

# 13. Ponyo's Heat Tube

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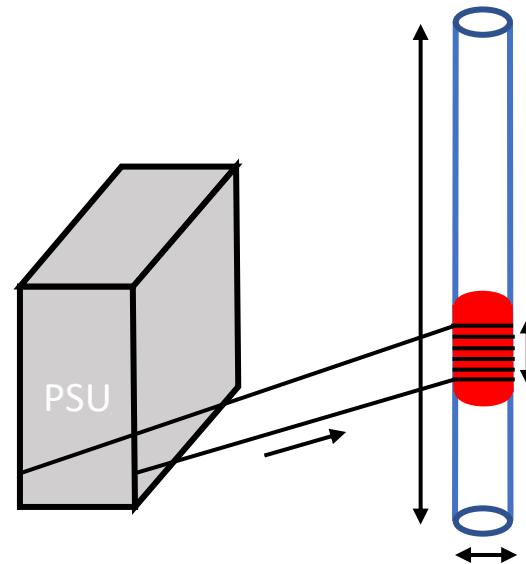


# Problem Statement

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## Parameters:

1. *Heated segment Length*
2. *Length of tube*
3. *Diameter of tube*
4. *Initial temperature of water bath*
5. *Power input for heating*



# Overview

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## **Phenomenon**

*Reproduction of Phenomenon, Qualitative Explanation*

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*Measurement Techniques, Camera Views*

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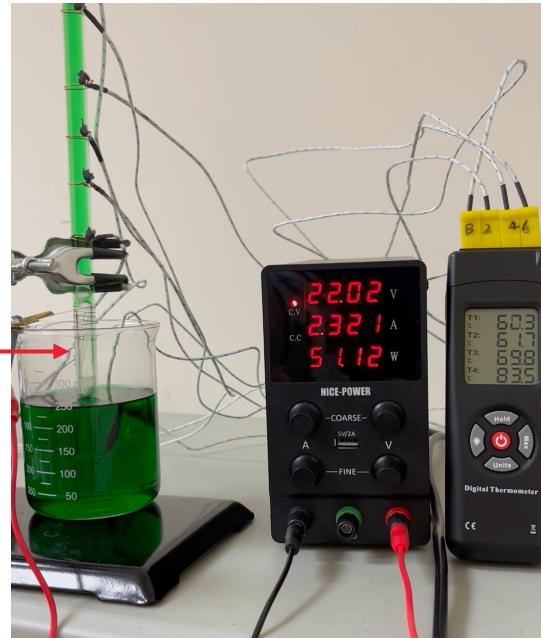
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## **Conclusion**

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# Phenomenon

Bubble formed



*heat – boil – condense&buoyancy – bubble disappear*



# Qualitative Explanation

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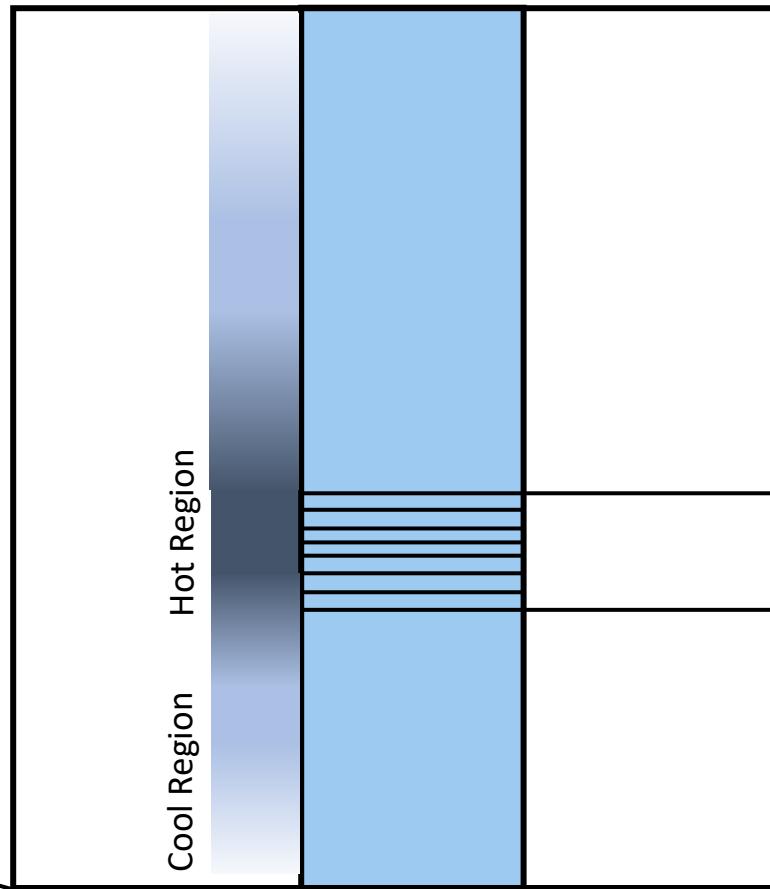
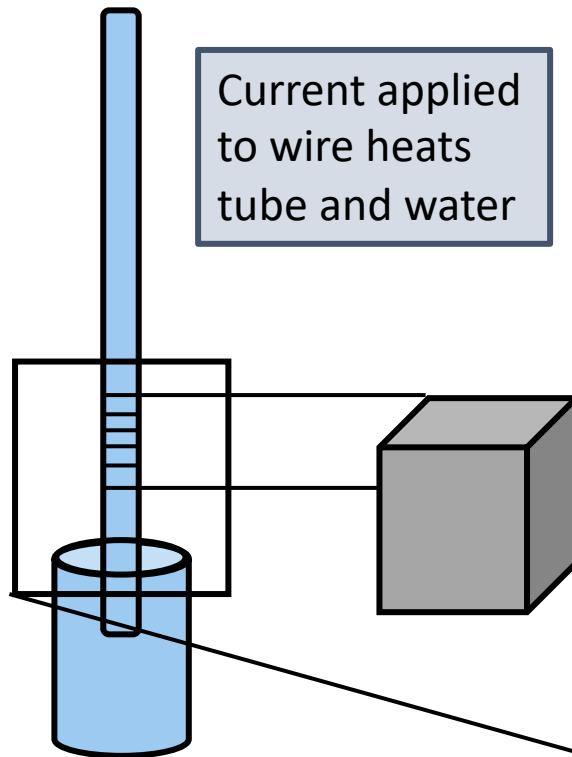
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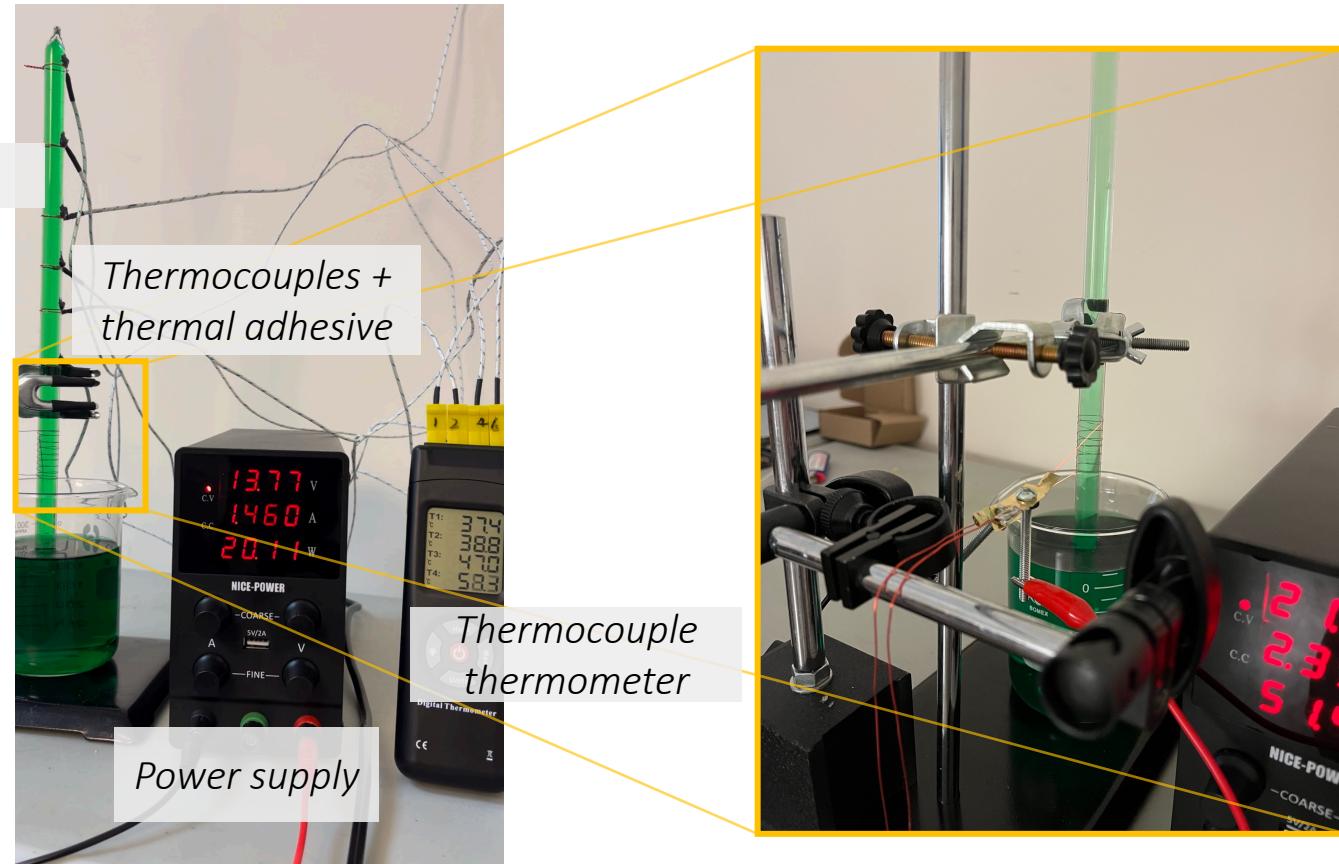
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# Qualitative Explanation



