

Transport to One-Speed Diffusion

Start: Transport equation. Assume: isotropic scattering, one energy group, Fick's law.

Start with the transport equation:

$$\left[\frac{1}{v} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \vec{\Omega} \cdot \nabla + \Sigma_t(\vec{r}, E, t) \right] \psi(\vec{r}, \vec{\Omega}, E, t) = \int_{4\pi} d\vec{\Omega}' \int_0^\infty dE' \Sigma_s(\vec{\Omega}' \rightarrow \vec{\Omega}, E' \rightarrow E) \psi(\vec{r}, \vec{\Omega}', E', t) + S$$

Where S is a source. The fission term would be:

$$\frac{X_p(E)}{4\pi} \int_0^E dE' \nu(E') \Sigma_f(E') \phi(\vec{r}, E', t)$$

To arrive at the diffusion equation, start by integrating over all angles. The terms, in order, are:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{v} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{4\pi} d\Omega \psi(\vec{r}, \vec{\Omega}, E, t) &= \frac{1}{v} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \phi(\vec{r}, E, t) \\ \int_{4\pi} d\Omega (\vec{\Omega} \cdot \nabla \psi(\vec{r}, \vec{\Omega}, E, t)) &= \nabla \cdot \int_{4\pi} d\Omega (\vec{\Omega} \psi(\vec{r}, \vec{\Omega}, E, t)) = \nabla \cdot \vec{J} \\ \int_{4\pi} d\Omega \Sigma_t(\vec{r}, E, t) \psi(\vec{r}, \vec{\Omega}, E, t) &= \Sigma_t(\vec{r}, E, t) \phi(\vec{r}, E, t) \\ \int_{4\pi} d\vec{\Omega} \int_{4\pi} d\vec{\Omega}' \int_0^\infty dE' \Sigma_s(\vec{\Omega}' \rightarrow \vec{\Omega}, E' \rightarrow E) \psi(\vec{r}, \vec{\Omega}', E', t) &= \int_0^\infty dE' \Sigma_s(E' \rightarrow E) \phi(\vec{r}, E', t) \end{aligned}$$

Assume one speed, producing the following equation:

$$\frac{1}{v} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \phi(\vec{r}, t) + \nabla \cdot \vec{J} + \Sigma_t(\vec{r}, t) \phi(\vec{r}, t) = \Sigma_s(\vec{r}, t) \phi(\vec{r}, E', t) + S$$

$$\frac{1}{v} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \phi(\vec{r}, t) + \nabla \cdot \vec{J} + \Sigma_a(\vec{r}, t) \phi(\vec{r}, t) = S$$

Substitute with Fick's Law $\vec{J} = -D \nabla \phi$

$$\frac{1}{v} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \phi(\vec{r}, t) - \nabla \cdot D \nabla \phi + \Sigma_a(\vec{r}, t) \phi(\vec{r}, t) = S$$