

Lecture 9 – Fick's Laws and Transport with External Forces

- Sections 5.3 and 5.4 in the textbook
- Fick's 1st and 2nd Laws
- Sedimentation
- Electrophoresis
- Convection and Chromatography

Review: Diffusion equation

- From calculating the probability of a molecule being a certain distance away from its starting point after a random walk, we derived the Einstein diffusion equation:

$$\langle r^2 \rangle^{1/2} = \sqrt{6Dt}$$

$$rms \propto \sqrt{t}$$

$$D = \frac{\delta \lambda^2}{2}$$

δ = rate of collisions

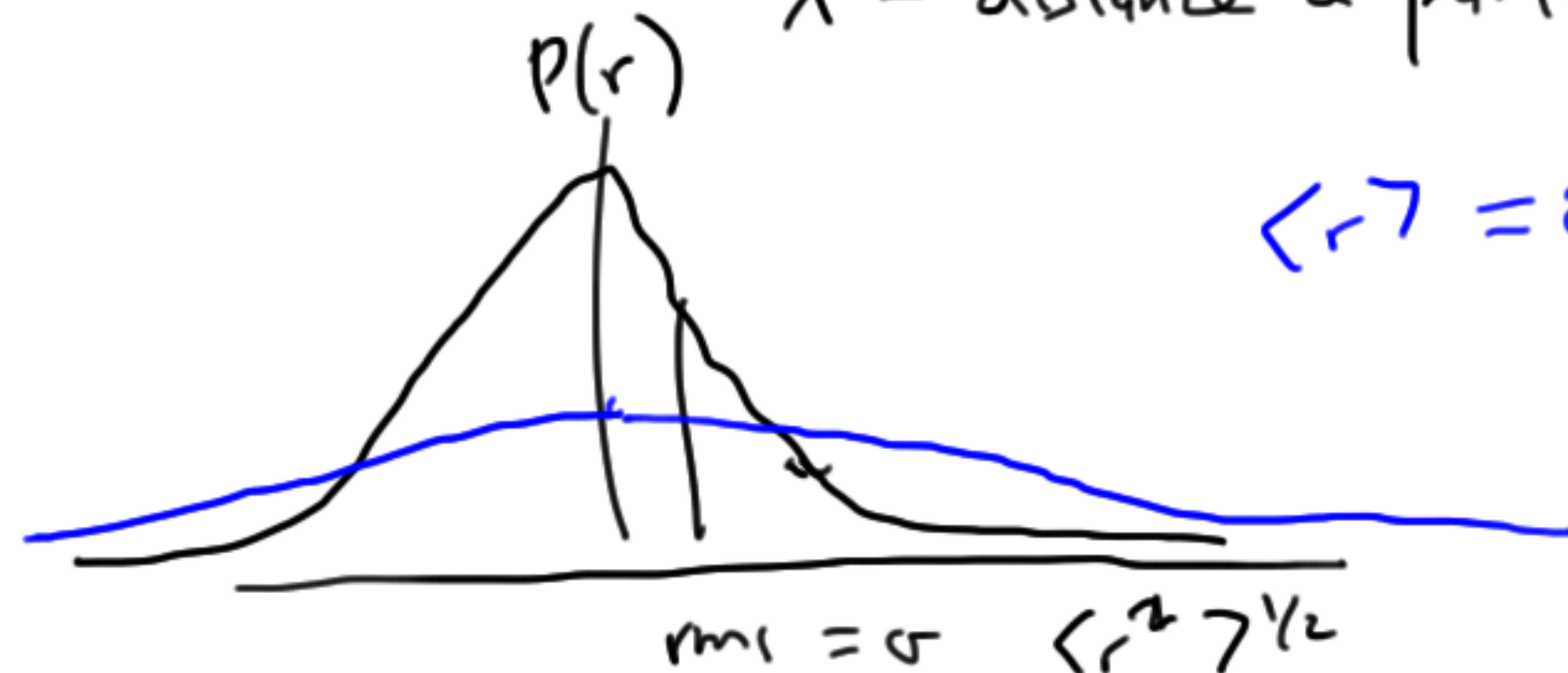
λ = distance a particle travels between collisions

