## Chapter 2 Diffusion in dilute solutions

## 1. Water evaporation

To find the rate of evaporation, we need to find the flux of water across the air film:

$$j_1 = \frac{DH}{\ell} \Delta c_1$$

Since the film is made up of air, H = 1. We are given D and  $\ell$ , so we need to find  $\Delta c_I$ . We first calculate the difference in the partial pressure of water across the film. From a steam table we find that at 20 °C,  $p_{sat} = 2.3388$  kPa. Since the air immediately above the water is saturated we have:

$$\Delta p_1 = p_{sat} - 0.5 p_{sat} = 0.5 p_{sat} = 0.5 (2.3388 \, kPa) = 1.1694 \, kPa = 1169.4 \, Pa$$

Assuming an ideal gas, we can find the concentration difference:

$$\Delta c_1 = \frac{\Delta p_1}{RT} = \frac{1169.4 \, Pa}{\left(8.3145 \, \frac{J}{K \cdot mol}\right) \left(293 \, K\right)} = 0.48 \, \frac{mol}{m^3} = 4.8 \cdot 10^{-7} \, \frac{mol}{cm^3}$$

We can now calculate the flux:

$$j_1 = \frac{0.25 \frac{cm^2}{s}}{0.15 cm} \left( 4.8 \cdot 10^{-7} \frac{mol}{cm^3} \right) = 8.0 \cdot 10^{-7} \frac{mol}{cm^2 s}$$

To find the height change, we divide by the molar density of water:

$$\frac{8.0 \cdot 10^{-7} \frac{mol}{cm^2 s}}{1 \frac{g}{cm^3} \cdot \frac{1mol}{18.015 g}} = 1.44 \cdot 10^{-5} \frac{cm}{s} = 1.25 \frac{cm}{day}$$

#### 2. Diffusion across a monolayer

Recalling that the resistance is the inverse of the permeance, we have:

$$\frac{1}{P} = 2 \frac{s}{cm} \Rightarrow P = 0.5 \frac{cm}{s}$$

We know that the permeance is given by:

$$P = \frac{DH}{\ell} \Rightarrow D = \frac{P\ell}{H} = \frac{\left(0.5 \frac{cm}{s}\right) \left(2.5 \cdot 10^{-7} cm\right)}{0.018} = 7 \cdot 10^{-6} \frac{cm^2}{s}$$

## 3. Diffusion coefficient of NO2 in water

We treat the water as a semiinfinite slab. From Eq. (2.3-18) we know that the flux at the surface is given by:

$$j_1|_{z=0} = \sqrt{\frac{D}{\pi t}} (c_{10} - c_{1\infty})$$

The concentration at the surface is given by Henry's Law:

$$c_{10} = \frac{p}{H} = \frac{0.93 \, atm}{37000 \frac{cm^3 atm}{mol}} = 2.5 \cdot 10^{-5} \, \frac{mol}{cm^3}$$

Since we have a semiinfinite slab we assume  $c_{1\infty} = 0$ . To find the flux over the total time t, we integrate:

$$N_{1} = \int_{0}^{t} A j_{1} \Big|_{z=0} dt = A \int_{0}^{t} \sqrt{\frac{D}{\pi t}} (c_{10} - 0) dt = A c_{10} \sqrt{\frac{D}{\pi}} \int_{0}^{t} \frac{dt}{\sqrt{t}} = 2A c_{10} \sqrt{\frac{D}{\pi}} \left[ \sqrt{t} \right]_{0}^{t} = 2A c_{10} \sqrt{\frac{Dt}{\pi}}$$

Assuming an ideal gas, the flux  $N_I$  is given by:

$$N_{1} = \frac{PV}{RT} = \frac{(0.93 \, atm)(0.82 \, cm^{3})}{\left(82.06 \frac{cm^{3} \, atm}{K \cdot mol}\right)(289 \, K)} = 3.2 \cdot 10^{-5} \, mol$$

Solving for D, we have:

$$D = \left(\frac{N_1}{2Ac_{10}}\right)^2 \cdot \frac{\pi}{t} = \left[\frac{3.2 \cdot 10^{-5} \ mol}{\left(36.3 \ cm^2\right)\left(2.5 \cdot 10^{-5} \frac{mol}{cm^3}\right)}\right]^2 \cdot \frac{\pi}{180 \ s} = 5.4 \cdot 10^{-6} \frac{cm^2}{s}$$

