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Heat and mass transfer
Lecture 14

Chapter 14

Fundamentals of mass transfer

(传质学基础)



Multiscale Interfacial Transport Laboratory



Diffusion: From heat to mass transfer

“三传一反”

Type	Heat transfer	Momentum transfer	Mass transfer
Potential	T	\mathbf{u}	x_A
Flow rate	\mathbf{q}	$\boldsymbol{\tau}$	\mathbf{J}_A^*
Requiring gradient of	temperature	velocity	concentration fraction
Constitutive equation	$\mathbf{q} = -k\nabla T$	$\boldsymbol{\tau} = \mu(\nabla\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{u}\nabla)$	$\mathbf{J}_A^* = -CD_{AB}\nabla x_A$
	Fourier's law	Newton's law	Fick's law
Transport coefficient	thermal conductivity k [W/(m·K)]	dynamic viscosity μ [N·s/m ²]	binary diffusivity D_{AB} [m ² /s]
Note	room-temperature and ordinary scales	Newtonian fluid	binary dilute mixture

关注基础图像、基本理论

注重类比对比、求同存异!

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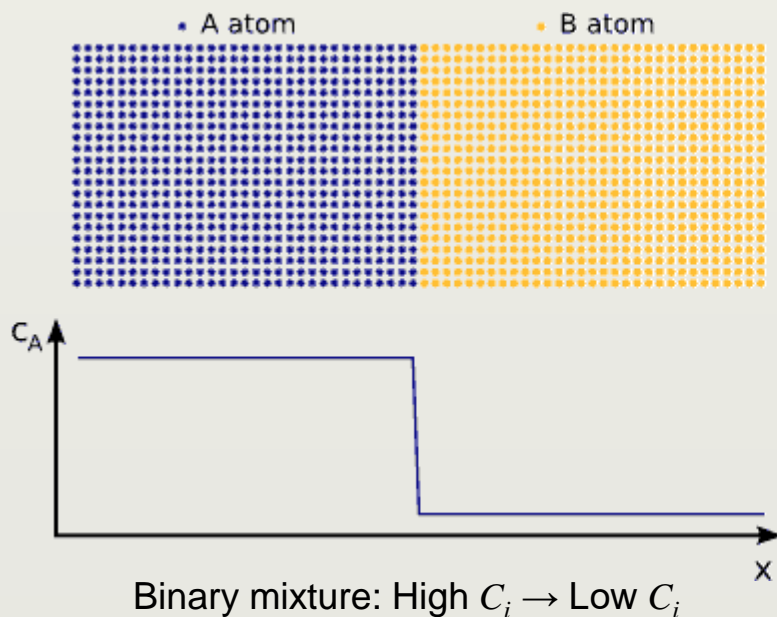
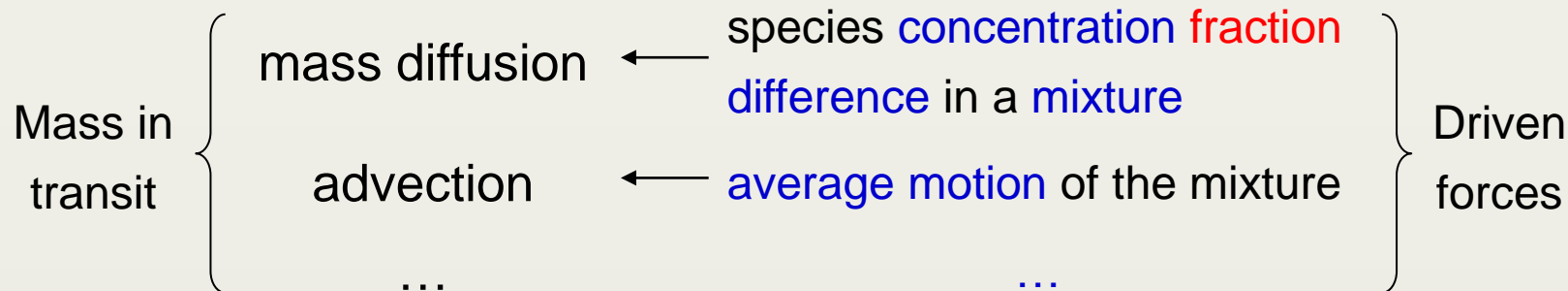


Outline

- Fundamentals
 - ☺ Mass diffusion: historical review and physical origin
 - ☺ Fick's law, diffusivity, and mass balance equation
 - ☺ Examples of mass advection-diffusion
- Beyond Fick's law
 - ◆ Mass transfer: advanced applications and retrospect of Fick's law
 - ◆ Ions in electrolytes: multi-component, non-ideal and multi-physical effect
 - ◆ Micro-/nano-pores: geometry, history and confinement effect



Basic concepts: mass diffusion



Mass diffusion:

- Driven by ∇x_i in the inhomogeneous mixture
- Resulting in the relative transfer $u_i - u \propto \nabla x_i$

Brief history: gas and liquid



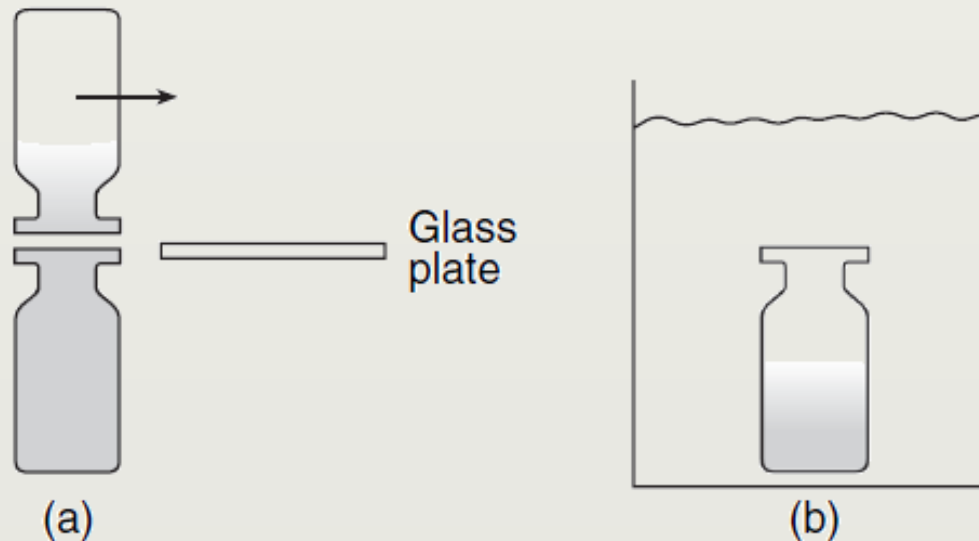
Thomas Graham (1856)

➤ Gas and Liquid diffusion

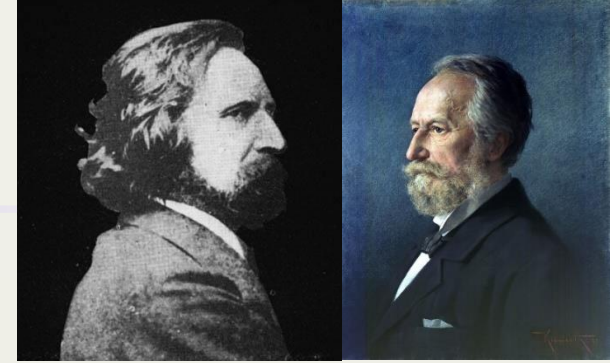
Graham's experimental results (1828-1833)

- Liquid diffusion much slower than gas diffusion
- Flux caused by diffusion \propto Concentration fraction difference

Why? Viscosity?



Milestone I: Fick's law



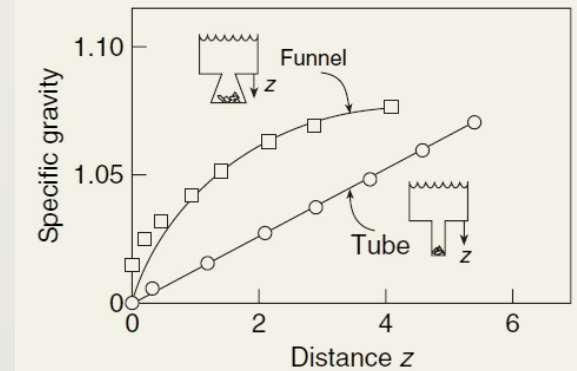
Adolf Fick

➤ Fick's law for diffusion (1855)

“It was quite natural to suppose, that this law for the diffusion of a salt in its solvent must be identical with that, according to **Analogy!** which the diffusion of heat in a conducting body takes place; upon this law **Fourier** founded his celebrated theory of heat, and it is the same which **Ohm** applied with such extraordinary success, to the diffusion of electricity in a conductor.”

“If, in a cylindrical vessel, dynamic equilibrium shall be produced, the differences of concentration of any two pairs of strata must be proportional to the distances of the strata in the two pairs, ...

Experiment fully confirms this proposition.”



◆ Extension to multi-component case: Maxwell-Stefan's law (1866-1871)

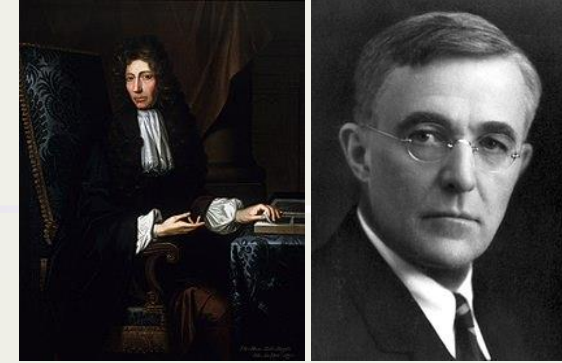
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Brief history: solid-state

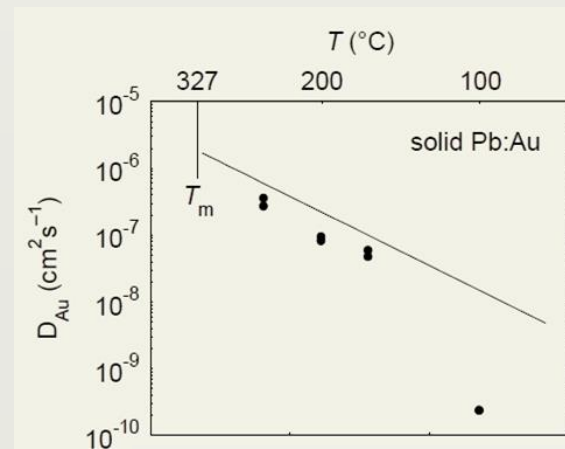
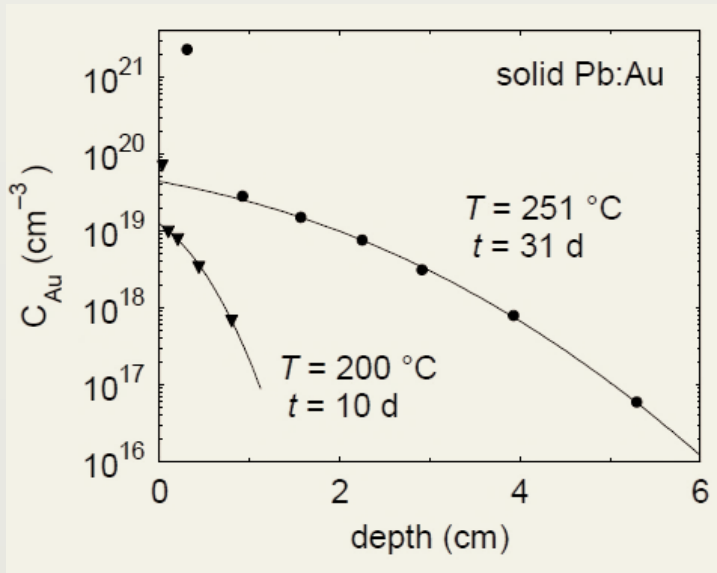
➤ Solid-state diffusion

- Boyle, 1627-1691: First experimental evidence
 - ✓ Phenomena: penetration of zinc (Zn) into a coin of copper (Cu)
- Roberts-Austen, 1896: Diffusion of gold (Au) in lead (Pb)



Robert Boyle (1689) Irving Langmuir (1932)
Nobel Prize in Chemistry (1932)

- Dushman & Langmuir, 1922; Braune, 1924
 - ✓ Formulation: activation energy theory



$$\frac{D}{D_0} = \exp\left(-\frac{Q}{k_B T}\right)$$

“Arrhenius law”

Brief history: electrolytes



H. van't Hoff
Nobel Prize in
Chemistry (1901)

S. Arrhenius
Nobel Prize in
Chemistry (1903)

➤ Diffusion in electrolyte solutions

- van't Hoff, **1880s**: Principle of mobile equilibrium

Theory of osmotic pressure in dilute solution

- Arrhenius, **1884**: Electrolytic theory of electrolyte dissociation
- Onsager, **1931**: Formulation of electro-chemical potential driven transport

$$\mathbf{X}_i = \mathbf{F}_i - \nabla \mu_i, i = 1, 2$$

$$\mathbf{j}_1 = L_{11} \mathbf{X}_1 + L_{12} \mathbf{X}_2$$

$$\mathbf{j}_2 = L_{21} \mathbf{X}_1 + L_{22} \mathbf{X}_2$$

*“for the discovery of the
reciprocal relations bearing his
name, which are fundamental
for the thermodynamics of
irreversible processes ”*

12 December 1969, Volume 166, Number 3911

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The Motion of Ions: Principles and Concepts

Lars Onsager

pletely dissociated and the properties of a solution would be additive, not just over molecules, but even over the constituent ions. At higher concentrations, admittedly, one would have to allow for combination to form molecules or compound ions according to the mass-action law, as suggested by Ostwald (2). Nernst developed appropriate simple theories for the diffusion of electrolytes and for the variation of an electrode potential with the concen-

Nobel Prize in Chemistry
(1968)

Lars Onsager



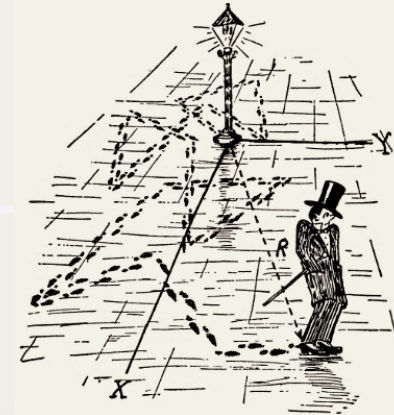
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Milestone II: “Triumph of atomism”

➤ Microscopic picture of diffusion (1905)

- Brown, 1827: Random motion of pollen in water
- Einstein, 1905: Theory of Brownian motion and diffusion
 - ✓ Macroscopic measurable quantities ↔ microscopic modelling parameters
 - ✓ How to bridge ? Basic consideration of momentum equation !



