

HX: Energy Balance and LMTD Method

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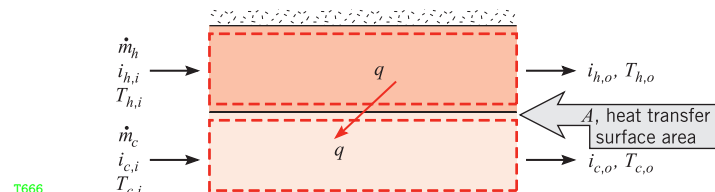


Application of and contrast between (a) a thermodynamic and (b) a heat transfer model for a typical shell-and-tube heat exchanger used in chemical processing

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Heat Exchanger: Energy Balance Equation



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$$\dot{q} = \dot{m}_h(i_{h,i} - i_{h,o}) = \dot{m}_h c_{p,h}(T_{h,i} - T_{h,o}) = C_h(T_{h,i} - T_{h,o})$$

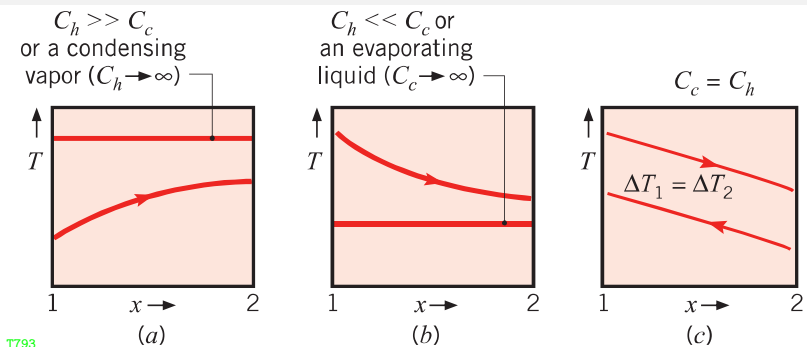
$$\dot{q} = \dot{m}_c(i_{c,o} - i_{c,i}) = \dot{m}_c c_{p,c}(T_{c,o} - T_{c,i}) = C_c(T_{c,o} - T_{c,i})$$

$$\dot{q} = UA\Delta T_m$$

- i is fluid enthalpy, subscripts h & c refer to hot & cold fluids, whereas the subscripts i & o designate fluid inlet & outlet conditions.
- $C \equiv \dot{m}c_p \equiv$ heat capacity rate [W/K]
- $U \equiv$ overall heat transfer coefficient [W/m² K]
- ΔT_m is an appropriate mean temperature difference.



Special Heat Exchanger Conditions



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- (a) $C_h \gg C_c$ or a condensing vapour.
- (b) An evaporating liquid or $C_h \ll C_c$.
- (c) A counterflow heat exchanger with equivalent fluid heat capacities ($C_h = C_c$).

A condenser or a boiler can be considered to be either a parallel or counterflow HTX since both approaches give the same result.



Boilers or evaporators

Phase change (boiling)

Phase change (condensing)

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Typical temperature profiles inside boilers, evaporators, and condensers.

Temperature cross

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Temperature cross in a counterflow heat exchanger.

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LMTD Method

LMTD: Log Mean Temperature Difference, ΔT_{LM}

- $\dot{q} = UA\Delta T_{LM}$
- $\dot{q} = -\dot{m}_h c_{p,h} \Delta T_h = -C_h \Delta T_h$
- $\dot{q} = +\dot{m}_c c_{p,c} \Delta T_c = +C_c \Delta T_c$
- $d\dot{q} = -C_h dT_h = +C_c dT_c$
- $d\dot{q} = U(T_h - T_c)dA = U\Delta T dA$
- $\Delta T \equiv T_h - T_c$
- $d\Delta T = dT_h - dT_c = -\left[\frac{1}{C_h} + \frac{1}{C_c}\right] d\dot{q} = -\left[\frac{1}{C_h} + \frac{1}{C_c}\right] U\Delta T dA$
- $\frac{d\Delta T}{\Delta T} = -U\left[\frac{1}{C_h} + \frac{1}{C_c}\right] dA \rightarrow \ln\left[\frac{\Delta T_2}{\Delta T_1}\right] = -U\left[\frac{1}{C_h} + \frac{1}{C_c}\right] A$
- $\ln\left[\frac{\Delta T_2}{\Delta T_1}\right] = \frac{UA}{\dot{q}}[\Delta T_h - \Delta T_c]$

