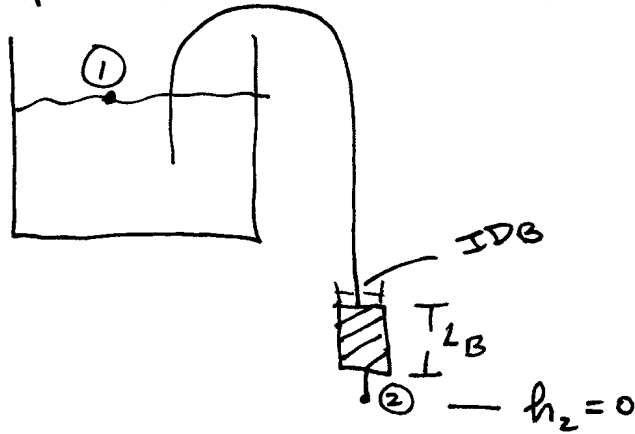


# Chapter 11

# Flow through Porous Media



$$e g h_1 + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} e v_1^2}_{\text{Small}} + \underbrace{P_1}_0 = e g h_2 + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} e v_2^2}_0 + \underbrace{P_2}_0 + e^{\phi} F$$

$$e g h_1 - \frac{1}{2} e v_2^2 - e^{\phi} F = 0$$

pushing fluid through

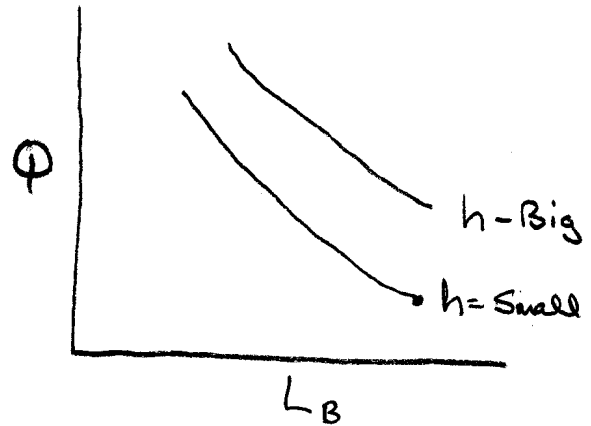
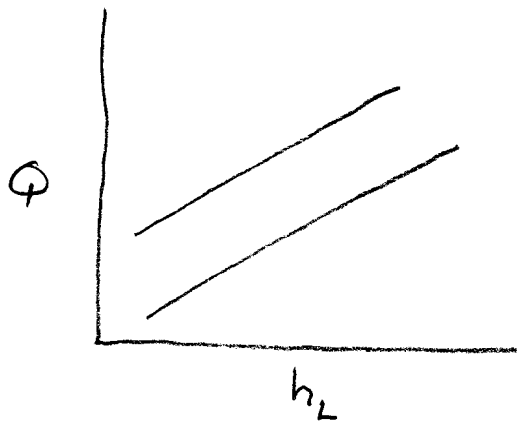
losses

losses in tubing?  
bends?  
entrance?

Packed Bed?

$$e g h_1 = \frac{150 v_s M (1-\epsilon)^2}{D_p^2 \epsilon^3} L_B$$

Section: Data



# PFR

Chemical Engineering  
Science (1985)

① Show transparency

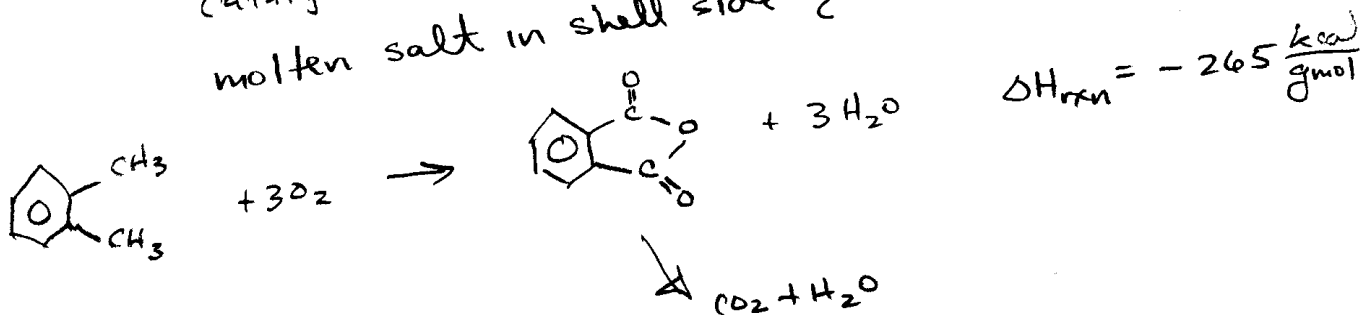
Phthalic Anhydride manufacture

→ exothermic

Vertical shell & tube heat exchanger

Catalyst in tubes (solid spheres, rings etc.)

molten salt in shell side { Na-K & nitrates



45,000 metric ton/yr → ~20,000 tubes with ID ~ 2.5 cm  
tube length 3.65 m

Previous work - keep mixture below flammable limits  
current reactor - working above the flammability limits {

V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> catalyst with TiO<sub>2</sub> + promoters { 10 wt%  
non-porous carborundum }

