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**Fundamentals of Chemical Engineering Laboratory
Prelab Preparation for**

**Frictional Losses in
Straight Pipe**

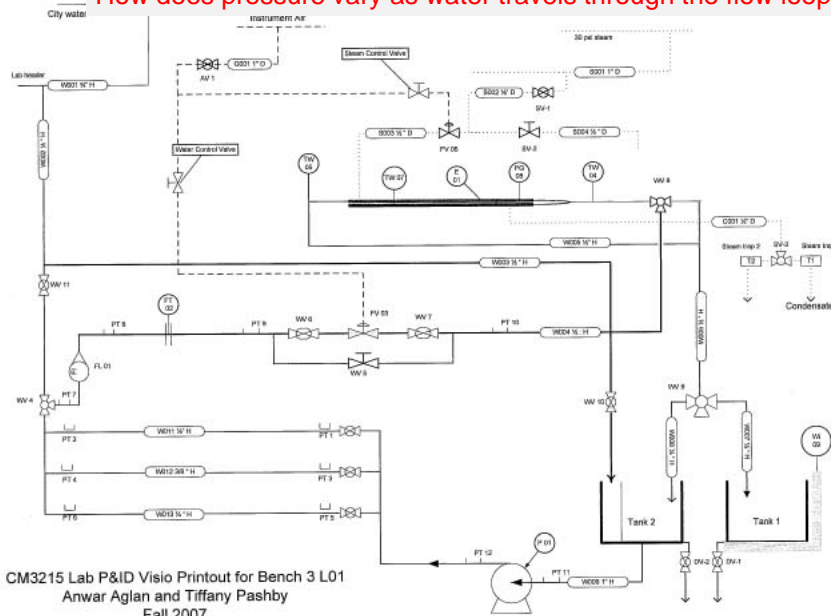
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