



RECORD CRITICAL HEAT FLUX FOR FLOW BOILING OF R123 IN A SINGLE MICROCHANNEL

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Abstract.

This paper presents new data for critical heat flux of flow boiling of R123 in microchannels. A single horizontal tube with an internal diameter of 1.1mm and heated length of 100mm was used. The experiments were conducted with values of mass velocity between 2000 and 4000 kg/m²s, a range above the data seen in the literature for this fluid, saturation temperatures from about 63 to 72°C and inlet qualities from -0,46 to -0,36. High critical heat fluxes, ranging from 582 to 851 kw/m² were obtained. A record critical heat flux for flow boiling of R123 in a single microchannel was obtained. Predictive methods to estimate the critical heat flux were tested and mean absolute errors of 17.76% and 8,5% were obtained.

Palavras chave: Critical Heat Flux, flow boiling, microchannel, R123.