

**Novel Separation Processes**  
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Mass Transfer Coeff. (m/c)

From definition

$$K (C_g - C_0) = -D \frac{\partial C}{\partial y} \Big|_{y=0}$$

$$K (C_g^* - 1) = -\frac{D}{h} \frac{\partial C^*}{\partial y^*} \Big|_{y^*=0}$$

$$\frac{Kh}{D} = \frac{-\left(\frac{\partial C^*}{\partial y^*}\right)_{y^*=0}}{C_g^* - 1}$$

$$Sh = \frac{Kd_c}{D}$$

$$\frac{1}{4} Sh = \frac{-\left(\frac{\partial C^*}{\partial y^*}\right)_{y^*=0}}{C_g^* - 1}$$

Well, next we will consider the mass expression of mass transfer coefficient, how it takes care in case of how it looks like in-case of gel layer control filtration; that is very important parameter, design parameter and we come to it once again. So, mass transfer coefficient is very important design parameter as per as the membrane operation design of the membrane system is concerned. So, let us first write the expression or definition from definition, we start the expression of mass transfer coefficient; K times C g minus C naught. If **if** you remember it was C m minus C naught in the earlier case now in this case C g minus C naught minus D del C del y at y is equal to 0.

So, you can make it non-dimensional. So, you divide both-side by C naught. So, this becomes, K times C g star minus 1 is equal to minus D by h del C star del y star and this is becomes, y star is equal to 0 **right**. So, you **you** will be having K h by D is nothing but minus del C star del y star at y star is equal to 0 divided by C g star minus 1. And you can **you can** replace h by D by 4 and define the Sherwood number. What is the Sherwood

number? Nothing but K times D equivalent by diffusivity. So, you will be getting 1 by 4 Sherwood is equal to minus del C star del y star at y star equal to 0 divided by C g star minus 1. So now, what you can **you can** do? You can, we have **we have** already they expression of del C star del y star in terms of y star delta excreta. And, evaluate that profile at y star is equal to 0 and substitute, that here.

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$$\frac{Sh}{4} = \frac{1}{(C_g^* - 1)} \cdot \frac{2(C_g^* - 1)}{\delta^*}$$

$$Sh = \frac{8}{\delta^*}$$

$$Sh(x^*) = \left(\frac{8}{192}\right)^{1/3} \left(Re Sc \frac{d}{L}\right)^{1/3} C_g^{*1/3}$$

$$\bar{Sh} = 2.08 \left(Re Sc \frac{d}{L}\right)^{1/3} C_g^{*1/4}$$

So, if you do that what you will be getting is that Sherwood divided by 4 is equal to 1 over C g star minus 1 two times C g star minus 1 divided by delta star. We will be cancelled out. And, you can we know the expression of what is Sherwood number? Sherwood number just, becomes 8 by delta star. And we know, we have already got an expression of delta star order the thickness of boundary layer, as a function of x star and we are going to substitute is there. So, if you do that you will be getting a profile of Sherwood number as a function of x star. And, this becomes, 8 by 192 rest to the power 1 upon 3 Reynolds smite d e by L rest to the power 1 upon 3 C g star rest to the power 1 upon 3 x star to the power minus 1 upon 3.

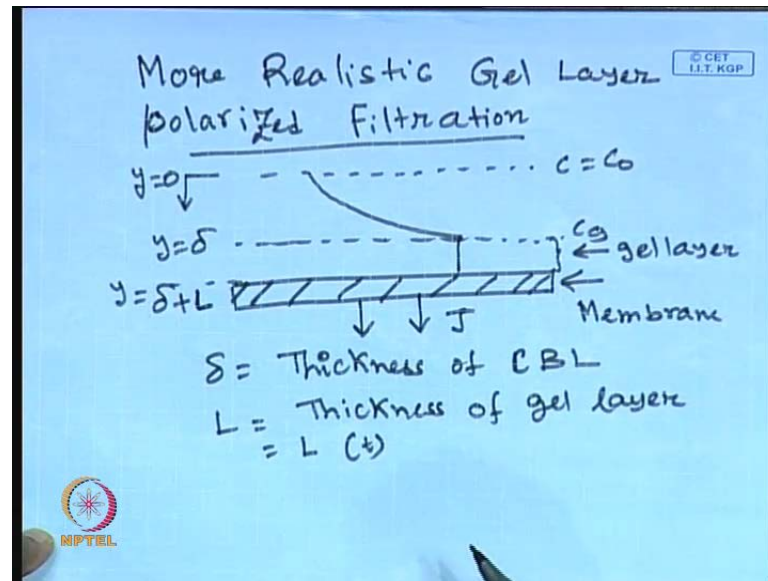
Now, we can do a, you know length averaging you can integrate this equation out over the whole length from 0 to 1. And, it is basically integration of this quantity from 0 to 1 and, these returns value of 1.5. So, you will be getting 2.08 times Reynolds smite d e by L rest to the power 1 upon 3 times C g star to the power 1 upon 3. So, that is the expression of Sherwood number or mass transfer coefficient in-case of gel layer control

filtration where the under the two-dimensional analysis when the mass transfer boundary layer is still developing. So, that gives the more or less and overview of how to obtain the permeate flux? Or Sherwood number mass transfer coefficient in case of steady set system. But the most realistic case in case of gel layer control filtration will be that gel layer will be depositing over the membrane surface. At constant concentration  $C_g$  star or  $C_g$ .  $C_g$  star is nothing but  $C_g$  by  $C_g$  naught at  $C_g$ .

Then, its thickness is growing with time. And, the growth because more particles will be **will be** arriving on the membrane surface it will be decreasing its thickness. So, that will be offering more resistance against the solve in flux and it will be decreasing. And, because of the presence of the turbulence outside the channel, the thickness the growth of these thicknesses of boundary layer of the **of the** gel layer will be arrested and will be getting a steady state. So, more and **and** in-case of osmotic pressure control filtration, will could have done this analysis of the full transient. We could we did not do that why we did not do that? Because it has been compute that the transient in on osmotic pressure analysis, osmotic pressure filtration system exists only for a few seconds. Let, say 10 seconds maximum 1 minute. But in an in an actual operation will be of a duration of 4 hours, 6 hours, 8 hours. So, whatever is happening in within first few minutes or seconds, it is in material. **Right** you are looking for the final you know filtration characteristics.