# Experimental Setup



# Experimental Measurement



Thermocouple  
Thermometer  
 $(\pm 0.3\%)$



Beaker  
 $(\pm 5\%)$

# Theoretical Model

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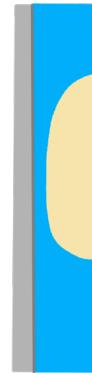
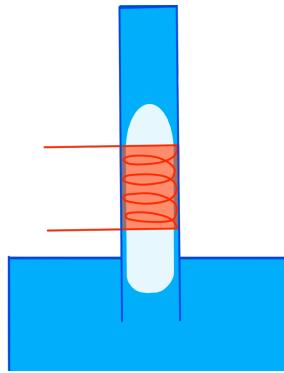
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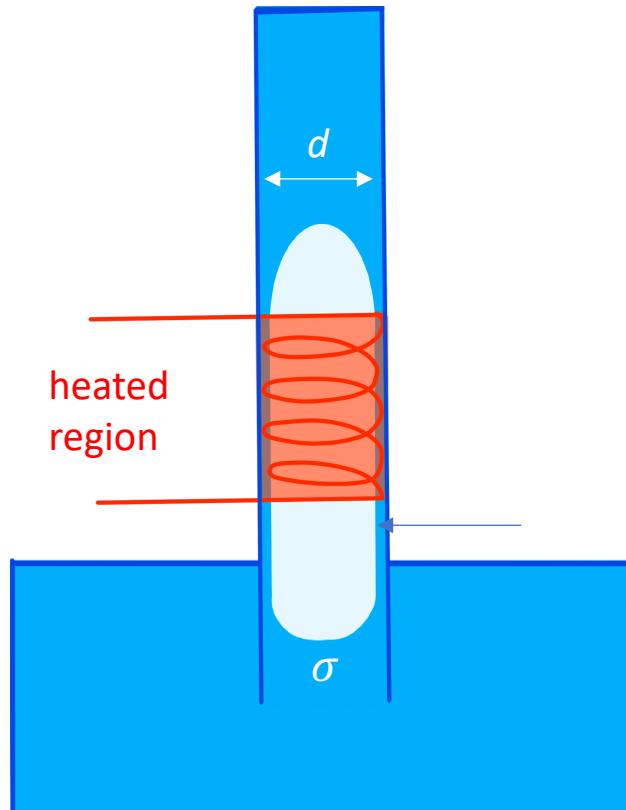


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# Geometry



$d = \text{diameter of the tube}$   
 $\sigma = \text{surface tension}$

# Assumptions

- *The impact of water based dye is negligible*
- *Water evaporation from the beaker is negligible*
- *Heat loss to the environment through water bath and beaker is negligible*
- *Inertial Effects are negligible*
- *Bubble is radially symmetrical*

# Simple Rising Dynamics

Volume expansion coefficient justifies the variation of density with temperature

$$\beta = -\frac{1}{\rho} \left( \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial T} \right)_P$$

The change in density can then be approximated as

$$\beta \approx -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\Delta \rho}{\Delta T} \rightarrow \Delta \rho \approx -\rho \beta \Delta T$$

fraction of volume  
change that corresponds  
to temperature change

# Balanced Rising Dynamics

Considering buoyancy and viscous forces, the Grashof number can be expressed as

$$Gr = \frac{g\beta(T_s - T_\infty)\pi r^2 h}{v^2}$$

Balanced buoyancy and viscous forces

Where

$g$  = gravitational acceleration

$\beta$  = coefficient of volume expansion

$r$  = radius of bubble

$h$  = height of the bubble

$v$  = kinematic viscosity of the fluid

*Primary force balance on a rising vapour bubble*

# Natural Convection

Rayleigh number that drives the natural convection can be expressed as:

$$Ra = \frac{\rho_l g \beta_l (T^* - T_0)(L - h)^3}{\nu k} \approx 10^9$$

Balanced buoyancy and viscous forces

*Ra > 10<sup>8</sup> implies strong presence of convection*

Ratio of conductive to convective heat transfer can be expressed using Nusselt number,

where

$$Nu = \frac{hL}{k} \approx 685 \gg 1 \quad h = \text{convective thermal heat transfer coefficient}$$

*Nu > 100 implies convection dominance over conduction*

# Capillary Force

Considering the capillary force from the tube

$$\vec{F}_{drag} \approx \frac{(\mu \cdot U)}{r} \left( \frac{l_s}{R} \right) (\pi r^2)$$

where  $l_s$  is the length of liquid section

$$\vec{F}_{cap} \approx \sigma \cdot (2\pi r)$$

The scaling ratio of drag and capillary force can then be deduced as

$$\left( \frac{\vec{F}_{drag}}{\vec{F}_{cap}} \right) \approx \frac{(\mu \cdot U)}{\sigma} \left( \frac{l_s}{2r} \right) \approx Ca \left( \frac{l_s}{d} \right)$$

