

Models for Mass Transfer in “Wall” Bounded Turbulent Flows

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- T&K §10.2

Overview

Model for
molecular diffusion

MODEL for effects
of turbulent mixing

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{j}_{i,\text{net}} &= \mathbf{j}_i + \mathbf{j}_{i,\text{turb}} \\ &= -\rho \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} (D_{ij}^\circ + \delta_{ij} D_{j,\text{turb}}) \nabla \bar{\omega}_j \\ &\approx \rho \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} (k_{ij}^\bullet + \delta_{ij} k_{j,\text{turb}}^\bullet) \Delta \bar{\omega}_j\end{aligned}$$

Mass-transfer coefficient approach
- only consider net effects of mass
transfer over some length.

Turbulent boundary layers - why?

- Often in chemical processes, we require mass transfer at interfaces
- Turbulent flow at these interfaces (“walls”) increases the rates of mass transfer by increasing gradients.
- Close to walls, molecular viscosity & diffusivity dominate ($L/\eta \rightarrow 1$)
- Away from walls (at large Re), “turbulent diffusivity” dominates.

“Law” of the wall - describes length & time scales for turbulence near walls.

- Objective: determine the turbulent viscosity (eddy viscosity) from physical arguments. Then use Sc_{turb} to relate ν_{turb} and k_{turb} or D_{turb} .

The quest for ν_{turb} .

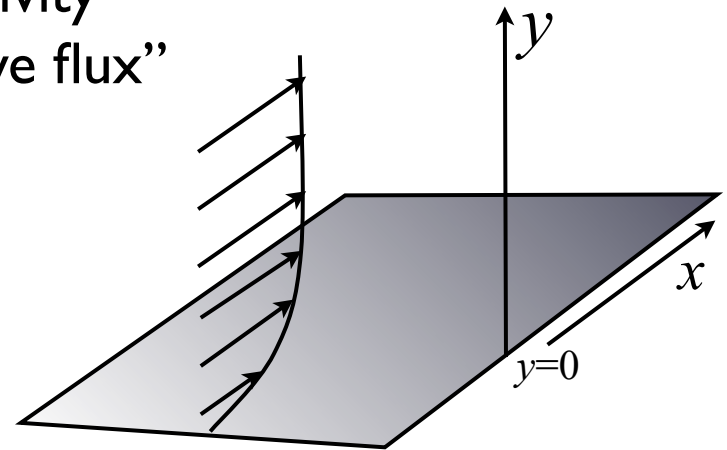
Key parameters (near the wall):

- ν (kinematic viscosity) - “momentum diffusivity”
- τ_w (wall shear stress) - “momentum diffusive flux”

Wall shear stress: $\tau_w \equiv \rho \nu \left(\frac{\partial \bar{v}_x}{\partial y} \right)_{y=0}$

Friction velocity: $v_\tau \equiv \sqrt{\tau_w / \rho}$

viscous length scale: $\delta_\nu \equiv \nu \sqrt{\frac{\rho}{\tau_w}} = \frac{\nu}{v_\tau}$



Time-averaged velocity profile.

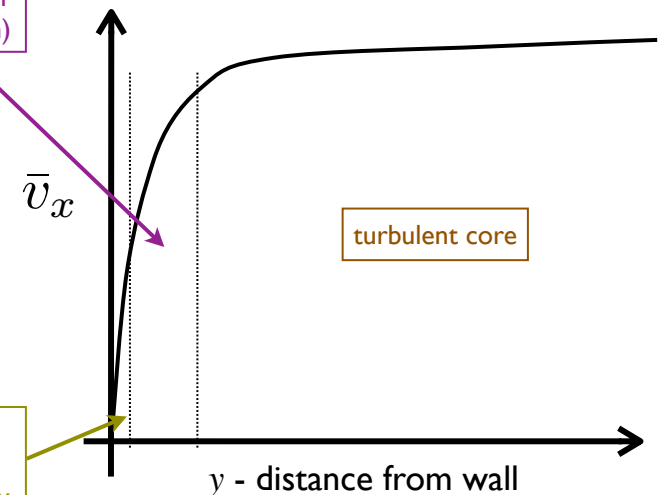
Distance from the wall in wall units (“viscous lengths”):

$$y^+ \equiv \frac{y}{\delta_\nu} = \frac{v_\tau y}{\nu}$$

Velocity in wall units:

$$v^+ \equiv \frac{\bar{v}_x}{v_\tau}$$

buffer layer
(transition)



