



EEN-1020 Heat transfer

# Week 3: Convective Heat Transfer, Internal Flow and Numerical Solution in 2d

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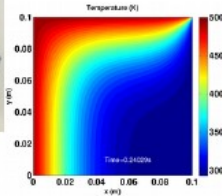
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**Week 1:** Energy conservation, heat equation, conduction Fourier/Newton

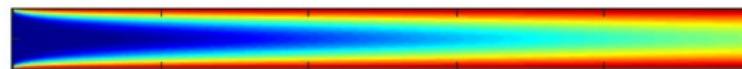


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**Week 2:** Fin theory, conduction, intro to convection

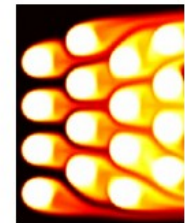


**Week 3:** convective heat transfer – internal flow (channel)



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

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





On the heat transfer course, we have “5 friends”  
i.e. 5 main principles that are used to explain  
heat transfer phenomena

- 1) Energy conservation: “J/s thinking”
- 2) Fourier’s law
- 3) Newton’s cooling law
- 4) Energy transport equation – convection/diffusion equation
- 5) Momentum transport equation – Navier-Stokes equation

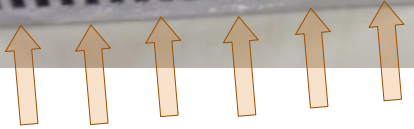
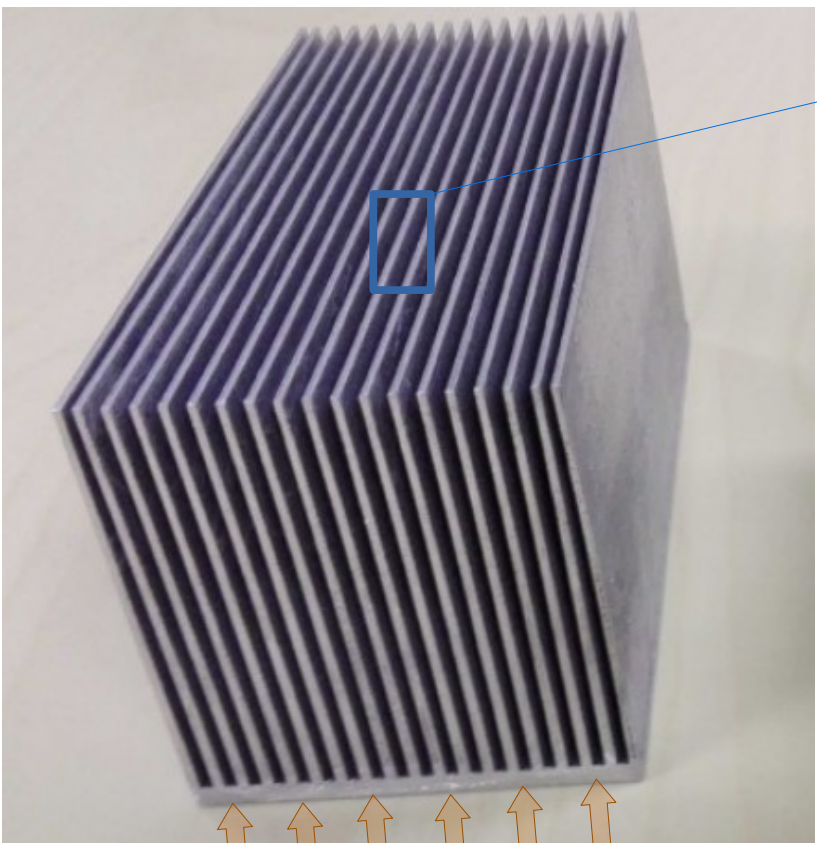


## Lecture 3.1 Theory: Flow through a fin system, governing equations and analysis

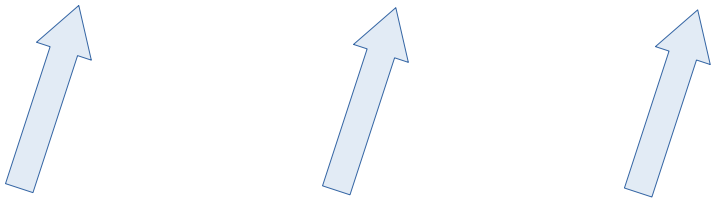
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Power (J/s)



Airflow in:  $U_\infty T_\infty$

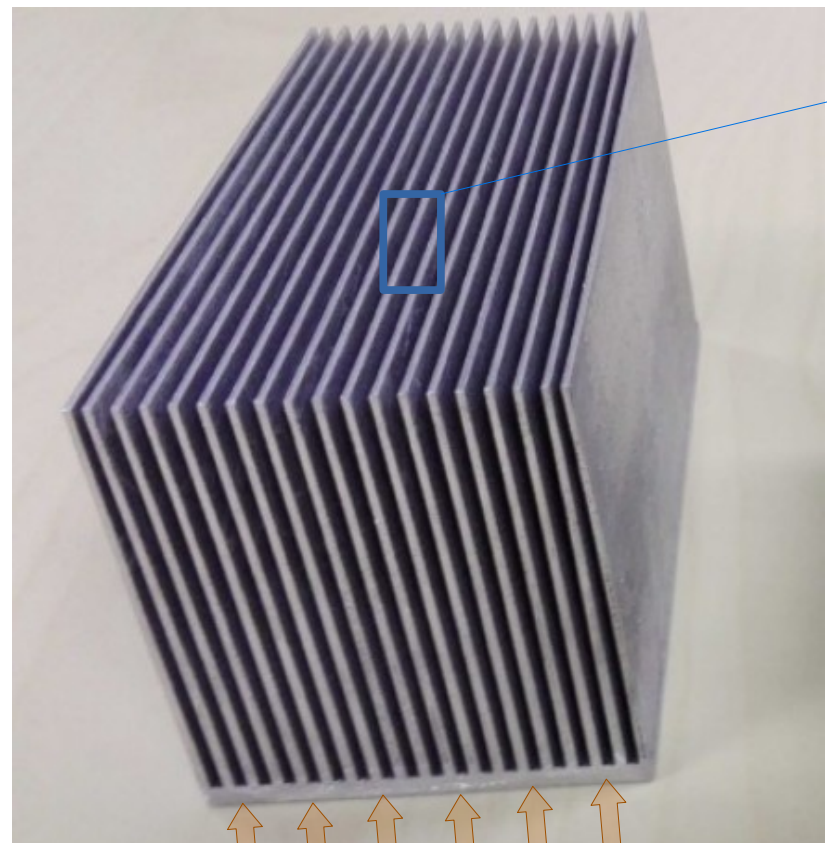


**Airflow Temperature**  
Common wall boundary conditions:  
Type 1:  $T_s = \text{known}$   
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**Airflow velocity**  
Wall boundary condition:  
No-slip:  
 $U=V=W=0\text{m/s}$

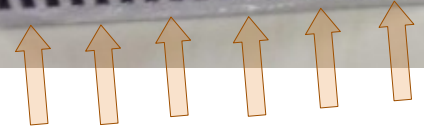


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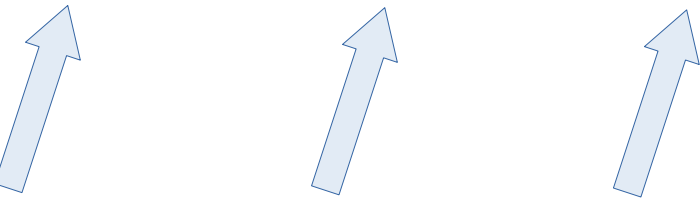


