repair the cooling tools for specified turbine blade under locomotive working condition.

Turbine cooling method is durable and differentiates between locomotive manufacturers. The primary edge is cool down by aircraft impingement with film cooling and the core section is frozen by serpentine rib-roughened passages with limited film cooling, and the rambling border is cool down by pin fins with trailing edging insertion.

VI. SERPENTINE RIB ROUGHENED COOLING SYSTEM WITH PIN FINS ARRANGEMENTS

The serpentine rib roughened cooling system with pin fins planning are used to design more capable cooling into the turbine blade materials which is evaluate with the serpentine rib roughened cooling system.

The pin fins are worn to design extra turbulence in the center section of the turbine blade. The 2D and 3D modeled were formed by CATIA software.

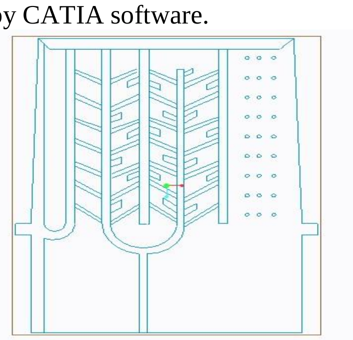


Figure 5: Serpentine rib roughened cooling system with pin fins.

GAS TURBINE BLADE MODELED BY CATIA

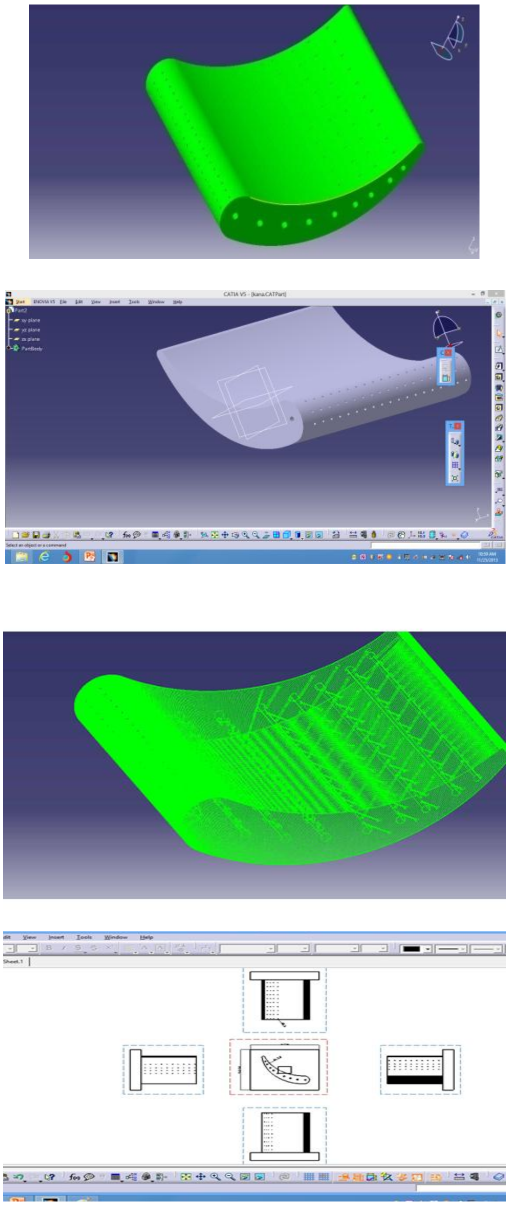
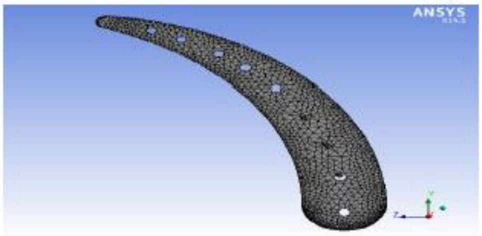


Fig: 6 Different gas turbine modeled by CATIA

COMPUTATIONAL DOMAIN FOR THE ANALYSIS:

While the cast of the interior cooling ducts in actual gas turbine airfoil can be vastly difficult, in the current study, a simplified statistical design is consider with dissimilar ducts by changing geometry and is being useful for the resourceful cooling. In common, the cool down air enters into the cooling ducts from the root of turbine blade, and flows throughout the complete span of ducts and finally leaves it from the blade tilt. The cooling procedure is completely done by interior convective cooling only.



