

# ***Laminova Oil to Water Heat Exchanger***

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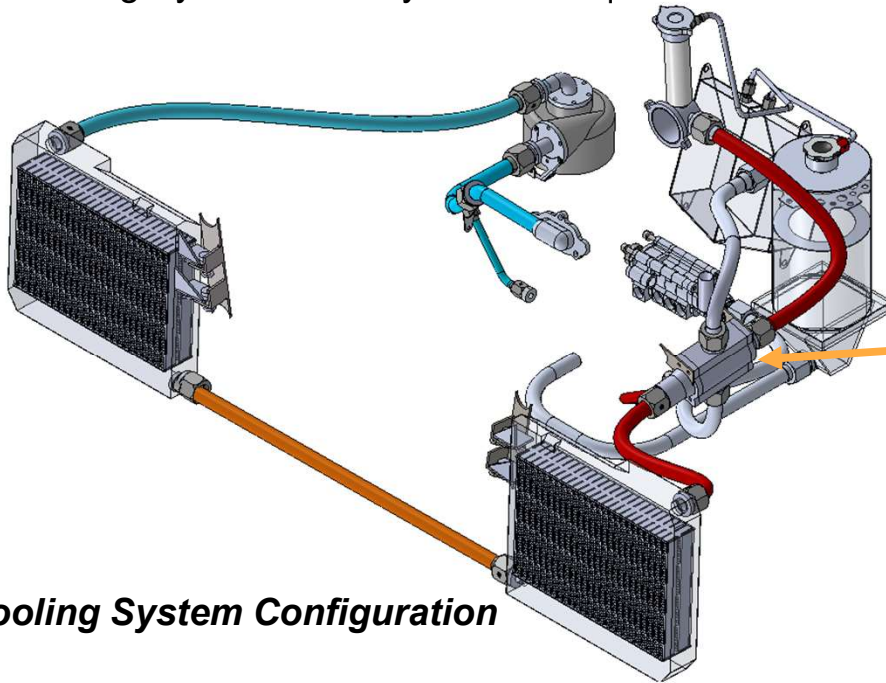
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# Background

