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1 Fuel Pin Governing Equations

1.1 General Heat Diffusion Equation

For this problem, the fuel pin is split into three concentric rings: the fuel, the gap, and the cladding. For the gap region the thermal conductivity and not the convective heat transfer coefficient is given. Therefore, the governing equation for all three regions is given by the general heat diffusion equation. The general heat diffusion equation is given as:

$$\nabla \cdot k \nabla T + q''' = \rho c_p \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} \quad (1)$$

As this problem is steady state, the partial derivative with respect to time is equal to 0.

$$\nabla \cdot k \nabla T + q''' = 0 \quad (2)$$

Additionally, the changes in fuel, gap, and clad properties with temperature are negligible. Therefore, the thermal conductivity k can be pulled outside the ∇ .

$$k \nabla^2 T + q''' = 0 \quad (3)$$

Rearranging.

$$\nabla^2 T = -\frac{q'''}{k} \quad (4)$$

Expanding.

$$\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} r \frac{\partial T}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial \theta^2} + \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial z^2} = -\frac{q'''}{k} \quad (5)$$

Assume negligible axial conduction and the temperature profile is only a function of the radius r , which cancels each partial derivative that is not with respect to r .

$$\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} r \frac{\partial T}{\partial r} = -\frac{q'''}{k} \quad (6)$$

Eq. 6 is the general solution for the temperature profile in a region with the assumptions previously mentioned. However, each region has specific considerations that need to be made.

1.2 Fuel Temperature

For the fuel temperature, the linear heat generation rate is given as:

$$q'(z) = q'_0 \sin\left(\frac{z\pi}{H}\right) \quad (7)$$

The linear and volumetric heat generation rates can be equated using conservation of energy.

$$\dot{E}_{gen} = \dot{E}_{gen} \quad (8a)$$

$$q'''V = q'L \quad (8b)$$

$$q'''AL = q'L \quad (8c)$$

$$q''' = \frac{q'}{A} \quad (8d)$$

$$q''' = \frac{q'}{\left(\frac{\pi}{4}D_f^2\right)} \quad (8e)$$

$$q''' = \frac{4q'}{\pi D_f^2} \quad (8f)$$

$$q''' = \frac{4q'_0}{\pi D_f^2} \sin\left(\frac{z\pi}{H}\right) = \frac{q'_0}{A} \sin\left(\frac{z\pi}{H}\right) \quad (8g)$$

Now, the volumetric heat generation is seen to not be a function of r , so the fuel temperature can be integrated with respect to r without concern:

$$\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} r \frac{\partial T_f}{\partial r} = -\frac{q'''}{k_f} \quad (9a)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial r} r \frac{\partial T_f}{\partial r} = -\frac{q'''r}{k_f} \quad (9b)$$

$$r \frac{\partial T_f}{\partial r} = -\frac{q'''r^2}{2k_f} + C_1 \quad (9c)$$

$$\frac{\partial T_f}{\partial r} = -\frac{q'''r}{2k_f} + \frac{C_1}{r} \quad (9d)$$

$$T_f = -\frac{q'''r^2}{4k_f} + C_1 \ln(r) + C_2 \quad (9e)$$

1.3 Gap Temperature

Applying Eq. 6 to the cladding, the volumetric heat generation cancels out.

$$\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} r \frac{\partial T_g}{\partial r} = 0 \quad (10)$$

Solving for the temperature in the gap.

$$\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} r \frac{\partial T_g}{\partial r} = 0 \quad (11a)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial r} r \frac{\partial T_g}{\partial r} = 0 \quad (11b)$$

$$r \frac{\partial T_g}{\partial r} = C_3 \quad (11c)$$

$$\frac{\partial T_g}{\partial r} = \frac{C_3}{r} \quad (11d)$$

$$T_g = C_3 \ln(r) + C_4 \quad (11e)$$

1.4 Cladding Temperature

The temperature distribution in the cladding follows the same function form as the temperature distribution in the gap as both regions have no volumetric heat generation.

$$T_c = C_5 \ln(r) + C_6 \quad (12)$$

1.5 Boundary Conditions

With the temperature profiles in each region:

$$T_f = -\frac{q''' r^2}{4k_f} + C_1 \ln(r) + C_2, \quad 0 \leq r \leq R_{fuel} \quad (13a)$$

$$T_g = C_3 \ln(r) + C_4, \quad R_{fuel} < r \leq R_{fuel} + t_{gap} \quad (13b)$$

$$T_c = C_5 \ln(r) + C_6, \quad R_{fuel} + t_{gap} < r \leq R_{rod} \quad (13c)$$

and the six boundary conditions for the six unknown variables:

$$i) \quad T_f(r=0) \neq \infty \quad (14a)$$

$$ii) \quad T_c(r=R_{rod}, z) = \frac{q''(z)}{h} + T_{fluid}(z) \quad (14b)$$

$$iii) \quad T_f(r=R_{fuel}) = T_g(r=R_{fuel}) \quad (14c)$$

$$iv) \quad T_g(r=R_{fuel}+t_{gap}) = T_c(r=R_{fuel}+t_{gap}) \quad (14d)$$

$$v) \quad q''(r=R_{fuel}) = -k_f \frac{dT_f}{dr} \Big|_{r=R_{fuel}} = -k_g \frac{dT_g}{dr} \Big|_{r=R_{fuel}} \quad (14e)$$

$$vi) \quad q''(r=R_{fuel}) = -k_g \frac{dT_g}{dr} \Big|_{r=R_{fuel}+t_{gap}} = -k_c \frac{dT_c}{dr} \Big|_{r=R_{fuel}+t_{gap}} \quad (14f)$$

