CH402 Chemical Engineering Process Design

Class Notes L6

Solids Handling

Three Different Categories: Conveyors, Classifiers, and Size Reduction
FEE Manual, pages 253-256

Types of conveyors

- screw and belt, figure 12-60, page 573
- bucket , figure 12-61, page 574
- pneumatic , figure 12-63, page 575 (&12-15)
- vibrating, figure 12-64, page 575
- chutes and gates, figure 12-65, page 576

Screw Conveyors

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http://www.directindustry.com/prod/flexicon/flexible-screw-conveyor-15544-34850.html

$$P_{horizontal} = 0.07 \cdot \dot{m}_s^{.85} \cdot L$$

$$P_{veritcal} = 0.012 \cdot \dot{m}_s \cdot \Delta z$$

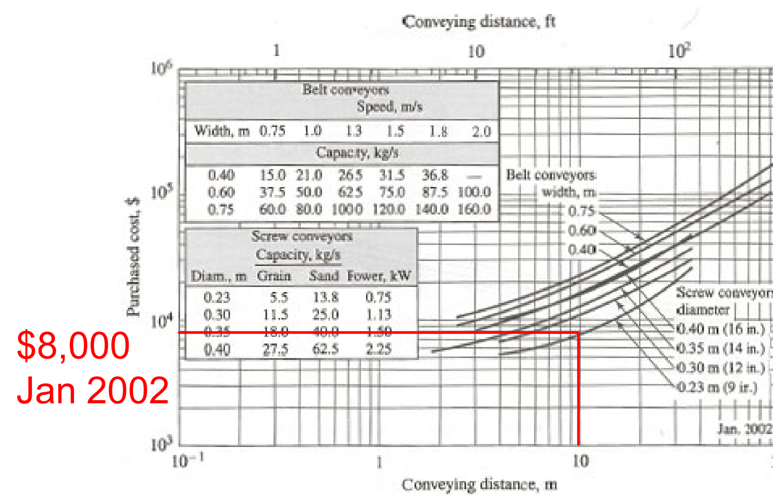
Table 12-14, p. 562

$P =$ power in kW

$\dot{m}_s =$ flow rate of solid in kg/s

$L =$ horizontal length of conveyor (run) in m

$\Delta z =$ height of conveyor in m



Purchased Cost, Figure 12-60, page 573

Total cost is cost to purchase equipment plus cost of power to run the equipment

Example: A 10-m screw conveyor with a diameter of 0.23 m moves with a run of 8 m and a vertical rise of 6 m moves 5.5 kg/s of sand. Determine the cost of the conveyor and the energy cost for 1 year of continuous operation if electricity cost is 0.179 $/kWh.

$$P_{horizontal} = 0.07 \cdot 5.5^{.85} \cdot 8 = 2.385 \text{ kW}$$

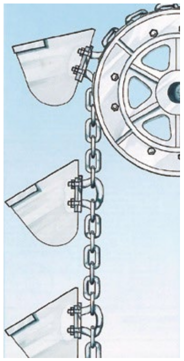
$$P_{veritcal} = 0.012 \cdot 5.5 \cdot 6 = 0.396 \text{ kW}$$

$$P_{total} = 0.396 + 2.385 = 2.781 \text{ kW}$$

$$\text{Energy Cost} = 2.781 \text{ kW} \cdot 8760\text{h} \cdot \frac{\$0.179}{\text{kWh}} = \$4,360$$

