

## UTILIZING NANOFLUID FOR EXPERIMENTAL STUDY OF CONVECTIVE HEAT TRANSFER IN RADIATOR

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### **Abstract: -**

Nowadays, automakers are constantly striving to innovate in new ways, and one such area is the vehicle radiator. Research shows that as compared to conventional coolants, nano fluids have superior heat conductivity. Utilizing those Nano fluids in a car radiator will break down various heat exchange effects. Heat exchangers play a crucial role in the maintenance, transformation, and recovery of vitality. Numerous studies have focused on direct exchange type heat exchangers, in which heat exchange between liquids occurs transiently into and out of a divider or through an isolating divider. A heat exchanger has two essential wonders: the flow of liquids through channels and the exchange of heat between liquids and channel dividers. Improvements to warm exchangers can therefore be achieved by strengthening the processes taking on inside those units. Conversely, nanofluids exhibit far superior heat transfer properties than traditional heat-transfer liquids. The term "nanofluids" refers to specially formulated liquids that include suspended nanoparticles with a typical size of less than 100 nm in common heat-exchange liquids, such as water, oil, and ethylene glycol. Various nanomaterials are being developed for the construction industry. Nanomaterials are the genuine deal in the designing industry these days. Numerous current studies concentrate on nano fluid used in warmth exchange applications that incorporate a variety of nanoparticles with varying sizes and volume fixations. In addition to being naturally appealing, nano liquid provides superior performance compared to current liquids. A colloidal mixture of nano-measured particles in a base liquid is called nano liquid, and its purpose is to enhance the properties of heat exchange suitable for practical use.

**Keywords:** Nanofluid, Friction factor, Nusselt number Turbulent Convective Heat Transfer, Car radiator

### **I. Introduction**

Day today the people's needs own automotive vehicle to make their work faster and simpler. So by seeing the increasing demand of vehicle, automotive industries continuously doing development for making high efficient and economical engines which consumes less fuel to attract the customers. There are various ways to increase the efficiency of engine like by using optimized design of engine which reduce the weight of automotive and efficient engine cooling system which will increase the performance of vehicle. Use of optimized designed fins and micro size tube is most conventional way to increase the performance of radiator is now reached to its limit. Another way of enhance the cooling effect is use of efficient coolant in the vehicle radiator. As conventional coolant is the mixture of water



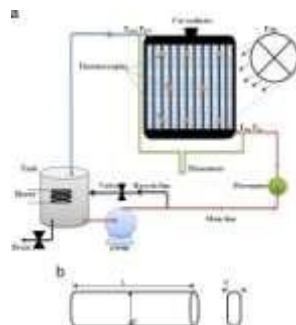
liquid is set up by blending Nanoparticles in water in various syntheses. Later exhibitions of the Radiator are tried with water, ethylene glycol and CuO as coolant. Examination will be made between coolant stream rates and temperature distinction, coolant stream rates and normal warmth exchange, coolant stream rates and viability, time and temperature distinction, time and normal warmth exchange. Motor Nano-coolant is a coolant in which particles of nanometer measurements are blended. The planning of Nanocoolant is a vital angle to accomplish uniform and stable suspension. In the present examine, CuO is utilized as a nanoparticle and motor coolant (ethylene glycol: water, 40: 60) as a base liquid.

### Experimental Setup: -

To investigate the heat transfer potential of Nano fluids as Car radiator coolant the test rig is developed This test rig contains the coolant storage tank, coolant heating element, centrifugal pump, flow measuring instrument, piping network, ball valve to bypass the flow, needle valve to provide precision to flow stability, Pressure transducer to record the inlet and outlet pressure of coolant in radiator, resistance temperature detector to record inlet and outlet temperature of coolant in radiator, anemometer to record velocity of air, J- thermocouples to note down the surface temperature of radiator tube and flow lines. The Radiator was installed inside the air flow duct. The specifications of the radiator used for the research is mentioned.

Coolant passes through the 36 vertical tubes of Radiator. For cooling the coolant, 24" Axial flow fan is used which has capacity to produce flow with 6500 CFM. Dimmer is used to vary the air flow. Fan is installed at the beginning of the test section duct in such a way that the air and coolant flow have indirect cross flow contact and due to that the heat exchange takes place between hot coolant flowing in the vertical tubes and air passing over the tubes.

The inlet air temperature was about  $34\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 0.1\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  in the complete research. The centrifugal thermic pump is used which gives a constant flow rate of  $0.9\text{ m}^3/\text{h}$ , to vary the flow rate globe valve is used. In the test rig the coolant is stored in the storage tank of volume 33 l ( $36.83\text{ cm} \times 31.75\text{ cm} \times 28.48\text{ cm}$ ) and heated with the electric heater (two immersion rod heater of capacity 3000 W each) fixed inside the reservoir. The controller is used to maintain the temperature between  $40\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $90\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ . The coolant is filled 25–30% of the tank volume so the total volume of the circulating



### Preparation Of Nanofluids:-

There are clarified three systems that could be controlled while planning nano liquid.

