

PACKED BED ABSORBER

Absorber system MEA is used as the absorber and its 14.5% in solution .

Amount of gas components present in absorber before entering the packed column is given by:

Gas composition	vol%	kmol
CO ₂	33.86	905.36
CO	1.60	42.69
H ₂	63.73	1703.97
CH ₄	0.42	11.3
N ₂	0.39	10.40

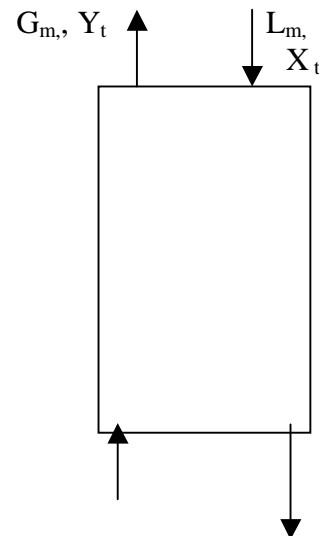
Assumption made in this type of absorber is that only CO₂ is absorbed and all other gases act as a inert in 14.5% MEA solution

Gas flow rate of inerts (G_m) = 1768.35 kmol/hr

Also the mole ration of carbon dioxide and inerts at top and bottom is given by

Y_b (kmole of CO₂/kmole of inerts) = 0.51

Y_t (kmole of CO₂/kmole of inerts) = 0.014



By carbon dioxide balance we get

$$G_m(Y_b - Y_t) = L_m(X_b - X_t)$$

Assuming a pure MEA solution is used for absorption

Therefore $X_t=0$

We get

$$L_m X_b = 877.10 \text{ kmol/hr}$$

Now from graph

$$(L_m/G_m)_{\min} = 0.508$$

$$\text{also } (L_m/G_m)_{\text{actual}} = (1.1 \text{ to } 1.5 \text{ times})(L_m/G_m)_{\min}$$

$$\text{now assuming } (L_m/G_m)_{\text{actual}} = 1.25X(L_m/G_m)_{\min}$$

$$(L_m/G_m)_{\text{actual}} = 1.25X0.508 = 0.6375$$

$$\text{also } G_m = 1768.35 \text{ kmol/h}$$

$$L_m = 1768.35X0.6375 = 1127.32 \text{ kmol/hr}$$

But the amount obtained is only of MEA , thus amount of solution is given by

$$L_m = 1127.32/14.5 \times 10^{-2} = 7774.64 \text{ kmol/hr}$$

From above equation we get

$$X_b = 0.113$$

Column diameter calculation:

$$G_b = 44910.82 \text{ kg/hr}$$

$$G_b = 12.48 \text{ kg/sec}$$

$$L_b = L_m \times 24.25 + 877.10 \times 44$$

$$L_b = 227127.42 \text{ kg/hr} = 63.09 \text{ kg/sec}$$

Also calculated density of gases and liquids are

For **liquid**

$$\rho_{\text{liq}} = 992.06 \text{ kg/m}^3$$

$$\mu = 0.9 \text{ cp (from Perry)}$$

for **gases**

$$\rho_{\text{gas}} = 0.626 \text{ kg/m}^3$$

Let us choose **Intalox saddles**, **ceramic** as packing material

From table 18-5, page 18-23, of Perry

We get

$$D_p = 38 \text{ mm}$$

$$\epsilon = 0.80$$

$$\text{Specific surface area} = 195 \text{ m}^2/\text{m}^3$$

$$F_p = 170$$

Now we have

$$L/G \times (\rho_g/\rho_l)^{1/2} = (63.09/12.48) \times (0.626/992.06)^{0.5} = 0.126$$

Where

L = liquid mass rate, kg/(m².s)

G = Gas mass rate, kg/(s.m²)

Also from fig 18-38, page 18-22 of Perry

We get

$$\frac{G^2 F_p \Psi \mu^{0.2}}{\rho_g \rho_l g} = 0.14$$

where

G = Superficial mass flow rate of the gas kg/s.m²

U = superficial gas velocity, m/s

A_p = Total area of packing, m²/m³(bed)

ε = fractional void in dry packing

ρ_l and ρ_g = liquid and gas density, kg/m³

μ_l = liquid viscosity, cP

therefore we get

$$G_f = 2.275 \text{ kg/(s.m}^2\text{)}$$

Gas flow rate of bottom is fixed so that the cross section can be calculated.

For this we have to operate below the flooding limit, thus G we choose should

Be 60-85% of G_f

Also we have

$$A_c = G_b / (0.85 \times G_f) \text{ m}^2$$

$$A_c = 6.45 \text{ m}^2$$

D_c = 2.866m

Also to ensure, there is proper wetting column diameter should be at least 10 times greater than packing diameter and above value of column diameter satisfies the given condition.

Pressure drop calculation

This is calculated using the formula's from Perry

$$\Delta P = C_2 \times (10^{C_3} U_{tl}) \times \rho_g \times (U_{tg})^2$$

where

ΔP = in H₂O/ft packing

ρ_g = gas density, lb/ft³

U_t and u_t = superficial velocities of gas and liquid respectively

C_2 and C_3 = constant given in table

now we have

$$L = 63.09/6.45 = 9.77 \text{ kg/sec.m}^2 = 7204.398 \text{ lb/hr.ft}^2$$

$$G = 12.48/6.45 = 1.93 = 1423.18 \text{ lb/hr.ft}^2$$

$$U_{tg} = 1.93/0.626 = 3.08 \text{ m/s} = 10.10 \text{ ft/sec}$$

$$U_{tl} = 9.77/992.06 = 9.85 \times 10^{-3} = 0.0323 \text{ ft/sec}$$

Also from table 18-7 we get

$$C_2 = 0.14$$

$$C_3 = 0.0181$$

$$\Delta P = (0.14) \times (10)^{0.0181 \times 0.0323} \times (10.10)^2 \times 0.039$$

$$\Delta P = 0.5577 \text{ in water/ft packing} = 46.44 \text{ mm Hg water/m packing}$$

The height of tower is not known therefore total pressure drop cannot be calculated

Degree of wetting :

We have to calculate the degree of wetting rate

$$L_w = L / A_g \rho_a^1$$

$$L_w = 63.09 / 6.45 \times 992.06 \times 195$$

$$L_w = 1.24 \text{ ft}^3/\text{hr.ft}$$

Thus wetting is under the specified limit and proper distribution of liquid is taking place.

