

## Convective Heat Transfer Model through Annular Finned Evaporator of a Cold Storage Using Taguchi Regression, S/N Ratio and ANOVA Analysis

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### ABSTRACT

To overcome the energy crisis and increase of cost of electrical energy to operate the cold storage various design of experiments are done to optimize different control factors of a cold storage evaporator space inside the cold room. Here we have use annular fin to maximize the heat absorption by evaporator. Taguchi orthogonal array with regression analysis have been used as a design of experiments. The control factors are Area of the evaporator with annular fin(A), temperature difference of the evaporator space (dT), and relative humidity inside the cold room(RH). The Taguchi S/N ratio analysis have used as an optimization technique. Larger the better type S/N ratio have used for calculating the optimum level of control parameters, because it is a maximization problem. Analysis of variance ANOVA was also performed on the test results to find out the significant control factors.

**Key Words:** Taguchi orthogonal array, convective heat transfer co-efficient, annular fin area and arrangement, regression analysis, graphical representation of control factors with heat transfer, S/N ratio analysis, ANOVA analysis.

### I. INTRODUCTION

Cold storages form the most important element for proper storage and distribution of wide variety of perishables like fruits, vegetables and fish or meat processing. India is the largest producer of fruits and second largest producer of vegetables in the world. In spite of that per capita availability of fruits and vegetables is quite low because of post harvest losses that account for about 25 to 30% of production. Besides, quality of a sizable quantity of products also deteriorates by the time it reaches the consumer. As India is the second largest producer (45,343,600 tonnes at 2015) of potato after China and largest producer of the ginger (702000 metric tonnes i.e. 34.6% of the world total) without these there are many kind of food commodities are produce in our country so demand for cold storages have been increasing rapidly over the past couple of decades so that food commodities can be uniformly supplied all through the year and food items are prevented from perishing. Besides the role of stabilizing market prices and evenly distributing both on demand basis and time basis, the cold storage industry provide other advantages and benefits to both the farmers and the consumers. The farmers get the opportunity to get a good return of their hard work. On the consumer sides they get the perishable commodities with lower fluctuation of price. Very little theoretical and experimental studies are being reported in the journal

on the performance enhancement of cold storage. Energy crisis is one of the most important problems the world is facing nowadays. With the increase of cost of electrical energy operating cost of cold storage storing is increasing which forces the increased cost price of the commodities that are kept. So it is very important to make cold storage energy efficient or in the other words reduce its energy consumption. Thus the storage cost will eventually come down. In case of conduction we have to minimize the leakage of heat through wall but in convection maximum heat should be absorbed by refrigerant to create cooling uniformity thought out the evaporator space. If the desirable heat is not absorbed by tube or pipe refrigerant then temp of the refrigerated space will be increased, which not only hamper the quality of the product which has been stored there but reduces the overall performance of the plant. That's why a mathematical modelling is absolutely necessary to predict the performance. In this paper we have proposed a theoretical heat transfer model of convective heat transfer model development of a cold storage using Taguchi L9 orthogonal array. Area of the evaporator with fin (A), Temperature difference (dT), Relative Humidity (RH) are the basic variables and three ranges are taken each of them in the model development. A graphical interpretation from the model justifies the reality.

**II. MODEL DEVELOPMENT**

**1. Range and Parameter Selection**

The length, breath and height of each chamber of cold storage are 60m, 30m and 15m respectively. The three values of area of the evaporator with fin (A) of evaporator space are 0.5407m<sup>2</sup>, 0.6508m<sup>2</sup> and

0.8204m<sup>2</sup> respectively. The three values of temperature difference (dT) of evaporator space are 2, 5 & 8 centigrade respectively. The three values of relative humidity (RH) of evaporative space are 0.85, 0.90 & 0.95 respectively.

**Table no. 1** Control factors with their range

Notation	Factors	Unit	Levels		
			1	2	3
A	Area of the evaporator with fin	m <sup>2</sup>	0.5407	0.6508	0.8204
dT	Temperature Difference	°C	2	5	8
RH	Relative Humidity	%	0.85	0.90	0.95

In this study, Mohitnagar cold storage (Jalpaiguri) & Teesta cold storage has been taken as a model of observation.

**2. Regression Analysis**

Regression analysis is the relationship between various variables. Using regression analysis one can construct a relationship between response variable and predictor variable. It demonstrates what will be the changes in response variable because of change in predictor variable. Simple regression equation is,

$$y = a + b x$$

In this problem more than one predictor variable is involved and hence simple regression analysis cannot be used. We have to take the help of multiple regression analysis. There are two types of multiple regression analysis- i) Simple multiple regression analysis (regression equation of first order) ii) Polynomial multiple regression analysis (regression equation of second order or more). Simple multiple regression analysis is represented by the equation of first order regression

$$Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + \beta_2 X_2 + \beta_3 X_3 + \dots + \epsilon \tag{i}$$

Where  $\beta$  is constant terms & X is the variables &  $\epsilon$  is the experimental error.