Capillary number

# Pressure Drop

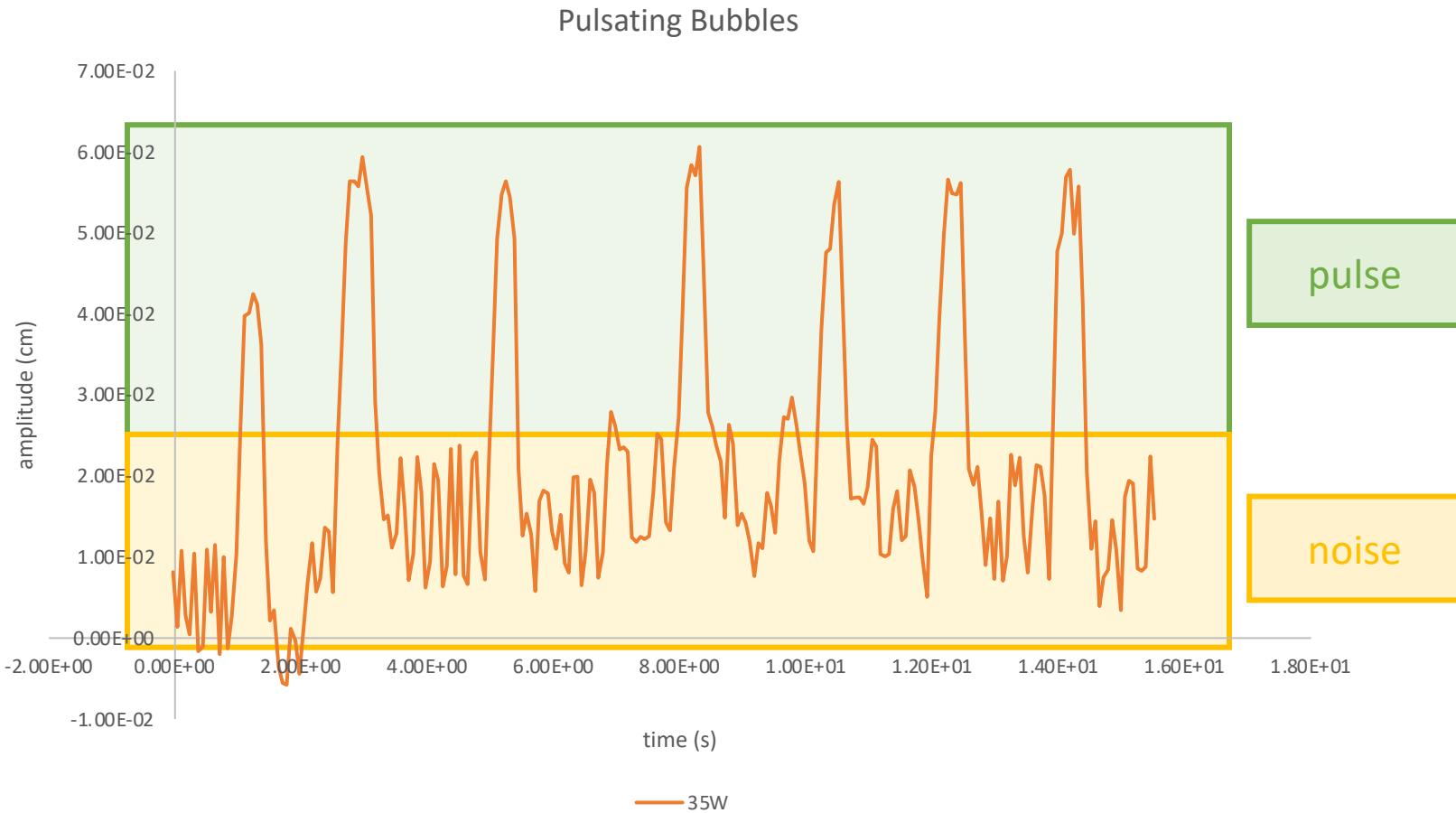
Due to the phase change, the pressure inside the tube changes,

$$\Delta P_f = k(\rho_l \cdot U_s \cdot \mu_l)^{-0.25} \cdot (\rho_l \cdot U_s^2) \cdot \left(\frac{2l_s}{d}\right)$$

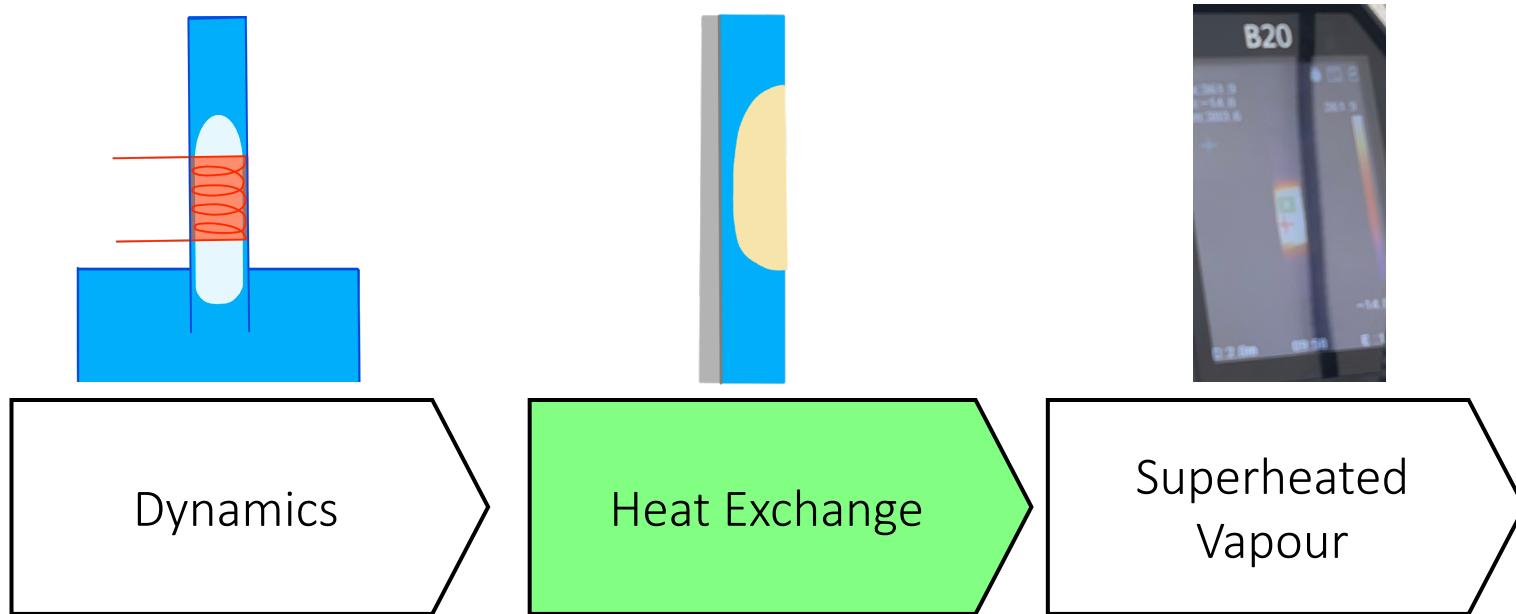
where  $k$  is a dimensionless constant

*With the formation & Fading of bubbles, the pressure constantly changes*

# Preliminary Experiment Results



# Theoretical Model



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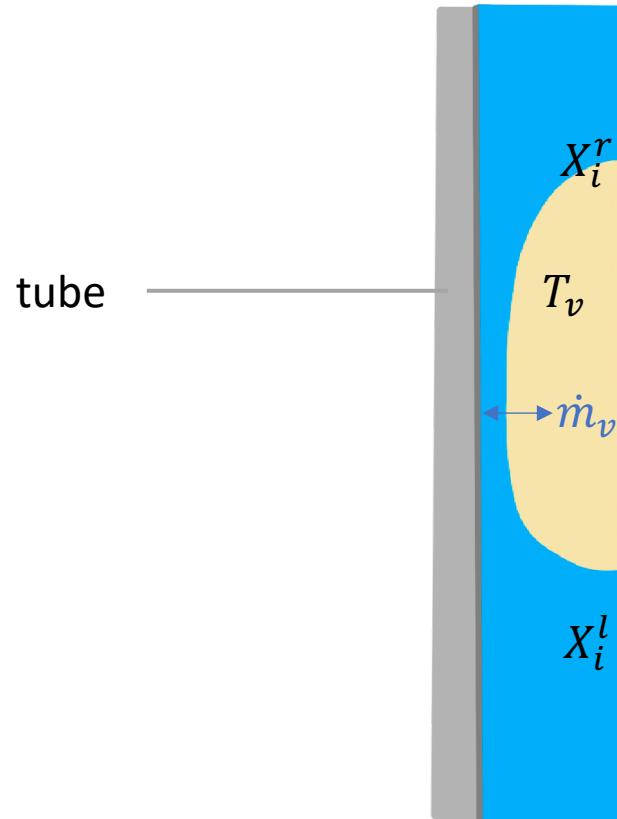
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# Geometry



