

Advanced Diffusional Separation Processes

Gas absorption and stripping

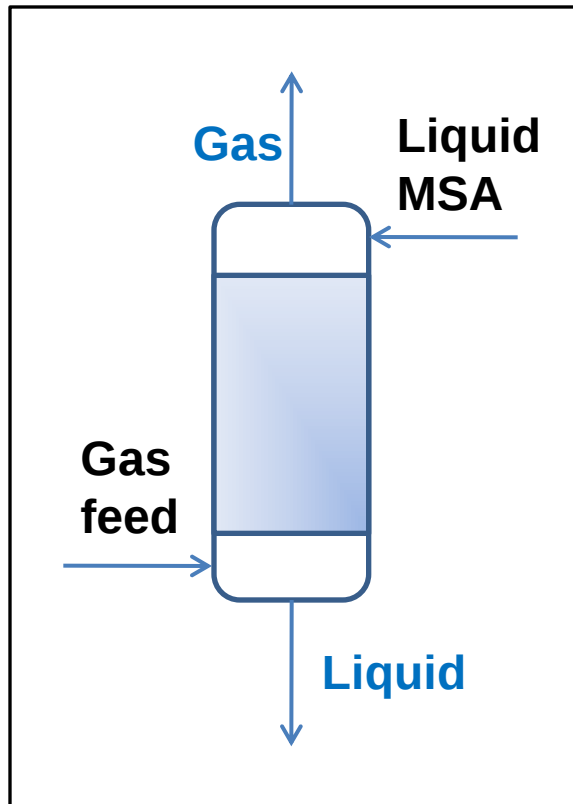
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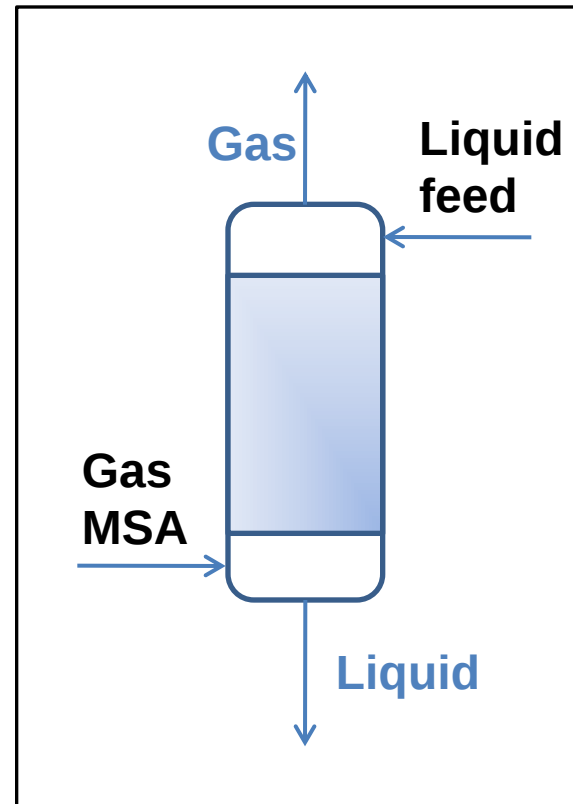
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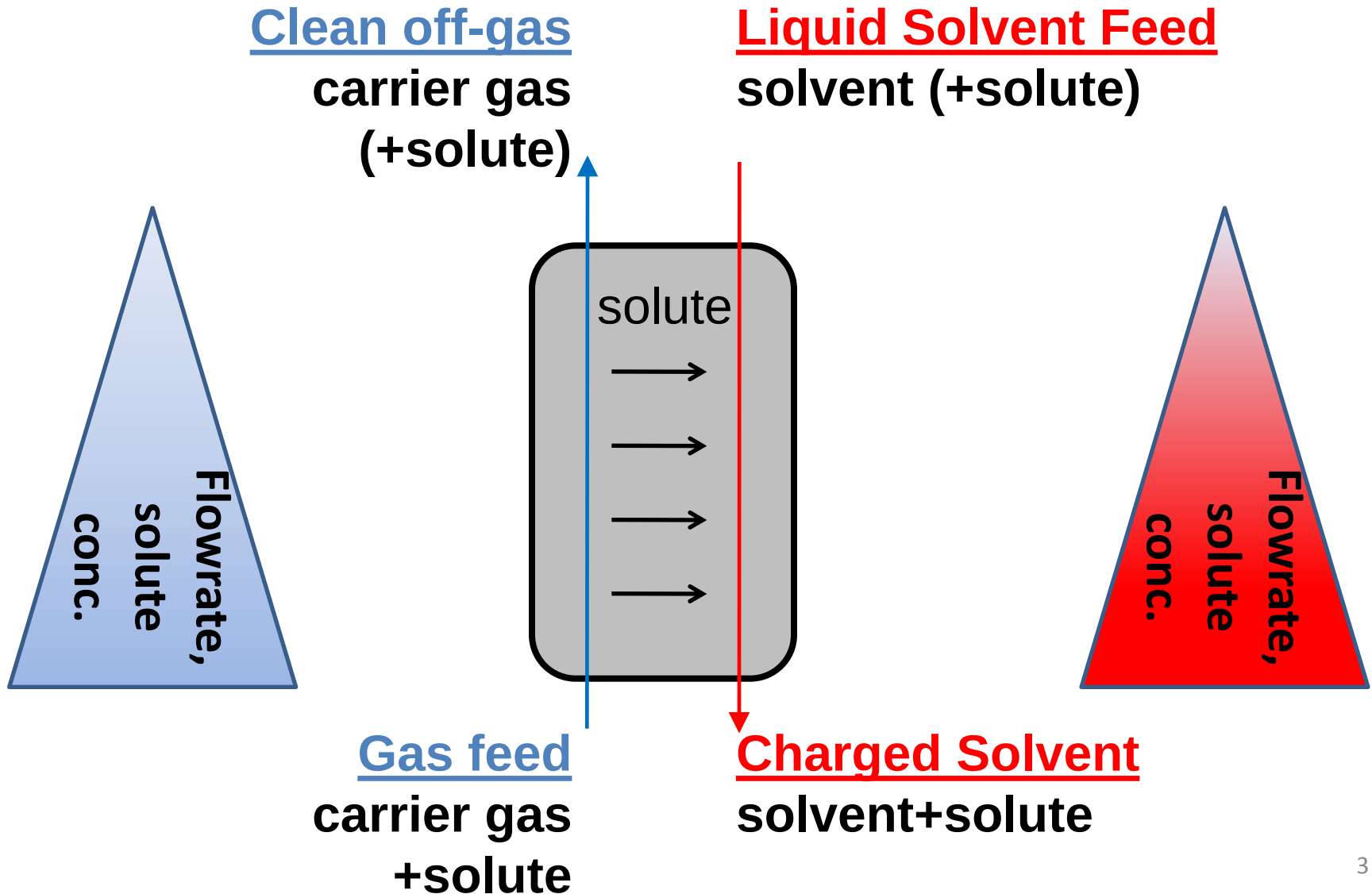


Absorption

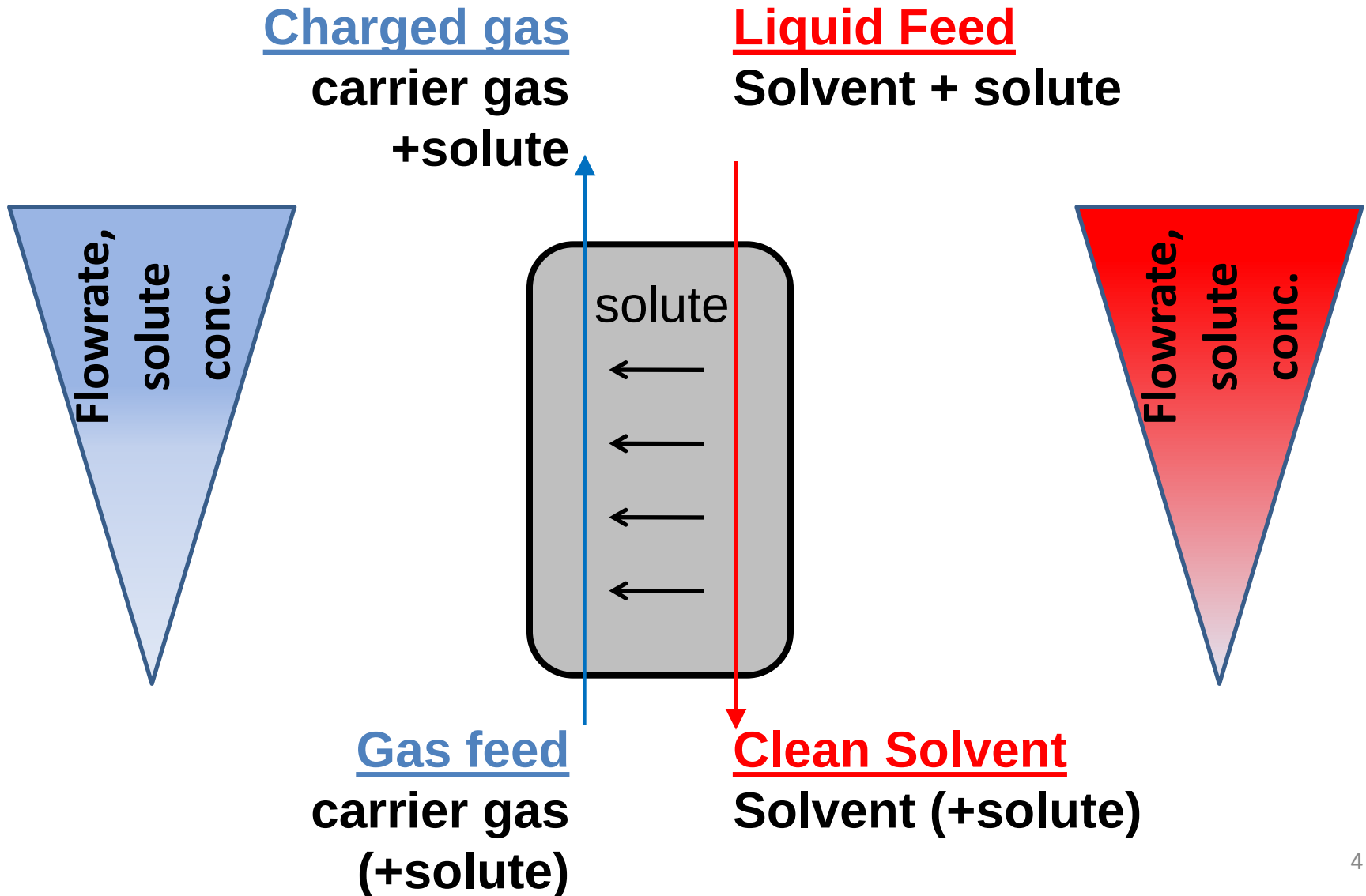


Stripping

Absorption column



Stripping column

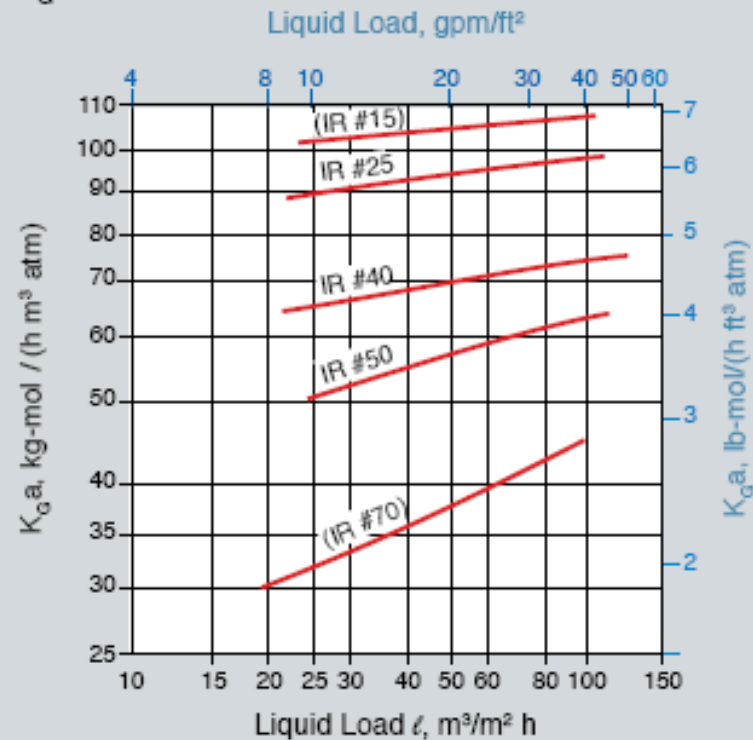


Random packing separation efficiency (ex: I-Ring)

Rate-based approach

K_G =mass transfer coeff.

$K_G a$ of I-Ring



Conditions

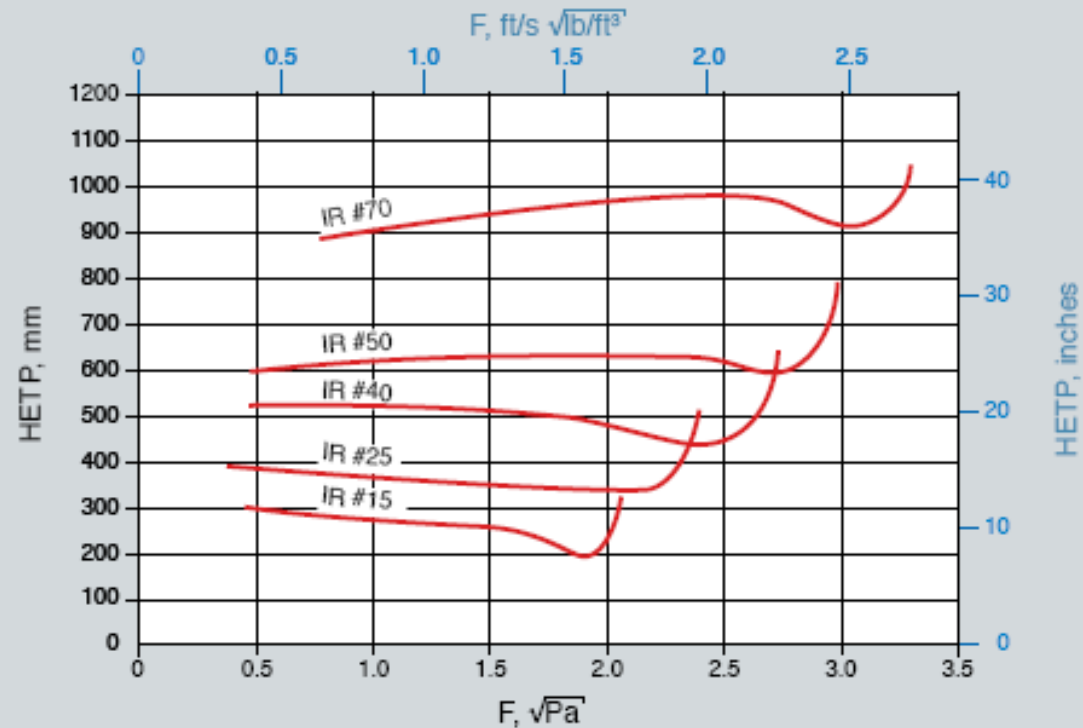
Diameter: 0.3 m, Bed height: 2.25 m
 Liquid concentration: 4% NaOH
 Conversion to carbonate (Na_2CO_3): < 1%
 Inlet gas concentration: 400ppm CO_2
 Temperature: 25 °C
 $F = 1.5 \sqrt{\text{Pa}}$

Bracket indicates extrapolated data

Equilibrium-stage approach

HETP=height equivalent to a theoretical plate

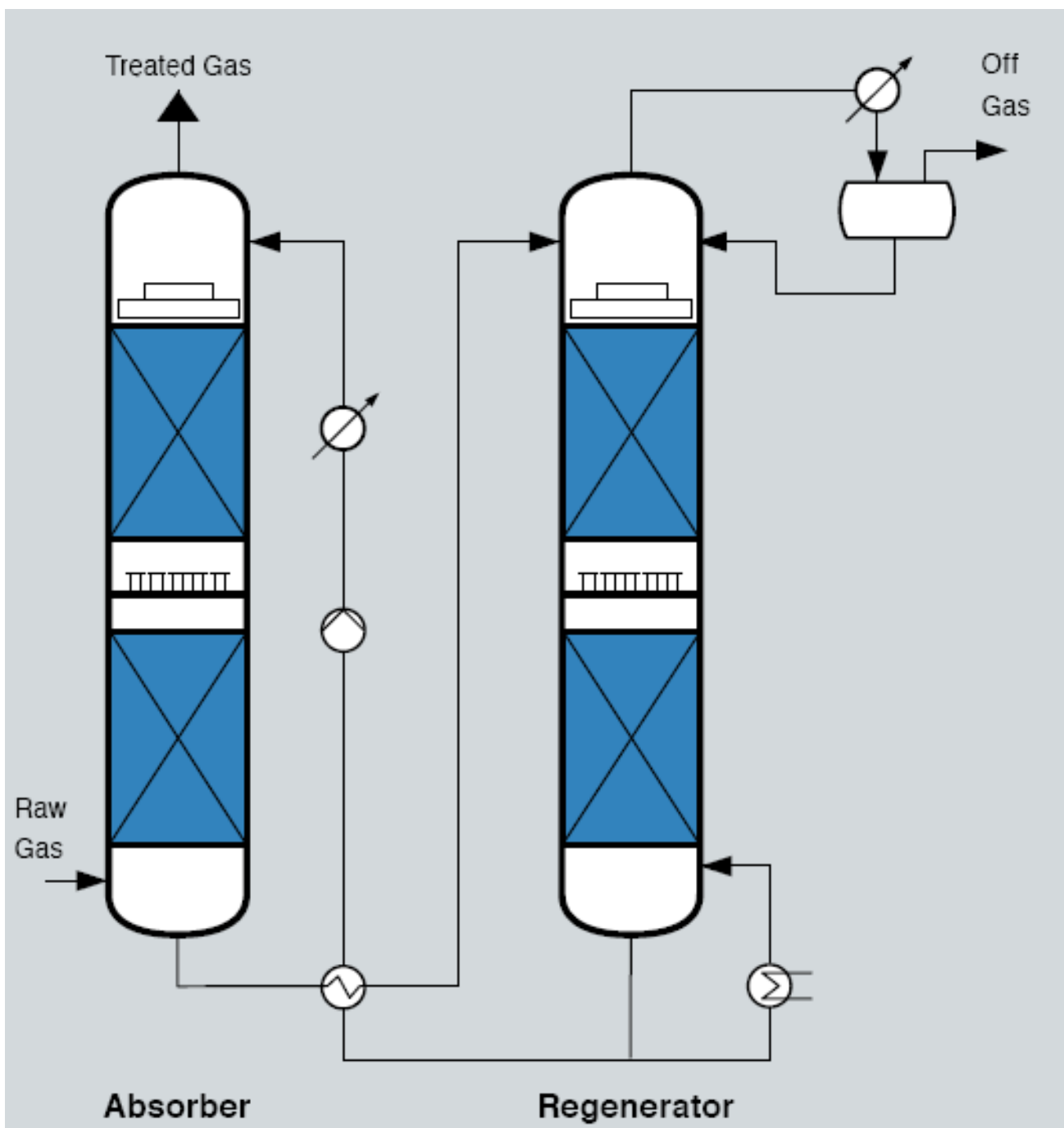
HETP of I-Ring



Conditions

Valid for atmospheric distillation with standard organic test mixture at total reflux.

