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Abstract

In right now, Refrigeration cycles are extremely fundamental in day to day existence, particularly being used for putting away food, wellness, and luxurylifestyle. Thisstudy'saim istoform someeffectivechanges withinthedesign ofa ordinary refrigerant framework in orderso that theperformanceofthe evaporatorinsidethe compartmentmaybeoptimized. Thefreezer andrefrigerant compartments are read up for 3 setups to really look at the results of the conventional and punctured balance on therate and temperature circulation at various levels and the Examination of temperature profiles for different arrangements of the refrigerating compartment. As a result, the freezer and refrigerator maintain an average temperature of 273K and 286K, respectively. Inside Compartment 1) the temperature in without finned framework - 279.972K to 283.755K. 2) The temperature in with rectangular finned framework 277.563K to 283.1667K.

3) The temperature in with punctured finned framework - 277.362K to 282.335K. The design read up for this kind of fridge, the air temperature at the highest point of the cooler is around 5°C higher than the typical air temperature, and consequently it is critical to try not to put delicate items here. While punctured finned exhibited greatest Temperature circulations and giving a higher cooling impact.

Keywords: CFD, Refrigerator, Evaporator, Temperature

INTRODUCTION

In presenttimeRefrigeration cycles areveryessential in dailylife, especiallyin usefor storingfood, fitness,andfor luxurylifestyle. The essential component of a homegrown cooler is to keep up with low temperature for transient items, and this palatable depends upon on an excellent fridge performance,[1][2] that is shockingly connected to temperature circulation and the wind current inside the compartments.

For coolers upheld fume compression,manystudies are led, significantlythat have some expertise in the temperature and wind stream dispersion of the compartments. Inside the writing we could understand works related with thestudyoftheair speed usingtheParticleImageVelocimeter (PIV) techniquein mix with 3D numericssimulations byusing CFD programming framework [3].For model directed anumericstudyof wind stream and intensity move during a characteristic convection domesticrefrigerator .The upgrade of cooler model a for a free-ice fridge wherein they are expecting and by trial and error assess temperature profiles, getting an unequivocal disparity of their results. To fostered the temperature consistency and thus the wind stream for all wall through a characteristic convection refrigerator. The fact that the temperature dispersion dependentuponontheinternalgeometryoftherefrigerator,especiallywithintheareasbetwe entherefrigerator makes by exploratory it found shelves and therefore the liner lower wall [5]. The existing a numerical simulation of a pressured convection refrigerator remaining that the freezer and therefore the fresh meals compartment are observed in section (synchronized) with every different. By CFD simulation theresearchers projected a new internal design model [6].

Furthermore, some technologies have emerged in answer for the look for different refrigeration systems, among them those thermally activated (sun power, geothermal, residual heat, and so forth.) that emulate a decrease in greenhouse gases and zero contribution to global warming highly depend for the category of working fluids [7].

In this area, the diffusion-absorption refrigeration systems are huge applied in house equipment's like hotel rooms as they're quiet and secure. Although these refrigerators will operate forever and ever for several hours, their utility is limited solely to refrigerators of little cooling capability. Study in the field of the diffusion-absorption era is highly dependent on comparing absolutely unique combinations, the applying of nano-refrigerants, the evaluation of configurations, and consequently the enlarged electricity performance, amongst opportunity matters [8]-[12].

There are following objective of this research work:

- To form some effective changes within the design of a conventional refrigerant system in order so that performance of the evaporator inside compartment may be optimized. Possible enhancements within the design plate evaporator that result are sufficient for increase in thermal behavior and successively represent a decrease in the manufacture costs as compare with conventional refrigerator system.
- An analysis of flow and temperature fields for known stagnation points where minimum and maximum temperatures within the refrigerator compartment are identified.
- The freezer and refrigerant compartments is studied for 3 configurations. To check the consequences of traditional and perforated fin on the rate and temperature distribution at different level.
- Comparison of temperature profiles for various configurations of refrigerating compartment. to form comparative analysis between various cases of with and without fin refrigerating system.

RELATED WORK

J.M. Belman-Flores et al. [1] presented the study about the flow and thermal behavior inside compartment of domestic diffusion absorption refrigerator (DAR). Computational fluid dynamic (CFD) simulation used for find thermal and flow behavior inside DAR. Aim of this paper was to compare the thermal behavior of a plate-evaporator design with rectangular finned surface (reference fridge) and a plate-evaporator without finned surface (proposed design) and also in this paper coefficient of performance of each model calculated separately. Finally, this work shows that how numerical simulation is important for us for development of new design inside refrigerator and if we consider manufacturer cost than proposed design is better than reference design .

Mustafa Ali Ersoz et al. [2] Analyzed the effect of three different heat inputs provided to generator on the energy performance of the diffusion absorption refrigeration (DAR) system. Three different heat inputs 62, 80 and 115 W is with electrical resistance as heat input. The energy losses to ambient and the energy gain by component of the system were investigated. The highest energy performance of 0.36 was given by DAR 62 W. The lowest energy performance of 0.30 was given by DAR 115W.

Rami Mansouri et al.[3] studied about low capacity commercial diffusion absorption system which was in close condition. In this paper both experimental and numerical simulation was carried out. All tests were conducted under different heat inlet situation. Acc to experimental three generator heat input 46, 56 and 67W were considered, all experimental data were used for comparing model which was developed by commercial

flow-sheeting Aspen-Plus software for numerical simulation. And finally by comparing experimental and numerical simulation it was found that highest performance of the refrigerator is found with a generator heat input 46 W with generator temperature of 167°C. A highest machine COP was attained 0.159 under these conditions.

J.M. Belman-Flores et al. [4] have given an analytical model of the bubble pump for a diffusion absorption refrigerator. They found that diameter ratio of the bubble pump influences the cooling capacity, COP and heat input to the bubble pump. Cooling capacity and COP increases by about 150% if the diameter ratio is extended up to 1.5.

