

# EEN-1020 Heat transfer

## Week 4: Convective Heat Transfer

### External Flow

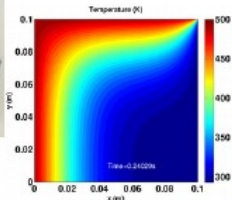
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**Week 1:** Energy conservation, heat equation, conduction  
Fourier/Newton

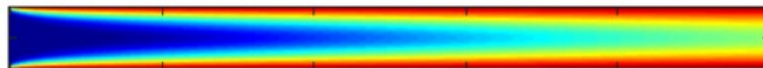


$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} \approx \frac{1}{\Delta x} \left( k \frac{\partial T(x+\Delta x/2, t)}{\partial x} - k \frac{\partial T(x-\Delta x/2, t)}{\partial x} \right)$$

**Week 2:** Fin theory, conduction, intro to convection

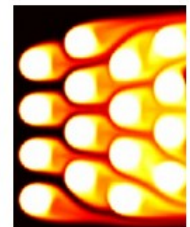


**Week 3:** convective heat transfer – internal flow (channel)



**Week 4:** convective heat transfer – external flow (fin systems)

**Week 5:** natural convection, boiling, correlations





In heat transfer course, we have “4 friends” who typically help us to approach and solve any problem

1) Energy conservation

2) Fourier's law

3) Newton's cooling law

4) Bonus “helpers”:

4.1) heat eqn, conv.-diff. eqn (relatives of friend #1)

4.2) Navier-Stokes eqn (momentum conservation)

4.3) non-dimensional numbers (follow from the other friends)



**Recommended reading:** Ch 7 “External flow” selective parts from “Principles of Heat and Mass Transfer”, Incropera

**Remember:** These slides may contain typos or other mistakes so please be cautious when reading.

**Remember:** Fluid and solid properties depend in reality on thermodynamic conditions so please use always values taken from a proper source (e.g. Incropera Appendix contains some reasonable values)



# Lecture 4.1 Theory and experiment: Heat transfer of flow over a cylinder

**ILO 4:** Student can formulate energy balance for external flow heat transfer systems and use basic correlations. The student can confirm the analysis using generated/provided simulation data.



**However, we start by a brief recap of heat transfer phenomena **near walls**.**

1) Thermal entry length derivation

2) Features of Prandtl boundary layer analysis

3) Axial mean temperature in a heated channel with constant wall heat flux (see Appendix – needed in HW3)

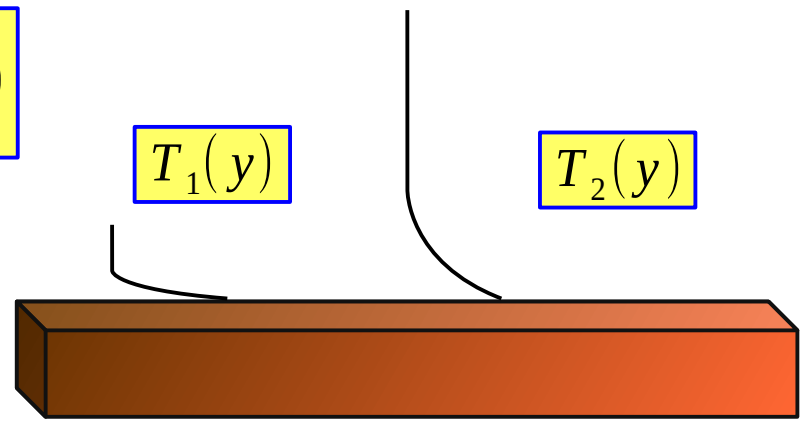


**Strong relevance to HW3 - Heat flux balance at the surface:**  
**Fourier's law (physics)** equals to **Newton's law (engineering)**

*Diffusive heat flux (Fourier) immediately at the wall on the fluid side = Heat flux from Newton's law of cooling*

$$-k_f \left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} \right)_{y=wall} = h(T_s - T_{mean})$$

If temperature gradient in wall-normal direction would be known at each x location → we could calculate  $h$  (W/m<sup>2</sup>K) every single surface point



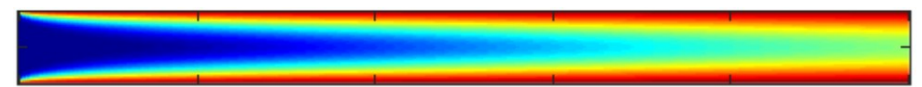
**Figure:** temperature profiles on bottom wall

**Note:** even in convective heat transfer the heat first diffuses i.e. conducts near the wall because  $u, v \rightarrow 0$  next to the wall

$$h = \frac{-k_f \left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} \right)_{y=wall}}{T_s - T_{mean}}$$

$$[h] = W / m^2 K$$

**Think:** How can we maximize  $h$ ? How do  $h$  and heat flux vary in the flow direction?





# Nusselt numbers for different channel types with different boundary conditions

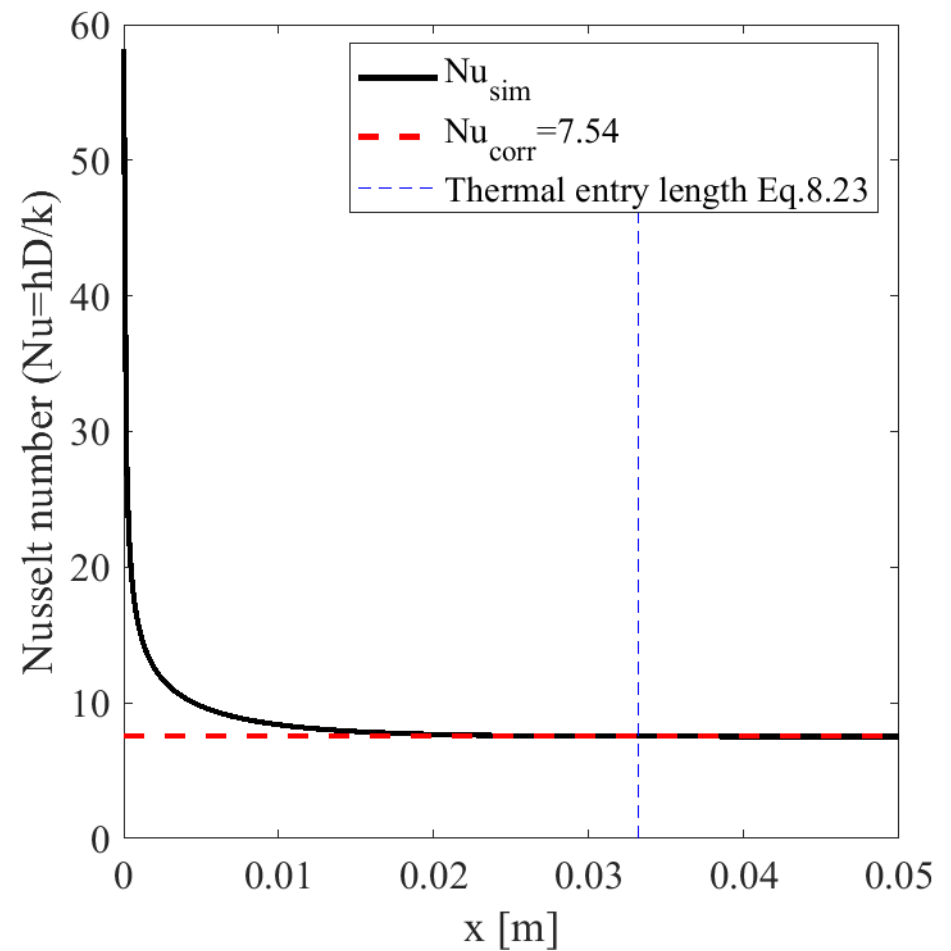
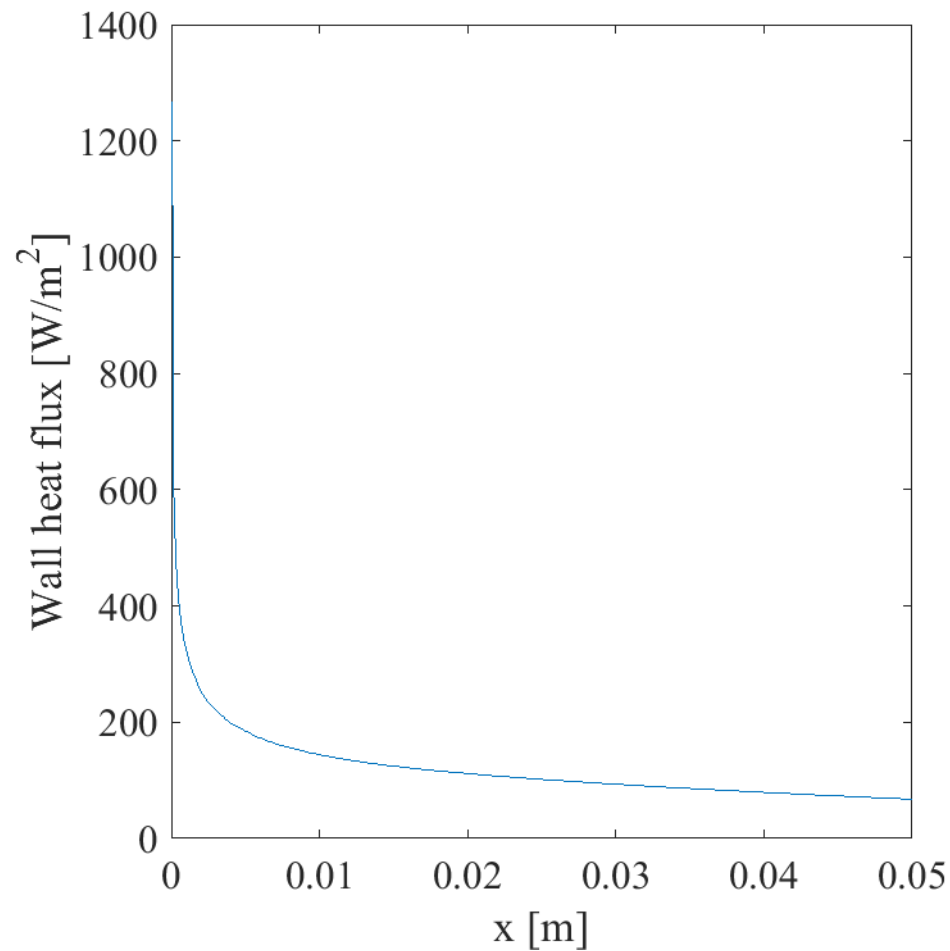
Cross Section	$\frac{b}{a}$	$Nu_D = \frac{hD_h}{k}$		$f Re_{D_h}$
		(Uniform $q_s''$ )	(Uniform $T_s$ )	
	—	4.36	3.66	64
	1.0	3.61	2.98	57
	1.43	3.73	3.08	59
	2.0	4.12	3.39	62
	3.0	4.79	3.96	69
	4.0	5.33	4.44	73
	8.0	6.49	5.60	82
	$\infty$	8.23	7.54	96
	$\infty$	5.39	4.86	96
	$\infty$	5.39	4.86	96
	—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

In HW3 we want to check if we can get the value  $Nu = 7.54$  from numerical simulation.

