

Design, Fabrication and analysis of coil type shell and tube heat exchanger

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ABSTRACT—In the field of physics, the improvement of heat transfer from helical heat exchangers is a hot theme. A helically coiled heat exchanger for fluid to fluid transformation is not yet an experimental or theoretical study is needed. Therefore, we expect Methanol to be a cold solvent in the solution of water. Methanol with the formula CH_3OH is an organic compound. It is sometimes referred to as methyl alcohol, carbonyl alcohol for wood, wood naphtha or forest spirits. It is a light, acidic, colourless, burning, poisonous liquid that has a distinct aroma and is more subtle and sweeter than ethanol. It is the basic alcohol (ethyl alcohol). It's a polar solvent used as an anti-freeze, solvent and ethyl-alcohol denaturator at room temperature. Methanol can be used as a heat exchanger as a coolant (in our case, a coil heat exchanger) when it is prepared as a solution for water to make use of its better thermal transfer characteristics which lead to an enhanced heat transfer of the helical heat exchanger. For this purpose, a solution was prepared with different amounts of methanol in water. We have been using in 1 litre of water four different concentrations of methanol by volume: 25%, 50%, 75%, and 100%. Like water, methanol is polar. So it induces intermolecular forces, including hydrogen bonding, as we dissolve methanol in water. Tests were carried out on pH, electrical conductivity, thermal conductivity, boiling point and other properties.

Keywords—Helical coil heat exchanger, pH, thermal conductivity

I. INTRODUCTION

Heat exchangers

Heat exchangers are instruments which transmit heat between two fluids without fluid mixing at different temperatures. There are two fluids that are colder at different temperatures than the other one. The heat is transferred from the warm fluid to the cool fluid; it is called a heat exchanger. Heat exchangers are commonly used in a range of applications, from home heating, air conditioning and chemical processing to large-scale power generation.

Helically coiled heat exchangers (Shell and tube type)

Many engineers in various industries are familiar with process heat transfer using traditional shell and tube heat exchangers. Their application and success are well-documented. While helical coiled heat exchangers have been around for a long time, they are not as well known. While different designs are available, the most simple and widely used version is a helically coiled tube. The tube ends are joined to manifolds, which serve as fluid entry and exit points. The tube bundle is made up of several tubes piled on top of each other, and the whole bundle is housed within a casing or shell.



Fig1: Helical coiled heat exchanger

Methanol as coolant in heat exchanger

Methanol with the formula CH_3OH is an organic compound. It is sometimes referred to as methyl alcohol, carbonyl, alcohol for wood, wood naphtha or forest spirits. It is a light, acidic, colourless, burning, poisonous liquid that has a distinct aroma and is more subtle and sweeter than ethanol. It is the basic alcohol (ethyl alcohol). It is a polar solvent used as an anti-freeze, solvent, oil, and ethyl alcohol denaturant at room temperature. It is not usual for machinery, but can be used as washing grease, de-icers and fuel additives for windshields.

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

In the paper submitted by Ramchandra K. Patil- Industrial Equipment Co; B.W. Shende- Polychem Ltd; And Prasanta K. Ghosh- Hindustan Antibiotics Ltd., where a fluid pressure drop is limited, the pressures would decrease at about 1 m/s by determining the speed of the annular fluid in an HCHE.

Heat transfer through fabricated coil type shell in tube heat exchanger by Surakasi Raviteja, Gondesi Satya Mahesh Reddy, Raghavendra Santhosh (2018) explained in brief about the heat transfer characteristics of a shell and tube heat exchanger.

The efficiency of the heat removal process used by a spin-coiled heat exchanger was examined by Jayakumar and Grover for different system parameters (1997). The thesis was extended to establish the stability of the function of this device while the barge it is on (Jayakumar, 1999; Jayakumar et al., 2002).

Berger et al. (1983) and Shah and Joshi (1984) have detailed reviews of heat transfer and flow through a curved tunnel (1987).

Naphon & Wongwises include the most recent analysis of flow and heat transfer characteristics (2006).

III. FABRICATION OF HELICALLY COILED HEAT EXCHANGER

Selection of material for helical tube

For a better heat exchange from the tube in shell and tube type or helical coil type heat exchanger, the tube material should have good thermal conductivity. The material that we have used for the helical coil is Copper. Copper has the best thermal conductivity property after silver.