Adnan Sozen et al. [5], have studied the heat performance of diffusion absorption coolers with ammonia/water coupled and alumina (Al₂O₃) Nano-sized particles. Nano-particles improve heat transfer capacity of the fluid due to increased surface area and heat capacity. Reduced operation time of the system was observed due to short periods of heat transfer.

J.L. Rodriguez-Munoz et al. [6], Diffusion absorption technology is viable for domestic applications because of their silent and safe operation thus finding refrigeration solutions for small plant. ammonia/water mixed with hydrogen or helium is the commercially accepted working fluid for diffusion absorption refrigeration system. From various study it can be revived that this technology is approximately 40% less efficient as compared to conventional absorption system.

J.M. Belman-Flores et al. [7], employed CFD for modeling and simulation for the forced convection domestic refrigerator sort with bottom mount configuration thus the temperature stratification in the freezer compartment was analyzed that modified design of shelves and wire shelves clearly show in temperature and velocity contour, air flow does not block and flows more appropriately than original configuration.

Abdullah Yildiz et al. [8], Carried out experimental and theoretical energy and exergy analysis of diffusion absorption refrigeration cycle. The experimental setup is supplied with 25 -75 by volume mixture of ammonia and water as working fluid, with the auxiliary inert gas helium at 12 bar pressure. For both the experimental and theoretical analysis, highest energy and exergy loss found to be in solution heat exchanger total energy loss of approximately 44% and total exergy loss of approximately 64% was found in both the experimental and theoretical analysis.

Acuna et al. [9], studied the diffusion absorption cooling system for different working fluids to determine best suitable fluid on the basis of operating condition and coefficient of performance (COP). NH₃-LiNO₃, NH₃-H₂O, NH₃-NASCN mixture were chosen for comparison. Mathematical model of the system was developed and compared to experimental results available in the literature. Best performance is shown by NH₃-LiNO₃-He mixture with a COP of 0.48. The mixture proved 46% extra efficient than NH₃-NASCN-He mixture. NH₃-LiNO₃-He was found 50 to 69% more efficient compared to NH₃-LiNO₃-He mixture. Crystallization was observed with NH₃-LiNO₃-He mixture at higher temperature.

METHODOLOGY

In this study the freezer and refrigerating compartments are studied for three different configurations. In these three studies different models are used namely Plate-evaporator without finned, Plate-evaporator with rectangular finned surface and Plate-evaporator with perforated finned surface. For the modeling purpose CATIA V5 R20 is used for modeling the three designs of refrigerator. CATIA software provides the approaches for model generation like creating a solid model within the 3D work space. For the need of CFD analysis ANSYS-Fluent software is used. ANSYS-Fluent software is basically a software program designed for solving computational fluid dynamics based problems. In our study

ANSYS-Fluent software is used for the CFD simulation of the Refrigerator compartment. The SIMPLE algorithm is used to solve conservation equations to steady state for the coupling of pressure and velocity. Standard scheme was used for the pressure equation and a second order upwind scheme was considered for momentum and energy equations. The laminar regime was applied considering the Boussinesq's equation in the y-component of the momentum equation. 410, 360 and 530 iterations were carried out to achieve convergence for the plate evaporator with rectangular extended surfaces, the plate without extended surfaces and the plate with perforated surfaces respectively. The convergence criteria for the momentum and continuity equations were 10^{-3} and 10^{-6} for energy equation.

FORMULATION OF THE PROBLEM

The mathematical study of the fluid flow of the air is focused on the compartment of the refrigerator as outlined above. The main objective is to check the thermal behavior of the reference refrigerator (plate with rectangular surface) with the proposed refrigerator (plate with perforated surface) and also with refrigerator (plate having smooth surface). The subsequent assumptions were done for the mathematical model.

- Incompressible flow
- Steady state flow
- Boussinesq [1] model
- Without thermal load inside the refrigerator
- Laminar flow region inside the compartment

The density is calculated using the Boussinesq approximation in the momentum equation in y direction. The conservation equations are adapted to the model, considering constant properties and including the Boussinesq's equation in the y-component of the Navier-Stokes equation.

Governing Equations

All equation given below are taken which are applied in CFD simulation.

Continuity Equation

$$\rho \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} \right) = 0 \quad (1)$$

Energy Equation

$$\rho C_p \left(u \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial T}{\partial z} \right) = k \left(\frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial z^2} \right) \quad (2)$$

Density Difference Equation

$$\rho_{\infty} - \rho = \rho \beta (T - T_{\infty}) \quad (3)$$

In which the density difference is expressed in terms of the volumetric thermal expansion coefficient, β , and the temperature, T .

Momentum Equation

Component X

$$\rho \left(u \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial z} \right) = \rho \left(\mu \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \mu \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + \mu \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} \right) \quad (4)$$

Component Y

$$\rho \left(u \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial z} \right) = \rho \left(\mu \frac{\partial^2 u_y}{\partial x^2} + \mu \frac{\partial^2 u_y}{\partial y^2} + \mu \frac{\partial^2 u_y}{\partial z^2} \right) \quad (5)$$

Component Z

$$\rho \left(u \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial z} \right) = \rho \left(\mu \frac{\partial^2 u_z}{\partial x^2} + \mu \frac{\partial^2 u_z}{\partial y^2} + \mu \frac{\partial^2 u_z}{\partial z^2} \right) \quad (6)$$

Geometrical Model

CATIA V5 R20 is used for modeling the three designs of refrigerator and its compartment, namely plate-evaporator without finned surface, plate-evaporator with rectangular finned surface and plate-evaporator with perforated finned surface. CATIA software provides the approaches for model generation like creating a solid model in the 3D work space. In this research work ANSYS-FLUENT 16 software is used for the CFD simulation of the all three refrigerator compartments. In meshing section of ANSYS-FLUENT 18.2 the mesh size of the compartment was found 4,78,747 hexahedral elements for the rectangular finned plate-evaporator and 1,56,198 hexahedral elements for the non-finned plate-evaporator and 18,48,509 hexahedral element for perforated-finned plate evaporator. The geometry of the refrigerator compartment considers the plate-evaporators, door, and walls with channels to put the shelves, the bottom and the top of the compartment. In all three models, the structural mesh was obtained with good quality according to Equivalent Size Skew parameter, used to define the degree of deformation of the elements, where 90% of the elements present a value near to zero. Equivalent size orthogonal parameter is also used for defining the degree of deformation of the elements, where 90% of the elements present a value near to one.