Tower height calculation

$$Z = H_{OG} \cdot N_{OG}$$

$$H_{OG} = H_G + m \cdot (G_m / L_m) \cdot H_I$$

$$N_{OG} = \int (1-Y)_{cm} / (1-Y)(Y-Y^*)$$

$$N_{OG} = 1/2 (\ln(1-Y_t) / (1-Y_b)) + \int dy / Y - Y^*$$

Calculation of H_G

$$H_G = (0.029 \cdot \Psi D_c^{1.11} Z^{0.33} S_{C_g}^{0.5}) / (L f_1 f_2 f_3)^{0.5} \text{-----(perry)}$$

S_{C_g} = gas-phase Schmidt number (dimensionless number)

$$= \mu_G / \rho_g D_g$$

D = column diameter, m

$$f_1 = (\mu_L / \mu_w)^{0.16}, \text{ with } \mu_w = 1.0 \text{ mPa.s}$$

Z = packed height, m

$$f_2 = (\rho_w / \rho_L)^{1.25} \text{ with } \rho_w = 1000 \text{ kg/m}^3$$

L = liquid rate, kg/s.m²

$$f_3 = (\sigma_w / \sigma_1)^{0.8}, \text{ with } \sigma_w = 72.8 \text{ mN/m}$$

Ψ = Correlation parameter

From calculation we get

$$f_1 = 1.0016 \qquad f_3 = 1.06$$

$$f_2 = 1.01 \qquad \mu_1 = .09 \text{ cP}$$

also for %flood = 85 we have $\psi = 65$

and $D_{\text{mix}} = 0.640 \text{ cm}^2/\text{sec}$ (calculated by assuming a binary mix of CO_2 and H_2)

$$Sc_G = 0.2496$$

Substituting in above equation we get

$$H_G = (Z)^{0.33} \times 0.977$$

Calculation of H_L

$$H_L = (\phi C / 3.28) X (\mu_L / \rho_L D_L)^{0.5} X (Z / 3.05)^{0.15}$$

ϕ = Correlation parameter for given packing, m

C = correlation factor for high gas rates (fig 18-59)

μ_L = liquid viscosity , Pa.s

ρ_L = Liquid density , kg/m^3

D_L = liquid –diffusion coefficient, m^2/s

Z =height of packing,m

From property calculation we get :

$$\phi = 0.023 \qquad \mu_L = 0.90 \text{ cP}$$

$$\rho_L = 992.06 \qquad C = 0.48 \text{ (from fig 18-59, perry)}$$

we get

$$H_L = 0.061(Z)^{0.15}$$

Calculation of N_{OG}

We have taken

$$L_m/G_m = 0.6375$$

Also we have

$$N_{OG} = \int dy/(Y-Y^*) - 1/2(\ln(1+Y_b/1+Y_t))$$

Now from X –Y Graph we get Y^*

Which is tabulated here

Y	Y^*	$1/(Y-Y^*)$
0.51	0.065	2.24
0.35	0.0425	3.25
0.25	0.025	4.44
0.23	0.020	4.76
0.2	0.0175	5.48
0.10	0.005	10.53
0.014	0	71.42

Now from graph we get

$$N_{OG} = 4.75$$

Also

$$H_{OG} = H_G + m(G_m/L_m)H_L$$

Where

m = slope of linear equilibrium relationship

therefore

$$H_{OG} = \{ (Z)^{0.33}(0.977) + (0.05)(Z)^{0.15} \}$$

Also we get

$$Z = (4.75) \{ (Z)^{0.33}(0.977) + (0.05)(Z)^{0.15} \}$$

Calculating above equation we get

$$Z = 10.4 \text{ m}$$

Height of Absorber = 10.4 m

MECHANICAL DESIGN OF ABSORBER

Material for shell is **Carbon Steel**

THICKNESS OF SHELL

Thickness of shell = t_s

$$t_s = [p D / 2f J - p] + c$$

Where,

$$\text{Inner Diameter of vessel} = D_i = 2.866 \text{ m}$$

$$\text{Working Pressure} = 1.013 * 10^5 \text{ N/m}^2$$

$$\text{Design Pressure} = p = 1.10 * 1.013 * 10^5 \text{ N/m}^2$$

$$\text{Permissible Stress} = 95 * 10^5 \text{ N/m}^2 = 95 \text{ N/mm}^2$$

$$J = \text{Joint Efficiency} = 0.85$$

$$\text{Corrosion allowance} = 2 \text{ mm}$$

Hence,

$$t_s = 3.95 \text{ mm}$$

We take thickness as **8mm** (Including corrosion allowance)

$$\text{So outer diameter of shell } D_o = 2.866 \text{ m} + 2 * 0.008 \text{ m} = 3.02 \text{ m}$$

Axial Stress Due to Pressure

Axial stress due to pressure = f_{ap}

$$\begin{aligned} f_{AP} &= P * D_i / 4 * (t_s - c) \\ &= 1.1 * 1.013 * 10^5 * 2.866 / 4 * (8 - 2) \\ &= 13.31 * 10^6 \text{ N/m}^2 \end{aligned}$$

