A REVIEW OF FLOW BOILING IN MINI AND MICROCHANNEL FOR ENHANCED GEOMETRIES

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ABSTRACT
Flow boiling researches in enhanced geometries practiced recently have been summarized in this review. Classical approximations in macroscale flows have not applied to the flows with small hydraulic diameters, so, this subject has been paid attention by the researchers. Application areas of these structures are increasing continuously due to cooling need in small confined spaces. The related studies have been reviewed in a chronological manner and their parameters have been given in a table in order for the researchers to observe the scientific duration regarding the progresses on this subject. Almost all papers on this subject have been produced after 2000, therefore, this subject is considered as an actual one to improve and worth to study in the literature. This study can not only be evaluated as the beginning argument for the researchers involved in flow boiling process in mini and microchannel, but it also consists of new works on the investigated subject.

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INTRODUCTION

Recent developments in various areas raised the need for smaller heat transfer devices with high heat fluxes. Although mini and micro heat and mass transfer structures in nature are widely common and known for a very long time, industrial and academic interest towards the subject is relatively new compared to conventional heat transfer geometries. While the transition to mini or micro structure threshold is studied extensively by many researchers, channel dimensions smaller than 3 mm and 200 μm are named as mini and microchannel, respectively (see in Appendix Tables A1).

Some application areas, such as high performance CPU (Central Processing Unit) processors, have high heat fluxes to dissipate in small length scales. Due to fast increasing in computing capacity, heat fluxes in those devices even approached such scales that require boiling flow to remove heat without damaging equipment. For a circular tube, it is well known that the ratio of surface area to volume increases as the diameter of the tube decreases. This result alone, make mini and microstructures attractive for the applications mentioned previously. Due to small-scales however, classic theories applied to the conventional scale channels are not applicable to mini/micro structures. To the authors’ knowledge, a satisfying model that is capable of solving the multiphase phenomenon in these structures is not successfully developed to date. The main reasons behind this are the merge of complex nature of multiphase flows and lack of complete understanding of the driving mechanisms in small-scale channels. Instrumentation and measurement are also major difficulties encountered in experimental studies. At these scale, even uncertainties may be a significant contributor to the diversity of the data experienced throughout different studies (see in Appendix Tables A1 and A2).

However, in recent years, researchers from heat transfer community made considerable amount of studies on small-scale channels. One may find information about nearly all modes of heat transfer in mini/microchannel in the literature. One may also find other reviews on the subject namely Thome [1], Cheng and Mewes [2], Baldassari and Marengo [3], Tibiriç and Ribatski [4], Kandlikar [5], Lin et al. [6] and Wu and Sundén [7]. Some of these reviews investigated specific modes of heat transfer while some contain multiple or all modes. This review
however, focused on the boiling in mini and microchannel only. Some of these review papers are summarized as shown below. Kim and Mudawar [8] carried out a wide review of studies regarding pressure drop in mini and microchannel structures to assemble a large database of experiments and demonstrate the performance of individual pressure drop models. In their study, authors give comprehensive background information about flow instabilities and pressure drop models in two-phase mini/micro flows. Total number of 7115 experimental data points, which grouped under the titles of adiabatic/condensation and boiling, are gathered through investigated studies. A universal model developed by the same authors showed good performance of prediction regarding with the experimental data assembled from different studies. Corresponding model is capable of predicting the frictional data with wide range of working conditions and fluid types. Authors concluded that the future efforts in mini/micro channels should be directed to the theoretical and numerical computations of the two-phase flows although these subjects will demand more complex models due to the nature of the size effects of the channels. Salman et al. [9] presented a review about fluid flow and heat transfer characteristics of microchannel, micro tubes and nanofluids. They noted that the studies with nano fluid flowing in microchannel and micro tube must be conducted for better heat transfer results instead of conventional fluids. Moreover, they concluded that microchannel having triangular channel had the best thermal efficiency compared to other channel types such as trapezoidal and rectangular. They also mentioned about difficulties of using nanofluids in microchannel and microtubes as higher pressure drop (pumping power), homogenous distribution of nanoparticles, high nanofluids price, decreased specific heat and increased viscosity.

Classification of the studies has been prepared based on the chronological publication dates of individual papers. This approach was preferred in order to reveal the trends throughout time and to identify the possible new directions for the researchers in the subject.

BOILING HEAT TRANSFER and PRESSURE DROP INSIDE MINICHANNELS AND MICROCHANNEL

Many studies about fundamental issues and experiments have been performed to determine the characteristics of convective boiling flow in mini and microchannel. According to the previous studies in the literature, boiling phenomena in these channels has different characteristics regarding in boiling transition, flow regimes and heat transfer features.

The local fluid pressure is considered as one of the most significant parameters characterizing the two-phase flow in mini and microchannel. There are not enough empirical correlations for two-phase flows’ heat transfer coefficients and friction factors due to the generalization problem. In order to determine the thermal characteristics of the two-phase flow in mini and microchannel, an appropriate usage of the models and correlations regarding with the heat transfer coefficients and friction factors are necessary due to the fact that an important alteration in properties is occurred during two-phase flows in channels. The determination of pressure influences is crucial in designing two-phase mini and microchannel devices, because it affects the energy consumption of pumping power of the device. On the other hand, the success of determination is usually not very notable and the error bands of 30% is classic in fact for the most progressive theoretical models. There are two popular models named homogeneous and separated flow models in open sources on this subject.

The total pressure drop can be considered as the sum of frictional, acceleration, and gravitational terms for the two-phase flows in straight channels with unchanging cross sectional areas. The gravitational term is usually minor in comparison to the two other terms and can be omitted in mini and microchannel. Therefore, the pressure drop of two-phase flow in horizontal mini microchannel may be considered as a calculation of frictional and acceleration terms.

RESULT and DISCUSSION

Information regarding the operating conditions and flow geometries for investigated papers, selected models for predicting heat transfer coefficient and critical heat flux are presented in Table A1 [10-15, 17-22, 25-31, 33-35, 44-52, 59, 61-66, 68, 70-74, 76, 78-82, 85-89, 91-97, 100-109], Table A2 [15, 16, 20, 24, 31, 34, 37, 44, 45, 47, 56, 70, 86, 109] and Table A3 [38, 41, 52, 83, 87, 133]. These tables are in Appendix section. Studies on the flow boiling in mini and microchannel are summarized considering their specific topics, experimental parameters, findings and new aspects in the following paragraphs.
Minichannel Geometry

