

# **Convection Heat Transfer: Internal Flows**

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# Reminders/Announcements

- *Comments on the Midterm exam*
- *Course Projects-Reports are Due on Mon, Nov 27<sup>th</sup> 2023*
- Where we go from here:
  - **Week 12 (Nov 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>): Internal Flows**
  - **Week 13 (Nov 14<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>): Internal Flows**
  - Week 14 (Nov 21<sup>st</sup>): Internal Flows/Free Convection
  - Week 15 (Nov 28<sup>th</sup> and Nov 30<sup>th</sup>): Natural Convection
  - Week 16 (Dec 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>): Project Presentations

# Internal Forced Convection

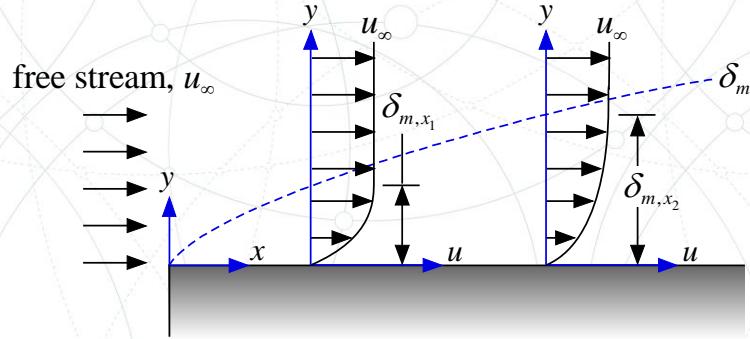
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- Conceptual Model and Basic Principles
- The Energy Balance
- Internal Flow Correlations
- Analytical and Numerical Solutions for Internal Flows

# Quick Review: Internal Flow

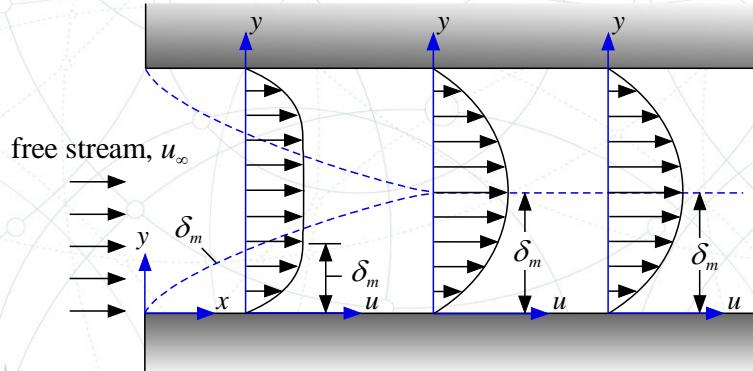
## External flow:

the boundary layers could grow without bound



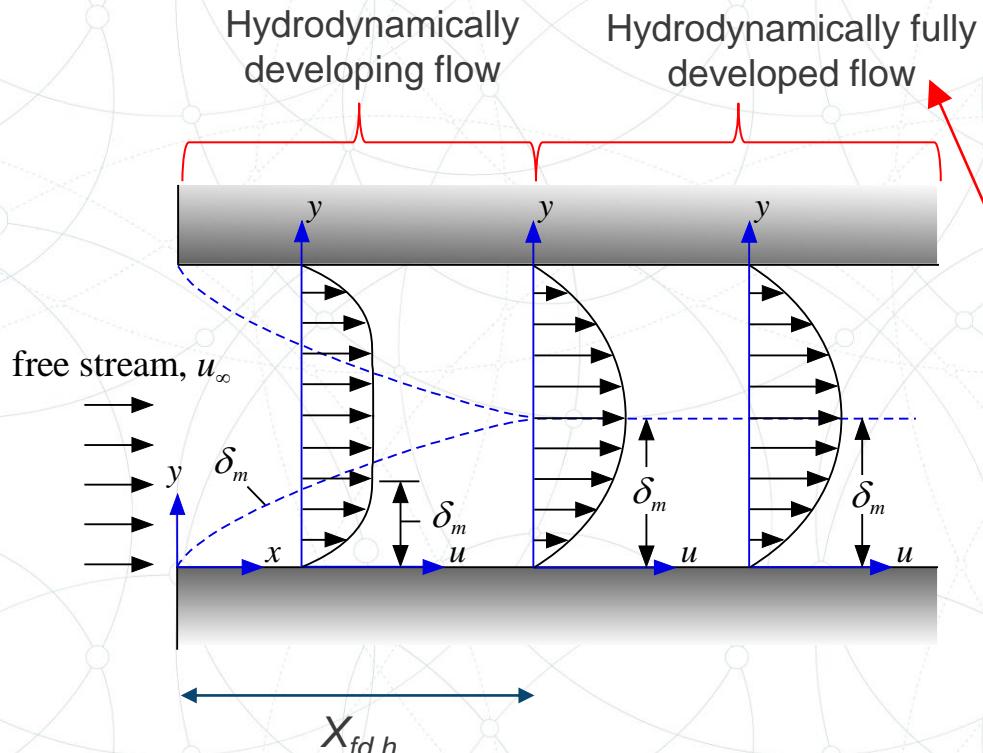
## Internal flow:

the boundary layers are bounded



## Hydrodynamic BL:

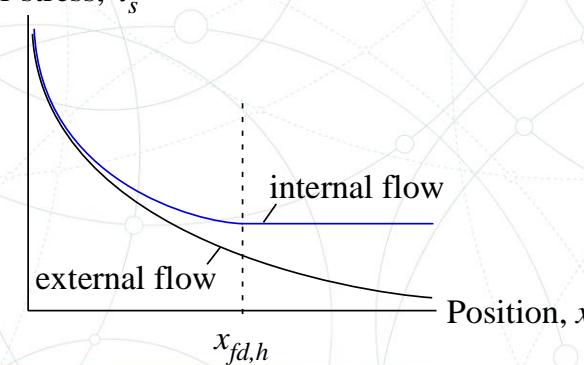
Hydrodynamically developing flow



Shear stress,  $\tau_s$

$$\tau_s = \mu \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \Big|_{y=0}$$

