

## CHAPTER 28: CONVECTIVE MASS TRANSFER

### *Introduction*

**Convection** is the transfer of mass in the form of flux from a *SOURCE* maintained at a high concentration to a *SINK* maintained at a lower concentration across a boundary layer formed by a fluid (either gas or liquid) flowing over a boundary surface (liquid or solid). The rate of mass transfer is promoted by the rate of fluid flow over the boundary surface.

If the material containing a high concentration of transferring species *A* forming the boundary surface is the *SOURCE*, the fluid containing a lower concentration of *A* flowing over the surface is the *SINK*.

If a fluid containing a high concentration of transferring species *A* flowing over the boundary surface is the *SOURCE*, then the material containing a lower concentration of *A* that forms the boundary surface is the *SINK*.

In *forced convection*, the fluid flow is externally generated by a fan or pump.

In *natural convection*, fluid in contact with a solid boundary that is at a temperature different than the fluid creates a temperature-driven density difference in the fluid. This density difference generates a circulation pattern within the fluid phase.

Forced Convection:

*Fluid flow over a flat plate (characteristic length = length  $L$  in direction of flow)*

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*Fluid flow around a sphere (characteristic length = diameter  $D$ )*

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*Fluid flow inside a tube (characteristic length = inner diameter  $D$ )*

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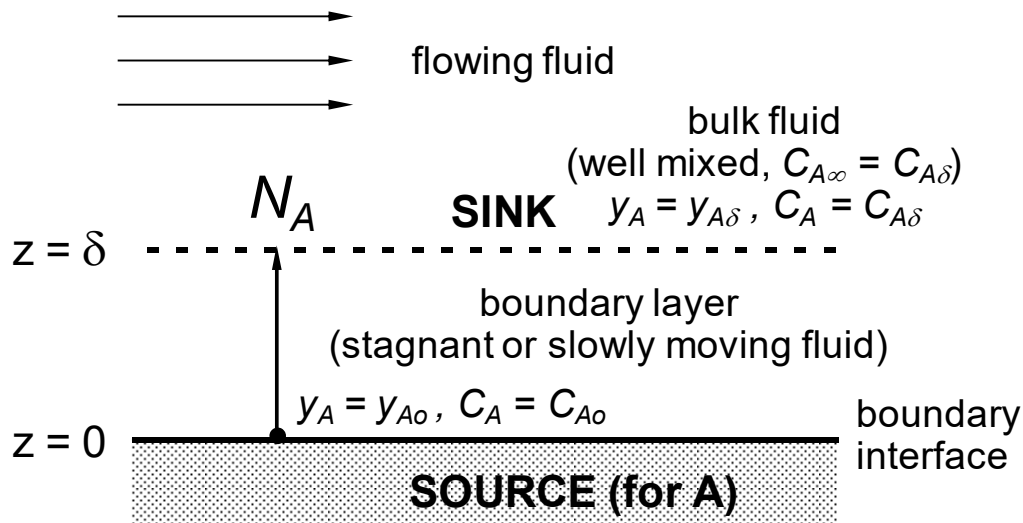
*Fluid crossflow around the outside of a tube (characteristic length = outer diameter  $D$ )*

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Ultimately, our goal is to estimate the convective mass transfer coefficient “ $k_c$ ” for all of these fluid flow situations using dimensionless groups for convection mass transfer.

## 28.1 Fundamental Considerations in Convective Mass Transfer

**Film Theory** presumes that the concentration gradient for mass transfer completely lies in a stagnant, quiescent fluid film formed at the boundary between a flowing fluid and a surface or interface



$N_A \propto$  *concentration difference* across film (boundary layer)

$$N_A = k_c (C_{A0} - C_{A\delta}) = k_c C (y_{A0} - y_{A\delta}) = k_y (y_{A0} - y_{A\delta})$$

$$k = \text{convective mass transfer coefficient} \equiv \frac{\text{Flux}}{\text{concentration *difference* (driving force)}}$$

***Film Theory Concept of Convective Mass Transfer (continued)***

Consider

- Steady state process
- Binary mixture of species A (solute) and B (the carrier fluid)
- 1-D flux *across the film* along position  $z$

$$N_A = -CD_{AB} \frac{dy_A}{dz} + y_A(N_A + N_B)$$

***Case 1: UMD Process ( $N_B = 0$ )***

$$N_A = -CD_{AB} \frac{dy_A}{dz} + y_A N_A$$

$$N_A = -\frac{CD_{AB}}{1 - y_A} \frac{dy_A}{dz} \quad \text{note } N_{A,z} \text{ is constant along } z$$

$\delta$  = thickness of the “film” or hydrodynamic boundary layer

Integrate from  $y_{Ao}$  at  $z = 0$  to  $y_{A\delta}$  at  $z = \delta$

$$N_A = \frac{CD_{AB}}{\delta} \ln \left[ \frac{1 - y_{A\delta}}{1 - y_{Ao}} \right]$$

Define the "log mean" composition for stagnant species B in the film ( $y_B = 1 - y_A$ )

$$y_{B,lm} = (1 - y_A)_{lm} = \frac{(1 - y_{A\delta}) - (1 - y_{Ao})}{\ln \left[ \frac{1 - y_{A\delta}}{1 - y_{Ao}} \right]}$$

$$N_A = \frac{CD_{AB}}{\delta (1 - y_A)_{lm}} [y_{Ao} - y_{A\delta}] = \frac{D_{AB}}{\delta (1 - y_A)_{lm}} [C_{Ao} - C_{A\delta}] = k_c [C_{Ao} - C_{A\delta}]$$

**Case 2. EMCD Process ( $N_{A,z} = -N_{B,z}$ )**

$$N_A = -C D_{AB} \frac{dy_A}{dz}$$

Integrate from  $y_{Ao}$  at  $z = 0$  to  $y_{A\delta}$  at  $z = \delta$

$$N_A = \frac{C D_{AB}}{\delta} [y_{Ao} - y_{A\delta}] = \frac{D_{AB}}{\delta} [C_{Ao} - C_{A\delta}] = k_c^o [C_{Ao} - C_{A\delta}]$$

Let

$$k_c^o = \frac{D_{AB}}{\delta} \quad \text{and} \quad k_c = \frac{D_{AB}}{\delta (1 - y_A)_{lm}} \quad \text{as } \delta \downarrow, \quad k_c \uparrow$$

and

$$k_y^o = \frac{C D_{AB}}{\delta} \quad \text{and} \quad k_y = \frac{C D_{AB}}{\delta (1 - y_A)_{lm}} \quad \text{as } y_A \rightarrow 0, \quad k_y^o \rightarrow k_y$$

Compare UMD to EMCD:

$$k_y^o = k_y (1 - y_A)_{lm}$$

Dilute system with respect to species A ( $y_A < 0.05$  as a “rule of thumb”)

$$(1 - y_A)_{lm} \approx 1 - y_A$$

Very dilute system with respect to species A ( $y_A < 0.01$  as a “rule of thumb”)

$$(1 - y_A)_{lm} \approx 1$$

For dilute solutions, mass transfer coefficients will be estimated by considering

- The hydrodynamic conditions of the fluid/boundary surface that determine “ $\delta$ ”
- The physical properties of the species in the mixture (e.g. fluid density, fluid viscosity, diffusion coefficients of solute A in fluid B)
- “Dimensionless Groups” for mass transfer

## 28.2 & 28.3 Significant Parameters / Dimensional Analysis of Convective Mass Transfer

### *Dimensionless Groups in Convective Mass Transfer*

#### **New friend: Sherwood Number, $Sh$**

(also called Nusselt Number for Mass Transfer,  $Nu_{AB}$ )

$$Sh = \frac{k_c L}{D_{AB}} = Nu_{AB} = \frac{\text{convective mass transfer rate}}{\text{diffusion mass transfer rate}}$$

$k_c$  = convective mass transfer coefficient based on concentration ( $C_A$ ) difference, m/sec

$L$  = “characteristic length” defined by hydrodynamic conditions and dimensional analysis, m

$D_{AB}$  = molecular diffusion coefficient of transferring solute A in carrier medium B, m<sup>2</sup>/sec

Compare to an old friend: *Nusselt Number* for Heat Transfer

$$Nu = \frac{h L}{k} = \frac{\text{convective heat transfer rate}}{\text{conduction heat transfer rate}}$$

$h$  = convective heat transfer coefficient, J/sec · m<sup>2</sup> · K

$k$  = thermal conductivity of the fluid medium (A and B), J/sec · m · K

#### **New friend: Schmidt Number, $Sc$**

$$Sc = \frac{\nu}{D_{AB}} = \frac{\mu}{\rho D_{AB}} = \frac{\text{momentum diffusivity, } \nu = \frac{\mu}{\rho}}{\text{molecular diffusivity}}$$

$\rho$  = mass density of fluid medium (A and B), kg/m<sup>3</sup>

$\mu$  = viscosity of fluid medium (A and B), kg/m-sec

$\nu$  = “kinematic viscosity” of the fluid medium (A and B), m<sup>2</sup>/sec

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For dilute solutions, note

$$Sc = \cong \frac{\mu_B}{\rho_B D_{AB}}$$

Compare to an old friend: Prandtl Number for Heat Transfer ( $Pr$ )

$$Pr = \frac{\nu}{\alpha} = \frac{\mu C_p}{k} = \frac{\text{momentum diffusivity, } \nu = \frac{\mu}{\rho}}{\text{thermal diffusivity, } \alpha = \frac{k}{\rho C_p}}$$

