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FINITE ELEMENT (FE) ANALYSIS AND OPTIMIZATION OF CONCENTRIC

HEATER

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ABSTRACT

The effectiveness of heat exchanger shows its performance. Shell and tube heat exchanger is selected from previous research paper. Its effectiveness is calculated by mathematical modeling. It is replaced by triple concentric tube heat exchanger with same input parameters and effectiveness is calculated by mathematical modeling. Three controlling parameters LDO inlet temp, Crude inlet temp and mass flow rate of crude are selected. L-9 array is formed with three levels of variables. Analysis is carried out for nine experiments. Optimize these controlling parameters. ANOVA is carried out to find the percentage contribution of each controlling parameter.

KEYWORDS: LDO, Crude, mass flow rate, triple concentric heat exchanger, effectiveness.

I. INTRODUCTION

Heat exchangers are one of the most common pieces of equipment found in all plants. Heat exchangers have always been important part to lifecycle and operation of many systems. A heat exchanger is a device built for efficient heat transfer from one medium to another in order to carry and process energy. Typically one medium is cooled while the other is heated. In most heat exchangers, the fluids are separated by a heat transfer surface and ideally they do not mix. They are widely used in petroleum refineries, chemical plants, petrochemical plants, natural gas processing, air conditioning, refrigeration and automotive applications.

II. MATHEMATICAL MODELING



Figure-1: Physical model of a triple concentric tube heat exchanger for counter flow arrangement [5]

Physical model of a triple concentric tube heat exchanger for counter flow arrangement For simplicity of the mathematical calculations, following assumptions are made;

- Both hot and cold fluids are incompressible in nature.
- Phase change of fluid does not take place during the operation.
- The fluid flows in all three flow passages are hydro-dynamically and thermally fully developed.
- Fluid properties are constant throughout.
- Heat exchanger is properly insulated.

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Here h2o and h2i are the convective heat transfer coefficients for middle tube and remain same as the thermal conductivity of material is same, thickness of material is same, fluid streams on both sides are same and velocity of fluids on both sides are also same.

Input parameters

These parameters are taken from the previous research paper entitled above.[6] Table-1. Input parameters for shell and tube heat exchanger [6]

	Tuble-1.111put pur unceers for shell und tube neur exchanger [0]								
Sr. No.	Parameters	Units	Shell Side Fluid	Tube Side Fluid					
1	Specific Gravity	-	0.85	0.82					
2	Viscosity	Ns/m ²	0.17	3.2					
3	Heat Capacity	KJ/KgK	2.28	2.05					
4	Thermal Conductivity	W/mK	0.125	0.134					
5	Thermal Conductivity at the wall temp.	W/mK	45	-					
6	Material	-	Steel	Copper					
7	Mass Flow Rate	Kg/sec	56	116.14					
8	Length of Tube	Mm	5560	5560					
9	Fouling Factor	-	0.0004	0.0008					
10	Outside Diameter	М	-	0.01905					
11	Inside Diameter	М	1.1	-					
12	No of passes		1	2					
13	Fluid stream		Light diesel oil (LDO)	Crude					
14	No. of tubes			1256					
15	Birmingham WireGage (BWG)		16						
16	Inlet temperature	K	480	365					

Mathematical calculations

Effectiveness of Shell and tube heat exchanger Fluid passes through tubes is Crude Fluid passes through shell is LDO Total c/s area of Tube $=\pi/4 d^2 * n$ Where d=dia of tube and n=no of tubes. = $\frac{\pi}{4} * 0.01905^2 * 1256$ =357988.834 mm² c/s area of Shell area $=\pi/4$ $D^2 - 357988.834$ Where D=dia of shell $=\pi/4 * 1100^2 - 357988.834$ $=592342.943mm^{2}$ We know that the mass flow rate (m)= ρAV For LDO, =850*.5923* VL 56 VL =0.111 m/sFor Crude, 116.14 =820*.3579* VC VC =0.3956m/s Specific heat for LDO, CpL =2.28 KJ/KgK Heat Capacity[1] for LDO, =2.28*56 KW/K CL =127.68KW/K (min) Specific heat for Crude, =2.05 KJ/KgK CpC Heat Capacity for Crude, CC =2.05*116.14 KW/K