- (1) Proper scattering of nano particles in the base liquid.
- (2) Control of pH esteem.
- (3) Addition of surface activators to maintain a strategic distance from sedimentation there by strength of the colloidal blend can be accomplished. Scatter the nano molecule in base liquid was accomplished by ultrasonic vibration subsequent to including surface activators. Nanophase Technologies

Corporation was delivered nano particles utilizing vapor union technique. A Nano molecule free agglomerates and moves toward becoming micrometer measured particles as appeared in figure

1. Anyway they can be scattered in the liquids effectively which brings about breaking of the agglomerates to some degree giving particles of nanometer run. The particles of the nanopowder demonstrate a lognormal estimate appropriation. The size dispersion of run of the mill test is appeared in figure

2. The normal estimation of molecule distance across for Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> was 38.4mm and for CuO was 28.6mm by volume weighted methodology. Complete scattering of nano particles in the base liquid can be affirmed by review littler nano particles after scattering.

NANOMATERIAL	K(W/MK)	TEMPERATURE(0C)
1. Water	0.61	250C
2. Ethylene glycol(EG)	0.26	250C
3. Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	35	250C
4. CuO	20	250C
5. ZrO <sub>2</sub>	2	250C
6. SiO <sub>2</sub>	1.4	250C
7. Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	9.7	250C
9. Ag	429	250C
10. Al	237	250C
11. Fe	80.2	250 C
12. Carbon nanotubes	2000	250C
13. Diamond	600	250 C

Legitimate scattering was accomplished by

- (1) First blending nano powder with refined water.
- (2) Using ultrasonic vibration until legitimate scattering is gotten. The volume of the strong blended with the base liquid was dictated by
- (1) Considering genuine thickness to discover proportional load of the strong
- (2) That weight was utilized to made the suspension.
- (3) Then ultrasonic vibration was allowed for 12 hours to get total scattering. For about next 12 hours no sedimentation was watched and from that point it was demonstrated that no sedimentation was watched for 1% and 2% volume suspensions. In any case, minor sedimentation was seen on account of 3% and 4% volume suspensions. Be that as it may, in handy applications it is beyond the realm of imagination to expect to balance out the particles with no third operator like oleic corrosive or laurate salts. Be that as it may indeed, even the warm conductivity of the base liquid might be affected because of the expansion of third operator. Yet, the creators have directed explore different avenues regarding in 1.5 to 2 hours with no sedimentation without including any third specialist. They have assessed the warm conductivity depends on vitality condition for conduction is given by.

The experiment was conducted on Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and CuO nano particles with water as base fluid at various particle volume concentrations. Room temperature was maintained throughout the experiment and the result is represented in figure 3. Subsequently the temperature was altered with different particle concentration of Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>-water and CuO-water nano fluids. Comparison was made for 1% and 4% volume concentrations. But only about 2% enhancement was observed at 210C with 1% particle concentration but at 510C the enhancement value was increased about 10.8%. They concluded that the heat transfer depends on the addition of nano particles. When temperature increases from room temperature the dynamic viscosity of a base fluid is decreased and Brownian motion of nano particles is increased. The nano convection term is increased resulting from the above two facts and also

decreasing of nano particles size which increases Brownian motion. Due to these factors the effectiveness of the thermal conductivity is high.

The heat transfer characteristics such as convective heat transfer coefficient, effectiveness LMTD and pressure drop were studied under the influence of mass flow rate, inlet temperature and volume concentration of the nano particles. Xuan and Roetze calculated viscosity of nano fluid by using Einstein's equation.

$$(\mu_{nf})/(\mu_w) = (1.005 + 0.497\phi - 0.1149\phi^2) \quad (2)$$

It has calculated the thermal conductivity and density as follows:-

$$= (0.9692\phi + 0.9508) \quad (3)$$

$$\rho_{nf} = \phi\rho_p + (1-\phi)\rho_w \quad (4) \quad \mu_{nf} =$$

$$(1 + 2.5\phi)\mu_w \quad (5)$$

$$(\rho_{cp})_{nf} = \phi(\rho_{cp})_p + (1-\phi)(\rho_{cp})_w$$

The experimental Nusselt number values were compared with the predicted Nusselt number Dittus-Boelter correlation shown in figure 4 and deviation of 9.2% was observed which confirms the experimental test facility. The exit temperature of the hot fluid coming out from the heat exchanger increases as the mass flow rate increases and the exit temperature inversely decreases with the increase in the particle volume concentration. The authors also has observed the following

- (1) Nusselt number increases with the increase in particle concentration.
- (2) Logarithmic Mean Temperature Difference (LMTD) decreases as the volume concentration and Reynolds number increases.
- (3) The overall heat transfer coefficient is found to be increased when silver nano particle concentration varies upto 0.04%.
- (4) Pressure drop also found increases along with heat transfer characteristics when volume concentration of silver nano particle increases. And also higher pressure drop was found in silver nano fluid when compared to that of pure water. More pumping power is required to compensate pressure drop which leads to poor efficiency of the system.

