

Electrostatic Force (2)

Reference text:

The Structure and Rheology of Complex Fluids, Ronald G. Larson

Statistical Mechanics, Donald A. McQuarrie

Soft Matter Physics, M. Doi

Slides from Complex Fluids and Soft Matter, Ronald G. Larson

Colloidal Systems, Darrell Velegol

Based on Midterm Teaching Eval

- Thank you for completing the eval and the positive feedback – it is very encouraging for the teaching team and we are motivated to do better.
- Thank you also for the suggestions on how to make this class better, we are working hard to adapt the second part of the semester to make this a better experience for you.

- Syllabus change

- New grading scheme

ACTIVITY	Weight
Attendance and Participation*	20% + 10% = 30%
In-class Presentations	30%
NSF Fellowship Proposal	15% + 5% = 20%
Invention Disclosure (group)	15%
Final Project (group)	20%

- Paper 1 presentation grade will be released later this week.
- More VR, more particle related VR, more complex examples: we will have one more VR lab towards the end of the semester. We are actively developing materials right now.

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- Time management: move the student presentation to the front of the class. Please help me keep things on track: Youtube presentation: 10 mins total (including the 5 minutes video); Journal club presentation: 5 mins presentation + 5 minutes Q&A.
- Journal clubs:
 - “choose your own paper to read” --- we will do that for the final project, I also want to make sure you are exposed to the classics. As the semester moves along, we will transition into modern work.
 - “All of the papers are required to be read each week” --- we thought that would be too much work, you are always welcome to read them though and keep up that curiosity.
- Less lecturing, more group activities and at least a break: duly noted, we do want you to be exposed to some classic math and physics in condensed matter physics but I will try to put in more balance.
- Youtube presentations: many of you love them, some of you not as much. The purpose of this is to connect us better to practical things that you care about. We want to focus on technology to compliment the more theoretical stuff I talk about in lectures.
- Guest lectures: many of you want more and some of you want less, perhaps due to different lecture style. Today we will have an excellent speaker in MechE that I know you will enjoy.

Guest Lecture for today (MechE department seminar)



Mechanical Engineering Seminar Series

Tanglemer: A Polymer Network in which Entanglements Greatly Outnumber Crosslinks

Zhigang Suo

Allen E. and Marilyn M. Puckett
Professor of Mechanics and Materials
Harvard University



3:00 PM
March 12, 2024
1200 EECS

Final project logistics

- This project is required for the graduate students in the course only.
- Working in self-selected pairs, your team will introduce a new frontier of research related to complex particles and present a selection of two or more papers to teach the class about this topic. This presentation will take the place of a final exam for the course.
- Presentations will be 15 minutes long with an additional 5 minutes for Q&A.
- Although the lower limit for the number of papers your team chooses to discuss is 2, there is no upper limit provided that all papers are discussed to a reasonable degree of depth and your presentation remains within the time limit.

Assignment	Submission Type	Date	Time
Topic Approval	Text Submission on Canvas	Friday, April 5	11:59 PM
Presentation Slides	PDF/PPTX on Canvas	Tuesday, April 23	1:30 PM
Final Presentation	Oral Presentation	Tuesday, April 23	In Class

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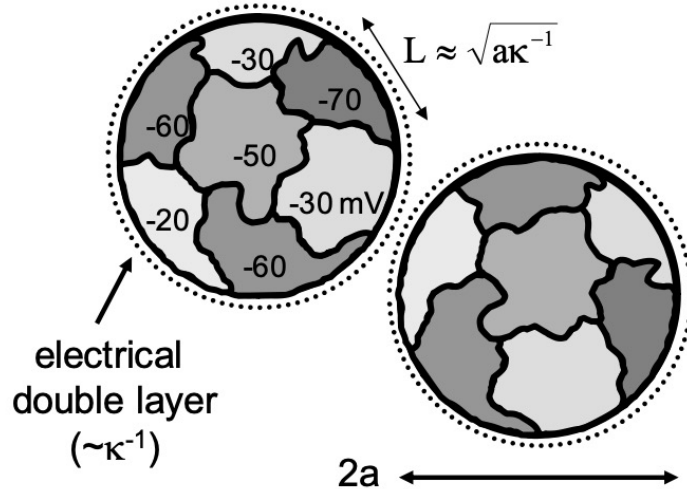


Figure 2-4. Charge nonuniformity on particles. The average surface potential is roughly -50 mV, which one would predict is sufficient to maintain stability in most cases. However, there might be regions on the particles where the surface potential is only -30 mV, as shown. In solution, particles undergo random Brownian rotation, and when two regions of -30 mV are adjacent, the electrostatic repulsion might not be sufficient to overcome the van der Waals attraction, and the particles could aggregate together.

