

Heat Transfer Workshop 1 Introduction to Heat Flux Sensors

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This series of workshops is designed to help you understand heat transfer and temperature. Temperature is what most people measure, but heat transfer is equally important for engineering applications. The workshops use a combination of thermocouples and heat flux sensors to measure both of these quantities simultaneously. The sensor output is read by a data acquisition board (DAQ) that is connected through a USB port to a laptop computer. A program is loaded on the computer to graphically display results and provide a control panel.

Heat transfer (q) is the movement of thermal energy as a function of time. Typical units are watts, the same as power, which is the movement of mechanical energy as a function time. Heat flux is heat transfer per surface area (q''), with units of watts per square meter. This is analogous to a power density. It is measured across a thin, flat sensor that is encapsulated in a plastic cover. It outputs a voltage (E), which is directly proportional to the heat flux according to a supplied calibration (S), typically given as microvolts per watt per square meter, $q'' = E/S$. The computer program automatically does this conversion when supplied with the sensor's calibration value.

To measure temperature two thermocouples are provided. One is attached as part of the heat flux sensor. The other is a separate set of wires, welded together at one end to form the thermocouple junction. Thermocouples measure the difference in temperature from this junction to the connection point of the other end of the wires. The DAQ automatically measures the connection temperature and adjusts the voltage output to give absolute temperature values.

Together, this allows direct measurement of both individual temperatures and temperature difference. Heat transfer is driven by temperature difference. There is always a source of thermal energy at a higher temperature that moves to an energy sink at a lower temperature. Consequently, it is important to know the source and sink temperatures and the resulting heat flux in an engineering system.

The heat flux sensor kit provides the components as shown in Fig. 1. Included is a heat flux sensor with a thermocouple, a second separate thermocouple, a DAQ, an aluminum coupon, an aluminum fin, a small piece of wood, a thin heater and a small piece of cloth. The heater is designed to take power either from the DAQ or from a separate battery pack. It is used to provide a source of heat for some of the workshops. Many of the workshops use the human body as a heat source, which allows you to feel the thermal process while measuring the results.

To make the measurements put the heat flux sensor between a heat source and a heat sink. This can be as simple as a desk and your hand or your arm and the surrounding air. The heat flux sensor can be taped to a surface or placed between two objects to hold it in place. Single-sided tape can be used over top of the sensor or double-sided tape can be used between the sensor and a surface. In either case the goal is to create good contact between the entire sensor and the surface to obtain a good reading.



Fig. 1 Heat Flux Sensor Kit Components

Heat Transfer Workshop 1 Introduction Assignment

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1. Watch the introductory video on Heat and Temperature. <https://youtu.be/1SX8u3qXo0A>
2. Assemble your system. Make sure the wiring is correct. The placement of the colored wires is important. Starting from the left, the first two wires are the heat flux sensor (white then red). The next two wires are the thermocouple (blue then red). The next two are for the second thermocouple (blue then red). The last two wires are black in either order to the power supply – either the battery pack or the last two positions on the DAQ.
3. Make sure the proper computer programs are installed on your computer.
4. Plug in the DAQ to a USB port (at least 2.0 or higher).
5. Start the program and enter the proper heat flux sensor sensitivity. A screen should appear with graphs for the heat flux and two temperatures.
6. Record the heat flux and sensor temperature from a source to a sink. Note that the output from the heat flux sensor is directional. In one direction the heat flux should read positive and if the sensor is flipped over the output should be negative. The thermocouple, however, only measures a temperature at a location. It does not have positive and negative values. In all cases, if a wire is broken or disconnected, the output will be very large and unresponsive. Save the data as an Excel or MatLab file. This file will have four columns beginning with time in seconds, followed by the heat flux in W/m^2 , the third column is the sensor temperature ($^{\circ}\text{C}$), and the fourth is the second temperature ($^{\circ}\text{C}$).

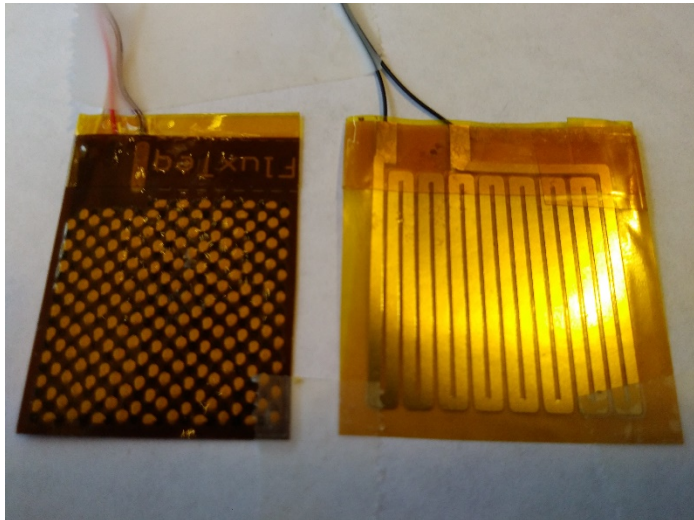


Figure 2 The heat flux sensor is picture on the left. The heater is pictured on the right (sizes may vary).

Measurement Description:

$q'' =$ _____ $T =$ _____

Are these values what you expected (including sign and direction)?
Explain why.

Heat Transfer Workshop 2 Body Metabolism Introduction

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Assignment: Watch the introductory videos on Heat and Temperature

The human body is a sophisticated chemical reactor using metabolism for all of its activities. The energy that it produces and uses must eventually leave the body and go into the environment either as heat or work. The net work that is produced is usually small in comparison to the total energy produced. Therefore, one direct measure of the “calories burned” is the net heat transfer from the body to the environment.

Your challenge in this workshop is to estimate the calories that you burn in a day by measuring the heat transfer from your body with your heat flux sensor system. The human body has a typical surface area of 1.5 to 2.5 m², depending on the person’s size. A common equation to estimate surface area is

$$A_s = \sqrt{\frac{Hm}{C_1}} \quad \text{where } C_1 = 36 \text{ kg/m}^3$$

This gives the area A_s in units of m² when the height H is in meters and body weight m is in kilograms.

