



# Introduction to Transport Phenomena

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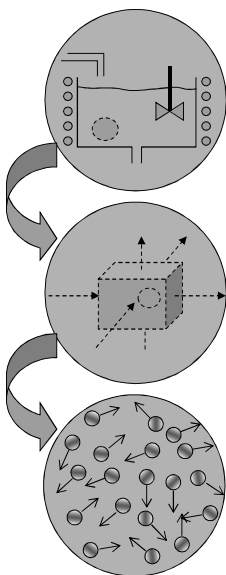
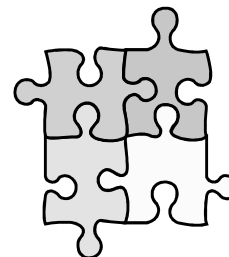
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## In this lecture...

- Introduction to transport phenomena
- Types of species
  - momentum, energy and mass
- Molecular transport of species
- Microscopic transport of species
- Macroscopic transport of species
- Inter-relation between these levels
- Construction of the rate equations





## Introduction

In engineering systems we encounter transport of species

Momentum – Energy – Mass

Transport of species is brought by  
various “forces”/ “driving potentials”

$$(\text{Net Change}) \propto \frac{(\text{Potential to change})}{(\text{Resistance to change})}$$

The relative magnitude of one potential with respect to  
some other potential will decide which change will dominate



## Transport phenomena vs Thermodynamics



### Thermodynamics

Global accounting of momentum, energy and mass

Feasibility of events under equilibrium conditions

No consideration of the mechanisms of species transport

Does not tell us how to compute the rate of species transport



$$\eta = \frac{\text{output}}{\text{input}}$$

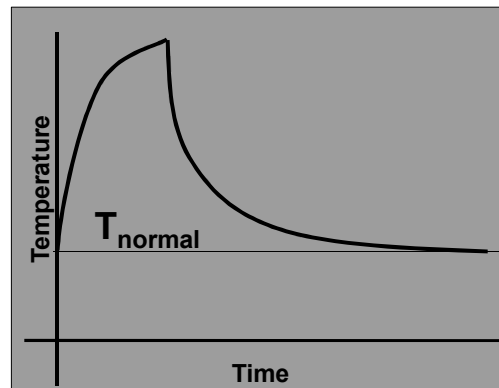


!! Transport of species is inherently a  
non-equilibrium process !!





## Common experience: burning a finger



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## The Convection problem for interface transport

Typically we encounter solid-fluid boundaries

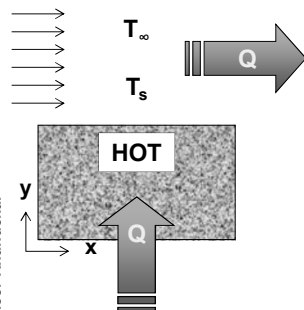
Net transport is linearly dependent on difference  
of driving potential at the interface

Newton's law of cooling

$$q'' = \frac{Q}{A_{cs}} = h \cdot (T_s - T_\infty) = -k_f \cdot \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} \bigg|_{y=0}$$

Similarly for mass transfer

$$N''_A = \frac{N}{A_{cs}} = h_m \cdot (C_{A,s} - C_{A,\infty}) = -D_{AB} \frac{\partial C_A}{\partial y} \bigg|_{y=0}$$



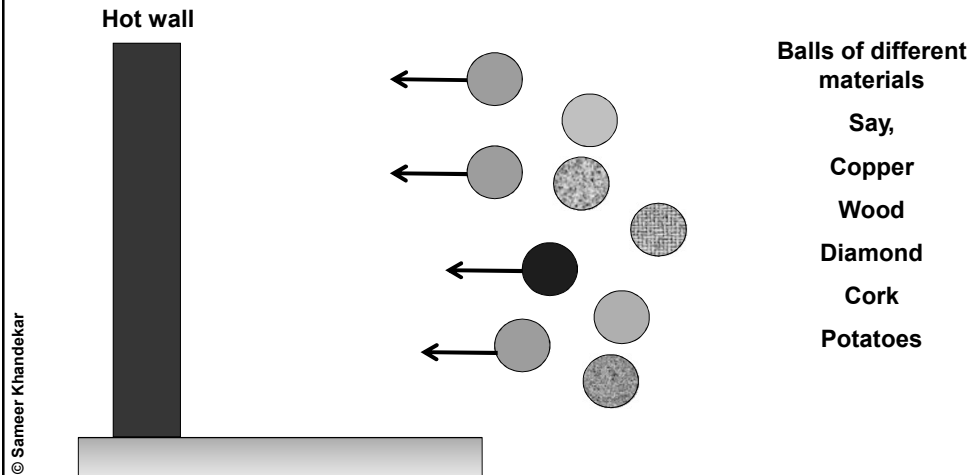
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Heat/Mass transfer coefficients are 'fudge' factors