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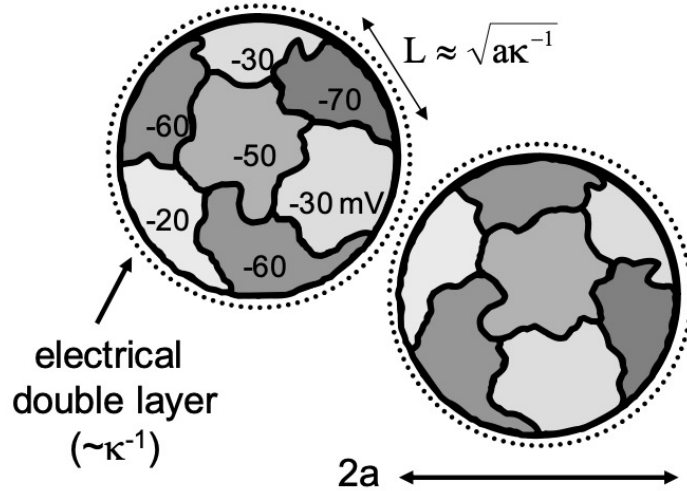
- When the patch size for the charge nonuniformity is very small, indeed going all the way to the level of the placement of individual ions, then the “discrete charge effect” is very small.
- However, if the patch size (L) becomes larger, say with a 10–50 nm length scale, the electrostatic forces can be significantly altered.

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- electrophoresis measures the average zeta potential over the particles surfaces:

$$\langle \zeta \rangle \approx -50 \text{ mV}$$

- rotational electrophoresis measures the zeta potential standard deviation: $\sigma_\zeta \approx 20 \text{ mV}$

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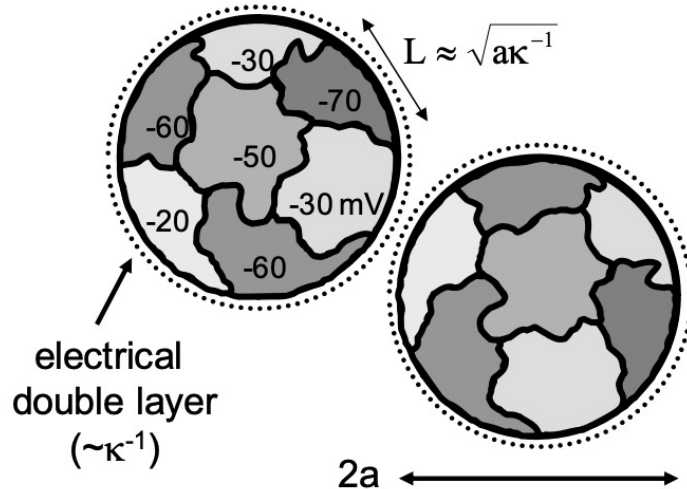
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- Such variations in electrostatic repulsion can cause an unstable suspension – with the net interparticle energy being attractive at even larger separations – when measurements of the average zeta potential would have predicted a stable suspension.

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From Lecture 4:

Electrostatic forces

- The electrical potential decays away from a flat surface at a rate given roughly by the **Debye-Huckel equation**:

$$\psi = \psi_0 e^{-\kappa x}$$

Surface potential

Distance from the surface

- Typical magnitudes of the **surface potential (Ψ)** are 10 to 150 mV, and can be negative or positive. Since these potentials arise due to the surface charges, the relationship between the **surface charge density (units C/m²)** and the **surface potential** is:

$$\rho_s = \epsilon \kappa \psi_0$$

Electrical permittivity

Surface charge density

- Note the **potential** becomes **proportional** to the **surface charge density**.
- The expression $\rho_s = \epsilon\kappa\Psi_0$ is equivalent to a **capacitor** whose two plates are separated by a **distance** κ^{-1} , have **charge densities** $\pm\rho_s$, and **potential difference** Ψ_0 .
- This analogy with a charged capacitor gave rise to the name **diffuse electric double-layer** for describing the ionic atmosphere near a charged surface, whose **characteristic length** or “**thickness**” is known as the **Debye length** κ^{-1} .

