

Lab X6 – Pipe Flow ΔP

LAB X-1 Pressure changes with height in a gravity field

LAB X-2 Pressure Measurement using ΔP loss

LAB X-3 *Impact Force of a Jet....*

LAB X-4 Orifice and Free Jet – measured C_v and C_d

LAB X-5 Reynolds Number – Re and f vs flow rates

LAB X-6 Pipe flows

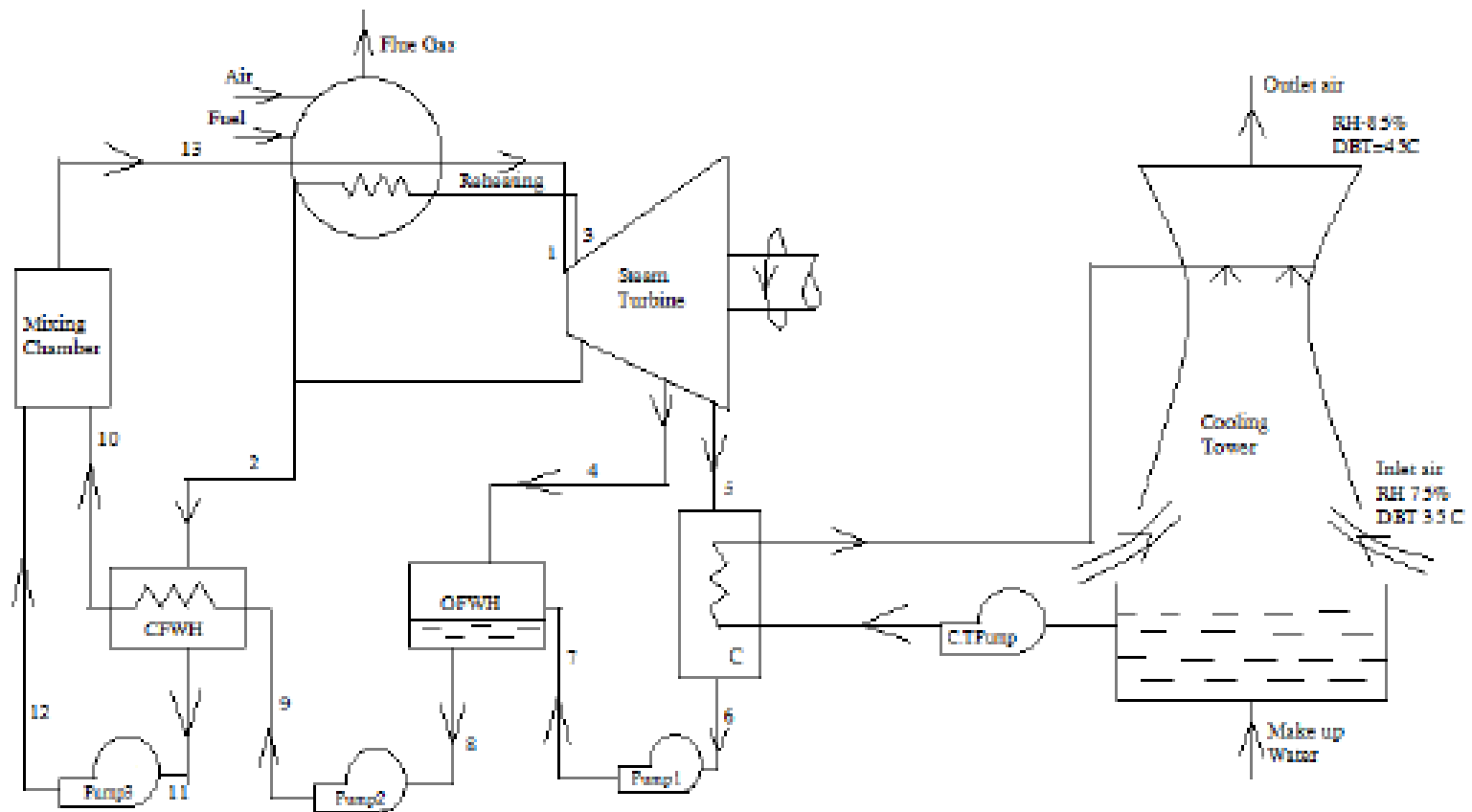
Fact- Fluid friction is always with you (or maybe against you)



