

When $\lambda_D \gg a$

$Q \sim a^4$: same as pressure-driven flow

ELECTROPHORESIS

The charge of macromolecules and particles



$$dq = 4\pi r^2 \rho_{IE} dr$$

Poisson eq in spherical coordinates

$$\nabla^2 \phi = -\frac{\rho_{IE}}{\epsilon}$$

$$\nabla^2 = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\sin \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \phi^2}$$

$$\frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r^2 \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r} \right) = -\frac{\rho_{IE}}{\epsilon}$$

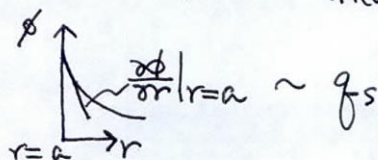
$$q = \int dq = -\int_a^{\infty} 4\pi r^2 \epsilon \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r^2 \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r} \right) dr$$

$$= -\int_a^{\infty} 4\pi \epsilon \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r^2 \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r} \right) dr$$

$$= -4\pi \epsilon \left(r^2 \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r} \Big|_{r \rightarrow \infty} - r^2 \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r} \Big|_{r=a} \right)$$

$$= 4\pi \epsilon a^2 \left(\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r} \right)_{r=a} \quad [C] \quad : \text{change in the double layer}$$

Surface charge density $q_s = -\frac{q}{4\pi a^2} = -\epsilon \left(\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r} \right)_{r=a} \quad [C/m^2]$



$$\left(\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r}\right)_{r=a} = ?$$

Poisson eq $\nabla^2 \phi = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{d}{dr} \left(r^2 \frac{d\phi}{dr} \right) = -\frac{\rho_E}{\epsilon}$

Boltzmann distribution $\rho_E = zFz_0 \left[\exp\left(-\frac{zF\phi}{RT}\right) - \exp\left(\frac{zF\phi}{RT}\right) \right]$
 $= -2Fz_0 \sinh\left(\frac{zF\phi}{RT}\right)$

Debye-Hückel approximation for small potentials,

$$\frac{1}{r^2} \frac{d}{dr} \left(r^2 \frac{d\phi}{dr} \right) = \frac{\phi}{\lambda_D^2}$$

Set $\xi = r\phi$

$$\frac{d\phi}{dr} = \frac{1}{r} \frac{d\xi}{dr} - \frac{1}{r^2} \xi$$

$$\text{LHS} = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{d}{dr} \left(r \frac{d\xi}{dr} - \xi \right) = \frac{1}{r^2} \left(\frac{d\xi}{dr} + r \frac{d^2\xi}{dr^2} - \frac{d\xi}{dr} \right) = \frac{1}{r} \frac{d^2\xi}{dr^2}$$

$$\therefore \frac{d^2\xi}{dr^2} = \frac{\xi}{\lambda_D^2}$$

: the same form as for the plane wall problem.

$$\xi = A \exp\left(-\frac{r}{\lambda_D}\right) + B \exp\left(\frac{r}{\lambda_D}\right)$$

$$\phi = \frac{A}{r} \exp\left(-\frac{r}{\lambda_D}\right) + \frac{B}{r} \exp\left(\frac{r}{\lambda_D}\right)$$

$$\phi \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } r \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\phi = \frac{A}{r} \exp\left(-\frac{r}{\lambda_D}\right)$$

$$A = ?$$

At $r=a$ (particle surface) : $\phi = \xi$

$$\xi = \frac{A}{a} \exp\left(-\frac{a}{\lambda_D}\right)$$

$$A = \xi a \exp\left(\frac{a}{\lambda_D}\right)$$

$$\phi = \xi \frac{a}{r} \exp\left(-\frac{a-r}{\lambda_D}\right)$$

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r} = -\xi \frac{a}{r^2} \exp\left(\frac{a-r}{\lambda_D}\right) + \frac{\xi a}{r} \left(-\frac{1}{\lambda_D}\right) \exp\left(\frac{a-r}{\lambda_D}\right)$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r}\right)_{r=a} = -\xi \frac{1}{a} - \xi \frac{1}{\lambda_D}$$

$$= -\xi \left(\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{\lambda_D}\right)$$

$$= f_s \left(-\frac{1}{\epsilon}\right)$$

$$\therefore f_s = \epsilon \xi \left(\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{\lambda_D}\right) \quad \dots (8)$$