Bucket Conveyors

http://new.gronemeyer-conveyor.com/
http://www.becherwerk.de



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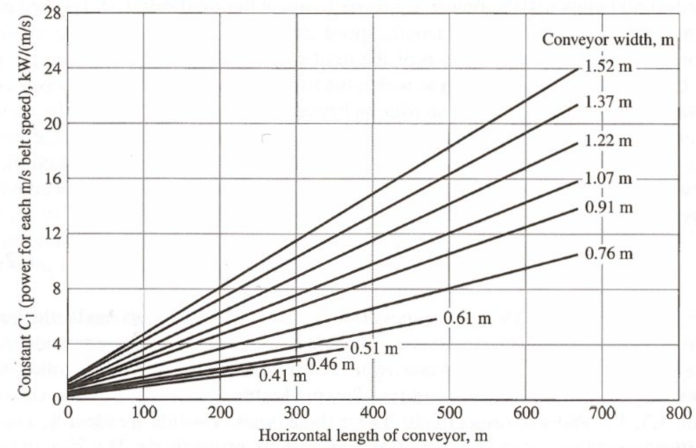
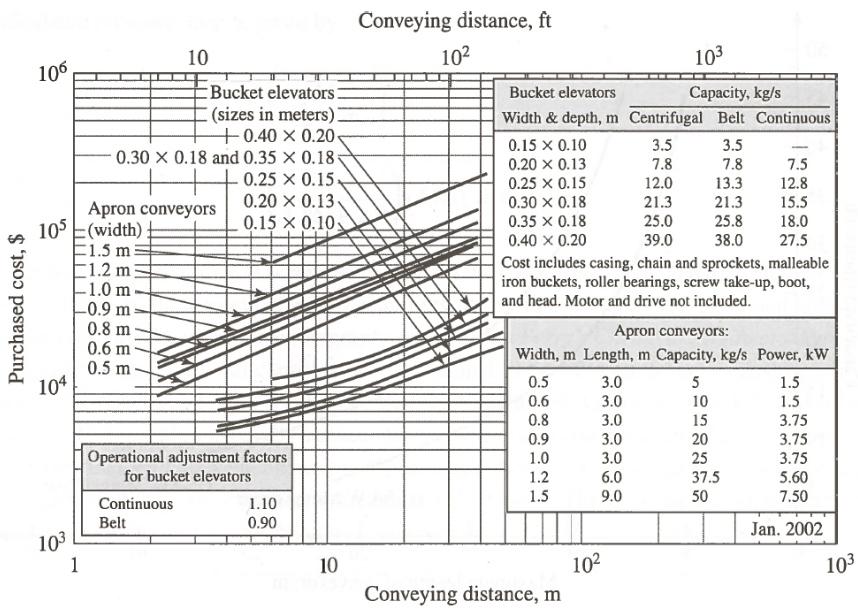


C_1 is from figure 12-58 on p. 566



Bucket elevators	Capacity, kg/s		
Width & depth, m	Centrifugal	Belt	Continuous
0.15 × 0.10	3.5	3.5	—
0.20 × 0.13	7.8	7.8	7.5
0.25 × 0.15	12.0	13.3	12.8
0.30 × 0.18	21.3	21.3	15.5
0.35 × 0.18	25.0	25.8	18.0
0.40 × 0.20	39.0	38.0	27.5

Cost includes casing, chain and sprockets, malleable iron buckets, roller bearings, screw take-up, boot, and head. Motor and drive not included.

Apron conveyors:

Width, m	Length, m	Capacity, kg/s	Power, kW
0.5	3.0	5	1.5
0.6	3.0	10	1.5
0.8	3.0	15	3.75
0.9	3.0	20	3.75
1.0	3.0	25	3.75
1.2	6.0	37.5	5.60
1.5	9.0	50	7.50

Operational adjustment factors for bucket elevators	
Continuous	1.10
Belt	0.90

Costs are in Figure 12-61, page 574

$$P = P_{empty} + P_{horizontal} + P_{veritcal}$$

$$= C_1 V_{BS} + 0.0295\left(0.4 + \frac{L}{91.42}\right)\dot{m}_s$$

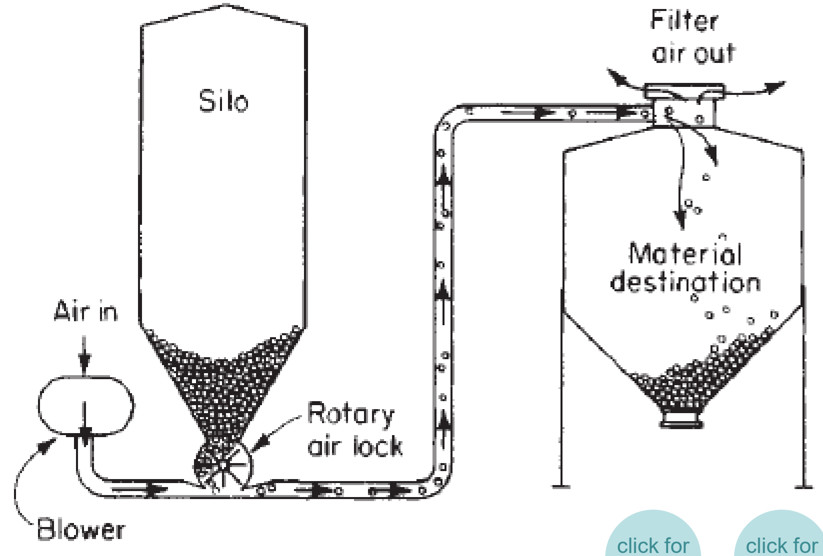
$$+ 0.00969 \cdot \Delta z \cdot \dot{m}_s$$