And we recover the famous Debye length κ^{-1}

$$\rho_s = \epsilon\kappa\Psi_0, \text{ where } \kappa \equiv \sqrt{\sum_i^N \frac{z_i^2 e^2 C_{i\infty}}{\epsilon kT}}$$

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Surface charge density

- Recall the electric field at the surface is $E_0 = -\left(\frac{d\Psi}{dx}\right)_0$
- The condition of electroneutrality implies that

$$\rho_s = \varepsilon \left[\left(\frac{d\Psi}{dx}\right)_{x \rightarrow \infty} - \left(\frac{d\Psi}{dx}\right)_{x=0} \right] = \varepsilon \left[0 - \left(\frac{d\Psi}{dx}\right)_0 \right] = -\varepsilon \left(\frac{d\Psi}{dx}\right)_0 = \varepsilon E_0$$

- Turning attention to the ionic concentration, differentiating the Boltzmann distribution yields:

$$\frac{d \sum_i^N C_i}{dx} = - \sum_i^N \frac{z_i e C_{i\infty}}{kT} \exp\left(-\frac{z_i e \Psi}{kT}\right) \left(\frac{d\Psi}{dx}\right) = \frac{\varepsilon}{kT} \frac{d^2 \Psi}{dx^2} \left(\frac{d\Psi}{dx}\right) = \frac{\varepsilon}{2kT} \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{d\Psi}{dx}\right)^2$$

- Integrate:

$$\sum_i^N C_i(x=0) - \sum_i^N C_i(x \rightarrow \infty) = \frac{\varepsilon}{2kT} \int_{\left(\frac{d\Psi}{dx}\right)_{x \rightarrow \infty}^2}^{\left(\frac{d\Psi}{dx}\right)_{x=0}^2} d \left(\frac{d\Psi}{dx}\right)^2 = \frac{\varepsilon}{2kT} \left(\frac{d\Psi}{dx}\right)_0^2$$

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- Instead of integrating from $x \rightarrow \infty$ to 0 as we did previously, we can integrate to any x :

$$\sum_i^N C_i(x) = \sum_i^N C_i(x \rightarrow \infty) + \frac{\varepsilon}{2kT} \left(\frac{d\Psi}{dx} \right)_x^2 \longrightarrow \sum_i^N C_{ix} = \sum_i^N C_{i\infty} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2kT} \left(\frac{d\Psi}{dx} \right)_x^2$$

- For a 1:1 electrolyte (like NaCl), this reduces to:

$$\left(\frac{d\Psi}{dx} \right)_x = \sqrt{\frac{8kT C_\infty}{\varepsilon}} \sinh \left(\frac{e\Psi_x}{2kT} \right)$$

Surface charge density

- This can be integrated to yield

$$\psi_x = \frac{2kT}{e} \log \left[\frac{1 + \gamma e^{-\kappa x}}{1 - \gamma e^{-\kappa x}} \right] \approx \frac{4kT}{e} \gamma e^{-\kappa x} \text{ where } \gamma = \tanh(e\psi_0/4kT) \text{ and } \kappa^2 = \frac{2Z^2 e^2 c_\infty}{\epsilon kT} \text{ with } Z = 1$$

