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Preface

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List of Symbols

Symbol	Definition	Units
A	Shellside heat transfer area	ft ²
 AF	Heat transfer amplification factor	dimensionless
ATOT	Total heat transfer area	ft ²
β	Local evaporative mass transfer coefficient	Btu/hr-ft ² -°F
C _Â	Air heat capacity	Btu/lbm-°F
c_L	Water heat capacity	Btu/lbm-°F
cv	Water vapor heat capacity	Btu/lbm-°F
нај	Air enthalpy at state j	Btu/lbm
H _A	Convective heat transfer coefficient between air and tube wall	Btu/hr-ft ² -°F
H _L	Effective convective heat transfer coefficient across shellside liquid	Btu/hr-fv ² -°F
H _{LA}	Local coefficient between air and shellside flow	Btu/hr-ft ² -°F
^H LT	Convective heat transfer coefficient between tube- side flow and tube wall	Btu/hr-ft ² -°F
^H TL	Convective heat transfer coefficient between tube wall and shellside flow	Btu/hr-ft ² -°F
H _{TOT}	Total heat transfer coef- ficient based on total heat transferred, total area, and total average temperature difference	Btu/hr-ft ² -°F
н _w	Effective convective heat transfer coefficient across tube wall	Btu/hr-ft ² -°F

List of Symbols Continued

Definition Units Symbol ft ID Tube inner diameter Btu/hr-ft²-°F KΑ Air thermal conductivity Btu/hr-ft²-°F Water thermal conductivity K_{T.} Btu/hr-ft²-°F Wall thermal conductivity Κw 1 Length of shellside heat. ft transfer area \mathbf{L} Water latent heat of Btu/lbm vaporization Nu Nusselt number based on dimensionless local convective heat transfer coefficient and tube diameter OD Tube outer diameter ft PB Barometric pressure psia Prandtl number Pr dimensionless PST Water vapor saturation psi pressure PV Partial pressure of psi water vapor Btu/hr-ft² Qi Heat flux across ith resistance Q_{TOT} Btu/hr Total heat flow rate across heat exchanger ReA Air Reynolds number dimensionless based on minimum flow area within tube bank and tube outer diameter ${\tt Re}_{L}$ dimensionless Shellside water Reynolds number based on tube outer diameter

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Symbol	Definition	Units
Re _T .	Tubeside water Reynolds number based on tube inner diameter	dimensionless
R ₁	Heat transfer resistance across ith resistance	ft ² -°F-hr/Btu
ri	Tube inner radius	ft
ro	Tube outer radius	ft
r _{iw}	Tube outer radius	ft
r _{ow}	Radius from tube center to outer surface of shellside flow	ft
Sc	Schmidt number	dimensionless
Sh	Scherwood number	dimensionless
t _A .	Air dry bulb temperature	म्
ΔTave	Overall temperature difference between average air and average tubeside temperatures	°F
T _o	Initial tubeside temperature	٩
ΔToverall	Overall temperature difference between tube- side flow and spray	۰F
W _A	Air mass flow rate	lbm/hr
W _e	Evaporative mass flow rate	lbm/hr
W _L	Spray-water mass flow rate	lbm/hr
W _T	Tubeside mass flow rate	lbm/hr

Abstract

Local heat and mass transfer coefficients were determined for a range of mass flux ratios and spray-water injection temperatures which included

> 0.060 to 0.167 at 125°F 0.069 to 0.250 at 140°F 0.058 to 0.253 at 150°F 0.060 to 0.203 at 160°F

The air Reynolds numbers during these tests were in the range 20,000 to 25,000. These Reynolds numbers were based on the minimum flow area within the tube bank and the tube outer diameter.

An average overall heat transfer coefficient of 13.88 Btu/hr-°F-ft² was determined at a tubeside mass flow rate of 5491 lbm/hr and initial tubeside temperatures of 125°F and 140°F. The components of the overall heat transfer coefficient are reported for each case investigated.

A total heat transfer coefficient and heat transfer amplification factor are defined and reported as functions of mass flux ratio. The maximum amplification factor was 6.62 at an air Reynolds number of 20,200 and mass flux ratio of 0.17.

HEAT TRANSFER COEFFICIENTS FOR TWO-PHASE (WATER/AIR) FLOW OVER A TUBE BANK

I. Introduction

Spray-flow may be defined as that flow situation which exists when a rapidly flowing gas entrains and carries with it dispersed liquid droplets. In any tube bank, spray-flow exists only over the first few rows of tubes. From that point on the two-phase flow becomes nonuniform in character, the liquid flowing in sheets or slugs as compared to droplets. The droplet model is, however, the most readily described from a theoretical standpoint and will be used throughout the study.

The theoretical description of air/water sprayflow heat transfer is a more complicated task than that encountered in single-phase heat transfer. With sprayflow, a water film forms on heat transfer surfaces and convective heat and mass transfer takes place between the liquid film and the two-phase free stream flow. In order to compute the overall resistance to heat transfer, for a specific situation, as in spray-flow through a heated tube bank, both an evaporative mass transfer coefficient and the following heat transfer coefficients must be known:

1. The convective heat transfer coefficient

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between the flow within the tubes (the tubeside flow) and the tube wall, $H_{T,TT}$.

' 2. Thermal conductivity across the tube wall, K_W .

3. The convective heat transfer coefficient between the outer tube surface and the liquid film flowing on that surface (the shellside flow), H_{TL}.

4. Thermal conductivity across the shellside liquid film, $K_{T_{i}}$.

5. The convective heat transfer coefficient between the surface liquid and the free stream two-phase flow, $H_{T,A}$.

If the liquid film which covers the tubes of the heat exchanger is assumed to be thin and well mixed there will be no temperature gradients within the film. The heat transfer resistance across this film may then be neglected. The film can be considered a separate source of thermal energy and only two resistances to heat transfer need be considered; an overall resistance composed of the sum of the first three components, and the local resistance contributed by the fifth component.

