

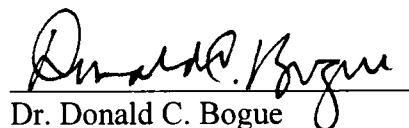
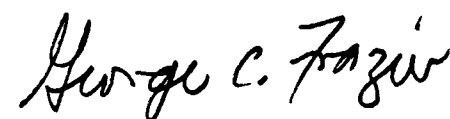
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## ABSTRACT

Chemical industry utilizes solvent extraction as an alternative to conventional distillation, specifically for the separation of liquid mixtures with unfavorable vapor-liquid equilibria relationships and/or thermally unstable components. Common to most extraction applications (i.e., mixer settler, multistage tower extractors, rotating disc contactors, etc.) is the transfer of material taking place to or from drops of one liquid dispersed in another. Thus, a more complete knowledge of the factors affecting transfer to and from drops is essential to further understanding extraction and the development of improved design principles.

An extensive literature search indicates that much work has been done over the years to develop mass transfer coefficient models for both continuous-phase ( $k_c$ ) and dispersed-phase ( $k_d$ ) controlling systems. However, all of the liquid-liquid systems studied to date have included Newtonian materials with aqueous continuous phases. Industrial streams tend to be solutions containing several components with a range of Newtonian to non-Newtonian flow characteristics; thus rendering them significantly different from systems featured in mass transfer studies to date. This study is unique in that it centers on purification of a non-Newtonian industrial stream containing three major components (cellulose acetate, acetic acid, water) and a solute (sodium sulfate). Before dispersing in a predominantly aqueous solution, a solvent (isopropyl acetate) was added to the stream to prevent precipitation of the cellulose acetate (this solution is later referred to as solvated dope). The composition of the contacting solution was determined experimentally. To this end, a quaternary phase diagram was constructed for cellulose acetate, acetic acid, water, and isopropyl acetate to identify the feasible operating region where liquid-liquid phases exist without formation of a solid cellulose acetate phase. A

key requirement was to operate on a tie line, in the phase diagram described above, to deter transfer of nonsolutes across phase boundaries.

This research measured the dispersed-phase mass transfer coefficient, and the corresponding drop sizes in the system described above where the dispersed phase, solvated dope, was a viscous fluid. This was achieved by measuring solute concentration in the continuous-phase over time analytically with discrete samples. A mass balance calculation on the system was used to calculate the disappearance of solute from the dispersed-phase. In turn, the solute concentration data was used to estimate the dispersed-phase mass transfer coefficient.

The resulting correlation for dispersed-phase mass transfer was compared with expressions derived in the literature (for systems similar to the basic assumptions of this study). In conclusion:

1. Both the Penetration Theory (Higbie, 1935) and the Skelland and HuXien Model (1990) underestimate the dispersed-phase mass transfer coefficient in this kind of system. Therefore these expressions will yield a conservative extractor design.
2. The difference between the measured value of  $k_d$  and that estimated from Penetration Theory could be accounted for by errors in the physical and transport property estimations especially diffusivity,  $D_{AB}$  which is difficult to estimate for the liquid-liquid system described herein.
3. Experimentally estimated drop sizes generally agree with the Hong and Lee (1985) Sauter-mean diameter model.

4. As expected, the continuous-phase mass transfer coefficient had very little influence on the overall mass transfer coefficient as predicted by the Skelland and Moeti (1990) expression.

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# CHAPTER 1

## INTRODUCTION

### **Purpose and Method of the Investigation**

#### *Statement of the Problem*

Garner and Hale (1955) recognized solvent extraction as a viable alternative to conventional distillation, specifically for the separation of liquid mixtures with unfavorable vapor liquid equilibrium relationships and/or thermally unstable components. Common to most extraction applications (i.e. mixer settlers, multistage tower extractors, etc.), transfer of material takes place to or from drops of one liquid dispersed in another. Thus, a more complete knowledge of the factors affecting transfer to and from drops is essential to the further understanding of extraction and the development of improved design principles (Garner and Hale, 1955).

An extensive literature search indicates that much work has been done over the years to develop mass transfer coefficients models for both continuous-phase ( $k_c$ ) and disperse phase ( $k_d$ ) controlling systems. However, all of the liquid-liquid systems studied to date have included Newtonian materials. Hence, there exists a need for an accurate correlation for mass transfer from a non-Newtonian droplet to a Newtonian continuous-phase.

#### *Objective of Investigation*

The objective of this work is to derive an experimental correlation for approximating  $k_d$ 's in systems where the dispersed-phase is a highly viscous liquid with pseudo-plastic behavior. We will compare our correlation for  $k_d$  with expressions derived in the literature (for systems that are similar to our basic assumptions) to determine the

need for a new model. In addition, we compare the observed droplet size with the size predicted by an empirical correlation by Hong and Lee (1985).

The system investigated involves an extraction process for purifying cellulose acetate dope. Cellulose acetate dope is obtained by acetylation and subsequent hydrolysis of cellulose and consists of acetic acid, cellulose acetate, water, and ppm concentrations of sulfate salts. During extraction, the cellulose acetate dope is contacted with a predominantly aqueous-phase. Salt is preferentially soluble in the aqueous fluid and thus transferred from the organic to the aqueous-phase. A complicating factor in this process is the precipitation of the solid cellulose acetate at high aqueous levels, and the strong influence of the dissolved cellulose acetate concentration on the viscosity, and thus handling characteristics of the organic liquid-phase. As a result, co-solvents are added to both phases, an organic solvent (with low solubility in water) to the cellulose acetate dope phase and mixture of acetic acid and organic solvent to the aqueous-phase to establish concentrations within both phases such that all components are in equilibrium except the sulfate salt.

### ***Assumptions***

1. The dispersed-phase is a non-Newtonian fluid of the power law type.
2. Shear rates in the bulk phase transfer into the dispersed-phase. Per Kanel, et al. (1991), the correlation of Skelland and Hu Xien(1990) (developed for Newtonian liquid-liquid systems) may be extended to include the non-Newtonian behavior of one phase by application of the Skelland and Kanel (1990) technique. This method was used to extend correlations for the minimum impeller speed for complete dispersion of one immiscible liquid in another to include the case where the phases were non-Newtonian of the power law type. The apparent average viscosity,  $\mu_a$ , of the fluid in the agitated vessel was computed as

$$\mu_a = K \left| \left( \frac{du}{dy} \right)_a \right|^{n-1} \quad (1.1)$$

where  $K$  is the fluid consistency index and  $n$  is the flow behavior index, both representative of the non-Newtonian fluid. The apparent shear rate,  $(du/dy)$ , was found by Metzner and Taylor (1960) to be equivalent to the impeller speed multiplied by a constant,  $k_s$ , which was found to have an approximate value of 11 by Metzner et al. (1961) when the impeller speed,  $N$ , is in rpm. Thus,

$$\left( \frac{du}{dy} \right)_a = k_s N \quad (1.2)$$

The apparent viscosity was then substituted into the mean viscosity expression of Vermeulen et al. (1955) for the appropriate phase (either dispersed or continuous),

$$\mu_m = \frac{\mu_c}{1-\phi} \left[ 1 + \frac{1.5\mu_d\phi}{\mu_d + \mu_c} \right] \quad (1.3)$$

where  $\phi$  is the volume fraction of the dispersed-phase,  $\mu_m$  is the mean viscosity, and  $\mu_c$  and  $\mu_d$  are the continuous and dispersed-phase viscosities, respectively.

3. The solute is a sulfate salt which undergoes unimolal unidirectional diffusion through the dispersed-phase into the continuous-phase. The solute, present at low concentrations ( $\sim 1700$  ppm) in the dispersed-phase, is readily received by the predominantly polar continuous-phase.

4. Internal circulation does not occur within the droplets. This assumption is well founded due to the high viscosity (1,000,000 cP magnitude) of the dispersed-phase. Further still, based on photographic evidence presented by Thorton et al. (1985, 1987), Skelland and Hu Xien (1990) deduce that points on the surface of a drop newly formed (whether from a nozzle or breakage) remained undisturbed by the process of detachment. These findings prevailed at nozzle Reynolds numbers as high as 300 and actual break-off times of less than 50 milliseconds. Skelland and Hu Xien (1990) suggest that the drops are internally stagnant between consecutive breakups, and substantiate this with references to similar statements to this end by Harriott (1962) and by Calderbank (1967). In this regard, the "degree of [internal] circulation" for these drops, estimated as described by Clift et al. (1978), is around zero, in accordance with the same indications by Davies (1972). It is understood from Skelland and Lee (1981) that in order to study dispersed-phase controlled mass transfer, it is necessary to keep most of the resistance to transfer inside that phase. The theory of stagnation may be validated comparing experimentally observed dispersed-phase drop sizes with Kolmogoroff's length scale,

$$\eta = \varepsilon^{-\frac{1}{4}} \nu^{\frac{3}{4}} \quad (1.4)$$

which marks the upper limit of eddy sizes in the viscous sub-range. (Skelland and Moeti, 1990). In this correlation, eddy length scale,  $\eta$ , is related to the rate of energy dissipation per unit mass of fluid,  $\varepsilon$ , and kinematic viscosity,  $\nu$ , where

$$\varepsilon = \frac{4K_T}{\pi} \frac{d_I^5 N^3}{d_v^3} \quad (1.5)$$

and

$$v = \frac{\mu}{\rho} . \quad (1.6)$$

Please refer to the Appendix A1 for an explanation of nomenclature.

5. The droplets are small and spherical with no oscillation effects, slip or fluctuating velocity during agitation.
6. The bulk composition of the droplets will not change. Contacting of the cellulose acetate dope/isopropyl acetate mixture with an aqueous-phase, in a proper phase ratio, results in the formation of two immiscible liquid phases whose compositions lie on either side of the phase envelope boundary connected by the tie line containing the mixture point (See Figure 4.5). If the organic and aqueous-phases do not lie on the same tie line, solvents such as water, acetic acid and isopropyl acetate will transfer between the phases. Diffusion of these components will change the physical and transport properties of the resulting immiscible phases. Therefore, a contacting scheme must be devised to insure that both phases are on the same tie-line throughout each experimental run.
7. The overall mass transfer coefficient,  $K_d$ , is essentially equal to the dispersed-phase mass transfer coefficient  $k_d$  (Treybal, 1980),

$$K_d \approx k_d . \quad (1.7)$$

Based on the relationship from Hines and Maddox (1985),

$$\frac{1}{K_d} = \frac{1}{k_d} + \frac{1}{mk_c} , \quad (1.8)$$

$k_c$  must then be much greater than  $k_d$  such that  $1/mk_c$  is essentially negligible.

8. The resistance to transfer in the continuous-phase is negligible, so that the surface concentration of the sphere is constant at  $C_a^*$  in equilibrium with the entire continuous phase-the latter having constant composition. (Skelland, 1985) It is therefore assumed that the concentration  $C_a$  inside the droplet is much greater than the concentration  $C_a^*$ , at the surface of the droplet.
9. The total interfacial area available for mass transfer is essentially constant during mass transfer.

### ***Theoretical Development***

A solute mass balance for transport from the dispersed-phase to the continuous-phase can be written as

$$V_d dC_a = k_d A (C_a^* - C_a) dt , \quad (1.9)$$

where  $V_d$  is the volume of the dispersed-phase,  $t$  is time, and  $C_a$  is the concentration of the solute in the dispersed-phase at time  $t$  (Kanel, 1990). Based on the assumption that  $C_a$  is much greater than  $C_a^*$ ,  $(C_a^* - C_a)$  becomes  $(-C_a)$ . In Appendix Table A5.3, for example,  $C_a^* = 3.31\text{E-}06\text{g/ml}$  (at  $t=3960\text{seconds}$ ) is two orders of magnitude lower than  $C_a$  during solute transfer ( $t<300\text{seconds}$ ) which ranges from  $(8.3\text{E-}04$  at  $t=0\text{seconds}$  to  $3.0\text{E-}04\text{g/ml}$  at  $t=360\text{seconds}$ ).

$A$  is the total interfacial area available for mass transfer, and could increase as droplets separate into smaller droplets over time. Simplification of  $A/V_d$  as shown in Appendix 2 gives,

$$\frac{A}{V_d} = \frac{6}{d_p}$$

Substituting the time dependent expression for drop size,  $d_p$ , from Hong and Lee's (1985) empirical model for the Sauter-mean diameter,  $d_{32}$  (equation 5.5) gives,

$$\frac{A}{V_d} = \frac{6}{d_{32}^* + \alpha t^{-0.7}} \quad (1.10)$$

The constants  $d_{32}^*$  and  $\alpha$  are discussed in Chapter 5.

Finally, substitution of 1.10 into 1.9 followed by variable separation and integration from concentration  $C_{ao}$  to  $C_a$  gives,

$$\ln \frac{C_a}{C_{ao}} = -6k_d \int_0^t \frac{1}{\alpha(t)^{-0.7} + d_{32}^*} dt \quad (1.11).$$

The right-hand side of the equation is an open-ended integral and must be solved numerically. Appendix 2 contains the numerical integration of the right-hand side of equation 1.11.

Assuming that the change in  $A$  is negligible during transfer, equation 1.9 after separation of variables and integration gives,

$$\ln \left( \frac{C_a}{C_{ao}} \right) = -\frac{k_d A}{V_d} (t - t_o) \quad (1.12)$$

### *Scope of Investigation*

This investigation was divided into three parts: the literature survey (shown in Table 1.1), the experimental study, and the comparison of published mass transfer coefficient

correlations.

The experimental study consisted of five parts: choosing an optimal cosolvent, measuring physical and transport properties, establishing feasible experimental regions, determining mass transfer rate, and predicting the dispersed-phase mass transfer coefficient.

## Literature Survey

### *Discussion*

Table 1.1 summarizes prior experimental work gleaned from a literature search on mass transfer in agitated vessels. Like the continuous mass transfer coefficient ( $k_c$ ), dispersed-phase mass transfer coefficient ( $k_d$ ) in agitated vessels may be correlated with operating variables and physical properties of liquid-liquid systems. Howarth (1963) proposed two alternative mechanisms of mass transfer in an agitated vessel. The first assumption was "neither coalescence nor breakage occurs while drops are in the agitated vessel." The second assumption was "rapid coalescence and redispersion of the drops, with application of the penetration theory." Followed by Howarth, Schindler and Treybal (1968), Keey and Glen (1969), and Treybal (1971) studied liquid-liquid mass transfer rates in agitated vessels; all of these investigations were confined to single systems, so comprehensive correlations over a range of physical properties were not established. In a study by Skelland and Lee (1981), five systems were used (to measure and correlate  $k_c$ 's along with corresponding drop sizes), although diffusivity varied only 1.5 fold.

Skelland and Hu Xien (1990) measured disperse-phase mass transfer rates on three agitated liquid-liquid systems (They also varied impeller speed and dispersed-phase

**Table 1.1: Highlights of previous experimental work on mass transfer coefficients.**

| Workers                        | Continuous, C<br>Batch, B _____ | System  | Cont.<br>Phase | Disp.<br>Droplets  | Coef.      |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------|----------------|--------------------|------------|
| Garner, Hale (1955)            | C                               | ternary | water          | rigid, circulating | $k_d, k_c$ |
| Rushton, Nagata, Rooney (1964) | B                               | ternary | water          | rigid              | $KA$       |
| Boyadzhiev, Alenkov (1966)     | B                               | ternary | water          | rigid              | $k_c$      |
| Schindler, Treybal (1968)      | C                               | binary  | water          | circulating        | $k_c$      |
| Keey, Glen (1969)              | C                               | ternary | water          | circulating        | $k_c$      |
| Mok, Treybal (1971)            | C                               | binary  | water          | circulating        | $k_c$      |
| Skelland, Lee (1981)           | B                               | ternary | water          | circulating        | $k_c$      |
| Bapat, Tavlarides (1983)       | C                               | ternary | water          | circulating        | $k_c$      |
| Skelland, Moeti (1990)         | B                               | ternary | water          | rigid              | $k_c$      |
| Skelland, Hu Xien(1990)        | B                               | ternary | water          | rigid              | $k_d$      |
| Skelland, Kanel (1990)         | B                               | ternary | water          | rigid, circulating | $k_d, k_c$ |

volume fraction.). These exhibited 4.8-fold and 8.6-fold variations in diffusivity and viscosity, respectively, in the dispersed-phase. Building on experimental investigations, Bapat et al. (1983,1985) applied Monte Carlo simulation techniques to predict mass transfer and drop sizes in a continuous-flow agitated vessel. Following this work, Skelland and Kanel (1990) developed a simulation of mass transfer in a batch agitated liquid-liquid dispersion. Apparently, few studies have been published on mass transfer in agitated liquid-liquid systems in baffled vessels: and until recently, upon the work of Skelland and Hu Xien (1990), all have been confined to the continuous-phase.

Almost identical to the system proposed here is a study conducted by Skelland and Hu Xien (1990); the only difference is that our dispersed-phase is non-Newtonian. In their investigation, dispersed-phase mass transfer rates were measured in a baffled vessel agitated with six-flat blade turbines. Photographic techniques enabled the mass-transfer coefficients to be expressed on an area-free basis by providing information on the mean drop size as a function of time in batch operation.

## CHAPTER 2

### SELECTION OF OPTIMAL SOLVENT

#### Introduction

Several organic liquids were screened for use as a cosolvent in the cellulose acetate dope mixture. (Acetic acid was the primary solvent in the cellulose acetate dope.) The following criteria were used in the solvent selection process: 1) Cellulose acetate must be soluble in the solvent, and 2) water must be nearly insoluble in the solvent. The cosolvents examined include: methyl acetate, ethyl acetate, n-propyl acetate, isopropyl acetate, octyl acetate, methyl ethyl ketone, diisobutyl ketone, and cyclohexanone.

#### Literature Development

Published cellulose acetate - solvent solubility data is presented in Table 2.1 along with physical properties of each solvent (Boyd, 1977). Cellulose acetate - solvent solubility data indicates that there exists a narrow range of cellulose acetate solubility in each solvent. The mutual solubility of the solvent-acetic acid-water can be determined from ternary phase diagrams (in mole percent) provided in Figure 2.1 (Arlt and Sorensen, 1980). The heterogeneous region in the phase diagrams is smallest for methyl acetate and methyl ethyl ketone because of their high mutual solubility with water. Conversely, the heterogeneous region is largest for octyl acetate and diisobutyl ketone because of their low mutual solubility with water; the other solvents fit in between this hi-low range and follow in order of decreasing mutual solubility with water-cyclohexanone, ethyl acetate, propyl acetate, and isopropyl acetate. The aforementioned criteria favor solvents with low

**Table 2.1: Cellulose acetate solubility in solvents and solvent physical properties.**

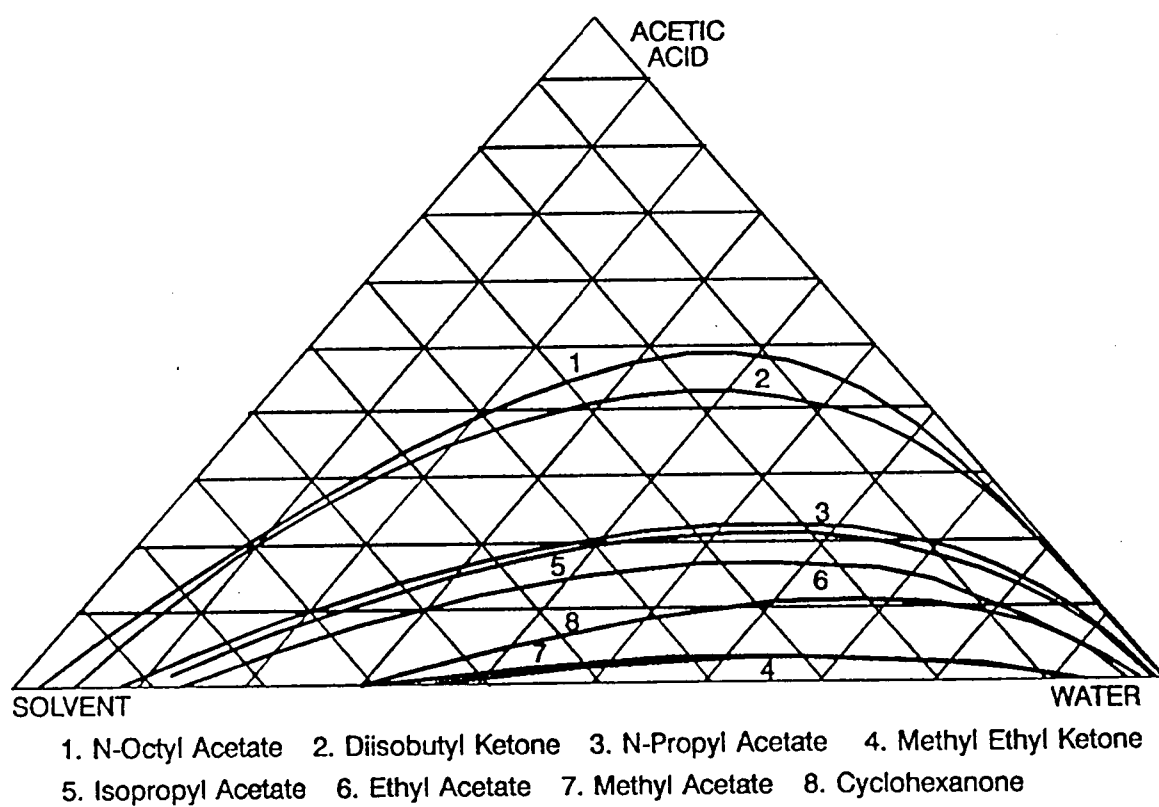
| SOLVENT             | CA (1)<br>SOLUBILITY | DENSITY (2)<br>g/cc, 20C | BOILING PT. (2)<br>degree C |
|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Methyl ethyl ketone | Yes                  | 0.81                     | 80.0                        |
| Diisobutyl ketone   | NA                   | 0.81                     | 163.0                       |
| Methyl acetate      | Yes                  | 0.93                     | 56.9                        |
| n-Propyl acetate    | NA                   | 0.89                     | 101.6                       |
| Ethyl acetate       | Yes                  | 0.90                     | 77.0                        |
| Cyclohexanone       | Yes                  | 0.95                     | 155.0                       |
| Octyl acetate       | NA                   | 0.87                     | 210.0                       |
| Isopropyl acetate   | NA                   | 0.87                     | 90.0                        |

Notes:

NA indicates that solubility data was not available.

(1) Solubility data was found by E.T. Boyd, (1977).

(2) Physical property data was found in CRC Handbook, 56th ed.



**Figure 2.1:** Mutual Solubility Curves for Systems of Acetic Acid, Water, and Solvent.

water solubility. Next, the distribution ratio of acetic acid in organic phase and aqueous-phase (being greater than unity) for the methyl acetate-acetic acid-water system indicates that more acetic acid partitions to the aqueous layer. This is unfavorable in that acetic acid (acting as cosolvent) helps keep cellulose acetate in solution and provides control over viscosity of the organic layer. The distribution ratio is equal to unity for ethyl acetate and cyclohexanone; slightly less than unity for n-propyl acetate, and isopropyl acetate; and much less than unity for the remaining solvents (Murti, 1954 ; Othner, White and Trueger, 1941)

## **Experimental Procedure**

Samples of cellulose acetate dope were taken directly from manufacturing lines. The analyses of these samples are summarized in Table 2.2. The major components include cellulose acetate, acetic acid, and water. Table 2.3 presents the purity of solvent lots analyzed by gas chromatography. Solvents were evaluated at incremental concentrations in 50 grams of the cellulose acetate dope. Solvent was mixed with dope (by hand stirring with a spatula) at room temperature until a homogeneous solution formed. Warm acetic acid-water wash (58°C) was mixed with the solvated dope in 5-10 gram increments until either phase separation or precipitation occurred. The effect of varying acetic acid concentration in water was observed at each solvent level. Phase separation was identified as two liquid layers formed- one predominantly organic with physical form ranging from Newtonian fluid to non-Newtonian pseudoplastic, the other predominantly aqueous containing small amounts of solvent and ester. Precipitation was indicated by segregated solids which would not coalesce. For both cases, the layers were separated and weighed. The remaining organic phase was allowed to approach equilibrium for 24

**Table 2.2: Composition of cellulose acetate (CA) dope sampled from manufacturing.**

| Experiment Set<br>per Solvent | CA Dope Composition |                        |               |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|---------------|
|                               | WATER<br>weight%    | ACETIC ACID<br>weight% | CA<br>weight% |
| Methyl ethyl ketone           | 15.9                | 81.3                   | 2.8           |
| Diisobutyl ketone             | 15.4                | no sample              | no sample     |
| Methyl acetate                | 12.8                | 71.7                   | 15.5          |
| n-Propyl acetate              | 15.0                | 54.8                   | 30.3          |
| Ethyl acetate                 | 12.9                | 49.2                   | 37.9          |
| Cyclohexanone                 | 13.5                | 63.5                   | 23.1          |
| Octyl acetate                 | 13.4                | 59.3                   | 27.3          |
| Isopropyl acetate             | 16.4                | 61.94                  | 21.7          |

**Table 2.3: Purity of solvent lots used in screening experiment set.**

| SOLVENT             | PURITY<br>area% |
|---------------------|-----------------|
| Methyl ethyl ketone | 99.40           |
| Diisobutyl ketone   | 98.55           |
| Methyl acetate      | 99.62           |
| n-Propyl acetate    | 99.83           |
| Ethyl acetate       | 99.00           |
| Cyclohexanone       | 99.87           |
| Octyl acetate       | 99.90           |
| Isopropyl acetate   | 99.00           |

hours; if further separation occurred the layers were separated and reweighed. Final layers, were analyzed by gas chromatography for percent water, acetic acid and solvent; cellulose acetate concentration was estimated by percent solids method.

## **Discussion of Experimental Results**

The experimental results for the tie-lines of the cellulose acetate-solvent-acetic acid-water system are given in Tables 2.4 - 2.9. Due to sampling and analytical error, the sum of weight percents (%solvent, %acid, %water, and %CA) may total  $100\% \pm 10\%$ .

The solvent which yielded the broadest phase separation composition range was isopropyl acetate followed by propyl acetate, cyclohexanone, ethyl acetate, methyl acetate, and diisobutylketone, in order of decreasing phase separation range; for more detail refer to Tables 2.10 - 2.17. Small chain esters readily dissolved the cellulose acetate dope. Others were difficult to get into solution.

Phase separation is driven by volume of water present. Acetic acid is needed in the continuous-phase to prevent precipitation of the ester. Increasing acid concentration in the acid-water solution required an increase in the wash volume necessary to achieve phase separation at any given solvent level. If acid concentration is greater than or equal to 50%, a homogeneous phase forms. Increasing acetic acid concentration increases mutual solubility of solvent and water as shown in ternary phase diagram, Figure 2.1.

**Table 2.4: Composition of predominantly aqueous phase (A) and predominantly organic phase (O) for screening n-propyl acetate (nPA).**

| Initial Composition , weight % |                               | Final Composition, weight % |        |       |       |           |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------|-------|-------|-----------|
| Organic Phase<br>%nPA          | Aqueous Phase<br>%acetic acid | Phase                       | %Water | %nPA  | %Acid | %CA       |
| 16.7%                          | 10%                           | aqueous                     | 40.03  | 3.98  | 17.70 | 3.96      |
|                                |                               | organic                     | 34.96  | 2.84  | 17.17 | 15.39     |
| 30%                            | 10%                           | aqueous                     | 40.00  | 10.89 | 19.77 | no sample |
|                                |                               | organic                     | 28.34  | 14.62 | 15.66 | no sample |
|                                | 30%                           | aqueous                     | 38.14  | 9.46  | 28.91 | no sample |
|                                |                               | organic                     | 32.48  | 11.25 | 22.54 | 9.45      |
| 30%                            | 10%                           | aqueous                     | 40.87  | 10.83 | 25.08 | 1.86      |
|                                |                               | organic                     | 29.02  | 14.25 | 18.14 | 14.45     |
|                                | 30%                           | aqueous                     | 48.21  | 12.10 | 35.79 | 3.50      |
|                                |                               | organic                     | 33.93  | 11.02 | 45.26 | 8.30      |
| 50%                            | 0%                            | aqueous                     | 70.60  | 4.32  | 20.16 | 1.23      |
|                                |                               | organic                     | 31.87  | 37.86 | 17.98 | 9.61      |
|                                | 5%                            | aqueous                     | 67.31  | 23.21 | 4.79  | 1.40      |
|                                |                               | organic                     | 24.26  | 39.29 | 17.57 | 10.23     |
|                                | 10%                           | aqueous                     | 59.46  | 6.22  | 25.53 | 1.76      |
|                                |                               | organic                     | 26.03  | 45.42 | 25.85 | 9.27      |
|                                | 30%                           | aqueous                     | 45.98  | 15.30 | 30.90 | 1.14      |
|                                |                               | organic                     | 27.42  | 30.35 | 22.44 | 8.18      |
|                                | 50%                           | aqueous                     | 26.73  | 21.68 | 42.13 | 5.05      |
|                                |                               | organic                     | 26.61  | 21.30 | 42.98 | 5.25      |

Note: Composition of each phase is reported for experiment sets where phase separation occurred. Analytical error is about 10%.

**Table 2.5: Composition of predominantly aqueous phase (A) and predominantly organic (O) phase for screening cyclohexanone (CH).**

| Initial Composition, weight % |              |         | Final Composition, weight % |       |       |       |
|-------------------------------|--------------|---------|-----------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Organic Phase Aqueous Phase   |              | Phase   | %Water                      | %CH   | %Acid | %CA   |
| %CH                           | %acetic acid |         |                             |       |       |       |
| 10%                           | 0%           | aqueous | 48.59                       | 0.00  | 40.36 | 11.05 |
|                               |              | organic | 42.32                       | 8.09  | 34.72 | 13.50 |
|                               | 10%          | aqueous | 50.20                       | 5.49  | 40.61 | 3.71  |
|                               |              | organic | 44.45                       | 6.64  | 36.70 | 11.15 |
| 30%                           | 0%           | aqueous | 43.70                       | 16.45 | 27.73 | 2.20  |
|                               |              | organic | 30.92                       | 20.81 | 21.61 | 22.90 |
|                               | 10%          | aqueous | 44.05                       | 15.22 | 29.68 | 2.15  |
|                               |              | organic | 32.05                       | 17.23 | 22.95 | 26.80 |
|                               | 30%          | aqueous | 40.42                       | 11.07 | 34.03 | 3.80  |
|                               |              | organic | 37.74                       | 11.76 | 28.33 | 7.55  |
| 50%                           | 0%           | aqueous | 38.91                       | 22.56 | 21.62 | 1.35  |
|                               |              | organic | 25.46                       | 29.62 | 20.65 | 10.05 |
|                               | 10%          | aqueous | 36.85                       | 23.83 | 22.55 | 1.60  |
|                               |              | organic | 27.68                       | 27.58 | 20.46 | 11.40 |
|                               | 30%          | aqueous | 35.66                       | 16.93 | 31.41 | 4.85  |
|                               |              | organic | 32.35                       | 17.14 | 27.08 | 9.57  |

Note: Composition of each phase is reported for experiment sets where phase separating occurred. Analytical error is about 10%.

**Table 2.6: Composition of predominantly aqueous phase (A) and predominantly organic phase (O) for screening ethyl acetate (EA).**

| Initial Composition, weight % |                               | Final Composition, weight % |        |       |       |           |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------|-------|-------|-----------|
| Organic Phas<br>%EA           | Aqueous Phase<br>%acetic acid | Phase                       | %Water | %EA   | %Acid | %CA       |
| 10%                           | 10%                           | aqueous                     | 46.04  | 1.20  | 24.53 | no sample |
|                               |                               | organic                     | 39.78  | 3.47  | 24.76 | no sample |
| 30%                           | 10%                           | aqueous                     | 46.98  | 9.49  | 26.51 | no sample |
|                               |                               | organic                     | 38.05  | 11.10 | 27.47 | 14.00     |
|                               | 30%                           | aqueous                     | 38.55  | 3.87  | 21.59 | no sample |
|                               |                               | organic                     | 34.61  | 4.92  | 17.21 | 8.40      |
|                               | 50%                           | aqueous                     | 24.34  | 4.26  | 60.45 | no sample |
|                               |                               | organic                     | 22.98  | 3.97  | 54.29 | 5.05      |
| 50%                           | 10%                           | aqueous                     | 45.39  | 15.93 | 13.35 | no sample |
|                               |                               | organic                     | 33.95  | 18.73 | 10.74 | 9.00      |
|                               | 30%                           | aqueous                     | 34.12  | 14.28 | 17.10 | 2.80      |
|                               |                               | organic                     | 29.56  | 14.07 | 12.13 | 10.30     |

Note: Composition of each phase is reported for experiment sets where phase separation occurred. Analytical error is about 10%.

**Table 2.7: Composition of predominantly aqueous phase (A) and predominantly organic phase (O) for screening methyl acetate (MA).**

| Initial Concentration, weight % |                               | Final Concentration, weight % |        |       |       |           |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------|-------|-------|-----------|
| Organic Phase<br>%MA            | Aqueous Phase<br>%acetic acid | Phase                         | %Water | %MA   | %Acid | %CA       |
| 10%                             | 30%                           | aqueous                       | 45.77  | 0.50  | 33.76 | no sample |
|                                 |                               | organic                       | 36.62  | 1.53  | 63.76 | no sample |
| 30%                             | 10%                           | aqueous                       | 47.75  | 8.44  | 38.91 | 2.86      |
|                                 |                               | organic                       | 40.15  | 7.39  | 33.93 | 10.85     |
|                                 | 30%                           | aqueous                       | 46.58  | 3.01  | 48.21 | no sample |
|                                 |                               | organic                       | 42.73  | 6.21  | 43.03 | 6.95      |
| 50%                             | 30%                           | aqueous                       | 35.29  | 10.03 | 13.93 | 1.60      |
|                                 |                               | organic                       | 30.28  | 8.35  | 11.13 | 12.60     |

Note: Composition of each phase is reported for experiment sets where phase separation occurred. Analytical error is about 10%.

**Table 2.8: Composition of predominantly aqueous phase (A) and predominantly organic phase (O) for screening isopropyl acetate (IPA).**

| Initial Composition, weight % |               | Final Composition, weight % |        |       |       |       |
|-------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|--------|-------|-------|-------|
| Organic Phase                 | Aqueous Phase | Phase                       | %Water | %IPA  | %Acid | %CA   |
| %IPA                          | %acetic acid  |                             |        |       |       |       |
| 30%                           | 0%            | aqueous                     | 48.73  | 11.39 | 37.26 | 1.90  |
|                               |               | organic                     | 34.92  | 18.65 | 33.33 | 2.25  |
|                               | 10%           | aqueous                     | 48.17  | 9.90  | 41.04 | 2.35  |
|                               |               | organic                     | 37.17  | 15.69 | 36.29 | 11.25 |
|                               | 30%           | aqueous                     | 44.85  | 9.78  | 40.82 | 4.45  |
|                               |               | organic                     | 41.46  | 10.72 | 39.70 | 10.25 |

Note: Composition of each phase is reported for experiment sets where phase separation occurred. Analytical error is about 10%.

**Table 2.9: Composition of predominantly aqueous phase (A) and predominantly organic phase (O) for screening Methyl ethyl ketone (MEK).**

| Initial Composition, weight % |               |         | Final Composition, weight % |      |       |       |
|-------------------------------|---------------|---------|-----------------------------|------|-------|-------|
| Organic Phase                 | Aqueous Phase | Phase   | %Water                      | %MEK | %Acid | %CA   |
| %MEK                          | %acetic acid  |         |                             |      |       |       |
| 50%                           | 25%           | aqueous | 52.51                       | 7.46 | 38.10 | 1.14  |
|                               |               | organic | 29.38                       | 4.66 | 26.05 | 10.50 |

Note: Composition of each phase is reported for experiment sets where phase separation occurred. Analytical error is about 10%.

**Table 2.10 Material Handling Data for Diisobutyl Ketone (DIBK)**

| %DIBK<br>in CA Dope | Acetic acid/Water |        | Phase Separation? | Precipitation? | Organic | Aqueous |
|---------------------|-------------------|--------|-------------------|----------------|---------|---------|
|                     | %acid             | grams  | (liquid-liquid)   | (solid-liquid) | grams   | grams   |
| 10%                 | 0                 | 17.28  | No                | Yes            | 94.57   | 4.33    |
|                     | 10                | 57.41  | No                | Yes            | 60.05   | 25.57   |
|                     | 30                | 89.01  | No                | No             |         |         |
|                     | 70                | 177.84 | No                | No             |         |         |
| 24%                 | 10                | 5.05   | Yes               | No             | 52.00   | 10.65   |
|                     | 30                | 10.50  | Yes               | No             | 63.40   | 10.80   |
|                     | 100               | 86.20  | No                | No             |         |         |

**Table 2.11 Material Handling Data for Methyl Ethyl Ketone (MEK)**

| %MEK<br>in CA Dope | Acid/Water |        | Phase Separation? | Precipitatio   | Organic | Aqueous |
|--------------------|------------|--------|-------------------|----------------|---------|---------|
|                    | %acid      | grams  | (liquid-liquid)   | (solid-liquid) | grams   | grams   |
| 30%                | 4          | 17.28  | No                | Yes            |         |         |
|                    | 10         | 57.41  | No                | Yes            | 112.20  | 10.05   |
|                    | 30         | 89.01  | No                | No             |         |         |
| 50%                | 25         | 159.02 | No                | Yes            | 121.72  | 34.09   |

**Table 2.12 Material Handling Data for Methyl Acetate (MA)**

| %MA<br>in CA Dope | Acetic acid/<br>%acid | Water Phase<br>grams (liquid-liquid) | Separation? | Precipitatio<br>(solid-liqui | Organic<br>grams | Aqueous<br>grams |
|-------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------|------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 10%               | 10                    | 45                                   | No          | Yes                          | 100.02           | 0.48             |
|                   | 30                    | 90                                   | Yes         | No                           | 144.54           | 1.20             |
|                   | 50                    | 130                                  | No          | No                           |                  |                  |
| 30%               | 10                    | 50.00                                | Yes         | No                           | 119.16           | 2.70             |
|                   | 30                    | 90.79                                | Yes         | No                           | 160.22           | 1.86             |
| 50%               | 10                    | 74.92                                | No          | No                           |                  |                  |
|                   | 30                    | 190.00                               | Yes         | No                           | 83.29            | 200.54           |

**Table 2.13 Material Handling Data for Ethyl Acetate (EA)**

| %EA<br>in CA Dope | Acetic acid/<br>%acid | Water<br>grams | Phase Separation?<br>(liquid-liquid) | Precipitation?<br>(solid-liquid) | Organic<br>grams | Aqueous<br>grams |
|-------------------|-----------------------|----------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 10%               | 10                    | 35             | No                                   | Yes                              | 90.02            | 0.42             |
|                   | 30                    | 120            | No                                   | No                               |                  |                  |
|                   | 50                    | 110            | No                                   | No                               |                  |                  |
| 30%               | 10                    | 40             | Yes                                  | No                               | 87.20            | 18.20            |
|                   | 30                    | 90             | Yes                                  | No                               | 152.36           | 1.98             |
|                   | 50                    | 160            | No                                   | No                               |                  |                  |
| 50%               | 10                    | 60             | Yes                                  | No                               | 115.35           | 39.00            |
|                   | 30                    | 110            | Yes                                  | No                               | 82.28            | 121.83           |
|                   | 50                    | 175            | No                                   | No                               |                  |                  |

**Table 2.14 Material Handling Data for n-Propyl Acetate (nPA)**

| %nPA<br>in CA Dope | Acid/Water<br>%acid | grams  | Phase Separation?<br>(liquid-liquid) | Precipitatio<br>(solid-liquid) | Organic<br>grams | Aqueous<br>grams |
|--------------------|---------------------|--------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 16.70%             | 10                  | 33.21  | Yes                                  | No                             | 79.20            | 9.70             |
| 30%                | 10                  | 37.50  | No                                   | Yes                            | 93.97            | 14.90            |
|                    | 30                  | 67.50  | No                                   | No                             | 108.00           | 27.58            |
|                    | 50                  | 140.00 | No                                   | No                             |                  |                  |
| 30%                | 10                  | 39.50  | Yes                                  | No                             | 76.70            | 28.72            |
|                    | 30                  | 69.40  | Yes                                  | No                             | 135.50           | 4.65             |
|                    | 50                  | 235.40 | No                                   | No                             |                  |                  |
| 50%                | 0                   | 47.50  | Yes                                  | No                             | 126.00           | 18.75            |
|                    | 5                   | 45.45  | Yes                                  | No                             | 117.20           | 26.50            |
|                    | 10                  | 45.00  | Yes                                  | No                             | 114.50           | 31.00            |
|                    | 30                  | 75.00  | Yes                                  | No                             | 140.00           | 33.40            |
|                    | 50                  | 108.00 | No                                   | No                             |                  |                  |

**Table 2.15 Material Handling Data for Cyclohexane (CH)**

| %CH<br>CA Dope | Acid/Water<br>%acid | grams  | Phase Separation?<br>(liquid-liquid) | Precipitation<br>(solid-liquid) | Organic<br>grams | Aqueous<br>grams |
|----------------|---------------------|--------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 10%            | 0                   | 35.00  | No                                   | Yes                             | 75.20            | 14.60            |
|                | 10                  | 47.50  | No                                   | Yes                             | 101.80           | 1.10             |
|                | 30                  | 180.00 | No                                   | No                              |                  |                  |
|                | 50                  | 175.00 | No                                   | No                              |                  |                  |
| 30%            | 0                   | 37.50  | Yes                                  | No                              | 70.10            | 40.00            |
|                | 10                  | 50.00  | Yes                                  | No                              | 67.60            | 54.10            |
|                | 30                  | 100.00 | Yes                                  | No                              | 15.23            | 16.80            |
|                | 50                  | 175.00 | No                                   | No                              |                  |                  |
| 50%            | 0                   | 50.00  | Yes                                  | No                              | 70.15            | 53.20            |
|                | 10                  | 60.00  | Yes                                  | No                              | 73.90            | 63.95            |
|                | 30                  | 135.00 | Yes                                  | No                              | 30.60            | 172.70           |
|                | 50                  | 175.00 | No                                   | No                              |                  |                  |

**Table 2.16 Material Handling Data for Isopropyl Acetate (IPA)**

| %IPA<br>in CA Dope | Acid/Water |        | Phase Separation?<br>(liquid-liquid) | Precipitation?<br>(solid-liquid) | Organic<br>grams | Aqueous<br>grams |
|--------------------|------------|--------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
|                    | %acid      | grams  |                                      |                                  |                  |                  |
| 10%                | 10         | 46.20  | No                                   | Yes                              |                  |                  |
|                    | 30         | 46.20  | Yes                                  | No                               |                  |                  |
| 30%                | 0          | 27.50  | Yes                                  | No                               | 84.03            | 10.20            |
|                    | 5          | 30.00  | Yes                                  | No                               | 76.50            | 21.85            |
|                    | 10         | 32.50  | Yes                                  | No                               | 89.75            | 10.27            |
|                    | 30         | 175.00 | Yes                                  | No                               | 83.15            | 63.49            |
| 50%                | 0          | 62.50  | Yes                                  | No                               | 113.43           | 49.08            |

**Table 2.17 Material Handling Data for Octyl Acetate (OA)**

| %OA<br>in CA Dope | Acid/Water<br>%acid | grams  | Phase Separation?<br>(liquid-liquid) | Precipitation<br>(solid-liquid) | Organic<br>grams | Aqueous<br>grams |
|-------------------|---------------------|--------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 10%               | 0                   | 40.00  | No                                   | Yes                             |                  |                  |
|                   | 5                   | 40.00  | No                                   | Yes                             |                  |                  |
|                   | 10                  | 50.00  | No                                   | Yes                             |                  |                  |
|                   | 30                  | 105.00 | No                                   | No                              |                  |                  |
| 22%               | 0                   | 25.00  | No                                   | Yes                             | 67.70            | 5.60             |
| 19%               | 5                   | 22.50  | No                                   | Yes                             | 54.60            | 8.40             |
| 19%               | 10                  | 27.50  | No                                   | Yes                             | 67.40            | 3.10             |
| 23%               | 30                  | 80.00  | No                                   | Yes                             | 112.61           | 12.40            |

## **CHAPTER 3**

### **MEASUREMENT OF PHYSICAL AND TRANSPORT PROPERTIES**

#### **Introduction**

In order to predict the mass transfer coefficient, several physical and transport properties of both phases need to be measured or predicted including density, viscosity, interfacial tension, the distribution coefficient of the  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ , and molecular diffusivity of  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$  in the solvents.

#### **Experimental Procedure**

The experimental procedure to produce fluids to measure the physical and transport properties is as follows. First, samples of cellulose acetate dope were taken directly from manufacturing lines. The cellulose acetate dope was analyzed to quantify the major components- cellulose acetate, acetic acid, and water. Accordingly, water weight percent and acid weight percent were measured by gas chromatography, while cellulose acetate weight percent was measured by percent solids. In addition, the sodium salt content was measured by inductively coupled plasma. Analytical data, summarized in Table 3.1, indicate that the cellulose acetate dope samples used in the following experiments are essentially alike.

Three sets of experiments were conducted with three identical runs within a set to check for reproducibility; the initial amount of organic solvent added to the cellulose acetate dope was varied among the sets (30%, 40%, and 50% isopropyl acetate by total weight). Experiments were conducted at room temperature and atmospheric pressure. In each set of experiments, 200 grams of cellulose acetate dope was mixed with isopropyl

**Table 3.1: Composition of cellulose acetate dope samples from manufacturing.**

| Experiment | Run No. | %Water | %Acetic<br>Acid | %Cellulose<br>Acetate | Total*<br>Weight% | ppm<br>Na2SO4 |
|------------|---------|--------|-----------------|-----------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| 30% IPA**  | 1       | 15.76  | 69.33           | 21.35                 | 106.44            | 1500          |
|            | 2       | 14.72  | 65.17           | 22.20                 | 102.09            | 1500          |
|            | 3       | 14.72  | 65.17           | 22.20                 | 102.09            | 1500          |
| 40% IPA    | 1       | 14.72  | 65.17           | 22.20                 | 102.09            | 1500          |
|            | 2       | 13.82  | 63.57           | 21.15                 | 98.54             | 1400          |
|            | 3       | 13.82  | 63.57           | 21.15                 | 98.54             | 1400          |
| 50% IPA    | 1       | 13.82  | 63.57           | 21.15                 | 98.54             | 1400          |
|            | 2       | 13.82  | 63.57           | 21.15                 | 98.54             | 1400          |
|            | 3       | 14.61  | 66.20           | 20.95                 | 101.76            | 1400          |

Notes: \* Percent of isopropyl acetate added to cellulose acetate dope  
for each run in the experiment set.

\*\* See Chapter 5 for reference to analytical accuracy.

acetate in a one liter beaker at 1000 rpm (using a two inch diameter, six flat-blade impeller) for ten minutes to form a homogeneous solution. 250 grams of a 4% acetic acid in water solution was then added to the solvated dope and allowed to stir for 60 minutes at 1000 rpm. In most cases, some of the aqueous-phase was disengaged from the organic phase immediately after stirring (five minutes maximum were allowed for gravitational separation); this material was decanted and weighed. The remaining organic containing entrained aqueous phase was centrifuged for 30 minutes at 2900 rpm. The weight of each resulting layer (organic and aqueous-phase) was measured and recorded. The composition of each layer was analyzed by gas chromatography for liquid composition (acetic acid, water, and isopropyl acetate), and by percent solids for cellulose acetate.

## **Experimental Observations**

The experimental observations for each of the three sets of experiments (on three tie-lines) are as follows.

### ***30% Isopropyl Acetate Experiments***

The average amount of aqueous-phase remaining in the organic phase after five minutes of gravitational settling was 1.87% of the total amount of aqueous-phase released from the organic phase after both settling and centrifugation with a standard deviation (SD) of 1.08%. The average equilibrium composition of the organic phase was 21.57% (SD=2.57%) isopropyl acetate, 24.13% (SD=0.48) acetic acid, 25.58% (SD=0.44%) water, and 27.95% (SD=1.59%) cellulose acetate. The average phase ratio (organic phase to aqueous-phase) was  $1:2.6 \pm 0.2$ .

### ***40% Isopropyl Acetate Experiments***

The average amount of aqueous-phase remaining in the organic phase after five minutes of gravitational settling was 10.44% of the total amount of aqueous-phase released from the organic phase after both settling and centrifugation with a SD of 7.01%. The average equilibrium composition of the organic phase was 35.10% (SD=5.40%) isopropyl acetate, 23.99% (SD=0.53%) acetic acid, 26.60% (SD=1.30%) water, and 17.20% (SD=0.99%) cellulose acetate. The average phase ratio (organic phase to aqueous-phase) was  $1:1.2 \pm 0.1$ .

### ***50% Isopropyl Acetate Experiments***

The average amount of aqueous-phase remaining in the organic phase after five minutes of gravitational settling was 44.66% of the total amount of aqueous-phase released from the organic phase after both settling and centrifugation with a SD of 11.43%. The average equilibrium composition of the organic phase was 36.58% (SD=3.65%) isopropyl acetate, 23.15% (SD=1.22%) acetic acid, 29.49% (SD=1.07%) water, and 9.73% (SD=0.76%) cellulose acetate. The average phase ratio (organic phase to aqueous-phase) was  $1:0.4 \pm 0.1$ .

## **Physical Property Measurements for the Two Phases**

The measurement of each physical property for both aqueous and organic phases resulting from the aforementioned experiments are now addressed.

### ***Density***

The density of the aqueous-phase was measured via a specific gravity chain balance device. However, the organic phase was so viscous that a calibrated centrifuge tube was required to measure its density. According to the measured data shown in Table 3.2, the

Table 3.2: Composition of each phase on opposite sides of an equilibrium tie-line at 25C used in experiments to determine molar volume.

| Expt. Set |                        | O=Org | Weight |       | Weight Percent |       |       |           |
|-----------|------------------------|-------|--------|-------|----------------|-------|-------|-----------|
| %IPA      |                        | A=Aqu | grams  | ppmNa | IPA            | Acid  | Water | CA        |
| 30%       | Run 1                  | O     | 135.43 | 149   | 18.59          | 24.80 | 26.20 | 29.05     |
|           |                        | A     | 368.57 | 871   | 6.28           | 30.25 | 62.03 | 0.90      |
|           | Run 2                  | O     | 160.25 | 135   | 24.85          | 23.70 | 25.22 | 25.70     |
|           |                        | A     | 361.25 | 807   | 7.50           | 28.47 | 63.18 | 1.15      |
|           | Run 3                  | O     | 137.50 | 133   | 21.27          | 23.89 | 25.31 | 29.10     |
|           |                        | A     | 373.00 | 789   | 4.44           | 23.77 | 68.30 | 1.15      |
|           | Avg. Organic wgt%      |       |        |       | 21.60          | 24.10 | 25.60 | composite |
|           | Avg. Organic mol.frac. |       |        |       | 0.10           | 0.20  | 0.70  | Vb        |
|           | Organic Molar Vol., Vb |       |        |       | 13.83          | 2.92  | 47.81 | 64.56     |
|           | Run 1                  | O     | 233.00 | 212   | 29.45          | 24.27 | 26.54 | 17.85     |
|           |                        | A     | 309.30 | 855   | 6.58           | 26.87 | 64.92 | 0.85      |
| 40%       | Run 2                  | O     | 234.90 | 151   | 33.48          | 24.46 | 25.03 | 17.95     |
|           |                        | A     | 319.00 | 800   | 6.79           | 26.82 | 65.05 | 0.90      |
|           | Run 3                  | O     | 276.20 | 191   | 42.38          | 23.25 | 28.22 | 15.80     |
|           |                        | A     | 289.80 | 803   | 6.56           | 26.90 | 67.90 | 0.90      |
|           | Avg. Organic wgt%      |       |        |       | 35.10          | 24.00 | 26.60 | composite |
|           | Avg. Organic mol.frac. |       |        |       | 0.16           | 0.18  | 0.67  | Vb        |
|           | Organic Molar Vol., Vb |       |        |       | 20.62          | 2.67  | 45.53 | 68.81     |
|           | Run 1                  | O     | 293.35 | 205   | 31.73          | 24.82 | 28.07 | 10.80     |
|           |                        | A     | 174.25 | 853   | 5.82           | 23.03 | 69.57 | 0.90      |
|           | Run 2                  | O     | 347.15 | 255   | 40.55          | 22.70 | 30.65 | 9.15      |
|           |                        | A     | 131.30 | 882   | 4.97           | 24.15 | 73.93 | 1.00      |
| 50%       | Run 3                  | O     | 352.40 | 265   | 37.44          | 21.93 | 29.76 | 9.25      |
|           |                        | A     | 129.60 | 904   | 4.75           | 23.79 | 72.46 | 1.00      |
|           | Avg. Organic wgt%      |       |        |       | 36.60          | 23.10 | 29.50 | composite |
|           | Avg. Organic mol.frac. |       |        |       | 0.15           | 0.16  | 0.69  | Vb        |
|           | Organic Molar Vol., Vb |       |        |       | 20.05          | 2.39  | 47.10 | 69.55     |

phase containing cellulose acetate (organic phase) is more dense than the predominantly aqueous-phase for the 30% IPA set of experiments. In contrast, for the 40% IPA and 50% IPA set of experiments the organic phase was indeed less dense than the aqueous-phase. This phenomena is referred to as density inversion and is discussed in detailed by Sink, (1990).

### ***Interfacial Tension***

Interfacial tension was measured via the duNouy ring technique. The force required to pull a platinum-iridium ring through the interface was converted to interfacial tension and read from a dial. The estimated interfacial tension for the organic phase was 1.6, 1.8, and 2.0 dynes/cm for the 30% , 40% , and 50% isopropyl acetate experiments, respectively. Interfacial tension was measured in order to calculate the Sauter-mean diameter of the dispersed-phase droplets using equation 5.5.

### ***Viscosity***

The viscosity of the aqueous phase was Newtonian, and was measured using a Brook Field Viscometer. However, the organic phase was pseudoplastic in nature, and the flow curves were measured by a cup and bob or a cone and plate viscometer depending on the apparent viscosity. The Cox-Mertz empiricism was used to convert the radian frequency to frequency. Thus, for a pseudoplastic fluid the constitutive equation is

$$\tau = K\dot{\gamma}^n , \quad (3.1)$$

where  $\dot{\gamma}$  is the shear rate,  $\tau$  is the shear stress, and  $K$  and  $n$  are material constants.

