

# Evaluation of the Loss Coefficient in Mixtures Flows

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## Abstract

*This paper aims at demonstrating how we can obtain a dependency between pressure drop and other mixtures flows characteristic parameters (loss coefficient, dynamic viscosity) and we analyze this dependency numerically with concrete data from mixture transport in porous pipelines. The volume flow difference is generated by a corrosion crevice on pipe. The loss coefficient is calculated from a fraction of outlet flow and inlet flow. These results are represented on 2D and 3D graphics.*

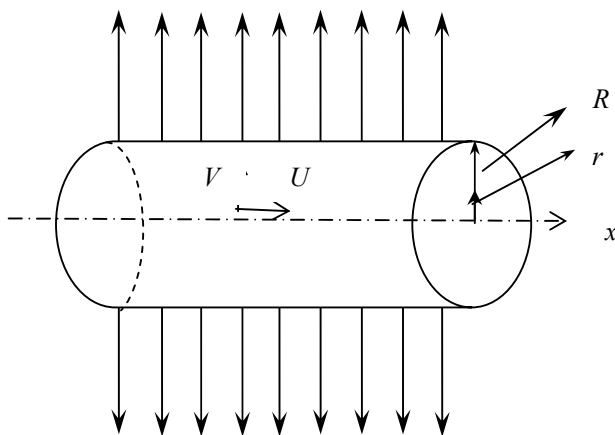
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## Introduction

In case of a fissure, the filter speed from a section depends on the value of the speed from the initial section and pressure drop is produced in the fissure. The result obtained has a starting point connected to a variation-law very general from the speeds of the filter along fissure.

Considering the case fissure, we will presuppose the filter speed on the wall tubes as being

$$v|_{r=R} = V(x). \quad (1)$$



**Fig. 1.** The model of fluid flow in a tube

The move equation [1], in the system of selected coordinate as in Fig. 1 is:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}u + \frac{\partial u}{\partial r}v &= -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} + \nu \left( \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} \right), \\ \frac{\partial v}{\partial x}u + \frac{\partial v}{\partial r}v &= -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial r} + \nu \left( \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial v}{\partial r} - \frac{v}{r^2} \right),\end{aligned}\quad (2)$$

where we consider  $p$  pressure, with the  $\nu$  cinematic fluid viscosity and have neglected fort of mass

$$u = 0 \quad (3)$$

at  $r = R$ .

If we enter the dimensionless variable defined by the relation:

$$\bar{x} = \frac{x}{R}, \quad \bar{r} = \frac{r}{R} \quad (4)$$

and

$$\bar{u} = \frac{u}{u_0}, \quad \bar{v} = \frac{v}{u_0}, \quad \bar{V} = \frac{V}{u_0}, \quad (5)$$

respectively

$$\bar{p} = \frac{p}{\rho u_0^2}, \quad (6)$$

where  $u_0$  is the value of reference speeds  $u$ , the equation becoming

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}u + \frac{\partial u}{\partial r}v &= -\frac{\partial p}{\partial x} + \frac{1}{Re} \left( \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} \right), \\ \frac{\partial v}{\partial x}u + \frac{\partial v}{\partial r}v &= -\frac{\partial p}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{Re} \left( \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial v}{\partial r} - \frac{v}{r^2} \right).\end{aligned}\quad (7)$$

In view of simplification, we omit the bar and we use the notation

$$Re = \frac{u_0 R}{\nu}. \quad (8)$$

The limit conditions for equation (7) have the form

$$u = 0, \quad v = V, \quad (9)$$

at  $r = 1$ .

After eliminating pressure between equations (7), we obtain

$$\left( u \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial}{\partial r} - \frac{v}{r} \right) \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} \right) = \frac{1}{Re} \left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} - \frac{1}{r^2} \right) \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} \right) \quad (10)$$

and if we enter function  $\psi$  defined by relation:

$$u = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r\psi), \quad v = -\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x}. \quad (11)$$

We discover this function equation:

$$\left(u \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial}{\partial r} - \frac{v}{r}\right) \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + D^2\right) \Psi = \frac{1}{R_e} \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + D^2\right) \Psi, \quad (12)$$

where

$$D^2 = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} - \frac{1}{r^2}. \quad (13)$$

Function  $\Psi$  identically satisfies the equation of continuity

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial r} + \frac{v}{r} = 0. \quad (14)$$

From (10) and (11) there results the condition to limit function  $\Psi$ :

$$\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r\Psi) = 0, \quad \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial x} = 0 \quad (15)$$

at  $r = 1$ .

