

# Heat Transfer in Tubes

What is Re?  $Dv\rho/\mu = (0.0251)(0.6)(1200)/(0.002) = 9000$

For this range only Fig 14.3-2 applies. Fortunately, since  $T_o$  is uniform along inner surface of tube,  $\frac{T_{b1}-T_{b2}}{(T_o-T_{b2})_{lm}} = \ln\left(\frac{T_o-T_{b1}}{T_o-T_{b2}}\right)$

From Fig 14.3-2, for Re = 9000,  $\frac{T_{b2}-T_{b1}}{(T_o-T_{b2})_{lm}} \cdot \frac{D}{4L} \left(\frac{\hat{C}_p \mu}{k}\right)^{1/3} = 0.004$

$$\rightarrow \ln\left(\frac{T_o-T_{b1}}{T_o-T_{b2}}\right) = (0.004) \frac{(4)(6)}{(0.0251)} \left[\frac{(2050)(0.002)}{(0.14)}\right]^{1/3} = 0.404$$

$$\frac{373-273}{373-T_{b2}} = \exp(0.404) \rightarrow T_{b2} = 306 \text{ K}$$

## 2. First transform quantities to SI units

$$D = 6\text{-in} = 0.1524 \text{ m} \quad R_o = 0.0762 \text{ m} \quad R_i = 0.1016 \text{ m} \quad T_{air} = 70^\circ\text{F} = 294.3 \text{ K}$$

$$T_{b2} = 300^\circ\text{F} = 422.0 \text{ K} \quad 100 \text{ bbl/hr} = 4.42 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ m}^3/\text{s} \quad \mu = 100 \text{ cp} = 0.1 \text{ Pa}\cdot\text{s}$$

$$\rho = 0.95 \text{ g/cc} = 950 \text{ kg/m}^3 \quad \hat{C}_p = 1.5 \text{ cal/g}\cdot^\circ\text{C} = 6285 \text{ J/(kg}\cdot\text{K)} \quad k = 0.10 \text{ Btu/(hr}\cdot\text{ft}\cdot^\circ\text{F)} = 0.173 \text{ W/m}\cdot\text{K}$$

First need to estimate  $h$  for inner pipe surface. What is Re?

$$\langle v \rangle = (4.42 \cdot 10^{-3}) / [\pi (0.0762)^2] = 0.242 \text{ m/s} \quad Re = D \langle v \rangle \rho / \mu = \frac{(0.1524)(0.242)(950)}{0.1} = 351$$

laminar flow. Can't use Fig 14.3-2, because it doesn't go that low in Re.

Can use Eq. 14.3-17, if  $Re Pr D/L > 10$ ; i.e., if  $(351)(6285)(0.1)/(0.173)[(0.1524)/(1000)]$

$$= 194 > 10 \quad \checkmark$$

$$\text{Eq. 14.3-17: } \frac{h_{loc} D}{k} = \frac{h_{ex} D}{k} = (1.86)(Re Pr D/L)^{1/3} \quad (\text{assume } \mu_b = \mu_o)$$

$$= (1.86)[351(3633)(0.1524)/1000]^{1/3} = 10.77$$

$$\therefore h_{loc} = (10.77) k / D = (10.77)(0.173) / (0.1524) = 12.23 \text{ W/(m}^2\text{K)}$$

[Alternate derivation of  $h_{loc}$  using Fig 14.3-2:  $1/(0.173 Re Pr) = 1/194 = 0.0052$

$\rightarrow Nu_{\mu} \approx 9.5$ , somewhat different from estimate above.

(BSL Eq. 10.6-30)

$$\text{Now } U_o = (1/R_o) \left[ (1/R_o h_{loc}) + \frac{\ln R_i/R_o}{k} + 1/R_i h_i \right]^{-1} = \frac{1}{0.0762} \left[ \frac{1}{(0.0762)(12.23)} + 2 \right. \\ \left. + \frac{\ln(0.1016/0.0762)}{16.3} + \frac{1}{(0.1016)(100)} \right]^{-1} = \frac{1}{0.0762} [1.07 + 0.0176 + 0.0984]^{-1}$$

$$U_o = 11.03 \text{ W/(m}^2\text{K)}$$

Note  $h$  at inner surface is main resistance to heat transfer

BSL Eq. 10.6-31:  $dQ = U_o (2\pi R_o dz) (T_{air} - T_b(z))$ ;  $T_o$  is outside temp, constant.

