# PROCESS DESIGN AND HEAT TRANSFER ANALYSIS OF MINI SHELL AND TUBE HEAT EXCHANGER

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#### Abstract

A shell and tube heat exchanger improves heat exchange between hotter and colder fluids in chemical processes. Having gained wide acceptance for most applications in energy and chemical industries, shell and tube heat exchangers are now being intensively explored for prototype and small scale functions in laboratories and small industries. Because of the poor heat transfer coefficients and small scale design capabilities associated with shell and tube heat exchangers, most researches have focused on the industrial aspects of the exchangers. For these reasons, the Kern method of process design is proposed to overcome both challenges of poor heat transfer and design. While using the Kern method, Aspen Hysys V6.0 has also been used to design and rate the steady state thermal analysis of the design process. Using cooling water at  $39.50^{\circ}$ C, results showed that the low pressure steam was cooled from  $116^{\circ}$ C to  $77^{\circ}$ C while the final outlet cold stream temperature was obtained at  $50.35^{\circ}$ C. These imply that it is possible to design a simplified model of the shell and tube heat exchanger for prototype functions.

Keywords: Shell and tube heat exchanger, design, kern method, temperature.

#### INTRODUCTION

The extent to which shell and tube heat exchangers have been used in several industries, and had increased the efficiency of chemical processes is truly remarkable [1]. More than 35 to 40% of heat exchangers used in the world are shell and tube. Though there are several types of heat exchangers, considerable reasons for preferring the shell and tube are its relatively simple manufacturing, multipurpose applicability, robust geometry construction, easy maintenance, etc. [2]. The use of computer software has been useful in the design and optimization of heat exchangers [3][4]. A computer-based design model can be used for the preliminary design of shell and tube heat exchanger [5]. A simplified model can also be used for the study of thermal analysis of shell and tube heat exchanger of water and oil type [6]. The thermal and mechanical design of the E-type shell and tube heat exchanger was carried out with the aid of computer programming [7]. One of the most preferred reasons for its continuous usage is its reliable operation with a wide range of operating temperature.

Owing to the temperature difference in a shell and tube heat exchanger, heat transfer from fluid at higher temperature to a lower temperature occurs by the mechanism of conduction and convection. The basic principle is that two fluids flow at different temperatures separated by a wall [8]. Over the years, research have shown that prototype application of shell and tube heat exchangers in laboratories and small-scale functions can be achieved through device miniaturization which is a scaling down of the dimensions of its functional units. Heat exchanger efficiency was investigated by a researcher as a convenient approach for heat exchanger analysis that can be used to solve rating and sizing problems [9]. The study also presented a new methodology for analyzing network of heat exchangers connected in series. Kern and Bell Delaware methods are investigated methods of resolving heat and design challenges. Though Kern and Bell Delaware method is more complicated because of its' parameters which concern various leakages and bypass streams on the shell side [2]. To address this challenge of complexity, it has been convincingly shown that Kern's method provides the simplest model of design [10]. This is because Kern's method develops correlations based on experimental methods in commercial shell and tube heat exchangers. These correlations have to primarily do with the complexity challenge of Bell Delaware method that confronts miniaturization of the shell and tube heat exchanger.

For this reason, miniaturization and small scale application of the shell and tube heat exchanger are being actively explored. The Kern's method is considered to be one that will single handedly counter both challenges of poor heat transfer coefficient and design.

To this end, the Kern's method has gathered much attention as a simple model with the simultaneous capability of addressing both challenges of poor heat transfer and small scale design of shell and tube heat exchangers. This capability of the Kern's method has been investigated in this study. As recent research has brought to light the possibility of increasing the shell and tube heat exchanger

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performance through increase of its heat transfer capability, this article will show how an increase in heat transfer capability and design of a small scale shell and tube heat exchanger can be achieved using the Kern's method, and how its steady state thermal analysis can be justified through the use of Aspen Hysys software.

#### METHODOLOGY

The most common type of heat exchanger used in industrial application is the shell and tube heat exchangers. The exchangers exhibit more than 65% of the market share with a variety of design experiences of about 100 years. Shell and tube heat exchangers provide typically the heat transfer surface area density ranging from 50 to  $500m^2/m^3$  and are easily cleaned. The design of STHE includes thermal design and mechanical design respectively. The thermal design of STHE includes:

- i. Consideration of process fluids in both shell and tube side
- ii. Selection of required temperature specifications
- iii. Evaluation of required effective heat transfer surface area including fouling factor
- iv. Finding out logarithmic mean temperature difference (LMTD).
- v. Limiting the shell and tube side pressure drop
- vi. Setting shell and tube side velocity limits.

