

National Exams  
**04-CHEM-B1, Transport Phenomena**  
3 hours duration

**NOTES**

1. If doubt exists as to the interpretation of any question, the candidate is urged to submit with the answer paper, a clear statement of any assumptions made.
2. The examination is an OPEN BOOK EXAM.
3. Candidates may use any **non-communicating** calculator.
4. **Not all** problems are of equal weight.
5. **Answer all five questions.**
6. State all assumptions clearly.
7. The various conservation equations (continuity, momentum and shear stress-velocity gradient relationships, energy, and species conservation) are given in Tables 1-5 appended to this paper. These equations are also available in Brodkey, R.S. and Hershey H.C. (1988) *Transport Phenomena – A Unified Approach*.

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- Q1. [15 marks] Making use of the continuity equation for an incompressible fluid flowing at steady state, show that a flow defined by the velocity field:

$$\vec{u} = (4t + 4x + 4y)\vec{i} + (t - 2y - 2z)\vec{j} + (t + x - 2z)\vec{k}$$

is possible in which  $\vec{i}$ ,  $\vec{j}$  and  $\vec{k}$  are the unit vectors in the  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$  directions.

- Q2. [30 marks overall] Consider the steady, low speed flow of a viscous isothermal fluid of density  $\rho$  and viscosity  $\mu$ , between two infinitely long, parallel, vertical plates, spaced a distance  $h$  apart. The plate on the left (at  $x = 0$ ) is stationary, whereas the plate on the right (at  $x = h$ ) moves upward as constant speed,  $u_0$ .

- (a) [15 marks] With reference to Fig. 1, and starting with the appropriate form of the Navier-Stokes equation, show that the velocity distribution is given by:

$$u_z = \frac{\rho g h^2}{2\mu} \left[ \left( \frac{x}{h} \right)^2 - \left( \frac{x}{h} \right) \right] + u_0 \left( \frac{x}{h} \right)$$

- (b) [5 marks] Derive an expression for the velocity in the middle of the channel.  
 (c) [10 marks] Show that for the net mass flow rate to be zero, the right hand plate must move at a velocity given by:

$$u_0 = \frac{\rho g h^2}{6\mu}$$

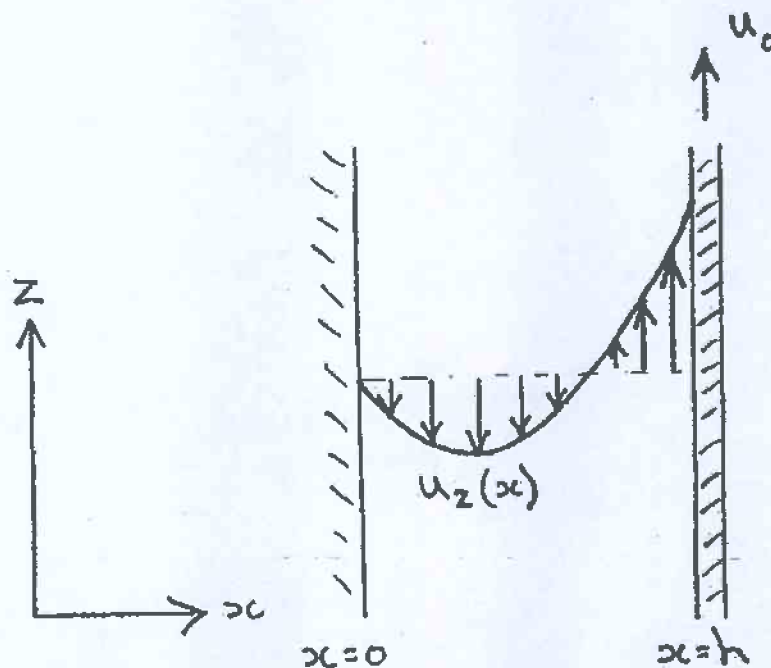


Fig. 1: Fully developed flow between vertical plates with one plate moving

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Q3. [25 marks overall] Consider a hollow sphere of inner radius  $R_1$  and outer radius  $R_2$ .