Stress due to Dead Load

a) **Compressive Stress due to weight of shell up to a distance X**

$$\begin{aligned} D_o &= D_i + 2 t_s \\ &= 2.86 + 2 * 2 * 10^{-3} = 3.02 \text{ m} \end{aligned}$$

Density of Shell material = $\rho_s = 7700 \text{ kg/m}^3$

$$\begin{aligned} f_{ds} &= \pi / 4 (D_o^2 - D_i^2) \rho_s X / \pi / 4 (D_o^2 - D_i^2) \\ &= 7.7 * 10^3 * X \text{ N/m}^2 \end{aligned}$$

b) **Compressive stress due to weight of insulation at height X**

Insulator used is asbestos

Thickness of insulation = $t_{ins} = 100\text{mm}$

Diameter of insulation = D_{ins}

Density of insulation = 575 kg / m^3 (from bhattacharya)

Mean diameter of vessel = D_m

For large diameter column

$D_{ins} = D_o$

$$f_{dins} = \pi * D_{ins} t_{ins} * \rho_{ins} * X / \pi D_m (t_s - c)$$

$$= (100 * 10^{-3} * 575 * 3.02) * X / (6 * 10^{-3} * 2.94)$$

$$= 9.844 * 10^3 \text{ X N / m}^2$$

c) Compressive stress due to liquid in column up to height X

Density of liquid = $\rho_l = 1000 \text{ kg/m}^3$

$$f_{dliq} = [(\pi / 4) D_i^2 X \rho_l] / \pi D_m (t_s - c)$$

$$= 14.868 \times 10^5 \text{ N/m}^2$$

d) Compressive stress due to attachment

- i. Packing weight
- ii. Head weight
- iii. Ladder

Density of packing (Intalox saddles ceramic) = 670 kg / m^3

$$\text{Packing Weight} = (\pi / 4) D_i^2 X * \rho_p * 9.81$$

$$= (\pi / 4) * (2.866)^2 * 670 * 9.81 X$$

$$= 42401.97 X \text{ N}$$

Head weight (approximately) = 35000 N

Weight of Ladder = $1600 X \text{ N}$ -----(4)

Total compressive stress due to attachments f_d is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
 f_{d(\text{attachments})} &= (\text{Packing Weight} + \text{Head weight} + \text{Ladder}) / [\pi D_i (t_s - c)] \\
 &= (44001.97X + 35000) / (\pi * 2.86 * 6 * 10^{-3}) \text{ N} \\
 &= 816215.7379 X + 649233.45 \text{ N}
 \end{aligned}$$

Stress due to Wind

Stress due to wind is given by

$$f_{wx} = M_w / Z$$

Where,

$$\text{Bending Moment} = M_w = (0.7 * p_w * D_o * X^2) / 2$$

$$Z = (\pi / 4) * D_o^2 * (t_s - c)$$

$$\text{Pressure due to wind} = p_w = 0.05 * v_w^2$$

Considering velocity of wind be 100 Mph(assumed)

$$V_w = 44.7 \text{ m/s}$$

$$p_w = 1197 \text{ N/m}^2 \text{ (from table)}$$

$$f_{wx} = 1.4 * p_w * X^2 / \pi D_o (t_s - c)$$

$$= 29.44 * 10^3 * X^2$$

To determine the value of X

$$f_{t \text{ max}} = 95 * 10^6 \text{ N/m}^2$$

$$f_{t \text{ max}} = f_{wx} + f_{ap} - f_{dx}$$

$$95 * 10^6 (0.85) = (29.44 * 10^3 X^2 + 13.31 * 10^6) - (816215.74X + 649233.45)$$

$$X = 127.82 \text{ m}$$

DESIGN OF GASKET AND BOLT SIZE

Width of gasket = N = 10 mm

Gasket material is Asbestos

Gasket factor = $m = 2$

Minimum design seating stress = $Y_a = 11.2 \text{ N/mm}^2$

Basic gasket seating width $b_o = N/2$

$b_o = 10 \text{ mm} / 2 = 5 \text{ mm}$

Effective gasket seating width

$b = 2.5 (b_o)^{1/2} = 6.25 \text{ mm}$

Inner diameter = $D_i = 2.866 \text{ m}$

Outer diameter = $D_o = 2.866 \text{ m} + 2 \times 8 \times 10^{-3}$

Flange inner diameter = $D_{fi} = 3.02 \text{ m}$

Flange outer diameter = $D_{fo} = 3.08 \text{ m}$

Mean diameter = $G = (D_{fi} + D_{fo}) / 2$
 $= 3.05 \text{ m}$

Under atmospheric conditions, the bolt load due to gasket reaction is given by

$$\begin{aligned} W_{m1} &= \pi b G Y_a \\ &= \pi * 6.25 * 10^{-3} * 3.05 * 11.2 * 10^6 \text{ N} \\ &= 670.73 * 10^3 \text{ N} \end{aligned}$$

Design pressure = $P = 1.013 * 10^5 * 1.10$ (10% of allowance is given)
 $= 1.11 * 10^5 \text{ N/m}^2$

After the internal pressure is applied, the gasket which is compressed earlier, is released to some extent and the bolt load is given by

$$\begin{aligned} W_{m2} &= \pi(2b) G * m * P + (\pi/4)G^2 * P \\ &= [\pi * 2 * 6.25 * 10^{-3} * 3.05 * 2 + \pi * (3.05)^2] 1.11 * 10^5 \\ &= 8.375 * 10^5 \text{ N} \end{aligned}$$