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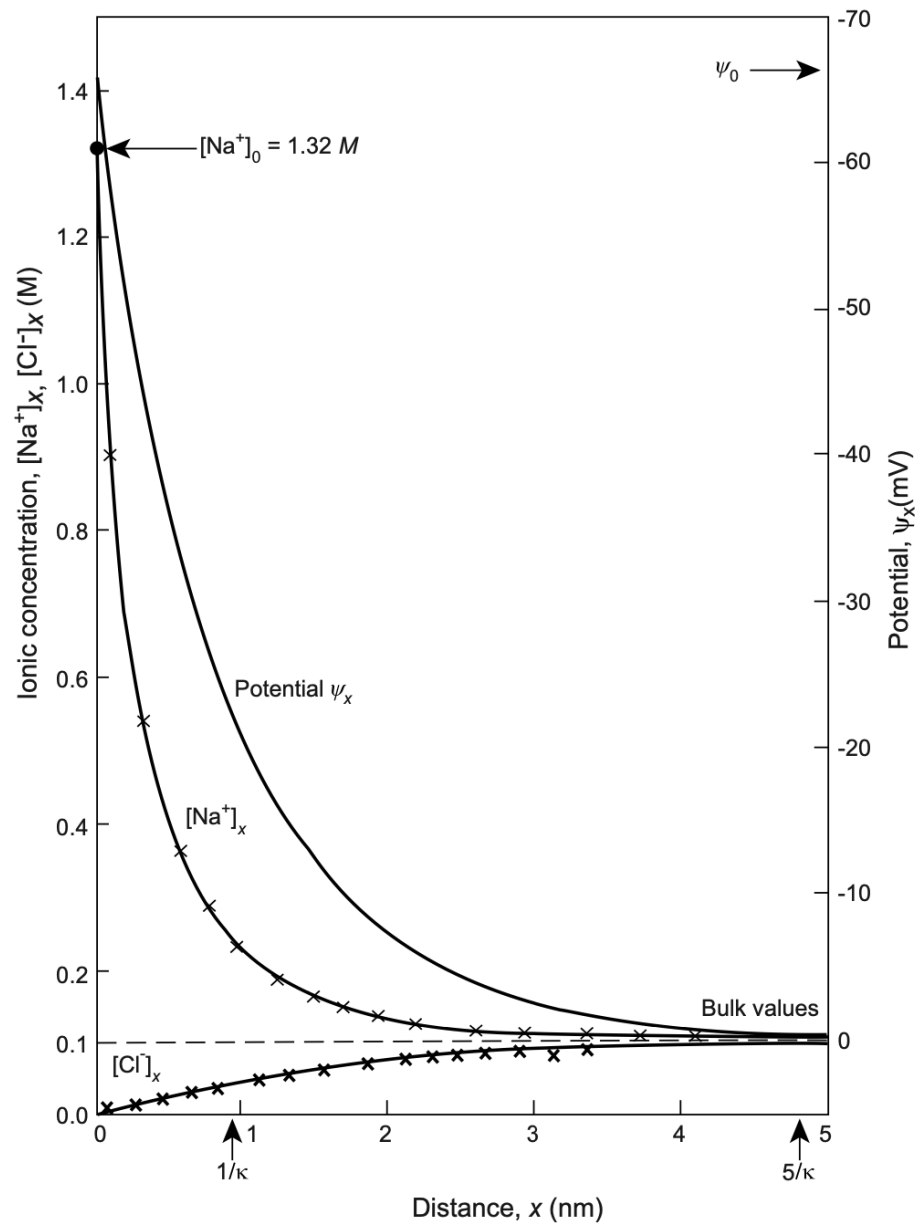


FIGURE 14.8 Potential and ionic density profiles for a 0.1 M monovalent electrolyte such as NaCl near a surface of charge density $\sigma = -0.0621 \text{ C m}^{-2}$ (about one electronic charge per 2.6 nm^2), calculated from Eqs. (14.39) and (14.25) with $\psi_0 = -66.2 \text{ mV}$ obtained from the Grahame equation. The crosses are the Monte Carlo results of Torrie and Valleau (1979, 1980). Note that the potential (and force between two surfaces) both decay asymptotically as $e^{-\kappa x}$, while the ionic concentrations decay much more sharply.

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Debye-Huckel results for electric potential

- general solution: $\psi = B_1 e^{\kappa x} + B_2 e^{-\kappa x}$
- **Debye-Huckel equation** for electric potential near to a single flat plate (upon applying the boundary conditions):

$$\psi = \psi_0 e^{-\kappa x}$$

- At the plate surface the electric potential is ψ_0 , while just a few Debye lengths away, the electric potential decays to nearly zero.
- Example:

A plate has a potential of $\psi_0 = -39$ mV at its surface. The plate is in a 5.4 mM NaCl solution at $T = 305$ K. Find the Debye length, and then the electric potential at a distance of 7.0 nm from the plate. At this T, $\epsilon_r = 76.0$ (Table 1-3).

answer: the Debye length $\kappa^{-1} = 4.13$ nm. $\psi(7.0 \text{ nm}) = -7.16$ mV.