Both flow and elevation ΔP involved

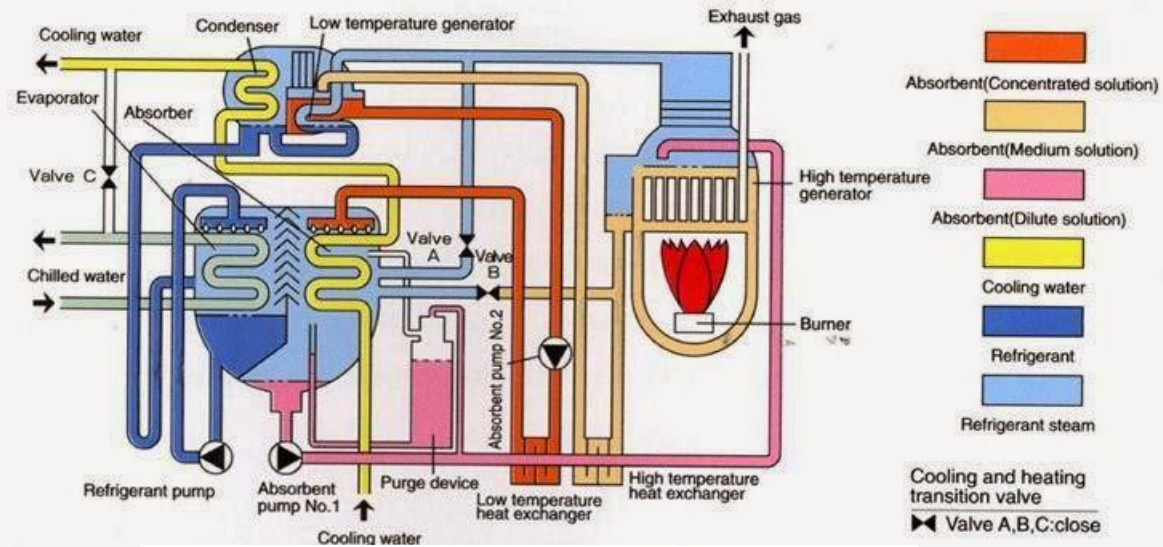


Different pipelines, different pressures – balance required



POWER PLANT ADDS STEAM TO THE MIX

Cooling operation



Quantifying Pressure Drops: The Darcy Friction Factor

- What should it depend on?

$$\Delta P = \text{function}(\rho, V, D, L, \mu, \epsilon \text{ (roughness)})$$

- 7 Variables, 3 Dimensions -> 4 dimensionless numbers

$$\frac{\Delta P}{\frac{1}{2}\rho U^2} = \text{func}\left(\frac{\rho U D}{\mu}, \frac{L}{D}, \frac{\epsilon}{D}\right)$$

- But intuition tells us that if we double the length of the pipe, then the pressure drop should double as well

$$\frac{\Delta P}{\frac{1}{2}\rho U^2} = \frac{L}{D} * \text{func}\left(\frac{\rho U D}{\mu}, \frac{\epsilon}{D}\right)$$

Quantifying Pressure Drops: The Darcy Friction Factor

- Darcy “friction factor”:

