

ON COMBUSTION REGIMES IN SWIRLING JETS IMPINGING ON A FLAT SURFACE

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Abstract: The paper reports the results of experimental study of the flow structure and flame shape during combustion of a propane/air mixture in swirling jets impinging on a cold metallic surface. The equivalence ratio was 0.7 and the Reynolds number of the jet was 5,000. Using planar optical methods PIV (particle image velocimetry) and HCHO PLIF (planar laser-induced fluorescence), the velocity distributions and flame front location in the axial cross section of the flows were measured. For the distances between the nozzle and surface of three nozzle diameters, a significant increase of the fluorescence intensity in the near-wall region for formaldehyde and other organic compounds when excited at a wavelength of 355 nm was detected. This effect appears to be due to the cooling of the combustion products during heat exchange with the metallic surface, temperature decrease inside the central recirculation zone, and reduction of the combustion efficiency.

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