(i) [15 marks] If the inner surface is at the higher temperature  $T_1$  and the outer surface is at the lower temperature  $T_2$ , starting with the appropriate form of the energy equation show that the temperature distribution throughout the shell is given by:

$$T = T_1 - \left\{ \frac{(T_1 - T_2) \cdot R_2 \cdot (r - R_1)}{r \cdot (R_2 - R_1)} \right\}$$

(ii) [10 marks] Furthermore, show that the heat loss at the outer surface of the sphere is given by:

$$\dot{Q} = -k \cdot 4\pi R_2^2 \cdot \frac{R_1 R_2 (T_1 - T_2)}{R_2^2 (R_1 - R_2)}$$

Q4. [15 marks overall] The instantaneous reaction  $A \rightarrow 2B$  occurs on the outer surface of a long cylinder of length  $L$  with a diameter of 0.03 m. The ambient environment contains approximately 100 mol% A and is at 300 K and 1 atm.

(i) [10 marks] Show that an expression for the mole fraction profile is:

$$y_A = (1 + y_{A_s}) \left( \frac{r}{R} \right)^{\left( \frac{\dot{N}_A}{2\pi L c D_{AB}} \right)} - 1$$

in which  $y_{A_s}$  is the mole fraction of A at the surface of the cylinder and  $\dot{N}_A$  is the molar flow rate of A.

(ii) [5 marks] If  $D_{AB} = 1.6 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$  and the boundary layer thickness is 1 cm, determine the rate of formation of B per unit length of cylinder.

Q5. [15 marks] Oxygen is transferred from the lung cavity, across the lung tissue, to the network of blood vessels on the opposite side. The lung tissue may be viewed as a plane of thickness  $L$ . The inhalation process maintains a constant molar oxygen concentration,  $C_{Ai}$ , on the inner surface of the tissue. Due to absorption of oxygen by the blood, a constant concentration of  $C_{Ao}$  is maintained on the other surface. Oxygen is consumed through metabolic processes in the lung tissue at a constant volumetric rate of  $-k_0$ . Show that an expression for the oxygen concentration profile in the lung tissue is:

$$C_A = C_{Ai} + \frac{k_0}{2D_{AB}} (z^2 - zL) + \frac{(C_{Ao} - C_{Ai})}{L} z$$

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APPENDIX

Useful equations

Table 1: The Continuity Equation

$[\partial\rho/\partial t + (\nabla \cdot \rho\vec{u})] = 0$		(1)
Rectangular coordinates $(x, y, z)$		
$\frac{\partial\rho}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(\rho u_x) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(\rho u_y) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z}(\rho u_z) = 0$		(1a)
Cylindrical coordinates $(r, \theta, z)$		
$\frac{\partial\rho}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r}(\rho r u_r) + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta}(\rho u_\theta) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z}(\rho u_z) = 0$		(1b)
Spherical coordinates $(r, \theta, \phi)$		
$\frac{\partial\rho}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r}(\rho r^2 u_r) + \frac{1}{r \sin\theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta}(\rho u_\theta \sin\theta) + \frac{1}{r \sin\theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi}(\rho u_\phi) = 0$		(1c)

Table 2: The Navier-Stokes equations for Newtonian fluids of constant  $\rho$  and  $\mu$

$\frac{\partial\vec{u}}{\partial t} + (\vec{u} \cdot \nabla)\vec{u} = -\frac{1}{\rho}\nabla P + \vec{g} + \nu(\nabla^2\vec{u})$		(2)
Rectangular coordinates $(x, y, z)$		
x-component	$\frac{\partial u_x}{\partial t} + u_x \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial x} + u_y \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial y} + u_z \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial z} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial P}{\partial x} + g_x + \nu \left( \frac{\partial^2 u_x}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u_x}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u_x}{\partial z^2} \right)$	(2a)
y-component	$\frac{\partial u_y}{\partial t} + u_x \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial x} + u_y \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial y} + u_z \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial z} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} + g_y + \nu \left( \frac{\partial^2 u_y}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u_y}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u_y}{\partial z^2} \right)$	(2b)
z-component	$\frac{\partial u_z}{\partial t} + u_x \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial x} + u_y \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial y} + u_z \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial z} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial P}{\partial z} + g_z + \nu \left( \frac{\partial^2 u_z}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u_z}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u_z}{\partial z^2} \right)$	(2c)

