

Mass Diffusion

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Fick's Law

$$J = -D \frac{dc}{dx}$$

Diffusion Equation

$$\frac{\partial c}{\partial t} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla c = D \nabla^2 c$$

Diffusivity

$$D = \frac{kTC_c}{3\pi\mu d}$$

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Table of Particle Mass Diffusivity

d (μm)	D (cm ² /s)
10 ⁻²	5.24 × 10 ⁻⁴
10 ⁻¹	6.82 × 10 ⁻⁶
1	2.74 × 10 ⁻⁷
10	2.38 × 10 ⁻⁸

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Mean Square Displacement

$s^2 = 2Dt$

Brownian Motion of Rotation

$\theta^2 = \frac{2kT}{\pi\mu d^3} t$

Particle Fluctuation Energy

$\frac{1}{2} m \overline{u^2} = \frac{3}{2} kT$

$\sqrt{\overline{u^2}} = \sqrt{3kT/m}$

Concentration in gravitational field

$C = C_0 \exp\left\{-\frac{mg(x-x_0)}{kT}\right\}$

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Effect of Particle Mass

$s^2 = 2Dt[1 - \tau(1 - e^{-t/\tau})/t]$

Particle Mean Free Path

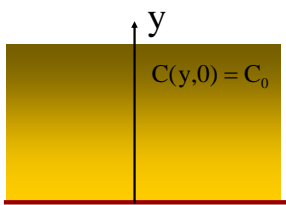
$\lambda_\alpha \approx \tau\sqrt{8kT/\pi m}$

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$\frac{\partial c}{\partial t} = D \frac{\partial^2 c}{\partial y^2}$



C(y,0) = C₀

C(0,t) = 0

Similarity Variable

$\eta = \frac{y}{\sqrt{4Dt}}$

$\frac{\partial c}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial c}{\partial \eta} \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial c}{\partial \eta} \frac{1}{\sqrt{4Dt}}$

$\frac{\partial^2 c}{\partial y^2} = \frac{\partial^2 c}{\partial \eta^2} \frac{1}{4Dt}$

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$\frac{\partial c}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial c}{\partial \eta} \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial c}{\partial \eta} \frac{-y}{2t\sqrt{4Dt}} = -\frac{\partial c}{\partial \eta} \frac{\eta}{2t}$

Similarity Equation

$\frac{d^2 c}{d\eta^2} + 2\eta \frac{dc}{d\eta} = 0$

$\ln\left(\frac{dc}{d\eta}\right) = -\eta^2 + \ln A$

$\frac{dc}{d\eta} = Ae^{-\eta^2}$

$c = A \int_0^\eta e^{-\eta_1^2} d\eta_1 + B$

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$$C(y, t) = C_0 \operatorname{erf}(y / \sqrt{4Dt})$$

$C(\eta = 0) = 0$

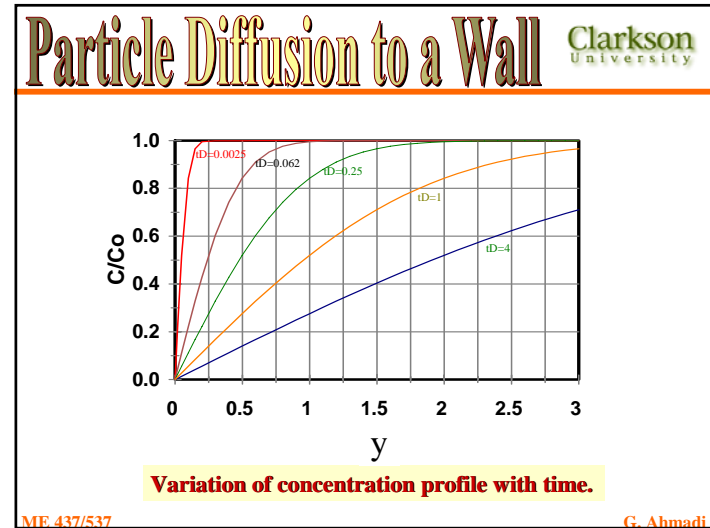
$C(\eta \rightarrow \infty) = C_0$

$$\operatorname{erf}(\xi) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^\xi e^{-\xi^2} d\xi$$