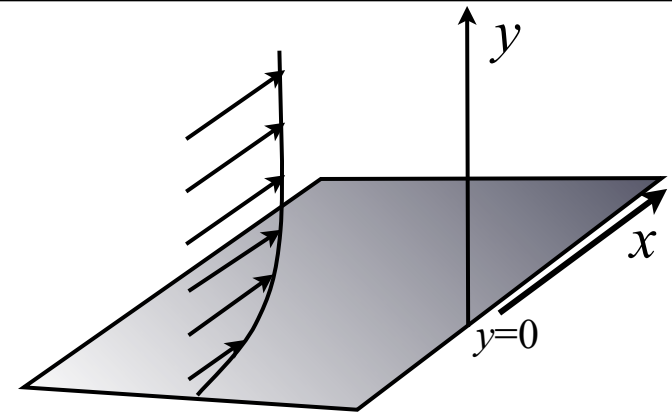
laminar sublayer
(nearly linear)
molecular viscosity is key.

RANS Momentum equations,
constant ρ, μ , no body forces:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} (\bar{v}_i \bar{v}_j) + \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial \bar{p}}{\partial x_i} - (\nu + \nu_t) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \frac{\partial \bar{v}_j}{\partial x_j} = 0$$

y, z directions have constant
mean velocities = 0.

x-momentum equation
is only relevant one.



Time-averaged velocity profile.

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} (\bar{v}_x \bar{v}_x) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (\bar{v}_x \bar{v}_y) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (\bar{v}_x \bar{v}_z) + \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial \bar{p}}{\partial x} = (\nu + \nu_t) \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \bar{v}_x + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} \bar{v}_x + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} \bar{v}_x \right)$$

$$\Downarrow$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} (\bar{v}_x \bar{v}_y) + \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial \bar{p}}{\partial x} = (\nu + \nu_t) \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} \bar{v}_x \right)$$

Near-wall shear stress

$$\frac{1}{\rho} \tau_w = (\nu + \nu_t) \frac{\partial \bar{v}_x}{\partial y}$$

Implies this form for τ_w .

$$= (\nu + \nu_t) \frac{\partial v_x^+}{\partial y^+} \frac{\partial \bar{v}_x}{\partial v_x^+} \frac{\partial y^+}{\partial y}$$

definition of y^+ : $y^+ \equiv \frac{y}{\delta_\nu} = \frac{v_\tau y}{\nu} \Rightarrow \frac{\partial y^+}{\partial y} = \frac{v_\tau}{\nu}$

definition of v^+ : $v^+ \equiv \frac{\bar{v}_x}{v_\tau} \Rightarrow \frac{\partial \bar{v}_x}{\partial v_x^+} = v_\tau$

$$\frac{1}{\rho} \tau_w = (\nu + \nu_t) \frac{\partial v_x^+}{\partial y^+} \frac{\tau_w}{\rho \nu}$$

$$\frac{\partial y^+}{\partial y} \frac{\partial \bar{v}_x}{\partial v_x^+} = \frac{v_\tau^2}{\nu} = \frac{\tau_w}{\rho \nu}$$

$$\frac{\nu_T}{\nu} = \left(\frac{\partial v^+}{\partial y^+} \right)^{-1} - 1$$

The turbulent viscosity

$$\frac{\nu_T}{\nu} = \left(\frac{\partial v^+}{\partial y^+} \right)^{-1} - 1$$

Given a wall velocity profile, we may obtain ν_{turb} ! Then we can get D_{turb} from Sc_{turb} .

