HEAT TRANSFER AND FRICTION COEFFICIENTS FOR TURBULENT FLOW OF AIR IN SMOOTH ANNULI AT HIGH TEMPERATURES*

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Abstract—Local heat transfer and averaged friction coefficients were measured for subsonic turbulent flow of air through two smooth annuli, with diameter ratios equal to 1·99 and 1·38, respectively, having the inner tube heated up to temperatures of 1000°C. The main experimental results can be summarized as follows

1. The local heat-transfer coefficients are correlated by:

\[ Nu_b = 0.018 \left( \frac{D_2}{D_1} \right)^{0.16} Re_b^{0.8} Pr_b^{0.4} \left( \frac{T_w}{T_b} \right)^{-0.2} \]

which gives the Petukhov and Roizen correlation [13] for low temperature differences \( T_w/T_b \rightarrow 1 \).

2. The average heat-transfer coefficients for the inner region of the annulus are correlated by:

\[ Nu_b = 0.0217 Re_b^{0.8} Pr_b^{0.4} \left( \frac{T_w}{T_b} \right)^{-0.2} \]

in excellent agreement with data for circular tubes (Dalle Donne–Bowditch correlation [1]).

3. The friction coefficients, both for the whole annulus and the inner region of it, are in excellent agreement with the correlations of Maubach [26] obtained by integration of the universal velocity profile of Nikuradse, provided that density of the fluid is evaluated at the temperature \( T_x = \sqrt{T_w T_b} \) and the kinematic viscosity at the temperature \( T_x \), as suggested by the experiments of Taylor for circular tubes [6].

NOMENCLATURE

Geometrical parameters

- \( D_1 \), diameter of the inner cylinder of the annulus [cm];
- \( D_2 \), diameter of the outer cylinder of the annulus [cm];
- \( l \), distance from the inlet of the section considered (the unheated entrance length not included) [cm];
- \( L \), total length of heated test section [cm];
- \( r_1 \), radius of the inner cylinder of the annulus [cm];
- \( r_2 \), radius of the outer cylinder of the annulus [cm];
- \( r_0 \), radius at which the two radial universal velocity profiles (from the inner and outer wall of the annulus) intersect, and which separates the inner from the outer region of the annulus [cm];
- \( r_m \), radius at which the two radial temperatures profiles intersect [cm];
- \( T_w \), temperature of the fluid entering the test section [°C];
- \( T_b \), temperature of the fluid leaving the test section [°C];
- \( T_x \), temperature at which density and kinematic viscosity were evaluated [°C].
\( S_1 \), outer surface of \( \frac{1}{10} \)th of the inner tube \( \pi D_1 L/10 \) [cm²];
\( S_2 \), inner surface of \( \frac{1}{10} \)th of the outer tube, \( \pi D_2 L/10 \) [cm²];
\( y \), radial distance from the wall of the considered point in the annulus cross section [cm].

Gas properties
\( c_p \), specific heat at constant pressure [cal/g °C];
\( k \), thermal conductivity [cal/cm s °C];
\( \gamma \), specific heat ratio [dimensionless];
\( \nu \), kinematic viscosity [cm²/s];
\( \rho \), density [g/cm³].

Temperatures
\( T_B \), \( T_B = (u_B^2/2 \cdot 10^7 Jc_p) \) = absolute static bulk temperature of the gas [°K];
\( T_E \), absolute total gas temperature at the test section entrance = absolute static gas temperature at the entrance (because the gas velocity is very small there) [°K];
\( T_T \), \( T_T + (Q_g/Mc_p) = \) absolute total bulk temperature of the gas [°K];
\( T_W_1 \), absolute temperature of the wall of the inner tube [°K];
\( T_W_2 \), absolute temperature of the wall of the outer tube [°K];
\( T_\infty \), absolute static gas temperature at the outer edge of the thermal boundary layer for a free stream geometry [°K];
\( T_x \), \( \sqrt{(T_w T_B)} \) = geometrical mean between wall and bulk temperature [°K];
\( T_1 \), gas bulk temperature of the inner region of the annulus [°K];
\( T_2 \), gas bulk temperature of the outer region of the annulus [°K].

Other physical parameters
\( h \), convective heat-transfer coefficient between inner tube surface and gas bulk [cal/cm² s °C];
\( J \), conversion factor from heat units to work units = 4.187 [W s/cal];
\( M \), mass flow rate of gas [g/s];
\( p \), absolute static pressure of the gas [dynes/cm²];
\( Q_g \), quantity of heat given to gas from entrance to the considered cross section of the annulus [cal/s];
\( q_e \), heat produced by Joule effect in a segment equal to \( \frac{1}{10} \)th in length of the inner tube [cal/s];
\( q_g \), heat given to gas in \( \frac{1}{10} \)th of the test section [cal/s];
\( q_g' \), heat given to gas directly by the inner tube in \( \frac{1}{10} \)th of the test section [cal/s];
\( q_g'' \), heat given to gas by the outer tube in \( \frac{1}{10} \)th of the test section [cal/s];
\( q_r \), heat lost radially by conduction through insulation for \( \frac{1}{10} \)th of test section [cal/s];
\( q_r' \), heat transmitted radially by radiation from inner tube to outer tube for \( \frac{1}{10} \)th of test section [cal/s];
\( q_g' \), heat given to gas directly by inner tube for unit surface [cal/cm² s];
\( u \), velocity of the gas [cm/s];
\( u_b, M/\rho B \), velocity of the bulk of the gas [cm/s];
\( u_{max} \), velocity for \( r = r_0 [\text{cm/s}] \);
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\[ \varepsilon_{12} = \frac{1}{\varepsilon_1} + S_1/S_2(1/\varepsilon_2 - 1) \] (dimensionless);

\[ \sigma, \] Stefan–Boltzmann constant \([\text{cal/cm}^2\text{s}^\circ\text{K}^4]\);

\[ \tau, \] shear stress at the wall \([\text{dynes/cm}^2]\).

