



# BNEN NTH pressure drop exam challenge

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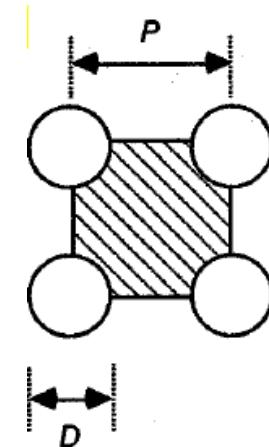
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- A typical subchannel in a BWR reactor operates under the following conditions:

- Up-flow of water
- Inlet temperature =  $T_{sat}(p_{in}) - 40^\circ\text{C}$
- Inlet pressure = 5500 kPa
- Heated length

- $L = 3.1 \text{ m}$  thus from  $\frac{L}{2} = -1.55 \text{ m}$  to  $\frac{L}{2} = 1.55 \text{ m}$

- Rod diameter = 10.3 mm and Pitch = 21.2 mm
- Relative wall roughness ( $\lambda/D_e$ ) = 0.001
- Average heat flux for one pin = 2.4 MW/m<sup>2</sup>
- Axial heat flux distribution = cosine



- Plot the total pressure drop and its individual components in function of the mass flow rate through the subchannel



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SINGLE HEATED CHANNEL: STEADY-STATE ANALYSIS 607

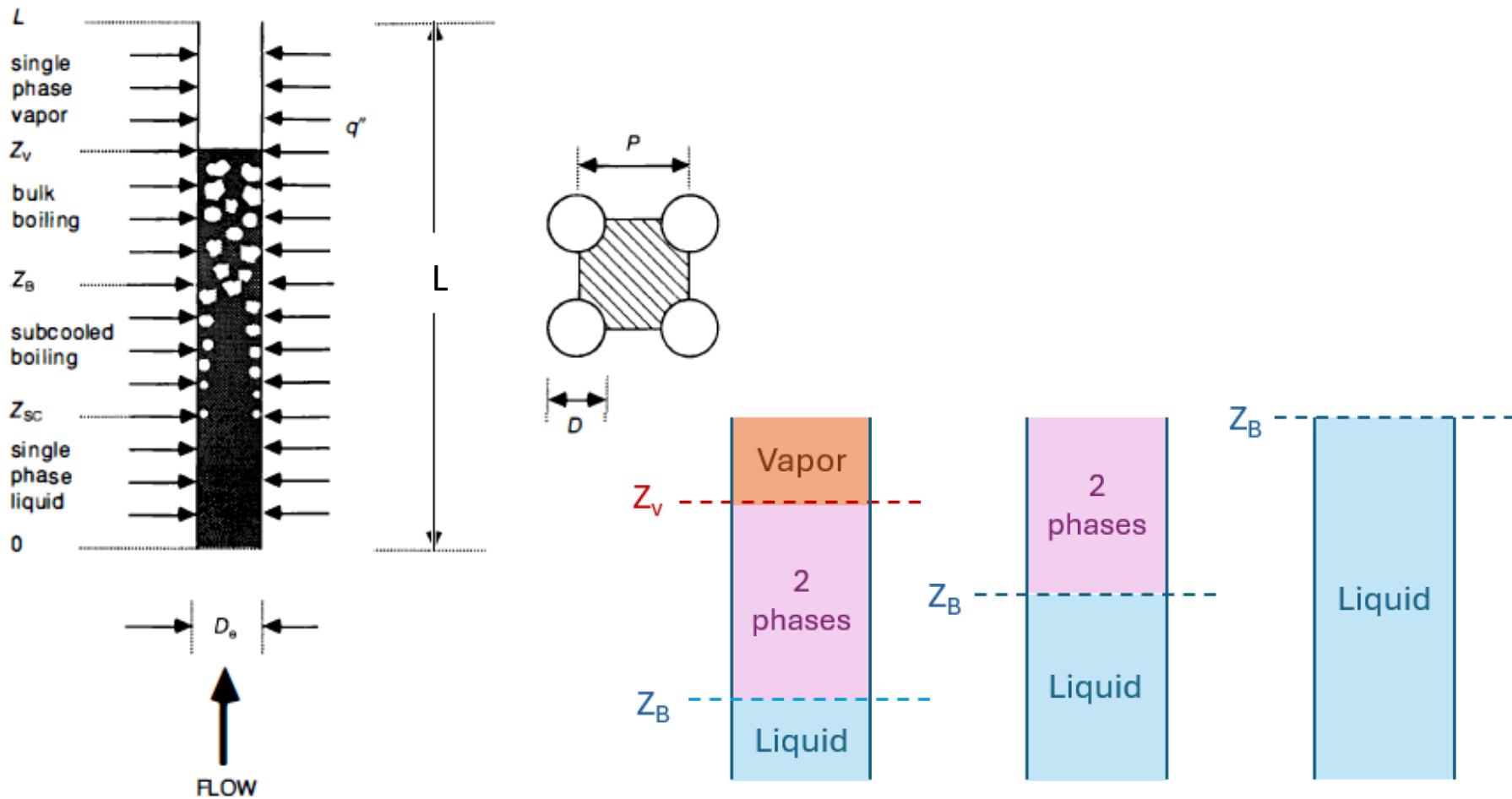


Figure 13-13 Subchannel flow region (left) and cross section (right).

Figure adopted from Brieux and Włodarski 2024



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## ■ Day 3-5: Exam challenge

- Plot the total pressure drop through the subchannel and its individual components in function of the mass flow rate
  - For the range [0-2.5 kg/s]
  - Use McAdams correlation for the two phase pressure drop and Coolebrook for the monophase pressure drop
  - Assume constant material properties and use the inlet pressure to calculate those for the subcooled region
  - E.g. Four graphs (liquid, two phase, vapour, total) with each three components (acceleration, gravity and friction) - see example 13-4 of Todreas and Kazimi volume 1 old edition
- Extra
  - Plot  $z_B$  and  $z_V$  in terms of mass flow
  - Plot equilibrium and flow quality in terms of height for a mass flow of 0,1 kg/s
  - Which parameter can you change in order to (not) have an 'S' curve as shape? Explain why.
  - Use Jones' correlation as alternative for the two phase friction pressure drop (see p. 503 & 611 Todreas and Kazimi vol. 1 old ed.)
- Report requirements
  - Only report total pressure drop and its individual components in function of the mass flow rate through the subchannel
    - Reporting on extra's = bonus points
    - No reporting of exercises done on day 1-2
  - Focus
    - Assumptions that have been made and where e.g. formulas have been found
    - Explanation on the graph and formulas
    - Correctness of output
    - Lay-out is of minor importance
  - Maximum two students for one report



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- Day 1-2: guided exercises as support for the exam challenge
- Day 1: for a mass flow range [0 -> 2.5] kg/s
  - Calculate friction monophase pressure drop through the channel without heating
    - A First do this for a pipe diameter  $D = 0.02 \text{ m}$  and with McAdams
    - B Then do it for the actual BWR subchannel and with McAdams
    - C Finally, do the same for the actual BWR subchannel and with Coolebrooke
  - Calculate two phase pressure drop through the channel
    - D First assume the inlet equilibrium quality is 0.15 and the channel is adiabatic (no heating)
    - E Then assume the inlet and outlet equilibrium quality are 0 and 0.15 respectively. Thus instead of using a heat flux as input it is assumed that the quality evolves linearly from inlet to outlet.
- Day 2: for a mass flow of 0.1 kg/s
  - A Find axial position where the equilibrium quality is zero:
    - This bulk boiling point ( $z_B$ )
    - Assume cosine axial heat distribution neglecting pressure drop for material properties
  - B Find axial position where the flow (dynamic quality) is one
    - This is where we have saturated vapour ( $z_V$ )
  - C Extra
    - Find axial position where the flow (dynamic quality) is zero: bubble detachment ( $z_D$ )
    - Plot the thermodynamic and flow quality at different heights (-L/2 to L/2) and use Levy's correlation
    - Find the position of maximum wall temperature



# Day 1 – guidance for solution

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## ■ Numerical modeling

- Discretization over height versus functions ?
- Will you use AI ?

