

FLASH Calculations: Q's & Review

Knowing: $z_i (p, T) \Rightarrow K_i \equiv \frac{y_i}{x_i}$ (est. or known)

Unknown: $y_i, x_i, f_v \equiv \frac{n_v}{n_v + n_L} = \frac{n_v}{n}$

Solve $\underbrace{h(f_v)}_{\text{monotonic}} = \sum y_i - x_i = \sum \frac{z_i (K_i - 1)}{1 + f_v (K_i - 1)} = 0 \text{ (RR)}$

$$\frac{1}{1 - K_{\max}} = f_{\min} < f_v < f_{\max} = \frac{1}{1 - K_{\min}}$$

$N-1$ solutions

one guarantees

$$y_i \geq 0, x_i \geq 0$$

$$\sum \frac{z_i}{c_i + f_v} \quad (\text{MM})$$

$$c_i \equiv \frac{1}{K_i - 1}$$

$$\text{Calc: } \left. \begin{matrix} y_i = \\ x_i = \end{matrix} \right\} \text{ from } z_i, K_i, \underline{f_v}$$

$(z_i = x_i)$ Bubblepoint

Dewpoint $(z_i = y_i)$

Physically: $0 \leq f_v \leq 1$

$$f_{\min} < 0 \leq f_v \leq 1 < f_{\max}$$

{ If $K_{\min} < 1$ & $K_{\max} > 1$ } requirement for any solution

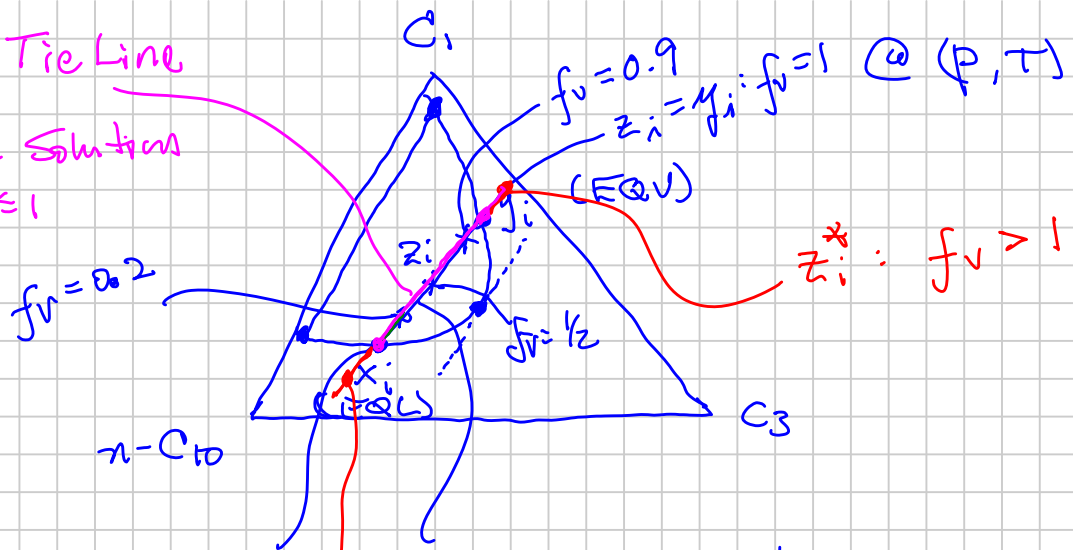
Mathematically: May be useful "Negative Flash"

$$\underbrace{f_v < 0 \text{ or } f_v > 1}_{\text{non-Physical Phase Amount } (< 0)} \quad \text{still, } \underbrace{y_i > 0 \quad x_i > 0}_{\text{Physical Equilibrium Solution}}$$

non-Physical Phase Amount (< 0) X

(*) Physical Equilibrium Solution

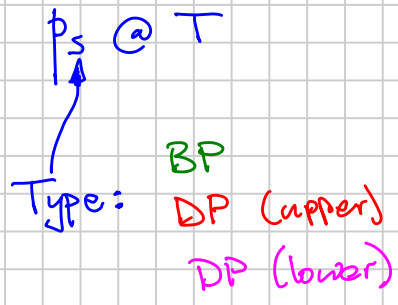
Pink: Tie Line
 ⇒ Physical Solution
 $0 \leq f_v \leq 1$



