

How are we doing on our set of problems ?

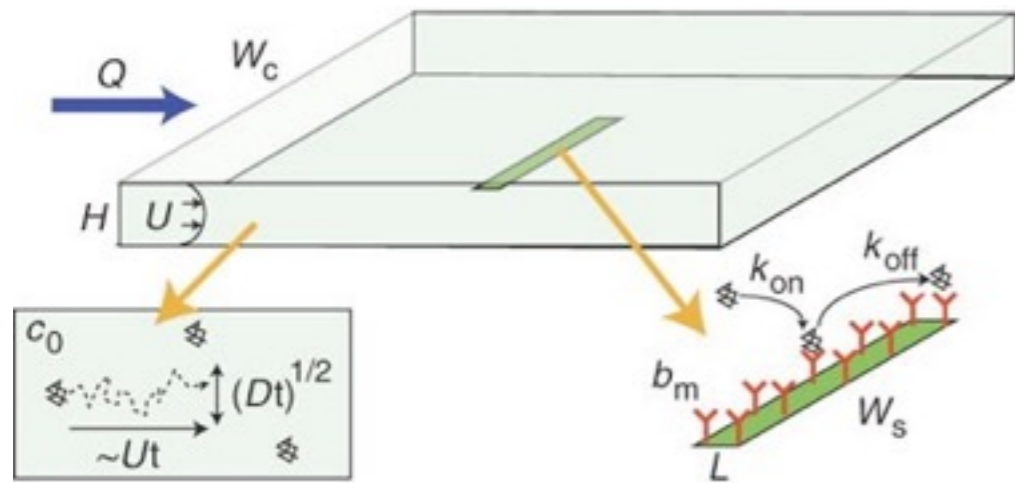
The Alex Thomson problem



how much water vapor is permeating through his clothing ?

using the molar fluxes due to diffusion and convection in a binary mixture, we calculated the molar fraction gradient of water vapor and the flux of water vapor through a goretex membrane

The microchip problem



How do you design precisely a biochemical sensor on a microchip ?

There are two relevant dimensionless parameters $Pe_H = UH/D$, $\lambda = L/H$

In the limit $Pe \gg \lambda$ and fast chemical reaction:

Dimensionless mass flux (Sherwood number) = $0.5 Pe_H^{1/3} \lambda^{1/3}$

Transport is determined by the thickness of the concentration boundary layer

Questions remaining :

what is the flux in the reaction limited regime ?

what is the equilibration time in the transport limited regime ?

The coffee cup problem

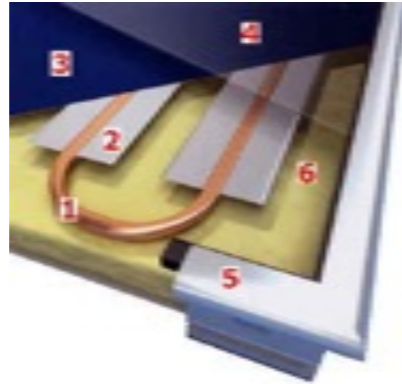
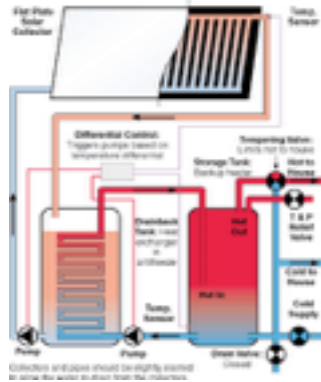


If you don't stir the sugar in your coffee, why does it get cold way before it is sweetened ?

How long does it take for the sucrose to diffuse to the top ?
At least weeks, months for a big cup.

If diffusion in air is the only mechanism, it takes 6 hours to cool down to room temperature we need something else.