D has units $\frac{m^2}{s}$

α (thermal diffusivity) $\frac{m^2}{s}$

μ (electron or hole mobility) $\frac{m^2}{Vs}$

$$\langle r \rangle = 0$$



Fick's Laws of Diffusion

- Fick's laws of diffusion describe how concentration gradients affect diffusion rates
- Fick's first law describes how the flux of molecules, J , depends on the concentration gradient and diffusion coefficient under steady-state conditions:

$$J = -D \frac{d\rho}{dz}$$

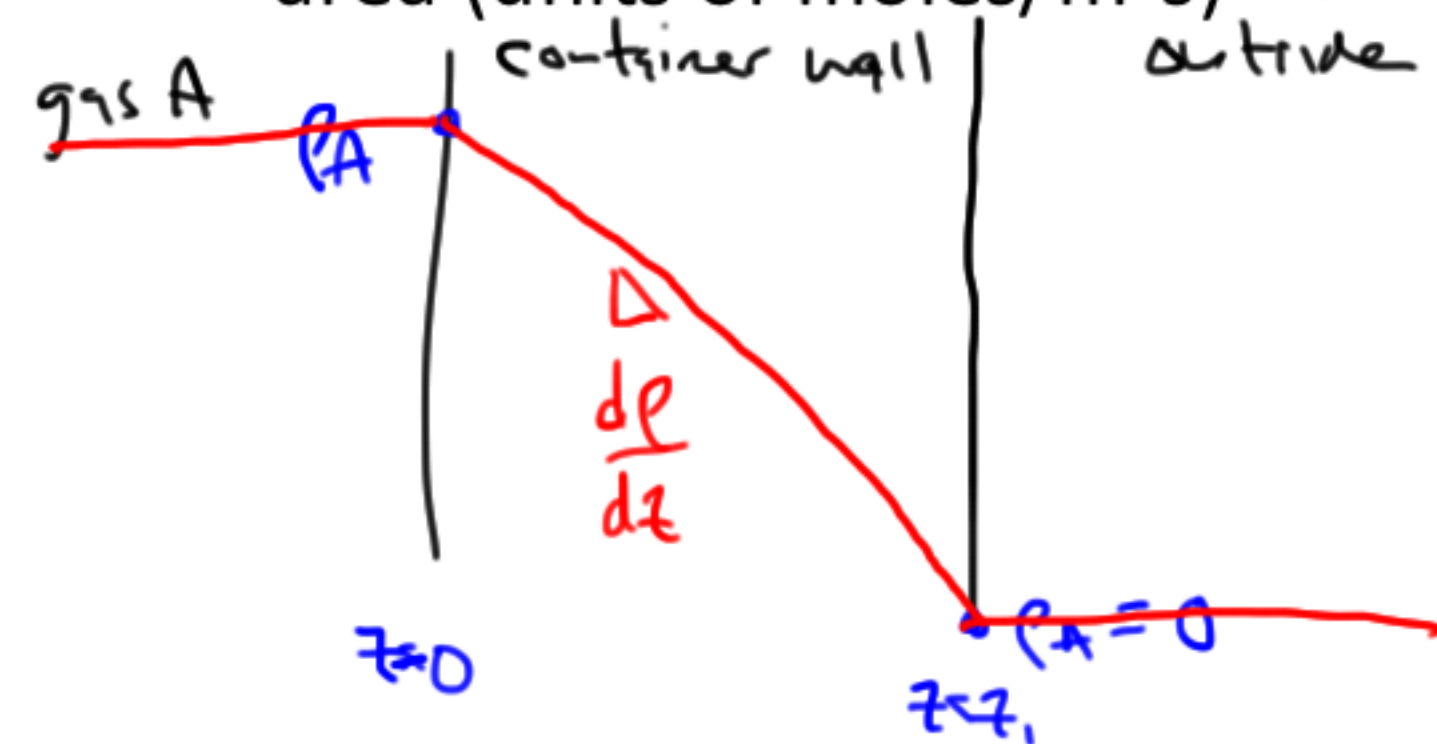
ρ = density

not changing with time

z = distance

driving force \rightarrow larger gradient = higher flux

