

Unit operation I

Diffusion

Sheet No. (1)

Q1) A gas is being transferred across a stagnant air film at total pressure of 100 kPa. The partial pressure of the gas is 40 kPa at one boundary of the film and 10 kPa at the other. If the partial pressure remains constant, calculate the total pressure to double the transfer rate of the gas.

Answer: $P_T = 64$ kPa

Q2) In a packed column operating at atmospheric pressure and 295 K, 10% ammonia - air mixture is scrubbed with water and the concentration is reduced to 0.1%. If the whole of the resistance to mass transfer may be regarded as lying within a thin laminar film on the gas side of the gas liquids interface, derive from the first principle an expression for the rate of absorption at any position in the column. At some intermediate point where the ammonia's concentration in the gas phase has been reduced to 5%, the partial pressure of ammonia is in equilibrium with the aqueous solution is 660 N/m², and the transfer flux is 10⁻³ kgmol/m².s. What is the thickness of the hypothetical gas film if the diffusivity of ammonia in air is 0.24 cm²/s?

Answer: $Z = 0.043$ mm.

Q3) In an experimental study of the absorption of ammonia by water in a wetted-wall column, the value of KG was found to be 2.75×10^{-6} kmol/m² · s · kPa. At one point in the column, the composition of the gas and liquid phases were 8.0 and 0.115 mole % NH₃, respectively. The temperature was 300 K and the total pressure was 1 atm. Eighty-five percent of the total resistance to mass transfer was found to be in the gas phase. At 300 K, ammonia-water solution follow Henry's law up to 5 mole % ammonia in the liquid, with $H = 1.64$ when the total pressure is 1 atm. Calculate the individual film coefficients and the interfacial concentrations.

Answers: $K_g = 3.28 \times 10^{-4}$ kmol/m² · s, $K_L = 3.05 \times 10^{-3}$ kmol/m² · s, $y_A^* = 1.886 \times 10^{-3}$

$N_A = 2.18 \times 10^{-5}$ kmol/m² · s, $y_{Ai} = 0.01362$, $x_{Ai} = 8.305 \times 10^{-3}$

Q4) A chamber, of volume 1 m³, contains air at a temperature of 293 K and a pressure of 101.3 kN/m², with a partial pressure of water vapour of 0.8 kN/m². A bowl of liquid with a free surface of 0.01 m² and maintained at a temperature of 303 K is introduced into the

chamber. ^tHow long will it take for the air to become 90% saturated at 293 K and how much ^{mass} water must be evaporated?

The diffusivity of water vapour in air is $2.4 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$ and the mass transfer resistance is equivalent to that of a stagnant gas film of thickness 0.25 mm. Neglect the effects of bulk flow. Saturation vapour pressure of water is 4.3 kN/m^2 at 303 K and 2.3 kN/m^2 at 293 K.

Answers: $\text{mass}_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} = 9.38 \times 10^{-3} \text{ kg}$, $t = 604 \text{ s}$

Stagnant layer $P_{T1} = 100 \text{ kPa}$

$$P_{A1} = 40 \text{ kPa}$$

$$P_{A2} = 10 \text{ kPa}$$

constant in second condition

$$P_{T2} = ? \text{ If } N_{A2} = 2 N_{A1}$$

$$N_A = \frac{P_T \cdot D_{AB}}{ZRT} \cdot \ln \left[\frac{P_T - P_{A2}}{P_T - P_{A1}} \right]$$

For N_{A1} :-

$$N_{A1} = \frac{P_{T1} \cdot D_{AB1}}{ZRT} \cdot \ln \left[\frac{P_{T1} - P_{A2}}{P_{T1} - P_{A1}} \right] \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