## ■ Material properties

- See next slides



# Day 1 – guidance for solution

## ■ Matlab Xsteam (also see example script)

```
%inlet properties

rho_in_L=XSteam('rho_pT',p_in_bar,T_in); %kg/m^3
mu_in_L=XSteam('my_pT',p_in_bar,T_in); %absolute/dynamic Pa s of kg/m/s
Cp_in_L=XSteam('Cp_pT',p_in_bar,T_in)*10^3; %J.kg°C

h_in=XSteam('h_pT',p_in_bar,T_in)*10^3; !! 

% properties at saturation at inlet

rho_satG_in=XSteam('rhoV_p',p_in_bar); %( kg/ m3)
rho_satL_in=XSteam('rhoL_p',p_in_bar); %( kg/ m3)
```

## ■ What is inlet temperature?



# Day 1 – guidance for solution

## ■ Python IAPWS97

```
from iapws import IAPWS97 # requires pip install iapws numpy matplotlib
Tsat_in = IAPWS97(P=Pin_MPa, x=0).T # saturation temperature at inlet pressure
# fluid properties at inlet
fluid = IAPWS97(P=P, T=Tin+273.15) # [ K ]
rho = fluid.rho
h = fluid.h # [ kJ/kg ] !!
```

## ■ Python XSteam

```
from pyXSteam.XSteam import XSteam
steamTable = XSteam(XSteam.UNIT_SYSTEM_MKS) # m/kg/sec/°C/bar/W
```

Xsteam Install run the following in the console of for instance spyder  
'python3 setup.py install'  
OR  
'pip install XSteamPython'



# Day 1 – guidance for solution

## ■ Python XSteam

```
rho=steamTable.rho_pt(p_bar,T_C)      #( kg/ m3)
mu=steamTable.my_pt(p_bar,T_C)        # absolute/dynamic Pa.s
Cp=steamTable.Cp_pt(p_bar,T_C)*1000   # J/(kg*K)
k=steamTable.tc_pt(p_bar,T_C)         # W/mK
```

!!

```
h     =steamTable.h_pt(p_bar,T_C)*1000 # J/kg
```

```
roperties at saturation
Tsat_C =steamTable.tsat_p(p_bar)    # °C
st_w   =steamTable.st_p(p_bar)      # N/m
rho_G  =steamTable.rhoV_p(p_bar)   # ( kg/ m3)
rho_L  =steamTable.rhoL_p(p_bar)   # ( kg/ m3)
h_sat_L=steamTable.hL_p(p_bar)*1000 # J/kg
h_sat_G=steamTable.hV_p(p_bar)*1000 # J/kg
```

Approach to get  
viscosity of  
saturated liquid

```
mu_satL =steamTable.my_pt(p_bar,self.Tsat_C*.99) # absolute/dynamic Pa.s of kg/m/s
muV=XSteam('my_pT',pLibbar,TsatLib*.101); %absolute/dynamic
k_satL  =steamTable.tcL_p(p_bar)                 # W/(m °C)
Cp_satL =steamTable.CpL_t(p_bar)*1000            # J/(kg*K)
```



