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#### ABSTRACT

This report is divided into two parts. The first part contains the results of a simulation performed by the two-phase thermohydraulics code Firebird.

The second part of this report deals with the "water packing" problem. Its mathematical and physical interpretations are discussed in detail and a method for identifying a transition node together with an alternate mathematical treatment of the boiling boundary are also included.

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#### CHAPTER 1

#### CODE VERIFICATION

#### 1.1 Introduction

Firebird is a thermohydraulics simulation code which was developed in the thermohydraulics branch of Atomic Energy of Canada Ltd. in Meadowvale, Ontario. The main features of this code are:

- (i) Homogeneous two-phase flow model
- (ii) Implicit solution of the equations by the method of porsching
- (iii) Derivative smoothing across phase boundaries.

This report outlines the simulation of some experiments using Firebird. These experiments which were scaled down versions of actual reactor networks were performed by Westinghouse Canada Ltd.

Verification of test #592 was first performed by an "old" version of Firebird. This "old" version is a special version of Firebird which was re-arranged by S.M. Chu, of the thermohydraulics branch, to model a single pipe blowdown and emergency core cooling injection. This version retains the essential features of Firebird, e.g.: numerical scheme, properties formulation, derivative smoothing, etc. Results obtained with this version are reported in Section 1.3.2.

Another version of Firebird was then used to simulate the same experiment (#592). This version contained a flow regime indicator and could account for density variation in stratified flow. Results obtained with this version are reported in Section 1.3.3.

#### 1.2 Changes Made to Old Code

The data blocks containing the time variation of the injection pressure and downstream of the break pressure were made identical to those of test #592. These boundary conditions were obtained from computer plots of the actual experimental results. These plots are shown on Figures 1.2.1, 1.2.2 and 1.2.3.

A slightly modification was also made to account for the difference in initial temperature between the top and the bottom pin, in the "old" version mentioned in the previous section the initial temperatures were assumed to be vertically uniform. The vertical variation in temperature was accounted for by specifying the exact initial temperatures of the top and bottom pins and finding the other values by interpolation assuming a linear variation as a function of vertical distance (see Appendix A for listing).

#### 1.3 Results

#### 1.3.1 Plotting Convention

The comparison of the experimental results of test #592 and the results predicted by Firebird are shown on Figures 1.3.1 to 1.3.7. The plotting convention is as follows:

Solid line = Experimental results

- Circles ≡ Predictions made by the "old" version of Firebird Triangles ≡ Predictions made by the "old" version with initial temperature variation
- Dots ≡ Predictions made by the newer version of Firebird (with flow regime indicator and allowance for density variation)

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#### 1.3.2 The Old Version

As can be seen in Figures 1.3.1 to 1.3.6 agreement between experimental data and predictions are generally very good, however the following discrepancies are noteworthy:

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(i) The code seems to have over predicted the rewetting time for the bottom pins and underpredicted for the top ones in the heated section.

(ii) The outlet header axis temperature was also overpredicted up to about 100 secs, but there was good agreement after that.

Aside from the points mentioned above there was excellent agreement betweeen the experimental results and the predictions made by this "old" version of Firebird.

#### 1.3.3 The Modified Version

The results obtained with this version of Firebird do not differ very much from those obtained with the old version. The mispredictions here are the same as the ones reported on section 1.3.2, and again aside from these discrepancies there was excellent agreement between the experimental results and the predictions made by this modified version of Firebird.

#### 1.4 Conclusion

The thermohydraulics simulation code Firebird has been successfully used to simulate the single channel-single ended cold water injection test #592 performed by Westinghouse Canada Limited. The overall agreement between the code predictions and the experimental results were generally excellent.



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#### CHAPTER 2

#### THE WATER PACKING PROBLEM

#### 2.1 Problem Definition

In the porching implicit scheme used in Firebird, the solution variables are:

 $M \equiv Nodal mass$   $U \equiv Total internal energy$   $W \equiv Mass flow rate at the node boundaries$ The nodal pressure is advanced in time by the formula  $p^{n+1} = p^n + \Delta p \qquad (2.1.1)$ 

where  $\Delta p$  is approximated by:

$$\Delta p = \left(\frac{\partial p}{\partial M}\right)_{U} \Delta M + \left(\frac{\partial p}{\partial U}\right)_{M} \Delta U$$
(2.1.2)

and the partial derivatives above are evaluated at time level  $n\Delta t$ .

The partial derivatives of equation 2.1.2 are discontinuous at the phase boundaries and severe pressure spikes can result if one attempts to simulate a phase transition using this method.

The discontinuity at a 2 phase-superheated boundary is somewhat mild and poses no problem of practical important. The subcooled-2 phase discontinuity is severe and will be considered here.

The physical reason behind this phenomenum is not difficult to understand. Consider a node L units long which initially contains superheated steam. At time t = 0 subcooled water starts to move from the left boundary towards the right with a constant velocity v

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so that it will reach the right hand boundary at

$$t = t_f = \frac{L}{v}$$
 (2.1.3)

The homogeneous quality of this node can then be given as a function of time as:

$$x(t) = \begin{cases} \geq 1 & t = 0 \\ 0 < x < 1 & 0 < t < t_{f} \\ \leq 0 & t \geq t_{f} \end{cases}$$
(2.1.4)

Let's now consider what happens if we try to apply equation 2.1.2 to update the pressure in this particular problem. For  $0 < t < t_f$ The pressure at a new time step is given by:

$$p_{2\phi}^{n+1} = p_{2\phi}^{n} + \left(\frac{\partial p}{\partial M}\right)_{2\phi} \Delta M_{2\phi} + \left(\frac{\partial p}{\partial U}\right)_{2\phi} \Delta U_{2\phi}$$
(2.1.5)

where the subscript  $2\phi$  implies that these are in the 2-phase region. For t  $\geq t_f$  the new pressure is given by:

$$p_{f}^{n+1} = p_{f}^{n} + \left(\frac{\partial p}{\partial M}\right)_{f} \Delta M_{f} + \left(\frac{\partial p}{\partial U}\right)_{f} \Delta U_{f}$$
(2.1.6)

where the subscript f means that these derivatives are in the subcooled region.