With the boundary conditions and temperature profiles in each region, the solution for each can be found. The first boundary condition is applied:

$$T_f(r=0) = -\frac{q'''0}{4k_f} + C_1 \ln(0) + C_2 \neq \infty \quad (15a)$$

$$0 + C_1 \infty + C_2 \neq \infty \quad (15b)$$

$$C_1 = 0 \quad (15c)$$

$$T_f = -\frac{q'''r^2}{4k_f} + C_2 \quad (15d)$$

Next, the second boundary condition is applied:

$$T_c(r=R_{rod}, z=0) = T_{fluid}(z) = C_5 \ln(R_{rod}) + C_6 \quad (16)$$

Currently, nothing can be done with the second boundary condition as there are two unknowns. Applying the third boundary condition:

$$-\frac{q'''R_{fuel}^2}{4k_f} + C_2 = C_3 \ln(R_{fuel}) + C_4, \quad (17)$$

Again, nothing can be done with the third boundary condition. Applying the fourth boundary condition:

$$C_3 \ln(R_{fuel} + t_{gap}) + C_4 = C_5 \ln(R_{fuel} + t_{gap}) + C_6 \quad (18)$$

The fifth boundary condition:

$$-k_f \frac{d}{dr} \left(\frac{q''' r^2}{4k_f} + C_2 \right) \Big|_{r=R_{fuel}} = -k_g \frac{d}{dr} (C_3 \ln(r) + C_4) \Big|_{r=R_{fuel}} \quad (19a)$$

$$-k_f \left(\frac{q''' r}{2k_f} \right) \Big|_{r=R_{fuel}} = -k_g \left(\frac{C_3}{r} \right) \Big|_{r=R_{fuel}} \quad (19b)$$

$$-\frac{q''' R_{fuel}}{2} = \frac{k_g C_3}{R_{fuel}} \quad (19c)$$

$$C_3 = -\frac{q''' R_{fuel}^2}{2k_g} \quad (19d)$$

The sixth boundary condition:

$$-k_g \frac{d}{dr} (C_3 \ln(r) + C_4) \Big|_{r=R_{fuel}+t_{gap}} = -k_f \frac{d}{dr} (C_5 \ln(r) + C_6) \Big|_{r=R_{fuel}+t_{gap}} \quad (20a)$$

$$-k_g \left(\frac{C_3}{r} \right) \Big|_{r=R_{fuel}+t_{gap}} = -k_f \left(\frac{C_5}{r} \right) \Big|_{r=R_{fuel}+t_{gap}} \quad (20b)$$

$$\frac{k_g C_3}{R_{fuel} + t_{gap}} = \frac{k_f C_5}{R_{fuel} + t_{gap}} \quad (20c)$$

$$k_g C_3 = k_f C_5 \quad (20d)$$

With the equations for the unknown constant formulated, each constant is given as follows:

$$C_1 = 0 \quad (21a)$$

$$C_3 = -\frac{q''' R_{fuel}^2}{2k_g} \quad (21b)$$

$$C_5 = \frac{k_g}{k_c} C_3 \quad (21c)$$

$$C_6 = T_{fluid}(z) - C_5 \ln(R_{rod}) \quad (21d)$$

$$C_4 = C_5 \ln(R_{fuel} + t_{gap}) - C_3 \ln(R_{fuel} + t_{gap}) + C_6 \quad (21e)$$

$$C_2 = \frac{q''' R_{fuel}^2}{4k_f} + C_3 \ln(R_{fuel}) + C_4 \quad (21f)$$

Now, each constant is given in terms of the knowns of the problem. This means the temperature profile at the inlet in the solid regions can be calculated. Again, each region is given by the following equations:

$$T_f = -\frac{q''' r^2}{4k_f} + C_2, \quad 0 \leq r \leq R_{fuel} \quad (22a)$$

$$T_g = C_3 \ln(r) + C_4, \quad R_{fuel} < r \leq R_{fuel} + t_{gap} \quad (22b)$$

$$T_c = C_5 \ln(r) + C_6, \quad R_{fuel} + t_{gap} < r \leq R_{rod} \quad (22c)$$

2 Heat Flux

2.1 Derivation

To determine the heat flux as a function of z , an energy balance is performed over a differential height dh of the fuel element. The heat flux is assumed to be uniform in angle and only a function of r and z . However, there is no axial conduction, so separation of variables can be applied to the heat flux. With the aforementioned assumptions, an energy balance can be performed on a differential height dh of the fuel rod:

$$\dot{E}_{stored} = \dot{E}_{in} - \dot{E}_{out} + \dot{E}_{gen} \quad (23)$$

However, there this problem is steady-state and heat is only flowing out of the fuel rod:

$$\dot{E}_{gen} = \dot{E}_{out} \quad (24)$$

In all subsequent equations, the heat flux is evaluated at the clad outer surface. Therefore, the energy out will be over the surface area of the cladding while the energy generation occurs in the fuel section:

$$q''' V_f = q'' A_c \quad (25a)$$

$$q''' A_f L = q'' \xi_h L \quad (25b)$$

$$\frac{q'}{A_f} A_f = q'' \xi_h \quad (25c)$$

$$q' = q'' \xi_h \quad (25d)$$

$$q'' = \frac{q'}{\xi_h} \quad (25e)$$

$$q'' = \frac{q'_0}{\xi_h} \sin\left(\frac{\pi z}{H}\right) \quad (25f)$$

2.2 Heat Transfer

The one-phase heat transfer into a bulk fluid is given by Newton's Law:

$$q'' = h (T_w - T_{fluid}) \quad (26)$$

However, the temperature of the wall and the fluid are the equivalent at the clad outer surface. If the wall temperature is higher than the fluid saturation temperature, the resultant heat transfer will be two-phase. In two-phase heat transfer, Newton's law does not apply. Instead, the homogeneous equilibrium model for heat transfer is applied, which is given as:

$$q'' = \left\{ [F h_{FC} (T_w - T_{fluid})]^2 + [S h_{NB} (T_w - T_{sat})]^2 \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad (27a)$$

$$F = \left[1 + \chi Pr \left(\frac{\rho_f}{\rho_g} - 1 \right) \right]^{0.35} \quad (27b)$$

$$S = (1 + 0.55 F^{0.1} Re^{0.16})^{-1} \quad (27c)$$

$$h_{FC} = 0.023 \left(\frac{k_f}{D_h} \right) Re^{0.8} Pr^{0.4} \quad (27d)$$

$$h_{NB} = 55 \left(\frac{P}{P_c} \right)^{0.12} q''^{2/3} \left(-\frac{P}{P_c} \right)^{-0.55} M_w^{-0.5} \quad (27e)$$

where M_w is the molecular weight of water, which is 18, and P_c is the thermodynamic critical pressure. The heat transfer in the two-phase region is the contribution of heat transfer from forced convection (via h_{FC}) and heat transfer from nuclear boiling (via h_{NB}).