Table 8.1 from Incropera, de Witt (Principles of Heat and Mass Transfer)



For constant wall temperature BC some example results using code `heat2d.m`

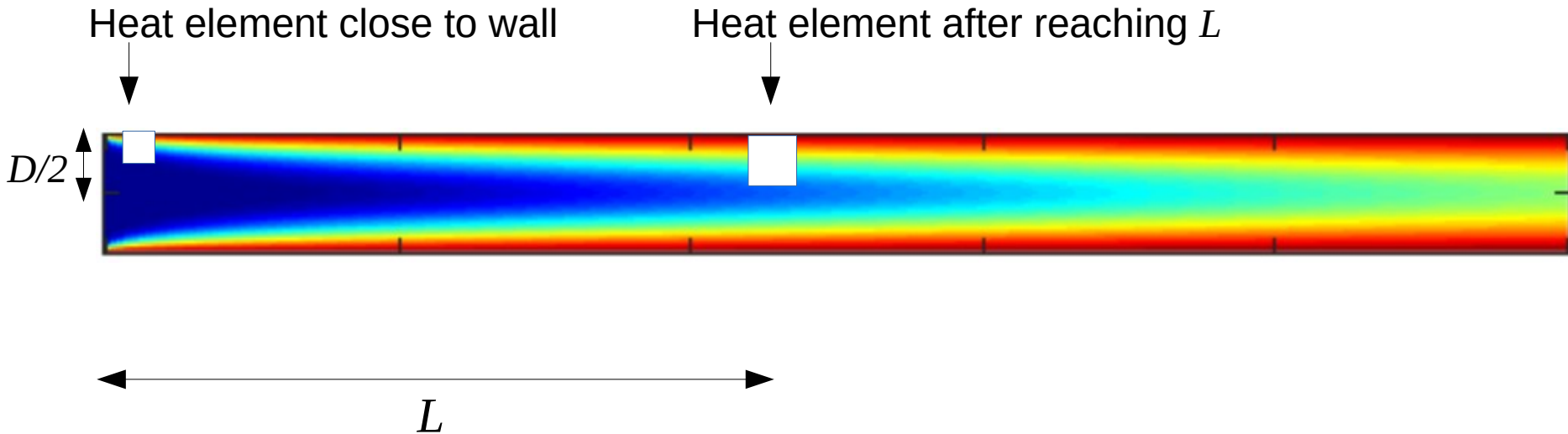






# Thermal entry length derivation

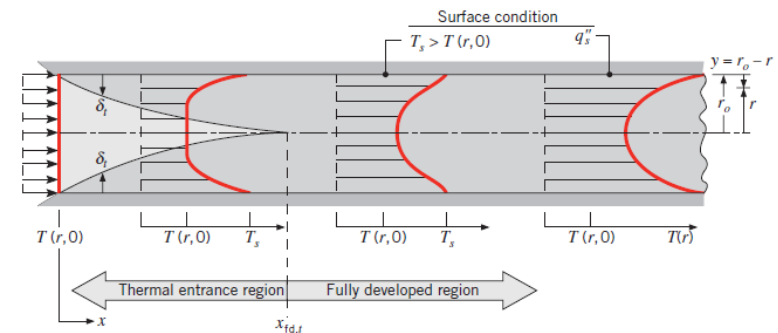
Note – the correlation should be only taken as informative and guiding



- **y-direction:** In laminar channel flow heat has only diffusion as an option towards the centerline since  $y$ -velocity = 0.
- Recall order of magnitude for diffusion time (Week 1):  $\tau_{diff} = (D/2)^2/\alpha$
- **x-direction:** During diffusion time heat convected in  $x$ -direction distance  $L$
- Approximate convection time:  $\tau_{conv} = L/U$
- Equate:  $\tau_{conv} = \tau_{diff}$

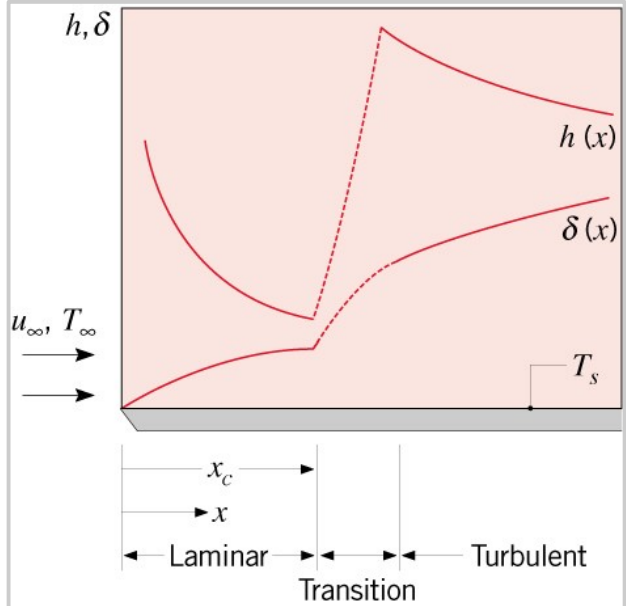
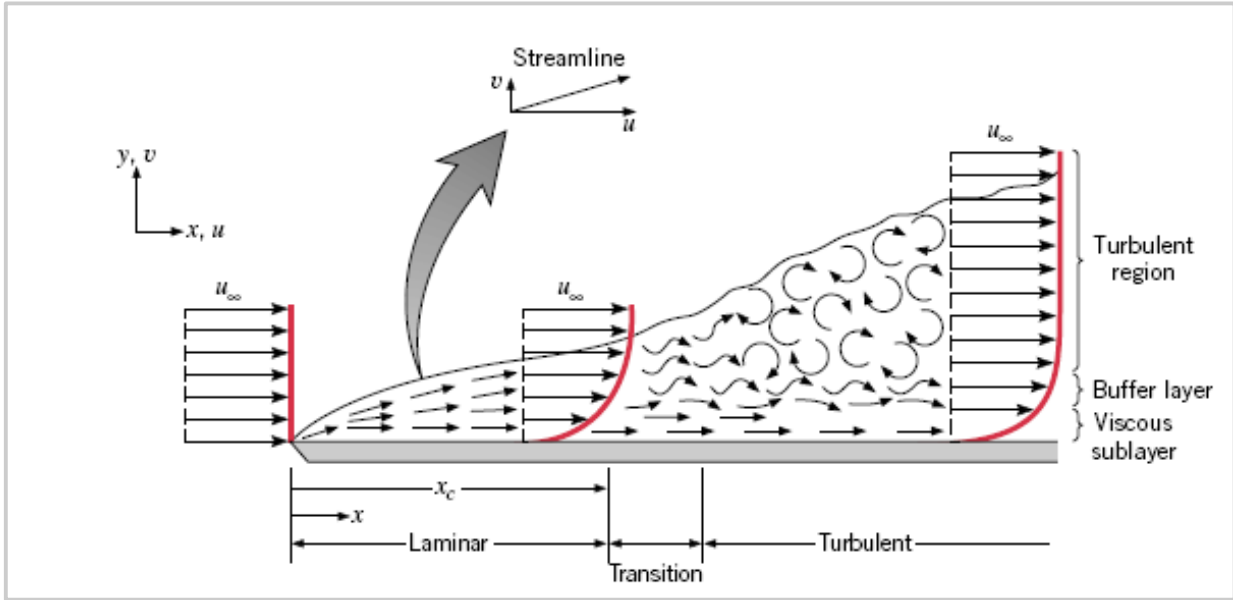
Here, we get:  
 $(x/D) \approx 0.25 \text{Re}_D \text{Pr}$

Instead of the thermal entry length:  
 $(x/D) \approx 0.05 \text{Re}_D \text{Pr}$



**Summary:** physics and way of thinking ok but the prefactor is wrong but explainable and refinable.

# Free boundary layers form an important starting point to int./ext.heat transfer analysis



Viscous boundary layer

Thermal boundary layer

$$Re_c = \frac{\rho U_\infty x_c}{\mu}$$

Critical Reynolds number at the onset of laminar to turbulence transition.

$$\delta / \delta_T = Pr^{1/3}$$

Thickness ratio between viscous/thermal BL's depends on  $Pr$ .

$$10^5 < Re_c < 3 \cdot 10^6$$


$$U / U_\infty = 0.99$$

$$Nu_x = h_x x / k = 0.332 Re_x^{1/2} Pr^{1/3}$$

Local Nusselt number scaling depends on  $Re_x$  and  $Pr$ .

$$\delta = \frac{5.0}{\left(\frac{U_\infty}{\nu x}\right)^{1/2}} = \frac{5x}{Re_x^{1/2}}$$

Laminar boundary layer thickness grows along the plate.



# Convection-diffusion equation for temperature = energy conservation

By simulating the CD-equation below in HW3-HW5 we are in fact exploring the classical boundary layer characteristics stemming back to findings of e.g. Prandtl on previous slides.

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} = \alpha \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} + \alpha \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y^2}$$

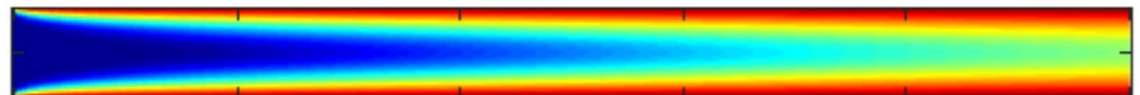
“J/s thinking”

↑  
 $T$  changes in given position in time due to convection and diffusion

↑  
 $T$  is transported by velocity field (convection)

↑  
 $T$  is transported by thermal diffusion (diffusion/conduction)

$T=T(x,y)$  in steady state 2d laminar channel flow





## Observation

→ Starting from week 1 lectures, the CD-equation has been around “all the way” but in a simpler form.

$$u \frac{\partial \rho c_p T}{\partial x} \sim \rho c_p T_{out} u - \rho c_p T_{in} u$$

→ The CD-equation is simply telling the thermal energy is transported by convection and diffusion in a fluid.

→ The “**J/s thinking**” tells us that the equation reaches steady state if power entering a point equals the power leaving the point.

