

The Dominant Thermal Resistance Approach for Heat Transfer to Supercritical-Pressure Fluids

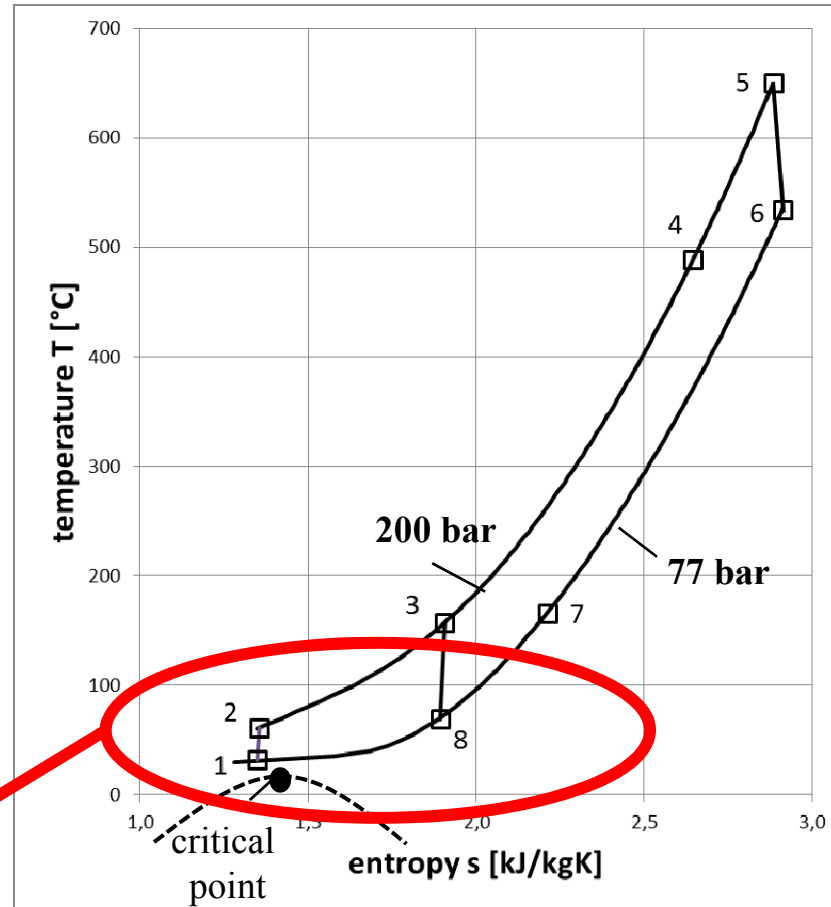
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sCO₂ Recuperative Recompression Brayton Cycle

'Advanced Design' of the MIT-Study



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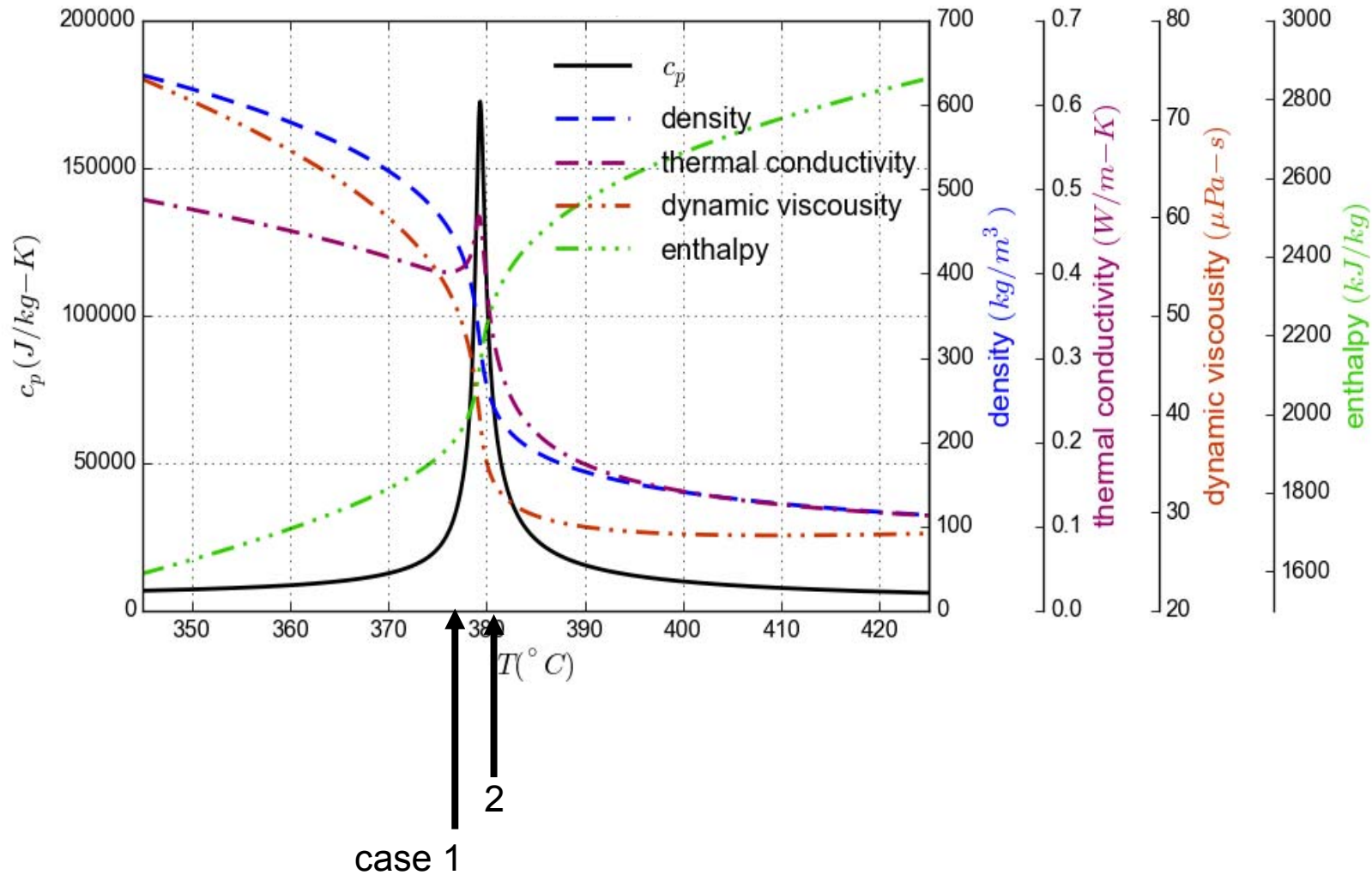
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Physical Properties of Supercritical Water

pressure : 23.5 MPa



Why Develop an Approximate Method ?

Approach to provide approximate predictions and improved analyses with varying fluid properties

Possibly a useful basis for extending constant property correlations to variable properties

A reasonable, sensible, simple analysis will (may) provide better predictions than empirical correlations for fluids with significant property variation

Improved treatment for wall functions in CFD

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DNS of Supercritical Pipe or Channel Flows (Water or CO₂)

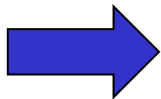
DNS : Direct Numerical Simulation

Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD) without turbulence model, all scales resolved

Rynolds Number Re must below (typically: Re < 6000)

authors	case	HT mode	published	year
Bae, Yoo, Choi (Korea)	upward vertical pipe	wall heating	Phys Fluids	2006
Nemati et al. (Delft)	vertical pipe whith/no buoyancy	wall heating	IJHMT	2015
Chu and Laurien (Stuttgart)	horizontal pipe	wall heating	J. Supercritical Fluids	2016
Wang and He (Sheffield, UK)	plane channel whith/no buoyancy	constant T at the walls	NURETH-16	2015
Pandey and Laurien (Stuttgart)	vertical pipe	wall heating or cooling	this conference	2018

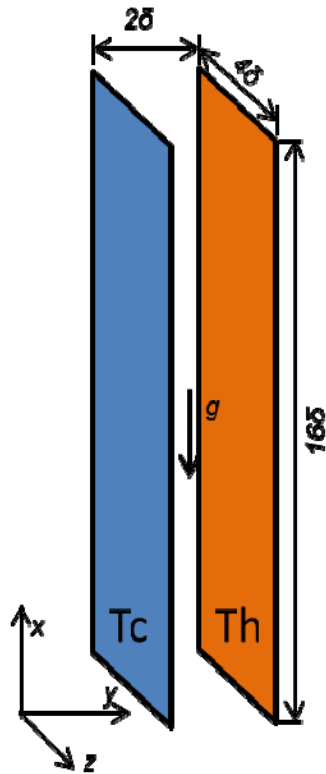
used in the present work



Description of the 'Wang-DNS' (no accelation, no buoyancy)

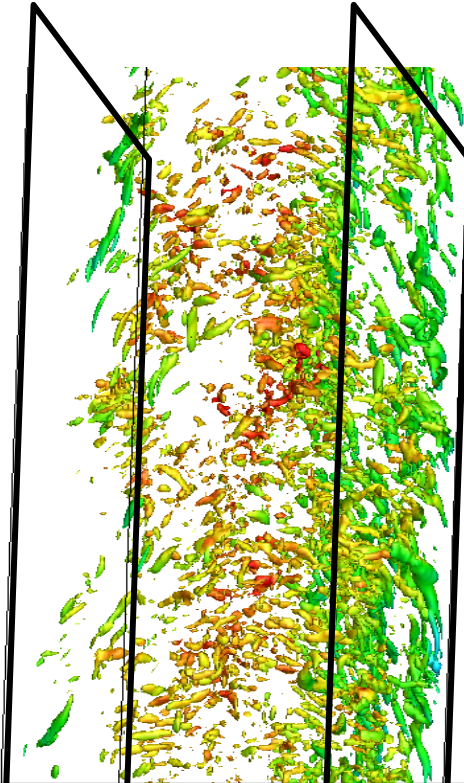
$\rho = 23.5 \text{ MPa}$, $G = 108.6 \text{ kg/m}^2\text{s}$, $T_c = 367 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$