As the heat flux is known, the formulations for the heat flux in each region can be solved for the fluid temperature. In one-phase heat transfer:

$$T_{fluid} = \frac{q''}{h} - T_w \quad (28)$$

In two-phase heat transfer:

$$T_{fluid} = T_w - \frac{1}{F h_{fc}} \left\{ q''^2 - [S h_{NB} (T_w - T_{sat})]^2 \right\} \quad (29)$$

With these equations, the fluid temperature can be calculated in both one-phase and two-phase heat transfer at the clad outer surface.

3 Fluid Continuity Equations

3.1 Mass Balance

The general mass conservation equation for a fluid is:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}\rho + \frac{\partial}{\partial z}\rho v = 0 \quad (30)$$

However, this problem is steady state, so any partial derivative with respect to time cancels out. We can also define the mass flux as ρv , which means the general mass conservation equation simplifies down to:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z}\rho v = 0 \quad (31a)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z}G = 0 \quad (31b)$$

$$G = \text{constant} \quad (31c)$$

Therefore, the mass flux is constant over the entire channel, which is helpful for future equations.

3.2 Momentum Balance

The general momentum balance is:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}\rho v + \frac{\partial}{\partial z}\rho v^2 = -\frac{\partial P}{\partial z} - \frac{\tau_f \xi_w}{A_{fluid}} - \rho g \sin(\theta) \quad (32)$$

This problem is steady-state, therefore any partial derivative with respect to time cancels out.

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z}\rho v^2 = -\frac{\partial P}{\partial z} - \frac{\tau_f \xi_w}{A_{fluid}} - \rho g \sin(\theta) \quad (33)$$

By rearranging the equation above, stating the channel is vertical with $\theta = 90^\circ$, and applying a simplification for the turbulent shear stress τ_f :

$$\tau_f = \frac{f \rho v^2}{2} = \frac{f G^2}{2 \rho} \quad (34)$$

The momentum conservation equation becomes:

$$-\frac{\partial P}{\partial z} = G^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \frac{1}{\rho} + \frac{f G^2 \xi_w}{2 \rho A_{fluid}} + \rho g \quad (35)$$

From this equation, the pressure drop as a function of z is obtained along the channel. The friction factor f is also given by the following equation:

$$f = 0.316Re^{-\frac{1}{4}} \quad (36)$$

However, in Eq. 35, there is no cogent notion of ρ in two-phase flow. Therefore, ρ will be represented as ρ_m , an approximation of the two-phase density. First, the relation between the specific volume and density is known:

$$\frac{1}{\rho_m} = \nu_m \quad (37)$$

The formulation for ν_m is also given as:

$$\nu_m = \quad (38a)$$

$$\chi\nu_g + (1 - \chi)\nu_f = \quad (38b)$$

$$\nu_f + (\nu_g - \nu_f)\chi = \quad (38c)$$

$$\nu_f + \chi\nu_{fg} \quad (38d)$$

Using these equations, the relation between the density can be represented in terms of known specific volumes and the vapor quality:

$$\rho_m = \frac{1}{\nu_m} = \frac{1}{\nu_f + \chi\nu_{fg}} \quad (39)$$

Now, the equation for pressure drop (Eq. 35) can be written in terms of the vapor quality:

$$-\frac{\partial P}{\partial z} = G^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (\nu_f + \chi\nu_{fg}) + \frac{fG^2\xi_w}{2A_{fluid}} (\nu_f + \chi\nu_{fg}) + \frac{g}{(\nu_f + \chi\nu_{fg})} \quad (40)$$

As the values for the specific volume of the fluid are at the flow entrance, the specific volumes are not a function of z . As such, the derivatives of the specific volumes with respect to z are 0.

$$-\frac{\partial P}{\partial z} = G^2\nu_{fg} \frac{\partial \chi}{\partial z} + \frac{fG^2\xi_w}{2A_{fluid}} (\nu_f + \chi\nu_{fg}) + \frac{g}{(\nu_f + \chi\nu_{fg})} \quad (41)$$

3.3 Energy/Enthalpy Balance

The general form of the energy balance equation is:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}\rho h + \frac{\partial}{\partial z}\rho v h = \frac{q''\xi_h}{A_{fluid}} + \frac{\partial P}{\partial t} + q''' \quad (42)$$

However, this problem is steady-state with no volumetric heat generation in the fluid. Therefore, the energy conservation equation becomes:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z}\rho v h = \frac{q''\xi_h}{A_{fluid}} \quad (43)$$

Rearranging the above equation and substituting in for G gives:

$$\frac{\partial h}{\partial z} = \frac{q''\xi_h}{GA_{fluid}} \quad (44)$$

4 Equilibrium Quality

4.1 Derivation

Although there is a formulation for h , said formulation does not account is not in a useful formulation when considering two phase flow. Therefore, the enthalpy h can be broken in terms of other variables. First, the formulation for the equilibrium steam quality χ_e is given as:

$$\chi_e = \frac{h - h_{f,sat}}{h_{g,sat} - h_{f,sat}} = \frac{h - h_{f,sat}}{h_{fg,sat}} \quad (45)$$

Solving this equation for h gives:

$$h = h_{fg,sat}\chi_e + h_{f,sat} \quad (46)$$

From Eq. 44, the above equation can be substituted in to give:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z}(h_{fg,sat}\chi_e + h_{f,sat}) = \frac{q''\xi_h}{GA_{fluid}} \quad (47)$$

Then, the derivative is taken of the left-hand side:

$$\chi_e \frac{\partial h_{fg,sat}}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial h_{f,sat}}{\partial z} + h_{fg,sat} \frac{\partial \chi_e}{\partial z} = \frac{q''\xi_h}{GA_{fluid}} \quad (48)$$

