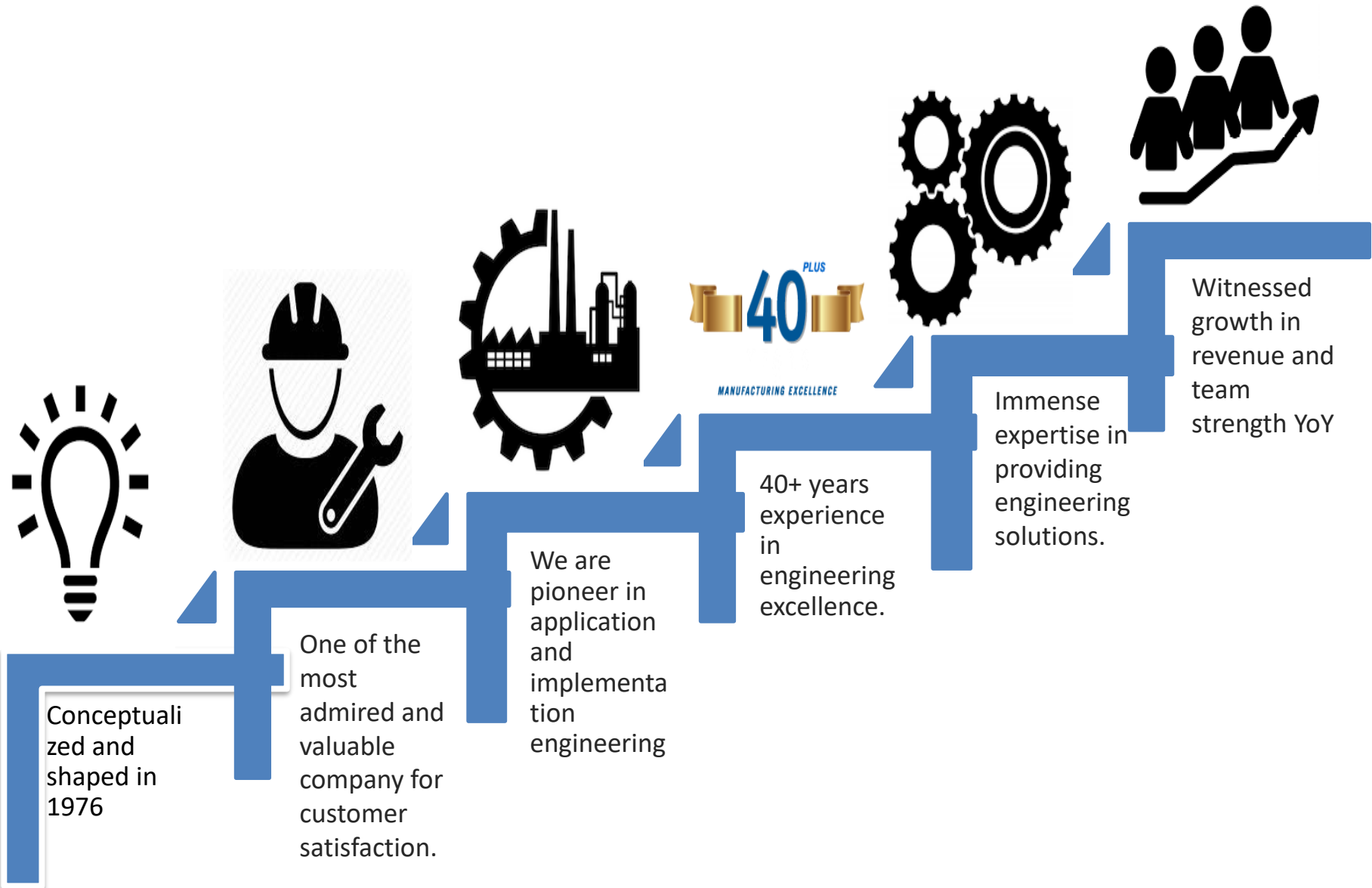


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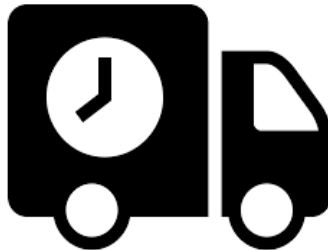
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Food Processing

- Need of food processing - to avoid the spoilage of foods due to various reasons; to increase shelf life; to make food products available through out the year
- The spoilage could be due to physical damage, chemical damage, microbial attack
- Various food processing methods – Freezing, canning, preserving in syrup, food irradiation, salting, vacuum packaging, **dehydration**
- canning and freezing – best way to retain the taste, appearance, and nutritive value of fresh food (**Cost involvement**)
- Drying/Dehydration– very much cost-effective; product takes much less storage space than canned or frozen foods; Some dehydrated products have very good rehydration properties

Drying Fundamentals

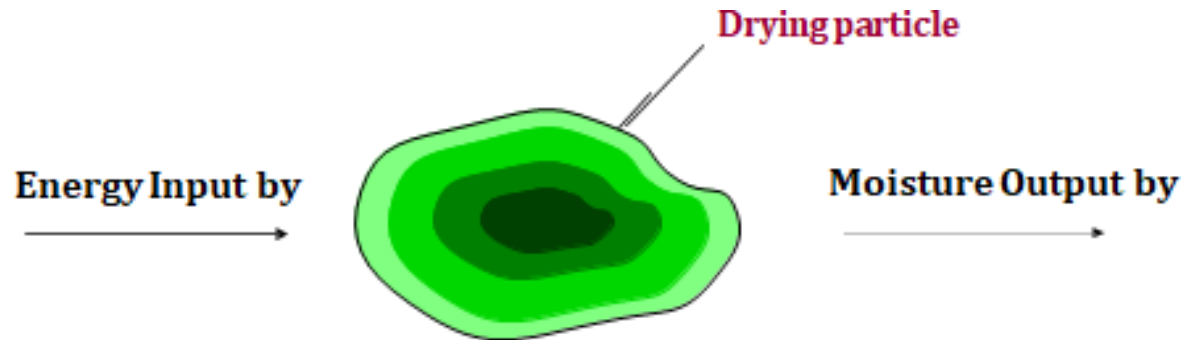
Removal of a liquid from a solid/semisolid/liquid to produce solid product by thermal energy input causing phase change (Sometimes converts solid moisture into vapor by sublimation eg. Freeze drying with application of heat.)

Needed for the purposes of preservation and storage, reduction in cost of transportation, etc.