$\alpha$  = thermal diffusivity of fluid medium (A and B), m<sup>2</sup>/sec

$C_p$  = mean heat capacity of fluid medium (A and B), J/kg-K

### Lewis Number, $Le$

$$Le = \frac{\alpha}{D_{AB}} = \frac{\text{thermal diffusivity}}{\text{molecular diffusivity}}$$

**A dear friend: Reynolds Number,  $Re$**  (forced convection)

$$Re = \frac{\rho v_{\infty} L}{\mu} = \frac{v_{\infty} L}{\nu} = \frac{\text{inertial flow}}{\text{viscous flow}} \quad v_{\infty} = \text{bulk fluid velocity, m/sec}$$

$Sh = f(Re, Sc)$  for forced convection

$Nu = f(Re, Pr)$  for forced convection

### Peclet Number for Forced Convection Mass Transfer, $Pe_{AB}$

$$Pe_{AB} = Re Sc = \frac{\text{transfer of matter with flow}}{\text{diffusion transport}} = \frac{v_{\infty} L}{D_{AB}}$$

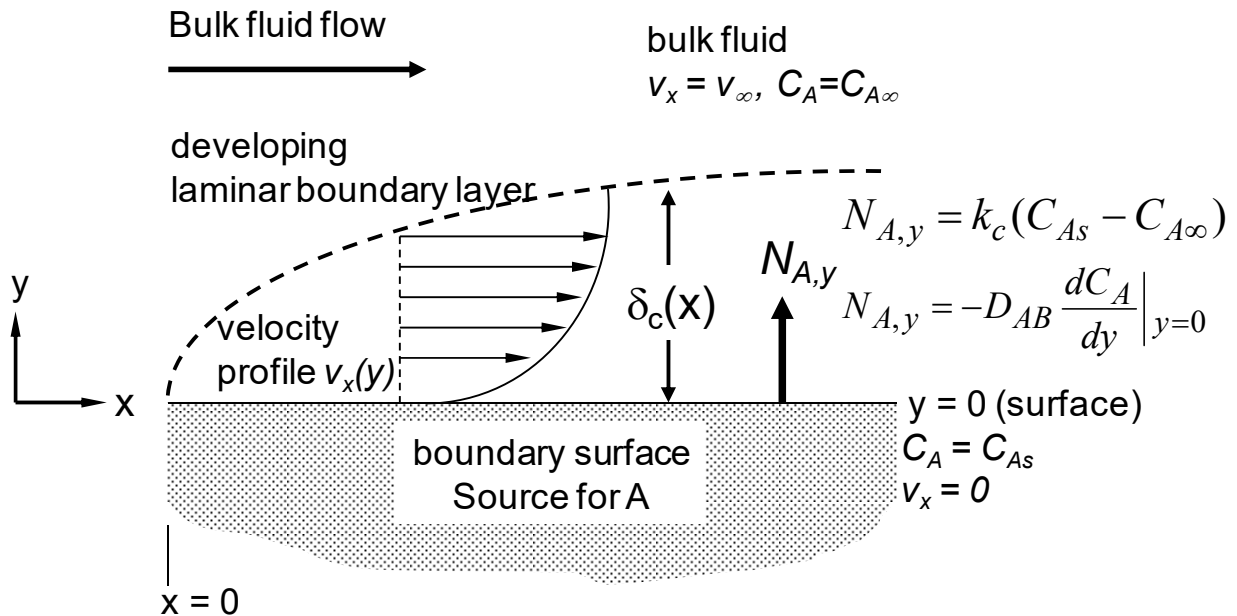
NOTE: For dilute systems (solute "A" transferring through flowing fluid medium "B"), the physical properties  $\mu$ ,  $\rho$ ,  $C_p$ ,  $k$  can be approximated as those of the fluid medium "B", although theoretically they represent the properties of a mixture of "A" and "B".

*Summary of Dimensionless Groups used in Mass Transfer*

Name	Symbol	Physical Meaning	Dimensionless Group
Reynolds number	<b><i>Re</i></b>	$\frac{\text{inertial flow}}{\text{viscous flow}}$	$Re = \frac{\rho v_{\infty} L}{\mu} = \frac{v_{\infty} L}{\nu}$
Sherwood number	<b><i>Sh</i></b>	$\frac{\text{convective mass transfer}}{\text{diffusion mass transfer}}$	$Sh = \frac{k_c L}{D_{AB}}$
Schmidt number	<b><i>Sc</i></b>	$\frac{\text{momentum diffusivity}}{\text{molecular diffusivity}}$	$Sc = \frac{\nu}{D_{AB}} = \frac{\mu}{\rho D_{AB}}$
Lewis number	<b><i>Le</i></b>	$\frac{\text{thermal diffusivity}}{\text{molecular diffusivity}}$	$Le = \frac{\alpha}{D_{AB}}$
Prandtl number	<b><i>Pr</i></b>	$\frac{\text{momentum diffusivity}}{\text{thermal diffusivity}}$	$Pr = \frac{\nu}{\alpha} = \frac{\mu C_p}{k}$
Peclet number	<b><i>Pe</i></b>	$\frac{\text{transfer of matter with flow}}{\text{diffusion transport}}$	$Pe_{AB} = Re Sc = \frac{v_{\infty} L}{D_{AB}}$
Stanton number	<b><i>St</i></b>	$\frac{\text{mass transport by convection}}{\text{mass transport by flow}}$	$St = \frac{k_c}{v_{\infty}}$
Grashof number	<b><i>Gr</i></b>	$\frac{\text{bouyancy force}}{\text{viscous force}}$	$Gr = \frac{L^3 \rho_L g (\rho_L - \rho_G)}{\mu_L^2}$
Mass transfer j-factor	<b><i>j<sub>D</sub></i></b>	heat-mass transfer analogy $j_H = j_C$	$j_D = \frac{k_c}{v_{\infty}} Sc^{2/3}$
Heat transfer j-factor	<b><i>j<sub>H</sub></i></b>	heat-mass transfer analogy $j_H = j_C$	$j_H = \frac{h}{\rho C_p v_{\infty}} Pr^{2/3}$



## 28.4 Exact Analysis of the Laminar Concentration Boundary Layer



In boundary layer analysis, the “stagnant film” above the boundary surface is generalized to the developing boundary layer

The boundary layer thickness ( $\delta$ ) increases with position  $x$

*Two boundary layers*

$\delta$  = hydrodynamic boundary layer thickness

$\delta_c$  = concentration boundary layer thickness

**28.4 Exact Analysis of the Laminar Concentration Boundary Layer (cont.)**

The big picture: relate “hydrodynamic boundary layer” to “concentration boundary layer”, for laminar flow over a flat plate, then develop fundamental relationship for Sh with Re and Sc.

*Hydrodynamic boundary layer ( $\delta$ )*

*Concentration boundary layer ( $\delta_c$ )*

***Boundary Conditions across the Boundary Layer***

**at  $y = 0$**  (fluid-surface boundary, “no slip” at the wall)

$$v_x = v_{x,s} = 0$$

$$C_A = C_{As} \quad (\text{for all } x)$$

$$\frac{v_x}{v_\infty} = \frac{v_x - v_{x,s}}{v_\infty - v_{x,s}} = 0$$

$$\frac{C_A - C_{As}}{C_{A\infty} - C_{As}} = 0$$

**at  $y = \infty$**  (bulk fluid)

$$v_x = v_\infty$$

$$C_A = C_{A\infty} \quad (\text{for all } x)$$

$$\frac{v_x}{v_\infty} = \frac{v_x - v_{x,s}}{v_\infty - v_{x,s}} = 1$$

$$\frac{C_A - C_{As}}{C_{A\infty} - C_{As}} = 1$$

***Conservation Equations***

Navier Stokes (Momentum Transfer)

General Differential Equation for Mass Transfer ( $R_A = 0$ , steady state)

$v(x,y)$

$C_A(x,y)$

$$v_x \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial x} + v_y \frac{\partial v_y}{\partial y} = \nu \frac{\partial^2 v_y}{\partial y^2} \quad (1)$$

$$v_x \frac{\partial C_A}{\partial x} + v_y \frac{\partial C_A}{\partial y} = D_{AB} \frac{\partial^2 C_A}{\partial y^2} \quad (2)$$

Note symmetry between fluid flow and mass transfer

*Analytical Solution of Conservation Equations for Momentum & Mass Transfer*

Recall Blasius Solution for Eq. (1) (W<sup>2</sup>-R p. 156-160)

Two parameters,  $f'$  and  $\eta$

$$f' = 2 \frac{v_x}{v_\infty} \quad \eta = \frac{y}{2} \sqrt{\frac{v_\infty}{\nu x}} = \frac{y}{2x} \sqrt{\frac{xv_\infty}{\nu}} = \frac{y}{2x} \sqrt{\frac{xv_\infty}{\nu}} = \frac{y}{2x} \sqrt{\text{Re}_x}$$

with  $\text{Re} = \frac{xv_\infty}{\nu}$  the “local” Reynolds number at position “x”

Blasius showed that at the surface ( $y = 0$ )

$$\frac{df'}{d\eta} = f''(0) = 1.328 = \frac{\frac{d}{dy} \left( \frac{2v_x}{v_\infty} \right) \Big|_{y=0}}{\frac{d}{dy} \left( \frac{y}{2x} \sqrt{\text{Re}_x} \right) \Big|_{y=0}}$$

