

7. Short introductions to: Mass transfer; Separation processes; Particulate technology & multi-phase flow

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7.1 Mass transfer processes; Diffusion, convection; Mass transfer coefficient

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Mass transfer process examples

- Drying of a solid using heat or dry gas
- Adsorption of gas or liquid using a solid
- Distillation using heat to create a vapour phase
- Gas absorption using a liquid absorbent
- Extraction of liquid or solid using a solvent that creates immiscible phases
- Crystallisation using cooling to create a solid phase

Note the "support phase":
solvent, sorbent, heat,



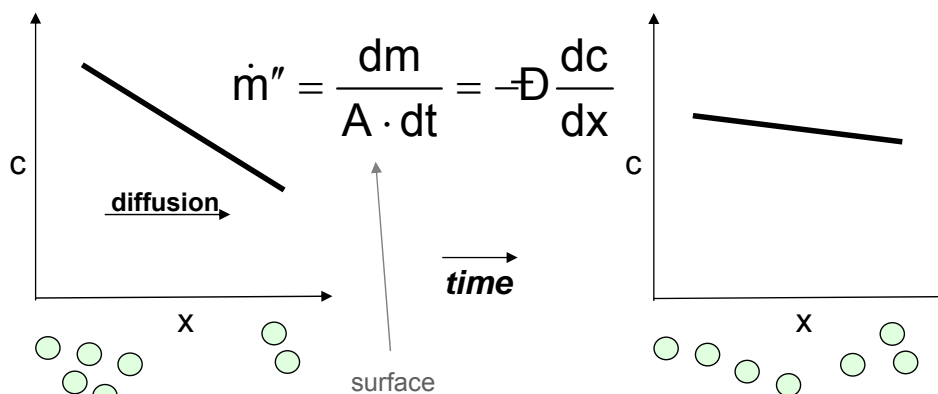
Picture: <http://www.petrogas.org/absorption.htm>

Mass transfer mechanisms /1

Diffusion: Fick's Law* (for binary systems)

Spreading of a substance from a region with high concentration to regions with lower concentration;
more correct for "concentration" is "chemical potential"

Molecular diffusion coefficient \mathcal{D} ; for species A in medium B $\mathcal{D} = \mathcal{D}_{AB}$



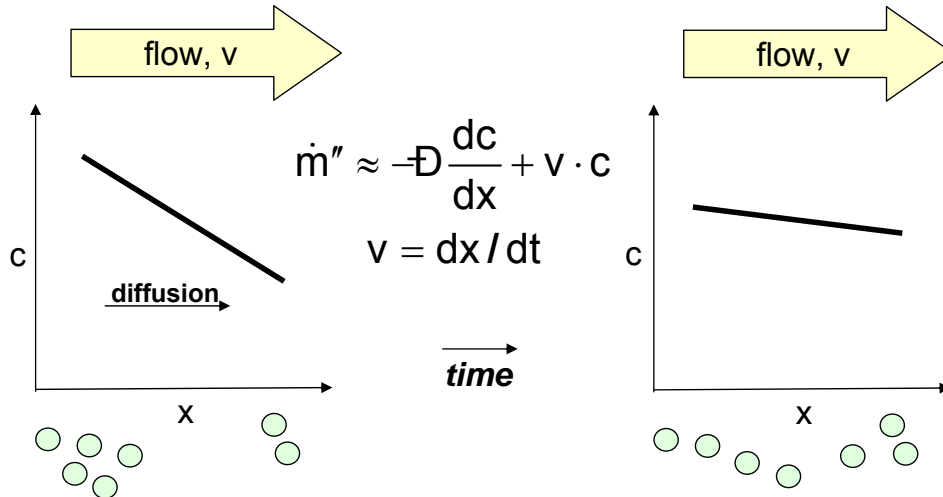
* Note analogy with Fourier's Law for heat conduction

Mass transfer mechanisms /2

Diffusion + (forced or free) convection

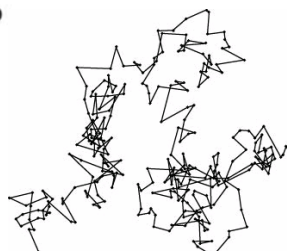
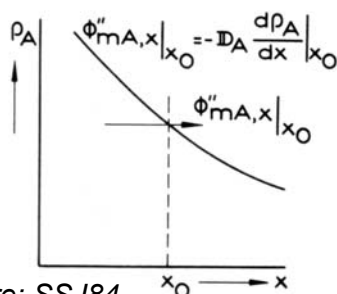
Flow as a result of a pressure difference, gravity, ...

If needed, $\mathcal{D} = \mathcal{D}_{mol} + \mathcal{D}_{turb}$ can be used to include turbulent eddy diffusion



Diffusion

- Transfer of matter as a result of a concentration (or density) difference, more accurately chemical potential difference ("gradient")
- Main cause: **Brownian motion** of molecules
- Mass flux $\Phi''_{mA,x}$ (kg / s per m²) through a surface (x_0) perpendicular to the transport direction (x) as a result of a gradient in mass concentration (ρ_A).
- More conventional for gases: use concentration c_A (mol/m³) = $\rho_A/M_A = p_A/RT$



$$\Phi''_{molA,x} = -D_A \frac{dc_A}{dx}$$

Picture: SSJ84

Diffusion coefficients (some values)

A	B	D_{AB} m ² /s	Temp °C
water	CO ₂	1.17×10^{-9}	18
water	N ₂	2.01×10^{-9}	22
water	O ₂	2.60×10^{-9}	25
air	NH ₃	19.6×10^{-6}	0
air	CO ₂	13.6×10^{-6}	0
air	H ₂ O vapour	26×10^{-6}	25

(Ö96 p. 40)

Ambient conditions: $D \sim 10^{-5}$ m²/s in gases

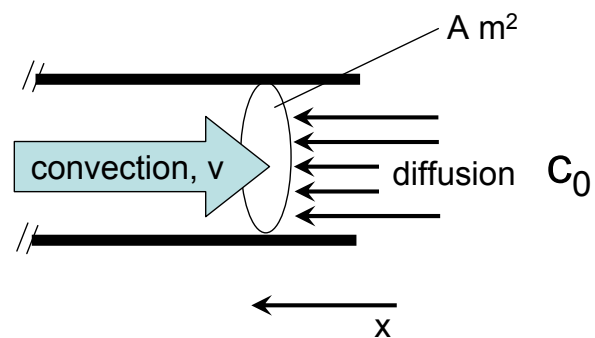
$D \sim 10^{-8} \dots 10^{-9}$ m²/s in liquids

$D \sim 10^{-11} \dots 10^{-13}$ m²/s in solids

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Diffusion and convection

- An example:**
Flow of a fluid from a tube into a region where $c = c_0$ for a certain species

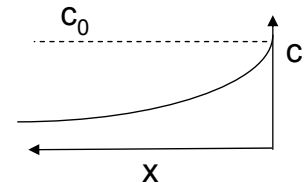


- Steady state, mass balance gives

$$0 = -D \cdot A \cdot \frac{dc}{dx} - v \cdot A \cdot c; \quad c = c_0 \text{ @ } x = 0$$

$$c = c_0 \cdot \exp\left(-\frac{vx}{D}\right) \quad \text{with } \frac{vx}{D} = Pe \text{ (Péclet number)}$$

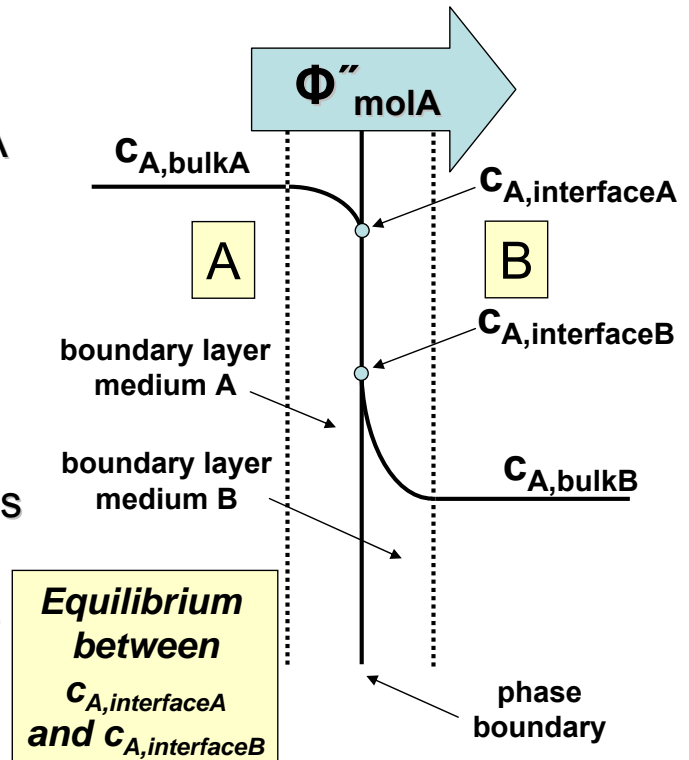
$$Pe = \frac{vx}{D} = \frac{\rho vx}{\eta} \cdot \frac{\eta}{\rho D} = Re \cdot Sc \quad \text{with } Sc = \frac{\eta}{\rho D} \text{ (Schmidt number)}$$