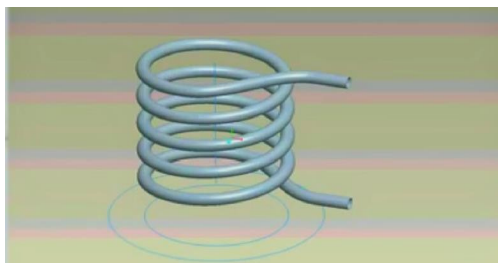


Fig. 2: Design of Helical Coil

*Fabrication of heat exchanger parts by parts**Specifications and construction of helical coil*

- The pipe has an inner diameter of 0.8 cm
- The coil diameter is 18 cm
- The distance between two adjacent turns is called pitch which is of 2 cm
- The number of turns made to the coil is 6
- The material used for the making of the helical coil is copper

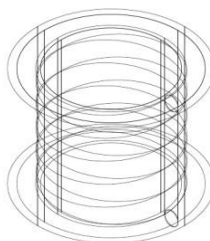


Fig 3: Wireframe design of helical coil

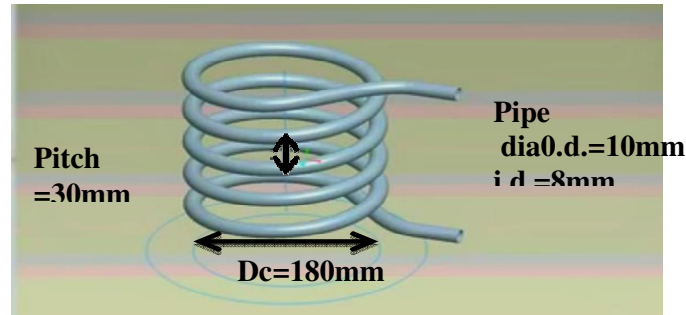


Fig.4: Dimensions of helical coil

Specifications and construction of cylinders Inner cylinder

- The inner cylinder is of dimensions 30*16cm.
- The material used for the making of the inner cylinder is a combination of galvanised iron sheet and mild steel.
- The sheet is rolled to the required dimensions and the edges of the cylinder are brazed to prevent leakage of water into the inner cylinder.
- Sawdust is used as insulating material and is poured in the inner cylinder.
- The top and bottom of inner cylinder are completely closed by using brazing operation.
- The inner cylinder is placed in between the helical coil.



Fig.5: Inner cylinder filled with sawdust

- The outer cylinder is of dimensions 30*20cm
- The material used for making outer cylinder is also a combination of galvanised iron sheet and mild steel
- The sheet is rolled to the required dimensions and the edges of the cylinder are brazed to prevent leakage of water outside of the cylinder
- The coil is held inside the outer cylinder from a height of 6cm from top and bottom by the means of hooks which are provided inside the cylinder so that the coil stands on the hooks
- Inlet and outlet are provided to the cylinder at a height of 3cm from the top and other at a height of 3cm from the bottom
- These inlet and outlet are provided to allow the passage of hot water inside the cylinder
- The coil is also provided with inlet and outlet to allow cold water to flow inside the coil
- Gate valves are provided to the inlets and outlets of the cylinder to regulate the flow inside the coil and cylinder



Fig. 6: Outer and inner cylinder



Fig. 7: Coils inside the outer cylinder

Assembly of the setup

All the above-mentioned parts were assembled together and few of other components were also added as a supporting part, which facilitated the ease in conducting the practical experiment.

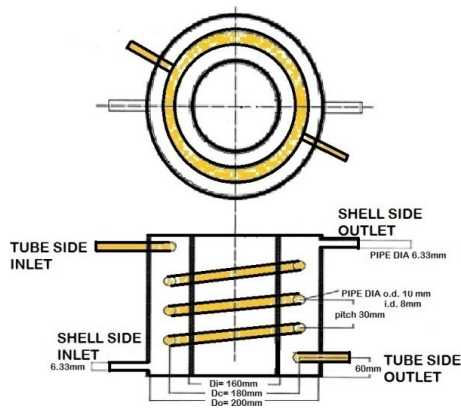


Fig. 8: Sectional view of heat exchanger



Fig. 9: The outlook of H heat exchanger

The supplementary components are as listed below.

- (a) *Heater*: A heater is an organ that emits heat which allows another body to become hotter. Heaters are usually appliances that are used to produce heat in a home or domestic environment (i.e. warmth). Ovens and furnaces are two other types of heaters.