Dimensionless groups

\[ f_B, 2\tau/\rho_Bu^2_B, \] friction coefficient (or friction factor) evaluated at the gas bulk temperature \(T_B\);

\[ f_1, 2\tau_1/\rho_1u^2_1, \] friction coefficient of the inner region of annulus;

\[ f_2, 2\tau_2/\rho_2u^2_2, \] friction coefficient of the outer region of annulus;

\[ Ma, u_B/\sqrt{(\gamma p/\rho_B)}, \] Mach number evaluated at the gas bulk temperature \(T_B\);

\[ Nu_B, h(D_2 - D_1)/k_B, \] Nusselt number evaluated at the gas bulk temperature \(T_B\);

\[ Pr_B, \nu_B\rho_Bc_{pB}/k_B, \] Prandtl number evaluated at the gas bulk temperature \(T_B\);

\[ Re_B, u_B(D_2 - D_1)/v_B, \] Reynolds number evaluated at the gas bulk temperature \(T_B\);

\[ Re_{w1}, u_1(D_2 - D_1)/v_{w1}, \] Reynolds number of the inner region of the annulus evaluated at the temperature \(T_1\);

\[ Re_{w1}, u_1(D_2 - D_1)/v_{w1}, \] Reynolds number of the inner region of the annulus evaluated at the temperature \(T_w\);

\[ u^+, u/u^*, \] dimensionless gas velocity;

\[ t^+, (T_w - T)/\rho c_p u^*, \] dimensionless gas temperature;

\[ y^+, yu^*/v, \] dimensionless radial distance from the wall;

\[ \beta, r_0/r_2, \] gas properties evaluated at the gas bulk temperature \(T_B\), it refers to the whole of the annulus;

\[ \gamma, r_m/r_2, \] gas properties evaluated at the wall temperature \(T_w\), it refers to the whole of the annulus;

\[ 1, \] it refers to the inner region of the annulus;

\[ 2, \] it refers to the outer region of the annulus;

\[ n, \] it refers to the \(n\)th cross section of the test section;

\[ n - 1, \] it refers to the \((n - 1)\)th cross section of the test section;

\[ \gamma, \] gas properties evaluated at the temperature \(T_x = \sqrt{(T_w \cdot T_B)}\).

1. INTRODUCTION

In fast reactor cores very high power densities are present. It is therefore necessary to improve the heat transfer from the fuel elements to the coolant as much as possible, especially with gas cooling, because gas is "per se" not a very good coolant. The fuel element wall temperatures will be rather high. During transients, temperatures as high as 1000°C or above are possible. It is therefore of interest to investigate the effect of such high temperatures on heat-transfer coefficient and friction factor for geometries similar to those adopted in fact reactor cores. The temperature effect is already well known for circular tube geometries [1–3], so it was decided to use in the experiment a geometry more similar to the one to be used in the core (bundle of parallel cylindrical rods), but still sufficiently simple to allow accuracy of results and simplification of experimental equipment. The annulus geometry with power production in the central rod is such a geometry. It was felt that not sufficiently reliable data were available regarding temperature effects on annuli, thus an experiment with two annuli with radii ratio 1:38 and 1:99 was planned.
The first results of this experiment have been already published [4]. Since then the experimental equipment has been improved in many ways, namely:

The test section is vertical and not horizontal thus reducing possible eccentricities between inner and outer tube.

The number of thermocouple measuring the temperature of the internal tube has been increased from 12 to 14, while 4 of the 14 thermocouples have been placed at the opposite side of the remaining to check for possible eccentricities in the annulus.

The number of thermocouples measuring the gas temperature at test section outlet has been increased from 2 to 6 to have a better measurement of the mixed mean gas outlet temperature.

Better instruments were used to measure the electrical heating power. We use now an Amperemeter of the class 0·2 and a Voltmeter of the class 0·5.

The inner tube supports are now considerably smaller, producing a much reduced temperature variation on the test section. Furthermore, the contact points between the supports and the annulus outer tube are made up of ceramic spheres which allow a relative axial movement of the two concentric tubes without unduly high friction.

Due account is now taken during the calculations of the friction and heat transfer coefficients of the dimensional changes in both tubes with temperature.

All these improvements have practically eliminated the effect of eccentricities between inner and outer tube and of the bowing of the inner tube on our experimental results. In presence of significant temperature differences between inner tube thermocouples placed at opposite sides, the test was rejected. Furthermore, the heat balances in the present experiments were considerably better than those relative to the experiments reported in [4]. All this has as a consequence that the correlations obtained in the present paper differ quite considerably from those reported in [4]. For the reasons stated above and also because the present results agree much better with theoretical considerations as we will see in the present paper, we consider the correlations of [4] as superseded by the present ones.

The program of the present experiment includes the study of the effect of high temperatures on artificial roughness, which is also of great importance for gas or superheated steam cooled fast reactor cores. These experiments have been performed and are being evaluated. Their results will be published in the next few months.

Although the gases foreseen as possible reactor coolants are helium, CO₂ or water superheated steam as in the experiments of [4], air is the coolant used in the present experiment. This simplifies the experiment very much. In [1] and [2] it has been shown that it is possible to obtain with air formulae valid for other gases as well, also for convective heat transfer in the presence of high temperature differences between wall and gas, provided the correlation formulae are chosen properly.

2. APPARATUS AND PROCEDURE

A turboblower driven by an electrical motor delivers air successively through an orifice plate assembly to measure flow rate, an adiabatic entrance length, an annulus formed by a stainless steel heater rod supported concentrically in a tube, and finally to atmosphere.

Electrical supply for the test section is obtained from a fixed ratio transformer (40 V, 2000 A maximum), the primary winding of this transformer being supplied by a voltage regulator, the output voltage of which may be varied from 0 to 220 V. The voltage regulator is connected to the supply net through a voltage stabilizer. Thus there is the possibility of varying continuously the power supply from 0 to 80 kW and to keep constant within ±0·5 per cent any value in this range.

The temperature of the internal tube heated surface is measured by means of 14 Platine thermocouples introduced in the center of the
heater element and electrically insulated with twin bore alumina tubing and then inserted into the wall of the stainless steel tube where they are peened over.

