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## SHAPE FACTORS INCLUSION IN A ONE-DIMENSIONAL, TRANSIENT TWO-FLUID MODEL FOR STRATIFIED AND SLUG FLOW SIMULATIONS IN PIPES

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### ABSTRACT

In previous works, (Ferrari *et al.*, 2017) have shown that a one-dimensional, hyperbolic, transient five equations two-fluid model is able to numerically describe stratified, wavy, and slug flow in horizontal and near-horizontal pipes. Slug statistical characteristics, such as slug velocity, frequency, and length can be numerically predicted with results in good agreement with experimental data and well-known empirical relations. In this model some approximated and simplified assumptions are adopted to describe shear stresses at wall and at phase interface.

In this paper, we focus on the possibility to account for the cross sectional flow by including the shape of the velocity profiles, inserting shape factors into the momentum balance equations. Velocity profiles are obtained by the pre-integrated model proposed by (Biberg, 2007) and they are computed at each time step and at each computational cell. Once that the velocity profiles are known, the obtained shape factors are inserted in the numerical resolution. In this way it is possible to recover part of the information lost due to the one-dimensional flow description.

Velocity profiles computed in stratified conditions are compared against experimental profiles measured with PIV technique - see (Ayati *et al.*, 2015), showing good agreement. Finally, first results in slug flow configuration are shown.

**Keywords:** Multiphase pipeline transport, Oil & Gas .

### NOMENCLATURE

#### Greek Symbols

$\alpha$	Phase volume fraction, [—]
$\beta$	Wetted angle, [rad]
$\gamma$	Shape factor, [—]
$\delta$	Boundary layer thickness, [m]
$\theta$	Pipe inclination angle, [rad]
$\lambda$	Eigenvalues vector, [m/s]
$\mu$	Dynamic viscosity, [kg/ms]
$\rho$	Mass density, [kg/m <sup>3</sup> ]
$\tau$	Shear stress, [Pa]

#### Latin Symbols

$A$	Pipe section, [m <sup>2</sup> ].
$A_j$	Pipe section occupied by phase j, [m <sup>2</sup> ].
$c$	Sound speed, [m/s].
$D$	Pipe diameter, [m].
$f$	Friction factor, [—].
$F_i$	Interfacial friction term, [N/m <sup>3</sup> ].
$F_w$	Wall friction term, [N/m <sup>3</sup> ].

$g$	Gravity acceleration, [m/s <sup>2</sup> ].
$h$	Liquid height, [m].
$k_s$	Sand roughness, [m].
$p_i$	Interfacial pressure, [Pa].
$r_p$	Pressure relaxation parameter, [1/Pas].
$\mathbf{R}$	Eigenvector matrix, [m/s].
$Re$	Reynolds number, [—].
$S_j$	Pipe perimeter wetted by phase j, [m].
$S_i$	Interfacial perimeter, [m].
$t$	Time coordinate, [s].
$u$	Phase velocity, [m/s].
$u_i$	Interfacial velocity, [m/s].
$u_s$	Superficial velocity, [m/s].
$v$	Cross-sectional velocity, [m/s].
$x$	Space coordinate in the axial direction, [m].
$y$	Space coordinate in the cross-sectional direction, [m].

#### Sub/superscripts

$g$	Gas phase.
$l$	Liquid phase.
$j$	Generic phase, gas or liquid.

### INTRODUCTION

Stratified and slug flow are two-phase flow regimes frequently encountered in multiphase pipeline transport of oil and gas. In the past decades, the interest in the numerical description of these flow regimes has significantly increased, aiming at obtaining predictions about the behaviour of the fluids employed in petroleum transport pipelines, chemical and nuclear industries, and buoyancy driven fermentation devices. The one-dimensional averaged two-fluid model is often employed (see (Issa and Kempf, 2003), (Renault, 2007)) and pipelines are usually simulated adopting mono-dimensional models to keep reasonable simulation times. Closure relations to describe shear stresses at interface and at wall are required, and friction factors are often described adopting models or correlations (see (Bonizzi *et al.*, 2009)); however, wall and interfacial shear stresses are related via the velocity distribution and, therefore, the cross-sectional flow description is required to obtain consistent modelling. Two-dimensional and three-dimensional models are computationally expensive and require too long computational times; to solve the issue of speed versus consistency, the cross-sectional velocity profiles can be described by a pre-integrated model, which leads to a consistent set of near-

algebraic friction models suitable for one-dimensional two-phase flow simulations.

