HWRS 505: Vadose Zone Hydrology

Lecture 4

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Today:

1. Wrap up the review of solute transport under saturated flow
2. Air-water system in capillary tubes

Solute transport under saturated flow

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Review of Lecture 3

- ❖ Derivation of 3D transient groundwater flow.
- ❖ Solute transport under saturated flow.
  - Advection ($\boldsymbol{v} = \boldsymbol{q}/\phi$)
  - Molecular diffusion
  - Mechanical dispersion

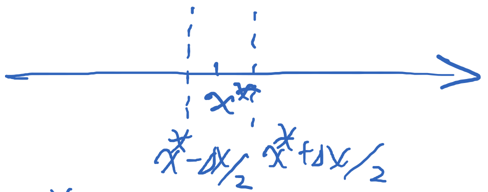
"The dispersion coefficient is a lumped fitting parameter that adequately describes relatively large-scale observations."

$$\boldsymbol{q}_c = \phi(\boldsymbol{v}C - \boldsymbol{D}\nabla C)$$
$$= \boldsymbol{q}C - \phi\boldsymbol{D}\nabla C$$

$$\int_0^L f(x)\,dx = 0$$

$[0, L]$ is arbitrary.

Suppose for x^*, $f(x^*) \neq 0$

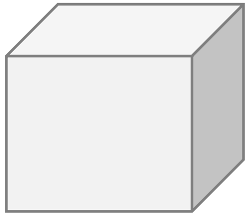


$$\left.\begin{aligned}&\int_{x^*-\Delta x/2}^{x^*+\Delta x/2} f(x)\,dx = 0\\ &\lim_{\Delta x \to 0}\int_{x^*-\Delta x/2}^{x^*+\Delta x/2} f(x)\,dx = \Delta x \cdot f(x^*)\end{aligned}\right\} \Rightarrow$$

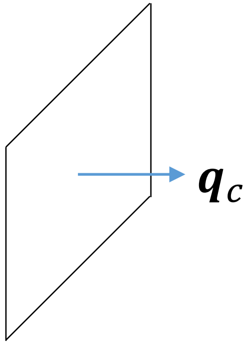
$\Rightarrow f(x^*) = 0$, which contradicts $f(x^*) \neq 0$

$\Rightarrow f(x) = 0$ everywhere.

Solute transport under saturated flow

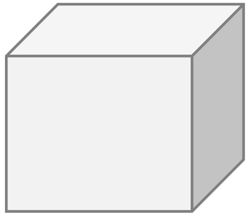


Saturated
porous medium

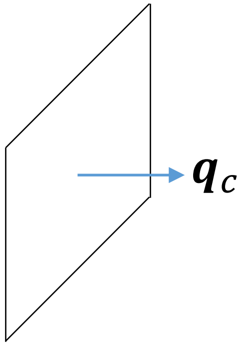


$$\begin{aligned}\boldsymbol{q}_c &= \phi(\boldsymbol{v}C - \boldsymbol{D}\nabla C) \\ &= \boldsymbol{q}C - \phi\boldsymbol{D}\nabla C\end{aligned}$$

$$\boldsymbol{D} = \alpha_T|\boldsymbol{v}|\mathbf{I} + (\alpha_L - \alpha_T)\frac{\boldsymbol{v}\boldsymbol{v}}{|\boldsymbol{v}|} + wD_0\mathbf{I}$$



Fluid only
(e.g., free water)



$$\boldsymbol{q}_c = \boldsymbol{v}C - D_0\nabla C$$

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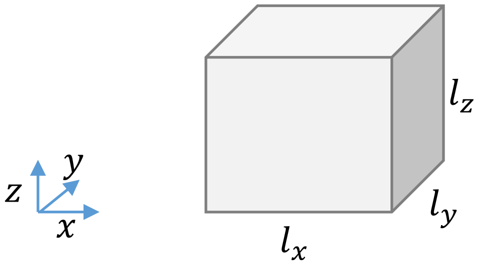


$$C(x,y,z,t) = \frac{\text{mass of solute}}{\text{unit fluid volume}}$$

Mass conservation: Change of mass storage = mass in – mass out.