So, therefore, we did not do the transient analysis in case of osmotic pressure control filtration. On the other hand transient analysis we did for the batch cell only. For the stirred cell or the cross flow cell we did not do that. On the other hand in-case of gel layer control filtration in a rectangular cell or a stirred cell the scenario is just different. Here, the gel layer controlling filtration will be having much more prominent transients. It is transient may exist for 10 minutes it can exist for several hours. Depending on the characteristics of the gel forming particle, porosity of the gel layer or cake layer are how they are behave in?

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So, therefore, more realistic case of gel layer control filtration will be the transient analysis that we are going to do now. In this case, will be considering gel layer as a as nothing but a cake layer. And, the scenario will be something like this. This is the membrane. And, this is the membrane. And, this is nothing but the gel layer. That is growing over the membrane surface. And, beyond the gel layer there is the concentration boundary layer. And, how is concentration boundary layer is form? Because  $C$  is equal to  $C$  naught here.  $C$  is equal to  $C$  gel here. So, therefore, there is an these  $C$  gel is basically at least 5 to 6 times sometime in some cases 50 times of the bulk concentration.

Because of this stiff concentration gradient there will be existence of a concentration boundary layer. And, over this the gel layer concentration is same. The concentration in this layer is always same at  $C_g$ . So, therefore, we can start our coordinated system from the middle. Let, say at when it is bulk it is  $y$  equal to 0. And, it is  $y$  is equal to delta here. Delta is the thickness of concentration boundary layer. And, here it is at the membrane surface it is  $y$  is equal to delta plus  $L$ ;  $L$  is the thickness of the gel layer. So, delta is thickness of concentration boundary layer or mass transfer boundary layer. And,  $L$  is thickness of gel layer produced by the gel forming particles. So, therefore, now **now** you see, having a particular turbulence in your system; that means, if you if the Reynolds number is fixed. At the stirred speed is fixed, your delta will be a sole function of Reynolds number.

So, this thickness will be fixed. On the other hand the gel layer thickness will be growing in time in most of the cases. So, it will be  $\delta$  will be. So,  $L$  will be a function of time. So, in this case we are talking about a moving boundary condition. **Right** it is a moving boundary problem. This boundary is always moving always increasing with respect to time of operation. So, this is the system and will be having a permeate flux out from the membrane. So, therefore, what we can do? We can do mass value we can write down the solute balance equation in various domains of this **of this** you know system.

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For  $0 < y < \delta$   
 Solute balance Eqn.  

$$\rho_g \frac{dL}{dt} = Jc - D \frac{dc}{dy}$$
 Acc. of solute    In    out  
 $\rho_g =$  Gel layer density.  
 at  $y = 0, c = C_0$   
 $y = \delta, c = C_g$   
 Non-homogeneous ordinary Differential Equation.

So, you write down the for  $y$  line between 0 to  $\delta$ ; that means, within the concentration boundary layer. The solute balance equation **equation** will be  $\rho_g dL/dt$  is nothing but  $Jc$  minus  $D dc/dy$ . what is this? This is nothing but the accumulation term. Accumulation is equal to in minus out. Total accumulation of solute; this is in and this is out, because  $C_g$  is more than  $C_0$ . So, there will be backward **backward** seek end diffusion. And what is  $\rho_g$ ?  $\rho_g$  is nothing but the gel layer density or density of the particles forming the gel. And, boundary condition at  $y$  is equal to 0 here.  $C$  is equal to  $C_0$  and  $y$  is equal to  $\delta$ ,  $C$  is equal to  $C_g$ .

Now so, within this boundary we have to integrate this equation out to remove the  $y$ . Now, what is this equation? This equation is nothing but non-homogeneous ordinary differential equation. How do solve ordinary differential equation? There are several techniques. You can concern you can break this equation in to two parts.

The homogeneous solution and the particular integral and, then you can get the solution and at the two up. So, you can you know you must have studied all the trick mathematical techniques in first year. Use, that and carry out these and carry the integration over y, over these two boundaries from 0 to delta.

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$$\rho_g \frac{dL}{dt} = J \frac{C_g - C_0 \exp(J/K)}{1 - \exp(J/K)}$$

$$K = D/\delta = MTC.$$
 Governing equation for L  
 at  $t=0, L=0$   
 Phenomenological eqn.  

$$J = \frac{\Delta P}{\mu(R_m + R_g)}$$

$$\Delta P = \text{operating pressure gradient}$$

$$R_m = \text{Membrane Resist.}$$

$$R_g = \text{Gel layer "}$$

And, whatever you will be getting is that you will be getting rho g times d L dt is nothing but J times C g minus C naught exponential J by K divided by 1 minus exponential J by K. And K is nothing but D by delta is the mass transfer coefficient. So, these gives the so, these gives the governing equation equation for L the thickness. How thickness grows with time? With the initial condition that is at t is equal to 0, L was equal to 0; obviously, when at the start of the operation the gel layer thickness was equal to 0. Now, the story is not finished here, because J is also a function of time. You have to establish how J is varying with time? So, for that what what will assume that if you remember the schematic have done in the beginning of the class. That there is a concentration boundary layer, there is a gel layer and there is a membranes membrane. So, gel layer resistance and membrane resistance they are put in series.

So, we can write the phenomenological equation to connect that. Phenomenological equation and what is the phenomenological equation? That is flux is proportional to the driving force or flux is equal to driving force divided by resistance. And there are two resistance here; mu R m plus R g, where delta P is the operating pressure gradient.



$R_m$  is membrane hydraulic resistance. Call it membrane resistance.  $R_g$  is gel layer resistance. Now, one can ask why we did not consider the membrane resistance in the steady state analysis. And, we are **we are** answered already discuss that issue. That when it becomes initially, because gel layer does not form **form** the very beginning.