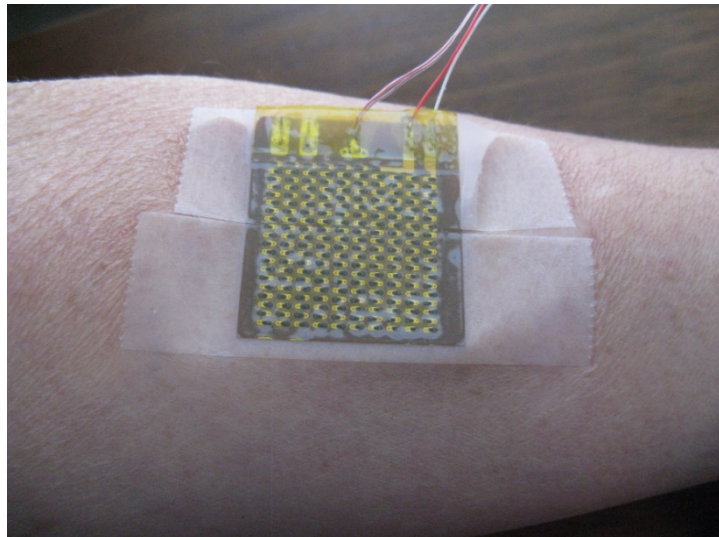
To make the measurements simply tape the heat flux sensor to different parts of your body on both exposed skin and underneath clothing. Single-sided tape can be used over top of the sensor or double-sided tape can be used between the sensor and the skin. In either case the goal is to create good contact between the entire sensor surface and the skin to give a good pathway for the heat transfer through the sensor, as illustrated in the figure. The heat flux should read positive if the leads are facing out. Check that you are measuring positive heat flux. If not, flip the sensor over.

Show the values on the worksheet and indicate where they were taken. Then average the temperature and heat flux values and use your estimated body area to find the total heat lost in both watts and calories per day. Show all of your work and equations used.

Note: One calorie is the equivalent of about 4.2 kJ.

1 inch = 0.0254 m.

1 pound = 0.454 kg



Heat Transfer Workshop 2 Body Metabolism Results

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Your challenge is to estimate the calories that you burn in a day by measuring the heat transfer from your body with your heat flux sensor system. Tape the heat flux sensor to different parts of your body on both exposed skin and underneath clothing. (Make sure to enter the proper heat flux sensor sensitivity each time the GUI is opened.) Record the average steady-state values below and indicate where they were taken. Then average the temperatures and heat flux and use your estimated body area to find the total heat lost in both watts and calories per day. Show all of your work and equations used.

	Location	Exposed/Unexposed	Surface Temp. (°C)	q'' (W/m ²)
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
Average				

Estimated body surface area, A_s =

H =

m =

Total q (based on average heat flux) =

Calories per day =

How does this value compare with your usual caloric intake?

Why is there a discrepancy if any?

Why is the heat flux higher when the skin is exposed (not covered)?

Why is the surface temperature lower when the skin is exposed (not covered)?

Heat Transfer Workshop 3 Introduction to Fins

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Assignment: Look at the definition of fin efficiency and how that relates to the temperature distribution in a fin. Compare measured and theoretical values.

In this workshop you use the thin piece of aluminum as a fin that is powered with the thin-film heater supplied with the kit. The heat flux gage can be used to measure the total heat transfer supplied to the fin. The fin efficiency has a simple definition of this actual heat transfer relative to the maximum heat transfer that would occur if the entire fin was at the base temperature.

$$\eta_f = \frac{q_f}{h A_f (T_{base} - T_{\infty})}$$

where q_f is the actual heat transfer from the fin, h is the heat transfer coefficient, and A_f is the total surface area of the fin, $A_f = 2L(w + t)$ with w = width, L = length from the base, and t = thickness.

Fig. 1 shows an example of a typical temperature distribution along the length of a fin. Fig. 2 is a picture of the aluminum fin supplied as mounted on the heater and heat flux sensor.

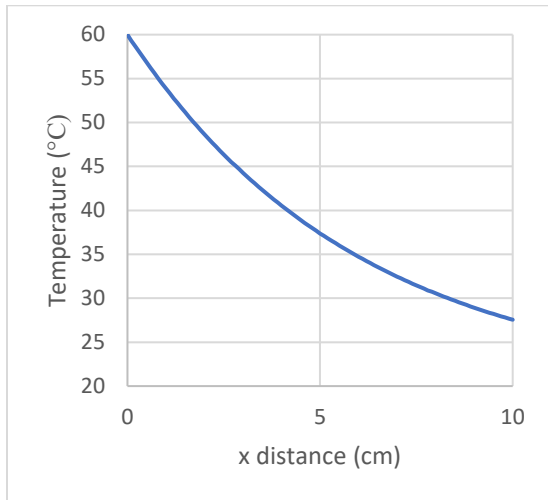


Fig. 1 Sample Fin Temperature Distribution

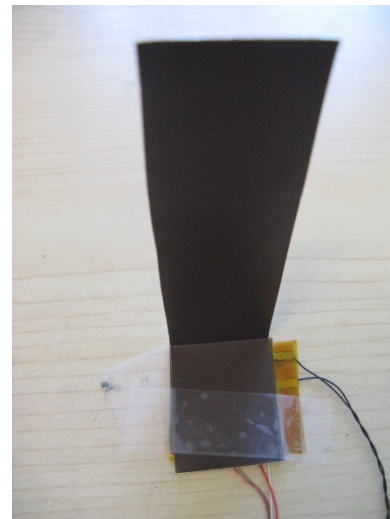


Fig. 2 Fin mounted on top of sensor and heater

The theory for a straight fin gives the fin efficiency as

$$\eta_f = \frac{\tanh(m_f L)}{m_f L} \quad \text{where } m_f = \sqrt{\frac{hP}{kA_c}} = \sqrt{\frac{h(2w + 2t)}{kw t}}$$

where P is the fin perimeter, A_c is the fin cross-sectional area and k is the thermal conductivity of the fin. The hyperbolic tangent function ($\tanh$) is a special exponential function. The values can be determined on some calculators or looked up online.

Heat Transfer Workshop 3 Fin Results

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Your challenge is to measure the heat transfer from the fin supplied and calculate the fin efficiency. Before starting, measure the size of the fin and record the dimensions. As shown in the figure, place the heater on any low conductivity surface followed by the heat flux gage and small end of the thin aluminum sheet. Use the small wood block to hold all of this in place. This arrangement will force most of the power from the heater through the heat flux sensor to the high conductivity aluminum sheet to then dissipate to the air. Turn on the data acquisition system and set the proper heat flux sensitivity every time the GUI is opened. Turn on the heater and allow the system to come to equilibrium, which may take several minutes. This will be clear when the temperature and heat flux measured by the sensor become nearly constant. Make sure the second thermocouple is away from the fin out in the room. Record these values.

The size of the heater and the fin base is 2.5 cm by 3.0 cm, which gives a surface area of $A_h = 7.5 \text{ cm}^2$. Use this area with the measured heat flux to find the total input heat transfer into the fin ($q = q''A_h$). The fin is aluminum, which has a thermal conductivity of $k = 175 \text{ W/m-K}$. The exposed surface of the fin will be twice the length times the width (neglecting the very thin edges). Because the effects of radiation can be approximately included in the heat transfer coefficient, treat the problem as shown in the introduction as being purely convection from the fin and conduction in the fin. Initially, assume the overall heat transfer coefficient from the fin to the air is $h = 10 \text{ W/m}^2\text{-K}$.