Figure 2.1.1: A transition Node

Subtracting equation 2.1.5 from equation 2.1.6 and using the symbol  $\Delta p$  for the change in pressure over one time step we get:

$$(\Delta p_{f} - \Delta p_{2\phi}) = \left[ \left( \frac{\partial p}{\partial M} \right)_{f} \Delta M_{f} - \left( \frac{\partial p}{\partial M} \right)_{2\phi} \Delta M_{2\phi} \right] + \left[ \left( \frac{\partial p}{\partial U} \right)_{f} \Delta U_{f} - \left( \frac{\partial p}{\partial U} \right)_{2\phi} \Delta U_{2\phi} \right]$$

$$(2.1.7)$$

The left hand side of the above equation is an expression for the change in the change in pressure which is produced when one attempts to use this method of solution for a subcooled-two phase boundary. If this change is large it will cause a pressure spike.

We can work through a simple numerical example to get a feeling for the magnetudes involved. Consider three adjacent nodes as in Figure 2.1.2. The characteristics of the problem are as follows: Dimensions

$$\Delta x_1 = \Delta x_2 = \Delta x_3 = 1m$$
  

$$A_1 = A_2 = A_3 = 1m^2$$
  

$$V_1 = V_2 = V_3 = 1m^3$$



Figure 2.1.2: Threee adjacent nodes in the staggered mesh system.

## Initial Condition

 $p_{1} = p_{2} = p_{3} = 1 MPa$   $x_{1} \equiv slightly subcooled$   $x_{2} = 10^{-3}$   $u_{1} = 0 m/sec$   $u_{2} = 14.62 m/sec$   $u_{3} = 0 m/sec$ Fluid  $\equiv$  water

**Boundary Conditions** 

 $p_1 \equiv p_3 \equiv constant = 1 MPa$  $W_1 = 0, M_1 and U_1 Held constant$ 

Time Step

DT = 0.01 secs At this thermodynamic state the properties are found<sup>1</sup> to be:  $\rho_g = 5.147 \text{ kg/m}^3$ ;  $\rho_f = 887.0 \text{ kg/m}^3$  $e_g = 2.582*10^6 \text{ J/kg}$ ;  $e_f = 7.615*10^5 \text{ J/kg}$ Thus the initial value of the independent variables are:

Mass:

$$M_1^{\circ} \approx V_1 \rho_f = 887.0 \text{ kg}$$
  
 $M_2^{\circ} = \frac{V_2}{xv_q + (1-x)v_f} = 757.3 \text{ kg}$ 

Mass Flow Rate:

$$W_1^\circ = 0$$
  
 $W_2^\circ = \frac{M_1^\circ u_2^\circ}{\Delta x_1} = 887.0*14.62 = 1.297*10^4 \text{ kg/sec}$   
 $W_3^\circ = 0$ 

Energy:

$$U_{1}^{\circ} = M_{1}^{\circ}e_{1}^{\circ} \simeq M_{1}^{\circ}e_{f} = 6.754*10^{8}$$
 Joules  
 $U_{2}^{\circ} = M_{2}^{\circ}[x_{2}r_{g} + (1-x_{2})e_{f}] = 5.750*10^{8}$  Joules

For simplicity let the time increment of the independent variables be given by the simple explicit scheme:

$$\Delta M_{j} = \Delta t [W_{j}^{n} = W_{j+1}^{n}]$$
  

$$\Delta W_{j} = \Delta t \{ (u_{j-1}^{n} W_{j-1}^{n} - u_{j}^{n} W_{j}^{n}) + (p_{j-1}^{n} - p_{j}^{n}) \}$$
  

$$\Delta U_{j} = \Delta t \{ u_{j}^{n} (U_{j-1}^{n} + p_{j-1}^{n}) - u_{j+1}^{n} (U_{j}^{n} + p_{j}^{n}) \}$$

In the above equations all factors which included  $\Delta x$ , A or V were ignored since they have unit value in this problem.

The solution can now be advanced in time <u>lst Time Step</u>

Time = DT = 0.01 secs

Mass

$$\Delta M_2 = 0.01 (1.297*10^4 - 0) = 129.7 kg$$

$$\therefore M_2^1 = M_2^\circ + \Delta M_2 = 757.3 + 129.7 = 887.0 \text{ kg}$$

Mass Flow Rate

$$\Delta W_2 = 0.01\{(0 - 14.62*1.297*10^4) + 0\} = -1.896*10^3 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{sec}}$$
$$\therefore W_2^1 = W_2^\circ + \Delta W_2 = 1.297*10^4 - 1.896*10^3 = 1.107*10^4 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{sec}}$$
$$U_2^1 = \frac{W_2^1}{M_1^1} = \frac{1.107*10^4}{887.0} = 12.48 \text{ m/sec}$$

$$\Delta W_3 = 0.01 \{ (14.62*1.297*10^4 - 0) + 0 \} = 1.896*10^3 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{sec}} \\ \therefore W_3^1 = W_3^\circ + \Delta W_3 = 0 + 1.896*10^3 = 1.896*10^3 \text{ kg/sec} \\ U_3^1 = \frac{W_3^1}{M_2^1} = \frac{1.896*10^3}{887.0} = 2.138 \text{ m/sec}$$

Energy

$$\Delta U_2 = 0.01\{14.62(6.754*10^8+10^6) - 0\} = 9.889*10^7 \text{ Joules}$$

$$U_2^1 = U_2^0 + \Delta U_2 = (5.750 + 0.9889) \times 10^8 = 6.739 \times 10^8$$
 Joules

Quality

$$x_2^1 = \left[\frac{V - MV_f}{M(v_g - v_f)}\right] \approx 0$$
 (slightly subcooled)

Pressure

$$\Delta p_{2} = \left(\frac{\partial p}{\partial M}\right)_{U} \Delta M_{2} + \left(\frac{\partial p}{\partial U}\right)_{M} \Delta U_{2}$$
  