Rate of mass change: $$\frac{d}{dt}\int_0^{l_x}\int_0^{l_y}\int_0^{l_z}\phi\, C(x,y,z,t)\,dx\,dy\,dz = \frac{d}{dt}\int_\Omega \phi\, C(\underset{\sim}{x},t)\,dV$$

Net fluxes: $$\int_0^{l_y}\int_0^{l_z} q_{c,x}\Big|_{x=0} dy\,dz - \int_0^{l_y}\int_0^{l_z} q_{c,x}\Big|_{x=l_x} dy\,dz$$

$$+ \int_0^{l_x}\int_0^{l_z} q_{c,y}\Big|_{y=0} dx\,dz - \int_0^{l_x}\int_0^{l_z} q_{c,y}\Big|_{y=l_y} dx\,dy$$

$$+ \int_0^{l_x}\int_0^{l_y} q_{c,z}\Big|_{z=0} dx\,dy - \int_0^{l_x}\int_0^{l_y} q_{c,z}\Big|_{z=l_z} dx\,dy$$

Solute transport under saturated flow

$$\Rightarrow -\int_{\partial\Omega} \underset{\sim}{q}_c \cdot \underset{\sim}{n}\, ds = -\int_{\Omega} \underset{\sim}{\nabla} \cdot \underset{\sim}{q}_c\, dV$$

Divergence theorem

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial t}\int_{\Omega} \phi c\, dV = -\int_{\Omega} \underset{\sim}{\nabla} \cdot \underset{\sim}{q}_c\, dV$$

$\Omega \neq \Omega(t)$

$$\Rightarrow \int_{\Omega} \frac{\partial}{\partial t}(\phi c)\, dV = -\int_{\Omega} \underset{\sim}{\nabla} \cdot \underset{\sim}{q}_c\, dV$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_{\Omega} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t}(\phi c) + \underset{\sim}{\nabla} \cdot \underset{\sim}{q}_c \right) dV = 0$$

Ω is arbitrary

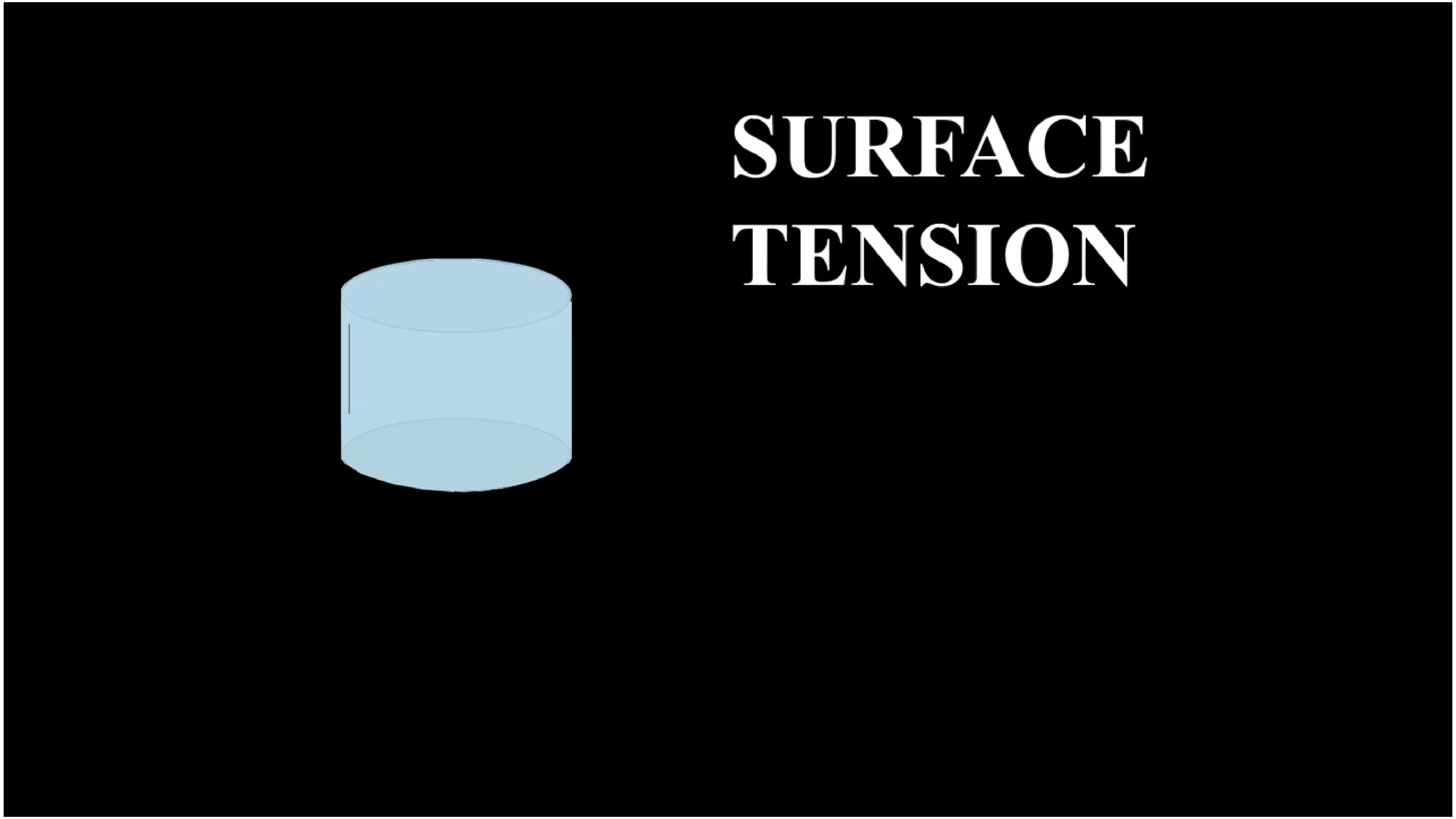
$$\left.\begin{aligned} &\Rightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial t}(\phi c) + \underset{\sim}{\nabla} \cdot \underset{\sim}{q}_c = 0 \\ &\underset{\sim}{q}_c = \underset{\sim}{q} c - \phi \underset{\approx}{D} \nabla c \end{aligned}\right\} \Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{\partial}{\partial t}(\phi c) + \underset{\sim}{\nabla} \cdot (\underset{\sim}{q} c) - \underset{\sim}{\nabla} \cdot (\phi \underset{\approx}{D} \underset{\sim}{\nabla} c) = 0}$$