The necessary boundary conditions were discussed in the study of turbine blade and for inner cooling ducts are delivered here. The margin conditions are subsequent from the convenient turbine working condition, related to HP phase blades that are normally showing to heat and high speed. On the other face, the coolant air joined at the duct of root of the blade and access temperature of 644 K and mass flow rate of 90 kg/hr. These settings are chosen with an outlook to obtain a sensible demonstration of typical turbine working conditions.

Table 2: Thermal physical properties of air at 644K.

Density	0.54 kg/m^3
Specific heat	1.06 kJ/kg K
Thermal conductivity	0.05 W/Mk
Kinematic viscosity	59*10^{-6} m^2/s

Table 3: Thermal properties of blade material.

Density	8180 kg/m^3
Specific heat	446 J/kg C
Thermal conductivity	11.5 W/m C

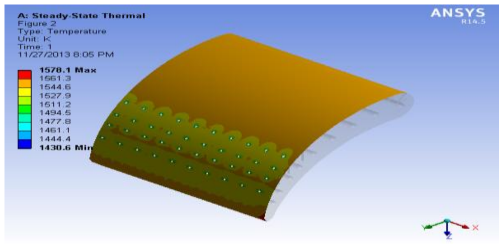
Numerical Grid, Meshing And Simulation Procedure

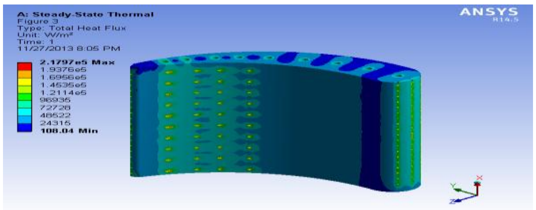
Nowadays, CATIA software is the industry standard software for modeling and turbine blades next to various cooling ducts arrangement be designed. The full modeling is designed for HP phase turbine was consequent openly by means of coordinate measuring machines.

Using CAT1A, arithmetic simulation can perform by the computational field and is meshed with control volumes; this is the preprocessor for ANSYS software. The mesh for blade simulation is a formless type consisting of 1, 79,974 tetrahedral cells. However refined tetrahedral mesh be working for cooling ducts as dimensions were very little, so as to remove fine accurateness. The grid autonomy analysis was observed to the excellence of mesh for solution accurateness. The influence of additional modification did not modify the consequence by more than 1.25% which is in use here as suitable mesh excellence for calculation.

VII. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

CONVECTION

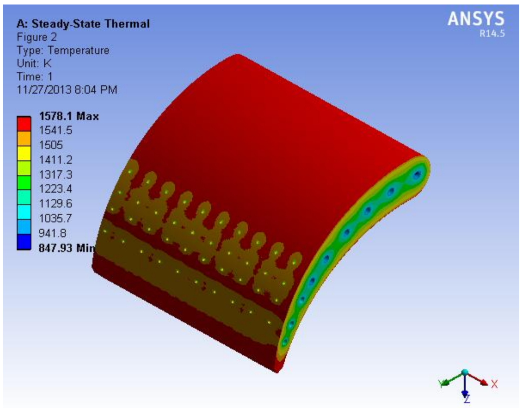




Steaty State Thermal:

Outcome of the thermal performance in each case equivalent to parametric concern of the arthimatic of cooling duct are illustarted here. The outcome investigation follows the cooling capabilities of helicoidal duct of several pitch lengths with the circular duct of equal diameter. The Non-dimensional heat θ is define as

$$\theta = \frac{T_\infty - T_L}{T_\infty - T_0}$$



where T∞ is the hot gas heat, T_o is heat of the cooling air admitted to the cooling duct at the blade root and T_L is the heat along with the cross length of the blade.

