

Pneumatic transport

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Monday

→ use of gas for transport

dilute phase pneumatic transport:

Particles are distributed uniformly and this method is used for small distance, Require high gas velocity.

→ $U_{fluid} > U_{salting} \text{ velocity}$

$U_f > U_{choking} \text{ velocity}$

salting → minimum fluid velocity at which horizontal pneumatic transport happens

$Q \rightarrow \frac{\text{Mass Flow rate}}{\text{cross sectional area}}$

choking → minimum fluid velocity at which vertical pneumatic transport happens.

Since terminal velocity is size dependent and we will never have uniform particles that's why we have defined salting and choking velocities.

Bends and T-Joint

To join two pipeline we use Bends and T-Joints.

curved joints



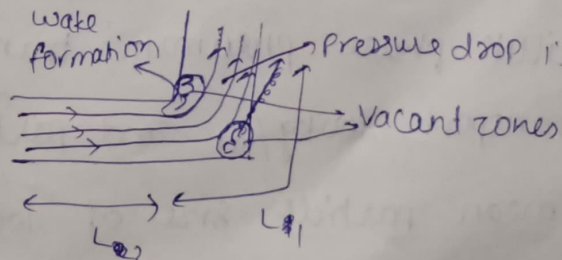
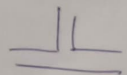
Energy loss



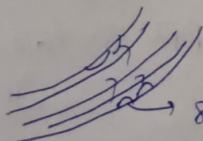
Pressure drop (ΔP)

T-Joints

If joint is perfect 90° then it is T joint

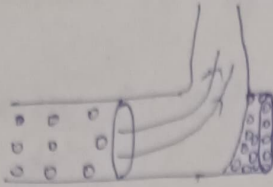


energy loss will be much higher in L_1 than L_2 because of wake formation.



small wake formation in bends

Blind T-joints



friction ~~also~~ depends on fluid and wall

So less energy loss

less friction loss } As there will be less friction ~~also~~ b/w particle - 2 interact ion }
very less wake formation

for fluid transports bends are more preferable. but in Pneumatic transport Blind T-joints are used

M_p → mass flow rate
 ρ_f → density of fluid
 $U_{salting}$
 A → Area

$$U_{salting} = \left(\frac{1}{10} \right)^{1.44 \times 10^4 + 1.96} \left(\frac{U_{ch}}{\sqrt{gD}} \right)^{1100 \times 2.5}$$

Salting velocity

mean particle size

unknowns

Chocking velocity

$$U_{ch} - U_{terminal} = \frac{G}{\rho_{particle} (1 - E_{ch})}$$

$$\rho_f^{0.77} = \frac{2250 D^{-4.7} (E_{ch} - 1)}{\left(\frac{U_{ch}}{E_{ch}} - U_f \right)^2}$$

Diameter of particle

$$G = \frac{\text{mass flow rate}}{\text{Area}}$$

Q A dilute phase pneumatic transport system is employed to transport 900 kg/hr sand particles having density of 2500 kg/m³ and mean particle size of 100 μm between two points in a plant separated by 30 m horizontal distance using ambient air. Estimate the salting velocity. • Diameter of pipe is 76.2 mm or 3 inch.

$$\frac{M_p}{\int_f U_{salt} A} = \frac{1}{10^{1440x+1.96}} \left(\frac{U_{salt}}{\sqrt{gD}} \right)^{(1100x+2.5)}$$

air	water
$\rho = 1 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3}$	$\rho = 1000 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3}$
viscosity	viscosity
0.01 cP	1 cP
centipoise	

$$M_p = 900 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{hr}} = \frac{900 \text{ kg}}{3600 \text{ s}} \quad x = 100 \mu\text{m} = 10^{-4} \text{ m}$$

$$\rho_f = 1 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3}$$

$$L = 30 \text{ m}$$

$$D = 76.2 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mm}$$

$$\rho_p = 2500 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3}$$

$$A = \frac{\pi D^2}{4} = \frac{\pi}{4} (0.0762)^2$$

Put all information in the formula.

$$U_{salting} = 10.4434 \text{ m/s}$$

$$U_{superficial} = 1.5 \times U_{salting} = 15.6651 \text{ m/s}$$

pneumatic transport system

should be operated at 1.5 times

the salting velocity

It is required to use an existing 50mm inside diameter vertical smooth pipe as lift line to transfer 2000 kg/h of sand of mean particle size 270 μm and $\rho_{particle} = 2500 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3}$ to a process some above the solids feed point. Determine choking velocity.

