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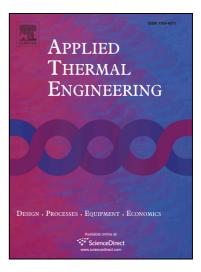
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Abstract: An experiment that covered a wide range of parameters was conducted to investigate the

flow and heat transfer characteristics of water flowing in a vertical upward smooth tube. The effects

of the operating parameters on flow and heat transfer were analyzed, and the corresponding empirical

correlations were presented. Results show that at subcritical pressures, dryout dominates heat transfer

deterioration. This phenomenon can be delayed by reducing pressure and heat flux; however, the

effect of mass flux on dryout occurrence is nonmonotonic. At near-critical pressures, departure from

nucleate boiling (DNB) occurs at low vapor qualities under high heat fluxes and low mass fluxes.

When heat flux increases, DNB occurs early, and peak wall temperature increases significantly. At

supercritical pressures, heat transfer is enhanced within the pseudo-critical region, and the heat

transfer coefficient peaks correspondingly. When pressure approaches the critical value, heat transfer

deterioration occurs at high heat fluxes when the bulk fluid temperature is below and the wall

temperature is above the pseudo-critical temperature. Three hydraulic resistance correlations were

evaluated using the experimental data, and all three correlations underestimated the frictional

pressure drop.

Keywords: vertical upward smooth tube; heat transfer; supercritical pressures; hydraulic resistance

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