

Laminova Oil to Water Heat Exchanger

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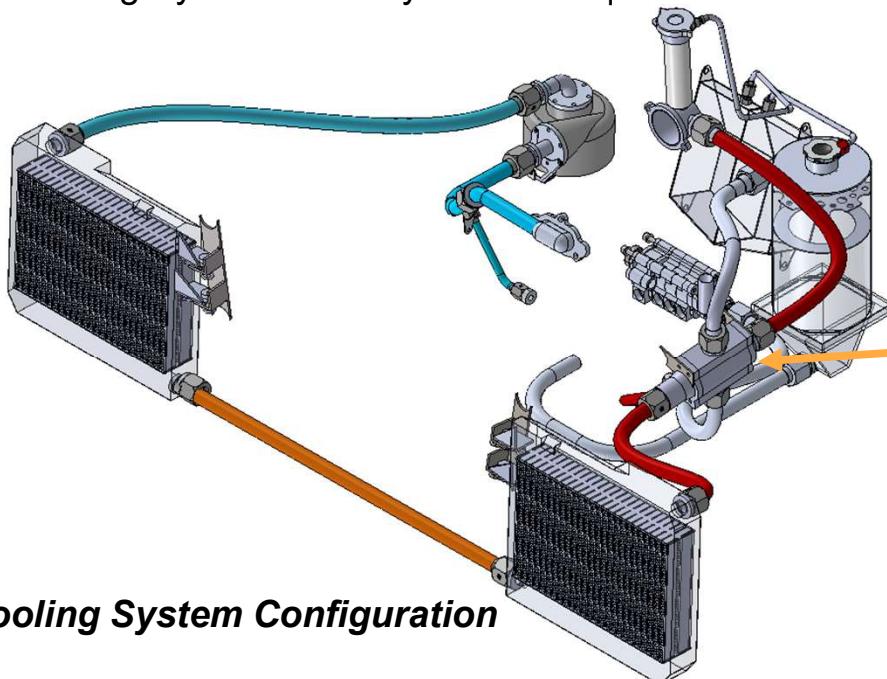
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Background

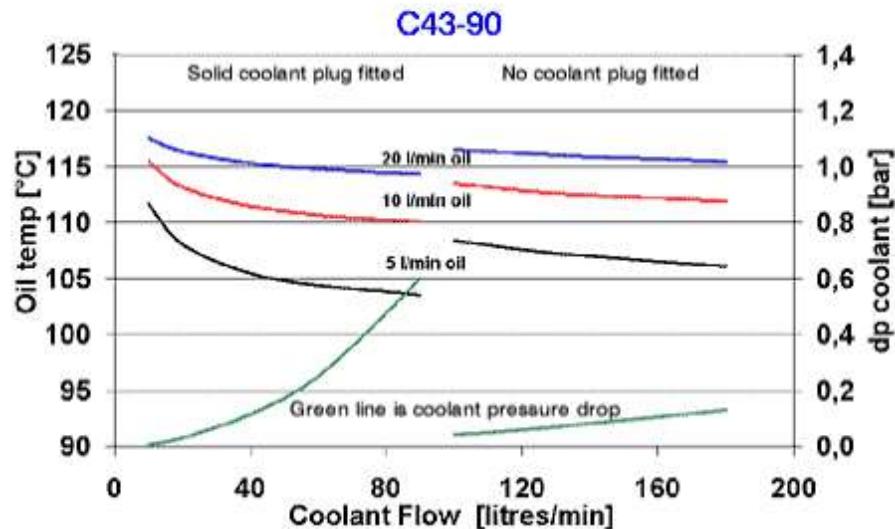
SJSU Formula Racing Team: SR12B
Oil Cooling System: Factory Oil Cooler | External Oil Cooler