Numerical Simulation

The ANSYS-FLUENT 18.2 software was used for the CFD simulation inside the compartment. For simulation purpose pressure based solver, absolute velocity and steady time is used. Energy model and laminar model were considered. Material considered were air as fluid and aluminium as solid. Table 1 shows the properties of air and aluminium.

The SIMPLE algorithm is used to solve conservation equations to steady state for the coupling of pressure and velocity. Standard scheme was used for the pressure equation and a second order upwind scheme was considered for momentum and energy equations. The laminar regime was applied considering the Boussinesq's equation in the y-component of the momentum equation. 410, 360 and 530 iterations were carried out to achieve convergence for the plate evaporator with rectangular extended surfaces, the plate without extended surfaces and the plate with perforated surfaces respectively. The convergence criteria for the momentum and continuity equations were 10^{-3} and 10^{-6} for energy equation.

Boundary Condition

Experimental Data of J.M. Belman-Flores et al. [1] is applied for the numerical simulation in boundary condition within the compartment. acc to their experimental work considering an average temperature on cold wall and hot wall, here the plate-evaporator has the lower temperature because it directly contact with evaporator tube and and refrigerator door have higher temperature acc to experimental result. No-slip condition was considered for all wall velocity no-slip condition. Temperature range considered was 273K to 286K for boundary conditions inside the compartment.

Table I shows the property of the dry air that was considered as fluid inside the compartment and aluminum as it is the material of fin plate that is taken into consideration.

- Fin
- Material-aluminum
- Coldwall
- Temperature-273K
- Hotwall
- Temperature-286K

After applying the proper boundary condition the simulation is set to run. And the results were recorded.

Experimentation Algorithm

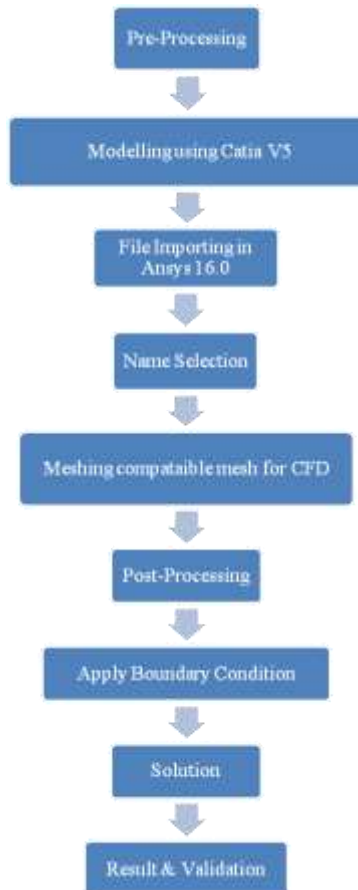


Figure1: Experimentation Algorithm

Air and Aluminum Properties

Properties of the air and aluminum inside of the compartment

Table1: Properties Air and Aluminum

Property	Density [Kg/M ³]	Specific Heat [J/Kg K]	Thermal Conductivity [W/M K]	Viscosity [Kg/M-S]
Air	1.22	1006.43	0.0242	1.78x10 ⁻⁵
Al	2719	871	202.4	-

Experimentation

- Collecting information and data related to the Refrigerator system.
- A fully parametric model of the Refrigerator system is generated using Catia V5.
- Model obtained in Step 2 is analyzed using ANSYS 18.2 (FLUENT).
- Finally, the results obtained from ANSYS are compared in the result section.

Method of ANSYS Analysis Building the Model

The CATIA provides the following approaches for model generation: Creating a solid model within CATIA. The commercial refrigerator used in this study was of small capacity (0.03 m³) as seen in Fig. 2. The external dimensions of the experimental refrigerator were 0.4 m x 0.35 m x 0.50 m (width x depth x height) and the wall thickness was approximately

0.037 m. Inside the refrigerator there was an aluminum plate with rectangular fins, which was directly in contact with the evaporator tube, and by this means, the heat transfer was

achieved in the food compartment. The plate consisted of 19 fins and was 0.3m x 0.3 m. In case of perforation plate, by many CFD analysis at different dimension taken diameter of the hole for perforation is 0.026m.

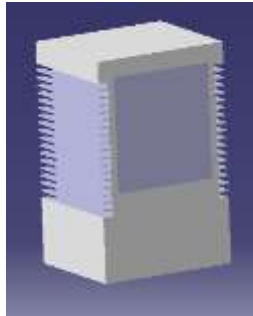


Figure 2: Refrigerator model in CATIA V5

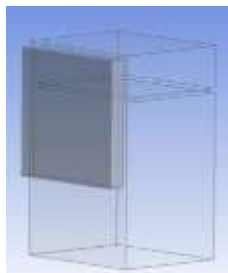


Figure 3: Refrigerator Model Air Domain

Meshing

In ANSYS CFD works on finite element analysis (FEA). The basic idea of FEA is to make calculation at only limited (finite) no. of points and then interpolate the result for the entire domain (surface or volume). Any object has infinite degree of freedom and it's just not possible to solve the problem in this format. The FEA reduces the degree of freedom from infinite to finite with the help of meshing or discretization. Meshing quality is measured by two parameters: first is skewness (maximum element near to 0) and second is orthogonal (maximum element near to 1). In all three models, the structural mesh was obtained with good quality according to Equivalent Size Skew parameter, used to define the degree of deformation of the elements, where 90% of the elements present a value near to zero. Equivalent size orthogonal parameter is also used for defining the degree of deformation of the elements, where 90% of the elements present a value near to one.

