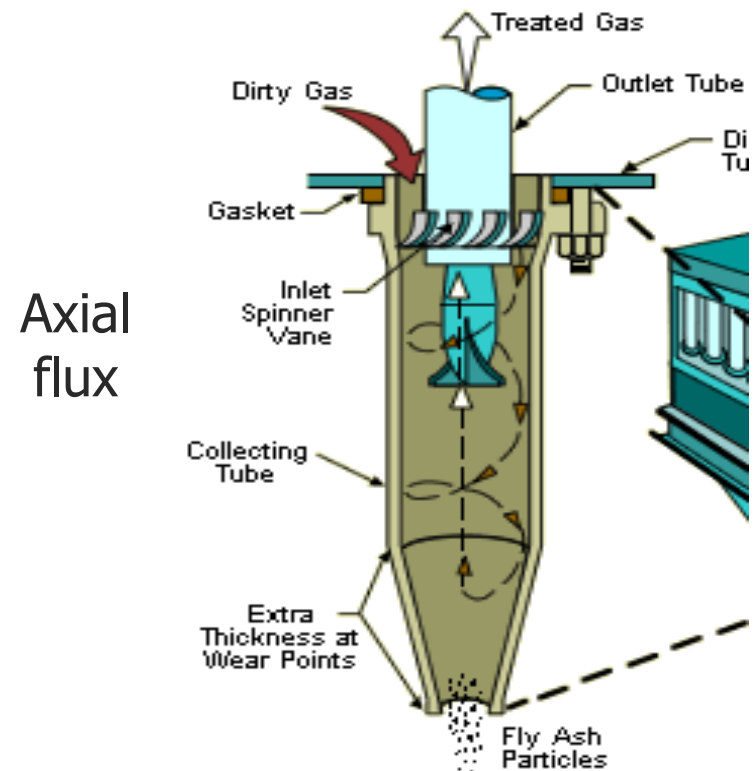
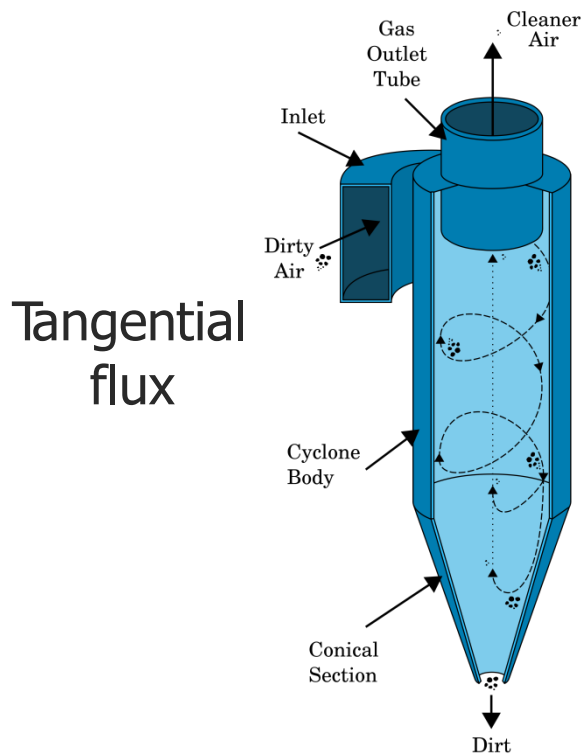


# CYCLONES

# Operating principles

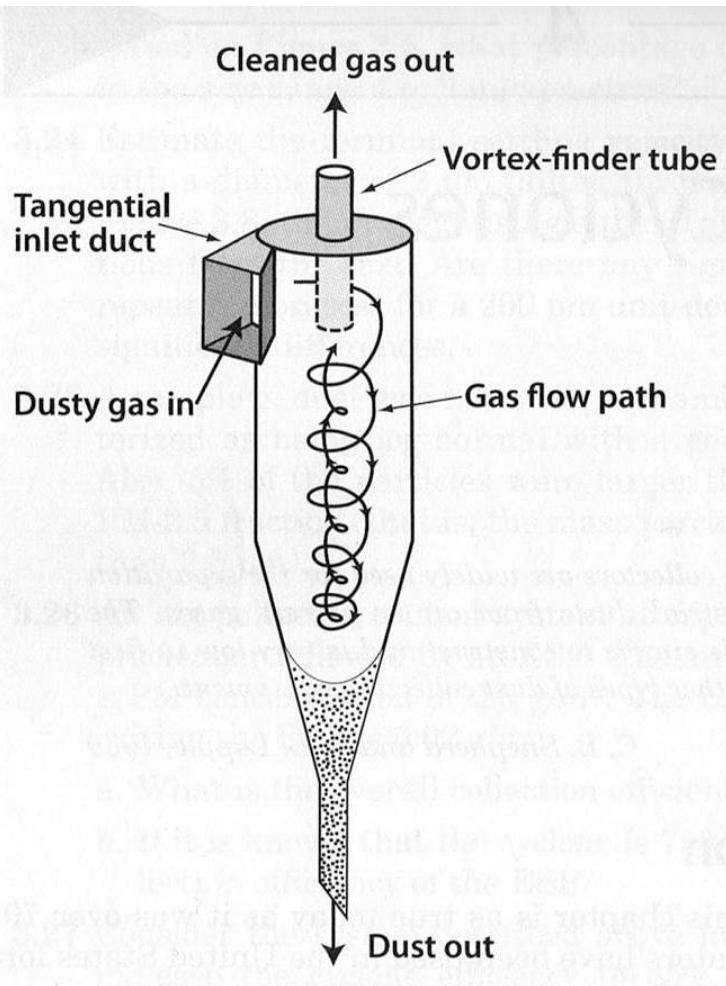
Utilization of **centrifugal force** for particle separation

- centrifugal field developed by the circular motion of gas inside cyclone's body (main vortex)
- vortex created by proper configuration of gas inlet
  - **tangential** to the circular body (tangential flux)
  - **axial** to the circular body with proper turning vanes in the inlet section (axial flux)



# Cyclone configurations

Cyclones separators are probably the most widely used particle collection device in the world



- Typically, they consist of a vertical cylindrical body, with a dust outlet at the conical bottom.
- Generally, the particulate-laden gas **enters tangentially** (the inlet is arranged tangentially to the circular body of the cyclone) near the top of the cyclone.
- Due to the tangential entry and the cyclone's shape, the gas flow **is forced into a downwards spiral path**.
- Near the bottom, the gas **reverses its downwards** spiral and moves upward in a smaller, inner spiral.
- The cleaned gas leaves the cyclone through an outlet at the top.
- During the outer spiral of the gas, **the PM are driven by centrifugal forces to the wall**, with whom they collide and slide downward to the bottom of the device.

# Cyclone configurations

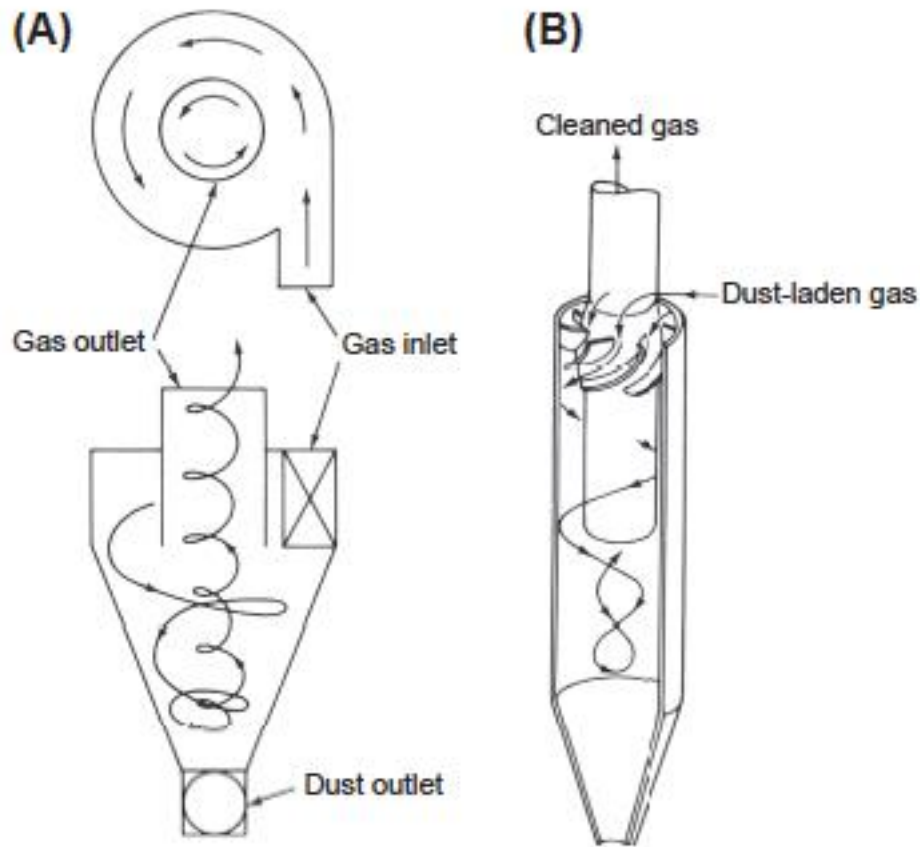
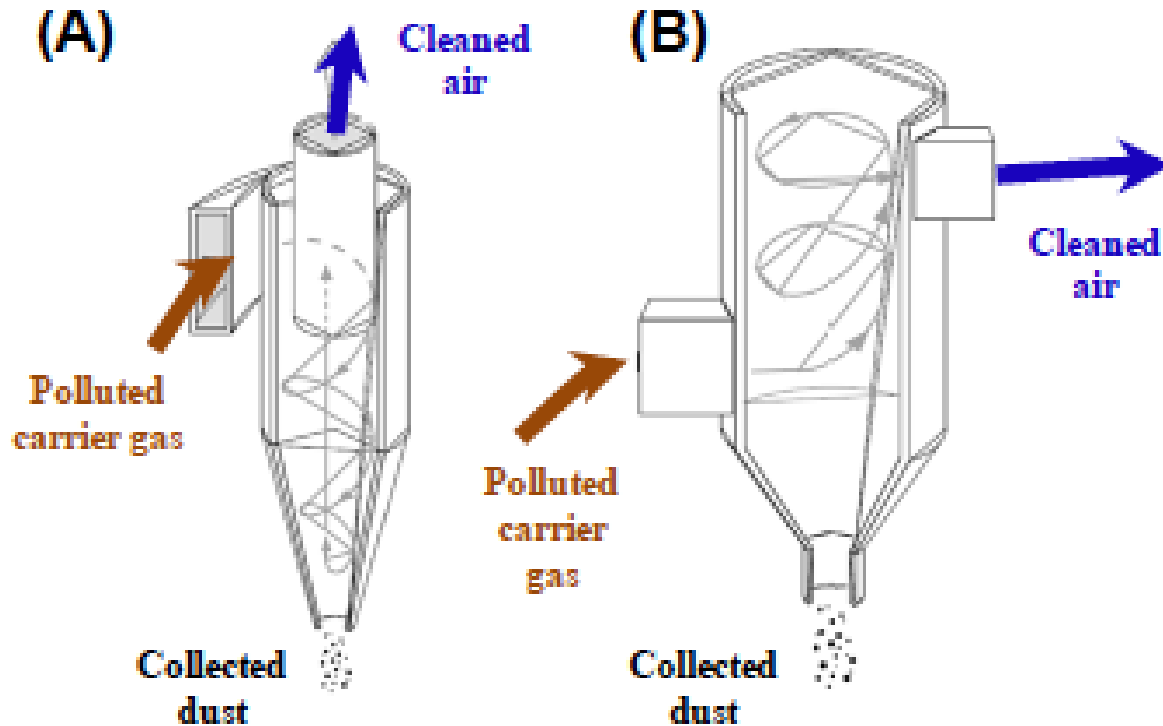


FIGURE 30.8 Two common cyclone configurations : (A) tangential inlet and (B) axial inlet. (For color version of this figure, the reader is referred to the online version of this book.)