1. Measured Values:

Heat Flux, $q'' =$ _____

Sensor Temperature, $T_s =$ _____

Air Temperature, $T_\infty =$ _____

Fin heat transfer, $q =$ _____

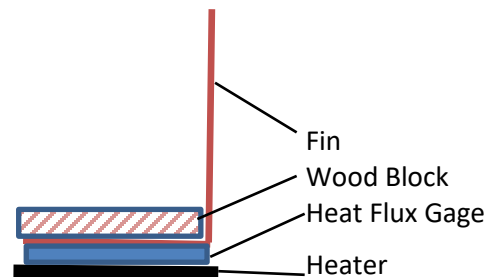
Fin width, $w =$ _____

Fin length, $L =$ _____

Fin thickness, $t = 0.23 \text{ mm}$

Fin area, $A_f =$ _____

Fin efficiency, $\eta_f =$ _____



2. Compare the measured results with the theory using the equations given for a straight fin:

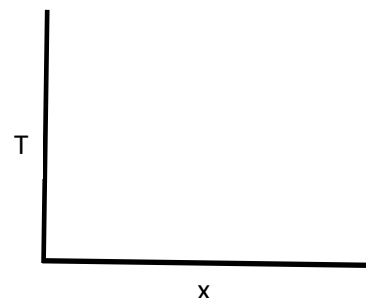
$m_f =$ _____

$m_f L =$ _____

$\eta_f =$ _____

3. How do these theoretical values compare with what was measured? Is there a better value of h to use?

4. Feel the temperature distribution along the fin with your fingers and sketch it on the graph, where x is the distance from the base to the tip. Does it match what you would expect from theory?

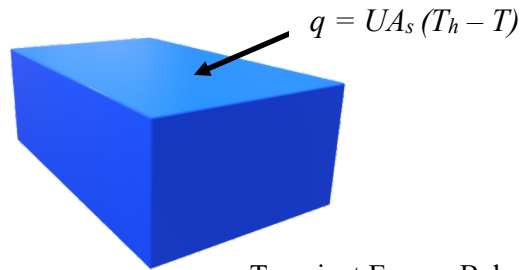


Heat Transfer Workshop 4 Introduction to Transient Lumped Capacitance

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A simple model for systems with transient temperatures is the lumped capacitance method of analysis. This often works well for solid materials with high thermal conductivity. One often thinks of putting a piece of metal into a fluid at a different temperature which creates a step change in heat flux. However, it doesn't have to be a fluid. For example, your hands are often well perfused and make a good heat source.

Study the Lumped Capacitance Method in your heat transfer textbook. Draw the system and apply a transient energy balance for the piece of aluminum. The important assumption is that the temperature in the material is uniform in space, while it changes in time. Show the resulting algebraic solutions for the heat flux and temperature as a function of time, starting when the thermal event begins at time t_0 with the initial temperature of the aluminum being T_i . Assume your hands remain at a constant temperature of T_h with an overall transfer coefficient to the metal of U . The specific heat of the aluminum piece is C and the mass is m . Show your analysis in the space provided below.



Transient Energy Balance:

$$mC \frac{dT}{dt} = q$$

Write out the symbolic solution:

The aluminum temperature as a function of time should be an exponential decay, $T =$

The surface heat flux to the aluminum as a function of time should also be an exponential decay,
 $q'' = U (T_h - T) =$

The exponential time constant for this process, $\tau =$

Heat Transfer Workshop 4 Results

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Use the piece of aluminum in your kit by taping the heat flux sensor on one side of the piece and then wrapping the cloth provided (in the kit) around the whole piece to provide some uniform thermal resistance. First use the DAQ with the free thermocouple between your hands to record the steady temperature of your hands, T_h _____. If your hands are too cold, you may use another location on your body that is warm and you can clamp the piece between your skin. If the aluminum has become too warm, you can run cold water over it before using again. After establishing the temperature of the skin, restart the data acquisition and place the aluminum piece with the heat flux sensor and cloth between your hands (or the alternate location). Record both the temperature and heat flux of the sensor at the surface of the metal for about one minute. Save the file. Based on the measured heat flux and temperature difference, and assuming your hands stay at the same constant temperature previously measured, calculate an overall heat transfer coefficient at each time. Plot the values as a function of time and find the average, $U =$ _____

At what time does the thermal event start? $t_i =$ _____

The mass of the aluminum block is about 14 grams and the dimensions are 2 in. by 1.25 in. by 1/8 in. thick. Calculate the corresponding surface area of the sides that were in contact with your hands, Surface Area, $A_s =$ _____

Use these values with the properties of aluminum ($C = 900 \text{ J/kg-K}$) and the average heat transfer coefficient U to calculate the value of the time constant you found on the first page, $\tau =$ _____.

Then use this time constant and the theoretical solutions for the lumped capacitance model from the previous page to predict the temperature and heat flux. Plot these predicted values along with the measured curves and compare. Attach your three plots as a function of time (Temperature predicted and measured, heat flux predicted and measured, and transfer coefficient, U).

1. How much variation of the overall transfer coefficient U was found over time?
2. Why is the value of U not actually constant?
3. How well does the predicted temperature curve based on the calculated time constant and initial temperature difference match the measured curve?
4. How well does the predicted heat flux curve based on the time constant, average heat transfer coefficient and initial temperature difference match the experimental values?
5. How did the metal piece **feel** as a function of time during the test?

Heat Transfer Workshop 5 Transient Thermal Resistance Introduction

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One very useful model of transient heat transfer is the semi-infinite solid. This combines the effects of the thermal resistance of the material along with the thermal capacitance of the material. The main assumptions are that the material is thick (semi-infinite) and that the heat transfer is one-dimensional. Look in a heat transfer text to find the theory of semi-infinite heat transfer. Although the mathematics involves partial differential equation solutions, the results are rather simple. If a constant temperature source T_s is applied to the surface of the material without any contact resistance, the resulting transient heat flux into the surface is simply

$$q'' = \frac{\sqrt{k\rho C}}{\sqrt{\pi t}} (T_s - T_i)$$

The initial temperature of the material is a uniform temperature T_i and the surface temperature change happens at time $t = 0$. The properties of the material are thermal conductivity k , specific heat C , and density ρ .

Conduction heat transfer is a diffusion process that propagates further into the material as time increases. Consequently, the thickness to appear to be infinitely thick increases with time. A good approximation for this thickness L is

$$L = 2\sqrt{\alpha t}$$

where the thermal diffusivity $\alpha = k/\rho C$. It is an important property for transient heat transfer problems that indicates how fast heat transfers into a material.

