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Phase-changes, but specifically solidification processes are of great interest in automotive industry for the windshield washer tank design. This Master thesis will produce a comprehensive state of the art of current used methods to effectively represent solidification processes.

The content of this thesis is organized in the following way: the





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# List of Abbreviations

**LAH** List Abbreviations **Here**  
**WSF** What (it) Stands For



# Physical Constants

Speed of Light  $c_0 = 2.997\,924\,58 \times 10^8 \text{ m s}^{-1}$  (exact)



# List of Symbols

$a$	distance	m
$P$	power	W (J s <sup>-1</sup> )
$\omega$	angular frequency	rad



## Chapter 1

# Introduction

### 1.1 Thesis Statement

Enthalpy-porosity for modeling the melting process and UDF (user defined function) to describe the expansion of PCM (phase-change material) as a result of the variation between the solid and liquid density.

Numerical modeling of a solid-liquid phase change in a closed 2D cavity with density change, elastic wall and natural convection.

### 1.2 Phase-Change Process

#### 1.2.1 Freezing Phenomena

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## **Chapter 5**

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## Chapter 6

# Future Works



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# Frequently Asked Questions

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