For N_{A2} :-

$$N_{A2} = \frac{P_{T2} \cdot D_{AB2}}{ZRT} \cdot \ln \left[\frac{P_{T2} - P_{A2}}{P_{T2} - P_{A1}} \right] \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$N_{A2} = 2 N_{A1}$$

divide eq.1 in eq.2:-

$$\frac{N_{A1}}{2 N_{A1}} = \frac{\frac{P_{T1} \cdot D_{AB1}}{ZRT} \cdot \ln \left[\frac{P_{T1} - P_{A2}}{P_{T1} - P_{A1}} \right]}{\frac{P_{T2} \cdot D_{AB2}}{ZRT} \cdot \ln \left[\frac{P_{T2} - P_{A2}}{P_{T2} - P_{A1}} \right]}$$
$$\frac{1}{2} = \frac{D_{AB1} \cdot P_{T1}}{D_{AB2} \cdot P_{T2}} \cdot \frac{\ln \left[\frac{P_{T1} - P_{A2}}{P_{T1} - P_{A1}} \right]}{\ln \left[\frac{P_{T2} - P_{A2}}{P_{T2} - P_{A1}} \right]} \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

However

$$D_{AB1} \propto \frac{1}{P_{T1}} \quad \text{and} \quad D_{AB2} \propto \frac{1}{P_{T2}}$$

$$D_{AB1} = \frac{B}{P_{T1}} \quad \text{and} \quad D_{AB2} = \frac{B}{P_{T2}}$$

$$\frac{D_{AB1}}{D_{AB2}} = \frac{B/P_{T1}}{B/P_{T2}} \rightarrow \frac{D_{AB1}}{D_{AB2}} = \frac{P_{T2}}{P_{T1}}$$

$$D_{AB2} = \frac{D_{AB1} \cdot P_{T1}}{P_{T2}} \quad \text{--- (4)}$$



sub eq.4 in eq.3 for DAB_2

$$\frac{1}{2} = \frac{DAB_2 * P_{T1}}{DAB_2 * P_{T2} * P_{T2}} * \frac{\ln \left[\frac{P_{T1} - P_{A2}}{P_{T1} - P_{A1}} \right]}{\ln \left[\frac{P_{T2} - P_{A2}}{P_{T2} - P_{A1}} \right]}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} = \frac{\ln \left[\frac{P_{T2} - P_{A2}}{P_{T2} - P_{A1}} \right]}{\ln \left[\frac{P_{T2} - P_{A2}}{P_{T2} - P_{A1}} \right]} \rightarrow \frac{1}{2} = \frac{\ln \left[\frac{100 - 10}{100 - 40} \right]}{\ln \left[\frac{P_{T2} - 10}{P_{T2} - 40} \right]}$$

$$0.5 = \frac{0.4054651081}{\ln \left[\frac{P_{T2} - 10}{P_{T2} - 40} \right]} \rightarrow \ln \left[\frac{P_{T2} - 10}{P_{T2} - 40} \right] = \frac{0.4054651081}{0.5}$$

$$\ln \left[\frac{P_{T2} - 10}{P_{T2} - 40} \right] = 0.8109302162$$

$$e^{\ln \left[\frac{P_{T2} - 10}{P_{T2} - 40} \right]} = e^{0.8109302162}$$

$$\frac{P_{T2} - 10}{P_{T2} - 40} = 2.25$$

$$P_{T2} - 10 = 2.25(P_{T2} - 40)$$

$$P_{T2} - 10 = 2.25P_{T2} - 90$$

$$P_{T2} - 2.25P_{T2} = 10 - 90$$

$$-1.25P_{T2} = -80$$

$$P_{T2} = \frac{-80}{-1.25}$$

$$P_{T2} = 64 \text{ kPa}$$

12.1

$$Y_{A1} = 0.05 \quad T = 295 \text{ K} \quad P_T = 101.3 \text{ kPa}$$

$$P_{A2} = 660 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{m}^2} \times \frac{1 \text{ Pa}}{1 \text{ N/m}^2} \times \frac{1 \text{ kPa}}{1000 \text{ Pa}} = 0.66 \text{ kPa}$$

$$N_A = 10^{-3} \text{ kgmol/m}^2 \text{ s} \quad D_{AB} = 0.24 \frac{\text{cm}^2}{\text{s}} \times \frac{1 \text{ m}^2}{10000 \text{ cm}^2} = 0.24 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$$

$$Z = ?$$

$$N_A = J_A + C_A V \text{ ---- (1)}$$

$$N_T = N_A + N_B = C_T \cdot V \rightarrow V = \frac{N_A + N_B}{C_T} \text{ ---- (2)}$$

