

Mass Transfer: Diffusion

**Example:
Evaporation of a droplet - Stefan flow**

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Fuel in the combustion engine and droplets (aerosols) while speaking

COVID-19

- ▶ Main infection pathway:
 - ⇒ aerosol droplets, exhalation, speaking, sneezing

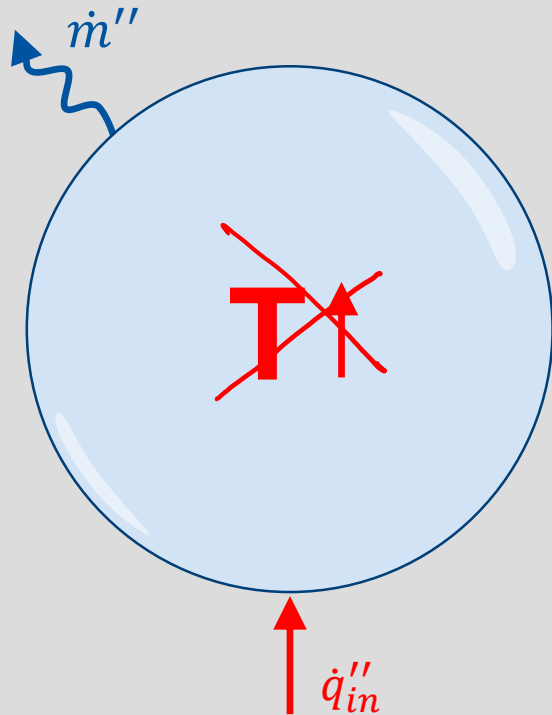


[2] DLR Movie Animation (Source: BOSCH) <https://www.bosch.de/press/medien/infografiken/aerosole-bleiben-beim-sprechen-durchschnittlich-acht-minuten-in-der-luft/>

Investigation of:

- ▶ Balance at the droplet
- ▶ Equilibrium temperature during evaporation of a droplet
- ▶ Mass flow of the evaporated fuel \dot{m}''
- ▶ Duration of complete evaporation of a droplet

What happens when a drop evaporates?



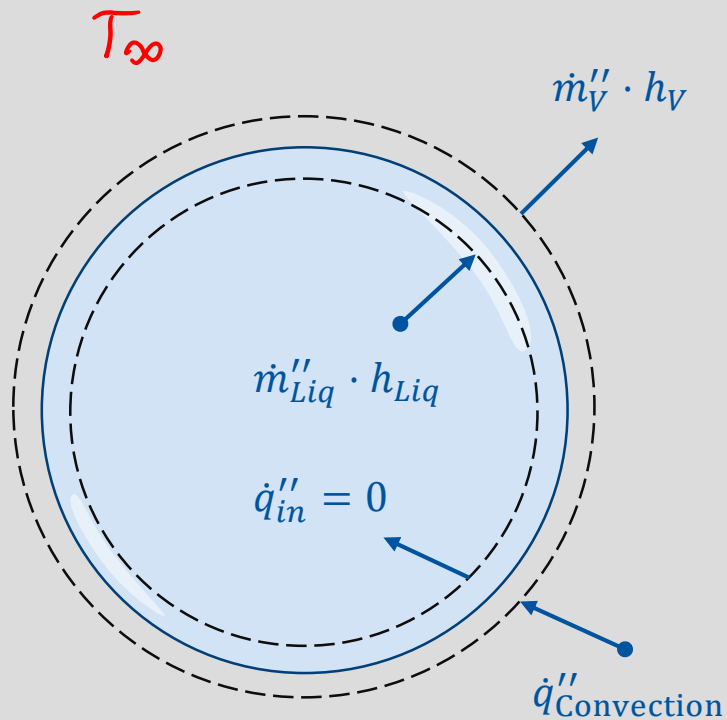
- ▶ Initially, the droplet is colder than the environment
 - Surface temperature is low
 - Diffusion in the environment is low because the driving potential is low

$$\dot{m}'' \sim (\xi_{Surface} - \xi_{\infty})$$

- ▶ After a certain time, an equilibrium is reached between:
 - amount of heat provided
 - amount of heat required for evaporation
- ▶ Then the droplet temperature does not change anymore
 - This is the case considered here