Background

Interest in spray-flow ' transfer was first generated some ten years ago as a result of an investigation by Elperin (Ref. 4). Elperin reported increased heat transfer over a tube bank when water spray was introduced into the cooling air stream. The increases reported were as much as 30 times the heat transfer normally available with single-phase air heat exchangers, and the pressure losses through the heat exchanger were not significantly greater in two-phase flow as compared to single-phase gas flow. Unfortunately, the data reported were not complete.

Since that time a number of investigations have been carried out to more clearly define and delineate

We mechanisms involved in spray-flow heat transfer. Acrivos, <u>et al</u>,(Ref. 1) proposed four different models of a spray-flow system and carried out comparative analytical and experimental analysis of each model. Hoelscher (Ref. 8) extended the work of Acrivos and measured the variation of the overall heat transfer coefficient with angular position around a circular cylinder. Takahara (Ref. 14) extended Hoelscher's work and as pointed out by Hodgson, <u>et al</u>,(Ref. 7) more carefully established the temperature difference (and heat transfer coefficient) between the cylinder wall and the free stream flow.

Finlay, <u>et al</u>, (Ref. 5) performed experiments to measure the overall heat transfer coefficients for air/ water spray-flows in a tube bank. He utilized an energy balance to develop a set of differential equations which were used to predict the performance of spray-flow heat

exchangers. He did not, however, measure the local heat and mass transfer coefficients but was forced by the lack of experimental data to assume values for these coefficients.

Purpose

Finlay (Ref. 6) proposed a method of experimentally determining the local convective heat and mass transfer coefficients as well as the overall heat transfer coefficients. The purpose of this study was to use the proposed method to determine experimentally these coefficients and the corresponding overall heat transfer coefficients.

Scope

The objectives of this study included the following:

1. To complete the design and construction of a spray-flow heat exchanger as proposed by Finlay (Ref. 6).

2. To determine local heat and mass transfer coefficients within ranges of spray-water/air mass flux ratios from 0.05 to 0.15, and spray-water injection temperatures from 125°F to 160°F.

3. To determine overall heat transfer coefficients between the tubeside flow and shellside flow.

4. To determine total heat transfer coefficients which include the local heat and mass transfer coefficients.

II. Apparatus

A major part of the effort of this study was devoted to the final design and construction of a test device which would permit an in depth investigat.on of spray-flow heat transfer. The basic design followed was initiated by Finlay (Ref. 6) for the Aerospace Research Laboratory (ARL). A schematic diagram of the apparatus is shown in Figure 1.

The heat exchanger contained two banks of tubes. Each bank consisted of 70 1/4 inch O.D. copper tubes, arranged in a 1.5xO.D. equilateral pitching, with 10 rows of tubes, 7 tubes per row.

<u>Tube Bank 1</u>

Tube bank 1 (Figure 2) was an adiabatic bank used to generate the spray-flow and determine the local heat and mass transfer coefficients. Nine of the tubes in Bank 1 contained copper-constantan thermocouples located at the forward stagnation point. These were mounted flush with the outer tube surface and insulated from the tube wall. This configuration was used to insure that the thermocouples measured only the temperature of the shellside liquid. Three additional tubes at the bottom of Bank 1 were instrumented with thermocouples. These were U-shaped catcher tubes which were exposed to the exit two-phase spray and were expected to read the adiabatic saturation temperature.



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Spray-Tube Design

The first tube row in tube bank 1 contained seven spray tubes. The design of these tubes is shown in Figure 3. The spray-water mass flow rate in each spray tube was monitored and controlled through a bank of seven Brooks Full-View Rotameters, shown in Figure 4.

The spray-tubes were constructed of heavy-wall, half-hard, brass tubing. Each tube was 18 inches long and 0.250 inches in diameter. A six inch section of each tube was milled down to 0.225 inches and a 6 X 0.020 X 0.027 inch rectangular groove cut into the tube wall within the milled section. Evenly spaced holes 0.031 inches in diameter were then drilled through the tube wall within the groove. The entire milled section was then covered with a closely woven Nylon cloth of uniform porosity.

Water flowing in the spray-tubes was forced into small holes in the tube wall, through the Nylon cloth, and was entrained in the air stream. This process is shown in Figure 3 by arrows. This method of water injection was used since it allowed for the measurement of spray-water input temperatures and was designed to create a more uniform distribution of spray liquid within the tube bank than could have been achieved with spraynozzles. However, the design of the tube bank made it

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impossible to verify, by direct observation, that the spray was uniform within the tube bank.

Tube Bank 2

Bank 2 was heated by a tubeside flow of water which was assumed to be turbulent. The water flowing in bank 2 was cooled by the air/water spray emerging from bank 1. Twenty tubes in bank 2 were instrumented with thermocouples. These were located at inlet to the tubes immediately following the 180° bend, which also provided a slight deacceleration of the fluid, shown in Figure 5. In this configuration, the tubeside flow was subjected to a strong mixing action. The upper section of bank 1 and the lower section of bank 2 were supplied with access holes to permit the measurement of pressure within the banks and the air wetand dry-bulb temperatures. The thermocouple installations of tube bank 1 and 2 are shown in Figure 6.

Air Supply

Air was supplied to the heat exchanger from the laboratory supply. The air was delivered through a 3 inch O.D. line, passed through a 1 inch bore orifice meter fitted with flange taps, and controlled by a large valve. The heat exchanger was connected to the air line through an aluminum diffuser. This diffuser was

instrumented with a thermocouple to monitor the air input temperature. An identical arrangement at the outlet directed the water/air spray into a centrifugal separator. The separator exhausted air to the atmosphere and was periodically pumped to return water to the heating system.