→ The boundary conditions via heated walls (typically  $T=\text{const.}$  or  $q=\text{const.}$ ) provide heat to the fluid so that near the walls temperature conducts to the fluid. As always, **Fourier’s law tells the heat flux.**



During the next 30 minutes we will talk about the class room demo heat exchanger system of flow over a heated cylinder with convection i.e. fan turned on



## Purpose of empirical heat transfer correlations:

For a broad range of Reynolds numbers and Prandtl numbers, express average heat transfer coefficient  $h$  in a non-dimensional form called Nusselt number:  $Nu = Nu(Re, Pr)$



# Different average Nusselt number correlations for heated cylinders have been developed

$$\overline{Nu}_D = \frac{\bar{h} D}{k}$$

Hilpert correlation (see Table 7.2)

$$\overline{Nu}_D = C Re_D^m Pr^{1/3}$$

Churchill & Bernstein correlation (broad applicability)

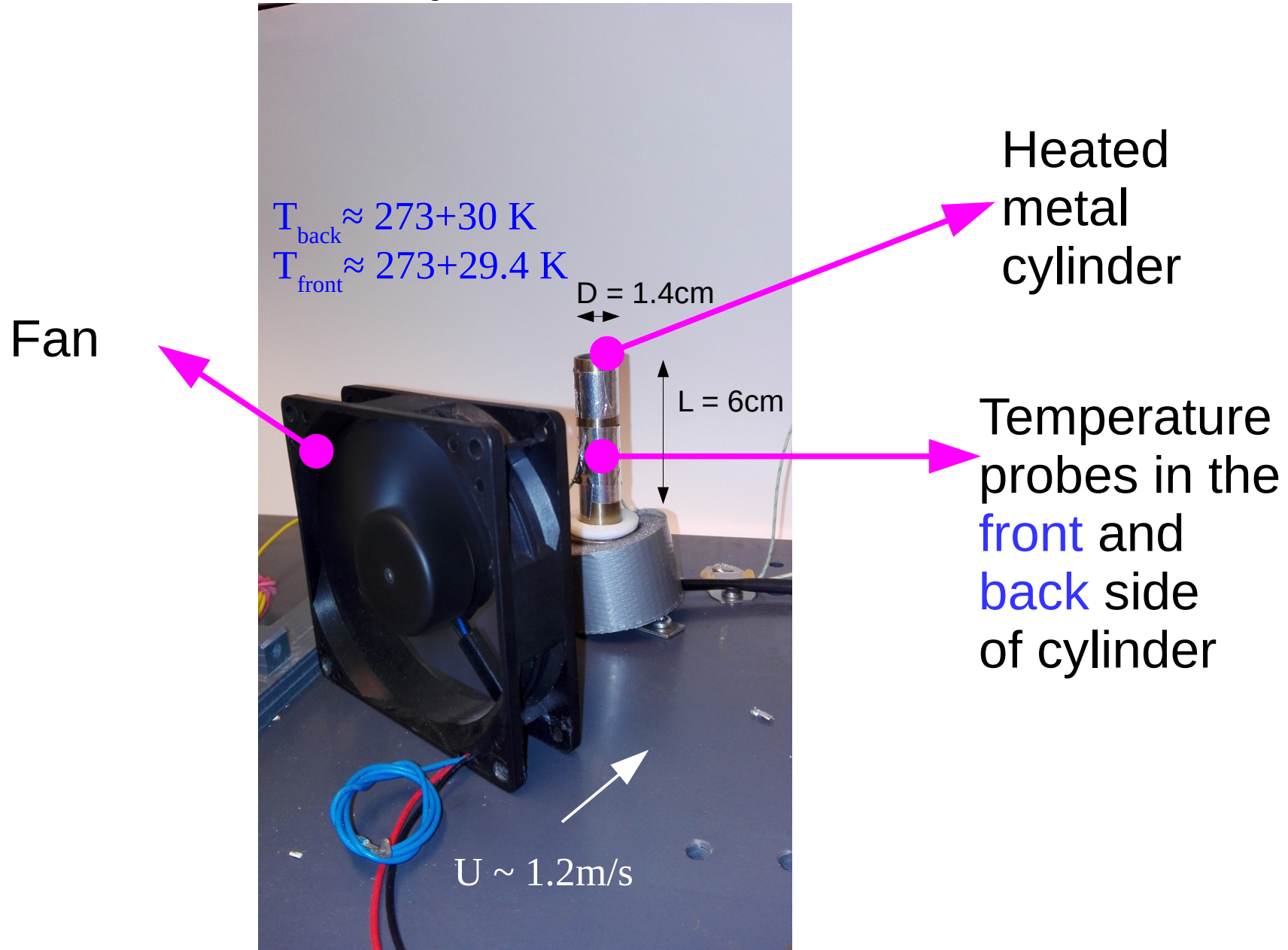
$$\overline{Nu}_D = 0.3 + \frac{0.62 Re_D^{1/2} Pr^{1/3}}{[1 + (0.4/Pr)^{2/3}]^{1/4}} [1 + (Re_D/282000)^{5/8}]^{4/5}$$

Zukauskas correlation (broad applicability, see Table 7.4)

$$\overline{Nu}_D = C Re_D^m Pr^{1/3} \left( \frac{Pr}{Pr_s} \right)^{1/4}$$



# Class room demo – external flow over heated cylinder







**Estimate** cylinder heat transfer coefficient and air heating power from Newton's law (assume  $T_s$  known)

**Data for air**

$C_p = 1.007 \text{ kJ/kgK}$                        $k = k_{\text{air}} = 0.026 \text{ W/mK}$   
**Surface temperatures:**  $T_{\text{front}} \approx 273+29.4 \text{ K}$      $T_{\text{back}} \approx 273+30 \text{ K}$   
**Air temperatures:**  $T_{\text{air,room}} \approx 273+22.6 \text{ K}$      $T_{\text{air, after}} \approx 273+23.3 \text{ K}$   
 $U_C \approx U_D \approx 1.2 \text{ m/s}$      $\rho \approx 1.2 \text{ kg/m}^3$      $\nu = 1.6\text{e-}5\text{m}^2/\text{s}$      $Pr = 0.707$   
 $L = 6\text{cm}$              $d = 1.4\text{cm}$              $A = A_{\text{cylinder}} = L\pi d = 0.0026 \text{ m}^2$

Use the following formulas and estimate power from Newton's cooling law:

$$Re = \frac{U D}{\nu}$$

$$Pr = \frac{\nu}{\alpha}$$

$$Nu_{\text{ave}} = Nu = \frac{h D}{k} = C Re_D^m Pr^{1/3}$$

$$C=0.683 \text{ and } m = 0.466$$

Table 7.2 Incropera

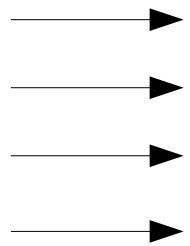


Find order of magnitude for temperature increase from energy balance for heated cylinder (assume  $T_s$  known)

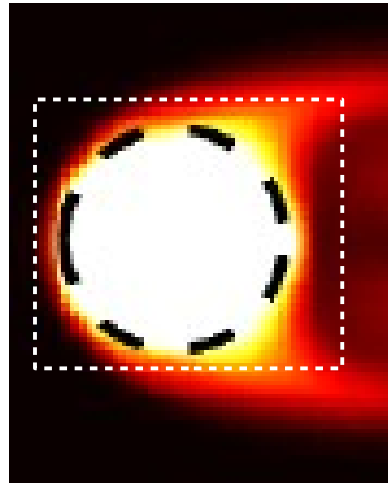
$$Nu = \frac{hD}{k} = C Re_D^m Pr^{1/3}$$

