



# Assessment of CHF and Post-CHF Heat Transfer Models for High-Pressure Condition

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Supercritical heat transfer systems may undergo trans-critical procedures and work at subcritical conditions during startup, shutdown, or some accidents. However, well-validated heat transfer models for the high-pressure condition ( $P/P_c > 0.7$ ) are still missing. In the present work, with exhaustive literature review, extensive experimental databanks of CHF and post-dryout heat transfer under high-pressure condition are established, respectively. Existing prediction models for the high-pressure condition are also summarized from all over the world. Thereby, with the aid of the high-pressure experimental databank, prediction models get evaluated. It has been demonstrated that CHF correlation developed by Song et al. shows good predictive capability. Post-dryout heat transfer could get well predicted by the Song correlation. These recommended prediction models could be implemented to upgrade safety analysis codes for simulation of trans-critical transients.

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# INTRODUCTION

A substance above its critical temperature  $T_c$  and critical pressure  $P_c$  is referred as a supercritical fluid (SCF). As can be seen from **Figure 1**, the vapor–liquid phase change in the supercritical region disappears, and the fluid is always single phase. With its unique properties, SCFs have been widely used in a variety of fields such as chemical engineering, power generation, refrigeration, and food engineering (Eggers, 2012).

Supercritical power cycles, working with SCFs, are of great interest for their higher thermal efficiency. Currently, supercritical water (SCW) and supercritical carbon dioxide (sCO<sub>2</sub>) are actively considered as a coolant for power cycles throughout the world. For instance, it has been reported by Marion et al. (2019) that the STEP 10 MWe sCO<sub>2</sub> Pilot Plant Demonstration would achieve a net efficiency over 50%. Particularly, supercritical power cycles have a great potential in waste heat recovery and application of clean energy (such as nuclear energy, solar energy, geothermal energy, and bioenergy) (Ahn et al., 2015; Sarkar, 2015; Crespi et al., 2017).

(A) Waste heat

The application market of the industrial waste is extraordinarily large, such as waste heat from metal mines, chemical plants, cement plants, gas turbines, and reciprocating engines. However, the development of the utilization of low temperature waste heat is still limited. The critical temperature of  $CO_2$  is about 30.98°C, which allows the s $CO_2$  power cycles to be applied for various temperature ranges and therefore for low-temperature heat sources (Sarkar, 2015; Musgrove et al., 2017). Currently, organic Rankine cycle (ORC), with the flammable hydrocarbon-based organic as



working fluid, is applied to use the low-temperature heat sources. For safety measures, an intermediate loop is used to transfer heat from the heat source to the organic fluid. Obviously, when applying  $sCO_2$  power cycle to waste heat recovery, the safety measures are not required further, since  $CO_2$  is nontoxic and nonflammable. Moreover, compared to ORC plants, the equipment size of  $sCO_2$  power cycles would be smaller, and it could work with even lower heat source temperature (Li et al., 2017; Poerner et al., 2017).

#### (B) Nuclear energy

The supercritical water-cooled reactor (SCWR), as the only reactor concept with supercritical water as working fluid, was recommended as one of the six most promising Generation IV reactor systems by the Generation IV International Forum (GIF) (uclear Energy R, 2002). Designed to be operated at 25 MPa and outlet temperature over 500°C, the net efficiency of SCWR can reach up to 45%. In addition, due to a direct-cycle design with single-phase coolant, expensive plant components utilized in conventional nuclear power plants such as steam generators in pressurized water reactor (PWR) or moisture separator and steam dryer in boiling water reactor (BWR) are eliminated in SCWR. Hence, SCWR achieves a considerable reduction in capital costs (Oka et al., 2010; Cheng et al., 2016; Pioro et al., 2016; Pioro and Pioro, 2016; Schulenberg et al., 2016).

Concepts of cooling system with  $sCO_2$  power cycles have been proposed for various kinds of Generation IV reactors, such as direct cycle and indirect cycle (Qi et al., 2018). Compared to the most often considered gas cycles for gas cooled fast reactor (GFR), i.e., Helium cycles, the  $sCO_2$  cycles eliminate the leakage problem practically, as  $CO_2$  is a triatomic gas with a much higher molecular weight (Dostal et al., 2002; Hejzlar et al., 2006). The high-density  $sCO_2$  enables the cycle layout to be more compact and provides an acceptable size of heat exchangers. Taking place of the traditional Rankine superheated steam cycle, the application of  $sCO_2$  Brayton cycle to the sodium-cooled fast reactor (SFR) could avoid considering the sodium-water reaction since  $sCO_2$  is stable and relative inert in the working range (Sienicki et al., 2014). For fusion reactors, a simple but high-efficiency  $sCO_2$  Brayton cycle could realize the integration of all three main heat sources (i.e., blanket, divertor, and vacuum vessel) taking the advantage of the wide working range of  $sCO_2$  Brayton cycle (Linares et al., 2015; Vesely et al., 2017; Syblik et al., 2019).

(C) Solar energy, geothermal energy, and bioenergy

 $sCO_2$  power cycle is appealing to be utilized in renewable energy systems, not only taking the advantage of its higher efficiency, good power scalability (~10–150 MWe), smaller size, and simpler layout but also because  $CO_2$  is environmentfriendly. Moreover, it allows concentrating solar power (CSP) plants to be applied in the desert places where water is scarce while solar energy is abundant (Osorio et al., 2016; Binotti et al., 2017; Yin et al., 2020). Similar for dry geothermal reservoirs, in which water is inadequate, the energy resource could be captured by injecting cold  $sCO_2$  through wells into the thermal plume (Frank et al., 2012; Wang et al., 2019). As indicated, another benefit is that 2% of the  $CO_2$  flowing through the geothermal heat source would be captured in the well (Musgrove et al., 2017).

As seen, supercritical power cycles have been designed to utilize various energy sources. Studies of heat transfer characteristics for supercritical condition are thereby carried out. Since supercritical fluid is single phase, the two-phase boiling crisis phenomena, which is a crucial limitation to conventional subcritical systems, are eliminated and regarded as an advantage of the supercritical power cycle (Oka et al., 2010). However, trans-critical processes in which the system pressure transfers between supercritical condition and subcritical condition could happen during startup, shutdown, and abnormal transients such as the loss-of-coolant accidents (LOCA) (Liu et al., 2016). Obviously, the boiling crisis problem cannot be avoided when taking these trans-critical transients into consideration.

Moreover, as can be seen from **Figure 2**, differences in thermal property between the saturated vapor and saturated liquid phase will be smaller when the pressure increases, and in the highpressure region, thermal properties change drastically, which may lead to the difference in heat transfer characteristic compared to conventional pressure condition. It is noted that the evaporation heat decreases to zero at the critical point, which could enhance the vaporization process. Thus, in the high-pressure region, the boiling crisis could occur even with a low heat flux, and post-CHF heat transfer region will be encountered, which could even cause burnout of the heated wall. Therefore, the heat transfer behavior not only at supercritical pressure but also at high-pressure subcritical condition is of great significance for the supercritical systems.

