



# Comparison of Convective Heat Transfer Characteristics of Supercritical Fluid for Circular-Pipes in Horizontal Flow

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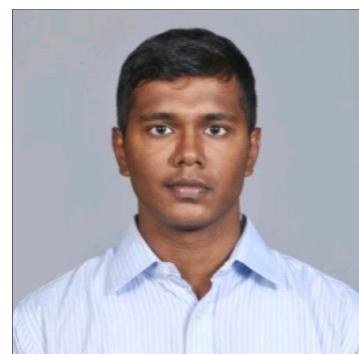
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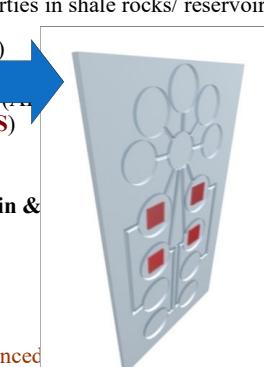
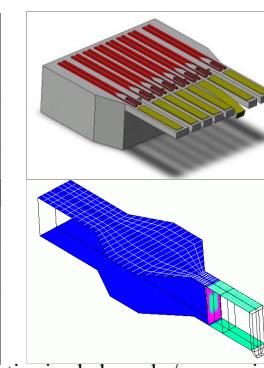
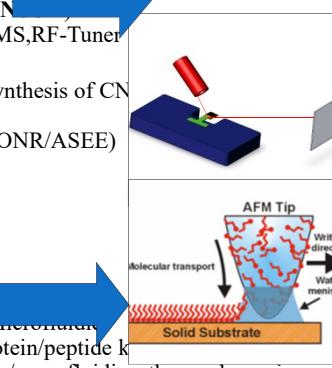
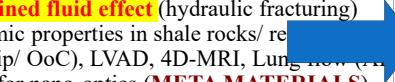


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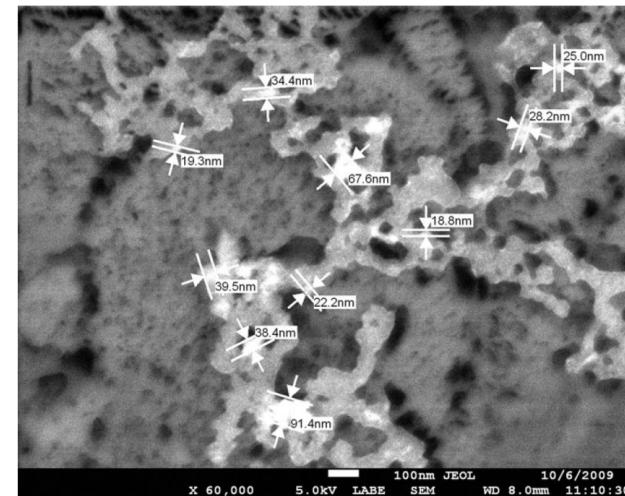
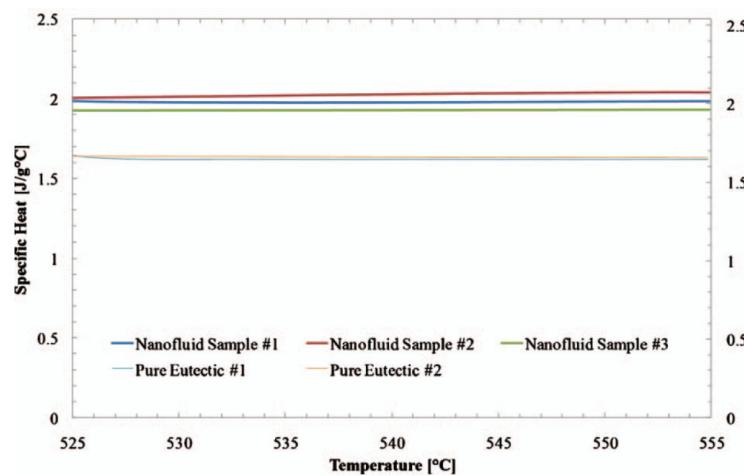
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  - TEES: Nano-calorimeter (EXPLOSIVES SENSOR)
  - Nano-MEMS Research/NSF SBIR: RF-MEMS,RF-Tuner
- DPN (Dip Pen Nanolithography):
  - DARPA/MTO: chirality control, low temp. synthesis of CN
  - ONR STTR/ ADA Tech.: Ultra-Capacitors
  - SPAWAR: low temp. synthesis of Graphene (ONR/ASEE)
  - TSGC: Nanolithography+Microfluidics, CFD
  - GE Research: Silicon Nanofins
- Bio-Microfluidics, Lab-On-Chip:
  - AFRL: Portable water quality monitor
  - DARPA/MF<sup>3</sup>: Micro-Chamber Filling
    - » (1) Vaccine Storage/ Paper microfluidic
    - » (2) Anthrax Detection using CD Microfluidic
  - NASA: Lipid bi-layer sensors for studying protein/peptide kinetics
  - Energy Institute, Hagler Institute, T3: Micro/nano-fluidics, thermodynamic properties in shale rocks/ reservoirs, desalination
  - Crisman Institute: Micro/nano-fluidics, **confined fluid effect** (hydraulic fracturing)
  - Marathon: Micro/nano-fluidics, thermodynamic properties in shale rocks/ re
  - ENMED: Neural Organoids (organoid-on-Chip/ OoC), LVAD, 4D-MRI, Lung flow, AI
  - AFOSR: Reconfigurable microfluidic device for nano-optics (**META MATERIALS**)

## - Thermal Management (3 Ph.D., 1 M.S.)

- Nanostructures
  - ARPA-E (ARID): Energy-water nexus, **Phase Change Materials (PCM)**: paraffin &
  - ONR: Flow Boiling on Carbon Nanotubes
  - NSF: Pool Boiling on Silicon Nanofins, Molecular Dynamics
  - DOE: Nanofluids for Thermal Energy Storage (SOLAR ENERGY)
  - GE-Alstom: Nanofluids for Thermal Energy Storage (SOLAR ENERGY)
  - AFOSR/AFRL(ASEE-SFFP): Nano-Fluids
  - Qatar National Research Foundation (QNRF): Nanofluids and Nanofins for enhanced
  - Photronics Corp./ Trianja Tech. (Si Values Partners/ B G Group): Nanofluids for energy app.
  - Irvine Sensors: Micropump Design for Electronics Cooling (AFRL SBIR Phase II)
  - Aspen Thermal Systems: Compact condensers (ONR SBIR Phase I; Phase II)
- Thermo-Chemical Energy Storage (TCES), Thermal Energy Storage (TES)
  - AFRL: Chevron Plate Heat Exchangers (PHE) for rapid thermal management
- Biomedical Device (Surgical Sterilizer)
  - Lynntech/ ARO SBIR Phase II: Portable sterilizer for surgical tools using steam.



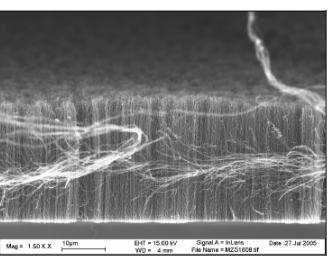
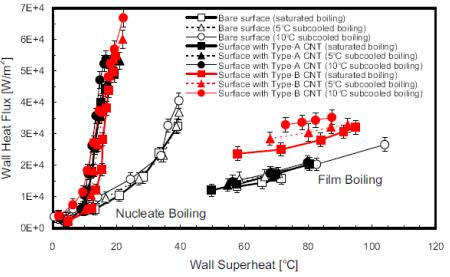
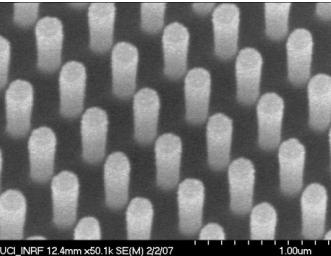
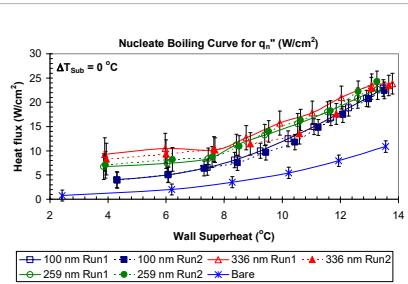
# Molten salt nanofluids



Carbonate salt eutectic +  $\text{SiO}_2$   
26 % enhancement

*Shin and Banerjee, J Heat Trans., 2011*

# Pool Boiling on Nano-Fins

Nanostructure	Boiling curve (large heater)	CHF enhancement
<b>CNT</b>  <p>Mag = 150 Kx   10μm   EHT = 15.00 kV   Signal A = InLens   Date - 27 Jul 2005      WS = 4 mm   File Name = M231608.tif</p>	 <p>Legend:          — Bare surface (saturated boiling)          ▲ Bare surface (5°C subcooled boiling)          ○ Bare surface (10°C subcooled boiling)          — Surface with Type A CNT (saturated boiling)          △ Surface with Type A CNT (5°C subcooled boiling)          ● Surface with Type A CNT (10°C subcooled boiling)          — Surface with Type B CNT (saturated boiling)          ■ Surface with Type B CNT (5°C subcooled boiling)          □ Surface with Type B CNT (10°C subcooled boiling)       </p> <p>Regions: Nucleate Boiling, Film Boiling</p>	$\sim 60\% \text{ [A]}$
<b>Silicon</b>  <p>UCI_INRF 12.4mm x50.1k SE(M) 2/2/07   1.00μm</p>	 <p>Legend:          ■ 100 nm Run1   □ 100 nm Run2   ▲ 336 nm Run1   ▲ 336 nm Run2   ○ 259 nm Run1   ▲ 259 nm Run2   — Bare       </p> <p><math>\Delta T_{Sub} = 0^\circ\text{C}</math></p>	$\sim 120\% \text{ [B]}$

[A] H. Ahn, Heat transfer enhancement in single-phase forced convection with blockages and in two-phase pool boiling with nano-structured surface, Ph. D dissertation, Texas A&M University, 2007

[B] Sriraman, Pool boiling on nano-finned surfaces, Master thesis, Texas A&M University, 2007

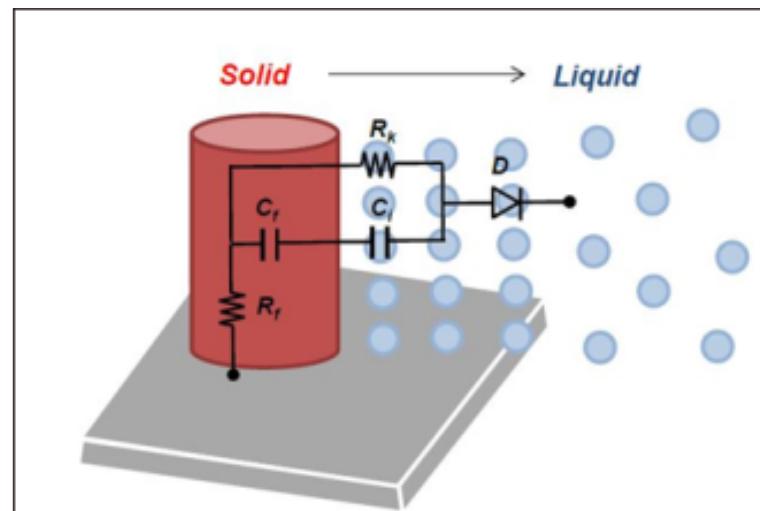
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## “*nano-Fin Effect*” (nFE)



**Corrosion reduced by 50~100%**

Lee, J.\*, Kuchibhotla, A.\*<sup>1</sup>, Banerjee, D., and Berman, D.,  
“Silica Nanoparticles as copper corrosion inhibitors”,  
Materials Research Express, May, 2019.  
<https://doi.org/10.1088/2053-1591/ab2270>

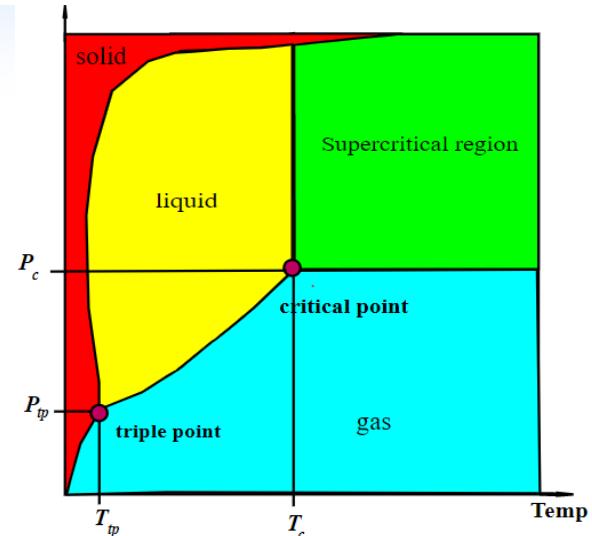
# Introduction

Supercritical fluids exist at temperatures and pressures exceeding the critical point.