Assuming each variable is continuously differentiable over the interval of interest allows the expansion of the derivatives with respect to z .

$$\chi_e \frac{\partial h_{fg,sat}}{\partial P} \frac{\partial P}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial h_{f,sat}}{\partial P} \frac{\partial P}{\partial z} + h_{fg,sat} \frac{\partial \chi_e}{\partial z} = \frac{q'' \xi_h}{GA_{fluid}} \quad (49)$$

This equation can be rearranged to solve for derivative of χ_e with respect to z :

$$h_{fg,sat} \frac{\partial \chi_e}{\partial P} = \frac{q'' \xi_h}{GA_{fluid}} - \left(\chi_e \frac{\partial h_{fg,sat}}{\partial P} \frac{\partial P}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial h_{f,sat}}{\partial P} \frac{\partial P}{\partial z} \right) \quad (50a)$$

$$\frac{\partial \chi_e}{\partial P} = \frac{1}{h_{fg,sat}} \left[\frac{q'' \xi_h}{GA_{fluid}} - \left(\chi_e \frac{\partial h_{fg,sat}}{\partial P} \frac{\partial P}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial h_{f,sat}}{\partial P} \frac{\partial P}{\partial z} \right) \right] \quad (50b)$$

$$\frac{\partial \chi_e}{\partial z} = \frac{1}{h_{fg,sat}} \left[\frac{q'' \xi_h}{GA_{fluid}} - \left(\chi_e \frac{\partial h_{fg,sat}}{\partial P} + \frac{\partial h_{f,sat}}{\partial P} \right) \frac{\partial P}{\partial z} \right] \quad (50c)$$

Which gives the final form of the equation:

$$\frac{d\chi_e}{dP} = \frac{1}{h_{fg,sat}} \left[\frac{q'' \xi_h}{GA_{fluid}} - \left(\chi_e \frac{dh_{fg,sat}}{dP} + \frac{dh_{f,sat}}{dP} \right) \frac{dP}{dz} \right] \quad (51)$$

4.2 Fluid Temperature

We know the equilibrium quality is given as:

$$\chi_e = \frac{h - h_{f,sat}}{h_{fg,sat}}, \quad (52)$$

which relates the enthalpy of the system to the saturation enthalpies of the gas and liquid phases. If χ_e is negative, the enthalpy of the system is lower than the saturation enthalpy of the fluid and the system is a sub-cooled liquid. If χ_e is higher than one, the enthalpy of the system is higher than the saturation enthalpy of the gas and the system is a super-heated gas.

Additionally, Eq. 52 can be represented in a different manner assuming the contribution from the product of pressure and volume are negligible:

$$h = u + PV \simeq u = c_p T \quad (53)$$

Which gives:

$$\chi_e = \frac{c_p T - c_p T_{sat}}{h_{fg,sat}} \quad (54a)$$

$$T - T_{sat} = \chi_e \frac{h_{fg,sat}}{c_p} \quad (54b)$$

$$T = \chi_e \frac{h_{fg,sat}}{c_p} + T_{sat} \quad (54c)$$

Now, the temperature of the fluid can be obtained using the equilibrium quality.

5 Numerical Discretization

Using a forward, finite differencing scheme, the derivative of a function x with respect to some variable y that is equal to a quantity f can be numerically discretized as follows:

$$\frac{dx}{dy} = f = \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta y} = \frac{x_i - x^{i-1}}{\Delta y} \quad (55a)$$

$$f \Delta y = x^i - x^{i-1} \quad (55b)$$

$$x^i = x^{i-1} + f \Delta y \quad (55c)$$

With this numerical integration scheme, any continuous first order derivative can be discretized. This equation calculates the next step in y for the function x – this allows the forward progression through a parameter space without the need for the explicit value of $\frac{dx}{dy}$.

This same logic can be applied to the equilibrium quality χ_e and the pressure P in the a fluid channel to solve for the distribution of these quantities numerically. This discitization applied to the pressure yields:

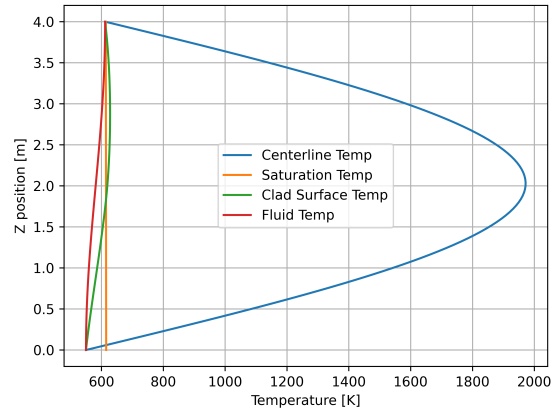
$$P^{i+1} = P^i \Delta z \left\{ \frac{\frac{\xi_h f G^2}{2 A_f \rho_m} + \rho_m g + \frac{G \nu_{fg} q''(z) \xi_h}{A_f h_{fg}}}{1 - \frac{G^2 \nu_{fg}}{h_{fg}} \left[X_e^i \frac{\partial h_g}{\partial P} + (1 - \chi_e^i) \frac{\partial h_f}{\partial P} \right]} \right\} \quad (56)$$

And the equilibrium quality:

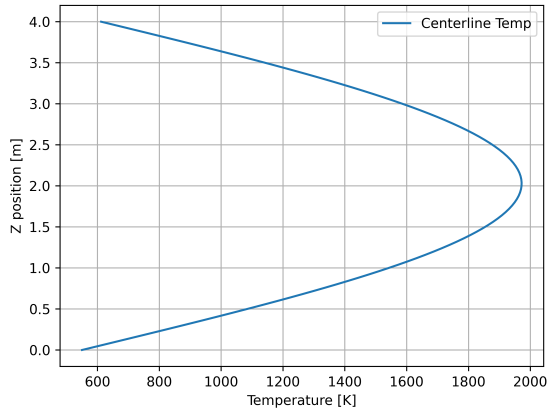
$$\chi_e^{i+1} = \chi_e^i + \Delta z \left\{ \frac{q''(z) \xi_h}{A_f G h_{fg}} - \frac{1}{h_{fg}} \left[X_e^i \frac{\partial h_g}{\partial P} \frac{\partial P}{\partial z} + (1 - \chi_e^i) \frac{\partial h_f}{\partial P} \frac{\partial P}{\partial z} \right] \right\} \quad (57)$$

