

Numerical Simulation of Shell and Tube Heat Exchanger using Ansys Fluent

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Abstract: From the current situation, the Heat Exchangers uses extreme commonly are tube and Shell heat exchangers. The most usual uses of Shell and tube heat exchangers are electricity creation, cooling system of hydraulic fluid, oil in motors, transmissions, and hydraulic power packs. Shell and tube heat exchangers are made of the casing using a bunch of tubes with inside. The desirable outcome of the paper is to figure out the speed of heat transport using hot water as the hot liquid. The target of this paper is to mimic a tube and shell heat exchanger and also to assess blood flow and temperatures from the tubes and shell by employing applications tool Ansys. The simulation is composed of modeling and meshing cross section of tube and shell heat exchanger utilizing computational fluid dynamics (CFD).

KEYWORDS: Shell and tube heat exchanger, Catia, Ansys CFD Fluent, Temperature.

I. INTRODUCTION

Heat exchangers are termed by their various software. as an instance, to accelerate the liquid by utilizing heat exchangers are called condensers, in precisely the exact same style, heat exchangers taken for function of boiling are referred to as boilers. Functioning and efficacy of heat exchangers are calculated via the quantity of heat transferred with region of transport of heat and fall of stress. A superior launch of its own efficacy is carried out by calculating a complete heat transfer coefficient. Stress drop and cross-sectional region are needed for some quantity of heat transport, supply a running price and essentials of the ability of a heat exchanger. A heat exchanger is a device used to move heat between two process flows or fluids which involve heating, heating, cooling, steaming or evaporation.

Process heat transport addresses the degrees of heat market as they happen in the heating gear of the technology procedure. This methodology communicates to better concentrate on the significance of the temperature comparison between the origin and the recipient. Different heating exchangers are modeled for all various industrial processes and software. Assessing the impact of different operational temperatures for locating out the heat transport speed at specific temperatures have been directed with Kamala Priya B(1) and the outcomes are observed to

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function, that warm socket temperatures of shell and Tube Heat Exchanger has contributed a more rapid solution. The speed of growth of heat transfer speed as a result of reduced specific heat and higher density, higher temperature supply and big surface quantity of Nano particles have been introduced with Dr.M.Sakthivel et al(2). Vindhya vasini Prasad dhubey et al(3) was designed a computer model with Ansys 14.0 and conducted steady state thermal simulation using a number of thermal loading on distinct faces and borders..The design of Shell and Tube heat exchanger using Kerns method and carried out the steady state thermal analysis using Ansys 14.0 have been tested by Vindhya Vasini Prasad Dhubey(4) under various flow conditions considering the insulations of aluminum foil, cotton wool, tape, foam, paper etc.Through different constructional details, design methods and the reasons for the wide acceptance of Shell and Tube type Heat exchangers has been described by Kuldeep Singh(5).

II. OBJECTIVE

The objective of this paper is to model the Shell and Tube Heat Exchanger and to study the flow and temperatures inside the Shell and Tube heat exchanger.

III. METHODOLOGY

The flow and temperature of Shell and Tube are calculated using Ansys Software.

Modeling:

The world's engineering and design leading software for product 3D CAD design excellence was CATIA where it is used to design, simulate, analyze, and manufacture products in a variety of industries including aerospace, automotive, consumer goods, and industrial machinery. In the present work, the shell and tube heat exchanger model as shown in Fig 1. has been taken from Dr.M.Sakthivel (2) where the specifications given are as follows.

Specifications of the STHE

Table 1 shows the specifications of the STHE

Specification	Dimensions (mm)
Length of heat exchanger	1500 mm
No of tubes	07
Diameter of inner shell	138 mm
Diameter of outer shell	140 mm
Diameter of inner tube	20 mm
Diameter of outer tube	22 mm
No of baffles in STHE	05
Distance between the baffles in STHE	250 mm