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[Nimankar* et al., 6(12): December, 2017] IC[™] Value: 3.00 =238.08KW/K (max) For LDO, Reynolds number(Re)[2]= ρ VmDh/ μ $=850*0.111*686/0.17*10^{-6}$ $=3.8 \times 10^{5}$ Where ρ = density in Kg/m³ Vm=mean velocity in m/s Dh=hydraulic diameter [3] μ =dynamic viscosity in Ns/m² Prandlt number(Pr)[2] = $\mu cP/k$ =0.17*2.28* 10³/0.125 =3100.8 Where k = thermal conductivity in W/mk Nussult number(Nu)[2]= $0.023Re^{0.8}Pr^{0.3}$ $=0.023(3.8 \times 10^5)^{0.8}(3100.8)^{0.3}$ $=7.47 * 10^{3}$ Where Re, Pr, and Nu are the dimensionless parameters. Convective heat transfer coefficient (h) hL =k.Nu/Dh =7.47* 103*0.125/0.686 $=1.36* 10^{3} W/m^{2}$ For Crude, Reynolds number(Re)= ρ VmDh/ μ =820*395.6*19.05/3.2* 10⁻⁶ =1.93* 104 Prandlt number(Pr) = $\mu cP/k$ =3.2*2.05* 10³/0.134 =48955.22 Nussult number(Nu)= $0.023Re^{0.8}Pr^{0.4}$ $=0.023(1.93 * 10^4)^{0.8}(48955.22)^{0.4}$ $=4.63 \times 10^3$ Convective heat transfer coefficient(h) =k.Nu/Dh hc =4.63* 10³*0.134/.01905 $=3.26 * 10^4 W/m^2$ The overall heat transfer coefficient,[1] $\frac{1}{U} = \frac{1}{hi} + \frac{1}{ho} + R_{fo} + R_{fi}$ Where hi and ho are the convective heat transfer coefficients on tube side and shell side respectively. Also Rfi

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and Rfo are the fouling factors on tube side and shell side respectively. Also note that the length of tube is very large as compared to the tube diameter and the thermal conductivity is very high(i.e. copper=401W/mk) thus conduction heat transfer coefficients are neglected.[1] 1 1

1 $\frac{-}{3.26 * 10^4} + \frac{-}{1.36 * 10^3} + 0.0008 + 0.0004$ \overline{U} = =1.965 * 10 =508.65 W/m² U k. Heat transfer area: $=\pi dL^*$ no. of tubes As $=\pi * 19.05 * 5560 * 1256$ =417935520.6mm². Number of transfer unit,[1] NTU =UAs/Cmin =508.65*417.93/127.68 =1665.99 Capacity ratio(C):[1] = Cmin/ Cmax



=127.68/238.08 =0.536

Effectiveness(ϵ):[1]

$$=2(1 + C + \sqrt{1 + C^2} \frac{1 + \exp[-NTU\sqrt{1 + C^2}]}{1 - \exp[-NTU\sqrt{1 + C^2}]})^{-1}$$
$$=2(1 + 0.536 + \sqrt{1 + 0.536^2} \frac{1 + \exp[-1665.99\sqrt{1 + 0.536^2}]}{1 - \exp[-1665.99\sqrt{1 + 0.536^2}]})^{-1}$$

=0.748

Effectiveness of Triple concentric heat exchanger[4]