The works in minichannels on this subject are summarized from literature. Kew and Cornwell [10] investigated pressure drop and boiling heat transfer coefficient for compact two-phase heat exchangers whose tube’s length 500 mm and diameters 1.39-3.69 mm. The refrigerant used in the test was R141b. The correlations, used to find heat transfer coefficients, assumed well for largest tube but work badly for smaller tubes. The purpose of the study was to select suitable design correlation to find heat transfer coefficient for new types advanced compact heat exchangers. The authors realized that conventional in tube flow boiling might be applied for tubes, which have confinement number of order of 0.3 and above. In addition, they recognized that a film flow model might be used for evaluation of heat transfer coefficient in narrow channel in the absence of dry-out, low heat fluxes and qualities. Lee and Lee [11] have proposed a correlation to determine heat transfer coefficient due to boiling flows through horizontal rectangular channels as obtained from the experimental setup, whose gap changes from 0.4 mm to 2.0 mm. They used Joule heating method to supply heat for test section and their maximum measurement uncertainty for heat transfer coefficient was 18.1%. In addition, channel width was fixed as 20 mm. They used R113 as a test refrigerant. Heat flux, whose value was fixed at 15 kW/m² as constant, was uniformly applied to channel walls. The mass flux was arranged from 50 to 200 kg m⁻² s⁻¹. Apart from heat transfer coefficient, they examined pressure drop according to Lochart-Martinelli correlation. The frictional pressure drop was determined to be with an accuracy of 20%. According to experimental data, while for the higher flow rate (Reₐ>200) deviation was determined as 10.7% due to the Kandlikar’s flow boiling correlation [5], for the lower flow rate (Reₐ<200) deviation changed ±20% according to the two-phase frictional correlation proposed by Lee and Lee [11]. Kandlikar and Steinke [12] modified a flow boiling correlation for large-diameter tubes. They made it for flow boiling in minichannels by using the laminar single-phase correlation for the heat transfer coefficient for all liquid flow. They compared the trends in quality and heat transfer in the laminar region. Perfect results are acquired between estimated values and experimental data. Kandlikar and Balasubramanian [13] extended the boiling correlations for wider channels, constituted by Kandlikar [5], to minichannels by using the laminar single-phase heat transfer coefficient because, the flow in those narrow tubes with low flow rates are mostly laminar. These correlations are valid for all liquid types. The flows through the channels with diameter larger than 3 mm must be examined cautiously because the flow can revolve from laminar to turbulent immediately. The heat transfer characteristics are examined in laminar zones of the minichannels and microchannel. The test results showed a brilliant agreement with the empirical correlations. Agostini and Bontemps [14] experimentally studied the ascendant forced flow boiling in minichannels. The working fluid was refrigerant R134a. 11 parallel rectangular channels with hydraulic diameter of 2.01 mm which were composed the flat aluminium tube was used in experiments. The range of mass flux was between 90 and 295 kg m⁻² s⁻¹ and the range of heat flux was between 6.0 and 31.6 kW m⁻². The tested pressures were 405 and 608 kPa. The variation of inlet subcooling was 1 to 17 K. According to the tests’ results, when compare with the heat transfer of the previous research, the heat transfer was greater than results from conventional tubes. Yun et al. [15] conducted experiments to measure and analyse the flow boiling heat transfer coefficients in mini tubes with inner diameters of 2.0 and 0.89 mm. The working fluid was CO₂ and the operating parameters were high mass fluxes from 500 to 3570 kg m⁻² s⁻¹, heat fluxes from 7 to 18 kW m⁻² and saturation temperatures of 0.5 to 10°C. The heat transfer coefficients, which were measured before dry out process, were in the range of 10000-20000 W m⁻² K⁻¹. According to the experiments, heat flux at entire mass flux cases fiercely affected the heat transfer coefficients before critical vapour quality. This condition considerably occurred when the superficial liquid Weber number was less than 100. Through partial dried liquid film and rate of liquid droplets in vapour core, the heat transfer characteristics after critical vapour quality were expressed. A correlation, which refers to boiling heat transfer before critical vapour quality, was formed. Performance of this correlation was presented. Jokar et al. [16] studied on the two-phase heat transfer. They examined the parameters that affect this type of heat transfer within the mini channel plate of heat exchangers. The other aim of this study was to make useful the dimensional analysis technique for correlations. To carry out this, in the experiments three mini channel brazed-type plate heat exchangers were used and examined. The working fluids were refrigerant R134a and 50% glycol-water which in counter-flow manner. In the test setup, the heat exchangers were used like an automotive refrigeration system. Due to the results of this experimental study, it was seen that the correlations and two-phase theories, which were used for conventional macro channel heat exchangers may not, used for minichannels. Choi et al. [17] studied convective boiling heat transfer in horizontal minichannels using R22, R134a, and CO₂. They obtained local heat transfer coefficient as 10 to 40 kW m⁻², mass fluxes range
200 to 600 kg m\(^{-2}\) s\(^{-1}\), a saturation temperature of 10°C and quality up to 1.0. Stainless-steel tubes are used as test material, which have 2000 mm length, 1.5, and 3.0 mm inner diameters. The materials heated directly by applying electric current. Nucleate boiling heat transfer take into account as main contributor especially for low vapour quality region. Average of heat transfer coefficients with their alterations with vapour quality and mass flux were presented for R22, R134a, and CO\(_2\). Also in minichannels, researchers observed laminar flows. Researchers present a new boiling transfer coefficient as the mean deviation of 11.21% conditions on minichannels. Researchers used R22, R134a, and CO\(_2\) refrigerants in minichannels and they observed that vapour quality and mass flux have significant importance on the heat transfer coefficient at the low quality region. At the moderate quality region, they observed that the coefficient of heat transfer increase with increase of mass flux and increase of vapour quality. At the high quality region a decrease at the heat transfer coefficient occurs at a lower quality for a higher mass flux condition. It is clear to say that a strong dependence of heat transfer coefficient on the heat flux appears for low quality region. Researchers presented mean heat transfer coefficients for R22, R134a, and CO\(_2\); and detailed some other results in the study. Choi et al. [18] studied experimentally two-phase pressure drop of R410A in horizontal smooth minichannels with the inner diameter of 1.5 and 3 mm. They showed the effects of mass flux and the tube diameter on pressure drop in presented study. Moreover, they compared the experimental results against 15 two-phase pressure drop previous correlations. Finally, they developed a new correlation based on the Lockhart-Martinelli method to predict the pressure drop with 4% mean deviation. Pamitran et al. [19] conducted experiments to determine pressure drop due to vaporization of natural refrigerant CO\(_2\) in a horizontal smooth minichannels, which was made of stainless tubes. For experiments, inner diameters of 1.5 and 3.0 mm were used, as well as, the lengths of test section was 2000 mm and 3000 mm. Inlet saturation temperatures were adjusted -10, 0 and 10°C at tests. Mass fluxes varied from 200 to 600 kg m\(^{-2}\) s\(^{-1}\), when heat fluxes varied from 10 to 30 kW m\(^{-2}\). They compared experimental results with 13 two-phase prediction methods for pressure drop from the literature. In addition, they developed a correlation, which was based on the Lockhart-Martinelli. Bertsch et al. [20] studied on a composite heat transfer correlation, which included nucleate boiling and convective heat transfer terms additionally modified to account for the effects of small channel size, validated against to 3899 data points for minichannels and microchannel from 14 studies in the literature. The new correlation demonstrated very good agreement with the magnitudes and trends of variation of the heat transfer coefficient from most data sets with a mean absolute error of 28%. The correlation was particularly established for vertical and horizontal flow, single and multiple parallel channel arrangements, both wetting and non-wetting fluids. Moreover, it included the effects of heat flux, mass flux, and vapour quality and bubble confinement. In the experimental study of Choi et al. [21] two phase flow boiling pressure drop and heat transfer were performed in horizontal minichannels with an alternative refrigerant namely propane. In this study the effect of some parameters namely mass flux, heat flux, inner tube diameter and saturation temperature on the pressure drop and heat transfer coefficient were investigated experimentally then the results were compared against several existing prediction methods. Finally, a new correlation, which was able to predict the pressure drop and heat transfer, developed for heat exchanger with minichannels design. Koşar [22] developed a basic model in order to predict critical heat flux (CHF) conditions in minichannels and microchannel. For this purpose, the author collected experimental data from previous studies, which had different operating conditions; such as different sizes (0.223 mm < d\(_t\) < 3.1 mm) and shapes (circular and rectangular). The other conditions are under various operating conditions such mass velocities (50 kg m\(^{-2}\) s\(^{-1}\) < G < 1650 kg m\(^{-2}\)s\(^{-1}\), system pressures (101 kPa < P < 888 kPa), and working fluids (Water, R123, R113, R134a, and R245fa). The author declared that the developed model performance was consistently better for thin wall/substrate minichannels and microchannel configurations having effective protection from boiling instabilities. It was seen that this model exhibited an effective tool for predicting the CHF in minichannels and microchannel of various geometrical shapes under a broad range of working conditions. Sun and Mishima [23] emphasized the importance of pressure drop in two-phase channel flows in the projects of heat exchangers. They gathered two-phase flow pressure drop data from 18 published papers regarding with the boiling of R123, R134a, R22, R236ea, R245fa, R404a, R407C, R410a, R507, CO\(_2\), water and air. In the collected studies, the hydraulic diameters, Re\(_t\) and Re\(_g\) varied from 0.506 to 12 mm, 10 to 37000, and 3 to 4x105, respectively. The two-phase frictional pressure drops were calculated using the database by means of their prosed model. Their results showed that the results of the Lockhart–Martinelli method, Mishima and Hibiki correlation, Zhang and Mishima correlation and Lee and Mudawar correlation in the laminar region is nearly equal to each other, while the Muller-Steinhaegen and Heck correlation is the most predictive one among the turbulent models. Modified version of Chisholm correlation demonstrated better predictively than those
for turbulent flow and its average relative error was about 29%. The proposed model and Muller-Steinhagen and Heck correlation gave nearly similar results and showed better agreement with the experimental database collected from literature. In the experimental investigation of Sun and Mishima [24], a new database including 2505 data points was obtained and compared with the thirteen prediction models for flow boiling heat transfer in minichannel with different tube diameters from 0.21 to 6.05 mm. The results base on this study revealed that Chen method and the Chen-type correlations were not exactly coherent for minichannels; however, the Lazarek–Black correlation and the Kew–Cornwell correlation were the best of all. The authors proposed a new correlation based on the Lazarek–Black correlation associating with Weber number. Boudouh et al. [25] distinguished the local heat transfer coefficients and surface temperatures of a plate consist of vertically located 50 parallel rectangular minichannels with 800 µm hydraulic diameter. By combining two benefits, decreasing the channel diameter and putting account of nanofluids that involves small quantity percentage nanoparticles, local heat transfer coefficient for convective boiling is investigated. It is clear from the figure that the local heat transfer coefficient decreased through the flow direction mainly due to the dry out as reported by the researchers. According to the experimental data of Cu-water nanofluids local heat transfer coefficient, local heat flux and pressure drop are increased; surface temperature was decreased because of its high viscosity by comparison with base fluid at the same mass flux. Brix et al. [26] derived a one dimensional steady state numerical model in order to find out the efficiency of a minichannels evaporator with parallel ducts, with refrigerant CO₂. During determination of the frictional pressure drop and heat transfer coefficients, common empirical correlations were used. The purpose of the study was to examine the consequence of non-uniform CO₂ flow on the performance of the heat exchanger by numerical modelling. The outcome of the study was that, non-uniform refrigerant flow resulted in deterioration of the heat exchanger performance. Two parallel vertically located minichannels were modelled during the study, so, if the orientation and the number of the minichannels changes, the results may alter. Dutkowski [27] performed experiments on minichannels in order to achieve flashing procedure by acquiring relatively high-pressure drop with respect to ordinary ducts. The entrance of the 500 mm tall minichannels with 1.68 mm diameter is supercooled and its 200 mm region is warmed up. The flow rate of the working fluid varied from 200 to 450 kg m⁻² with respect to varying entrance subcooling of 5 to 15 K and heat flux density of 1.7 to 60.3 kW m⁻². The results were proffered on various boiling curves in furtherance to see the effect of flashing occurrence. Dutkowski [28] studied on horizontal stainless steel tubes in order to clarify the frictional pressure drop characteristics on minichannels and used air water blend for varying quantities from 170 to 7350 kg m⁻² s⁻¹. Moreover, the velocity ranges for air and water passing through the tubes is 0.2-7.4 and 1.7-41.8 m s⁻¹, respectively. The experimental outcomes are contrasted with the homogenous equilibrium model and dynamic viscosity coefficient is counted up according to 8 different correlations. As a result, the estimation of the two-phase pressure drop in 1.35 mm with conventional homogenous equilibrium model gave quite acceptable results. Pamitran et al. [29] investigated the pressure drop characteristics of several refrigerants (R22, R134a, R410A, R290 and R744) under different physical test conditions (heat flux, mass flux, saturation temperature) for horizontal stainless steel channels with different sizes. On the other hand, an assessment is made for these pressure drop characteristics based on the correlations in the literature. Furthermore, a contemporary model for predicting pressure drop is brought into existence by the help of several data obtained from the experiments. Ribeiro et al. [30] studied on a new evaporator design, which is suitable for smaller size cooling systems, and used to keep a laptop chip temperature under a certain value in the experiments. The system worked under changeable saturation temperatures and mass flow rates. As a result, rejecting substantial heat transfer rates is achieved with the refrigerant R600a. Therefore, the augmenting refrigerant flow rate led to enhanced heat transfer. Moreover, the test results showed quite acceptable results with the Zhang’s correlations for determining average of heat transfer coefficient. Bang et al. [31] investigated the pressure influence of the boiling flow in stainless steel mini ducts of 1.73 mm diameter under a varying range of 2-16 bars pressure and used water as working fluid. The outcome of the study is that, there is not a remarkable effect of pressure on the heat transfer coefficient. Chen et al. [32] studied on horizontal thin ducts of 1 and 2 mm in order to see the impact of the duct size on heat transfer for boiling saturated flows with refrigerant R410a. Outcomes based on the experiments indicate that mass flux and saturation temperature enhances, opening width reduces heat transfer. Moreover, according to the screened results of the experiments, mean bubble diameter is indirectly proportional with the mass flux and saturation temperature. Furthermore, prognosis is made with the correlations obtained by R134a and R407C. Copetti et al. [33] conducted experiments on a horizontal annular stainless steel channel with 2.6 mm diameter under varying heat flux (10-100 kW m⁻²), mass flow rate (240-930
kg m\(^{-2}\) s\(^{-1}\)) and saturation temperature (12-22 °C) by using R-134a as refrigerant in order to comprehend heat transfer and pressure drop phenomena of the mini ducts. As the vapour quality increased, the heat flux and heat transfer relation tended to disappear and frictional pressure drop is reduced. Finally, different correlations are taken into account to determine the heat transfer coefficients; and it is seen that Kandlikar and Balasubramanian’s model was the best-fitted one with the experimental results. Kaew-On et al. [34] studied on the flow boiling heat transfer characteristics of R134a in the aluminium multiport minichannels counter flow heat exchangers, which flowed hot waters outside. While heat fluxes varied from 15 to 65 kW m\(^{-2}\), system pressures varied from 4 to 6 bars and mass fluxes varied from 300 to 800 kg m\(^{-2}\) s\(^{-1}\). In addition, they compared experimental results with nine correlations, which can be found in literature. Furthermore, they suggested a correlation in order to determine heat transfer coefficient. They concluded that the flow-boiling regime was observed as nucleate boiling. In addition, they stated that the average heat transfer coefficient increased by 50-70%, as number of channels decreased from 14 to 8 at the same test conditions. Wu et al. [35] experimentally investigated heat transfer and pressure drop of CO\(_2\) in two-phase flow conditions. In the study, they used horizontal minichannels having hydraulic diameter of 1.42 mm and length of 0.3 m. They performed experimental study in order to describe the heat transfer and pressure drop relying on the vapour quality in the tube. They created a databank containing 200 measurement points and checked their experimental data against widespread models. It was seen that nucleate boiling was dominant which relied on the heat flux and the saturation temperature at low vapour qualities. In addition, higher heat flux and higher saturation temperature caused an improvement of nucleate boiling which induced a rising activation of nuclei at the channel wall. They observed that heat flux had important impact on two-phase frictional pressure loss. Li and Wu [36] studied on adiabatic pressure loss in evaporative micro and minichannels. They gathered 769 data which contains comprehensive working parameters and channel diameters. These data was compared with five existing correlations. Among these correlations, the Muller Stein-Hagen and Heck model had the best prediction performance. In addition, it was seen that Bond number, which was, depend on channel measures and capillary variable was important. In addition, they did not consider impact of mass flux in two-phase multipliers, while they considered the surface tension impacts with including Bond number, which is distinct from normal channel. Oh et al. [37] researched the heat transfer of R22, R134a, R410a, C\(_2\)H\(_6\) and CO\(_2\) flowing in circular tubes having diameters of 0.5, 1.5 and 3 mm. They observed that mass flux and heat flux had significant influences on the heat transfer coefficient at high and low quality regions, respectively. They also presented that the heat transfer coefficient increased with increasing saturation temperature and decreasing tube diameter. In addition, the results of maximum heat transfer coefficient were obtained for CO\(_2\) among the tested fluids. Moreover, a new correlation having 15.3% mean deviation was proposed for heat transfer determination in small tubes. Ong and Thome [38] aimed to research impact of saturation temperature, heat flux, flow pattern, channel confinement, subcooling and fluid type on flow boiling heat transfer and critical heat flux. In the study, they used R134a, R236fa and R245fa refrigerants and single channels having diameters of 1.03, 2.2 and 3.04 mm. They observed that the saturation temperature of the fluid had significant effect on two-phase heat transfer coefficient at isolated bubble and coalescing bubble flow regimes. For the same experimental conditions, the heat transfer coefficient increased with increasing mass flux. They also had seen that inlet subcooling temperature had no serious effect on heat transfer coefficient for different vapour qualities. As another result of the study, they derived a new correlation in order to determine critical heat flux of tested refrigerants flowing in rectangular multi channels, single circular channels and split flow rectangular multi channels. Saisorn et al. [39] investigated the effect of flow patterns on the heat transfer coefficient of R134a flowing in a circular minichannel. In the study, different flow patterns such as slug flow, throat- annular flow, churn flow; annular flow and annular-rivulet flow were taken into consideration. For these flow patterns, the variation of the heat transfer coefficient with vapour quality and heat flux was determined and compared with three-zone flow boiling model. They also noted that the three-zone flow boiling model can be used for the determination of throat- annular and churn flow patterns besides slug flow pattern. Piasecka and Maciejewska [40] analysed flow structure and heat transfer of FC-72 during boiling in a minichannels with different orientations (vertical and horizontal). Authors have used liquid crystals to measure the temperature on the heating surface of the minichannels. This measurement later was used as a boundary condition to determine the heat transfer coefficient in the flow. Beck method and Trefftz functions were used to determine the temperature distribution along the heating and glass surface, respectively. It is found that the cork shape boiling structures become effective as the boiling develops. These structures also found to have different characteristics depending on the orientation of the system while the horizontal orientation found to be more stable than the vertical one.
Experiments also confirmed that the void fraction and heat flux are proportional to each other and significant enhancement in heat transfer occurred at the onset of boiling in minichannels. Wu and Li [41] compiled a database covering 1672 experimental data points for investigating saturated critical heat flux in minichannels and microchannel. In the study, BoRe$^{0.5}$=200 determined as macro to mini scale criterion since flow had different trends before and after this number. They separated data points as region I ($L_{v}/d_{he} \leq 150$, BoRe$^{0.5}$ $\leq 200$) and region II ($L_{v}/d_{he} \leq 150$, BoRe$^{0.5}$ $\leq 200$) and produced dimensionless number We$_{c}$Ca$^{0.8}$ demonstrating the influence of viscous force, surface tension and inertia on critical heat flux for region II. Moreover, they developed correlations for both regions and compared with the four different correlations in the literature. It was concluded that they developed correlation can predict 93.5% of water data and 95.9% of non-aqueous data in the range of $\pm$ 30%. Farahani and Kowsary [42] numerically studied in order to determine local convective boiling heat transfer of pure water and nanofluid for transient and steady state conditions. In the study, water/copper mixture having concentration of 5, 10 and 50 mg/L was considered as nanofluids. The space-variable heat transfer coefficient convective heat transfer coefficient and inverted heat conduction problem were determined by using sequential function specification method (SFSM). They investigated the variation of exact and estimated heat transfer coefficients with time for all tested fluids and observed that the convective boiling heat transfer coefficient can be estimated by means of SFSM, properly. Kaew-On et al. [43] performed experiments in order to clarify pressure drop of R134a flowing in 2 different multiport minichannels for flow boiling conditions. They used inner tube of double pipe heat exchanger as test section and investigated the influence of aspect ratio, mass flux, and saturation temperature and heat flux on frictional pressure drop. They also studied the components of pressure drop (frictional pressure drop, momentum pressure drop, sudden contraction pressure drop and sudden expansion pressure drop) and determined the dominant one as the frictional pressure drop with its ratio of 90-95%. Moreover, it was seen that the frictional pressure drop increased with decreasing saturation temperature. They also compared the experimental results with the nine correlations given in the literature. Kaew-On and Wongwises [44] carried out experiments in order to determine heat transfer characteristics of R134a flowing in a multiport minichannels. Their manifold design can be seen in their work. They performed pressure drop and heat transfer experiments by using double pipe heat exchanger as test section. It was seen that mass flux had significant effect on frictional pressure drop rather than heat flux because in the liquid-vapour interface and the tube wall shear stress increased with increasing mass flux. They observed that heat transfer coefficient increased with increasing heat flux for different average qualities. In addition, they compared their experimental results with seven heat transfer coefficient and six pressure drop correlations. As another result of the study, heat transfer coefficient and two-phase multiplier correlations were developed. Liu et al. [45] experimentally researched heat transfer of a hydrocarbon fuel of kerosene kind in minichannels for subcooled flow boiling conditions. They investigated the wall temperature at various pressures, mass flow rates and heat fluxes, the influence of pressure on heat transfer performance, the variation of the heat transfer coefficient with heat fluxes, mass fluxes and bulk fluid temperatures. In the experiments, it was seen that mass flux had no remarkable effect on the heat transfer coefficient. They also presented that fuel subcooling, pressure and heat flux had serious effect on the heat transfer coefficient. In addition, they proposed correlations, which can predict heat, transfer coefficient experimental results in the range of $\pm$ 10%. Maqbool et al. [46] investigated the effect of tube diameter, mass flux, and vapour quality and saturation temperature on dry out of propane in vertical minichannels. Two circular minichannels having diameter of 1.224 and 1.70 mm were used as test tube in the experiments. They stated that the tube having bigger diameter had higher dry out heat flux for constant mass flux. It was also observed that there was not significant dependence between dry out heat flux and saturation temperature. In addition, they presented that dry out heat flux increased with decreasing vapour quality and increasing mass flux. As another result of the study, eight critical heat flux correlations given in the literature were compared with experimental results and the mean absolute deviations were in the range of 10% and 37%. Mortada et al. [47] studied heat transfer characteristics of R1234yf and R134a flowing in rectangular minichannels having 1.1 mm hydraulic diameter, experimentally. In the study, they researched variation of the local heat transfer coefficient of R1234yf and R134a with vapour quality and heat flux for low mass flux conditions. It was seen that the mass flux and vapour quality had serious effect on the local heat transfer coefficient compared to heat flux. They observed that R1234yf showed 40% higher the local heat transfer coefficient results compared to R134a for the same experimental conditions. They also investigated the effect of mass flux on critical heat flux. Moreover, they proposed a new correlation, which predicts experimental results in the range of $\pm$ 15%. Anwar and Lahore [48] studied flow boiling heat transfer performance of R134a in vertical minichannels.
circular minichannels experimentally. Effect of heat flux on heat transfer coefficient, variation of heat transfer coefficient with mass flux and vapour quality and effect of system pressure on local heat transfer coefficient were investigated in the study. It was observed that the heat flux and system pressure showed significant effect on heat transfer coefficient compared to vapour quality and mass flux. In addition, experimental local heat transfer coefficients were compared with some researchers’ correlations. Saisorn et al. [49] performed flow-boiling experiments in vertical and horizontal minichannels to get flow visualization and heat transfer data of R134a. They determined the local heat transfer coefficient for different flow patterns such as slug flow, throat annular flow, annular flow, churn flow, annular flow and annular-rivulet flow in vertical minichannels. Among these flow patterns, they suggested throat annular flow, churn flow and annular flow for applications because their high and stable heat transfer coefficients. They also investigated the effect heat flux, saturation pressure and mass flux on the heat transfer coefficient for both horizontal and vertical minichannels. Moreover, the experiments showed that R134a flowing vertical upward had a higher heat transfer coefficient compared to a horizontal one for higher mass fluxes. Finally, they compared their experimental results with macro-scale and micro-scale correlations. Copetti et al. [50] carried out an experimental study in order to investigate flow boiling and pressure drop of R600a flowing in a horizontal minichannels. Researchers compared the local heat transfer coefficient and frictional pressure drop of R600a and R134a for various vapour quality and mass flux. It was observed that the heat transfer coefficient and frictional pressure drop of R600a is higher than R134a under the same experimental conditions. They also revealed that the heat transfer coefficient was nearly constant at lower mass velocity and low heat flux and the frictional pressure drop increased with increasing mass velocity for R600a. Moreover, they compared the experimental results with correlations, which predict heat transfer coefficient and frictional pressure drop. Maqbool et al. [51] did experiments to investigate pressure drop and local heat transfer of propane in vertical circular minichannels for flow boiling conditions. It was observed that the two phase frictional pressure drop increases with increasing mass flux, vapour quality and heat flux. They also stated that heat flux and saturation temperature have a significant effect on the local heat transfer coefficient compared to mass flux and vapour quality. They revealed that the beginning of dry out decreases two phase frictional pressure drop and local heat transfer coefficient of propane for high mass fluxes. Moreover, they examined the performance of the pressure drop and local coefficient of heat transfer models with experimental data, which were divided as before, and after beginning of dry out. The correlations of Cooper and Müller-Steinhagen and Hack performed the best prediction performance for the heat transfer coefficient and pressure drop among the other correlations, respectively. Mikielewicz et al. [52] investigated liquid film dry out of R134a, R123, SES 36 and ethanol flowing in vertical minichannels. They revealed that the critical length becomes smaller with increasing heat flux for all test fluids. The effects of mass flux and critical heat flux on critical vapour quality were also studied for different mass fluxes, fluids and diameter. The results showed that the minichannels having a bigger diameter had lower critical vapour quality compared to a small one for the same mass flux. They developed a new empirical correlation for prediction of critical heat flux in minichannels and examined it with experimental results. Balavigesh et al. [53] performed a study in order to investigate the flow boiling heat transfer and pressure drop of n-Pentane flowing in a minichannels. They investigated the effect of heat flux on exit vapour quality and pressure drop for different mass fluxes. It was seen that exit vapour quality and pressure drop increased with increasing heat flux for the same mass flux. In the study, they also researched the change of heat transfer coefficient with vapour quality. Moreover, they compared their experimental results with other researchers’ correlations and showed that they are in the range of ± 20%. Kim and Jeong [54] studied the pressure drop of CO2 in smooth and micro rectangular grooved multiport minichannels, experimentally. In the study, they performed single (saturated liquid phase) and two-phase (adiabatic condition and constant heat flux) flow experiments. They revealed that the single-phase pressure drop of CO2 flowing in minichannels can be predicted by using Blasius correlation properly. For single-phase flow conditions, the tube having micro grooves had 30% higher pressure drop compared to smooth one. For two-phase flow conditions, the tube having micro grooves had higher pressure drop in the range of 10% and 45% compared to smooth one. Moreover, they compared the experimental results with the correlations for two-phase pressure drop and presented that the correlation of Mishima and Hibiki is suitable for the prediction of pressure drop in minichannels. Kim and Mudawar [55] presented a correlation for dry out incidence quality by using a large database. The database comprised of 13 working fluids, mass velocities (29-2303 kg m⁻² s⁻¹), hydraulic diameters (0.51-6 mm), and Boiling numbers (0.31x10⁻⁴-44.3x10⁻⁴), liquid-only Reynolds numbers (125-53,770) and reduced pressures (0.005-0.78). They compared this database including 997 points with seven correlations given in the literature. Moreover, they
observed that the correlation of Mastrullo presented the best dry out prediction of incipience quality performance with its lower mean absolute error. They stated that the developed correlation was successful for prediction of dry out incipience quality because of its overall mean absolute error of 12.5%. Kim and Mudawar [56] proposed a new correlation for the prediction of pre-dryout two-phase heat transfer coefficient in minichannels and microchannel. They used 10,805 two-phase heat transfer coefficient data points including 18 different working fluids, hydraulic diameters (0.19-6.5), mass velocities (19-1608 kg m$^{-2}$ s$^{-1}$), liquid-only Reynolds numbers (57-49,820), flow qualities (0-1) and reduced pressures (0.005-0.69). In the study, these data were compared with four different correlations for macrochannels and nine different correlations for mini/microchannel. Among all correlations compared, Lazarek and Black and Liu and Winterton correlations performed the best prediction performance. They concluded that proposed correlation has the mean absolute error of 20.3% for overall data points. Brutin et al. [57] examined the effect of gravity level on flow boiling of HFE7100 in a minichannels by means of frictional pressure drop and local void fraction measurements. In the study, they considered three different gravity levels such as 1.8 g (hyper gravity), 1 g (normal gravity) and ±0.05 g (microgravity). They observed that total and frictional pressure drop increases with the rise in gravity level. They investigated the variation of void fraction along the section for different mass velocities and gravity levels. It was observed that the void fraction increases with decreasing mass velocities and gravity levels. Moreover, they visualized the flow in minichannels for hypergravity and microgravity in order to clarify the film formation process in microgravity. Kim and Mudawar [58] presented a generalized method for two-phase frictional pressure drop gradient determination in minichannels and microchannel for flow boiling conditions. The database comprised of 9 working fluids, mass velocities (33-2708 kg m$^{-2}$ s$^{-1}$), hydraulic diameters (0.349-5.35 mm), liquid-only Reynolds numbers (156-28010) and reduced pressures (0.005-0.78) were taken into consideration in the study. The correlations can be used for prediction of two-phase frictional pressure drop were compared with the database and the correlation of Mishima and Hibiki performed the best prediction performance with mean absolute error of 27.6%. Moreover, they proposed a new two-phase frictional pressure drop gradient correlation having overall mean absolute error of 17.2% and tested its performance for different flow regimes. Anwar et al. [59] experimentally investigated flow boiling and dryout of R152a in a vertical minichannels. Heat flux found to have a major impact on the heat transfer while mass flux and vapour quality had slight influence over it. An increase of heat transfer was observed with increasing system pressure. While small differences due to physical properties were observed between R152a and R134a, they reported to have similar results which lead to the conclusion that former could be a replacement for the latter. Among present models, Mahmoud and Karayiannis and Wu et al. are the best to predict their data for heat transfer coefficient and CHF respectively. Higher mass flux caused higher CHF while R152a has considerable higher CHF than R134a. Flow boiling of R245fa in medium saturation temperatures was also researched by Charnay et al. [60] in another study. Heat flux found to have an enhancer effect on the overall heat transfer, which is observed for the saturation temperature as well. The authors concluded that the higher saturation temperature results in thermophysical changes that cause an increase in nucleation sites, which leads to higher, nucleate boiling heat transfer. However, this type of boiling only observed for intermittent flow while convective heat transfer takes over in annular flow. The authors also compared their results with correlations from the literature and found most of the methods are in match with experimental results. Choi et al. [61] carry out investigation of heat transfer of evaporation performance of CO$_2$, NH$_3$, C$_2$H$_6$ and R1234yf in two mini-scale tubes and development of a new correlation. Due to channel geometry and thermophysical properties, mass flux and vapour quality are found to be ineffective on heat transfer rate, which leads to a conclusion that the nucleate heat transfer is the main mechanism that drives the heat transfer in low quality flow regions. However, heat flux was found to be an important factor in these regions, and high saturation temperature was found to have a positive influence over all flow regions. Small diameter tubes show higher heat transfer performance due to increased contact surface. The authors proposed a new multiphase multiplier and heat transfer coefficient, which showed good agreement with current experiments. CO$_2$ is also found to be the highest performer of all experimented refrigerants in the study. Xu et al. [62] study frictional pressure drop of R134a in a minichannels under hypergravity. All experiments are carried out on a centrifugal acceleration assembly that carries experimental setup on itself and determination of the effects of hypergravity over pressure drop is aimed. Experiments revealed that the hypergravity conditions do not have any significant impact on the pressure drop since experiments under normal gravity conditions showed similar results in most cases although some distinct results are also observed under certain conditions. In high quality region of flow, frictional pressure drop observed in hypergravity is higher than normal gravity conditions while opposite observation is valid in low quality region.
although dissimilarity also occurred on some experiments. Under hypergravity conditions, mass flux, heat flux, saturation temperature and vapour quality also showed the same effects as in normal gravity conditions on the frictional pressure drop. Piasecka [63] investigated the performance of 12 different heat transfer coefficient correlations used for flow boiling in different oriented minichannels. Author stated that the some of the inspected correlations only give results to a specific type of orientation. New correlations for saturated flow boiling and subcooled flow boiling are also generated and showed satisfactory results with the experiments while latter correlation is in high agreement with Dittus-Boelter correlation developed for single-phase flows. The importance of the implementation of the surface parameter is also noted and the author makes recommendation regarding this aspect. Xu et al. [64] investigated heat transfer in flow boiling in minichannels under hypergravity as a continuation of their previous work. Unlike pressure drop results, hypergravity is found to have considerable impact on the heat transfer, and heat transfer coefficient is resulted in higher values as the gravity acting on the flow is increased. This phenomenon is linked to the alteration of flow pattern and flow distribution by the authors. The deviation occurred in heat transfer rate due to hypergravity is also found to vary with saturation pressure although no certain rule is found between these two parameters in this aspect. 11 correlations developed for normal gravity conditions were tested against the data acquired during the experiments and 6 correlations found to be in agreement with the data with errors under 30%.