Drunkard's walk

Particle suspension $\overline{x^2(t)} = 2Dt \longrightarrow \frac{1}{6\pi\eta r_p} = \frac{D}{RT / N_A}$

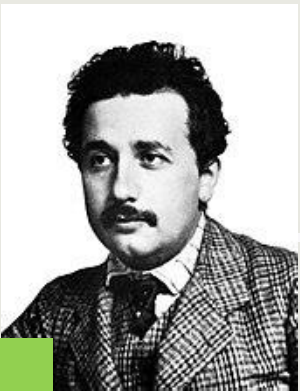
Molecular solution $\frac{\eta^*}{\eta} = 1 + \frac{\rho N_A}{M} \frac{4}{3} \pi r_m^3 \longleftarrow \frac{1}{6\pi\eta r_m} = \frac{D}{RT / N_A}$

“Stokes-Einstein relation”

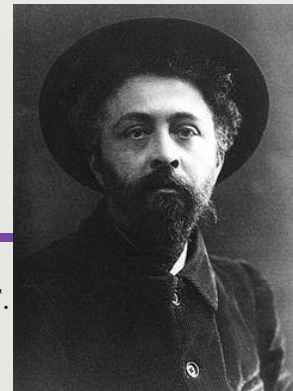
- Perrin, 1908: Experimental verification of N_A

“for his work on the discontinuous structure of matter, and especially for his discovery of sedimentation equilibrium.”

Nobel Prize in Physics (1921)
Albert Einstein (1904)



Nobel Prize in Physics (1926)
Jean Perrin (1908)



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Step 1: Fick's law / Constitutive relation

① Separate diffusion flux from the total: density form

$$\frac{\partial \rho_A}{\partial t} = -\nabla \cdot (\rho_A \mathbf{v}_A) + \dot{n}_A \quad \text{General mass balance equation}$$

total mass density [kg/m³]

$$\rho(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_i \rho_i(\mathbf{r})$$

ρ_A : mass density of species A

mass fraction of species

$$m_i(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{\rho_i}{\rho}, \quad \sum_i m_i = 1$$

\dot{n}_A : mass source term [kg/m³·s]

Absolute flux

$$\mathbf{n}_A'' = \rho_A \mathbf{v}_A$$

Advective + Diffusive

$$\mathbf{n}_A'' \equiv \rho_A \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{j}_A$$

Average velocity

$$\mathbf{v} = m_A \mathbf{v}_A + m_B \mathbf{v}_B$$

Advection flux

$$\rho_A \mathbf{v}$$

Relative velocity

$$\mathbf{V}_A = \mathbf{v}_A - \mathbf{v}$$

Diffusive flux

$$\mathbf{j}_A = \rho_A \mathbf{V}_A$$

Fick's (first) law

$$\mathbf{j}_A = -\rho D_{AB} \nabla m_A$$

Note. What is the rationale of introducing the (density) average velocity \mathbf{v} ?



Step 2: Fick's second law / Mass balance

② Rearrange the mass balance equation: density form

$$\frac{\partial \rho_A}{\partial t} = -\nabla \cdot (\rho_A \mathbf{v}_A) + \dot{n}_A \quad \text{General mass balance equation}$$

(law of conservation)

$$\rho_A \mathbf{v}_A = \mathbf{j}_A + \rho_A \mathbf{v}$$

$$\mathbf{j}_A = -\rho D_{AB} \nabla m_A$$

Fick's (first) law
(constitutive relation)

$$\frac{\partial \rho_A}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho_A \mathbf{v}) = \nabla \cdot (\rho D_{AB} \nabla m_A) + \dot{n}_A$$

Fick's second law
(mass advection-diffusion equation
(ADE) with Fickian diffusion)

Note. Why not adding an individual momentum equation for species A? When will that equation be necessary?



Discussion: binary diffusivity

➤ Diffusivity scales in different material states

✓ Gas pair: $D_{AB} \sim p^{-1}T^{3/2}$ (ideal gas)

Gas pair (<i>i-j</i>)	<i>T</i> (K)	D_{ij} (cm ² /s)
Air-ammonia	273	0.198
Air-carbon dioxide	273	0.136
	317.3	0.177

✓ Liquid pair: $dD_{AB} / dT > 0$ (small C_A)

Liquid pair; solute A (concentration in g mol/l)–solute B	<i>T</i> (K)	$D_{AB} \times 10^5$ (cm ² /s)
Ammonia (3.5)–water	278	1.24
Ammonia (1.0)–water	288	1.77

✓ Species in solids: extremely complex

Why? Mechanism?

Discussion: binary diffusivity

➤ Kinetic theory for dilute gases

- Simple theory of tracer (self-) diffusivity

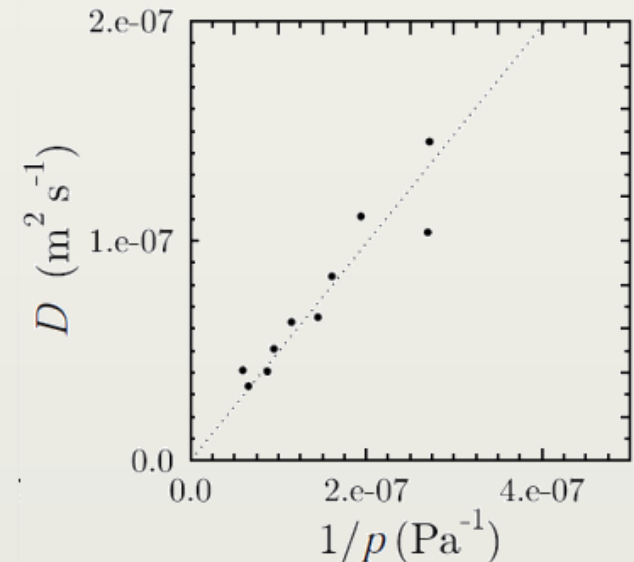
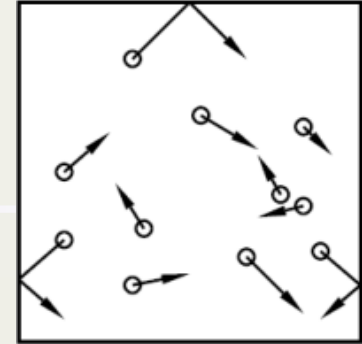
$$D_{AA^*} = \frac{1}{3} \lambda \bar{c} \xrightarrow[\bar{c} = \sqrt{\frac{8k_B T}{\pi m}}]{\lambda = \frac{k_B T}{\sqrt{2} p \pi d^2}} D_{AA^*} \propto p^{-1} T^{3/2}$$

- Rigorous theory of binary diffusivity

$$D_{ij} [\text{cm}^2 / \text{s}] = \frac{0.0018583 \sqrt{T^3 (1/M_i + 1/M_j)}}{p [\text{atm}] \sigma_{ij}^2 [\text{\AA}^2] \Omega_{ij}}$$

$$\Omega_{ij} = f \left(\frac{k_B T}{\varepsilon_{ij}} \right) \quad \phi_{ij}(r) = 4 \varepsilon_{ij} \left[\left(\frac{\sigma_{ij}}{r} \right)^{12} - \left(\frac{\sigma_{ij}}{r} \right)^6 \right]$$

Lennard-Jones (L-J) potential



Note. How about diffusion in liquids?



Discussion: from density to molar form

Density form (质量形式)

Molar form (数量形式)

Fick's law

$$\mathbf{j}_A = -\rho D_{AB} \nabla m_A$$

$$\mathbf{J}_A^* = -C D_{AB} \nabla x_A$$

Mass balance

$$\frac{\partial \rho_A}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho_A \mathbf{v}) = \nabla \cdot (\rho D_{AB} \nabla m_A) + \dot{n}_A$$

$$\frac{\partial C_A}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (C_A \mathbf{v}^*) = \nabla \cdot (C D_{AB} \nabla x_A) + \dot{N}_A$$

Note 1. Consistency? Applicability?

x_A : molar concentration fraction
 \mathbf{v}^* : molarity-average velocity

Constant D_{AB} and ρ (C)

$$\mathbf{j}_A = -D_{AB} \nabla \rho_A$$

$$\frac{\partial m_A}{\partial t} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla m_A = D_{AB} \nabla^2 m_A + \frac{\dot{n}_A}{\rho}$$

$$\mathbf{J}_A^* = -D_{AB} \nabla C_A$$

$$\frac{\partial x_A}{\partial t} + \mathbf{v}^* \cdot \nabla x_A = D_{AB} \nabla^2 x_A + \frac{x_B \dot{N}_A - x_A \dot{N}_B}{C}$$

Total mass transfer

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{v}) = \dot{n}_A + \dot{n}_B = 0$$

$$\rho \equiv \rho_0 \Rightarrow \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (C \mathbf{v}^*) = \dot{N}_A + \dot{N}_B$$

$$C \equiv C_0 \Rightarrow \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}^* = \frac{1}{C_0} (\dot{N}_A + \dot{N}_B) \neq 0$$

Note 2. Why different? Physical insight?



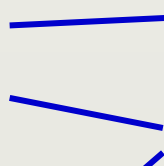
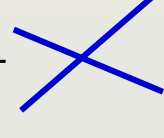
Applications of mass ADE

$$\frac{\partial C_A}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (C_A \mathbf{v}^*) = \nabla \cdot (C D_{AB} \nabla x_A) + \dot{N}_A \quad \text{Nonlinear!}$$

◆ General observation: constant C and D_{AB}

$\frac{\partial C_A}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{v}^* C_A) = D_{AB} \nabla^2 C_A + \dot{N}_A$	$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{v} T) = \alpha \nabla^2 T + \dot{q}$	$\frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{v} \mathbf{v}) = \nu \nabla^2 \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{f}$
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Species adv.-diff. equation (*) Heat adv.-diff. equation Navier-Stokes equation

Lewis number:	$Le = \frac{\alpha}{D_{AB}}$		Thermal diffusivity Mass diffusivity
Schmidt number:	$Sc = \frac{\nu}{D_{AB}}$		“Momentum diffusivity”

“Prandtl” numbers



Applications of mass ADE

◆ Boundary conditions and Source term

• 1st-type boundary (prescribed concentration)

- Evaporation / sublimation (ideal solution, 理想溶液): $p_A(0) = x_A(0)p_{A,sat}$
- Solubility of gases in liquids and solids: $x_A(0) = \frac{p_A(0)}{H}$, $C_A(0) = Sp_A(0)$

• 2nd- and 3rd-type boundary (concentration flux related)

- Catalytic surface reactions: $N''_{A,x}(0) = N''_A \Rightarrow -CD_{AB} \left. \frac{dx_A}{dx} \right|_{x=0} = N''_A$

$$\text{or } N''_{A,x}(0) = -k_1'' C_A(0) \Rightarrow -D_{AB} \left. \frac{dx_A}{dx} \right|_{x=0} = -k_1'' x_A(0)$$

• Source term: order of chemical reaction

- Zero-order (零级) reaction: $\dot{N}_A = k_0$
- First-order (一级) reaction: $\dot{N}_A = k_1 C_A$

Note. Compared with heat convection?



Applications of mass ADE

$$\frac{\partial C_A}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (C_A \mathbf{v}^*) = \nabla \cdot (C D_{AB} \nabla x_A) + \dot{N}_A$$

a) stationary medium and dilute approx. ($\mathbf{v}_B = 0, x_A \ll 1$) $\mathbf{v}^* \approx \mathbf{v}_B$
 $C \approx \text{const.}$

$$\frac{\partial C_A}{\partial t} = \nabla \cdot (D_{AB} \nabla C_A) + \dot{N}_A$$

- Time-independent: steady-state
- Time-dependent: transient
- Source term: chemical reaction

$$N_{A,s} = -D_{AB} \left(\frac{\partial C_A}{\partial y} \right) \Big|_{x=x_s} \quad \text{diffusion coefficient}$$

$$=: h_m (C_{A,s} - C_{A,\infty}) \quad \text{mass transfer coefficient}$$

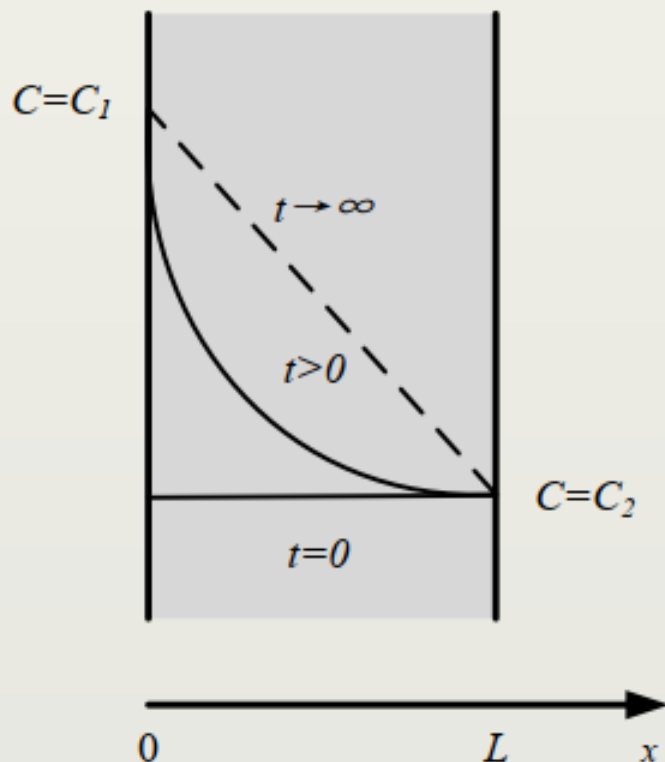
Heat Transfer	Mass Transfer
$\theta^* = \frac{T - T_\infty}{T_i - T_\infty}$	$\gamma^* = \frac{C_A - C_{A,s}}{C_{A,i} - C_{A,s}}$
$1 - \theta^* = \frac{T - T_i}{T_\infty - T_i}$	$1 - \gamma^* = \frac{C_A - C_{A,i}}{C_{A,s} - C_{A,i}}$
$Fo = \frac{\alpha t}{L^2}$	$Fo_m = \frac{D_{AB} t}{L^2}$ mass transfer Fourier number
$Bi = \frac{hL}{k}$	$Bi_m = \frac{h_m L}{D_{AB}}$ mass transfer Biot number
$\frac{x}{2\sqrt{\alpha t}}$	$\frac{x}{2\sqrt{D_{AB} t}}$