= 5.151\*10<sup>3</sup>\*129.7 + 6.860\*10<sup>-3</sup>\*9.889\*10<sup>7</sup>  
= 1.030\*10<sup>4</sup> Pascals

The partial derivatives used above are calculated in Appendix 1.

$$\therefore p_2^1 = p_2^0 + \Delta p_2 = 1.010*10^6 \text{ Pascals}$$

$$\frac{\text{Enthalpy}}{h_2^1} = \left(\frac{U_2^1}{M_2^1}\right) + \left(\frac{V p_2^1}{M_2^1}\right) = \frac{1}{M_2^1} \left[U_2^1 + V p_2^1\right]$$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{887.0}\right) \left[6.739*10^8 + 1.010*10^6\right] = 7.609*10^5 \frac{\text{Joules}}{\text{kg}}$$

The solution can now be advanced one more time step. Node #2 is already completely filled with water thus its properties will

be in the subcooled region.

2nd Time Step

Time = 2.0\*DT = 0.02

Mass

$$\Delta M_2 = 0.01 \ (1.107*10^4 - 1.896*10^3) = 91.74 \ \text{kg}$$
$$\therefore M_2^2 = M_2^1 + \Delta M = 978.7 \ \text{kg}$$

Mass Flow Rate

$$W_2^2 = W_2^1 + \Delta W_2 = 1.107 \times 10^4 - 1.482 \times 10^3 = 9.588 \times 10^3 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{sec}}$$
$$U_2^2 = \frac{W_2^2}{M_1^2} = \frac{9.588 \times 10^3}{887.0} = 10.81 \text{ m/sec}$$

$$\Delta W_3 = 0.01 \{ (12.48*1.107*10^4 - 2.138*1.896*10^3) + 0.010*10^6 \}$$
  
= 1.441\*10<sup>3</sup> kg/sec

$$W_3^2 = W_3^1 + \Delta W_3 = 1.896*10^3 + 1.441*10^3 = 3.337*10^3 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{sec}}$$
$$U_3^2 = \frac{W_3^2}{M_2^2} = \frac{3.337*10^3}{978.7} = 3.410 \text{ m/sec}$$

Energy

$$\Delta U_2 = 0.01 \{ 12.48(6.754*10^8+10^6) - 2.138(6.739*10^8+1.01*10^6) \}$$
  
= 6.999\*10<sup>7</sup> Joules  
$$U_2^2 = U_2^1 + \Delta U_2 = 6.739*10^8 + 6.999*10^7 = 7.439*10^8 \text{ Joules}$$

We are now in the position to update the pressure once again. However the partial derivatives used are taken from the subcooled region this time, the details of this calculation can be found in Appendix 1.

#### Pressure

$$\Delta p_{2} = \left(\frac{\partial p}{\partial M}\right)_{U} \Delta M + \left(\frac{\partial p}{\partial M}\right)_{M} \Delta U$$
  
= 1.126\*10<sup>6</sup>\*91.74 + 3.945\*10<sup>-1</sup>\*6.999\*10<sup>7</sup>  
= 1.309\*10<sup>8</sup> Pascals  
$$\therefore p_{2}^{2} = p_{2}^{1} + \Delta p_{2} = 1.319*10^{8} Pascals$$

The effect of this pressure rise on the velocity field can also be calculated:

3rd Time Step

Time = 3.0\*DT = 0.03 secs

Mass:

$$\Delta M_2 = 0.01 (9.588 \times 10^3 - 3.337 \times 10^3) = 62.51 \text{ kg}$$
$$M_2^3 = M_2^2 + \Delta M_2 = 1.041 \times 10^3 \text{ kg}$$

 $\frac{\text{Mass Flow Rate}}{\Delta W_2} = 0.01 \{(0-10.81*9.588*10^3) + (10^6 - 1.319*10^8)\}$ = -1.310\*10<sup>6</sup> kg/sec  $W_2^3 = W_2^2 + \Delta W = 9.588*10^3 - 1.310*10^6 = -1.300*10^6 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{sec}}$  $U_2^3 = \frac{W_2^3}{M_2^3} = \frac{-1.300*10^6}{1.041*10^3} = -1.249*10^3 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{sec}}$  $\Delta W_3 = 0.01 \{(10.81*9.588*10^3 - 3.410*3.337*10^3) + (1.319*10^8 - 10^6)\}$ 

= 1.310\*10<sup>8</sup> kg/sec

$$W_3^3 = W_3^2 + \Delta W = 3.337*10^3 + 1.310*10^8 = 1.310*10^8 \text{ kg/sec}$$
$$U_3^3 = \frac{W_3^3}{M_2^3} = \frac{1.310*10^8}{1.041*10^3} = 1.258*10^3 \text{ m/sec}$$

The change in the change in pressure for the second node of this example can now be calculated from equation 2.1.7:

$$(\Delta p_f - \Delta p_{2\phi}) = 1.309 \times 10^8 - 1.030 \times 10^4 \simeq 1.309 \times 10^8$$
 Pascals

Thus in this case the change in the change in pressure as the node filled up is over one hundred times the nodal pressure itself which in reality is an extremely severe pressure spike, this sudden rise in pressure was so gigantic in fact that it caused a splitting flow of hypersonic proportion.

Clearly this is a completely non-physical phenomenum. From the mathematical point of view it is quite easy to explain why these peculiar solutions are being obtained. The partial derivatives of pressure are highly discontinuous at the phase boundaries, and in fact they are not even defined at these boundaries, this can be easily verified by referring to the usual p-v-T diagram of figure 2.1.3. The lines of constant temperature on the surface of this diagram are not smooth at the phase boundaries, which implies in fact that  $(\frac{\partial p}{\partial V})$ does not exist there. And since  $(\frac{\partial p}{\partial M})$  is a function of  $(\frac{\partial p}{\partial V})$  it can easily be concluded that  $(\frac{\partial p}{\partial M})$  does not exist at these boundaries either. The same types of argument can be used for  $(\frac{\partial p}{\partial U})$  if one consideres the lines of constant specific volume.