# Day 1A – guidance for solution

## Example code

- Friction factor in terms of  $Re$
- Mass flow range in vector
- Pressure drop vector for each discrete mass flow point
- Put in figure together with other vectors

```
figure
axes('FontSize',14)
hold on
box on
grid on
plot(M_F,DEL_P_mono_pipe/10^5,'LineWidth',3)
plot(M_F,DEL_P_mono_BWR_Mc/10^5,:','color',[0 0.5 0],'LineWidth',3)
plot(M_F,DEL_P_mono_BWR_Co/10^5,'--','LineWidth',3)

xlabel(['Mass Flow [kg/s]'])
ylabel(['Pressure drop [bar]'])
legend('pipe McAdams','BWR McAdams','BWR Coole')
```

```
McAdams_f=@(Re) 0.184*Re^(-0.2);

% delP=rho K V^2/2+ rho f L/D *V^2/2
% mass flow
M_F=[0.01:0.01:2.5]; %kg/s
for i=1:1:length(M_F)
    Vpipe=M_F(i)/Aflow/rho_in_L;
    Repipe=rho_in_L*Vpipe*Dh/mu_in_L;
    if Repipe<2100
        % laminar
        fpipe=64/Repipe;
    else
        % turbulent via McAdams
        fpipe=McAdams_f(Repipe);
    end

    DEL_P_mono_pipe(i)=rho_in_L* fpipe*L/Dh*Vpipe^2/2;
end
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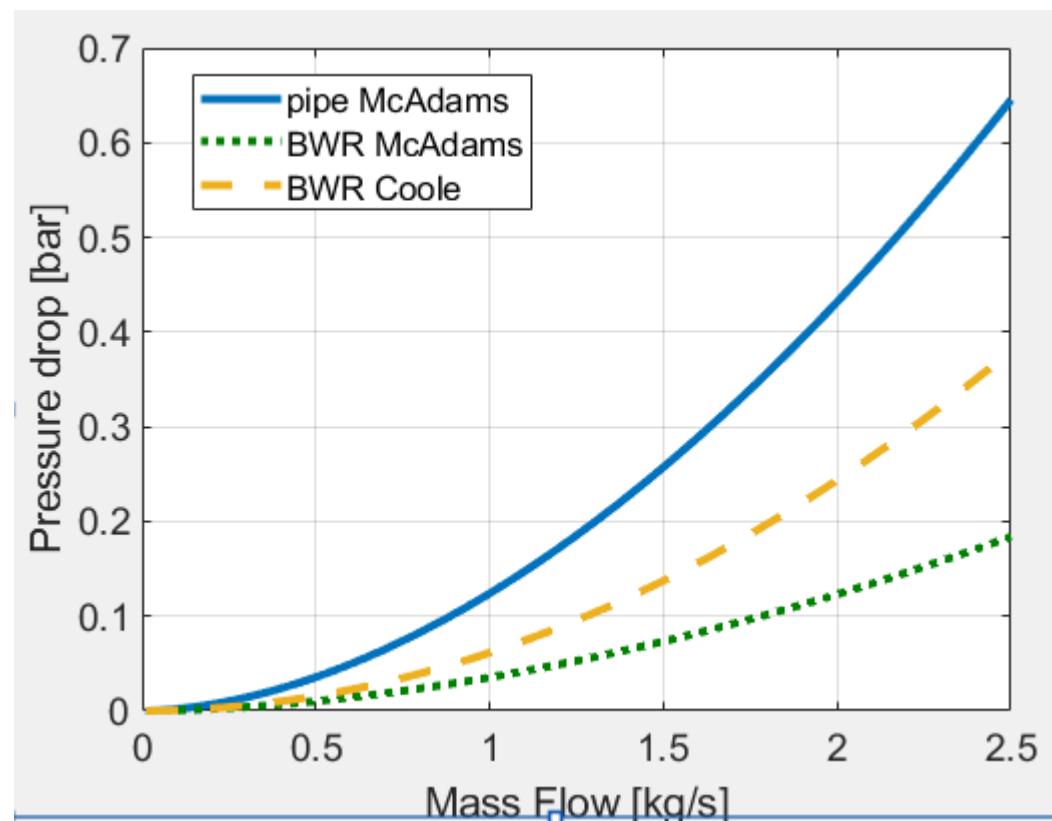


# Day 1ABC – guidance for solution

- Summary graph – mono phase pressure drop
  - BWR subchannel

|            |       |               |
|------------|-------|---------------|
| $D_h$      | 45.3  | mm            |
| $A_{flow}$ | 366.1 | $\text{mm}^2$ |

Q: laminar use  $64/\text{Re}$  for BWR  
with  $D_h$  is this OK?  
Q: what to do with transition  
region?





# Day 1D – guidance for solution

- Steady state pressure drop 1D axial vertical channel

$$\frac{d}{dz} \left( \frac{G_m^2}{\rho_m^+} \right) = - \frac{dp}{dz} - f \frac{G_m |G_m|}{2D_e \rho_m} - \rho_m g \quad (13-10)$$

- Integrated over channel length and assuming HEM

$$\Delta p = \Delta p_{acc} + \Delta p_{gravity} + \Delta p_{fric} + \Delta p_{form} \quad (13-44)$$

- Q: For Ex. 1D what will we do with

- Acceleration term?
- Gravity term?
- Friction pressure drop?
- Form losses?

$$\Delta p = p_{in} - p_{out} \quad (13-45a)$$

$$\Delta p_{acc} = \left( \frac{G_m^2}{\rho_m^+} \right)_{out} - \left( \frac{G_m^2}{\rho_m^+} \right)_{in} \quad (13-45b)$$

$$\Delta p_{gravity} = \int_{Z_{in}}^{Z_B} \rho_\ell g dz + \int_{Z_B}^{Z_{out}} \rho_m g dz \quad (13-45c)$$

$$\Delta p_{fric} = [(Z_B - Z_{in}) + \overline{\phi_{\ell o}^2} (Z_{out} - Z_B)] \frac{f_{\ell o} G_m |G_m|}{2D_e \rho_\ell} \quad (13-45d)$$

$$\Delta p_{form} = \sum_i \left( \phi_{\ell o}^2 K \frac{G_m |G_m|}{2\rho_\ell} \right)_i \quad (13-45e)$$



# Day 1D – guidance for solution

■  $q'' = 0$  (adiabatic)  $\rightarrow x_e = \text{constant}$

■ Write void fraction in terms of quality

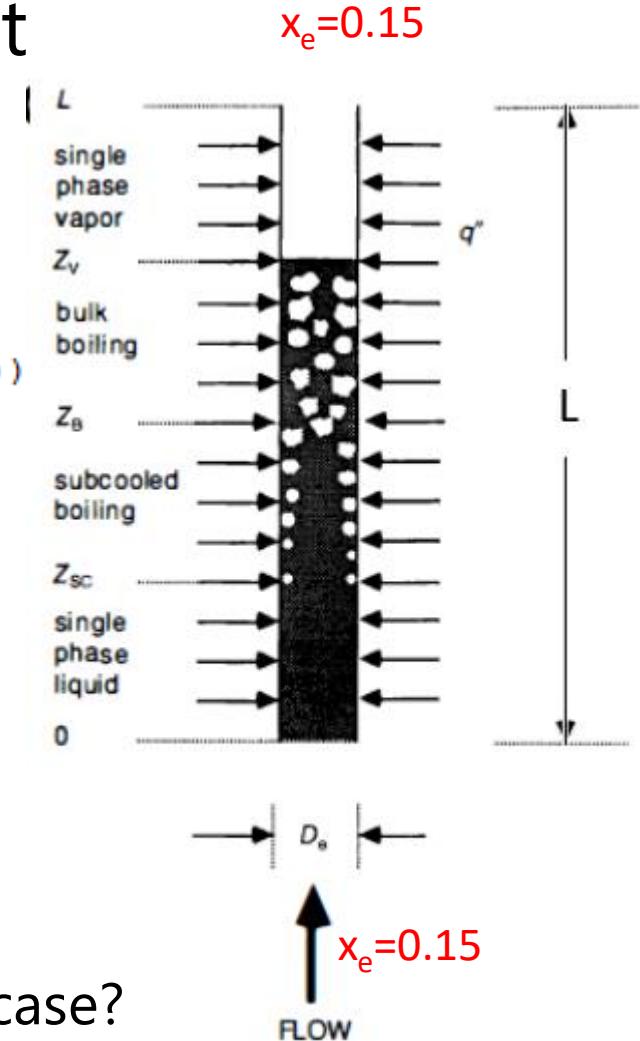
```
alpha_itx=@(x,rho_L,rho_G) 1./ (1+ (1-x) ./x * (rho_G./rho_L))
```

■ Q: is quality in this formulation

- Mass dynamic/flow quality,
- Mass static quality, or,
- Equilibrium quality

■ Assume HEM

- Q: Which quality will you use in that case?





# Day 1D – guidance for solution

Need approach for two phase friction factor or multiplier

## Friction pressure drop

$$\Delta p_{TP} = f_{TP} \frac{L}{D} \frac{G_m^2}{2\rho_m^+} = \Delta p_{LO} \Phi_{LO}^2 = f_{LO} \frac{L}{D} \frac{G_{m=LO}^2}{2\rho_L} \Phi_{LO}^2$$

- HEM  $\rho_m^+ = \rho_m$  assume TP and LO have same dependence on Re

### Different options ?

- A HEM and  $f_{TP} = f_{LO}$
- B HEM and  $\Delta p_{TP} = \Delta p_{LO} \Phi_{LO}^2$
- C HEM and  $f_{TP} = f_{LO} \left( \frac{\mu_{TP}}{\mu_L} \right)^n$   $\rightarrow \left( \frac{\mu_{TP}}{\mu_L} \right)^n$ : see next slide
- D HEM and  $\Delta p_{TP} = \Delta p_{LO} \Phi_{LO}^2$

$$\Phi_{LO}^2 = \frac{f_{TP}}{f_{LO}} \frac{\rho_L}{\rho_m^+} = \left[ 1 + x \left( \frac{\rho_L}{\rho_G} - 1 \right) \right]$$

Valid for Therm. Eq. with  $f_{TP}=f_{LO}$  see TK1 Eq. 11-82

- Lockhart-Martinelli

- Air water atmospheric pressure
  - Thermal equilibrium and  $S \neq 1$

- Martinelli Nelson

- Steam water
  - $\rho_G = cte$ ,  $dx/dz = cte$  and velocity profile radially uniform

- Jones TK1 page 503

- For this exercise: use option C with McAdams



# Day 1D – guidance for solution

## Friction pressure drop

$$\Delta p_{TP} = \begin{cases} \Delta p_{LO} \Phi_{LO}^2 \\ f_{LO} \frac{L}{D} \frac{G_m^2}{2\rho_L} \Phi_{LO}^2 \\ f_{TP} \frac{L}{D} \frac{G_m^2}{2\rho_m^+} \end{cases} \rightarrow \Phi_{LO}^2 = \frac{f_{TP}}{f_{LO}} \frac{\rho_L}{\rho_m^+} = \frac{f_{TP}}{f_{LO}} \left[ 1 + x \left( \frac{\rho_L}{\rho_G} - 1 \right) \right]$$

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- D HEM and  $\Delta p_{TP} = \Delta p_{LO} \Phi_{LO}^2$

$$\Phi_{LO}^2 = \frac{f_{TP}}{f_{LO}} \frac{\rho_L}{\rho_m^+} = \left[ 1 + x \left( \frac{\rho_L}{\rho_G} - 1 \right) \right] \left[ 1 + x \left( \frac{\mu_L}{\mu_G} - 1 \right) \right]^{-n}$$

▪ Q: Difference A, B, C and D?



# Day 1D – guidance for solution



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## HEM model pressure drop

- Friction gradient:

$$\left( \frac{dp}{dz} \right)_{fric} = \frac{f_{TP}}{D_e} \left( \frac{G_m^2}{2\rho_m} \right)$$

- Various ways to estimate  $f_{TP}$ :

- Or

$$\frac{f_{TP}}{f_{Lo}} = \frac{C_1 / Re_{TP}^n}{C_1 / Re_{Lo}^n} = \left( \frac{\mu_{TP}}{\mu_L} \right)^n$$

With  $C_1=0.3164$  and  $n = 0.25$ , or  $C_1=0.184$  and  $n = 0.2$ . (turbulent)

McAdams et al.:

$$\frac{\mu_{TP}}{\mu_L} = \left[ 1 + x \left( \frac{\mu_L}{\mu_G} - 1 \right) \right]^{-1}$$

Not very accurate

Cichitti et al.

$$\frac{\mu_{TP}}{\mu_L} = \left[ 1 + x \left( \frac{\mu_G}{\mu_L} - 1 \right) \right]$$

Only at high or low quality

Dukler et al.

$$\frac{\mu_{TP}}{\mu_L} = \left[ 1 + \beta \left( \frac{\mu_G}{\mu_L} - 1 \right) \right]$$

At saturation

! XSteam does not give viscosities at saturation; possible ‘trick’