By the way, $f_s = \frac{q}{4\pi \epsilon a^2}$

$$q = \epsilon \xi 4\pi a \left(1 + \frac{a}{\lambda_D}\right)$$

$$\xi = \frac{q}{4\pi \epsilon a \left(1 + \frac{a}{\lambda_D}\right)}$$

or

$$\xi = \frac{q}{4\pi \epsilon a} - \frac{q}{4\pi \epsilon (a + \lambda_D)}$$

* Electric potential ϕ due to a particle of charge, q , at a radial distance r from the particle :

$$\phi = \frac{q}{4\pi \epsilon r}$$

Pf) $\frac{1}{r^2} \frac{d}{dr} \left(r^2 \frac{d\phi}{dr} \right) = -\frac{\rho}{\epsilon}$

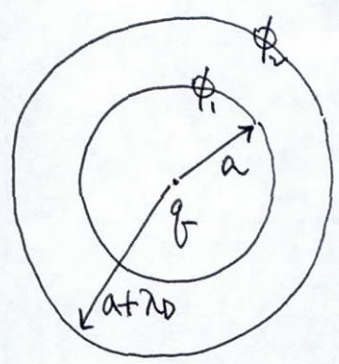
$$\int_0^r \frac{d}{dr} \left(r^2 \frac{d\phi}{dr} \right) dr = -\frac{1}{\epsilon} \int_0^r \rho_E r^2 dr = -\frac{1}{4\pi \epsilon} \int_0^r \rho_E (4\pi r^2) dr$$

$$r^2 \frac{d\phi}{dr} = -\frac{q}{4\pi \epsilon}$$

$$\frac{d\phi}{dr} = -\frac{q}{4\pi \epsilon} r^{-2}$$

$$\int_{\infty}^0 d\phi = -\frac{q}{4\pi \epsilon} \int_r^{\infty} r^{-2} dr$$

$$0 - \phi = -\frac{q}{4\pi \epsilon} \left[-\frac{1}{r} \right]_r^{\infty} = -\frac{q}{4\pi \epsilon} \left(0 + \frac{1}{r} \right) \therefore \phi = \frac{q}{4\pi \epsilon r}$$

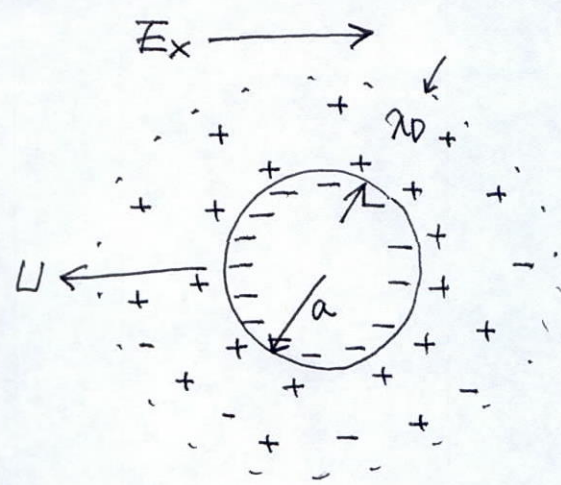


$$\zeta = \phi_1 - \phi_2$$

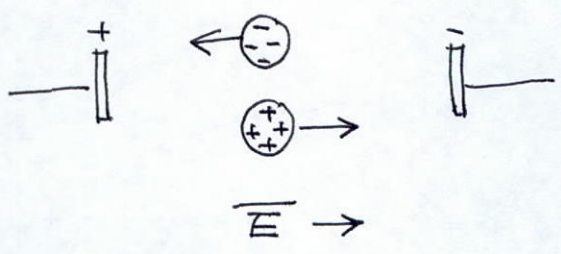
Coming back to Eq (8).