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LMTD Method

LMTD: Parallel-Flow Heat Exchanger

Heat transfer surface area

$\rightarrow dx \leftarrow$

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- $\Delta T_1 = (T_{h,i} - T_{c,i})$
- $\Delta T_2 = (T_{h,o} - T_{c,o})$
- $\Delta T_h - \Delta T_c = \Delta T_2 - \Delta T_1$

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$$\dot{q} = UA \left[\frac{\Delta T_2 - \Delta T_1}{\ln(\Delta T_2 / \Delta T_1)} \right] = UA \Delta T_{LM}$$

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LMTD Method

LMTD: Counter-Flow Heat Exchanger

Heat transfer surface area

$\rightarrow dx \leftarrow$

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- $\Delta T_1 = (T_{h,i} - T_{c,o})$
- $\Delta T_2 = (T_{h,o} - T_{c,i})$
- $\Delta T_h - \Delta T_c = \Delta T_2 - \Delta T_1$

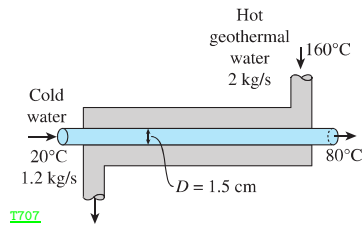
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$$\dot{q} = UA \left[\frac{\Delta T_2 - \Delta T_1}{\ln(\Delta T_2 / \Delta T_1)} \right] = UA \Delta T_{LM}$$

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Cengel Ex. 11-4 ▷ Heating Water in a Counter-Flow Heat Exchanger: If $U_o = 640 \text{ W/m}^2\text{K}$, determine the length of the heat exchanger required to achieve the desired heating. Re-estimate the length for Parallel-Flow configuration.

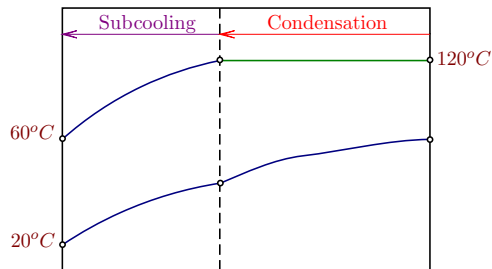
[109 m, 120 m]



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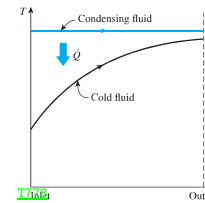
Condenser Sizing: ▷ Saturated water at 120°C with a quality of $x_i = 0.2$ and a mass flow rate, $\dot{m}_h = 10 \text{ kg/s}$ is to be cooled to 60°C with a water flow of $\dot{m}_c = 40 \text{ kg/s}$ at 20°C . If for liquid water, $h_w = 8000 \text{ W/m}^2\text{K}$, and for condensing vapour, $h_v = 24000 \text{ W/m}^2\text{K}$, and $C_p = 4200 \text{ J/KgK}$ for liquid water, and $h_{fg} = 2200 \text{ kJ/kg}$ at 120°C , estimate the heat transfer surface area. [21 m²]



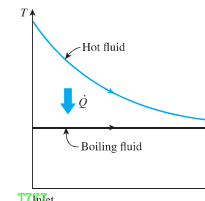
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Condenser, Evaporator (Boiler)



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- **Condenser:** $Q = \dot{m}_h(i_i - i_o) = \dot{m}_h \Delta x_i i_{fg}$
- $Q = (\dot{m}C_p)_c (T_{co} - T_{ci}) = UA \Delta T_{LM}$
- $\Delta T_{LM} = \frac{(T_{sat} - T_{ci}) - (T_{sat} - T_{co})}{\ln\left(\frac{T_{sat} - T_{ci}}{T_{sat} - T_{co}}\right)} = \frac{T_{co} - T_{ci}}{\ln\left(\frac{T_{sat} - T_{ci}}{T_{sat} - T_{co}}\right)}$
- $A = \frac{C_c}{U} \ln\left(\frac{T_{sat} - T_{ci}}{T_{sat} - T_{co}}\right) \rightarrow \frac{T_{sat} - T_{ci}}{T_{sat} - T_{co}} = \exp\left(-\frac{UA}{C_c}\right)$
- **Boiler:** $Q = \dot{m}_c(i_o - i_i) = \dot{m}_c \Delta x_i i_{fg}$
- $Q = (\dot{m}C_p)_h (T_{hi} - T_{ho}) = UA \Delta T_{LM}$
- $\Delta T_{LM} = \frac{(T_{hi} - T_{sat}) - (T_{ho} - T_{sat})}{\ln\left(\frac{T_{hi} - T_{sat}}{T_{ho} - T_{sat}}\right)} = \frac{T_{hi} - T_{ho}}{\ln\left(\frac{T_{hi} - T_{sat}}{T_{ho} - T_{sat}}\right)}$
- $A = \frac{C_h}{U} \ln\left(\frac{T_{hi} - T_{sat}}{T_{ho} - T_{sat}}\right) \rightarrow \frac{T_{hi} - T_{sat}}{T_{ho} - T_{sat}} = \exp\left(-\frac{UA}{C_h}\right)$