Water Supply

Two large open tanks were employed in the water supply system. A lower tank (tank 1) contained coils of copper tubing through which steam at 100 psi was fed to heat the water. The upper tank (tank 2) contained a heat sensing element as part of a Powers Series 200. Temperature Controller which was used to control the steam flow through a pneumatic valve.

The water supply system incorporated three TEEL Close-Coupled Centrifugal Pumps. These were used to circulate heated water through the storage tanks (Pump A), to pump heated feedwater to the spray-tube and bank 2 inlet manifolds (Pump B), and to periodically drain the centrifugal separator into tank 1 (Pump C).

Feedwater for both the spray-tubes and the tubeside flow of bank 2 was obtained from the upper tank. A valve arrangement allowed the water from this single tank to be pumped to the inlet manifolds for either

the spray-tubes or bank 2 or both. Each tube in bank 2 was provided with manometer taps to provide pressure measurements which could be used to measure the flow into and out of the tube bank, shown in Figure 7. In addition, each tube was provided with a value to regulate the tubeside flow and insure equal flowrates in each tube. The cooled tubeside flow was collected in a return manifold and passed into tank 1 for re-heating. Spray water was collected in a centrifugal separator and periodically returned to tank 1. Figure 7 shows the feed and return manifolds for bank 2.

Calibration

<u>Thermocouples</u>. The thermocouples were prepared by the AFIT shops from the same spool of copper and constantan wire. Ten of these were tested at the University of Minnesous Department of Mechanical Engineering. For average temperatures of 88.656° C and 99.255° C the individual thermocouple voltages, measured with a Wenner potentiameter, were within one microvolt of the average sample. The average voltages for both temperatures were found to be 0.55% higher than the values in the National Bureau of Standards publication No. 590. The other thermocouples used were assumed to exhibit the same characteristics as the thermocouples tested.

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Strip Chart Recorders. The thermocouple voltages were recorded on Honeywell Electronik 16 Multipoint Strip Chart Recorders. These were calibrated in Millivolts before each test run with a Honeywell potentiometer. If thermocouple output exceeded the selected millivolt range during any specific test, the recorders were recalibrated over a range sufficient to include all data.

<u>Rotameters</u>. The rotameters were designed to measure flow rates for fluids of specific gravity = 1. In the temperature range of interest (125° F to 160° F) water has specific gravity of 0.9871 to 0.9718. The meters were tested at a fluid temperature of 140° F and meter settings found which would correctly measure flow rates of 20, 30, 40, 50, and 60 lbm/hr. This group was later expanded to include 27.22 and 33.63 lbm/hr. Calculations showed that over the temperature range of interest these same settings could be used with less than 2% error.

III. Theory

When a two-phase mixture flows through a heated tubebank, thermal energy is transferred from the tubeside flow, through the tubewall, and causes conductive heating of the shellside liquid. Convective heat transfer then occurs between the shellside liquid and the free-stream air.

By employing the electrical analog of heat transfer, (Ref. 9) five components of resistance may be defined across $(T_0 - t_A)$, the temperature gradient between the tubeside bulk temperature and the air dry-bulb temperature. These five resistances are diagrammed in Figure 8.

If steady-state heat transfer is assumed and evap- . oration ignored, then the amount of heat transferred across each resistance is equal to that transferred across any other resistance. That is:

$$q_1 = q_2 = q_3 = q_4 = q_5 = q$$
 (3-1)

where

$$q_1 = h_{LW}^2 \pi r_1 (T_1 - T_2)$$
 (3-2)

$$q_{2} = \frac{K_{W} 2\pi 1(T_{2} - T_{3})}{\ln(r_{0}/r_{1})^{3}}$$
(3-3)

$$q_3 = h_{WL}^2 r_0 I(T_3 - T_4)$$
 (3-4)

$$q_{\mu} = \frac{K_{L} 2 \pi 1 (T_{\mu} - T_{5})}{\ln(r_{ow}/r_{1w})}$$
(3-5)

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$$q_5 = h_{LA}^{2\pi} r_{ow}^{1} (T_5 - T_6)$$
 (3-6)

Furthermore, equations may be written defining the heat flux per unit area based on the tube outer diameter.

$$Q_{1} = \underline{q}_{1} = \underline{h}_{LW} \frac{2\pi r_{1}}{2\pi r_{0}} \frac{1(T_{1} - T_{2})}{1} = H_{LW}(T_{1} - T_{2})$$
(3-7)

$$Q_{2} = \frac{q}{A^{2}} = \frac{K_{W} 2\pi 1(T_{2} - T_{3})}{2\pi r_{0} 1(\ln(r_{0}/r_{1}))} = H_{W}(T_{2} - T_{3})$$
(3-7)

$$Q_{3} = \frac{q_{3}}{A^{3}} = \frac{h_{WL} 2\pi r_{o} 1(T_{3} - T_{4})}{2\pi r_{o} 1} = H_{WL}(T_{3} - T_{4})$$
(3-9)

$$Q_{4} = \frac{q_{4}}{A} = \frac{K_{L} 2 \pi 1 (T_{4} - T_{5})}{2 \pi r_{0} 1 (\ln r_{0W}/r_{1W})} = H_{L}(T_{4} - T_{5})$$
(3-10)

$$Q_5 = \frac{q}{A_5} = \frac{h_{LA} 2\pi r_{o}}{2\pi r_{o}} \frac{1(T_5 - T_6)}{1} = H_{LA}(T_5 - T_6)$$
(3-11)

These five equations may be solved simultaneously and combined into one overall equation:

$$\mathbf{q} = \frac{\Delta \text{ Toverall}}{\frac{1}{H_{\text{LT}}} + \frac{1}{H_{\text{W}}} + \frac{1}{H_{\text{TL}}} + \frac{1}{H_{\text{L}}} + \frac{1}{H_{\text{LA}}}}$$
(3-12)

where the denominator is the overall resistance to heat transfer and is equal to the reciprocal of the overall heat transfer coefficient. If the assumption is now made that $T_4 = T_5$, that is, no temperature gradients exist within the shellside liquid, then Q_4 , the heat flux across the shellside liquid, is zero. Equations (3-7), (3-8), and (3-9) can be combined in an overall heat transfer pefficient. This coefficient

is given by:

$$\frac{1}{U} = \frac{1}{H_{LT}} + \frac{1}{H_{W}} + \frac{1}{H_{TL}}$$
(3-13)

The convective heat transfer coefficient at the air/ water interface, H_{LA} , then becomes a local heat transfer coefficient which can be determined separately from the overall coefficient, U.