Polynomial multiple regression analysis equation is  $Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + \beta_2 X_2 + \beta_3 X_3 + \beta_{11} X_{11}^2 + \beta_{22} X_{22}^2 + \beta_{33} X_{33}^2 + \beta_{12} X_1 X_2 + \beta_{13} X_1 X_3 + \beta_{23} X_2 X_3 + \dots$  (ii)

The above equation is second order polynomial equation for 3 variables. Where  $\beta$  are constant,  $X_1, X_2, X_3$  are the linear terms,  $X_{12}, X_{13}, X_{23}$  are the interaction terms between the factors, and lastly  $X_{11}, X_{22}, X_{33}$  are the square terms.

$Q$  (heat due to convection) = response variable & A, dT, RH = predictor variable.

Polynomial regression equation becomes after replacing real problem variables

$$Q_{(\text{heat due to convection})} = \beta_0 + \beta_1(A) + \beta_2(dT) + \beta_3(RH) + \beta_{11}(A)^2 + \beta_{22}(dT)^2 + \beta_{33}(RH)^2 + \beta_{12}(A)(dT) + \beta_{13}(A)(RH) + \beta_{23}(dT)(RH) \dots \tag{1}$$

To solve this equation following matrix method is used

$$Q = [\beta][X] \dots \tag{2}$$

$[\beta] = [Q][X^{-1}]$  where  $[\beta]$  is the coefficient matrix, Y is the response variable matrix;  $[X^{-1}]$  is the inverse of predictor variable matrix. (3)

In this problem there are 3 independent variables and each variable has 3 levels and hence from the Taguchi Orthogonal Array (OA) table L9 OA is best selected.

**Table no- 2,** Taguchi's L9 Orthogonal Array

Sl. No.	Factorial combination		
	A	dT	RH
1	1	1	1
2	1	2	2
3	1	3	3
4	2	1	2
5	2	2	1
6	2	3	3
7	3	1	3
8	3	2	1
9	3	3	2

Experiments have been carried out using Taguchi's L9 Orthogonal array experimental design which consists of 9 combinations of area, relative humidity and temperature difference. It considers three process parameters to be varied three discrete levels. In the equation (1) number of unknown constant (i.e.  $\beta$ ) is ten and in using Taguchi's L9 Orthogonal array experimental design which consists of 9 combinations of area, relative humidity and temperature difference so to form X as a 10\*10 matrix,  $\beta$  as a 10\*1 matrix and Q as a 10\*1 matrix we have taken a combination of area, relative humidity and temperature difference which does not match

with any of combination of the L9 orthogonal array mentioned above. As we are working on three level value of the factors and the first column of L18 orthogonal is of 2 level so have omit this and took a combination of next three column and we have chosen a combination 3, 1, 2 it does not match with any of combination of the L9 orthogonal array. Another reason to chose particular 3, 1, 2 combination is we can find the same combination in L9 orthogonal array if the first factor is omitted means omitting of the first column we can find the same combination in factor 2, factor3 and factor 4's arrangement. So the desired combination is,

Table no- 3

Sl. No.	Factorial combination		
	A	dT	RH
1	1	1	1
2	1	2	2
3	1	3	3
4	2	1	2
5	2	2	1
6	2	3	3
7	3	1	3
8	3	2	1
9	3	3	2
10	3	1	2

In the equation (2) X is a 10\*10 matrix,  $\beta$  is a 10\*1 matrix and Q is a 10\*1 matrix. By using the modified L9 Orthogonal array and its iteration terms we have to find out the betas( $\beta$ ) values.

Now there are ten test runs, so there will be ten values of Q and also ten equations. These equations are-