In subcritical condition, with the development of conventional steam generators, the great majority of previous heat transfer research are usually at pressure lower than the PWR working pressure (15.5 MPa, with reduced pressure at 0.7,  $P/P_c = 0.7$ ), while well-validated prediction methods for higher pressure condition ( $P/P_c > 0.7$ ) are still missing. The present work will evaluate existing prediction models of CHF and post-CHF heat transfer for the high-pressure subcritical condition, since CHF and post-CHF heat transfer are usually the most important phenomena under subcritical condition.



In the present work, experimental databank of CHF and post-CHF heat transfer for the high-pressure condition will be established, and existing prediction methods will be collected based on literatures all over the world and previous research by the authors. Thereby, prediction methods could be examined with the aid of the new developed experimental databank. Besides, the influence of pressure on CHF and post-CHF heat transfer will be analyzed.

## ASSESSMENT OF CHF PREDICTION METHOD FOR HIGH-PRESSURE REGION

Boiling crisis occurs when the heat flux raises up to a high level that the heated surface can no longer support the continuous liquid-wall contact (Thermohydrau, 2001). The heat flux at the boiling crisis point is usually referred as critical heat flux (CHF). Because of the poor heat transfer capability of vapor, the boiling crisis could lead to failure of the heated surface. Therefore, CHF is a significant safety limitation.

Regarding flow boiling in a pressure duct, two boiling crisis mechanisms are supposed to be considered (Tong and Tang, 2018). The first is referred as "departure from nucleate boiling (DNB)," as shown in **Figure 3A**, occurring in a subcooled or low-quality condition. The upstream of the DNB point is the so-called "nucleate boiling" (bubbly flow). After the DNB point, the flow pattern transfers to inverted annular flow, where the liquid phase forms as a continuous core with dispersed vapor bubbles, while the vapor phase flows along the wall. Since vapor flows faster, it causes instabilities in the liquid core and leads to break up of the liquid core. The flow will transfer to dispersed droplet flow in which the liquid droplets dispersed in the vapor phase (Tong and Tang, 2018). **Figure 3B** exhibits another kind of boiling crisis, "dryout (DO)." The upstream of the DO point is an annular flow, where the liquid film flows along the heated wall. Then, the dryout of the liquid film leads to dispersed droplet flow where the liquid droplets dispersed in vapor phase, and the heated wall lost the cooling through continuous liquid phase. Normally, the dryout type boiling crisis occurs under higher quality (Tong and Tang, 2018).

#### CHF Databank for High-Pressure Condition

CHF experiments are usually carried out with constant mass flux, pressure, and inlet subcooling, whereas the supplied heat flux is increased stepwise until boiling crisis occurs. In the present work, experiments in uniformly heated round tubes are collected from literatures and previous experiments carried out in the Institute for Applied Thermofluidic (IATF) (Song et al., 2021a; Katto and Yokoya, 1984; (2019). Unpublished, 2019). Accordingly, a CHF databank with water, R12, CO<sub>2</sub>, or helium as coolant is obtained for reduced pressure  $(P/P_c)$  above 0.7. For each experiment record, the information contains the system pressure P, mass fluxtube diameter  $D_{\rm h}$ , critical quality  $x_{\rm c}$ (equilibrium quality at the CHF location), and critical heat flux qc. Parameter range of current high-pressure CHF databank is listed in Table 1. Since inlet quality  $x_{in}(x_{in})$  and the distance from the start of the heated section to the boiling crisis point  $(L_c)$  might be unavailable in some cases, they are not listed in Table 1. As seen, the CHF databank covers an extensive range of  $x_c$ , which implies that the present databank contains both DNB and DO experiments.



TABLE 1 | Parameter range of high-pressure CHF databank.

Parameters	Water		R	12	C	<b>D</b> <sub>2</sub>	Helium		
	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	
P MPa	15.5	21.5	2.9	3.5	6.2	7.1	0.2	0.2	
Pr	0.703	0.974	0.700	0.846	0.839	0.956	0.875	0.875	
G, kg/(m²·s)	156	6,907	121	10,440	494	2041	10.47	89.51	
D <sub>h</sub> , m	1.9	24.7	3.0	15.8	8.0	8.0	1.0	1.0	
xc	-1.768	0.955	-0.745	0.902	-0.771	0.294	-0.191	0.681	
$q_{\rm c}$ , kW/m <sup>2</sup>	135.0	7,770.0	18.0	991.0	53.6	225.2	0.6	3.5	
N	1,484	_	1,140	_	28	-	43	_	

Especially, the Song correlation (Song et al., 2021a) was developed by the authors based on water experiments listed in **Table 1**.

## Existing CHF Prediction Method for High-Pressure Condition

Up to now, numerous prediction methods for CHF have been proposed (Hall and Mudawar, 2000). For example, the W-3 correlation (Tong, 1967), which could evaluate the value of critical heat flux as a function of pressure, mass flux, quality, hydraulic diameter, and inlet subcooled, has been widely applied for the safety analysis of PWR. However, prediction methods for the high-pressure region ( $P/P_c > 0.7$ ) are relatively rare.

In the present work, CHF prediction methods that are applicable to high-pressure condition are collected from the literature and summarized in **Table 2**. Most of these prediction methods were derived from water experiments. Nevertheless, Kariya et al. (2013) developed a CHF correlation from experiments with R22, R134a, or water as coolant. Vijayarangan correlation (Vijayarangan et al., 2006) is derived from their R134a measurements. Shah correlation (Mohammed Shah, 1987) is developed from 23 different fluids including water, halocarbon refrigerants, chemicals, liquid metals, helium, and other cryogens. Chen correlation (Chen et al., 2017), Becker correlation (Becker et al., 1972), Lombardi correlation (Lombardi, 1995), Vijayarangan correlation (Vijayarangan et al., 2006), and Shah correlation (Mohammed Shah, 1987) require known inlet quality  $x_{in}$  or the

distance from the start of heated section to the boiling crisis point  $L_c$ , which cannot be provided in some experimental tests. Katto (1992) developed a semitheoretical model based on sublayer dryout mechanism. The Hall correlation (Hall and Mudawar, 2000) and Katto's model (Katto, 1992) can only be applied for test cases with negative quality. The 2006 CHF LUT (Groeneveld et al., 2007) gives a tabular form of critical heat flux values as a function of pressure, mass flux, and quality. Furthermore, validity range of these CHF prediction methods could be found in **Table 3**.

