

Condensation: Applications

- Condenser

A photograph of a large industrial condenser unit, which is a long rectangular metal structure mounted on a stand with multiple fins or heat transfer surfaces visible on its side.

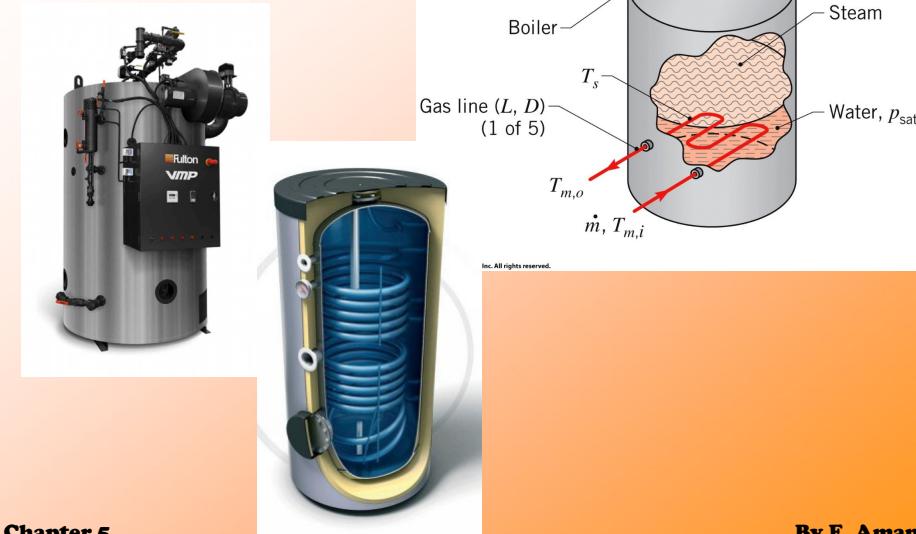
A series of six small photographs showing different modes of liquid flow on a vertical surface: dispersed bubble, bubbly, slug, churn, annular, and mist. A red arrow points to the "slug" regime, labeled "Liquid film".

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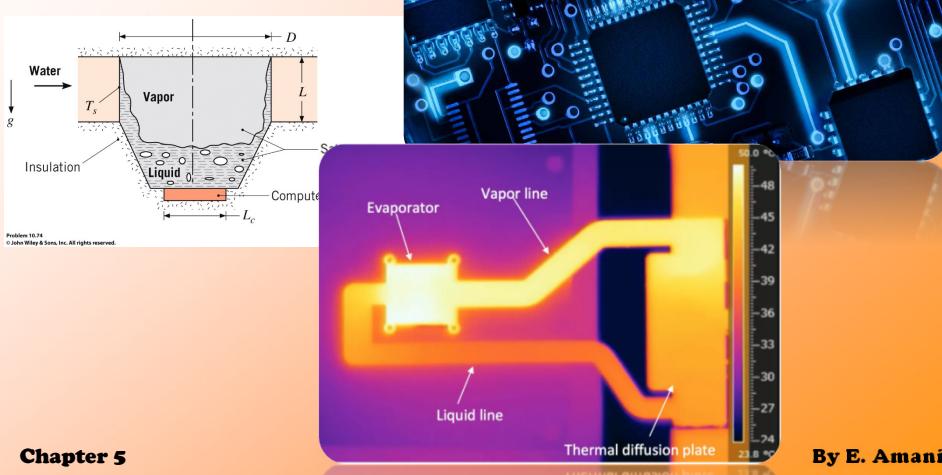
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- **Boilers**



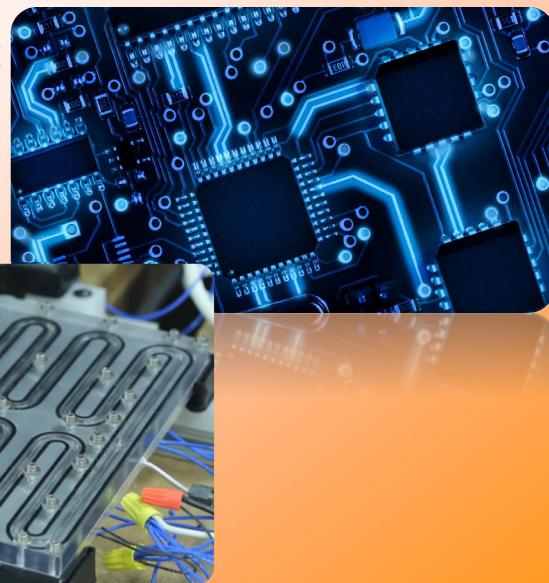
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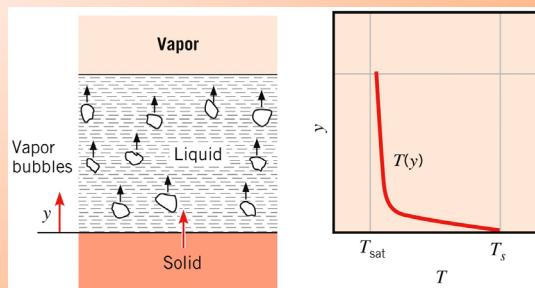
Dimensional analysis