## 4. Permeability of water across a polymer film

The rate of water loss can be found by linear regression or by simply using the first and last data

$$N_1 = \frac{14.0153 g - 13.5256 g}{16 \, days} = 0.031 \frac{g}{day}$$

The molar flux is given by:

$$j_1 = \frac{N_1}{A} = \frac{0.031 \frac{g}{day} \cdot \frac{1 mol}{18.015 g} \cdot \frac{1 day}{24 hr} \cdot \frac{1 hr}{3600 s}}{85.6 cm^2} = 2.3 \cdot 10^{-10} \frac{mol}{cm^2 s}$$

From Eq. (2-2.10) we have:

$$j_1 = \frac{DH}{\ell} \Delta c_1$$

We need to find  $\Delta c_l$ . We first calculate the difference in the partial pressure of water across the film. From a steam table we find that at 35 °C,  $p_{sat} = 0.0555$  atm. Since the air inside the bag is

$$\Delta p_1 = p_{sat} - 0.75 p_{sat} = 0.25 p_{sat} = 0.25 (0.0555 atm) = 0.0139 atm$$

Assuming an ideal gas, the concentration difference is:

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$$\Delta c_1 = \frac{\Delta p_1}{RT} = \frac{0.0139 \, atm}{\left(82.06 \frac{cm^3 atm}{K \cdot mol}\right) \left(308 \, K\right)} = 5.49 \cdot 10^{-7} \, \frac{mol}{cm^3}$$

The permeability DH is given by:

$$DH = \frac{j_1 \ell}{\Delta c_1} = \frac{\left(2.3 \cdot 10^{-10} \frac{mol}{cm^2 s}\right) \left(0.051 cm\right)}{5.49 \cdot 10^{-7} \frac{mol}{cm^3}} = 2.1 \cdot 10^{-5} \frac{cm^2}{s}$$

## 5. Diaphragm cell

From Ex. (2.2-4) we have:

$$D = \frac{1}{\beta t} \ln \left( \frac{\Delta c_{10}}{\Delta c_1} \right) \qquad \beta = \frac{AH}{\ell} \left( \frac{1}{V_{lower}} + \frac{1}{V_{upper}} \right)$$

(a) Using the first equation and solving for  $\beta$  we have:

$$\beta = \frac{1}{Dt} \ln \left( \frac{\Delta c_{10}}{\Delta c_1} \right) = \frac{1}{\left( 1.859 \cdot 10^{-5} \frac{cm^2}{s} \right) \left( 36 \, hr \cdot \frac{3600 \, s}{hr} + 6 \, min \cdot \frac{60 \, s}{min} \right)} \ln \left( \frac{1}{0.492} \right)$$

$$= 0.294 \, cm^{-2}$$

(b) Using the second equation and solving for  $\ell$  we have:

$$\ell = \frac{AH}{\beta} \left( \frac{1}{V_{lower}} + \frac{1}{V_{upper}} \right) = \frac{\left[ \frac{\pi}{4} (2.51 cm)^2 \right] (0.34)}{0.294 cm^{-2}} \left( \frac{1}{42.3 cm^3} + \frac{1}{40.8 cm^3} \right) = 0.276 cm$$

(c) Since the porosity is the same, the result is the same.

#### 6. Measuring diffusion coefficient of gases

The maximum concentration will be at the center of the pipe so r = 0 and the equation reduces

$$c_1 = \frac{Q}{4\pi Dz}$$

Dimensional analysis tells us that the concentration must be dimensionless, so we simply convert it from a weight fraction  $w_1$  to a mole fraction  $y_1$ :

$$w_1 = \frac{4y_1}{4y_1 + 28(1 - y_1)} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{w_1} = \frac{7}{y_1} - 6 \Rightarrow y_1 = \frac{7}{\frac{1}{w_1} + 6} = \frac{7}{\frac{1}{0.0048} + 6} = 0.033 = c_1$$

Solving for *D*, we have:

$$D = \frac{Q}{4\pi c_1 z} = \frac{0.045 \frac{cm^3}{s}}{4\pi (0.033)(1.031 cm)} = 0.11 \frac{cm^2}{s}$$

