

$h$ ; heat transfer coefficient (dimensional)

$$q_w'' = h(T_w - T)$$

$$T_w = T_{\text{wall}}$$

$T$ : Bulk fluid temperature

- To nondimensionalized  $h$ , the Nusselt Number is introduced:

$$Nu = \frac{hD}{k} \Rightarrow \boxed{h = \frac{k}{D} Nu}$$

In general,  $Nu = Nu(Re, Pr)$  for different fluid types.

$Nu_H \rightarrow$  Nusselt No. for constant heat flux

$Nu_T \rightarrow$  Nusselt No. for constant temperature.

#### • Laminar flow

$$Nu_H = 4.364$$

$$Nu_T = 3.658$$

#### • Turbulent Flow

for  $Pr < 0.1$  (Liquid Metal):

$$Nu_H = 6.3 + 0.003 Re Pr$$

$$Nu_T = 4.8 + 0.003 Re Pr$$

Conduction term

Convection term

for  $0.5 < Pr < 1.0$  (Gases):

$$Nu_H = 0.022 Pr^{0.4} Re^{0.8}$$

for  $1.0 < Pr < 2.0$  (Water)

$$Nu_H = 0.0155 Pr^{0.5} Re^{0.83}$$

#### 1-D Balance Eqns.

$$\frac{\partial p}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial p v}{\partial z} = 0 \rightarrow \text{C.E.}$$

$$\frac{\partial p v}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial p v^2}{\partial z} = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial z} - \frac{f p v |v|}{2D} + \rho g_z \rightarrow \text{M.E.}$$

$$\rho C_p \left[ \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + v \frac{\partial T}{\partial z} \right] = \frac{f k}{A} h (T_w - T) + \dot{q} \rightarrow \text{E.E.}$$

- These balance equations cannot be used in accident scenarios
- Not valid for natural circulation.

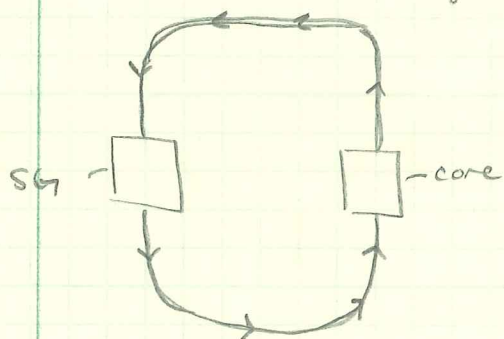
### • Natural Circulation (Boussinesq Assumption)

$$\boxed{\rho g z = \bar{\rho} g z - \bar{\rho} \beta \Delta T g z} \quad \beta = \frac{1}{\bar{\rho}} \left. \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial T} \right|_p \rightarrow \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{Thermal} \\ \text{Ex.} \\ \text{Coefficient} \end{array} \right)$$

Taylor expansion of density term to account for small changes in density due to temperature change.

### Integral Momentum Equation.

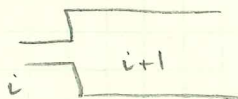
- In most cases it is important to know the solution for the entire reactor system (i.e. accident scenarios - LOCA).



nuclear reactor  $\rightarrow$   $i^{\text{th}}$  component  $\rightarrow$   $n$  total components.

$$\oint \text{1-D Momentum Eq.} \Rightarrow \text{IME (Integral Momentum Equation)}$$

### Continuity Equation



Assumption: Fluid ~ incompressible

$$\rho_i v_i a_i = \rho_{i+1} v_{i+1} a_{i+1} = \rho_r v_r a_r \quad \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{mass is conserved through} \\ \text{the entire system} \end{array} \right)$$

$$\rho_i = \rho_{i+1} = \rho_r \rightarrow \text{density can be considered constant.}$$

$$\boxed{v_i = \frac{a_r}{a_i} v_r} \quad (1) \rightarrow \text{only one momentum equation}$$



Integrate Momentum Equation along  $z$  (1-D  $\rightarrow$  0-D)

$$1\text{-D: } \frac{\partial p}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} p v^2 = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial z} - \frac{f p v |v|}{2D} + \bar{p} g_z - \bar{p} \beta \Delta T g_z$$

Component-wise Momentum Equation (1-D):

$$\frac{\partial p_i v_i}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} p_i v_i^2 = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial z} - \frac{f_i p_i v_i |v_i|}{2D} + \bar{p}_i g_{z,i} - \bar{p}_i \beta \Delta T g_{z,i}$$