Bolt used is hot rolled **carbon steel**

f_a is permissible tensile stress in bolts under atmospheric condition

f_b is permissible tensile stress in bolts under operating condition

$f_a = 58.7 \times 10^6 \text{ N/m}^2$

$f_b = 54.5 \times 10^6 \text{ N/m}^2$

A_m is the area of bolt

$$A_{m1} = W_{m1} / f_a$$

$$A_{m2} = W_{m2} / f_b$$

$$A_{m1} = 670.73 \times 10^3 / 58.7 \times 10^5$$

$$= 0.011 \text{ m}^2$$

$$A_{m2} = 0.0154 \text{ m}^2$$

$$\text{Number of bolts} = \text{mean diameter} / b_o \times 2.5$$

$$= 244 \text{ bolts}$$

To determine the size of bolts, the larger of above two areas should be considered

$$\text{Diameter of bolts} = [(A_{m2} / \text{Number of bolts}) \times (4/\pi)]^{1/2}$$

$$= [(0.0154/244) \times (4/\pi)]^{1/2}$$

$$= 0.90 \text{ cm}$$

FLANGE THICKNESS

Thickness of flange = t_f

$$t_f = [G \sqrt{(p/K f)}] + c$$

Where,

$$K = 1 / [0.3 + (1.5 W_m h_G) / H \times G]$$

$$\text{Hydrostatic end force} = H = (\pi / 4) G^2 P$$

$$= (\pi / 4) \times (3.05)^2 \times 1.11 \times 10^5 \text{ N}$$

$$= 0.78 \times 10^6 \text{ N}$$

h_G is radial distance from gasket load reaction to bolt circle,

$$h_G = (B - G) / 2$$

$$= 3.11 - 3.05 / 2$$

$$= 0.03 \text{ m}$$

$$B = \text{outside diameter of gasket} + 2 \times \text{diameter of bolt} + 12 \text{ mm}$$

$$= 3.08 + 2 \times 0.90 \times 10^{-2} + 12 \times 10^{-3}$$

$$= 3.11 \text{ m}$$

$$W_m = 8.375 \times 10^5 \text{ N}$$

$$K = 1 / (0.3 + (1.5 \times 8.375 \times 10^5 \times 0.03 / 0.78 \times 10^6 \times 3.05))$$

$$K = 3.166$$

Hence the thickness of flange = 59.93 mm

HEAD DESIGN: FLANGED & SHALLOW

Material stainless steel

Permissible stress = $f = 130 \text{ N/mm}^2$

Design pressure = $p = 1.064 \times 10^5 \text{ N/m}^2$

Stress identification factor W is given by

$$W = \left(\frac{1}{4}\right) [3 + (R_c/R_1)^{1/2}]$$

Crown Radius = $R_c = 2.866 \text{ m}$

Knuckle radius = $R_1 = 0.172 \text{ m}$

So,

Stress identification factor W is 1.77

Thickness of head = $t_h = (p \times R_c \times W)/(2f)$

$$t_h = 2.07 \text{ mm}$$

So, we can take thickness of head as that of thickness of shell

NOZZLE THICKNESS

Material **Carbon steel**

Considering diameter of nozzle = $D_n = 0.5 \text{ m}$

Thickness of nozzle = t_n

Material is Stainless steel (0.5 cr 18 Ni 11 Mo 3)

Permissible stress = $130 \times 10^6 \text{ N/m}^2$

$J = 0.85$

$$t_n = P \times D_n / (2 f \times J - P)$$

$$t_n = 0.24$$

No corrosion allowance, since the material is stainless steel.

We can use thickness of 3mm

SUPPORT FOR ABSORBER

Material used is structural steel (IS 800)

Skirt support is used.

Inner Diameter of the vessel = $D_i = 2.866 \text{ m}$

Outer Diameter of the vessel = $D_o = 3.02 \text{ m}$

Height of the vessel = $H = 10.4$ m

Density of carbon steel = $\rho_s = 7700$ kg /m³

Density of water = $\rho_1 = 1000$ kg /m³

Total weight = Weight of vessel + Weight of Attachments (liquid + packing + head + ladder)

$$= (\pi/4) (D_o^2 - D_i^2) * H \rho_s * 9.81 + (\pi /4) D_i^2 * H * \rho_L * 0.8*9.81 + (\pi /4) D_i^2 * H * \rho_p * 9.81 + 35000N + 1600 * H$$

$$= 3.133*10^6 \text{ N}$$

Diameter of Skirt is 2.866 m

Considering the height of Skirt is 4m

Wind Pressure is 1197N/m²

Stress due to Dead Weight

Thickness of the skirt support is t_{sk}

Stress due to dead load

$$f_d = \text{Total Weight} / \pi D_s t_{sk}$$

$$= 3.133*10^6 / \pi * 2.866 * t_{sk} \text{ N/m}^2$$

$$= 3.48*10^5 / t_{sk} \text{ N/m}^2$$

Due to wind load

The forces due to wind load acting on the lower and upper parts of the vessels are determined as

$$p_{lw} = k p_1 h_1 D_o \text{ (for Height less than 20m)}$$

for Height less than 20m

Where K is coefficient depending on the shape factor.