In actual industrial practice:

- the tangential inlet type is usually a large (1- 5 m in diameter) **single cyclone**,
- while the axial inlet cyclone is relatively small (about 20 cm in diameter and arranged in **parallel units** for the desired capacity).

# Cyclone configurations



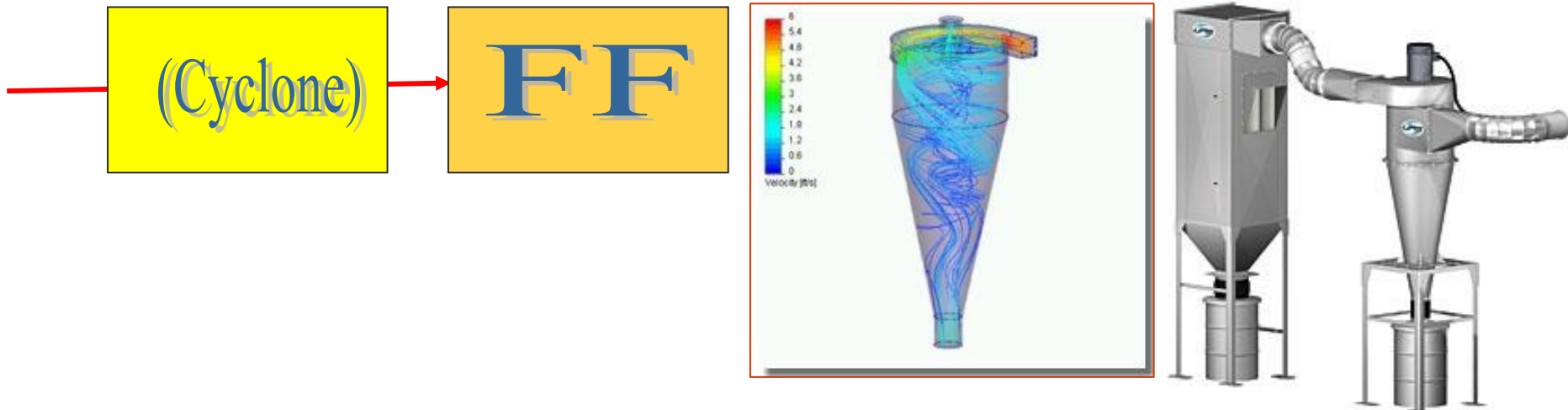
**FIGURE 30.9** Schematic of simple cyclone separators: (A) Top inlet type; (B) Bottom inlet type. Adapted from: *U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (2004)*. (For color version of this figure, the reader is referred to the online version of this book.) *Air Pollution Control Orientation Course*, <http://www.epa.gov/air/oaqps/eog/course422/ce6.html>; accessed November 30, 2013.

# CLEANER AND PLE-CLENEARS

## PRE-CLEANERS - example: cyclones

1. preserve downstream cleaner(s) – (e.g. FF)
2. avoid cleaners overload, and a too frequent regeneration
3. improve overall dust collection efficiency (°)
4. sometimes installed for safety reason (e.g. fire prevention of FF, particles still burning in the flue-gas of wood combustion plants)

(°) low advantages for fine particles!



# Advantages and drawbacks of cyclones

## ❑ Advantages

- low investment and operating costs (contained pressure drops)
- ability to operate at high temperature
- simpler maintenance (no moving equipment or ancillary devices, simple design)
- can handle liquid mists or dry materials
- dry captured particulates discharge
- contained space requirements

## ❑ Drawbacks

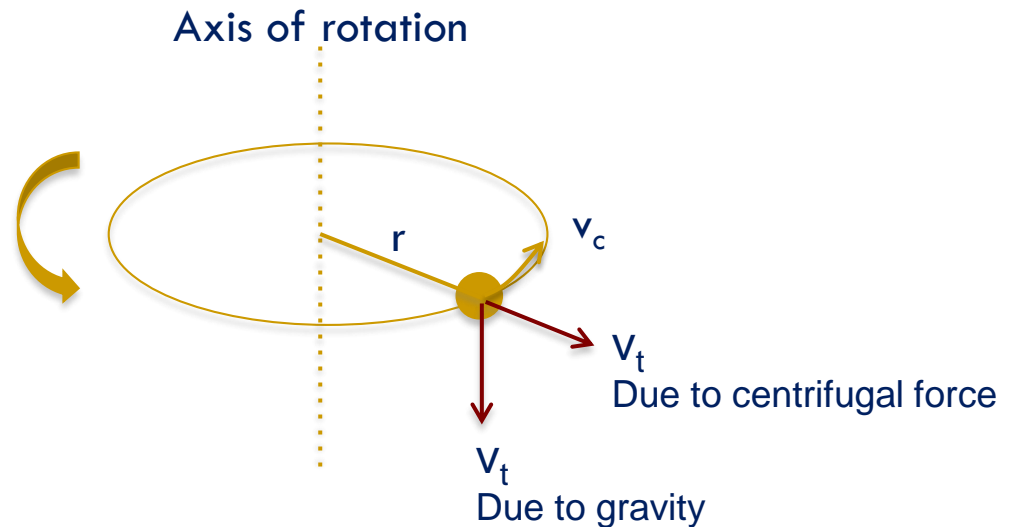
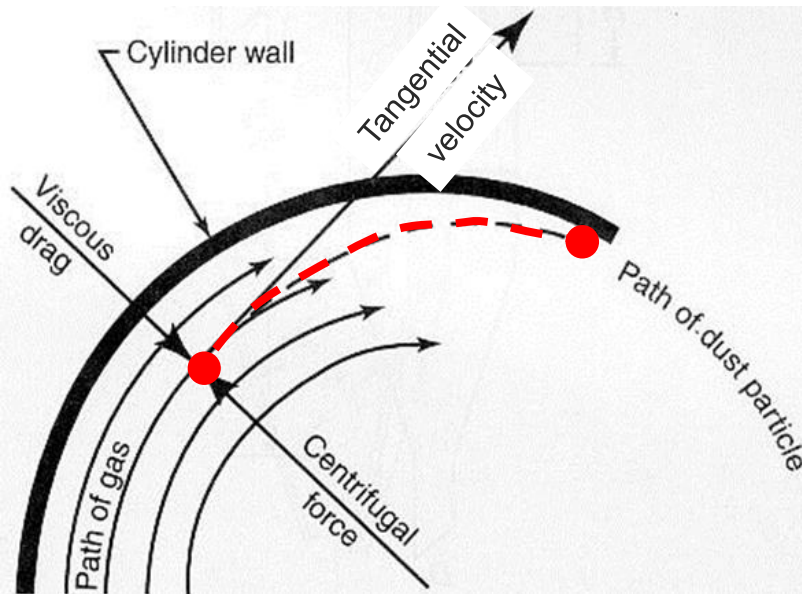
- low capture efficiencies for finer particles
- erosion and/or clogging operating risks
- cyclone has a too low efficiency to be used as a **final** devices (emissions are generally higher than  $30 \mu\text{g dust/Nm}^3$ )

# Operating principles: centrifugal force

$F_C$  circular path with radius  $r$ , angular velocity  $\omega$  and tangential velocity  $v_c$  along path

$$F_C = m\omega^2 r = mv_c^2 / r \text{ (since } \omega = v_c / r \text{)}$$

$$\text{Compared with gravity force } F_g \rightarrow F_C / F_g = (mv_c^2 / r) / mg = v_c^2 / (r \cdot g)$$






## Example: centrifugal force vs gravity force

Calculate the ratio of centrifugal force to the gravity force acting on a particle travelling in a gas stream with velocity 18 m/s and radius  $r=0.3048$  m.

Gravity force:  $F_G = m g$

Centrifugal force:  $F_c = m \frac{v^2}{r}$


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## Example: What about buoyancy force?

Calculate the ratio of centrifugal force to the gravity force acting on a particle traveling in a gas stream with velocity 18 m/s and radius  $r=0.3048$  m.

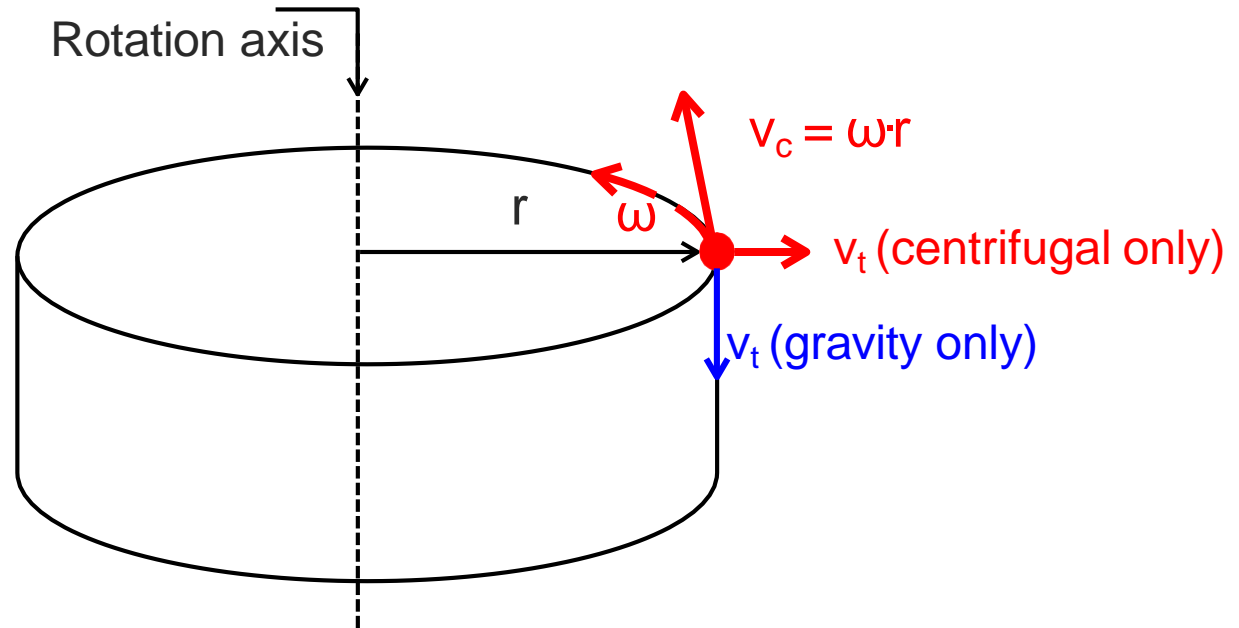
Density gas:  $1.2 \text{ kg/m}^3$

Density particulate =  $2000 \text{ kg/m}^3$

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# Operating principles

Particles motion: terminal velocity  $v_t$



$$\sum_i F_i = m_p \cdot dv/dt = 0$$

**Terminal settling velocity:**  
constant velocity of a free flowing particle when gravity force balances drag forces

- Stokes regime for spherical particles in free flow ( $F_E = \text{gravity force} = m_p g$ )

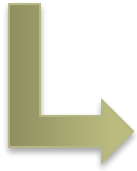
$$F_E - F_A = m_p \cdot dv/dt \rightarrow v_t = d_p^2 \rho_p g / 18 \mu$$

- Stokes regime for spherical particles in **centrifugal flow** ( $F_E = \text{centrifugal force} = m_p v_c^2 / r$ )

$$F_E - F_A = m_p \cdot dv/dt \rightarrow v_t = d_p^2 \rho_p v_c^2 / 18 \mu r \quad \mathbf{v_t = u_r}$$

# Example: centrifugal force vs gravity force

Gravity  
force



RECALL. Calculate the terminal velocity for a **10**  $\mu\text{m}$  particle in air.