Convective heat transfer from the hot shellside liquid to the free-stream air results in an increase in the air dry-bulb temperature and a corresponding decrease in the temperature of the shellside fluid. Simultaneously, evaporative mass transfer from the shellside film to the air results in an increase of the partial pressure of water vapor in the air, a reduction in the mass flow rate of the liquid phase, and a further lowering of the liquid phase temperature. Hence, four parameters, the air dry-bulb temperature (t_A) , the partial pressure of the water vapor (PV), the spray water temperature (T), and the spray water mass flow rate (W $_{\rm L})$ change simultaneously with respect to the shellside area (A). The changes in these parameters, over a small section of the total area for heat transfer is shown schematically in Figure 9.

The changes in these parameters can be described by four simultaneous differential equations developed by Finlay, <u>et al</u>, (Ref. 5). Finlay assumed that each tube in the tube bank could be divided into N sections of width dx. Each such section was assumed to contain tubeside fluid at a single bulk temperature, T_0 . The shellside fluid was assumed well mixed and heat and mass transfer was considered to take place only while the fluid was flowing on the tube surface. Further, the heat and mass transfer coefficients at the air/ water interface were assumed to be described by relations of the form:

$$Nu = f(Re^{n}, Pr^{m})$$
 (3-14)

$$Sh = f(Re^{n}, Sc^{in})$$
(3-15)
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These relations were used to define an evaporative mass transfer coefficient in terms of the heat transfer coefficient in the following manner: For equal Reynolds numbers, the ratio of (3-14) to (3-15) is:

$$\frac{Nu}{Sh} = \frac{Pr}{Sc}^{m}$$
(3-16)

For air/water vapor system, Pr/Sc = 1 Hence:

Nu = Sh (3-17)
Nu =
$$\frac{H_{LA}d}{K}$$
 (3-18)
Sh = $\frac{Rd}{D_P}$ (3-19)

Therefore, the mass transfer coefficient is related to the convective heat transfer coefficient by:

$$\beta = \frac{D}{K} P H_{LA}$$
 (3-20)

The differential equations developed by Finlay are: '

$$\frac{dt}{dA} = \frac{H_{LA}(T - t_A)[1 + C_{VB}(PST - PV)]}{W_A C_A}$$
(3-21)

$$\frac{dPV}{dA} = \frac{\beta}{0.622W_A} \frac{(PB - PV)^2 (PST - PV)}{PB}$$
(3-22)

$$\frac{dT}{dA} = \frac{U(T_{O}-T)}{W_{L}C_{L}} - \frac{H_{LA}}{W_{L}C_{L}} - \frac{(T-t_{A})}{W_{L}C_{L}} - L_{\beta} \frac{(PST-PV)}{W_{L}C_{L}}$$
(3-23)

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$$\frac{dW}{dA}L = -\beta(PST-PV) \qquad (3-24)$$

When spray-flow occurs across an adiabatic tube bank, $(T_0 - T) = 0$ and the equations become:

$$\frac{dt_A}{dA} = H_{LA} \left(\frac{T - t_A}{W_A C_A} \right) \left[1 + \frac{C_V \beta (PST - PV)}{H_{LA}} \right]$$
(3-25)

$$\frac{dPV}{dA} = \frac{\beta}{0.622W_A} \left(\frac{PB - PV}{PB}\right)^2 (PST - PV) \qquad (3-26)$$

$$\frac{\mathrm{dT}}{\mathrm{dA}} = - H_{\mathrm{LA}} \left(\frac{\mathrm{T} - \mathrm{t}}{\mathrm{W}_{\mathrm{L}} \mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{L}}} \right) - \mathrm{LB} \left(\frac{\mathrm{PST} - \mathrm{PV}}{\mathrm{W}_{\mathrm{L}} \mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{L}}} \right)$$
(3-27)

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}W}{\mathrm{d}A} = -\beta (\mathrm{PST-PV}) \qquad (3-28)$$

If the temperature history of the spray water across an adiabatic bank is known, equations (3-25) - (3-28) can be integrated numerically to yield values of H_{LA} and β .

The overall heat transfer coefficients can be determined through the use of empirical relations for each of its component parts. Total heat transfer coefficients are determined by macroscopic energy balances over entrance and exit conditions. The calculational procedures used are outlined in Chapter IV.

IV. Experimental Procedure

and Data Reduction

Before measurement of heat transfer data began, a series of initial tests of the experimental apparatus were completed. During these tests the orifice plate pressure drops associated with selected air mass flow rates were determined. In addition to the air flow tests, water was circulated through both the spraytubes and the tubes of bank 2. This was done to check for leaks in the system and to allow time for the rapid initial formation of scale to occur on the clean tubes. Thermocouple connections were also tested and the entire system examined to determine if provisions had been made for the collection of all necessary data.

Local Heat Transfer Coefficients

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On the basis of experimental procedure, the tescs to determine local heat and mass transfer coefficients were divided into two categories.

1. A survey test sequence where the selected spray-water mass flow rates were held constant and air mass flow rates varied.

2. A constant air mass flow rate test sequence where the air mass flow rates were held constant and spray-water mass flow rates varied.