Most common and diverse operation with over 100 types of dryers in industrial use

Competes with distillation as the most energy intensive operation

Drying Fundamentals



- Conduction
- Convection
- Radiation
- Microwave and Radio Frequency Fields
- Combined mode

- Liquid diffusion
- Vapor diffusion
- Capillary flow(Permeability)
- Knudsen diffusion (Mean free path < pore dia.)
- Surface diffusion
- Poiseuille flow
- Combination of above

Transport of moisture within the solid may occur by any one or more of the following mechanisms of mass transfer:

Liquid diffusion, if the wet solid is at a temperature below the boiling point of the liquid

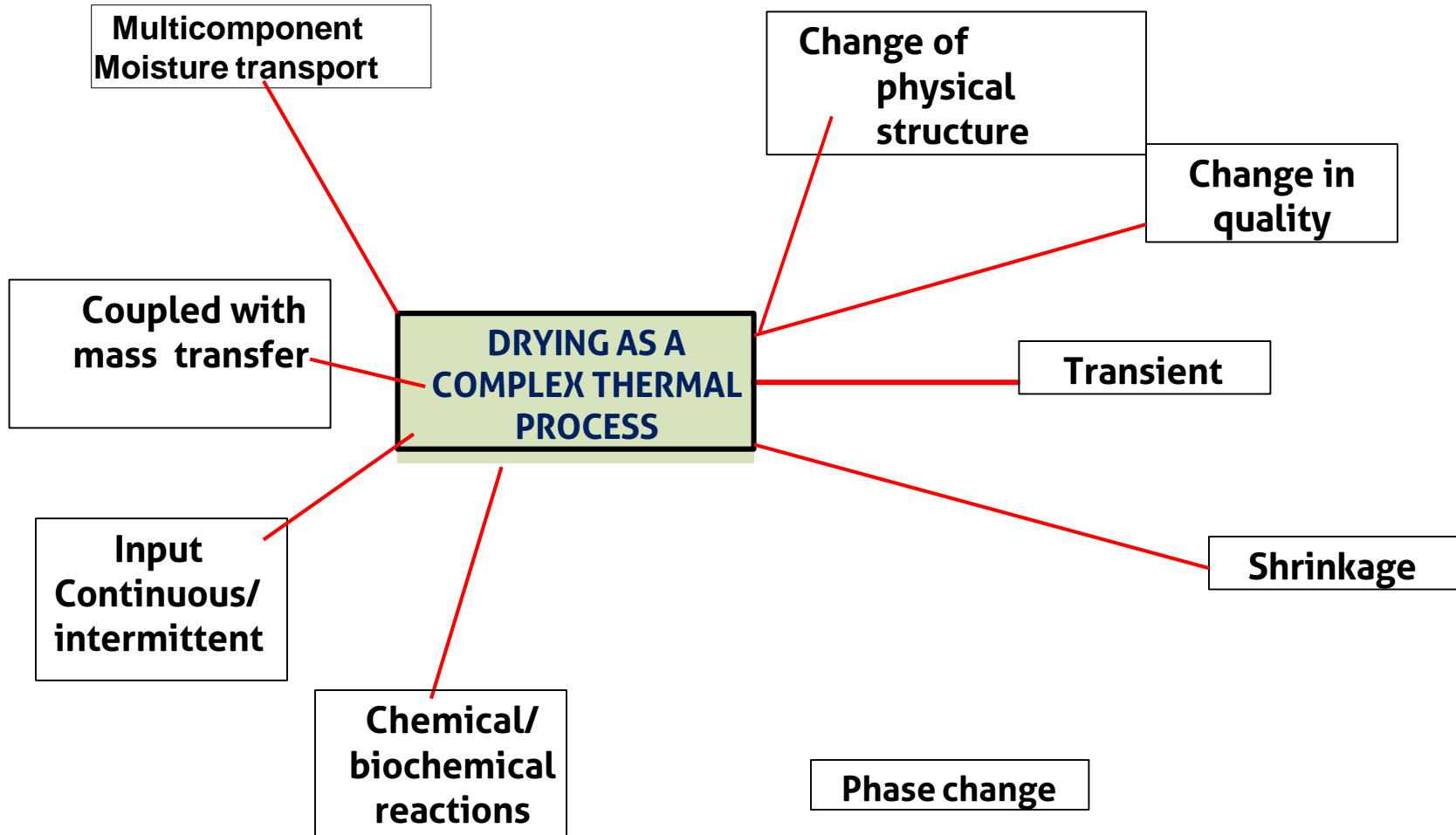
Vapor diffusion, if the liquid vaporizes with in material

Knudsen diffusion, if drying takes place at very low temperatures and pressures, e.g., in freeze drying

Surface diffusion (possible although not proven)

Hydrostatic pressure differences, when internal vaporization rates exceed the rate of vapor transport through the solid to the surroundings

Drying a Complex Process



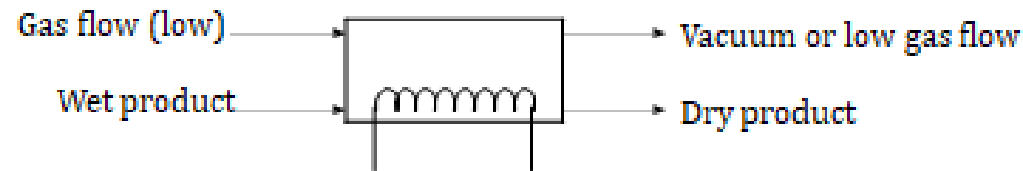
Drying based on heat input

I. Direct (Convective)



Drying medium directly contacts material to be dried and carries evaporated moisture.

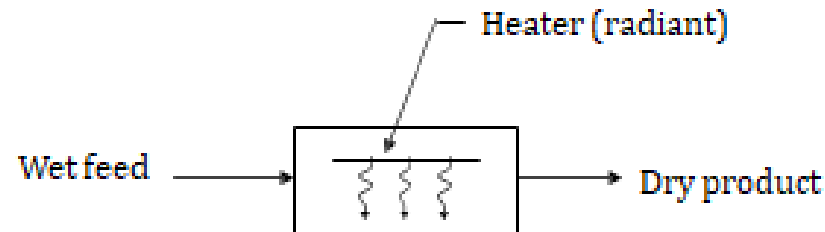
II. Indirect (Contact, Conduction)



Heat supplied by heat exchanger(through wall)

Drying based on heat input

III. Radiant



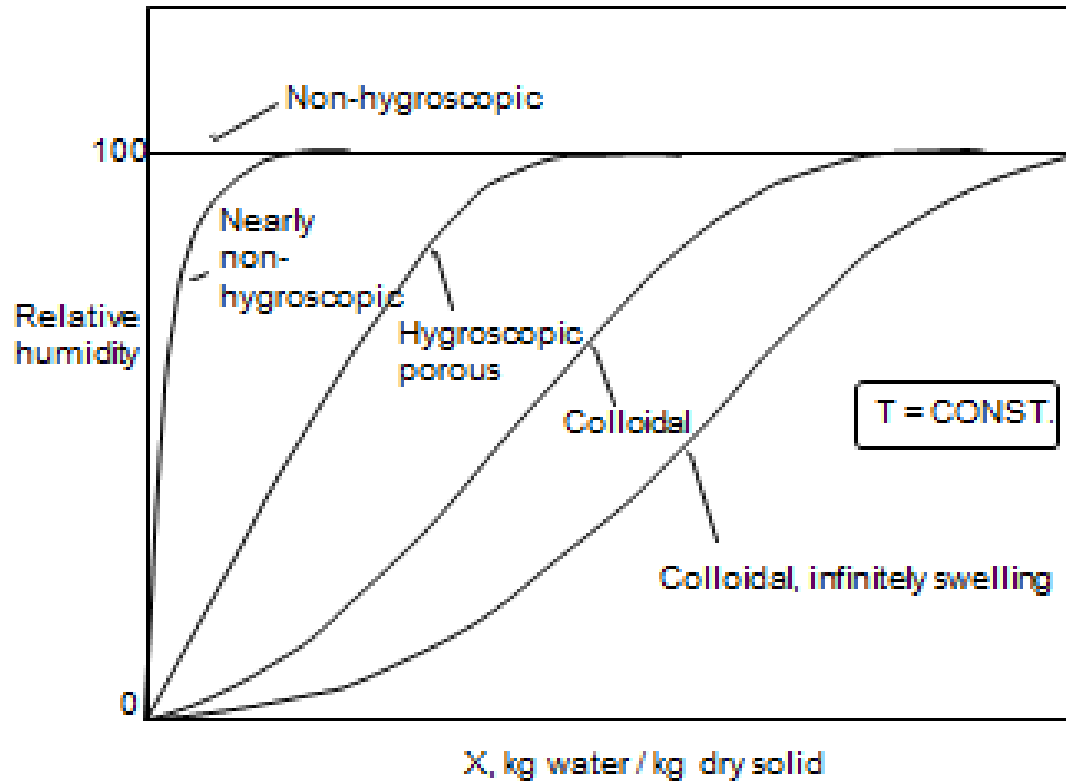
Vacuum or low gas flow to carry evaporated moisture away.

