



التبؤ بالقطرات الناتجة من تذير نافوري باستخدام رشاشات المياه المحورية لتحسين

الظروف المناخية

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الملخص الإنجليزي:

Abstract:

The integrated simulation of the atomization of round liquid jets by coaxial gas flow is considered as one of the most important multiphase phenomenon commonly encountered in nature, engineering applications and as a synthetic process to improve the climate conditions during Hajj. However, the dynamics of the phase interface is highly complex, poorly understood, and remains an unresolved problem in the area of atomization simulation. The use of coaxial jets is widespread in the context of air blast atomization, that is to say high-speed gas assisted spray formation. The coaxial jets geometry, operating with a large outer (annular) to inner (central) momentum ratio is used for its ability to destabilize fragment and mix the central stream in the outer, rapid stream. These advantages of coaxial liquid jet atomization over those of a single jet have motivated the present research paper.

The purpose of this paper is to investigate the topological changes of the liquid jet, as it becomes destabilized by a coaxial gas stream. By assuming a turbulent environment, the effect of the relative velocity between the two streams on the deformation and breakup of the liquid jet is investigated. The interfacial stresses between the two streams are modelled on the basis of RANS equations and the level set method, which simultaneously; predict the topological changes of the central liquid jet. Consequently, the spatial characteristics of the instabilities that develop at the interface between the two streams can be predicted and the mechanism of the breakup process is recognized .

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Arabic Abstract

تشهد المملكة العربية السعودية في مواسم الحج والعمرة ظروفًا مناخية خاصة من حيث شدة درجة الحرارة وإرتفاع نسبة الرطوبة والأترية الصدرية وقوة الإشعاع الشمسي من أشعة تحت الحمراء أو فوق البنفسجية مما يؤثر على الحالة الصحية لرواد المشاعر المقدسة والمسجد الحرام ويؤدي ذلك إلى إنتشار أمراض الجهاز التنفسي والأوبئة بين حجاج بيت الله الحرام مما يؤدي إلى خطورة تطور تلك الأمراض إلى أمراض معدية متحورة أو أوبئة غير قابلة للعلاج الطبي.

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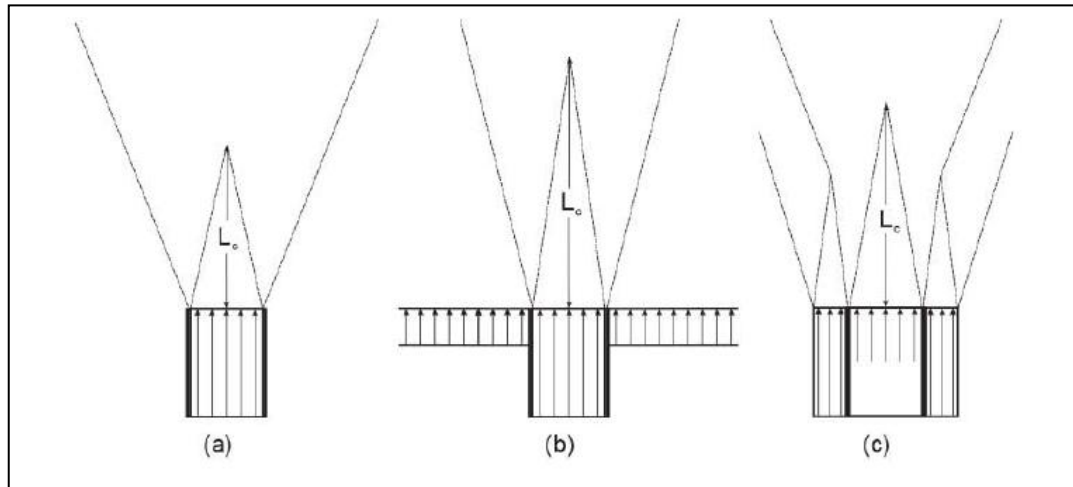


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of the ligaments and droplets in the breakup process of a coaxial water jet issuing in a parallel gas stream with a specified relative velocity. The breakup and the following characteristics of small droplets formed in the jet surface are also predicted. The numerical method is based on solving the Reynolds-Averaging Navier-Stokes equations coupled with the level set method.