They can exist as “liquid-like” or “gas-like” states, and the differentiator between the two states is also known as the “*Widom Line*” / “*Frenken Line*”.

Critical properties of  $CO_2$

Critical pressure	7.38 [MPa]
Critical Temperature	304.1[K]

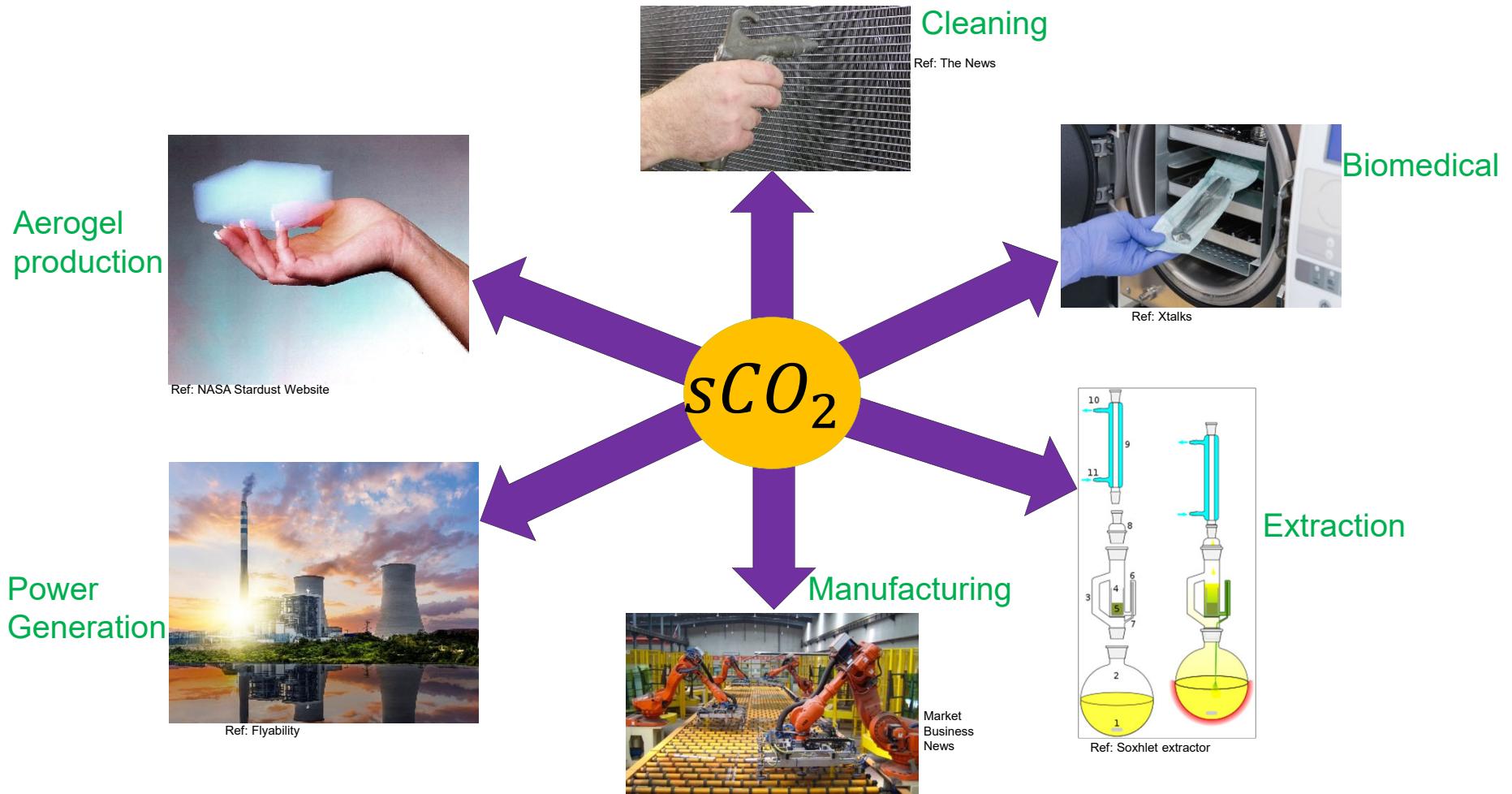


*P-T Phase diagram*

Fomin, Y. D., Ryzhov, V. N., Tsiok, E. N. & Brazhkin, V. V. Thermodynamic properties of supercritical carbon dioxide: Widom and Frenkel lines. *Phys Rev E* 91, 2015.

<https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevE.91.022111>

# Introduction



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# Motivation and Goal of Study

## ➤ Motivation

The motivation of this study was to explore the efficacy of heat exchangers involving forced convective heat transfer of supercritical fluids (tube side) integrated with air cooling (i.e., in free convection).

## ➤ Goal

The goal of this study was to determine the forced convective heat transfer characteristics of supercritical carbon dioxide ( $s\text{CO}_2$ ) in air-cooled tube heat-exchangers.

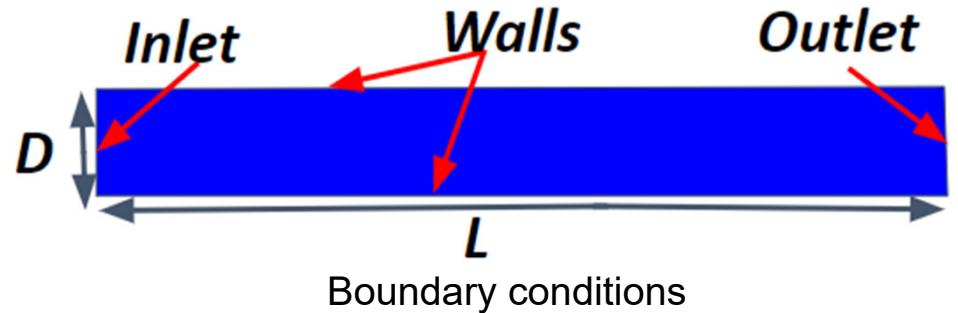
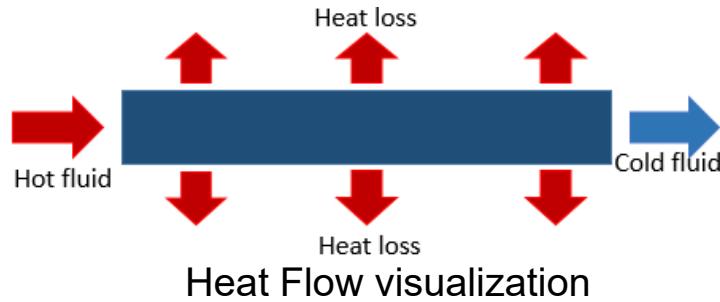
# Methodology (Investigation of Thermophysical properties of sCO<sub>2</sub>)

The thermophysical properties of sCO<sub>2</sub> was obtained from NIST database for pressure, P=8.12MPa and temperature variation, T=450 – 700[K]. Properties investigated are:

- Specific heat at constant volume,  $c_v$
- Specific heat at constant pressure,  $c_p$
- Density,  $\rho$
- Thermal conductivity,  $k$
- Dynamic viscosity,  $\mu$
- Kinematic viscosity,  $\nu$
- Thermal diffusivity,  $\alpha$
- Prandtl number,  $Pr$

# Methodology (Pipe Flow Analysis)

2D Numerical and Analytical investigation of the hydrodynamic and thermal characteristics of  $sCO_2$  flowing in a circular horizontal pipe.



Boundary conditions and fluid properties

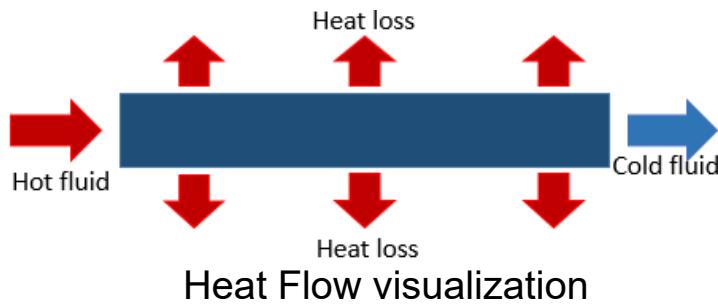
$Re$	10, 100, 1000, 1500, 5000, 10 000
<i>Reduced Press. , <math>P_r</math></i>	1.1
<i>Reduced Temp., <math>T_r</math></i>	1.64
<i>Inlet Temp., <math>T_{in}</math></i>	700 [K]
<i>Ambient Temp., <math>T_\infty</math></i>	300 [K]
<i>External convection coefficient, <math>h_o</math></i>	43.2 [W/m <sup>2</sup> K]
<i>Density, <math>\rho</math></i>	90.817 [kg/m <sup>3</sup> ]
<i>Specific heat cap., <math>c_p</math></i>	1132.2 [J/kgK]
<i>Thermal cond., <math>k</math></i>	0.036361 [W/mK]
<i>Dynamic visc., <math>\mu</math></i>	2.5e <sup>-5</sup> [Pa.s]

Dimensions

<b>Diameter (D)</b>	1, 2, 5 and 10 [mm]
<b>Length (L)</b>	1[m]

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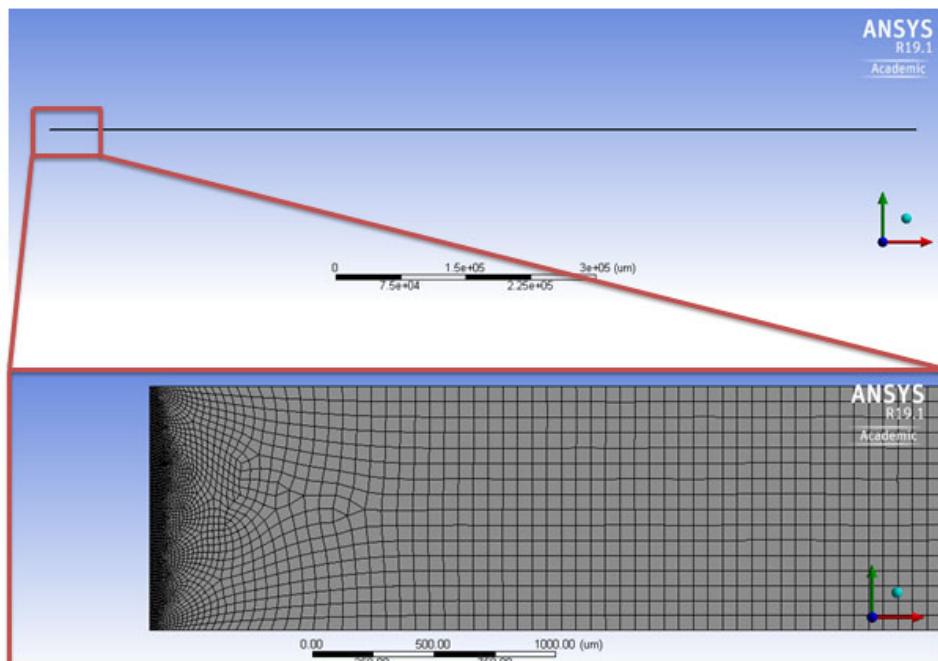
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## Model and Assumptions