```
mu_inG_sat=XSteam('my_pT',p_in_bar,T_sat_in_C/.99);  
mu_inL_sat=XSteam('my_pT',p_in_bar,T_sat_in_C*.99);
```

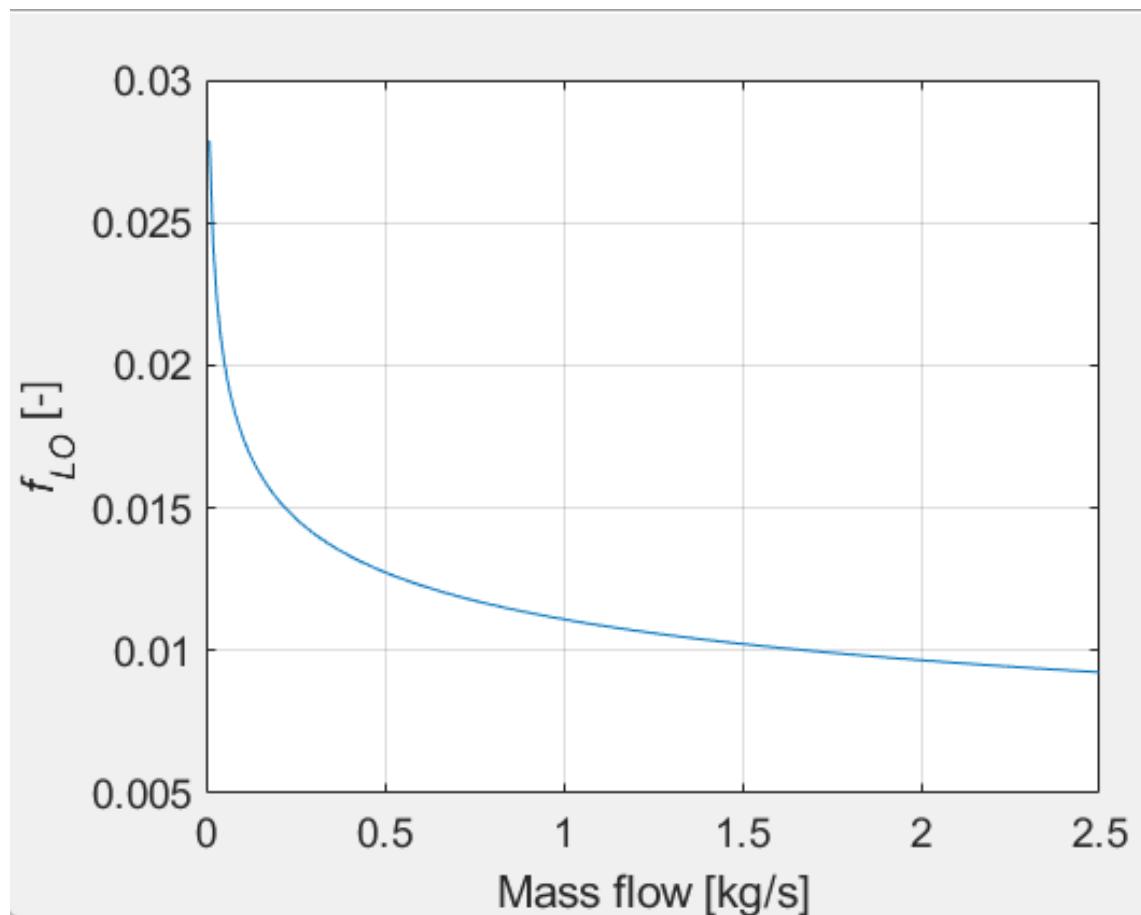
Alternative ‘trick’ -> use enthalpy of liquid/gas at saturation and pressure to get viscosity



# Day 1D – guidance for solution

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- $f_{LO}$  in terms of mass flow (kg/s)





# Day 1E – guidance for solution

- $q''$  not given but a certain heating results in the fact that  $x_e$  evolves linearly from 0 to 0.15 from inlet to outlet

- Possible approach
  - Write  $x$  in terms of height

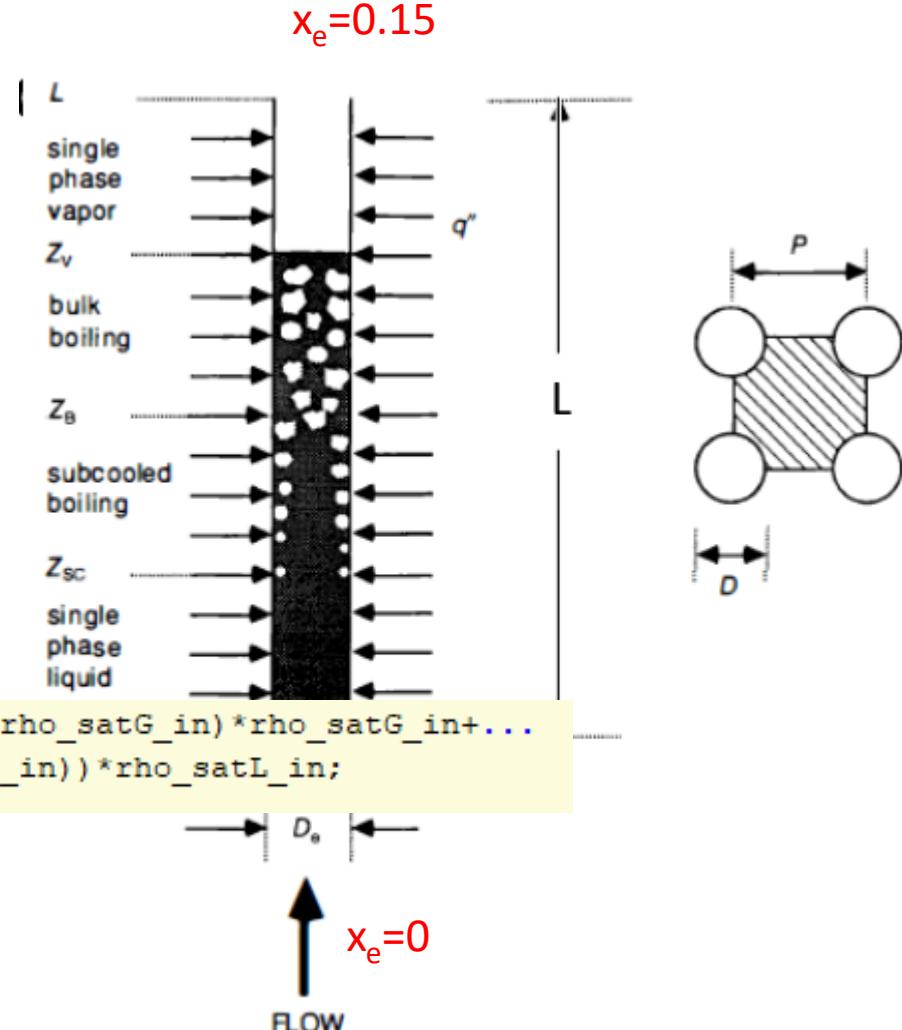
```
xfun=@(z) 0+0.15*z/L;
```

- This allows to write mixture density in terms of height