$$\begin{aligned}
 Q_1 &= \beta_0 + 0.5407\beta_1 + 2\beta_2 + .85\beta_3 + 0.2923\beta_4 + 4\beta_5 + 0.7225\beta_6 + 1.0814\beta_7 + 0.4596\beta_8 + 1.7\beta_9 \\
 Q_2 &= \beta_0 + 0.5407\beta_1 + 5\beta_2 + .90\beta_3 + 0.2923\beta_4 + 25\beta_5 + .81\beta_6 + 2.7035\beta_7 + 0.4866\beta_8 + 4.75\beta_9 \\
 Q_3 &= \beta_0 + 0.5407\beta_1 + 8\beta_2 + .95\beta_3 + 0.2923\beta_4 + 64\beta_5 + .9025\beta_6 + 4.3256\beta_7 + 0.5136\beta_8 + 7.6\beta_9 \\
 Q_4 &= \beta_0 + 0.6508\beta_1 + 2\beta_2 + .90\beta_3 + 0.4235\beta_4 + 4\beta_5 + .81\beta_6 + 1.3016\beta_7 + 0.5857\beta_8 + 1.8\beta_9 \\
 Q_5 &= \beta_0 + 0.6508\beta_1 + 5\beta_2 + .95\beta_3 + 0.4235\beta_4 + 25\beta_5 + .9025\beta_6 + 3.254\beta_7 + 0.6182\beta_8 + 4.75\beta_9 \\
 Q_6 &= \beta_0 + 0.6508\beta_1 + 8\beta_2 + .85\beta_3 + 0.4235\beta_4 + 64\beta_5 + .7225\beta_6 + 5.2064\beta_7 + 0.5532\beta_8 + 6.8\beta_9 \\
 Q_7 &= \beta_0 + 0.8204\beta_1 + 2\beta_2 + .95\beta_3 + 0.6730\beta_4 + 4\beta_5 + .9025\beta_6 + 1.6408\beta_7 + 0.7794\beta_8 + 1.9\beta_9 \\
 Q_8 &= \beta_0 + 0.8204\beta_1 + 5\beta_2 + .85\beta_3 + 0.6730\beta_4 + 25\beta_5 + .7225\beta_6 + 4.102\beta_7 + 0.6973\beta_8 + 4.25\beta_9 \\
 Q_9 &= \beta_0 + 0.8204\beta_1 + 8\beta_2 + .90\beta_3 + 0.6730\beta_4 + 64\beta_5 + .81\beta_6 + 6.5632\beta_7 + 0.7383\beta_8 + 7.2\beta_9 \\
 Q_{10} &= \beta_0 + 0.8204\beta_1 + 2\beta_2 + .90\beta_3 + 0.6730\beta_4 + 4\beta_5 + .81\beta_6 + 1.6408\beta_7 + 0.7383\beta_8 + 1.8\beta_9
 \end{aligned}$$

The values of A, dT, RH, A<sup>2</sup>, dT<sup>2</sup>, RH<sup>2</sup>, A\*dT, A\*RH, dT\*RH can be found out by the following table-

Table no. 4 Observation table with square and interaction terms-

Test runs		A	dT	RH	A*A	dT*dT	RH*RH	A* dT	A*RH	dT*RH
1	1	0.5407	2	0.85	0.2923	4	0.7225	1.0814	0.4596	1.7
2	1	0.5407	5	0.90	0.2923	25	0.81	2.7035	0.4866	4.5
3	1	0.5407	8	0.95	0.2923	64	0.9025	4.3256	0.5136	7.6
4	1	0.6508	2	0.90	0.4235	4	0.81	1.3016	0.5857	1.8
5	1	0.6508	5	0.95	0.4235	25	0.9025	3.254	0.6182	4.75
6	1	0.6508	8	0.85	0.4235	64	0.7225	5.2064	0.5532	6.8
7	1	0.8204	2	0.95	0.6730	4	0.9025	1.6408	0.7794	1.9
8	1	0.8204	5	0.85	0.6730	25	0.7225	4.102	0.6973	4.25
9	1	0.8204	8	0.90	0.6730	64	0.81	6.5632	0.7383	7.2
10	1	0.8204	2	0.90	0.6730	4	0.81	1.6408	0.7383	1.8
	C1	C2	C3	C4	C5	C6	C7	C8	C9	C10

### 3. Heat Calculation

In this study heat transfer from evaporating space to refrigerant (which are in tube or pipe) only being considered. The transfer heat evaporating space to refrigerant are calculated in terms of Area of the evaporator with fin (A), temperature difference (dT) & relative humidity RH). Only convection heat transfer effect is being considered in this study.

Basic equation for heat transfer

$$Q_T = Q_{conv} + Q_{condensation}$$

$$Q_{conv} = Ah_c dT \text{ \& } Q_{condensation} = Ah_m RH h_{fg} \text{ [3]}$$

Here  $Q_{conv}$  = heat transfer due to convection &  $Q_{condensation}$  = heat transfer due to condensation &

$Q_T$  = Total heat transfer or absorb heat into refrigerant.

$$Q_T = Ah_c dT + Ah_m (RH) h_{fg}$$

$$\text{or, } Q_T = [Ah_c dT] + [(h_c / 1.005) \cdot A \cdot RH \cdot h_{fg}]$$

$$[\text{As we know, } h_c / h_m = c_p (Le)^{2/3}]$$

$$\text{or, } h_c / h_m = 1.005 (1)^{2/3}$$

$$\text{or, } h_c = h_m$$

$$\text{or, } Q_T = Ah_c [dT + (RH \cdot h_{fg}) / 1.005]$$

$$\text{or, } Q_T = A \cdot h_c (dT + RH \cdot h_{fg})$$

The heat transfer equation due to area of the evaporator with fin (A), temperature difference (dT) & relative humidity RH) is  $Q_T = Ah_c (dT + 2490 RH)$ .....(4)[8]

Here, A = surface area of tubes in evaporator with fin

$h_c$  = convective heat transfer co-efficient.

$h_m$  = convective mass transfer co-efficient,

$h_{fg}$  = latent heat of condensation of moisture 2490 KJ/Kg-K.

$C_p$  = specific heat of air 1.005 KJ/Kg-K.

$Le$  = Lewis number for air it is one.