Geometry



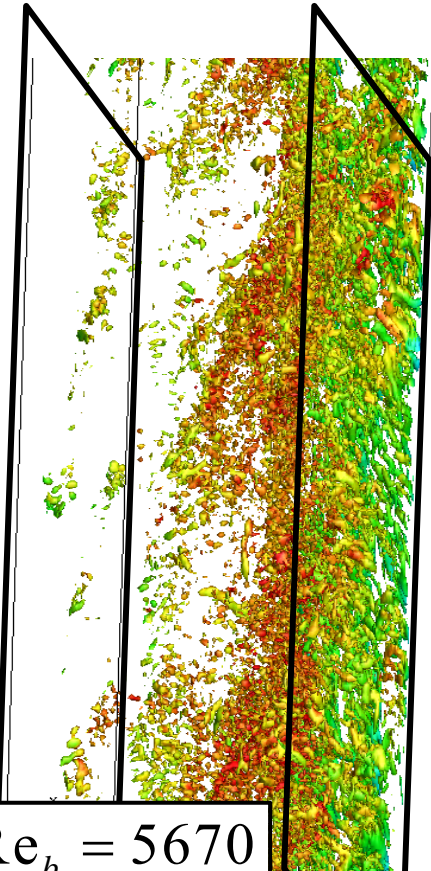
Turbulence structures visualized by the second-largest eigenvalue of the stress tensor

case: 1, $T_h = 367 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$



$$Re_b = \frac{u_m 2\delta}{\nu_b} = 5730$$

case 2, $T_h = 380 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$



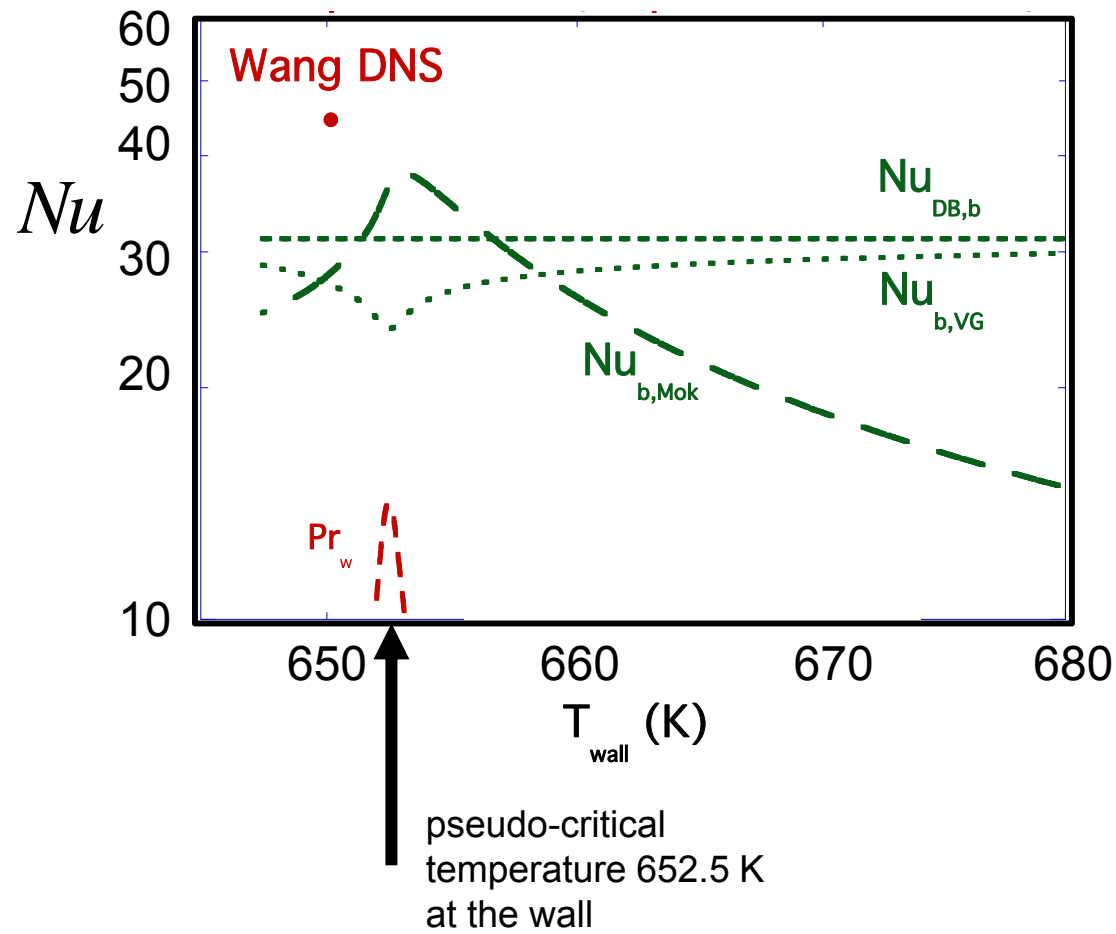
$$Re_b = 5670$$

Forced-Convection Correlations for Nu

Dittus Boelter (DB), Gnielinski (VG), Mokry and Piro (Mok)

$$Nu = \frac{q_w''}{(T_w - T_b)} \frac{2\delta}{k_b}$$

case 1

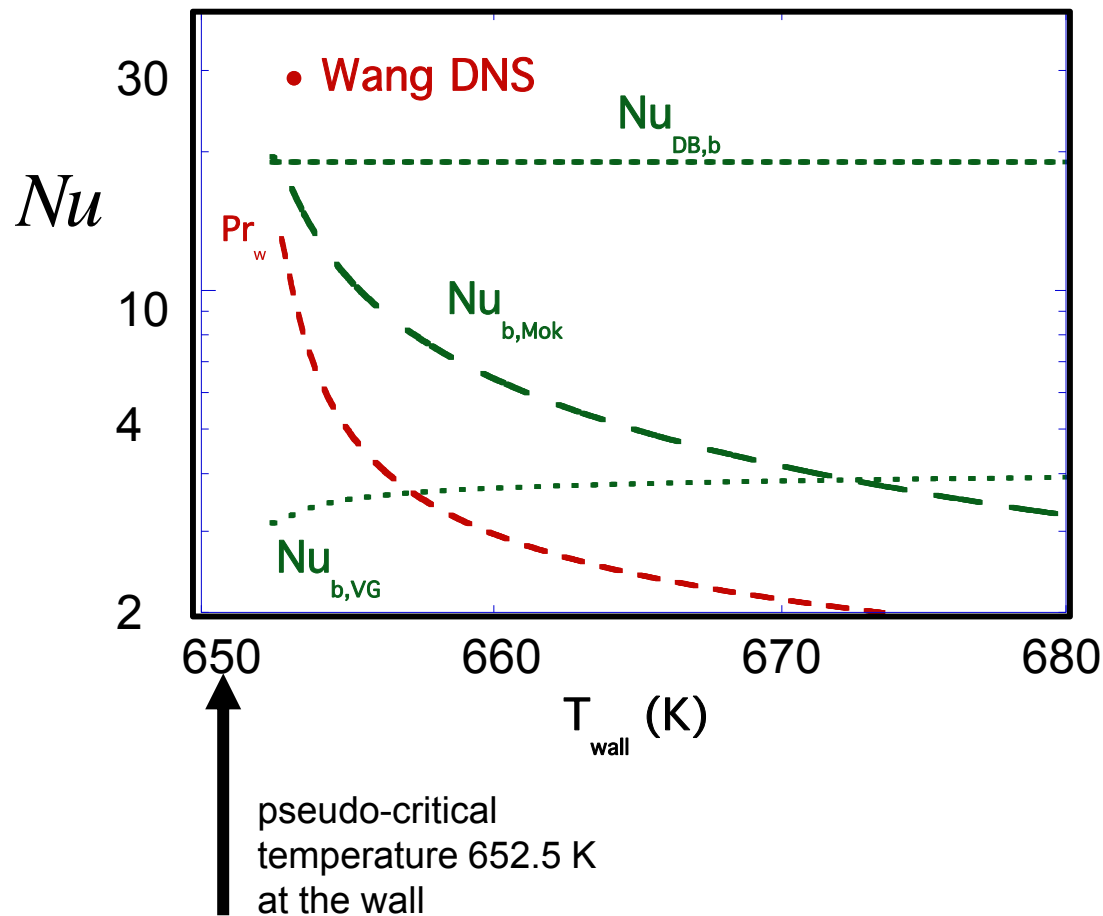


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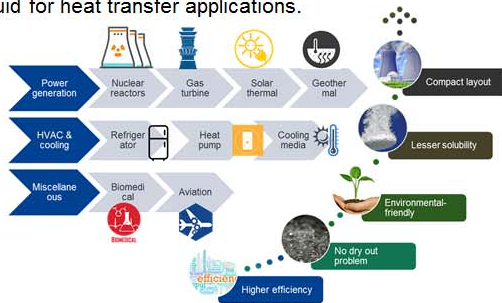


Development of direct numerical simulation database for supercritical carbon dioxide

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Motivation and Aim

- Supercritical carbon dioxide (sCO₂) is a promising working fluid for heat transfer applications.



- Heat transfer peculiarity creates a problem in prior prediction, therefore a database of mean statistics is delivered, which is generated by direct numerical simulations.

Numerical and computational details

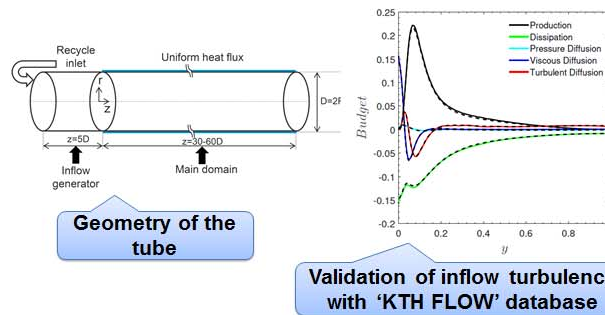
- Low-Mach Navier-Stokes equations are used instead of the fully compressible N-S equations and finite volume based solver was employed for the DNS.