$$\operatorname{erf}(0) = 0$$

$$\operatorname{erf}(\infty) = 1$$

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Diffusion Velocity

⇒

$$u_D = \frac{J}{C_0} = \sqrt{\frac{D}{\pi t}} = \frac{D}{\delta_c}$$

Diffusion Boundary Layer

⇒

$$\delta_c = \sqrt{\pi Dt}$$

Diffusion Force

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$$F_d = 3\pi\mu u_D / C_c$$

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Number Deposited in Time dt

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$$dN = Jdt = C_0 \sqrt{\frac{D}{\pi t}} dt$$

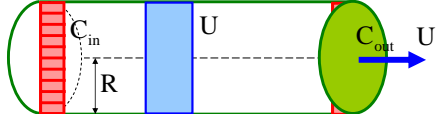
Total Deposited in Time Interval (0,t)

⇒

$$N = C_0 \sqrt{\frac{4Dt}{\pi}}$$

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$$N = C_0 \sqrt{\frac{4Dt}{\pi}}$$

$\Rightarrow t = L/u$

$$N = C_{in} \sqrt{\frac{4DL}{\pi u}}$$

$$C_{out} - C_{in} = -N \frac{2R\pi L}{\pi R^2 L}$$

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Concentration Ratio

\Rightarrow

$$\frac{C_{out}}{C_{in}} = 1 - \frac{4}{\sqrt{\pi}} \sqrt{\frac{DL}{uR^2}}$$

Detailed Analysis

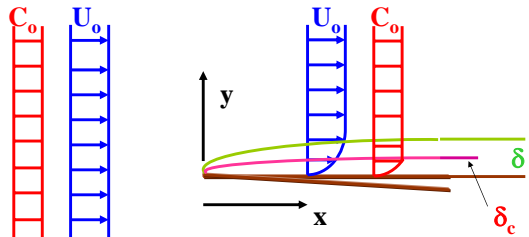
\Rightarrow

$$\frac{C_{out}}{C_{in}} = 1 - 2.56\phi^{2/3} + 1.2\phi + 0.177\phi^{4/3}$$

$$\phi = \frac{DL}{uR^2}$$

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$y = 0$

$u = v = c = 0$

$y \rightarrow \infty$

$u = U_0, c = c_0$

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Momentum

\Rightarrow

$$u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = \nu \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2}$$

Mass

\Rightarrow

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 0$$

Concentration

\Rightarrow

$$u \frac{\partial c}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial c}{\partial y} = D \frac{\partial^2 c}{\partial y^2}$$

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Flat Plate - Similarity Variables

$$\eta = y \sqrt{\frac{U_0}{\nu x}}$$

$$\frac{u}{U_0} = f'(\eta)$$

$$\psi = \sqrt{\nu U_0 x} f(\eta)$$

$$c = c(\eta)$$

Momentum/Mass

Concentration

$$ff'' + 2f''' = 0$$

$$c'' + \frac{1}{2} S_c f c' = 0 \quad S_c = \frac{\nu}{D}$$

Blasius Equation

Flat Plate - Similarity Variables

Boundary Conditions

$$f(0) = f'(0) = 0$$

$$f'(\infty) = 1$$

$$c(0) = 0$$

$$c(\infty) = c_0$$

Blasius Solution

$$\delta = 5 \sqrt{\frac{\nu x}{U_0}}$$

$$f''(0) = \gamma = 0.332$$

Near the Plate



$$f \approx \frac{\gamma}{2} \eta^2 + \dots$$

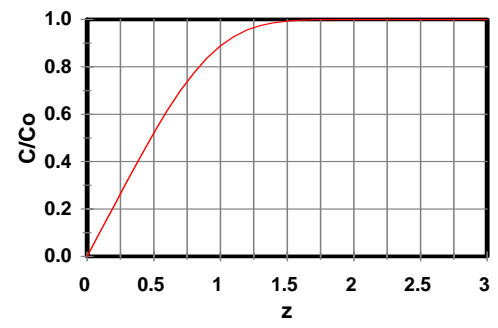
Concentration Profile

$$C = \frac{C_0 \int_0^\eta \exp(-\gamma_1 s_c z^3) dz}{\int_0^\infty \exp(-\gamma_1 s_c z^3) dz}$$

$$\gamma_1 = \frac{\gamma}{12}$$

$$\frac{c}{c_0} = \frac{\sqrt[3]{\gamma_1 s_c}}{0.89} \int_0^\eta [\exp(-\gamma_1 s_c z^3)] dz$$