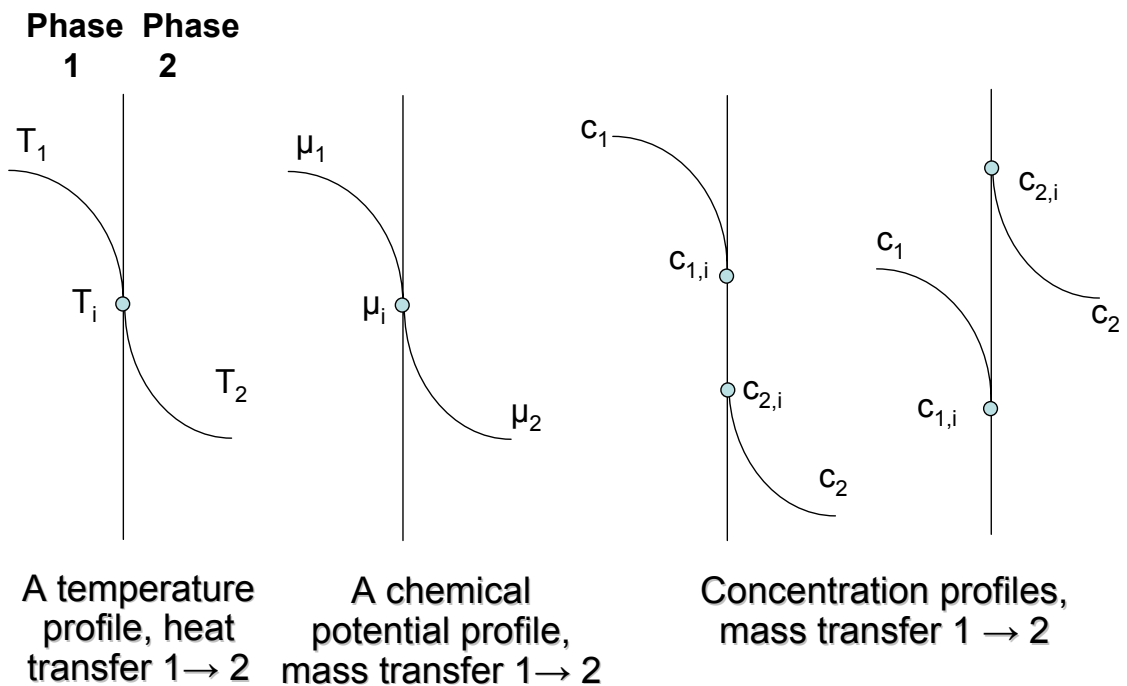
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Mass transfer and boundary layers

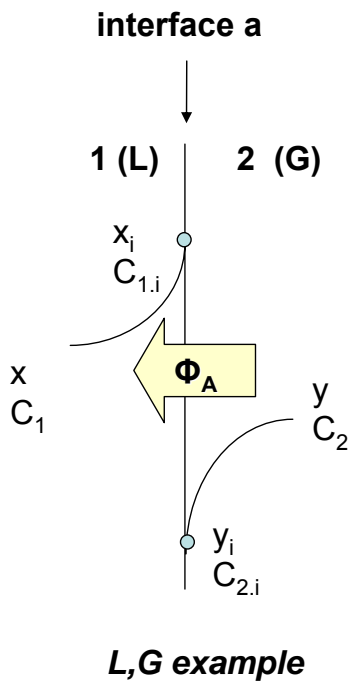
- For mass transfer between two phases A and B, concentration gradients usually only exist near the physical boundary that separates A and B
- Thus, the driving forces are active only in boundary layers at the separating surface



Mass ↔ heat transfer analogy /1



Mass transfer coefficient



- Mass flow species A:
 $\dot{n}_A = \Phi_A \text{ mol/s}$
- Mass transfer rate per area:
 $\dot{N}_A = \dot{n}_A/a = \Phi''_A \text{ mol/(m}^2\cdot\text{s)}$
- Mass transfer coefficients, k , (unit: m/s) for both sides of the interface:
 $\dot{N}_A = k_x \cdot (c_{1,i} - c_1) = k_y \cdot (c_2 - c_{2,i})$
- Interface concentrations can be eliminated using equilibrium constant $K = c_{1,i}/c_{2,i} = c_1^*/c_2 = c_1/c_2^*$
 $c_1^* = c_1$ at equilibrium with c_2 , etc.

The film model

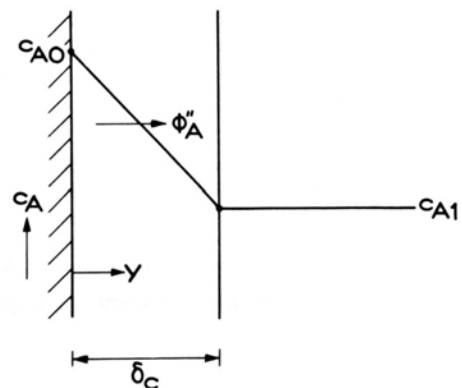
- A mass transfer coefficient can be linked to the film model:

$$\Phi''_{A,\text{mol}} = k \cdot (c_{A0} - c_{A1}) =$$

$$- \mathcal{D}_A \cdot dc_A/dy = \mathcal{D}_A \cdot (c_{A0} - c_{A1})/\delta_c$$

which gives $k = \mathcal{D}_A/\delta_c$

- Thus, the boundary layer thickness can be estimated if k and \mathcal{D}_A are known.
- The mass transfer limitations are concentrated in a well-defined region.



Picture: SSJ84

See *heat transfer*
→ *mass transfer*

Nusselt number
Sherwood number

$$Nu = hD/\lambda = D/\delta_T$$

$$Sh = kD/\mathcal{D} = D/\delta_c$$

Mass ↔ heat transfer analogy /2

Heat transfer

- $Nu = f(Re, Pr, L/D, Gr, \dots)$
- Convection around a sphere:
 $Nu = 2 + 0.6Re^{1/2}Pr^{1/3}$
- Transfer from a wall and a turbulent flow: $2000 < Re < 10^5$ and $Pr > 0.7$
 $Nu = 0.027Re^{0.8}Pr^{0.33}(\eta/\eta_{wall})^{1/7}$
- General: $Nu = CRe^mPr^n$, where $m = 0.33 \dots 0.8$, $n \approx 0.33$

Mass transfer

- $Sh = f(Re, Sc, L/D, Gr, \dots)$
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- **Chilton-Colburn analogies**, heat and mass transfer values j_H, j_D :

$$j_H = NuRe^{-1}Pr^{-1/3}$$

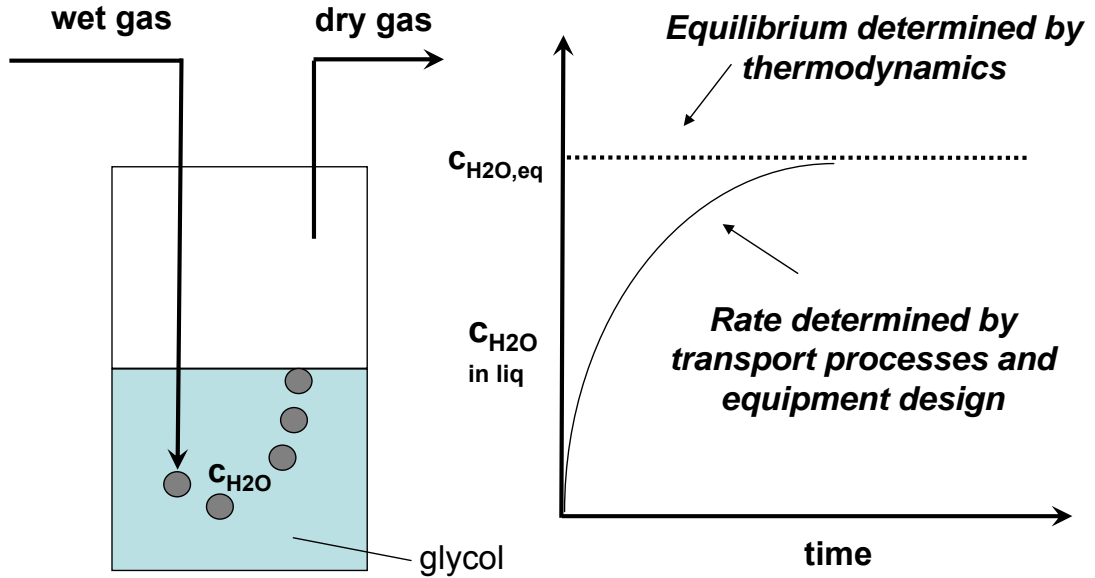
$$j_D = ShRe^{-1}Sc^{-1/3}$$

$$j_H = j_D = CRe^{m-1} = \frac{1}{2}f \quad f = \text{Fanning friction factor for pipe flow}$$