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial(\rho U_j)}{\partial x_j} = 0 \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{\partial \rho U_i}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial(\rho U_i U_j)}{\partial x_j} = -\frac{\partial P}{\partial x_i} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left(\mu \left(\frac{\partial U_i}{\partial x_j} + \frac{\partial U_j}{\partial x_i} \right) \right) \mp \rho g \delta_{i1} \quad (2)$$

$$\frac{\partial \rho h}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial(\rho U_j h)}{\partial x_j} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left(\kappa \frac{\partial T}{\partial x_j} \right) \quad (3)$$

- The simulation domain consists of a tube with a total length of 35-65 diameters. Tube diameter ranges from 2-10 mm.

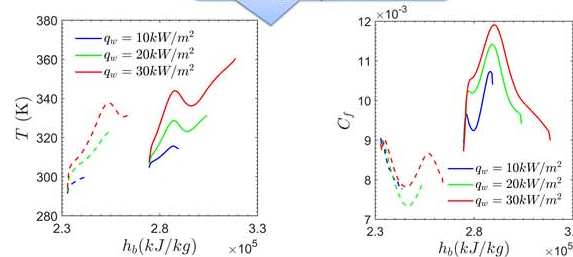


- Total 47 cases were simulated by means of DNS. This includes heating and cooling in the vertical orientation of tube. For heating, we conducted DNS only for upward flow with combinations of inlet temperature, pressure, diameter, and heat flux. For cooling, all three possibilities (upward, downward and forced) were simulated for 2 mm diameter.

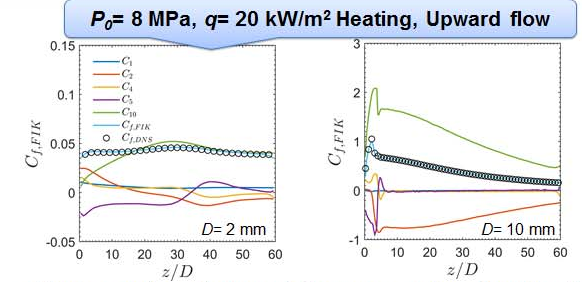
Results

- During heating, a local peak in temperature can be seen in upward flow, which is a characteristic of heat transfer deterioration.

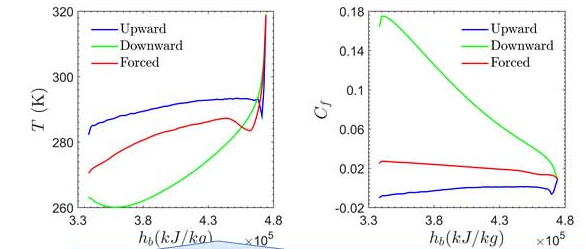
D= 2 mm, P₀= 8 MPa, Heating, Upward flow



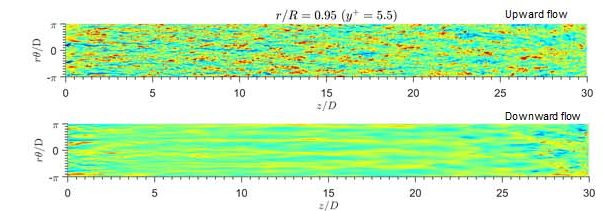
- The decomposition of skin friction coefficient (FIK identity) shows that C_{f0}, which is buoyancy contribution to skin friction, has the largest contribution.



- During cooling, downward flow case suffers from the heat transfer deterioration. The ejection and sweep events reduced in the downward flow case which attenuate the turbulence, thereby, the heat transfer.



- Streak stretching in the downward flow (in cooling) leads to impaired heat transfer.

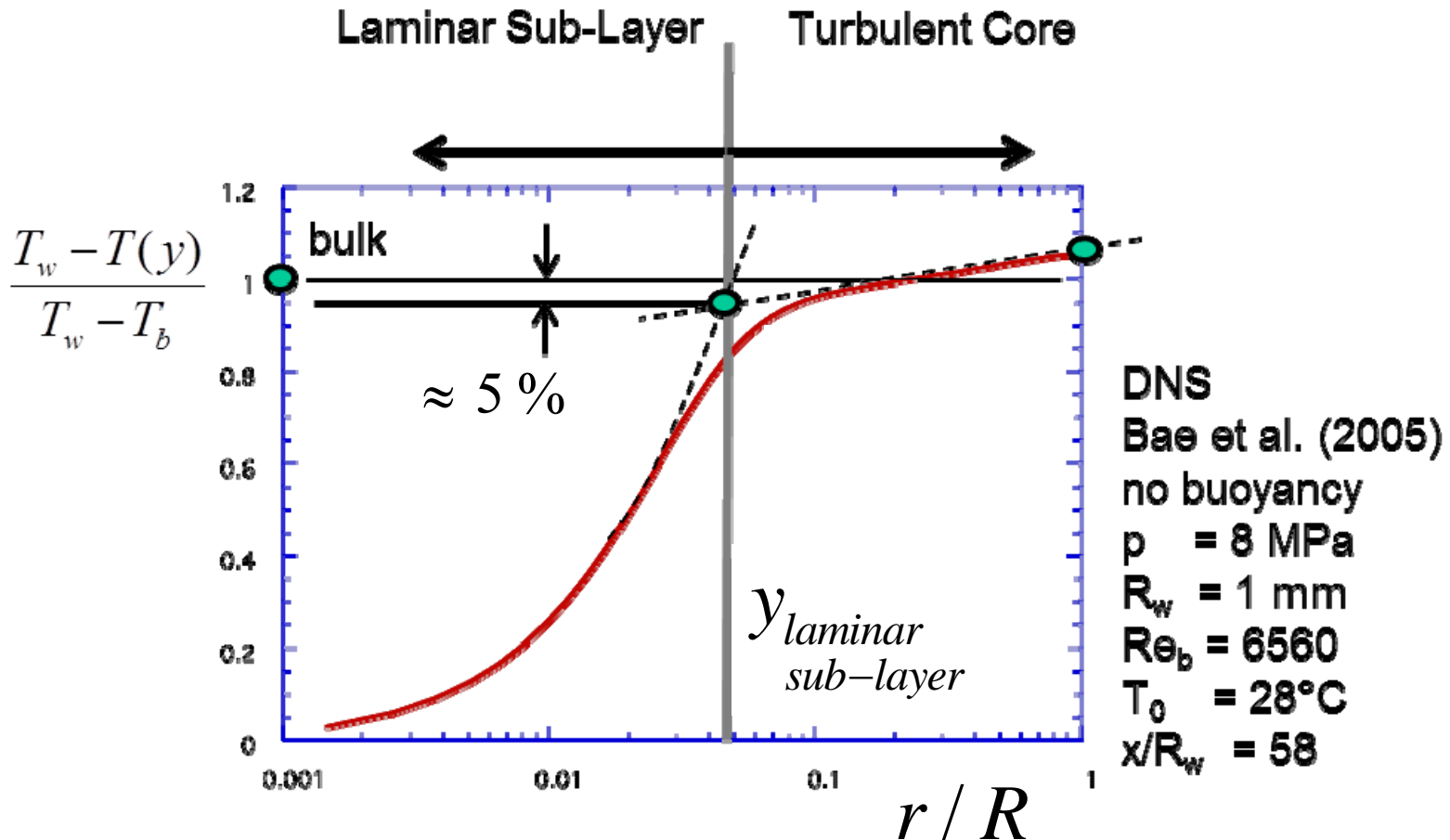


- This database can be used in benchmarking of turbulence models, empirical fitting of the coefficient in correlations, and training of machine learning algorithm.