The outside tube of the annulus is insulated by a 50 mm thick calcium silicate slab contained between two layers of asbestos tape each about 7 mm thick. Twenty-two CrNi/Ni thermocouples are welded to the outer surface of this tube.

In five sections each 400 mm apart along the test section are placed static pressure measuring devices. In each section there are four pressure taps spaced at 90°. Thus one has the average static pressure in the section independently from local dissymmetries. In practice the four measured values in any section differed very little.

The gas temperatures at the inlet and at the outlet of the test section were measured respectively by means of a bare Platinum and seven Cr/Ni thermocouples, of which the four nearest to the test section outlet were shielded.

The gas temperature measurements were checked at every test by means of a comparison between the measured electrical power and the thermal power (heat to gas, plus heat losses through insulation). Tests with heat balances more than 5 per cent out were rejected.

The distribution of the power produced by Joule effect in the heater rod is known by measuring the voltage distribution along the tube. One leg of each thermocouple fixed on the inner tube is used as a voltage tapping.

The static calibration allowed also the measurement of the relative total emissivity \( \varepsilon_{12} \) between the two concentric tubes as a function of temperature. For the central portion of the test section where the temperatures \( T_{W1} \) and \( T_{W2} \) are constant, one can assume with a good approximation that the heat is transmitted by radiation in radial direction only. Thus one can use the formula valid for infinitely long concentric tubes

\[
q_r = \frac{\sigma S_1}{1 + S_1 \left( \frac{1}{\varepsilon_2} - 1 \right)} \left( T_{W1}^4 - T_{W2}^4 \right)
\]

The emissivity coefficient depends on both temperatures \( T_{W1} \) and \( T_{W2} \), but, in first approximation, \( \varepsilon_{12} = \varepsilon_1 \) because \( S_1/S_2 < 1 \) and we can assume that \( \varepsilon_{12} \) depends only on \( T_{W1} \). With the static calibration and the use of equation (1) it is possible to give \( \varepsilon_{12} \) as a function of \( T_{W1} \) for any test section.

During the tests the temperatures of inner and outer tubes, the voltage distribution along the inner tube and the pressure distribution along the annulus were measured.

The bulk gas total temperature was calculated in the following way. The test section is divided into ten equal parts along the length. For each part the heat produced in the inner tube by Joule effect \( (q_e) \) is calculated, knowing the electrical current and the voltage drop in that particular section. From the average value of \( T_{W2} \) of the section and the heat losses curve given by the static calibration one obtains the heat loss through the lagging \( (q_l) \). The difference between heat produced and heat lost gives the heat to the gas \( (q_d) \). Dividing this by the gas mass flow one obtains the increment in enthalpy of the gas in this section. The gas enthalpy at the inlet of the annulus is obtained from the gas temperature and pressure which are known. From the gas enthalpy and pressure distribution along the test section, one can calculate the total gas bulk temperature along the annulus.

To calculate the heat which goes by convection from the inner tube directly to the gas, it was necessary to subtract from \( q_d \) the heat which goes by radiation from the inner tube to the outer-tube and then by convection from the outer tube to the gas \( (q_{g2}) \), \( q_{g2} \) is given by the difference between \( q_r \), which one can obtain knowing \( T_{W1}, T_{W2}, \varepsilon_{12} \) (from the static calibration) and \( q_l \). Thus:

\[
q_{g1} = q_g - q_{g2} = q_g - (q_r - q_l) = q_e - q_l
\]

\[\begin{align*}
- q_r + q_l = q_e - q_r
\end{align*}\]  

(2)

The friction coefficients were calculated from the equation:
which requires the measurement of gas mass flow, pressure, and total gas temperature along the test section. This equation takes into account the pressure drop due to acceleration. Its derivation is shown in [4].

In the calculation of the heat transfer and friction coefficients, attention was confined to the central portion of the test section, where the heat flux to the gas was almost constant and the effect of conduction of heat along the test section walls was negligible. Calculations were performed for four stations, 60, 100, 140 and 180 cm distant from the point where the heating starts. All the average values given in the paper are relative to the three latter cross sections, the first being still affected by inlet effects.

More detailed information on the apparatus and on methods used to analyse the experimental data is reported in [4].

3. EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS

3.1 Friction factors

Figure 1 shows the average friction factor vs. Reynolds number, all the gas physical properties being evaluated at the gas bulk temperature. The local friction factors are affected by considerable higher scatter due to the smaller measured pressure drop. The error in the measurement and, consequently, the scattering of the points is reduced for the average friction factors because those refer to greater measured pressure drops. The following points are of interest:

The experimental points agree very well with the Prandtl-Nikuradse law of friction for smooth pipes for \( \text{Re}_B \geq 10^5 \), [5], while for \( \text{Re}_B = 10^4 \) they are about 15 per cent higher. The agreement with a theoretical line, valid for our annuli and with which we will deal in section 4, is better (10 per cent difference at \( \text{Re}_B = 10^4 \)).

No systematic difference within the accuracy of the experiment can be noticed between the two annuli.

No systematic difference can be noticed between isothermal friction coefficients and coefficients with heat transfer up to the maximum measured temperature of 1000°C.

This last point has a general character and deserves some comments. Taylor has recently correlated a large number of friction factors from many different authors for both laminar and turbulent flow of gases through a smooth tube with surface to fluid bulk temperature ratios from 0.35 to 7.35 [6]. While for the laminar flow he found that the friction coefficients could be predicted by the Dalle Donne-Bowditch relationship:

\[
f_B = \frac{16}{\text{Re}_w} \quad [1, 3]
\]

for the turbulent regime he suggested the correlation:

\[
\frac{f_B \sqrt{\left(\frac{T_w}{T_B}\right)}}{2} = 0.0007 + \frac{0.0625}{\text{Re}_w^{0.32}}.
\]

