

TABLE 7-1  
CONTINUITY EQUATION IN RECTANGULAR, CYLINDRICAL,  
AND SPHERICAL COORDINATES

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = -\nabla \cdot (\rho v)$$

Rectangular ( $x, y, z$ ) coordinates:

$$\nabla \cdot (\rho v) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(\rho v_x) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(\rho v_y) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z}(\rho v_z)$$

Cylindrical ( $r, \theta, z$ ) coordinates:

$$\nabla \cdot (\rho v) = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r}(\rho r v_r) + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta}(\rho v_\theta) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z}(\rho v_z)$$

Spherical ( $r, \theta, \phi$ ) coordinates:

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \cdot (\rho v) = & \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r}(\rho r^2 v_r) + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta}(\rho v_\theta \sin \theta) \\ & + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi}(\rho v_\phi) \end{aligned}$$

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by M.M. Denn

TABLE 7-2  
CAUCHY MOMENTUM EQUATION  
IN RECTANGULAR CARTESIAN ( $x, y, z$ ) COORDINATES

$x$ component:	$\rho \left( \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial t} + v_x \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial x} + v_y \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial y} + v_z \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial z} \right) = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \tau_{xx}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \tau_{yx}}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \tau_{zx}}{\partial z} + \rho g_x$
$y$ component:	$\rho \left( \frac{\partial v_y}{\partial t} + v_x \frac{\partial v_y}{\partial x} + v_y \frac{\partial v_y}{\partial y} + v_z \frac{\partial v_y}{\partial z} \right) = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \tau_{xy}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \tau_{yy}}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \tau_{zy}}{\partial z} + \rho g_y$
$z$ component:	$\rho \left( \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial t} + v_x \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial x} + v_y \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial y} + v_z \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial z} \right) = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial \tau_{xz}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \tau_{yz}}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \tau_{zz}}{\partial z} + \rho g_z$

TABLE 7-3  
STRESS CONSTITUTIVE EQUATION  
FOR A NEWTONIAN FLUID  
IN RECTANGULAR CARTESIAN  
( $x, y, z$ ) COORDINATES

$\tau_{xx}$	$= \eta \left[ 2 \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial x} - \frac{2}{3} (\nabla \cdot v) \right]$
$\tau_{yy}$	$= \eta \left[ 2 \frac{\partial v_y}{\partial y} - \frac{2}{3} (\nabla \cdot v) \right]$
$\tau_{zz}$	$= \eta \left[ 2 \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial z} - \frac{2}{3} (\nabla \cdot v) \right]$
$\tau_{xy} = \tau_{yx}$	$= \eta \left[ \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial v_y}{\partial x} \right]$
$\tau_{yz} = \tau_{zy}$	$= \eta \left[ \frac{\partial v_y}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial y} \right]$
$\tau_{zx} = \tau_{xz}$	$= \eta \left[ \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial z} \right]$
$(\nabla \cdot v)$	$= \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial z}$

TABLE 7-4  
NAVIER-STOKES EQUATIONS FOR A NEWTONIAN FLUID  
WITH A CONSTANT VISCOSITY IN RECTANGULAR CARTESIAN  
( $x, y, z$ ) COORDINATES<sup>a</sup>

$x$ component:	$\rho \left( \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial t} + v_x \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial x} + v_y \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial y} + v_z \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial z} \right) = -\frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x} + \eta \left( \frac{\partial^2 v_x}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v_x}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v_x}{\partial z^2} \right)$
$y$ component:	$\rho \left( \frac{\partial v_y}{\partial t} + v_x \frac{\partial v_y}{\partial x} + v_y \frac{\partial v_y}{\partial y} + v_z \frac{\partial v_y}{\partial z} \right) = -\frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial y} + \eta \left( \frac{\partial^2 v_y}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v_y}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v_y}{\partial z^2} \right)$
$z$ component:	$\rho \left( \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial t} + v_x \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial x} + v_y \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial y} + v_z \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial z} \right) = -\frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial z} + \eta \left( \frac{\partial^2 v_z}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v_z}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v_z}{\partial z^2} \right)$

<sup>a</sup>The equations are written in terms of the equivalent pressure,  $\varphi$ .