### ***Distribution Coefficient***

The distribution coefficient for the sodium sulfate salt, defined as

$$m = \frac{[ppmNa]_{aqueous}}{[ppmNa]_{organic}} \quad (3.2)$$

was determined via inductively coupled plasma analysis testing for sodium in each phase. The dispersion was allowed to completely separate (i.e., stand for 24 hours) before each phase was sampled.

### ***Diffusivity***

Molecular diffusivity was calculated for the sulfate salt in the organic phase by the Lusi and Ratcliff (1968) correlation for organic solvents,

$$\frac{D_{AB}\mu_B}{T} = 8.52 \times 10^{-10} (V_{bB})^{-1/3} \left[ 1.40 \left( \frac{V_{bB}}{V_{bA}} \right)^{1/3} + \left( \frac{V_{bB}}{V_{bA}} \right) \right], \quad (3.3)$$

where  $D_{AB}$  is the mutual diffusion coefficient,  $\mu_B$  is the dispersed-phase viscosity,  $T$  is temperature,  $V_{bA}$  is the molar volume of the solute, sodium sulfate; while,  $V_{bB}$  is the composite molar volume of the dispersed-phase. This correlation is based on a binary liquid system at infinite dilution. and is recommended for diffusion in organic solvents. It assumes that the difference between the motion of a molecule in the pure solvent B (characterized by the diffusion coefficient  $D_{AB}$ ), and the motion of a solute molecule at infinite dilution of A in B (characterized by the mutual diffusion coefficient), should be a function of the ratio of the molar volumes of A and B; for both the frictional forces involved in the sliding motion, and the energy required to open up a hole for the moving molecule to occupy, are functions of the volume of the molecule involved. Possible complications introduced by steric factors or other forms of strong solute-solvent

interaction (e.g. association) are neglected. This correlation was used to estimate the diffusion coefficient of Na<sup>+</sup> in the dispersed-phase instead of the Nernst (1888) equation due to the lack of measured thermodynamic properties including limiting ionic conductance and activity coefficients to relate conductivity to diffusivity (Payne, 1995). A sample calculation for the Na<sup>+</sup> diffusion coefficient in the organic dispersed-phase is provided in Appendix A3.

The alternative, physical measurement using a diaphragm diffusion cell is not feasible due to the high viscosity of the dispersed-phase (Wilke and Chang, 1955; Holmes, et.al., 1963; and Skelland and Hu Xien, 1990). With the diaphragm cell approach, the material must migrate over time through a sintered disk having porosity of 3 to 8 microns; the viscosity of the dispersed-phase would retard any such migration.

The diffusivity of the salt in the aqueous-phase was estimated by the strong electrolyte at infinite dilution expression of Nernst (1888) (Hines and Maddox, 1985),

$$D_{AB}^{\circ} = 8.931E - 10T \frac{\lambda_{+}^{\circ}\lambda_{-}^{\circ}}{\lambda_{+}^{\circ} + \lambda_{-}^{\circ}} \frac{|Z_{-}| + |Z_{+}|}{|Z_{+}Z_{-}|}, \quad (3.4)$$

where F is the Faraday constant,  $D_{AB}^{\circ}$  is the diffusion coefficient at infinite dilution,  $\lambda_{+}^{\circ}$  is the cationic conductance at infinite dilution,  $\lambda_{-}^{\circ}$  is anionic conductance at infinite dilution,  $\lambda_{+}^{\circ} + \lambda_{-}^{\circ}$  is the electrolyte conductance at infinite dilution,  $Z_{+}$  is the cation valence,  $Z_{-}$  is the anionic valence, R is the gas constant and T is absolute temperature. This correlation, which relates diffusivity to electrical conductivities, is valid for dilute solutions. The ionic conductances in water, readily available, were used since water is the major component of the continuous-phase (i.e., composition is 71% water, 24% acetic acid, and 5% isopropyl acetate). A sample calculation of the diffusion coefficient for Na<sup>+</sup> in the predominantly aqueous-phase is provided in Appendix A3.

These physical and transport properties are summarized in Tables 3.3 through 3.5, and their variation with position on the isopropyl acetate, water, acetic acid face of the quaternary phase diagram is qualitatively illustrated in Figure 3.1. All data were collected or predicted at 25°C.

**Table 3.3** Physical and transport properties for both dispersed and continuous-phases on opposite sides of a tie-line taken at 25°C.

| Expt.        | Continuous-phase |                 | $\sigma$ | Dispersed-phase |            |                                                |                 |
|--------------|------------------|-----------------|----------|-----------------|------------|------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Set          | $\mu_c$ , cP     | $\rho_c$ , g/ml | dyne/cm  | n               | K          | $\mu_d = \frac{K}{\sec} \frac{d\gamma}{d\tau}$ | $\rho_d$ , g/ml |
| <b>30%IP</b> |                  |                 |          |                 |            |                                                |                 |
| <b>A</b>     |                  |                 |          |                 |            |                                                |                 |
| Run 1        | 1.7643           | 1.00            | 1.60     | 0.24            | 10,600,000 | 203,668                                        | 1.062           |
| Run 2        | 1.7253           | 1.00            | 1.60     | 0.28            | 7,100,000  | 169,885                                        | 1.067           |
| Run 3        | 1.6178           | 1.00            | 1.60     | 0.28            | 11,200,000 | 262,323                                        | 1.061           |
| <b>40%IP</b> |                  |                 |          |                 |            |                                                |                 |
| <b>A</b>     |                  |                 |          |                 |            |                                                |                 |
| Run 1        | 1.6614           | 1.02            | 1.80     | 0.81            | 154,000    | 58,209                                         | 1.029           |
| Run 2        | 1.6401           | 1.02            | 1.80     | 0.82            | 105,000    | 40,587                                         | 0.990           |
| Run 3        | 1.6463           | 1.02            | 1.80     | 0.80            | 64,800     | 22,853                                         | 0.996           |
| <b>50%IP</b> |                  |                 |          |                 |            |                                                |                 |
| <b>A</b>     |                  |                 |          |                 |            |                                                |                 |
| Run 1        | 1.6537           | 1.03            | 2.00     | 0.80            | 18,200     | 6,286                                          | 0.948           |
| Run 2        | 1.6405           | 1.03            | 2.00     | 0.79            | 10,400     | 3,555                                          | 0.957           |
| Run 3        | 1.6685           | 1.03            | 2.00     | 0.77            | 12,200     | 3,661                                          | 0.953           |

**Note:** The density of the continuous-phase may be determined as follows:

$$\rho_c = x_{IPA}\rho_{IPA} + x_{H_2O}\rho_{H_2O} + x_{acid}\rho_{acid}$$

where  $x$  is weight fraction of the given component.

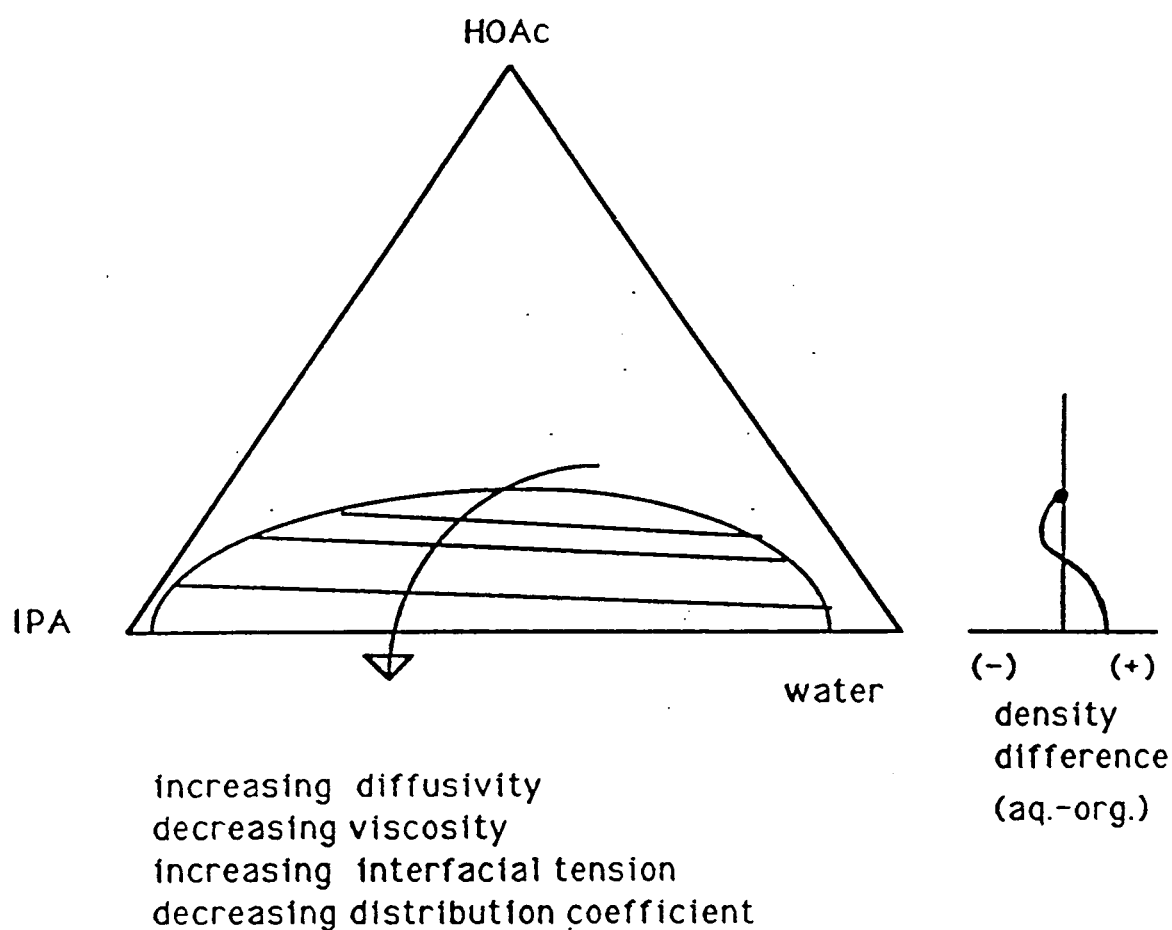
**Table 3.4: Calculation of Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> Diffusivity in the organic phase using the physical properties from Table 3.2 and Table 3.3 (Skelland, 1985).**

| Experiment Set |       | $\frac{D_{AB}\mu_B}{T} = 8.52 \times 10^{-10} (V_B)^{-1/3} \left[ 1.40 \left( \frac{V_B}{V_A} \right)^{1/3} + \left( \frac{V_B}{V_A} \right) \right]$ |
|----------------|-------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 30%IPA         | Run 1 | 5.88E-09 cm <sup>2</sup> /s                                                                                                                           |
|                | Run 2 | 7.05E-09 cm <sup>2</sup> /s                                                                                                                           |
|                | Run 3 | 4.56E-09 cm <sup>2</sup> /s                                                                                                                           |
| 40%IPA         | Run 1 | 2.09E-08 cm <sup>2</sup> /s                                                                                                                           |
|                | Run 2 | 2.99E-08 cm <sup>2</sup> /s                                                                                                                           |
|                | Run 3 | 5.32E-08 cm <sup>2</sup> /s                                                                                                                           |
| 50%IPA         | Run 1 | 1.97E-07 cm <sup>2</sup> /s                                                                                                                           |
|                | Run 2 | 3.43E-07 cm <sup>2</sup> /s                                                                                                                           |
|                | Run 3 | 3.33E-07 cm <sup>2</sup> /s                                                                                                                           |

Note: Solute, Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, molar volume is 96.8 cm<sup>3</sup>/gmol.

**Table 3.5: Calculation of the Distribution Ratio using the Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> Concentration data from Table 3.2.**

| Experiment Set |       | $m = \frac{[ppmNa]_{aqueous}}{[ppmNa]_{organic}}$ |
|----------------|-------|---------------------------------------------------|
| <b>30%IPA</b>  | Run 1 | 5.850                                             |
|                | Run 2 | 5.980                                             |
|                | Run 3 | 5.930                                             |
| <b>40%IPA</b>  | Run 1 | 4.030                                             |
|                | Run 2 | 5.300                                             |
|                | Run 3 | 4.200                                             |
| <b>50%IPA</b>  | Run 1 | 4.160                                             |
|                | Run 2 | 3.460                                             |
|                | Run 3 | 3.410                                             |



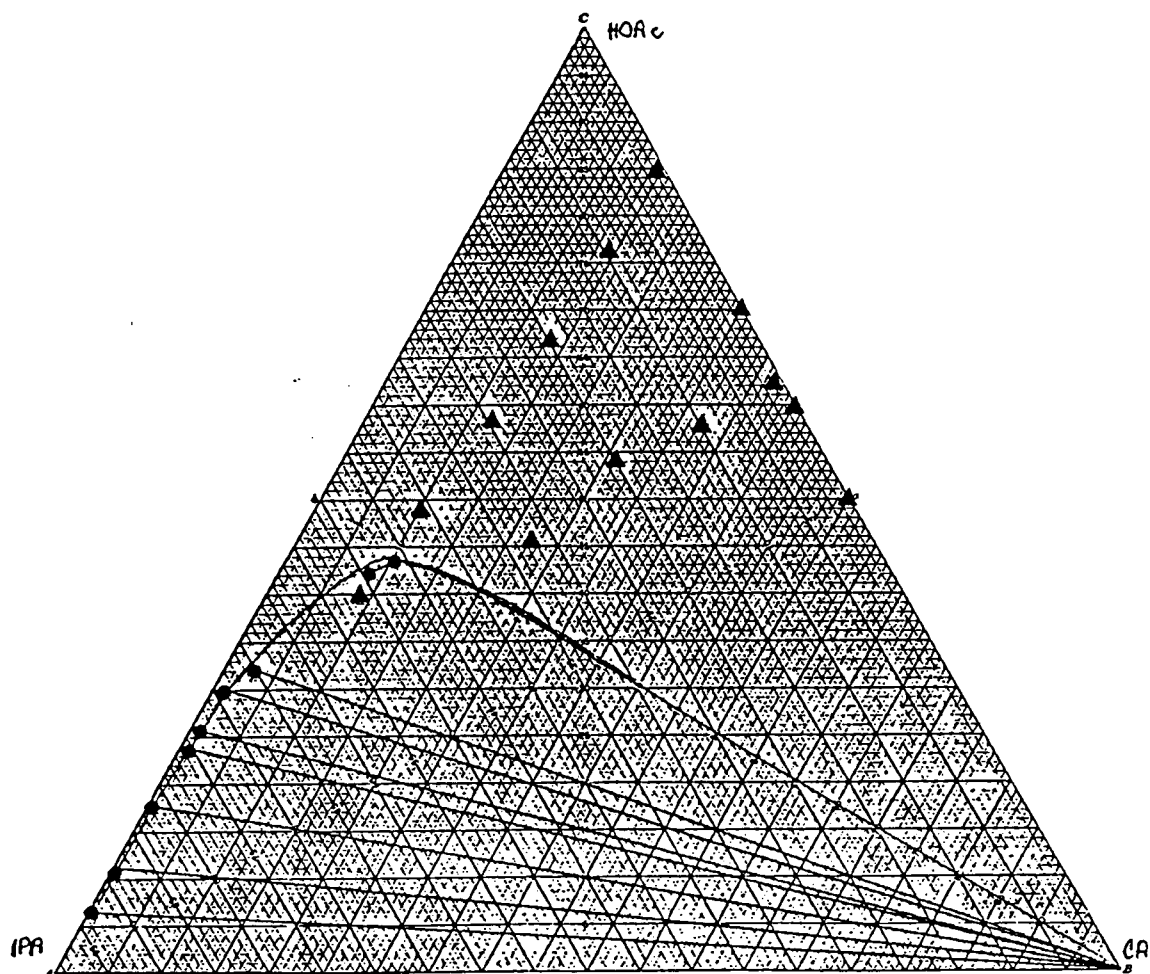
**Figure 3.1:** Variation of Physical and Transport properties of the organic phase with position on the isopropyl acetate, water, acetic acid face of the quaternary phase diagram. This phase diagram is a general representation; it is not drawn to scale.

## CHAPTER 4

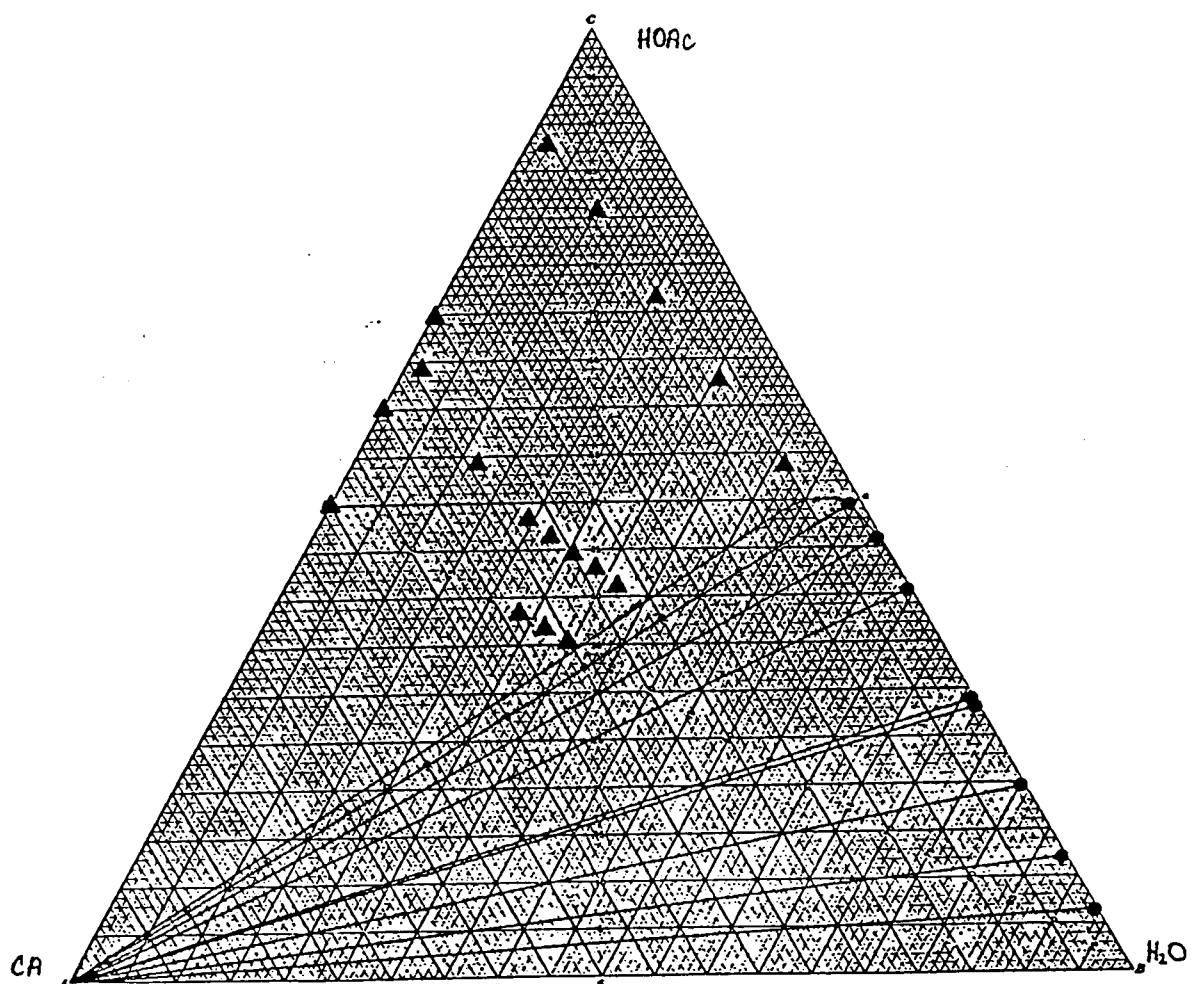
### FEASIBLE EXPERIMENTAL REGIONS

#### Phase Equilibrium Study

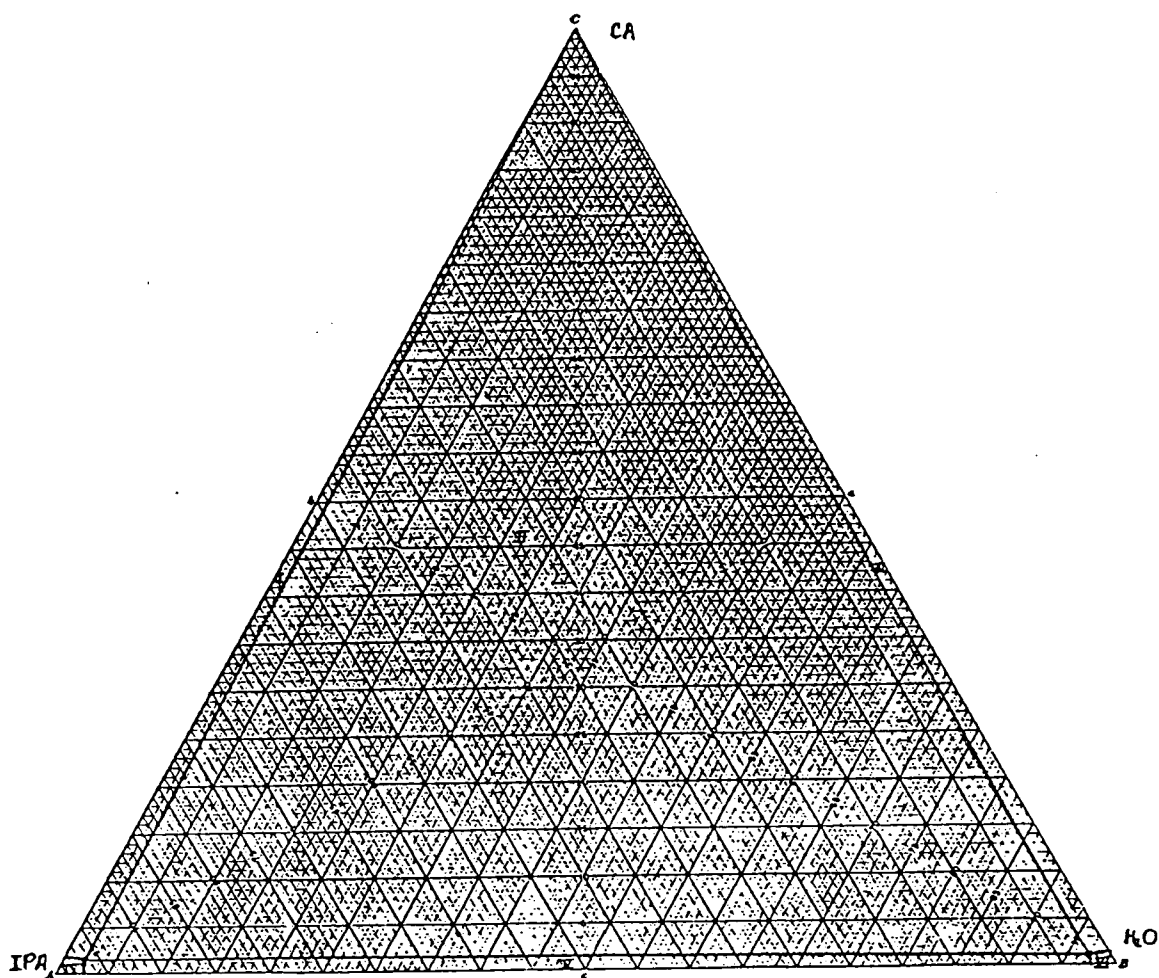
The system studied herein contained five components; namely acetic acid, water, isopropyl acetate, cellulose acetate (not truly a single component due to its polymeric nature), and  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ . The  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$  was present in ppm levels and was therefore not included in the phase diagram. Thus, a three dimensional representation (tetrahedron) could be constructed with the first four compounds. It should be noted that the phase diagram for this system is not like those typified by Treybal (1963) where the transferring component (the salt in this case) is included on the diagram. Instead, this diagram illustrates various phase regions for the non-solute. The presence of cellulose acetate as a solid with potential for solid-liquid-liquid dispersion made phase equilibrium predictions difficult and of questionable accuracy. Equilibrium data for the acetic acid, isopropyl acetate, water system was available in the DECHEMA Chemistry Data Series. Thus, the phase behavior was experimentally measured for the other three faces of the tetrahedral shaped phase diagram. Three faces (water, acetic acid, cellulose acetate; isopropyl acetate, acetic acid, cellulose acetate; and water, isopropyl acetate, and acetic acid) exhibited type one behavior as discussed by Treybal (1963), and the other face displayed type three behavior. These faces are provided in Figures 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, and 4.4. As shown in Figure 4.5, five different phase regions were identified at 25°C, and they are described as follows: Region I is a single liquid-phase rich in acetic acid; Region II is a two phase solid-liquid system where cellulose acetate is the solid and the liquid-phase is predominantly isopropyl acetate; Region III consists of a two phase solid-liquid system where cellulose acetate is the solid and water is the predominant liquid component;



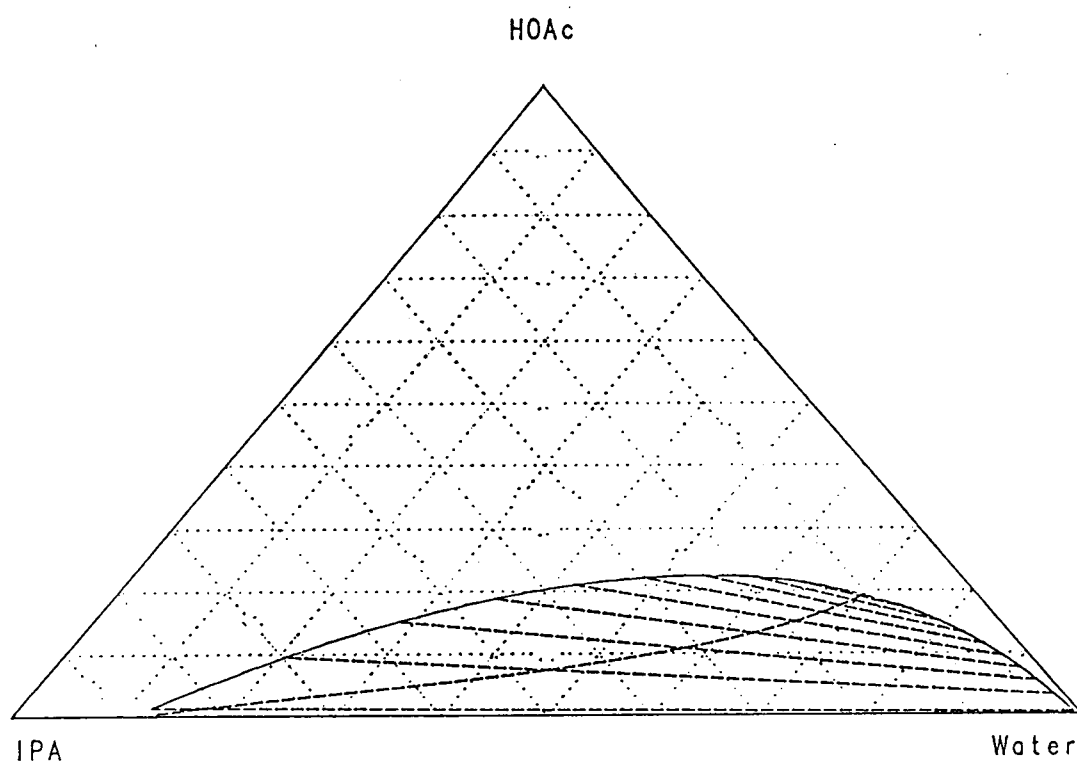
**Figure 4.1:** Ternary Diagram for the CA-IPA-Acetic Acid system experimentally determined at 25°C. Triangles indicate compositions that produced a single phase, while circles indicate that two phases were formed.



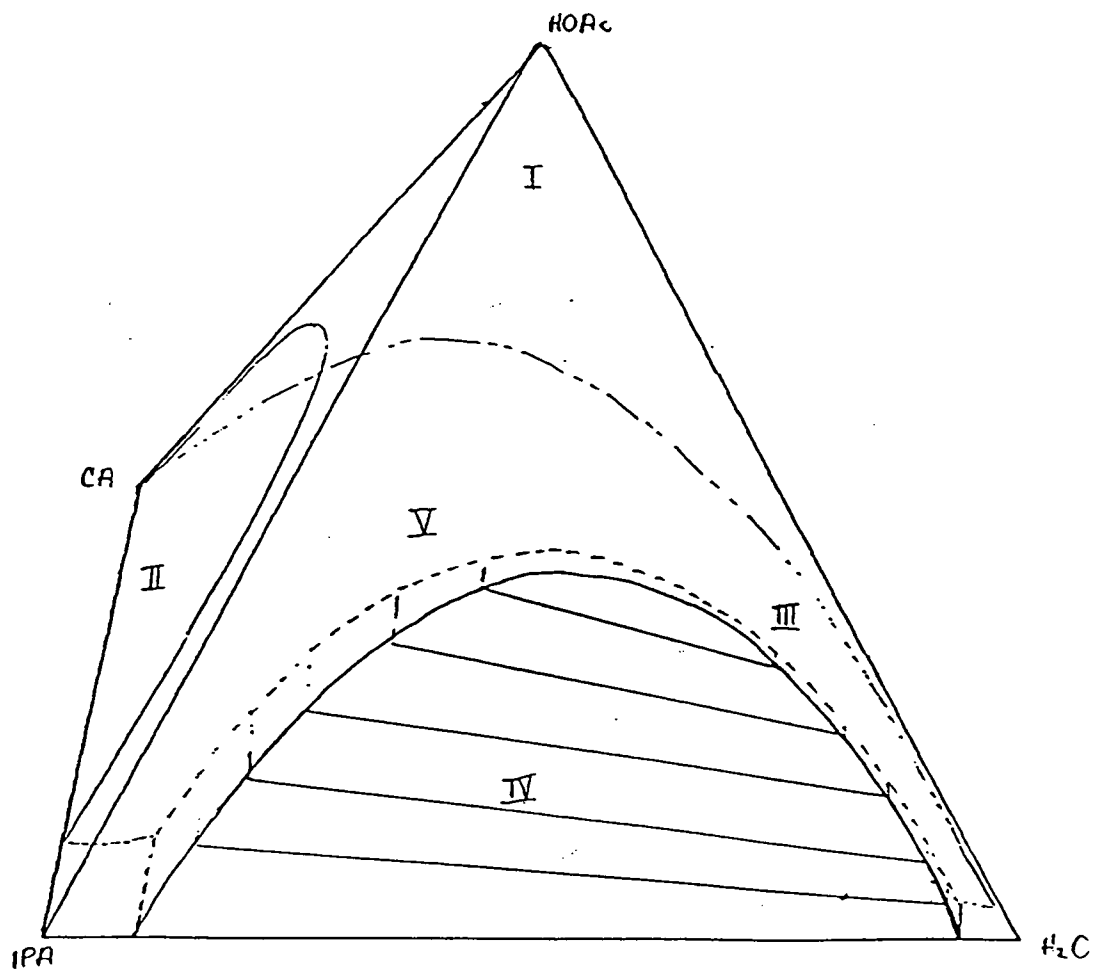
**Figure 4.2:** Ternary Diagram based on mass fractions for the CA-Water-Acetic Acid system experimentally determined at 25°C. Triangles indicate compositions that produced a single phase, while circles indicate that two phases were formed.



**Figure 4.3:** Ternary Diagram based on mass fractions for the CA-Water-IPA system experimentally determined at 25°C.



**Figure 4.4:** Ternary Diagram based on mass fractions for the IPA-Water-Acetic Acid system experimentally determined at 25°C.



**Figure 4.5:** Quaternary Phase Diagram for the CA-Water-Acetic Acid-IPA system experimentally determined at 25°C.

Region IV exhibits two immiscible liquid-phase behavior where aqueous and organic phases are in equilibrium; and Region V is a three phase region where cellulose acetate is the solid in equilibrium with two immiscible liquids of aqueous and organic nature. Experimental details concerning the development of the diagram are discussed by Kanel and Moncier (1990).

Each region of the phase diagram represents a possible operating zone for salt removal. However, liquid-liquid dispersions that exist without the precipitation of solid cellulose acetate are possible only in region IV of the phase diagram.

Contact of the cellulose acetate dope - isopropyl acetate mix with an aqueous-phase, in a proper phase ratio to place the mixing point in region IV [based on the inverse lever-arm rule, see Treybal (1963, pp. 7,8)] , would result in the formation of two immiscible liquid phases whose compositions lie on either side of the phase envelope boundary connected by the tie line containing the mixture point. Thus, various areas of region IV can be experimentally obtained by changing the phase ratio of the same aqueous and organic feeds. However, unless the organic and aqueous feed compositions lie on the same tie line, there will not only be transfer of solute between the phases, but solvents such as water, acetic acid, and isopropyl acetate will also be transferred. Diffusion of these components will significantly change the physical and transport properties of the resulting immiscible phases such as viscosity, density, equilibrium distribution coefficient of the sodium sulfate salt, interfacial tension, and molecular diffusivity.

## **Determination of the Optimal Phase to Disperse**

Determination of the optimal phase to disperse has historically been a difficult question to answer. Skelland (1985) suggests that when equal amounts of each phase are present, it may be best to disperse the phase that offers the least resistance to mass transfer based on the hypothesis that even if trace amounts of surfactant are present, interruption of internal circulation of the drop would have a less deleterious effect. Another consideration in selecting the dispersed-phase is the viscosity of the continuous-phase. If very viscous materials are made continuous, droplet interactions may be significantly reduced, thus reducing the rate of mass transfer. Also a significant increase in the viscosity of the fluid to be agitated would result in increasing mixing and pumping requirements. Based on the latter argument, the viscous dope phase (i.e., the cellulose acetate dope - isopropyl acetate mixture) was chosen to be dispersed.

## **Agitator Speed Necessary to Maintain Dispersion**

As discussed in Chapter 3, Measure of Physical and Transport Properties, the predominantly aqueous-phase is a Newtonian fluid; while, the cellulose acetate dope phase is a non-Newtonian fluid with pseudoplastic behavior.

As discussed in the previous section, the viscous cellulose acetate dope phase will be dispersed in the predominantly aqueous-phase. Accordingly, the Skelland and Ramsay (1987) correlation combined with Metzner and Otto's (1957) definition of apparent viscosity and Vermuelen et al's (1955) viscosity expression may be used to estimate the impeller speed needed to completely disperse a pseudoplastic in a Newtonian fluid. The Skelland and Ramsay (1987) correlation predicts the Froude number as such

$$(N_{Fr})_{\min} = C^2 \left( \frac{d_v}{d_i} \right)^{2\alpha} \phi^{0.106} (N_{Bo} N_{Ga})^{-0.084}, \quad (4.1)$$

where  $C$  and  $\alpha$  are constants relating to impeller type and location (the values of  $C$  and  $\alpha$  are given by Skelland and Ramsay, (1987) for a flat-blade turbines);  $d_v$  is vessel diameter;  $d_i$  is impeller diameter;  $\phi$  is volume fraction of the dispersed-phase;  $N_{Fr}$  is the Froude number ( $d_i^2 \rho_m \Delta \rho / g$ );  $N_{Bo}$  is the Bond number ( $d_i^2 g \Delta \rho / \sigma$ ); and  $N_{Ga}$  is the Galileo number ( $d_i^3 g \rho_m \Delta \rho / \mu_m^2$ ). Substituting values of  $N_{Fr}$ ,  $N_{Bo}$ , and  $N_{Ga}$  and simplification (as per Skelland and Kanel, 1990) gives,

$$N_{\min} = C \left( \frac{d_v}{d_i} \right)^{\alpha} \frac{g^{0.42} \Delta \rho^{0.42} \mu_m^{0.08} \sigma^{0.04} \phi^{0.05}}{d_i^{0.71} \rho_m^{0.54}}, \quad (4.2)$$

where from Laity and Treybal (1957); Vermeulen et al. (1955) the mean density is

$$\rho_m = \phi \rho_d + (1 - \phi) \rho_c, \quad (4.3)$$

and mean viscosity is

$$\mu_m = \frac{\mu_c}{1 - \phi} \left( 1 + \frac{1.5 \mu_d \phi}{\mu_d + \mu_c} \right). \quad (1.3)$$

If the dispersed-phase is non-Newtonian,  $\mu_d$  becomes the apparent viscosity (Skelland and Kanel, 1990),

$$\mu_d = \mu_A = K (k_s N)^{n-1} \quad (4.4)$$

where  $K$  is the flow consistency index,  $n$  is the flow behavior index,  $N$  is the impeller speed and  $k_s$  is a constant with recommended value  $11 \pm 5$  (Metzner et al., 1961).

Based on the correlation of Skelland and Kanel (1990), the minimum impeller speed for complete dispersion (using the vessel geometry data in Table 5.5 and physical property data in Table 3.3) is 265 rpm when the dispersed-phase volume fraction,  $\phi$ , is 0.10 and the %IPA-CA dope is 50%. A sample calculation for the minimum impeller speed is provided in Appendix A4.

## CHAPTER 5

### PRELIMINARY MASS TRANSFER KINETICS STUDY

#### Introduction

Preliminary batch experiments were conducted to establish mass transfer kinetics for extracting sodium sulfate salt from cellulose acetate dope into a predominantly aqueous solution containing acetic acid and isopropyl acetate. These experiments were designed to measure the period of time between initial dispersion of the cellulose acetate dope in the aqueous solution and the point at which the sulfate salt concentration in the aqueous solution reaches equilibrium. A dispersed-phase mass transfer coefficient may be derived from the  $[\text{Na}^+]$  versus time data. In this experiment set, solvent concentration (both in the dispersed-phase and continuous-phase), was varied to study its effect on the cellulose acetate dope behavior and to determine its effect on the period of time between initial contact and phase equilibria.

#### Theoretical Development

##### *Skelland -HuXien Model*

Skelland and Hu Xien (1990) developed a model for mass transfer from droplets based upon the "continuous" generation of new surface due to droplet breakup. They developed an empirical correlation for the dispersed-phase mass transfer coefficient as

$$\frac{k_d}{[D_{AB} / t_{95\%}]^{1/2}} = 5.0(10^{-6})\phi^{-0.0204} \left( \frac{d_l^2 N \rho_m}{\mu_m} \right)^{1.140} \left( \frac{\rho_c}{\Delta\rho} \right)^{0.518} \quad (5.1)$$

which predicted  $k_d$  with a mean absolute deviation of 9.8% for 55 experimental runs.

Chapter 6 provides a detailed discussion of the assumptions applied in the development of the Skelland - HuXien (1990) model.

### ***Dispersed-phase Mass Transfer Coefficient from Experimental $[Na^+]$ and $d_p$ Data***

Driving force calculations (in Appendix A5) indicate that the dominant transfer resistance resides in the organic phase. Accordingly, if the organic phase is dispersed, the mass transfer coefficient may be estimated using the expression developed in Chapter 1: Substitution of  $A$ , total transfer area, into equation 1.12 with  $aV$  gives,

$$\ln\left(\frac{C_a}{C_{ao}}\right) = -\frac{k_d a V}{V_d} (t - t_o), \quad (5.2)$$

where  $a$  is the interfacial area per unit volume of the system and  $V$  is the total liquid volume. Thus, a plot of the left hand side of equation 5.2 versus  $t - t_o$  gives a straight line with slope equal to  $-\frac{k_d a V}{V_d}$ . The mass transfer coefficient,  $k_d$ , can then be determined from

$$k_d = -\frac{V_d}{aV} (slope). \quad (5.3)$$

Simplification of  $\frac{aV_d}{V}$  in equation 5.3 as shown in Appendix 2 gives,

$$k_d = -\frac{d_p}{6} (slope). \quad (5.4)$$

Sample calculations for the dispersed mass transfer coefficient using equation 5.4 are provided in Appendix A5.

### ***Sauter-mean Diameter, $d_{32}$ , from Physical Property Data***

The Sauter-mean diameter,

$$d_{32} = t^{-\beta} \alpha + d_{32}^* , \quad (5.5)$$

was used in equation 5.1 by Skelland and Hu Xien (1990) to approximate  $k_d$  in cases where the droplet diameter was less than 1 millimeter after time  $t_0$  when all of the dispersed-phase was added to the mixing vessel.

The dimensionless variables in equation 5.5,  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ , and  $d_{32}^*$  require knowledge of the vessel geometry in terms of impeller diameter, vessel diameter, and vessel fill height and may be evaluated from,

$$\alpha = 29.7 d_{32}^* \left( \frac{d_I}{d_v} \right)^{-2.015} \left( \frac{N_{Wec}}{N_{Rec}} \right)^{0.5508} N^{-0.7} \quad (5.6)$$

$$\frac{d_{32}^*}{d_I} = 0.05(1 + 2.316\phi) \left( \frac{d_I}{d_v} \right)^{-0.75} N_{Frc}^{-0.13} N_{Wec}^{-0.6} \quad (5.7)$$

as developed by Hong and Lee (1985). In this paper, Hong and Lee developed the general correlation equations 5.5-5.7 for the changes of the Sauter-mean droplet diameter

( $d_{32}$ ) with respect to time during the initial period of liquid-liquid dispersion in agitated vessels where the steady state droplet size ( $d_{32}^*$ ) and  $\alpha$  were correlated with operating variables and physical properties of liquid-liquid systems. Unlike  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$  remained constant with changes in  $d_i/d_v$  and systems.  $\beta$ , the slope of  $(d_{32}-d_{32}^*)/d_{32}^*$  versus  $(Nt)$ , equals 0.7. The absolute relative deviation ( $|d_{32,\text{observed}}-d_{32,\text{predicted}}| / d_{32,\text{observed}}$ ) was 11.1%. Hong and Lee dispersed ethyl acetate or dimethylsiloxanes in sucrose water. In order to provide a point of reference, the physical properties for a few of the Hong and Lee systems as well as one of the systems studied here-in (taken from Table 3.3) are summarized in Table 5.1. The vessel geometry data used in the Sauter-mean diameter expression are summarized in Table 5.2. Sample calculations for  $d_{32}$  may be found in Appendix A5.

#### ***Dispersed-phase Mass Transfer Coefficient from Experimental [Na] Data with $d_{32}$***

The Sauter-mean diameter may be used to approximate the total interfacial area available for transfer,  $A$ , over time. In turn, the total transfer area may be used in the mass balance relationship, defined by equation 1.11, to estimate the dispersed-phase mass transfer coefficient.

$$\ln \frac{C_a}{C_{ao}} = -6k_d \int_0^t \frac{1}{\alpha(t)^{-0.7} + d_{32}^*} dt \quad (1.11)$$

The values of  $\alpha$  and  $d_{32}^*$  are calculated in Appendix 5 for each experimental run.

**Table 5.1: Comparison of Physical Properties with those used as the basis of developing the Sauter-mean Diameter Expression (equation 5.5).**

| System      | interfacial          | Density, |       | Viscosity |       |
|-------------|----------------------|----------|-------|-----------|-------|
|             | tension,<br>dynes/cm | g/cc     |       | cP:kg/m-s |       |
|             |                      | cont.    | disp. | cont.     | disp. |
| Hong&Lee- 1 | 32                   | 1.087    | 0.920 | 2.9       | 4.6   |
| Hong&Lee- 2 | 23                   | 1.131    | 0.920 | 2.0       | 4.6   |
| Hong&Lee- 3 | 42                   | 1.000    | 0.787 | 1.0       | 1.7   |
| 50% IPA-CA  | 2                    | 1.033    | 0.957 | 1.6       | 3,555 |

**Table 5.2: Specifications of the experimental apparatus and Operating Conditions**

| Symbol | Description                   | Dimension |
|--------|-------------------------------|-----------|
| $d_v$  | - internal diameter of vessel | 0.1302m   |
| $H_v$  | - height of vessel            | 0.3175m   |
| $H$    | - liquid height in vessel     | 0.2117m   |
| $d_i$  | - diameter of impeller        | 0.0508m   |
| $\phi$ | - volume fraction             | 0.10      |
| $N$    | - impeller speed              | 1000rpm   |

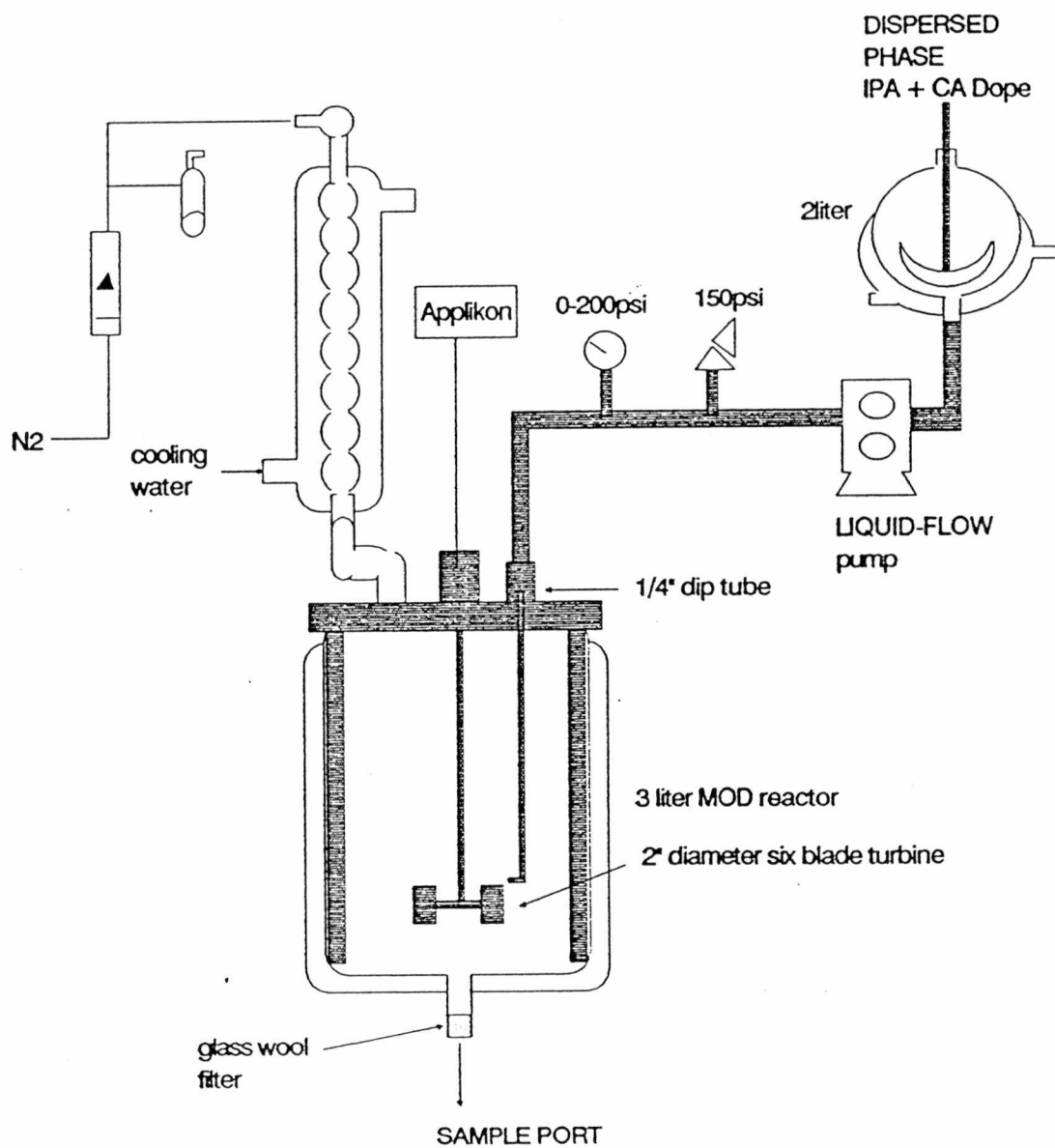
## Experimental Apparatus

The apparatus employed in these experiments is shown in Figure 5.1. A three liter cylindrical vessel equipped with four vertical baffles at 90° angles, an Applikon™ magnetic drive, and a two inch diameter six-flat-blade turbine was used as the mixing vessel configuration. A Liquid-Flow™ gear pump was used to transfer the dispersed-phase from an agitated two liter round bottom reservoir to the mixing vessel; the calibration data for this pump is supplied in Table 5.3.

## Experimental Procedure

A total of eleven experiments were carried out; each experiment was conducted at room temperature and atmospheric pressure. Material handling dictated the composition of each phase; see Chapter 4 for more detail on establishing experimental range. For the bulk of the experiments, cellulose acetate dope in solution with 50% by weight isopropyl acetate (i.e., solvated dope) was dispersed in a predominantly aqueous solution such that there was no solvent transfer between phases. To facilitate handling the viscous cellulose acetate dope solution, a small volume fraction (1:9 dispersed to continuous ratio) was used.

The same method was used at lower solvent concentrations; however, instead of forming the desired liquid-liquid dispersion, a solid-liquid dispersion resulted. For example, experiments conducted using a 40% by weight isopropyl acetate - cellulose acetate dope solution resulted with precipitation of the cellulose acetate. Likewise, an experiment conducted using a 30% by weight isopropyl acetate - cellulose acetate dope solution resulted in precipitation of the cellulose acetate.



**Figure 5.1:** Apparatus for Experimental Estimation of Sodium Sulfate Transfer rate from Solvated Cellulose Acetate Dope.

**Table 5.3: Calibration of Liquid-Flow TM Gear Pump**

| <b>%IPA in<br/>CA Dope</b> | <b>Run<br/>Number</b> | <b>Elapsed<br/>Time<br/>seconds</b> | <b>Amount<br/>Collected<br/>grams</b> | <b>Rate<br/>grams/sec</b> | <b>Pump<br/>Setting<br/>rpm</b> | <b>Grams per<br/>Revolution</b> |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 10%                        | 1                     | 60                                  | 28.2                                  | 0.5                       | 30                              | 0.9                             |
|                            | 2                     | 60                                  | 30.2                                  | 0.5                       | 40                              | 0.8                             |
|                            | 3                     | 60                                  | 33.3                                  | 0.6                       | 30                              | 1.1                             |
|                            | 4                     | 60                                  | 35.0                                  | 0.6                       | 40                              | 0.9                             |
|                            | 5                     | 60                                  | 37.7                                  | 0.6                       | 40                              | 0.9                             |
|                            | 6                     | 60                                  | 35.1                                  | 0.6                       | 30                              | 1.2                             |
|                            | 7                     | 120                                 | 74.0                                  | 0.6                       | 35                              | 1.1                             |
|                            | 8                     | 60                                  | 69.1                                  | 1.2                       | 35                              | 2.0                             |
| 30%                        | 1                     | 46                                  | 131.4                                 | 2.9                       | 30                              | 5.7                             |
|                            | 2                     | 46                                  | 148.1                                 | 3.2                       | 40                              | 4.8                             |
|                            | 3                     | 46                                  | 157.3                                 | 3.4                       | 50                              | 4.1                             |
|                            | 4                     | 20                                  | 52.7                                  | 2.6                       | 50                              | 3.2                             |
|                            | 5                     | 46                                  | 142.8                                 | 3.1                       | 30                              | 6.2                             |
|                            | 6                     | 46                                  | 157.3                                 | 3.4                       | 40                              | 5.1                             |
|                            | 7                     | 46                                  | 131.4                                 | 2.9                       | 30                              | 5.7                             |
|                            | 8                     | 46                                  | 135.8                                 | 3.0                       | 40                              | 4.4                             |
|                            | 9                     | 60                                  | 166.0                                 | 2.8                       | 35                              | 4.7                             |
|                            | 10                    | 60                                  | 169.8                                 | 2.8                       | 35                              | 4.9                             |
| 40%                        | 1                     | 23                                  | 90.0                                  | 3.9                       | 40                              | 5.9                             |
|                            | 2                     | 50                                  | 176.0                                 | 3.5                       | 40                              | 5.3                             |
|                            | 3                     | 26                                  | 79.5                                  | 3.1                       | 40                              | 4.6                             |
| 50%                        | 1                     | 39                                  | 210.0                                 | 5.4                       | 40                              | 8.0                             |
|                            | 2                     | 63                                  | 371.5                                 | 5.9                       | 40                              | 8.8                             |
|                            | 3                     | 49                                  | 310.0                                 | 6.3                       | 40                              | 9.4                             |
|                            | 4                     | 38                                  | 218.0                                 | 5.7                       | 40                              | 8.6                             |
|                            | 5                     | 57                                  | 265.0                                 | 4.6                       | 40                              | 6.9                             |
|                            | 6                     | 29                                  | 175.5                                 | 6.1                       | 40                              | 9.0                             |

Each experiment was performed using the following procedure:

1. Samples of cellulose acetate dope were taken directly from manufacturing lines. The composition of each sample was determined by gas chromatography for the liquid components, percent solids for the cellulose acetate, and inductively coupled plasma for the sodium sulfate content. Resulting analyses of these samples are summarized in Table 5.4. The major components of the cellulose acetate dope include cellulose acetate, acetic acid, and water.
2. The cellulose acetate dope was added to a given amount isopropyl acetate necessary to achieve 30%, 40% or 50% by weight of isopropyl acetate and then mixed for 20 minutes at 300 rpm to form a homogeneous solution.
3. Meanwhile, the continuous-phase solution was mixed in graduated cylinders and added directly through the charge port in the reactor head.
4. The agitator was then set at 1000 rpm well above the minimum value needed for uniform dispersion, as defined by Skelland and Kanel (1989). Applying the Skelland and Kanel model to this experiment as shown in Appendix A4 Sample Calculations, gives a minimum impeller speed of 265 rpm if  $\phi$  is 0.1.
5. The solvated dope was pumped in at a rate sufficient to charge the total amount in less than a minute.
6. The continuous-phase was sampled every five minutes from the time of dispersion for two hours and again 16 hours later for half of the experiments conducted. In a second set of experiments, in order to refine the estimated mass transfer rate range, the continuous phase was sampled one minute from the point of dispersion, again after 3 minutes and then every five minutes for two hours and again 16 hours later. Continuous-phase samples were selected from a given time interval (e.g., 1, 5, 15, 30, ..., 970 minutes) and then analyzed for ppm sodium sulfate by inductively coupled

**Table 5.4 Composition of cellulose acetate (CA) dope sampled from manufacturing.**

| Experiment<br>Dispersed<br>Phase | Initial Conditions<br>Continuous<br>Phase     | CA dope Sample Composition |       |       |                                 |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|----------------------------|-------|-------|---------------------------------|
|                                  |                                               | weight percent             |       |       | ppm                             |
|                                  |                                               | %H <sub>2</sub> O          | %Acid | %CA   | Na <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> |
| 40%IPA-<br>CA dope               | 4%Acid                                        | 16.33                      | 64.91 | 23.75 | 2100                            |
| 40%IPA-<br>CA dope               | 4%Acid                                        | 16.33                      | 64.91 | 23.75 | 2100                            |
| 50%IPA-<br>CA dope               | 25.5%acid<br>6.3%IPA<br>68.2%H <sub>2</sub> O | 16.33                      | 64.91 | 23.75 | 2100                            |
| 50%IPA-<br>CA dope               | 30%acid/H <sub>2</sub> O<br>sat. with IPA     | 16.33                      | 64.91 | 23.75 | 2100                            |
| 50%IPA-<br>CA dope               | 30%acid/H <sub>2</sub> O<br>sat. with IPA     | 16.33                      | 64.91 | 23.75 | 2100                            |
| 50%IPA-<br>CA dope               | 27.4%acid<br>7.6%IPA<br>65.1%H <sub>2</sub> O | 15.78                      | 71.78 | 21.4  | 1300                            |
| 50%IPA-<br>CA dope               | 25.5%acid<br>7.6%IPA<br>68.2%H <sub>2</sub> O | 15.40                      | 68.18 | 21.25 | 1700                            |
| 50%IPA-<br>CA dope               | 26.5%acid<br>6.3%IPA<br>69.6%H <sub>2</sub> O | 15.40                      | 68.18 | 21.25 | 1700                            |
| 50%IPA-<br>CA dope               | 26.1%acid<br>5.3%IPA<br>68.4%H <sub>2</sub> O | 15.40                      | 68.18 | 21.25 | 1700                            |
| 40%IPA-<br>CA dope               | 8.6%acid<br>1.7%IPA<br>89.6%H <sub>2</sub> O  | 15.40                      | 68.18 | 21.25 | 1700                            |
| 30%IPA-<br>CA dope               | 9.5%acid<br>2.4%IPA<br>88.6%H <sub>2</sub> O  | 14.08                      | 67.10 | 21.10 | 1700                            |

plasma within 10% accuracy. The sodium sulfate concentration in the continuous-phase over time is summarized for each experiment in Table 5.5. After 16 hours (arbitrarily designated as point of equilibrium) of mixing, the dispersed-phase was allowed to coalesce. The two phases were then separated and analyzed for liquid composition (acetic acid, water, and isopropyl acetate) by gas chromatography within 0.1% accuracy and cellulose acetate by percent solids within 0.31% accuracy. The phase equilibria data are shown in Table 5.5.

