



Two-phase developing laminar mixing layer at supercritical pressures

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ABSTRACT

Numerical analysis of a shear layer between a cool liquid *n*-decane hydrocarbon and a hot oxygen gas at supercritical pressures shows that a well-defined phase equilibrium can be established. Variable properties are considered with the product $\rho\mu$ in the gas phase showing a nearly constant result within the laminar flow region with no instabilities. Sufficiently thick diffusion layers form around the liquid-gas interface to support the case of continuum theory and phase equilibrium. While molecules are exchanged for both species at all pressures, net mass flux across the interface shifts as pressure is increased. Net vaporization occurs for low pressures while net condensation occurs at higher pressures. For a mixture of *n*-decane and oxygen, the transition occurs around 50 bar. The equilibrium values at the interface quickly reach their downstream asymptotes. For all cases, profiles of diffusing-advecting quantities collapse to a similar solution (i.e., function of one independent variable). Validity of the boundary layer approximation and similarity are shown in both phases for Reynolds numbers greater than 239 at 150 bar. Results for other pressures are also taken at high Reynolds numbers. Thereby, the validity of the boundary layer approximation and similarity are expected. However, at very high pressures, the similar one-dimensional profiles vary for different problem constraints.

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1. Introduction

A mixing layer develops between two parallel streams where there is a difference in velocity. Mixing layers are of paramount importance holistically for understanding combustion and development of turbulence in aerodynamics as well as atmospheric and oceanic flows. Chapman numerically studied the wake formed behind a body passing through air [1]. Specifically, the velocity profile evolution of a laminar, single-phase air mixing layer was determined as it developed behind the body. Compressibility effects were included. This problem closely resembles a mixing layer starting with zero thickness (i.e., the two flows are separated by a splitter plate initially). A similar solution to the equations of motion existed; that is, the flow field could be determined in terms of a single space variable that was a function of both physical coordinates. However, many fluid mixing layers are not single-phase, but are instead multiphase flows.

Two-phase mixing layers pervade a myriad of industrial applications such as filtration, spray processes, fluid-particle transport, and fuel injection for propulsion systems. Thus, it is important to understand the development of such mixing layers. For a two-phase flow, mixing of species causes variable fluid properties to

exist. A velocity gradient between the two streams causes a shear instability at the liquid-gas interface. As the interfacial instability grows, the bulk liquid breaks into small droplets, forming a two-phase mixing layer. This process is often referred to as “atomization”. The liquid and gas streams are immiscible. Thus, the developed mixing layer consists of two distinct phases, liquid droplets formed from the bulk liquid and gas. Development of two-phase mixing layers at subcritical pressures are well understood. Doughty and Pruess numerically studied the mixing layer between water and air in a porous medium at subcritical pressures [2]. They exposed the flow to a nearby linear heat source and found that the partial differential equations reduced to a similarity solution. Other cases of similarity solutions are well established for both single- and two-phase flows in other works and textbooks [3–6].

Liquid injectors used in combustion devices are designed to optimize atomization to allow for the combustion reaction to occur. In many cases, the operating pressure can be larger than the critical pressure of the injected liquid. For hydrocarbon mixtures at a fixed pressure, sub-to-supercritical transition occurs at the mixture critical point (e.g., the maximum two-phase coexistence temperature) [7,8]. Above the critical point, the mixture is said to be supercritical. In a supercritical environment, the thermodynamics and fluid dynamics during injection are modified considerably. When a liquid jet is injected at a pressure or temperature higher than that of the critical point of the substance, the liquid can no longer be considered as an incompressible fluid with high surface tension [9,10].

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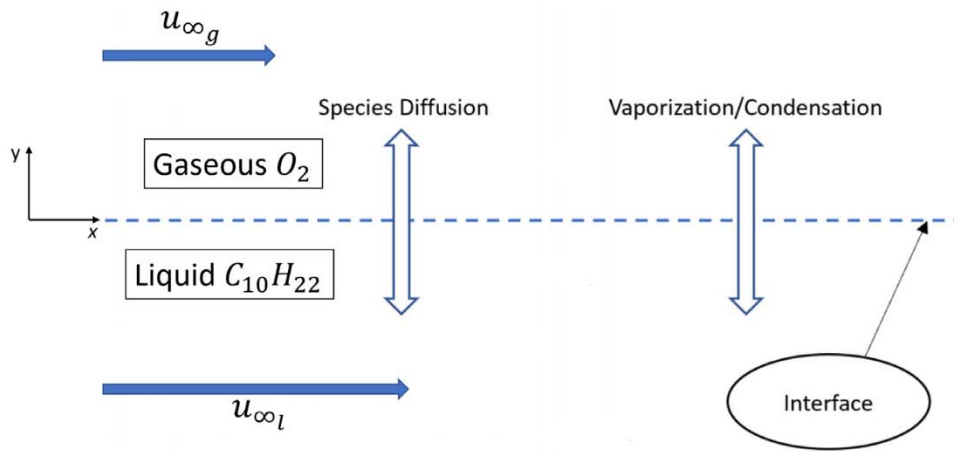


Fig. 1. 2D schematic of the mixing layer problem.

It no longer behaves like a traditional two-phase mixing layer [11–13]. The jet changes to resemble more a turbulent, gaseous jet. In addition, there is no longer evidence of droplet formation. Instead, thread-like geometries emerge from the jet which dissolve away from the jet core [11]. Experimental and numerical studies have shown that a thermodynamic transition occurs where the liquid and gas exhibit identical temperature and pressure [8,14–20]. Understanding how the shear layer between the liquid and gas evolves at supercritical pressures is crucial to understanding the initial stages of high-pressure atomization.

There have been many experimental investigations of supercritical phenomena [21–25], but they were limited by inaccurate measurement techniques and high costs associated with the extreme environments. Recently, advancements have been made toward recording accurate, quantitative measurements. Klima et al. used Raman spectroscopy to measure mixture composition and injection temperature of a two-phase flow at supercritical pressure [26]. Traxinger et al. used shadowgraphy and elastic light scattering to capture the flow structure and phase separation between *n*-hexane and nitrogen [27]. Other techniques have utilized digital holography to show clear liquid structures (i.e., ligaments and lobes) emerging from the liquid core in dense sprays [28,29]. However, these techniques have not been tested in supercritical environments. Computational modeling allows for accurate simulations of these environments to compliment the advances in experimental methods. Past works assumed a two-phase behavior could not be maintained under the altered thermodynamics [30,31]. However, many studies have found a two-phase behavior contingent on thermodynamic phase equilibrium at the liquid-gas interface. Phase equilibrium enhances the dissolution of gas into the liquid phase creating substantially thick diffusion layers (i.e., of the order of micrometers) in both phases [7]. Mixture critical properties near the interface differ from the bulk fluid critical properties and often, mixture critical pressures exceed chamber pressures. Because sufficiently thick diffusion layers occur in a short period, the interface can be treated as a discontinuity with a jump in fluid properties across it.

In prior studies, a similarity solution has not been found for a two-phase mixing layer at supercritical pressures with real-fluid thermodynamic modeling. Poblador-Ibanez and Sirignano suggested a self-similar behavior of a temporal one-dimensional configuration at supercritical pressures [7]. This study takes the thermodynamic modeling from Poblador-Ibanez and Sirignano and applies it to a two-phase laminar mixing layer. In addition, the similarity in solutions of the mixing layer partial differential equations are discussed as downstream positions vary. A parallel study

by Poblador-Ibanez et al. develops the similar solution by formulating and solving the appropriate ordinary differential equations [32]. In addition, the existence of a sharp phase interface is determined at pressures above the critical pressure of oxygen and *n*-decane with the establishment of phase equilibrium in a sufficiently short distance before a transition to turbulent flow and before hydrodynamic instabilities dominate.

2. Two-phase laminar mixing layer

2.1. Problem definition

As shown in Fig. 1, pure liquid $C_{10}H_{22}$ with velocity u_{∞_l} is introduced into gaseous O_2 with a slower velocity u_{∞_g} . Steady state is assumed marching downstream creating a two-dimensional problem. Transverse momentum imbalance at the edges of the developing diffusion layers becomes negligible quickly. While the interface will generally not remain at the initial y -value, it is reasonable to assume a fixed interface at $y = 0$ as shown in Section 2.4. The liquid temperature remains lower than the gas temperature, within the critical temperature range for the pure liquid species. Pressure is held constant throughout the domain. Supercritical pressures enhance the dissolution of lighter gaseous O_2 into the liquid phase through the imposition of thermodynamic phase equilibrium. Thus, a binary mixture exists on either side of the interface as molecules of liquid *n*-decane mix with the surrounding gas while gaseous molecules of O_2 enter the liquid phase. A net condensation or vaporization results about the interface depending on the interface energy balance and pressure regime [7,33]. For the purposes of this paper, the term condensation is broadly applied to any vapor, not just the original liquid. Similarly, vaporization is noted for the evaporation of any liquid.

2.2. Laminar flow conditions and instability analysis

This analysis is intended to determine whether a distinct two-phase flow will be established in a short distance before hydrodynamic instabilities related to transitional turbulence appear. If that occurs, the transitional turbulence and associated vorticity dynamics becomes an essential feature in the atomization process [34–37]. A Reynolds number will be chosen such that the resulting flow is laminar and stable. Very little is known about the critical Reynolds numbers at which a two-phase laminar mixing layer becomes unstable. Even less is known about the transition Reynolds number to a turbulent flow. Huang and Ho [38] found that the transition displacement-thickness Reynolds number for a plane

Table 1

Streamwise velocity freestream values to satisfy laminar flow conditions for each analyzed pressure.

| | $p = 10$ bar | $p = 50$ bar | $p = 100$ bar | $p = 150$ bar |
|----------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| $u_{\infty g}$ (m/s) | 7.673 | 9.525 | 9.755 | 9.830 |
| $u_{\infty l}$ (m/s) | 12.327 | 10.475 | 10.246 | 10.170 |

Table 2Interface thermodynamic conditions at $x = 0.01$ m for each analyzed pressure.

| | $p = 10$ bar | $p = 50$ bar | $p = 100$ bar | $p = 150$ bar |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| ρ_g (kg/m ³) | 12.413 | 47.932 | 91.434 | 134.362 |
| ρ_l (kg/m ³) | 593.529 | 580.403 | 571.833 | 563.888 |
| μ_g (kg/m·s) | 1.799×10^{-5} | 2.500×10^{-5} | 2.661×10^{-5} | 2.778×10^{-5} |
| μ_l (kg/m·s) | 1.953×10^{-4} | 1.290×10^{-4} | 9.725×10^{-5} | 7.793×10^{-5} |
| σ (kg/s ²) | 9.705×10^{-3} | 7.186×10^{-3} | 5.075×10^{-3} | 3.466×10^{-3} |

mixing layer occurred in the range $114 < Re_{\delta^*} < 140$. However, the transition was not definite, but rather local Reynolds number dependent. Thus, a boundary layer approximation is assumed to provide some guidance. Tani [39] states that two-dimensional instability oscillations begin above a displacement thickness Reynolds number $Re_{\delta^*} > 450$. Taking into account a degree of uncertainty, a Reynolds number with respect to displacement thickness, $Re_{\delta} = 100$ ($Re_x = 10,000$) is used in this work.