6 Results

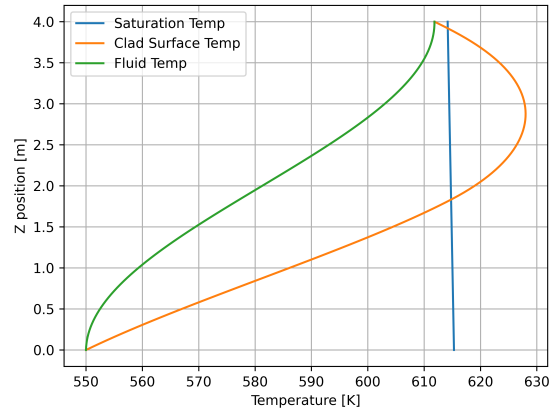
From the equations above, certain scalar fields for the pin cell were calculated and plotted as follows.



(a) All Temperatures

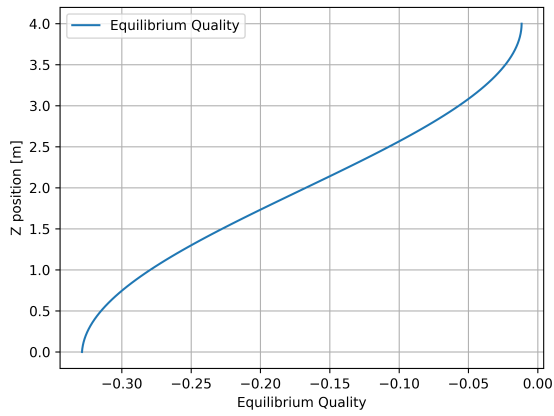


(b) Center-line Temperature

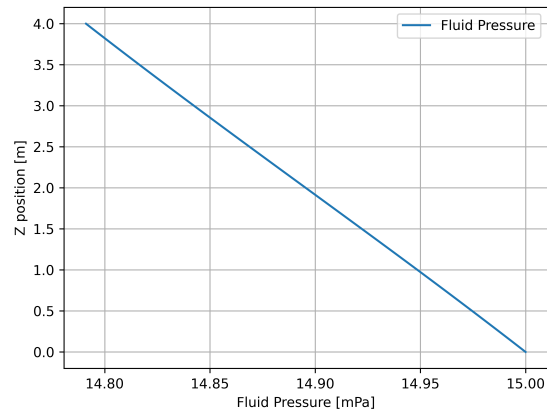


(c) Fluid and Wall Temperatures

Figure 1: Temperature Distributions



(a) Equilibrium Quality



(b) Pressure

Figure 2: Pressure and Equilibrium Quality

7 Appendix

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1 import numpy as np
2 import numpy.linalg as la
3 import scipy as sci
4 from scipy.optimize import fsolve
5 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
6 from pyXSteam.XSteam import XSteam as xs
7
8 class InitialConditions:
9     def __init__(self, reactor_type):
10         """Defines the initial conditions for the reactor.
11
12         Parameters
13         -----
14         reactor_type: [1,2]
15             defines the reactor type, 1 corresponds to a PWR and 2 corresponds to a BWR
16         """
17
18         if reactor_type == 1:
19             self.__dict__ = {
20                 "reactor": "PWR",
21
22                 "h": 4, # m
23                 "d_rod": 0.95 / 100, # cm / 100 = m
24                 "pitch": 1.26 / 100, # cm / 100 = m
25                 "d_fuel": 0.82 / 100, # cm / 100 = m
26                 "t_gap": 0.006 / 100, # cm / 100 = m
27
28                 "k_gap": 0.25, # W / mK
29                 "k_fuel": 3.6, # W / mK
30                 "k_clad": 21.5, # W / mk
31
32                 "g": 4000, # kg / m^2 s
33                 "qp_0": 430 * 100, # W / cm * 100 = W / m
34                 "p_z0": 15, # MPa
35                 "tf_z0": 277 + 273, # *C => K
36             }
37
38         if reactor_type == 2:
39             self.__dict__ = {
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40         "reactor": "BWR",
41
42         "h": 4.1, # m
43         "d_rod": 1.227 / 100, # cm / 100 = m
44         "pitch": 1.62 / 100, # cm / 100 = m
45         "d_fuel": 1.04 / 100, # cm / 100 = m
46         "t_gap": 0.010 / 100, # cm / 100 = m
47
48         "k_gap": 0.25, # W / mK
49         "k_fuel": 3.6, # W / mK
50         "k_clad": 21.5, # W / mk
51
52         "g": 2350, # kg / m^2 s
53         "qp_0": 605 * 100, # W / cm * 100 = W / m
54         "p_z0": 7.5, # MPa
55         "tf_z0": 272 + 273, # *C => K
56     }
57
58     if reactor_type not in [1,2]:
59         raise AttributeError("----- !!! Unsupported Reactor Type !!! -----\\n" +
60                               "The supported reactor types are:\\n" +
61                               "For a PWR, reactor_type == 1\\n" +
62                               "For a BWR, reactor_type == 2")
63
64 class EnthalpyFunctions:
65     def __init__(self):
66         """You shouldn't be here"""
67
68         # enthalphy dictionary
69         enthalpies = {
70             "hg": [],
71             "hf": [],
72             "hfg": [],
73             "pressures": np.linspace(0.001,22.06,10000)
74         }
75
76         # steam lookup table
77         steamtable = xs(xs.UNIT_SYSTEM_BARE) # m/kg/s/K/MPa/W
78
79         # obtaining the enthalpies as a function of pressure for liquid, gas, and 2-phase
80         for pressure in enthalpies["pressures"]:

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81         hg = steamtable.hV_p(pressure)
82         hf = steamtable.hL_p(pressure)
83         hfg = hg - hf
84
85         enthalpies["hg"].append(hg)
86         enthalpies["hf"].append(hf)
87         enthalpies["hfg"].append(hfg)
88
89     # getting polynomial fits for the enthalpy functions
90     poly_deg = 25
91     self.steamtable = steamtable
92
93     ## h(P)
94     hg_vs_p = np.polynomial.Polynomial.fit(
95         enthalpies["pressures"], enthalpies["hg"], deg=poly_deg)
96     hf_vs_p = np.polynomial.Polynomial.fit(
97         enthalpies["pressures"], enthalpies["hf"], deg=poly_deg)
98     hfg_vs_p = np.polynomial.Polynomial.fit(
99         enthalpies["pressures"], enthalpies["hfg"], deg=poly_deg)
100
101     ## dh/dP
102     dhg_dp = hg_vs_p.deriv()
103     dhf_dp = hf_vs_p.deriv()
104     dhfg_dp = hfg_vs_p.deriv()
105
106     # initializing the dict
107     self.__dict__ = {
108         "hg": hg_vs_p,
109         "hf": hf_vs_p,
110         "hfg": hfg_vs_p,
111
112         "dhg": dhg_dp,
113         "dhf": dhf_dp,
114         "dhfg": dhfg_dp,
115     }
116
117     def plot(self):
118         x = np.linspace(0.001, 22.06, 10000)
119
120         hg = self.hg(x)
121         hf = self.hf(x)

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122     hfg = self.hfg(x)
123
124     dhg = self.dhg(x)
125     dhf = self.dhf(x)
126     dhfg = self.dhfg(x)
127
128     for enthalpy, title in zip([hg, dhg, hf, dhf, hfg, dhfg],
129                               ["h_g", "dh_g/dP", "h_f", "dh_f/dP", "h_fg", "dh_fg/dP"]):
130
131         plt.plot(x, enthalpy)
132         plt.xlabel("Pressure [MPa]")
133         plt.ylabel(title)
134         plt.grid('both')
135         plt.savefig(f"plots/{title.replace('/', ' ')}", dpi=600)
136         plt.show()
137
138 class Solver:
139     def __init__(self, reactor_type, mesh_elements = 101):
140         self.reactor_type = reactor_type
141
142         self.ics = InitialConditions(reactor_type)
143         self.enthalpies = EnthalpyFunctions()
144         self.st = xs(xs.UNIT_SYSTEM_BARE) # m/kg/s/K/MPa/W
145
146         ics = self.ics
147         st = self.st
148
149         self.xi = np.pi * ics.d_rod
150         self.a_fluid = ics.pitch**2 - np.pi/4 * ics.d_rod**2
151         self.d_h = 4 * self.a_fluid / self.xi
152
153         self.rho0 = st.rhoL_p(ics.p_z0)
154
155         self.mu_f = st.mu_pt(ics.p_z0, ics.tf_z0) # * self.rho0 * 1e-3 # mPa*s / 1000 = Pa*s
156         self.k_fluid = st.k_pt(ics.p_z0, ics.tf_z0)
157         self.cp = st.Cp_pt(ics.p_z0, ics.tf_z0)
158         self.mw = 18
159
160         self.re = ics.g * self.d_h / self.mu_f #6 * self.d_h / self.mu_f
161         self.pr = self.cp * self.mu_f / self.k_fluid * 1000
162         self.nu = 0.023 * self.re**(0.8) * self.pr**(0.4)

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162
163     self.h_f0 = self.nu / self.d_h * self.k_fluid
164     self.ff = 0.316 * self.re**(-1/4)
165
166     self.pc = 22.06 # MPa
167
168     self.zs = np.linspace(0, self.ics.h, mesh_elements)
169
170 def solve_fluid(self, show):
171     # renaming
172     ics = self.ics
173     enthalpies = self.enthalpies
174     st = self.st
175
176     # initial calcs
177     h = st.h_pt(ics.p_z0, ics.tf_z0)
178     hf = st.hL_p(ics.p_z0)
179     hg = st.hV_p(ics.p_z0)
180
181     tf0 = self.ics.tf_z0
182     tsat0 = st.tsat_p(self.ics.p_z0)
183
184     p0 = self.ics.p_z0
185     chi_e0 = self.cp * (tf0 - tsat0) / enthalpies.hfg(p0)
186
187     # lists
188     temp_fluid = [tf0]
189     temp_sat = [tsat0]
190
191     pressure = [p0]
192     chi_e = [chi_e0]
193
194     # functions
195     self.heat_flux = lambda z : 1e-3 * ics.qp_0 / self.xi * np.sin(np.pi * z / ics.h) #
W / kW
196     self.vol_heat_gen = lambda z: 4 * ics.qp_0 / np.pi / ics.d_fuel**2 * np.sin(np.pi *
z / ics.h) / 1000 # W / kW
197
198     if show: print(f"z: {self.zs[0]} \ttf: {round(temp_fluid[0],2)} \tp: {round(
pressure[0],3)} \tchi_e: {round(chi_e[0],3)}\tt_sat: {round(temp_sat[0],3)}")
199     #z: 0.4    tf: 551.62069    p: 14.9797266593    chi_e: -0.32    t_sat: 615.2

