

# exp\_2\_USS\_Preethika

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## Experiment 2 - Unsteady State Heat Transfer

### 0.0.1 Objective:

- To study unsteady state heat transfer using the lumped capacitance method for finite geometric shape.

### 0.0.2 Aim:

- To determine internal thermal resistance of the body by calculating Biot number for the solid cylinders.
- Draw a graph between time,  $t$  (s) versus  $\ln \left[ \frac{T - T_\infty}{T_i - T_\infty} \right]$  and from the slope calculate Bi and h and compare with average values.

### 0.0.3 Theory:

In many situations where steady state is not prevalent, analysis becomes much more difficult. In these situations where unsteady (transient) heat flow causes temperature and other variables to change with time. However, in some unsteady situations, for which a certain criterion is met, the use of the lumped capacitance theory greatly simplifies the analysis (also known as lumped-heat-capacity method). The criterion is based on the assumption that temperature gradients within a solid are negligible compared to the temperature gradients between the solid and the surrounding fluid. Whether this assumption is valid or not depends on the value of Biot number (Bi). To understand the lumped heat capacity theory we consider a hot metal block that is submerged in water. The basic concept of this theory is that the temperature within the solid block is assumed to be spatially uniform at any instant throughout the unsteady heating process. This implies that the temperature gradient within the solid is negligible compared to the gradient across the solid-fluid interface. Assuming a system with negligible internal resistance, i.e., a system that has infinite thermal conductivity (Ideal Case). This assumption is justified when external thermal resistance between the surface of the system and surrounding medium is very large as compared to the internal thermal resistance.

### 0.0.4 Procedure:

1. Fill the water bath with water up to the desired level.
2. Set the desired bath temperature with the help of DTC ( $T_\infty$ ).
3. Start the stirrer and the heater.
4. Wait till desired bath temperature has been achieved.

5. Dip the Test cylinder into the hot water bath and start collecting the data of time vs. temperature preferably after every 10 s.
6. Continue till steady state has been achieved (i.e., variation in temperature with time is negligible)
7. Repeat the above steps for another bath temperature.
8. Take one set of readings with the agitator switched off.
9. Stop the electric supply to heater and motor.

### 0.0.5 Experimental Setup:

1. Entire setup

### 0.0.6 Formulae:

- 1.

$$\alpha = \frac{k}{\rho C_P}$$

- 2.

$$V = \pi * R_o^2 * L$$

- 3.

$$A = 2 * \pi * R_o * L$$

- 4.

$$F_o = \frac{\alpha t}{(V/A)^2}$$

- 5.

$$T_e = \frac{T - T_\infty}{T_i - T_\infty}$$

- 6.

$$B_i = \frac{\ln(T_e)}{(-F_o)}$$

- 7.

$$Q_i = h * A * (T_\infty - T_i) * e^{(-B_i * F_o)}$$

### 0.0.7 Observations & Calculation:

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[200]: import numpy as np
from matplotlib import pyplot as plt
import pandas as pd
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[89]: #Given data
ro = 0.019
l = 0.14
#brass
rho_b = 8522          #kg/m3
cp_b = 385            #J/Kg K
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k_b = 110.7          #W/m K
alpha_b = k_b/(rho_b*cp_b)
#stainless steel
rho_ss = 7817
cp_ss = 461
k_ss = 16.3
alpha_ss = k_ss/(rho_ss*cp_ss)

A = 2*np.pi*ro*l
V = np.pi*(ro**2)*l

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[161]: #For Brass @ 50 degrees with agitator
t_b1 = np.array([0,20,30,40,50,60,70,80,90,100,110,120])
T_brass_1 = np.array([24.1,30.6,42.2,46.6,47.7,48.3,48.5,48.7,49,49.1,49.1,49.
    ↪1])
Ti_b1 = T_brass_1[0]
T_inf_b1 = 50
F_b1 = (alpha_b*t_b1)/(V/A)**2          #Fourier number
Te_b1 = (T_brass_1 - T_inf_b1) / (Ti_b1 - T_inf_b1)
Bi_b1 = np.log(Te_b1[1:])/(-1*F_b1[1:])
h_b1 = 2*k_b*Bi_b1/ro
Qi_b1 = h_b1*A*(T_inf_b1 - Ti_b1)*np.exp(-1*Bi_b1*F_b1[1:])