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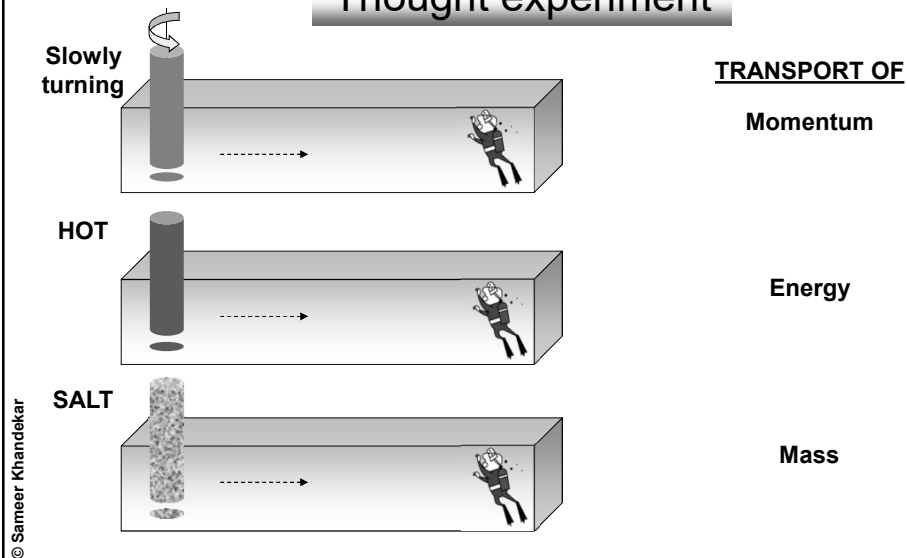
## Thermophysical properties on which transport depends



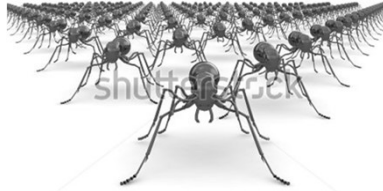
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## Thought experiment



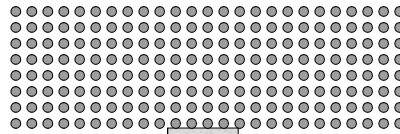
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## Army of ants



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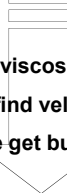


## Transport phenomenon – holistic view



- Length scales are different on the three levels
- Information must pass from molecular level to macroscopic level

- From molecular description we get viscosity thermal conductivity and diffusivity
- From microscopic description we find velocity, temperature and concentration,
- From macroscopic description we get bulk interactions and overall efficiency



Species conservation laws are applicable at all levels

Conservation of momentum

Conservation of energy

Conservation of mass

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## Transport phenomenon – holistic view

$$\text{Net Species Transport} = \sum (\text{Molecular Transport} + \text{Convective Transport})$$

- Momentum Transport = Molecular Momentum Transport + Convective Momentum Transport
- Energy Transport = Molecular Energy Transport + Convective Energy Transport
- Mass Transport = Molecular Mass Transport + Convective Mass Transport

Diffusion terms

Advection terms

Rate equations



## How to solve problems?

One way to solve problems is to solve the (coupled)  
**MOMENTUM, ENERGY AND MASS TRANSPORT RATE EQUATIONS**

Only simple problems have analytical solutions

Others need CFD/CHT for solving  
the complex partial differential equations

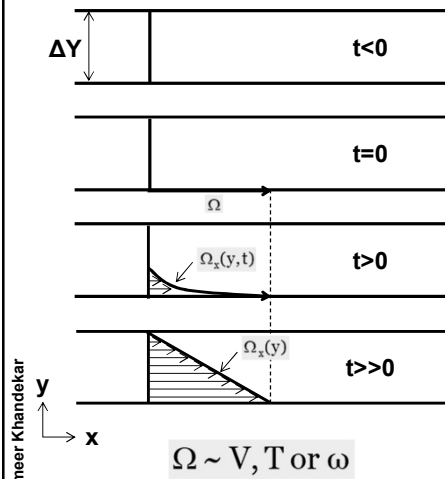


The other way is “more” practical and also very useful

Use experimental data and dimensional analysis to formulate  
semi empirical/empirical equations