Now we calculate the value of convective heat transfer co-efficient ( $h_c$ ),

We know,

$$Nu = \frac{\text{Convective heat transfer}}{\text{Conductive heat transfer}} = (h_c * L) / k$$

Where:

Nu = Nusselt number

$h_c$  = convective heat transfer coefficient

k = thermal conductivity, W/mK

L = characteristic length, m

The convection heat transfer coefficient is then defined as following:

$$h_c = \frac{Nu * k}{L} \text{ .....(5) [2]}$$

The Nusselt number depends on the geometrical shape of the heat sink and on the air flow. For natural convection on flat isothermal plate the formula is given in table

Table no. 5

Nusselt number formula.

	Vertical fins		Horizontal fins
Laminar flow	$Nu = 0.59 * Ra^{0.25}$	Upward laminar flow	$Nu = 0.54 * Ra^{0.25}$
Turbulent flow	$Nu = 0.14 * Ra^{0.33}$	Downward laminar flow	$Nu = 0.27 * Ra^{0.25}$
		Turbulent flow	$Nu = 0.14 * Ra^{0.33}$

Where:

$$Ra = Gr * Pr$$

The Rayleigh number (Ra) defined in terms of Prandtl number (Pr) and Grashof number (Gr).

If,  $Ra < 10^9$  the heat flow is laminar, while  $Ra > 10^6$  the flow is turbulent.

Grashof number (Gr):

$$Gr = \frac{g * L^3 * \alpha * (T_a - T_p)}{\eta^2} \text{ [for natural convective heat transfer from a cold body]}$$

Where:

- g = acceleration of gravity = 9.81, m/s<sup>2</sup>

- L = longer side of the fin = 30 foot = 9.144 m

-  $\alpha$  = air thermal expansion coefficient. For gases, is the reciprocal of the temperature in Kelvin:

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{T_a}, 1/K = (1/275.15) K$$

-  $T_p$  = Plate temperature, = 272.15 K

-  $T_a$  = Air temperature = 275.15 K

-  $\eta$  = air kinematic viscosity =  $13.39 * 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$  [at air temp. = 275.15 K & air pressure = 1 bar]

$$Gr = \frac{9.81 * (9.144)^3 * (\frac{1}{275.15}) * (275.15 - 272.15)}{(13.39 * 10^{-6})^2}$$

or,  $Gr = 4.56 \times 10^{11}$

**Prandtl number (Pr):**

$$Pr = \frac{\mu \cdot cp}{k}$$

Where:

- $\mu$  = air dynamic viscosity, is  $1.725 \times 10^{-5}$  kg/m.s at 275.15 K
- $cp$  = air specific heat = 1005 J/(Kg\*K) for dry air
- $k$  = air thermal conductivity = 0.0244 W/(m\*K) at 275.15 K

$$Pr = \frac{1.725 \times 10^{-5} \cdot 1005}{0.0244}$$

Or,  $Pr = 0.711$

So,

$$Ra = Gr \cdot Pr$$

$$Ra = 4.56 \times 10^{11} \cdot 0.711$$

$$Ra = 3.24 \times 10^{11}$$

As,  $Ra > 10^9 =$  Turbulent flow

So, Nusselt Number for turbulent flow,

$$Nu = 0.14 \cdot Ra^{0.33}$$

$$Nu = 0.14 \cdot (3.24 \times 10^{11})^{0.33}$$

$$Nu = 880.25$$

So, Convective Heat Transfer co-efficient ( $h_c$ ) :-

$$h_c = \frac{880.25 \cdot 0.0244}{9.144}$$

or,  $h_c = 2.35$

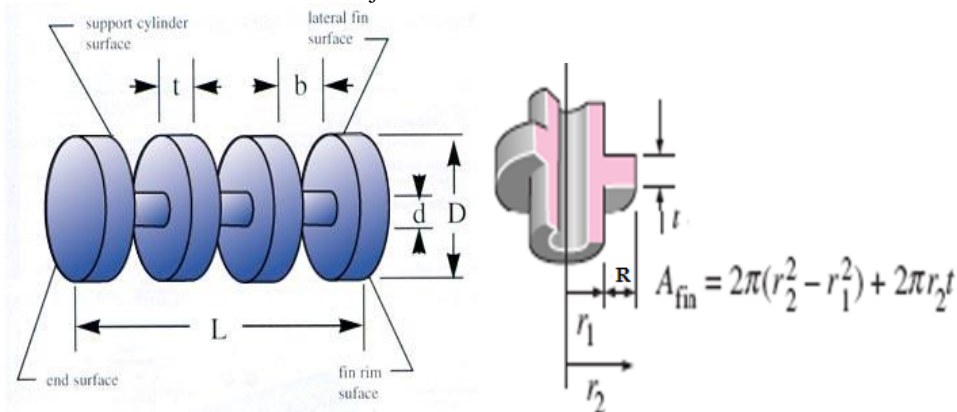
So, The final Heat Transfer equation when we replace the  $h_c$  in equation (4) we get,

$$Q_T = 2.35 \cdot A \cdot (dT + 2490 RH) \dots\dots\dots(6)$$

**4. Annular Pin Fin**

In thermal engineering, an annular fin is a specific type of fin used in heat transfer that varies, radially, in cross-sectional area. Adding an annular fin to an object increases the amount of surface area in contact with the surrounding fluid, which increases the convective heat transfer between the object and

surrounding fluid. Because surface area increases as length from the object increases, an annular fin transfers more heat than a similar pin fin at any given length. Annular fins are often used to increase the heat exchange in liquid-gas heat exchanger systems.