Balance at the droplet

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► Balance

$$\dot{m}_V'' \cdot h_V - \dot{m}_{Liq}'' \cdot h_{Liq} = \dot{q}_{Convection}''$$

$$\dot{m}_V'' = \dot{m}_{Liq}'' = \dot{m}''$$

$$\dot{m}'' \cdot (h_V - h_{Liq}) = \dot{q}_{Convection}''$$

$$\Delta h_v = h_V - h_{Liq}$$

$$\dot{q}_{Convection}'' = \alpha (T_\infty - T_{Liq, Surface})$$

$$\dot{m}'' \cdot \Delta h_v = \alpha (T_\infty - T_{Liq, Surface})$$

Equilibrium temperature and evaporation amount \dot{m}''

Calculate droplet surface temperature:

Formula seems straightforward (at the first glance)

⇒ this does not work

$$\dot{m}'' \cdot \Delta h_v = \alpha (T_\infty - T_{Liq, Surface})$$

~~$$\Rightarrow T_{Liq, Surface} = T_\infty - \frac{\dot{m}'' \cdot \Delta h_v}{\alpha}$$~~

$$\Delta h_v = f(T_{Liq, Surface})$$

$$\dot{m}'' = ?$$

How large is \dot{m}'' ?

$$\dot{m}'' = g \cdot \frac{\xi_{Vapor, Surface} - \xi_{Vapor, \infty}}{1 - \xi_{Vapor, Surface}}$$

$$\xi_{Vapor, Surface} = f(T_{Liq, Surface})$$

Stefan Factor

Lewis Law:

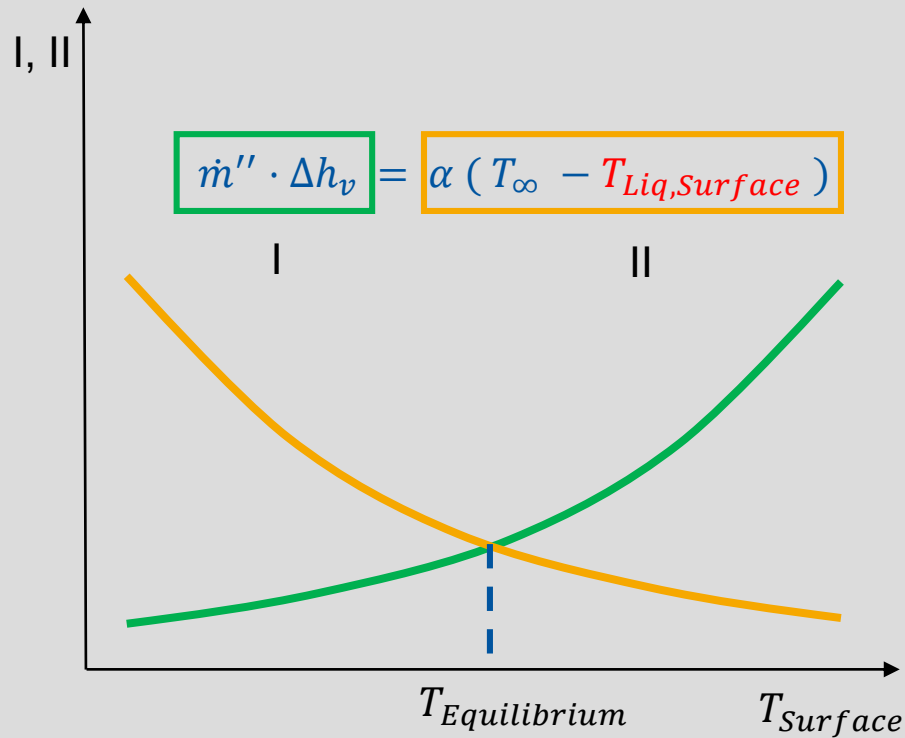
$$g = \frac{\alpha}{c_p}$$

using Nusselt correlation

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Temperature can only be determined **iteratively**, since both **enthalpy** and $\xi_{\text{Vapor, Surface}}$ are temperature dependent