Importance of the Turbulent Core

DNS data from Bae, Yoo and Choi, Phys. Fluids 2005



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assumptions

Steady state,

Quasi-established velocity and temperature profiles

Constant shear layer and heat flux layer approximations

Negligible buoyancy, negligible acceleration

Turbulent core - high turbulence,

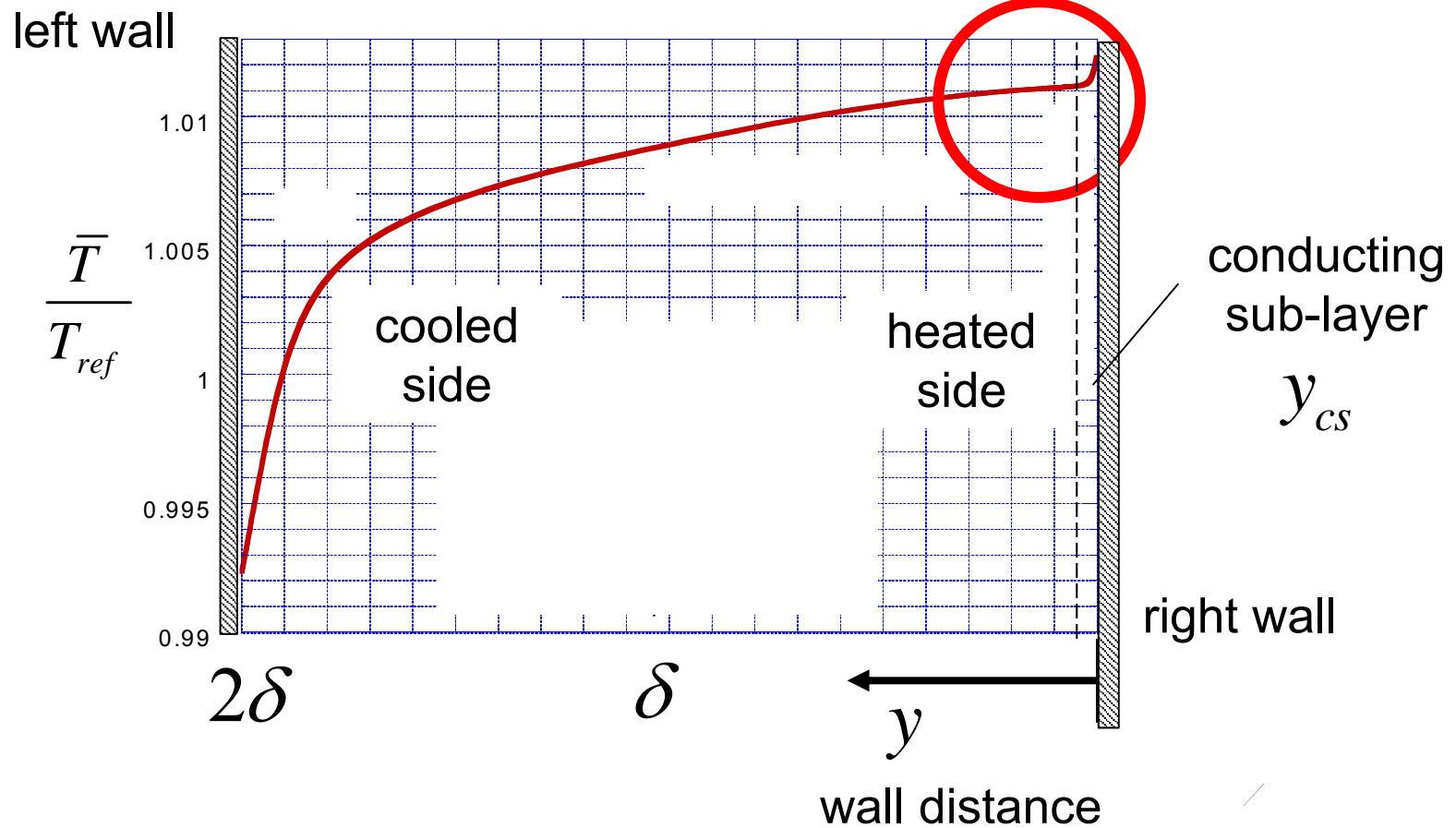
high ρ , high c_p ---->

$$T_b \approx T_{\text{centerline}} \approx T_{\text{laminar sublayer}} = T_{\text{conducting sublayer}}$$

Wang-DNS Mean Temperature Profile

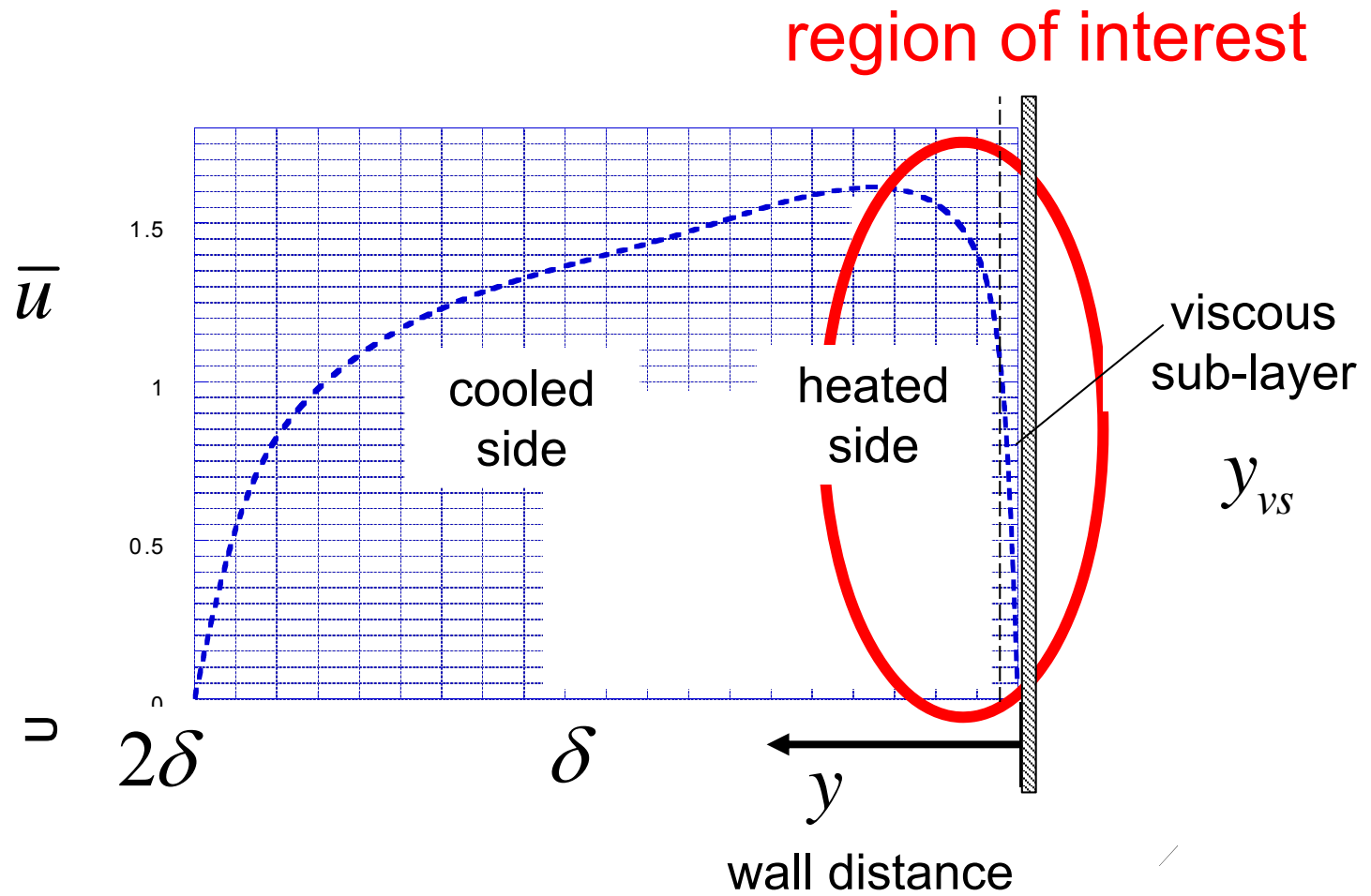
Case 1

region of interest



Wang-DNS Mean Velocity Profile

Case 1



Integration of the Thermal Energy Equation

in the laminar, conducting sub-layer: the region of dominant thermal resistance

$$0 = \rho c_p U \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} \approx \frac{\partial q''}{\partial y} \Rightarrow q''(y) \approx \text{const.} \approx q''_w$$

Near the wall we have Fourier's law:

$$q''(y) \approx -k(T) \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} \quad \text{Integrate:} \quad q''(y) \int_0^y d y \approx - \int_{T_w}^{T(y)} k(T) d T$$

Define

$$\omega(T) = - \int_{T_{ref}}^T k(T) d T \quad \text{a property}$$

then

$$q''_w y = - [\omega(T) - \omega(T_w)]$$

At $y = y_{cs}$

$$q''_w = - \frac{\omega(T_b) - \omega(T_w)}{y_{cs}}$$

May be a good approximation
If one has a good estimate
of y_{cs}

How to get good Estimates for y_{cs} using the universal wall units

Prandtl [1910] approach $y_{cs}^+ \approx y_{vs}^+$

Two-layer approximation $y_{vs}^+ \approx 11.6$

where $y^+ = y (\tau_w/\rho)^{1/2}/\nu$ or

$$y^+ = (y/D_h) \text{Re}_{D_h} (C_f/2)^{1/2}$$

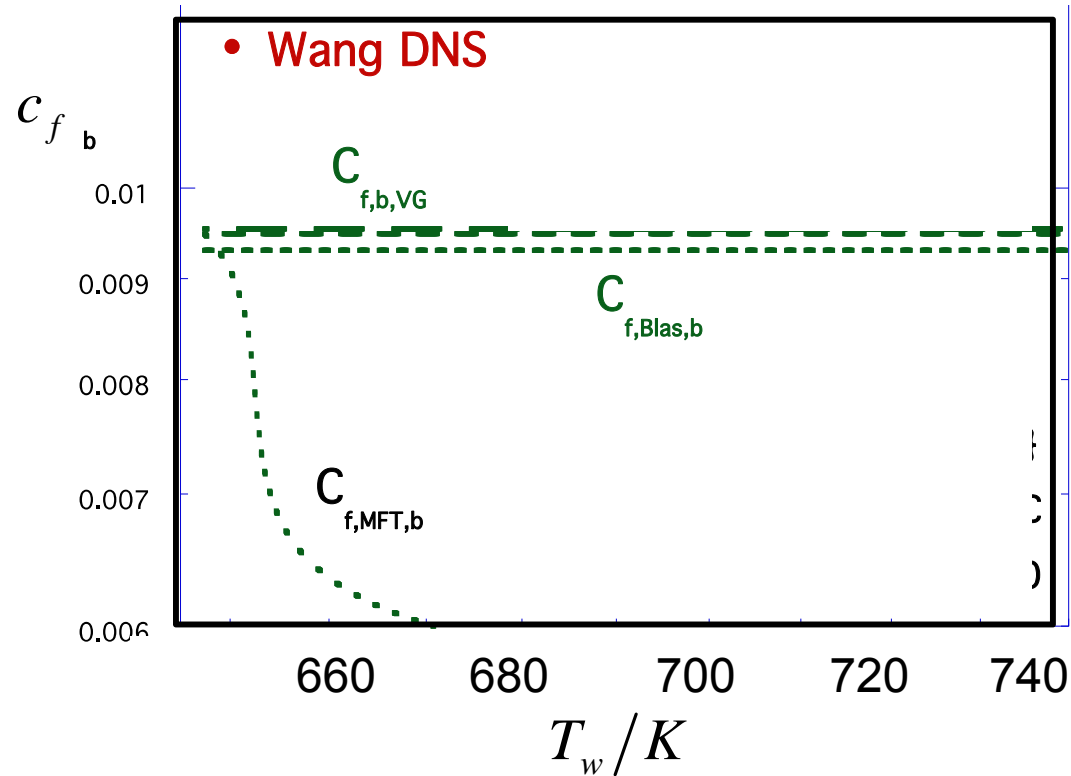
DO WE HAVE A GOOD ESTIMATE OF C_f ?