Case 1-Rectangular Finned Surface

The mesh created in rectangular finned work is shown in Fig. 4. The total number of nodes generated is 169407 & Total No. of Elements is 156198 for Refrigerator with Rectangular fin.

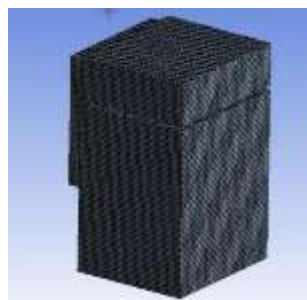


Figure 4: Meshing: Total No. of Nodes:169407&TotalNo.Elements: 156198

Case2-WithoutFinnedSurface

The mesh created in without finned work is shown in Fig.4. The total Node is generated 102720 & Total No. of Elements is 478747 for Refrigerator without fin.

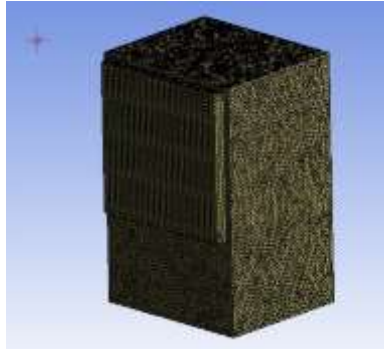


Figure5: Meshing: Total No. Of Nodes:102720&TotalNo. of Elements Is 478747

Case3-PerforatedFinnedSurface

The mesh created in perforated finned work is shown in Fig.5. The total Node is generated 366357 & Total No. of Elements is 1848509 for Refrigerator with perforation.



Figure6: Meshing:TotalNo. ofNodes: 366357&TotalNo.Elements:1848509.

Defining Name Selection

In name selection first select the cold surface in all three cases from Fig.6.

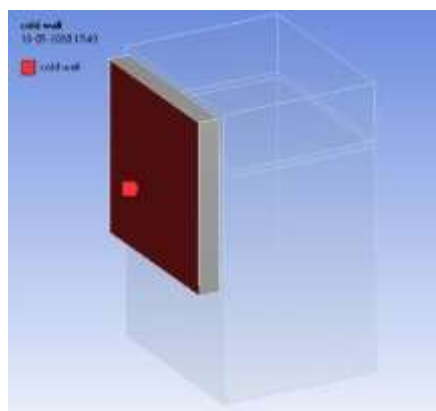


Figure7: ColdWall Selection

Second define air-domain in all three cases from Fig. 7.

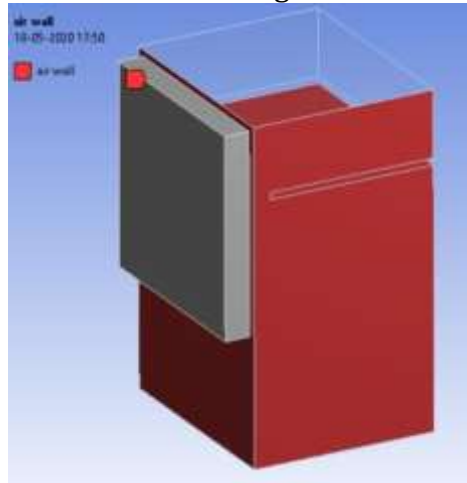


Figure 8: Air Domain Selection

Third define hot wall name selection in all three cases from Fig. 9

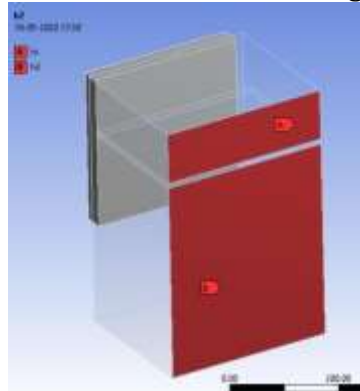


Figure 9: Hot Wall Selection

Defining Material Properties

For any kind of analysis material property are the main things which must be defined before moving further analysis. There are thousands of materials available in the ANSYS environment and if required library is not available in ANSYS directory the new material directory can be created as per requirement. For present work aluminum is used as a material of fin. The material properties of the present case are as: Density: 2719 kg/m³, thermal conductivity: 202.4 W/m-K, Specific Heat: 871 J/kg-K (from table no 4.1)

CFD Analysis

CFD analysis may be used to determine temperature distribution and other thermal capacity that may vary over time. Various heat transfer applications, heat treatment problems, Condenser coils involve CFD analysis. It is the function tool for defining the equation or describing the curves and then applying the function for boundary conditions.

CFD Simulation of the Compartment

Steady heat transfer in time also requires the Aluminum and Air properties as described in Table 4.1: Properties of Aluminum and Air.

The study was carried out using ANSYS FLUENT tool. The steps for the analysis are shown below

- Import the .stp. File in the ANSYS FLUENT module.

- After importing the stp. File in ANSYS, open design modular of the ANSYSFLUENT and created the named selection of the parts refrigerator.
- Preparingthematerialsforanalysis.
- Assigningthetemperatureproperties.
- Definingthecellzoneconditions.
- Settingtheiterationsforthecalculation ofresults.
- EvaluatingtheresultsinCFDPost.