For this calculation we keep the cross sectional area constant for respective fluid flow. i.e. the total area available for crude is $357988.834 mm^2$ and the total area available for LDO is 592342.943mm² thickness of tube = 1.651mm as per BWG16 (given)[7] $=\frac{\pi}{4}d1^2$ A1 $=\frac{\pi}{4}[d2^{2}-(d1+3.3)^{2}]$ A2 $=\frac{\pi}{4}[d3^{2}-(d2+3.3)^{2}]$ A3 Where A1, A2, A3 are the cross sectional area of inner tube, middle annulus and outer annulus respectively. Where d1, d2, d3 are the diameters of inner tube, middle annulus and outer annulus respectively. Here A1+A3=592342.94mm². and A2=357988.834mm². Thus, $\frac{\pi}{4}$ d1²+ $\frac{\pi}{4}$ [d3²- (d2+3.3)²]= 592342.94 (1) $\frac{\pi}{4}$ [d2²- (d1+3.3)²]= 357988.834 (2)Put d1=220mm in equation (2), we get d2=713.4mm. then put the values of d1 and d2 in equation (1) we get d3=1103.3mm. thus, A1 $=0.03801 \text{ m}^2$ =0.3579 m² A2 A3 =0.5543 m² We know that the mass flow rate (m)= ρAV For LDO, =850*0.03801*0.111 m1 =3.586Kg/s m3 =850*0.5543*0.111 =52.29Kg/s For Crude, =820*3579*0.3956 m2 =116.14Kg/s Where m1,m2 and m3 are mass flow rates in inner tube, middle annulus and outer annulus respectively. Heat capacities = m1*CpC1 =2.28*3.586 =8.176KW/K C2 = m2*Cp=2.05*116.14 =238.087KW/K C3 = m3*Cp=2.28*52.29 =119.22KW/K Heat capacity ratio,

$$\begin{array}{rcl} Cr1 & =C1/C2 \\ & =8.176/238.087 \\ & =0.0343 \\ Cr3 & =C3/C2 \\ & =119.22/238.087 \end{array}$$



[Nimankar* et al., 6(12): December, 2017] IC[™] Value: 3.00 =0.5008For LDO, Reynolds number(Re)= ρ VmDh/ μ =850*111*610/0.17* 10⁻⁶ $=3.39*10^{5}$ Prandlt number(Pr)= μ Cp/k =0.17*2.28* 10³/0.125 =3100.8 Nussult number(Nu)=0.023Re^{0.8}Pr^{0.3} $=0.023(3.39 * 10^5)^{0.8}(3100.8)^{0.3}$ =6820.3375 Convective heat transfer coefficient(h) =k.Nu/Dh h =6820.3375*0.125/0.22 h1 $=3875.19W/m^{2}K$ =6820.3375*0.125/0.389 h3 $=2176.57W/m^{2}K$ For Crude, Reynolds number(Re)= ρ VmDh/ μ =820*395.6*493.4/3.2*10-6 =49801.23 Prandlt number(Pr) = μ Cp/k =3.2*2.05* 10³/0.134 =48955.22 Nussult number(Nu)=0.023Re^{0.8}Pr^{0.4} =0.023(49801.23)^{0.8}(48955.22)^{0.4} =9895.54 Convective heat transfer coefficient(h) =k.Nu/Dh h =9895.54*0.134/0.4934 h2 =2700.066W/m²K Overall heat transfer coefficient, $=[\frac{1}{h_1} + \frac{1}{h_2}]^{-1}$ U1 $= \left[\frac{1}{3875.19} + \frac{1}{2700.066}\right]^{-1}$ = 1591.31 W/m²K 1 $= [\frac{1}{h^2} + \frac{1}{h^3}]^{-1}$ U3 $=\left[\frac{\frac{1}{1}}{\frac{1}{2700.066}} + \frac{1}{\frac{1}{2176.57}}\right]^{-1}$ =1205.11 W/m²K The number of transfer units for respective stream, $=\frac{U1*A1}{U1*A1}$ N1 8.176 =7.39 $\underline{-}^{U3*A3}$ N3 C3 1205.11*0.5543 119.244 =5.60 N2 =N1Cr1+N3Cr3 =7.39*0.0343+5.60*.5008 =3.059F1 =N2-N1 =3.059-7.39=-4.338 F2 =N2=3.059