* small Debye length: $\lambda_D \ll a \rightarrow f_s = \frac{\epsilon \zeta}{\lambda_D}$

Electrophoretic motion of spherical particle



- Direction of motion



- For both small and large Debye length
- no retardation

* Large Debye length ($\lambda_D \gg a$)

- particle ~ point charge
- force balance

$$qE_x = 6\pi\mu Ua$$

q : net charge between the charged sphere and the concentric spherical double layer of predominantly opposite charge

$$U = \frac{E_x}{6\pi\mu a} \cdot 4\pi\epsilon a \left(1 + \frac{a}{\lambda_D}\right) \approx$$

$$= \frac{2}{3} \frac{\epsilon \zeta E_x}{\mu} \quad \left(\frac{a}{\lambda_D} \ll 1\right)$$

↳ Hückel approximation

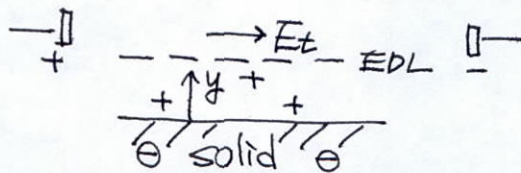
$$U = \left(\frac{2}{3} \frac{\epsilon \zeta}{\mu}\right) E_x$$

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$$\text{electrophoretic mobility} = \frac{U}{E_x} \quad \left[\frac{ds}{k_p}\right]$$

* Small Debye length ($\lambda_D \ll a$)

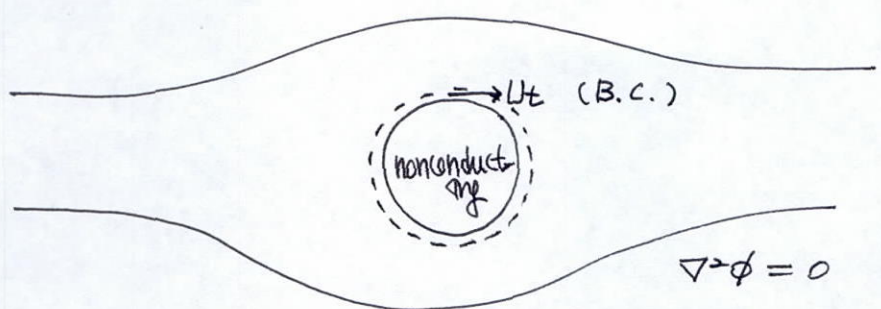
- neglect curvature effects in the double layer



(stationary) → same as electroosmosis

$$U_t = - \frac{\epsilon \zeta}{\mu} E_t$$

(t : tangential to the solid surface)



$\nabla^2 \phi = 0$ (electrical field)
 $\nabla^2 \Phi = 0$ (fluid flow)
 \therefore slip B.C.

B.C. normal to the surface

Ohm's law: $\hat{n} \cdot (\sigma_a \bar{E}^a - \sigma_b \bar{E}^b) = 0$
 $\hat{n} \cdot \nabla \phi = 0$ in conducting region
 continuity (mass conservation): $\hat{n} \cdot \nabla \Phi = 0$

$\sigma_a \ll \sigma_b$
 (a) insulating
 (b) conducting
 $\hat{n} \cdot \bar{E}^b = 0$

B.C. tangential to the surface

$\hat{t} \cdot \bar{E} = E_t$
 $\hat{t} \cdot \bar{u} = U_t = -\frac{\epsilon \zeta}{\mu} E_t$

Free stream condition

$\bar{E} = E_x \hat{x}$
 $\bar{u} = U \hat{x}$

$\therefore \Phi = -\frac{\epsilon \zeta}{\mu} \phi$

Velocity of a particle moving relative to a stationary liquid:

$U = \frac{\epsilon \zeta E_x}{\mu}$

\therefore compare with $(\frac{2}{3} \frac{\epsilon \zeta}{\mu}) E_x$
 $U \gg a$

\rightarrow Helmholtz-Smoluchowski eq

\therefore electrophoresis \leftarrow complementary \rightarrow electroosmosis

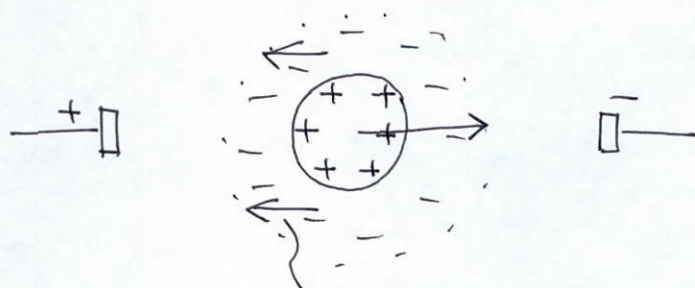
- electrophoretic velocity of a nonconducting particle
($\lambda_D \ll L$)
→ independent of particle size and shape

* Finite-thickness double layer

Three effects

- electrophoretic retardation
- surface conductance
- relaxation

① Electrophoretic retardation



local electroosmotic flow
opposing the motion of particle

Henry's analysis (Proc. Roy. Soc. A 133, 106-129, 1931)

• assumptions

i) double layer is undistorted

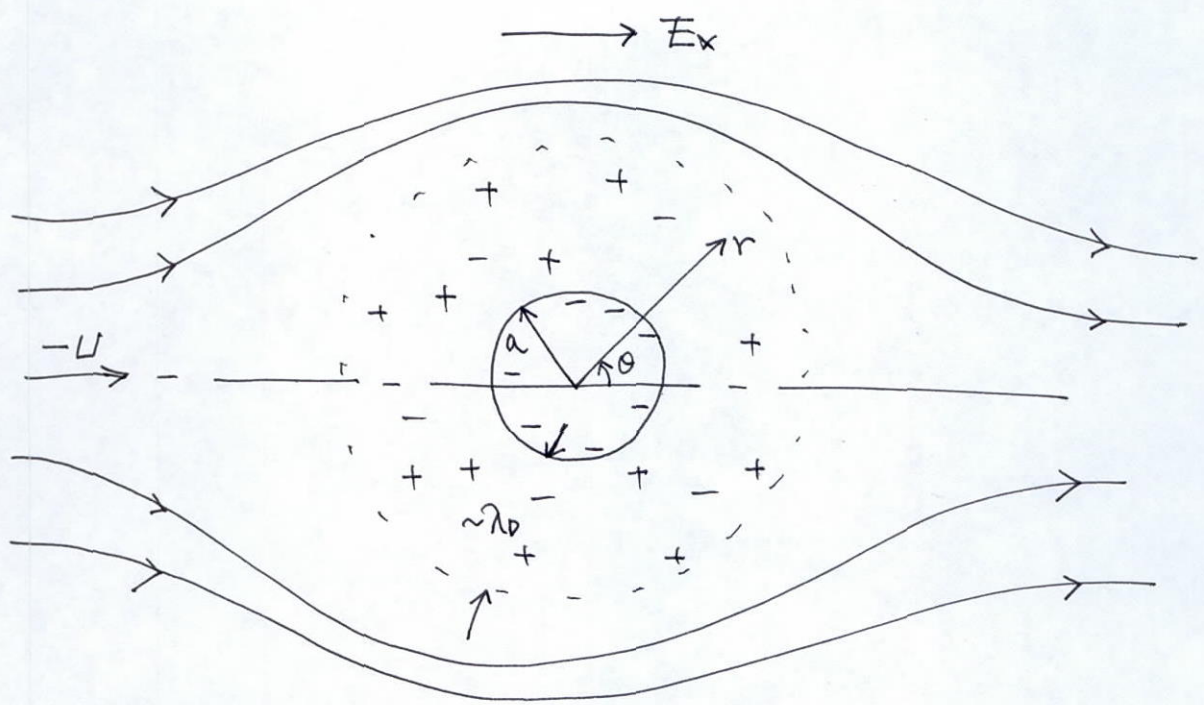
superposition of potentials possible

ψ (from particle charge in double layer)