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$$-k_f \left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} \right)_{y=wall} = h(T_s - T_{mean})$$



# Energy balance (J/s thinking) for gas flow when the gas is heated at power $P$ (W). “Control volume” thinking.

Energy balance for the gas (J/s):

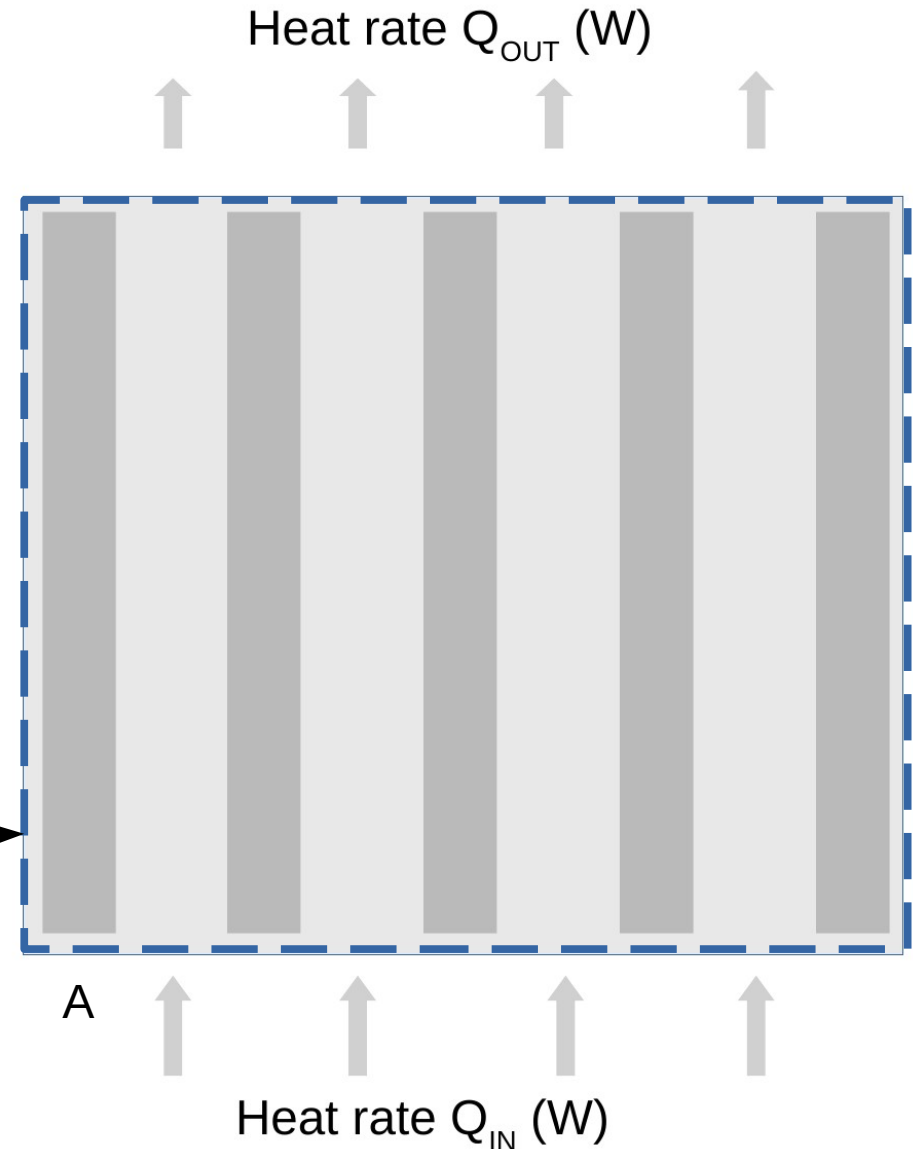
$$Q_{\text{OUT}} - Q_{\text{IN}} = c_p \dot{m} \Delta T_{\text{ave}} = P$$

Mass flow rate of the gas (kg/s):

$$\dot{m} = \rho U A$$

$A$ =cross-sectional area of control volume  
 $U$ =flow average velocity

Control  
Volume  
(top view)





# Fluid dynamics: Navier-Stokes equation for gases and liquids

Navier-Stokes equation  
(conservation of momentum)

$$\frac{\partial U}{\partial t} + U \frac{\partial U}{\partial x} + V \frac{\partial U}{\partial y} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} + \nu \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial x^2} + \nu \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial y^2}$$

$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial t} + U \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} + V \frac{\partial V}{\partial y} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} + \nu \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial x^2} + \nu \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial y^2}$$

Time  
derivative

Convection  
terms

Pressure  
gradient

Diffusion  
terms

Continuity equation  
(conservation of mass)

$$\frac{\partial U}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial V}{\partial y} = 0$$

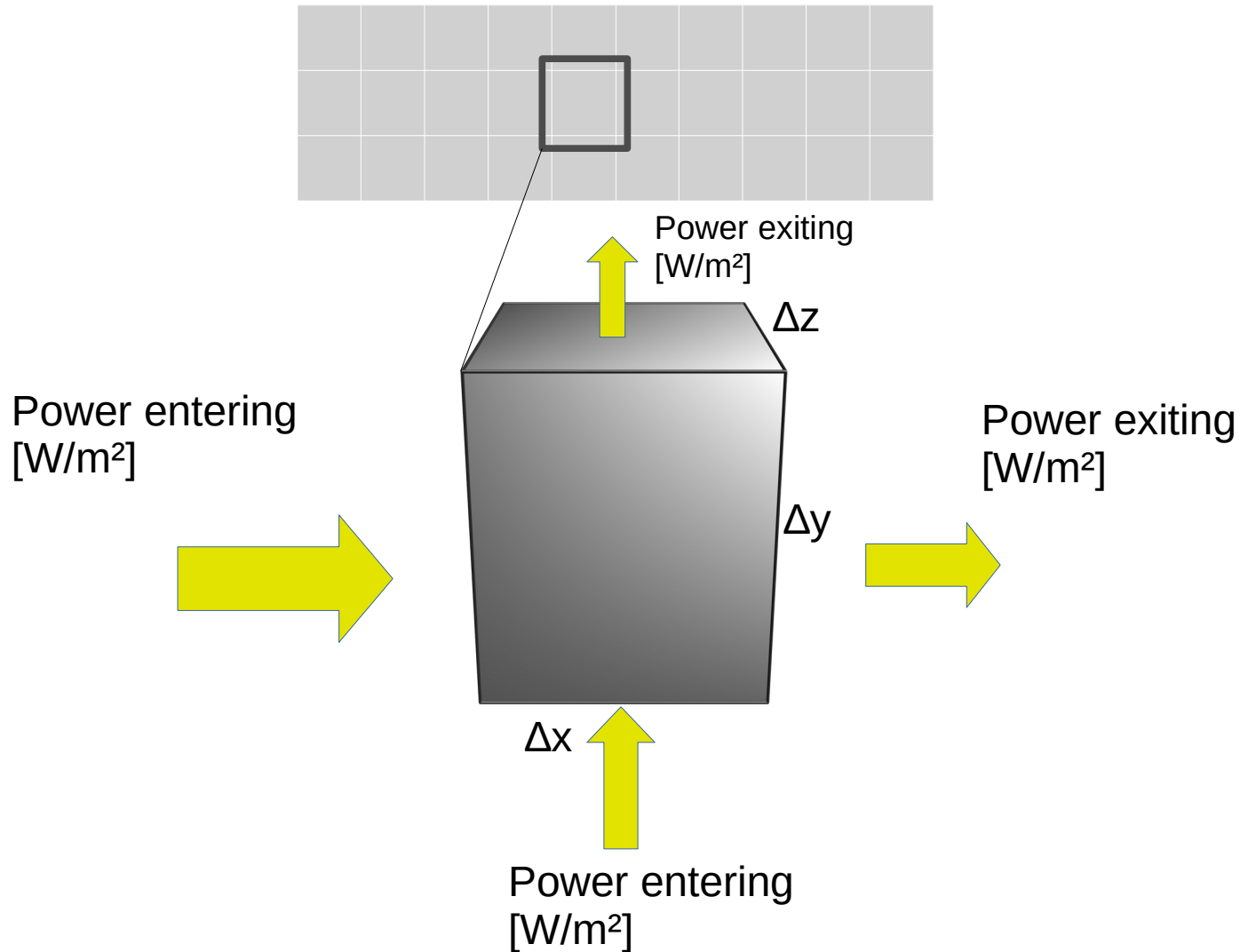
Kinematic viscosity:  $\nu = \mu / \rho, [\nu] = m^2 / s$



# Thermodynamics & heat transfer:

Consider heat conduction and convection in 2d or 3d **fluid (gas or liquid)**.