Consider the similar situation for mass transfer at the surface ( $y = 0$ )

at  $y = 0$  (surface)

$$f' = 2 \frac{v_x}{v_\infty} = 2 \frac{v_x - v_{x,s}}{v_\infty - v_{x,s}} = 2 \frac{C_A - C_{As}}{C_{A\infty} - C_{As}}$$

$$\frac{df'}{d\eta} = f''(0) = 1.328 = \frac{\frac{d}{dy} \left( 2 \frac{C_A - C_{As}}{C_{A\infty} - C_{As}} \right) \Big|_{y=0}}{\frac{d}{dy} \left( \frac{y}{2x} \sqrt{\text{Re}_x} \right) \Big|_{y=0}}$$

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Aside:

$$\frac{df'}{d\eta} = f''(0) = 1.328 = \frac{\frac{d}{dy} \left( 2 \frac{C_A - C_{As}}{C_{A\infty} - C_{As}} \right) \Big|_{y=0}}{\frac{d}{dy} \left( \frac{y}{2x} \sqrt{\text{Re}_x} \right) \Big|_{y=0}} = \frac{\left( \frac{2}{C_{A\infty} - C_{As}} \right) \left( \frac{dC_A}{dy} \right) \Big|_{y=0}}{\left( \frac{1}{2x} \sqrt{\text{Re}_x} \right) \Big|_{y=0}}$$

$$\therefore \frac{dC_A}{dy} \Big|_{y=0} = \frac{1.328}{2 \cdot 2} = \frac{(C_{A\infty} - C_{As})}{x} \text{Re}_x^{1/2}$$

$$\frac{dC_A}{dy} \Big|_{y=0} = (C_{A\infty} - C_{As}) \left[ \frac{0.332}{x} \text{Re}_x^{1/2} \right]$$

For a dilute system (w.r.t. A) at steady state, convective flux through the boundary layer is equal to the diffusive flux at the surface ( $y = 0$ )

$$N_{A,y} = k_c (C_{As} - C_{A\infty}) = -D_{AB} \frac{dC_A}{dy} \Big|_{y=0}$$

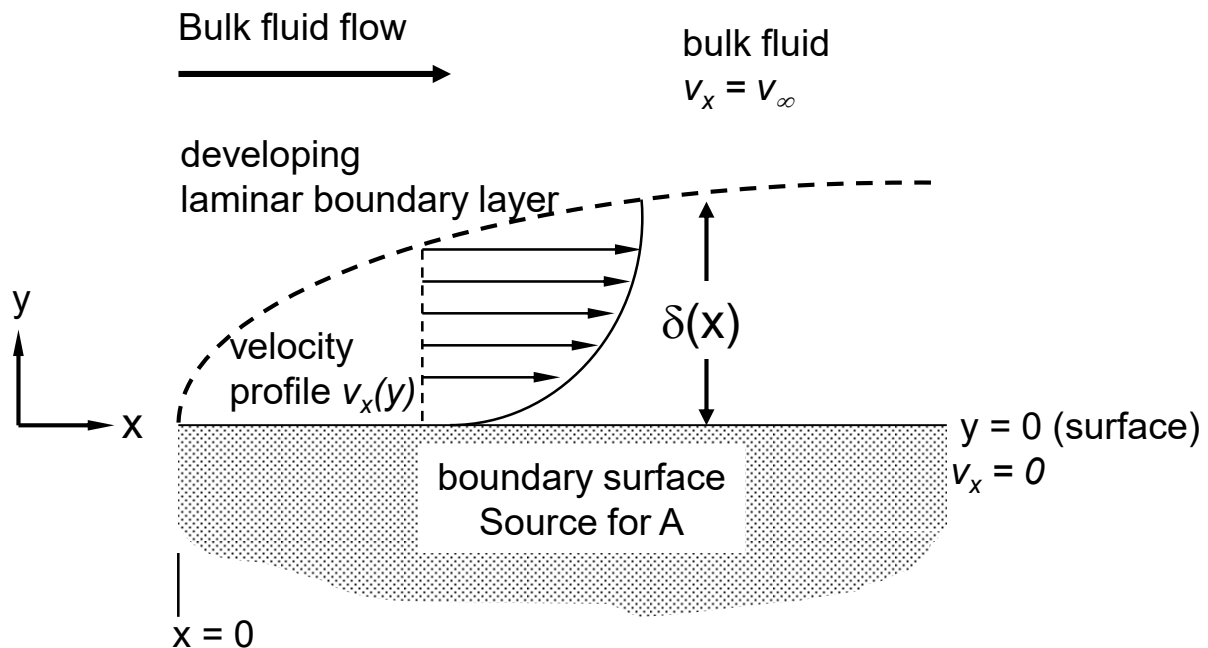
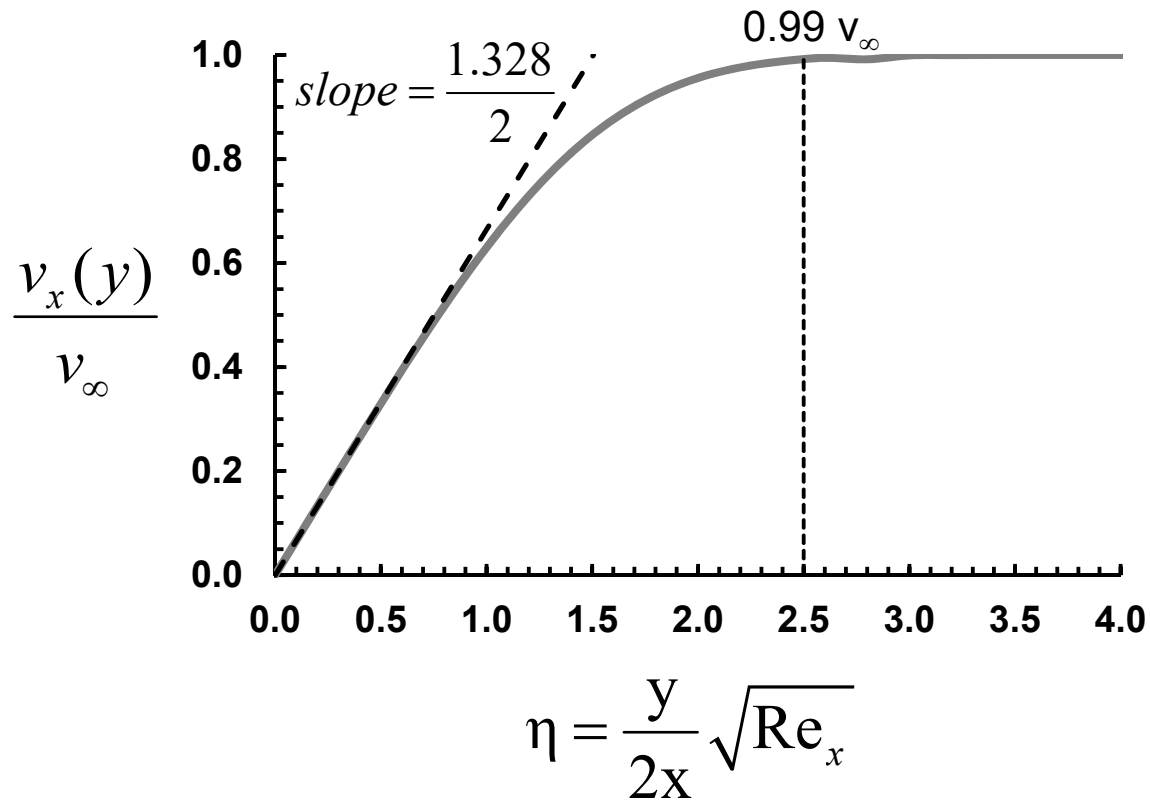
$$k_c (C_{As} - C_{A\infty}) = -D_{AB} \frac{dC_A}{dy} \Big|_{y=0} = -D_{AB} (C_{A\infty} - C_{As}) \left[ \frac{0.332}{x} \text{Re}_x^{1/2} \right]$$

$$k_c = D_{AB} \left[ \frac{0.332}{x} \text{Re}_x^{1/2} \right]$$

Define  $Sh_x$  the “local” Sherwood Number with “local” mass transfer coefficient  $k_c$

$$Sh_x = \frac{k_c x}{D_{AB}} = 0.332 \text{Re}_x^{1/2}$$

Aside: Blasius Solution for laminar flow over a flat plate



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For laminar flow over a flat plate, the hydrodynamic boundary layer thickness increases as position  $x$  increases:

$$\text{Note at } v_x(y) = 0.99 v_\infty, y \approx \delta \text{ and } 2.5 = \eta = \frac{y}{2x} \sqrt{\text{Re}_x}$$

$$\therefore \frac{\delta}{x} = \frac{5}{\sqrt{\text{Re}_x}} \quad \text{OR} \quad \delta = \frac{5x^{1/2}}{\sqrt{\frac{v_\infty}{\nu}}} \quad \text{i.e. } \delta \propto x^{1/2}$$

The above analysis assumes

$$\frac{\delta}{\delta_c} = \frac{\text{hydrodynamic laminar boundary layer thickness}}{\text{concentration laminar boundary layer thickness}} = 1$$

But Recall from Heat Transfer, for laminar flow over a flat plate

$$\frac{\delta}{\delta_h} = \frac{\text{hydrodynamic laminar boundary layer thickness}}{\text{thermal laminar boundary layer thickness}} = \text{Pr}^{1/3}$$

$$\therefore \text{ by analogy for Mass Transfer } \frac{\delta}{\delta_c} = \text{Sc}^{1/3}$$