Classical problem in fluid mechanics was analysed by who have used similarity transformation to reduce the Navier-stokes equations governing the flow into an third order ordinary differential equation and non-linear equations were treated numerically using boundary conditions. The heat transfer is very important in many engineering applications such as condenser, evaporator, solar radiation, design of bearings, radial diffuser etc, involves boundary layer flow. Massoudi resolved heat transfer in stagnation point flow of non-Newtonian fluid. But it can be used only for the small values of the parameter to determine the behaviour of non-Newtonian fluid. And also in their later research a new solution was found for all values of non-Newtonian fluid using Pseudo-similarity solution by computing flow characteristics numerically. We studied the heat transfer of incompressible two dimensional, non-Newtonian, stagnation point flow through a porous medium under laminar flow. It was found that porosity in the porous medium increases the wall shear stress there by heat transfer is increased. Due to solar energy the thermal stratification over a porous wedge sheet of unsteady state Hiemenz flow of copper nano fluid was studied by using Lie group transformation. Temperature variation due to radiation depends on angle of inclination of porous wedge. The buoyancy force due to thermal diffusion decreases by a factor of  $\cos \Omega/2$  as the angle of inclination increases, where  $\Omega$  is angle of inclination of wedge. When the angle of inclination increases it affects the fluid flow thereby the temperature absorption is more as the density of nanofluid is higher than the pure water. The unsteady parameter directly influence the Prandtl number within the boundary layer. As the velocity of the flow decreases the nanofluid temperature increases with increase of unsteady parameter. As the porous medium contains porosity which increases the fluid resistance thereby velocity of the flow is abruptly reduced imitations of using nano fluid.

### III. Theoretical Analysis

#### PHYSICAL MODEL



It shows the automobile radiator used in this study, which consists of a flat tube with a length ( $L=500\text{mm}$ ) and hydraulic diameter ( $D_h=4.5\text{ mm}$ ).

The Reynolds number was calculated based on the hydraulic diameter ( $D_h$ ):

$$D_h = 4 \times \frac{\text{Area}}{\text{Perimeter}}$$

$$D = 4 \times \frac{[\pi d + (D-d) \times d] \Pi \times d + 2 \times (D - d)}{d}$$

Reynolds number ( $Re$ ) is determined as:

$$Re_d = \frac{\rho \times D \times u}{\mu}$$

A few suppositions were made on the working states of the car cooling framework, Enduring state, incompressible and Newtonian violent liquid streams with consistent thermophysical properties of the nanofluid accepted. Also, heat conduction in the hub course and divider thickness of the cylinders was disregarded.

## System and Components:

### 1. Radiator:-

The shell & tube heat exchanger was the component that we found hard time providing. After long search we found the smallest industrial use shell & tube heat exchanger of stainless steel type 100 L, 158 mm long consisting of 37 tubes. The tube diameter is 2.2 mm with a tube wall thickness of 0.19 mm, and area of 0.05 m<sup>2</sup> as shown in figure



### 2. Plumping System: -

The flow loops are two thermo-couples tubes with removable bulbs which are inserted on the heat exchanger to measure the bulk temperatures of inlet and outlet fluid streams. Suction pipe 1 inch. The pipes are used with maximum capacity 44 (L/min), and total heat head max 38 (m) as illustrated in the figure.



### 3. Water Pump:-

The pump we used was purchased locally, and its specifications as shown in table and figure outperforms the other available pumps. The pump as illustrated in figure was also reasonable for its performance and its quality. The pumps we used before either broke down or couldn't give us the required pumping power.

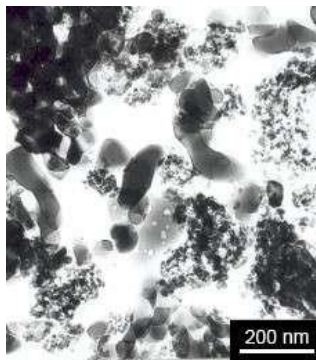
#### 4. Fan:-

A 220V fan has been used as shown in fig and air flow power is approximately 116.7 m/min to enhance more power to cool down water inside the radiator. And for more specifications and features, shown in table.

