

Performance Analysis of Helical Tube Heat Exchanger

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Abstract - A heat exchanger is a device that is used to transfer thermal energy between two or more fluids, between a solid surface and a fluid, or between solid particulates and a fluid, at different temperatures and in thermal contact. Heat exchangers are one of the most important Typical applications involve heating or cooling of a fluid stream of concern and evaporation or condensation of single or multi component fluid streams heat transfer apparatus that find its use in industries like oil refining, chemical engineering, electric power generation etc. The objective of present work is thermal performance evaluation of helical heat exchanger.

Index Terms – Helical Tube Heat Exchanger, Asbestos Insulator, Thermocouple, Heat Transfer.

I. INTRODUCTION

Heat exchangers (HE) are units that transfer of heat between fluids at distinctive temperatures through warmth transfer. Heat exchangers may additionally be categorized in accordance to extraordinary criteria. The classification separates warmth exchangers (HE) in recuperates and regenerators, in accordance to development is being used. In recuperators, warmth is transferred without delay between the two fluids and by way of opposition, in the regenerators there is no instant warmth trade between the fluids. Rather this is finished through an intermediate step involving thermal power storage. Recuperators can be categorized in accordance to switch manner in direct contact and oblique contact types. In oblique contact HE, there is a wall (physical separation) between the fluids. The recuperators are referred to as a direct switch type. In contrast, the regenerators are units in which there is intermittent warmth trade between the warm and bloodless fluids via thermal strength storage and launch via the warmth exchanger floor or matrix. Regenerators are essentially categorized into rotary and constant matrix models. The regenerators are referred to as an oblique switch type.

An extensive review of recent progress in improving heat transfer using longitudinal vortex generation was made by Jacobi et al. [1]. Fiebig et al. [2] noted that longitudinal vortices exhibit lower flow loss and better heat transfer properties than transverse vortices. Shambhu Kumar Rai et al. [3] reviewed studies conducted by various researchers in the field of heat exchangers. G.E. Kondhalkar et al. [4] analyzes the performance of spiral tube heat exchangers compared to shell and tube heat exchangers. P. Nafon [5] proposed that the heat exchanger consists of a spirally wound block of two pipes of different diameters, the body and coil. Ashish Agarwal et al. [6] experimentally investigated the role of phase change materials in the case of shell-and-tube heat storage in solar dryers. Lavinia Gabriela et al. [7] discussed various thermal energy storage systems and their importance in thermal systems. Sukri Himran et al [8] studied thermal energy storage in paraffin using a tube array in a shell and tube heat exchanger. Thirugnanam. S. et al [9] studied waste heat recovery using phase change materials. In this study, a concentric tubular heat exchanger using a phase change material was used. Ganesh Patil et al. [10] developed a heat exchanger based on phase change materials using organic and inorganic materials. Jorge A.V. et al.[11]: developed an algorithm for stationary modeling of gasketed plate heat exchangers with generalized configurations. Amey Shirodkar et al. [12] addressed the thermodynamic problem of thermal expansion of pipe heads due to high temperatures. Manoj Kumar Pandita et al. [13] studied the characteristics of shell-and-tube heat exchangers. The performance of the heat exchanger was evaluated using the CFD Fluent package for different baffle angles. Patel Dharmik A. et al.[14] performed a CFD analysis of a triple concentric tube heat exchanger using mathematical models, experimental models and correlations from previous studies. G.W.N. Santosh et al. [15] focused on hot liquid cooling with seawater using a shell-and-tube heat exchanger. Anil Kumar Samal et al [16] studied the design of shell and tube heat exchanger with helical baffle and study the flow and temperature field inside the shell using ANSYS software tools. Thundil Karuppa Raj R et al [17] attempted was made to investigate the impacts of various baffle inclination angles on fluid flow and the heat transfer characteristics of a shell-and-tube heat exchanger for three different baffle inclination angles namely 0°, 10° and 20°.Vindhya Vasiny Prasad Dubey et al [18] focused on extensive thermal analysis of the effects of severe loading conditions on the performance of the heat exchanger. Che ´rif Bougriou, et al [19] concerned a new type of heat exchangers, which is that of shell-and-double concentric tube heat exchangers. Andre ´ L.H. Costa a et al [20] presented a study about the design optimization of shell-and-tube heat exchangers. O. Garca-Valladares [21] developed detailed one-dimensional steady-state and transient numerical simulations of the thermal and hydrodynamic behavior of triple concentric tube heat exchangers. Abdalla Gomaa et al. [22] studied experimental and numerical studies on triple concentric tube heat exchangers, paying particular attention to double tube heat exchangers. Hinge [23] investigated the design and performance of a single-segment shell-and-tube heat exchanger considering vertical and parallel baffle plates. Girish et al [24] used Fluent software to study the pressure drop inside a shell and tube heat exchanger considering various baffles. Haran, etc. [25] studied thermal analysis in case of shell and tube heat exchangers considering both water and oil type which is most used in refrigeration and air conditioning industries. Pranita et al. [26] studied shell and tube exchangers by considering the effect of types of baffles considering thermal performance and pressure drop. Petinin et al [27] studied the shell and tube heat exchangers considering different tube patterns variation like triangular, rotated triangular and the combined shell and tube heat exchangers. Kaushik [28] have studied the optimal design in shell and tube heat exchangers considering various parameters such as outer diameter, pitch, length, baffle spacing and cut etc. Yang et al [29] studied the properties of the heat exchanger by changing the fluid flow in the shell in the case of a shell and tube heat exchanger by considering a spiral baffle plate. Kahya et al. [30] studied a shell-and-tube heat exchanger comparing simulation results with analytical calculations using heat transfer studies. Amirtaraj et al [31] investigated a shell-and-tube heat exchanger with an inclined baffle to achieve higher heat transfer efficiency and lower pressure drop. Oguz et al. [32] studied the thermal design of a shell and tube

