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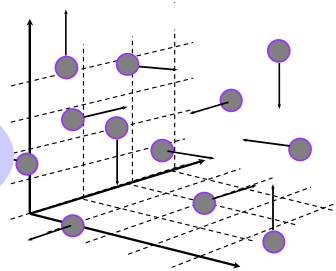
### Diffusion and Mass Transfer I

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- III. Classic diffusion and mass transfer—Quick Start b): 1D Radial droplet
- IV. **Cycle back: Fick's mass transport law**
- V. Microscopic species A mass balance
- VI. Classic diffusion and mass transfer—c): 1D Mass transfer with chemical reaction

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## CM3120: Module 3

Module 3 Lecture IV  
**Fick's Law of Diffusion**  
(Cycling back)



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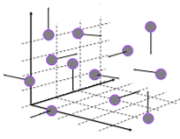
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# Now, Cycling Back:

## Diffusion and Mass Transfer

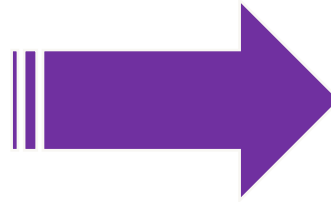
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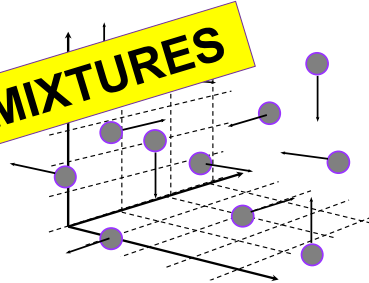


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## CM3120 Transport/Unit Operations 2

### Diffusion and Mass Transfer

**in MIXTURES**



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**We began a few weeks ago...**

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## We first introduced the topic of **diffusion** and **mass transfer** a few weeks ago...

**Summary:**

- Occurs in mixtures; this complicates things
- Is *slow* and often the rate-limiting process
- Mass is conserved, but often moles are more convenient to keep track of what's going on
- Is the third **transport field** (momentum, energy, **species A mass**)
- Up to mass transfer, have been readily modeling using the *continuum*; this approach needs to be adapted to mixtures
- We had decided to "skip ahead" (**QUICK START**) to avoid getting bogged down...

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Diffusion and Mass Transfer

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Species A transport law:  
**Fick's law of diffusion**

$$j_{A,z} = -\rho D_{AB} \frac{\partial \omega_A}{\partial z}$$

A diffuses in B

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## Recap:

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Microscopic species A mass balance

rate of change      convection      diffusion (all directions)      source (mass of species A generated by homogeneous reaction per time)

These different fluxes are a significant complication.

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It will take some time and practice to get used to all this

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**Recap:**

**QUICK START**

**Microscopic species A mass balance—Five forms**

In terms of <b>mass flux</b> and mass concentrations	$\rho \left( \frac{\partial \omega_A}{\partial t} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla \omega_A \right) = -\nabla \cdot \mathbf{J}_A + r_A$ $= \rho D_{AB} \nabla^2 \omega_A + r_A$
In terms of <b>molar flux</b> and molar concentrations	$c \left( \frac{\partial x_A}{\partial t} + \mathbf{v}^* \cdot \nabla x_A \right) = -\nabla \cdot \mathbf{J}_A + (x_B R_A - x_A R_B)$ $= c D_{AB} \nabla^2 x_A + (x_B R_A - x_A R_B)$
In terms of <b>combined molar flux</b> and molar concentrations	$\frac{\partial c_A}{\partial t} = -\nabla \cdot \mathbf{N}_A + R_A$

These different definitions lead to **different forms** for the **microscopic species mass balance** and for the **species transport law, Fick's law.**