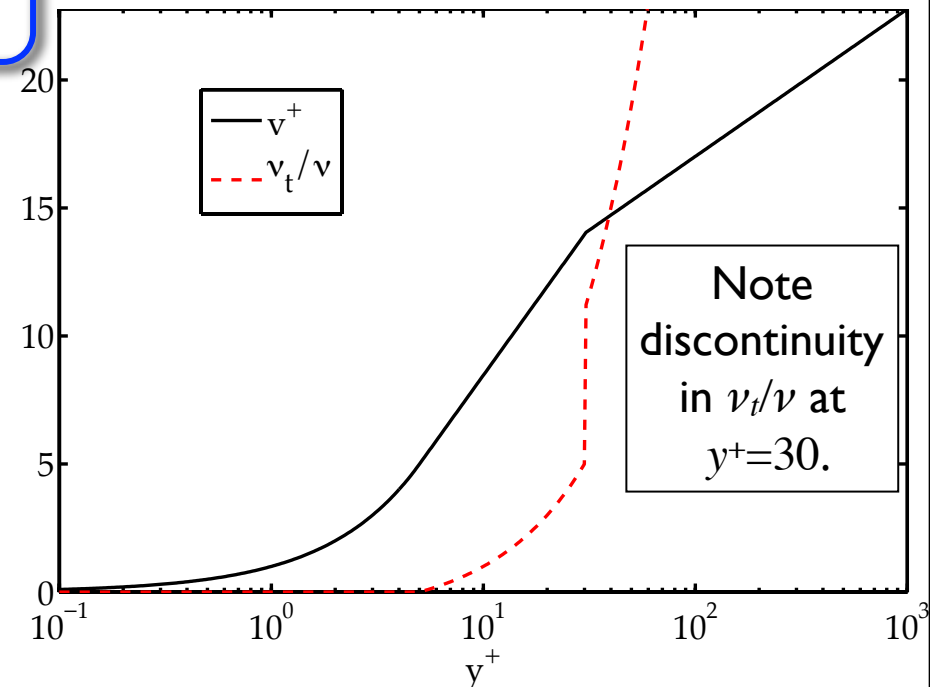
von Karman velocity profile (model - one of many)

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| Viscous sublayer: | $v^+ = y^+$ | $0 \leq y^+ < 5$ |
| Buffer zone: | $v^+ = 5 \ln y^+ - 3.05$ | $5 \leq y^+ < 30$ |
| Turbulent core: | $v^+ = 2.5 \ln y^+ + 5.5$ | $30 \leq y^+$ |



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| $\nu_{\text{turb}}/\nu = 0$ | $0 \leq y^+ < 5$ |
| $\nu_{\text{turb}}/\nu = y^+/5 - 1$ | $5 \leq y^+ < 30$ |
| $\nu_{\text{turb}}/\nu = y^+/2.5 - 1$ | $30 \leq y^+$ |

$y^+ > 30$ is typically just called “fully turbulent” where ν is ignored.



Another way to get ν_{turb} .

Prandtl's mixing length hypothesis: $\nu_{\text{turb}} = \ell_m^2 \left| \frac{\partial \bar{v}_x}{\partial y} \right|$

$$\ell_m^+ \equiv \ell_m v_\tau = \lambda_p y^+$$

See §10.2.1 in T&K or §7.3.3 in S.B. Pope's book for derivation...

$$\frac{\nu_T}{\nu} = \left(\frac{\partial v^+}{\partial y^+} \right)^{-1} - 1 \quad \frac{\partial v^+}{\partial y^+} = \frac{-1 + \sqrt{1 + 4(\ell_m^+)^2}}{2(\ell_m^+)^2}$$

Recap

Model entire turbulence process

- No direct resolution of the flow field (e.g. no DNS, LES, RANS)
- Turbulent mixing \rightarrow increased gradients \rightarrow enhanced diffusion at small scales
- Turbulent mixing affects all species equally
 - Multicomponent effects only present at smallest scales
 - If $L \gg \eta$, then molecular mixing is “unimportant” relative to turbulent mixing.
 - Multicomponent effects still exist, but are mixed out rapidly and don’t affect the “large” scales.
 - At walls, multicomponent effects become important since $L/\eta \rightarrow 1$.

Recall: $Sc_{\text{turb}} = \frac{\nu_{\text{turb}}}{D_{\text{turb}}} \quad Pr_{\text{turb}} = \frac{c_p \mu_{\text{turb}}}{\lambda_{\text{turb}}}$

Therefore, if we prescribe Sc_{turb} , Pr_{turb} , then the problem becomes determining ν_{turb} , (or μ_{turb}).

**No multicomponent effects
for turbulent diffusion terms!**