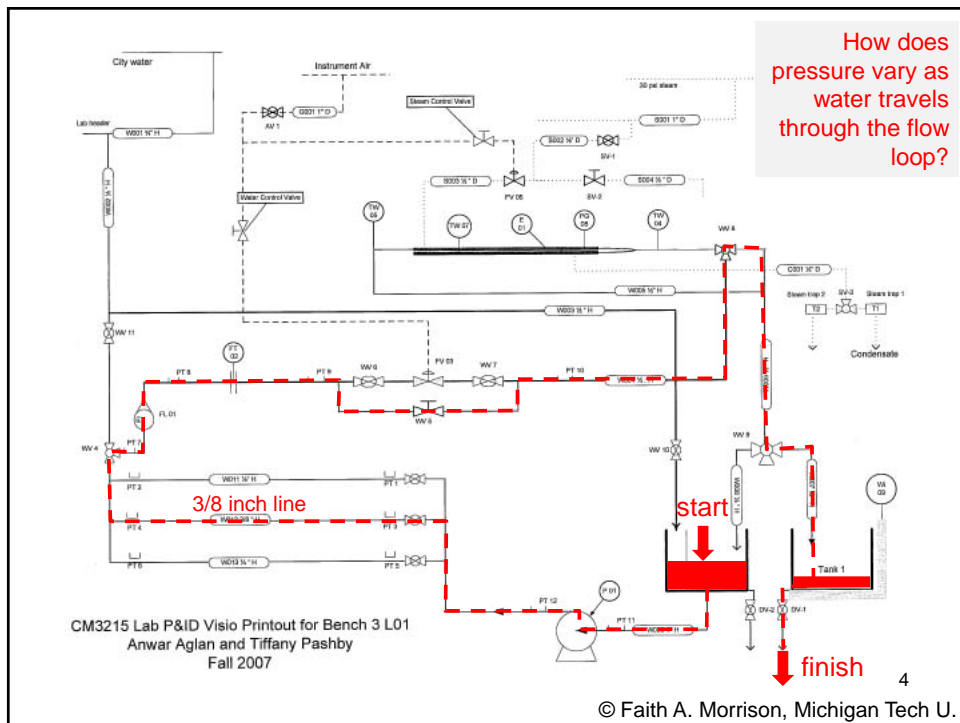
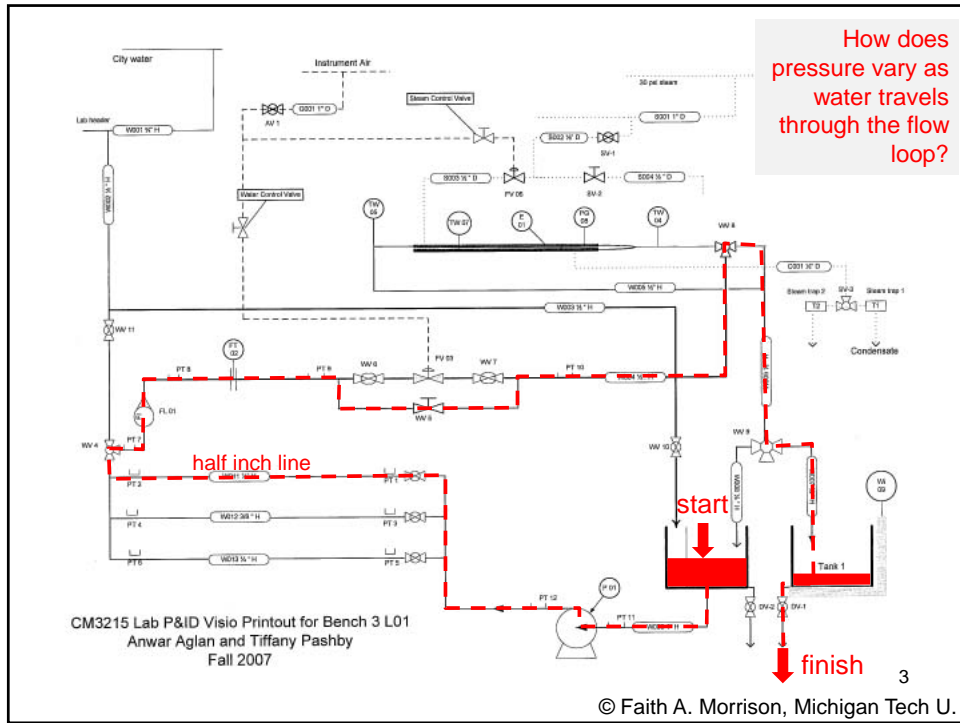
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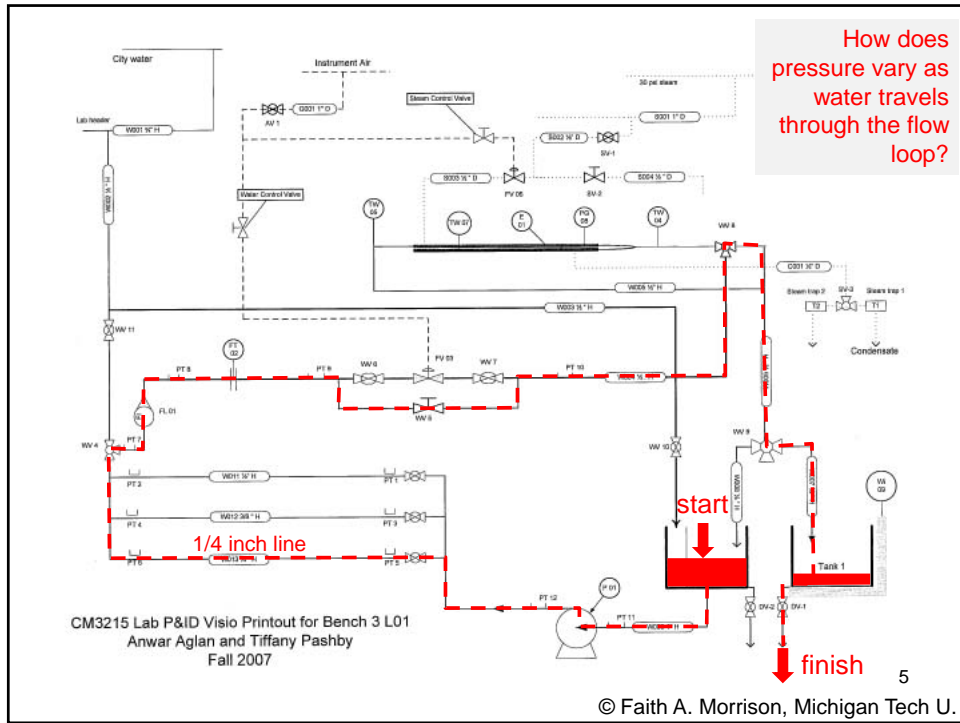
How does pressure vary as water travels through the flow loop?