$k=0.7$ for cylindrical surface

P is wind pressure for the vessel.

$$P_1 = 700 \text{ N /m}^2 \text{ \{ 40-100 Kg/m}^2\}$$

$H=10.4$ m

$$p_{lw} = k P_1 h_1 D_o$$

$$= 15389.92$$

Bending moment due to wind at the base of the vessel is determined by

$$M_w = P_{lw} * H / 2$$

$$= 80027.584 \text{ N- m}$$

$$f_{wb} = 4 \times M_w / \pi D_o t_{sk}$$

$$= 4 * 80027.584 / \pi * 2.866 * t_{sk}$$

$$= 35552.78 / t_{sk}$$

Stress due to Seismic Load

Load $F = CW$

W is total Weight of vessel

C is Seismic Coefficient

$$C = 0.08$$

$$f_{sb} = (2/3) [CWH / \pi R_{ok}^2 t_{sk}]$$

Where,

$$R_{ok} \text{ is radius of skirt}$$

$$= 2.69 * 10^5 / t_{sk} \text{ N}$$

Maximum Compressive Stress

$$f_{cmax} = (f_{wb} \text{ or } f_{sb}) + f_{db}$$

$$= (77847.09 / t_{sk}) \text{ N / m}^2$$

$$\text{Yield point} = 200 \text{ N / mm}^2$$

1/3) Yield point $\geq f_c$ permissible

$$= 66.6 \text{ N/mm}^2$$

$$t_{sk} = 9.26 \text{ mm}$$

Process Design of Heat exchanger

Heat exchanger used is **shell and tube**. In these exchanger synthesis gas is coming from the cooler of CO conversion unit. In exchanger the temperature of gas mixture is reduced from 250°C to 25°C . Cold water is available at 20°C.

Shell side:

Feed is the mixture of gas

We have

$$H_2 = 0.94665 \text{ kg/sec}$$

$$CO_2 = 11.066 \text{ kg/sec}$$

$$CO = 0.33 \text{ kg/sec}$$

$$CH_4 = 0.05 \text{ kg/sec}$$

$$N_2 = 0.081 \text{ kg/sec}$$

Therefore from above

Mass flow rate of gas is given by

$$M_g = 12.47 \text{ kg/sec}$$

$$\text{Inlet temperature (T1)} = 250^\circ\text{C}$$

$$\text{Outlet temperature (T2)} = 25^\circ\text{C}$$

Tube side :

$$\text{Inlet temperature (t1)} = 20^\circ\text{C}$$

$$\text{Outlet temperature (t2)} = 40^\circ\text{C}$$

Heat balance

Heat supplied by gas is given by

$$Q_h = m_h C_p (T_2 - T_1)$$

Therefore we have

$$= (0.94665 \cdot 14.644 + 11.066 \cdot 0.96 + 1.088 \cdot 0.33 + 0.05 \cdot 3.01 + 1.008)(250 - 25)$$

$$= 5643.84 \text{ KW/h}$$

At steady state.

$$Q_h = Q_c = m_c C_p (t_2 - t_1)$$

$$5643.84 = m_c \cdot 4.18 \cdot (30 - 20)$$

$$m_c = 67.44 \text{ kg/sec}$$

Mass flow rate of gases is 12.7 kg/sec

Mass flow rate of cold water is 67.44 kg/sec

LMTD

$$\text{LMTD} = 54.85^\circ\text{C}$$

We have

$$R = \frac{T_1 - T_2}{t_2 - t_1}$$

$$= \frac{225}{20} = 11.25$$

$$S = \frac{t_2 - t_1}{T_1 - t_1} = 0.08$$

$F_T = \text{LMTD correction factor.}$

From graph of F_T Vs S

$$F_T = 0.95$$

$$\text{LMTD}(\text{corrected}) = 0.95 * 54.85 = 52.11^\circ\text{C}$$

Heat transfer area:

We have U range from

$$U = 10 - 50 \text{ Btu}/^\circ\text{Fft}^2\text{hr}$$

Choose overall heat transfer coefficient = $283.9 \text{ W}/(\text{m}^2\text{K}) = 50 \text{ Btu}/\text{Fft}^2\text{hr}$

$$Q = UA(\text{LMTD})$$

$$A = 5643.85 * 10^3 / 52.86 * 0.95 * 5.678 * 50$$

$$A = 388.68 \text{ m}^2$$

Tube selection

Let us choose

3/4 in OD , 10 BWG Tubes

$$\text{OD} = 3/4 \text{ in} = 19.05 \text{ mm}$$

$$\text{ID} = 0.62 \text{ in} = 15.75 \text{ mm}$$

$$\text{Length of tube} = L = 16 \text{ ft} = 4.88 \text{ m}$$

$$\text{Heat transfer area per tube} = 0.0598 \text{ m}^2/\text{m length}$$

$$\text{Heat transfer of one tube} = 0.2892$$

$$\text{Number of tubes} = 388.68 / 0.2892 = 1344$$

Let us choose 1-4 pass and U type Heat exchanger

We have

Nearest tube count from tube count table

$$N_T = 1378$$

3/4 in tubes arranged in triangular pitch

$$\text{shell ID}(D_s) = 1067 \text{ mm} = 42 \text{ in}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Corrected heat transfer area} &= 1378 * 0.2892 \text{ m}^2 \\ &= 401.41 \text{ m}^2 \end{aligned}$$

Corrected over all heat transfer coefficient (U) = $274.90 \text{ W}/(\text{m}^2\text{K})$

Average properties of fluids

a) shell side (gas mixture) at 137.5°C

$$\rho = 0.51 \text{ kg/m}^3$$

$$\mu = 0.014 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ Ns/m}^2$$

$$C_p = 2.008 \text{ KJ/kg.K}$$

$$k = 0.149 \text{ w/m.k}$$

b) tube side (water) at 30°C

$$\rho = 995.647 \text{ kg/m}^3$$

$$\mu = 8.5 \cdot 10^{-4} \text{ Ns/m}^2$$

$$C_p = 4.18 \text{ KJ/kg.K}$$

$$k = 0.621 \text{ w/m.k}$$

Tube side velocity

Number of passes $N_p = 6$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Flow area} &= (\pi \cdot ID^2 / 4) \cdot N_T / N_p \\ &= (3.14 \cdot 0.01575^2 / 4) \cdot 1388 / 4 \end{aligned}$$

$$A_a = 0.068 \text{ m}^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} V_t &= m_c / (A_a \rho) \\ &= 67.44 / (0.068 \cdot 995.647) \\ &= 0.996 \text{ m/s} \end{aligned}$$

Velocity is within the range.