DATA: density  $\rho_g = 1.2 \times 10^{-3} \text{ g cm}^{-3}$ ;  
viscosity  $\mu = 1.8 \times 10^{-5} \text{ kg m}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$ ;  
particle density  $\rho_p = 1.0 \text{ g cm}^{-3}$ ;  
 $T = 20^\circ\text{C}$ .

SOLUTION

$$v_t = \frac{d_p^2 \rho_p C_u g}{18\mu} = 0.3 \frac{\text{cm}}{\text{s}}$$

Cu can be assumed equal to 1

Centrifugal  
force



Terminal settling velocity  $v_t$  in presence of a Centrifugal force

Calculate the terminal velocity for a **10**  $\mu\text{m}$  particle in air, but in a circular gas flow with velocity  $v_c = 18.29 \text{ m/s}$  and radius  $r = 0.3048 \text{ m}$ .

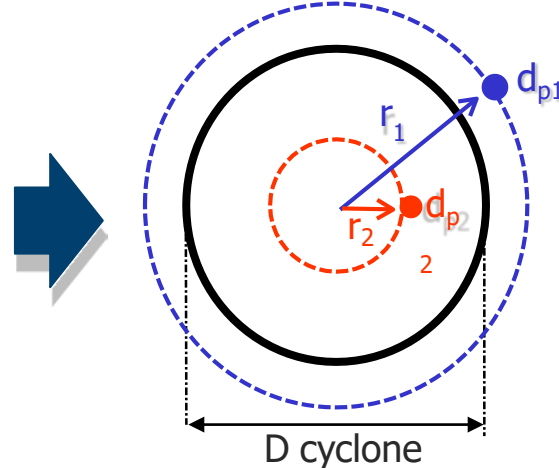
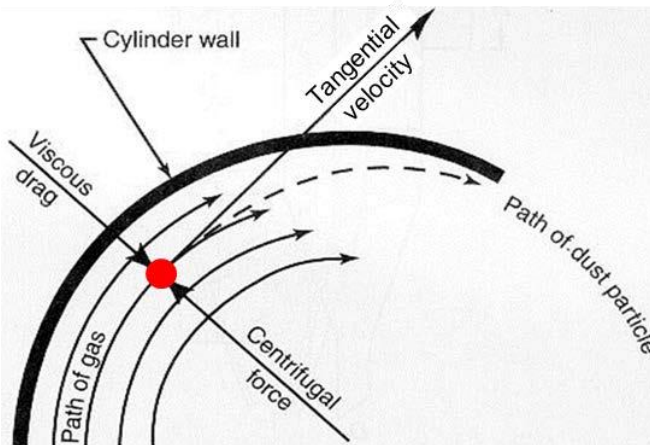
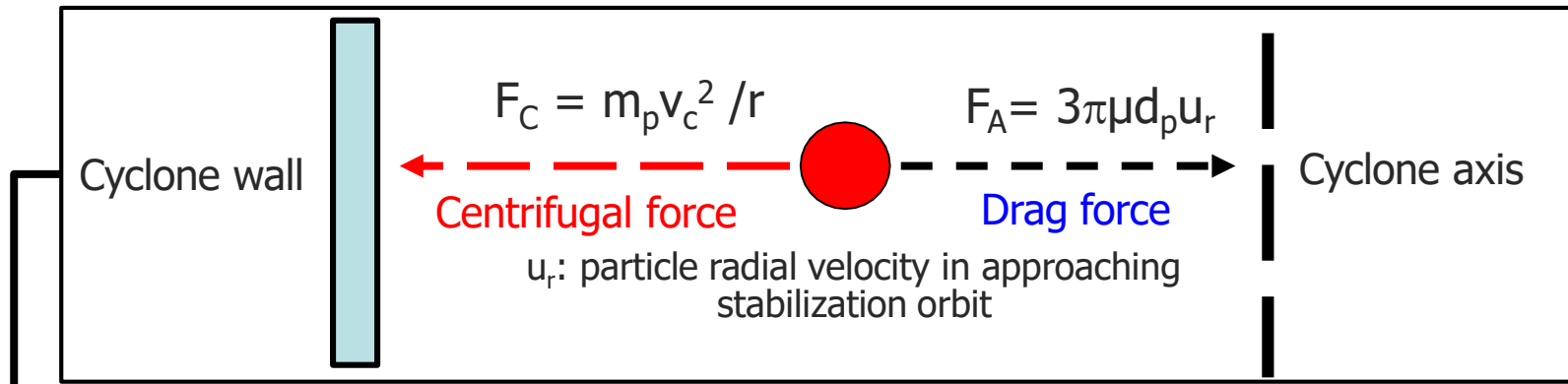
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particle density  $\rho_p = 1.0 \text{ g cm}^{-3}$ ;  
 $T = 20^\circ\text{C}$ .

$$v_t = \frac{d_p^2 \rho_p v_c^2}{18\mu r} = \frac{(10 \times 10^{-6})^2 [\text{m}^2] 1000 \left[ \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3} \right] (18.29)^2 \left[ \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2} \right]}{18 \cdot 1.8 \times 10^{-5} \left[ \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{ms}} \right] 0.3048 [\text{m}]} = 0.33 \left[ \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} \right] = 33 \left[ \frac{\text{cm}}{\text{s}} \right]$$

This value is **100 times** as large as the previous value indicating that much greater settling velocities can be obtained by applying centrifugal forces.

# Operating principles

Particles motion: centrifugal force moves particles towards cyclone walls, with movement hindered by drag forces → net effect of classification on particles by size, whose distribution in cross section results from their stabilisation on orbits with radius dependent on particle diameter  $d_p$ , where centrifugal force is exactly balanced by drag resistance



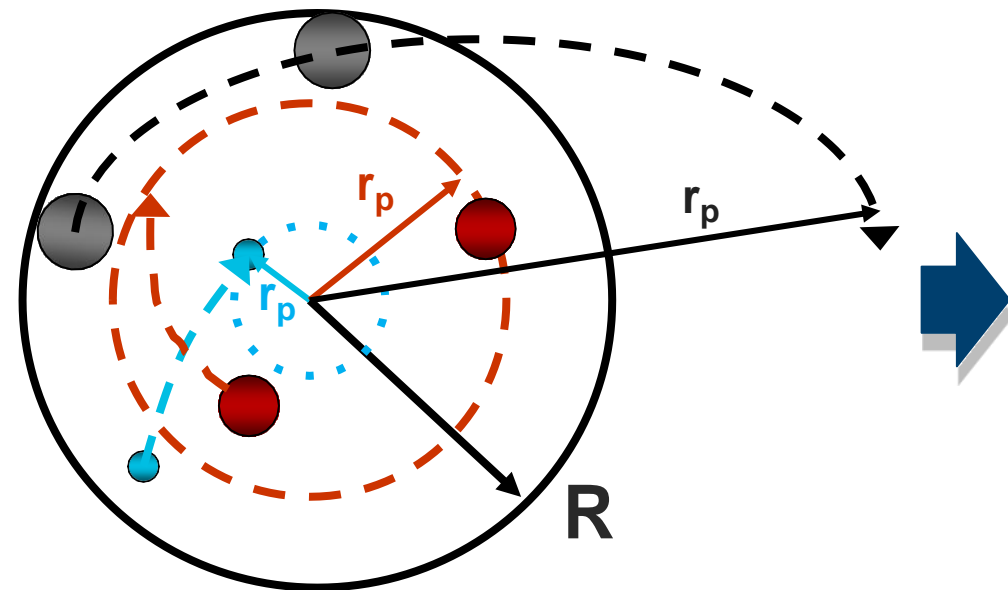
# Operating principles

Particle orbit radius  $r_p$

$$F_C = F_A \rightarrow r_p = \rho_p d_p^2 v_c^2 / (18 \mu u_r)$$

$v_c$  = tangential velocity;  $u_r$  = radial velocity =  $v_t$

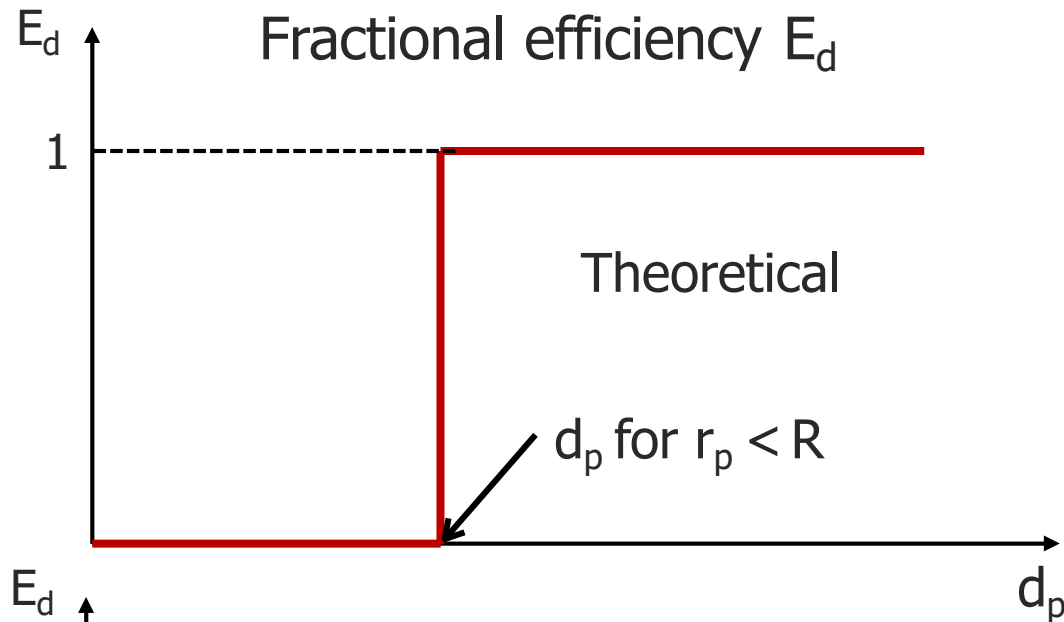
- Particle separated on cyclone wall ( $r_p > R$ )
- Particle retained in orbit ( $r_{\text{inner vortex}} < r_p < R$ )
- Particle not retained ( $r_p < r_{\text{inner vortex}}$ )