IV. Microwave or RF

Electromagnetic energy absorbed selectively by water (volumetric heating)

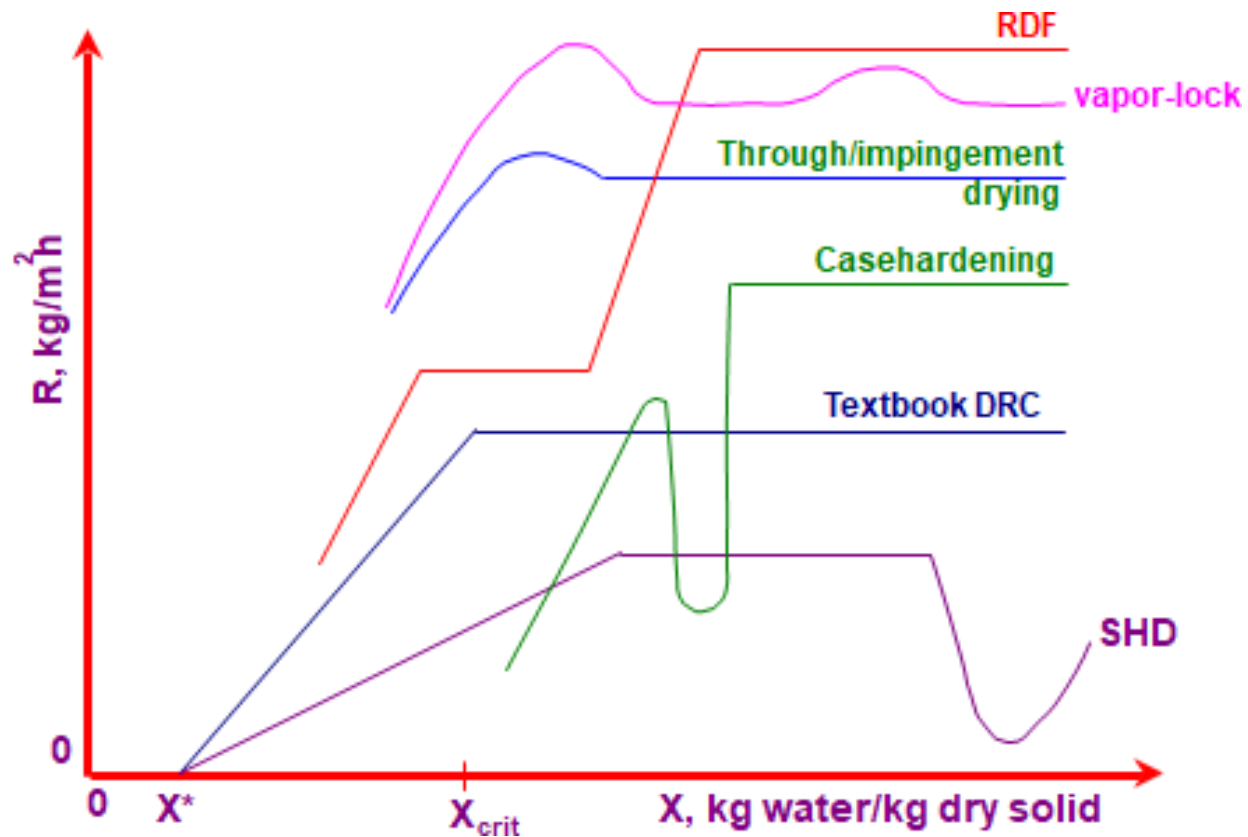
Typically less than 50% of total heat supplied in most direct dryers is used for evaporation. Water is the most common solvent removed in dryers.

Basic terms

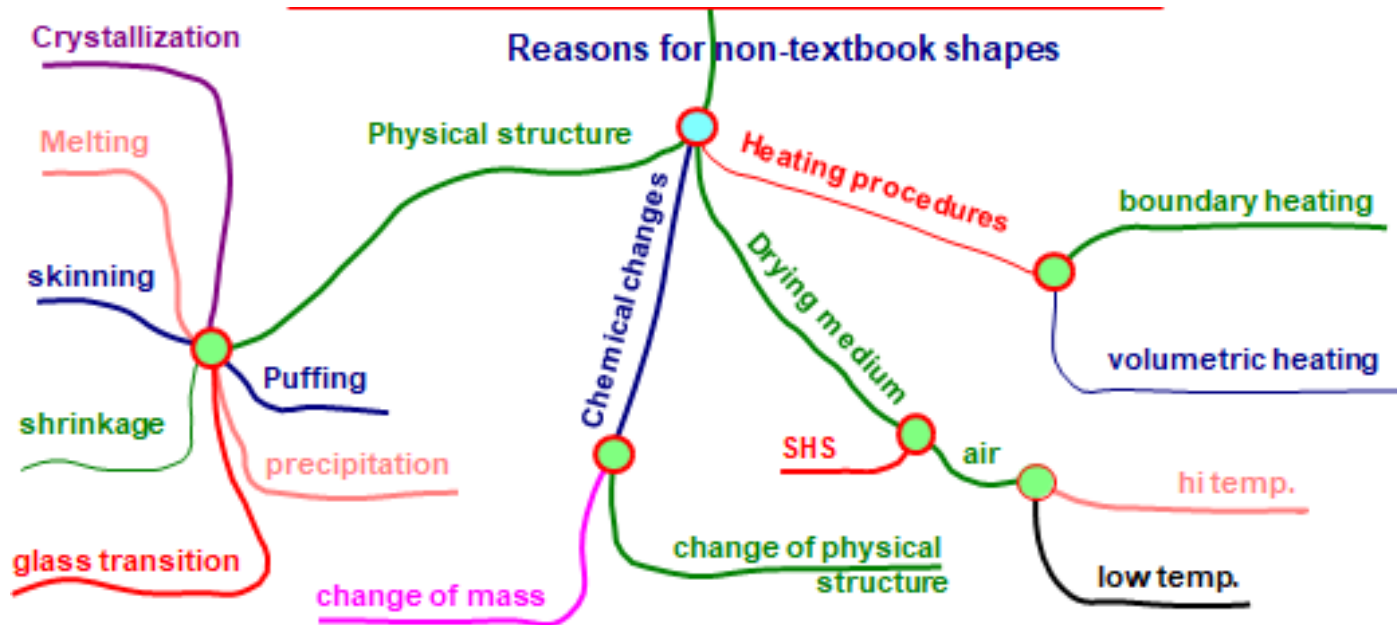


Equilibrium moisture content curves for various types of solids

Unusual Drying Rate Curves



Unusual Drying Rate Curves*



* Constant drying conditions

Basic terms (water activity)

WATER ACTIVITY (a_w):

$$a_w = \frac{\text{Partial pressure of water over wet solid}}{\text{Equilibrium vapor pressure of water at same temp.}}$$

State of water in bio-product:

-Free water - intra-cellular water; nutrients and dissolved solids needed for living cells

-Bound water - water built into cells or biopolymer structures Needs additional energy to break "bonds" with solid. Bound water also resists freezing

For safe storage, bio-products must be dried to appropriate levels and stored under appropriate conditions

Why so many dryer types?