Shell side velocity

$$S_m = [(P^1 - D_o) L_s] D_s / P^1$$

$$P^1 = \text{pitch} = 25.4 \text{ mm}$$

$$L_s = D_s$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= [(25.4 - 19.05) \cdot 1067] \cdot (1067 / 25.4) \\ &= 0.285 \text{ m}^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 V_s &= m_h / (\rho S_m) \\
 &= 12.70 / (0.51 * 0.285) \\
 &= 89.12 \text{ m/s} \\
 N_b + 1 &= L / L_s \\
 &= 4.83 / 1.067 = 5 \text{ baffles}
 \end{aligned}$$

7) Shell side heat transfer coefficient

$$N_{NU} = j_H N_{Re} (N_{Pr})^{1/3}$$

Where

N_{Nu} = Nusselt number

N_{Re} = Reynolds number

$$N_{Re} = D_e G_s / \mu$$

$$G_s = 1886.85$$

$$D_e = 4 * ((P_i)^2 * 0.86 / 2 - \pi d^2 / 4) / (0.5 * \pi * d_o)$$

$$D_e = 4.5 * 10^{-3} \text{ m}$$

$$N_{Re} = 60635.33$$

N_{Pr} = Prandtl number

$$= 0.74$$

$$j_H = 3 * 10^{-3}$$

$$N_{NU} = 10^{-2} * 60635.33 * (0.74)$$

$$= 164.53$$

$$h_o = 110.8 * 0.149 / 0.01905$$

$$= 1286.88 \text{ w/m}^2 \cdot \text{K}$$

Tube side heat transfer coefficient

$$N_{Nu}=0.023(N_{Re})^{0.8} (N_{Pr})^{0.3}$$

$$N_{Re}=18374.96$$

$$N_{Pr}=5.73$$

$$N_{Nu}=0.023(18374.96)^{0.8} (5.73)^{0.3}$$

$$=106.13$$

$$h_i=4184.55 \text{ w/m}^2.\text{K}$$

9) overall heat transfer coefficient

$$h_o =1286.88 \text{ w/m}^2.\text{K}$$

$$h_i=4184.55 \text{ w/m}^2.\text{K}$$

Also overall dirt factor is assumed to 0.005 hft² °F/Btu

$$1/U_C = 1/h_o + 1/h_i*(D_o/D_i)$$

$$1/U_C = 1/1286.88 + (1/4184.55) *(19.05/15.75)$$

$$U_C = 906.79 \text{ w/m}^2\text{k}$$

Also we have Heat transfer including dirt factor is given by

$$1/U_d = 1/U_C + R_d$$

$$U_d = 1/906.79 + 0.005*0.1761$$

$$U_d = 504.21 \text{ w/m}^2\text{k}$$

Assumed value and design values are almost same.

Pressure drop calculation

a) Tube side pressure drop

$$\text{Tube side Reynolds number} = N_{Re} = 18374.96$$

$$\text{friction factor} = f = 0.079(N_{Re})^{-1/4}$$

$$= 0.079(18374.96)^{-1/4}$$

$$= 0.0068$$

$$\Delta P_L = (4fL v_t^2 / 2gD_i) * \rho_t g$$

$$= (4 * 0.0068 * 4.88 * (0.996)^2 / 2 * 9.8 * 15.75 * 10^{-3}) * 999 * 9.81$$

$$= 4162.0 \text{ N/m}^2 = 4.162 \text{ KN/m}^2$$

$$\Delta P_E = 2.5(\rho_t v_t^2 / 2)$$

$$= 2.5(995.647 * (0.996)^2 / 2)$$

$$= 1.23 * 10^3 \text{ N/m}^2$$

$$= 1.23 \text{ KN/m}^2$$

$$(\Delta P)_T = N_p * (\Delta P_L + \Delta P_E)$$

$$= 4 * (4.162 + 1.23)$$

$$= 21.56 \text{ KN/m}^2$$

b) Shell side pressure drop (Kern's method)

In the calculation for the heating or cooling gas differs in only minor respects from the calculation for liquid –liquid system . The relationship between gas film gas film coefficients and allowable pressure drops are critically dependent upon the operating pressure of the system where as for incompressible fluids the operating pressure of the system .

Because of this reason KERN's method is used for the pressure drop calculation.

$$a_s = \text{shell side flow area} = (I.D) C^1 * B / P_T$$

where

$$C^1 = \text{clearance} = (15/16 - 3/4) \text{inch} = 0.187 = 4.76 \text{mm}$$

$$B = \text{Baffle spacing} = D_s$$

$$P_T = 15/16 \text{inch} = 23.8 \text{ mm}$$

From above we get

$$a_s = 0.2846 \text{ m}^2$$

$$\text{also } G_s = 12.47 / 0.2846 = 43.82 \text{ kg/m}^2 \cdot \text{sec}$$

From above shell side reynold's number is calculated

Which is

$$\text{Shell side Reynolds number} = 60635.33$$

$$\text{Also } f = 1.87 * (14085)^{-0.2}$$

$$f = 0.28$$

Also

$$\text{Number of baffles} = L/B = 4.83/1.067 = 5$$

$$\Delta P_s = [4 * f * (N_b + 1) * D_s * G_s^2] / [2 * g * D_c * \rho_g]$$

$$\Delta P_s = [4 * 0.28 * 6 * 1.067 * (43.82)^2 * 9.81] / [2 * 9.81 * 4.5 * 10^{-3} * 0.51]$$

$$\Delta P_s = 20.53 \text{ kN/m}^2$$

Which is under limit so that we can proceed with our plant design .