## Capture efficiency increase with

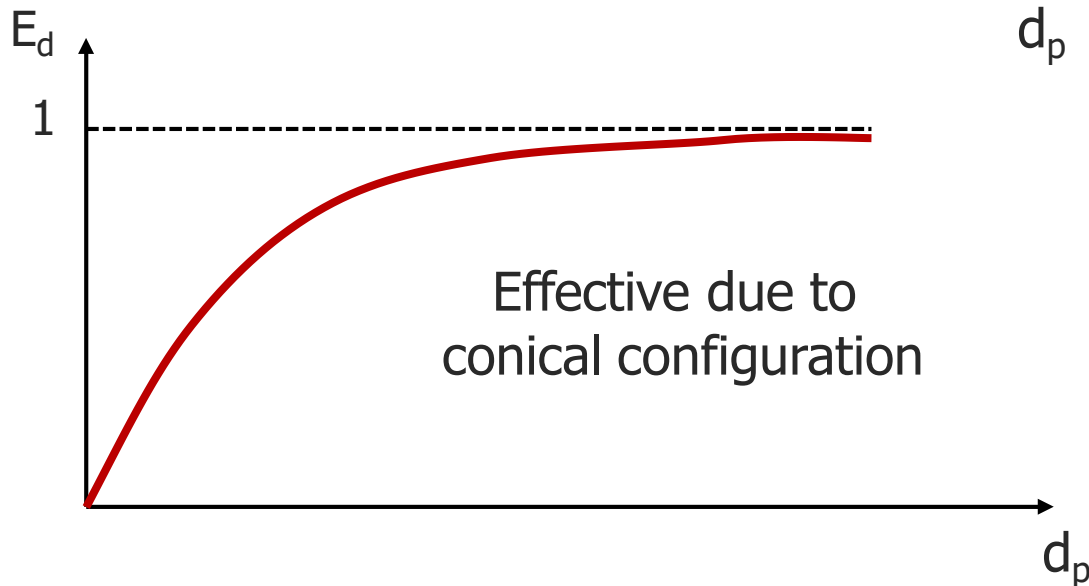
- particle mass ( $d_p, \rho_p$ )
- tangential velocity (head losses)
- Body diameter: smaller cyclones more efficient  
→ multicyclone configurations

# Operating principles



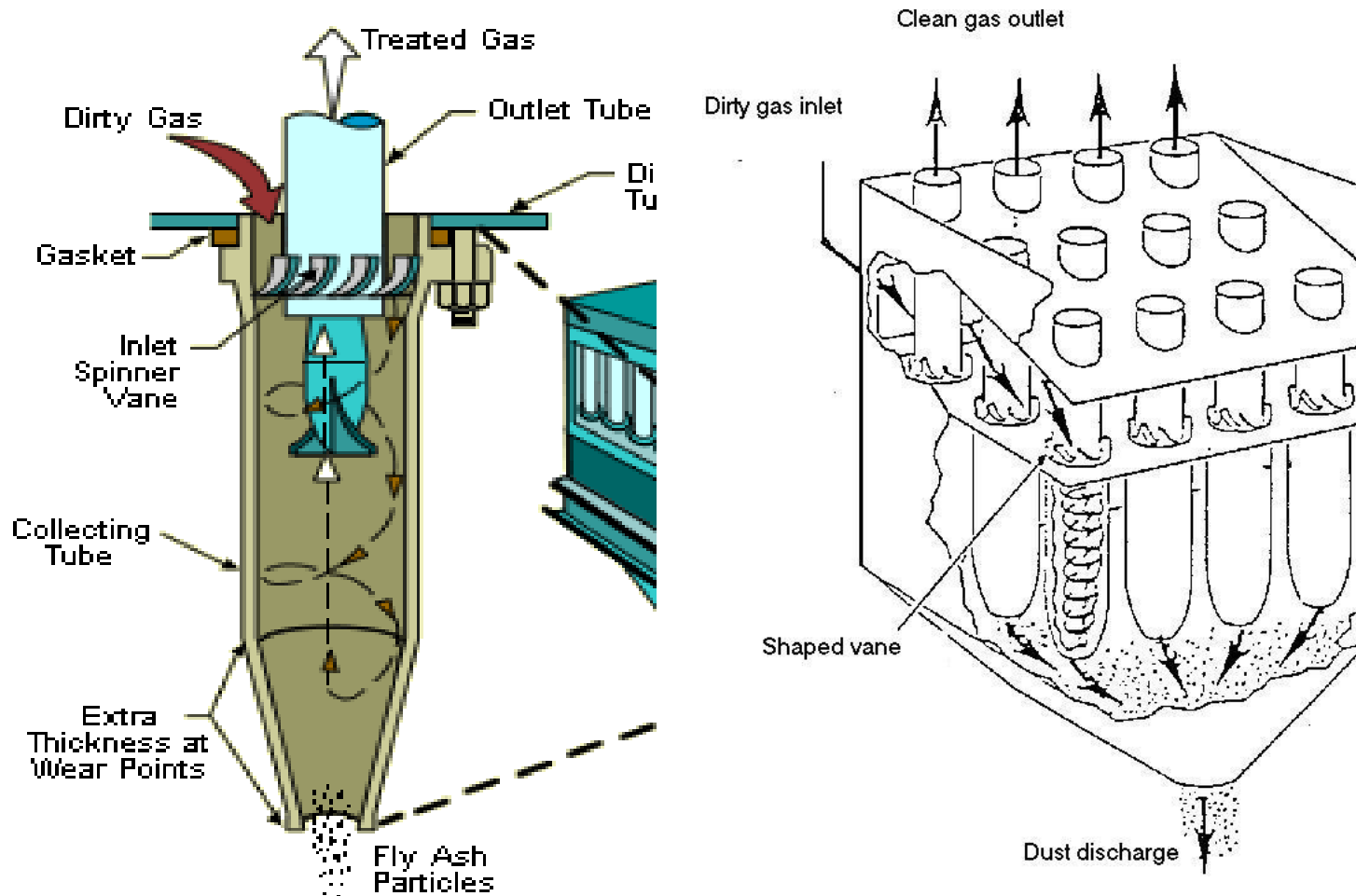
$$r_p = \rho_p d_p^2 v_c^2 / (18 \mu u_r)$$

Particle separated on cyclone wall ( $r_p > R$ )



# Design configurations: Multicyclones

- handle large gas flows without excessive cyclone diameters
- removal efficiency **increase** (**smaller** units)





# Design configurations

Low-pressure drop cyclone  
at Rochester Asphalt Plant  
(Victor, NY)



A cyclone used in a woodshop  
(Lebanon, NH)



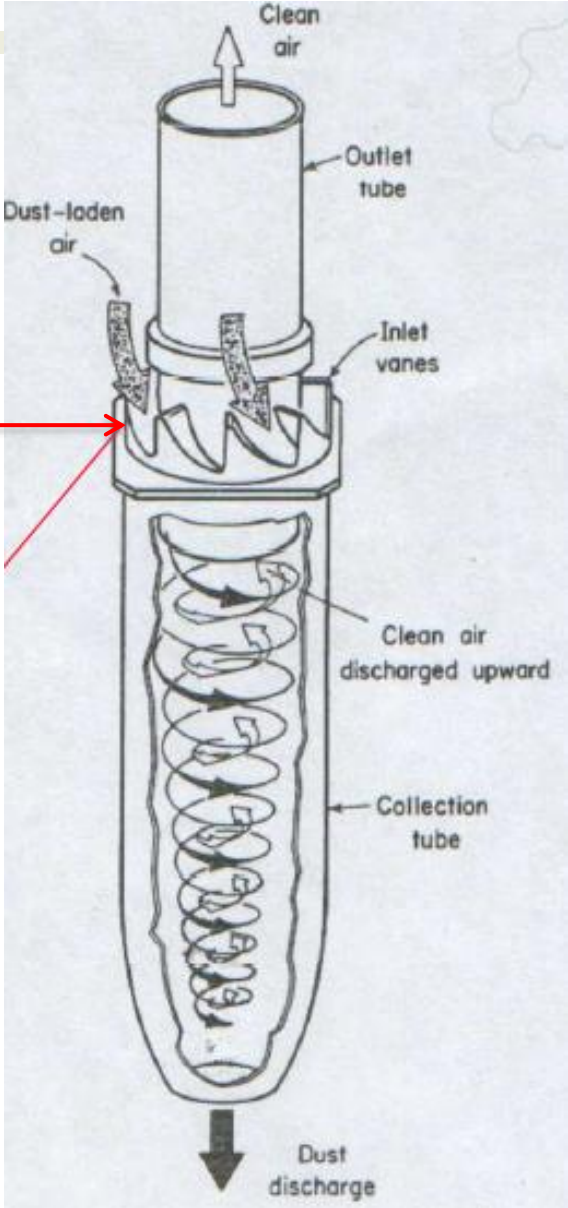
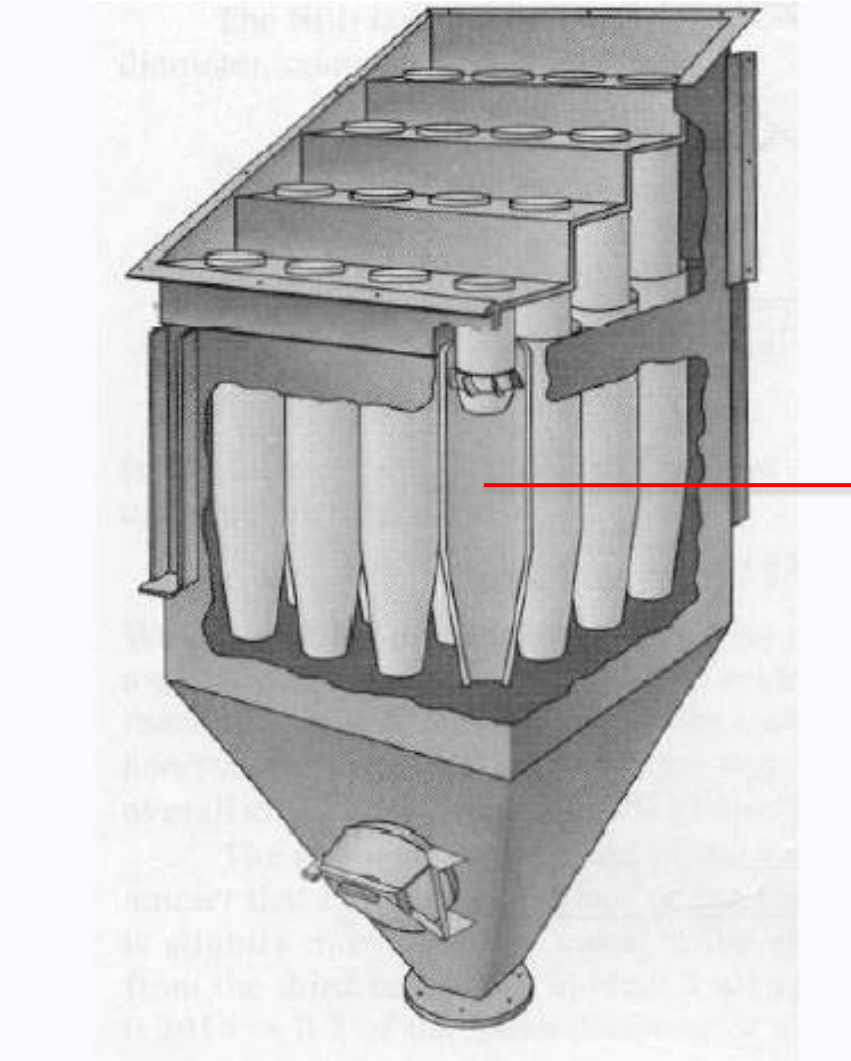
# Design configurations: Multicyclones