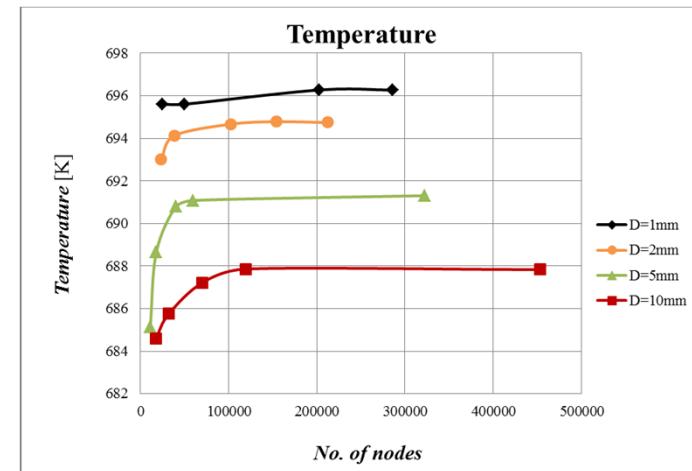
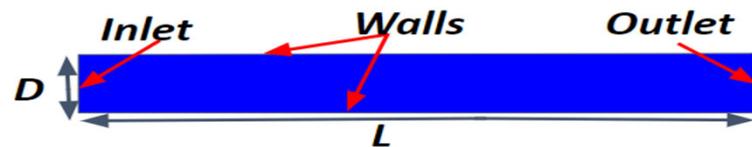
- Pressure based solver
- Steady State
- Constant properties (Incompressible flow)
- Constant ambient condition (synonymous to constant surface temp condition)
- Laminar flow for Re (10, 100, 1000 and 1500); Turbulent flow for Re (5000 and 10000) with  $k-w$  SST (shear stress transport) model
- Energy on

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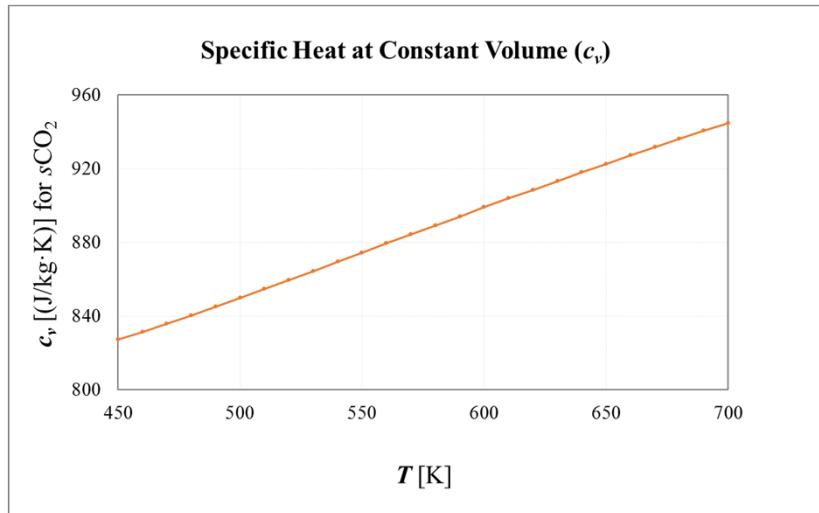


A quadrilateral mesh with refinement at the inlet and outlet sections

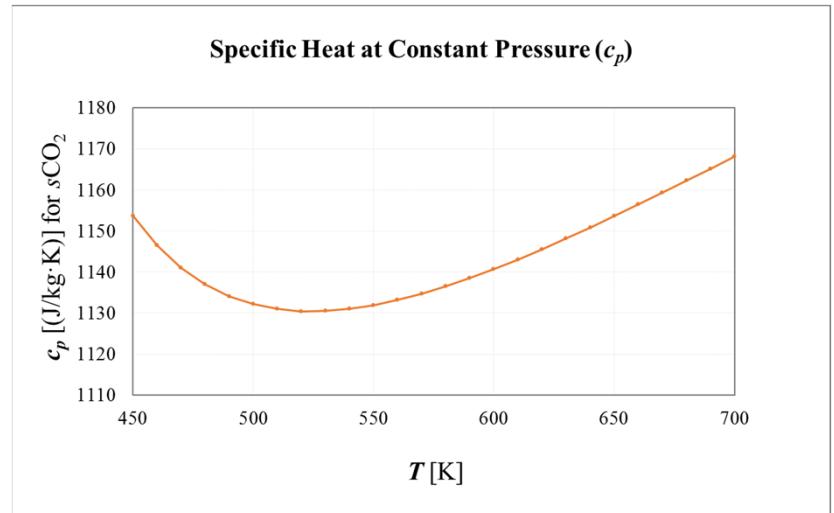


Mesh refinement was performed until there was no significant change to bulk mean temperatures

# Results (Investigation of Thermophysical properties of sCO<sub>2</sub>)

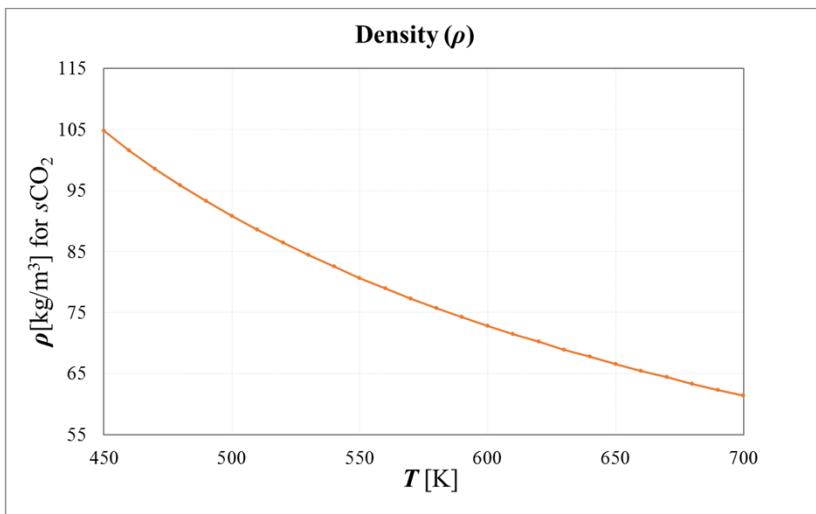


$c_v \uparrow$  as  $T \uparrow$  for  $450 \leq T \leq 700$

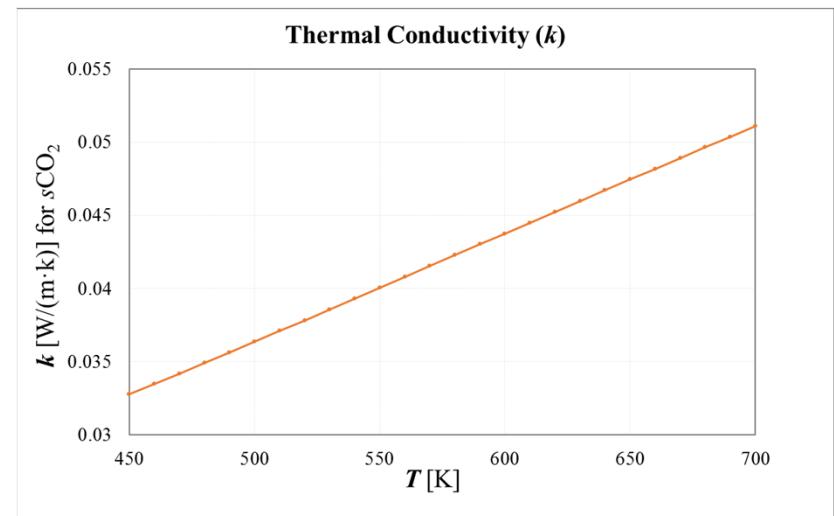


$c_p \downarrow$  as  $T \uparrow$  for  $450 \leq T \leq 520$   
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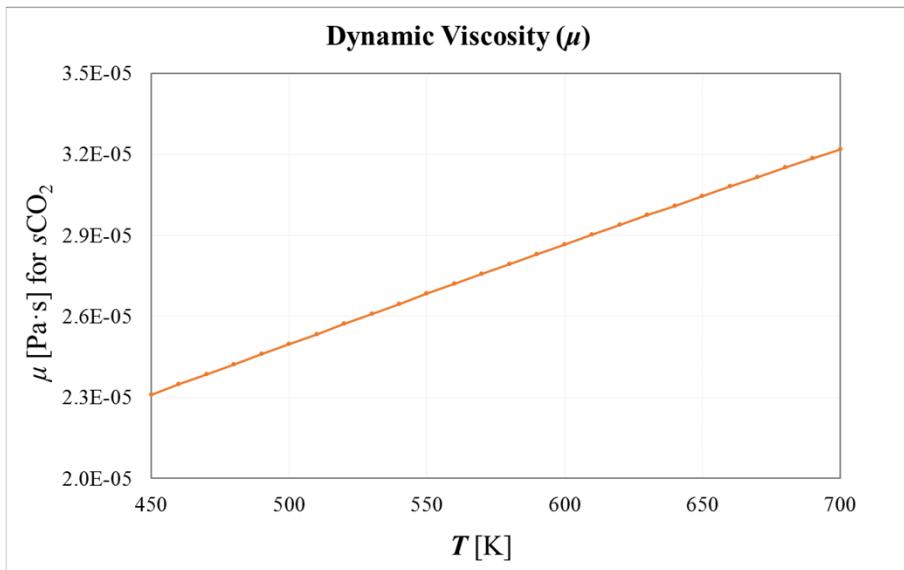