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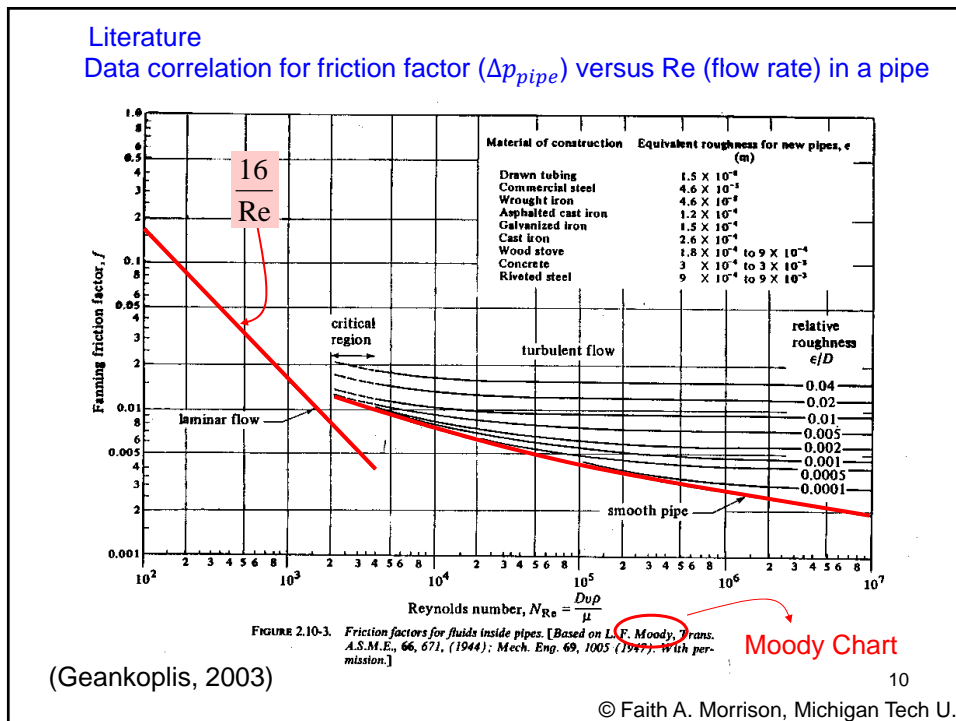
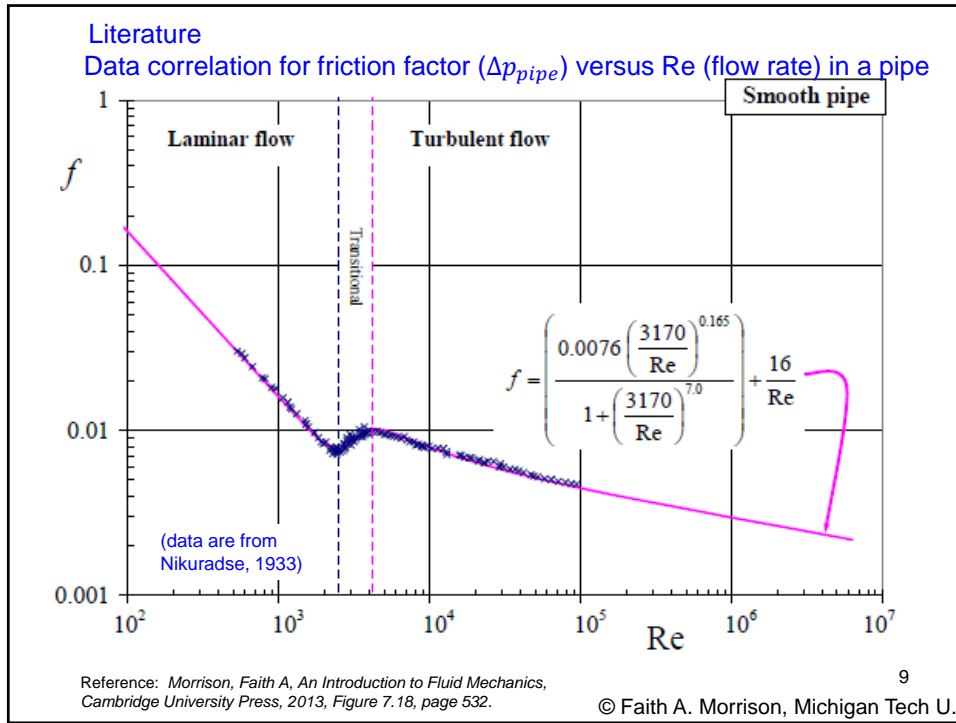
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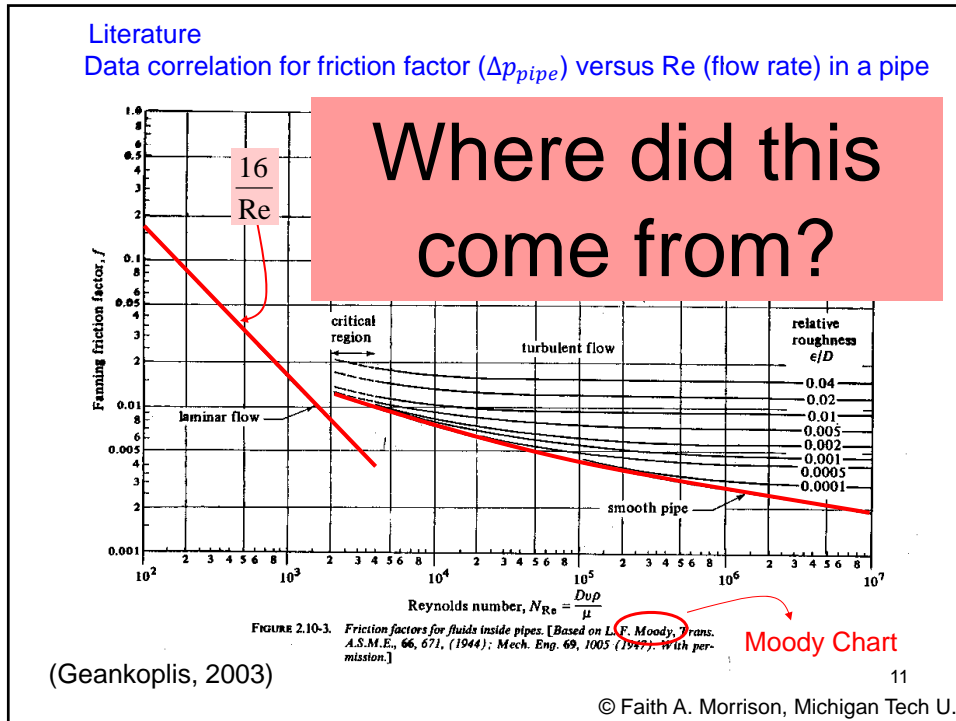
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How would you predict the required pressure drop to obtain a desired flow rate?