Fig 10: Heater

(b) *Submersible pump*: An immersion pump is a machine with a hermetically-stitched engine closely connected to the pump body, or a subsubpump, electric submersible (ESP). The whole assembly is soaked in the injected solvent. It prevents pumping cavitation as the main advantage of this pump shape. Submersible pumps bring surface oil, while jet pumps have to draw fluids. In terms of efficiency, submersibles outperform jet pumps.



Fig.11:Submersiblepump

(c) *Laboratory Thermometer*: It is an instrument used in labs to accurately determine temperature. It may be immersed partly or completely in the fluid being weighed.



Fig.12:Laboratorythermometer

Assembly of setup

As seen below, all the above components were combined. The water circulating through the shell is filled with a tank with electric heater. The heater is 1000W of total strength. The temperature of the water at the inlet of the test segment at the fixed value is maintained using the control. A 18 W submersible pump and a pumping height of 6 ft pump the hot fluid from the tank. With a measurement pot, the flow rate of the hot fluid is calculated manually. Both the temperatures for the inlet and exit of the thermal fluid are determined using temperature sensors. Water is constantly coolThe tubing circulates into the temperature tank. Its flow rate, outlet temperatures and temperatures are calculated.

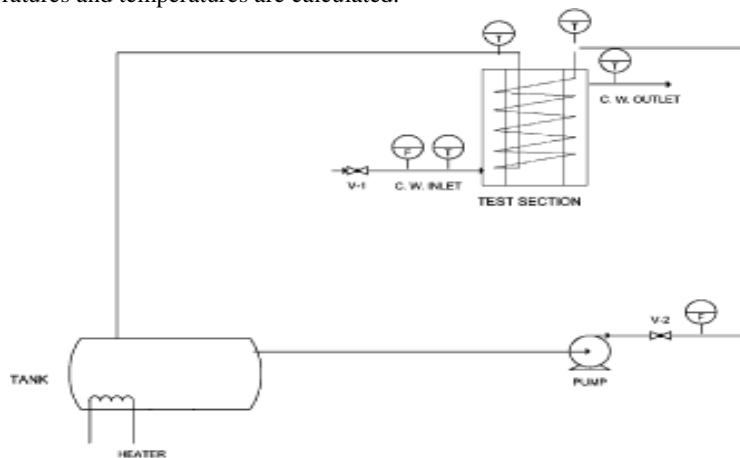


Fig.13: Linediagramofexperimentalsetup



Fig.14:Actual experimental setup

IV. PREPARATION OF SOLUTIONS

Preparation of water-water solution

As water is polar solvent 1000 ml of cold water and 1000 ml of hot water are injected into the helically coiled heat exchanger and the values are noted and the rate of heat exchange is calculated.

Preparation of methanol-water and ethanol-water solution

A solution of Methanol in Water: Methanol can be used as a refrigerant in the Hot Exchanger when prepared with water to benefit from the better temperature transfer features that can lead to an increased heat transfer in the Helical Heat Exchanger. The Methanol is the only solvent that can be used as a heat exchanger. This is a low-cost anti-freeze solution that is used for cooling and heat pumps from the earth. This can be blocked in order to resist degradation, similar to glycols. Due to its very high temperature transfer rates, this fluid can be used up to -40°C . Their biggest drawbacks are toxicological issues as a heat transfer fluid. It is regarded as toxic rather than ethylene glycol and thus has been used exclusively for outdoor process applications. Methanol is often a solvent that is flame retardant and, as such, presents a potential fire hazard when stored, processed or used.

Amount of methanol added by volume in water: Various concentration of the methanol-water solution was prepared for comparing the thermal properties. We prepared four different concentrations of 25%, 50%, 75% and 100% of methanol by volume in 1 litre of water.

Method of preparation of the solution: Methanol, like water, is polar. So, when we dissolve methanol in water, it produces intermolecular forces, i.e. hydrogen bonding. As a result, preparing a methanol-water solution is very simple; simply pouring the appropriate volume of methanol into water and softly stirring it prepares the solution of our interest.

V. EXPERIMENT ON THE HELICALLY COILED HEAT EXCHANGER

Experimental procedure

The present investigation aims at improving the efficiency of a helical heat exchanger using a mixture of water and ethylene glycol solution. It also aims to check the effects of the concentration of methanol in water as a coolant solution.