$$\tau_s \approx \mu \frac{u_\infty}{\delta_m}$$



# Quick Review-Momentum Considerations

- **Mean velocity** is the characteristic velocity for an internal flow

$$u_m = \frac{\dot{m}}{\rho A_c}$$

Mass flow rate  
Cross-sectional area for flow

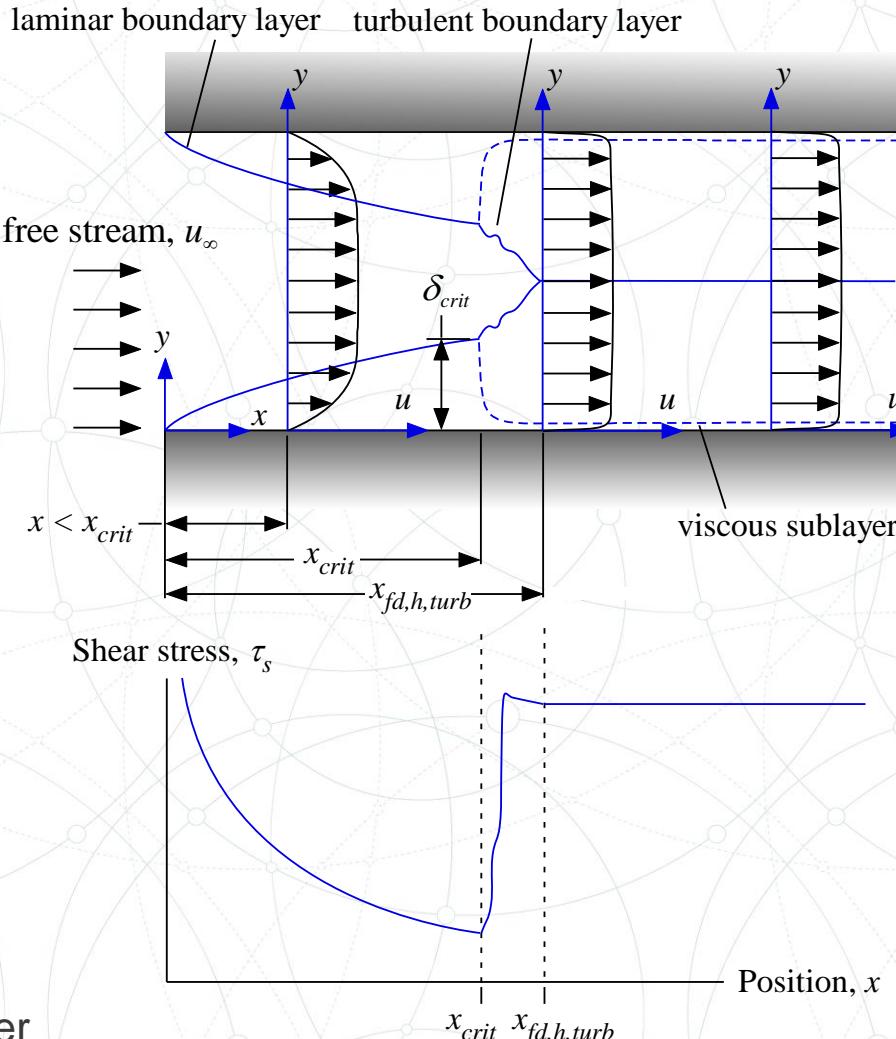
- **Laminar Hydrodynamic Entry Length**

$$\frac{x_{fd,h,lam}}{D_h} \approx 0.06 Re_{D_h}$$

$$\frac{x_{fd,h,lam}}{D_h} = 0.05 Re_{D_h}$$

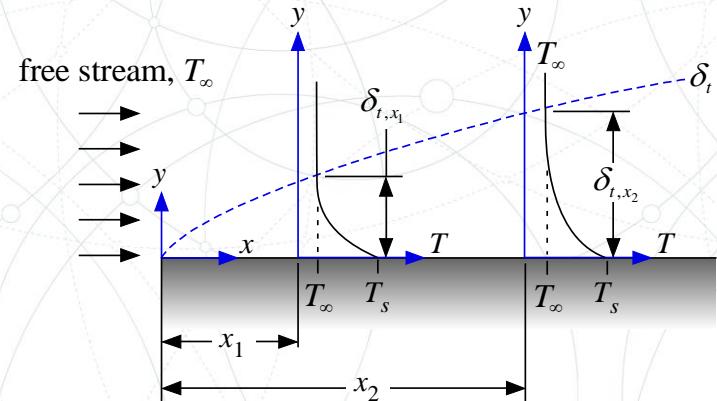
- **Turbulent Internal Flow**

- Shear stress increases dramatically
- Boundary layer grows quickly and flow becomes fully developed very quickly
- Velocity gradient is concentrated across the viscous sublayer

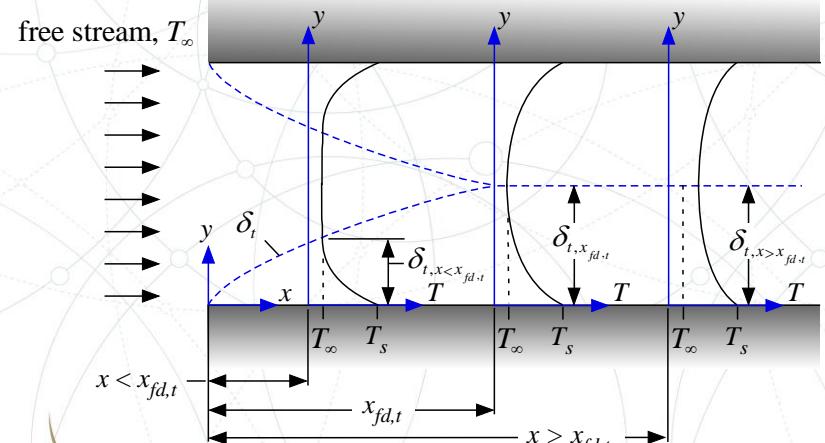


# Quick Review-Thermal Considerations

## *External flow*



## *Internal flow*



Although the temp. profile  $T(r)$  continues to change with  $x$ , the relative shape of the profile does not change! Instead of  $dT_m/dx=0$  or  $dT/dx=0$ , we have:

In other words,  $(T_s - T)$  changes similar to  $(T_s - T_m)$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left[ \frac{T_s(x) - T(r, x)}{T_s(x) - T_m(x)} \right] = 0$$

# Quick Review-Thermal Considerations

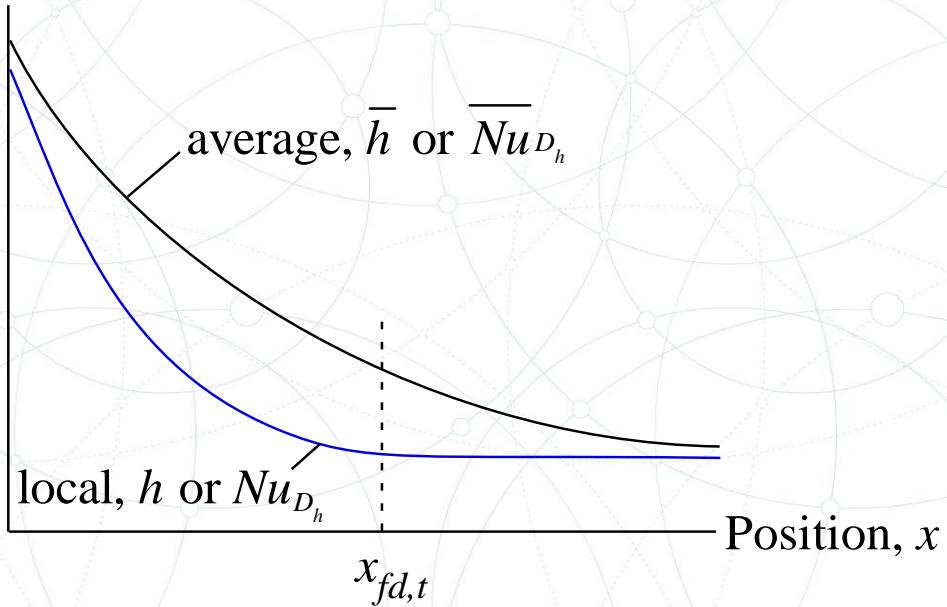
- Mean temperature

$$T_m = \frac{\rho}{\dot{m}} \int_{A_c} T u dA_c$$

- Heat transfer coefficient for laminar flow

$$h \approx \frac{k}{\delta_t}$$

Heat transfer coefficient  
and Nusselt number



- Laminar thermal entry length

$$\frac{x_{fd,t, lam}}{D_h} \approx 0.06 Re_{D_h} Pr$$

$$\frac{x_{fd,t, lam}}{D_h} = 0.05 Re_{D_h} Pr$$

$$\frac{x_{fd,t, lam}}{x_{fd,h, lam}} = Pr$$

# Quick Review-Thermal Considerations

The conceptual understanding of external turbulent flows applies to internal turbulent flows

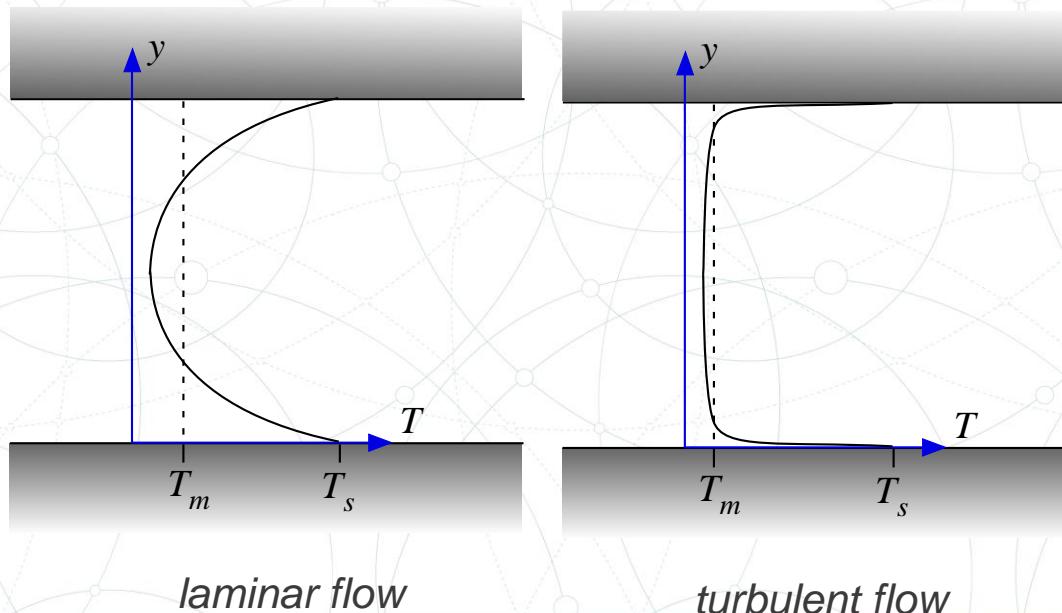
The heat transfer coefficient will be much larger:

$$h_{lam} \approx \frac{k}{\delta_{t, lam}}$$

$$h_{turb} \approx \frac{k}{\delta_{vs}}$$

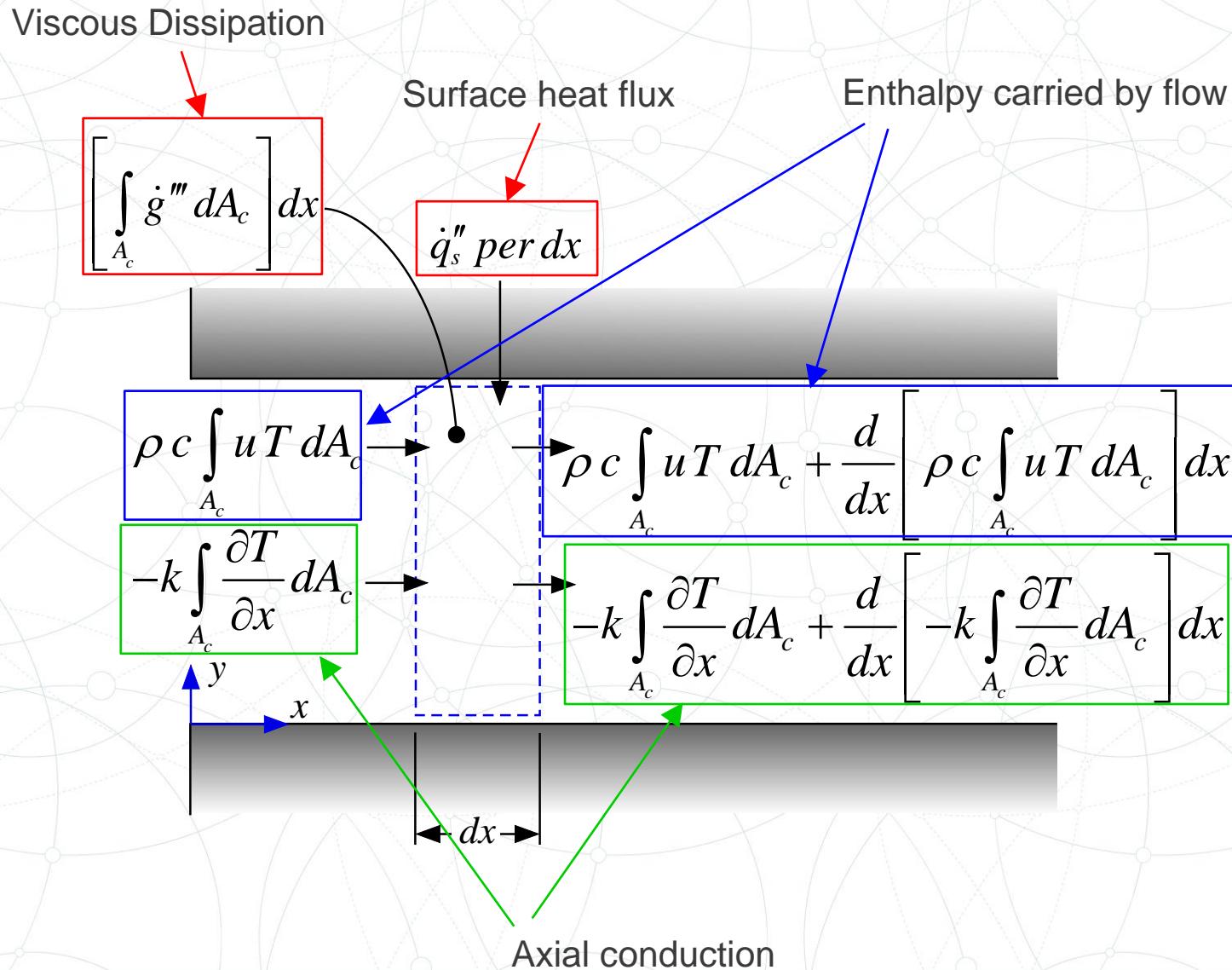
$\delta_{t, lam} \gg \delta_{vs}$  and therefore  $h_{turb} \gg h_{lam}$

and the temperature gradient will be concentrated across the viscous sublayer



# Internal Flows: Energy Balance

# Differential Energy Balance



# Energy Balance

The differential energy balance leads to:

$$\rho c \int_{A_c} u T dA_c - k \int_{A_c} \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} dA_c + \left[ \int_{A_c} \dot{g}_v''' A_c \right] dx + \left[ \int_{A_c} \dot{g}''' A_c \right] dx + \dot{q}_s'' per dx =$$

$$\rho c \int_{A_c} u T dA_c + \rho c \frac{d}{dx} \left[ \int_{A_c} u T dA_c \right] dx - k \int_{A_c} \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} dA_c - k \frac{d}{dx} \left[ \int_{A_c} \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} dA_c \right] dx$$

Or

$$\underbrace{\left[ \int_{A_c} \dot{g}_v''' A_c \right]}_{\text{viscous dissipation}} + \underbrace{\dot{g}''' A_c}_{\text{imposed volumetric generation}} + \underbrace{\dot{q}_s'' per}_{\substack{\text{heat transfer from duct surface} \\ \text{enthalpy carried by flow}}} = \underbrace{\dot{m} c \frac{dT_m}{dx}}_{\text{heat transfer from fluid}} + \underbrace{\frac{d}{dx} \left[ \int_{A_c} -k \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} dA_c \right]}_{\text{axial conduction}}$$

$$\begin{cases} \dot{q}_s'' p = \dot{m} c \frac{dT_m}{dx} \\ \dot{q}_s'' = h(T_s - T_m) \end{cases}$$

Typically our problems do not include any imposed volumetric generation and we neglect viscous dissipation and axial conduction

Peclet number  $>> 1$

$Pe = Re \cdot Pr$  the ratio of the thermal energy convected to the fluid to the thermal energy conducted within the fluid

# Energy Balance

$$\dot{q}_s'' p = \dot{m} c \frac{dT_m}{dx}$$

$$\dot{q}_s'' = h(T_s - T_m)$$

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- In general, these two equations can be solved numerically (the state variable is  $T_m$ )
- Analytical solution is available for specific cases:

**(I) Constant wall heat flux (II) Constant wall temperature (III) constant external temp.**

## I. Prescribed Surface Heat Flux

Mean temp. can be found as:  $T_m = T_{in} + \frac{p}{\dot{m}c} \dot{q}_s'' x$

Surface temp. can be found as:

$$T_s = T_m + \frac{\dot{q}_s''}{h}$$

## II. Prescribed Wall Temperature

$$\frac{dT_m}{dx} = \frac{p}{\dot{m}c} h(T_s - T_m)$$

$$T_m = T_s - (T_s - T_{in}) \exp\left(-\frac{p x \bar{h}}{\dot{m}c}\right)$$

$$T_{out} = T_s - (T_s - T_{in}) \exp\left(-\frac{p L \bar{h}}{\dot{m}c}\right)$$

$$q_s'' = \bar{h} A_s \Delta T_{LM}$$

$$\Delta T_{LM} = \frac{(T_s - T_{m,o}) - (T_s - T_{m,i})}{\ln\left[\left(\frac{T_s - T_{m,o}}{T_s - T_{m,i}}\right)\right]}$$

## III. Prescribed External Temperature

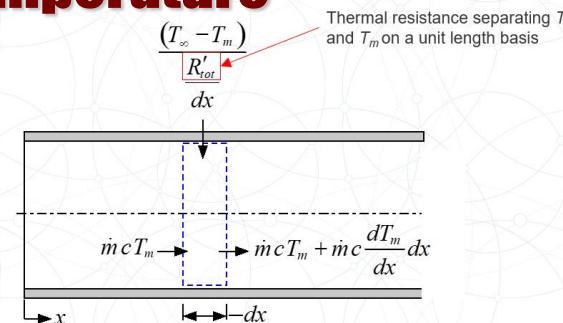
$$R'_{tot} = \underbrace{\frac{1}{h_{in} \pi D_{in}}}_{\text{internal convection}} + \underbrace{\frac{\ln\left(\frac{D_{out}}{D_{in}}\right)}{2\pi k_{tube}}}_{\text{conduction through tube}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{h_{out} \pi D_{out}}}_{\text{external convection}}$$

$$\frac{(T_\infty - T_m)}{R'_{tot}} = \dot{m} c \frac{dT_m}{dx}$$

$$T_{out} = T_\infty - (T_\infty - T_{in}) \exp\left(-\frac{1}{R_{tot} \dot{m} c}\right)$$

$$UA = \frac{1}{R_{tot}}$$

$$T_{out} = T_\infty - (T_\infty - T_{in}) \exp\left(-\frac{UA}{\dot{m} c}\right)$$



# Internal Forced Convection: Correlations

# Convection Correlations: Internal Flows

## Friction Factor

Laminar flow

Turbulent flow

## Nusselt Number

Laminar flow

Turbulent flow

# Friction Factor

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## Definitions:

Darcy Friction Factor:

$$f = \frac{-\left(\frac{dp}{dx}\right)D}{\rho u_m^2 / 2}$$

Fanning Friction coefficient:  $C_f = f / 4$

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### ➤ For Laminar flow-circular tubes:

Local friction factor (fully developed):  $f_{fd,h} = \frac{64}{Re_{D_h}}$  → obtained by solving Momentum equation

Average (apparent) friction factor that includes the developing region (Shah and London):

$$\bar{f} = \frac{4}{Re_{D_h}} \left[ \frac{3.44}{\sqrt{L^+}} + \frac{4L^+}{4} + \frac{1.25}{4} - \frac{3.44}{\sqrt{L^+}} \right]$$

and  $L^+ = \frac{L}{D_h Re_{D_h}}$

Dimensionless length for hydrodynamically developing internal flow

# Friction Factor

- For Laminar flow- rectangular ducts:

Local friction factor (fully developed):

$$f_{fd,h} = \frac{96}{\text{Re}_{D_h}} \left( 1 - 1.3553AR + 1.9467AR^2 - 1.7012AR^3 + 0.9564AR^4 - 0.2537AR^5 \right)$$