$T_v$  = Temperature of vapor bubble  
 $\dot{m}_v$  = mass exchange rate in vapor bubble  
 $\Omega$  = volume of vapor  
m = mass of vapor

# Assumptions

- *The impact of water based dye is negligible*
- *Water evaporation from the beaker is negligible*
- *Heat loss to the environment through water bath and beaker is negligible*
- *Liquid-gas interface has the saturation temperature*

# System Characterization

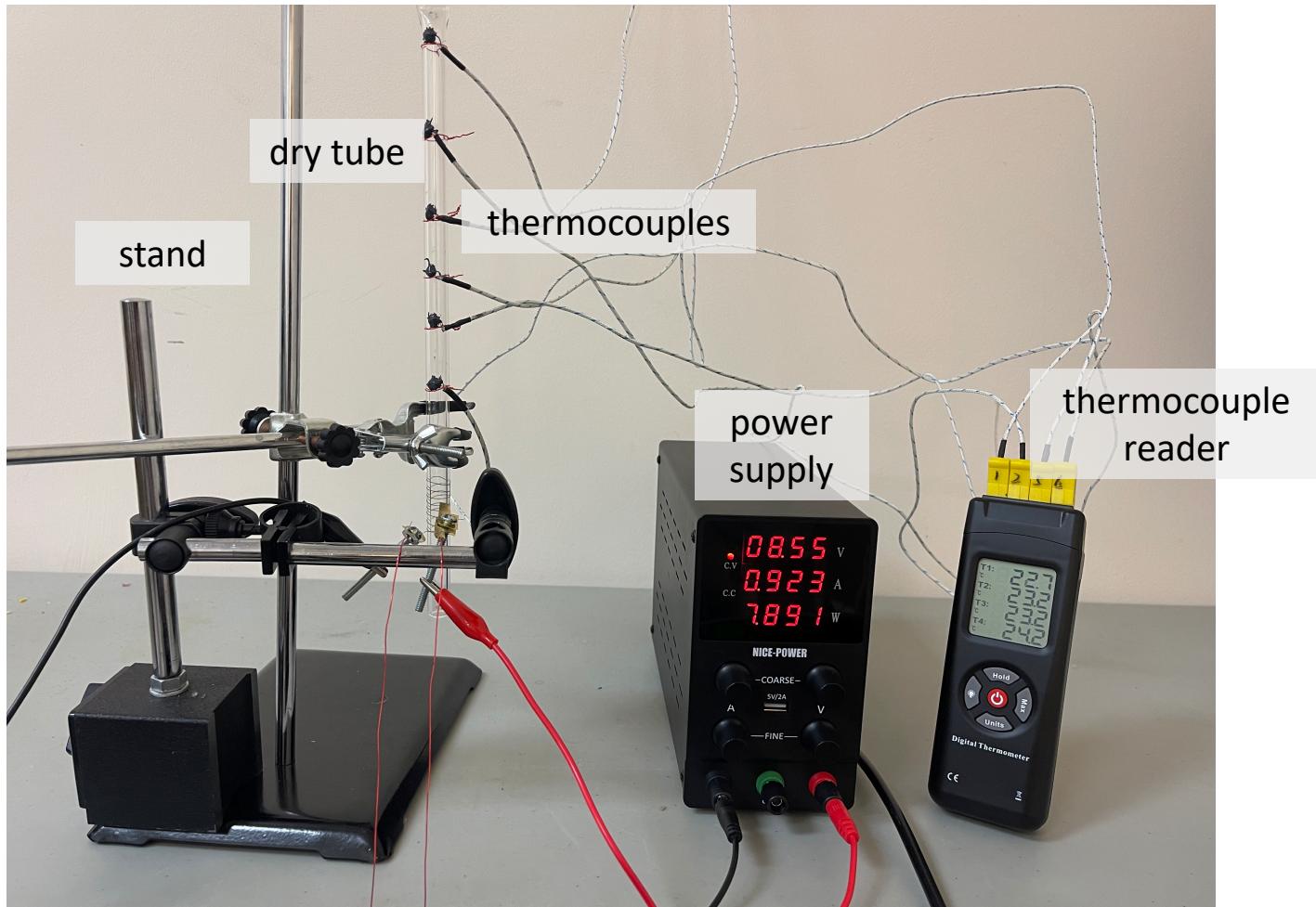
The rate of heat lost after the empty tube reaches thermal equilibrium can be expressed as:

$$P_{in} = \dot{Q}_{lost} = \int_0^L d\dot{Q} = \boxed{\int_0^L k(T(x) - T_\infty)dx}$$

heat transfer coefficient

$$\text{where } k = \frac{d\dot{Q}}{dT}$$

# Dry Tube Setup

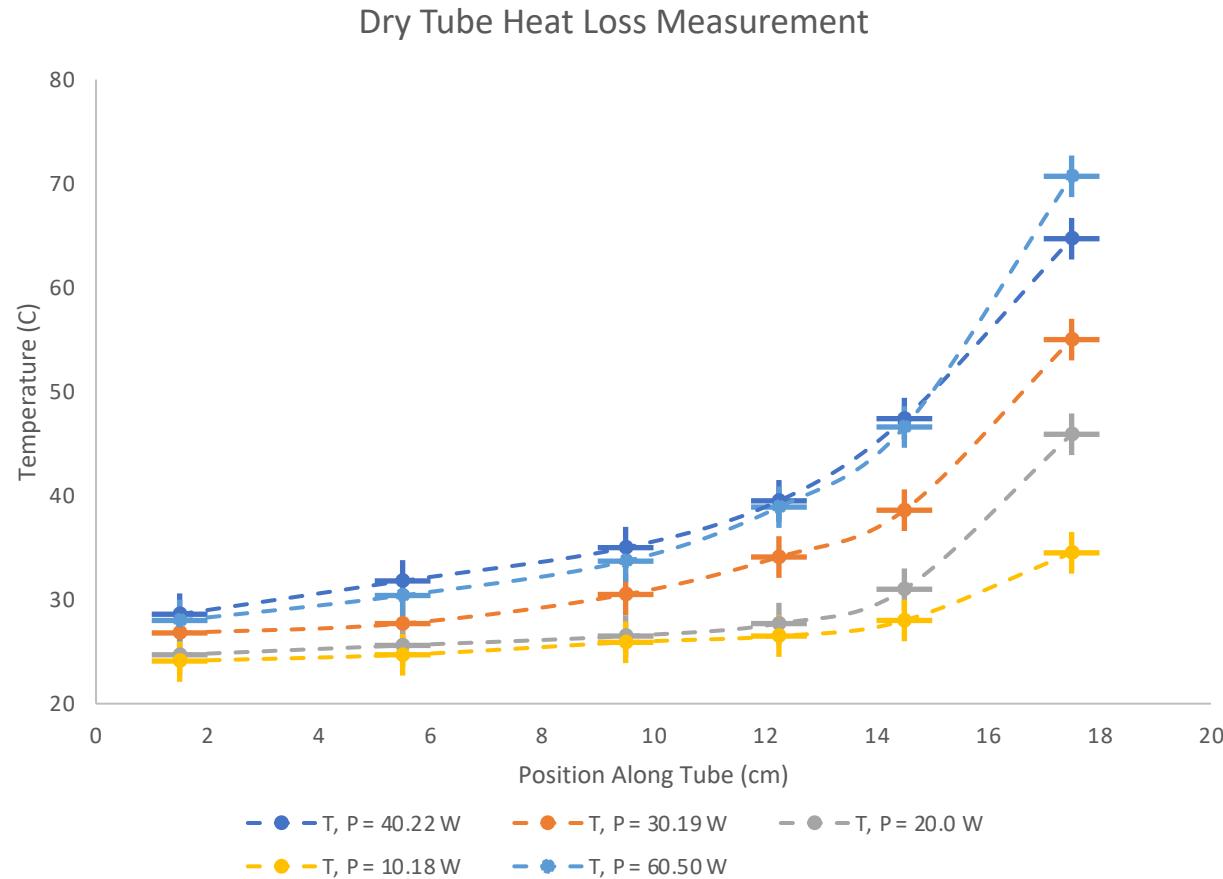


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# Heat Exchange

The heat exchange in the liquid can be expressed as

$$\frac{\partial T_l}{\partial t} = D_l \frac{\partial^2 T_l}{\partial x'^2} + \frac{\pi d U_l}{\rho_l c_l S} [T_w(x') - T_l(x')]$$