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**Recap:**

**QUICK START**

**Various quantities in diffusion and mass transfer**

How much is present: $c x_A = c_A = \frac{1}{M_A} (\rho_A) = \frac{1}{M_A} (\rho \omega_A)$
$\mathbf{j}_A \equiv$ <b>mass flux</b> of species $A$ relative to a mixture's <b>mass average velocity</b> , $\mathbf{v}$ $= \rho_A (\mathbf{v}_A - \mathbf{v})$ $\mathbf{j}_A + \mathbf{j}_B = 0$ , i.e. these fluxes are measured relative to the mixture's center of mass
$\mathbf{n}_A \equiv \rho_A \mathbf{v}_A = \mathbf{j}_A + \rho_A \mathbf{v} \equiv$ <b>combined mass flux</b> relative to <b>stationary coordinates</b> $\mathbf{n}_A + \mathbf{n}_B = \rho \mathbf{v}$
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$\mathbf{v}_A \equiv$ <b>velocity</b> of species $A$ in a mixture, i.e. average velocity of all molecules of species $A$ within a <b>small volume</b> $\mathbf{v} \equiv \omega_A \mathbf{v}_A + \omega_B \mathbf{v}_B \equiv$ <b>mass average velocity</b> ; same velocity as in the microscopic momentum and energy balances $\mathbf{v}^* \equiv x_A \mathbf{v}_A + x_B \mathbf{v}_B \equiv$ <b>molar average velocity</b>

Part of the problem is that we have grown comfortable with the continuum, but now we are peering into the details of the continuum

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**Recap:**

**Various forms of Fick's Law** (and the species mass balances that employ them)

Mass flux

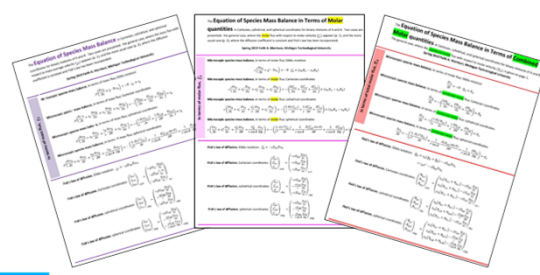
$$\underline{j}_A = -\rho D_{AB} \nabla \omega_A$$

Molar flux

$$\underline{J}_A = -c D_{AB} \nabla x_A$$

Combined molar flux

$$\underline{N}_A = x_A (\underline{N}_A + \underline{N}_B) - c D_{AB} \nabla x_A$$



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**QUICK START**

We will be introduced to handy worksheets and to the common assumptions and boundary conditions (just like in momentum and energy balances)

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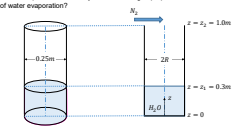
Let's jump in!

Microscopic species mass balance in terms of combined molar flux  $\underline{N}_A$

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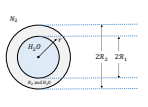
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**Example:** Water (40°C, 1.0 atm) slowly and steadily evaporates into nitrogen (40°C, 1.0 atm) from the bottom of a cylindrical tank as shown in the figure below. A stream of dry nitrogen flows slowly past the open tank. The mole fraction of water in the gas at the top opening of the tank is 0.02. The geometry is as shown in the figure. What is water mole fraction as a function of vertical position? You may assume ideal gas properties. What is the rate of water evaporation?



WORKSHEET

**Example:** A water mist forms in an industrial printing operation. Spherical water droplets slowly and steadily evaporate into the air (mostly nitrogen). The evaporation creates a film around the droplets through which the evaporating water diffuses. We can model the diffusion process as shown in the figure. What is the water mole fraction in the film as a function of radial position? You may assume ideal gas properties for air.



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Introduction to Diffusion and Mass Transfer in Mixtures
QUICK START

### Recurring Modeling Assumptions in Diffusion (“Classics”)

- Near a liquid-gas interface, the region in the gas near the liquid is a film where slow diffusion takes place
- The vapor near the liquid-gas interface is often saturated (Raoult’s law,  $x_A = p_A^*/p$ )
- If component  $A$  has no sink, flux  $N_A = 0$ .
- If  $A$  diffuses through stagnant  $B$ ,  $N_B = 0$ .
- If  $A$  is dilute in  $B$ , we can neglect the convection term ( $N_{Az} = J_{Az}^*$ )
- Because diffusion is slow, we can make a quasi-steady-state assumption
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The QUICK START has perhaps led to the impression that the combined molar flux version is all we need to address problems in mass transfer...

This is unfortunately **not true**. We have thus far been selective in choosing problems addressable by that approach.

To succeed more broadly, we need to address additional complexities of mixtures and mass transfer.

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Introduction to Diffusion and Mass Transfer in Mixtures

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We cycle back now to return to this discussion



**Transport Laws, momentum and heat:**

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Newton's law of viscosity

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Fourier's law of heat conduction

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**Now:**

Where do these equations come from?

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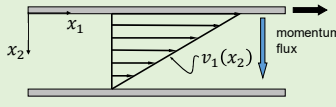
**The Physics of the Transport Laws**

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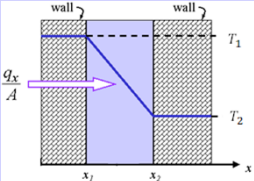


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Where does this equation come from?