The mechanical design of Shell & Tube Heat Exchangers includes:

- i. Selection of TEMA/ASME layout based on thermal design
- ii. Selection of tube parameters such as size, thickness, layout, pitch and material
- iii. Limiting the upper and lower design on the tube length
- iv. Selection of shell side parameters such as materials, baffle spacing, gasket and clearances.
- v. Design of main shell under internal and external pressure, tube design, baffles design and gasket
- vi. Thermal conductivity of tube material
- vii. Setting upper and lower design limits on shell diameter, shell length, shell thickness and baffle spacing

The design codes and standards are available and carried out by referring to TEMA/ASME standards. This design is carried out both in analytically calculation and also with dedicated developed software for design and drafting. The dedicated software enables qualified design engineers to accomplish complex design calculations complying strictly with the requisite international codes and standards. The software will assist us to generate fabricated drawings to scale and 3-D images of the STHE thereby giving warning of any foul-up/mismatch in nozzles, RF-pads and in the dimensions of various components engineers to accomplish complex design calculations complying strictly with the requisite international codes and standards. The software will assist us to generate fabricated drawings to scale and 3-D images of the STHE thereby giving warning of any foul-up/mismatch in nozzles, RF-pads and in the dimensions of any foul-up/mismatch in nozzles, RF-pads and in the dimensions of any foul-up/mismatch in nozzles, RF-pads and in the dimensions of any foul-up/mismatch in nozzles, RF-pads and in the dimensions of any foul-up/mismatch in nozzles, RF-pads and in the dimensions of any foul-up/mismatch in nozzles, RF-pads and in the dimensions of any foul-up/mismatch in nozzles, RF-pads and in the dimensions of any foul-up/mismatch in nozzles, RF-pads and in the dimensions of any foul-up/mismatch in nozzles, RF-pads and in the dimensions of various components.

#### 3.2: MATERIALS OF CONSTRUCTION AND SOURCES

The materials of construction used for this project are carbon steel for shell side and stainless steel for tube side and these materials are purchased from Iron and Steel rod market in Warn, Delta State and Laptop.

#### 3.3: METHODOLOGY (Design Algorithm for a Shell & Tube Heat Exchanger)

#### **3.3.1:** Theoretical Calculation Background (Step – by – Step)

The thermal analysis of a shell and tube heat exchanger involves the determination of the overall heat-transfer coefficient from the individual film coefficients[11]. The shell-side coefficient presents the greatest difficulty due to the very complex nature of the flow in the shell.

In addition, if the exchanger employs multiple tube passes, then the LMTD correction factor must be used in calculating the mean temperature difference in the exchanger

A heat exchanger can be designed by the LMTD when the inlet and outlet conditions are specified. When the problem is to be determining the inlet and outlet temperatures for a particular heat exchanger, the analysis is performed more easily by using a method based on effectiveness of the heat exchanger and number of heat transfer units (NTU).

The heat exchanger effectiveness is defined as the ratio of actual heat transfer to the maximum possible heat transfer.

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$c_{-}$ actual heat transfer Q	(3.1)
max imum possible heat transfer $Q_{\text{max}}$	
The actual heat transfer rate, Q can be determined by energy balance equation;	
$Q = = M_{h}C_{ph}(t_{h_{1}} - t_{h_{2}}) = M_{c}C_{pc}(t_{c_{2}} - t_{c_{1}})$	(3.2)
The fluid capacity rate, $C = MC_p$ therefore	
$C = C_h = M_h C_{ph}$ = hot fluid capacity rate,	(3.3a)
$C_{c} = M_{c}C_{pc}$ = Cold fluid capacity rate,	(3.3b)
$C_{mm}$ = the minimum fluid capacity rate $(C_h  or  C_c)$ ,	
$C_{\text{max}}$ = the maximum fluid capacity rate $\begin{pmatrix} C_h & or & C_c \end{pmatrix}$ .	

