

# Experimental Analysis for Optimizing Parameter Heating System

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## ABSTRACT

This suggest a better replacement of cold mass fraction which defines the ratio between the mass of air moving out through the cold exit to the actual mass of air entering the vortex tube through the inlet. Sustainable manufacturing Innovations elements are Remanufacture Redesign, Recover, Recycle, Reuse, Reduce. It has a good thermal response that restructures it with a low temperature. The properties of materials are particular to the exact composition of the metal and the way it was processed. The optimizing the parameters of vortex tube for increasing the cooling temperature. These optimized vortex tube could produce maximum hot gas temperature of 391 K at 12–15% hot gas fraction and a minimum cold gas temperature of 267 K at about 60% cold gas fraction. CFD - a computational technology that enables one to study the dynamics of things that flow. CFD is concerned with numerical solution of differential equations governing transport of mass, momentum and energy in moving fluid. Cold air machining outperforms mist coolants and substantially increases tool life and feed rates on dry machining operations. The effective cooling from a Cold Air Gun can eliminate heat-related parts growth while improving parts tolerance and Surface finish quality Commercial vortex tubes are designed for industrial applications to produce a temperature drop of about 26.6 °C (48 °F). With no moving parts, no electricity, and no Freon, a vortex tube can produce refrigeration up to 6,000 BTU (6,300 kJ) using only filtered compressed air at 100 PSI (689 kPa). A control valve in the hot air exhaust adjusts temperatures, flows and refrigeration over a wide range.

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## I. INTRODUCTION

The vortex tube (also called Ranquehilsch vortex tube) is a simple mechanical device which splits a compressed gas stream into cold and hot streams without any chemical reactions or external energy supply. Vortex tubes have advantages compared to other refrigerating or heating devices, being simple, having no moving parts, using no electricity or chemicals and having long operation time. They need only compressed gas to operate. Their critical

disadvantage is their low thermal efficiency. In the existing literature, there are many theoretical and experimental studies on vortex tubes. Experimental studies have been generally focusing on increasing the performance of vortex tubes. Different geometrical and thermo-physical parameters have been tested to obtain an optimum vortex tube design. In theoretical studies, aim is concentrated at determining velocity, pressure and temperature distribution. Recently, commercial CFD packages have been used to obtain internal flow pattern. An

excellent review of the studies existing in the literature can be found in a recent study and a more recent study. The mystery topic for the vortex tubes is the energy separation effect. Although the vortex tubes have been known for decades, the mechanism producing temperature separation phenomenon as a gas or vapor passes through a vortex tube hasn't been fully understood yet according to Ranque, the reason for energy separation is the adiabatic expansion and compression. The first detailed explanation about this phenomena belongs to Hilsch he claimed that the reason is the internal friction.

## II. IMPORTANT DEFINITION

### 1. Cold mass fraction:

The cold mass fraction defines the ratio between the mass of air moving out through the cold exit to the actual mass of air entering the vortex tube through the inlet. It is an important parameter which defines the performance and the temperature separation of a vortex tube this is expressed by  $\mu_c = M_c/M_i$  (1.1) Where  $M_c$  is the mass flow rate of cold air and  $M_i$  is the mass flow rate through the inlet.

### 2. Cold air temperature drop

Cold air temperature drop is the difference between the temperatures of air at inlet to that of the Temperature of air at cold exit. It is denoted by  $\delta T_c = T_i - T_c$  (1.2) Where  $T_i$  is the temperature of air at inlet and  $T_c$  is the temperature of air at cold outlet.

### 3. Cold orifice diameter ratio

Cold orifice diameter ratio is the ratio between the diameters ( $d$ ) at the cold exit to that at the inlet ( $D$ ).  $\beta = d/D$  (1.3)

### 4. Coefficient of performance

It is defined as defined as a ratio of cooling rate to the energy used in cooling. It is given by  $COP = Q_c/W$  (1.4). Where  $Q_c$  is the cooling rate per unit of air in the inlet vortex tube, and  $W$  is mechanical energy used in cooling per unit of air inlet.

## III. PROBLEM SOLVING STEPS

Once you have determined the important features of the problem you want to solve, you will follow the basic procedural steps shown below.