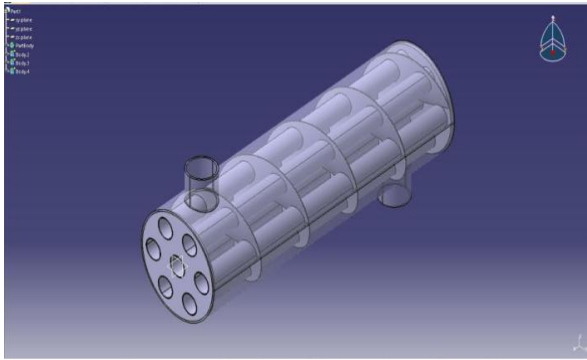


Fig 1: Modeling of Shell and Tube Heat Exchanger

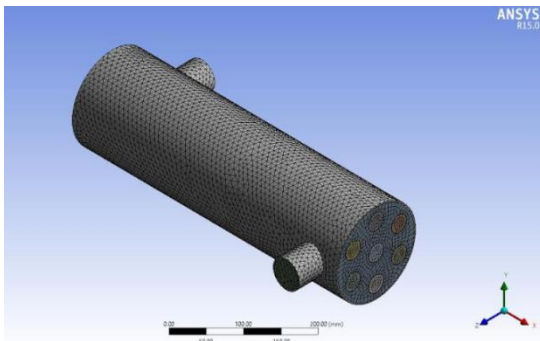


Fig 2: Meshing of Shell and Tube Heat Exchanger using ANSYS

Meshing:

«ANSYS Meshing is a general-purpose, intelligent, automated high-performance product. It produces the most appropriate mesh for accurate, efficient multi physics solutions. ANSYS Meshing is aware of the type of solutions that will be used in the project and has the appropriate criteria to create the best suited mesh. For a quick analysis or for the new and infrequent user, a usable mesh can be created with one click of the mouse. Fig 2 shows the meshing of SHTE where three node triangle mesh was used using Ansys ».

Boundary Conditions:

« Different boundary conditions were applied for different zones. Since it is a shell-and-tube heat exchanger, there are two inlets and two outlets. The inlets were defined as velocity inlets and outlets were defined as pressure outlets. The inlet velocity of the cold fluid was kept constant i.e. 0.0787m/s, whereas velocity of hot fluid was kept constant i.e. 1.594 m/s. The outlet pressures were kept default i.e. atmospheric pressure. The hot fluid temperature at inlet was 340k and cold fluid inlet temperature was kept 300k. The other wall conditions were defined accordingly. The surrounding air temperature was kept 300k ».

Analysis:

« Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD) is a tool with amazing flexibility, accuracy and breadth of application. ANSYS Fluent and ANSYS CFX provide fast results for virtually any fluid or multiphysics application, with industry-leading accuracy and robustness. This serious CFD software has the wide ranging capabilities needed to solve your design problems today and in the future. CFD solvers

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IV. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