## **SJSU Formula Racing Team: SR12B**

Oil Cooling System: Factory Oil Cooler | External Oil Cooler



**Cooling System Configuration**

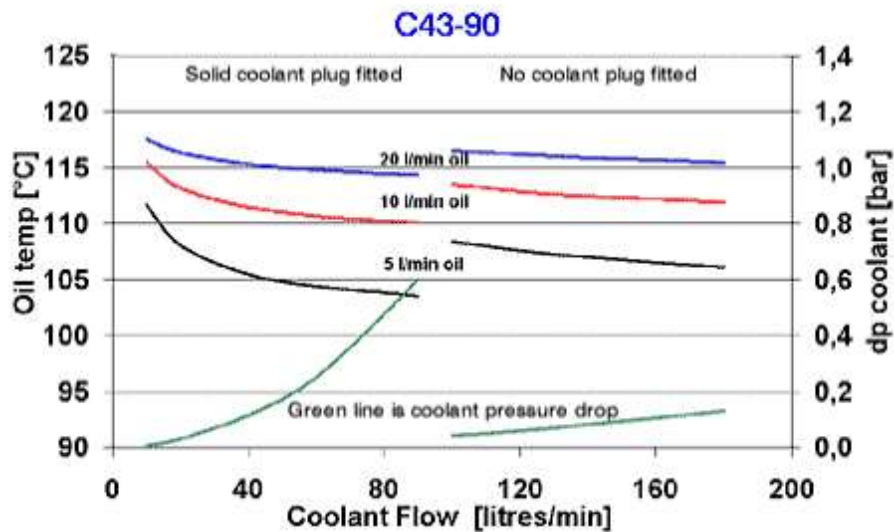
**Heat Exchanger**  
Laminova C43-90A



# Background: Research

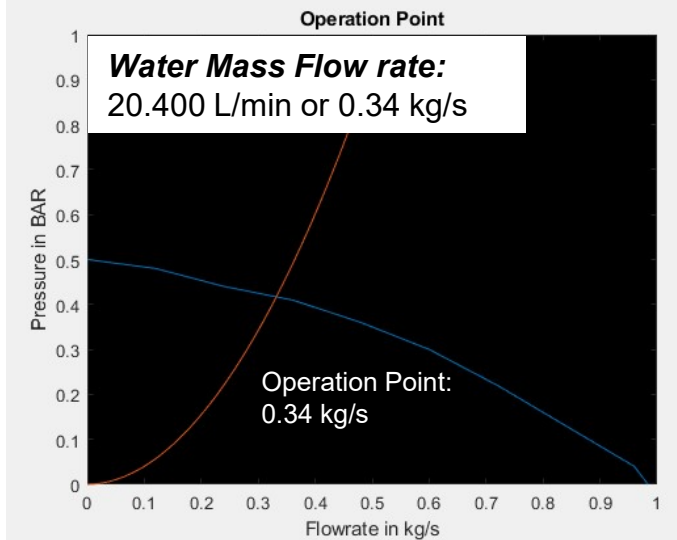
C43 series

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

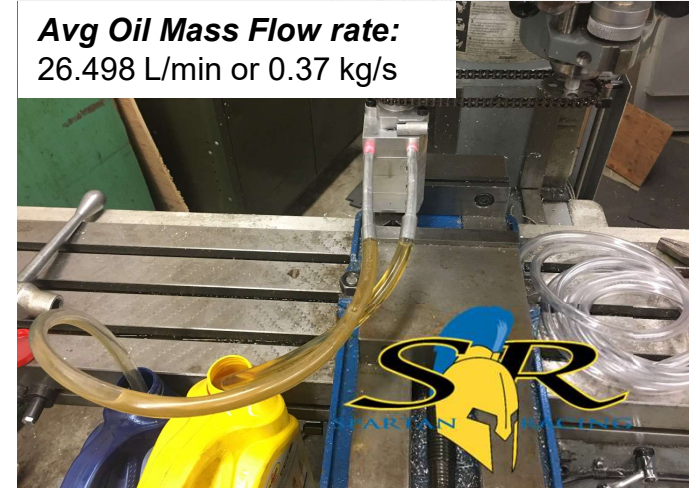


**Oil Temp as a Function of Flowrate**

Source: [www.thinkauto.com/lamgraphs.htm](http://www.thinkauto.com/lamgraphs.htm).



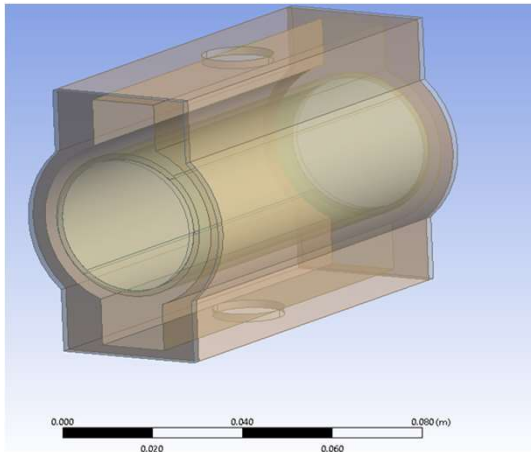
**Avg Oil Mass Flow rate:**  
26.498 L/min or 0.37 kg/s



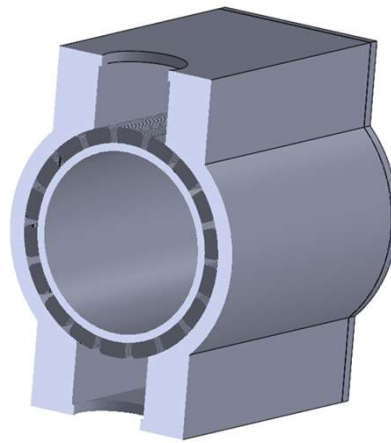
# Objectives

Using a simplified model, the team would like to:

