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CFD analysis of cavitation in diesel engine fuel injector nozzle

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ABSTRACT: The fuel injector is an integral component of diesel engines as it is responsible for the injection of fuel into the combustion chamber and subsequently influences the combustion process. The fuel injector is responsible for the atomization process for the fuel and the presence of cavitation in the injector nozzles will influence the atomization process. Over the last decades there has been an increasing focus on emission from diesel engines and strong regulations have forced the industry to invest in research on how to optimize the fuel consumption and power output. Commercial CFD based software ANSYS-Fluent is used to capture cavitation in fuel injector nozzle and parametric study has been performed to investigate the effect of cavitation on fuel flow rate from nozzle outlet. It is found that Fluent can predict cavitation and results are in good agreement with experimental data.

Keywords: Cavitation, CFD, fuel injector, nozzle

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