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Simple One-dimensional Species Mass Diffusion

**What is the physics behind the mass diffusion transport law?**

Initially:

**Suddenly** ( $t = 0$ ):

air → (slow flow) sink

(solid)  $\omega_A = 0$  → **solid species B: fused silica** →  $\omega_A(y, t) = ?$

(gas) air

helium source

**gas species A: helium**

Assumptions:

- wide, deep  $\Rightarrow$  1D diffusion
- no reaction
- species B not moving

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Simple One-dimensional Species Mass Diffusion

**What does  $\omega_A(y, t)$  look like?**

( $t \geq 0$ ):

air → (slow flow) sink

(solid)  $\omega_A(y, t) = ?$  **solid species B: fused silica**

helium source

**gas species A: helium**

helium diffuses

$\omega_{A,0}$

$\omega_A =$  mass fraction of A

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Simple One-dimensional Species Mass Diffusion

( $t \geq 0$ ):

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**You try.**

air (slow flow)

$\omega_A(y, t) = ?$

solid species B: fused silica

helium

Gas species A: helium

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Simple One-dimensional Species Mass Diffusion

( $t \geq 0$ ):

- $\omega_A(y, t) = ?$
- What is the domain we're asking about?

air (slow flow)

$\omega_A(y, t) = ?$

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At steady state,  

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mass flux =  $\rho D_{AB} \left( \frac{0 - \omega_{A,0}}{y_2 - y_1} \right)$

$$j_{A,y} = -\rho D_{AB} \frac{d\omega_A}{dy}$$

**Fick's law of diffusion** (in terms of mass flux)

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## Law of Species Diffusion

**This is the fundamental version of Fick's Law (3D)**

Gibbs notation:  $\underline{j}_A = -\rho D_{AB} \nabla \omega_A$

Fick's law of diffusion

$$\underline{j}_A = \begin{pmatrix} -\rho D_{AB} \frac{\partial \omega_A}{\partial x} \\ -\rho D_{AB} \frac{\partial \omega_A}{\partial y} \\ -\rho D_{AB} \frac{\partial \omega_A}{\partial z} \end{pmatrix}_{xyz}$$

- Mass diffuses flows **down** a concentration gradient
- Flux is proportional to magnitude of concentration gradient

**The Equation of Species Mass Balance** in Cartesian, cylindrical, and spherical coordinates for binary mixtures of gases. The terms are presented in the general case, where the mass flux with respect to mass average velocity  $\rho(\underline{u}_A)$  appears in (5), and the more usual case (6), where the diffusion coefficient is constant and Fick's law has been incorporated.

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Microscopic species mass balance, in terms of mass flux, Cartesian coordinates	$\rho \left( \frac{\partial \omega_A}{\partial t} + \underline{u} \cdot \nabla \omega_A \right) = -\nabla \cdot \underline{j}_A + \dot{\omega}_A$
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## Law of Species Diffusion

**This is the fundamental version of Fick's Law (3D)**

**But it is *not* the one we have been using!**

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## Law of Species Diffusion

**QUESTION:**

**Why so many versions of species A flux?**

**Answer:**

**“Breaking into”** the continuum view to analyze the motion of individual species in a mixture complicates the situation. There are several options, and none is perfect for all situations.

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Let's take a look ➔

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“Flux” of Species *A* in a Mixture with Species *B*

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### Describing Binary Diffusion

A mixture of two species: *What goes where and why*

- There are many **molecules** of species *A* in some **region** of interest
- In the region of interest,  $\underline{v}_A$  is the **average velocity** (speed and direction) of the *A* molecules:

$$\underline{v}_A = \frac{1}{n_T} \sum_{i=1}^{n_T} \underline{v}_{A,i} \quad \text{(a regular average)}$$

**velocity of molecules of species *A*, on average**

(in a region of space)

- The motion of *A* **molecules** is a combination (potentially) of
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“Flux” of Species *A* in a Mixture with Species *B*

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Is this  $\underline{v}$ ?

$\underline{v}_A$

We’ve already defined  $\underline{v}$  and used it when we studied momentum and heat transport in homogeneous materials using the continuum model.

momentum

Recall Microscopic Momentum Balance:

Equation of Motion

Microscopic **momentum** balance written on an arbitrarily shaped control volume,  $V$ , enclosed by a surface,  $S$ .