**Microchannel Geometry**

The works in microchannel on this subject is summarized from literature. Yen et al. [65] examined the convective boiling of HCFC123 and FC72 in 0.19, and 0.51 mm ID tubes. The uncertainty interval of the heat transfer coefficient in the microtubes was as little as ± 10% due to the meticulously designed temperature measurement and the heat loss compensation. They collected results from experiments such as; at low heat and mass fluxes, the liquid superheat up to 70 K over the saturation temperature was observed. The other one is, in the saturated boiling regime; when the vapour quality was increasing, the heat transfer coefficient was monotonically decreased but independent of the mass flux. The heat transfer coefficient for various diameters, mass flux and heat flux can be studied for different quality values. Steinke and Kandlikar [66] performed experiments to investigate the control of dissolved gases and impacts of them on heat transfer. In addition, they performed a study related to the pressure drop during the flow of water in a microchannel. In the experiments, six parallel copper microchannel were used and hydraulic diameter of each one was 207 µm. While boiling was performed with water, nucleation was observed at a surface temperature of 90.5°C and the dissolved oxygen content was 8.0 ppm with the pressure of 1 atm. On the other hand, when the content of dissolved oxygen was 5.4 and 1.8 ppm the nucleation was observed at a surface temperature of 90.5°C and the dissolved oxygen content was 8.0 ppm with the pressure of 1 atm. For this case, the nucleation was observed when the temperature reached 100 °C at the 1 atm pressure. They stated that the cause of the slight reduction in heat transfer was the beginning of bubbles in the 8.0 ppm case, because, bubble layer generated an insulating layer on the heater surface. Thome et al. [67] proposed a model called a three-zone flow-boiling model, to define evaporation of elongated bubbles in microchannel. The schematic representation of three zone can be investigated. They described that the new model exemplified the variation of heat transfer coefficient according to strong cycle, bubble frequency, the liquid film formation thickness and the minimum liquid film thickness at dry out. Yun et al. [68] experimentally studied the convective boiling heat transfer and dry out fact. The working fluid was CO₂ and channels were rectangular with hydraulic diameters range from 1.08 to 1.54 mm. The experiments were performed by diversifying the mass flux of CO₂ between 200-400 kg m⁻² s⁻¹, heat flux between 10-20 kW m⁻² during conserving the saturation temperature at 0.5 and 10 °C. The tests’ results indicated that when comparing the CO₂ and refrigerant R134a the average of heat transfer coefficient of CO₂ was 53% higher than refrigerant. The impacts of heat flux on heat transfer coefficient notably differed from mass flux. Dryout process has become more prominent while the mass flux has increased. The heat transfer coefficients increased up to 5% and 31% by changing the hydraulic diameter from 1.54 to 1.27 mm and from 1.27 to 1.08 mm, respectively. They used the Cooper and the Gorenflo models in order to predict nucleate boiling heat transfer coefficients and showed that these correlations having mean deviations of 21.7% and 21.2%, respectively. Li et al. [69] investigated heat transfer in microchannel for laminar flow at Reynolds number ranging from 80 to 2400, both experimentally and numerically. Two different microtubes materials namely smooth fused silica and stainless steel were used to investigate the friction factor for laminar flow. The inner diameter of microtubes varied from 300 to 1570 µm. In this study, the authors compared the experimental friction factors and the conventional theory for both materials. The results of this study were plotted graphically. In these plots the local Nusselt number