## Discussion of Experimental Observations

### *Effect of Varying Solvent Concentration on CA Dope Behavior*

The physical form of the dispersed-phase varied distinctively with the water concentration in the continuous-phase. As such, the tendency for the cellulose acetate in the dispersed-phase to precipitate increased when the concentration of water in the continuous-phase increased. For example, the 50% isopropyl acetate - cellulose acetate dope solution (50%IPA solvated dope), did not precipitate when dispersed in an aqueous solution containing 65% water, 27% acetic acid, and 8% isopropyl acetate; but instead, formed a *fluid gel*. Next, a dispersion of *viscous gel* spheres formed when mixing the 50%IPA solvated dope into a solution containing a slightly lower concentration of solvent- 26% acetic acid, 6% isopropyl acetate, and 68% water. Finally, the 50%IPA solvated dope precipitated into a *solid mass* when contacted with an aqueous solution containing 89% water, 9% acetic acid, and 2% isopropyl acetate.

The behavior of solvated dope during dispersion in the predominantly aqueous solution may be described using traditional phase diagrams. Refer to Chapter 4, Feasible experimental Regions, for a detailed discussion of phase characteristics with respect to variation in component concentrations. Table 5.6 summarizes dispersed-phase

Table 5.5: (continued)

| Expt<br>Run<br>No. | Initial Conditions  |                       | Physical<br>Form             | Time<br>minutes | Na <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub><br>ppm | Phase Equilibrium Data    |       |                   |       |
|--------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------|-------------------|-------|
|                    | Dispersed           | Continuous            |                              |                 |                                        | C=continuous, D=dispersed |       |                   |       |
|                    |                     |                       |                              |                 |                                        | %IPA                      | %Acid | %H <sub>2</sub> O | %CA   |
| 8                  | 50%IPA-<br>CA dope  | 26.5%acid             | viscous gel<br>3mm sphere    | 1               | 35                                     |                           |       |                   |       |
|                    |                     | 6.3%IPA               |                              | 5               | 45                                     |                           |       |                   |       |
|                    |                     | 69.6%H <sub>2</sub> O |                              | 15              | 44                                     |                           |       |                   |       |
|                    |                     |                       |                              | 35              | 38                                     |                           |       |                   |       |
|                    |                     |                       |                              | 65              | 45                                     |                           |       |                   |       |
|                    |                     |                       |                              | 125             | 47                                     |                           |       |                   |       |
|                    |                     |                       |                              | 970             | 66                                     | C                         | 8.11  | 27.58             | 64.13 |
| 9                  | *50%IPA-<br>CA dope | 26.1%acid             | viscous gel<br>3mm sphere    | 1               | 19                                     | D                         | 30.16 | 24.02             | 22.62 |
|                    |                     | 5.3%IPA               |                              | 5               | 51                                     |                           |       |                   | 0.10  |
|                    |                     | 68.4%H <sub>2</sub> O |                              | 15              | 46                                     |                           |       |                   | 24.65 |
|                    |                     |                       |                              | 35              | 50                                     |                           |       |                   |       |
|                    |                     |                       |                              | 65              | 45                                     |                           |       |                   |       |
|                    |                     |                       |                              | 85              | 45                                     |                           |       |                   |       |
|                    |                     |                       |                              | 125             | 54                                     |                           |       |                   |       |
| 10                 | 40%IPA-<br>CA dope  | 8.6%acid              | Precipitated:<br>agglomerate | 1               | 12                                     | C                         | 7.38  | 27.66             | 65.21 |
|                    |                     | 1.7%IPA               |                              | 25              | 30                                     | D                         | 22.66 | 23.19             | 25.19 |
|                    |                     | 89.6%H <sub>2</sub> O |                              | 45              | 35                                     |                           |       |                   | 0.10  |
|                    |                     |                       |                              | 970             | 59                                     |                           |       |                   | 18.90 |
|                    |                     |                       |                              |                 |                                        | C                         | 2.67  | 12.26             | 84.12 |
|                    |                     |                       |                              |                 |                                        | D                         | 25.88 | 11.54             | 47.54 |
|                    |                     |                       |                              |                 |                                        |                           |       |                   | 0.10  |
| 11                 | 30%IPA-<br>CA dope  | 9.5%acid              | Precipitated:<br>agglomerate | 0.5             | 4                                      | C                         | 3.56  | 14.23             | 81.18 |
|                    |                     | 2.4%IPA               |                              | 2               | 24                                     | D                         | 9.87  | 12.85             | 64.23 |
|                    |                     | 88.6%H <sub>2</sub> O |                              | 45              | 26                                     |                           |       |                   | 0.5   |
|                    |                     |                       |                              | 985             | 46                                     |                           |       |                   | 9.15  |
|                    |                     |                       |                              |                 |                                        | C                         | 3.56  | 14.23             | 81.18 |
|                    |                     |                       |                              |                 |                                        | D                         | 9.87  | 12.85             | 64.23 |
|                    |                     |                       |                              |                 |                                        |                           |       |                   | 0.5   |

Table 5.5: Sodium sulfate concentration in the continuous-phase during extraction from cellulose acetate (CA) dope.

| Expt. Run No. | Initial Conditions |                                  | Physical Form                     | Time minutes | Na2SO4 ppm | Phase Equilibrium Data    |      |       |       |
|---------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|------------|---------------------------|------|-------|-------|
|               | Dispersed          | Continuous                       |                                   |              |            | C=continuous, D=dispersed | %IPA | %Acid | %H2O  |
| 1             | 40%IPA-CA dope     | 4%Acid                           | Precipitated: noodles<br>13mmx2mm | 5            | 19         |                           |      |       |       |
|               |                    |                                  |                                   | 15           | 28         |                           |      |       |       |
|               |                    |                                  |                                   | 25           | 32         |                           |      |       |       |
|               |                    |                                  |                                   | 40           | 39         |                           |      |       |       |
|               |                    |                                  |                                   | 60           | 39         |                           |      |       |       |
|               |                    |                                  |                                   | 1020         | 46         | C                         | 1.22 | 4.42  | 91.29 |
|               |                    |                                  |                                   |              |            | D                         | 1.23 | 3.71  | 77.74 |
| 2             | 40%IPA-CA dope     | 4%Acid                           | Precipitated: agglomerate         | 5            | 47         |                           |      |       | 0.00  |
|               |                    |                                  |                                   | 15           | 45         |                           |      |       | 13.05 |
|               |                    |                                  |                                   | 25           | 51         |                           |      |       |       |
|               |                    |                                  |                                   | 50           | 78         | D NO SAMPLE               |      |       |       |
|               |                    |                                  |                                   | 70           | 75         | C                         | 2.14 | 6.68  | 88.36 |
|               |                    |                                  |                                   | 5            | 26         |                           |      |       | 0.00  |
|               |                    |                                  |                                   | 15           | 28         |                           |      |       |       |
| 3             | 50%IPA-CA dope     | 25.5%acid<br>6.3%IPA<br>68.2%H2O | Precipitated: flake<br>10-20mm    | 25           | 25         |                           |      |       |       |
|               |                    |                                  |                                   | 50           | 27         |                           |      |       |       |
|               |                    |                                  |                                   | 60           | 26         |                           |      |       |       |
|               |                    |                                  |                                   | 975          | 26         | C                         | 6.47 | 26.54 | 66.26 |
|               |                    |                                  |                                   |              |            | D                         | 4.09 | 13.74 | 29.63 |
|               |                    |                                  |                                   |              |            |                           |      |       | 0.00  |
|               |                    |                                  |                                   |              |            |                           |      |       | 22.15 |
| 4             | 50%IPA-CA dope     | 30%acid/H2O<br>sat. with IPA     | fluid gel<br>0.5 mm sphere        | 5            | 30         |                           |      |       |       |
|               |                    |                                  |                                   | 15           | 28         |                           |      |       |       |
|               |                    |                                  |                                   | 25           | 28         |                           |      |       |       |
|               |                    |                                  |                                   | 50           | 28         |                           |      |       |       |
|               |                    |                                  |                                   | 90           | 29         | D NO SAMPLE               |      |       |       |
|               |                    |                                  |                                   | 985          | 36         | C                         | 8.01 | 27.91 | 63.41 |
|               |                    |                                  |                                   |              |            |                           |      |       | 0.00  |

Table 5.5: (Continued)

| Expt. Run No. | Initial Conditions |                                  | Physical Form              | Time minutes | Na2SO4 ppm | Phase Equilibrium Data    |       |       |       |
|---------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------|------------|---------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
|               | Dispersed          | Continuous                       |                            |              |            | C=continuous, D=dispersed | %IPA  | %Acid | %H2O  |
| 5             | 50%IPA-CA dope     | 30%acid/H2O sat. with IPA        | fluid gel<br>0.5 mm sphere | 5            | 48         |                           |       |       |       |
|               |                    |                                  |                            | 15           | 53         |                           |       |       |       |
|               |                    |                                  |                            | 25           | 55         |                           |       |       |       |
|               |                    |                                  |                            | 50           | 56         |                           |       |       |       |
|               |                    |                                  |                            | 60           | 55         |                           |       |       |       |
|               |                    |                                  |                            | 978          | 57         | C                         | 9.24  | 28.52 | 61.95 |
|               |                    |                                  |                            |              |            | D                         | 27.75 | 23.92 | 26.00 |
| 6             | *50%IPA-CA dope    | 27.4%acid<br>7.6%IPA<br>65.1%H2O | fluid gel<br>0.5 mm sphere | 1            | 54         |                           |       |       |       |
|               |                    |                                  |                            | 3            | 68         |                           |       |       |       |
|               |                    |                                  |                            | 6            | 59         |                           |       |       |       |
|               |                    |                                  |                            | 36           | 68         |                           |       |       |       |
|               |                    |                                  |                            | 66           | 92         |                           |       |       |       |
|               |                    |                                  |                            | 96           | 110        |                           |       |       |       |
|               |                    |                                  |                            | 126          | 79         |                           |       |       |       |
|               |                    |                                  |                            | 970          | 89         | C                         | 9.02  | 29.46 | 61.45 |
|               |                    |                                  |                            |              |            | D                         | 38.17 | 21.03 | 24.14 |
|               |                    |                                  |                            |              |            |                           |       |       | 0.10  |
| 7             | 50%IPA-CA dope     | 25.5%acid<br>7.6%IPA<br>68.2%H2O | viscous gel<br>3mm sphere  | 1            | 84         |                           |       |       |       |
|               |                    |                                  |                            | 5            | 70         |                           |       |       |       |
|               |                    |                                  |                            | 15           | 70         |                           |       |       |       |
|               |                    |                                  |                            | 35           | 67         |                           |       |       |       |
|               |                    |                                  |                            | 55           | 73         |                           |       |       |       |
|               |                    |                                  |                            | 85           | 75         |                           |       |       |       |
|               |                    |                                  |                            | 125          | 70         |                           |       |       |       |
|               |                    |                                  |                            | 970          | 80         | C                         | 7.97  | 28.52 | 63.25 |
|               |                    |                                  |                            |              |            | D                         | 19.86 | 22.06 | 23.24 |
|               |                    |                                  |                            |              |            |                           |       |       | 0.10  |
|               |                    |                                  |                            |              |            |                           |       |       | 32.05 |

**Table 5.6: Organic Phase Composition at Phase Equilibrium**

| <b>Dispersion Form</b> | <b>%IPA</b> | <b>%Acid</b> | <b>%H2O</b> | <b>%CA</b> |
|------------------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|------------|
| Fluid droplets         | 45          | 21           | 19          | 15         |
| Viscous droplets       | 30          | 22           | 23          | 25         |
| Small solids           | 4           | 39           | 24          | 33         |
| Large solid mass       | 14          | 13           | 10          | 64         |

Note: The characteristic of the organic phase and its respective composition range after 16 hours of mixing in the predominantly aqueous continuous-phase is provided below. This information is summarized from thirteen experiments where the phase ratio was 1:9 dispersed to continuous.

composition at phase equilibrium for each system (i.e., where the dispersed-phase ranges from fluid droplets to viscous droplets to small solids).

*Fluid Droplets.* Per visual observation, the organic phase dispersed into minuscule spheres less than 0.5 mm in diameter suspended by agitation. With out agitation the droplets gradually settled to the bottom of the vessel and coalesced. At equilibrium, the composition of the fluid gel phase was about 45% isopropyl acetate, 28% acetic acid, 12% water, and 15% cellulose acetate. The low solids and high solvent concentration accounts for the fluid nature of the dispersed-phase.

*Viscous Droplets.* Per visual observation, the organic phase dispersed into viscous gel spheres which were about 3 mm in diameter. With out agitation the droplets quickly settled to the bottom of the vessel and coalesced. This is expected since the viscous droplets are less buoyant than the fluid gel droplets. At equilibrium, the composition range of the viscous gel was 20-30% isopropyl acetate, 22-24% acetic acid, 22-25% water, and 25-32% cellulose acetate. The higher solids concentration accounts for the more viscous nature of the dispersed-phase.

*Small Solids.* The precipitated solids ranged in shape from spaghetti-like noodles 13 millimeters long by 2 millimeters diameter to irregular flakes 2 millimeters in diameter. The final composition ranged from 1-4% isopropyl acetate, 4-15% acetic acid, 13-22% water, and 30-78% cellulose acetate.

*Large Solid Mass.* In contrast to the fluid gel and the viscous gel, the solvent immediately transferred from the solvated dope phase to the predominantly aqueous-phase. As a result, an agglomerated mass formed upon contact.

### ***Effect of Solvent Concentration on Residence Time***

*Fluid Droplets.* Analytical results for ppm sodium sulfate in the continuous-phase indicate that 95% of mass transfer was achieved within 1 to 3 minutes for a fluid

gelatinous droplet. The initial composition of the continuous-phase was 27% acetic acid, 8% isopropyl acetate and 65% water, while the equilibrium composition was 29% acetic acid, 9% isopropyl acetate and 62% water. The slight increase in solvent concentration in the continuous-phase suggests that along with the sulfate salt, a small amount of solvent and cosolvent may have transferred to the continuous phase. However, since there is negligible solubility of sodium sulfate in isopropyl acetate and acetic acid, it can be deduced that diffusion is the major proponent of sulfate salt transport into the continuous-phase rather than solvent flux. Other plausible explanations for the difference in initial and equilibrium compositions include analytical error and sampling error.

*Viscous Droplets.* Analytical results for ppm sodium sulfate in the continuous-phase indicate that 95% of mass transfer was achieved within 5 minutes for a viscous gelatinous droplet. The initial composition of the continuous-phase was about 26% acetic acid, 8% isopropyl acetate and 68% water, while the final composition ranged from 27.6-28.5% acetic acid, 7.4-8.1% isopropyl acetate and 63.3-65.2% water,. The slight increase in acetic acid concentration in the continuous-phase suggests that along with the sulfate salt, a small amount of solvent and cosolvent may have transferred to the continuous phase (see Table 5.4). However, since there is negligible solubility of sodium sulfate in acetic acid, it can be deduced that diffusion is the major proponent of sulfate salt transport into the continuous-phase rather than solvent flux. As stated above, analytical error and sampling error may account for the difference between the initial acetic acid concentration and the equilibrium acetic acid concentration in the continuous-phase.

*Small Solids.* Analytical results for ppm sodium sulfate in the continuous-phase indicate that equilibrium was achieved within 15 to 50 minutes for precipitated flakes roughly 2 millimeters in diameter. At equilibrium, the composition range of the continuous-phase was 3-4% isopropyl acetate, 14-42% acetic acid, 24-30% water, and 22-33% cellulose acetate. The initial composition of the continuous-phase, 6.3%

isopropyl acetate, 25.5% acetic acid, 68.2% water, suggests a definite flux of solvent and water from the dispersed-phase. As discussed in Chapter 4, there is a narrow region between a fluid gel and a precipitated solid.

*Large Solid Mass.* Analytical results for ppm sodium sulfate in the continuous-phase indicate that equilibrium was not achieved after 120 minutes for these large solids. At equilibrium, the solid mass composition ranged from 10-26% isopropyl acetate, 12-13% acetic acid, 9-19% water, and 48-64% cellulose acetate.

## Data Analysis

Three values for the dispersed-phase mass transfer coefficient have been approximated.

- $k_{d\text{ experimental}}$ , determined from equation 5.4 using experimentally observed droplet diameter and analytically measured Na ion concentration data;
- $k_{d\text{ prediction}}$ , found using equation 1.11 (derived from Hong and Lee's (1985) empirical model) with analytically measured Na ion concentration data
- $k_{d\text{ prediction}}$ , calculated using the Skelland and HuXien (1990) model (represented as equation 5.1) with experimentally measured viscosity, density, and interfacial tension (summarized in Table 3.3) and diffusivity data (shown in Table 3.4).

First, the experimental dispersed-phase mass transfer coefficient ( $k_{d\text{ exp}}$ ) was calculated by using the slope,  $\ln(C_d/C_{ao}) / (t-t_o)$ , obtained from linear regression of experimentally measured Na ion concentrations in equation 5.2. Table 5.7 summarizes experimentally derived dispersed-phase mass transfer coefficients. The concentration of

**Table 5.7: Calculation of the Dispersed-phase Mass Transfer Coefficient using Experimental Data**

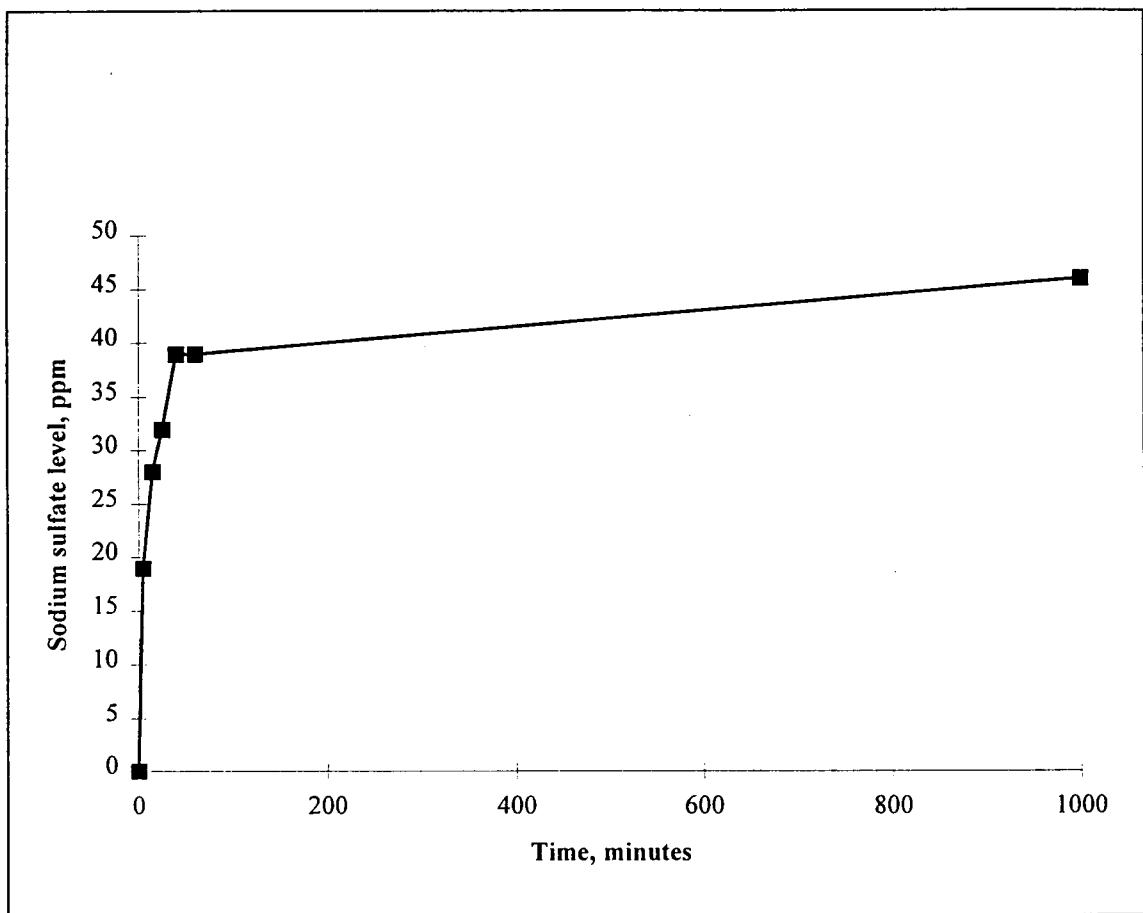
| Form of Dispersion | Observed droplet diameter, cm | SLOPE:                                               | Dispersed-phase Mass Transfer Coef., cm/min |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
|                    |                               | $\frac{\ln\left(\frac{C_a}{C_{ao}}\right)}{t - t_o}$ | $k_d = -\frac{d_p}{6} \text{Slope}$         |
| Fluid Spheres      | 0.03                          | -0.0012                                              | 6.0E-06                                     |
|                    | 0.04±0.01                     | -0.0012                                              | 8.0E-06                                     |
|                    | 0.02                          | -0.0012                                              | 1.0E-05                                     |
| Viscous Spheres    | 0.28                          | -0.0001                                              | 4.7E-06                                     |
|                    | 0.29±0.01                     | -0.0001                                              | 4.8E-06                                     |
|                    | 0.30                          | -0.0001                                              | 5.0E-06                                     |

Na ions in the dispersed-phase was calculated via a mass balance on the continuous-phase sodium content. An example of the mass balance calculation is provided in Appendix A5.

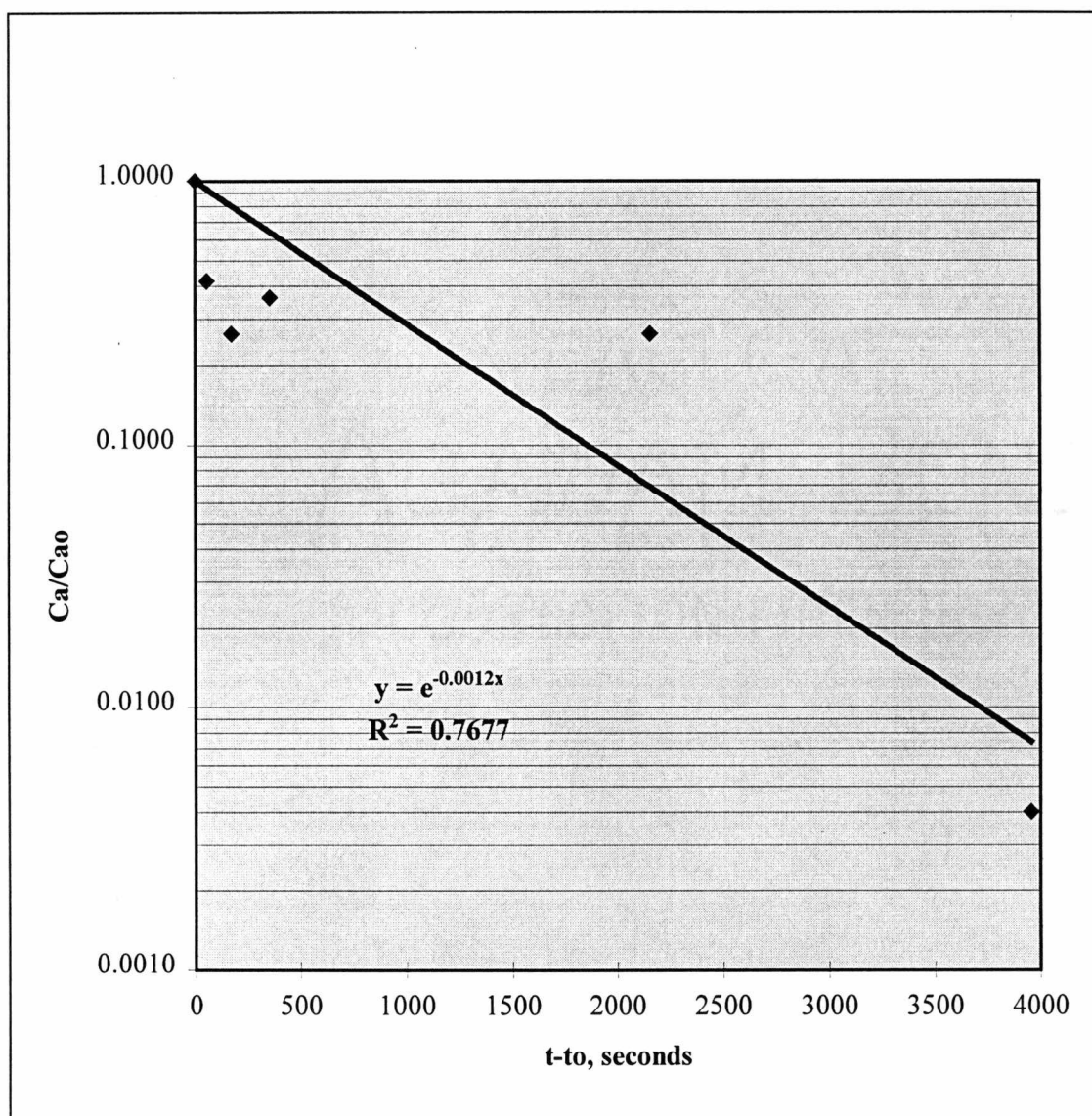
Figure 5.2 shows a typical plot of sodium concentration in the continuous-phase over time. The [Na]-versus-time curves for experimental Runs 2-11 are provided in Appendix A5 as Figures A5.1-A5.10. Typical  $\ln(C_d/C_{ao})$  versus  $(t-t_o)$  plots are shown in Figure 5.3 and 5.4.

Second, the Sauter-mean diameter was estimated with equation 5.5 using vessel geometry data in Table 5.2. Sample calculations for the Sauter-mean diameter are provided in Appendix A5. For the fluid droplet case, the calculated Sauter-mean diameter, 0.019 cm, was in the same order of magnitude as the experimentally observed, 0.05 cm, droplet diameter. In contrast, the viscous droplet case, the Sauter-mean diameter, 0.008 cm, was two orders of magnitude smaller. This may be attributed to the fact that the droplet viscosity is not accounted for by the expression. Recall from Table 3.3 that the viscosity for the viscous droplet (23,000cP- 58,000cP) is an order of magnitude larger than viscosity for the fluid droplet (3,500-6,300cP). The Froude number does account for the density difference between both phases; but, it has a small impact on the  $d_{32}$  expression, equations 5.5 through 5.7.

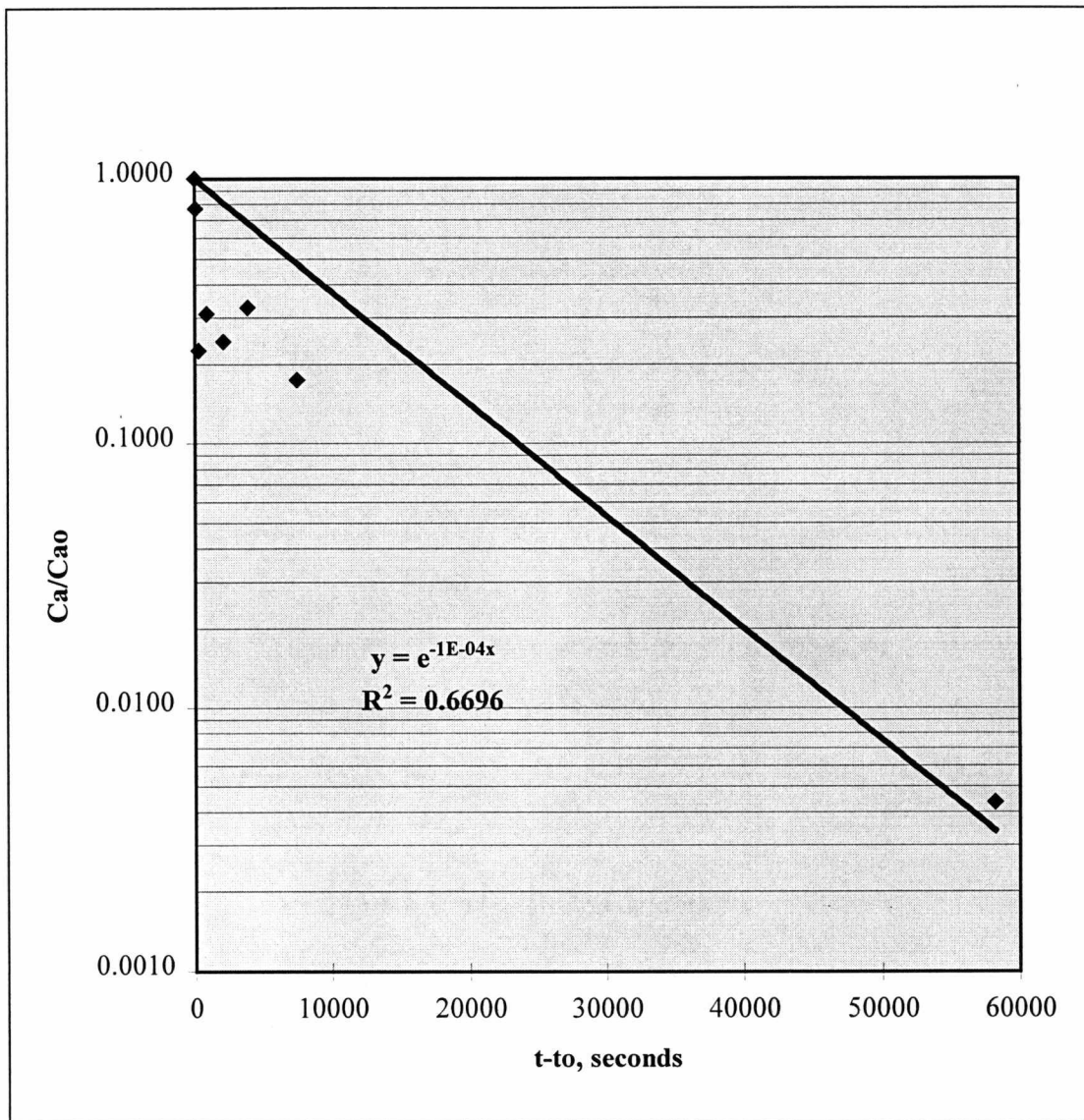
Lastly,  $k_d$  was predicted with the Skelland and HuXien (1990) model using experimentally measured viscosity and density (from Table 3.3), calculated diffusivity (from Table 3.4), and experimentally measured  $t_{95\%}$  (in Table 5.8). Sample calculations for  $k_d$  are provided in Appendix A5. Table 5.8 summarizes predicted  $k_d$ 's for all systems. The predicted  $k_d$ 's do not fall within the range of experimentally derived  $k_d$ 's.



**Figure 5.2:** Time required for Sodium sulfate concentration in the continuous-phase to reach equilibrium for Run 1.



**Figure 5.3:** Plot of  $\ln(C_d/C_{d0})$  vs  $t-t_o$  for Fluid Droplet. The slope of the line,  $\frac{\ln\left(\frac{C_d}{C_{d0}}\right)}{t-t_o}$ , is used in Table 5.7 to calculate the dispersed-phase mass transfer coefficient,  $k_d$ .



**Figure 5.4:** Plot of  $\ln(C_a/C_{ao})$  vs  $t-t_o$  for Viscous Droplet. The slope of the line,  $\frac{\ln\left(\frac{C_a}{C_{ao}}\right)}{t-t_o}$ , is used in Table 5.7 to calculate the dispersed-phase mass transfer coefficient,  $k_d$ .

**Table 5.8: Dispersed-phase Mass Transfer Coefficient Calculation using physical property data from Table 3.3 with the Skelland and HuXien (1990) Expression.**

| Expt.<br>Set | Run<br>No. | Mean<br>Density, $\rho_m$<br>g/cc | Mean<br>Viscosity, $\mu_m$<br>P: g/cm-sec | Time to reach<br>95% mass<br>transfer<br>$t_{95\%, \text{seconds}}$ | $k_d$<br>cm/sec |
|--------------|------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 30%IPA       | 1          | 1.04                              | 0.035                                     | 900                                                                 | 5.89E-07        |
|              | 2          | 1.01                              | 0.034                                     | 900                                                                 | 3.63E-07        |
|              | 3          | 1.00                              | 0.032                                     | 900                                                                 | 3.00E-07        |
| 40%IPA       | 1          | 1.02                              | 0.033                                     | 180                                                                 | 4.19E-06        |
|              | 2          | 1.02                              | 0.032                                     | 180                                                                 | 2.84E-06        |
|              | 3          | 1.02                              | 0.032                                     | 180                                                                 | 4.29E-06        |
| 50%IPA       | 1          | 1.00                              | 0.033                                     | 120                                                                 | 5.91E-06        |
|              | 2          | 1.01                              | 0.032                                     | 120                                                                 | 8.40E-06        |
|              | 3          | 1.00                              | 0.033                                     | 120                                                                 | 8.08E-06        |

Note: Equation (1.3) becomes ,  $\mu_m = \frac{\mu_c}{1 - \phi} [1 + 1.5\phi]$ , where  $\mu_d \gg \mu_c$

$$\rho_m = \phi \rho_d + (1 - \phi) \rho_c$$

$$\frac{k_d}{[D_{AB} / t_{95}]^{1/2}} = 5.0(10^{-6}) \phi^{-0.0204} \left( \frac{d_i^2 N \rho_m}{\mu_m} \right)^{1.140} \left( \frac{\rho_c}{\Delta \rho} \right)^{0.518}$$

## Conclusions

Three major conclusions resulted from this preliminary study of mass transfer characteristics for three solvated dope systems ranging in viscosity from 200,000 centipoise to 4,000 centipoise.

1. The bulk of the mass transfer occurred within 3 minutes for liquid-liquid systems (where the dispersed-phase is a cellulose acetate solution containing 50% by weight isopropyl acetate). Therefore, additional experiments are needed to focus on the time period between 0 and 3 minutes to improve the characterization of mass transfer from the dispersed-phase. The additional experiments should include a range of volume fractions to determine the effect on dispersed-phase controlled mass transfer.
2. Internal circulation may be eliminated as a consideration in predicting the dispersed-phase mass transfer coefficient. The theory of stagnation was validated by comparing the experimentally observed dispersed-phase drop sizes with Kolmogoroff's length scale,

$$\eta = \varepsilon^{-\frac{1}{3}} \nu^{\frac{2}{3}} \quad (1.4)$$

which marks the upper limit of eddy sizes in the viscous sub-range. Dispersed-phase droplets were clearly within the inertial sub-range of eddy sizes, 0.0118m, as calculated in Appendix A2. (Skelland and Moeti, 1990)

3. Eliminate future study of solvent levels below 50% by weight in cellulose acetate dope. Mass transfer data is unreliable due to the narrow operating region where the

cellulose acetate in dispersed-phase has a high tendency to precipitate out of solution. In addition, it is difficult to focus in on the first 60 seconds of transfer due to the extended addition periods associated with high viscosity of the solvated dopes systems containing less than 50% isopropyl acetate (by weight).

## CHAPTER 6

### MASS TRANSFER KINETICS

#### Introduction

The previous chapter established a baseline for a more focused study of mass transfer kinetics. The experimental study discussed in Chapter 5 centered on an analytical approach to measuring the solute concentration. It was determined that the bulk of the transfer occurred within the first 2-3 minutes; yet, only five data points were available in this period of transfer. This chapter attempts to refine the sodium concentration-time data by focusing on the first 5 minutes of mass transfer with more frequent  $[\text{Na}^+]$  measurements. Accordingly, a portable conductivity meter will be used to record the solute concentration in the continuous-phase as the solute transfers from dispersed-phase droplets.

First, the dispersed-phase mass transfer coefficient,  $k_d$ , will be derived experimentally and compared to  $k_d$ 's predicted by the Skelland HuXien (1990) model and the Penetration Theory, Higbie(1935). The visually measured droplet size will be compared to the Sauter-mean diameter (Hong and Lee, 1985).

Second, the continuous-phase mass transfer coefficient,  $k_c$ , will be estimated using the Skelland and Moeti (1990) expression. In turn, the dispersed-phase mass transfer

coefficient and the continuous-phase mass transfer coefficient will be used to estimate an overall mass transfer coefficient for liquid-liquid extraction in an agitated vessel.

## Theoretical Development

### *Mass Transfer Coefficient Models for $k_d$*

There have been two recent publications on prediction of mass transfer coefficients in agitated liquid-liquid dispersions that allow one to predict the mass transfer kinetics. If the dispersed-phase controls the rate of solute transfer (in this case when the organic phase is dispersed), the mass transfer coefficient can be computed by the Skelland and Hu Xien (1990) semitheoretical correlation. If, on the other hand, the continuous-phase is controlling, the continuous-phase mass transfer may be calculated by the Skelland and Moeti (1990) expression. Both of these models were developed for Newtonian liquid-liquid systems, but in this case the cellulose acetate rich organic phase is non-Newtonian of pseudoplastic nature. The correlations, therefore, strictly do not apply, but they may be extended to include the non-Newtonian behavior of one phase by application of the Skelland and Kanel (1990) technique. This method was used to extend correlations for the minimum impeller speed for complete dispersion of one immiscible liquid in another to include the case where one of the phases was non-Newtonian of the power law type. The apparent viscosity,  $\mu_a$ , of the fluid in the agitated vessel was computed as

$$\mu_a = K \left| \left( \frac{du}{dy} \right)_a \right|^{n-1} \quad (1.2)$$

where  $K$  is the fluid consistency index and  $n$  is the flow behavior index, both representative of the non-Newtonian fluid. These qualities are tabulated in the physical property data table (Table 3.3). The apparent shear rate,  $(du/dy)_a$ , was found by Metzner and Taylor (1960) to be equivalent to the impeller speed multiplied by a constant,  $k_s$ , which was found to have an approximate value of 11 by Metzner et al. (1961) when the impeller speed,  $N$ , is in rpm. Thus,

$$\left( \frac{du}{dy} \right)_a = k_s N.$$

The apparent viscosity was then substituted into the mean viscosity expression of Vermeulen et al. (1955) for the appropriate phase (either dispersed or continuous)

$$\mu_m = \frac{\mu_c}{1-\phi} \left[ 1 + \frac{1.5\mu_d\phi}{\mu_c + \mu_d} \right] \quad (1.3)$$

where  $\phi$  is the volume fraction of the dispersed-phase,  $\mu_m$  is the mean viscosity, and  $\mu_c$  and  $\mu_d$  are the continuous and dispersed-phase viscosities, respectively.

*Penetration theory (Higbie, 1935).* The penetration theory predicts a mass transfer coefficient for the transfer across a gas-liquid interface proportional to  $(D_{AB})^{0.5}$ ,

$$k_d = 2 \sqrt{\frac{D_{AB}}{\pi t_s}} \quad (6.1)$$

where  $t_s$  is the exposure time of the new surface. Hines and Maddux (1985) capture Higbie's (1935) assumptions best by stating, "...this theory assumes that the liquid surface consists of small fluid elements that contact the gas phase for an average time, after which they penetrate into the bulk liquid. Each element is then replaced by another element from the bulk liquid phase." At face value, this approximation implies that the mass transfer coefficient is independent of drop size. Hines and Maddux (1985) described the model as "the unsteady-state diffusion [or penetration] of a solute into a liquid phase of infinite thickness." Skelland (1985) as with Treybal (1955) suggest that the indicated dependence on diffusivity is typical of short exposure times, where depth of solute penetration is small relative to the depth of the absorbing pool.

*Skelland -HuXien Model.* Skelland and Hu Xien (1990) were pioneers in the study of dispersed-phase controlled mass transfer in batch liquid-liquid systems (Skelland and Kanel, 1990). They developed a model for mass transfer from droplets based upon the "continuous" generation of new surface due to droplet breakup. They developed an empirical correlation, equation 5.1, for the dispersed-phase mass transfer coefficient.

Substituting time  $t_f$  (the point at which 99% of solute has transferred to the continuous-phase) in equation 5.1 for  $t_{95}$  gives,

$$\frac{k_d}{[D_{AB} / t_f]^{1/2}} = 5.0(10^{-6})\phi^{-0.0204} \left( \frac{d_I^2 N \rho_M}{\mu_M} \right)^{1.140} \left( \frac{\rho_c}{\Delta\rho} \right)^{0.518} \quad (6.2)$$

The empirical model, equation 5.1, predicted  $k_d$  with a mean absolute deviation of 9.8% for 55 experimental runs. From Laity and Treybal (1957); Vermeulen et al. (1955) the mean density follows:

$$\rho_M = \phi\rho_d + (1 - \phi)\rho_c. \quad (6.3)$$

This model builds on the Penetration theory accounting for the effect of drop breakage and the change in drop size over time in the Reynold's number and density ratio terms.

In addition, entrance effects between time  $t_0$  and time  $t_I$  are included in the  $t_f$  term.

Similar to the experiment set to follow, six-flat-blade turbines were centrally placed in a baffled vessel. Following are the conditions under which the model, equation 5.1, was developed:

- Impeller speed ranged between 3.2-12 rps. The impeller speed used herein, 4.2 rps, falls within the range.
- Low volume fractions, 0.14-0.09, were used to insure little to no droplet coalescence.

Volume fraction in this experiment set range from 0.05 to 0.20.

- The droplets were treated as internally stagnant between breakage.
- Low total transfer (ppm level) was used causing driving force,  $C_a - C_a^*$  to be linear with  $C_a$ .
- Exposure times ranged between 0.26-1.31 minutes.
- Aqueous continuous-phase

*Experimental  $k_d$ .* As in Chapter 5, the mass-transfer process will be analyzed between time  $t_0$ , when the initial disturbance due to dispersed-phase addition has ceased and time  $t_f$ , when 99% of solute has been transferred. The experimental  $k_d$  will be estimated using equation 5.4 with the visually measured drop size,  $d_p$ .

*Hong and Lee (1985) Sauter-mean Diameter Relationship.* The slope of the  $\ln C_a/C_{ao}$  versus  $\int_{20s} \frac{1}{\alpha(t)^{-0.7} + d_{32}^*} dt$  will be used in equation 1.11,

$$\ln \frac{C_a}{C_{ao}} = -6k_d \int_0 \frac{1}{\alpha(t)^{-0.7} + d_{32}^*} dt \quad (1.11)$$

to calculate the dispersed-phase mass transfer coefficient. The integral will be evaluated numerically between time  $t_0 = 20$  seconds (since Hong and Lee's (1985) model is valid after 20 seconds) and time  $t_f$  at 30 second intervals. For example, in the  $\phi = 0.05$  case, there are three intervals- 20 to 30 seconds, 20 to 60 seconds, and 20 to 90 seconds. As shown in Appendix Table A6.19, time  $t_f$  increases with the dispersed-phase volume fraction.

The Sauter-mean diameter will be estimated using equations 5.5-5.7 and then compared to visually measured drop size,  $d_p$ . Similarly, the  $k_d$  determined from the Hong and Lee (1985) Sauter-mean diameter relationship, equation 1.11, will be compared to the  $k_d$  determined from  $d_p$ .

Reducing terms in equation 1.11 gives,

$$k_d = -\frac{\text{slope}}{6} . \quad (6.4)$$

The resulting slope will be used in equation 6.4 to calculate  $k_d$ .

#### ***Mass Transfer Coefficient Model for $k_c$***

Presented below is a correlation for the continuous-phase mass transfer coefficient,  $k_c$ , in a batch agitated liquid-liquid dispersion as developed by Skelland and Moeti (1990).

Skelland and Moeti (1990) investigated the mass transfer mechanisms by varying molecular diffusivity over an eight fold range. They determined that  $k_c$  was proportional to the molecular diffusivity raised to the 2/3 power. The resulting expression was found to be

$$\frac{k_c d_p}{D_c} = 1.237(10^{-5}) \left( \frac{\mu_c}{\rho_c D_c} \right)^{1/3} \left( \frac{d_l^2 N \rho_c}{\mu_c} \right)^{2/3} \left( \frac{d_l N^2}{g} \right)^{5/12} \left( \frac{d_l}{d_p} \right)^2 \left( \frac{d_p}{T} \right)^{1/2} \left( \frac{\rho_d d_p^2 g}{\sigma} \right)^{5/4} \phi^{-1/2} \quad (6.5)$$

based on 180 experiments with an average absolute deviation of 19.71%.

### ***Prediction Of Overall Mass Transfer Coefficient***

The overall mass transfer coefficient,  $K_d$  is written in terms of  $k_c$  and  $k_d$  as

$$\frac{1}{K_d} = \frac{1}{k_d} + \frac{1}{mk_c} ; \quad (6.6)$$

where,  $m$  is defined as

$$m = \frac{[Na_2SO_4]_{Aqueous}}{[Na_2SO_4]_{Organic}} \quad (6.7)$$

In this experiment set, the organic phase is dispersed. Recall that in Chapter 1, it was assumed that  $K_d = k_d$ ; since,  $k_c$  is expected to be much greater than  $k_d$ .

### **Description of Apparatus**

Experiments were carried out in a cylindrical glass vessel fitted with four equally spaced, radial, vertical wall baffles, and whose dimensions are listed in Table 5.5.

An agitator equipped with a 316 stainless steel six-flat-blade turbine impeller was used since this type impeller showed the best dispersion performance during the solvent screening experiments discussed in Chapter 2.

The change of  $\text{Na}^+$  concentration in the continuous-phase was measured analytically by sampling and continuously by monitoring electrical conductivity as recommended by Rushton et al. (1964). Accordingly, a portable Fischer™ Model 4070 conductivity meter was braced against one of the vessel baffles. The meter did not have a port for record connection; so, micro Siemen ( $\mu\text{S}$ ) readings were recorded manually every 15 seconds.

A calibration curve giving the conductivity versus solute concentration was made as follows. First, the relation between the conductivity and solute concentration was obtained without the organic dispersed-phase. This was achieved by measuring the conductivities of progressively diluted aqueous solutions. Then the effect of the presence of the isopropyl acetate and acetic acid was found in solutions of known concentration. A summary of calibration data is provided in Appendix Table A6.1. In addition, a plot and regression of ppmNa -  $\mu\text{S}$  data are provided in Appendix Figures A6.1 and A6.2.

A Toledo Scale was placed under the mixing vessel to measure the amount of material added.

## **Experimental Procedure**

The continuous and dispersed-phases of each system were prepared separately. In making the dispersed-phase, CA dope was combined with 50 percent by weight isopropyl acetate to form a homogeneous solution. In making up the predominantly aqueous phase, 547.8 grams of acetic acid, 151.8 grams of isopropyl acetate and 1301.8 grams of deionized water were mixed until a homogeneous solution resulted.

The continuous-phase was placed in the cylindrical mixing vessel and a ruler with millimeter scale was attached to one of the baffles. The agitator was started with the impeller speed,  $N$ , above the minimum impeller speed for the 98% gross uniformity (Skelland and Kanel, 1989). A sample calculation for estimating the minimum impeller speed is provided in Appendix A4.

The conductivity meter was turned on and the first micro mho reading was recorded. After the continuous-phase reached a fully developed flow pattern, the prepared solution of dispersed-phase was rapidly poured into the continuous-phase near the tip of the impeller blades. Addition time was short relative to the time where the fractional mass transferred (FMT) approaches unity, say less than 10%. Thus, if  $FMT \approx 1$  in three minutes as suggested by experimental results in Chapter 5 (see Figures 2 through 12), the dispersed-phase must be added in less than 18 seconds.

The conductivity was measured and recorded 15 seconds from the moment the dispersed-phase was added. Depending on the dispersed-phase volume fraction,  $\phi$ , it took about 1 to 3 seconds to completely disperse the organic phase throughout the vessel. Samples of the continuous-phase were taken exclusively at 30 second intervals after dispersed-phase addition for a total of 5 minutes.

## Design of Experiments

For a full factorial design, 6 experimental runs (including two replicate runs) were used to study the effect of volume fraction ( $\phi = 0.05, 0.10, 0.15$ , and  $0.20$ ) on the dispersed-phase mass transfer coefficient.

Other variables could have been explored such as dispersed-phase viscosity, direction of dispersion, temperature, vessel geometry, impeller type, and impeller speed.

Varying the viscosity of the dispersed-phase would be limited by material handling. The more viscous the dispersed-phase, the more difficult it becomes to transfer it into the mixing vessel. More important, increase in viscosity increases the addition period; recall from the Experimental Procedure that the addition period should be no more than 10% of the fractional mass transfer.

Similarly, the direction of dispersion (i.e., dispersing aqueous phase in organic phase versus dispersing organic phase in the aqueous phase) was not studied further due to difficulty associated with transferring and agitating the viscous solvated dope as indicated in Chapter 5.

Temperature was eliminated as a variable because of its influence on physical and transport properties. Measure of sulfate salt transfer from the dispersed-phase would become unreliable as solvents transfer between phases.

Vessel geometry, impeller type, and impeller speed were not varied since models have already been established by Skelland and his protégées for the relationship of these variables to mass transfer coefficients in batch agitated vessels. (Skelland and Kanel, 1991; Skelland and HuXien, 1990; Skelland and Moeti, 1989). Impeller speed will vary the power input per unit mass,  $\epsilon$ . Thus experimental results may be applied to a variety of possible extraction devices, including various impeller types (from Power number versus Reynolds number plots). The influence of  $\epsilon$  and the physical properties (in the Schmidt group) on  $k_c$  is illustrated by Calderbank (1967),

$$k_c = (N_{Sc})^{-2/3} \left( \mu \frac{P}{v \rho_c} \right)^{1/4} = (N_{Sc})^{-2/3} (\mu \epsilon)^{1/4} \quad (6.1)$$

## Discussion of Experimental Results

### *Measure of Sodium Sulfate in the Continuous-phase*

*Conductivity Measure.* Typical curves showing the change in continuous-phase conductivity with time appears in Appendix Figure A6.2. The data for this curve is provided in Appendix Table A6.2. Calibration data shows that increases in the continuous-phase sodium concentration yield only slight increases in conductivity. This could be due to the acetic acid presence in the continuous-phase. Acetic acid is highly conductive (conductivity = 2,000  $\mu$ S versus deionized water at 0  $\mu$ S and 100ppm sodium

at 1400  $\mu\text{S}$ ) and masks the measurement of sodium transferring into the continuous-phase.

*Analytical Measure.* Typical curves showing the change of ppm Na in the continuous-phase with time appear in Figure 6.1. A summary of the ppm Na-time data is provided in Table 6.1. Mass balances shown in Tables A6.3, A6.5, A6.7, A6.9, A6.11, and A6.13 were used to represent the disappearance of sodium from the dispersed-phase over time. Dispersed-phase ppmNa-time profile is shown for each run in Appendix Figures A6.3, A6.5, A6.7, A6.9, A6.11, and A6.13.