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Thus at the phase boundaries the partial derivatives of pressure with respect to the independent variables are not only highly discontinuous but they do not exist there, thus any attempt to simulate a transition node with a set of partial differential equations is clearly inconsistent since by definition differential equations can only represent processes which are continuous and differentiable. Thus in general the results of such a simulation cannot represent the physical behaviour of the process being simulated and it is quite conceivable (as it was shown by the numberical example worked out) that in some cases these results will have no similarity to the real phenomenum whatsoever.

The partial differential equations approach can be used on both sides of the boiling boundary but not across it. The boiling boundary itself cannot be included in the solution domain of these P.D.E. and must be treated separately.

Before we consider a new approach to the problem we must first be able to identify these transition nodes. This will be done in the next section.

#### 2.2 Transition Node Identification

Consider three adjacent nodes as in figure 2.2.1. In accordance with the staggered mesh used in the porsching scheme the thermo static properties are defined at the node centre and the mass flow rate at the node boundaries.

We would like to be able to systematically identify when the jth node becomes a transition node just by knowing the thermo-

namic properties at all three nodes.



Figure 2.2.1: Three adjacent nodes in the staggered mesh system.

Let Y be a number which contains five binary digits.

$$Y = A_1 A_2 A_3 A_4 A_5$$

where:

Thus for example the configuration of figure 2.2.2 has associated with it a value of Y of:



Figure 2.2.2: A particular combination of flow directions and thermodynamic phases.

Y - 01010 = 10<sub>Decimal</sub>

The total number of possible combinations amounts to thrity two. Let the symbols 10 and 20 represent subcooled and two-phase properties respectively. A pictorial representation of all the possible combinations can be drawn:

Decimal	Equivalent	A	A <sub>2</sub>	A <sub>3</sub>	A <sub>4</sub>	A <sub>5</sub>	S	ymbol	ic phas	sic diagram
	0	0	0	0	0	0				
	1	0	Ó	0	0	1	1		T	
	2	0	0	0	1	0		1Ø	10	10
	3	0	0	0	1	1				
	4	0	0	1	0	0				
	5	0	0	1	0	1		10	10	20
	6	0	0	1	1	0		(p	· · · · · ·	
	<b>7</b>	0	0	1	1	1				
	8	0	1	0	0	0				
	9	0	1	0	0	1	1			
	10	0	1	0	1	0		1Ø.	. 20	10
	11	0	1	0	].	1				
	12	0	1	1	0	0				
	13	0	1	1	0	1		10	20	20
	14	0	1	1	1	0				
	15	0	1	1	1	1				
	16	1	0	0	0	0				
	17	1	0	0	0	1		20	10	10
	18	1	0	0	1	0	-			
	19	1	0	0	1	1				
	20	1	0	1	0	0				
	21	1	0	1	.0	1		20	10	20
	22	1	0	1	1	0				
	23	1	0	1	1	1				

Decimal	Equivalent	A	1 <sup>A</sup> 2	A <sub>3</sub>	A <sub>4</sub>	A <sub>5</sub>	Symbolic phasic diagram				
	24	1	1	0	0	0	• •				
	25	1	1	0	0	1	Ī	20	20	10	1
	26	1	1	0	1	0		- <b>-</b> p · · ·			l
	27	1	1	0	1	1					
	28	1	1	1	0	0					
	29	1	1.	1	0	1	[	20	20	20	1
	30	1	1	1	1	0	ľ				J
	31	1	1	ן י	1	1					

By referring to the symbolic phasic diagrams for the different combinations it can be seen that in one time step the following combinations (their decimal equivalent) will never make the jth node go through the subcooled two phase transition:

Combination: 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 16, 17, 18, 19, 28, 29, 30, 31

In fact the only ones that may pose a problem are:

Combinations: 8, 10, 11, 14, 15, 24, 26

The other combinations can never make the jth node go through a subcooled two phase transition over the span of one time step.

It is thus possible to identify when a node may go through a transition so that some precautionary measures may be taken.

This method of identification has been implemented in one version of Firebird and is fully operational now. See Appendix 3 for the listing.

#### 2.3 The Method of Power Series Expansion

As it was shown in Section 2.1 of this report the "water-

packing" problem occurs because one tries to use a set of differential equations to represent the discontinuous processes which occur across a boiling boundary. However on each side of this boundary all the thermodynamic properties are differentiable and continuous and have continuous first derivatives, thus they can rightfully be represented by the differential equations approach.

In this section a procedure for dealing with the boiling boundary is proposed. This procedure can accurately locate the boundary position and gives an approximate value of the thermodynamic proeprties on each side by the method of power series expansion. It is assumed here that the properties at the boundary are in the saturated state.

Consider a boiling boundary which is going through a node bounded by the co-ordinates  $z_j$  and  $z_{j+1}$  as in figure 2.3.1. Let the position of the boiling boundary be denoted by  $z_f$  where:

 $z_{j} < z_{f} < z_{j+1}$ 

At the boiling boundary the density and internal energy per unit volume are given by



Figure 2.3.1: The boiling boundary.

$$\rho = \rho_{f}$$
$$u = \rho e = \rho_{f} e_{f} = u_{f}$$

The vlaue of these properties at other places in the node can be approximated by a first order Taylor series expansion.

$$\rho(z) = \begin{cases} \rho_{f} + (z - z_{f}) \left(\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial z}\right)_{f} & \text{for } z < z_{f} \\ \rho_{f} + (z - z_{f}) \left(\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial z}\right)_{j+1} & \text{for } z > z_{f} \end{cases}$$
(2.3.1)

$$u(z) = \begin{cases} u_{f} + (z - z_{f}) \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial z}\right)_{f} & \text{for } z < z_{f} \\ u_{f} + (z - z_{f}) \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial z}\right)_{j+1} & \text{for } z > z_{f} \end{cases}$$
(2.3.2)