TABLE 7-5  
CAUCHY MOMENTUM EQUATION  
IN CYLINDRICAL  $(r, \theta, z)$  COORDINATES

$r$ component:	$\rho \left( \frac{\partial v_r}{\partial t} + v_r \frac{\partial v_r}{\partial r} + \frac{v_\theta}{r} \frac{\partial v_r}{\partial \theta} - \frac{v_\theta^2}{r} + v_z \frac{\partial v_r}{\partial z} \right) = - \frac{\partial p}{\partial r}$
	$+ \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r \tau_{rr}) + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \tau_{r\theta}}{\partial \theta} - \frac{\tau_{\theta\theta}}{r} + \frac{\partial \tau_{rz}}{\partial z} + \rho g_r$
$\theta$ component:	$\rho \left( \frac{\partial v_\theta}{\partial t} + v_r \frac{\partial v_\theta}{\partial r} + \frac{v_\theta}{r} \frac{\partial v_\theta}{\partial \theta} + \frac{v_r v_\theta}{r} + v_z \frac{\partial v_\theta}{\partial z} \right) = - \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial p}{\partial \theta}$
	$+ \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r^2 \tau_{r\theta}) + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \tau_{\theta\theta}}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\partial \tau_{\theta z}}{\partial z} + \rho g_\theta$
$z$ component:	$\rho \left( \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial t} + v_r \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial r} + \frac{v_\theta}{r} \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial \theta} + v_z \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial z} \right) = - \frac{\partial p}{\partial z}$
	$+ \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r \tau_{rz}) + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \tau_{\theta z}}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\partial \tau_{zz}}{\partial z} + \rho g_z$

TABLE 7-6  
STRESS CONSTITUTIVE EQUATION FOR A NEWTONIAN  
FLUID IN CYLINDRICAL  $(r, \theta, z)$  COORDINATES

$\tau_{rr} = \eta \left[ 2 \frac{\partial v_r}{\partial r} - \frac{2}{3} (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}) \right]$
$\tau_{\theta\theta} = \eta \left[ 2 \left( \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial v_\theta}{\partial \theta} + \frac{v_r}{r} \right) - \frac{2}{3} (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}) \right]$
$\tau_{zz} = \eta \left[ 2 \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial z} - \frac{2}{3} (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}) \right]$
$\tau_{r\theta} = \tau_{\theta r} = \eta \left[ r \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( \frac{v_\theta}{r} \right) + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial v_r}{\partial \theta} \right]$
$\tau_{\theta z} = \tau_{z\theta} = \eta \left[ \frac{\partial v_\theta}{\partial z} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial \theta} \right]$
$\tau_{rz} = \tau_{zr} = \eta \left[ \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial v_r}{\partial z} \right]$
$(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}) = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r v_r) + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial v_\theta}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial z}$

TABLE 7-7  
NAVIER-STOKES EQUATIONS FOR A NEWTONIAN FLUID  
WITH A CONSTANT VISCOSITY IN CYLINDRICAL  $(r, \theta, z)$  COORDINATES<sup>a</sup>