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[162]: br_50_a = pd.DataFrame({'Time (t)': t_b1[1:],
                              'Te': Te_b1[1:],
                              'Fo': F_b1[1:],
                              'Bi':Bi_b1,
                              'h':h_b1,
                              'Qi':Qi_b1})

print(br_50_a)

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	Time (t)	Te	Fo	Bi	h	Qi
0	20	0.749035	7.477013	0.038648	450.348251	146.019789
1	30	0.301158	11.215520	0.107005	1246.892482	162.549304
2	40	0.131274	14.954026	0.135781	1582.201980	89.908830
3	50	0.088803	18.692533	0.129535	1509.421505	58.022959
4	60	0.065637	22.431040	0.121422	1414.882212	40.200431
5	70	0.057915	26.169546	0.108859	1268.488137	31.800883
6	80	0.050193	29.908053	0.100036	1165.681382	25.327056
7	90	0.038610	33.646559	0.096718	1127.024431	18.836267
8	100	0.034749	37.385066	0.089865	1047.162033	15.751354
9	110	0.034749	41.123573	0.081695	951.965485	14.319413
10	120	0.034749	44.862079	0.074887	872.635028	13.126129

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[167]: #For Brass @ 60 degrees with agitator
t_b2 = np.linspace(0,110,12)
T_brass_2 = np.array([31,41.5,50,54.5,56.8,57.7,58.4,58.7,58.8,59,59,59])

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Ti_b2 = T_brass_2[0]
T_inf_b2 = 60
F_b2 = (alpha_b*t_b2)/(V/A)**2 #Fourier number
Te_b2 = (T_brass_2 - T_inf_b2) / (Ti_b2 - T_inf_b2)
Bi_b2 = np.log(Te_b2[1:])/(-1*F_b2[1:]) #Biot number
h_b2 = 2*k_b*Bi_b2/ro
Qi_b2 = h_b2*A*(T_inf_b2 - Ti_b2)*np.exp(-1*Bi_b2*F_b2[1:])

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[168]: br_60_a = pd.DataFrame({'Time (t)': t_b2[1:],
                              'Te': Te_b2[1:],
                              'Fo': F_b2[1:],
                              'Bi': Bi_b2,
                              'h': h_b2,
                              'Qi': Qi_b2})
print(br_60_a)

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	Time (t)	Te	Fo	Bi	h	Qi
0	10.0	0.637931	3.738507	0.120242	1401.134442	433.224533
1	20.0	0.344828	7.477013	0.142398	1659.309894	277.324991
2	30.0	0.189655	11.215520	0.148236	1727.343596	158.782607
3	40.0	0.110345	14.954026	0.147395	1717.536751	91.858113
4	50.0	0.079310	18.692533	0.135583	1579.896883	60.732070
5	60.0	0.055172	22.431040	0.129164	1505.105392	40.248379
6	70.0	0.044828	26.169546	0.118647	1382.546850	30.038948
7	80.0	0.041379	29.908053	0.106492	1240.914349	24.887688
8	90.0	0.034483	33.646559	0.100078	1166.177419	19.490641
9	100.0	0.034483	37.385066	0.090071	1049.559677	17.541577
10	110.0	0.034483	41.123573	0.081882	954.145161	15.946888

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[170]: #For Brass @ 70 degrees without agitator
t_b3 = np.linspace(0,220,23)
T_brass_3 = np.array([31.1,40.2,47,52.3,55.7,58.2,60.7,62.2,63.4,64.2,65.2,65.
→7,66.2,66.6,66.8,67,67.2,67.3,67.5,67.7,
67.8,68,68])
Ti_b3 = T_brass_3[0]
T_inf_b3 = 70
F_b3 = (alpha_b*t_b3)/(V/A)**2 #Fourier number
Te_b3 = (T_brass_3 - T_inf_b3) / (Ti_b3 - T_inf_b3)
Bi_b3 = np.log(Te_b3[1:])/(-1*F_b3[1:]) #Biot number
h_b3 = 2*k_b*Bi_b3/ro
Qi_b3 = h_b3*A*(T_inf_b3 - Ti_b3)*np.exp(-1*Bi_b3*F_b3[1:])