For simplicity let the nodal volume be  $V_j = A_j(z_{j+1}-z_j)$ 

$$\therefore M_{j} = A_{j} \int_{z_{j}}^{z_{j+1}} \rho(z) dz$$

$$U_{j} = A_{j} \int_{z_{j}}^{z_{j+1}} u(z) dz$$
(2.3.3)
(2.3.4)

Substituting for  $\rho(z)$  from equation 2.3.1 into equation 2.3.3:

$$M_{j} = A\{ \int_{z_{j}}^{z_{f}} [\rho_{f} + (z - z_{f}) \left(\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial z}\right)_{f}] dz + \int_{z_{f}}^{z_{j+1}} [\rho_{f} + (z - z_{f}) \left(\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial z}\right)_{j+1}] dz \} = A\{\rho_{f}(z_{j+1} - z_{j}) + \left(\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial z}\right)_{f} [\frac{z^{2}}{2} - zz_{f}]_{z_{j}}^{z_{f}}$$

$$+ \left(\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial z}\right)_{j+1} \left[ \frac{z^2}{2} - zz_f \right]_{z_f}^{z_{j+1}}$$

$$M_j = A_j \{\rho_f(z_{j+1} - z_j) + \left(\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial z}\right)_f [z_f(z_j - 0.5z_f) - 0.5 z_j^2]$$

$$+ \left(\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial z}\right)_{z+1} [z_{j+1}(0.5z_{j+1} - z_f) + 0.5 z_f^2]$$
(2.3.5)

Following the same procedure we get a similar expression for

$$U_{j} = A_{j} \{ U_{f}(z_{j+1}^{-} - z_{j}^{-}) + \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \right)_{f} [z_{f}(z_{j}^{-} - 0.5 z_{f}^{-}) - 0.5 z_{j}^{2}] + \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \right)_{j+1} [z_{f}(0.5 z_{f}^{-} - z_{j+1}^{-}) + 0.5 z_{j+1}^{2}] \}$$
(2.3.6)

The properties at the adjacent node can also be approximated by:

$$M_{j+1} = A_{j+1} \{ \int_{z_{j+1}}^{z_{j+2}} [\rho_{f} + (z-z_{f}) \left( \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial z} \right)_{j+1} ] dz \}$$
  
=  $A_{j+1} \{ \rho_{f} (z_{j+2} - z_{j+1}) + \left( \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial z} \right)_{j+1} [0.5z^{2} - zz_{f}]_{z_{j+1}}^{z_{j+2}} \}$   
$$M_{j+1} = A_{j+1} \{ \rho_{f} (z_{j+2} - z_{j+1}) + \left( \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial z} \right)_{j+1} [z_{j+2} (0.5z_{j+2} - z_{f}) - z_{j+1} (0.5z_{j+1} - z_{f})] \}$$
(2.3.7)

and similarly:

U<sub>j</sub>

$$U_{j+1} = A_{j+1} \{ U_{f}(z_{j+2} - z_{j+1}) + \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \right)_{j+1} [z_{j+2}(0.5z_{j+2} - z_{f}) - z_{j+1}(0.5z_{j+1} - z_{f})] \}$$

$$(2.3.8)$$

The value of the partial derivatives at the position  $z_{j+1}$  can thus be obtained from equations 2.3.7 and 2.3.8.

$$\left( \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial z} \right)_{j+1} = \frac{M_{j+1} - A_{j+1} \left[ \rho_f \left( z_{j+2} - z_{j+1} \right) \right]}{A_{j+1} \left[ z_{j+2} \left( 0.5 z_{j+2} - z_f \right) - z_{j+1} \left( 0.5 z_{j+1} - z_f \right) \right]}$$
(2.3.9)

$$\left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \right)_{j+1} = \frac{U_{j+1} - A_{j+1} [U_f (z_{j+2} - z_{j+1})]}{A_{j+1} [z_{j+2} (0.5 z_{j+2} - z_f) - z_{j+1} (0.5 z_{j+1} - z_f)]}$$
(2.3.10)

The values above can now be substituted into equations 2.3.5 and 2.3.6:

$$\left( \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial z} \right)_{f} = \frac{M_{j} - A_{j} \rho_{f}(z_{j+1} - z_{j})]^{*} [z_{j+2}(0.5z_{j+2} - z_{f}) - z_{j+1}(0.5z_{j+1} - z_{f})]}{DENOM} - \frac{(M_{j+1} - A_{j+1} \rho_{f}(z_{j+2} - z_{j+1})]^{*} [z_{j+1}(0.5z_{j+1} - z_{f})] + 0.5z_{f}^{2}]}{DENOM} (2.3.11)$$

$$\left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \right)_{f} = \frac{[U_{j} - A_{j} U_{f}(z_{j+1} - Z_{j})]^{*} [z_{j+2}(0.5z_{j+2} - z_{j}) - z_{j+1}(0.5z_{j+1} - z_{f})]}{DENOM} - \frac{[U_{j+1} - A_{j+1} U_{f}(z_{j+1} - z_{j+1})]^{*} [z_{j+1}(0.5z_{j+1} - z_{f})] + 0.5z_{f}^{2}}{DENOM} (2.3.12)$$

where:

DENOM = 
$$\{A_{j+1}[z_f(z_j-0.5z_f)-0.5z_f) - 0.5z_j^2] * [z_{j+2}(0.5z_{j+2}-z_f) - z_{j+1}(0.5z_{j+1}-z_f)]$$

The partial derivatives given by equations 2.3.11 and 2.3.12 are fully determined except for  $z_f$  which is not known. However its value can be calculated by the following method: let's assume that  $\frac{dp}{dz}$  is constant across the boundary

$$\therefore \left(\frac{dp}{dz}\right)_{f} = \left(\frac{dp}{dz}\right)_{j+1}$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial p}{\partial \rho}\right)_{f} \left(\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial z}\right)_{f} + \left(\frac{\partial p}{\partial u}\right)_{f} \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial z}\right)_{f} = \left(\frac{\partial p}{\partial \rho}\right)_{j+1} \left(\frac{\partial p}{\partial z}\right)_{j+1} + \left(\frac{\partial p}{\partial u}\right)_{j+1} \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial z}\right)_{j+1}$$
(2.3.13)

The partial derivatives of pressure with respect to  $\delta$  and u can be found by knowing the local thermodynamic state which is the case here. If we substitute for

$$\left(\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial z}\right)_{j+1}; \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial z}\right)_{j+1}; \left(\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial z}\right)_{f} \text{ and } \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial z}\right)_{f}$$

from equations 2.3.9 to 2.3.12 respectively into equation 2.3.13 we then have an equation in which the only unknown is  $z_f$  and it can be solved for.