منهجية البحث:

The main objectives of this research project are to:

- Develop an effective numerical method to deal with the breakup of coaxial liquid jets.
- Validate the numerical method against the previous well established test cases.
- Discuss the effect of relative velocity of the coaxial streams on the deformation and breakup of the coaxial liquid jets.
- Gain an insight into the highly complex mechanism of the atomization of the coaxial liquid jets.

The Governing Equations

The sketch of the coaxial jet with two immiscible fluids (water-air) is shown in Figure 2, as presented in [16].

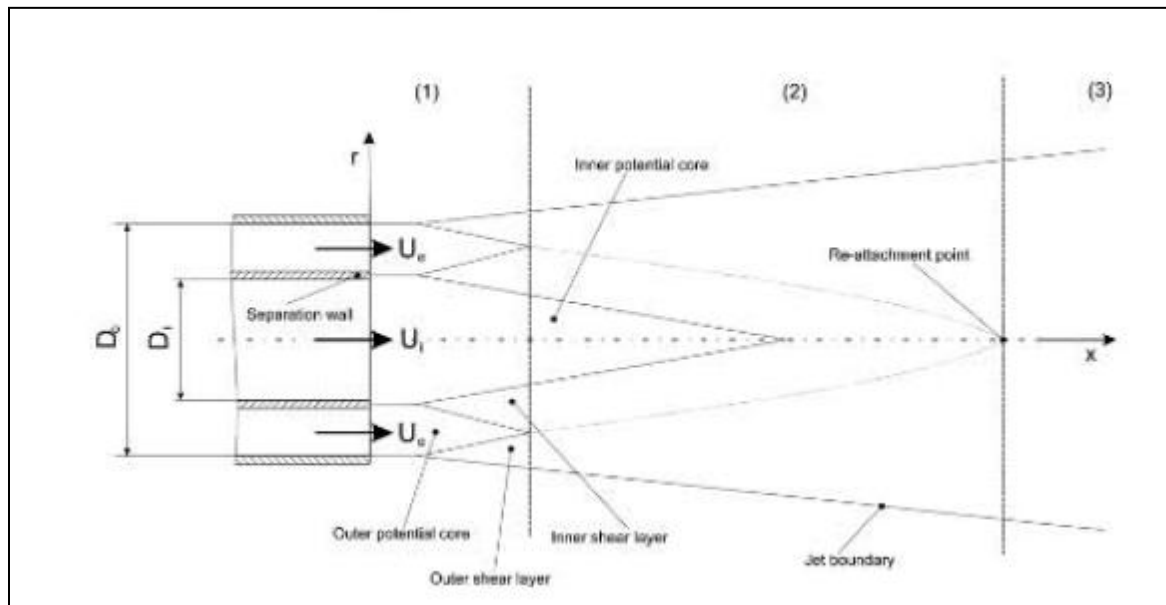


Figure 2. The sketch of coaxial jet

The governing equations to the existing model of coaxial jet with two immiscible fluids are considered in the following. Each fluid has its own material properties ρ_α and μ_α ($\alpha=1, 2$), where the subscript $\alpha = g$ or l indicates the gas and the liquid phase

presented at a given point in space. Following the Reynolds averaging procedure, the unsteady Reynolds-averaged Navier-Stokes (RANS) equations, applied separately in each fluid domain and coupled with the standard k - ε model for predicting the turbulent characteristics can be written as follows:

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$$\frac{\partial(\rho k)}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho k \bar{u}) = \nabla \cdot (\mu + \mu_t / Pr_k) \nabla k + 2\mu_t \hat{S} \hat{S} - \rho \varepsilon + G_k$$

(6)

$$\frac{\partial(\rho \varepsilon)}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho \varepsilon \bar{u}) = \nabla \cdot (\mu + \mu_t / Pr_\varepsilon) \nabla \varepsilon + (C_{1\varepsilon} (2\mu_t \hat{S} \hat{S}) - C_{2\varepsilon} \rho \varepsilon) \varepsilon / k$$

(7)