For the gases considered (air, nitrogen, carbon dioxide, helium and hydrogen) one can write with good approximation:

\[
\frac{\mu_w}{\mu_B} \approx \left(\frac{T_w}{T_B}\right)^{0.7} \quad (6)
\]

\[
\frac{\rho_w}{\rho_B} \approx \frac{T_B}{T_w} \quad (7)
\]

thus

\[
\text{Re}_B = \text{Re}_w \left(\frac{T_w}{T_B}\right)^{1.7} \quad (8)
\]

and equation (5) becomes:

\[
\frac{f_B}{2} = 0.0007 \left(\frac{T_w}{T_B}\right)^{-0.5} + \frac{0.0625}{\text{Re}_w^{0.32}} \left(\frac{T_w}{T_B}\right)^{-0.04} \quad (9)
\]

which is in the Reynolds number and temperature ratio ranges of the present experiment \( (8 \times 10^4 \leq \text{Re}_B \leq 2 \times 10^5; 1.3 \leq T_w/T_B \leq 2.6) \) practically coincident with the Prandtl-Niku-
radse law of friction with all the gas properties evaluated at the gas bulk temperature:

\[
\frac{1}{\sqrt{f_B}} = 4 \log [Re_B \sqrt{(f_B)}] - 0.40. \tag{10}
\]

This is confirmed by Figs. 2 and 3 which show the friction factors with heat transfer obtained in the present experiment both in the plot \( f_B \) vs. \( Re_B \) and \( f_B \sqrt{(T_w/T_B)} \) vs. \( Re_w \). For both annuli, no systematic difference can be noticed between the two correlation systems. However, in the larger Reynolds number and temperature ratio ranges considered by Taylor, equation (5) is necessary to correlate all the experimental points. It is interesting to notice that the correlation system \( f_B \sqrt{(T_w/T_B)} \) and \( Re_w \) is equivalent to assume that the friction velocity which appears in the universal velocity distribution is:

\[
u^* = \sqrt{(\tau/\rho_x)} \tag{11}
\]

where \( \tau = f_B (\rho_B u_B^2/2) \), \( \rho_x \) is evaluated at \( T_x = \sqrt{(T_w \cdot T_B)} \), while the kinematic viscosity is evaluated at \( T_w \). If these definitions are used, the universal velocity distribution remains the same.
in presence of large temperature differences between wall and gas as in the case of isothermal flow.

3.2 Heat transfer coefficients. Correlation with $T_W/T_B$

Figures 4–9 show the ratio $Nu_p/Re_B^{0.8} Pr_B^{0.4}$ vs. $T_W/T_B$ for various $l/D$'s and two different values of $D_2/D_1$. In this, one assumes that the Reynolds number effect is at the exponent 0.8, how it was found by almost all the previous authors for fluids in turbulent regime, and the Prandtl number effect is at the exponent 0.4. The exponent of $Pr_B$ is usually taken as 0.4 although in some cases other values are given. Due to the very small variations of the Prandtl number of gases the precision with which it is possible to measure this exponent is very low.
Conversely its variations have little effect on heat-transfer coefficients, e.g. the sometimes used value 0.33 makes only 2.5 per cent difference on \( N_u_B \).

As many authors before, we used the ratio \( T_w/T_B \) to take into account the effect of the variations of fluid properties in any section of the annulus due to large temperature differences between wall and gas temperatures.

From the figures one can see that the equations which correlate the experimental points are the following:

\[
N_u_B = 0.0190 \, \text{Re}_B^{0.8} \, \text{Pr}_B^{0.4} \left( \frac{T_w}{T_B} \right)^{-c}
\]

for \( \frac{D_2}{D_1} = 1.99 \) (12)
Fig. 7. Local heat transfer coefficients vs. $T_w/T_B$, $D_2/D_1 = 1.38; l/D = 52.3$.

Fig. 8. Local heat transfer coefficients vs. $T_w/T_B$, $D_2/D_1 = 1.38; l/D = 72.3$. 
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Fig. 9. Local heat transfer coefficients vs. $T_w/T_B$, $D_2/D_1 = 1.38$; $l/D = 94.1$.

Fig. 10. The exponent $C$ vs. $l/D$. 

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The text in the image includes equations and figures related to heat transfer and friction coefficients. The figures show graphs with data points and curves indicating the relationship between various variables. The text mentions specific values and conditions, such as $l/D$ and $T_w/T_B$, and refers to previous works by Dulle Donne-Bowditch and others. The figures likely illustrate the results of experiments or simulations under certain conditions.
and

\[ Nu_b = 0.0186 \, Re_B^{0.8} \, Pr_B^{0.4} \left( \frac{T_W}{T_n} \right)^{-c} \]

for \( \frac{D_2}{D_1} = 1.38 \) \hspace{1cm} (13)

where the exponent \( C \) is a function of \( l/D \). Figure 10 shows the exponent \( C \) vs. \( l/D \) for the experiments reported in the present paper and from various other authors for flow inside a pipe. The values of \( C \), obtained in the present work for the two annuli investigated, lay below the values for the tube geometry, the general tendency to increase linearly with \( l/D \) being maintained. It should be noticed that the uncertainty assigned to \( C \) is considerable due to the difficulty to determine the value of the factor

\[ A = \left( \frac{Nu_b}{Re_B^{0.8} \, Pr_B^{0.4}} \right)_{T_W/T_n=1} \]

However, the discrepancy between the various curves of Fig. 10 is probably more apparent than real, because to greater values of \( C \) correspond for different authors greater values of \( A \). These two differences compensate in fact each other, so that the values of \( Nu_b/Re_B^{0.8} \, Pr_B^{0.4} \), in the region where most measurements lay \((1.5 \leqslant (T_W/T_n) \leqslant 2)\), are much closer than Fig. 10 would at first sight indicate.