Steps to follow

Step 1: Initially, the heater is turned on and we wait till the temperature of the hot water reaches 52°C . The RELAY circuit has a temperature controller which is configured so that the maximum temperature of the hot fluid is 52°C . So, if the fluid in the hot reservoir reaches 52°C then the heater circuit is cut off.

Step 2: After the required temperature is attained, the pump in the hot fluid reservoir is turned on and allowed to fill the shell and it waits till it gets filled. As soon as the hot water starts flowing from the top valve, the pump in the cold reservoir is turned on.

Step 3: There are four thermocouples provided at inlet and outlet of hot fluid and also at inlet and outlet of cold fluid.

Step 4: Now the temperatures at inlets and outlets are measured using thermocouples and their values are displayed on the digital display of RELAY circuit temperature controller. This is done with the help of connection of the thermocouple to that controller so at the required point we get the reading of temperature.

Step 5: In this way, the experiment is conducted by adding a different concentration of methanol at different stages in water. At every stage, the temperature is recorded.

Step6:Thetemperaturedifferenceinfour differentconcentrationsofmethanolinwaterwasnotedonthetablebelow.

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T_{hi} =Hot fluid inlet temp. T_{ho} = Hot fluid outlet temp. T_{ci} = Cold fluid inlet temp. T_{co} =Coldfluidoutlettemp.

Table 1: Temperature Observation table

| Solution | | T_{hi} ($^{\circ}\text{C}$) | T_{ho} ($^{\circ}\text{C}$) | T_{ci} ($^{\circ}\text{C}$) | T_{co} ($^{\circ}\text{C}$) |
|--------------------|----------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Hotmedium | Coldmedium | | | | |
| Methanol (25%sol) | Water (1000ml) | 56 | 53 | 30 | 31 |
| Methanol (50%sol) | Water (1000ml) | 56 | 50 | 30 | 31 |
| Methanol (75%sol) | Water (1000ml) | 56 | 49 | 30 | 31 |
| Methanol (100%sol) | Water (1000ml) | 56 | 48 | 30 | 31 |

Observations:

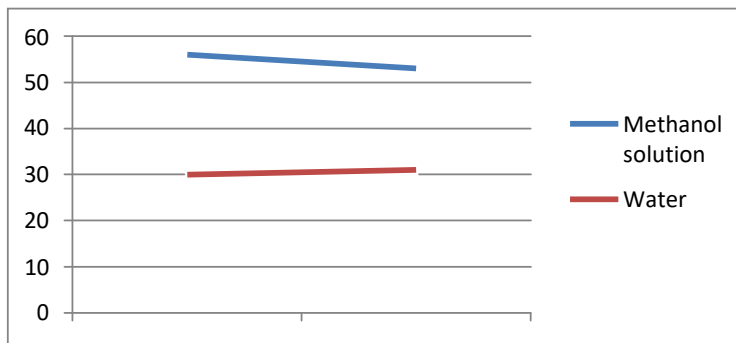


Fig.15: Temperaturechangein25%Methanolashotfluidandwaterasthecoldfluid

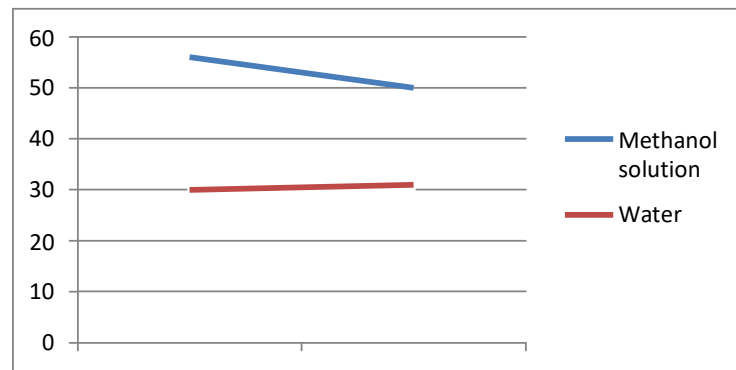


Fig.16: Temperaturechangein50%Methanolashotfluidandwaterasthecoldfluid

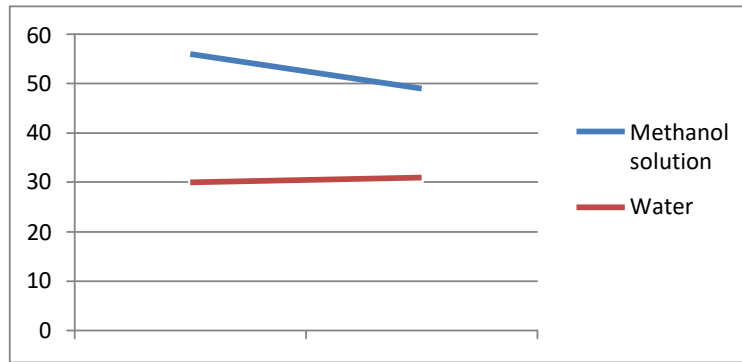


Fig. 17: Temperature change in 75% Methanol hot fluid and water as the cold fluid