```
rho_m_fun=@(z) alpha_itx(xfun(z),rho_satL_in,rho_satG_in)*rho_satG_in+...  
    (1-alpha_itx(xfun(z),rho_satL_in,rho_satG_in))*rho_satL_in;
```

- Example of integral for gravity term

```
delPgrav=g*quad(@(z) rho_m_fun(z),0,L);
```





# Day 1DE – guidance for solution

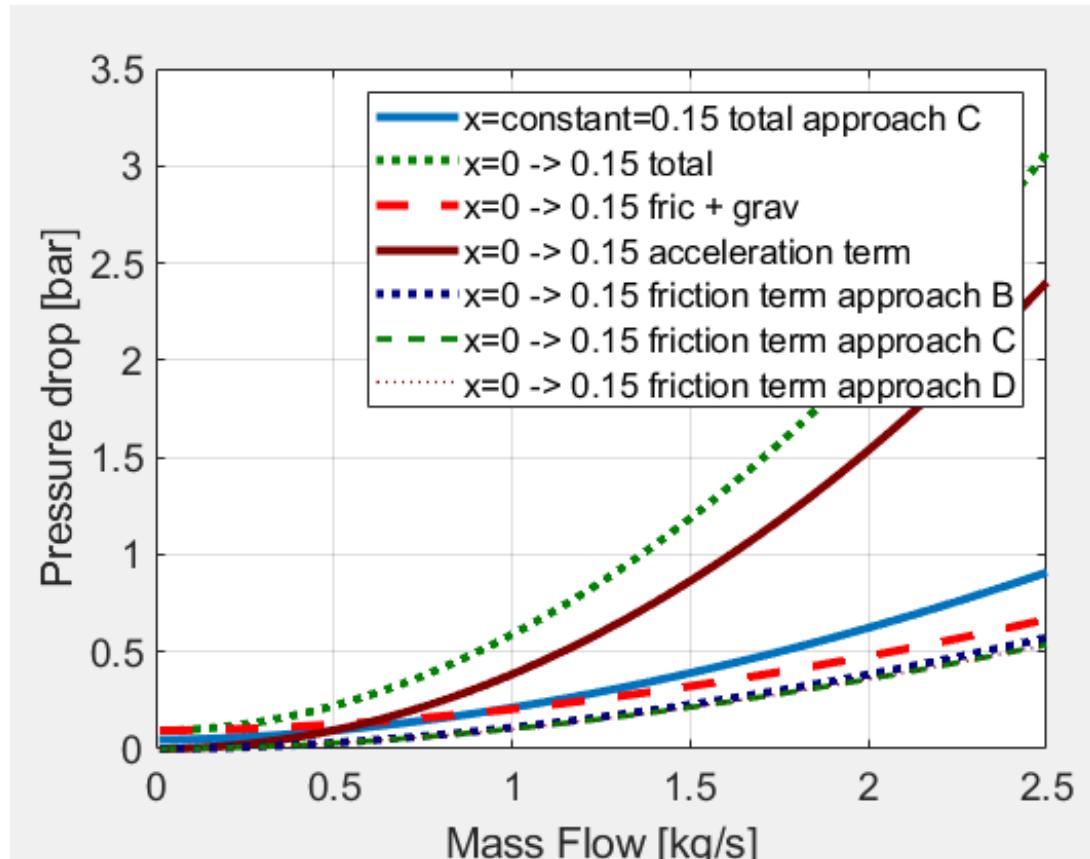
## Graph with numerical output

■ 1D = blue solid line

|                          |       |                 |
|--------------------------|-------|-----------------|
| $\alpha$                 | 0.83  | -               |
| $\rho_m$                 | 155   | $\text{kg/m}^3$ |
| $\Delta P_{\text{grav}}$ | 0.047 | bar             |

■ 1E = other curves

$\Delta P_{\text{grav}}$  0.0945 bar

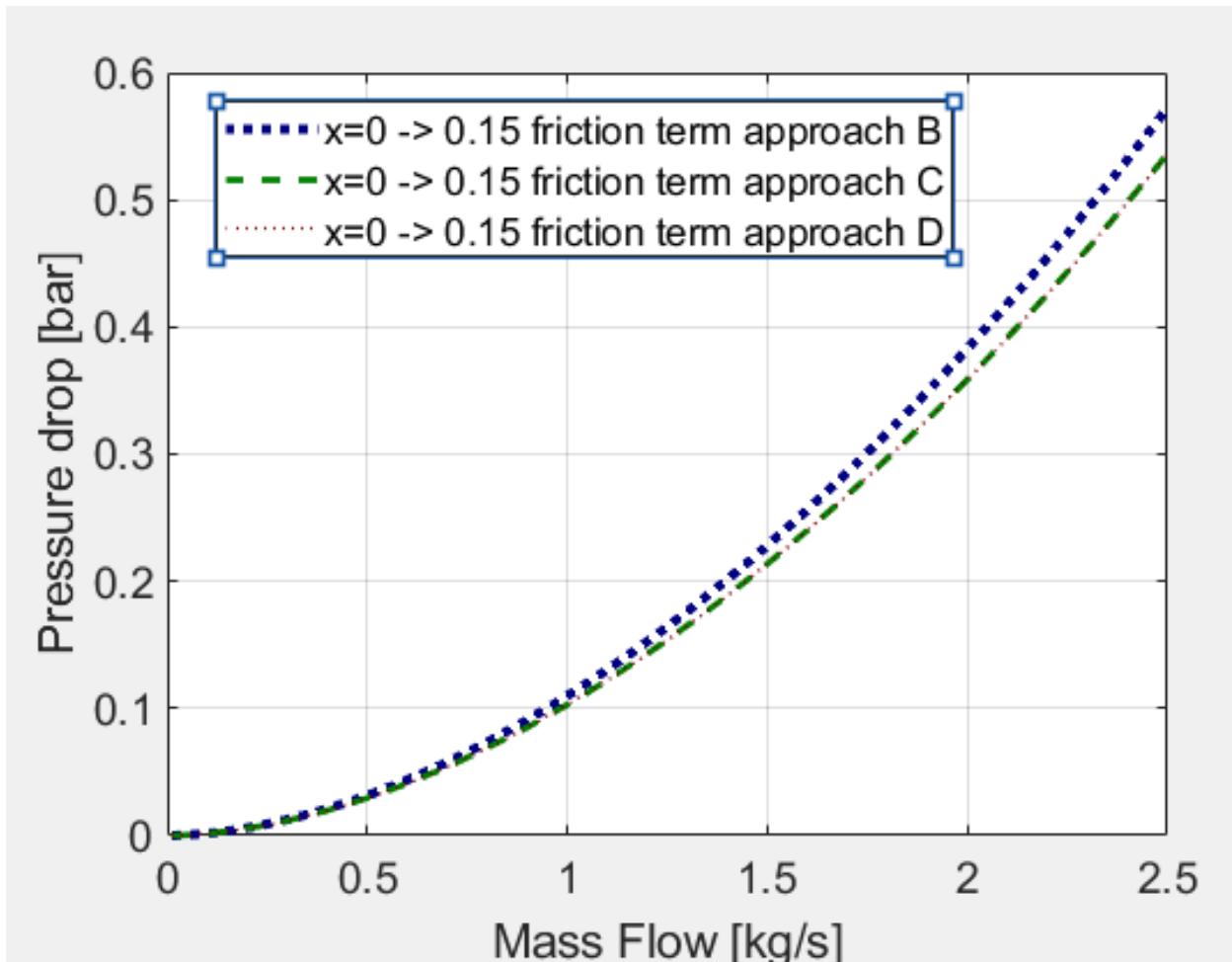


Q: why gravity for 1E larger than for 1D?



# Day 1DE – guidance for solution

- Graph of numerical output – friction only for question 1E



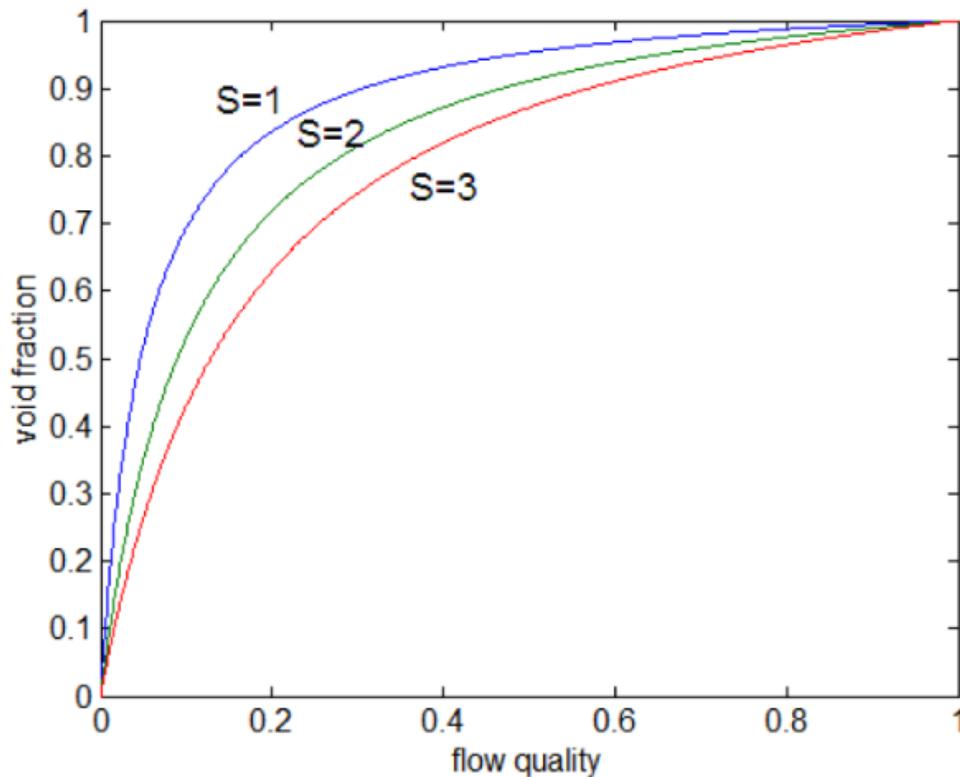


# Day 1E – guidance for solution

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1-x}{x} \cdot \frac{\rho_G}{\rho_L} \cdot S},$$

$$x = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1-\alpha}{\alpha} \cdot \frac{\rho_L}{\rho_G} \cdot \frac{1}{S}},$$

$$S = \frac{1-\alpha}{\alpha} \cdot \frac{x}{1-x} \cdot \frac{\rho_L}{\rho_G}$$



Effect of  $S$  on  $\alpha$  vs  $x$  for water at 7 MPa. Source: Buongiorno Jacopo, MIT Department of Nuclear Science and Engineering, NOTES ON TWO-PHASE FLOW



## Day 2A – guidance for solution

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■ Fluid saturated: look for elevation where

$$\blacksquare T = T_{sat}$$

$$\blacksquare h = h_{L,sat} = h_L \text{ (subscript 'sat' omitted)}$$

$$\blacksquare x_e = 0$$

$\blacksquare Q$ : Which one is easiest in use?

■ Hint

$\blacksquare$  Write enthalpy and equilibrium quality in terms of height, mass flux and heating



# Day 2B – guidance for solution

| Point           | Possible strategy | x     | $x_e$ |
|-----------------|-------------------|-------|-------|
| $z_{ONB}$       | Bergles Roshenhow | 0     | <0    |
| $z_{SC} = z_D$  | Saha – Zuber      | 0 ->  | <0    |
| $z_{OSB} = z_B$ | $x_e = 0$         | >0    | 0     |