Cyclones

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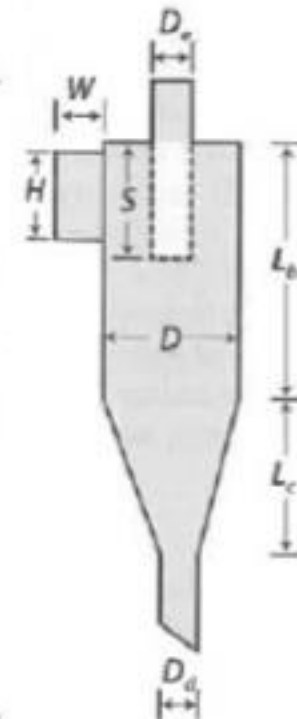
# Design configurations: Multicyclones



# Design configurations of classical cyclone

- Standard configurations: derived from full scale devices with design optimized for efficiency and pressure drop
- geometric and performance parameters defined in terms of cyclone diameter or **body diameter**

|                                  | Cyclone Type    |      |              |      |                 |      |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|------|--------------|------|-----------------|------|
|                                  | High Efficiency |      | Conventional |      | High Throughput |      |
|                                  | (1)             | (2)  | (3)          | (4)  | (5)             | (6)  |
| Body Diameter, $D/D$             | 1.0             | 1.0  | 1.0          | 1.0  | 1.0             | 1.0  |
| Height of Inlet, $H/D$           | 0.5             | 0.44 | 0.5          | 0.5  | 0.75            | 0.8  |
| Width of Inlet, $W/D$            | 0.2             | 0.21 | 0.25         | 0.25 | 0.375           | 0.35 |
| Diameter of Gas Exit, $D_e/D$    | 0.5             | 0.4  | 0.5          | 0.5  | 0.75            | 0.75 |
| Length of Vortex Finder, $S/D$   | 0.5             | 0.5  | 0.625        | 0.6  | 0.875           | 0.85 |
| Length of Body, $L_b/D$          | 1.5             | 1.4  | 2.0          | 1.75 | 1.5             | 1.7  |
| Length of Cone, $L_c/D$          | 2.5             | 2.5  | 2.0          | 2.0  | 2.5             | 2.0  |
| Diameter of Dust Outlet, $D_d/D$ | 0.375           | 0.4  | 0.25         | 0.4  | 0.375           | 0.4  |

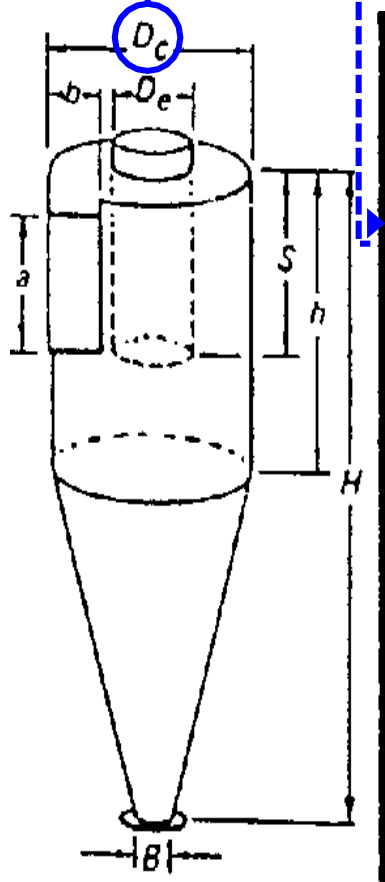


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# Design configurations of classical cyclone

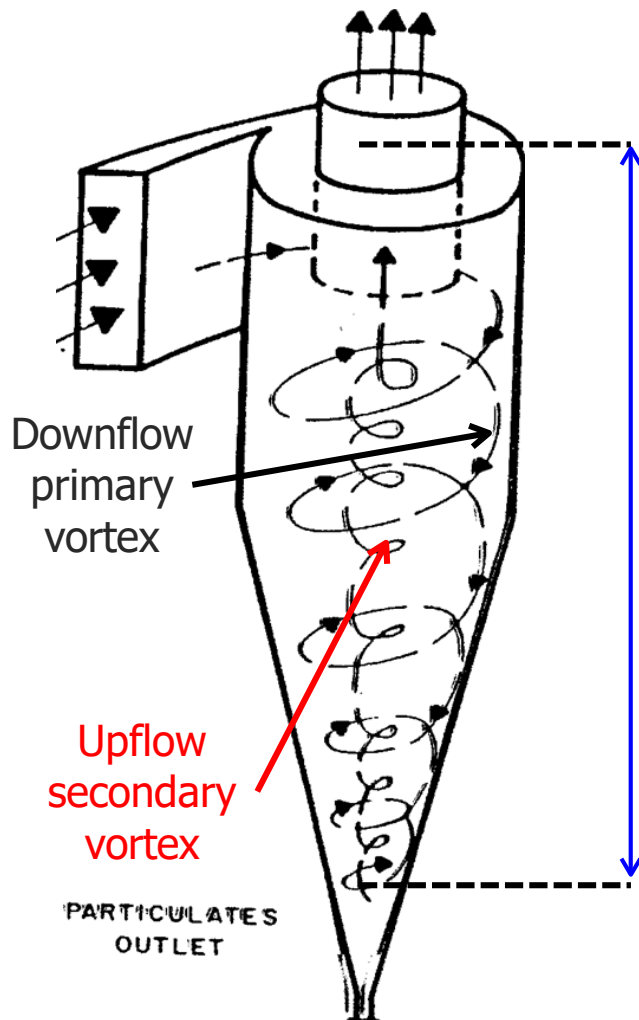
- Standard configurations: derived from full scale devices with design optimized for efficiency and pressure drop
- geometric and performance parameters defined in terms of cyclone diameter or body diameter

$$\text{Natural length } Z = 2.3D_e \left[ \frac{D_c^2}{a \cdot b} \right]^{1/3}$$



| Nomenclature              | High-efficiency |       | General-purpose |       |                   |
|---------------------------|-----------------|-------|-----------------|-------|-------------------|
|                           | Stairmand       | Swift | Lapple          | Swift | Peterson & Whitby |
| $D_c$ body dia.           | 1.0             | 1.0   | 1.0             | 1.0   | 1.0               |
| $a$ inlet height          | 0.5             | 0.44  | 0.5             | 0.5   | 0.583             |
| $b$ inlet width           | 0.2             | 0.21  | 0.25            | 0.25  | 0.208             |
| $S$ outlet length         | 0.5             | 0.5   | 0.625           | 0.6   | 0.583             |
| $D_e$ outlet dia.         | 0.5             | 0.4   | 0.5             | 0.5   | 0.5               |
| $h$ cylinder height       | 1.5             | 1.4   | 2.0             | 1.75  | 1.333             |
| $H$ overall height        | 4.0             | 3.9   | 4.0             | 3.75  | 3.17              |
| $B$ dust outlet dia.      | 0.375           | 0.4   | 0.25            | 0.4   | 0.5               |
| $Z$ natural length        | 2.48            | 2.04  | 2.30            | 2.30  | 1.8               |
| $K = 8 K_c / K_a^2 K_b^2$ | 551.3           | 699.2 | 402.9           | 381.8 | 324.8             |
| $N_H = 16 ab / D_e^2$     | 6.40            | 9.24  | 8.0             | 8.0   | 7.76              |
| $K/N_H$                   | 86.14           | 75.67 | 50.36           | 47.7  | 41.86             |

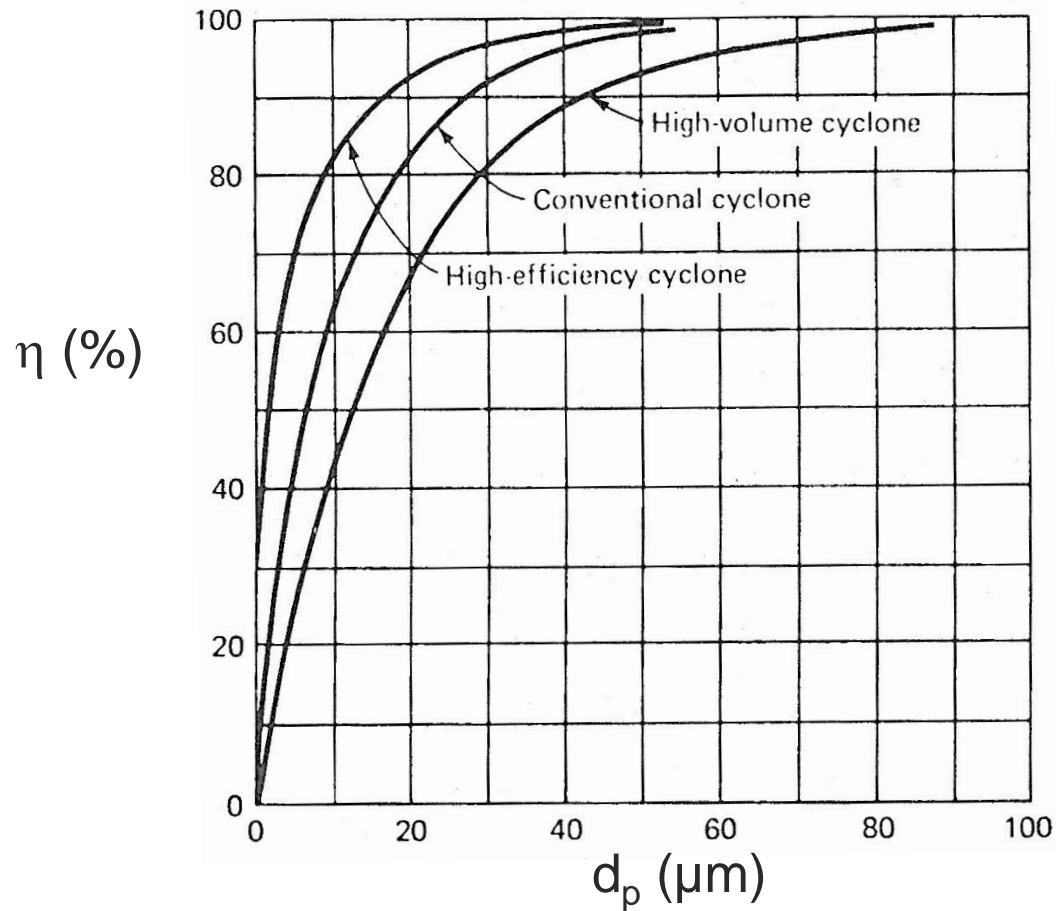
# CYCLONES - Design configurations



## Natural length Z

height of inversion in the direction of main flux (vortex). Dependent only on geometric parameters