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[171]: br_70_wa = pd.DataFrame({'Time (t)': t_b3[1:],
                              'Te': Te_b3[1:],
                              'Fo': F_b3[1:],
                              'Bi': Bi_b3,
                              'h': h_b3,

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        'Qi':Qi_b3})
print(br_70_wa)

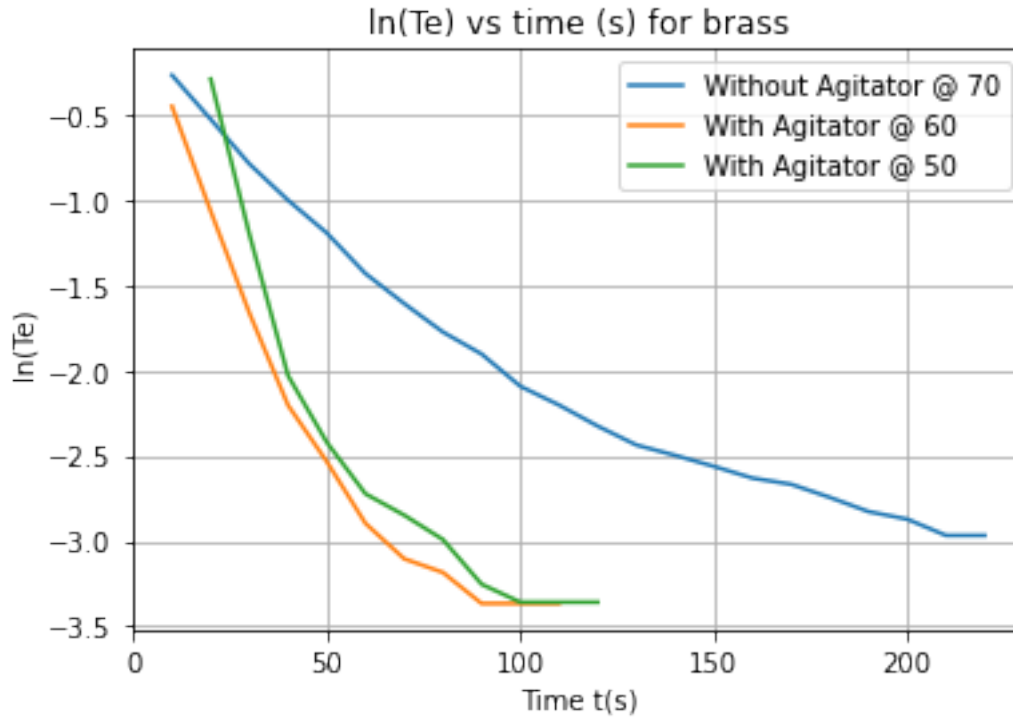
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	Time (t)	Te	Fo	Bi	h	Qi
0	10.0	0.766067	3.738507	0.071281	830.615497	413.692644
1	20.0	0.591260	7.477013	0.070282	818.971178	314.816843
2	30.0	0.455013	11.215520	0.070209	818.118761	242.019926
3	40.0	0.367609	14.954026	0.066921	779.802886	186.372736
4	50.0	0.303342	18.692533	0.063817	743.631839	146.656558
5	60.0	0.239075	22.431040	0.063795	743.375310	115.545380
6	70.0	0.200514	26.169546	0.061402	715.498466	93.274905
7	80.0	0.169666	29.908053	0.059313	691.147966	76.238874
8	90.0	0.149100	33.646559	0.056563	659.102950	63.891451
9	100.0	0.123393	37.385066	0.055968	652.177901	52.320131
10	110.0	0.110540	41.123573	0.053555	624.058470	44.849256
11	120.0	0.097686	44.862079	0.051848	604.161514	38.370562
12	130.0	0.087404	48.600586	0.050148	584.355364	33.206068
13	140.0	0.082262	52.339092	0.047724	556.112995	29.742298
14	150.0	0.077121	56.077599	0.045694	532.449562	26.696925
15	160.0	0.071979	59.816105	0.043991	512.611800	23.988779
16	170.0	0.069409	63.554612	0.041976	489.126111	22.072225
17	180.0	0.064267	67.293119	0.040787	475.279189	19.858677
18	190.0	0.059126	71.031625	0.039814	463.943123	17.834218
19	200.0	0.056555	74.770132	0.038418	447.673600	16.460600
20	210.0	0.051414	78.508638	0.037803	440.502207	14.724467
21	220.0	0.051414	82.247145	0.036084	420.479379	14.055173