# Assessment of High-Pressure CHF Prediction Method

In order to evaluate predictive capability of CHF models with the aid of CHF databank, for each experimental data point, the error parameter is defined by,

$$\varepsilon_{i} = \frac{q_{\text{c,cal}}(i) - q_{\text{c, m}}(i)}{q_{\text{c, m}}(i)} \tag{1}$$

with  $q_{c,cal}(i)$  for the calculated CHF and  $q_{c,m}(i)$  for CHF measured by experiment. Mean value ( $\mu$ ) and root-mean-square value (RMS) of the error parameter are calculated by **Eqs. 2** and **3**, respectively.

$$\mu = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} \varepsilon_i \tag{2}$$

$$RMS = \sqrt{\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} \varepsilon_i^2}$$
(3)

#### TABLE 2 | CHF prediction models for high-pressure condition.

References	CHF model
(Song et al., 2021a)	$Bo_c = f(We_V) \cdot f(x_c)$ where $f(We_V) = \max(A_1, A_2)$
	$f(x_{\rm c}) = (B_1 + B_2 + B_3) - \max(B_1, B_2, B_3) - \min(B_1, B_2, B_3)$
	and
	$A_1 = 7.796 \times 10^{-2} \cdot We_V^{-0.439} A_2 = 1.530 \times 10^{-3} \cdot We_V^{-0.0803}$
	$B_1 = 2.156 \cdot (1 - x_c)^{0.688}$ , $B_2 = 1.841 \cdot (1 - x_c)^{2.137}$ , $B_3 = 0.672 \cdot (1 - x_c)^{0.219}$
(Miropol'skii and Shitsman, 1962)	$\frac{q_{O,L}}{\sigma_{P_{L}}H_{V_{L}}} = \begin{cases} \frac{0.174}{3600} \left(\frac{C_{P,L}T_{sat}}{H_{V_{L}}}\right)^{0.8} \mathcal{K}^{0.4} \left[1 - 0.45 \left(\frac{\rho_{L}}{\rho_{V}}\right)^{0.8} x_{c}\right], x_{c} < 0\\ \frac{0.174}{3600} \left(\frac{C_{P,L}T_{sat}}{H_{V_{L}}}\right)^{0.8} \mathcal{K}^{0.4} \left(1 - x_{c}\right)^{n}, x_{c} \ge 0 \end{cases}$ Where $\mathcal{K} = (\frac{G_{L}}{M_{V_{L}}})^{0.2}$
	$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{K} &= \left(\frac{\partial \mu_i}{\partial \rho_i}\right)^{6/2} \\ n &= \begin{cases} 0.8,  K \leq 0.016 \\ 50K,  0.016 < K \leq 0.06 \\ 3, K > 0.06 \end{cases} \end{aligned}$
(Levitan and Lantsman, 1975)	$q_{\rm c} = 10^6 \left(10.3 - 17.5 P_{\rm r} + 8.0 P_{\rm r}^2\right) \left(\frac{G}{1000}\right)^{0.68 P_{\rm r} - 1.2 x_{\rm c} - 0.3} \exp\left(-1.5 x_{\rm c}\right) \left(\frac{0.008}{D}\right)^{0.5}$
(Chernobai, 1980)	$\frac{\frac{8D}{Be_{L}Pr_{L}}\left(1+\frac{1.8H_{L}}{H_{VL}}\right)\left(1+\frac{D}{NU_{L}}\right) = \begin{cases} \left(Bo + \frac{X_{c}NU_{L}}{Re_{L}Pr_{L}}\right)^{2}, X_{c} < 0\\ Bo + \frac{2X_{c}NU_{L}}{Re_{L}Pr_{L}}, X_{c} \ge 0 \end{cases}$ where $D_{L} = 10\left(\frac{D}{0.004}\right)^{0.5}$
	$Nu_{\rm L} = \frac{(\frac{f_{\rm 2}}{2}){\rm Re_{\rm D}}{\rm Pr_{\rm L}}}{1.07+12.7(\frac{f_{\rm 2}}{2})^{0.5}({\rm Pr}_{\rm L}^{\frac{2}{3}}-1)}$
	$f = [1.58\ln(R_{\Theta_{\rm L}}) - 3.28]^{-2}$
(Chen et al., 2017)	$q_{\rm C} = \frac{11-0.00216(GH_{\rm M_{\rm A}})^{0.25}}{4L} \frac{(1-x_{\rm c})GD_{\rm h}H_{\rm d}}{4L}$
(Becker et al., 1972)	$q_{\rm c} = \frac{G(450+\Delta H_{\rm p})}{40\frac{1}{d_{\rm p}}+156G^{0.45}} \left[1.02 - \left(\frac{P}{P_{\rm r}} - 0.54\right)^2\right]$
(Hall and Mudawar, 2000)	$Bo = 0.0722We_{\rm L}^{-0.312} \left(\frac{\rho_{\rm t}}{\rho_{\rm v}}\right)^{-0.644} \left[1 - 0.9 \left(\frac{\rho_{\rm t}}{\rho_{\rm v}}\right)^{0.724} x_{\rm c}\right]$
(Lombardi, 1995)	$q_{c} = rac{G\Delta \mathcal{H}_{n}}{4[rac{1}{b_{h}}+2(rac{G\Delta \mathcal{G}^{2}}{p_{h}})^{0.5}D_{h}^{0.4}]}$
2006 CHF LUT (Groeneveld et al., 2007) (Katto, 1992)	Look-up table, see reference (Groeneveld et al., 2007) Sublayer dryout model, see reference (Katto, 1992)
(Kariya et al., 2013)	$Bo = \begin{cases} Bo_{F1}, Bo_{F1} > Bo_{F2} \\ Bo_{D2}, Bo_{F1} \le Bo_{F2} \text{ and } Bo_{F2} \ge Bo_{D1} \text{ and } Bo_{F2} \ge Bo_{D2} \\ Bo_{F2}, Bo_{F1} \le Bo_{F2} \text{ and } Bo_{F2} \ge Bo_{D1} \text{ and } Bo_{F2} < Bo_{D2} \\ Bo_{D2}, Bo_{F1} \le Bo_{F2} \text{ and } Bo_{F2} < Bo_{D1} \text{ and } Bo_{D1} \ge Bo_{D2} \\ Bo_{D1}, Bo_{F1} \le Bo_{F2} \text{ and } Bo_{F2} < Bo_{D1} \text{ and } Bo_{D1} < Bo_{D2} \\ Bo_{D1}, Bo_{F1} \le Bo_{F2} \text{ and } Bo_{F2} < Bo_{D1} \text{ and } Bo_{D1} < Bo_{D2} \end{cases}$
	Where
	$Bo_{F1} \times 10^4 = \begin{cases} -10.6 (x_c - 0.1), \text{ for } R22 \text{ and } R134A \\ -18.1 (x_c - 0.1), \text{ for water} \end{cases}$
	$Bo_{F2} \times 10^4 = -5.43 \left(\frac{\rho_1}{\rho_V}\right)^{-0.47} \left(\frac{\rho_1 \sigma}{G^2 D_h}\right)^{0.082} \left(\frac{GD}{\mu_L}\right)^{0.08} x_c + 5.17 \left(\frac{\rho_1}{\rho_V}\right)^{-1.87} \left(\frac{\rho_1 \sigma}{G^2 D_h}\right)^{0.35} \left(\frac{GD_h}{\mu_L}\right)^{0.35} \left(\frac{GD_h}{\mu_L}\right)^{0.35} \left(\frac{\sigma_1}{\sigma_L}\right)^{-1.87} \left(\frac{\rho_1 \sigma}{G^2 D_h}\right)^{0.35} \left(\frac{\sigma_1}{\sigma_L}\right)^{-1.87} \left(\frac{\rho_1 \sigma}{G^2 D_h}\right)^{0.35} \left(\frac{\sigma_1}{\sigma_L}\right)^{-1.87} \left(\frac{\rho_1 \sigma}{G^2 D_h}\right)^{0.35} \left(\frac{\sigma_1}{\sigma_L}\right)^{-1.87} \left(\frac{\rho_1 \sigma}{G^2 D_h}\right)^{-1.87} $
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#### TABLE 2 | (Continued) CHF prediction models for high-pressure condition.