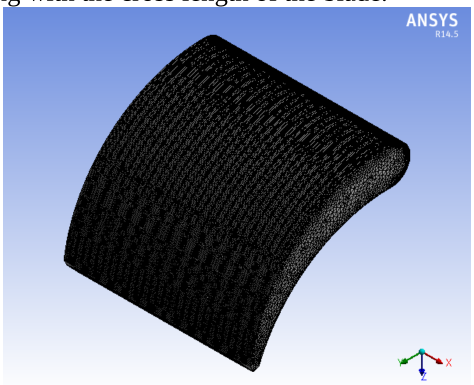
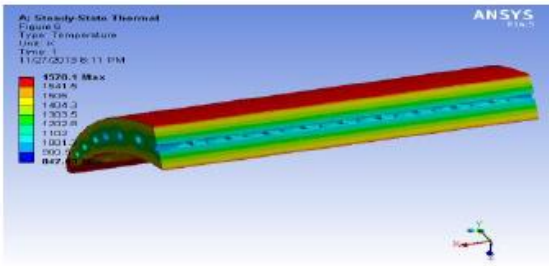


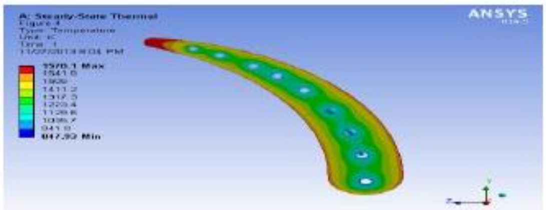
Figure above shows heat flux dissolute from coolsurface of blade. It is very apparent for round ducted blade and fairly only small rakishness of thermal energy owing to cool surface of blade.

Whereas for the pin fin ducted blade, a bulky flux rakishness occurs over the blade surface suitable to improved cool corresponding to improved area accessible for helicoidal ducted blade. It is too possible that due to pin fin nature of cooling duct, heat dissipation rate is augmented since the turbulence is bring about the path of the cooling duct. The joint effect is useful for most likely blade surface cooling.

CROSS SECTION VIEW:

An interesting observation that can be made from that pin fin cool ducts is a minor variation of heat and heat flux over the span duration of the blade. This is as of pin fin nature of the cool duct itself in which the duct passage is alternately will be in the district of the suction and pressure side of the blade, whereas at other positions the cool duct is gone from these two surfaces. Therefore when the cool duct is near to the surfaces there is enhanced cooling of the blade surfaces than when the cooling duct is located away from the two surfaces. This outcome in the fluctuations in the heat as shown in the figure below.





The efficiency of by means of pin fin cooling ducts is consequently acceptable other than connected difficulties with respect to sensible mechanized of a turbine blade with pin fin cool ducts residue to be explored.

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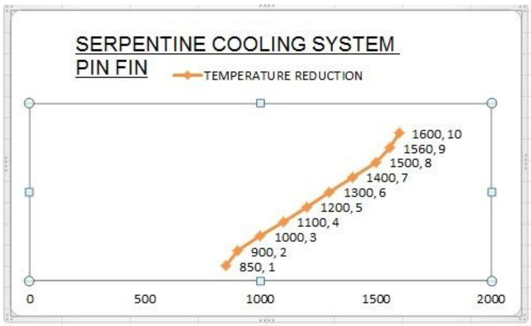
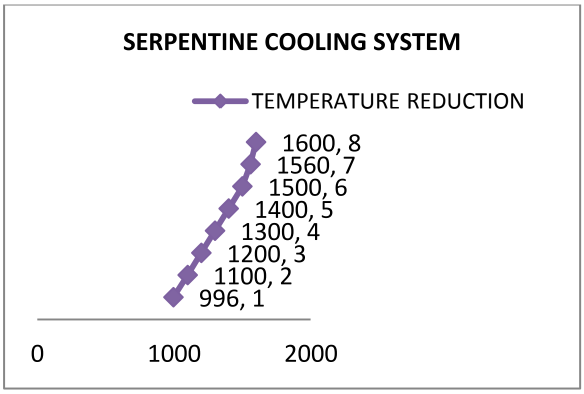


Graph : 1 Serpentine cooling system with pin fin arrangements.



- ***Graph : 2 Serpentine cooling system*.**

VIII. CONCLUSION

By using serpentine rib roughened passage with pin fin cool system, the temperature has been minimized by 147K.

1)It is seen that an original pin fin cool passage, offers a better convective region for improved heat rakishness.

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2) The pin fin pathway also acts as a turbulators given that extensive rakishness rates suitable to flow of turbulence.
3) The diameter and pitch length plays an essential responsibility in optimizing the geometry of the pin fin cool passage.
4) The heat sharing shows wriggle in the result suitable to closeness of the suction and pressure region alternately for the pin fin ducted passage.

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