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200     for i in range(1, len(self.zs)):
201         # step vars
202         z = self.zs[i]
203         dz = z - self.zs[i-1]
204
205         chi_e0 = chi_e[i - 1]
206         tf0 = temp_fluid[i - 1]
207         p0 = pressure[i - 1]
208
209         # calcs
210         qpp = self.heat_flux(z)
211
212         # vapor quality
213         if chi_e0 <= 0:
214             chi = 0
215             dchi = 0
216         if chi_e0 > 0 and chi_e0 <= 1:
217             chi = chi_e0
218             chi_prev = chi_e[i - 1]
219             if chi_prev < 0: chi_prev = 0
220             dchi = chi - chi_prev
221         if chi_e0 > 1:
222             print("WARNING!!! DRYOUT HAS OCCURED") # yeay yeayesye ayea
223
224
225         # densities
226         nu_f = st.vL_p(p0) # maybe an issue here
227         nu_g = st.vV_p(p0)
228         nu_fg = nu_g - nu_f
229
230         nu_m = nu_f + chi * nu_fg
231
232         rho_l = st.rhoL_p(pressure[0])
233         rho_g = st.rhoV_p(pressure[0])
234         rho_fg = rho_l - rho_g
235         rho_m = (1 / rho_l + 1/(rho_g - rho_l)*chi)**(-1)
236
237         # enthalpies
238         hf0 = st.hL_p(p0)
239         hg0 = st.hV_p(p0)
240         hfg0 = hg0 - hf0

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241
242     # calculating p1
243     pc1 = self.xi * self.ff * ics.g**2 / 2 / self.a_fluid / rho_m #topP1
244     pc2 = rho_m * 9.81 # topP2
245     pc3 = ics.g * qpp * self.xi / rho_fg / self.a_fluid / hfg0
246     pc4 = chi * enthalpies.dhg(p0)
247     pc5 = (1 - chi) * enthalpies.dhf(p0)
248     pc6 = ics.g**2 / rho_fg / hfg0 * (pc4 + pc5)
249 #     pc6 = 1 - ics.g**2 / (rho_fg * enthalpies.hfg(p0)) * (chi * enthalpies.dhg(p0)
+ (1 - chi) * enthalpies.dhf(p0))
250
251 #     botp1 = chi * enthalpies.dhg(p0) + (1 - chi) * enthalpies.dhf(p0)
252 #     botp2 = 1 - ics.g**2 / (rho_fg * enthalpies.hfg(p0 * 1e-6)) * botp1
253 #     1 - g**2 / (rho_fg * hfg) * (chi_e * dhgdp + (1 - chi_e) * dhfdp)
254
255 #     if i == 1: print(f"pc1: {pc1}\npc2: {pc2}\npc3: {pc3}\npc4: {pc4}\npc5: {pc5}\
npc6: {pc6}")
256 #     if i == 1: print(chi_e0, enthalpies.dhg(p0), enthalpies.dhf(p0), ics.g, rho_fg,
enthalpies.hfg(p0))
257
258     dp = ((pc1 + pc2 + pc3) / (1 - pc6)) * dz * 1e-3
259 #     print(dp * 1e3, p0 * 1e6)
260     p1 = p0 + dp
261
262     # enthalpies 2
263     hf1 = st.hL_p(p1)
264     hg1 = st.hV_p(p1)
265     hfg1 = hg1 - hf1
266
267     dhf = hf1 - hf0
268     dhg = hg1 - hg0
269     dhfg = hfg1 - hfg0
270
271     # calculating chi_e1
272     chic1 = qpp * self.xi / self.a_fluid / ics.g / hfg0
273     chic2 = chi * enthalpies.dhg(p1) * dp/dz
274     chic3 = (1 - chi) * enthalpies.dhf(p1) * dp/dz
275     chic4 = 1 / hfg0 * (chic2 + chic3)
276
277     dchi_e = dz * (chic1 - chic4)
278     chi_e1 = chi_e0 + dchi_e

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279
280     # calculating tf1
281     t_sat = st.tsat_p(p1)
282
283     tf1 = enthalpies.hfg(p1) * chi_e1 / self.cp + st.tsat_p(p1)
284
285     # output
286     if i % 10 == 0 and show: print(f"z: {round(z,5)} \ttf: {round(tf1,5)} \tp: {
round(p1,5)} \tchi_e: {round(chi_e1,3)} \tt_sat: {round(t_sat,3)}")
287     temp_fluid.append(tf1)
288     pressure.append(p1)
289     chi_e.append(chi_e1)
290     temp_sat.append(t_sat)
291
292     self.temp_fluid = temp_fluid
293     self.temp_sat = temp_sat
294
295     self.pressure = pressure
296     self.chi_e = chi_e
297     return
298
299 def fluid_plotter(self):
300     plt.plot(self.temp_fluid, self.zs)
301     plt.plot(self.temp_sat, self.zs)
302     plt.title("temps"), plt.grid('both')
303     plt.show()
304
305     plt.plot(self.pressure, self.zs)
306     plt.title("pressure"), plt.grid('both')
307     plt.show()
308     plt.title("chi"), plt.grid('both')
309     plt.plot(self.chi_e, self.zs)
310     plt.show()
311
312 def fluid_interpolaters(self, show):
313     deg = 5
314
315     self.func_temp_fluid = np.polynomial.Polynomial.fit(self.zs, self.temp_fluid, deg)
316     self.func_temp_sat = np.polynomial.Polynomial.fit(self.zs, self.temp_sat, deg)
317     self.func_pressure = np.polynomial.Polynomial.fit(self.zs, self.pressure, deg)
318     self.func_chi_e = np.polynomial.Polynomial.fit(self.zs, self.chi_e, deg)