In the above system of equations, ρ is the density, \bar{u} is the velocity vector, p is the static pressure, μ is the molecular viscosity, μ_t is the turbulent viscosity, k is the turbulent kinetic energy, ε is the turbulent dissipation, the turbulent stress tensor \mathfrak{R}_t is given by:

$$\mathfrak{R}_{ij} = -\rho \overline{u'_i u'_j} = -\frac{2}{3} \rho k \delta_{ij} + 2\mu_t S_{ij}$$

(8)

where δ_{ij} is the kronecker

delta, $\overline{u'_i u'_j}$ is the average of the velocity fluctuations, the strain rate tensor and the turbulent viscosity can be described as:

$$S_{ij} = 0.5 \left(\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} + \frac{\partial u_j}{\partial x_i} \right),$$

$$\mu_t = \rho C_\mu k^2 / \varepsilon$$

(10)

The coefficients for the standard k - ε turbulence model are given following: $C_\mu = 0.09, Pr_k = 1, Pr_\varepsilon = 1.3, C_{1\varepsilon} = 1.44, C_{2\varepsilon} = 1.92$.

Level set method

In the formulation of the level set method, the computational domain is divided into grid points containing the level set function ϕ , which is taken positive inside the liquid phase, negative in the gas phase and zero at the interface Γ . The update of the level set function with time can be determined by solving the following transport equation:



$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} + \bar{\mathbf{u}} \cdot \nabla \phi = 0 \quad (14)$$

Since the interface is captured implicitly, the level set algorithm is capable of capturing the intrinsic geometrical properties of highly complicated interfaces in a quite natural way. Consequently, the normal vector and the curvature of the interface can be defined as:

$$\bar{\mathbf{n}} = \frac{\nabla \phi}{|\nabla \phi|}, \quad \kappa = \nabla \cdot \bar{\mathbf{n}} \quad (15)$$

The time-stepping procedure for the level set equation is based on the second-order Runge-Kutta method. An important step in the solution algorithm of the level set function is to maintain the level set function as a distance function within the two fluids at all times, especially near the interface region, i.e. the Eikonal equation, $|\nabla \phi| = 1$; should be satisfied in the computational domain. This can be achieved each time step by applying the re-initialization algorithm described in for a specified small number of iterations.

Detailed discussion and improvement of such re-initialization algorithm can be found in our previous work [17], where a large number of the standard level set test cases have been performed and the mass conservative property is thoroughly discussed and evaluated.

Analytical method

The limiting case of interest for jet atomization is corresponding to the case where the droplet sizes are much smaller than the jet diameter. Following the asymptotic analysis of the system of the governing equation, described previously, on can obtain the analytical equation of the jet growth rate as a function of the water-air system properties.

$$(\omega + 2\nu_l k^2)^2 + f \frac{\sigma}{\rho_l} k^3 - 4\nu_l^2 k^3 \sqrt{k^2 + \frac{\omega}{\nu_l}} + \zeta \frac{\rho_g}{\rho_l} (\omega + iU_{rel}k)^2 = 0$$

The above equation is solved analytically to find out the effect of relative velocity (U_{rel}) on the growth rate of the liquid jet. It can be observed from Figure 3, that the increase in the relative velocity leads to an increase of the jet growth rate plotted against the wave length λ . That describes one of the important advantages of the coaxial jet over the simple jet configuration where the relative velocity has a significant effect on the breakup and the atomization processes.