- Over 500 reported in literature studies; over 100 commercially available
- Over 50,000 materials are dried commercially at rates of a few kg/hr to 30 T/hr or more
- Drying times (residence times within drying chamber) can range from 1/3 sec. to months
- Temperature and pressure range from below triple point to super-critical
- Numerous constraints on physical/chemical properties of feed as well as dried product require a bewildering array of dryer designs
- Wide range of feeds (liquid, solid, semi-solid, particulate, pasty; sludge-like; sticky etc); wide specs on dried product

Why so many dryer types?

- Different sources of energy input(conduction, convection, radiation, MW,RF etc)
- Energy input continuous or intermittent
- Batch, continuous or semi-continuous operation
- **Quality** is key parameter for many products
- Limited number used in pharma industry
- Need to reduce the cost
- Need to consider drying system rather than dryer, i.e. Pre- and post-drying stages are important and often cost more than dryer
- Environmental regulations demand new drying techniques

Dryer Selection And classification

Criterion for selection of dryers

- Numerous criteria ,with different weights
- Many dryers can typically meet specs; hence several dryers can do a given job in general.
- Choice depends on mode of operation, physical form of feed and dried product desired; heat sensitivity; quality requirements; production rate; whether non-aqueous solvents are present in feed; whether material is toxic/inflammable or friable etc
- Key criterion- dryer must be able to handle the product- move it from feed to exit! Other criteria follow
- **For pharma products quality is NO 1 criterion!**

Criterion for selection of dryers

- **Dryer Selection: A black art or science?**
- Little published work on subject
- In view of tremendous diversity of dryers, buyer must know more about dryers and drying
- Most vendors specialize in selected dryer types; so buyer needs to make choice
- Multiple choices are possible and can make selection process complex
- Expertise needed to make right choice!
- Energy, environment, safety and cost are important considerations in selection.
- **Special care needed when handling nonaqueous solvents in wet materia**

Some notes for dryer selection

- Must examine drying system cost rather than dryer cost for final selection.
- Largely untested in industrial practice – trend is to “repeat history”
- Do not copy dryer or dryer system used elsewhere without critical evaluation from square 1!
- Nickel ore concentrate is dried in different places using spray, fluid bed, rotary and flash dryers/ Which one do you COPY?
- Local fuel availability and relative costs of different energy sources, environmental requirements as well as legislation can change selection of dryer for same application

Main dryer classification criteria

Criterion	Types
Mode of operation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Batch• Continuous*
Heat input-type	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Convection*, conduction, radiation, electromagnetic fields, combination of heat transfer modes• Intermittent or continuous*• Adiabatic or non-adiabatic
State of material in dryer	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stationary• Moving, agitated, dispersed
Operating pressure	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vacuum*• Atmospheric
Drying medium (convection)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Air*• Superheated steam• Flue gases

Main dryer classification criteria

Criterion	Types
Drying temperature	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Below boiling temperature*• Above boiling temperature• Below freezing point
Relative motion between drying medium and drying solids	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Co-current• Counter-current• Mixed flow
Number of stages	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Single*• Multi-stage
Residence time	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Short (< 1 minute)• Medium (1 – 60 minutes)• Long (> 60 minutes)

* Most common in practice

Typical checklist for selection of industrial dryers

Physical form of feed	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Granular, particulate, sludge, crystalline, liquid, pasty, suspension, solution, continuous sheets, planks, odd-shapes (small/large)• Sticky, lumpy
Average throughput	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• kg/h (dry/wet); continuous• kg per batch (dry/wet)
Expected variation in throughput (turndown ratio)	
Fuel choice	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Oil• Gas• Electricity
Pre- and post-drying operations (if any)	
For particulate feed products	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mean particle size• Size distribution• Particle density• Bulk density• Rehydration properties

Chemical/biochemical/ microbiological activity	
Heat sensitivity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Melting point • Glass transition temperature
Inlet/outlet moisture content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dry basis • Wet basis
Sorption isotherms (equilibrium moisture content)	
Drying time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drying curves • Effect of process variables
Special requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Material of construction • Corrosion • Toxicity • Non-aqueous solution • Flammability limits • Fire hazard • Color/texture/aroma requirements (if any)

More guidelines for Dryer Selection

Principal Data Needed

Include as much relevant data as possible

Solids throughput	Mass flow W_s Turndownratio
Moisture content	Inlet X_1 , Outlet X_0 , variation
Particle properties	Size, size distribution Density, r_p , r_s
Drying kinetics	Drying curves E.M.C. data
Temperature limits	long-term Instantaneous
Gas and solvent	Identity Physical properties
Other features	Safety, ease of handling, attrition, etc. Quality aspects Toxicity, flammability

Additional Qualitative Data Needed

Fires and dust explosions Toxicity

Potential for environmental damage Product value Need for containment Capital cost

Attrition, hardness and friability Cohesion, adhesion, agglomeration Operating time

Need for size reduction/enlargement Post-drying operations and Pre-drying factors

Small Scale Lab Tests

Small scale tests give valuable information:

- Drying kinetics – drying rates (parametric effects)
- Equilibrium moisture content – effect of T, humidity
- Microscopic examination – surface, agglomeration
- Lab-scale rotary evaporator – overheating, balling, adhesion
- Rotating drum tester – attrition, dustiness
- Cohesion and adhesion – handling, sticky point
- Vital to have a representative sample of final material
- Not necessary to carry out all of above tests in all cases

Basic Choice: Form of Feed

Feed and product can be in one of these main basic forms:

- Particulate solids (bed/layer/or dispersed)
- Sheet or film
- Block or slab
- Slurry or solution (feed only) or paste

- Mostly require completely different types of dryer
- Widest choice available for particulate solids
- Specification of final product also critical in selection

Basic Choice: Batch or Continuous

Batch dryers favored by :

- Low throughput (under 50 kg/h)
- Long residence time (i.e. mainly falling rate drying)
- Batch equipment upstream and downstream
- Requirement for batch integrity

Continuous dryers favored by

- Opposite conditions

Match production mode of feed where possible

Basic Choice: Information From Kinetic Data

Interpretation of drying curves assists choice:

- Unhindered drying period – favors convective/dispersion
- Long hindered drying period – favors contact drying
- Estimate of required solids residence time
- Maximum likely drying rate
- Indication of mechanisms controlling drying
- Difference between initial and final drying rates *

* (If high, favors well-mixed, parallel flow or two-stage)