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- For small potentials near a plate, we have **Debye-Huckel**

$$\psi = \psi_0 e^{-\kappa x}$$

Plug in ρ_s

 also yield

$$\rho_s = \epsilon \psi_0 \kappa$$

Surface charge density using Debye-Huckel

- Example

A plate has a surface potential of -39 mV in 5.4 mM NaCl solution at $T = 305$ K. Find the surface charge density in C/m^2 , and the average area per charge group, for monovalent charges. Use the result for the Debye length from Example 2-1.

$$\rho_s = \epsilon \psi_0 \kappa$$

$$\kappa^2 = \frac{2Z^2 e^2 c_\infty}{\epsilon k T}$$

answer: $-0.00635 C/m^2 = -0.635 \mu C/cm^2$. Since monovalent charges are $1.6 \times 10^{-19} C$, the spacing is one charge group per $25.2 \times 10^{-18} m^2 = (5.0 nm)^2$. About $1 \mu C/cm^2$ is a typical magnitude of surface charge density.

Surface charge density using Debye-Huckel

- A similar analysis around a **sphere** gives

$$\rho_s = \epsilon\kappa\psi_0 \left(\frac{1 + \kappa a}{\kappa a} \right)$$

- Between **parallel plates** having a **surface potential** (ψ_0) and separated by a **distance** (L), the **surface charge density** is given by

$$\rho_s = \epsilon\kappa\psi_0 \left(\frac{1 - e^{-\kappa L}}{1 + e^{-\kappa L}} \right)$$

- If $L \rightarrow \infty$ this reduces to the flat plate limit:

$$\rho_s = \epsilon\psi_0\kappa$$

- Solving for ψ_0 :

$$\psi_0 = \frac{\rho_s}{\epsilon\kappa} \left(\frac{1 + e^{-\kappa L}}{1 - e^{-\kappa L}} \right)$$

- As $L \rightarrow 0$ this equation becomes **singular**, meaning that a very **large potential** must arise from a **finite ρ_s for small gaps** between plates.

Electrostatic force between plates

- Once the **electrostatic potential** between two plates is known, we can evaluate the **force** or **potential energy** between the **two plates**.
- We will start with **two plates**, each with a **surface potential** (Ψ_0) and separated by a **distance** (h). The coordinate x runs perpendicular to the plates, with $x = 0$ halfway between the plates.

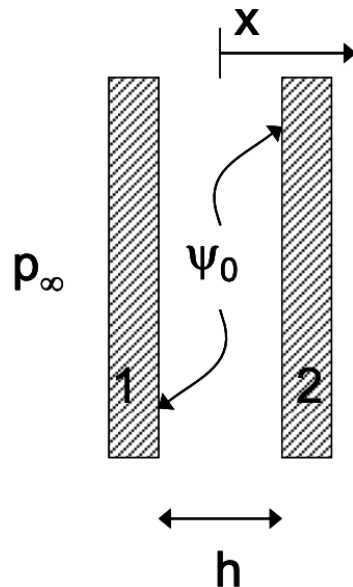


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Electrostatic force between plates

- Outside the plates the **bulk pressure** is p_∞ , while **between the plates** the **pressure is higher** due to the **electrostatic force** on the fluid – charged, since it is in the EDL – and also due to a higher **osmotic pressure** between the plates since there are more ions in the EDL than in the bulk fluid.

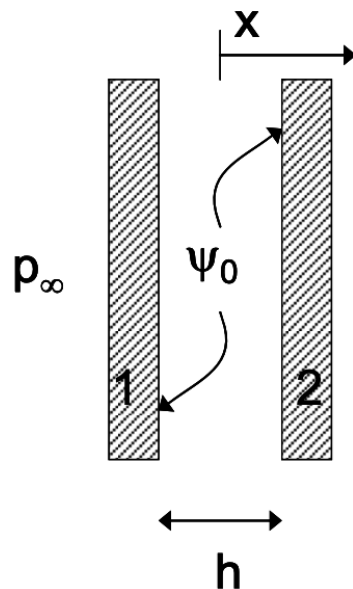


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- If the plates have the **same surface potential**, they will repel with an **equal but opposite force**. Let's imagine that we hold the plates in place by applying a **force (F_1)** onto **plate 1** and a **force ($F_2 = -F_1$)** on **plate 2**. In this case the fluid between the plates will remain static, meaning that it will not accelerate, nor will it flow and dissipate energy. Our job at this point is to evaluate $F_1 = -F_2$.