The temperature distribution along the inner tube wall can be described as:

$$\frac{\partial T_w}{\partial t} = D_w \frac{\partial^2 T_w}{\partial x^2} + \frac{j_w}{\rho_w c_w}$$

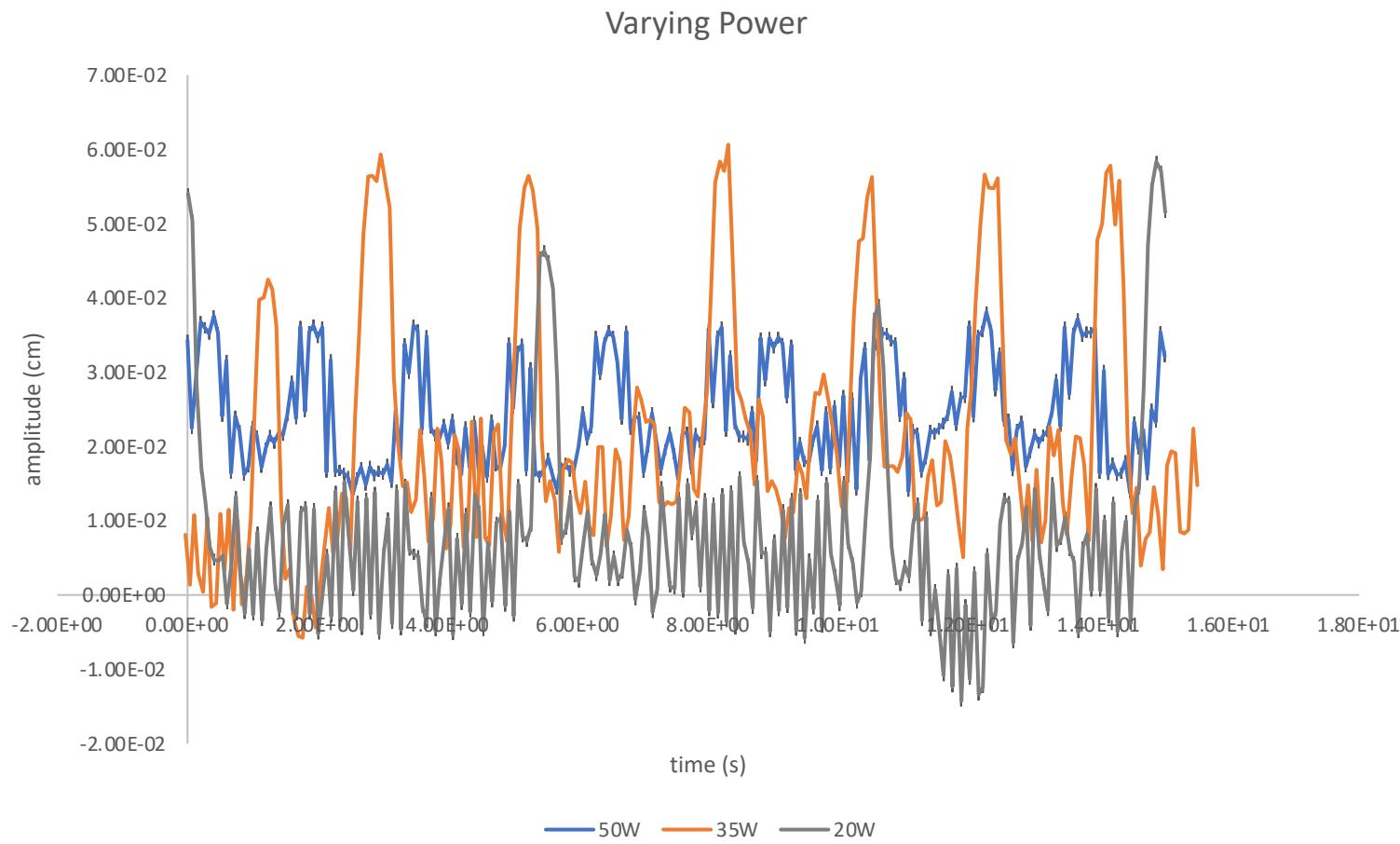
1D thermal diffusion equation

# Phase Change

The phase change rate can be expressed as

$$J_{f,i}^n = \frac{2\pi U_i^n r_i^n}{L} = \int_{X_i^l}^{X_i^r} [T_w(x) - T_{sat,i}] dx$$

