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Introduction

The Quinn Fluid Flow Model (QFFM) is a totally new and novel theory of fluid dynamics in closed conduits. The underlying intellectual property is owned by The Wrangler Group LLC (TWG). It has been developed from first principles and applies to fluid flow in both packed and empty conduits across the entire fluid flow regime including laminar, transitional and turbulent. The model has been validated by applying it to classic studies in both categories of flow embodiments and, in each case, to studies in all fluid flow regimes.

The QFFM can be expressed in two formats. The first format is a dimensional manifestation in which the measured differential pressure across the ends of a conduit is compared to the measured resultant flow rate of the fluid according to the relationships dictated by the model among the many independent and dependent variables pertaining to the physical fluid flow embodiment and pertaining to the fluid itself. The second format is a dimensionless manifestation, which we call Quinn’s Law, where all the individual respective contributions to the pressure drop/fluid flow relationship have been normalized between the model’s two entities, which we call the “Quinn reduced pressure” and the “fluid current” and which we denote with the symbols PQ and Qc, respectively.

Any given combination of the underlying variables prescribed by the QFFM will have a unique pressure drop at any given flow rate. Accordingly, the QFFM is capable of distinguishing between *valid* and *invalid* data. In particular, the QFFM can identify a mismatch between a practitioner’s statement of the values he/she claims to have measured or calculated for the QFFM variables and the practitioner’s measured flow rate and pressure drop. We consider any mismatch to be an *invalid* empirical result. It follows that for every *invalid* empirical result there is but one *valid* corrected result.

Before one can apply Quinn’s Law to any given empirical result that result has to be validated using the dimensional manifestation of the QFFM. This, in turn, is because one cannot normalize properly for all the individual respective contributions unless all the variables are correctly identified and their values are commensurate with the measured pressure drops and fluid flow rates. In general, we can state that since most of the underlying variables pertaining to a fluid flow embodiment are relatively easy to measure, the correction usually pertains to the more difficult-to-measure variables. In the case of a packed conduit, the problematical measurements include particle sphericity, average particle diameter and conduit external porosity, In the case of an empty conduit, the weak link in terms of measurability is the conduit’s inner wall roughness.

QFFM is a unique and powerful new tool in the arsenal of the fluid flow practitioner. In particular, when experiments are conducted in the transitional and/or turbulent regimes, the conventional methodology does not provide any reliable way to verify the accuracy of the results across a broad spectrum of Reynolds numbers. Thus, it is in these regions of the fluid flow regime that the QFFM will be shown to be most useful. In fact, it is a direct consequence from the statements contained herein that one needs only to measure pressure drop and fluid flow rate to evaluate the quality of one’s experimental technique. This new development in fluid dynamics means that those of us who have spent our entire lives doing fluid flow measurements can now enjoy the same benefits as our counterparts within the field of electricity and magnetism.

Paper Summary

We review here a published article in **Restek Corporation 110 Benner Circle, Bellefonte PA** **16823*,*** entitled **Sub-2 μm Particles and Beyond: Effect of Particle Size on Efficiency, Back Pressure, and Analysis Time for HPLC and UHPLC**, *by* **Romesberg et al**. For easy reference to the reader, we print here in its entirety the abstract in the paper.

**Paper Abstract**

Recently considerable attention has been paid to improving chromatographic efficiency by using smaller particle size silica for liquid chromatography. While decreasing particle size does increase efficiency (N) and provide faster analysis times, it does so at the cost of increased column back pressure. As a result, the speed of the analysis and total number of theoretical plates that can be achieved by reducing particle size is limited by the column back pressure. This presentation will demonstrate the chromatographic impact of mean particle size on theoretical plates, analysis time, flow rates, and column back pressure. Several different columns will be discussed which have mean particle size diameters ranging from 1.9 to 5 microns. The limits of using smaller particles, and/or longer columns, to achieve greater efficiencies will be explored and discussed in terms of back pressure and the number of theoretical plates as a function of time. The trends shown will help in determining the optimum column configuration, given the practical limitations of the current HPLC and UHPLC instrumentation.