Figure 11 shows the factor \( A \) vs. \( D_1/D_2 \) from experiments and theories of many different authors. Of the experimental points of Puchov and Vinogradov \cite{12} only those for \( L/D > 45 \) have been plotted in Fig. 11, assuming that in the other test sections shorter than \( L/D = 30 \), no really fully established flow was reached. The empirical correlation of Petukhov and Roizen \cite{13} describes quite well the experimental points, inclusive of the two obtained in the present work:

\[ A = 0.018 \left( \frac{D_2}{D_1} \right)^{0.16} \xi \] \hspace{1cm} (14)

where

\[ \xi = 1 \quad \text{for} \quad \frac{D_1}{D_2} \geq 0.2 \]

and

\[ \xi = 1 + 7.5 \left( \frac{D_2/D_1 - 5}{Re_B} \right)^{0.6} \quad \text{for} \quad \frac{D_1}{D_2} < 0.2. \]

\( \xi \) is a correction factor accounting for the fact that according to the data of Petukhov and Roizen the exponent of the Reynolds number is smaller than 0.8 at \( D_1/D_2 \leq 0.143 \).

The correlation of Barthels \cite{14} and of Buleev, Molosova and Eltsova \cite{17, 18} agree reasonably well with equation (14), while Rapier \cite{11} tends to give too low values of \( A \), especially in the region of small \( D_1/D_2 \)'s. The two experimental points of Furber, Green and Vivian \cite{20} would lay considerably above the Petukhov–Roizen line. This is very likely due to the fact that in this experiment the fully established flow was not reached.

3.3 Heat transfer coefficients. Correlation with \( T_W/T_E \)

In recent time the ratio \( T_W/T_E \) has been used in place of \( T_W/T_B \) to correlate high temperature heat-transfer coefficients with forced convection of gases in tubes \cite{1-4, 21}. This was done to try to eliminate the \( l/D \) effect on the exponent \( C \). It was thought that the temperature profile, in analogy to the velocity profile, would become fully established after 15–30 diameters in turbulent regime, thus the \( l/D \) effect on \( C \) at values as high as \( l/D = 300 \) \cite{1} would have been given by the wrong choice of the temperature parameter rather than by a real entrance or boundary effect.

The choice of the parameter \( T_W/T_E \) was suggested by the comparison of the growth of the thermal boundary layer in a duct (closed geometry) and along a flat plate (free-stream geometry). For a free stream geometry the temperature-dependent fluid properties are accounted by the ratio \( T_W/T_\infty \). Because for a
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Fig. 11. The factor $A = \left( \frac{N_u_B}{Re_B^{0.8}Pr_B^{0.4}} \right)_{T_w/T_a = 1}$ vs. $D_1/D_2$.

Fig. 12. Local heat transfer coefficients vs. $T_w/T_e$, $D_2/D_1 = 1.99$. 
closed geometry $T_w$ corresponds to $T_w$ for a free stream geometry, the assumption of $T_w/T_E$ as the characteristic temperature parameter implies that the thermal boundary layer in a duct develops, at least in the region nearest to the wall which is the most important for the heat-transfer coefficient, like that of a flat-plate. This assumption is perfectly reasonable because the thickness of the boundary laminar sublayer is always much smaller than the hydraulic radius of the duct. A more theoretical explanation, based on dimensional analysis is given in [22].

Figures 12 and 13 show the ratio $N_{u_B}/Re_B^{0.8}Pr_B^{0.4}$ vs. $T_w/T_E$ for various $l/D$'s and the two different values of $D_2/D_1$. The $l/D$ effect is practically eliminated for both test sections. The equations which correlate the points are the following:

$$Nu_B = 0.0186 \frac{Re_B^{0.8}Pr_B^{0.4}}{T_w/T_E} \left( \frac{T_w}{T_E} \right)^{-0.2} \quad \text{for } \frac{D_2}{D_1} = 1.99 \quad (15)$$

and

$$Nu_B = 0.0184 \frac{Re_B^{0.8}Pr_B^{0.4}}{T_w/T_E} \left( \frac{T_w}{T_E} \right)^{-0.2} \quad \text{for } \frac{D_2}{D_1} = 1.38. \quad (16)$$

Within the accuracy of the present experiment one can say that:

$$\left( \frac{Nu_B}{Re_B^{0.8}Pr_B^{0.4}} \right)_{T_w/T_E=1} = \left( \frac{Nu_B}{Re_B^{0.8}Pr_B^{0.4}} \right)_{T_w/T_E=1} \quad (17)$$

Therefore from equations (14)-(17) one has:

$$Nu_B = 0.018 \left( \frac{D_2}{D_1} \right)^{0.164} \frac{Re_B^{0.8}Pr_B^{0.4}}{T_w/T_E} \left( \frac{T_w}{T_E} \right)^{-0.2} \quad (18)$$

The exponent of the parameter $T_w/T_E$ found in the present experiment is rather close to the one found previously by the authors also for annuli ($-0.18$) [4], but smaller than the values found for a tube: $-0.255$ for a tube with long
unbeated entrance length, and $-0.304$ for a tube with short entrance length \[2, 3\]. This could possibly be due to the same uncertainties discussed above for the exponent $C$, or could be due to the different geometry (annulus, tube with long unheated entrance length, tube with short entrance length).

4. SEPARATION OF THE INNER AND OUTER REGION OF THE ANNULI

As one can see from equations (15) and (16), the heat transfer coefficients for the annuli investigated in the present experiment are about 20 per cent lower than those for the flow inside a circular tube, where the coefficient $A$ is generally taken as equal to 0.022 \[1\]. This had to be expected because, contrary to the latter, in an annulus, heat is transferred beyond the shear-stress-equal-zero line towards the outer region of the annulus. To compare our experiments with the data for a circular tube we devised a method to separate the outer from the inner region of the annulus. This method will also be useful to evaluate the experimental data with an annulus having an inner rough rod.

Originally it was assumed by Hall \[23\] that the separation line, i.e. the line for $r = 0$, was coincident with the line of maximum velocity. Kjellström and Hedberg showed that these two lines were not coincident in turbulent regime and in presence of central rough rods \[24\], i.e. in presence of a strongly not-symmetrical velocity profile, possible also with smooth annuli with small $D_1/D_2$ ratios. This discrepancy has been investigated in more detail and confirmed by many experimental results in a recent paper of Maubach and Rehme \[25\].