Pipe diameter = 50mm and pipe length = 50m and $U_T = 0.52 \text{ m/s}$

$$\rho_p = 2500 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3}$$

$$x = 270 \mu\text{m} = 0.27 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}$$

$$L = 50 \text{ m}$$

$$D = 50 \text{ mm} = 0.05 \text{ m}$$

$$A = \frac{\pi (0.05)^2}{4}$$

$$M_p = 2000 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{hr}} = \frac{2000}{3600} = 0.56 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{s}}$$

$$\rho_f = 1 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3}$$

$$U_T = 0.52 \text{ m/s}$$

$$\frac{U_{ch}}{E_{ch}} - U_T = \frac{G}{\rho_f (1 - E_{ch})}$$

$$G = \frac{M_p}{A} = \frac{0.56}{0.00196} = 282.94 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^2 \text{ s}}$$

$$\rho_f^{0.77} = \frac{22500 (E_{ch}^{-4.7} - 1)}{\left(\frac{U_{ch}}{E_{ch}} - U_T \right)^2}$$

Put $\frac{U_{CH}}{E_{CH}} - U_T$ from eqn ① in eqn ②

$$\rho_f^{0.77} = \frac{2250 D (-E_{CH}^{-4.7} - 1)}{\left(\frac{G}{\rho_p (1 - E_{CH})} \right)^2}$$

$$1 - E_{CH} = \frac{G}{\rho_p (RHS)}$$

$$\text{or } \frac{G}{\rho_p (1 - E_{CH})} = \left(\frac{2250 D (-E_{CH}^{-4.7} - 1)}{\rho_f^{0.77}} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

E_{CH} will be always greater than 0.9 in pneumatic transport

initial guess

E_{CH}
0.9

LHS $\xrightarrow{\text{calculate}}$ RHS

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Void fraction (E_{CH}) will be higher

$$E_{CH} = \boxed{1 - \frac{G}{\rho_p [RHS]}} \quad \text{calc}$$

E_{CH} assumed

0.9

0.93

0.971

0.972

$E_{\text{calc}} =$

0.9975

0.997512

0.974

0.97156

So, $E_{CH} = 0.972$

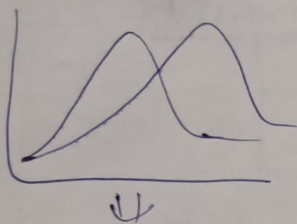
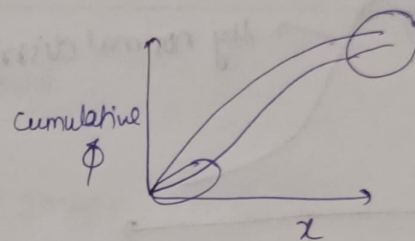
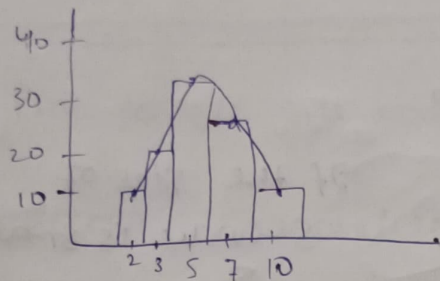
Now

$$\frac{U_{CH}}{0.92} - 0.52 = \frac{282.94}{2500 (1 - 0.972)}$$

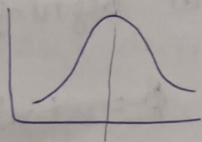
Fine particle characterization:

Size distribution

Particle size	wt. % (dφ)	cumulative dis. (%)
1 → 2	10	10
2 → 3	20	30
3 → 5	35	65
5 → 7	25	90
7 → 10	10	100