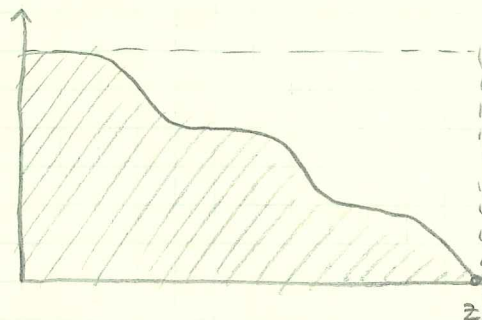
$$\oint \frac{\partial p_i v_i}{\partial t} dz = 0 \quad (1)$$

$$\oint \frac{\partial p_i v_i^2}{\partial z} dz = 0 \quad (2)$$

$$\oint -\frac{\partial p}{\partial z} dz = 0 \quad (3)$$

$$\oint (\bar{p}_i g_{z,i} - \bar{p}_i \beta \Delta T g_{z,i}) dz = 0 \quad (4)$$

$$\oint \frac{f_i p_i v_i |v_i|}{2D_i} dz = 0 \quad (5)$$



- Homework  $\rightarrow$  solve for (1)  $\rightarrow$  (5)

answers:

$$(1) = \sum_i p_i \frac{dv_i}{dt} l_i = \sum_i p_i \left( \frac{ar}{ai} \right) \frac{dv_i}{dt} l_i$$

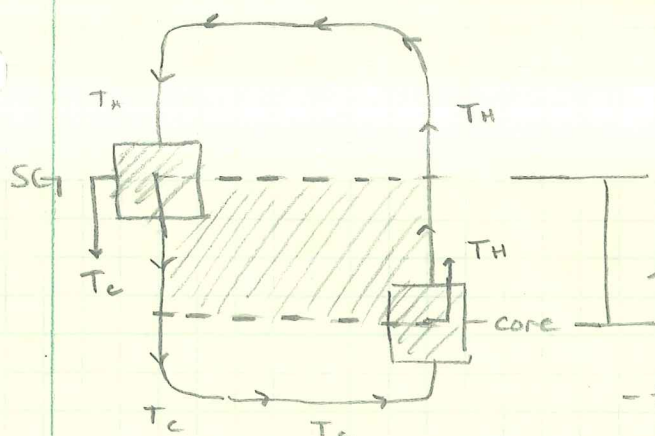
$$(2) \phi$$

$$(3) \Delta P_{\text{pump}}$$

$$(4) \sum_i (\bar{p}_i g_{z,i} l_i - \underbrace{\bar{p}_i g_i \beta \Delta T l_i}_{\bar{p}_i g_i \beta \Delta T_h l_h})$$

$$(5) \sum_i \left( \frac{f l}{D} + k \right)_i \frac{p_i v_i |v_i|}{2} = \sum_i \left( \frac{f l}{D} + k \right)_i \frac{p_i v_i^2}{2} \left( \frac{ar}{ai} \right)^2$$





$l_{hi}$ : difference in thermal centers

- thermal center (hot/cold after the center)
- center of gravity of the heat flux.

- only the thermal <sup>region</sup> <sub>center</sub> contributes to natural circulation.

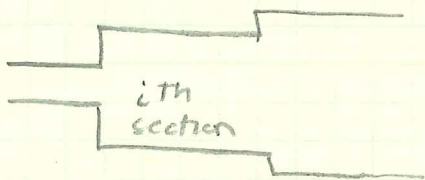
$$\rho_r \frac{dv_i}{dt} \sum_i \left( \frac{a_r}{a_i} \right) l_i = \Delta P_{\text{pump}} + g \beta_r \Delta T_H l_H - \frac{\rho_r v_i^2}{2} \sum_i \left( \frac{f l}{D} + k_i \right) \left( \frac{a_r}{a_i} \right)^2 \quad (2)$$

- inertia is driving force.

$$(\Delta T_H)_{\text{max}} = T_{\text{sat}} - T_c \rightarrow (\text{limit for single phase natural circulation})$$