Finally, for laminar flow over a flat plate, the “local” transfer coefficients at position “ $x$ ” along the length of the plate are

#### Convective Heat Transfer

$$\text{Nu}_x = \frac{hx}{k} = 0.332 \text{Re}_x^{1/2} \text{Pr}^{1/3}$$

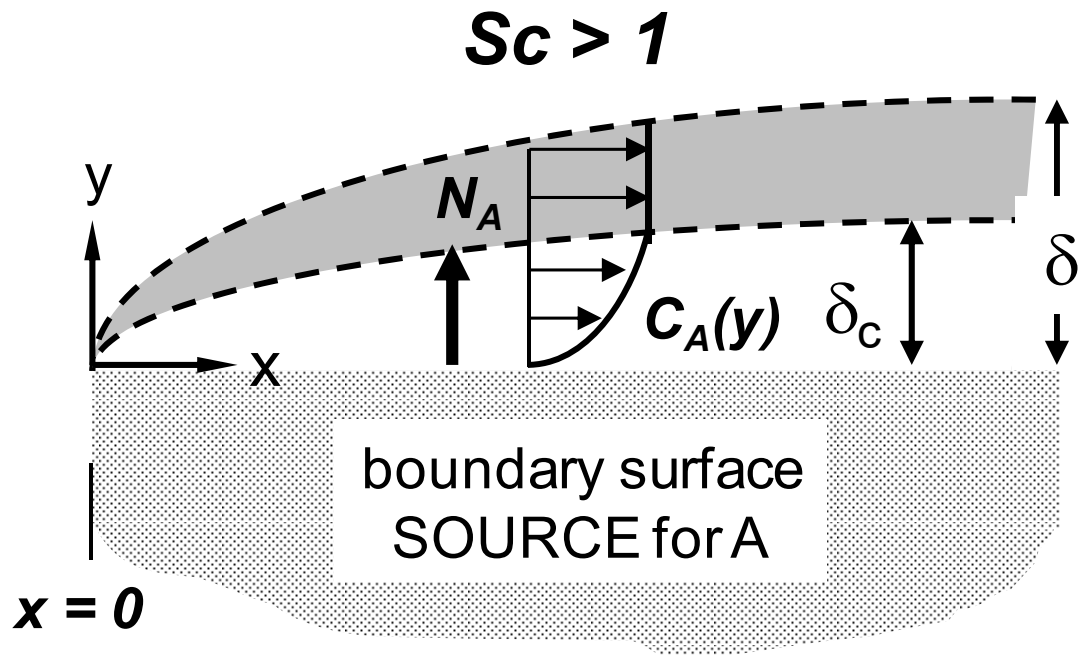
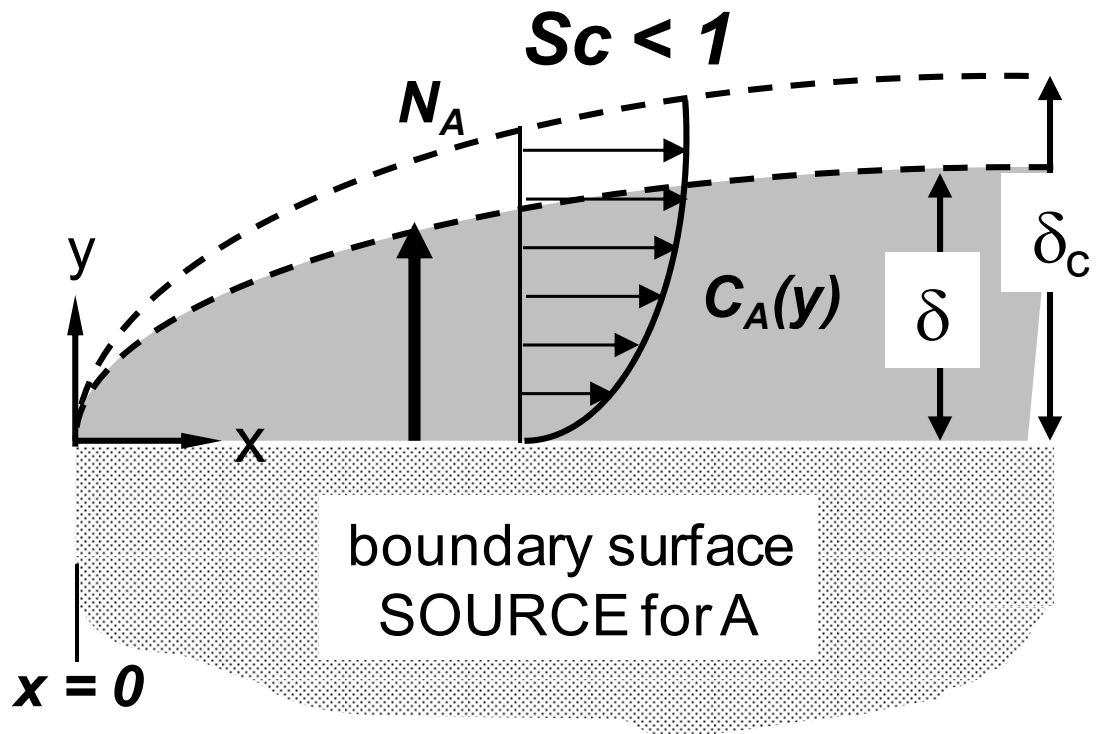
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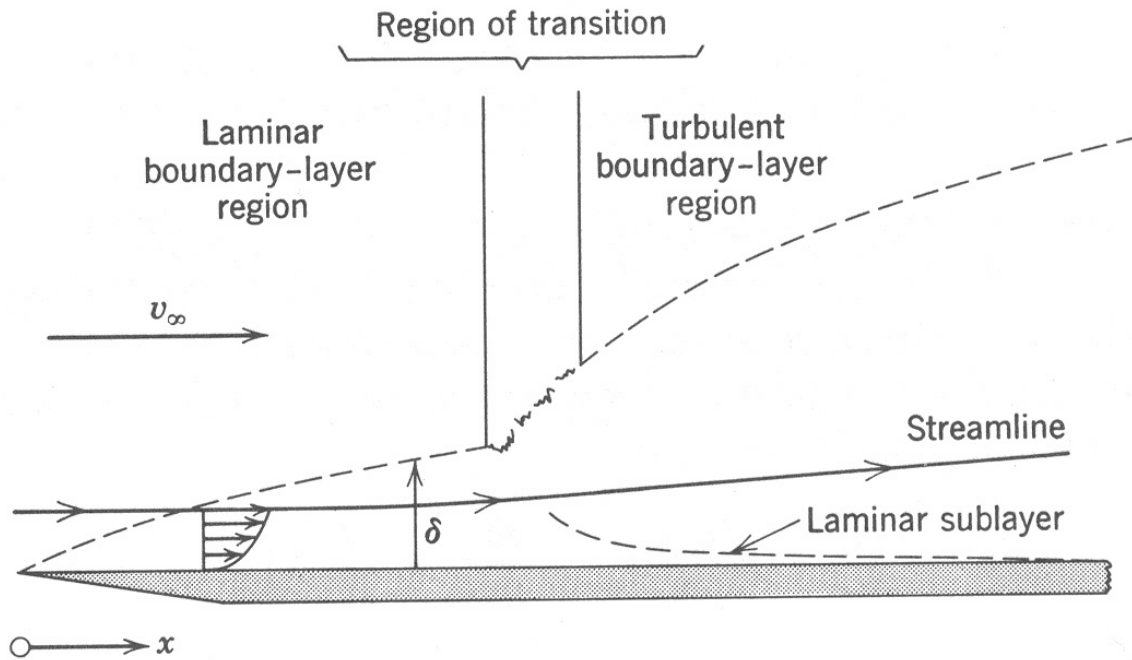
Show in your notes that

$$k_{c,x} \propto x^{-1/2}$$

*Boundary layer thickness*



## 28.5 Approximate Analysis of the Concentration Boundary Layer



Approximate analysis of boundary layer for flow over a flat plate

	<i>Local (at x)</i>	<i>Overall (from x to L)</i>
laminar: (approximate) $Re \leq 2 \times 10^5$	$Sh_x = 0.323 Re_x^{1/2} Sc^{1/3}$	$Sh = 0.646 Re_L^{1/2} Sc^{1/3}$
laminar: (exact)	$Sh_x = 0.332 Re_x^{1/2} Sc^{1/3}$	$Sh = 0.664 Re_L^{1/2} Sc^{1/3}$
	$Sh_x = \frac{k_c x}{D_{AB}}, \quad Re_x = \frac{v_\infty x}{\nu}$	$Sh = \frac{k_c L}{D_{AB}}, \quad Re_L = \frac{v_\infty L}{\nu}$
fully turbulent: $Re \geq 3 \times 10^6$	$Sh_x = 0.0292 Re_x^{4/5} Sc^{1/3}$	$Sh = 0.0365 Re_L^{4/5} Sc^{1/3}$
Transition regime: $2 \times 10^5 < Re_x < 3 \times 10^6$		