+ ϕ (application of E-field // direction of motion)

ii) low surface potential ~ Debye-Hückel approximation

iii) inertia-free flow



reference frame on the particle

Navier-Stokes equation

$$0 = -\nabla p + \mu \nabla^2 \bar{u} + \underbrace{\rho_E \bar{E}}_{-\rho_E \nabla(\phi + \psi)}$$

ϕ due to applied electric field : $\nabla^2 \phi = 0$.

B.c. $r \rightarrow \infty$ $\nabla \phi = -E_x \hat{x}$
 $\phi = -E_x r \cos \theta$
 $r = a$ $\hat{n} \cdot \nabla \phi = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r} = 0$.

$$\phi = -E_x \left(r + \frac{1}{2} \frac{a^3}{r^2} \right) \cos \theta$$

ψ in the double layer : $\nabla^2 \psi = -\frac{\rho_E}{\epsilon}$

$$\frac{1}{r^2} \frac{d}{dr} \left(r^2 \frac{d\psi}{dr} \right) = -\frac{1}{\epsilon} zF(c_+ - c_-)$$

Boltzmann distribution

$$= \frac{zFz_0}{\epsilon} \sinh \left(\frac{zF\psi}{RT} \right) \left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \end{array} \right\} \text{Debye-Hückel}$$

$$= \frac{\psi}{\lambda_D^2}$$

let $\xi = r\psi$

$$\frac{d^2 \xi}{dr^2} = \frac{\xi}{\lambda_D^2}$$

$$\psi = \frac{A}{r} \exp\left(-\frac{r}{\lambda_D}\right)$$

$$\begin{cases} r=a : \psi = \xi \\ r \rightarrow \infty : \psi \rightarrow 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\psi = \xi \left(\frac{a}{r}\right) e^{-(r-a)/\lambda_D}$$

N.S. : $-\mu \nabla^2 \bar{u} + \nabla p = -\rho_{\equiv} \nabla(\phi + \psi)$

continuity : $\nabla \cdot \bar{u} = 0$

B.C. : as $r \rightarrow \infty$, $u_r = -U \cos \theta$ $\psi = 0$
 $u_\theta = U \sin \theta$

at $r=a$, $u_r = u_\theta = 0$, $\psi = \xi$

Force balance : steady-state

$$\leftarrow \Sigma \vec{f}_i = -\text{Drag force} + \text{Electrical force}$$

$$\text{Drag force} = 6\pi\mu a U$$

Elec. force (force due to the fixed surface charge)

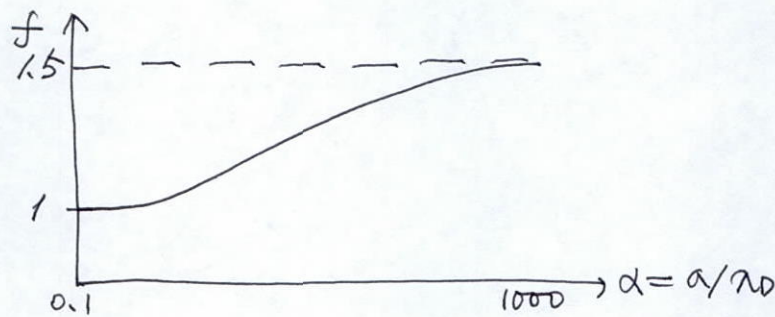
$$= q E_x = 4\pi\epsilon a^2 \left(\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial r}\right)_{r=a} E_x$$

$$= 4\pi\epsilon a \xi E_x f(\alpha) \quad , \quad \alpha = \frac{a}{\lambda_D}$$

$$6\pi\mu a U = 4\pi\epsilon a \xi E_x f(\alpha)$$

$$U = \frac{2}{3} \frac{\epsilon \xi E_x}{\mu} f(\alpha) \quad : \text{ Henry eq}$$

$$f(\alpha) = 1 + \frac{1}{16} \alpha^2 - \frac{5}{48} \alpha^3 - \frac{1}{96} \alpha^4 + \frac{1}{96} \alpha^5 + \frac{1}{8} \alpha^4 e^\alpha \left(1 - \frac{\alpha^2}{12}\right) \int_0^\alpha \frac{e^{-t}}{t} dt$$