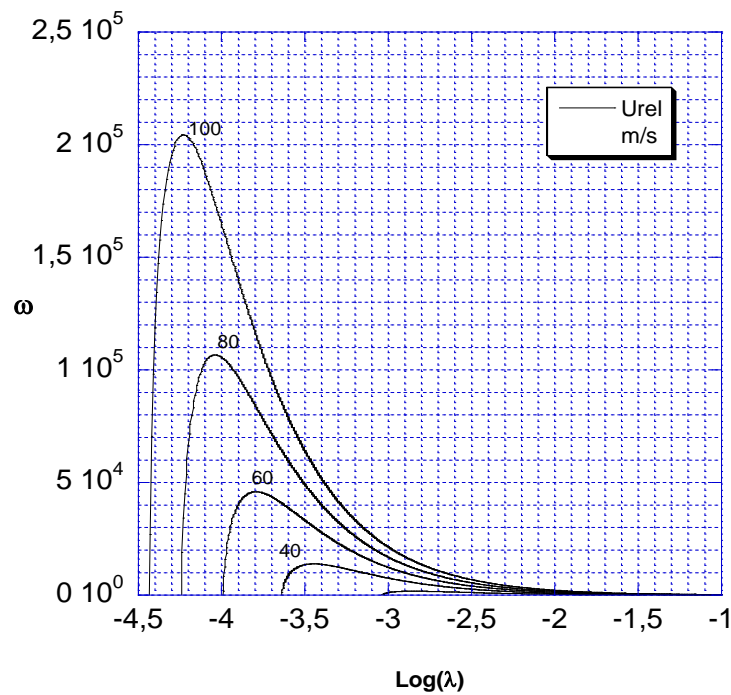


Figure 3. The effect of relative velocity on the jet growth rate

النتائج:

Results

The figures below (Figure 4-a, -b) show the configurations of the simple and coaxial water jet operating at the same conditions except that, in case of simple jet, the surrounding air velocity is assumed to be zero. In case of coaxial jet, the surrounding air velocity is assumed to be equal, but in the opposite direction, of the water jet velocity.

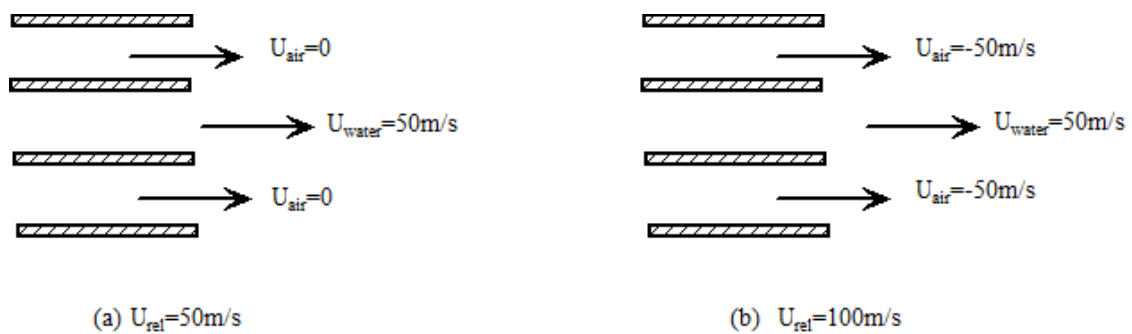


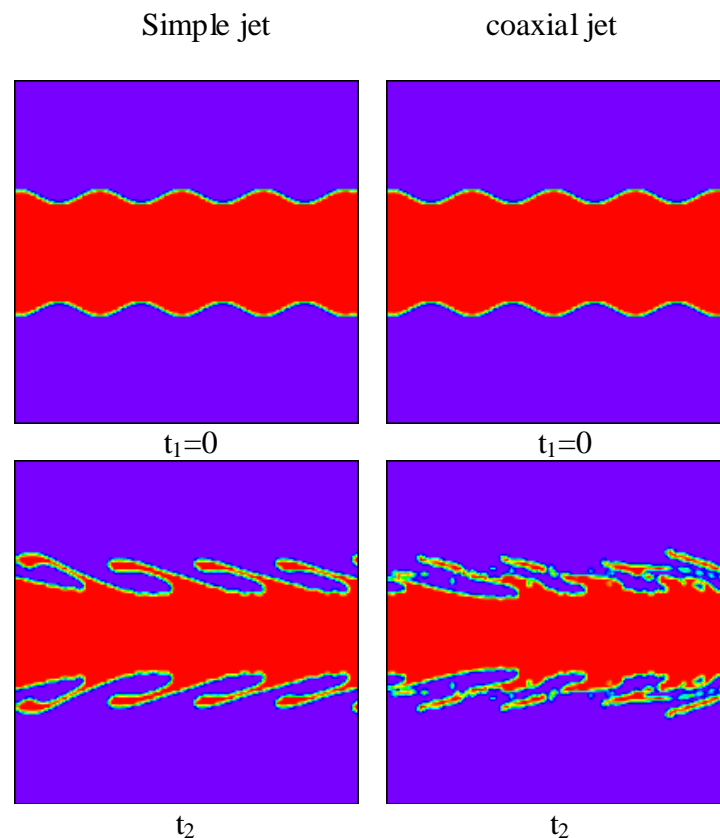
Figure 4. The configurations of (a) simple jet and (b) coaxial jet

Table1. describes the different properties of the two fluids used in the numerical simulation performed. The Computer program used for the calculation is built by the present author using the FORTRAN language.