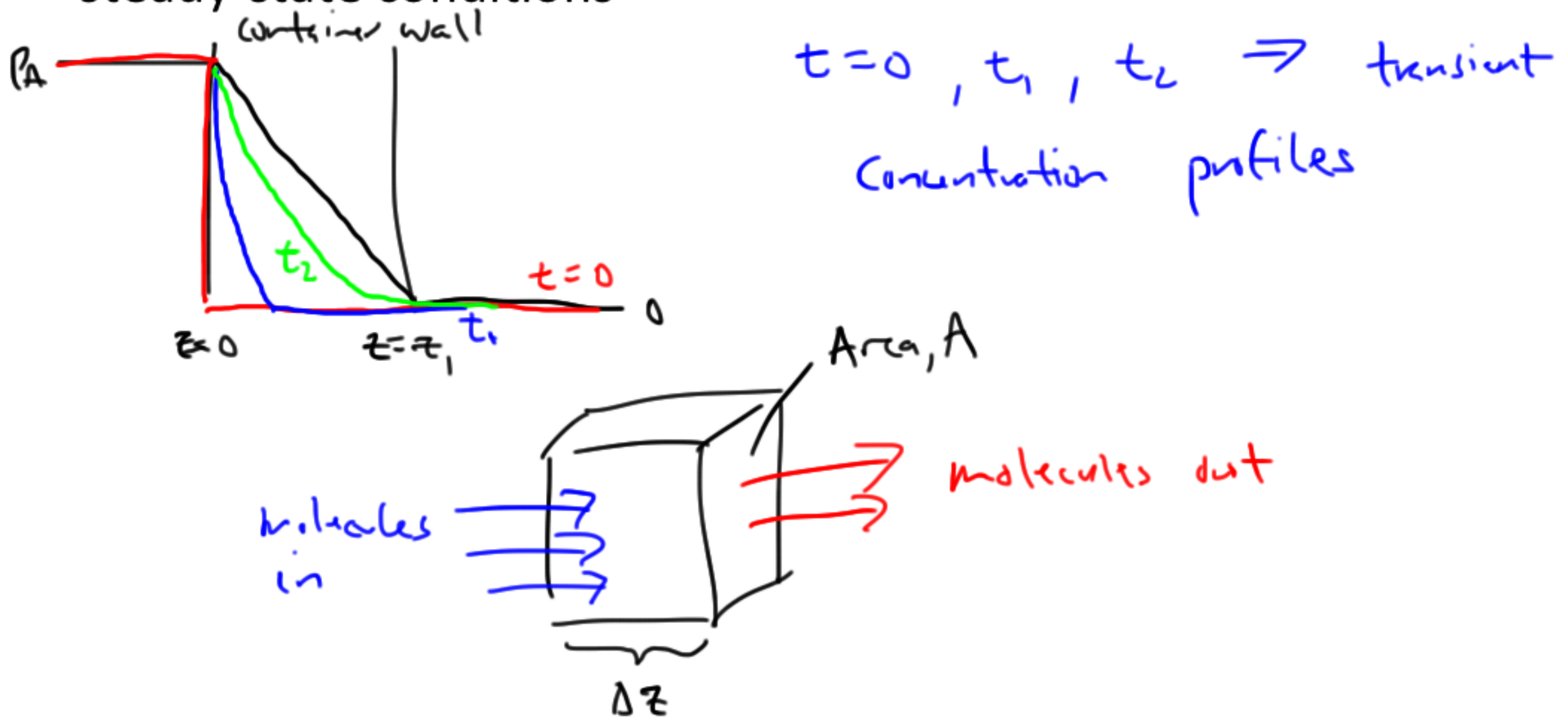
- J is the number of molecules that pass a location per second per unit area (units of moles/m²s)



$$J = -D \left(\frac{\rho_A(z_1) - \rho_A(z_0)}{z_1 - z_0} \right)$$

Fick's Second Law

- Fick's 2nd Law can be used to derive concentration profiles for non-steady-state conditions



$$\frac{\text{mol}}{\text{m}^3 \text{s}} \rightarrow \frac{dp}{dt} = \frac{J(z+\Delta z) \cdot A - J(z) \cdot A}{A \cdot \Delta z}$$

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how p is changing inside box over time