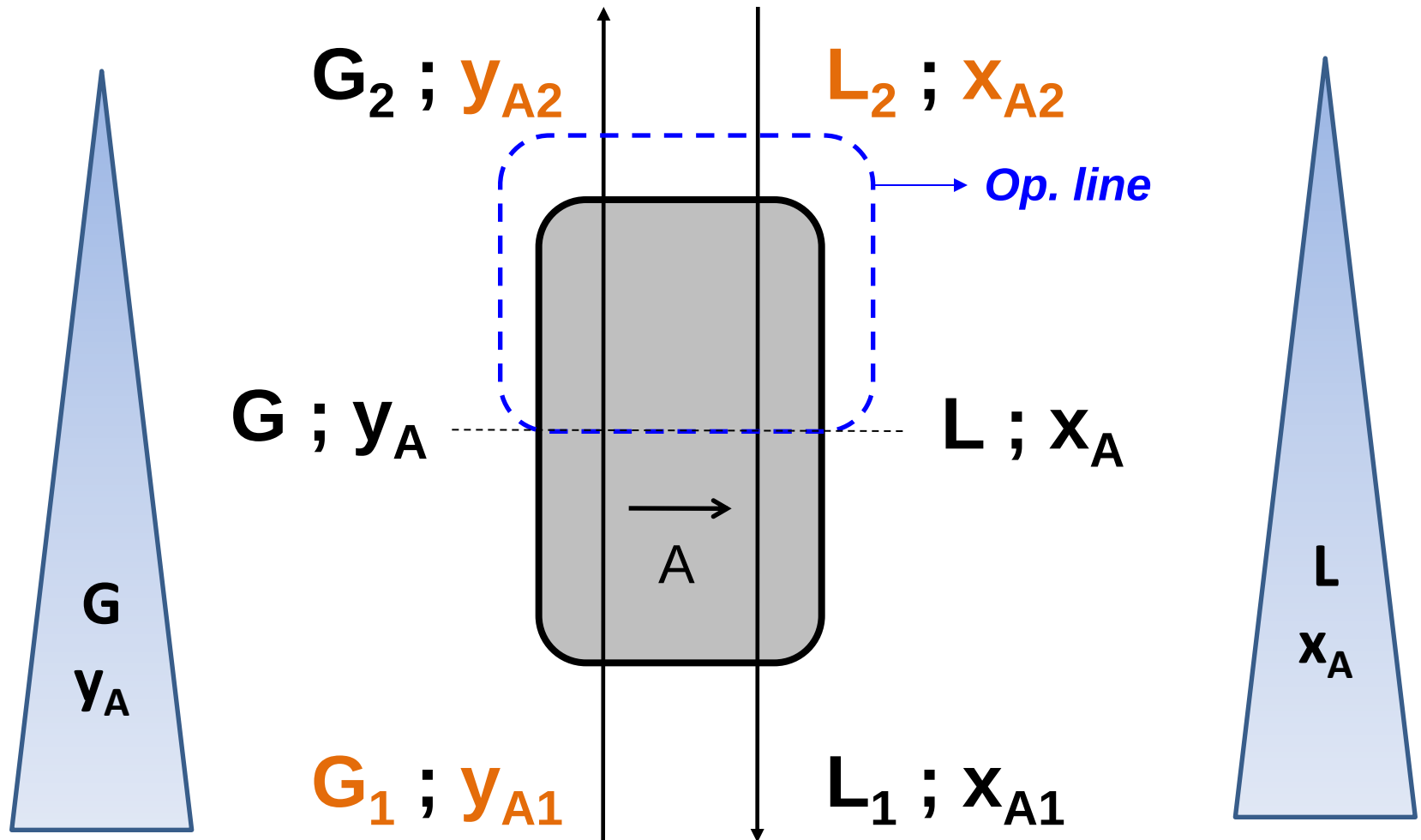
$$F\text{-factor} : F = u \sqrt{\rho_G} \left[\frac{m}{s} \sqrt{\frac{kg}{m^3}} \right]$$



Absorption

Orange=known variable

A=solute



Determination of the 3 unknowns

$$\mathbf{G_2, L_1, x_{A1}}$$

Mass balance on carrier gas

$$G_1(1 - y_{A1}) = G_2(1 - y_{A2}) \Rightarrow G_2 = \frac{G_1(1 - y_{A1})}{(1 - y_{A2})}$$

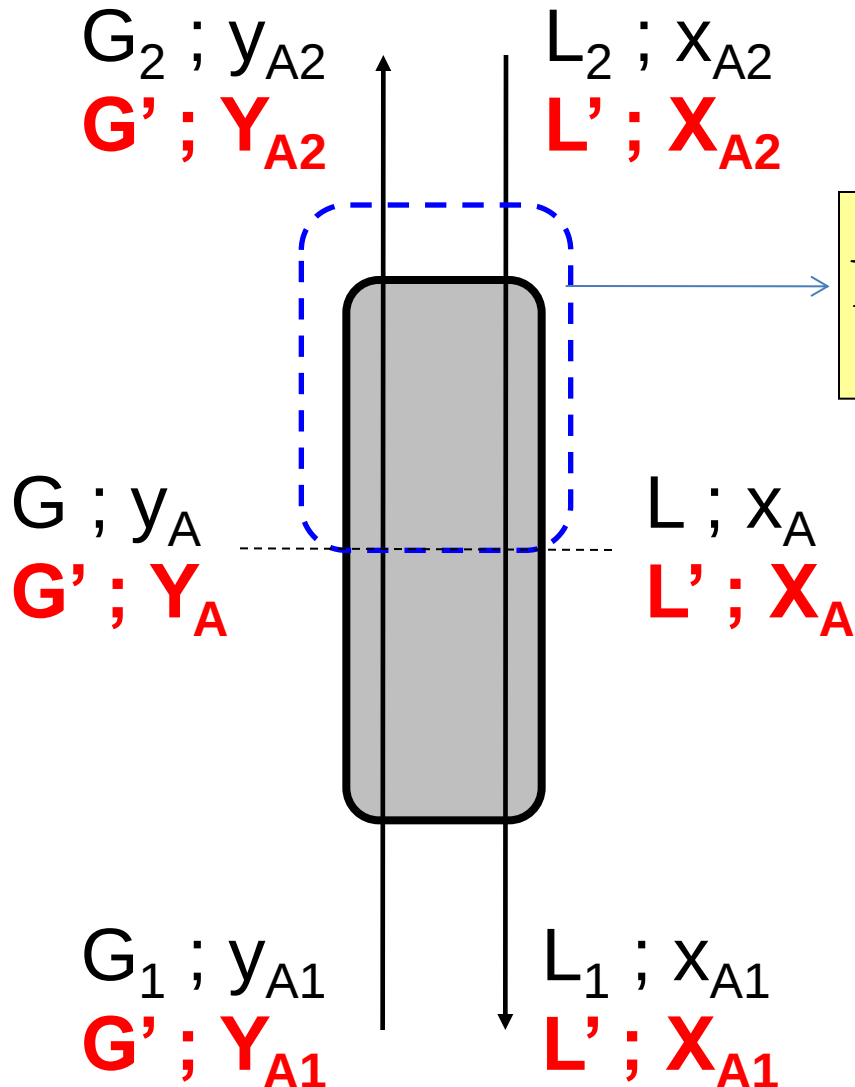
Total mass balance

$$L_1 + G_2 = L_2 + G_1 \Rightarrow L_1 = L_2 + G_1 - G_2$$

Mass balance on solute

$$\begin{aligned} L_1 x_{A1} + G_2 y_{A2} &= L_2 x_{A2} + G_1 y_{A1} \\ \Rightarrow x_{A1} &= \frac{L_2 x_{A2} + G_1 y_{A1} - G_2 y_{A2}}{L_1} \end{aligned}$$