# Experimental Result

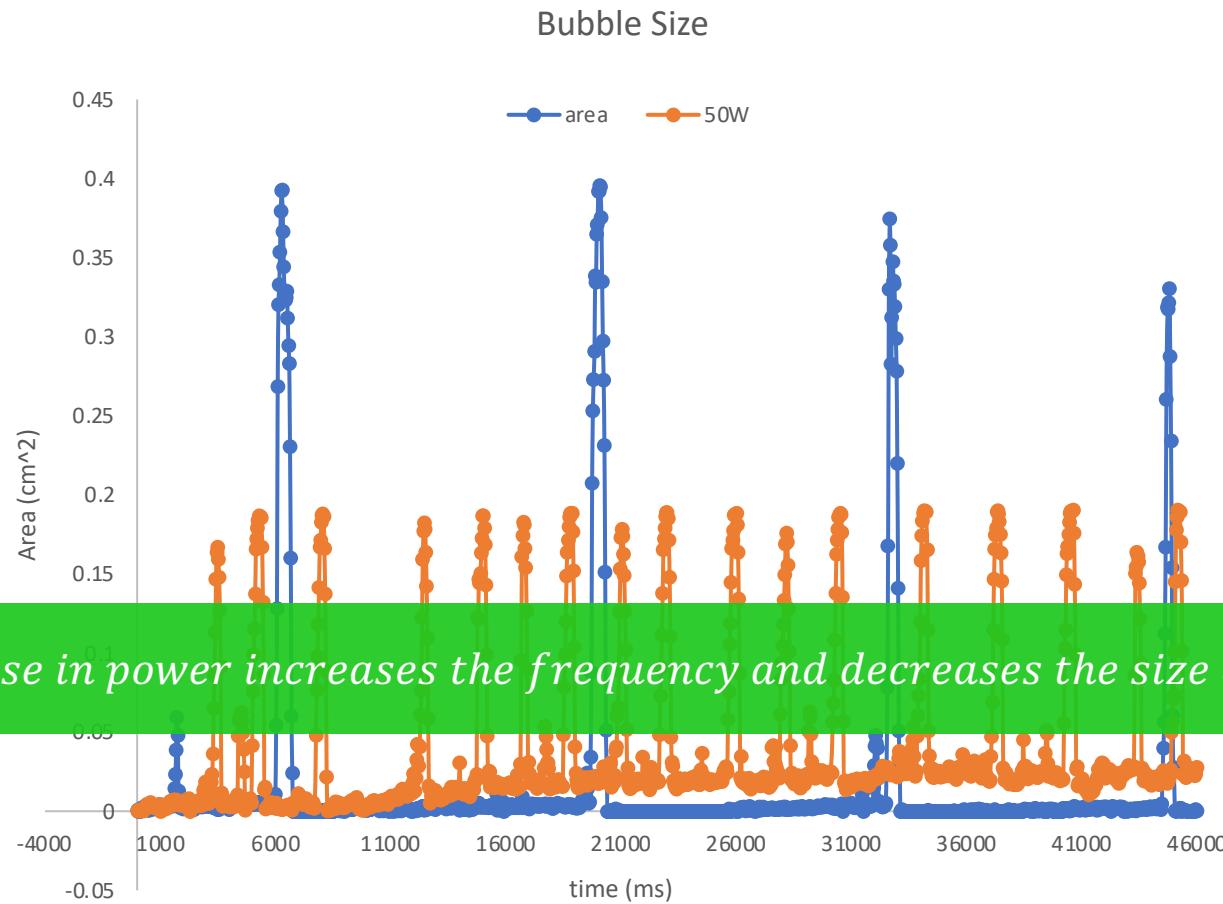


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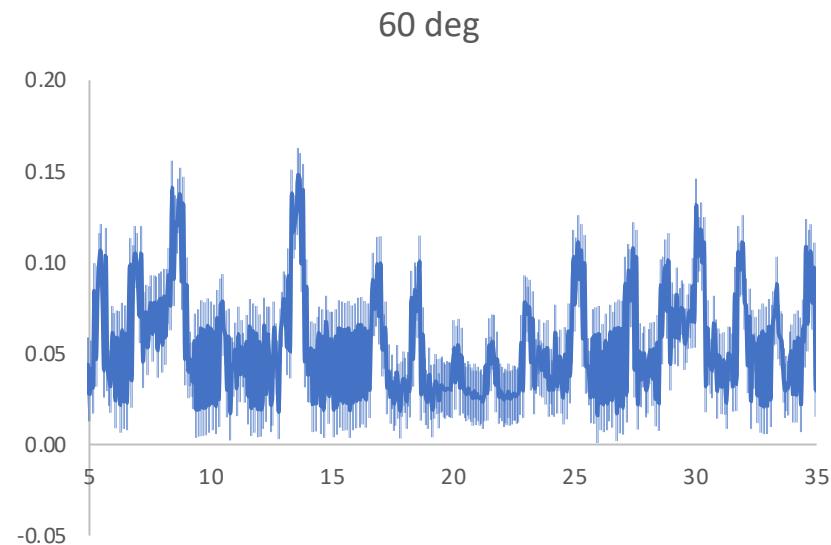
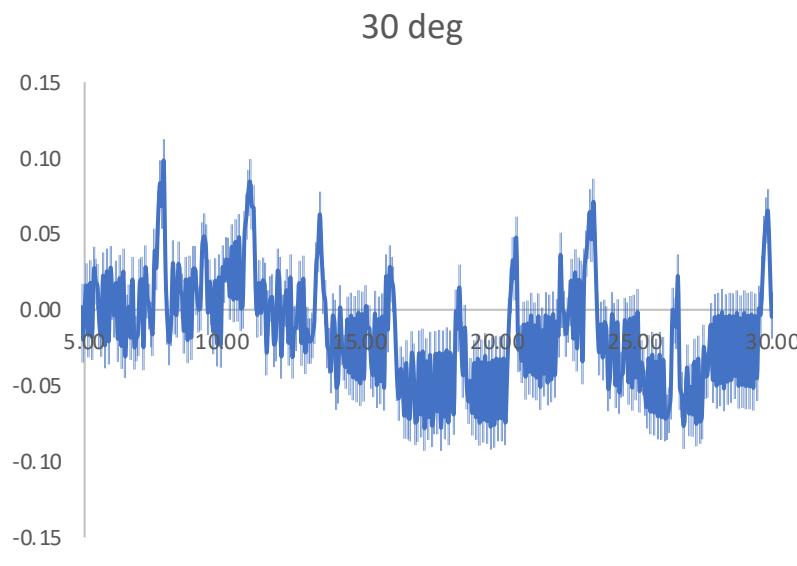


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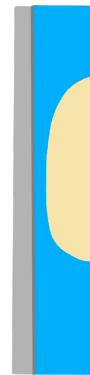
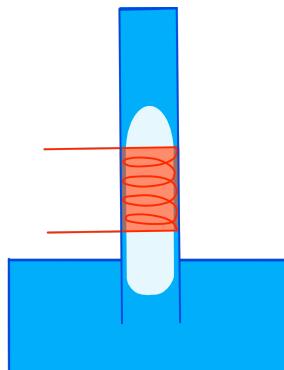


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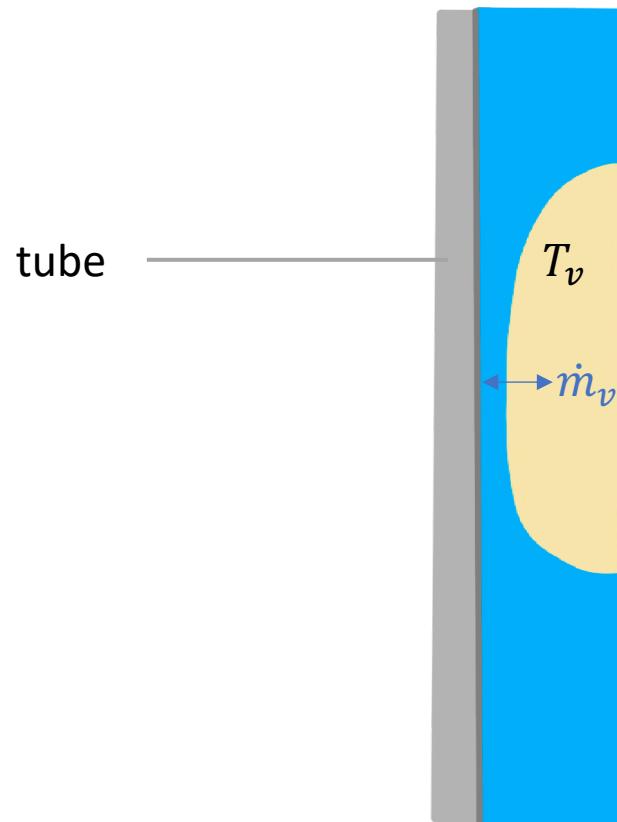
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# Super Heated Vapor

The thermal energy of the vapor can be described as:

$$c_{vv}m_v\dot{T}_v = R_g T_v \dot{m}_v - p_v \dot{\Omega}_v$$

where  $c_{vv}$  is the vapor specific heat at constant volume

The energy equation of the system can be expressed as:

$$c_{vv}m_v\dot{T}_v = \boxed{\pi d[U_e L_{ve}(T_e - T_v) + U_c L_{vc}(T_c - T_v)]} - p_v \dot{\Omega}_v$$