② Surface Conductance

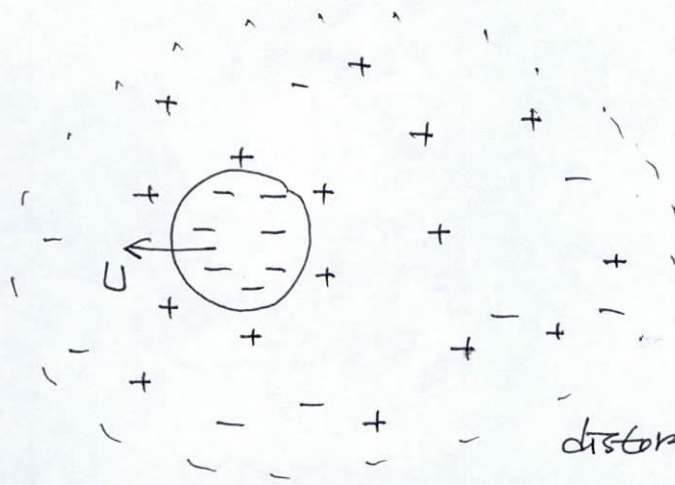
finite-thickness double layer

→ region of higher conductivity

→ applied electric field is reduced

→ decrease in electrophoretic velocity

③ Relaxation



distorted double layer
~ counter emf

-negligible for $\frac{a}{\lambda_D} \gg 1$

$\frac{a}{\lambda_D} \ll 1$

Electrophoretic Separations

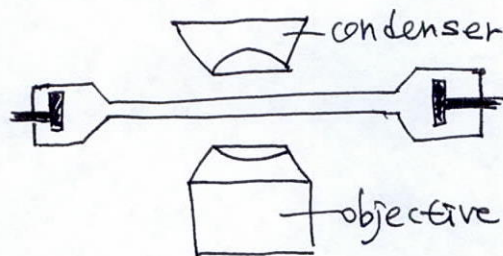
: colloids, proteins, nucleic acids

Three principal techniques

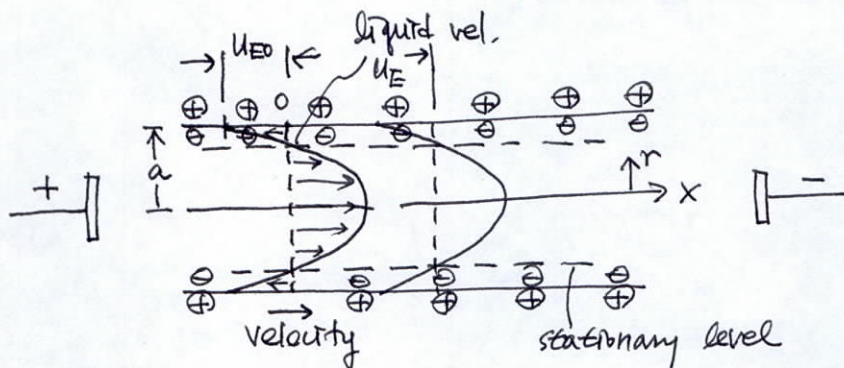
- microelectrophoresis
- moving boundary electrophoresis
- zone electrophoresis