Absorption: use of molar ratios



Operating line

$$Y_A = Y_{A2} + \frac{L'}{G'} (X_A - X_{A2})$$

Molar ratios

$$Y_A = \frac{y_A}{1 - y_A}$$

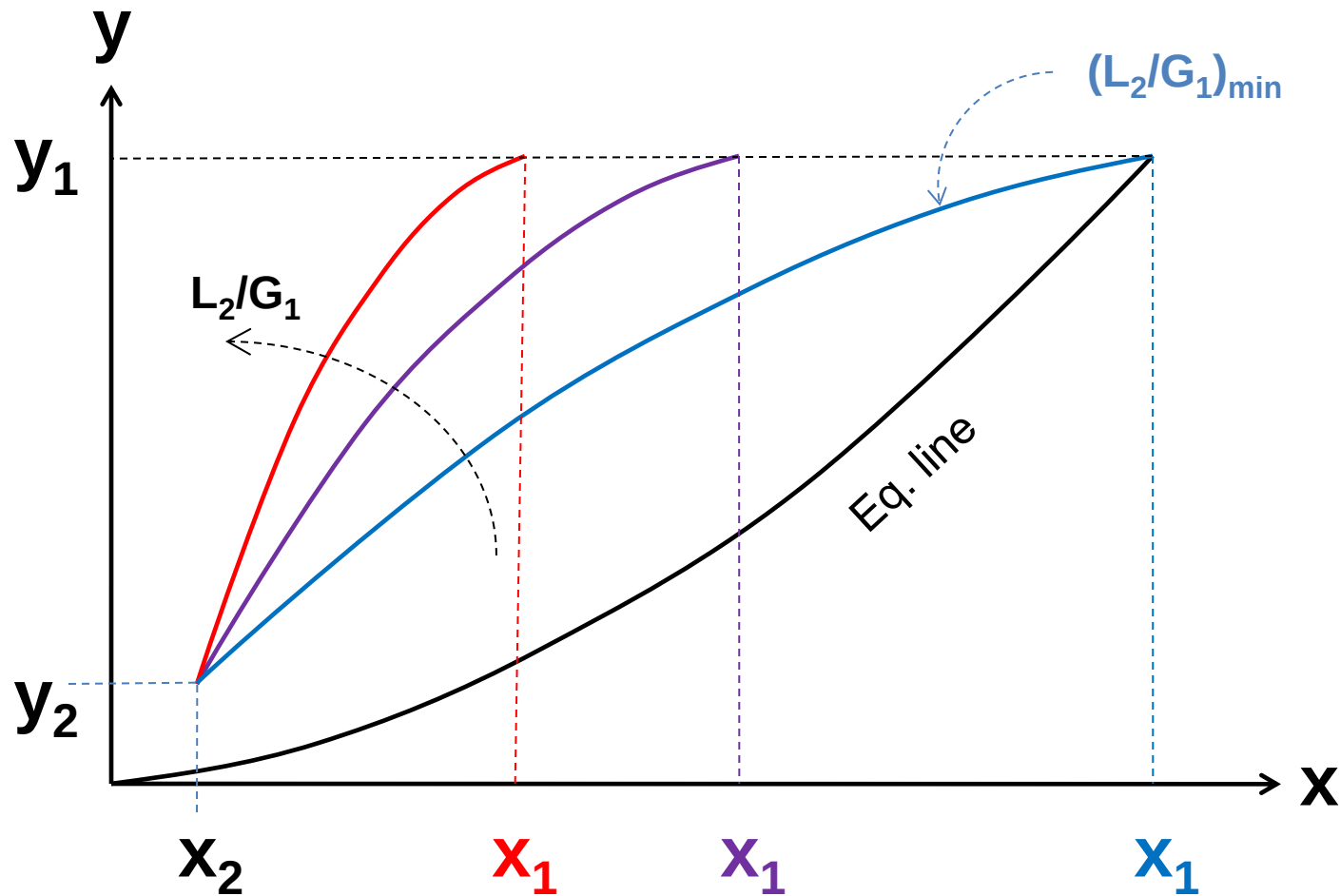
$$X_A = \frac{x_A}{1 - x_A}$$

Solvent and
carrier gas
flowrates

$$L' = L(1 - x_A)$$

$$G' = G(1 - y_A)$$

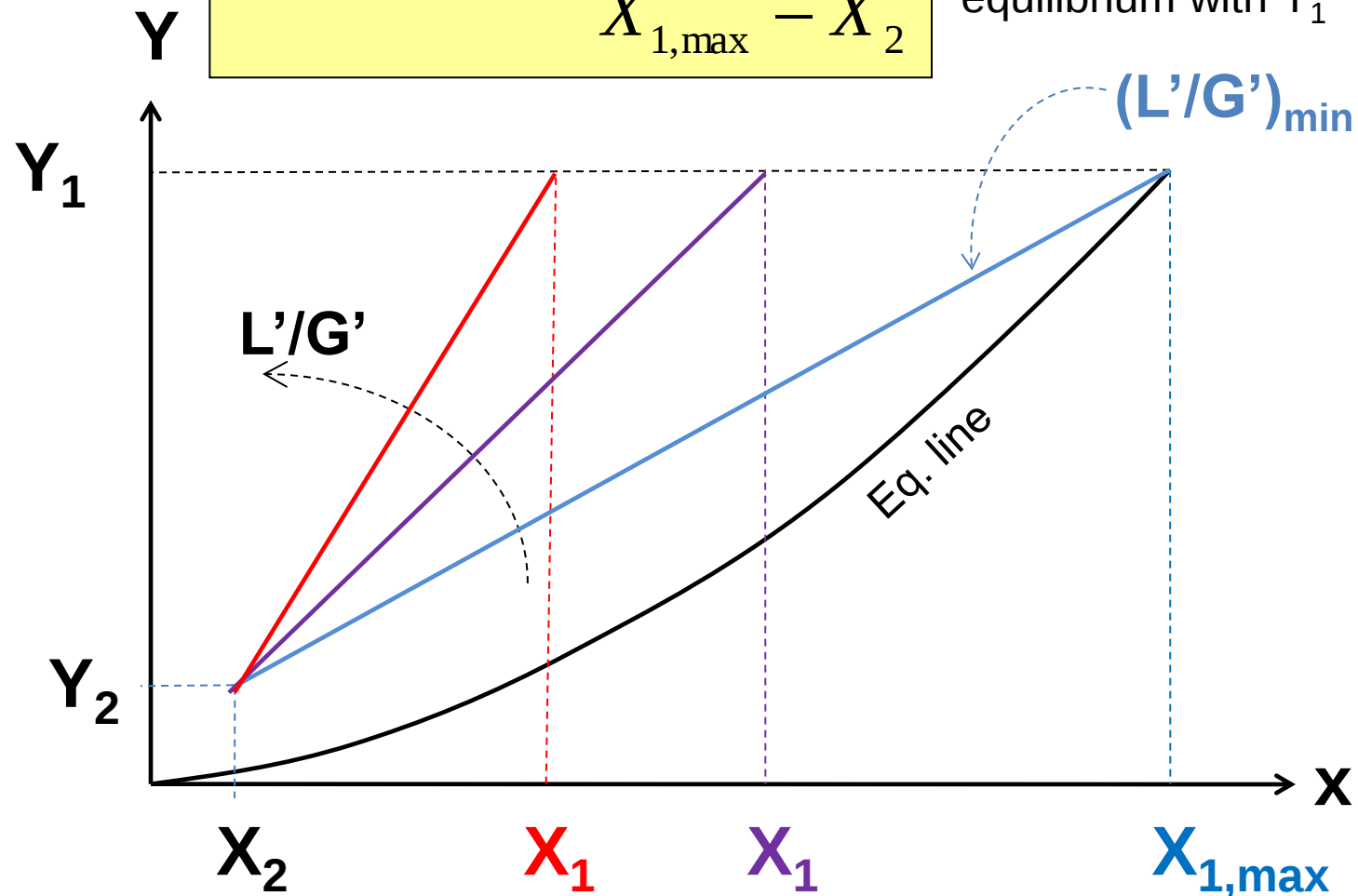
Effect of solvent flowrate on x_1



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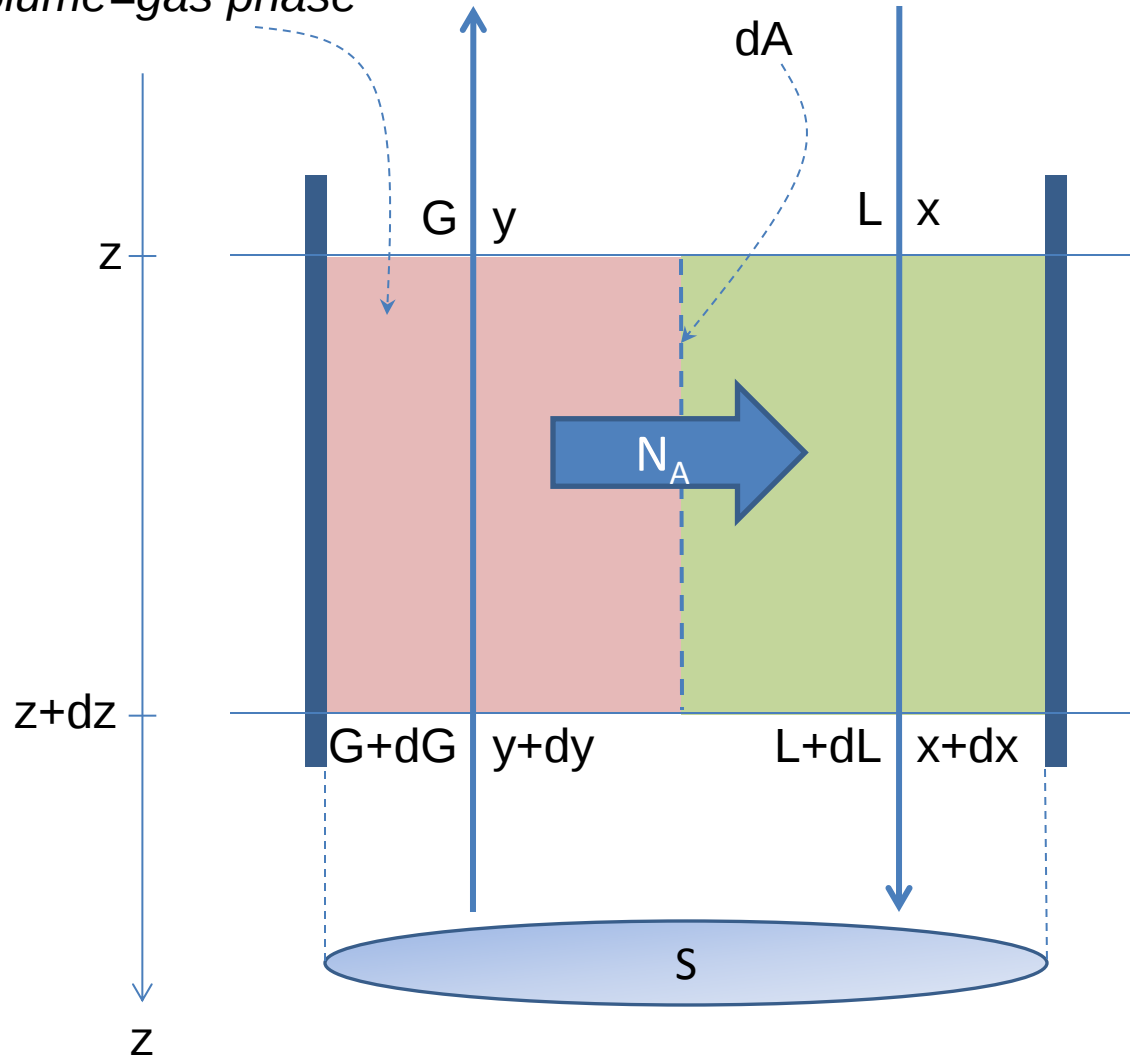
$$(L'/G')_{\min} = \frac{Y_1 - Y_2}{X_{1,\max} - X_2}$$

Where $X_{1,\max}$ is at equilibrium with Y_1



Absorber design (column height)

Control volume=gas phase



Absorber design (column height)

Mass balance on solute in gas phase

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \text{IN (convection)} & & \text{OUT} & & \text{OUT} \\ & & \text{(convection)} & & \text{(mass transfer)} \\ \underbrace{[Gy + d(Gy)]S} & = & \underbrace{GyS} & + & \underbrace{N_A dA} \end{array} \quad (1)$$

Total mass balance on gas phase

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \text{IN (convection)} & & \text{OUT} & & \text{OUT} \\ & & \text{(convection)} & & \text{(mass transfer)} \\ \underbrace{(G + dG)S} & = & \underbrace{GS} & + & \underbrace{N_T dA} \end{array} \quad (2)$$

Absorber height design equation

$$(2) \rightarrow S dG = N_T dA = t_A N_A S a dz \Rightarrow dG = t_A N_A a dz$$

$$(1) \rightarrow (Gy + Gdy + ydG)S = GyS + N_A a S dz$$

$$Gdy + ydG = N_A a dz$$

$$Gdy + y t_A N_A a dz = N_A a dz$$

$$\int_0^{h_T} dz = h_T = \int_{y_2}^{y_1} \frac{Gdy}{N_A a (1 - t_A y)}$$

Absorber height design equation

The same approach based on differential mass balances on the liquid phase leads to:

$$h_T = \int_{x_2}^{x_1} \frac{L dx}{N_A a (1 - t_A x)}$$

General equations for absorber height based on individual film resistances

$$h_T = \int_{y_{A2}}^{y_{A1}} \frac{G}{k_G^o a P} \frac{(Y_f)_A}{1 - t_A y_A} \frac{dy_A}{y_A - y_{Ai}}$$

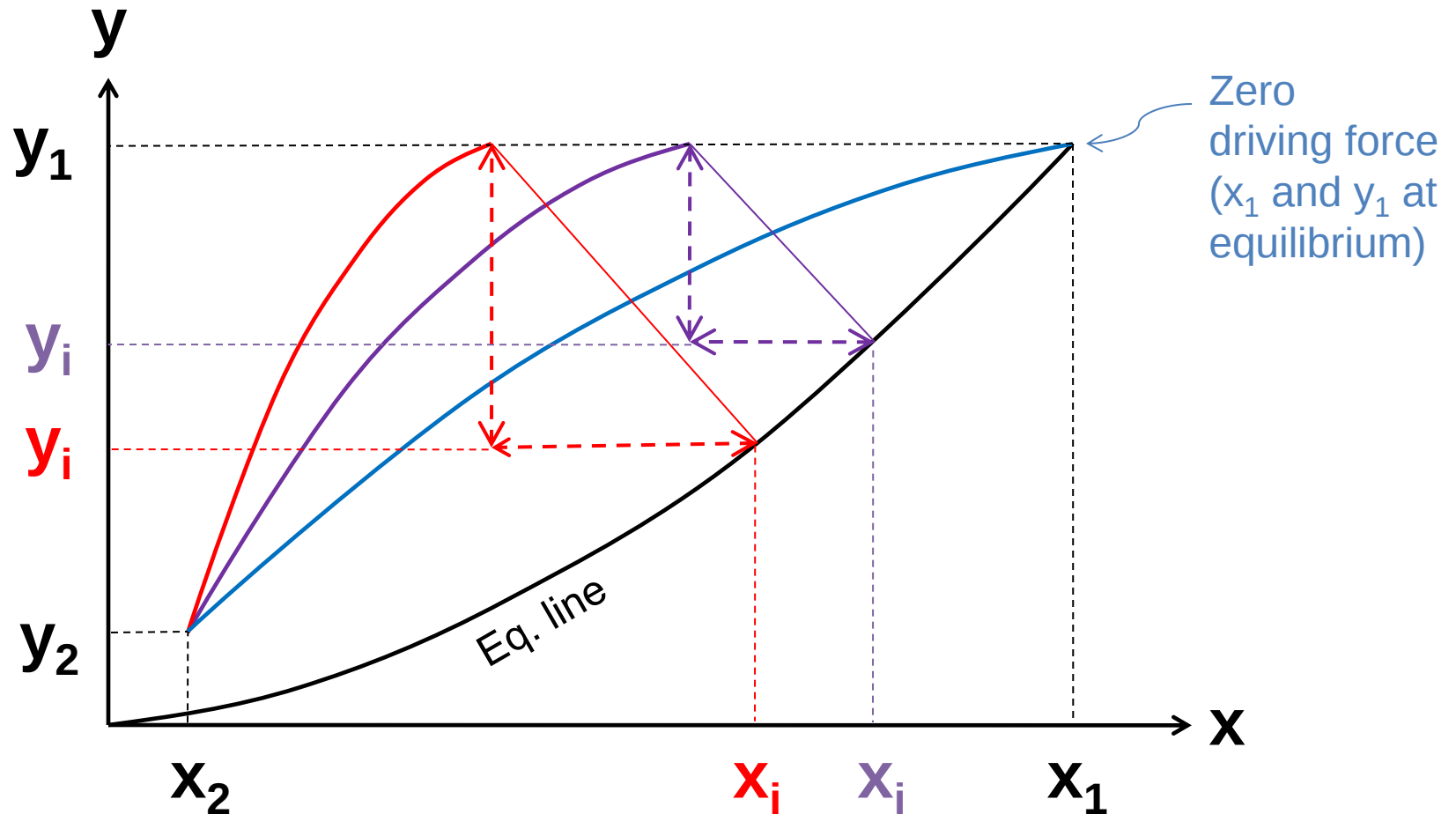
$$h_T = \int_{x_{A2}}^{x_{A1}} \frac{L}{k_L^o a \bar{\rho}_M} \frac{(X_f)_A}{1 - t_A x_A} \frac{dx_A}{x_{Ai} - x_A}$$

Equations for absorber height based on individual film resistances (UMD)

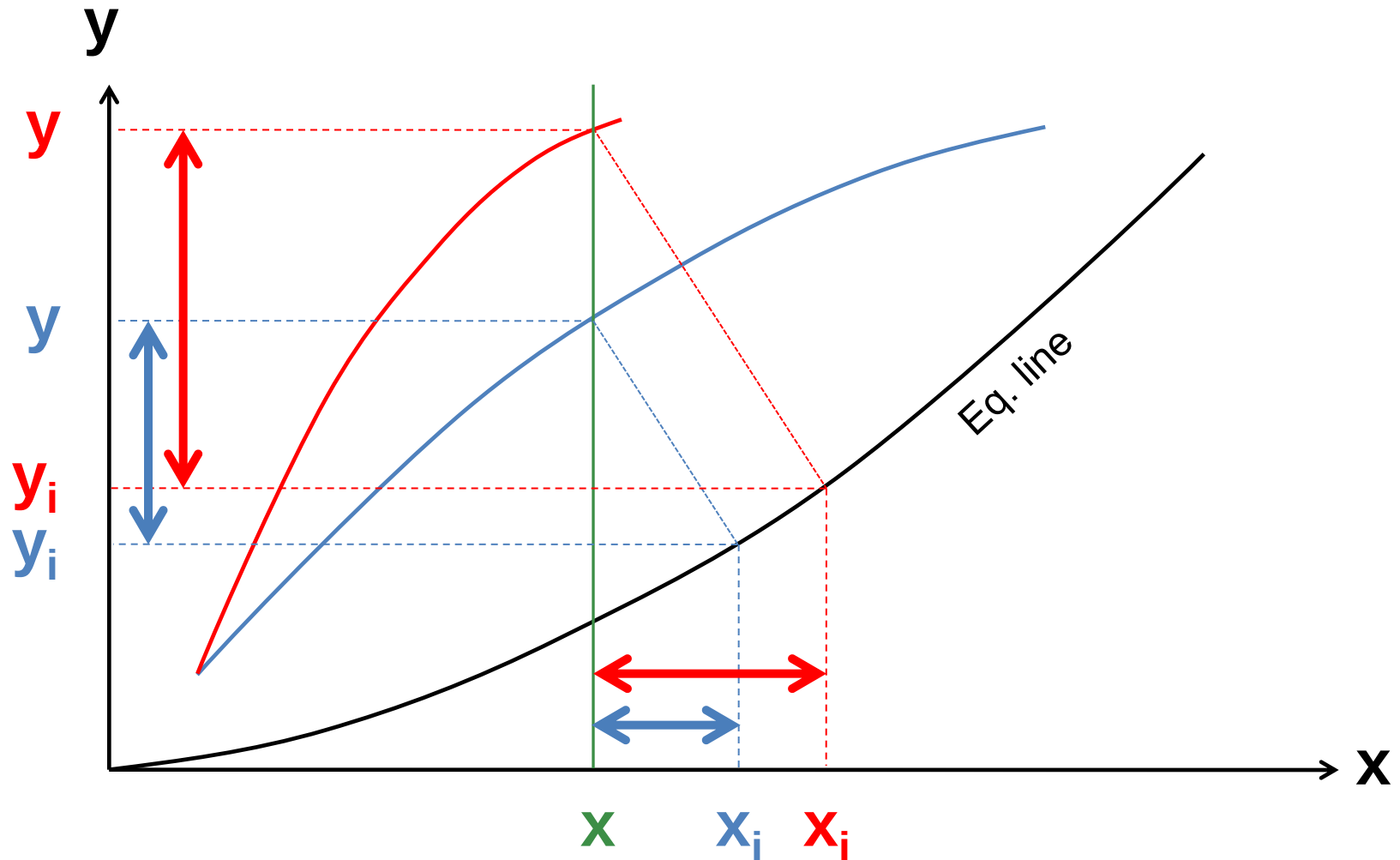
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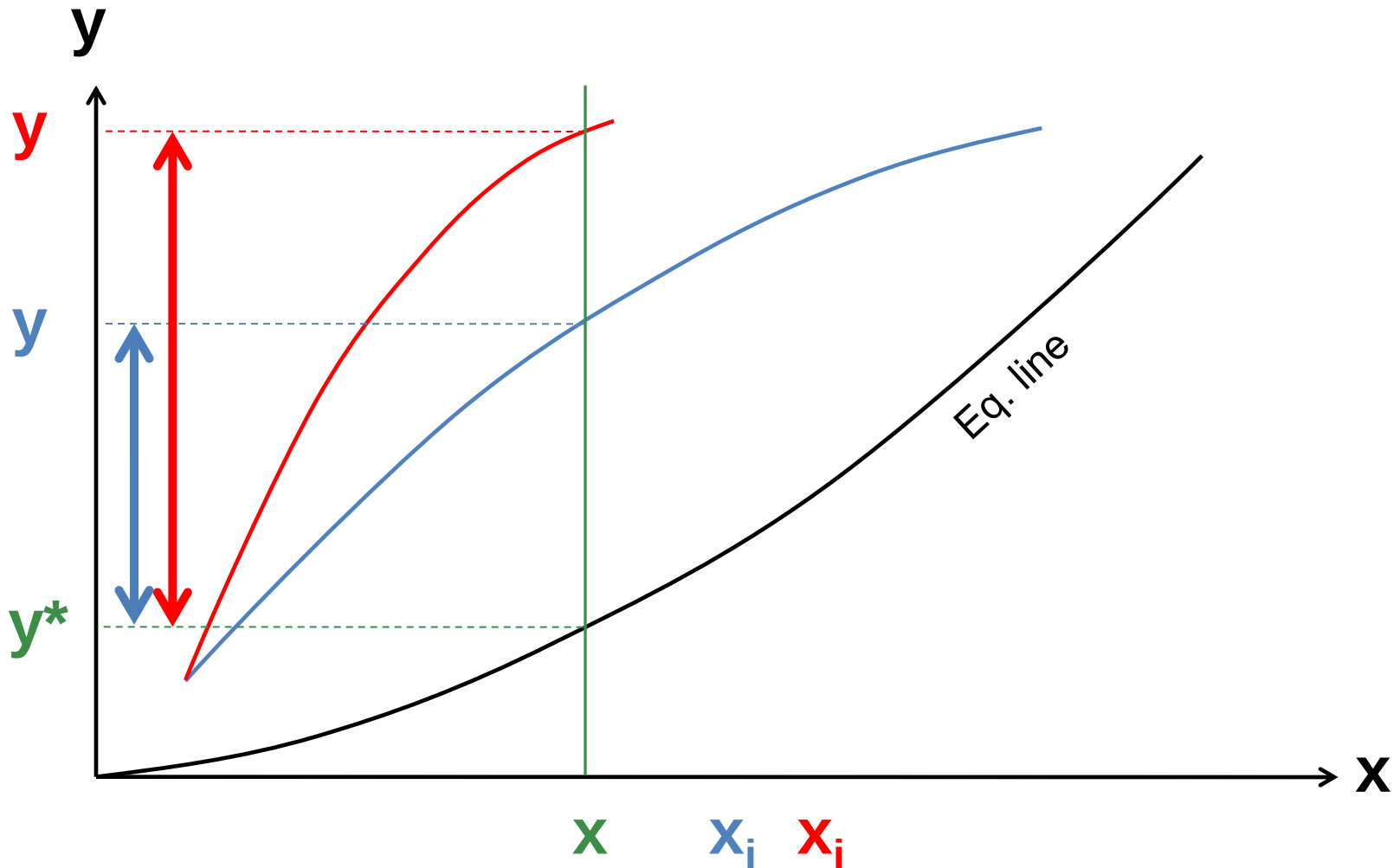
Effect of L/G on driving forces at column bottom