- Phase-change convection

$$h \equiv \frac{q''_s}{\Delta T_e} = \frac{q''_s}{T_s - T_{\text{sat}}} \quad (0.5)$$

Excess temperature \downarrow Saturation temperature

$$\bar{h} \equiv \frac{q_s}{A\Delta\bar{T}_e} = \frac{q_s}{A(\bar{T}_s - T_{\text{sat}})} \quad (0.5)'$$



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Figure 10.1
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Dimensional analysis

• Phase-change convection

- Free convection (pool boiling/condensation):

$$\bar{h} = h(h_{fg}, c_{pl}\Delta T, g(\rho_l - \rho_v), L, \sigma, \rho_l, c_{pl}, k_l, \mu_l, \rho_g, c_{pg}, k_g, \mu_g) \quad (1.5)$$

Latent heat Sensible Buoyancy
 enthalpy force per unit $\Delta T = |T_s - T_{sat}| = |\Delta T_e|$ (2.5)
 difference volume

- Exercise: By dimensional analysis of Eq. (1.5), show that:

$$\overline{\text{Nu}}_L = f(\text{Gr}_L^{\text{pc}}, \text{Ja}, \text{Pr}, \text{Bo}, \frac{\rho_g}{\rho_l}, \frac{c_{pg}}{c_{pl}}, \frac{k_g}{k_l}, \frac{\mu_g}{\mu_l}) \quad (3.5)$$

$$\overline{\text{Nu}}_L = \frac{\bar{h}L}{k_l} \sim \frac{\text{convection heat transfer rate}}{\text{pure conduction heat rate}} \quad (4.5)$$

$$\text{Grashof number} \quad \text{Gr}_L^{\text{pc}} = \frac{\rho_l g (\rho_l - \rho_v) L^3}{\mu_l^2} \sim \frac{\text{Buoyancy force}}{\text{viscous force}} \quad (5.5)$$

$$\text{Jakob number} \quad \text{Ja} = \frac{c_{pl}\Delta T}{h_{fg}} \sim \frac{\text{maximum sensible energy}}{\text{Latent energy}} \quad (6.5) \quad \text{By E. Amani}$$

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$$\text{Prandtl number} \quad \text{Pr} = \frac{\mu_l c_{pl}}{k_l} \sim \frac{\text{momentum diffusion}}{\text{heat diffusion}} \quad (7.5)$$

$$\text{Bond number} \quad \text{Bo} = \frac{g(\rho_l - \rho_v)L^2}{\sigma} \sim \frac{\text{Buoyancy force}}{\text{surface tension force}} \quad (8.5) \quad \text{By E. Amani}$$

Dimensional analysis

- Phase-change convection

 - Forced convection (flow boiling/condensation):

$$\bar{h} = h(h_{fg}, c_{pl}\Delta T, g(\rho_l - \rho_v), L, \sigma, U, \rho_l, c_{pl}, k_l, \mu_l, \rho_g, c_{pg}, k_g, \mu_g) \quad (1.5)'$$

Characteristic velocity

$$\overline{\text{Nu}}_L = \frac{\bar{h}L}{k_l} = f(\text{Gr}_L^{\text{pc}}, \text{Ja}, \text{Pr}, \text{Bo}, \text{Re}, \frac{\rho_g}{\rho_l}, \frac{c_{pg}}{c_{pl}}, \frac{k_g}{k_l}, \frac{\mu_g}{\mu_l}) \quad (3.5)'$$

Reynolds number $\text{Re} = \frac{\rho_l UL}{\mu_l}$

 - For mini/micro-channels, buoyancy forces are negligible

$$\overline{\text{Nu}}_L = \frac{\bar{h}L}{k_l} = f(\text{Ja}, \text{Pr}, \text{Bo}, \text{Re}, \frac{\rho_g}{\rho_l}, \frac{c_{pg}}{c_{pl}}, \frac{k_g}{k_l}, \frac{\mu_g}{\mu_l}) \quad (3.5)''$$