$\rho \downarrow$  as  $T \uparrow$       for  $450 \leq T \leq 700$

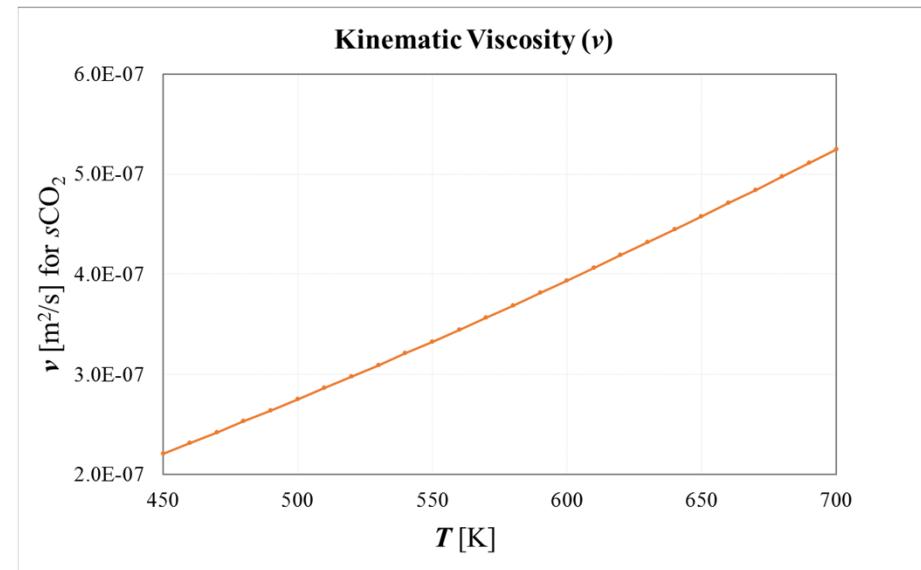


$k \uparrow$  as  $T \uparrow$       for  $450 \leq T \leq 700$

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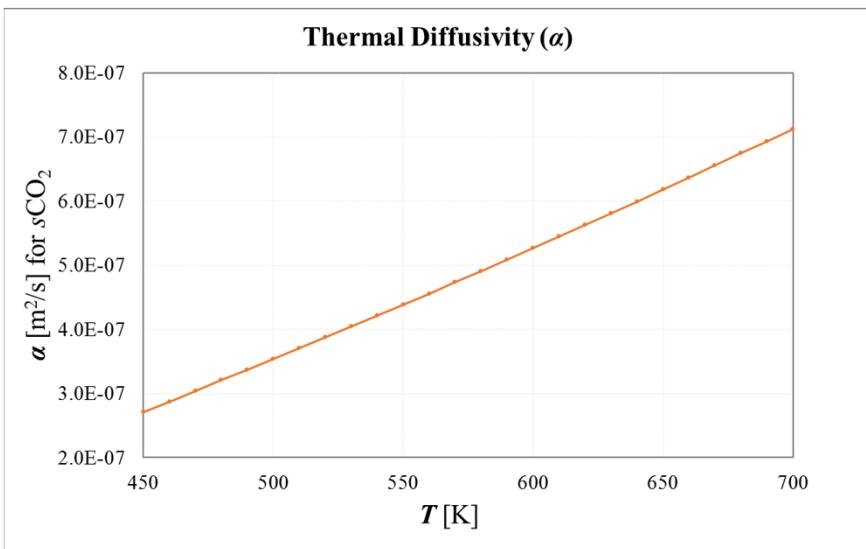


$\mu \uparrow$  as  $T \uparrow$  for  $450 \leq T \leq 700$

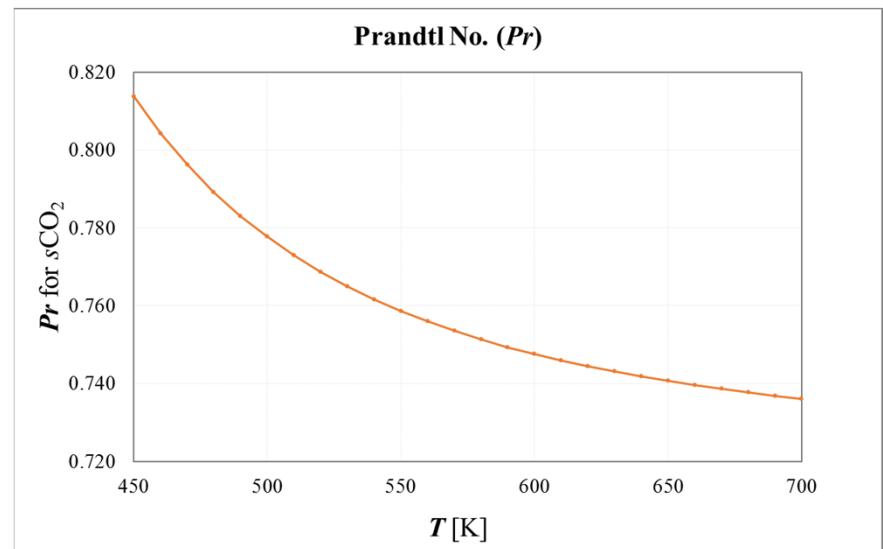


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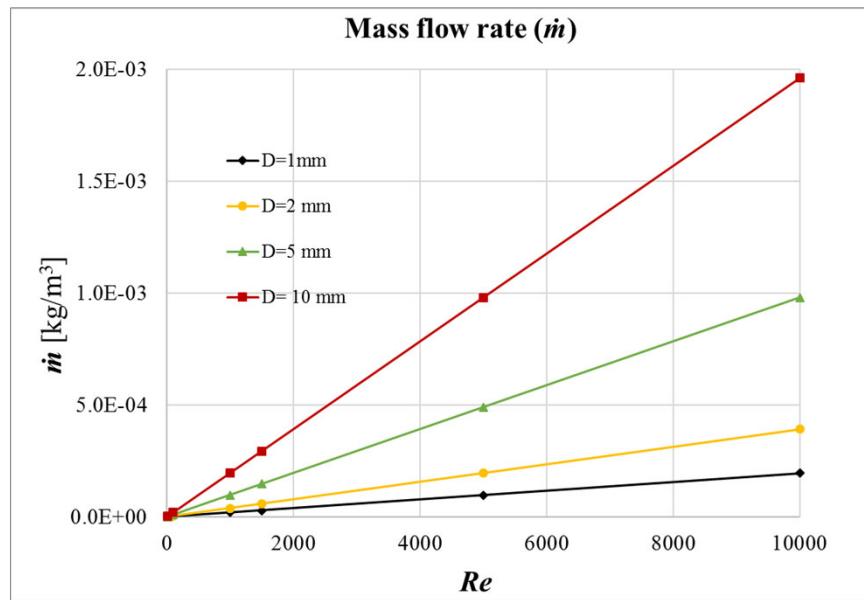


$\alpha \uparrow$  as  $T \uparrow$  for  $450 \leq T \leq 700$



$Pr \downarrow$  as  $T \uparrow$  for  $450 \leq T \leq 700$

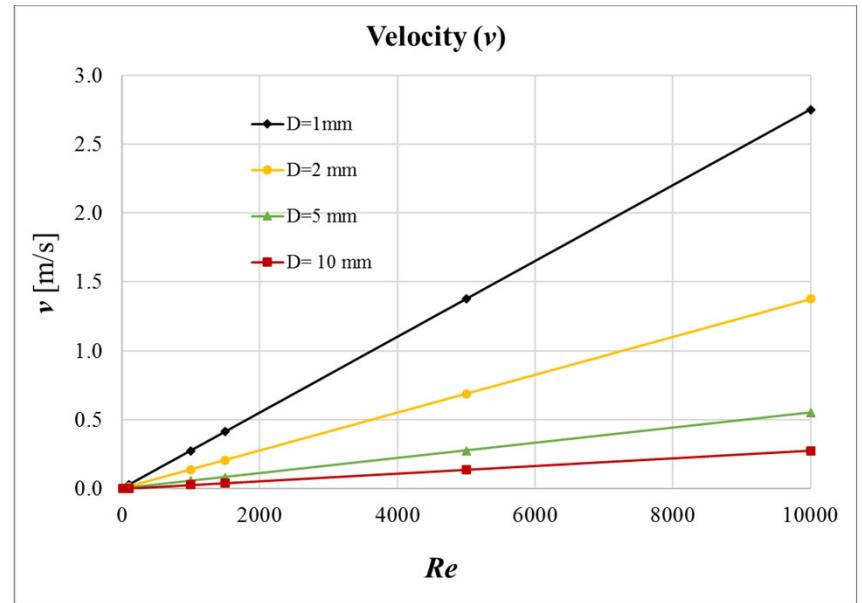
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$\dot{m} \uparrow$  as  $Re \uparrow$  and  $D \uparrow$

$$\dot{m} = Re \pi D \mu / 4$$

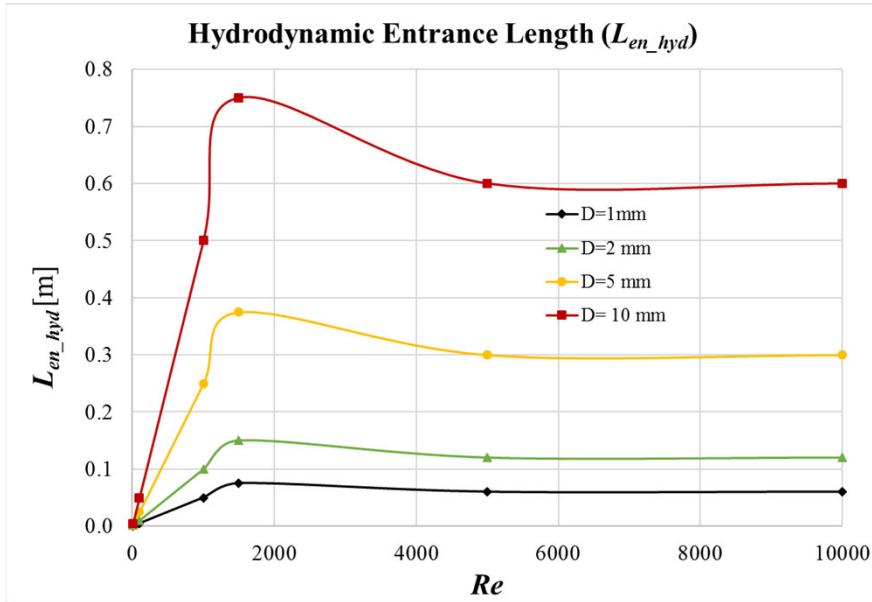
$$v = \dot{m} / (\rho A)$$



$v \uparrow$  as  $Re \uparrow$  and  $D \downarrow$

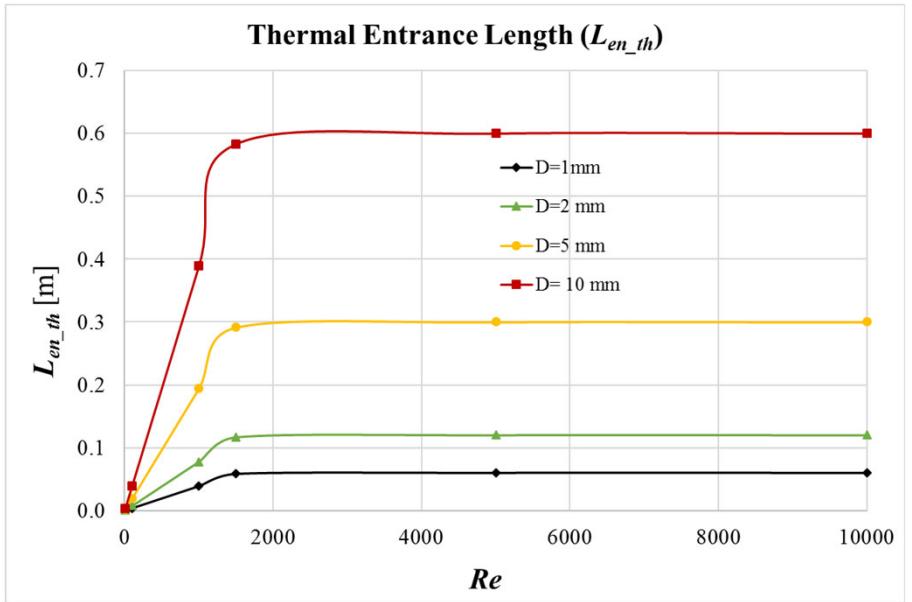
Incompressible flow  
assumption

# Results (Pipe Flow Analysis)



$$L_{en\_hyd} = 0.05Re \cdot D \text{ (for laminar)}$$

$$L_{en\_hyd} = 60D \text{ (for turbulent flow)}$$



$$L_{en\_th} = 0.05Re \cdot D \cdot Pr \text{ (for laminar)}$$

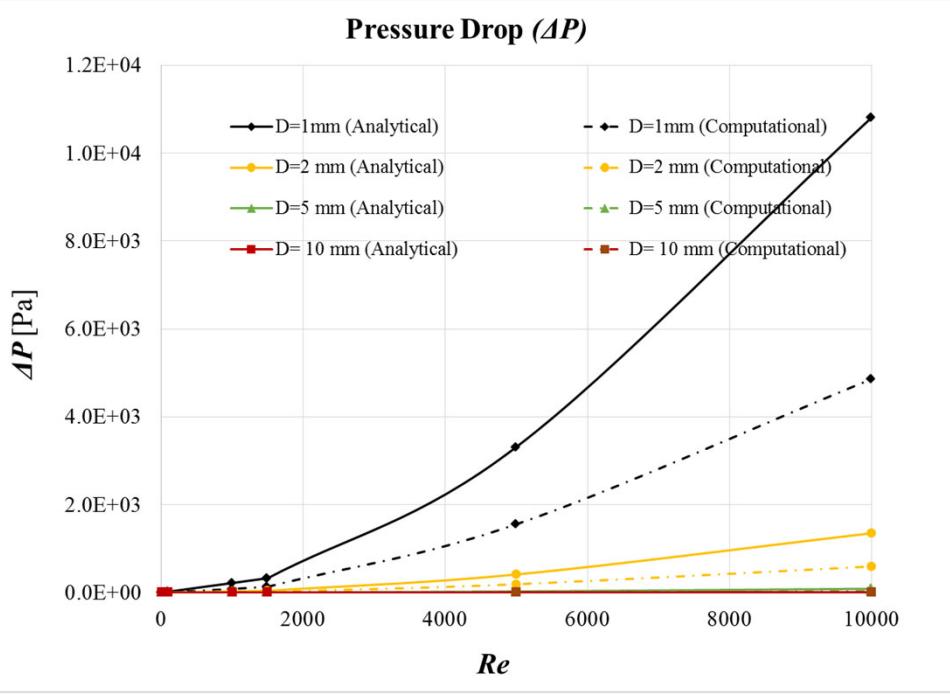
$$L_{en\_th} = 60D \text{ (for turbulent)}$$

