

## Non-Local Heat/Mass Transfer Equation with Time Delay Applied to Gentamicin Release from Hydrogel

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### EXTENDED ABSTRACT

Recently we developed non-local elasticity of Eringen type with special type of time delay function [1],[2]. In this work we developed a Cattaneo type non-local heat/diffusion equation with time delay. Thus the mass flux  $q(x, t)$  at the point  $x$  and time  $t$  depends of the concentration gradient at the point  $\xi$  and time  $t - |x - \xi|/c$  that is  $\partial c(\xi, t - |x - \xi|/c)/\partial \xi$  where  $\xi \neq x$  and  $|x - \xi|$  is the distance between points  $x$  and  $\xi$  and  $c$  is the finite speed of propagation of non-local action. Therefore the mass flux is given as

$$q(x, t - \tau_Q) = -D \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} K_{\alpha, \lambda}(x - \xi) \frac{\partial c(\xi, t - [\tau_c + |x - \xi|/c])}{\partial \xi} d\xi.$$

Here  $\tau_Q$  and  $\tau_c$  denote the relaxation times and  $D$  is the diffusion coefficient. The constant  $\tau_Q$  is interpreted as the relaxation time due to the fast-transient effects (inertia) while  $\tau_c$  is interpreted as time delay caused by the micro-structural interactions. This equation removes the paradox of the infinite speed of propagation of the non-local action and together with the mass balance equation  $\partial c(x, t)/\partial t = -\partial q(x, t)/\partial x$  defines that complete set of equations that are solved. The kernel function  $K_{\alpha, \lambda}(x - \xi)$  is taken in the form of General fractional derivative. The parameters  $\alpha$  and  $\lambda$  denote the order of the general fractional derivative and the fading parameter, respectively [3]. Generalization presented here allow us to obtain classical Fick's diffusion and Eringen type non-local diffusion as special cases.

This system of equations is applied to the problem of release of antibiotic gentamicin in poly (vinylalcohol)/gentamicin (PVA/Gent) hydrogel aimed for wound dressing in medical treatment of deep chronic wounds. The PVA/Gent hydrogel was prepared by physical crosslinking of poly (vinyl alcohol) dispersion using freezing-thawing method in 5 cycles. One cycle consisted of freezing for 16 h at -18 °C, followed by thawing for 8 h at 4 °C. Then, the PVA/Gent hydrogel was swollen in gentamicin solution at 37 °C during 48 h [4]. For the drug release monitoring the PVA/Gent hydrogel was immersed in deionized water and kept at 37°C. The concentration of released gentamicin with time was determined using a high-

performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) coupled with mass spectrometer (MS). The experimental profile of gentamicin release was fitted with proposed mathematical model.

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