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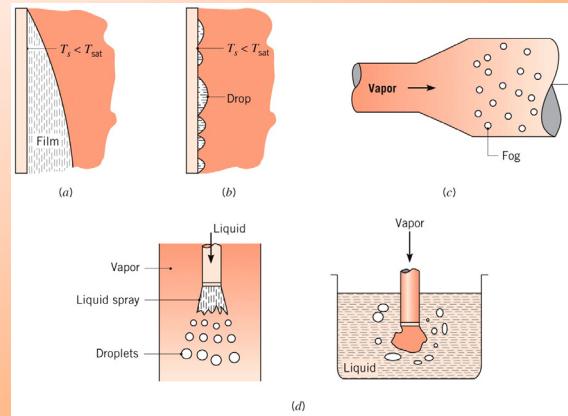
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Condensation

- When the surface temperature is less than the saturation temperature of an adjoining vapor

- Modes:

 - Film
 - Dropwise
 - Homogeneous
 - Direct contact

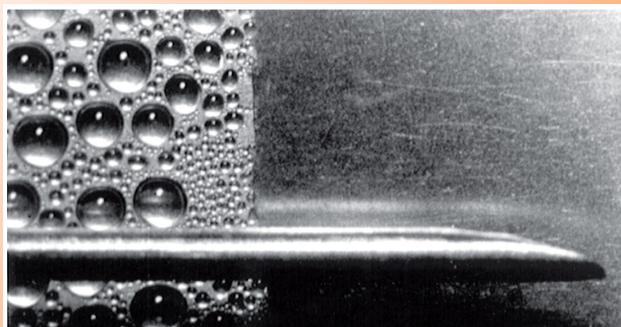


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- **Dropwise vs. film**
 - ✓ **Film condensation on clean, uncontaminated surfaces.**
 - ✓ **Surface coatings can inhibit wetting and stimulate dropwise condensation**
 - ✓ **Reduced thermal resistance in the absence of a continuous film**



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Film condensation

- **Why is film condensation only considered here?**
 - **Simpler to study and existence of a variety of correlations**
 - **Design for worst condition**
 - **The dominant resistance is not the condensation resistance**

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Film condensation

- Laminar film condensation on a vertical plate

➤ Nusselt's Semi-analytical solution assuming

1. Constant physical properties

2. Vapor at T_{sat}

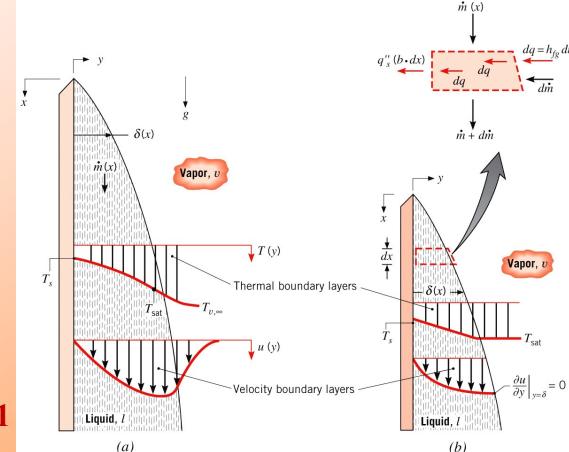
3. Negligible shear stress in vapor

4. Boundary layer approximation

5. Neglecting advection
(!? to be relaxed)

➡ Lecture Notes: V.2.1

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- Laminar film condensation on a vertical plate

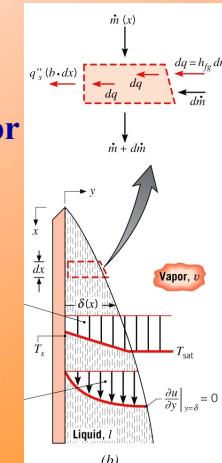
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$$\delta(x) = \left[\frac{4k_l \mu_l (T_{\text{sat}} - T_s)x}{g \rho_l (\rho_l - \rho_v) h_{fg}} \right]^{1/4} \quad (14.5)$$

➤ Rohsenow's modification to account for advection:

$$h'_{fg} = h_{fg} (1 + 0.68 Ja) \quad (15.5)$$

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➤ Therefore,

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$$h = \frac{q''_s}{T_{\text{sat}} - T_s} = \frac{k_l}{\delta(x)} \quad (17.5)$$

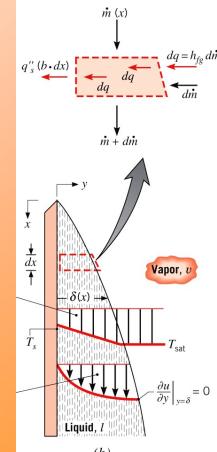
$$(14.5) \quad \bar{h}_L = \frac{1}{L} \int_0^L h(x) dx = \frac{4}{3} h(x=L) \quad (18.5)$$

$$(0.5)' \quad q_s = \bar{h}_L A (T_s - T_{\text{sat}}) \quad (19.5) \quad (12.5) \quad \dot{m} = \frac{q_s}{h'_{fg}} \quad (20.5)$$

$$\overline{Nu}_L = \frac{\bar{h}_L L}{k_l} = 0.943 \left[\frac{\rho_l g (\rho_l - \rho_v) h'_{fg} L^3}{\mu_l k_l (T_{\text{sat}} - T_s)} \right]^{1/4} \quad (21.5)$$