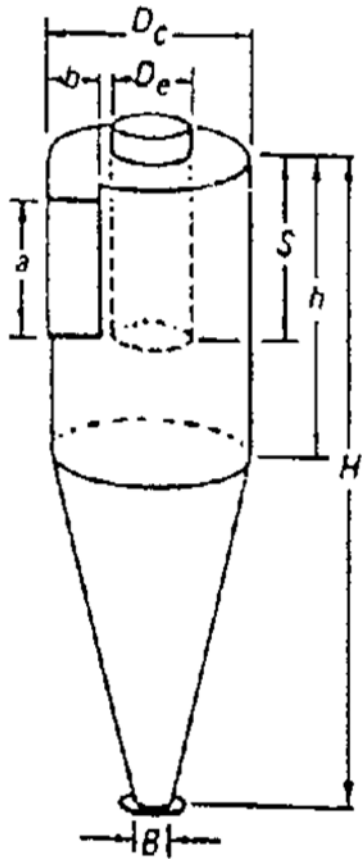
# CYCLONES – General efficiencies



General relationship of collection efficiency versus particle size for cyclones

# Empirical method (Lapple)

Cut diameter  $d_{pc}$  is the diameter of particles collected with 50% efficiency



$$d_{pc} = \left( \frac{9 * \mu * b}{2 * \pi * N_e * (\rho_p - \rho_g) * u_{in}} \right)^{1/2}$$

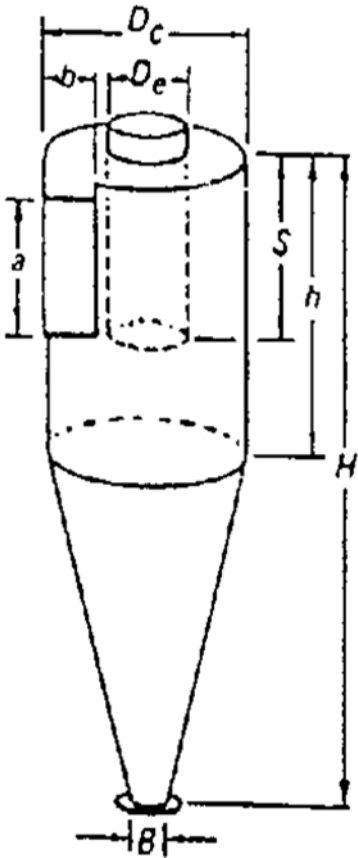
Where:

- $\mu$ : gas viscosity
- $b$  (or  $W$ ): inlet width
- $a$  (or  $H$ ): inlet height
- $N_e$ : number of gas revolutions in outer vortex  
 $= [h + (H - h)/2]/a$
- $u_{in}$  = flue gas inlet velocity =  $Q/(a*b)$
- $h$ : cylinder height
- $H$ : overall height



# Empirical method (Lapple)

Cut diameter  $d_{pc}$



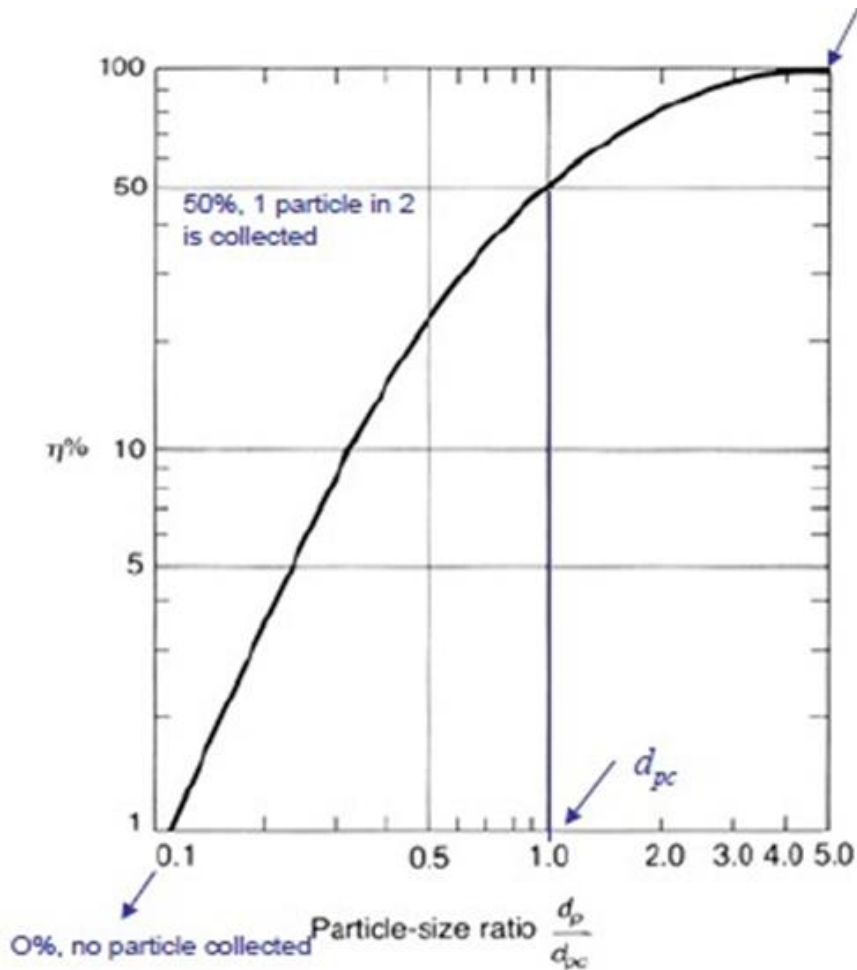
$$E(d_{p,i}) = \eta(d_{p,i}) = \frac{1}{1 + \left(\frac{d_{pc}}{d_{p,i}}\right)^2}$$



$\eta_T$  (total efficiency) from inlet size distribution and device configuration geometry

$$E_T = \eta_T = \sum m_i * E_{p,i}$$

# Empirical method (Lapple): particle collection efficiency versus particle size ratio for standard conventional cyclones



Lapple then developed a general curve for standard conventional cyclones to predict the collection efficiency for any particle size (see side figure).

If the size distribution of particles is known, the overall collection efficiency of a cyclone can be predicted by using the figure.

Theodore and DePaola (1980) then fitted an algebraic equation to the curve, which makes Lapple's approach more precise and more convenient for application to computers. The efficiency of collection of any size of particle is given by

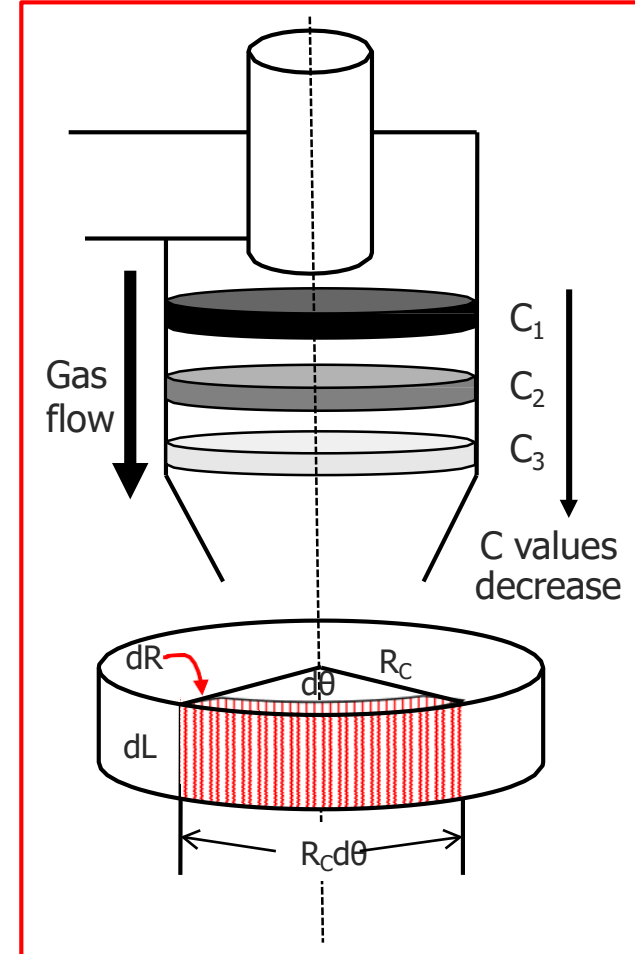
# Semiempirical approach

## ASSUMPTION

- Complete radial mixing  $\rightarrow$  uniform concentration of uncollected dust in any horizontal cross section ( $C$  constant with  $R$ )
- Gravity force is neglected
- $U_T \cdot R^n = \text{constant}$  ( $U_T =$  tangential gas velocity;  $n =$  vortex exponent)
- Residence time  $t$ : average value, resulting from geometry of standard configurations  $K_C$  (non dimensional parameter), cyclone diameter  $D$  and flue gas flow rate  $Q \rightarrow t = K_C D^3 / Q$

## PROCEDURE

- Apply a mass balance
- In time interval  $dt$ , within the volume sector bounded by  $d\theta$ ,  $dL$  and  $R_C$ :
  - all particles travel a vertical distance  $dL$  and a tangential distance  $R_C d\theta$
  - simultaneously, particles within a certain distance  $dR$  from cyclone wall are removed



