

Combustion Processes

The post combustion of CO₂ and H₂ exhaust gases is carried out in many cases with the radial air injection in cylindrical combustion chambers.

Figure 1 shows the principle of a combustor for a single-stage air injection. Of particular interest to the co-worker, the question is which number of nozzles and in which nozzle diameter d for a particular mixing path a substantial temperature uniformity is achieved over the cross section. Numerical calculations with the program system FLUENT showed that the temperature homogeneity of the dimensionless depth h/R of the air jet is dependent (R is the radius of the combustion chamber). In determining physical size for the depth of penetration, the ratio of the dynamic pressures J was (also referred to as pulse current ratio) determined.

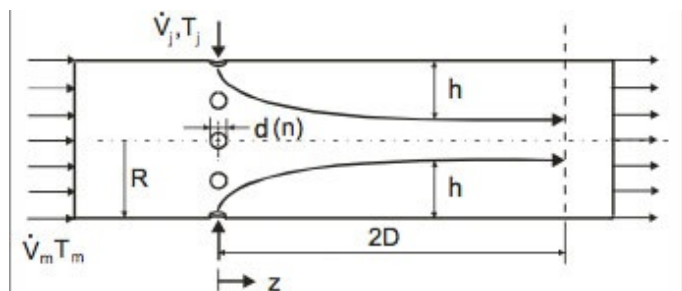


Figure 1: Scheme combustion chamber with radial air injection

Figure 2 shows temperature profiles at different pulse current conditions J/n^2 . The left edge of images representing the chamber wall and the right edge the channel center. The radial deflection of the jet stream is completed after 0.25 diameters and is marked in this area. Through increases in temperature leads, the edges will burn. An increase in the radial supplied gas stream increases the values J/n^2 and there is a shift of the flow paths in the direction of center of the channel. The smallest temperature differences according to a length of 2 diameters arise in $J/n^2 = 0.3$. Figure 3 shows the temperature differences are compared a mixing distance of 2 diameters depending on J/n^2 . Parameter is the number of nozzles n .

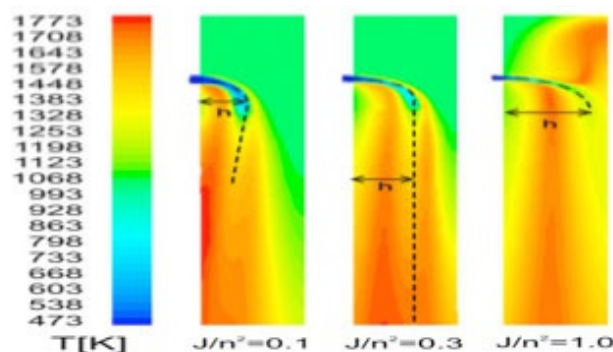


Figure 2: temperature fields in a combustion chamber with single-stage air injection

For all investigated nozzle numbers forms in $J / n^2 = 0.3$ a relative minimum. In nozzle numbers 20 to cause deviations from $J / n^2 = 0.3$ upwards as well as downwards always an increase of the temperature differences in the combustion chamber cross-section. If the nozzle number 24 and higher, is caused by an exceeding $J / n^2 = 0.3$, a further reduction of the temperature difference. For a given number of nozzles $n = 0.3$ the optimum nozzle diameter d can be determined by the boundary condition J / n^2 .

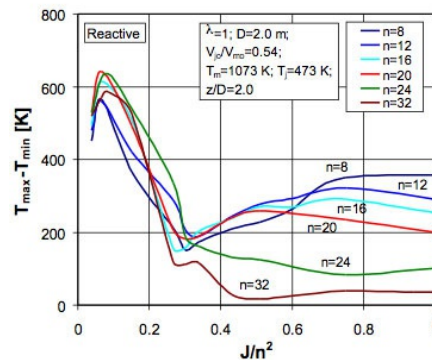


Figure 3: Influence of the number of nozzles and of J / n^2 to the temperature differences

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