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$$\overline{Nu}_L = 0.943 [Gr_L^{pc} Ja' \Pr]^{1/4}$$



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Film condensation

- Empirical correlations: Table 1 in “chap5-summary.pdf”

Table 1: Film condensation

Geometry	Recommended Correlation	Restrictions
1-Vertical plate ^a	$\bar{h}_L = h_{fg} + 0.68 c_{p,f} (\bar{T}_{\text{sat}} - T_s)$ Vertical (10.32) or (21.5) $P = \frac{k_l L (\bar{T}_{\text{sat}} - T_s)}{\mu_l h'_{fg} (\nu_l^2/g)^{1/3}} = \frac{Ja'}{\Pr} \left[Gr_L^{pc} \frac{1}{1 - \rho_v/\rho_l} \right]^{1/3}$ $Nu'_L \equiv \frac{\bar{h}_L (\nu_l^2/g)^{1/3}}{k_l} = 0.943 P^{-1/4}$ $Nu'_L \equiv \frac{\bar{h}_L (\nu_l^2/g)^{1/3}}{k_l} = \frac{1}{P} (0.68 P + 0.89)^{0.82}$ $Nu'_L \equiv \frac{\bar{h}_L (\nu_l^2/g)^{1/3}}{k_l} = \frac{1}{P} [(0.024 P - 53) \Pr_l^{1/2} + 89]^{4/3} \quad P \geq 2530, \Pr_l \geq 1$	Laminar, $Ja < 0.1$, $1 \leq \Pr \leq 100$, $\rho_l \gg \rho_v$, $\rho_l \gg \rho_v$.
2-Spheres & cylinders		

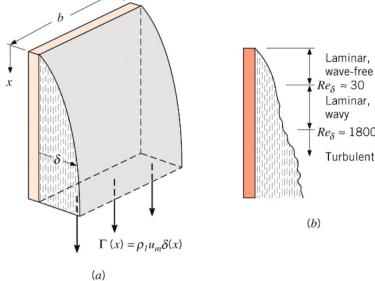
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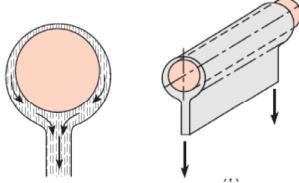
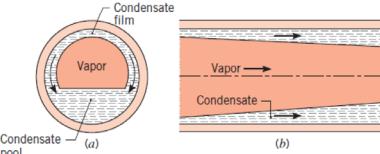
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	(10.42)-(10.45)	
	Inclined above + ($g \rightarrow g \cos \theta$)	
2-Spheres & cylinders	(10.46)	

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- Empirical correlations: Table 1 in “chap5-summary.pdf”

2-Spheres & cylinders (external condensation) 	(10.46) $h'_{fg} = h_{fg} + 0.68c_{p,l}(T_{sat} - T_s)$ Sphere: C = 0.826 Cylinder: C = 0.729 vertical tier of N horizontal unfinned tubes (10.49), n = -1/6 Inclined above + ($g \rightarrow g \cos \theta$)	$(L/D > 1.8 \tan \theta)$
3-Horizontal tube (internal condensation) 	(10.50) a) low vapor velocity (10.46), C = 0.555 $h'_{fg} = h_{fg} + 0.375c_{p,l}(T_{sat} - T_s)$ b) high vapor velocity (10.51)	$Re_{v,i} < 35000$ $\dot{m}/A > 500 kg/s.m^2$