In the present work, we aim at introducing the velocity profiles shape description in the mono-dimensional, transient, five-equation two-fluid model by (Ferrari *et al.*, 2017): they assumed that the profiles coefficients were unitary ( $\gamma_l = \gamma_g = 1$ ), representing a completely flat profile. The profiles coefficients are correction factors adopted to describe the curvature of the velocity profile, since the latter is not constant over the entire cross section and, for turbulent flows, the profile coefficient is slightly above one. To account for the cross-sectional velocity, we need to modify the five-equation system eigenstructure, inserting the  $\gamma$  factors in the modelisation; then, we adopted the pre-integrated model developed by (Biberg, 2007), to describe the shear stresses at interface and at wall consistently with the modelling of the velocity profiles.

In this paper, the comparison of the computed velocity profiles against the experimental ones measured by (Ayati *et al.*, 2015) will be reported, showing a fairly good agreement; then, first results in slug flow will be presented, showing how to describe numerically the velocity profiles during the transition from two-phase to single phase flow.

## MODEL DESCRIPTION

In this work, we adopted the mono-dimensional, hyperbolic, transient, five-equation, two-fluid model proposed by (Ferrari *et al.*, 2017), which is able to compute well flow regimes transitions and slug flow characteristics. The first modification performed on the model consists in adding the shape factors  $\gamma_g$  and  $\gamma_l$ , both for gas and liquid phase, in the momentum balance equations, Eqs. (4) - (5)

$$\frac{\partial \alpha_g}{\partial t} + u_i \frac{\partial \alpha_g}{\partial x} = r_p(p_{ig} - p_{il}) \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{\partial(\alpha_g \rho_g)}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial(\alpha_g \rho_g u_g)}{\partial x} = 0 \quad (2)$$

$$\frac{\partial(\alpha_l \rho_l)}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial(\alpha_l \rho_l u_l)}{\partial x} = 0 \quad (3)$$

$$\frac{\partial(\alpha_g \rho_g u_g)}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial(\gamma_g \alpha_g \rho_g u_g^2)}{\partial x} + \alpha_g \frac{\partial p_{ig}}{\partial x} + \rho_g \alpha_g g \frac{\partial h}{\partial x} \cos(\theta) = -\rho_g \alpha_g g \sin(\theta) - F_{wg} - F_i \quad (4)$$

$$\frac{\partial(\alpha_l \rho_l u_l)}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial(\gamma_l \alpha_l \rho_l u_l^2)}{\partial x} + \alpha_l \frac{\partial p_{il}}{\partial x} + \rho_l \alpha_l g \frac{\partial h}{\partial x} \cos(\theta) = -\rho_l \alpha_l g \sin(\theta) - F_{wl} + F_i \quad (5)$$

The introduction of the shape factors in the model equations modifies the eigenstructure of the system; since the numerical resolution of the model is based on the Roe linearisation, the knowledge of the system eigenstructure is required. Thus, as first step of this work, the modified eigenvalue and eigenvectors were computed; we remark that, if the shape factors in the modified eigenstructure are set to one (as supposed in the previous work by (Ferrari *et al.*, 2017)), the original version of the eigenstructure is recovered (the comparison of the old eigenvalues against the new ones including shape factors is reported in Appendix A). The numerical resolution is largely based on the one proposed by (Ferrari *et al.*, 2017), which adopts the finite volume method and an explicit first order time discretisation. The source term on the right-hand side of the advection equation –Eq. (1)– is taken into account by a pressure relaxation process, described by (Munkejord, 2005), which requires the solution of a second degree polynomial equation: in the hyperbolic step, the gas volume fraction  $\alpha_g$  is modified to restore pressure equality at the interface. Some modifications were applied in the computation of the shear stresses at wall and at