## 7. Carburizing of steel

Rearranging Eq. (2.3-15) we have:

$$c_1 = c_{10} - (c_{1\infty} - c_{10}) \operatorname{erf}\left(\frac{z}{\sqrt{4Dt}}\right)$$

Since this is a semiinfinite slab,  $c_{I\infty} = 0$ . Assuming the argument of the error function is small (i.e. less than about 0.7), we can approximate it as the argument itself:

$$c_1 \approx c_{10} - \frac{c_{10}z}{\sqrt{4Dt}}$$

Using the data for 10 hr we calculate the slope from its endpoints:

$$m = \frac{0.7 - 1.35}{(0.05 - 0)in \cdot \frac{2.54 \, cm}{in}} = 5.12 \, cm^{-1}$$

The data show that the concentration  $c_1$  at 10 hr is given by:

$$c_1 = 1.35 - 5.12z$$

By comparison with our approximation we have:

$$c_{10} = 1.35$$

$$\frac{c_{10}}{\sqrt{4Dt}} = 5.12$$

Solving for D gives:

$$D = \frac{\left(\frac{c_{10}}{5.12}\right)^2}{4t} = \frac{\left(\frac{1.35}{5.12 \, cm^{-1}}\right)^2}{4\left(10 \, hr \cdot \frac{3600 \, s}{hr}\right)} = 4.8 \cdot 10^{-7} \, \frac{cm^2}{s}$$

To check whether our approximation was valid, we calculate the argument of the error function:

$$\frac{z}{\sqrt{4Dt}} = \frac{0.05 \, in \cdot \frac{2.54 \, cm}{in}}{\sqrt{4\left(4.8 \cdot 10^{-7} \, \frac{cm^2}{s}\right) \left(10 \, hr \cdot \frac{3600 \, s}{hr}\right)}} = 0.48$$

The assumption is valid.

#### 8. Twin-bulb method

We define the direction of positive flux is from bulb A into bulb B. A balance on bulb A gives:

$$V\frac{dc_{1A}}{dt} = -\left(\pi r^2\right)j_1$$

Similarly for bulb B we have:

$$V\frac{dc_{1B}}{dt} = \left(\pi r^2\right) j_1$$

Subtracting the second equation from the first, we get:

$$V\frac{d}{dt}(c_{1A} - c_{1B}) = -2\pi r^2 j_1$$

The flux is given by:

$$j_1 = \frac{DH}{\ell} \left( c_{1A} - c_{1B} \right)$$

In this case H = 1 since there is no interface. Combining these equations and substituting  $\Delta c_1$  for  $c_{IA} - c_{IB}$  we have:

$$V\frac{d\Delta c_1}{dt} = -\frac{2\pi D\Delta c_1 r^2}{\ell} \Rightarrow \frac{d\Delta c_1}{c_1} = -\frac{2\pi Dr^2}{\ell V}dt$$

Integration gives:

$$\int_{\Delta c_{10}}^{\Delta c_{1}} \frac{d\Delta c_{1}}{\Delta c_{1}} = -\frac{2\pi Dr^{2}}{\ell V} \int_{0}^{t} dt \Rightarrow \ln\left(\frac{\Delta c_{1}}{\Delta c_{10}}\right) = -\frac{2\pi Dr^{2}t}{\ell V} \Rightarrow \Delta c_{1} = \Delta c_{10}e^{-\frac{2\pi Dr^{2}t}{\ell V}}$$

## 9. Steady-state flux out of a pipe with porous wall

From Eq. (2.4-29) we have:

$$\frac{\partial c_1}{\partial t} = \frac{D}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r \frac{\partial c_1}{\partial r} \right)$$

Since we are at steady state, the time derivative is zero and we are left with:

$$0 = \frac{D}{r} \frac{d}{dr} \left( r \frac{dc_1}{dr} \right) \Rightarrow \frac{d}{dr} \left( r \frac{dc_1}{dr} \right) = 0$$

Integrating twice we have:

$$r\frac{dc_1}{dr} = A \Rightarrow \int dc_1 = A \int \frac{dr}{r} \Rightarrow c_1 = A \ln r + B$$