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The number of heat transfer units;

$$NTU = \frac{UA}{C_{\min}}$$
(3.4)

Where. U = Overall heat transfer coefficient in  $W/m^2K$ ,

A = Heat transfer surface area in  $m^{2}$ . Therefore, the effectiveness:

$$\in = \frac{C_{h}(t_{h_{l}} - t_{h_{o}})}{C_{\min}(t_{h_{l}} - t_{c_{l}})} = \frac{C_{c}(t_{c_{o} - t_{c_{l}}})}{C_{\min}(t_{h_{l} - t_{c_{l}}})}$$
(3.5)

The governing equations for design problem are usually given as follows, Heat rate,

$$Q = C_{h} [T_{h_{i}} - T_{h_{o}}] = C_{c} [T_{c_{o}} - T_{c_{i}}]$$
(3.6)
Where

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Q = Heat duty of the exchanger, W

 $C_h = Specific heat of the hot fluid, J/KgK$ 

Cc Specific heat of the cold fluid, J/KgK

 $T_{hi}$  = Temperature of the hot fluid inside, K

Tho Temperature of the hot fluid outside, K

 $T_{ci}$  = Temperature of the cold fluid inside, K

 $T_{co}$  = Temperature of the cold fluid outside, K

Where heat capacity rate for both hot and cold fluid is C = MC

Where  $\dot{m} = \text{mass flowrate}$ , Kg/sec

C = heat capacity rate.

The temperature difference AT<sub>m</sub>, is termed logarithmic mean temperature difference between two fluid streams respectively. Since it is independent of position along the exchanger. (2 7)

$$LMTD = \Delta T_{m} = \frac{(T_{1} - t_{2}) - (T_{2} - t_{1})}{ln \left[ \frac{T_{1} - t_{2}}{T_{2} - t_{1}} \right]}$$
(3.7)  
Or  
$$\Delta_{T_{n}} = \frac{(T_{H_{1}} - T_{C_{1}}) - (T_{H_{2}} - T_{C_{2}})}{(T_{1} - T_{1}) - (T_{1} - T_{1}) - (T_{1} - T_{1})}$$
(3.8)

$$\Delta_{T_{m}} = \frac{\left(T_{H_{1}} - T_{C_{1}}\right) - \left(T_{H_{2}} - T_{C_{2}}\right)}{\left(\frac{\left(T_{H_{1}} - T_{C_{1}}\right)}{\left(T_{H_{2}} - T_{C_{2}}\right)}\right)}$$

 $T_{H1}$  = Inlet hot fluid temperature, Tm=Outlet hot fluid temperature

 $T_{C1}$  = Inlet cold fluid temperature,  $T_{C2}$  =Outlet cold fluid temperature

Equations (3.6) & (3.7) are valid regardless of whether counter flow or parallel flow is employed. In multi-pass shell and- tube exchangers, the flow pattern is a mixture of co-current and countercurrent flow. For this reason, the logarithmic mean temperature difference is derived by introducing a correction factor, F, which is termed the LMTD correction factor; (3.9)

 $\Delta T_{_m} = F * \Delta T_{_m}$ 

Where, F = Correction factor.

The correction factor is a function of the shell and tube fluid temperatures, and the number of tube and shell passes. Also correction factors used in rate equation have been worked out by analysis subject to a set of simplifying assumptions, for a variety of situations. In the olden days, the formulae for them were considered too cumbersome to use.

Figure C14.a-d in Appendix C of textbook by Mills display such graphs, therefore graphs were prepared by plotting F(P,R) and these are parameters on which F depends.

Nowadays, one can compute these dimensionless factors quickly with a pocket calculator and this is corrected using two dimensionless temperature ratios (Serth, 2007);

Let, N No. of shell side passes then;

$$P = \frac{t_2 - t_1}{T_1 - t_1}$$
(3.10a)  

$$R = \frac{T_1 - T_2}{T_2 - t_1}$$
(3.10b)

Given next are the two common factors,

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$$F_{1,2} = \frac{\left[\frac{R^{2}+1}{R-1}\right] ln \left[\frac{1-p}{1-PR}\right]}{ln \left[\frac{\Delta+\sqrt{R^{2}+1}}{\Delta-\sqrt{R^{2}+1}}\right]}$$
(3.11)  
$$F_{2-4} = \frac{\left[\frac{\sqrt{R^{2}+1}}{2(R-1)}\right] ln \left[\frac{1-P}{1-PR}\right]}{ln \left[\frac{A+B+\sqrt{R^{2}+1}}{A+B-\sqrt{R^{2}+1}}\right]}$$
(3.12)  
Where  $A = \frac{2}{p} - 1$  and  $B = B = \frac{2}{p} \sqrt{(1-P)(1-PR)}$ (3.13)

The formula given above for  $F_{1,2}$  also applies for one shell pass and 2, 4, (or any multiple of 2) tube passes. Likewise, the formula for  $F_{24}$  also applies for two shell passes and 4, 8, (or any multiple of 4).