➤ In laminar region,  $L_{en\_hyd} \propto Re$  and  $D$ ;  $L_{en\_th} \propto Re, D$  and  $Pr$

➤ In turbulent region,  $L_{en\_hyd}$  and  $L_{en\_th} \propto D$

➤ In laminar region  $L_{en\_hyd} > L_{en\_th}, \therefore Pr < 1$

# Results (Pipe Flow Analysis)



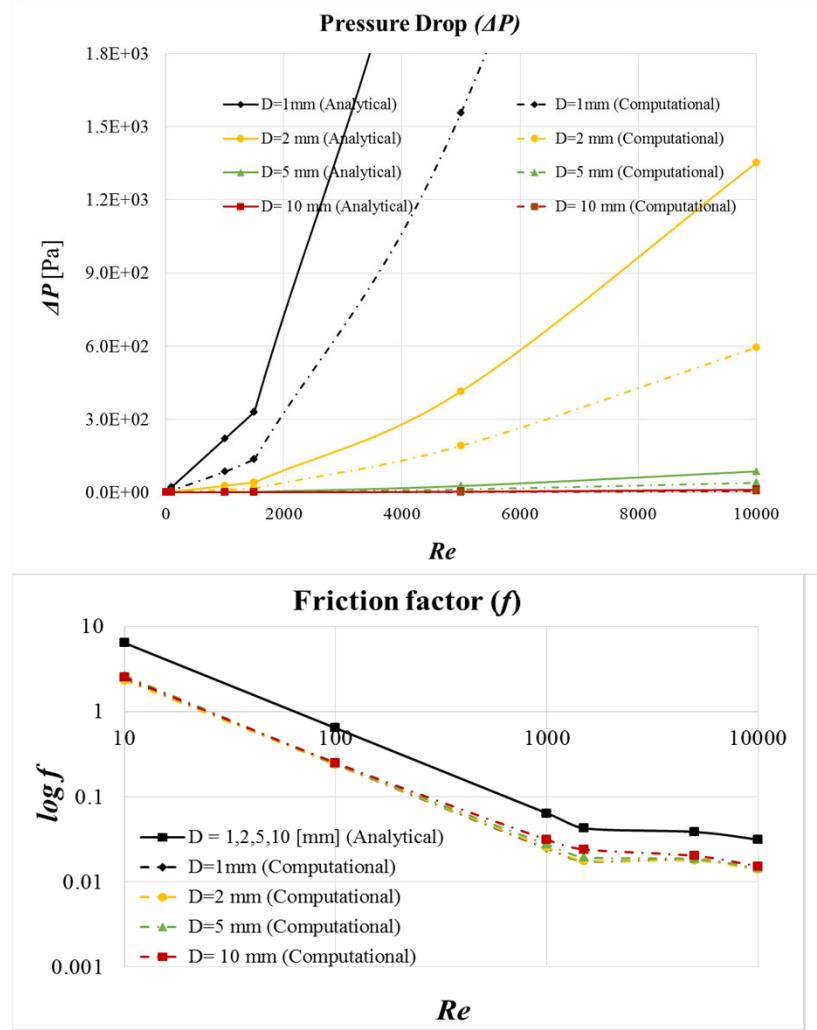
$$f = 64 / Re, \text{ for } Re < 2000 \text{ (for laminar flow)}$$

$$f = (0.79 \ln(Re) - 1.64)^{-2} \text{ for } 3000 < Re < 5 \times 10^6$$

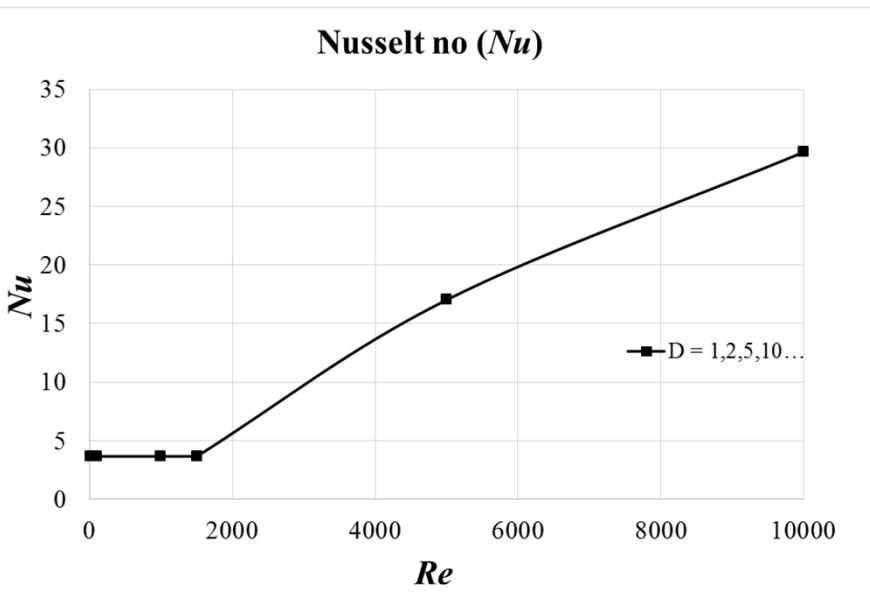
$$\Delta P = f \frac{L}{D} \frac{\rho v^2}{2}$$

➤ In laminar and turbulent region,  $f \propto \frac{1}{Re}$

➤ Larger tubes give smaller pressure drop and vice versa.

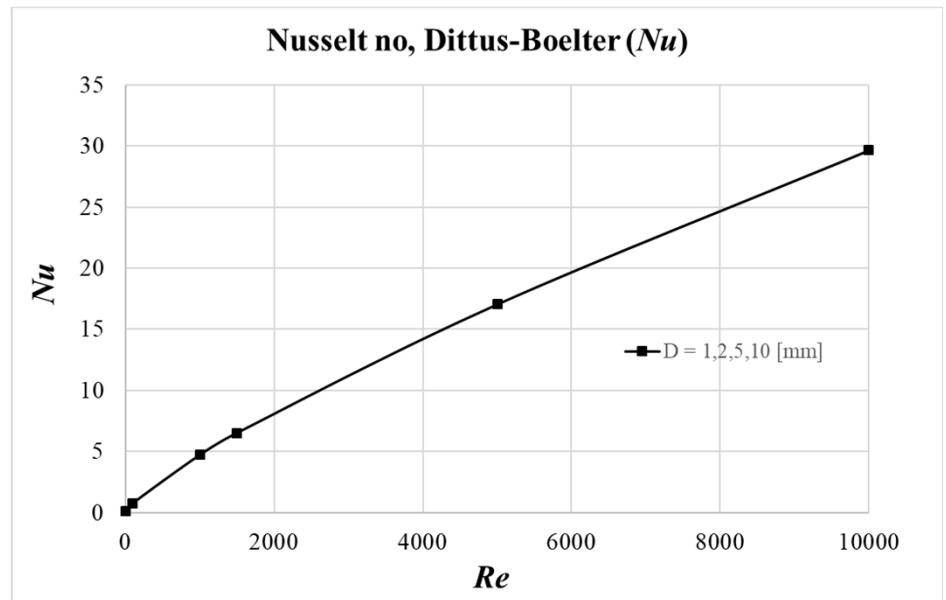


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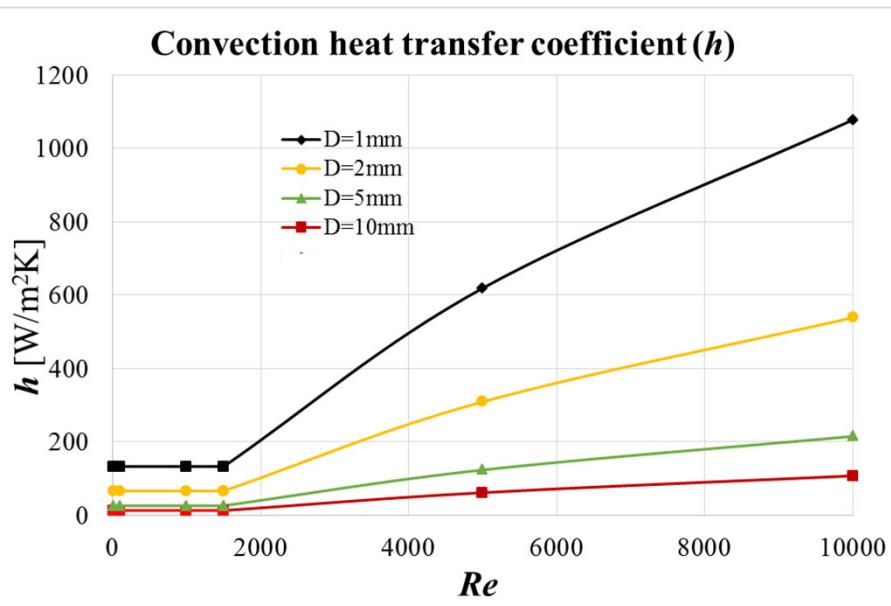
$$Nu = 0.023 Re^{\frac{4}{5}} Pr^n \left( \frac{\mu_b}{\mu_s} \right)^{0.14} \quad (n = 0.3 \text{ for cooling}) \text{ Dittus-Boelter}$$



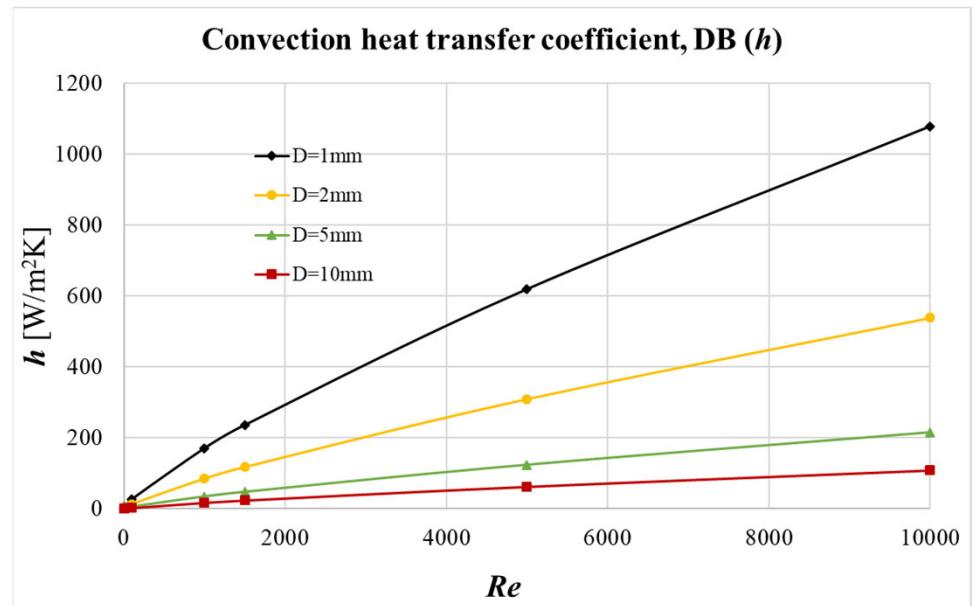
Dittus-Boelter correlation used for laminar and turbulent regime

- Dittus-Boelter under-predicts the Nusselt number in the laminar regime.