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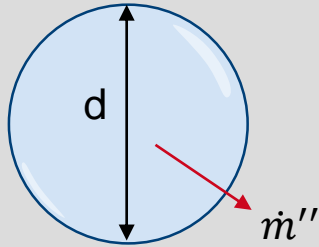
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Evaporation time

After what time has the droplet completely evaporated?



$$\frac{dm}{dt} = -\dot{m}'' \cdot A \Rightarrow \rho \frac{dV}{dt} = -g \cdot \frac{\xi_{V,S} - \xi_{V,\infty}}{1 - \xi_{V,S}} \cdot A \Rightarrow \rho \frac{d(\frac{4}{3} \pi r^3)}{dt} = -g \cdot B \cdot 4 \pi r^2$$

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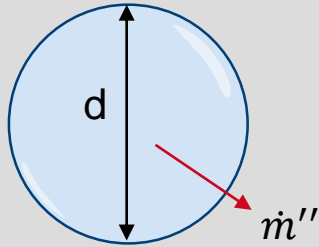
$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2}(r^2 - r_0^2) = -\frac{\rho_V}{\rho_L} B \cdot D \cdot t$$

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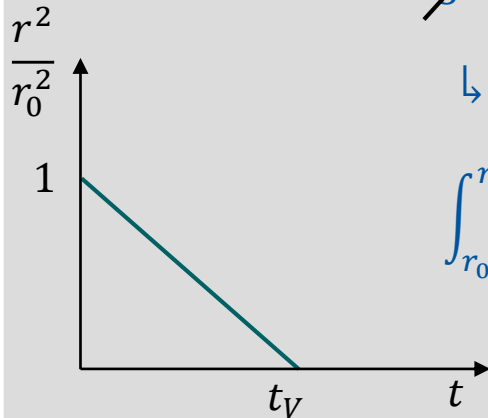
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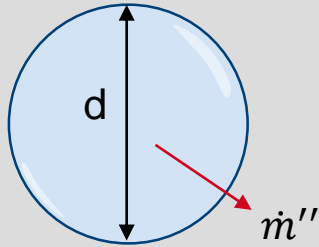
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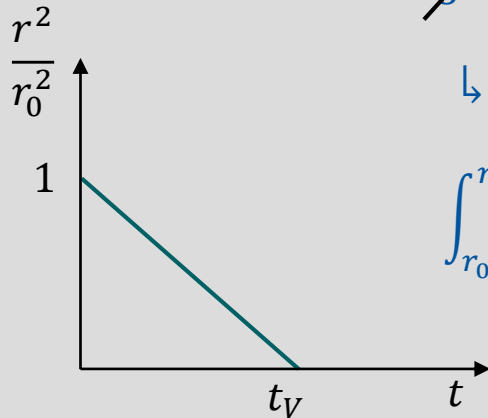
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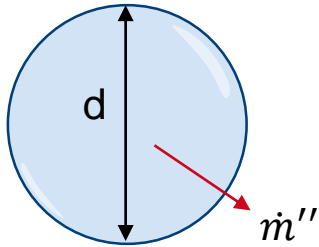
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$$t_V = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{r_0^2 \cdot \rho_L}{B \cdot D \cdot \rho_V}$$

Evaporation time: aerosol droplets



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Numerical values: (taken from example of video 8)

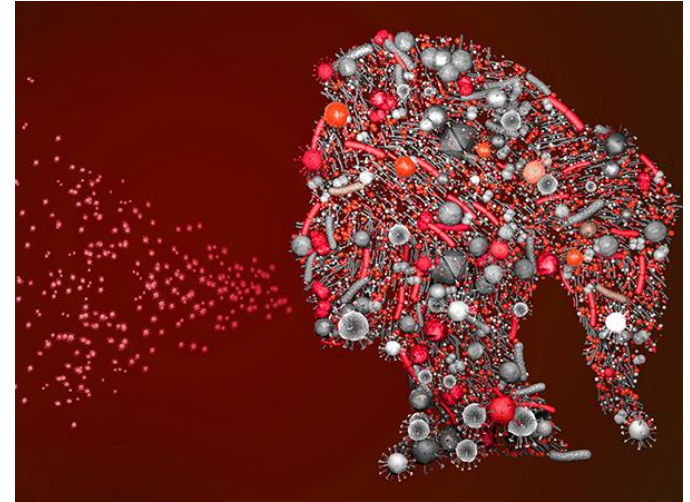
$$\mathbf{B} = \frac{\xi_{H_2O,s} - \xi_{H_2O,\infty}}{1 - \xi_{H_2O,s}} = 0.0102; \quad D = 2 \cdot 10^{-5} \frac{m^2}{s}$$