#### ***Estimation of Experimental Dispersed-phase Mass Transfer Coefficient***

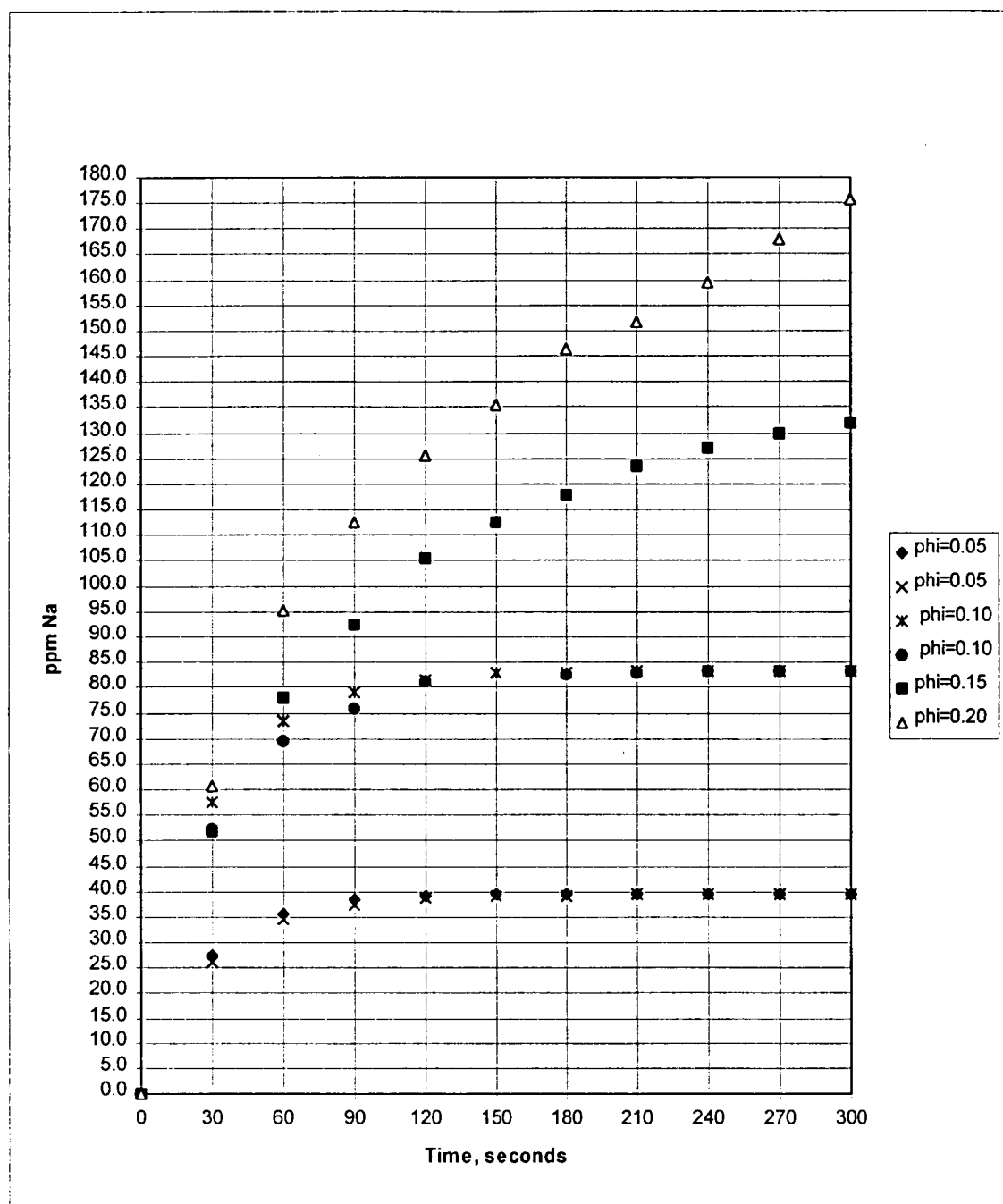
Experimental disperse-phase mass transfer coefficients were estimated using droplet size, and the slope defined by equation 5.4.

*Droplet size.* Droplets were visually approximated to within  $\pm 0.10\text{mm}$  of  $0.30\text{mm}$ . Visually measured droplet diameters,  $d_p$ , generally agree with the Sauter-mean diameters ( $d_{32}$  predicted by equations 5.5-5.7). A sample calculation for predicting  $d_{32}$  is provided in Appendix Table A6.17. Comparing  $d_p$  to  $d_{32}$  offers a basis for establishing the validity of equation 1.11 (which was derived using the Sauter-mean diameter relationship with time) in estimating  $k_d$ .

*Slope.* Non-linear regression of  $C_a$  versus  $t$  data was used to estimate the sodium concentration and time at which  $C_a/C_{a0}=1$ . Table A6.15 provides a summary of estimated  $C_{a0}$  and  $t_0$  for the systems ranging in  $\phi=0.05$  to  $0.20$ . In Figures 6.2 through 6.7, the initial condition data was used in conjunction with  $C_a$  and  $t$  data from Table 6.1

**Table 6.1: Sodium Sulfate Content As Measured Analytically In The Continuous-phase Over Time.**

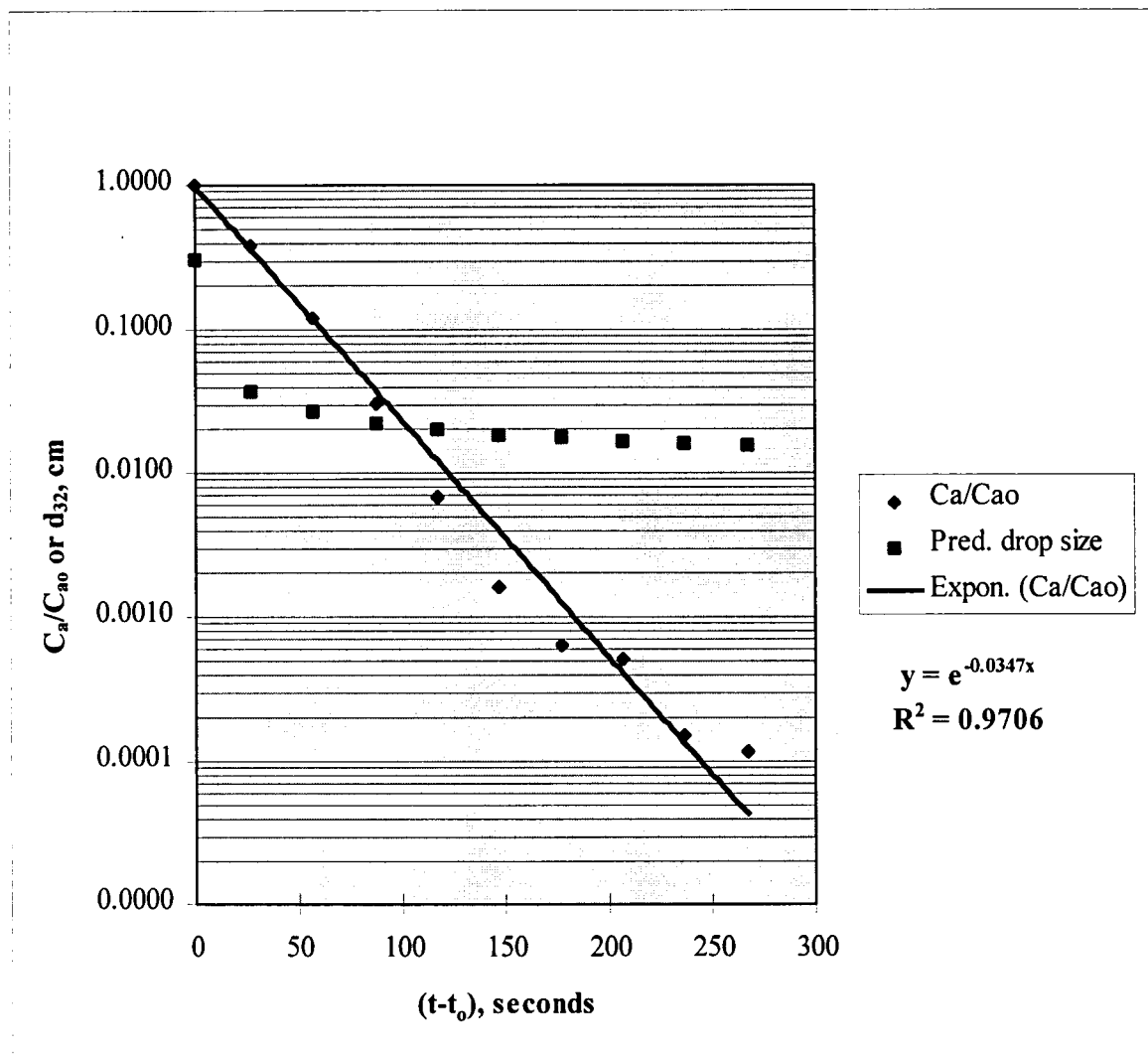
| TIME, s | ppmNa in Continuous-phase |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |
|---------|---------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|         | Run 1<br>phi=0.10         | Run 2<br>phi=0.10 | Run 3<br>phi=0.05 | Run 4<br>phi=0.20 | Run 5<br>phi=0.15 | Run 6<br>phi=0.05 |
| 0       | 0.0                       | 0.0               | 0.0               | 0.00              | 0.0               | 0.0               |
| 30      | 52.4                      | 57.4              | 26.1              | 60.75             | 52.0              | 27.4              |
| 60      | 69.4                      | 73.4              | 34.7              | 95.26             | 78.1              | 35.6              |
| 90      | 75.8                      | 79.0              | 37.2              | 112.54            | 92.4              | 38.5              |
| 120     | 81.1                      | 81.5              | 39.0              | 125.76            | 105.6             | 39.3              |
| 150     |                           | 82.8              | 39.3              | 135.42            | 112.7             | 39.4              |
| 180     | 82.7                      | 83.1              | 39.4              | 146.50            | 117.9             | 39.5              |
| 210     | 83.0                      | 83.2              | 39.4              | 151.92            | 123.5             | 39.5              |
| 240     | 83.2                      | 83.3              | 39.5              | 159.37            | 126.9             | 39.5              |
| 270     | 83.3                      | 83.3              | 39.5              | 167.89            | 129.8             | 39.5              |
| 300     | 83.3                      | 83.3              | 39.5              | 175.75            | 132.0             | 39.5              |



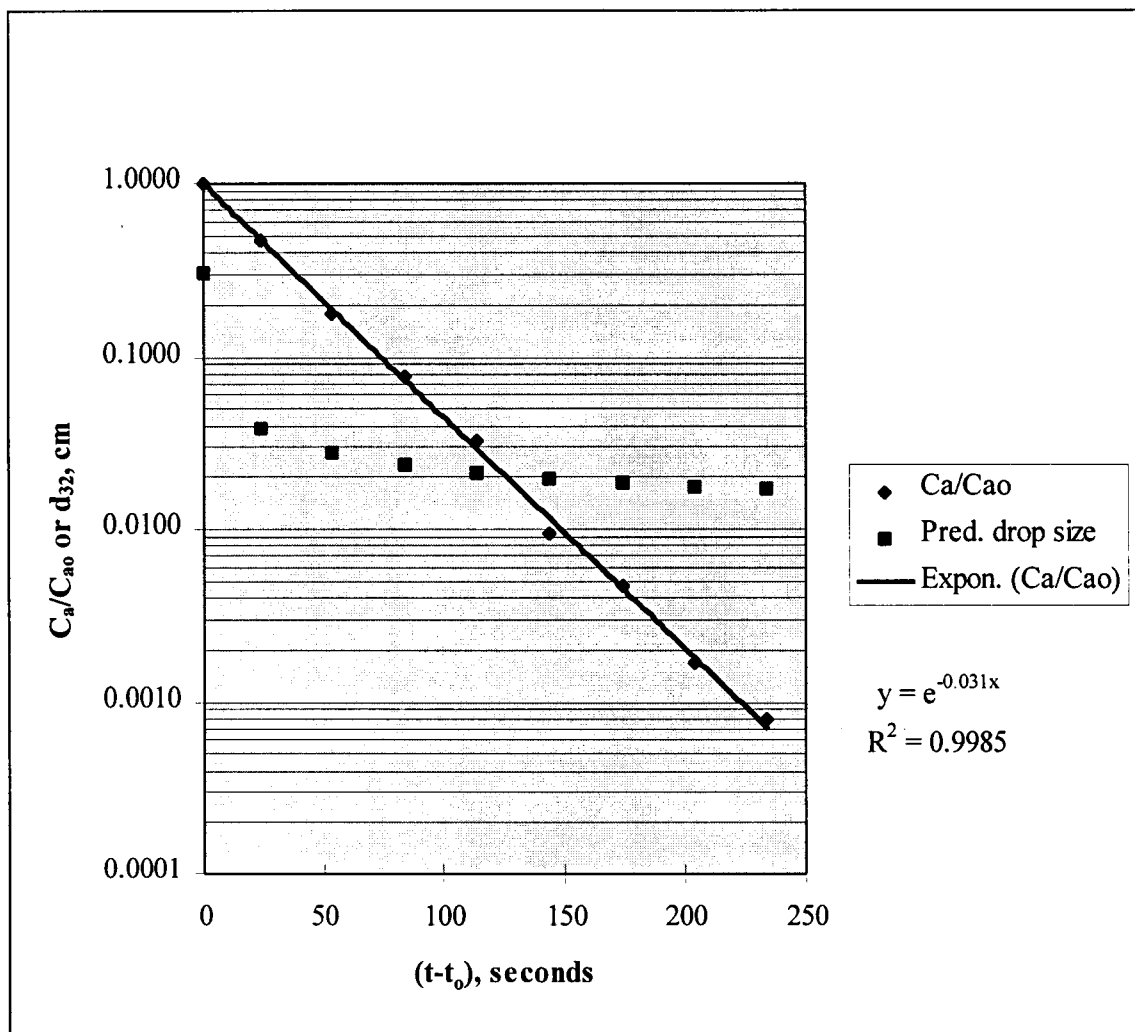
**Figure 6.1:** Summary of Sodium Sulfate profiles over time in the continuous-phase for systems with volume fraction,  $\phi$ , ranging from 0.05 to 0.20.

to plot  $\ln C_d/C_{d0}$  versus  $t-t_0$ . Appendix Table A6.18 summarizes dispersed-phase volume fractions and corresponding slopes. This data indicates that the slope increases as volume fraction decreases. For example, the slope corresponding to  $\phi=0.05$  is 0.0359, while the slope corresponding to  $\phi=0.15$  is 0.0134.

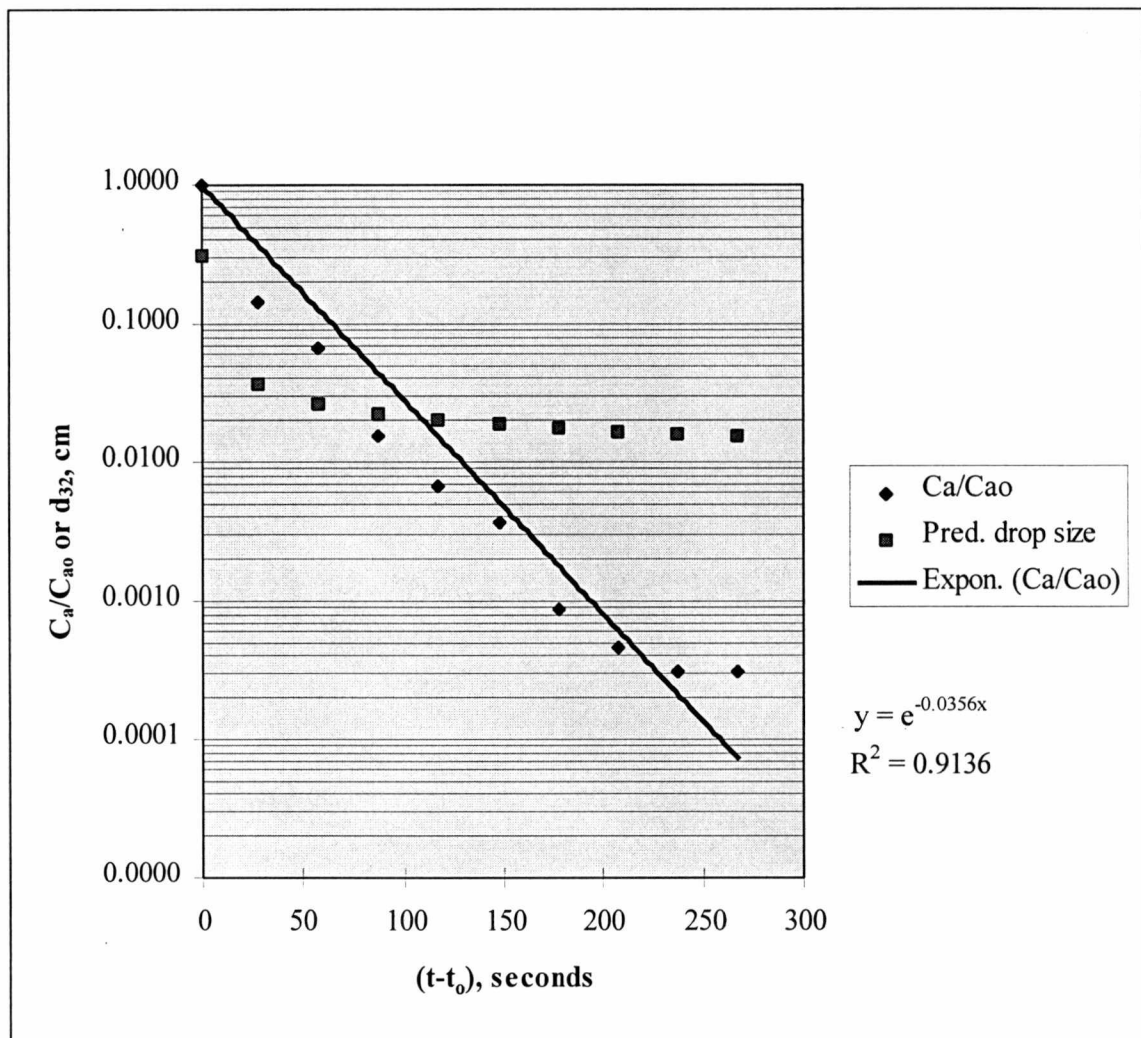
*Experimental Dispersed-phase Mass Transfer Coefficient.* The slope of the  $\ln C_d/C_{d0}$  versus  $t-t_0$  curves (as shown in equation 5.2) from Figures 6.2 through 6.7 were used to estimate the dispersed-phase mass transfer coefficient. Sample calculations for estimating the dispersed-phase mass transfer coefficient using equation 5.4 are provided in Appendix A6. Table A6.18 summarizes  $k_d$  calculated using  $d_p = 0.02\text{cm}$ ,  $0.03\text{cm}$ , and  $0.04\text{cm}$  for each experimental run where the dispersed-phase volume fraction,  $\phi$ , ranges from 0.05 to 0.20. Figures 6.8 through 6.10 show that for any given drop size,  $k_d$  increases as dispersed-phase volume fraction decreases. For example,  $\phi=0.05$  yields  $k_d(d_p=0.03\text{cm})=1.8\text{E-}04\text{ cm/s}$ , while  $\phi=0.15$  yields  $k_d(d_p=0.03\text{cm})=6.7\text{E-}05\text{ cm/s}$ .



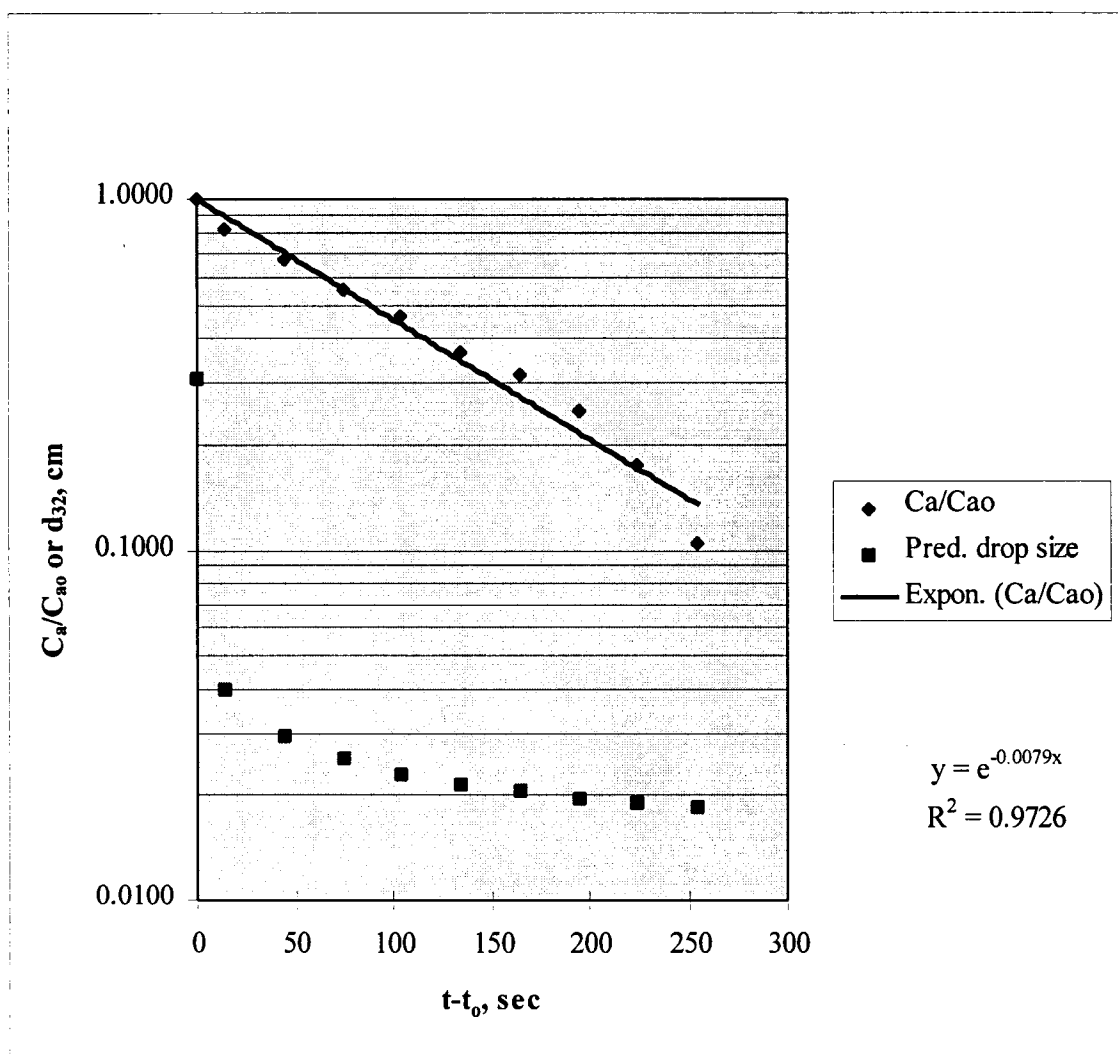
**Figure 6.2 :** Experimental Run 1 where Volume Fraction,  $\phi = V_d/V_T = 0.10$ . The concentration and drop size profile of the dispersed-phase over time. The drop size was calculated by the Sauter-mean diameter approximation (Hong and Lee, 1985).



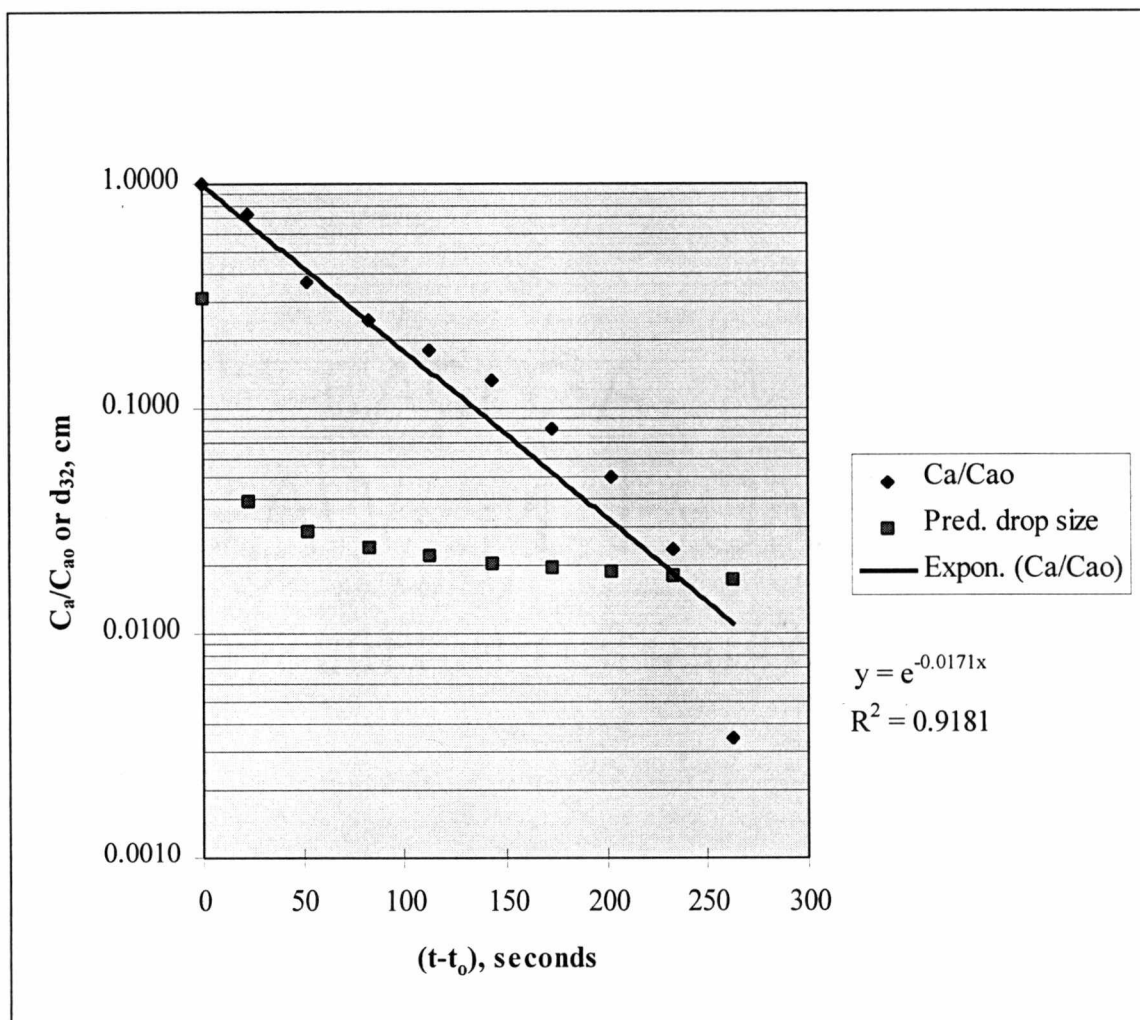
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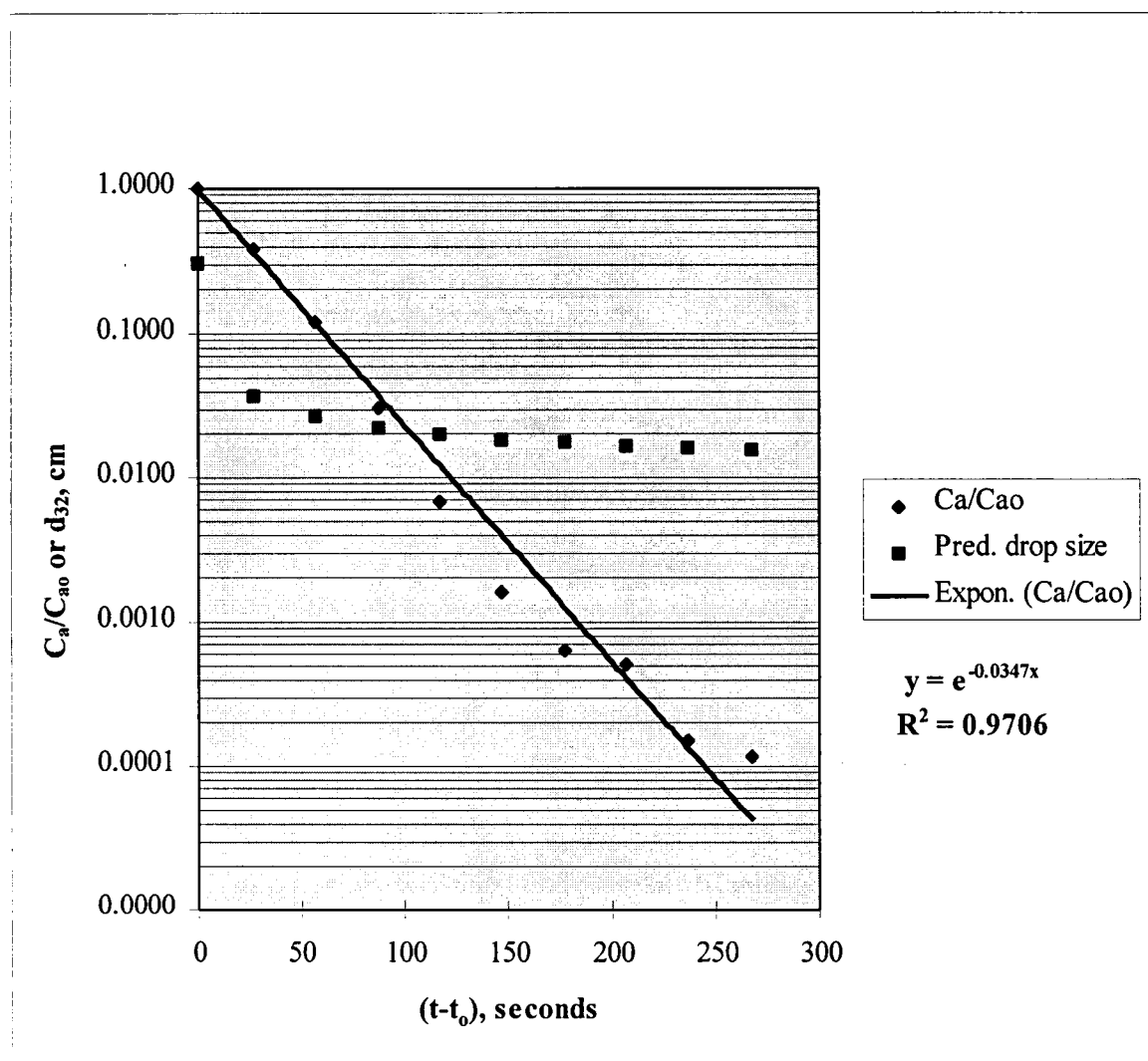
**Figure 6.4 :** Experimental Run 3 where Volume Fraction,  $\phi = V_d/V_T = 0.05$ . The concentration and drop size profile of the dispersed-phase over time. The drop size was calculated by the Sauter-mean diameter approximation (Hong and Lee, 1985).



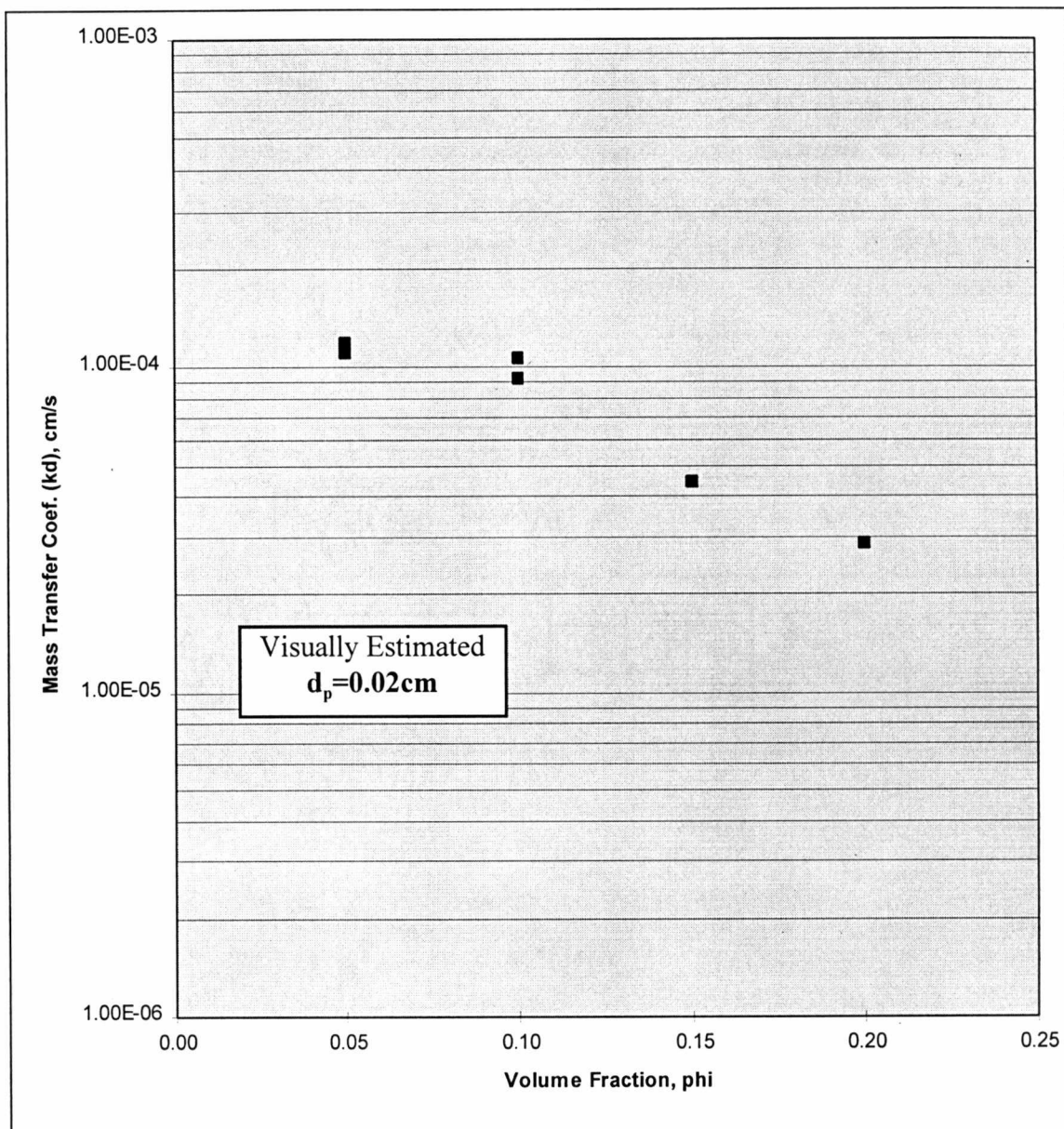
**Figure 6.5 :** Experimental Run 4 where Volume Fraction,  $\phi = V_d/V_T = 0.20$ . The concentration and drop size profile of the dispersed-phase over time. The drop size was calculated by the Sauter-mean diameter approximation (Hong and Lee, 1985).



**Figure 6.6 :** Experimental Run 5 where Volume Fraction,  $\phi = V_d/V_T = 0.15$ . The concentration and drop size profile of the dispersed-phase over time. The drop size was calculated by the Sauter-mean diameter approximation (Hong and Lee, 1985).



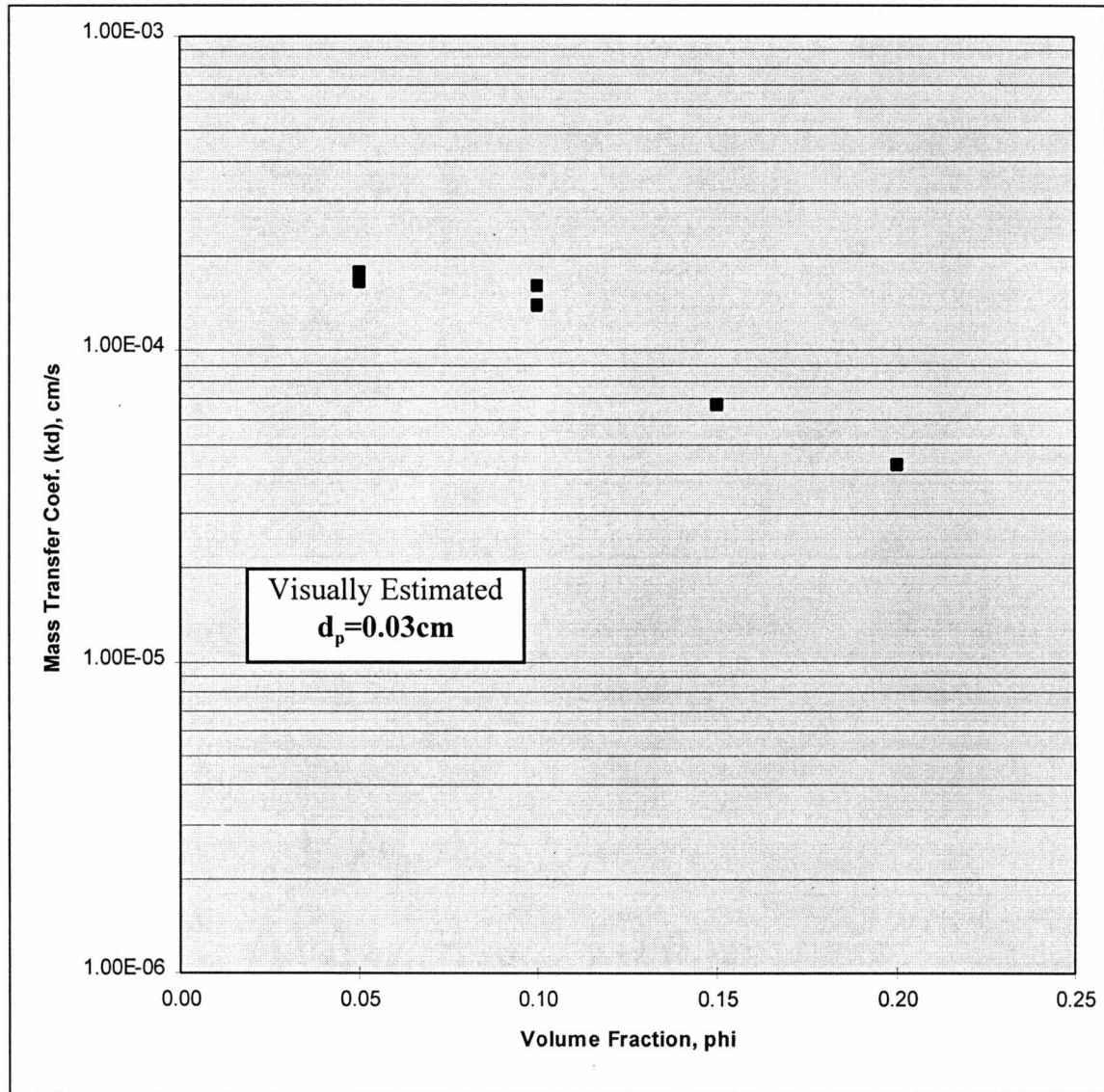
**Figure 6.7 :** Experimental Run 6 where Volume Fraction,  $\phi = V_d/V_T = 0.05$ . The concentration and drop size profile of the dispersed-phase over time. The drop size was calculated by the Sauter-mean diameter approximation (Hong and Lee, 1985).



**Figure 6.8:** Effect of dispersed-phase volume fraction,  $\phi$ , on dispersed-phase mass transfer coefficient estimated using a solute mass balance for transport from the

dispersed-phase to the continuous-phase:  $\ln\left(\frac{C_a}{C_{ao}}\right) = -\frac{k_d a V}{V_d}(t - t_o)$ , rather

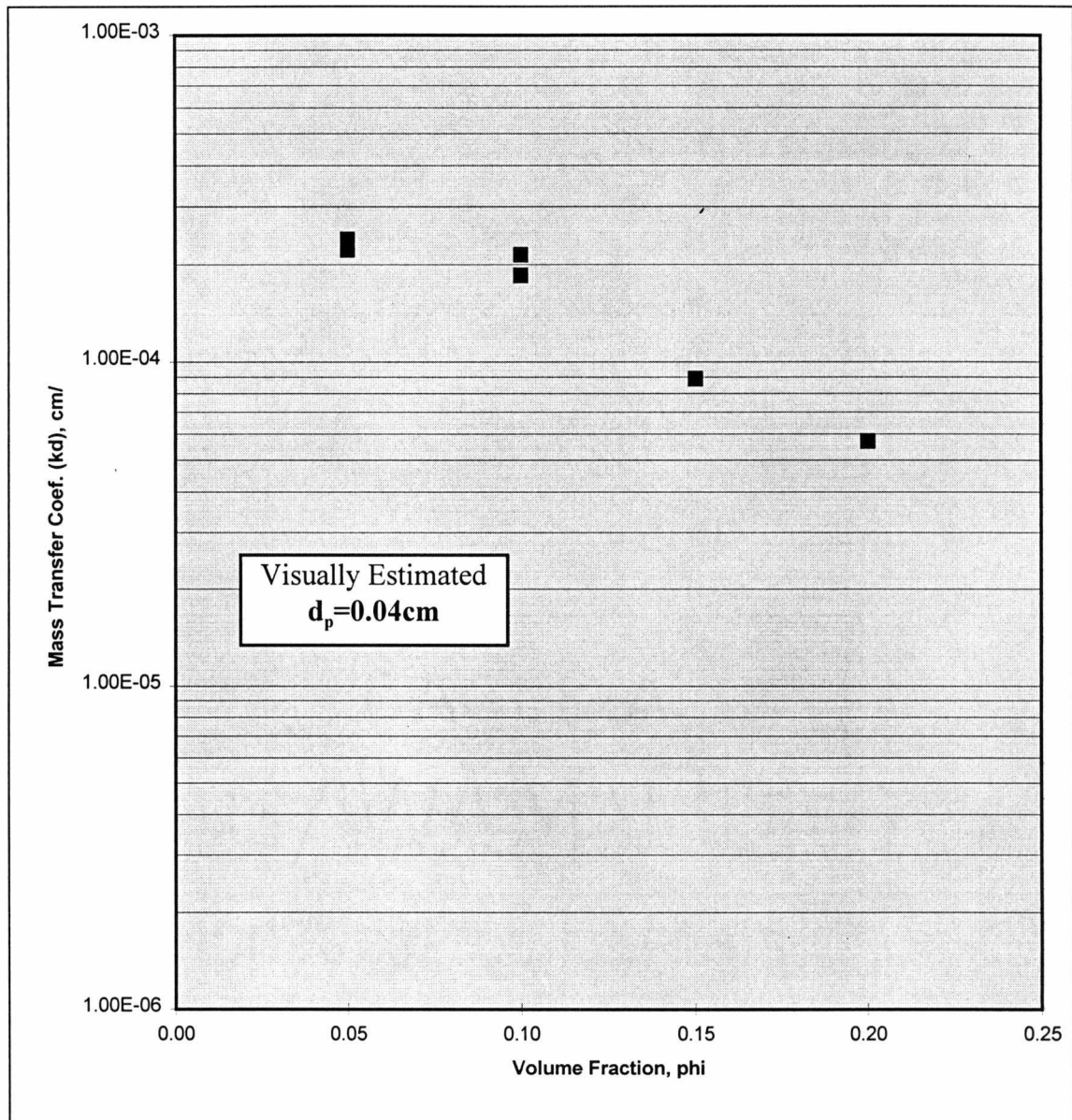
$k_d = -\frac{d_p}{6}(\text{slope})$ , with experimentally measured  $C_a$  and  $d_p$  where  $d_p = 0.02$  cm.



**Figure 6.9:** Effect of dispersed-phase volume fraction,  $\phi$ , on dispersed-phase mass transfer coefficient estimated using a solute mass balance for transport from the

dispersed-phase to the continuous-phase:  $\ln\left(\frac{C_a}{C_{ao}}\right) = -\frac{k_d a V}{V_d}(t - t_o)$ , rather

$k_d = -\frac{d_p}{6}(\text{slope})$ , with experimentally measured  $C_a$  and  $d_p$  where  $d_p = 0.03$  cm.



**Figure 6.10:** Effect of dispersed-phase volume fraction,  $\phi$ , on dispersed-phase mass transfer coefficient estimated using a solute mass balance for transport from the

dispersed-phase to the continuous-phase:  $\ln\left(\frac{C_a}{C_{a0}}\right) = -\frac{k_d a V}{V_d}(t - t_o)$ , rather

$k_d = -\frac{d_p}{6}(\text{slope})$ , with experimentally measured  $C_a$  and  $d_p$  where  $d_p = 0.04$  cm.

### *Prediction of Dispersed-phase Mass Transfer Coefficient*

Table 6.2 summarizes the effect of volume fraction on both dispersed-phase mass transfer coefficients estimated with empirical models (i.e. Higbie (1935), Skelland-HuXien (1990), and Equation 1.11) and dispersed-phase mass transfer coefficients estimated using a solute mass balance- Equation 5.2, with experimentally measured solute concentration-time data and visually estimated droplet size data (equal to 0.02cm, 0.03cm and 0.04cm, respectively).

*Penetration Theory (Higbie, 1935).* Appendix Table A6.19 summarizes  $k_d$  as approximated by the Penetration Theory. It may be noted from Figure 6.11 that  $k_d$  increases as exposure time decreases. For example, when exposure time is 90 seconds ( $\phi=0.05$ ),  $k_d \cong 7.0\text{E-}05$  cm/s; but, when exposure time increases to 300 seconds ( $\phi=0.15$ ) decreases to  $k_d \cong 3.0\text{E-}05$  cm/s. Note that from equation 5.1,  $k_d$  is proportional to  $(t_s)^{-0.5}$ .

*Skelland and HuXien (1990).* Appendix Table A6.20 summarizes  $k_d$  as approximated by the Skelland and HuXien's empirical correlation, equation 6.2. It may be noted from Figure 6.12 that  $k_d$  decreases as volume fraction increases. It follows that (since volume fraction increases with  $t_f$ , Table A6.20)  $k_d$  decreases as  $t_f$  increases. Data from Appendix Table A6.22 indicate that  $k_d$  increases as the Reynolds number increases. For example, when the impeller Reynolds number is about 5800 (where  $\phi=0.05$ )  $k_d \cong 2.5\text{E-}05$  cm/s; however, when the impeller Reynolds number is around 4600 (where  $\phi=0.15$ ),  $k_d$  decreases to less than half,  $\sim 1.0\text{E-}05$  cm/s. Note that from equation 6.2,  $k_d$  is proportional to  $(N_{Re})^{1.14}$ .

Table 6.2: Predicted Mass Transfer Coefficients based on Experimental and Calculated Physical and Transport Properties.

| Expt. Run | Volume Fraction $\phi$ | DISPERSED-PHASE MASS TRANSFER COEFFICIENT, cm/s |           |           |                      |                   |            |
|-----------|------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------------------|-------------------|------------|
|           |                        | EXPERIMENTAL (1)                                |           |           | PENETRATION SKELLAND |                   |            |
|           |                        | dp:                                             | 0.20mm    | 0.3mm     | 0.40mm               | EQUATION 1.11 (2) | THEORY (3) |
| 1         | 0.10                   | 9.300E-05                                       | 1.395E-04 | 1.860E-04 | 1.667E-04            | 4.134E-05         | 1.241E-05  |
| 2         | 0.10                   | 1.073E-04                                       | 1.610E-04 | 2.147E-04 | 1.667E-04            | 4.145E-05         | 1.241E-05  |
| 3         | 0.05                   | 1.113E-04                                       | 1.670E-04 | 2.227E-04 | 1.833E-04            | 5.313E-05         | 1.875E-05  |
| 4         | 0.20                   | 2.867E-05                                       | 4.300E-05 | 5.733E-05 | 6.667E-05            | 2.848E-05         | 6.317E-06  |
| 5         | 0.15                   | 4.467E-05                                       | 6.700E-05 | 8.933E-05 | 1.167E-05            | 2.907E-05         | 7.557E-06  |
| 6         | 0.05                   | 1.197E-04                                       | 1.795E-04 | 2.393E-04 | 1.833E-04            | 5.331E-05         | 1.875E-05  |

Notes:

(1)

$$k_d = -\frac{d^{\mu}}{6} (\text{slope})$$

(3)

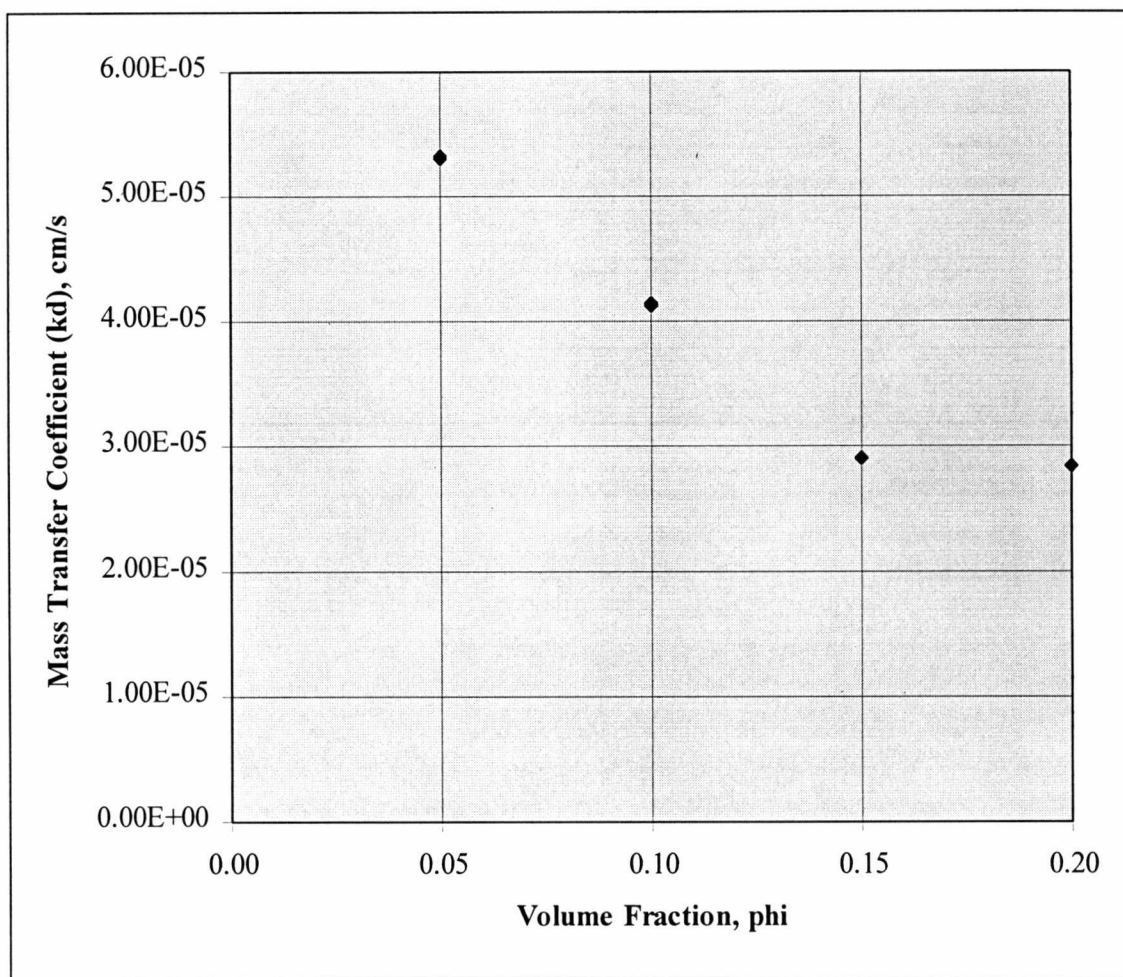
(2)

$$\ln \frac{C_a}{C_{av}} = -6k_d \int_0^t \frac{1}{\alpha(t)^{-0.7} + d_{32}} dt$$

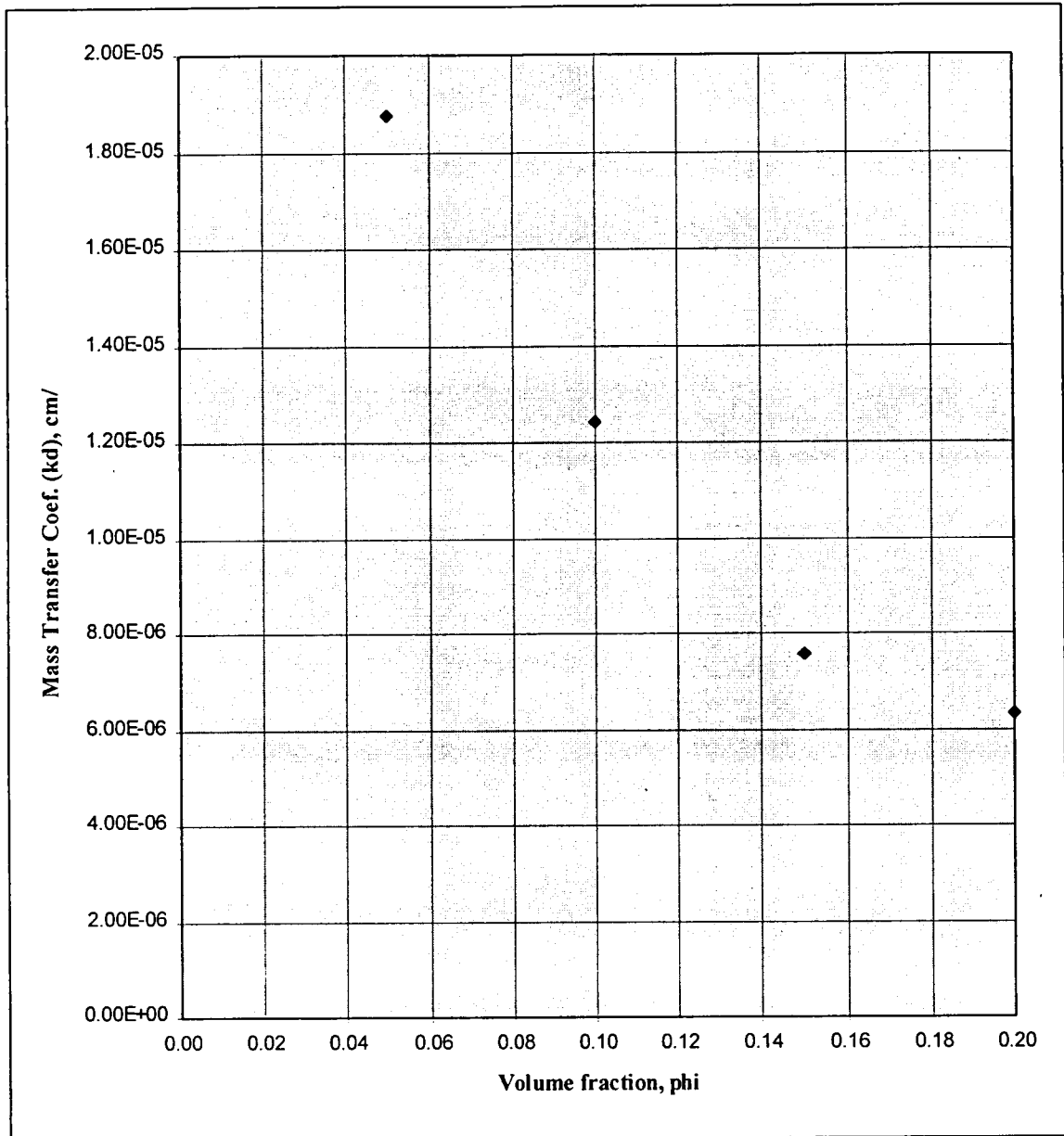
(4)

$$k_d = 2 \sqrt{\frac{D_{AB}}{\pi t_s}}$$

$$\frac{k_d}{[D_{AB}/t_f]^{1/2}} = 5.0(10^{-6})\phi^{-0.0204} \left( \frac{d_p^2 N \rho_M}{\mu_M} \right)^{1.140} \left( \frac{\rho_c}{\Delta \rho} \right)^{0.518}$$



**Figure 6.11:** Effect of dispersed-phase volume fraction,  $\phi$ , on dispersed-phase mass transfer calculated using the Penetration Theory (Higbie, 1935):  $k_d = 2 \sqrt{\frac{D_{AB}}{\pi s}}$ .