$$d_p = 6 \text{ mm}$$

$$G/2G = \frac{d_p}{ID_{\text{tube}}} = 0.23$$

$$\rho_c \approx 1,780 \frac{\text{kg}_c}{\text{m}^3_{\text{cat}}}$$

assume  $\phi = 0.45$

Perry's Figure 5-70

Cylindrical Rings -  $\phi = 0.47$

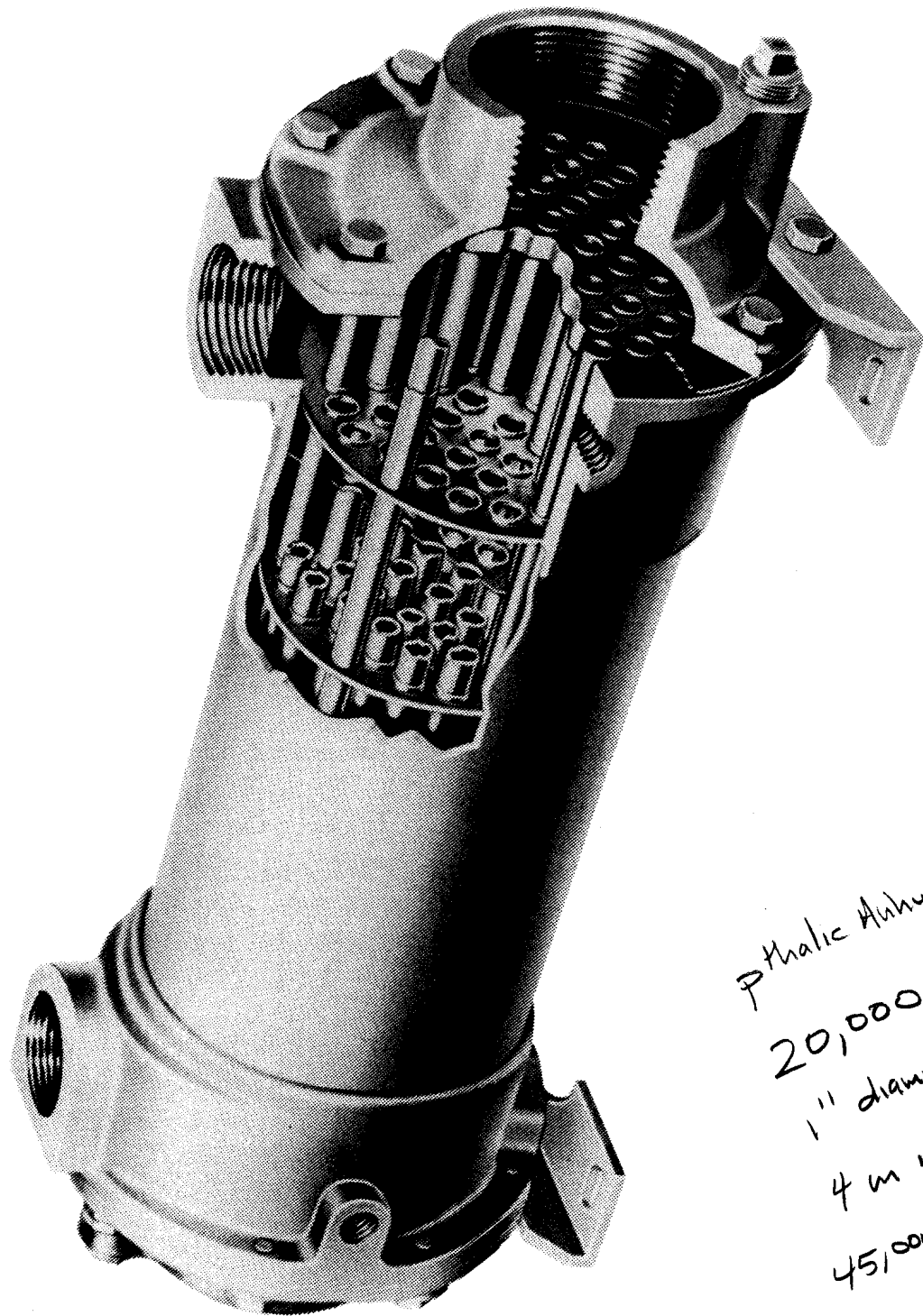
Spheres -  $\phi \approx 0.45$

Raschig Ring -  $\phi = 0.6$

$$\rho_{\text{bulk}} = \rho_c (1 - \phi)$$

$$\frac{\text{kg}_{\text{cat}}}{\text{m}^3_{\text{cat}}} \quad \frac{\text{m}^3_{\text{cat}}}{\text{m}^3_{\text{bed}}}$$

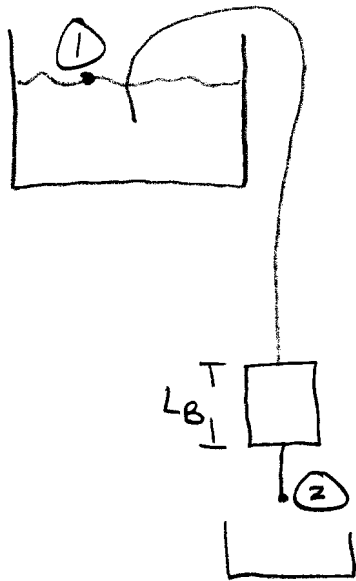
$$\rho_{\text{bulk}} = 980 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3_{\text{bed}}} \quad \left( \frac{\text{m}^3_{\text{cat}}}{\text{m}^3_{\text{bed}}} \right)$$



When thermal effects are important, shell and tube heat exchangers are often used as plug-flow reactors. In some processes such as methanol synthesis or phthalic anhydride production, tubes are packed with catalyst pellets forming a number of small-diameter packed-bed reactors in parallel. The shell is filled with a heat-transfer medium. (ITT Fluid Technology Corporation, by permission.)

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# Lab Experiment

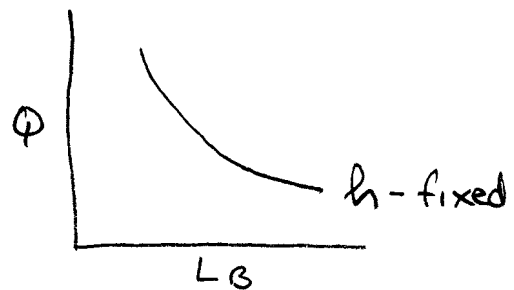
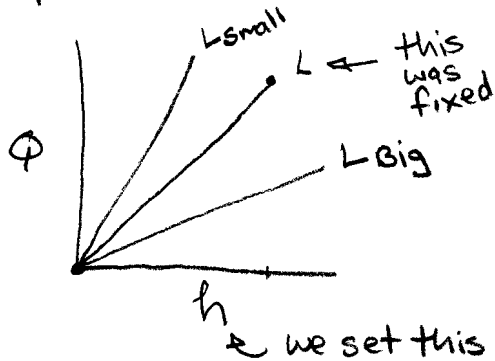


Apply Engineering Bernoulli

$$P_1 + \rho g h_1 + \frac{1}{2} \rho v_1^2 = P_2 + \rho g h_2 + \frac{1}{2} \rho v_2^2 + e^F$$

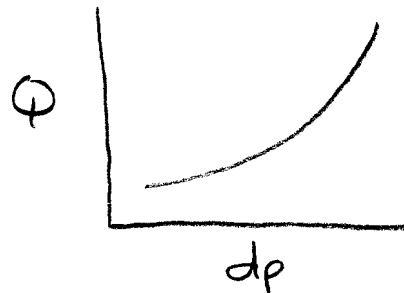
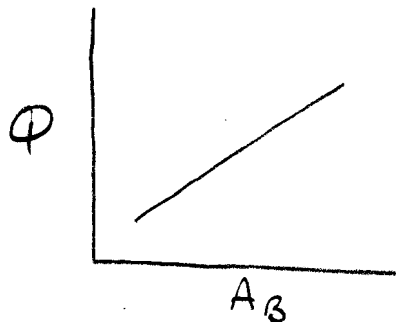
$$\rho g h_1 = \frac{1}{2} \rho v_2^2 + e^F$$

Experimental Data - what do you think it looks like



$$\phi \propto \frac{h}{L_B}$$

What about  $A_B$  &  $dp$ ?



How do we model this ?

Book (de Nevers) section 11.1

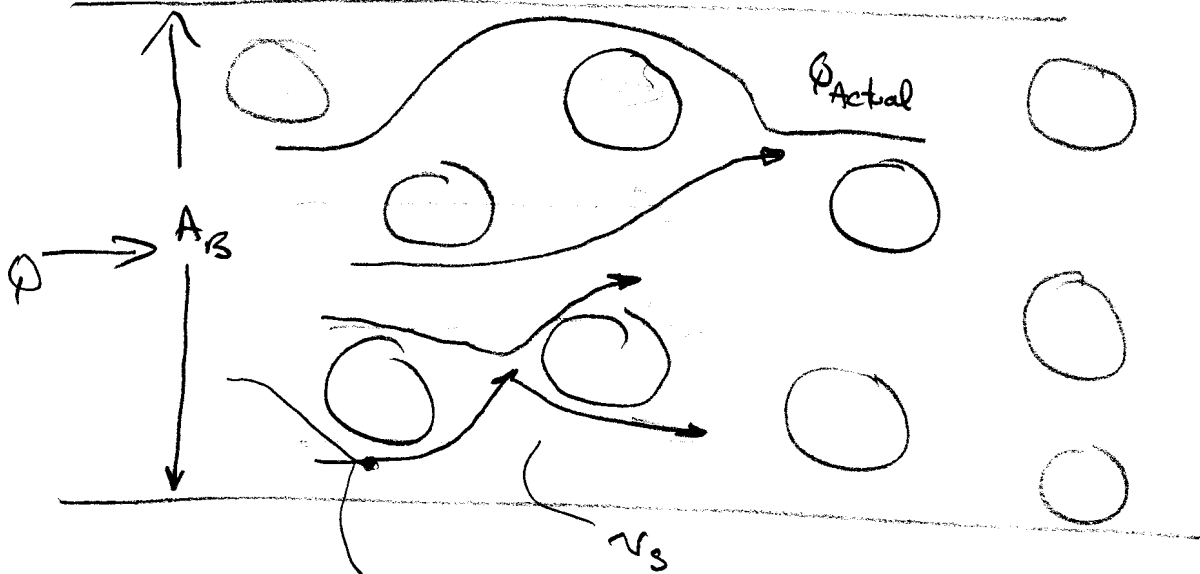
Definitions: (use picture below)

superficial velocity  $v_s = \frac{\Phi}{A}$  ← cross sectional area of pipe or tube

