

Chapter 2 Multiple Particle Systems

2.1 Settling of a Suspension of Particles

Hindered Settling

입자가 모여 있으면 서로의 영향이 침강에 미친다. 이를 간섭침강이라 한다.

Effective viscosity of suspension

$$\mu_e = \frac{\mu}{f(\varepsilon)}$$

Effective density of suspension

$$\rho_{ave} = \varepsilon\rho_f + (1 - \varepsilon)\rho_p$$

U_p , U_f : actual(interstitial) velocity of particles and fluid,
respectively

U_{ps} , U_{fs} : superficial velocity

$$U_{ps} = U_p(1 - \varepsilon)$$

$$U_{fs} = U_f\varepsilon$$

where ε : voidage or void fraction

$$\therefore 1 - \varepsilon = \frac{\text{particle volume}}{\text{suspension volume}} = \text{volume concentration of particles} = c_v = \text{volume}$$

$\therefore U_{ps}$ and U_{fs} : volume flux of particles and fluid

$$\left(m/s \cdot \frac{m^3 \text{ fluid or particles}}{m^3 \text{ suspension}} \right)$$

$\Rightarrow U_{ps}$ 와 U_{fs} 는 superficial velocity임과 동시에 부피 flux 임!

Corrected terminal settling velocity

$$U_{rel_T} \equiv U_p - U_f$$

$$\neq U_T$$

$$\equiv U_T \varepsilon f(\varepsilon)$$

Because of no net flow

$$U_{ps} + U_{fs} = 0$$

2.2 Batch Settling

(1) Settling Flux as a Function of Suspension Concentration

$$U_p(1 - \varepsilon) + U_f \varepsilon = 0$$

$$\therefore U_p(1 - \varepsilon) + [U_p - U_T \varepsilon f(\varepsilon)] \varepsilon = 0$$

$$\therefore U_p = U_T \varepsilon^2 f(\varepsilon)$$

e.g. Richardson and Zaki(1954)

$$U_p = U_T \varepsilon^n$$

where

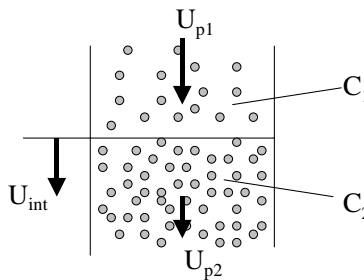
$$\frac{4.8 - n}{n - 2.4} = 0.043 A r^{0.57} \left[1 - 2.4 \left(\frac{d_p}{D} \right)^{0.27} \right]$$

Superficial solid velocity or volumetric solid flux(m/s)

$$\begin{aligned} U_{ps} &= U_p(1 - \varepsilon) = U_T \varepsilon^2 f(\varepsilon)(1 - \varepsilon) \\ &= U_T (1 - \varepsilon) \varepsilon^n \end{aligned}$$

Settling flux curve (U_{ps} vs. C_v): Figure 2.1

(2) Sharp Interfaces in Sedimentation



Material Balance over the interface

$$(U_{p1} - U_{int})C_1 = (U_{p2} - U_{int})C_2$$

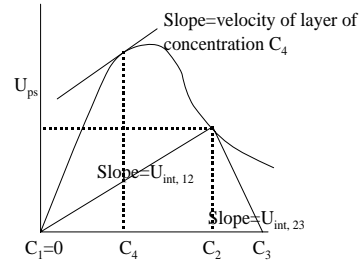
where $C = 1 - \varepsilon$, solids fraction

$$\therefore U_{int} = \frac{U_{ps1} - U_{ps2}}{C_1 - C_2}$$

As $\Delta C \rightarrow 0$,

$$U = \frac{dU_{ps}}{dC}$$

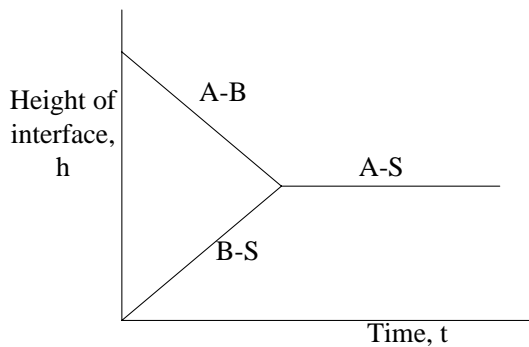
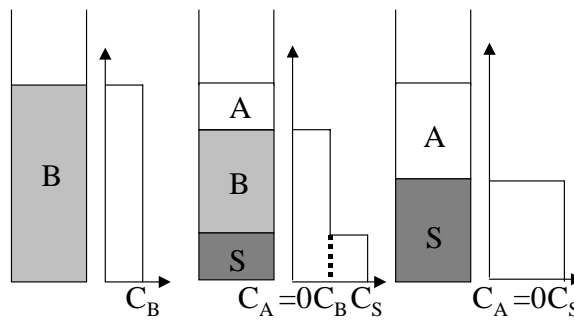
The velocity of layer of concentration C



