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ABSTRACT

Experimental and numerical investigations were carried out to analyze the flow and heat transfer characteristics of an impinging jet on a concave surface at small jet-to-surface distances. Constant heat flux of 2000 W/m^2 is applied on the concave surface using a silicon rubber heater mat. In the steady-state condition, the temperature distribution of the concave surface is measured with an infrared camera. In the experimental study, a jet with 24 mm diameter and cylindrical surface with the curvature radius of 12 cm ($C_r=0.1$) has been considered. The study of flow and heat transfer characteristics have been performed for different jet Reynolds numbers (10000-35000) and various nozzle diameters (18-30 mm). The distributions of velocity and Nusselt number for small jet-to-surface distances ($H/D < 1.0$) have been compared with large jet-to-surface distances ($H/D \geq 1.0$). Comparisons between numerical results and experimental data confirm that the numerical predictions performed by SST $k-\omega$ model fairly predict the velocity and Nusselt number distributions. Experimental and numerical results confirm that the jets with small nozzle-to-surface distances ($H/D=0.1, 0.2$ and 0.4) provide a much more Nusselt number distributions in comparison with the surfaces with the large nozzle-to-surface distances ($H/D=1.0, 2.0$ and 4.0). The correlated equations of the averaged Nusselt number reveal that the \overline{Nu} is related to $(H/D)^{-0.54}$ and $(H/D)^{-0.14}$ for small ($H/D < 1.0$) and large ($H/D > 1.0$) jet-to-surface distances respectively.

KEYWORDS

Impinging jet, Small distance, Heat transfer, Concave surface, Nusselt number

Nomenclature

C_p	specific heat ($\text{N.m kg}^{-1} \text{K}^{-1}$)	s	circumferential direction
C_r	$D/2R$, relative curvature	T	temperature (K)
D	nozzle diameter (mm)	u	velocity (m s^{-1})
H	nozzle-to-surface spacing (mm)	x_i	coordinates (x, y, s)
k	turbulence kinetic energy ($\text{m}^2 \text{s}^{-2}$)	y^+	dimensionless distance
Nu	local Nusselt number	Greek symbols	
P	static pressure (Pa)	ε	turbulent dissipation rate, m^2/s^3
q''	heat flux (W/m^2)	k	turbulent kinetic energy, m^2/s^2
Re	Reynolds number	μ	dynamic viscosity (N s/m^2)
R	Curvature radius	ρ	density (kg/m^3)

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