Background: Research

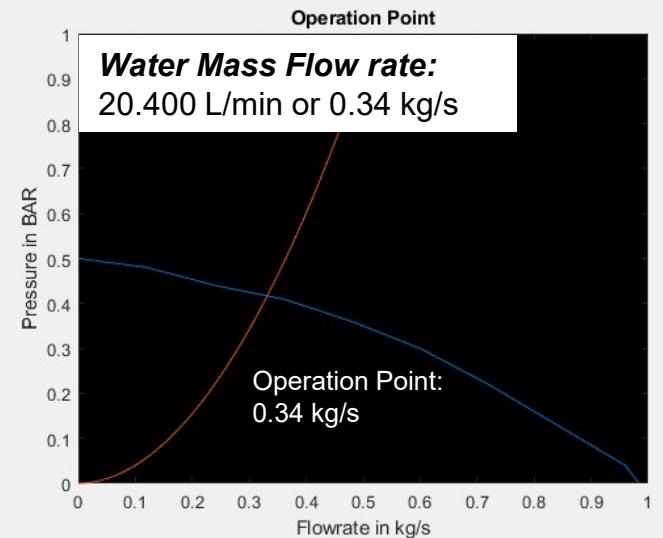
C43 series

Oil Temperature in: 120°C, Water temperature in: 85°C

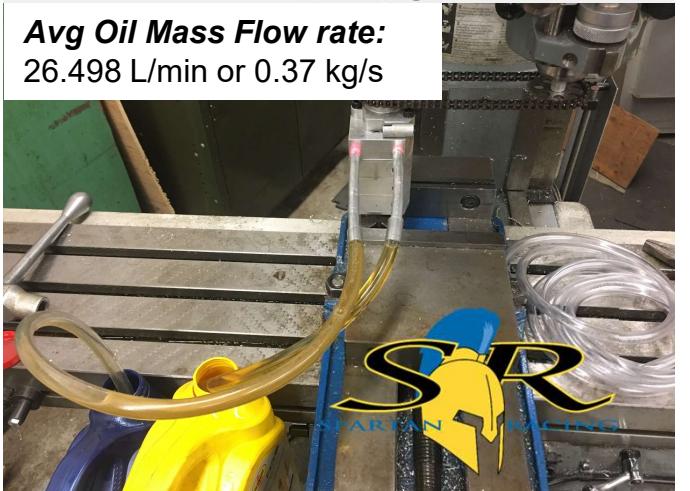


Oil Temp as a Function of Flowrate

Source: www.thinkauto.com/lamgraphs.htm.



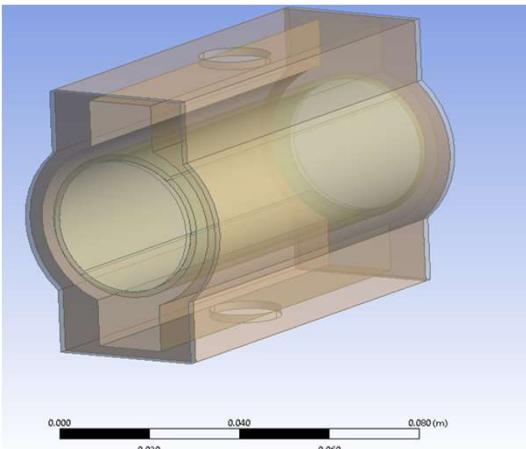
Avg Oil Mass Flow rate:
26.498 L/min or 0.37 kg/s



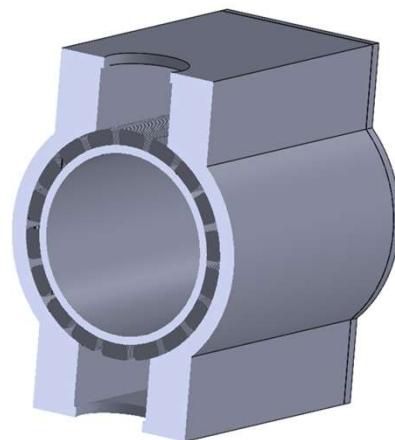
Objectives

Using a simplified model, the team would like to:

1. Observe velocity streamlines for oil
2. Analyze the temperature differences in the fluids
3. Determine heat rejected to the water



Geometry: Simplified Model



CAD: Finned Core



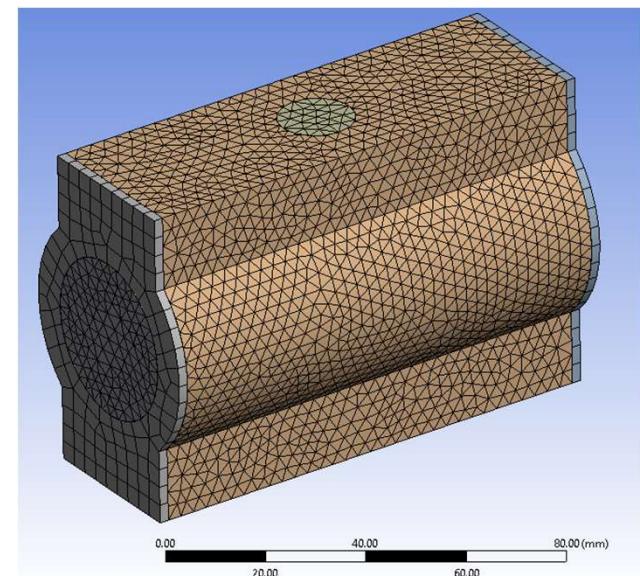
Laminova C43-90A



Pre-Processing: Mesh Quality

Mesh-Metric			
Metric	Min	Max	Avg
Aspect Ratio	1.1583	10.083	1.8745
Orthogonality	0.12976	0.99999	0.76809
Skewness	1.3057e-10	0.87024	0.2324

