

Investigation of pressure swirl sprays using Volumetric PIV

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INTRODUCTION

Two pressure swirl atomizers (PSAs) (i.e. spill-return and simplex atomizers) were examined by means of a volumetric 3-component velocimetry (V3V-Flex©, TSI Inc.)
 The water droplets generated by the spray were used as natural tracers, no additional seeding particles were added to the flow.
 Comparison of pressure swirl atomizers was made.





EXPERIMENTAL SETUP

1-Computer, 2–Synchronizer, 3–Mounting system for the cameras, 4–Cameras, 5–Laser, 6–Pressure sensors, 7–Control valves, 8–Hollow cone spray, 9–Mirror for the laser deflection, 10–Vessel collecting discharged water, 11–Water cooling system for the laser, 12–Working table.



RESULTS

 Five experiments were made for two pressures (3.5 bar and 4.5 bar) with open and closed spill-return orifices.
 Particle position, velocity vector field and vorticity of different atomizers and different test condition are compared.

CONCLUSION

 The difference between the PSA design and the influence of different test conditions, i.e. inlet pressure and SL valve adjustment were readily observed.
 Change in velocities and spray cone angle were observed at different test conditions.
 Results obtained are found to be in agreement with the PSAs theory.
 The suitability of V3V-Flex© for spray flows investigation is proved in this study.

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