interface and the pre-integrated model proposed by (Biberg, 2007) was adopted to compute the cross-sectional velocity profiles, which are required to obtain the shape factors (see (Picchi *et al.*, 2014))

$$\gamma_j = \frac{1}{A_j v_j^2} \int v_j^2(y) dA. \quad (6)$$

The velocity distribution  $v_j$  in the  $y$  direction is computed as proposed by (Biberg, 2007)

$$v_j = \text{sgn}(\tau_{wj}) \frac{u^*}{\kappa} \Delta_j + C_j, \quad (7)$$

where  $\Delta_j$  and  $C_j$ , reported in Appendix B, are function of  $Y$ , the adimensional position along the pipe cross section, of  $R_j$ , the ratio between the shear stress at interface and at wall,

$$Y = \frac{y}{h}, \quad R_j = \frac{\tau_i}{\tau_{wj}} \quad (8)$$

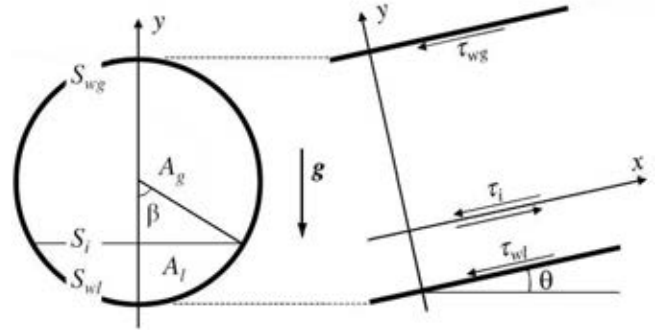
and of  $K_j$ , a parameter accounting for the interface shape, which reads, respectively for gas and liquid phase,

$$K_g = \frac{8v_g}{|u_g - u_l|}, \quad K_l = 1 \quad (9)$$

in case of smooth interface, and

$$K_g = \frac{0.065 \rho_g}{\rho_l - \rho_g} \frac{u_g - u_l}{g h_g \cos \theta}, \quad K_l = 10 \sqrt{\frac{\rho_g}{\rho_l}} \left| \frac{u_g - u_l}{u_l} \right| \quad (10)$$

in case of wavy interface.



**Figure 1:** Schematic diagram of geometry.

The parameters  $R_j$  and  $K_j$  are introduced also in the computation of the shear stresses at wall and at interface through the corrected hydraulic diameter proposed by (Biberg, 2007)

$$D_{ej} = \frac{4A_j}{S_{wj}} \left( \frac{S_{wj}}{S_{wj} + S_i} \right)^{F(R_j, K_j)}, \quad (11)$$

where the wetted perimeter  $S_{wl}$  and  $S_{wg}$  and the interface perimeter  $S_i$  are shown in Figure 1. The corrected hydraulic diameter is employed to compute the Reynolds number

$$Re_j = |u_j| \frac{\rho_j}{\mu_j} D_{ej}, \quad (12)$$

which is then used to obtain the friction factor  $f_j$  by the Colebrook-White interpolation

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{f_j}} = -2 \log_{10} \left( \frac{2.51}{Re_j \sqrt{f_j}} + \frac{k_s}{3.7D} \right) \quad (13)$$

in the case of turbulent flow and

$$f_j = \frac{64}{Re_j} \quad (14)$$

in the case of laminar flow. In this work, both smooth and rough flow can be described thanks to the sand roughness  $k_s$ . The gas shear stress at wall is computed as

$$\tau_{wg} = \frac{f_g \rho_g |u_g| u_g}{4} \quad (15)$$

the value of  $\tau_i$  and  $\tau_{wl}$  are computed by knowing  $\tau_{wg}$ ,  $R_g$  and  $R_l$ .

The value of  $R_g$  is computed in every computational cell and at every time step by a root search algorithm, imposing the equality of gas and liquid velocity at the interface, while computing the shear stresses. Once that  $R_g$  is known, it is possible to obtain the velocity profile in the cross-sectional direction and, by integration, the shape factors value, which will be inserted in the Roe matrix in the subsequent time step.