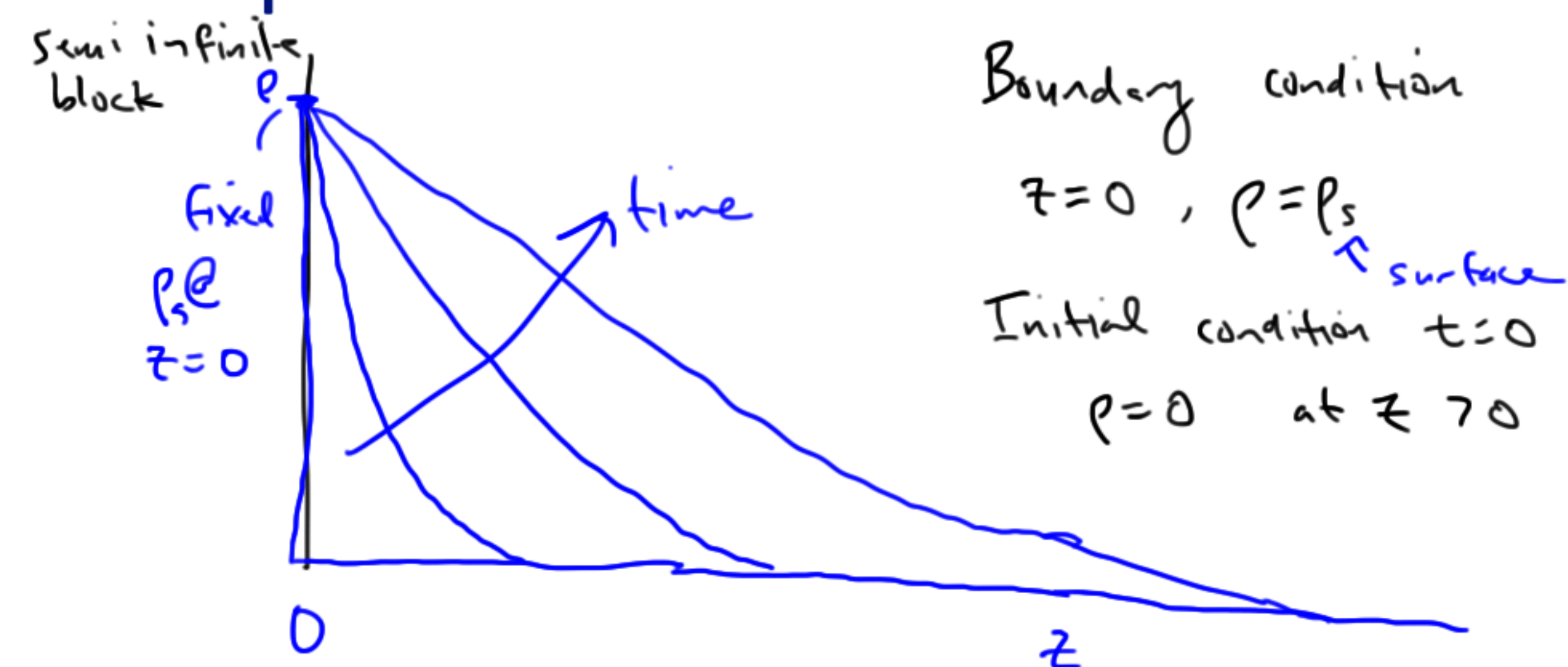
let $\Delta z \rightarrow 0$

$$\frac{dp}{dt} = -\frac{dJ}{dz}$$

Fick's First law: $J = -D \frac{dp}{dz}$

$$= -\frac{d}{dz} \left(-D \frac{dp}{dz} \right) = \boxed{D \frac{d^2 p}{dz^2} = \frac{dp}{dt}}$$

Example: Constant surface concentration



$$\frac{dp}{dt} = D \frac{d^2 p}{dz^2}$$

change of variables $\eta = \frac{z}{(4Dt)^{1/2}}$

$$\frac{dp}{dt} = \frac{dp}{d\eta} \cdot \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial t} = D \cdot \frac{d}{d\eta} \left(\frac{dp}{d\eta} \right) \frac{d\eta}{dz} = D \frac{d^2 p}{d\eta^2} \cdot \left(\frac{\partial \eta}{\partial z} \right)^2$$

$$\frac{\partial \eta}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(\frac{z}{(4Dt)^{1/2}} \right) = \frac{-z}{2(4Dt)^{1/2}t} = -\frac{\eta}{2t}$$

$$\frac{\partial \eta}{\partial z} = \frac{1}{(4Dt)^{1/2}}$$

$$-\frac{\eta}{2t} = D \cdot \frac{d^2 p}{d\eta^2} \left[\frac{1}{(4Dt)^{1/2}} \right]^2$$

$$-2\eta \frac{dp}{d\eta} = \frac{d^2 p}{d\eta^2} = \frac{d}{d\eta} \left(\frac{dp}{d\eta} \right) \quad \text{let } \frac{dp}{d\eta} = f$$