where

$U_e$  is the heat transfer coefficient

$L_{ve}$  is the length of bubble in the evaporator

# Experiment Demonstration

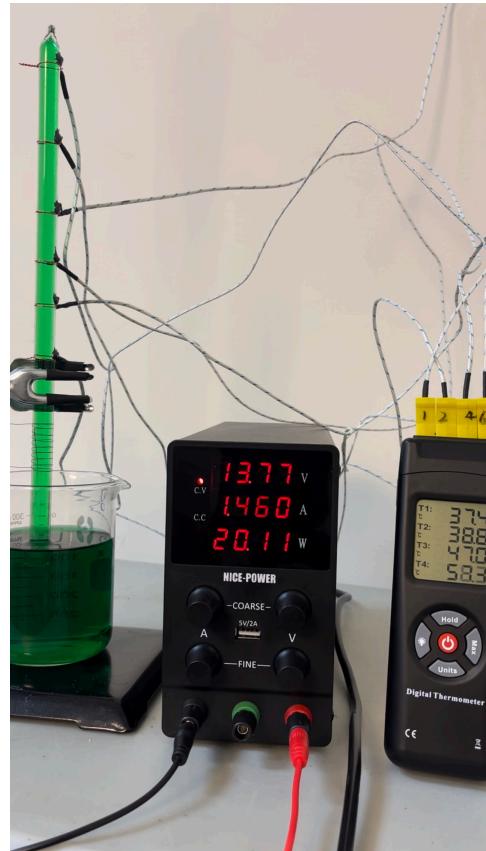


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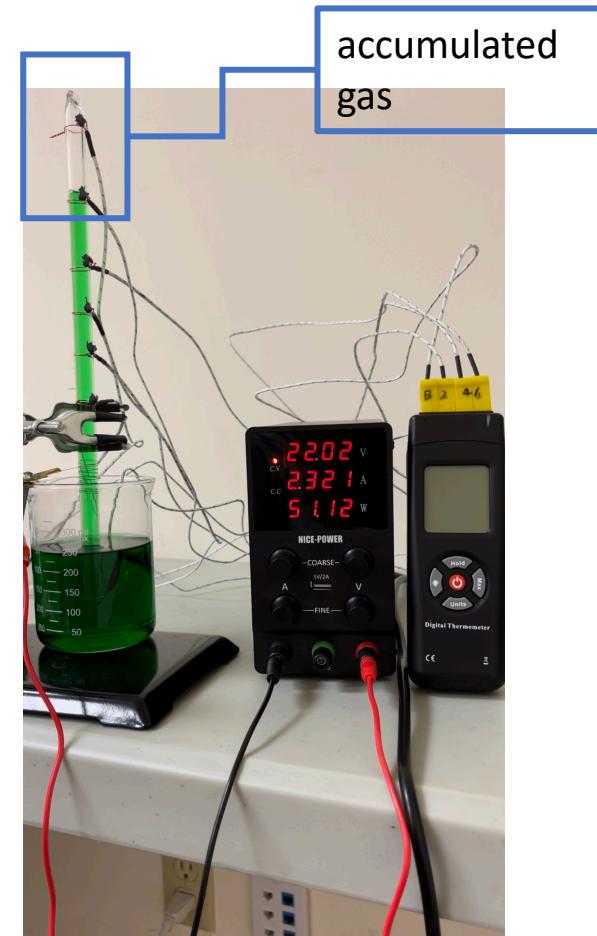
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# Further Insights



$t = 0 \text{ min}$

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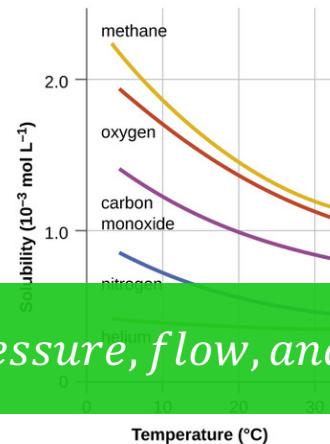
$t = 40 \text{ min}$

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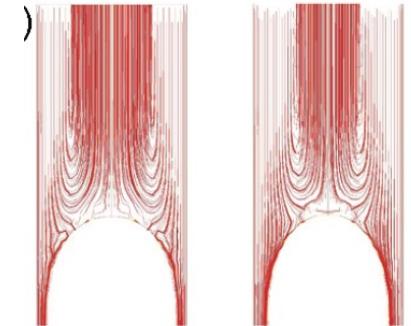
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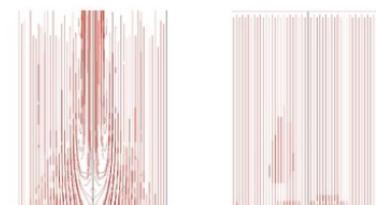
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*The pressure, flow, and dissolved gases may cause gas formed on the top*



(i)  $\text{Ca} = 0.03$    (ii)  $\text{Ca} = 0.10$



(iii)  $\text{Ca} = 0.3$    (iv)  $\text{Ca} = 1.34$

# Key Parameters

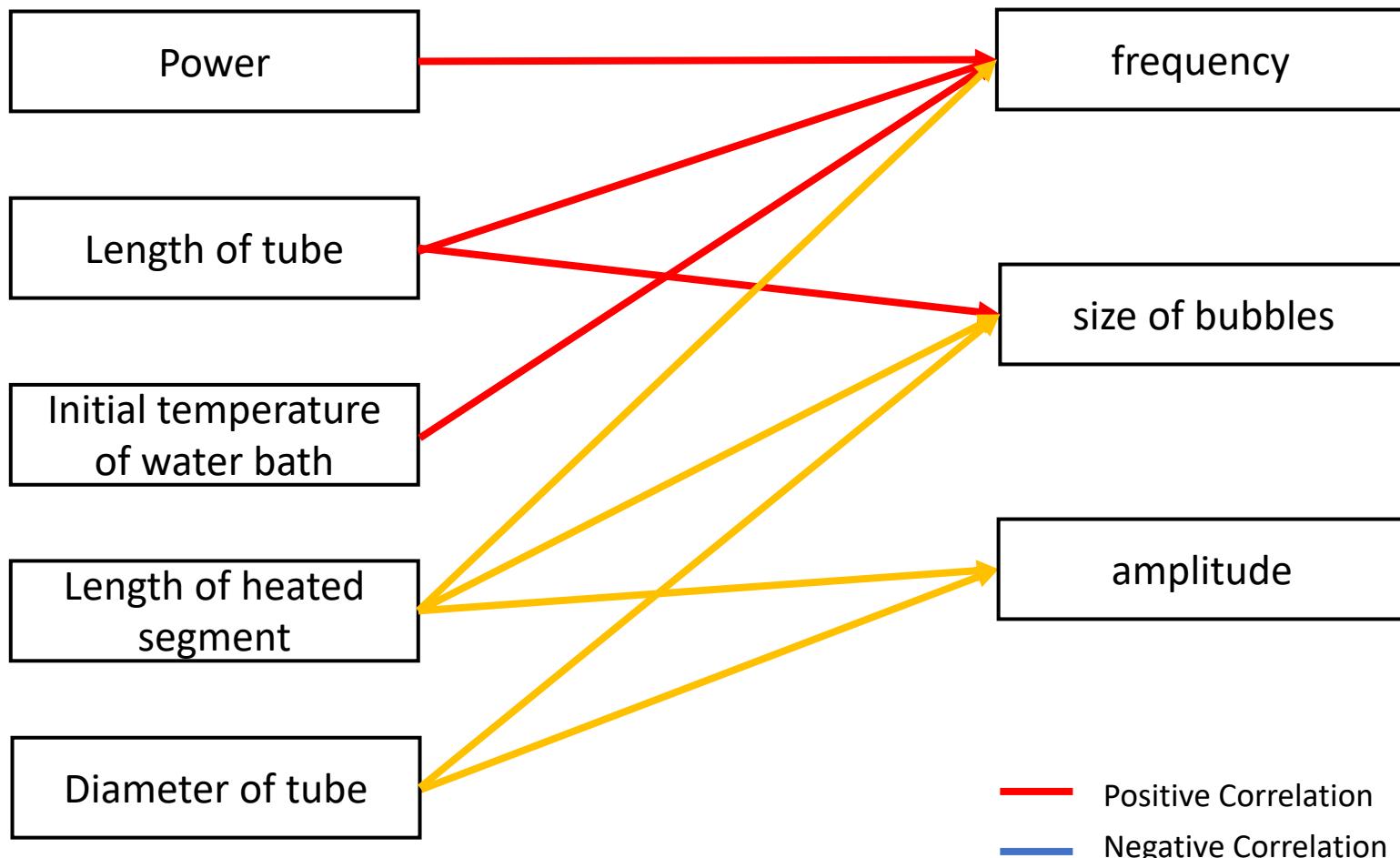
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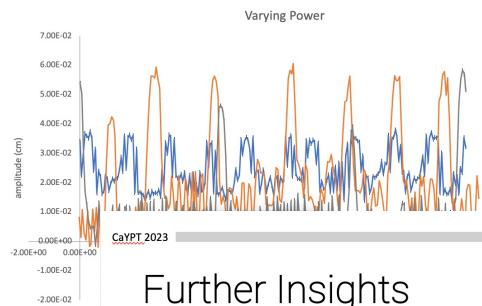
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Input power is the **most relevant** parameter to the problem, while other parameters like **dimensions of tube**, **initial temperature of water bath** and **heat segment length** have an impact as well. **Periodic vapor bubble** occurs through the **boiling of water** caused by **segment heating**, and **higher heat exchange** leads to **greater frequency**.