$$Nu = ?$$

$$h = ?$$



$$D$$
$$A_{proj} = LD$$



$$A_{cyl} = \pi DL$$

$$\Delta T = ?$$

$$q = hA_{cyl}(T_s - T_\infty)$$

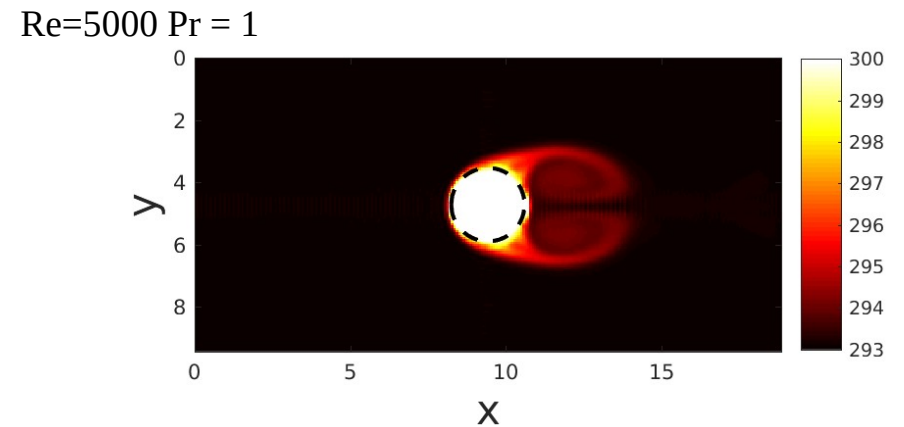
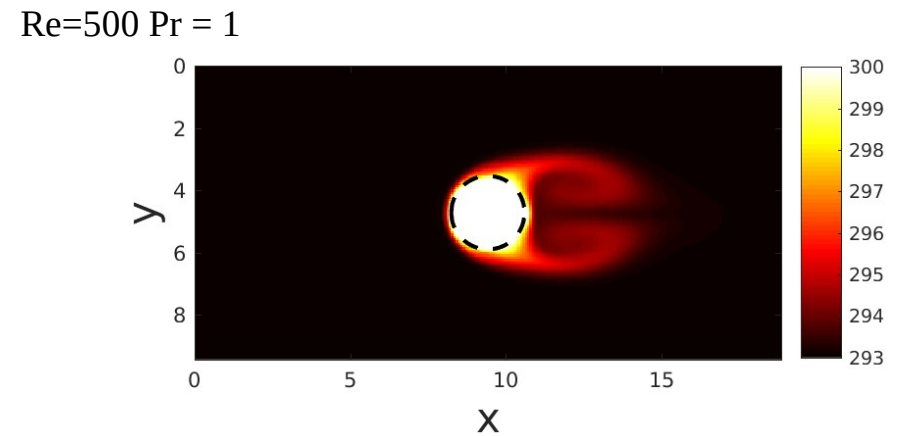
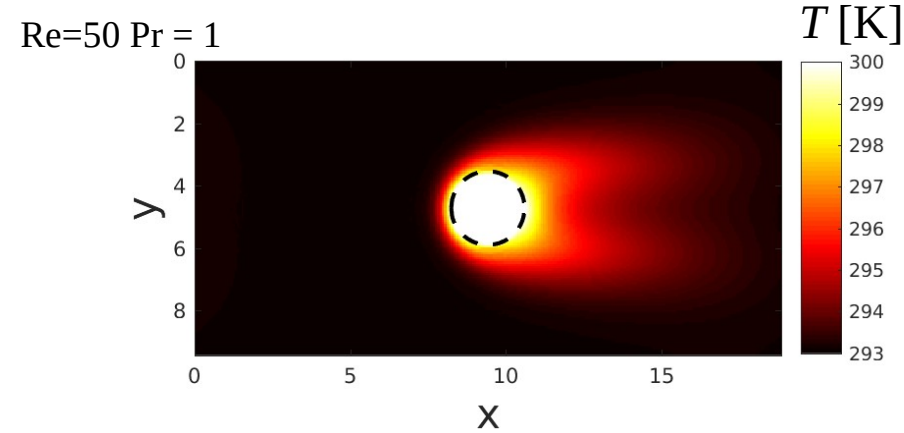
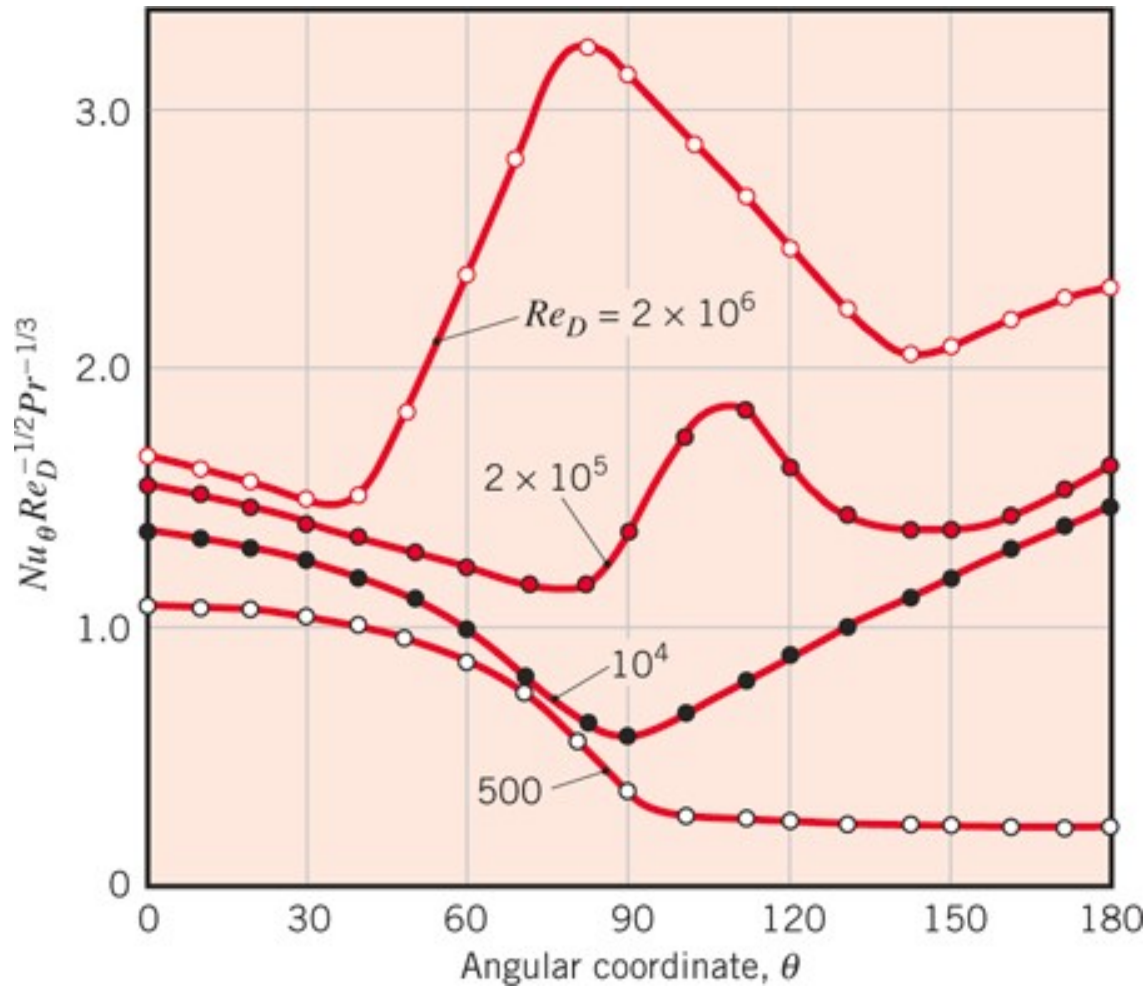
$$q = \rho c_p U A_{proj} \Delta T$$


$$q = ?$$

“J/s thinking”



# Local Nusselt number for a heated cylinder: exp. data (Incropera) and demonstration of instantaneous temperature distribution from simulation (right) assuming constant $T_s$





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# Last, let us try to think of what the exponents mean in convective heat transfer

- Consider the Hilpert correlation
- The Prandtl number exponent  $1/3$  is the same as for flat plate boundary layer  
→ consistent and reasonable
- The Reynolds number exponent  $0 < m < 1$  and it is expected to be related to flat plate BL exponents for average  $Nu$ .
- Case  $m > 1$ : unphysical
- Case  $m = 1$ : unphysical
- Case  $0 < m < 1$ : physical

$$\overline{Nu}_D = C Re_D^m Pr^{1/3}$$



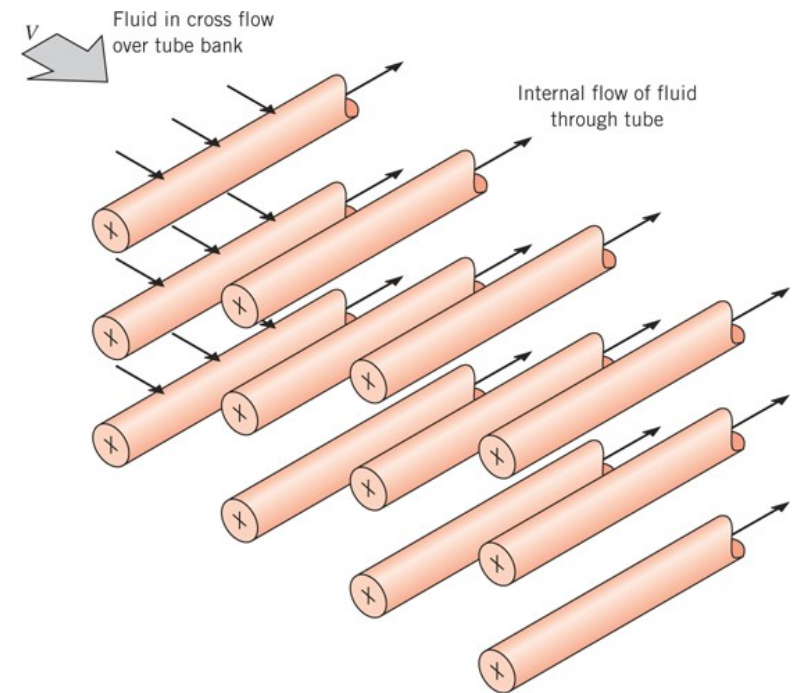
## Lecture 4.2 Numerical approach: 2d heat transfer over a fin bed using Matlab

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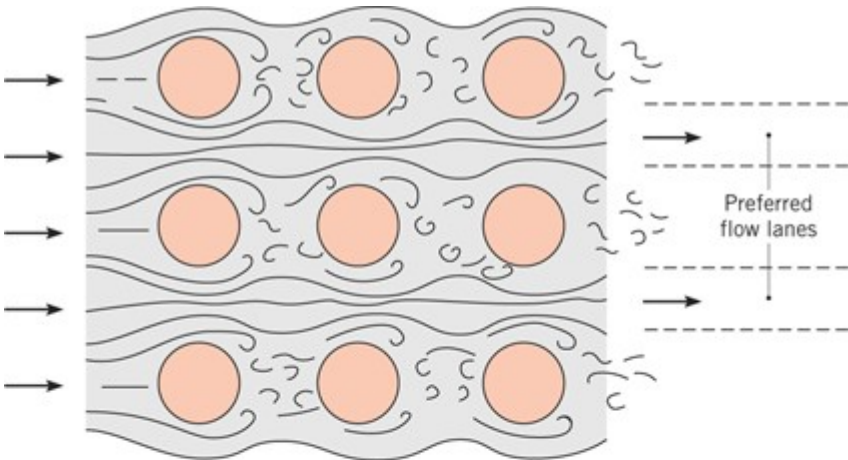
# Background motivation: Fin arrays

- Cylinder or pin fin beds very commonly used in heating and cooling applications
- E.g. cooling system in a ship where cool sea water is pumped through pipes and air is blown by fan over the array for AC cooling of cabins

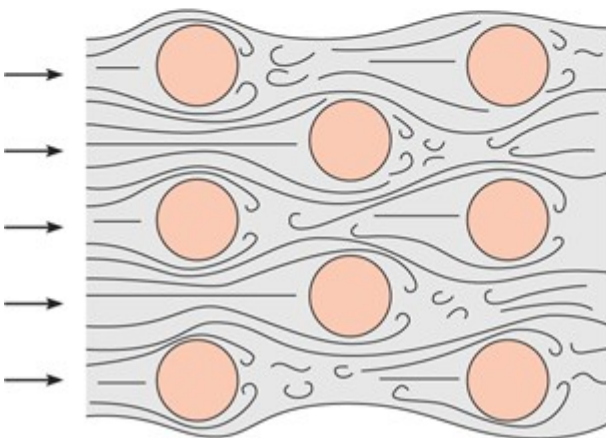




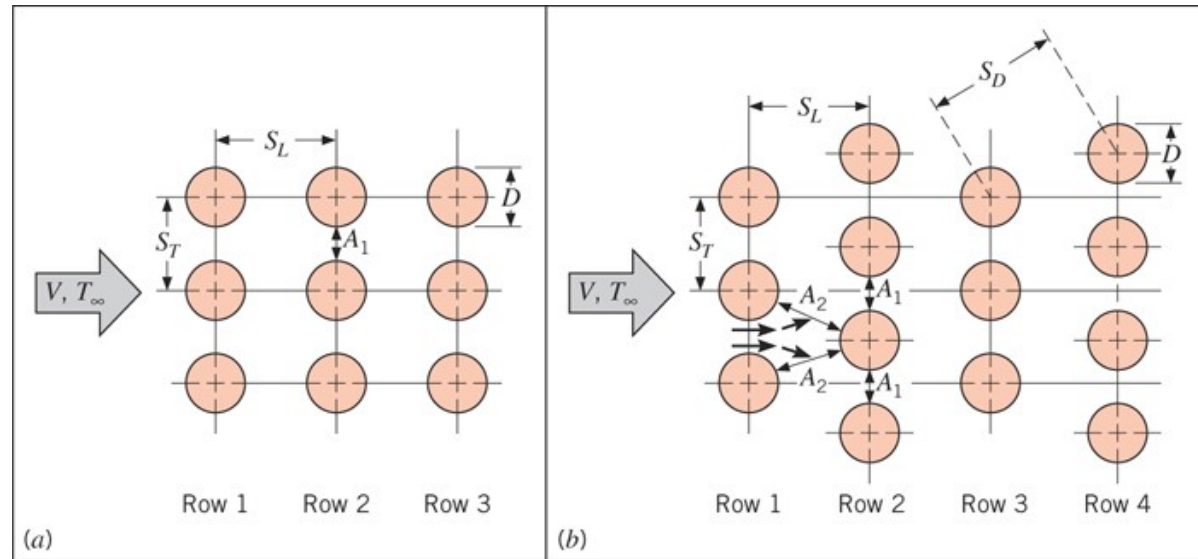
# Fin arrays



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(b)