#### For Shell Side Calculation

Some of the following dimensions will be used in shell and tube heat exchangers which are; Lt = Tube length, Nt = Number of tubes, Np Number of pass, Ds = Shell inside diameter, Nb Number of baffle and B Baffle spacing. The baffle spacing is obtained by

$$R = \frac{Lt}{N_b + 1}$$
(3.14)

Shell side Tube layout

For a cross section of both square and triangular pitch layouts, the tube pitch Pt, and the clearance Ct, between adjacent tubes are both defined and the equivalent diameter is obtained.

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(3.20)

The equivalent diameter is obtained by;  

$$R = \frac{4A_c}{P_{heated}}$$
(3.1)

The equivalent diameter for the square pitch layout is obtained by;

$$D_{e} = \frac{4\left[P_{r}^{2} - \frac{\pi d_{0}^{2}}{4}\right]}{\pi d_{0}}$$
(3.16)

The equivalent diameter for the triangular pitch layout is obtained by;

$$D_{e} = \frac{4\left[\frac{\sqrt{3}P_{0}^{2}}{4}\frac{\pi d_{0}^{2}}{8}\right]}{\frac{\pi d_{0}}{2}}$$
(3.17)

The cross-flow area of the shell A5 is defined as;

 $A_s = \frac{D_s C_r B}{P_c} \tag{3.18}$ 

Where,  $A_S =$  Shell side cross flow area, m2

B= Baffle spacing, m

C=Tube clearance Pt- Do

 $D_o = Tube outer diameter, m$ 

 $P_t = Tube pitch, m$ 

Shell side mass velocity is obtained by;

$$G_s = \frac{m_s}{A_s} \tag{3.19}$$

Where  $\dot{m}_s$  =mass flowrate of shell side, Kg/s, As= cross flow area of the shell, rn<sup>2</sup>

$$\operatorname{Re}_{s} = \frac{D_{e}G_{s}}{\mu}$$

Where  $D_e$  = equivalent diameter, m  $\mu$  = dynamic or absolute viscosity, Ns/m2

Re  $_{s}$  = Reynolds number for the shell side.

Shell side Nusselt number is given by (Kern, 1965).

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$$\begin{split} & \mathcal{N}_{n} = 0.3 \left[ \frac{\rho_{n}}{\mu_{n}} \right]^{n^{n}} \left[ \frac{\sigma_{n}}{\mu_{n}} \right]^{n^{n}} \left[ \frac{\mu_{n}}{\mu_{n}} \right]^{n^{n}} & (3.21) \end{split}$$
Where:
Ka = Thermal conductivity, W/mK
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Do = Equivalent diameter of shell side, m.
The Bell-Delaware method was used to compute the shell side heat transfer coefficient, "hn" which is calculated and obtained as;
 $h_{n} = \frac{\sigma_{n}}{\rho_{n}}$ 
(3.22)
Where:
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(3.23)
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(3.24)
Where:
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(3.25)
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(3.25)
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The tube pitch ratio Pr is defined by:
 $c_{n} = -\frac{\sigma_{n}}{d_{n}}$ 
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(3.27)<$$$$ 

Shade Area =  $CL.P_t^2$ 

Where, CTP is the tube count constant that account for the incomplete coverage of the shell diameter by the tubes, due to necessary clearance between the shell and the outer tube circle and tube omissions due to tube pass lanes for multiple pass design.