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319
320     if show:
321         functions = [self.func_temp_fluid, self.func_temp_sat, self.func_pressure, self.
func_chi_e]
322         discrete = [self.temp_fluid, self.temp_sat, self.pressure, self.chi_e]
323         titles = ["Fluid Temp [K]", "Saturation Temp [K]", "Pressure [MPa]", "
Equilibrium Quality"]
324
325         for func, disc, title in zip(functions, discrete, titles):
326             plt.plot(func(self.zs), self.zs, label='Function', c='r')
327             plt.plot(disc, self.zs, label = 'Discrete Points', ls=(0,(5,5)), c='b')
328             plt.xlabel(title), plt.ylabel('Z position [m]')
329             plt.legend()
330             plt.show()
331
332     def solve_clad(self):
333         st = self.st
334         ics = self.ics
335
336         press = lambda z: self.func_pressure(z)
337         F = lambda chi_e, p: 1 if chi_e < 0 else (1 + chi_e * self.pr * (st.rhoV_p(p) / st.
rhoL_p(p) - 1))*(0.35)
338         S = lambda chi_e, z: (1 + 0.055 * F(chi_e, press(z))*(0.1) * (ics.g * self.d_h /
self.mu_f))*(0.16))*(-1)
339         hnb = lambda z: 55 * (st.rhoV_p(press(z)) / st.rhoL_p(press(z)))*(0.12) * (1000 *
self.heat_flux(z))*(2/3) * (-np.log(press(z) / self.pc)) * self.mw**(-0.5)
340
341         def one_phase(z): return 1000 * self.heat_flux(z) / self.h_f0 + self.func_temp_fluid
(z)
342
343         def two_phase(tw, z, chi_e):
344             f_ = (F(chi_e, press(z)) * self.h_f0 * (tw - self.func_temp_fluid(z)))**2
345             s_ = (S(chi_e, z) * hnb(z) * (tw - st.tsat_p(press(z))))**2
346
347             # print(f_, s_)
348
349             return 1000 * self.heat_flux(z) - (f_ + s_)*(0.5)
350
351         tcs = []
352         guess = st.tsat_p(ics.p_z0)
353

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354     for i,z in enumerate(self.zs):
355         chi_e = self.func_chi_e(z)
356
357         t_guess = one_phase(z)
358         tsat = self.func_temp_sat(z)
359
360         if t_guess < tsat:
361             tcs.append(t_guess)
362
363         if t_guess >= tsat:
364             try: _ = self.onb * 2
365             except: self.onb = z
366
367         func = lambda tw: two_phase(tw, z, chi_e)
368         root = sci.optimize.root(func, guess).x[0]
369         tcs.append(root)
370
371 #         print(tcs[i], st.tsat_p(self.func_pressure(z)))
372
373     try: self.sat_boil = sci.optimize.root(self.func_chi_e, self.h_f0 / 3).x[0]
374     except ValueError:
375         pass
376     self.func_tcs = sci.interpolate.interp1d(self.zs, tcs)
377
378     #plt.plot(self.func_tcs(self.zs), self.zs)
379     #plt.plot(self.func_temp_sat(self.zs), self.zs)
380     #print(np.max(tcs))
381     return
382
383 def solve_fuel(self):
384     ics = self.ics
385
386     r1 = ics.d_fuel / 2
387     r2 = r1 + ics.t_gap
388     r3 = ics.d_rod / 2
389
390     fuel_region = np.linspace(0,r1,1000)
391     gap_region = np.linspace(r1,r2,1000)
392     clad_region = np.linspace(r3,r3,1000)
393
394     c3 = lambda z: - 1e3 * self.vol_heat_gen(z) * r1**2 / 2 / ics.k_gap

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395     c5 = lambda z: ics.k_gap / ics.k_clad * c3(z)
396     c6 = lambda z: self.func_temp_fluid(z) - c5(z) * np.log(r3)
397     c4 = lambda z: c5(z) * np.log(r2) - c3(z) * np.log(r2) + c6(z)
398     c2 = lambda z: 1e3 * self.vol_heat_gen(z) * r1**2 / 4 / ics.k_fuel + c3(z) * np.log(
r1) + c4(z)
399
400     t_fuel = lambda r,z: - 1e3 * self.vol_heat_gen(z) * r**2 / 4 / ics.k_fuel + c2(z)
401     t_gap = lambda r,z: c3(z) * np.log(r) + c4(z)
402     t_clad = lambda r,z: c5(z) * np.log(r) + c6(z)
403
404     t_cl = t_fuel(0, self.zs)
405     self.temp_cl = np.polynomial.Polynomial.fit(self.zs, t_cl, 10)
406     return
407
408     def plotter(self, save = False):
409         plt.plot(self.temp_cl(self.zs), self.zs, label = "Centerline Temp")
410         plt.plot(self.func_temp_sat(self.zs), self.zs, label = "Saturation Temp")
411         plt.plot(self.func_tcs(self.zs), self.zs, label = "Clad Surface Temp")
412         plt.plot(self.func_temp_fluid(self.zs), self.zs, label = "Fluid Temp")
413         plt.grid("both"), plt.legend(), plt.ylabel("Z position [m]")
414         plt.xlabel("Temperature [K]")
415         if save: plt.savefig("plots/all-temps-vs-z.png", dpi=600)
416         plt.show()
417
418         plt.plot(self.func_temp_sat(self.zs), self.zs, label = "Saturation Temp")
419         plt.plot(self.func_tcs(self.zs), self.zs, label = "Clad Surface Temp")
420         plt.plot(self.func_temp_fluid(self.zs), self.zs, label = "Fluid Temp")
421         plt.grid("both"), plt.legend(), plt.ylabel("Z position [m]")
422         plt.xlabel("Temperature [K]")
423         if save: plt.savefig("plots/temps-vs-z.png", dpi=600)
424         plt.show()
425
426         plt.plot(self.temp_cl(self.zs), self.zs, label = "Centerline Temp")
427         plt.grid("both"), plt.legend(), plt.ylabel("Z position [m]")
428         plt.xlabel("Temperature [K]")
429         if save: plt.savefig("plots/tcl-vs-z.png", dpi=600)
430         plt.show()
431
432         plt.plot(self.func_chi_e(self.zs), self.zs, label = "Equilibrium Quality")
433         plt.grid("both"), plt.legend(), plt.ylabel("Z position [m]")
434         plt.xlabel("Equilibrium Quality")

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435         if save: plt.savefig("plots/chie-vs-z.png", dpi=600)
436         plt.show()
437
438         plt.plot(self.func_pressure(self.zs), self.zs, label = "Fluid Pressure")
439         plt.grid("both"), plt.legend(), plt.ylabel("Z position [m]")
440         plt.xlabel("Fluid Pressure [mPa]")
441         if save: plt.savefig("plots/p-vs-z.png", dpi=600)
442         plt.show()
443
444
445 a = Solver(1)
446 a.solve_fluid(0)
447 #a.fluid_plotter()
448 a.fluid_interpolaters(False)
449 a.solve_clad()
450 a.solve_fuel()
451 a.plotter(1)

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