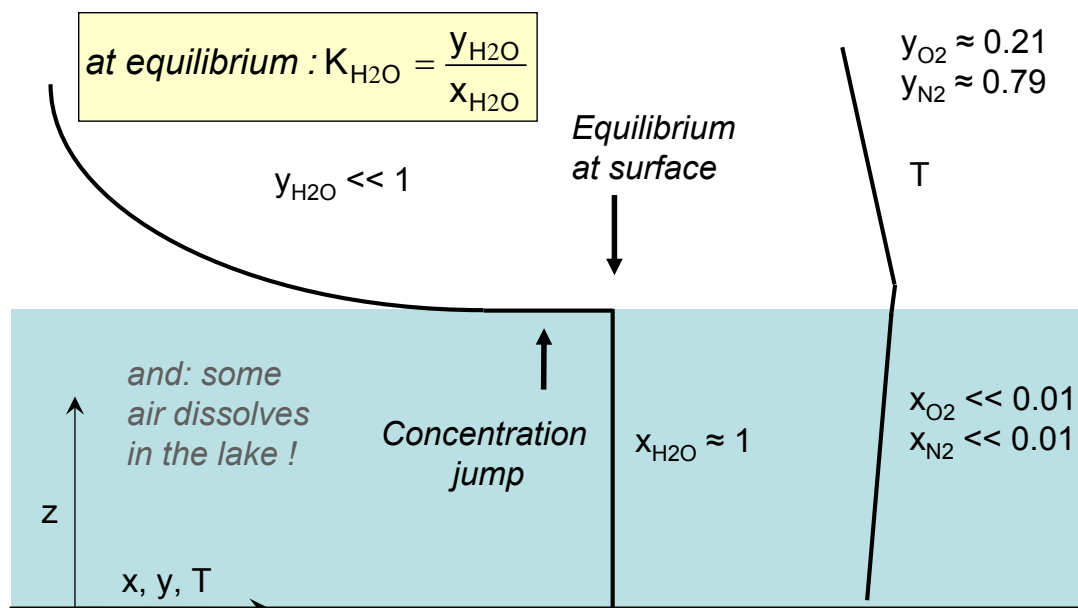
7.2 Phase equilibrium (gas-gas, gas-liquid, liquid-liquid) Henry's Law, Raoult's Law

Mass transfer and equilibrium

Drying of wet gas in an glycol absorber



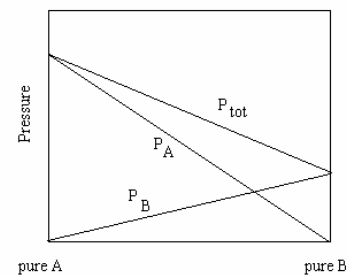
Air above a lake



x = fraction in liquid, y = fraction in gas,
z = position coordinate, T = temperature

Gas-liquid phase equilibrium: Raoult's law

- Assume a liquid mixture of components A, B, C, at a temperature T.
- "A" occupies a **large** fraction, say $x_A > 5\%$
- At temperature T, saturation pressure of pure substance A (i.e. A vapour above liquid A) is p_A^0
- For the mixture, the vapour pressure of A equals $p_A = y_A \cdot p_{\text{tot}} = x_A \cdot p_A^0$
- For a two-component mixture of A and B:
- $p_B = x_B \cdot p_B^0 = (1 - x_A) \cdot p_B^0$,
using $x_A + x_B = 1$

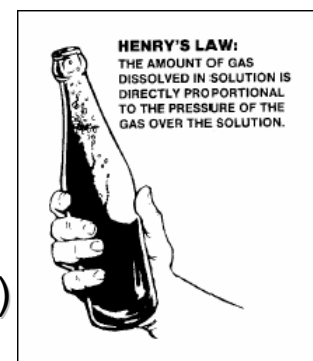


Picture: <http://www.tannerm.com/raoult.htm>

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Gas-liquid phase equilibrium: Henry's law

- Assume a liquid mixture of components A, B, C, at a temperature T.
- "A" occupies a **small** fraction, say $x_A < 5\%$
- For the mixture, the vapour pressure of A equals $p_A = y_A \cdot p_{\text{tot}} = H_{cA} \cdot x_A$
with **Henry constant** H_c
(unit: Pa, bar,)
- $y_A / x_A = H_{cA} / p_{\text{tot}} = \beta$, $y_A = \beta \cdot x_A$
distribution coefficient β (mol/mol)
- H_c is a function of temperature, but independent of pressure at $p_{\text{tot}} < 5$ bar.



Picture: <http://www.pilotfriend.com/aeromed/medical/images/34.gif>

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Example: Water-ammonia vapour /1

$T = 40^\circ\text{C}$ $P_{\text{tot}} = ?$
GAS
LIQUID
$x_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} = 0.3 \text{ mol/mol}$ $x_{\text{NH}_3} = 0.7 \text{ mol/mol}$

- A mixture of ammonia and water
- 40°C , total pressure unknown
- Liquid composition:
 $70 \text{ \% -mol NH}_3 + 30 \text{ \% -mol H}_2\text{O}$
- What is the composition of the gas, y_{NH_3} , $y_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}$?
- At equilibrium, no driving forces or temperature gradients,
 $x_{\text{NH}_3} + x_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} = 1$, $y_{\text{NH}_3} + y_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} = 1$
but $x_{\text{NH}_3} \neq y_{\text{NH}_3}$, $x_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} \neq y_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}$!!!

Relative volatility of NH_3 with respect to water:

$$\alpha = (y_{\text{NH}_3} / x_{\text{NH}_3}) / (y_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} / x_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}) = K_{\text{NH}_3} / K_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} \text{ at equilibrium}$$

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Example: Water-ammonia vapour /2

- Gas above an $\text{NH}_3/\text{H}_2\text{O}$ liquid mixture with
 $x_{\text{NH}_3} = 0.7$ and $x_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} = 0.3$, $T = 40^\circ\text{C}$.
- *Questions: pressure & equilibrium composition of gas ?*
- From labelled data for saturation pressures, at 40°C :
 $p^\circ_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} = 7.348 \text{ kPa}$; $p^\circ_{\text{NH}_3} = 1554.33 \text{ kPa}$
- x -values for liquid $\gg 5 \text{ \%}$: use **Raoult's Law** :
 $p_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} = x_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} \cdot p^\circ_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} = 0.3 \cdot 7.348 \text{ kPa} = 2.22 \text{ kPa}$
 $p_{\text{NH}_3} = x_{\text{NH}_3} \cdot p^\circ_{\text{NH}_3} = 0.7 \cdot 1554.33 \text{ kPa} = 1088.3 \text{ kPa}$
- $P_{\text{total}} = p_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} + p_{\text{NH}_3} = 1090.25 \text{ kPa} = 10.9025 \text{ bar}$
- $y_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} = 2.22 \text{ kPa} / 1090.25 \text{ kPa} = 0.002 = 0.2 \text{ \% -v}$
 $y_{\text{NH}_3} = 1088.3 \text{ kPa} / 1090.25 \text{ kPa} = 0.998 = 99.8 \text{ \% -v}$

Source: ÇB98

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Example: Water in air above a lake

- Assume a lake with $T=17^{\circ}\text{C}$, $p_{\text{tot}} = 92 \text{ kPa}$ at water surface level.
- At the surface, the water will be saturated with water, which means $p_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} = p^{\circ}_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} = 1920 \text{ Pa}$.
- Fraction of water in the air at the water surface at equilibrium with the air above is then

$$y_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} = p_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}/p_{\text{tot}} = 1.92 \text{ kPa} / 92 \text{ kPa} = 2.09 \%$$

note: % = %-v (volume %)

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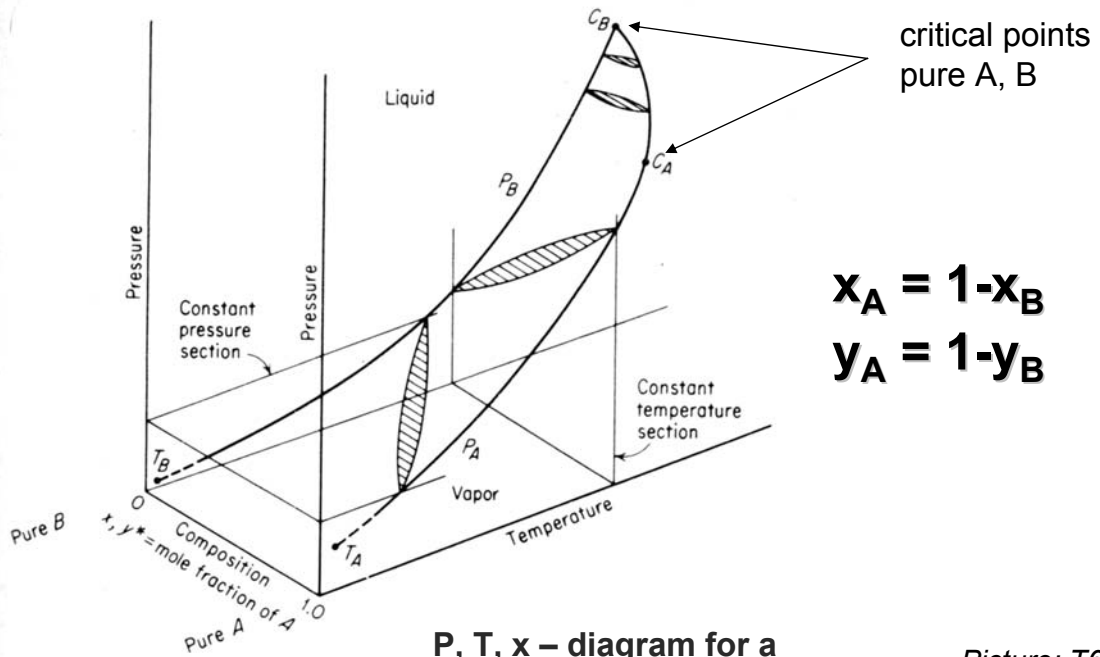
Example: Air dissolved in lake water

