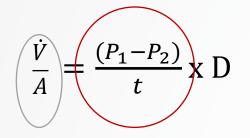
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MASS TRANSFER

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How we can maximize the amount of molecules/time?



Fick's law of diffusion is the mass transfer analog of
(1) Newton's law of viscosity for momentum transport, and
(2) Fourier's law of heat conduction for energy transport.

Flux = Gradient x Diffusion constant

The subject of transport phenomena includes 3 closely related topics:

fluid dynamics (momentum transport),

heat transfer (energy transport),

mass transfer (mass transport).

General Molecular Transport Equation

Rate of Transport Process = $\frac{\text{Driving Force}}{\text{Resistance}}$

- Evaporation of liquid water in an open pail into the air because of the difference in concentration
- A piece of sugar added to a cup of tea dissolves by itself and diffuses to the surrounding solution.
- In fermentation process, nutrients and oxygen dissolved in the solution and diffuse to the microorganism.
- In a catalytic reaction, the reactants diffuse from the surrounding to the catalyst surface
- Diffusion in living tissue involves the transport of small amounts of solutes like salts, antibodies, enzymes, or steroids.
- Separation process like distillation, absorption

Two mechanisms for mass transfer:

• Molecular Diffusion (*random-walk process*)

 \circ Convective Mass Transfer

Your Turn

Will a heat transfer coefficient and a mass transfer coefficient be related?

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