This can be calculated for any type of equipment - without needing to know about its internals, Pack

- Packed Bed Reactors
- Distillation column
- absorber
- Heat exchanger - for one of the flows

Interstitial velocity



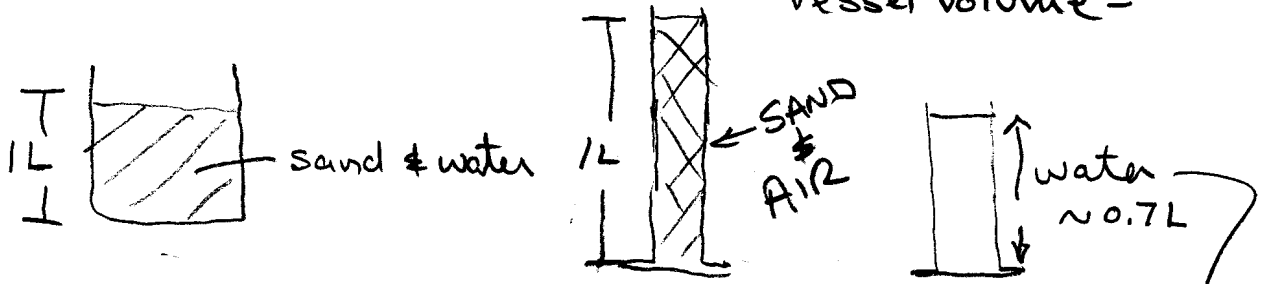
what is the actual velocity if measured?

Void fractions (Volume) (Porosity) *usually for solids with a pore network)*

$$\epsilon = \frac{\text{Volume not solids (gas or liquid)}}{\text{total volume}}$$

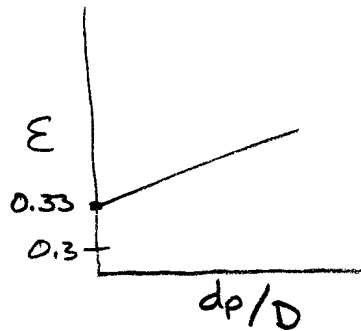
$$= \frac{\text{total volume} - \text{Volume solids}}{\text{total volume}}$$

Show using beakers  
 void volume =  
 solid volume =  
 vessel volume =

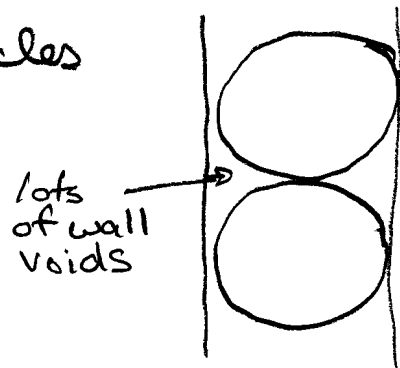


this is called "VOID"

Show curves from Perry's 5th Edition



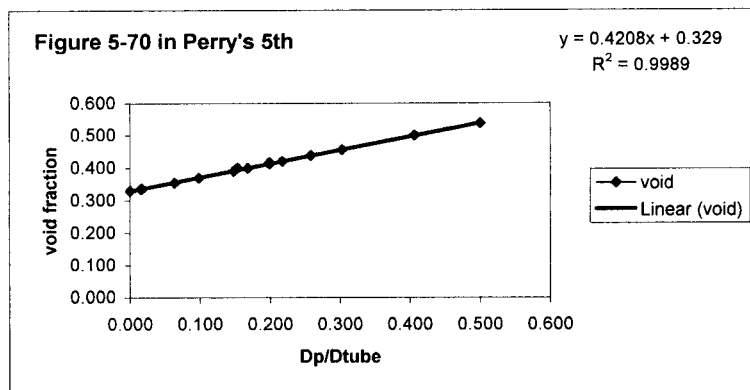
what about large particles



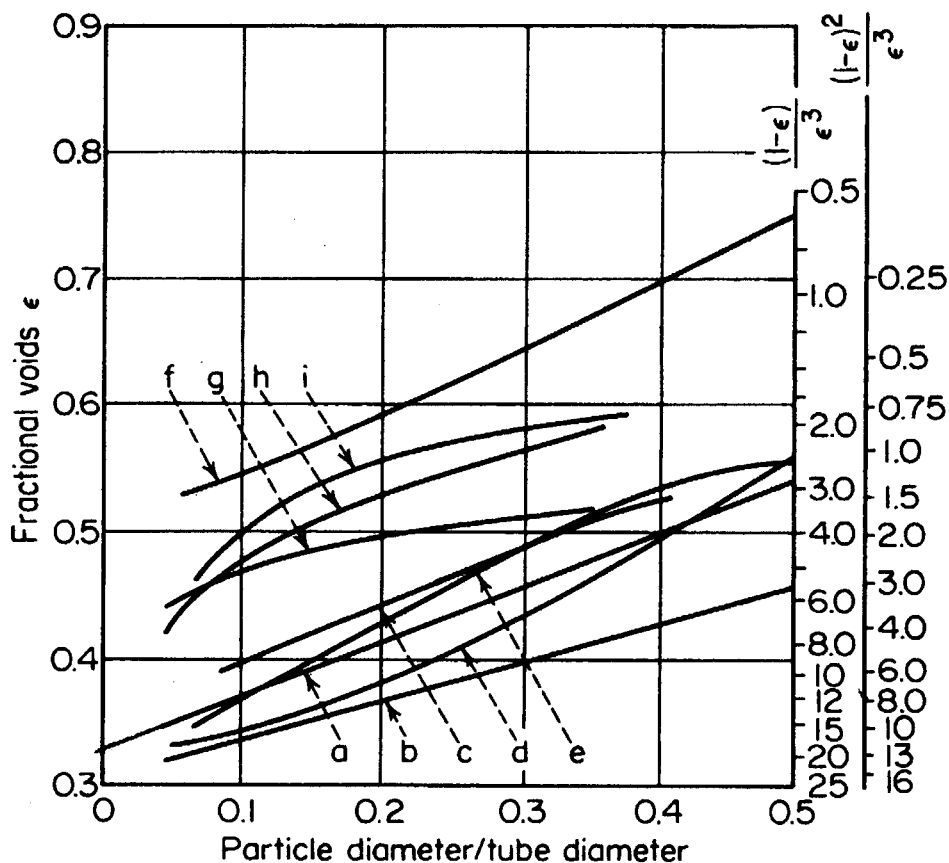
Void Fraction Curve for spheres  
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 Figure 5-70

Scale x 0.003671  
 Scale y 0.003636

Dp/Dtube x	void y	Dp/Dtube	void
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4.71	9.86	0.017	0.336
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40.21	24.86	0.148	0.390
41.71	27.36	0.153	0.399
45.71	27.16	0.168	0.399
54.21	31.86	0.199	0.416
54.21	30.86	0.199	0.412
<b>59.11</b>	<b>32.96</b>	<b>0.217</b>	<b>0.420</b>
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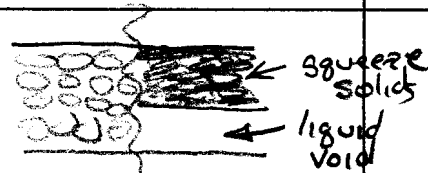


**BEDS OF SOLIDS 5-53**



**FIG. 5-70.** Voidage in packed beds. Spherical: *a*, smooth, uniform; *b*, smooth, mixed; *c*, clay. Cylindrical: *d*, smooth, uniform; *e*, alundum, uniform; *f*, clay Raschig rings. Granules: *g*, fused magnetite (synthetic ammonia catalyst); *h*, fused alundum; *i*, Aloxite. (Leva, "Fluidization," p. 54, McGraw-Hill, New York, 1959.)