▶ Δx change of dryness of condensing/boiling fluid.



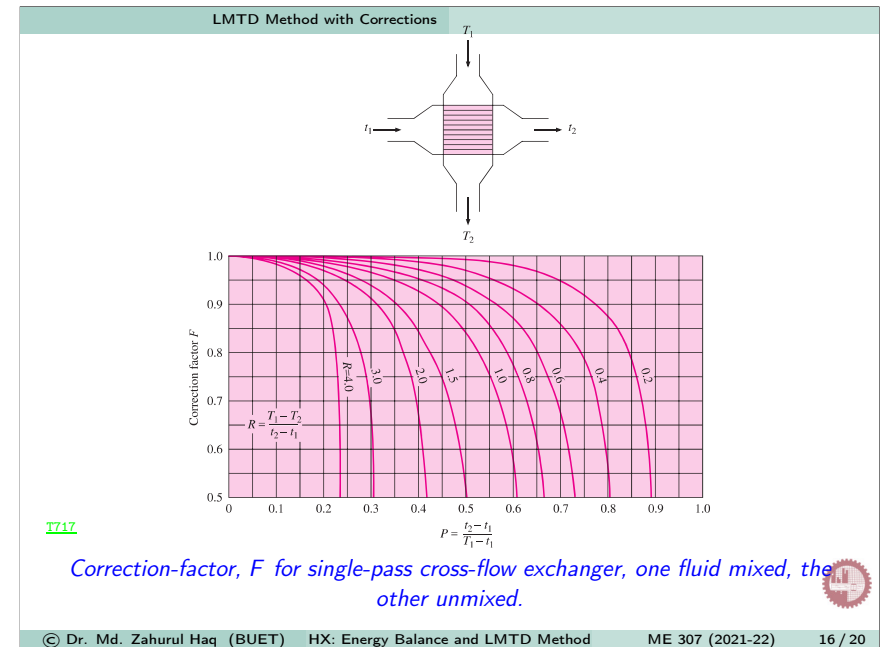
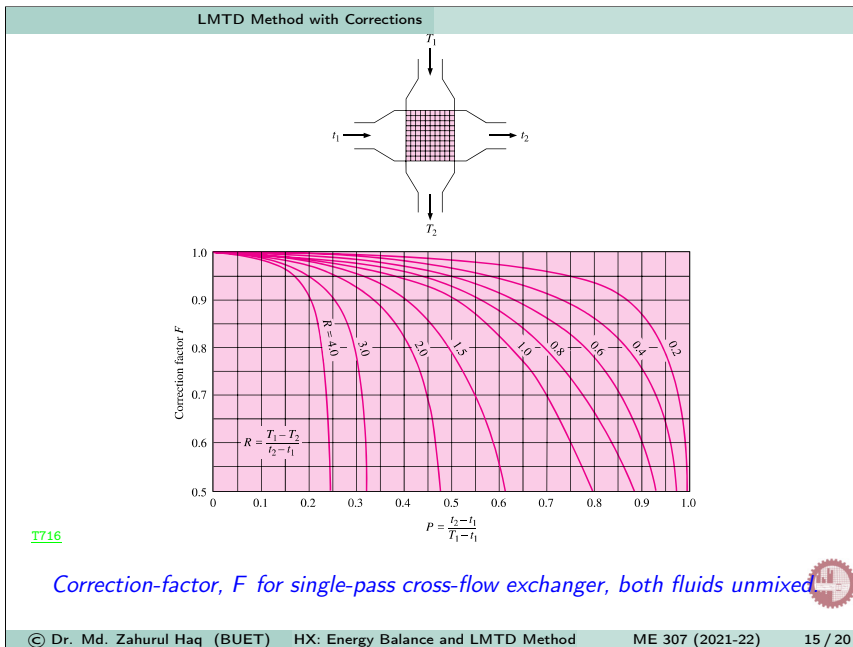
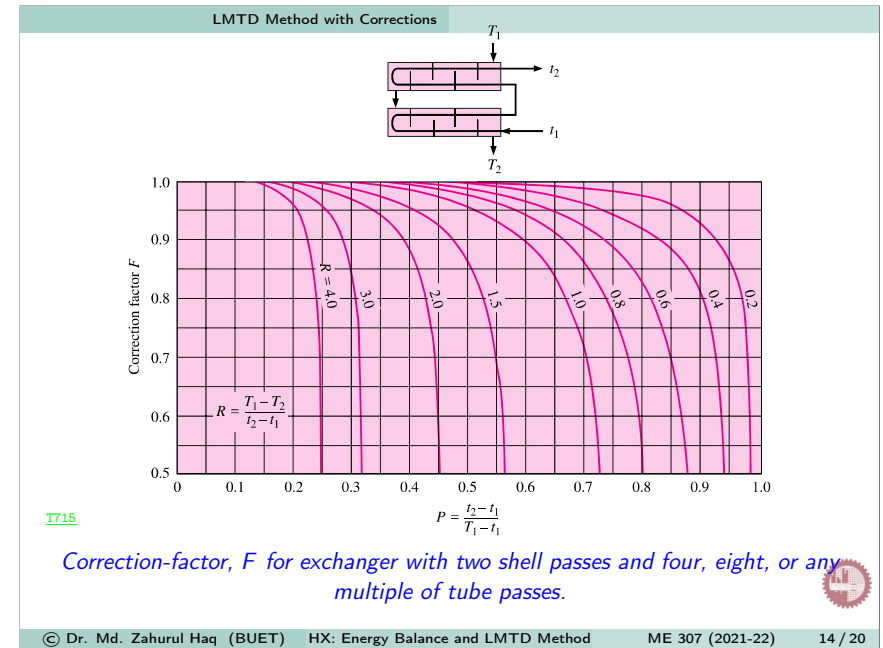
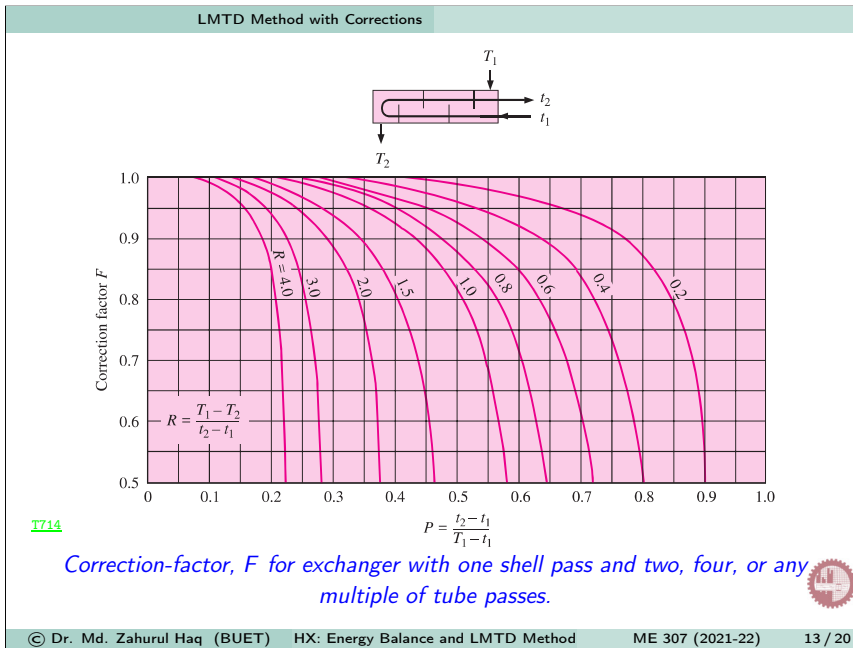
Correction for LMTD: Cross-Flow & Multipass HTX

- If a heat exchanger other than the double-pipe type is used, \dot{q} is calculated by using a **correction factor, F** applied to LMTD for counter-flow arrangement with same hot and cold fluid temperatures.