The solar heater problem



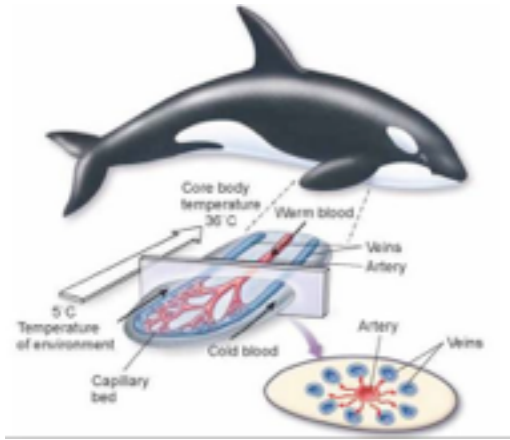
How many showers can you take per week with a 10 m² solar water heater ?

- The solar constant is 1300 W/m²
- In France, number of hours of sunshine is between 1500 and 3000 (between 17 and 34% of the time)
- The power collected on a 10m² solar heater is on average between 2200 and 4400 W

- remaining questions : how much do we lose by convection and radiation at the collector
- what is the efficiency of the heat exchanger ?

- a single shower : 50 liters at 40°C
amount of heat required (starting from water at 10°C) : $4 \cdot 10^3 \times 50 \times 30 = 6 \text{ MJ}$

The flipper problem



what do cetaceans and solar heaters have in common ?

- what is the efficiency of the heat exchanger in the flippers ?

The microprocessor problem



How do you design the radiator of a 10cm^2 , 50 W microprocessor ?

If we rely only on diffusion in air, we can dissipate $0,2\text{ W}$

We can increase the flux by adding a series of fins, but there is an optimum length L_m for fins depending on their thickness e and the heat transfer coefficient h . $L_m \sim (e \lambda_{\text{aluminum}}/h)^{1/2}$

Remaining questions :

what is the value of the heat transfer coefficient between fins and air ?

what is the flow rate of air required ?

The Maurice Herzog problem



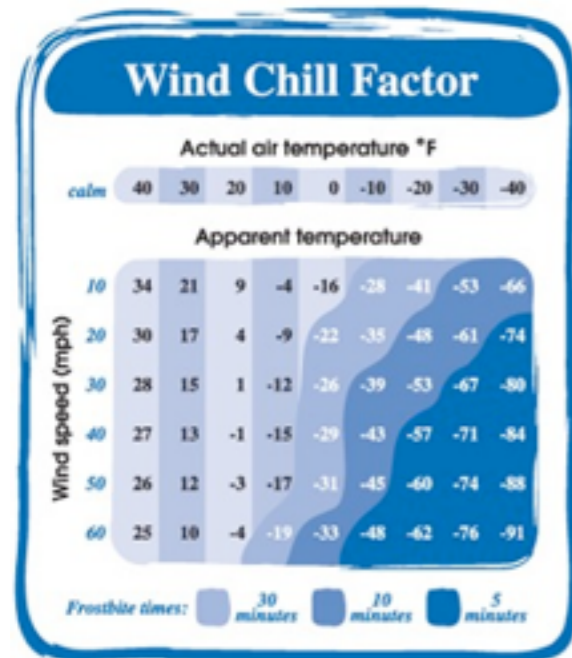
How long can you stand on top of Annapurna without gloves ?
(no wind)

The bioheat equation provides an estimate of the temperature distribution in the fingers at steady state

time to reach the steady state ?

The Maurice Herzog problem II

How long can you stand on top of Annapurna without gloves ?
(with wind)



WIND CHILL FORMULA

T - TEMPERATURE (F), V - WIND SPEED (MPH)

$$35.74 + 0.6215(T) \cdot V^{0.16} [0.4275(T) - 35.75]$$

estimate the Reynolds number for the flow of air around one finger
estimate the Peclet number for heat transport
simplify the heat transport equation
derive scaling laws for $\delta_v(x)$ and $\delta_T(x)$
estimate the heat flux and the heat transfer coefficient

wind speed U 1 to 10 m/s

Physical properties of air :

density 1 kg/m³

specific heat 1000 J/kg.K

thermal conductivity 0.025 W/m.K

kinematic viscosity 1.5 10⁻⁵ m²/s