## RESULTS

### Stratified flow

In this Section, the computed cross-sectional velocity profiles in stratified flow conditions will be validated against the experimental measurements performed by (Ayati *et al.*, 2015): the geometry adopted in the experiments consists in a horizontal 31 m long PVC pipe, with an internal diameter  $D = 0.1$  m; the fluids used in the test cases are water and air at 22 °C, whose density are, respectively, 997 kg/m<sup>3</sup> and 1.2 kg/m<sup>3</sup>.

Concerning the numerical simulations, the space discretisation consists in 620 cells, leading to a  $\Delta x = D/2$ ; the time step is  $\Delta t = 10^{-5}$  s, with a corresponding CFL

$$CFL = \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x} |\lambda_{max}| \approx 0.2, \quad (16)$$

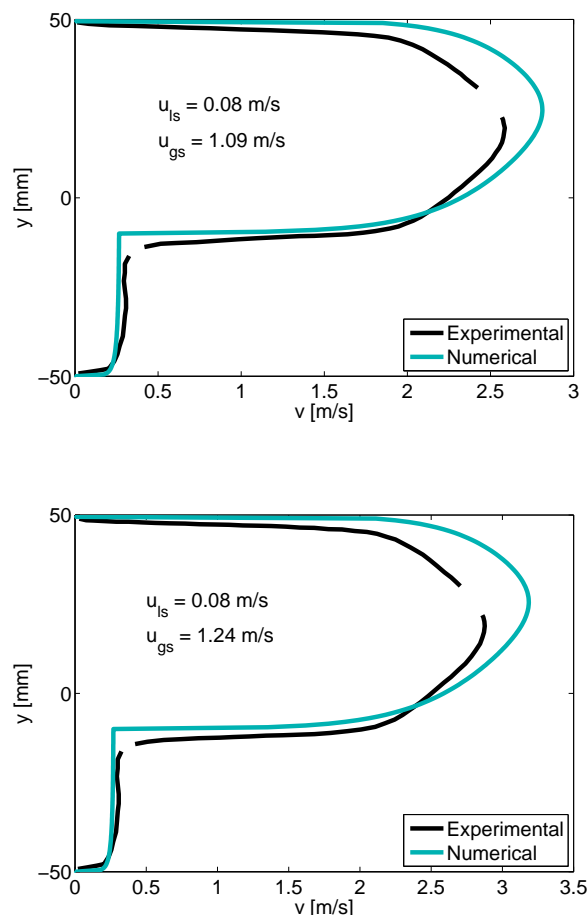
since the maximum eigenvalue is approximately 10<sup>3</sup> m/s (for further information on the eigenvalues, see Appendix A).

We perform four comparisons, with four different couples of superficial velocities, which are reported in Table 1: two of the chosen configurations are characterized by a smooth sub-regime and two by a 2D waves sub-regime, as stated by (Ayati *et al.*, 2015). In the case of smooth sub-regime (and therefore smooth interface), in our numerical simulations we adopted the relation for  $K_f$  in Equation (9), while in case of 2D waves, we employed Equation (10). The PVC pipe roughness, required in Equation (13), was set to the representative value  $5 \cdot 10^{-3}$  mm, since the actual value is not reported by (Ayati *et al.*, 2015).

(Ayati *et al.*, 2015) perform the PIV measurements in a vertical plane located at 260D downstream from inlet and, thus, our numerical results are extracted at the same position along the pipe.

Figures 2 and 3 compare the experimental results with the numerical ones: we can observe that the shapes of the computed velocity profiles are in good agreement with the experimental one (the experimental profiles present some discontinuities because of strong background reflections or restricted optical access in proximity of the interface, as explained by (Ayati *et al.*, 2015)). In the case of smooth regime, there is a small discrepancy in the velocity magnitude: this can be due to the fact that the numerical code forecasts an equilibrium liquid volume fraction slightly higher than the one observed

in the experiments: therefore, the flow section for the gas phase is smaller and the velocity at the nose of the profile is higher, while the opposite happens for the liquid phase, whose velocity magnitude of the flat profile is slightly lower than the observed one.