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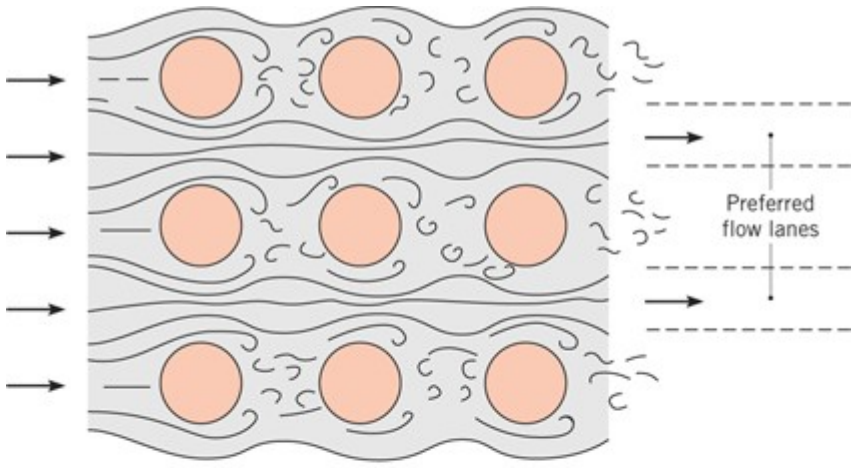
$S_T = \text{transverse pitch}$

$S_L = \text{longitudinal pitch}$

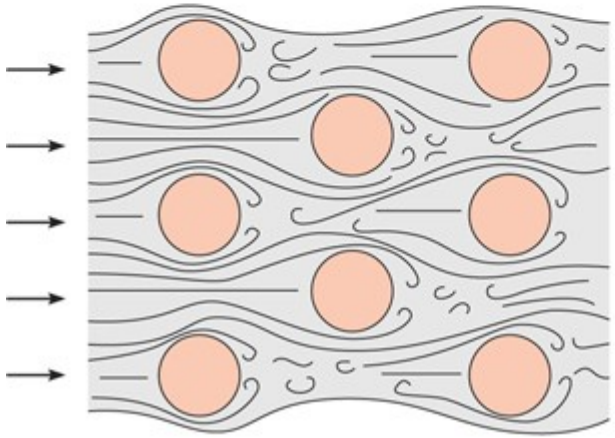




# Aligned vs staggered configurations

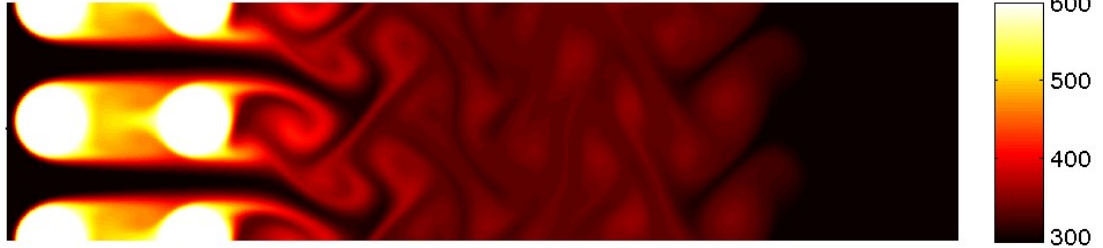


(a)



(b)

Temperature



Temperature

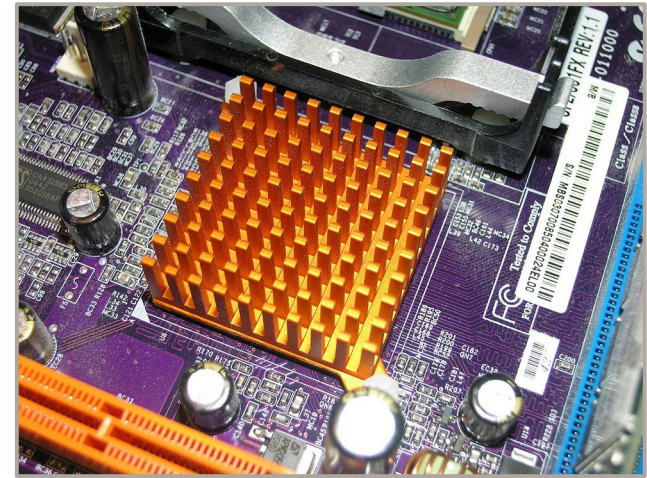


What do you think which one would pose better heat transfer ?



# HW4: Pin fin configuration

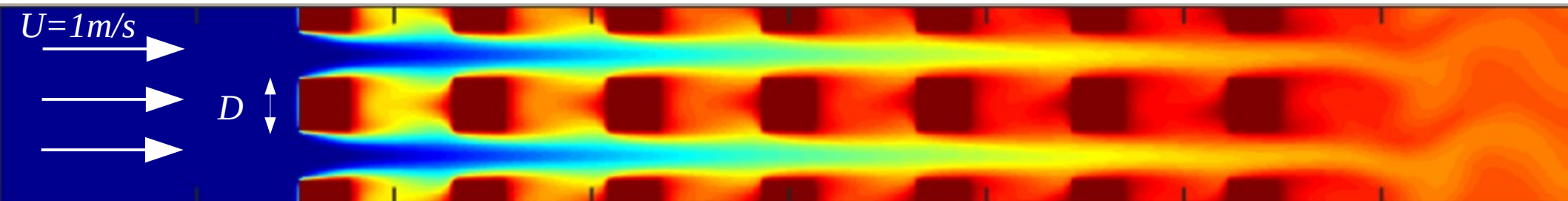
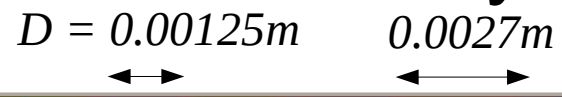
In this session we will look mostly into heat transfer in a pin fin bed. Could occur in electronics cooling or air conditioning system.



<https://pl.wikipedia.org/wiki/Plik:Heatsinkrods.jpg>

## Other assumptions during the session:

- 1) pin fin walls at  $T_{wall} = +29.6$  deg C
- 2) inflow temperature is  $T_{left} = +22.6$  deg C
- 3) velocity field is fully developed and laminar and mean inflow velocity is close to 1m/s



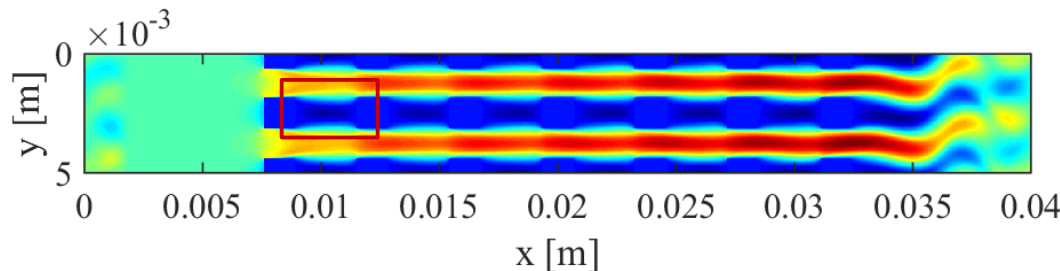
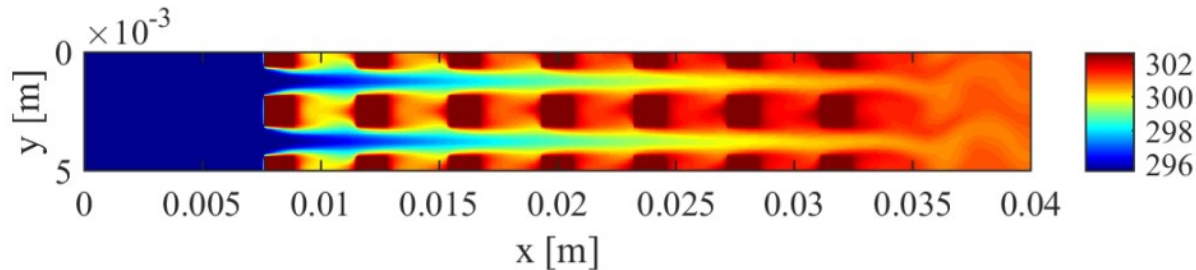


# HW4: Convection-diffusion equation for temperature to estimate Nu

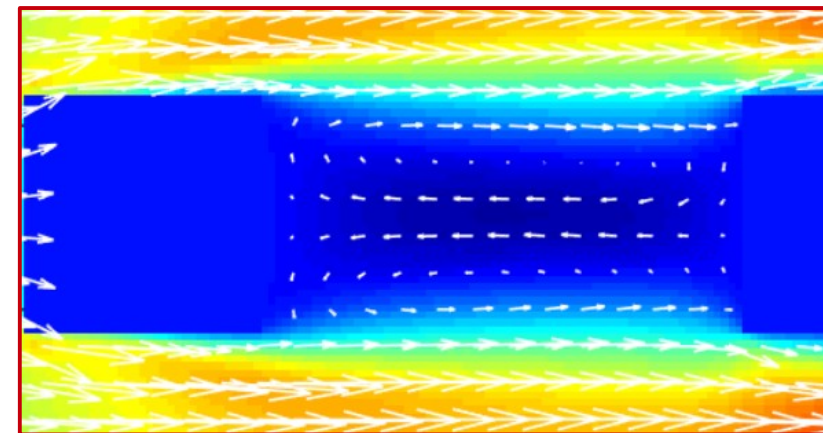
The Matlab session will focus on investigating heat transfer in a 2d fin bed using a provided velocity field which is assumed constant i.e. **almost steady state**. Constant wall T is assumed.

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} = \alpha \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} + \alpha \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y^2}$$

$T=T(x,y)$  in steady state 2d flow with constant wall temperature BC



Zoom to recirculation zone showing reverse flow (every fifth vector shown)



$u=u(x,y)$  and  $v=v(x,y)$  are provided from separate CFD simulation. Assume “frozen flow” and zero velocity on the walls.