Heat-mass transfer analogy

“热质比拟”

Example 1: 1D transient diffusion

- Transient without source terms: problem setup



- Governing equation

$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial t} = D \frac{\partial^2 C}{\partial x^2}$$

- Initial and boundary conditions

$$0 < x < L, t = 0: C = C_2$$

$$x = 0, t > 0: C = C_1$$

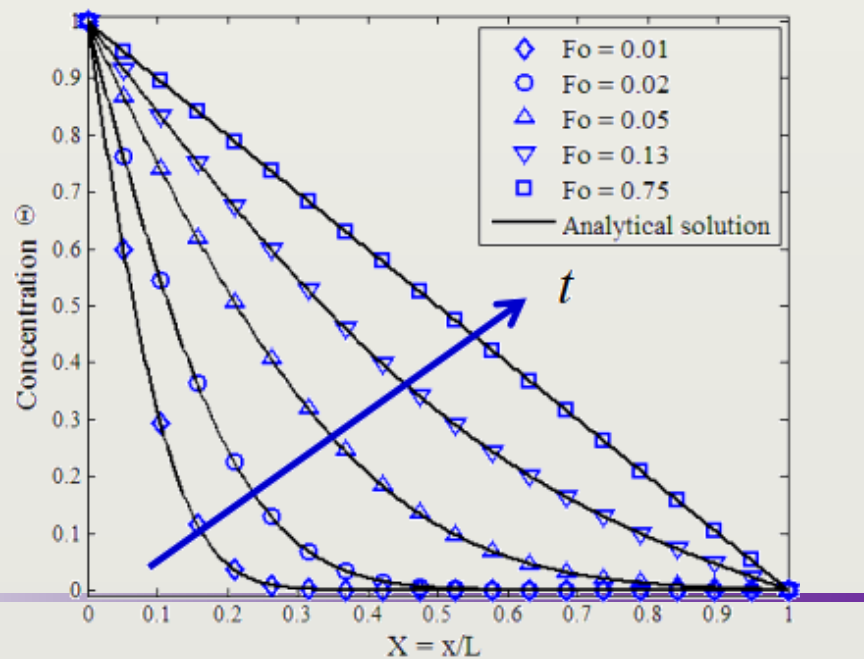
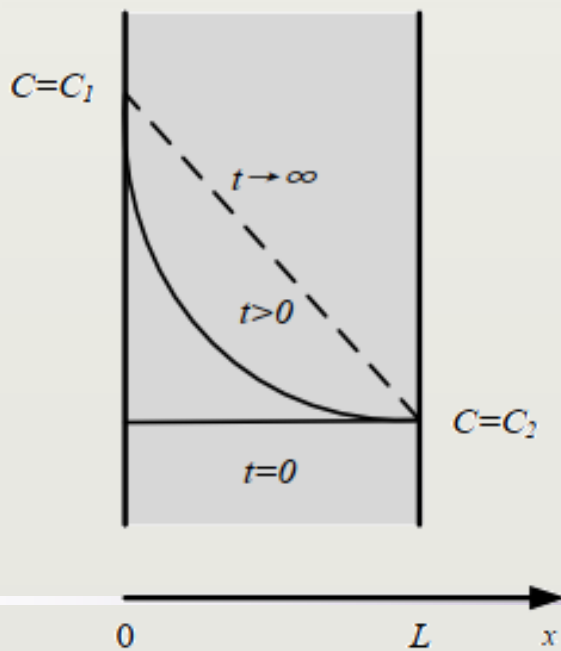
$$x = L, t > 0: C = C_2$$

Example 1: 1D transient diffusion

➤ Transient without source terms: analytical solution

- Methods of variable separation $X = \frac{x}{L}, Fo = \frac{Dt}{L^2}$

$$\Theta \equiv \frac{C(x,t) - C_2}{C_1 - C_2} = 1 - X - \frac{2}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin(n\pi X)}{n} \exp\left[-(n\pi)^2 Fo\right]$$





Example 1: 1D transient diffusion

➤ Transient without source terms: result analysis

• Final steady-state

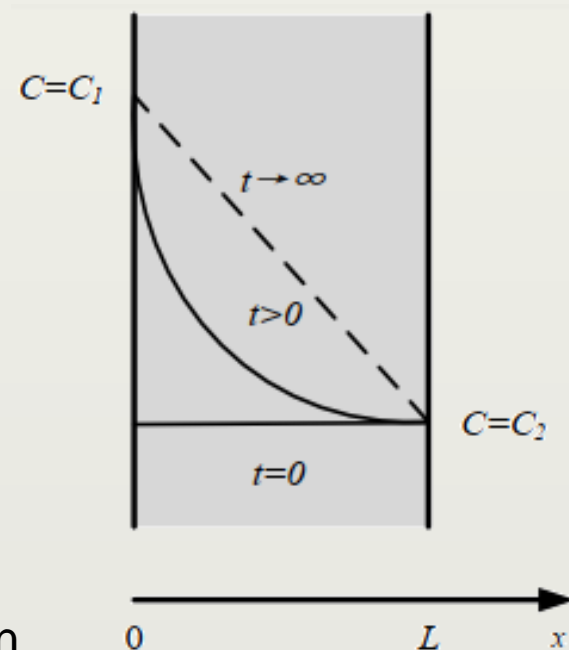
- Linear concentration distribution:

$$C(x, t) = C_2 + \left(1 - \frac{x}{L}\right)(C_1 - C_2)$$

- Molar flux:

$$N = -D \frac{dC}{dx} = \frac{C_1 - C_2}{L/D}$$

Diffusion
resistance



Example 2: 1D diffusion with source

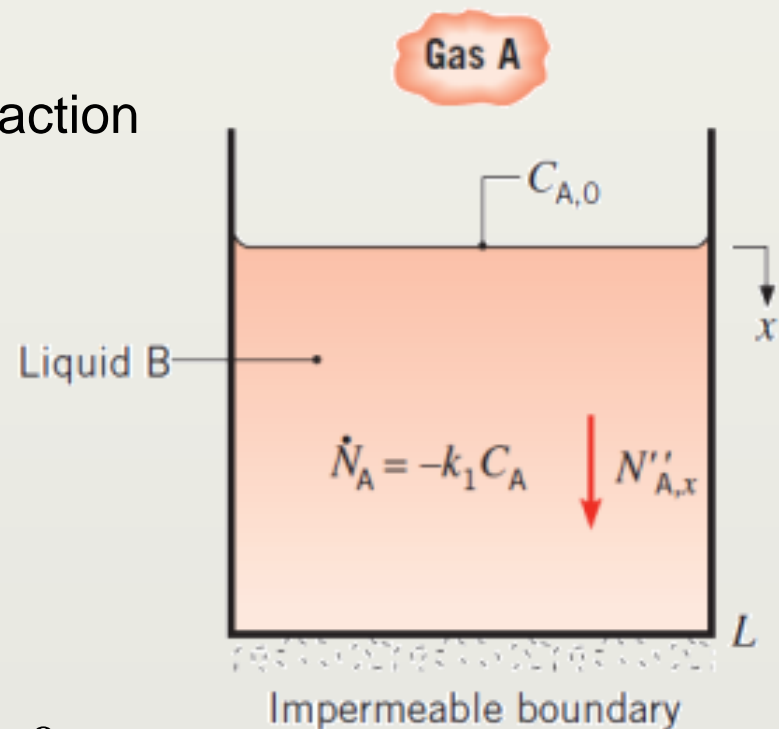
➤ Steady-state with source term: problem setup

- 1D steady state diffusion
 - Homogeneous chemical reaction
 - First-order reaction
 - Constant D_{AB} , C

$$D_{AB} \frac{d^2 C_A}{dx^2} + \dot{N}_A = 0$$

- Boundary conditions

$$C_A(0) = C_{A,0}, \quad \left. \frac{dC_A}{dx} \right|_{x=L} = 0$$



Example 2: 1D diffusion with source

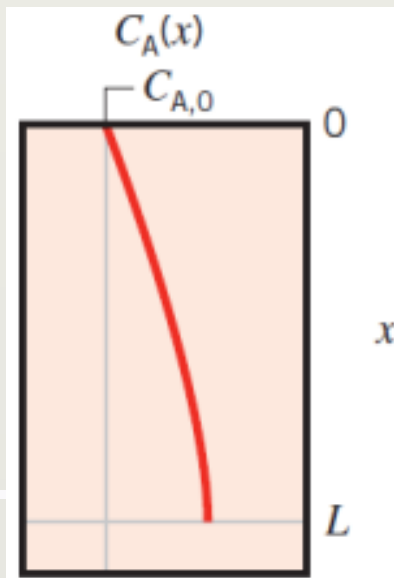
- Steady-state with source term: analytical solution

$$D_{AB} \frac{d^2 C_A}{dx^2} - k_1 C_A = 0, \quad m = \sqrt{k_1 / D_{AB}} \quad \text{What if } \dot{N}_A = k_0?$$

- General solution: $C_A(x) = C_1 \exp(mx) + C_2 \exp(-mx)$

- With the B.C. s:

$$C_A(x) = C_{A,0} \frac{\cosh[m(L-x)]}{\cosh(mL)}$$



$$C_A(L) = \frac{C_{A,0}}{\cosh(mL)} \quad \text{“End concentration”}$$

$$N_{A,x}(0) = -D_{AB} \left. \frac{dC_A(x)}{dx} \right|_{x=0} = D_{AB} C_{A,0} m \tanh(mL)$$

“Interfacial molar flux”



Other orthogonal curvilinear coordinates

$$\frac{\partial C_A}{\partial t} = \nabla \cdot (CD_{AB} \nabla x_A) + \dot{N}_A$$

- Cylindrical coordinate **1D, steady-state**

$$\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(CD_{AB} r \frac{\partial x_A}{\partial r} \right) + \dot{N}_A = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial C_A}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(CD_{AB} r \frac{\partial x_A}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \left(CD_{AB} \frac{\partial x_A}{\partial \phi} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left(CD_{AB} \frac{\partial x_A}{\partial z} \right) + \dot{N}_A$$

- Spherical coordinate **1D, steady-state**

$$\frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(CD_{AB} r^2 \frac{\partial x_A}{\partial r} \right) + \dot{N}_A = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial C_A}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(CD_{AB} r^2 \frac{\partial x_A}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \left(CD_{AB} \frac{\partial x_A}{\partial \phi} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(CD_{AB} \sin \theta \frac{\partial x_A}{\partial \theta} \right) + \dot{N}_A$$



Applications of mass ADE

$$\frac{\partial C_A}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (C_A \mathbf{v}^*) = \nabla \cdot (C D_{AB} \nabla x_A) + \dot{N}_A$$

b) convection mass transfer in dilute sol. ($x_A \ll 1$)

$$\mathbf{v}^* \approx \mathbf{v}_B$$

$$C \approx \text{const.}$$

$$\frac{\partial C_A}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (C_A \mathbf{v}_B) = \nabla \cdot (C D_{AB} \nabla x_A) + \dot{N}_A$$

$$\frac{\partial C_A}{\partial t} + \mathbf{v}_B \cdot \nabla C_A = D_{AB} \nabla^2 C_A + \dot{N}_A$$

constant D_{AB} , incompressible fluid B

$$N_{A,s} := -D_{AB} \left(\frac{\partial C_A}{\partial y} \right) \Big|_{x=x_s} =: h_m (C_{A,s} - C_{A,\infty}) \Rightarrow h_m = \frac{-D_{AB} (\partial C_A / \partial y) \Big|_{x=x_s}}{C_{A,s} - C_{A,\infty}}$$

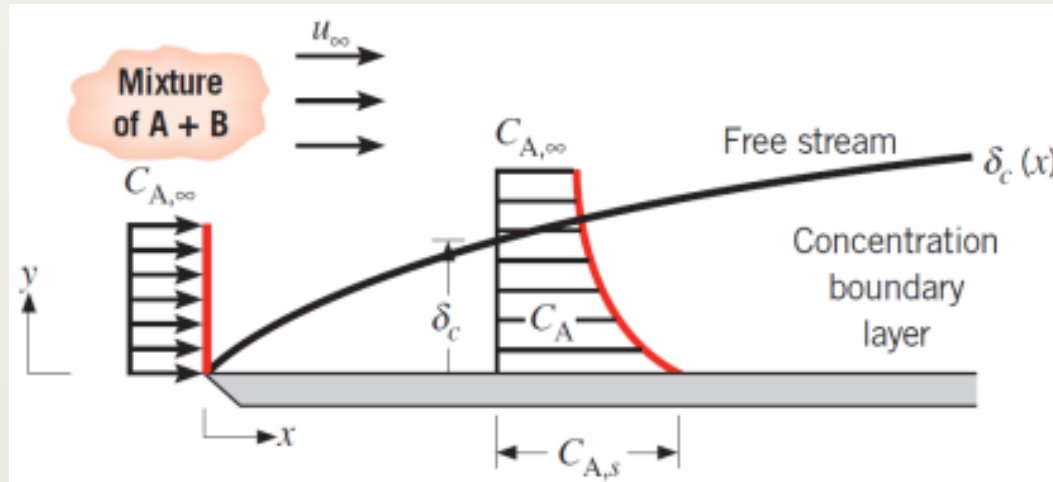
Surface molar flux

Diffusion coefficient
(fundamental, physical)

