Heat Transfer

Natural Convection in enclosed spaces

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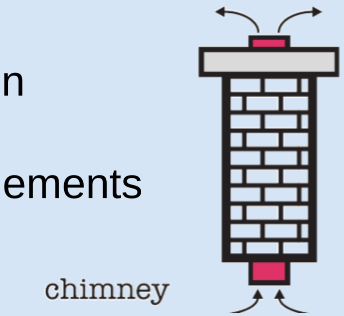
Learning Goals

- Natural Convection in enclosed spaces
  - Understanding of the influence of heated and cooled surfaces in enclosed spaces.
  - Decision-making competence for vertical and horizontal arrangements
  - Gain an overview of different applications



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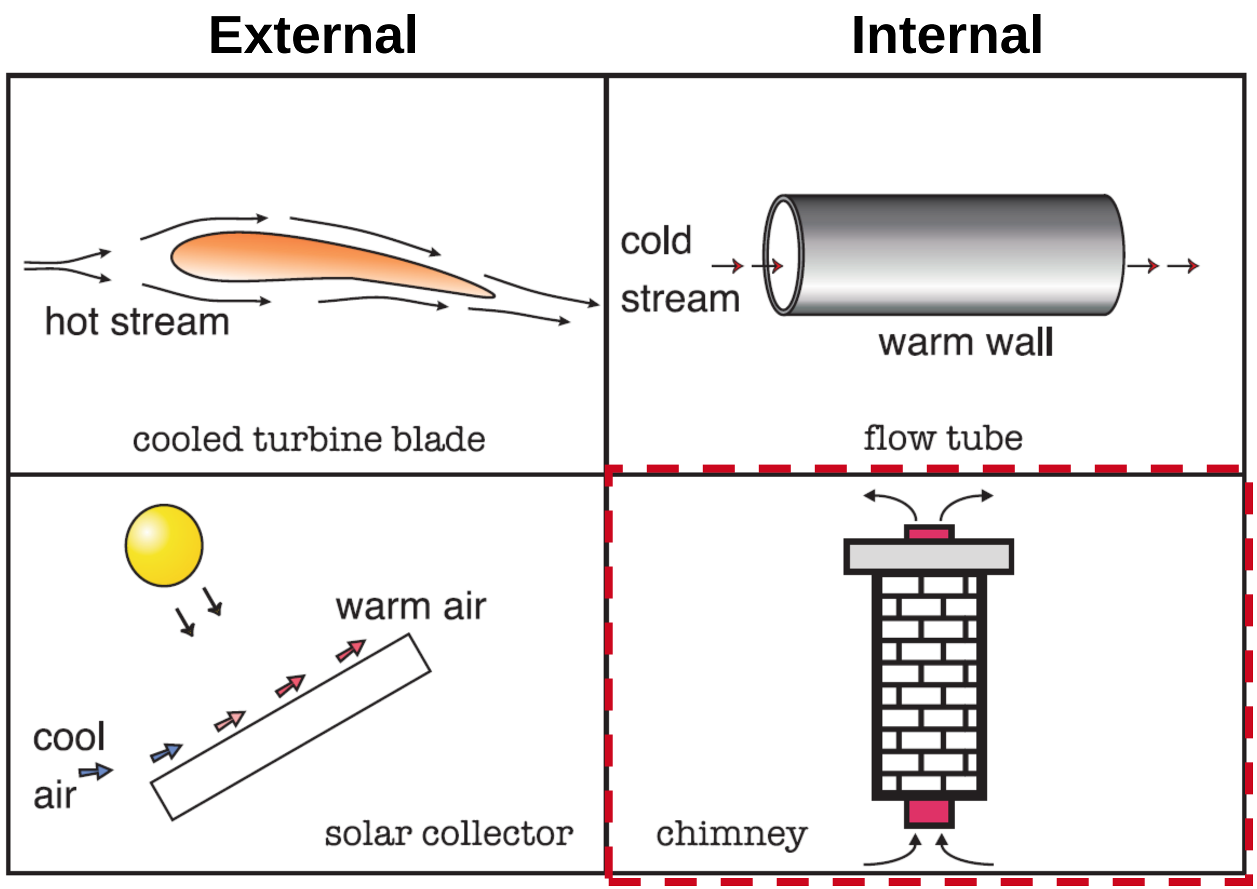
Classifications according to flow regime