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distribution, which considered the numerical and experimental determined values, and the bulk temperature distribution along the axial direction of the tube with the different Reynolds number were presented. The second part of the paper of Qi et al. [70] deal with the heat transfer characteristics and critical heat flux (CHF). To be more clearly, the influences of heat flux, mass flux, and pressure and tube diameter on the flow boiling heat transfer coefficients are studied. In this study, two-phase flow region was stated because of the heat transfer mechanism. These were nucleate boiling dominated region for low mass quality and the convection evaporation dominated region for high mass quality. A new correlation was proposed by the authors expressed by Co, Bo, We, Kp and X. The new correlation yielded good fitting for 455 experimental data with a mean absolute error (MAE) of 13.7%. For current micro-tubes except for 1.931 mm tube. From the results of this study, the critical heat flux and critical mass quality were higher than conventional channels. In addition, an increment in the critical heat flux gradually resulted in the decrease of tube diameter. Lee and Pan [71] investigated the eruptive boiling heat transfer in the silicon-based microchannel, which were made of SOI (Silicon on Insulator) water and produced using bulk micromachining and anodic bonding processes. A high-speed camera was used both to visualize two-phase flow during boiling conditions and to measure the temperatures at the heating surface, inlet and outlet chambers as well as pressure drop from inlet to outlet chambers in the microchannel. The authors stated that eruptive boiling was a form of rapid bubble nucleation subsequently the bubble merged with a slug bubble downstream in a short distance or evolved to a slug bubble additionally may be predicted with nano sized cavities. An experimental investigation on flow boiling heat transfer carried out by In and Jeong [72]. In this study, the authors used a circular micro-channel with the inner diameter of 0.19 mm with refrigerants R123 and R134a. The reasons of the selection of these refrigerants were that they had significant differences of properties at ambient saturation temperature, such as saturation pressure, surface tension and liquid viscosity. In the experimental study, the authors investigated the heat transfer trends with the different parameters, heat fluxes (10, 15, 20 kW m$^{-2}$), mass fluxes (314, 392, 470 kg m$^{-2}$ s$^{-1}$), vapour qualities (0.2-0.85) and different saturation pressures for each refrigerant. Then effects of these parameters on the heat transfer trend, and its physical significance in flow boiling of micro-channels were discussed. Roday and Jensen [73] studied to obtain flow boiling critical heat flux data in single stainless steel microtubes with diameters from 0.286 to 0.700 mm over a wide range of mass fluxes, inlet subcoolings, and exit pressures for water and R123. For the single-phase studies in microtubes, with R123 and water, it was found from the study that the pressure drop characteristics were consistent with conventional sized channels in laminar flow, however there was a marked inconsistency in the heat transfer characteristics where Nu was under predicted at lower Re and over predicted at higher Re. The critical heat flux condition in experiments with water, as well as R123, was marked by a sharp rise in wall temperature towards the exit of the heated section. The wall superheat at the onset of CHF for R123 tests varied from about 11 to 35°C. For most of the water CHF tests, the wall superheat was between 3 and 25°C, but for data at lower inlet subcoolings, very high wall superheats (50–60°C) were seen before the characteristic CHF occurred. It was seen that the CHF condition were strongly affected by flow patterns with different operating parameters. The mass flux at fixed exit quality led to increase of CHF for saturation conditions. The authors stated that a decrease in the CHF resulted from an increase in quality in the subcooled region, but as qualities approached zero, this trend was reversed, and the CHF increased with quality into the saturated region. Shiferaw et al. [74] carried out a detailed comparison of flow boiling heat transfer results in a stainless steel tube of 1.1 mm internal diameter with three-zone flow model. R134a was used as working fluid. These parameters were varied in the range of mass flux 100-600 kg m$^{-2}$ s$^{-1}$, heat flux 16-150 kW m$^{-2}$ and pressure 6-12 bar. As the result of heat transfer coefficient increased with heat flux, system pressure was indicated experimentally. When the quality was less than about 50% for low heat and mass flux values, it did not change with vapour quality. The mass flux effect was observed. It was found that for vapour quality values greater than 50% and at high heat flux values. However, the heat transfer coefficient does not depend on heat flux and decrease with vapour quality. Therefore, this condition could be happened by dryout. The experimental results was predicted fairly well by the three-zone evaporation model at relatively low pressure. A discussion critically examined the sensitivity of the performance of the model to the three optimised parameters (confined bubble frequency, initial film thickness and end film thickness) and some preliminary investigation relating the critical film thickness for dryout to measured tube roughness. Awad and Muzyczka [75] used three incomparable models in order to simulate two-phase flows in microchannel and minichannels. The first method introduces a new description to two-phase viscosity by the help of one-dimensional analogy between two phase flow viscosity and porous media thermal conductivity. The second method is a semi theoretical method, which proposes determining two phase frictional
pressure gradient using asymptotic analysis. The last method is composed of elementary precepts, which are derived for minichannels and microchannel, in order to procure rational connections for two-phase frictional pressure gradient. As a result, if the model is homogenous the first method, and if the model is separate the second and third models are appropriate during estimation of the two-phase frictional pressure drop in microchannel and minichannels. Celata et al. [76] experimentally investigated the heat transfer features of the single horizontal circular microchannel with 102, 480 and 800 µm diameters by using overcooled flow boiling of FC72 as working fluid. The experiments were conducted for varying heat and mass fluxes and convective heat transfer coefficients were figured out in each flow. Kandlikar [77] investigated the scaling impacts of inertia, surface tension, shear, gravity, and evaporation momentum forces for working fluids water and FC77. Also, it is mentioned that two phase boiling refrigeration systems has an observable supremacy on single phase systems due to their low pressure drop levels, which led to an increase in the efficiency. Moreover, surface tension and evaporation momentum forces are main factors in microscale. Ali and Palm [78] performed experiments on 220 mm long stainless steel ducts with 1.22 and 1.7 mm diameters in order to see dryout effects on microchannel by using R134a as refrigerant. The ranges for mass flux is 50-600 kg m$^{-2}$ s$^{-1}$, heat flux is 7-156 kW m$^{-2}$ and vapour quality is 0.5-1.2 during the experiments carried out on two different saturation points 27°C and 32°C. The results of the studies revealed that consequences of the tests are coherent with the literature. Moreover, it is clearly seen in both channels that vapour quality is indirectly proportional with the mass flux. Choi and Kim [79] carried out experiments on rectangular ducts with varying dimensions and hydraulic diameters (141, 143, 304, 322 and 490 µm). Several homogenous and separated flow correlations were discussed and a new one was proposed. In order to provide a two-phase flow, water and nitrogen were used on different varying velocities from 0.06 to 1 m s$^{-1}$ and from 0.06 to 72 m s$^{-1}$ respectively. Experimental results showed that flow pattern is the most important factor influencing the pressure drop characteristic of the flow. By the help of proposed homogenous and separated models, error values are improved 13.2% and 11.1% respectively. Costa-Parry et al. [80] conducted experiments on an evaporator of 135 mini ducts with 85 µm width and 560 µm height with the use of refrigerants R236fa and R245fa of varying flow rate rates. The heat transfer procedure was uniform along the flow due to 35 local heaters. When the heat flux value of wall exceeds 45 kW/m$^2$, heat transfer that is diminished until bubble merging started to step up again. Several correlations were performed for estimating the heat transfer coefficient and Thome’s three-zone method was the best-fitted one among them. Ducoulombier et al. [81] studied on pressure drop characteristics of an annular stainless steel tube with 0.529 mm diameter and used CO$_2$ as working fluid. The range of saturation temperature is from -10 to 5 °C and mass flux is from 200-1400 kg m$^{-2}$ s$^{-1}$ during the isenthalpic experiments. This study will be useful for microsystems due to its investigation of a narrow tube. Several correlations have examined in order to find the best-fitted model to the experimental study. Finally, homogenous model gave the most convenient results with the tests carried out. Ducoulombier et al. [82] studied on heat transfer characteristics of an annular stainless steel tube with 0.529 mm diameter and used CO$_2$ as working fluid. The range of saturation temperature varied from -10 to 0 °C, mass flux 200-100 kg m$^{-2}$ s$^{-1}$ and heat flux 10-30 kW m$^{-2}$. According to the experimental results, considerably high quantities of heat transfer values are achieved beside the flows with the high saturation temperature and wider ducts. Two regions were observed about the boiling number characterizes. The critical value for boiling number is 1.1x10$^{-2}$. Wu et al. [83] developed a correlation in order to determine saturated critical heat flux in single and multi-channels. They comprised a database with 629 experimental data including different fluids, reduced pressures, hydraulic diameters, length/diameter ratios, mass fluxes and exit qualities. They also investigated the prediction of critical heat flux performance of five different empirical correlations given in the literature by using database. It was also observed that the influence of length/diameter ratio is nearly not important for $L_d/d_h>$150 conditions and boiling number at critical heat flux reduced significantly with a slight increase of length/diameter ratio in case of length/diameter ratio 50. Moreover, their developed correlation was predicted experimental data in the range of ± 30%. Liu et al. [84] researched boiling heat transfer performance of co-current and counter-current silicon based micro channel heat exchangers, experimentally. They aimed to design a micro channel heat exchanger for reformed methanol fuel cell. In the heat exchanger, methanol was heated by helium and two-phase flow pattern were investigated. After heat transfer experiments, they concluded that the counter-current micro channel heat exchanger was more convenient for construction of reformed methanol fuel cell system. From the point of efficiency, co-current and counter-current designs performed the maximum values as 0.85 and 0.90, respectively. As another result of the study, it was presented that the efficiency of counter one was seriously influenced by mass flux. Farahani et al. [85] experimentally studied the flow boiling heat transfer of R245fa and
R1234ze (E) refrigerants flowing in flat aluminium extruded multiport tube. In the study, the vertical multiport tube having 7 channels was used and the effects of saturation temperature, heat flux, vapour quality and mass flux on flow boiling heat transfer were investigated. They also proposed a method in order to reduce experimental data by using heat transfer relationship between the heating water and evaporating refrigerant flows for boiling conditions. Before two-phase flow experiments, they performed single-phase experiments with R1234ze (E) and determined friction factor and mean Nusselt number for validation. In the two-phase flow experiments, they observed that the heat transfer coefficient increased with increase of heat flux, saturation temperature, vapour quality and mass flux for both R245fa and R1234ze (E). Moreover, the variation of heat flux, wall, heating water and refrigerant temperatures along the channel was investigated. They also compared the experimental results with well-known correlations given in the literature in order to evaluate prediction performance of them. Mahmoud and Karayiannis [86] compared the experimental flow boiling heat transfer coefficient of R134a flowing in microtubes with different micro and macro scale models and correlations. They used a large experimental database having different tube diameter, tube length, mass flux and system pressure. The correlation of Gungor and Winterton showed the best prediction performance among the other macro scale correlations with the prediction of 45.7% for all data. The correlation of Mahmoud and Karayiannis performed the best prediction performance among the other micro scale correlations with the prediction of 87.3% for all data. Moreover, they developed a new local and average of heat transfer coefficient correlation by using 5152 data points, which can predict 92% of all data. Kaya et al. [87] carried out flow boiling experiments with microtubes having different diameters for high mass flux condition. In the experiments, they used de-ionized water and investigated the effect of mass velocity on critical heat flux at different heated length/inner diameter ratio. They observed that the critical heat flux diminished with increasing heated length/inner diameter ratio. As another result of the study, they revealed that mass flux was very important parameter for critical heat flux in micro scale contrary to macro scale flow. They also developed a new correlation for prediction of critical heat flux determination, which can predict experimental data in the range of ±30%. Del Col et al. [88] studied convective boiling of R134a and R32 flowing in a single circular microchannel, experimentally. Unlike the other studies, they provided the heat flux by using the secondary heating fluid (water) instead of Joule effect heating. According to their results, R32 presented higher heat transfer coefficient compared to R134a for the same experimental conditions. The variation of water, wall and saturation temperatures along the tube length during a boiling process of R134a was investigated. Increase in wall temperature at 120 mm was due to the wall dryout according to the authors since the difference between wall and saturation temperature increased while local heat flux decreased. They also observed that mass flux has no serious effect on the heat transfer coefficient. For the same vapour quality, the heat transfer coefficient increases with increasing heat flux. Moreover, they compared experimental results with the four correlations given in the literature. Among the correlations, the correlation of Dupont et al. performed the best experimental of heat transfer coefficient performance. Liu et al. [89] experimentally investigated the effect of upstream compressibility on boiling heat transfer in microchannel. In the study, they used water and n-hexane as working fluids. They researched the influence of upstream buffer volume on pressure drop and showed that the pressure drop reduces with increasing buffer volume for different mass fluxes. Moreover, the effect of upstream compressibility on heat transfer coefficient was studied by using water and 0.9 mm multiblock apparatus. It was observed that the heat transfer coefficient is affected by buffer volume magnitude at around the onset of boiling. They also presented that the heat transfer coefficient stays the same for different qualities in case of soft inlet condition. Kabova et al. [90] numerically investigated the heat transfer and evaporation of a shear-driven liquid film by gas in a microchannel with heater on one side. Water and nitrogen are selected as liquid-gas pair in their study. Vapour concentration in nitrogen, temperature distributions in liquid-gas and surface deformation induced on the liquid by gas motion are identified under different flow velocities. Analyses showed that the evaporation of the vapour into the gas is occurred by means of forced convection and diffusion while diffusion is the major way of transportation at low Reynolds numbers. Liquid film thickness and dimensionless maximum temperature are found to diminish with increasing of Reynolds number. In addition, rupture risk of liquid film is increased in higher Reynolds numbers. Lowest film thickness was calculated to be at the end of the heater element, which had the highest probability of dry patch formation. Rao et al. [91] used a method to measure the surface temperature of a microstructure in high frequency interval to investigate the local heat transfer transition. Experiments showed that nearly 30000 K temperature changes occurred that lead to the conclusion that the heat transfer coefficient may change in excessive amounts in bubble formation cycle. Observed average heat transfer coefficients in these cycles are reported to be 2 or 3 times higher than those in
micro domain. In addition, it is found that the formation of large bubbles have higher effect on heat transfer coefficient than the single bubble nucleation. Miramoto [92] experimentally investigated the flow boiling of water in oxygen-free copper microchannel. Author made valuable examination of the linear pressure drop assumption in boiling in microchannel. Experiments revealed that the assumption is not valid at higher heat fluxes due to the increased bubble generation and non-uniform nucleation site distribution throughout the tube as reported. However, the author at low-pressure drop gradients recommends using of linear pressure drop assumption. Flow boiling inside a 500 µm microchannel with water is experimentally investigated by Lim et al. [93]. Results showed that the mass flux has no effect on the heat transfer and nucleate boiling is the predominant way of boiling in the microchannel. New annular flow transition criteria based on Froude number and quality and an empirical heat transfer coefficient correlation were developed by authors and developed correlation did not agree well with the existing data in the literature.

Bubble dynamics inside minichannels and microchannel

A common entryway to the fundamental boiling flow phenomena may be directed regarding with the bubble departure diameter. One of unpredictable features of this phenomena is about sudden change of phases especially from liquid to boiling process, and comparison of the minimum dimensions of active bubbles are considered to the channel size. These ones in a heated channel flow are the bubbles moving from their beginning positions. When they start moving, they cause a disturbance in the flow, enhance heat transfer from the wall, and grow or forced by other bubbles. It should be noted that it is possible for anyone to use the bubble departure diameter in nucleate pool boiling as a characteristic parameter.

Peng et al. [94] examined the role of perturbations on the dynamics of clusters and analysed the impacts of internal and external perturbations. The development of clusters could be depressed by occurrence of internal perturbations. The external perturbation to clusters reveals the pressure waves, which are reflected from the channel wall. A model for the occurrence of fictitious boiling was recommended. Lee et al. [95] experimentally studied the bubble dynamics for convective boiling in a single trapezoidal microchannel. The selected hydraulic diameter was 41.3 µm. They used the high-speed digital camera to observe the bubble nucleation, frequency and departure size as shown for different timesteps 10. According to the result of this study the bubble nucleation may be estimated from the usual model with micro sized cavities. The bubble growth rate is from 0.13 to 7.08 µm m⁻¹ s⁻¹. In some cases, the growth rate changed from 72.8 to 95.2 µm m⁻¹ s⁻¹. The bubble frequency in an ordinary sized channel is comparable to that in the microchannel. Li et al. [96] experimentally studied the bubble dynamics for convective boiling in two parallel trapezoidal microchannel. The selected hydraulic diameter was 47.7 µm. The bubble growth and departure was generally similar to in a single channel according to the results. In that, the growth of bubbles was linear in general. The surface tension and drag by the reason of bulk two-phase govern their departure. The growth of bubble in slug flow was also examined. The tests’ result showed that the bubble growth was in the axial direction both forward and backward. The length increased exponentially because of evaporation of the thin liquid film. The liquid film was between the bubble and heating wall. Nevertheless, the exponent’s coefficient was much smaller than caused by evaporation, because of the limitation impact of liquid pressure around the bubble. Kenning et al. [97] studied the bubble growth in a capillary tube closed at one end and vented to the atmosphere at the other. The authors used the water as the test fluid. The authors measured the rate of axial growth and the varying pressure at the closed end experimentally then they used these measurements to investigate the bubble growth applicable in simplified one-dimensional models in microchannel. The authors highlighted that more attention is required to modelling features such as the possibility of “roll-up” of the liquid film due to a large dynamic contact angle. Dong et al. [98] performed simulations called non-equilibrium molecular dynamics (NEMD). They used the Freon R141b in simulations as a real fluid. The approach was based on annular flow method analysis. The purpose of this study can be determined as investigation of micro and nano scale liquid-vapour interfacial phenomena. The type of cell which simulations were carried out was cuboid and a temperature gradient was set at both ends. The presented and discussed cases are heat flux, density, surface tension profiles and the temperature distribution of the simulated cell. According to the simulations’ results, the saturated temperature and the superheat degree directly affect the characteristic of the liquid-vapour interface. Mukherjee and Kandlikar [99] studied the growth of a vapour bubble inside a microchannel during flow boiling with restrictions located at the channel inlet. The numerical study was based on the previously experimental data obtained by one of the authors. The authors observed that the rate of bubble growth lead to decrease the open area with 4% at the channel
inlet resulted in higher velocity inlet. The incoming high speed liquid is obstructed by the nucleating bubble resulting in a zone of high pressure at the upstream end of the bubble. To be effective, the area ratio had to be quite small resulting in increased pressure drop to prevent flow instabilities and pressure rise inside the microchannel owing to accelerating vapour plugs. Barber et al. [100] conducted experiments for better understanding of the boiling procedure in microchannel. The study is elaborated by visualization and two-phase flow analysis. In order to understand the channel confining influence on bubble enlargement and accordingly pressure fluctuations, a boiling process in a rectangular cross sectional microchannel with 727 µm hydraulic diameter is stimulated by using refrigerant FC72. In the study, a special case with uniform heat flux and constant inlet liquid mass flow rate conditions is handled. Unconfined bubble growth \( d_{\text{bubble}} \ll d_i \), partial bubble confinement \( d_{\text{bubble}} \approx d_i \) and full bubble confinement \( d_{\text{bubble}} \approx w_i \) are the three base steps of bubble sputtering. The developing bubbles in the microchannel result in choking up the conduit, which causes pressure fluctuations either at the entrance or exit of the microchannel. Fu et al. [101] studied on vertical minichannels covered with a heater with varying diameters between 1.3-1.5 mm experimentally accompanying with the numerical work. The goal of the study was to observe behaviour of the bubbles in the boiling flow and know more about flow model and the concerned heat transfer coefficient. The study showed that tube diameter is independent of bubble departure. On the other hand, heat transfer features of minichannels are much more preferable to macrochannels. Mukherjee et al. [102] numerically investigated growth of vapour bubble in microchannel for flow boiling conditions. In the study, they used square microchannel having hydraulic diameter of 0.229 mm and water as working fluid. They performed numerical and experimental studies in order to determine bubble growth rate and bubble shape and compared them. Moreover, the effect of the surface tension and contact angle at walls, the wall superheat and Reynolds number were searched. Among these parameters, the contact angle was the most effective parameter for bubble growth rate and the surface tension had little impact on it. They observed that the wall heat transfer improved with increasing wall superheat. As another result of the study, the maximum wall heat transfer and maximum bubble growth rate were detected at bubbles having the lowest contact angle. Wang and Sefiane [103] studied formation and progression of a single bubble inside micro-gaps and microchannel flow by using FC72 and n-pentane as working fluid. In micro-gap experiments, bubble growth rate found to be consisted of linear and exponential parts depending on the bubble size. Increase of gap width and superheat temperature of the heating surface decreased the duration of the linear growth part therefore increased the bubble growth rate. However, this phenomenon only observed for n-pentane since FC-72 properties are significantly different. This observation is resulted in a conclusion that the bubble growth is fluid dependent. In flow boiling experiments, bubble growth rate found to increase with increasing heat flux, which resulted in quick evaluation of exponential growth part. Channel depth was also identified as a factor for bubble length while mass flux had nearly no effect on bubble geometry. In their numerical study, Pattamatta et al. [104] investigated the effects of Reynolds number, wall superheat, bubble size and Capillary number to the growth and coalescence of Taylor-Bubbles in FC72 flow boiling in a square minichannel. Open FOAM CFD (Computational Fluid Dynamics) code with finite volume model was selected as the simulation of the phenomenon and VOF was used to monitor the liquid-gas interface. In higher Reynolds number and higher wall superheat simulations, bubble coalescence time was found to be lower and higher superheat of heater wall resulted in the observation of dry-out. Existing of a higher bubble upstream of a smaller bubble also was found to have shorter coalescence time while no coalescence occurred during contrary conditions. Different bubble sizes also were found to have negligible influence on heat transfer. Capillary number affected the coalescence in different ways; at higher Capillary number, cycle of coalescence and breakout occurred between bubbles while no merger observed at lower Capillary number. Reynolds number, wall superheat and bubble size were found to have the effect on the amount of the evaporated FC72 while heat transfer was found to depend only on the Reynolds number and wall superheat. Gong and Cheng [105] applied numerical solution to the microchannel to investigate the effect of contact angle, inlet velocity and heated surface area on the saturated flow boiling using lattice Boltzmann method. Authors concluded that the velocity has influence over the departed bubble size while the effect of the contact angle value of the fluid is negligible. Nusselt number dependence on the Reynolds number, superheat temperature and contact angle were investigated and an increase in contact angle resulted in lower Nusselt numbers as opposed to the former two parameters. Simulation results also revealed that the nucleation time and temperature increase with increasing fluid velocity. However, authors also reported that the unrealistic pressure jumps were observed during the analysis, which concluded to be the reason of using real gas equation of states in the model.
Flow pattern and visualization in minichannels and microchannel

