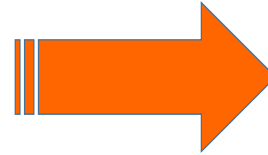


Continuing work with the linear driving force for mass transfer, i.e. mass transfer coefficients, k_c



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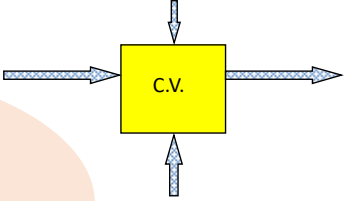
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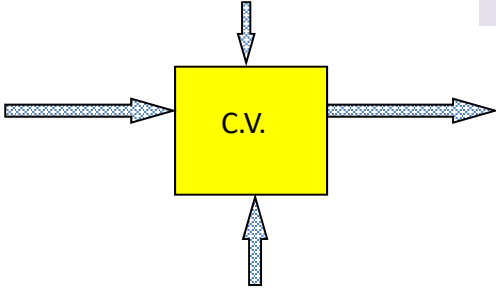
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MOLES

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balance over time interval Δt

Macroscopic control volume, C.V.



Keep track of:

- Bulk convection of species A into and out of the C.V.
- Mass transfer across control surfaces of species A
- Mass of species A created by chemical reaction

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introduction of moles of A into the C.V. by mass transfer across the i^{th} bounding control surface S_i (C.S.)

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(think "source" and "sink")

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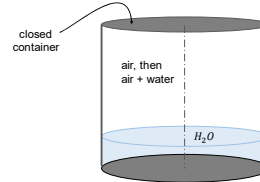
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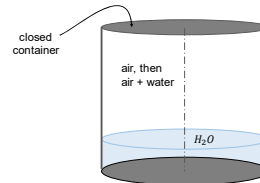
(mass transfer coefficient for evaporating water)

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$$t = 2.3 \text{ hours}$$

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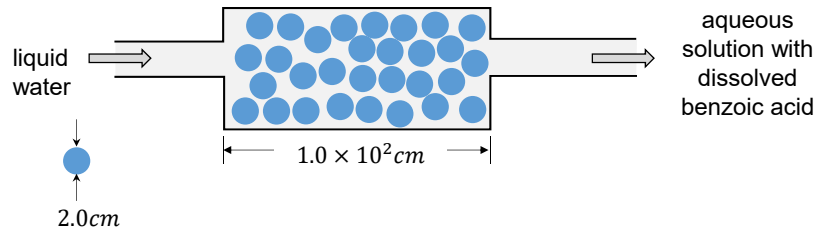
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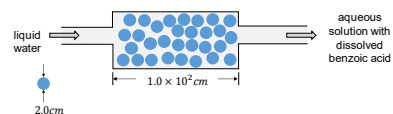
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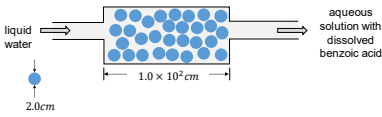
(dissolving benzoic acid in packed bed, pseudo steady state)

$$k_c = \frac{v^0}{aL} \left(-\ln \left(1 - \frac{c_{AL}}{c_A^*} \right) \right)$$

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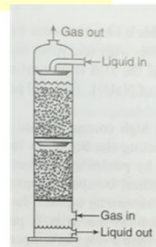
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Gas Absorption

While a chemical plant would not exist without the chemical reactors, the biggest expense (the biggest equipment) will often be the separation equipment, **distillation columns** and **gas absorption columns**.

- Packed column (tower)
- Liquid poured into top trickles down through packing
- Gas pumped into bottom flows upward
- Analysis involves both **fluid mechanics** (determines cross-sectional area) and **mass transfer** (determines height)

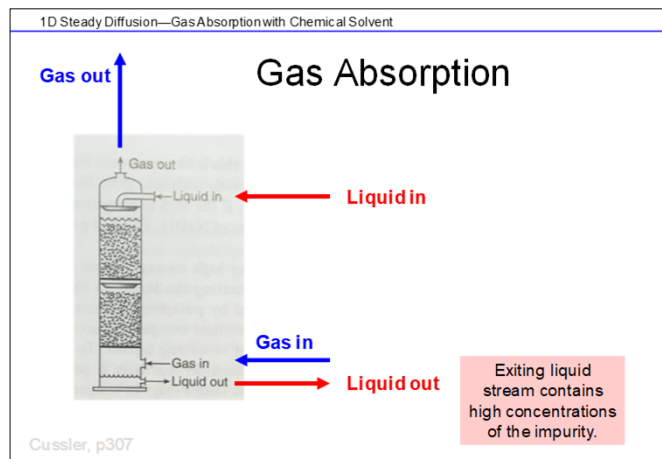


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Gas Absorption Tower Design

A type of "differential contacting"

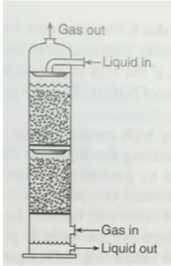
Design: Diameter, Height

Diameter: constrained by the fluid mechanics of the gas and liquid flowing past each other; complicated; described by largely empirical correlations (use turnkey procedure)

Height: must be sufficient to attain the separation desired; depends on how solubility depends on concentration (linear or nonlinear isotherm, dilute (easy), not dilute (hard))

Complicated; solved by trial and error

Can be modeled.