Back to interstitial velocity



$$v_I = \frac{\phi}{(\text{Volume Void})} = \frac{\phi}{\epsilon A_{\text{pipe}}} \left[ \frac{\frac{\text{m}^3_{\text{fluid}}}{\text{s}}}{\frac{\text{m}^3_{\text{fluid}}}{\text{m}^3_{\text{pipe}} \cdot \text{m}^2_{\text{pipe}}}} \right] \text{ this again is a true velocity} = \frac{m_{\text{pipe}}}{s}$$

From Chapter 6 for non circular cross-sections

$$D_H = \frac{4(\text{Area Cross Section})}{\text{Wetted Perimeter}}$$

Hydraulic Diameter

$$\text{Hydraulic Radius} = \frac{\text{Area Cross Section}}{\text{Wetted perimeter}}$$

$$R_H = \frac{\pi R^2}{2\pi R} = \frac{R}{2}$$

for circle

good check

$$\frac{4(\pi D^2/4)}{\pi D} = D$$

for circular cross section  
 $D_H = D$

$$D_H = 4(R_H) = 4(R/2) = 2R \text{ circle } R$$

for non-circular ducts such as rectangular ducts for home heating/air conditioning use  $R_H$  in  $\Delta P$  calculation (fig 6.10) p. 186

$$\mathcal{F} = 4 f_F \frac{L}{D} \frac{v^2}{2} \quad (6.17) \text{ p185}$$

fanning friction factor

Plug in  $D_H$

$$\frac{\Delta P}{L} = \frac{\epsilon 4 f_F v^2}{2D} = \frac{\epsilon 4 f_F v^2}{2 D_H} = \frac{\epsilon f_F v^2}{2 (\frac{1}{4} R_H)}$$

and  $f_F = f(\mathcal{R}, \epsilon/D_H)$

$$\& \mathcal{R} = f(D_H) \quad \therefore Re = \mathcal{R} = \frac{\rho v D_H}{\mu}$$

de Nevers  
6.35 modified

What is  $R_H$  for a bed of sand?

$$R_H = \left( \frac{\text{Cross sectional area}}{\text{wetted perimeter}} \right) \frac{L}{L} = \frac{\text{Volume open to flow}}{\text{wetted area}}$$

$$R_H \Big|_{\text{packed bed}} = \frac{V_B \epsilon}{(\# \text{ particles}) \frac{A_p}{\text{particle}}} \quad [ = ] \quad \frac{m^3_B \frac{m^3_{\text{void}}}{m^3_{\text{bed}}}}{\# \frac{m^2_{\text{area}}}{\text{particle}}}$$

$$\frac{A_p}{\text{particle}} = \pi D_p^2 \quad \text{for sphere}$$

$$V_p(\# \text{ particles}) = \frac{V_B (1 - \epsilon)}{\frac{\pi D_p^3}{6}} \quad [ = ] \quad \frac{m^3_{\text{bed}} (m^3_{\text{solid}}/m^3_{\text{bed}})}{\frac{\pi D_p^3}{6}} = m^3_{\text{solid}}$$

$$\therefore \# \text{ particles} = \frac{V_B (1 - \epsilon)}{\frac{\pi D_p^3}{6}}$$

plug in

$$R_H = \frac{V_B \epsilon}{\frac{6 V_B (1 - \epsilon)}{\pi D_p^3} (\pi D_p^2)} = \frac{D_p}{6} \frac{\epsilon}{(1 - \epsilon)} \quad \text{(1.6 for spheres)}$$

Area Surface

Now go back to  $f_F \Delta P$  eqn

$$\frac{\rho g F}{L} = \frac{\Delta P}{L} = \frac{\rho}{2} f_F' v^2 \frac{1}{R_H} = \frac{\rho}{2} f_F v^2 \frac{6(1 - \epsilon)}{D_p \epsilon}$$

$$f_F = f_{F \text{ medium porous}} = \frac{2 g F'}{v^2} \frac{D_p \epsilon}{6(1 - \epsilon)} \frac{1}{L}$$

What is  $v_I$ ? if we use  $v = v_I$

$$f'_F = \frac{2 \rho F D_p}{L} \frac{\epsilon}{6(1-\epsilon)} \frac{1}{v_I^2} \quad v_I = \frac{\phi}{\epsilon A} = \frac{v_s}{\epsilon}$$

$$f'_F = \frac{2 \rho F D_p}{L} \frac{\epsilon}{6(1-\epsilon)} \frac{\epsilon^2}{v_s^2}$$

$$= \frac{2 \rho F D_p}{L} \frac{\epsilon^3}{6(1-\epsilon)} \frac{1}{v_s^2}$$

$$Re' = \mathcal{R}' = \frac{\rho v_I D_H}{\mu} = \frac{\rho}{\mu} \frac{v_s}{\epsilon} 4R_H = \frac{\rho v_s}{\mu} \frac{4 D_p \epsilon}{6(1-\epsilon)}$$

$$\mathcal{R}' = \frac{2}{3} \frac{D_p v_s}{1-\epsilon} \frac{\rho}{\mu}$$

Book Drops constants

$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} \mathcal{R}_{pm} &= \frac{D_p v_s}{(1-\epsilon)} \frac{\rho}{\mu} \\ f_{pm} &= \frac{2}{3} \frac{D_p}{L} \frac{\epsilon^3}{(1-\epsilon)} \frac{1}{v_s^2} \end{aligned} \right\}$$

for  $f_{\text{pipe flow}} = \frac{16}{\mathcal{R}'} = \frac{16}{\frac{2}{3} \frac{\rho v_s D_p}{\mu (1-\epsilon)}} = \frac{24}{\frac{\rho v_s D_p}{\mu (1-\epsilon)}}$

$$\frac{2.8/63}{\epsilon}$$

$$\frac{24}{3}$$

$$\frac{12}{60}$$

$$\frac{72}{72}$$

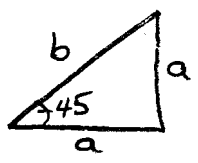
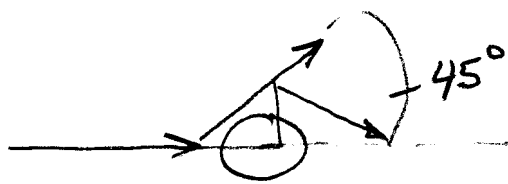
$$f'_F = \frac{2}{6} \frac{\rho F D_p}{L} \frac{\epsilon^3}{(1-\epsilon)} \frac{1}{v_s^2}$$

$$\frac{1}{3} \left( \frac{\rho F D_p}{L} \frac{\epsilon^3}{(1-\epsilon)} \frac{1}{v_s^2} \right) = \frac{24}{\frac{\rho v_s D_p}{\mu (1-\epsilon)}} \mathcal{R}_{pm}$$