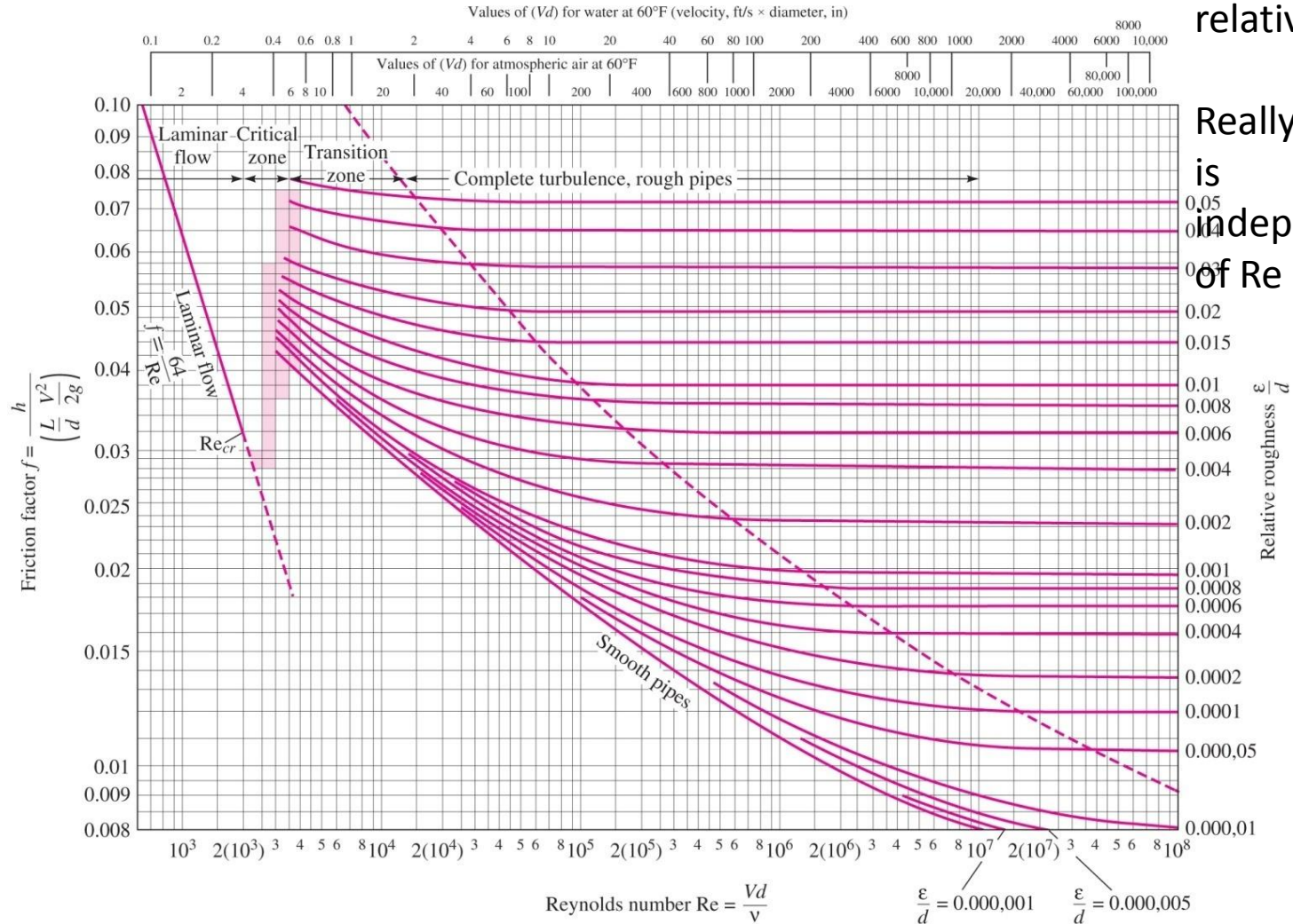
$$f \equiv \frac{\Delta P}{\frac{1}{2} \rho U^2 (L / D)} = f\left(\text{Re}, \frac{\epsilon}{D}\right)$$

- If we knew $f\left(\text{Re}, \frac{\epsilon}{D}\right)$ then we could calculate pressure drop for any flow condition
- This is usually presented as a Moody Diagram

The Moody Diagram

Rough is
relative.