Our instrument included several gauges namely: temperature controller “thermometer” shown in figure(3.13) and pressure gauges’ figure. The availability and the reading ranges of the instruments were all selected based on the specific specifications.

#### 5. Fluid:-

Aluminum Oxide (Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>) Nano powder / Nanoparticles Dispersion (Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> Nanoparticles Aqueous Dispersion, Alpha, 20wt%, 30nm) ”120ml/120g”.



Copper Nanoparticles / Nano powder (Cu Nanoparticles with 5.2wt% Cu<sub>2</sub>O coated, 30 nm) “100g”.



#### Working Principle: -

This exploratory setup contains a plastic store tank, an electric radiator, an outward siphon, a streammeter, tubes, valves, a fan, a DC control supply, ten K-type thermocouples for temperature estimation, and a warmth exchanger (car radiator). An electric warmer (2000W) is kept inside a plastic stockpiling tank (40 cm tallness and 30 cm distance across) speaks to the motor and to warm the liquid. A voltage controller (0– 220 V) gave the ability to control the temperature in the radiator (60– 80 °C). A stream meter (0– 70 LPM) and two valves measure and control the stream rate. The liquid stream was estimated through plastic cylinders (0.5 in.) by an outward siphon (0.5 hp and 3 m head) from the tank to the radiator at the stream rate scope of 2– 8 LPM. The absolute volume of the flowing liquid (3 l) was consistent in every exploratory advance. Two T-type thermocouples (copper– constantan) were associated to the stream line to record gulf and outlet temperatures of liquid. Eight T-type thermocouples additionally associated with the radiator surface for the surface region estimation. Due to the little thickness and high warm conductivity of the copper level cylinders, the inward and



external surfaces of the tube are equivalent temperature. A hand-held ( $-40\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $1000\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) advanced thermometer with the precision of  $\pm 0.1\%$  was used to peruse every one of the temperatures from thermocouples. Adjustment of thermocouples and thermometers was completed utilizing a consistent temperature water shower, and their exactness was evaluated to be  $0.15\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Two little plastic cylinders with a 0.25-inch breadth were associated at the bay and outlet of the radiator and joined to U-tube mercury manometer with precisely scaled  $0.5\text{mmHg}$  to measure the weight drop at the bay and outlet. The vehicle radiator has louvered blades and 32 level vertical copper tubes with a level cross-sectional zone. The separation between the tube columns was loaded up with meager opposite copper blades. For the Air side, a pivotal power fan (1500 rpm) was introduced close on pivot line of the radiator. The DC control supply (type Teletron 10– 12 V) was utilized rather than a vehicle battery to turn the pivotal fan. (0.5 In.) By a radial siphon (0.5 hp and 3 m head) from the tank to the radiator at the stream rate scope of 2– 8 LPM. The all out volume of the coursing liquid (3 l) was steady in all trial steps. Two T-type thermocouples (copper– constantan) were associated with the stream line to record channel and outlet temperatures of liquid. Eight T-type thermocouples moreover associated with the radiator surface for the surface zone estimation. Because of the little thickness and high warm conductivity of the copper level cylinders, the internal also, external surfaces of the cylinder are equivalent temperature. A hand-held ( $-40\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $1000\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) advanced thermometer with the precision of  $\pm 0.1\%$  was utilized to peruse all the temperatures from thermocouples. Adjustment of thermocouples and thermometers was completed utilizing a consistent temperature water shower, and their precision was evaluated to be  $0.15\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Two little plastic cylinders with a 0.25-inch distance across were associated at the bay and outlet of the radiator and joined to U-tube mercury manometer with precisely scaled  $0.5\text{mmHg}$  to gauge the weight drop at the delta and outlet. The vehicle radiator has louvered balances and 32 level vertical copper tubes with a level cross-sectional zone. The separation between the cylinder columns was loaded up with flimsy opposite copper balances. For the air side, a pivotal power fan (1500 rpm) was introduced close on hub line of the radiator. The DC control supply (type Teletron 10– 12 V) was utilized rather than a vehicle battery to turn the hub fan.

#### IV. Conclusion

From the above graph following conclusions are drawn

- 1) With decrease in mass flow rate, temperature difference between inlet and outlet temperature of coolant increases. In the graph Nano fluid is having more temperature rejection.
- 2) With increase in time in min, temperature difference between inlet and outlet temperature of coolant increases. In the graph Nano fluid is having good temperature rejection.
- 3) With decrease in mass flow rate, average heat transfer rate of coolant increases. In the graph Nano fluid is having better average heat transfer rate as compared to water and water + ethylene glycol.
- 4) With below in mass flow rate, effectiveness of coolant is improved. In the graph Nano fluid is having better effectiveness as compared to water and water + ethylene.

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