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(3.29)

CTP = 0.93 for one-pass exchanger, CTP = 0.90 for two-passes exchanger and CTP 0,85 for three-passes exchanger Also CL is the tube layout constant CL 1.00 for square-pitch layout and CL Sin (60°) =0.8660 for triangular-pitch layout Therefore, the number of tubes Nt can be obtained by;  $N_{t} = \frac{\pi}{4} \left[ \frac{CTP}{CL} \right] \frac{D_{s}^{2}}{P_{t}^{2}}$ (3.30) $N_{t} = \frac{\pi}{4} \left[ \frac{CTP}{CL} \right] \frac{D_{s}^{2}}{P_{r}^{2} d_{0}^{2}}$ (3.31)The tube side heat transfer coefficient " $h_1$ ", can be obtained by the following calculations below;  $A_t = \frac{\pi d_t^2}{4}$ (3.32)Where,  $A_p$ = Heat transfer area based on the tube surface,  $m^2$  $A_{ip} = \frac{N_i A_i}{number of tube passes}$ (3.33)Where, Nt = Number of tubes.  $G_{t} = \frac{\dot{m}_{t}}{A_{tp}}$ (3.34)Where, Gt = Mass velocity of tube, Kg/m<sup>2</sup>s  $\mu_{_t} = \frac{G_{_t}}{p}$ (3.35)

Where, p = Density of fluid at average temperature, Kg/rn<sup>3</sup>

$$\operatorname{Re}_{t} = \frac{u_{t} p d_{1}}{u_{t}}$$
(3.36)

Where Ret = Reynolds number for the tube side flow.

Using the Petukhov and Kirillov correlation to determined and obtained the Nusselt number for the tube side;

$$N_{u} = \frac{\left(\frac{f}{2}\right) \operatorname{Re}_{r} P_{r}}{1.07 + 12.7 \left(\frac{f}{2}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(P_{r}^{\frac{2}{3}} - 1\right)}$$

$$f = (1.58 \ln \operatorname{Re}_{r} - 3.28)^{-2}$$
Where;
$$f = \operatorname{Friction} \text{ factor of flow,}$$
Ret Reynolds number of the tube side flow,
Pr = Prandtl number,
$$(3.37)$$

Therefore, the tube side heat transfer coefficient is then found as;

 $h_i = \frac{N_u K}{d_i} \tag{3.38}$ 

The tube side pressure drop can be calculated by first estimating the Darcy friction factor for flow through the tubes from the value of Reynolds number and the relative roughness, and applying the viscosity correction. Then, this friction factor is used to evaluate the pressure drop for flow through the tubes.

 $\Delta P_{value} = f_{corrected} \frac{L}{Di} \left[ \frac{1}{2} p V_B \right] x \text{ Number of tube passes}$ (3.39) Or  $\Delta P_{tube} = \left[ 4 f \frac{LN_p}{d_i} + 4N_B \right] x \left[ \frac{p_i V_m^2}{2} \right]$ (3.40) Where  $V_m = \frac{u_i}{10}$ N = Number of passes, f = friction factor of tube side

L = Length of the tube, mDi = Inner diameter of the tube, m V = Average flow velocity through a single tube, m/s  $p = Density of the tube side fluid, Kg/rn^3$ . 3.3.2: Software Model Calculation (Step-by-Step with procedure using Aspen IIYSYS Heat Exchanger V6.O) An attempt is made in this research thesis for the design and modeling of a shell and tube heat exchangers by modeling using Aspen HYSYS Heat Exchanger V6.0 by taking the Inner Diameter of shell to be 152.4mm, Length of the Shell to be 590mm and Outer Diameter of tube to 12.5mm, Length of Tube to be 4 10mm and Shell material as Carbon Steel with Tube material as Stainless Steel. By using Aspen HYSYS Heat Exchanger V6.0 software, the simulation of thermal analysis of a Shell and Tube Heat Exchangers is carried out. Comparison is made between the Numerical results, and Aspen HYSYS Software results. With the help of the available numerical results, the design of Shell and Tube Heat Exchangers can be altered for better efficiency. Following are the dimensions of the model to be considered for this study; No of tubes = 16Length of the tubes = 4.10 mm Tube outer and inner diameters = 12.5mm & 11.5mm Tube pitch = 20.5mm Clearance =  $P - d_0 32-25=7mm$ Tube layout = 90Shell length 590mm Shell outer diameter = 168.30mm Shell inner diameter = 152.4mm Shell thickness = 15.9mm Thermal properties of Carbon Steel Include; Thermal conductivity =  $54W/m^{\circ}C$  $Density = 7850 kg/rn^3$ Specific heat 481J/Kg°C Thermal properties of cooling water include; Thermal conductivity =  $0.604 \text{W/m}^{\circ}\text{C}$ Density = 997,5Kg/rn<sup>3</sup> Specific heat =  $162J/Kg^{\circ}C$ Thermal properties of Stainless Steel include; Thermal conductivity =  $45 W/m^{\circ}C$  $Density = 8030 Kg/m^3$ Specific heat =  $462J/KG^{\circ}C$ 