So, initially you have only membrane resistance becomes dominant. After, some time gel layer becomes almost equal **equivalent** to its magnitude then it predominant. Now, when the steady state is reached gel is basically the most prevailing resistance and it will be dominating one. Now, these gel layer resistance will consider these gel layer is nothing but a cake sort of layer. It is a cake layer.

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Gel layer resistance can be written

$$R_g = \alpha (1 - \epsilon_g) \rho_g L$$

$\alpha$  = Specific gel layer resistance (m/kg)

$\epsilon_g$  = Porosity of gel layer

$L$  = Thickness of gel layer.

Kozeny - Karman Equation

$$\alpha = \frac{180 (1 - \epsilon_g)}{\epsilon_g^3 \rho_g d_p^2}$$

So, gel layer resistance can be written as,  $R_g$  is equal to  $\alpha (1 - \epsilon_g) \rho_g L$ . What is  $\alpha$ ?  $\alpha$  is known as the specific gel layer resistance. Now, where from you get this equation? This equation obtain by a solute balance and if you **if you** look into the filtration theory. In fact, you should study that in earlier in some earlier course. Look into the filtration theory; there the definition of specific gel layer resistance, porosity gel density, excreta will be given. And, it has the unit of meter per K g. And  $\epsilon_g$  is nothing but porosity of gel layer.  $\rho_g$  is the gel layer density that we have already mentioned, and  $L$  is the thickness of gel layer. Now,  $\alpha$  thus, specific gel layer resistance is a function of gel porosity and particle of the gel forming material. And, it can be the simplest one can **one can** have an estimate of  $\alpha$  in terms of particle

diameter and porosity that is known as the Kozney- Karman equation. If you ever do the filtration theory you will come to know all these characteristics equations.

So, alpha can be written from Kozney- Karman equation. That alpha is nothing but 180 times 1 minus epsilon g divided by epsilon g cube rho g dP square. Again, it is **it is** an empirical relationship. Alpha can be; that means a specific gel layer resistance or cake layer resistance can be expressed in terms of gel porosity, gel diameter of the gel forming particle, density of the gel **gel** forming material by this expression. So, if you know epsilon g if you know particles diameter then you calculate the value of alpha. Now, typically this alpha is the function of delta P and depending on the characteristics one can have whether, the cake layer or gel layer is compressible or whether it is incompressible. Now, let us see what we get?

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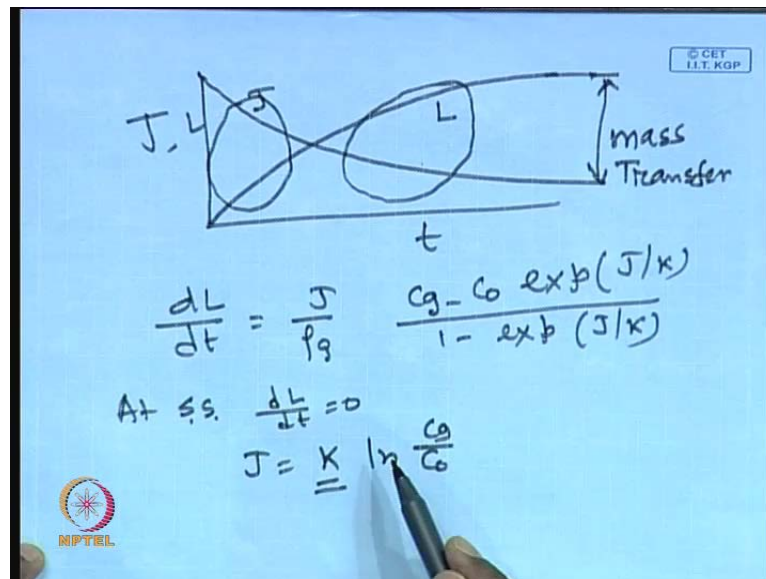
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So, we have the expression of. So, our **our** aim is to find J as the function of time as will be delta p divided by mu R **R** m plus R g and what is R g? R g is nothing but alpha 1 minus epsilon g Rho g times L. This alpha can be calculated from the def from the fundamental equation of Kozney- Karman equation by epsilon g and D p; that means, from the fundamental property of gel porosity and particle diameter one can calculate the value of alpha. And then, one can go to the expression of gel forming gel layer thickness that is J by Rho g times C g minus C naught exponential J by K divided by 1 minus exponential J by K. With the initial condition at t equal to 0 and L is equal to 0.



Now, we have then so, we have expression of J there. So, you substitute in this expression J is nothing but a function of L. So, you can substitute there and you can substitute J is the function of L J is the function of L. So, the right hand side of this equation is nothing but  $dL/dt$  is some function of L. So, this is an ordinary differential equation and with in **with in** initial value problem. So, it is an IVP problem. IVP ODE. So, it is **it is** an initial value problem. Ordinary differential equation and this can be solve by talent by **by** Newton's by R-K four method. May be, Round gutta four method can be used to numerically integrate this equation or you can use the Euler's equation or you can use other Adam equation you can use various equation you know algorithms to solve these equation ordinary differential equation. So, in the process what you get? In the process, will be getting L as a function of time. L as the function of time, once you get L as the function of time, you can get J as the function of time.

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And, typically if you plot, the two plots are just opposite J as a function of time it will be something like this and L as the function of time it will be something like this. This is J and this is L. Gel **gel** layer thickness. And of course, you will be reaching a steady state. And, this steady state will be depending on mass transfer. So, this is the mass transfer dominated region. This is the in **in** between it is it will be gel dominated region, and here initially it will be membrane dominated region. So, there are three resistances one is the mass transfer another is the gel another is the membrane. So, initially you will be having

the membrane dominated region. Then you will be having the gel dominated region and when the steady state reached will be getting the mass transfer dominated region.