Furthermore we enter function  $\Phi(r, k)$ , a transformation of Fourier from  $\Psi(r, k)$ :

$$\Phi(r, t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{ikx} \Psi(x, r) dx \quad (16)$$

and function  $W(k)$  a transformation of Fourier from  $V(x)$ :

$$W(k) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{ikx} V(x) dx. \quad (17)$$

Reverting to equation takes (12), we will consider the case in which Reynolds number is little, what permits us to neglect all terms from the left member.

If applying the Fourier transformation from the equation we obtain

$$(L^2 - k^2)\Phi = 0, \quad (18)$$

where

$$L^2 = \frac{d^2}{dr^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{d}{dr} - \frac{1}{r^2}. \quad (19)$$

The limit condition becomes

$$\Phi(r, k) + r \frac{\partial \Phi(r, k)}{\partial r} = 0, \quad ik\Phi(r, k) = W(k) \quad (20)$$

at  $r = 1$ .

From equation (18) we consider a solution of the form

$$\Phi(r, k) = AI_1(kr) + BrI_0(kr). \quad (21)$$

After calculus, we find

$$A = -\frac{W(k)}{ik} \frac{2I_0(k) + kI_1(k)}{k[I_0^2(k) - I_1^2(k)] - 2I_0(k)I_1(k)}, \quad (22)$$

$$B = \frac{W(k)}{ik} \frac{kI_0(k)}{k[I_0^2(k) - I_1^2(k)] - 2I_0(k)I_1(k)}$$

and

$$\Phi(r, k) = -\frac{W(k) [2I_0(k) + kI_1(k)] I_1(kr) - krI_0(k)I_0(kr)}{ik [I_0^2(k) - I_1^2(k)] - 2I_0(k)I_1(k)}, \quad (23)$$

where

$$\Psi(x, r) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-ikx} \Phi(r, k) dk, \quad (24)$$

$$V(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-ikx} W(k) dk. \quad (25)$$

The flow filter through the wall tubes ( $r=1$ ) [2], between sections  $-x$  and  $x$ , he is

$$Q_f = 2\pi [\Psi(-x, -1) - \Psi(x, 1)] = \sqrt{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} (e^{ikx} - e^{-ikx}) \Phi(1, k) dk \quad (26)$$

of

$$Q_f = 2\sqrt{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{W(k)}{k} \sin kx \cdot dx. \quad (27)$$

The flow can write

$$Q_f = 4\pi x V(\xi), \quad (28)$$

with  $\xi \in [-x, x]$ , will have

$$xV(\xi) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{W(k)}{k} \sin kx \cdot dk. \quad (29)$$

In indifferent transversal section tubes, the average speed has the expression

$$u_m(x) = 2 \int_0^1 ur \cdot dr. \quad (30)$$

From (11) and (24) we get

$$u_m(x) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-ikx} \Phi(1, k) dk \quad (31)$$

and

$$u_m(-x) - u_m(x) = \frac{4}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{W(k)}{k} \sin kx \cdot dk. \quad (32)$$

Comparing this formula with (29),

$$u_m(-x) - u_m(x) = 4xV(\xi) \quad (33)$$

or

$$u_m(0) - u_m(x) = 2xV(\xi), \quad (34)$$

with  $\xi \in [0, x]$

The drop of pressure, on an elementary length  $dx$  tubes, has the expression:

$$dp = -\frac{8}{R_e} u_m(x) dx. \quad (35)$$

Introducing  $u_m(x)$  from (34) and integral result:

$$p(0) - p(x) = \frac{8}{R_e} [u_m(0) - xV(\xi)]x. \quad (36)$$

We revert to the dimensional form

$$\Delta p = \frac{8\mu}{R^2} \left[ u_m(0) - \frac{x}{R} V(\xi) \right] x. \quad (37)$$

Formerly we have noted with  $\Delta p$  the difference among the pressures  $p(0)$  and  $p(x)$ .

Considering

$$\tau = \mu \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \right). \quad (38)$$

Or, below a dimensionless form

$$\bar{\tau} = \frac{1}{R_e} \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \right), \quad (39)$$

where (4) and (5) are used.