Tie Line: Any $\{ p, T \}$ along the tie line yield physical 2-phase flash $\Rightarrow y_i, x_i$
 EQV EQV
 $z_i = x_i, f_v = 0$
 $z_i^* : f_v < 0$

Saturation Pressure Calculation

- Compute



- Know: $\{ z_i, T \}; K_i(p, T, z_i)$

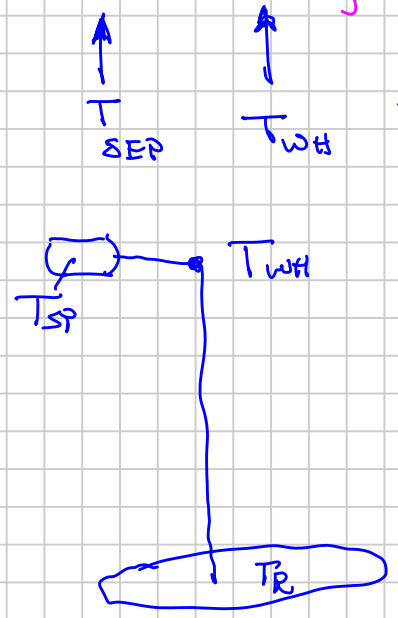
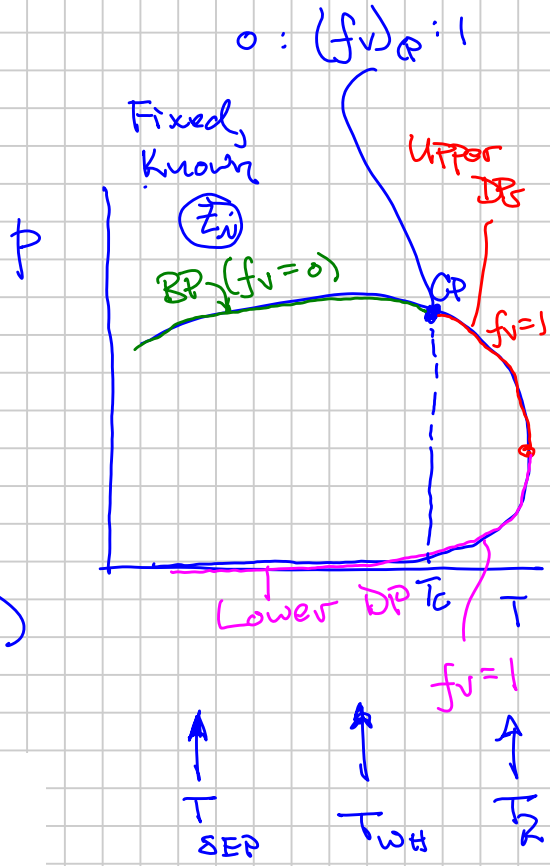
$$K_i = \left(\frac{p_{ci}}{p_K} \right)^{A_1 - 1} \frac{\exp[5.37 A_1 (1 + \omega_i) (1 - T_{ri}^{-1})]}{p_{ri}} \quad (3.159)$$

where A_1 = a function of pressure, with $A_1 = 1$ at $p = p_{sc}$ and $A_1 = 0$ at $p = p_K$. The key characteristics of K values vs. pressure

and temperature are correctly predicted by Eq. 3.159, where the following pressure dependence for A_1 is suggested.