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Table 2: Continued

Cylindrical coordinates $(r, \theta, z)$	
r-component	$\frac{\partial u_r}{\partial t} + u_r \frac{\partial u_r}{\partial r} + \frac{u_\theta}{r} \frac{\partial u_r}{\partial \theta} + u_z \frac{\partial u_r}{\partial z} - \frac{u_\theta^2}{r}$ $= -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial P}{\partial r} + g_r + \nu \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial (r u_r)}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 u_r}{\partial \theta^2} - \frac{2}{r^2} \frac{\partial u_\theta}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\partial^2 u_r}{\partial z^2} \right]$ <span style="float: right;">(2d)</span>
$\theta$ -component	$\frac{\partial u_\theta}{\partial t} + u_r \frac{\partial u_\theta}{\partial r} + \frac{u_\theta}{r} \frac{\partial u_\theta}{\partial \theta} + u_z \frac{\partial u_\theta}{\partial z} + \frac{u_r u_\theta}{r}$ $= -\frac{1}{\rho r} \frac{\partial P}{\partial \theta} + g_\theta + \nu \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial (r u_\theta)}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 u_\theta}{\partial \theta^2} + \frac{2}{r^2} \frac{\partial u_r}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\partial^2 u_\theta}{\partial z^2} \right]$ <span style="float: right;">(2e)</span>
z-component	$\frac{\partial u_z}{\partial t} + u_r \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial r} + \frac{u_\theta}{r} \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial \theta} + u_z \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial z}$ $= -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial P}{\partial z} + g_z + \nu \left[ \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 u_z}{\partial \theta^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u_z}{\partial z^2} \right]$ <span style="float: right;">(2f)</span>
Spherical coordinates $(r, \theta, \phi)$	
r-component	$\frac{\partial u_r}{\partial t} + u_r \frac{\partial u_r}{\partial r} + \frac{u_\theta}{r} \frac{\partial u_r}{\partial \theta} + \left( \frac{u_\phi}{r \sin \theta} \right) \frac{\partial u_r}{\partial \phi} - \frac{u_\theta^2}{r} - \frac{u_\phi^2}{r} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial P}{\partial r} + g_r$ $+ \nu \left[ \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} (r^2 u_r) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left( \sin \theta \frac{\partial u_r}{\partial \theta} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2 u_r}{\partial \phi^2} \right]$ <span style="float: right;">(2g)</span>
$\theta$ -component	$\frac{\partial u_\theta}{\partial t} + u_r \frac{\partial u_\theta}{\partial r} + \frac{u_\theta}{r} \frac{\partial u_\theta}{\partial \theta} + \left( \frac{u_\phi}{r \sin \theta} \right) \frac{\partial u_\theta}{\partial \phi} + \frac{u_r u_\theta}{r} - \frac{u_\phi^2}{r} \cot \theta = -\frac{1}{\rho r} \frac{\partial P}{\partial \theta} + g_\theta$ $+ \nu \left[ \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r^2 \frac{\partial u_\theta}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left( \frac{1}{\sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (u_\theta \sin \theta) \right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2 u_\theta}{\partial \phi^2} \right]$ $+ \frac{2}{r^2} \frac{\partial u_r}{\partial \theta} - \frac{2 \cot \theta}{r^2 \sin \theta} \frac{\partial u_\phi}{\partial \phi}$ <span style="float: right;">(2h)</span>
$\phi$ -component	$\frac{\partial u_\phi}{\partial t} + u_r \frac{\partial u_\phi}{\partial r} + \frac{u_\theta}{r} \frac{\partial u_\phi}{\partial \theta} + \frac{u_\phi}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial u_\phi}{\partial \phi} + \frac{u_r u_\phi}{r} + \frac{u_\theta u_\phi}{r} \cot \theta = -\frac{1}{\rho r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial P}{\partial \phi}$ $+ g_\phi + \nu \left[ \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r^2 \frac{\partial u_\phi}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left( \frac{1}{\sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (u_\phi \sin \theta) \right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2 u_\phi}{\partial \phi^2} \right]$ $+ \frac{2}{r^2 \sin \theta} \frac{\partial u_r}{\partial \phi} + \frac{2 \cot \theta}{r^2 \sin \theta} \frac{\partial u_\theta}{\partial \phi}$ <span style="float: right;">(2i)</span>