Mesh
Nodes: 20,312
Elements: 77,129
Element Size: 4 mm
Geometry: Triangular



Mesh Refinement:

Body Meshing, Sphere of influence



Pre-Processing: Mesh y^+

- y^+ value of 63.9 determined for the water, which lies between 30 and 300
- y^+ value not determined for the oil due to difficulties in determine the skin friction around a cylinder

rho_oil	859 kg/m ³	D_i	0.034798 m
rho_water	988.2 kg/m ³	D_o	0.034798 m
y	0.004 m	kinematic viscosity, water	3.255E-07 m ² /s
m_w	0.34 kg/s	v_w	0.3617726 m/s
m_o	0.37 kg/s		
ReD	38675.76		
Cf	0.000414	• For fully developed pipe flow $C_f = \frac{16}{Re_D} = 0.16$	
tau_wall	0.026753		
u_tau	0.005203		
y+	63.93964		



Solving: Settings and Initializations

Named Selections	
Inlet	Oil-Inlet Water-Inlet
Outlet	Oil-Outlet Water-Outlet
Internal	Interior-Oil Interior-Water
Wall	Oil-Shell Water Tube

Solutions Settings

Steady State
Energy (on)
Hybrid Initialization

Viscous Model

<input type="radio"/> Inviscid	<input type="radio"/> Laminar
<input type="radio"/> Spalart-Almaras (1 eqn)	<input checked="" type="radio"/> k-epsilon (2 eqn)
<input type="radio"/> k-omega (2 eqn)	<input type="radio"/> Transition k-kl-omega (3 eqn)
<input type="radio"/> Transition SST (4 eqn)	<input type="radio"/> Reynolds Stress (7 eqn)
<input type="radio"/> Scale-Adaptive Simulation (SAS)	<input type="radio"/> Detached Eddy Simulation (DES)
<input type="radio"/> Large Eddy Simulation (LES)	

k-epsilon Model

<input type="radio"/> Standard	<input type="radio"/> RNG
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Realizable	

Near-Wall Treatment

<input type="radio"/> Standard Wall Functions	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Scalable Wall Functions
<input type="radio"/> Non-Equilibrium Wall Functions	<input type="radio"/> Enhanced Wall Treatment
<input type="radio"/> Menter-Lechner	<input type="radio"/> User-Defined Wall Functions

Options

<input type="checkbox"/> Viscous Heating	<input type="checkbox"/> Curvature Correction	<input type="checkbox"/> Production Limiter
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Model Constants

C2-Epsilon	1.9
TKE Prandtl Number	1
TDR Prandtl Number	1.2
Energy Prandtl Number	0.85
Wall Prandtl Number	0.85

User-Defined Functions

Turbulent Viscosity	none
Prandtl Numbers	
TKE Prandtl Number	none
TDR Prandtl Number	none
Energy Prandtl Number	none
Wall Prandtl Number	none

Solution Controls

Under-Relaxation Factors

Pressure	0.3
Density	1
Body Forces	1
Momentum	0.7
Turbulent Kinetic Energy	0.8
Turbulent Dissipation Rate	0.8
Turbulent Viscosity	1
Energy	1