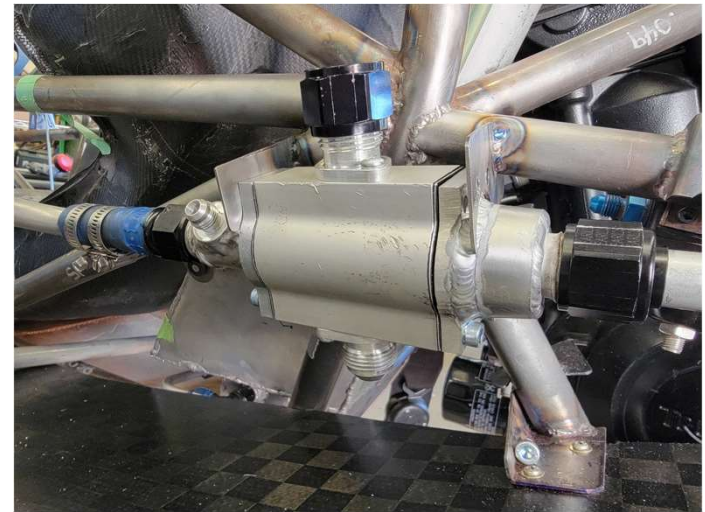
1. Observe velocity streamlines for oil
2. Analyze the temperature differences in the fluids
3. Determine heat rejected to the water



**Geometry: Simplified Model**



**CAD: Finned Core**



**Laminova C43-90A**



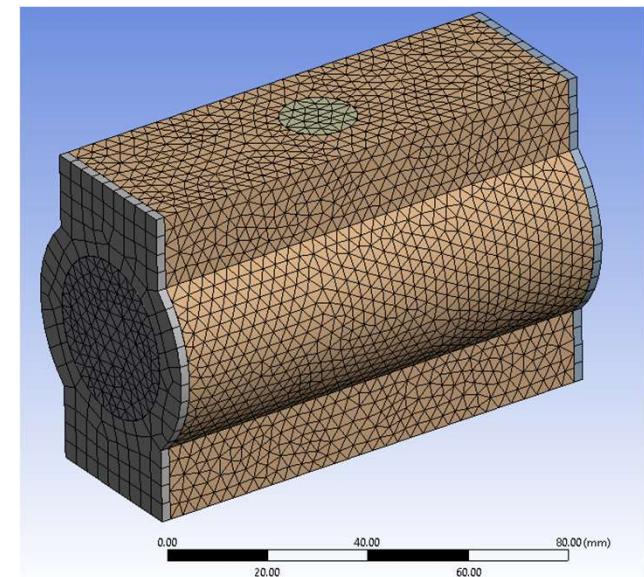


# Pre-Processing: Mesh Quality

<b>Mesh-Metric</b>			
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 <sup>3</sup>	D_i	0.034798 m		
rho_water	988.2 kg/m <sup>3</sup>	D_o	0.034798 m		
y	0.004 m	kinematic viscosity, water	3.255E-07 m <sup>2</sup> /s		
m_w	0.34 kg/s	v_w	0.3617726 m/s		
m_o	0.37 kg/s				
ReD	38675.76	• For fully developed pipe flow $C_f = \frac{16}{Re_D} = 0.16$			
Cf	0.000414				
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

Model

☐ Inviscid  
☐ Laminar  
☐ Spalart-Allmaras (1 eqn)  
☒ k-epsilon (2 eqn)  
☐ k-omega (2 eqn)  
☐ Transition k-kl-omega (3 eqn)  
☐ Transition SST (4 eqn)  
☐ Reynolds Stress (7 eqn)  
☐ Scale-Adaptive Simulation (SAS)  
☐ Detached Eddy Simulation (DES)  
☐ Large Eddy Simulation (LES)

k-epsilon Model

☐ Standard  
☐ RNG  
☒ Realizable

Near-Wall Treatment

☐ Standard Wall Functions  
☒ Scalable Wall Functions  
☐ Non-Equilibrium Wall Functions  
☐ Enhanced Wall Treatment  
☐ Menter-Lechner  
☐ User-Defined Wall Functions

Options

☐ Viscous Heating  
☐ Curvature Correction  
☐ Production Limiter

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

Default

Equations...