#### 3.4: GETTING STARTED USING ASPEN HYSYS DESIGN SOFTWARE

#### 3.4.1: Business Background

Aspen Shell & Tube Exchanger enables optimum design, rating or simulation of shell and tube, double pipe, or multi-tube hairpin exchangers for both the expert and casual user. Integration with process simulators and other AspenTech engineering tools allows for improved overall process optimization through better collaboration across engineering disciplines. Aspen Shell & Tube Exchanger addresses a wide range of application needs, serving both the engineering contractor and the equipment fabricator, with the ability to share models from conceptual design to operational troubleshooting. It facilitates the full range of practical process applications, including reflux condensers, kettle reboilers, thermosyphon reboilers, falling film evaporators, and multi-shell, multi-pass feed-effluent trains. This flexibility allows the process streams to be single phase, boiling or condensing vapors, single component or any mixture with or without non-condensable gases in any condition (including superheated vapor, saturated vapor, or sub-cooled liquid).

#### 3.4.2 Introduction to Aspen Shell and Tube Exchanger

Aspen Exchanger Design & Rating (Aspen EDR) software provides the most comprehensive package available for designing and rating heat exchangers. EDR software is used daily for thermal, mechanical and process engineering by engineering contractors, process operators and exchanger fabricators throughout the world. Aspen Shell & Tube Exchanger can be used to design all major industrial shell & tube exchanger equipment types in any combination of processes including single phase heating or cooling and boiling or condensation. Typically, users save between 10-30% on equipment cost by effectively designing their exchangers using Aspen Exchanger Design & Rating (EDR).

Given a process requirement and physical property data, the program conducts a comprehensive design search to find the optimum cost arrangement capable of satisfying the process constraints.

The program provides detailed exchanger geometry and performance details as well as a specification sheet, setting plan, and tube layout drawings.

Completed designs can be transferred to Aspen Shell & Tube Mechanical for complete mechanical design to the requirements of ASME, TEMA, or other leading international design codes and standards. Explanations for each step will be provided.

#### 3.4.3: Design Problem Statement

We have been challenged with designing a shell side condenser containing a mixture of steam and methanol and using water as a coolant. Aspen Shell & Tube Exchanger provides the unique capability of automating the design process for optimizing the sizing of the heat

exchanger to lowest cost. The design calculation will determine the shell length and diameter, the nozzle sizes, the number of tubes and passes, the number of baffles and baffle cut. Other details such as shell and header type baffle type, tube type and layout will use program defaults. The design logic will optimize the heat transfer against the allowable pressure drop on both the shell and tube sides. The program has built in heuristic rules, which will stop searching once it realizes it has achieved the optimal calculation.

The process data details used for this example are shown in Table 1

Table 1: Process Data (Source: Aspentech EDR 2006 Licensed to: LEGENDS).			
Fluids	Hot Side - Steam 40% & Methanol 60%	Cooling Water	Units
Total Flowrate	12.6	76	Kg/s
Temperature (In/Out)	95/55	35/-	°C
Inlet Pressure	1	6.5	Bar(abs)
Allowable Pressure Drop	0.05	0.7	bar
Fouling Resistance	0.00018	0.00018	m2K/W

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#### 3.4.5 ADDITIONAL DESIGN INFORMATION

#### a. Geometry

The Geometry tab contains all user-specified information pertaining to exchanger configuration, shell and tube dimensions, and the overall results of the simulation after the case is run.

b. Process

The Process tab contains data regarding the physical conditions of the process streams, pressure drop, and fouling resistance of the fluids.

#### c. Errors & Warnings

Check the Errors & Warnings tab after running the optimization to identify operational and performance risks that were identified with the design

#### 4.1: RESULT ANALYSIS

#### 4.1.1: STEPWISE PROCEDURE FOR CALCULATION

The following steps are adopted for the calculation of parameters of shell and tube heat exchanger.