References	CHF model
	$Bo_{D1} \times 10^4 = -1.62 x_{\rm c} + 5.13 \left(\frac{\rho_{\rm c}}{\rho_{\rm V}}\right)^{-0.64} \left(\frac{\rho_{\rm c}\sigma}{G^2 D_{\rm h}}\right)^{0.39} \left(\frac{GD_{\rm h}}{\mu_{\rm L}}\right)^{0.36}$
	$Bo_{D2} \times 10^4 = 4.74 \left(\frac{\rho_1}{\rho_V}\right)^{0.83} x_c \left(\frac{1}{x_c} - 1\right)^{2.5}$
(Vijayarangan et al., 2006)	$Bo = 0.0051 \left(\frac{\rho_{\rm L}}{\rho_{\rm V}}\right)^{-0.133} \left(\frac{\rho_{\rm L}\sigma}{G^2L}\right)^{1/3} \times \left(\frac{1}{1+0.0031\frac{L}{D_{\rm h}}}\right) P_{\rm r}^{0.147} R\theta_{\rm L}^{0.25}$
(Mohammed Shah, 1987)	$Bo = F_{E} \cdot F_{x} \cdot Bo_0$
	Where
	$F_{\rm E} = \max(1.54 - 0.032 \frac{L_{\rm c}}{D_{\rm h}}, 1)$
	$Bo_0 = \max(15Y^{-0.612}, 0.082Y^{-0.3}(1+1.45P_r^{4.03}), 0.0024Y^{-0.105}(1+1.15P_r^{3.39}))$
	$Y = G^{1.8} D_{\rm h}^{0.6} \left( \frac{c_{\rho}}{\lambda_{\rm L} \rho_{\rm L}^{0.8} g^{0.4}} \right) \left( \frac{\mu_{\rm L}}{\mu_{\rm V}} \right)^{0.6}$
	$\begin{cases} x_{c} \le 0, F_{x} = F_{3} \left[ 1 + \frac{(F_{3}^{-0.29} - 1)(P_{r} - 0.6)}{0.35} \right]^{c} \\ x_{c} > 0, F_{x} = F_{1} \left[ 1 - \frac{(1 - F_{2})(P_{r} - 0.6)}{0.35} \right]^{b} \end{cases}$
	$C = \begin{cases} 0, P_r \le 0.6\\ 1, P_r > 0.6 \end{cases}$
	$F_3 = (1.25 \times \frac{10^5}{\gamma})^{0.833 x_c}$
	$b = \begin{cases} 0, P_r \le 0.6\\ 1, P_r > 0.6 \end{cases}$
	$F_{1} = \begin{cases} 1 + 0.0052 \left(-x_{c}^{0.88}\right) Y^{0.41}, Y \leq 1.4 \times 10^{7} \\ 1 + 0.0052 \left(-x_{c}^{0.88}\right) \left(1.4 \times 10^{7}\right)^{0.41}, Y > 1.4 \times 10^{7} \end{cases}$
	$F_2 = \begin{cases} F_1^{-0.42}, F_1 \le 4\\ 0.55, F_1 > 4 \end{cases}$

Applied to high-pressure CHF databank for water as listed in **Table 1**, the mean error and RMS error of CHF prediction models are summarized in **Table 4**. As exhibited, mean error of Levitan correlation (Levitan and Lantsman, 1975), Chernobai correlation (Chernobai, 1980), Becker correlation (Becker et al., 1972), Vijayarangan correlation (Vijayarangan et al., 2006), and Shah correlation (Mohammed Shah, 1987) are above ±50%. Although only applied to 414 subcooled data points, the RMS error of Hall correlation (Hall and Mudawar, 2000) and Katto's sublayer dryout model (Katto, 1992) is still up to 42.4% and 89.1%, respectively. The Song correlation (Song et al., 2021a) proposed by the author obtains mean error of 2% and RMS error of 37.4%, which seems better than other prediction models.

Since some prediction models in **Table 2** developed from water experiments are not dimensionless, they could not be applied to non-aqueous fluids. Thereby, **Table 4** only gives prediction accuracy of dimensionless models when compared with experiments using non-aqueous fluids (R12,  $CO_2$ , or helium) as coolant. It is indicated that when applied to different fluids, the prediction capability of CHF prediction model is also different. In general, RMS error of Miropol'skii

correlation (Miropol'skii and Shitsman, 1962), Vijayarangan correlation (Vijayarangan et al., 2006), and Shah correlation (Mohammed Shah, 1987) exceeds 50%. When applied to 356 subcooled experimental data points for R12, Hall correlation (Hall and Mudawar, 2000) and Katto's sublayer dryout model (Katto, 1992) obtain RMS error of 23.6% and 31.9%, respectively. Besides, Katto's sublayer dryout model (Katto, 1992) gives a good prediction to subcooled  $CO_2$  experiments with mean error of 0.2% and RMS error of 37.6%.

Furthermore, the prediction capability of these eight dimensionless models is evaluated with experiments carried out with four different fluids (water, R12, CO<sub>2</sub>, and helium) together. The variations in error parameters versus the reduced pressure are shown in **Figure 4**. Besides, the mean error and RMS error in different ranges of reduced pressure are displayed in **Figure 5**. Apparent systematic deviation of Miropol'skii correlation (Miropol'skii and Shitsman, 1962), Lombardi correlation (Lombardi, 1995), Katto's sublayer dryout model (Katto, 1992), Kariya correlation (Kariya et al., 2013), Vijayarangan correlation (Vijayarangan et al., 2006), and Shah correlation (Mohammed Shah, 1987) can be observed.

#### TABLE 3 | Validity range of high-pressure CHF prediction models.

CHF model	-	Reduced pressure	Mass flux, kg/(m <sup>2</sup> ⋅s)	Diameter, mm	Critical quality
(Song et al., 2021a)	Min	0.7	156	1.9	-1.768
	Max	0.97	6,907	24.7	0.955
(Miropol'skii and Shitsman, 1962)	Min	0.155	400	4.0	-0.5
	Max	0.889	10,000	8.0	0.8
(Levitan and Lantsman, 1975)	Min	0.133	750	4.0	0.0
	Max	0.889	5,000	16.0	0.5
(Chernobai, 1980)	Min	0.227	400	0.4	-1.75
	Max	0.888	30,000	37.0	0.7
(Chen et al., 2017)	Min	0.389	1,157	8.2	-0.97
	Max	0.943	3,776	-	0.53
(Becker et al., 1972)	Min	0.45	156	10.0	-0.3
	Max	0.906	7,560	-	0.6
(Hall and Mudawar, 2000)	Min	0.004	340	0.25	-1.0
	Max	0.906	30,000	15.0	0.0
(Lombardi, 1995)	Min	0.005	100	0.3	13.0
	Max	0.974	9,000	37.5	338.0
2006 CHF LUT (Groeneveld et al., 2007)	Min	0.004	0	8.0	-0.5
	Max	0.952	8,000	8.0	0.9
(Katto, 1992)	Min	0.004	350	2.5	0.0
	Max	0.906	40,600	11.07	117.5
(Kariya et al., 2013)	Min	0.961	400	4.4	N/A
	Max	0.992	1,000	4.4	
(Vijayarangan et al., 2006)	Min	0.24	200	12.7	017
	Max	0.99	2000	12.7	0.94
(Mohammed Shah, 1987)	Min	0.0014	3.9	0.315	-2.6
. ,	Max	0.96	29,051	37.5	1.0