$AR \rightarrow \text{Aspect Ratio: } L_{\min}/L_{\max}$

Note that: if  $AR \rightarrow 0$  then  $f_{fd,h} = \frac{96}{\text{Re}_{D_h}}$

Average (apparent) friction factor that includes the developing region:

$$\bar{f} = \frac{4}{\text{Re}_{D_h}} \left[ \frac{3.44}{\sqrt{L^+}} + \frac{\frac{1.25}{4L^+} + \frac{f_{fd,h} \text{Re}_{D_h}}{4} - \frac{3.44}{\sqrt{L^+}}}{1 + \frac{0.00021}{(L^+)^2}} \right]$$

and  $L^+ = \frac{L}{D_h \text{Re}_{D_h}}$

# Friction Factor

➤ For Laminar flow- Annular ducts:

Local friction factor (fully developed):

$$f_{fd,h} = \frac{64}{\text{Re}_{D_h}} \sqrt{\frac{(1 - RR^2)}{1 + RR^2 - \left( \frac{1 - RR^2}{\ln(RR^{-1})} \right)}}$$

and     $RR = R_i / R_o$

Note that: if  $RR \rightarrow 0$  then  $f_{fd,h} = \frac{64}{\text{Re}_{D_h}}$

Average (apparent) friction factor that includes the developing region:

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## ➤ For Turbulent flow:

Local friction factor (fully developed) in a smooth duct (Petukhov 1970):

$$f_{fd,h,e=0} = \frac{1}{[0.79\ln(\text{Re}_{D_h}) - 1.64]^2} \quad \text{for } 3000 < \text{Re}_{D_h} < 5 \times 10^6$$

Local friction factor (fully developed) in a duct with given roughness:

Colebrook 1939:  $\frac{2}{\sqrt{f_{fd,h}}} = 3.48 - 1.7373 \ln \left( \frac{2e}{D_h} + \frac{2(9.35)}{\text{Re}_{D_h} \sqrt{f_{fd,h}}} \right)$

Zigrang and Sylvester 1982:  $f_{fd,h} = \left\{ -2 \log_{10} \left[ \frac{2e}{7.54D_h} - \frac{5.02}{\text{Re}_{D_h}} \log_{10} \left( \frac{2e}{7.54D_h} + \frac{13}{\text{Re}_{D_h}} \right) \right] \right\}^{-2}$

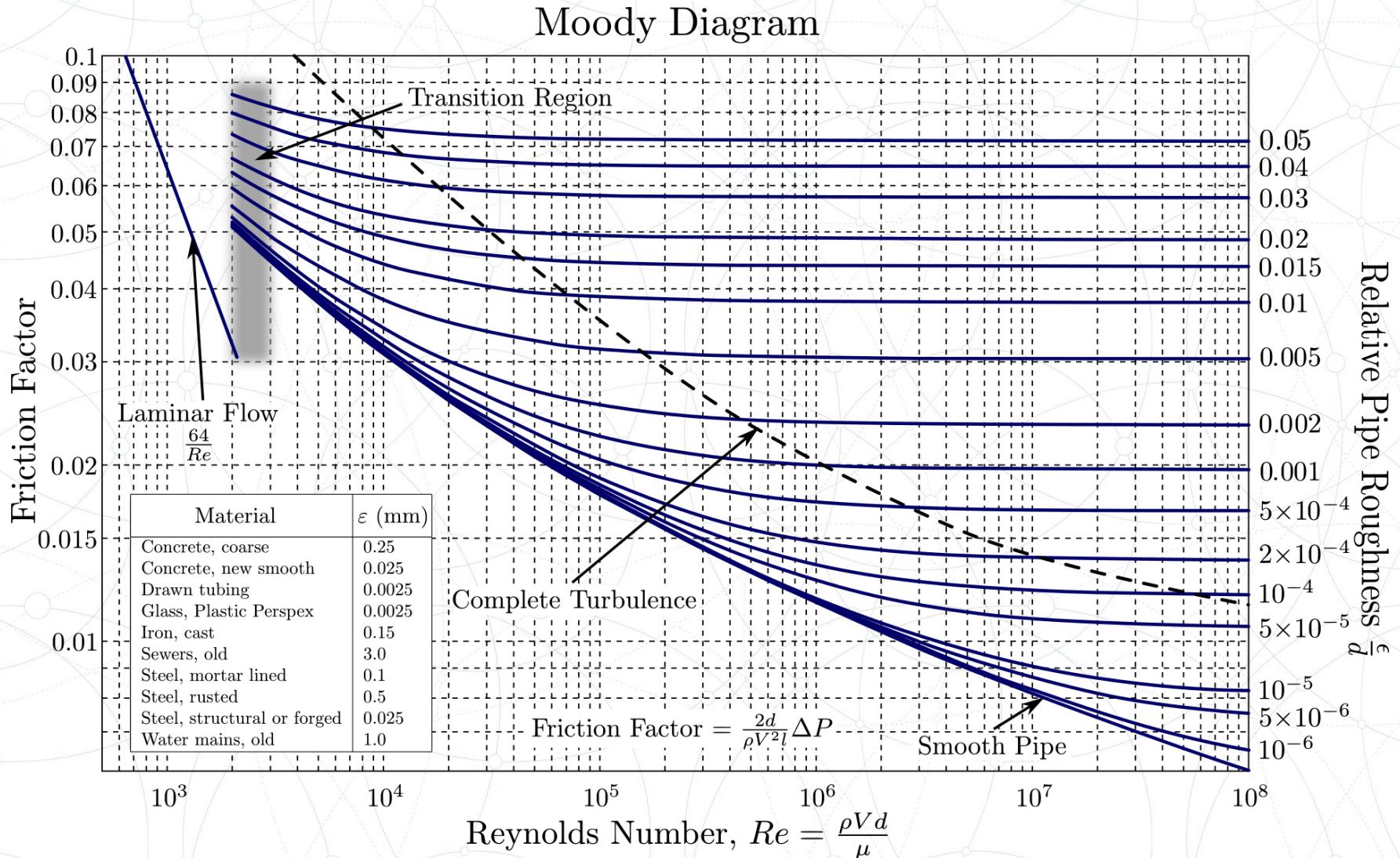
Since the entry region is so short, the Average (apparent) friction factor and local value are almost equal:

$$\bar{f} \approx f_{fd,h} \left( 1 + \left( \frac{D_h}{L} \right)^{0.7} \right)$$

# Friction Factor

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➤ For Turbulent flow:



# Nusselt Number

- For Laminar hydrodynamically and thermally fully developed flow-circular tubes:

- Average Nusselt number for laminar flow in circular tubes:

To find average Nusselt number, the inlet conditions must be considered.

Let's define the Graetz number:

$$Gz = \frac{D_h \text{Re}_{D_h} \text{Pr}}{L}$$

For simultaneously developing flow (combined entry length problem) with constant wall temperature:

$$\overline{Nu}_{D_h,T} = 3.66 + \frac{[0.049 + 0.02 / \text{Pr}] Gz^{1.12}}{1 + 0.065 Gz^{0.7}}$$

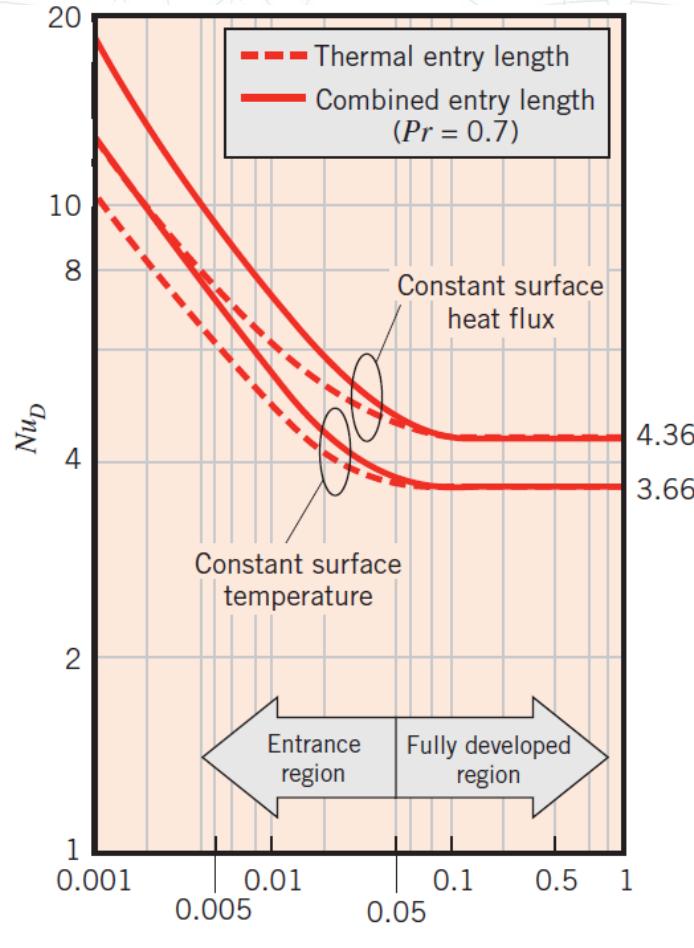
For simultaneously developing flow (combined entry length problem) with uniform wall heat flux:

$$\overline{Nu}_{D_h,H} = 4.36 + \frac{[0.1156 + 0.08569 / \text{Pr}^{0.4}] Gz}{1 + 0.1158 Gz^{0.6}}$$