Dryers: Solid Exposure to Heat Conditions

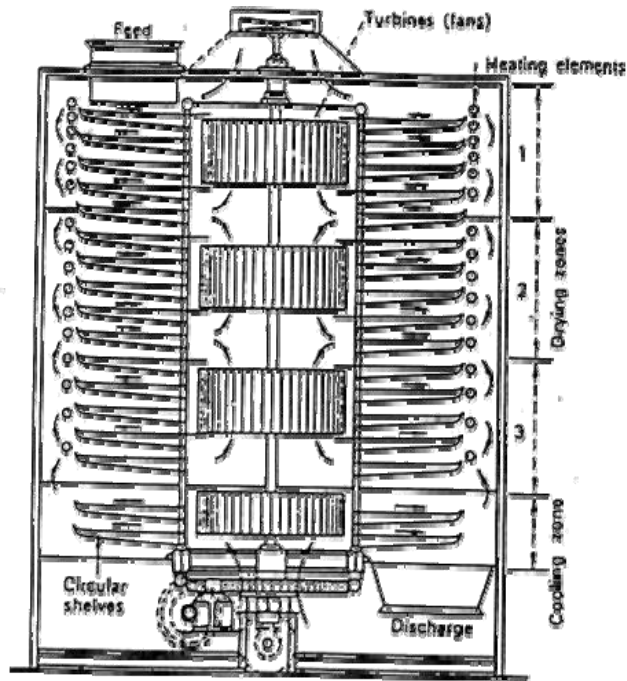
Dryers	Typical residence time within dryer				
	0 10 sec	10 30 sec	5 10 min	10 60 min	1 6 hr
Convection					
Belt conveyordryer				X	
Flash dryer	X				
Fluid beddryer				X	
Rotary dryer				X	
Spray dryer		X			
Tray dryer(batch)					X
Tray dryer(continuous)				X	
Conduction					
Drum dryer		X			
Steam jacket rotarydryer				X	
Steam tube rotarydryer				X	
Tray dryer(batch)					X
Tray dryer(continuous)				X	

Product Classification and Dryer Types

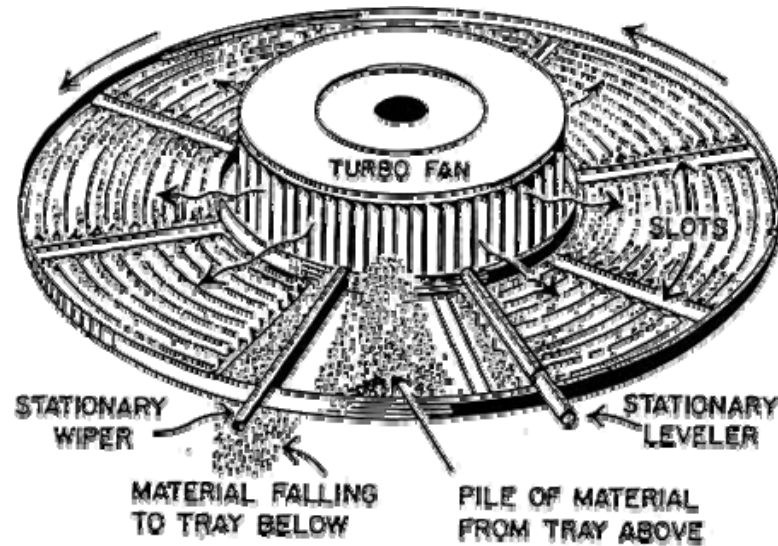
Dryers	Evap. Rate (kg/m ² /hr)	Fluid, liquid suspension	Pastes	Powders	Granules, pellets	Operation
Forced Convection (through flow)	7.5	-	-	-	Good	Batch
Double Cone	10	-	Poor	Fair	Poor	Batch
FBD	130	-	-	Good	Good	Continuous
Band	30	-	Fair	-	Good	Continuous
Film Drum	22	Good	Fair	-	-	Continuous
Flash	750	-	Fair	Good	Fair	Continuous
Rotary (indirect)	33	-	Poor	Good	Fair	Continuous
Spin Flash	185	-	Good	Good	Fair	Continuous
Spray	15	Good	-	-	-	Continuous

Different Industrial Dryer Types

Turbo Tray Dryers



(a) Turbo-tray tower dryer



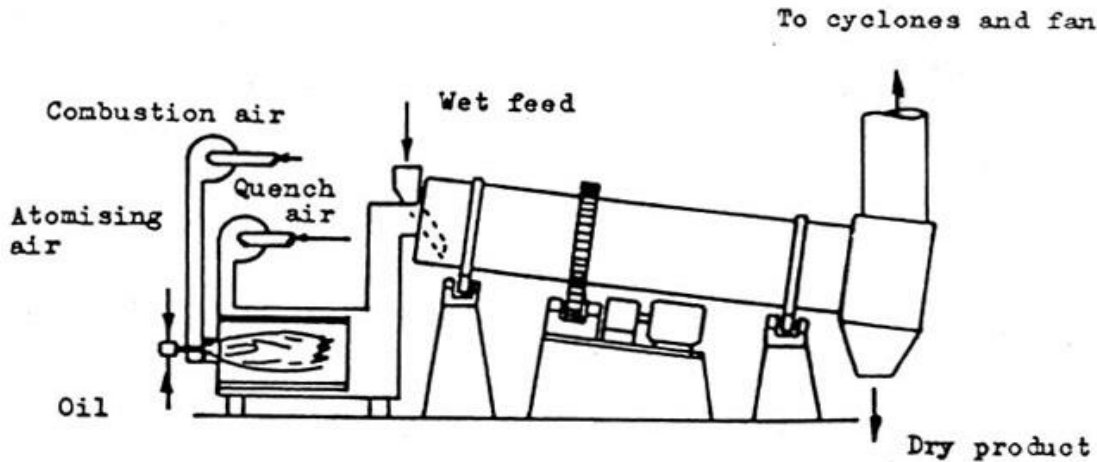
(b) Detail of annular shelf

Rotating-shelf dryers

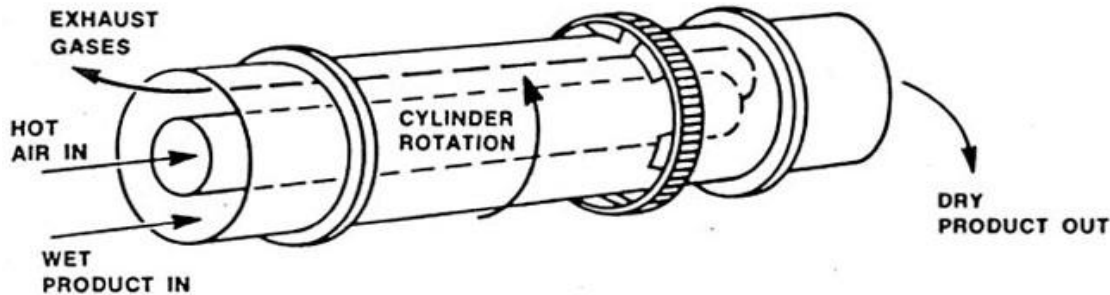
- Suitable for granular feeds, operate with rotating shelves and force convection of air above the shelves.
- The Dryer can have 30+ trays and provide large residence time.
- Hermetic sealing is possible for solvent recovery.