Here are properties of a conductor (e.g. concrete) and an insulator (e.g. carpet) that can be used in this workshop. Calculate the values of thermal diffusivity and penetration depth for the semi-infinite solution for each for a typical time of $t = 20$ seconds:

Concrete

$\rho = 2,300 \text{ kg/m}^3$; $C = 880 \text{ J/kg-K}$; $k = 1.4 \text{ W/m-K}$
 $\alpha =$

$$L = 2\sqrt{\alpha t} =$$

Carpet

$\rho = 800 \text{ kg/m}^3$; $C = 1,200 \text{ J/kg-K}$, $k = 0.05 \text{ W/m-K}$
 $\alpha =$

$$L = 2\sqrt{\alpha t} =$$

Another way to view this problem is in terms of the thermal resistance of the material R'' . It is defined as the ratio of the temperature difference to the heat flux.

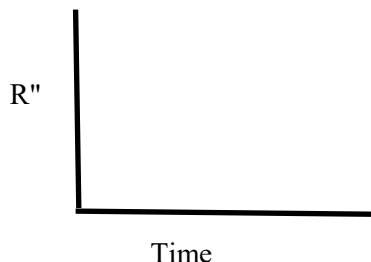
$$R'' = \frac{(T_s - T_i)}{q''}$$

Determine the theoretical value of thermal resistance for the constant surface temperature semi-infinite solution,

$R'' =$

How does it vary with time?

Sketch how it should typically vary.



Heat Transfer Workshop 5 Transient Resistance Results

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The goal of this workshop is to look at the heat transfer response of two materials with very different thermal properties – a conductor such as a concrete floor (or metal) and an insulator such as carpet (or a mattress). Use your hand as a heat source along with the heat flux sensor to measure the surface heat flux and surface temperature as a function of time. The goal is to see how the properties of these different materials affect your measured results.

- a) Put the sensor on a conductor (concrete floor or other high thermal conductivity material), start the data acquisition and then firmly place your hand entirely on the sensor for about 20 seconds.
- b) Now put the sensor directly onto an insulator (carpet or other low conductivity material) and repeat.

From your saved data files, plot the temperature as a function of time for both materials on the same graph and compare. Do the same for the heat flux on a second graph. Model the solid material as a semi-infinite solid assuming that the sensor temperature is the surface temperature T_s . For the initial temperature of the material T_i use the sensor temperature before you apply your hand to create the thermal event. Use the measured heat flux with these measured temperatures to calculate the apparent thermal resistance in each material as a function of time, $R'' = (T_s - T_i)/q''$. Plot R'' for the concrete and the carpet on the same graph for the time period where your hand is on the sensor. Attach the three plots (temperature, heat flux and thermal resistance) to hand in.

1. Based on your calculations for the thermal penetration depth L are the materials you tested sufficiently thick to assume they are “semi-infinite”? Why?
2. Is the graph of your results for thermal resistance R'' similar in shape to the theory shown in the introduction to Workshop 5?
3. Physically (apart from the equations) why does the thermal resistance change with time?
4. How does the value of thermal resistance vary between the two materials? Why? (look at the thermal conductivity values)
5. Which material has the higher heat flux? Why?
6. Which material has the larger change in temperature? Why?
7. Even though the initial temperature of the insulator (carpet) and the conductor (concrete) are nearly the same, why does conductor feel colder than the insulator?

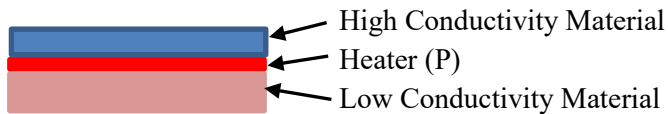
Workshop 6 Introduction to Heat Sinks and Energy Balances

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Review Energy Balances

Workshop 6 is similar to Workshop 5 except the heater is used now. This allows the heat to go in two directions (instead of one direction in Workshop 5) because there are now two heat sinks. These are necessarily on either side of the heater. This adds complexity to the problem and requires the use of thermal resistances and the energy balance together to analyze the system. Specifically, how much of the thermal energy from the heater goes to each heat sink? This is an important problem in many thermal systems.

To make the problem simpler, each heat flux will be assumed to be one-dimensional. On one side of the heater will be a low conductivity material and on the other will be a high conductivity material, both starting at the same temperature. When the heater is turned on, heat flux will go to both of the materials. The heat flux sensor can be used to measure how much goes to each material.



The energy balance can be used to show that the total power from the heater P has to go to the combination of the two materials. Draw the overall energy balance on the figure and write the algebraic energy balance here in terms of the heat transfer to the high conductivity material q_{hc} and to the low conductivity material q_{lc} .

The relative size of the thermal resistances will dictate the relative size of q_{hc} and q_{lc} (how much energy goes to each material). Because there is only one heat flux sensor, you will need to use it twice. First to measure what goes to the high conductivity material and then to low conductivity material.

Workshop 6 Results

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Place the heater on a low thermal conductivity material (such as carpet or a mattress) and place the metal piece (a high conductivity material) from the kit over top. Slide the heat flux sensor between the metal and the heater. Sketch the system with a control volume for each case and clearly label the four main components: low conductivity material (LCM), heater, sensor, and metal. Label the direction of the heat fluxes. Start the data acquisition to establish the steady-state condition then turn on the heater. Allow the heater to run for about one minute to clearly see the response of the temperature and heat flux. Next move the heat flux sensor between the heater and the carpet. Repeat the sketch and data acquisition for this case.

a) Sensor between heater and metal

b) Sensor between heater and LCM

Plot the heat flux and temperature responses for both cases. Add these plots to this workshop sheet and note the heat flux and temperature change (ΔT) values at the end of the measurement time in the table.

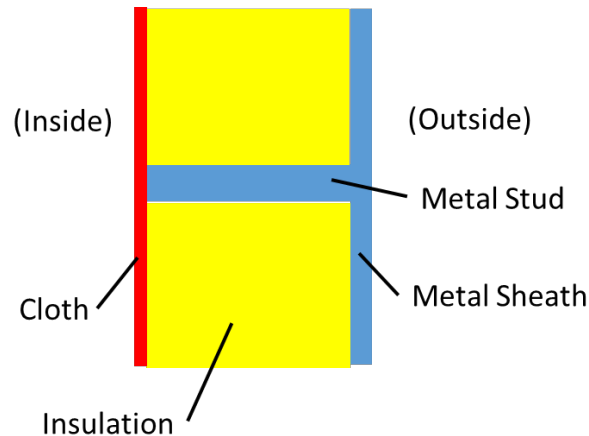
	q'' (W/m ²)	ΔT (°C)
Heater to Metal		
Heater to LCM		

1. Why are the heat flux values so different?
2. Which material provides the better heat sink?
3. Why is one heat flux likely positive and one heat flux negative with the same sensor? Which direction was the sensor placed?
4. What is the total power flux provided by the heater? $P/A =$
5. What is the fraction of the power that goes to the metal, $q''_m / (P/A) =$
6. Why is the temperature response for the two cases so different?