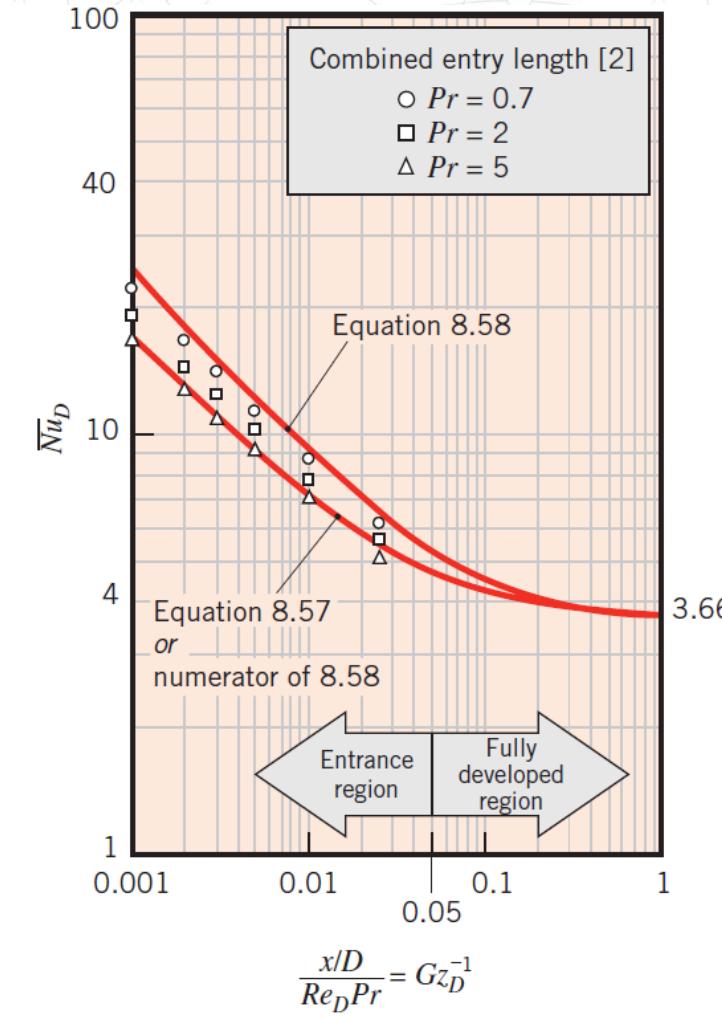
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# Nusselt Number

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(a)



(b)

**FIGURE 8.10** Results obtained from entry length solutions for laminar flow in a circular tube with constant surface temperature: (a) Local Nusselt numbers. (b) Average Nusselt numbers.

# Nusselt Number

- Laminar flow in Rectangular ducts (Shah and London 1978):

Constant surface temperature:

$$Nu_{D_h,T,fd} = 7.541(1 - 2.61AR + 4.97AR^2 - 5.119AR^3 + 2.702AR^4 - 0.548AR^5)$$

Constant surface heat flux:

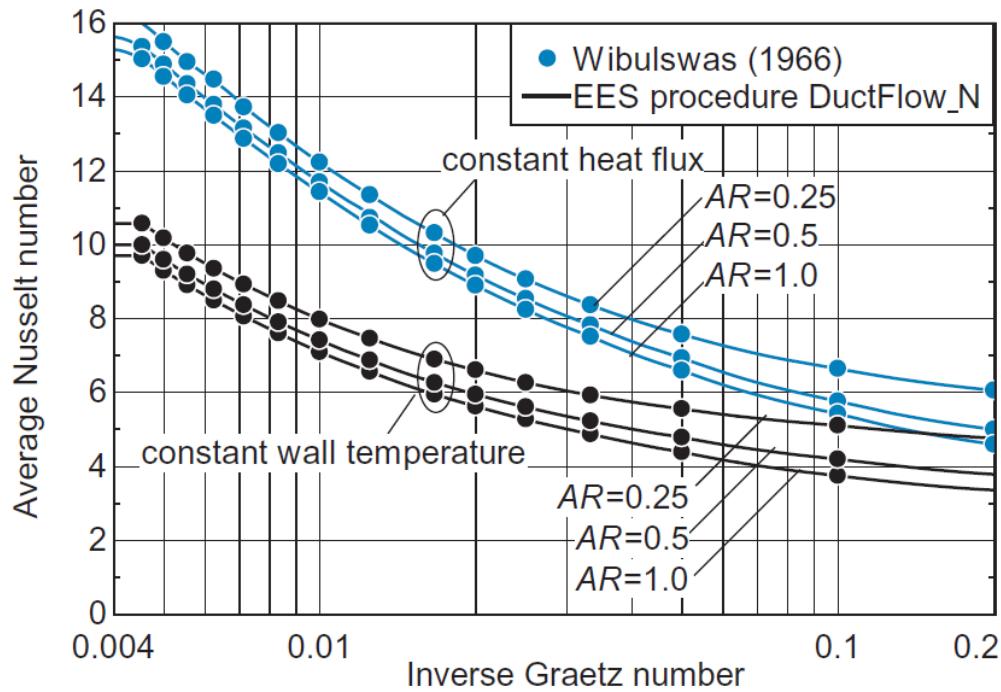
$$Nu_{D_h,H,fd} = 7.541(1 - 2.042AR + 3.085AR^2 - 2.477AR^3 + 1.058AR^4 - 0.186AR^5)$$

Average Nu is given in the figure on the next slide:

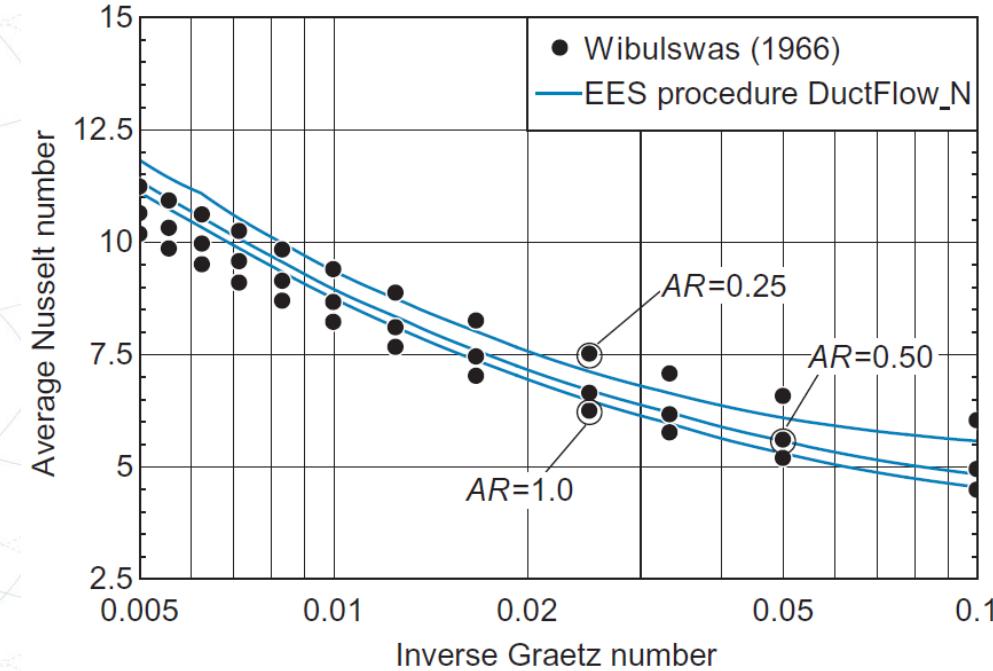
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## Laminar flow in Rectangular ducts :



Simultaneously developing flow



Thermally developing flow for uniform surface heat flux

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- Nu and friction factor for fully developed Laminar flow in tubes of different cross sections:

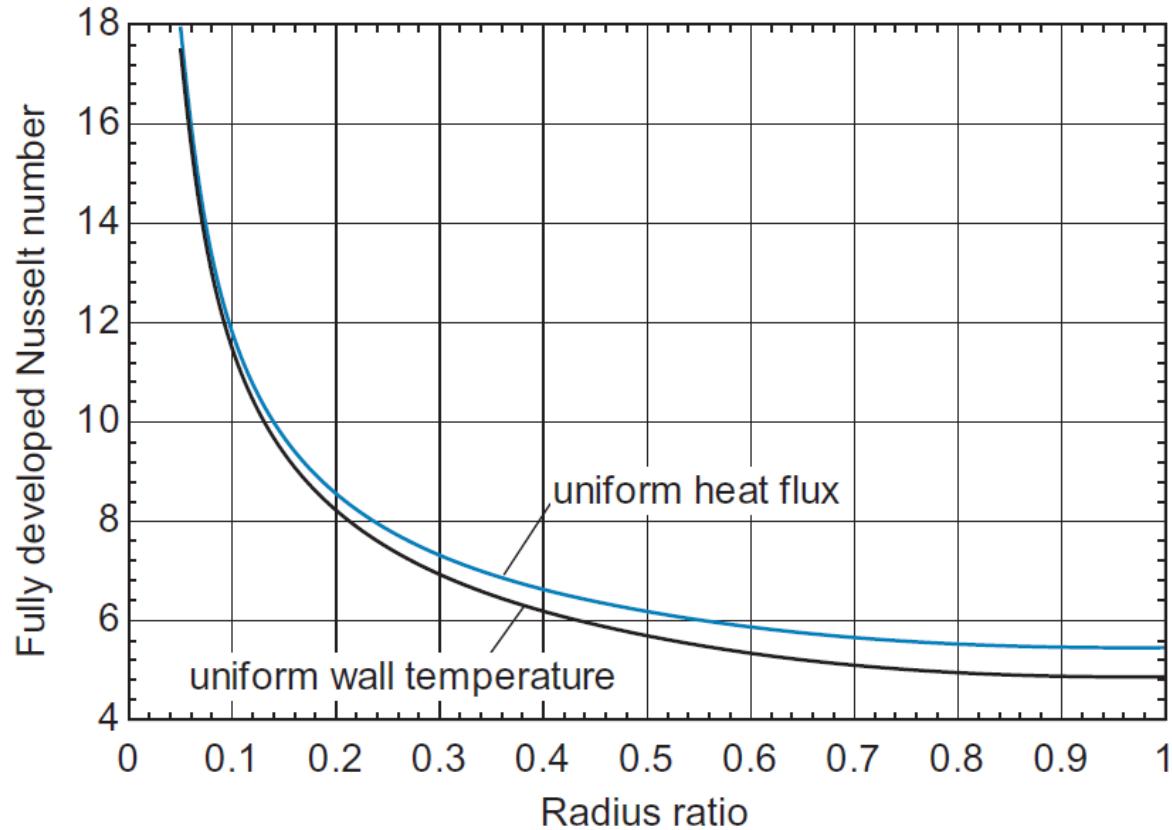
$$Nu_D = \frac{hD_h}{k}$$

Cross Section	$\frac{b}{a}$	(Uniform $q''_s$ )	(Uniform $T_s$ )	$f.Re_{Dh}$
Circle	—	4.36	3.66	64
$a$  $b$	1.0	3.61	2.98	57
$a$  $b$	1.43	3.73	3.08	59
$a$  $b$	2.0	4.12	3.39	62
$a$  $b$	3.0	4.79	3.96	69
$a$  $b$	4.0	5.33	4.44	73
$a$  $b$	8.0	6.49	5.60	82
Heated	$\infty$	8.23	7.54	96
Insulated	$\infty$	5.39	4.86	96
	—	3.11	2.49	53

\* T. L. Bergman, A. S. Lavine, F. P. Incropera, D. P. DeWitt, Fundamentals of Heat and Mass Transfer, 8th Edition, Wiley (2017).

# Nusselt Number

## ➤ Laminar flow in Annular ducts



# Nusselt Number

## ➤ Turbulent flow

- Not affected by the shape of the cross section or the boundary condition
- Sensitive to surface roughness

- Gnieliski (1976):

$$Nu_{D_h, fd} = \frac{\left(\frac{f_{fd}}{8}\right)(Re_{D_h} - 1000)Pr}{1 + 12.7(Pr^{2/3} - 1)\sqrt{f_{fd}/8}}$$

$0.5 < Pr < 2000$  and  $2300 < Re_{D_h} < 5 \times 10^6$

- Kakac (1987):  $\overline{Nu}_{D_h} \approx Nu_{D_h, fd} \left[ 1 + C \left( \frac{x}{D_h} \right)^{-m} \right]$

$$C=1 \text{ and } m=0.7$$

- For smooth tubes, Dittus-Boelter equation may be used:  $Nu_{D_h, fd} = 0.023 Re_{D_h}^{4/5} Pr^n$

$$\begin{cases} n = 0.4 & \text{if } T_s > T_m \quad (\text{heating}) \\ n = 0.3 & \text{if } T_s < T_m \quad (\text{cooling}) \end{cases}$$

$$0.6 \leq Pr \leq 160 \quad \text{and} \quad Re_{D_h} \geq 10000$$

$$L / D > 10$$

# Summary of Correlations

# Friction Factor-Quick Review

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**Definitions:**  $f = -\left(\frac{dp}{dx}\right)D \frac{\rho u_m^2 / 2}{}$

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Dimensionless length for hydrodynamically developing internal flow

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Local friction factor (fully developed):

$$f_{fd,h} = \frac{64}{Re_{D_h}} \sqrt{\frac{(1 - RR^2)}{1 + RR^2 - \left( \frac{1 - RR^2}{\ln(RR^{-1})} \right)}} \quad \text{and} \quad RR = R_i / R_o$$

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Average (apparent) friction factor that includes the developing region:

$$\bar{f} = \frac{4}{Re_{D_h}} \left[ \frac{3.44}{\sqrt{L^+}} + \frac{1.25 + f_{fd,h} Re_{D_h}}{4L^+} - \frac{3.44}{\sqrt{L^+}} \right] \quad \text{and} \quad L^+ = \frac{L}{D_h Re_{D_h}}$$

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Local friction factor (fully developed) in a duct with given roughness:

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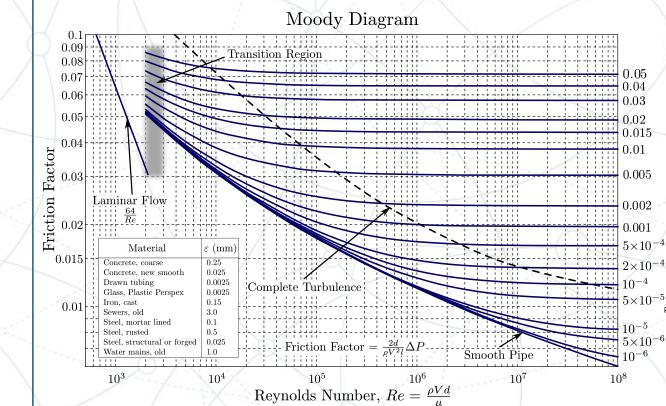
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# Nusselt Number: Laminar Flow- Quick Review

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## Circular Tubes:

- For Laminar hydrodynamically and thermally fully developed

$$\text{Graetz number: } Gz = \frac{D_h \text{Re}_{D_h} \text{Pr}}{L}$$

- For simultaneously developing flow (combined entry length problem) with constant wall temperature:
- For simultaneously developing flow (combined entry length problem) with uniform wall heat flux:

Constant surface heat flux:  $Nu_{D_h,H,fd} = 4.36$

Constant surface temperature:  $Nu_{D_h,T,fd} = 3.66$

$$\overline{Nu}_{D_h,T} = 3.66 + \frac{[0.049 + 0.02 / \text{Pr}] Gz^{1.12}}{[1 + 0.065 Gz^{0.7}]}$$