Property	Air flow	Liquid Jet
Density	1.0 kg/m ³	2 kg/m ³
Viscosity	1.5e-5 Pa. s	1.5e-5 Pa.s
Surface tension	0.0	0.02 N.m
Initial pressure	1 bar	1 bar
Radius	0.05m	0.025m

The figures below (Figure 5-a, -b) show the important results obtained from the numerical simulation performed for the simple and coaxial water jet operating at the same conditions except that, in case of simple jet, the surrounding air velocity is assumed to be zero. In case of coaxial jet, the surrounding air velocity is assumed to be equal, but in the opposite direction, of the water jet velocity.

The results showed that, the breakup of the liquid jet in case of coaxial jet is faster and the droplet size is smaller in comparison with the atomization process obtained from the normal simple jet.



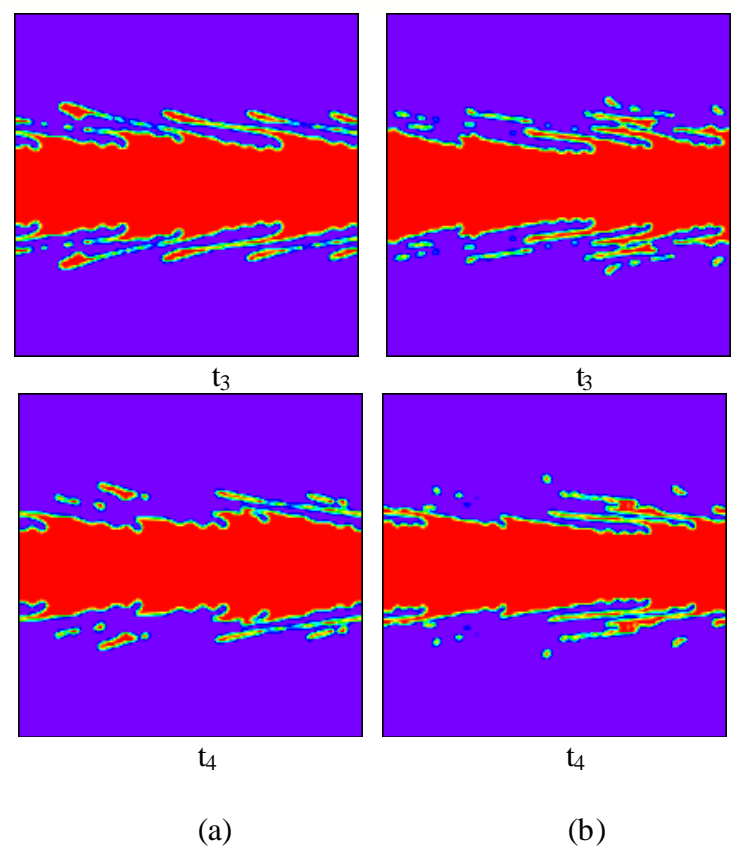


Figure 5. Comparison of the atomization process of liquid jet for coaxial liquid jet at different times
 (a) Relative velocity=50m/s, (b) Relative velocity=100 m/s

الخلاصة:

Conclusions

The conclusions of the present work are summarized as follows:

1. The currently used fans in the free areas for improving the climate conditions are using the coflowing jet and that should be modified to coaxial jet in order to increase the atomization performance.
2. The required power of the motors, which driving the fans, should be estimated according to the required air velocity for optimum conditions of the atomization.
3. The nozzle design and the number of nozzles distributed over the circumferential of the fan should also be estimated to achieve the best conditions for atomization process.
4. In future work, the effects of the liquid issuing pressure, air temperature and air humidity ratio should be included in our simulation.