We apply here a method suggested by K. Maubach \[26\] which satisfies the experiments of Kjellström and Hedberg. This method was developed for isothermal conditions, and we extended it to the case of heat transfer to the fluid, with the assumption that the velocity profile, in terms of the law of the wall, is not affected by the temperature profile. This is legitimate within the conditions of the present experiment, as we have already discussed in section 3.1 (see also Figs. 2 and 3). Nikuradse found that the velocity profile in a smooth circular tube is given by \[27\]:

$$u^+ = 2.5 \ln y^+ + 5.5.$$  \tag{19}

Maubach assumes that this velocity profile is valid for the outer and inner regions of an annulus and that the line $r = 0$ is given by the intersection of the two velocities profiles starting from the respective walls. Although mathematically at this intersection the velocity has a maximum, he shows that the agreement with the line $r = 0$ experimentally determined by Kjellström and Hedberg is excellent. At the intersection one has:

$$\frac{u_{\text{max}}}{\sqrt{\tau_1/\rho_1}} = 2.5 \ln \left[ \frac{r_0 - r_1}{v_1} \sqrt{\frac{\tau_1}{\rho_1}} \right] + 5.5$$  \tag{20}

$$\frac{u_{\text{max}}}{\sqrt{\tau_2/\rho_2}} = 2.5 \ln \left[ \frac{r_2 - r_0}{v_2} \sqrt{\frac{\tau_2}{\rho_2}} \right] + 5.5.$$  \tag{21}

Integrating equation (19) in the two regions one obtains the friction factors for the inner and outer regions of the annulus:

$$\sqrt{\left( \frac{2}{f_1} \right)} = 2.5 \ln \left[ \frac{r_0 - r_1}{v_1} \sqrt{\frac{\tau_1}{\rho_1}} \right] + 5.5 - G_1$$  \tag{22}

$$\sqrt{\left( \frac{2}{f_2} \right)} = 2.5 \ln \left[ \frac{r_2 - r_0}{v_2} \sqrt{\frac{\tau_2}{\rho_2}} \right] + 5.5 - G_2$$  \tag{23}

where

$$G_1 = \frac{3.75K_0 + 1.25r_0/r_1}{1 + r_0/r_1}$$

$$G_2 = \frac{3.75K_0 + 1.25r_0/r_2}{1 + r_0/r_2}$$

and $K_0 = 1.0576$ is an empirical factor which takes into account in the integration of the
laminar sublayer near the surface. Taking the definitions:

\[ r_1/r_2 = \alpha \quad r_o/r_2 = \beta \]  

(24)

considering that

\[ \sqrt{(\tau/\rho)} = \bar{u} \sqrt{(f_B/2)} \]  

(25)

that the pressure drops is the same for both regions:

\[ \sqrt{(\tau_1)} = \sqrt{\left[ \frac{\beta^2 - \alpha^2}{\alpha(1 - \alpha)} \right]} \quad \sqrt{(\tau_2)} = \sqrt{\left[ \frac{1 - \beta^2}{1 - \alpha} \right]} \]  

(26)

considering furthermore the definition of \( Re_B \) from equations (20), (21) and (24)–(26) it follows:

\[
\sqrt{\left( \frac{\rho_2}{\rho_1} \right)} \sqrt{\left[ \frac{\beta^2 - \alpha^2}{\alpha(1 - \beta^2)} \right]} = \frac{2.5 \ln \left[ \frac{1 - \beta}{2(1 - \alpha)} \right] \sqrt{\left[ \frac{1 - \beta^2}{1 - \alpha} \right]} Re_B \sqrt{\left( \frac{f_B}{2} \right)} \sqrt{\left( \frac{\rho_B}{\rho_2} \right)} \sqrt{\left( \frac{v_B}{v_2} \right)} + 5.5 \]  

(27)

\( Re_B \) and \( f_B \) are measured in the experiment (see equation (3)), \( \rho_B \) and \( v_B \) are known because we measure gas pressure and temperature along the tube, \( \alpha \) is measured accurately for each test section at the beginning of the test, \( v_1, v_2, \rho_1 \) and \( \rho_2 \) are known once the mean gas temperatures \( T_1 \) and \( T_2 \) in the two regions of the annulus are known, so that the only unknown \( \beta \), which determines the separation line between the two regions, can be obtained by equation (27).

Determination of two mean gas temperatures \( T_1 \) and \( T_2 \)

Our extension of the Maubach method consists in the derivation of equation (27) in which it is taken into account of the different physical properties of the two regions of the fluid. To do so, it is necessary to evaluate the mean gas temperatures \( T_1 \) and \( T_2 \) of the two regions. We assume with Gowen and Smith [28, 29] that the temperature profiles in the two regions are given by a "law of the wall" of the type:

\[ t^+ = A_s \ln y^+ + B_s \]  

(28)

For the inner region of the annulus, between \( r = r_1 \) and \( r = r_o \), the integration of equation (28) gives:

\[ qT_1 = T_w - \frac{q_d}{\rho_1 c_p u^*_1} \left\{ A_s \ln \left[ \frac{r_0 - r_1}{u^*_1} \right] + B_s - A_s \frac{1.5 + 0.5\beta/\alpha}{1 + \beta/\alpha} \right\} \]  

(29)

where

\[ u^*_1 = \sqrt{\left( \frac{\tau_1}{\rho_1} \right)} = \sqrt{\left[ \frac{\beta^2 - \alpha^2}{\alpha(1 - \alpha)} \right]} \frac{Re_B v_B}{2(r_o - r)} \]

and \( q \) is a correction factor which will be determined by the heat balance, how explained below.