Forced Convection

- Driven by externally generated movement of the fluid/object

Free Convection

- Inherently driven due to heat transfer (density differences)



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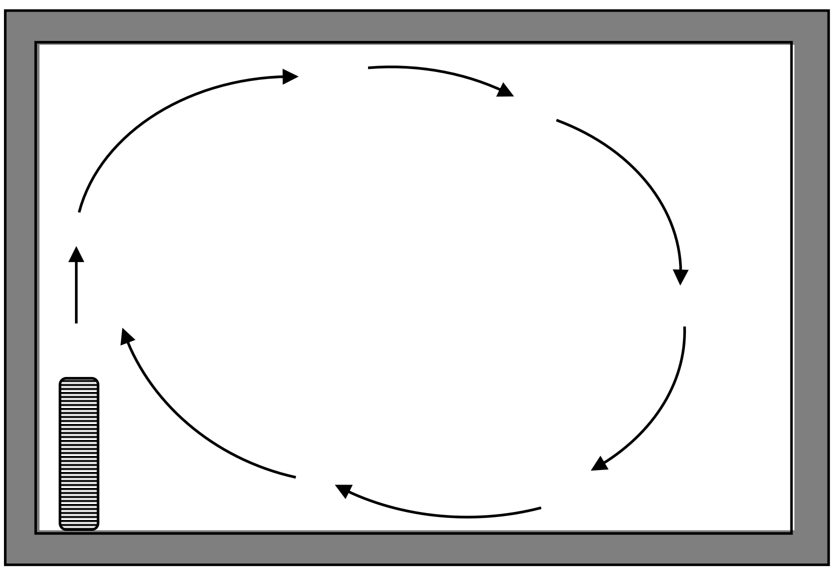
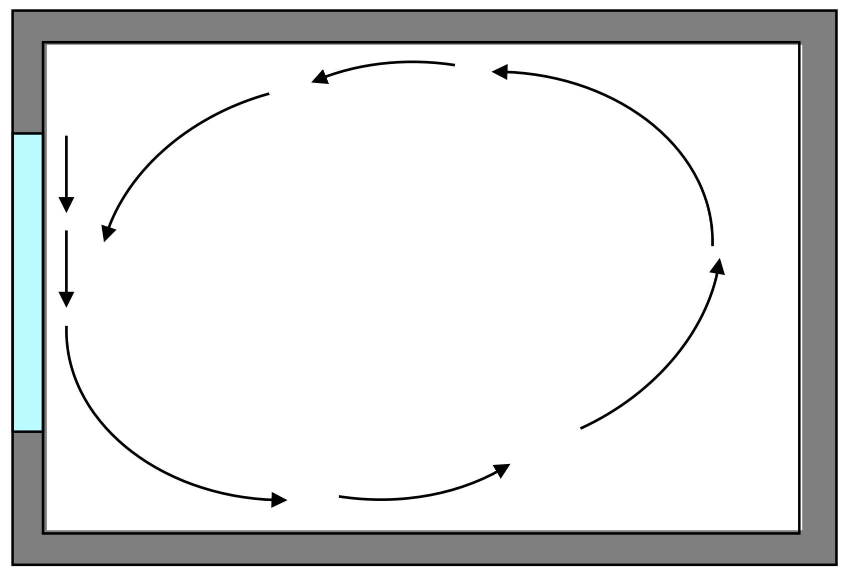
The distance s between the heated and the cooled surface is used as the characteristic length L, the heated and cooled wall temperatures are used as the driving temperatures

Lift flow through radiators



Cold air drop at the window



How is the heat transferred?