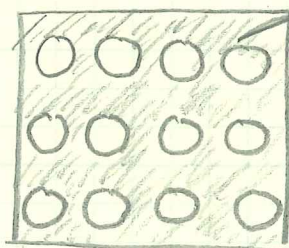
\* Derive this equation for homework \*

- Define and explain each term.
- Start from 1-D Momentum Eq. with (Bourgeois Assumption).
- Assume single phase / incompressible flow



$a_i$  = constant  
 $l_i$  = length  
 $f_i$  = friction factor  
 $D_i$  = Hydraulic diameter  
 $k_i$  = minor loss

B.C. for  
 each node  
 in RELAP/  
 any T-H  
 code.



$$D = \frac{4A}{P}$$

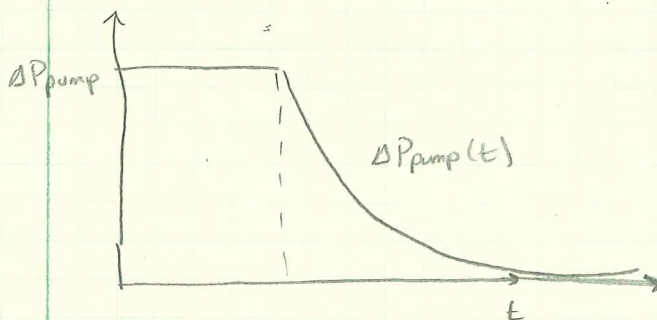
Transition to Natural Circulation

- Assume no change in power (constant heat generation)

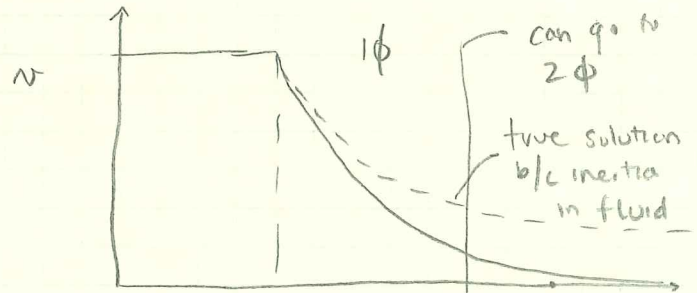
$$\dot{q} = \text{constant}$$

$$\left[ \rho_r \sum_i \left( \frac{a_r}{a_i} \right) l_i \frac{\partial v_i}{\partial t} = \Delta P + g \beta \rho_r \Delta T_H L_H - \frac{\rho_r v_r^2}{2} \sum_i \left( \frac{f l}{D} + k \right) i \left( \frac{a_r}{a_i} \right)^2 \right]$$

- pump coast down without scram



- Based on the design of the pump



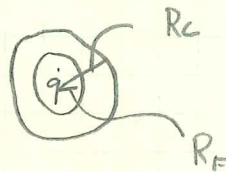
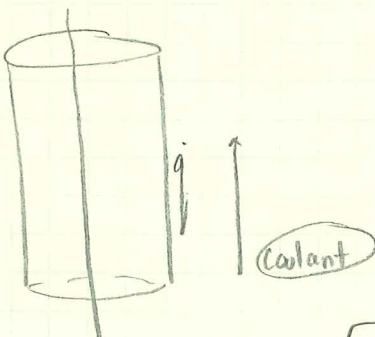
-  $1\phi$  initially but  $2\phi$  can be reached if  $T_{\text{coolant}} \geq T_{\text{sat}}$ .  $\rightarrow$  flow instabilities in Nat. circulation.

$$v_r \sim \sqrt{\Delta P_{\text{pump}}}$$

(Can be an ok assumption, but the true velocity is larger due to inertial force)

$$\left[ \rho_r \sum_i \left( \frac{a_r}{a_i} \right) l_i \frac{\partial v_i}{\partial t} = \Delta P_{\text{pump}}(t) + \rho_r g \beta \Delta T_H L_H - \frac{\rho_r v_r^2}{2} \sum_i \left( \frac{f l}{D} + k \right) i \left( \frac{a_r}{a_i} \right)^2 \right]$$

Consider decay heat only (no pump)



$$\pi R_F^2 \dot{q}_F = 2\pi R_c q_c''$$

$$\Rightarrow \left[ q_c'' = \frac{R_F^2}{2R_c} \dot{q}_F \right]^*$$

- The  $q_c''$  can be found in simple terms if  $T_{\text{fuel}}$  is considered constant, otherwise the heat conduction equation inside of the fuel needs to be solved.