| $z_E$           | Levy              | $x_e$ | x     |
| $z_V$           | $x_e = 1$         | 1     | 1     |

- Levy correlation for relationship between
  - x=flow dynamic quality
  - $x_e$ =equilibrium quality

## Hints

- See TK2 pages 852-854 (or TK1 pages 606 and further)
- Calculate temperature in terms of height (via enthalpy/quality in terms of height)
- Look for elevation, z, where  $T(z) = T_{Saha-Zuber}(z)$ 
  - Graphically or with fsolve function in matlab or own script
  - Alternative: Look for Stanton number = 0,0065 for  $Pe > 70\ 000$  (! TK1 page 535)
  - Q: which heat flux is used to make the calculation representative for the cosine heat flux in this exercise?

## $z_{ONB}$ : nucleate boiling starts

- Q: Does this influence friction factor?
- Q: Should you model this?

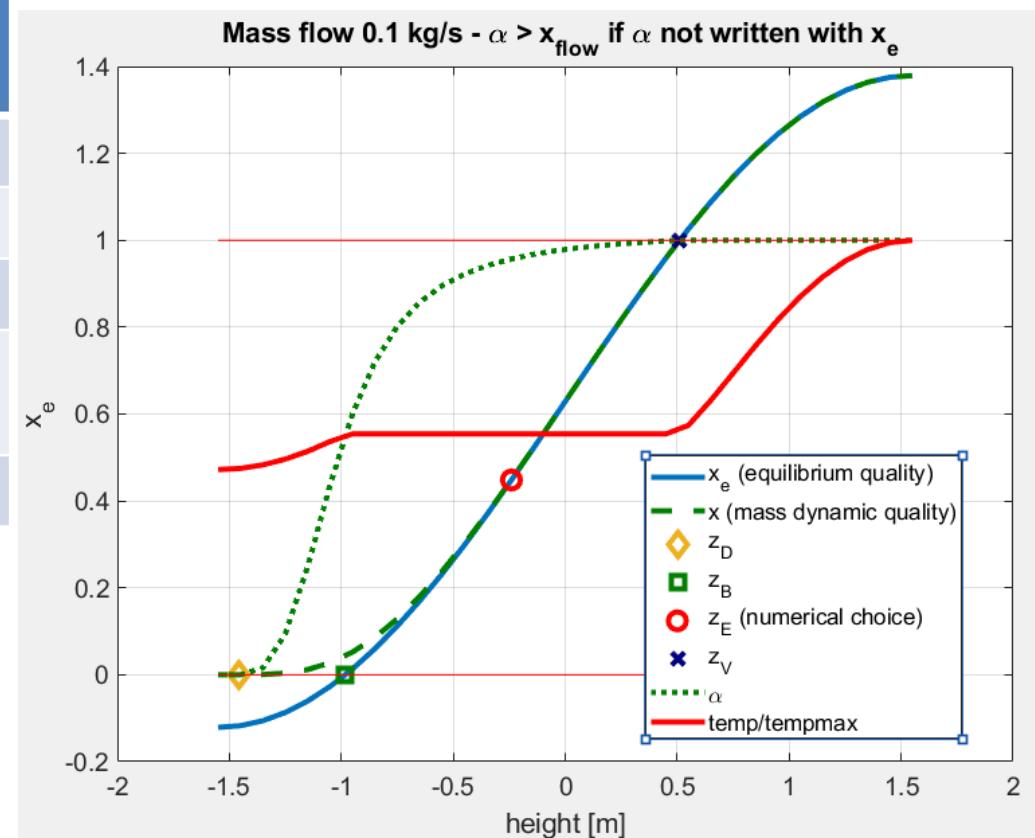
## $z_D$ : bubbles leave wall + some collapse in bulk of coolant

- Q: Does this influence friction factor?
- Q: Should you model this?



# Day 2ABC – numerical answers

| $m_f = 0.1 \text{ kg/s}$<br>$\cos \text{ heating}$<br>$-L/2 \text{ to } L/2$ | [m]                           | x     | $x_e$ |
|--|-------------------------------|-------|-------|
| $z_{ONB}$  | Not calculated here           | 0     | <0    |
| $z_{SC} = z_D$   | -1.4572                       | 0     | <0    |
| $z_{OSB} = z_B$  | -0.98145                      | >0    | 0     |
| $z_E$  | -0.24<br>=f(numerical choice) | $x_e$ | x     |
| $z_V$  | 0.51056                       | 1     | 1     |



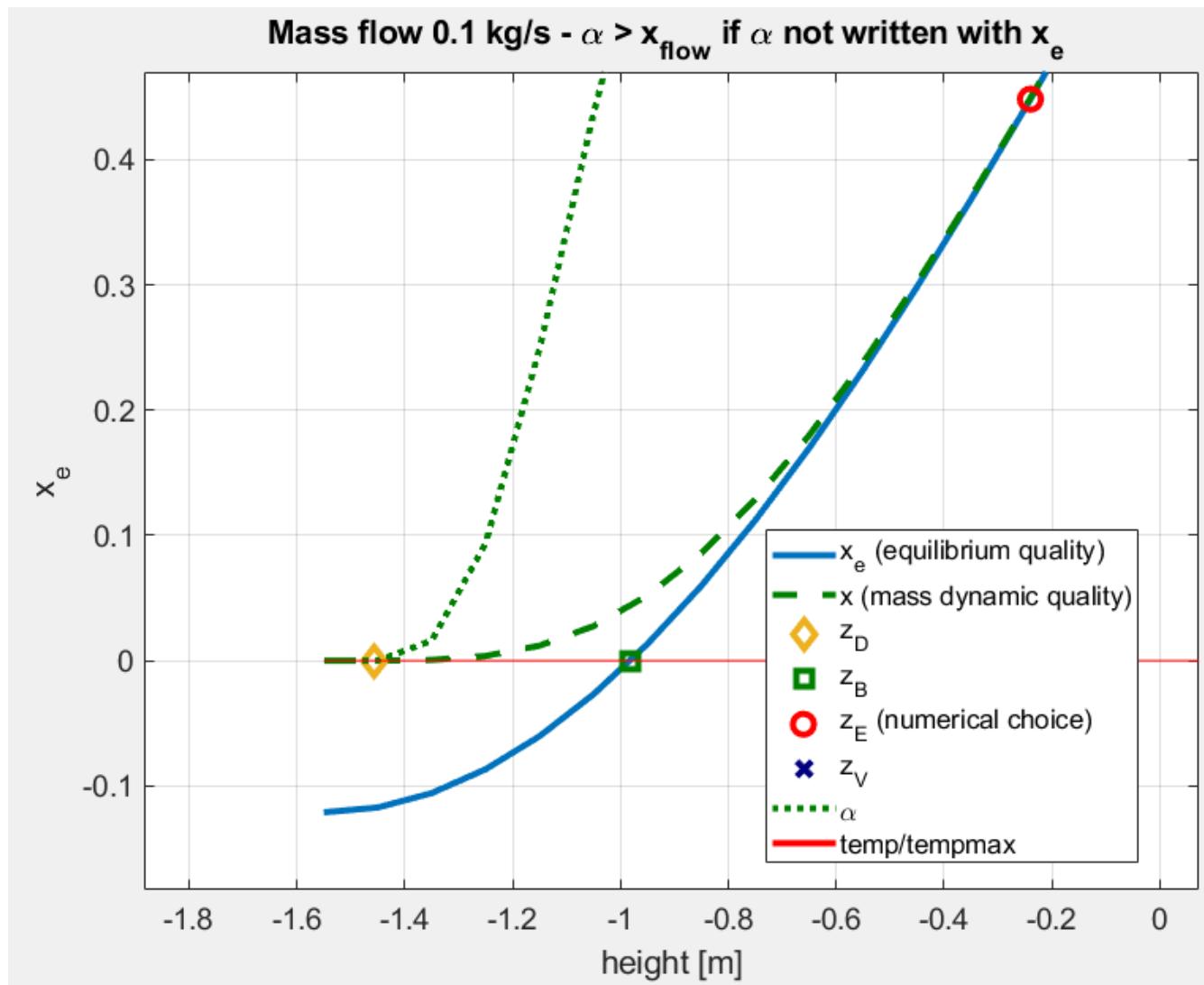
Q1: is  $T/T_{\max}$  in °C or K ?

Q2: can  $x_{\text{flow}}$  be higher than 1 ?

Q3: will you use  $x_e$  or  $x_{\text{flow}}$  for determination of mixture density and friction factors?



# Day 2ABC – numerical answers





## Day 3 – guidance

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### ■ Friction pressure drop considerations

$$\Delta p_{\text{fric}} = \frac{G_m^2 f_{\ell_0}}{2 \rho_f D} \int_{z_B}^{z_v} (\phi_{\ell_0}^2) dz \quad (13-77)$$

■ **Q4:** do you think it is appropriate to integrate from  $z_D = z_{SC}$  to  $z_v$  as alternative?

■ **Q5:** for which mass flow rate  $z_D > L/2$  ?

- At this point no bubble detachment in the channel