And if you look into the expression of  $dL/dt$ , I am just writing it once again  $dL/dt$  will be  $J$  by  $\rho g C_g$  minus  $C_{naught}$  exponential  $J$  by  $K$  divided by  $1$  minus exponential  $J$  by  $k$ . So, if you talk about the steady state; this is the transient operation if you talk about the steady state operation. Now, at steady state your  $dL/dt$  will be equal to  $0$  right. So, what you get back? You get back the film theory equation that is,  $J$  equal to  $K \ln C_g$  by  $C_{naught}$  right. So, at the steady state you will be getting  $J$  the steady state equation that you are obtain from the earlier analysis we have just turn in the earlier class that is  $J$  is equal to  $K \ln C_g$  by  $C_{naught}$ . Now, what is the expression of  $K$  will be you will be putting? It will be either you will be putting the Leveque's equation that is  $1.85$  Reynolds smite  $D_e$  by  $L$  rest to the power  $1$  upon  $3$  or  $2.08$  Reynolds smite  $D_e$  by  $L$  rest to the power  $1$  upon  $3$ . In fact, the second formulation will be more correct.

So, the steady state in the at the end of transient in the gel layer control filtration initially you will be having the transient, and this initial means it is not few seconds, it may be few hours. So, it is very important here at the end whenever you will be getting the steady state you have you will get the steady state flux from whatever you have done earlier analysis. Now, if you look into the various parameters. Now it is very difficult to get the exact parameters like;  $\alpha$  that is the gel layer specific gel layer resistance,  $\epsilon_g$  that is the porosity of the gel layer and particles are particle diameter. Now, there is a point in this particle diameter  $d_p$  simply because we are using the Kozney-Karman equation from the filtration theory quantify  $\alpha$  of the specific gel layer resistance or cake layer resistance.

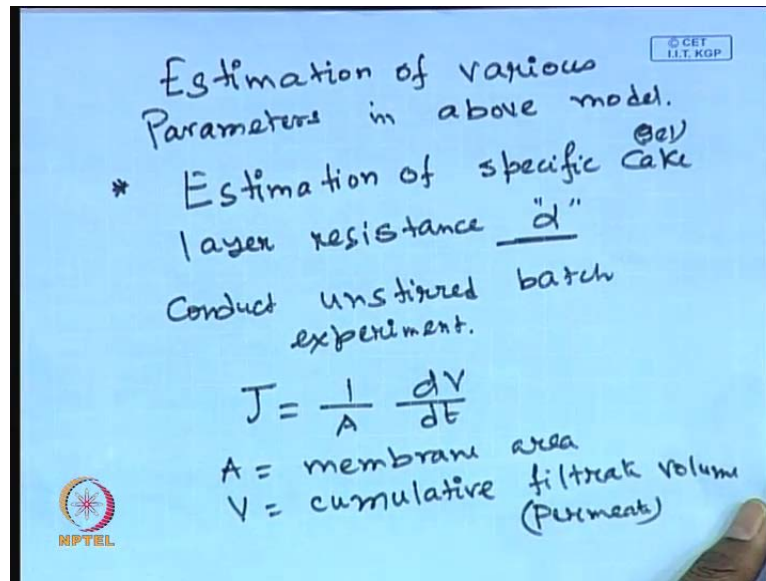
But this particle diameter  $d_p$  in the Kozney- Karman equation is valid if you have herds fears right. If you have herds fears spherical particles then you will be having the hand of of particles particles particular cell namely may be  $1$  micron  $0.1$  micron whatever it is. When most gel most of the cases in membrane filtration when you are talking about the gel layer controlling filtration for example, poly vinyl PVP poly vinyl pyramiding, PVA poly vinyl alcohol, or pectin. They are not spherical particles. What is what is Pectin? Pectin is nothing but a Polysaccharide it is a big chain. Polysaccharide chain, Proteins may be some of the moving (O) albumin it will be having ellipse side shape. You can considering it is a equivalent fear. But whatever, these Polymers like, poly vinyl alcohol

there will not spherical shape like pectin. It **it** will be a polysaccharide. It is not spherical shape.

So, in this cases you will be having you will be considering that whenever we are quantifying alpha is equal to  $180 \frac{1 - \epsilon}{\epsilon^3} \frac{\rho}{\mu} d_p^2$ ; that means, we are assuming the gel layer resistance is equivalent to the resistance of equivalent spherical particles. So,  $d_p$  is nothing but the equivalent spherical diameter of these particles. So, in most of that cases in membrane filtration whenever, talking about the gel the particles are not spherical in nature. So, therefore, we consider the equivalent spherical diameter of this particle. Now, this is basically a point of contention of the issue how to determine these parameters? It is very **very** important we determine these parameters for how to do that? So, for that there are you **you** would like **like** if you **if you** remember the example of real retention membrane permeability what you did? These parameters membrane performance parameter we did we conducted separate set of experiments to estimate them.

Like,  $L_p$  the membrane permeability we conducted experiments we distilled water. And, determine the value of  $L_p$ . Similarly, we conducted the different separate set of experiments under high turbulence to estimate the value of real retention. Similarly, we have to estimate a different set of experiments to estimate various parameters in the gel layer control filtration. Now, will look into those experiments or theory involved in **in** those experiments where we can identify? How to estimate these different parameters? Those will be appearing in the equation of the gel layer control filtration.

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The first parameter now next, will look the estimation of parameters. Above model means the model that we have just discussed. First parameter is estimation of specific cake layer resistance  $\alpha$ . Cake or gel. How to estimate the specific cake layer resistance  $\alpha$ ? If you remember that  $\alpha$  is basically appearing when you **when you** are writing the expressing the  $R_g$  of the gel layer resistance in terms of length. So, for that what you have to do? We have to conduct one unstirred batch experiment like earlier. There is **there is** very important the that is important of conduction of unstirred batch experiments. So, to estimate  $\alpha$  will **will** conduct unstirred batch experiment with this gel forming solute. And, this is very simple it is a **it is a** cell it is a **it is a** cylindrical cell where you just feed the material in case the set the pressure by using nitrogen cylinder something.