Mass transfer coefficient
(phenomenological, engineering)

Example 3: convection mass transfer

- Concentration boundary layer: differential equation



- Species balance equation:
$$\frac{\partial C_A}{\partial t} + \mathbf{v}_B \cdot \nabla C_A = D_{AB} \nabla^2 C_A + \dot{N}_A$$
- Steady-state boundary layer differential equation:

$$v_x \frac{\partial C_A}{\partial x} + v_y \frac{\partial C_A}{\partial y} = D_{AB} \frac{\partial^2 C_A}{\partial y^2} + \dot{N}_A$$



Example 3: convection mass transfer

- Concentration boundary layer: empirical correlation

Heat Transfer	Mass Transfer
$T^* = f\left(x^*, y^*, Re_L, Pr, \frac{dp^*}{dx^*}\right) \quad (6.47)$	$C_A^* = f\left(x^*, y^*, Re_L, Sc, \frac{dp^*}{dx^*}\right) \quad (6.51)$
$Nu = \frac{hL}{k} = + \left. \frac{\partial T^*}{\partial y^*} \right _{y^*=0} \quad (6.48)$	$Sh = \frac{h_m L}{D_{AB}} = + \left. \frac{\partial C_A^*}{\partial y^*} \right _{y^*=0} \quad (6.52)$

Nusselt number

Sherwood number

- Laminar flow over a flat plate with a constant surface C

$$Sh_x = 0.332 Re_x^{1/2} Sc^{1/3}, \quad \overline{Sh}_x = 0.664 Re_x^{1/2} Sc^{1/3}, \quad Sc \geq 0.6$$

- Fully-dev flow in a circular tube with a constant surface C

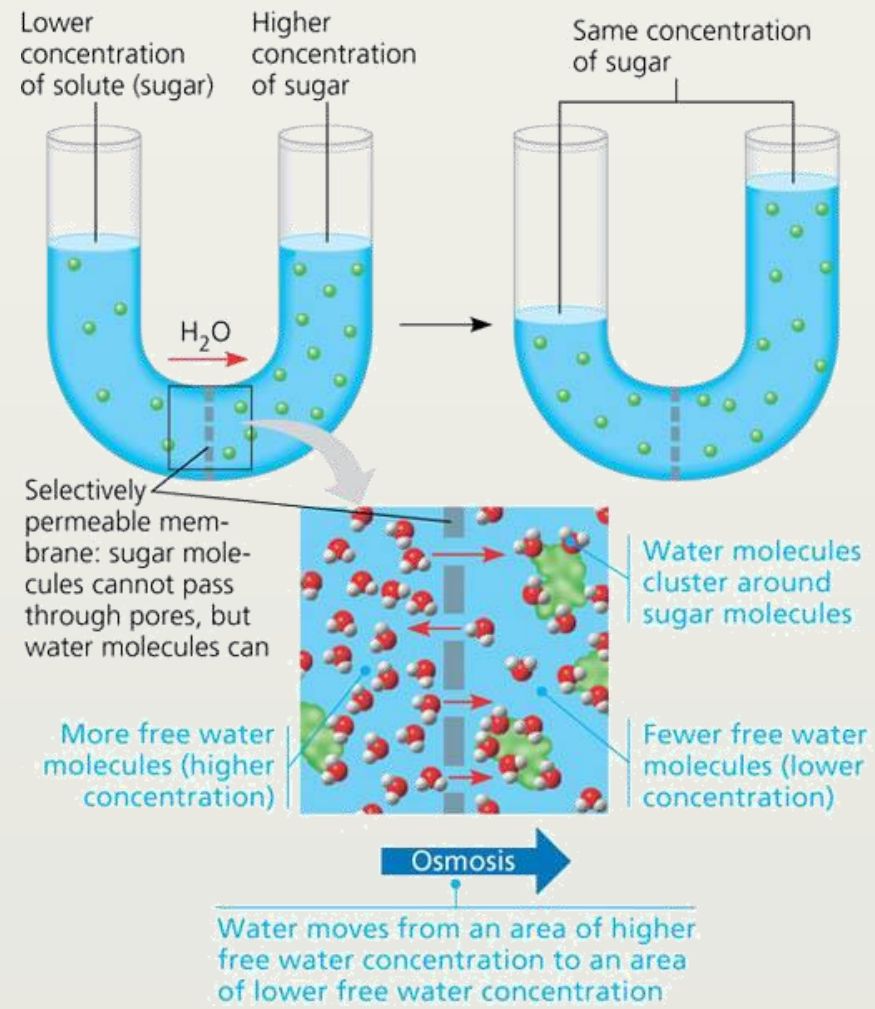
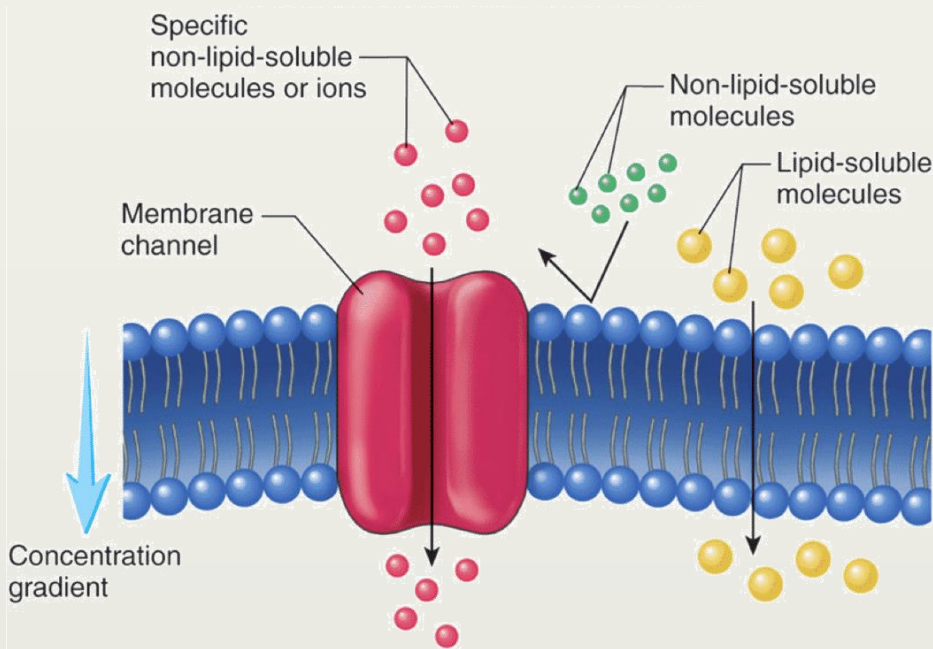
$$Sh_{D, \text{laminar}} = 3.66 \quad Sh_{D, \text{turbulent}} = 0.023 Re_D^{4/5} Sc^{0.4}$$



Outline

- Fundamentals
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 - ◆ Micro-/nano-pores: geometry, history and confinement effect

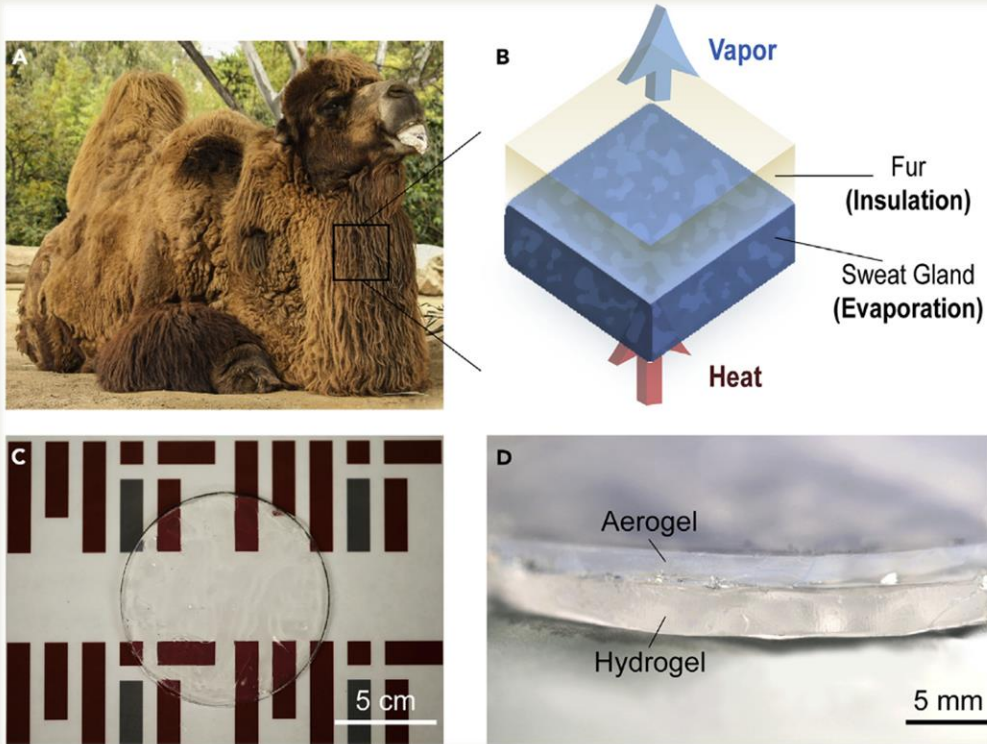
Bio-membrane and BioE



Selective permeability of bio-membrane
(molecule and electrolyte)

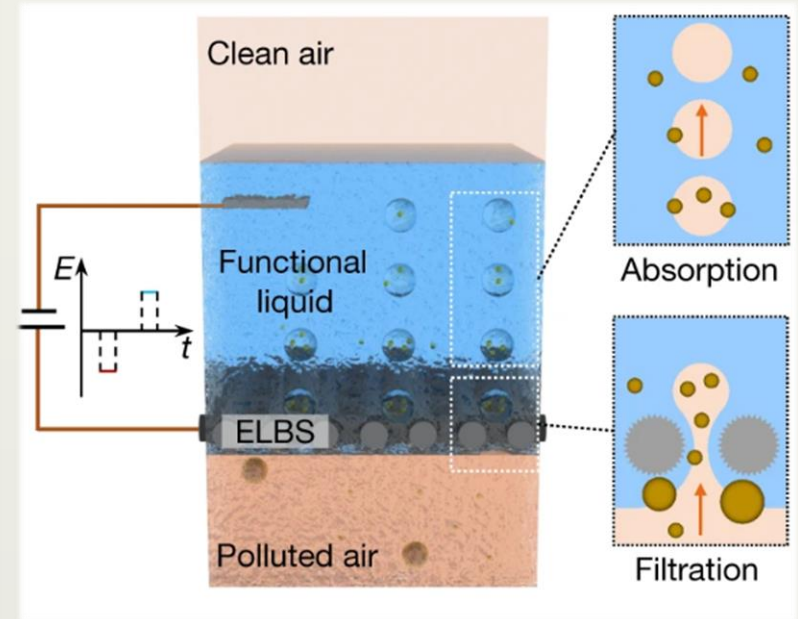
Multi-component, membrane permeability,
bio-chemical selectivity

Water resource and CEE



Overall concepts of hydrogel-aerogel cooling
(water and air)

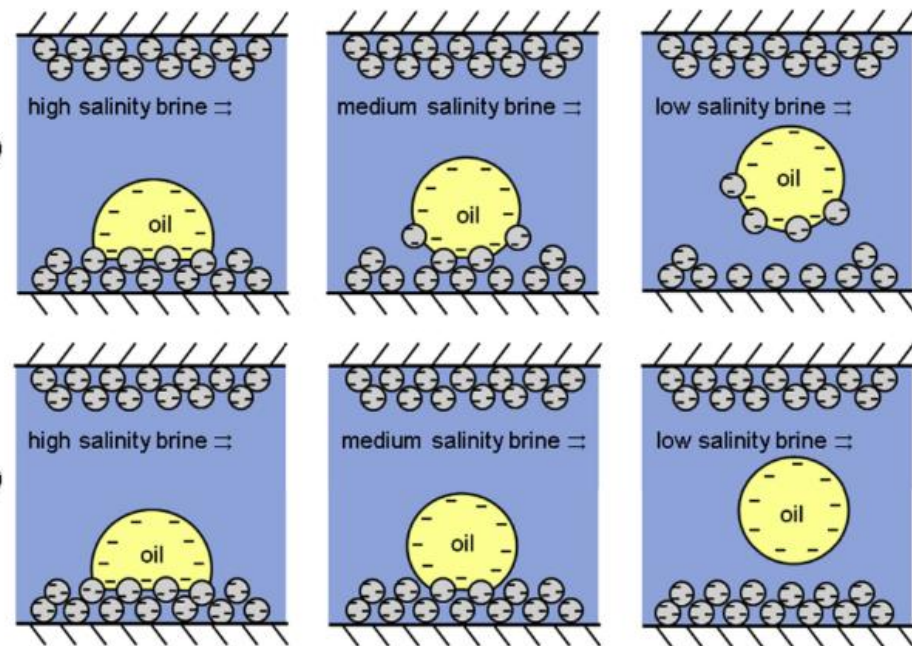
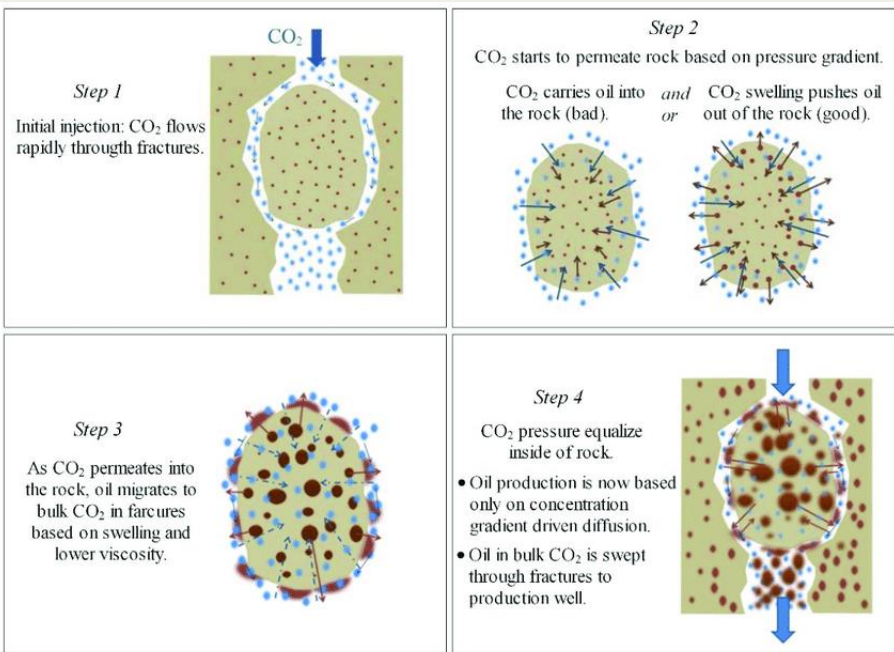
Porous media, heat-mass coupled transfer