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F3	=N2-N3
	=3.059-5.60
	=-2.54
Where H	F1, F2 and F3 are the non dimensional parameters
А	=N1+N3-N2
	=7.39+5.60-3.059
	=9.9411
В	=N1N3[1-(Cr1+Cr3)]
	=7.39*5.60 [1-(0.0343+0.5008)]
	=19.27
Where A	A and B are the non dimensional coefficients
Δ	$=A^2-4B$
	$=9.9411^2 - 4 * 19.27$
	=21.745
λ1	$=$ $\frac{-A - \sqrt{A^2 - 4B}}{A^2 - 4B}$
	$\frac{2}{\sqrt{2}}$
	$=\frac{-9.9411 - \sqrt{9.9411^2 - 4*19.27}}{2}$
	=-7.30
12	$-A+\sqrt{A^2-4B}$
λ2	=2
	$-\frac{-9.9411+\sqrt{9.9411^2-4*19.27}}{2}$
	-26300 ²
Where λ	-2.0570
	$= \lambda 2 - \lambda 1$
	=-26390-(-730)
	=4 6629
a 11	$[N1Cr1(\lambda 2-F1)+N3Cr3(\lambda 2-F3)](e^{\lambda 1}-1)$
GI'	$=\frac{1}{\lambda_1}$
	[7.39*0.0343(-2.639+4.338)+
	$=\frac{5.60*0.5008(-2.639+2.543)](e^{-7.50}-1)}{7.20}$
	=0.1237
aa	$[N1Cr1(F1-\lambda 1)+N3Cr3(F3-\lambda 1)](e^{\lambda 2}-1)$
G2'	$=$ $\lambda 2$
	[7.39*0.0343(-4.338+7.30)+
	$=\frac{5.60*0.5008(-2.543+7.30)](e^{-2.563}-1)}{-2.620}$
	=41.611
Where (G1' and G2' are the non dimensional parameters
Eff	1

Effectiveness(ϵ): _____(G1'+G2')

 $= \frac{[(\Delta\lambda + G1' + G2') + (Cr1 + Cr2)]}{(0.1237 + 41.611)}$ = $\frac{(0.1237 + 41.611)}{[(4.662 + 0.1237 + 41.611) + (0.343 + 0.5008)]}$ = 0.8644 for B≠0 and $\Delta \!\!>\!\! 0$

In the similar fashion Effectiveness is calculated for different inner tube diameters (d1) and tabulated below;

Table-2:Effectiveness	for	different	inner	tube	diameters

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Inner tube dia (d1) mm	160	180	200	220	240
Effectiveness(ϵ)	0.8275	0.8350	0.84623	0.8644	0.82606

It is clear from the above values that the effectiveness is comparable higher at inner tube diameter of 220mm.

Calculation of effectiveness using terminal temperatures received from analysis [4]

for LDO inlet temperature 480K, crude inlet temperature 365K and mass flow rate of crude 116.14Kg/s For inner tube:

The actual rate of heat transfer: The actual rate of heat transfer: Q2 = Cc(Tc,out-Tc,in)



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=238.087(368.15-365) =749.97KW

The maximum rate of heat transfer:

Q2max =Cmin(Th,in-Tc,in)

=8.176(480-365)

=940.24KW

Effectiveness($\epsilon 2$)

= Q2 / Q2max

=749.97/940.24

=0.7976 (This is the effectiveness of main heat exchanger)

In the same way we can calculate the effectiveness of heat exchanger for nine different cases and get the maximum effectiveness is as **0.8356** for LDO inlet temperature 580.8K, crude inlet temperature 365K and mass flow rate of crude 140.53Kg/s

III. MODELING DETAILS

In this study, a triple concentric counter flow tube heat exchanger is selected in order to increase the model detail and to make solid observations about the temperature variation inside the tube. The material of all the tubes is Copper with a thermal conductivity of 401 W/mK. Some of the design parameters and the predetermined geometric parameters are presented below.