**Fig.1** Configuration of Annular pin fin

We assume,

$$\text{Total Area}(A_T) = A_b + A_f$$

**Annular pin fin Area calculation,**

Circumference of fin (C):

$$C = 2\pi * r_2 * t$$

Cross-sectional area of fin (A):

$$A = 2\pi(r_2^2 - r_1^2)$$

Fin area available for heat transfer:

$$A_f = [2\pi(r_2^2 - r_1^2) + 2\pi * r_2 * t] * N$$

Circumference of bare tube (C<sub>b</sub>):

$$C_b = 2\pi * r_1 * L$$

Cross-sectional area of bare tube (A<sub>b</sub>):

$$A_b = 2\pi * r_1^2$$

Tube area available for heat transfer in finned tube heat exchanger:

$$A_b = (2\pi * r_1 * L - 2\pi * r_1 * t * N) + 2\pi * r_1^2$$

Where,

A<sub>b</sub> = Tube area available for heat transfer in finned tube heat exchanger

A<sub>f</sub> = Fin area available for heat transfer

A<sub>T</sub> = Total Area

r<sub>1</sub> = Outer radius of bare tube

r<sub>2</sub> = Outer radius of annular fin

t = Thickness of annular fin

L = Length of bare tube

D = Outer diameter of annular fin

d = Outer diameter of bare tube

b = gap between two annular fin

n = Number of bare tube = 1

N = Number of annular fin

**Area Calculation:**

**Measured data-**

r<sub>1</sub> = 14 mm = 0.014 m

r<sub>2</sub> = 32.63 mm = 0.03263 m

t = 1 mm = 0.001 m

b = 11.44 mm = 0.01144 m

No. Of fin in one meter = 81

Tube area available for heat transfer in finned tube heat exchanger (A<sub>b</sub>)

$$A_b = [(2\pi * r_1 * L - 2\pi * r_1 * t * N) + 2\pi * r_1^2] * n$$

$$= [(2\pi * 0.014 * 1 - 2\pi * 0.014 * 0.001 * 81) + 2\pi * (0.014)^2] * 1$$

$$= 0.0820 \text{ m}^2$$

Fin area available for heat transfer

$$A_f = [2\pi(r_2^2 - r_1^2) + 2\pi * r_2 * t] * N$$

$$= [2\pi\{(0.03263)^2 - (0.014)^2\} + 2\pi * (0.03263) * 1] * 81$$

$$= 0.4587 \text{ m}^2$$

So,

Total Area of heat transfer,

$$A_T = (0.0820 + 0.4587) \text{ m}^2$$

$$= 0.5407 \text{ m}^2$$

**Annular fin arrangement:**

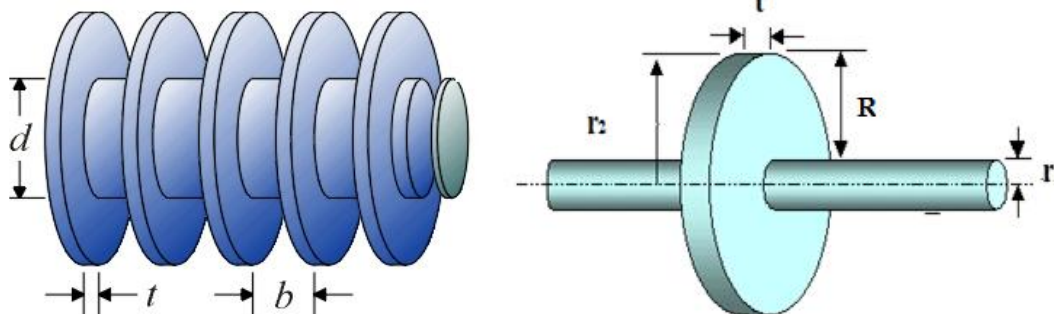


Fig.2 Arrangement of Pin fin

Where we assume,

b = Spacing between two annular fin = (0.8 \* r<sub>1</sub>)

Now, From equation number (6) we have Q<sub>1,.....,10</sub> values by putting the values of Area of the evaporator

with fin (A) from the equation of Area(A), Relative humidity (RH) and temperature difference (dT).