## Molecular transport of species



Momentum ►► Newton's Law of viscosity

Energy ►► Fourier's Law of conductivity

Mass ►► Fick's Law of diffusion

Basic forms of equation  
(One dimensional/incompressible)

$$\frac{F}{A} = \tau = -(\mu) \frac{\Delta V}{\Delta Y}$$

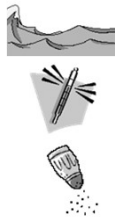
$$\frac{Q}{A} = q = -(k) \frac{\Delta T}{\Delta Y}$$

$$\frac{N_{Ay}}{A} = j_{Ay} = -(\rho D_{AB}) \frac{\Delta \omega_{Ay}}{\Delta Y}$$

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## Molecular transport of species



Momentum diffusivity =  $\mu / \rho$  also called  $\nu$

Thermal diffusivity =  $k / \rho C_p$  also called  $\alpha$

Mass diffusivity =  $D_{AB}$

!! ALL HAVE THE SAME DIMENSIONS !!  
(length)<sup>2</sup> / (time)

Taking any two at a time to form non-dimensional numbers

The Prandtl Number =  $Pr = \frac{\nu}{\alpha} = \frac{\mu C_p}{k}$

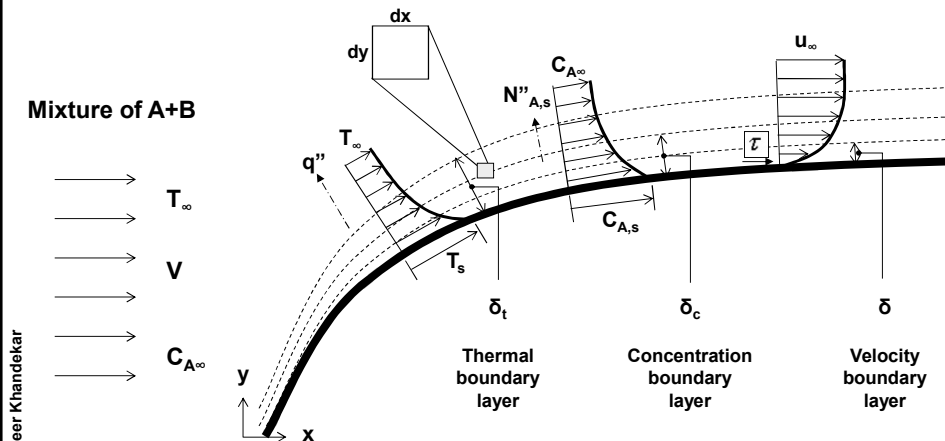
The Schmidt Number =  $Sc = \frac{\nu}{D_{AB}} = \frac{\mu}{\rho D_{AB}}$

The Lewis Number =  $Le = \frac{\alpha}{D_{AB}} = \frac{k}{\rho C_p D_{AB}}$

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## The concept of boundary layer



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## Implications of the boundary layers

Velocity boundary layer	► velocity gradients	► shear stress
Thermal boundary layer	► temperature gradients	► heat flux
Concentration boundary layer	► concentration gradients	► molar flux

For practical engineering design and applications the direct implications are:

Momentum transfer	► ► Friction Factor (non-dimensional shear stress)
Energy transfer	► ► Nusselt Number (heat transfer coefficient )
Mass Transfer	► ► Sherwood Number (mass transfer coefficient)

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## Scaling Laws

Connecting the molecular level to microscopic level

$$\frac{\delta}{\delta_t} \approx Pr^n \approx \frac{\text{Momentum diffusivity}}{\text{Thermal diffusivity}}$$

If  $Pr \sim 1 \Rightarrow \delta \sim \delta_t$  (gases)  
 If  $Pr \gg 1 \Rightarrow \delta_t \ll \delta$  (Oils)  
 If  $Pr \ll 1 \Rightarrow \delta_t \gg \delta$  (liquid metals)

Similarly

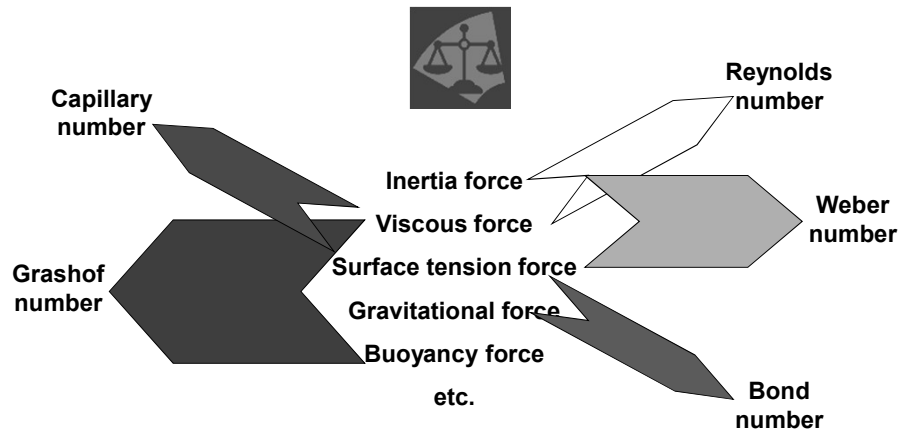
$$\frac{\delta}{\delta_c} \approx Sc^n \approx \frac{\text{Momentum diffusivity}}{\text{Mass diffusivity}}$$