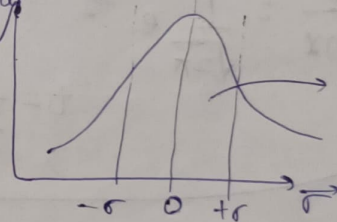


Normal distribution



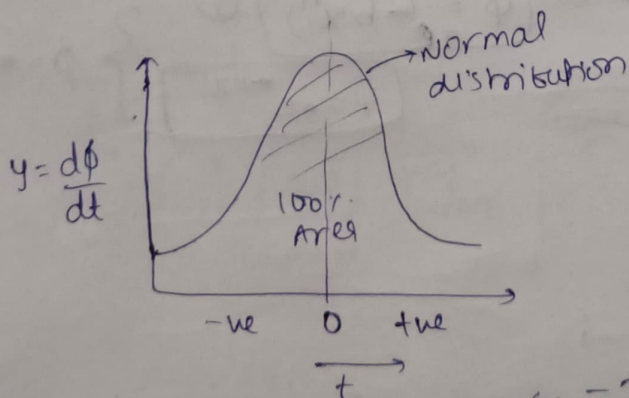
frequency

Normal distribution



63% of data lies in this region

$$f = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{\sigma^2}{2}}$$



$$y = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{t^2}{2}}$$

$$t = \frac{(x - \bar{x})}{\sigma}$$

↑ avg
↑ standard deviation

$$\frac{d\phi}{dt} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{(x-\bar{x})^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

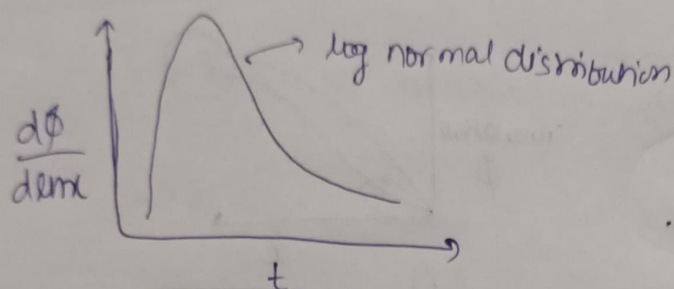
Particle size analysis
by T. Allen

$$t = \frac{x - \bar{x}}{\sigma}$$

$$\sigma t = x - \bar{x}$$

$$\sigma dt = dx$$

$$\boxed{\frac{d\phi}{dx} = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{(x-\bar{x})^2}{2\sigma^2}}} \quad (1)$$



If the size of S-curve is small at beginning and large at end

$$(2) \quad \frac{d\phi}{d\ln x} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{t^2}{2}}$$

$$t = \frac{z - \bar{z}}{\sigma_z} \quad z = \ln x$$

If the size of S-curve is small at beginning and small at the end then

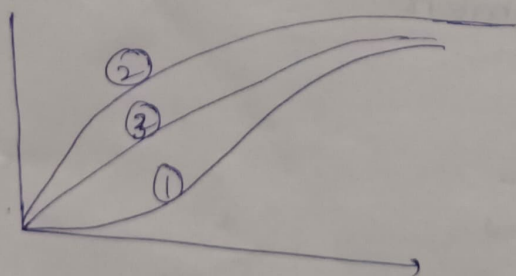
Rosin-Ramler

Eqn \Rightarrow

$$\boxed{\phi = (-bx^\eta)} \quad (3)$$

$$\boxed{\phi = e^{-bx^\eta}}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \phi = (-bx^\eta) \\ \phi = e^{-bx^\eta} \end{array} \right\} \phi = e^{-bx^\eta}$$



$$\boxed{\bar{x} = \sum x \cdot \left(\frac{d\phi}{100} \right)}$$

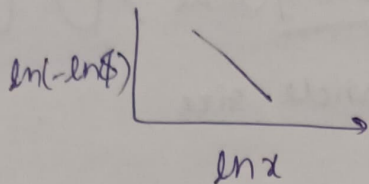
$$\sigma = \sqrt{\sum \frac{(x - \bar{x})^2 d\phi}{100}}$$

