







## Radial diffusion of H as seen optically



## Diffusion coefficients of various interstitials







#### H diffusion is much faster in BCC than FCC metals















## Singularities decay immediately



# Characteristic features of diffusion

#### Diffusion in semi-infinite space

$$D\frac{\partial^2 c}{\partial x^2} - \frac{\partial c}{\partial t} = 0 \text{ with } c(0,t) = 1 \qquad c = 1 - erf\left(\frac{x}{2\sqrt{Dt}}\right)$$







## Infinite diffusion :a little numerical exercise

Typically in a solid  $c_0 = 10^{-10} \text{ m}^{-1}$  at x=0. The front at concentration c=10<sup>-12</sup> m<sup>-1</sup> is given by:

The velocity of light is reached at  $t = 1.5 \times 10^{-24}$  s if D=10<sup>-8</sup> m<sup>2</sup>/s. The average jump time is, however, with a=0.1 nm

$$\tau = \frac{a^2}{2D} = 5 \times 10^{-13} s$$
 and  $\frac{x}{\tau} = 3.64 \sqrt{\frac{D}{\tau}} = 515 \frac{m}{s}$ 

## Diffusion into a membrane of thickness *L*

 $c(x,t) = 1 - \frac{4}{\pi} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2n+1} \sin\left(\frac{(2n+1)\pi x}{2L}\right) e^{-\frac{(2n+1)^2\pi^2 Dt}{4} \frac{1}{L^2}}$ 



## Choosing the right Fourier series



# A real diffusion experiment





#### Pressure-composition isotherm of YH<sub>x</sub> at T=293 K











#### This picture demonstrates that

$$j = -L \frac{\partial \mu}{\partial x}$$
 instead of  $j = -D \frac{\partial c}{\partial x}$ 

## Influence of the chemical factor



## Switchable mirrors as indicators





 $SiO_2$ 

V

V



# Diffusion in a multilayer



$$\Delta H_{Ti-H} < \Delta H_{Mg-H} < \Delta H_{Ni-H}$$



#### Heat of solution of metal-hydrides



K Ca Sc Ti V Cr Mn Fe Co Ni Cu Zn Rb Sr Y Zr Nb Mo Tc Ru RhPd Ag Cd Cs Ba La Hf Ta W Re Os Ir Pt Au Hg

## Chemical potential: simplest model

H<sub>2</sub> gas

$$\mu_{H_2} = kT \ln\left(\frac{p}{p_o(T)}\right) + \varepsilon_b$$

H in metal

$$\mu_{H} = kT \ln\left(\frac{c}{1-c}\right) + \varepsilon_{o}$$

Diffusion

$$J_{H} = -c\left(1-c\right)L_{o}\frac{\partial\mu}{\partial x}$$

#### $\Rightarrow$ Development of a simulation model



Experiments are performed which illustrate the properties of damped traveling waves in diffusive media. Our observations demonstrate the manipulation of these waves by adjustment of the photon diffusion coefficients of adjacent turbid media. The waves are imaged, and are shown to obey simple relations such a Snell's law. The extent to which analogies from physical optics may be used to understand these waves is further explored, and the implications for medical imaging are briefly discussed.

#### Random walk of a photon

$$\frac{\partial U}{\partial t} = D\Delta U - v\mu_a U$$



#### With

- v the velocity of light
- $\mu_a$  the absorption coefficient

#### The aquarium experiment



# Sample architecture





O'Leary et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 69 (1992) 2658



#### Time evolution of contours



### Snell's law for diffusion !



Ray tracing along the phase – gradient at small angles

| $\sin \theta_2$ | $\underline{\lambda_2}$ | $D_2$ |
|-----------------|-------------------------|-------|
| $\sin \theta_1$ | $\lambda_1 $            | $D_1$ |

Remhof, R. J. Wijngaarden, and R. Griessen, *Refraction and reflection of diffusion fronts*, Phys. Rev. Lett., **90** (2003) 145502

# Electromigration



In presence of an electric field

 $\mathbf{j} = -L\left(\frac{\partial\mu}{\partial x} - eZ\mathbf{E}\right)$ 



#### Electromigration



# Electromigration of H in V









#### **Diffusion waves**

Diffusion equation

 $\frac{\partial c}{\partial t} = D \frac{\partial^2 c}{\partial x^2}$ 

Diffusion equation with a source  $D \frac{\partial^2 c}{\partial x^2} - \frac{\partial c}{\partial t} = 0 \text{ for } x > 0 \text{ and } t > 0$  $c(x, 0) = 0 \text{ and } c(0, t) = \sin \omega t$ 

# **Diffusion waves**

#### Separation of variables

$$D \frac{\partial^2 c}{\partial x^2} - \frac{\partial c}{\partial t} = 0$$
 with  $c(x = 0, t) = \sin \omega t$ 

We seek a solution in the form of

$$c(x,t) = \exp(kx) \exp(\pm i\omega t)$$
 and obtain

$$Dk^{2} \mp i\omega = 0$$
  $k^{2} = \pm \frac{i\omega}{D}$   $k = \pm \sqrt{\frac{\omega}{2D}(1+i)}$ 

$$c(x,t) = e^{-\sqrt{\frac{\omega}{2D}x}} \sin\left(\sqrt{\frac{\omega}{2D}x} - \omega t\right)$$

#### Characteristic quantities

$$c(x,t) = e^{-\sqrt{\frac{\omega}{2D}}x} \sin\left(\sqrt{\frac{\omega}{2D}}x - \omega t\right) = e^{-\frac{x}{L}} \sin\left(qx - \omega t\right)$$

Damping length

Wave vector

Wave length

Phase velocity



#### **Electro-diffusion waves**

Diffusion equation in presence of a force

$$\frac{\partial c}{\partial t} = D \frac{\partial^2 c}{\partial x^2} - B \frac{\partial c}{\partial x}$$

$$\frac{\partial c}{\partial t} - D \frac{\partial^2 c}{\partial x^2} - B \frac{\partial c}{\partial x} = \delta(x=0) \sin \omega t$$



#### Separation of variables

$$D \frac{\partial^2 c}{\partial x^2} + B \frac{\partial c}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial c}{\partial t} = 0$$
 with  $c(x = 0, t) = \sin \omega t$ 

We seek a solution in the form of

 $c(x,t) = \exp(kx)\exp(\pm i\omega t)$  and obtain

$$Dk^2 + Bk \mp i\omega = 0$$

 $c(x,t) = e^{-\frac{x}{L}} \sin\left(qx - \omega t\right)$ 