* Microelectrophoresis

= electrophoresis cell + microscope



Flow field in cylindrical electrophoresis cell. (closed)



$$u_r = u_{E0} - c(a^2 - r^2) \quad \leftarrow 0 = -\frac{dp}{dx} + \frac{\mu}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} \right)$$

$$Q = \int_0^a 2\pi r u dr = 0$$

$$\text{B.C. } \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} \Big|_{r=0} = 0$$

$$u|_{r=a} = u_{E0} \quad : (\lambda_D \ll a)$$

$$2\pi \int_0^a [u_{E0} r - c(a^2 r - r^3)] dr$$

$$= 2\pi c \left(u_{E0} \frac{a^2}{2} - ca^2 \frac{a^2}{2} + c \frac{a^4}{4} \right) = 0$$

$$u_{E0} \frac{a^2}{2} - \frac{1}{4} ca^4 = 0 \quad : \quad \frac{c}{4} a^2 = \frac{u_{E0}}{2}$$

$$c = \frac{2u_{E0}}{a^2}$$

$$\frac{u_L}{u_{E0}} = \frac{2r^2}{a^2} - 1$$

$u_L = 0 \rightarrow$ stationary level

$$r_{\text{stat}} = \frac{a}{\sqrt{2}}$$

distance from the wall:

$$y_{\text{stat}} = a - r_{\text{stat}} = \left(1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right) a \quad \frac{y_{\text{stat}}}{a} = 1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \approx 0.292$$

• Observed velocity of a particle in the cell

$$u_{\text{obs}} = u_E + u_L = u_E + u_{E0} \left(\frac{2r^2}{a^2} - 1 \right)$$

$\left. \vphantom{u_{\text{obs}}}\right\}$ true electrophoretic velocity

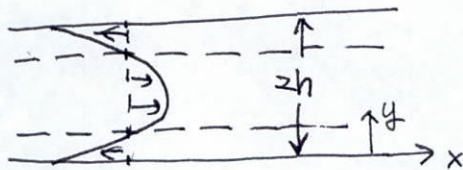
• If $\zeta_{\text{particle}} = \zeta_{\text{cell wall}}$

$$u_E = -u_{E0}$$

: Helmholtz-Smoluchowski eq
($U = \frac{\epsilon \zeta}{\mu} E_x$)

$$u_{\text{obs}}(r=0) = 2u_E$$

* Plane cell



$$\frac{dp}{dx} = \mu \frac{d^2 u}{dy^2}$$

$$\frac{1}{\mu} \frac{dp}{dx} y = \frac{du}{dy} + c_1$$

$$u = \frac{1}{\mu} \frac{dp}{dx} \frac{y^2}{2} + c_1 y + c_2 \overset{u_{E0}}{\uparrow} = \frac{1}{2\mu} \frac{dp}{dx} (y^2 - 2hy) + u_{E0}$$

$$\therefore u_L = u_{E0} - c(2yh - y^2)$$

$$Q = \int_0^{2h} u \, dy = 0.$$

$$U_{E0}(2h) - c \left[h(2h)^2 - \frac{1}{3}(2h)^3 \right]$$

$$= U_{E0}(2h) - c \left(4h^3 - \frac{8}{3}h^3 \right) = 0$$

$$c \left(\frac{4}{3}h^3 \right) = U_{E0}(2h)$$

$$c = \frac{3}{2} \frac{U_{E0}}{h^2} \quad /$$

$$\frac{u_L}{U_{E0}} = 1 - \frac{3}{2} \left(\frac{2y}{h} - \frac{y^2}{h^2} \right)$$

• stationary level : $u_L = 0$:

$$\frac{2y}{h} - \frac{y^2}{h^2} = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$\left(\frac{y}{h} \right)^2 - 2 \left(\frac{y}{h} \right) + \frac{2}{3} = 0$$

$$3\alpha^2 - 6\alpha + 2 = 0$$

$$\alpha \rightarrow$$

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{3} [3 \pm \sqrt{9-6}] = \frac{1}{3} (3 \pm \sqrt{3})$$

$$\frac{y}{h} = 1 - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3} \approx 0.422$$