# Semiempirical approach

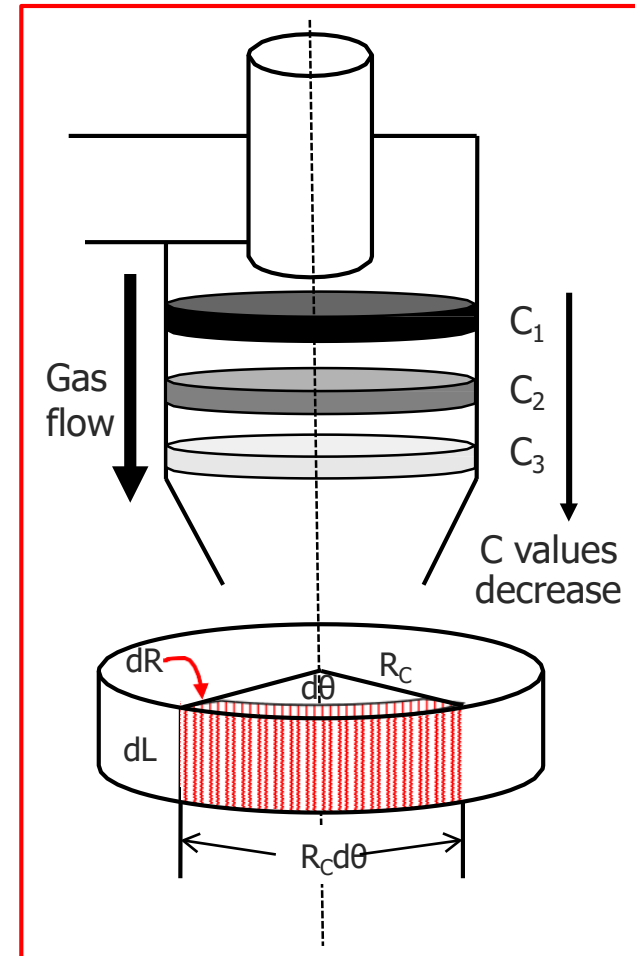
Radial mixing model → collection efficiency

Complete radial mixing → uniform concentration of uncollected dust in any horizontal cross section ( $C$  constant with  $R$ )



In time interval  $dt$ , within the volume sector bounded by  $d\theta$ ,  $dL$  and  $R_C$ :

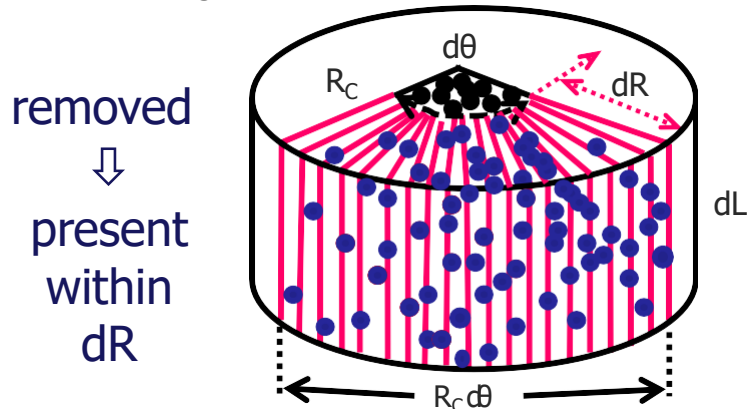
- **all particles** travel a vertical distance  $dL$  and a tangential distance  $R_C d\theta$
- simultaneously, **particles within a certain distance  $dR$  from cyclone wall are removed**



# Semiempirical approach

- **total particles** present in sector over dt:

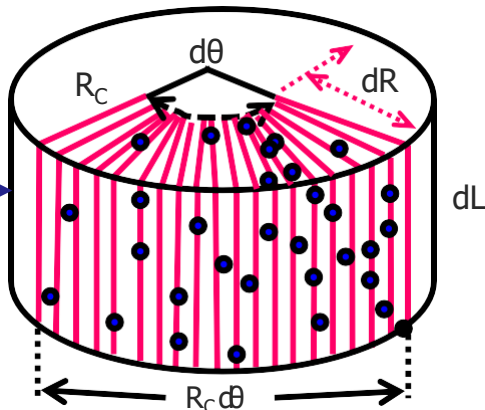
$$m_{\text{tot}} = (R_C^2 \cdot d\theta / 2 \cdot dL) \cdot C$$



- mass of particles **removed** over dt:

**removed** = total - present in  $(R_C - dR)$

$$\text{removed} = [R_C^2 - (R_C - dR)^2] \cdot d\theta / 2 \cdot dL \cdot C$$



**Radial mixing** model: mass balance

Collection efficiency  $E_d$  along dt:

$$E_d = dm/m$$

where  $dm = m_{t+dt} - m_t = -$  removed



$$E_d = dm/m = - \text{removed} / \text{total}$$

$$E_d = - 2dR/R_C \quad (1)$$

(excluding second order differential  $dR^2$ )



Need to insert **relationship of R with residence time**

# Semiempirical approach: Particle dynamics in fluid with circular motion

## 1. Particle velocity components (neglecting gravity)

- tangential  $U_T =$  tangential gas velocity  $V_T$
- radial  $U_R = dR/dt$

## 2. Momentum balance on particle (radial direction)

$$F_E - F_A = m_p \cdot dU_R/dt$$

$$m_p dU_R/dt = m_p U_T^2/R - 3\pi\mu d_p U_R \quad (2)$$

## 3. From experimental tests,

$$U_T R^n = \text{constant} \quad (n = \text{vortex exponent, see later}) \quad (3)$$

## 4. Utilizing (3), momentum balance on spherical particle

$$(2) \text{ becomes: } d^2R/dt^2 = U_{T0}^2 R_0^{2n}/R^{2n+1} - [18\mu/(\rho_p d_p^2)](dR/dt)$$

with  $R_0$  is the innermost radial position and  $U_{T0}$  the corresponding tangential velocity. Neglecting 2<sup>nd</sup> order terms:

$$dR/dt = U_{T0}^2 R_0^{2n} \tau / R^{2n+1}, \quad \text{with } \tau = \rho d_p^2 / 18\mu \text{ (relaxing time)}$$

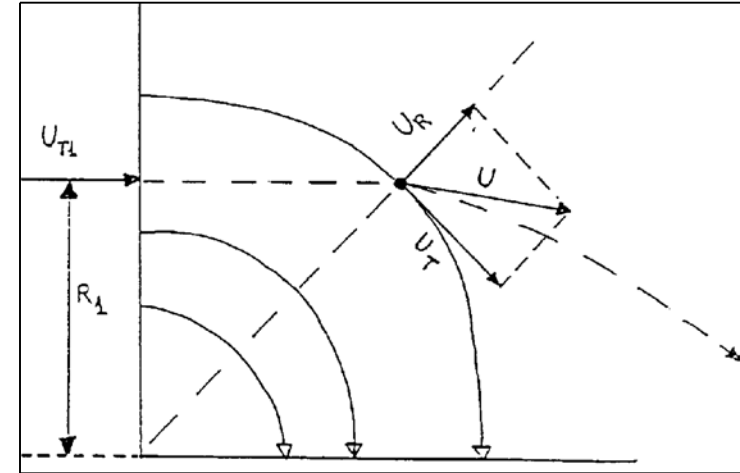
By integration between  $t=0$  ( $R_0$ ) and  $t$  ( $R$ ):

$$t = R_0^2 [(R/R_0)^{2n+2} - 1] / [2(n+1)\tau U_{T0}^2] \quad (4)$$

From (3),  $U_{T0} R_0^n = U_{TC} R_C^n$ : equation (4) becomes

$$t = R_C^2 [(R/R_C)^{2n+2} - (R_0/R_C)^{2n+2}] / [2(n+1)\tau U_{TC}^2]$$

with  $R_C =$  cyclone radius,  $U_{TC} =$  outermost tangential velocity



# Semiempirical approach: Fluid particle dynamics in circular motion

5. Since  $R_0 = 0$ , solving for  $R$  and deriving with respect to time  $t$ :

$$\frac{dR}{dt} = \tau \frac{U_{TC}^2}{R_C} \left[ 2(n+1) \tau \left( \frac{U_{TC}}{R_C} \right)^2 \cdot t \right]^{\frac{2n+1}{2n+2}}$$

representing the required relationship between  $R$  and  $t$ .

6. From mass balance [see **(1)**], integrating over residence time  $t$ :

$$E_d = - \int_{m_0}^m \frac{dm}{m} = 2 \int_0^R \frac{dR}{R_C} = 2 \tau \left( \frac{U_{TC}}{R_C} \right)^2 \left[ 2(n+1) \tau \cdot \left( \frac{U_{TC}}{R_C} \right)^2 \right]^{-(2n+1)/(2n+2)} \int_0^t t^{-(2n+1)/(2n+2)} dt =$$

$$= 2 \left[ 2(n+1) \tau \cdot \left( \frac{U_{TC}}{R_C} \right)^2 \cdot t \right]^{1/(2n+2)}$$

Since  $E_d = - \int_{m_0}^m \frac{dm}{m} = \ln \frac{m_0}{m} \Rightarrow \frac{m}{m_0} = \exp \int_{m_0}^m \frac{dm}{m}$  and  $E_d = \frac{m_0 - m}{m_0} = 1 - \frac{m}{m_0}$ , then

$$E_d = 1 - \frac{m}{m_0} = 1 - \exp \int_{m_0}^m \frac{dm}{m} = 1 - \exp - 2 \left[ 2(n+1) \tau \left( \frac{U_{TC}}{R_C} \right)^2 t \right]^{\frac{1}{(2n+2)}}$$

# Semiempirical approach: Fluid particle dynamics in circular motion

7. Residence time  $t$ : average value, resulting from geometry of standard configurations ( $K_C$ : non dimensional parameter), cyclone diameter  $D$  and flue gas flow rate  $Q$ :

$$t = K_C D^3 / Q$$

8. Assuming  $U_{TC}$  equal to gas inlet velocity  $Q/(ab)$ :

$$E_d = 1 - \exp - 2 \left[ \frac{(n+1)\tau Q}{D^3} \frac{8K_C D^4}{(ab)^2} \right]^{1/(2n+2)}$$

Inertial parameter  $\psi_d$   
(gas/particle characteristics)

Geometric parameter  $K$   
(standard configuration geometry)

$n$  = vortex exponent; From experimental tests,  $U_T R^n = \text{constant}$  ; normally included between 0.5 - 0.9

$n = 1 - (1 - 0,67 D^{0,15}) (T/283)^{0,3}$  [Alexander empirical formula]

Where:  $T$  = temperature (K);  $D$  = cyclone diameter (m)

$\tau$  = relaxing time =  $\rho d_p^2 / 18\mu$

$K_C$  non dimensional parameter used to estimate the resident time



# Cyclone design: Semiempirical approach

$$E_d = 1 - \exp - 2 \left[ \frac{(n+1)\tau Q}{D^3} \frac{8K_c D^4}{(ab)^2} \right]^{1/(2n+2)}$$



$$E_d = 1 - \exp (-2(\Psi_d K)^{1/(2n+2)})$$



In terms of  $d_p$ :

$\tau =$  relaxing time  $= \rho d_p^2 / 18\mu$

$$E_d = 1 - \exp(-M * d_p^N) \left\{ \begin{array}{l} M = 2 \left[ (n+1) \frac{QK\rho_p}{18\mu D^3} \right]^{1/(2n+2)} \\ N = 1/(n+1) \end{array} \right.$$

# Cyclone design: Semiempirical approach – Effect of D (size) on Ed (collection efficiency)

$$E_d = 1 - \exp(-M \cdot d_p^N)$$



$$E_d \approx 1 - \exp\left[-\frac{k}{(D^3)^{1/(2n+2)}}\right]$$

With:

- k = numerical constant
- n = vortex exponent; normally included between 0.5 - 0.9



D increase →  $\exp\left[-\frac{k}{(D^3)^{1/(2n+2)}}\right]$  increase → Ed decrease