Heat Transfer Workshop 7 Thermal Resistance Introduction

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In metal buildings insulation is often installed between the metal studs and the outer metal sheathing of the building. Consequently, there are two parallel pathways for the heat transfer – through the insulation and through the high conductivity metal studs. In addition, a layer of cloth is sometimes installed over the studs and insulation as shown below.



Draw a thermal resistance network for the different heat transfer pathways for this system. Clearly identify which pathways are in series and which are in parallel. Write an expression for the overall thermal resistance of the wall.

Look at the overall thermal resistance in the limits as the resistance of the metal stud becomes very small and very large. What is the effect of a small thermal resistance of the cloth in either case?

You are embroiled in an argument over the value of the cloth. One side is arguing that the presence of the cloth has negligible effect on the heat transfer through the wall because it is so thin relative to the insulation. Therefore, it has a negligible effect on the overall insulation of the building. But the other side says that a covering over the metal studs will have a substantial impact on the heat transfer. Is there a way to prove who is right and convince everyone? What is the truth in this situation? This is often the task for engineers to develop logical explanations.

Heat Transfer Workshop 7 Results

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You are tasked with making some simple measurements to prove or disprove this argument by inserting a piece of cloth over the metal and then the insulation (for example carpet or a mattress). Use your hand as a heat source on the heat flux sensor like you did in Workshop 5. This time compare the results while also adding a piece of cloth. Take about 20 or 30 seconds of data for each of the four combinations:

- a) sensor directly on the metal piece from your kit.
- b) cloth between the sensor and the metal piece.
- c) sensor directly on the insulation.
- d) cloth between the sensor and the insulation.

1. Plot the heat flux values for each case and compare the resulting curves all on one graph. Attach your graph.

Calculate the approximate ratios of heat flux with and without the cloth for the same time after application of your hand (average several values from 10 to 20 seconds after the peak to provide a good comparison):

Metal: $q''_{\text{with cloth}}/q''_{\text{without cloth}} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ Insulation: $q''_{\text{with cloth}}/q''_{\text{without cloth}} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

- 2. What is the change in thermal resistance by placing the cloth onto the insulation?
(measurement uncertainty is at least 5%)
- 3. What is the change in thermal resistance by placing the cloth onto the metal?
- 4. Why is there a difference between the effects of putting the same cloth on insulation versus metal?
- 5. What is the answer to the original dispute? Will adding the cloth make a difference for the building? Why?
- 6. How does the cloth make a difference in what you feel?
- 7. The cloth could be representative of fouling in a heat exchanger. What does this tell you about when fouling will or will not be important in heat exchangers?

Heat Transfer Workshop 8 Convection Introduction

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Read about fluid convection

Convective heat transfer occurs whenever there is a fluid next to a surface with a temperature difference. Your wrist is a good example. There is air movement due to buoyancy even in a room with no apparent overall air motion. In reality there is always some air motion – if a door is opened, if a person moves, if a piece of electronics is activated. These all cause unsteady and seemingly random air motion and surface convection. Even though this heat flux may not be very large, it can still be measured with the heat flux sensors in the course kits.

The effect of fluid motion on convection is incorporated in a coefficient h that is used to correlate heat flux q'' with the temperature difference between the surface T_s and the fluid T_{fluid} . For example

$$q'' = h (T_s - T_{fluid})$$

This convection heat transfer coefficient is non-dimensionalized in the Nusselt number by a characteristic length L_c and the thermal conductivity of the fluid k

$$Nu = \frac{hL_c}{k}$$

The characteristic length is the same as used in the Reynolds number

$$Re = \frac{VL_c}{\nu}$$

where the fluid velocity is V and the kinematic viscosity of the fluid is ν . Correlations for the Nusselt number are often given in terms of the Reynolds number of the flow.

The heat transfer coefficient can be determined if the heat flux and the fluid and surface temperature are measured.

$$h = \frac{q''}{(T_s - T_{fluid})}$$

This is a great advantage of having a heat flux sensor to measure the heat flux. If the correlation between the Reynolds and Nusselt number are known for the specific geometry, heat transfer measurements can even be used as a method to find the fluid velocity. This will be demonstrated in the current workshop.

Heat Transfer Workshop 8 Convection Results

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Your first challenge is to measure heat transfer convection coefficients using the heat flux sensor system. Tape the heat flux sensor to the inside of your wrist to measure the surface temperature and heat flux. Either use tape over top of the sensor or double-sided tape underneath the sensor to hold it on to your wrist. Keep the second thermocouple out in the room to record the air temperature. Take about 20 seconds of data under each of three conditions (it can all be recorded in the same file). First turn your wrist with the sensor facing up and not moving, then turn your wrist so the sensor is facing down not moving, then move your arm in a circle to give motion relative to the air. What is the maximum heat flux that you can achieve moving your arm?

Calculate the heat transfer coefficients and corresponding Nusselt numbers for each condition. Neglect the effects of radiation. Use the diameter of your wrist as the characteristic length, $L_c = d =$ _____ for Re and Nu , assuming your arm is a cylinder. Record the average values for the three conditions in the table below and calculate the corresponding heat transfer coefficient and Nusselt number.

	Wrist Facing Up	Wrist Facing Down	Arm moving
$T_{air} (^{\circ}C)$			
$T_s (^{\circ}C)$			
$q'' (W/m^2)$			
$h (W/m^2-K)$			
$Nu = hL_c/k$			

The heat transfer correlation for air flow over a cylinder at the stagnation point is

$$Nu = 0.95\sqrt{Re}$$

Use this correlation to estimate the maximum velocity you achieved moving your arm based on your measured Nusselt number. Find the required air properties at room temperature from an appropriate table of thermal and fluid properties.