For the outer region of the annulus, between \( r = r_0 \) and \( r = r_2 \), the integration of equation (29) gives:

\[ qT_2 = \frac{\delta^2 - \beta^2}{1 - \beta^2} \left\{ T_w - \frac{q_d}{\rho_1 c_p u^*_1} \left[ \left( \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\alpha}{\delta + \beta} \right) \right] + \frac{A_s}{\lambda - \beta^2} \times \left( \frac{B_s - A_s \left( \frac{1}{2} \right)}{\rho_2 c_p u^*_2} \right) \right\} \]

\[ - \frac{\delta^2 - \alpha^2}{\rho_2 c_p u^*_2} \left[ \ln \left( \frac{r_m - r_o}{u^*_1} \right) \right] + \frac{1 - \delta^2}{1 - \beta^2} \]

\[ \times \left\{ T_w - \frac{q_d}{\rho_2 c_p u^*_2} \left[ B_s - A_s \left( \frac{1}{2} \right) \frac{1}{1 + \delta} \right] \right\} \]
where

\[ u_2^* = \sqrt{\frac{\tau_2}{\rho_2}} = \sqrt{\frac{(1 - \beta^2)}{1 - \alpha}} \frac{Re_B \nu_B}{2(r_2 - r_1)} \times \sqrt{\left(\frac{f_B}{2}\right) \sqrt{\left(\frac{\rho_B}{\rho_2}\right)}}. \]

At the line of intersection between the two temperatures profiles for \( r = r_m \) \((r_m/r_2 = \delta)\), the gas temperature has a minimum, and for continuity one has:

\[ T_w - \frac{q_{w1}}{\rho_1 c_{p1} u_1^*} \left[ A_{n} \ln \left( \frac{r_m - r_1 u_1^*}{v_1} \right) + B_{n1} \right] = T_{w2} - \frac{q_{w2}}{\rho_2 c_{p2} u_2^*} \left[ A_{n} \ln \left( \frac{r_2 - r_m u_2^*}{v_2} \right) + B_{n2} \right]. \]

Furthermore from equations (22), (23), (25) and (26) one obtains:

\[ \sqrt{\left(\frac{f_{1}}{2}\right)} = 2.5 \ln \left[ \frac{\beta - \alpha}{2(1 - \alpha)} \sqrt{\frac{(\beta^2 - \alpha^2)}{\alpha(1 - \alpha)}} \right] Re_B \]

\[ \times \sqrt{\left(\frac{f_B}{2}\right) \frac{\nu_B}{v_1} \sqrt{\left(\frac{\rho_B}{\rho_1}\right)}} + 5.5 - G_1 \] \hspace{1cm} (32)

\[ \sqrt{\left(\frac{f_{2}}{2}\right)} = 2.5 \ln \left[ \frac{1 - \beta}{2(1 - \alpha)} \sqrt{\frac{1 - \beta^2}{1 - \alpha}} \right] Re_B \]

\[ \times \sqrt{\left(\frac{f_B}{2}\right) \frac{\nu_B}{v_2} \sqrt{\left(\frac{\rho_B}{\rho_2}\right)}} + 5.5 - G_2. \] \hspace{1cm} (33)

The heat balance is given by:

\[ \pi (r_2^2 - r_1^2) \rho_B u_B c_{pB} (T_B - T_{B(n-1)}) = \pi (r_0^2 - r_1^2) \rho_1 u_1 c_{p1} (T_1n - T_{1(n-1)}) \]

\[ + \pi (r_2^2 - r_0^2) \rho_2 u_2 c_{p2} (T_2n - T_{2(n-1)}) \] \hspace{1cm} (34)

that is:

\[ c_{pB} (T_{Bn} - T_{B(n-1)}) = \frac{r_2^2 - r_1^2}{r_2^2 - r_1^2} \rho_1 \frac{u_1}{u_B} \]

\[ \times c_{p1} (T_{1n} - T_{1(n-1)}) \]

\[ + \frac{r_2^2 - r_0^2}{r_2^2 - r_1^2} \rho_2 \frac{u_2}{u_B} c_{p2} (T_{2n} - T_{2(n-1)}), \] \hspace{1cm} (35)

From equations (24)–(26) one obtains:

\[ \frac{r_2^2 - r_0^2}{r_2^2 - r_1^2} \rho_2 \frac{u_2}{u_B} = \frac{\beta^2 - \alpha^2}{1 - \alpha} \sqrt{\frac{(\beta^2 - \alpha^2)}{\alpha(1 - \alpha)}} \]

\[ \times \sqrt{(f_B/f_1)} \sqrt{(\rho_1/\rho_B)} = C \] \hspace{1cm} (36)

\[ \frac{r_2^2 - r_0^2}{r_2^2 - r_1^2} \rho_2 \frac{u_2}{u_B} = \frac{1 - \beta^2}{1 - \alpha} \sqrt{\frac{(1 - \beta^2)}{1 - \alpha}} \]

\[ \times \sqrt{(f_B/f_2)} \sqrt{(\rho_2/\rho_B)} = D \]

Furthermore from equations (22), (23), (25) and (26) one obtains:

\[ \frac{1}{q} = \frac{c_{pB} (T_{Bn} - T_{B(n-1)}) + C c_{p1} T_{1(n-1)} + D c_{p2} T_{2(n-1)}}{c_{pB} q T_2 C + c_{p2} q T_2 D} \] \hspace{1cm} (37)
that the effect of the variation of the fluid properties on the temperature distribution is concentrated on $B_s$ in the same way as, for instance, the sand roughness on the wall effects only the constant part and not the coefficient of $\ln y^+$ in equation (19) \cite{30}. The relation between $B_s$ and $T_w/T_B$ is of course not known. We tried therefore various correlations until the corresponding obtained values of $q$ were as near as possible to the value 1 for all the experimental points and no systematic deviation of $q$ from 1 could be observed. In other words we tried to determine the relation between $B_s$ and $T_w/T_B$ indirectly from our measurements of wall temperatures, heat fluxes and from the heat balance. Figure 14 gives the values of $1/q$ for the chosen correlation of $B_s$:

$$B_s = 4.5 + 15.9 \ln \left( \frac{T_w}{T_B} \right).$$

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Fig. 16. Average friction coefficients for the inner region of the annulus, $D_2/D_1 = 1.99$.

Fig. 17. Average friction coefficients for the inner region of the annulus, $D_2/D_1 = 1.38$.

Fig. 18. Average friction coefficients for the inner region of the annulus, Taylor correlation, $D_2/D_1 = 1.99$. 