Limits...

Advanced...

Relaxation





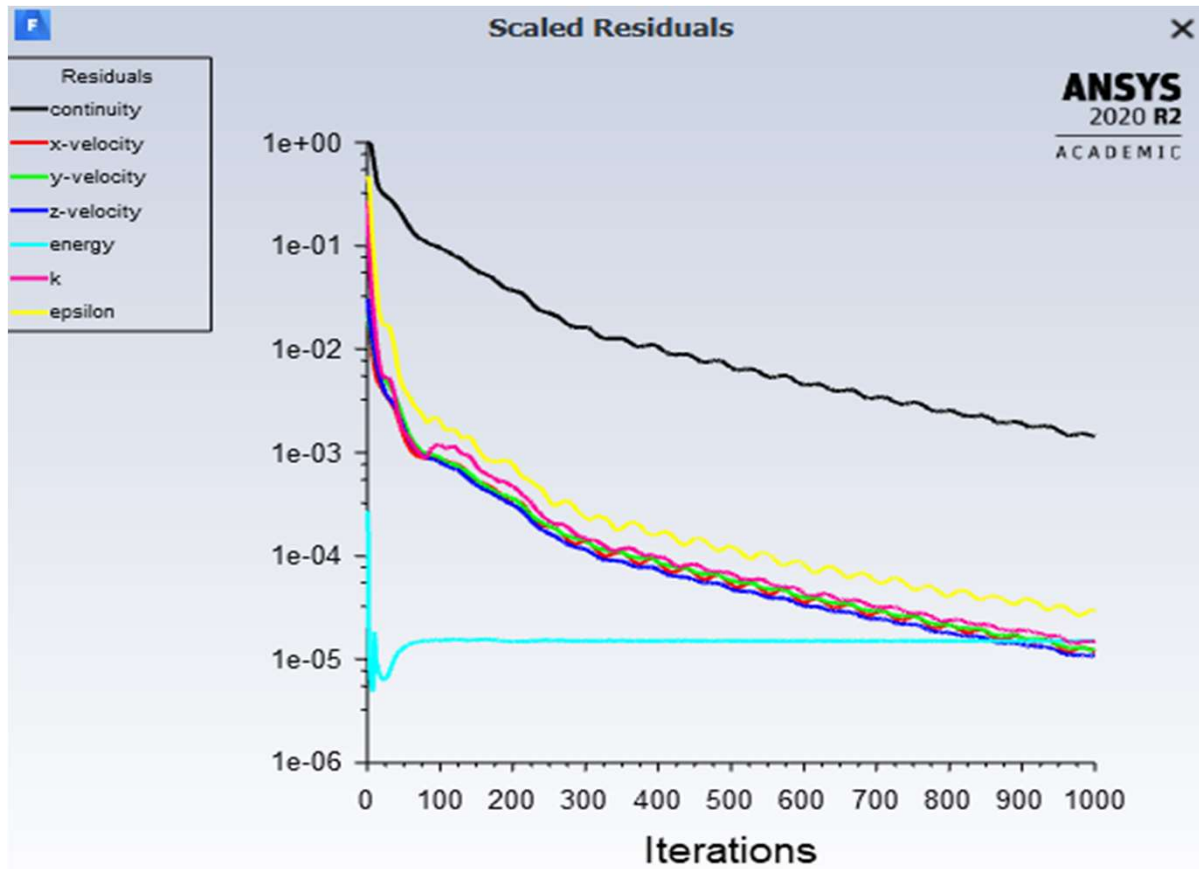
# Solving: BCs and Fluid Properties

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 <sup>3</sup> Cp = 3315 J/kgC
Water	Density: 988.2 kg/m <sup>3</sup> Cp = 4182 J/kgC