Many experimental works have validated and enhanced the flow regimes, empirical correlations and transport mechanisms whose predictability performance can be considered as successful in limited applications. On the other hand, their compatibility with experiments can be revealed by the usage of empirical constants instead of theoretical intensive aspects. It should be noted that examining the flow regimes and transport mechanisms of evaporation in mini and microchannel are significant before developing models or choosing appropriate correlations.

Satitchacharoen and Wongwises [106] visualized the flow patterns of vertical upward gas-liquid two-phase flow in mini gap for superficial velocities, using air-water, air 20 wt. % glycerol solution and air 40 wt. % glycerol solution as working fluids. The rectangular test sections had 20 mm x 2 mm, 40 mm x 1 mm, 40 mm x 2 mm, 40 mm x 3 mm and 60 mm x 2 mm dimensions. In addition, they had an equal length of 1 m. The effects of gap size, channel width and liquid viscosity were carried out on the flow pattern transitions. They found map of the flow patterns of working fluids due to test conditions. In addition, they concluded that experimental results could only be used for used working fluids. However, the results would help to understand the boiling behaviour in minichannels. In the experimental study of Owhaib et al. [107], the effect of the mass flow and pressure on annular upward flow in the dryout region of a single circular vertical tube with a diameter of 1.33 mm was investigated. With the use of high speed CCD camera the behaviour of the two-phase flow, the liquid film dryout and the resulting transition to mist flow was visualized successfully. The authors concluded that dryout heat flux increased with increasing mass flux and with decreasing pressure. At low mass flux (47.7 kg m⁻² s⁻¹) the liquid front fluctuated and at the location where the wall temperature started to increase (vapour fraction was 0.73). However at high mass flux (124.4 kg m⁻² s⁻¹) the liquid front was less fluctuating (vapour quality was 0.58). The results demonstrated that the heat transfer is low at vapour qualities above (about 0.6 for minichannel heat exchanger like evaporators).

Yen et al. [108] studied the effect of geometrical shapes, which were square and circular, on the local heat transfer coefficient with similar hydraulic diameters. In the experimental study, HCFC123 was used as the working fluid. A high-speed camera was used to visualize the flow field inside both tubes. In this study, it was concluded that the local heat transfer coefficient h, versus vapour quality for different shaped cross-section at the same test condition (q and m` constants). The heat transfer coefficient of the square tube was better than the circular one at low vapour quality range 0-0.4 where the nucleate boiling was dominant. With the increase in the vapour quality, the heat transfer coefficient of both tubes became close to each other at range of 0.4-1. Nevertheless, the heat transfer coefficient of square cross section tube was slightly better again. Since the corners of the square tube acted as active nucleation cavities, leading to the higher local heat transfer coefficient. However, the heat transfer coefficient of the circular tube remained at lower values at lower vapour quality due to the lack of cavities. Cheng et al. [109] proposed a new flow boiling heat transfer model and a new flow pattern map. The model and map were based on the flow boiling heat transfer mechanisms. In the experiments, the horizontal tubes were used and as the working fluid CO₂ was used. In the beginning; due to the impacts which came from the reduced pressure and heat flux at low vapour qualities, a nucleate boiling heat transfer correlation was proposed. This correlation was for CO₂. Then, a new correlation that was a nucleate boiling factor of heat transfer suppression related to the liquid film thickness and tube diameters was proposed. In this proposal, the basic approach was based on the flow boiling heat transfer mechanisms. In the developed flow pattern map, the changes in the flow boiling heat transfer trends were the basic of main scope, which related to the intermittent flow to annular flow transition criterion and annular flow to dry out region transition criterion. The usage of the flow boiling heat transfer model and the flow pattern map has a wide range of cases. The conditions, which were stated, are the tube diameters from 0.8 to 10 mm, mass velocities from 170 to 570 kg m⁻² s⁻¹, heat fluxes from 5 to 32 kW m⁻² and saturation temperatures from -28 to 25 °C. Pamitran et al. [110] did experiments in order to define the flow pattern in the horizontal minichannel, which was using R410A. The test section was manufactured with stainless tubes. For experiments, inner diameters were 1.5 and 3.0 mm, as well as, the lengths of test section was 1500 and 3000 mm. Mass fluxes ranged from 300 to 600 kg m⁻² s⁻¹, when heat fluxes varied from 10 to 30 kW m⁻². They mapped the experimental results with two different two-phase flow patterns prediction methods, which are present in the literature. They also developed a correlation, which was based on the superposition model for R410A, to determine heat transfer coefficients.

Saisorn et al. [111] conducted experiments on horizontally located single steel tube of diameter 1.75 mm and 600 mm long for presenting heat transfer characteristics of different flow types and worked with R134a. The study started with determining the flow type (slug flow, throat-annular flow, churn flow, annular flow and annular-rivulet...
flow) and continued with the influence of heat flux, mass flux, vapour quality and saturation pressure on heat transfer coefficient. Results of the study indicated that heat transfer coefficient is directly proportional with the heat flux; on the contrary, unrelated with the mass flux and vapour quality. Ozawa et al. [112] experimentally investigated induced flow boiling in horizontal minichannel having diameter of 0.51 to 3.0 mm and they used CO₂ as working fluid. Because the density differential between liquid and gas phase at high pressure CO₂ is small and low surface tension, they studied in higher-pressure zone unlike others. Flow model, pressure loss, flow instability, boiling heat transfer, critical heat flux and intermittent dryout were investigated. It was seen that the impact of pressure on the flow mode was important in the slug-annular flow happening in transition region. Flow model transition principles, which were suggested earlier, were inadequate and a new method was suggested depending on the pattern dynamics. Dall’Olio and Marengo [113] investigated flow boiling of R134a and developed a new approach for investigation of R134a in flow boiling regime. In the study, they used mini and microchannel having hydraulic diameter of 4 mm and length of 320 mm and coating with several transparent conductive layers of Indium Tin Oxide (ITO). In addition, bubble geometrical detail that has been taken collected. It was seen that mass flux had no serious effect on flow model changes along the tubes. They classified the flow pattern in terms of statistical view; they were able to work on transition line and to expand them to the transition zone. They observed that coalescence had serious impact on the change of bubbles geometry in the tube and imaged the flow along the channel. Harrichian and Garimella [114] developed models in order to predict heat transfer coefficient of slug flow and annular/wispy-annular flow regimes in microchannel flow boiling. For slug flow regime, they modified the three-zone model of Thome et al. [67] and improved the prediction of heat transfer coefficient’s performance of it with mean average error of 17.8%. An analytical model was proposed for confined annular flow having MAE of 17.3% and annular/wispy-annular flow having MAE of 21.8%. In addition, they estimated the pressure loss by using developed annular flow model for confined annular, annular or wispy-annular flow regimes conditions. For bubbly flow, the usage of homogeneous model was suggested for the prediction of pressure loss. The study detected that flow boiling heat transfer and pressure loss can be predicted by means of flow regime based models. Costa-Patry and Thome [115] presented a new flow pattern-based prediction method for determination of heat transfer coefficient by using experimental data. This experimental data includes four different refrigerants, various mass fluxes (100-1100 kg m⁻² s⁻¹), various heat fluxes (8-260 kW m⁻²) and various hydraulic diameters (0.146-3.04 mm). They merged three-zone and annular flow models in order to produce a new flow pattern transition criterion for flow boiling conditions and developed a correlation for prediction of heat transfer coefficient. They compared the method with other researchers’ experimental results and concluded that the method can predict the results in the range of ± 20%. Magnini et al. [116] numerically analysed heat transfer and hydrodynamics of elongated bubbles in circular microchannel having 0.5 mm diameter. They investigated the influence of fluid properties on bubble growth rate and bubble terminal shapes for fixed Capillary numbers and different Reynolds numbers. It was observed that the bubble nose become sharpened with the rise of Reynolds number for fixed Capillary number. The change of bubble growth rate and the bubble nose velocity with time was also researched. Moreover, they compared the results of simulated and theoretical bubble nose positions, which are obtained for different operating conditions, and good agreement between the results was seen. In the study, the variation of the heat transfer coefficient with time was also investigated by using simulated data, transient heat conduction model with constant film thickness and steady heat conduction model with actual time-varying liquid film thickness. Piasecka [117] presented an experimental study in order to research heat transfer mechanism, flow patterns and pressure drop of FC72 flowing in minichannels. In the study, minichannels with enhanced heating surfaces (micro-recesses and mini-recesses distributed) were used and the two-dimensional temperature distribution was measured by means of liquid crystal thermography. The dependence of vapour quality and void fraction through the minichannel was investigated for different cross sections. Moreover, the researcher produced flow pattern map for both horizontal and vertical minichannels by means of the superficial liquid and vapour velocities. The researcher also obtained flow structure images for horizontally and vertically orientated minichannels with enhanced heating surfaces. Borhani and Thome [118] visualized the dryout and dry patch formation phenomenon of the R245fa in a multiport microchannel heat exchanger. Authors introduced an in-depth presentation of the wetting and rewetting processes with liquid film decomposition due to shear stress induced by vapour flow in the annulus. It was observed that the stresses and distortions caused by the droplet-vapour surface were not adequate to disintegrate the liquid film and heat exchanger inlet geometry having remarkable effects on the interfacial waves. It was also noted that these waves are strongly dependent on the operating conditions and thermophysical properties of the fluid. Charnay et
al. [119] generated boiling flow pattern maps for R245fa in a minichannel with high saturation temperatures generally encountered in organic Rankine cycles. The authors presented a broad review of the viewpoints on macro-micro scale transition introduced by different researchers. Experiments revealed that the mass flow increase changes the trend of the flow to the annular type. At high saturation temperatures, stratified flow characteristics are observed while no stratification is occurred at lower temperatures. This phenomenon can be explained because of the reduced surface tension due to increase temperature and consider as a direct consequence of the gravity force’s dominance over surface tension at high temperatures. Dryout of the flow was also investigated and the threshold of dryout found to decrease with an increase of the saturation temperature. Tibiriçá and Ribatski [120] performed experiments with R134a and R245fa to visualize the flow types and bubble formation processes in nucleate boiling under different operating conditions. Authors identified the onset of boiling and different flow patterns except stratified flow through high-speed camera recordings and presented flow pattern maps for used refrigerants. A modified version of Fu et al.’s correlation is generated to predict the bubble breakaway diameter. Authors also correlated bubble frequency and flow velocities of different phases in microchannel. A constant speed velocity zone for bubble is observed through experiments, which lead to the conclusion that the velocity of the fluid encasing the bubble should be higher than the bubble velocity. Therefore, authors suggested that the drift velocity used in drift flux model and homogenous model should be negative and others should be zero in corresponding models respectively.

The boiling flow patterns in mini and microchannel were defined as the confined bubble, slug flow, and annular flow related mostly with the bubbles’ length. Depending on the prevailing flow patterns in mini and microchannel, steady slug annular flow models are suggested to determine the characteristics of pressure drop and heat transfer. By way of a correlation procedure, the homogeneous flow models benefitting from empirical correlations are implemented to the boiling flow in mini and microchannel. Moreover, it is possible to state that the use of mini and microchannel are influential way to release heat from the heat sources.

**Flow Instabilities in Minichannels and Microchannel**

One of latest trends after 2006 is to study flow instabilities in mini or microchannel in the literature. Once two-phase flow phase alteration that happens in a small diameter channel in comparison to the capillary length, flow-boiling instabilities possibly will occur. The instabilities may be considered as static or dynamic; however, their intensity is higher in microchannel as they are valid for classical-sized channels caused by the larger amount of volume output of vapour that causes significant pressure drop. Static ones cause a new steady-state point instead of the equilibrium point. They include Ledinegg instability, boiling crisis, bumping, geysering or chugging because of the fact that they are evaluated with stationary models merely. Dynamic ones occur by the system’s inertia, it should be noted that the state of stationary is insufficient to determine the destabilization threshold of the instabilities of acoustic waves, pressure drop oscillations or thermal oscillations. The works on this subject are summarized chronologically in the following paragraphs.