Table no. 6 Response variable matrix –

Q
2691.86
2853.87
3015.87
3430.40
3625.39
3249.17
4564.40
4090.12
4335.94
4324.37

Now using the equation number (3) we get the coefficient matrix  $[\beta]$ -

We use MATLAB software to find out the coefficient matrix  $[\beta]$ ,

**Table no. 7** Regression coefficient table

B <sub>0</sub>	-47.3924
B <sub>1</sub>	0.6457
B <sub>2</sub>	-2.0211
B <sub>3</sub>	115.5284
B <sub>4</sub>	-11.3775
B <sub>5</sub>	-0.0266
B <sub>6</sub>	-79.6236
B <sub>7</sub>	1.9672
B <sub>8</sub>	5871.7686
B <sub>9</sub>	2.8907

After putting the values of regression coefficient in equation no- (1) The final regression equation becomes-

$$Q_{(\text{heat due to convection heat transfer})} = -47.3924 + 0.6457(A) - 2.0211(dT) + 115.5284(RH) - 11.3775(A)(A) - 0.0266(dT)(dT) - 79.6236(RH)(RH) + 1.9672(A)(dT) + 5871.7686(A)(RH) + 2.8907(dT)(RH)$$

This is the proposed regression equation. It establishes the relationship between the response variable Q and the predictor variables i.e. control variables A, dT, and RH. By the help of above equation the heat transfer evaporator space to evaporator coil can easily be computed. With the help of the multiple regression equation a computer program has been generated to check the effect of variations of control parameters on output variable. With the help of data sets generated by the program various graphs are drawn.

### III. RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

#### 1. Regression analysis

A computer program has been written in 'C' language on the basis of the 2nd order nonlinear equation which is obtained through regression analysis. The program consists of three parts each for analyzing the variation of control factor with the output parameter. While varying one control factor with the output other two factors were kept at a constant value.

#### a. Effect of area of the evaporator on heat transfer rate –

The values of dT and RH remain constant. Enter the value for A within the range 0.5407 to 0.8204, Start with 0.5407 keeping dT=2 and RH=0.95 and incrementing the value of A by 0.025, the corresponding values of Q. Graph 1 of Fig.3 shows that heat absorption increase with area of the evaporator increases. By using computer program data set the variation of A with Q can be graphically represented as

#### b. Effect of temperature difference on heat transfer rate-

The values of A and RH remain constant. Enter the value for dT within the range 2 to 8, Start with 2.0, Keeping A=0.6508 and RH=0.95 and incrementing the value of dT by 0.5, the corresponding values of Q. By using the computer program data set the variation of dT with Q can be graphically represented on graph 2 of Fig.3.

#### c. Effect of relative humidity on heat transfer rate-

First, the values of A and dT remain constant. Enter the value for RH within the range 0.85 to 0.95, Start with 0.85 Keeping A=0.6508 and dT=2 and incrementing the value of RH by 0.01, the corresponding values of Q. By using the computer program data set the variation of RH with Q can be graphically represented on graph 3 of Fig. 3.

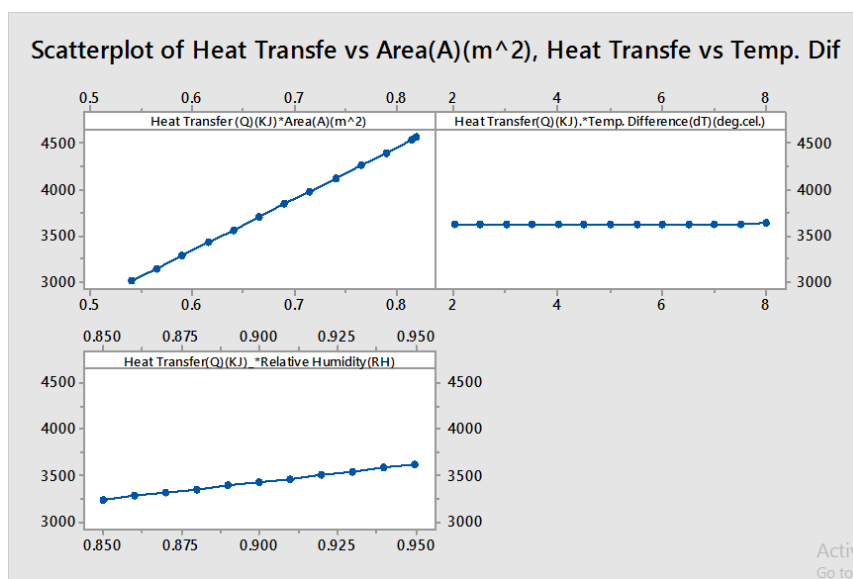


Figure 3: variation of heat transfer with area, temp. difference & relative humidity.

## 2. S/N Ratio Analysis

The signal to noise ratios (S/N), which are log functions of desired output, serve as the objective functions for optimization, help in data analysis and the prediction of the optimum results. There are 3 types of S/N ratios are available-namely smaller the better, larger the better & nominal is the best. In this problem we both use larger-the-better types S/N ratio. In case of conduction process we use larger-the-better type S/N ratio to maximize the heat flow from inside of the cold room to outside through the evaporator. Ratio to maximize the heat transfer in the evaporator space of the cold room.