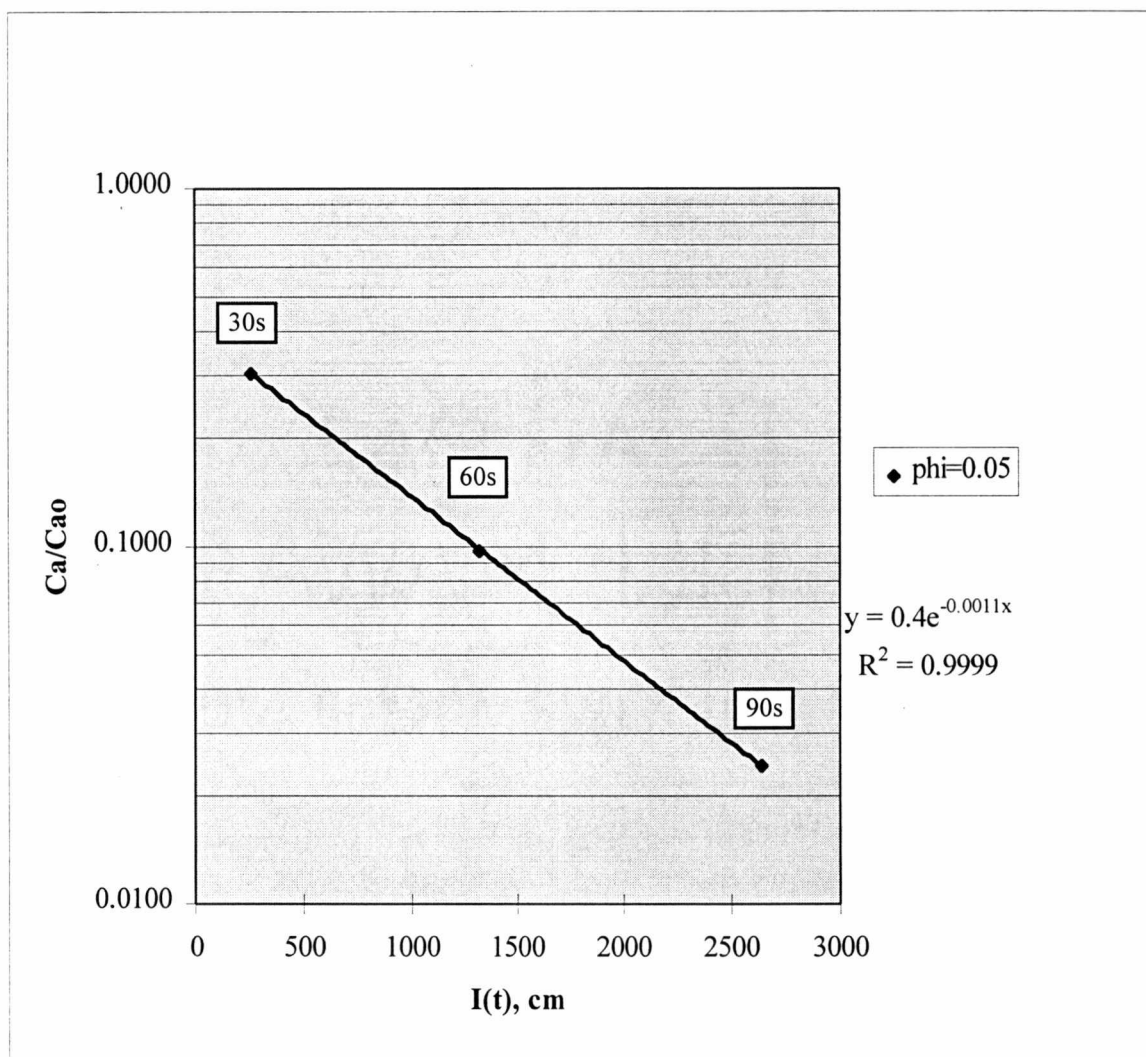


**Figure 6.12:** Effect of dispersed-phase volume fraction,  $\phi$ , on dispersed-phase mass transfer coefficient calculated using the Skelland and HuXien (1990) Empirical

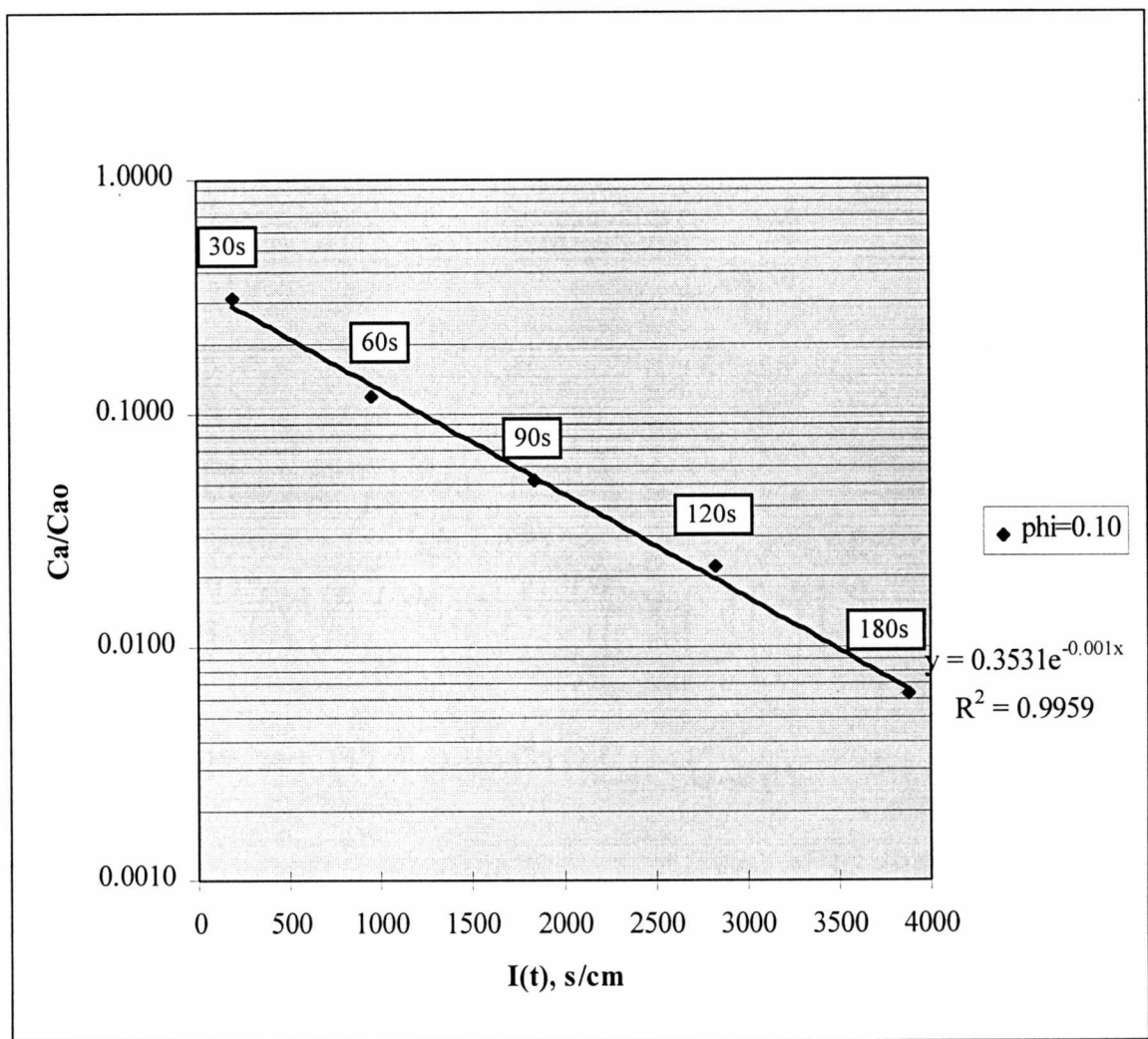
Expression: 
$$\frac{k_d}{[D_{AB} / t_f]^{1/2}} = 5.0(10^{-6})\phi^{-0.0204} \left( \frac{d_i^2 N \rho_M}{\mu_M} \right)^{1.140} \left( \frac{\rho_c}{\Delta \rho} \right)^{0.518}$$

*Hong and Lee (1985) Sauter-mean Diameter Relationship.* Slopes from Figures 6.13 through 6.16 were used in equation 1.11 to estimate the mass transfer coefficient. As shown in Figures 6.17,  $k_d$  increases as the dispersed-phase volume fraction,  $\phi$ , decreases. For example, at  $\phi=0.05$   $k_d = 1.83\text{E-}04$  cm/s, while at  $\phi=0.20$   $k_d = 0.67\text{E-}04$  cm/s. Sample calculations for estimating the dispersed-phase mass transfer coefficient using equation 1.11 are provided in Appendix A6. Figures A6.15 through A6.17 contain a plot of the relationship between  $I(t)$  and  $t$ .

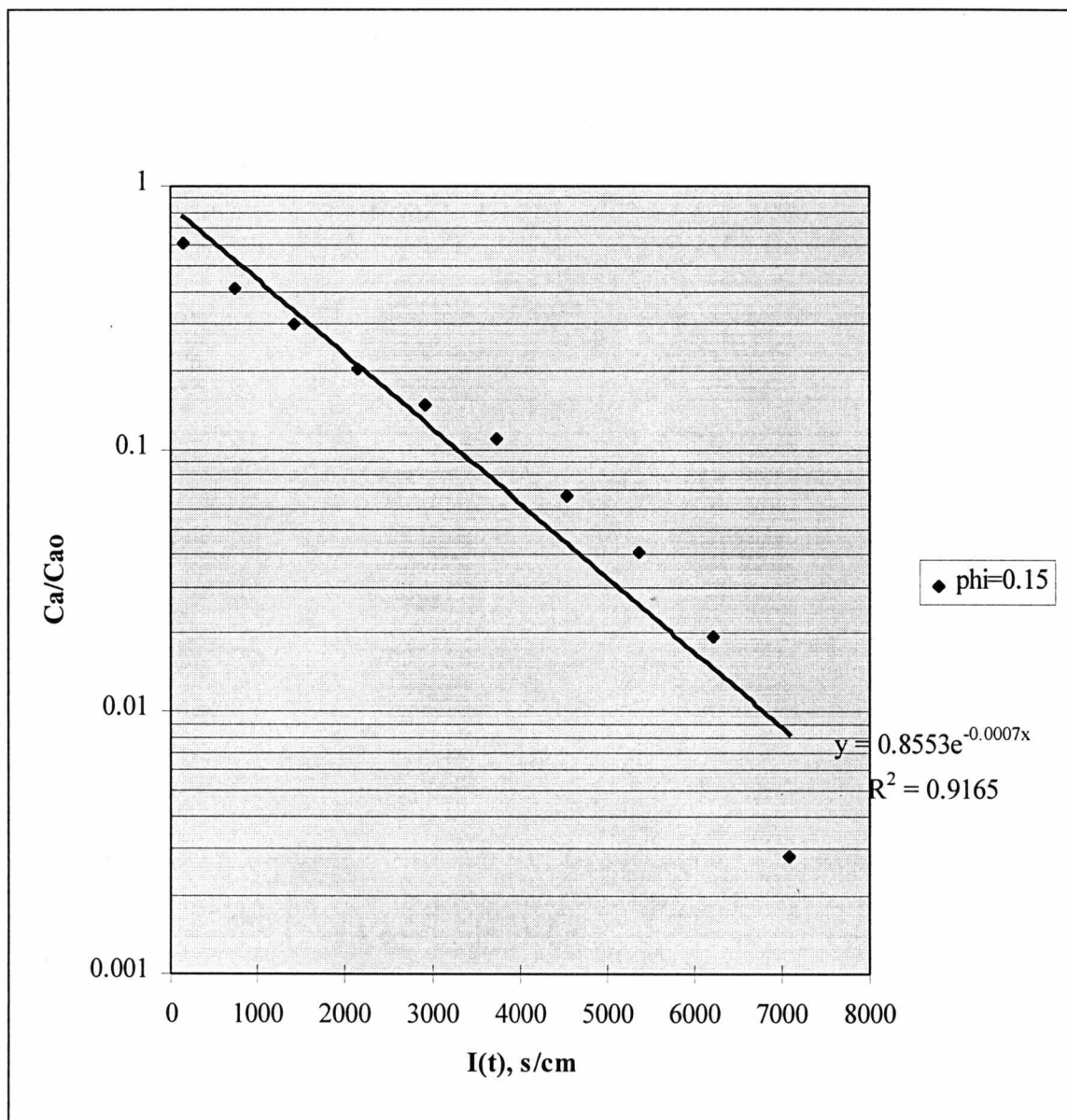
*Overall Mass Transfer Coefficient.* As expected from Table A6.21,  $k_c$ 's ranging from  $\sim 0.2$  to  $\sim 0.4$  cm/s was much greater than experimental  $k_d$ 's ranging from  $2.9\text{E-}05$  cm/s to  $2.4\text{E-}05$  cm/s. This validates the assumption that  $K_d \approx k_d$ .



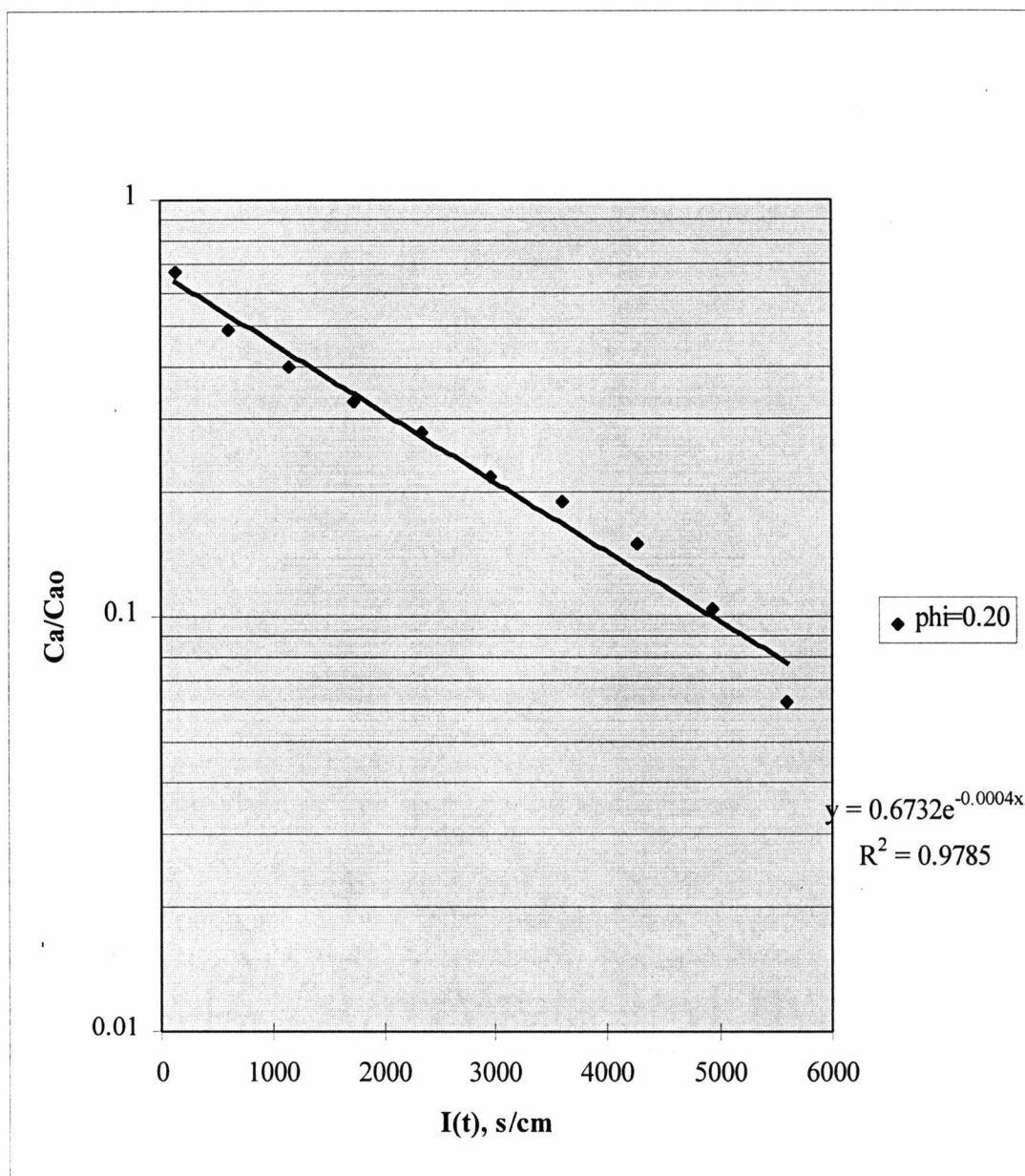
**Figure 6.13:** Plot of  $\ln C_a/C_{a0}$  versus  $I(t)$  where  $I(t) = \int_{20}^t \frac{1}{\alpha \cdot t^{-0.7} + d_{32}^*} dt$  for  $\phi=0.05$ .



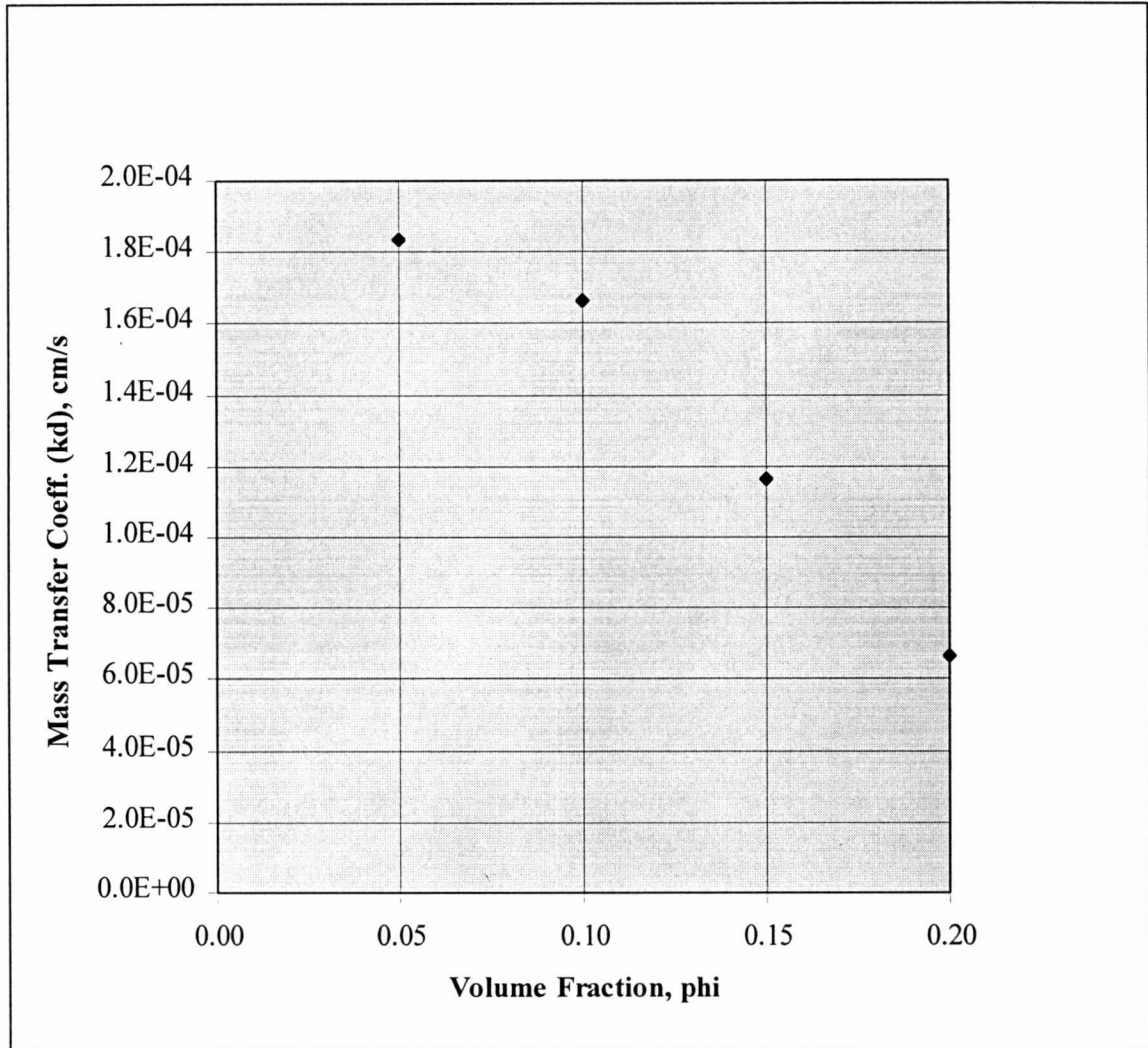
**Figure 6.14:** Plot of  $\ln C_a/C_{ao}$  versus  $I(t)$  where  $I(t) = \int_{20}^t \frac{1}{\alpha \cdot t^{-0.7} + d_{32}^*} dt$  for  $\phi=0.1$ .



**Figure 6.15:** Plot of  $\ln C_a/C_{a0}$  versus  $I(t)$  where  $I(t) = \int_{20}^t \frac{1}{\alpha \cdot t^{-0.7} + d_{32}^*} dt$  for  $\phi=0.15$ .



**Figure 6.16:** Plot of  $\ln C_a/C_{a0}$  versus  $I(t)$  where  $I(t) = \int_{20}^t \frac{1}{\alpha \cdot t^{-0.7} + d_{32}^*} dt$  for  $\phi=0.20$ .



**Figure 6.17:** Effect of dispersed-phase volume fraction,  $\phi$ , on dispersed-phase mass transfer coefficient calculated using equation 1.11:  $\ln \frac{C_a}{C_{ao}} = -6k_d \int_0^t \frac{1}{\alpha(t)^{-0.7} + d_{32}^*} dt$  which is derived from the Hong and Lee (1985) Sauter-mean Diameter relationship.

## CHAPTER 7

### COMPARISON OF MASS TRANSFER COEFFICIENT MODELS

#### Introduction

In Chapter 6 dispersed-phase mass transfer coefficients were estimated by (1) using empirical models - Higbie (1935), Skelland-HuXien (1990), and Equation 1.11 with experimentally measured physical properties and calculated transport properties; and (2) by using a solute mass balance- Equation 5.2, with experimentally measured solute concentration-time data and visually estimated droplet size data (equal to 0.02cm, 0.03cm and 0.04cm, respectively). Chapter 7 will compare the dispersed-phase coefficients predicted by models with the dispersed-phase mass transfer coefficients estimated experimentally.

#### Discussion

##### *Penetration Theory*

Table 6.2 shows that for small droplets (where  $d_p=0.02\text{cm}$ ) the Penetration Theory is generally half of the experimental dispersed-phase mass transfer coefficient regardless of exposure time. Regarding the Penetration Theory, Skelland and HuXien (1990) point out a subtlety on the affect of drop breakage; “transfer rates are repeatedly

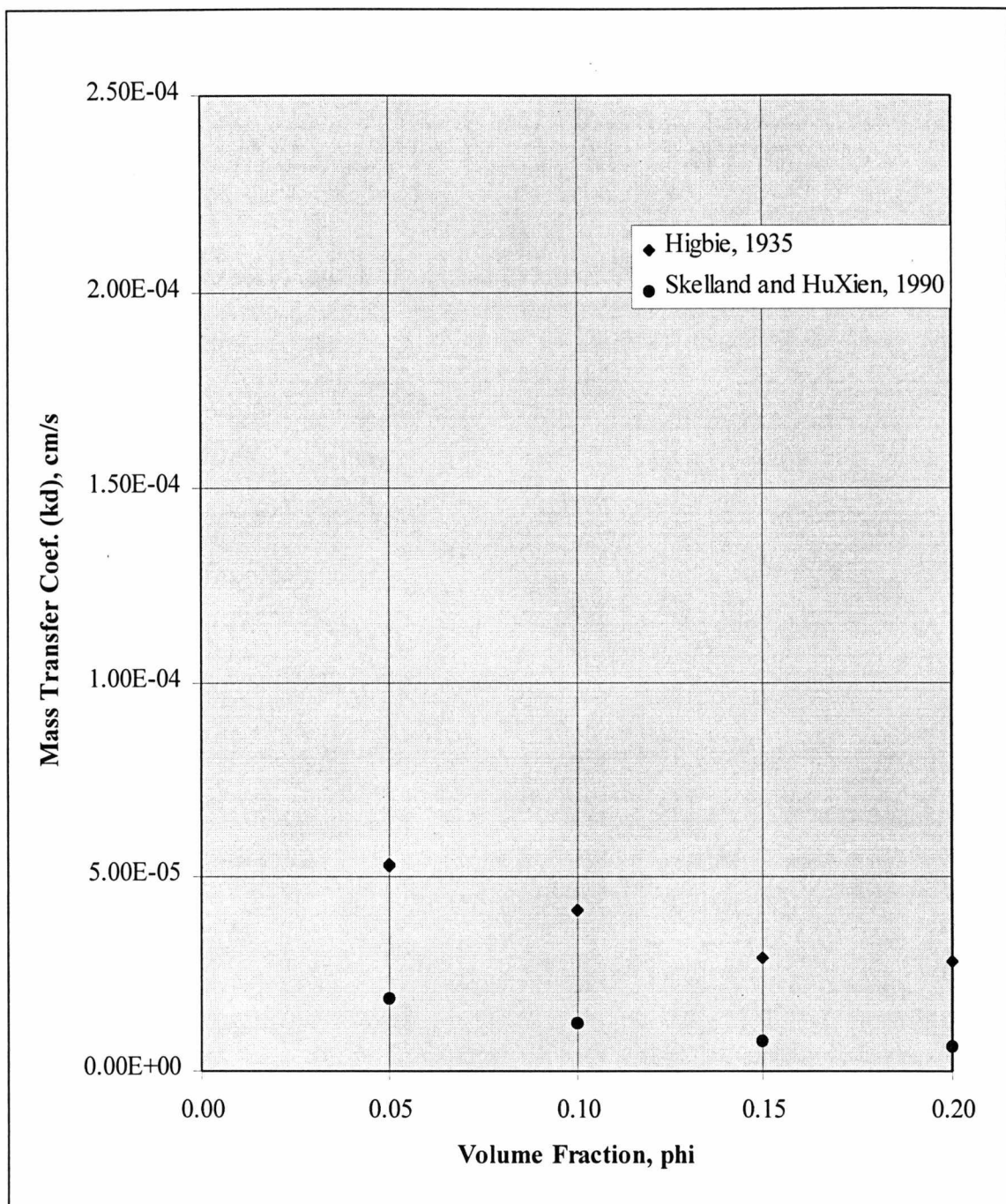
enhanced and restored to a predominantly “penetration-type” mechanism, prevailing just after the creation of new surface, by recurrent drop breakages throughout the period  $t_f t_o$ . This point is validated by  $d_{32}=f(t)$  data in Table A6.17. Note that up to 5 fold reductions in  $d_{32}$  were found during this time period (for  $\phi=0.1$ ), corresponding to a quintupletting of the total surface. In summary, most of the transfer may occur under conditions not far removed from the Penetration Theory framework

### ***Skelland and HuXien (1990) Expression***

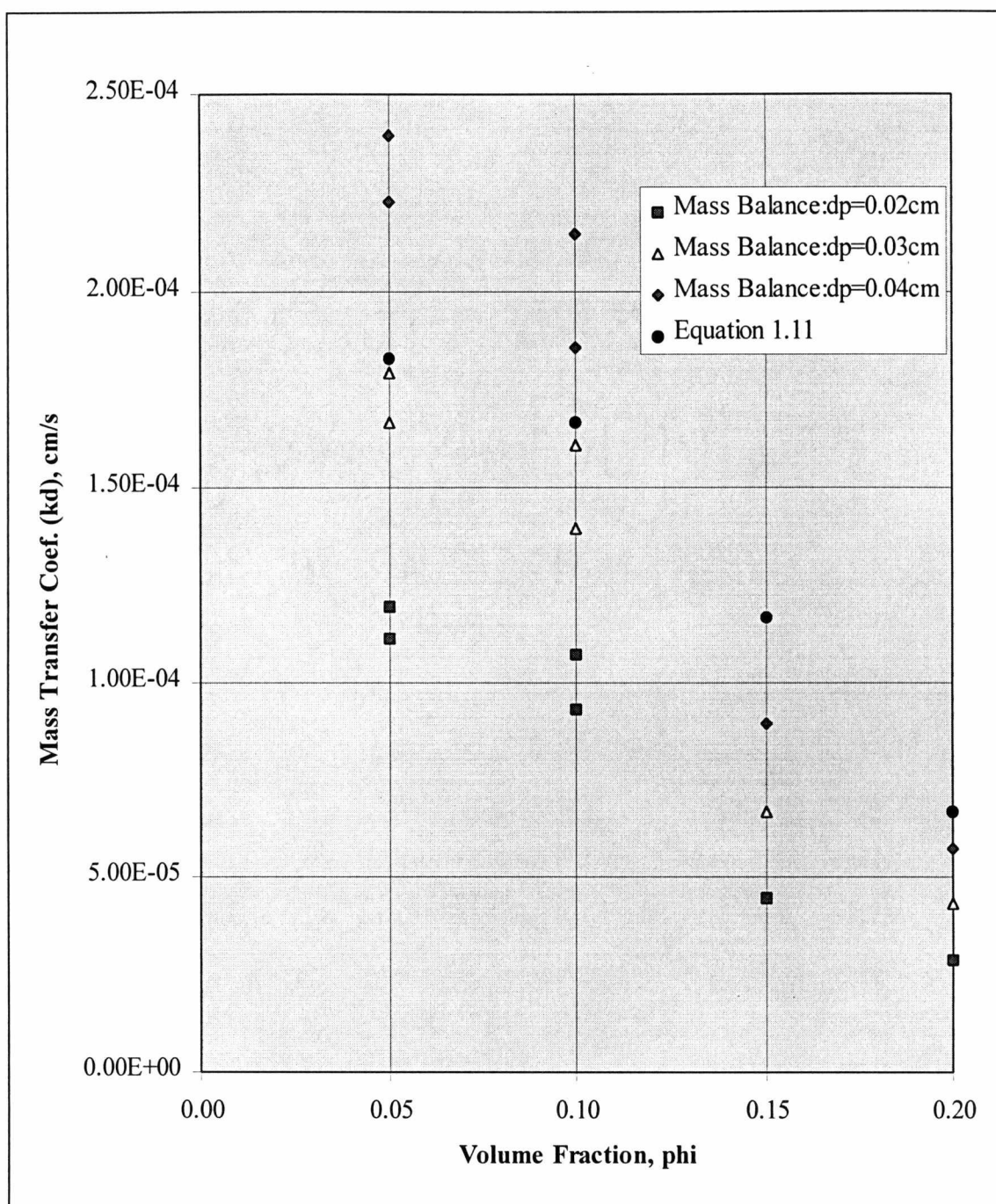
This empirical correlation for  $k_d$  builds on the Penetration Theory which states that  $k_d$  is proportional to  $D^{0.5}$ . Similarly, the Skelland and HuXien Model (1990) does not adequately predict the dispersed-phase mass transfer coefficient for the system studied herein. Dispersed-phase mass transfer coefficients generated from this empirical correlation are generally an order of magnitude lower than experimentally estimated dispersed-phase mass transfer coefficients. Figure 7.1 provides a frame of reference for comparing the Skelland and HuXien Model to Higbie’s (1935) Penetration Theory.

### ***Hong and Lee (1985) Sauter-mean Diameter Relationship***

Equation 1.11 adequately predicts the dispersed-phase mass transfer coefficient for the type system study herein. Dispersed-phase mass transfer coefficients generated by this method fit within the accountable experimental error as shown in Figure 7.2. It follows from Appendix Table A6.17 that Sauter-mean diameters were essentially the



**Figure 7.1:** Comparison of model predicted dispersed-phase mass transfer coefficients. Both the Penetration Theory and the Skelland and HuXien Model underestimated the dispersed-phase mass transfer coefficient.



**Figure 7.2:** Comparison of dispersed-phase mass transfer coefficient predicted using the Sauter-mean diameter relationship, Equation 1.11 with experimentally measured dispersed-phase mass transfer coefficients at visually estimated drop sizes- 0.02cm, 0.03cm, and 0.04cm. Sauter-mean diameters were essentially the same for any given volume fraction but ranged from 0.04cm to 0.02cm over time.

same for any given dispersed-phase volume fraction ( $\phi=0.05, 0.10, 0.15, 0.20$ ) but ranged from 0.04cm to 0.02cm over time ( $t=30$ seconds through  $t=300$ seconds).

## Conclusions

1. Both the Penetration Theory (Higbie, 1935) and the Skelland and HuXien Model (1990) underestimate the dispersed-phase mass transfer coefficient in this kind of system. Therefore these expressions will yield a conservative extractor design.
2. The difference between the measured value of  $k_d$  and that estimated from Penetration Theory could be accounted for by errors in the physical and transport property estimations especially diffusivity,  $D_{AB}$  which is difficult to estimate for the liquid-liquid system described herein.
3. Experimentally estimated drop sizes generally agree with the Hong and Lee (1985) Sauter-mean diameter model.
4. As expected, the continuous-phase mass transfer coefficient had very little influence on the overall mass transfer coefficient as predicted by the Skelland and Moeti (1990) expression.

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## **APPENDIX**

## APPENDIX 1

### List of Symbols

|             |   |                                                                                                     |
|-------------|---|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| $a$         | = | interfacial area per unit volume of liquid mixture, $\text{cm}^2/\text{cm}^3$                       |
| $A$         | = | total interfacial area available for mass transfer, $\text{cm}^2$                                   |
| $C_a$       | = | concentration of the solute in the dispersed phase at time $t$ , $\text{g/ml}$                      |
| $C_a^*$     | = | concentration of the solute at the interface between the two phases at time,<br>$t$ , $\text{g/ml}$ |
| $D_{AB}$    | = | diffusivity of $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ in the Dispersed Phase, $\text{cm}^2/\text{s}$              |
| $D_{AB}^o$  | = | diffusivity of $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ in the Continuous Phase, $\text{cm}^2/\text{s}$             |
| $d_i$       | = | impeller diameter, $\text{cm}$                                                                      |
| $d_v$       | = | vessel diameter, $\text{cm}$                                                                        |
| $d_{32}$    | = | Sauter-mean drop diameter, $\text{cm}$                                                              |
| $d_{32}^*$  | = | steady-state Sauter-mean drop diameter, $\text{cm}$                                                 |
| $g$         | = | acceleration due to gravity, $\text{cm/s}^2$                                                        |
| $H$         | = | height of liquid in the vessel, $\text{cm}$                                                         |
| $k_c$       | = | continuous-phase mass transfer coefficient, $\text{cm/s}$                                           |
| $k_d$       | = | dispersed-phase mass transfer coefficient, $\text{cm/s}$                                            |
| $k_{dpred}$ | = | predicted dispersed-phase individual mass transfer coefficient, $\text{cm/s}$                       |
| $K$         | = | fluid consistency index, $\text{cP}$                                                                |
| $K_d$       | = | overall dispersed-phase mass transfer coefficient, $\text{cm/s}$                                    |
| $K_T$       | = | constant value for given type of impeller (Bates et al., 1963),<br>dimensionless                    |
| $m$         | = | distribution ratio, $g_{\text{organic}}/g_{\text{aqueous}}$                                         |
| $n$         | = | flow behavior index, dimensionless                                                                  |

|           |   |                                                                              |
|-----------|---|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| $N$       | = | impeller speed, rpm, 1/s                                                     |
| $N_{Wec}$ | = | impeller Weber number, $N^2 d_i^3 \rho_c / \sigma$ , dimensionless           |
| $N_{Rec}$ | = | impeller Reynolds number, $N d_i^2 \rho_c / \mu_c$ , dimensionless           |
| $N_{Frc}$ | = | impeller Froude number, $N^2 d_i^2 \rho_c / \Delta \rho H g$ , dimensionless |
| $t$       | = | time, s                                                                      |
| $t_0$     | = | time at which all dispersed phase has been added to the vessel, s            |
| $t_s$     | = | exposure time, s (used with Penetration Theory)                              |
| $t_f$     | = | time at which 99% of solute has transferred, s                               |
| $T$       | = | absolute temperature, Kelvin                                                 |
| $V_{bA}$  | = | molar volume of $Na_2SO_4$ , $cm^3/gmole$                                    |
| $V_{bB}$  | = | average molar volume of all components, $cm^3/gmole$                         |
| $V_d$     | = | volume of the dispersed phase, $cm^3$                                        |
| $V_s$     | = | volume of a spherical dispersed droplet, $cm^3$                              |
| $V_T$     | = | total volume, $cm^3$                                                         |

### Greek Letters

|            |   |                                                                                           |
|------------|---|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| $\alpha$   | = | constant used in equation 5.5 to determine the Sauter-mean drop diameter, $cm/s^{0.7}$    |
| $\beta$    | = | 0.7, constant used in equation 5.5 to determine the Sauter-mean drop diameter.            |
| $\gamma$   | = | $d_{32}^*$ , constant used in equation 5.5 to determine the Sauter-mean drop diameter, cm |
| $\epsilon$ | = | rate of energy dissipation per unit mass of fluid, $m^2/s^3$                              |
| $\phi$     | = | volume fraction of the dispersed phase, dimensionless                                     |
| $\eta$     | = | eddy length scale, m                                                                      |
| $\mu$      | = | viscosity of dispersed phase, N s/m <sup>2</sup>                                          |

|          |   |                                                |
|----------|---|------------------------------------------------|
| $\mu_a$  | = | apparent viscosity, cP                         |
| $\nu$    | = | kinematic viscosity, m <sup>2</sup> /s         |
| $\rho$   | = | density of dispersed phase, kg/m <sup>3</sup>  |
| $\rho_c$ | = | density of continuous phase, kg/m <sup>3</sup> |

## APPENDIX 2

### Sample Calculations for Chapter 1

#### A.2.1 Validate Assumption of No Droplet Internal Circulation

##### Eddy Length Scale, $\eta$ :

Skelland and Moeti, (1990)

$$\eta = \varepsilon^{-\frac{1}{4}} \nu^{\frac{3}{4}}$$

Rate Of Energy Dissipation Per Unit Mass Of Fluid,  $\varepsilon$ :

$$\varepsilon = \frac{4K_T}{\pi} \frac{d_I^5 N^3}{d_v^3}$$

$K_T = 2.5$ , for a 6-blade turbine (Bates et al., 1963)

$d_I = 0.0508 \text{ m}$

$N = 16.6667 \text{ rpm}$

$d_v = 0.1302 \text{ m}$

therefore,

$$\varepsilon = \frac{4(2.5)}{3.1416} \frac{(0.0508\text{m})^5 (16.6667\text{rps})^3}{(0.1302\text{m})^3}$$

$$\varepsilon = 2.2588 \frac{\text{m}^2}{\text{s}^3}$$

Kinematic Viscosity,  $\nu$ :

$$\nu = \frac{\mu}{\rho}$$

$\mu = 3,556 \text{ cP} = 3.556 \text{ N s/m}^2$

$\rho = 1.01 \text{ g/cm}^3 = 1,010 \text{ kg/m}^3$

therefore,

$$\nu = \frac{3.556 \frac{Ns}{m^2}}{1010 \frac{kg}{m^3}}$$

$$\nu = 0.003521 \frac{m^2}{s}$$

and,

$$\eta = \left(2.2588 \frac{m^2}{s^3}\right)^{-\frac{1}{4}} \left(0.003521 \frac{m^2}{s}\right)^{\frac{3}{4}}$$

$$\eta = 0.0118m$$

if N= 4 rpm then,

$$\eta = \left(0.003122 \frac{m^2}{s^3}\right)^{-\frac{1}{4}} \left(0.003521 \frac{m^2}{s}\right)^{\frac{3}{4}}$$

$$\eta = 0.06115m$$

### A.2.2 Derivation of Equation 1.11

Calculate the total interfacial area,  $A$ , using the experimentally determined droplet diameter:

$$A = a * \Sigma \text{droplets}$$

First, calculate the area of an individual spherical droplet,

$$a = 4 \pi \cdot r^2.$$

Then determine the number of droplets,

$$\Sigma \text{droplets} = \frac{V_d}{V_s};$$

followed by the volume of a single droplet,

$$V_s = \frac{4}{3} \pi \cdot r^3.$$

Substitution of these relationships into the interfacial area expression gives,

$$A = 4 \pi \cdot r^2 * \frac{V_d}{\frac{4}{3} \pi \cdot r^3}$$

simplification gives,

$$A = \frac{3V_d}{r}$$

and,

$$A = \frac{6V_d}{d_p}$$

If  $d_p = d_{32}$ , then substitution of

$$d_{32} = t^{-\beta} \alpha + d_{32}^*$$

gives,

$$\frac{A}{V_d} = \frac{6}{d_{32}^* + \alpha t^{-0.7}}.$$

Given the mass balance relationship,

$$V_d dC_a = k_d A (C_a^* - C_a) dt,$$

setting  $C_a^* = 0$  and substituting  $A/V_d$  gives,

$$\frac{1}{C_a} dC_a = -6k_d \frac{1}{d_{32}^* + \alpha \cdot t^{-0.7}} dt$$

Integrating both sides of the equation from  $C_{a0}$  to  $C_a$  and from  $t_0$  to  $t$ :

$$\int_{C_{a0}}^{C_a} \frac{1}{C_a} dC_a = -6k_d \int_{t_0}^t \frac{1}{d_{32}^* + \alpha \cdot t^{-0.7}} dt$$

For the left hand side of the equation

$$\int_{C_{a0}}^{C_a} \frac{1}{C_a} dC_a \Rightarrow \ln \frac{C_a}{C_{a0}}$$

The right hand side of the equation can be evaluated numerically.

## Appendix 3

### Sample calculations for Chapter 3

#### A.3.1. Molecular Diffusivity of Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> Salt in the Dispersed Phase

**BASIS: 50% weight IPA in CA Dope**

Using the Lusis and Ratcliff (1968) correlation for organic solvents,

$$\frac{D_{AB}\mu_B}{T} = 8.52 \times 10^{-10} (V_B)^{-1/3} \left[ 1.40 \left( \frac{V_B}{V_A} \right)^{1/3} + \left( \frac{V_B}{V_A} \right) \right],$$

with Physical Properties Data from Table 3.3:

$$T = 298.16\text{K}$$

$$\mu_B = 12,200 \text{ cP} = 12.2 \text{ P (g/cm-s)}$$

STEP 1:

Calculate Molar Volume of organic phase:

$$V_{bB} = \text{molar volume of experiment B} = \text{cm}^3/\text{gmole}$$

$$V_{bA} = \text{molar volume of solute A} = \text{cm}^3/\text{gmole}$$

The solute (transferring unit) is Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>:

$$\text{Na} \quad 2(18)$$

$$\text{S} \quad 1(25.6)$$

$$\text{O}_4 \quad \underline{4(8.3)}$$

$$V_{bA} = 96.8 \text{ cm}^3/\text{gmole}$$

The dispersed organic solution has the composition by weight:

50% isopropyl acetate, 4.7% water, 36.9% acetic acid, and 8.5% Cellulose Acetate

|               | isopropyl acetate         |   | water                      |   | acetic acid               |   | Cellulose Acetate           |
|---------------|---------------------------|---|----------------------------|---|---------------------------|---|-----------------------------|
| MW:g/gmol     | 102                       |   | 18                         |   | 60                        |   |                             |
|               |                           |   |                            |   |                           |   | Neglected due to            |
|               | 5(14.8)                   | C | 0                          | C | 2(14.8)                   | C | small mole%.                |
|               | 10( 3.7)                  | H | 2( 3.7)                    | H | 4( 3.7)                   | H |                             |
|               | 2(11.0)                   | O | 1( 7.4)                    | O | 2(12.0)                   | O | Composite V <sub>bb</sub>   |
| Molar Volume: | 133 cm <sup>3</sup> /gmol |   | 14.8 cm <sup>3</sup> /gmol |   | 68.4cm <sup>3</sup> /gmol |   | 69.55 cm <sup>3</sup> /gmol |
| Weight%:      | 0.366                     |   | 0.295                      |   | 0.231                     |   |                             |
| Mole%:        | 0.15                      |   | 0.69                       |   | 0.16                      |   |                             |

STEP 2:

Substituting  $V_{bB}$  and  $V_{bA}$  into

$$\frac{D_{AB}\mu_B}{T} = 8.52 \times 10^{-10} (V_B)^{-1/3} \left[ 1.40 \left( \frac{V_B}{V_A} \right)^{1/3} + \left( \frac{V_B}{V_A} \right) \right]$$

gives,

$$D_{AB} = 1.0147 E - 09 \frac{cm^2}{s}$$

### A.3.2. Diffusivity of Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> Salt in the Continuous Phase, D<sup>o</sup><sub>AB</sub>

Assuming strong electrolyte at infinite dilution compute diffusivity at 25°C (Skelland, p. 68).

$$D_{AB}^o = 8.931E-10T \frac{\lambda_+^o \lambda_-^o}{\lambda_+^o + \lambda_-^o} \frac{|Z_-| + |Z_+|}{|Z_+ Z_-|},$$

$$\lambda_{+Na^+}^o = 50.1 \frac{\text{mho}}{\text{equivalent}}$$

$$\lambda_{-SO_4^{2-}}^o = 80.0 \frac{\text{mho}}{\text{equivalent}}$$

$$Z_+ = 1$$

$$Z_- = 2$$

$$T = 298.16K$$

therefore,

$$D_{AB}^o = 8.931E-10(298.16) \frac{50.1 \cdot 80.0}{50.1 + 80} \frac{|2| + |1|}{|1 \cdot 2|}$$

$$D_{AB}^o = 1.23E-5 \frac{\text{cm}^2}{\text{s}}$$

## Appendix 4

### Sample calculations for Chapter 4

#### A.4.1. Prediction of Minimum Agitator Speed Needed to Maintain Dispersion (Skelland and Kanel, 1990)

$$N_{\min} = C \left( \frac{d_v}{d_i} \right)^{\alpha} \frac{g^{0.42} \Delta \rho^{0.42} \mu_m^{0.08} \sigma^{0.04} \phi^{0.05}}{d_i^{0.71} \rho_m^{0.54}},$$

where

$$\rho_m = \phi \rho_d + (1 - \phi) \rho_c$$

$$\mu_m = \frac{\mu_c}{1 - \phi} \left( 1 + \frac{1.5 \mu_d \phi}{\mu_d + \mu_c} \right)$$

Physical Property data average from 3 runs in 50%IPA Experiment Set in Table 3.3.

$$\mu_c = 0.017 \text{ g/(cm sec)}$$

$$\mu_d = 45.0 \text{ g/(cm sec)}$$

$$\rho_c = 1.026 \text{ g/cm}^3$$

$$\rho_d = 0.953 \text{ g/cm}^3$$

$$\sigma = 2 \text{ dyne/cm}$$

Vessel geometry data was taken from Table 5.5

$$d_v = 13.02 \text{ cm}$$

$$d_i = 5.08 \text{ cm}$$

$$H = 21.17 \text{ cm (height of liquid in the vessel)}$$

$$C = 0.95 \text{ Using } H/2 \text{ with Table from Skelland and Kanel, (1990)}$$

$\alpha = 1.38$  Using H/2 with Table From Table in Skelland and Kanel, (1990)

$$\phi = 0.10$$

Substitution of values gives,

$$\rho_m = 0.1(0.953) + (1 - 0.1)1.026 = 1.0187 \frac{g}{cm^3}$$

and

$$\mu_m = \frac{0.017}{1 - 0.1} \left( 1 + \frac{1.5(45.0)0.1}{45.0 + 0.017} \right) = 0.0217 \frac{g}{cm \cdot sec}$$

and

$$N_{min} = 0.95 \left( \frac{13.02}{5.08} \right)^{1.38} \frac{980^{0.42} (1.026 - 0.953)^{0.42} .0217^{0.08} 2^{0.04} 0.1^{0.05}}{5.08^{0.71} 1.0187^{0.54}}$$

Gives

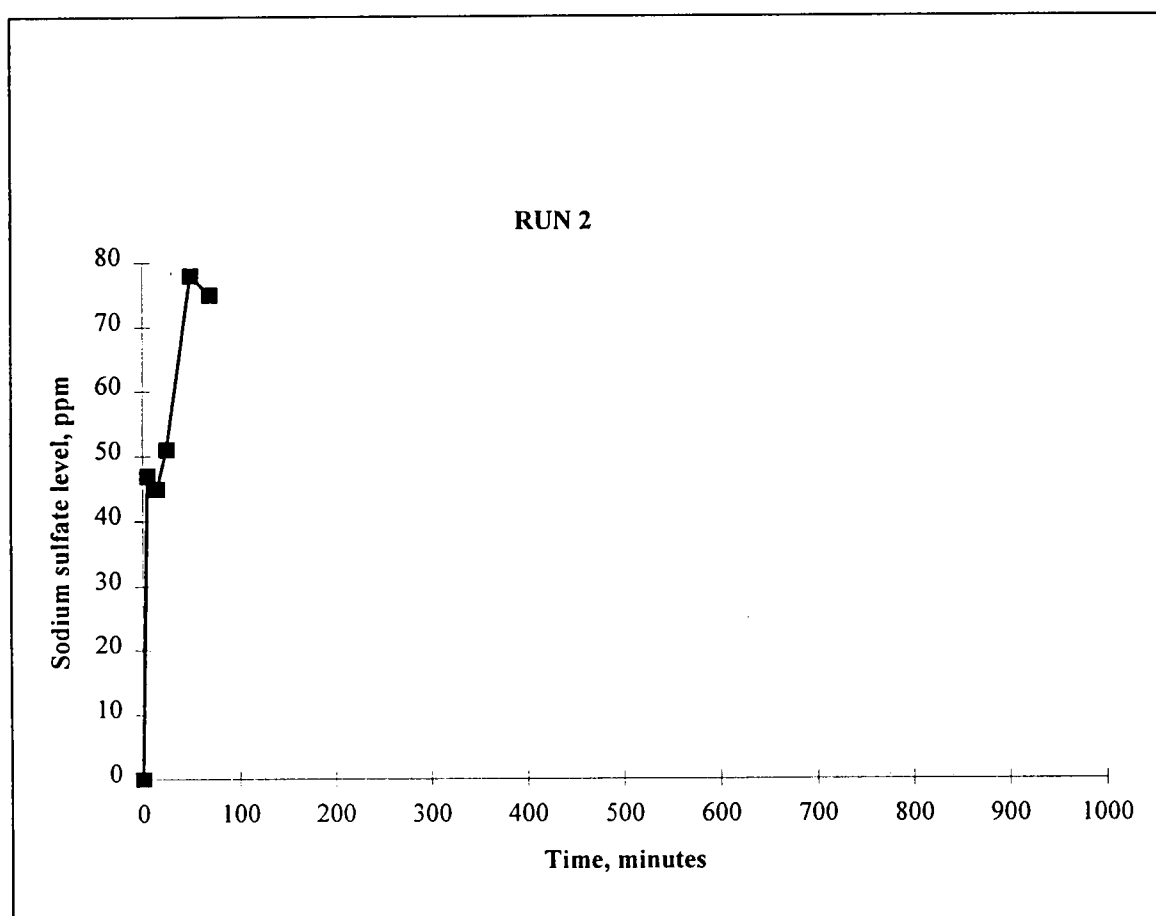
$$N_{min} = 4.4 \text{ rps} = 265 \text{ rpm}$$

By comparison, the experiment sets in Chapter 5 were run at 1000rpm.