#### TABLE 4 | Predictive capability of CHF models for water experiments.

CHF model	H₂O			R12		CO2		Helium			Total				
	μ	RMS	n	μ	RMS	n	μ	RMS	n	μ	RMS	n	μ	RMS	n
(Song et al., 2021a)	0.020	0.373	1,484	-0.020	0.333	1,140	0.068	0.304	28	-0.156	0.284	43	0.001	0.355	2,695
(Miropol'skii and Shitsman, 1962)	0.206	0.736	1,484	-0.440	0.476	1,140	0.332	0.743	28	-0.725	0.732	43	-0.081	0.639	2,659
(Levitan and Lantsman, 1975)	0.548	3.223	1,484	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	_
(Chernobai, 1980)	0.958	2.069	1,484	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	_
(Chen et al., 2017)	-0.380	0.706	1,254	-	-	-	-	_	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(Becker et al., 1972)	-0.952	0.953	1,188	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(Hall and Mudawar, 2000)	0.133	0.424	414	-0.162	0.236	356	0.785	0.886	9	0.150	0.218	11	0.008	0.359	790
(Lombardi, 1995)	-0.125	0.881	1,188	-0.349	0.487	1,140	-0.607	0.620	28	-0.227	0.496	32	-0.239	0.712	2,388
2006 CHF LUT (Groeneveld et al., 2007)	0.116	0.537	1,387	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(Katto, 1992)	0.225	0.891	414	0.113	0.319	356	0.002	0.376	9	0.217	0.282	11	0.171	0.682	790
(Kariya et al., 2013)	0.148	0.960	1,484	0.434	0.879	1,140	0.093	0.304	28	-0.598	0.640	43	0.257	0.918	2,695
(Vijayarangan et al., 2006)	-0.593	0.793	1,316	-0.674	0.686	1,140	-0.765	0.767	28	-0.551	0.563	43	-0.630	0.743	2,527
(Mohammed Shah, 1987)	1.181	2.020	1,316	0.368	1.169	1,140	1.277	1.526	28	6.376	10.199	43	0.904	2.130	2,527

As discussed above, with respect to general prediction accuracy and predictive capability under different pressures, the Song correlation (Song et al., 2021a) will be recommended, since it shows the best prediction accuracy for different fluids and performs good at different pressure conditions even when reduced pressure is up to 0.974.

In addition, since conditions of low mass flux achieves more interest in safety analysis, the performance of Song correlation (Song et al., 2021a) at different mass flux conditions gets evaluated. As **Figure 6** shows, it is demonstrated that there is no apparent systematic error at low mass flux conditions. Therefore, the CHF prediction model proposed by Song et al. (2021a) can be applied to safety analysis.

#### Effect of Pressure on CHF

As shown in **Figure 7**, the discrete dots are experimental results, while the solid lines stand for the corresponding calculation results with the Song correlation (Song et al., 2021a). **Figure 7A** is the comparison of CHF for pressure at 16.0 and 20.0 MPa, with mass flux at 1,000 kg/(m<sup>2</sup>·s) and tube diameter at 10 mm. **Figure 7B** shows the results with constant mass flux at 1,500 kg/(m<sup>2</sup>·s) and tube diameter at 10 mm, while the pressures



are at 16, 18.5, and 21.5 MPa, respectively. Obviously, the higher pressure results in a lower CHF. As shown by **Figure 2**, the increase in pressure leads to a reduction in evaporation heat, which promotes the vaporization process. Thereby, the heat flux leading to dryout of liquid sublayer [DNB-type boiling crisis, if

considering the sublayer dryout model (Lee and Mudawwar, 1988; Katto, 1990; Celata et al., 1994; Liu et al., 2000)] or liquid film (dryout-type boiling crisis) will decrease. Hence, the value of CHF both for DNB and dryout drops when the pressure increases.





## ASSESSMENT OF POST-CHF HEAT TRANSFER PREDICTION METHODS FOR HIGH-PRESSURE CONDITION

As discussed before, post-CHF heat transfer will be encountered after the occurrence of boiling crisis. In this region, due to loss of cooling through continuous liquid phase, the heated wall may undergo drastic temperature increase.

After the boiling crisis takes place, the post-CHF heat transfer is initiated subsequently. As mentioned in the last section, for flow convection, the DNB-type boiling crisis, associated with subcooled and low-quality condition, leads to the inverted annular flow in the downstream. While for the dryout-type boiling crisis related to higher quality, the dispersed droplet flow is encountered after the dryout of the liquid film. Since different flow patterns would result in different heat transfer characteristics, in addition, post-DNB and post-dryout (PDO) are termed, and their heat transfer will be discussed, respectively.

# **Post-DNB Heat Transfer**

Concerning post-DNB, the heat transfer in the inverted annular flow regime is of interest. Since the heated wall is covered by continuous vapor blanket and the liquid core is in the tube center with dispersed vapor bubbles, the following three significant heat transfer processes are taken into account:

- 1) convective heat transfer from the wall to the vapor blanket;
- 2) radiation heat transfer from the wall to the liquid core; and
- 3) heat transfer from vapor blanket to the liquid core at the vapor-liquid interface.

## **Post-Dryout Heat Transfer**

As **Figure 3B** shows, after the disappearance of the annular liquid film, in the post-dryout regime, the saturated droplets disperse in the vapor bulk. Among the droplets, the vapor phase and the heating wall, the main heat transfer mechanisms are as follows:

- 1) convective heat transfer from the wall to the vapor  $q_{c,w-V}$ ;
- 2) convective heat transfer from the wall to the droplets  $q_{c,w-d}$ ;
- 3) heat transfer from the vapor to the droplets at the vapor-liquid interface  $q_{c,V-d}$ ; and
- 4) radiation heat transfer from the wall to vapor  $q_{r,w-V}$ , from the wall to droplets  $q_{r,w-d}$ , and from vapor to droplet  $q_{r,V-d}$ .

As reviewed by Hammouda (1996), Nakla et al. (2011), Groeneveld (1993), etc., due to the high CHF value, the large temperature rise in the inverted annular regime would lead to the burnout of the heated surface easily. Thereby, it is nearly impossible to perform related heat transfer experiments with a heat-flux controlled water-steam system. The invention of the "hot-patch" technique makes it feasible to obtain inverted annular flow heat transfer measurements. However, as a result of the complicated experiment design, the range of available experiments is very limited so far (Groeneveld, 1993). Hence, research about post-DNB heat transfer in inverted annular flow regime is not as common as PDO. As a result, research in this region has focused more on avoiding the occurrence of boiling crisis. As reviewed by Nakla et al. (2011) and Liu and Sun (2020), the existing measurement with water for inverted annular heat transfer is only up to 9 MPa (reduced pressure at 0.4), from the experiment performed by Stewart and Groeneveld (1982). Even though taking scaling fluids (e.g., R12 and R134a) into consideration, the maximum pressure is 2.39 MPa with R134a (13 MPa for water at the same reduced pressure 0.59) from the



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Coolant	-	P (MPa)	P <sub>r</sub> [-]	G [kg/(m²⋅s)]	D <sub>h</sub> (mm)	<i>q</i> (kW/m²)	x <sub>e</sub> (-)]
Water	Min	15.92	0.722	497.8	2.5	147.0	0.001
	Max	21.51	0.975	3,500.0	24.7	1923.0	0.999
CO <sub>2</sub>	Min	6.49	0.88	497	8	59.8	0.003
	Max	7.01	0.95	1991	8	225.2	0.965

experiment carried out by Nakla et al. (2011). Due to shortage of experiments, a prediction approach for the high-pressure post-DNB heat transfer is missing. Thereby, further discussion about post-DNB heat transfer in the high-pressure region could not be carried out. The present work will only focus on the evaluation of post-dryout heat transfer models.