- Assume the same lake, $T=17^{\circ}\text{C}$, $p_{\text{tot}} = 92 \text{ kPa}$ at water surface level. At the surface $p_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} = p^{\circ}_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} = 1920 \text{ Pa}$.
- A small amount ($\ll 5 \%$ -vol) of air will be dissolved in the water: use **Henry's Law** to calculate the equilibrium:
- At $T = 290 \text{ K}$, $H_{\text{c AIR,water}} = 6200 \text{ MPa}$
- $p_{\text{AIR}} = p_{\text{tot}} - p_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} = 90.008 \text{ kPa}$
- $X_{\text{AIR, water side}} = p_{\text{AIR,air side}} / H_{\text{c AIR, water}}$
 $= 0.090008 \text{ MPa} / 6200 \text{ MPa} = 1.45 \times 10^{-5} = 0.00145 \%$ -v
- This means 1.45 moles air (molar mass $\sim 29 \text{ kg/kmol}$) in 100000 moles water (molar mass 18 kg/kmol), which means 23.4 mg air / kg water

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Two-component phase diagram (G/L)

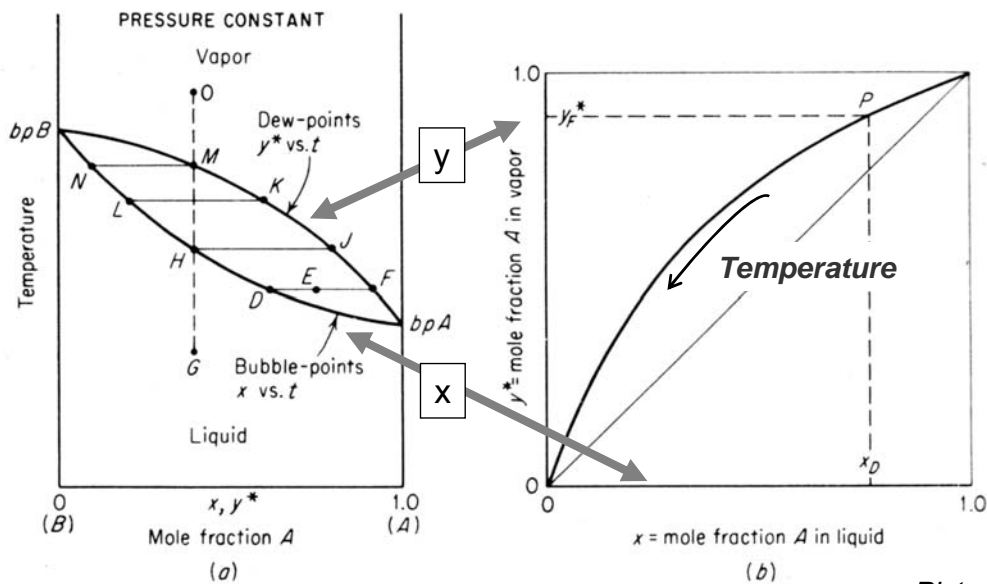


P, T, x – diagram for a binary gas-liquid system

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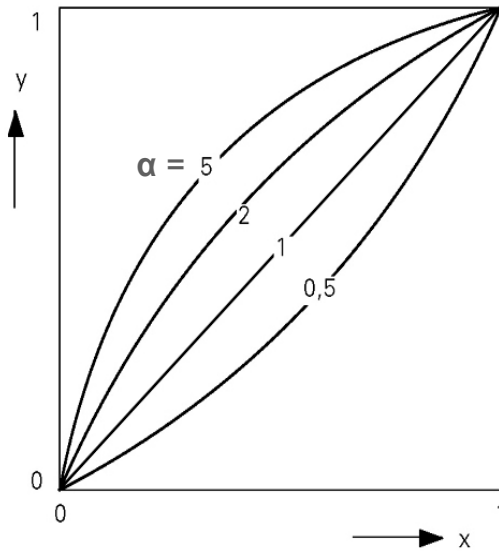
Binary vapour-liquid equilibrium Constant pressure; the x-y diagram



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Relative volatility, α



- Raoult (for not-small x_i):
 $y_A = x_A p_A^\circ$, $y_B = x_B p_B^\circ$
- $x_B = 1 - x_A$, $y_B = 1 - y_A$
- $y_B / y_A = \alpha \cdot x_B / x_A$
 $\alpha = \text{relative volatility}$
 $\alpha = p_B^\circ / p_A^\circ = \alpha(T)$
- result:
 $(1 - y_A) / y_A = \alpha \cdot (1 - x_A) / x_A$

$$y_A = \alpha \cdot x_A / (1 + (\alpha - 1) \cdot x_A)$$

Picture: WK92

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7.3 Separation processes (gas-gas, gas-liquid, liquid-liquid): equilibrium stages

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Separation of mixtures: 1 stage



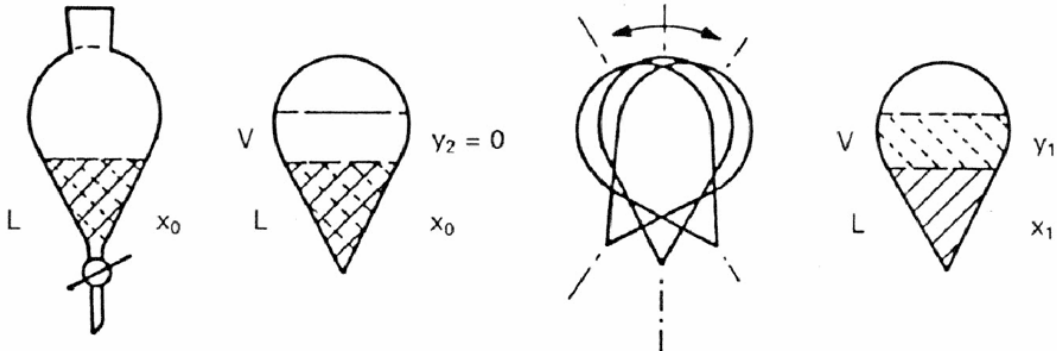
For example: separating phenol from water (L) by adding benzene (V) in a separation funnel.

x = phenol conc. in L, y = phenol conc. in V

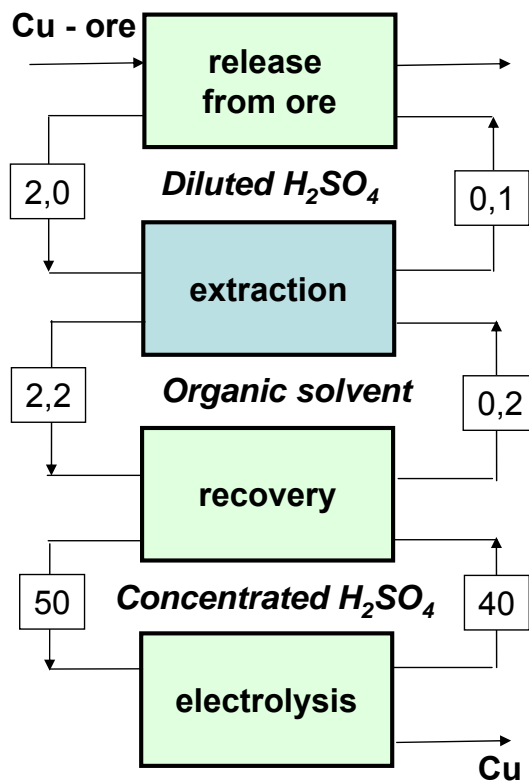
Equilibrium constant: $K = y_1 / x_1$

Separation factor: $S = K \cdot V/L$

Fraction of phenol separated = $S / (S+1)$ for 1 stage



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Numbers are concentrations kg Cu/m³

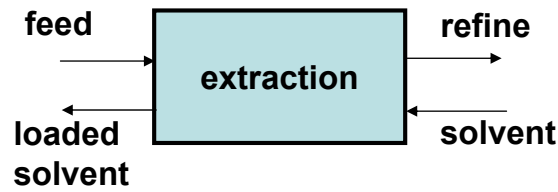
Separation and equilibrium stages

Example
Four-stage processing for Cu recovery from Cu-containing ore (liquid / liquid)

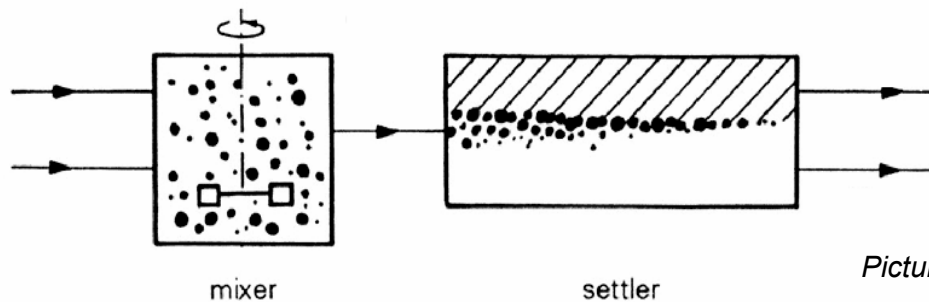
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Phase equilibrium stages /1