On the wall tubes ( $r=1$ ), obtained

$$\bar{\tau}_0 = \frac{1}{R_e} \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \right) \Big|_{r=1} \quad (40)$$

and if using the previous result:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial r} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-ikx} \frac{\partial^2 \Phi(r,k)}{\partial r^2} dk + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-ikx} \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \Phi(r,k)}{\partial r} dk - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-ikx} \frac{\Phi(r,k)}{r^2} dk, \quad (41)$$

from (23) results

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial r} \Big|_{r=1} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-ikx} \frac{kW(k)}{i} dk. \quad (42)$$

From (34) results

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} k^2 e^{-ikx} \Phi(r,k) dk \quad (43)$$

and using (23)

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \Big|_{r=1} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-ikx} \frac{kW(k)}{i} dk. \quad (44)$$

Expression (40) for tangential efforts to the wall has the form:

$$\bar{\tau}_0 = \frac{2}{R_e \sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-ikx} \frac{kW(k)}{i} dk. \quad (45)$$

On an elementary length  $dx$  tubes, can be written as

$$dp = 2\bar{\tau}_0 dx \quad (46)$$

and after integration between sections  $-x$  and  $x$  find

$$p(-x) - p(x) = \frac{4}{R_e \sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} (e^{ikx} - e^{-ikx}) W(k) dk = \frac{4}{R_e} [V(-x) - V(x)] \quad (47)$$

using formula (25). Considering now sections 0 and  $x$ , we can write therefore:

$$p(0) - p(x) = \frac{4}{R_e} [V(0) - V(x)], \quad (48)$$

or after what we revert to dimensional measures

$$\Delta p = \frac{4\mu}{R_e} [V(0) - V(x)]. \quad (49)$$

## Numerical Evaluation of Loss Coefficient

We presuppose stationary and slow flow, therefore  $R_e$  has small values and the loss coefficient  $\alpha$  is constant.

From literature, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} Q_f &= 2\pi R \int_0^x V(x) dx = 2\pi R V(0)x - 2\pi R \left[ u_m(0) \frac{x}{R} - \frac{2}{3} V(\xi) \frac{x^2}{R^2} \right] x = \\ &= 2\pi R V(0)x - \frac{2}{3} \pi [u_m(0) + u_m(x)] x^2 \end{aligned} \quad (50)$$

But

$$Q = Q_0 - Q_f = Q_0 - 2\pi R V(0)x + \frac{2}{3} \pi [u_m(0) + u_m(x)] x^2 \quad (51)$$

and results

$$\frac{Q}{Q_0} = 1 - \frac{2\pi R V(0)}{Q_0} x + \frac{2}{3Q_0} \pi [u_m(0) + u_m(x)] x^2. \quad (52)$$

From equation (52):

$$\frac{Q}{Q_0} = 1 - \frac{2\pi R V(0)}{\alpha Q_0} (1 - e^{-\alpha x}). \quad (53)$$

From  $0 \leq \alpha x \leq \ln 2$  we can estimate with an error  $3 \times 10^{-3}$ ,

$$e^{-\alpha x} = 1 - 0,9664\alpha x + 0,3536\alpha^2 x^2. \quad (54)$$

In (53)

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{Q}{Q_0} &= 1 - \frac{1,9328 \cdot 2\pi R V(0)}{Q_0} x + \frac{0,7072 \cdot 2\pi R V(0)}{Q_0} \alpha x \Rightarrow \\ \frac{Q}{Q_0} - 1 &= \frac{2\pi R V(0)}{Q_0} x (0,7072\alpha - 1,9328). \end{aligned}$$

After calculation,

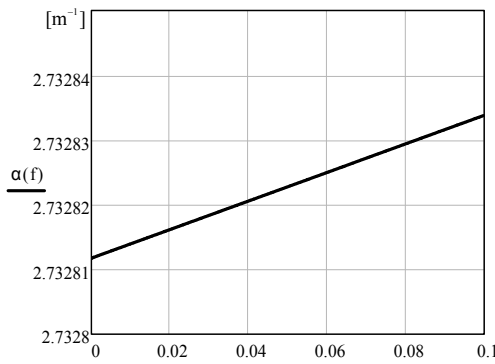
$$\alpha = \frac{\frac{Q - Q_0}{2\pi R V_0 x} + 1,9328}{0,7072}. \quad (55)$$

In equation (55)  $\alpha$  depending on the difference  $\Delta Q = Q - Q_0$ . If we consider the fraction of outlet flow  $f = Q / Q_0$  (that must be proper fraction) and the known values for  $Q_0$ ,  $V_0$  and  $R$  it results a dependency of loss coefficient by this fraction:

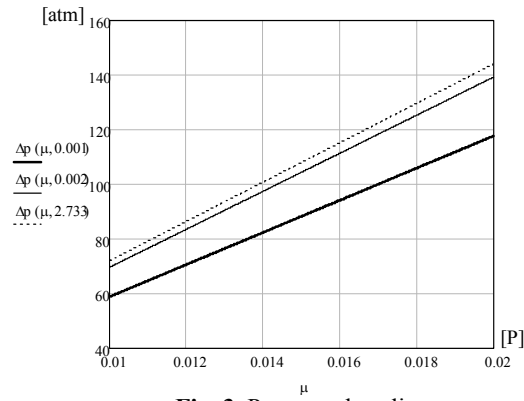
$$\alpha(f) = \frac{\frac{Q_0(f-1)}{2\pi R V_0 x} + 1,9328}{0,7072}. \quad (56)$$

For a real value for mixture flows ( $V_{oil} = V_0 = 100,8 \text{ m}^3$ ,  $V_{water} = 148 \text{ m}^3$ ,  $V_{gN} = 291 \cdot 10^3 \text{ m}^3$  and  $R = 8,4 \text{ cm}$ ) can be derived  $Q_0 = 3,371 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$  and  $V_0 = 151,57 \text{ m/s}$ . For these values the linear dependency is represented in Fig. 2.

According to equation (49) the pressure drop  $\Delta p$  depends on the dynamic viscosity and loss coefficient  $\alpha$ . These dependences for  $\alpha_1 = 0,001 \text{ m}^{-1}$ ,  $\alpha_2 = 0,002 \text{ m}^{-1}$  and  $\alpha_3 = 2,733 \text{ m}^{-1}$  are illustrated on Fig. 3.



**Fig. 2.** The loss coefficient dependence by the fraction of outlet flow

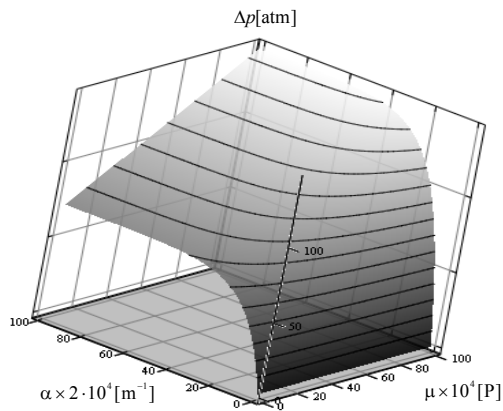


**Fig. 3.** Pressure drop linear dependency for several values of the fraction of outlet flow

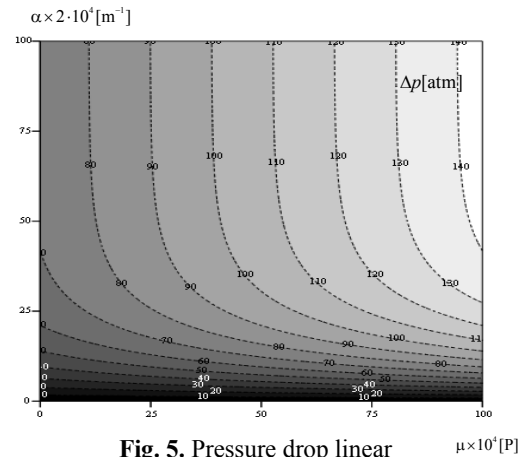
Using equation (46) the pressure drop is a function with two variables:

$$\Delta p(\mu, \alpha) = \frac{4\mu}{R_e} (1 - e^{-\alpha x}) V_0 \quad (57)$$

and this function can be represented as 3D graphics as surface plot (Fig. 4) or contour plot (Fig. 5). In this case we have  $V_0 = 151,57 \text{ m/s}$ ,  $R_e = 8,4 \text{ cm}$  and  $x = 1,7 \text{ km}$ .



**Fig. 4.** The loss coefficient dependence by the fraction of outlet flow



**Fig. 5.** Pressure drop linear dependency for several values of the fraction of outlet flow

## Conclusions

As shown, the pressure drop  $\Delta p$  depends not only on the loss coefficient  $\alpha$  but also on the dynamic viscosity  $\mu$ . In Fig. 4 we can observe that the pressure drop dependency is more relevant in case of large values of loss coefficient. To minimize the pressure drop any of these variables must be decreased, but it is more efficient to minimize the loss coefficient.

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## Evaluarea coeficientului de pierdere în curgerea bifazică

### Rezumat

În această lucrare se calculează componentele tensorilor permitivității gravitaționale relative și permeabilității gravitaționale relative ai vacuumului modificat de o undă gravitațională completă. Tensorii permitivității și permeabilității gravitaționale corespunzători sunt nediagonali și sunt diferiți în aproximația de ordinul al doilea al puterilor amplitudinilor. Se analizează cazurile particulare semnificative și valorile mediate în spațiu și timp.