A streamwise domain length of 1 cm with fluid velocities of \mathcal{O} (10 m/s) were chosen to ensure a fully-developed flow while keeping the laminar and stable flow assumptions valid. To satisfy this requirement with $Re_{\delta} = 100$, Δu is computed between the free-stream liquid and gas phases using the Reynolds number definition with respect to streamwise distance, x , as

$$Re_x = \frac{\rho_{\infty g} x \Delta u}{\mu_{\infty g}} \quad (1)$$

where the density, $\rho_{\infty g}$, and the viscosity, $\mu_{\infty g}$, are computed from the bulk gas.

Assuming a mean flow velocity, $u_{mean} = 10$ m/s, streamwise velocity freestream boundary conditions, $u_{\infty g}$ and $u_{\infty l}$, are found for each pressure case. Their values are illustrated in Table 1. Viscosity, density, and surface tension computed at the interface are shown in Table 2. More information on how to evaluate these properties is provided in Section 3.2.

Under such flow conditions, it is important to analyze Kelvin-Helmholtz (KH) hydrodynamic instabilities to determine the potential effects different high-pressure environments have on surface perturbations and confirm the stability of the chosen Reynolds number. KH wave growth is evaluated within the streamwise domain at the interface, where the largest gradients exist. Small perturbations at the liquid-gas interface for liquid sheets flowing parallel to a gas can be analyzed by a linear temporal instability study [40,41]. The evolution of the perturbation of the interface displacement is given by

$$\Omega(x, t) = \hat{\Omega} e^{\epsilon t} e^{ikx} \quad (2)$$

where Ω represents the perturbation amplitude as a function of the initial oscillation amplitude, $\hat{\Omega}$, growth rate, ϵ , time, t , wave number, $k = 2\pi/\lambda$, and location, x .

The growth rate parameter, ϵ , can be expressed as

$$\epsilon = \epsilon_R + \epsilon_i \quad (3)$$

where the real part, ϵ_R , can be analyzed to characterize the stability of a perturbation (i.e., $\epsilon_R < 0$ is stable and $\epsilon_R > 0$ is unstable). A linear analysis of small-amplitude interface perturbations provides an expression for ϵ as a function of the fluid properties without

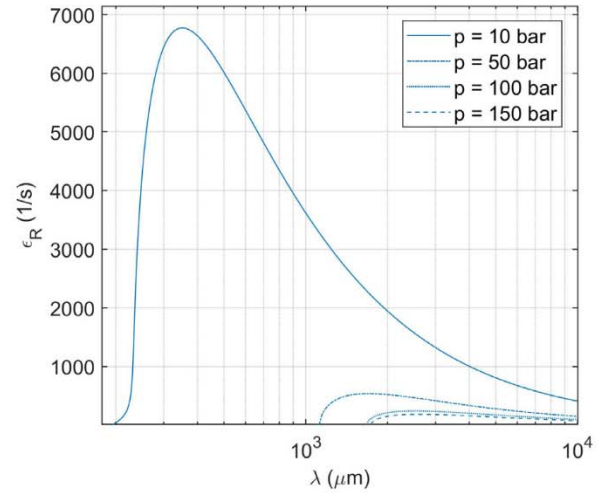


Fig. 2. Kelvin-Helmholtz growth rate vs. wavelength at a mean flow velocity $u_{mean} = 10$ m/s at $p = 10, 50, 100$, and 150 bar.

Table 3

Kelvin-Helmholtz instability results for the oxygen/n-decane mixture.

| p (bar) | λ_w (μ m) | ϵ_R (1/s) | τ (ms) |
|-----------|------------------------|---------------------|-------------|
| 10 | 3.510×10^2 | 6.773×10^3 | 0.148 |
| 50 | 1.699×10^3 | 5.377×10^2 | 1.860 |
| 100 | 2.525×10^3 | 2.428×10^2 | 4.119 |
| 150 | 2.616×10^3 | 1.854×10^2 | 5.393 |

the effects of gravity [41]

$$\epsilon = -i \frac{k(\rho_g u_{\infty g} + \rho_l u_{\infty l})}{\rho_g + \rho_l} - k^2 \frac{\mu_g + \mu_l}{\rho_g + \rho_l} \pm \left[\frac{\rho_g \rho_l k^2 (u_{\infty g} - u_{\infty l})^2}{(\rho_g + \rho_l)^2} - \frac{\sigma k^3}{\rho_g + \rho_l} + \frac{k^4 (\mu_g + \mu_l)^2}{(\rho_g + \rho_l)^2} + 2ik^3 \frac{(\rho_g \mu_l - \rho_l \mu_g)(u_{\infty g} - u_{\infty l})}{(\rho_g + \rho_l)^2} \right]^{1/2} \quad (4)$$

which includes the streamwise velocity, u , viscosity, μ , density, ρ , and the surface tension coefficient, σ . u is taken in the bulk liquid and gas while μ , ρ , and σ are obtained at the interface. Viscosity and surface tension calculations at the interface are discussed in Section 3.2. This expression can only roughly represent the problem analyzed in this paper since it only considers normal viscous stress and ignores shear stress, thereby combining the vorticity to a zero-thickness interface. However, it can serve as a guide.

Fig. 2 shows the the real part of the growth rate as a function of wavelength for a mean flow velocity of $u_{mean} = 10$ m/s. Only $\epsilon_R > 0$ is shown as it represents flow instabilities. Table 3 shows the maximum growth rate with its associated wavelength and characteristic time, τ , for the four pressure cases. For increasing pressure, there is an increase in the critical wavelength for the instabilities to develop and a decrease in the growth rate. For flow moving at 10 m/s, it takes $\tau^* = 1$ ms to pass through a 1 cm domain. Thus for $p = 50, 100$, and 150 bar, the characteristic time for instabilities to develop is larger than the time it takes the flow to pass through the domain. Therefore, instabilities are negligible while diffusion layers become sufficiently thick to use continuum theory on each side of the phase interface.

However, note the development of instabilities within the domain for the 10 bar pressure case. As previously mentioned, Eq. (4) does not take into account shear stress effects. Such effects would dampen the perturbations, thus decreasing the growth rate and moving the most unstable waves to longer wavelengths [34–37]. Consequently, it is expected that the 10 bar case would also

be stable or very slowly growing in amplitude within the analyzed domain.

2.3. Governing equations

For a sufficiently large Reynolds number, the governing equations for a two-dimensional laminar mixing layer follow the boundary-layer approximation [5], where $v \ll u$, partial derivatives in x are much smaller than partial derivatives in y and $\partial p / \partial y \approx 0$. By assuming constant pressure everywhere, $\partial p / \partial x = \partial p / \partial y = 0$. Under these assumptions, the transverse momentum equation is replaced by the pressure assumption and the transverse velocity is directly obtained from the continuity equation [7,42]. Furthermore, the pressure term in the energy equation disappears and viscous dissipation and kinetic energy become negligible for low-Mach number flows at high pressures.

The steady-state, high-pressure, two-phase mixing layer global and species continuity equation, Eqs. (5) and (6), can be expressed in conservative form as

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x}(\rho u) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(\rho v) = 0 \quad (5)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x}(\rho u Y_i) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(\rho v Y_i) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(J_i^y) = 0 \quad (6)$$

Using the conservative global and species continuity equations, the non-conservative forms of the species continuity equation, Eq. (7), streamwise momentum equation, Eq. (8), and energy equation, Eq. (9), can be written as

$$\rho u \frac{\partial Y_i}{\partial x} + \rho v \frac{\partial Y_i}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(J_i^y) = 0 \quad (7)$$

$$\rho u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \rho v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(\mu \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right) \quad (8)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \rho u \frac{\partial h}{\partial x} + \rho v \frac{\partial h}{\partial y} - \rho u \sum_{i=1}^N h_i \frac{\partial Y_i}{\partial x} - \rho v \sum_{i=1}^N h_i \frac{\partial Y_i}{\partial y} + \sum_{i=1}^N J_i^y \frac{\partial h_i}{\partial y} \\ = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(\lambda \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} \right) \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

where ρ , T , u , and v are the mixture density, temperature, streamwise velocity, and transverse velocity, respectively. h is the mixture specific enthalpy and Y_i is the mass fraction of a single mixture component where the subscript, i , denotes the species. Other mixture fluid properties include the dynamic viscosity, μ , the diffusion mass flux in the transverse direction, J_i^y , and the thermal conductivity, λ . Note $h \neq \sum_{i=1}^N Y_i h_i$ because of intermolecular forces.

In the present work, thermal effects on mass diffusion are neglected and, for a binary mixture, the Maxwell-Stefan equations are solved and recast in Fickian form in a mass-based frame of reference [43,44] as:

$$\vec{J}_1 = -\vec{J}_2 = -\rho D_m \nabla Y_1 \quad (10)$$

where D_m is the mass-based diffusion coefficient.

Freestream composition consists of pure n -decane and oxygen gas in the liquid phase and gas phase, respectively. Along with streamwise velocities in Table 1, freestream temperatures are 450 K and 550 K in the liquid and gas phases, respectively. Interface matching conditions are presented in Section 3.3. At $x = 0$, pure n -decane and oxygen exist in each phase. Likewise, a uniform temperature distribution is assumed in each phase. To ensure numerical stability, the initial streamwise velocity distribution follows a distribution resembling a hyperbolic tangent function with a thickness of 10 nodes.

Table 4

Velocity correction, C , interface deflection magnitude, d_c , and diffusion layer thickness, δ at $x = 0.0001$ m at $p = 10, 50, 100$, and 150 bar.

| | $p = 10$ bar | $p = 50$ bar | $p = 100$ bar | $p = 150$ bar |
|--------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| $ C $ (m/s) | 2.395×10^{-2} | 1.488×10^{-2} | 1.504×10^{-2} | 1.595×10^{-2} |
| d_c (m) | 2.395×10^{-7} | 1.488×10^{-7} | 1.504×10^{-7} | 1.595×10^{-7} |
| δ (m) | 2.311×10^{-4} | 6.152×10^{-5} | 5.152×10^{-5} | 4.802×10^{-5} |

2.4. Stationary interface analysis

A velocity correction is required to balance the transverse momentum on either side of the interface according to:

$$\rho_{\infty l}(v_{\infty l} + C)^2 = \rho_{\infty g}(v_{\infty g} + C)^2 \quad (11)$$

where C is an arbitrary variable denoting the required velocity correction. $\rho_{\infty l}$, $\rho_{\infty g}$, $v_{\infty l}$, and $v_{\infty g}$ are taken from the freestream as it represents the edge of the boundary layer in each respective phase. Two solutions for C will result from Eq. (11). The connected phase interface will tend towards the slower moving stream. Thus, the negative correction for C is neglected.

Note the deflection of the interface caused by C will decrease and the diffusion layer thickness will grow with streamwise distance. Therefore, only the closest streamwise distance considered in this paper is analyzed (i.e., $x = 0.0001$ m). The interface deflection can be found by taking the product of C and the time it takes for the flow to reach $x = 0.0001$ m, t . Using the mean flow velocity, $u_{\text{mean}} = 10$ m/s, $t = 1 \times 10^{-5}$ s.

Table 4 summarizes the results. The transition between net vaporization and condensation occurs around 50 bar. At this pressure, the transverse velocity is nearly zero. As pressure deviates, the diffusion layer velocity correction increases. For all pressure cases, the interface deflection is between 2 to 3 orders of magnitude smaller than the diffusion layer thickness and can be considered negligible. Therefore, it is reasonable to assume a fixed interface at $y = 0$.

3. Thermodynamic modeling and interface conditions

The governing equations need accurate estimates of the thermophysical and transport properties in a wide range of thermodynamic states to properly capture physical processes at high pressures. A real-gas equation of state is used to evaluate density, enthalpy and other thermodynamic parameters given a state point in the thermodynamic space (i.e., p , T and Y_i). Transport properties are obtained from various models and correlations developed for high-pressure environments or high-dense fluids.