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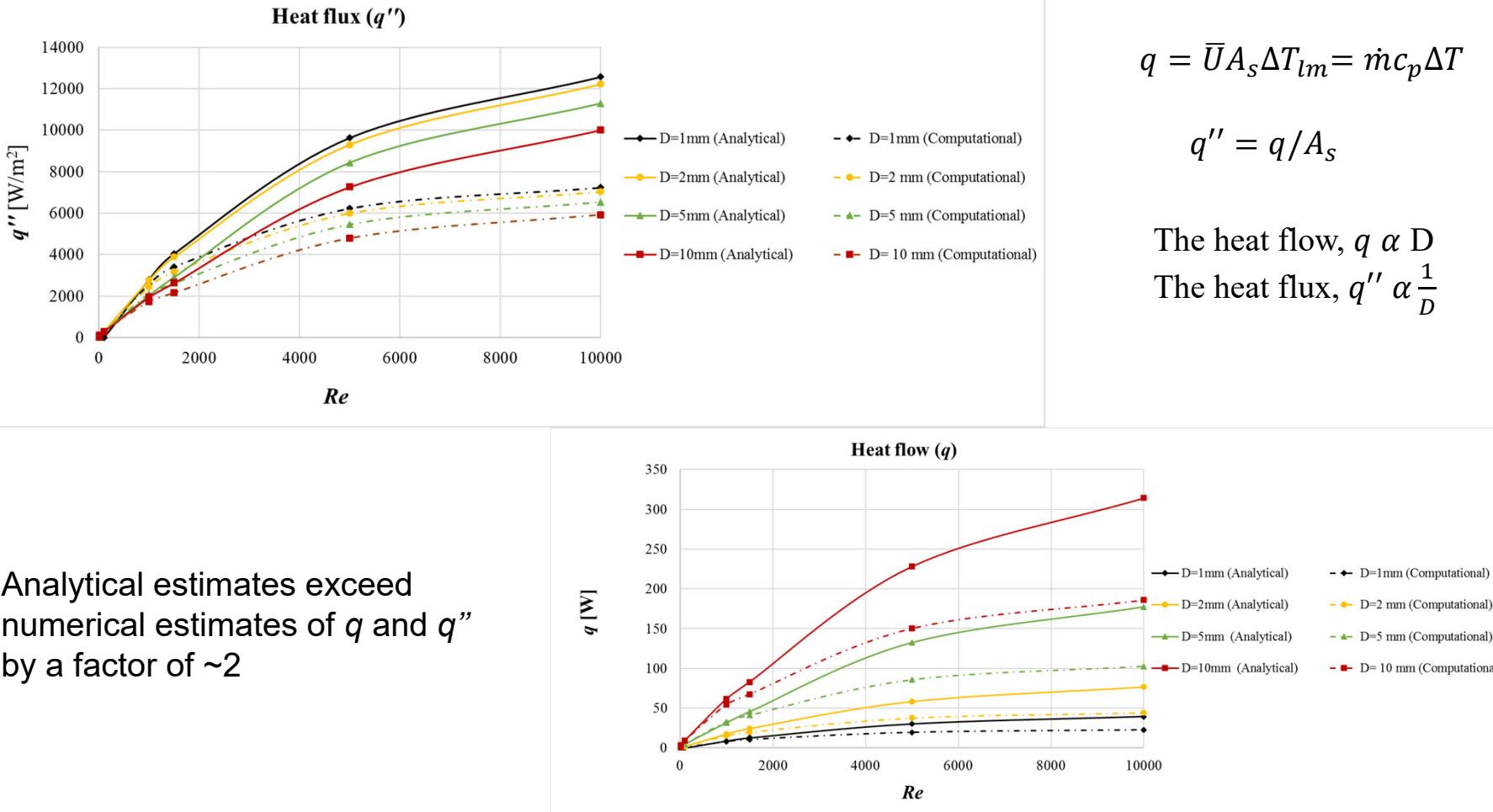


Dittus-Boelter correlation used for laminar and turbulent regime

$$Nu = \frac{hD}{k}; h = \frac{kNu}{D}$$

- The convection heat transfer coefficient,  $h \propto Re$  (turbulent region)
- $h \propto \frac{1}{D}$

# Results (Pipe Flow Analysis)



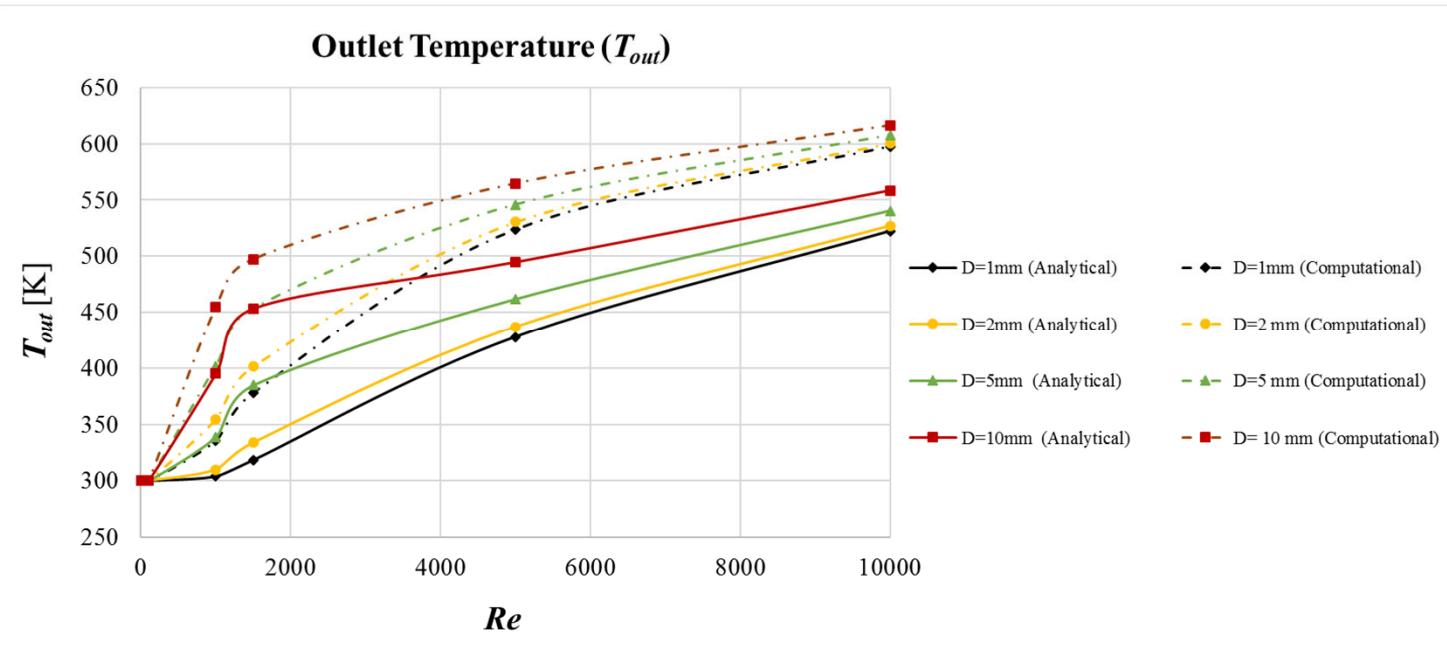
$$q = \bar{U}A_s\Delta T_{lm} = \dot{m}c_p\Delta T$$

$$q'' = q/A_s$$

The heat flow,  $q \propto D$

The heat flux,  $q'' \propto \frac{1}{D}$

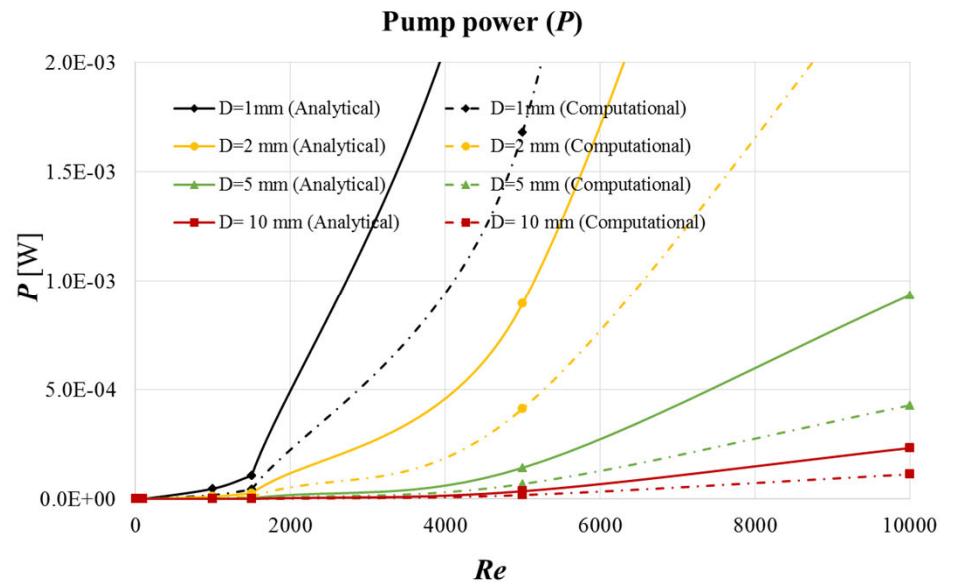
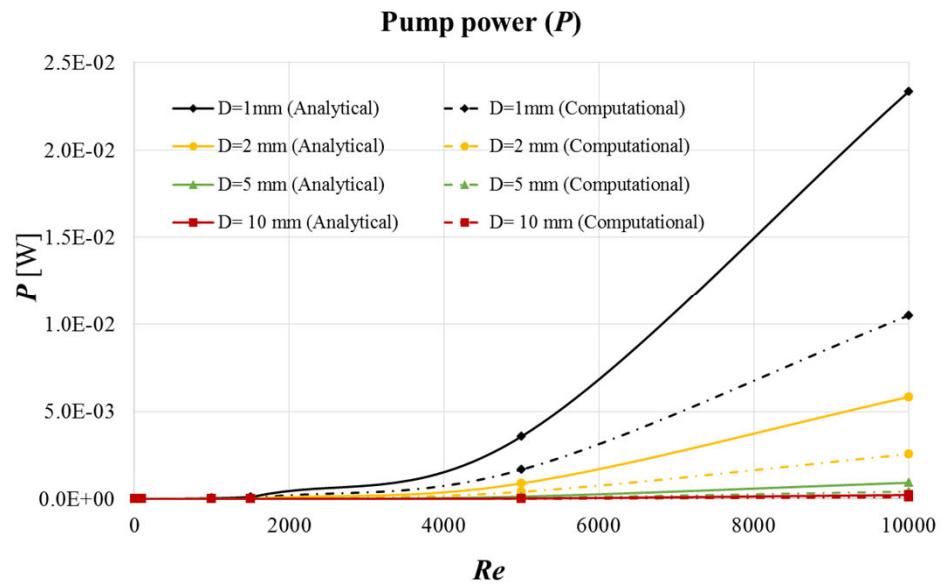
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$$\frac{T_\infty - T_{outlet}}{T_\infty - T_{inlet}} = \exp\left(\frac{\bar{U}A_s}{\dot{m}c_p}\right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} Re \uparrow &= T_{out} \uparrow \\ D \uparrow &= T_{out} \uparrow \end{aligned}$$