MECHANICAL DESIGN OF SHELL AND TUBE HEAT EXCHANGER

Carbon Steel (Corrosion allowance 3 mm)

SHELL SIDE

Number of shell =1

Number of pass =4

Fluids in shell are Hydrogen, Carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide, Methane and Nitrogen

Design pressure = $1.064 \times 10^5 \text{ N/m}^2 = 0.11 \text{ N/mm}^2$

Temperature of inlet = 250°C

Temperature of outlet = 25°C

Permissible Stress for carbon steel (f) = 95 N/mm^2

Segmental baffle cut with tie rods and spacers

TUBE SIDE

Tube and sheet material ----- Stainless steel

No. of tubes =1388

Outside Diameter =19.05mm

Inside Diameter =15.75mm

Length =4.88m

Pitch Δ^r =1inch

Fluid = Water

Working pressure =1atm = 0.1 N/mm^2

Design pressure = 0.11 N/mm^2

Inlet temperature = 20°C

Outlet temperature = 40°C

SHELL SIDE:

SHELL SIDE DIAMETER

Shell Diameter = 1067mm

Shell thickness

$$t_s = pd/2fj + p$$

where $j = 85\%$

$$= 0.11 * 1067 / (2 * 95 * 0.85 + 0.11)$$

$$= 0.73 \text{mm}$$

From IS-4503 Table (4) gives a minimum thickness of 6.3 including corrosion allowance. Use 10.0 mm thickness.

HEAD THICKNESS

Consider Shallow dished and torospherical head

$$t_h = P * R_c * W / (2 * f * j)$$

Where $j = 0.85$

R_c = Crown radius

W = stress intensification factor

R_K = knuckle radius

$$R_K = 6\% R_c$$

$$W = 1/4 * (3 + (R_c/R_K)^{1/2}) = 1.77$$

$$t_h = 0.11 * 1067 * 1.77 / (2 * 95)$$

$$= 1.09 \text{mm}$$

Use thickness same as for shell, i.e. 10mm including corrosion allowance.

TRANSVERSE BAFFLES

Spacing baffles = $D_s = 1067 \text{mm}$

Number of baffles = $4.88 / 1.067 = 5$

But in process design Number of baffles is assumed to be 3

So that pressure drops comes under the given limit

Thickness of baffles = 6mm

TIE RODS AND SPACERS

Tie Rods and Spacers shall be provided to retain all cross baffles and tube support heater accurately.

Diameter of rod =15mm

No. of the rod =6mm

Following is from bhattacharya

FLANGES

Design Pressure =0.11MN/m²

Flange material =IS:2004 -----1962 class2

Bolting Steel = 5% Cr Mo Steel

Gasket material = Asbestos composition

Shell diameter =1067mm

Shell thickness=10mm

Outside diameter = 1087mm

Allowable stress of flange material =100MN/m²

Allowable stress for bolting material =138 MN/m²

$$d_o/d_i = (y - Pm) / (y - pm)$$

where

m =gasket factor

y= min design seating stress MN/m²

assuming gasket thickness of 1.6mm

y=25.5

m= 2.75..... from IS 2825-1969

$$d_o/d_i = [(25.5 - 0.11 * 2.75) / (25.5 - 0.11(2.75 + 1))]^{1/2}$$

$$d_o/d_i = 1.002$$

let d_i of the gasket equal to 1097mm , 10mm greater than Shell diameter.

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} d_o &= 1.002 \cdot d_i \\ &= 1.002 \cdot 1097 \\ &= 1099 \text{ mm} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Minimum gasket width} &= d_o - d_i / 2 = (1099.1 - 1097) \cdot 10^{-3} / 2 \\ &= 0.001 \text{ m} = 1 \text{ mm} \end{aligned}$$

Taking Gasket width = 0.012m

Diameter of location of gasket load reaction is

$$\begin{aligned} G &= d_i + N \\ &= 1.097 + 0.010 \\ &= 1.107 \text{ m} \end{aligned}$$

Estimation of bolt loads

Load due to design pressure

$$\begin{aligned} H &= \Pi \cdot G^2 \cdot P / 4 \\ &= \Pi (1.107)^2 \cdot 0.11 / 4 \\ &= 0.106 \text{ MN} \end{aligned}$$

Load to keep joint tight under operation

$$\begin{aligned} H_p &= \Pi \cdot G \cdot (2 \cdot b) \cdot m \cdot p \\ &= \Pi \cdot (1.107)^2 \cdot 2 \cdot 5 \cdot 10^{-3} \cdot 2.75 \cdot 0.11 \\ &= 0.012 \text{ MN} \end{aligned}$$

Total operating load :

$$W_d = H + H_p$$

$$=0.106 + 0.012$$

$$=0.118 \text{ MN}$$

load to seat gasket under bolting up condition

$$W_g = \pi * G * b * y$$

$$= \pi * 1.107 * 0.005 * 25.5$$

$$= 0.44 \text{ MN}$$

Also $W_g > W_d$

Therefore

Controlling load = 0.44 MN

Minimum bolting area = $A_m = W_g / S_g$

$$= 0.44 / 138$$

$$= 3.19 * 10^{-3} \text{ m}^2$$

$S_g = 138$ from bhattacharya pg no.10

Calculation for optimum bolt size

Let us choose Bolt as M 18X12

Min no. Of bolts = 44

Also

$$R = 0.027 \text{ m}$$

We have

$$G^1 = B + 2(g_1 + R)$$

$$G^1 = 1.087 + 2[g_1 + R]$$

$g_1 = g_o / 0.707 = 1.415 g_o$ for weld leg

$$G^1 = 1.087 + 2(1.415 * 10 * 10^{-3} + 0.027)$$

$$G^1 = 1.424$$

Using 75 mm bolt spacing

$$C^1 = 44 * 0.075 / \pi = 1.05 \text{ m}$$

From the above calculation the minimum bolt circle is 1.424 m when M18 Bolt 44 bolts of 18 mm diameter on 1.424 m bolt circle are specified.