$$-2\eta \cdot f = \frac{df}{d\eta}$$

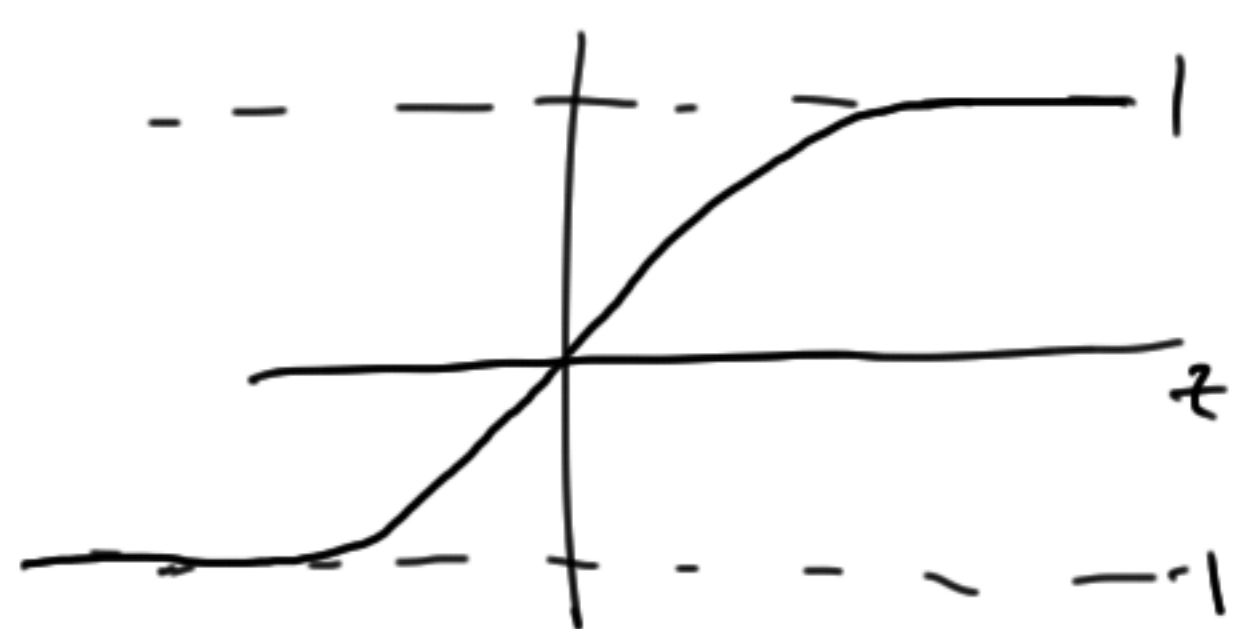
$$\frac{1}{f} df = -2\eta d\eta$$

$$\ln f = \ln \left(\frac{dp}{d\eta} \right) = -\eta^2 + C_1$$

$$\frac{dp}{d\eta} = C_1 e^{-\eta^2}$$

$$p = C_1 \underbrace{\int_0^\eta e^{-\eta'^2} d\eta'}_{\text{erf function}} + C_2$$

$$p = C_1 \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2} \text{erf}(\eta) + C_2$$



$$\eta = \frac{z}{(4Dt)^{1/2}}$$

B.C. $z=0, p=p_s$
 $\eta=0$

Plug in B.C.

$$p_s = C_1 \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2} \text{erf}(0) + C_2 \Rightarrow C_2 = p_s$$

$$p = C_1 \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2} \text{erf}(\eta) + p_s$$

I.C. $t=0, p=0$ @ $z>0$
 $\eta=\infty$

Plug in: $0 = C_1 \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2} \text{erf}(\infty) + p_s$

$$C_1 = -\frac{2p_s}{\sqrt{\pi}}$$

$$\boxed{p = -p_s \text{erf}(\eta) + p_s}$$

solution for semi infinite slab w/ constant surface concentration

Sedimentation



Downwards force = F_{gravity} (corrected for buoyancy)

Upwards force = $F_{\text{viscosity}} = -f v \leftarrow \text{velocity}$
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 frictional coefficient

$$F_{\text{vis}} = F_g \Rightarrow \text{constant } v_{ss}$$

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 steady state velocity

(depends on shape/size/interaction w/ solvent)

