

Lecture 5: Introduction to two-phase flow G. F. Hewitt Imperial College London

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 $\begin{array}{c} \textbf{Conservation equations:}\\ \textbf{Continuity equation: Liquid, gas, combined}\\ \textbf{Simplifying from previous slide gives liquid phase continuity equation:}\\ & \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \big[\rho_L (1 - \varepsilon_G) A \big] + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \big[\rho_L \mu_L (1 - \varepsilon_G) A \big] = -\dot{m}_r \\ \textbf{Similarly for gas phase:}\\ & \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \big[\rho_C \varepsilon_G A \big] + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \big[\rho_C \varepsilon_G u_G A \big] = \dot{m}_r \\ \textbf{Adding the equations and noting that:}\\ & \dot{m} = \rho_L u_L (1 - \varepsilon_G) + \rho_G \varepsilon_G u_G \\ \textbf{We have:} & \rho_{TP} = \varepsilon_G \rho_G + (1 - \varepsilon_G) \rho_L \\ & \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \big[\rho_{TP} A \big] + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \big[\dot{m} A \big] = 0 \end{array}$





Momentum equation for liquid phase: Equating momentum creation with forces $-(1-\varepsilon_G)\frac{\partial p}{\partial z} - \rho_L g(1-\varepsilon_G)\sin\alpha - \frac{\tau_0 P}{A} + \frac{\tau_i P_i}{A}$ $= \frac{\partial}{\partial t} [\rho_L u_L(1-\varepsilon_G)] + \frac{1}{A}\frac{\partial}{\partial z} [\rho_L A u_L^2(1-\varepsilon_G)]$ Steady state, constant area duct $-(1-\varepsilon_G)\frac{dp}{dz}-\rho_L g(1-\varepsilon_G)\sin\alpha-\frac{\tau_0 P}{A}+\frac{\tau_i P_i}{A}$ $= \frac{d}{dz} \Big[\rho_L u_L^2 (1 - \varepsilon_G) \Big]$

Momentum equation for gas phase: (Similar derivation to that for liquid)

$$-\varepsilon_{G}\frac{\partial p}{\partial z} - g\rho_{G}\varepsilon_{G}\sin\alpha - \frac{\tau_{i}P_{i}}{A} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t}(\rho_{G}\varepsilon_{G}u_{G}) + \frac{1}{A}\frac{\partial}{\partial z}(\rho_{G}A\varepsilon_{G}u_{G}^{2})$$

Steady state, constant area duct:

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$$-\varepsilon_{G}\frac{\partial p}{\partial z} - g\rho_{G}\varepsilon_{G}\sin\alpha - \frac{\tau_{i}P_{i}}{A} = \frac{\partial}{\partial z}(\rho_{G}\varepsilon_{G}u_{G}^{2})$$



Adding the liquid (slide 19) and gas (slide 20) momentum equations we have:

$$-\frac{\partial p}{\partial z} - g \rho_{TP} \sin \alpha - \frac{\tau_o P}{A}$$

$$= \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \Big[\rho_L u_L (1 - \varepsilon_G) + \rho_G u_G \varepsilon_G \Big]$$

$$+ \frac{1}{A} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \Big[\rho_L A u_L^2 (1 - \varepsilon_G) + \rho_G A \varepsilon_G u_G^2 \Big]$$

$$\rho_{TP} = \varepsilon_G \rho_G + (1 - \varepsilon_G) \rho_L$$
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$$\begin{split} & \text{Dypical correlation for void fraction} \\ & \text{(premoli et al , 1971)} \end{split}$$
 $\begin{aligned} & \boldsymbol{\mu} & \boldsymbol{\mu} & \boldsymbol{\mu} \\ & \boldsymbol{\mu} & \boldsymbol{\mu} \\ & \boldsymbol{\mu} \\ & \text{wrew} \\ & \boldsymbol{\mu} & \boldsymbol{\mu} & \boldsymbol{\mu} \\ & \boldsymbol{\mu} & \boldsymbol{\mu} \\ &$









Phenomenological approach: General principles

Stages:

- (1) Identify the type of interfacial distribution i.e. FLOW REGIME
- (2) Observe detailed phenomena and make appropriate measurements.
- (3) Construct physical models of theoretical or semitheoretical type to describe the phenomena.
- (4) Integrate the local models to achieve a complete system description.

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