# Conclusion

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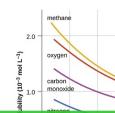
### Pulsating Bubbles



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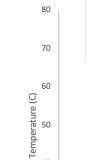


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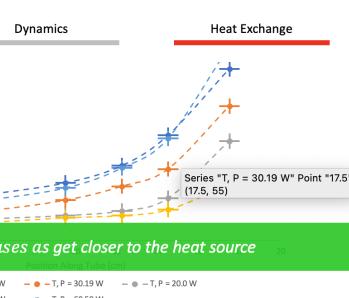


### Dynamics



Temperature increases as get closer to the heat source

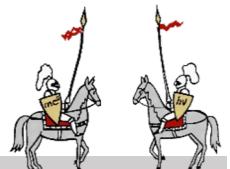
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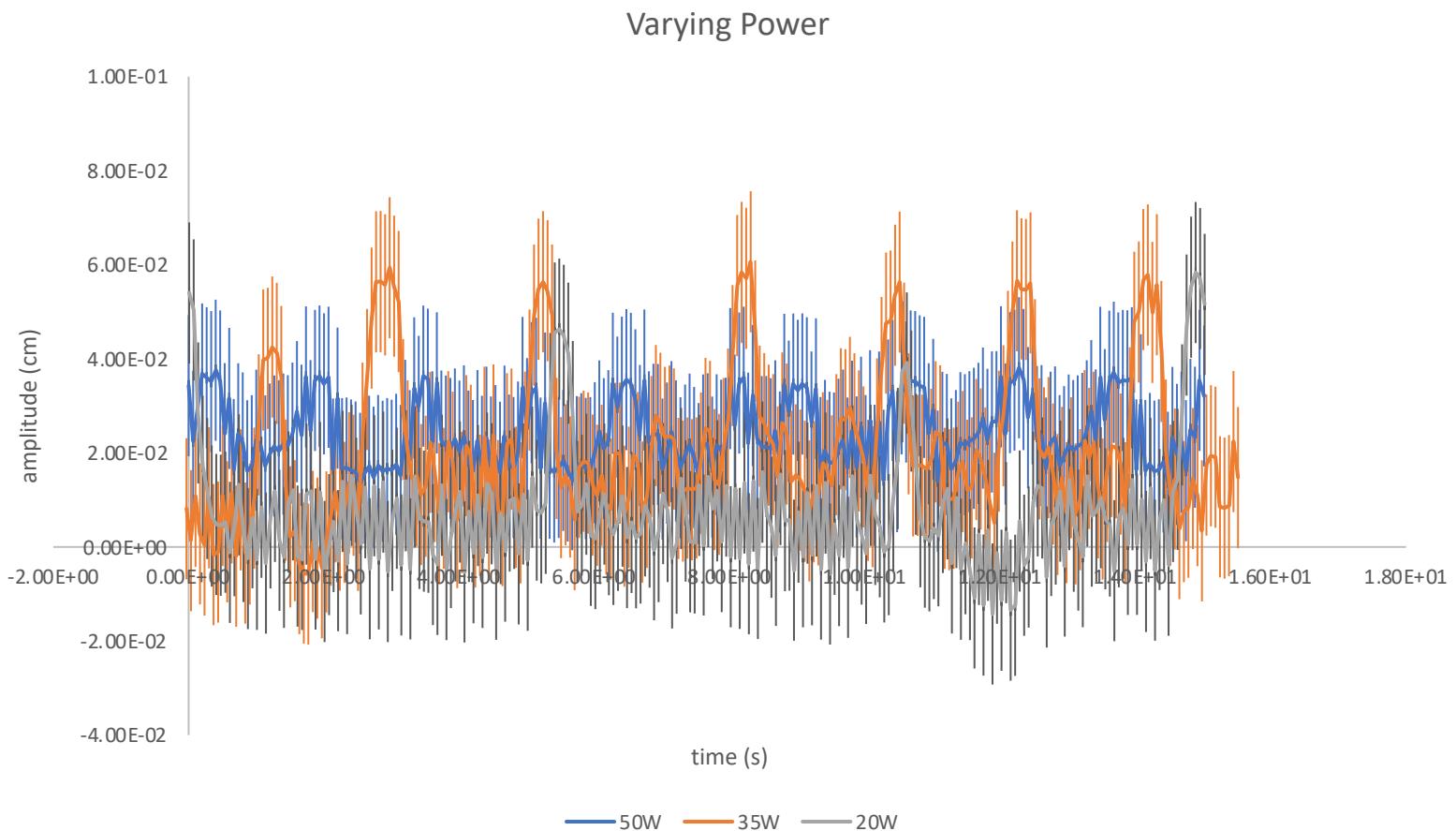
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# Appendix

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# Varying Power (with error bars)



# Triple Contact Line

forces and to fluid dynamics. The condition for static equilibrium of a triple contact line involving an ideal solid (perfectly smooth and chemically homogeneous), liquid and a gas/vapor is stated as the Young's equation [Carey, 2007]:

$$\sigma_{SV} - \sigma_{SL} - \sigma_{LV} \cos(\theta_{eq}) = 0 \quad (4)$$

Equilibrium Spreading Coefficient

$$S_{eq} = \sigma_{SV} - (\sigma_{SL} + \sigma_{LV}) = \sigma_{LV} (\cos(\theta_{eq}) - 1) \quad (5)$$

*Initial Spreading Coefficient* is defined as follows,

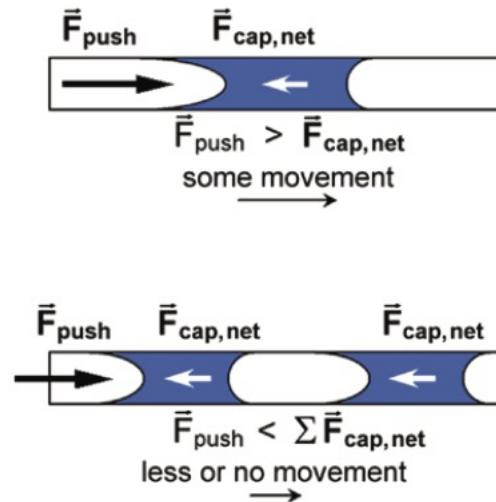
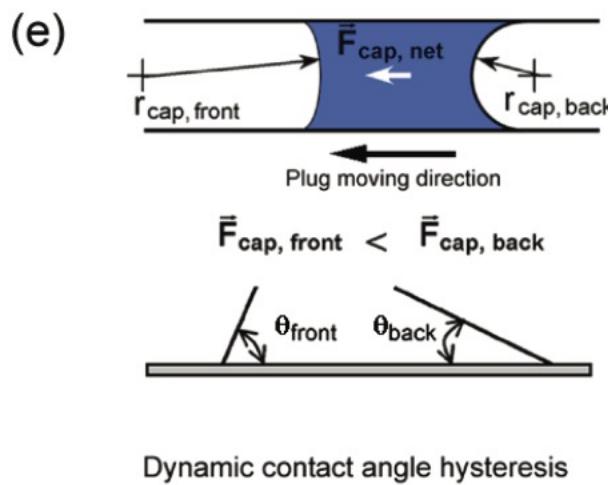
$$S_i = \sigma_{S0} - (\sigma_{SL} + \sigma_{LV}) \quad (6)$$

Alcohol Evaporation

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# Triple Contact Line



With Laplace pressure

$$\Delta P_{\text{cap}} = (2\sigma / R)(-\cos \theta_a + \cos \theta_r)$$

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$$f^* = \frac{16}{Re^*} \left[ 1 + A \left( \frac{D}{L_s} \right) \left( Re^* / Ca^* \right)^B \right] = \frac{-(D/4)(dP/dz)}{\left( \frac{1}{2} \rho_l (j_l + j_g)^2 \right)}$$

diameter tube used in the experiments. Besides, the frictional pressure drop for the liquid slug is calculated as:

$$\Delta P_f = 0.078 \left( \rho_l \cdot U_s \cdot D / \mu_l \right)^{-0.25} \cdot (\rho_l \cdot U_s^2) \cdot (2L_s / D) \quad (26)$$

$$\Delta P_f = k (\rho_l \cdot U_s \cdot \mu_l)^{-0.25} \cdot (\rho_l \cdot U_s^2) \cdot \left( \frac{2L_s}{D} \right)$$