**Figure 2:** Comparison of the experimental and the numerical profiles. Smooth sub-regime.

In Table 1 the computed shape factor for gas and liquid phase are reported.

**Table 1:** Superficial liquid and gas velocities adopted in the numerical simulations.

$u_{ls}$ [m/s]	$u_{gs}$ [m/s]	Sub-regime	$\gamma_l$	$\gamma_g$
0.08	1.09	Smooth	1.10	1.03
0.08	1.27	Smooth	1.09	1.04
0.10	2.03	2D waves	1.09	1.04
0.10	2.29	2D waves	1.10	1.04

### Slug flow

First results in slug flow configuration will be now discussed. For the numerical simulations in slug conditions, the adopted geometry consists in a 36 m long pipe, with an internal diameter  $D = 0.078$  m (see (Issa and Kempf, 2003)); in this case we adopt  $\Delta x = 0.577D$  and  $\Delta t = 10^{-5}$  s. The liquid and gas superficial velocities are, respectively,  $u_{ls} = 1.5$  m/s and  $u_{gs} = 2.0$  m/s; the simulated fluids are again water and air.

(Ferrari *et al.*, 2017) developed a criterion to simulate the transition from two-phase to single phase flow, which takes place as a slug emerges and grows: this method consists in setting to zero the gas velocity when the gas volume fraction drops under a certain threshold; the threshold value is in the range  $3 \div 8 \cdot 10^{-3}$ . A special treatment for the shape factors and velocity profile inside the slug body was added to the existing transition criterion: this method prescribes that, when a slug forms, the shape factor of the gas phase is no longer computed, since it is no more required in the calculation concerning the gas momentum balance equation. Regarding the liquid phase, we prescribe that the velocity profile inside the slug body follow the relation proposed by (Biberg, 2007) in the case of Poiseuille-type flow: although this kind of flow is normally laminar, thanks to the turbulent viscosity employed in the computations, we obtain a turbulent shaped profile. (Dukler *et al.*, 1985) adopted the one-seventh power law to describe the velocity profile in the slug body

$$v_l = v_0 \left( \frac{y}{\delta} \right)^{1/7} \quad (17)$$

and, later, (Gopal and Jepson, 1997) supported their assumptions by experimental observations. In Figure 4 the computed profile in a slug body is compared against the one-seventh power law profile, which was calculated with  $\delta = D/2$  and

$v_0 = u_{ls} + u_{gs} = 3.5 \text{ m/s}$ : this choice is justified by the fact that the centerline velocity  $v_0$  is very close to the slug velocity, which is obtained by summing the gas and liquid superficial velocities, as reported by (Jepson, 1989). The shape factor in the slug body is in the range  $1.02 \div 1.04$ .

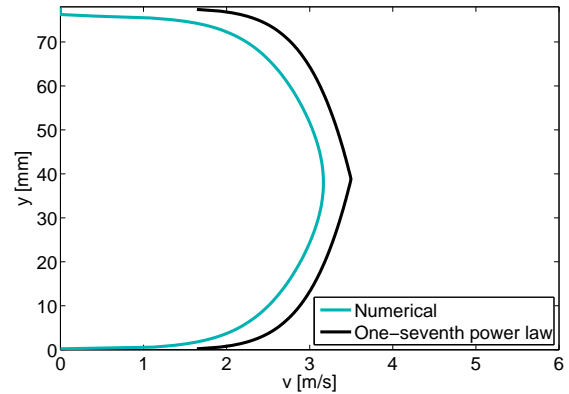


Figure 4: Comparison of the one-seventh power law profile against the computed one.

Finally, Figure 5 reports the qualitative behaviour of the velocity profiles before (top) and after (bottom) slug formation.