$$\frac{\delta}{\delta_t} \approx Le^n \approx \frac{\text{Thermal diffusivity}}{\text{Mass diffusivity}}$$



## Scaling of transport mechanisms

Other “forces” OR “potentials” OR “effects”  
which bring about transport of species





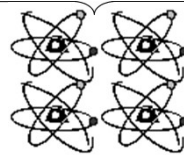
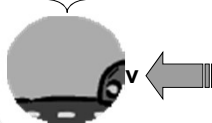
## Rate Equations

$$\rho \left( \frac{\partial v_i}{\partial t} + v_x \frac{\partial v_i}{\partial x} + v_y \frac{\partial v_i}{\partial y} + v_z \frac{\partial v_i}{\partial z} \right) = \mu \left( \frac{\partial^2 v_i}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v_i}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v_i}{\partial z^2} \right) - \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \quad | i = x, y, z$$

$$\rho C_p \left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + v_x \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} + v_y \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} + v_z \frac{\partial T}{\partial z} \right) = k \left( \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial z^2} \right)$$

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## Summary and Conclusions

- A holistic view of transport phenomena was provided
- “Thermodynamics” and “Transport Phenomena” are complimentary
- Momentum, energy and mass transport are guided by very similar laws
- Conservation of species is applicable in all cases
- Information at all levels: molecular, microscopic and macroscopic is needed
- Understanding can be improved by a unified study of specie transport
- Thermal/fluid management and design of thermal/fluid systems is indeed vital for the success of critical technologies and systems

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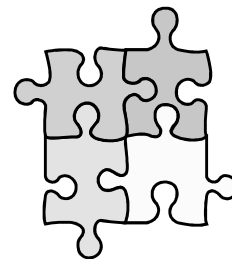


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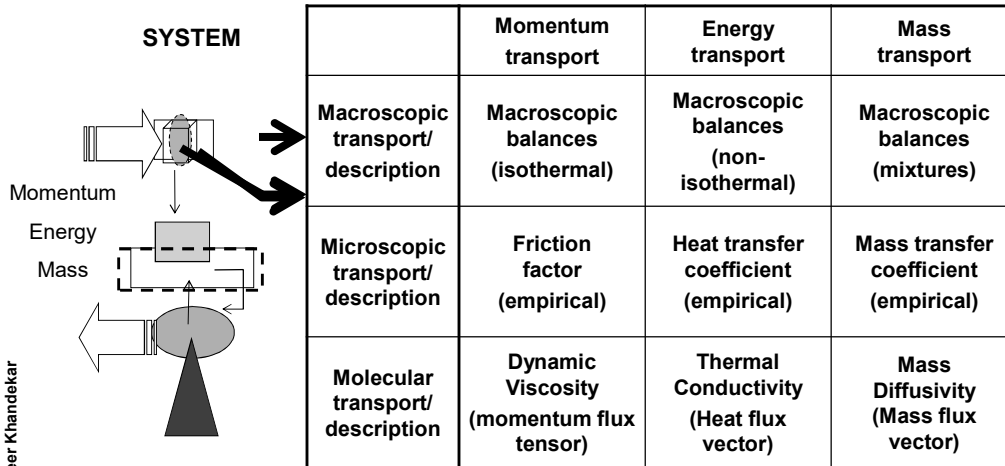
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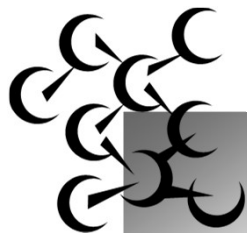


