

**CEN 3313**

**MASS TRANSFER**

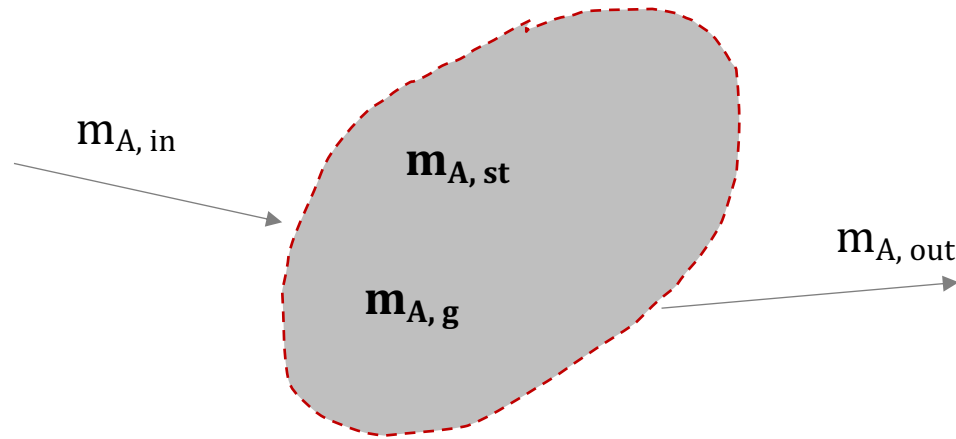
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# MASS DIFFUSION EQUATION

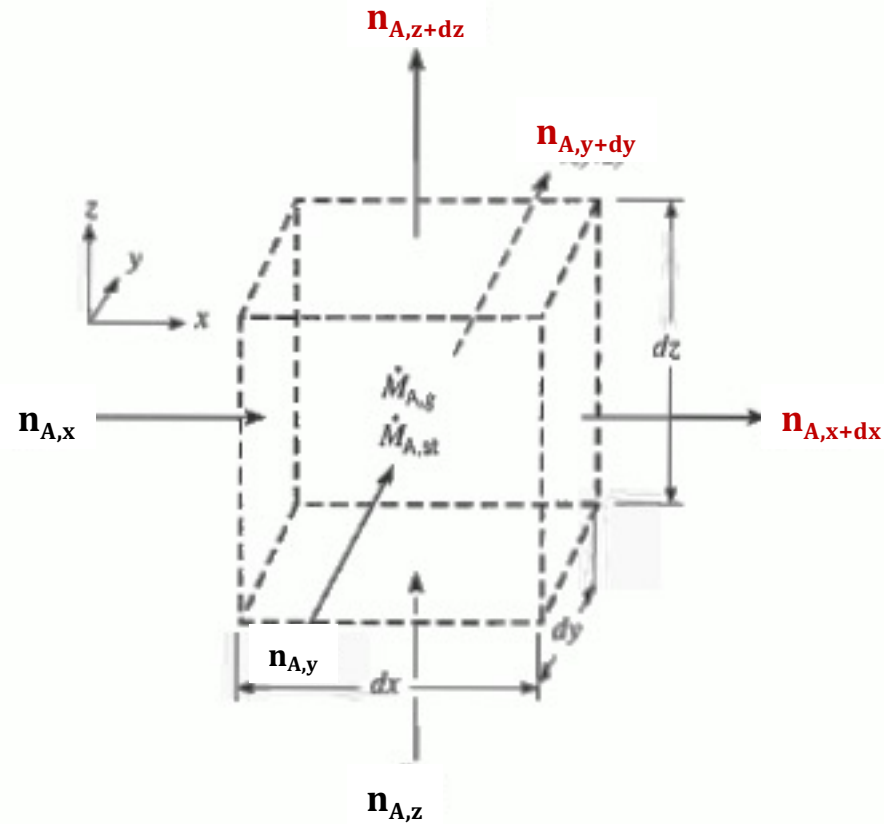
## Conservation of Species in Stationary Medium



$$\left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{rate of} \\ \text{mass} \\ \text{of A in} \end{array} \right\} - \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{rate of} \\ \text{mass of} \\ \text{A out} \end{array} \right\} + \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{rate of generation} \\ \text{of A by} \\ \text{homogeneous rxn} \end{array} \right\} = \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{accumulation of} \\ \text{species A} \end{array} \right\}$$



# MASS DIFFUSION EQUATION-Conservation of Species in Stationary Medium



$n_A = \rho_A v_A$  : mass flux (mass of A that passes a unit area per unit time)

Control volume fixed in space

Differential control volume =  $dx dy dz$  (for cartesian coordinates)

Binary mixture of A & B flowing through

No mass transfer by convection

$$\left( \begin{array}{c} \text{rate of mass} \\ \text{of A in} \end{array} \right) - \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{rate of mass} \\ \text{of A out} \end{array} \right) + \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{rate of generation} \\ \text{of A by} \\ \text{homogeneous rxn} \end{array} \right) = \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{accumulation} \\ \text{of species A} \end{array} \right)$$



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$$\left( n_{Ax} \Big|_x - n_{Ax} \Big|_{x+\Delta x} \right) \Delta y \Delta z + \left( n_{Ay} \Big|_y - n_{Ay} \Big|_{y+\Delta y} \right) \Delta x \Delta z + \left( n_{Az} \Big|_z - n_{Az} \Big|_{z+\Delta z} \right) \Delta x \Delta y + r_A \Delta x \Delta y \Delta z = \frac{\partial \rho_A}{\partial t} \Delta x \Delta y \Delta z$$

$r_A$ ; rate of generation of species A per unit volume of mixture

$$-\frac{\partial n_{Ax}}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial n_{Ay}}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial n_{Az}}{\partial z} + r_A = \frac{\partial \rho_A}{\partial t}$$



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$$n_A = -D_{AB} \frac{d\rho_A}{dx}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( D_{AB} \frac{\partial \rho_A}{\partial x} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( D_{AB} \frac{\partial \rho_A}{\partial y} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left( D_{AB} \frac{\partial \rho_A}{\partial z} \right) + r_A = \frac{\partial \rho_A}{\partial t}$$



$$-\frac{\partial n_{Ax}}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial n_{Ay}}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial n_{Az}}{\partial z} + r_A = \frac{\partial \rho_A}{\partial t}$$

**In molar concentration:**

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( D_{AB} \frac{\partial C_A}{\partial x} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( D_{AB} \frac{\partial C_A}{\partial y} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left( D_{AB} \frac{\partial C_A}{\partial z} \right) + r_A = \frac{\partial \rho_A}{\partial t}$$

**for constant  $D_{AB}$  and  $\rho$  :**

$$\left( \frac{\partial^2 \rho_A}{\partial x^2} \right) + \left( \frac{\partial^2 \rho_A}{\partial y^2} \right) + \left( \frac{\partial^2 \rho_A}{\partial z^2} \right) + \frac{r_A}{D_{AB}} = \frac{1}{D_{AB}} \frac{\partial \rho_A}{\partial t}$$

$$\left( \frac{\partial^2 C_A}{\partial x^2} \right) + \left( \frac{\partial^2 C_A}{\partial y^2} \right) + \left( \frac{\partial^2 C_A}{\partial z^2} \right) + \frac{R_A}{D_{AB}} = \frac{1}{D_{AB}} \frac{\partial C_A}{\partial t}$$



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