Air purification with functional liquid
(air mixture and functional liquid)

Multi-component, surface force,
flow-mass coupled transfer

Enhanced oil recovery and PE



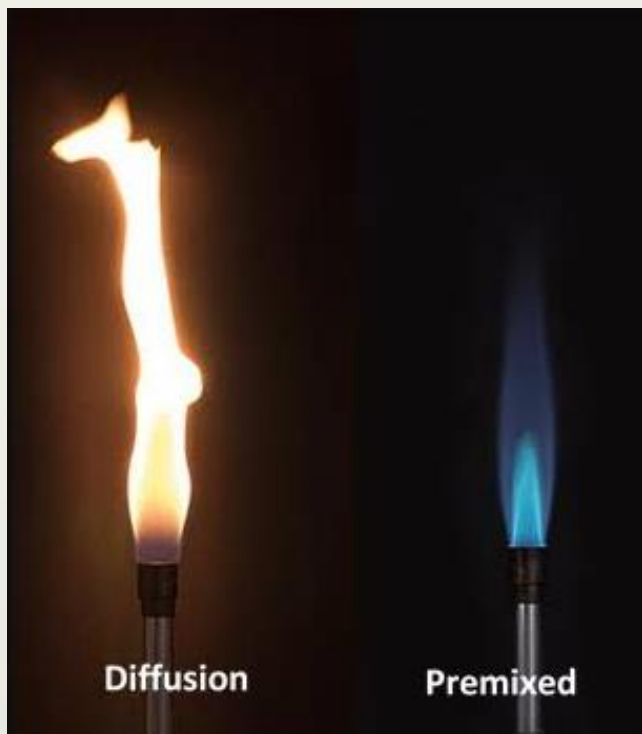
Conceptual steps of CO₂-based EOR (gas and oil)

One mechanism of low-salinity waterflooding (electrolyte and particle)

Multi-component, porous media, multiphase with phase change

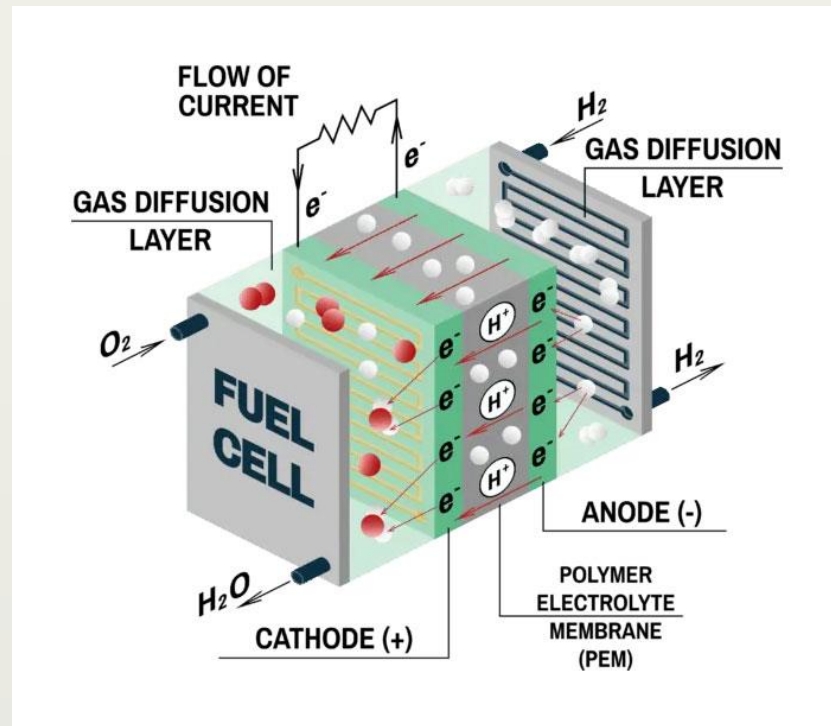
Multi-component, electrical/surface force, ion-tuned wettability

Advanced power/energy and MAE



Diffusion and premixed combustion
(gas mixture)

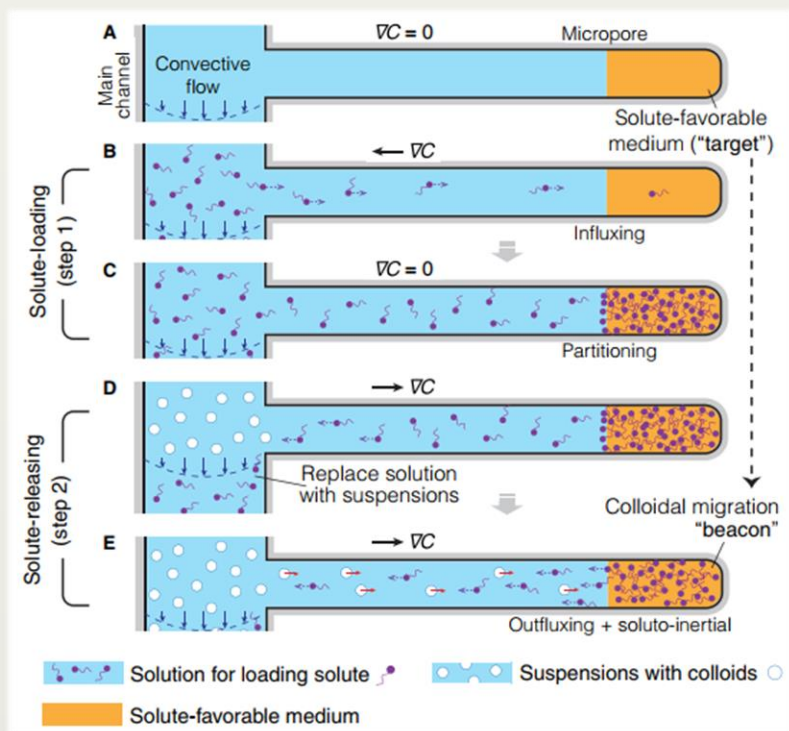
Multi-component, chemical reaction,
heat-mass coupled transfer



Schematics of fuel cell
(gas and electrolyte)

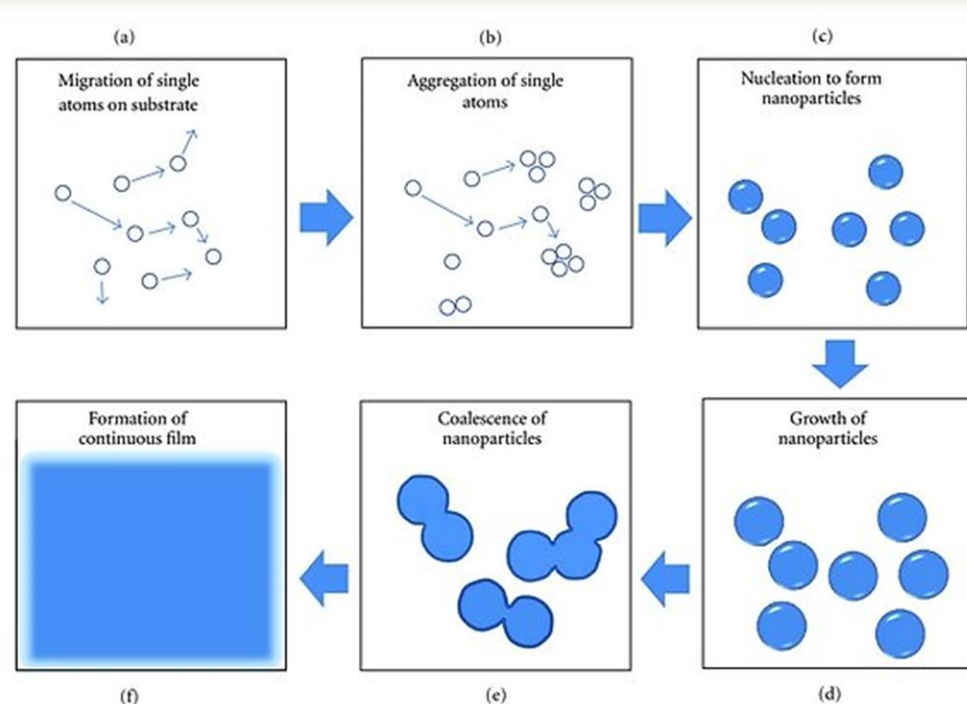
Multi-component, chemical reaction,
porous media, electro-chemistry

Advanced manufacturing and ChemE



Marangoni-driven targeted colloidal delivery
(solute and colloid particle)

Multi-component, surface force,
multiphase interface



Thin-film growth based on DC sputtering
(atom and nanoparticle)

Multi-scale evolution, surface force,
low-dimensional transport



General consideration

$$\frac{\partial \rho_i}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho_i \mathbf{u}_i) = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{\partial n_i}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (n_i \mathbf{u}_i) = 0$$

Essential equations to describe mass transfer? Is the above enough?

☺ binary dilute mixture – mass diffusion fundamentals

- dry air (gas), liquor (liquid), doped semiconductor (solid) ...
- ✓ multi-component, non-ideal and multi-physical effect
 - crossing, interaction (e.g. crowding), electric | temperature field ...
- ✓ geometry, history and confinement (surface) effect
 - pore | network, flow | dead-end, surface diffusion | relaxation ...
- ▣ more complex: inertia/scattering, dispersity, correlation
 - fluidized bed, ink | foam, polymer solution | liquid crystal ...



Assumption of Fick's law

➤ Rethinking Fick's law

$$\mathbf{J}_A^* = -CD_{AB} \nabla x_A$$

- Diffusion in binary mixture, especially in dilute solutions

→ **Non-ideal** & **multicomponent** effect: activity? crossing?

- Concentration-fraction-gradient force v.s. viscous force

→ **Multi-physical** effect: electric field/temperature?

- Bulk diffusion dominated molecular-boundary interaction

→ **Geometry, history** & **confinement** effect: pores?

Diffusion in electrolytes

Diffusion in micro-/nanopores



Ion diffusion in electrolytes – multi-component

➤ From Fick's law to Maxwell-Stefan equation

Fick's law
$$\mathbf{J}_A^* = -CD_{AB} \nabla x_A \Leftrightarrow x_A x_B (\mathbf{v}_A - \mathbf{v}_B) = -D_{AB} \nabla x_A$$

Maxwell-Stefan eqn.
$$\mathbf{J}_A^* = -C\hat{D}_{AB} x_A \frac{\nabla \mu_A}{k_B T} \Leftrightarrow x_A x_B (\mathbf{v}_A - \mathbf{v}_B) = -\hat{D}_{AB} x_A \nabla \ln a_A$$

Chemical potential of A in a binary mixture (A B)
$$\mu_A(T, p, \varphi_A, x_A) \equiv \left(\frac{\partial g}{\partial C_A} \right)_{\bar{C}_A} = \mu_A^0(T, p) + k_B T \ln a_A + z_A F \varphi_A$$

Comparison:

$$D_{AB} = \hat{D}_{AB} \left(\frac{\ln a_A}{\ln x_A} \right)_{T,p,\varphi_A} \equiv \hat{D}_{AB} \left(1 + \left(\frac{\ln \gamma_A}{\ln x_A} \right)_{T,p,\varphi_A} \right)$$

$$a_A = \gamma_A x_A$$

activity (coefficient)

For ideal solution (no **interaction between molecules**, such as dilute solution):