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$r$ component:	$\rho \left( \frac{\partial v_r}{\partial t} + v_r \frac{\partial v_r}{\partial r} + \frac{v_\theta}{r} \frac{\partial v_r}{\partial \theta} - \frac{v_\theta^2}{r} + v_z \frac{\partial v_r}{\partial z} \right) = - \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial r}$ $+ \eta \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r v_r) \right) + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 v_r}{\partial \theta^2} - \frac{2}{r^2} \frac{\partial v_\theta}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\partial^2 v_r}{\partial z^2} \right]$
$\theta$ component:	$\rho \left( \frac{\partial v_\theta}{\partial t} + v_r \frac{\partial v_\theta}{\partial r} + \frac{v_\theta}{r} \frac{\partial v_\theta}{\partial \theta} + \frac{v_r v_\theta}{r} + v_z \frac{\partial v_\theta}{\partial z} \right) = - \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial \theta}$ $+ \eta \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r v_\theta) \right) + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 v_\theta}{\partial \theta^2} + \frac{2}{r^2} \frac{\partial v_r}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\partial^2 v_\theta}{\partial z^2} \right]$
$z$ component:	$\rho \left( \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial t} + v_r \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial r} + \frac{v_\theta}{r} \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial \theta} + v_z \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial z} \right) = - \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial z}$ $+ \eta \left[ \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 v_z}{\partial \theta^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v_z}{\partial z^2} \right]$

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<sup>a</sup>The equations are written in terms of the equivalent pressure,  $\varphi$ .

TABLE 7-8  
CAUCHY MOMENTUM EQUATION  
IN SPHERICAL  $(r, \theta, \phi)$  COORDINATES

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$r$ component:	$\rho \left( \frac{\partial v_r}{\partial t} + v_r \frac{\partial v_r}{\partial r} + \frac{v_\theta}{r} \frac{\partial v_r}{\partial \theta} + \frac{v_\phi}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial v_r}{\partial \phi} - \frac{v_\theta^2 + v_\phi^2}{r} \right)$ $= - \frac{\partial p}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r^2 \tau_{rr}) + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (\tau_{r\theta} \sin \theta) + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial \tau_{r\phi}}{\partial \phi} - \frac{\tau_{\theta\theta} + \tau_{\phi\phi}}{r} + \rho g_r$
$\theta$ component:	$\rho \left( \frac{\partial v_\theta}{\partial t} + v_r \frac{\partial v_\theta}{\partial r} + \frac{v_\theta}{r} \frac{\partial v_\theta}{\partial \theta} + \frac{v_\phi}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial v_\theta}{\partial \phi} + \frac{v_r v_\theta}{r} - \frac{v_\phi^2 \cot \theta}{r} \right)$ $= - \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial p}{\partial \theta} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r^2 \tau_{r\theta}) + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (\tau_{\theta\theta} \sin \theta) + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial \tau_{\theta\phi}}{\partial \phi} + \frac{\tau_{r\theta}}{r} - \frac{\cot \theta}{r} \tau_{\phi\phi} + \rho g_\theta$
$\phi$ component:	$\rho \left( \frac{\partial v_\phi}{\partial t} + v_r \frac{\partial v_\phi}{\partial r} + \frac{v_\theta}{r} \frac{\partial v_\phi}{\partial \theta} + \frac{v_\phi}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial v_\phi}{\partial \phi} + \frac{v_\phi v_r}{r} + \frac{v_\theta v_\phi \cot \theta}{r} \right)$ $= - \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial p}{\partial \phi} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r^2 \tau_{r\phi}) + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \tau_{\theta\phi}}{\partial \theta} + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial \tau_{\phi\phi}}{\partial \phi} + \frac{\tau_{r\phi}}{r} + \frac{2 \cot \theta}{r} \tau_{\theta\phi} + \rho g_\phi$

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TABLE 7-9  
STRESS CONSTITUTIVE EQUATION FOR A NEWTONIAN FLUID  
IN SPHERICAL  $(r, \theta, \phi)$  COORDINATES