**STEP 1:** download the `heat2dfins` code from MyCourses and extract – by right clicking mouse - to new folder `Week4`.

**STEP 2:** let us look into the code structure **together from the big screen**. If you want to study a single fin you may change the line

```
load ../VeldataSingle.mat    % single fin
% or instead
%load ../Veldata.mat        % pin fin array
```



## STEP 3: let us visualize the colorful pictures together (velocity, vectors and temperature).

```
figure(2), clf, box
imagesc([min(min(X)) max(max(X))], [min(min(Y)) max(max(Y))], U)
axis equal, hold on

% we want only to plot every 5th vector for visual reasons
qiny = iny(1:5:length(iny)); qinx = inx(1:5:length(inx));
quiver(X(qiny,qinx), Y(qiny,qinx), U(qiny,qinx), V(qiny,qinx),4, 'w')
    colormap jet
    axis tight

ylabel('y [m]')
xlabel('x [m]'), colorbar, drawnow
axis tight
axis([0,Lx,0,Ly])

print -dpng Velocity2dfins
```



**STEP 4:** use the Hilpert correlation (for cylindrical fins) to estimate Nusselt number under these conditions.

**STEP 5:** can you get similar order of magnitude for **simulation result** for Nusselt number from **the single fin** case ?

$$\text{Nu}_{ave} = \text{Nu} = \frac{hD}{k} = C \text{Re}_D^m \text{Pr}^{1/3}$$

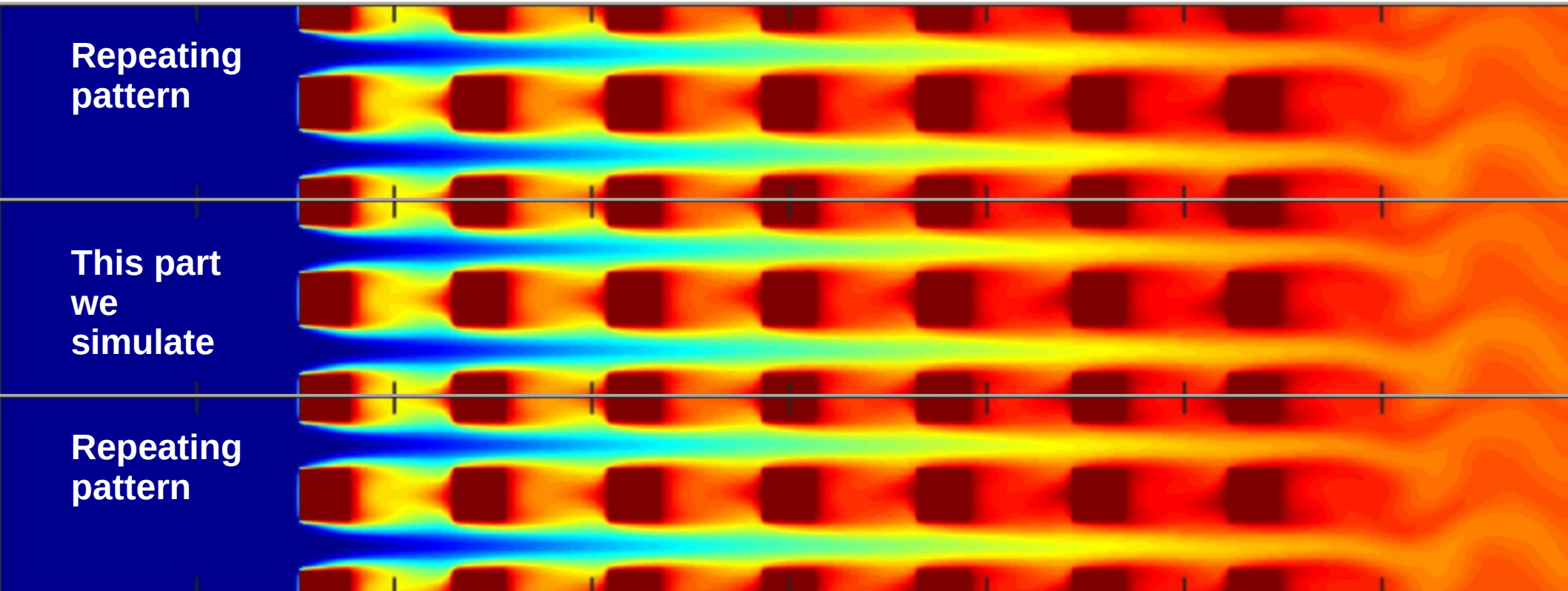


We can think we are in fact modeling an “infinite”, repeating pattern of fins ( $T_s = \text{const.}$ )

Row 1

Row 2

Row 7



**Question:** How to use Newton's cooling law **correctly and consistently** in this situation ?  
Is  $h$  constant ? What is  $T_m$  ?

$$q = hA(T_s - T_m)$$



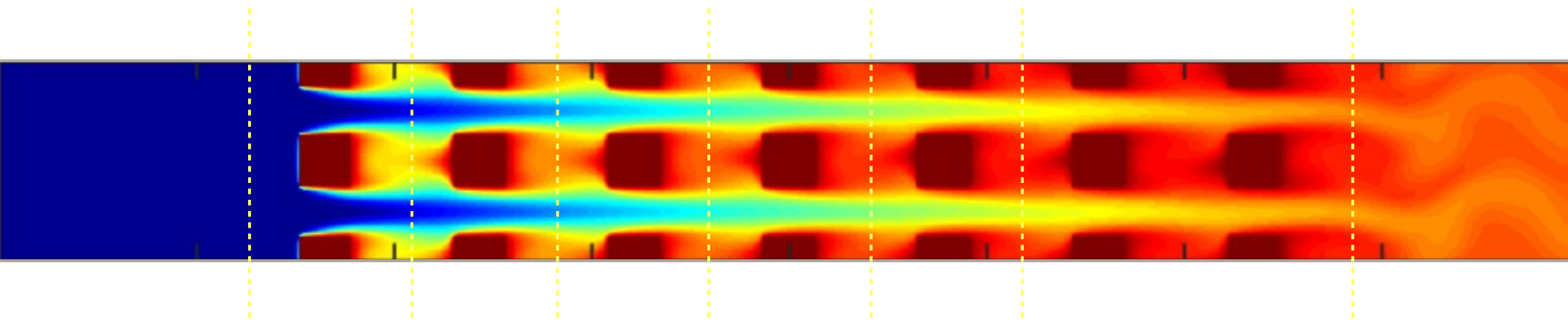
Things we are interested in:

$$\Delta T, h, T_m(x)$$

$$q = h_n A_{fin} (T_s - T_n) = c_p \rho U A_{in} (T_{n+1} - T_n)$$

$$T_o = T_{m,0} \quad T_1 = T_{m,1} \quad T_2 = T_{m,2}$$

$$T_{m,7}$$



**Note:**

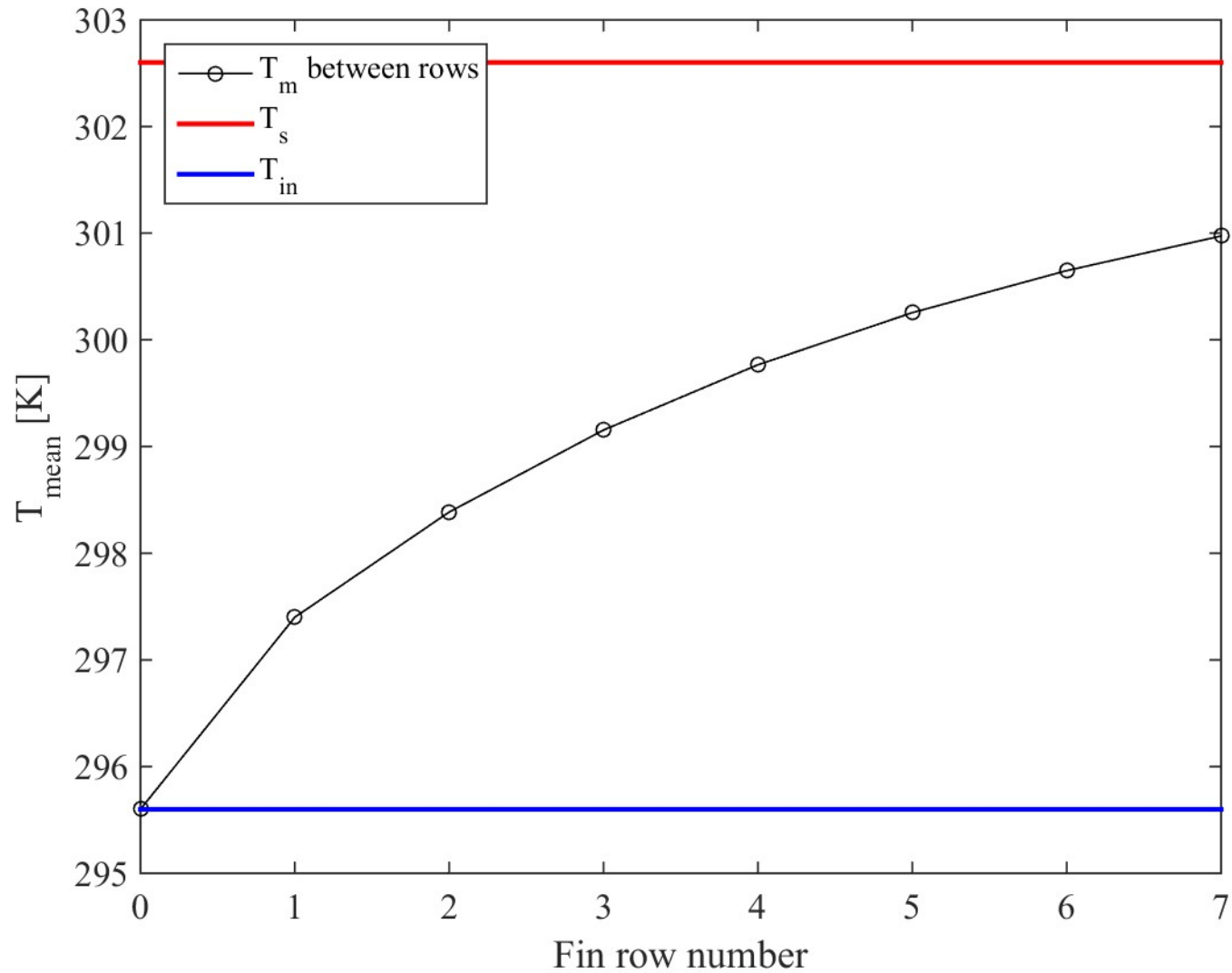
- we do not know if  $h$  is constant row-wise.
- we do not know if temperature jump per row is constant

```
%Calculation of mean temperature and velocity  
Tm = sum(T(iny,inx).*U)./(sum(U)); Um = mean(U);
```