V_{BS} is the belt speed in m/s

Pneumatic Conveyors

Special Application of Pipe Flow

(See p. 569; we will work Ex. 12-8)



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Total power is compressor (blower) power plus power to overcome frictional losses

$$P_{total} = 0.001\left(\frac{P_C \dot{m}_a}{\eta} + P_f\right)$$

p. 569, eq 12-58

frictional losses

Frictional losses are due to frictional losses for air and solids

$$P_f = P_a + P_s$$

P_f = frictional pressure losses

$$\frac{V^2}{2} \qquad \Delta z \cdot g \qquad 1.155 \cdot f_s \cdot g$$

centrifugal losses in elbows, p. 569, eq 12-56

$$P_s = \left(W_{KE} + W_L + W_{sf} + W_{el}\right)\dot{m}_s$$

$$W_{sf} = f_s \cdot L \cdot g = 1.0 \cdot L \cdot g$$

"sliding friction," p. 569, eq 12-55; L is length of conveyor

given, page 571

Compressor work is given by eq. 12-22a, p. 527

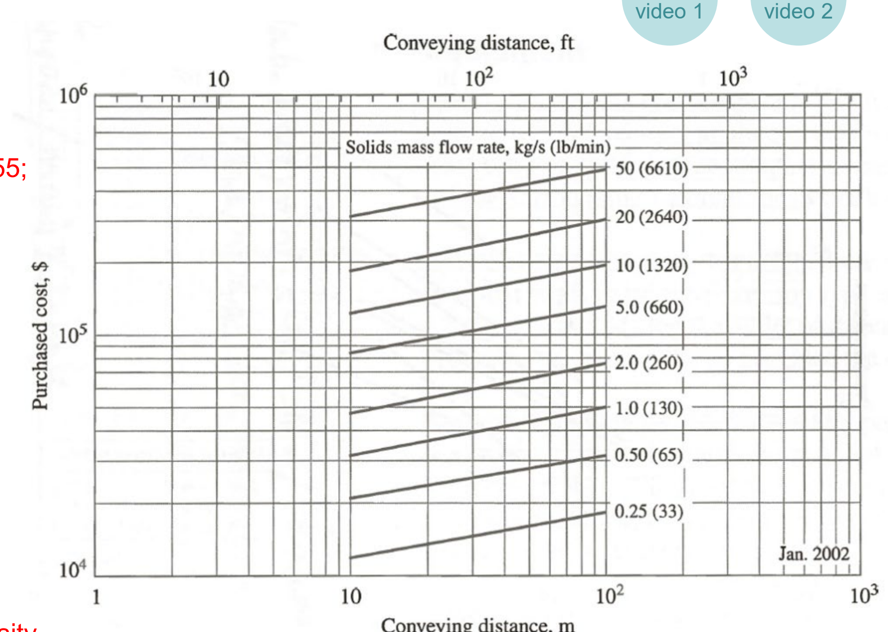
$$P_C = \dot{m}_a R T\left(\frac{k}{k+1}\right)\left[\left(\frac{P_{outlet}}{P_{inlet}}\right)^{(k-1)/k} - 1\right] \quad (kW)$$

$k = C_P / C_V$

Pressure drop in the line is due to the movement of the "psuedofluid" air-solid mixture, eq. 12-56, p. 569

$$\text{pressure drop} = \frac{0.001 \cdot P_f \cdot \rho_m}{\dot{m}_a + \dot{m}_s}$$

average density of solids and air



Costs are in Figure 12-63, page 575

Size Reduction

Costs are in Figures 12-67 to 12-74, pp. 583-586

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http://www.kleemann.info/en/technologies/crushing-technology/

Table 12-19 Work indices for grinding specific materials

Material	Density, kg/m³	Work index, kJ/kg
Cement clinker	3140	53.26
Cement (raw material)	2665	41.62
Coal	1395	51.48
Coke	1305	59.91
Granite	2655	59.91
Gravel	2655	63.60
Iron ore	3520	50.85
Limestone	2655	50.45
Quartz	2645	53.74
Shale	2625	62.85
Slate	2565	56.63

$$P = 0.01 \cdot \dot{m}_s \cdot W_i \cdot \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{D_{pp}}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{D_{pf}}} \right)$$