Forced-Convection Correlations for wall friction c_f

used in Gnielinski (VG), Drew, Koo, McAdams (DKM), M.F. Taylor (MFT), Blasius (Blas)

$$c_f = \frac{\tau_w}{0.5 \rho_w u_m^2}$$

case 1

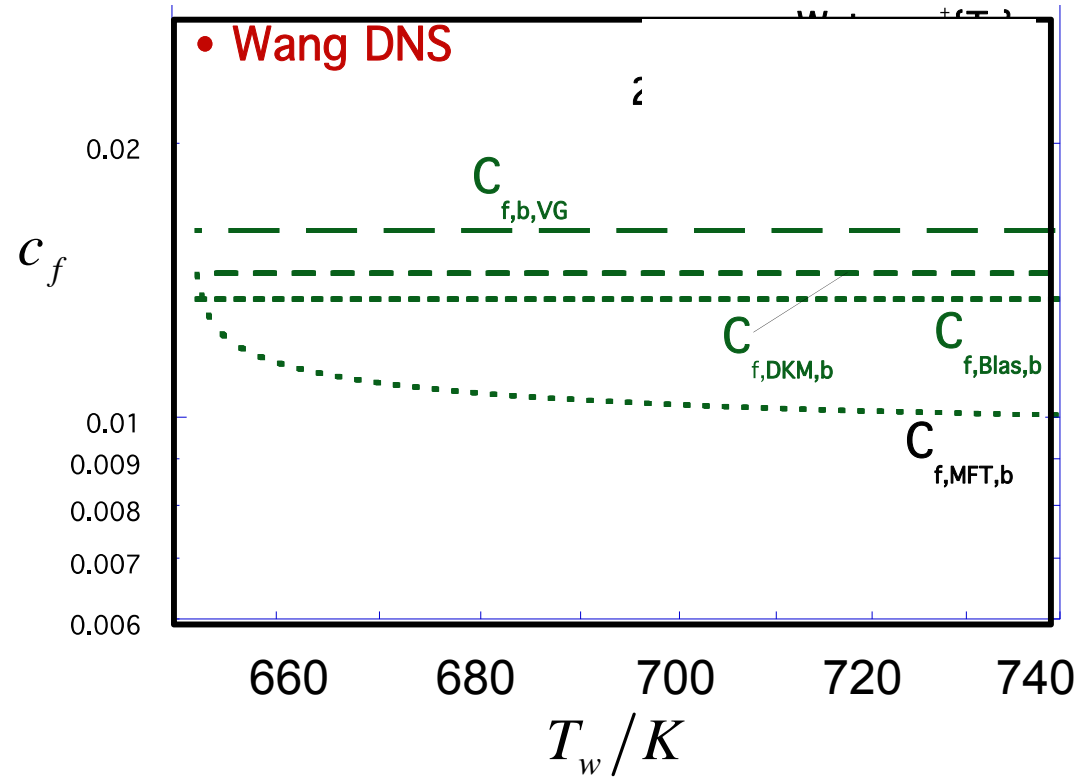


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Case 2



Integration of the Momentum Equation

in the laminar, conducting sub-layer: the region of dominant flow resistance

$$\tau(y) \approx \mu \frac{\partial U}{\partial y} \Rightarrow \tau(y) \approx \text{const.} \approx \tau_w$$

Near the wall we have Newton's law and Fourier's law:

$$\tau_w dy = \mu(T) dU \quad q_w'' dy = -k(T) dT$$

$$dU = \frac{\tau_w dy}{\mu(T)} \quad \text{and} \quad dy = -\frac{k(T) dT}{q_w''} \Rightarrow dU = -\frac{\tau_w k(T) dT}{\mu(T) q_w''}$$

Define

$$\Phi(T) = -\int_{T_{ref}}^T \frac{k(T)}{\mu(T)} dT \quad \text{a property}$$

Integrate

$$\int_0^{U_b} dU \approx -\frac{\tau_w}{q_w''} \int_{T_w}^{T_b} \frac{k(T)}{\mu(T)} dT \Rightarrow U_b = -\frac{\tau_w}{q_w''} [\Phi(T_b) - \Phi(T_w)]$$

Solve for

$$\tau_w = -\frac{U_b q_w''}{\Phi(T_b) - \Phi(T_w)}$$

Integration of the Momentum Equation (contd.)

in the laminar, conducting sub-layer: the region of dominant flow resistance

Substitute into

$$q_w'' y_{cs} = -[\omega(T_{cs}) - \omega(T_w)] \quad \text{with} \quad y_{cs} = \frac{y_{cs}^+ \nu}{\sqrt{\tau_w / \rho}}$$

i.e. into

$$q_w'' \frac{y_{cs}^+ \nu}{\sqrt{\tau_w / \rho}} = -[\omega(T_{cs}) - \omega(T_w)]$$

to give

$$q_w'' \frac{y_{cs}^+ \nu}{\sqrt{\frac{U_b q_w''}{\Phi(T_w) - \Phi(T_b)} / \rho}} = -[\omega(T_{cs}) - \omega(T_w)]$$

and solve for

$$q_w'' = \frac{U_b}{\rho (y_{cs}^+ \nu)^2} \frac{[\omega(T_b) - \omega(T_w)]^2}{[\Phi(T_w) - \Phi(T_b)]}$$

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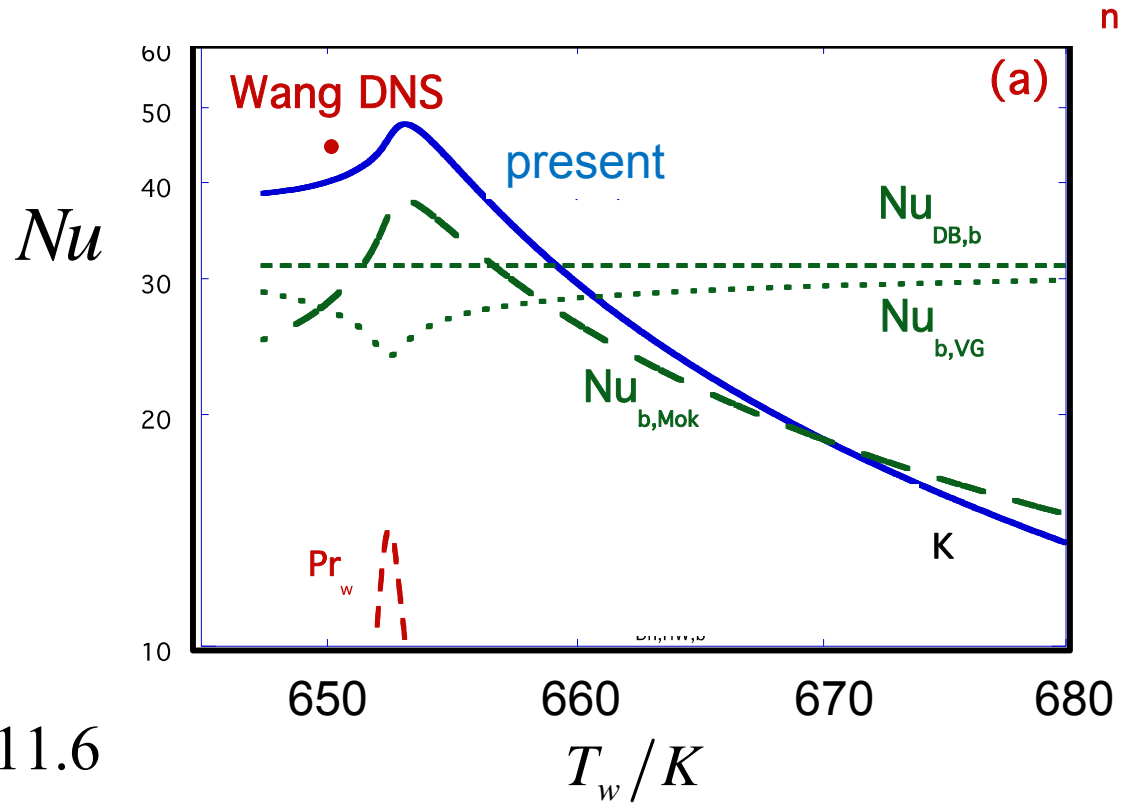
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$$Nu = \frac{q_w''}{(T_w - T_b)} \frac{2\delta}{k_b}$$

case 1



$$y_{vs}^+ = y_{cs}^+ = 11.6$$

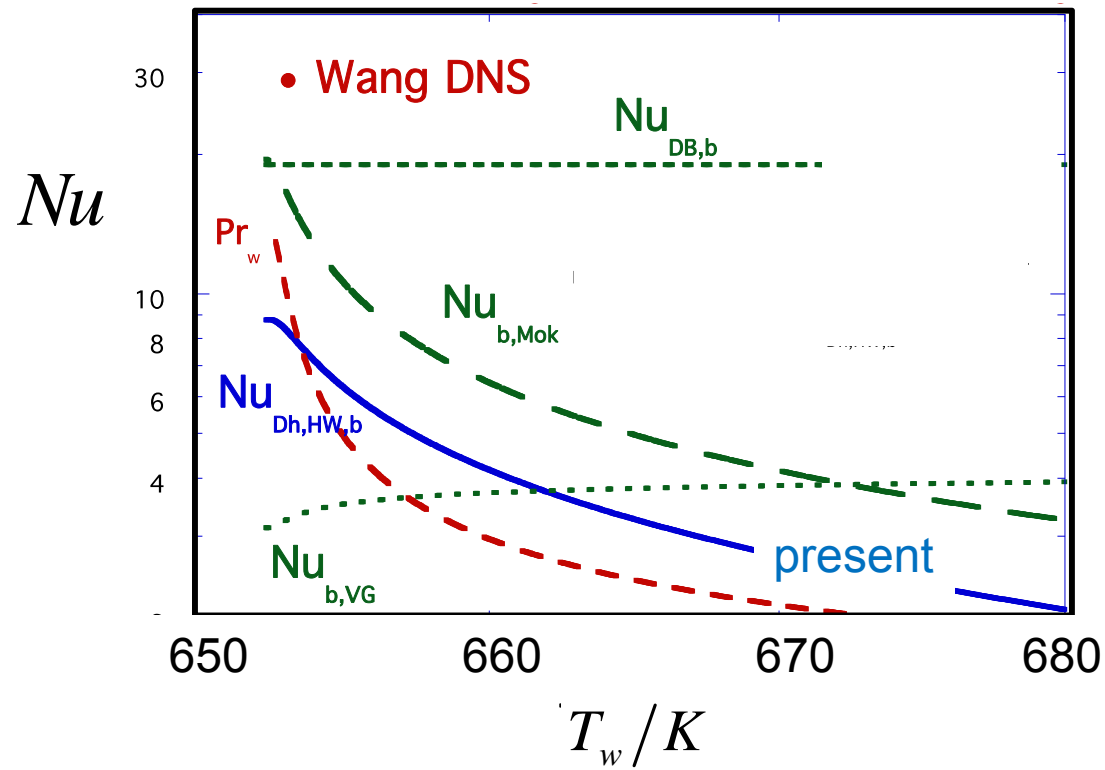
$$y^+ = \frac{y}{\nu_w} \sqrt{\frac{\tau_w}{\rho_w}} \quad \text{upper index + in „wall units“}$$