# Solving: Residuals

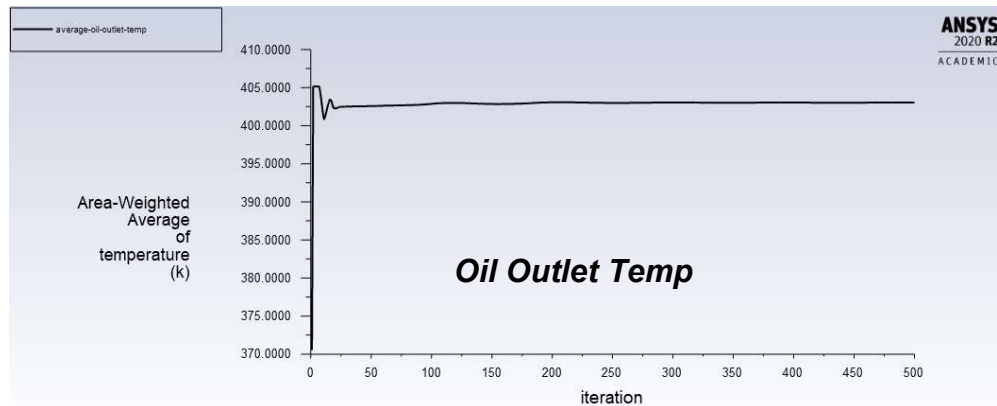


Report Definition:

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



# Solving: Residuals, Outlet Temperatures

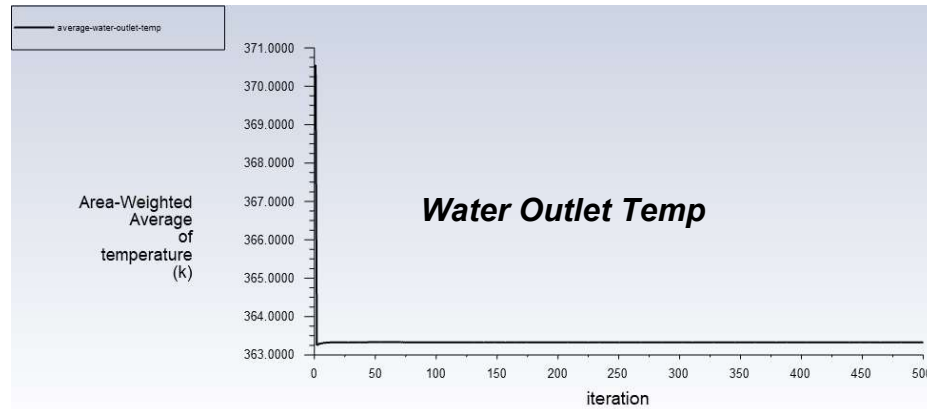


Mass-Weighted Average (k)

oiloutlet 403.02945

Mass-Weighted Average (k)

wateroutlet 363.32956



**Average Temperatures at Outlet**



# Solving: Residuals – Heat Transfer Coeff.

## Additional Report Definitions

Calculation complete.

Area-Weighted Average	(w/m2-k)
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contact_region_9-trg	250.71757
Area-Weighted Average	(w/m2-k)
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contact_region_10-trg	-168.25412