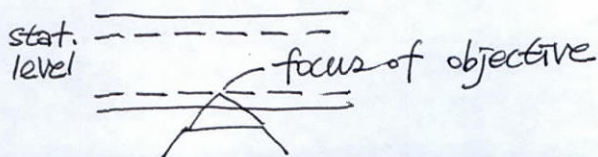
$$y_{\text{stat}} = \left(1 - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3} \right) h \approx 0.422 h$$

$$u_{\text{obs}} = u_E + u_L = u_E + U_{E0} \left[1 - \frac{3}{2} \left(\frac{2y}{h} - \frac{y^2}{h^2} \right) \right]$$

channel center : $u_{\text{obs}}(y=h) = u_E - \frac{U_{E0}}{2}$

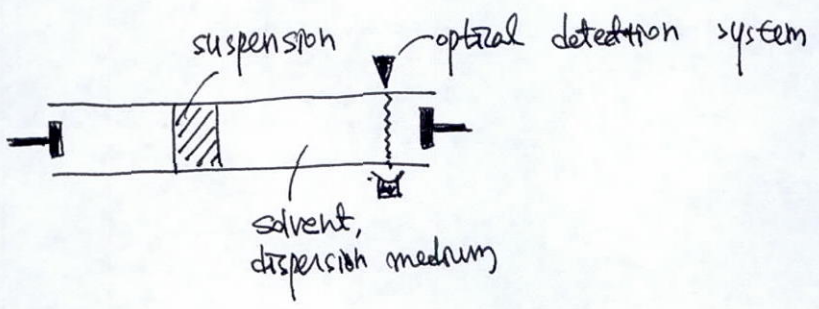
If $S_{\text{particle}} = S_{\text{cell wall}} \quad : \quad U_{E0} = -u_E$

$$u_{\text{obs}}(y=h) = \frac{3}{2} u_E$$

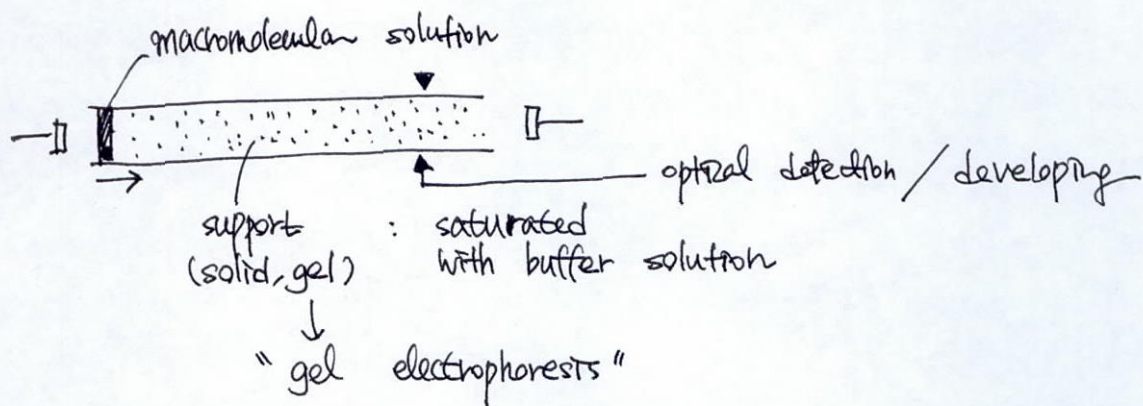


Moving boundary electrophoresis

• particles too small, e.g. macromolecules, proteins



Zone electrophoresis



- to minimize convectonal effects arising from temperature gradients due to Joule heating
- Support materials
 - noninteracting : filter paper, cellulose, cellulose acetate membrane
 - molecular sieving (SPE) : polyacrylamide, agarose gel
 - charge retardation : ion-exchange paper
- principal analytical procedure used for protein and amino acid analysis in biochemistry labs
 - ∴ simple, cheap, complete separation of all electrophoretically different components
 - small samples

Electrophoretic separation with electroosmotic flow