Divide the space into small (fixed) elements and carry out energy balance analysis for 1 of those elements.

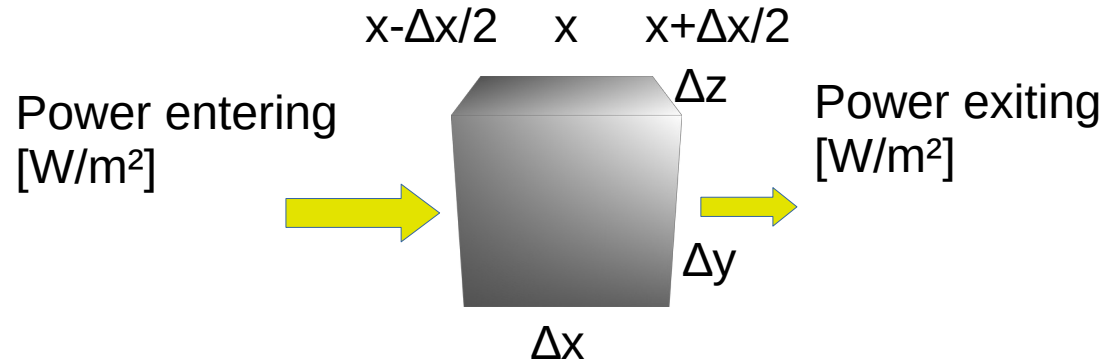






## Derivation of convection-diffusion equation:

Next we apply energy conservation law (“J/s thinking”) for a small infinitesimal volume assuming conduction only (e.g. gas flow between two fins)



**Conduction:** energy change of element due to heat fluxes in x-direction during  $\Delta t$  (J):

$$\Delta Q_x = \left[ k \frac{\partial T(x + \Delta x/2, y, t)}{\partial x} - k \frac{\partial T(x - \Delta x/2, y, t)}{\partial x} \right] \Delta y \Delta z \Delta t$$

**Convection:** energy change of element due to velocity transporting heat in x-direction during  $\Delta t$  (J):

$$\Delta C_x = c_p \rho \left[ -U(x + \Delta x/2, y, t) T(x + \Delta x/2, y, t) + U(x - \Delta x/2, y, t) T(x - \Delta x/2, y, t) \right] \Delta y \Delta z \Delta t$$

**Energy change of element during  $\Delta t$  (J):**

$$\rho c_p \Delta T(x, y, z, t) \Delta x \Delta y \Delta z = \Delta Q_x + \Delta Q_y + \Delta Q_z + \Delta C_x + \Delta C_y + \Delta C_z$$

**Then:** Divide both sides by  $\Delta x \Delta y \Delta z \Delta t$  and take the limit when all  $\Delta$ -variables  $\rightarrow 0 \rightarrow$  We get the convection diffusion equation.



# Convection-diffusion equation

- Thermal energy is transported by convection (flow velocity) and diffusion (conduction).
- The convection diffusion equation for temperature is simply energy conservation law on local level of the fluid.

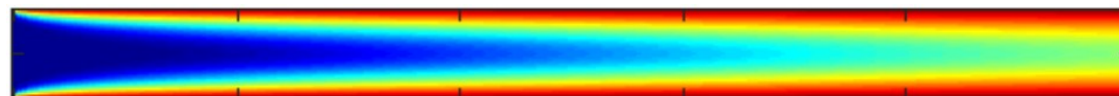
$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + U \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} + V \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} = \alpha \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} + \alpha \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y^2}$$