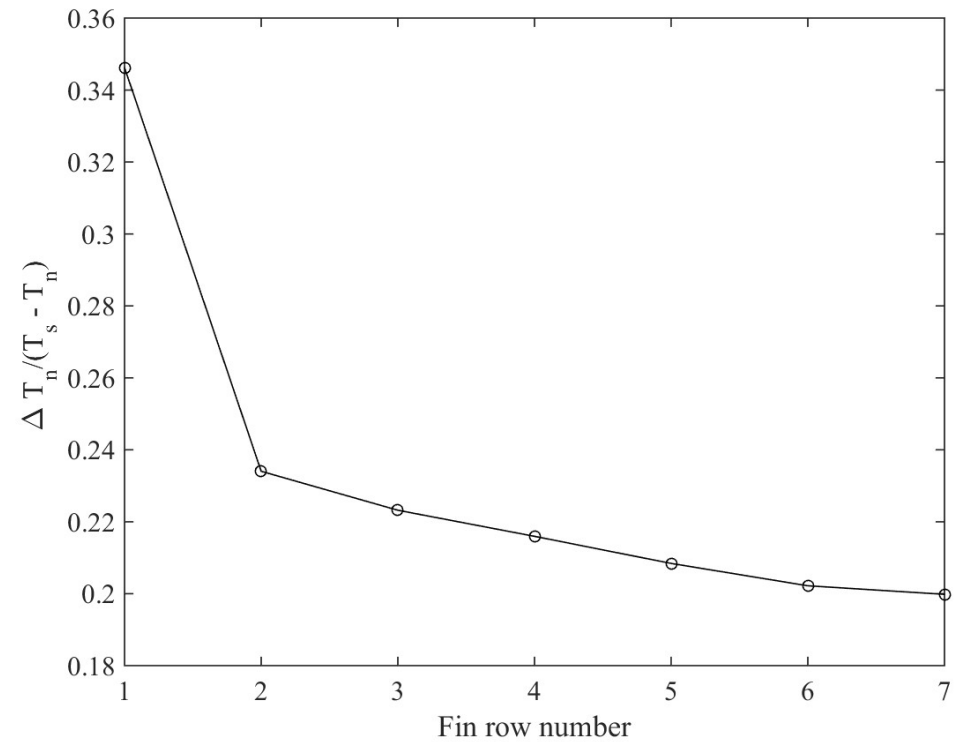
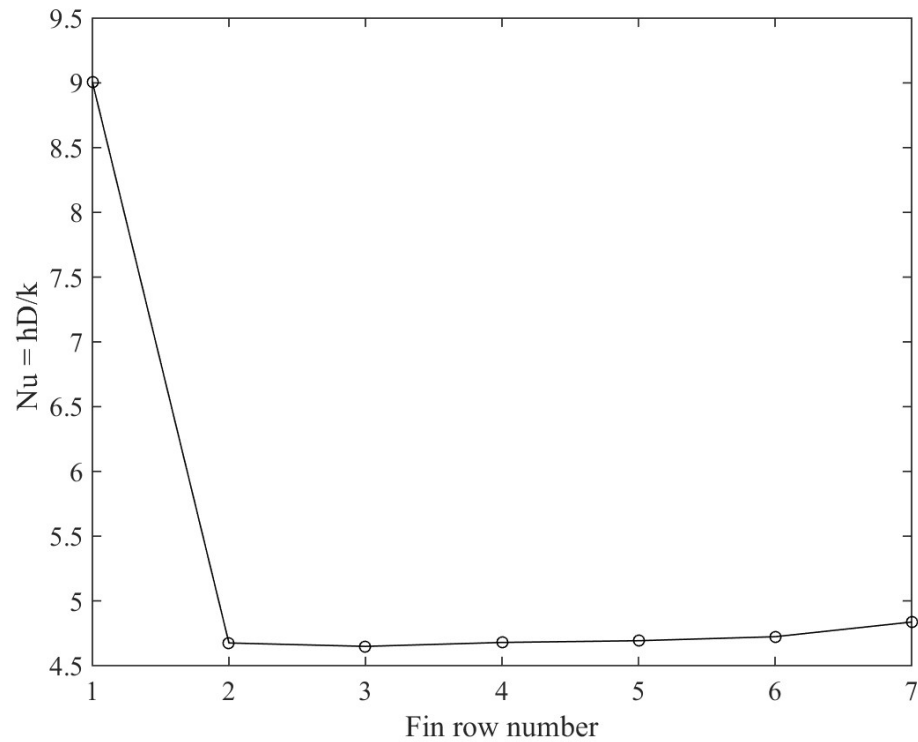


# Mean temperature after $n$ fin rows





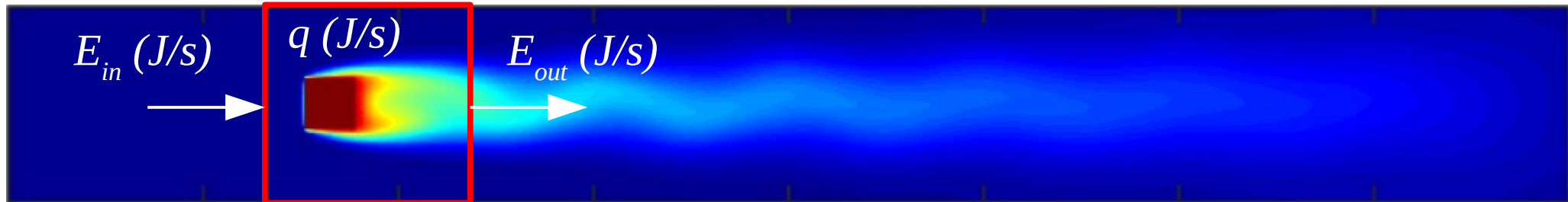
# Relative temperature jump for fin array and Nusselt number





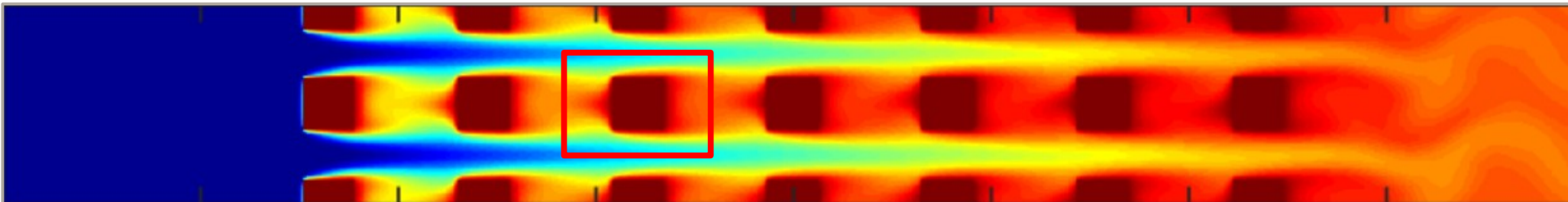
## Control volume for energy conservation analysis:

In HW4 one needs to evaluate Nusselt numbers for single fin and multiple fin cases



$$A_{in} = L_y \cdot L_z \text{ and } A_{fin} = 4 DL_z$$

$$q = h_n A_{fin} (T_s - T_n) = c_p \rho U A_{in} (T_{n+1} - T_n)$$




$$A_{in} = \frac{L_y}{2} \cdot L_z \text{ and } A_{fin} = 4 DL_z$$



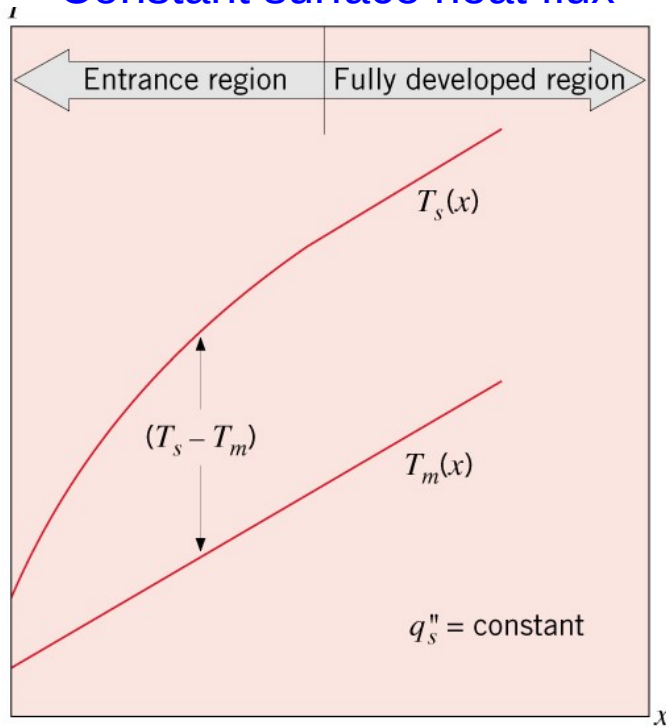
**Assessment:** Take 5 min time to answer the questions in the online query form.

Thank you for your attention!

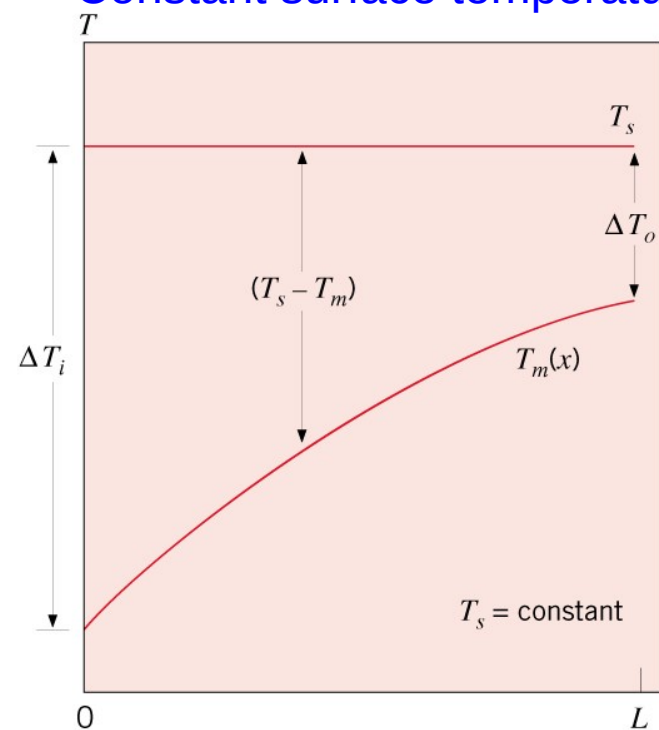


# Appendix I: Axial mean temperature in a pipe or channel (see Incropera Ch. 8)

Constant surface heat flux



Constant surface temperature





# Energy balance for a fluid element in a pipe flow

During a small time interval  $dt$ , fluid element  $dm$  becomes heated by  $dT_m$  (mean temperature) because wall heat flux is conducted to the fluid. **Energy increase (in Joules):**

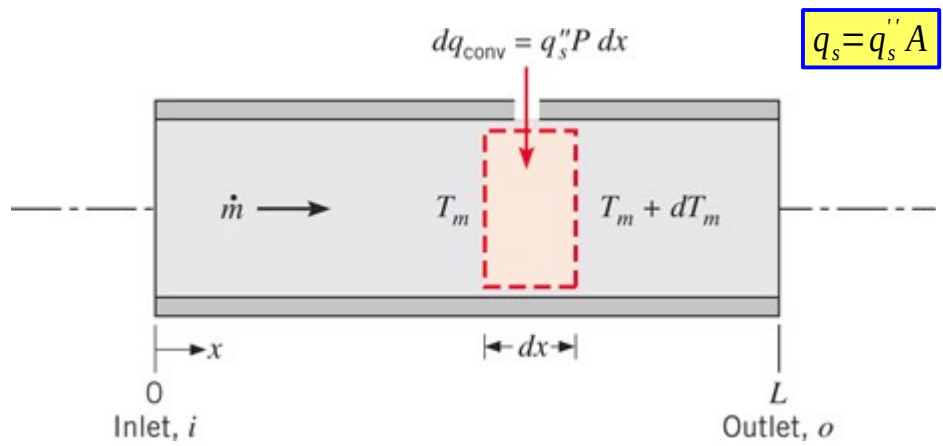
$$dm c_p dT_m = q_s'' P dx dt$$

The fluid element absorbs energy with certain rate corresponding to the heating power  $dq_{conv}$  (in Watts)