One the value of  $z_f$  is known then the partial derivatives of s and u w.r.t. the distance z at the boiling boundary are completely determined by the expressions given by equation 2.3.11 and 2.3.12 respectively.

The thermodynamic properties on both sides of the boiling boundary can now be fully established. The node which contains this boundary can now be divided into two smaller ones such that the first one on the left exactly contains all the water. By following this process at all time steps the boiling boundary will always coincide with a node boundary, and since the pressure is not defined at these boundaries the discontinuities there will not cause any problem. This procedure merely isolates these discontinuities thus making sure that these partial differential equations are truly defined in their entire domain.

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#### **APPENDIX 1**

Al.1 The Partial Derivatives of Water in the Two-Phase Region

By definition

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$$v = xv_{g} + (1-x)v_{f}$$

$$h = xhg + (1-x)h_{f}$$

$$dv = xdv_{g} + v_{g}d_{x} + dv_{f}(1-x) - v_{f}dx$$

$$dh = xdh_{g} + h_{g}dx + dh_{f}(1-x) - h_{f}dx$$

$$dx = \frac{dv - xdv_{g} - (1-x)dv_{f}}{(v_{g} - v_{f})} = \frac{dh - xdh_{g} - (1-x)dh_{f}}{(h_{g} - h_{f})}$$
(A1.1.1)

Multiplying both sides of the above equation by  $(v_g - v_f)^*(h_g - h_f)$ :

$$(v_{g}-v_{f})[dh - xdh_{g} - (1-x)dh_{f}]$$
  
=  $(h_{g}-h_{f})[dv - xdv_{g} - (1-x)dv_{f}]$  (A1.1.2)

The specific enthalpy h can be expressed as:

$$h = u + pv = \frac{U}{M} + \frac{pV}{M}$$
 (A1.1.3)

where V is the nodal volume

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$$\therefore dh = \frac{1}{M} \begin{bmatrix} dU = \frac{U}{M} dM + V dp - \frac{pV}{M} dM \end{bmatrix}$$
$$= \frac{1}{M} \begin{bmatrix} -\left(\frac{U}{M} + \frac{pV}{M}\right) dM + dU + V dp \end{bmatrix}$$
$$dh = \frac{1}{M} \begin{bmatrix} -hdM + dU + V dp \end{bmatrix}$$
(A1.1.4)

Also the specific volume is given by:

$$v = \frac{V}{M} \therefore dV = \frac{-V}{M^2} dM$$
 (A1.1.5)

Substituting for dh and dv from above into equation A1.1.2:

$$(v_{g}-v_{f})\{\frac{1}{M}[-hdM+dU+Vdp]-xdhg - (1-x)dh_{f}\}$$
  
= $(h_{g}-h_{f})\{\frac{-V}{M^{2}}dM - xdV_{g} - (1-x)dV_{f}\}$  (A1.1.6)

The differentials of specific enthalpy and specific volumes at saturation which appear in the equation above can be expressed as:

$$dh_{s} = \left(\frac{dh_{s}}{dp}\right) dp$$

$$dV_{s} = \left(\frac{dV_{s}}{dp}\right) dp$$
(A1.1.7)

Thus equation Al.1.6 can be rewritten as:

$$(v_{g} - v_{f}) \{ dM[\frac{-h}{M}] + dU[\frac{1}{M}] + dp[\frac{V}{M} - x(\frac{dh_{g}}{dp}) - (1-x)(\frac{dh_{f}}{dp})] \}$$
  
=  $(h_{g} - h_{f}) \{ dM[\frac{-V}{M^{2}}] + dp[-x(\frac{dV_{g}}{dp}) - (1-x)(\frac{dv_{f}}{dp})] \}$ 

Multiplying through by M

$$dp\{(v_{g}-v_{f})[V - Mx(\frac{dh_{g}}{dp}) - M(1-x)(\frac{dh_{f}}{dp})] + (h_{g}-h_{f})[Mx(\frac{dv_{g}}{dp}) + M(1-x)(\frac{dv_{f}}{dp})]\}$$
$$=dM[h(v_{g}-v_{f}) - v(h_{g}-h_{f})] - dU[(v_{g}-v_{f})]$$

Thus

$$\left( \frac{\partial p}{\partial M} \right)_{U} = \frac{h(v_{g} - v_{f}) - v(h_{g} - h_{f})}{DENOM}$$

$$\left( \frac{\partial p}{\partial U} \right)_{M} = \frac{-(v_{g} - v_{f})}{DENOM}$$

$$(A1.1.8)$$

$$(a1.1.9)$$

where:

DENOM = M{(h<sub>g</sub>-h<sub>f</sub>)[x(
$$\frac{dv_g}{dp}$$
) + (1-x)( $\frac{dv_f}{dp}$ )]

$$-(v_{g}-v_{f})[x(\frac{dh_{g}}{dp}) + (1-x)(\frac{dh_{f}}{dp}) - v]$$

At p = 1 Mpa and  $x = 10^{-3}$  the value of the thermodynamic properties for saturated steam and water mixture are given by <sup>1</sup>:

$$v_f = 1.127*10^{-3} \frac{m^3}{kg}; v_g = 1.943*10^{-1} \frac{m^3}{kg}$$

$$h_f = 7.626*10^5 \frac{\text{Joules}}{\text{kg}}; h_g = 2.776*10^6 \frac{\text{Joules}}{\text{kg}}$$