$f'_{pm}$

$$f''_{pm} = \frac{72}{\mathcal{R}_{pm}}$$

One more correction



$$\sin(45) = \frac{a}{b} \quad b = \frac{a}{\sin(45)} =$$

$$0.707 = \frac{a}{b}$$

$$b = \frac{1}{0.707} = \sqrt{2}$$

Additional  $L_{actual} = \sqrt{2} L$

$$v_{I|_{again}} = \sqrt{2} v_{I|_{old}}$$

$$\frac{\rho F D_p}{\sqrt{2} L} \frac{\epsilon^3}{(1-\epsilon)} \frac{1}{2(v_s)^2} = \frac{72}{\frac{\rho v_s \sqrt{2} D_p}{\mu (1-\epsilon)}}$$

$$\underbrace{\frac{\rho F D_p}{L} \frac{\epsilon^3}{(1-\epsilon)} \frac{1}{v_s^2}}_{f_{pm}} = \frac{144}{\frac{\rho v_s D_p}{\mu (1-\epsilon)}}$$

$$\rho F = \frac{\Delta P}{L}$$

$$f_{pm} = \frac{144}{Re_{pm}}$$

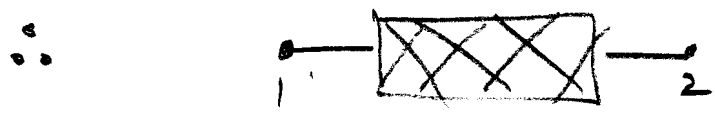
$$\text{where } f_{pm} = \frac{\rho F D_p}{L} \frac{\epsilon^3}{(1-\epsilon)} \frac{1}{v_s^2}$$

the actual value is 150  
from experiments 4% difference

between  
experiment  
and theory

$$f_{pm} = \frac{150}{Re_{pm}} \quad \text{porous media}$$

$$\rightarrow \rho F = 150 \frac{v_s \mu L}{D_p^2 \epsilon} \frac{(1-\epsilon)^2}{\epsilon^3}$$



$$P_1 + \frac{1}{2} \rho v_1^2 + \rho g h_1 = P_2 + \frac{1}{2} \rho v_2^2 + \rho g h_2 + e \rho F$$

$$(P_1 - P_2) = e \rho F_{pm} = e \left( 150 \frac{\mu v_s}{e} \frac{L}{D_p^2} \frac{(1-\epsilon)^2}{\epsilon^3} \right)$$

Blake Kozeny  
or  
Kozeny - Carman  
equation

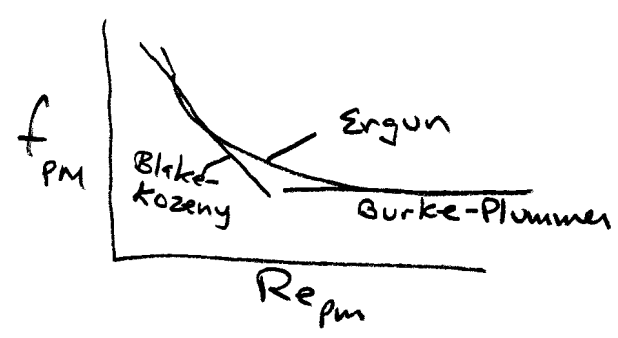
this equation  
is only valid for  
 $Re_{pm} \leq 10$

for turbulent flow from experiments

$$f_{pm} = 1.75 \quad \text{turbulent } Re_{pm} \geq 1000$$

Ergun put these 2 together

$$f_{pm} = 1.75 + \frac{150}{Re_{pm}} = \rho F \frac{D_p}{L} \frac{1}{v_s^2} \frac{\epsilon^3}{(1-\epsilon)}$$



show graph

$$\rho F = 1.75 \frac{L}{D_p} \frac{v_s^2 (1-\epsilon)}{\epsilon^3} + 150 \frac{\mu (1-\epsilon)}{e v_s D_p} \frac{L}{D_p} \frac{v_s^2 (1-\epsilon)}{\epsilon^3}$$

$$\rho F = 1.75 \frac{L v_s^2 (1-\epsilon)}{D_p \epsilon^3} + 150 \frac{\mu}{e} \frac{L}{D_p^2} v_s \frac{(1-\epsilon)^2}{\epsilon^3} \quad \text{Ergun 11.18}$$

$$f_m = \frac{150}{Re_p} + 1.75 \frac{\epsilon^3}{v_s^2 (1-\epsilon)}$$

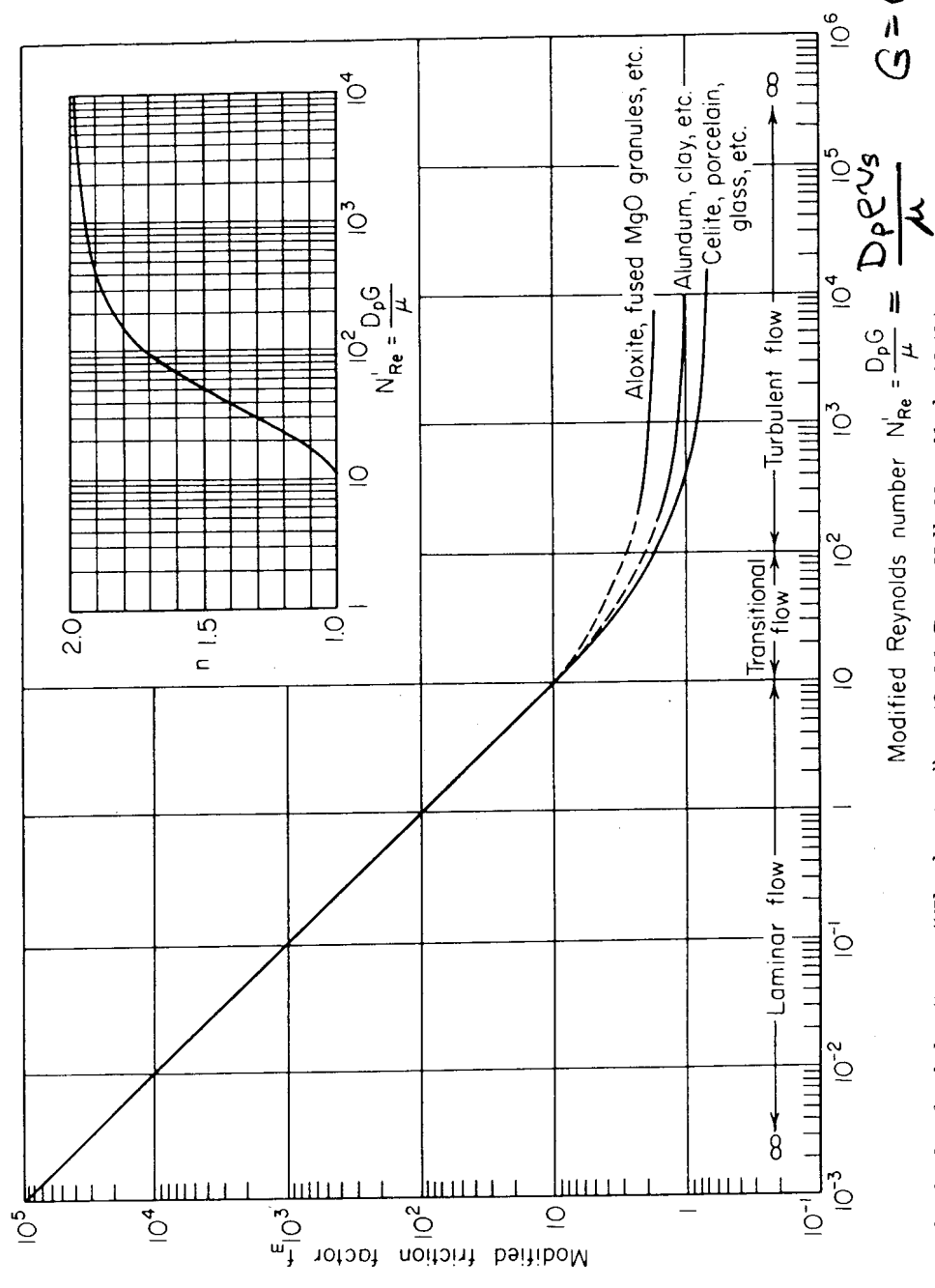
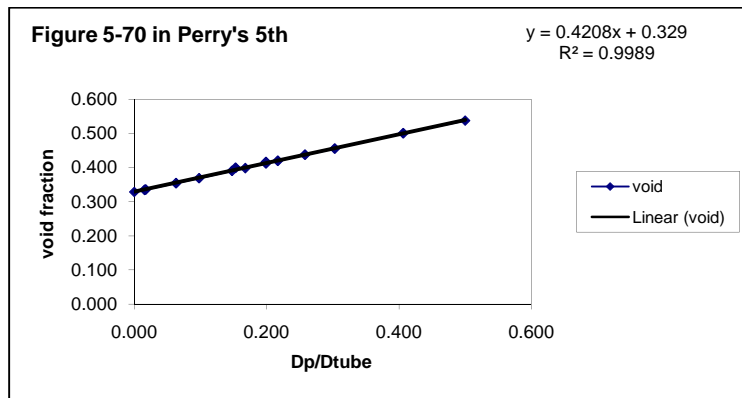


Fig. 5-69. Friction factor for beds of solids. (Leva, "Fluidization," p. 49, McGraw-Hill, New York, 1959.)