$$\rho_L = 1000 \left[\frac{kg}{m^3} \right]$$

$$\rho_V = \frac{p_V}{(R/M) \cdot T} = 0,01722 \frac{kg}{m^3}$$

$$p_V = 2330 \frac{N}{m^2} \quad \text{Cox-Antoine relation of table 8, Appendix of lecture skript}$$

$$R/M = 461.4 \frac{J}{kg \cdot K} \quad T = 293,15 \text{ K}$$



Initial diameter (= 2 r_0)

	1 μm	10 μm	100 μm
t_V [sec]	0,0355	3,55	355,7



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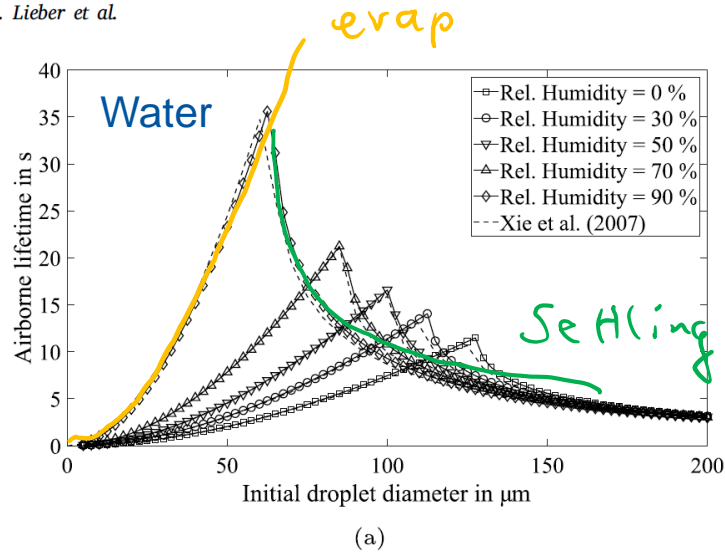
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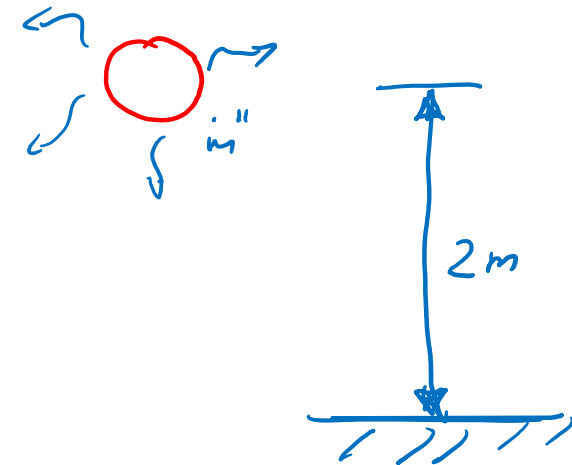