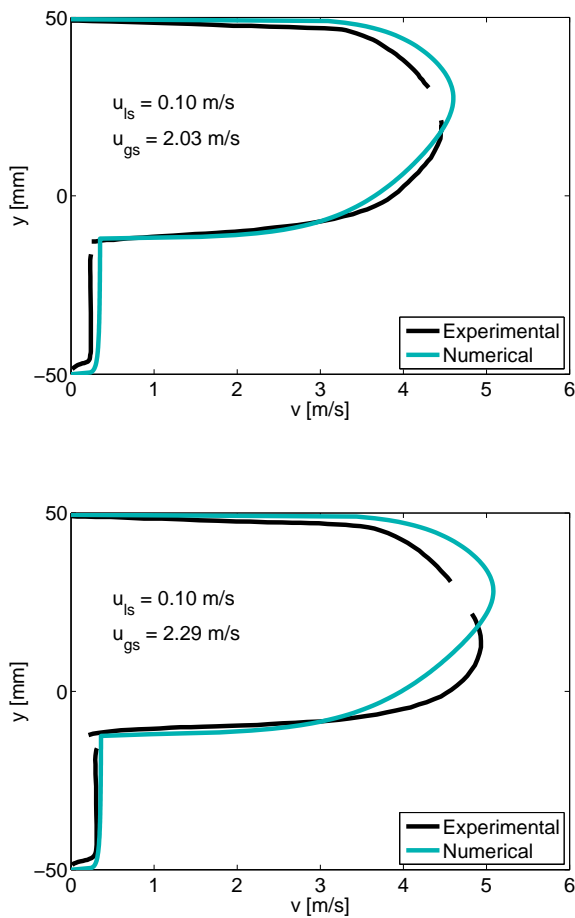


Figure 3: Comparison of the experimental and the numerical profiles. 2D waves sub-regime.

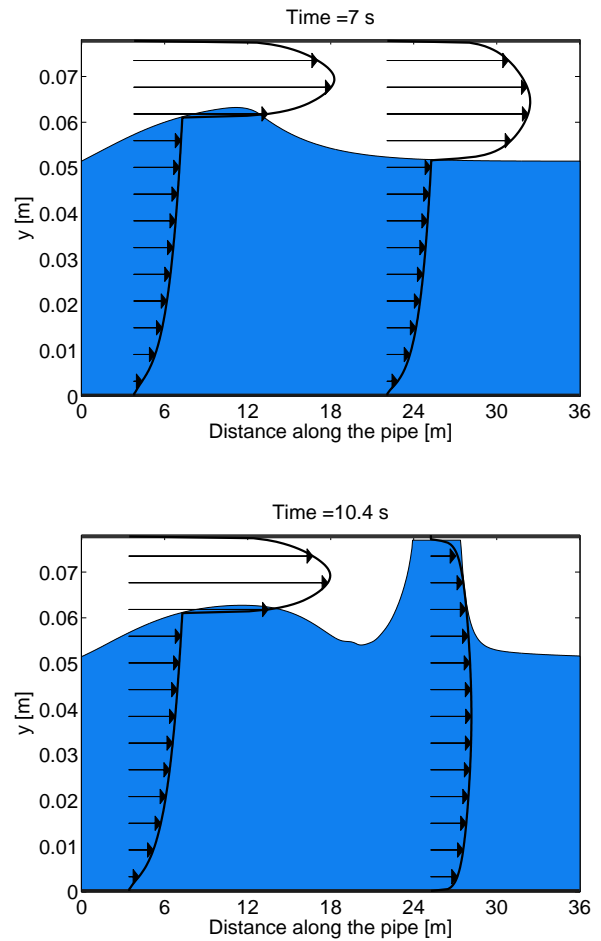


Figure 5: Example of computed velocity profiles before (top) and after (bottom) slug formation.

## CONCLUSION

In this work, a transient, five-equation two-fluid model accounting for cross-sectional velocity distribution has been presented. Starting from the existing numerical code by (Ferrari *et al.*, 2017), the model has been modified to account for the velocity profiles shape by the  $\gamma$  factor in the momentum balance equations; the inclusion of these correction coefficients modifies the five-equation system eigenstructure, which explicit form has been computed including  $\gamma$  factors. The pre-integrated model proposed by (Biberg, 2007) has been embodied in the numerical code, to compute shear stresses at wall and at interface and to obtain a consistent description of the cross-sectional velocity distribution. Numerical results both in stratified and in slug flow regime have been presented. The computed velocity profiles in smooth and wavy stratified regime were compared against experimental measurements, showing good agreement. Moreover, a method to compute the velocity profile during the transition from two-phase to single phase flow (which occurs during slug formation) has been developed; the computed velocity distribution in the liquid phase follows quite accurately the one-seventh power law profile, which has been experimentally observed to occur in the slug body.