Void Fraction Curve for spheres  
 Taken from Perry's 5th Edition  
 Figure 5-70

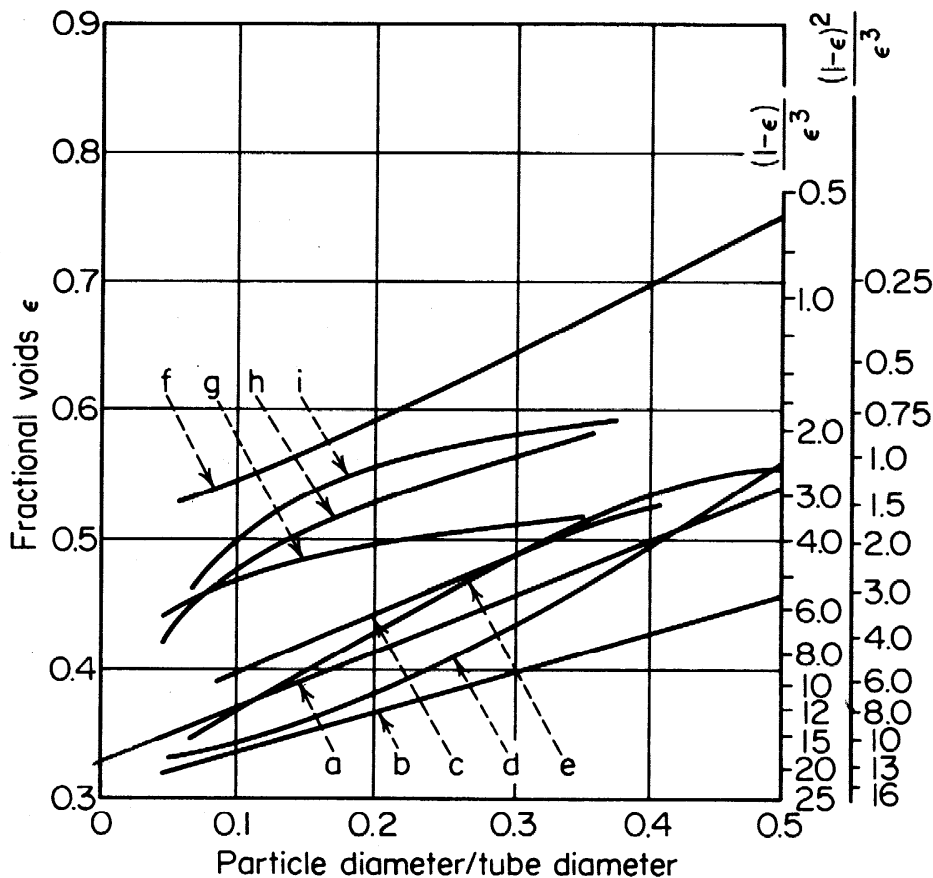
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Direct application of these equations in Example 6.14 is not successful, but if  $E_2$  is taken as the reciprocal of the given expression, a plausible result is obtained.

### 6.9. GRANULAR AND PACKED BEDS

Flow through granular and packed beds occurs in reactors with solid catalysts, adsorbers, ion exchangers, filters, and mass transfer equipment. The particles may be more or less rounded or may be shaped into rings, saddles, or other structures that provide a desirable ratio of surface and void volume.

Natural porous media may be consolidated (solids with holes in them), or they may consist of unconsolidated, discrete particles. Passages through the beds may be characterized by the properties of porosity, permeability, tortuosity, and connectivity. The flow of underground water and the production of natural gas and crude oil, for example, are affected by these characteristics. The theory and properties of such structures is described, for instance, in the book of Dullien (*Porous Media, Fluid Transport and Pore Structure*, Academic, New York, 1979). A few examples of porosity and permeability are in Table 6.9. Permeability is the proportionality constant  $k$  in the flow equation  $u = (k/\mu) dP/dL$ .

Although consolidated porous media are of importance in chemical engineering, only unconsolidated porous media are incorporated in process equipment, so that further attention will be restricted to them.

Granular beds may consist of mixtures of particles of several sizes. In flow problems, the mean surface diameter is the appropriate mean, given in terms of the weight fraction distribution,  $x_i$ , by

$$D_p = 1 / (\sum x_i / D_i) \quad (6.106)$$

When a particle is not spherical, its characteristic diameter is taken as that of a sphere with the same volume, so that

$$D_p = (6V_p/\pi)^{1/3} \quad (6.107)$$

#### SINGLE PHASE FLUIDS

Extensive measurements of flow in and other properties of beds of particles of various shapes, sizes and compositions are reported by

**TABLE 6.9. Porosity and Permeability of Several Unconsolidated and Consolidated Porous Media**

Media	Porosity (%)	Permeability (cm <sup>2</sup> )
Berl saddles	68-83	$1.3 \times 10^{-3}$ - $3.9 \times 10^{-3}$
Wire crimps	68-76	$3.8 \times 10^{-5}$ - $1.0 \times 10^{-4}$
Black slate powder	57-66	$4.9 \times 10^{-10}$ - $1.2 \times 10^{-9}$
Silica powder	37-49	$1.3 \times 10^{-10}$ - $5.1 \times 10^{-10}$
Sand (loose beds)	37-50	$2.0 \times 10^{-7}$ - $1.8 \times 10^{-6}$
Soil	43-54	$2.9 \times 10^{-9}$ - $1.4 \times 10^{-7}$
Sandstone (oil sand)	8-38	$5.0 \times 10^{-12}$ - $3.0 \times 10^{-8}$
Limestone, dolomite	4-10	$2.0 \times 10^{-11}$ - $4.5 \times 10^{-10}$
Brick	12-34	$4.8 \times 10^{-11}$ - $2.2 \times 10^{-9}$
Concrete	2-7	$1.0 \times 10^{-9}$ - $2.3 \times 10^{-7}$
Leather	56-59	$9.5 \times 10^{-10}$ - $1.2 \times 10^{-9}$
Cork board	—	$3.3 \times 10^{-6}$ - $1.5 \times 10^{-5}$
Hair felt	—	$8.3 \times 10^{-6}$ - $1.2 \times 10^{-5}$
Fiberglass	88-93	$2.4 \times 10^{-7}$ - $5.1 \times 10^{-7}$
Cigarette filters	17-49	$1.1 \times 10^{-5}$
Agar-agar	—	$2.0 \times 10^{-10}$ - $4.4 \times 10^{-9}$

(A.E. Scheidegger, *Physics of Flow through Porous Media*, University of Toronto Press, Toronto, Canada, 1974).

Leva et al. (1951). Differences in voidage are pronounced as Figure 6.8(c) shows.

