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Abstract

Investigating the quenching phenomena has an important impact on many applications such as steel hardening and cooling in nuclear power plants. Few studies investigated the usage of liquid slot jets. Experimental and numerical investigations have been conducted on the effect of quenching of hot horizontal stainless-steel cylinders by sub-cooled liquid slot jets. The temperatures, the cooling rates, heat flux, and the behavior of the maximum heat flux point have been experimentally investigated for changing different parameters, such as the cylinder initial temperature (between 400 and 600°C), the coolant temperature (with degrees of sub-cooling between 20 and 60°C), the coolant velocity (between 1.0 and 1.5 m/s), and the coolant type (including fresh water, and saline water 1%). The coolant was impinged from a slot of 1.3 mm width that covered the whole length of the cylinder. The slot was 5 cm above the cylinder in the vertical direction, so as to be parallel to the cylinder axis. A previous numerical model for circular jets using AVL-FIRE software was modified and validated for the slot jets as well.

The results of the present investigation indicate, for both the fresh water and saline water 1%, that increasing the initial temperature of the specimen caused the temperature at which the film boiling ended, the maximum rate of temperature decrease, and consequently the point of maximum heat flux to lag and increase in value. However, increasing the degree of sub-cooling led them to come earlier and with higher values, and increased the cooling rates. The jet velocity within the range under study had slight effect on the cooling curves. Using saline water 1% enhanced the cooling rates for the selected ranges. Up on going deep from the surface, more homogeneity in temperatures and slower cooling rates were achieved. The numerical model showed good agreement with the experimental values in most of the trials.

Key Words: Slot impinging Jet; cylinder quenching; liquid coolants; Steel heat treatment; quenchant type.

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