Natural Convection in Room

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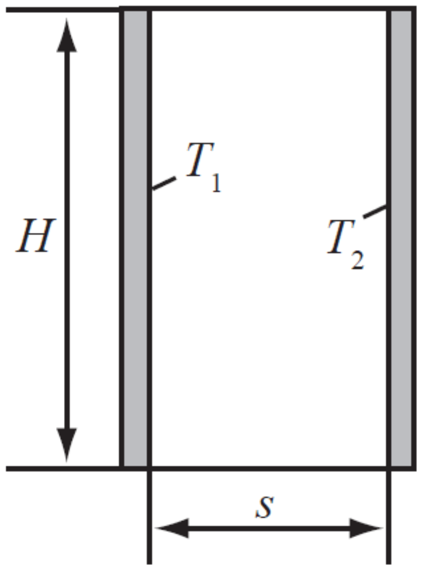
Fluid layers between isothermal, vertical walls with a height/distance ratio $3{,}1 < \frac{H}{s} < 42{,}2$ according to Bayley et al. (1972)



For $\mathrm{Gr_s} < 2 \cdot 10^3$ (**heat conduction only**) $\overline{\mathrm{Nu_s}} = 1$

For the **laminar** range $2 \cdot 10^3 < \mathrm{Gr_s} < 2 \cdot 10^4$

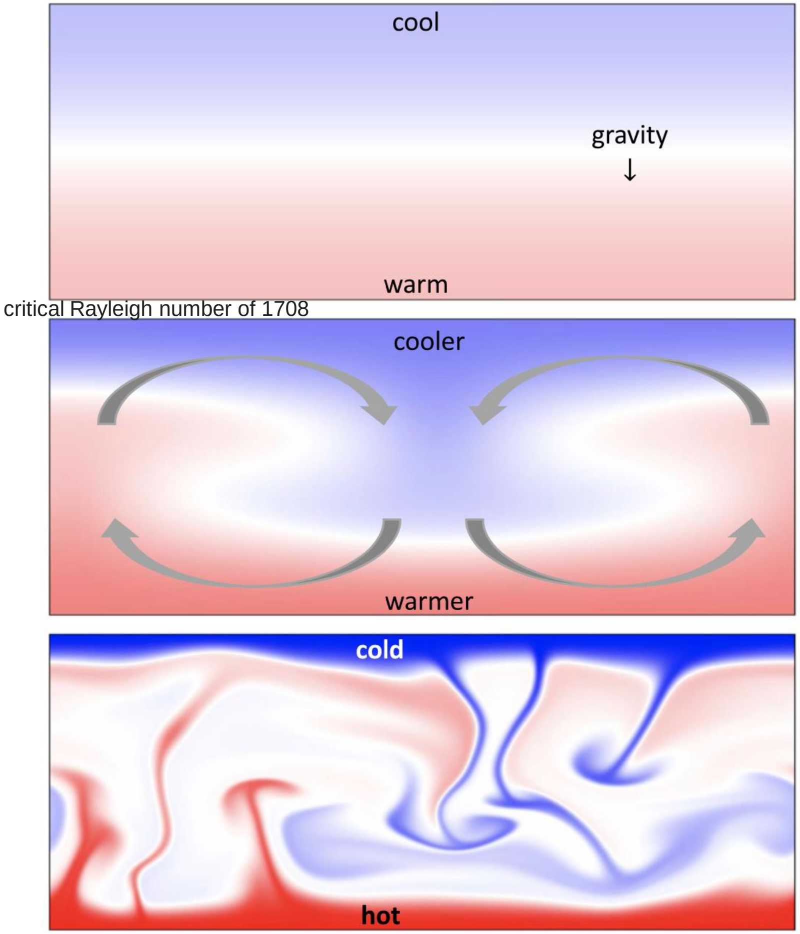
$$\overline{\mathrm{Nu_s}} = 0{,}20 \left(\frac{H}{s}\right)^{-\frac{1}{9}} (\mathrm{Gr_s Pr})^{\frac{1}{4}} \tag{HTC.25}$$