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## Rectangular Ducts

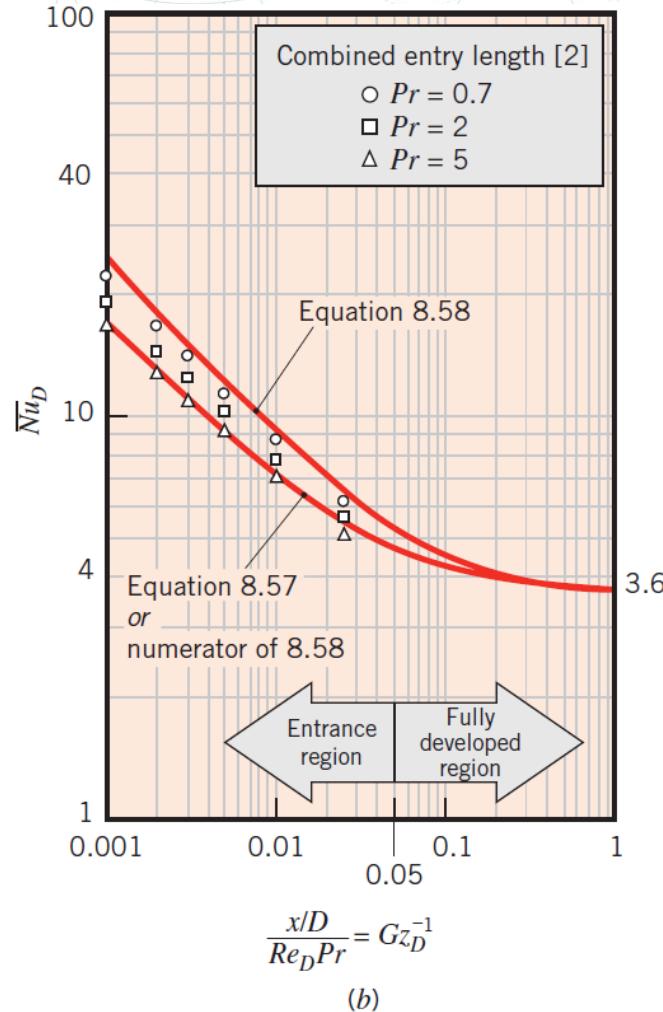
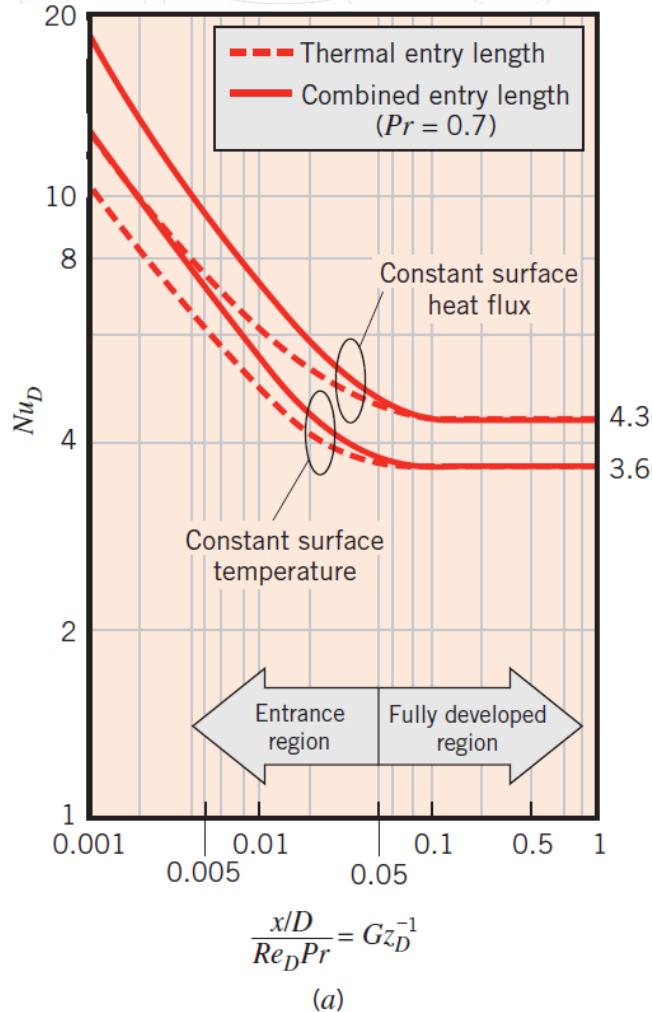
Constant surface temperature:  $Nu_{D_h,T,fd} = 7.541(1 - 2.61AR + 4.97AR^2 - 5.119AR^3 + 2.702AR^4 - 0.548AR^5)$

Constant surface heat flux:  $Nu_{D_h,H,fd} = 7.541(1 - 2.042AR + 3.085AR^2 - 2.477AR^3 + 1.058AR^4 - 0.186AR^5)$

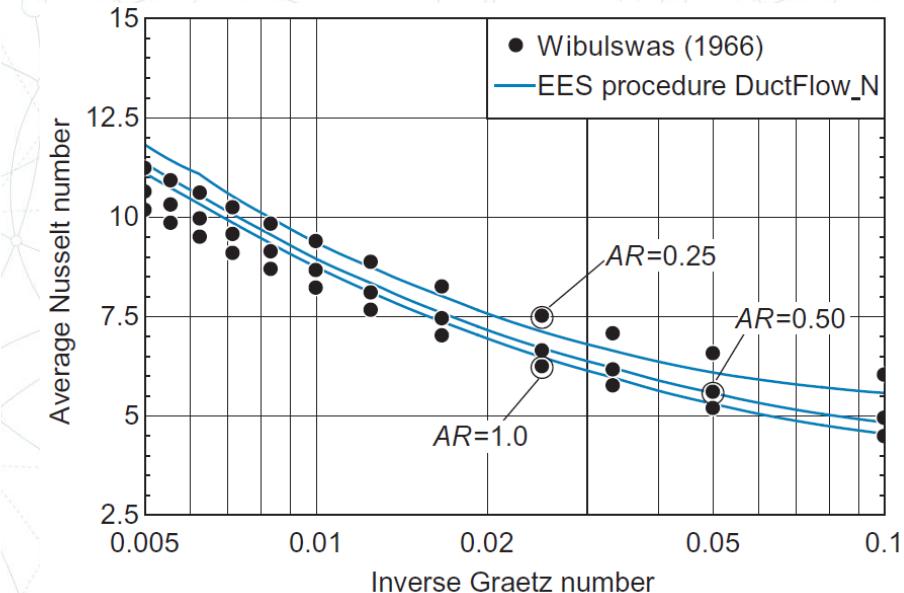
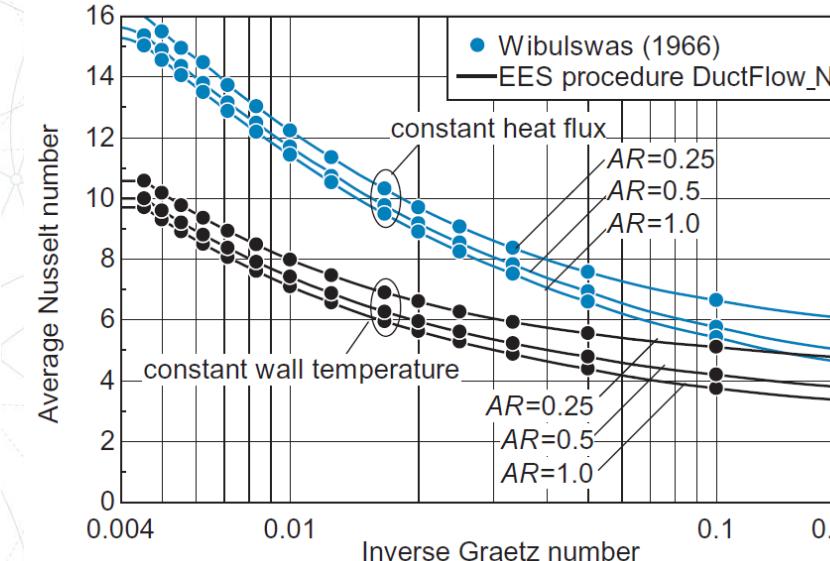
# Nusselt Number-Laminar Flow- Quick Review

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## Laminar flow in a circular tube with constant surface temp



## Laminar flow in Rectangular ducts :



Simultaneously developing flow

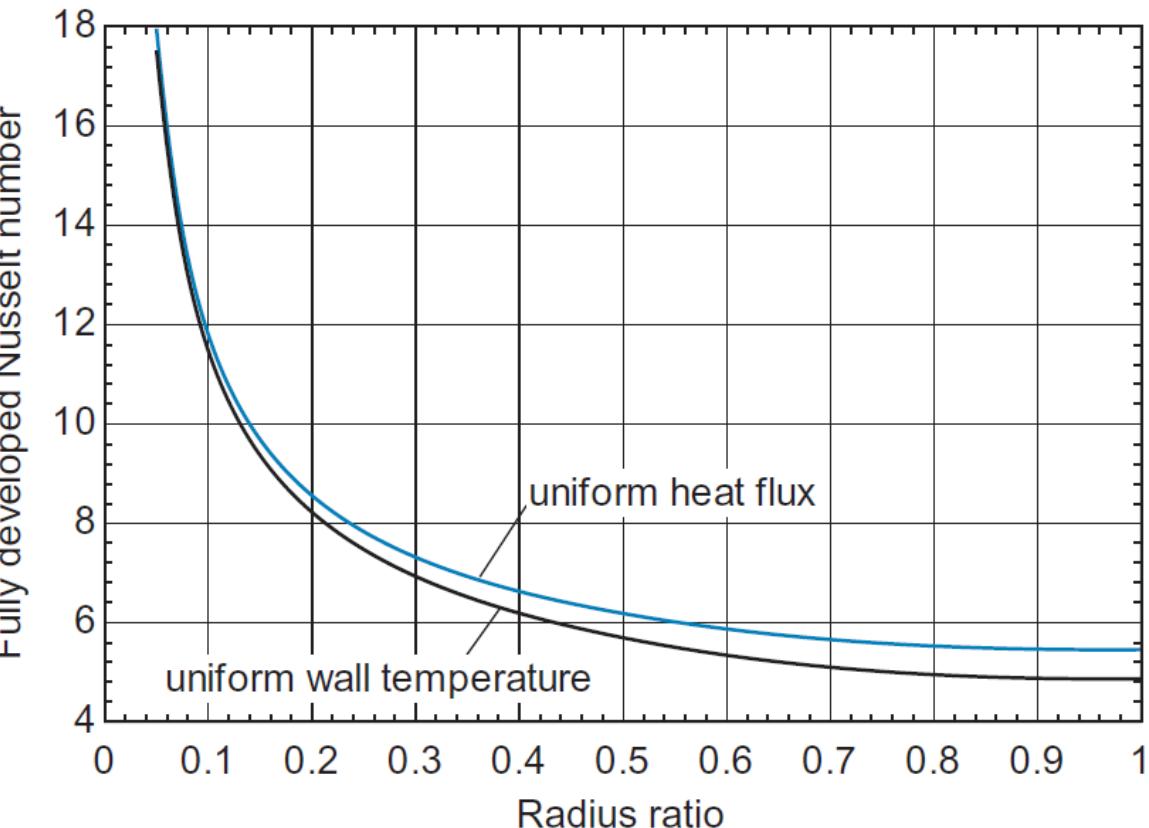
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- Nu and friction factor for fully developed Laminar flow in tubes of different cross sections:

Cross Section	$\frac{b}{a}$	$Nu_D = \frac{hD_h}{k}$	(Uniform $q''_s$ )	(Uniform $T_s$ )	$Re_{D_h}$
Circle	—	4.36	3.66	64	
$a$  $b$	1.0	3.61	2.98	57	
$a$  $b$	1.43	3.73	3.08	59	
$a$  $b$	2.0	4.12	3.39	62	
$a$  $b$	3.0	4.79	3.96	69	
$a$  $b$	4.0	5.33	4.44	73	
$a$  $b$	8.0	6.49	5.60	82	
Heated 	$\infty$	8.23	7.54	96	
Heated  Insulated	$\infty$	5.39	4.86	96	
Triangle 	—	3.11	2.49	53	

- Laminar flow in Annular ducts



\* G. Nellis and S. Klein, Heat Transfer, Cambridge University Press (2008).