3.1. Equation of state

In this work, the Soave-Redlich-Kwong (SRK) cubic equation of state is used [45]. From a computational perspective, a cubic equation of state is more efficient to implement than other more accurate parametric equations of state, while still providing reasonable accuracy in predicting liquid and gas solutions. However, the SRK equation of state density predictions start to deviate from experimental values as fluid density increases (e.g., liquid phase or fluids under high pressures), with errors up to 20% [46,47]. To improve the accuracy of the equation of state, a volumetric correction is implemented, which recovers the molar volume, \bar{v}_c , at the critical point T_c and p_c [48]. This method also increases the accuracy of density predictions for other temperatures and pressures.

The modified SRK equation of state in terms of the compressibility factor, Z , becomes

$$\begin{aligned} Z^3 + (3C - 1)Z^2 + (C(3C - 2) + A - B - B^2)Z \\ + C(C^2 - C + A - B - B^2) - AB = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

with

$$Z = \frac{\bar{v}p}{R_u T} \quad ; \quad A = \frac{a(T)p}{R_u^2 T^2} \quad ; \quad B = \frac{bp}{R_u T} \quad ; \quad C = \frac{c(T)p}{R_u T} \quad (13)$$

where R_u is the universal gas constant.

Eq. (12) is a cubic equation for Z , which can be solved to obtain the molar volume or the density ($\rho = MW/\bar{v}$) of the mixture for a given pressure, temperature and composition. $a(T)$ represents a temperature-dependent cohesive energy parameter, b represents the volumetric parameter and $c(T)$ is a temperature-dependent volume correction. The cohesive parameter is evaluated from the critical point as

$$a(T) = a_c \alpha(T) \quad ; \quad a_c = \frac{1}{9(2^{1/3} - 1)} \frac{R_u^2 T_c^2}{p_c} \quad (14)$$

$$\alpha(T) = [1 + m(1 - T_r^{0.5})]^2; \quad m = 0.48508 + 1.55171\omega - 0.15613\omega^2 \quad (15)$$

where $T_r = T/T_c$ stands for the reduced temperature, ω is the acentric factor of the species molecule, and the coefficient m is computed according to the modification proposed by Graboski and Daubert [49,50]. The volumetric parameter and its correction are also obtained from the critical point as

$$b = b_c = \frac{2^{1/3} - 1}{3} \frac{R_u T_c}{p_c} \quad ; \quad c(T) = c_c f(T_r) \quad ; \quad c_c = \bar{v}_c^{SRK} - \bar{v}_c = \left(\frac{1}{3} - Z_c^{\exp}\right) \frac{R_u T_c}{p_c} \quad (16)$$

with Z_c^{\exp} being the experimental compressibility factor of the critical point and $f(T_r)$ a temperature-dependent function which becomes 1 at the critical point ($T_r = 1$). This function is obtained from Lin et al. [48], given by

$$f(T_r) = \beta + (1 - \beta) \exp(\eta|1 - T_r|) \quad (17)$$

In Eq. (17), β and η are experimentally fitted parameters for each species. To avoid isotherm crossing near the critical temperature at very high pressures, the volume correction should be temperature-independent if $p > p_c$. Then, Eq. (17) is modified as in [48]

$$f(T_r) = \beta + (1 - \beta) \exp(0.5\eta) \quad (18)$$

For mixtures, quadratic mixing rules are used to follow the original guidelines provided by Soave [45]. Other mixing rules could be implemented, but the analysis of their performance is out of scope of the present work and satisfactory matching with experimental data has been obtained with the present model. Note that for nomenclature convenience, the dependence on temperature for the terms related to a and c is not explicitly written. The mixing rules are

$$a = \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^N X_i X_j (a_i a_j)^{0.5} (1 - k_{ij}) \quad ; \quad b = \sum_{i=1}^N X_i b_i \quad ; \quad c = \sum_{i=1}^N X_i c_i \quad (19)$$

where k_i are experimentally fitted binary interaction parameters and X_i is the mole fraction of species i .

Evaluation of other fluid properties needed in the governing equations, such as mixture enthalpy, can be found in Appendix A.

3.2. Transport properties

The thermodynamic modeling is coupled with the computation of transport properties via high-pressure correlations that require information of the thermodynamic state of the mixture (i.e., pressure, temperature, composition and density). Viscosity and thermal conductivity are evaluated using the correlations from Chung

et al. [51] while surface tension for the instability analysis is obtained from the Macleod-Sugden correlation, as suggested by Poling et al. [52]. The mass diffusion coefficient, D_m is based on the model developed by Leahy-Dios and Firoozabadi [43].

The mass diffusion coefficient in Eq. (10) can be expressed as

$$D_m = D_{12} \Gamma_{12} \quad ; \quad \Gamma_{12} = 1 + X_1 \left[\left(\frac{\partial \ln \Phi_1}{\partial X_1} \right) \Big|_{p,T} - \left(\frac{\partial \ln \Phi_1}{\partial X_2} \right) \Big|_{p,T} \right] \quad (20)$$

with D_{12} computed from [43]. Partial derivatives of the fugacity coefficient, Φ_i , based on the SRK equation of state are shown in Appendix B. Therefore, the transverse diffusion mass flux, J_i^y , in Eqs. (7) and (9) may be substituted by $J_i^y = -\rho D_m \frac{\partial y_i}{\partial y}$.

The thermodynamic factor, Γ_{12} , tends to 1 for an ideal mixture and it is identical to 1 for a pure substance. However, there is no mathematical restriction for this coefficient and it may become negative for a given composition range at a specified pressure and temperature. As other authors report [53], this situation of negative or reversed diffusion is associated with phase instability of the mixture and should be avoided.

3.3. Interface matching and phase equilibrium

The solution of the governing equations is not continuous across the interface. It is widely accepted for perfect and real gas flows through shock waves that jump conditions can be assumed when the global domain is much larger than the interfacial structure between the two regions [54,55]. Similarly for a mixing layer with an incompressible liquid, interfacial structures were ignored [56,57]. Therefore, a jump in fluid properties (e.g., density) is assumed and continuous distributions across the interface are neglected.

According to Dahms and Oefelein [58,59], the interface presents a negligible thickness of the order of $\mathcal{O}(10^{-8} - 10^{-9} \text{ m})$, which further supports the assumption used in this work of taking the limit of zero interface thickness. Thereby, temperature jumps are neglected across the interface (i.e., $T_g = T_l = T_i$). That is, local thermodynamic equilibrium (LTE) conditions are imposed at the interface to provide a necessary thermodynamic closure for the interface matching, while the bulk liquid and gas phase are not in global thermodynamic equilibrium (GTE). In addition, diffusion layers in non-ideal high-pressure conditions quickly reach thicknesses of the order of $\mathcal{O}(10^{-6} \text{ m})$ and the difference between the two mass fluxes crossing the interface is much smaller than either flux [7]. Therefore, the imposition of LTE at the interface is justified.

However, neglecting the temperature jump across the finite interface and imposing LTE conditions cannot be solely justified by analyzing the interface thickness at the desired thermodynamic conditions. Dahms and Oefelein found the interface to be in non-equilibrium when the interfacial temperature was near the critical temperature of the mixture at very high pressures [60]. A transition metastasizes between both phases and a two-phase behavior cannot exist. However for the configuration and conditions analyzed in this work, the interface temperature remains far below the mixture critical temperature, as presented in Fig. 5 of Poblador-Ibanez and Sirignano [7]. Furthermore, the temperature jump across the interface is also sensitive to the interface resistivity or heat transfer efficiency [61,62]. Although thermal conductivities are small for the analyzed fluids, the order of magnitude of the interface temperature jump across the expected interface thickness (e.g., $\delta_f = 10 - 20 \text{ } \mu\text{m}$) is negligible compared to the equilibrium temperature found using LTE.

To relate both liquid and gas phases, mass, momentum and energy conservation relations are imposed. In a frame of reference moving with the interface, which is denoted by Γ , the mass flux,

$\dot{\omega}$, Eqs. (21) and (22), and energy flux, Eq. (23), crossing the interface must be continuous (i.e., fluxes normal to the interface). This corresponds to matching the governing equations in the y -direction for the mixing layer. The transverse interface velocity, V_Γ , is an eigenvalue of the problem that can be determined by the specific boundary conditions (i.e., $V_\Gamma = 0$ for a fixed interface).

$$\dot{\omega} = \rho_g(v_g - V_\Gamma) = \rho_l(v_l - V_\Gamma) \quad (21)$$

$$\rho_g Y_{gi}(v_g - V_\Gamma) + J_{gi}^y = \rho_l Y_{li}(v_l - V_\Gamma) + J_{li}^y \quad (22)$$

$$\dot{\omega}(h_g - h_l) = \lambda_g \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial y} \right)_g - \lambda_l \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial y} \right)_l + \sum_{i=1}^N J_{li}^y h_{li} - \sum_{i=1}^N J_{gi}^y h_{gi} \quad (23)$$

Rearranging Eq. (21), the normal velocity jump is obtained as

$$v_g - v_l = \left(\frac{1}{\rho_g} - \frac{1}{\rho_l} \right) \dot{\omega} \quad (24)$$

The streamwise momentum equation is matched under the following conditions, which state that the tangential component of the fluid velocity at the interface should be continuous (i.e., no-slip condition), Eq. (25), as well as the tangential stress or shear stress at the interface, Eq. (26).

$$u_g = u_l = U_\Gamma \quad (25)$$

$$\mu_g \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right)_g = \mu_l \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right)_l \quad (26)$$

Local phase equilibrium is imposed via an equality in chemical potential for each species on both sides of the interface. This condition can be expressed in terms of an equality in fugacity, f , [45,52] as

$$f_{li}(T_l, p_l, X_{li}) = f_{gi}(T_g, p_g, X_{gi}) \quad (27)$$

where fugacity is a function of temperature, pressure and mixture composition. Under the constant pressure assumption, the interface pressure is continuous (i.e., $p_l = p_g = p_\Gamma = p_{ch}$). Eq. (27) can be rewritten in terms of the fugacity coefficient, Φ_i , defined as

$$\Phi_i = \frac{f_i}{p_i} = \frac{f_i}{p X_i} \quad (28)$$

Thus, for constant pressure across the interface, phase equilibrium is now given by

$$X_{li} \Phi_{li} = X_{gi} \Phi_{gi} \quad (29)$$

The phase equilibrium relations solution simplifies and a mixture composition can readily be obtained on each side of the interface.

4. Numerical method

4.1. Discretization of the governing equations

Eqs. (5), (7), (8), and (9) are discretized using a finite difference approach. Eq. (5) is discretized using an implicit approach to obtain the transverse velocity field from density variations within the domain. An explicit first-order Euler method is used to discretize Eqs. (7), (8), and (9) instead of high order explicit or implicit approaches [42]. The Courant-Friedrichs-Lewy (CFL) conditions are satisfied to ensure numerical stability [42,63].

The transverse velocity and diffusion mass fluxes are computed on the cell faces, while all other properties are evaluated at the node center. A second-order central-difference scheme was used to compute those variables evaluated at both the cell face and node center. Careful CFL conditions, small transverse velocities,

and an explicit scheme allow for a central-difference approach that does not introduce numerical instabilities and produces similar results as upwind schemes [42]. Gradients at the cell faces are computed using a second-order approximation. However, this scheme cannot be used at the interface as a discontinuity exists. A first-order approximation would produce inaccurate results. A one-sided second-order Taylor series expansion is instead used to correctly evaluate the gradients on both the liquid and gas sides of the interface as showed in Poblador-Ibanez and Sirignano [7].