$T$  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



# Air temperature distribution in a plate fin heat exchanger (cross section)

- Thermal boundary layers develop on surfaces

- Free boundary layers on outer surfaces



Focus on single gap



$$U_{\infty}$$

$$T_{\infty}$$

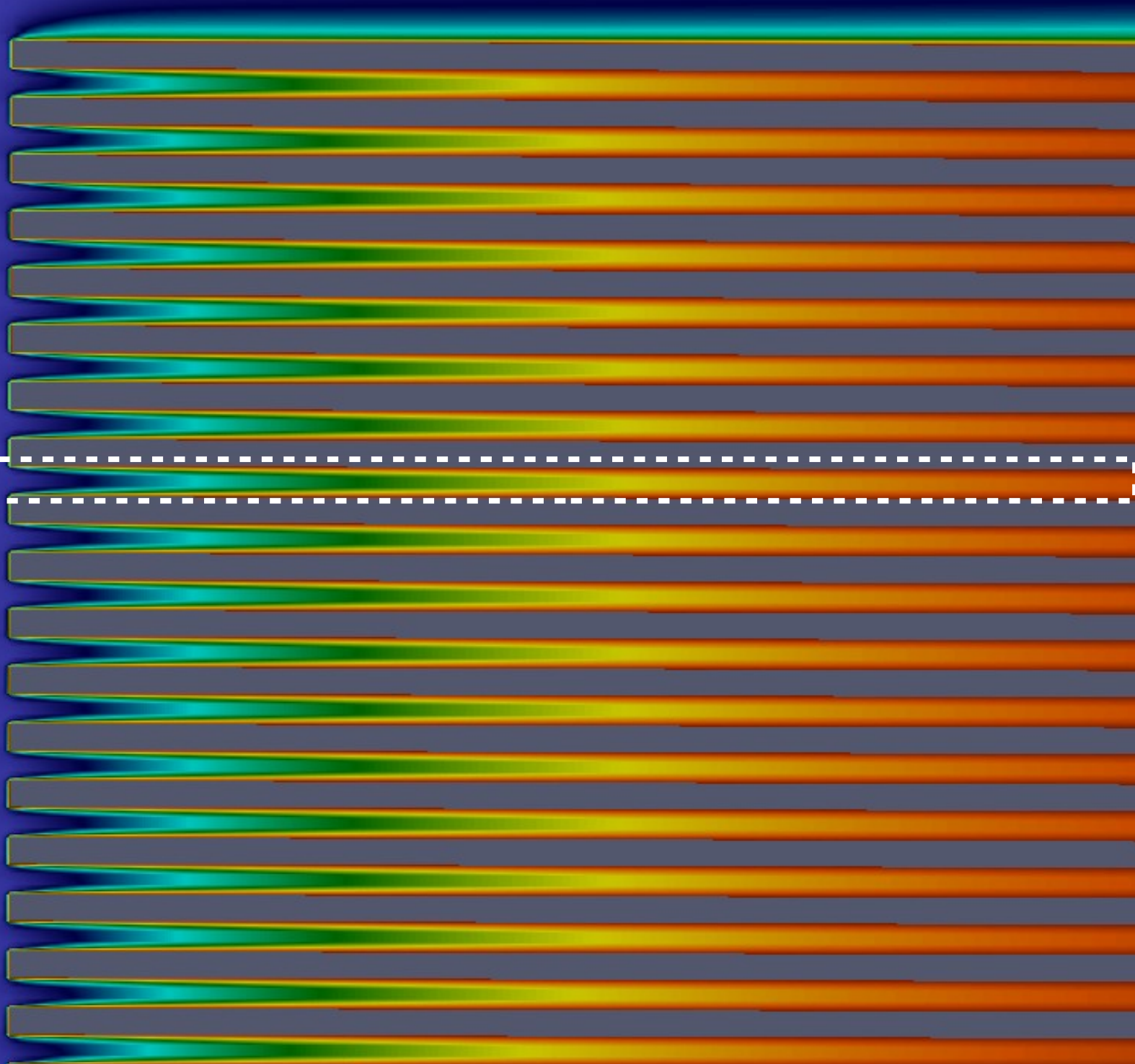


Figure: courtesy of P.Peltonen



# Fluid dynamical and heat transfer conditions

Velocity scale

Reference length scale

$$\text{Reynolds number: } Re = \frac{U L}{\nu}$$

Kinematic viscosity

$$\text{Prandtl number: } Pr = \frac{\nu}{\alpha} = \frac{\text{Viscous diffusion}}{\text{Thermal diffusion}} = \frac{\mu/\rho}{k/(c_p \rho)}$$

Heat transfer coeff.

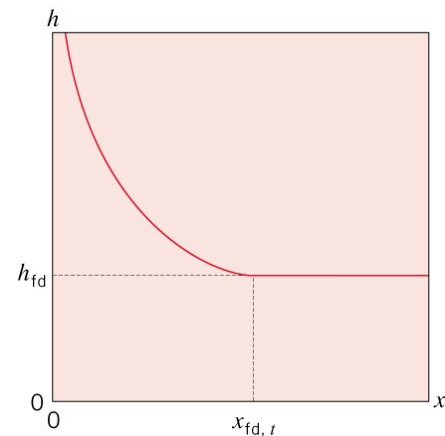
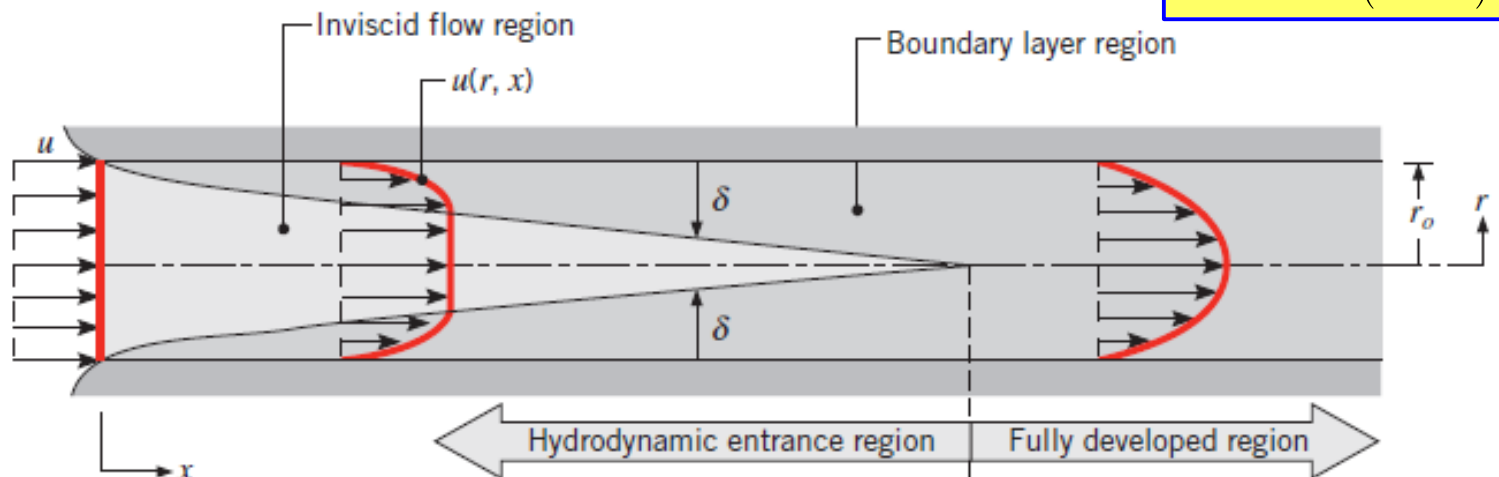
Reference length scale

$$\text{Nusselt number: } Nu = \frac{h L}{k} = \frac{\text{Total heat transfer}}{\text{Conductive heat transfer}}$$

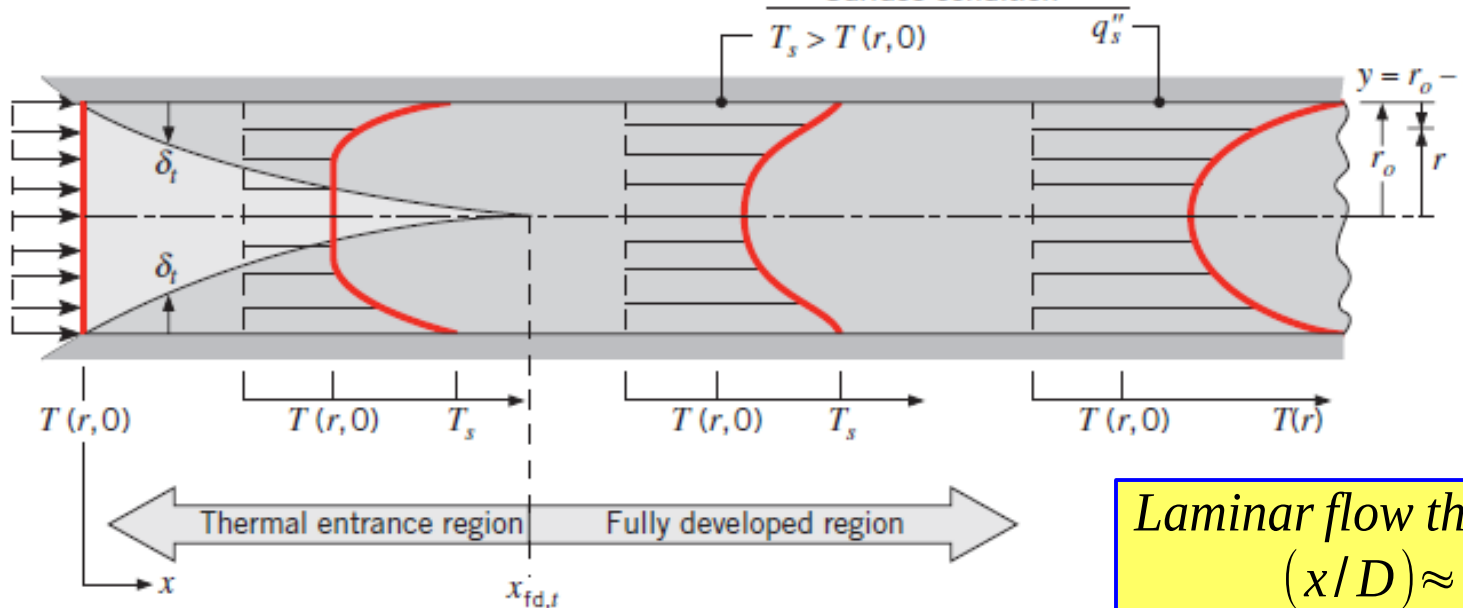
# Entry region in laminar pipe/channel flow