التوصيات:

Recommendation:

According to the numerical results obtained, the author recommends the application of the coaxial jet instead of the currently used coflowing jet in the atomization of water during Hajj and Omra after detailed investigations and the providing of design data.

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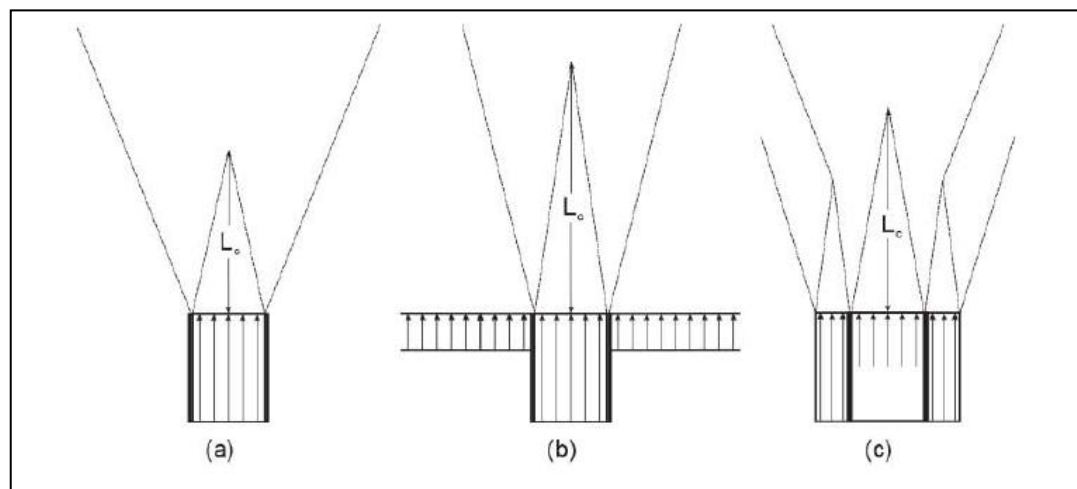


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$$\nabla \cdot (\rho \bar{u}) = 0 \quad (3)$$

$$\frac{\partial(\rho \bar{u})}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho \bar{u} \bar{u}) + \nabla p = \nabla \cdot (2\mu \hat{S} + \mathfrak{R}_t) \quad (4)$$

$$\frac{\partial(\rho k)}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho k \bar{u}) = \nabla \cdot (\mu + \mu_t / Pr_k) \nabla k + 2\mu_t \hat{S} \hat{S} - \rho \varepsilon + G_k \quad (6)$$

$$\frac{\partial(\rho \varepsilon)}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho \varepsilon \bar{u}) = \nabla \cdot (\mu + \mu_t / Pr_\varepsilon) \nabla \varepsilon + (C_{1\varepsilon} (2\mu_t \hat{S} \hat{S}) - C_{2\varepsilon} \rho \varepsilon) \varepsilon / k \quad (7)$$

In the above system of equations, ρ is the density, \bar{u} is the velocity vector, p is the static pressure, μ is the molecular viscosity, μ_t is the turbulent viscosity, k is the turbulent kinetic energy, ε is the turbulent dissipation, the turbulent stress tensor \mathfrak{R}_t is given by:

$$\mathfrak{R}_{ij} = -\rho \overline{u'_i u'_j} = -\frac{2}{3} \rho k \delta_{ij} + 2\mu_t S_{ij} \quad (8)$$

where δ_{ij} is the kronecker delta,

$\overline{u'_i u'_j}$ is the average of the velocity fluctuations, the strain rate tensor and the turbulent viscosity can be described as:

$$S_{ij} = 0.5 \left(\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} + \frac{\partial u_j}{\partial x_i} \right),$$

$$\mu_t = \rho C_\mu k^2 / \varepsilon \quad (10)$$

The coefficients for the standard $k-\varepsilon$ turbulence model are given following: $C_\mu = 0.09, Pr_k = 1, Pr_\varepsilon = 1.3, C_{1\varepsilon} = 1.44, C_{2\varepsilon} = 1.92$.