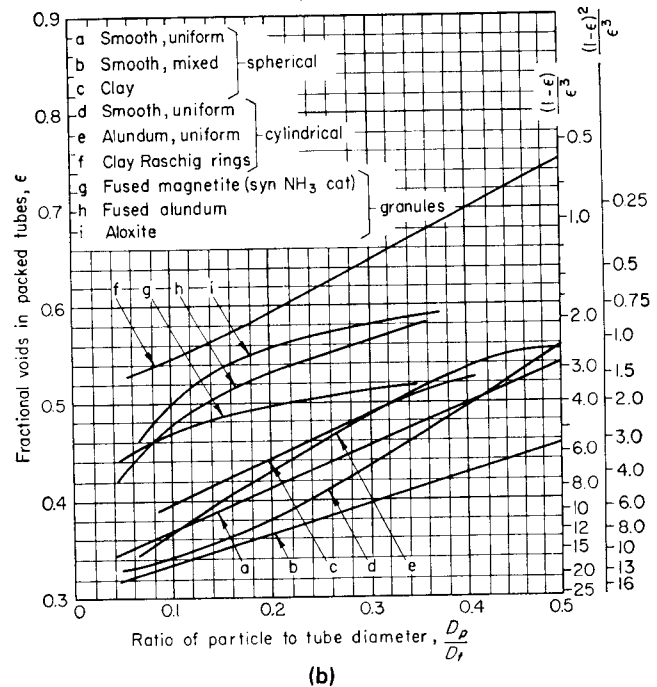
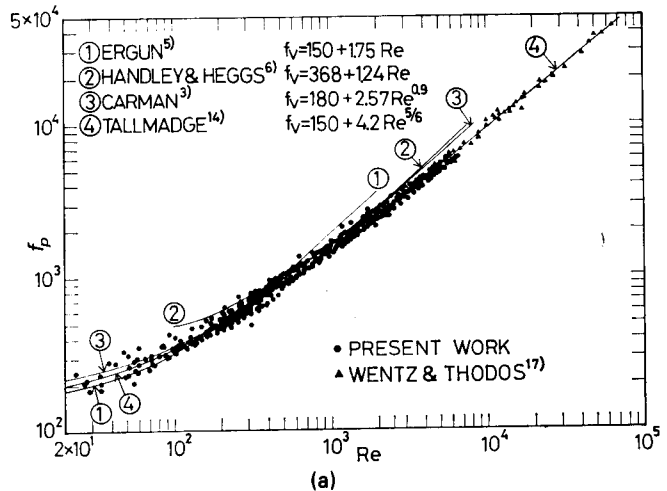
A long-established correlation of the friction factor is that of Ergun (*Chem. Eng. Prog.* **48**, 89-94, 1952). The average deviation from his line is said to be  $\pm 20\%$ . The friction factor is

$$f_p = \frac{g_c D_p \epsilon^3}{u^2 (1 - \epsilon)} \left( \frac{\Delta P}{L} \right) \quad (6.108)$$

$$= 150 / \text{Re}_p + 1.75 \quad (6.109)$$

with

$$\text{Re}_p = D_p G / \mu (1 - \epsilon) \quad (6.110)$$



**Figure 6.8.** Friction factors and void fractions in flow of single phase fluids in granular beds. (a) Correlation of the friction factor,  $\text{Re} = D_p G / (1 - \epsilon) \mu$  and  $f_p = [g_c D_p \epsilon^3 / \rho u^2 (1 - \epsilon)] (\Delta P / L = 150 / \text{Re} + 4.2 / (\text{Re})^{1/6}$  [Sato et al., *J. Chem. Eng. Jpn.* **6**, 147-152 (1973)]. (b) Void fraction in granular beds as a function of the ratio of particle and tube diameters [Leva, Weintraub, Grummer, Polchik, and Storch, *U.S. Bur. Mines Bull.* **504** (1951)].

The pressure gradient accordingly is given by

$$\frac{\Delta P}{L} = \frac{G^2(1-\epsilon)}{\rho g_c D_p \epsilon^3} \left[ \frac{150(1-\epsilon)\mu}{D_p G} + 1.75 \right]. \quad (6.111)$$

For example, when  $D_p = 0.005$  m,  $G = 50$  kg/m<sup>2</sup> sec,  $g_c = 1$  kgm/N sec<sup>2</sup>,  $\rho = 800$  kg/m<sup>3</sup>,  $\mu = 0.010$  N sec/m<sup>2</sup>, and  $\epsilon = 0.4$ , the gradient is  $\Delta P/L = 0.31(10^5)$  Pa/m.

An improved correlation is that of Sato (1973) and Tallmadge (AIChE J. 16, 1092 (1970)) shown on Figure 6.8(a). The friction factor is

$$f_p = 150/\text{Re}_p + 4.2/\text{Re}_p^{1/6} \quad (6.112)$$

with the definitions of Eqs. (6.108) and (6.110). A comparison of Eqs. (6.109) and (6.112) is

$\text{Re}_p$	5	50	500	5000
$f_p$ (Ergun)	31.8	4.80	2.05	1.78
$f_p$ (Sato)	33.2	5.19	1.79	1.05

In the highly turbulent range the disagreement is substantial.

## TWO-PHASE FLOW

Operation of packed trickle-bed catalytic reactors is with liquid and gas flow downward together, and of packed mass transfer equipment with gas flow upward and liquid flow down.

Concurrent flow of liquid and gas can be simulated by the homogeneous model of Section 6.8.1 and Eqs. 6.109 or 6.112, but several adequate correlations of separated flows in terms of Lockhart–Martinelli parameters of pipeline flow type are available. A number of them is cited by Shah (*Gas-Liquid-Solid Reactor Design*, McGraw-Hill, New York, 1979, p. 184). The correlation of Sato (1973) is shown on Figure 6.9 and is represented by either

$$\phi = (\Delta P_{LG}/\Delta P_L)^{0.5} = 1.30 + 1.85(X)^{-0.85}, \quad 0.1 < X < 20, \quad (6.113)$$

or

$$\log_{10} \left( \frac{\Delta P_{LG}}{\Delta P_L + \Delta P_G} \right) = \frac{0.70}{[\log_{10}(X/1.2)]^2 + 1.00}, \quad (6.114)$$

where

$$X = \sqrt{(\Delta P/L)_L / (\Delta P/L)_G}. \quad (6.115)$$

The pressure gradients for the liquid and vapor phases are calculated on the assumption of their individual flows through the bed, with the correlations of Eqs. (6.108)–(6.112).

The fraction  $h_L$  of the void space occupied by liquid also is of interest. In Sato's work this is given by

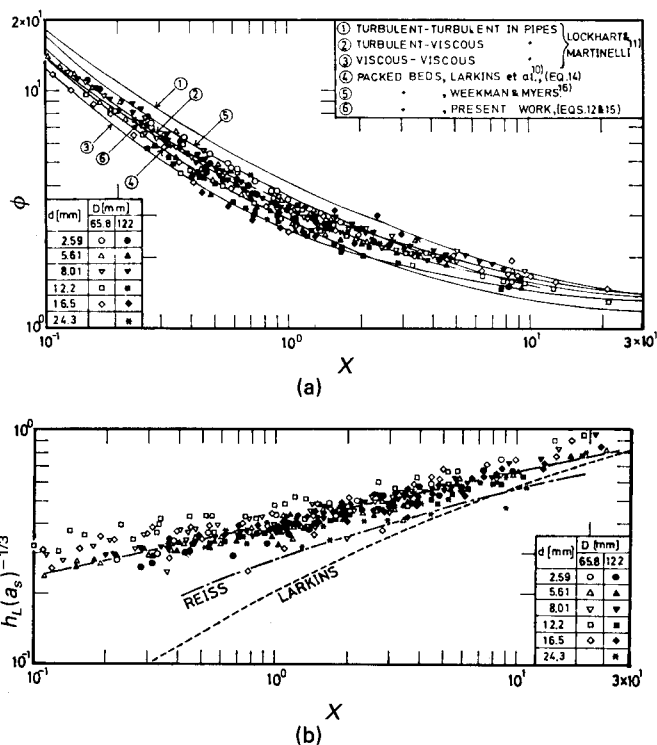
$$h_L = 0.40(a_s)^{1/3} X^{0.22}, \quad (6.116)$$

where the specific surface is

$$a_s = 6(1-\epsilon)/D_p. \quad (6.117)$$

Additional data are included in the friction correlation of Specchia and Baldi [*Chem. Eng. Sci.* 32, 515–523 (1977)], which is represented by

$$f_{LG} = \frac{g_c D_p \epsilon}{3\rho_G u_G^2 (1-\epsilon)} \left( \frac{\Delta P}{L} \right), \quad (6.118)$$