Laminar flow viscous entry length:  
 $(x/D) \approx 0.05 \text{Re}_D$

Velocity profile



Surface condition



Laminar flow thermal entry length:  
 $(x/D) \approx 0.05 \text{Re}_D \text{Pr}$

Temperature profile



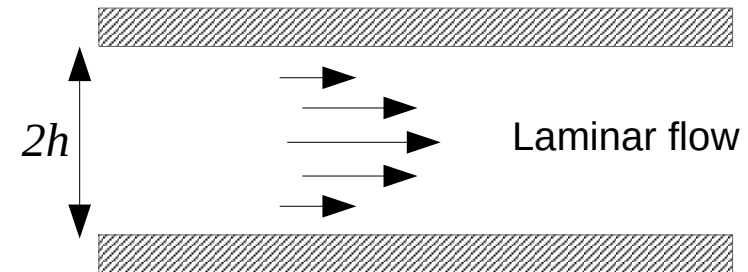
Channel flow **velocity** between two fins can be analytically solved assuming

**1)** steady state i.e. does not change in time, **2)** fully developed laminar flow ( $Re < 2000$ ) with constant pressure gradient, **3)** flow is only in x-direction i.e.  $U=U(y)$ ,  $V=0$

~~$$U \frac{\partial U}{\partial x} + V \frac{\partial U}{\partial y} = \frac{-1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} + \nu \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial x^2} + \nu \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial y^2}$$~~

$$\frac{\partial U}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial V}{\partial y} = 0$$

$$const. = \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} = \nu \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2}$$



$$u(y) = u_{max} \left(1 - \frac{y^2}{h^2}\right)$$

$$u_{max} = -\frac{dp}{dx} \frac{h^2}{2\rho\nu}$$

**Wall boundary conditions**

Velocity: No-slip wall  $u(+h) = u(-h) = 0$



**Practical question 1:** two parallel plates are heated.  
How long distance should the fluid travel between the plates  
to reach a target temperature?

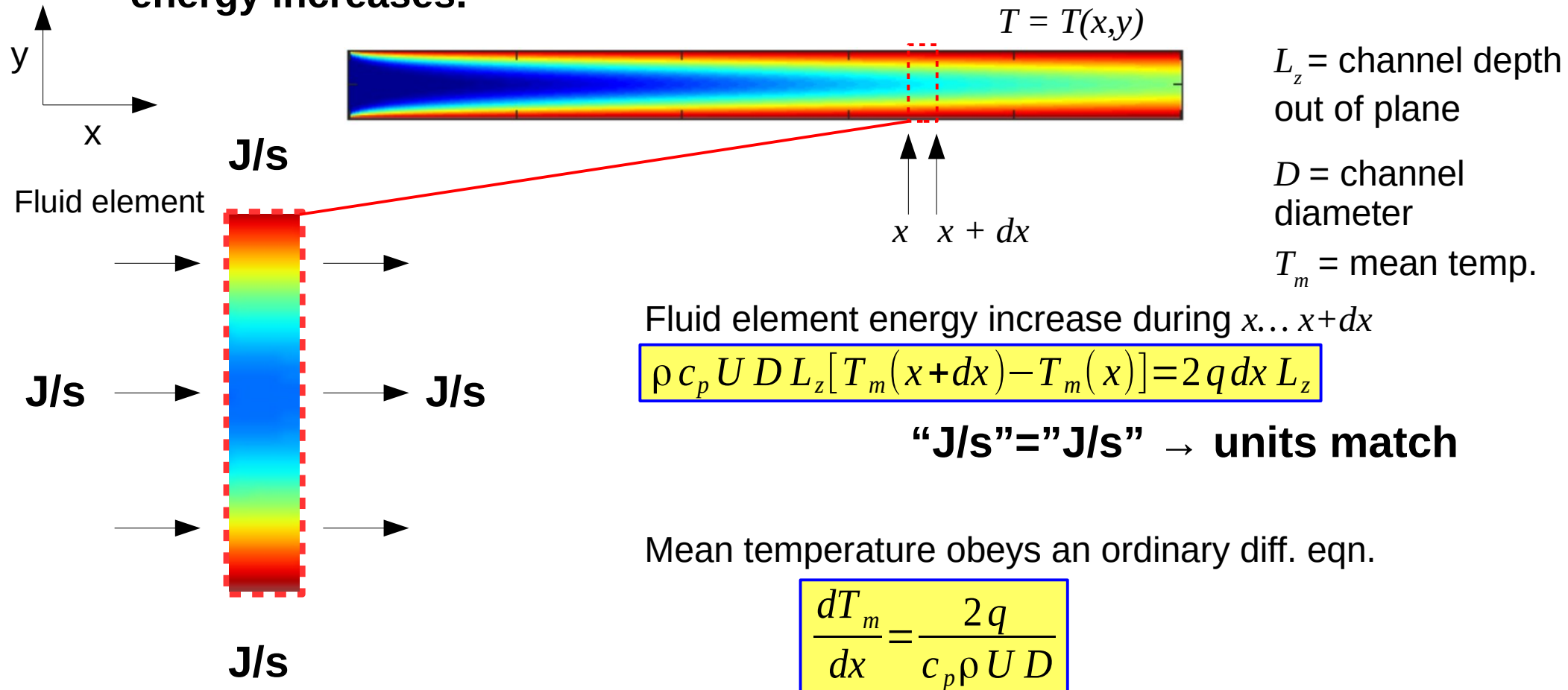
→ Need to find  $T_m(x)$



# Energy balance for a fluid element between heated parallel plates

(**relevance:** finding mean temperature in streamwise direction)

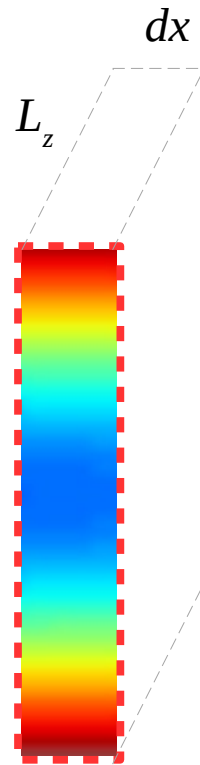
Wall provides a heat flux  $q$  [W/m<sup>2</sup>] to the fluid so that a fluid element thermal energy increases.