1. Creating the model geometry and grid.
2. Starting the appropriate solver for 2D or 3D modeling.
3. Importing the grid.
4. Checking the grid.
5. Selecting the solver formulation.
6. Choosing the basic equation to be solved: laminar or turbulent (or in viscid), chemical species or reaction, heat transfer, etc. identity additional models needed: fans, heat exchanger, porous media, etc.
7. Specifying material properties.
8. Specifying the boundary conditions.
9. Adjusting the solution control parameters.
10. Initializing the flow field.
11. Calculating a solution.
12. Examining the result.
13. Saving the result.

## IV. THERMODYNAMICS OF THE RANQUE HILSCH VORTEX TUBE

When first introduced to vortex tube technology, it would appear that there has been a violation of the laws of thermodynamics. It would seem that there is an internal heat flux without any work input. As in any refrigeration process, work input is paramount to its operation.

Herein lies the crux of the problem, and the almost century long quest to fully understand the operation of the tube. The First Law of Thermodynamics can be written as follows, "When a system undergoes a thermodynamic cycle then the net heat supplied to the surroundings plus the net work input to the system from its surroundings is equal to zero" Mathematically this statement is written as

$$\sum Q + \sum W = 0$$

Where Q and W denote the heat supplied and work input to the system respectively. From this First Law

the steady flow energy equation can be applied to the RHVT's boundary.

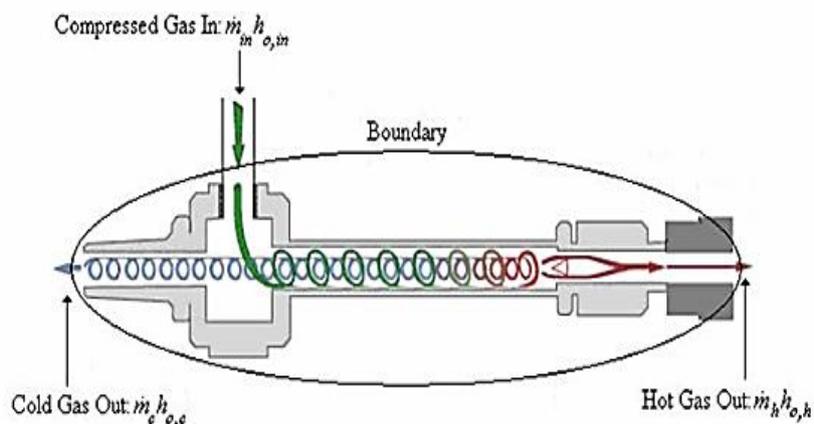


Figure 1. Vortex Tube Inlet and Outlet

Resulting in an equation of the following form

$$\dot{m}_i \left( h_{s,i} + \frac{U_{in}^2}{2} + Z_{in} \right) + \dot{Q} + \dot{W} = \dot{m}_c \left( h_{s,c} + \frac{U_c^2}{2} + Z_c \right) + \dot{m}_h \left( h_{s,h} + \frac{U_h^2}{2} + Z_h \right)$$

where  $\dot{m}$ ,  $h_o$ ,  $h_s$ , U, Z,  $\dot{Q}$  and  $\dot{W}$  denote the mass flow rate, the total enthalpy, the static enthalpy, the velocity vector, the height above the datum, the rate of heat and work inputs supplied respectively, and the subscripts in, c and h denote the inlet, cold and hot outlets respectively.

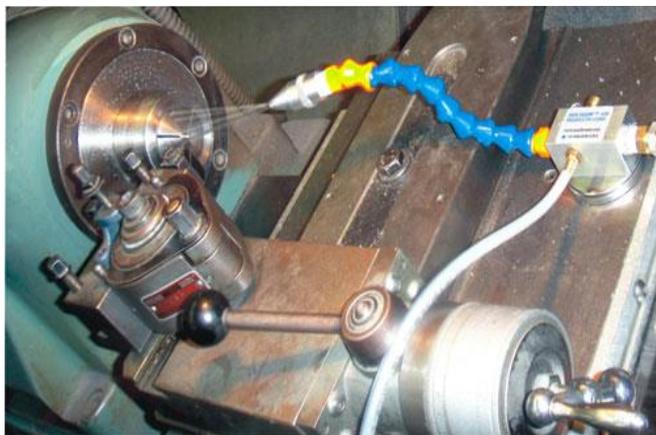
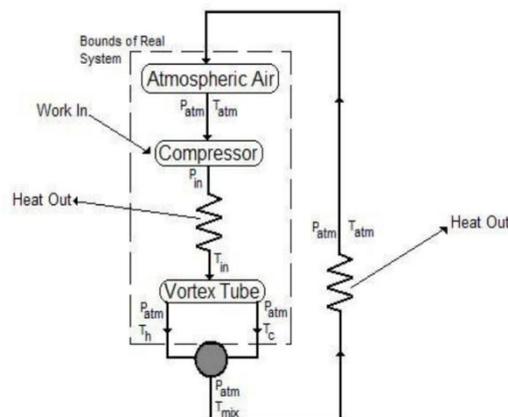