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In the former series three spray-water injection temperatures were used, in the latter, two temperatures. The parameter range used in each series are shown in Tables 1 and 2, Appendix I. The same basic experimental procedure was used in each test.

For any particular test run, the desired water temperature was set on the Powers Series 200 Automatic Temperature Control and Pump A started to circulate water through tanks 1 and 2. Water was heated by the steam coils in tank 1 and pumped into tank 2. This circulation of water through the system was continued until the entire water storage system was at the desired temperature.

While the water was being heated, air flow through the heat exchanger was started at a level sufficient to produce the predetermined air mass flow rate. Air flow was continued for at least a half-hour to allow for the stabilization of the air wet- and dry-bulb temperatures. At this point the values of the air pressure upstream from the orifice plate, the pressure drop across the orifice plate, the barometric pressure, ambient temperature, and air dry- and wet-bulb temperatures were recorded. The first five of these variables were used in an approximate calculation of the air mass flow rate. If any great discrepancy (more than 10%) was involved between the desired value and the calculated value, adjustment of the air mass flow rate was made. Throughout

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the course of the experiment any changes in the values of these parameters were noted. The air dry-bulb temperature was recorded continuously.

For the purpose of calculating a partial pressure of water vapor (PV) in the air, however, the initial air wet-and dry-bulb temperatures were assumed constant throughout any specific series of tests. Once the air flow had stabilized, these values were measured and used to determine PV from a psychometric chart (Ref. 10 page 435). This procedure was dictated by the fact that once spray had been introduced into the heat exchanger, vapor pressure could no longer be determined accurately. The access ports for the wet-and dry-bulb thermometers were positioned near the spray-tubes and the thermometers read spray-water temperatures.

With air flowing at the predetermined rate, water was supplied to the spray-tube manifold which fed seven individually monitored flow meters. These meters were monitored continuously until thermal equilibrium between the meters and the hot liquid flowing within them was achieved. This period, usually a half-hour, also allowed time for the individual tubes of bank 1 to become wetted with fluid. Throughout the course of the experiment spray-water temperature was monitored at the flow meters.

The Honeywell recorder was then calibrated in millivolts with a Honeywell potentiometer. Data were then

recorded for a short period of time to determine if all necessary thermocouples were operating properly, the reference junctions of the thermocouples were maintained at 32° F.

The two-phase flow was then allowed to stabilize. The temperature history of the shellside fluid during its passage through the adiabatic bank was recorded at random time intervals. Stabilization was considered to have occurred when visual comparison of the temperature profiles (temperature verses heat transfer area) indicated similarity. At this point the recorder wrs operated for an extended period. At the completion the final observation, the necessary parameter changes were made depending on the test sequence and the above procedure repeated.

Overall Heat Transfer Coefficients

Measurements necessary for the computation of overall heat transfer coefficients were taken during the constant air mass flow rate test sequence. During these tests, heated water was pumped to the feed manifolds of both the spray-tubes and bank 2. The spray developed in bank 1 was used to cool the tubes of bank 2. Thus, data on the temperature history of the spraywater in bank 1 could be used to calculate local heat and mass transfer coefficients, while data on the temperature profile of the bank 2 tubeside flow provided

information necessary for the criculation of overall heat transfer coefficients.

An additional datum for these t sus was the bank 2 tubeside mass flow ite, $W_{\rm T}$, cer taps had been provided in the tubes of bank 2 to measure this variable, but it was found that the manometers were unreliable. It was therefore decided to determine the tubeside mass flow rate by an energy balance method applied to single-phase heat transfer data.

Heated water was pumped through bank 2 and the mass flow rate in each tube indicated, but not specified, by the height of fluid in the bank 2 manometers. This level was held constant while heat transfer took place between the tubeside flow and air. Three tests were made, one test at each of the air mass flow rates to be used in the constant air mass flow rate tests. The input and output temperatures of air and tubeside fluid were recorded by thermocouples placed in the tube banks and the bank 2 manifolds respectively. Since the air mass flow rate was known, the tubeside mass flow rate could be calculated.

During the subsequent two-phase tests, the tubeside flow was maintained at the known level determined by the single-phase tests. In most other respects, the same procedure as developed for the survey tests was followed in the constant air mass flow rate tests. It was necessary, however, to employ two Honeywell recorders,

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one for each tube bank, and each of these calibrated as before.

Water temperature at spray-water injection and the input and output temperatures of the tubeside flow were now measured by thermocouples placed in the manifolds of bank 2. Since the same water source was used for both the spray-tubes and the manifolds, measuring the input, water temperature at the feed manifold for one system determined the input temperature for both. The relatively large size of the manifolds, as compared to the thermocouples, caused the water contained in the manifolds to act as thermal reservoirs. It was therefore necessary to pass water through the manifolds for a time sufficient to allow the entire system to reach input water temperature. This equilibrium condition was indicated by identical input and output temperatures of tubeside fluid with no heat transfer present. This procedure compared roughly to the requirement of thermal equilibrium which was imposed on the fluid meters during, the survey tests.

Data Reduction

<u>Air Mass Flow Rate</u>. The air mass flow rates were determined by standard methods outlined in Ref. 3, page 65.

<u>Tubeside Mass Flow Rate</u>. The tubeside flow rate was determined by conservation of energy. The air mass

flow and the temperature changes of both the air and tubeside flow were known. Hence conservation of energy required that:

$$W_{A}C_{A}\Delta t_{A} = W_{T}C_{L}\Delta T \qquad (4-1)$$

hence

$$W_{\rm T} = W_{\rm A} C_{\rm A} \Delta t_{\rm A} / C_{\rm L} \Delta T \qquad (4-2)$$

The tubeside mass flow rate was determined for each of the air mass flow rates used in the constant air mass flow rate tests and an average of the three values used in subsequent computations.