plug eq. (2) in eq. (1) for V :-

$$N_A = -D_{AB} \frac{dC_A}{dz} + \frac{C_A}{C_T} (N_A + N_B)$$

$$PV = nRT \rightarrow P = \frac{n}{V} RT \rightarrow P_T = C_T RT$$

$$C_T = P_T / RT$$

$$C_A = P_A / RT$$

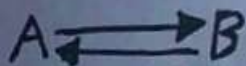
$$\frac{C_A}{C_T} = \frac{P_A / RT}{P_T / RT} \rightarrow \frac{C_A}{C_T} = \frac{P_A}{P_T}$$

derivative for $C_A = P_A / RT$

$$dC_A = 1/RT dP_A$$

$$N_A = -\frac{D_{AB}}{RT} \times \frac{dP_A}{dz} + \frac{P_A}{P_T} (N_A + N_B)$$

for equilibrium Diffusion:-



$$N_A = -\frac{D_{AB}}{RT} \times \frac{dP_A}{dz} + \frac{P_A}{P_T} (N_A + N_B)$$

$$N_B = -N_A$$

$$N_A = -\frac{D_{AB}}{RT} \times \frac{dP_A}{dz} + \frac{P_A}{P_T} (N_A - N_A)$$

$$N_A = -\frac{D_{AB}}{RT} \times \frac{dP_A}{dz} + 0$$



$$N_A = -\frac{D_{AB}}{RT} * \frac{dP_A}{dz}$$

$$N_A * dz = -\frac{D_{AB}}{RT} dP_A$$

$$N_A \int_0^z dz = -\frac{D_{AB}}{RT} \int_{P_{A1}}^{P_{A2}} dP_A$$

$$N_A * z = -\frac{D_{AB}}{RT} (P_{A1} - P_{A2})$$

$$N_A * z = -\frac{D_{AB}}{RT} (P_{A1} - P_{A2})$$

$$N_A = \frac{D_{AB}}{zRT} (P_{A1} - P_{A2})$$

$$z = \frac{D_{AB}}{N_A RT} (P_{A1} - P_{A2})$$

$$Y_{A1} = \frac{P_{A1}}{P_T} \rightarrow P_{A1} = Y_{A1} * P_T \rightarrow P_{A1} = 0.05 * 101.33 \rightarrow \boxed{P_{A1} = 5.0665 \text{ kPa}}$$

$$z = \frac{0.24 * 10^{-4}}{10^{-3} * 8.314 * 295} * (5.0665 - 0.66)$$

$$z = 4.3 * 10^{-5} \text{ m} * \frac{1000 \text{ mm}}{1 \text{ m}}$$

$$\boxed{z = 0.043 \text{ mm}}$$

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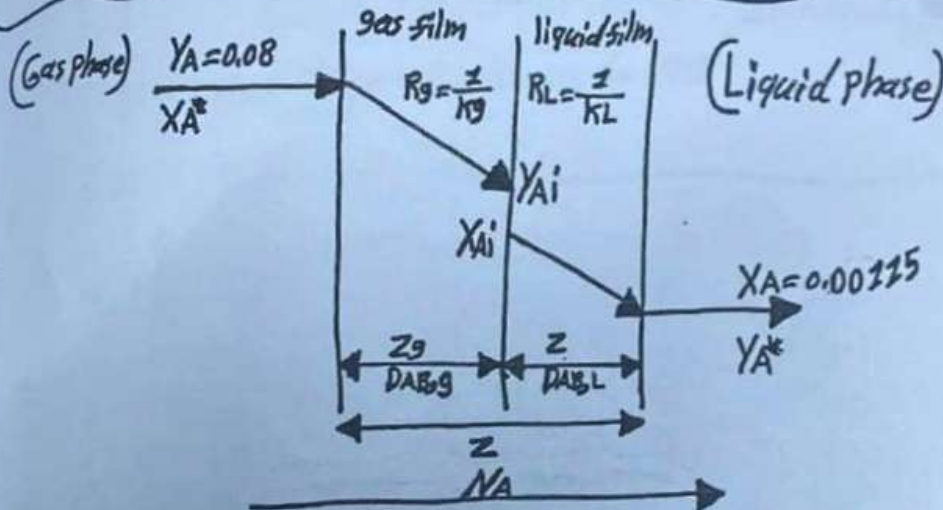
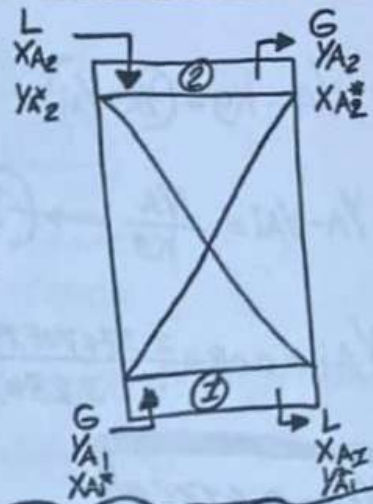
$$K_g = 2.75 \times 10^6 \text{ kmole/m}^2 \cdot \text{s} \cdot \text{kPa}$$