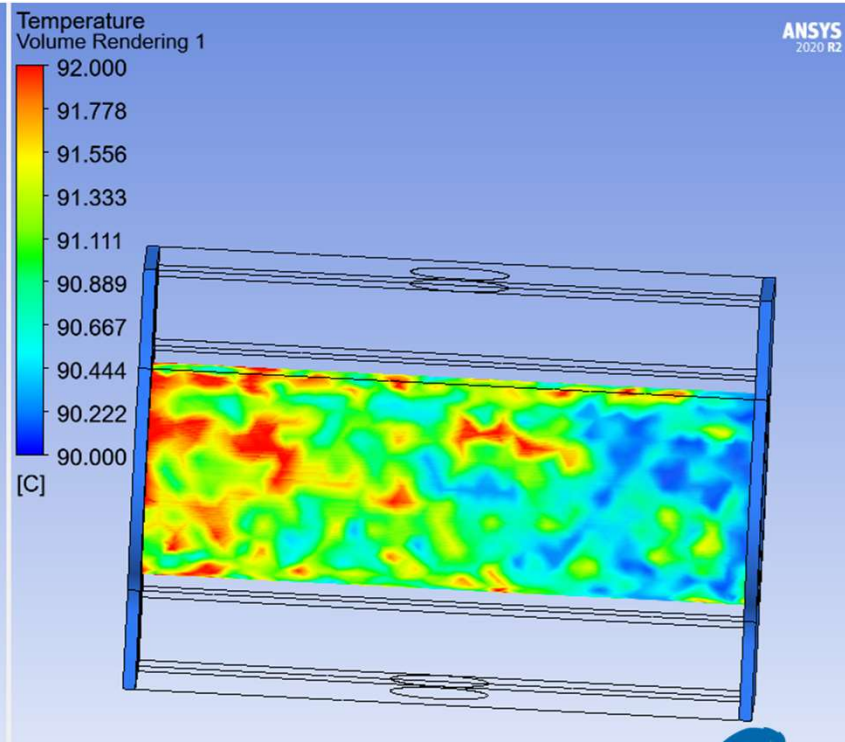
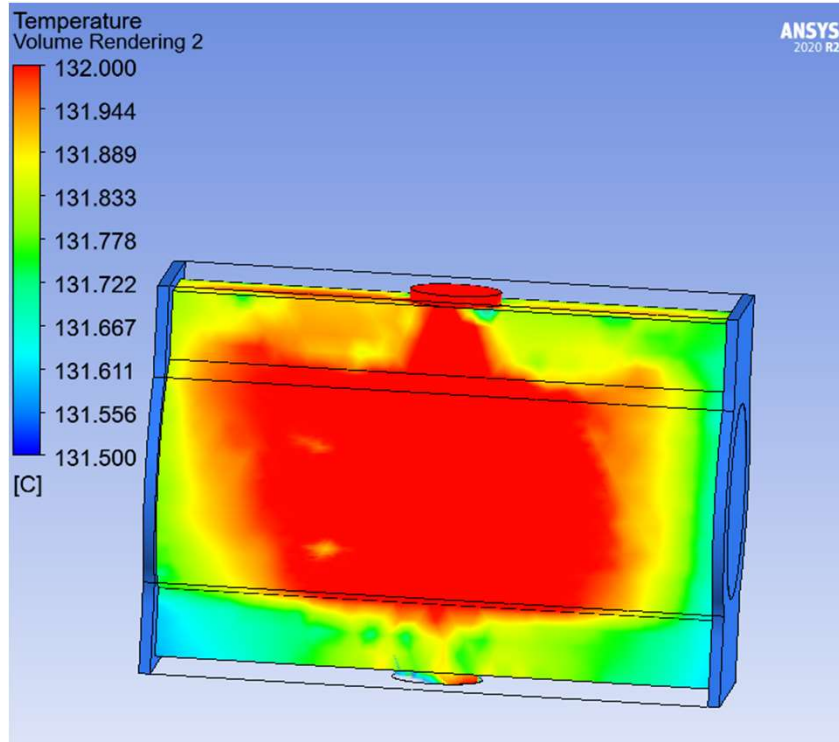
**Output Heat Transfer Coefficients**