# Results (Pipe Flow Analysis)



$$\text{Pump power, } P = Q\Delta P = A * v * \Delta P$$

- $P \propto$  volume flow rate  $Q$  and pressure drop  $\Delta P$

$$\propto P \propto \frac{1}{D}$$

$$\Delta P = f \frac{L}{D} \frac{\rho v^2}{2}$$

$A = \text{cross sectional area}$  |  $Q = \text{volume flow rate}$  |  $\Delta P = \text{pressure drop}$  |  $v = \text{velocity}$

Analytical estimates exceed numerical estimates of power,  $P$  by a factor of  $\sim 2$

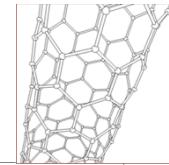
# Conclusion

- The thermophysical properties of sCO<sub>2</sub> at P=8.12MPa and T=450-700[K] is consistent with established trends
- Large pressure drop requires greater pumping power. Tradeoffs in cost should be determined between larger and smaller tubes
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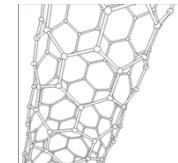
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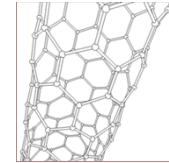
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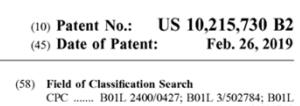
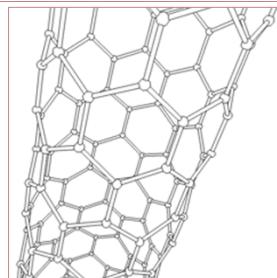
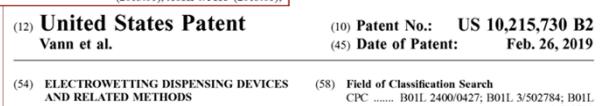
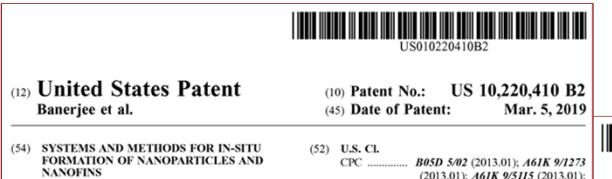
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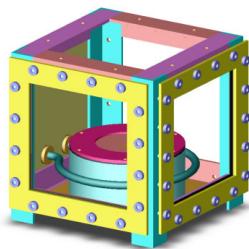
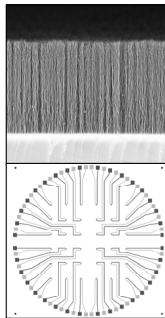
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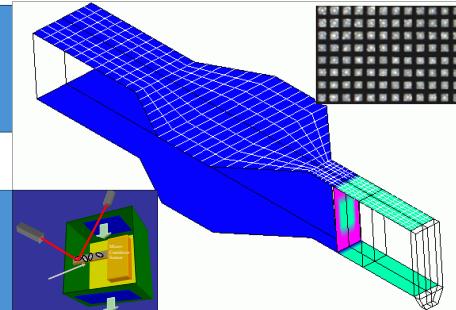
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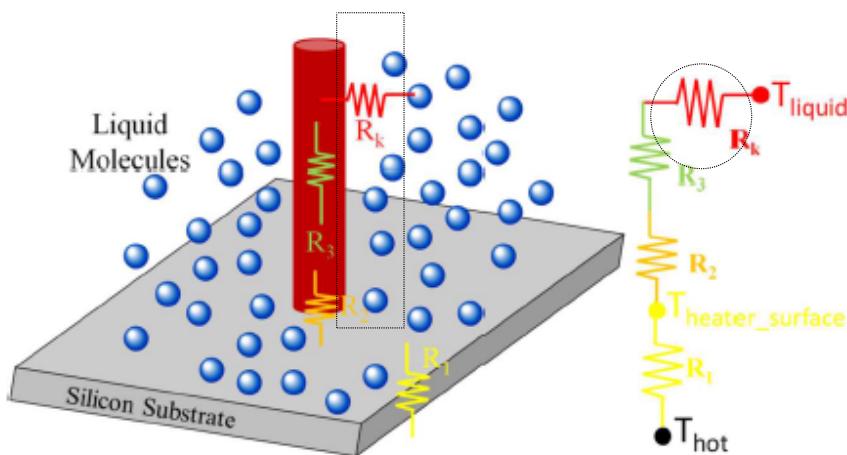
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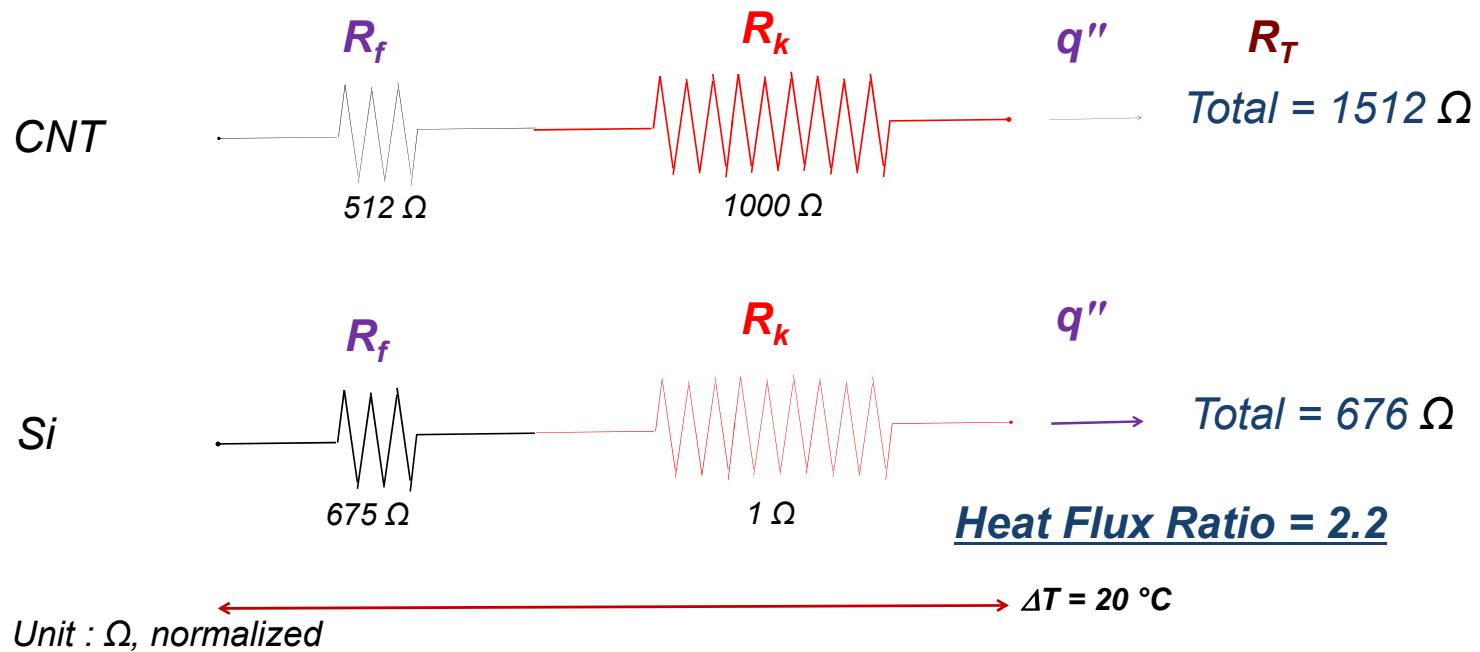
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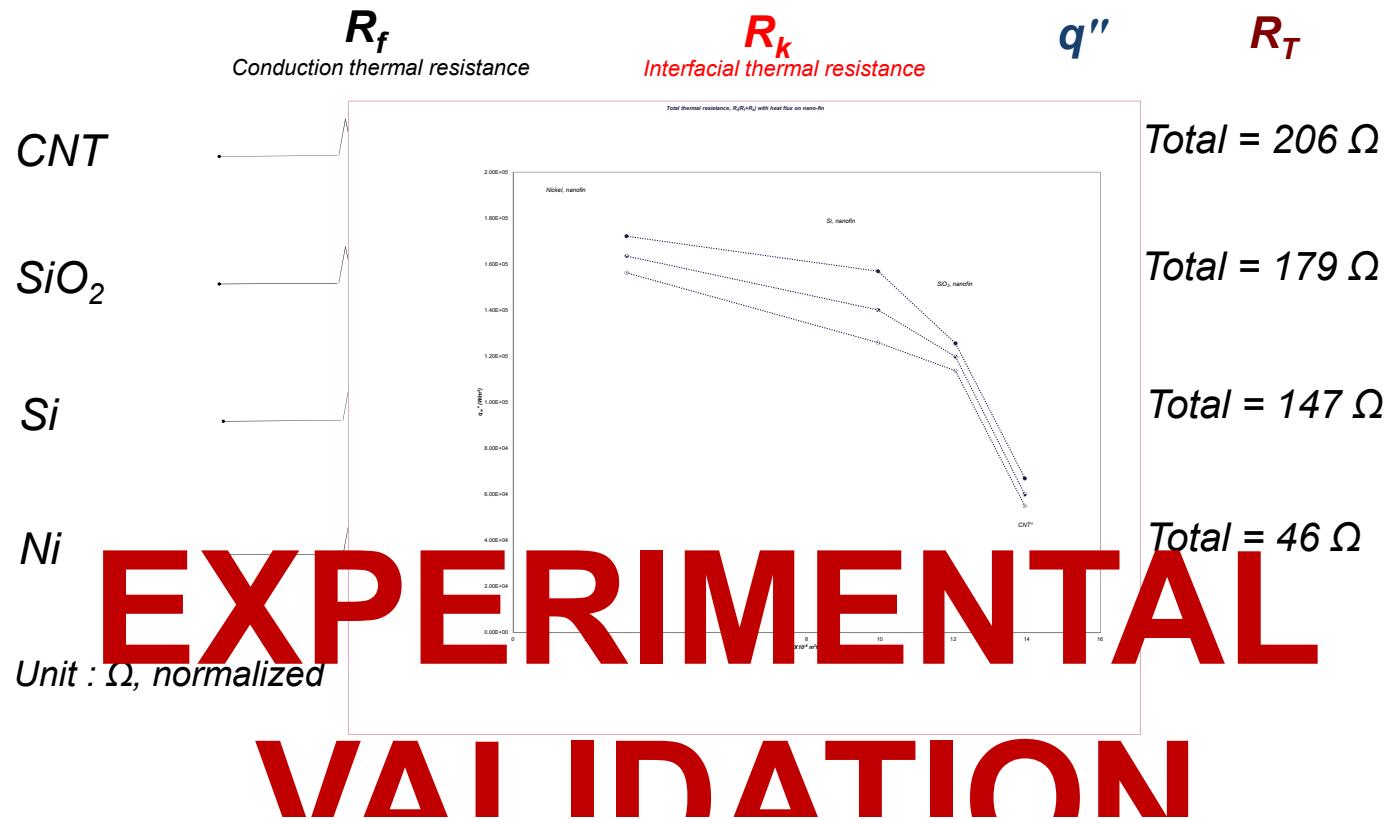
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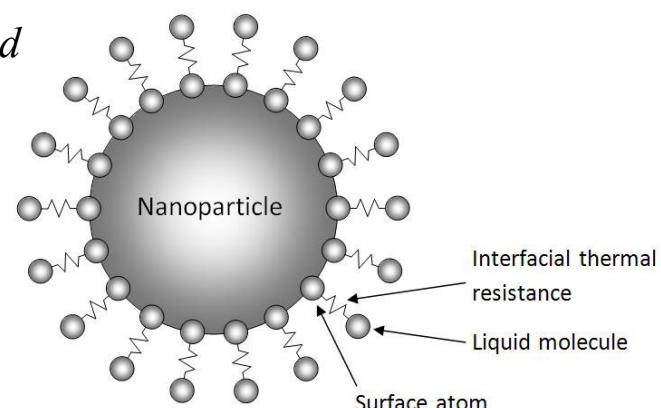
# Mechanisms