PointsTakenforCalculationAverageTemperature,Velocity&COPforCFDSimulationInsidet he Compartment

Table 2: PositionofPointsForCFDSimulation

	Minimum Temperature	Maximum Temperature	Middle Compartment	Horizontal-Plane (Ta)	Plate Temperature (TP)
T1 V1(X,Y,Z,)	0.50, -0.099 0.020	0.50 0.099 0.25	0.50 0.099 0.110	0.350 0.060 0.110	0.35 0.060 0.001
T2,V2(X,Y,Z,)	0.25 0.099 0.020	0.25 0.099 0.25	0.25 0.099 0.110	0.350\0.25 0.110	0.35 0.025 0.001
T3,V3(X,Y,Z,)	0.10 0.099 0.020	0.10 0.099 0.25	0.10 0.099 0.110	0.350 0.10 0.110	0.35 0.10 0.001

CalculationforCOP

From below calculation, 1 is taken for without fin plate evaporator,2 is taken for rectangular fin evaporator and 3 is taken for perforated fin plate evaporator.

$$C_p=871\text{J/kgK (for aluminum)} \quad m=4.96 \times 10^{-3}\text{kg/s}$$

$$Q_{bp}=65\text{W} \quad T_{air1}=281.91\text{K} \quad T_{air2}=278.09\text{K} \quad T_{air3}=277.73\text{K} \quad T_{p1}=280.454 \quad T_{p2}=280.11$$

$$T_{p3}=280.04$$

$$Q=mC_p(T_{air}-T_p)$$

(7)

NowbyusingaboveequationwefoundQafter calculationfor differentconfigurations
 $Q_1=6.29\text{ W}$ (without finned plate evaporator)

$Q_2=8.727\text{ W}$ (withrectangular finnedplateevaporator) $Q_3=9.98\text{ W}$ (with perforated finned plate evaporator)

$$COP=Q_{evap}/Q_{bp}$$

(8)

NowbyusingaboveequationwefoundCOPafter calculationfor differentconfigurations
 $(COP)_1=0.09677$ (without finned plate evaporator)

$(COP)_2=0.13426$ (withrectangularfinnedplateevaporator) $(COP)_3=0.1535$ (with perforated finned plate evaporator)

RESULTANALYSIS

Case1-WithoutFinnedSurface

CFD Simulation of Plate-evaporator without finned surface.

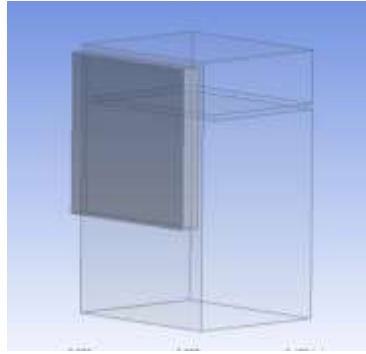


Figure 10: Without Finned Surface

Contour of Without Fin Refrigeration System for Temperature-Distribution

Below images shows the result of CFD analysis of without fin refrigerator. The contour in Fig. 11 shows the temperature distribution inside the compartment of refrigerator. The bottom region of the refrigerator low temperature as compare with upper region of the refrigerator which is higher temperature inside compartment. From fig.5.2 the Plate-evaporator without finned surface not increases well the temperature distribution inside the compartment. In this case, it can be seen that the temperature distribution change significantly by showing in vertical direction a cooler zone in the bottom of 280.634 K (green colour zone) and an upper region with a higher temperature of 281.928 K (yellow colour zone). In fig.3 yellow colour zone (at middle of the compartment obtained by CFD simulation) represents relatively high temperature. The average temperature of the yellow and green colour zone is obtained as 281.24 K.

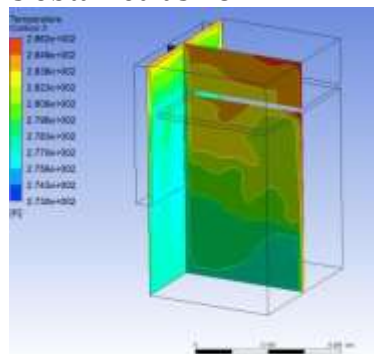


Figure 11: Temperature-Contour for Plate- Evaporator without Finned Surface

Contour of Without Fin Refrigeration System for Velocity-Distribution

Another part of the analysis in the compartment is the velocity distribution generated by the temperature gradient. Fig. 12 show the velocity contour for the same cases mentioned above. The higher density of air is seen on the side walls and the bottom of the compartment, which include areas of the extended surface. The position of the shelf influences the flow field, principally because the shelf in the lower position causes an upstream retention (for instance, the red and yellow ones near the door), supporting the uniformity of temperature in this space of the compartment. For this case, the average velocity at the middle plane is 0.00747102 m/s and 0.015645 m/s for the lower and the upper shelves, and the average velocity at the middle plane is 0.0077 m/s.

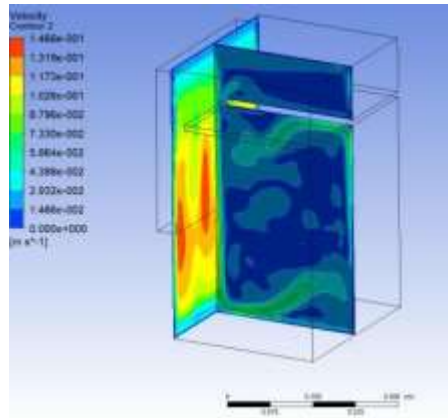


Figure12:Velocity-ContourforPlate- Evaporator Without Finned Surface

Case2-WithRectangularFinnedSurface

CFDSimulationofPlate-evaporatorwithrectangularfinnedsurface

ContourofPlate-EvaporatorwithFinnedSurfaceforTemperature-Distribution

Below images shows the result of CFD analysis on rectangular fin refrigerator. The contour in Fig. 13 shows the temperature distribution inside the compartment of refrigerator. The bottom area of therefrigerator is low temperatureand the upper area of the refrigerator is higher temperature in compartment.In this case, it can be seen that theWith rectangular finned plate surface evaporator, the temperature distribution is varying from the bottom as 275.23 K (blue colour zone) to a higher temperature of 284.41 K (orange colour zone) at upper region. Slight fall in temperature (blue colour zone) is observed at the middle of the compartment which is not observed in temperature contour in without finned plate evaporator. The average temperature at middle of the compartment obtained is 278.77 K.

