

CEN 3311 HEAT TRANSFER

PRINCIPLES OF HEAT FLOW IN FLUIDS:

Heat transfer from a warmer fluid to a cooler fluid through a solid wall separating the two fluids is common in chemical engineering practice.

The heat transferred may be:

- Latent heat accompanying a phase change such as condensation or vaporization, (the temp of one fluid is constant)
- Sensible heat from the rise or fall in the temperature of a fluid without any phase change.

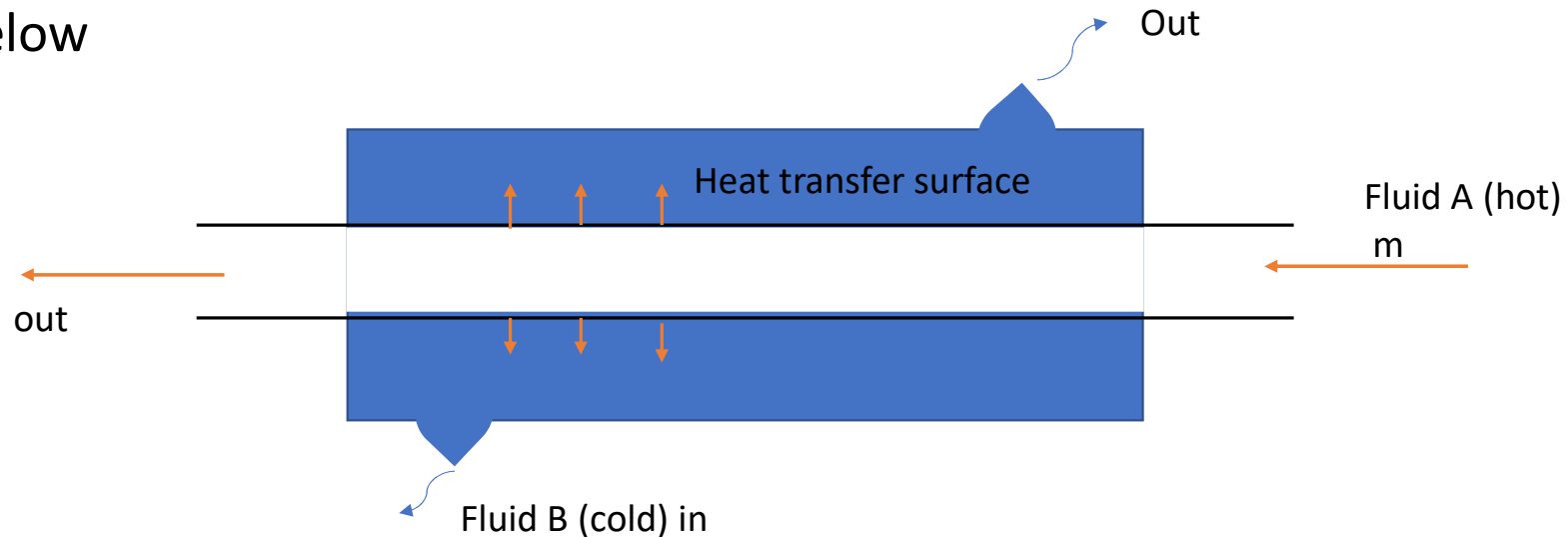
Typical examples are:

- Reducing the temperature of a fluid by transfer of sensible heat to a cooler fluids.
- Condensing steam using cooling water.
- Vaporizing water from a solution at a given pressure by condensing steam at a higher pressure.

All such cases require that heat be transferred by conduction and convection.

Typical heat exchanger equipment:

- **Double-pipe heat exchanger:** A simple double-pipe heat exchanger is shown below