4.2. Solution algorithm

The governing equations and matching conditions at the interface are solved in a manner similar to the method used by Poblador-Ibanez and Sirignano [7]. However, in the current work, the streamwise velocity field at the next streamwise position is solved first and then, is used to develop the updated transverse velocity profile.

5. Results and discussion

5.1. Diffusion layer evolution

Cold, liquid n -decane and hot, gaseous oxygen were chosen to analyze the physics within the shear layer. Fig. 3 presents the diffusion layer evolution for density at a constant pressure, $p = 150$ bar. At a given y -value, liquid density continuously decreases with streamwise distance as the diffusion layers grow. Conversely, the gas density increases with x at constant y . This is expected because heat is transferred between the hot gas and colder liquid. In addition, heavy n -decane vaporizes into the gas phase while the lighter oxygen gas condensates into the liquid phase. As such, density will decrease in the liquid phase and increase in the gas phase as the diffusion layers grow. A comparable conclusion can be made for the temperature distributions in Fig. 4. The temperature in the liquid phase increases with streamwise distance whereas it decreases in the gas phase. Like the density profiles, these trends are also caused by heat conduction.

Fig. 5 shows the development of the viscosity profiles as the flow progresses downstream. Interestingly, the liquid-phase viscosity decreases with streamwise distance because the viscosity is dependent on temperature and density. In the gas phase, temperature has a rapid decrease as it tends towards the interface. Conversely, density increases rather minimally. Because there is a large drop in temperature across the diffusion layer in the gas phase, it overcomes density variation effects, allowing the viscosity to drop below the bulk gas viscosity. A similar result is not observed in the liquid phase, where there is a large drop in density and an increase in temperature from the bulk conditions to the interface. Because the liquid temperature increase is slight, it has little influence on the viscosity profile.

Fig. 6 presents the streamwise velocity development. Since the bulk liquid has a larger kinematic viscosity than the bulk gas, the diffusion-layer thickness is small. The layer is much thicker on the gas side as it has a much smaller viscosity making it more readily influenced by the liquid phase. Similarly, a comparison of fully evolved streamwise velocity profiles for varying pressures can be seen from Fig. 7. The layer thickness remains consistent over varying pressures in the liquid phase while the thickness progressively increases as pressure decreases in the gas phase. Density decreases as pressure decreases in both phases. Since the mean velocity of the flow remained at 10 m/s and the streamwise Reynolds number was kept constant, the velocity difference must increase for decreasing pressures. Lower densities typically correspond to larger diffusivities. Thus, momentum diffusion is larger in the low-density gas phase at low pressures.

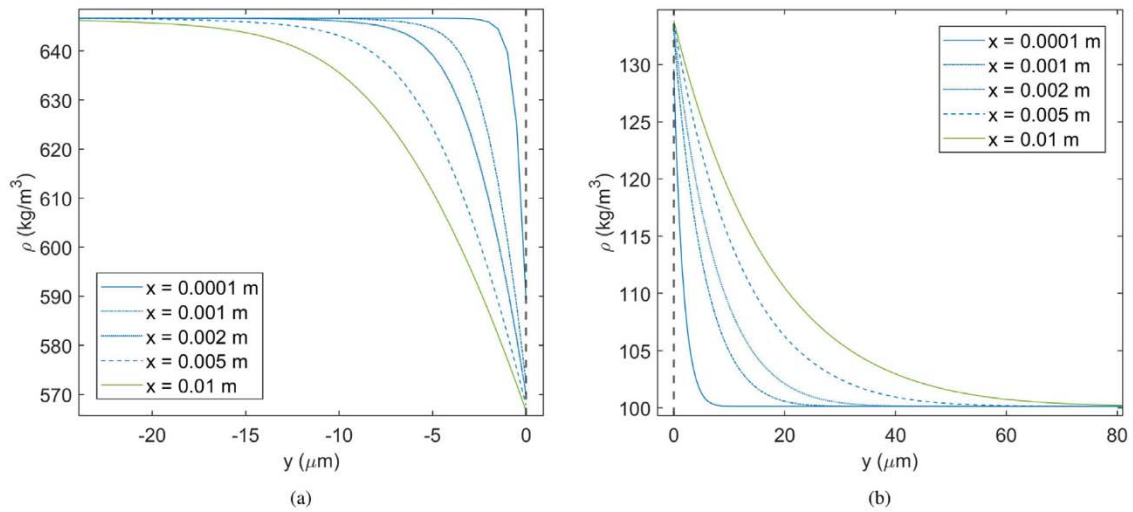


Fig. 3. Streamwise evolution of the density distributions in the transverse direction for the oxygen/n-decane mixture at $p = 150$ bar. The interface is located at $y = 0 \mu\text{m}$. (a) liquid density; (b) gas density.

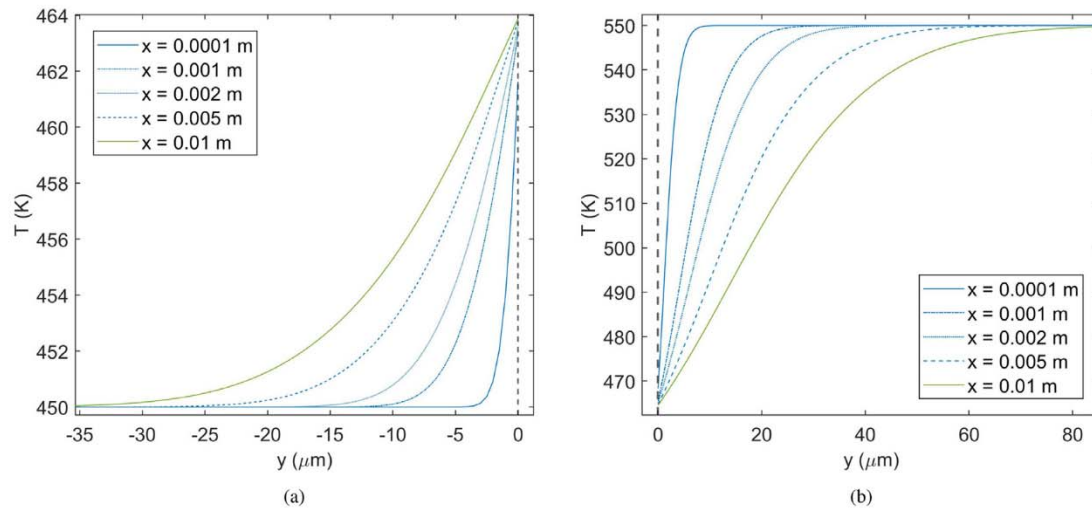


Fig. 4. Streamwise evolution of the temperature distributions in the transverse direction for the oxygen/n-decane mixture at $p = 150$ bar. The interface is located at $y = 0 \mu\text{m}$. (a) liquid temperature; (b) gas temperature.

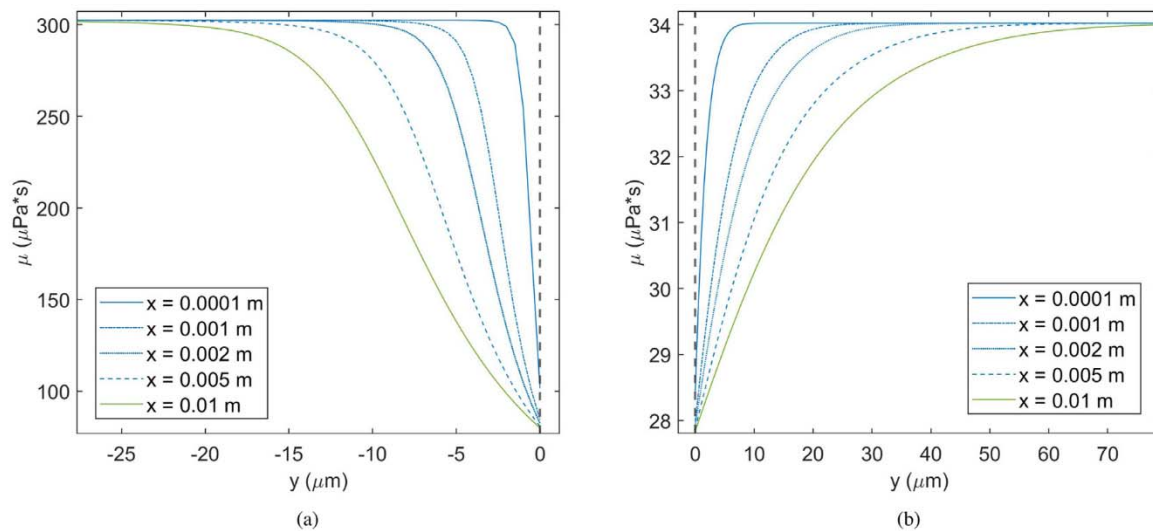


Fig. 5. Streamwise evolution of the viscosity distributions in the transverse direction for the oxygen/n-decane mixture at $p = 150$ bar. The interface is located at $y = 0 \mu\text{m}$. (a) liquid viscosity; (b) gas viscosity.

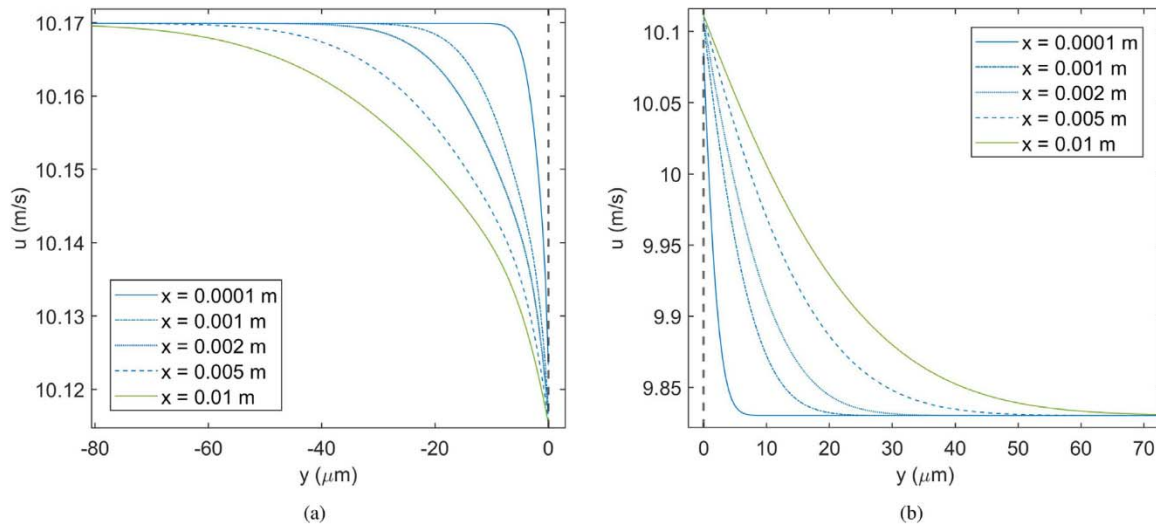


Fig. 6. Streamwise evolution of the streamwise velocity distributions in the transverse direction for the oxygen/n-decane mixture at $p = 150$ bar. The interface is located at $y = 0 \mu\text{m}$. (a) liquid streamwise velocity; (b) gas streamwise velocity.

