

Single-Phase Microchannel Heat Sinks

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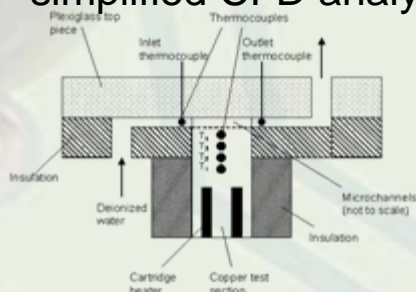
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OBJECTIVE

Map single-phase pressure drop and heat transfer behavior in microchannels, and assess the validity of conventional theory in predicting microchannel transport

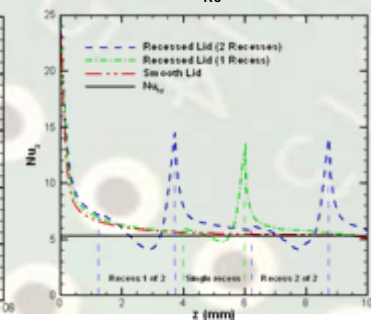
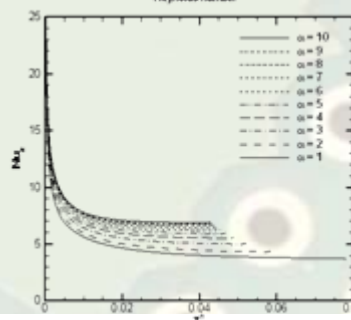
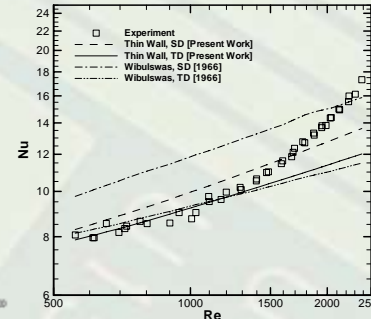
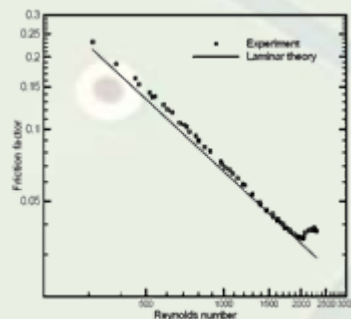
APPROACH

- Careful and systematic experimental investigations
- Full 3D conjugate and simplified CFD analyses



IMPACT

- Showed that a conventional analysis approach is applicable if the entrance and boundary conditions are correctly matched
- Developed generalized Nusselt number correlations for laminar thermally developing flow for predicting heat transfer performance in rectangular microchannels
- Devised a passive mean of modulating flow in microchannels which can lead to significant local heat transfer enhancement



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