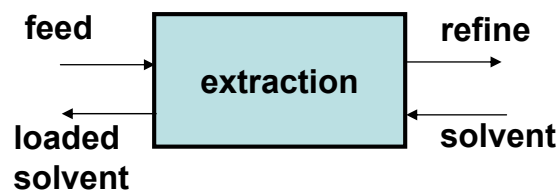
The extraction and the recovery process are combinations of mixing tanks and settling tanks



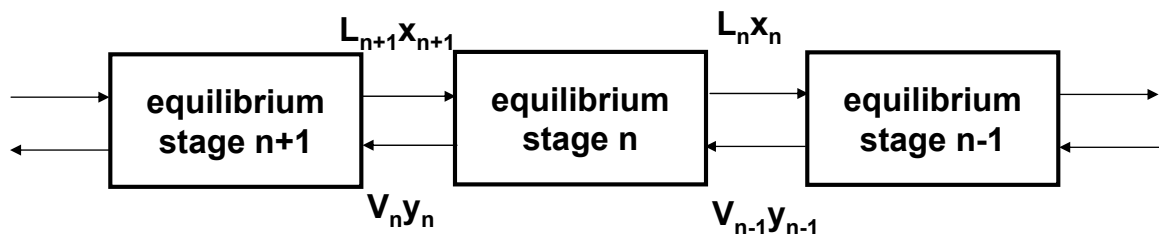
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Phase equilibrium stages /2

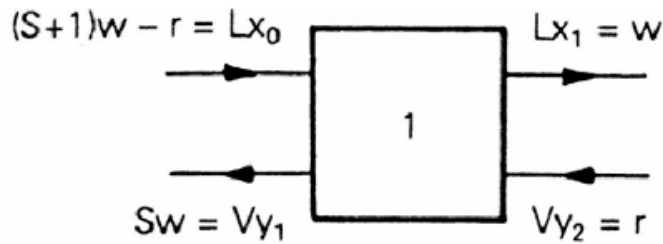


- Cu is transferred from feed stream L to solvent ("support phase") V; the extraction unit can be described as a series of equilibrium stages.
- Equilibrium constant for Cu in feed stream and solvent stream is $K = y_{Cu}/x_{Cu}$
- Thus, for an equilibrium stage n: $y_n = Kx_n$
- Streams L and V are often roughly constant
 $L_1 \approx L_2 \approx \dots \approx L_n = L; V_1 \approx V_2 \approx \dots \approx V_n = V \rightarrow$ separation factor $S = K \cdot V/L$



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Example: phase equilibrium stage



Picture: WK92

- For example: phase equilibrium constant $K=5$;
 $L = 1000 \text{ kg/s}$, $V = 800 \text{ kg/s} \rightarrow S = KV/L = 4$.

Cu in feed $x_0 = 0.2 \text{ \% -wt} = 0.002 \text{ kg/kg}$

- For clean solvent, $y_2=0$, then $Vy_1 / Lx_1 = S$

- \rightarrow Mass balance gives $Lx_0 = (S+1)w-r$

$$Lx_0 + Vy_2 = Lx_0 = Lx_1 + Vy_1 = Lx_1(1 + KV/L) = Lx_1(1 + S)$$

$$\rightarrow Lx_0 = 2 \text{ kg Cu/s } w \rightarrow Lx_1 = Lx_0 / (1 + S) = 0.4 \text{ kg Cu/s}$$

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7.4 Separation processes

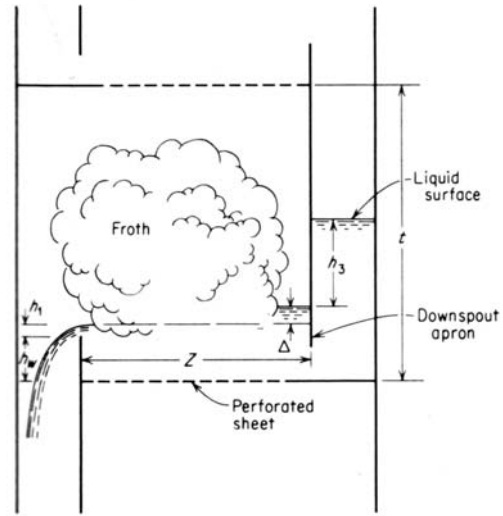
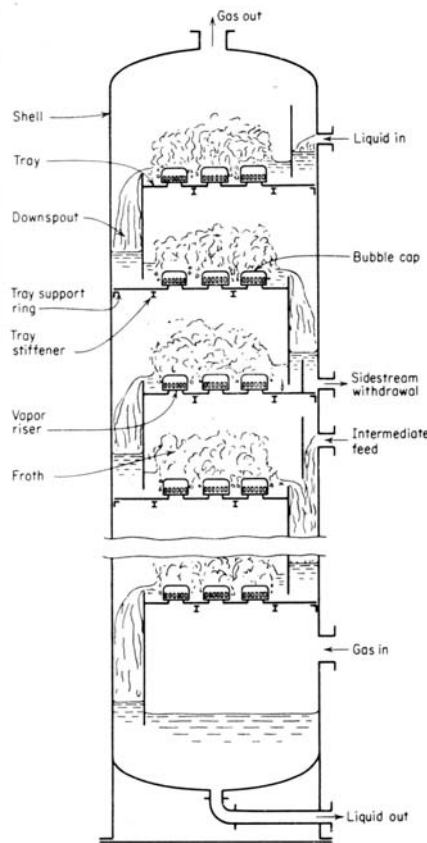
(gas-gas, gas-liquid, liquid-liquid):

continuous distillation;

packed tower columns

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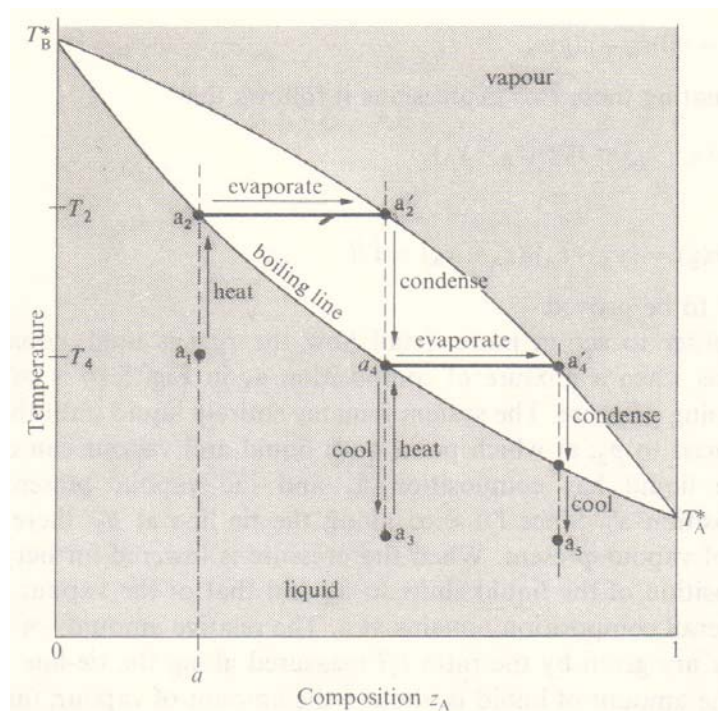
Continuous distillation



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Distillation, principle

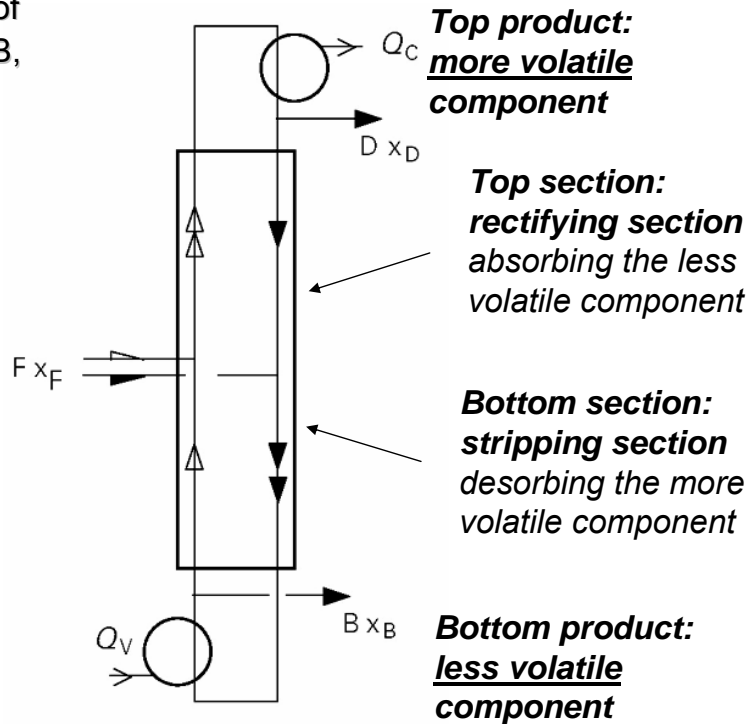
- Liquid with composition a_1 boils at temperature T_2 , giving vapour with composition a'_2 which is enriched in component A
- Taking out and cooling vapour a'_2 gives liquid a_4 at temperature T_4
- In equilibrium with liquid a_4 is vapour a'_4 , again further enriched in component A