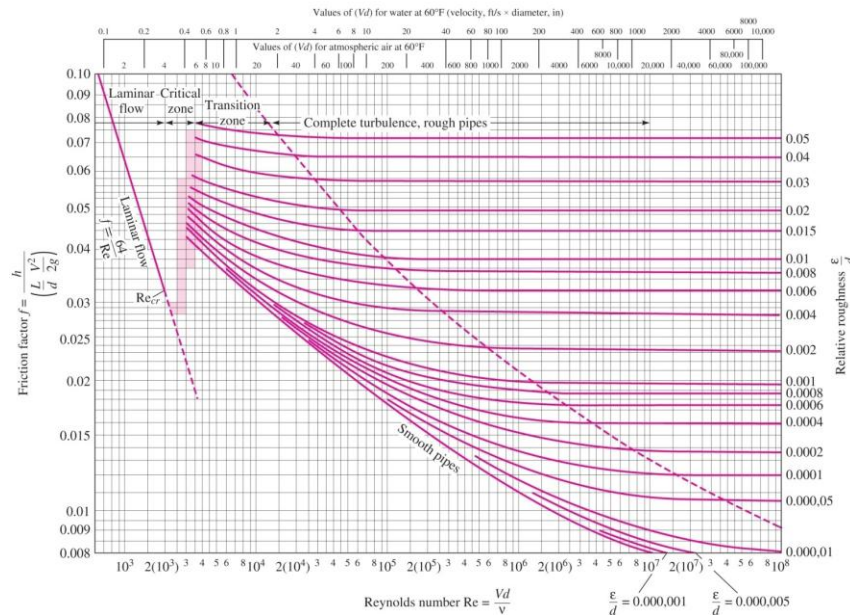
Really rough, f
is
independent
of Re



The Moody Diagram

- For smooth pipes, things are a bit more simple, though:

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$$f = \begin{cases} 64 / Re_D & \text{(laminar)} \\ 0.316 Re_D^{-1/4} & \text{(turbulent)} \end{cases}$$

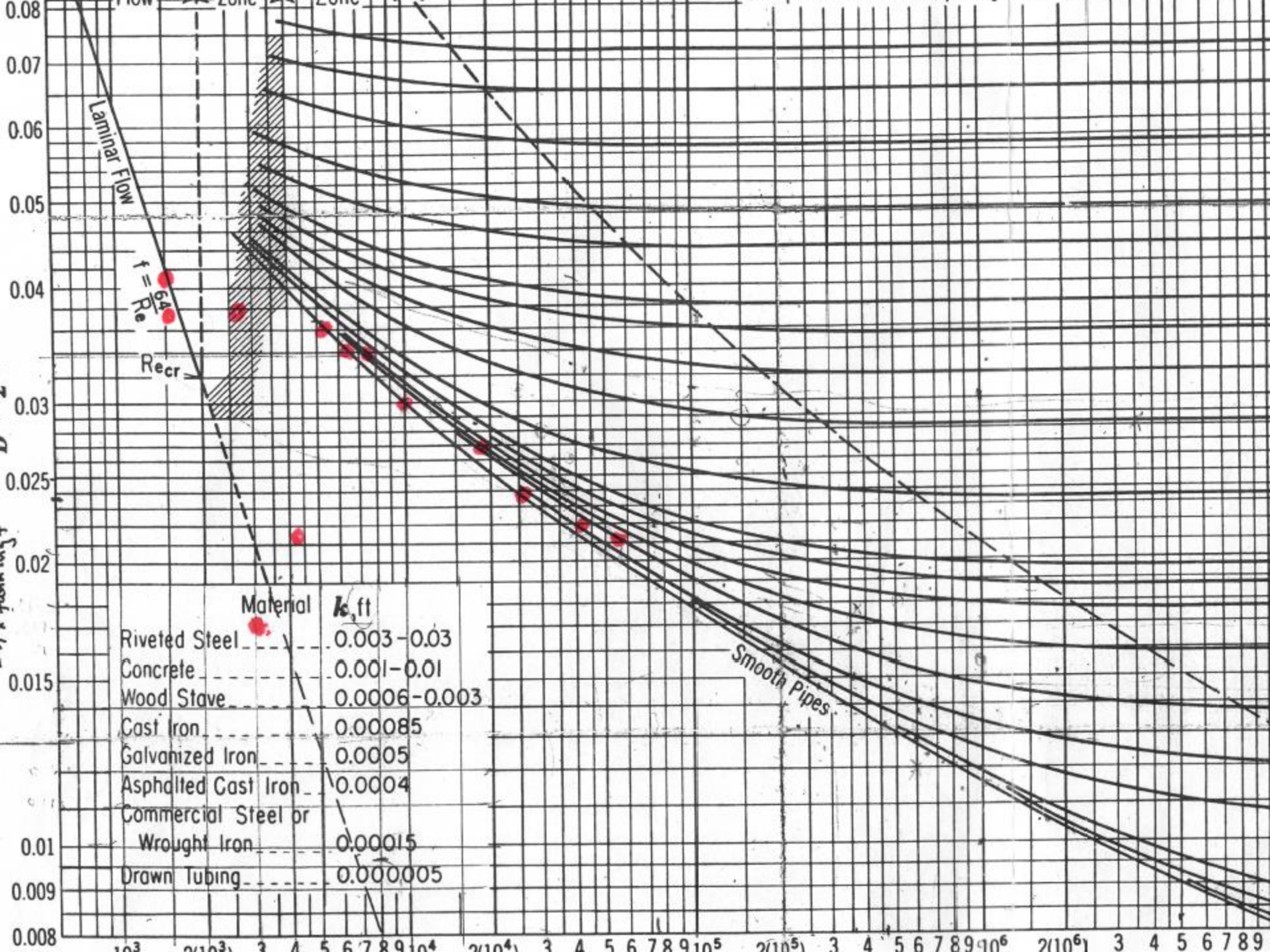
The Moody Chart is a general plot of laminar, transition, and turbulent flow