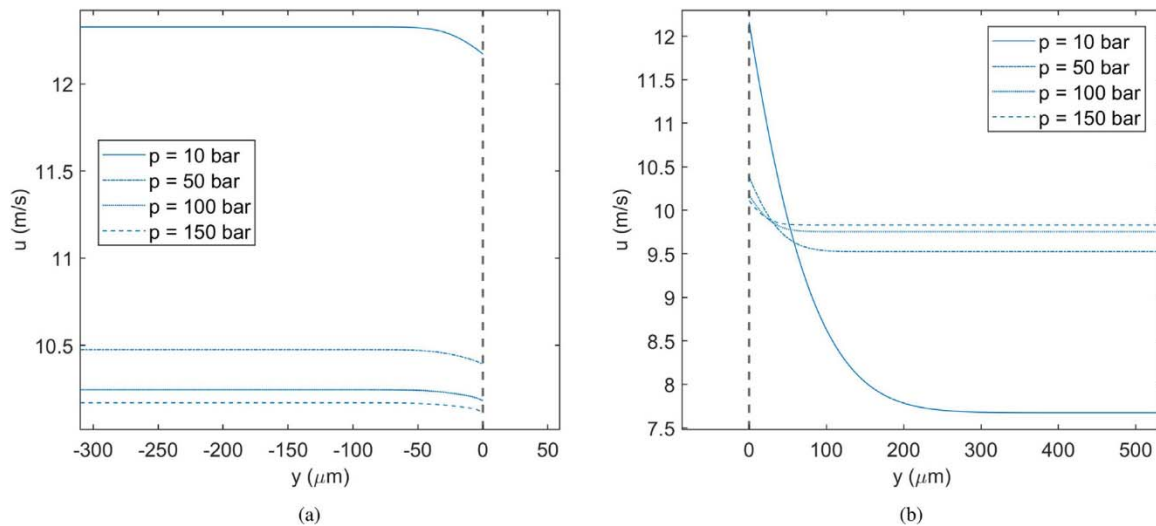


Fig. 7. Comparison of the streamwise velocity distributions in the transverse direction for the oxygen/n-decane mixture at $p = 10, 50, 100$, and 150 bar and streamwise distance 1 cm ($Re_x = 10,000$). (a) liquid streamwise velocity; (b) gas streamwise velocity.

Table 5

Interface mean-steady temperature, mole fraction of n -decane, mass flux, density, and equilibrium mixture enthalpy in each phase for all pressure cases at streamwise distance $x = 0.01 \text{ m}$.

| p (bar) | T (K) | $X_{C_{10}H_{22},l}$ | $X_{C_{10}H_{22},g}$ | \dot{m} ($\frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^2 \cdot \text{s}}$) | ρ_l ($\frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3}$) | ρ_g ($\frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3}$) | h_l ($\frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg}}$) | h_g ($\frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg}}$) |
|-----------|---------|----------------------|----------------------|---|---|---|---|---|
| 10 | 451.497 | 0.974 | 0.128 | 0.0760 | 593.529 | 12.413 | 332.696 | 489.153 |
| 50 | 457.610 | 0.865 | 0.0410 | 0.00488 | 580.403 | 47.932 | 355.498 | 444.624 |
| 100 | 461.326 | 0.744 | 0.0322 | -0.0539 | 571.833 | 91.434 | 372.589 | 437.093 |
| 150 | 464.121 | 0.639 | 0.0321 | -0.109 | 563.888 | 134.362 | 386.623 | 435.013 |

The interface streamwise velocity remains very close to the bulk liquid velocity. Viscosity in the gas phase changes minimally relative to the significant decrease in the liquid phase. As mentioned in the previous paragraph, the liquid is faster and more viscous than the gas. Therefore, it becomes difficult for the slower and less viscous gas to slow down the liquid stream.

Across all pressures, the flow variables at the interface tend toward steady-state values. The effects of increasing pressure on temperature, mixture composition, and mass flux for phase change at the interface are shown in Table 5. For pressures above 50 bar,

a negative mass flux is observed. This is indicative of net condensation occurring at the interface for these supercritical pressures. The dissolution of O_2 in the liquid phase is enhanced by the phase-equilibrium requirements. Net vaporization occurs at the interface for the subcritical 10 bar and supercritical 50 bar pressure cases. Note that the 50 bar pressure case is very close to the transition between overall vaporization and condensation resulting in a near-zero net mass flux. Interface densities decrease with pressure in the liquid phase and increase in the gas phase. Similarly, the equilibrium mixture enthalpy increases with pressure in the liq-

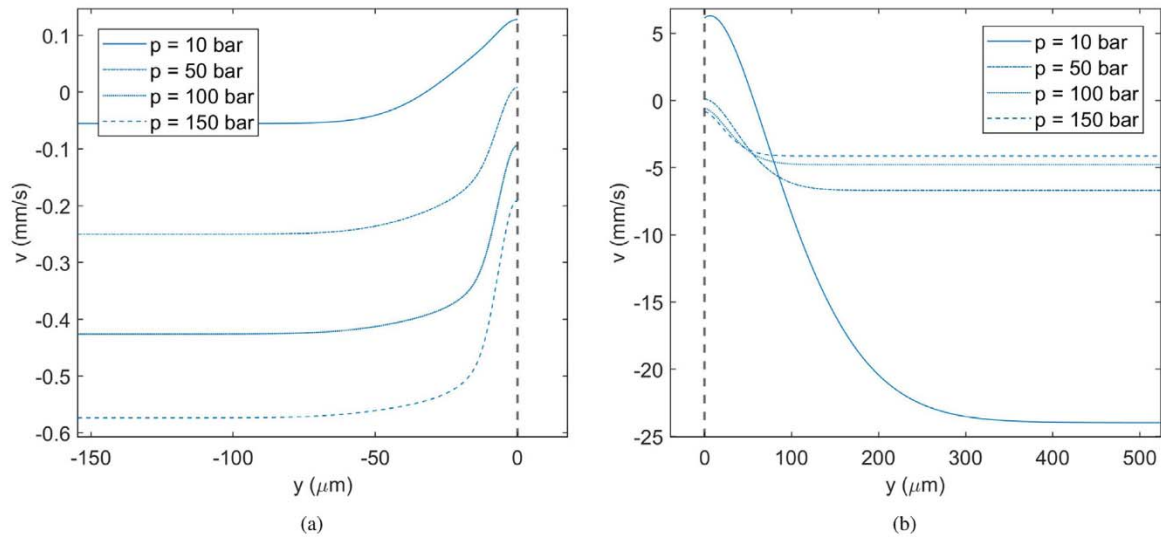


Fig. 8. Comparison of the transverse velocity distributions in the transverse direction for the oxygen/*n*-decane mixture at $p = 10, 50, 100$, and 150 bar and streamwise distance 1 cm ($Re_x = 10,000$). (a) liquid transverse velocity; (b) gas transverse velocity.

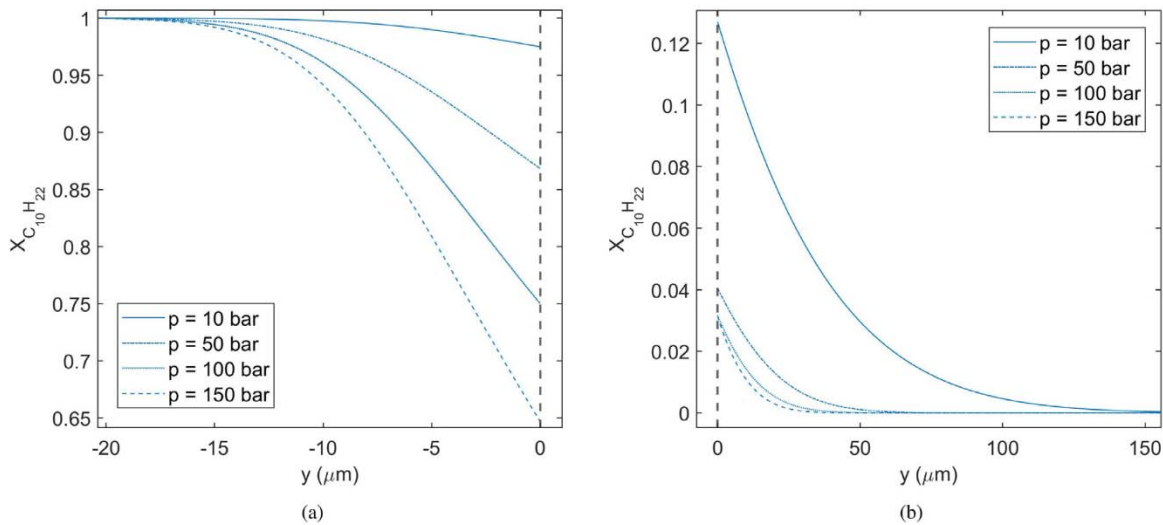


Fig. 9. Comparison of the transverse velocity and mole fraction distributions in the transverse direction for the oxygen/*n*-decane mixture at $p = 10, 50, 100$, and 150 bar and streamwise distance 1 cm ($Re_x = 10,000$). (a) *n*-decane mole fraction in the liquid phase; (b) *n*-decane mole fraction in the gas phase.

liquid phase and decreases in the gas phase. Interface temperature is heavily influenced by the bulk liquid. As pressure decreases, the interface temperature's dependence on the bulk liquid temperature strengthens considerably.

Figs. 8 and 9 present profiles of the transverse velocity and mole fractions of *n*-decane at a streamwise distance $x = 0.01$ m for varying pressures. The diffusion layer thickness ranges from 10 – 18 μm in the liquid phase and 30 – 160 μm in the gas phase. A considerably thick diffusion layer (i.e., $\delta = 160$ μm) occurs in the gas phase at 10 bar. Similarly, the thickest diffusion layer in the liquid phase (i.e., $\delta = 18$ μm) occurs at 150 bar due to the enhanced dissolution of oxygen. The same conclusion cannot be reached for the streamwise velocity distributions in Fig. 7. At 10 bar, the largest layers are witnessed on both sides of the interface.

While Table 5 and Fig. 8 show a shift from vaporization to condensation as pressure is increased, the hotter gas still conducts heat to the colder liquid. However, the influence of energy transport by mass diffusion reverses the energy flux across the interface. That is, at high pressures either vaporization or condensation can provide the proper energy balance [33,37].

5.2. Similarity

Potential similarity of the solution can be seen from Figs. 3–9. That is, reduction to one independent variable appears to be achievable. The existence of such a solution is important and useful. In such a situation, the system of partial differential equations, Eqs. (5)–(9), can be reduced to a system of ordinary differential equations that is much easier to solve. Here, a rough estimate is made concerning similarity. The approximate non-dimensional similarity variable is defined as

$$\eta^* = \frac{\sqrt{u_{\infty l}} \int_0^y \rho dy'}{\sqrt{2\rho_{\infty l} \mu_{\infty l} x}} \quad (30)$$

η^* is exact only when the product of density and viscosity is constant. Thus, here it is an approximation as $\rho\mu$ varies across the mixing layer.