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[172]: #graph for brass
plt.plot(t_b3[1:],np.log(Te_b3[1:]),label="Without Agitator @ 70")
plt.plot(t_b2[1:],np.log(Te_b2[1:]),label="With Agitator @ 60")
plt.plot(t_b1[1:],np.log(Te_b1[1:]),label="With Agitator @ 50")
plt.title("ln(Te) vs time (s) for brass")
plt.xlabel("Time t(s)")
plt.ylabel("ln(Te)")
plt.grid()
plt.legend()
plt.show()

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[173]: #For Stainless steel @ 50 degrees with agitator
t_1 = np.linspace(0,100,11)
T_ss_1 = np.array([24.1,25,35.6,41.7,44.8,48.2,48.8,49.1,49.2,49.3,49.3])

Ti_1 = T_ss_1[0]
T_inf_1 = 50
F_1 = (alpha_ss*t_1)/(V/A)**2 #Fourier number
Te_1 = (T_ss_1 - T_inf_1) / (Ti_1 - T_inf_1)
Bi_1 = np.log(Te_1[1:])/(-1*F_1[1:]) #Biot number
h_1 = 2*k_ss*Bi_1/ro
Qi_1 = h_1*A*(T_inf_1 - Ti_1)*np.exp(-1*Bi_1*F_1[1:])
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[174]: ss_50_a = pd.DataFrame({'Time (t)': t_1[1:],
                              'Te': Te_1[1:],
                              'Fo': F_1[1:],
                              'Bi':Bi_1,
                              'h':h_1,
                              'Qi':Qi_1})

print(ss_50_a)
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	Time (t)	Te	Fo	Bi	h	Qi
0	10.0	0.965251	0.501186	0.070567	121.077831	50.590171
1	20.0	0.555985	1.002373	0.585625	1004.809355	241.828603
2	30.0	0.320463	1.503559	0.756862	1298.616337	180.144273

3	40.0	0.200772	2.004746	0.800892	1374.161497	119.427028
4	50.0	0.069498	2.505932	1.064058	1825.698713	54.924122
5	60.0	0.046332	3.007119	1.021550	1752.764196	35.153312
6	70.0	0.034749	3.508305	0.957614	1643.064550	24.714888
7	80.0	0.030888	4.009492	0.867289	1488.084599	19.896611
8	90.0	0.027027	4.510678	0.800527	1373.535058	16.069386
9	100.0	0.027027	5.011865	0.720474	1236.181552	14.462448

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[175]: #For Stainless steel @ 60 degrees with agitator
t_2 = np.linspace(0,160,17)
T_ss_2 = np.array([30.2,30.8,36.8,42.6,47.7,50.5,53.1,54.7,56.1,56.9,57.5,58,58.
    ↪2,58.4,58.5,58.5,58.5])