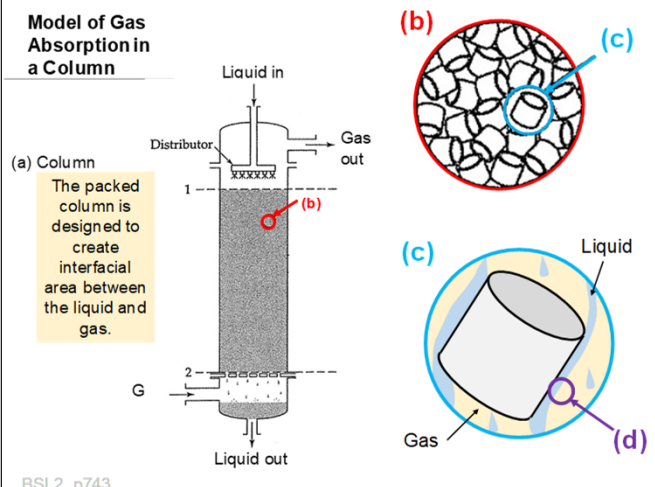


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From lecture 8:

Model of Gas Absorption in a Column



(a) Column
The packed column is designed to create interfacial area between the liquid and gas.

(b) Magnified view of the packing structure.

(c) Magnified view of the liquid-gas interface.

(d) Magnified view of the liquid-gas interface showing the contact area.

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$$x_A \equiv \frac{x_A}{x_B} = \frac{x_A}{1-x_A}$$

} molar ratios

$y_A \approx y_A$ for dilute systems

$x_A = x_{A1} + \frac{M_G}{M_L} (y_A - y_{A1})$ (Operating line; from mass balance on the top of the column)

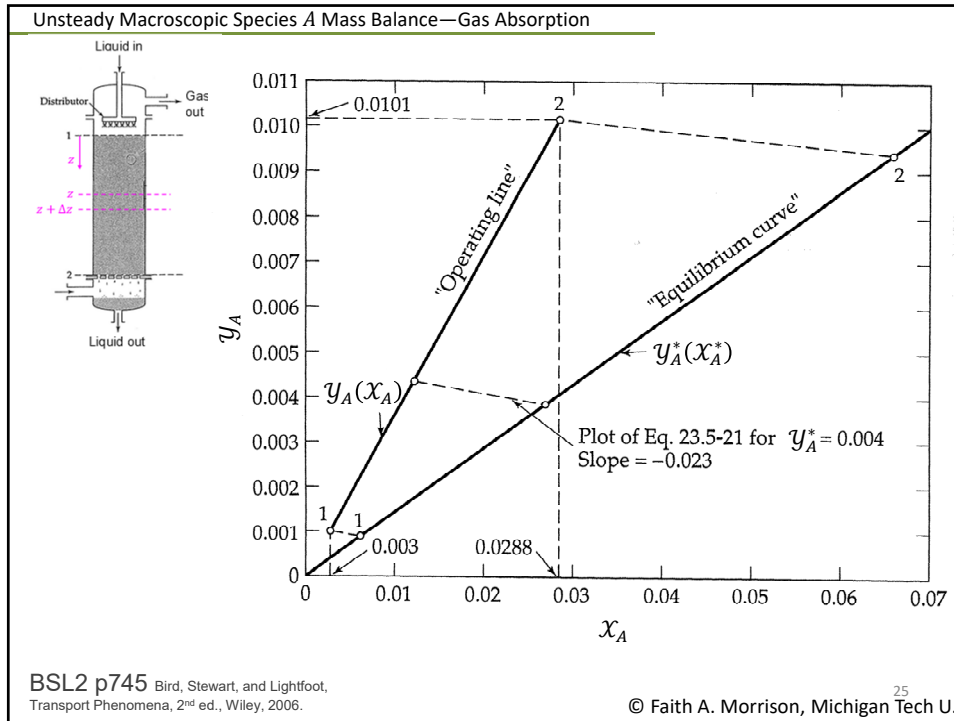
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Unsteady Macroscopic Species A Mass Balance

Solution:
(height of a packed bed absorber)

Answer: Perform numerical integration to obtain the column height L :

$$L = \frac{\mathcal{M}_G}{(k_y a)S} \int_{y_{A1}}^{y_{A2}} \frac{dy_A}{(y_A - y_A^*)}$$

Need: Gas flow rate \mathcal{M}_G , column cross sectional area S , data on thermodynamic equilibrium $y_A^*(x_A^*)$, desired separation (mole fractions top and bottom, and mass transfer coefficients $k_y a$ and $k_x a$).

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