

The following equation needs to be solved for $\mu_h^{n+1/2}$; $\delta\mu_h$ acts as the test function and everything on the RHS is known. Function $\Theta(x - L_p)$ is a Heaviside function and is zero for $x < L_p$ and one for $x \geq L_p$.

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_0^L \Theta(x - L_p) \partial_x \delta\mu_h \partial_x \mu_h^{n+1/2} dx + \frac{\rho}{M} \int_0^L \Theta(x - L_p) \delta\mu_h dx \int_0^L \Theta(x - L_p) \mu_h^{n+1/2} dx \\
&= \frac{1}{\Delta t} \left(\tilde{Z}^n \int_0^L \Theta(x - L_p) \delta\mu_h dx - \int_0^L \Theta(x - L_p) \delta\mu_h \eta_h^n dx \right) + W^n \int_0^L \Theta(x - L_p) \delta\mu_h dx \\
&+ \int_0^L (H_0 \Theta(L_p - x) + H_b(x, \bar{Z}) \Theta(x - L_p)) \partial_x \delta\mu_h \left(\frac{g\Delta t}{2} \partial_x \eta_h^n - \partial_x \phi_h^n \right) dx
\end{aligned}$$