- Discontinuity because of Saha Zuber correlation
  - Numerical challenge which is not required if  $z_B$  is used
  - Also see Q&A



## Q&A

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- *"In the pressure drop challenge the Relative wall roughness ( $\lambda/D_e$ ) = 0.001 is given. I suppose this  $D_e$  is the equivalent diameter (hydraulic diameter) which in the slides of the prof is named  $D_h$ . correct?"*
  - Yes
- *"I noticed a bug with XSteam: It is important to use*
  - $\text{rho\_in} = \text{Steam}(\text{'rho\_pT'}, p_{\text{in\_bar}}, T_{\text{in}})$ ; and not  $\text{rho\_in} = \text{Steam}(\text{"rho\_pT"}, p_{\text{in\_bar}}, T_{\text{in}})$ ;"
- *"For Question 1D you need viscosity of liquid at saturation which is not possible via Xsteam?"*
  - $f_{\text{LO}}$  is calculated via  $\text{Re}_{\text{LO}}$  with assumption that  $G_{\text{LO}} = G_{\text{m}}$ ; so as if liquid flows through system at flow rate of mixture.
  - To calculate viscosity of liquid/gas at saturation with Xsteam following trick can be used
    - $\mu_{\text{inG\_sat}} = \text{XSteam}(\text{'my\_pT'}, p_{\text{in\_bar}}, T_{\text{sat\_in\_C}}/.99)$ ;
    - $\mu_{\text{inL\_sat}} = \text{XSteam}(\text{'my\_pT'}, p_{\text{in\_bar}}, T_{\text{sat\_in\_C}}*.99)$ ;



## Q&A

- "In the exercise 1D and 1E, it is asked to calculate  $f_{TP}$  with the following equation. But it is dependent on  $x$ , which is variable in ex 1E. So  $f_{TP}$  is also dependent on the distance in the channel. I am wondering how to calculate this"

$$\frac{\mu_{TP}}{\mu_L} = \left[ 1 + x \left( \frac{\mu_L}{\mu_G} - 1 \right) \right]^{-1}$$

- you have to integrate  $f_{TP}(z) / \rho_m(z)$  from  $L=0 \rightarrow L=L$ .  $f_{TP}$  is function of quality  $x$  and  $x$  is function of height (linear evaluation from 0 to 0.15)
- "trapz versus quad/integral in matlab"
  - see samplefunctions of matlab. One is for function other is for vector (discrete points)
