



Figure 11.44. Generalised pressure drop correlation, adapted from a figure by the Norton Co. with permission (Source: R.K.Sinnot, Chemical Engineering Design, 4th edition, Coulson & Richardson's Chemical Engineering Vol:6)

$$F_{LV} = \frac{L_w^*}{V_w^*} \sqrt{\frac{\rho_v}{\rho_L}}$$

Where,

L_w^* = mass velocity of liquid, $\text{kg}/(\text{m}^2 \cdot \text{s})$

V_w^* = mass velocity of gas, $\text{kg}/(\text{m}^2 \cdot \text{s})$

ρ_v = density of gas, kg/m³

ρ_L = density of liquid, kg/m³

$$K_4 = \frac{13.1(V_w^*)^2 F_p \left(\frac{\mu_L}{\rho_L}\right)^{0.1}}{\rho_v(\rho_L - \rho_v)}$$

where V_w^* = gas mass flow-rate per unit column cross-sectional area, kg/m²s

F_p = packing factor, characteristic of the size and type of packing,

μ_L = liquid viscosity, Ns/m²

ρ_L, ρ_v = liquid and vapour densities, kg/m³

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