 $\begin{pmatrix} \frac{dh_f}{dp} \end{pmatrix} = 1.922*10^{-1} \frac{m^3}{kg}; \ (\frac{dh_g}{dp}) = 3.859*10^{-2} \frac{m^3}{kg}$  $\begin{pmatrix} \frac{dv_f}{dp} \end{pmatrix} = 5.903*10^{-11} \frac{m^5}{(N-kg)}; \ \left(\frac{dv_g}{dp}\right) = -1.852*10^{-7} \frac{m^5}{(N-kg)}$ 

$$v = xv_{g} + (1-x)v_{f}$$
  
= 10<sup>-3</sup>\*1.943\*10<sup>-1</sup> + 0.999\*1.127\*10<sup>-3</sup> = 1.320\*10<sup>-3</sup>  $\frac{m^{3}}{kg}$ 

$$h = xh_g + (1-x)h_f$$
  
= 10<sup>-3</sup>\*2.776\*10<sup>6</sup> + 0.999\*7.626\*10<sup>5</sup> = 7.646\*10<sup>5</sup>

 $\therefore DENOM = 757.3\{(2.776-0.7626)*10^{6}*[-1.852*10^{-10} + 0.999*5.903*10^{-11}] - (1.943 - 0.01127)*10^{-1}*[3.859*10^{-5} + 0.999*1.922*10^{-1} - 1.320*10^{-3}]\}$ 

$$= 757.3\{-3.425*10^{-4} - 3.684*10^{-2}\}$$

DENOM = -28.16

$$\left(\frac{\partial p}{\partial M}\right)_{H} = \frac{h(v_g - v_f) - v(h_g - h_f)}{DENOM}$$

$$= \left(\frac{-1}{28.16}\right)^{*} \{7.646^{*}10^{5}(1.943^{*}10^{-1}-1.127^{*}10^{-3})$$

$$- 1.320^{*}10^{-3}(2.776^{*}10^{6}-7.626^{*}10^{5})\}$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial p}{\partial M}\right)_{U} = -5.151^{*}10^{3} \frac{Pascal}{kg}$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial p}{\partial U}\right)_{M} = \frac{-(v_{g} - v_{f})}{DENOM}$$

$$= \frac{(1.943^{*}10^{-1}-1.127^{*}10^{-3})}{28.16} = 6.860^{*}10^{-3} \frac{Pascal}{Joule}$$

### Al.2 The Partial Derivatives of Subcooled Water

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The specific volume of subcooled water at any given state (p,h) can be evaluated by Agee's polynomials<sup>2</sup>

$$v_{sib} = v(p,h)$$
 (A1.2.1)  
 $\therefore dv = \left(\frac{\partial v}{\partial p}\right) dp + \left(\frac{\partial v}{\partial h}\right) dh$  (A1.2.2)

The specific enthalpy in british units can be expressed as:

 $h = u + \frac{pv}{5.4} = \frac{U}{M} + \frac{pV}{5.4M}$   $h = \left(\frac{1}{M}\right) \left[U + \frac{pV}{5.4}\right]$   $\therefore dh = \left(\frac{1}{M}\right) \left[\left[dU + \frac{V}{5.4} dp\right] - \left(\frac{1}{M}\right) \left[U + \frac{pV}{5.4}\right] dM\right]$   $dh = \frac{1}{M} \left\{\left[dU + \frac{V}{5.4} dp\right] - hdM\right\}$ 

 $v = \frac{V}{M}$   $\therefore dv = \left(\frac{-V}{M^2}\right) dM$ 

$$\left(\frac{V}{M^2}\right) dM = -\left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial p}\right) dp + \left(\frac{1}{M}\right) \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial h}\right) \left[hdM - (dU + \frac{V}{5.4}dp)\right]$$

Multiplying the above equation by M and rearranging:

$$dp \left[ M \left\{ \frac{\partial v}{\partial p} + \frac{v}{5.4} \frac{\partial v}{\partial h} \right\} \right]$$
  
=  $dM \left[ h \frac{\partial v}{\partial h} - v \right] - dU \left[ \frac{\partial v}{\partial h} \right]$   
 $\therefore \frac{\partial p}{\partial M} \right]_{U} = \frac{h \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial h} \right) - v}{DENOM}$  (A1.2.3)  
 $\frac{\partial p}{\partial U} \right]_{M} = \frac{-\left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial h} \right)}{DENOM}$  (A1.2.4)

where DENOM = M[ $\left(\frac{\partial v}{\partial p}\right) + \frac{v}{5.4} \left(\frac{\partial v}{\partial h}\right)$ ]

A simple computer program was written to calculate the partial derivatives given by equations A1.2.3 and A1.2.4. A listing of this program as well as the result output are attached at the end of this appendix. The value of these derivatives are found to be:

$$\left( \frac{\partial p}{\partial M} \right)_{U} \approx 1.126 \times 10^{6} \frac{\text{Pascal}}{\text{kg}}$$

$$\left( \frac{\partial p}{\partial U} \right)_{M} \approx 3.945 \times 10^{-1} \frac{\text{Pascal}}{\text{Joule}}$$