Figs. 10–12 present plots of the similarity profile development for temperature, density, and streamwise velocity at $p = 150$ bar. Continuous variables, such as streamwise velocity and temperature, are non-dimensionalized to obtain distributions ranging from 0 to

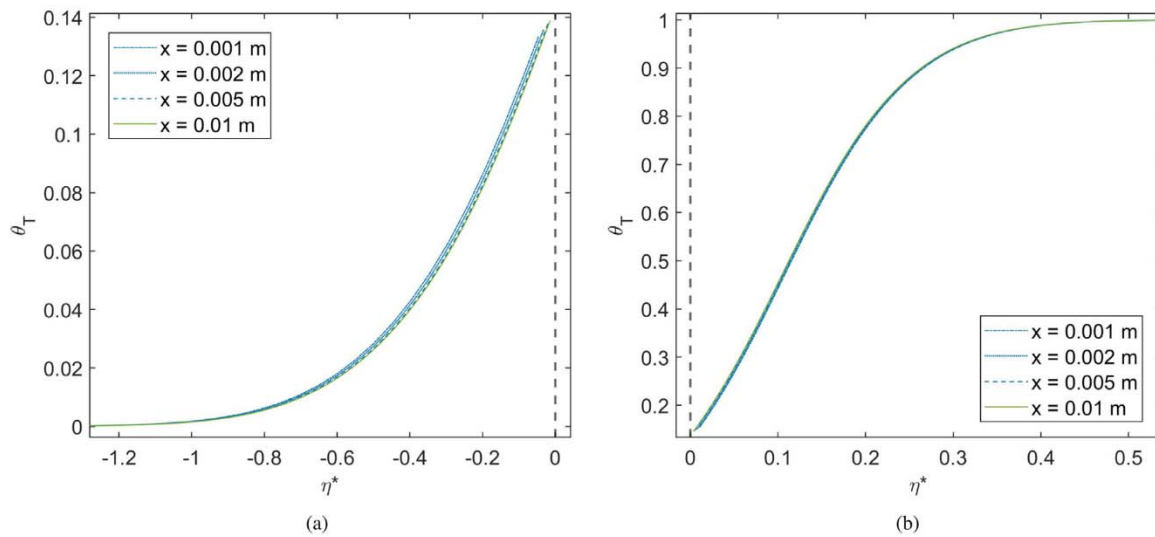


Fig. 10. Evolution of the non-dimensional temperature distributions in the transverse direction against the non-dimensional similarity variable, η^* , for the oxygen/n-decane mixture at $p = 150$ bar. (a) liquid temperature; (b) gas temperature.

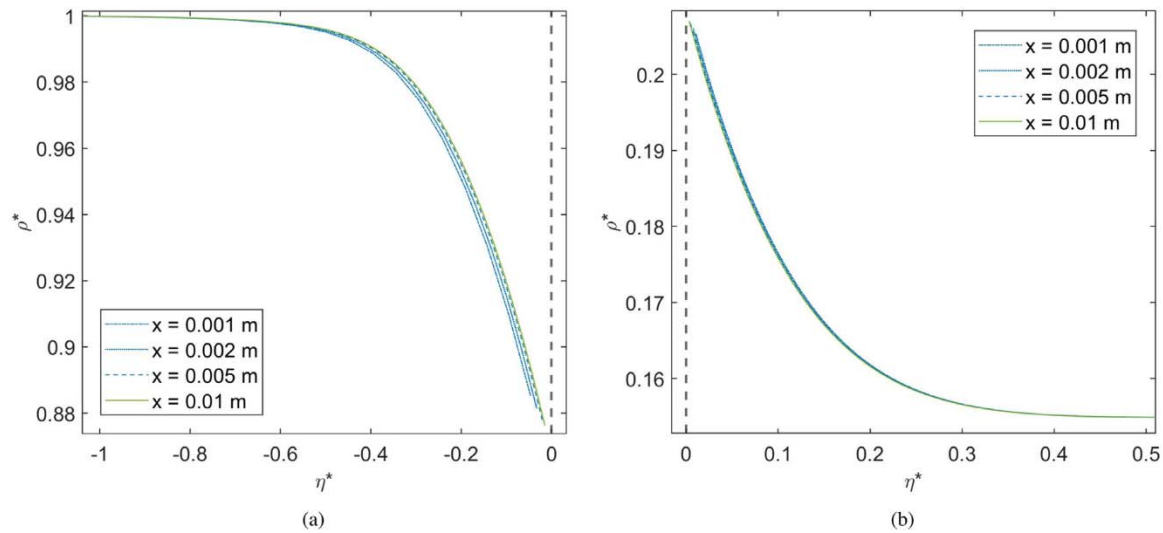


Fig. 11. Evolution of the non-dimensional temperature and density distributions in the transverse direction against the non-dimensional similarity variable, η^* , for the oxygen/n-decane mixture at $p = 150$ bar. (a) liquid density; (b) gas density.

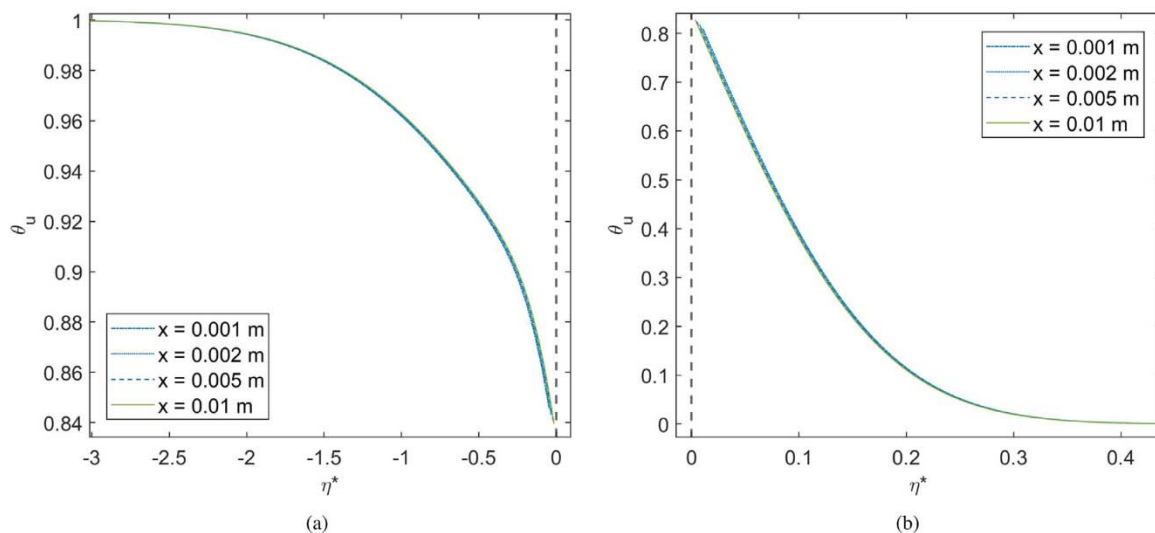


Fig. 12. Evolution of the non-dimensional streamwise velocity distribution in the transverse direction against the non-dimensional similarity variable, η^* , for the oxygen/n-decane mixture at $p = 150$ bar. (a) streamwise velocity in the liquid phase near the interface; (b) streamwise velocity in the gas phase near the interface.

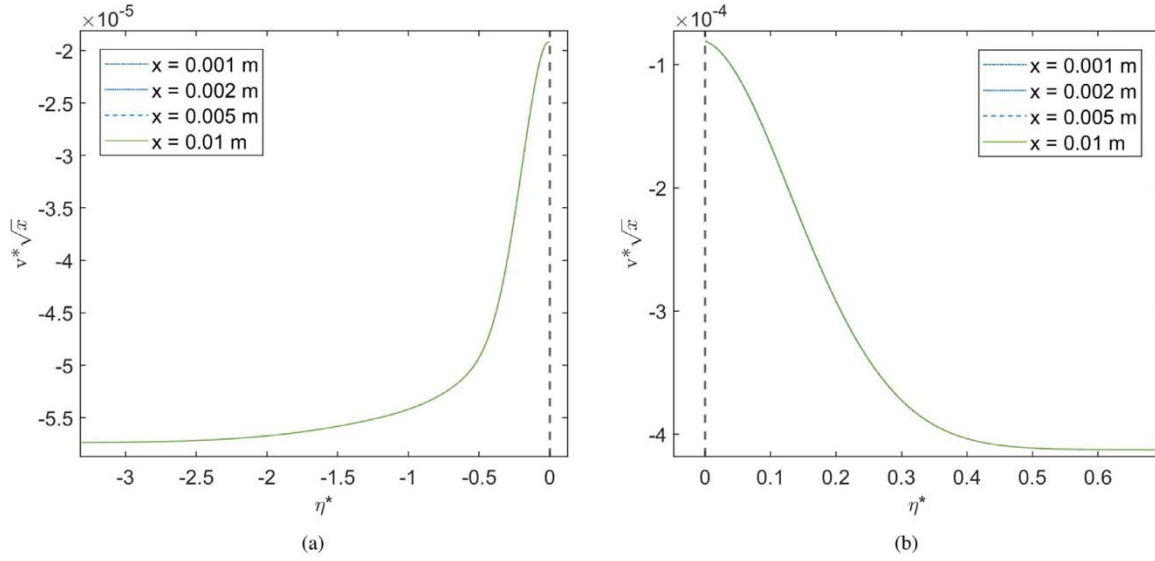


Fig. 13. Evolution of the streamwise distance-weighted transverse velocity distribution in the transverse direction against the non-dimensional similarity variable, η^* , for the oxygen/n-decane mixture at $p = 150$ bar. (a) weighted transverse velocity in the liquid phase near the interface; (b) weighted transverse velocity in the gas phase near the interface.

Fig. 14. Comparison of the non-dimensional temperature and streamwise velocity distributions in the transverse direction against the similarity variable, η^* , for the oxygen/n-decane mixture at $p = 10, 50, 100$, and 150 bar and streamwise position $x = 1$ cm. (a) normalized temperature in the gas phase near the interface; (b) normalized streamwise velocity in the liquid phase near the interface.

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$$\theta_u(y) = \frac{u(y) - u_{\infty g}}{u_{\infty l} - u_{\infty g}} \quad ; \quad \theta_T(y) = \frac{T(y) - T_{\infty l}}{T_{\infty g} - T_{\infty l}} \quad (31)$$

Similarly, density is non-dimensionalized with respect to the liquid freestream conditions as

$$\rho^* = \frac{\rho}{\rho_{\infty l}} \quad (32)$$

For all flow variables, the diffusing-advecting quantities collapse to a near-similar solution.

Similarity for the transverse velocity can be analyzed by multiplying the transverse velocity profiles by the square root of their respective streamwise distances. That is, the profile dependence on streamwise distance x is removed. Fig. 13 presents the weighted transverse velocity against η^* . Like the other variable distributions, a similar solution is reached for all streamwise locations.

Across different pressure cases, the similarity profiles differ. Fig. 14 shows the considerable deviation of the profiles of non-

dimensionalized temperature and streamwise velocity for different pressures. This is also the case for the streamwise velocity. The interface temperature and velocity are significantly changed because of the altered thermodynamics. In addition, the diffusion layer evolution and thickness are dependent on the density, viscosity, and streamwise velocity difference between the two phases. All of these parameters change as pressure changes and hence, the streamwise velocity profiles also vary.

The same conclusion can be made for varying temperature cases. This can be seen in Fig. 15. Changing the bulk temperature conditions for both the liquid and gas phase affects the thermodynamics considerably and thus, a universal description of the similar profile cannot be found. While the streamwise velocity profiles are only weakly dependent on temperature, the interface conditions change for varying temperature ranges. With regard to the profiles, cases with comparable freestream liquid temperatures show stronger congruity regardless of the bulk gas temperatures.

Fig. 15. Comparison of the temperature and streamwise velocity distributions in the transverse direction against the similarity variable, η for the oxygen/*n*-decane mixture at $p = 150$ bar and streamwise position $x = 1$ cm. (a) normalized temperature in the liquid phase near the interface; (b) normalized streamwise velocity in the liquid phase near the interface.