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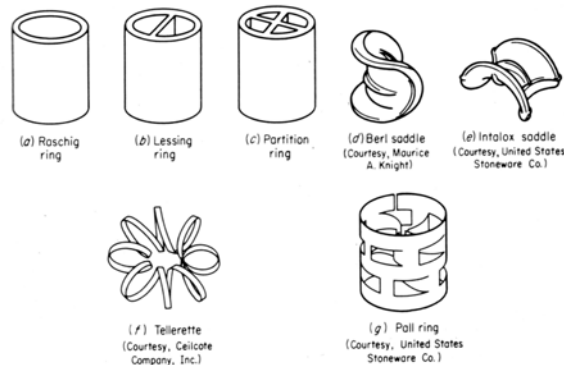
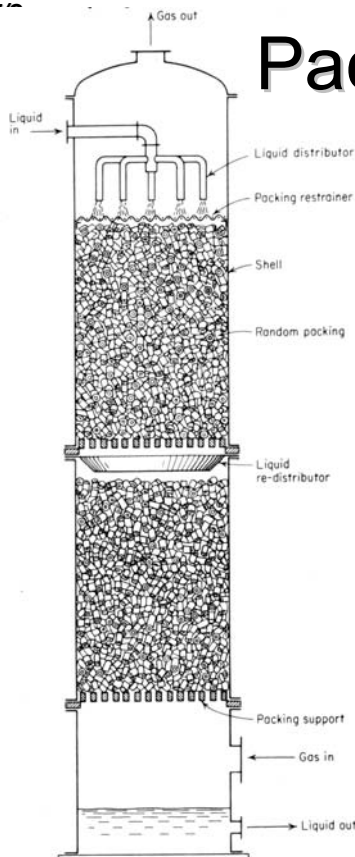
Continuous distillation (binary)

- Separating a mixture of 2 components A and B, with A more volatile
- Liquid for absorption section produced by condensing some top product
- Gas for stripping section produced by boiling some bottom product
- Roughly equimolar exchange: 1 mol A liquid \rightarrow gas \sim 1 mol B gas \rightarrow liquid



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Packed tower columns /1



"Mellapak"

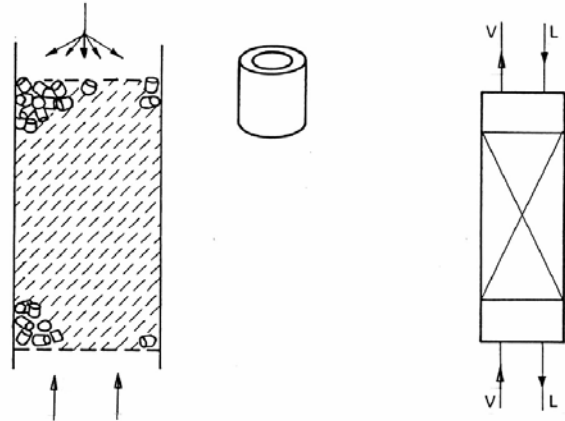
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Packed tower columns ¹²

- Mass transfer from gas to liquid or *vice versa* where the liquid forms a (thin) film on the surface of packing material elements, creating a large contact surface "a" (m^2 / m^3 apparatus)
- For relatively small amounts of material transferred (say, < 2% of the streams) the process may be considered isotherm (vaporisation and condensation have a heat effect!) and streams V and L may be considered constant.



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7.5 Particle technology; Multi-phase flows

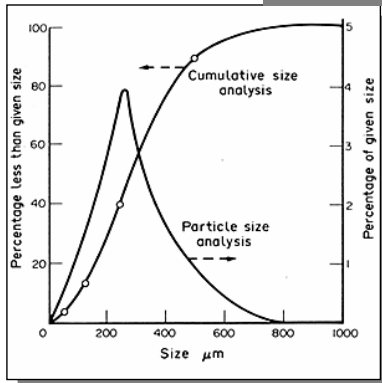
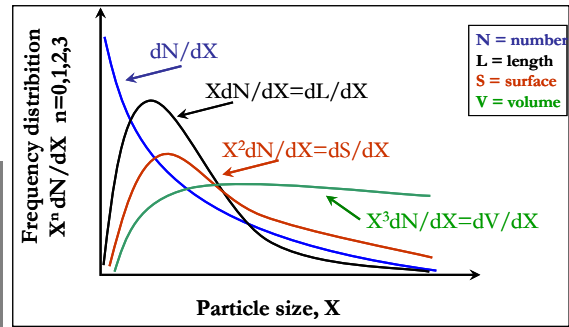
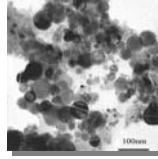
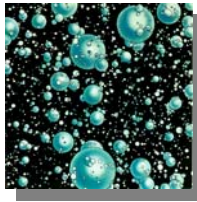


"Consider a particle"

Prof. Brian Scarlett
1938-2004

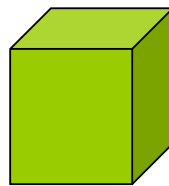
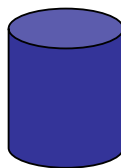
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Particle (or droplet) size distribution



- Different distributions for number, length, surface and volume !
- Different particle size analysers give different distributions: some measure length, others measure surface, etc.

Particle shape



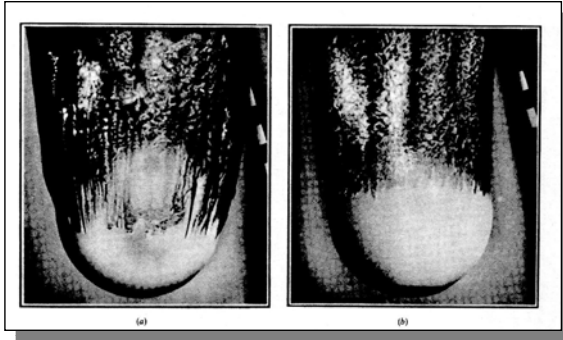
Shape factor,
 "sphericity" ϕ

$$\phi = \frac{4.836 \times (\text{volume})^{2/3}}{\text{surface}}$$

= surface of sphere with same volume
 surface of particle

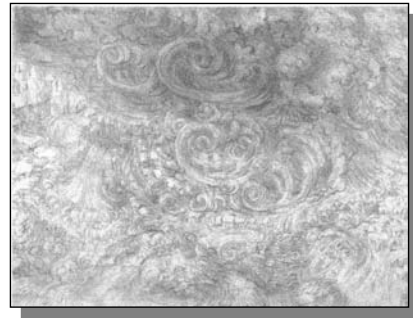
Type of Particle	Sphericity ϕ_s
Sphere	1.00
Cube	0.81
Cylinder	
$h = d$	0.87
$h = 5d$	0.70
$h = 10d$	0.58
Disks	
$h = d/3$	0.76
$h = d/6$	0.60
$h = d/10$	0.47
Activated carbon and silica gels	0.70-0.90
Broken solids	0.63
Coal	
anthracite	0.63
bituminous	0.63*
natural dust	0.65
pulverized	0.73
Cork	0.69
Glass, crushed, jagged	0.65
Magnetite, Fischer-Tropsch catalyst	0.58*
Mica flakes	0.28
Sand	
round	0.86*
sharp	0.66*
old beach	as high as 0.86
young river	as low as 0.53
Tungsten powder	0.89
Wheat	0.85

Particles in fluid flows

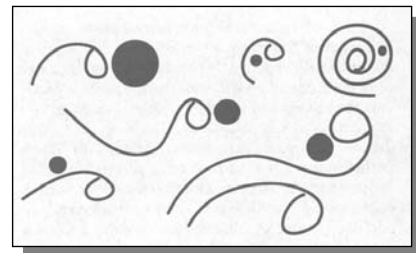


A smooth (a) and roughened (b) ball entering water at 25 °C

Picture: CR93

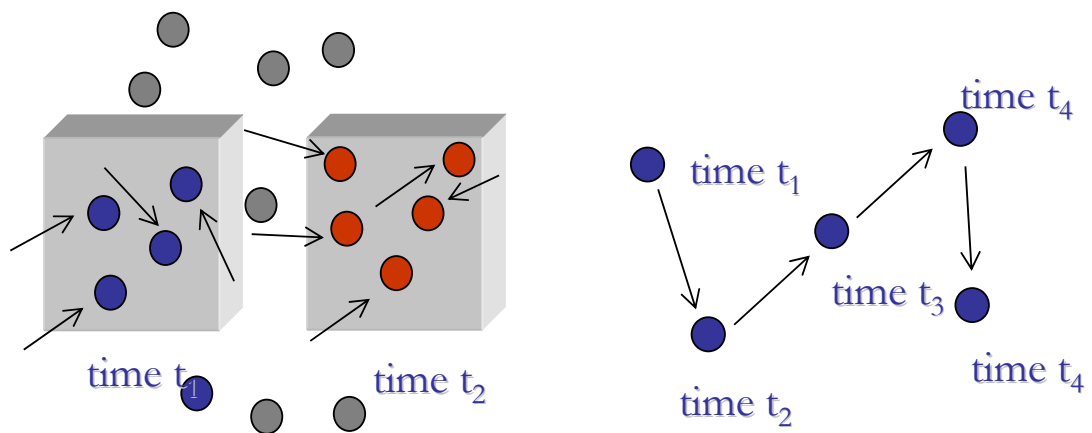


Turbulence as seen by Da Vinci



Particles and turbulent eddies

Eulerian vs. Lagrangian particle representation



Focussing on a control volume (Euler), *left*, or focussing on particle trajectories (Lagrange), *right*

Euler-Euler (for fluid and particulate phase) and Euler-Lagrange methods are both widely used *Source: ZH00*

Aerosols

- **Aerosol:** A suspension of solid or liquid particles in a gas. Aerosols are stable for at least a few seconds and in some cases may last a year or more. The term "aerosol" includes both the particles and the gas, which is usually air. Particle size ranges from 0.001 to over 100 μm .