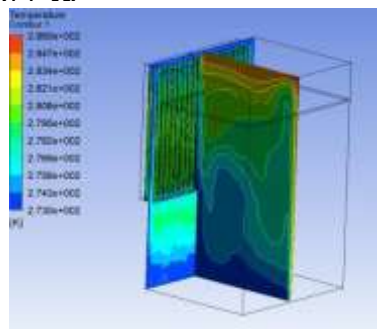


Figure13:Temperature-Contourfor Plate-Evaporator with Finned Surface

ContourofPlate-EvaporatorWithFinnedSurfaceforVelocity-Distribution

Another part of the analysis in the compartment is the velocity distribution generated by the temperature gradient. Fig. 14 show the velocity contour for the same cases mentioned above. For this case, the average velocity at the middle plane is 0.008432 m/s and 0.01523 m/s for the lower and the upper shelves, respectively and average velocity at middle plane is 0.00788m/s.

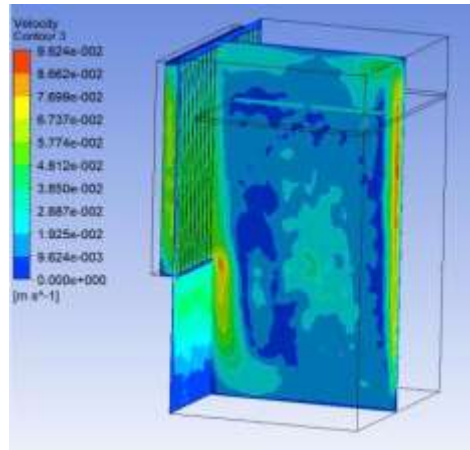


Figure14:Velocity-ContourforPlate- Evaporator with Finned Surface

Case3-WithPerforatedFinnedSurface

CFDSimulationofPlate-evaporatorwithperforatedfinnedsurface

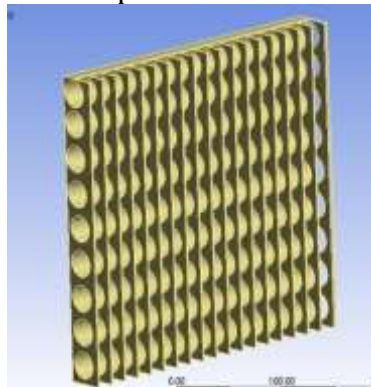


Figure15:Plate-Evaporatorwith Perforated Finned Surface

ContourofPlate-EvaporatorwithPerforatedFinnedSurfaceforTemperature-Distribution

Below images shows the result of CFD analysis on with perforated fin refrigerator. The contour in Fig. 16 shows the temperature distribution inside the refrigerator compartment. The bottom region of the refrigerator is at low temperature compare with upper region of the refrigerator is at higher temperature in compartment. In this case Plate-evaporator with perforated finned surface is used. In this case, it can be seen that Wide cooled region (blue colour zone) is obtained with perforated finned platesurfaceevaporator in comparison ofabovetwomodels; the temperaturedistribution isvaryingfrom bottom as274.476 K(blue colour zone) to ahiger temperatureof 283.273 K(yellowcolour zone) at upper region. Dueto increase in area of contact of air in perforated fin plate evaporator rate of cooling are also increases so in temperature contour it is found that temperaturedistribution of coolingregion (blue colour zone) increases. Theaveragetemperatureat middle of the compartment obtained is 277.99 K.

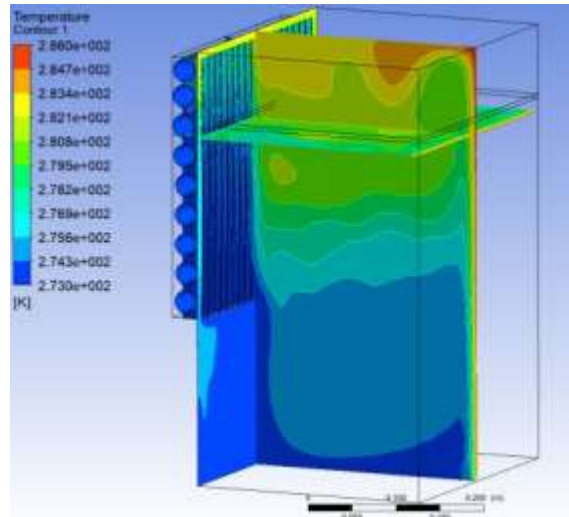


Figure16: Temperature-Contour For Plate Evaporator With Perforated Finned Surface

Contours of Plate-Evaporator with Perforated Finned Surface for Velocity-Distribution

Another part of the analysis in the compartment is the velocity distribution generated by the temperature gradient. The higher speed is located on the side walls and the bottom of the compartment, which include areas of the extended surface. The position of the shelf influences the flow field, principally because the shelf in the lower position causes an upstream retention, supporting the uniformity of temperature in this space of the compartment. For this case, from Fig.17 the average velocity at the middle plane is 0.009205 m/s and 0.01516m/s for the lower and the upper shelves, respectively and average velocity at middle plane is 0.00812m/s.

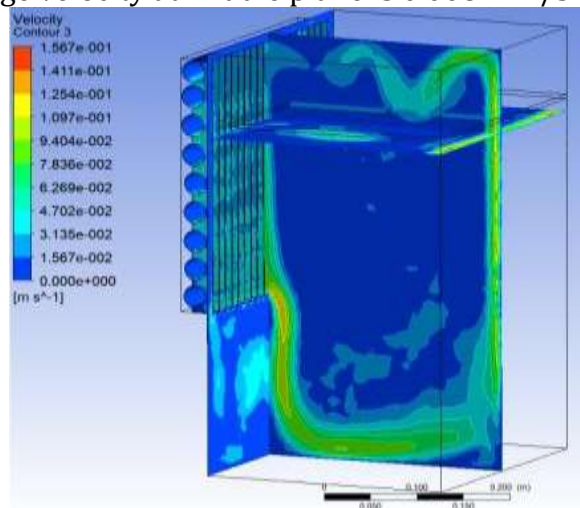


Figure17: Velocity-Contour for Plate-Evaporator with Perforated Finned Surface

Temperature-Analysis

Results were obtained in order to study the temperature and velocity distributions inside the domestic frost-free refrigerator. Drop in maximum and minimum temperature (Table III) is observed in perforated fin refrigerator. The drop in temperature is due to increment in the surface area which in turn increases the heat transfer rates.