Note that the length of the surface element in z-direction cancels out

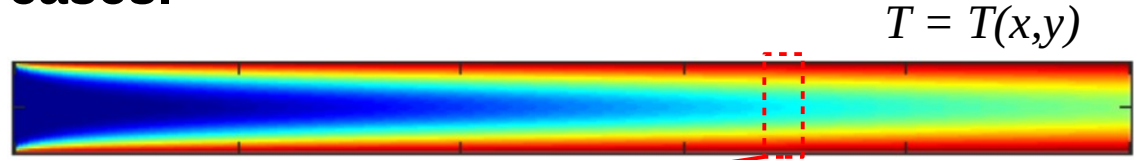


Power escaping through top and bottom plates =  $2 q dx L_z$

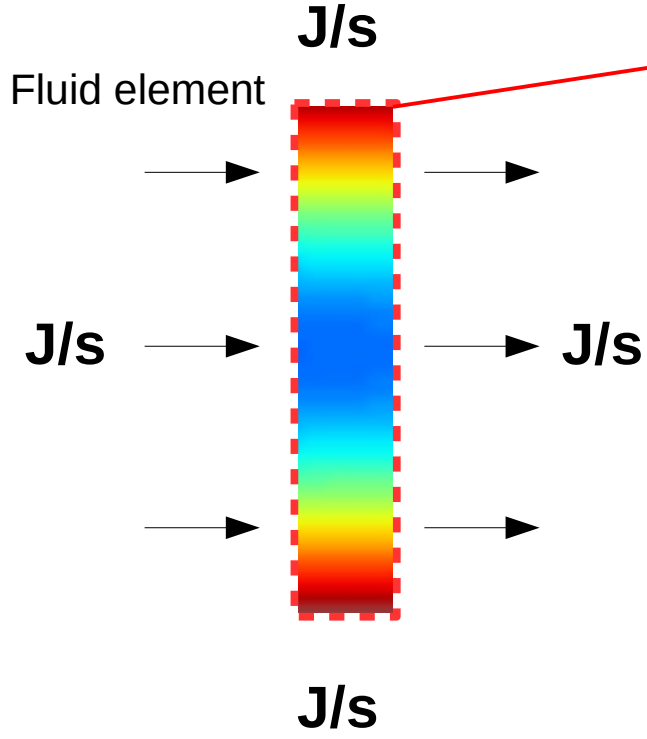


# Energy balance for a fluid element between heated parallel plates (relevance: finding mean temperature in streamwise direction)

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$L_z$  = channel depth out of plane  
 $D$  = channel diameter  
 $T_m$  = mean temp.



Fluid element energy increase during  $x \dots x+dx$

$$\rho c_p U D L_z [T_m(x+dx) - T_m(x)] = 2 q dx L_z$$

“J/s” = “J/s” → units match

Mean temperature obeys an ordinary diff. eqn.

$$\frac{dT_m}{dx} = \frac{2q}{c_p \rho U D}$$

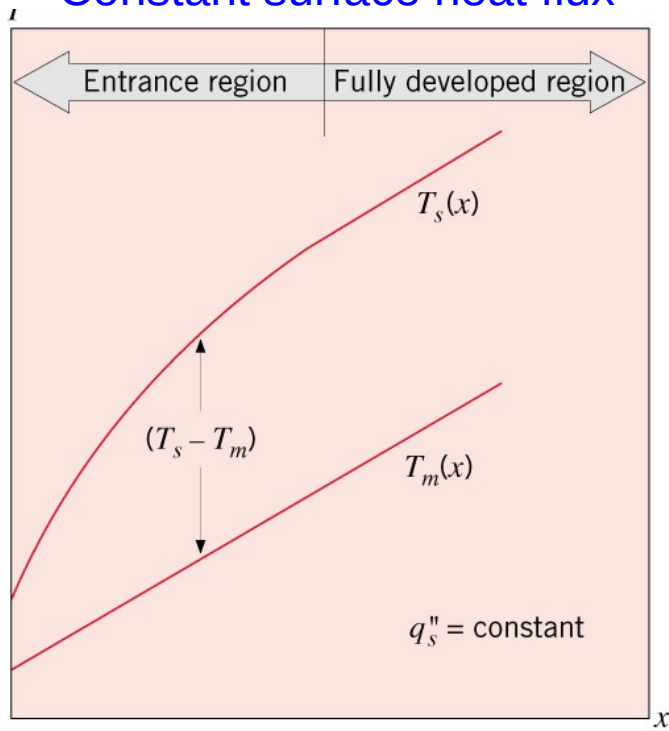
$T_s$  = fixed → need for Newton's cooling law to get  $q$

$q$  = fixed → integrate directly

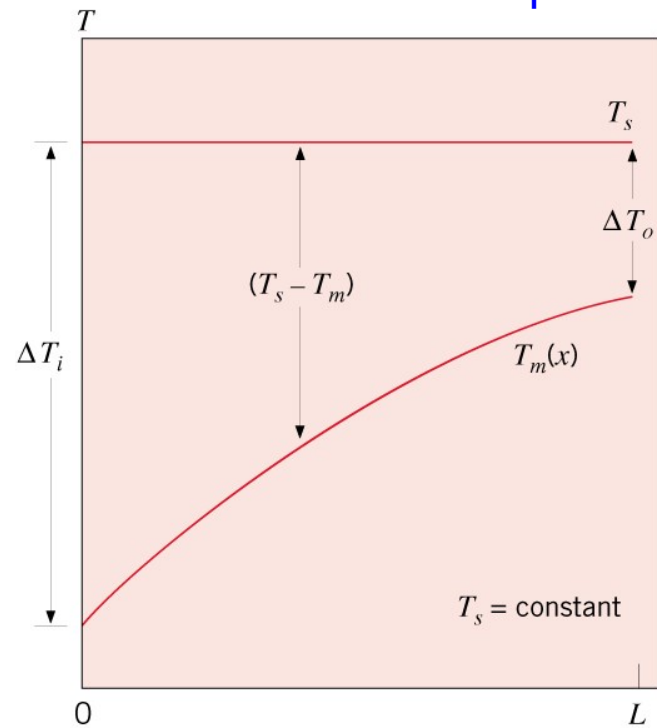


# Axial mean temperature in a pipe or channel

## Constant surface heat flux



## Constant surface temperature





# For constant surface heat flux

## Notes:

1)  $q$  is const.  $\rightarrow$   
Surface temperature  $T_s$  follows.

2) Surface temperature  $T_s = T_s(x)$ . If the surface is heated then  $T_s$  must increase along the channel when  $T_m(x)$  increases.

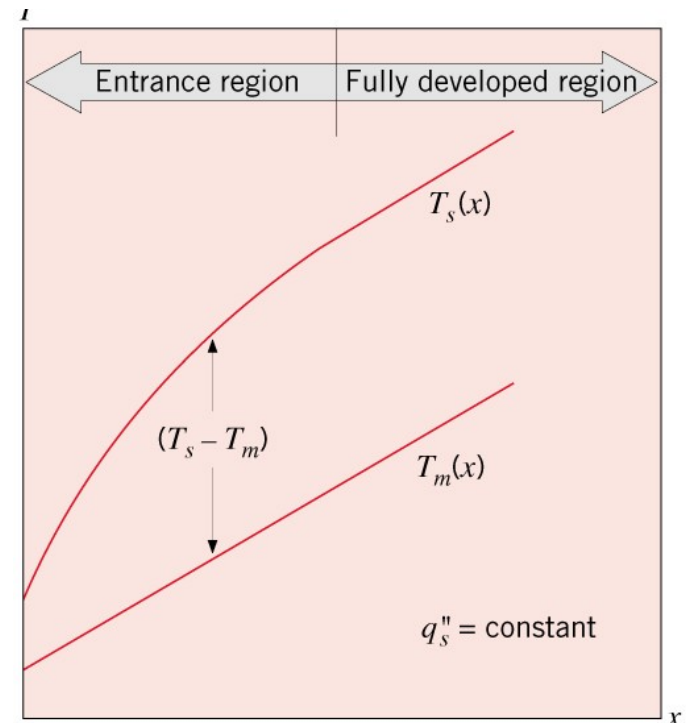
3) Newton's Cooling law states:  
 $T_s(x) - T_m(x) = \text{const.}$

$$\frac{dT_m}{dx} = \frac{2q}{c_p \rho U D} = \text{constant}$$

$$\int_{x=0}^x \frac{dT_m}{dx} dx = \int_{x=0}^x \frac{2q}{c_p \rho U D} dx$$

$$T_m(x) = T_m^{\text{in}} + \frac{2q}{c_p \rho U D} x$$

$\rightarrow$  Linear increase in mean temperature





# For constant surface temperature: at fully developed conditions when $h=const.$

After thermal  
entry region

$$Nu = \frac{hD}{k_{fluid}} \approx 7.52$$

$$\frac{dT_m}{dx} = \frac{2q(x)}{c_p \rho U D} = \frac{2h(T_s - T_m)}{c_p \rho U D}$$

$$\int_{T_m=T_{in}}^{T_m(x)} \frac{dT_m}{T_s - T_m} = \int_{x=0}^x \frac{2h}{c_p \rho U D} dx$$

$$\log \frac{T_m(x) - T_s}{T_{in} - T_s} = \frac{-2h}{c_p \rho U D} x$$

$$\frac{T_m(x) - T_s}{T_{in} - T_s} = \exp\left(\frac{-2h}{c_p \rho U D} x\right)$$

- Mean temperature increases according to exp function
- Total heat flux can be calculated based on log mean temperature

$$q_{tot} = h A \Delta T_{lm}$$

## The main points:

0) We do not know  $q_{tot}$  because when  $T_s$  fixed then heat flux follows.