In lab, we will vary the flow rate through a relatively smooth tube.

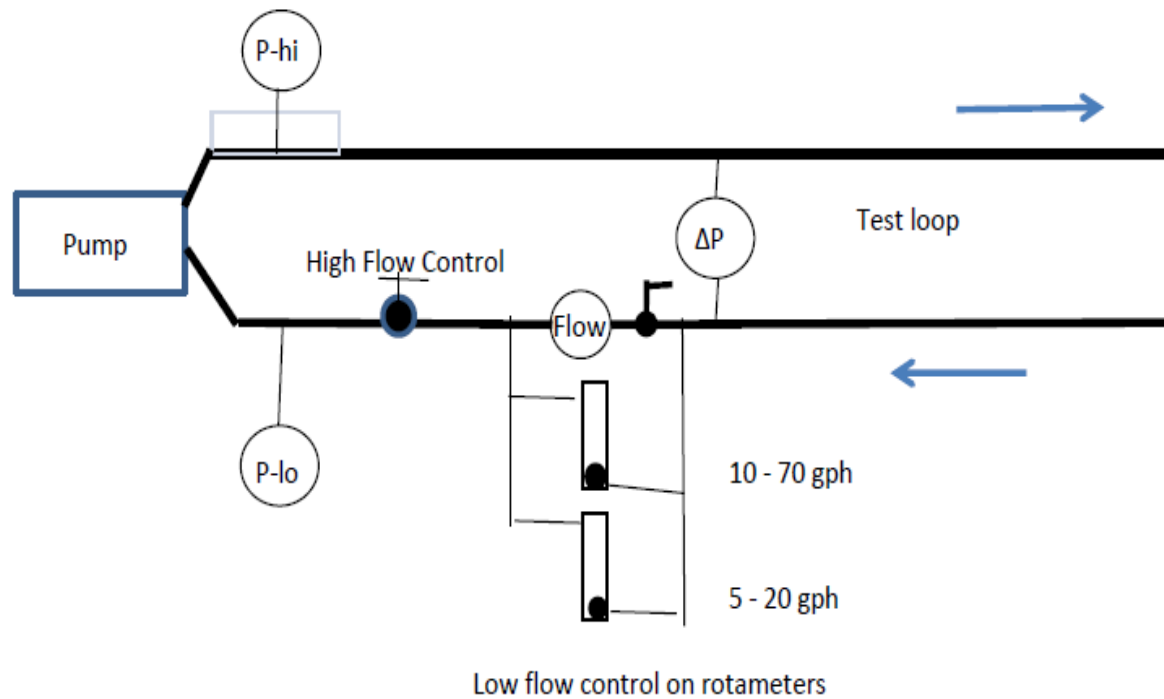
But you cannot see it!

Calculate the Reynolds number at each observation and plot on the Moody Chart.

How well does your data fit the Moody chart?



Lab X-6 Test Apparatus



- Two identical loops
- Digital Flow, ΔP , and Temp instrumentation (at last)
- Pump loop operation basics

Venting

Dead heading

Fittings

Pumped fluid heating