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Boiling

- When the surface temperature is greater than the saturation temperature of an adjoining liquid
- Classification:
 - Pool boiling: Natural convection + bubble-induced
 - Flow boiling: Forced convection + bubble-induced
- Classification:
 - Saturated boiling: Liquid temperature is slightly higher than saturation temperature
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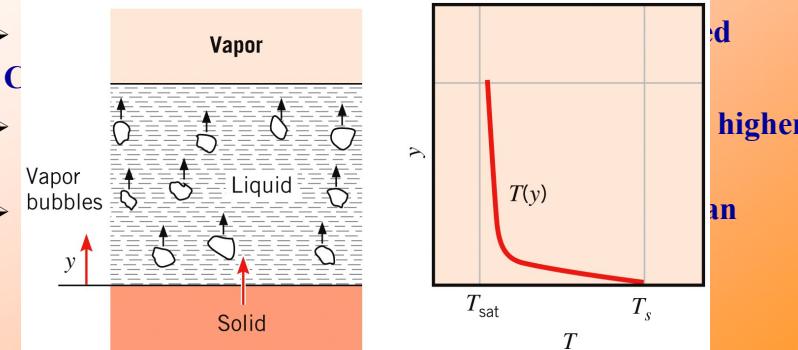
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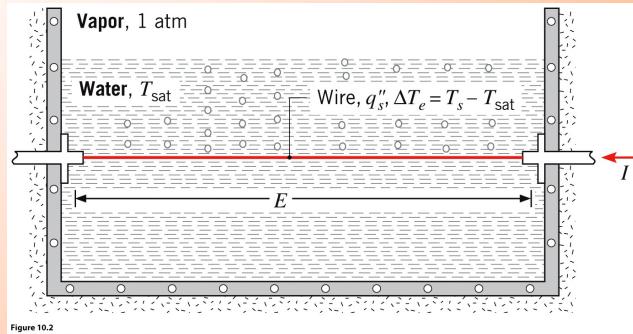
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Pool boiling

• The Boiling Curve

- Saturated pool boiling on a $q''_s - \Delta T_e$ plot



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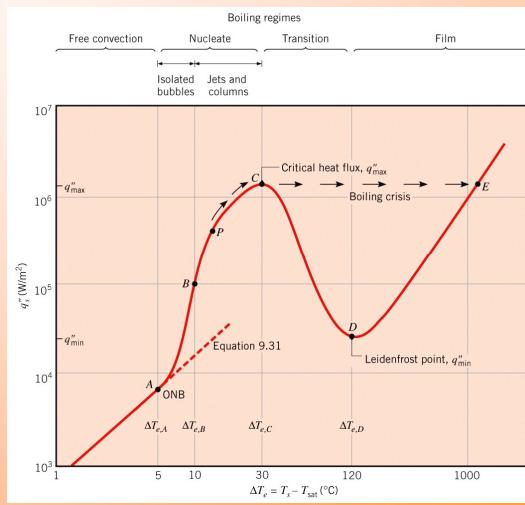
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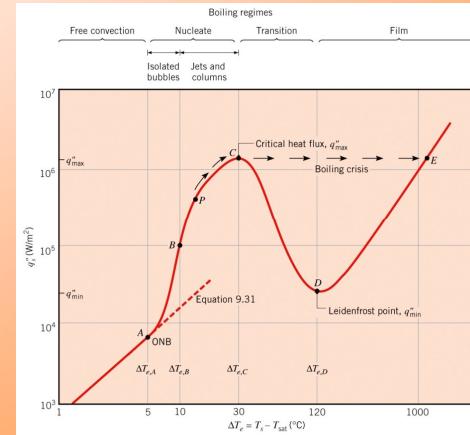


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The boiling curve

- **Free Convection Boiling ($\Delta T_e < 5^\circ\text{C}$)**
 - Little vapor formation
 - single-phase natural convection



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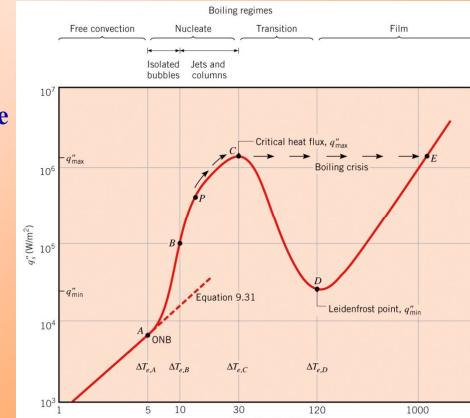
The boiling curve

- **Nucleate Boiling ($5 < \Delta T_e < 30^\circ\text{C}$)**

- **Isolated Vapor Bubbles ($5 < \Delta T_e < 10^\circ\text{C}$)**
 - ✓ q''_s and h sharply increase with increasing ΔT_e
 - ✓ **Heat transfer is principally due to contact of liquid with the surface (single-phase convection) and not to vaporization**

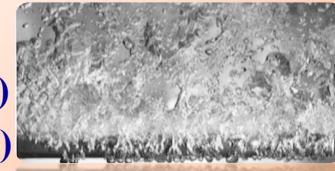


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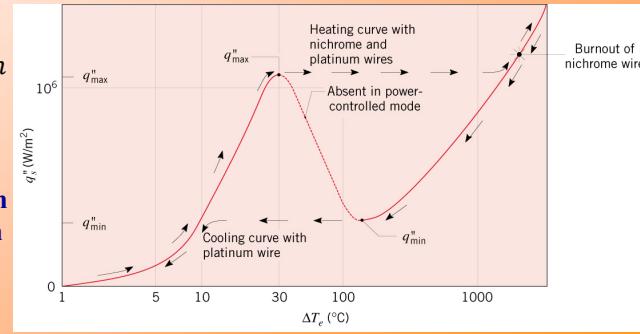
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• Nucleate Boiling ($5 < \Delta T_e < 30^\circ\text{C}$)

