

Fig.1: Schematic representation of our extended Knudsen diffusion model. The goal is to obtain the net, cross-sectional flux through the mass balance volume (blue) by balancing the direct (red), adsorbed (purple), and indirect (green) fluxes. The complete indirect flux contribution is obtained by integrating over all ϵ_1 (green elements).

$$\underbrace{\tilde{j}(\epsilon)}_{\text{Extended Knudsen diffusion}} = \underbrace{F_D(\epsilon) + g(\epsilon) \times \tilde{D}_{Kn} \times \frac{d\psi}{d\epsilon}}_{\text{Standard Knudsen diffusion}}$$

$$\frac{d\tilde{j}}{d\epsilon} = k \times \psi(\epsilon)$$

\tilde{j} : Normalized, net, cross-sectional flux
 ψ : Normalized concentration
 ϵ : Normalized axial distance
 F_D : Direct flux
 g : Geometric factor
 \tilde{D}_{Kn} : Normalized Knudsen diffusivity
 k : Surface adsorption rate

Fig.2: Schematic representation of the system of ordinary differential equations modeling neutral transport. The colors relate to Fig.1. We note the differences between our model and the standard Knudsen diffusion approach: The presence of direct flux and the geometric factor. The adsorbed flux is modeled by a volumetric sink term.

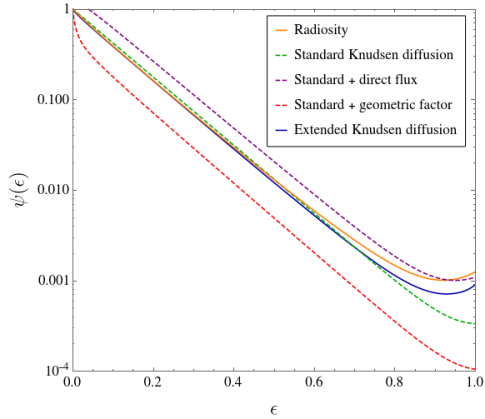


Fig.3: Comparison of the local concentration between different approaches for a cylinder of aspect ratio 50 and sticking 1%. We note that the full extended Knudsen diffusion approach is required for more accurately matching radiosity over most of the feature.

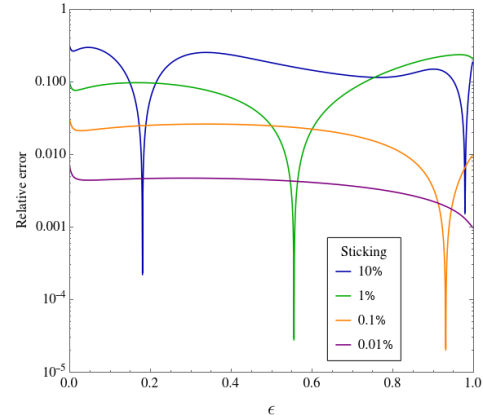


Fig.4: Local relative error, defined as the relative difference between the extended Knudsen diffusion and radiosity results, for a cylinder of aspect ratio 50 and varying sticking. Here, we showcase how our model produces adequate results even in high sticking regimes.

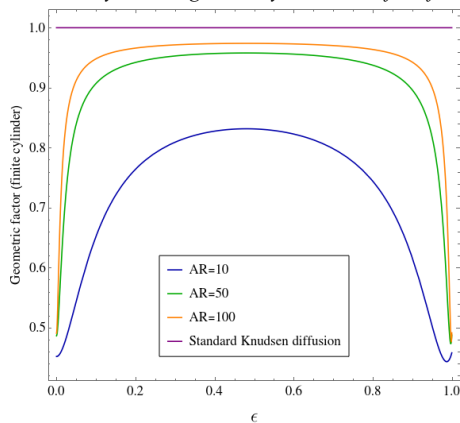


Fig.5: Geometric factor as a function of axial distance ϵ for a finite cylinder of sticking 1% and varying aspect ratios. Our model highlights significant discrepancies in the standard approach for the extremities of the cylinder even for high aspect ratios.