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PhD dissertation summary

Improving the Performance of Air-Cooled Heat Exchangers for Cooling

Turbine Compressor Oil through Regulating the Airflow Field

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Summary

Air-to-air heat exchangers, particularly oil coolers, play a critical role in ensuring the reliable operation of compressors in gas pumping stations. Their efficiency directly influences energy consumption during natural gas transportation and impacts the operational reliability of gaspumping compressors. Enhancing the performance of such heat exchangers remains a key focus of scientific research due to its implications for both energy efficiency and system reliability. This study investigates strategies to optimize heat exchange conditions in air-to-air heat exchangers by examining the flow field and identifying optimal engineering and operational parameters. The research specifically aims to enhance the performance of an air-cooled heat exchanger under typical operating conditions. The results indicate that the average outlet air temperature in the current operating configuration, with horizontal air inlet flow, is 42.16°C. This temperature increases with upward air inlet angles, achieving a maximum outlet temperature at an inlet angle of α =47°, corresponding to the highest efficiency value of ϵ =0.676. The introduction of guide plates significantly improved the uniformity of the air velocity field at the heat exchanger inlet, enhancing the heat exchange process in the oil cooler. While the use of guide plates incurred additional costs, their longitudinal installation within the heat exchanger demonstrated superior performance, increasing efficiency by 8.5% compared to the current operating condition. These findings provide valuable insights into optimizing air-cooled heat exchangers for oil cooling in gaspumping applications, offering a pathway toward improved energy efficiency and operational reliability.