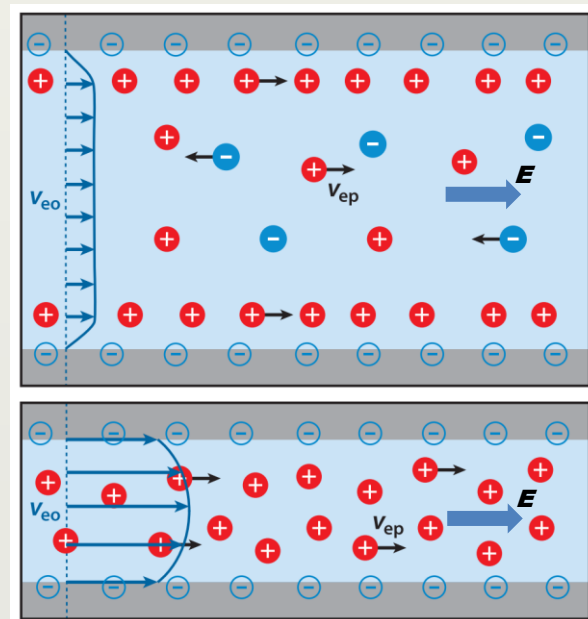
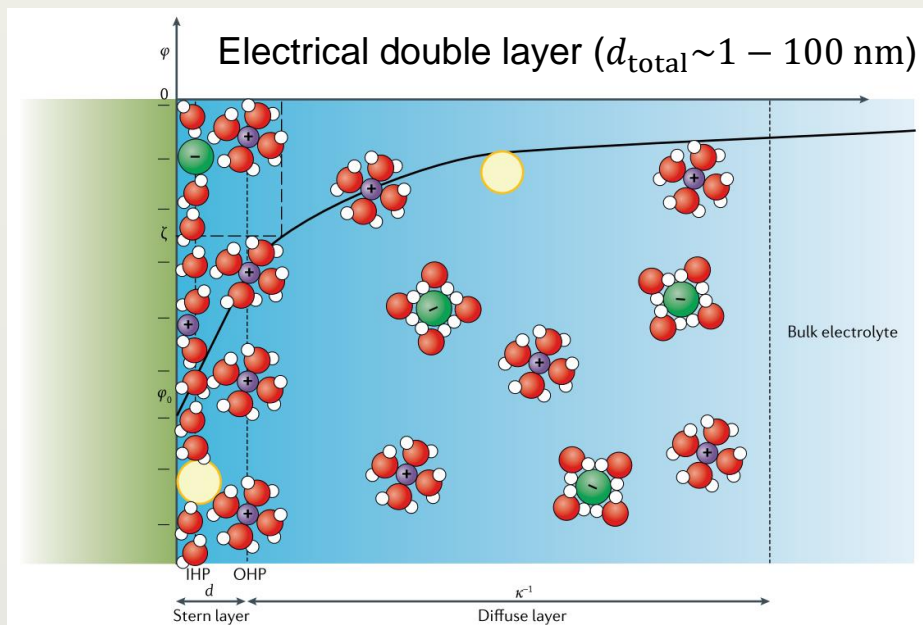
$$\gamma_A = 1 \Rightarrow D_{AB} = \hat{D}_{AB}$$

Ion diffusion in electrolytes – multi-physics

➤ Electro-chemical diffusion of charged species

charged species (e.g. ion) transfer influenced by the local electrical potential and chemical reaction^[1]

$$\mathbf{j}_A = -c_A \tilde{D}_{AB} \frac{\nabla \mu_A(\varphi_A, x_A)}{k_B T}$$



Electrokinetic effects: ion-fluid coupling transport near charged surfaces, especially in micro-/nanoscales

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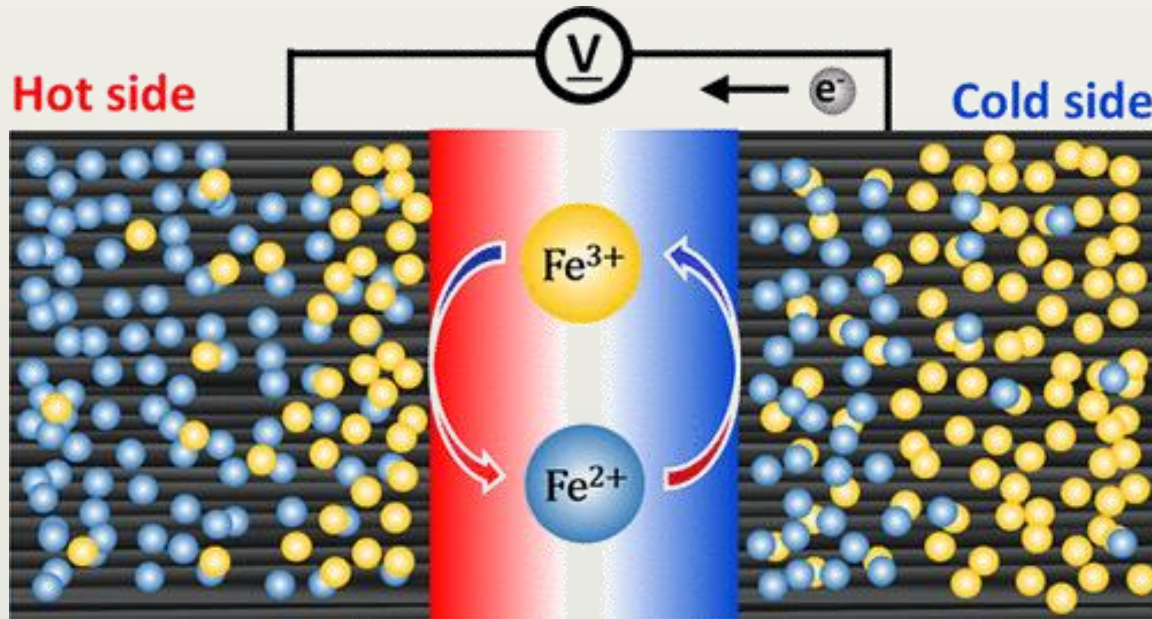
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Ion diffusion in electrolytes – multi-physics

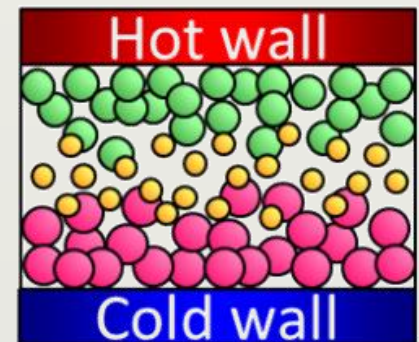
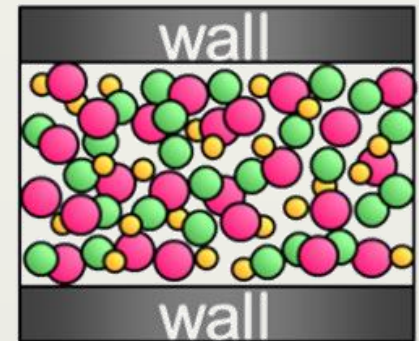
➤ Thermo-diffusion effect of charged species

coupling transport between mass/heat flow and molecules/ions transport (including thermal transpiration)

$$\mathbf{j}_A = -D_A^T \nabla \ln T$$



Thermo-electrochemical cells



Isotope separation

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Ion diffusion in electrolytes – symmetry



Lars Onsager

➤ Onsager's reciprocal relation (昂萨格倒易关系)

$$\mathbf{X}_i = \mathbf{F}_i - \nabla \mu_i, i = 1, 2$$

$$\mathbf{j}_1 = L_{11} \mathbf{X}_1 + L_{12} \mathbf{X}_2$$

$$\mathbf{j}_2 = L_{21} \mathbf{X}_1 + L_{22} \mathbf{X}_2$$

→ $L_{12} = L_{21}$
 Reciprocal relations?
 Only definition!

$$\mathbf{X}_i = \mathbf{F}_i - \nabla \mu_i, i = 1, 2, 3$$

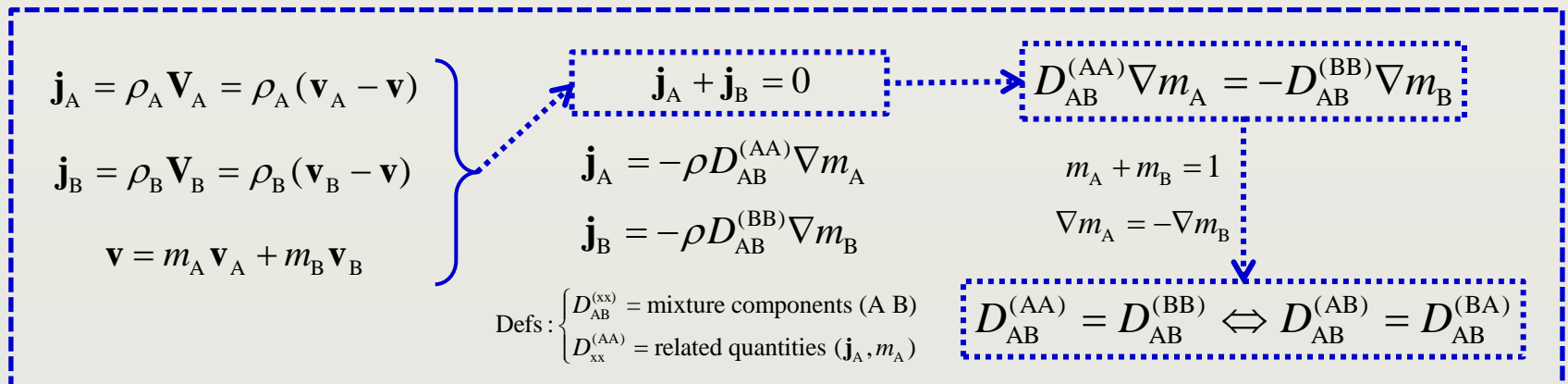
$$\mathbf{j}_1 = L_{11} (\mathbf{X}_1 - \mathbf{X}_3) + L_{12} (\mathbf{X}_2 - \mathbf{X}_3)$$

$$\mathbf{j}_2 = L_{21} (\mathbf{X}_1 - \mathbf{X}_3) + L_{22} (\mathbf{X}_2 - \mathbf{X}_3)$$

$$\mathbf{j}_3 = -\mathbf{j}_1 - \mathbf{j}_2$$

$$L_{12} = L_{21}$$

Used for prediction

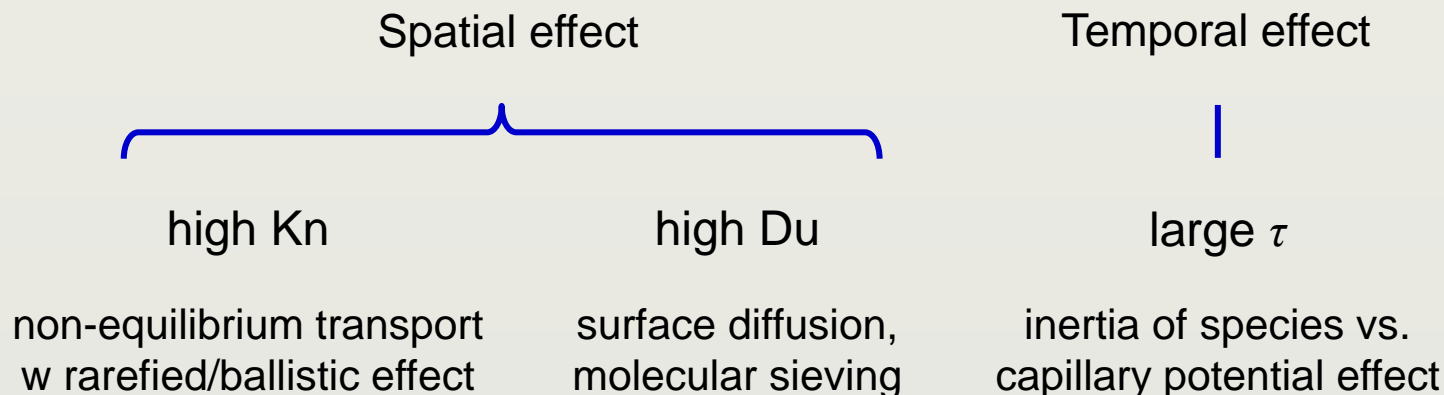




Diffusion in micro-/nano-pores

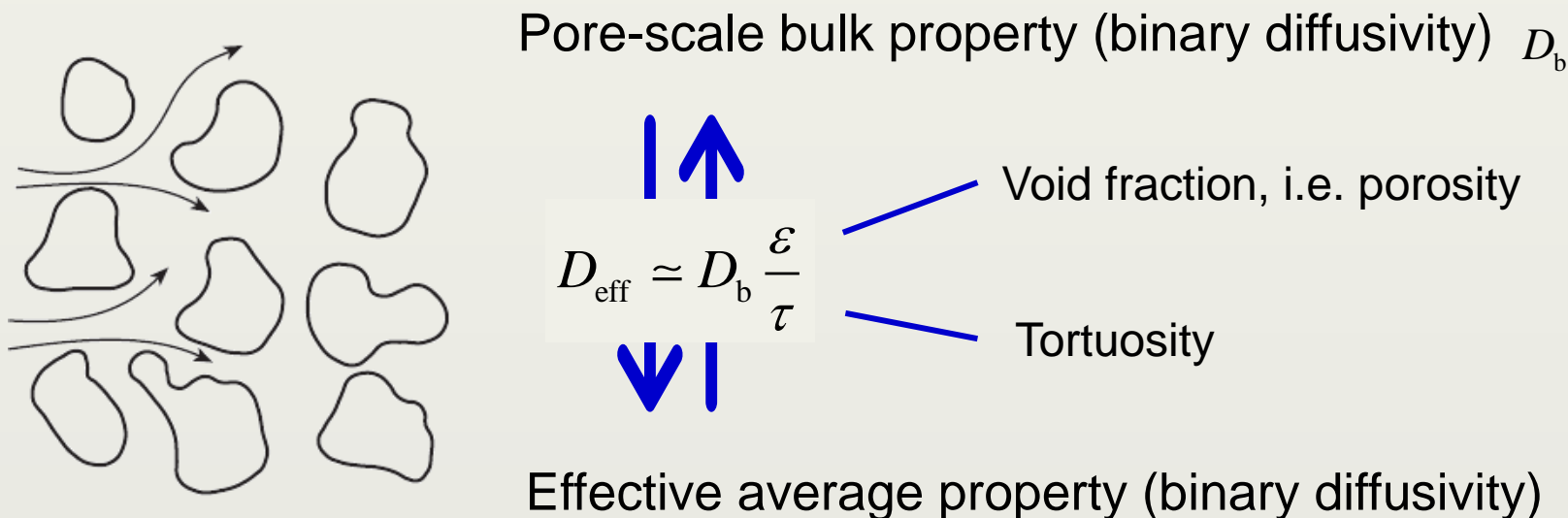
- Complexity of mass transfer in porous media
 - Geometry effect inside macro-pores – Fick's law is still valid (in general)
 - Confinement effect at the micro-/nano-scales – Fick's law is invalid

Molecule-boundary interaction \uparrow ~ **sub-continuum** diffusion



Geometry effect: porous diffusion

- Empirical description of transport in porous media



Note. Applicability? Flow path? Dead-end pores?

$$D_{\text{eff}} := \frac{\int J_A'' dA}{A \Delta C / L}$$

How to validate/evaluate the empirical description?