Air Properties:

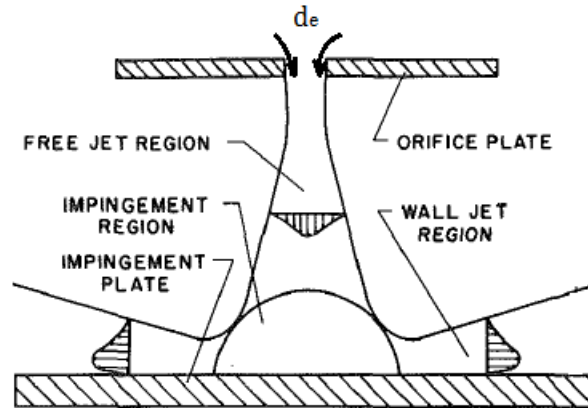
Diagrams, Equations and Calculations:

1. For your arm moving, $Re =$
2. What was the corresponding maximum Velocity, $V =$
3. Which of the three orientations of the sensor on your wrist would you expect to give the highest heat flux? Why?
4. Which orientation would you expect to give the lowest heat flux?
Based on buoyancy, Why? How does this compare with what you measured?

Heat Transfer Workshop 9 Introduction to Jets

Name _____

An air jet is a good means for providing convective heat transfer with a surface. This is why you blow on your food if it is too hot. A sketch of a typical air jet is shown in the figure. Large arrays of hot air jets are often used in industrial drying processes. Fans pressurize large plenums with many small orifice holes in a plate that then impinge on the opposing surface.



A common correlation for the heat transfer on a flat surface in the impingement region beneath an impinging air jet is

$$Nu = 0.83 \sqrt{Re}$$

where $Re = Vd/\nu$ and $Nu = hd/k$.

The air thermal conductivity is k and the kinematic viscosity is ν . The effective diameter of the jet at the exit is d and the velocity is V . The velocity can be determined from Bernoulli's equation, in terms of the plenum pressure p relative to atmospheric.

$$\frac{p}{\rho} + \frac{1}{2} V^2 = \text{Constant}$$

where ρ is the fluid density. Therefore, the plenum pressure difference above the atmosphere is

$$\Delta p = \frac{1}{2} \rho V^2$$

and the velocity of the jet is

$$V = \sqrt{\frac{2 \Delta p}{\rho}}$$

The heat transfer coefficient between the jet and the surface is defined as

$$h = \frac{q''}{(T_j - T_s)}$$

in terms of the heat flux q'' , the jet temperature T_j and the surface temperature T_s .

Heat Transfer Workshop 9 Jet Results

Name _____

Your challenge today is to measure the convective heat transfer coefficient when you blow on something. This is a pretty good mechanism to cool a bite of food, for example. Tape the heat flux sensor to your piece of aluminum as a heat sink and place it on a surface at room temperature. Put the wire connection side down next to the metal to get a positive heat flux. Tape the second thermocouple so that the bead is sitting above the sensor, but not touching it. This will provide a measure of the air temperature from your lungs. Start the data acquisition and blow as long and hard as you can. Try several different distances and openings of your mouth to optimize the heat flux to the surface. Then stop and save your data.

Note that this is a highly transient event and the direction of heat flux and temperatures may switch momentarily, giving what appears to be negative values of h . Use the plots of heat flux and temperature to interpret your heat transfer coefficients.

1. Give the maximum value of measured heat flux that you achieved.

Maximum $q'' =$ _____

2. Record the temperatures of the surface and jet when the maximum heat flux occurs.

$T_s =$ _____

$T_j =$ _____

3. Calculate the corresponding heat transfer coefficient and Nusselt number. Look in a mirror to estimate the diameter of your mouth when you blew. Use this as the jet diameter, $d =$ _____.

$h =$ _____

$Nu = hd/k =$ _____

4. From the Nusselt number correlation given in the Introduction, determine the corresponding velocity that this heat transfer measurement estimates, $V =$ _____

5. Your lungs can provide an air pressure of several inches of water. What lung pressure is required to provide the air velocity you calculated in 4? Assume that Bernoulli equation applies. (249 Pa = 1 in. H₂O)

$\Delta p =$ _____

Is this value reasonable?

6. Show equations and calculations.

Air properties at 300 K

Thermal conductivity, $k =$ _____

Density, $\rho =$ _____

Kinematic viscosity, $\nu =$ _____

Heat Transfer Workshop 10 Window Conduction Introduction

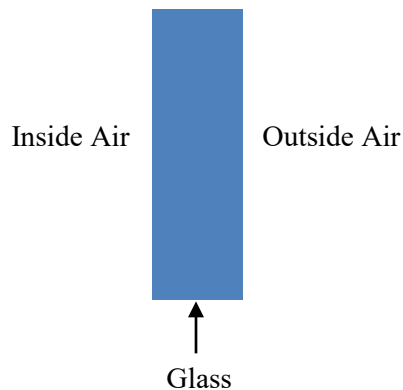
Name _____

Windows are a major source of heat loss in buildings. Many older windows and storm doors use a single pane of glass, typically 1/8 inch thick. This is still the case in the older engineering buildings on our campus. In theory the thermal resistance of the window can be determined directly from measurements of the heat flux q'' and temperature difference across the glass ΔT . At steady-state conditions the conduction heat flux is

$$q'' = \frac{k}{L} (T_{inside} - T_{outside})$$

where k is the thermal conductivity of the glass and L is the thickness. The corresponding thermal resistance is

$$R'' = L/k$$



Note: In practice, it is very difficult to accurately measure the surface temperature of materials when heat transfer is occurring to or from the surface. Thermal contact resistance is relatively large, especially for the usual bead thermocouples. Flat, thin-film thermocouples are also available commercially and make better contact with the actual surface. Conversely, the heat flux is typically measured over a much larger area and at steady-state conditions, what goes in must come out. Consequently, contrary to popular opinion it is normally much easier to accurately measure heat flux on a surface than temperature.

Heat Transfer Workshop 10 Window Conduction Results

Name _____

To measure thermal resistance one would ideally make measurements on the inside and outside of the window at the same time, but since you only have one sensor you will do it sequentially. First, mount the heat flux sensor on the inside of a single pane window with the thermocouple on the side next to the glass. Measure the heat flux and temperature at steady-state. Then repeat for the outside of the window again with the thermocouple next to the surface. Use the second thermocouple to record the inside and outside air temperature. Record the steady-state values below and sketch the temperature distribution on the figure. **Draw and label the system with all measurements including the direction of the heat flux:**

$T_{\text{glass inside}} =$

$T_{\text{glass outside}} =$

$T_{\text{air inside}} =$

$T_{\text{air outside}} =$

$q''_{\text{inside}} =$

$q''_{\text{outside}} =$

$q''_{\text{average}} =$

Inside Air

Outside Air

1. Why do the heat flux values have opposite sign between the inside and outside of the window?
2. Apply an energy balance around the window. What does it say about the relation between the heat flux values?
3. What reasons would cause the magnitude of heat flux measured values to not be equal?
4. Calculate the theoretical thermal resistance of the window. The thermal conductivity for glass is typically about $k = 1.0 \text{ W/m-K}$ and the thickness is about $L = 3 \text{ mm}$. Using the measured heat flux value, find the theoretical temperature difference across the window.