- a. The outlet temperatures of shell and tube heat exchanger are computed by equations (3.7) and (3.8) respectively.
- b. The logarithmic mean temperature difference to the shell and tube are computed using equations (3.6) or (3,7).
- c. Reynolds number on shell side flow is calculated using equation (3.20).
- d. Nusselt number on shell side using the equation (3.21) by using Macadam's correlation is computed.
- e. Heat transfer coefficient on shell side using the equation (3.22).
- f. Pressure drop 'on shell side using the following equation (3.23) is calculated.
- g. Reynolds number on tube side flow using equation (3.36) is calculated.
- h. Nusselt number on tube side using the equation (3.37) by using Petukhov and Kirillov correlation is computed.
- i. Heat transfer coefficient on tube side using the equation (3.38) is calculated.
- j. Tube side pressure drop by using equations (3.40) and (3.30or 3.31) is calculated.

#### 4.2: NUMERICAL SOLUTION PROCEDURE AND RESULTS

- 1) Area of heat exchanger is taken as  $15m^2$ .
- 2) Assumed overall heat transfer coefficient is taken as  $3,000 \text{ W/m}^2\text{k}$ .
- 3) Number of tubes is taken as 16
- 4) Number of passes is 2
- 5) Shell side outer diameter and inner diameter are taken as  $D_{s_{muter}} = 6.63$ " (168.3mm) and  $D_{s_{muter}} = 6$ " respectively.

#### 4.2.1: Assumptions

- 6) Tube side outer diameter and inner diameter are taken as  $d_0=12.5$ mrn and  $d_i=1$  1.5mm respectively.
- 7) Mass flowrates of both cold fluid and hot fluid are rh = 76kg/s and  $m_h = 12.6kg/s$  respectively.
- 8) Bundle arrangement of the tubes is Square Pitch.
- 9) Hot fluid and Cold fluid are Low Pressure Steam which is a mixture of 40% Steam + 60% Methanol and Cooling Water respectively.

Table 2: Inputs Process Data for Lo	ow Pressure Stean	<u>n — Cooling Water</u>		
INPUTS PARAMETER	SHELL SIDE	TUBE SIDE	SYMBOLS	UNITS
Hot Fluid		60% Methanol & 40% Steam		
Cold Fluid	Cooling Water			
Inlet Temperature	35	95	$T_{1} \& t_{1}$	°C
Mass Flowrates	12.6	76	$\dot{m}_h \& \dot{m}_c$	kg/s
Shell Side Outer Diameter	0.1683		Ds(outer)	М
Shell Side Inner Diameter	0.1524		Ds(inner)	М
Tube Side Inner Diameter		0.0115	di	М
Tube Side Outer Diameter		0.0125	do	М
Materials of Construction	Carbon Steel	Stainless Steel		
Thermal conductivity for carbon steel	54		k	W/m.k
Thermal conductivity for stainless steel		45	k	W/m.k
Specific heat of the shell side fluid	4200		$(C_p)s$	J/kg.k
Absolute viscosity of the shell side fluid	0.0006537		$(\mu_{b})s$	Kg/m.s
Thermal conductivity of the shell side fluid	0.6280		Ks	W/m.k
Density of the shell side fluid	9975		Ps	Kg/m <sup>3</sup>
Prandtl number of the shell side fluid	4.340		$(P_r)S$	
Specific heat capacity of the tube side fluid		10,133.33	$(C_p)t$	J/kg.k
Absolute viscosity of the tube side fluid		0.0000572	$(\mu_b)t$	Kg/m.s
Thermal conductivity of the tube side fluid		0.045	Kt	W/m.k
Density of the tube side	792.645		Ps	Kg/m <sup>3</sup>
Prandtl number of the tube side fluid		1.08	$(P_r)t$	
Table 3. Other Process Innuts Para	motors			
PARAMETER	VALUES	SYMBOLS	U	NITS
Pitch size		0.0205 P <sub>t</sub>		m
Clearance		0.008 C		т
Baffle spacing from the tube side		0.137 B		m
Tube length		0.410 L,		т
Shell thickness		0.0159 T		т
Total shell length		0.590 L <sub>s</sub>		т
Number of baffles		2		т
Diameter of baffles	0.152 D <sub>p</sub>			т
Diameter of drilled hole		0.0125 D <sub>d</sub>		m
	Dimensions	for the floating head tube	I	
External diameter of the tube sheet		0.139		m
Internal diameter of the tube sheet		0.216		m
Length of floating head		0.125		m
Number of tube passes		2		
Number of shell pass		1		
	Dimensions for	the channel head tube sheet		
External diameter		0.165		т
Internal diameter		0.153		т
Length of channel head		0.125	1	m