For example smoke is a dispersion of solid particles or droplets in air.

- **Sol:** particles dispersed in a liquid, for example ink



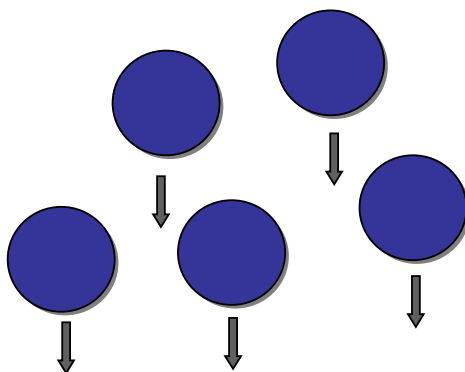
Picture: http://www.aerosol-soc.org.uk/images/Stack_plume.jpg
 Picture: http://kapstadt.org/en/photos_of_cape_town/people_of_south_africa/

Source: ZH00

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Flow of particle swarms

Drag coefficient for sphere in swarm, C_D^* , corrected for effect of neighbour particles



Small particles,
low Re: $f(\epsilon) = \epsilon^{-4.7}$

$$C_D^* = C_D \cdot f(\epsilon) = C_D \cdot \epsilon^{-n}$$

ϵ = voidage, porosity

Richardson - Zaki hindrance factor:

Re	n
< 0.2	4.65
0.2 ~ 1	$4.35 \times \text{Re}^{-0.03}$
1 ~ 500	$4.45 \times \text{Re}^{-0.01}$
> 500	2.39

Source: ZH00

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Flow in packed beds

Darcy's Law:

$$u = K \frac{-\Delta p}{\eta_{\text{fluid}} L}$$

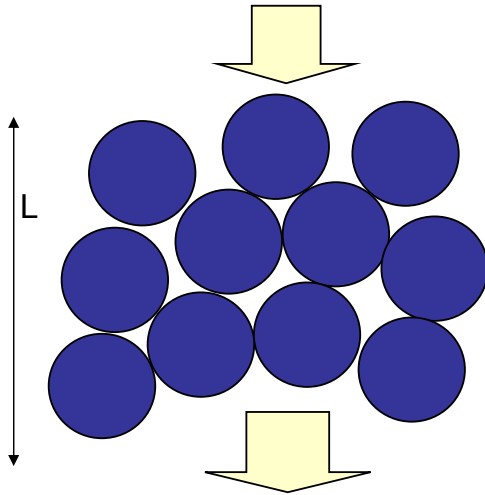
with permeability K

Kozeny - Carman equation:

$$u = \frac{\epsilon^3 (-\Delta p)}{5(1-\epsilon) S_v^2 \eta_{\text{fluid}} L}$$

S_v = specific surface = surface/volume

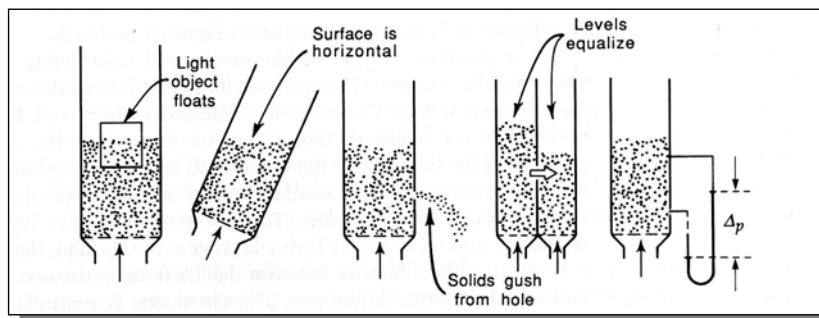
$S_v = 6 / d_p$ for a sphere with diameter d_p



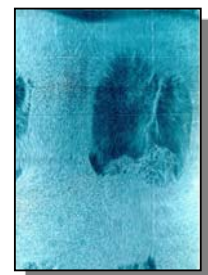
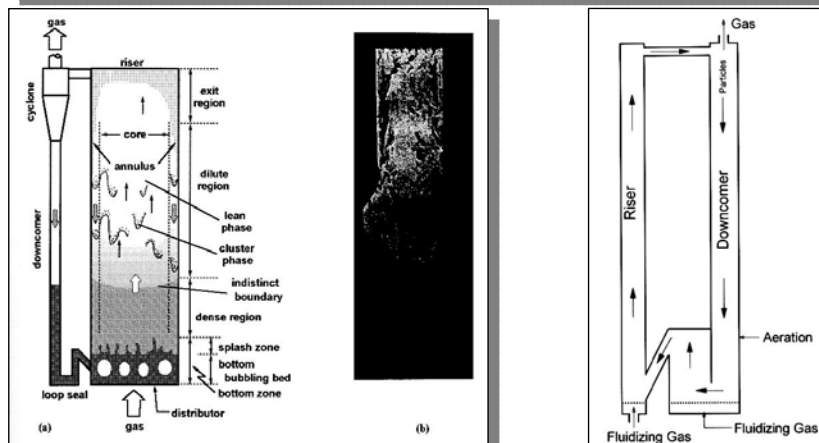
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Fluidised beds



Source: ZH00



gas bubble in a gas/solid fluidised bed

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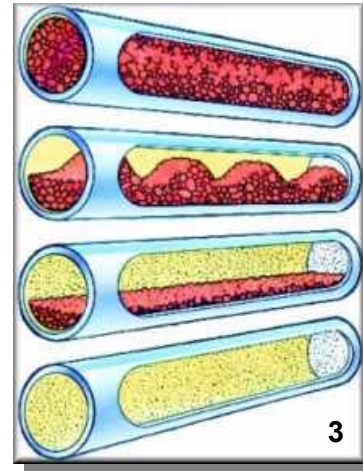
Conveying systems: mechanical, pneumatic, hydraulic



1 Pneumatic conveyor / drier



2 Conveyor belt



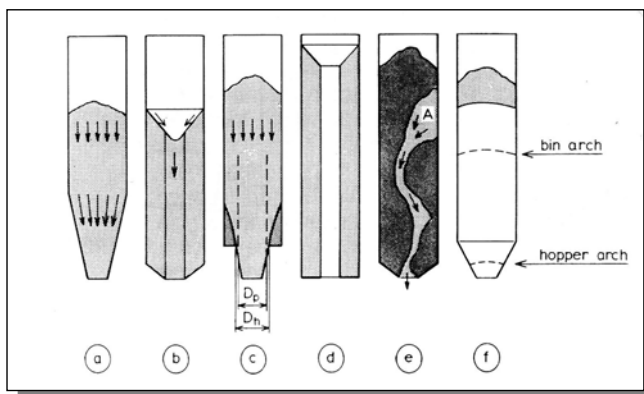
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- 4 pneumatic conveying regimes :
- Solid Dense Phase
 - Discontinuous Dense Phase
 - Continuous Dense Phase
 - Dilute Phase

Picture 1: <http://www.bateman.co.za/pro-eng-pne.htm>

Picture 2: <http://www.protectowire.com/images/applications/conveyor/coal-baltimore-ig.jpg>

Picture 3: http://www.mactenn.com/pnu_overview.html

Flow of powders in/from silos



- a. Mass flow
- b. Funnel flow
- c. Expanded flow
- d. "Pipe"
- e. Rathole
- f. Arching



Source: ZH00

A gas cyclone

Advantages

Simple, cheap and compact

Large capacity

Disadvantages

Large pressure drop

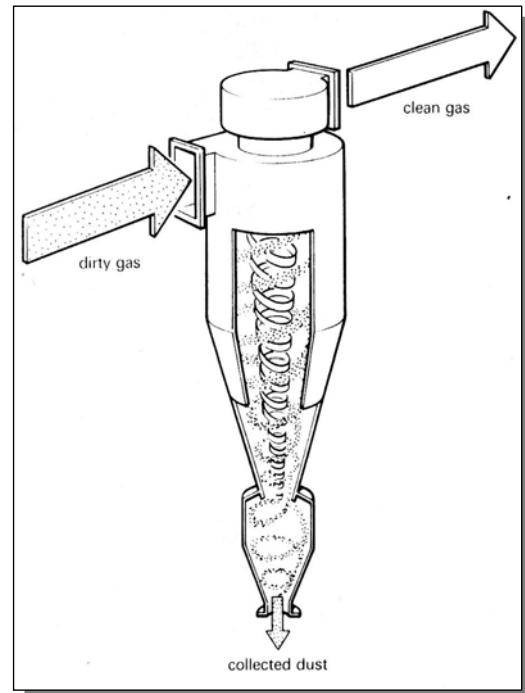
Low efficiency

“Catch” removal problems

No removal below $\sim 5 \mu\text{m}$

Problems above $\sim 400 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$

See also hydro-cyclones and other cyclones for liquid-solid, liquid-liquid and liquid-gas separations