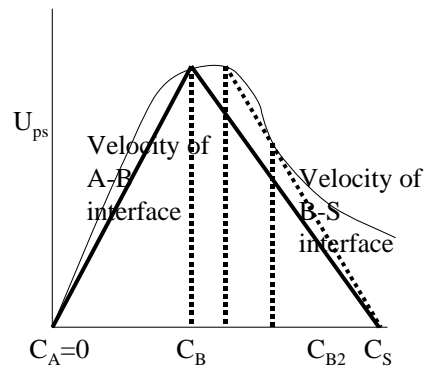
(3) Batch Settling

Supplying information for the design of a thickener

Type I Settling

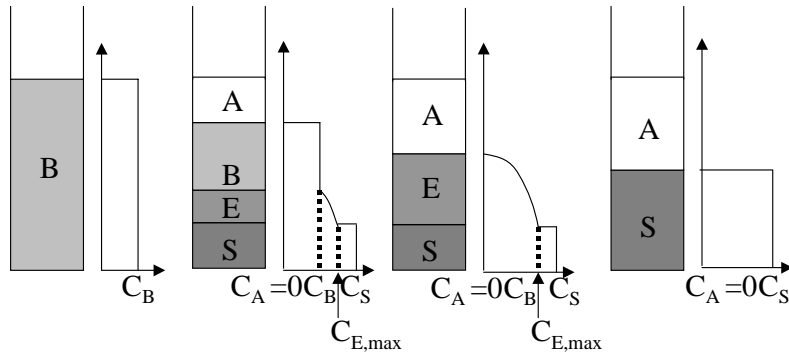


Variation of heights of interfaces with respect to time



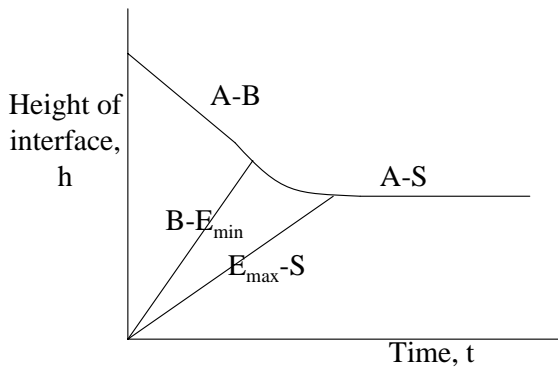
Flux vs. concentration

Type II Settling

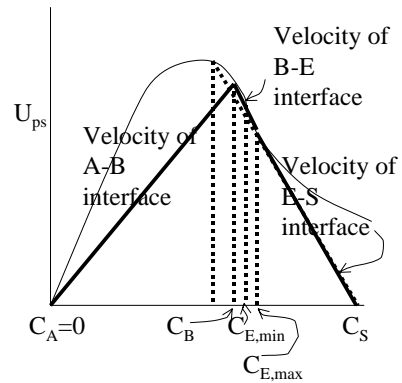


Recommended web site :

http://www.aem.umn.edu/Solid-Liquid_Flows/video.html



Variation in heights of interfaces with respect to time



Flux vs. concentration for particle slurry

즉 두 type의 침강은 초기농도에 의존하는 것으로서 후자의 경우 하나의 층이 더 나타나는 것은 C_B 의 위치에서 C_S 가 변곡점 때문에 가려서 생기는 문제이다. 따라서 농도가 진하여 변곡점 아주 가까이에 있을 때 type II의 침강이 생긴다.

2.3 Continuous Settling

(1) Settling of a Suspension in a Flowing Fluid

Thickener vs. Clarifier Figure 2.11

Downward flow

$$U_{ps} = \frac{Q(1-\varepsilon)}{A} + U_T \varepsilon^2 f(\varepsilon)$$

Total solid flux **Flux due to bulk flow** **Flux due to settling**

Define $C_v \equiv 1 - \varepsilon$, **particle volume concentration**

Figure 2.12:

Feed concentration, C_F → bottom section concentration, C_B

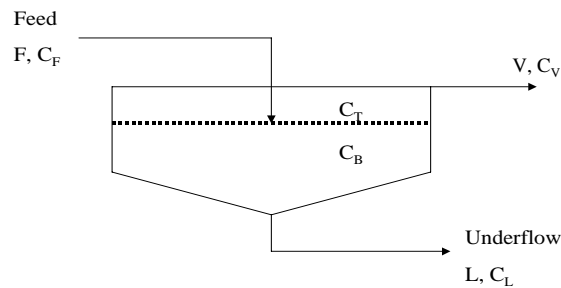
Upward flow

$$U_{ps} = \frac{-Q(1-\varepsilon)}{A} + U_T \varepsilon^2 f(\varepsilon)$$

Figure 2.13:

Feed concentration, C_F → Top section concentration, C_T

(2) Real Thickener



Feed/ Under(down)flow/ up(over)flow:

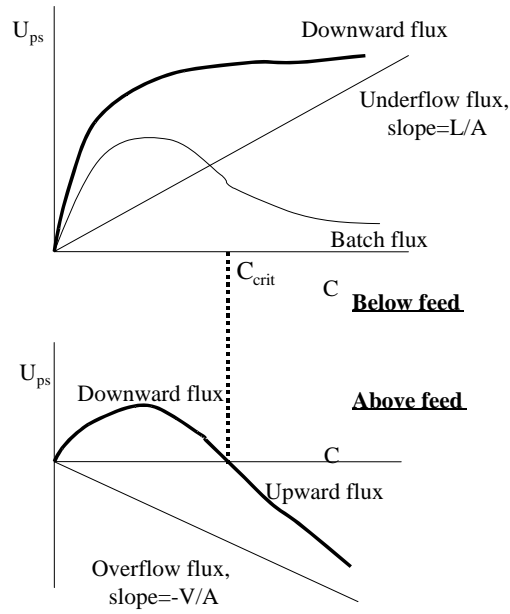
$F(C_F)$ $L(C_L)$ $V(C_V)$

Below feed

$$U_{ps} = \frac{L(1-\varepsilon)}{A} + U_T \varepsilon^2 f(\varepsilon)$$

Above feed

$$U_{ps} = \frac{-V(1-\varepsilon)}{A} + U_T \varepsilon^2 f(\varepsilon)$$



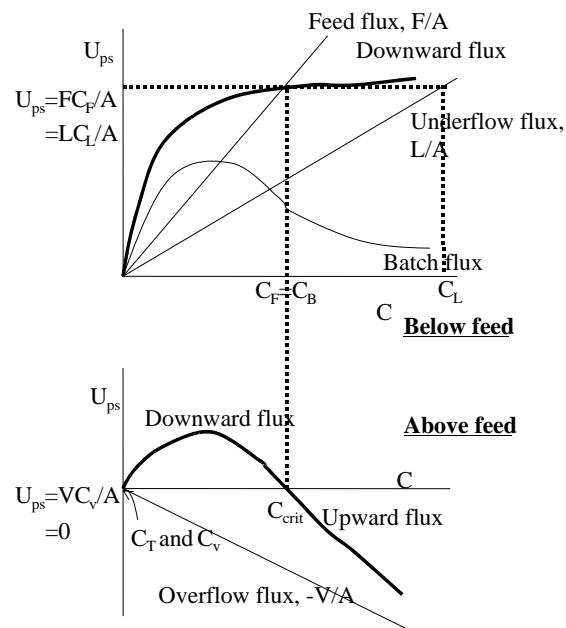
* **Critical concentration:** $C_{crit} \equiv C$ at $U_{p, upward} = 0$

(3) Critically Loaded Thickener

$$C_F = C_{crit}$$

$\therefore U_{p, upward} = 0, C_B = C_F, C_T = C_V = 0$ and

$$U_{ps, downflow} = \frac{FC_F}{A} = \frac{LC_L}{A}$$



(4) Underloaded Thickener

$$C_F < C_{crit}$$

$$\therefore U_{p, upward} = 0, \quad C_B < C_F \text{ and } C_T = C_V = 0$$

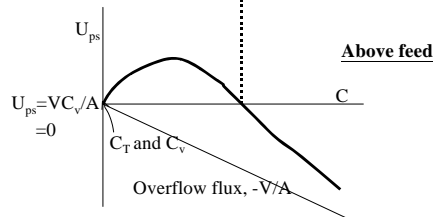
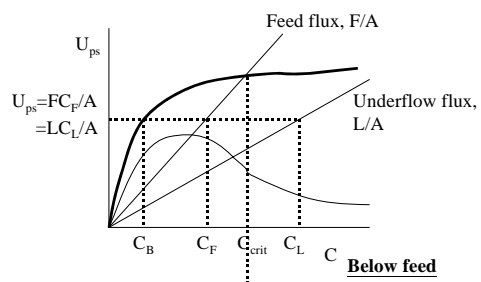
$$U_{ps, downflow} = \frac{FC_F}{A} = \frac{LC_L}{A}$$

(5) Overloaded Thickener

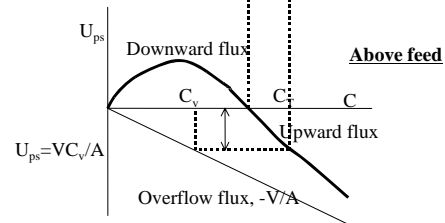
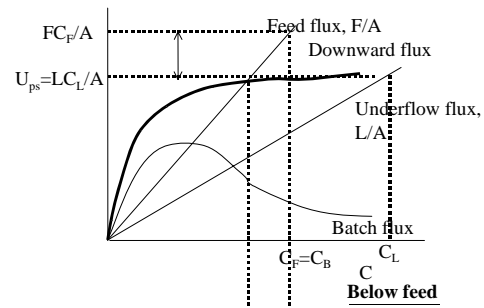
$$C_F > C_{crit}$$

$$\therefore U_{p, upward} = \frac{FC_F}{A} - U_{ps, downflow}, \quad C_B = C_F \text{ and } C_T > C_V \neq 0$$

$$U_{ps, downflow} = \frac{LC_L}{A}$$



Underloaded Thickener



Overloaded thickener

* Centrifugal Sedimentation $r\omega^2$ instead of g

Worked Example 2.4