

Analytical solution of a gas release problem considering permeation with time dependent boundary conditions

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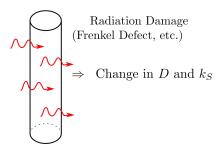
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Motivation



Influence of radiation damage on Diffusion and Sieverts' constant



- Setup-Material?
- Heating heals defects!
- How to recover D and k_s from data?

Experiments like this are relevant for:

- Reactor and Fusion-technology,
- Green energy: Storage and transport of H₂,
- repository exploration, ...

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Outline



Motivation

- Experiment, Setup
- Diffusion-Equation with time dependent boundary-conditions
- Explicit Solution for each time interval [Sample]
- Partial pressure of Hydrogen during Release-Interval

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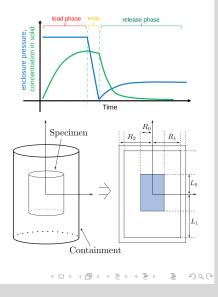
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Experimental Setup

- Cylinder geometric isovolumetric setup
- Loading with Hydrogen at defined pressure p_L (and Temperature T)
- Evacuate the System
 - $\rightarrow p(t) = p_L \exp[-\lambda t]$
- Recover Sieverts' and Diffusion Constant

$$R_0 = 3.0 \ 10^{-3} \,\mathrm{m}, \ L_0 = 3.0 \ 10^{-2} \,\mathrm{m}$$

$$R_1 = 0.01 \text{ m}, \ R_2 = 0.02 \text{ m}, \ L_1 = 0.04 \text{ m}$$



Boundary Conditions



Note: (Sieverts' Law)

On the surfaces the Concentration of (Mono-atomic)-Hydrogen is given by

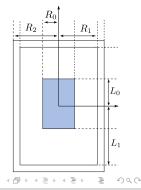
$$c \equiv k \sqrt{p(t)} \quad \forall t \ge 0$$

Note: (Diffusion-Equation)

$$\partial_t c^{(n)} - D_j \Delta c^{(n)} = 0, \ j \in \{s, c\} \ t \in [t_n, t_{n+1}]$$

 $c^{(n)}(r, z, t) = k_j \sqrt{p(t)} \ for \ \begin{cases} r \in \{R_0, R_1\} \\ z \in \{\pm L_0, \pm L_1\} \end{cases}$
 $c^{(n)}(R_2, z, t) \equiv 0$
 $c^{(n)}(r, z, t_n) = c^{(n-1)}(r, z, t_{n-1}), c^{(-1)} \equiv 0$

$$p(t) = egin{cases} p_L, t \in [t_0 = 0, t_1] \ p_L \exp[-\lambda t], t \in [t_1, t_2] \ unclear, t \in [t_2, t_3] \end{cases}$$



Solving These Equations



Zero-Boundary condition [Sample]

$$g_{\mathcal{S}}(r, z, t) \coloneqq c(r, z, t) - k_{\mathcal{S}}\sqrt{p(t)}, r \in [0, R_0], z \in [-L_0, L_0]$$

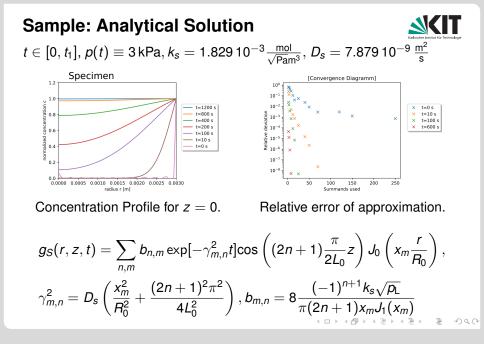
$$\Rightarrow \partial_t g_{\mathcal{S}} - D_{\mathcal{S}}\Delta g_{\mathcal{S}} = k_{\mathcal{S}}\partial_t\sqrt{p}$$

Zero-Boundary condition [Containment, neglecting z]

$$g_{\mathcal{C}}(r,t) \coloneqq c(r,t) - \tau(r)k_{c}\sqrt{p(t)}, \tau(r) = \frac{\log[r] - \log[R_{2}]}{\log[R_{1}] - \log[R_{2}]}, r \in [R_{1}, R_{2}]$$

$$\Rightarrow \partial_{t}g_{\mathcal{C}} - D_{c}\Delta g_{\mathcal{C}} = \tau k_{s}\partial_{t}\sqrt{p}$$