1)  $T_s - T_m(x)$  is not constant i.e.  $q = q(x)$ .

2) Thus, one can not use the average of inlet and outlet temperature in Newton's law directly because mean temp. increases non-linearly.

3) Need for log-mean temperature concept.

See: Incropera Ch. 8 Eqn. (8.43)



**Practical question 2:** two parallel plates are heated.  
**The plate thickness is  $d$  and the temperature outside the plates is known.** How long distance should the fluid travel to reach a target temperature?

→ Need to find  $T_m(x)$

**Let's think that the fluid in the channel is warm and outside cooler. Thus the flowing fluid cools in the channel. ( $T_m(x) = ?$ )**

**We can express the lost heat (J/s):**

(1) Warm fluid to surface (W):

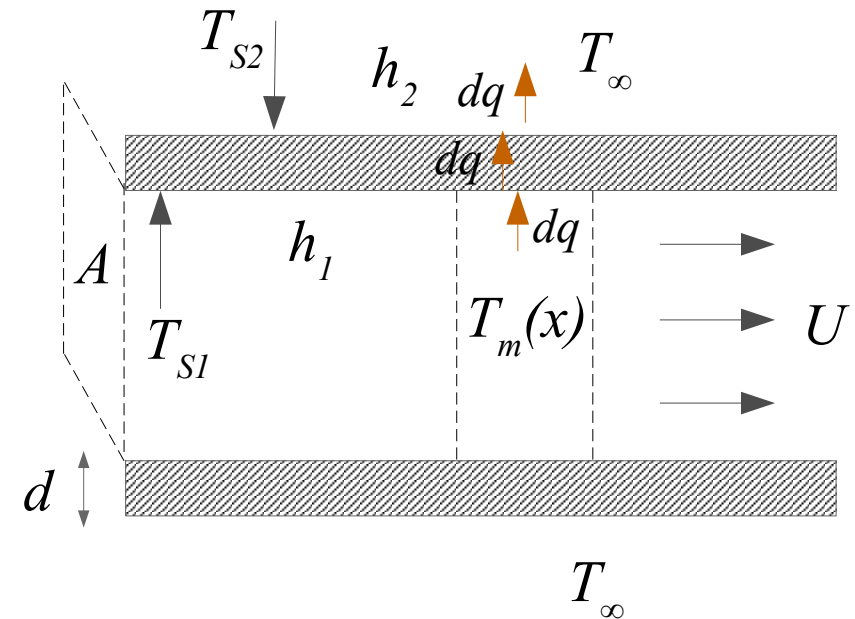
$$dq = h_1 (T_m - T_{s1}) dA$$

(2) Through the solid (W):

$$dq = k \frac{T_{s1} - T_{s2}}{d} dA$$

(3) From solid outer surface to ambient (W):

$$dq = h_2 (T_{s2} - T_\infty) dA$$



**Total heat transfer coefficient  $h_{tot}$  (W/m<sup>2</sup>K) can be easily solved from (1)-(3):**

$$h_{tot} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{h_1} + \frac{1}{h_2} + \frac{d}{k}}$$

**Energy balance for the cooling fluid element:**

$$\rho U A c_p dT_m = \rho U L_z D c_p dT_m = -2 h_{tot} (T_m(x) - T_\infty) L_z dx$$

$$\frac{dT_m}{dx} = \frac{-2 h_{tot}}{\rho U D c_p} (T_m(x) - T_\infty)$$

$$\frac{T_m(x) - T_s}{T_{in} - T_s} = \exp\left(\frac{-2 h_{tot}}{c_p \rho U D} x\right)$$



# In HW you need to use cylindrical coordinates to understand how the total heat transfer coefficient is then formed. (Sec. 3.3/Incropera)

Steady state heat eqn in cylindrical coordinates (BC's  $T_{s1}$  and  $T_{s2}$ ):

$$\frac{1}{r} \frac{d}{dr} \left( kr \frac{dT}{dr} \right) = 0$$

Heat rate across a cylindrical surface

$$q_r = -k(2\pi r L) \frac{dT}{dr}$$

We can integrate heat eqn twice to obtain:

$$T(r) = \frac{T_{s1} - T_{s2}}{\ln(r_1/r_2)} \ln\left(\frac{r}{r_2}\right) + T_{s2}$$

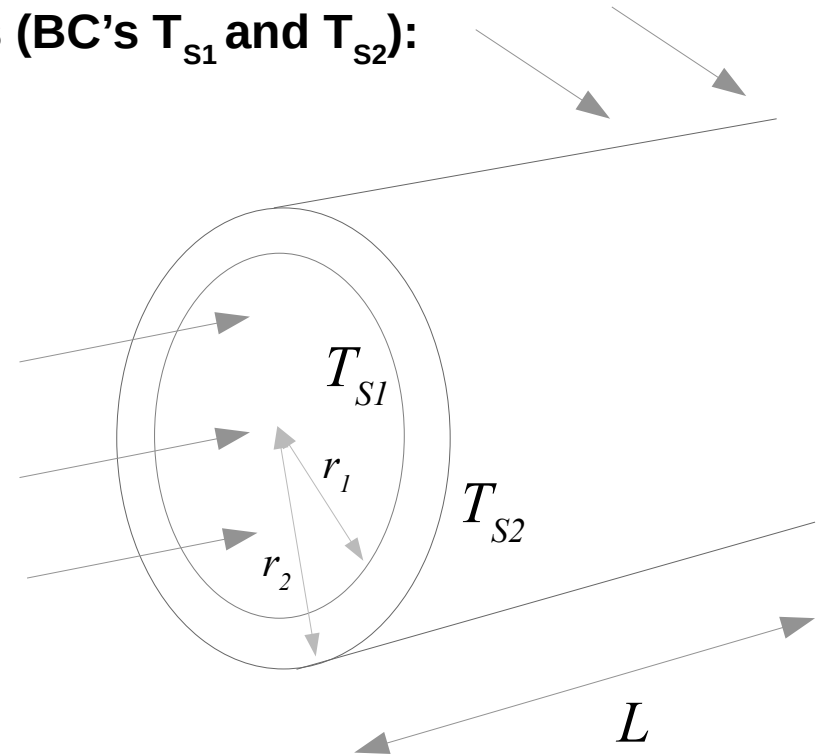
→ Heat transfer rate (W):

$$q_r = (2\pi L k) \frac{(T_{s1} - T_{s2})}{\ln(r_2/r_1)}$$

Thermal resistance:

$$R_{cond} = \frac{\ln(r_2/r_1)}{2\pi L k}$$

Please see Sec. 3.3 for more help wrt HW.