$$A_1 = 1 - (p/p_K)^{A_2}, \quad (3.160)$$

where A_2 ranges from 0.5 to 0.8 and pressures p and p_K are given



Given: z_i^* , T^* , $K_i(p, T, z_i^*)$

Solve: p_s @ T^*
"S": BP, DP

p_b

BP: ① $x_i = z_i$ $f_v = 0$

$$z_i = \underbrace{f_v}_{y_i} + (1-f_v) x_i$$

② y_i don't know \Rightarrow solve

$$\sum y_i = 1 \quad \text{constraint eq.}$$

③ $K_i = \frac{y_i}{x_i} = \frac{y_i}{z_i}$

$$y_i = z_i K_i$$

$$\sum y_i = 1 = \sum z_i K_i$$

Bubblepoint
Calculation

$$h_{BP}(p_b) = 1 - \sum z_i \underbrace{K_i(p)}_{@T^*, z_i^*} = 0$$

Dewpoint:

① $y_i = z_i$ $f_v = 1$

② $x_i \geq z_i$ $\sum x_i = 1$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad K_i = \frac{y_i}{x_i} = \frac{z_i}{x_i}$$

$$\Rightarrow x_i = z_i / K_i$$

$$\sum x_i = 1 = \sum z_i / K_i$$

Dewpoint:
$$h_{DP}(p_d) = 0 = 1 - \sum z_i / K_i(p)$$

May be two physical solutions
at T^*

Upper DP: p_{du}

Lower DP: p_{dl}

General Cautions:

Use Modified Wilson Eq. $K_i(p, T, p_k, \theta_i)$

$$p = p_k \Rightarrow K_i = 1$$

(T_i, p_i, w_i)

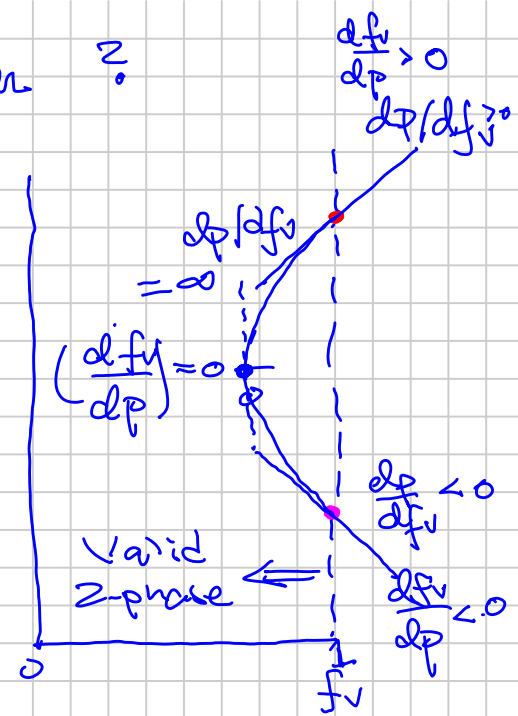
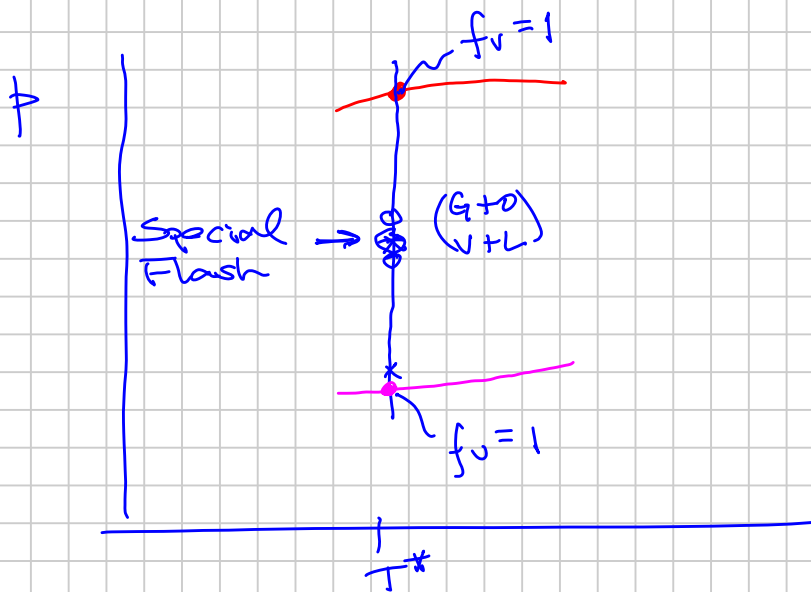
$$\left. \begin{array}{l} p_d = p_k \Rightarrow h_{DP} = 0 \\ p_b = p_k \Rightarrow h_{BP} = 0 \end{array} \right\} \text{Usually be the wrong solution "trivial"}$$