**Local vs. Average Mass Transfer Coefficients**

For external fluid flow over a flat plate, three regimes

Flow	<i>Re</i> Regime	Mass Transfer Coefficient
<b>Laminar</b>	$0 < \text{Re}_x \leq 2.0 \times 10^5$  Average $k_c$  $k_c = \frac{\int_0^L k_{c,\text{lam}}(x) dx}{L}$	<i>Local</i> $Sh_x = 0.332 \text{Re}_x^{1/2} Sc^{1/3}$  $k_{c,x} = 0.332 \frac{D_{AB}}{x} \left( \frac{v_\infty \cdot x}{\nu_B} \right)^{1/2} Sc^{1/3}$ <i>Average</i> $Sh_L = 0.664 \text{Re}_L^{1/2} Sc^{1/3}$  $\text{Re}_L = \frac{v_\infty \cdot L}{\nu_B} \quad \text{and} \quad Sh_L = \frac{k_c \cdot L}{D_{AB}}$
<b>Transition</b>	$2.0 \times 10^5 < \text{Re}_x$ $3.0 \times 10^6 < \text{Re}_x$  Transition length $L_t = 2.0 \cdot 10^5 \frac{\nu_B}{v_\infty}$	<i>Local</i> – No good description  <i>Average</i> $k_c = \frac{1}{L} \left[ \int_0^{L_t} k_{c,\text{lam}}(x) dx + \int_{L_t}^L k_{c,\text{turb}}(x) dx \right]$
<b>Turbulent</b>	$\text{Re}_x \geq 3.0 \times 10^6$	<i>Local</i> $Sh_x = 0.0292 \text{Re}_x^{4/5} Sc^{1/3}$  $k_{c,x} = 0.0292 \frac{D_{AB}}{x} \left( \frac{v_\infty \cdot x}{\nu_B} \right)^{4/5} Sc^{1/3}$ <i>Average</i> $Sh_L = 0.0365 \text{Re}_L^{4/5} Sc^{1/3}$ (neglect laminar contribution)

*Local Mass Transfer Coefficients – Flow over a Flat Plate*

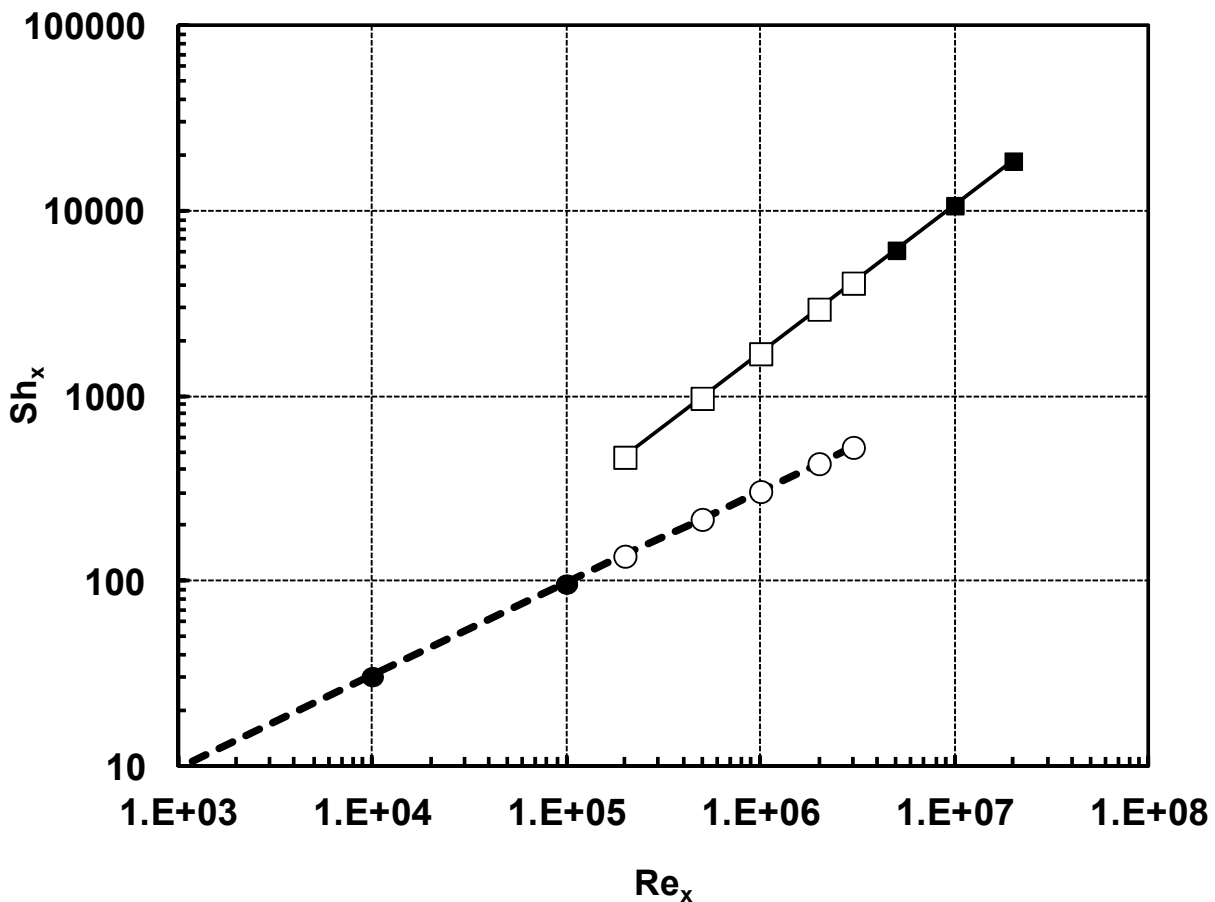
$$\begin{aligned} D_{AB} &= 0.10 \text{ cm}^2/\text{sec} \\ \nu_B &= 0.08 \text{ cm}^2/\text{sec} \\ Sc &= 0.80 \\ v_\infty &= 50.0 \text{ cm/sec} \end{aligned}$$

$$Re = \frac{x v_\infty}{\nu}$$

Transition regime:  $2 \times 10^5 < Re_x < 3 \times 10^6$

$$Re_t = 2 \times 10^5$$

At fixed  $v_\infty$ , looking towards increasing  $x$  shows the following dependence of local  $Sh$  on position in laminar and turbulent regimes



*Local Mass Transfer Coefficients – Flow over a Flat Plate (cont.)*

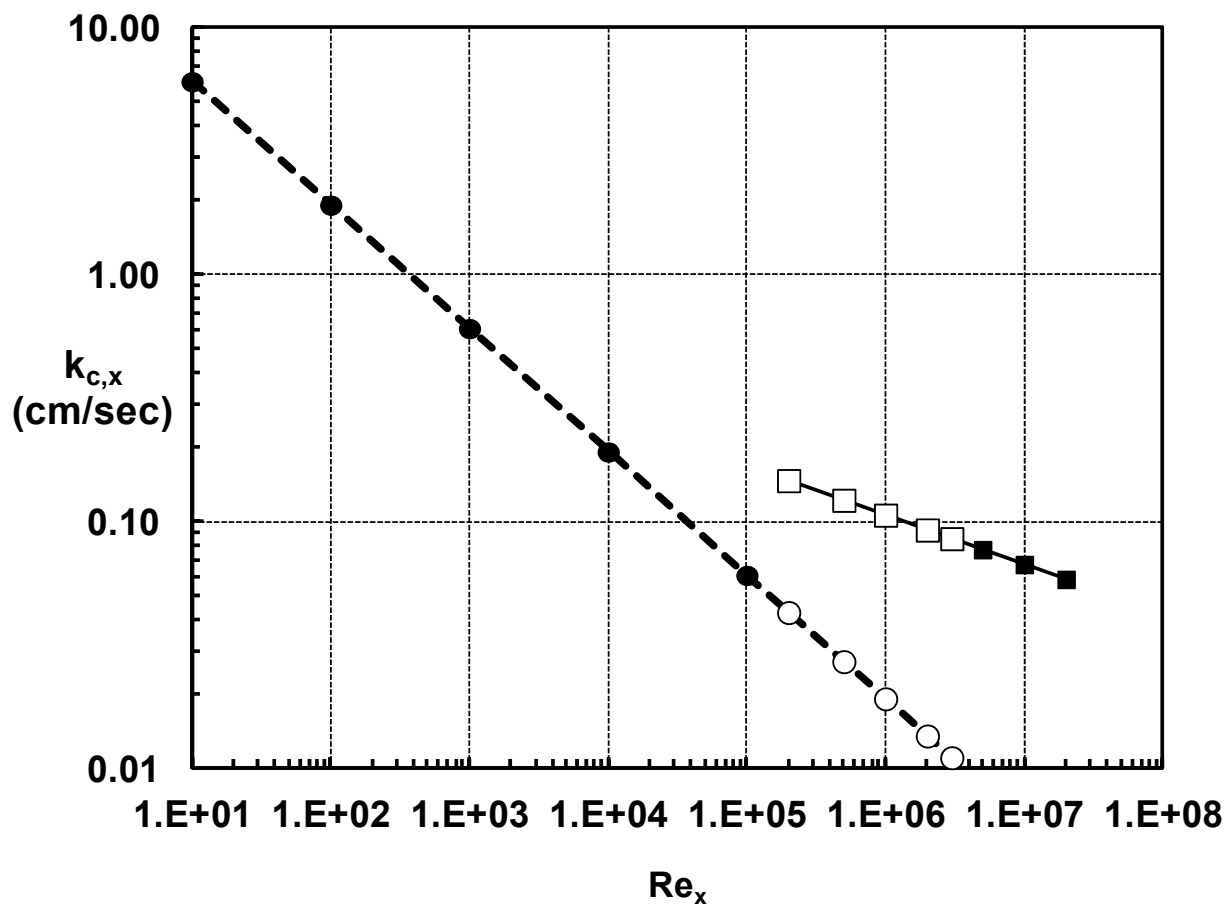
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$$Re = \frac{x v_\infty}{\nu}$$