Table3: Maximum-Minimum Temperature

Refrigerator	Withfin	Withoutfin	Perforatedfin
Minimum Temperature(PlateSide Temperature)	277.56K	279.972K	277.41K
Middleof the compartmenttemperature	278.77K	281.24K	277.99K
Maximum Temperature(DoorSide Temperature)	283.16K	283.75K	282.34K

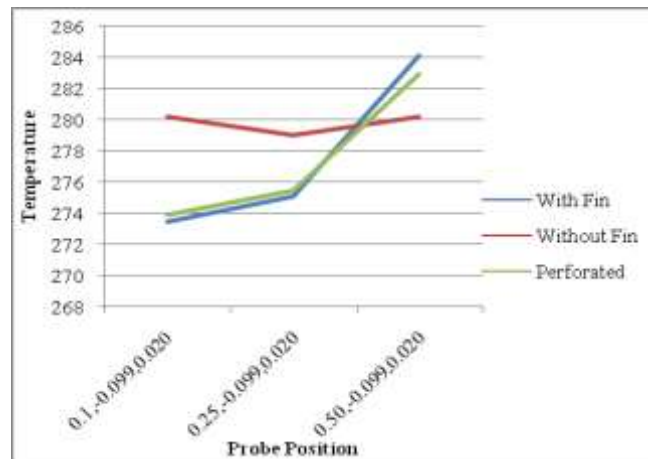


Figure18: MinimumTemperatureGraph

The above fig shows the minimum temperature (plate side) in the refrigerator compartment in three cases at three different points, which show that plate with perforated fin surface, has slightly minimum temperature 273.87 K than other two plate evaporator model.

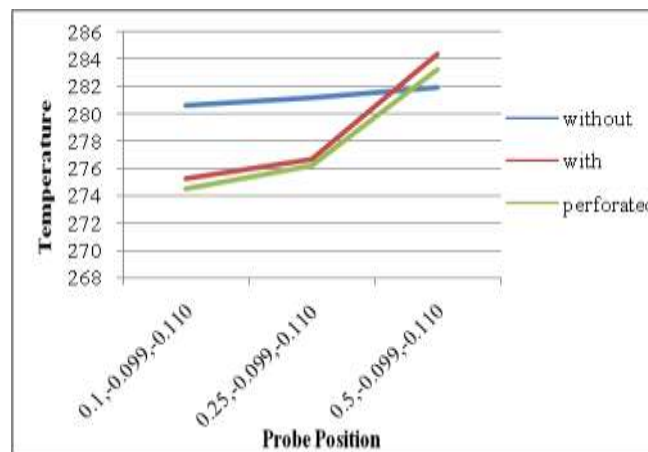


Figure19: MiddleCompartmentGraph

The above fig shows the middle compartment temperature (at center line) in the refrigerator compartment in three cases at three different points, which show that plate with perforated fin surface, has slightly minimum temperature than other two plate evaporator model.

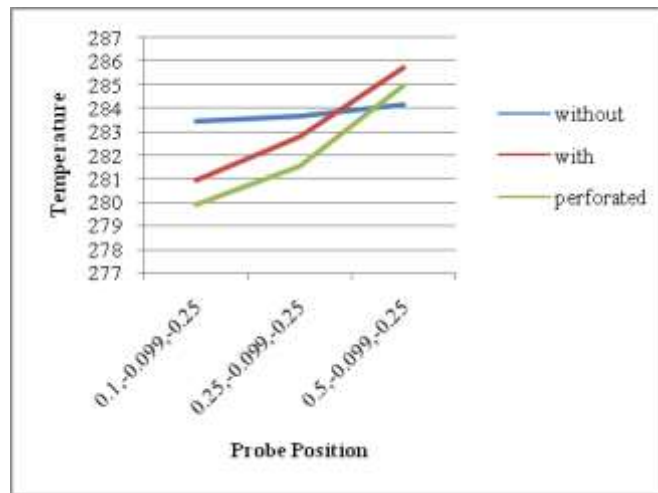


Figure 20: Maximum Temperature Graph

The above figure shows the maximum temperature (Door side) in the refrigerator compartment in three cases at three different points, which show that plate with perforated fin surface has the lowest maximum temperature other than two cases: rectangular fin and without fin.

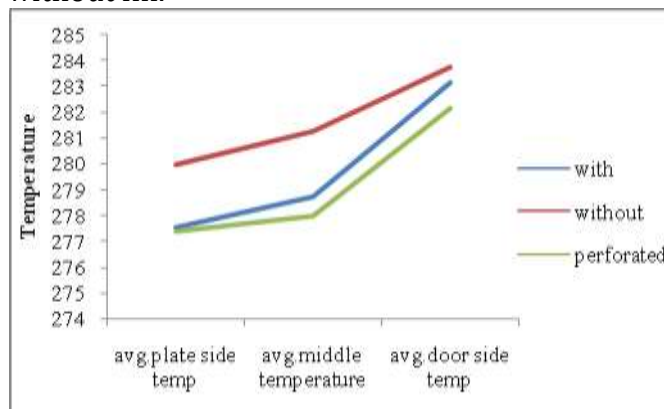


Figure 21: Average Temperature Graph

The above figure shows the average plate side temperature (minimum temperature), average middle temperature, average door side temperature (maximum temperature) inside the compartment. Average value for all sides calculated with the help of three points which is taken in the compartment. From the above graph, it has been seen that perforated has the lowest for all average temperature values in comparison of other two models.