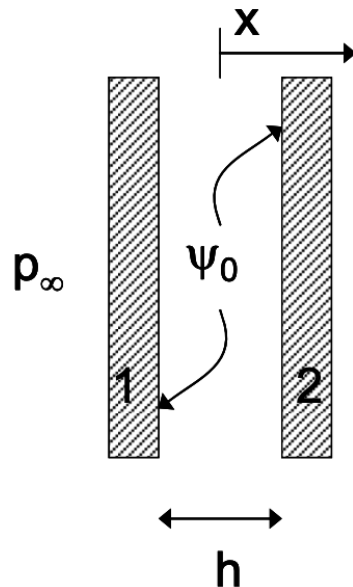


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$$f_{es} \equiv -\lim_{A \rightarrow \infty} F_1 / A = \lim_{A \rightarrow \infty} F_2 / A$$

- The **Navier-Stokes equation** is

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isotropic pressure in the fluid
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Fluid density
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- Charges move due to a finite **electric field**, whether the charges are **electrons** or **ions**. As the **local electric field** becomes stronger – meaning that the **voltage change with distance** becomes steeper – the ions in that region move faster.

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The Poisson equation

- define an “electrical potential” (Ψ , in V or mV), which is the voltage at any position in the system.
- the electric field (\mathbf{E}) is defined as $\mathbf{E} = -\nabla \psi$
- The voltage arises due to charge groups on the particle, and changes through the EDL. For static systems the electric potential can be very accurately-described by a single scalar equation called “the Poisson equation”:

$$\nabla^2 \psi = \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial z^2} = -\frac{\rho_e}{\epsilon}$$

- This partial differential equation predicts the electrical potential (Ψ , in V or mV) at any position (x,y,z), when the **volumetric charge density** (ρ_e , in C/m³) is known everywhere.

Electrostatic force between plates

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- make a substitution for the **volumetric charge density** to give

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- Recall from the chain rule

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left[\left(\frac{d\psi}{dx} \right)^2 \right] = 2 \left(\frac{d\psi}{dx} \right) \left(\frac{d^2\psi}{dx^2} \right) \longrightarrow \boxed{\frac{dp}{dx} = \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \frac{d}{dx} \left[\left(\frac{d\psi}{dx} \right)^2 \right]}$$

integrate

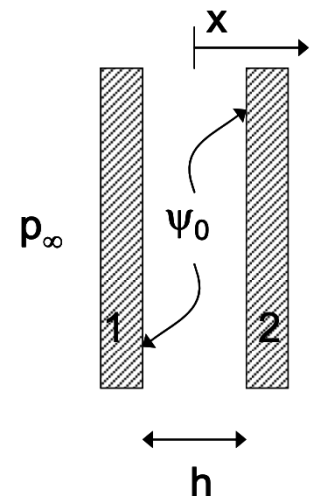


$$\boxed{p = \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \left(\frac{d\psi}{dx} \right)^2 + B}$$

Electrostatic force between plates

- The easiest place to evaluate **B** is at the midplane, where by **symmetry** we know that $d\Psi / dx = 0$. Therefore **B** is the **pressure at $x = 0$** .
- What contributes to this **pressure**? If the plates were uncharged, the pressure at the midplane would be simply the **ambient pressure (p_∞)**.
- As **charges are added** to the plate, bringing **additional ions** into the **electrical double layer** region between the plates, there is also an **osmotic pressure** contribution.

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Electrostatic force between plates

- Because the **ions** are “**trapped**” in the **EDL** – there is an analogy to being trapped behind a semi-permeable membrane – the **osmotic pressure** at the midplane is higher in the **EDL** by an amount $\pi(x = 0)$.

$$p(x = 0) - p_\infty = \pi(x = 0) - \pi_\infty$$

- This simply says that the **pressure inside** the **EDL** between the plates is different from the **pressure outside** the plates by the difference in **osmotic pressure**.
- The π_∞ appears since the **bulk solution** will also have some **finite ionic strength**, even though it isn't as high as that between the plates.
- Since the fluid at $x = 0$ has a slightly higher **pressure**, it will push outward on the neighboring fluid, which in turn will push on the fluid all the way to the wall. The **electrical forces on the fluid** at $x = 0$ are **zero**, since by symmetry $d\Psi / dx = 0$ there, and thus **$E = 0$** .
- In the end the **pressure force** is the only force remaining:

$$f_{es} = p_\infty - p(x = 0)$$

Journal club assignments for L9

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