- Jets and columns ($10 < \Delta T_e < 30^\circ\text{C}$)
 - ✓ Increasing number of nucleation sites
 - ✓ Bubble interactions and coalescence into jets and slugs
 - ✓ Liquid/surface contact is impaired

- ✓ q''_s continues to increase with increasing ΔT_e while h begins to decrease
- ✓ **Critical Heat Flux (CHF), q''_{\max}** ($\Delta T_e \sim 30^\circ\text{C}$): Maximum attainable heat flux in nucleate boiling



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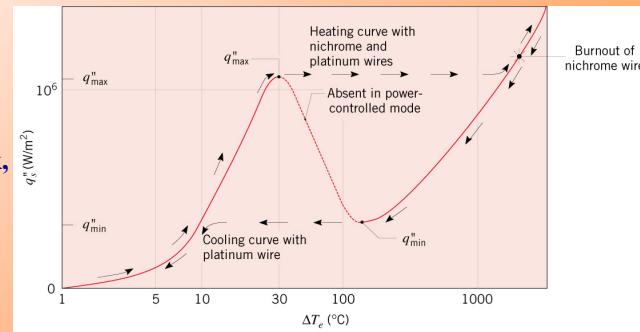
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• Nucleate Boiling ($5 < \Delta T_e < 30^\circ\text{C}$)

- Jets and columns ($10 < \Delta T_e < 30^\circ\text{C}$)
 - ✓ Potential Burnout for Power-Controlled Heating
 - ✓ An increase in q''_s beyond CHF causes the surface to be blanketed by vapor

- ✓ Surface temperature can spontaneously exceeds its melting point ($T_s > 1000^\circ\text{C}$)
- ✓ If the surface survives the temperature shock, film boiling prevails

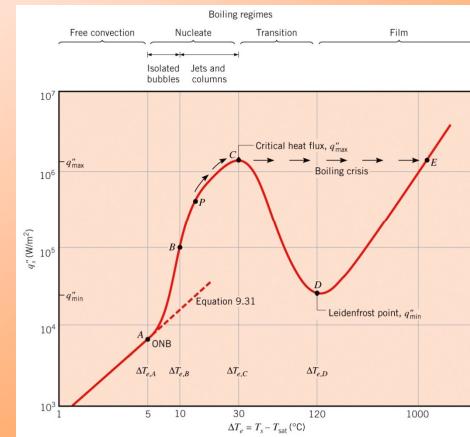


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The boiling curve

- Transition boiling for temperature-controlled heating ($30 < \Delta T_e < 120^\circ\text{C}$)
- ✓ Characterized by a continuous decay of q''_s (from q''_{\max} to q''_{\min}) with increasing ΔT_e
- ✓ Oscillation between nucleate and film boiling, but portion of surface experiencing film boiling increases with ΔT_e
- ✓ Also termed unstable or partial film boiling

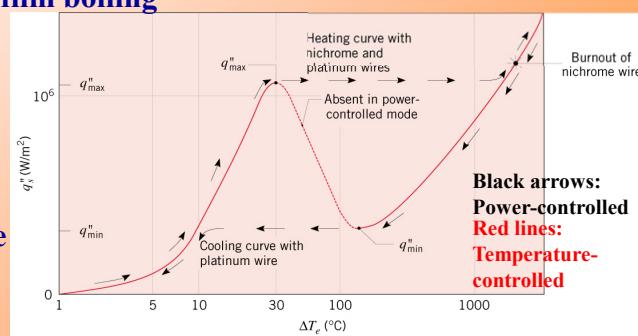


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The boiling curve

- Film Boiling ($\Delta T_e > 120^\circ\text{C}$)
 - Heat transfer is by conduction and radiation across the vapor blanket
 - A reduction in q''_s follows the cooling curve continuously to the Leidenfrost point corresponding to the minimum heat flux q''_{\min} for film boiling
- A reduction in q''_s below q''_{\min} causes an abrupt reduction in surface temperature to the nucleate boiling regime



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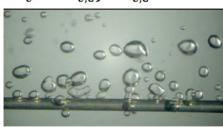
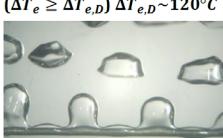
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Pool boiling correlations

- Empirical correlations: Table 2 in “chap5-summary.pdf”