And let, the system go as it is and measure the permeate flux we need not to control anything anywhere this is the very this is the simplest experiment with any **any** laboratory. So, conduct unstirred batch experiment to estimate the value of  $\alpha$  how to do that? That you are just mentioning. The permeate flux  $J$  is written as  $\frac{1}{A} \frac{dV}{dt}$ . What is  $A$ ?  $A$  is nothing but the membrane area. And, what is  $V$ ?  $V$  is the cumulative volume of filtrate; the water. That you are getting the permeate or this filter is nothing but the permeate. Cumulative volume that means, you are as time you just monitor the how much you are **you are** collecting with time? So, just monitor  $V$  versus  $t$ . Just measure it there is very simple either you can put the collect the permeate on a

dicker or graduated cylinder and monitoring monitor the volume that is collected or if you do not want to do that just put it on a **on a** balance.

And see, the you know the weight that is getting and it is almost water. So, you know the density of the water you can get how much volume you are collecting cumulative volume you are collecting. Now, you now will go back to the phenomenological equation that is  $J$  is equal to  $\Delta p$  divided by  $\mu R_m$  plus  $R_g$  and for a unstirred batch cell we just write  $J$  as  $\frac{1}{A} \frac{dV}{dt}$  is equal to  $\Delta P$  divided by  $\mu R_m$  plus  $R_g$ .

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$$J = \frac{\Delta P}{\mu (R_m + R_g)}$$

$$\frac{1}{A} \frac{dV}{dt} = \frac{\Delta P}{\mu (R_m + R_g)}$$

$$J_w^0 = \text{pure water flux} = \frac{\Delta P}{\mu R_m}$$

$$J_w^0 = \frac{\Delta P}{\mu R_m (1 + R_g/R_m)}$$

So, you can rearrange it as  $\Delta P$  you can take  $R_m$  out. So, this becomes  $1 + R_g$  by  $R_m$ . And, this is nothing but if you remember this is nothing but pure water flux. You have **you have** different earlier pure water flux. That is  $\Delta P$  by  $\mu R_m$ . So, you can write it as  $J_w^0$  divided by  $1 + R_g$  by  $R_m$ . Now, what you can do? Once, you write that then you can **you can** do a solute mass balance in the gel layer.

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Solute Mass balance  
in gel layer

$$LA(1-\epsilon_g)\rho_g = C_0V$$

$$R_g = \alpha(1-\epsilon_g)\rho_g L$$

$$R_g = \frac{\alpha C_0 V}{A}$$

$$\frac{1}{A} \frac{dV}{dt} = \frac{J_w^0}{1 + \left(\frac{\alpha C_0}{A R_m}\right) V}$$

$$\int_0^V \left[1 + \left(\frac{\alpha C_0}{A R_m}\right) v\right] dv = A J_w^0 \int_0^t dt$$

You do a solute mass balance in gel layer what is that? That means, at any point of time what is the mass of the solute that is that is arrested that is present in the gel layer. What is that?  $L$  times  $A$  is the volume of the gel layer multiplied by  $1$  minus  $\epsilon_g$  because  $\epsilon_g$  is the porosity that much volume of volume fraction is occupied by water. So, rest of that; that means,  $1$  minus  $\epsilon_g$  is the volume fraction occupied by the particle. So,  $L$  times  $A$  times  $1$  minus  $\epsilon_g$  will be the volume of the gel forming particle? **Right** It should be multiplied by the density by of the gel layer of the gel forming particle  $\rho_g$ . That will be giving you the total mass of the solute that will be present in the gel layer. And, where from you got?

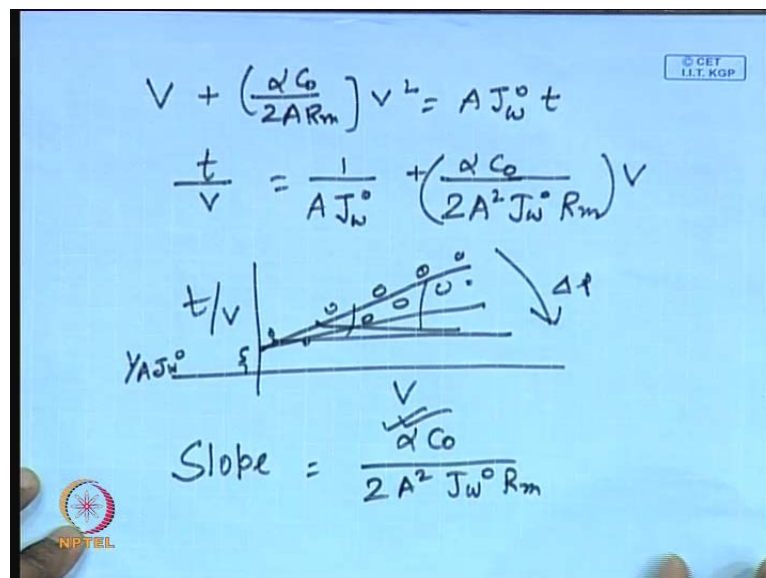
Because you are **you are** getting it from  $C$  naught times  $V$ . What is the  $V$ ?  $V$  is the cumulative volume that you have collected at the particular volume. So, that much so, volume  $V$  was coming with the concentration  $C$  naught. So,  $C$  naught  $V$  is the total amount of solute that was that is arrested in the gel layer and from the definition of the geometric of the gel layer and their characteristics of the gel forming material we can get the mass of feed. So, they will be equal. So now, you can **you can** invoke the definition of gel layer resistance.  $R_g$  was is equal to what is that?  $\alpha$  into  $1$  minus  $\epsilon_g$   $\rho_g$  times  $L$ . So, I can write  $R_g$  is nothing but  $\alpha$  times  $C$  naught times  $V$  over  $A$ .