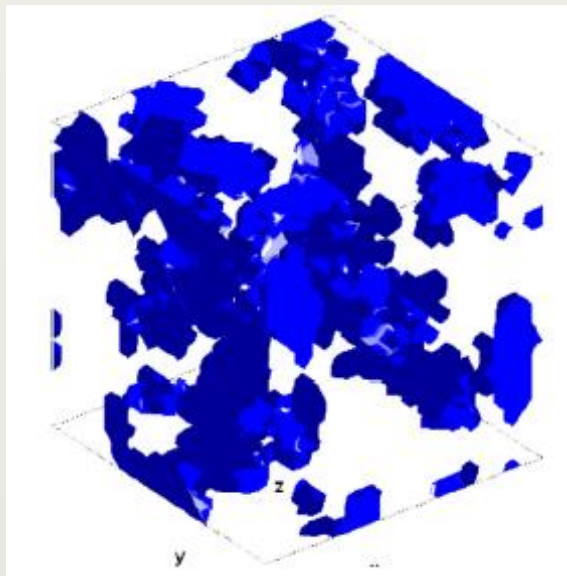
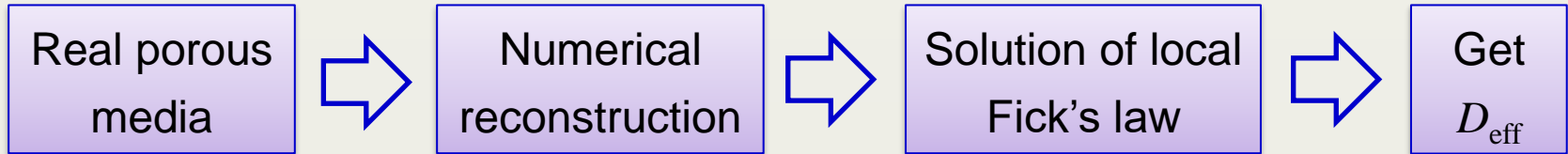
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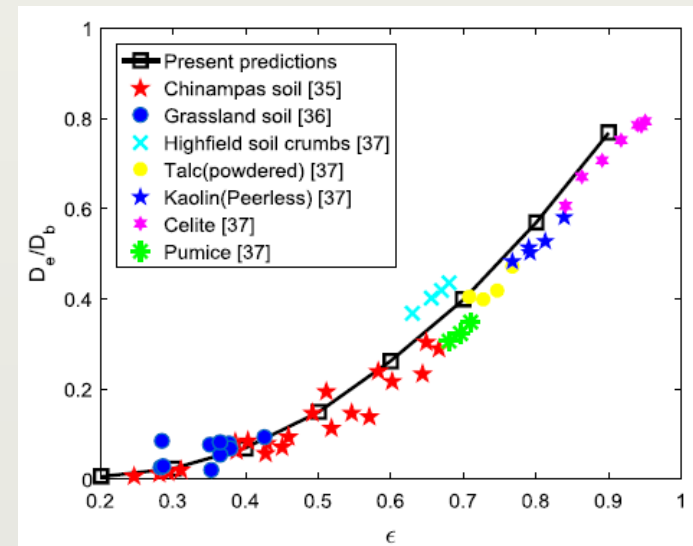
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Geometry effect: porous diffusion

- Numerical simulation **paradigm** (CT/RGG & LBM/PNM)



Regenerated porous structure



D_{eff} versus porosity
(granular porous media)

Confinement effect: classification

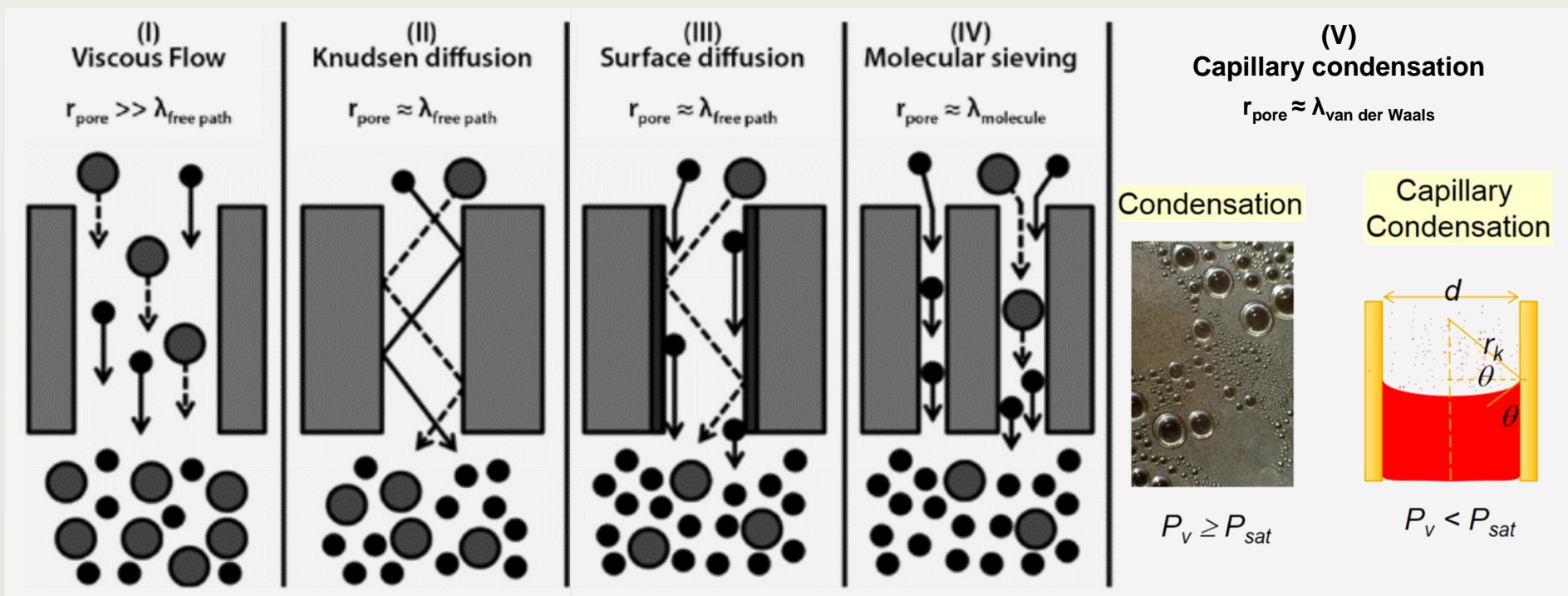
- Types of enhanced molecular-boundary interaction

Ordinary

high Kn

high Du

large τ



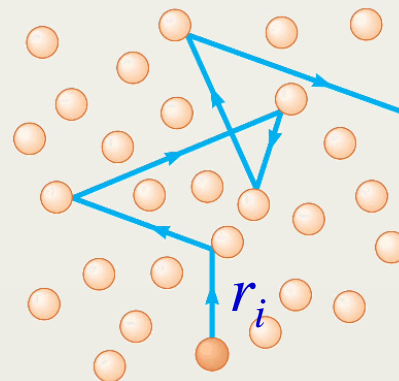
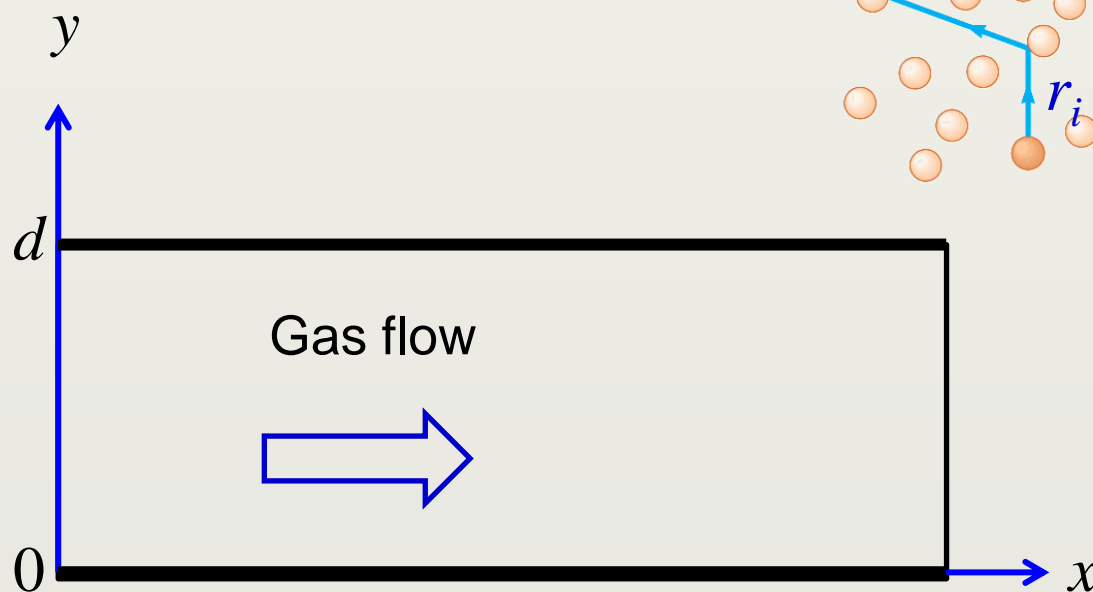
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Confinement effect: high Kn

➤ Knudsen diffusion

- Knudsen number



$$\lambda \equiv \frac{\sum_i r_i n_i}{\sum_i n_i}$$

Mean free path

$$\text{Kn} = \frac{\lambda}{d}$$

Characteristic size

Applicability of NSE-ADE when $d \ll 1$?

Confinement effect: high Kn



- Knudsen diffusion: microscale gas flow

$$\text{Kn} = \frac{\lambda}{d}$$

— Mean free path
— Channel width

Range	Regime	Model
$\text{Kn} < 10^{-3}$	Continuum regime	N-S eqn.
$10^{-3} < \text{Kn} < 10^{-1}$	Slip regime	N-S eqn. + slip boundary
$10^{-1} < \text{Kn} < 10$	Transition regime	Boltzmann eqn.
$\text{Kn} > 10$	Free molecular flow regime	Boltzmann eqn.

Confinement effect: high Kn



- Knudsen diffusion: statistical description
 - Boltzmann transport equation

$$dN(t, x_\alpha, c_\alpha) \equiv f(t, x_\alpha, c_\alpha) d\mathbf{x}dc$$

f : particle number distribution function

x_α : spatial position in phase space

c_α : molecular velocity in phase space

F_α : external force per phase element

$$\rho(\mathbf{x}) = \int m f d\mathbf{c}$$

$$\rho(\mathbf{x})u_\alpha(\mathbf{x}) = \int m c_\alpha f d\mathbf{c}$$

$$\rho(\mathbf{x})e(\mathbf{x}) = \int \frac{1}{2} m (c_\alpha - u_\alpha)^2 f d\mathbf{c}$$

$$\underbrace{\frac{\partial f}{\partial t}} + c_\alpha \underbrace{\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_\alpha}} + F_\alpha \underbrace{\frac{\partial f}{\partial c_\alpha}} = \underbrace{C(f)} =: -\frac{f - f_{\text{eq}}}{\tau} \quad f_{\text{eq}} \propto \exp\left(-\frac{mc^2}{2k_B T}\right)$$

Transient term Advection term Collision term: BGK model

How to obtain the rigorous solution?

Analytical, DSMC, LBM, ...

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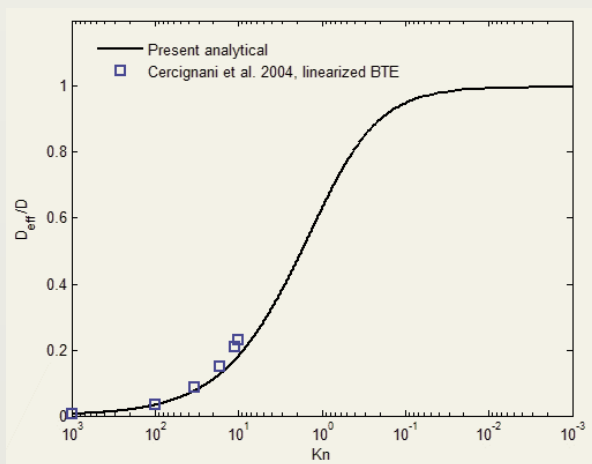
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Confinement effect: high Kn