Brutin et al. [121] performed experiments to investigate the heat and mass transfer and examine two-phase flow instabilities in rectangular microchannel with hydraulic diameter of 889 µm. According to the experimental set-up, two kinds of behaviour were observed. One of the behaviours was a steady state characterized by pressure drop fluctuations with low amplitudes (0.5 to 5 kPa m⁻¹). The other was a non-stationary state of two-phase. In addition, the steady and unsteady thermo-hydraulic behaviours related to heat flux and mass velocity were analysed. It was also noted by the authors that two characteristic bubbles, small and huge, were formed in the experiments. Berglers and Kandlikar [122] studied the nature and mechanism of critical heat flux in microchannel. Critical heat flux is the upper limit of heat flux. Major issues, which related with the use of microchannel, were examined. This study focused on bulk boiling heat transfer, which exists in microelectronic heat sink by high heat loads. This study showed that there are two kinds of instability. The first one is upstream compressible volume instability and the other one is the Ledinegg instability. Thus, the critical condition is the result of one of them. Consequently, if the channel flow were kept stable by an inlet restriction at the inlet of the each channel, the values of CHF can be lower than the expected values. Two kinds of instability can be eliminated by appropriate inlet restriction. Kandlikar [123] studied the nucleation during the flow boiling in microchannel. Therefore, the literature on onset of nucleate boiling was reviewed and the relationships between the local bulk subcooling and local wall superheat presented as a function of nucleation cavity diameters. The place of a nucleation for local wall superheat and liquid subcooling were also taken. The flow characteristics such as flow
boiling, heat transfer rates and critical heat flux in microchannel and minichannels were analysed. With the use of a high speed camera, the effects of them on flow boiling stability were studied experimentally. An article presented by Kandlikar [124] related two major issues, one is heat transfer mechanisms and the second one is related to flow stabilization. He emphasized the importance of the flow boiling and flow patterns in microchannel and minichannels because of direct effects on heat transfer rate. The experimental data obtained with the high speed imaging and numerical simulation showed that a growing vapour bubble in the superheated liquid verify the high growth rates at liquid-vapour interface, compelling the liquid flow in reverse direction. An effective method with the regard of nucleation sites and restriction inlet flow was introduced to reduce the instabilities. The author stated that the information given in this study provides insight into the flow boiling mechanisms and guidance for future work. Qi et al. [125] studied the flow boiling in micro-tubes with four different diameters 0.531, 0.834, 1.041 and 1.931 mm in two parts. The first part that was focused on the onset of nucleate boiling (ONB) two phase flow instability and two-phase flow pressure drop. The fluid used in this study was liquid nitrogen unlike most studies in the literature because of smaller viscosity, higher thermal conductivity, smaller density ratio of liquid phase to vapour phase, comparing the refrigerants and water. It was clearly seen that an intensive experimental study carried out to investigate the effects of pressure drop, mass flux, wall temperatures, heat flux change compared to the predicted results by the modified Thome model at ONB point. A physical model is proposed to explain the ONB oscillations and block phenomenon. Wang et al. [126] experimentally investigated the effects of three different inlets/outlets on flow characteristics of degassed water boiling in microchannel. Authors reported that the restricted inlet/free outlet structure has the most stable flow characteristics. However, due to the restrictors at the inlet, this configuration also showed highest-pressure drop. In the no inlet restrictor setups, fluctuations in pressure are observed at certain times in bubble growth process. Heat transfer coefficient is found to be dependent on the heat flux in low quality regions while this dependency fades away at higher vapour quality values. Vapour quality also was found to influence the heat transfer coefficient on subcooled region. Lee et al. [127] carried out experiments on 48 parallel ducts of 353 µm hydraulic diameter and used water as a working fluid in order to see the fluctuation effects. Experiments were conducted on varying heat flux; inlet supercooling and mass fluxes and their instability parameter were obtained. In order to prevent bubble formation, which led instability for the flow and fluctuations, locating an orifice at the inlet or a divergent channel at the outlet of the duct was recommended. Kandlikar’s instability model was expanded by taking into account those modifications and a new term called instability parameter was derived. Lee and Yao [128] established an experimental set in order to reduce the instability in two-phase microchannel flows by using a liquid tank to regulate the flow and a heater located before the ducts. Moreover, they constituted a model to determine the instability of the parallel duct evaporator system and validated it with the tests. They observed that unsteadiness occurs during two-phase flows in parallel ducts. Finally, they showed that instability of the system could be prevented by simple modifications for microchannel flows. A recent solution method to improve the uniformity of the liquid distribution and reducing backflow in the inlet header of a microchannel evaporator, in an air conditioning unit using R134a was developed by Tuo and Hrnjak [129]. Authors proposed opening of two venting points on the each end of the inlet manifold, which release the backflow vapour to a gas separator. It can be clearly observed that the manifold with the venting scheme (FGBR) had more uniform surface temperature profile. It was observed that the backflow and temperature deviations at the inlet occur in an oscillatory manner and small amount of liquid also backflow through the channels. Inlet flow visualization and temperature distribution in the evaporator reveal that the application of the venting ports inhibits the backflow and improves equal flow distribution over the evaporator channels. Pressure drop measured in the evaporator also decreased due to the implementation of the venting ports. Tuo and Hrnjak [130] focused on the visualization and effects which affect the reverse flow on the microchannel evaporator in an air conditioning unit also using R134a as refrigerant. Fluctuations observed in pressure drop were found to be connected with the succession of the flow type in the inlet section of the evaporator and the inception of the reverse flow occurred at the end of this section. It was also found that the boiling instabilities have high influence over the reverse flow and the reverse flow may inhibit the nucleation of bubbles and resulted in annular flow inside the channel. Wang et al. [131] investigated the flow instabilities and fluctuations in boiling with three different sized microchannel using FC72. Experiments indicated that the high amplitude fluctuations is due to the reasons of the mechanics in two phase flow since no fluctuation is observed in single phase flow conditions. Reverse flow is found to be the source of the low frequency high amplitude fluctuations. Authors reported that the mass flux is the dominant factor in pressure drop and pressure oscillations and increased mass flux results in reduced backward expansion of vapour
in channels, which prevents reverse flow. Higher heat flux also was found to increase the pressure drop however mass flux's dominance over heat flux is proved after further analysis. Although different channel sizes show some differences over the entire working conditions, their effects are found to be more distinctive at higher mass flow rates. Surface temperature of the channel is also affected from the fluctuations in the flow and the authors concluded that the special monitoring would be required at high heat flux conditions due to dry out which results in damage to the surface. Edel and Mukherjee [132] investigated the effect of using alumina nanoparticles in water flowing in single-microchannel evaporator. Deposition of nanoparticles at the microchannel wall increased the bubble growth rate and slowed the bubble elongation speed. Increased number of nucleation sites due to deposition also decreased the flow instability and dryout duration. Authors therefore concluded that the use of nanoparticles in micro heat exchangers would be a beneficial practice due to their positive contribution to flow stability.

Researchers on flow boiling instabilities in mini and microchannel have given a large number of knowledge recently. According to the most investigations in the literature, instability phenomena occurring in mini and microchannel has similar characteristics with those in classical channels. The stability transition criteria including the oscillation frequency of the instabilities have been proved by scaling laws. By means of this information, space confinement is considered as an origin for all flow-boiling instabilities in mini and microchannel. On the other hand, other supplementary instabilities may be caused by coupling with the experimental loop or an injection device. New experimental works on smaller hydraulic diameters were done to study the subject at the scale of a bubble. Conventional flow boiling phenomena is different from some confinements having bubble sizes near to or larger than the hydraulic diameter. The study of flow boiling in compact heat exchangers working in microgravity is also a promising subject for the industry.

Surface Modification in Minichannels and Microchannel

Two-phase mini and microchannel heat source have been shown up recently as a leading way out for thermal managing of related applications. This idea brought many advantages such as large thermal capacity and low thermal resistance between the heat source and the cooler. Additionally, boiling flows demand a smaller amount of coolant flow rate and pumping power to remove a heat load compared to single-phase flows. Thus, mini and microchannel cooling devices can enable enhancements in temperatures’ uniformity, and take up a little volume possibly. Numerous theoretical, numerical and experimental works have been performed for boiling flow in conventional size channels. Industrial applications have microscale-boiling processes, and the developed models and correlations regarding with conventional channels should be clarified for their applicability to mini and microchannel. Moreover, there is no clear agreement in open sources on the conversion of macroscale conditions to microscale ones during boiling flows.

Koşar et al. [133] performed boiling heat transfer experiments in flow. They used the microchannel for flow with re-entrant cavities. The average two-phase heat transfer coefficient and CHF conditions had been procured. This was over range of effective heat fluxes and mass velocities, which were 28-445 W cm⁻² for heat fluxes and 41-302 kg m⁻² s⁻¹ for mass velocities. With the different mass flux and exit qualities, the trends for CHF have been examined. According to the results, it seemed that a transition between nucleate and convective boiling was obvious. This case was evaluated in terms of the Reynolds and the Boiling numbers. For low Re an Bo, the nucleate boiling was dominant. The purpose was recognizing two regions with convective and nucleate boiling dominance. The corresponding flow map was researched. Another result of experiments showed that heat transfer coefficients demonstrated trends similar to predictions of nucleate dominant correlations, which related to minichannels. Sitar et al. [134] investigated boiling characteristics of water and FC72 in microchannel with inside etched surfaces. Etches are made in four different geometrical shapes and proposed etchings proved to have lower temperatures for the onset of boiling. High superheat temperatures needed for onset of boiling are found to be related to the small flow area of the microchannel. This phenomenon resulted in eruptive boiling of FC72. By comparison, of etched and smooth channel surfaces with different channel geometries, both of the properties as well as fluid type were found to have an influence over boiling incipience temperature. Karayiannis et al. [135] intended to clarify disagreement about the parameter effecting flow boiling heat transfer coefficient. For this purpose, they investigated the influence of the heated length (150-450 mm) and surface characteristics on flow boiling heat transfer. They used seamless cold drawn and welded tubes as test sections and concluded that the tubes having different surface properties performed quite different flow boiling characteristics. They also observed that the tube having shorter heated length had higher heat transfer coefficient compared to longer ones for the same exit quality.
Moreover, the effects of vapour quality and heat flux on heat transfer coefficient were studied for various heated lengths. It was seen that the heat transfer coefficient increased with increasing heat flux and had slight changes with vapour quality for shorter tube. As another result of the study, they stated that change in the heated length and inner surface properties were the main reason of conflict between the researchers’ experimental results. Lee et al. [136] numerically compared the heat transfer performance of smooth and finned microchannel by using sharp-interface LSM (Level Set Method). They studied the influence of fin length, spacing and height on flow boiling in a micro channel. Temperature field and bubble growth of smooth and finned microchannel were plotted for unsteady conditions. In finned micro channel, bubble growth occurred quicker than smooth one. They also sighted that larger fin spacing enhanced boiling heat transfer in finned microchannel. Since the contact area of liquid-vapour interface increased with the usage of finned micro channel, the boiling heat transfer augmented up to 33% based on total fin surface area. Zhou et al. [137] carried out a numerical investigation of a microchannel with internal cavities to determine the optimal cavity geometry by using LSM. Applied model used uniform heat flux model and regular distributed cavities over the surface. Microchannel with cavity structure found to have lower wall temperatures and higher bubble generation rate, which qualified its performance as dominant over plain surface microchannel. Further investigation of cavity geometry revealed that the optimum cavity mouth, diameter and height should be 9.5, 120 and 60 μm respectively to minimize the wall superheat temperature. Augmentation of cavity density found to have an increasing effect on critical heat flux on regular cavity distribution configuration while contrary results have been found with random distribution. Non-uniform heat flux conditions also investigated and found to inhibit cooling capacity resulted in higher wall temperatures. Piasecka [138] investigated flow boiling of FC72 in a rectangular minichannel with enhanced heater surface by means of liquid crystal thermography. Cavities formed on the heater surface lowered the heat flux necessary for the onset of boiling, however, they are found to be ineffective on the position of the boiling front occurred in the minichannel. Also the bubble form is dominant at the onset of boiling and early stage of growth when applied heat flux is increased similar to the observations in smooth heater surface conditions. Author also used homogeneous and separated flow models to predict the pressure drop data in the study and reported that the both models have an agreeable performance with the data. Pike-Wilson and Karayiannis [139] used copper, brass and stainless steel minichannel tubes for investigation of surface profile on the boiling and pressure drop of R245fa. A broad explanation on definition of surface roughness and different aspects of the tube materials’ surface profiles were presented by authors. For all tube materials, flow type was mainly the annular flow except the flow regime at the low heat fluxes nevertheless stainless steel tube maintained annular flow even at these region. Although brass tube showed the higher-pressure drop, there was no apparent correlation between the surface roughness and the pressure drop. In addition, distribution of two-phase pressure drop elements regarding acceleration, frictional and gravitational have no distinct variety with different tube materials. None of the correlations collected from the literature for the determination of pressure drop showed appropriate results, which were due to the non-applicability of the correlations to R245fa. Authors also investigated the influence of the inlet pressure on the pressure drop and stainless steel found to have the most distinct deviation in pressure drop. Investigation of heat transfer showed that the surface profile have prominent effect on the heat transfer since the observed diversity between the results obtained from the same tube material at different locations. They also lead to the conclusion that the differences between the tubes may not due to the different conductivities only. Yang et al. [140] conducted experiments to investigate the effect of nano surface enhancements applied to microchannel surface on the boiling heat transfer of deionized water. Plain and enhanced surfaces generated by means of electrolysis electrochemical etching technique that were compared were investigated to deduce the differences of the enhanced surface microchannel. Enhanced surface was consisted of applied Si nanowires to the inside surface of the microchannel. A new flow-boiling regime named single annular flow by the authors who was observed was characterized in Si nanowire applied microchannel. Enhanced surfaced microchannel also performed superior in terms of highest working heat flux and a maximum enhancement of 32.6% in heat transfer to the plain microchannel was observed in Si nanowire channels. Authors also confirmed that the application of nano surface increase bubble departure frequency and decrease bubble departure diameter due to increased wettability and cavity size. In their subsequent work, Yang et al. [141] further investigated the single annular flow regime occurring in Si nanowire channels and its effects on pressure drop and heat transfer. Pressure drop in Si nanowire channel is about 48% lower than the smooth microchannel, which are believed to be the reason of the single annular flow as reported according to the study. Although no complete explanation between this flow regime and lower pressure drop is associated, it is concluded
that this phenomenon is a result of the separation of phases and lack of existence of different flow regimes. Non-existence of different flow patterns is also concluded to the higher critical heat flux values observed in Si nanowire microchannel since liquid distribution over the microchannel was improved by the capillary flows and dry-out was delayed. Another numerical simulation performed by Lee and Son [142] investigated the effects of enhanced surface geometries to the heat transfer in microchannel by applying sharp-interface level-set method. Authors modelled longitudinal and transverse fins inside the inner surface of the channel and computed the augmentation acquired in boiling heat transfer. Their results showed that relatively shorter time is required for a bubble to grow with transverse fins. However, further analyses revealed the effectiveness of using longitudinal fins at the same fin height for improvement of the heat transfer rate. Piasecka [143] investigated heat transfer in pool and flow boiling of FC72 in a minichannel with enhanced surfaces. Surface modifications are applied by spark erosion technique. Experiments were carried out approximately at the atmospheric pressure. Pool boiling heat transfer coefficients resulted higher values than flow boiling case. The existence of mini and microchannel for boiling applications have significance in recent years due to its high capacity for transferring the heat fluxes especially in the mini and micro electronic devices in space, communication, biology and industry. Some of these devices are air bag acceleration sensors, micro endoscopes, micro heat exchangers, micro heat pump systems, micro valves, and micro cold plates. In these devices, phase change process occurs and dominates the phenomena, which is very complex for theoretical and numerical solutions especially. Unfortunately, the majority of the works are away from the generalization of the models and correlations, they have focused on specific fluids and geometries of heat exchangers. The restrained thought of each parameter affecting the boiling process in these devices should be investigated methodically. The problematic issues are stated as entrance, exit effects, quality effects and change in channel erosion mainly in open sources including contradictions in measurements. Extra information on two-phase flow in a single microchannel (air-water) [144-151], two-phase flow of refrigerant in multiport minichannel [44, 152-156], two-phase flow of refrigerant in short tube orifice [157-164], two-phase flow in a single microchannel (refrigerant) [165-168], micro channel heat sink with nanofluids [169-170], and general reviews on microchannel can be seen from authors previous studies [171-175], respectively.

CONCLUSION

Studies involving flow boiling in mini and microchannel geometries were gathered together and their brief summaries were presented tables in this review. Following comments were derived from the investigated studies from literature as respectively.

Flow boiling in mini or microchannel structures is expected to have more application in the industry in near future due to their cooling ability in extreme small components. There are still major drawbacks and issues regarding their usability, mostly due to inadequate data and theory that represents the phenomenon, high pressure drops associated with small geometries and non-uniform fluid distribution in heat exchanger manifolds. Definition of micro and minichannels is still a problematic issue regarding its classification based on hydraulic diameter. There is no consensus among researchers, who have observed the flow regimes, on the sequence of flow regime stages. Elongated bubble flow regime, followed by annular flow, is considered as the most significant one in comparison to the nucleate boiling due to the existence of thin liquid film around bubbles.

Heat flux and saturation temperature are found to be dominant in comparison to the others on the heat transfer coefficient. On the other hand, mass velocity and vapour quality have been reported as the most effective parameters on the nucleate boiling. The models, developed for macrochannels or conventional tubes, could not reflect the characteristics of micro and minichannels accurately especially regarding with the specific vapour quality ranges because nucleate boiling regime and turbulent effects are not the affective mechanisms in these narrow channels. There is an inconsistent situation on the effect of oil in the evaporator regarding its influence on the heat transfer coefficient on the contrary to the situation of concurrence on the increase in pressure drop. There is still lack of pure theoretical models for the prediction of local values in small-scale channels. Pure theoretical criteria can be defined as two main sections as follows; the degree of development of the calculations in a particular method (for example, the number of channels in multichannel methods) and the degree of specific accuracy of the method. The lack of adequate experimental data introduces the necessity to evaluate the accuracy of cross-sectional data on pure theoretical criteria. When applying these criteria to the data listed in the tables, they are only considered as the energy ranges corresponding to the validity area of the corresponding method used in the calculations.
There is not enough number of studies regarding with the numerical solution of flow boiling for the use of refrigerants especially due to the hardness of preparation of UDF code with a CFD software. There is still some gap on the use of mixtures for the flow boiling process in small-scale channels regarding a model having a detailed study of the mechanisms of mass, momentum and heat transfer. Heat transfer in liquid-liquid slug flows in small-scale channels needs to be studied in detail due to the insufficient number of studies. Experimental works should be done having similar operating conditions systematically by researchers to avoid from the inconsistency among their database. The use of nanoparticles in microchannel heat exchangers will be a beneficial practice due to their positive contribution to flow stability. The use of nanoparticles in two-phase flows, defined as nano refrigerants especially, is still under consideration in the literature. Generalization of the developed models are still necessary for researchers to predict the heat transfer and pressure drop characteristics practically. There is no single general theoretical model or empirical correlation to predict the phenomena in macro/micro/nano scaled tubes and channels. In the last 15 years, the number of flow boiling studies in micro and minichannels have more and more increased importantly and the interest to study on the flows in narrow channels is expected to be extended to the nanochannels in the near future. For that reason, revision on the existing models will be needed definitely.