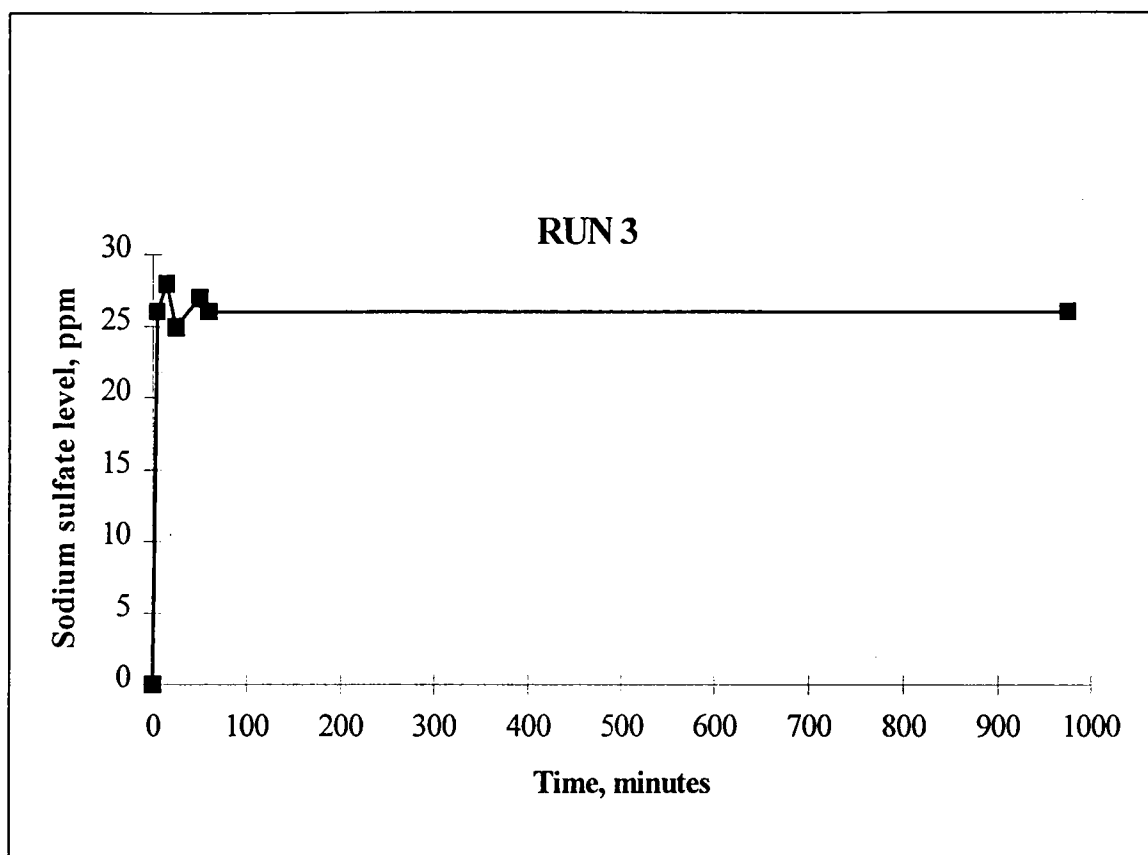
## Appendix 5

### Sample calculations for Chapter 5

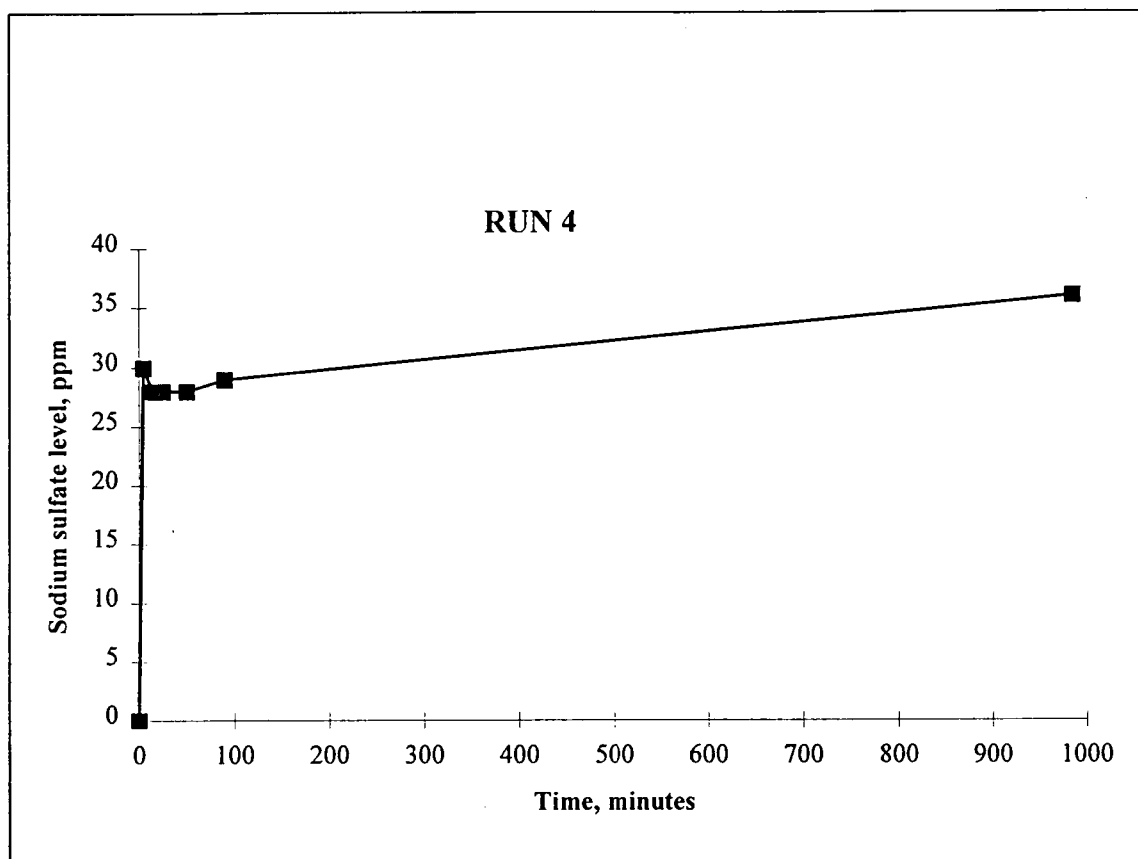
#### A.5.1. Sodium Sulfate Concentration Profile in the Continuous Phase for Experimental Runs 2-11.



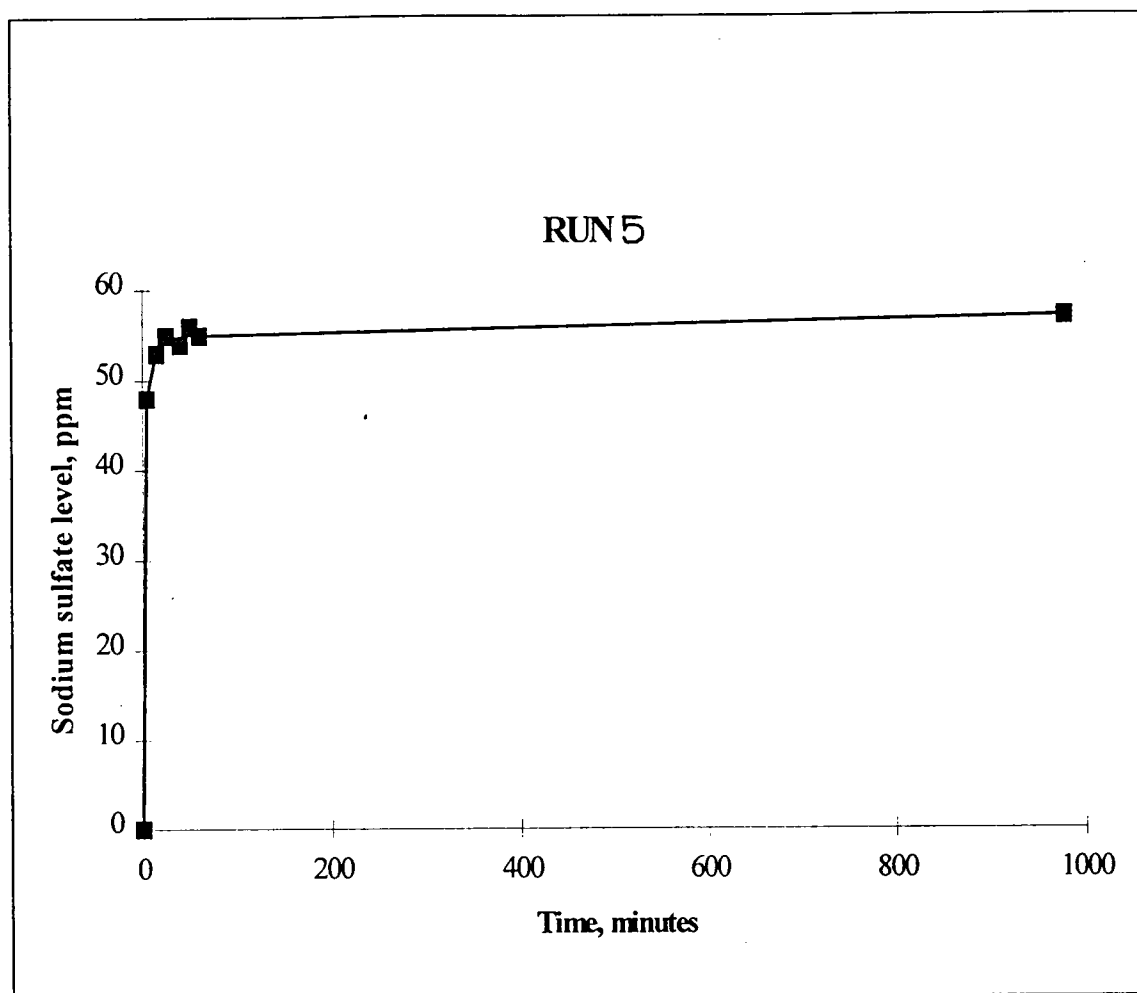
**Figure A5.1:** Time required for Sodium sulfate concentration in the continuous phase to reach equilibrium for Run 2.



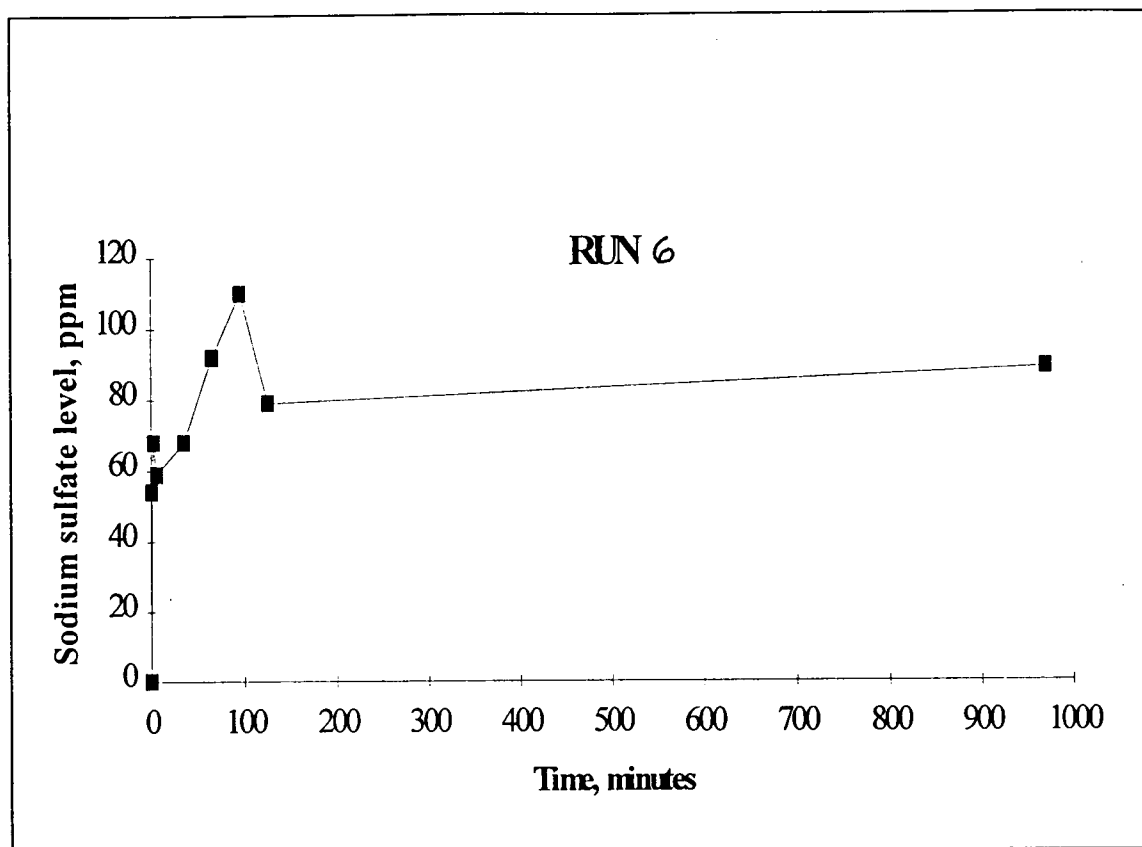
**Figure A5.2:** Time required for Sodium sulfate concentration in the continuous phase to reach equilibrium for Run 3.



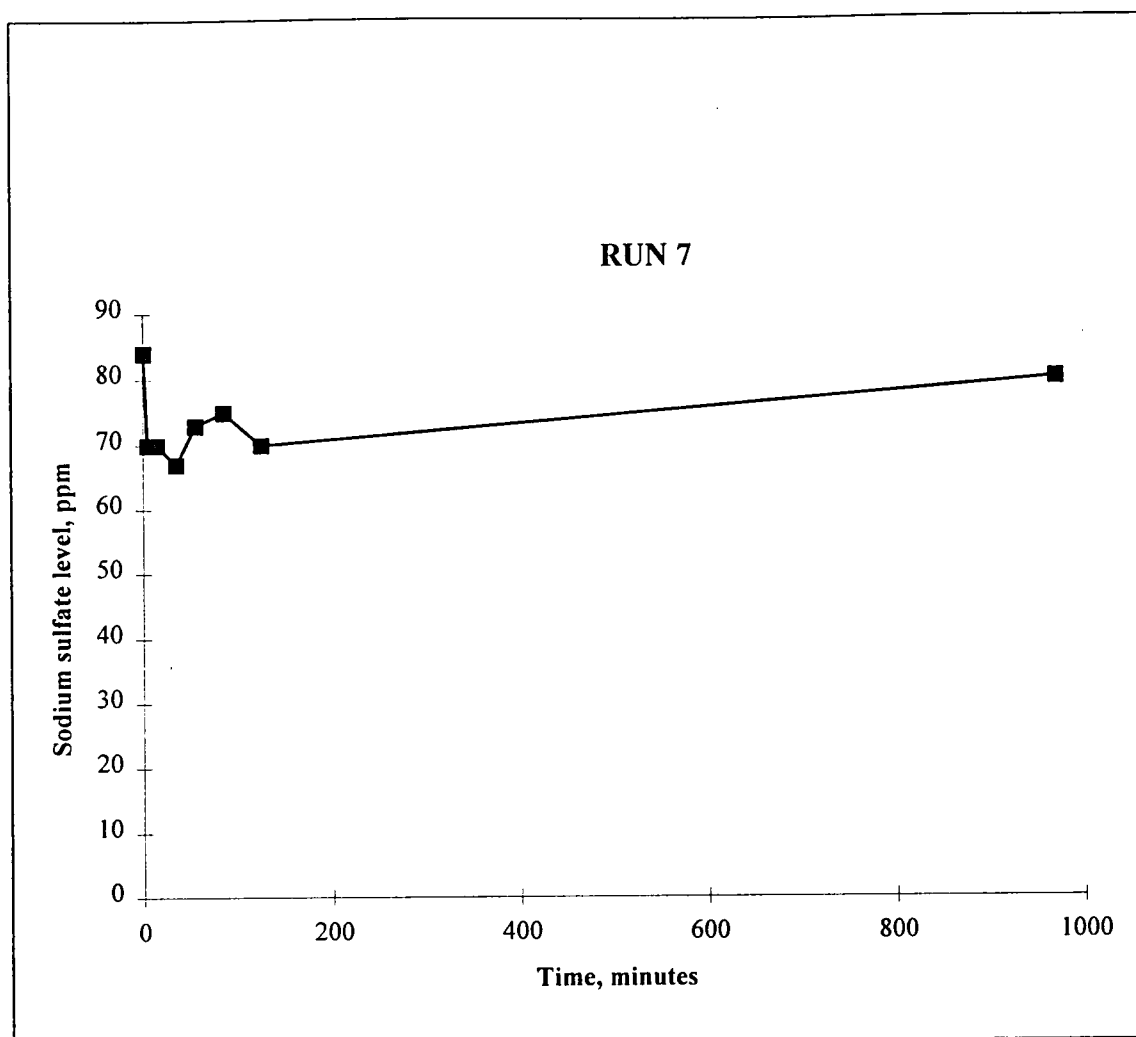
**Figure A5.3:** Time required for Sodium sulfate concentration in the continuous phase to reach equilibrium for Run 4.



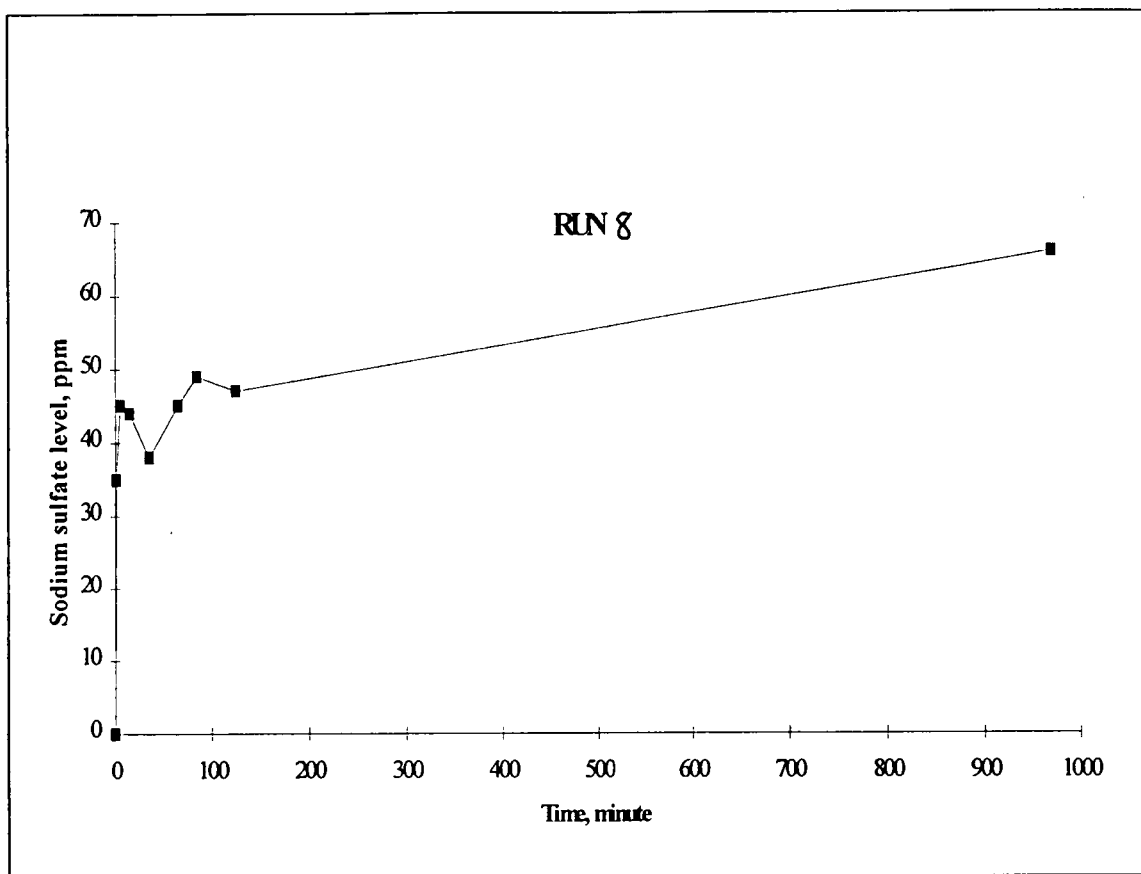
**Figure A5.4:** Time required for Sodium sulfate concentration in the continuous phase to reach equilibrium for Run 5.



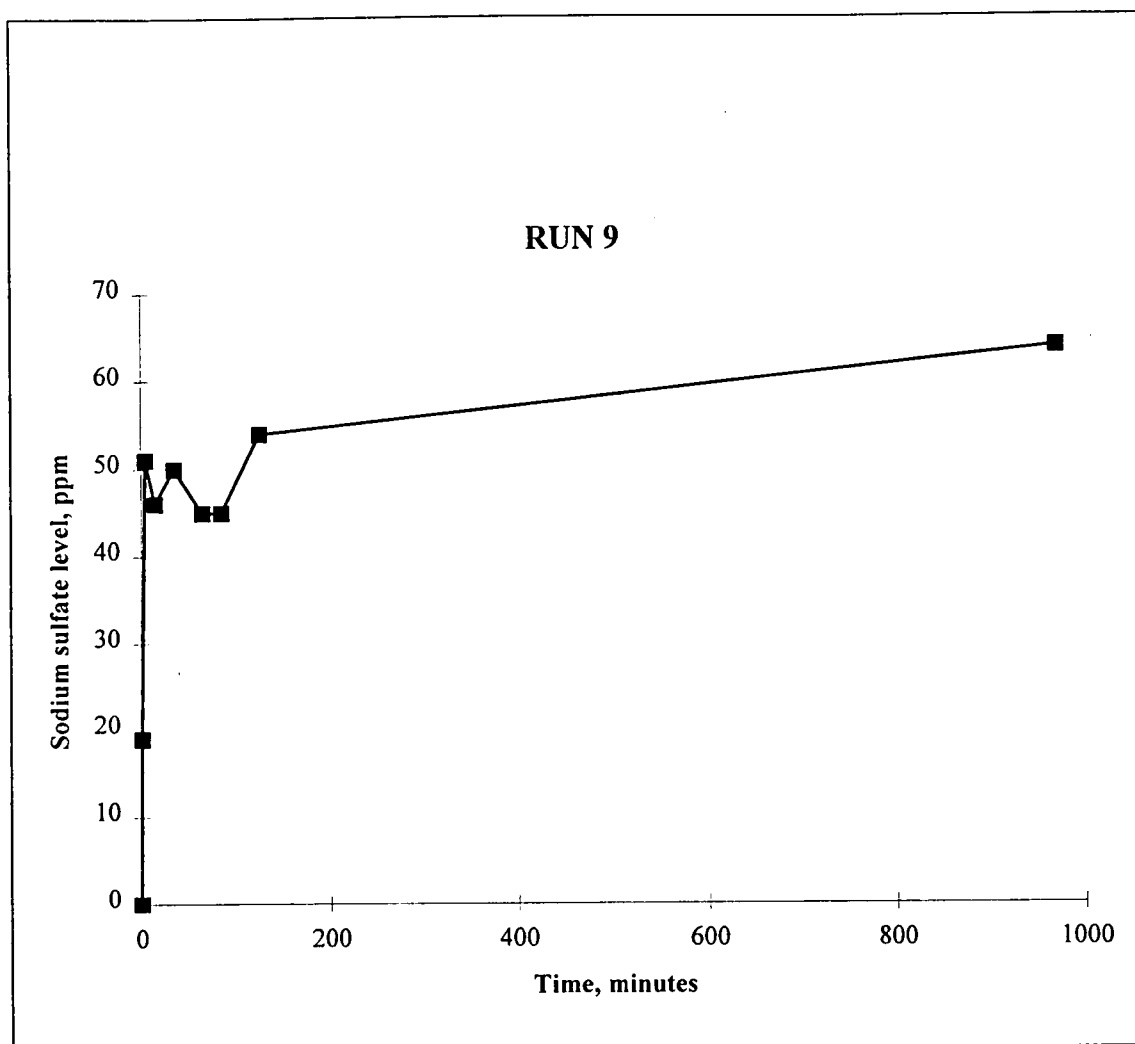
**Figure A5.5:** Time required for Sodium sulfate concentration in the continuous phase to reach equilibrium for Run 6.



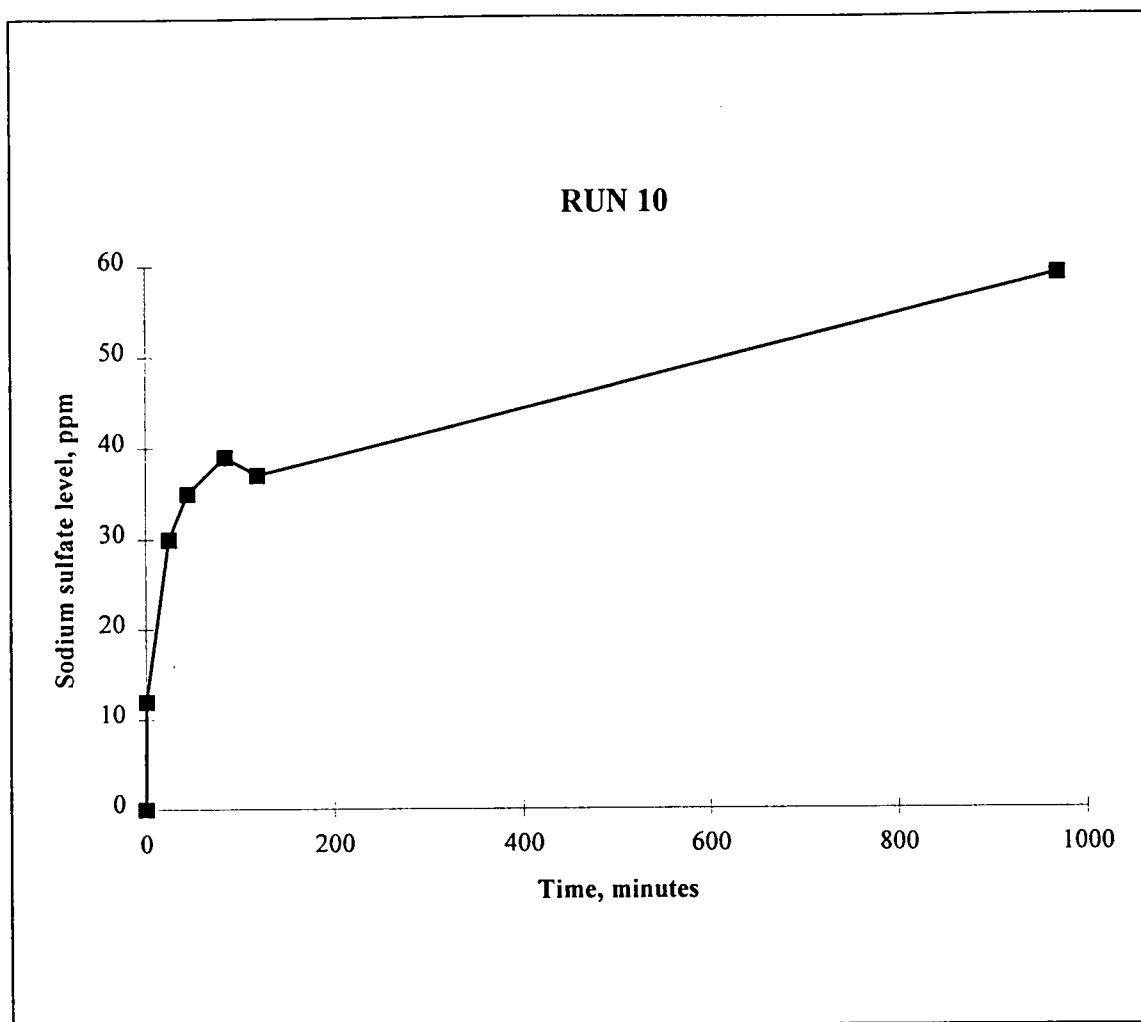
**Figure A5.6:** Time required for Sodium sulfate concentration in the continuous phase to reach equilibrium for Run 7.



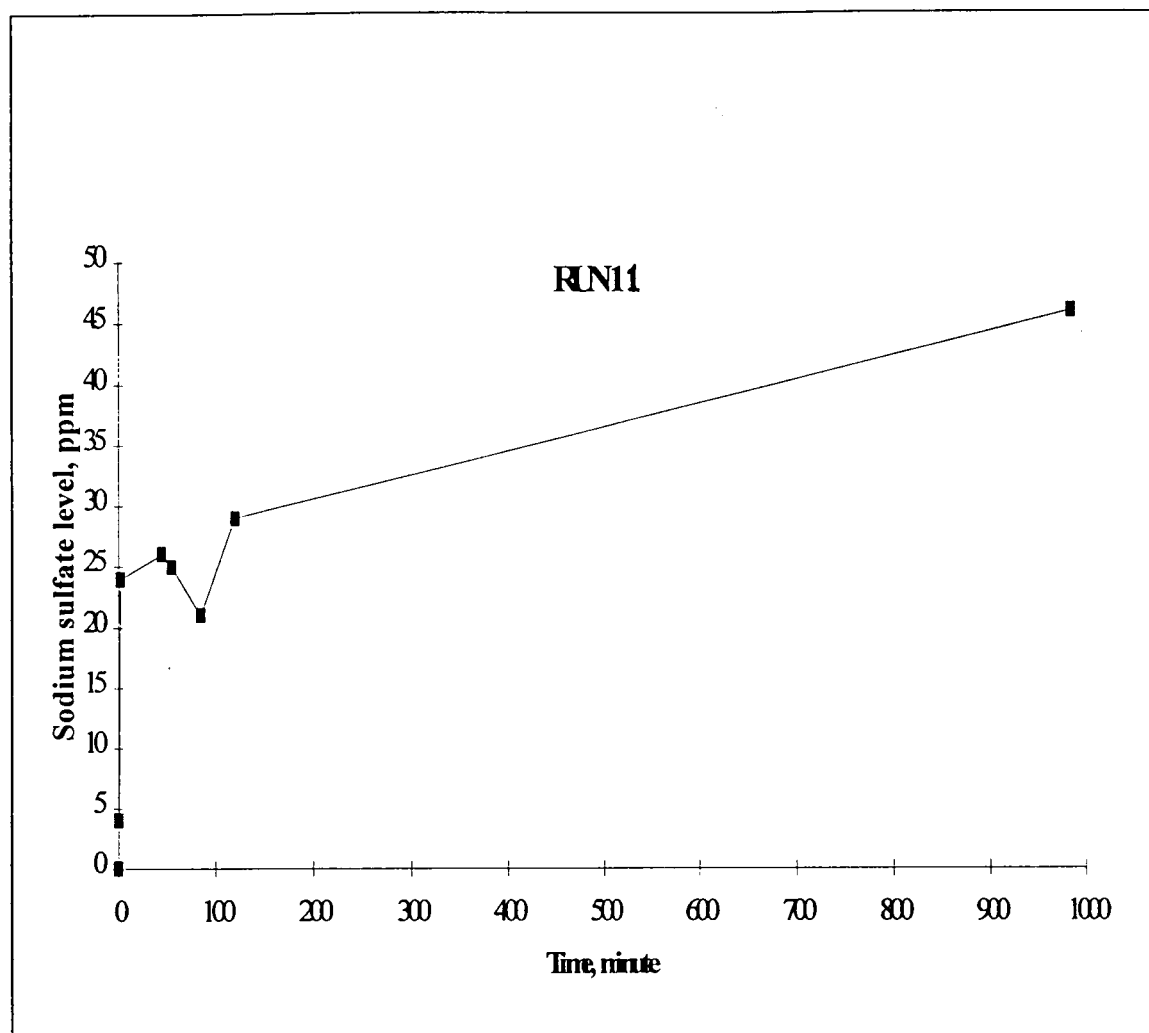
**Figure A5.7:** Time required for Sodium sulfate concentration in the continuous phase to reach equilibrium for Run 8.



**Figure A5.8:** Time required for Sodium sulfate concentration in the continuous phase to reach equilibrium for Run 9.



**Figure A5.9:** Time required for Sodium sulfate concentration in the continuous phase to reach equilibrium for Run 10.



**Figure A5.10:** Time required for Sodium sulfate concentration in the continuous phase to reach equilibrium for Run 11.

## A.5.2 Prediction of the Sauter-mean diameter

### STEP 1:

As shown in table A6.16 Calculate the Impeller Reynolds, Weber and Froude Numbers for use in the Sauter-mean Diameter Expression, Table A5.2

**Table A5.1: Approximating the Impeller Reynolds, Weber and Froude Numbers for use in the Sauter-mean Diameter Expression, Table A5.2**

| Expt.<br>Run           | Dispersed       | Continuous Phase      |                 |                  | Impeller           |                  |
|------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|
|                        | Density<br>g/cc | Viscosity<br>g/cm-sec | Density<br>g/cc | Weber<br>Number. | Reynolds<br>Number | Froude<br>Number |
| <b>Viscous Droplet</b> |                 |                       |                 |                  |                    |                  |
| 1                      | 0.9960          | 0.0164                | 1.036           | 20960            | 27061              | 9                |
| 2                      | 0.9900          | 0.0164                | 1.036           | 20960            | 27163              | 8                |
| 3                      | 1.0290          | 0.0166                | 1.036           | 20960            | 26815              | 54               |
| <b>Fluid Droplet</b>   |                 |                       |                 |                  |                    |                  |
| 1                      | 0.9480          | 0.0165                | 1.036           | 18864            | 26940              | 4                |
| 2                      | 0.9570          | 0.0164                | 1.036           | 18864            | 27157              | 5                |
| 3                      | 0.9530          | 0.0166                | 1.036           | 18864            | 26701              | 4                |

Note:

(1) Input Date Source: Physical Properties Table 3.3, Apparatus Table 5.5

(2) Impeller Speed 16.67 rpm (1000rpm)

**STEP 2:**

As shown in Table A5.2, calculate the Sauter-mean diameter using equations 5.5-5.7.

**Table A5.2: Prediction of the Sauter-mean diameter using Hong and Lee (1985) Model in Equations 5.5-5.7. \***

| TIME, sec | Sauter Mean Diameter ( $d_{32}$ ),<br>cm |               |
|-----------|------------------------------------------|---------------|
|           | Viscous<br>Droplet                       | Fluid Droplet |
| 30        | 0.0039                                   | 0.0044        |
| 60        | 0.0029                                   | 0.0033        |
| 90        | 0.0025                                   | 0.0028        |
| 120       | 0.0022                                   | 0.0026        |
| 150       | 0.0021                                   | 0.0024        |
| 180       | 0.0020                                   | 0.0023        |
| 210       | 0.0019                                   | 0.0022        |
| 240       | 0.0018                                   | 0.0021        |
| 270       | 0.0018                                   | 0.0021        |
| 300       | 0.0018                                   | 0.0020        |

\*Note:

$$d_{32} = \alpha^{-0.7} + d_{32}^* \quad (5.5)$$

$$\alpha = 29.7 d_{32}^* \left( \frac{d_I}{d_I^*} \right)^{-2.015} \left( \frac{N_{We c}}{N_{We c}} \right)^{0.5508} N^{-0.7} \quad (5.6)$$

$$d_{32}^* = d_I 0.05 (1 + 2.316 \phi) \left( \frac{d_I}{d_I^*} \right)^{-0.75} N_{Frc}^{-0.13} N_{We c}^{-0.6} \quad (5.7)$$

Averaging the first 5 data points gives  $d_{32} = 0.0094\text{cm}$  for the **fluid droplet** and  $d_{32} = 0.008\text{cm}$  for the **viscous droplet** when  $\phi = 0.1$ .

### A.5.3 Estimation of Experimental $k_d$ : Fluid Droplet

$$\ln \frac{C_a}{C_{ao}} = - \frac{k_d A (t - t_o)}{V_d} \quad (1.10)$$

#### STEP 1:

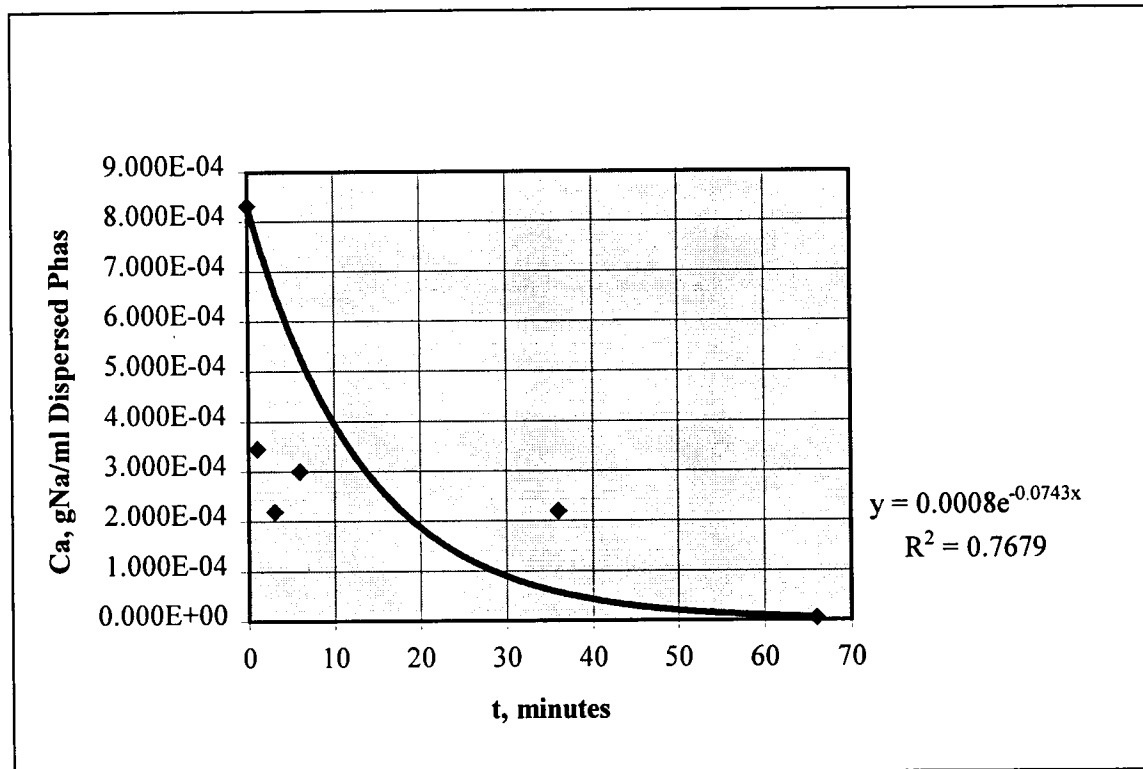
Initial time,  $t_o$ , is the time at which all of the dispersed phase as entered the vessel. It is calculated from the Pump Calibration Curve in Table 5.3. As shown in Table A5.3, calculate the sodium concentration in the dispersed-phase droplet over time.

**Table A5.3: Sodium Mass Balance for Fluid Droplet**

| Time,<br>min. | Continuous Phase |         | Dispersed Phase |              | $t - t_{o(35\text{sec})}$ | $C_a/C_{ao}$ |
|---------------|------------------|---------|-----------------|--------------|---------------------------|--------------|
|               | ppmNa            | gramsNa | grams Na        | $C_a$ , g/ml |                           |              |
| 0             | 0                | 0.0000  | 0.332525        | 8.313E-04    | 0                         | 1.0000       |
| 1             | 54               | 0.1944  | 0.138125        | 3.453E-04    | 25                        | 0.4180       |
| 3             | 68               | 0.2448  | 0.087725        | 2.193E-04    | 145                       | 0.2654       |
| 6             | 59               | 0.2124  | 0.120125        | 3.003E-04    | 325                       | 0.3635       |
| 36            | 68               | 0.2448  | 0.087725        | 2.193E-04    | 2125                      | 0.2654       |
| 66            | 92               | 0.3312  | 0.001325        | 3.312E-06    | 3925                      | 0.0040       |

**STEP 2:**

Plot  $C_a$  versus  $t$  as shown in Figure A6.11, followed by non-linear regression of the resulting curve. Calculate  $C_{a0}$  and  $t_0$  using the resulting correlation.



**Figure A5.11:** Non-linear regression of [Na-] versus Time to approximate [Na-] in the continuous-phase when  $C_a/C_{a0}=1$  for fluid droplets.

**STEP 3:**

Using non-linear regression on  $\ln C_a/C_{a0}$  vs  $t-t_0$  data (as shown in Table A5.11) to estimate the slope gives,

$$-\frac{k_d A}{V_d} \cong -.0012$$

**STEP 4:**

Solving for  $k_d$  gives,

$$k_d \cong 0.0012 \frac{V_d}{A}$$

**STEP 5:**

From experimental results (see Chapter 5):

$d_p = 0.05 \text{ cm}$  from Table 5.3

**STEP 6:**

Calculate the total interfacial area,  $A$ , using the experimentally determined droplet diameter:

$$A = a \cdot \sum \text{droplets}$$

First, calculate the area of an individual spherical droplet,

$$a = 4 \pi \cdot r^2.$$

Then determine the number of droplets,

$$\sum \text{droplets} = \frac{V_d}{V_s};$$

followed by the volume of a single droplet,

$$V_s = \frac{4}{3} \pi \cdot r^3.$$

Substitution of these relationships into the interfacial area expression gives,

$$A = 4 \pi \cdot r^2 * \frac{V_d}{\frac{4}{3} \pi \cdot r^3}$$

simplification gives,

$$A = \frac{3V_d}{r}$$

$$k_d \cong \text{slope} * \frac{V_d}{\frac{3V_d}{r}}$$

**STEP 7:**

simplification gives,

$$k_d \cong 0.0012 \frac{d_p}{6}$$

$$k_d = -\frac{0.05}{6}(-0.0012)$$

|                                     |
|-------------------------------------|
| $k_d \cong 1.0E-05 \frac{cm}{sec}.$ |
|-------------------------------------|

#### A.5.4 Estimation of Experimental $k_d$ : Viscous Droplet

**STEP 1:**

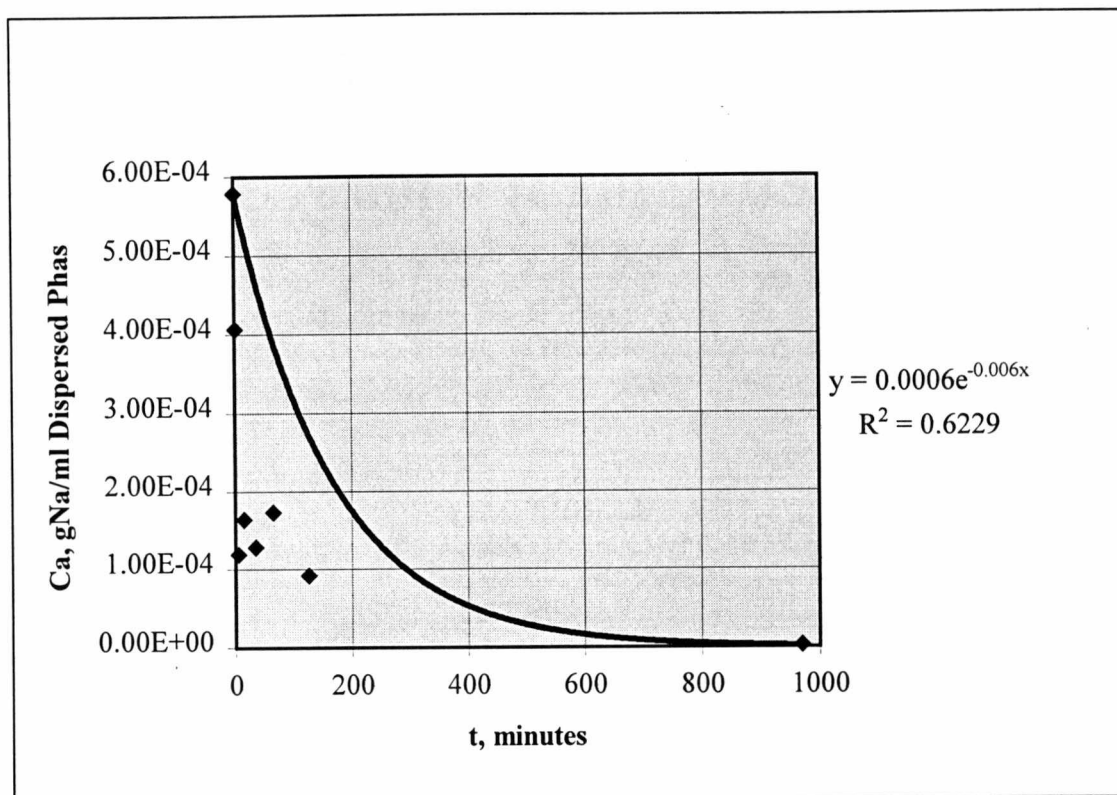
Initial time,  $t_O$ , is the time at which all of the dispersed phase as entered the vessel. It is calculated from the Pump Calibration Curve in Table 5.3. As shown in Table A5.4, calculate the sodium concentration in the dispersed-phase droplet over time.

**Table A5.4: Na Mass Balance for Viscous Droplet**

| Time, min | Continuous Phase |         | Dispersed Phase |          | $t-t_{o(35\text{sec})}$ | $C_a/C_{a0}$ |
|-----------|------------------|---------|-----------------|----------|-------------------------|--------------|
|           | ppmNa            | gramsNa | grams Na        | Ca, g/ml |                         |              |
| 0         | 0                | 0.0000  | 0.2313          | 5.78E-04 | 0.00                    | 1.0000       |
| 1         | 19               | 0.0684  | 0.1629          | 4.07E-04 | 25                      | 0.7714       |
| 5         | 51               | 0.1836  | 0.0477          | 1.19E-04 | 265                     | 0.2260       |
| 15        | 46               | 0.1656  | 0.0657          | 1.64E-04 | 865                     | 0.3112       |
| 35        | 50               | 0.1800  | 0.0513          | 1.28E-04 | 2065                    | 0.2430       |
| 65        | 45               | 0.1620  | 0.0693          | 1.73E-04 | 3865                    | 0.3282       |
| 125       | 54               | 0.1944  | 0.0369          | 9.23E-05 | 7465                    | 0.1748       |
| 970       | 64               | 0.2304  | 0.0009          | 2.30E-06 | 58165                   | 0.0044       |

**STEP 2:**

Plot  $C_a$  versus  $t$  as shown in Figure A6.12, followed by non-linear regression of the resulting curve. Calculate  $C_{a0}$  and  $t_0$  using the resulting correlation.



**Figure A5.12:** Non-linear regression of [Na-] versus Time to approximate [Na-] in the continuous-phase when  $C_a/C_{a0}=1$  for viscous droplets.

### STEP 3:

The mass transfer coefficient may be found as shown in the Fluid droplet Case Steps 3-7.

#### A.5.5. Prediction of $k_d$ with the Skelland-HuXien Model.

##### STEP 1:

Calculate Mean Viscosity using data from Table 3.3 and  $\phi=0.28$  in equation 1.3. A summary of mean viscosities are captured in Table A5.5.

$$\mu_m = \frac{\mu_c}{1-\phi} \left[ 1 + \frac{1.5\mu_d\phi}{\mu_d + \mu_c} \right] \quad (1.3)$$

##### Sample Calculation: Experiment Set 30% IPA

$$\mu_m = \frac{1.7643}{1-0.28} \left[ 1 + \frac{1.5(203,668)0.28}{203,668 + 1.7643} \right]$$

$$\mu_m = 2.4504[1 + 0.42]$$

$$\mu_m = 3.4796cP$$

##### Sample Calculation: Experiment Set 40% IPA

$$\mu_m = \frac{1.6614}{1-0.28} \left[ 1 + \frac{1.5(58,209)0.28}{58,209 + 1.6614} \right]$$

$$\mu_m = 2.3075[1 + 0.42]$$

$$\mu_m = 3.7267cP$$

**Table A5.5: Calculation of Mean Viscosity**

| Experiment Set | Run No. | Viscosity, P: g/cm-sec |                    | Mean, $\mu_m$ |
|----------------|---------|------------------------|--------------------|---------------|
|                |         | Continuos, $\mu_c$     | Dispersed, $\mu_d$ |               |
| 30%IPA         | 1       | 1.7643                 | 203,668            | 0.035         |
|                | 2       | 1.7253                 | 169,885            | 0.034         |
|                | 3       | 1.6178                 | 262,323            | 0.032         |
| 40%IPA         | 1       | 1.6614                 | 58,209             | 0.033         |
|                | 2       | 1.6401                 | 40,587             | 0.032         |
|                | 3       | 1.6463                 | 22,853             | 0.032         |
| 50%IPA         | 1       | 1.6587                 | 6,286              | 0.033         |
|                | 2       | 1.6405                 | 3,555              | 0.032         |
|                | 3       | 1.6685                 | 3,661              | 0.033         |

**Sample Calculation: Experiment Set 30% IPA**

$$\mu_m = \frac{1.6537}{1 - 0.28} \left[ 1 + \frac{1.5(6,286)0.28}{6,286 + 1.6537} \right]$$

$$\mu_m = 2.2968[1 + 0.42]$$

$$\mu_m = 3.2615cP$$

**STEP 2:**

Calculate Mean Density using data from Table 3.3 and  $\phi=0.28$  in equation 5.2,

$$\rho_m = \phi\rho_d + (1 - \phi)\rho_c \quad (5.2)$$

**Sample Calculation: Experiment Set 30% IPA**

$$\rho_m = 0.28(1.062) + (1 - 0.28)1.03$$

$$\rho_m = 1.04 \text{ g / cc}$$

**STEP 3:** Calculate  $k_d$  using data from Table 3.3 and  $\phi=0.28$  in equation 5.1.

$$\frac{k_d}{[D / t_{95\%}]^{1/2}} = 5.0(10^{-6})\phi^{-0.0204} \left( \frac{d_I^2 N \rho_m}{\mu_m} \right)^{1.140} \left( \frac{\rho_c}{\Delta\rho} \right)^{0.518} \quad (5.1)$$

**Sample Calculation: Experiment Set 30% IPA**

$$\frac{k_d}{\sqrt{\frac{5.88e-9 \frac{\text{cm}^2}{\text{s}}}{180\text{s}}}} = 5.0(10^{-6})(0.28)^{-0.0204} \left( \frac{(5.08\text{cm})^2 16.67 / \text{s} (1.04 \frac{\text{g}}{\text{cm}^3})}{0.035 \frac{\text{g}}{\text{cm-s}}} \right)^{1.140} \left( \frac{1.03 \frac{\text{g}}{\text{cm}^3}}{(0.032) \frac{\text{g}}{\text{cm}^3}} \right)^{0.518}$$

$$k_d = 5.89e-07 \frac{\text{cm}}{\text{s}}$$

## Appendix 6

### Sample Calculations for Chapter 6

**A.6.1.** Develop correlation between sodium concentration and conductivity in the continuous phase.

**STEP 1:**

Record sodium dilution data as shown in Table A6.1.

**Table A6.1: Dilution Chart for Calibration of Conductivity Meter Starting with 1 gram of 1000ppm Sodium Standard. BASIS: 0.001 g Na**

| ppmNa | Sodium Standard Solution<br>Total grams | DI Water Added<br>ml | Conductivity, $\mu$ Siemens |       |
|-------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|-------|
|       |                                         |                      | RUN 1                       | RUN 2 |
| 100   | 1.0                                     | 9.0                  | 1373                        | 1470  |
| 90    | 10.0                                    | 1.1                  | 1427                        | 1376  |
| 80    | 11.1                                    | 1.4                  | 1407                        | 1402  |
| 70    | 12.5                                    | 1.8                  | 1366                        | 1360  |
| 60    | 14.3                                    | 2.4                  | 1329                        | 1272  |
| 50    | 16.7                                    | 3.3                  | 1288                        | 1270  |
| 40    | 20.0                                    | 5.0                  | 1096                        | 1240  |
| 30    | 25.0                                    | 175.0                | 1195                        | 1210  |
| 1     | 200.0                                   |                      | 1092                        |       |
| 0     | 10                                      | 10                   | 1090                        | 1090  |

STEP 2:

Plot [Na-] versus conductivity data followed by regression of the resulting curve as shown in Figure A6.1.

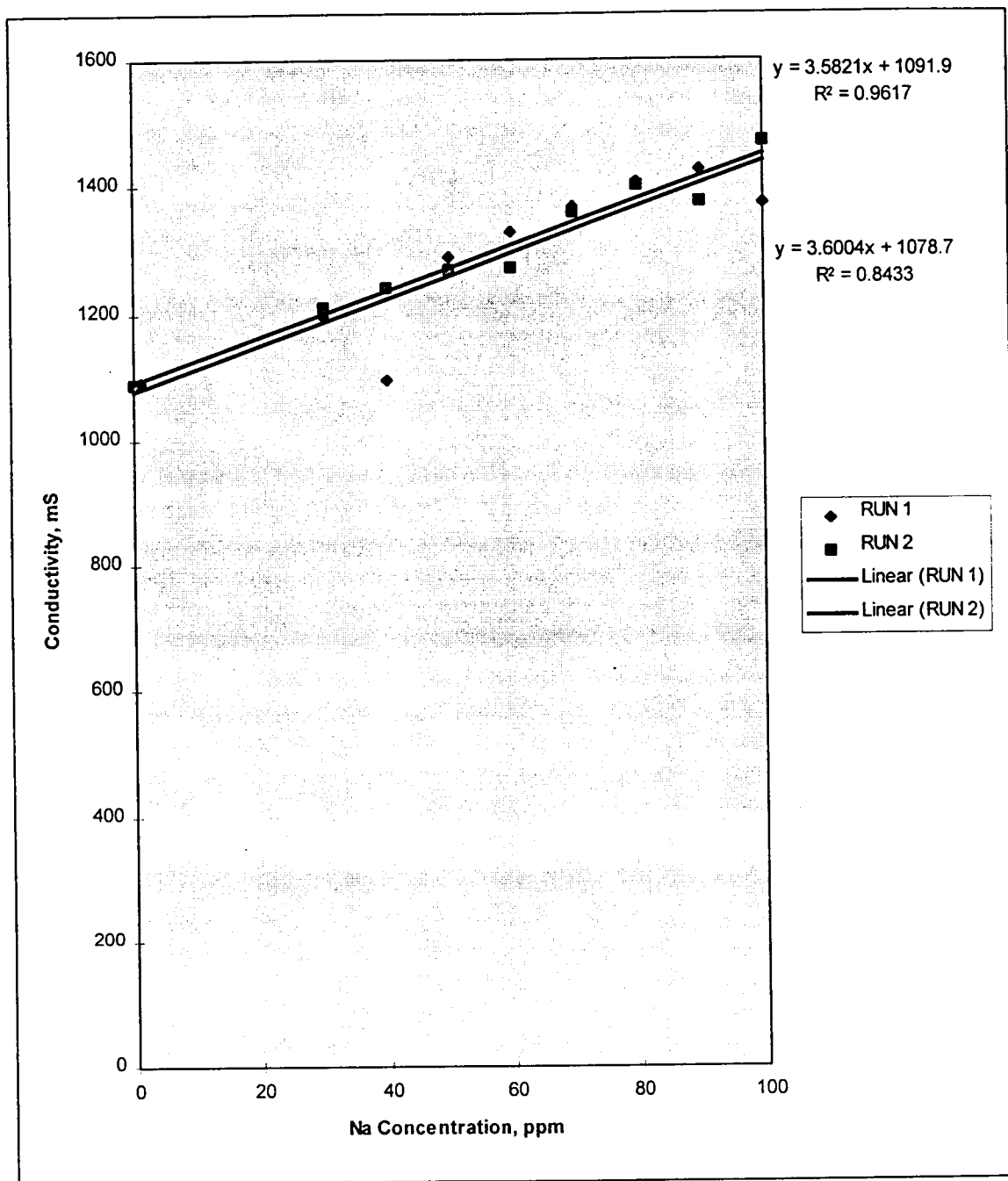


Figure A6.1 Calibration Curve for Conductivity Meter

### STEP 3:

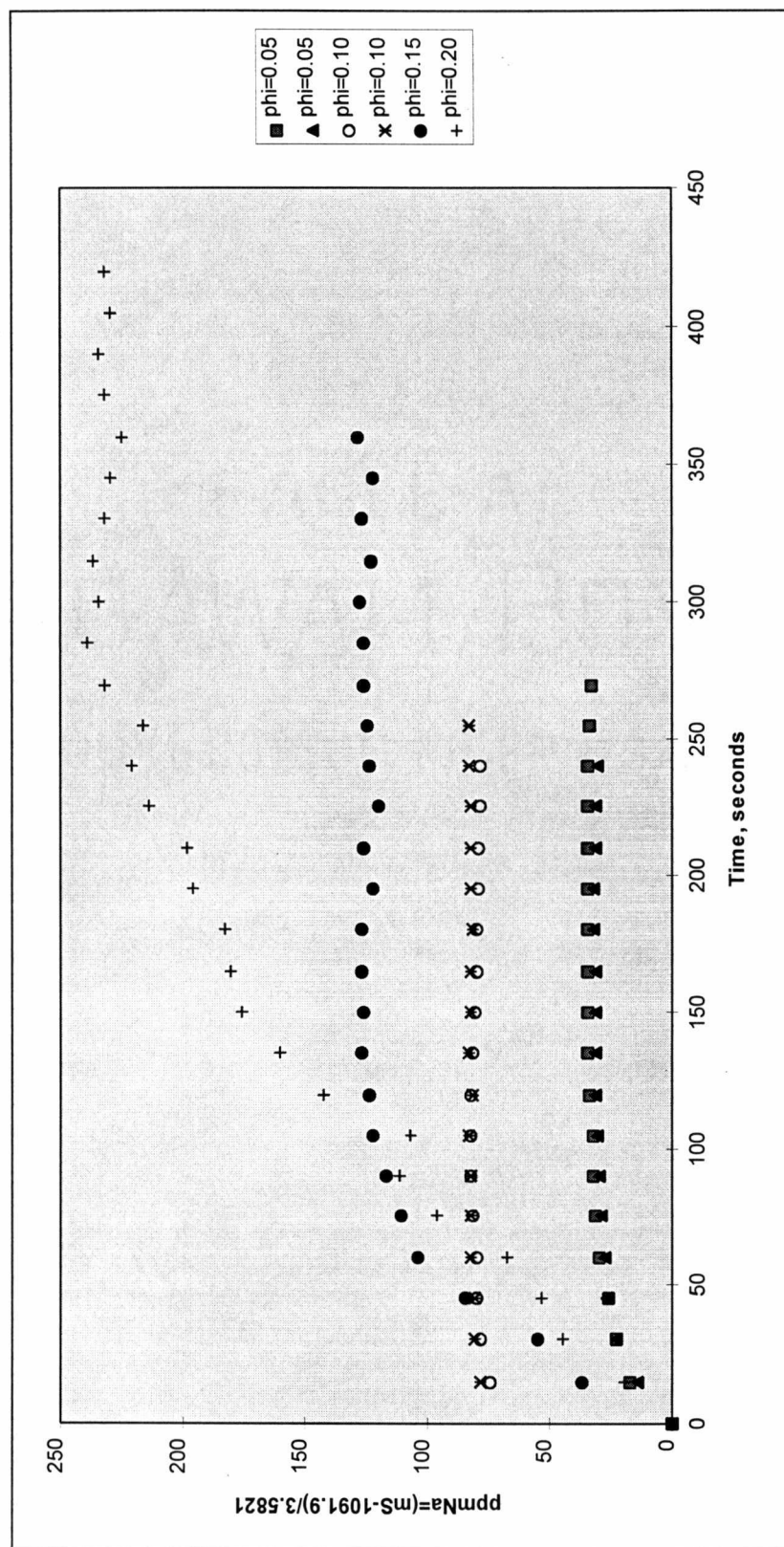
Use the regression correlation in Figure A6.1 to estimate the concentration of sodium in the continuous phase as shown in Table A6.2.