# Nusselt Number-Quick Review

## ➤ Turbulent flow

- Not affected by the shape of the cross section or the boundary condition
- Sensitive to surface roughness

- Gnieliski (1976):

$$Nu_{D_h, fd} = \frac{\left(\frac{f_{fd}}{8}\right)(Re_{D_h} - 1000)Pr}{1 + 12.7(Pr^{2/3} - 1)\sqrt{f_{fd}/8}}$$

$0.5 < Pr < 2000$  and  $2300 < Re_{D_h} < 5 \times 10^6$

- Kakac (1987):  $\overline{Nu}_{D_h} \approx Nu_{D_h, fd} \left[ 1 + C \left( \frac{x}{D_h} \right)^{-m} \right]$

$$C=1 \text{ and } m=0.7$$

- For smooth tubes, Dittus-Boelter equation may be used:  $Nu_{D_h, fd} = 0.023 Re_{D_h}^{4/5} Pr^n$

$$\begin{cases} n = 0.4 & \text{if } T_s > T_m \quad (\text{heating}) \\ n = 0.3 & \text{if } T_s < T_m \quad (\text{cooling}) \end{cases}$$

$$0.6 \leq Pr \leq 160 \quad \text{and} \quad Re_{D_h} \geq 10000$$

$$L / D > 10$$

# Examples

# Convection Correlations: Internal Flows

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## Example 1

A method to generate electric power from solar irradiation involves concentrating sunlight onto absorber tubes that are placed at the focal points of parabolic reflectors. The absorber tubes carry a liquid *concentrator fluid* that is heated as it flows through the tubes. After it leaves the concentrating field, the fluid enters a heat exchanger, where it transfers thermal energy to the *working fluid* of a Rankine cycle. The cooled concentrator fluid is returned to the concentrator field after it exits the heat exchanger. A power plant consists of many concentrators.

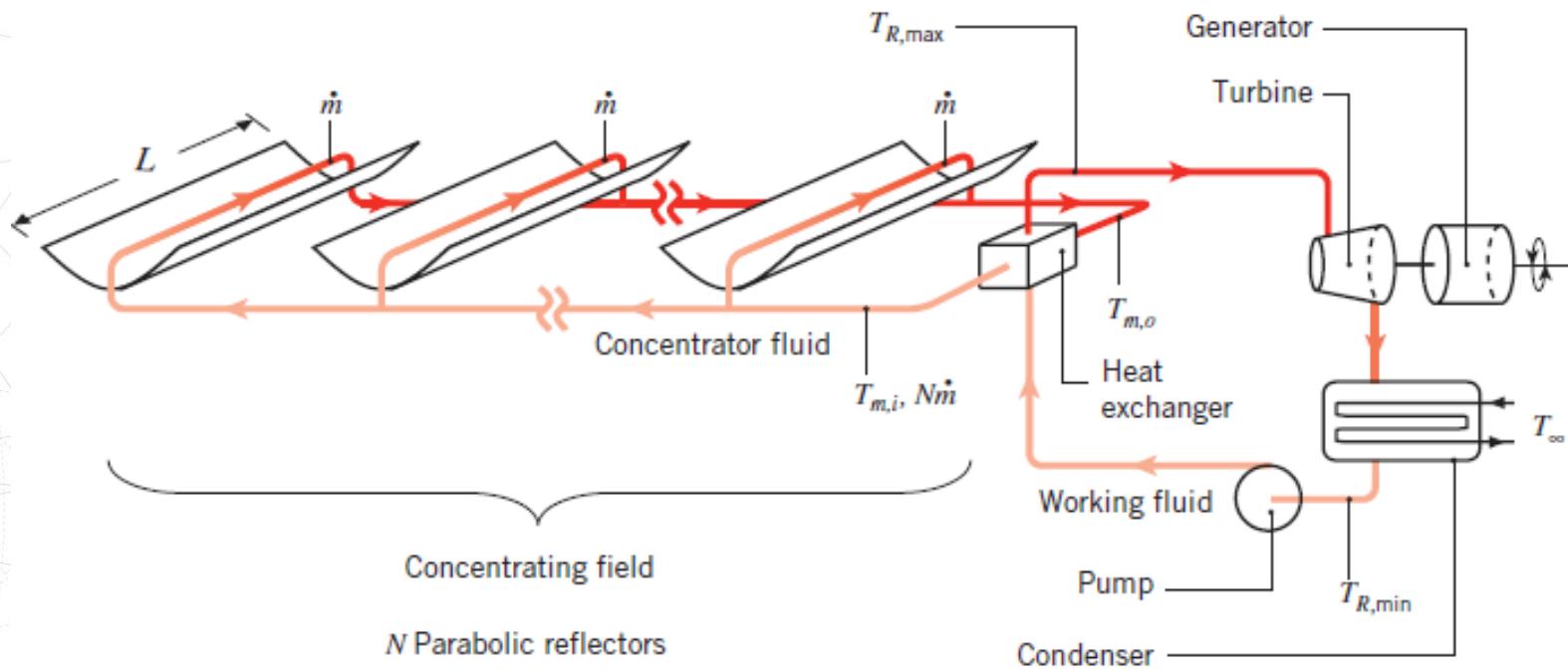
The net effect of a single concentrator-tube arrangement *may be approximated* as one of creating a constant heating condition at the surface of the tube. Consider conditions for which a concentrated heat flux of  $q''_s = 20,000 \text{ W/m}^2$ , assumed to be uniform over the tube surface, heats a concentrator fluid of density, thermal conductivity, specific heat, and viscosity of  $\rho = 700 \text{ kg/m}^3$ ,  $k = 0.078 \text{ W/m}\cdot\text{K}$ ,  $c_p = 2590 \text{ J/kg}\cdot\text{K}$ , and  $\mu = 0.15 \times 10^{-3} \text{ N}\cdot\text{s/m}^2$ , respectively. The tube diameter is  $D = 70 \text{ mm}$ , and the mass flow rate of the fluid in a single concentrator tube is  $\dot{m} = 2.5 \text{ kg/s}$ .

1. If the concentrator fluid enters each tube at  $T_{m,i} = 400^\circ\text{C}$  and exits at  $T_{m,o} = 450^\circ\text{C}$ , what is the required concentrator length,  $L$ ? How much heat  $q$  is transferred to the concentrator fluid in a single concentrator-tube arrangement?
2. What is the surface temperature of the tube at the exit of a concentrator,  $T_s(L)$ ?

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## Example 2

In the final stages of production, a pharmaceutical is sterilized by heating it from 25 to 75 C as it moves at 0.2 m/s through a straight thin-walled stainless steel tube of 12.7-mm diameter. A uniform heat flux is maintained by an electric resistance heater wrapped around the outer surface of the tube. If the tube is 10 m long, what is the required heat flux? If fluid enters the tube with a fully developed velocity profile and a uniform temperature profile, what is the surface temperature at the tube exit and at a distance of 0.5 m from the entrance? Fluid properties may be approximated as  $\rho=1000 \text{ kg/m}^3$ ,  $cp=4000 \text{ J/kg K}$ ,  $\mu=2 \times 10^{-3} \text{ kg/s m}$ ,  $k=0.8 \text{ W/m K}$ , and  $Pr = 10$ .

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## Example 3

Consider the flow of oil at  $10^\circ \text{ C}$  in a 40-cm-diameter pipeline at an average velocity of 0.5 m/s. A 300-m-long section of the pipeline passes through icy waters of a lake at  $0^\circ \text{ C}$ . Measurements indicate that the surface temperature of the pipe is very nearly  $0^\circ \text{ C}$ . Disregarding the thermal resistance of the pipe material, determine (a) the temperature of the oil when the pipe leaves the lake, (b) the rate of heat transfer from the oil, and (c) the pumping power required to overcome the pressure losses and to maintain the flow oil in the pipe.