General 3D governing equation for solute transport in porous media.

Air-water system in capillary tubes

1. Why does the water try to hold together?
2. Why does the water not wet the surface?

Air-water system in capillary tubes

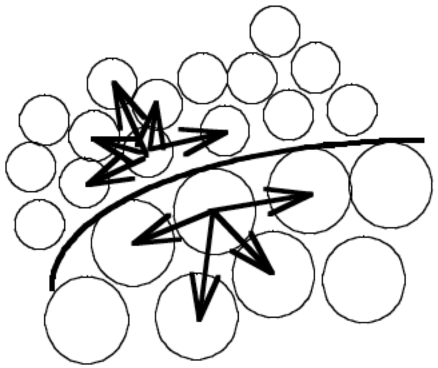


Link to the video: https://youtu.be/zMzqiAuOSz0

Air-water system in capillary tubes

- **Two and three phase systems: water, oil, air**

- *Interfacial tension (<u>cohesive</u> forces between fluid molecules)*



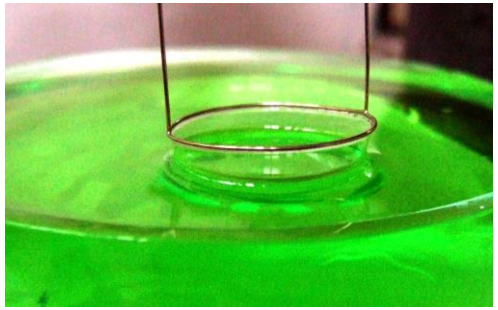
<u>Typical values of surface tension</u>:

air-water	0.072 N/m
oil-water	0.20 N/m
oil-water w/ soap	0.0001 N/m

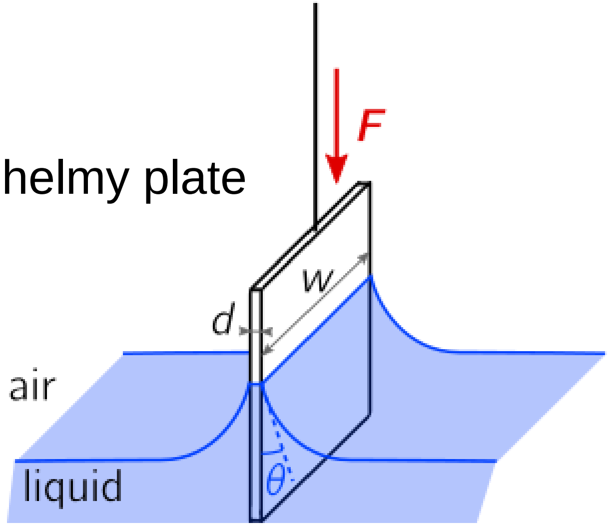
How to measure interfacial tension?

Drop weight method

ring method

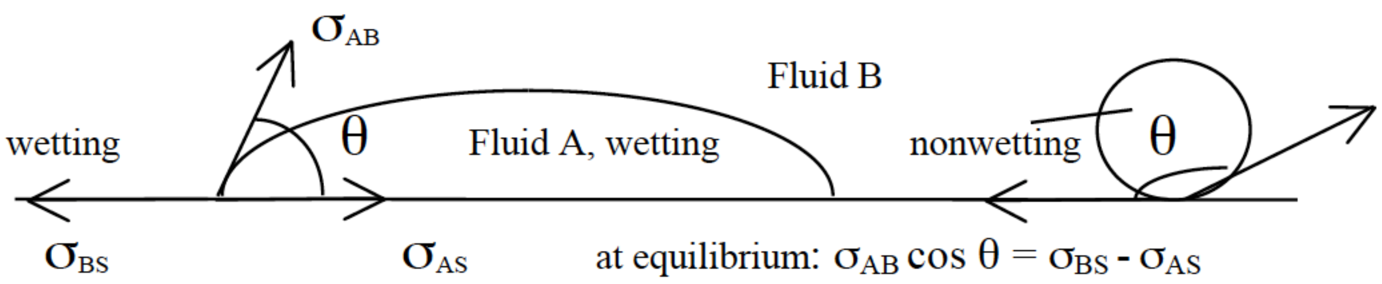


Wilhelmy plate



Air-water system in capillary tubes

- *Wettability (<u>adhesive</u> forces between the fluid and solid surface)*



$\theta < 90^{o}$: fluid A is wetting with respect to fluid B on the solid S
$\theta > 90^{o}$: fluid A is nonwetting with respect to fluid B on the solid S

Wettability is a function of the fluid properties, soil properties, and history of contact. For most soils, the relative wettabilities are: water > oil > air

Recommended video for the concepts of *viscosity, cohesive and adhesive forces, surface tension, and capillary action* https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P_jQ1B9UwpU

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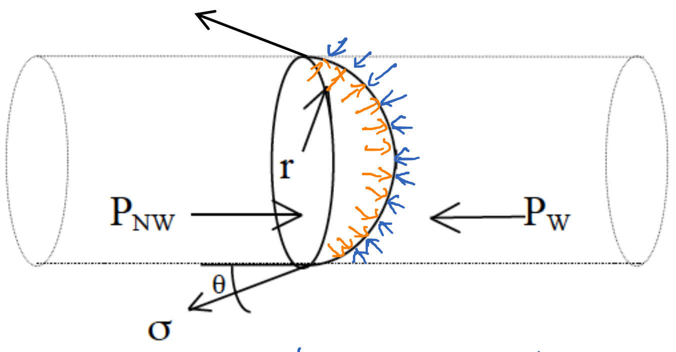
Capillary pressure (difference between the nonwetting and wetting phase pressures)



Force balance at equilibrium:

$$2\pi r \sigma \cos\theta = \pi r^2 P_{nw} - \pi r^2 P_w \Rightarrow P_{nw} - P_w = \frac{2\sigma\cos\theta}{r}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{P_c = \frac{2\sigma\cos\theta}{r}}$$ Young-Laplace Equation.

1°. More general equation for any nw-w interface: $P_c = \sigma\left(\frac{1}{r_1} + \frac{1}{r_2}\right)$

For the capillary tube: $r_1 = r_2 = r/\cos\theta$

2°. For a perfectly wetting fluid $(\theta = 0)$, $P_c = \frac{2\sigma}{r}$