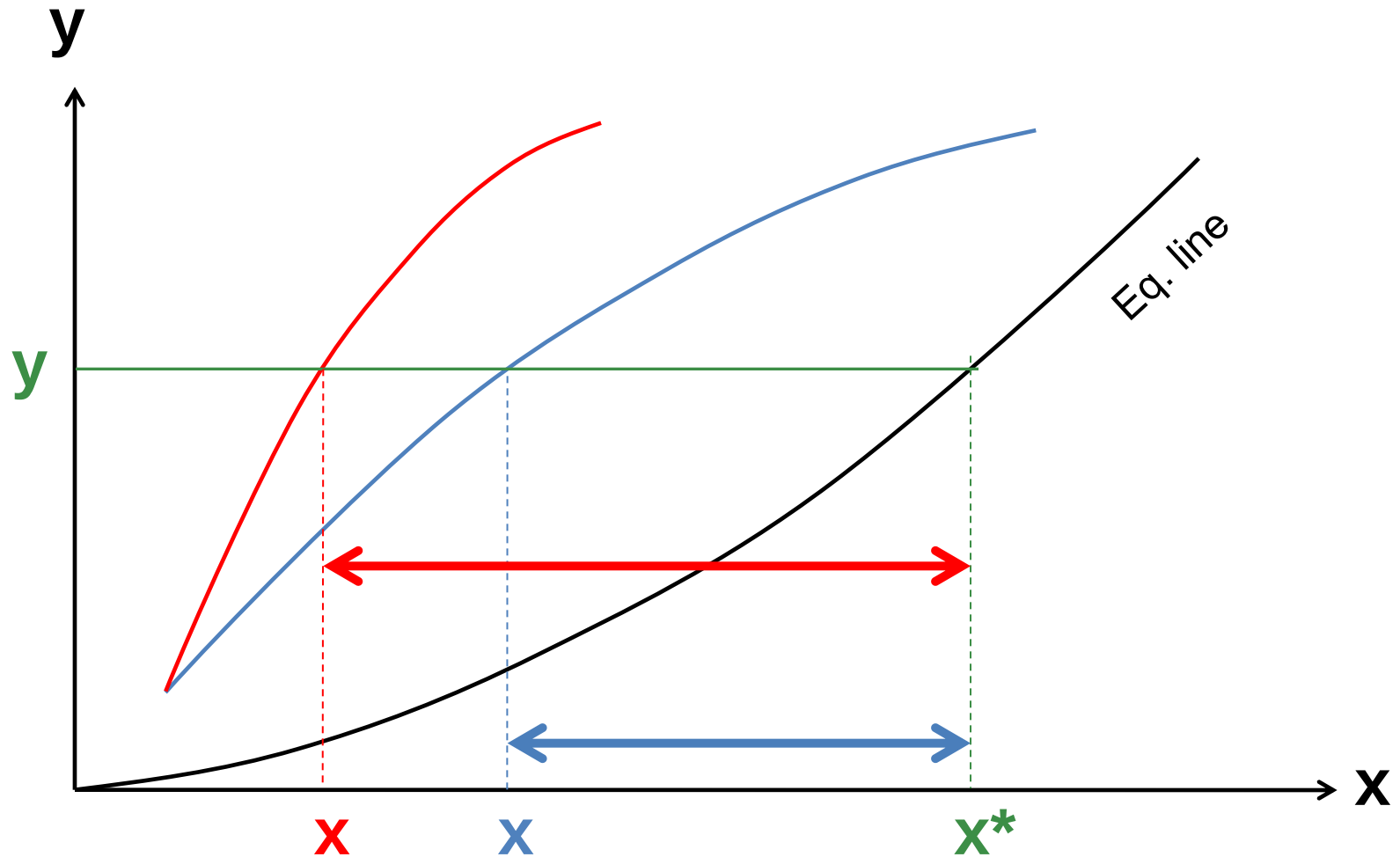
Effect of L/G on individual driving forces in column



Effect of L/G on overall driving force in column



Effect of L/G on overall driving force in column



HTU and NTU concepts (gas phase)

$$h_T = \int_{y_{A2}}^{y_{A1}} \frac{G}{k_G^o a P} \frac{y_{BM}}{1-y_A} \frac{dy_A}{y_A - y_{Ai}} = \underbrace{\frac{G}{k_G^o a P}}_{H_G} \underbrace{\int_{y_{A2}}^{y_{A1}} \frac{y_{BM}}{1-y_A} \frac{dy_A}{y_A - y_{Ai}}}_{N_G}$$

$$h_T = \int_{y_{A2}}^{y_{A1}} \frac{G}{K_{OG}^o a P} \frac{y_{BM}^*}{1-y_A} \frac{dy_A}{y_A - y_A^*} = \underbrace{\frac{G}{K_{OG}^o a P}}_{H_{OG}} \underbrace{\int_{y_{A2}}^{y_{A1}} \frac{y_{BM}^*}{1-y_A} \frac{dy_A}{y_A - y_A^*}}_{N_{OG}}$$

HTU and NTU concepts (liquid phase)

$$h_T = \int_{x_{A2}}^{x_{A1}} \frac{L}{k_L^o a \bar{\rho}_M} \frac{x_{BM}}{1-x_A} \frac{dx_A}{x_{Ai} - x_A} = \underbrace{\frac{L}{k_L^o a \bar{\rho}_M}}_{H_L} \underbrace{\int_{x_{A2}}^{x_{A1}} \frac{x_{BM}}{1-x_A} \frac{dx_A}{x_{Ai} - x_A}}_{N_L}$$

$$h_T = \int_{x_{A2}}^{x_{A1}} \frac{L}{K_{OL}^o a \bar{\rho}_M} \frac{x_{BM}^*}{1-x_A} \frac{dx_A}{x_A^* - x_A} = \underbrace{\frac{L}{K_{OL}^o a \bar{\rho}_M}}_{H_{OL}} \underbrace{\int_{x_{A2}}^{x_{A1}} \frac{x_{BM}^*}{1-x_A} \frac{dx_A}{x_A^* - x_A}}_{N_{OL}}$$

HTU and NTU concepts

$$h_T = HTU \times NTU$$

$$h_T = H_G \times N_G$$

$$h_T = H_{OG} \times N_{OG}$$

$$h_T = H_L \times N_L$$

$$h_T = H_{OL} \times N_{OL}$$

Dilute cases

$$N_G = \int_{y_{A2}}^{y_{A1}} \frac{y_{BM}}{1-y_A} \frac{dy_A}{y_A - y_{Ai}} = \int_{y_{A2}}^{y_{A1}} \frac{dy_A}{y_A - y_{Ai}}$$

$$N_{OG} = \int_{y_{A2}}^{y_{A1}} \frac{y_{BM}^*}{1-y_A} \frac{dy_A}{y_A - y_A^*} = \int_{y_{A2}}^{y_{A1}} \frac{dy_A}{y_A - y_A^*}$$

$$N_L = \int_{x_{A2}}^{x_{A1}} \frac{x_{BM}}{1-x_A} \frac{dx_A}{x_{Ai} - x_A} = \int_{x_{A2}}^{x_{A1}} \frac{dx_A}{x_{Ai} - x_A}$$

$$N_{OL} = \int_{x_{A2}}^{x_{A1}} \frac{x_{BM}^*}{1-x_A} \frac{dx_A}{x_A^* - x_A} = \int_{x_{A2}}^{x_{A1}} \frac{dx_A}{x_A^* - x_A}$$

Overall film resistances

$$\frac{1}{K_{OG}^0} = \frac{1}{k_G^0} + \frac{m p}{k_L^0 \bar{\rho}_M} \Rightarrow H_{OG} = H_G + \frac{H_L}{A}$$

$\frac{G}{K_{OG}^0 a P}$ $\frac{G}{k_G^0 a P}$ $\frac{L}{k_L^0 a \bar{\rho}_M}$

$$A = \frac{L}{mG}$$

$$\frac{1}{K_{OL}^0} = \frac{1}{k_L^0} + \frac{\bar{\rho}_M}{k_G^0 m p} \Rightarrow H_{OL} = H_L + A \times H_G$$

$\frac{L}{K_{OL}^0 a \bar{\rho}_M}$ $\frac{L}{k_L^0 a \bar{\rho}_M}$ $\frac{G}{k_G^0 a P}$

Dilute cases: Colburn approach

When equilibrium and operating lines are straight

GAS PHASE

$$N_{OG} = A \frac{\ln \left\{ \left(\frac{A-1}{A} \right) \left(\frac{y_1 - mx_2}{y_2 - mx_2} \right) + \frac{1}{A} \right\}}{A-1}$$

$$H_{OG} = H_G + \frac{H_L}{A}$$

$$h_T = H_{OG} N_{OG}$$

$$A = \frac{L}{mG}$$

LIQUID PHASE

$$N_{OL} = \frac{\ln \left\{ (1-A) \left(\frac{y_1 - mx_2}{y_1 - mx_1} \right) + A \right\}}{1-A}$$

$$H_{OL} = H_L + AH_G$$

$$h_T = H_{OL} N_{OL}$$

$$A = \frac{L}{mG}$$

Dilute cases:

Mean driving force approach

When equilibrium and operating lines are straight

$$N_{OG} = \frac{y_1 - y_2}{\overline{(y - y^*)}_{LM}}$$

$$\overline{(y - y^*)}_{LM} = \frac{(y - y^*)_1 - (y - y^*)_2}{\ln \frac{(y - y^*)_1}{(y - y^*)_2}}$$

$$H_{OG} = H_G + \frac{H_L}{A}$$

$$h_T = H_{OG} N_{OG}$$

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$$N_{OL} = \frac{x_1 - x_2}{\overline{(x^* - x)}_{LM}}$$

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$$H_{OL} = H_L + AH_G$$

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**2-film theory
gas-film
resistance**

$$h_T = \int_{y_{A2}}^{y_{A1}} \frac{G}{N_A a} \frac{dy_A}{1 - t_A y_A}$$

**2-film theory
overall gas-film
resistance**

$$h_T = \int_{y_{A2}}^{y_{A1}} \frac{G}{k_G^o a P} \frac{(Y_f)_A}{1 - t_A y_A} \frac{dy_A}{y_A - y_{Ai}}$$

$$h_T = \int_{y_{A2}}^{y_{A1}} \frac{G}{K_{OG}^o a P} \frac{(Y_f^*)_A}{1 - t_A y_A} \frac{dy_A}{y_A - y_A^*}$$

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Const. H_G

Const. H_{OG}

$$h_T = H_G \int_{y_{A2}}^{y_{A1}} \frac{y_{BM}}{1 - y_A} \frac{dy_A}{y_A - y_{Ai}}$$

$$h_T = H_{OG} \int_{y_{A2}}^{y_{A1}} \frac{y_{BM}^*}{1 - y_A} \frac{dy_A}{y_A - y_A^*}$$

Dilute case

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$$h_T = H_G \int_{y_{A2}}^{y_{A1}} \frac{dy_A}{y_A - y_{Ai}}$$

$$h_T = H_{OG} \int_{y_{A2}}^{y_{A1}} \frac{dy_A}{y_A - y_A^*}$$

$y^* = mx$; const. m

$$h_T = H_{OG} \frac{A}{A-1} \ln \left\{ \left(\frac{A-1}{A} \right) \left(\frac{y_1 - mx_2}{y_2 - mx_2} \right) + \frac{1}{A} \right\} \quad h_T = H_{OG} \frac{y_{A1} - y_{A2}}{(y_A - y_A^*)_{LM}}$$

2-film theory
liq.-film
resistance

$$h_T = \int_{x_{A2}}^{x_{A1}} \frac{L}{N_A a} \frac{dx_A}{1 - t_A x_A}$$

2-film theory
overall liq.-film
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Const. H_L

$$h_T = H_L \int_{x_{A2}}^{x_{A1}} \frac{x_{BM}}{1 - x_A} \frac{dx_A}{x_{Ai} - x_A}$$

Dilute case

$$h_T = H_L \int_{x_{A2}}^{x_{A1}} \frac{dx_A}{x_{Ai} - x_A}$$

$$h_T = \int_{x_{A2}}^{x_{A1}} \frac{L}{K_{OL}^o a \bar{\rho}_M} \frac{(X_f^*)_A}{1 - t_A x_A} \frac{dx_A}{x_A^* - x_A}$$

UMD

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Const. H_{OL}

$$h_T = H_{OL} \int_{x_{A2}}^{x_{A1}} \frac{x_{BM}^*}{1 - x_A} \frac{dx_A}{x_A^* - x_A}$$

Dilute case

$$h_T = H_{OL} \int_{x_{A2}}^{x_{A1}} \frac{dx_A}{x_A^* - x_A}$$

$y = mx^*$; const. m

$$h_T = H_{OL} \frac{1}{1 - A} \ln \left\{ (1 - A) \left(\frac{y_1 - mx_2}{y_1 - mx_1} \right) + A \right\}$$

$$h_T = H_{OL} \frac{x_{A1} - x_{A2}}{(x_A^* - x_A)_{LM}}$$

Rigorous procedure to calculate column height

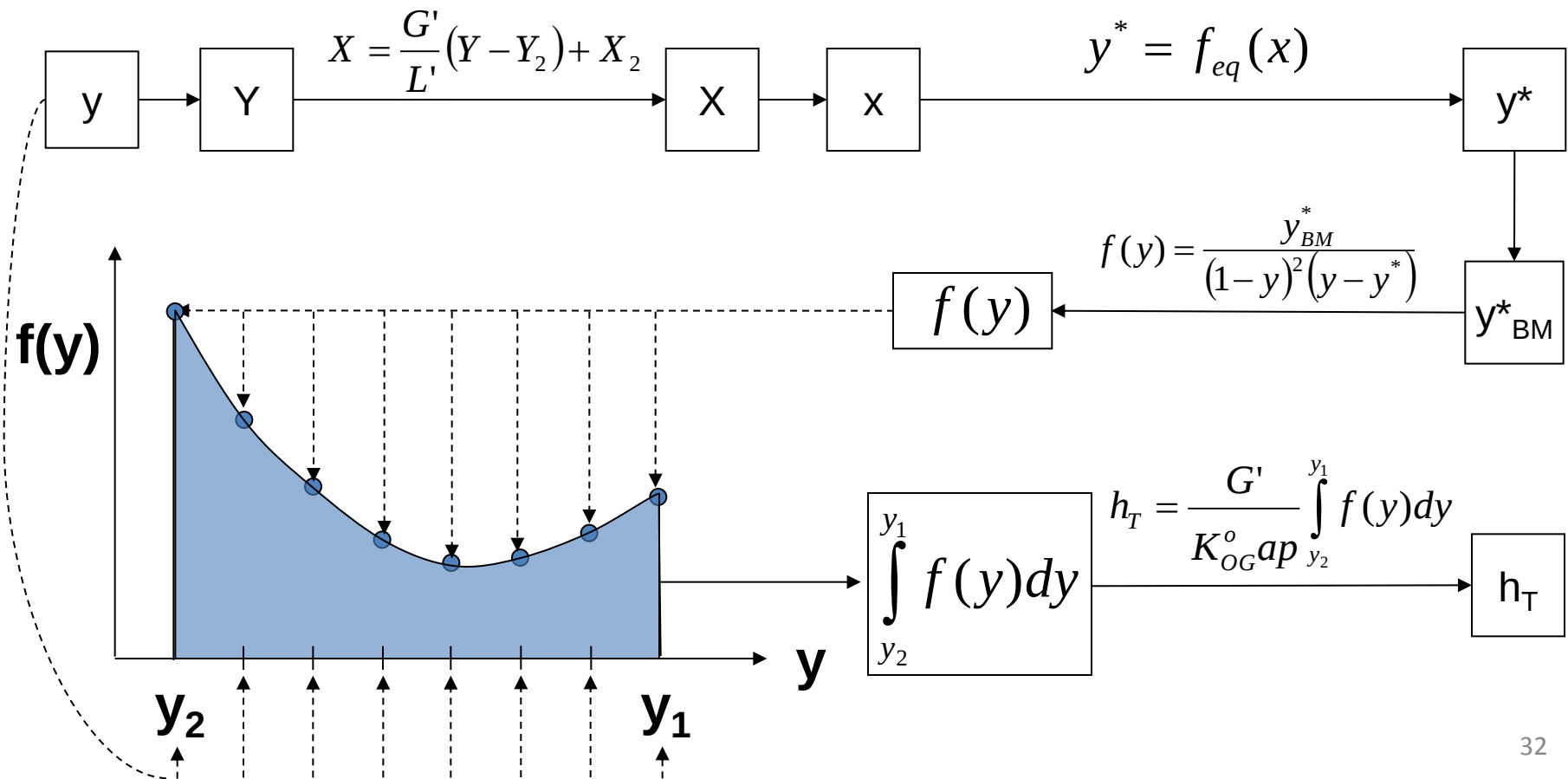
Overall gas phase driving force

$$\begin{aligned} h_T &= \int_{y_{A2}}^{y_{A1}} \frac{G}{K_{OG}^o a P} \frac{y_{BM}^*}{1-y_A} \frac{dy_A}{y_A - y_A^*} \\ &= \frac{G'}{K_{OG}^o a P} \int_{y_{A2}}^{y_{A1}} \frac{y_{BM}^*}{(1-y_A)^2} \frac{dy_A}{y_A - y_A^*} \\ &= \frac{G'}{K_{OG}^o a P} \int_{y_{A2}}^{y_{A1}} f(y_A) dy_A \end{aligned}$$

Rigorous procedure to calculate column height

Overall gas phase driving force

- Chose values of y between y_2 and y_1
- For each value of y (including y_2 and y_1), calculate $f(y)$
- Integrate $f(y)$ numerically between y_2 and y_1