Relaxation

OK Cancel Help



Solving: BCs and Fluid Properties

Boundary Conditions

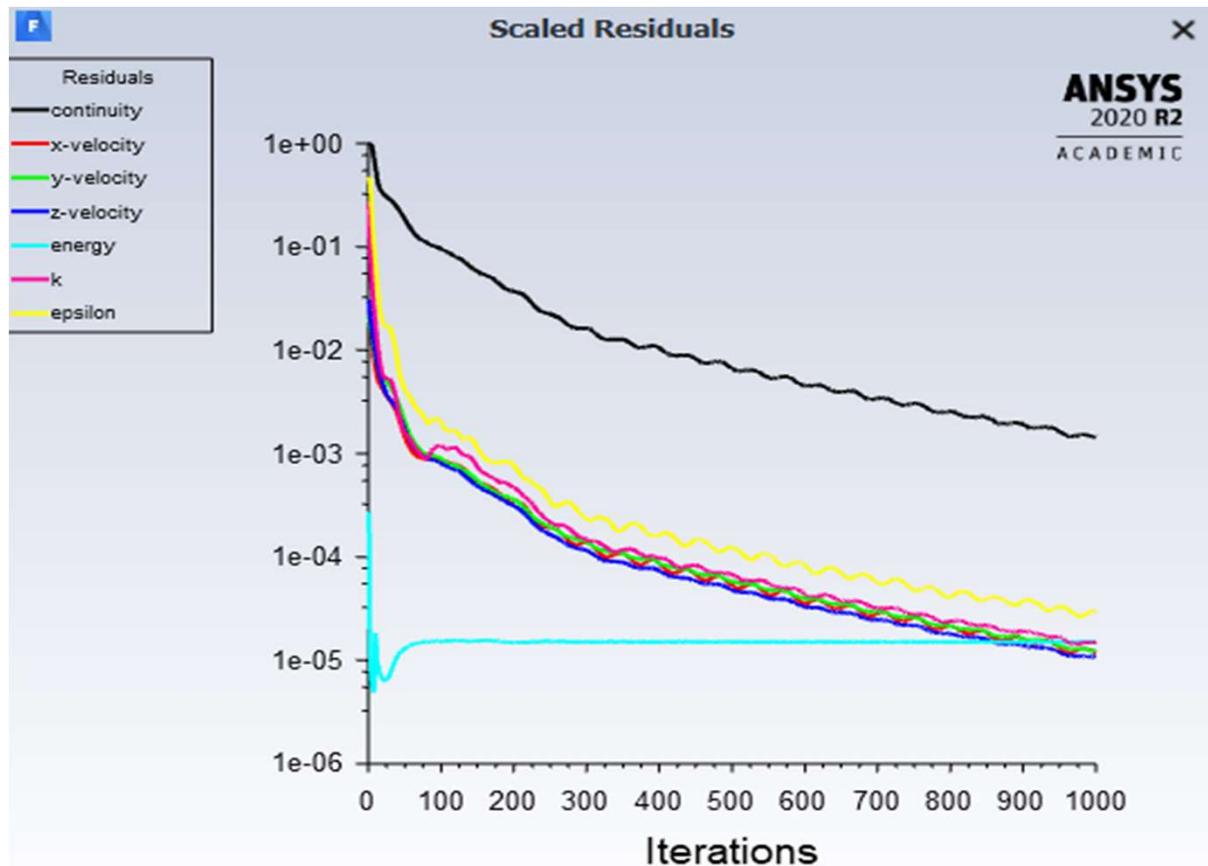
Water Inlet	Mass flow rate: 0.34 kg/s Inlet temperature: 90C
Oil Inlet	Mass flow rate: 0.37 kg/s Inlet temperature: 132.22C
Water/Oil Outlet	Pressure
Wall Oil Shell End Plates	Heat flux = 0
Wall Inner Water Tube	Convection: Output Parameter Freestream Temperature: 363.15K Material: Aluminum
Wall Outer Water Tube	Convection: Output Parameter Freestream Temperature: 405.37K Material: Aluminum

Fluid Properties

Oil	Density: 859 kg/m ³ $C_p = 3315 \text{ J/kgC}$
Water	Density: 988.2 kg/m ³ $C_p = 4182 \text{ J/kgC}$