Temperature-Distribution in Horizontal Plane for different Cases

The temperature distribution on the horizontal plane of the compartment is related to the natural movement due to the density difference caused by the temperature gradient. Temperature distribution for a without finned plate, rectangular finned plate, and perforated finned plate on a horizontal plane placed at the center of the compartment. The average temperature in the horizontal plane is 281.915 K for without finned plate, 278.114 K for rectangular finned plate, and 277.734 K for perforated finned plate.

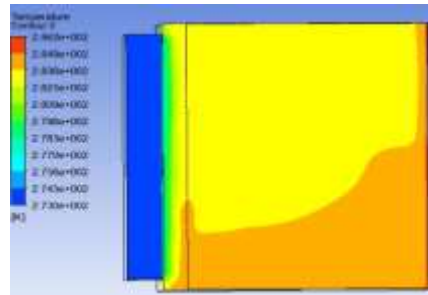


Figure22:WithoutFinnedPlate

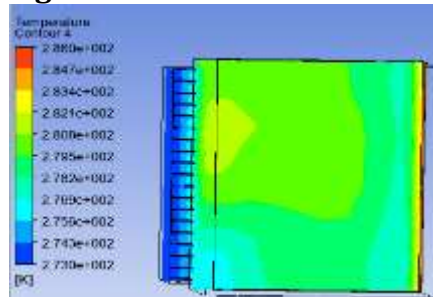


Figure23:WithRectangularFinned Plate

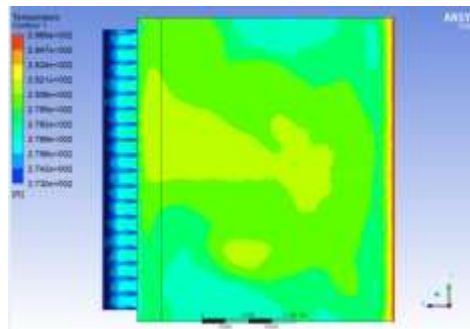


Figure24:WithPerforatedFinned Plate

PerformanceAnalysis

Performance analysis (table-II) for different refrigerator model, in this study all calculation were done on horizontal plane (fig.22,fig.23,fig.24) by using below COP equation which is based on diffusion absorption cycle and after calculation we found that perforated finned evaporator plate has highest COP among other finned plate evaporator.

$$COP = \frac{Q_{evap}}{Q_{bp}} \quad (9)$$

Here Q_{evap} is cooling capacity which directly depends on design of plate evaporator temperature, T_p and Q_{bp} (thermal capacity of bubble pump, which depends up on electrical resistance attached with bubble pump). This section compares the coefficient of performance for all three design of plate evaporator. The calculation for thermal capacity of bubble pump for all three refrigerator is considered as 65 W based on the work of Bellman-Flores [1][4]. The average temperature of plate evaporator (T_p) is considered on the plane which is close to plate evaporator and average temperature of air (T_{air}) is considered on the plane near to middle of compartment. Performance analysis for different refrigerator model is shown in table-IV. Perforated finned surface found with highest cooling capacity and COP among other model of plate evaporator.

Table 4: Comparison of COP for Different Refrigerator Model

Refrigerator	T_p [K]	T_{air} [K]	Q_{evap} [W]	COP
Without finned	280.454	281.91	6.29	0.09677
With finned	280.11	278.14	8.727	0.13426
Perforated finned	280.04	277.73	9.98	0.1535

CONCLUSIONS

CFD simulation of air flow and heat transfer is carried out within the refrigerating compartment of a domestic frost-free refrigerator. Three configurations are studied in the compartments with rectangular finned and without finned and perforated finned. Temperature distributions in the freezer model confirm the theory that there is stratification, a warm zone (higher temperature) at the top and a cold zone at the bottom.

- The average temperature maintained in the freezer and refrigerating compartment is about 273K and 286K respectively.
- Inside the Compartment
- Temperature in without finned system - 279.972K to 283.755K
- Temperature in with rectangular finned system - 277.563K to 283.1667K
- Temperature in with perforated finned system - 277.362K to 282.335K
- Whatever the configuration studied (empty with/without shelves, loaded with products) for this type of refrigerator, the air temperature at the top of the refrigerator is about 5°C higher than the average air temperature, and therefore it is important to avoid placing sensitive products in this position.
- While perforated finned demonstrated maximum temperature distributions and provide higher cooling effect.
- Finally, the analysis and modeling through CFD for refrigerators based on diffusion-absorption is presented as a feasible tool for the purpose of evaluating proposals in the internal design of the refrigerator. The present study considers that significant improvements can be achieved on the thermal profiles, by researching an optimal geometric plate-evaporator, in which their flow is included as a parameter of great importance in the operability of the refrigerator and for the preservation of food supplies.

The present work concerned just the upgrade of Fins of evaporator plate from the purpose of High temperature distribution. There are some possible proposals which might be feasible for response in future.

- In future work maybe done on material of plate evaporator. In this research paper we used aluminum as material. So, in future temperature distribution inside compartment may will be increase by change in plate evaporator material.
- The speed of air change in keeping with change in thermal profile because of these changes providing sensible cooling result within the refrigerator therefore in future it's will going to be possible enhancements may be achieved on the thermal profiles, by researching on optimal geometric dimension of plate evaporator.
- The impact of different fin design of plate evaporator (as area of surface increases heat transfer also increases) providing good result for future purpose.
- The CFD simulation performed in this research work can be used in future as a tool in order to study the influence of operating conditions on the temperature and velocity fields such as change in evaporator temperature, change dimensions of the evaporator and the change percentage of product-occupied volume inside the refrigerating compartment.

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