### For conduction process Smaller-the-better

This is expressed as  $-(S/N) = -10\log_{10}$  (mean of sum of squares of measured data) This is usually the chosen S/N ratio for all the undesirable characteristics like “defects” for which the ideal value is zero. When an ideal value is finite and its maximum or minimum value is defined (like the maximum purity is 100% or the maximum temperature is 92 K or the minimum time for making a telephone connection is 1 sec) then the difference between the measured data and the ideal value is expected to be as small as possible. Thus, the generic form of S/N ratio becomes  $-(S/N) = -10\log_{10}$  {mean of sum of squares of (measured-ideal) data}

For experiment no-7

$$SN7 = -10 \log[\sum\{1/(4564.40)^2\}/1]=73.1877 \text{ Where, } Q7=4564.40 \text{ \& } n=1$$

For experiment no-8

$$SN8 = -10 \log[\sum\{1/(4090.12)^2\}/1]=72.2347 \text{ Where, } Q8=4090.12 \text{ \& } n=1$$

For experiment no-9

$$SN9 = -10 \log[\sum\{1/(4335.94)^2\}/1]=72.7416 \text{ Where, } Q9=4335.94 \text{ \& } n=1$$

### For convection and condensation process

#### Larger-the-better

For calculating S/N ratio for larger the better for maximum heat transfer, the equation is

$$SN_i = -10 \log[\sum\{1/(Q_i)^2\}/n] \dots\dots (7)$$

Where n= number of trials in a row

$Q_i$ = calculated value in the test run or row.

Trial number = i

$SN_i$  = S/N ratio for respective result

For experiment no-1

$$SN1 = -10 \log[\sum\{1/(2691.86)^2\}/1]=68.6010 \text{ Where, } Q1=2691.86 \text{ \& } n=1$$

For experiment no-2

$$SN2 = -10 \log[\sum\{1/(2853.87)^2\}/1]=69.1087 \text{ Where, } Q2=2853.87 \text{ \& } n=1$$

For experiment no-3

$$SN3 = -10 \log[\sum\{1/(3015.87)^2\}/1]=69.5882 \text{ Where, } Q3=3015.87 \text{ \& } n=1$$

For experiment no-4

$$SN4 = -10 \log[\sum\{1/(3430.40)^2\}/1]=70.7069 \text{ Where, } Q4=3430.40 \text{ \& } n=1$$

For experiment no-5

$$SN5 = -10 \log[\sum\{1/(3625.39)^2\}/1]= 71.1871 \text{ Where, } Q5=3625.39 \text{ \& } n=1$$

For experiment no-6

$$SN6 = -10 \log[\sum\{1/(3249.17)^2\}/1]=70.2354 \text{ Where, } Q6=3249.17 \text{ \& } n=1$$



**Table no.8 S/N Ratio Larger the better**

Exp. No.	Parameter						Heat Transfer (KJ)	S/N Ratio Larger The Better
	Combination of Control Parameter			Control Parameter				
				Area (m <sup>2</sup> )	Temperature difference(0 <sub>c</sub> )	Relative Humidity (%)		
1	1	1	1	0.5407	2	0.85	2691.86	68.6010
2	1	2	2	0.5407	5	0.90	2853.87	69.1087
3	1	3	3	0.5407	8	0.95	3015.87	69.5882
4	2	1	2	0.6508	2	0.90	3430.40	70.7069
5	2	2	3	0.6508	5	0.95	3625.39	71.1871
6	2	3	1	0.6508	8	0.85	3249.17	70.2354
7	3	1	3	0.8204	2	0.95	4564.40	73.1877
8	3	2	1	0.8204	5	0.85	4090.12	72.2347
9	3	3	2	0.8204	8	0.95	4335.94	72.7416

**Overall mean of S/N ratio**

The calculation of overall mean is done by the following process:-

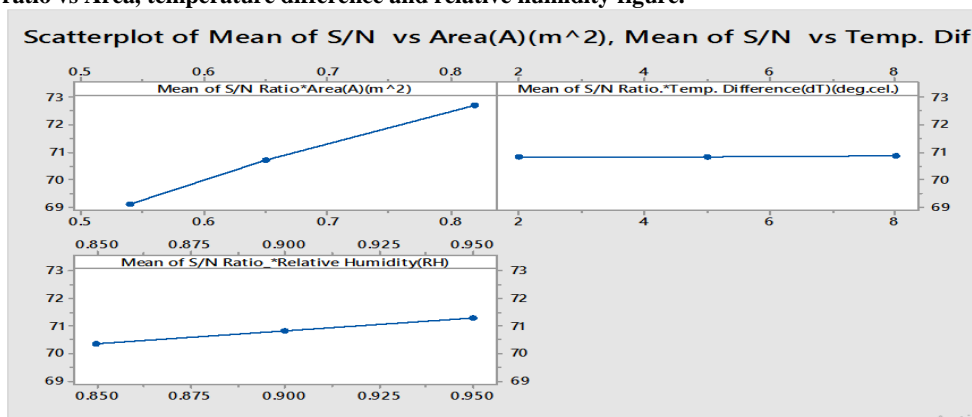
A11= Mean of low level values of Area  
 A11=(SN1 +SN2+ SN3)/3=(68.6010+69.1087+69.5882)/3= 69.0993  
 A21= Mean of medium level values of Area  
 A21=(SN4 +SN5+ SN6)/3=(70.7069+71.1871+70.2354)/3= 70.7098  
 A31= Mean of high level values of Area  
 A31=(SN7 +SN8+ SN9)/3=(73.1877+72.2347+72.7416)/3= 72.7213  
 dT12= Mean of low level values of Temperature difference  
 dT12=(SN1 +SN4+ SN7)/3=(68.6010+70.7069+73.1877)/3= 70.8318  
 dT22= Mean of medium level values of Temperature difference