$$(A1.2.6)$$

PROGRAM TST (INPUT, OUTPUT, TAPE5=INPUT, TAPE6=OUTPUT) DIMENSION C(5,3) DATA( C(I,1), I=1,5 )/-0.41345E1,0.13252E-4,0.15812E-5, 1-0.21959E-8,0.21683E-11/ DATA( C(I,2),I=1,5 )/-0.59428E-5,0.63377E-7,-0.39974E-9, 10.69391E-12,-0.36159E-15/ C(1,3), 1=1,5 )/0.15681E-8,-0.40711E-10,0.25401E-12, ΠΑΤΛ ( 1-0.52372E-15.0.32503E-18/ THE VALUES OF SPECIFIC ENTHALPY , PRESSURE AND NODAL VOLUME С RH=7.609E+5 RP=1.0103E+6 V=1.1 С CONVERSION TO BRITISH UNITS RP=RP\*14.696/1.01325E+5 RH=RH/(1054.35\*2.2046) V=V\*35.3147 С THE CALCULATION OF THE DERIVATIVES BY AGEE S POLYNOMIALS Z=DZDP=DZDH=0. DO 10 N=1.3 DO 10 K=1,5 Z=Z+C(K.N)\*( RP \*\*(N-1))\*( QH \*\* (K-1)) RP \*\* (N-2))\*( DZDP=DZDP+FLOAT(N-1)\*C(K,N)\*(RH: \*\*(K-1)) D7DH=D7DH+FLOAT(K-1)\*C(K+N)\*(RP \*\* (N-1))\*( RH + (K-2)1.0 CONTINUE VF = FXP(7)DVFDP=D7DP\*VFDVFDH=DZDH\*VF  $DENOM = V^* (DVFDP + VF^*DVFDH/5,4) / VF$ DPOM= (RH\*DVFDH-VF) /DENOM DPDU=-DVFDH/DENOM C CONVERSION BACK TO METRIC UNITS DPDM=DPDM\*1.01325E+5\*2.2046/14.696 DPDU=DPDU\*1.01325E+5/(14.696\*1054.35) RP=RP\*1.01325E+5/14.696 RH=RH\*1054.35\*2.2046 С WPITE THE RESULTS WRITE(6,30) RP,RH,DPDM,DPDU FORMAT(1H1,15(/),10X, #T H E P A R T I A L D E R I V A T I V E S O F S U B C O O L E D W A T E R#,15(/) 30 . 2F S 3,10X, #P R E S S U R E = #,E15,8,15X, #E N T H A L P Y = #E15.8, 410(/),15X, #D P D M = 2 #,E15.8,20X, #D P D U = 2 #.E15.8)

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APPENDIX 2

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               GET QUALITY OF ALL NODES
          DUMMY=PRHG(I)=PRHF(I)
          IF(DUMMY.EQ.0.) GOTO 169
          XXX(I)+(HENT(I)-PRHF(I))/DUMMY
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 .169
          CONTINUE
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          RUL(I)=0.
          RUR(I)=VOL(I)
  .*I MAIN.262
          ZSEC.0.1
          IF(TIME.GT.5.0) 2SEC-0.0
          IF(TIME.GT.5.5) ZSEC=0.1
          DO 155 I=1,NE
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               THE NEXT FEW LINES LOCATES THE BOILING BOUNDARY AND
               EVALUATES RIGHT AND LEFT NODAL VOLUMES ...
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          M1=1-1
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          M2=I+1
          IF(I.EQ.1) M1+1
          IF(I.EQ.NE) M2-NE
          (11) XXX=SYMMUG
          IF(I.EQ.1) DUMMY2--0.35
DUMMY- DUMMY2 -XXX( M2)
          IF(DUMMY.EQ.0.) GOTO 158
          IF(XXX(I).GE.1.0) GOTO 158
RUL(I)-( DUMMY2 / DUMMY ) * VOL(I)
          IF(RUL(I).LT.0.) RUL(I)=0.
IF(RUL(I).GT.UOL(I)) RUL(I)=VOL(I)
          DUMMY3 - DUMMY2*XXX(M2)
          IF(DUMMY3.GE.0.) RUL(I)=0.
IF(IPINJ.E0.1) GOTO 151
IF(PINJ.LE.PRESS(1)) RUL(I)=0.
IF(PINJ.LE.PRESS(1)) GOTO 151
          IPINJ+1
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          CONTINUE
          IF(XXX(I).LT.0.) RUL(I)-VOL(I)
          RUR(I)=UOL(I)-RUL(I)
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CONTINUE 

RX IS A BINARY DIGIT WHICH TAKES THE VALUE OF ONE IF QUALITY IN THE NODE IS GREATER THAN ZERO , OTHERUISE IT TAKES THE VALUE OF ZERO

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RU IS EQUAL TO ONE IF FLOW IN THE NODE IS POSITIVE OTHERWISE IT IS EQUAL TO ZERO

RX(I)=0. RU(I)=0. IF(XXX(I).GT.0.) RX(I)=1. IF(FLOU(I).GT.0.) RU(I)=1. CONTINUE

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SUBROUTINE BOILING(NE) COMMON/STABK/SUEV(70),SVOL(70),DPRESM(70),DPRESU(70) COMMON/SOIL/RX(70),RV(70),RVL(70),RVR(70),XXX(70)

THIS SUBROUTINE HANDLES BOILING BOUNDARY DISCONTINUITIES BY EXPRESSING THE DERIVATIVES IN THE TRANSITION NODE AS A COMBINATION OF THE DERIVATIVES OF THE INCOMING FLUID ...

DO 300 I=1,NE UOL-RUL(I)+RUR(I) M1=I-1 IF(I.EQ.1) M1=1 M2=I+1 IF(I.EQ.NE) M2=NE

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D IS THE DECIMAL EQUIVALENT OF A BINARY NUMBER DEFINED ACCORDING TO A PRE-SET CONVENTION .... ITS RANGE FROM 0 TO 31 REPRESENTS ALL POSSIBLE COMBINATIONS OF PHASE STATE & FLOW DIRECTIONS ...

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DUMMY1=RX(M1) IF(I.EQ.1) DUMMY1=0.

DUMMY2-RU(M1) IF(I.EQ.1) DUMMY2=1. D = 16.0\*DUMMY1+8.0\*RX(I)+4.0\*RX(M2)+2.0\*DUMMY2+RV(I)

IF(D.NE.8.AND.D.NE.12.AND.D.NE.24.AND.D.NE.26) GOTO 100 DPRESM(I) - (RUL(I) \*DPRESM(I) + RUR(I) \*DPRESM(M2))/VOL DPRESU(I) - (RUL(I) \*DPRESU(I) + RUR(I) \*DPRESU(M2))/VOL GOTO 300 CONTINUE