$$Y_A = 0.08 \text{ NH}_3 \quad T = 300 \text{ K}$$

$$X_A = 0.00115 \text{ NH}_3 \quad P_T = 1 \text{ atm} = \frac{101.33 \text{ kPa}}{1 \text{ atm}} = 101.33 \text{ kPa}$$

$$K_g = 0.85 KOG \text{ so } K_L = 0.15 KOG \quad H = 1.64$$

$$K_g = ? \quad K_L = ? \quad Y_{Ai} = ? \quad X_{Ai} = ?$$



$$KOG = K_g \cdot P_T \rightarrow KOG = 2.75 \times 10^6 \cdot 101.33 = 2.786575 \times 10^8 \text{ kmole/m}^2 \cdot \text{s}$$

$$\frac{1}{K_g} = 0.85 \frac{1}{KOG} \rightarrow \frac{1}{K_g} = 0.85 \cdot \frac{1}{2.786575 \times 10^8} \rightarrow K_g = \frac{2.786575 \times 10^8}{0.85} \rightarrow K_g = 3.28 \times 10^8 \text{ kmole/m}^2 \cdot \text{s}$$

$$\frac{H}{K_L} = 0.15 \frac{1}{KOG} \rightarrow K_L = \frac{KOG \cdot H}{0.15} \rightarrow K_L = \frac{2.786575 \times 10^8 \cdot 1.64}{0.15} \rightarrow K_L = 3.05 \times 10^9 \text{ kmole/m}^2 \cdot \text{s}$$

$$Y_A^* = H \cdot X_A \rightarrow Y_A^* = 1.64 \cdot 0.00115 \rightarrow Y_A^* = 1.886 \times 10^{-3}$$

$$N_A = KOG (Y_A - Y_A^*)$$

$$N_A = 2.786575 \times 10^8 \cdot (0.08 - 1.886 \times 10^{-3})$$

$$N_A = 2.176705196 \times 10^5 \text{ kmol/m}^2 \cdot \text{s}$$

$$N_A = k_g * (Y_A - Y_{Ai})$$

$$Y_A - Y_{Ai} = \frac{N_A}{k_g} \rightarrow (-Y_{Ai} = \frac{N_A}{k_g} - Y_A) * -1 \rightarrow Y_{Ai} = Y_A - \frac{N_A}{k_g}$$

$$Y_{Ai} = 0.08 - \frac{2.176705196 \times 10^{-5}}{3.28 \times 10^{-4}}$$

$$Y_{Ai} = 0.01362$$

$$Y_{Ai} = H X_{Ai}$$

$$X_{Ai} = \frac{Y_{Ai}}{H}$$

$$X_{Ai} = \frac{0.01362}{1.64}$$

$$X_{Ai} = 8.305 \times 10^{-3}$$

3.B

chamber

$$V = 1 \text{ m}^3$$

$$T = 293 \text{ K}$$

$$P_T = 101.3 \text{ kN/m}^2 * \frac{1 \text{ kPa}}{1 \text{ kN/m}^2} = 101.3 \text{ kPa}$$

$$P_{A1} = 0.8 \text{ kN/m}^2 * \frac{2 \text{ kPa}}{1 \text{ kN/m}^2} = 0.8 \text{ kPa}$$