Theory: $R'' =$ _____

Theory: $\Delta T =$ _____

5. Find the thermal resistance using the measured surface temperatures with the measured heat flux.

Measured: $\Delta T =$ _____

Measured: $R'' =$ _____

6. Why are measured values so different from the theory? Why is this method a failure? How could you fix it?

Heat Transfer Workshop 11 - Water Evaporation Introduction

Name _____

Read about simultaneous heat and mass transfer

The human body uses water evaporation as an important heat transfer mechanism. There are also many industrial processes that utilize water evaporation, especially for air drying of products. Fortunately, convection mass transfer J can often be modeled in exactly the same way that convection heat transfer q_c is modeled. In terms of the transfer per area (flux)

$$q''_c = h (T_s - T_\infty)$$

$$J'' = h_m (C_s - C_\infty)$$

Heat flux is in terms of the temperature difference from the surface to the bulk fluid (air) and mass flux is in terms of the concentration difference of water vapor from the surface to the bulk air. These concentrations are equal to the density of water vapor at the saturation temperature of water and can be found from steam tables. The relative humidity relates the actual water vapor concentration in air with this saturation value of water vapor all at the air temperature T_∞ .

$$\phi = C / C_{sat @ T_\infty}$$

The heat transfer coefficient h and mass transfer coefficient h_m can be related for the same surface conditions by the Lewis relation

$$h_m = h \frac{D}{k} Le^{1/3}$$

where D is the diffusion coefficient of water vapor in air and k is the thermal conductivity of air taken at the average temperature of the air in the boundary layer $T_{av} = (T_s + T_\infty)/2$. The Lewis number Le is the ratio of the thermal diffusivity of air α to the kinematic viscosity ν . For water vapor in air at typical room temperature conditions the Lewis number is nearly a constant value of 0.85.

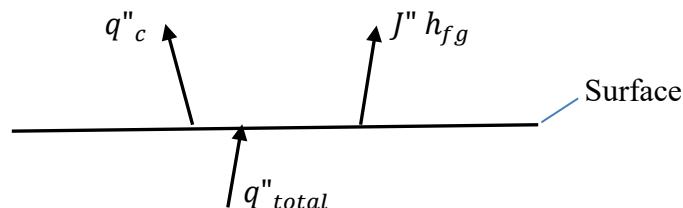
$$Le = \alpha / D = 0.85$$

This also provides an easy method to find the diffusion coefficient,

$$D = \alpha / 0.85$$

The total energy flux from the surface is the combination of the convection heat transfer and the evaporation energy flux of the mass transfer. Because the water changes from liquid to vapor during evaporation, the enthalpy of vaporization h_{fg} must be included.

$$q''_{total} = q''_c + J'' h_{fg}$$



Heat Transfer Workshop 11 Water Evaporation Results

Name _____

In Workshop 8 you measured convective heat transfer from your wrist. Now the challenge is to measure the combination of heat and mass transfer when sweat or water is introduced. First, tape the heat flux sensor to your wrist as before for the dry measurement. Keep the second thermocouple out in the room to record the air temperature. Take about 20 seconds of heat flux and temperature data (until steady) while moving your arm in air. Then place a wet cloth (included in your kit) that has been drenched with water over top of the sensor and repeat. The cloth dries out pretty fast so re-saturate the cloth each time before using it. Plot the heat flux and surface temperature as a function of time for both cases and note the change when the wet cloth is added.

Use the steady-state heat flux and temperature values to calculate the heat transfer coefficient h when the arm is dry before the cloth is added. Neglect the effects of radiation. Assume the h stays the same (but not the surface temperature) when the cloth is added. Use this value with the Lewis Relation to calculate the corresponding mass transfer coefficient, h_m . Record your measured and calculated values in the chart along with the corresponding air properties (at T_{av}) from a property table.

	q'' (W/m ²)	T_s (°C)	T_∞ (°C)	T_{av} (°C)	k (W/m-K)	α (m ² /s)	D (m ² /s)	h (W/m ² -K)	h_m (m/s)
Arm dry				---	---	---	---		---
Arm wet									

Use the temperatures of the sensor and the surrounding air to find the corresponding saturation concentrations of water vapor from a saturated steam property table.

at temperature $T_s =$ (°C), the enthalpy of vaporization $h_{fg} =$ (kJ/kg)
 at temperature $T_s =$ (°C), the water vapor density $= C_{sat} = C_s =$ (kg/m³)
 at temperature $T_\infty =$ (°C), the water vapor density $= C_{sat @ T_\infty} =$ (kg/m³)

Use these properties to fill in the table below. Initially, assume a relative humidity to find the water vapor concentration in the air ($C_\infty = \phi C_{sat @ T_\infty}$). Start with $\phi = 50\%$. Then calculate the total heat flux for the wet case using the equations on the first page of the lab. Does it match what was measured? If not, adjust the relative humidity value and repeat the calculations until the total heat flux matches the measurements. If the calculated heat flux is too small, choose a smaller value of relative humidity. If too large, choose a larger ϕ .

	ϕ	$C_\infty = \phi C_{sat @ T_\infty}$ (kg/m ³)	J'' (kg/s/m ²)	$J''h_{fg}$ (W/m ²)	q''_c (W/m ²)	q''_{total} (W/m ²)	$J''h_{fg}/q''_{total}$ (Fraction)
1 st try	0.50						
2 nd try							
3 rd try							

1. Although the rate of water evaporation (J'') is small, why is the associated energy transfer ($J''h_{fg}$) so large?
2. Why is the skin temperature much lower in the wet case?
3. Why is sweating such a good mechanism for cooling the body?

Heat Transfer Workshop 12 – Building Heat Transfer Coefficients

Name _____

Read about heat transfer coefficients

A heat transfer coefficient is used to relate the heat flux between a surface and a fluid. For heat flux that is defined as positive from the surface

$$h = \frac{q''}{T_s - T_{fluid}}$$

where T_s is the surface temperature and T_{fluid} is the temperature of the bulk fluid. Note that if the temperature difference is zero, the value of h is undefined. Therefore, heat transfer has to be provided into or out of the surface for h to have meaning. If there is no heat transfer occurring naturally, a heater may be added to provide the heat flux. The temptation might be, however, to assume that all of the heat flux from the heater goes into the air by convection. This is generally not a good assumption because some of the energy will always go into the substrate material. Therefore, it is useful to have a heat flux sensor to measure the heat flux that goes directly from the surface to the fluid to give an accurate measure of the heat transfer coefficient.