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Table 3: Shear stress-velocity gradient relationships for a constant viscosity Newtonian fluid

$[\hat{\tau}] = -\mu \left[ \nabla \hat{u} + (\nabla \hat{u})^T \right] + \frac{2}{3} \nabla \cdot \bar{u} \quad (3)$	
<b>Cartesian coordinates (x, y, z)</b>	
$\tau_{xx} = -\mu \left[ 2 \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial x} \right] + \frac{2}{3} \nabla \cdot \bar{u} \quad (3a)$	(3a)
$\tau_{yy} = -\mu \left[ 2 \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial y} \right] + \frac{2}{3} \nabla \cdot \bar{u} \quad (3b)$	(3b)
$\tau_{zz} = -\mu \left[ 2 \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial z} \right] + \frac{2}{3} \nabla \cdot \bar{u} \quad (3c)$	(3c)
$\tau_{xy} = -\mu \left( \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial x} \right) = \tau_{yx} \quad (3d)$	(3d)
$\tau_{yz} = -\mu \left( \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial y} \right) = \tau_{zy} \quad (3e)$	(3e)
$\tau_{zx} = -\mu \left( \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial z} \right) = \tau_{xz} \quad (3f)$	(3f)
<b>Cylindrical coordinates (r, <math>\theta</math>, z)</b>	
$\tau_{rr} = -\mu \left[ 2 \frac{\partial u_r}{\partial r} \right] + \frac{2}{3} \nabla \cdot \bar{u} \quad (3g)$	(3g)
$\tau_{\theta\theta} = -2\mu \left[ \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial u_\theta}{\partial \theta} + \frac{u_r}{r} \right] + \frac{2}{3} \mu \nabla \cdot \bar{u} \quad (3h)$	(3h)
$\tau_{zz} = -\mu \left[ 2 \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial z} \right] + \frac{2}{3} \mu \nabla \cdot \bar{u} \quad (3i)$	(3i)
$\tau_{r,\theta} = -\mu \left[ r \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( \frac{u_\theta}{r} \right) + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial u_r}{\partial \theta} \right] = \tau_{\theta,r} \quad (3j)$	(3j)
$\tau_{\theta,z} = -\mu \left[ \frac{\partial u_\theta}{\partial z} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial \theta} \right] = \tau_{z,\theta} \quad (3k)$	(3k)
$\tau_{z,r} = -\mu \left[ \frac{\partial u_r}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial r} \right] = \tau_{r,z} \quad (3l)$	(3l)

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Spherical coordinates ( $r, \theta, \phi$ )	
$\tau_{rr} = -\mu \left[ 2 \frac{\partial u_r}{\partial r} \right] + \frac{2}{3} \nabla \cdot \bar{u}$	(3m)
$\tau_{\theta\theta} = -2\mu \left[ \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial u_\theta}{\partial \theta} + \frac{u_r}{r} \right] + \frac{2}{3} \mu \nabla \cdot \bar{u}$	(3n)
$\tau_{\phi\phi} = -2\mu \left[ \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial u_\phi}{\partial \phi} + \frac{u_r}{r} + (u_\theta/r) \cot \theta \right] + \frac{2}{3} \mu \nabla \cdot \bar{u}$	(3o)
$\tau_{r\theta} = -\mu \left[ r \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (u_\theta/r) + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial u_r}{\partial \theta} \right] = \tau_{\theta r}$	(3p)
$\tau_{\theta\phi} = -\mu \left[ \frac{\sin \theta}{r} \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left( \frac{u_\phi}{\sin \theta} \right) \right] + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial u_\theta}{\partial \phi} \right] = \tau_{\phi\theta}$	(3q)
$\tau_{r\phi} = -\mu \left[ \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial u_r}{\partial \phi} + r \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (u_\phi/r) \right] = \tau_{\phi r}$	(3r)