**Water**

**Oil**



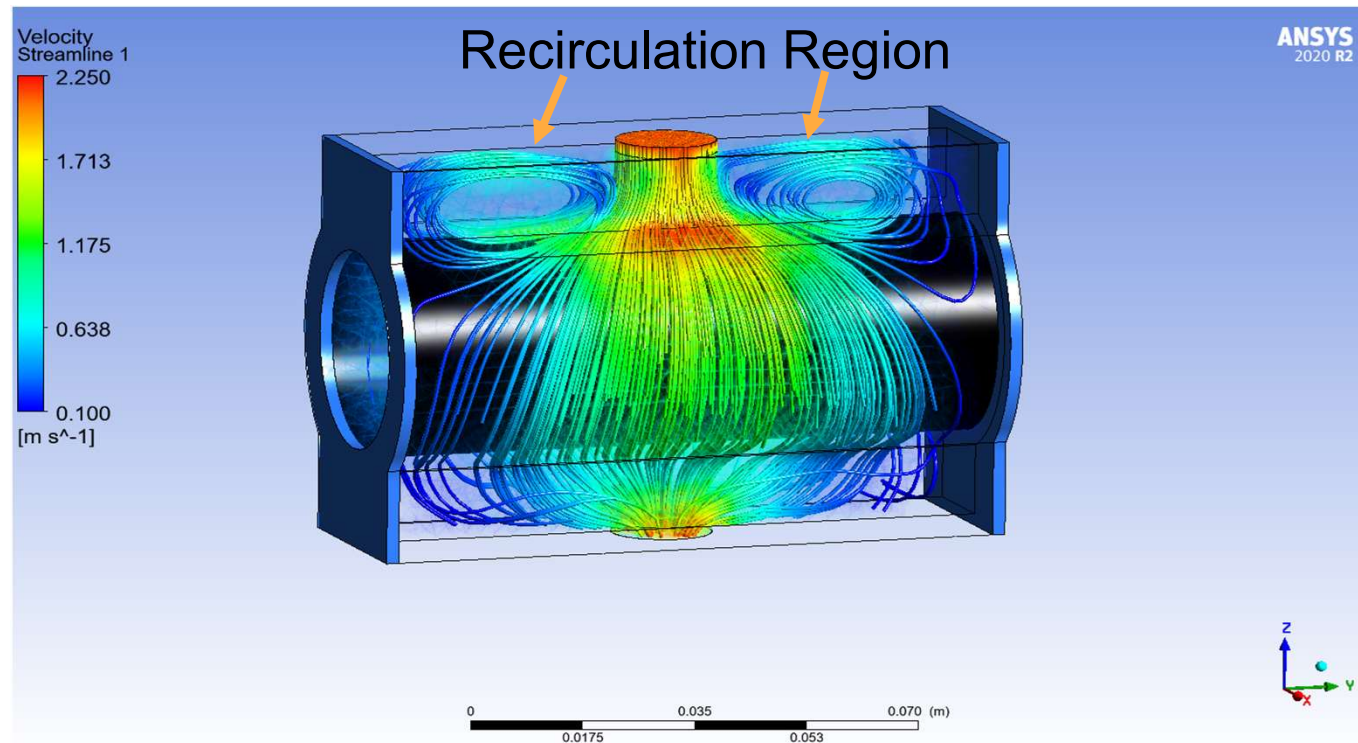
# Post Processing: Volume Rendering



Temperature Distributions, LHS: Oil and RHS: Water



# Post Processing: Velocity Streamlines



*Velocity Streamlines of the Oil*





# 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

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

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

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

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

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