$$\phi = e^{-bx^n}$$

here ϕ is fraction or cumulative %
100

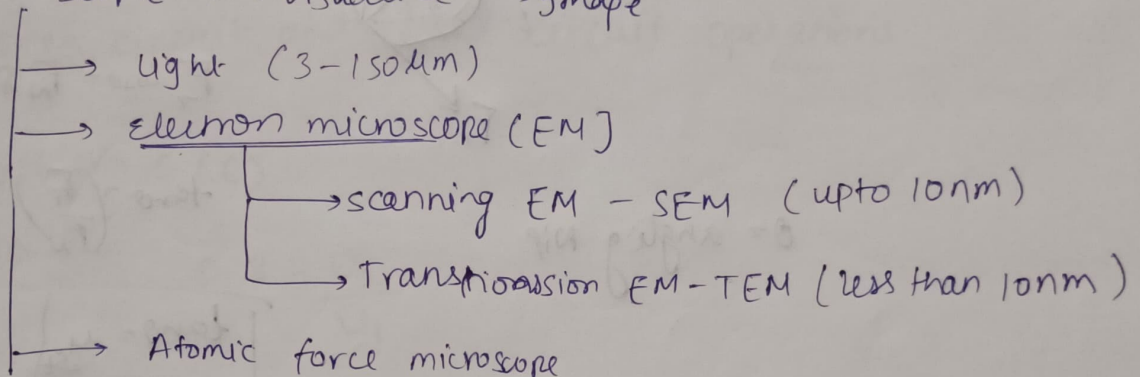
$$\ln(-\ln \phi) = -bx^n$$

$$\frac{\ln(-\ln(\phi))}{y} = \frac{\ln b}{c} + \frac{n \ln x}{mx}$$



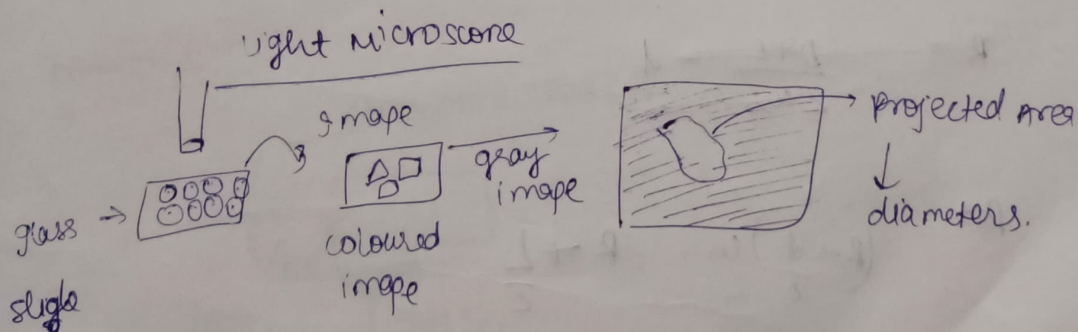
Fine particle size measurement

1. microscopic \rightarrow visualize \rightarrow image

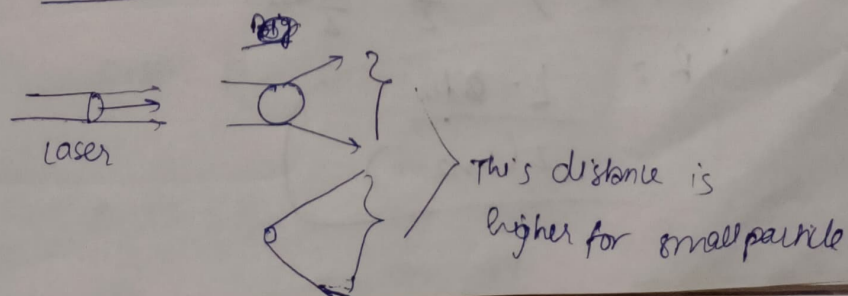


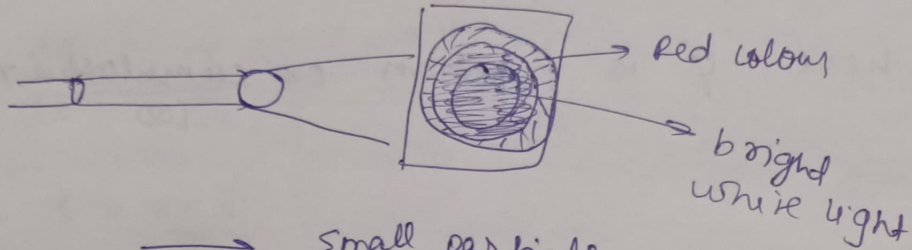
2. laser diffraction

3. light scattering (DLS)



Laser diffraction





→ small particle will have bigger fringe
from these fringes we calculate

Intensity curve

↓
particle size