Neglect the effect of bulk flow

$$P_{A1}^* = 4.3 \text{ kN/m}^2 * \frac{2 \text{ kPa}}{1 \text{ kN/m}^2} = 4.3 \text{ kPa at } T = 303 \text{ K}$$

$$P_{A2}^* = 2.3 \text{ kN/m}^2 * \frac{2 \text{ kPa}}{1 \text{ kN/m}^2} = 2.3 \text{ kPa at } T = 293 \text{ K}$$

Bowl



$$A = 0.01 \text{ m}^2$$

$$T = 303 \text{ K}$$

$t = ?$ mass $\text{H}_2\text{O} = ?$ Is %90 saturated

$$D_{AB} = 2.4 * 10^{-5} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$$

$$Z = 0.25 \text{ m} * \frac{1 \text{ m}}{10000 \text{ m}} = 0.00025 \text{ m}$$

$$N_A = J_A + C_A V$$

$$N_A = -D_{AB} \frac{dC_A}{dz} + C_A V$$

Neglect the effect of bulk flow so

$$N_A = -D_{AB} \frac{dC_A}{dz} + \overset{0}{C_A V}$$

$$N_A = -D_{AB} \frac{dC_A}{dz}$$

$$N_A dz = -D_{AB} dC_A$$

$$N_A \int_0^Z dz = -D_{AB} \int_{C_{A1}}^{C_{A2}} dC_A$$

$$N_A * Z = D_{AB} (C_{A1} - C_{A2})$$

$$N_A * Z = D_{AB} (C_{A1} - C_{A2})$$



$$N_A = \frac{D_{AB}}{Z} (C_{A1} - C_{A2})$$

$$X_{A1} = \frac{C_{A1}}{C_T} \rightarrow C_{A1} = X_{A1} * C_T$$

$$X_{A2} = \frac{C_{A2}}{C_T} \rightarrow C_{A2} = X_{A2} * C_T$$

$$N_A = \frac{D_{AB}}{Z} (X_{A1} * C_T - X_{A2} * C_T)$$

$$\left[N_A = \frac{D_{AB} * C_T}{Z} (X_{A1} - X_{A2}) \right] * A$$

\downarrow
 $\frac{\text{kgmol}}{\text{m}^2 \cdot \text{s}}$

$$\overline{N}_A \left[\frac{\text{kgmol}}{\text{s}} \right] = \frac{D_{AB} * A * C_T}{Z} * (X_{A1} - X_{A2})$$

$$\frac{dn}{dt} = \frac{D_{AB} * A * C_T}{Z} * (X_{A1} - X_{A2})$$

$$PV = nRT \rightarrow P = \frac{n}{V} RT \rightarrow P_T = C_T RT \rightarrow C_T = \frac{P_T}{RT} \rightarrow C_T = \frac{1013}{8.314 * 303}$$

$$C_T = 0.0402 \text{ kmol/m}^3 \text{ at } 303 \text{ K}$$

$$X_{A1} = \frac{P_{A1}}{P_T} = \frac{4.3}{1013} = 0.04244817374$$

$$X_{A2} = \frac{P_{A2}}{P_T} = \frac{1}{1013} P_{A2} \rightarrow X_{A2} = 9.872 * 10^{-3} P_{A2}$$

$$\frac{dn}{dt} = \frac{2.4 * 10^{-5} * 0.01 * 0.0402}{0.00025} * (0.04244817374 - 9.872 * 10^{-3} P_{A2})$$

$$\frac{dn}{dt} = 3.8592 * 10^{-5} * (0.04244817374 - 9.872 * 10^{-3} P_{A2})$$

$$\frac{dn}{dt} = 1.64 * 10^{-6} - 3.81 * 10^{-7} P_{A2} \text{ --- (1)}$$

W.O.