Local Heat and Mass Transfer Coefficients. The local heat and mass transfer coefficients were determined by iterative Runge-Kutta integration of equations (3-25) thru (3-28). This was done with a computer technique developed by Wright-Patterson Air Force Base Computer Center and Finlay (Ref. 6). The input data required for the calculation included spray-water and air mass flow rates, spray-water and air initial temperatures, barometric pressure, and the initial partial pressure of water vapor in the air. The spray-water temperature at the position in the heat exchanger where the coefficients were to be determined and the total heat transfer area up to that point were used as boundary conditions for the numerical integration. The equations were integrated wit' assumed values for $\boldsymbol{H}_{\boldsymbol{I},\boldsymbol{\Delta}}$ and $\boldsymbol{\beta}$

and the spray water temperature as a function of area calculated up to the area of interest. At this point the calculated and measured values of spray-water temperature were compared and if the per cent difference between these quantities was greater than a predetermined tolerance then the integration was repeated with new values for H_{LA} and β . In all cases reported, the local heat and mass transfer coefficients were computed at the exit from bank 1. The values found are shown in Tables 3 and 4, Appendix I.

<u>Total Heat Transfer Coefficients</u>. A total heat transfer coefficient which included the overall heat transfer coefficient (U), the local heat transfer coefficient (H_{LA}) and the local mass transfer coefficient (β) was computed by considering an energy balance on the total spray-flow through the heat exchanger. If evaporative losses of spray-water are neglected and if the spray at exit from bank 2 is assumed saturated, then a total energy balance over the heat exchanger may be written as:

Total Energy In + Heat Added = Total Energy Out (4-3) that is:

 $W_A HA_i + W_L T_i C_L + Q_{TOT} = W_A HA_f + W_L T_f C_L$ (4-4) or

 $Q_{\text{TOT}} = W_{A}(HA_{f} - HA_{i}) + W_{L}(T_{f} - T_{i}) C_{L}$ (4-5)

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• HA₁ = Air initial enthalpy at ambient relative humidity HA_f = Air final enthalpy assumed saturated at temperature T_f T_i = Spray-water injection temperature T_f = Spray-water final temperature at exit from bank 2

With the total heat added known, a total heat transfer coefficient may be defined as:

$$H_{TOT} = Q_{FOT} / A_{TOT} \Delta T_{AVE}$$
 (4-6)

where

$$A_{TOT}$$
 = Total heat transfer area of
bank 2
 ΔT_{AVE} = Temperature difference between
the tubeside average temperature
and the air average temperature

The total heat transfer coefficients are shown in Table 5, Appendix I.

<u>Amplification Factor</u>. The total heat added was also used to compute a two-phase amplification factor, (AF). This number represents the amplification which is achieved in the single-phase heat flux when water spray is introduced into an air stream. The singlephase tests used to determine the tubeside mass flow rate also provided data needed to compute the heat transferred to the air. The ratio of the cwo-phase total heat flux to single-phase heat flux at the same air mass flow rates, determined the amplification factor. Amplification factors are shown in Table 6, Appendix I.

<u>Overall Heat Transfer Coefficients</u>. The overall heat transfer coefficient was given by (3-13) as:

$$\frac{1}{U} = \frac{1}{H_{LT}} + \frac{1}{H_W} + \frac{1}{H_{TL}}$$
(4-7)

Eckert, <u>et al</u> (Ref. 2) has reported that the convective heat transfer coefficient between the tubeside flow and the tube wall may be given by a relation of the form:

 $H_{LT} = \frac{CK_L Re_T Pr(0.00037 + 0.00926(Re_T)^{-0.269})}{OD}$ (4-8)

where

ReT = Tubeside Reynolds number based on the tube inner diameter Pr = Tubeside Prandtl number KL = Water Thermal Conductivity OD = Tube outer diameter C = Constant

The effective convective heat transfer coefficient through the tube wall is based on Fourier's law and defined as:

$$H_{\rm M} = KW/ODln(OD/ID) \qquad (4-9)$$

The only component for the overall heat transfer coefficient which remains undefined is the convective heat transfer coefficient from the outer tube surface to the shellside liquid, H_{TL} . Observations of twophase flow indicated that after the first few rows of tubes, the dispersed droplet flow became more aggregate. Thus it was assumed that an empirical relation for convective heat transfer coefficients from liquids to cylinders in cross flow could be used to approximate H_{TL} . Holman (Ref. 9, page 170) describes a relation of this form as:

$$H_{\rm TL} = \underline{K}_{\rm L}(0.35 + 0.56({\rm Re}_{\rm L})^{0.52}) {\rm Pr}^{0.3} \qquad (4-10)$$

where

Re_L = Shellside Reynolds number based on tube outer diameter. K_L = Water thermal conductivity OD = Tube Outer Diameter Pr = Water Prandtl number

The only remaining unknown in the relation for the overall coefficient is the constant C in relation (4-8). Finlay (Ref. 6) suggested that this term be determined by linear regression applied to single-phase heat transfer data. The overall coefficient for air alone is given as:

$$\frac{1}{U_{SP}} = \frac{1}{H_{LT}} + \frac{1}{H_W} + \frac{1}{H_A}$$
(4-11)

In this situation, the convective heat transfer coefficient between the tube and shellside fluid is replaced by a convective coefficient between the tube and air, H_{A} . McAdams, (Ref. 11 page 272) has reported that this coefficient is given as:

$$H_{A} = B(Re_{A})^{S}K_{A}/OD \qquad (4-12)$$

where

 $B_{A}S = Constants dependent on tube$ bank geometry $Re_{A} = Air Reynolds number based on$ velocity at the minimum flow area and tube outer diameter. $K_{A} = Air Thermal conductivity$ OD = Tube outer diameter

Equation (4-11) can be written in the form:

$$\frac{1}{U_{SP}} - \frac{1}{H_W} = \frac{1}{H_{LT}} + \frac{1}{H_A}$$
(4-13)