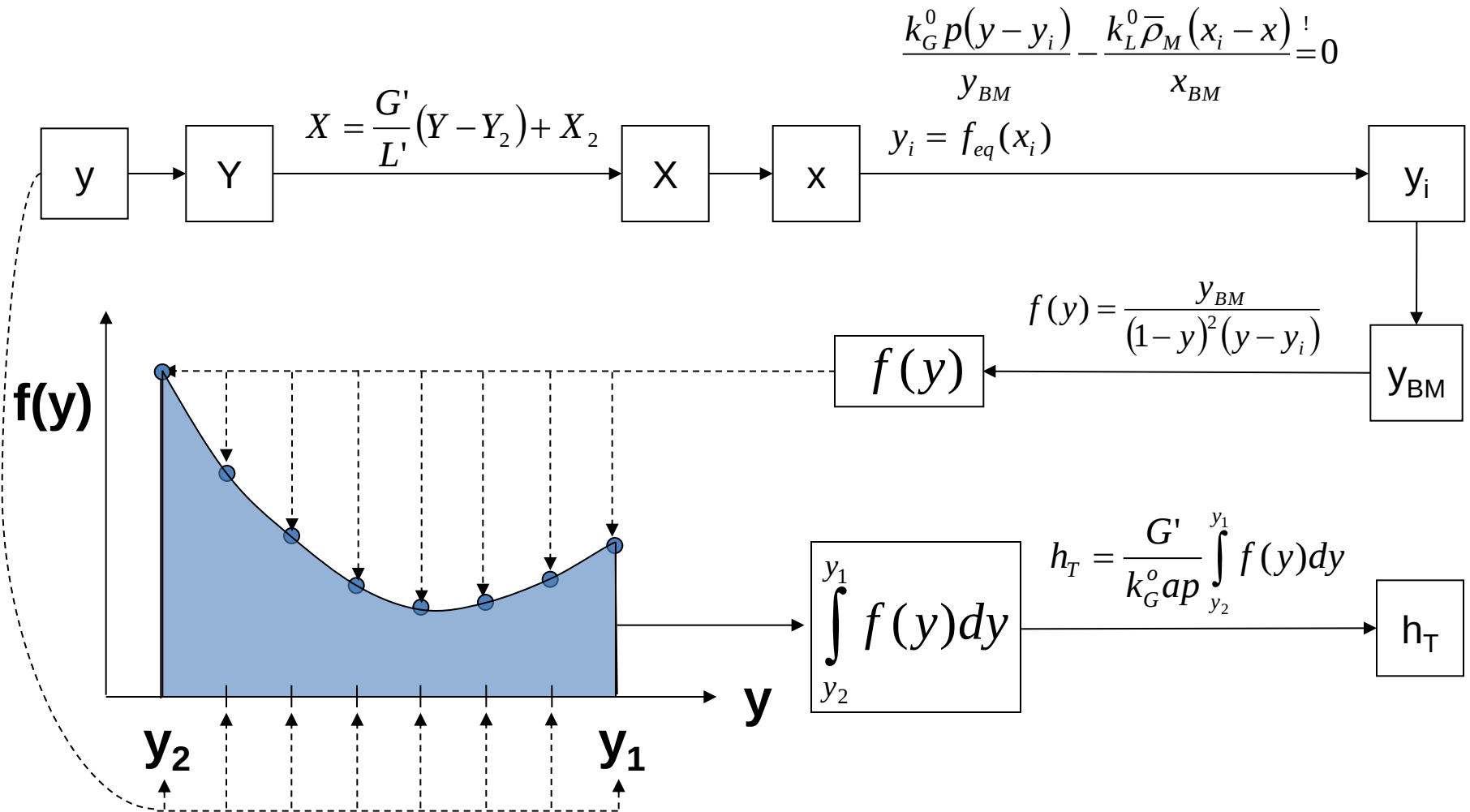
Rigorous procedure to calculate column height

Individual gas phase driving force

$$\begin{aligned} h_T &= \int_{y_{A2}}^{y_{A1}} \frac{G}{k_G^o a P} \frac{y_{BM}}{1-y_A} \frac{dy_A}{y_A - y_{A,i}} \\ &= \frac{G'}{k_G^o a P} \int_{y_{A2}}^{y_{A1}} \frac{y_{BM}}{(1-y_A)^2} \frac{dy_A}{y_A - y_{A,i}} \\ &= \frac{G'}{k_G^o a P} \int_{y_{A2}}^{y_{A1}} f(y_A) dy_A \end{aligned}$$

Rigorous procedure to calculate column height

Individual gas phase driving force



Procedure to calculate column performance

Individual gas phase driving force

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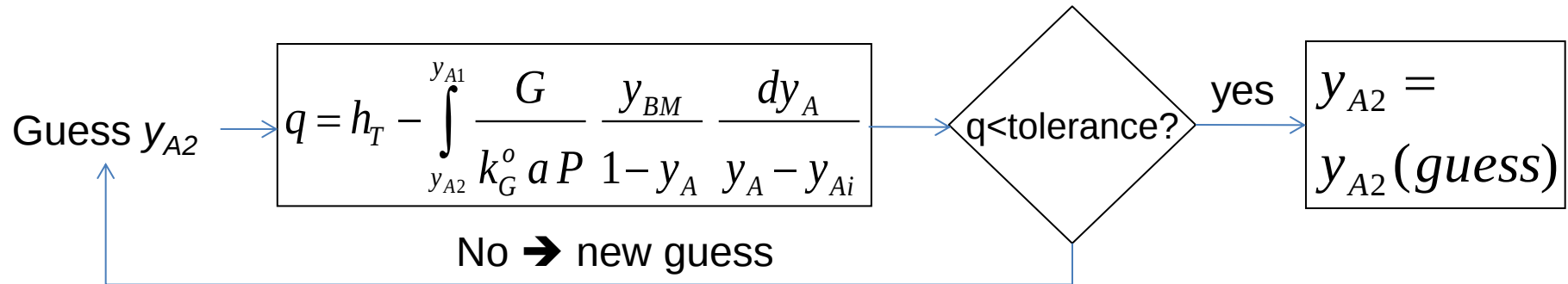
$$h_T = \int_{y_{A2}}^{y_{A1}} \frac{G}{k_G^o a P} \frac{y_{BM}}{1 - y_A} \frac{dy_A}{y_A - y_{Ai}}$$

unknown

Procedure : Change y_{A2} until $h_T = \int_{y_{A2}}^{y_{A1}} \frac{G}{k_G^o a P} \frac{y_{BM}}{1 - y_A} \frac{dy_A}{y_A - y_{Ai}}$

Procedure to calculate column performance

Individual gas phase driving force



where $Y_A = Y_{A2} + \frac{L'}{G'}(X_A - X_{A2})$ and $y_{BM} = \frac{(1 - y_A) - (1 - y_{Ai})}{\ln\left(\frac{1 - y_A}{1 - y_{Ai}}\right)}$

Integral can be solved numerically as described in previous slides

How to measure H_G (part 1)

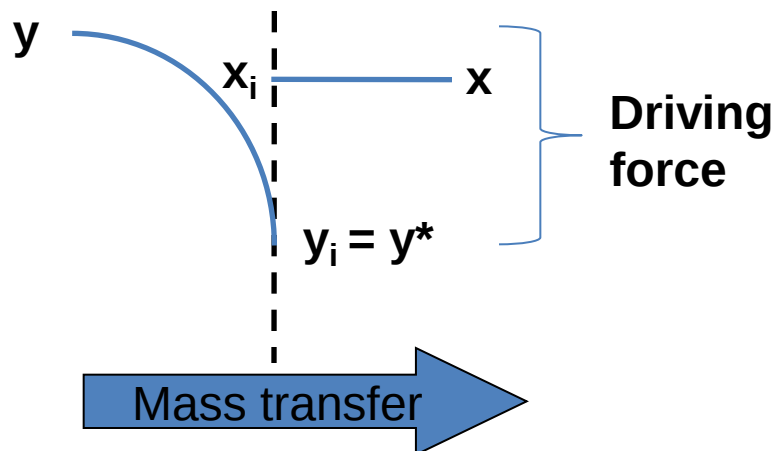
Run experiments in absorber under conditions where only the gas film controls mass transfer:

- Absorption or desorption of very soluble gas $\rightarrow m \downarrow$
- Or evaporation of pure liquid

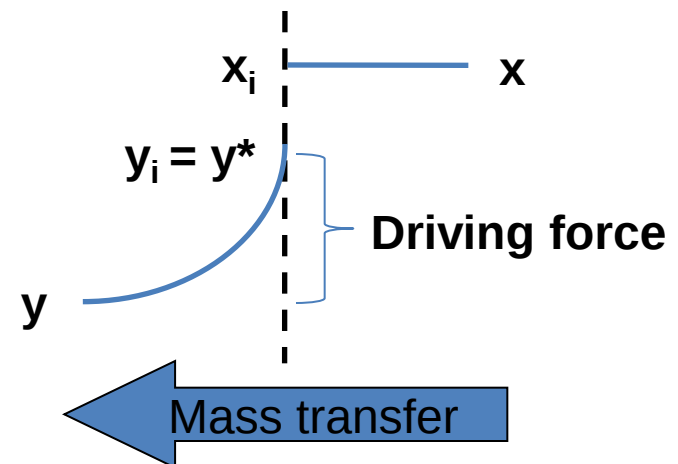
$$\rightarrow H_{OG} = H_G + \frac{H_L m G}{L} = H_G$$

SOME CONCENTRATION PROFILES:

Absorption low m :



Evaporation of pure liquid:

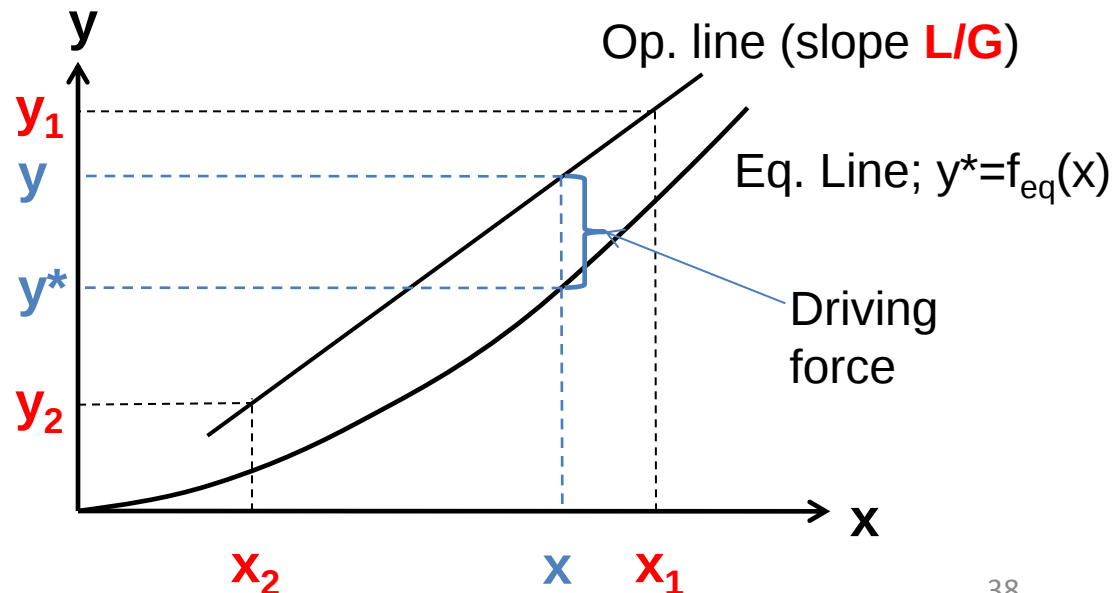
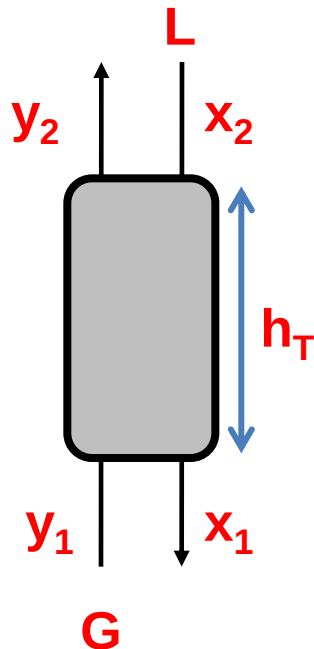


How to measure H_G (part 2)

$$H_G = H_{OG} = \frac{h_T}{N_{OG}}$$

$$\text{where } N_{OG} = \int_{y_2}^{y_1} \frac{dy}{y - y^*} = \int_{y_2}^{y_1} \frac{dy}{y - f_{eq}(x)}$$

- Measure column height.
- Measure flowrates and concentrations at column inlet and outlet.
- Integrate inverse of overall driving force between y_1 and y_2 to obtain N_{OG} , but if eq. line is straight use Colburn eq. or mean driving force eq.



How to measure H_L (part 1)

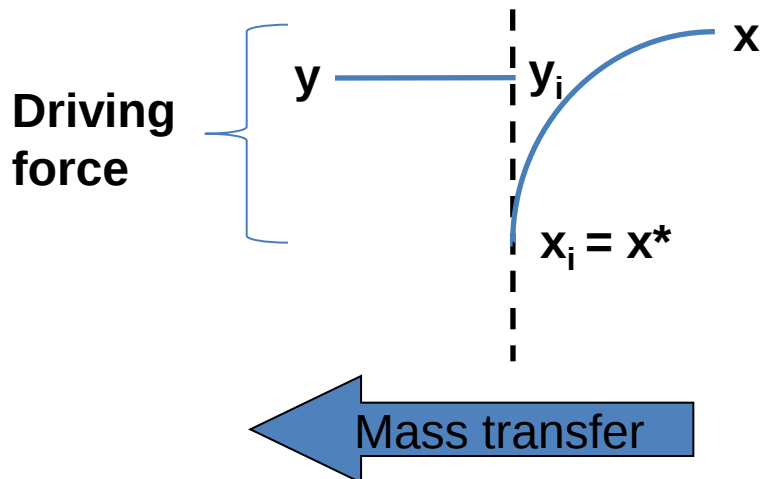
Run experiments in absorber under conditions where only the liquid film controls mass transfer:

- Absorption or desorption of low solubility gas $\rightarrow m \uparrow$
- Or absorption of pure gas

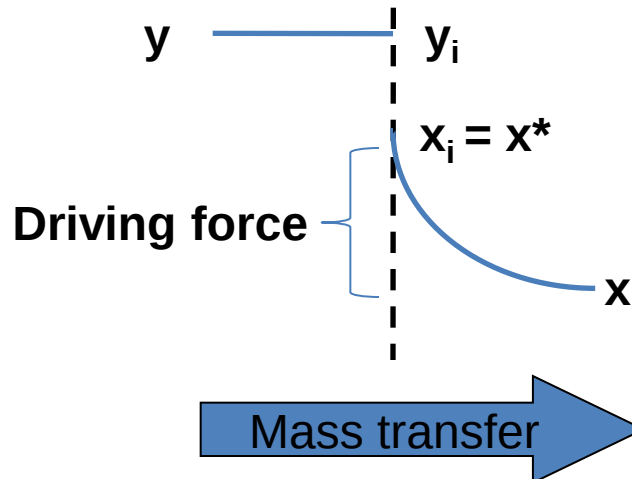
$$\rightarrow H_{OL} = H_L + \frac{H_G L}{mG} = H_L$$

CONCENTRATION PROFILES

Desorption low solubility gas:



Absorption pure or low solubility gas:

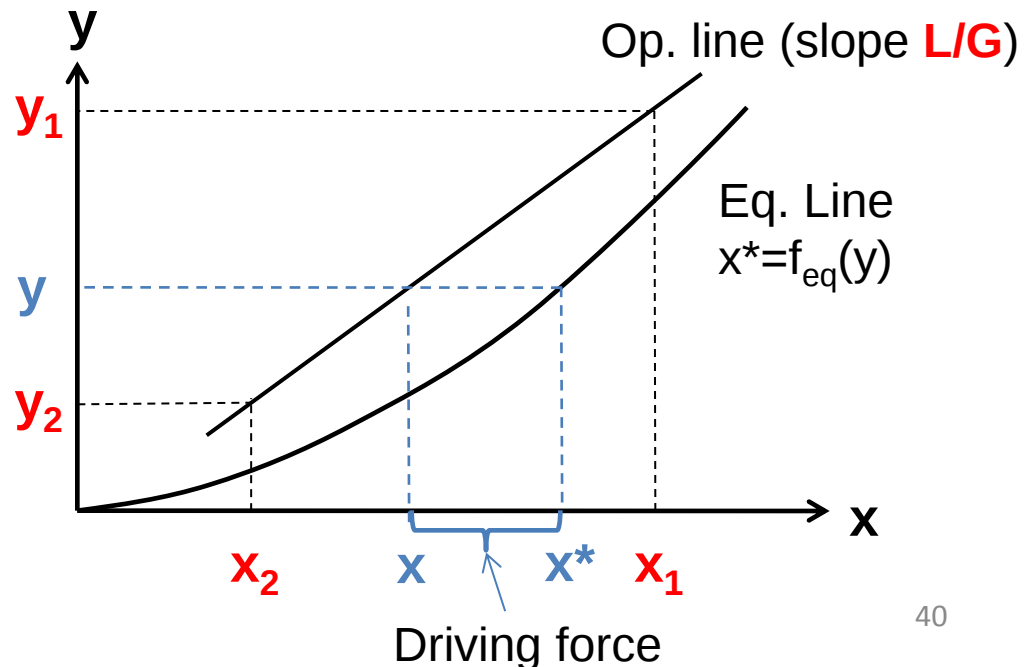
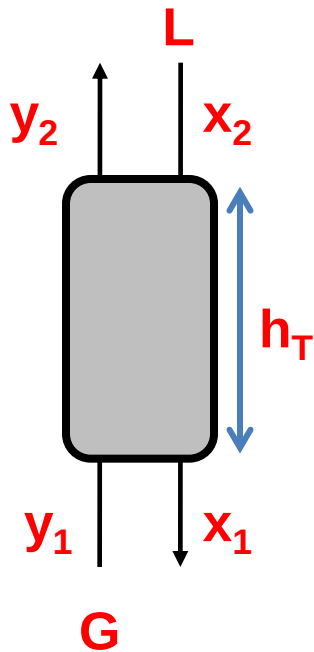


How to measure H_L (part 2)

$$H_L = H_{OL} = \frac{h_T}{N_{OL}}$$

$$\text{where } N_{OL} = \int_{x_2}^{x_1} \frac{dx}{x^* - x} = \int_{x_2}^{x_1} \frac{dx}{f_{eq}(y) - x}$$

- Measure column height.
- Measure flowrates and concentrations at column inlet and outlet.
- Integrate inverse of overall driving force between x_1 and x_2 to obtain N_{OL} but if eq. line is straight use Colburn eq. or mean driving force eq.



