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Abstract

The effect of tube geometry like fin height and fin density on fluid elastic instability is examined experimentally using a normal square finned tube array with a P/D ratio 1.78. Flow-induced vibration is common cause of failure in shell and tube heat exchanger, and it may result substantial harm to the heat exchanger as well as significant financial loss. There are different mechanisms for flow induced vibration out of which fluid elastic instability and vortex shedding are the most sever due to their sudden occurrence and high amplitude vibration. Different parameters affect the tube vibration when the tube array subjected to air cross flow. In this experimentation the effect of fin height and fin density are examined for fluid elastic instability. Experimentation was performed to measure critical velocity at fluid elastic instability for plain and finned tubes for 3mm 3fpi (3mm fin height and 3mm fin density) 3mm 9fpi, 6mm 3fpi and 6mm 9fpi arrays. All this tube arrays with cantilever end condition and with a constant pitch ratio subjected to air cross flow was considered. Testing was done with gradually increasing air flow rate from $1\text{m}^3/\text{hr}$ and increases up to $30\text{m}^3/\text{hr}$ to obtain fluid elastic instability. The relationship between the critical velocity at fluid elastic instability and the mass damping parameter was investigated using Connor's equation. The amplitude response of vibration concerning the change in velocity shows that the addition fin height and fin density, affects the fluid elastic instability. A small peak before the occurrence of fluid elastic instability was observed. This may be due to vortex shedding which further required to be verified using the strouhal number.