Ti_2 = T_ss_2[0]
T_inf_2 = 60
F_2 = (alpha_ss*t_2)/(V/A)**2                                #Fourier number
Te_2 = (T_ss_2 - T_inf_2) / (Ti_2 - T_inf_2)
Bi_2 = np.log(Te_2[1:])/(-1*F_2[1:])                        #Biot number
h_2 = 2*k_ss*Bi_2/ro
Qi_2 = h_2*A*(T_inf_2 - Ti_2)*np.exp(-1*Bi_2*F_2[1:])
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[176]: ss_60_a = pd.DataFrame({'Time (t)': t_2[1:],
    'Te': Te_2[1:],
    'Fo': F_2[1:],
    'Bi':Bi_2,
    'h':h_2,
    'Qi':Qi_2})

print(ss_60_a)
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	Time (t)	Te	Fo	Bi	h	Qi
0	10.0	0.979866	0.501186	0.040583	69.631997	33.982334
1	20.0	0.778523	1.002373	0.249763	428.541465	166.166067
2	30.0	0.583893	1.503559	0.357843	613.983201	178.553037
3	40.0	0.412752	2.004746	0.441407	757.361681	155.693307
4	50.0	0.318792	2.505932	0.456204	782.750148	124.282010
5	60.0	0.231544	3.007119	0.486508	834.745053	96.264121
6	70.0	0.177852	3.508305	0.492204	844.518248	74.807719
7	80.0	0.130872	4.009492	0.507179	870.213131	56.722027
8	90.0	0.104027	4.510678	0.501722	860.849206	44.601584
9	100.0	0.083893	5.011865	0.494470	848.406702	35.449132
10	110.0	0.067114	5.513051	0.489994	840.726269	28.102575
11	120.0	0.060403	6.014238	0.466680	800.723830	24.088889
12	130.0	0.053691	6.515424	0.448859	770.146992	20.594683
13	140.0	0.050336	7.016611	0.425995	730.918259	18.324055
14	150.0	0.050336	7.517797	0.397596	682.190375	17.102451
15	160.0	0.050336	8.018984	0.372746	639.553477	16.033548

