

Modeling Impurity Migration in Multilayer Systems Using Parallelization

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- Initial concentration :

$$c(x, 0) = c_0(x)$$

Boundary conditions:

$$\left. \frac{\partial c}{\partial x} \right|_{x=0} = 0$$

Interlayer condition (partition coefficient):

$$\frac{c_A(x = L_A)}{c_B(x = L_A)} = K_{AB}$$

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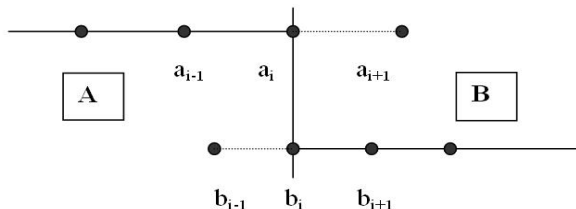
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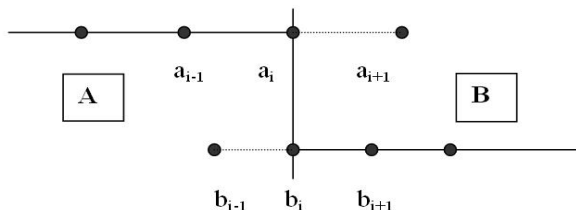


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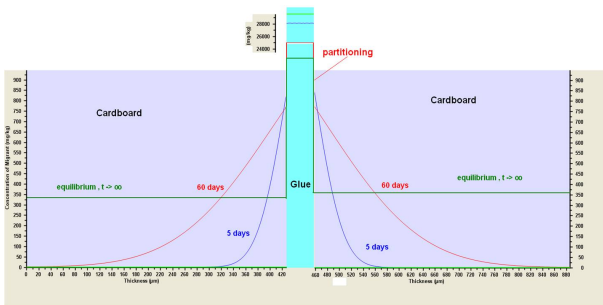


- We end up solving a system of equations

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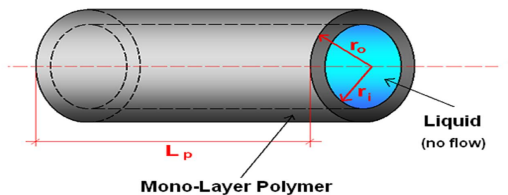
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Figure 1: Planar configuration : cardboard-glue-cardboard.



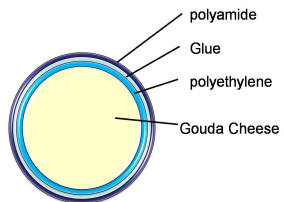
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Figure 2: Cylindrical configuration.



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Figure 3: Spherical configuration.



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	With OpenMP(T_p)	Without OpenMP(T_s)
Exec. time(s)	5.2	12.5

Discussion

We presented a model suitable for modeling migration

The model was applied for a planar configuration can be (and was) extended for other geometries (cylindrical, spherical)

Parallelization improved the execution times in shared memory systems

Can be further extended to distributed memory systems (MPI)

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Thank You !