➤ Knudsen diffusion: numerical results

$$Kn > 10$$

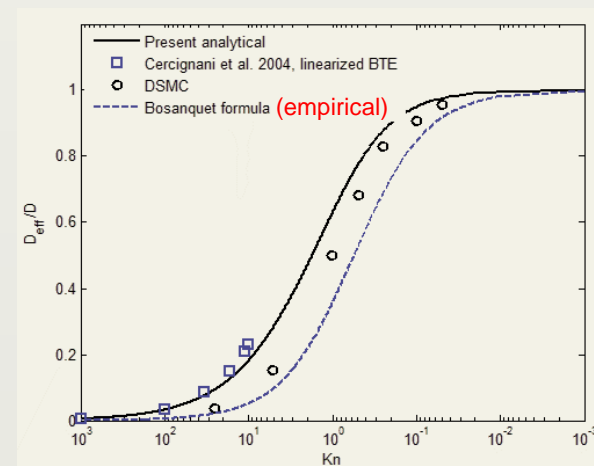
Free molecular flow regime
(Knudsen diffusion)



$$D_{Kn} = \frac{d}{3} \sqrt{\frac{8k_B T}{\pi m}}$$

$$10^{-1} < Kn < 10$$

Transition regime
(bulk diffusion “+” Knudsen diffusion)



$$\frac{1}{D_{eff}} = \frac{1}{D_b} + \frac{1}{D_{Kn}}$$

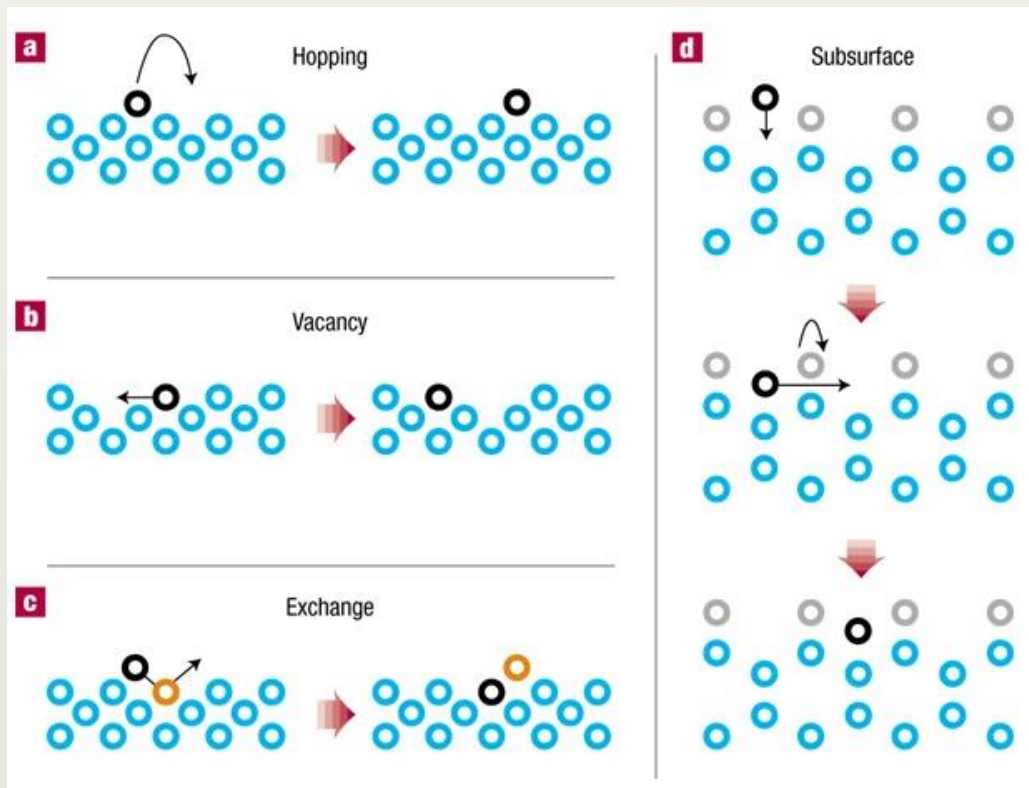
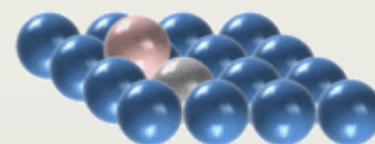
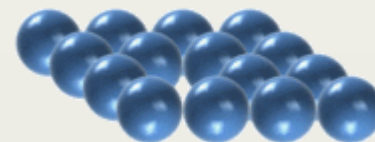
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Confinement effect: high D_u

➤ Surface diffusion

$$D_u = \frac{j_{\text{surf}}}{j_{\text{bulk}}}$$



- Adsorption Physical
- Diffusion along surface Chemical

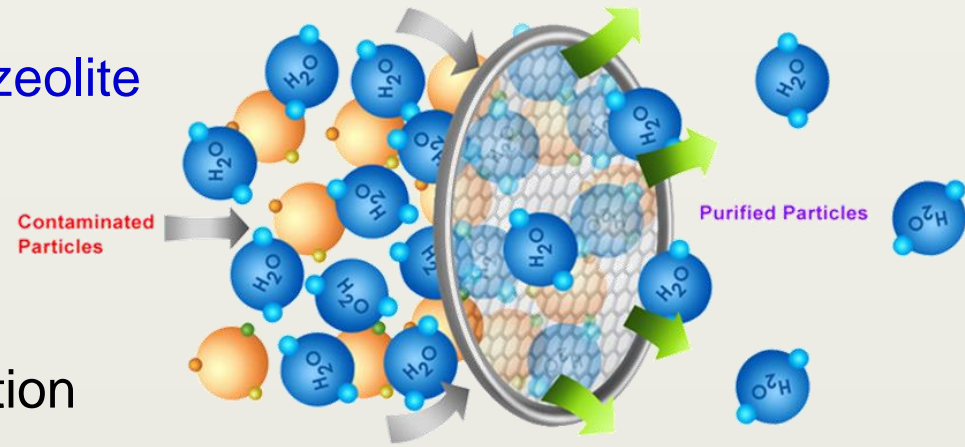
Confinement effect: high Du

➤ Molecular sieving (configurational diffusion)

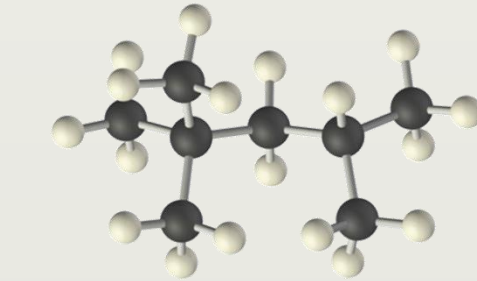
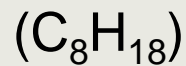
- water purification through zeolite

pore size ~ molecular size

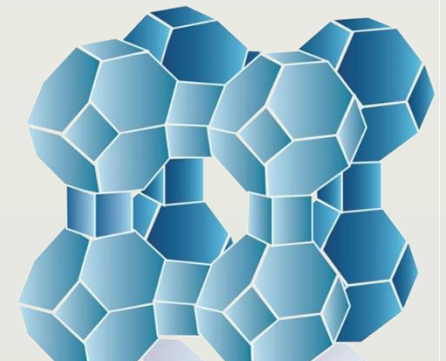
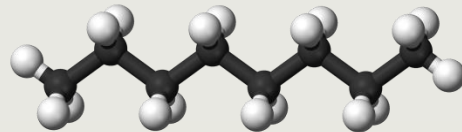
- organic compound separation



Branched alkane:



Linear alkane:





Confinement effect: large τ

- Capillary potential effect (τ : diffusion relaxation time)

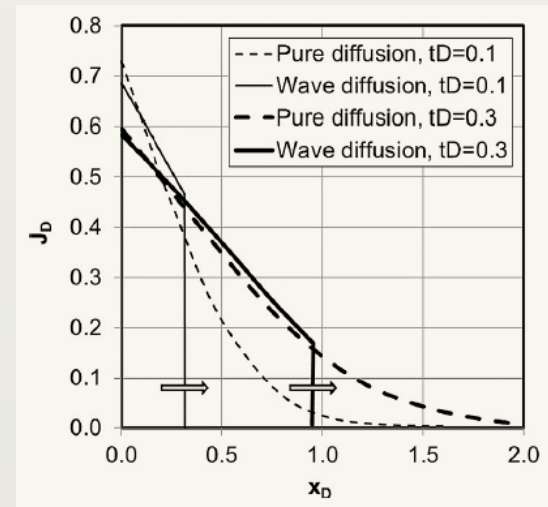
Fick's law

$$\mathbf{J}_A = -D_{AB} \nabla C_A$$

Instantaneous response
ignoring the inertia

Telegraph
equation

$$\tau \frac{\partial \mathbf{J}_A}{\partial t} + \mathbf{J}_A = -D_{AB} \nabla C_A$$



Jeffreys-type
equation

$$\tau \frac{\partial \mathbf{J}_A}{\partial t} + \mathbf{J}_A = -D_{AB} \left(\tau_2 \frac{\partial \nabla C_A}{\partial t} + \nabla C_A \right)$$

Time delay (“inertia”)
due to surface effect

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Summary

- ☺ Basic concepts of mass diffusion and historical review
 - ✓ Analogy between linear transport phenomena
- ☺ Fick's law: density and molar forms
 - ✓ Definition of diffusivity and physical origins
- ☺ Fick's second law and typical examples
 - ✓ Analogy between heat and mass diffusive transfer
- ◆ Diffusion beyond Fick's law (*non-Fickian diffusion*)



Homework: 14.7, 14.34

Figure investigation: Lars Onsager

Additional question: Will mass diffusion happen in a **binary mixture** with **uniform concentration fraction** under ∇p ? Think about the high pressure gradient limit.

Do a literature review on *methods of separation of isotopes*, such as thermal diffusion, centrifugal force, *et al.*



Supplemental Materials



Details: comparisons of the two forms

	density form	molar form
Absolute flux	$\mathbf{n}''_A = \rho_A \mathbf{v}_A$	$\mathbf{N}''_A = C_A \mathbf{v}_A$
Average velocity	$\mathbf{v} = m_A \mathbf{v}_A + m_B \mathbf{v}_B$	$\mathbf{v}^* = x_A \mathbf{v}_A + x_B \mathbf{v}_B$
Advection flux	$\rho_A \mathbf{v}$	$C_A \mathbf{v}^*$
Relative velocity	$\mathbf{V}_A = \mathbf{v}_A - \mathbf{v}$	$\mathbf{V}_A^* = \mathbf{v}_A - \mathbf{v}^*$
Diffusive flux	$\mathbf{j}_A = \rho_A \mathbf{V}_A$	$\mathbf{J}_A^* = C_A \mathbf{V}_A^*$
Diffusive + Advective	$\mathbf{n}''_A \equiv \rho_A \mathbf{v}_A = \mathbf{j}_A + \rho_A \mathbf{v}$	$\mathbf{N}''_A \equiv C_A \mathbf{v}_A = \mathbf{J}_A^* + C_A \mathbf{v}^*$
Property of diffusive flux	$\mathbf{j}_A + \mathbf{j}_B = 0$	$\mathbf{J}_A^* + \mathbf{J}_B^* = 0$
<i>Fick's law</i>	$\mathbf{j}_A = -\rho D_{AB} \nabla m_A$	$\mathbf{J}_A^* = -C D_{AB} \nabla x_A$

$$C(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_i C_i(\mathbf{r})$$

$$x_i(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{C_i}{C}, \quad \sum_i x_i = 1$$

$$\rho_i = M_i C_i$$

C_i : molar concentration [mol/m³] x_i : molar concentration fraction M_i : molar mass



Extension: models of binary diffusivity

➤ Microscopic models of binary Fickian diffusivity

- **Dilute gas mixture:** mesoscopic kinetic theory
- **Solid solution:** transition state theory
- **Liquid / dense gas:** activated state theory
- **Colloidal mixture:** Stokes-Einstein relation

□ Related concepts on molecular mass diffusion

- **Mutual diffusion** (i.e. inter-diffusion): $\mathbf{J}_A^* = -CD_{AB}\nabla x_A$
 - ≥ **Self-diffusion** (i.e. intra-diffusion): limits of mutual diffusion

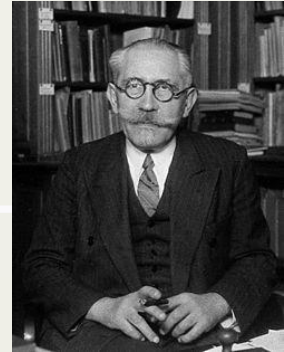
$$D_A = \lim_{x_A \rightarrow 0} D_{AB}$$

- ≥ **Tracer diffusion:** a special case for chemical identical species

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Extension: models of mass balance



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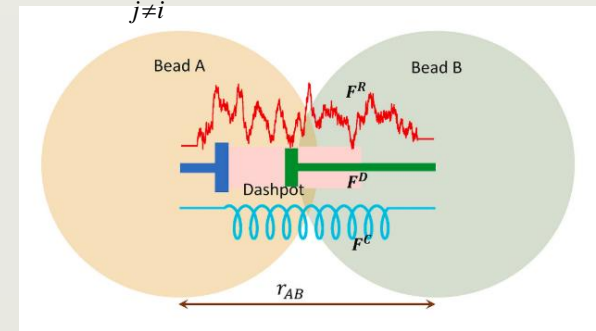
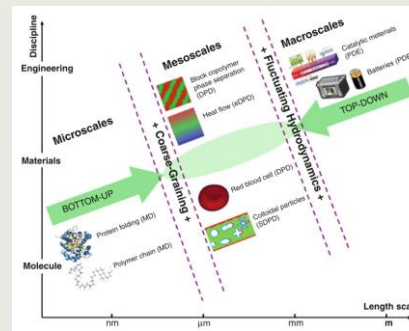
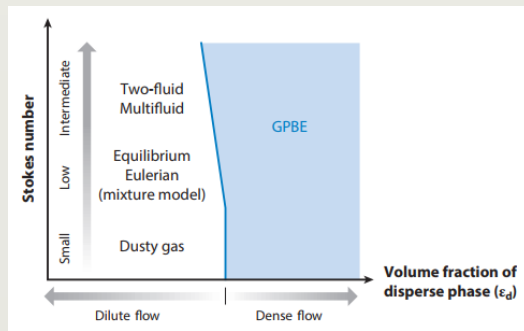
➤ Mass balance models for general systems

- **Multiple components** with simple dynamics

- Non-ideal mixture: mass ADE with Maxwell-Stefan equation
- Poly-disperse / dense flow: general population balance equation

- **Complex dynamics** of individual species

- Brown dynamics (random walk): $\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{v}_{\text{background}} + (i\Omega - \gamma)\mathbf{x} + \boldsymbol{\eta}(t)$
- Langevin dynamics: $m\ddot{\mathbf{x}}_i = -\lambda\dot{\mathbf{x}}_i + \mathbf{F}_{\text{ext}}(\dot{\mathbf{x}}_{j \neq i}, \mathbf{x}_{j \neq i}) + \boldsymbol{\eta}(t)$ (Langevin, 1908)
- Dissipative particle dynamics: $m\ddot{\mathbf{x}}_i = \mathbf{f}_i^{\text{int}} + \mathbf{f}_i^{\text{ext}}, \mathbf{f}_i^{\text{int}} = \sum_{j \neq i} \mathbf{F}_{ij}^{\text{C}} + \mathbf{F}_{ij}^{\text{D}} + \mathbf{F}_{ij}^{\text{R}}$



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