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[177]: #For Stainless steel @ 60 degrees without agitator
t_3 = np.linspace(0,320,33)
T_ss_3 = np.array([30.8,32.5,37.4,42,46.2,49.1,51.9,54,55.9,57.9,59.2,60.5,61.
    ↪7,62.5,63.3,63.9,64.5,65,65.3,65.7,66,
    66.2,66.5,66.7,66.9,67.1,67.2,67.3,67.5,67.6,67.6,67.7,67.7])
Ti_3 = T_ss_3[0]
T_inf_3 = 70
F_3 = (alpha_ss*t_3)/(V/A)**2 #Fourier number
Te_3 = (T_ss_3 - T_inf_3) / (Ti_3 - T_inf_3)
Bi_3 = np.log(Te_3[1:])/(-1*F_3[1:]) #Biot number
h_3 = 2*k_ss*Bi_3/ro
Qi_3 = h_3*A*(T_inf_3 - Ti_3)*np.exp(-1*Bi_3*F_3[1:])
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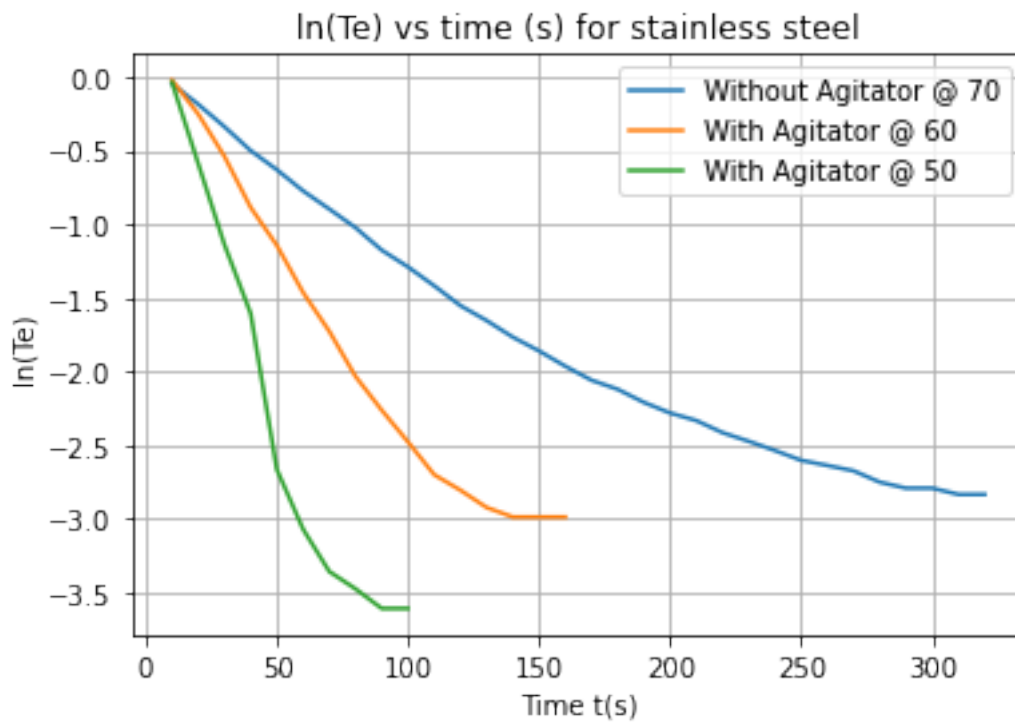
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[178]: ss_60_wa = pd.DataFrame({'Time (t)': t_3[1:],
    'Te': Te_3[1:],
    'Fo': F_3[1:],
    'Bi':Bi_3,
    'h':h_3,
    'Qi':Qi_3})
print(ss_60_wa)
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	Time (t)	Te	Fo	Bi	h	Qi
0	10.0	0.956633	0.501186	0.088462	151.781670	95.128818
1	20.0	0.831633	1.002373	0.183928	315.581727	171.945555
2	30.0	0.714286	1.503559	0.223784	383.965870	179.685139
3	40.0	0.607143	2.004746	0.248905	427.068469	169.877543
4	50.0	0.533163	2.505932	0.250975	430.621078	150.419131
5	60.0	0.461735	3.007119	0.256978	440.920944	133.383100
6	70.0	0.408163	3.508305	0.255419	438.245309	117.192215
7	80.0	0.359694	4.009492	0.255020	437.561196	103.114423
8	90.0	0.308673	4.510678	0.260597	447.130362	90.423442
9	100.0	0.275510	5.011865	0.257216	441.328083	79.661196
10	110.0	0.242347	5.513051	0.257096	441.123073	70.039798
11	120.0	0.211735	6.014238	0.258124	442.887038	61.437363
12	130.0	0.191327	6.515424	0.253824	435.509245	54.590886
13	140.0	0.170918	7.016611	0.251770	431.983607	48.373061
14	150.0	0.155612	7.517797	0.247465	424.596986	43.288072
15	160.0	0.140306	8.018984	0.244910	420.213854	38.627319
16	170.0	0.127551	8.520170	0.241690	414.688929	34.654046
17	180.0	0.119898	9.021357	0.235121	403.418859	31.689513
18	190.0	0.109694	9.522543	0.232087	398.213010	28.618404
19	200.0	0.102041	10.023730	0.227698	390.681687	26.118279
20	210.0	0.096939	10.524916	0.221729	380.439715	24.161893
21	220.0	0.089286	11.026103	0.219109	375.944203	21.991403
22	230.0	0.084184	11.527289	0.214687	368.356969	20.316287
23	240.0	0.079082	12.028476	0.210939	361.926913	18.751848
24	250.0	0.073980	12.529662	0.207824	356.582434	17.283013



25	260.0	0.071429	13.030849	0.202524	347.488246	16.261465
26	270.0	0.068878	13.532035	0.197710	339.229534	15.308017
27	280.0	0.063776	14.033222	0.196134	336.523931	14.061041
28	290.0	0.061224	14.534408	0.192179	329.738702	13.226431
29	300.0	0.061224	15.035595	0.185773	318.747411	12.785550
30	310.0	0.058673	15.536781	0.182520	313.165267	12.038238
31	320.0	0.058673	16.037968	0.176816	303.378852	11.662043

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[179]: #Graph for stainless steel
plt.plot(t_3[1:],np.log(Te_3[1:]),label="Without Agitator @ 70")
plt.plot(t_2[1:],np.log(Te_2[1:]),label="With Agitator @ 60")
plt.plot(t_1[1:],np.log(Te_1[1:]),label="With Agitator @ 50")
plt.title("ln(Te) vs time (s) for stainless steel")
plt.xlabel("Time t(s)")
plt.ylabel("ln(Te)")
plt.grid()
plt.legend()
plt.show()
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### 0.0.8 Graph:

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[221]: #Graph for stainless steel
plt.plot(t_3[1:],np.log(Te_3[1:]),label="Brass without Agitator @ 70")
plt.plot(t_2[1:],np.log(Te_2[1:]),label="Brass with Agitator @ 60")
plt.plot(t_1[1:],np.log(Te_1[1:]),label="Brass with Agitator @ 50")
plt.plot(t_b3[1:],np.log(Te_b3[1:]),label="SS without Agitator @ 70")
plt.plot(t_b2[1:],np.log(Te_b2[1:]),label="SS with Agitator @ 60")
plt.plot(t_b1[1:],np.log(Te_b1[1:]),label="SS with Agitator @ 50")
plt.title("ln(Te) vs time (s) for brass & SS")
plt.xlabel("Time t(s)")
plt.ylabel("ln(Te)")
plt.grid()
plt.legend()
plt.rcParams['figure.figsize'] = [15, 8]
#trendlines
slope1, intercept1 = np.polyfit(t_3[1:],np.log(Te_3[1:]), 1)
plt.plot(t_3[1:], t_3[1:]*slope1 + intercept1, '--',color="blue")

slope2, intercept2 = np.polyfit(t_2[1:],np.log(Te_2[1:]), 1)
plt.plot(t_2[1:], t_2[1:]*slope2 + intercept2, '--',color="orange")

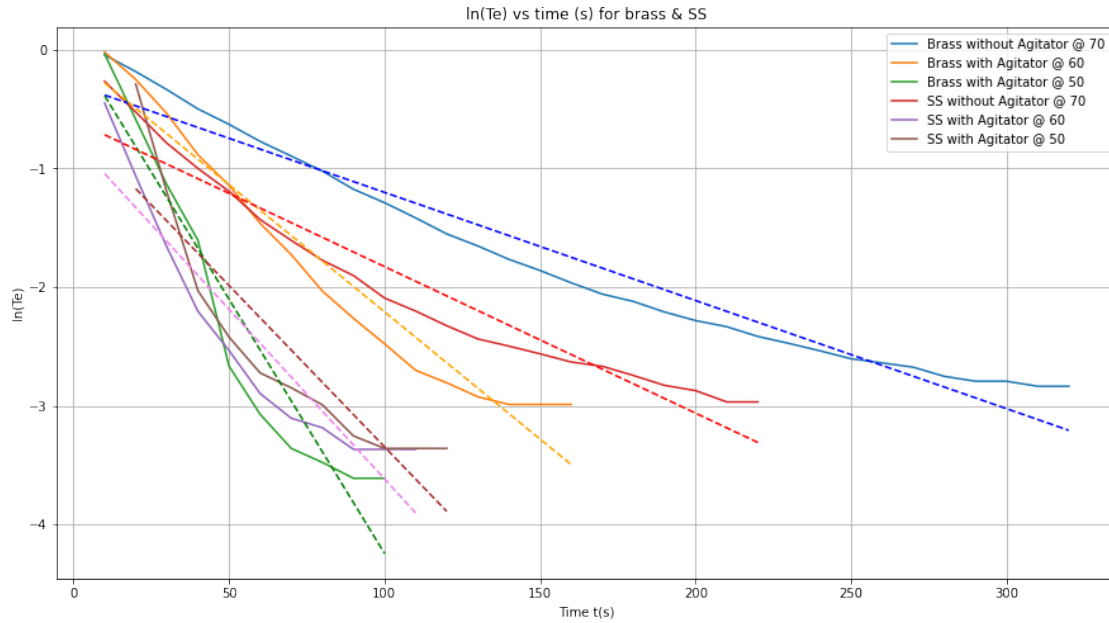
slope3, intercept3 = np.polyfit(t_1[1:],np.log(Te_1[1:]), 1)
plt.plot(t_1[1:], t_1[1:]*slope3 + intercept3, '--',color="green")