From equation (4-8) let

$$F = K_{L}^{Re_{T}} Pr(0.00037 + 0.00926(Re_{T})^{-0.269}) \qquad (4-14)$$

then

$$\frac{1}{U_{SP}} - \frac{1}{H_W} = \frac{1}{CF} + \frac{1}{H_A}$$
(4-15)

and

$$F\left[\frac{1}{U_{SP}} - \frac{1}{H_W}\right] = \frac{1}{C} + \frac{F}{B(Re_A)}S_{\frac{K_A}{OD}}$$
(4-16)

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Equation (4-16) is of the form y = mx + bwhere

$$y = F\left[\frac{1}{U_{SP}} - \frac{1}{H_W}\right]$$
$$x = FOD/(Re_A)^S K_A$$
$$m = 1/C$$

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b = 1/B

 U_{SP} was determined from single-phase data (U_{SP} = Q/AAT) and values for x and y were found. These ordered pairs were subjected to a least-squares fit and the value of C determined. With the final constant known (4-7) was solved to determine U.

V. Results and Discussion

The values for local heat transfer coefficients obtained during the survey tests are plotted against mass flux ratio in Figures 10, 11, and 12. The scatter found in these plots is due to the superposition of data from tests at different air mass flow rates. Initial attempts at comparison of these data were fruitless until the data points were grouped into different classes on the basis of air mass flow rates. This was done in order to separate the points and determine the characteristics of the plot. The groupings used in each case are shown on the appropriate figures.

The data plot of Figure 11 indicates a maximum value for the local heat transfer coefficient which occurs in the lower mass flux ratio range. As the mass flux ratio increases, scattering in the data points becomes more evident. This is believed due to instabilities in the .wo-phase flow pattern which are enhanced at higher mass flux ratios. As more water is injected, the tendency for spray-water to flow in sheets or slugs of fluid increases. This in turn introduces wide variations in the temperatures sensed by the thermocouples.

The dependence of local heat transfer coefficients on air mass flow rates and air Reynolds number is more apparant in the data plots for constant air mass flow rate tests at 140° F. (Thuse data plots from this test

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series are shown in Figure 13. The curves are similar, with single maximum and minimum points indicated in each. However, as the air Reynolds number increases, the values of the maxima and minima increase also. This trend has been interpreted to imply a direct relationship between air Reynolds number and local heat transfer coefficient. In addition to the upward shift in coefficient value, however, the mass flux ratio at which the indicated maximum occurs is lowered. This implies that spray-flow heat transfer is most efficient at high air mass flow rates, where water droplets are more readily carried along the air streamlines from tube to tube.

Comparison of the local heat transfer coefficients determined in both test sequences indicates that the coefficients from the constant air mass flow rate tests are generally higher than those of the survey test sequence. The reason for this increase is unknown, but it may be that recirculation from bank 2 during the constant air test contributed to the higher values found.

The values of the mass transfer coefficients are tabulated in Tables 3 and 4, Appendix I. Since these coefficients are related to the heat transfer coefficients by a constant, the variation in the mass transfer coefficients with mass flux ratio and air Reynolds number are identical in form, if not value, to those observed for the heat transfer coefficients.

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Overall Heat Transfer Coefficients

The values of the component terms in the overall coefficients and the resultant overall coefficients are tabulated in Table 5, Appendix I. Because of the analog used to compute the overall coefficients, the smallest of the three components, the convective heat transfer coefficient between the tubeside flow and the tubewall, becomes the dominant term. This coefficient is a function of the tubeside mass flow, and is nearly constant. Only variations in property values, which were evaluated at the average tubeside temperature for each test, influenced the value of this term.

The convective heat transfer coefficient between the tube outer wall and the shellside flow is a function of the shellside Reynolds number. Hence the coefficient varies with mass flowrate. The wall conductive heat transfer coefficient is constant and very large as compared to the other terms, and in the model used may be neglected. Because of the dominance of the tubeside flow/wall coefficient, the overall heat transfer coefficient was found to be nearly constant. The average value found was 13.88 Btu/hr-°F-ft².

Total Heat Transfer Coefficients

The total heat transfer coefficient and the total heat added are tabulated in Table 6, Appendix I. Any

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maximums in the values of these quantities were not apparant, and these values simply increase as mass flux ratio increases.

VI. Conclusions

The experimental technique developed for the constant air mass flow rate tests more clearly delineated the functional dependence between the local heat transfer coefficients, mass flux ratios, and air Reynolds numbers. As the air Reynolds number increased, the mass flux ratio at which the local heat transfer coefficient reached its maximum value decreased. From this result it was concluded that spray-flow heat transfer was more efficient at higher air mass flow rates, where the entrained water droplets were more readily carried from tube to tube.

The overall heat transfer coefficients were found to be nearly constant in value and primarily determined by the convective heat transfer coefficient between the tubeside flow and the tube wall. Since the overall coefficient included a factor determined by the convective heat transfer coefficient between the outer tube wall and the shellside flow, some small variation in the overall heat transfer coefficient resulted with changing shellside Reynolds numbers. However, as a result of the dominance of the tubeside coefficient, it was concluded that the presence of spray-flow did not significantly change the overall coefficient.

Unlike the local heat transfer coefficient, the total heat transfer coefficients did not display any

identifiable dependence on mass flux ratio or air Reynolds number. Therefore, no conclusions were reached regarding any functional relationship between these coefficients and other experimental parameters.

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VII. Recommendations for Further Study

The existing apparatus should be modified to allow for observation of the two-phase flow pattern. The modifications should include the installation of windows or ports in the entrance diffuser to permit visual observation of the spray injection across the heat exchanger. The injection of spray was assumed uniform in both the longitudinal and transverse directions but this could not be confirmed.

Consideration should be given to constructing a smaller tube bank to allow observation of the droplet paths in their passage from tube to tube. This could be done by constructing a triangular tube bank as shown in Figure 14.