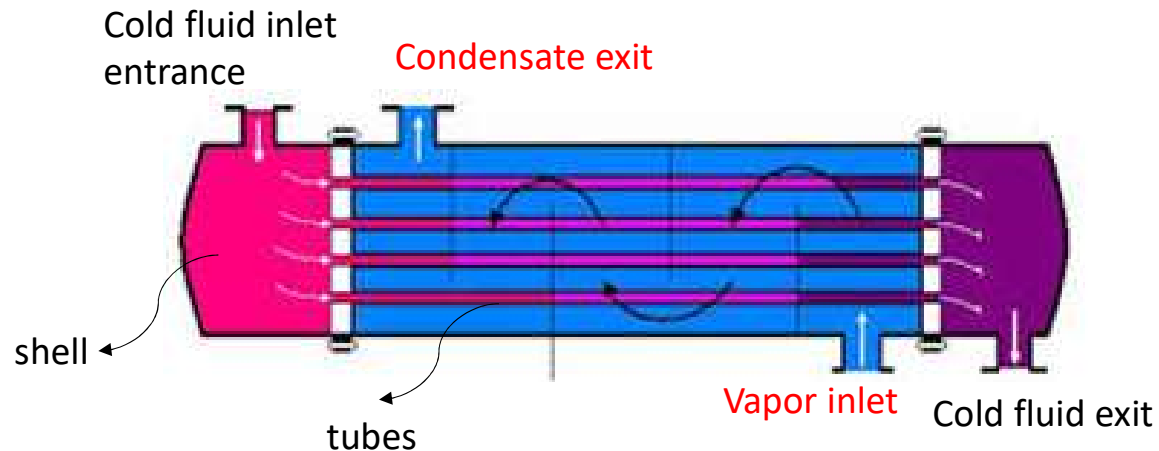
- Double-pipe exchangers are useful when not more than 100 to 500 ft^2 of surface area is required.

Tubular heat exchangers condensers (Shell and tube heat exchanger condensers):

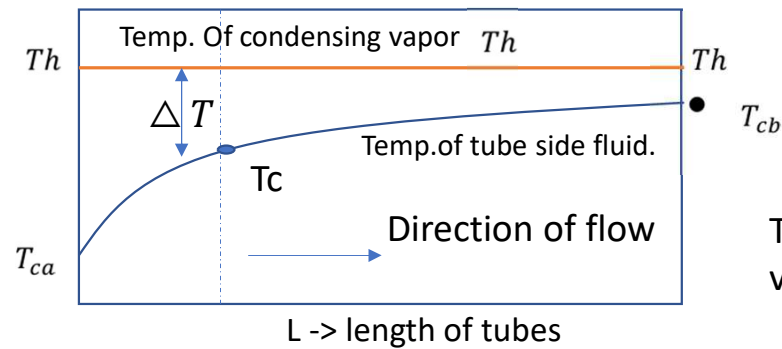
Shell and tube condensers consist of a bundle of parallel tubes. The bundle tube is inside a cylindrical shell.

This kind of equipment is also used as heat exchanger (not only condenser).

A typical angle pass tubular condenser is shown below:



- The temperatures of condensing vapor and of the liquid are plotted against the tube length in the following Figure.



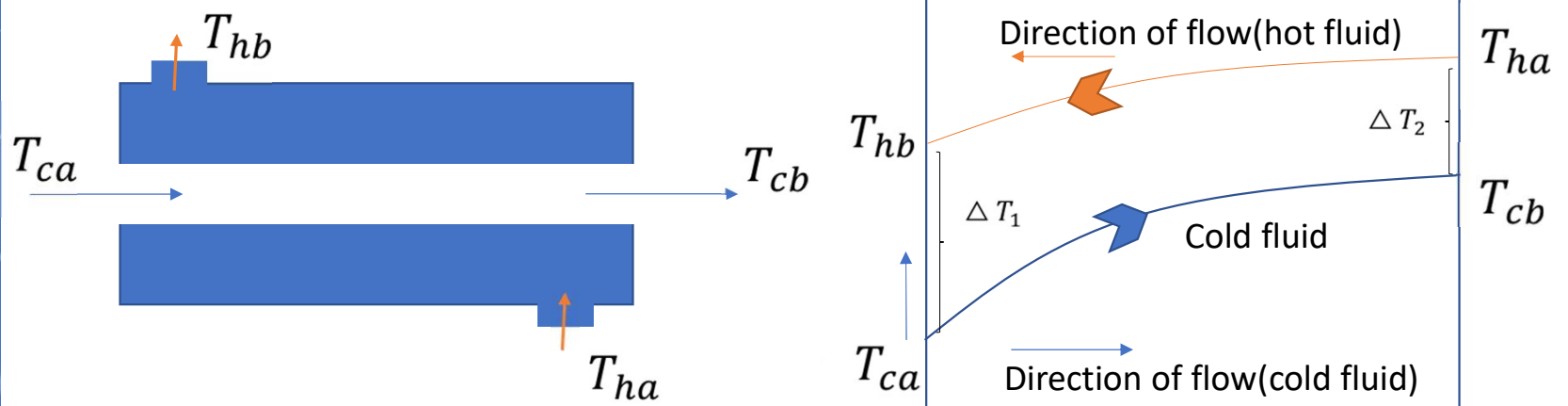
Temperature of the condensing vapor is constant