Centrifuge increases gravitational force up to 10^6 times

$$F_{\text{cent}} = (m - m_0) \omega^2 r = m \omega^2 r b$$

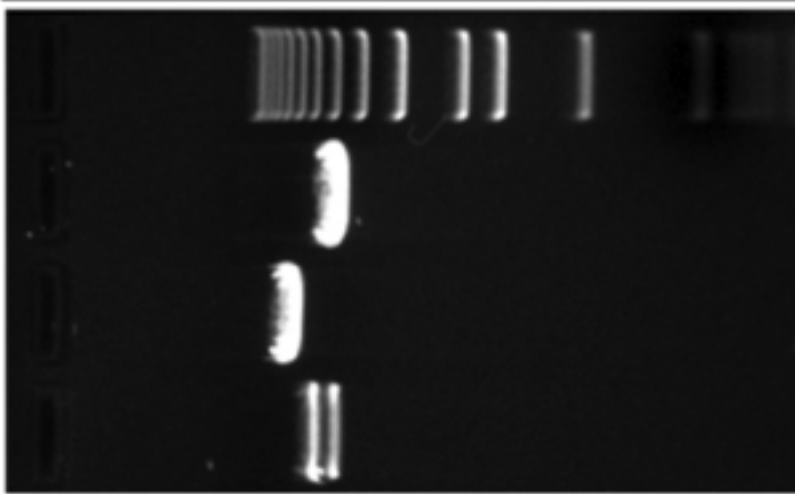
\nwarrow angular velocity
 \nearrow mass of solute
 \nearrow mass of solvent
 \nearrow distance from the center of rotation

$$b = \left(1 - \frac{m_0}{m}\right)$$

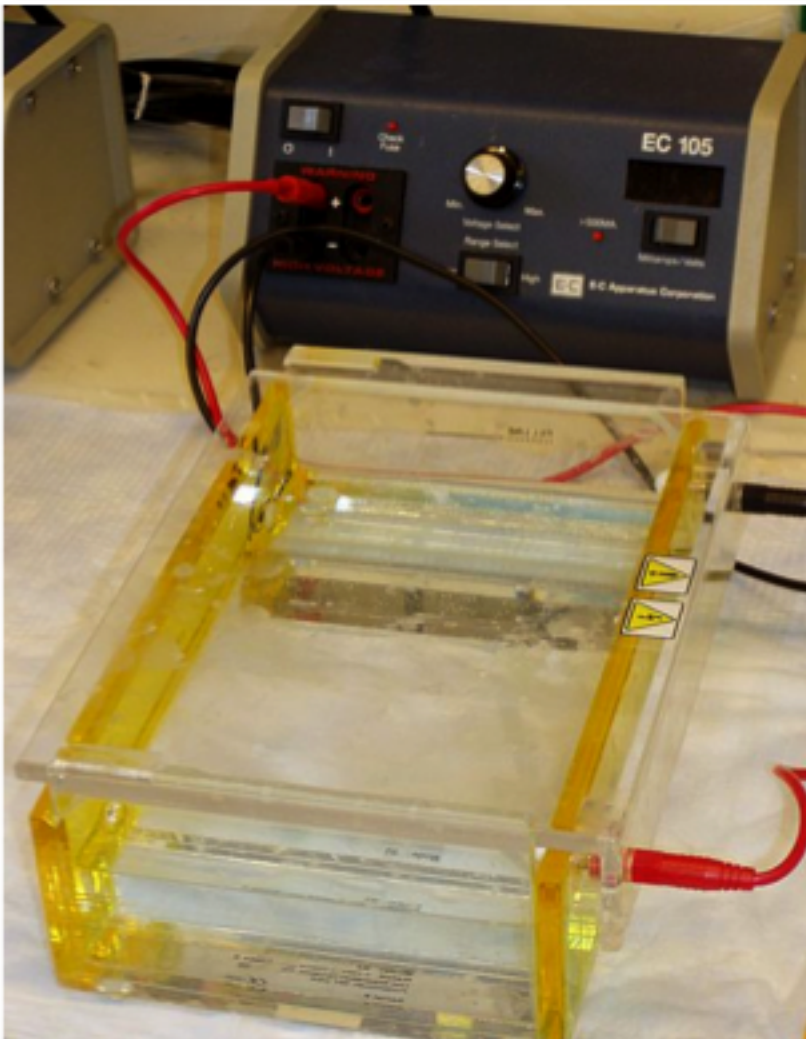
$$F_{\text{vis}} = F_{\text{cent}} \Rightarrow \text{can solve for steady state velocity}$$