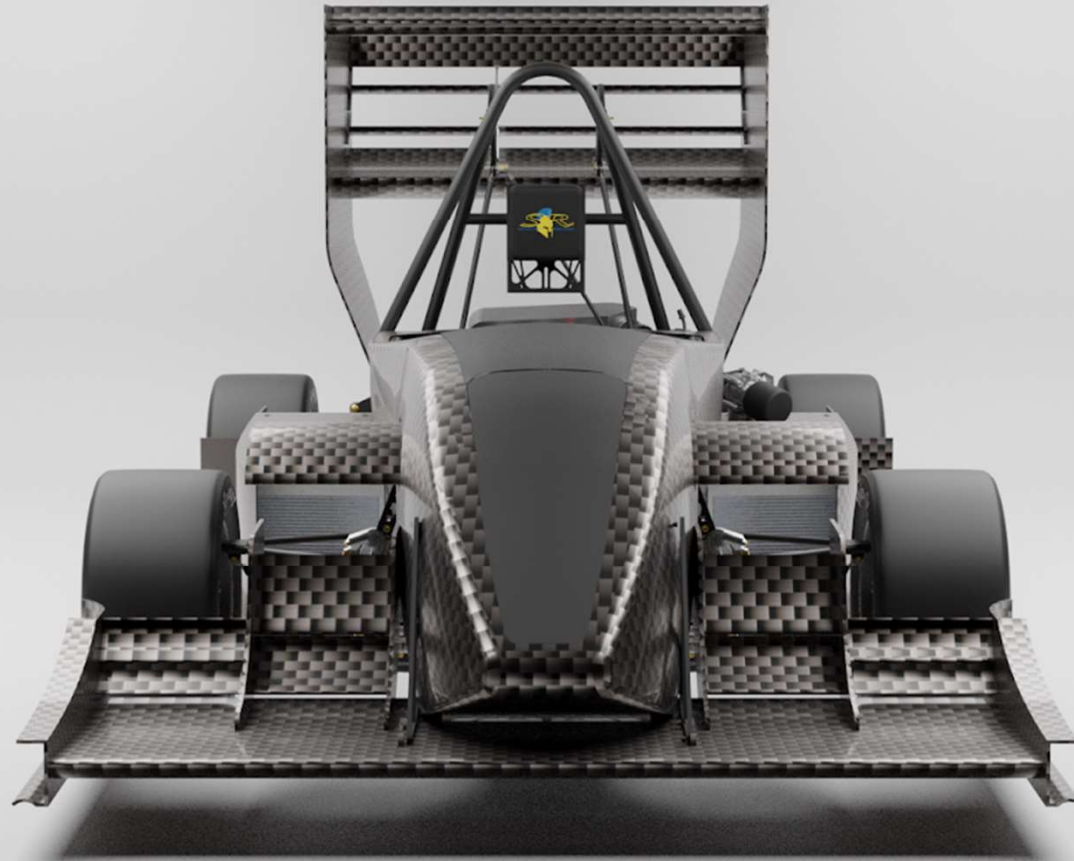
# Conclusion and Future Works

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

<b>Improvements:</b>
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)

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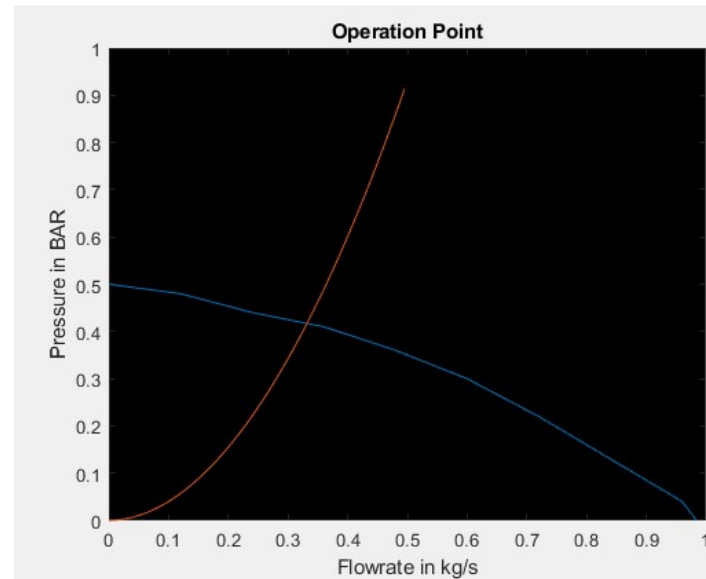
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%Output
Net_head = (Total_hardline_pressure + Total_laminova_pressure +
Total_rad_pressure)*rho*9.81

%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])
```



**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