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Such a bank would incorporate the same 1.5XO.D. pitching used before but would be limited to a single spray-tube at the triangle apex. This would also limit operation to lower mass flux ratios.

At the end of the test series, the spray-tubes were examined and found to be badly clogged with scale. It is recommended that in future tests two sets of spraytubes be used, and that these be rotated and cleaned periodically to insure uniform spray injection.

Experiments should be conducted in which different combinations of spray-tubes were used. The bank could be operated with all seven tubes and then the end tubes turned off. On the other hand, the center tube could be operated alone and then additional tubes on either side of the center brought into operation. This process would continue until all seven tubes were operating. If such tests were conducted at a constant total spraywater mass flow rate, some light could be shed on the flow pattern in tube bank 1.

The manifold valve in bank 2 should be repositioned in front of the input manifold. In there present position they do not exert control on the flow in a single tube but merely increases the entire system pressure. It is believed that in the proposed position the tubeside mass flow rates in the individual tubes of bank 2 could be controlled. A means of measuring the

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total tubeside mass flow rate is necessary. It is believed that an orifice meter placed in the line to the bank 2 feed manifold would suffice for this purpose.

It is recommended that the constant air mass flow rate test procedure be used to determine local and total coefficients for higher air mass flow rates than used here.

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Appendix I

Experimental Results in Tabular Form

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Table 1 SURVEY TEST PARAMETER RANGE	Water Temperature = 160° F	MFR .	.060 .0666 .0999 .120 .136 .200 .203
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/			(ith/hr)	1680	1813	2044
	RANGE	rature = 1	(10m/hr)	140 191 210 235 280	140 191 235 280 280	2777 20105 20000000000
	TEST PARAMETER	Water Tempe	Air Reynolds No.	20,160	21,750	24,520
	FLOW RATE		MFR	.071 .097 .107 .119 .119	.063 .094 .126	066 1112 1122
	AIR MASS	erature = 125°F	WA (Îbm∕hr)	1690	1670	2110
	CONSTANT		(1bm7hr)	120 163 202 240	221120 5351 225100 2251	51700 5200 5200 5200 5200
	Table 2	Water Temp	Air Reynolds No.	20,200 ,	23,830	25,240

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R SURVEY TESTS	Water Temperature = 160°F	HLA Btu hrofft 2	113.25 19,95 19,95 19,95 10,02 10,00
		<u>8 Btu</u> hr-psi-ft ²	0011111111111111111111111111111111111
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	Water Temperature = 150°F	^H LA ^{Btu} 2	10000000000000000000000000000000000000
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	Water Temperature = 140°F	HLA Btu hroFft2	1111 1111 1111 2000000000000000000000000
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RATE TESTS	ature = 14(H _{LA Btu} hr ^o Fft2	21.27 22.96 18.27 19.74 22.60	24.31 20.30 21.80 22.03 26.26	25.94 23.52 21.86 22.95
T AIR MASS FLOW	Water Temper	Air Reynolds No.	20,160	21,750	24,520
R CONSTAN		MFR	071 097 107 119 119	.063 .094 .104 .126	.066 .090 .112
ICIENTS FOI	125°ғ	<u> 8 Btu</u> hrpsift ²	10.77 6.77 5.66 5.47 6.33	5.63 5.93 5.93 5.63 5.63 5.63 5.63 5.63 5.63 5.63 5.6	7.24 11.52 7.45
OCAL COEFF	erature =	H _{LA Btu} hroFft2	52.74 31.42 27.70 26.80 31.02	40.77 26.13 42.70 33.93 27.69	35.42 36.41 36.42 36.42
Table 4 L	Water Temp	Air Reynolds No.	20,220	23,830	25,240

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	ONENTS		U Btu hr-°F-ft	13.58 13.52	13.82 13.89 14.13	13.43 13.71 14.77	13.99	•
CORPETENCE	MOD LITTOTTICO	<u> АТ URE = 125°</u> Н	$\frac{\text{TL}}{\text{hr}-\text{o}\overline{\text{F}}-\frac{\text{f}}{f}}$	145.383	153.800 167.370 119.482	145.383 165.653 167.370 128.693	165.653	
HEAT TRANSFER		AYTFRAPER	13.093	13,093 13,093	13,003 20,00 200,000 200,00000000	13,009		
able 5 OVERALL		HLT Btu	15.3388	15.2910 15.2910	15.2910 15.2910	16.0510 14.7770 15.2910		
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NTS AND AMPLIFICATION FACTORS	Water Temperature = 140°F	Hror Btu2 HropFt2	849 1181 1074 1146 1262	869 1085 1212 1256 1302	857 1113 1259 1376 1521	
		AF	5.02 5.71 5.73 5.62 5.62	±.69 6.10 6.30 5.10 6.310	4.28 6.77 6.177 6.413 6.413	
		^Q rOT(Btu/hr)	88,343 110,374 97,111 101,944 116,681	90,189 107,690 117,284 121,271 121,271	92,728 113,556 124,936 132,845 139,918	
		MFR	.083 .113 .125 .140	.077 .105 .116 .116 .130	.070 .095 .120 .120	
Table 6 TOTAL HEAT TRANSFER COEFFICIE	Water Temperature = 125°F	H _{TOT} Btu ₂ HrofFft2	633 635 640 731 825	615 818 1002	734 1198 760 763 1017	-
		AF	3.05 3.16 3.41 4.07	2050 2020 2030 2030 2030 2030 2030 2030	3.97 5.68 3.77 4.16	
		^Q TOT(Btu/hr)	43,522 45,092 48,727 58,123 58,122	47,788 57,196 64,302	69,212 98,990 67,705 66,324 72,361	
		MFR	.071 .097 .109 .119 .119	.063 .094 .126	.066 .090 .100 .112 .112	

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