Electrophoresis

- The frictional force due to viscosity opposes an electrostatic force acting on a charged molecule moving through an electric field



velocity, $v \propto \ln m$
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 mass



Convection

- Net flow of a gas or liquid, usually through another fluid, without mixing
- In addition to movement from diffusion, molecules have a net velocity in a specific direction

$$\langle v_{\text{conv}} \rangle = \frac{dz}{dt}$$

$$\frac{dp}{dt} = \left(\frac{dp}{dt} \right)_{\text{diff}} + \left(\frac{dp}{dt} \right)_{\text{conv}} = D \frac{d^2 p}{dz^2} + \langle v_{\text{conv}} \rangle \frac{dp}{dz}$$

Fick's 2nd Law

$$P(z, t) = (4\pi Dt)^{-1/2} e^{-(z - \langle v_{\text{conv}} \rangle t)^2 / 4Dt}$$

1st law of thermodynamics - conservation of energy

$$\Delta E = w + q$$

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 work heat

$\Delta E = E_2 - E_1$ State function (path/process independent)

work and heat are path dependent

sum of work and heat is a state function

Reversible versus Irreversible processes

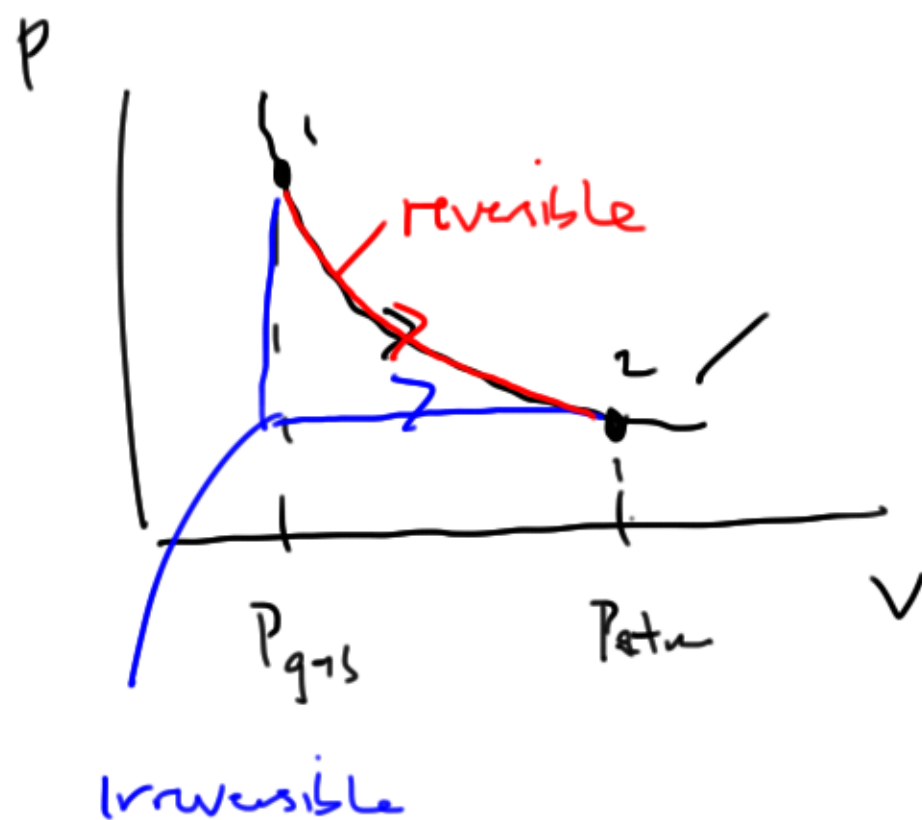


P_{atm}

$P_{gas} > P_{atm}$

constant T process

Release piston, it will move up (does work)



$$w = - \int P dV$$

Reversible: $w = - \int_{V_1}^{V_2} \frac{nRT}{V} dV$

$$w = -nRT \ln\left(\frac{V_2}{V_1}\right)$$

$$w = -P_{atm} \int dV$$

$$w = -P_{atm}(V_2 - V_1)$$

$$\Delta E = \frac{3}{2} nR(T_2 - T_1)$$