Short-Cut method for concentrated cases with non-linear equilibrium line*

Approach:

Integrated following equation with various non-linear equilibrium lines and varying flowrate ratios (L/G) for hundreds of hypothetical cases.

Calculated the effective values of m ($\bar{m}$) and L/G (R_{av}) to use in Colburn's equation in order to obtain the same result.

$$N_{OG} = \int_{y_{A2}}^{y_{A1}} \frac{dy_A}{y_A - y_A^*}$$

*C. R. Wilke and U. von Stockar, *Absorption*, in *Encyclopedia of Chemical Technology*, Vol. 1, Kirk-Othmer (Eds.), Wiley, New York, 1978.

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$$N_{OG} = \frac{\ln \left\{ \left(1 - \frac{\bar{m}}{R_{av}} \right) \left(\frac{y_1 - \bar{m}x_2}{y_2 - \bar{m}x_2} \right) + \frac{\bar{m}}{R_{av}} \right\}}{1 - \frac{\bar{m}}{R_{av}}} + 0.5 \ln \frac{1 - y_2}{1 - y_1}$$

Corrective
term due to
fact that real
equation is:

$$N_{OG} = \int_{y_{A2}}^{y_{A1}} \frac{y_{BM}^*}{1 - y_A} \frac{dy_A}{y_A - y_A^*}$$

where $\bar{m}$ and R_{av} are obtained from correlations

$$\bar{m} = f(m_2, m_c, f, y_1, y_2)$$

$$R_{av} = f(R_1, R_2, f, y_1, y_2)$$

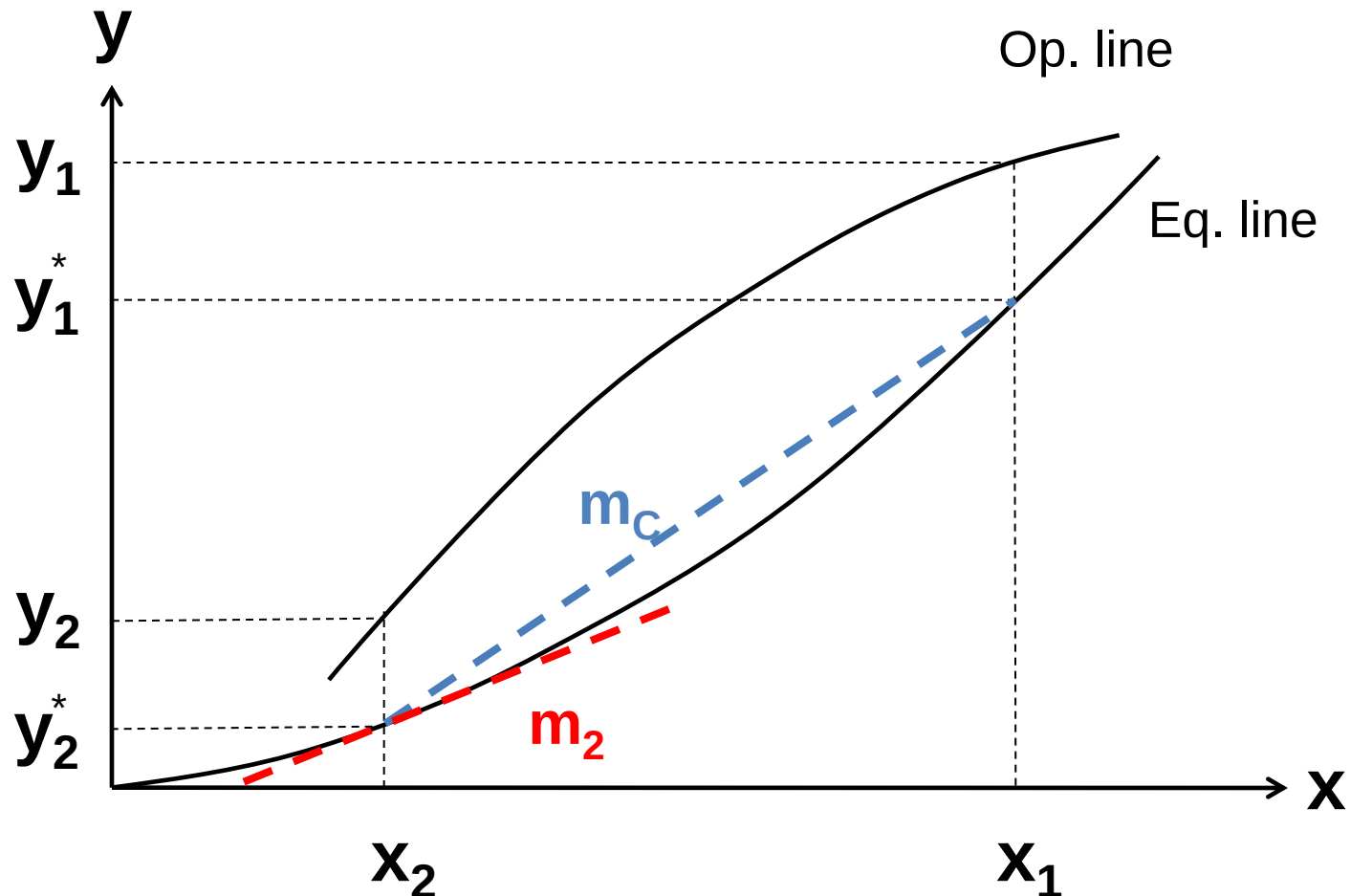
$$\text{where } f = \frac{y_1^*}{y_1}; R_1 = \frac{L_1}{G_1}; R_2 = \frac{L_2}{G_2}$$

$$H_{OG} = H_G + H_L \frac{\bar{m}}{R_{av}}$$

Correlations in charts 5.8a, 5.8b and 5.9

Short-Cut Method

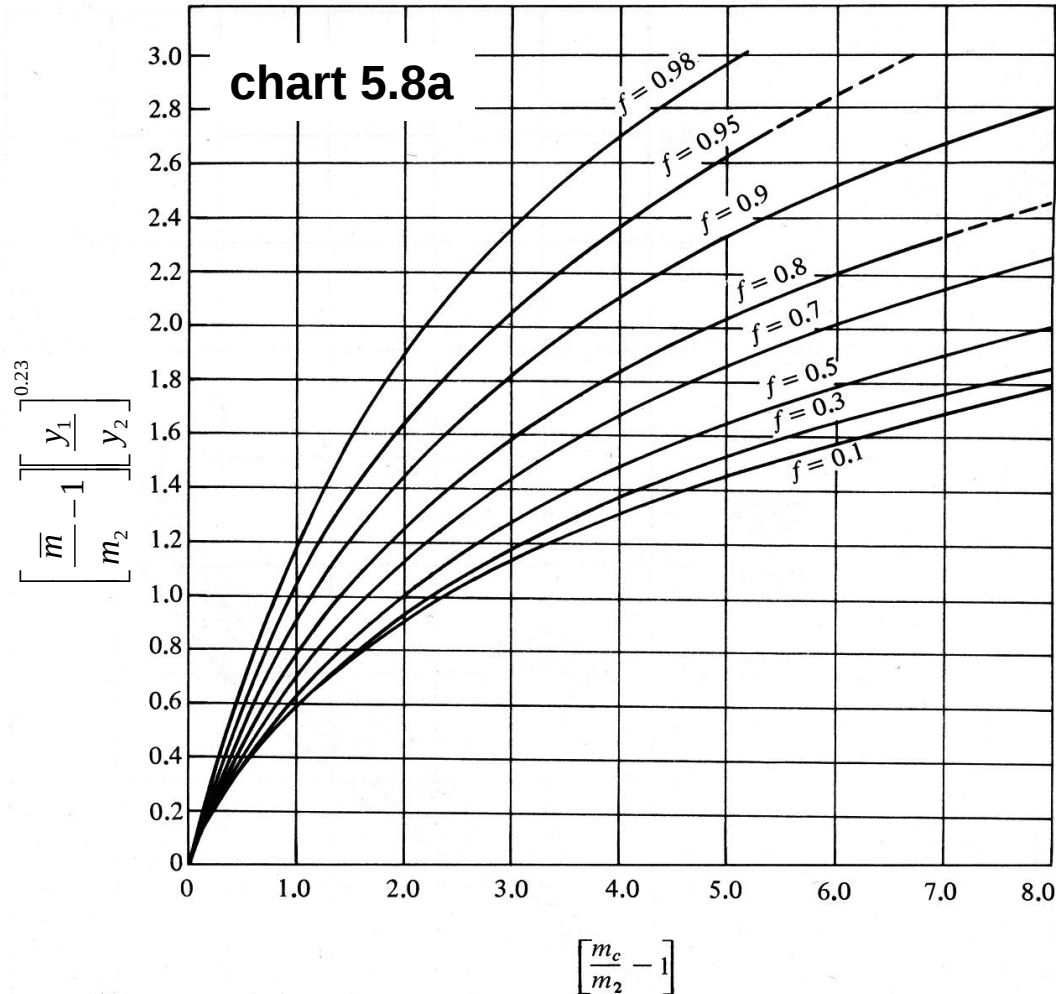
Equilibrium line with increasing slope



Correlation in chart 5.8a

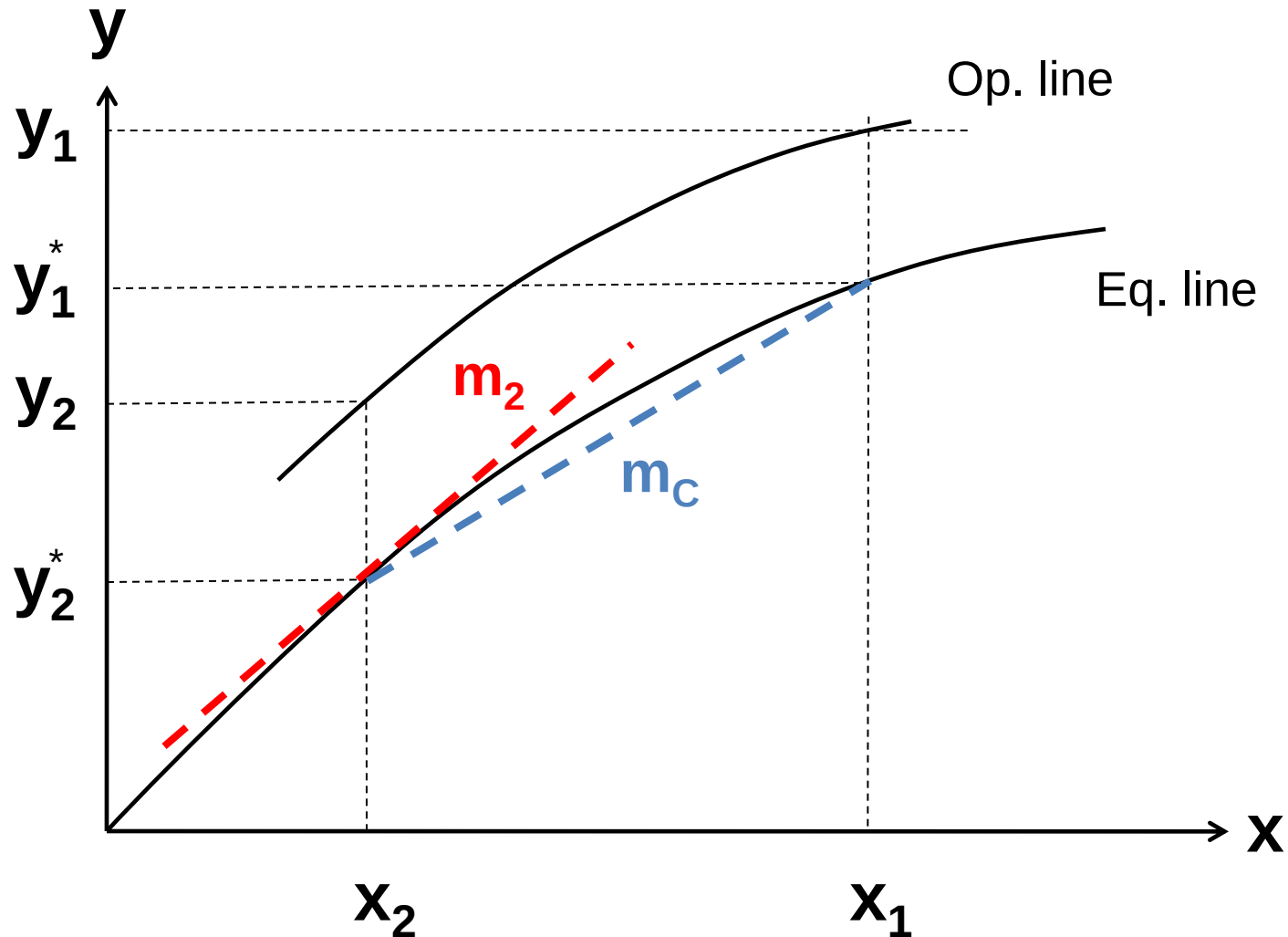
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Effective slope for equilibrium lines with increasing slope