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Navier-Stokes Equation

Microscopic momentum balance is a vector equation.

energy

Microscopic Energy Balance:

Equation of Thermal Energy

Microscopic **energy** balance written on an arbitrarily shaped volume,  $V$ , enclosed by a surface,  $S$ .

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Gibbs notation:  $\rho c_p \left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + \underline{u} \cdot \nabla T \right) = k \nabla^2 T + S_p$  Fourier conduction

(incompressible fluid, constant pressure, neglect  $\dot{E}_v$ , viscous dissipation)

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**Is this  $\underline{v}$ ?**

**In transport (of momentum and energy) in homogeneous phases (not mixtures):**

local mass flow

$$\rho d\dot{V} = \rho(\hat{n} \cdot \underline{v}) dS$$

**What does this mean when applied to a mixture of A and B?**

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*mass* average velocity of individual molecules

(continuum is divided into mass "particles")

If, however, the **molar** average velocity  $\underline{v}^*$  of the molecules in a mixture is calculated, a local molar flow is readily obtained and **it is not the same as  $\underline{v}$** :

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**Law of Species Diffusion**

**QUESTION:**

Why so many versions of species A flux?

**Answer:**

"Breaking into" the continuum view to analyze the motion of individual species in a mixture complicates the situation. There are several options, and none is perfect.

**Species Fluxes**

The complexity of this topic is magnified by several different fluxes. The differences in the various fluxes are related to several questions:

Flux of what? (mass or moles)

Flux of what? (species or total mixture)

Flux of what? (relative to what velocity?)

Flux of what? (relative to what coordinate system?)

Flux of what? (relative to what reference frame?)

We are concerning ourselves with **sub-characteristics** of the continuum.

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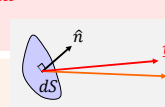
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## So, what's the answer?

**How do we write expressions for the two contributions to the average motion of molecules when diffusion is present?**

Two contributions:

- **Bulk motion**
- **Diffusion**

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The diagram shows a purple circle representing a molecule. Two vectors originate from it: a longer vector labeled  $\underline{v}_A$  (velocity of molecules of species A, on average) and a shorter vector labeled "diffusion contribution". A third vector, labeled "bulk motion contribution", is shown as the vector sum of the diffusion contribution and the average velocity  $\underline{v}_A$ .

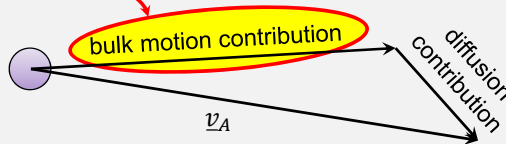
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**First Approach**

**How do we write expressions for the two contributions to the average motion of molecules when diffusion is present?**

Is this  $\underline{v}$ ?



$$\underline{v} = \omega_A \underline{v}_A + \omega_B \underline{v}_B$$

**Answer:**

**It can be. We have a choice as to how to write the bulk motion contribution.**

If the diffusion contribution is calculated as the mass flux relative to  $(\underline{v}_A - \underline{v})$ , then the model works.

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Choose: Bulk contribution expressed as  $\underline{v}$

bulk motion contribution  $\underline{v}$

$\underline{v}_A$

diffusion contribution

Now, what is this?

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Choose: Bulk contribution expressed as  $\underline{v}$

bulk motion contribution  $\underline{v}$

$\underline{v}_A$

diffusion contribution  $(\underline{v}_A - \underline{v})$

Start with mass flux:

Mass flux of *A*  $\equiv \frac{\text{mass } A \text{ diffusing}}{\text{area} \cdot \text{time}}$

$= (\underline{v}_A - \underline{v}) \rho \omega_A$

volumetric flow rate per area in the direction of diffusion

$= \left( \frac{\cancel{\text{volume}}}{\text{area} \cdot \text{time}} \right) \left( \frac{\text{mass } A}{\cancel{\text{volume}}} \right)$

$\equiv \underline{j}_A = -\rho D_{AB} \nabla \omega_A$

Fick's law in mass terms

Recall in a pipe:  $\frac{\dot{V}}{\text{area}} = \langle v \rangle$

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**How do we write expressions for the two contributions to the average motion of molecules when diffusion is present?**

**What if I want to use a molar flux?**

**Second Approach**

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**Second Approach**

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**Answer:**  
**This is possible too.**

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**bulk molar contribution  $\neq v$**

$v^* = x_A v_A + x_B v_B$

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What if I want to use a molar flux?

To be continued

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