Solving: Residuals

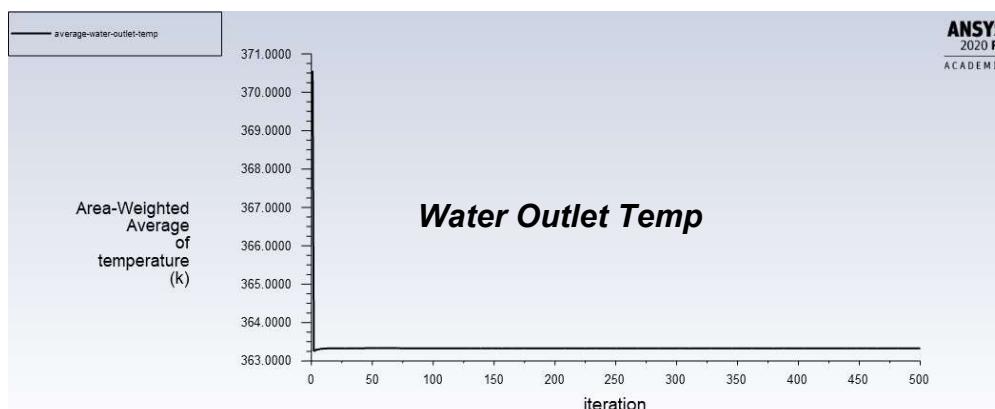
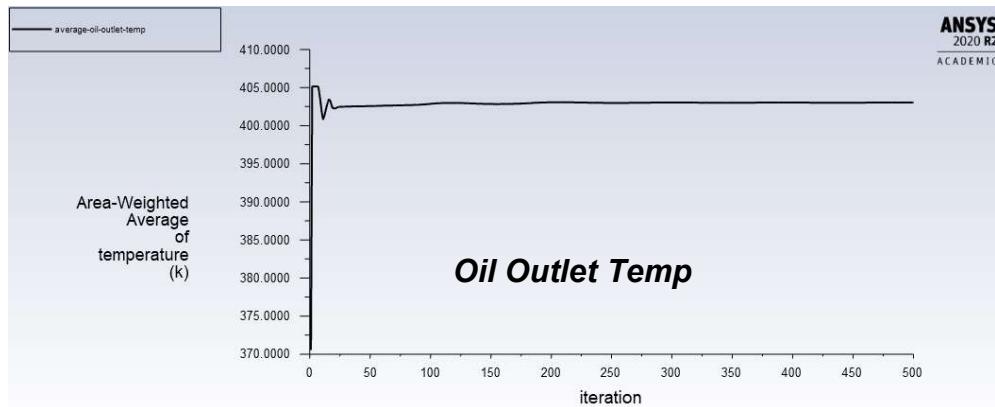


Report Definition:

- Solution
 - Methods
 - Controls
 - Report Definitions
 - average-oil-outlet-temp
 - average-water-outlet-temp



Solving: Residuals, Outlet Temperatures



Mass-Weighted Average (k)
oiloutlet 403.02945
wateroutlet 363.32956

Average Temperatures at Outlet



Solving: Residuals – Heat Transfer Coeff.

Additional Report Definitions

Calculation complete.		
Area-Weighted Average		(w/m ² -k)

contact_region_9-trg	250.71757	
Area-Weighted Average		(w/m ² -k)