Table 2: Pool boiling

Geometry	Recommended Correlation Natural convection relations	Restrictions
1-Free convection boiling ($\Delta T_e \leq \Delta T_{e,A}$) $\Delta T_{e,A} \sim 5^\circ C$		
2-Nucleate boiling ^a ($\Delta T_{e,A} \leq \Delta T_{e,C}$) $\Delta T_{e,C} \sim 30^\circ C$	(10.5) and Table 10.1	Clean surface
	Critical heat flux (10.6) Large horizontal plate: $C = 0.149$ Sphere, cylinder, and others: $C = 0.131$	$Bo^{-1/2} > 0.2$
	Minimum heat flux (10.7) $C = 0.09$ Similar to film condensation (10.8) $h'_{fg} = h_{fg} + 0.80c_{p,v}(T_s - T_{sat})$ Horizontal cylinder: $C = 0.62$ Sphere: $C = 0.67$	moderate pressures
3-Film boiling ^b ($\Delta T_e \geq \Delta T_{e,D}$) $\Delta T_{e,D} \sim 120^\circ C$	Including Radiation ($T_s \geq 300^\circ C$) (10.9)-(10.11)	

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Pool boiling correlations

- Empirical correlations: Table 2 in “chap5-summary.pdf”
- Rohsenow's correlation

$$q''_s = \mu_l h_{fg} \left[\frac{g(\rho_l - \rho_v)}{\sigma} \right]^{1/2} \left(\frac{c_{p,l} \Delta T_e}{C_{s,f} h_{fg} Pr_l^n} \right)^3$$

$C_{s,f}, n \rightarrow$ Surface/Fluid Combination (Table 10.1)

- The derivation: Appendix A
- Exercise: Show that Rohsenow's correlation can be recast as:

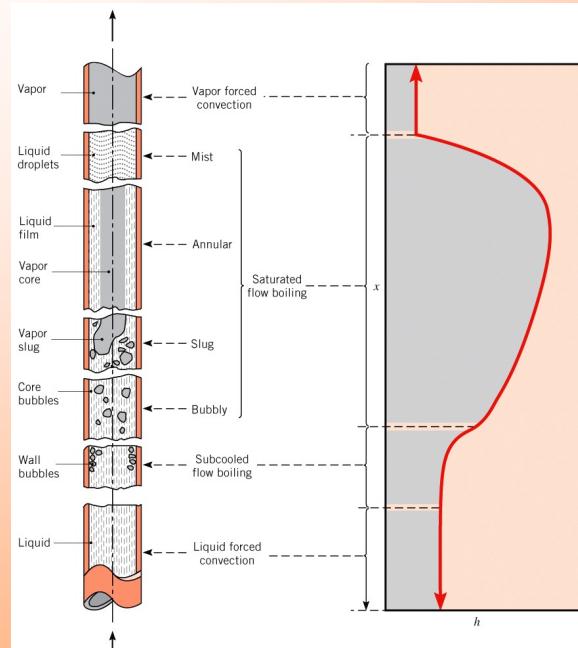
$$\overline{Nu}_{D_b} \equiv \frac{\bar{h} D_b}{k_l} = Ja^2 Pr^{1-3n} \quad (24.5)$$

- Exercise: Is Eq. (24.5) consistent with Eq. (3.5)? What are the assumptions of Rohsenow's correlation? Based on

them, why does \overline{Nu} not depend on Gr_L^{pc} and Bo ? By E. Amani

Flow boiling

- **Flow boiling or forced convection boiling**
- **External and internal flow**



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Flow boiling correlations

- **Empirical correlations: Table 3 in “chap5-summary.pdf”**

Table 3: Forced convection boiling

Geometry	Recommended Correlation	Restrictions
1- Flow over a cylinder in cross-flow	critical heat flux: (10.12)- (10.14)	
2-Flow in tubes ^a	<p>single-phase forced convection region (8.62) ^a</p> <p>saturated flow boiling region max (10.15a,10.15b), (10.16) and Table 10.2 $Fr \leq 0.04$, $f(Fr) = 2.63 Fr^{0.3}$. and otherwise, $f(Fr) = 1$ $Fr = (\dot{m}'/\rho_l)^{1/2} g D$ h_{sp} from (8.62) ^a</p>	turbulent flow $Co = \sqrt{\sigma/(g[\rho_l - \rho_v])}/D_h \lesssim 1/2$ smooth tubes