This is subject to boundary conditions:

$$r = R_i \quad c = c_{1i}$$
$$r = R_0 \quad c = 0$$

Applying the second and then the first we have:

$$0 = A \ln R_0 + B \Rightarrow B = -A \ln R_0$$

$$c_{1i} = A \ln R_i + B = A \ln R_i - A \ln R_0 = A \ln \frac{R_i}{R_0} \Rightarrow A = \frac{c_{1i}}{\ln \frac{R_i}{R_0}}$$

$$B = -A \ln R_0 = -\frac{c_{1i} \ln R_0}{\ln \frac{R_i}{R_0}}$$

Substitution gives:

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$$c_{1} = \frac{c_{1i} \ln r}{\ln \frac{R_{i}}{R_{o}}} - \frac{c_{1i} \ln R_{0}}{\ln \frac{R_{i}}{R_{0}}} = c_{1i} \frac{\ln \frac{r}{R_{0}}}{\ln \frac{R_{i}}{R_{0}}}$$

The flux at the outside of the pipe is given by Fick's Law:

$$j = -D\frac{dc_1}{dr}\bigg|_{r=R_0} = -\frac{Dc_{1i}}{r \ln \frac{R_i}{R_0}}\bigg|_{r=R_0} = \frac{Dc_{1i}}{R_0 \ln \frac{R_0}{R_i}}$$

## 10. Controlled release of pheromones

From a balance on the device we have:

$$V\frac{dc_1}{dt} = r_0 - Aj_1$$

Since we are interested in the steady state case, the time derivative is 0 and we find that the rate of sublimation must equal the rate of transport through the membrane. Substituting for  $r_0$  and  $j_1$ we have:

$$r_0 = Aj_1 \Rightarrow 6 \cdot 10^{-17} \left[ 1 - \left( 1.1 \cdot 10^7 \frac{cm^3}{mol} \right) c_1 \right] \frac{mol}{s} = \frac{ADH}{\ell} (c_1 - 0)$$

(a) Solving for  $c_1$  we have:

$$c_{1} = \frac{6 \cdot 10^{-17} \frac{mol}{s}}{\frac{ADH}{\ell} + 6.6 \cdot 10^{-10} \frac{cm^{3}}{s}} = \frac{6 \cdot 10^{-17} \frac{mol}{s}}{\frac{(1.8 cm^{2})(1.92 \cdot 10^{-12} \frac{cm^{2}}{s})}{0.06 cm} + 6.6 \cdot 10^{-10} \frac{cm^{3}}{s}}$$

$$= 8.4 \cdot 10^{-8} \frac{mol}{cm^{3}}$$

(b) Solving for  $r_0$  or  $Aj_1$  gives:

$$Aj_{1} = \frac{ADH}{\ell}c_{1} = \frac{\left(1.8 cm^{2} \left(1.92 \cdot 10^{-12} \frac{cm^{2}}{s}\right)\right)}{0.06 cm} \left(8.4 \cdot 10^{-8} \frac{mol}{cm^{3}}\right) = 4.8 \cdot 10^{-18} \frac{mol}{s}$$

#### 11. Measuring age of antique glass

Based on Example 2.3-3, we have:

$$j_1|_{z=0} = \sqrt{\frac{D(1+K)}{\pi t}} (c_{10} - c_{1\infty})$$

Since the water is consumed as it enters the glass, we assume that  $c_{I\infty} = 0$ . The total hydration is

then:

$$N_{1} = A \int_{0}^{t} j_{1} \Big|_{z=0} dt = A c_{10} \sqrt{\frac{D(1+K)}{\pi}} \int_{0}^{t} \frac{dt}{\sqrt{t}} = 2A c_{10} \sqrt{\frac{Dt(1+K)}{\pi}}$$

Solving for *t* we have:

$$t = \frac{\pi}{D(1+K)} \left(\frac{N_1}{2Ac_{10}}\right)$$

## 12. Diffusion in a reactive barrier membrane

(a) Mass balances on mobile species 1 and immobile species 2 give:

$$\frac{\partial c_1}{\partial t} = D \frac{\partial^2 c_1}{\partial z^2} - k_R c_1 c_2$$

$$\frac{\partial c_2}{\partial t} = -k_R c_1 c_2$$

(b) The boundary conditions for this situation are:

$$t < 0 \qquad all z \qquad c_1 = 0 \qquad c_2 = c_{20}$$

$$t \ge 0 \qquad z = 0 \qquad c_1 = Hc_{10} \qquad \frac{\partial c_2}{\partial z} = 0$$

$$z = \ell \qquad c_1 = 0 \qquad \frac{\partial c_2}{\partial z} = 0$$

(c) The reaction term would exist only in a front, moving across the film with time. Everywhere else in the film either  $c_1$  or  $c_2$  is zero and the reaction term drops out of the differential equations.