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## APPENDIX A: COMPARISON OF THE EIGENSTRUCTURE WITH AND WITHOUT THE INCLUSION OF THE SHAPE FACTORS IN THE MODEL

We report here the eigenvalues and the eigenvectors of the five-equation system with and without the shape factor inclusion in the model, to show how deeply the description of the velocity profiles affects the eigenstructure of the five-equation system.

First, the eigenvalues employed by (Ferrari *et al.*, 2017) are

$$\lambda = \begin{bmatrix} u_i \\ u_g - c_g \\ u_g + c_g \\ u_l - c_l \\ u_l + c_l \end{bmatrix}, \quad (18)$$

while the ones adopted in the present work are

$$\lambda = \begin{bmatrix} u_i \\ \frac{u_g}{2}(1 + \gamma_g) - \frac{\sqrt{4c_g^2 + [u_g(\gamma_g - 1)]^2}}{2} \\ \frac{u_g}{2}(1 + \gamma_g) + \frac{\sqrt{4c_g^2 + [u_g(\gamma_g - 1)]^2}}{2} \\ \frac{u_l}{2}(1 + \gamma_l) - \frac{\sqrt{4c_l^2 + [u_l(\gamma_l - 1)]^2}}{2} \\ \frac{u_l}{2}(1 + \gamma_l) + \frac{\sqrt{4c_l^2 + [u_l(\gamma_l - 1)]^2}}{2} \end{bmatrix}, \quad (19)$$

where  $c_g = 316.22 \text{ m/s}$  and  $c_l = 1000 \text{ m/s}$  are the speed of sound respectively for gas and liquid phase.

The eigenvectors without the shape factors are

$$\mathbf{R} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -\frac{c_g^2 \rho_g + \alpha_g \rho_g \zeta}{[(u_g - u_i)^2 - c_g^2]} & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -\frac{c_g^2 \rho_g + \alpha_g \rho_g \zeta}{[(u_g - u_i)^2 - c_g^2]} u_i & u_g - c_g & u_g + c_g & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{c_l^2 \rho_l - \alpha_l \rho_l \zeta}{[(u_l - u_i)^2 - c_l^2]} & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ \frac{c_l^2 \rho_l - \alpha_l \rho_l \zeta}{[(u_l - u_i)^2 - c_l^2]} u_i & 0 & 0 & u_l - c_l & u_l + c_l \end{bmatrix}, \quad (20)$$

where  $\zeta = -\frac{\pi D g \cos \theta}{4 \sin(\beta)}$ ; the eigenvectors including  $\gamma$  factors are

$$\mathbf{R} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ r_{21} & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ r_{31} & \frac{\gamma_g u_g^2 - c_g^2}{\lambda_3} & \frac{\gamma_g u_g^2 - c_g^2}{\lambda_2} & 0 & 0 \\ r_{41} & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ r_{51} & 0 & 0 & \frac{\gamma_l u_l^2 - c_l^2}{\lambda_5} & \frac{\gamma_l u_l^2 - c_l^2}{\lambda_4} \end{bmatrix}, \quad (21)$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} r_{21} &= -\frac{c_g^2 \rho_g + \alpha_g \rho_g \zeta}{[\gamma_g u_g^2 - u_g u_i (1 + \gamma_g) + u_i^2 - c_g^2]}, \\ r_{31} &= -\frac{c_g^2 \rho_g + \alpha_g \rho_g \zeta}{[\gamma_g u_g^2 - u_g u_i (1 + \gamma_g) + u_i^2 - c_g^2]} u_i, \\ r_{41} &= \frac{c_l^2 \rho_l - \alpha_l \rho_l \zeta}{[\gamma_l u_l^2 - u_l u_i (1 + \gamma_l) + u_i^2 - c_l^2]}, \\ r_{51} &= \frac{c_l^2 \rho_l - \alpha_l \rho_l \zeta}{[\gamma_l u_l^2 - u_l u_i (1 + \gamma_l) + u_i^2 - c_l^2]} u_i. \end{aligned} \quad (22)$$