Level set method

In the formulation of the level set method, the computational domain is divided into grid points containing the level set function ϕ , which is taken positive inside the liquid phase, negative in the gas phase and zero at the interface Γ . The update of the level set function with time can be determined by solving the following transport equation:

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} + \bar{\mathbf{u}} \cdot \nabla \phi = 0 \quad (14)$$

Since the interface is captured implicitly, the level set algorithm is capable of capturing the intrinsic geometrical properties of highly complicated interfaces in a quite natural way. Consequently, the normal vector and the curvature of the interface can be defined as:

$$\bar{\mathbf{n}} = \frac{\nabla \phi}{|\nabla \phi|}, \quad \kappa = \nabla \cdot \bar{\mathbf{n}} \quad (15)$$

The time-stepping procedure for the level set equation is based on the second-order Runge-Kutta method. An important step in the solution algorithm of the level set function is to maintain the level set function as a distance function within the two fluids at all times, especially near the interface region, i.e. the Eikonal equation, $|\nabla \phi| = 1$; should be satisfied in the computational domain. This can be achieved each time step by applying the re-initialization algorithm described in for a specified small number of iterations.

Detailed discussion and improvement of such re-initialization algorithm can be found in our previous work [17], where a large number of the standard level set test cases have been performed and the mass conservative property is thoroughly discussed and evaluated.

Analytical method

The limiting case of interest for jet atomization is corresponding to the case where the droplet sizes are much smaller than the jet diameter. Following the asymptotic analysis of the system of the governing equation, described previously, on can obtain the analytical equation of the jet growth rate as a function of the water-air system properties.

$$(\omega + 2\nu_l k^2)^2 + f \frac{\sigma}{\rho_l} k^3 - 4\nu_l^2 k^3 \sqrt{k^2 + \frac{\omega}{\nu_l}} + \zeta \frac{\rho_g}{\rho_l} (\omega + iU_{rel} k)^2 = 0$$

The above equation is solved analytically to find out the effect of relative velocity (U_{rel}) on the growth rate of the liquid jet. It can be observed from Figure 3, that the increase in the relative velocity leads to an increase of the jet growth rate plotted against the wave length λ . That describes one of the important advantages of the coaxial jet over the simple jet configuration where the relative velocity has a significant effect on the breakup and the atomization processes.

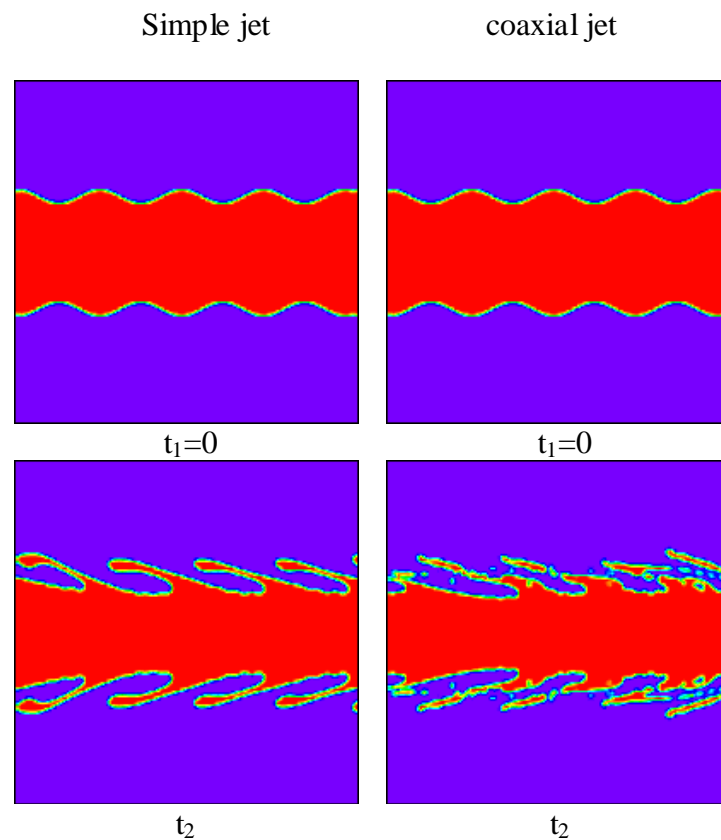
Figure 4. The configurations of (a) simple jet and (b) coaxial jet

Table1. describes the different properties of the two fluids used in the numerical simulation performed. The Computer program used for the calculation is built by the present author using the FORTRAN language.