heat exchanger using an intelligent coordination harmony algorithm. Yanzhong [33] investigated the improvement of heat transfer by installing a seal on an annulus. They closed the gap between the baffle and the hull with sealant. Tsjuwang et al. [34] investigated a coupled multi-pass shell-and-tube heat exchanger with spiral baffles to improve heat transfer properties and simplify the manufacturing process. Thermal Performance enhancement study was performed in heat exchanger devices such as [35-38] Patel, Anand et al. [39] HD Chaudhary et al. [40-48] Anand Patel et al. for solar air & water heater or solar cooker, [49-50] Patel Anand Patel et al. for heat spreader by varying geometries of heat collector. The studies involving effect of helical diameter of shell and helical tube heat exchanger [51-60]. The [61-65] research articles include studies to enhance heat transfer rate in a shell and coiled heat exchanger experimentally by varying design parameters such as shell side flow rate, coil diameter, tube side flow rate and coil pitch.

II. EXPERIMENTAL SETUP

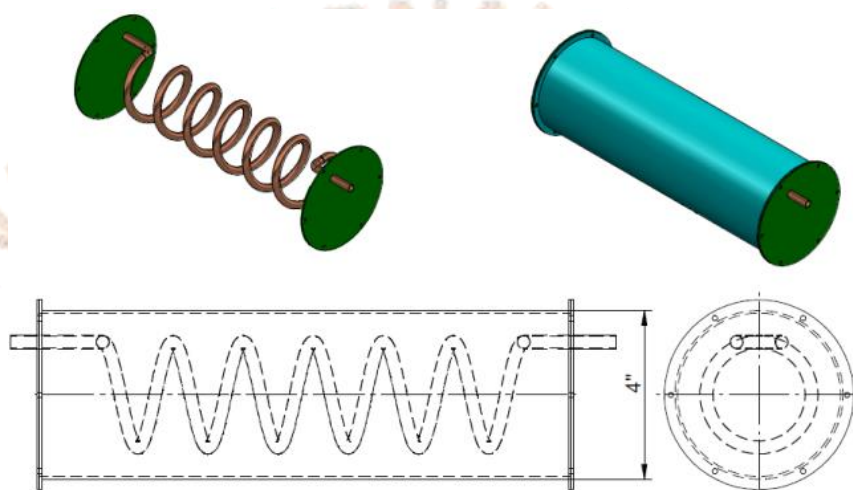


Figure 1 CAD Model of Experimental Set up



Plate 1 4" Cylindrical pipe



Plate 2 Helical Heat exchanger pipe



Plate 3 Helical Tube Heat exchanger



Plate 4 Asbestos Insulator



Plate 5 Thermocouple and Measuring Flask

In the present work first of all from copper sheet of 20 gauges the 4” cylindrical pipe of 0.23 m length is rolled and fabricated using brazing process. Inside the cylindrical pipe copper helical shaped pipe is inserted which is made of ½” diameter copper. The inlets and outlets are provided on 4” copper cylindrical pipe and 2” diameter helical shaped pipe made of ½” copper pipe. The K type thermocouples are used for temperature measurement purpose and 20 liter tank with tape is used to supply cold and hot water in the heat exchanger. The electric heater is used for heating of water.

III. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

Table 1 Result Table

Counter Flow				
Hot		Cold		€ counter flow
Tin	Tout	Tin	Tout	
65	52.5	33	44.5	0.39
55	45.1	33	41.4	0.45
parallel				
Hot		Cold		€ parallel
Tin	Tout	Tin	Tout	
65	55.7	33	43.7	0.29
55	47.8	33	42.2	0.33

From result Table 1 it is clear that in case of counter flow the effectiveness values are than parallel flow because of more retention time and uniform heat transfer between hot and cold fluid also due to helical shape in the hot fluid the rate of heat transfer is better which enhances the rate of heat transfer. This heat exchanger is compact in size and better thermal performance can be obtained.

IV. CONCLUSION

The major conclusion is that using such compact heat exchanger the locations where less space availability such heat exchangers can be used.

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