It is possible to observe that, when in Equations (19) and (21)  $\gamma_g$  and  $\gamma_l$  are unitary, the expressions without the shape factor of Equations (18) and (20) are recovered. Therefore, the eigenstructure of the model including shape factors can be seen as an extension of the one by (Ferrari *et al.*, 2017).

## APPENDIX B: FURTHER EQUATIONS ADOPTED IN THE MODEL

In this Appendix, we report the equations developed by (Biberg, 2007) and adopted in the presented model.

$\Delta_j$  and  $C_j$ , adopted in Eq. (7), are (the subscript  $j$  has been removed for clarity)

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta = & \ln(1-Y) + \frac{(K^3 + R^3)\ln(Y + K(1-Y))}{|R|^{5/2} - K^3} \\ & + \frac{(R + \sqrt{|R|})\sqrt[3]{|R|}\ln(Y + |R|^{5/6}(1-Y))}{3(K - |R|^{5/6})} \\ & - \frac{(R + \sqrt{|R|})(K + 2|R|^{5/6})|R|^{5/6}\sqrt[3]{|R|}}{\ln Y^2 - (1-Y)(Y - (1-Y)|R|^{5/6})} \\ & \cdot \frac{6(K^2 + |R|^{5/6}K + |R|^{5/3})}{K(R + \sqrt{|R|})\sqrt[3]{|R|}} \\ & + \frac{\sqrt{3}(K^2 + |R|^{5/6}K + |R|^{5/3})}{\sqrt{3}|R|^{5/6}} \cdot \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{2(Y-1)|R|^{5/3} + (2Y-1)|R|^{5/6} + 2Y}{\sqrt{3}|R|^{5/6}} \right) \end{aligned} \quad (23)$$

and

$$C = C^1 + \text{sgn}(\tau_w) \frac{u^*}{\kappa} \Psi, \quad (24)$$

where

$$C^1 = \text{sgn}(\tau_w) \frac{u^*}{\kappa} \left( \ln \left( \frac{h}{k_s} \right) + A\kappa \right), \quad (25)$$

and

$$\Psi = - \frac{K(R + \sqrt{|R|})\sqrt[3]{|R|}}{\sqrt{3}(K^2 + |R|^{5/6}K + |R|^{5/3})} \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{1 + 2/|R|^{5/6}}{\sqrt{3}} \right). \quad (26)$$

The exponent  $F(R_j, K_j)$  reported in Eq. (11) is (the subscript  $j$  has been removed for clarity)

$$F(R, K) = \frac{\Lambda + \Psi}{\Lambda^P}, \quad (27)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \Lambda = & \frac{5(R + \sqrt{|R|})(|R|^{5/2} + K^2 + K)R^2 \ln(|R|)}{6(K^3 - |R|^{5/2})(|R|^{5/2} - 1)} \\ & - \frac{K(K^3 + R^3)\ln(K)}{(K-1)(K^3 - |R|^{5/2})} \\ & + \frac{(R + \sqrt{|R|})\sqrt[3]{|R|}}{\sqrt{3}(|R|^{5/3} + |R|^{5/6} + 1)(K^2 + K|R|^{5/6} + |R|^{5/3})} \\ & \cdot \left( (K - |R|^{5/3}) \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{1 + 2/|R|^{5/6}}{\sqrt{3}} \right) \right. \\ & \left. - (K + (K+1)|R|^{5/6})|R|^{5/6} \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{2|R|^{5/6} + 1}{\sqrt{3}} \right) \right), \end{aligned} \quad (28)$$

and

$$\Lambda^P = - \frac{2}{27} (2\sqrt{3} + 9). \quad (29)$$