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NOMENCLATURE
Bo Boiling number
Ca Liquid capillary number
CCD Charge coupled device
CHF Critical heat flux, W m$^{-2}$
Co Confinement number
CPU Central processing unit
d$_{babble}$ Bubble diameter, m
d$_h$ Hydraulic diameter, m
d$_{he}$ Heated equivalent diameter, m
d$_i$ Inner diameter, m
EDL Electric double layer
F Reynolds number factor
FGB Flash gas bypass
FGBR Revised flash gas bypass
G Mass velocity, kg m$^{-2}$ s$^{-1}$
h Heat transfer coefficient, W m$^{-2}$ K$^{-1}$
ID Inner diameter, m
ITO Indium tin oxide
K$_p$ Pressure dimensionless parameter
L$_h$ Heated length, m
LSM Level set method
ṁ Mass flux, kg s$^{-1}$
MAE Mean absolute error
NEMD Non-equilibrium molecular dynamics
Nu Nusselt number
OD Outer diameter, m
ONB Onset of nucleate boiling
P Pressure, Pa
ppm Parts per million
q Heat flux, W m$^{-2}$
Re  Reynolds number
Re_g  Gas Reynolds number
Re_l  Liquid Reynolds number
Re_f  Film Reynolds number
S  Suppression factor
SEM  Scanning electron microscope
SFSM  Sequential function specification method
SOI  Silicon on insulator
T  Temperature, °C
We  Weber number
We_m  Mean Weber number
w_i  Channel inner width, m
wt.  Weight
X  Lockhart–Martinelli parameter
x  Quality

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## APPENDIX

### Table A.1. Mini/microchannel geometries and operating conditions

| Researcher                        | Fluid                          | Hydraulic Diameter (mm) | Channel Geometry | Port Number | Length (mm) | Pressure (bar) | Temperature (°C) | Mass Flux (kg m⁻²s⁻¹) | Channel Type (Mini/Micro) |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Kew and Cornwell [10]             | R141b                          | 1.39, 1.69               | -                | -           | 500         | -              | -                | -                        | -                         |
| Lee and Lee [11]                  | R113                           | -                        | Rectangular      | 1           | 300         | -              | -                | -                        | 50-200                    |
| Kandlikar and Steinke [12]        | R113, R124, R134a, R141b, R11, R22 FC84, R123 | 400 µm-2.97 mm          | Round, Rectangular, Square | -           | -           | -              | -                | -                        | 50-1600 Mini              |
| Kandlikar and Balaszubramanian [13] | FC77                           | -                        | -                | -           | -           | -              | -                | -                        | Micro                     |
| Agostini and Bentenps [14]        | R134a                          | 2.01                     | Rectangular      | 11          | 1100        | 405-608 kPa    | 1-17             | 90-295                  | Mini                      |
| Yun et al. [15]                  | CO₂                            | 0.98, 2.00               | Circular         | 2           | 400, 1200   | 0.5-10         | 500-3570         | Mini                     |
| Choi et al. [17]                  | R22, R134a, CO₂                | 1-3                      | Circular         | 1           | 2000        | -              | 10               | 200-600                  | Mini                      |
| Choi et al. [18]                  | R410A                          | 1.5-3                    | Circular         | 1           | 1500-3000   | 1.070-1.329    | 10               | 300-600                  | Micro                     |
| Panmitran et al. [19]             | CO₂                            | 1.5-3                    | Circular         | 1           | 1500-3000   | -              | -10              | 200-600                  | Mini                      |
| Bertsch et al. [20]               | Wetting and non-wetting fluids | 0.16-2.92                | Circular-Rectangular | 1           | 200         | 0.55-35       | -291             | 20-3000                  | Small channel             |
| Choi et al. [21]                  | Propane                        | 1.5-3                    | Circular         | 1           | 1000-2000   | 0-0.25         | 0, 5, 10         | 50-400                   | Mini                      |
| Koşar [22]                        | Water, R123, R113, R134a, R245fa | 0.223-3.1               | Circular and rectangular | 1           | -           | 1.8.1988      | 30               | 50-1650                  | Mini, Micro               |
| Boudouh et al. [25]               | Copper-water nanofluids        | 800 µm                   | Rectangular      | 50          | -           | -              | -                | -                        | -                         |
| Brix et al. [26]                  | CO₂                            | -                        | -                | 11          | 0.47 m      | -              | -                | -                        | -                         |
| Dutkowski [27]                    | R134a                          | 1.68                     | Annular          | -           | 500         | 5-15 K         | 200-450          | Mini                     |
| Dutkowski [28]                    | Air-water mixture              | 1.05, 1.35, 1.68, 2.30 | Annular          | -           | -           | -              | -                | 170-7350                 | Mini                      |
| Panmitran et al. [29]             | R22, R134a, R290, R744         | 0.5, 1.5, 3.0            | Circular         | -           | 330-2000    | -              | 0-15             | 50-600                   | Small-tubes               |
| Ribeiro et al. [30]               | R600a                          | -                        | -                | -           | 45-55       | -              | -                | 0.5-1.5 kg h⁻¹           | Mini                      |
| Bang et al. [31]                  | Water                           | 1.73                     | -                | -           | 2-16        | -              | -                | -                        | -                         |
| Copetti et al. [33]               | R134a                          | 2.6                      | -                | -           | 158         | 12-22          | 240-930          | Mini-tube                |
| Kaew-On et al. [34]               | R134a                          | 1.1, 1.2, 25.4           | Circular         | 22          | -           | 4-6            | 300-800          | Mini                     |
| Wu et al. [35]                    | CO₂                            | 1.42                     | Circular         | 1           | 300         | -              | 40               | 300-600                  | Mini                      |
| Kaew-On and Wongwises [44]        | R134a                          | 1.2                      | Rectangular      | 8           | -           | 8              | -                | 45-155                   | Mini                      |
| Liu et al. [45]                   | Kerosene kind hydrocarbon fuel | 1                        | Circular         | 1           | 245         | 2.5.2025       | 25-400           | 1260-2160               | Mini                     |
| Magboel et al. [46]               | Propane                        | 1.224                    | Circular         | 1           | 245         | -              | 33,43            | 100-400                  | Mini                      |
| Mortada et al. [47]               | R134a, R1234yf                | 1.1                      | Rectangular      | 6           | 300         | 7.7            | -                | 23-97                    | Mini                      |
| Anwar [48]                        | R134a                          | 1.6                      | Circular         | 1           | 245         | 7.05-8.15      | 100-200          | 23-97                   | Mini                      |
| Saisom et al. [49]                | R134a                          | 1.75                     | Circular         | 1           | 600         | 7-13           | -                | 200-1000                 | Mini                      |
| Copetti et al. [50]               | R600a                          | 2.6                      | Circular         | 1           | 185         | -              | 22               | 240-440                  | Mini                      |
| Magboel et al. [51]               | Propane                        | 1.7                      | Circular         | 1           | 245         | -              | 23-43            | 100-500                  | Mini                      |
| Mikielewicz et al. [52]           | SES 36                         | 1.15-2.3                 | Circular         | 1           | 380         | 1.1-1.9        | 33-70            | 300-900                  | Mini                      |
|                                  | R134a                          | -                        | -                | -           | 5.2-6.8      | 17-27          | 300-900          | -                        |
|                                  | R123                           | -                        | -                | -           | 1.1-2.4      | 27-67          | 300-900          | -                        |
|                                  | Ethanol                        | -                        | -                | -           | 0.4-1        | 51-75          | 40-200           | -                        |
### Table A1. Mini/microchannel geometries and operating conditions (cont.)

| Researcher                  | Fluid                        | Hydraulic Diameter (mm) | Channel Geometry | Port Number | Length (mm) | Pressure (bar) | Temperature (°C) | Mass Flux (kg m⁻²s⁻¹) | Channel Type (Mini/Micro) |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|-------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| Anwar et al. [59]           | R152a, R134a                | 1.6                     | Circular         | 1           | 245         | 27, 32         | 0.000             | 100-500                | Mini                      |
| Choi et al. [61]            | R744, R717, R290, R1234yz   | 1.5, 3                  | Circular         | 1           | 1000, 2000  | 0.071, 0.082   | 27.2, 32.2        | 725, 910                | Mini                      |
| Xu et al. [62]              | R134a                       | 2.168                   | Circular         | 1           | 0.2 m       | 0.071, 0.082   | 27.2, 32.2        | 725, 910                | Mini                      |
| Piasceka [63]               | FC72                        | 1.95                    | Rectangular      | 1           | 360         | 1.32          | 137-285           | 50-600                  | Mini                      |
| Xu et al. [64]              | R134a                       | 2.168                   | Circular         | 1           | 0.2 m       | 0.071, 0.082   | 27.2, 32.2        | 725, 910                | Mini                      |
| Yun et al. [65]             | HCFC123, FC72               | 0.19, 0.3, 0.51         | Circular         | 3           | 280         | 110-145 kPa    | 10 K              | 50-300                  | Micro                     |
| Steinke and Kandlikar [66]  | Dissolved air in water      | 207µm                   | Rectangular      | 5           | 6           | 57.15         | -                | -                      | Micro                     |
| Qi et al. [70]              | Liquid nitrogen             | 0.531-1.931             | Circular         | 1           | 250         | 1.8-9.2       | 78.2-79.8        | 440-3000                | Micro                     |
| Lee and Pan [71]            | Water                       | 0.0337                  | Rectangular      | 1           | 25          | 2.056         | -                | 209-625                 | Micro                     |
| In and Jeong [72]           | R123-R134a                  | 0.19                    | Circular         | 1           | 31          | 1.59-11       | 35.5, 49.3       | 314-470                 | Micro                     |
| Roday and Jensen [73]       | Water, R123                | 0.286-0.70              | Circular         | 1           | 21.66-58.91 | 0.26-2.25     | 2-80              | 375-825                 | Micro                     |
| Shifera et al. [74]         | R134a                       | 1.1                     | Circular         | 1           | 150         | 6-12          | -                | 100-600                 | Micro                     |
| Celata et al. [76]          | FC72                        | 408-µm/800 µm           | Circular         | 1           | 102         | -             | -                | 1500                    | Micro                     |
| Ali and Palu [78]           | R134a                       | 1.22-1.70               | Circular         | 1           | 220         | -             | 27, 32           | 50-600                  | Mini                      |
| Choi and Kim [79]           | Water-liquid Nitrogen-gas   | 141 µm, 143 µm, 304 µm, 322 µm, 490 µm | Rectangular | -           | 60          | -             | -                | -                      | Micro                     |
| Costa-Party et al. [80]     | R236fa, R245fa              | 85 µm                   | -                | 135         | 2540 µm     | 181-326 kPa    | -                | 500-1051                | Multi-Micro               |
| Ducoulombier et al. [81]    | CO$_2$                      | 0.529                   | Annular          | -           | 60          | -             | -10.5, 0°C       | 200-1200                | Micro                     |
| Ducoulombier et al. [82]    | CO$_2$                      | 0.529                   | Annular          | -           | -           | -             | -10.5, 0°C       | 200-1400                | Micro                     |
| Farahani et al. [85]        | R245fa, R1234ze (E)         | 1.4                     | Rectangular      | 7           | 260         | -             | 30-70            | 50-400                  | Micro                     |
| Mahmood and Karayiannis [56] | R134a                      | 0.52-1.1                | Circular         | 1           | 100-450     | 6-10          | -                | 100-500                 | Micro                     |
| Kaya et al. [87]            | De-ionized water           | 0.249-0.494             | Circular         | 1           | 2-10        | 1.0           | -                | 20.511-38.111          | Mini                      |
| Del Col et al. [88]         | R134a                       | 0.96                    | Circular         | 1           | 228         | 7.7           | 30               | 300-700                 | Mini                      |
| Liu et al. [89]             | Water n-hexane             | 0.90-2                  | Circular         | 1           | 270         | 1-2           | 20-50            | 60-180                  | Micro                     |
| Rao et al. [91]             | Deionized water            | 230×10$^{-3}$           | Rectangular      | 1           | 22          | 1             | 100              | 500                     | Micro                     |
| Miramanto [92]              | Water                      | 0.438, 0.561, 0.635     | Rectangular      | 1           | 62          | 1.25          | 98               | 800                     | Micro                     |
| Lim et al. [93]             | Water                      | 500×10$^{-3}$           | Rectangular      | 1           | 60          | 1.1, 1.7      | 200, 400, 600     | 115-112.4              | Micro                     |
| Lee et al. [95]             | De-ionized water           | 41.3µm                  | Trapezoidal      | 1           | 28          | -             | -                | 170-477                 | Microchannel             |
| Li et al. [96]              | De-ionized water           | 47.7 µm                 | Trapezoidal      | 2           | 28          | -             | -                | 105-555                 | Micro                     |
| Kenning et al. [97]         | Water                      | 0.8-0.48                | Glass tube       | 1           | 150         | 1             | -                | -                      | Micro                     |
| Mukherjee and Kandlikar [99] | Water                      | -                       | Rectangular      | 6           | 0.8         | 1             | 111.5, 112.4     | 120                     | Micro                     |
| Barber et al. [100]         | FC72                       | 727 µm                  | Rectangular      | -           | 88          | -             | -                | -                      | Micro                     |
| Fu et al. [101]             | Liquid nitrogen            | 1.3-1.5                 | -                | -           | 50           | -             | -                | -                      | Mini-tube                |
### Table A1. Mini/microchannel geometries and operating conditions (cont.)