5.3. Boundary layer approximation

The stress tensor can be written in a generalized form for a Newtonian fluid as

$$\tau_{ij} = \mu \left(\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} + \frac{\partial u_j}{\partial x_i} \right) + \delta_{ij} \lambda \frac{\partial u_k}{\partial x_k} \quad (33)$$

where τ is the deviatoric of the deformation rate tensor, δ is the Kronecker delta, and μ and λ are the dynamic viscosity and second coefficient of viscosity. The Stokes' hypothesis is used, whereby $\lambda = -\frac{2}{3}\mu$.

Differentiating τ along the streamwise face with respect to the streamwise and transverse directions yields

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x}(\tau_{xx}) = 2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\mu \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right) - \frac{2}{3} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[\mu \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \right) \right] \quad (34)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y}(\tau_{xy}) = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(\mu \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(\mu \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \right) \quad (35)$$

A boundary layer approximation is assumed in this work. Thus, normal stress, τ_{xx} , and the streamwise derivative term in τ_{xy} are neglected. H is defined as the ratio of terms not included to those included as

$$H = \frac{\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\mu \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[\mu \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \right) \right] + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(\mu \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \right)}{\frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(\mu \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right)} \quad (36)$$

Similarity can only be believed in the region where the mixing layer equations are valid. $H < 10^{-2}$ is considered sufficient for the boundary layer approximation to hold. The validity of the mixing layer equations is shown in Fig. 16, which plots H for varying streamwise Reynolds numbers at 150 bar with a semilog scale. For both liquid and gas phases, H decreases as the Reynolds number is increased. The effects of τ_{xx} taper off with streamwise distance. Immediately at a unity Reynolds number, $\frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(\mu \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right)$ is greater than all other terms combined for both phases. Progressing downstream, $\frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(\mu \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right)$ becomes two orders of magnitude larger than the other terms at $Re_x = 57$ and $Re_x = 239$ in the gas and liquid phases respectively. This suggests that the similarity analysis performed in this work is valid for streamwise Reynolds numbers greater than

Fig. 16. H for varying streamwise Reynolds numbers at $p = 150$ bar.

239 at 150 bar. That is, for $Re_x > 239$, terms such as τ_{xx} and the streamwise derivatives in τ_{xy} can be safely neglected when considering the one-dimensional profile similarity.

An analysis for the boundary layer approximation validity has not been evaluated for 10, 50, and 100 bar. However, figures shown in Section 5.3 present profiles at very high Reynolds numbers. Thereby, the results can confidently be believed for all pressure cases.

6. Summary and conclusions

The variable-density, multicomponent laminar boundary-layer equations coupled with a real-fluid thermodynamic model were used to analyze the resulting shear layer between a cold liquid and hot gas. They show that a sharp phase interface still exists at pressures above the critical pressure for both the liquid *n*-decane and gaseous oxygen.

A Kelvin-Helmholtz instability analysis was performed to ensure continuum behavior and to show phase equilibrium could be established in a shorter distance than required for amplitude growth with hydrodynamic instabilities. A transverse velocity was found to balance the transverse momentum on either side of the interface. However, interface deflection was between 2 to 3 orders of magnitude smaller than the diffusion layer thickness. Thus, for all pressure cases, a fixed interface at $y = 0$ is reasonable.

Thick diffusion layers form around the liquid-gas interface at $x = 1$ cm downstream for different pressures (i.e., 10–18 μm in the liquid phase and 30–160 μm in the gas phase). It was found that the diffusion layer thickness increased in the liquid phase and decreased in the gas phase as pressure increased. While gaseous oxygen dissolves and liquid n -decane mixes with the gas vaporizes at all pressures, a transition from net vaporization to condensation of the liquid phase occurred around 50 bar.

Reduction to a form was found where the dependent variable profiles at different downstream positions collapse onto each other when plotted versus the similarity variable, η . When pressure or temperature is varied, a universal description of the similar profile cannot be found as the thermodynamics change the interface properties and the diffusion layer evolution. However, the interface temperature is strongly dependent on the bulk liquid phase temperature allowing for stronger congruity between similar bulk liquid temperatures. Similarity under the boundary layer approximation was shown to hold in both liquid and gas phases for Reynolds numbers greater than 239 at 150 bar. Profiles presented are at very high Reynolds numbers. Therefore, the results are expected for all analyzed pressures.

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Appendix A. Evaluation of enthalpies, internal energy, entropy, fugacity coefficient, and specific heat at constant pressure

Expressions for enthalpy, h , Eq. (A.1); internal energy, e , Eq. (A.2); entropy, s , Eq. (A.3); and fugacity coefficient, Φ , Eq. (A.4), are derived from fundamental thermodynamic principles, where deviations from the ideal gas state (denoted by $*$) are introduced by means of a departure function [52].

$$h = h^*(T) + \frac{1}{MW} \left[R_u T (Z - 1) + R_u T \int_{\infty}^{\bar{v}} \left(T \left(\frac{\partial Z}{\partial T} \right)_{\bar{v}, X_i} - 1 + Z \right) \frac{d\bar{v}}{\bar{v}} \right] \quad (\text{A.1})$$

$$e = e^*(T) + \frac{R_u T}{MW} \int_{\infty}^{\bar{v}} \left(T \left(\frac{\partial Z}{\partial T} \right)_{\bar{v}, X_i} \right) \frac{d\bar{v}}{\bar{v}} \quad (\text{A.2})$$

$$s = s^*(T, p_0) + \frac{1}{MW} \left[-R_u \ln \left(\frac{p}{p_0} \right) - R_u \sum_{i=1}^N X_i \ln(X_i) \right]$$

$$+ \frac{1}{MW} \left[R_u \ln(Z) + R_u \int_{\infty}^{\bar{v}} \left(T \left(\frac{\partial Z}{\partial T} \right)_{\bar{v}, X_i} - 1 + Z \right) \frac{d\bar{v}}{\bar{v}} \right] \quad (\text{A.3})$$

$$\ln(\Phi_i) = \int_{\infty}^{\bar{v}} \left[\frac{1}{\bar{v}} - \frac{1}{R_u T} \left(\frac{\partial p}{\partial X_i} \right)_{T, \bar{v}, X_{j \neq i}} \right] d\bar{v} - \ln Z \quad (\text{A.4})$$

In Eq. (A.1)–(A.4), MW states the molecular weight of the mixture. Note that Eq. (A.3) also includes terms to account for deviations from the reference pressure of the ideal gas mixture entropy and the entropy of mixing caused by the irreversible mixing process between different species [64–66]. Combining the previous expressions with the modified SRK equation of state, it yields

$$h = h^*(T) + \frac{1}{MW} \left[R_u T (Z - 1) + \frac{T(\partial a / \partial T)_{\bar{v}, X_i} - a}{b} \ln \left(1 + \frac{B}{Z + C} \right) + R_u T^2 \left(\frac{Z}{\bar{v}} \right) \left(\frac{\partial c}{\partial T} \right)_{\bar{v}, X_i} \right] \quad (\text{A.5})$$

$$e = e^*(T) + \frac{1}{MW} \left[\frac{T(\partial a / \partial T)_{\bar{v}, X_i} - a}{b} \ln \left(1 + \frac{B}{Z + C} \right) + R_u T^2 \left(\frac{Z}{\bar{v}} \right) \left(\frac{\partial c}{\partial T} \right)_{\bar{v}, X_i} \right] \quad (\text{A.6})$$

$$s = s^*(T, p_0) + \frac{1}{MW} \left[-R_u \ln \left(\frac{p}{p_0} \right) - R_u \sum_{i=1}^N X_i \ln(X_i) \right] + \frac{1}{MW} \left[\frac{1}{b} \left(\frac{\partial a}{\partial T} \right)_{\bar{v}, X_i} \ln \left(1 + \frac{B}{Z + C} \right) + R_u \ln(Z + C - B) \right] + \frac{1}{MW} \left[R_u T \left(\frac{Z}{\bar{v}} \right) \left(\frac{\partial c}{\partial T} \right)_{\bar{v}, X_i} \right] \quad (\text{A.7})$$

$$\ln(\Phi_i) = \frac{Z + C - 1}{b} \frac{\partial b}{\partial X_i} - \frac{C}{c} \frac{\partial c}{\partial X_i} - \ln(Z + C - B) - \frac{A}{B} \left(\frac{1}{a} \frac{\partial a}{\partial X_i} - \frac{1}{b} \frac{\partial b}{\partial X_i} \right) \ln \left(1 + \frac{B}{Z + C} \right) \quad (\text{A.8})$$

Furthermore, expressions for the specific heat at constant pressure and partial enthalpy of species i in a mixture are needed. They are obtained by applying the respective thermodynamic definitions. The specific heat at constant pressure, c_p , becomes

$$c_p = \left(\frac{\partial h}{\partial T} \right)_{p, X_i} = c_p^*(T) + \frac{1}{MW} \left[\frac{T}{b} \left(\frac{\partial^2 a}{\partial T^2} \right)_{p, X_i} \ln \left(1 + \frac{B}{Z + C} \right) - R_u \right] + \frac{1}{MW} \left[\left(p - \frac{T(\partial a / \partial T)_{\bar{v}, X_i} - a}{(\bar{v} + c)(\bar{v} + c + b)} \right) \left(\left(\frac{\partial \bar{v}}{\partial T} \right)_{p, X_i} + \left(\frac{\partial c}{\partial T} \right)_{p, X_i} \right) \right] + \frac{1}{MW} \left[R_u T^2 \left(\frac{Z}{\bar{v}} \right) \left(\frac{\partial^2 c}{\partial T^2} \right)_{p, X_i} \right] \quad (\text{A.9})$$

and the partial molar enthalpy is

$$\bar{h}_i = \left(\frac{\partial \bar{h}}{\partial X_i} \right)_{p, T, X_{j \neq i}} = \bar{h}_i^*(T) + p \left(\frac{\partial \bar{v}}{\partial X_i} \right)_{p, T, X_{j \neq i}} - R_u T + \frac{a A_1}{\bar{v} + c + b} \left[A_2 - \frac{1}{\bar{v} + c} \left(\left(\frac{\partial \bar{v}}{\partial X_i} \right)_{p, T, X_{j \neq i}} + \left(\frac{\partial c}{\partial X_i} \right)_{p, T, X_{j \neq i}} \right) \right] + \frac{1}{b} \left(T \left(\frac{\partial^2 a}{\partial X_i \partial T} \right)_{p, T, X_{j \neq i}} - \left(\frac{\partial a}{\partial X_i} \right)_{p, T, X_{j \neq i}} - a A_1 A_2 \right) \ln \left(\frac{\bar{v} + c + b}{\bar{v} + c} \right)$$

$$+R_u T^2 \left(\frac{Z}{\bar{v}} \right) \left(\frac{\partial^2 c}{\partial X_i \partial T} \right)_{p,T,X_{j \neq i}} \quad (\text{A.10})$$

where A_1 and A_2 are defined as

$$A_1 \equiv \frac{T}{a} \left(\frac{\partial a}{\partial T} \right)_{v,X_i} - 1 \quad ; \quad A_2 \equiv \frac{1}{b} \left(\frac{\partial b}{\partial X_i} \right)_{v,X_i} \quad (\text{A.11})$$

Once the partial molar enthalpy is known, the partial specific enthalpy needed in Eq. (9) is obtained as $h_i = \bar{h}_i/MW_i$.