## 13. Diffusion of dopant in arsenide

From Eq. (2.4-14) we have:

$$c_1 = \frac{M/A}{\sqrt{4\pi Dt}} e^{-\frac{z^2}{4Dt}}$$

Since the maximum concentration will be at z = 0 i.e. the site of the scratch we can write:

$$c_{1\text{max}} = \frac{M/A}{\sqrt{4\pi Dt}} \Rightarrow \frac{c_1}{c_{1\text{max}}} = e^{-\frac{z^2}{4Dt}}$$

Solving for t, we have:

$$t = \frac{z^2}{4D \ln \left(\frac{c_{1\text{max}}}{c_1}\right)} = \frac{\left(4 \cdot 10^{-4} \text{ cm}\right)^2}{4\left(10^{-11} \frac{\text{cm}^2}{\text{s}}\right) \ln(10)} = 1740 \text{ s} = 29 \text{ min}$$

## 14. Concentration profile in Fick's experiment

(a) For the cylinder, the cross sectional area A is constant. Since the experiment is at steady state,  $j_1$  is also constant. Using Fick's Law, we have:

$$j = -D\frac{dc_1}{dz} = B \Rightarrow c_1 = -\frac{B}{D}z + C$$

The boundary conditions are:

$$z = 0$$
  $c_1 = 0$ 

$$z = \ell$$
  $c_1 = c_{1sat}$ 

The first boundary condition tells us that C = 0. Applying the second gives:

$$c_{1sat} = -\frac{B}{D}\ell \Rightarrow B = -\frac{c_{1sat}D}{\ell} \Rightarrow c_1 = c_{1sat}\frac{z}{\ell}$$

(b) For the funnel, the cross sectional area A is not constant. The area at height z is given by:

$$A = \pi \left( R_0 + \frac{R_{\ell} - R_0}{\ell} z \right)^2 = \pi (R_0 + kz)^2 \qquad k = \frac{R_{\ell} - R_0}{\ell}$$

where k has been defined for convenience. Since the area is a function of z, the condition of steady state requires that the product  $Ai_I$  be constant. As a result we have:

$$0 = \frac{d(Aj_1)}{dz} = j_1 \frac{dA}{dz} + A \frac{dj_1}{dz}$$

Using Fick's Law to substitute for  $j_1$  and the above expression for A we have:

$$0 = \left[ -D\frac{dc_1}{dz} \right] \left[ 2\pi k (R_0 + kz) \right] + \left[ \pi (R_0 + kz)^2 \right] - D\frac{d^2c_1}{dz^2}$$

$$0 = 2k\frac{dc_1}{dz} + (R_0 + kz)\frac{d^2c_1}{dz^2}$$

We now define a function u and redefine our differentials in terms of it:

$$u = R_0 + kz$$

$$\frac{dc_1}{dz} = \frac{dc_1}{du}\frac{du}{dz} = k\frac{dc_1}{du}$$

$$\frac{d^2c_2}{dz^2} = \frac{d^2c_1}{du^2} \left(\frac{du}{dz}\right)^2 = k^2 \frac{d^2c_1}{du^2}$$

Our equation now becomes:

$$0 = 2k^{2} \frac{dc_{1}}{du} + k^{2}u \frac{d^{2}c_{1}}{du^{2}} \Rightarrow u^{2} \frac{d^{2}c_{1}}{du^{2}} + 2u \frac{dc_{1}}{du} = 0$$

This equation is of the Euler-Cauchy form, which means the solution is of the form

$$c_1 = u^m$$
:  
 $u^2 [m(m-1)u^{m-2}] + 2u(mu^{m-1}) = 0 \Rightarrow m^2 + m = m(m+1) = 0 \Rightarrow m = 0,-1$ 

The solution is a linear combination of the two roots:

$$c_1 = B + \frac{C}{u} = B + \frac{C}{R_0 + kz}$$

Applying the same boundary conditions as above we find:

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$$0 = B + \frac{C}{R_0} \Rightarrow B = -\frac{C}{R_0}$$

$$c_{1sat} = \frac{C}{R_0 + k\ell} - \frac{C}{R_0} \Rightarrow C = \frac{c_{1sat}}{\frac{1}{R_0 + k\ell} - \frac{1}{R_0}} = \frac{c_{1sat}R_0(R_0 + k\ell)}{k\ell}$$

The concentration profile is therefore:

$$c_1 = \frac{c_{1sat}R_0(R_0 + k\ell)}{k\ell} \left[ \frac{1}{R_0 + kz} - \frac{1}{R_0} \right] = c_{1sat} \frac{R_0 + k\ell}{R_0 + kz} \frac{z}{\ell} = c_{1sat} \frac{R_\ell z}{R_0 \ell + z(R_\ell - R_0)}$$

## 15. Bacteria between membranes

(a) From Fick's Law we have:

$$j_S = -D \frac{dc_S}{dz}$$

At steady state we know that  $j_S$  is independent of z:

$$\frac{dj_s}{dz} = 0 = -D\frac{d^2c_s}{dz^2} \qquad z = 0 \quad c_s = c_{s0}$$

$$z = \ell \quad c_s = 0$$

By applying the boundary conditions and integrating twice we have:

$$j_S = \frac{D}{\ell} c_{S0}$$

By comparison with Fick's Law we can write:

$$-D\frac{dc_S}{dz} = \frac{D}{\ell}c_{S0} \Rightarrow \int_{c_{S0}}^{c_S} dc_S = -\frac{c_{S0}}{\ell} \int_{0}^{z} dz \Rightarrow c_S = c_{S0} \left(1 - \frac{z}{\ell}\right)$$

(b) Once again assuming steady state, we know that  $j_B$  is independent of z. We also know from the boundary conditions that  $j_B = 0$  at z = 0 and  $z = \ell$ , so  $j_B = 0$  for all z. The given equation then becomes:

$$0 = -D_0 \frac{dc_B}{dz} + \chi c_B \frac{dc_S}{dz} \Rightarrow D_0 \frac{dc_B}{dz} = \chi c_B \left( -\frac{c_{S0}}{\ell} \right)$$

Integration gives:

$$\int_{c_{B0}}^{c_{B}} \frac{dc_{B}}{c_{B}} = -\frac{\chi c_{S0}}{D_{0}\ell} \int_{0}^{z} dz \Rightarrow \ln \frac{c_{B}}{c_{B0}} = -\frac{\chi c_{S0}z}{D_{0}\ell} \Rightarrow c_{B} = c_{B0}e^{-\frac{\chi c_{S0}z}{D_{0}\ell}}$$

where  $c_{B0}$  is the concentration of B at z = 0.

#### 16. Extraction of sucrose

From Eq. (2-3.18) the flux through the surface of a slice is:

$$j_1 = \sqrt{\frac{D}{\pi t}} c_{10}$$

The total flux is a weighted average of the individual fluxes:

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$$j_{1} = \varepsilon j_{c} + (1 - \varepsilon)j_{w} = \varepsilon \sqrt{\frac{D_{c}}{\pi t}}c_{10} + (1 - \varepsilon)\sqrt{\frac{D_{w}}{\pi t}}c_{10}$$

Integrating over time to get the total sucrose extracted per unit area we have:

$$M = \int_{0}^{t} j_{1}dt = \frac{c_{10}}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_{0}^{t} \varepsilon \sqrt{\frac{D_{c}}{t}} + (1 - \varepsilon) \sqrt{\frac{D_{w}}{t}} dt = 2c_{10} \sqrt{\frac{t}{\pi}} \left[ \varepsilon \sqrt{D_{c}} + (1 - \varepsilon) \sqrt{D_{w}} \right]$$

From the given expression we have:

$$D = \frac{\pi}{4t} \left(\frac{M}{c_{10}}\right)^2 = \frac{\pi}{4t} \left(\frac{2c_{10}\sqrt{\frac{t}{\pi}}\left[\varepsilon\sqrt{D_c} + (1-\varepsilon)\sqrt{D_w}\right]}{c_{10}}\right)^2 = \left[\varepsilon\sqrt{D_c} + (1-\varepsilon)\sqrt{D_w}\right]^2$$

Not sure this answers the question