Rotary Dryer

Direct-Heat Rotary Drying



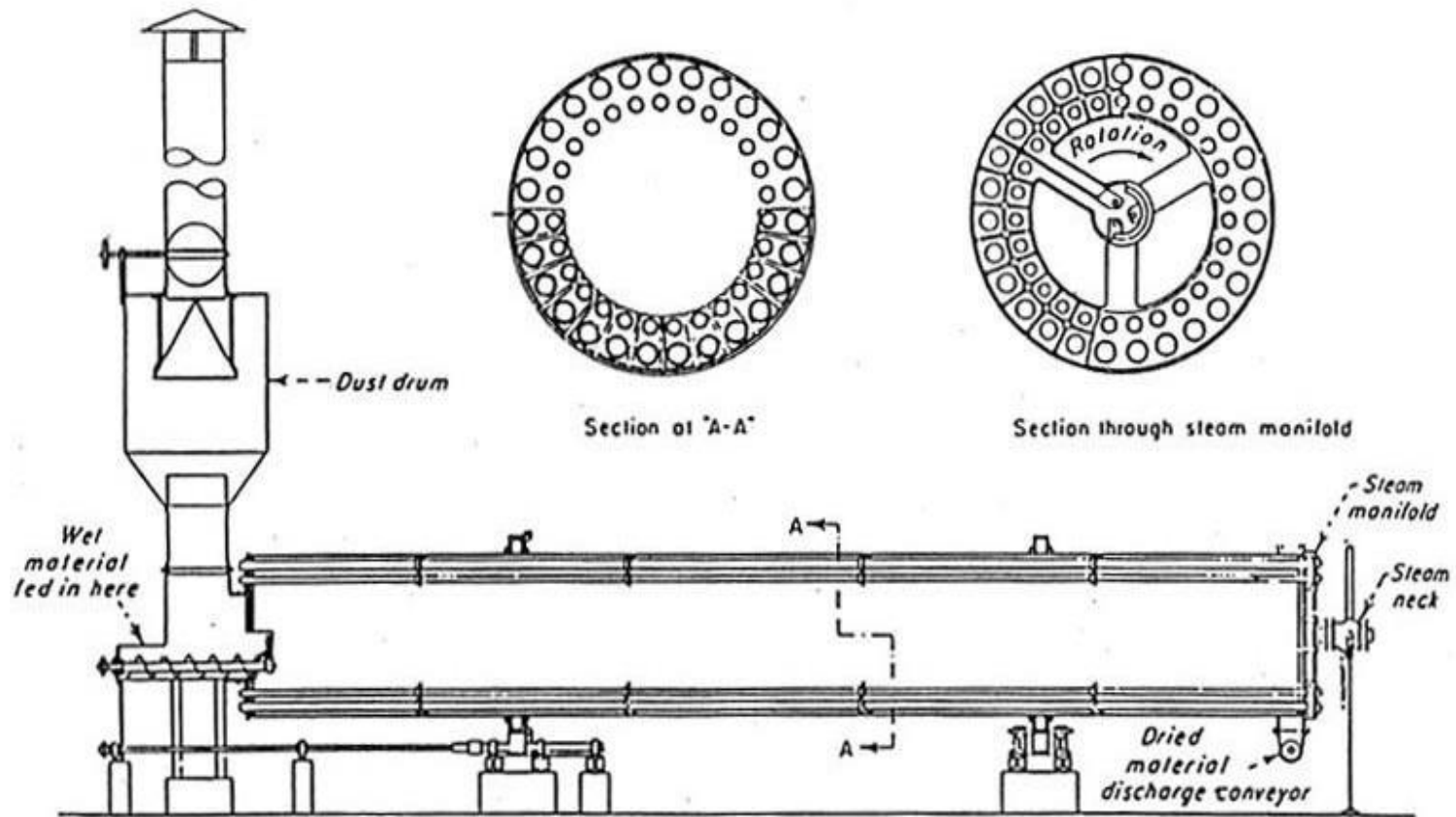
Typical cascading direct rotary dryer arranged for cocurrent operation. (From Nonhebel and Moss, 1971.)



Indirect-direct rotary dryer. (Courtesy of C-E Raymond, Combustion Engineering, Inc., Chicago, Illinois.)

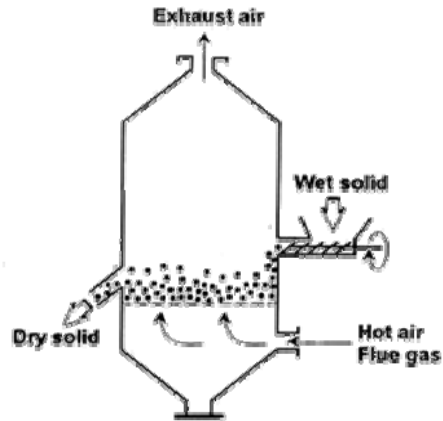
- Combined cascademotion with heat & mass transfer.
- Large capital & operating cost.
- Used in fertilizers, pharmaceutical, lead & zinc concentrate for smelting, cement.
- Size 0.3 to 5 m diameter & 2 to 90m length.