Concentration Profile



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$$J = D \left[\frac{\partial c}{\partial y} \right]_{y=0} = Dc_0 \frac{\sqrt{\gamma_1 s_c}}{0.89} \sqrt{\frac{U_0}{\nu x}} = 0.34 Dc_0 \sqrt[3]{s_c} \sqrt{\frac{U_0}{\nu x}}$$

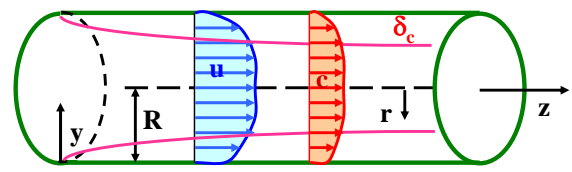
Diffusion Boundary Layer $\Rightarrow \delta_c = \frac{Dc_0}{J} \approx \frac{3}{\sqrt[3]{s_c}} \sqrt{\frac{\nu x}{U_0}} \approx \frac{0.6\delta}{\sqrt[3]{s_c}}$

Total Diffusion $I = \int_0^L J dx = 0.68 Dc_0 \sqrt[3]{s_c} \sqrt{R_{eL}}$ $R_{eL} = \frac{U_0 L}{\nu}$

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Laminar Flow $\Rightarrow u = u_0 \left(1 - \frac{r^2}{R^2}\right)$ $y = R - r$

$u \sim u_0 \frac{2y}{R} + \dots$

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Diffusion Equation $\Rightarrow \frac{2u_0}{R} y \frac{\partial c}{\partial x} = D \frac{\partial^2 c}{\partial y^2}$

Boundary Condition $y=0, c=0$ $y \rightarrow \infty, c=c_0$

Similarity Variable $\eta = \sqrt[3]{\frac{u_0}{DR}} \frac{y}{\sqrt[3]{x}}$

$c'' + \frac{2}{3} \eta^2 c' = 0$

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Concentration Profile $\Rightarrow c = \frac{c_0 \int_0^\eta \exp\left\{-\frac{2}{9} \eta_1^3\right\} d\eta_1}{\int_0^\infty \exp\left\{-\frac{2}{9} \eta_1^3\right\} d\eta_1}$

Wall Flux $J = D \left[\frac{\partial c}{\partial y} \right]_{y=0} = \frac{Dc_0 \sqrt[3]{\frac{u_0}{DR}}}{\int_0^\infty \exp\left(-\frac{2}{9} \eta_1^3\right) d\eta_1}$ $J = 0.67 c_0 D \sqrt[3]{\frac{u_0}{DRx}}$

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Total Flux

$$I = 2\pi R \int_0^L J dx = 2.01\pi c_0 D R \sqrt[3]{\frac{u_0 L^2}{D R}}$$

Diffusion Boundary layer

$$\delta_c = \frac{D c_0}{J} = \frac{\sqrt[3]{R^2 x}}{0.67 s_c^{1/3} R_{eR}^{1/3}} = \frac{1}{0.67} \sqrt[3]{\frac{R^2 x}{s_c R_{eR}}}$$

$$R_{eR} = \frac{u_0 R}{\nu}$$

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$$\frac{\partial c}{\partial t} + u(r) \frac{\partial c}{\partial x} = D \left(\frac{\partial^2 c}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial c}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial^2 c}{\partial x^2} \right)$$