| Researcher                        | Fluid              | Hydraulic Diameter (mm) | Channel Geometry | Port Nu. | Length (mm) | Pressure (bar) | Temp. (°C) | Mass Flux (kg m⁻²s⁻¹) | Channel Type (Mini/Micro) |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|------------------|----------|-------------|----------------|------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| Mukherjee et al. [102]            | Water              | 0.229                   | Square           | 1        | 25.4        | 1              | 102        | 50-200 (Re)           | Micro                     |
| Wang and Sefiane [103]            | FC72, n-pentane    | 571x10⁻⁶, 762x10⁻⁶, 1454x10⁻⁶ | Rectangular     | 1        | 80          | 1.013          | 56-35      | 11.2, 22.4, 44.8       | Micro                     |
| Satitchaicharoen and Wongwisens [106] | Air, water, glycerol, solution | 1.95, 3.63, 3.81, 3.87, 5.58 | Rectangular     | 5        | 1000        | -              | -          | -                      | Mini                      |
| Owhaib et al. [107]               | R134a              | 1.33                    | Vertical tube-circular | 1        | 235.5       | 6.425-8.64     | 24-34      | 47.4-124.4              | Mini                      |
| Yen et al. [108]                  | HCFC123            | 210-214                 | Circular and square tube | 1        | 100         | 1.63           | -          | -                      | Micro                     |
| Cheng et al. [109]                | CO₂                | 0.8, 10                 | Circular         | -        | -           | 0.21-0.87      | -28-25      | -                      | Vertical tubes            |
| Pamitran et al. [110]             | R410a              | 1.5,2003                | Circular         | 1        | 1500-3000   | -              | 10         | 300-600                | Micro                     |
| Saisorn et al. [111]              | R134a              | 1.75                    | Circular         | -        | 600         | 8, 10, 13      | -          | 200-1000               | Micro                     |
| Ozawa et al. [112]                | CO₂                | 0.51, 1, 2, 3           | Circular         | 1        | 400, 800, 1850, 1700 | 40-70 | 5.3-28.7              | 80-900                    |
| Dall’Olio and Marengo [113]       | R134a, R245fa      | 4, 3                    | Circular         | 1        | 320         | -              | 20-25      | 20-122                 | Micro                     |
| Paiseeka [117]                    | FC72               | 1.95                    | Rectangular      | 1        | 360         | 1              | 56-80      | 140-300                | Micro                     |
| Borhani and Thorne [118]          | R245fa             | 3.36x10⁻⁴              | Rectangular      | 67       | 20          | -              | -          | 100, 150               | Micro                     |
| Charnay et al. [119]              | R245fa             | 3                      | Circular         | 1        | 185         | -              | 60-120     | 100-1500               | Micro                     |
| Tibirică and Ribatski [120]       | R134a, R245fa      | 0.4                    | Circular         | 1        | 200         | 7.93, 1.84     | 31         | 100-900                | Micro                     |
| Brutin et al. [121]               | n-pentane          | 899 µm                  | Rectangular      | 1        | -           | 20-100 kPa     | -          | -                      | Micro                     |
| Kandlikar [123]                   | Water              | 0.332                   | Rectangular      | 6        | -           | 1.39-1.5       | 111.5      | -                      | Micro                     |
| Kandlikar [124]                   | Water              | 0.332                   | Rectangular      | 6        | 1.054x10⁻⁷  | 1              | 109.5, 110.9, 114     | 112-120                 |
| Qi et al. [125]                   | Liquid nitrogen    | 0.531-1.931             | Circular         | 1        | 250         | 1.88-8.112     | -          | 440.6-2023.8           | Micro                     |
| Wang et al. [126]                 | Water              | 0.186                   | Parallel microchannel | 1        | 30          | -              | 35         | 91.4, 124, 368.9       | Micro                     |
| Lee et al. [127]                  | Water              | 353 µm                  | Rectangular      | 48       | -           | 5-30           | 25-114     | Micro                  |
| Lee et al. [128]                  | Water              | 235 µm                  | Rectangular      | 48       | -           | 15             | 73         | Micro                  |
| Tuo and Hrnjak [129]              | R134a              | 1                       | Rectangular      | 250      | 260         | -              | -          | 44-63                  | Micro                     |
| Tuo and Hrnjak [130]              | R134a              | 1                       | Rectangular      | 250      | 190         | -              | -          | -                      | Micro                     |
| Wang et al. [131]                 | FC72               | 572x10⁻⁶, 762x10⁻⁶, 1454x10⁻⁶ | Rectangular     | 1        | 80          | 1              | 11.2, 22.4, 44.8 | Micro                     |
| Kogar et al. [133]                | Water              | 227 µm                  | Rectangular      | 5        | 100         | -              | -          | 41-302                 | Micro                     |
| Sitar et al. [134]                | FC72, Water        | 25x10⁻⁷, 50x10⁻⁷, 95x10⁻⁷ | Rectangular     | 64, 32   | 53 mm       | 1.013          | 100        | 8.7-247.9, 20.8-207.7 | Micro                     |
| Karayannis et al. [135]           | R134a              | 1.1                     | Circular         | 1        | 150-450     | 6-10           | -          | 200-500                | Micro                     |
| Paiseeka [138]                    | FC72               | 1.95                    | Rectangular      | 1        | 360         | 1.35, 2.50, 1.25 | -          | 235, 285               | Micro                     |
| Pike-Wilson and Karayannis [139]  | R245fa             | 1.1                     | Circular         | 1        | 300         | 1.8, 2.4       | -          | 100-400                | Micro                     |
| Yang et al. [140]                 | Deionized water    | 223x10⁻⁷, 308x10⁻⁷      | Rectangular     | 5        | 10          | -              | -          | 160-404                | Micro                     |
| Paiseeka [143]                    | FC72               | 1.95                    | Rectangular      | 1        | 360         | 1              | -          | 212-285                | Micro                     |
### Table A2. Selected heat transfer models according to different researchers

| Researcher          | Proposed model                                                                 |
|---------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Yun et al. [15]     | \( h = 16.26q^{0.72} \rho_i^{0.48} \)                                          |
| Jokar et al. [16]   | \[
N_{tu} = 0.603Re_0^{0.5} Pr^{0.5} x^{-3} \left( \frac{G^2}{\rho_i(C_p/\Delta T)} \right)^{0.1} \left( \frac{\rho_i}{G} \right)^{0.5} \left( \frac{\rho_i}{\mu G} \right)^{0.1} \left( \frac{\rho_i}{\rho_f} \right)^{0.5} \]
\[
h_{tu} = h_{in} S + h_{conv,F} \]  
\[
h_{in} = \frac{h_{in,t} \left( 1-x \right) + h_{conv,X}}{h_{in,t}} \]

| Bertsch et al. [20] | \[
Re_c = \frac{GD_c}{\mu}, \quad Re_v = \frac{GD_v}{\mu} \quad S = f(x) = 1-x \]
\[
F = 1 + f(G(x)) = 1 + e^{-\alpha \left(x^2 - x^5\right)} \]
\[
h_{ax} = h_{in}(1-x) + h_{conv} \left[ 1 + \delta(x^2 - x^5)e^{-\alpha G(x)} \right] \]
\[
h_{ax} = h_{in}(1-x) + h_{conv} \left[ 1 + 80(x^2 - x^5)e^{-\alpha G(x)} \right] \]

| Sun and Mishima [24] | \[
h_{m} = \frac{6Re_{10}^{0.5} Bo^{0.54} \delta_i}{We_{1.44}^{0.54} f_{a} \rho_i} \quad \text{and} \quad \text{We}_{1.44} = \frac{G^2 d_k}{\rho_i \sigma} \]

| Bang et al. [31]    | \[
N_{tu} = 4.364 + 6.86 \times (1000x \times e^{-0.008} \times e^{-617}) \]

| Kaew-On et al. [34] | \[
h_{tu} = SBo^{0.18} We_1^{0.017} h_i + Bo = \frac{q}{G_i h_i}; \quad \text{We}_{1.44} = \frac{G^2 d_k}{\rho_i \sigma} \]

| Oh et al. [37]      | \[
h_p = h_{in} + fBo \]
\[
S = 0.279(\phi_f)^{0.029} Bo^{0.098} \]
\[
F = \max \left( 0.0235 x^2 + 0.761 \right) \]
\[
h_{ax} = 55F_{ax} \left( 0.4343 \ln P_i \right)^{0.8} M^{-0.5} q^{-0.45}, \text{where } q \text{ is in } \text{Wm}^{-2} \]
\[
h_f = 4.36 \frac{k_f}{D} \left( \frac{Re}{1000} \right) \frac{f_f}{2} \frac{k_f}{D} \left[ 1 + 12.7 \frac{f_f}{2} - 1 \left( \frac{f_f}{2} \right)^{0.5} \right] \quad \text{with} \quad f_f = 0.023 \frac{k_f}{D} \left( \frac{G(1-x)D}{\mu} \right)^{0.4} \left( \frac{C_{p \rho} f_f}{k_f} \right)^{0.4} \]

| Oh et al. [37]      | \[
\phi_f = 1 + \frac{C}{F} + \frac{1}{F X^2} \]
\[
X = \frac{\left( f_f + 1 \right) \left( f_f + 1 \right) \left( \frac{\rho_x}{\rho_f} \right)^{1/2}}{f_f + 1} \]
\[
= 5 \text{ for } Re_f < 2300 \text{ and } Re_f < 2300 \]
\[
= 1.0 \text{ for } Re_f > 3000 \text{ and } Re_f < 2300 \]
\[
= 1.2 \text{ for } Re_f > 3000 \text{ and } Re_f > 3000 \]
\[
= 2.0 \text{ for } Re_f > 3000 \text{ and } Re_f > 3000 \]
\[
f = 16 \text{Re}^{-1} \text{ for } Re < 2300 \]
\[
f = 0.079 \text{Re}^{-0.23} \text{ for } Re > 3000 \]

| Kaew-On and Wongwises [44] | \[
h_p = SBo^{0.023} We_1^{0.023} C_{ax}^{0.51} h_i \]
\[
S = 1.737 + 0.97(\phi_f)^{0.623} \quad \phi_f = 1 + \frac{C}{X^2} \]
\[
\text{for } 45 \leq G \leq 770 \text{kg} / \text{m}^2 \text{s}, \quad C = 23.2 \text{e}^{-0.002900} \text{Bo}: \quad \text{for } 77 \leq G \leq 155 \text{kg} / \text{m}^2 \text{s}, \quad C = 44.28 \text{e}^{-0.003569} \text{Bo} \]
\[
Bo = \frac{q}{G_i h_i}; \quad \text{We}_{1.44} = \frac{G^2 d_k}{\rho_i \sigma} \quad \text{C}_{ax} = \left( \frac{1-x}{x} \right) \frac{2}{3} \left( \frac{\rho_i}{\rho_f} \right)^{0.5} \]
### Table A2. Selected heat transfer models according to different researchers (cont.)

| Researcher | Proposed model |
|------------|----------------|
| Liu et al. [45] | \( h = 235.7 \Delta T_{\text{sub}}^{0.665} \cdot 0.25\text{MPa} < P < 2.5\text{MPa}, 50^\circ C < \Delta T_{\text{sub}} < 370^\circ C \) |
| Mortada et al. [47] | \( Nu = a (Bo \cdot We) \cdot Co \cdot Re_\mu^d \) |
| | \( Re_\mu^d = \left[ \frac{(1 - x)}{x} \right] \left( \frac{\rho_g}{\rho_l} \right)^{0.3} \) |
| | Co = \( a \left( \frac{h_{nc}}{h_{n2}} \right)^{0.7} \) |
| | Coefficients of \( a, b, c \) and \( d \) can be seen in the original paper according to mass and heat fluxes. |
| Kim and Mudavar [56] | \( h_{\text{as}} = \left[ 2.34 \left( \frac{Bo}{Pr} \right)^{0.7} Pr_2^{2.56} (1 - x)^{-0.55} \right] \cdot 0.023 \cdot Re_\mu^4 \cdot \left( \frac{k}{D} \right) \) |
| | \( Re_\mu = \left( \frac{\rho_l}{\rho_g} \right) \cdot \left( \frac{\mu_g}{\mu_l} \right)^{0.1} \) |
| | \( K_p = \frac{p}{\rho_l \cdot x} \cdot \left( \frac{\rho_g}{\rho_l} \right)^{0.8} \) |
| | \( \text{Nu}_{f} = 1059.83 \cdot \text{Bo}^{0.45} \cdot \text{We}^{0.145} \cdot \text{K}_p^{0.108} \cdot x^{0.107} \cdot \text{Co}^{-0.225} \cdot x < 0.3 \) |
| | \( \text{Nu}_{f} = 0.0042 \cdot \text{Bo}^{0.47} \cdot \text{We}^{-0.059} \cdot \text{K}_p^{0.283} \cdot x^{0.065} \cdot \text{Co}^{-0.704} \cdot x \geq 0.3 \) |
| Qi et al. [70] | \( Bo_{\text{L}} = \left[ \frac{q}{\rho_l D} \cdot \left( \frac{1 - x}{x} \right) \left( \frac{\rho_g}{\rho_l} \right)^{0.5} \right] \cdot \left( \frac{\mu_g}{\mu_l} \right)^{0.1} \) |
| | \( K_p = \frac{p}{\rho_l \cdot x} \cdot \left( \frac{\rho_g}{\rho_l} \right)^{0.8} \) |
| Mahmoud and Karayiannis [86] | \( h_\text{L} = \frac{4.36 \cdot \left( k_{L}/D \right)}{Re_L(2000)} \) |
| | \( Re_L = \left( \frac{(1 - x)GD}{\mu_L} \right)^{0.64} \) |
| | \( F_{\text{int}} = \left( 1 + A \right)^{0.64} \cdot A = 2.812 \cdot \text{Co}^{-0.408} \) |
| | \( X = \frac{\mu_l}{f_l} \cdot \left( \frac{\rho_g}{\rho_l} \right)^{0.5} \cdot \left( \frac{1 - x}{x} \right) \) |
| | \( S_{\text{low}} = \frac{1}{1 + 2.56 \cdot 10^{-4} \cdot (Re_L)^{0.231 \cdot 0.17}} \) |
| Cheng et al. [109] | Nucleate boiling heat transfer correlation |
| | \( h_{\text{as}} = 131 \text{Pr}^{0.106}(-\log \text{P})^{0.55} \cdot \text{M}^{-0.7} \cdot q^{0.8} \) |
| | The following boiling suppression factor correlation |
| | \( f_x < x_{\text{init}} : S = 1 \) |
| | \( f_x > x_{\text{init}} : S = 1 - 1.14 \left( \frac{D}{D_{\text{as}}} \right)^2 \left( 1 - \delta (x_{\text{inc}}) \right)^2 \) |
| | Dry out inception vapor quality correlation |
| | \( x_{\text{inc}} = 0.58 \exp \left[ 0.52 - 0.47 \text{Me}^{0.17} \cdot \text{Pr}^{0.34} \cdot (\rho_l / \rho_g)^{0.25} \cdot (q / q_{\text{crit}})^{0.5} \right] \) |

### Table A3. Selected CHF models according to different researchers

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| Researcher                  | Proposed model                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Ong and Thome [38]        | \[ q_{\text{ref}} = 0.12 \left( \frac{\mu_L}{\mu_v} \right)^{0.183} \left( \frac{\rho_L}{\rho_v} \right)^{0.062} \text{We}_L^{-0.141} \left( \frac{L_v}{D} \right)^{0.077} \left( \frac{D}{D_v} \right)^{0.11} \]                      |
|                            | where \( C_D = 0.5 \) \[ D_v = \frac{1}{C_D} \left( \frac{\sigma}{\phi} \left( \rho_L - \rho_v \right) \right) \cdot \text{We}_L = \frac{G^2 L_v}{\rho_L \sigma} \] |
|                            | For \( D=0.35-3.04 \text{mm}, \ G=84-3736 \text{ kg/m2s}, \ \text{We}_L=7-201232, \ \mu_L/\mu_v=14.4-53.1, \rho_L/\rho_v=0.024-0.036, \ L_v/D=22.7-178 \) |
| Wu and Li [41]            | \[ \text{Bl}_{\text{ref}} = \frac{q_{\text{ref}}}{h_v G} = 0.63 \left( \frac{L_v}{d_w} \right)^{0.182} \text{for} \frac{L_v}{d_w} \leq 150, \text{Bo-Re}^{0.5} \leq 200 \]                                                                 |
|                            | \[ \text{Bl}_{\text{ref}} = 1.16 \times 10^{-3} \left( \text{We}_c C_D \right)^{0.166} \text{for} \frac{L_v}{d_w} > 150, \text{Bo-Re}^{0.5} \leq 200 \]                                                                 |
|                            | \[ \text{We}_c = \frac{G^2 d_w}{\rho_c \sigma} C_D = \frac{h_v G}{\rho_c \sigma} \]                                                                                                                                 |
| Mikilelewicz et al. [52]  | \[ \frac{q_{\text{ref}}}{h_v G} = 0.62 \left( \frac{\mu_c}{\mu_v} \right)^{-0.02} \left( \text{We}_c \right)^{0.065} \left( \frac{L_v}{D} \right)^{-0.17} \]                                                                  |
| Wu et al. [83]            | \[ \text{Bl}_{\text{ref}} = \frac{q_{\text{ref}}}{h_v G} = 0.66 \left( \frac{L_v}{d_w} \right)^{-0.19} s^{0.17} \]                                                                                                                                 |
| Kaya et al. [87]          | \[ q_{\text{ref}}^* = 0.8636.10^{-4} \frac{\mu_L h_v e}{d_w^{3.2}} \text{Re}^{0.16} \left( \frac{L_v}{d_w} \right)^{-0.72} \left( \frac{c_p \Delta T_{\text{sat}}}{h_{fg,s}} \right)^{0.2} \]      |
| Koşar et al. [133]        | \[ q_{\text{ref}}^* = 0.0035 G h_v \text{We}^{-0.12} \]                                                                                                                                                      |