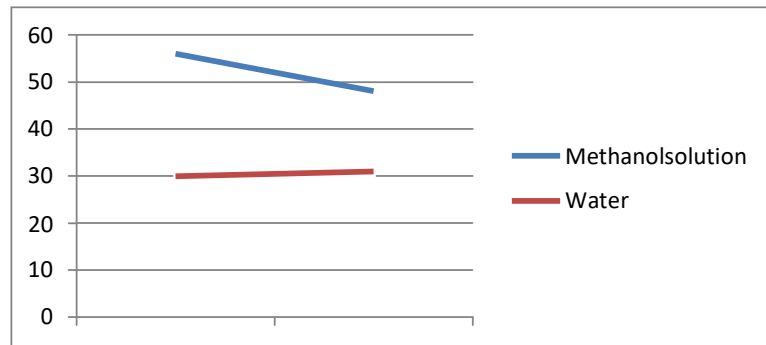


Fig. 18: Temperature change in 100% Methanol hot fluid and water as the cold fluid

Table 2: Experimental Calculations

| | % Methanol+Water | | | |
|---|------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| | 25% | 50% | 75% | 100% |
| A | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| B | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| C | 0.945 | 0.896 | 0.844 | 0.792 |
| D | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| E | 0.945 | 0.896 | 0.844 | 0.792 |
| F | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| G | 56 | 56 | 56 | 56 |
| H | 53 | 50 | 49 | 48 |
| I | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 |
| J | 31 | 31 | 31 | 31 |
| K | 2.51 | 2.51 | 2.51 | 2.51 |
| L | 4.18 | 4.18 | 4.18 | 4.18 |
| M | 23.99 | 22.41 | 21.86 | 21.31 |
| N | 2.244 | 2.402 | 2.462 | 2.526 |

Where,

- A. The flow rate of oil (L.P.M)
- B. The flow rate of water (L.P.M)
- C. The density of water (hot) (g/cm³)
- D. The density of water (cold) (g/cm³)
- E. Mass of water (hot) (g)
- F. Mass of water (cold) (g)

- G. The inlet temperature of hot water (T_{hi})(J)
- H. The outlet temperature of hot water (T_{ho})(J)
- I. The inlet temperature of cold water (T_{ci})(J)
- J. The outlet temperature of cold water (T_{co})(J)
- K. Specific heat of methanol ($J/^\circ C$)
- L. Specific heat of water ($J/^\circ C$)
- M. Logarithmic Mean Temperature Difference (LMTD)
- N. Overall heat transfer coefficient (W/m^2-K)