For the room 1-

$$\frac{P_1 V_1}{n_1 R T_1} = \frac{P_2 V_2}{n_2 R T_2} \rightarrow n_1 = \frac{P_1 \cdot V_1 \cdot n_2 \cdot T_2}{P_2 \cdot V_2 \cdot T_1}$$

let $P_1 = P_{A2}$

$$n_1 = \frac{P_{A2} \cdot V_1 \cdot n_2 \cdot T_2}{P_2 \cdot V_2 \cdot T_1} \rightarrow n_1 = \frac{P_{A2} \cdot 1 \cdot 1 \cdot 273}{101.3 \cdot 22.4 \cdot 293}$$

$$n_1 = 4.10676026 \cdot 10^{-4} P_{A2} \text{ Derivation over } dt$$

$$\frac{dn}{dt} = 4.10676026 \cdot 10^{-4} \frac{dP_{A2}}{dt} \text{ --- (2)}$$

sub eq. 2 in eq. 1

$$\left[4.10676026 \cdot 10^{-4} \frac{dP_{A2}}{dt} = 1.64 \cdot 10^{-6} - 3.81 \cdot 10^{-7} P_{A2} \right] \div 3.81 \cdot 10^{-7}$$

$$1077.889832 \frac{dP_{A2}}{dt} = (4.3 - P_{A2})$$

$$\frac{dP_{A2}}{(4.3 - P_{A2})} = \frac{1}{1077.889832} dt$$

$$\int_{P_{A1}}^{P_{A2}} \frac{1}{4.3 - P_{A2}} dP_{A2} = \frac{-1}{-1} = 9.277385966 \cdot 10^{-4} \int_0^t dt$$

$$-\int_{P_{A1}}^{P_{A2}} \frac{-1}{4.3 - P_{A2}} dP_{A2} = 9.277385966 \cdot 10^{-4} \int_0^t dt$$

$$-\left[\ln(4.3 - P_{A2}) - \ln(4.3 - P_{A1}) \right] = 9.277385966 \cdot 10^{-4} t$$

$$-\left[\ln(4.3 - 2.3) - \ln(4.3 - 0.8) \right] = 9.277385966 \cdot 10^{-4} t$$

$$t = \frac{-\ln \left[\frac{4.3 - 2.3}{4.3 - 0.8} \right]}{9.277385966 \cdot 10^{-4}} \rightarrow \boxed{t = 604.5}$$

For the room:-

$$P_T \cdot V_T = n_T R T \rightarrow n_T = \frac{P_T \cdot V_T}{R T} \rightarrow n_T = \frac{101.3 \times 1}{8.314 \times 293} \rightarrow n_T = 0.0416 \text{ kmole}$$

$$Y_1 = \frac{P_{A1}}{P_T} \rightarrow Y_1 = \frac{0.8}{101.3} \rightarrow Y_1 = 7.9 \times 10^{-3}$$

$$Y_1 = \frac{n_{H_2O}}{n_T} \rightarrow n_{H_2O} = Y_1 \cdot n_T \rightarrow n_{H_2O} = 7.9 \times 10^{-3} \times 0.0416 \rightarrow n_{H_2O} = 3.2864 \times 10^{-4} \text{ kmole}$$

$$Y_2 = \frac{P_{A2}^*}{P_T} = \frac{2.3}{101.3} = 0.0227$$

$$Y_2 = \frac{n_{N_2H_2O}}{n_T} \rightarrow n_{N_2H_2O} = Y_2 \cdot n_T \times 5 \rightarrow n_{N_2H_2O} = 0.0227 \times 0.0416 \times 0.9$$

$$n_{N_2H_2O} = 8.5 \times 10^{-4} \text{ kmole}$$

$$n_{\text{Water evaporate}} = n_{N_2H_2O} - n_{H_2O}$$

$$n_{\text{Water evaporate}} = 8.5 \times 10^{-4} - 3.2864 \times 10^{-4} = 5.2136 \times 10^{-4} \text{ kmole}$$

$$\text{Mass water evaporate} = M_{H_2O} \times n_{\text{water evaporate}}$$

$$\text{Mass water evaporate} = 18 \times 5.2136 \times 10^{-4}$$

$$\text{Mass water evaporate} = 9.38 \times 10^{-3} \text{ kg}$$

W.D.