Table 4: The Energy Equation for Incompressible media

$\frac{\partial(\rho c_p T)}{\partial t} + (\bar{u} \cdot \nabla)(\rho c_p T) = [\nabla \cdot \alpha \nabla(\rho c_p T)] + \dot{T}_G$	
Rectangular coordinates ( $x, y, z$ )	$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + u_x \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} + u_y \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} + u_z \frac{\partial T}{\partial z} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \alpha \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \alpha \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left( \alpha \frac{\partial T}{\partial z} \right) + \frac{\dot{T}_G}{\rho c_p}$
Cylindrical coordinates ( $r, \theta, z$ )	$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + u_r \frac{\partial T}{\partial r} + \frac{u_\theta}{r} \frac{\partial T}{\partial \theta} + u_z \frac{\partial T}{\partial z} = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r \alpha \frac{\partial T}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left( \alpha \frac{\partial T}{\partial \theta} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left( \alpha \frac{\partial T}{\partial z} \right) + \frac{\dot{T}_G}{\rho c_p}$
Spherical coordinates ( $r, \theta, \phi$ )	$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + u_r \frac{\partial T}{\partial r} + \frac{u_\theta}{r} \frac{\partial T}{\partial \theta} + \frac{u_\phi}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial T}{\partial \phi} = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r^2 \alpha \frac{\partial T}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left( \alpha \sin \theta \frac{\partial T}{\partial \theta} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \left( \alpha \frac{\partial T}{\partial \phi} \right) + \frac{\dot{T}_G}{\rho c_p}$

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Table 5: The continuity equation for species A

$\frac{\partial C_A}{\partial t} + (\vec{u} \cdot \nabla) C_A = D_A \nabla^2 C_A + \dot{R}_{A,G} \quad (5)$
<p><b>Rectangular coordinates (x, y, z)</b></p> $\frac{\partial C_A}{\partial t} + u_x \frac{\partial C_A}{\partial x} + u_y \frac{\partial C_A}{\partial y} + u_z \frac{\partial C_A}{\partial z} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( D \frac{\partial C_A}{\partial x} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( D \frac{\partial C_A}{\partial y} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left( D \frac{\partial C_A}{\partial z} \right) + \dot{R}_{A,G} \quad (5a)$
<p><b>Incompressible media, Cylindrical coordinates (r, <math>\theta</math>, z)</b></p> $\frac{\partial C_A}{\partial t} + u_r \frac{\partial C_A}{\partial r} + \frac{u_\theta}{r} \frac{\partial C_A}{\partial \theta} + u_z \frac{\partial C_A}{\partial z} = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r D \frac{\partial C_A}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left( D \frac{\partial C_A}{\partial \theta} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left( D \frac{\partial C_A}{\partial z} \right) + \dot{R}_{A,G} \quad (5b)$
<p><b>Incompressible media, Spherical coordinates (r, <math>\theta</math>, <math>\phi</math>)</b></p> $\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial C_A}{\partial t} + u_r \frac{\partial C_A}{\partial r} + \frac{u_\theta}{r} \frac{\partial C_A}{\partial \theta} + \frac{u_\phi}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial C_A}{\partial \phi} &= \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r^2 D \frac{\partial C_A}{\partial r} \right) \\ &+ \frac{1}{r^2 \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left( D \sin \theta \frac{\partial C_A}{\partial \theta} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \left( D \frac{\partial C_A}{\partial \phi} \right) + \dot{R}_{A,G} \end{aligned} \quad (5c)$