# Post-Dryout Heat Transfer Databank for High-Pressure Condition

As summarized in **Table 5**, an experiment databank of post-CHF heat transfer for high-pressure condition ( $P/P_c > 0.7$ ) is compiled from the literature (Swenson et al., 1962; Bishop et al., 1964; Herkenrath, 1967; Becker, 1983; Eter et al., 2017). These experiments were carried out in uniformly heated round tubes with water or CO<sub>2</sub> as coolant. The water database covers the range of reduced pressure from 0.722 to 0.975 and contains 5,391 data points. For the CO<sub>2</sub> database, which is made up of 497 data points, the reduced pressure ranges from 0.88 to 0.95.

# Existing Post-Dryout Heat Transfer Model for High-Pressure Condition

Concerning post-dryout heat transfer, some prediction approaches with reduced pressure above 0.7 for water in uniformly heated tubes are collected and summarized in **Table 6**. These correlations are developed from water experiments carried out in vertical round tubes. The Groeneveld-3 correlation (Groeneveld and Delorme, 1976) developed by Groeneveld and Delorme (1976) includes an extra correlation to calculate the actual quality. The 2003 FB LUT (Groeneveld et al., 2003) is a look-up table giving post-CHF heat transfer coefficient as a function of pressure, mass flux, quality, and wall temperature. The validity range of these post-dryout heat transfer correlations can be found in **Table 7**. Some of these correlations are only validated for the high-pressure condition, e.g., the Herkenrath correlation (Herkenrath, 1967) with pressure range from 17 to 21.5 MPa, Bishop-3 correlation (Bishop et al., 1964) with pressure range from 16.8 to 21.9 MPa, and the Swenson correlation (Swenson et al., 1962) only for pressure at 20.68 MPa.

# Assessment of Existing Post-Dryout Heat Transfer Prediction Models

By comparing heat transfer models as shown in **Table 6** with the experimental databank listed in **Table 5**, the error parameter of every data point will be computed by,

$$\varepsilon_{i} = \frac{h_{c,\text{cal}}\left(i\right) - h_{c,\text{m}}\left(i\right)}{h_{c,\text{m}}\left(i\right)} \tag{4}$$

Furthermore, the mean error and RMS error of each prediction model could be evaluated with **Eqs. 2**, **3**, respectively.

Accordingly, error information of these post-dryout heat transfer models are exhibited in **Table 8**. When applied to high-pressure water database, the Song correlation (Song et al., 2021b) obtains mean error of 2.3% and RMS error of 17.6%, respectively. The mean error of Bishop-1 correlation (Bishop et al., 1964) is 1.6%, and the RMS error is 23.8%. Miropol'skii correlation (Miropol'skii, 1963) and Swenson correlation (Swenson et al., 1962) achieve mean error above 40%. Regarding experiments with CO<sub>2</sub> as coolant, since Herkenrath correlation (Herkenrath, 1967) and Slaughterbeck correlation (Slaughterbeck et al., 1973) are not dimensionless, and the 2003 FB LUT (Groeneveld et al., 2003) cannot be utilized to nonaqueous fluids without scaling, their error information for CO<sub>2</sub> experiments is not displayed in

References	Correlations						
Song (Song et al., 2021b)	$h = \frac{\lambda_{\rm V}}{D_{\rm h}} \cdot F_1 \cdot F_2 \cdot F_3 \cdot (0.023 Re_{\rm TP}^{0.8} Pr_{\rm W}^{0.4})$ with						
	$F_1 = 8.346 \times 10^{-03} Re_{TP}^{0.319}$						
	$F_2 = \max(0.795 P r_W^{-1.752}, 0.809 P r_W^{1.287})$						
	$F_3 = \begin{cases} 0.715(1 - x_e)^{-0.678}, x_e < 0.4\\ 1.0, x_e \ge 0.4 \end{cases}$						
	$Re_{TP} = \frac{GD_h}{\mu_V} \left[ x_m + \frac{\mu_V}{\mu_L} \left( 1 - x_m \right) \right]$						
Bishop-1 (Bishop et al., 1964)	$h = 0.0193 \frac{\lambda_{\rm f}}{D_{\rm h}} Re_{\rm f}^{0.8} P r_{\rm f}^{1.23} \left(\frac{\rho_{\rm v}}{\rho_{\rm L}}\right)^{0.068} [x_{\rm m} + \frac{\rho_{\rm v}}{\rho_{\rm L}} \left(1 - x_{\rm m}\right)]^{0.68}$						
Bishop-2 (Bishop et al., 1964)	$h = 0.033 \frac{\lambda_{\rm r}}{D_{\rm h}} Re_{\rm w}^{0.8} Pr_{\rm w}^{1.25} \left(\frac{\rho_{\rm v}}{\rho_{\rm L}}\right)^{0.197} \left[x_{\rm m} + \frac{\rho_{\rm v}}{\rho_{\rm L}} \left(1 - x_{\rm m}\right)\right]^{0.738}$						
Bishop-3 (Bishop et al., 1964)	$h = 0.098 \frac{\lambda_w}{D_h} [Re_w \left(\frac{\rho_w}{\rho_V}\right) (x_m + \frac{\rho_V}{\rho_L} (1 - x_m))]^{0.8} Pr_w^{0.83} \left(\frac{\rho_V}{\rho_L}\right)^{0.5}$						
Miropol'skii (Miropol'skii, 1963)	$h = 0.023 \frac{\lambda_v}{D_h} [Re_V (x_m + \frac{\rho_v}{\rho_L} (1 - x_m))]^{0.8} Pr_w^{0.8} Y$						
Swenson (Swenson et al., 1962)	with $Y = 1 - 0.1 \left(\frac{\rho_L}{\rho_V} - 1\right)^{0.4} (1 - x_m)^{0.4}$						
Groeneveld-1 (Groeneveld, 1975)	$h = 0.076 \frac{\lambda_{\rm w}}{D_{\rm h}} \left[ Re_{\rm w} \left( \frac{\rho_{\rm w}}{\rho_{\rm v}} \right) (x_{\rm m} + \frac{\rho_{\rm v}}{\rho_{\rm L}} \left( 1 - x_{\rm m} \right) \right) \right]^{0.8} Pr_{\rm w}^{0.4}$						
Groeneveld-2 (Groeneveld, 1975)	$h = 0.00109 \frac{\lambda_{\rm Y}}{D_{\rm h}} [Re_{\rm V} (x_{\rm m} + \frac{\rho_{\rm V}}{\rho_{\rm L}} (1 - x_{\rm m}))]^{0.989} Pr_{\rm W}^{1.41} Y^{-1.15}$						
	$h = 0.00327 \frac{\lambda_{\rm V}}{D_{\rm h}} [Re_{\rm V} (x_{\rm m} + \frac{\rho_{\rm V}}{\rho_{\rm L}} (1 - x_{\rm m}))]^{0.901} Pr_{\rm W}^{1.32} Y^{-1.5}$						
	$Y = 1 - 0.1 \left(\frac{\rho_{\rm L}}{\rho_{\rm V}} - 1\right)^{0.4} (1 - x_{\rm m})^{0.4}$						
Groeneveld-3 (Groeneveld and Delorme, 1976)	$h = 0.008348 \frac{\lambda_{\rm f}}{D_{\rm h}} [Re_{\rm f} (x_{\rm a} + \frac{\rho_{\rm V}}{\rho_{\rm L}} (1 - x_{\rm a}))]^{0.8774} Pr_{\rm f}^{0.6112} , \text{ with, } x_{\rm a} = \frac{x_{\rm a}H_{\rm VL}}{H_{\rm Va}-H_{\rm L}}, \frac{H_{\rm Va}-H_{\rm Va}}{H_{\rm VL}} = \exp\left(-\tan\psi\right) \exp\left[-(3\alpha)^{-4}\right],$						
	$\psi = 0.13864 P r_V^{0.2031} \left(\frac{GD_h x_m}{\mu_V \alpha}\right)^{0.20006} \left(\frac{q D_h C_{p,V}}{\lambda_V H_{V_L}}\right)^{-0.09232} \cdot (1.3072 - 1.0833 x_e + 0.8455 x_e^2), \begin{cases} x_m = 0, x_e < 0 \\ x_m = x_e, 0 \le x_e \le 1 \\ x_m = 1, x_e > 1 \end{cases}, \alpha = \frac{x_m}{x_m + \frac{P_V}{\rho_L} (1 - x_m)}$						
Herkenrath (Herkenrath, 1967)	$h = 0.06 \frac{\lambda_w}{D_h} \left[ Re_w \left( \frac{\rho_w}{\rho_V} \right) (x_m + \frac{\rho_V}{\rho_L} \left( 1 - x_m \right) ) \right]^{0.8} P r_w^{0.8} \left( \frac{G}{G_0} \right)^{0.4} \left( \frac{P}{P_c} \right)^{2.7}$						
Slaughterbeck (Slaughterbeck et al., 1973)	$h = 0.0001604 \frac{\lambda_{V}}{D_{h}} [Re_{V} (x_{m} + \frac{\rho_{V}}{\rho_{L}} (1 - x_{m}))]^{0.838} Pr_{w}^{1.81} (q \times 0.317)^{0.278} (\frac{\lambda_{V}}{\lambda_{c}})^{-0.508}$						
	$G_0 = 1000 \text{ kg/}(\text{m}^2 \cdot \text{s})$						
2003 FB LUT (Groeneveld et al., 2003)	Look-up table, see reference (Groeneveld et al., 2003)						

