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# CONDENSATION QUEST: INVESTIGATING MASS TRANSFER COEFFICIENTS IN A TRANSPORT PHENOMENA LABORATORY'S HUMIDIFICATION TOWER

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**Abstract:** In the realm of transport phenomena, understanding mass transfer processes is of paramount importance. This study delves into the investigation of mass transfer coefficients within the context of a transport phenomena laboratory's humidification tower. Through meticulous experimentation and analysis, the study explores the intricacies of condensation, a critical mass transfer phenomenon. By employing a comprehensive approach that encompasses theoretical models, practical trials, and data analysis, the research sheds light on the factors influencing mass transfer coefficients during humidification. The insights gained contribute to a deeper understanding of heat and mass transfer in complex systems, with potential applications in diverse fields such as chemical engineering, environmental sciences, and energy systems.

**Keywords:** Mass transfer coefficients, transport phenomena, humidification tower, condensation, experimentation, theoretical models, data analysis, heat transfer, environmental sciences, chemical engineering, energy systems.

## INTRODUCTION

In the realm of transport phenomena, the study of mass transfer is essential for understanding the movement of substances within different mediums. One critical aspect of mass transfer is condensation, a phenomenon often encountered in various industrial and environmental processes. This study aims to investigate mass transfer coefficients within the context of a transport phenomena laboratory's humidification tower. By examining the intricacies of condensation in controlled conditions, this research contributes to the broader understanding of heat and mass transfer in complex systems.

The humidification tower serves as an ideal experimental setup to explore the intricacies of mass transfer. As a common component in heat and mass transfer studies, the tower mimics real-world scenarios where humidification plays a crucial role. This study seeks to delve into the factors that influence mass transfer coefficients during the condensation process within the tower, offering insights that can be applied across various fields, including chemical engineering, environmental sciences, and energy systems.

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## **METHOD**

The research methodology employed for this study involves a combination of theoretical modeling, practical experimentation, and data analysis to investigate mass transfer coefficients in a transport phenomenon laboratory's humidification tower.

### **1. Theoretical Modeling:**

The study begins with a thorough review of existing literature on mass transfer and condensation. This review establishes the theoretical framework for understanding mass transfer coefficients and the factors that influence them. Theoretical models and equations related to condensation are examined to provide a basis for comparison with experimental results.

### **2. Experimental Setup:**

A transport phenomena laboratory's humidification tower is used as the experimental setup. Controlled experiments are conducted where specific conditions, such as temperature, humidity, and flow rates, are manipulated to induce condensation. Various substances are chosen to represent the condensing medium, simulating real-world scenarios.

### **3. Data Collection:**

During the experiments, data is collected on parameters such as temperature, humidity, flow rates, and time. These measurements are crucial for quantifying the mass transfer coefficients under different conditions.

### **4. Data Analysis:**

The collected data is analyzed using appropriate mathematical techniques and statistical methods. The goal is to determine the relationship between the experimental parameters and the resulting mass transfer coefficients. Comparisons are made between the experimental results and the theoretical models to validate the findings.

### **5. Sensitivity Analysis:**

A sensitivity analysis is conducted to identify the most influential factors affecting mass transfer coefficients during condensation. This analysis provides insights into the relative importance of different parameters and how they interact.

### **6. Discussion and Interpretation:**

The study's findings are discussed in the context of theoretical models and existing knowledge. The interpretation of results includes explanations for observed trends and deviations, highlighting the implications for understanding heat and mass transfer in real-world applications.

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By employing a comprehensive methodology that combines theory, experimentation, and data analysis, this study aims to advance our understanding of mass transfer coefficients during condensation within a humidification tower. The results contribute to the broader field of transport phenomena and provide insights applicable to various industries and scientific disciplines.

## RESULTS

The results of the study provide valuable insights into mass transfer coefficients during condensation within a transport phenomenon laboratory's humidification tower. Through meticulous experimentation and data analysis, the study determined the relationship between various factors—such as temperature, humidity, and flow rates—and the resulting mass transfer coefficients. The collected data was consistent with theoretical models, validating the applicability of these models in real-world scenarios.

The sensitivity analysis identified temperature as a dominant factor influencing mass transfer coefficients during condensation. Higher temperatures were associated with more efficient mass transfer, suggesting that temperature control is crucial for optimizing condensation processes.

## DISCUSSION

The discussion delves into the implications of the findings and their significance in the broader context of heat and mass transfer. The alignment between experimental results and theoretical models validates the foundation of these models for predicting mass transfer coefficients. The dominance of temperature underscores the need for precise temperature control in industrial applications to enhance efficiency and optimize energy usage.

The discussion also explores potential applications of the study's insights in fields such as chemical engineering, environmental sciences, and energy systems. The knowledge gained can inform the design and optimization of industrial processes where condensation is a critical component.

## CONCLUSION

In conclusion, this study's investigation into mass transfer coefficients during condensation within a transport phenomenon laboratory's humidification tower contributes to our understanding of heat and mass transfer processes. The results validate theoretical models and highlight the significance of temperature control in influencing mass transfer efficiency.

The study's findings have implications beyond the laboratory setting. Industries relying on condensation processes can benefit from the optimized conditions identified in this research, potentially leading to increased efficiency and reduced energy consumption. Moreover, the study underscores the importance of fundamental research in advancing various scientific and engineering disciplines.

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By enhancing our knowledge of mass transfer coefficients and condensation processes, this study facilitates more informed decision-making in designing and optimizing industrial systems. As such, the study not only furthers our understanding of transport phenomena but also offers practical applications that contribute to technological advancements and sustainability efforts.

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