Result

Heat Transfer

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case 2

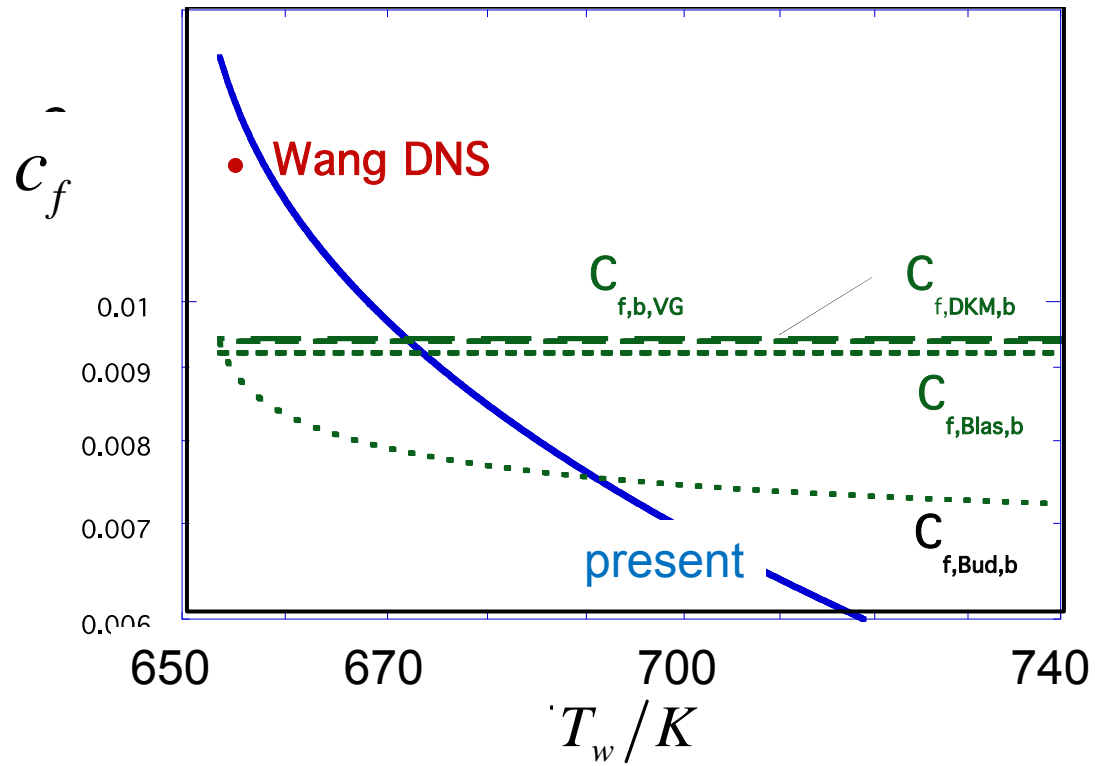


Result

Friction

$$c_f = \frac{\tau_w}{0.5 \rho_w u_m^2}$$

case 3



Result

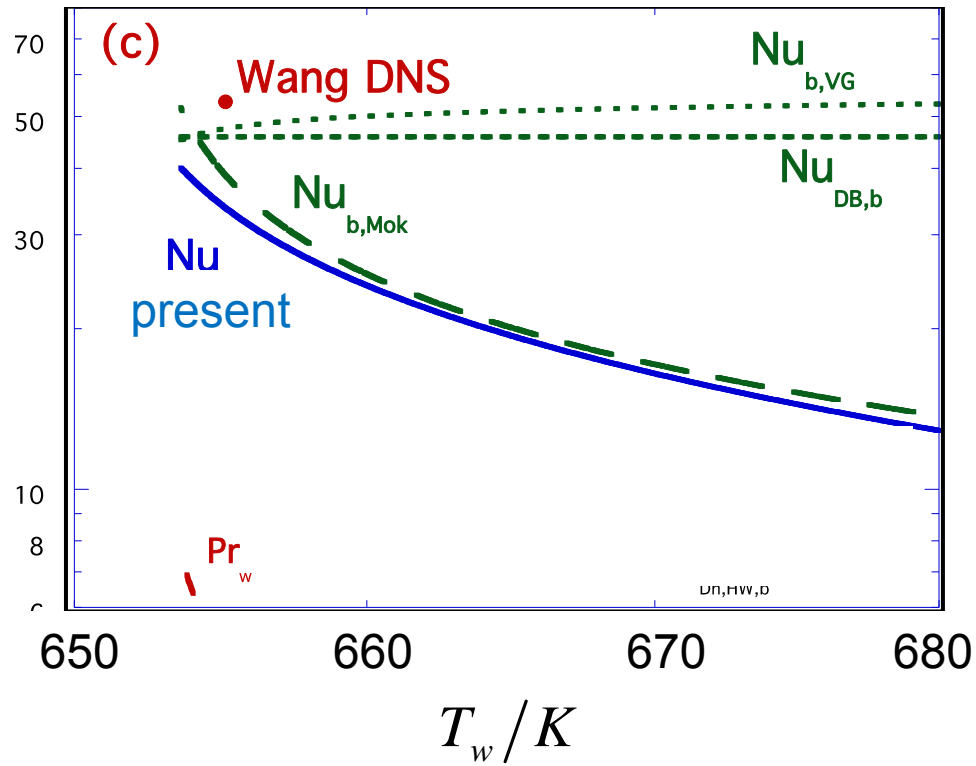
Heat Transfer

$$Nu = \frac{q_w''}{(T_w - T_b)} \frac{2\delta}{k_b}$$

case 3

$T_h = 655 \text{ K}$

Nu



Concluding Remarks

Demonstrated a closed-form, approximate, coupled analysis for Nu for ScPF (with negligible buoyancy and acceleration)

Some reasonable agreement with DNS of Wang+He

Nu is sensitive to choice of y_{vs}^+

Useful approach to provide approximate predictions and improved analyses

Improved treatment for wall functions in CFD

Can provide a first estimate for iterative processes in "more sophisticated" analyses

Outlook

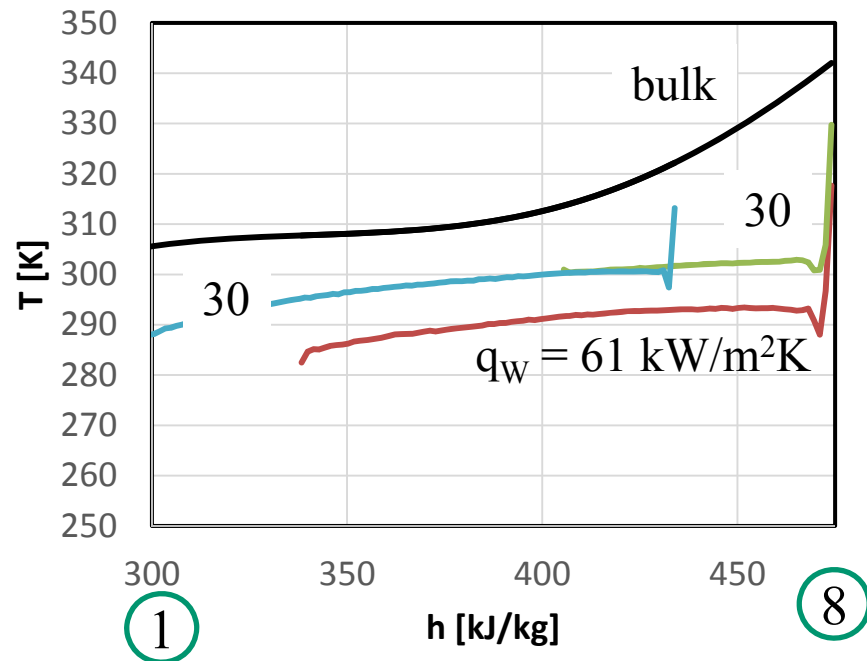
Extend to significant buoyancy and acceleration

Revise analysis to treat differing y_{cs}^+ and y_{vs}^+

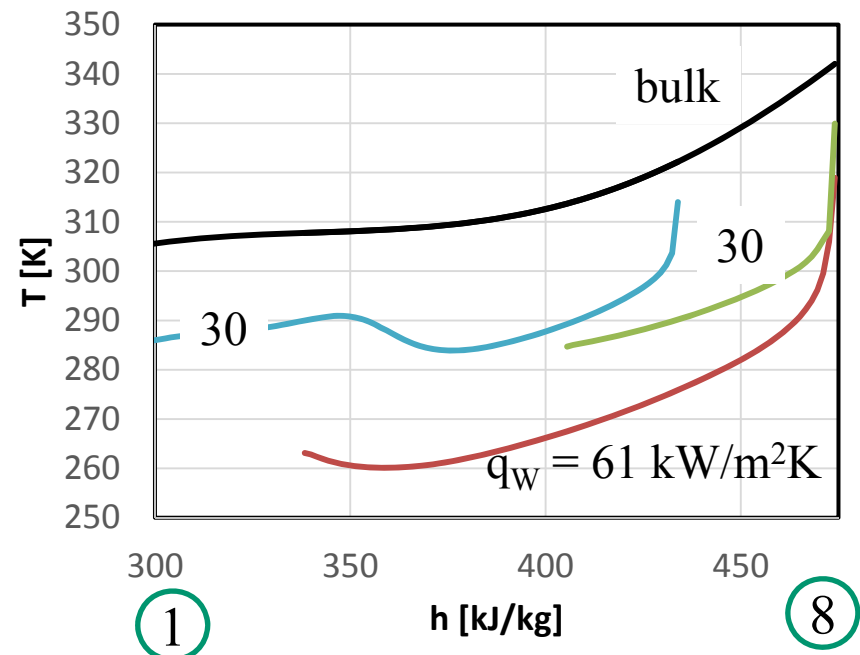
Add thermal resistance for turbulent core?