Bolt circle diameter = 1.42 m

$$A = C + \text{Bolt diameter} + 0.02$$

$$= 1.42 + 0.018 + 0.02$$

$$= 1.458\text{m} = 1.46\text{m}$$

Check of gasket width

$$= A_b * S_g / \Pi * G * N$$

$$= 44 * 138 * 1.54 * 10^{-3} / \Pi * 1.107 * 0.01$$

$$= 26.88$$

$$\text{also } 26.88 < 2 * y$$

Flange moment computation

$$W_0 = W_1 + W_2 + W_3$$

$$W_1 = \Pi * B^2 * P / 4$$

Hydrostatic end force on area inside of flange .

$$W_1 = \Pi * (1.087)^2 * 0.11 / 4$$

$$= 0.102 \text{ MN}$$

$$W_2 = H - W_1$$

$$= 0.106 - 0.102 = 0.004 \text{ MN}$$

$$W_S = W_0 - H = H_p = \text{gasket load}$$

$$= 0.012 \text{ MN}$$

$$M_0 = W_1 a_1 + W_2 a_2 + W_3 a_3$$

Where M_0 = Total Flange moment

$$a_1 = C - B/2 = 1.42 - 1.0187/2 = 0.17$$

$$a_3 = C^1 - C_1/2 = 1.424 - 1.107/2 = 0.1585$$

$$a_2 = a_1 + a_3/2 = 0.164\text{m}$$

$$M_0 = 0.102 * 0.17 + 0.004 * 0.164 + 0.012 * 0.164$$

$$= 0.020 \text{ MN-m}$$

For bolting up condition

$$M_g = Wa_3$$

$$W = A_m + A_b/2 * S_g$$

$$A_b = 44 * 1.54 * 10^{-4} \text{ m}^2$$

$$S_g = 138 \text{ MN/m}^2$$

$$A_m = 3.19 * 10^{-3} \text{ m}^2$$

$$A_m + A_b/2 = 4.983 * 10^{-3} \text{ m}^2$$

$$W = 0.687$$

$$M_g = 0.108$$

$$M_g > M_o.$$

Hence moment under operating condition

M_g is controlling

Therefore

$$M_g = M$$

Calculation of flange thickness

$$t^2 = M * C_f * Y / B * S_T = M * C_f * Y / B * S_{fo}$$

where

$$k = A/B = 1.46/1.087 = 1.34$$

Assuming $C_f = 1$

$Y = 6$ from graph

$$t^2 = 0.108 * 1 * 6 / 1.087 * 100$$

$$t = 0.0792 \text{ m}$$

Actual bolt spacing

$$B_s = \Pi * C/n = \Pi * 1.42/44 = 0.101$$

Bolt correction factor

$$C_f = (B_s/2 * d + t)^{1/2}$$

$$C_f = [(0.101)/(2 * 0.018 + 0.101)]^{1/2}$$

$$C_f = (0.737)^{1/2} = 0.858$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Actual Bolt thickness} &= (C)^{1/2} * t \\ &= 0.93 * 0.0792 \\ &= 0.0796 = 73.66 \text{ mm} = 75 \text{ mm} \end{aligned}$$

Tube Sheet Thickness

$$t_{ts} = f * G * (0.25 * P / f)^{1/2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} t_{ts} &= 1 * 1.107 * (0.25 * 0.11 / 95)^{1/2} \\ &= 0.0188 \text{ m} \end{aligned}$$

$$t_{ts} = 18.83 + 3 = 22 \text{ mm (Includes corrosion allowance)}$$

Channel and Channel cover

$$\begin{aligned} T_h &= G_C * (K * P / f)^{1/2} \\ &= 1.107 * (0.3 * 0.11 / 95)^{1/2} \\ &= 0.0206 \text{ m} = 22 \text{ mm (includes corrosion allowance)} \end{aligned}$$

Saddle Support

Material : **low carbon steel**

Vessel diameter = 1087 mm

Length of shell = 4.88 m

$$\text{Knuckle Radius} = 6 * 1087 / 100 = 65.22 \text{ mm}$$

$$\text{Total depth of Head} = (D_o * R_o / 2)^{1/2}$$

$$= (1087 * 65.22 / 2)$$

$$= 188.27 \text{ mm}$$

$$R_i = 0.838 \text{ m}$$

$$r_i = 0.1 * 0.838$$

Inside depth of head can be calculated as

$$h_i = R_i - [\{ R_i - (D_i / 2) \} \{ (R_i + (D_i / 2) + 2 r_i) \}]^{1/2}$$

$$= 0.136 \text{ m}$$

$$\text{Effective Length} = L = 4.88 \text{ m} + 2 * (0.136)$$

$$= 5.154 \text{ m}$$

NOZZLE THICKNESS

Material used is carbon steel

Considering diameter of nozzle to be 0.5m

Permissible stress = $f = 95 * 10^6 \text{ N/m}^2$

Corrosion allowance = 3mm

$$t_n = p D_n / (2 f J - p) + c$$

$$= 3.26 \text{ mm}$$