There is one additional problem, though. Placing a heater behind the heat flux sensor creates an artificial “hot spot” where the sensor is. This disruption of the surface temperature is known to increase the heat transfer coefficient at the location of the sensor and results in measurement errors that can be quite large. The following reference gives additional details. There is also guidance on using heat flux sensors in the two ASTM standards that are listed.

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Heat Transfer Workshop 12 Results

Name _____

Read about heat transfer coefficients

Normally the heat flux through building walls is very small. Consequently, to measure the convective heat transfer coefficient on the outside of the wall, add the heater provided in the sensor kit to give a more measurable heat flux. Place it between the heat flux sensor and the wall of a building. Put the side of the sensor with the thermocouple away from the building to get a positive heat flux when the heater is operating. Turn on the data acquisition for at least 10 seconds and then activate the heater. Let it run for at least 30 seconds. Then find the average values before and after turning on the heater.

Outside Building Wall	q'' (W/m ²)	T_s (C)	T_{air} (C)	h (W/m ² -K)
Before Heater				
After Heater				

1. Plot the temperatures, heat flux and heat transfer coefficient as a function of time. Attach the three graphs to the workshop results. Do the values of temperature and heat flux before the heater is turned on make sense?

2. Show the calculations for the heat transfer coefficients.

3. The heater increases the temperature of the sensor and the resulting convective heat flux, which makes it easier to determine the heat transfer coefficient. However, this increased surface temperature locally disrupts the thermal boundary layer, increasing the local heat transfer coefficient. Based on your measurements, how much does the h value increase for this case?

4. What happens to the heat transfer coefficient under transient conditions when the direction of the temperature difference changes from positive to negative?

5. What can you conclude about the limitations of heat transfer coefficients and how they are defined?

Heat Transfer Workshop 13 Radiation Introduction

Name _____

Read about gray body Radiation

The emissivity ε of a surface is a measure of the radiation heat flux or emissive power E that is emitted relative to the maximum from a “black body”. This black body emissive power is defined from basic physics as

$$E_b = \sigma T^4$$

where the value of the constant $\sigma = 5.67 \times 10^{-8} \text{ W/m}^2\text{-K}^4$ when the temperature is specified in Kelvin degrees. The emissivity is then simply

$$\varepsilon = E/E_b$$

When there are multiple surfaces exchanging radiation, all of the surfaces are both receiving and emitting energy. If two surfaces are both black ($\varepsilon = 1$) and very near to each other, the view factor between the surfaces is equal to unity and radiation heat flux from surface 1 to surface 2 is simply

$$q''_{12} = E_{b1} - E_{b2} = \sigma (T_1^4 - T_2^4)$$

If one of the surfaces is gray ($\varepsilon < 1$), an additional thermal resistance needs to be included as

$$q''_{12} = \frac{E_{b1} - E_{b2}}{1 + \frac{1 - \varepsilon_1}{\varepsilon_1}}$$

For this special case show how this reduces to

$$q''_{12} = \varepsilon_1 (E_{b1} - E_{b2})$$

Remember this is the radiation flux for two surfaces very close together with one surface black and one gray.

The emissivity is purely a surface property and the radiation can be considered to be purely a surface phenomenon. For example, painting the surface will change the emissivity and the emitted power of a surface regardless of the material of the substrate. This workshop will explore the effects of different surface properties on the radiation exchange at a surface. The measurements will be heat flux q''_{ps} between a heated plate at temperature T_p and a heat sink at temperature T_s .

$$q''_{ps} = \varepsilon_p (E_{bp} - E_{bs})$$

Heat Transfer Workshop 13 Radiation Results

Name _____

The challenge of this workshop is to measure the emissivity of a metallic surface. To do this, you are provided with a heated plate that is painted black on one-half of the plate. The other half is polished metal. Note that the plate is at a uniform temperature because it is thick and has high thermal conductivity. It should be heated to about 90°C to easily feel the radiation. Compare the heat transfer from the metal (gray) surface to that of the painted (black) surface ($\epsilon = 1$) at the same conditions. Use the heat flux sensor to measure the radiation emission from the plate. Mount the sensor onto the small aluminum block from the kit to provide a heat sink. Cover the heat flux sensor with a piece of black (electrical) tape to give a nearly black surface ($\epsilon = 1$) to the heat flux sensor and to hold it in place.

1. Put your hand close to the plate first over the unpainted half and then the painted half to feel the difference in radiation from the black and gray surfaces. Note how it feels if you move your hand farther away. **DO NOT TOUCH the plate. It is VERY hot.**

2. Without touching the plate, put your free thermocouple between the plate and heater to measure the plate temperature T_p . Hold the mounted heat flux sensor close, but not touching the plate, to measure the net radiation exchange. Take about 20 seconds of data for each of the black and gray surfaces and save in one file. Record the temperatures of the plate and sensor and the measured heat flux from each half of the plate to the sensor below.

	T_p (K)	T_s (K)	q''_{black} (W/m ²)	q''_{gray} (W/m ²)
measured				

3. Describe how the gray surface feels different than the black surface at the same temperature. Why is this?

4. To simplify the system analysis neglect convection and assume that the surfaces are very close (view factor between the sensor and plate is unity). Based on the equations in the introduction show that the ratio of the heat flux for the two cases should be directly proportional to the ratio of the emissivities of the surfaces. Because the sensor is assumed black ($\epsilon = 1$), show that the gray surface emissivity is equal to the ratio of the gray surface heat flux to the black surface heat flux. Use this equation to find the corresponding emissivity of the polished metal.

Show the equation and then evaluate, $\epsilon_{gray} =$

5. Explain why the plate did not feel as hot as you moved your hand away from the hot surface. (How does the view factor change?)

6. Based on the measured temperatures, calculate the black body emissive powers of the two surfaces, $E_b = \sigma T^4$. From the equations in the Introduction, calculate the predicted sensor heat flux from the black surface with $\epsilon_p = 1$ to the sensor, q''_{ps} . Explain any differences between the calculated q''_{ps} and measured q''_{black} values of heat flux.

	T_p (K)	T_s (K)	E_{bp} (W/m ²)	E_{bs} (W/m ²)	q''_{ps} (W/m ²)
calculated					

Show equations with calculations:

Heat Transfer Workshop 14 Creativity

Name _____

You've had a chance to use your heat flux sensor system for a number of measurements in the real world so far this semester. These were designed to help you discover and experience basic heat transfer concepts. This week is now for you to design an experiment yourself.

Use your heat flux system to make some novel measurements of heat flux and temperature. You simply need to record your data and then provide interpretation. Specifically, give a short description of your experiment (less than one page typed), including the following elements:

1. Background and motivation
2. Procedure
3. Results
4. Interpretation

This is your chance to be innovative and creative. Don't be afraid to try something new and different. Attach appropriate figures and graphs.