Transition regime:  $2 \times 10^5 < Re_x < 3 \times 10^6$

$$Re_t = 2 \times 10^5$$

At fixed  $v_\infty = 50 \text{ cm/sec}$ , moving towards increasing  $x$  shows the following dependence of local  $k_{c,x}$  on position in laminar and turbulent regimes



*Average Mass Transfer Coefficients – Flow over a Flat Plate*

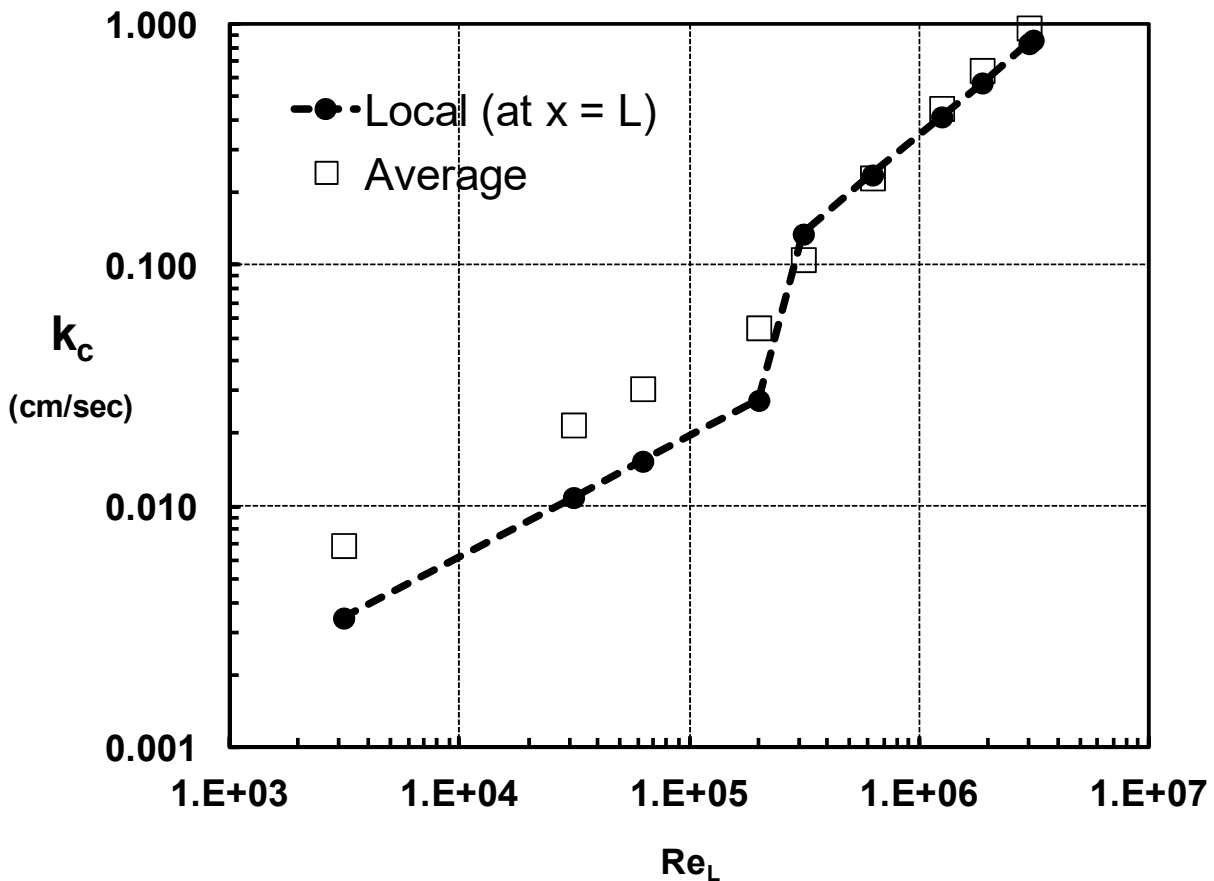
$$\begin{aligned} D_{AB} &= 0.10 \text{ cm}^2/\text{sec} \\ v_B &= 0.08 \text{ cm}^2/\text{sec} \\ Sc &= 0.80 \\ L &= 500 \text{ cm} \end{aligned}$$

$$Re_L = \frac{v_\infty L}{\nu}$$

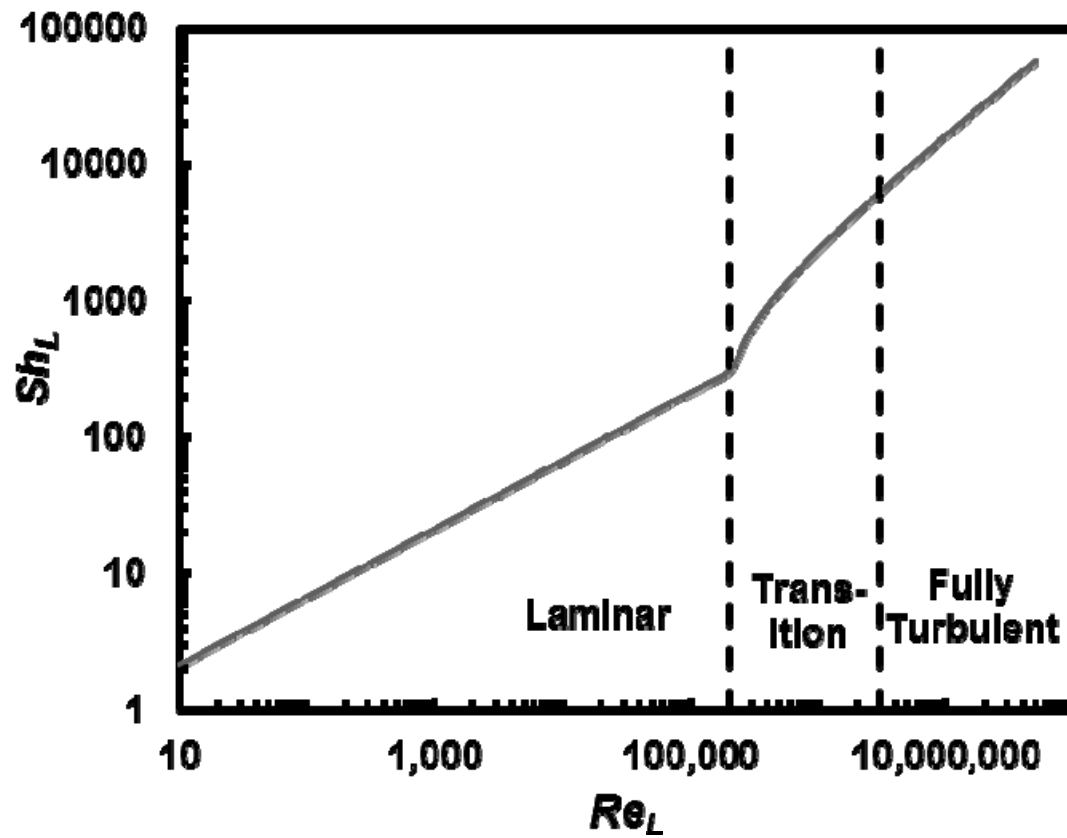
Transition regime:  $2 \times 10^5 < Re_x < 3 \times 10^6$

$$Re_t = 2 \times 10^5$$

At fixed  $x = L = 500 \text{ cm}$ , increasing  $v_\infty$  shows the following dependence of local  $k_{c,x}$  and overall (average)  $k_c$  on flow in the laminar and turbulent regimes



*Average Mass Transfer Coefficients – Flow over a Flat Plate*

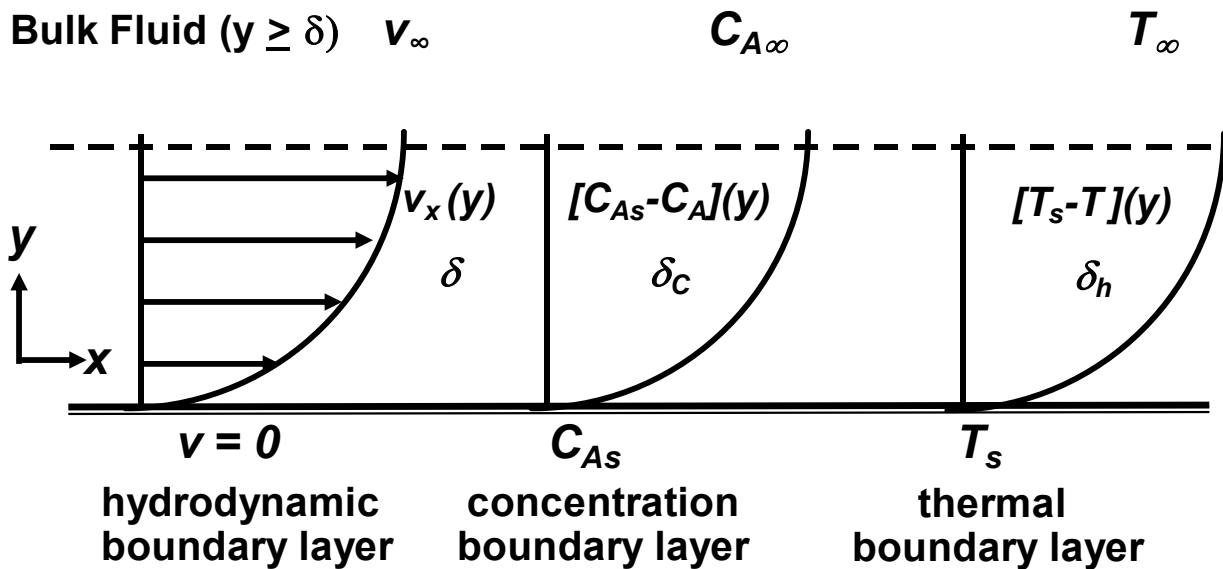


## 28.6 Mass, Energy, and Momentum Transfer Analogies

In convective mass transfer, heat transfer coefficients ( $h$ ) for convection can be used to estimate mass transfer coefficients ( $k_c$ ) for convection (and vice versa)