So, this  $L$  can be substituted as  $R_g$  divided by  $\alpha$   $1$  minus  $\epsilon_g$   $\rho_g$ . So, combining these two we can get  $R_g$  or gel layer resistance as a function of gel layer



specific gel layer resistance and cumulative volume. Now, I am going to put in the phenomenological equation that we have derived earlier. If you do that you will be getting  $1 \text{ by } A \text{ d } V \text{ dt}$  is equal to  $J_w^0$  divided by  $1 \text{ plus } R_g \text{ by } R_m$  right.  $1 \text{ plus } R_g \text{ by } R_m$  I am going to write  $R_g$  as this. So, you will be getting  $\alpha C_0 \text{ by } A R_m \text{ times } V$  right. Now, everything all the dependent variable will be in terms of  $V$ . So, basically what I did? I just replaced  $L$  in terms of  $V$ . So, just take it down the other side and you will be getting  $1 \text{ plus } \alpha C_0 \text{ by } A R_m \text{ times } V \text{ D } V \text{ A } J_w^0 \text{ times d } t$ . Now, we can integrate it out; that means, time  $t$  from  $0$  to  $t$  time  $t$  is equal to  $0$  there is no filtrate volume you are at term  $t$  is equal to  $t$  you are getting volume  $V$ .

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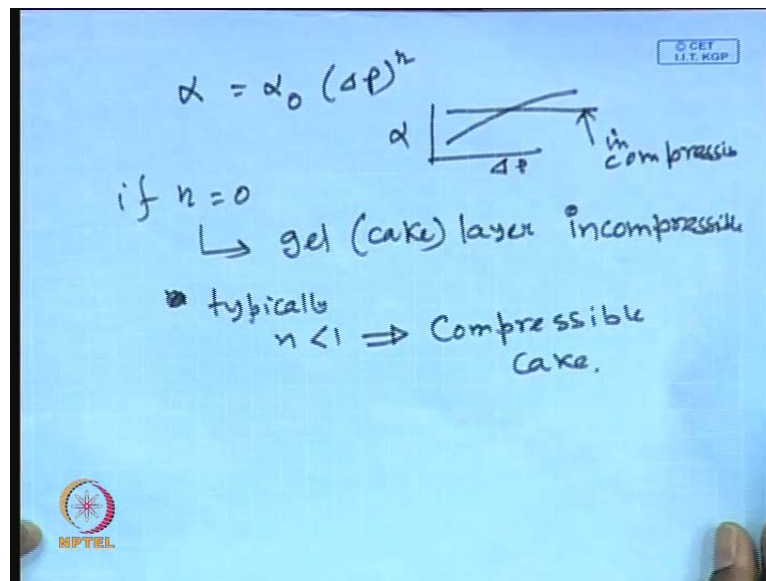
So, from  $0$  to  $t$  and  $0$  to  $V$  you can integrate this equation out and see what you get? What you get is will be getting  $V \text{ plus } \alpha C_0 \text{ naught } 2 A R_m V \text{ square}$  is equal to  $A J_w^0$  times  $t$ . So, that is the expression you will be getting after doing the  $a$  after carrying out the integration. Now, you can rearrange this equation and these will be  $t \text{ by } V$  is equal to  $1 \text{ over } A J_w^0 \text{ plus } \alpha C_0 \text{ } 2 A \text{ square } J_w^0 \text{ times } R_m \text{ times } V$ . Now, what is equation says? This equation says that if I plot  $t \text{ by } V$  versus  $V$  it will be giving a straight line. The intercept will be given by this quantity the slope is given by this quantity. Right so, will be getting a straight line something like this.

So, the intercept is given by  $A \text{ } 1 \text{ over } A J_w^0$  and slope is given by this; that means, you do a you conduct a batch cell experiment just harmful just feel up the cell with the with

the solute the solution. And then, pressurize it leave it leave the solution at at the particular pressure go on monitoring what is the cumulative volume? That collected at at as a function of time. Then, plot  $t$  by  $V$  versus  $V$  will be a getting a straight line from the slope you will be getting the value of alpha. Because  $C$  naught is known to you, you know the membrane area that is basically  $\pi R$  square. You know the initial permeability the pure water flux that is  $\Delta p$  by  $\mu R m$  and you know the  $R m$ . So only, unknown in the slope is basically alpha.

So, from the slope; this slope is nothing but alpha  $C$  naught divided by  $2 A$  square  $J w 0 R m$ . And, from this equation, you can get the value of alpha. Now, we conduct the experiment for a different  $\Delta P$  you will be getting the value of alpha corresponding to the  $\Delta P$ . Now, you can set the operating pressure third one and carry out this experiment and plot these. So, you will be getting alpha corresponding to that particular  $\Delta P$ . In fact, if you plot you will be getting the variation of you will be get different slopes with the variation of  $\Delta P$  something like this.

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So, therefore, by conducting the batch cell experiment under various pressure one can get alpha as a function of pressure; that means, for for various pressure you can get the value of alpha then you plot the value of alpha versus  $\Delta P$ . It it may be a plot something like this so; that means, alpha can be express as a function of alpha naught times  $\Delta P$  rest to the power  $n$ . If this  $n$  is equal to 0 then alpha is invariant with  $\Delta P$ . In that case, the

cake layer or gel layer is incompressible; that means, the pressure does not any effect on it **it** will not complex, does not any effect on it. So, in that case this is incompressible. If  $n$  equal to 0 the gel layer or cake layer is incompressible for  $n$  typically generally this  $n$  becomes slightly low less than 1 typically  $n$  is less than 1 and it; that means, it is a compressible cake.

So, those are different. So, one can... So, estimation of alpha is very clear to how to **how to** estimate the alpha. So, basically what you are going to do? It is **it is** very simple you are conduct then you are going to conduct the experiment in a batch cell and monitor how much volume cumulative volume you are going to get as a function of time? That means, you are just collect the permeate on a **on a** let say balance and just keep on monitoring the what is the time and this is the volume **what is the time and this is the volume**. So,  $V$  versus  $t$  delta and plot  $t$  by  $V$  versus  $V$ . You will be getting a straight line from the slope you will be **you will be** calculating the value of alpha or specific gel layer resistance. Next, we see how to estimate the value of epsilon g porosity of the gel layer and particle diameter.

