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Multiphysics and Multiscale Modeling of Heat Transfer during Fiber Drawing

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Fiber drawing modeling process is multiphysics and multiscale

- Fiber drawing process produces large plasticity
- Plastic work produces heat
- Cooled via immersion in water bath
- Water pumped and cooled
- Fiber bundle thickness small compared to tank geometry



GEOMETRY



Process feeds fiber through tank and draws over pins



MULTIPHYSICS



Model includes 4 primary physics

- Fiber deformation / plasticity
- Fiber translation
- Heat transfer
 - Temperature-dependent plasticity
 - Heat source plasticity
 - Cooling forced convection
- Fluid dynamics
 - Pumping water
 - Flow induced by fiber translation



Solid mechanics calculates plastic strain

- Solved using plane strain model
- Contact between draw pins and fiber required for plasticity



Heat transfer requires convection in fiber

- Solid mechanics solved quasi-statically
- Velocity required for
 - Heat transfer equations
 - Power generated by plasticity (J/s)
- Plastic deformation introduces change in velocity
- Equations added to solve for "flowing fiber"

$$\begin{split} & \underbrace{\mathbf{0} = } \\ & \nabla \cdot \left[-\rho \mathbf{I} + \mu \left(\nabla \mathbf{u2} + (\nabla \mathbf{u2})^{\mathsf{T}} \right) \right] + \mathsf{F} \\ & \rho \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{u2}) = \mathbf{0} \end{split}$$



Heat produced by plasticity

- Heat source due to plastic strain
- Initial solution assumed convection constant to represent fluid
- Work extended to include fluid flow in tank (3-D)



Fluid dynamics

- Fluid flow for tank inlet and outlet included (3-D)
- Fluid flow induced by moving fiber included





Process includes range of length scales

- Fiber diameter: 60 μm
- Fiber bundle width: 150 mm
- Tank size: 1.5 m x 1.5 m x 1 m



Multiple models required to solve

- Mechanical analysis: plane strain
- Fluid dynamics analysis: three-dimensional
- Plane strain and 3-D models sequentially coupled via heat source and velocity



RESULTS



Plastic strain produced by drawing



Fiber heats due to plastic deformation



Convection HTC – Fluid Flow Analysis







Difficult to remove heat from low thermal conductivity materials



Summary

- Multiphysics and multiscale problem solved
- Heating of fiber due to plastic deformation calculated (w/ temp dep mat props)
- Design identified to cool fiber to desired temperature
- Temperature of outlet water calculated to size chiller

