

ME 619 Fundamentals of Microfluidics (3 - 0 - 0 - 6)

Fundamentals of kinetic theory-molecular models, Micro and macroscopic properties, Concept of miniaturization, scaling laws for micro-domains, Fundamentals of microscale flow physics, Deviations from the continuum hypothesis. Introductory concept on gas flows: Transitional and free molecular regimes, Maxwell first order slip model and accommodation coefficients, Effects of compressibility, Analysis of thermo-fluidic transport in microscale gas flows and its applications.: Low Reynolds number hydrodynamics, different scales, Effect of apparent slip: Navier slip effects, Physics of near-wall microscale liquid flows, Unsteady microflows and different time scales, Oscillatory flow problem through microfluidic confinements, Effect of confinements, Implication of low Reynolds number hydrodynamics on energy equation and species conservation equation, Surface tension driven flows and microcapillary transport, Young Laplace equation and concept of contact angle, Dynamics of Capillary rise, Capillary filling dynamics.: From Basics to applications, thermodynamic background, electroosmotic flows-EDL phenomena, electroosmosis, electrophoresis, dielectrophoresis, analysis of hydro-dynamically and thermally fully developed electro-osmotic flows, ac electro-osmosis, electroosmotic flow of non-Newtonian fluids, introduction to bio-microfluidics, An introduction to modeling of electrically actuated microscale two phase flows.

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