- Three Modes:
  - Mode I: Higher specific heat of nano-particles
  - Mode II: Particle-Fluid Interfacial Interactions
  - Mode III: “Semi-Solid” Layering of the Liquid Phase on the nano-particle

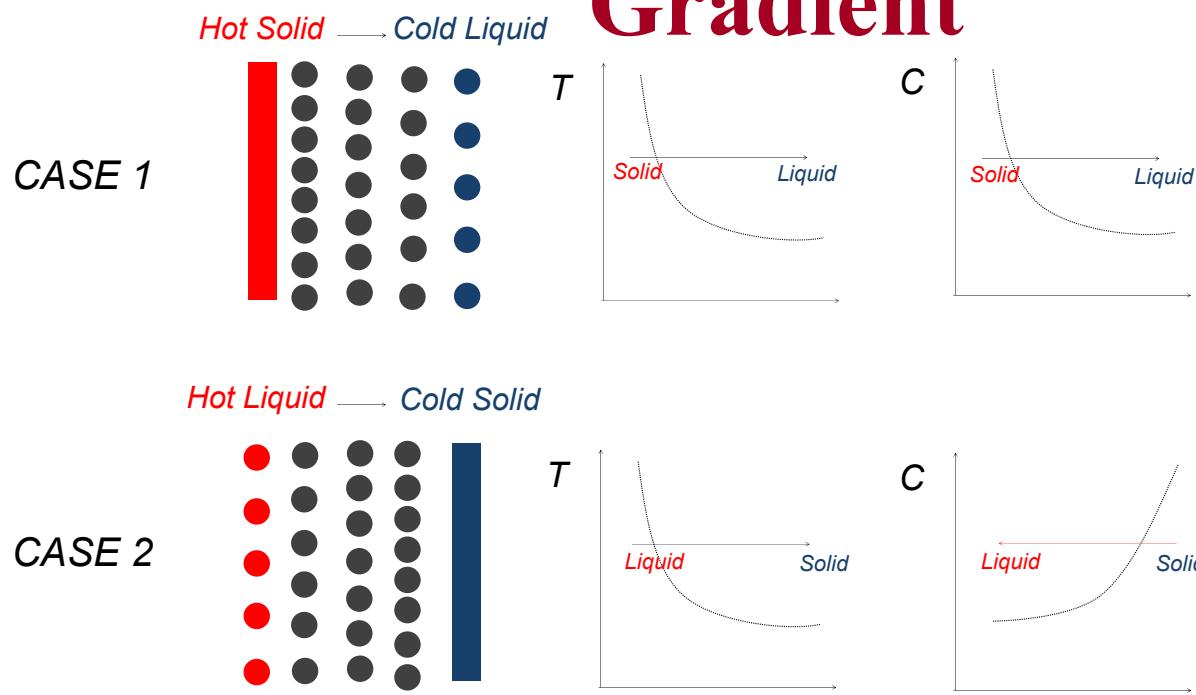
$$C_{p,TOTAL} = x \bullet C_{p,particle} + (1 - x) \bullet C_{p,fluid}$$

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# Temperature & Concentration Gradient



*Temperature and concentration gradient has same direction at CASE1, but it has opposite direction at CASE2, hence this drive the heat flux bias .*

# Thermal Diode

1) Heat flux by temperature and concentration gradient

$$q'' = \sum h_i J_i - K \nabla T = \bar{h} J_x - K \nabla T \quad \text{and} \quad J_x = -\rho D \nabla C - \rho D_T C_o (1 - C_o) \nabla T \quad \longrightarrow \quad q'' = -\rho D \bar{h} \nabla C - [\rho \bar{h} D_T C_o (1 - C_o) + K] \nabla T$$

2) Define dimensionless parameter

$$q_o'' = K \frac{(T_s - T_\infty)}{L_c} \quad Nu = \frac{h L_c}{K} = \frac{(q'' / \Delta T) L_c}{K} = \frac{q''}{q_o''} \quad q'' = q_o'' Nu \quad \theta = \frac{T - T_\infty}{T_s - T_\infty} \quad C^* = \frac{C - C_\infty}{C_s - C_\infty} \quad \nabla C = \nabla C^* \frac{(C_s - C_\infty)}{L_c} \quad \nabla T = \nabla \theta \frac{(T_s - T_\infty)}{L_c}$$

3) Dimensionless analysis

$$K \frac{(T_s - T_\infty)}{L_c} Nu = -\rho \bar{h} D \frac{(C_s - C_\infty)}{L_c} \nabla C^* - [\rho \bar{h} D_T C_o (1 - C_o) + K] \frac{(T_s - T_\infty)}{L_c} \nabla \theta \quad \longrightarrow \quad Nu = -\frac{\rho \bar{h} D}{K} \frac{(C_s - C_\infty)}{(T_s - T_\infty)} \nabla C^* - \left[ \frac{\rho \bar{h} D_T}{K} C_o (1 - C_o) + 1 \right] \nabla \theta$$

4) Nu. Number for diode effect

CASE1(Nu.<sub>f</sub>): Hot solid  $\rightarrow$  Cold liquid

$$Nu_{.f} = -\frac{\rho \bar{h} D}{K} \frac{(C_s - C_\infty)}{(T_s - T_\infty)} \nabla C^* - \left[ \frac{\rho \bar{h} D_T}{K} C_o (1 - C_o) + 1 \right] \nabla \theta$$

Same direction

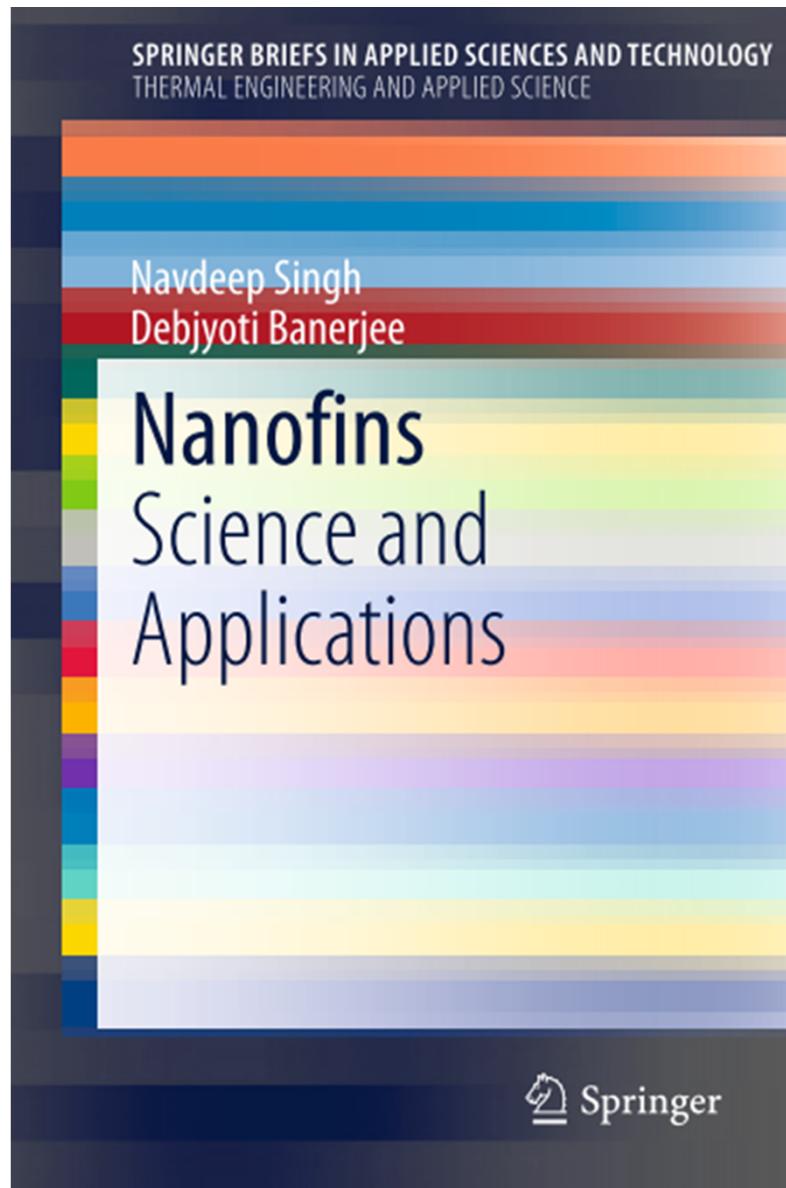
Opposite direction

CASE2(Nu.<sub>b</sub>): Hot liquid  $\rightarrow$  Cold solid

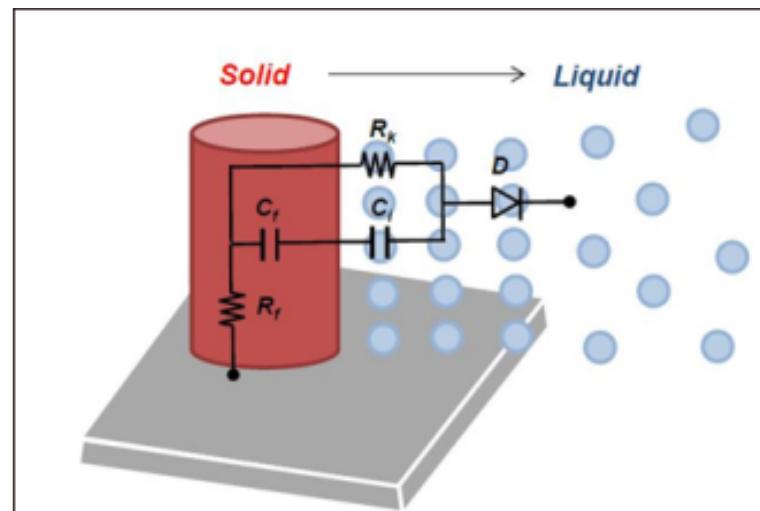
$$Nu_{.b} = \frac{\rho \bar{h} D}{K} \frac{(C_s - C_\infty)}{(T_s - T_\infty)} \nabla C^* - \left[ \frac{\rho \bar{h} D_T}{K} C_o (1 - C_o) + 1 \right] \nabla \theta$$

$$Nu_{.D} = Nu_{.f} - Nu_{.b}$$

$$Nu_{.D} = Nu_{.f} - Nu_{.b} = -2 \frac{\rho \bar{h} D}{K} \frac{(C_s - C_\infty)}{(T_s - T_\infty)} \nabla C^*$$



## “*nanoFin* Effect”



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