**Table A6.2: Concentration by weight of sodium in the continuous phase over time as predicted by linear regression of conductivity versus ppmNa from calibration curve in Figure A6.1.**

| TIME,<br>sec | ppmNa=(mS-1091.9)/3.5821 |          |          |          |          |          |
|--------------|--------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
|              | phi=0.05                 | phi=0.05 | phi=0.10 | phi=0.10 | phi=0.15 | phi=0.20 |
| 0            | 0.0000                   | 0.0000   | 0.0000   | 0.0000   | 0.0000   | 0.0000   |
| 15           | 17.2233                  | 14.1595  | 74.1984  | 77.8791  | 36.4608  | 19.6065  |
| 30           | 22.5907                  | 22.9734  | 78.1616  | 80.5919  | 54.8451  | 44.2182  |
| 45           | 25.8938                  | 26.3311  | 79.2625  | 80.5919  | 84.2598  | 53.1680  |
| 60           | 29.6096                  | 27.5902  | 79.4827  | 81.4962  | 103.2569 | 66.5926  |
| 75           | 31.2612                  | 28.4297  | 81.0240  | 81.4962  | 110.6106 | 95.6792  |
| 90           | 31.6740                  | 29.2691  | 81.6845  | 81.9484  | 116.7387 | 111.3412 |
| 105          | 32.0869                  | 30.5282  | 81.6845  | 82.4005  | 122.2539 | 106.8663 |
| 120          | 33.3255                  | 30.9479  | 81.4644  | 81.0441  | 123.4795 | 142.6652 |
| 135          | 34.1513                  | 31.3677  | 81.0240  | 82.4005  | 127.1564 | 160.5647 |
| 150          | 34.1513                  | 30.9479  | 80.3634  | 81.4962  | 125.9308 | 176.2267 |
| 165          | 34.5642                  | 31.3677  | 79.7029  | 81.4962  | 127.1564 | 180.7016 |
| 180          | 34.1513                  | 31.7874  | 79.2625  | 81.0441  | 127.1564 | 182.9390 |
| 195          | 34.1513                  | 31.7874  | 79.0424  | 81.9484  | 122.2539 | 196.3636 |
| 210          | 34.5642                  | 31.3677  | 78.3818  | 81.9484  | 126.2155 | 198.6011 |
| 225          | 34.1513                  | 30.9479  | 78.1616  | 81.9484  | 119.8027 | 214.2631 |
| 240          | 34.5642                  | 30.5282  | 77.5011  | 82.8527  | 123.7643 | 220.9754 |
| 255          | 33.7384                  |          |          | 82.4005  | 124.6580 | 216.5005 |
| 270          | 32.9127                  |          |          |          | 125.8874 | 232.1625 |
| 285          |                          |          |          |          | 126.1560 | 238.8748 |
| 300          |                          |          |          |          | 127.9450 | 234.4000 |
| 315          |                          |          |          |          | 123.4000 | 236.6374 |
| 330          |                          |          |          |          | 127.0697 | 232.1625 |
| 345          |                          |          |          |          | 122.4953 | 229.9251 |
| 360          |                          |          |          |          | 128.5250 | 225.4502 |
| 375          |                          |          |          |          |          | 232.1625 |
| 390          |                          |          |          |          |          | 234.4000 |
| 405          |                          |          |          |          |          | 229.9251 |
| 420          |                          |          |          |          |          | 232.1625 |
| 1500         | 35.76115                 | 30.7362  | 83.2193  | 83.7777  | 132.6717 | 227.6877 |

# STEP 4:

Plot the  $[Na^-]$  versus time data from Table A6.2 as shown in Figure A6.2.



**Figure A6.2:** Plot of Concentration by weight of sodium in the continuous phase over time as predicted by linear regression of conductivity versus ppmNa from calibration curve in Figure A6.1.

A.6.2. Estimate  $C_{ao}$  and  $t_o$  at the point of Complete Dispersion:

Experimental Run 1 where Volume Fraction,  $\phi = V_d/V_T = 0.10$

**STEP 1:**

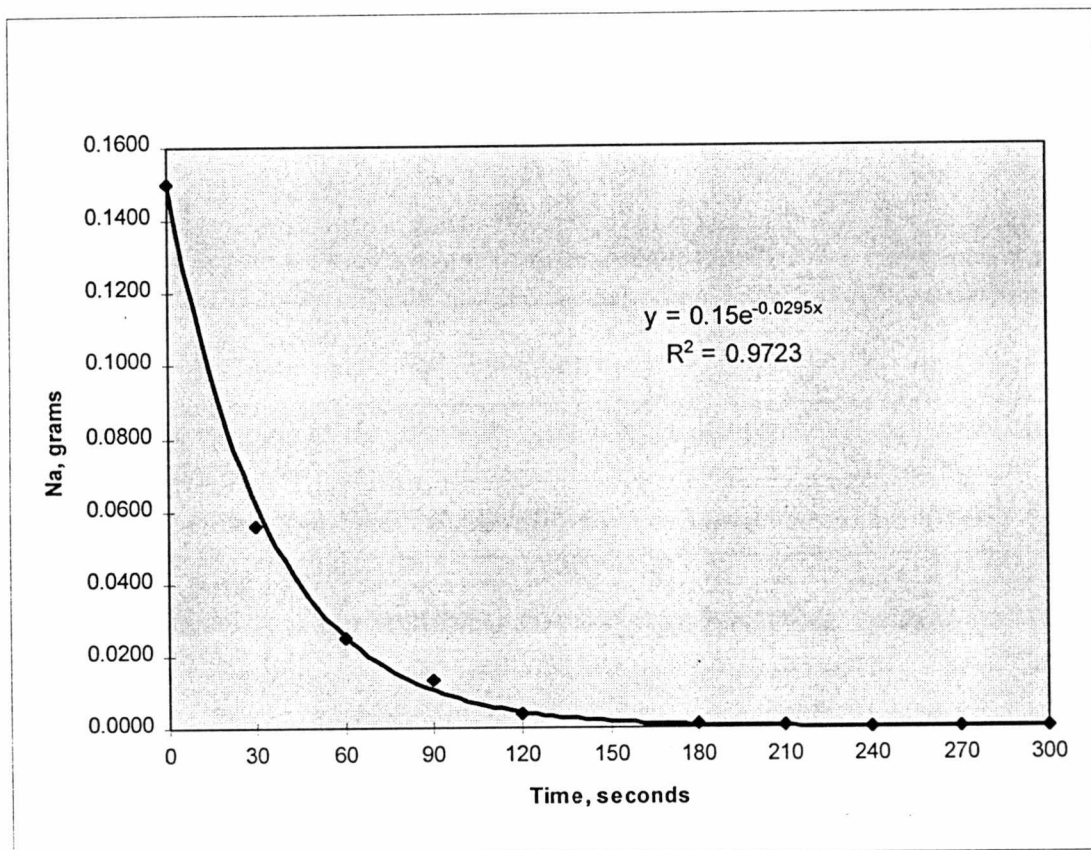
Record Sodium Sulfate Concentration as Measured Analytically in the Continuous Phase over time as shown in Table A6.3.

**Table A6.3 Sodium Sulfate Concentration as Measured Analytically in the Continuous Phase over time for Experimental Run 1 where Volume Fraction,  $\phi = V_d/V_T = 0.10$ .**

| Time<br>seconds | ppmNa       | Sodium Sulfate Transferred |               | Dispersed Phase, gNa/ml |             |               |
|-----------------|-------------|----------------------------|---------------|-------------------------|-------------|---------------|
|                 |             | From Disp.                 | To Cont.      | $C_a$                   | $t-(t_o=0)$ | $C_a/C_{ao}$  |
| 0               | 0.0         | 0.1500                     | 0.0000        | 0.000750                | 0           | 1.0000        |
| <b>30</b>       | <b>52.4</b> | <b>0.0558</b>              | <b>0.0942</b> | <b>0.000279</b>         | <b>30</b>   | <b>0.3717</b> |
| 60              | 69.4        | 0.0251                     | 0.1249        | 0.000125                | 60          | 0.1672        |
| 90              | 75.8        | 0.0136                     | 0.1364        | 0.000068                | 90          | 0.0904        |
| 120             | 81.1        | 0.0040                     | 0.1460        | 0.000020                | 120         | 0.0268        |
| 180             | 82.7        | 0.0011                     | 0.1489        | 0.000006                | 180         | 0.0076        |
| 210             | 83.0        | 0.0006                     | 0.1494        | 0.000003                | 210         | 0.0040        |
| 240             | 83.2        | 0.0002                     | 0.1498        | 0.000001                | 240         | 0.0013        |
| 270             | 83.3        | 0.0001                     | 0.1499        | 0.000000                | 270         | 0.0004        |
| 300             | 83.3        | 0.0000                     | 0.1500        | 0.000000                | 300         | 0.0000        |

**STEP 2:**

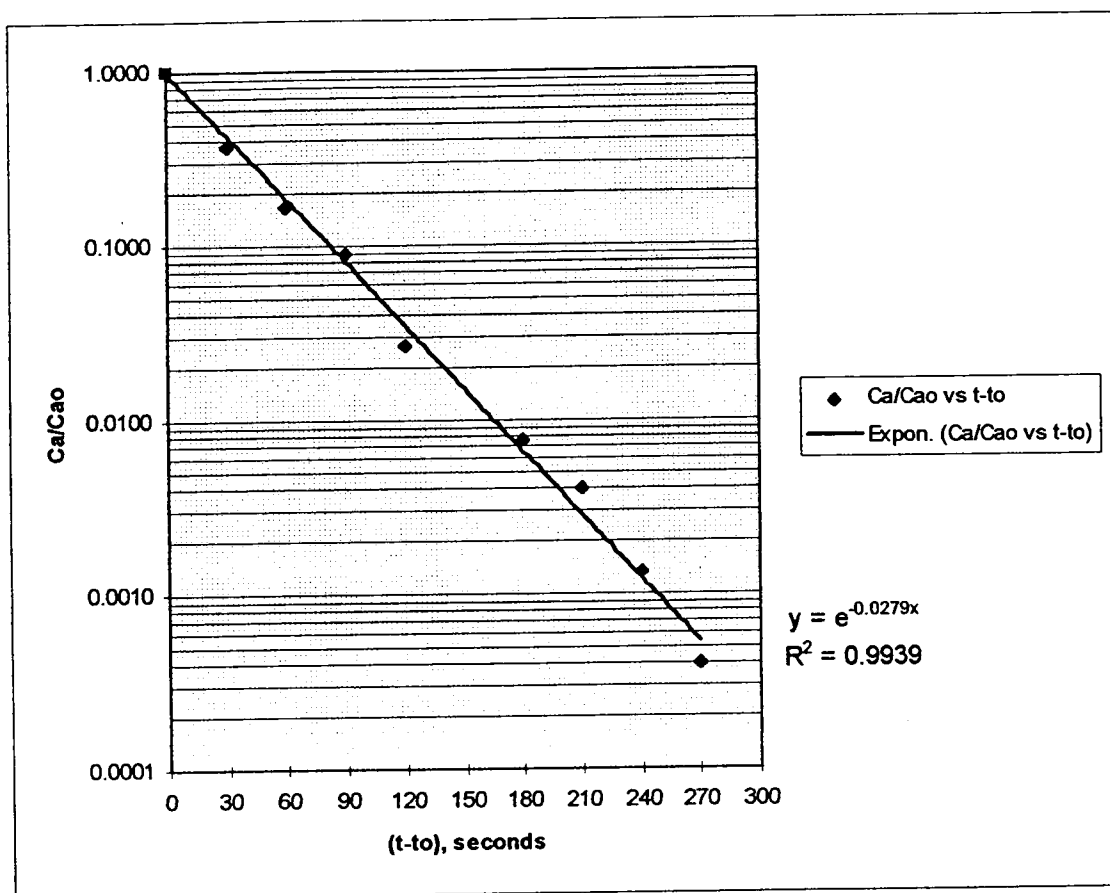
Plot Ca versus time data from Table A6.3 followed by regression of the resulting curve as shown in Figure A6.3.



**Figure A6.3:** Mass Transfer Profile of Sodium Sulfate in the Dispersed Phase over time for Experimental Run 1 where Volume Fraction,  $\phi = V_d/V_T = 0.10$ .

**STEP 3:**

Plot  $\ln C_d/C_{ao}$  versus  $t-t_0$  from Table A6.3, followed regression of the resulting curve as shown in Figure A6.4.



**Figure A6.4:** Experimental Run 1 where Volume Fraction,  $\phi = V_d/V_T = 0.10$ . Plot of  $\ln(C_d/C_{ao})$  versus  $t-t_0$  where  $t_0=0$ seconds and  $C_{ao}=C_d(t=0$ seconds). This regression will be used to estimate  $C_{ao}$  and  $t_o$  at the point at which  $C_d/C_{ao}=1$ .

**STEP 4:**

Estimate  $C_{ao}$  and  $t_o$  at the point where  $C_a/C_{ao}=1$ . Given  $C_a/C_{ao}$  at  $t = 30\text{sec}$  From Table A6.3 and the slope from Plot in Figure A6.4, the Concentration and Time at the point of complete dispersion may be estimated.

**Solve for  $t_o$ :**

$$C_a/C_{ao} = \exp[\text{slope}(t-t_o)]$$

$$\ln C_a/C_{ao} = \text{slope}(t-t_o)$$

$$\ln 0.28 = -0.0279(30-t_o)$$

$$t_o = 5.5 \text{ sec}$$

**Solve for  $C_{ao}$ :**

$$0.00021/C_{ao} = \exp[-0.0279*(30-t_o)]$$

$$C_{ao} = 5.53\text{E-}04 \text{ g/ml}$$

**STEP 5:**

Calculate  $t-t_o$  and  $C_a/C_{ao}$  using estimated values for  $t_o$  and  $C_{ao}$  as shown in Table A6.4.

**Table A6.4: Recalculate  $t-t_o$  and  $C_a/C_{ao}$  using new values for  $t_o$  and  $C_{ao}$  with Data in Table A6.3**

| $t-t_o$ | $C_a/C_{ao}$ |
|---------|--------------|
| 0       | 1.0000       |
| 25      | 0.5045       |
| 55      | 0.2269       |
| 85      | 0.1227       |
| 115     | 0.0364       |
| 175     | 0.0103       |
| 205     | 0.0054       |
| 235     | 0.0018       |
| 265     | 0.0005       |
| 295     | 0.0001       |

A.6.3. Estimate  $C_{a0}$  and  $t_0$  at the point of Complete Dispersion:  
 Experimental Run 2 where Volume Fraction,  $\phi = V_d/V_T = 0.10$

**STEP 1:**

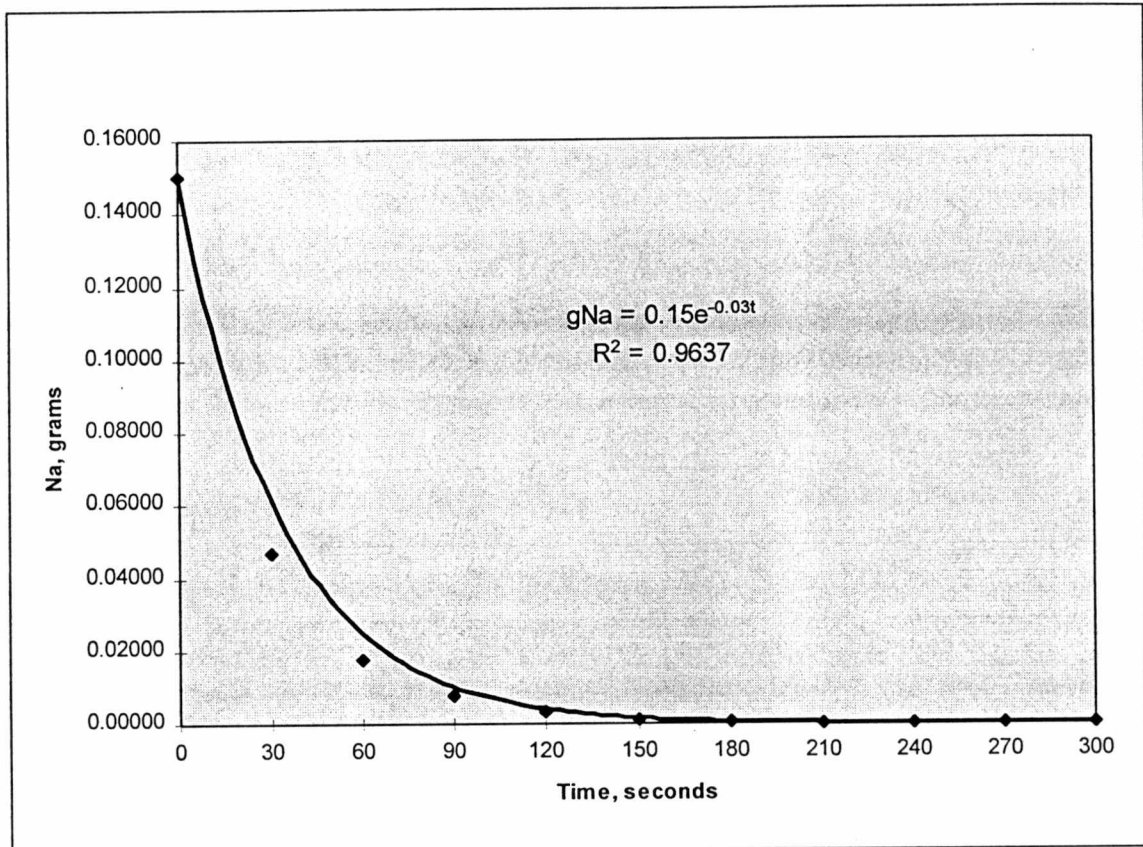
Record Sodium Sulfate Concentration as Measured Analytically in the Continuous Phase  
 over time as shown in Table A6.5.

**Table A6.5 Sodium Sulfate Concentration as Measured Experimentally in the  
 Continuous Phase over time for Experimental Run 2 where Volume  
 Fraction,  $\phi = V_d/V_T = 0.10$ .**

| Time<br>seconds | ppmNa | Sodium Sulfate Transferred |          | Dispersed Phase, gNa/ml |             |              |
|-----------------|-------|----------------------------|----------|-------------------------|-------------|--------------|
|                 |       | From Disp.                 | To Cont. | $C_a$                   | $t-(t_0=0)$ | $C_a/C_{a0}$ |
| 0               | 0.00  | 0.1500                     | 0.0000   | 0.000750                | 0           | 1.0000       |
| 30              | 57.38 | 0.0467                     | 0.1033   | 0.000234                | 30          | 0.3114       |
| 60              | 73.43 | 0.0178                     | 0.1322   | 0.000089                | 60          | 0.1188       |
| 90              | 79.00 | 0.0078                     | 0.1422   | 0.000039                | 90          | 0.0520       |
| 120             | 81.50 | 0.0033                     | 0.1467   | 0.000017                | 120         | 0.0220       |
| 150             | 82.80 | 0.0010                     | 0.1490   | 0.000005                | 150         | 0.0064       |
| 180             | 83.07 | 0.0005                     | 0.1495   | 0.000002                | 180         | 0.0032       |
| 210             | 83.24 | 0.0002                     | 0.1498   | 0.000001                | 210         | 0.0011       |
| 240             | 83.29 | 0.0001                     | 0.1499   | 0.000000                | 240         | 0.0005       |
| 270             | 83.30 | 0.0001                     | 0.1499   | 0.000000                | 270         | 0.0004       |
| 300             | 83.30 | 0.0001                     | 0.1499   | 0.000000                | 300         | 0.0004       |

**STEP 2:**

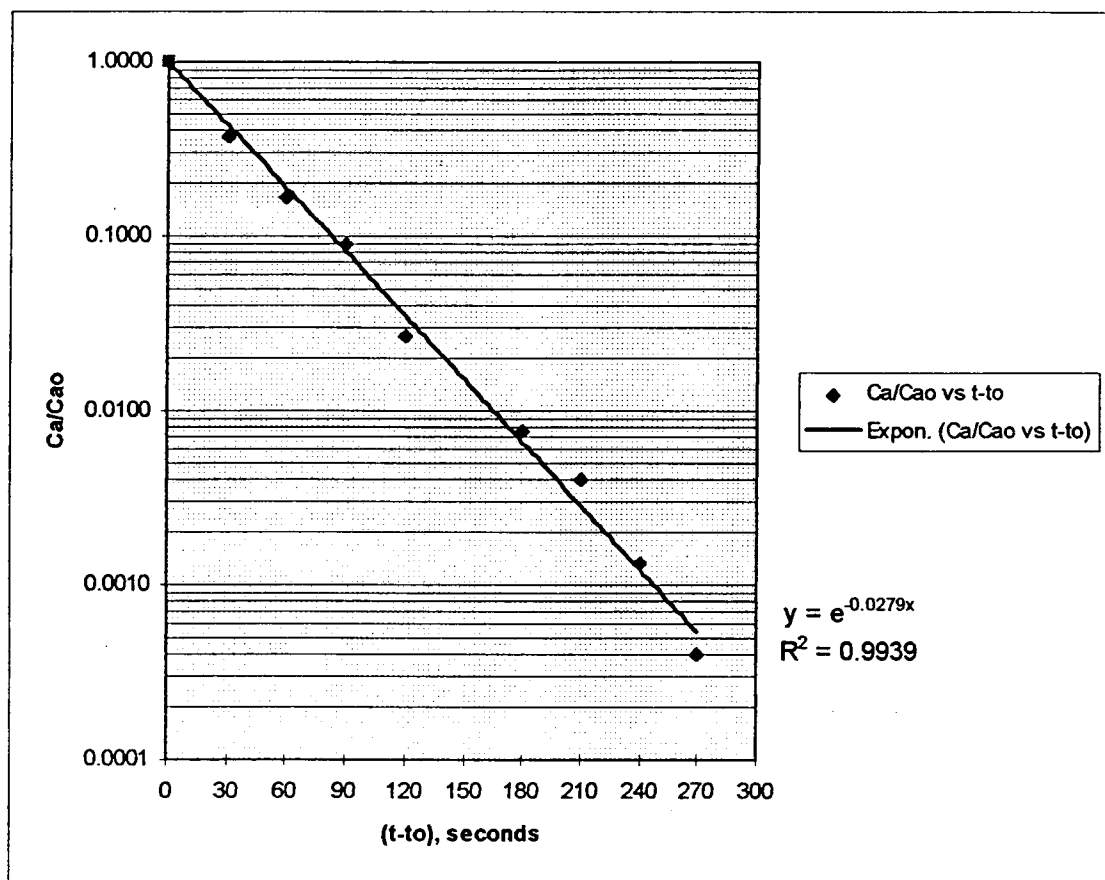
Plot Ca versus time data from Table A6.5 followed by regression of the resulting curve as shown in Figure A6.5.



**Figure A6.5:** Mass Transfer Profile of Sodium Sulfate in the Dispersed Phase over time for Experimental Run 2 where Volume Fraction,  $\phi = V_d/V_T = 0.10$ .

**STEP 3:**

Plot  $\ln C_a/C_{ao}$  versus  $t-t_0$  from Table A6.5, followed regression of the resulting curve as shown in Figure A6.6.



**Figure A6.6:** Experimental Run 2 where Volume Fraction,  $\phi = V_d/V_T = 0.10$ . Plot of  $\ln(C_a/C_{ao})$  versus  $t-t_0$  where  $t_0=0$ seconds and  $C_{ao}=C_a(t=0$ seconds). This regression will be used to estimate  $C_{ao}$  and  $t_o$  at the point at which  $C_a/C_{ao}=1$ .

**STEP 4:**

Estimate  $C_{ao}$  and  $t_o$  at the point where  $C_a/C_{ao}=1$ . Given  $C_a/C_{ao}$  at  $t = 30\text{sec}$  From Table A6.5 and the slope from Plot in Figure A6.6, the Concentration and Time at the point of complete dispersion may be estimated.

**Solve for  $t_o$ :**

$$C_a/C_{ao} = \exp[\text{slope}(t-t_o)]$$

$$\ln C_a/C_{ao} = \text{slope}(t-t_o)$$

$$\ln 0.311 = -0.0322 (30-t_o)$$

$$t_o = 6.2 \text{ sec}$$

**Solve for  $C_{ao}$ :**

$$0.000234/C_{ao} = \exp[-0.0322*(30-t_o)]$$

$$C_{ao} = 5.02\text{E-}04 \text{ g/ml}$$

**STEP 5:**

Calculate  $t-t_o$  and  $C_a/C_{ao}$  using estimated values for  $t_o$  and  $C_{ao}$  as shown in Table A6.6.

**Table A6.6: Recalculate  $t-t_o$  and  $C_a/C_{ao}$  using new values for  $t_o$  and  $C_{ao}$  with Data in Table A6.5.**

| $t-t_o$ | $C_a/C_{ao}$ |
|---------|--------------|
| 0       | 1.0000       |
| 24      | 0.4651       |
| 54      | 0.1774       |
| 84      | 0.0777       |
| 114     | 0.0329       |
| 144     | 0.0096       |
| 174     | 0.0047       |
| 204     | 0.0017       |
| 234     | 0.0008       |
| 264     | 0.0006       |

A.6.4. Estimate  $C_{a0}$  and  $t_0$  at the point of Complete Dispersion:  
Experimental Run 3 where Volume Fraction,  $\phi = V_d/V_T = 0.05$

**STEP 1:**

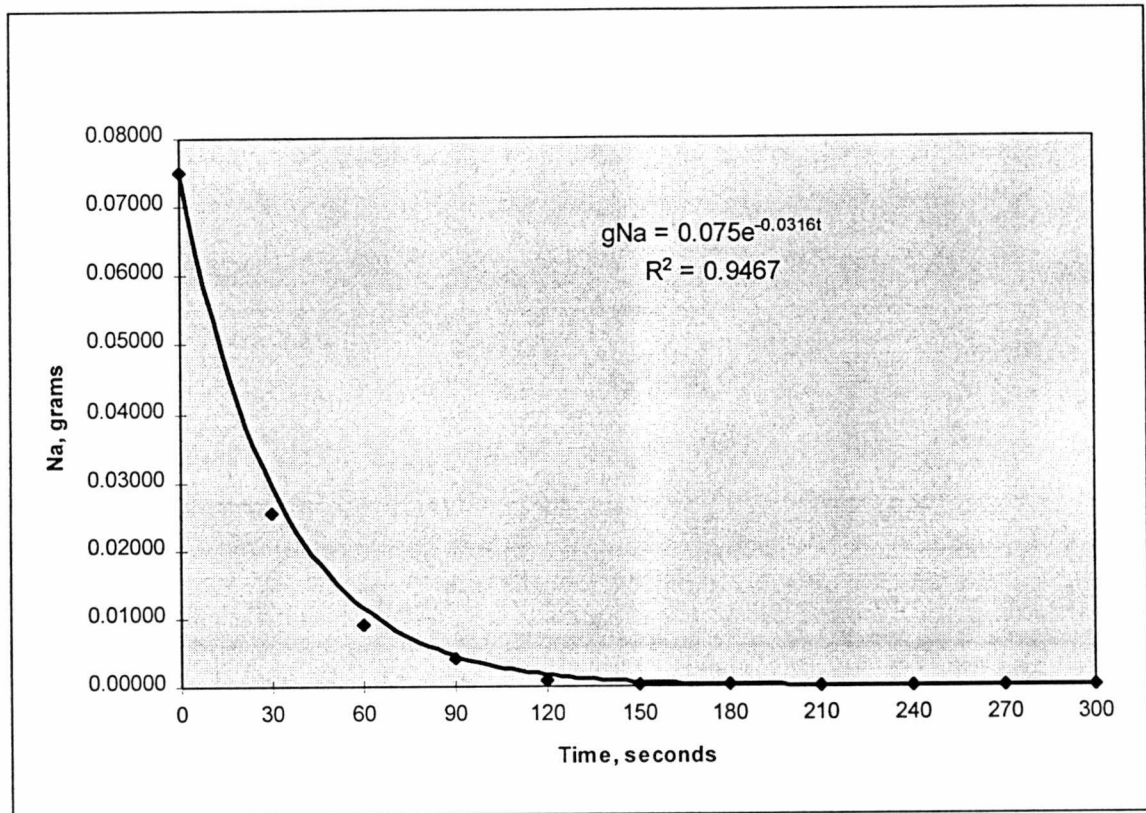
Record Sodium Sulfate Concentration as Measured Analytically in the Continuous Phase  
over time as shown in Table A6.7.

**Table A6.7 Sodium Sulfate Concentration as Measured Experimentally in the  
Continuous Phase over time for Experimental Run 3 where Volume  
Fraction,  $\phi = V_d/V_T = 0.05$ .**

| Time<br>seconds | ppmNa | Sodium Sulfate Transferred |          | Dispersed Phase, gNa/ml |             |              |
|-----------------|-------|----------------------------|----------|-------------------------|-------------|--------------|
|                 |       | From Disp.                 | To Cont. | $C_a$                   | $t-(t_0=0)$ | $C_a/C_{a0}$ |
| 0               | 0.00  | 0.0750                     | 0.00000  | 0.00075                 | 0           | 1.0000       |
| 30              | 26.13 | 0.0254                     | 0.04965  | 0.00025                 | 30          | 0.3380       |
| 60              | 34.68 | 0.0091                     | 0.06589  | 0.00009                 | 60          | 0.1214       |
| 90              | 37.24 | 0.0042                     | 0.07076  | 0.00004                 | 90          | 0.0566       |
| 120             | 38.95 | 0.0010                     | 0.07401  | 0.00001                 | 120         | 0.0133       |
| 150             | 39.25 | 0.0004                     | 0.07458  | 0.00000                 | 150         | 0.0057       |
| 180             | 39.35 | 0.0002                     | 0.07477  | 0.00000                 | 180         | 0.0031       |
| 210             | 39.44 | 0.0001                     | 0.07494  | 0.00000                 | 210         | 0.0008       |
| 240             | 39.46 | 0.0000                     | 0.07497  | 0.00000                 | 240         | 0.0004       |
| 270             | 39.46 | 0.0000                     | 0.07498  | 0.00000                 | 270         | 0.0003       |
| 300             | 39.47 | 0.0000                     | 0.07498  | 0.00000                 | 300         | 0.0003       |

**STEP 2:**

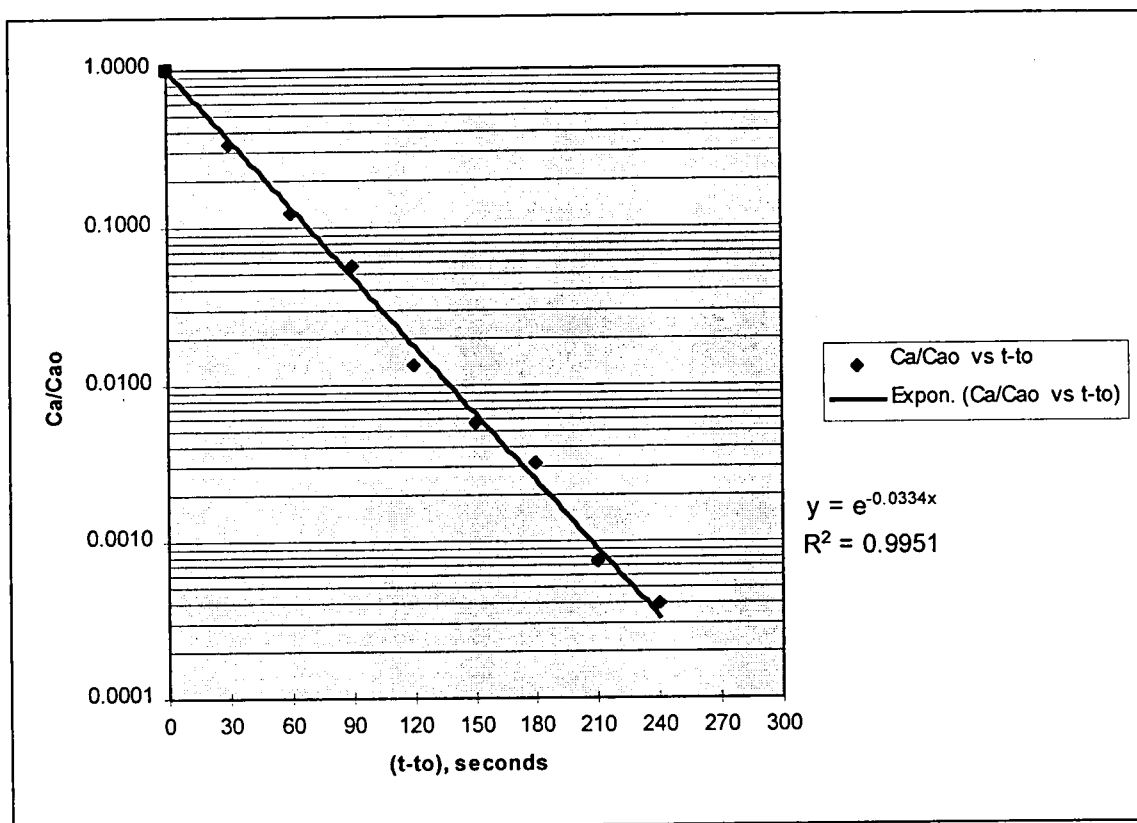
Plot Ca versus time data from Table A6.7 followed by regression of the resulting curve as shown in Figure A6.7.



**Figure A6.7:** Mass Transfer Profile of Sodium Sulfate in the Dispersed Phase over time for Experimental Run 3 where Volume Fraction,  $\phi = V_d/V_T = 0.05$ .

### STEP 3:

Plot  $\ln C_a/C_{a0}$  versus  $t-t_0$  from Table A6.7, followed regression of resulting curve as shown in Figure A6.8.



**Figure A6.8:** Experimental Run 3 where Volume Fraction,  $\phi = V_d/V_T = 0.05$ . Plot of  $\ln(C_a/C_{a0})$  versus  $t-t_0$  where  $t_0=0$ seconds and  $C_{a0}=C_a(t=0$ seconds). This regression will be used to estimate  $C_{a0}$  and  $t_0$  at the point at which  $C_a/C_{a0}=1$ .

**STEP 4:**

Estimate  $C_{ao}$  and  $t_o$  at the point where  $C_a/C_{ao}=1$ . Given  $C_a/C_{ao}$  at  $t = 30\text{sec}$  From Table A6.7 and the slope from Plot in Figure A6.8, the Concentration and Time at the point of complete dispersion may be estimated.

**Solve for  $t_o$ :**

$$C_a/C_{ao} = \exp[\text{slope}(t-t_o)]$$

$$\ln C_a/C_{ao} = \text{slope}(t-t_o)$$

$$\ln 0.338 = -0.0334 (30-t_o)$$

$$t_o = 2.5 \text{ sec}$$

**Solve for  $C_{ao}$ :**

$$0.00025/C_{ao} = \exp[-0.0334*(30-t_o)]$$

$$C_{ao} = 4.49\text{E-}04 \text{ g/ml}$$

**STEP 5:**

Calculate  $t-t_o$  and  $C_a/C_{ao}$  using estimated values for  $t_o$  and  $C_{ao}$  as shown in Table A6.8.

**Table A6.8: Recalculate  $t-t_o$  and  $C_a/C_{ao}$  using new values for  $t_o$  and  $C_{ao}$  with Data in Table A6.7**

| $t-t_o$ | $C_a/C_{ao}$ |
|---------|--------------|
| 0       | 1.0000       |
| 28      | 0.1433       |
| 58      | 0.0668       |
| 88      | 0.0156       |
| 118     | 0.0067       |
| 148     | 0.0037       |
| 178     | 0.0009       |
| 208     | 0.0005       |
| 238     | 0.0003       |
| 268     | 0.0003       |

A.6.5. Estimate  $C_{ao}$  and  $t_o$  at the point of Complete Dispersion:  
 Experimental Run 4 where Volume Fraction,  $\phi = V_d/V_T = 0.20$

**STEP 1:**

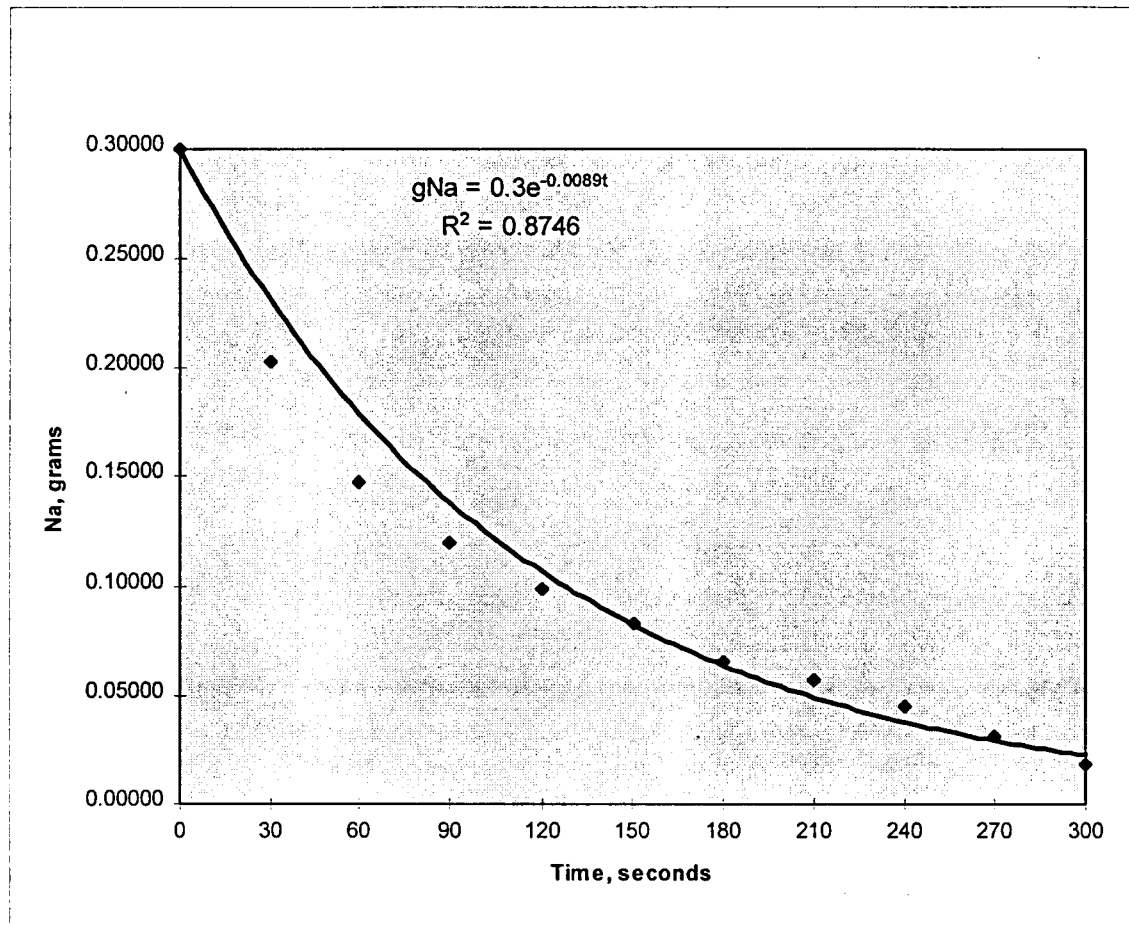
Record Sodium Sulfate Concentration as Measured Analytically in the Continuous Phase  
 over time as shown in Table A6.9.

**Table A6.9 Sodium Sulfate Concentration as Measured Experimentally in the  
 Continuous Phase over time for Experimental Run 4 where Volume  
 Fraction,  $\phi = V_d/V_T = 0.20$ .**

| Time<br>seconds | ppmNa        | Sodium Sulfate Transferred |               | Dispersed Phase, gNa/ml |             |               |
|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|---------------|-------------------------|-------------|---------------|
|                 |              | From Disp.                 | To Cont.      | $C_a$                   | $t-(t_o=0)$ | $C_a/C_{ao}$  |
| 0               | 0.00         | 0.3000                     | 0.0000        | 0.00075                 | 0           | 1.0000        |
| <b>30</b>       | <b>60.75</b> | <b>0.2028</b>              | <b>0.0972</b> | <b>0.00051</b>          | <b>30</b>   | <b>0.6760</b> |
| 60              | 95.26        | 0.1476                     | 0.1524        | 0.00037                 | 60          | 0.4919        |
| 90              | 112.54       | 0.1199                     | 0.1801        | 0.00030                 | 90          | 0.3998        |
| 120             | 125.76       | 0.0988                     | 0.2012        | 0.00025                 | 120         | 0.3293        |
| 150             | 135.42       | 0.0833                     | 0.2167        | 0.00021                 | 150         | 0.2778        |
| 180             | 146.50       | 0.0656                     | 0.2344        | 0.00016                 | 180         | 0.2187        |
| 210             | 151.92       | 0.0569                     | 0.2431        | 0.00014                 | 210         | 0.1898        |
| 240             | 159.37       | 0.0450                     | 0.2550        | 0.00011                 | 240         | 0.1500        |
| 270             | 167.89       | 0.0314                     | 0.2686        | 0.00008                 | 270         | 0.1046        |
| 300             | 175.75       | 0.0188                     | 0.2812        | 0.00005                 | 300         | 0.0627        |

**STEP 2:**

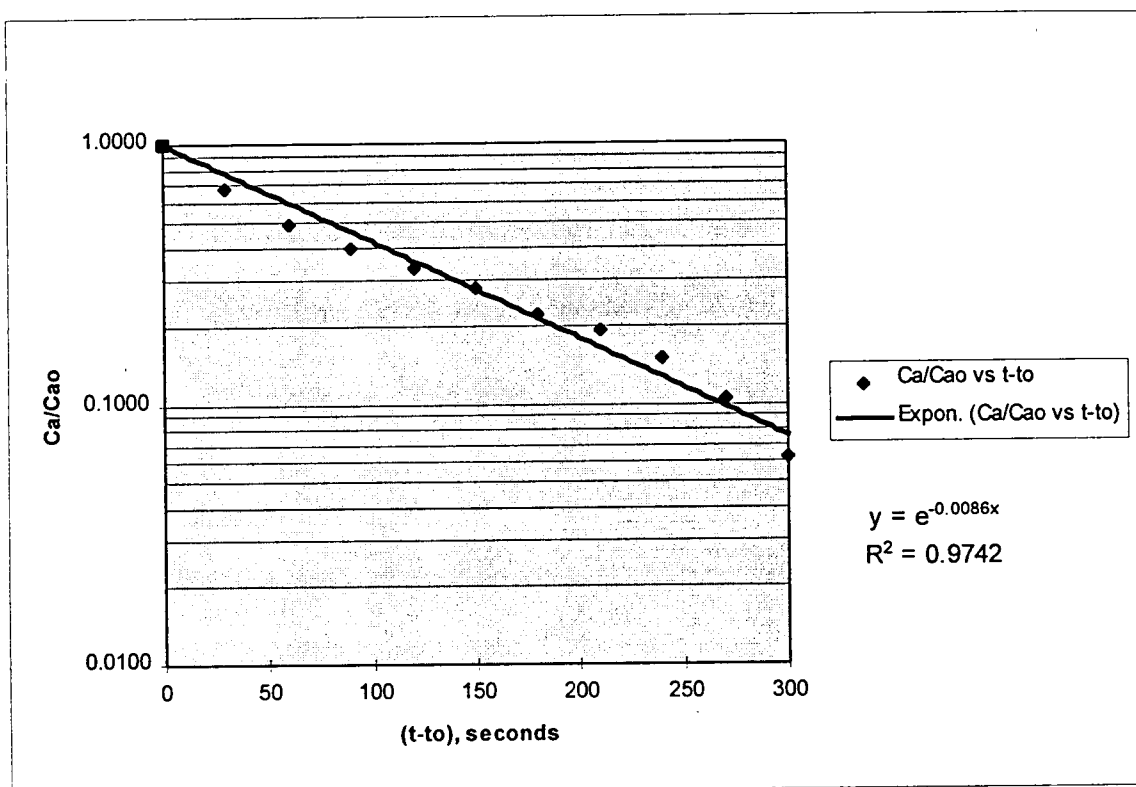
Plot Ca versus time data from Table A6.9 followed by regression of the resulting curve as shown in Figure A6.9.



**Figure A6.9:** Mass Transfer Profile of Sodium Sulfate in the Dispersed Phase over time for Experimental Run 4 where Volume Fraction,  $\phi = V_d/V_T = 0.20$ .

**STEP 3:**

Plot  $\ln C_a/C_{ao}$  versus  $t-t_0$  from Table A6.9, followed regression of the resulting curve as shown in Figure A6.10.



**Figure A6.10:** Experimental Run 4 where Volume Fraction,  $\phi = V_d/V_T = 0.20$ . Plot of  $\ln(C_a/C_{ao})$  versus  $t-t_0$  where  $t_0=0$ seconds and  $C_{ao}=C_a(t=0$ seconds). This regression will be used to estimate  $C_{ao}$  and  $t_0$  at the point at which  $C_a/C_{ao}=1$ .

**STEP 4:**

Estimate  $C_{a0}$  and  $t_0$  at the point where  $C_a/C_{a0}=1$ . Given  $C_a/C_{a0}$  at  $t = 30\text{sec}$  From Table A6.9 and the slope from Plot in Figure A6.10, the Concentration and Time at the point of complete dispersion may be estimated.

**Solve for  $t_0$ :**

$$C_a/C_{a0} = \exp[\text{slope}(t-t_0)]$$

$$\ln C_a/C_{a0} = \text{slope}(t-t_0)$$

$$\ln 0.6760 = -0.0086(30-t_0)$$

$$t_0 = 15.5 \text{ sec}$$

**Solve for  $C_{a0}$ :**

$$0.00051 / C_{a0} = \exp[-0.0086*(30-t_0)]$$

$$C_{a0} = 4.48\text{E-}04 \text{ g/ml}$$

**STEP 5:**

Calculate  $t-t_0$  and  $C_a/C_{a0}$  using estimated values for  $t_0$  and  $C_{a0}$  as shown in Table A6.10.

**Table A6.10 Recalculate  $t-t_0$  and  $C_a/C_{a0}$  using new values for  $t_0$  and  $C_{a0}$  with data in Table A6.9.**

| $t-t_0$ | $C_a/C_{a0}$ |
|---------|--------------|
| 0       | 1.0000       |
| 14      | 0.8242       |
| 44      | 0.6698       |
| 74      | 0.5516       |
| 104     | 0.4653       |
| 134     | 0.3663       |
| 164     | 0.3179       |
| 194     | 0.2513       |
| 224     | 0.1752       |
| 254     | 0.1050       |

A.6.6. Estimate  $C_{a0}$  and  $t_0$  at the point of Complete Dispersion:  
 Experimental Run 5 where Volume Fraction,  $\phi = V_d/V_T = 0.15$

**STEP 1:**

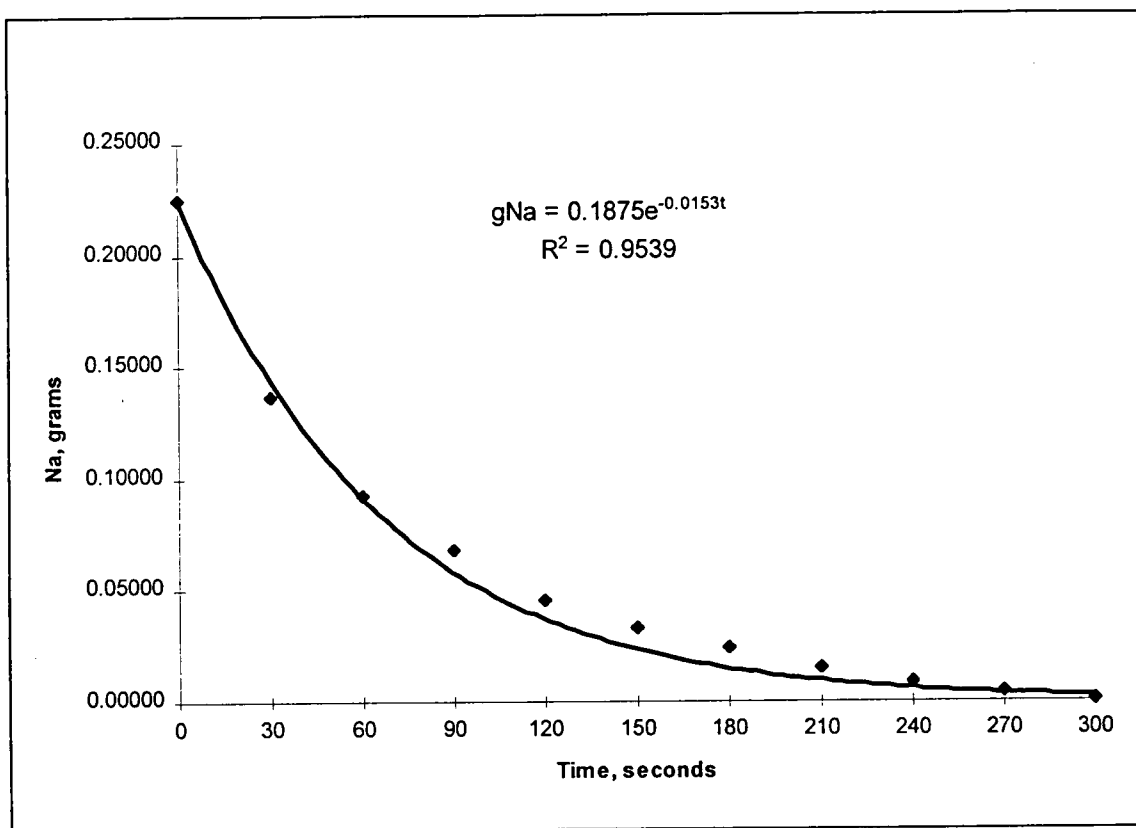
Record Sodium Sulfate Concentration as Measured Analytically in the Continuous Phase  
 over time as shown in Table A6.11.