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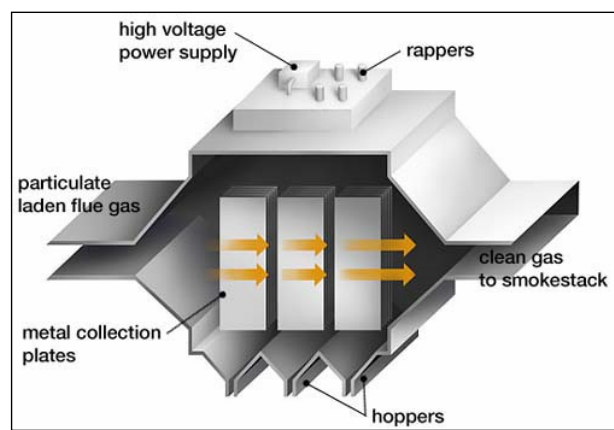
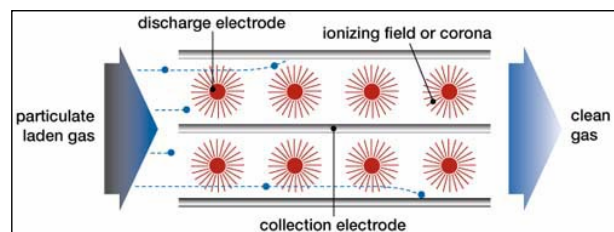
Electrostatic precipitators (ESPs)

4 process steps:

1. Particle charging
2. Particle movement relative to the gas flow
3. Particle collection at deposition surface
4. Particle removal from deposition surface (often discontinuous)

Note: the electric properties of the particles to be removed should be suitable, otherwise use a filter system

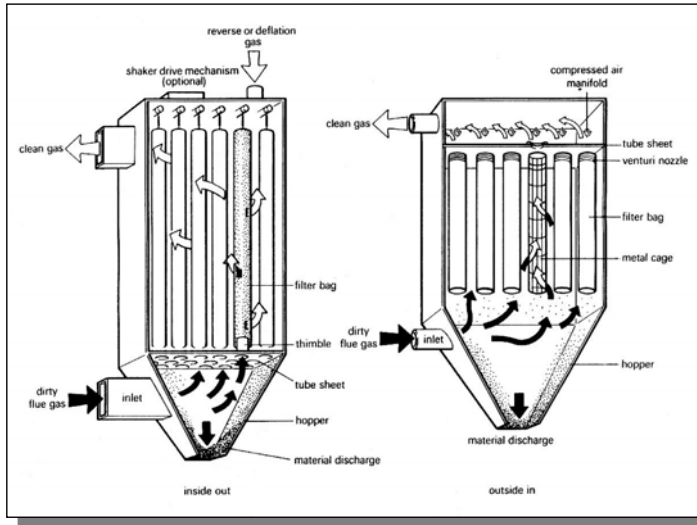
Typically quite large, mainly used at power plants for fly-ash removal from flue gas



Pictures: <http://www.eas.asu.edu/~holbert/wise/electrostaticprecip.html>

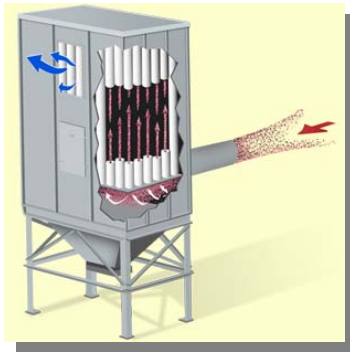
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Baghouse filters



Inside out / outside in operation

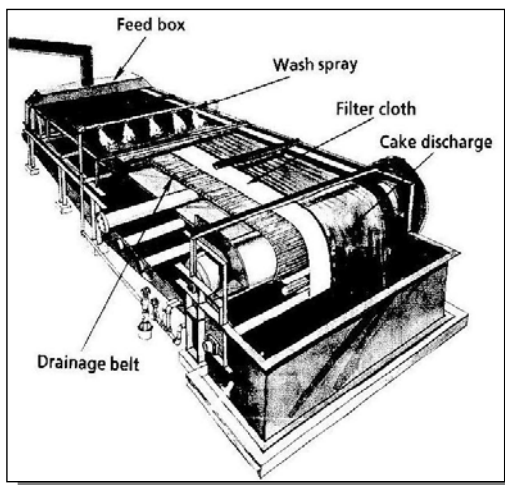
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Picture: <http://www.industrysearch.com.au/products/images/cbag.gif>
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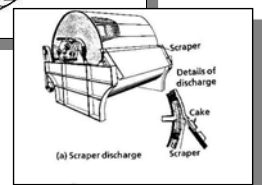
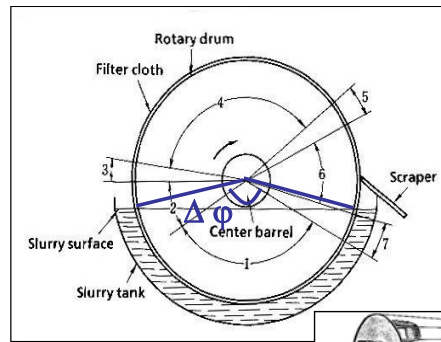
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Liquid filtration



Horizontal belt filter

Source: IGH91, ZH00

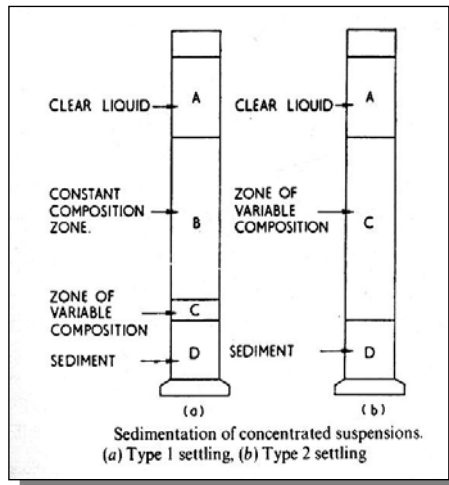


Rotary drum filter

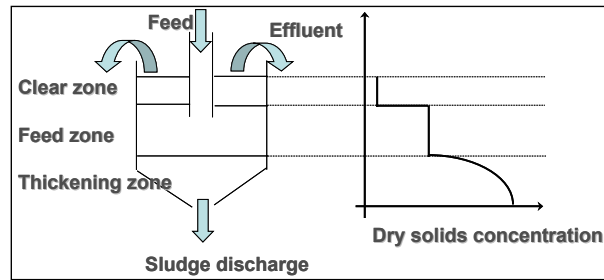
- ~ Constant pressure filtration
- N rotation /min (rpm), drum radius R (m), length L (m),
- submerged angle $\Delta \phi = (0 \dots \pi)$
- volume element $\Delta A = R L \Delta \phi$ is submerged for a time $\Delta t = \Delta \phi / (2\pi N)$ (min)

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Sedimentation of suspensions



Batch sedimentation test



Continuous thickener



Source: IGH91, ZH00

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Picture: http://www.geocities.com/fitzgerrell/work_img/thickener.jpg

Solid-solid separations

- Used for separating unwanted materials or size fractions
- Equipment examples:
 - Sieves, screens
 - Cyclones, centrifuges
 - Hydraulic separators
 - Sink-float, froth flotation separators
 - Magnetic, electrostatic separators



Screens



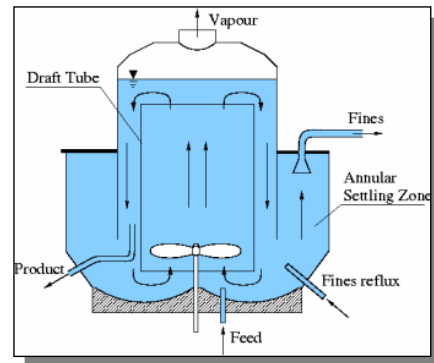
Froth flotation

Picture http://www.key.net/p_product.cfm?productid=30
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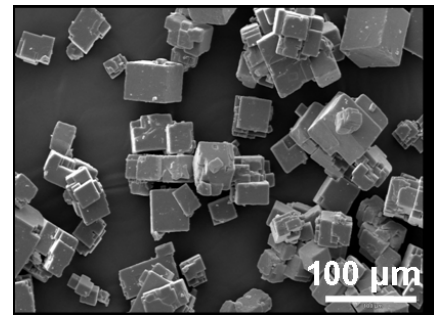
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Crystallisers

- Solid product crystals can be produced from gases, liquid melts or solutions
- Advantages are: high product purity (crystallisation can be seen as a separation process!), and (except for liquid melts) low energy demand and low temperatures
- Important issues are crystal product morphology, crystal growth kinetics, inclusion of impurities (and crystal water), and process control (temperature ↔ product size distribution and quality)



A continuous crystalliser



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Picture http://www.mpi-magdeburg.mpg.de/research/projects/1032/1035/1035_1043
 Picture <http://www.tvt.cbi.uni-erlangen.de/deu/forschung/kristallisation/crystallisation.htm>

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