Energy balance:  $dQ = W \hat{C}_p dT_b$

$$\rightarrow (U_o 2\pi R_o) / W \hat{C}_p = \frac{1}{T_b - T_o} \frac{dT_b}{dz} = - \frac{d[\ln(T_{air} - T_b)]}{dz}$$

$$\ln \left[ \frac{T_{air} - T_{b2}}{T_{air} - T_{b1}} \right] = - \frac{U_o 2\pi R_o}{W \hat{C}_p} L = - \frac{(11.03) 2\pi (0.0762)}{(4.42 \cdot 10^{-3})(950)(6285)} 1000 = -0.200$$

$$\frac{294.3 - T_{b2}}{294.3 - 422.0} = \exp(-0.200) = 0.819; \quad T_{b2} = 399 \text{ K} (258^\circ\text{F})$$

$$\text{* Note: } \frac{U_o 2\pi R_o}{W \hat{C}_p} = \frac{U_o 2\pi R_o}{\pi R_o^2 \rho v \hat{C}_p} = \frac{U_o 2 R_o}{k} \frac{\mu}{C_p \mu} \frac{4}{2 R_o v \rho} = \frac{U_o D}{k} [Re Pr \frac{D_o}{4}]^{-1}$$

$$\text{Thus this eq. is } U_o = -Re Pr \frac{\rho}{4k} \frac{d[\ln(T_{out} - T_b)]}{dz}$$

3. We'll use the "hydraulic radius" approximation for the fracture; As presented in lecture, substitute  $2h = 4b = 0.004 \text{ m}$  for  $D$ . First need to compute  $Re$ :

$$Re = \rho v D / \mu = (10)(1000)(0.001) = 40,000$$

For this high a value of  $Re$ , one can use either Fig. 14.3-16 or Eq. 14.3-2. Using Fig. 14.3-2,

$$\frac{T_b - T_w}{(T_o - T_b)_{Lc}} \left( \frac{D}{4L} \right) \left( \frac{\hat{C}_p \mu}{k} \right)^{1/3} \left( \frac{\mu_b}{\mu_o} \right)^{-0.14} \approx 0.0037 = \frac{-100}{\ln(150/50)} \left[ \frac{0.004}{4L} \left( \frac{4110(0.001)}{0.68} \right)^{2/3} (1)^{-0.14} \right]$$

$$L \approx 1.15 \text{ m}$$

Had one used instead Eq. 14.3-16,  $\frac{h_{Lc} D}{k} = (0.026)(Re)^{0.8} \left( \frac{\hat{C}_p \mu}{k} \right)^{1/3} \left( \frac{\mu_b}{\mu_o} \right)^{0.14} = (0.026)(40,000)^{0.8} \left( \frac{4110(0.001)}{0.68} \right)^{1/3} (1)^{0.14}$

$$\frac{h_{Lc} D}{k} = 229. \text{ From Eq. III, } \frac{h_{Lc} D}{k} = 229 = \frac{T_b - T_w}{(T_o - T_b)_{Lc}} \frac{Re Pr D}{4L}$$

$$\rightarrow 229 = \ln(150/50) (Re Pr D / 4L) = \ln(150/50) (40,000)(6.16) \frac{0.004}{(4)L} ; L = 1.18 \text{ m}$$

4. The rate of heat transfer here is given by Eq. 19.6-29

$$Q_0 = 2\pi L (T_{\text{water}} - T_{\text{air}}) \left[ \frac{1}{r_0 h_0} + \frac{\ln(r_1/r_0)}{K^{01}} + \frac{\ln(r_2/r_1)}{K^{12}} + \frac{1}{r_2 h_a} \right]^{-1}$$

Only the terms in brackets are affected by the strategies. At the start,  
 $r_0 = 1.27 \text{ cm}$ ,  $r_1 = 1.905$ ,  $r_2 = 2.25 \text{ cm}$ , or  $0.0127 \text{ m}$ ,  $0.01905 \text{ m}$ ,  $0.0225 \text{ m}$ .  
 (No need to change units in  $\ln(r_i/r_j)$  terms, etc.)

$$K^{01} = 16.3 \text{ W/mK}, \quad K^{12} = 1 \text{ W/mK}, \quad h_3 = 50 \text{ W/m}^2\text{K}$$

Therefore all the terms in the brackets are known except  $h_0$ , which is " $h_{\text{en}}$ " for water flowing inside the tube.