All partial derivatives involved in the previous expressions can be found in Appendix B. Ideal-gas enthalpy, internal energy, entropy and specific heat at constant pressure are obtained from the correlations by Passut and Danner [67] and ideal gas mixing rules as

$$h^*(T) = \sum_{i=1}^N Y_i h_i^*(T) \quad ; \quad e^*(T) = h^*(T) - p/\rho^* \quad (\text{A.12})$$

$$s^*(T, p_0) = \sum_{i=1}^N Y_i s_i^*(T, p_0) \quad ; \quad c_p^*(T) = \sum_{i=1}^N Y_i c_{p_i}^*(T) \quad (\text{A.13})$$

with

$$h_i^*(T) = \hat{A} + \hat{B}T + \hat{C}T^2 + \hat{D}T^3 + \hat{E}T^4 + \hat{F}T^5 \quad (\text{A.14})$$

$$s_i^*(T, p_0) = \hat{B} \ln T + 2\hat{C}T + \frac{3}{2}\hat{D}T^2 + \frac{4}{3}\hat{E}T^3 + \frac{5}{4}\hat{F}T^4 + \hat{G} \quad (\text{A.15})$$

$$c_{p,i}^*(T) = \hat{B} + 2\hat{C}T + 3\hat{D}T^2 + 4\hat{E}T^3 + 5\hat{F}T^4 \quad (\text{A.16})$$

where ρ^* is the ideal gas density evaluated using the ideal gas law, p_0 is the reference pressure for entropy calculations set at 1 atm and \hat{A} - \hat{G} are correlation constants given in [67].

Appendix B. Thermodynamic derivatives based on the SRK equation of state

B1. "a" derivatives

$$\left(\frac{\partial a}{\partial X_i} \right)_{T,\bar{v},X_{j \neq i}} = 2 \sum_{j=1}^N X_j (a_i a_j)^{0.5} (1 - k_{ij}) \quad (\text{B.1})$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial^2 a}{\partial X_j \partial X_i} \right)_{p,T} = 2(a_i a_j)^{0.5} (1 - k_{ij}) \quad (\text{B.2})$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial^2 a}{\partial X_i \partial T} \right)_{p,T,X_{j \neq i}} = \sum_{j=1}^N X_j \left[\left(\frac{a_i}{a_j} \right)^{0.5} \frac{da_j}{dT} + \left(\frac{a_j}{a_i} \right)^{0.5} \frac{da_i}{dT} \right] (1 - k_{ij}) \quad (\text{B.3})$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial a}{\partial T} \right)_{\bar{v},X_i} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^N X_i X_j \left[\left(\frac{a_i}{a_j} \right)^{0.5} \frac{da_j}{dT} + \left(\frac{a_j}{a_i} \right)^{0.5} \frac{da_i}{dT} \right] (1 - k_{ij}) \quad (\text{B.4})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{\partial^2 a}{\partial T^2} \right)_{p,X_i} &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^N X_i X_j \left[\left(\frac{a_i}{a_j} \right)^{0.5} \frac{d^2 a_j}{dT^2} + \left(\frac{a_j}{a_i} \right)^{0.5} \frac{d^2 a_i}{dT^2} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \left(\frac{1}{a_i a_j} \right)^{0.5} \frac{da_i}{dT} \frac{da_j}{dT} \right] (1 - k_{ij}) - \frac{1}{4} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^N X_i X_j \cdot \end{aligned}$$

$$\left[\left(\frac{a_i}{a_j} \right)^{0.5} \frac{1}{a_j} \left(\frac{da_j}{dT} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{a_j}{a_i} \right)^{0.5} \frac{1}{a_i} \left(\frac{da_i}{dT} \right)^2 \right] (1 - k_{ij}) \quad (\text{B.5})$$

$$\frac{da_i}{dT} = a_{c_i} \frac{d\alpha_i}{dT} = \frac{a_i}{\alpha_i} \frac{d\alpha_i}{dT} \quad (\text{B.6})$$

$$\frac{d^2 a_i}{dT^2} = a_{c_i} \frac{d^2 \alpha_i}{dT^2} = \frac{a_i}{\alpha_i} \frac{d^2 \alpha_i}{dT^2} \quad (\text{B.7})$$

$$\frac{d^2 \alpha_i}{dT^2} = \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{1}{\alpha_i} \left(\frac{d\alpha_i}{dT} \right)^2 - \frac{1}{T} \frac{d\alpha_i}{dT} \right] \quad (\text{B.8})$$

B2. "b" derivatives

$$\left(\frac{\partial b}{\partial X_i} \right)_{T,\bar{v},X_{j \neq i}} = b_i \quad (\text{B.9})$$

B3. "c" derivatives

$$\left(\frac{\partial c}{\partial X_i} \right)_{T,\bar{v},X_{j \neq i}} = c_i \quad (\text{B.10})$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial^2 c}{\partial X_i \partial T} \right)_{p,T,X_{j \neq i}} = \left(\frac{\partial c_i}{\partial T} \right)_{\bar{v},X_i} = \frac{c_{c_i}}{T_{c_i}} f'(T_{r_i}) \quad (\text{B.11})$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial c}{\partial T} \right)_{\bar{v},X_i} = \sum_{i=1}^N X_i \left(\frac{\partial c_i}{\partial T} \right)_{\bar{v},X_i} = \sum_{i=1}^N X_i \frac{c_{c_i}}{T_{c_i}^2} f'(T_{r_i}) \quad (\text{B.12})$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial^2 c}{\partial T^2} \right)_{p,X_i} = \sum_{i=1}^N X_i \left(\frac{\partial^2 c_i}{\partial T^2} \right)_{\bar{v},X_i} = \sum_{i=1}^N X_i \frac{c_{c_i}}{T_{c_i}^3} f''(T_{r_i}) \quad (\text{B.13})$$

B4. "v" derivatives

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{\partial \bar{v}}{\partial X_i} \right)_{p,T,X_{j \neq i}} &= \frac{R_u T}{p} \left(Z + C - \frac{C}{b} \left(\frac{\partial c}{\partial X_i} \right)_{p,T,X_{j \neq i}} \right) \\ &\quad + \frac{R_u T}{p} \left(\frac{(B - Z - C) \left[\frac{A}{a} \left(\frac{\partial a}{\partial X_i} \right)_{p,T,X_{j \neq i}} - 2A \right]}{3Z^2 + 2(3C - 1)Z + 3C^2 - 2C + A - B - B^2} \right) \\ &\quad + \frac{R_u T}{p} \left(\frac{(Z + C + 2B[Z + C] + A) \left[\frac{B}{b} \left(\frac{\partial b}{\partial X_i} \right)_{p,T,X_{j \neq i}} - B \right]}{3Z^2 + 2(3C - 1)Z + 3C^2 - 2C + A - B - B^2} \right) \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B.14})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{\partial \bar{v}}{\partial T} \right)_{p,X_i} &= - \left(\frac{\partial c}{\partial T} \right)_{p,X_i} + \frac{R_u T}{p} \left(\frac{Z + C}{T} \right) \\ &\quad - \frac{R_u T}{p} \left(\frac{(Z + C - B) \left(\frac{A}{a} \left(\frac{\partial a}{\partial T} \right)_{p,X_i} - 2\frac{A}{T} \right) + (Z + C + 2B[Z + C] + A) \frac{B}{T}}{3Z^2 + 2(3C - 1)Z + 3C^2 - 2C + A - B - B^2} \right) \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B.15})$$

B5. “ Φ ” derivatives

$$\begin{aligned}
\left(\frac{\partial \ln(\Phi_i)}{\partial X_j}\right)_{p,T,X_{i \neq j}} &= \frac{B}{Z+C-B} \frac{1}{b} \frac{\partial b}{\partial X_j} - \frac{Z+C-1}{b^2} \frac{\partial b}{\partial X_i} \frac{\partial b}{\partial X_j} \\
&\quad - (Z+C) \frac{1}{b} \frac{\partial b}{\partial X_i} + \frac{C}{c} \frac{\partial c}{\partial X_i} + 1 \\
&\quad + \frac{A}{Z+C+B} \frac{1}{b^2} \frac{\partial b}{\partial X_i} \frac{\partial b}{\partial X_j} - \frac{A}{Z+C+B} \frac{1}{ab} \frac{\partial a}{\partial X_i} \frac{\partial b}{\partial X_j} \\
&\quad + \frac{A}{B} \left(\frac{1}{ab} \frac{\partial a}{\partial X_i} \frac{\partial b}{\partial X_j} + \frac{1}{ab} \frac{\partial a}{\partial X_j} \frac{\partial b}{\partial X_i} \right) \ln \left(1 + \frac{B}{Z+C} \right) \\
&\quad - \frac{A}{B} \left(\frac{2}{b^2} \frac{\partial b}{\partial X_i} \frac{\partial b}{\partial X_j} + \frac{1}{a} \frac{\partial^2 a}{\partial X_j \partial X_i} \right) \ln \left(1 + \frac{B}{Z+C} \right) \\
&\quad + \frac{A}{B} \left(\frac{1}{a} \frac{\partial a}{\partial X_i} - \frac{1}{b} \frac{\partial b}{\partial X_i} \right) \ln \left(1 + \frac{B}{Z+C} \right) \\
&\quad + \left(\frac{1}{b} \frac{\partial b}{\partial X_i} - \frac{1}{Z+C-B} \right) \left(\frac{Z}{\bar{v}} \frac{\partial \bar{v}}{\partial X_j} + \frac{C}{c} \frac{\partial c}{\partial X_j} \right) \\
&\quad + \frac{A}{Z+C+B} \left(\frac{1}{a} \frac{\partial a}{\partial X_i} - \frac{1}{b} \frac{\partial b}{\partial X_i} \right) \frac{1}{\bar{v}+c} \left(\frac{\partial \bar{v}}{\partial X_j} + \frac{\partial c}{\partial X_j} \right)
\end{aligned} \quad (B.16)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\left(\frac{\partial \ln(\Phi_i)}{\partial T}\right)_{p,X_i} &= \left(1 - \frac{Z+C}{b} \frac{\partial b}{\partial X_i} \right) \frac{1}{T} + \frac{C}{c} \left(\frac{1}{T} \frac{\partial c}{\partial X_i} - \frac{\partial^2 c}{\partial T \partial X_i} \right) \\
&\quad + \frac{A}{B} \left(\frac{1}{a^2} \frac{\partial a}{\partial T} \frac{\partial a}{\partial X_i} - \frac{1}{a} \frac{\partial^2 a}{\partial T \partial X_i} \right) \ln \left(1 + \frac{B}{Z+C} \right) \\
&\quad + \frac{A}{B} \left(\frac{1}{T} - \frac{1}{a} \frac{\partial a}{\partial T} \right) \left(\frac{1}{a} \frac{\partial a}{\partial X_i} - \frac{1}{b} \frac{\partial b}{\partial X_i} \right) \ln \left(1 + \frac{B}{Z+C} \right) \\
&\quad + \left(\frac{1}{b} \frac{\partial b}{\partial X_i} - \frac{1}{Z+C-B} \right) \left(\frac{Z}{\bar{v}} \frac{\partial \bar{v}}{\partial T} + \frac{C}{c} \frac{\partial c}{\partial T} \right) \\
&\quad + \frac{A}{Z+C+B} \left(\frac{1}{a} \frac{\partial a}{\partial X_i} - \frac{1}{b} \frac{\partial b}{\partial X_i} \right) \frac{1}{\bar{v}+c} \left(\frac{\partial \bar{v}}{\partial T} + \frac{\partial c}{\partial T} \right)
\end{aligned} \quad (B.17)$$

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