dT22= (SN2 +SN5+ SN8)/3=(69.1087+71.1871+72.2347)/3= 70.8435  
 dT32= Mean of high level values of Temperature difference  
 dT32=(SN3 +SN6+ SN9)/3=(69.5882+70.2354+72.7416)/3= 70.8550  
 RH13= Mean of low level values of Relative humidity  
 RH13=(SN1 +SN6+ SN8)/3=(68.6010+70.2354+72.2347)/3 = 70.3570  
 RH23= Mean of medium level values of Relative humidity  
 RH23=(SN2 +SN4+ SN9)/3=(69.1087+70.7069+72.7416)/3 = 70.8524  
 RH33= Mean of high level values of Relative humidity  
 RH33= (SN3 +SN5+ SN7)/3=(69.5882+71.1871+73.1877)/3 = 71.321

**Table 9 Overall mean of S/N Ratio (Response Table for Signal to Noise Ratios Larger is better)**

Level	Average S/N Ratio by Factor Level			Overall Mean of S/N Ratio(SN <sub>0</sub> )
	Area(m <sup>2</sup> )	Temperature Difference(0 <sub>c</sub> )	Relative Humidity(%)	
Low	69.0993	70.8318	70.3570	70.8435
Medium	70.7098	70.8435	70.8524	
High	72.7213	70.8550	71.321	
Delta=larger-smaller	3.622	0.0232	0.964	
Rank	1	2	3	

Mean S/N ratio vs Area, temperature difference and relative humidity figure.



**Fig. No. 4**

### 3. Analysis of Variance (ANOVA) Calculation

The test runs results were again analysed using ANOVA for identifying the significant factors and their relative contribution on the output variable. Taguchi method can not judge and determine effect of individual parameters on entire process while

percentage contribution of individual parameters can be well determined using ANOVA. The tests run data in were again analysed using ANOVA at 95% confidence level ( $\alpha=.05$ ) for identifying the significant factors and their relative contribution on the output variable.

**Table 10** The analysis was carried out in MINITAB software. The following table shows ANOVA table

Source	Notation	Degrees of Freedom	Sum of Squares	Mean Squares	F Ratio	P Value	% Contribution
A	Area of the Bear tube & Fin	2	3318446	1659223	962.82	0.001	93.3653
dT	Temperature Difference	2	2455	1227	0.71	0.584	0.0690
RH	Relative Humidity	2	229913	114957	66.71	0.015	6.4686
Error		2	3447	1723			0.1038
Total		8	3554261				100

The above calculations suggest that the area of the Evaporator has the largest influence with a contribution of 93.3653%. Next is relative humidity with 6.4686% contribution and temperature difference has lowest contribution of 0.0690%.

### IV. CONCLUSION

In this work study Taguchi method of design of experiment has been applied for optimizing the control parameters so as to increase heat transfer rate evaporating space to evaporating level. From the analysis of the results obtained following conclusions can be drawn-

1. From the Taguchi S/N ratio graph analysis the optimal settings of the cold storage are Area of the Evaporator (A) 0.8204(m<sup>2</sup>), Temperature difference (dT) 2 (°c) and Relative humidity (RH) 0.95 in percentage. This optimality has been proposed out of the range of [A (0.5407, 0.6508, 0.8204), dT (2, 5, 8), RH (0.85, 0.90, 0.95)].So, increase the evaporator Area is most important.
2. ANOVA analysis indicates Area of evaporator (A) is the most influencing control factor on Q and it is near about 93.3653%Next is relative humidity 6.4686% contribution
3. Results obtained both from Taguchi S/N ratio analysis and the multiple regression analysis are also bearing the same trend.
4. The proposed model uses a theoretical heat convection model through cold storage using multiple regression analysis.
5. Taguchi L9 orthogonal array has used as design of experiments. The results obtained from the S/N ratio analysis and ANOVA are close in values. Both have identified Area of the Evaporator (A) is the most significant control

parameter followed by relative humidity (RH), and temperature difference (dT).

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