contact_region_10-trg	-168.25412	
<i>Output Heat Transfer Coefficients</i>		

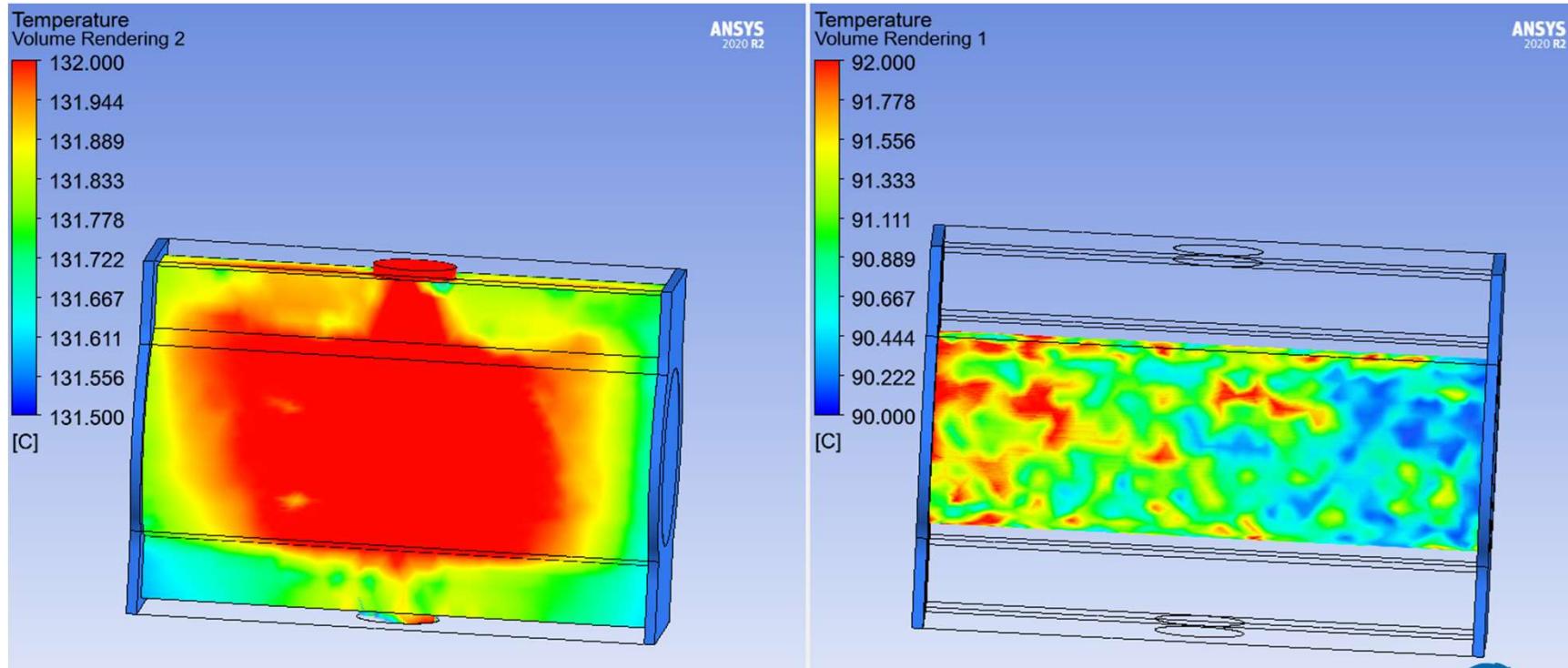
Water

Oil

The diagram shows two orange arrows pointing from labels to specific values in the table. One arrow points from the label "Water" to the value "250.71757" under the heading "contact_region_9-trg". Another arrow points from the label "Oil" to the value "-168.25412" under the heading "contact_region_10-trg".