Steam Tube Rotary Dryer

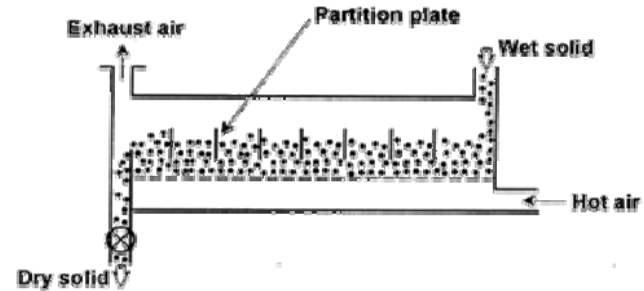


Indirect-heat, steam-tube, rotary dryer

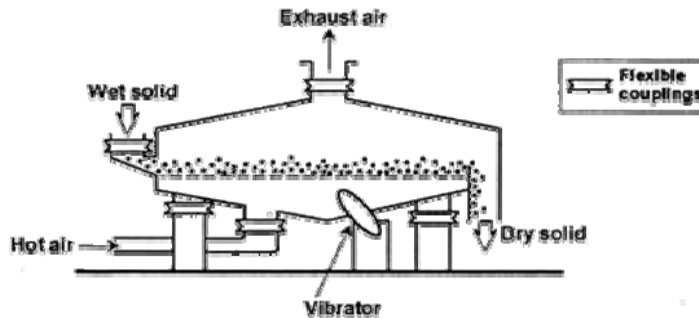
Fluid Bed Dryers Variations



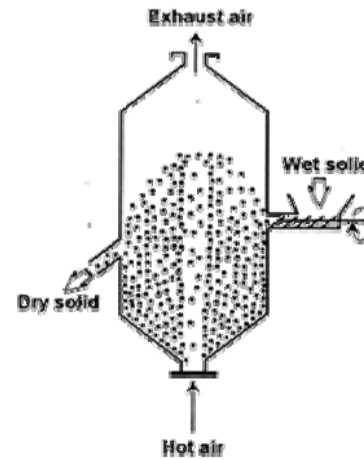
(a) Well-mixed fluidized bed dryer



(b) Plug flow fluidized bed dryer

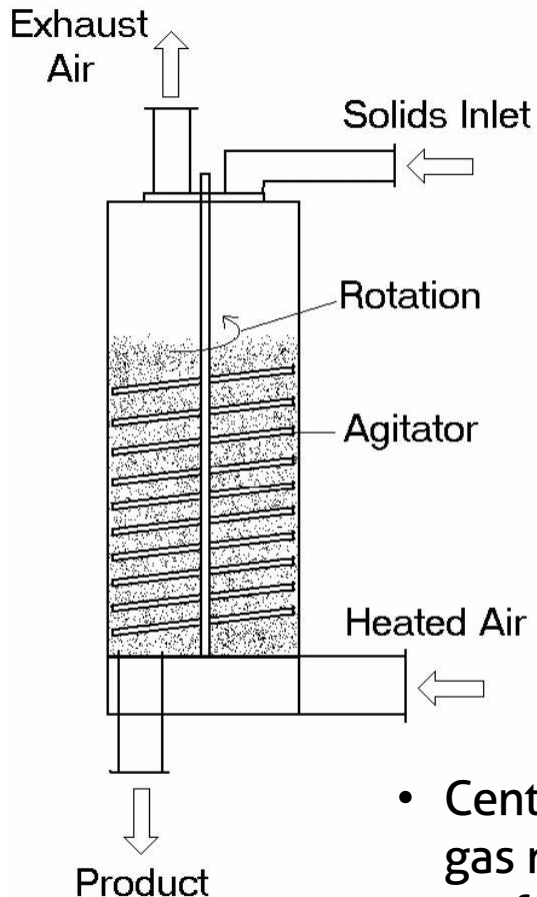


(c) Vibrated fluidized bed dryer

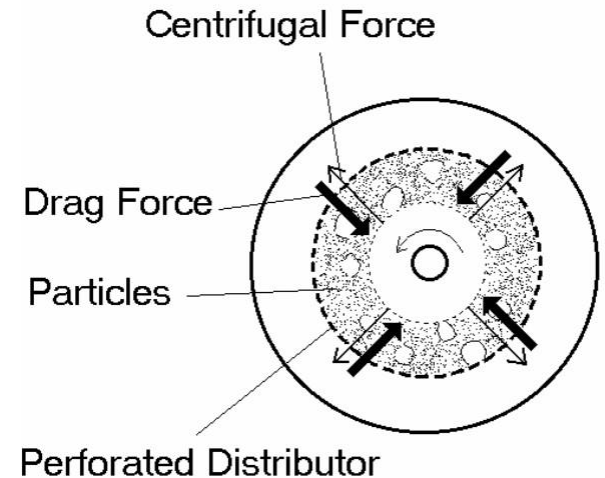


(d) Spouted bed dryer

Fluid Bed Dryers Modifications

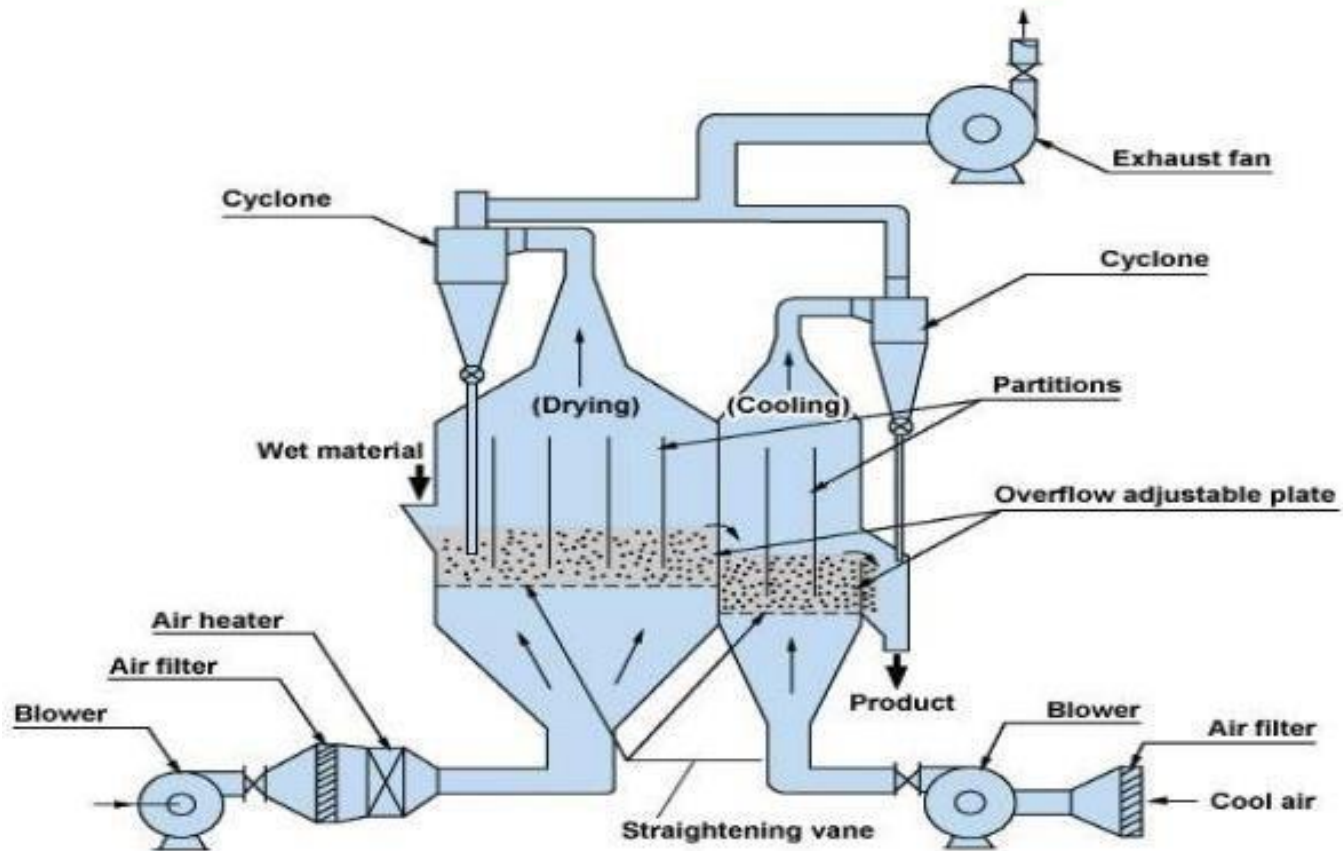


Homogeneous FB without channeling or bubbles;
 high gas velocity possible
 Deeper bed depth is possible if the bed is agitated-Not commonly used