Geometric parameters

- Heat exchanger length: 5560 mm Inner tube diameter: 220 mm Middle tube diameter: 713.4 mm Outer tube diameter: 1103.3 mm Thickness of all tubes: 1.651 mm **Boundary conditions**
 - The working fluid passing through inner tube is LDO.
 - The working fluid passing through middle tube is Crude.
 - The working fluid passing through outer tube is LDO.
 - The LDO entering the inner tube flowing from left to right.
 - The Crude entering the middle tube flowing from right to left.
 - The LDO entering the outer tube flowing from left to right.
 - The mass flow rate of LDO entering the inner tube is 3.586Kg/s.
 - The mass flow rate of Crude entering the middle tube is 116.14Kg/s.
 - The mass flow rate of LDO entering the outer tube is 52.30Kg/s.
 - The inlet temperature of LDO entering the inner tube is 480K.
 - The inlet temperature of Crude entering the middle tube is 365K.
 - The inlet temperature of LDO entering the outer tube is 480K.

Mesh selection

Mesh generation is performed using ANSYS. A relatively coarser mesh is generated for this. It contains mixed elements (Tetrahedral element and Hexahedral element) having both triangular and quadrilateral faces at the boundaries. Care is taken to use structured element (Hexahedral element) as much as possible, for this reason the geometry is divided into several parts for using automatic methods available in the ANSYS meshing client. It is meant to reduce numerical diffusion as much as possible by structuring the mesh in a well manner, particularly near the wall region.



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Figure-2: Geometry of triple concentric heat exchanger



Figure-3: Meshing of triple concentric heat exchanger

Table-3: detailed mesh report							
Domain	Nodes	Elements					
inner_tube	19740	9835					
inner_tube_fluid	69052	63732					
middle_tube	62496	31136					
middle_tube_fluid	358400	337311					
outer_tube	97440	48546					
outer_tube_fluid	494388	453418					
All Domains	1101516	943978					

IV. DESIGN OF EXPERIMENTS

For this Taguchi method is used which reduced the variation in a process through robust design of experiments.

Selection of Process Variable and orthogonal array

The triple concentric tube heat exchanger is taken for the analysis. The mass flow rate of cold fluid, inlet temperature of hot fluid and inlet temperature of cold fluid are the most effective parameters for effectiveness of the triple concentric tube heat exchanger and the selection of orthogonal array L-9 for experiment was done by use Minitab-17 statistical software. The first parameter variation level is LDO inlet temperature 480K, Crude inlet temperature 365K and Mass flow rate of Crude 116.14Kg/s is the input data for heat exchanger. Then increase respective values by 10% in second and third parameter variation level.

Variation laval	$\begin{array}{c c} \hline \\ \hline $								
variation level	LDO lillet temp. (K)	Crude linet temp. (K)	Wass now rate of Crude(Kg/s)						
1	480	365	116.14						
2	528	401.5	127.754						

Table-4:Selection of variables

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3	580.8	441.65

Table-5: Selection of orthogonal array								
Sr. No	LDO inlet temperature (K)	Crude inlet temperature (K)	Mass flow rate of Crude(Kg/s)					
1	480	365	116.14					
2	480	401.5	127.754					
3	480	441.65	140.53					
4	528	365	127.754					
5	528	401.5	140.53					
6	528	441.65	116.14					
7	580.8	365	140.53					
8	580.8	401.5	116.14					
9	580.8	441.65	127.754					

V. FEA RESULTS

	Table-6: FEA Results									
LDO inlet-	LDO inlet-	Crude	mċ	LDO outlet-	LDO outlet-	Crude	e			
inner(K)	outer(K)	inlet (K)	(Kg/s)	inner(K)	outer(K)	outlet (K)				
480	480	365	116.14	472.9	476.4	368.15	0.7976			
480	480	401.5	127.754	477.9	478	403.2	0.7809			
480	480	441.65	140.53	478	478.9	442.5	0.6936			
528	528	365	127.754	517.9	523	369.2	0.8170			
528	528	401.5	140.53	520.3	524.1	404.5	0.8120			
528	528	441.65	116.14	523	525.4	443.3	0.5564			
580.8	580.8	365	140.53	567.4	574.1	370	0.8356			
580.8	580.8	401.5	116.14	569.9	575.3	406.5	0.8253			
580.8	580.8	441.65	127.754	572.3	576.5	445.2	0.8163			