- "In table it is seen that at  $Z_{ONB}$   $x=0$ . This should also be the case off course in the single phase liquid region as in a single phase (SP) the quality is 0 or 1. But if I take the Levy correlation I don't end up with  $x=0$  in the SP liquid region and also not at  $Z_{ONB}$ . In both cases  $x < 0$  but off course very close to 0. The same story for the single phase vapor region. There  $x > 1$ . Is this just because  $x$  is being calculated with a correlation that is only valid in the 2-phase region between  $Z_D$  and  $Z_V$  and should not be applied outside this interval?"
  - Be careful in your explanation that you always clarify that you talk about mass/flow and equilibrium quality. Levy is made to calculate  $x_{flow}$  from the point  $Z_D$  to the point  $Z_V$ . For the other points in a practical calculation you would force  $x_{flow}$  to zero respectively one
- "The Levy's correlation that we use for  $x_{flow}$  leads to  $x_{flow} > 1$ . Is it a good way to just limit the maximum value of  $x$  to 1?"
  - The easiest numerical approach is to limit it to 1. This gives a discontinuity and is just an approximation of the actual physics. It is good enough as an approach for this project.

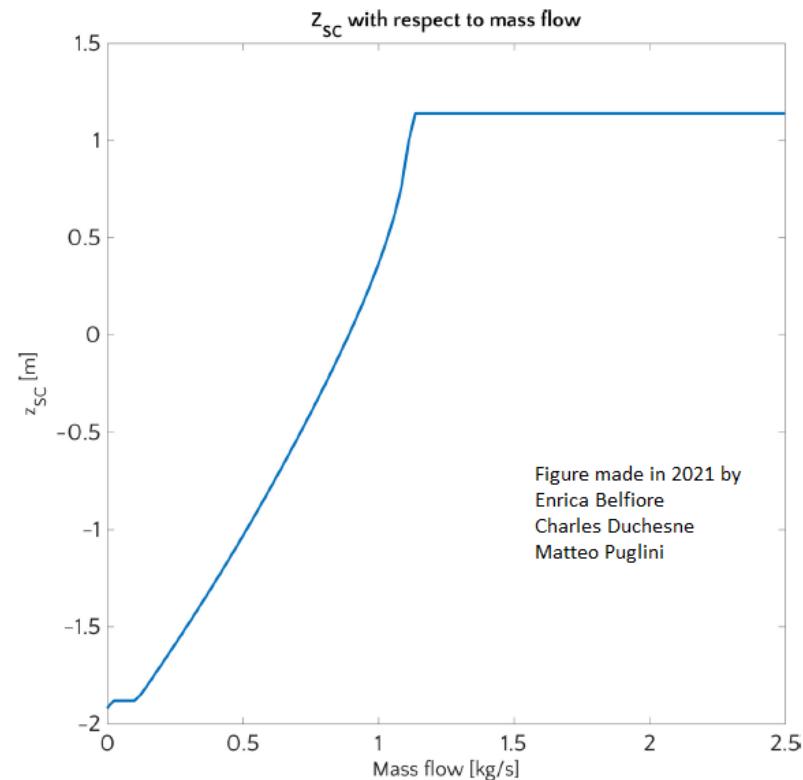


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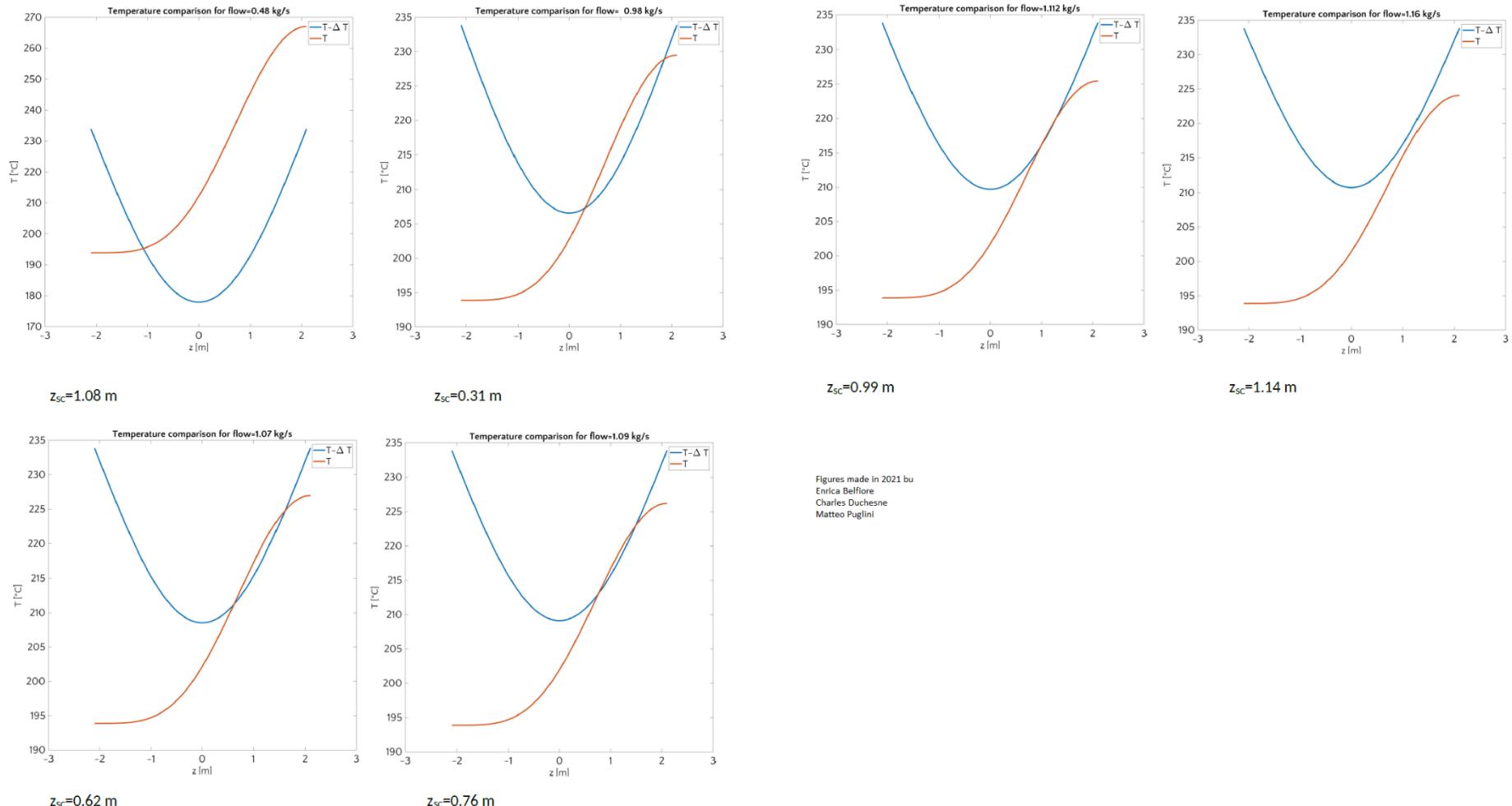
■ *"if we calculate the point  $z_{sc}=z_D$  for different mass flows; from a certain mass flow,  $z_D$  is constant?"*

- Indeed, at high mass flow rate there only is liquid in the channel. In the mass flow range region where there is a transition from subcooled to bubbles leaving the wall, the correlation of Saha and Zuber cannot be used anymore. From numerical/calculation point of view this means that there is not crossing of the actual temperature ( $z$ ) curve (fluid temperature) and the temperature ( $z$ ) curve given by the correlation. This can also give an issue if you make integral calculations from the point  $z_D$  to e.g.  $z_B$  or  $z_V$  for different mass flow. At a certain mass flow rate the  $z_D$  will not change anymore. Therefore, a possible numerical solution is to make an interpolation between the max of  $z_{SC}$  and  $z=L/2$ . In matlab working with fzero instead of fsolve also changes the numerical influence
- See pictures on next slide





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