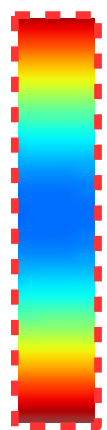
$$dq_{conv} = \dot{m} c_p dT_m = q_s'' P dx$$

The mean temperature obeys the equation

$$\frac{dT_m}{dx} = \frac{q_s'' P}{\dot{m} c_p} = \frac{P}{\dot{m} c_p} h (T_s - T_m)$$



$P =$  surface perimeter of the tube or spanwise length of channel





# For constant surface heat flux

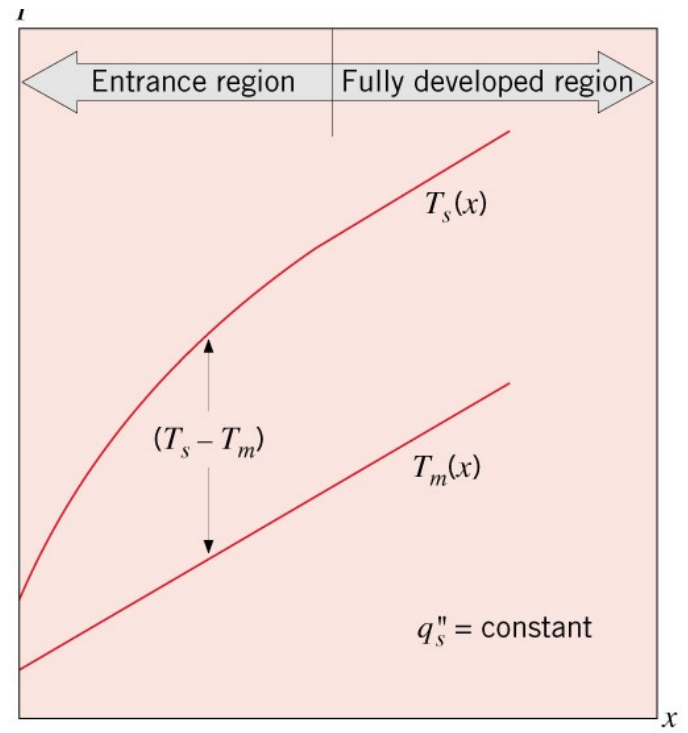
$$\frac{dT_m}{dx} = \frac{q_s'' P}{\dot{m} c_p} = \frac{P}{\dot{m} c_p} h(T_s - T_m)$$

$$\frac{dT_m}{dx} = \frac{q_s'' P}{\dot{m} c_p} \neq f(x)$$

$$\frac{q_s'' P}{\dot{m} c_p} = \text{const.}$$

$$T_m(x) = T_{m,i} + \frac{q_s'' P}{\dot{m} c_p} x, q_s'' = \text{const.}$$

→ Linear increase in mean temperature



# Appendix II: Example 6.4 – Laminar and turbulent water flow – flat plate



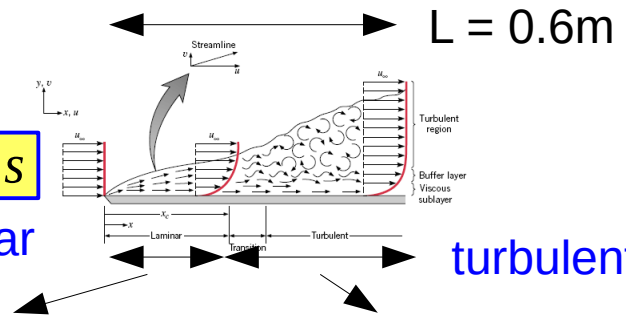
$$[x] = m$$

$$T_{\infty} = 300 \text{ K} / 350 \text{ K}$$

$$U_{\infty} = 1 \text{ m/s}$$

laminar

turbulent



$$h_{lam}(x) = C_{lam} x^{-0.5}$$

$$h_{turb}(x) = C_{turb} x^{-0.2}$$

@T=300K

$$C_{lam,300} = 395 \text{ W/m}^{1.5} \cdot \text{K}, C_{turb,300} = 2330 \text{ W/m}^{1.8} \cdot \text{K},$$

@T=350K

$$C_{lam,350} = 477 \text{ W/m}^{1.5} \cdot \text{K}, C_{turb,350} = 3600 \text{ W/m}^{1.8} \cdot \text{K},$$

$$[h] = \text{W/m}^2 \cdot \text{K}$$

$$Re_c = \frac{\rho U_{\infty} x_c}{\mu}$$

$$\bar{h} = ?$$

Representative value

$$Re_c \approx 5 \cdot 10^5$$





$$T = 300 \text{ K} : \rho = 997 \text{ kg/m}^3, \mu = 855 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ Ns/m}^2$$

$$x_c = \frac{\text{Re}_c \mu}{\rho U_\infty} = 0.43 \text{ m}$$

$$T = 350 \text{ K} : \rho = 974 \text{ kg/m}^3, \mu = 365 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ Ns/m}^2$$

$$x_c = \frac{\text{Re}_c \mu}{\rho U_\infty} = 0.19 \text{ m}$$

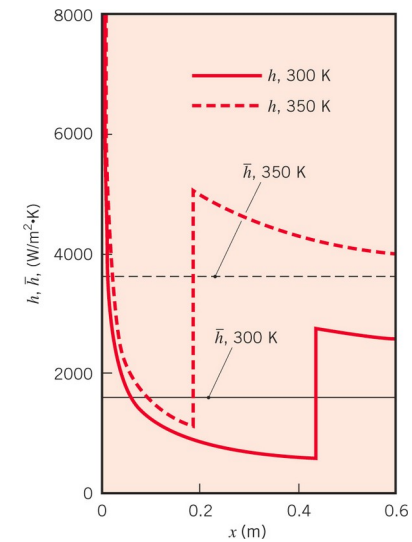
For flat plate

$$\bar{h} = \frac{1}{L} \int_{x=0}^L h dx$$

$$\bar{h} = \frac{1}{L} \left[ \int_0^{x_c} h dx + \int_{x_c}^L h dx \right]$$

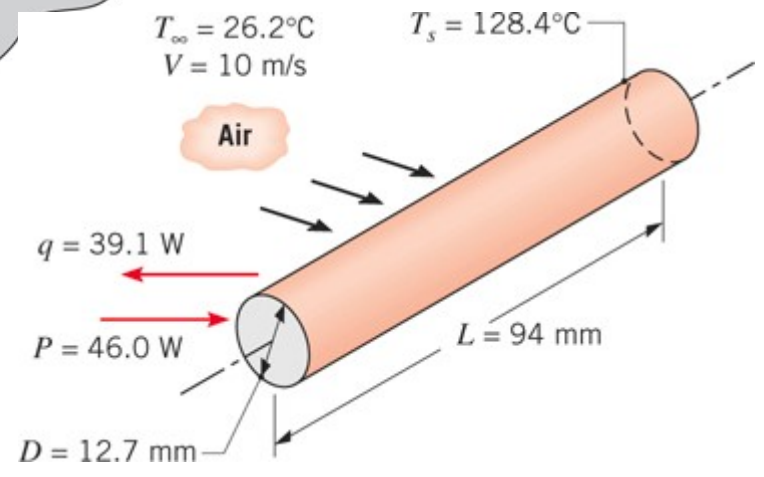
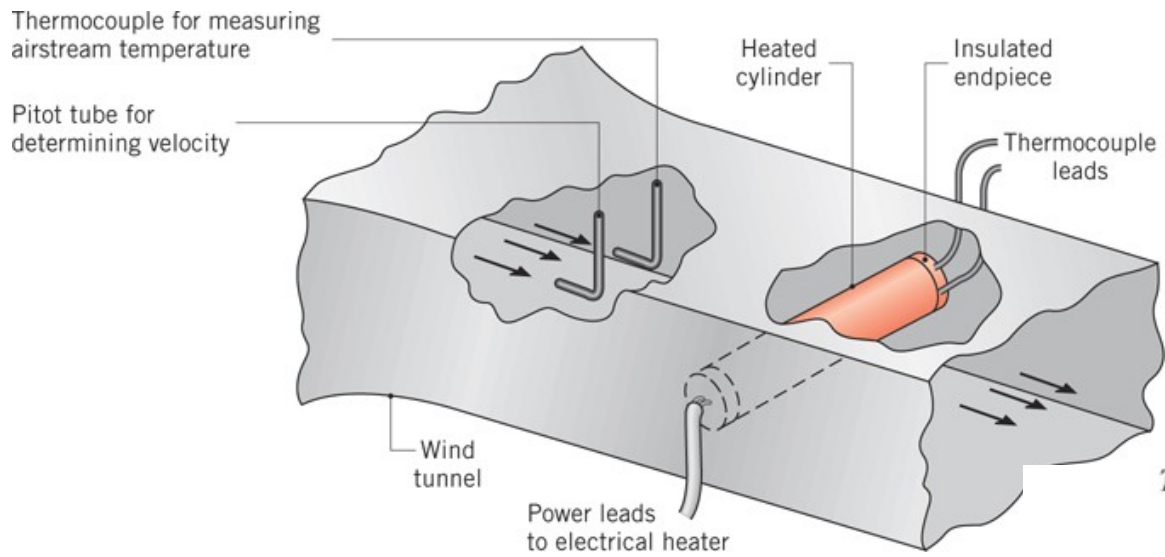
$$\bar{h}_{300} = 1620 \text{ W/m}^2 \cdot \text{K}$$

$$\bar{h}_{350} = 3710 \text{ W/m}^2 \cdot \text{K}$$





# Appendix III: Example 7.4 – Heated cylinder in cross-flow



$$\bar{h} = ?$$

+ compare the result to correlation equation



$$\bar{h} = \frac{q}{A(T_s - T_\infty)} = 102 \text{ W/m}^2 \cdot \text{K}$$

$$\bar{Nu}_D = C Re_D^m Pr^n (Pr/Pr_s)^{1/4}$$

$$Re_D = 7992 \rightarrow C = 0.26, m = 0.6, Pr \ 0.7 < 10 \rightarrow n = 0.37$$

Table 7.2

$$\bar{Nu}_D = 50.5$$

$$\bar{h} = \bar{Nu}_D k / D = 105 \text{ W/m}^2 \cdot \text{K}$$

$$\bar{h} = 105 \text{ W/m}^2 \cdot \text{K} \rightarrow \text{close to first observed value} \quad \bar{h} = 102 \text{ W/m}^2 \cdot \text{K}$$