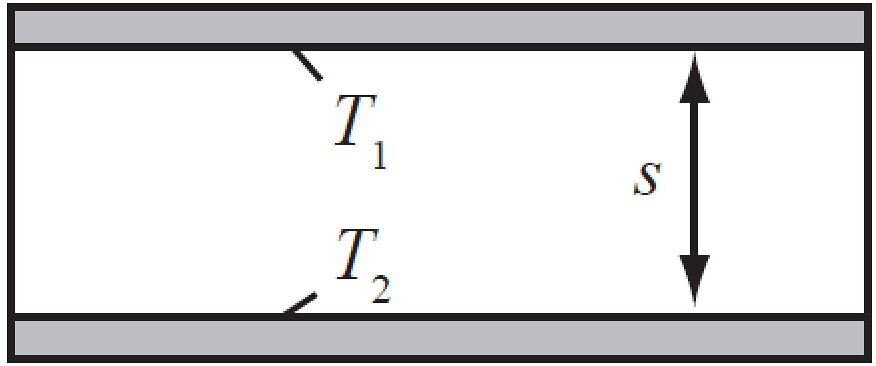
For the **turbulent** range $2 \cdot 10^5 < \mathrm{Gr_s} < 10^7$

$$\overline{\mathrm{Nu_s}} = 0{,}071 \left(\frac{H}{s}\right)^{-\frac{1}{9}} (\mathrm{Gr_s Pr})^{\frac{1}{3}} \tag{HTC.26}$$

$Gr_s Pr = Ra_s$ $\qquad$ $Ra =$ Rayleigh Number

Fluid layers between isothermal, horizontal surfaces (Rayleigh-Benard)





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C.R.Doering, PNAS 2020, 117 (18) 961-9673
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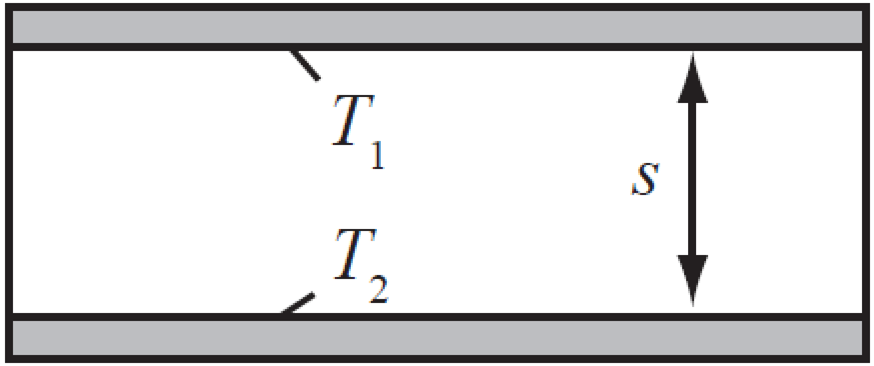
Fig. 1. Snapshots of the temperature field in 2D Rayleigh–Bénard convection simulations. (*Top*) For suitably weak temperature drops ΔT the fluid remains at rest and heat transfers via conduction. (*Middle*) Sufficiently large ΔT destabilizes the conduction state and coherent convection rolls actively increase the heat flux. (*Bottom*) Convective turbulence sets in at larger ΔT.

Rayleigh Benard Turbulent

Source: turbulenceteam youtube. “Rayleigh Benard Convection in 2 dimensions (numerical simulation)

Fluid layers between isothermal, horizontal surfaces, heating from below according to Holman (1976)

If heating is from above, a stable stratification forms. The heat is transferred purely by heat conduction.



Heating from below:

For $\mathrm{Gr_s} < 2 \cdot 10^3$ (**heat conduction only**) $\overline{Nu_s} = 1$

For the **laminar** range $10^4 < \mathrm{Gr_s} < 3{,}2 \cdot 10^5$

$$\overline{\mathrm{Nu_s}} = 0{,}21\,(\mathrm{Gr_s Pr})^{\frac{1}{4}} \qquad \text{(HTC.27)}$$