The table below illustrates Nusselt numbers (non-dim.heat trans.coefficient) for different channel types with different boundary conditions.  $D_h$  = hydraulic diameter.

| 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)

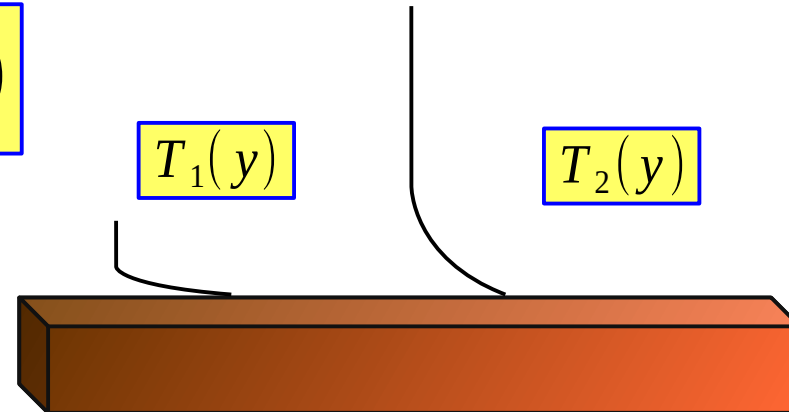


**Strong relevance to HW3 - Heat flux balance at the surface:**  
**Fourier's law (physics)** equals to **Newton's law (engineering)**

*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



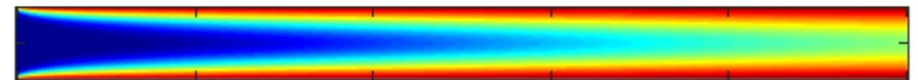
**Figure:** temperature profiles on bottom wall

**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

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

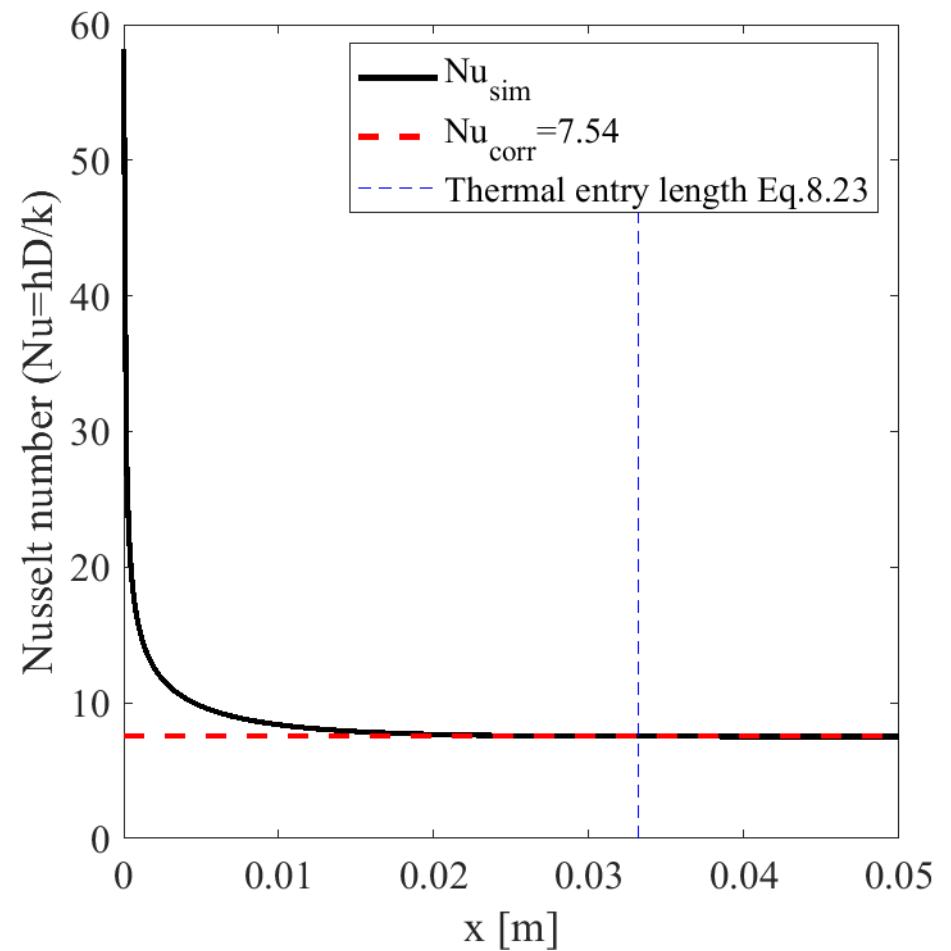
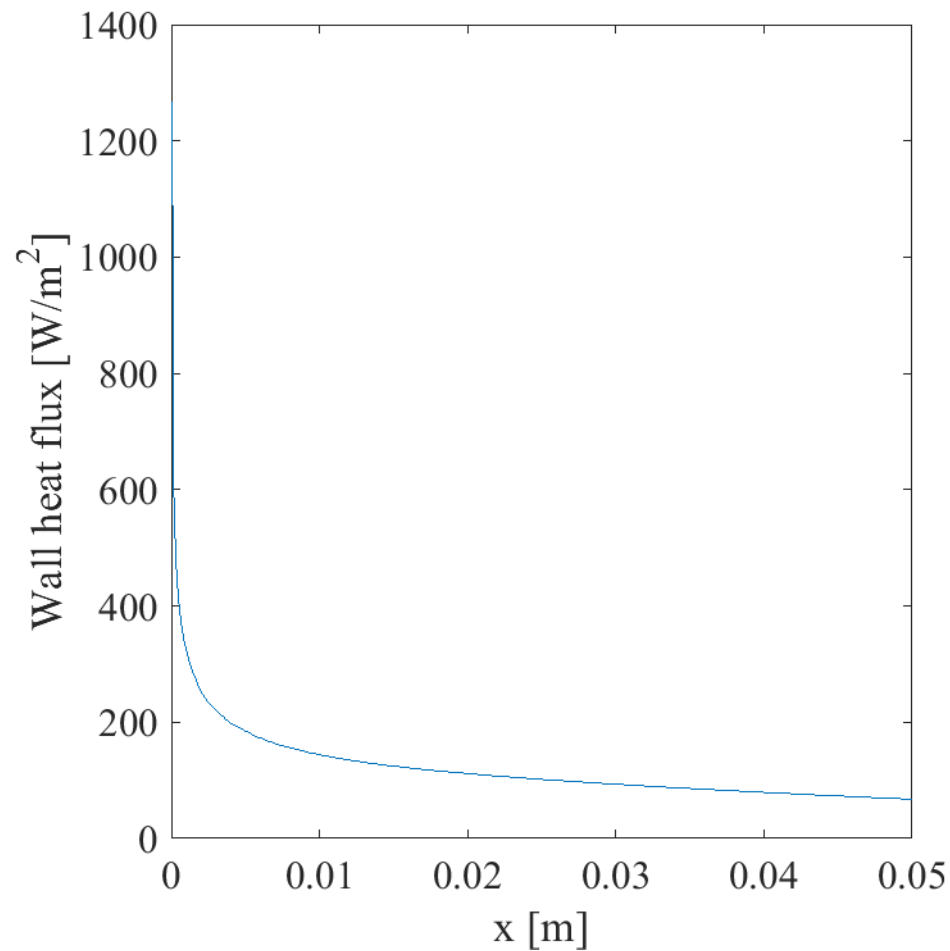
$$[h] = W/m^2 K$$

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





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





## Lecture 3.2 Numerical approach: a Matlab solver for the 2d convection-diffusion equation to describe temperature transport

**ILO 3:** Student can write the governing equations of fluid/heat flow in a channel, estimate the energy balance and estimate temperature rise for different heating conditions. The student can confirm the channel heat transfer using generated/provided simulation data.