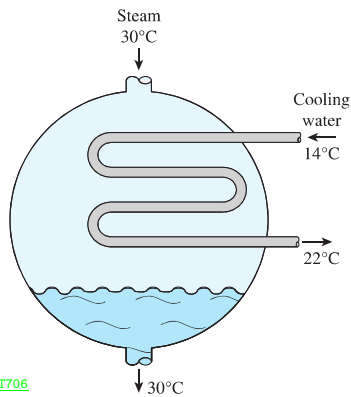
$$\dot{q} = F UA \Delta T_{LM}$$

- $F = 1.0$ for boiling and condensation.
- F-values are presented in figures, using two dimensionless parameters:
 - 1 $P \equiv \frac{t_2 - t_1}{T_1 - T_1} : 0 \leq P \leq 1.0$: thermal efficiencies of tube-side flow.
 - 2 $R \equiv \frac{T_1 - T_2}{t_2 - t_1} \cong \frac{(C)_{tube-side}}{(C)_{shell-side}} : 0 \leq R \leq \infty$:
 - $R \rightarrow 0$: vapour condensation on the shell side
 - $R \rightarrow \infty$: evaporation on the tube side.
 - $T \equiv$ shell-side temperatures
 - $t \equiv$ tube-side temperatures





Cengel Ex. 11-3 ▷ Steam condenser with surface area of the tubes is 45 m^2 , and the overall heat transfer coefficient is $2100 \text{ W/m}^2\text{K}$. Estimate condenser capacity. [1.09 MW]



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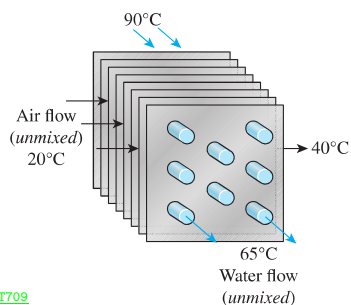
Holman Ex. 10-4 ▷ In a counterflow double-pipe heat exchanger, water at the rate of 68 kg/min is heated from 35 to 75°C by an oil having a specific heat of $1.9 \text{ kJ/kg}^\circ\text{C}$. Oil enters the exchanger at 110°C and leaves at 75°C . Given that, $U_o = 320 \text{ W/m}^2^\circ\text{C}$. Estimate heat transfer area, A . [15.8 m^2]

Holman Ex. 10-5 ▷ Instead of the double-pipe heat exchanger of Ex. 10-4, it is desired to use a shell-and-tube exchanger with the water making one shell pass and the oil making two tube passes. Calculate the area, A , assuming that the overall heat-transfer coefficient remains at $320 \text{ W/m}^2^\circ\text{C}$. Recalculate with the fluid swapping. [18.6 m^2]

Holman Ex. 10-7 ▷ A cross-flow heat exchanger, one fluid mixed and one unmixed, is used to heat an oil in the tubes ($c = 1.9 \text{ kJ/kg}^\circ\text{C}$) from 15°C to 85°C . Steam (5.2 kg/s , $c = 1.86 \text{ kJ/kg}^\circ\text{C}$) blows across the outside of the tube, enters at 130°C and leaves at 110°C . $U_o = 275 \text{ W/m}^2^\circ\text{C}$. Calculate A . [10.8 m^2]



Cengel Ex. 11-6 ▷ Cooling of Water in an Automotive Radiator: The radiator has 40 tubes of internal diameter 0.5 cm and length 65 cm in a closely spaced plate-finned matrix. Hot water enters the tubes at a rate of 0.6 kg/s . Determine the overall heat transfer coefficient U_i of this radiator based on the inner surface area of the tubes. [$U = 3335 \text{ W/m}^2 \text{ K}$]



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Ozisik Ex. 11-12 ▷ A heat exchanger is to be designed to cool 8.7 kg/s an ethyl alcohol solution [$c_{p,h} = 3840 \text{ J/kg}^\circ\text{C}$] from 75°C to 45°C with cooling water [$c_{p,c} = 4180 \text{ J/kg}^\circ\text{C}$] entering the tube side at 15°C at a rate of 9.6 kg/s . Given, $U_o = 500 \text{ W/m}^2^\circ\text{C}$. Estimate heat transfer area, for:

- ① parallel flow DPHX
- ② counter flow DPHX
- ③ one shell pass and two tube pass, STHX
- ④ cross-flow, both fluids unmixed, CFHX
- ⑤ cross-flow, one fluid unmixed, CFHX