Short-Cut Method

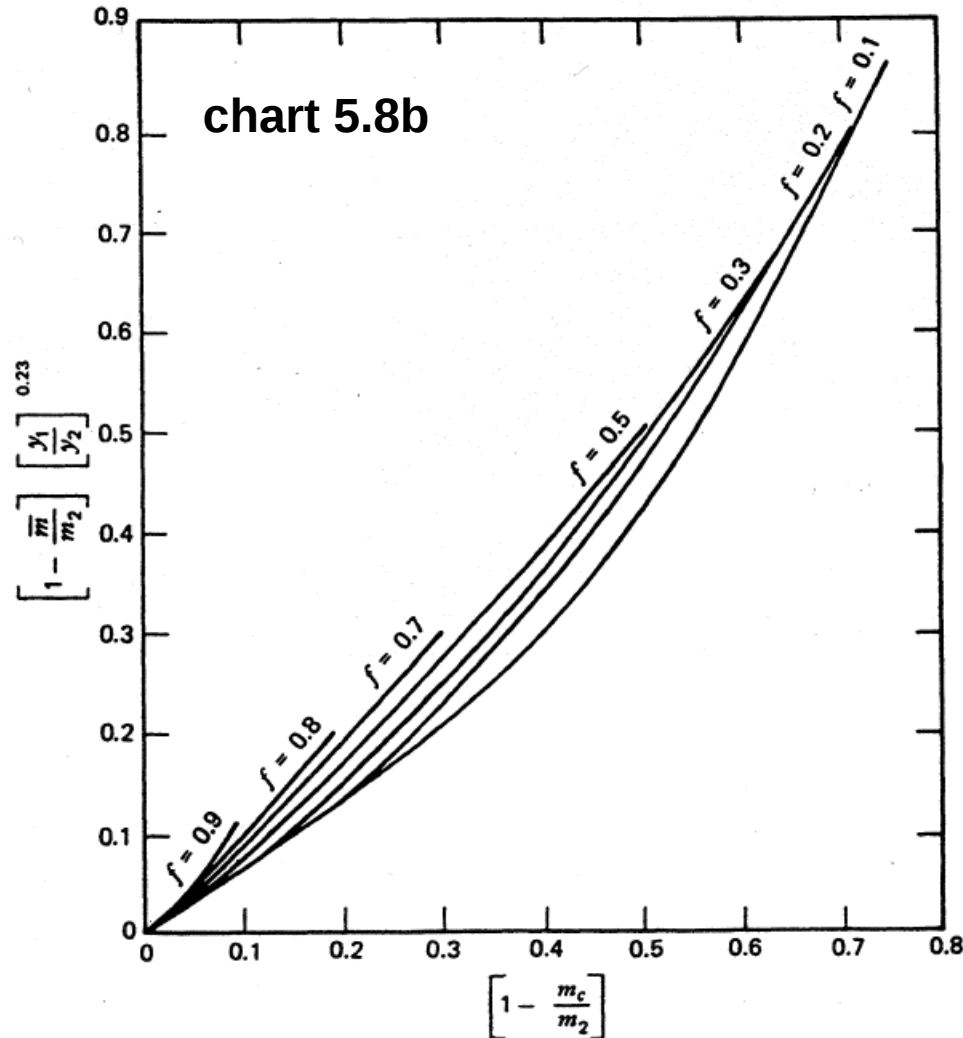
Equilibrium line with decreasing slope



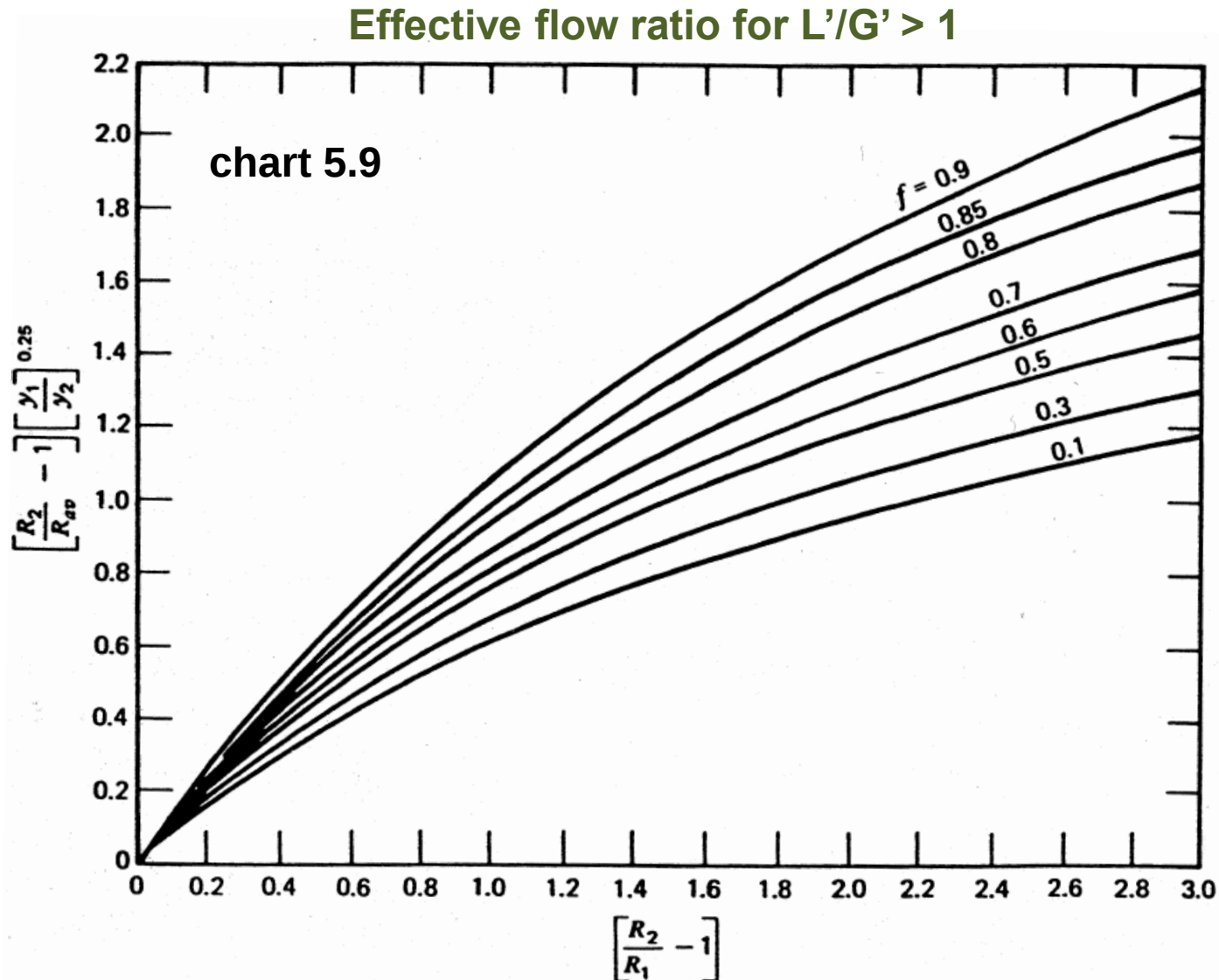
Correlation in chart 5.8b

Short-Cut method for concentrated cases with non-linear equilibrium line

Effective slope for equilibrium lines with decreasing slope



Short-Cut method for concentrated cases with non-linear equilibrium line



Eq.-stage vs mass transfer approaches*

Absorption: high solubility cases

- Example: absorption of acidic solute in basic solution → zero acid solute volatility ($y^* \sim 0$)
- In this extreme case, eq.-stage approach:
 - Predicts 100% absorption with 1 stage
 - Predicts slightly less than 1 eq. stage
 - Creates illusion of easy absorption and short column (neglects decrease in driving force)
 - Is ineffective for design

**K. Graf, Chemical Engineering, "Determining packing height with accuracy", 10/2011, pp 55-62.*

Eq.-stage vs mass transfer approaches

Absorption: high solubility cases

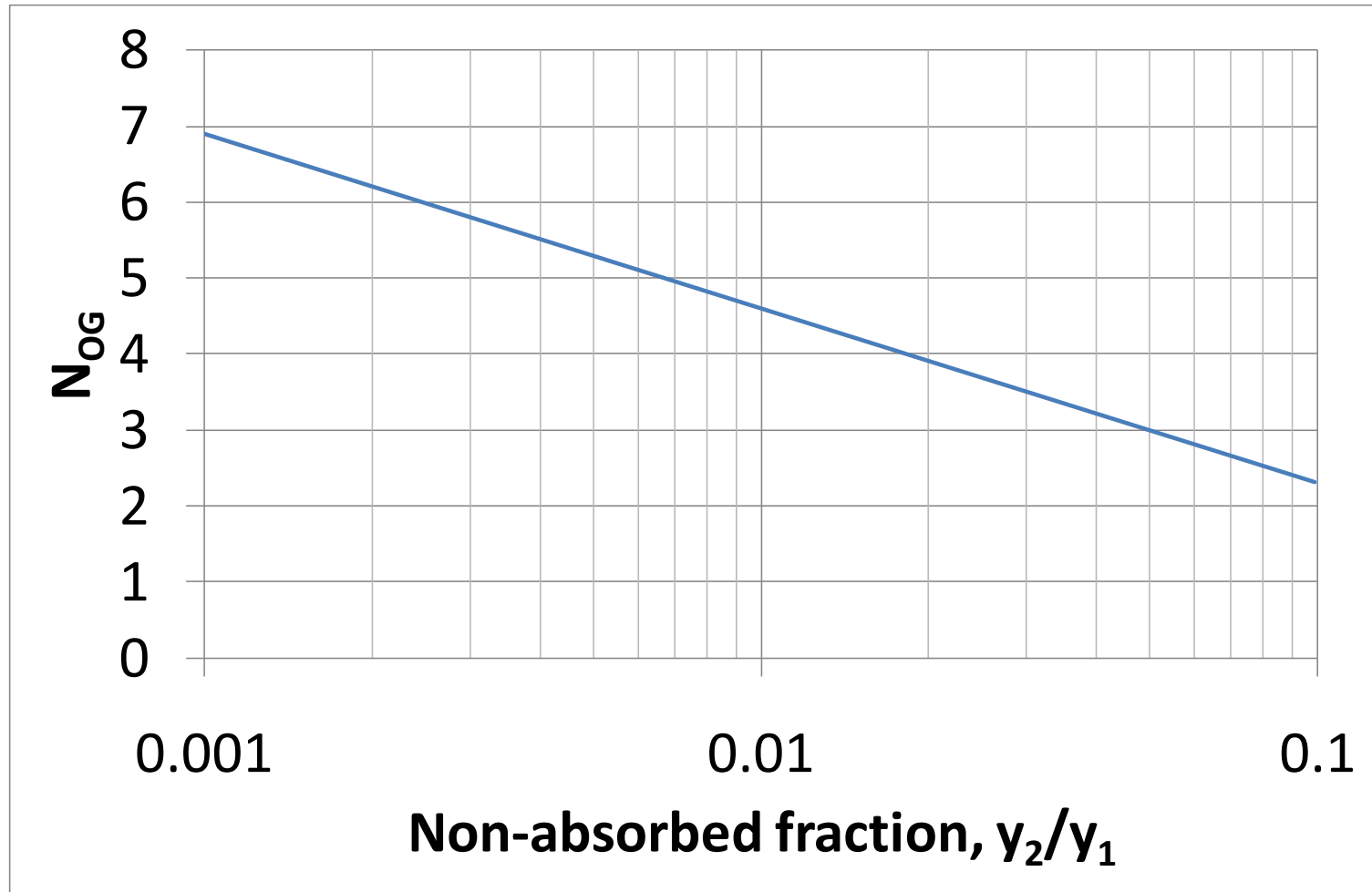
- Mass-transfer approach must be used:

$$N_{OG} = \int_{y_2}^{y_1} \frac{dy}{y - y^*} = \int_{y_2}^{y_1} \frac{dy}{y} = \ln \left(\frac{y_1}{y_2} \right)$$
$$y_2 = y_1 \exp(-N_{OG})$$

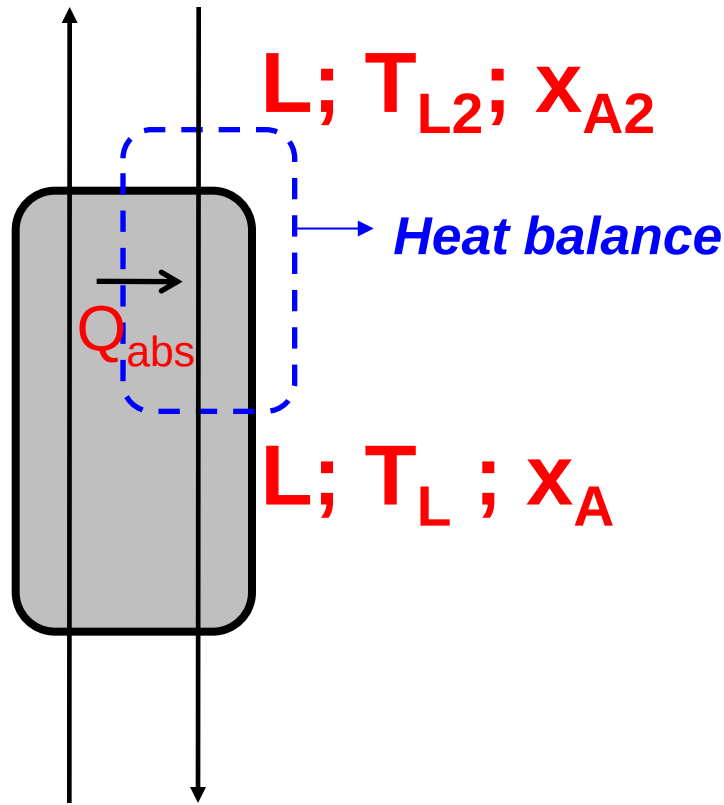
- $N_{OG} > N_{TS}$! (next slide)

Eq.-stage vs mass transfer approaches

Absorption: high solubility cases



Adiabatic Absorption

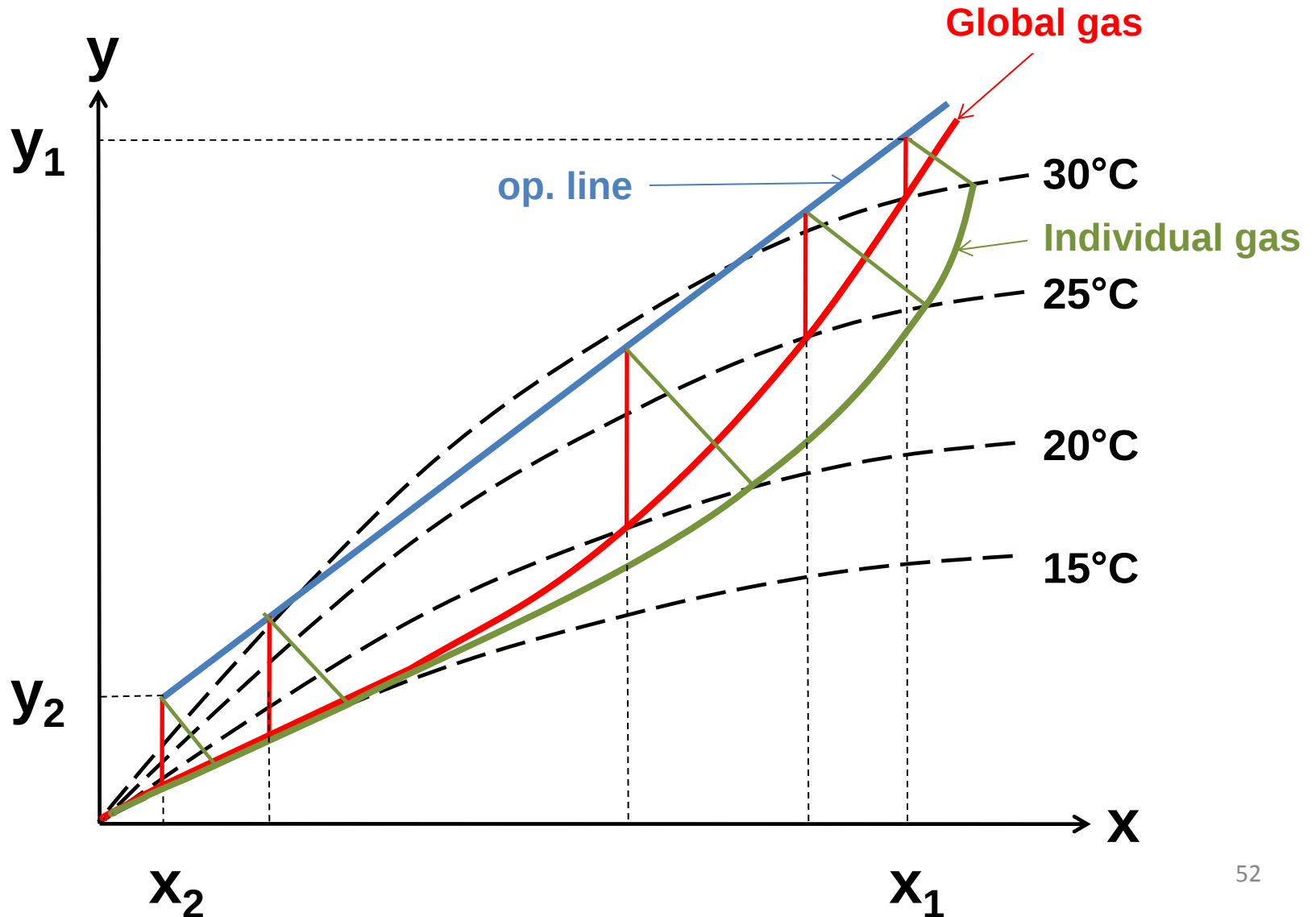


$$L S \bar{c}_{PL} (T_L - T_{L2}) = L S \Delta_{abs} H (x_A - x_{A2})$$

$$\Rightarrow \textcircled{T_L} = T_{L2} + \frac{\Delta_{abs} H}{\bar{c}_{PL}} (\textcircled{x_A} - x_{A2})$$