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$$f \equiv \frac{F_{drag} \text{ on pipe walls}}{1}$$

Now, you do it.

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Data may be organized in terms of two **dimensionless** parameters:

Flow rate	{	Reynolds Number	ρ density $\langle v \rangle$ average velocity D pipe inner diameter μ viscosity Δp_{pipe} pressure drop over pipe of length L L pipe length
		$Re = \frac{\rho \langle v \rangle D}{\mu}$	
Pressure Drop	{	Fanning Friction Factor	$\Delta p_{pipe} \equiv P_0 - P_L$
		$f = \frac{\Delta p_{pipe} D}{2L\rho \langle v \rangle^2}$	

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Lab: Frictional Losses in Straight Pipe

Note: For this laboratory, no procedure will be supplied.

<p>Frictional Losses in a Straight Pipe</p> <p>Pre-laboratory Assignment Read through the section on friction losses in laminar and turbulent flow in your transport book (see syllabus). Create a plot in Excel or some other computer program of friction factor versus Re for a smooth pipe for $10^2 < Re < 10^6$; affix this plot to a page in your notebook. Design your plot to mimic the Moody diagram (log-log, even decades, log tic marks).</p> <p>Calculate the Reynolds number and expected pressure drop in psi for 0.50, 0.75, 1.0, 1.5, and 2.0 gpm for each of the three pipe sizes we have in the lab. Place a table of these calculations in your lab notebook (with units). Answer this question in your lab notebook:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> For which pipes and at what flow rates will you be able to obtain accurate pressure-drop readings? For which pipes and at what flow rates will you be using the DP 	<p>Overall Objectives: Measure friction losses in pipes of three different diameters (1/4", 3/8", 1/2" nominal, type L copper tubing) and quantitatively compare the results with data reported in the literature. Address all other objectives as discussed in the Data Analysis section.</p> <p style="border: 2px solid red; border-radius: 50%; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">Experimental Procedure (to be determined by each lab group)</p> <p>Tasks:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Measure friction factor versus Re on each of the three long sections of pipe in our laboratory station. Use as wide a range of flow rate as you can with the instruments available ($10 \leq R(\%) \leq 90$ or the maximum possible). Calibrate the movement of needle valve WV-5; that is, measure the flow rate as a function of number of turns open for the valve. During this calibration, direct the water to
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- Run water through pipes of three sizes
- Measure pressure drop across the straight, smooth, horizontal copper pipe as a function of flow rate
- Convert your pipe pressure-drop/flow-rate measurements to friction factor versus Reynolds number
- Compare with **literature** correlations of the same quantity
- Do you obtain separate correlations of $f(Re)$ for different sized pipes?
- Correctly consider the accuracy of your measurements when drawing conclusions and when presenting the results.**

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Prelab: (Friction Lab)

1. Create a plot (use Excel or equivalent) of the **literature correlation** of friction factor versus Re for a smooth pipe for $10^3 < Re < 10^6$; affix this plot to a page in your notebook.
2. Based on the literature correlation, calculate the Reynolds number and pipe pressure drop in psi for 1.0, 2.0, 3.0, and 4.0 gpm for each of the three pipe sizes we have in the lab. The pipe length is 6.0ft. **Compare with other groups.**
3. Answer these questions in your lab notebook before the start of lab:
 - a. *For which pipes and at what flow rates will you be able to obtain accurate pipe pressure-drop readings with our lab equipment?*
 - b. *For which pipes and at what flow rates will you be using the DP meter? The Bourdon gauges?*

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Literature

Data correlation for friction factor (Δp_{pipe}) versus Re (flow rate) in a pipe