Determining  $h_0$ : What is  $Re$ ?  $Re = \frac{\rho v r_0}{\mu} = \frac{0.0254(1)(1000)}{(0.001)} = 2.54 \cdot 10^4$ .

For  $Re > 20,000$ , one can use Eq. 14.3-16:

$$\frac{h_{\text{en}} D}{K} = 0.026 (Re)^{0.8} (Pr)^{1/3} \left( \frac{\mu_b}{\mu_s} \right)^{0.14} \quad \text{We ignore } \mu_b/\mu_s \text{ terms, } Re = 2.54 \cdot 10^4$$

$$Pr = (\rho c_p \mu / K) = (4190)(0.001)/(0.68) = 6.16$$

$$= (0.026)(2.54 \cdot 10^4)^{0.8} (6.16)^{1/3} = 159.2$$

$$h_{\text{en}} = h_0 = (159.2)(0.68)/(0.0254) = 4260 \text{ W/m}^2\text{K}$$

Instead, one could have used Fig. 14.3-2.  $Re = 2.54 \cdot 10^4 \rightarrow 0.0034 \approx \frac{h_{\text{en}} D}{K} Re^{-1} Pr^{-1/3}$   
 $\rightarrow (0.0034) = \frac{h_{\text{en}}(0.0254)}{(0.68)} (2.54 \cdot 10^4)^{-1} (6.16)^{-1/3} \rightarrow h_{\text{en}} = 4240$ .

Now one can evaluate the bracketed term

$$\left[ \frac{1}{(0.0127)(4260)} + \frac{\ln(1.905/1.27)}{16.3} + \frac{\ln(2.25/1.905)}{1} + \frac{1}{(0.0225)(50)} \right]^{-1} = (1.1152)^{-1} = 0.897$$

[ 0.0184 + 0.0248 + 0.272 + 0.8 ]<sup>-1</sup>

convective heat transfer inside tube
conduction through tube
conduction through scum
convective heat transfer on outside

Note that biggest term, representing largest resistance, is due to poor convective heat transfer outside tube. Note also that  $Q_0$  is proportional to [bracketed term]<sup>-1</sup>; so anything that can reduce the individual terms within improves heat transfer. Now for the individual strategies.

a) Eliminating the scum leaves the first 2 terms unchanged. The third term is eliminated, and the fourth becomes  $\frac{1}{r_1 h_1} = \frac{1}{(0.01905)(50)} = 1.050$ . The whole term is  $[0.0184 + 0.0248 + 1.050]^{-1} = 0.915$ . Heat transfer is more efficient by a factor of  $0.915/0.897 = 1.02$  (2% better).

b) Replacing the pipe makes the second term  $\frac{\ln(1.905/1.27)}{100} = 0.00405$  and getting rid of the scum has the same effect on terms 3 + 4 as in (a).  
 $[0.0184 + 0.00405 + 1.050]^{-1} = 0.932$ . Increase factor =  $0.932/0.897 = 1.04$ .

c) Only the 4<sup>th</sup> term changes, from  $\frac{1}{(0.0225)(50)}$  to  $\frac{1}{(0.0225)(500)} = 0.08$ .  
 $[0.0184 + 0.0248 + 0.272 + 0.08]^{-1} = 2.53$ . Factor =  $(2.53)/(0.897) = 2.82$ .

d) Increasing water flow by 10x changes  $h_0$ . Eq. (a)  $\rightarrow$   
 $h_{\text{en}} D / K = (0.026)(2.54 \cdot 10^5)^{0.8} (6.16)^{1/3} = 1004$   
 $\rightarrow h_{\text{en}} = (1004)(0.68)/(0.0254) = 2.69 \cdot 10^4$ .  $\rightarrow \frac{1}{r_0 h_0} = \frac{1}{(0.0127)(2.69 \cdot 10^4)} = 0.00292$   
 $[0.00292 + 0.0248 + 0.272 + 0.8]^{-1} = 0.709$   
 Factor =  $0.709/0.897 = 1.013$  (1.3% better).