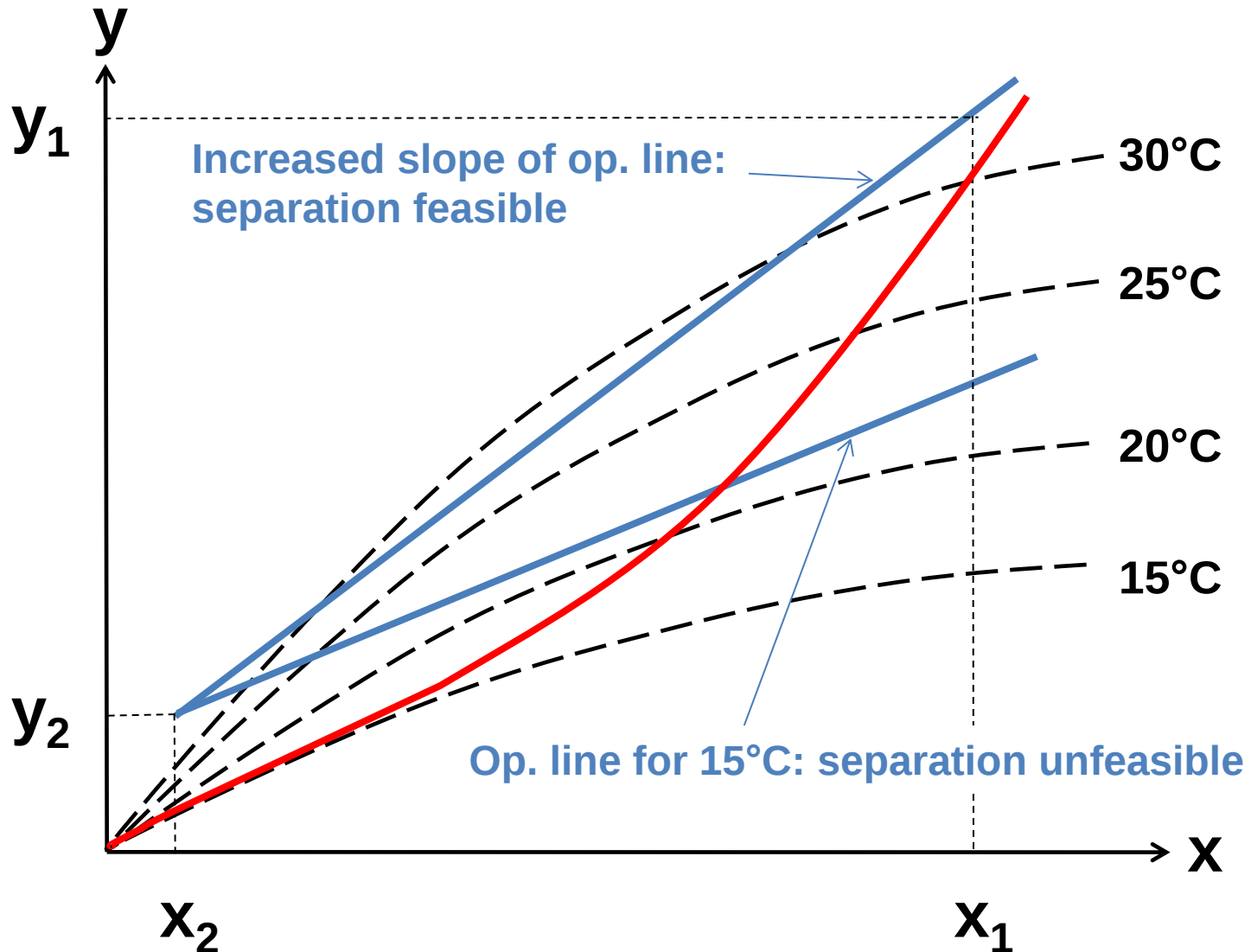
Adiabatic Absorption

Effective equilibrium line



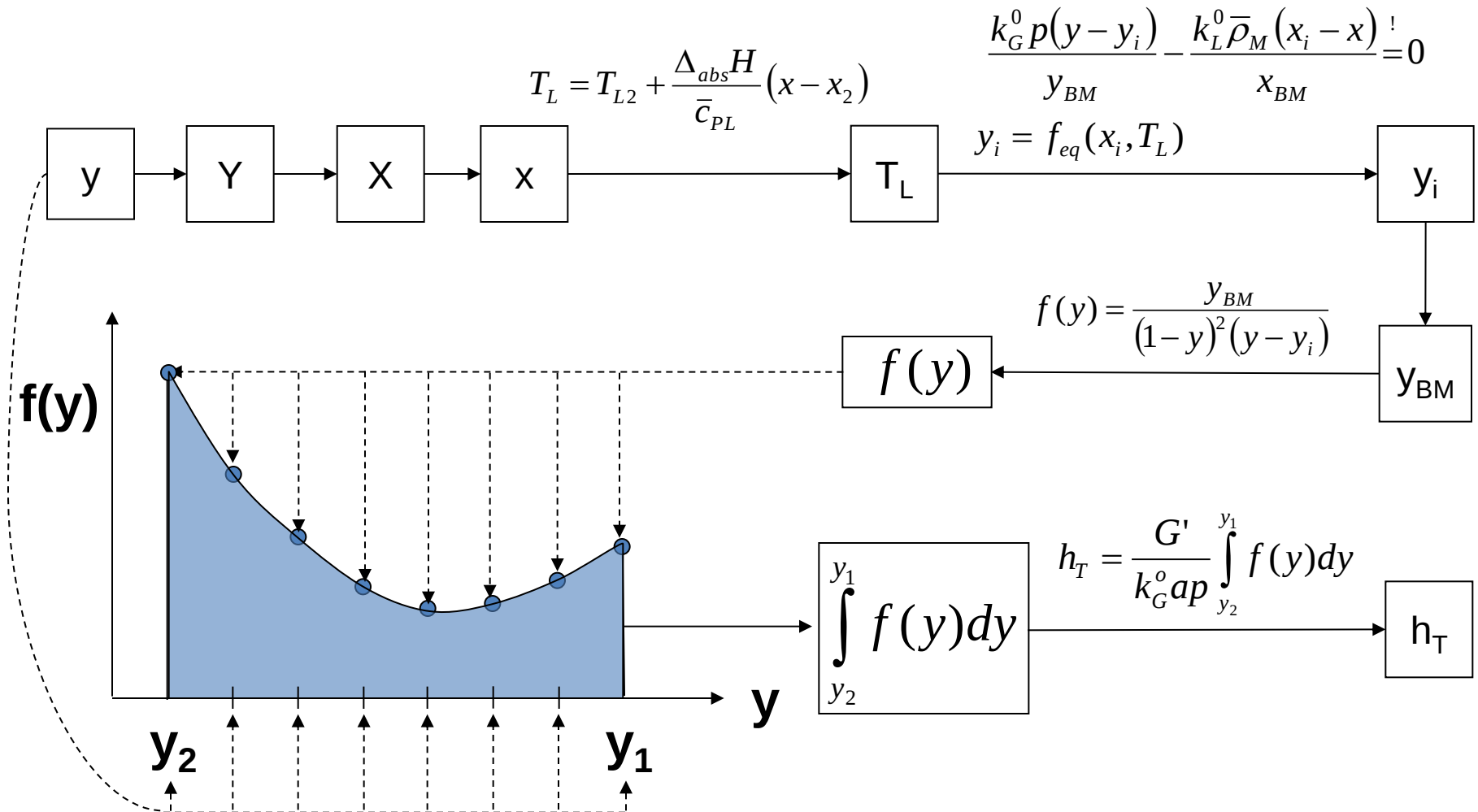
Adiabatic Absorption

Effective equilibrium line



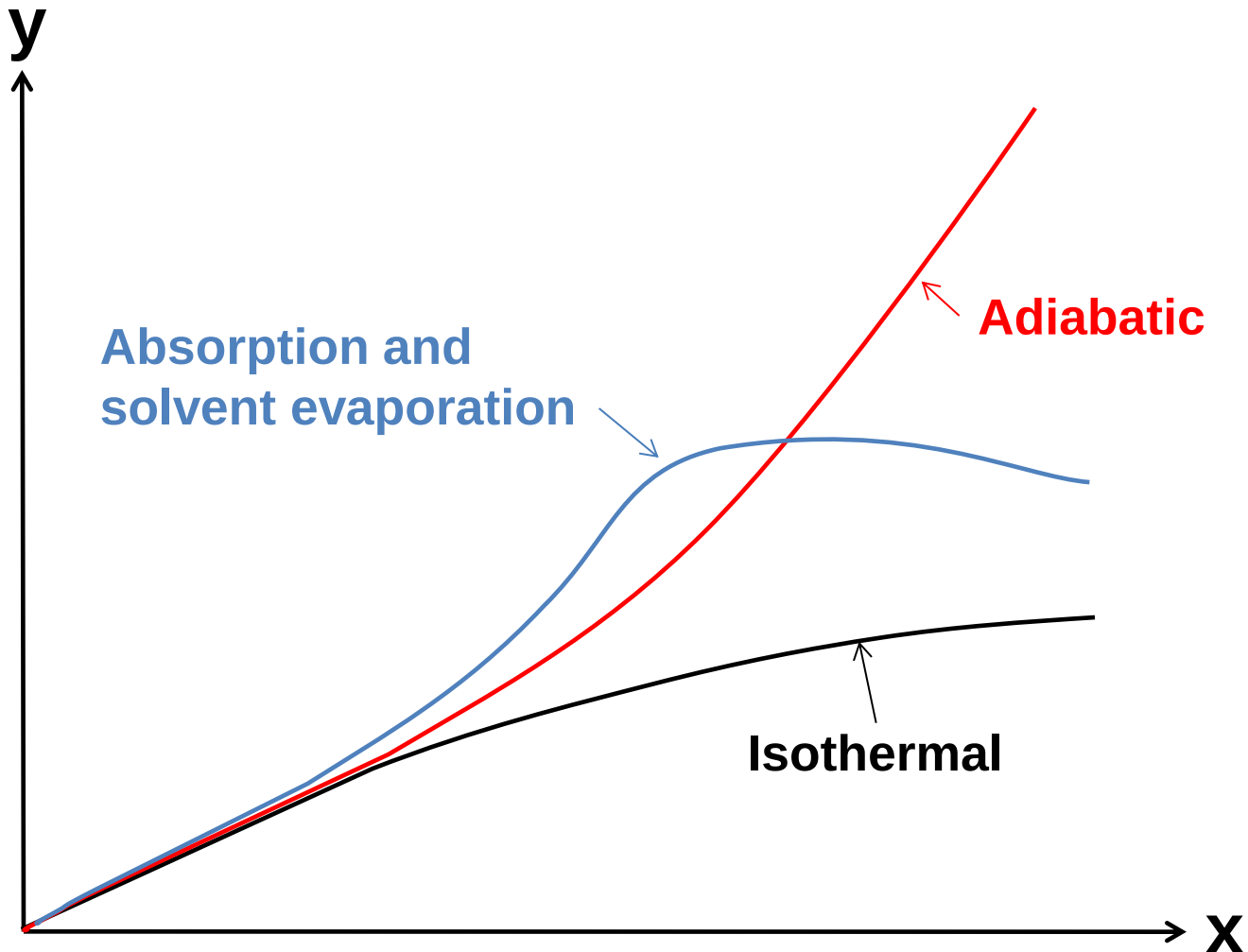
Procedure to calculate column height

Individual gas phase driving force, adiabatic absorption

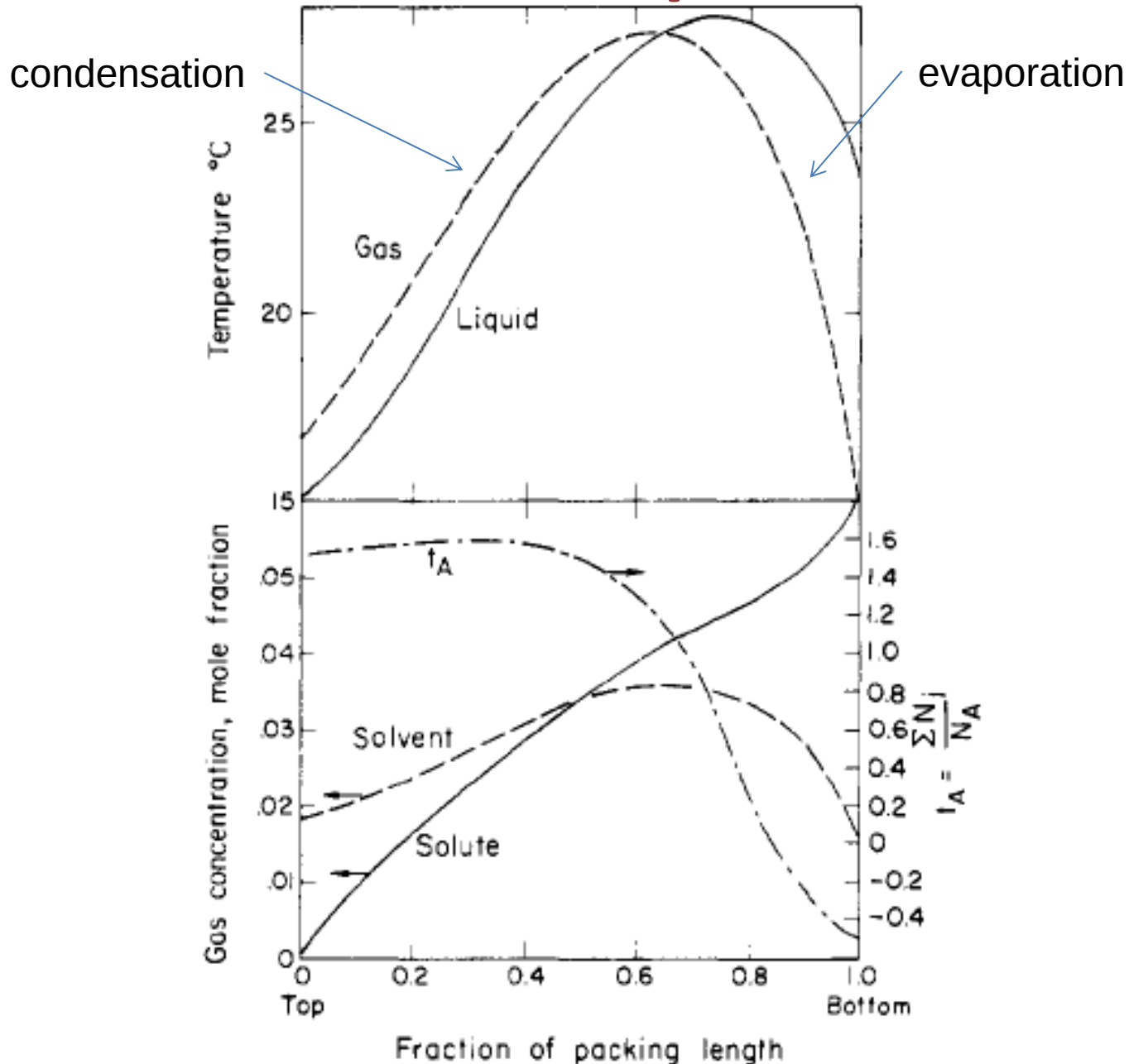


Effective equilibrium lines

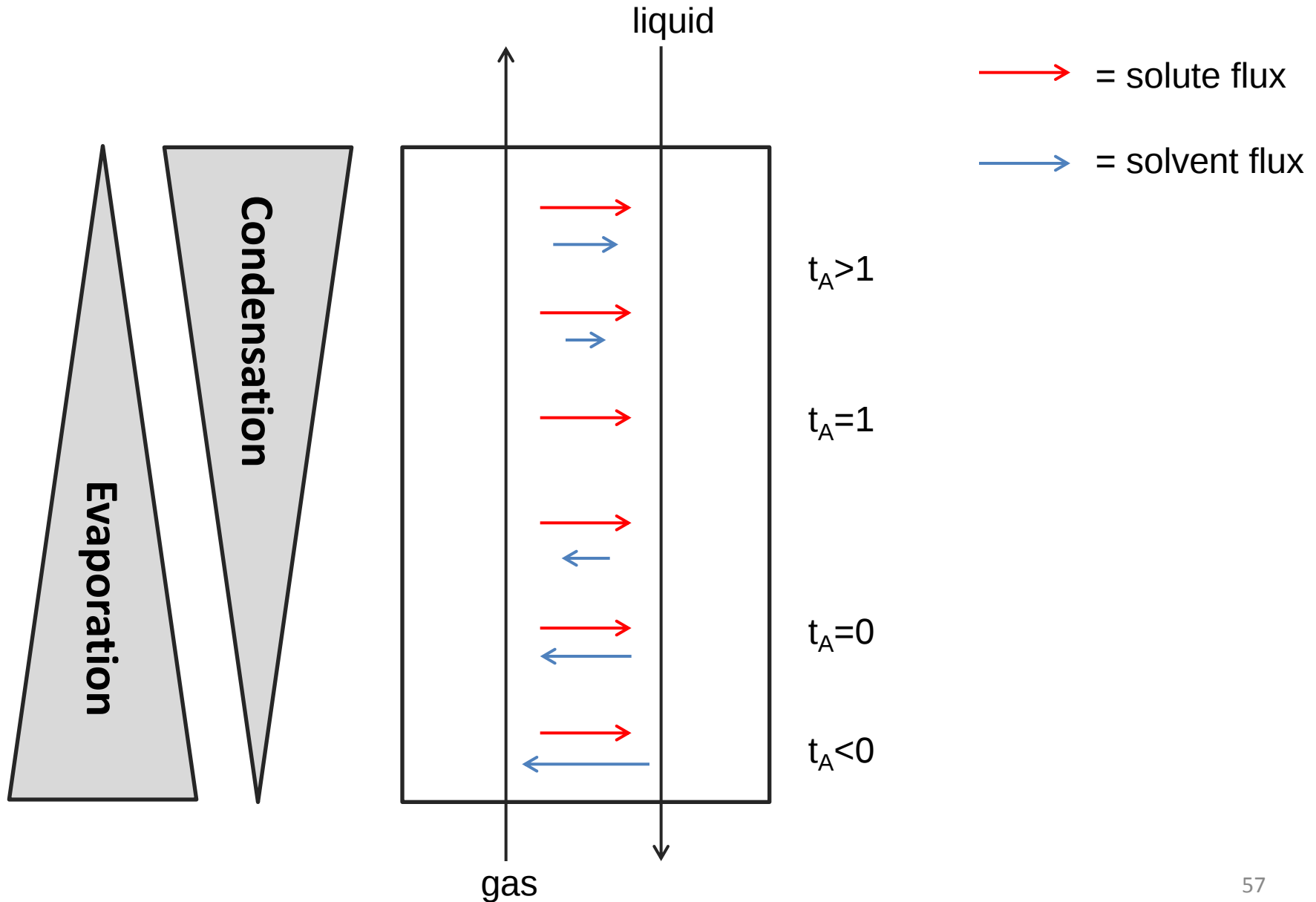
Heat and solvent evaporation effects



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Shortcut Method for Estimating Equilibrium Line of Non-Isothermal Absorbers

$$T_L = T_{L,2} + (T_{L,1} - T_{L,2})X_N + 74.34(X_N^{1.074} - X_N^{1.114})\Delta T_{\max}$$

$$X_N = \frac{x_A - x_{A,2}}{x_{A,1} - x_{A,2}}$$

From correlation in article

$$T_{G,2} = T_{L,2} + \left(\frac{dT_L}{dx_A} \right)_2 \left(\frac{G_2}{L_2} \right) \left(\frac{H_{G,Q}}{H_{OG,A}} \right) (y_{A,2} - y_{A,2}^*)$$

$$\left(\frac{dT_L}{dx_A} \right)_2 = \frac{L_2 H_{OS} - G_2 H_v m_{B,2}}{L_2 C_{pL,2} - G_2 C_{pG,2} - H_v (1 - x_{A,2}) \left(\frac{dm_B}{dT_L} \right)_2}$$

Von Stockar, U. and Wilke, C.R., *Ind. Eng. Chem. Fundam.*, Vol. 16, No. 1, 1977 (94-103)

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Definitions

$H_{G,Q} = \frac{G C_{pG}}{h_G a}$ = Gas phase height of a heat transfer unit

H_{OS} Integral heat of solution for solute

H_v Latent heat for pure solvent

C_{pL} Mean molar heat capacity of liquid

C_{pG} Mean molar heat capacity of gas

m_B Solvent "solubility" = $\frac{y_B^*}{x_B}$