**Data Analysis**

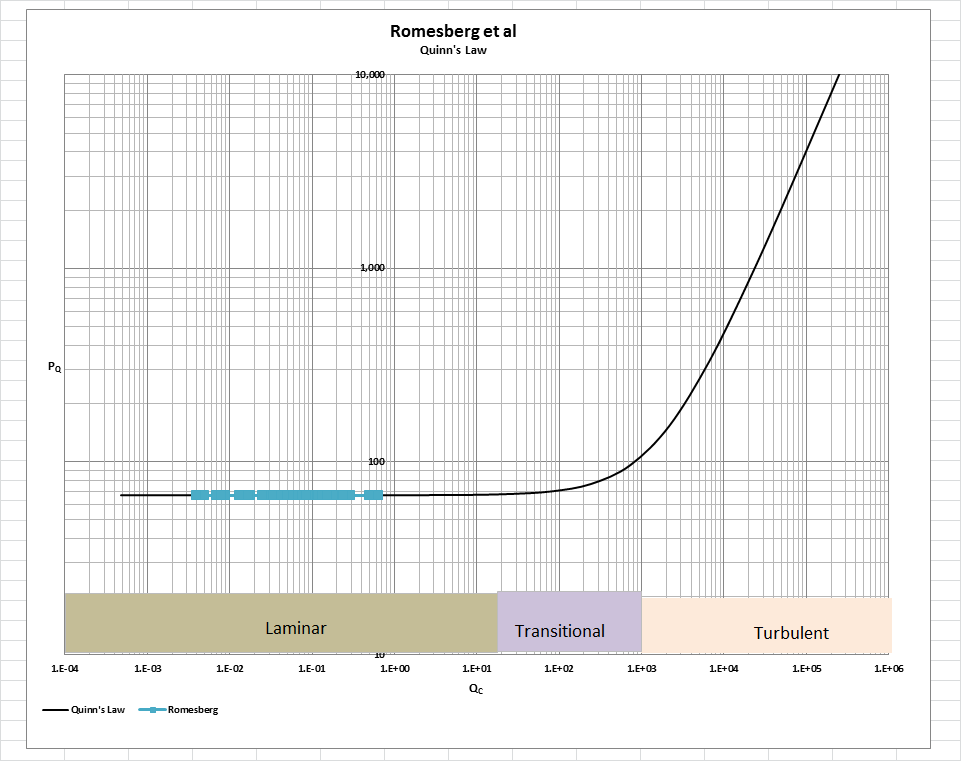
TWG has performed an extensive evaluation of the above referenced published article utilizing the QFFM. We commence our evaluation of the paper with an in-depth analysis of the reported data.

In our Fig. A herein, we show an elaboration of Fig. 2 in the paper for the experimental data reported for the four columns under study. As can be seen in the plot, we have captured the reported data correctly for measured pressure drop and mobile phase velocity. Note again that the authors chose to report the mobile phase velocity rather than the superficial velocity. This is very typical for chromatographic authors since their measurements yield values for total column porosity rather than external column porosity. The QFFM has the built in ability to correct for the internal pore volume of porous particles when calculating the column permeability characteristics from measurements of total column porosity.

**Fig. A**

In Fig. B herein, we have provided our validation of the papers corrected data by a comparison of the data to Quinn’s Law. This normalized relationship is presented herein in the form of a plot of PQ versus QC, whichis the frame of reference of Quinn’s Law. This frame of reference is a transformation derived from the dimensional fluid flow relationship embedded in the QFFM. The relationship between these two unique reduced Quinn parameters is *linear*. However, we chose to present it as a *log-log plot* herein to provide emphasis at both extremes of the fluid flow regime. This plot is based upon both our own experimental data and *independent accepted classical reference data* which cover flow in both packed and empty conduits, over the entire fluid flow regime. (Note that the three distinct flow regimes of laminar, transitional and turbulent are clearly marked in the log-log plot.) As can be seen, the data reported in this paper, as corrected and as displayed in the form of a plot of PQ versus QC , lines up perfectly with Quinn’s Law

**Fig. B**



[Note: we do not herein provide the back-up for the validation of the plot of Quinn’s Law depicted in our Fig. B. For a description of the sources, both personal to TWG and from independent accepted classical references, on the basis of which the Quinn’s Law plot was validated, see the general introduction to this Universal Published Paper Review tab.

**Conclusion.**

We conclude that the results in this paper independently validate Quinn’s Law in as much as all the relevant underlying parameters pertaining to the packed conduit were measured independently.

Finally, although a detailed evaluation of the experiments reported in the paper under review, including an identification and quantification of the specific variables in each fluid flow embodiment which we claim the QFFM prescribes need to be corrected, is clearly within the capability of TWG, concerns about maintaining the confidentiality of the QFFM and Quinn’s Law – which, at this time, are still proprietary - dictate that such a development is premature.