**Table A6.11 Sodium Sulfate Concentration as Measured Experimentally in the  
 Continuous Phase over time for Experimental Run 5 where Volume  
 Fraction,  $\phi = V_d/V_T = 0.15$ .**

| Time<br>seconds | ppmNa        | Sodium Sulfate Transferred |               | Dispersed Phase, gNa/ml |             |               |
|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|---------------|-------------------------|-------------|---------------|
|                 |              | From Disp.                 | To Cont.      | $C_a$                   | $t-(t_0=0)$ | $C_a/C_{a0}$  |
| 0               | 0.00         | 0.2250                     | 0.0000        | 0.00075                 | 0           | 1.0000        |
| <b>30</b>       | <b>52.00</b> | <b>0.1366</b>              | <b>0.0884</b> | <b>0.00046</b>          | <b>30</b>   | <b>0.6071</b> |
| 60              | 78.07        | 0.0923                     | 0.1327        | 0.00031                 | 60          | 0.4101        |
| 90              | 92.36        | 0.0680                     | 0.1570        | 0.00023                 | 90          | 0.3022        |
| 120             | 105.58       | 0.0455                     | 0.1795        | 0.00015                 | 120         | 0.2023        |
| 150             | 112.65       | 0.0335                     | 0.1915        | 0.00011                 | 150         | 0.1489        |
| 180             | 117.85       | 0.0247                     | 0.2003        | 0.00008                 | 180         | 0.1096        |
| 210             | 123.46       | 0.0151                     | 0.2099        | 0.00005                 | 210         | 0.0672        |
| 240             | 126.94       | 0.0092                     | 0.2158        | 0.00003                 | 240         | 0.0409        |
| 270             | 129.76       | 0.0044                     | 0.2206        | 0.00001                 | 270         | 0.0196        |
| 300             | 131.98       | 0.0006                     | 0.2244        | 0.00000                 | 300         | 0.0028        |

**STEP 2:**

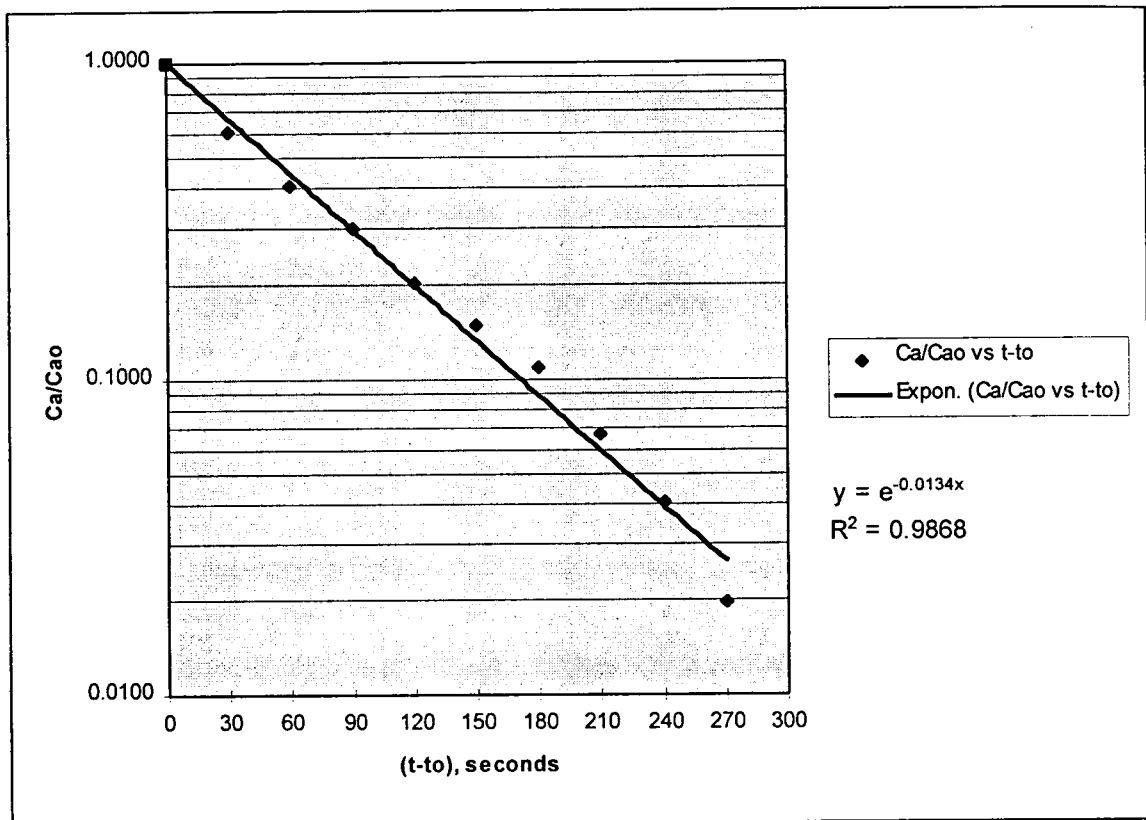
Plot Ca versus time data from Table A6.11 followed by regression of the resulting curve as shown in Figure A6.11.



**Figure A6.11:** Mass Transfer Profile of Sodium Sulfate in the Dispersed Phase over time for Experimental Run 5 where Volume Fraction,  $\phi = V_d/V_T = 0.15$ .

**STEP 3:**

Plot  $\ln C_a/C_{a0}$  versus  $t-t_0$  from Table A6.11, followed regression of the resulting curve as shown in Figure A6.12.



**Figure A6.12:** Experimental Run 5 where Volume Fraction,  $\phi = V_d/V_T = 0.15$ . Plot of  $\ln(C_a/C_{a0})$  versus  $t-t_0$  where  $t_0=0$ seconds and  $C_{a0}=C_a(t=0$ seconds). This regression will be used to estimate  $C_{a0}$  and  $t_0$  at the point at which  $C_a/C_{a0}=1$ .

**STEP 4:**

Estimate  $C_{a0}$  and  $t_0$  at the point where  $C_a/C_{a0}=1$ . Given  $C_a/C_{a0}$  at  $t = 30\text{sec}$  From Table A6.11 and the slope from Plot in Figure A6.12, the Concentration and Time at the point of complete dispersion may be estimated.

**Solve for  $t_0$ :**

$$C_a/C_{a0} = \exp[\text{slope}(t-t_0)]$$

$$\ln C_a/C_{a0} = \text{slope}(t-t_0)$$

$$\ln 0.6071 = -0.0134 (30-t_0)$$

$$t_0 = 7.2 \text{ sec}$$

**Solve for  $C_{a0}$ :**

$$0.00046 / C_{a0} = \exp[-0.0134*(30-t_0)]$$

$$C_{a0} = 6.18\text{E-}04 \text{ g/ml}$$

**STEP 5:**

Calculate  $t-t_0$  and  $C_a/C_{a0}$  using estimated values for  $t_0$  and  $C_{a0}$  as shown in Table A6.12.

**Table A6.12 Recalculate  $t-t_0$  and  $C_a/C_{a0}$  using new values for  $t_0$  and  $C_{a0}$  with data in Table A6.11.**

| $t-t_0$ | $C_a/C_{a0}$ |
|---------|--------------|
| 0       | 1.0000       |
| 23      | 0.7372       |
| 53      | 0.3669       |
| 83      | 0.2456       |
| 113     | 0.1808       |
| 143     | 0.1330       |
| 173     | 0.0816       |
| 203     | 0.0497       |
| 233     | 0.0238       |
| 263     | 0.0034       |

A.6.7. Estimate  $C_{ao}$  and  $t_o$  at the point of Complete Dispersion:  
 Experimental Run 6 where Volume Fraction,  $\phi = V_d/V_T = 0.05$

**STEP 1:**

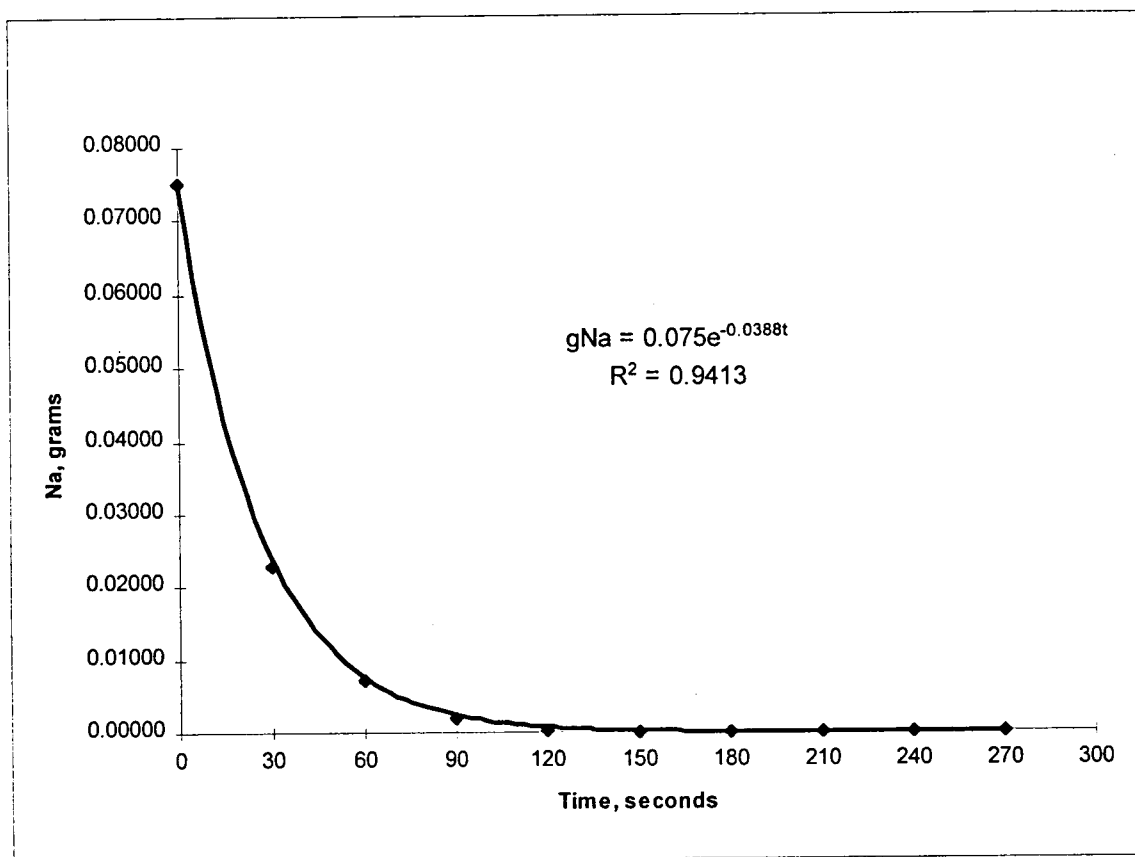
Record Sodium Sulfate Concentration as Measured Analytically in the Continuous Phase  
 over time as shown in Table A6.13.

**Table A6.13 Sodium Sulfate Concentration as Measured Experimentally in the  
 Continuous Phase over time for Experimental Run 6 where Volume  
 Fraction,  $\phi = V_d/V_T = 0.05$ .**

| Time      |              | Sodium Sulfate<br>Transferred |               | Dispersed Phase, gNa/ml |             |               |
|-----------|--------------|-------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------|-------------|---------------|
| seconds   | ppmNa        | From Disp.                    | To Cont.      | $C_a$                   | $t-(t_o=0)$ | $C_a/C_{ao}$  |
| 0         | 0.00         | 0.0750                        | 0.0000        | 0.00075                 | 0           | 1.0000        |
| <b>30</b> | <b>27.43</b> | <b>0.0229</b>                 | <b>0.0521</b> | <b>0.00023</b>          | <b>30</b>   | <b>0.3051</b> |
| 60        | 35.64        | 0.0073                        | 0.0677        | 0.00007                 | 60          | 0.0971        |
| 90        | 38.51        | 0.0018                        | 0.0732        | 0.00002                 | 90          | 0.0244        |
| 120       | 39.26        | 0.0004                        | 0.0746        | 0.00000                 | 120         | 0.0054        |
| 150       | 39.42        | 0.0001                        | 0.0749        | 0.00000                 | 150         | 0.0013        |
| 180       | 39.45        | 0.0000                        | 0.0750        | 0.00000                 | 180         | 0.0005        |
| 210       | 39.46        | 0.0000                        | 0.0750        | 0.00000                 | 210         | 0.0004        |
| 240       | 39.47        | 0.0000                        | 0.0750        | 0.00000                 | 240         | 0.0001        |
| 270       | 39.47        | 0.0000                        | 0.0750        | 0.00000                 | 270         | 0.0001        |
| 300       | 39.47        | 0.0000                        | 0.0750        | 0.00000                 | 300         | 0.0000        |

**STEP 2:**

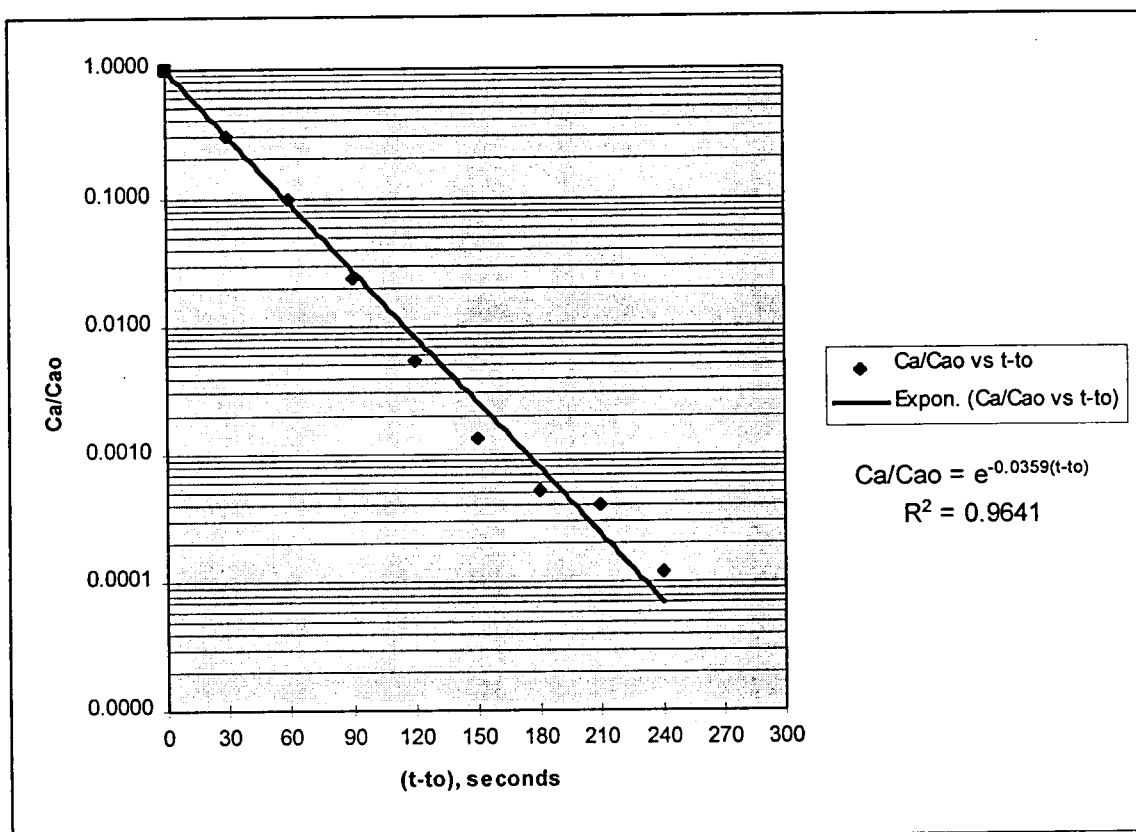
Plot  $Ca$  versus time data from Table A6.13 followed by regression of the resulting curve as shown in Figure A6.13.



**Figure A6.13:** Mass Transfer Profile of Sodium Sulfate in the Dispersed Phase over time for Experimental Run 6 where Volume Fraction,  $\phi = V_d/V_T = 0.05$ .

### STEP 3:

Plot  $\ln C_a/C_{ao}$  versus  $t-t_0$  from Table A6.13, followed regression of the resulting curve as shown in Figure A6.14.



**Figure A6.14:** Experimental Run 6 where Volume Fraction,  $\phi = V_d/V_T = 0.05$ . Plot of  $\ln(C_a/C_{ao})$  versus  $t-t_0$  where  $t_0=0$ seconds and  $C_{ao}=C_a(t=0$ seconds). This regression will be used to estimate  $C_{ao}$  and  $t_0$  at the point at which  $C_a/C_{ao}=1$ .

**STEP 4:**

Estimate  $C_{a0}$  and  $t_0$  at the point where  $C_a/C_{a0}=1$ . Given  $C_a/C_{a0}$  at  $t = 30\text{sec}$  From Table A6.13 and the slope from Plot in Figure A6.14, the Concentration and Time at the point of complete dispersion may be estimated.

**Solve for  $t_0$ :**

$$C_a/C_{a0} = \exp[\text{slope}(t-t_0)]$$

$$\ln C_a/C_{a0} = \text{slope}(t-t_0)$$

$$\ln 0.3051 = -0.0359(30-t_0)$$

$$t_0 = 3.1 \text{ sec}$$

**Solve for  $C_{a0}$ :**

$$0.00023 / C_{a0} = \exp[-0.0359(30-t_0)]$$

$$C_{a0} = 6.02\text{E-}04 \text{ g/ml}$$

**STEP 5:**

Calculate  $t-t_0$  and  $C_a/C_{a0}$  using estimated values for  $t_0$  and  $C_{a0}$  as shown in Table A6.14.

**Table A6.14 Calculate  $t-t_0$  and  $C_a/C_{a0}$  using estimated values for  $t_0$  and  $C_{a0}$  with data in Table A6.13.**

| $t-t_0$ | $C_a/C_{a0}$ |
|---------|--------------|
| 0       | 1.0000       |
| 27      | 0.3803       |
| 57      | 0.1210       |
| 87      | 0.0304       |
| 117     | 0.0067       |
| 147     | 0.0016       |
| 177     | 0.0006       |
| 207     | 0.0005       |
| 237     | 0.0002       |
| 267     | 0.0001       |

**Table A6.15: Non-linear Regression of raw data to estimate the instantaneous concentration at the point of dispersion.**

| <b>RUN</b> | <b>Dispersion<br/><math>V_d</math>, ml</b> | $\phi = \frac{V_d}{V_T}$ | $slope = \frac{\ln(\frac{C_a}{C_{ao}})}{t - t_o}$ | <b>Addition<br/>Period<br/><math>t_o</math>, sec</b> | <b>Initial Droplet<br/>Concentration<br/><math>C_{ao}</math>, g/ml</b> |
|------------|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1          | 200                                        | 0.100                    | -0.0279                                           | 5.5                                                  | 5.53E-04                                                               |
| 2          | 200                                        | 0.100                    | -0.0322                                           | 6.2                                                  | 5.02E-04                                                               |
| 3          | 100                                        | 0.050                    | -0.0334                                           | 2.5                                                  | 4.49E-04                                                               |
| 4          | 400                                        | 0.200                    | -0.0086                                           | 15.5                                                 | 4.48E-04                                                               |
| 5          | 300                                        | 0.150                    | -0.0134                                           | 7.2                                                  | 6.18E-04                                                               |
| 6          | 100                                        | 0.050                    | -0.0359                                           | 3.1                                                  | 6.02E-04                                                               |

Note: The subscript "o" implies initial conditions; rather, the point at which all dispersed-phase has entered the vessel. This method neglects the time needed to completely disperse the discontinuous phase.

### A.6.8. Calculation of Experimental $k_d$

**Table A6.16: Approximating the Impeller Reynolds, Weber and Froude Numbers for use in the Sauter-mean Diameter Expression, Table A6.17.**

| Dispersed<br>Density<br>g/cc | Continuous<br>Phase   |                 | Impeller         |                    |                  |  |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|--|
|                              | Viscosity<br>g/cm-sec | Density<br>g/cc | Weber<br>Number. | Reynolds<br>Number | Froude<br>Number |  |
| 0.9480                       | 0.01654               | 1.036           | 1178.50          | 6.73E+03           | 0.29426          |  |

Note:

(1) Input Data Source: Physical Properties Table 3.3, Apparatus Table 5.5

(2) Impeller Speed      4.167 rps (250rpm)

### A.6.9. Calculation of Sauter-mean Diameter

$$\alpha = 29.7 d_{32}^* \left( \frac{d_I}{d_v} \right)^{-2.015} \left( \frac{N_{Wec}}{N_{Rec}} \right)^{0.5508} N^{-0.7}$$

phi=0.05   phi=0.10   phi=0.15   phi=0.20  
0.269373   0.297329   0.325285   0.353241

$$d_{32}^* = d_I 0.05 (1 + 2.316\phi) \left( \frac{d_I}{d_v} \right)^{-0.75} N_{Frc}^{-0.13} N_{Wec}^{-0.6}$$

phi=0.05   phi=0.10   phi=0.15   phi=0.20  
0.009509   0.019018   0.028527   0.038036

Where units are  $\alpha = \text{cm} \cdot \text{s}^{0.7}$  and  $d_{32}^* = \text{cm}$ .

**Table A6.17: Prediction of the Sauter-mean diameter using Hong and Lee (1985) Model \***

| TIME, sec | Sauter Mean Diameter ( $d_{32}$ ), cm |                                |                                |                                |
|-----------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
|           | phi=0.05                              | phi=0.10                       | phi=0.15                       | phi=0.20                       |
| 1         | 0.3073                                | 0.3083                         | 0.3094                         | 0.3104                         |
| 5         | 0.1062                                | 0.1072                         | 0.1082                         | 0.1092                         |
| 15        | 0.0544                                | 0.0554                         | 0.0564                         | 0.0574                         |
| 30        | <b>0.0372</b>                         | <b>0.0382</b>                  | <b>0.0392</b>                  | <b>0.0402</b>                  |
| 60        | <b>0.0266</b>                         | <b>0.0276</b>                  | <b>0.0286</b>                  | <b>0.0296</b>                  |
| 90        | <b>0.0224</b>                         | <b>0.0234</b>                  | <b>0.0244</b>                  | <b>0.0254</b>                  |
| 120       | 0.0201                                | <b>0.0211</b>                  | <b>0.0221</b>                  | <b>0.0231</b>                  |
| 150       | 0.0186                                | <b>0.0196</b>                  | <b>0.0206</b>                  | <b>0.0216</b>                  |
| 180       | 0.0175                                | 0.0185                         | <b>0.0195</b>                  | <b>0.0205</b>                  |
| 210       | 0.0167                                | 0.0177                         | <b>0.0187</b>                  | <b>0.0197</b>                  |
| 240       | 0.0161                                | 0.0171                         | <b>0.0181</b>                  | <b>0.0191</b>                  |
| 270       | 0.0156                                | 0.0166                         | <b>0.0176</b>                  | <b>0.0186</b>                  |
| 300       | 0.0152                                | 0.0162                         | <b>0.0172</b>                  | <b>0.0182</b>                  |
|           | Average                               | Average                        | Average                        | Average                        |
|           | $d_{32}(30s \text{ to } 90s)$         | $d_{32}(30s \text{ to } 150s)$ | $d_{32}(30s \text{ to } 300s)$ | $d_{32}(30s \text{ to } 320s)$ |
|           | 0.0287                                | 0.0260                         | 0.0226                         | 0.0236                         |

\*Note:

$$d_{32} = \alpha \cdot t^{-0.7} + d_{32}^*$$

Hong and Lee (1985)

**Table A6.18: Approximation of  $k_d$  as a Function of Droplet Diameter**  
(Visually Measured  $d_p=0.3\text{mm} \pm 0.1\text{mm}$ )

| Expt.<br>Run | $\phi = \frac{\nu_d}{\nu_r}$ | Average<br>$d_{32}(t_f-t_o)$<br>mm | $\frac{K_d A}{V} = -\left(\frac{\ln \frac{C_2}{C_1}}{(t-t_1)}\right)$ | $k_{d \text{ exp } t.} = f(d_p)$ |          |          |
|--------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------|----------|
|              |                              |                                    |                                                                       | dp: 0.20mm                       | 0.3mm    | 0.40mm   |
| 1            | 0.10                         | 0.260                              | 0.0279                                                                | 9.30E-05                         | 1.40E-04 | 1.86E-04 |
| 2            | 0.10                         | 0.260                              | 0.0322                                                                | 1.07E-04                         | 1.61E-04 | 2.15E-04 |
| 3            | 0.05                         | 0.287                              | 0.0334                                                                | 1.11E-04                         | 1.67E-04 | 2.23E-04 |
| 4            | 0.20                         | 0.236                              | 0.0086                                                                | 2.87E-05                         | 4.30E-05 | 5.73E-05 |
| 5            | 0.15                         | 0.226                              | 0.0134                                                                | 4.47E-05                         | 6.70E-05 | 8.93E-05 |
| 6            | 0.05                         | 0.287                              | 0.0359                                                                | 1.20E-04                         | 1.80E-04 | 2.39E-04 |

Note:

As shown in Table A6.17,  $d_{32}$  is the average of  $d_{32}=f(t)$  between time period  $t_f t_o$  shown in Table A6.17.

### A.6.10. Calculation of $k_d$ using the Penetration Theory

**Table A6.19:** Estimation of the Dispersed-phase Mass transfer coefficient using the Penetration Theory

| Expt.<br>Run | Volume<br>Fraction<br>$\phi$ | $t_f$<br>sec | $t_0$<br>sec | $D_d = \frac{cm^2}{sec}$<br>Table 5.4 | $k_d = 2 \left( \frac{D_d}{\pi(t_f - t_0)} \right)^{0.5}$<br>cm/sec |
|--------------|------------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1            | 0.10                         | 150          | 5.5          | 1.94E-07                              | 4.1E-05                                                             |
| 2            | 0.10                         | 150          | 6.2          | 1.94E-07                              | 4.1E-05                                                             |
| 3            | 0.05                         | 90           | 2.5          | 1.94E-07                              | 5.3E-05                                                             |
| 4            | 0.20                         | 320          | 15.5         | 1.94E-07                              | 2.8E-05                                                             |
| 5            | 0.15                         | 300          | 7.2          | 1.94E-07                              | 2.9E-05                                                             |
| 6            | 0.05                         | 90           | 3.1          | 1.94E-07                              | 5.3E-05                                                             |

A.6.10. Calculation of  $k_d$  using Equation 1.11 (Based on  $d_{32}$ ) where  $\phi=0.05$   
and  $d=d_{32}$

$$\alpha = 0.2694$$

$$d = 0.0095$$

$$f(t) = \frac{1}{\alpha \cdot t^{-0.7} + d}$$

$$\int_{20}^{90} f(t) dt = 2.642 \cdot 10^3$$

$$\int_{20}^{60} f(t) dt = 1.318 \cdot 10^3$$

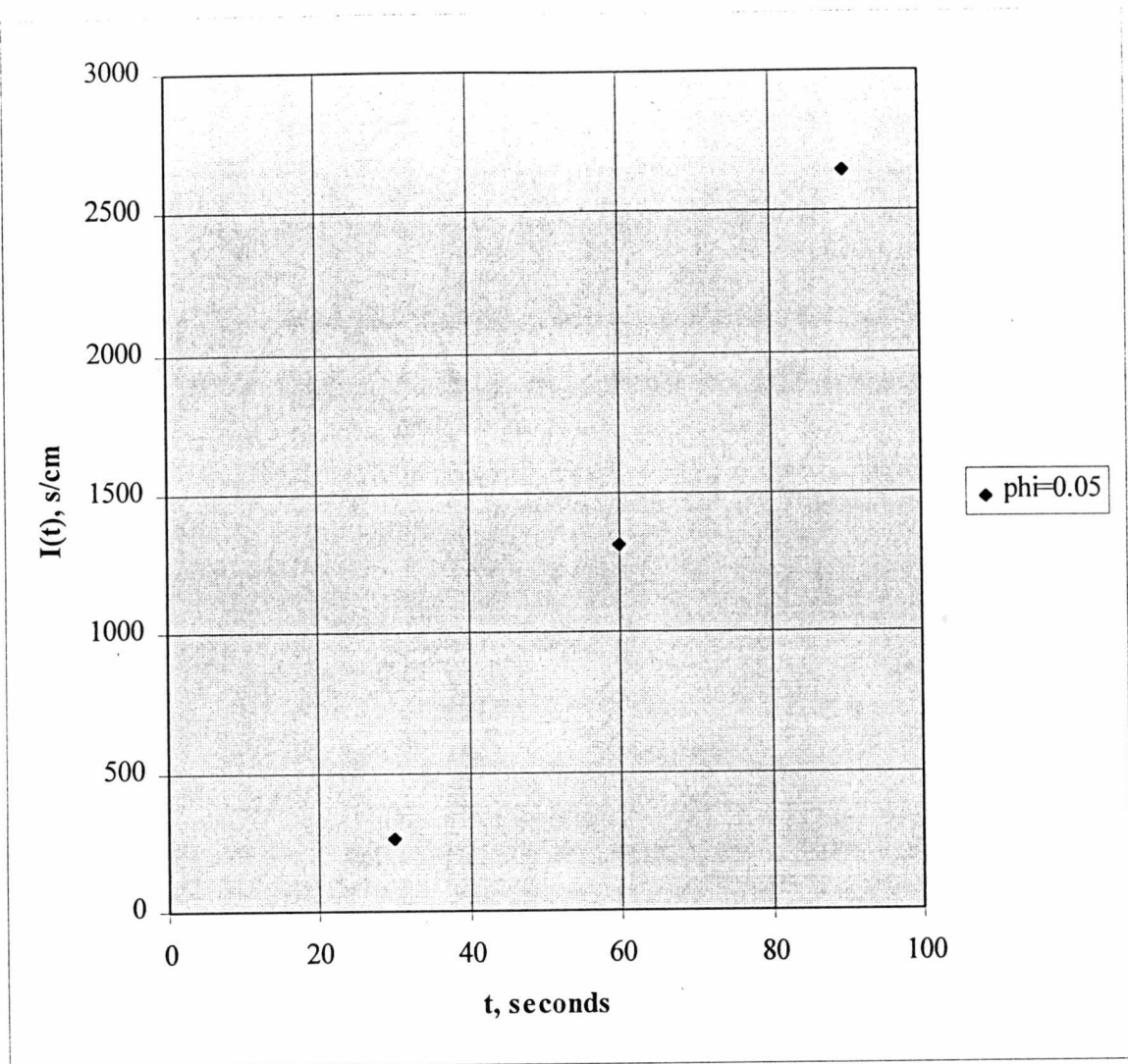
$$\int_{20}^{30} f(t) dt = 263.92$$

$slope = -0.0011$  (from Figure 6.8)

Therefore from equation 6.4

$$k_d = -\frac{(slope)}{6}$$

$$k_d = -\frac{(-0.0011)}{6} = 1.833E-04 \frac{cm}{s}$$



**Figure A6.15:** Plot of time  $t$  versus  $I(t)$  where  $I(t) = \int_{20}^t \frac{1}{\alpha \cdot t^{-0.7} + d_{32}^*} dt$  for  $\phi=0.05$ .

**A.6.11.** Calculation of  $k_d$  using Equation 1.11 (Based on  $d_{32}$ ) where  $\phi=0.10$  and  $d=d_{32}$

$$\alpha = 0.2973$$

$$d = 0.0190$$

$$f(t) = \frac{1}{\alpha \cdot t^{-0.7} + d}$$

$$\int_{20}^{150} f(t) dt = 3.876 \cdot 10^3$$

$$\int_{20}^{120} f(t) dt = 2.828 \cdot 10^3$$

$$\int_{20}^{90} f(t) dt = 1.843 \cdot 10^3$$

$$\int_{20}^{60} f(t) dt = 949.193$$

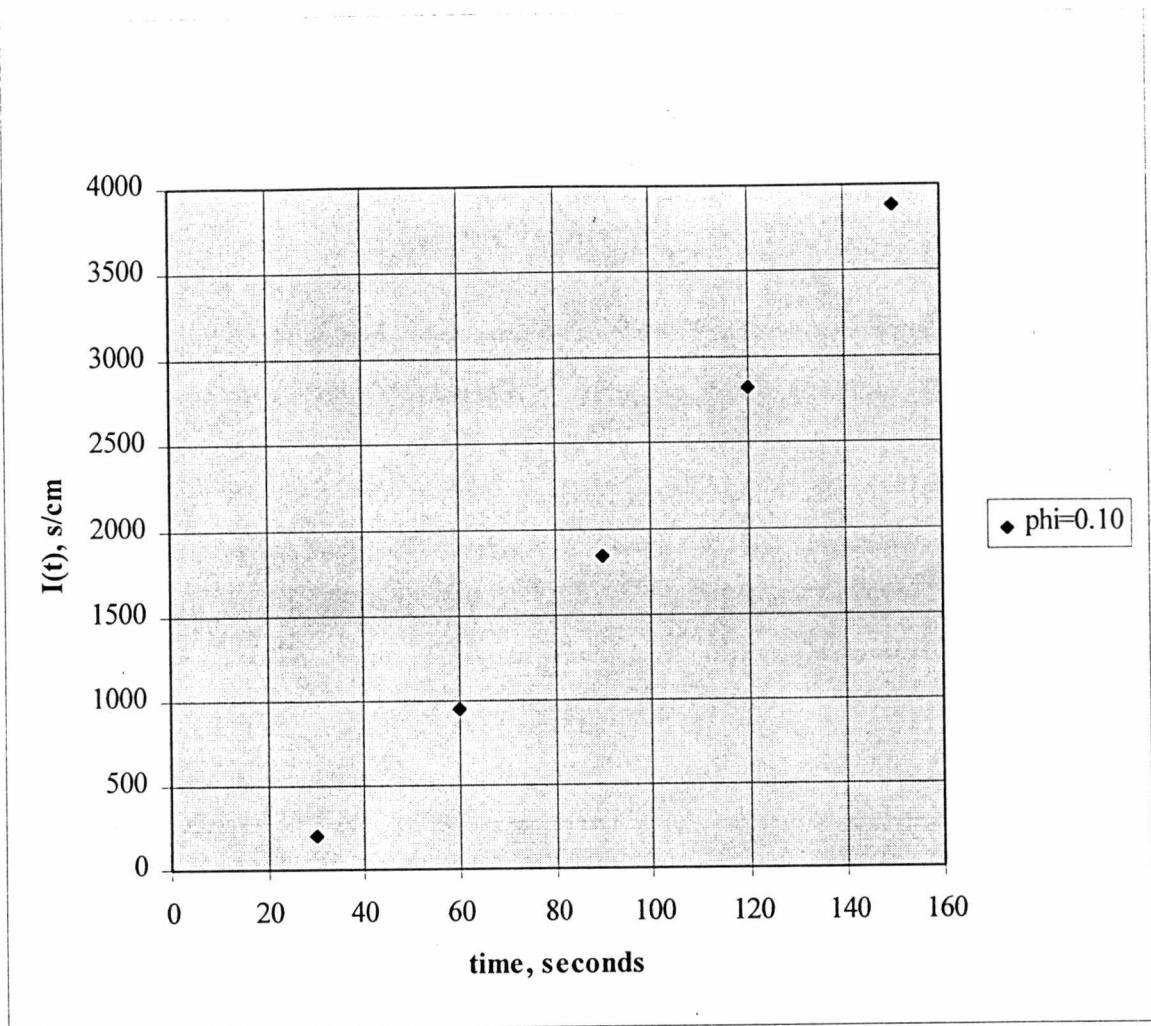
$$\int_{20}^{30} f(t) dt = 198.583$$

$slope = -0.0010$  (from Figure 6.9)

Therefore from equation 6.4

$$k_d = -\frac{(slope)}{6}$$

$$k_d = -\frac{(-0.0010)}{6} = 1.6670 E - 04 \frac{cm}{s}$$



**Figure A6.16:** Plot of time  $t$  versus  $I(t)$  where  $I(t) = \int_{20}^t \frac{1}{\alpha \cdot t^{-0.7} + d_{32}^*} dt$  for  $\phi=0.10$ .

A.6.12. Calculation of  $k_d$  using Equation 1.11 where  $\phi=0.15$  and  $d=d_{32}$

$$\alpha = 0.3253$$

$$d = 0.0285$$

$$f(t) = \frac{1}{\alpha \cdot t^{-0.7} + d}$$

$$\int_{20}^{300} f(t) dt = 7.086 \cdot 10^3$$

$$\int_{20}^{270} f(t) dt = 6.222 \cdot 10^3$$

$$\int_{20}^{240} f(t) dt = 5.37 \cdot 10^3$$

$$\int_{20}^{210} f(t) dt = 4.533 \cdot 10^3$$

$$\int_{20}^{180} f(t) dt = 3.714 \cdot 10^3$$

$$\int_{20}^{150} f(t) dt = 2.917 \cdot 10^3$$

$$\int_{20}^{120} f(t) dt = 2.148 \cdot 10^3$$

$$\int_{20}^{90} f(t) dt = 1.417 \cdot 10^3$$

$$\int_{20}^{60} f(t) dt = 741.955$$

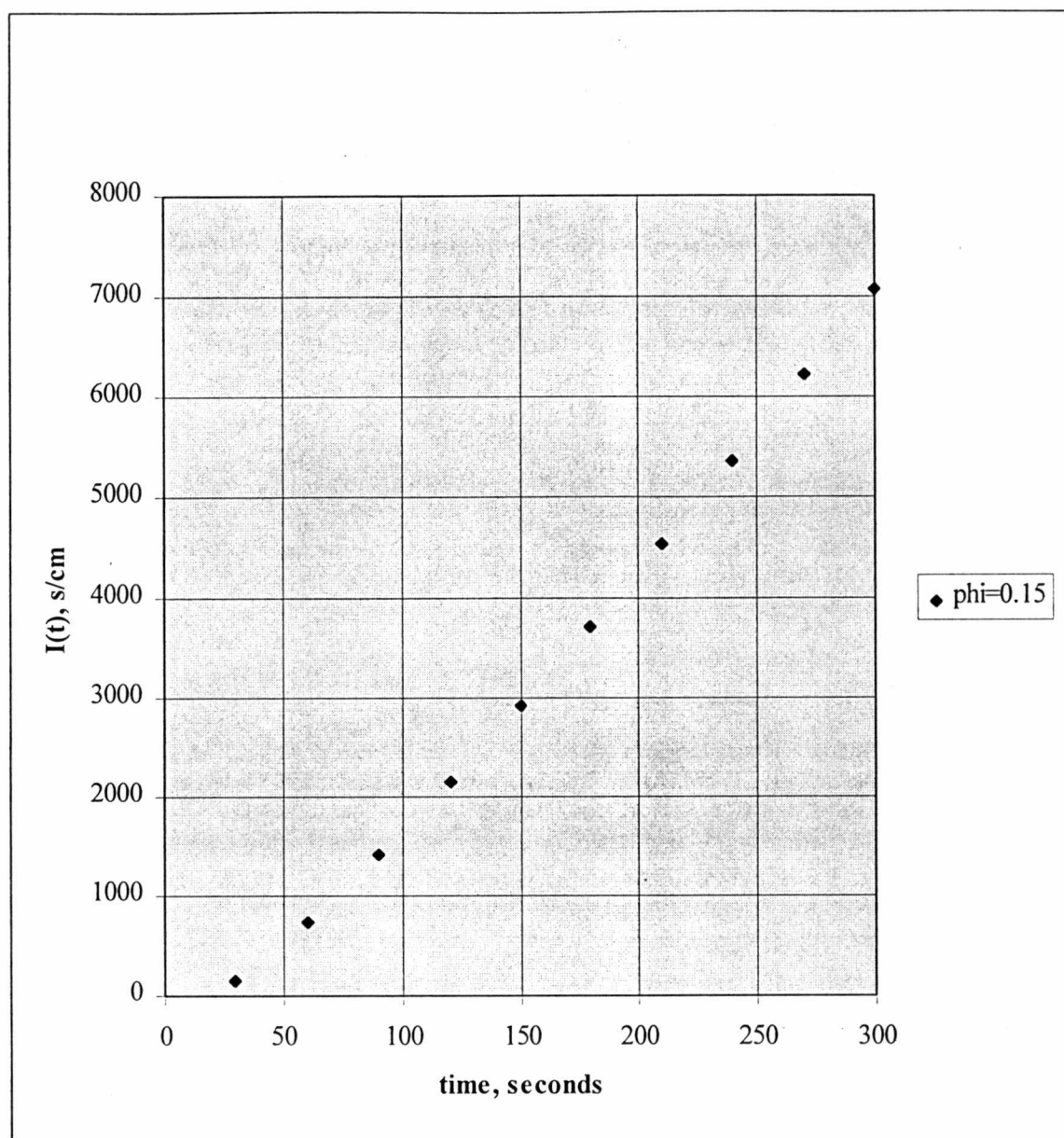
$$\int_{20}^{30} f(t) dt = 159.166$$

$slope = -0.0007$  (from Figure 6.10)

Therefore from equation 6.4

$$k_d = -\frac{(slope)}{6}$$

$$k_d = -\frac{(-0.0007)}{6} = 1.167 E - 04 \frac{cm}{s}$$



**Figure A6.17:** Plot of time  $t$  versus  $I(t)$  where  $I(t) = \int_{20}^t \frac{1}{\alpha \cdot t^{-0.7} + d_{32}^*} dt$  for  $\phi=0.15$ .

A.6.13. Calculation of  $k_d$  using Equation 1.11 where  $\phi=0.20$  and  $d=d_{32}$

$$\alpha = 0.3532$$

$$d = 0.038$$

$$f(t) = \frac{1}{\alpha \cdot t^{-0.7} + d}$$

$$\int_{20}^{320} f(t) dt = 6.042 \cdot 10^3$$

$$\int_{20}^{300} f(t) dt = 5.592 \cdot 10^3$$

$$\int_{20}^{270} f(t) dt = 4.921 \cdot 10^3$$

$$\int_{20}^{240} f(t) dt = 4.259 \cdot 10^3$$

$$\int_{20}^{210} f(t) dt = 3.607 \cdot 10^3$$

$$\int_{20}^{180} f(t) dt = 2.966 \cdot 10^3$$

$$\int_{20}^{150} f(t) dt = 2.34 \cdot 10^3$$

$$\int_{20}^{120} f(t) dt = 1.733 \cdot 10^3$$

$$\int_{20}^{90} f(t) dt = 1.152 \cdot 10^3$$

$$\int_{20}^{60} f(t) dt = 609.238$$

$$\int_{20}^{30} f(t) dt = 132.83$$

$slope = -0.0004$  (from Figure 6.11)

Therefore from equation 6.4

$$k_d = -\frac{(slope)}{6}$$

$$k_d = -\frac{-0.0004}{6} = 0.67 E - 04 \frac{cm}{s}$$

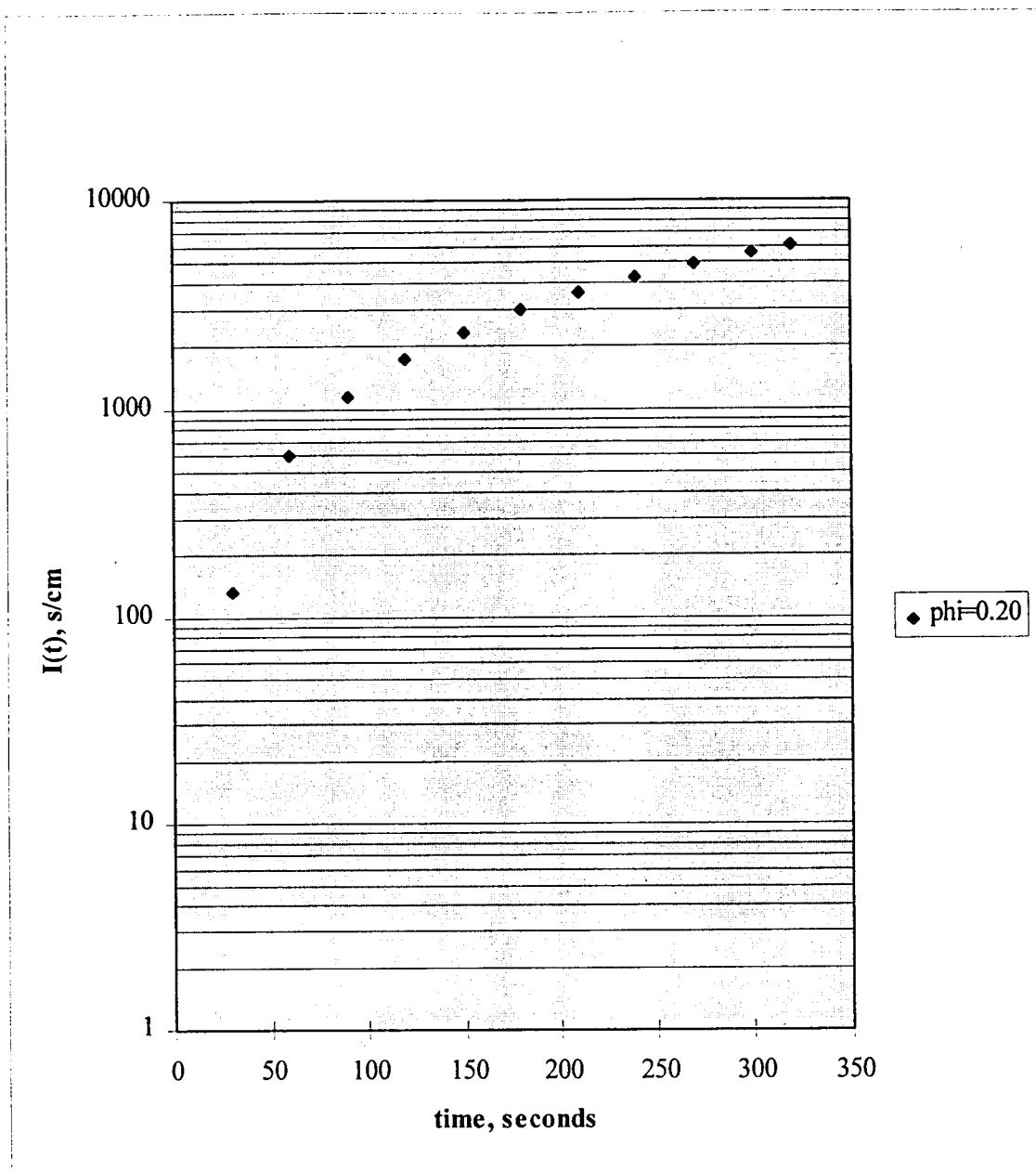


Figure A6.17: Plot of time  $t$  versus  $I(t)$  where  $I(t) = \int_{20}^t \frac{1}{\alpha \cdot t^{-0.7} + d_{32}^*} dt$  for  $\phi=0.20$ .

**Table A6.20:** Estimation of the Dispersed-phase Mass transfer coefficient using the Skelland and HuXien Model (1990)

| Expt.<br>Run | Diffusivit<br>Dd<br>Table 3.4<br>cm <sup>2</sup> /s | Volume<br>Fraction<br>$\phi = \frac{V_d}{V_t}$ | Mean                               |                             | Final<br>Transfer<br>tf<br>sec | $N_{Re_i} = \frac{\rho_m d_i^2 N}{\mu_m}$ | $k_d = 5e-6 \phi^{-0.004} \sqrt{\frac{D_d}{t_f} \left( \frac{d_i^2 N \rho_m}{\mu_m} \right)^{1.140} \left( \frac{\rho_c}{\Delta \rho} \right)^{0.518}}$ |  |
|--------------|-----------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|
|              |                                                     |                                                | Viscosity<br>$\mu_m$<br>P:g/cm-sec | Density<br>$\rho_m$<br>g/cc |                                |                                           | cm/sec                                                                                                                                                  |  |
| 1            | 1.94E-07                                            | 0.10                                           | 0.0211                             | 1.0164                      | 150                            | 5172                                      | 1.2E-05                                                                                                                                                 |  |
| 2            | 1.94E-07                                            | 0.10                                           | 0.0211                             | 1.0164                      | 150                            | 5172                                      | 1.2E-05                                                                                                                                                 |  |
| 3            | 1.94E-07                                            | 0.05                                           | 0.0187                             | 1.0202                      | 90                             | 5862                                      | 1.87E-05                                                                                                                                                |  |
| 4            | 1.94E-07                                            | 0.20                                           | 0.0269                             | 1.0088                      | 320                            | 4037                                      | 6.32E-06                                                                                                                                                |  |
| 5            | 1.94E-07                                            | 0.15                                           | 0.0238                             | 1.0126                      | 300                            | 4569                                      | 7.56E-06                                                                                                                                                |  |
| 6            | 1.94E-07                                            | 0.05                                           | 0.0187                             | 1.0202                      | 90                             | 5862                                      | 1.87E-05                                                                                                                                                |  |

Notes: N=250rpm      dl=5.08cm      density, viscosity from Table 3.2      Diffusivity from Table 3.3

**Table A6.20:** Estimation of the Dispersed-phase Mass transfer coefficient using the Skelland and HuXien Model (1990)

| Expt. Run | Diffusivity<br>Dd<br>Table 3.4<br>cm <sup>2</sup> /s | Volume Fraction<br>$\phi = \frac{v_d}{v_r}$ | Mean                               |                             | Final Transfer<br>tf<br>sec | $N_{Re_i} = \frac{\rho_m d_i^2 N}{\mu_m}$ | $k_d = 5e - 6 \phi^{-0.0204} \sqrt{\frac{D_d}{t_f}} \left( \frac{d_i^2 N \rho_m}{\mu_m} \right)^{1.140} \left( \frac{\rho_c}{\Delta \rho} \right)^{0.518}$ | cm/sec   |
|-----------|------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
|           |                                                      |                                             | Viscosity<br>$\mu_m$<br>P:g/cm-sec | Density<br>$\rho_m$<br>g/cc |                             |                                           |                                                                                                                                                            |          |
| 1         | 1.94E-07                                             | 0.10                                        | 0.0211                             | 1.0164                      | 150                         | 5172                                      |                                                                                                                                                            | 1.2E-05  |
| 2         | 1.94E-07                                             | 0.10                                        | 0.0211                             | 1.0164                      | 150                         | 5172                                      |                                                                                                                                                            | 1.2E-05  |
| 3         | 1.94E-07                                             | 0.05                                        | 0.0187                             | 1.0202                      | 90                          | 5862                                      |                                                                                                                                                            | 1.87E-05 |
| 4         | 1.94E-07                                             | 0.20                                        | 0.0269                             | 1.0088                      | 320                         | 4037                                      |                                                                                                                                                            | 6.32E-06 |
| 5         | 1.94E-07                                             | 0.15                                        | 0.0238                             | 1.0126                      | 300                         | 4569                                      |                                                                                                                                                            | 7.56E-06 |
| 6         | 1.94E-07                                             | 0.05                                        | 0.0187                             | 1.0202                      | 90                          | 5862                                      |                                                                                                                                                            | 1.87E-05 |

Notes:

N=250rpm

dl=5.08cm

density, viscosity from Table 3.2

Diffusivity from Table 3.3

**Table A6.21:** Estimation of the Continuous-phase Mass Transfer Coefficient using the Skelland and Moeti (1990) Model

| Expt. Run | Diffusivity        |       | Volume Fraction | Viscosity  |       | Density, g/cc |       | Nre  | 250 rpm | kc(dp=0.15mm)<br>cm/sec |
|-----------|--------------------|-------|-----------------|------------|-------|---------------|-------|------|---------|-------------------------|
|           | cm <sup>2</sup> /s | Cont. |                 | P:g/cm-sec | Cont. | Cont.         | Disp. |      |         |                         |
| 1         | 1.94E-07           |       | 0.10            | 0.0165     |       | 1.024         | 0.948 | 6658 |         | 3.52E-01                |
| 2         | 1.94E-07           |       | 0.10            | 0.0165     |       | 1.024         | 0.948 | 6658 |         | 3.52E-01                |
| 3         | 1.94E-07           |       | 0.05            | 0.0165     |       | 1.024         | 0.948 | 6658 |         | 4.98E-01                |
| 4         | 1.94E-07           |       | 0.20            | 0.0165     |       | 1.024         | 0.948 | 6658 |         | 2.49E-01                |
| 5         | 1.94E-07           |       | 0.15            | 0.0165     |       | 1.024         | 0.948 | 6658 |         | 2.88E-01                |
| 6         | 1.94E-07           |       | 0.05            | 0.0165     |       | 1.024         | 0.948 | 6658 |         | 4.98E-01                |

Equation Variables:      N=250rpm      dl=5.08cm      density, viscosity from Table 3.2

**Table A6.22:** Summary of Dispersed-phase Mass transfer Coefficients as related to the Reynolds Number

| Exp. Run | phi  | Nrei | Dispersed-phase Mass Transfer Coefficient, cm/s |          |          |          |               | Penetration |
|----------|------|------|-------------------------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|-------------|
|          |      |      | dp: 0.20mm                                      | 0.3mm    | 0.40mm   | HuXien   | Equation 1.11 |             |
| 1        | 0.10 | 5172 | 9.30E-05                                        | 1.40E-04 | 1.86E-04 | 1.24E-05 | 1.667E-04     | 4.13E-05    |
| 2        | 0.10 | 5172 | 1.07E-04                                        | 1.61E-04 | 2.15E-04 | 1.24E-05 | 1.667E-04     | 4.14E-05    |
| 3        | 0.05 | 5862 | 1.11E-04                                        | 1.67E-04 | 2.23E-04 | 1.87E-05 | 1.833E-04     | 5.31E-05    |
| 4        | 0.20 | 4037 | 2.87E-05                                        | 4.30E-05 | 5.73E-05 | 6.32E-06 | 6.667E-05     | 2.85E-05    |
| 5        | 0.15 | 4569 | 4.47E-05                                        | 6.70E-05 | 8.93E-05 | 7.56E-06 | 1.167E-04     | 2.91E-05    |
| 6        | 0.05 | 5862 | 1.20E-04                                        | 1.80E-04 | 2.39E-04 | 1.87E-05 | 1.833E-04     | 5.33E-05    |

### A.6.13. Calculation of the Overall Mass Transfer Coefficient

$$\frac{k_c d_p}{D_c} = 1.237(10^{-5}) \left( \frac{\mu_c}{\rho_c D_c} \right)^{1/3} \left( \frac{d_i^2 N \rho_c}{\mu_c} \right)^{2/3} \left( \frac{d_i N^2}{g} \right)^{5/12} \left( \frac{d_i}{d_p} \right)^2 \left( \frac{d_p}{T} \right)^{1/2} \left( \frac{\rho_d d_p^2 g}{\sigma} \right)^{5/4} \phi^{-1/2} \quad (6.4)$$

The overall mass transfer coefficient,  $K$  is written in terms of  $k_c$  and  $k_d$  as

$$\frac{1}{K_d} = \frac{1}{k_d} + \frac{1}{m k_c} ; \quad (6.5)$$

where,  $m$  is defined as

$$m = \frac{[Na_2SO_4]_{Aqueous}}{[Na_2SO_4]_{Organic}} \quad (6.6)$$

From Table 3.5,  $m$  ranges from 3.5 to 4.2. Since  $k_c \gg k_d$  as shown in Table 6.10 ,

$$K_d = k_d.$$

Table A6.23: Calculation of Overall Mass Transfer Coefficient

| Expt.<br>Run | Distribution Ratio*<br>$m=[\text{Na}]_d/[\text{Na}]_c$ | Mass Transfer Coefficient, cm/s       |                                        |  | Overall<br>$K_d$ |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|--|------------------|
|              |                                                        | Moeti(1990)<br>$k_c(dp=0.3\text{mm})$ | Experimental<br>$k_d(dp=0.3\text{mm})$ |  |                  |
| 1            | 0.10                                                   | 3.52E-01                              | 6.98E-05                               |  | 6.97E-05         |
| 2            | 0.10                                                   | 3.52E-01                              | 8.05E-05                               |  | 8.05E-05         |
| 3            | 0.05                                                   | 4.98E-01                              | 8.35E-05                               |  | 8.35E-05         |
| 4            | 0.20                                                   | 2.49E-01                              | 2.15E-05                               |  | 2.15E-05         |
| 5            | 0.15                                                   | 2.88E-01                              | 3.35E-05                               |  | 3.35E-05         |
| 6            | 0.05                                                   | 4.98E-01                              | 8.98E-05                               |  | 8.97E-05         |

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