$\tau_{rr} = \eta \left[ 2 \frac{\partial v_r}{\partial r} - \frac{2}{3} (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}) \right]$
$\tau_{\theta\theta} = \eta \left[ 2 \left( \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial v_\theta}{\partial \theta} + \frac{v_r}{r} \right) - \frac{2}{3} (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}) \right]$
$\tau_{\phi\phi} = \eta \left[ 2 \left( \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial v_\phi}{\partial \phi} + \frac{v_r}{r} + \frac{v_\theta \cot \theta}{r} \right) - \frac{2}{3} (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}) \right]$
$\tau_{r\theta} = \tau_{\theta r} = \eta \left[ r \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( \frac{v_\theta}{r} \right) + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial v_r}{\partial \theta} \right]$
$\tau_{r\phi} = \tau_{\phi r} = \eta \left[ \frac{\sin \theta}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left( \frac{v_\phi}{\sin \theta} \right) + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial v_r}{\partial \phi} \right]$
$\tau_{\phi\theta} = \tau_{\theta\phi} = \eta \left[ \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left( \frac{v_\phi}{r} \right) + r \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( \frac{v_\phi}{r} \right) \right]$
$(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}) = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r^2 v_r) + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (v_\theta \sin \theta) + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial v_\phi}{\partial \phi}$

TABLE 7-10  
NAVIER-STOKES EQUATIONS FOR A NEWTONIAN FLUID  
WITH A CONSTANT VISCOSITY IN SPHERICAL  $(r, \theta, \phi)$  COORDINATES<sup>a</sup>

$r$ component: $\rho \left( \frac{\partial v_r}{\partial t} + v_r \frac{\partial v_r}{\partial r} + \frac{v_\theta \partial v_r}{r \partial \theta} + \frac{v_\phi \partial v_r}{r \sin \theta \partial \phi} - \frac{v_\theta^2 + v_\phi^2}{r} \right)$
$= - \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial r} + \eta \left[ \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r^2 \frac{\partial v_r}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left( \sin \theta \frac{\partial v_r}{\partial \theta} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2 v_r}{\partial \phi^2} \right.$
$- \frac{2}{r^2} v_r - \frac{2}{r^2} \frac{\partial v_\theta}{\partial \theta} - \frac{2}{r^2} v_\theta \cot \theta - \frac{2}{r^2 \sin \theta} \frac{\partial v_\phi}{\partial \phi} \left. \right]$
$\theta$ component: $\rho \left( \frac{\partial v_\theta}{\partial t} + v_r \frac{\partial v_\theta}{\partial r} + \frac{v_\theta \partial v_\theta}{r \partial \theta} + \frac{v_\phi \partial v_\theta}{r \sin \theta \partial \phi} + \frac{v_r v_\theta}{r} - \frac{v_\phi^2 \cot \theta}{r} \right)$
$= - \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial \theta} + \eta \left[ \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r^2 \frac{\partial v_\theta}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left( \sin \theta \frac{\partial v_\theta}{\partial \theta} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2 v_\theta}{\partial \phi^2} \right.$
$+ \frac{2}{r^2} \frac{\partial v_r}{\partial \theta} - \frac{v_\theta}{r^2 \sin^2 \theta} - \frac{2 \cos \theta}{r^2 \sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial v_\phi}{\partial \phi} \left. \right]$
$\phi$ component: $\rho \left( \frac{\partial v_\phi}{\partial t} + v_r \frac{\partial v_\phi}{\partial r} + \frac{v_\theta \partial v_\phi}{r \partial \theta} + \frac{v_\phi \partial v_\phi}{r \sin \theta \partial \phi} + \frac{v_\phi v_r}{r} + \frac{v_\theta v_\phi}{r} \cot \theta \right)$
$= - \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial \phi} + \eta \left[ \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r^2 \frac{\partial v_\phi}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left( \sin \theta \frac{\partial v_\phi}{\partial \theta} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2 v_\phi}{\partial \phi^2} \right.$
$- \frac{v_\phi}{r^2 \sin^2 \theta} + \frac{2}{r^2 \sin \theta} \frac{\partial v_r}{\partial \phi} + \frac{2 \cos \theta}{r^2 \sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial v_\theta}{\partial \phi} \left. \right]$

<sup>a</sup>The equations are written in terms of the equivalent pressure,  $\varphi$ .