VI. ANALYSIS OF VARIENCE (ANOVA)

401.5

441.65

365

401.5

441.65

	Table -7: S/IN ratios and mean for triple concentric neat exchanger								
LDO inlet	Crude inlet	Mass flow	Effectiveness	SND A 1	MEAN1				
emperature	temperature	rate	(ε)	SINAI	WILANI				
480	365	116.14	0.7976	-1.9643	0.7976				
480	401.5	127.754	0.7809	-3.17281	0.7809				
480	441.65	140.53	0.6936	-2.67425	0.6936				
528	365	127.754	0.8170	-1.66776	0.8170				

Table -7: S/N ratios and mean for triple concentric heat exchanger

Table-8: Response Table for Means

140.53

116.14

140.53

116.14

127.754

Column	Factors	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Delta	Rank
1	LDO Inlet Temperature	0.7617	0.7391	0.8152	0.0761	3
2	Crude inlet temperature	0.7263	0.7788	0.8110	0.0847	2
3	Mass flow rate	0.8174	0.7805	0.7182	0.0992	1

Table- 9: Response Table for Signal to Noise Ratios

Column	Factors	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Delta	Rank
1	LDO Inlet Temperature	-2.384	-2.773	-1.775	0.998	3
2	Crude inlet temperature	-2.909	-2.199	-1.823	1.086	2

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528

528

580.8

580.8

580.8

0.8120

0.5564

0.8356

0.8253

0.8163

-1.56003

-5.09226

-1.763

-1.80888

-1.76088

0.8120

0.5564

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Ľ	3	Mass flow rate	-1.752	-2.182	-2.997	1.245	1			

Main effects plot for triple concentric heat exchanger

From the main effect plots it is clear that the effectiveness is maximum at level 3 of LDO inlet temperature, at level 1 of Crude inlet temperature and at level 3 of mass flow rate of crude.



Figure: 4- Main effects plot for means for triple concentric heat exchanger



Figure- 5: Main effects plot for S/N ratio for triple concentric heat exchanger

Percent contribution

Source	SS	DOF	MSS	F RATIO	% CONTRIBUTION
LDO inlet temperature	0.010975	2	0.005487	0.35	16.46
_					
Crude inlet temperature	0.015068	2	0.007534	0.48	22.60
Mass flow rate	0.031457	2	0.015729	0.71	47.19
Error	0.008916	2	0.004581		13.75
Total	0.066630	8			100.00

Table-10: ANOVA for triple concentric heat exchanger

VII. CONCLUSION

From the above experimentation following conclusions drawn

•Considering the objective maximum effectiveness of heat exchanger nine experiments were successfully conducted and then its analysis is done with the help of Minitab software

•For shell and tube heat exchanger, the effectiveness calculated by mathematical modeling is $\epsilon = 0.748$.

•For triple concentric heat exchanger, the effectiveness calculated by mathematical modeling is $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$

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=0.8644.

•The effectiveness calculated from the terminal temperatures received from analysis for triple concentric heat exchanger is given as, $\epsilon = 0.7976$.

•The optimized value of effectiveness of triple concentric heat exchanger is $\epsilon = 0.8356$.

•The optimum levels for the parameters LDO inlet temperature, crude inlet temperature and mass flow rate of crude are 580.8K, 365K and 140.53Kg/s respectively.

•The response of S/N ratio with respect to effectiveness indicates the mass flow rate of crude to be the most significant parameter that controls the heat exchanger effectiveness where the crude inlet temperature and LDO inlet temperature are comparatively less significant in this regards.

•The contribution of LDO inlet temperature, crude inlet temperature and crude mass flow rate towards effectiveness are 16.46%, 22.60%, 47.19% as determined by the ANOVA method.

•Thus this experimentation successfully optimize triple concentric heat exchanger parameters for maximum effectiveness which will help to improve the efficiency by selecting the optimum parameters.

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