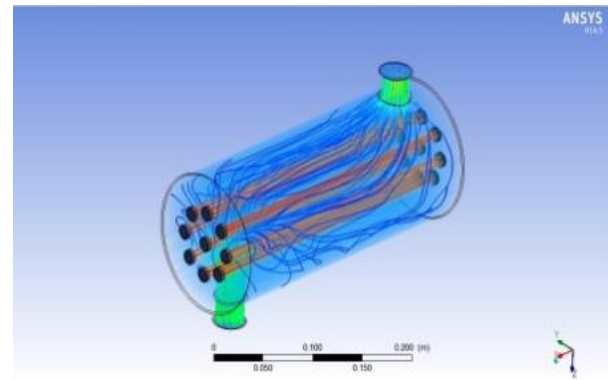


Fig 3: Flow of fluids in SHTE

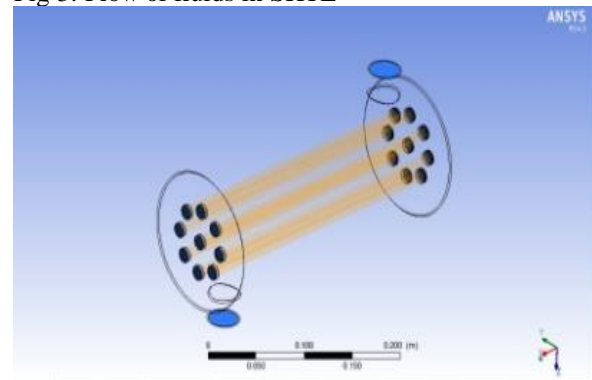


Fig 4: Flow of fluid in Tubes of STHE

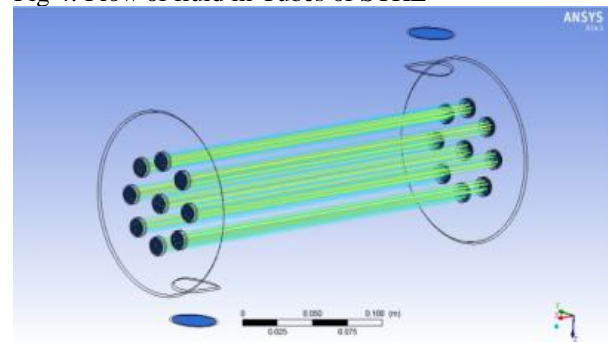


Fig 5: Flow of Tube fluid after Heat exchange

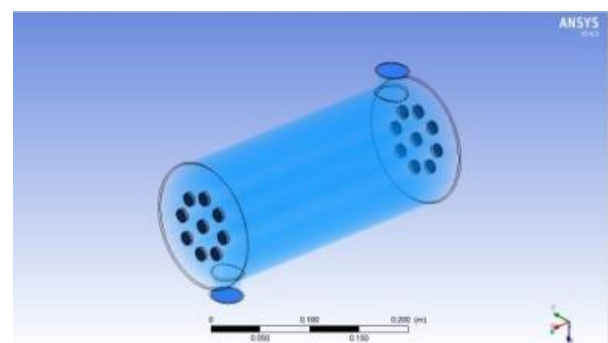


Fig 6: Flow of fluid in shell of STHE

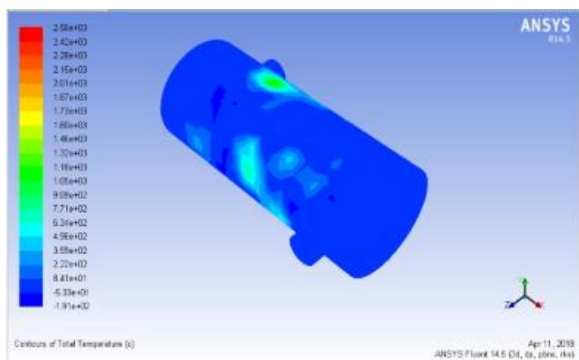


Fig 7: Contours of Temperature

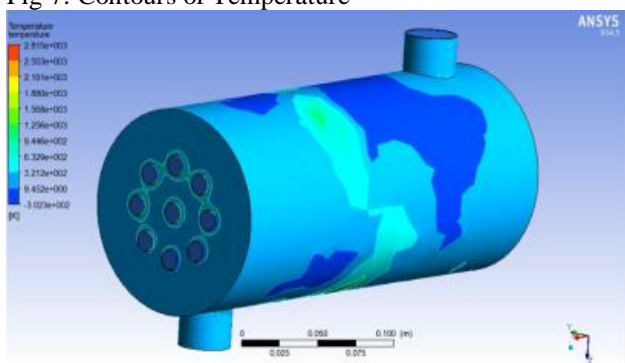


Fig 8: Temperature distribution of STHE

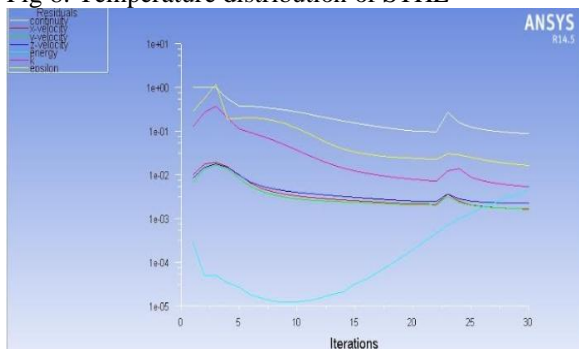


Fig 9: Iterations of Velocity and Temperature

« Fig 3,4,5,6 shows the flow of fluids in Shell and Tube Heat Exchanger and in tubes of Shell and Tube Heat Exchanger respectively. Fig 7 and fig 8 describes the contours of temperature and temperature distribution of Shell and Tube Heat Exchanger respectively. 30 iterations of velocity and temperature can be observed from Fig 9 ».

For temperature:

S.NO	Inlet Velocity of hot fluid (water) (m/s)	Inlet Temp of hot water (in Kelvin's) T/h.max	Outlet Temp of hot water (in Kelvin's) T/h.min
1	0.155	366	354.568
2	0.11	375	345.597
3	0.154	377	352.235
4	0.156	375.5	354.125
5	0.22	378.9	364.258
6	0.35	390	359.289
7	0.37	392	358.647

Table 2: CFD results for temperature

The above table discusses the CFD results for temperatures at different velocities.

V. CONCLUSION

In the preceding analysis, it's discovered that the temperatures and flow within the Shell and Tube of both Shell and Tube Heat Exchanger have been all calculated. The temperature of warm water in inlet zone will be raised as the speed increase and the temperatures of warm water at socket will be diminished as the speed increases.

VI. FUTURE SCOPE

Within this undertaking, temperature effects were decided depending on the use of Ansys Fluent instrument. By analyzing the properties of diverse materials, opportunity to modify the properties of these substances in tube and shell to improve heat transfer speed and total coefficient via CFD analysis.

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