Property	Air flow	Liquid Jet
Density	1.0 kg/m ³	2 kg/m ³
Viscosity	1.5e-5 Pa. s	1.5e-5 Pa.s
Surface tension	0.0	0.02 N.m
Initial pressure	1 bar	1 bar
Radius	0.05m	0.025m

The figures below (Figure 5-a, -b) show the important results obtained from the numerical simulation performed for the simple and coaxial water jet operating at the same conditions except that, in case of simple jet, the surrounding air velocity is assumed to be zero. In case of coaxial jet, the surrounding air velocity is assumed to be equal, but in the opposite direction, of the water jet velocity.

The results showed that, the breakup of the liquid jet in case of coaxial jet is faster and the droplet size is smaller in comparison with the atomization process obtained from the normal simple jet.



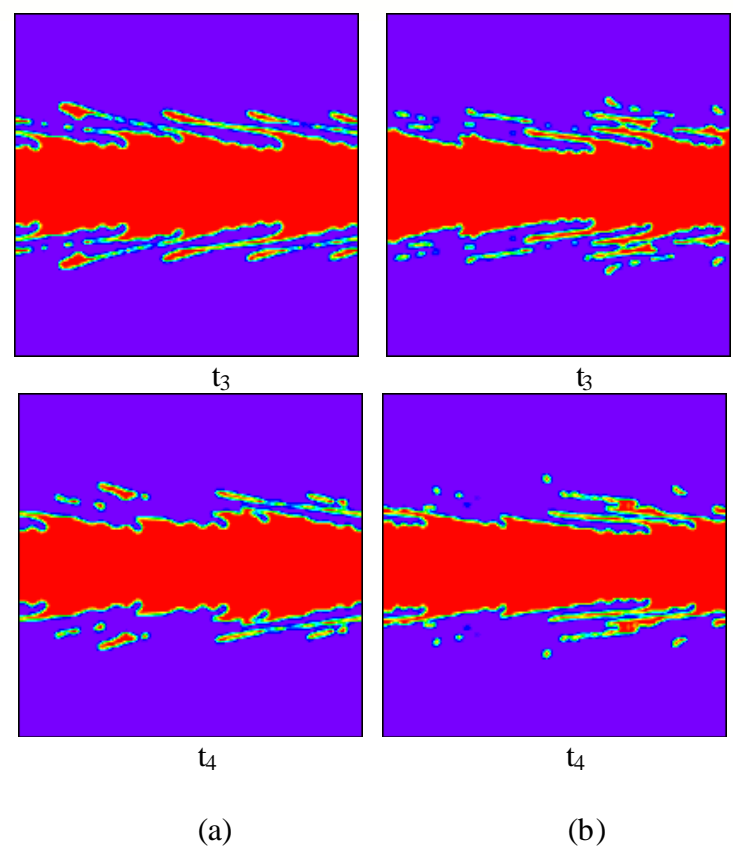


Figure 5. Comparison of the atomization process of liquid jet for coaxial liquid jet at different times
 (a) Relative velocity=50m/s, (b) Relative velocity=100 m/s

الخلاصة:

Conclusions

The conclusions of the present work are summarized as follows:

5. The currently used fans in the free areas for improving the climate conditions are using the coflowing jet and that should be modified to coaxial jet in order to increase the atomization performance.
6. The required power of the motors, which driving the fans, should be estimated according to the required air velocity for optimum conditions of the atomization.
7. The nozzle design and the number of nozzles distributed over the circumferential of the fan should also be estimated to achieve the best conditions for atomization process.
8. In future work, the effects of the liquid issuing pressure, air temperature and air humidity ratio should be included in our simulation.

التوصيات:

Recommendation:

According to the numerical results obtained, the author recommends the application of the coaxial jet instead of the currently used coflowing jet in the atomization of water during Hajj and Omra after detailed investigations and the providing of design data.

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