**TABLE 6.2** Selected dimensionless groups of heat and mass transfer

Group	Definition	Interpretation
Biot number ( <i>Bi</i> )	$\frac{hL}{k_s}$	Ratio of the internal thermal resistance of a solid to the boundary layer thermal resistance.
Mass transfer Biot number ( <i>Bi<sub>m</sub></i> )	$\frac{h_m L}{D_{AB}}$	Ratio of the internal species transfer resistance to the boundary layer species transfer resistance.
Bond number ( <i>Bo</i> )	$\frac{g(\rho_i - \rho_v)L^2}{\sigma}$	Ratio of gravitational and surface tension forces.
Coefficient of friction ( <i>C<sub>f</sub></i> )	$\frac{\tau_s}{\rho V^2/2}$	Dimensionless surface shear stress.
Eckert number ( <i>Ec</i> )	$\frac{V^2}{c_p(T_s - T_\infty)}$	Kinetic energy of the flow relative to the boundary layer enthalpy difference.
Fourier number ( <i>Fo</i> )	$\frac{\alpha t}{L^2}$	Ratio of the heat conduction rate to the rate of thermal energy storage in a solid. Dimensionless time.
Mass transfer Fourier number ( <i>Fo<sub>m</sub></i> )	$\frac{D_{AB}t}{L^2}$	Ratio of the species diffusion rate to the rate of species storage. Dimensionless time.
Friction factor ( <i>f</i> )	$\frac{\Delta p}{(L/D)(\rho u_m^2/2)}$	Dimensionless pressure drop for internal flow.
Grashof number ( <i>Gr<sub>L</sub></i> )	$\frac{g\beta(T_s - T_\infty)L^3}{\nu^2}$	Measure of the ratio of buoyancy forces to viscous forces.
Colburn <i>j</i> factor ( <i>j<sub>H</sub></i> )	$St P_r^{2/3}$	Dimensionless heat transfer coefficient.
Colburn <i>j</i> factor ( <i>j<sub>m</sub></i> )	$St_m Sc^{2/3}$	Dimensionless mass transfer coefficient.
Jakob number ( <i>Ja</i> )	$\frac{c_p(T_s - T_{sat})}{h_f}$	Ratio of sensible to latent energy absorbed during liquid-vapor phase change.
Lewis number ( <i>Le</i> )	$\frac{\alpha}{D_{AB}}$	Ratio of the thermal and mass diffusivities.
Nusselt number ( <i>Nu<sub>L</sub></i> )	$\frac{hL}{k_f}$	Ratio of convection to pure conduction heat transfer.
Peclet number ( <i>Pe<sub>L</sub></i> )	$\frac{VL}{\alpha} = Re_L Pr$	Ratio of advection to conduction heat transfer rates.
Prandtl number ( <i>Pr</i> )	$\frac{c_p\mu}{k} = \frac{\nu}{\alpha}$	Ratio of the momentum and thermal diffusivities.
Reynolds number ( <i>Re<sub>L</sub></i> )	$\frac{VL}{\nu}$	Ratio of the inertia and viscous forces.
Schmidt number ( <i>Sc</i> )	$\frac{\nu}{D_{AB}}$	Ratio of the momentum and mass diffusivities.
Sherwood number ( <i>Sh<sub>L</sub></i> )	$\frac{h_m L}{D_{AB}}$	Dimensionless concentration gradient at the surface.
Stanton number ( <i>St</i> )	$\frac{h}{\rho V c_p} = \frac{Nu_L}{Re_L Pr}$	Modified Nusselt number.
Mass transfer Stanton number ( <i>St<sub>m</sub></i> )	$\frac{h_m}{V} = \frac{Sh_L}{Re_L Sc}$	Modified Sherwood number.
Weber number ( <i>We</i> )	$\frac{\rho V^2 L}{\sigma}$	Ratio of inertia to surface tension forces.