1.  $\begin{cases} x_m = 0, x_e < 0 \\ x_m = x_e, 0 \le x_e \le 1 \end{cases}$ 

 $x_m = 1, x_e > 1$ 

2. Properties with the subscript "V," "L," and "w," stand for saturated vapor properties, saturated liquid phase properties, and vapor properties evaluated at wall temperature, respectively. Properties with the subscript "f" are evaluated at the average temperature of the saturation temperature and the wall temperature.

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#### TABLE 7 | Validity range of post-CHF heat transfer models.

Author	P (1	/IPa)	G [kg	/(m²⋅s)]	Xe	"(-)	Dh (mm)	
	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max
Song (Song et al., 2021b)	2.98	21.51	469.3	3,500	0.001	0.999	2.5	24.7
Bishop-1 (Bishop et al., 1964)	4.08	21.9	700	3,400	0.07	1.0	N/A	-
Bishop-2 (Bishop et al., 1964)	4.08	21.9	700	3,400	0.07	1.0	N/A	-
Bishop-3 (Bishop et al., 1964)	16.8	21.9	1,350	3,400	0.1	1.0	N/A	-
Miropol'skii (Miropol'skii, 1963)	4.05	22	700	2000	0.06	1.0	8	24
Swenson (Swenson et al., 1962)	20.68	20.68	949.4	1,356.2	0.08	0.98	10.4	10.4
Groeneveld-1 (Groeneveld, 1975)	6.88	21.5	700	5,300	0.1	0.9	1.5	25.0
Groeneveld-2 (Groeneveld, 1975)	3.4	21.5	700	5,300	0.1	0.9	1.5	25.0
Groeneveld-3 (Groeneveld and Delorme, 1976)	0.69	21.5	130	5,200	-0.12	3.09	2.54	12.8
Herkenrath (Herkenrath, 1967)	17	21.5	700	3,500	0.1	1.0	5	20
Slaughterbeck (Slaughterbeck et al., 1973)	6.8	20	1,050	5,300	0.0	1.0	13.4	17.0
2003 FB LUT (Groeneveld et al., 2003)	0.1	20	0	7,000	-0.2	2.0	8	8

**TABLE 8** | Predictive capability of post-CHF prediction models.

References		Water			CO <sub>2</sub>		Total		
	μ	RMS	n	μ	RMS	n	μ	RMS	n
Song (Song et al., 2021b)	0.023	0.176	5,391	-0.079	0.289	497	0.023	0.176	5,391
Bishop-1 (Bishop et al., 1964)	0.016	0.238	5,391	0.130	0.230	497	0.016	0.238	5,391
Bishop-2 (Bishop et al., 1964)	0.100	0.267	5,391	0.268	0.341	497	0.100	0.267	5,391
Bishop-3 (Bishop et al., 1964)	0.065	0.250	5,391	0.464	0.520	497	0.065	0.250	5,391
Miropol'skii (Miropol'skii, 1963)	0.487	0.742	5,391	1.035	1.117	497	0.487	0.742	5,391
Swenson (Swenson et al., 1962)	0.432	0.642	5,391	0.954	1.020	497	0.432	0.642	5,391
Groeneveld-1 (Groeneveld, 1975)	0.243	0.370	5,391	0.059	0.216	497	0.243	0.370	5,391
Groeneveld-2 (Groeneveld, 1975)	0.193	0.371	5,391	0.159	0.275	497	0.193	0.371	5,391
Groeneveld-3 (Groeneveld and Delorme, 1976)	-0.061	0.316	5,391	0.132	0.283	497	-0.061	0.316	5,391
Herkenrath (Herkenrath, 1967)	-0.097	0.183	5,391	-	-	-	-	-	-
Slaughterbeck (Slaughterbeck et al., 1973)	-0.205	0.252	5,391	-	-	-	-	-	-
2003 FB LUT (Groeneveld et al., 2003)	-0.151	0.256	5,391	-	_	_	_	_	_

Table 8. Additionally, the mean error and RMS error of Groeneveld-1 correlation (Groeneveld, 1975) is 5.9% and 21.6%, respectively.