### **Table 4: Theoretical Output Results Obtained**

PARAMETER	VALUES	SYMBOLS	UNITS
Outlet temperature	51	55	°C
Reynolds number, Re	391.634	5,376,184	
Nusselt number Nu	698	5,910	
Heat transfer coefficient, h	14,465	23,127	
Friction factor, $f$	0.1511	0.002224	
Pressure drop. $\Delta P$	99,893(14.49)	22,889.52(3.32)	Pa(Psi)
Mass velocity, Gs	8,446.42	15,162.45	Kg/m <sup>2</sup> s
Area, A	0.008998	0.000813	$M^2$

PARAMETER		
Shell length Ls	0.590	М
Shell equivalent diameter, De	0.03031	М
Tube diameter ratio, dr	1.087	-
Tube pitch ratio, Pr	0.019	М
Tube clearance, Ct	0.008	М
Number of Tubes, Nt	16	-
Tube side fluid flow velocity, $u_t$	34	m/s
Hot fluid capacity rate	127,680	Jk-S-
Cold fluid capacity rate	319,200	JK-S-
Fluid capacity ratio	0.40	-
Number of heat transfer units NTU	0.352	-
Effectiveness, ∈	0.667	-
Heat transfer rate, Q	5,107,200	J/S
Cold fluid outlet stream temperature, $t_{\infty}$	51	°C
Logarithmic mean temperature difference, LMTD	30.44	°C
LMTD correction factor	2.96	°C

#### **Table 5: Other Theoretical Calculated Output Results**





Table 6: Table of Pressure (kPa) against Temperature (<sup>0</sup>C) for Tube Side.





#### 4.3: Discussion

We can observe from both our theoretical calculation and software results that the cold fluid outlet temperature gives 51°C and the fluid flow is turbulent for both shell and tube sides respectively.

The above Figure 3 for hot fluid inlet streams shows that the pressure of the tube side increases linearly from 196.4kPa to 201.4kPa as the temperature increases from  $55^{\circ}$ C to  $95^{\circ}$ C and vice versa.

Likewise, the above Figure 4 for the cold fluid inlet stream shows that pressure decreases linearly from 750kPa to 680kPa as the temperature increases from  $34^{\circ}$ C to  $51^{\circ}$ C which signify that pressure is inversely proportion at the shell side on the performance section. Also, from Figure 5 for both hot and cold fluid inlet streams show that the pressure of the tube side remains constant and unaffected at 200kPa as the temperature increases from  $55^{\circ}$ C to  $95^{\circ}$ Cwhile the pressure of the shell side shows a decrease of about 60kPa (from 750kPa to 690kPa) temperature with an increase of  $16^{\circ}$ C (from  $35^{\circ}$ C to  $51^{\circ}$ C) on the temperature axis, which is our target cold fluid outlet temperature on the performance section.

#### Conclusion

On the basis of the above study, it is clear that a lot of factors affect the performance of a shell and tube heat exchanger and the effectiveness obtained by the heat transfer analysis depicts the cumulative effect of all the factors over the performance of the shell and tube heat exchanger. It was observed that the effectiveness of the shell and tube heat exchanger is better when the hot fluid flows into the tubes as compared to the condition in which it had to be flown through the shell, thereby eliminating heat loss by conduction through the shell. Moreover, it means that flowing cold water through the shell side may be beneficial, however, sure comments cannot be made about this universally as it is a very special case of equal heat capacity rates of both the fluid. Increase in mass velocity and Reynolds number at both shell and tube sides are related with the increase in the turbulence and consequently an increase in the heat transfer rates. Whereas the square pitch layout was considered in this study, different tube bundle layout patterns and configurations such as triangular pitch, rotated triangular pitch and rotated square pitch for heat transfer analysis on shell and tube heat exchanger can be further explored.

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