All “Transport Analogies” require:

- Constant physical properties of the mixture (can be evaluated at “film” average temperature and solute concentration)
- No homogeneous reaction within the boundary layer
- Velocity profile is not distorted by high mass transfer flux in concentrated solution (i.e. valid only for dilute A in carrier medium B)



Consider two analogies

1. Reynolds Analogy
2. Chilton-Colburn Analogy

**Reynolds Analogy**

Recall from Exact Boundary Layer Analysis

**at  $y = 0$**  (fluid-surface boundary, “no slip” at the wall)

Fluid

Mass

Heat

$$v_x = v_{x,s} = 0$$

$$C_A = C_{As}$$

$$T = T_s$$

$$\frac{v_x}{v_\infty} = \frac{v_x - v_{x,s}}{v_\infty - v_{x,s}} = 0$$

$$\frac{C_A - C_{As}}{C_{A\infty} - C_{As}} = 0$$

$$\frac{T - T_s}{T_\infty - T_s} = 0$$

Reynolds postulated that the mechanisms for momentum and mass transfer were identical

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{v_x - v_{x,s}}{v_\infty - v_{x,s}} \right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{v_x}{v_\infty} \right) = \frac{1}{v_\infty} \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial y} \Big|_{y=0} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{C_A - C_{As}}{C_{A\infty} - C_{As}} \right) = \frac{1}{C_{A\infty} - C_{As}} \frac{\partial C_A}{\partial y} \Big|_{y=0}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{v_x - v_{x,s}}{v_\infty - v_{x,s}} \right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{v_x}{v_\infty} \right) = \frac{1}{v_\infty} \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial y} \Big|_{y=0} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{T - T_s}{T_\infty - T_s} \right) = \frac{1}{T_\infty - T_s} \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} \Big|_{y=0}$$

Relate Fluids to Mass Transfer at Boundary Surface ( $y = 0$ )

$$\frac{1}{v_\infty} \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial y} \Big|_{y=0} = \frac{1}{C_{A\infty} - C_{As}} \frac{\partial C_A}{\partial y} \Big|_{y=0} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{C_{A\infty} - C_{As}}{v_\infty} \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial y} \Big|_{y=0} = \frac{\partial C_A}{\partial y} \Big|_{y=0}$$

Mass transfer:  $N_{A,y} = k_c (C_{As} - C_{A\infty}) = -D_{AB} \frac{dC_A}{dy} \Big|_{y=0}$

(Fick's Law)

Fluid flow:  $\tau_{xy}|_{y=0} = -\mu \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial y} \Big|_{y=0}$  and  $\tau_o = \frac{C_f}{2} \rho \cdot v_\infty^2$  (by convention  $\tau_{xy} = -\tau_o$ )

(Newton's First Law)

$$\frac{\partial v_x}{\partial y} \Big|_{y=0} = \frac{C_f}{2} \frac{\rho \cdot v_\infty^2}{\mu}$$

 $C_f$  = coefficient of friction ( $y = 0$ ) $\tau_{xy}$  = fluid shear stress (kg/m·sec<sup>2</sup>)

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Therefore  $\left. \frac{dC_A}{dy} \right|_{y=0} = + \frac{k_c (C_{A\infty} - C_{As})}{D_{AB}} = \frac{C_{A\infty} - C_{As}}{v_\infty} \left. \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial y} \right|_{y=0}$

and so

$$k_c = \frac{D_{AB}}{v_\infty} \left. \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial y} \right|_{y=0} \quad \text{or} \quad k_c = \frac{D_{AB}}{v_\infty} \frac{C_f}{2} \frac{\rho \cdot v_\infty^2}{\mu} \quad \text{or} \quad k_c = v_\infty \frac{C_f}{2} \frac{\rho D_{AB}}{\mu}$$

SET  $Sc = \frac{\mu}{\rho D_{AB}} = 1$  so that  $\delta = \delta_c$  then  $k_c = v_\infty \frac{C_f}{2}$

Relate Fluids to Heat Transfer at Boundary Surface ( $y = 0$ )

$$\frac{1}{v_\infty} \left. \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial y} \right|_{y=0} = \frac{1}{T_\infty - T_s} \left. \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} \right|_{y=0} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{T_\infty - T_s}{v_\infty} \left. \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial y} \right|_{y=0} = \left. \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} \right|_{y=0}$$

Recall

Heat transfer:  $q_y = h(T_s - T_\infty) = -\kappa \left. \frac{dT}{dy} \right|_{y=0}$

(Fourier's Law)  $\kappa$  = thermal conductivity of fluid (e.g. units J/m-sec-K)

$h$  = convective heat trans. coeff. (e.g. units J/m<sup>2</sup>-sec-K)

Fluid flow:  $\tau_o = -\mu \left. \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial y} \right|_{y=0} = \frac{C_f}{2} \rho \cdot v_\infty^2 \quad \text{or} \quad \left. \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial y} \right|_{y=0} = \frac{C_f}{2} \frac{\rho \cdot v_\infty^2}{\mu}$

(Newton's Law)  $C_f$  = coefficient of friction ( $y = 0$ )

Therefore  $\left. \frac{dT}{dy} \right|_{y=0} = + \frac{h(T_\infty - T_s)}{\kappa} = \frac{(T_\infty - T_s)}{v_\infty} \left. \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial y} \right|_{y=0}$

and so

$$h = \frac{\kappa}{v_\infty} \left. \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial y} \right|_{y=0} \quad \text{or} \quad h = \frac{\kappa}{v_\infty} \frac{C_f}{2} \frac{\rho \cdot v_\infty^2}{\mu} \quad \text{or} \quad h = v_\infty \frac{C_f}{2} \frac{\rho \cdot \kappa}{\mu}$$



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$$\text{SET } \text{Pr} = \frac{\mu C_p}{\kappa} = 1 \quad \text{so that } \delta = \delta_h \quad \text{then} \quad h = \frac{C_f}{2} v_\infty \rho C_p$$

$C_p$  = heat capacity of the fluid (e.g. units J/kg-K)

Finally the Reynolds Analogy for Fluids-Heat-Mass is ( $\text{Sc} = 1, \text{Pr} = 1$ )

$$\frac{C_f}{2} = \frac{h}{v_\infty \rho C_p} = \frac{k_c}{v_\infty}$$

### *Chilton-Colburn Analogy*

What if  $\text{Sc} \neq 1$  and  $\text{Pr} \neq 1$ ?

From Blasius Solution for fluid flow over a flat plate  
(Eq. (12-29) W<sup>3</sup>-R)

$$\left. \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial y} \right|_{y=0} = v_\infty \frac{0.332}{x} \text{Re}_x^{1/2} \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Remember } \left. \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial y} \right|_{y=0} = \frac{C_f}{2} \frac{\rho \cdot v_\infty^2}{\mu} \quad \text{and} \quad \text{Re}_x = \frac{\rho \cdot v_\infty x}{\mu}$$

$$\text{and so } \left. \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial y} \right|_{y=0} = \frac{C_f}{2x} v_\infty \text{Re}_x \quad (2)$$

$$\text{Combining (1) and (2)} \quad \frac{C_f}{2} = \frac{0.332}{\text{Re}_x^{1/2}}$$

$$\text{Now consider } \text{Sh}_x = 0.332 \text{Re}_x^{1/2} \text{Sc}^{1/3}$$

$$\text{Therefore } \frac{C_f}{2} = \frac{0.332}{\text{Re}_x^{1/2}} = \frac{\text{Sh}_x}{\text{Re}_x \cdot \text{Sc}^{1/3}}$$

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Expand terms

$$\frac{C_f}{2} = \frac{\text{Sh}_x}{\text{Re}_x \cdot \text{Sc}^{1/3}} = \frac{\left(\frac{k_c x}{D_{AB}}\right) \text{Sc}^{2/3}}{\left(\frac{\rho v_\infty x}{\mu}\right) \left(\frac{\mu}{\rho D_{AB}}\right)}$$

Finally

$$\frac{C_f}{2} = \frac{k_c \text{Sc}^{2/3}}{v_\infty} = j_D \quad \text{Colburn "j factor" for mass transfer}$$

Note  $\frac{k_c}{v_\infty} = \text{St} = \text{Stanton number}$

Similarly, for convective heat transfer now consider  $\text{Nu}_x = 0.332 \text{Re}_x^{1/2} \text{Pr}^{1/3}$