If $T^* = T_c \quad p_s = p_b = p_d = p_k \quad \text{Valid Solution}$

You don't T_c ?

BP or upper DP?

How to force search P_{del} vs P_{del} ?



$$h_{BP}(p)$$

$$= 0 @ p_b$$

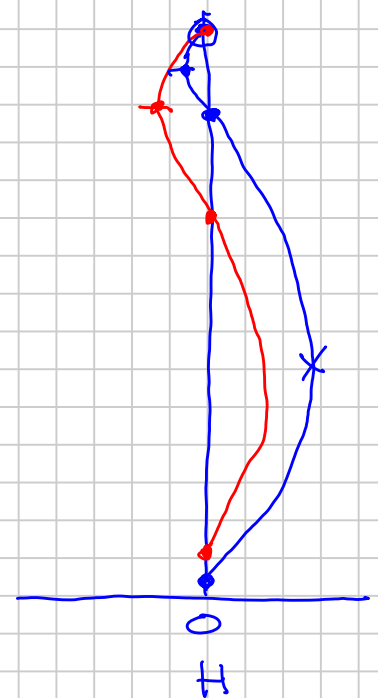
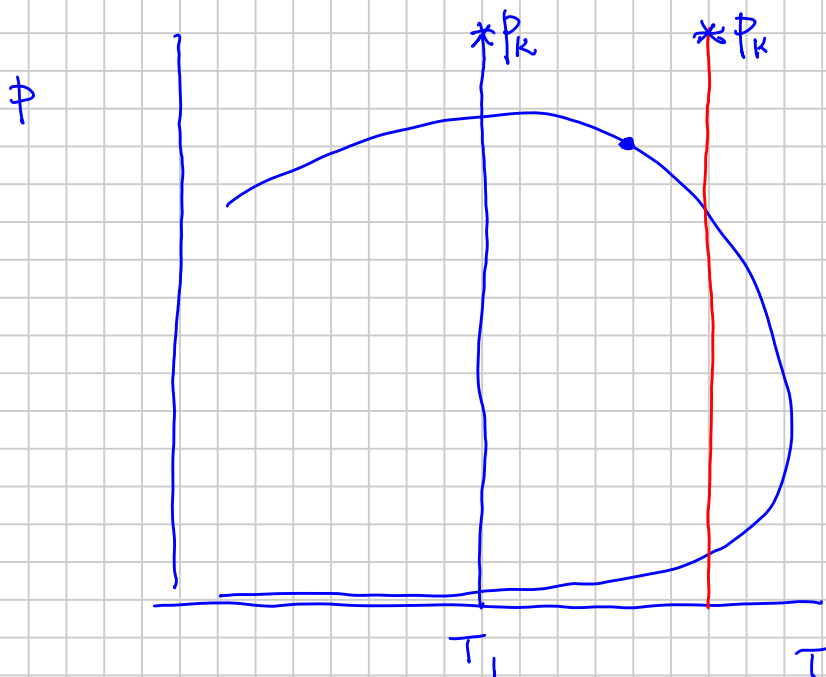
$$h_{DP}(p)$$

$$= 0 @ p_d$$

$$H_1 = h_{BP}^2 + h_{DP}^2$$

$$H_2 = h_{BP} \cdot h_{DP}$$

Solve H_1 or $H_2 = 0$
Then ask what kind of P_s



Upper Sat. Pressure

H₂O