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Estimation of  $\epsilon_g$  and  $d_p$ .

$d_p$  = particle diameter  
(molecular diameter)

Volume of 1 particle

$$V_o = \frac{\pi}{6} d_p^3$$

Vol. of 1 mole =  $N_A \frac{\pi}{6} d_p^3$

$N_A$  = Avogadro Number.

No. of mole in  $1 \text{ m}^3$  soln.  
=  $10^3 \frac{C_g}{M_w}$

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Now, we **we** do a derivation here small derivation. Let us, consider  $d_p$  is the particle diameter is that nothing but the molecular diameter. So, volume of 1 molecular 1 particle is what? Let us, consider is a spherical particle. There is a easiest way to start with volume of once particle will be nothing but  $V$  naught is nothing but  $\pi$  by 6  $d_p$  cube 4 or

5 cube pi by 6 dP cube. Now, volume of one mole will be how much? You should be multiplied by the Avogadro number.  $N_A$  pi by 6 dP cube, where  $N_A$  is nothing but the Avogadro number; number of moles in one meter cube solutions let say, you need volume is one meter cube is nothing but 10 cube multiplied by the  $C_g$  divided by the molecular weight.  $C_g$  is the gel layer concentration in Kg per meter cube. So, if you divided by molecular weight, you will be getting number of moles and this factor 10 cube comes out because this one meter cube solution you have taken.

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- $C_g$  = gel layer concentration in  $\text{Kg/m}^3$
- $M_w$  = Molecular weight of solute
- Volume of gel in  $1\text{m}^3$  solution
- $$= 10^3 \frac{C_g N_A \frac{\pi}{6} d_p^3}{M_w}$$
- Gel layer porosity
- $$\epsilon_g = 1 - 10^3 \frac{C_g N_A \frac{\pi}{6} d_p^3}{M_w}$$

So, we write **the** these quantities  $C_g$  is nothing but the gel layer concentration in Kg per meter cube that is important; that is why this factor 10 cube is coming;  $M_w$  is the molecular weight of solute. Then volume of gel in 1 **1** meter cube solution is how much? Volume of gel in 1 meter cube solution is nothing but 10 cube  $C_g$  by  $M_w$  multiplied by  $N_A$  pi by 6 dP cube; that is the volume of gel in 1 meter cube solution. Now, what is the porosity, definition of porosity? Porosity is the nothing but the fraction of volume that is occupied by water; that means, epsilon g is nothing but 1 minus this **this** is the solid volume occupied. So, the liquid **liquid** volume will be 1 minus that 10 cube  $C_g M_w N_A$  pi by 6 dP cube.

So, this is the relationship of the porosity of the bed and the particle diameter, equivalent particle diameter if you are talking about a non sphere or not **not** hard sphere particles.

Now, we have the definition of alpha that is alpha is specific cake layer resistance that is related to the epsilon g and dP through Kozney- Karman equation **right**.

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$$\alpha = 180 \frac{1 - \epsilon_g}{\epsilon_g^3 \rho_g dP^2}$$

$$\alpha_0 (\Delta P)^n = 180 \frac{1 - \epsilon_g}{\epsilon_g^3 \rho_g dP^2}$$

2 eqns  
2 unknowns  
 $\epsilon_g, dP$

$$\epsilon_g = \epsilon_g(dP)$$

$$\epsilon_g = 1 - 10^3 \frac{C_g}{M_w} N_A \frac{\pi}{6} dP^3$$

→ Solved by trial & error.  
 $\epsilon_g, dP$  for various  $\Delta P$

$\Delta P_1$	$\Delta P_2$	$\Delta P_3$
$\epsilon_g =$	$\epsilon_g =$	$\epsilon_g =$
$dP =$	$dP =$	$dP =$

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If you write down that alpha is nothing but 1 over 80 1 minus epsilon g divided by epsilon g cube rho g times dP square; and we have already seen, this alpha can be a function of delta P if it is compressible. So, alpha can be written as alpha naught by delta P to the power n. We know how to determine the value of specific gel layer resistance by conducting batch cell experiments under different pressures. Once, you do that you can feed a something like this, alpha naught delta P to the power n is equal to 180 1 minus epsilon g **epsilon g** cube Rho g times dP square and write just now we have derived a relationship of a epsilon g as a function of d p. What is that? The epsilon g is equal to 1 minus 10 cube C g molecular weight NA pi by 6 dP cube. This is one equation, this is another equation.

So, for a particular delta P, the whole left hand side of this equation is known to you, and the right hand side you will be having combination of epsilon g and d p. Rho g rho g will be known. And this equation gives your relationship of epsilon g and dp if the value of gel concentration is known, and that will be known. So, you will be having two equations, two unknown. What is unknown? Epsilon g and dp. So, these two equations can be solved by trial and error. You can use neutral absent solved by trial and error and you can estimate epsilon g and dP for various delta P; that means, you can **you can**

prepare a table of  $\Delta P$  for a particular  $\Delta P$  what is the  $\epsilon$  and  $d_p$ ? For the particular  $\Delta P$  what is the  $\epsilon$  and  $d_p$ ?

So,  $\Delta P_1$ ,  $\Delta P_2$ ,  $\Delta P_3$   $\epsilon$   $d_p$  so, various operating pressure these bed porosity and particle diameter will be change; obviously, these method **these method** if you **if you** remember these method is valid for the non herds fear solutes; that means, what I mean by that suppose, you are having a **you are having a** pectin gel and **and** they are not herds fear **right** they are polymeric. So, by **by** changing the pressure the gel will be compressed the characteristics will be changed. By suppose, you are **you are** the solute is fixed; that means, the size will be fixed. But if it is the herds fear then we are not going to **going to** adapt these method if, they are herds fear we are going to adapt these method because in that case the particle diameter is fixed. The porosity will be fixed.