More details about the distribution of error parameters could be found in Figure 8, which displays prediction results of both water and CO<sub>2</sub> experiments together. Generally, extreme prediction deviation is not observed in Song correlation (Song et al., 2021b), Bishop-1 correlation (Bishop et al., 1964), Bishop-2 correlation (Bishop et al., 1964), Bishop-3 correlation (Bishop et al., 1964), and Groeneveld-3 correlation (Groeneveld and Delorme, 1976), of which the error parameters are distributed within -0.5 and 1.0. However, in contrast, for example, the error parameter of the Miropol'skii correlation (Miropol'skii, 1963) could even reach up to nearly 500% at a reduced pressure of approximately 0.95. Besides, the distribution of mean error and RMS error at different pressure ranges is exhibited in Figure 9. It can be seen that mean error and RMS error of the Groeneveld-3 correlation (Groeneveld and Delorme, 1976) become higher while the reduced pressure is above 0.9.

Considering the value of mean error and RMS error listed in Table 8 and the distribution of error information shown in

**Figures 8**, **9** together, Song correlation (Song et al., 2021b) and Bishop-1 correlation (Bishop et al., 1964) are the best for the prediction of post-dryout heat transfer in the high-pressure condition. Even when pressure is near to the critical point with reduced pressure at 0.975, both of these two correlations can give good prediction accuracy.

Besides, the error parameter at different mass flux condition is shown in **Figure 10**. As illustrated, there is no systematic prediction error of Song correlation (Song et al., 2021b). However, the value of error parameter given by Bishop-1 correlation (Bishop et al., 1964) tends to reduce as the mass flux increases. Hence, only Song correlation (Song et al., 2021b) will be recommended for safety analysis.

#### Effect of Pressure on PDO Heat Transfer

A comparison of PDO heat transfer under different pressure conditions could be found in **Figure 11**. The parameters for selected test cases are summarized in **Table 9**. **Figure 11A** shows the variation of heat transfer coefficient versus the equilibrium quality, when the pressure increases from 16 to 20 MPa for water experiments. **Figure 11B** compares the PDO heat transfer for



uniformly heated round tubes with  $CO_2$  at pressure of 6.49 and 7.0 MPa, respectively. Moreover, the prediction results with Song correlation (Song et al., 2021b) for each test case are plotted in **Figure 11** as well. In general, the predicted heat transfer coefficient gets a good agreement with the experiment.

As observed, PDO heat transfer coefficient increases with increasing pressure. As the pressure increases, according to the

research of Kataoka et al. (1983), the droplet diameter will be smaller with a lower surface tension; therefore, the number of droplets will increase, and the total interfacial area will be larger at the same equilibrium quality. It facilitates the interfacial heat transfer from the vapor phase to liquid droplets. In consequence, a better total heat transfer could be obtained at a higher pressure.



FIGURE 9 | Mean error and RMS error at different reduced pressure range. (A) Mean error. (B) RMS error.





FIGURE 11 | Effect of pressure on PDO heat transfer. (A) Water experiments:  $G = 2000 \text{ kg/(m^2 \cdot s)}$ ,  $q = 600 \text{ kW/m^2}$ . (B)  $CO_2$  experiment:  $G = 703 \text{ kg/(m^2 \cdot s)}$ ,  $q = 79.9 \text{ kW/m^2}$ 

TABLE 9   Test cases for PDO heat transfer under different pressure.											
Case No	Fluid	P (MPa)	P <sub>r</sub> (-)	G [kg/(m²⋅s)]	D <sub>h</sub> (mm)	<i>q</i> (kW/m²)					
BEC98	Water	15.99	0.72	1,970.10	14.9	608.0					
BEC57	Water	17.99	0.82	1,974.40	14.9	608.0					
BEC18	Water	19.92	0.90	1,979.50	14.9	603.0					
GRO4	CO <sub>2</sub>	6.49	0.88	703	8	79.9					
GRO5	CO <sub>2</sub>	7.00	0.95	703	8	79.9					

# SUMMARY

Supercritical power cycles may experience subcritical condition during some trans-critical transients. However, it is found that research about heat transfer in the high-pressure subcritical condition is still rare so far. Thereby, two significant heat transfer phenomena, i.e., boiling crisis and post-CHF heat transfer, are discussed in the present work. Existing prediction approaches of CHF and post-dryout heat transfer for high-pressure condition are collected and evaluated. In the present

work, prediction models of CHF and post-dryout heat transfer at the high-pressure condition are recommended for safety analysis.

- Main achievements can be summarized as follows: About CHF:
- 1) A databank of high-pressure CHF experiment with water, R12,  $CO_2$ , or helium as coolant are established containing 2,695 data points in total.
- 2) Thirteen prediction models for high-pressure condition are collected and assessed by comparing with the high-pressure CHF experimental databank. It is demonstrated that the CHF correlation developed by Song et al. (2021a) gives good prediction accuracy to different fluids at the high-pressure condition.
- 3) The value of CHF decreases as the pressure rises, which implies that boiling crisis occurs easier at a higher pressure.

About post-dryout heat transfer:

- 1) A post-dryout heat transfer experimental databank for highpressure condition is compiled, including tests for water and CO<sub>2</sub> experiments and 5,888 data points.
- 2) By comparing prediction of 12 post-CHF heat transfer models with the high-pressure post-dryout heat transfer experimental

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databank, it can be concluded that Song correlation (Song et al., 2021b) obtains the best predictive capability.

3) With the increase in pressure, post-dryout heat transfer becomes better.

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The original contributions presented in the study are included in the article/supplementary material. Further inquiries can be directed to the corresponding author.

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# NOMENCLATURE

#### General

Bo boiling number  $C_p$  specific heat, J/(kg·°C)  $D_{\mathbf{h}}$  tube diameter, m f friction factor **G** mass flux,  $kg/(m^2 \cdot s)$ **h** heat transfer coefficient, W/(m<sup>2</sup>·°C)  $H_{VL}$  evaporation heat, J/kg L length, m ME mean value  ${\it N}$  number of data point Nu Nusselt number **P** pressure, Pa  $P_r$  reduced pressure Pr Prandtl number  $\boldsymbol{q}$  heat flux, W/m<sup>2</sup>  $\mathbf{q_c}$  critical heat flux, W/m<sup>2</sup> Re Reynolds number RMS root-mean-square value T temperature, °C  $\mathbf{x_m}$  mass quality  $(0 \le x_m \le 1)$  $\mathbf{X}_{\mathbf{a}}$  Actual quality  $\mathbf{x}_{\mathbf{e}}$  equilibrium quality  $oldsymbol{z}$  elevation, m

### Greek

 $\lambda$  thermal conductivity, W/(m·°C)

 $\mu$  dynamic viscosity, Pa·s; or mean error

 $\rho$  density, kg/m<sup>3</sup>  $\sigma$  surface tension, N/m  $\alpha$  void fraction  $\varepsilon$  error parameter

# Subscripts

c critical
L liquid phase
V vapor phase
f flim
w wall
s saturated

## Abbreviations

BWR boiling water reactor DNB departure from nucleate boiling DO dryout GFR gas cooled fast reactor GIF generation IV international forum IATF institute for applied thermofluidics LOCA loss-of-coolant accident LUT look-up table PWR pressurized water reactor sCO<sub>2</sub> supercritical carbon dioxide SCW supercritical water SCWR supercritical water-cooled reactor SCF supercritical fluid SFR sodium-cooled fast reactor