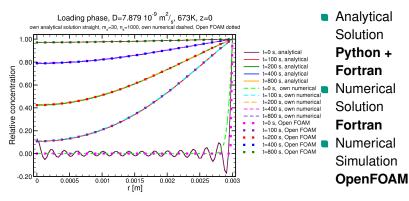
Hom. PDE \rightarrow Separation of variables ODEs \rightarrow Solvable Fundamental Solutions \rightarrow Full Solution Variation of Constants



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Compare: Numerical (Fortran), Analytical (Python), OpenFOAM



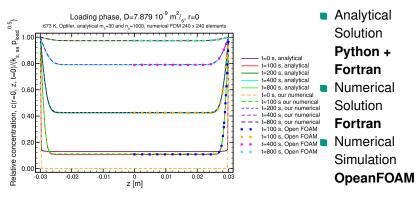


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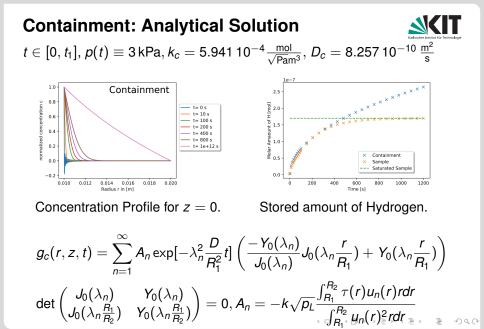




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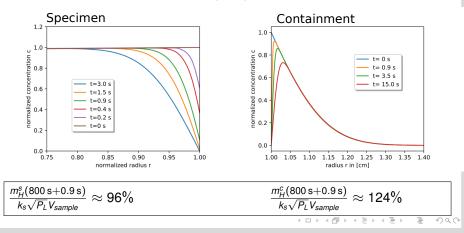
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Pumping Interval



Fick's Law $\rightarrow c(r, z, t) = p_L \exp[-\lambda t]$, for $r \in \{R_0, R_1\}, z \in \{L_0, L_1\}$ Fixed Ratio: 97 % He and 3 % H_2 Remaining Partial Pressure: $\Rightarrow p_{H_2}(0.9s) = 1$ Pa



Release Interval



Problem: p(t) in gaseous phase unknown \Rightarrow No Boundary Conditions

Note: (Initial Guess)

$$\sqrt{\rho(t)} = \frac{\sqrt{\rho_f} - \sqrt{\rho_0}}{1 - \exp[-\beta T]} \left(1 - \exp[-\beta t]\right) + \sqrt{\rho_0} \tag{1}$$

[Sedano et al., J. Nucl. Mater. (1999)]

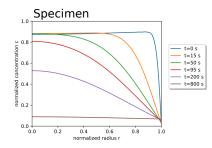
$$\partial_t g_S - D_s \Delta g_S = k_s \underbrace{\partial_t \sqrt{p}}_{\text{Now Easy}}, \quad \partial_t g_C - D_c \Delta g_C = \tau k_c \partial_t \sqrt{p}$$

Note:

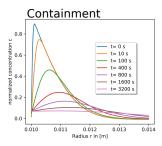
- β , *T* and *p*_f free parameters,
- Sieverts' Law still holds for the pressure above.

Release Interval Graphics





$$j_{1}^{s}(t) = -2\pi D_{s} \int_{-L}^{L} R_{0} \partial_{r} c(R_{0}, z, t) dz$$
$$j_{2}^{s}(t) = -4\pi D_{s} \int_{0}^{R_{0}} \partial_{z} c(r, L_{0}, t) r dr$$
$$j_{3}^{c}(t) = -2\pi D_{c} \int_{-L_{1}}^{L_{1}} R_{1} \partial_{r} c(R_{1}, z, t) dz$$



Flux of Hydrogen:

- Coat Containment j_3^c ,
- (2x Caps Containment),

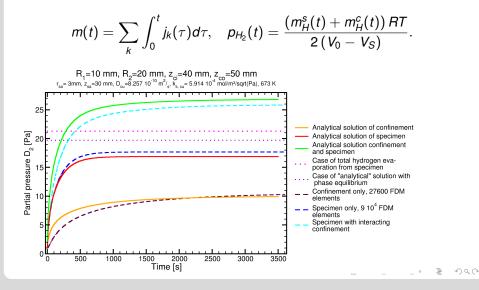
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- Coat Specimen j^s₁,
- Caps Specimen j^s₂.

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Pressure Increase





Conclusion



- Fortran FDM and analytic (Python) model show similar results,
- Measure containment effect,
- Recover D and k with B&B (fast evaluation -> analytic solution),
- Estimate: Duration of Experiment,

copper containment may be usable

Open Problems:

- Guess function $\sqrt{p(t)}$ does not exactly fit. (Fixed-point Iteration),
- Melting Point of copper \approx 1.300 K.

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