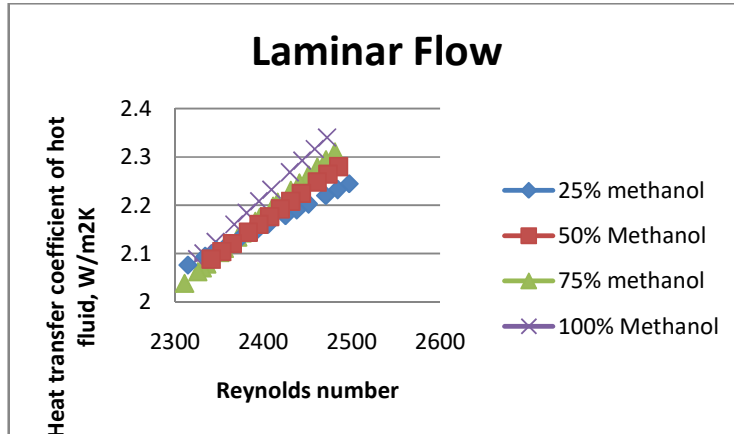


Fig19: graph between Reynolds number and HTC

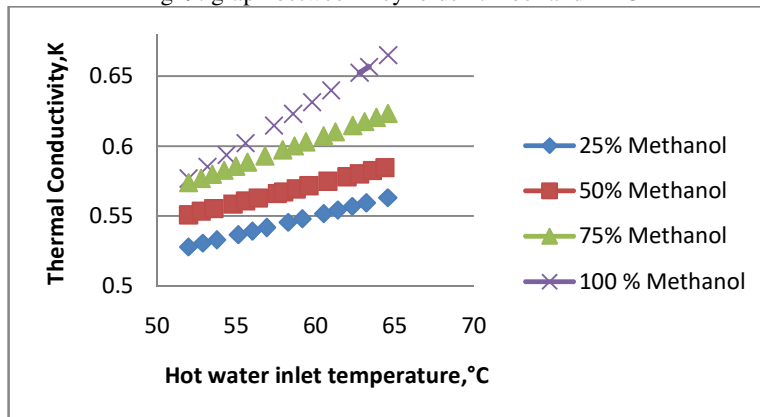


Fig20: Graph between hot water inlet temperature and Thermal conductivity

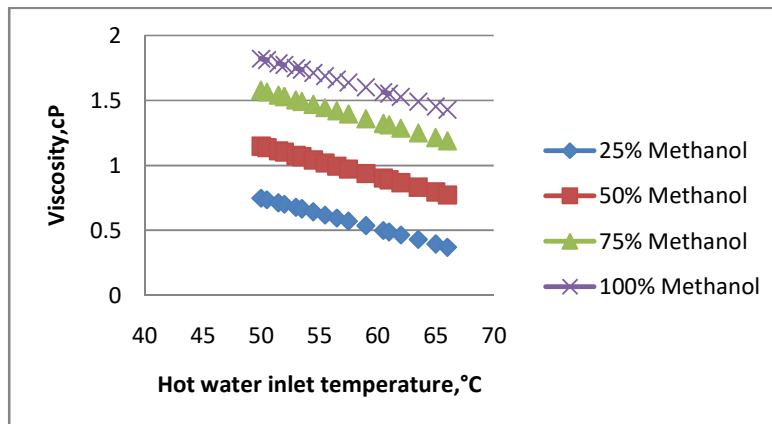


Fig21: Graph between hot water inlet temperature and Viscosity

OTHER TEST CONDUCTED ON METHANOL-WATER SOLUTION

The following tests were conducted on the used mixture of methanol and water to find out its properties:

- (a) pH test
 - (b) electrical conductivity test
- (a) *pH TEST:*



Fig22: pH meter

A pH metre (acidity or alkalinity) is an instrument used to calculate liquid (pH) (though special probes are sometimes used to measure the pH of semi-solid substances). A standard pH metre includes a metre attached to a sensor (a glass electrode) that measures and displays the read pH.

The pH of a methanol solution dependent on water is 6.20.

(b) *ELECTRIC CONDUCTIVITY METER:* The electrical metre (EC metre) is a tool for measuring the electrical leading of the solution. A potentiometric unit and four electrodes are used for most laboratory conductivity metres. Also concentrated and cylindrical are the electrodes. The power driving capacity The difference between the electrodes and their surface can generally be measured by Ohm law, but calibrations with proven electrolytes of conductivity can be used in practise accurately.



Fig23: electrical conductivity meter

The electrical conductivity of the solution is $0.480 \mu\text{mho}$

VI. CONCLUSION

Obviously, it is advisable to concentrate on cooling fluids in order to adjust the design and installation of the heat exchange as we increase the methanol content in water. The performance was, as in our case, obtained by the helically coiled heat exchanger with methanol.

VII. FUTURE SCOPE OF WORK

It was evident that the capacity of the heat exchanger to transfer heat cannot be significantly improved by adapting the design but also by modifying the cooling fluid (helically coiled heat exchanger in our case). The heat transfer can also be further improved by the application of additives to this, which minimise the possibilities of corrosion by means of methanol by increasing the thermal efficiency of the helically coiled

exchangers. However, since methanol is not allowed to have greater concentration in the heat exchanger as it is naturally harmful, other refrigerants such as ethylene glycol, propylene glycol etc. can also be used. The use of nano-fluid can be a better option for enhancing the heat transfer properties. Nano-fluid can also be tested such as Al₂O₃ and silver-based nano-fluids. Better heat exchange in the helically turned heat exchanger at higher temperatures can therefore be tested in future at higher temperatures.

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