- The horizontal line represents the temperature of the condensing vapor. The curved line represents the rising temperature of the tube side fluid.
- During condensation, the temperature remains constant.

T_{ca} , T_{cb} → The inlet and outlet temperatures of the fluid.

T_h → The constant temperature of the vapor.

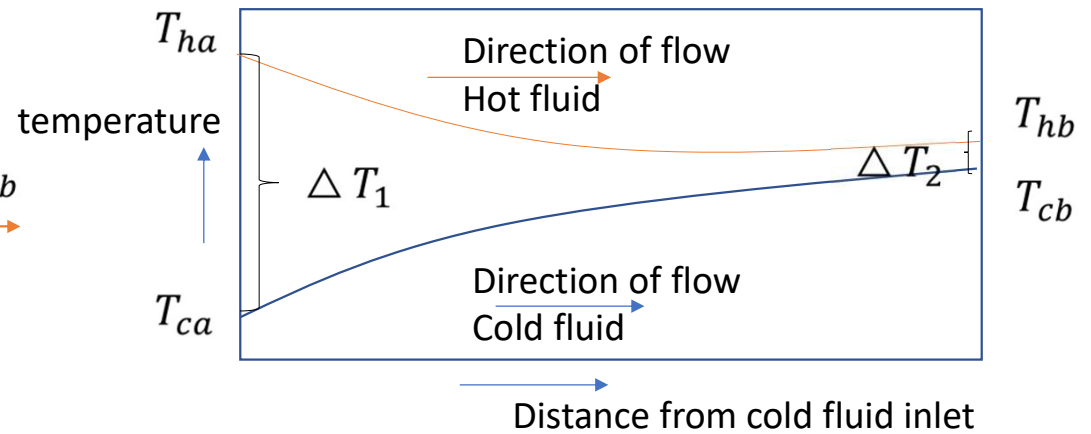
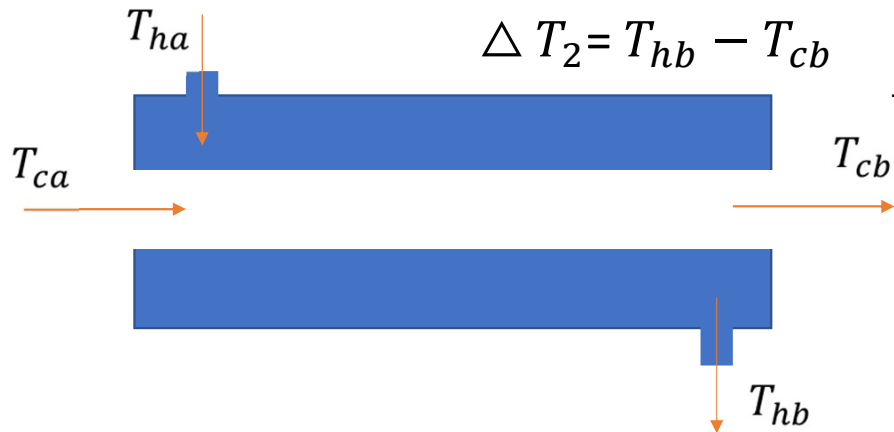
Countercurrent flow: The two fluids enter at different ends of the exchanger and pass in opposite direction through the unit.



T_{ha} → temperature of entering hot fluid
 T_{hb} → temperature of leaving hot fluid
 T_{ca} → temperature of entering cold fluid
 T_{cb} → temperature of leaving cold fluid

• The approaches are: $\Delta T_1 = T_{ha} - T_{ca}$

$$\Delta T_2 = T_{hb} - T_{cb}$$



Parallel flow: Parallel flow is used in special situations that are:

1. When it is important to change the temperature of one fluid very rapidly
2. When the exit temperature of the cold fluid is limited.