For the **turbulent** range $3{,}2 \cdot 10^5 < \mathrm{Gr_s} < 10^7$

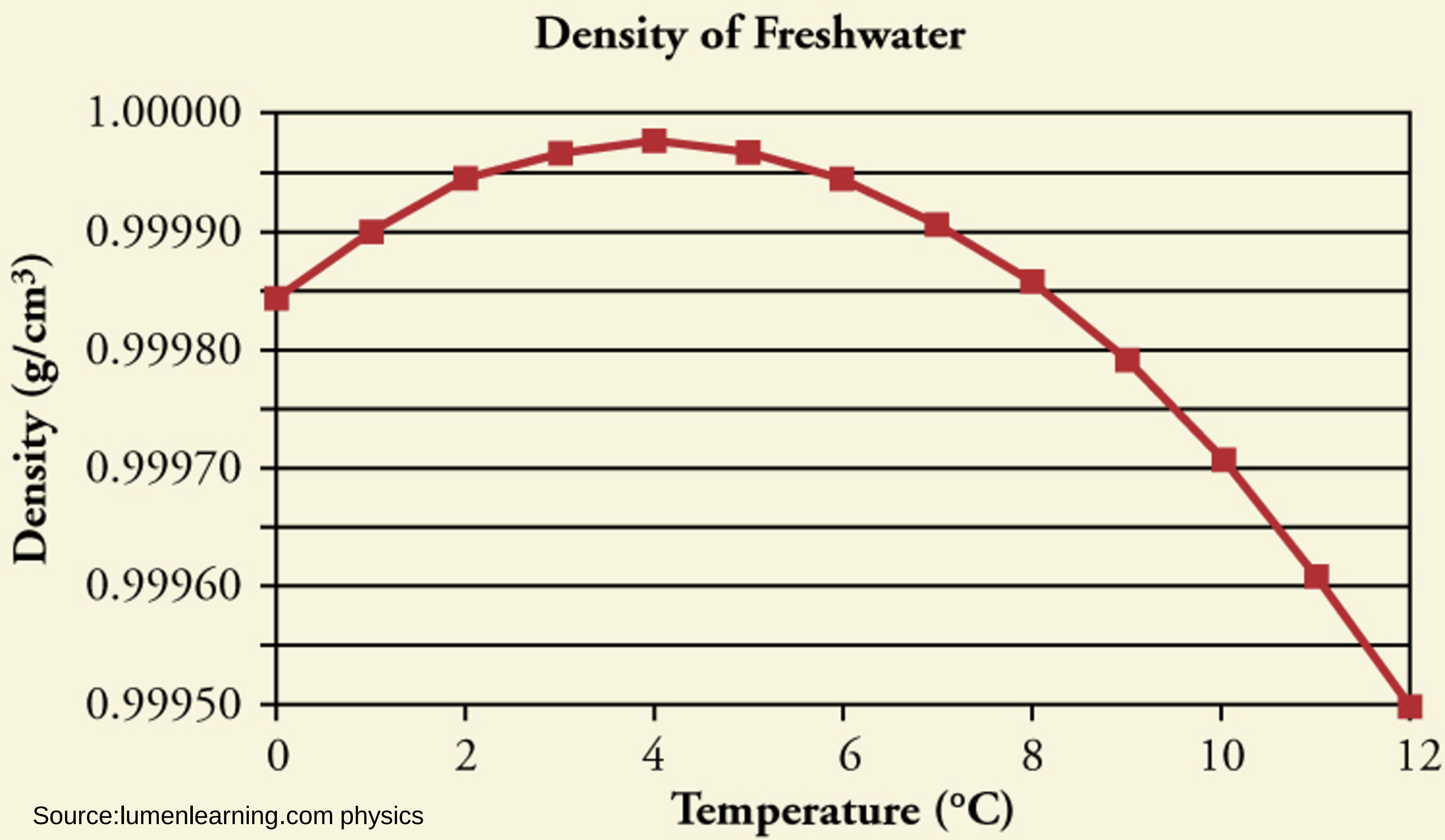
$$\overline{\mathrm{Nu_s}} = 0{,}075\,(\mathrm{Gr_s Pr})^{\frac{1}{3}} \qquad \text{(HTC.28)}$$

Comprehension Questions

Why is heat generally transferred between two horizontal surfaces in a fluid layer only by conduction when the upper plate is heated?

Which exception exists to the rule stated in the question above?

Water between 4 degrees and 0 degrees !



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