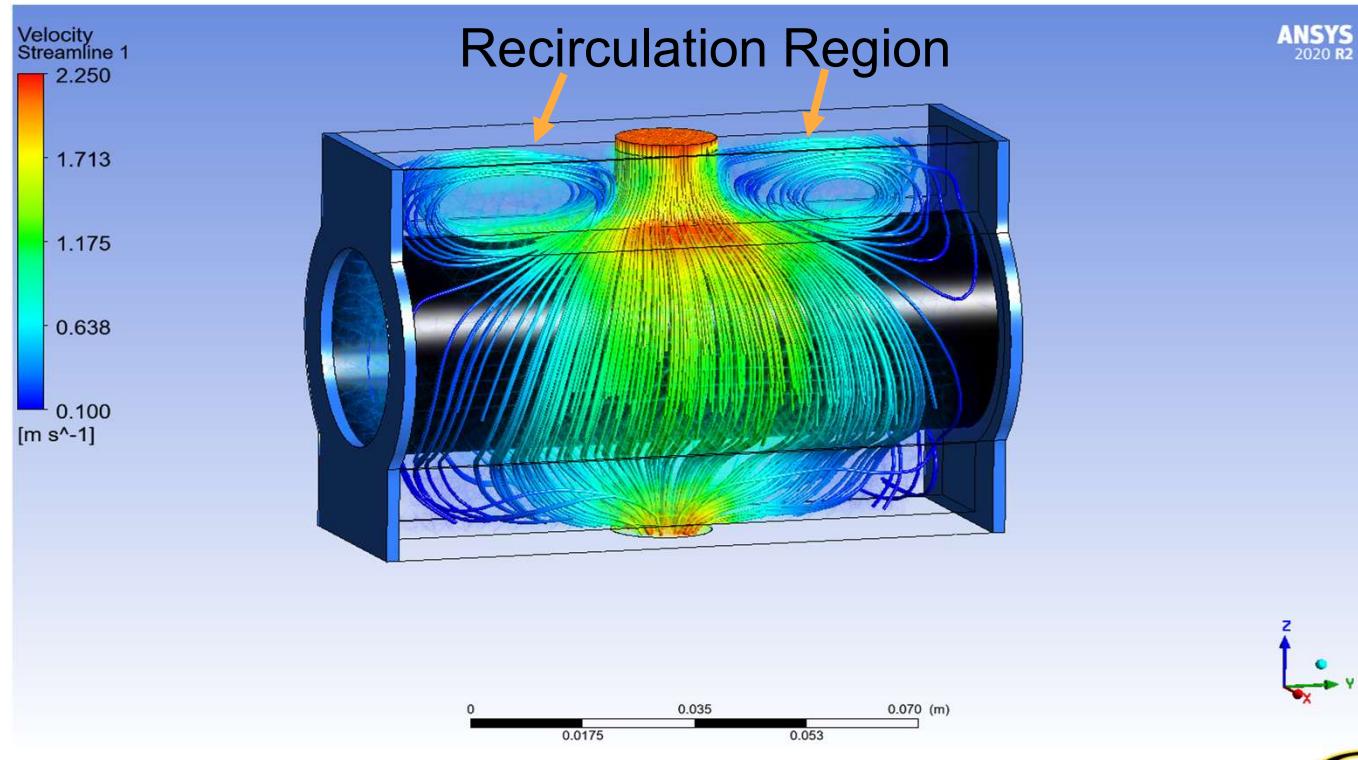
Post Processing: Volume Rendering



Temperature Distributions, LHS: Oil and RHS: Water



Post Processing: Velocity Streamlines



Theoretical Calculations

D_o	0.037084 m	L	0.09779 m					
D_i	0.034798 m	A_s	0.011041663 m^2					
T_o,i	132.22 C	c_p,o	3315 J/kgK	m_o	0.37 kg/s	h_o	168.2541 W/m^2K	
T_w,i	90 C	c_p,w	4182 J/kgK	m_w	0.34 kg/s	h_w	250.7176 W/m^2K	
Q_max	51784.94 W							
U	100.6852 W/m^2K							
NTU	0.000906							
c	0.862626							
ε	0.000904							
Q_dot	46.83055 W							
T_o,o	132.1818 C							
T_w,o	90.03294 C							
Simulation Results:								
Tw_o,sim	90.17967							
Q_dot	255.4692 W							

$$\dot{Q}_{max} = C_{min} \Delta T_{max}$$

$$\text{If } A_i \cong A_o, \quad \frac{1}{U} = \frac{1}{h_i} + \frac{1}{h_o}$$

3 Cross-flow
(single-pass)
Both fluids
unmixed

$$\text{NTU} = \frac{UA_s}{C_{min}} = \frac{UA_s}{(\dot{m} c_p)_{min}}$$

$$c = \frac{C_{min}}{C_{max}}$$

$$\epsilon = 1 - \exp \left\{ \frac{\text{NTU}^{0.22}}{c} [\exp (-c \text{NTU}^{0.78}) - 1] \right\}$$

$$\dot{Q} = \epsilon \dot{Q}_{max}$$

$$\dot{Q} = C_c (T_{c,o} - T_{c,i})$$



Conclusion and Future Works

<i>Findings</i>	
Low pressure region near the top	
Heat Transfer Rate Across Water Simulated: 255.4692 W Theoretical: 46.83 W	Temperature Differences Oil: -2.34C Water: 0.17C

<i>Improvements:</i>
Account for system resistance in average oil mass flow rate
Run simulation with finned core
Verify convective heat transfer coefficients through on-car testing



Thank you for your time!