**Figure 6.9.** Pressure drop gradient and liquid holdup in liquid–gas concurrent flow in granular beds. [Sato, Hirose, Takahashi, and Toda, *J. Chem. Eng. Jpn.* 6, 147–152 (1973)]. (a) Correlation of two phase pressure drop gradient  $\Delta P/L$ ,  $\phi = 1.30 + 1.85X^{-0.85}$ . (b) Correlation of frictional holdup  $h_L$  of liquid in the bed;  $a_s$  is the specific surface, 1/mm,  $d$  is particle diameter, and  $D$  is tube diameter.  $h_L = 0.40a_s^{1/3}X^{0.22}$ .

$$\ln f_{LG} = 7.82 - 1.30 \ln(Z/\psi^{1.1}) - 0.0573[\ln(Z/\psi^{1.1})]^2. \quad (6.119)$$

The parameters in Eq. (6.119) are

$$Z = (\text{Re}_G)^{1.167} / (\text{Re}_L)^{0.767}, \quad (6.120)$$

$$\psi = \frac{\sigma_w}{\sigma_L} \left[ \frac{\mu_L}{\mu_w} \left( \frac{\rho_w}{\rho_L} \right)^2 \right]^{1/3}. \quad (6.121)$$

Liquid holdup was correlated in this work for both nonfoaming and foaming liquids.

$$\text{Nonfoaming, } h_L = 0.125(Z/\psi^{1.1})^{-0.312}(a_s D_p / \epsilon)^{0.65}, \quad (6.122)$$

$$\text{Foaming, } h_L = 0.06(Z/\psi^{1.1})^{-0.172}(a_s D_p / \epsilon)^{0.65}. \quad (6.123)$$

The subscript  $w$  in Eq. (6.121) refers to water.

Countercurrent flow data in towers with shaped packings are represented by Figure 13.37. The pressure drop depends on the viscosity of the liquid and on the flow rates and densities of the liquid and gas, as well as on characteristics of the packing which are represented here by the packing factor  $F$ . Nominally, the packing factor is a function of the specific surface  $a_s$  and the voidage  $\epsilon$ , as

$$F = a_s / \epsilon^3, \quad (6.124)$$

but calculated values are lower than the experimental values shown in the table by factors of 2–5 or so. Clearly the liquid holdup reduces the effective voidage to different extents with different packings. The voidages of the packings in the table range from 70 to

Good correlation of  $\phi$  is given in Perry's

Plug in  $f_p \neq Re_p$

$$\frac{dP}{dz} = - \frac{\rho v_{\infty}^2}{D_p} \frac{(1-\phi)}{\phi^3} \left[ \frac{150(1-\phi)M}{D_p \rho v_{\infty}} + 1.75 \right]$$

Not Given in 4th Ed

this form is not very easy to use

So convert to a form using a mass balance



$$G [E] \frac{kg}{m^2 s}$$

↑ total cross sectional area

$$G = \rho v_{\infty} A = \rho \left[ \frac{\phi}{A} \right] A$$

↑  
 $v_{\infty}$

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$$\frac{dP}{dz} = - \frac{1}{\rho} \left[ \frac{G}{D_p} \frac{(1-\phi)}{\phi^3} \left[ \frac{150(1-\phi)M}{D_p} + 1.75G \right] \right] \left( \frac{\rho_0}{\rho} \right)$$

↑  
Variable density -  $T$  or # moles

↑  
Constant with  $z$

let  $\frac{dP}{dz} = - \frac{1}{\rho} [\rho_0 B_0]$  and  $B_0 =$  equation ~~4-21~~ 4-25

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$$\frac{dP}{dz} = - \frac{G}{\rho D_p} \left( \frac{1-\phi}{\phi^3} \right) \left[ \frac{150(1-\phi)\mu}{D_p} + 1.75G \right] \quad 4-22$$

$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{kg} \\ \text{m}^2 \text{s} \end{array} \right\}$

BSL 6.4-13

$$\left( -\frac{dP}{dL} \right) \frac{\rho}{G_0^2} D_p \frac{\varepsilon^3}{1-\varepsilon} = 150 \left( \frac{1-\varepsilon}{D_p G_0 / \mu} \right) + 1.75 \quad 6.4-13$$

$$\frac{dP}{dL} = \frac{G_0^2}{\rho D_p} \left( \frac{1-\varepsilon}{\varepsilon^3} \right) \left[ \frac{150(1-\varepsilon)}{D_p G_0 / \mu} + 1.75 \right]$$

$$G_0 = \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^2 \text{s}}$$

$$= \frac{G_0}{\rho D_p} \left( \frac{1-\varepsilon}{\varepsilon^3} \right) \left[ \frac{150(1-\varepsilon)}{D_p / \mu} + 1.75 G_0 \right]$$

Geankoplis eqn 3.1-20

$$\frac{\Delta P}{\Delta L} = \frac{150 \mu v' (1-\varepsilon)^2}{D_p^2 \varepsilon^3} + \frac{1.75 (v')^2 \rho}{D_p} \frac{1-\varepsilon}{\varepsilon^3}$$

$$= \frac{v'}{D_p} \frac{1-\varepsilon}{\varepsilon^3} \left[ \frac{150 \mu (1-\varepsilon)}{D_p} + 1.75 v' \rho \right]$$

$$v' = \varepsilon v$$

↳ superficial

$$v' A_c \rho = G A_c$$

$$v' = G / \rho$$

$$\frac{\Delta P}{\Delta L} = \frac{G}{\rho D_p} \frac{1-\varepsilon}{\varepsilon^3} \left[ \frac{150 \mu (1-\varepsilon)}{D_p} + 1.75 \frac{G \rho}{\rho} \right]$$

Froment & Bischoff

$$-\frac{dP}{dz} = f \frac{\rho u_s^2}{d_p} \quad 11.5.1-3$$

$$f = \frac{1-\varepsilon}{\varepsilon^3} \left[ a + \frac{b(1-\varepsilon)}{Re_p} \right] \quad 11.5.1-13$$

$$-\frac{dP}{dz} = \frac{1-\varepsilon}{\varepsilon^3} \frac{\rho u_s^2}{d_p} \left[ a + \frac{b(1-\varepsilon)}{Re_p} \right]$$

$$\rho u_s = G$$

$$= \frac{1-\varepsilon}{\varepsilon^3} \frac{G^2}{\rho d_p} \left[ a + \frac{b(1-\varepsilon)}{Re_p} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1-\varepsilon}{\varepsilon^3} \frac{G}{\rho d_p} \left[ G a + \frac{G b (1-\varepsilon)}{Re_p} \right]$$

$$Re_p = \frac{D_p \rho u_s}{\mu}$$

$$= \frac{1-\varepsilon}{\varepsilon^3} \frac{G}{\rho d_p} \left[ G a + \frac{G b (1-\varepsilon) \mu}{D_p \rho u_s} \right]$$

where  $a = 1.75$      $b = 150$

Tallmadge (1970)  $b = 4.2 Re^{5/6}$

$$\frac{1-\varepsilon}{\varepsilon^3} \frac{G}{\rho d_p} \left[ G a + \frac{G(1-\varepsilon) 4.2 Re^{5/6}}{Re_p} \right]$$

$$\left[ G a + \frac{G(1-\varepsilon) 4.2}{Re_p^{1/6}} \right]$$

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Bischoff

Tallmadge (1970) cont.

$$= \frac{1-\varepsilon}{\varepsilon^3} \frac{G}{\rho D_p} \left[ Ga + \frac{G(1-\varepsilon)4.2 \mu^{1/4}}{(D_p \rho u_s)^{1/4}} \right]$$