slope4, intercept4 = np.polyfit(t_b3[1:],np.log(Te_b3[1:]), 1)
plt.plot(t_b3[1:], t_b3[1:]*slope4 + intercept4, '--',color="red")

slope5, intercept5 = np.polyfit(t_b2[1:],np.log(Te_b2[1:]), 1)
plt.plot(t_b2[1:], t_b2[1:]*slope5 + intercept5, '--',color="violet")

slope6, intercept6 = np.polyfit(t_b1[1:],np.log(Te_b1[1:]), 1)
plt.plot(t_b1[1:], t_b1[1:]*slope6 + intercept6, '--',color="brown")
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[221]: [<matplotlib.lines.Line2D at 0x7fb587e096a0>]
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$$Slope = -\frac{hA}{\rho C_P V}$$

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[234]: #BRASS
h1_b = -1*slope1*rho_b*cp_b*V/A
h2_b = -1*slope2*rho_b*cp_b*V/A
h3_b = -1*slope3*rho_b*cp_b*V/A
Bi_1 = h1_b*V/(A*k_b)
Bi_2 = h2_b*V/(A*k_b)
Bi_3 = h3_b*V/(A*k_b)
hb_avg = (h1_b+h2_b+h3_b)/3
print("The avg heat transfer coefficient for brass is {} W/m2 C ".
      ↪format(hb_avg))
print("The biot numbers for 50, 60 and 70 degrees (no agitator) are {}, {},{}_
      ↪resp.".format(Bi_1,Bi_2,Bi_3))
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The avg heat transfer coefficient for brass is 762.6749572598286 W/m2 C  
 The biot numbers for 50, 60 and 70 degrees (no agitator) are  
 0.02437870456777043, 0.05734089510633207,0.11463303159875307 resp.

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[235]: #STAINLESS STEEL
h1_s = -1*slope1*rho_b*cp_ss*V/A
h2_s = -1*slope2*rho_b*cp_ss*V/A
h3_s = -1*slope3*rho_b*cp_ss*V/A
Bi_1s = h1_s*V/(A*k_ss)
Bi_2s = h2_s*V/(A*k_ss)
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Bi_3s = h3_s*V/(A*k_ss)
hs_avg = (h1_s+h2_s+h3_s)/3
print("The avg heat transfer coefficient for stainless steel is {} W/m2 C ".
      ↳format(hs_avg))
print("The biot numbers for 50, 60 and 70 degrees (no agitator) are {}, {},{}_
      ↳resp.".format(Bi_1s,Bi_2s,Bi_3s))

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The avg heat transfer coefficient for stainless steel is 913.2289747968338 W/m<sup>2</sup> C

The biot numbers for 50, 60 and 70 degrees (no agitator) are 0.19824892304926428, 0.4662992108505957,0.9322019140577938 resp.

### 0.0.9 Inferences:

This experiment can be concluded by: 1. The average heat transfer coefficient of brass is 762.67 \$ W/m<sup>2</sup>C\$ and the biot number varies from 0.02 to 0.11

2. The average heat transfer coefficient of stainless steel is 913.22 \$ W/m<sup>2</sup>C\$ and the biot number varies from 0.198 to 0.93
3. The biot number of stainless steel is higher than that of brass which implies the rate of conductive heat transfer is greater in brass compared to convective heat transfer.
4. In absence of agitator the process takes longer time to attain steady state.

### 0.0.10 Recommendations:

1. Better insulation for the equipment.
2. Heater with higher heating value to attain quick uniform bath temperature.

### 0.0.11 Industrial Applications:

1. Application of unsteady state heat transfer equations (USHTE) to determine temperature profile inside of the product (during thermal processing) is of great importance to ensure safety and to process optimisation.
2. High Velocity Oxygen Fuel (HVOF) process involves the use of exhausted flame gas from a combustor to accelerate the injected coating particles to very high velocity (can be exceeding 1500 m/s well into the supersonic range). The high energy impact of the high velocity particles will be enough to coat the material onto the surface and the completely melting (phase transition) of the particles is not required. Therefore, it usually can provide a thicker and more uniform coating compared to other thermal process.