Neglecting Axial Diffusion

$$u(r) = 2U \left(1 - \frac{r^2}{R^2} \right)$$

$$\frac{\partial c}{\partial t} + U \left(1 - \frac{2r^2}{R^2} \right) \frac{\partial c}{\partial x} = D \left(\frac{\partial^2 c}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial c}{\partial r} \right)$$

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For

$$\left[\frac{\partial c}{\partial r} \right]_{R} = 0 \quad \frac{\partial c}{\partial t} \approx 0 \quad \xrightarrow{\text{Moving Frame}} \quad \frac{\partial c}{\partial x} = \text{const} = \frac{\partial \bar{c}}{\partial x}$$

Diffusion In Moving Frame

$$U \left(1 - \frac{2r^2}{R^2} \right) \frac{\partial \bar{c}}{\partial x} = D \left(\frac{\partial^2 \bar{c}}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \bar{c}}{\partial r} \right)$$

Solution

$$c = c_0 + \frac{UR^2}{4D} \frac{\partial \bar{c}}{\partial x} \left(\frac{r^2}{R^2} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{r^4}{R^4} \right)$$

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$$c_0 = [c]_{r=0} \quad \bar{c} = \frac{1}{A} \int c dA = \frac{1}{\pi R^2} \int_0^R 2\pi r c dr = \frac{2}{R^2} \int_0^R c r dr$$

Concentration

$$c = \bar{c} + \frac{R^2 U}{4D} \frac{\partial \bar{c}}{\partial x} \left(-\frac{1}{3} + \frac{r^2}{R^2} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{r^4}{R^4} \right)$$

Total Flux

$$Q_c = 2\pi \int_0^R c(u - U) r dr = -(\pi R^2) \frac{R^2 U^2}{48D} \frac{\partial \bar{c}}{\partial x}$$

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Flux Per Unit Area

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$J = \frac{Q}{\pi R^2} = -\left(\frac{R^2 U^2}{48D}\right) \frac{\partial \bar{c}}{\partial x}$

Effective (Taylor) Diffusivity

⇒

$D_{\text{eff}} = \frac{R^2 U^2}{48D}$

$\frac{\partial \bar{c}}{\partial x} \neq \text{const.}$

⇒

$\frac{\partial \bar{c}}{\partial t} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial x} J = D_{\text{eff}} \frac{\partial^2 \bar{c}}{\partial x^2}$

Range of Validity

$\frac{L}{R} \gg P_e \gg 14$

$P_e = \frac{2UR}{D} = R_e S_c$

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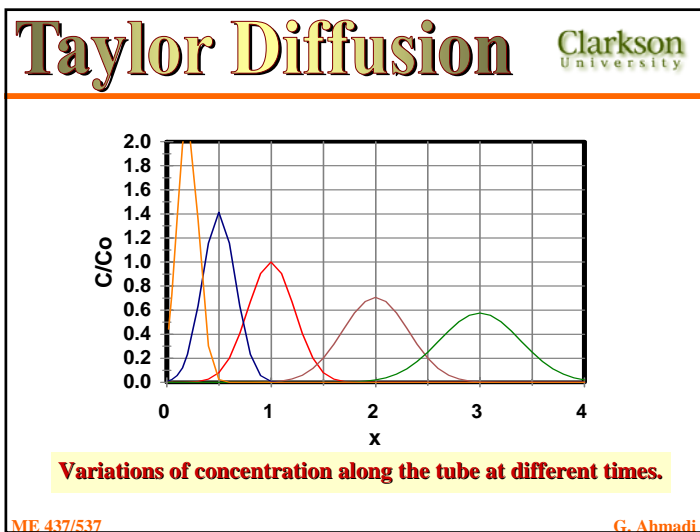
$t = 0$

⇒

$c = \frac{N}{\pi R^2} \delta(x)$

$$\bar{c} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{N}{\pi R^2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi D_{\text{eff}} t}} \exp\left\{-\frac{(x - Ut)^2}{4D_{\text{eff}} t}\right\}$$

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- ## Summary Clarkson University
- **Mass diffusion decreases with size**
 - **Diffusion Boundary Layer is generally smaller than momentum boundary layer**
 - **Convective diffusion in a tube**
 - **Taylor diffusion in a tube**
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