DNS data: 80 bar, CO₂, D = 2 mm

upward



downward



Backup Slides

State-of-the-Art Correlations for Narrow Channels (2 mm)

$G = 60 \text{ kg/m}^2\text{s}$, $q_w = -30 \text{ kW/m}^2$ (cooled wall)

Forced convection

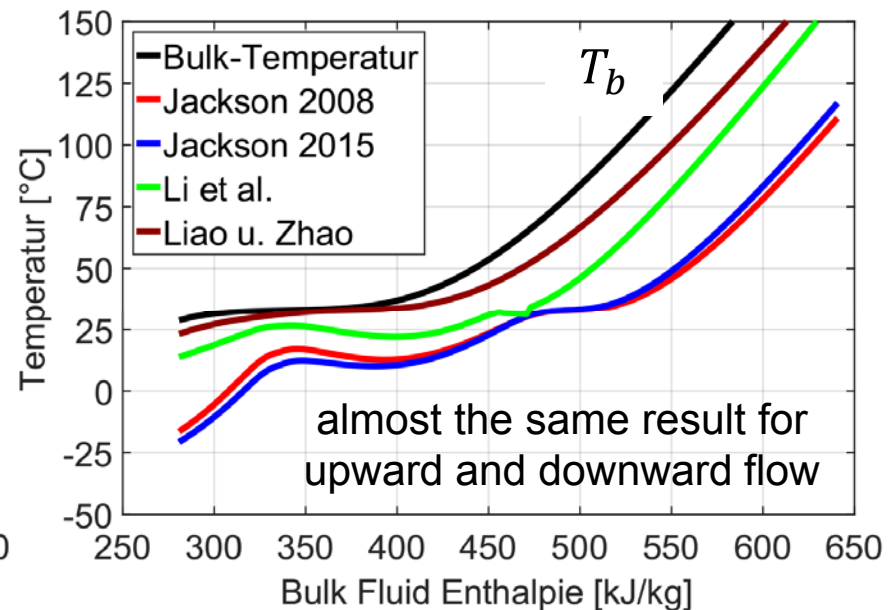
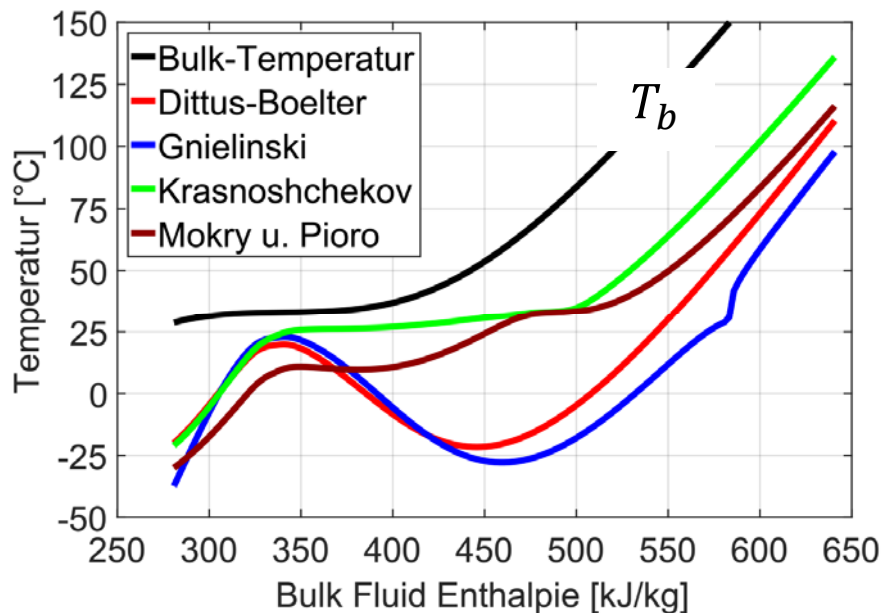
$$Nu_0 = Nu_{0b} \left(\frac{\rho_w}{\rho_b} \right)^{n_1} \left(\frac{c_{pw}}{c_{pb}} \right)^{n_2} \dots$$

index 0 : constant properties
w : wall
b : bulk

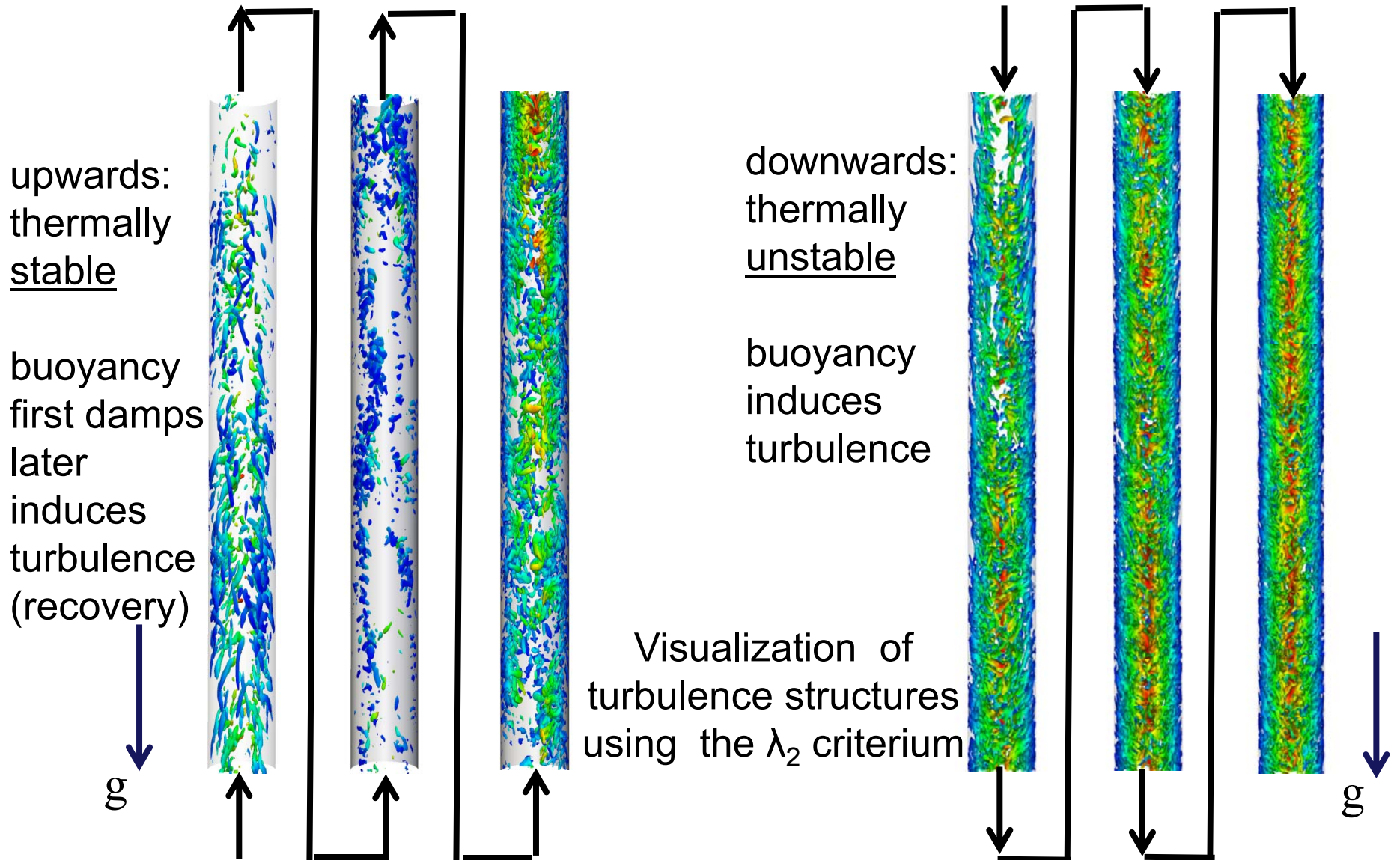
Mixed convection (w/ gravity influence)

$$Nu = Nu_0 \left[1 \pm C_1 \times \left(\frac{Gr_m}{Re^{2,7}} \right)^{n_1} \dots \right]$$

Nu : Nusselt number
Gr : Grashof number
Re : Reynolds number
+ upward, - downward flow