**smaller diameters, larger efficiencies →  
*multicyclones***

# Cyclone design: Semiempirical approach- Collection efficiency

Factors not considered (approximations of  $E_d$ )

- agglomeration of finer particles by collisions inside vortex → coarser particles → efficiency increase → **conservative approach (OK)**
- re-entrainment phenomena of removed particles for higher gas velocities and/or smaller diameters → efficiency decrease → **overestimation (NO GOOD)**



Empirical equation for correct estimation of cyclone diameter  $D$  [Karen-Zenz]

$$D = 0.029 \left[ \frac{Q \rho_g^2 \left(1 - \frac{b}{D}\right)}{\mu \rho_p \left(\frac{a}{D}\right) \left(\frac{b}{D}\right)^{2.2}} \right]^{0.454}$$

with  $Q$ ,  $\rho_p$ ,  $\rho_g$  and  $\mu$  in SI units (kg, m, sec) and  $D$  in m

# Pressure drop

- Main phenomena involved: expansion/compression losses at outlet/inlet, wall friction losses, **kinetic losses from turbulence (most significant)**
- Normally expressed in terms of inlet velocity heads ( $u^2/2g$ )

$$\Delta P = \frac{1}{2} * \rho_g * u^2 * H_v$$

Where:

- $\Delta P$ : pressure drop (N/m<sup>2</sup> or Pa)
- $\rho_g$ : gas density (kg/m<sup>3</sup>)
- $u$ : gas inlet velocity (m/s)

Optimum design conditions for:

- $u \rightarrow 15 - 30$  m/sec
- $\Delta p \rightarrow 8 - 20$  cm H<sub>2</sub>O  
(784.48 - 1961.2 Pa)

$$H_v = K * \frac{a * b}{D_e^2}$$

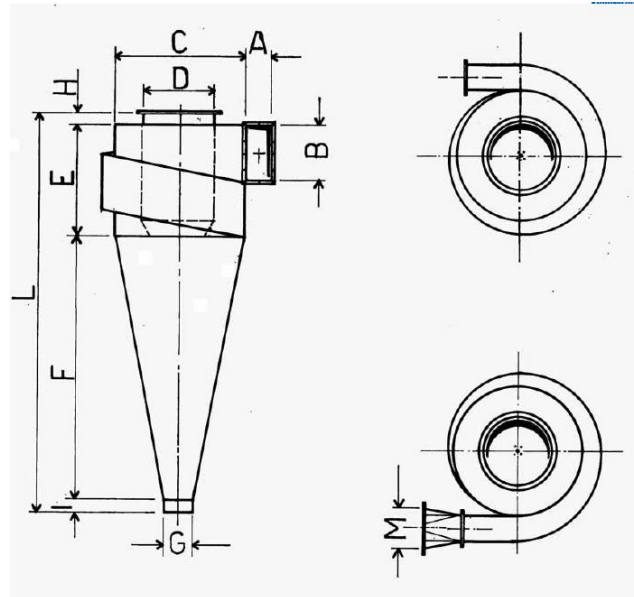
- $K$ : a constant that depends on cyclone configuration and operating condition; for air pollution work with standard tangential-entry cyclones, values of  $K$  are in the range of 12 to 18. A value of 16 is commonly set
- «a» (or H) and «b» (or W): are inlet height and inlet width (m) respectively
- $D_e$ : Outlet diameter (m)

# General field of applications

- For particle sizes **under 5  $\mu\text{m}$** , **capture efficiencies** rarely over 80%  
 general application as **pretreatment**, upstream of more efficient devices, unless  
 for **coarse particulate emissions** ( $d_p \geq 20 - 30 \mu\text{m}$ )
- General performance and operating parameters

| Parameter                                   | Conventional design | High efficiency design (multicyclones) |
|---|---------------------|--|
| Grade efficiency                            |                     |  |
| < 5 $\mu\text{m}$                           | < 50%               | 50%-80%                                |
| 5-20 $\mu\text{m}$                          | 50%-80%             | 80%-95%                                |
| 20-50 $\mu\text{m}$                         | 80%-95%             | 95%-99%                                |
| >50 $\mu\text{m}$                           | 95%-99%             | 95%-99%                                |
| Operating parameters                        |                     |  |
| Pressure loss (kPa)                         | 0.5-1               | 1-5                                    |
| Cyclone diameter (m)                        | 1-10                | 0.15-0.3                               |
| Inlet gas velocity (m/sec)                  | 5-15                | 20-30                                  |
| Energy consumption (kWh/1000 $\text{m}^3$ ) | 0.15-0.3            | 0.6-1.5                                |

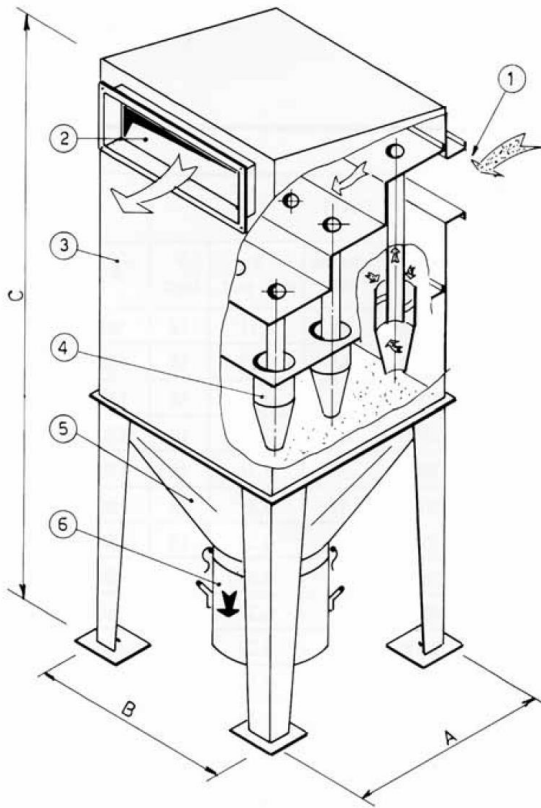
# Commercial design criteria for cyclone



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|--------------|--|--------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|-----|------|-----|------|------|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|
| Tipo<br>Type | Q m <sup>3</sup> /h<br>Q m <sup>3</sup> /h | mm c.a. HS<br>mm w.g. HS | Ø min. part.<br>Ø min. part. | V ingr.<br>V inlet. | A                       | B   | C    | D   | E    | F    | G   | H   | I   | L    | M   |
| 1            | 1000                                       | 68                       | 0.11                         | 18                  | 80                      | 200 | 350  | 250 | 400  | 800  | 100 | 30  | 80  | 1310 | 130 |
| 1.5          | 1500                                       | 65                       | 0.13                         | 18                  | 100                     | 230 | 480  | 300 | 460  | 1100 | 130 | 30  | 80  | 1670 | 150 |
| 2            | 2000                                       | 62                       | 0.16                         | 18                  | 130                     | 250 | 600  | 320 | 500  | 1400 | 150 | 50  | 100 | 2050 | 180 |
| 2.5          | 2500                                       | 62                       | 0.19                         | 18                  | 130                     | 300 | 650  | 350 | 600  | 1500 | 150 | 50  | 130 | 2280 | 180 |
| 3            | 3000                                       | 58                       | 0.21                         | 18                  | 150                     | 320 | 700  | 380 | 640  | 1650 | 180 | 50  | 130 | 2520 | 200 |
| 4            | 4000                                       | 57                       | 0.22                         | 18                  | 150                     | 430 | 750  | 420 | 860  | 1800 | 200 | 80  | 150 | 2890 | 230 |
| 4.5          | 4500                                       | 57                       | 0.23                         | 18                  | 150                     | 450 | 800  | 480 | 900  | 1900 | 230 | 80  | 150 | 3060 | 250 |
| 5.5          | 5600                                       | 56                       | 0.25                         | 18                  | 150                     | 550 | 950  | 550 | 1100 | 2150 | 250 | 80  | 150 | 3530 | 280 |
| 8            | 8000                                       | 52                       | 0.27                         | 19                  | 180                     | 700 | 1100 | 580 | 1400 | 2200 | 280 | 80  | 180 | 3900 | 300 |
| 9.5          | 9500                                       | 51                       | 0.28                         | 18                  | 200                     | 750 | 1200 | 720 | 1500 | 2400 | 300 | 80  | 180 | 4250 | 380 |
| 11           | 11000                                      | 50                       | 0.32                         | 19                  | 200                     | 800 | 1250 | 750 | 1600 | 2600 | 380 | 80  | 200 | 4550 | 380 |
| 13           | 13000                                      | 50                       | 0.40                         | 20                  | 220                     | 820 | 1300 | 780 | 1640 | 2700 | 350 | 100 | 200 | 4640 | 400 |
| 16           | 16000                                      | 49                       | 0.45                         | 21                  | 240                     | 850 | 1450 | 850 | 1700 | 2800 | 380 | 100 | 220 | 4870 | 450 |
| 20           | 20000                                      | 48                       | 0.48                         | 25                  | 250                     | 880 | 1650 | 950 | 1760 | 2900 | 380 | 100 | 220 | 4980 | 500 |

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# Commercial design criteria for multicyclone



DIMENSIONI MULTICICLONICO - B  
DIMENSIONS MULTICYCLONE - B

| PORTATA m <sup>3</sup> /h<br>FLOW RATE m <sup>3</sup> /h | N. ELEMENTI<br>N° OF ELEMENTS | A<br>A | B<br>B | C<br>C |       |           |     |      |          |
|--|-------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|-------|-----------|-----|------|----------|
| 900  | 3 (1x3)                       | 250    | 500    | 2800   | 13200 | 44(4x11)  | 650 | 1700 | 3500     |
| 1800   | 6 (2x3)                       | 350    | 500    | 2800   | 14400 | 48 (4x12) | 650 | 2000 | 3500 (*) |
| 2400   | 8 (2x4)                       | 350    | 650    | 2800   | 15600 | 52(4x13)  | 650 | 2100 | 3500(*)  |
| 3600   | 12 (3x4)                      | 500    | 650    | 3200   | 16800 | 56(4x14)  | 650 | 2200 | 3500(*)  |
| 4800   | 16 (4x4)                      | 650    | 650    | 3200   | 18000 | 60 (6x10) | 950 | 1550 | 3500     |
| 6000   | 20 (4x5)                      | 650    | 850    | 3200   | 18000 | 60(5x12)  | 850 | 2000 | 3500(*)  |
| 7200   | 24 (4x6)                      | 650    | 950    | 3200   |       |           |     |      |          |
| 7200   | 24 (3x8)                      | 500    | 1250   | 3200   |       |           |     |      |          |
| 8400   | 28 (4x7)                      | 650    | 1100   | 3200   |       |           |     |      |          |
| 9600   | 32 (4x8)                      | 650    | 1250   | 3200   |       |           |     |      |          |
| 10800  | 36 (4x9)                      | 650    | 1400   | 3200   |       |           |     |      |          |
| 10800  | 36 (3x12)                     | 500    | 1500   | 3200   |       |           |     |      |          |
| 12000  | 40 (4x10)                     | 650    | 1550   | 3200   |       |           |     |      |          |

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