## Transport phenomenon – holistic view



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Molecular transport

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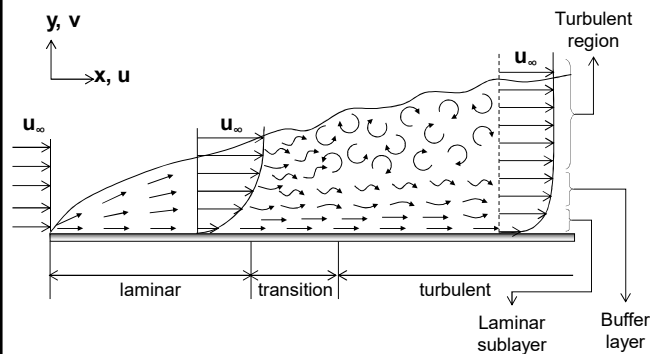
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## Microscopic transport



## Microscopic transport parameters



### Reynolds Number

Inertia force  
Viscous force

$$Re = \frac{(\rho \cdot V^2)}{(\mu \cdot V / L)} = \frac{\rho \cdot V \cdot L}{\mu}$$

Criterion for flow transition

**LAMINAR ► TURBULENT**

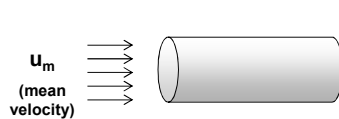
Laminar region ► Highly ordered flow ► streamlines

Turbulent region ► highly irregular, 3D ► enhanced species transport  
► increased boundary layer thickness ► mixing ► flatter velocity profile



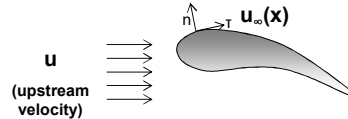
## Microscopic transport parameters

In engineering practice we usually encounter two types of flow



### Internal flows:

flow confined in a conduit, pipe, duct, etc. of constant cross section



### External flows:

Flow past a flat plate, submerged bodies, aerofoils, bluff bodies, etc.

### Force exerted by fluid on the object

- (a) Forces present even if the fluid is stationary (Buoyancy)
- (b) Forces due to fluid motion (frictional drag and form drag)

The motion of fluid is due to kinetic energy and we are interested to know how much of this kinetic energy is manifested as pressure drop/shear stress



## Microscopic transport parameters

Internal flows = Darcy friction factor 
$$f = \frac{-(dp/dx)D}{\frac{1}{2} \rho \cdot u_m^2}$$

External flows = Coefficient of friction 
$$C_f = \frac{\tau_s}{\frac{1}{2} \rho \cdot u_\infty^2} = \frac{(\text{Drag force per unit area})}{\frac{1}{2} \rho \cdot u^2}$$

(note the difference between basis velocities for kinetic energy scaling)

We can see that the functional form of these equations are in the form:

$$f \text{ or } C_f = \frac{2}{\text{Re}} \left. \frac{\partial u^*}{\partial y^*} \right|_{y^*=0} \approx F^n(\text{Re})$$

!! The significance of this result should not be overlooked !!



## Microscopic transport parameters

Now coming back to the definition of heat and mass transfer coefficients

$$h \cdot (T_s - T_\infty) = -k_f \cdot \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} \bigg|_{y=0}$$

$$h_m \cdot (C_{A,s} - C_{A,\infty}) = -D_{AB} \frac{\partial C_A}{\partial y} \bigg|_{y=0}$$

Again, it can be shown that the functional form of these equations are in the form:

$$h = \frac{k_f}{L} \frac{\partial T^*}{\partial y^*} \bigg|_{y^*=0} \quad \text{OR} \quad Nu = \frac{hL}{k_f} = \frac{\partial T^*}{\partial y^*} \bigg|_{y^*=0}$$

$$h_m = \frac{D_{AB}}{L} \frac{\partial C_A^*}{\partial y^*} \bigg|_{y^*=0} \quad \text{OR} \quad Sh = \frac{h_m L}{D_{AB}} = \frac{\partial C_{AB}^*}{\partial y^*} \bigg|_{y^*=0}$$



## Microscopic transport parameters

FINAL PICTURE WHICH EMERGES



$$C_f \approx \frac{\partial u^*}{\partial y^*} \bigg|_{y^*=0}$$

$$Nu \approx \frac{\partial T^*}{\partial y^*} \bigg|_{y^*=0}$$

$$Sh \approx \frac{\partial C_{AB}^*}{\partial y^*} \bigg|_{y^*=0}$$

The Nusselt Number is to the thermal boundary layer what the friction factor is to the velocity boundary layer

The Sherwood Number is to the concentration boundary layer what the Nusselt Number is to the thermal boundary layer

All three quantities manifest the non-dimensional gradients at the interface of the particular specie they respectively represent

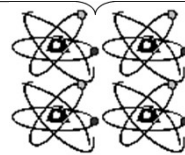
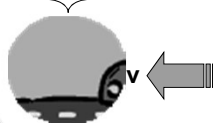


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