Therefore

$$\frac{C_f}{2} = \frac{0.332}{\text{Re}_x^{1/2}} = \frac{\text{Nu}_x}{\text{Re}_x \cdot \text{Pr}^{1/3}}$$

Expand terms

$$\frac{C_f}{2} = \frac{\text{Nu}_x}{\text{Re}_x \cdot \text{Pr}^{1/3}} = \frac{\left(\frac{h x}{\kappa}\right) \text{Pr}^{2/3}}{\left(\frac{\rho v_\infty x}{\mu}\right) \left(\frac{\mu C_p}{\kappa}\right)}$$

Finally

$$\frac{C_f}{2} = \frac{h}{\rho C_p} \frac{\text{Pr}^{2/3}}{v_\infty} = j_H \quad \text{Colburn "j factor" for heat transfer}$$

Combine, knowing  $j_D = j_H$

$$k_c = \frac{h}{\rho C_p} \left(\frac{\text{Pr}}{\text{Sc}}\right)^{2/3} \quad \text{note the intimacy of Pr and Sc}$$

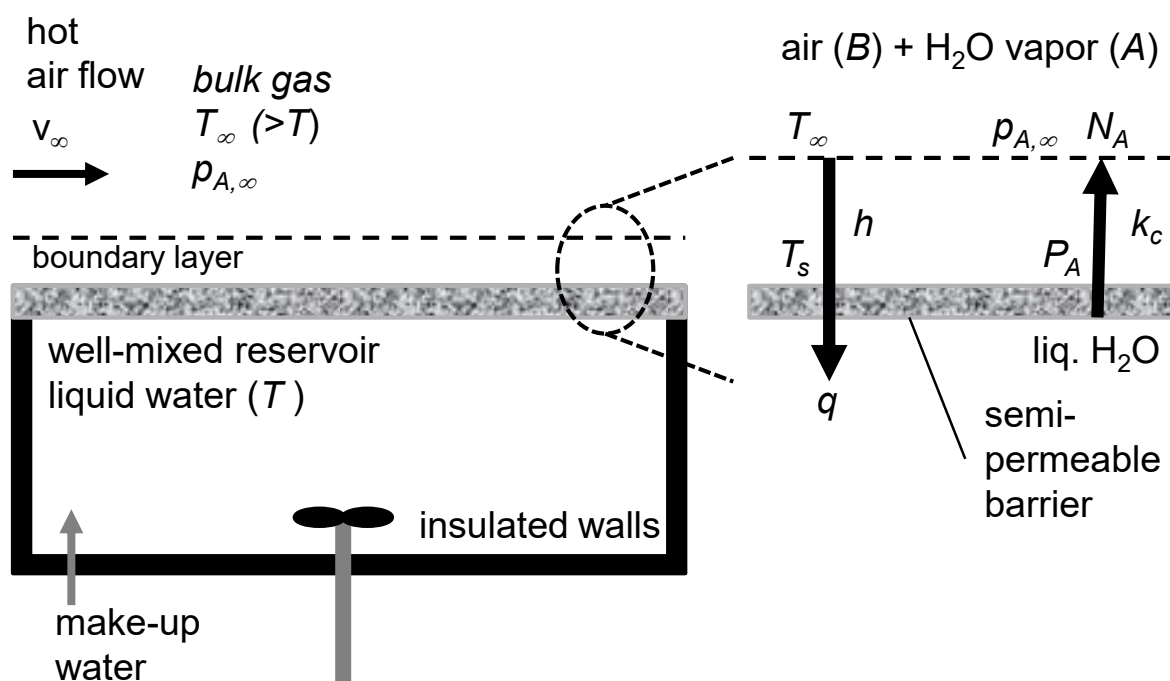
*Summary of Heat-Mass Transfer Analogies for Convection*

<i>Analogy</i>	<i>Heat Transfer</i>	<i>Mass Transfer</i>
<b>Reynolds</b> (Pr = Sc = 1)  $k_c = \frac{h}{\rho C_p}$	$h = \frac{C_f}{2} v_\infty \rho C_p$	$k_c = v_\infty \frac{C_f}{2}$
<b>Chilton-Colburn</b> (Pr ≠ Sc)  $k_c = \frac{h}{\rho C_p} \left( \frac{\text{Pr}}{\text{Sc}} \right)^{2/3}$	$\frac{C_f}{2} = \frac{h}{\rho C_p} \frac{\text{Pr}^{2/3}}{v_\infty} = j_H$	$\frac{C_f}{2} = \frac{k_c \text{Sc}^{2/3}}{v_\infty} = j_D$

**Combined Heat and Mass Transfer**

An important process illustrating the coupling of heat and mass transfer is *evaporative cooling*

- A thin, semi-permeable barrier allows water vapor, but liquid water, to readily pass through it
- A small amount of liquid vaporizes, using heat transferred from the hot flowing gas stream



*Energy Balance*

$$\Delta H = Q$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{c} \text{flow of water} \\ \text{vapor} \end{array} \right) \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{enthalpy of} \\ \text{phase change} \end{array} \right) = \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{convective heat transfer rate} \\ \text{across boundary layer} \end{array} \right)$$

$$(N_A S)(\Delta H_{v,A}) = S h (T_\infty - T_s)$$

$$k_c (C_{As} - C_{A,\infty}) \Delta H_{v,A} = h (T_\infty - T_s)$$

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Remember  $C_{A\infty} = \frac{P_A}{RT}$ ,  $C_{As} = \frac{P_A^*(T_s)}{RT}$

$S$  is the surface area of the semi-permeable barrier surface

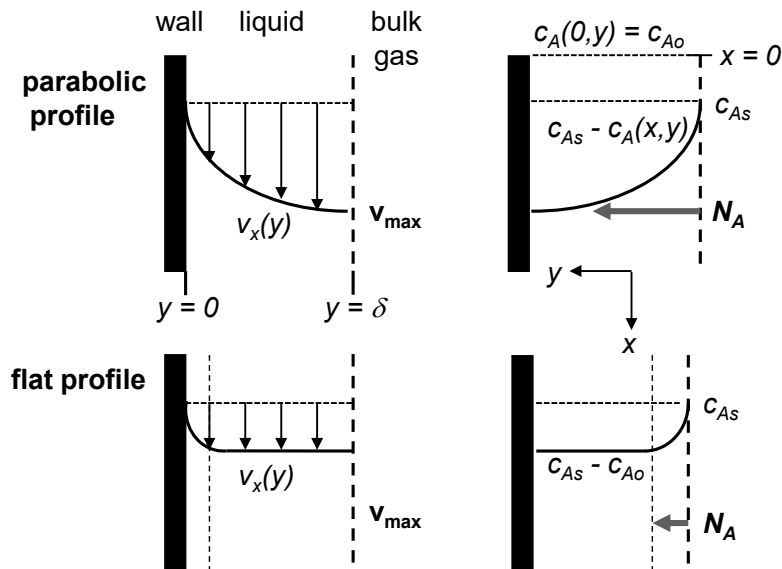
$\Delta H_{v,A}$  is the latent heat of vaporization of the liquid at temperature  $T_s$

*Chilton-Colburn analogy*

$$h = k_c C_{p,B} \rho_B \left( \frac{Sc}{Pr} \right)^{2/3}$$

*Combine with Energy Balance – what happens?*

## 28.7 Models for Convective Mass Transfer Coefficients (dilute systems)

*Laminar Falling Liquid Film – Simultaneous Momentum and Mass Transfer*

From Topic 26.4, at the gas-liquid interface ( $y = \delta$ ), the local flux of solute  $A$  from the gas phase into the liquid phase at position  $x$  down the length of the falling liquid film is

$$N_A = (c_{As} - c_{Ao}) \sqrt{\frac{D_{AB} v_{\max}}{\pi x}}$$

Recall definition of convective mass transfer

$$N_A = k_{c,x} (c_{As} - c_{Ao})$$

Therefore, for a falling liquid film

$$k_{c,x} = \sqrt{\frac{D_{AB} v_{\max}}{\pi x}}$$

$$\text{Maximum velocity } v_{\max} = \frac{\rho g \delta^2}{2\mu} \quad (\text{all parameters refer to liquid})$$

The average of  $k_{c,x}$  down the length  $L$  of the falling liquid film

$$k_c = \frac{1}{L} \int_0^L k_{c,x} dx = \sqrt{\frac{4D_{AB} v_{\max}}{\pi L}}$$

## 28.7 Models for Convective Mass Transfer Coefficients (dilute systems)

Model	Basic Form	f ( $D_{AB}$ )	Notes
Film Theory	$k_c = \frac{D_{AB}}{\delta}$	$k_c \propto D_{AB}$	film layer thickness $\delta$ not known up front
Penetration Theory	$k_c = \sqrt{\frac{4D_{AB}v_{\max}}{\pi L}}$	$k_c \propto D_{AB}^{1/2}$	good model if there is homogeneous chemical reaction within the boundary layer (small penetration depth)
Boundary Layer Theory (e.g. Laminar Flow over a Flat Plate)	$k_c = 0.664 \frac{D_{AB}}{L} \left( \frac{v_{\infty} L}{\nu} \right)^{1/2} \left( \frac{\nu}{D_{AB}} \right)^{1/3}$	$k_c \propto D_{AB}^{2/3}$ (if $Sh \propto Sc^{1/3}$ )	best way to “scale” mass transfer coefficients from one solute to another within a mixture exposed to the same hydrodynamic situation