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Appendix A: MATLAB Pump Calcs (1 of 3)

```
clc;clear;
format compact

%Input Variables (mm, mm, mm ,m)
d_i = 19.05; e = 0.0013; z = 110.744; L = 5.08;
%Water Properties (m/s, kg/m^3 , N.s/m^2)
v_water = linspace(0,1.8,50); rho = 965.3; mu = 0.315*10^-3;
%Minor Losses (Unitless)
inlet = 7; outlet = 7; deg90_smooth = 0; deg90_miter = 2;
deg45_elbow = 4; deg180_return = 0;
%Static Outputs (m^2, unitless)
Area_pipe = pi()/4 * (19.05*10^-3)^2; e_d = e/d_i;
m_dot = rho * v_water * Area_pipe; %Dynamics- kg/s
%hardline
hardline_length = 150/39.37;
hardline_Dh = d_i*10^-3;
Reynolds_hardline = rho * v_water * hardline_Dh / mu;
ff = (-1.8*log(6.9./Reynolds_hardline + (e_d / 3.7)^1.11)).^(-1/2);
Minor_head_hardline = (2*0.8 + 2*1.05)*(v_water.^2/(2*9.81));
Major_head_hardline = ff.*((hardline_length/hardline_Dh).*v_water.^2/(2*9.81))
Total_hardline_pressure = Major_head_hardline + Minor_head_hardline
%Laminova
laminova_Dh = 0.038; laminova_length = 0.2608;
Reynolds_laminova = rho*v_water*laminova_Dh/mu;
e_d2 = e/laminova_Dh;
ff2 = (-1.8*log(6.9./Reynolds_laminova + (e_d2 / 3.7)^1.11)).^(-1/2);
Major_head_laminova = ff2.*((laminova_length/laminova_Dh).*v_water.^2/(2*9.81));
Minor_head_laminova = (0.8 + 1.05)*(v_water.^2/(2*9.81));
Total_laminova_pressure = Major_head_laminova + Minor_head_laminova
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Appendix A: MATLAB Pump Calcs (2 of 3)

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%Radiator
rad_tube_height = 10/39.37; s_rad = 0.0024; l_rad = 0.0174;
rad_tube_Ac = s_rad*l_rad;
velocity_tubes = (m_dot/78) / (rho*s_rad*l_rad)
rad_tube_Perimeter = s_rad + l_rad;
rad_Dh = 4*rad_tube_Ac / rad_tube_Perimeter
Reynolds_rad = rho*velocity_tubes*rad_Dh/mu;
e_d3 = e/rad_Dh
ff3 = (-1.8*log(6.9./Reynolds_rad + (e_d3 / 3.7)^1.11)).^(-1/2);
Major_head_rad = ff3.*((rad_tube_height/rad_Dh).*velocity_tubes.^2/(2*9.81));

outlet_rad_tube = 78; inlet_rad_tube = 78;
Minor_head_rad_tube = (outlet_rad_tube*0.8 + inlet_rad_tube*1.05)*(velocity_tubes.^2/(2*9.81));

tank_height = 2.31 / 39.37;
tank_length = 10/39.37;
tank_depth = 1.57/39.37;
Dh_tank = 4*tank_length*tank_depth / (tank_length+tank_depth);
velocity_tank = m_dot / (rho*tank_length*tank_depth)
Reynolds_tank = rho*velocity_tank*Dh_tank/mu;
e_d4 = e/Dh_tank
ff4 = (-1.8*log(6.9./Reynolds_tank + (e_d4 / 3.7)^1.11)).^(-1/2);
Major_head_rad_tank = ff4.*((tank_height/Dh_tank).*velocity_tank.^2/(2*9.81));

outlet_rad_tank = 1; inlet_rad_tank = 1;
Minor_head_rad_tank = (outlet_rad_tank*0.8 + inlet_rad_tank*1.05)*(velocity_tank.^2/(2*9.81));

Total_rad_pressure = 2*(Major_head_rad + Minor_head_rad_tube + Minor_head_rad_tank + Major_head_rad_tank)
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Appendix A: MATLAB Pump Calcs (3 of 3)

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%Output
Net_head = (Total_hardline_pressure + Total_laminova_pressure +
Total_rad_pressure)*rho*9.81

%Converted values for Sys Resistance Curve
Net_head_Bar = Net_head * 10^-5
%m_dot_LitersPerMin = m_dot * 81.15

%EWP Pump Curve
pump_x = [0,10,20,30,40,50,60,70,80,82];
pump_x_kgs = pump_x * 0.012 %L/min to kg/s
pump_y = [0.50,0.48,0.44,0.41,0.36,0.30,0.22,0.13,0.04,0];

%Plots
plot(pump_x_kgs,pump_y)
hold on
plot (m_dot,Net_head_Bar)
hold off

xlabel('Flowrate in kg/s')
ylabel('Pressure in BAR')
title('Operation Point')
set(gca,'color',[0 0 0])
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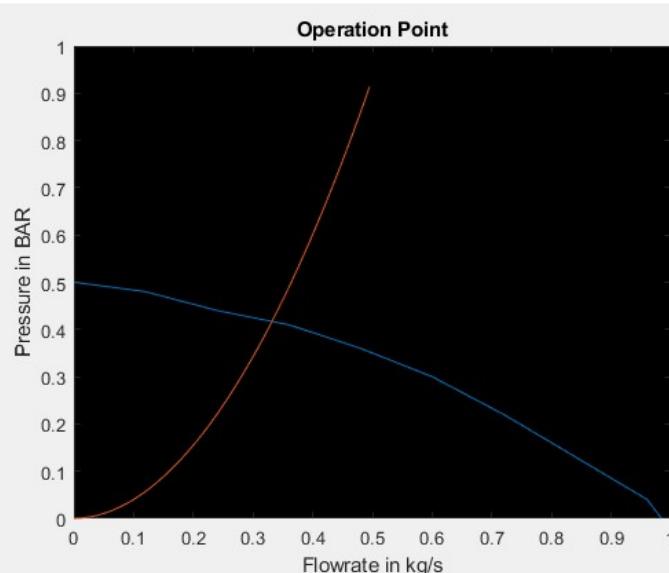


Figure 1: System resistance curve is in orange produced from the corresponding equations above. Blue curve is the pump performance curve of the selected pump. The operation point was determined to be 0.34 kg/s at the point of intersection