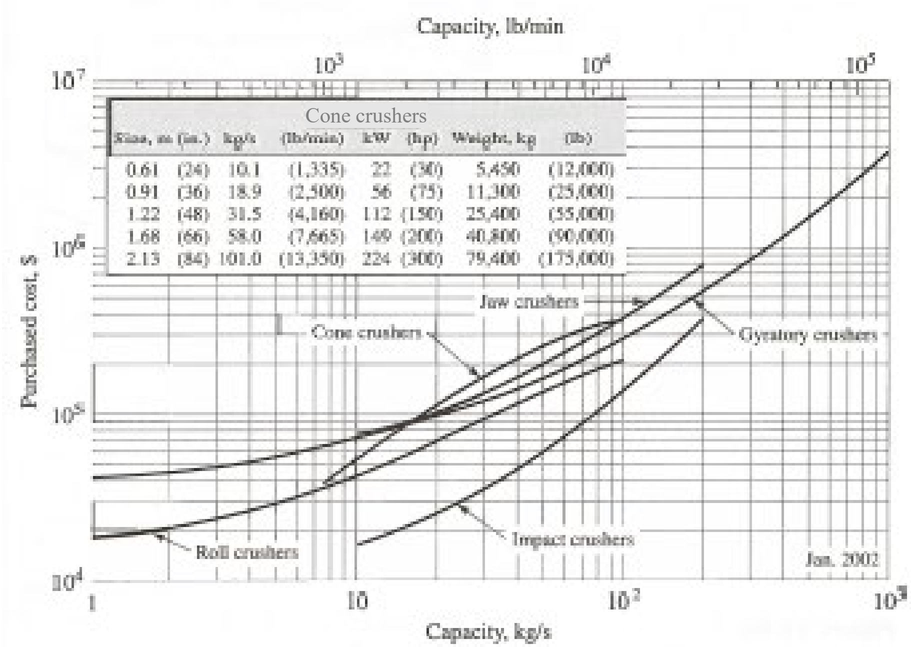

Fig. 12-67 Crushers, including motor and drive

$P =$ power in kW

$\dot{m}_s =$ flow rate of solid in kg/s

$D_{pp} =$ particle size of product in m

$D_{pf} =$ particle size of feed in m

$W_i =$ work index

Work index is the total energy per kg needed to reduce the particle size of the feed so that 80% of product passes through a 100-μm mesh.

Size Reduction

Costs are in Figures 12-67 to 12-74, pp. 583-586

Table 12-18. Design criteria for size reduction equipment under closed circulation operation. [a]

Equipment type	Solid hardness, moh	Max. capacity, kg/s	Max. reduction ratio R	Power, kW [b]
Jaw crusher	8-10	400 (coarse)	8	$P = 3\ \dot{m}_s^{0.88}\ R$
		200 (intermediate)		
Gyratory crusher	8-10	4000 (coarse)	8	$P = 2.5\ \dot{m}_s^{0.88}\ R$
		400 (intermediate)		
Impact crusher	1-3	400	35	$P = 1.0\ \dot{m}_s^{0.88}\ R$
Roll crusher	8-10	125	16	$P = 0.6\ \dot{m}_s^{0.88}\ R$
	4-7			$P = 0.3\ \dot{m}_s^{0.88}\ R$
Disk or attrition mill	1-3	15	15	$P = 10\dot{m}_s$ to $50\dot{m}_s$
Tumbling mills				
Rod mill	8-10	50	15	$P = 0.007\dot{m}_s / D_{pp}$
Ball mill	8-10	15	20	$P = 0.008\dot{m}_s / D_{pp}$
Vibratory mill	8-10	0.1	30	$P = 40\dot{m}_s / D_{pp}^{0.3}$
Ring-roll grinder	4-7	15	15	$P = 0.3\ \dot{m}_s\ R$
Hammer mill	1-3	2	50	$P = 40\dot{m}_s \ln R$
Jet mill	8-10	1	50	$P = 1\text{–}10\,\text{kg air}\ (800\,\text{kPa / kg solid})$
Rotary Cutter	1-3	50	50	$P = 100\dot{m}_s$ to $500\dot{m}_s$

[a] Modified from G.D. Ulrich, *A Guide to Chemical Engineering Process Design and Economics*, J. Wiley, New York, 1984, R.H. Snow, *in Perry's Chemical Engineers' Handbook*, 7th Ed., McGraw-Hill, New York, 1997, and vendor literature.

[b] Power P in kW, solids mass flow rate $\dot{m}_s$ in kg/s, reduction ratio R dimensionless, and product particle diameter D_{pp} in m.

Questions?