Figure 2. Experimental Setup



PARAMETERS	VALUES		
		Vortex inlet height	0.97mm
Tube inner diameter ,D	10.20mm	Hot exit gap	0.3mm
Cold orifice diameter $d_c$	4.56mm		
Tube L/D ratio	11.37		
Number of nozzle	6		
Tangential inlet nozzle width	1.41mm		

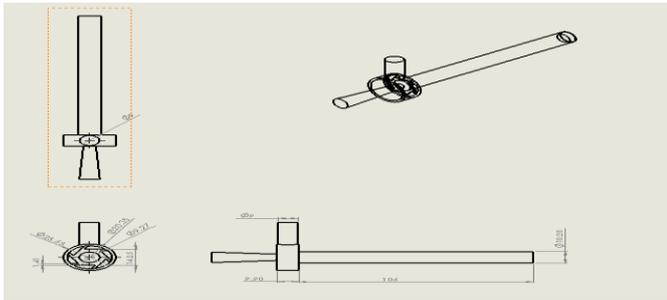


Figure 3. Vortex Tube Dimension

## V. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

The various results are obtained from the analysis fluid flow in vortex tube is discussed in this chapter. The temperature at the cold end and hot end is taken as output.

L/D Ratio	Cold end temperature in °c
11.37	7

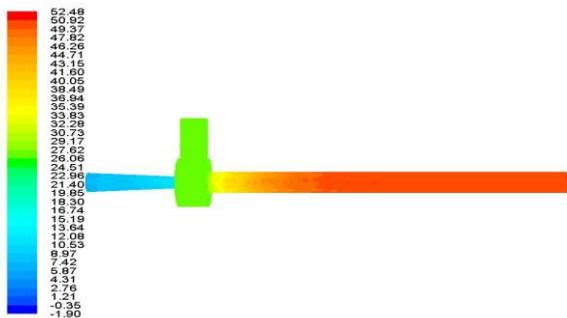


Figure 4. Experimental Result Of EXAIR 3205 Medium Model

L/D RADIO	COLD END TEMPERATURE IN °C
14.21	4.47-6.85
12.35	4.96-7.29
11.37	3.54-6.25
10.39	5.64-8.47
9.31	4.93-7.26
8.33	3.42-6.12
7.35	3.37-6.07
6.37	2.85-5.56
5.39	2.34-5.05

L/D Ratio and Cold End Temperature



Figure 5. Energy Separation In The Vortex Tube L/D=5.39

The path line clearly shows that flow separation of swirling air inside the vortex tube. The length of the vortex tube is 55mm, reducing the length of the vortex tube below 55mm give the large eddy in nearer to the hot end of the vortex tube. Below this length increase the temperature at cold end.

ORIFICE RADIOS IN MM	COLD END TEMPERATURE IN °C
3	23.67-26.61
2	1.60-4.10
2.5	1.60-4.12
1.5	1.60-4.12

Orifice Radius and Cold End Temperature

## VI. CONCLUSION

This work shows that reduction in length of the vortex tube will reduce the cold end temperature, because reduction in length of the vortex tube will affect the velocity inside the vortex generator and tube. Orifice diameter is modified and analyzed, increasing the orifice diameter increasing the temperature at cold end.

Reducing orifice radii to 2mm and 1.5mm give the cold end temperature, reducing the orifice radii below 1.5mm increasing the temperature at cold end. Hot end gap at 0.4mm give the optimum temperature 1.31°C.

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