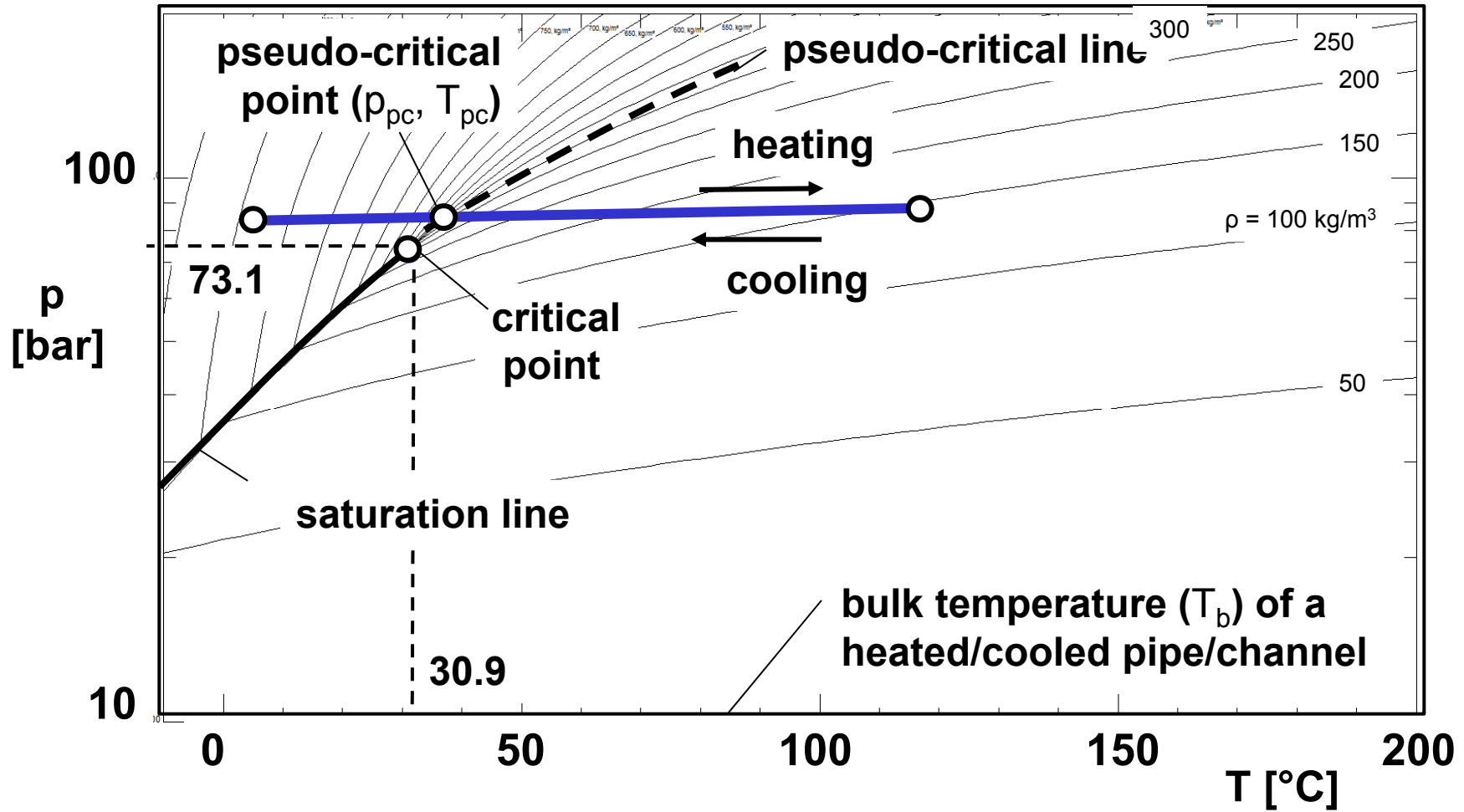


DNS-Results of a Heated PipeFlow at $Re = 5400$



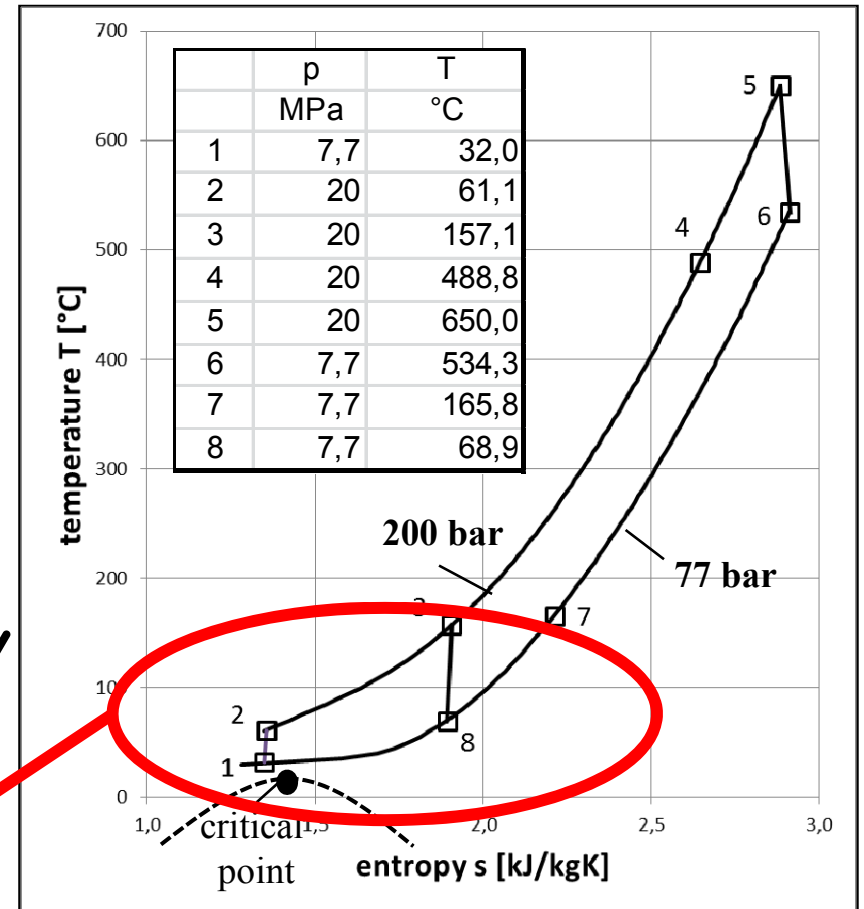
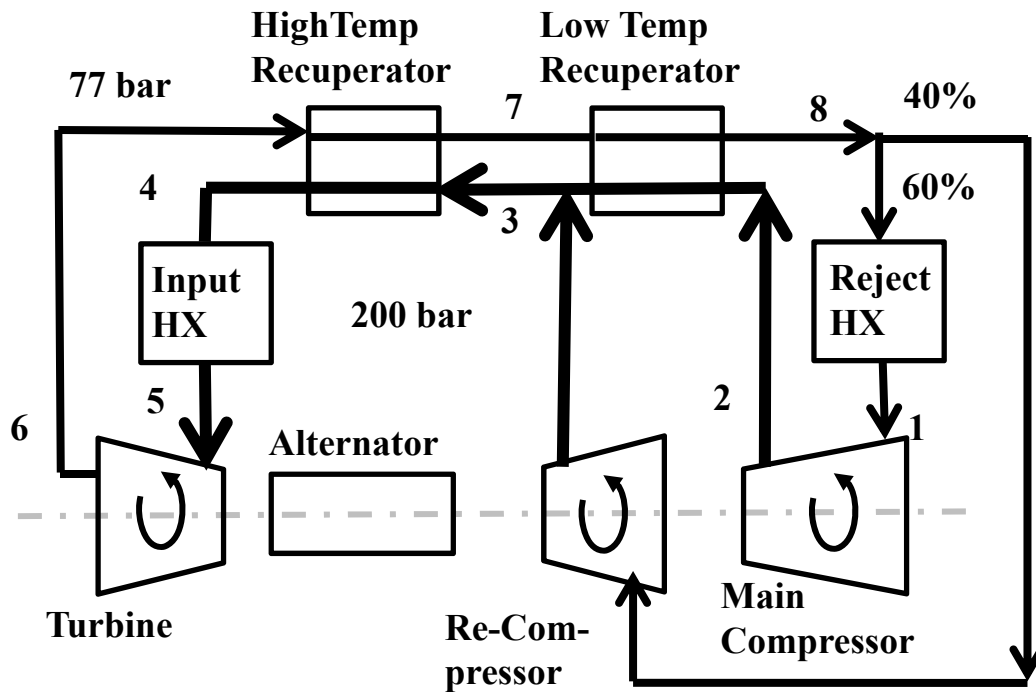
Terminology

of Single-Pipe or Channel Experiments at Super-Critical Pressure



sCO₂ Recuperative Recompression Brayton Cycle

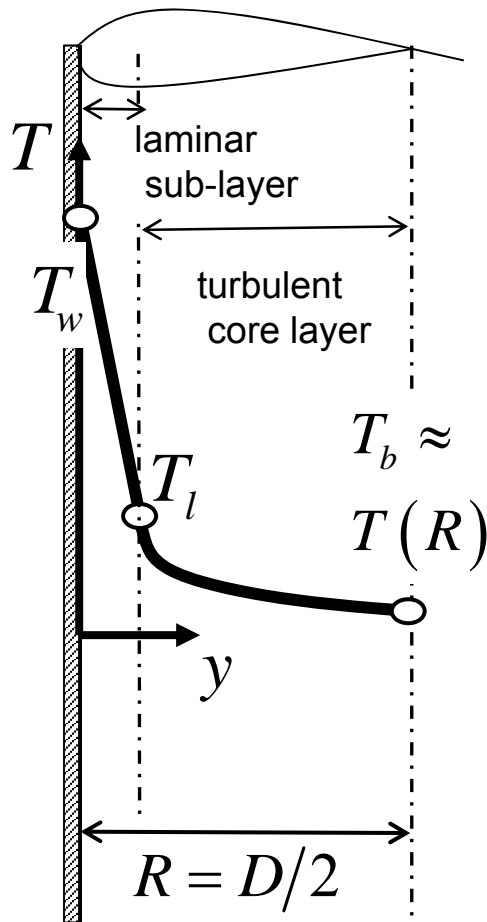
'Advanced Design' of the MIT-Study: Net Efficiency ~47 %



region of interest

Example: Two-Layer Model for Turbulent Boundary Layers

Prandtl 1910, Kays and Crawford 1980, constant properties



The temperature in wall units

$$T^+(y) = \frac{\rho c_p u_\tau}{q_w''} (T_w - T(y)) = \rho c_p u_\tau R$$

Can be considered a non-dimensional thermal resistance. Expand to

$$T^+(y) = \rho c_p u_\tau (R_{lam} + R_{turb})$$

And compare to the Kays and Crawford relation

$$T^+(R) = \text{Pr} y_{lam}^+ + \frac{\text{Pr}_t}{\kappa} (\ln R^+ - \ln y_{lam}^+) \approx T_b^+$$

The total resistance is the sum of two individual resistances for the two layers