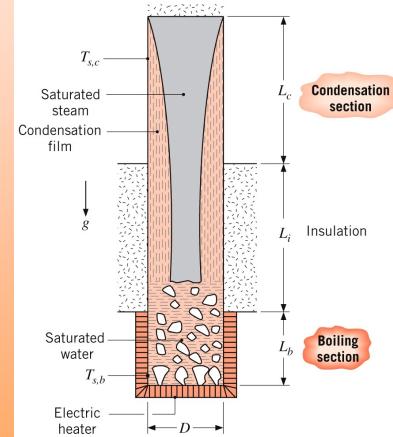
^a All properties at T_{sat}

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Sample problem

• Thermosyphon



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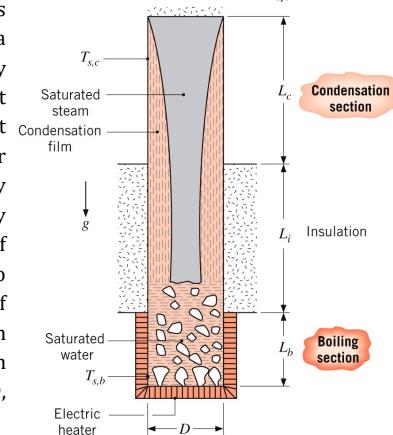
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Sample problem

• Thermosyphon

10.73 A thermosyphon consists of a closed container that absorbs heat along its boiling section and rejects heat along its condensation section. Consider a thermosyphon made from a thin-walled mechanically polished stainless steel cylinder of diameter D . Heat supplied to the thermosyphon boils saturated water at atmospheric pressure on the surfaces of the lower boiling section of length L_b and is then rejected by condensing vapor into a thin film, which falls by gravity along the wall of the condensation section of length L_c back into the boiling section. The two sections are separated by an insulated section of length L_i . The top surface of the condensation section may be treated as being insulated. The thermosyphon dimensions are $D = 20 \text{ mm}$, $L_b = 20 \text{ mm}$, $L_c = 40 \text{ mm}$, and $L_i = 40 \text{ mm}$.

- (a) Find the mean surface temperature, $T_{s,b}$, of the boiling surface if the nucleate boiling heat flux is to be maintained at 30% of the critical heat flux.
- (b) Find the total condensation flow rate, \dot{m} , and the mean surface temperature of the condensation section, $T_{s,c}$.



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^a All properties at T_{sat}

^b Vapor properties at system pressure and film temperature ($T_f = (T_s + T_{sat})/2$), and ρ_l and h_{fg} at T_{sat}

TABLE 10.1 Values of $C_{s,f}$ for various surface-fluid combinations [5-7]

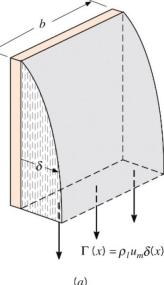
Surface-Fluid Combination	$C_{s,f}$	n
Water-copper		
Scored	0.0068	1.0
Polished	0.0128	1.0
Water-stainless steel		
Chemically etched	0.0133	1.0
Mechanically polished	0.0132	1.0
Ground and polished	0.0080	1.0
Water-brass	0.0060	1.0

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Sample problem

Table 1: Film condensation

Geometry	Recommended Correlation	Restrictions
1-Vertical plate ^a  $\Gamma(x) = \rho_l \mu_{in} \delta(x)$	$h'_{fg} = h_{fg} + 0.68c_{p,f}(T_{sat} - T_s)$ Vertical (10.32) or (21.5) (10.42)-(10.45)	Laminar, $Ja < 0.1$, $1 \leq Pr \leq 100$, $\rho_l \gg \rho_v$, $\rho_l \gg \rho_w$
$Nu'_L \equiv \frac{\bar{h}_L(\nu_l^2/g)^{1/3}}{k_l} = 0.943 P^{-1/4}$	$P = \frac{k_l L(T_{sat} - T_s)}{\mu_l h'_{fg} (\nu_l^2/g)^{1/3}} = Ja' \left[Gr_L^{pc} \frac{1}{1 - \frac{\rho_v}{\rho_l}} \right]^{1/3}$	$P \leq 15.8$
$Nu'_L \equiv \frac{\bar{h}_L(\nu_l^2/g)^{1/3}}{k_l} = \frac{1}{P} (0.68 P + 0.89)^{0.82}$		$15.8 \leq P \leq 2530$
$Nu'_L \equiv \frac{\bar{h}_L(\nu_l^2/g)^{1/3}}{k_l} = \frac{1}{P} [(0.024 P - 53) Pr_l^{1/2} + 89]^{4/3}$		$P \geq 2530, Pr_l \geq 1$

^a Fluid properties at film temperature ($T_f = (T_s + T_{sat})/2$), and h_{fg} and vapor properties (ρ_v) at T_{sat}

^b May be used for condensation on the inner or outer surface of a vertical tube of radius $R \gg \delta$.

^c All properties at T_{sat}

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