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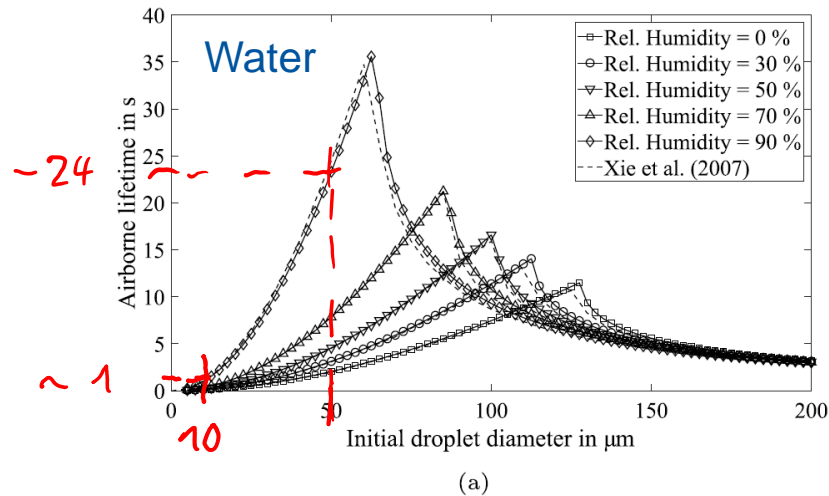
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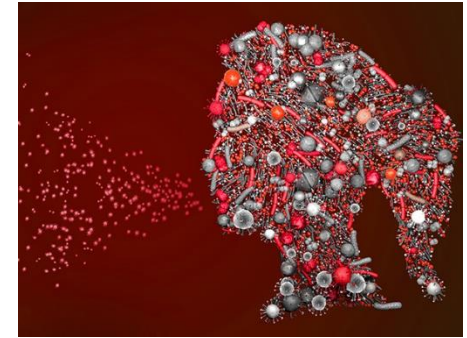
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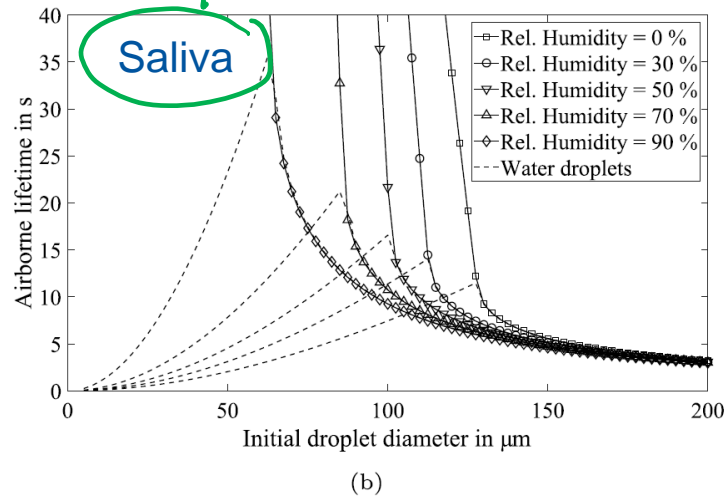
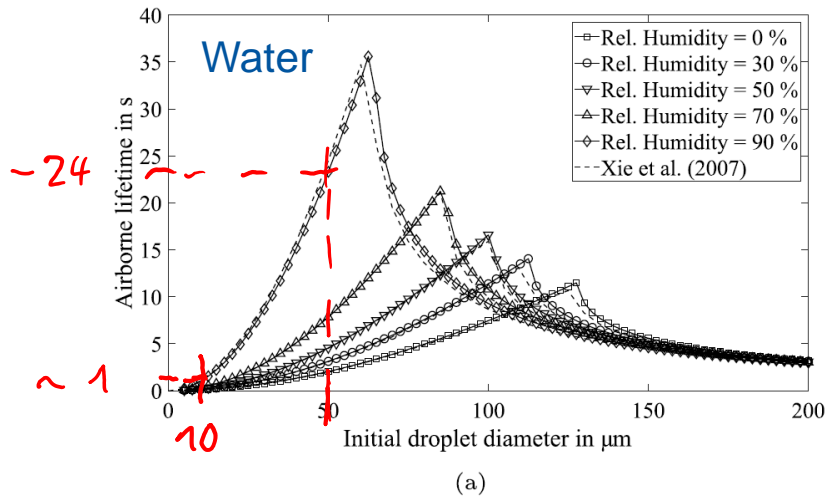


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Comprehension questions

Why is the determination of the surface temperature only possible iteratively?

What are the considerations behind the estimation of the evaporation time of a droplet?

Why is the evaporation time of an exhaled droplet relatively large?