[Diagram showing graphs with various data points and labels indicating conditions such as $T_w$, $P_r$, and $Pr$ for different temperatures and Prandtl–Nikuradse correlations.]
Once $T_1$ is known, $f_1$ is obtained from equation (32) and

$$Re_1 = Re_B \frac{\beta^2 - \alpha^2}{\alpha(1 - \alpha)} \sqrt{\frac{\beta^2 - \alpha^2}{\alpha(1 - \alpha)}}$$

$$\times \sqrt{\left(\frac{f_B}{f_1}\right) \left(\frac{\rho_B}{\rho_1}\right) \frac{v_B}{v_1}}$$

(39)

$$Nu_1 = \frac{q_{B1}}{(T_{W1} - T_1)} k_1 \frac{\beta^2 - \alpha^2}{\alpha} 2r_2.$$  

(40)

Figure 15 shows the ratio $Nu_1/(Re_1^{0.8} Pr_1^{0.4})$ vs. $T_W/T_E$. Unlike in Figs. 12 and 13, here the values are averages, because the determination of $Nu_1$ and $Re_1$ depend on the friction factor $f_1$ and, as we have explained in section 3.1, the average values of the friction factors are less affected by measurement errors than the local values.

For both test sections the points can be correlated by:

$$Nu_1 = 0.0217 Re_1^{0.8} Pr_1^{0.4} \left(\frac{T_{W1}}{T_E}\right)^{-0.2}$$

(41)

which is in close agreement with the correlation recommended in [1] for flow in circular tubes.

Figures 16 and 17 show values of $f_1$ vs. $Re_1$ for the two test sections.

In [26] a friction correlation in isothermal conditions ($f = f(Re, \alpha)$) for the whole of the annulus as well as for the inner and outer regions of the annulus was obtained from equations (22), (23) and the continuity condition. Figures 16 and 17 show an excellent agreement of this correlation with our experimental points for Reynolds numbers greater than 15000. In Fig. 1 it is shown that the agreement of the correlation of [26] for the whole annulus with our experimental points is better than the Prandtl-Nikuradse law for circular tubes.

Figures 18 and 19 show $f_1 \sqrt{(T_{W1}/T_1)}$ vs. $Re_{W1}$, whereby in this case the values of $f_1$ and $Re_{W1}$ have been obtained using $\rho_2, \rho_1, \rho_2, v_{W1}, v_{W1}, v_{W2}$ in place of $\rho_B, \rho_1, \rho_2, v_B, v_1, v_2$, respectively in equations (27)-(37). The difference from Figs. 16 and 17 is here more marked than for the friction factors for the whole annulus (Figs. 3 and 4), due to the fact that the new values of $\rho$ and $v$ produce slightly different values of $\beta$ (position of the separation line between the two region of the annulus). The agreement with the correlations of [26] is excellent even for Reynolds numbers smaller than 15000, suggesting that the definition of the friction velocity given by equation (11) is applicable in presence of large temperature differences not only to tubes, as the experiments of Taylor show, but to annuli as well.
5. CONCLUSIONS

Local heat transfer and averaged friction coefficients were measured for subsonic turbulent flow of air through two smooth annuli, with diameter ratios equal to 1:99 and 1:38, respectively, having the inner tube heated up to temperatures of 1000°C. The main experimental results can be summarized as follows:

1. The local heat-transfer coefficients are correlated by:

\[ Nu = 0.018 \left( \frac{D_2}{D_1} \right)^{0.16} \frac{Re^{0.8} Pr^{0.4}}{T_w/T_E} \]

which gives the Petukhov and Roizen correlation [13] for low temperature differences \((T_w/T_E \rightarrow 1)\).

2. The average heat-transfer coefficients for the inner region of the annulus are correlated by:

\[ Nu = 0.0217 Re^{0.8} Pr^{0.4} \left( \frac{T_w}{T_E} \right)^{-0.2} \]

in excellent agreement with data for circular tubes (Dalle Donne–Bowditch correlation [1]).

3. The friction coefficients, both for the whole annulus and the inner region of it, are in excellent agreement with the correlations of Maubach [26] obtained by integration of the universal velocity profile of Nikuradse, provided that density of the fluid is evaluated at the temperature \(T_x = \sqrt{(T_w \cdot T_E)}\) and the kinematic viscosity at the temperature \(T_x\), as suggested by the experiments of Taylor for circular tubes [6].

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Zusammenfassung—Gemessen wurden die lokalen Wärmeübergangs- und mittleren Reibungskoeffizienten einer turbulenten Unterschall-Luftströmung durch zwei glatte Ringräume mit einem Durchmesserverhältnis von 1:99 bzw. 1:38. Das innere Rohr wurde auf Temperaturen bis 1000°C erhitzt. Die wichtigsten Versuchsergebnisse können wie folgt zusammengefasst werden:

1. Zwischen den lokalen Wärmeübergangskoeffizienten gilt die Beziehung

\[ N_u = 0.018 \left( \frac{D_1}{D_2} \right)^{0.16} Re_b^{0.8} Pr_b^{0.4} \left( \frac{T_w}{T_e} \right)^{-0.2} \]

was für kleine Temperaturdifferenzen \((T_w/T_e \rightarrow 1)\) die Korrelation von Petukhov und Roizen [13] ergibt.

2. Zwischen den mittleren Wärmeübergangskoeffizienten für den inneren Bereich des Ringraums gilt die Beziehung

\[ N_u = 0.0217 Re_b^{0.8} Pr_b^{0.4} \left( \frac{T_w}{T_e} \right)^{-0.2} \]

und hier ergibt sich eine ausgezeichnete Übereinstimmung mit den für kreisförmige Rohre gewonnenen Werten (Korrelation von Dalle Donne und Bowdicht [1]).

3. Die Reibungskoeffizienten für den Gesamtringraum und für seinen inneren Bereich stimmen ausgezeichnet mit den Korrelationen von Maubach [26] überein, die man durch Integration des universellen Geschwindigkeitsprofils von Nikuradse erhält, wenn die Flüssigkeitsdichte bei Temperatur \(T_e\) und die Bewegungszähigkeit bei Temperatur \(T_w\) bestimmt werden, was aus den von Taylor mit kreisförmigen Rohren durchgeführten Experimenten hervorgeht [6].