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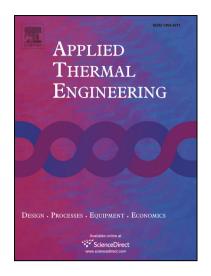
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Abstract

Timely and effective cooling is essential for the performance of electronic

equipment. For spacecraft, however, the severe aerodynamic heating and

low-pressure environment have posed a serious challenge to the heat removal of the

high-power electronic equipment. Spray cooling is considered to be an appropriate

way to maintain the temperature of the electronic devices within acceptable limits.

This paper considers the heat balance in spray cooling using a First Law of

Thermodynamics modelling approach as well as a thermal control strategy for a

semi-enclosed electronic equipment cabin. Theoretical analysis and numerical

results are presented to show the applicability of the developed model and strategy.

Characteristics of liquid nitrogen droplet heating, boiling and flash evaporation as

well as spray patterns are discussed in detail. Furthermore, the control method of

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