So, everything will be fixed, but in most of the membrane filtration process we are not talking about the herds fear, we are talking about the polymers, we are talking about the polysaccharides, we are talking about the gel not forming of solutes, but by the **by the** high viscous liquids. In that case, the equivalent particle diameter and equivalent porosity at the particle operating pressure can be **can be** estimated by this method. So, there is a **there is a** certain difference between the herds fear and this is non herds fear case. So, what you are meaning by that? That means,  $\Delta P_1$  you are  $dP$  will be something in  $\Delta P_3$  under the  $\Delta P_3$  operating condition  $dP$  will be something else; that means, these weight will be having an equivalent resistance of solutes having uniform particle diameter  $dP_1$  under the pressure  $\Delta P_1$ . Same bed under the different operating pressure  $\Delta P_3$  will be having the equivalent diameter  $dP_3$  may be. Because the particle diameter particles are not herds fear. That not have actual dimension all the time; they will be compressible. So, that is the thing.



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Estimation of gel layer concentration ( $C_g$ )

S.S.  $J = K \ln \frac{C_g}{C_0}$

$K \rightarrow$  Maintain same  $K$ .

Same hydrodynamic conditions  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Same stirring speed} \\ \text{or} \\ \text{Same cross flow velocity} \end{array} \right.$

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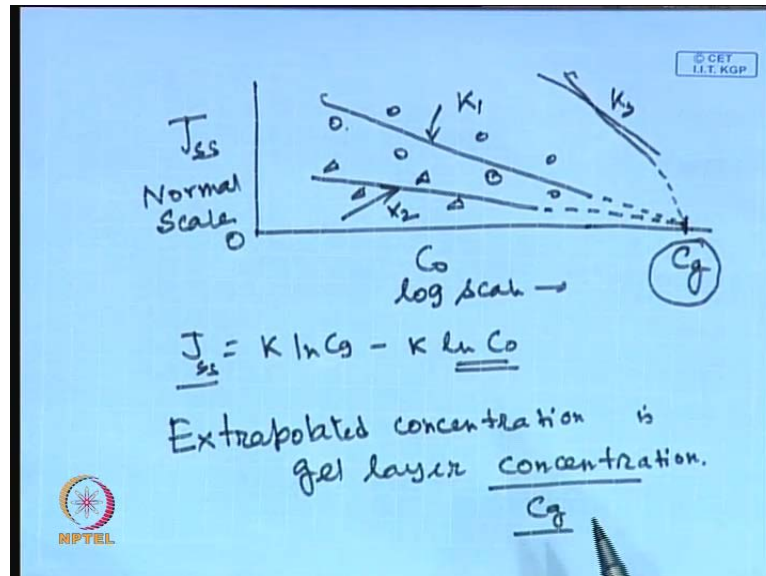
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Now, you have estimated all the parameters except one parameter that is the how to estimate the gel layer concentration? That is very vital. For estimated estimation of gel layer concentration. If you remember the **the** permeate flux under the steady state  $J$  is equal to  $K$  times  $\ln C_g$  by  $C_0$ . This is the expression film theory expression of permeate flux under the steady state operation. Now, what we can do? We do not know what is the value of  $C_g$ ? What will do? We take different concentration various concentration of the solute. And carry out the filtration experiment and wait for the steady state being reached. Now we **we** keep the same mass transfer coefficient. We maintain the same mass transfer coefficient how to maintain that? If we maintain same hydro dynamic in the channel the mass transfer co-efficient will be same; that means, we are going to conduct number of experiments under the same stirring speed or same cross flow velocity.

That means same hydro dynamics. So, we conduct let say, 10 experiments 10 **10** complete experiments by taking 10 concentrations; may be 1 **1** k g in one case  $C_0$  may be let may be 10 K g per meter cube in other case  $C_0$  may be 20 K g per meter cube another case may be 25 K g per meter cube and may be 40 K g per meter cube like that. We consider we **we** conduct experiment separate independent experiments by considering various concentrations of the feed solute and under the same hydrodynamic conditions. And, measure and **and** in a every experiment **every experiment**

wait for the steady state to be reached. May be, after half an hour may after one hour. Once steady state is reached then, we measure the steady state permeate flux.

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Now, we plot the steady state permeate flux versus feed concentration in a same  $(\circ)$  plot.  $J$  steady state versus concentration this will be normal, this will be logarithmic scale. And, if you look into the expression  $J$  is equal to  $K \ln C_g$  minus  $K \ln C_{naught}$ . So, the plot of  $J$  is versus  $\ln C_{naught}$  is suppose to be a straight line with a decreasing slope because there is a minus sign present. So, you are going to get a curve something like this. This may be the experimental points of the steady state flux and 10 different concentrations. You will be getting  $A$  getting  $A$  almost a straight line of decreasing slope. Now, you are going to extra polite these thing you are going to extra polite these thing and the point the point where  $J$  becomes 0 that particular concentration becomes gel layer concentration  $C_g$ . The all these 10 experiments have been conducted with the same mass transfer coefficient.

You can conduct these 10 experiments with the different mass transfer coefficient or difference stirring speed or different cross flow velocity if you do that. Then, will be  $K_1$  then you are going to get another straight line may be  $\triangle$  triangle triangle triangle and all these experiments are conducted with the mass transfer coefficient  $K_2$ . Then, if you can extra polite they will converged almost at the same gel point. Similarly, you can conduct experiment for a different mass transfer coefficient let say  $K_3$  and they will be

converging on the same gel point. So, that is how the gel layer concentration will be evaluated. So, if you **if you** plot this in a semi logarithmic plot the concentration that will be extra polite will be the gel layer concentration, **concentration** as  $C_g$ .

Now, so, basically you have to conduct number of experiments independently and evaluate and **and** analyze those data and independently estimate the gel layer concentration. So, in these gel layers model the several parameters those will be appearing. So, will be having tools or method to estimate them separately, independently and then, you can use those data and can find the we can **can** use the gel layer controlling filtration model under the steady state condition. So, **so** I will stop here. So, we will continue these thing in the all these discussions in the next class **thank you**.