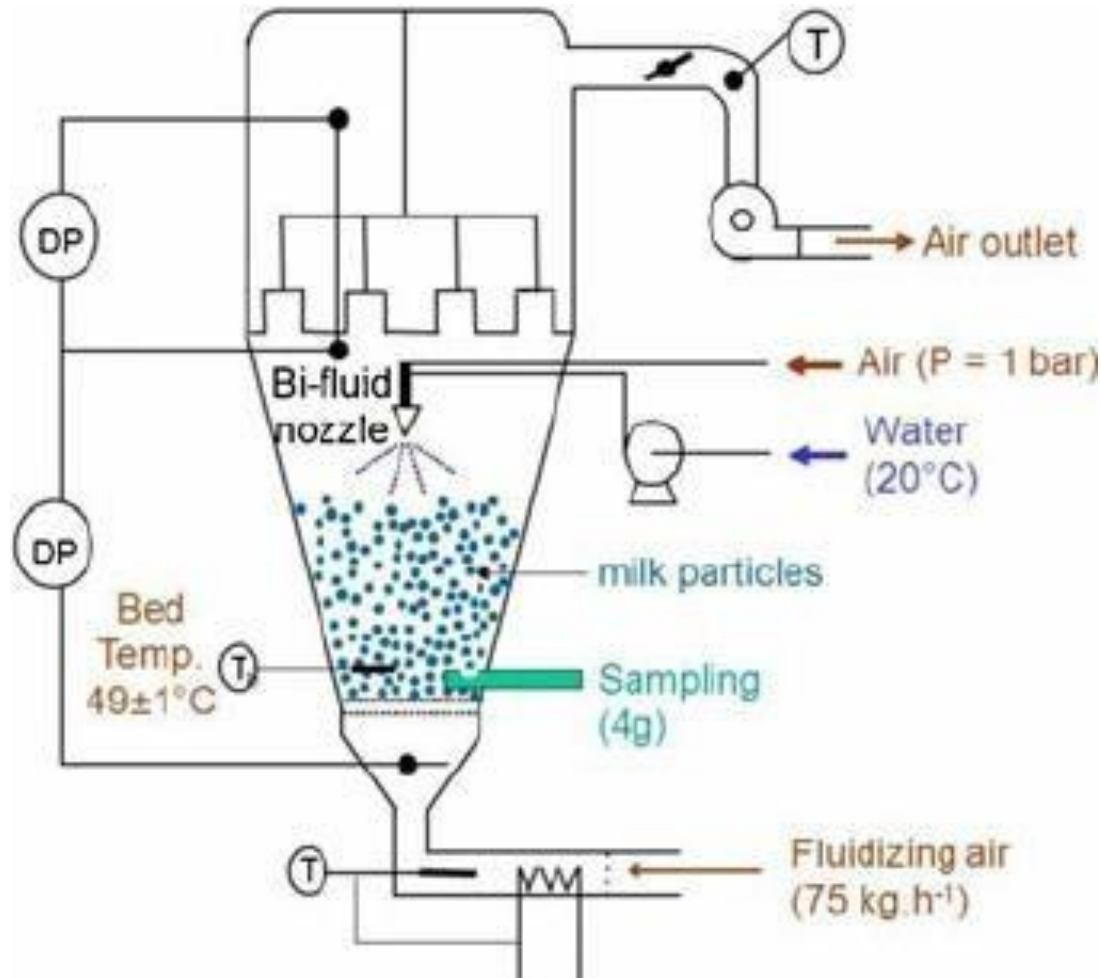
- Centrifugal / rotating FB - flowing gas radially - rotating cylindrical perforated distributor.
- promising contacting U_{mf} and U_t can be controlled

Continuous Fluid Bed Dryer



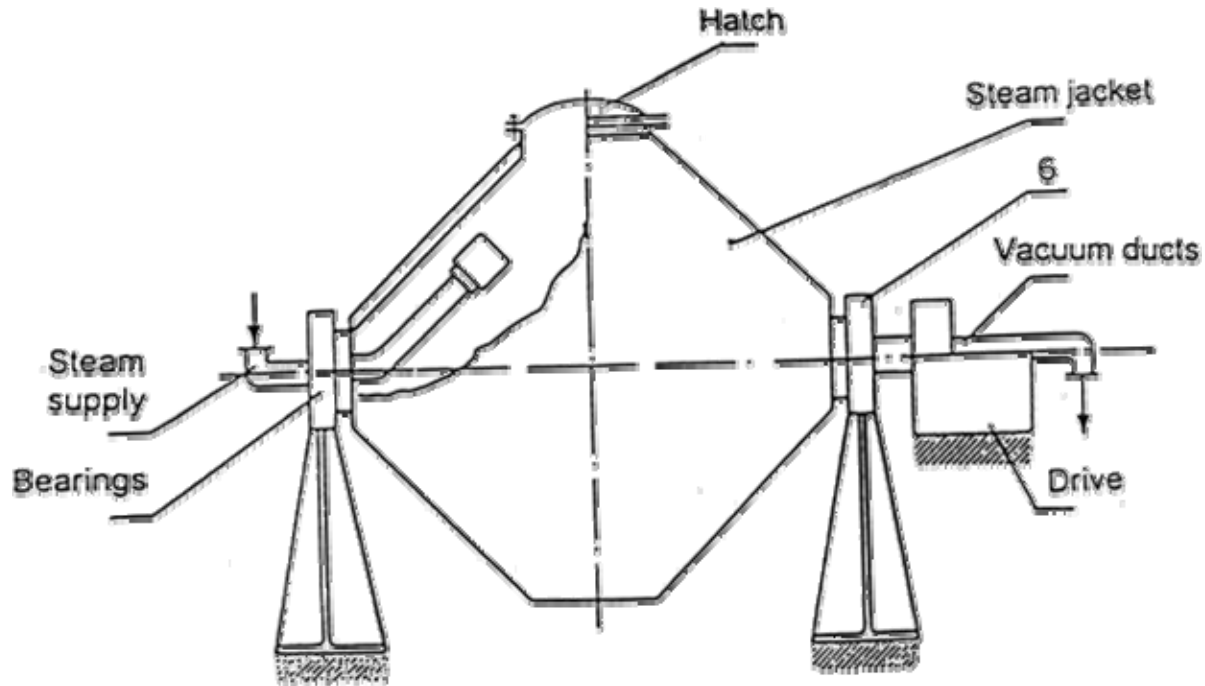


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Batch-fluidized-bed-granulator

Rotocone Dryers (Batch)



- Drying of pharmaceuticals - tableting formulation
- Maximum capacity 10 m³.
- Evaporation rate 2-7kg/hr.m²

Microwave Dryers

Used in ceramics industries, foods & pharmaceuticals to drive off final traces of moisture.

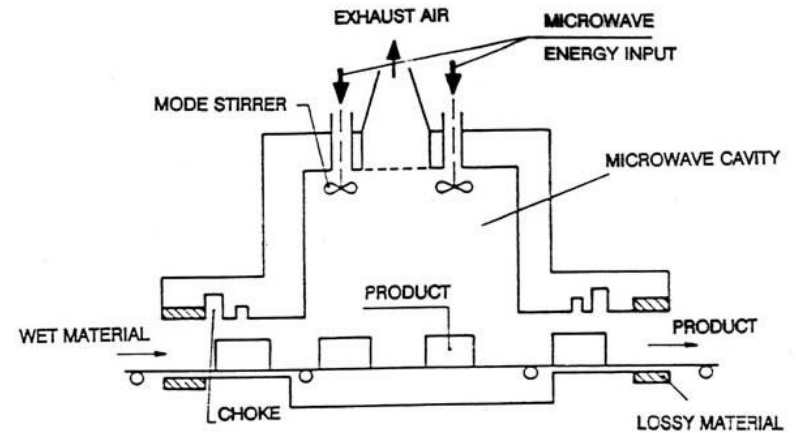


Fig. Band-type microwave dryer

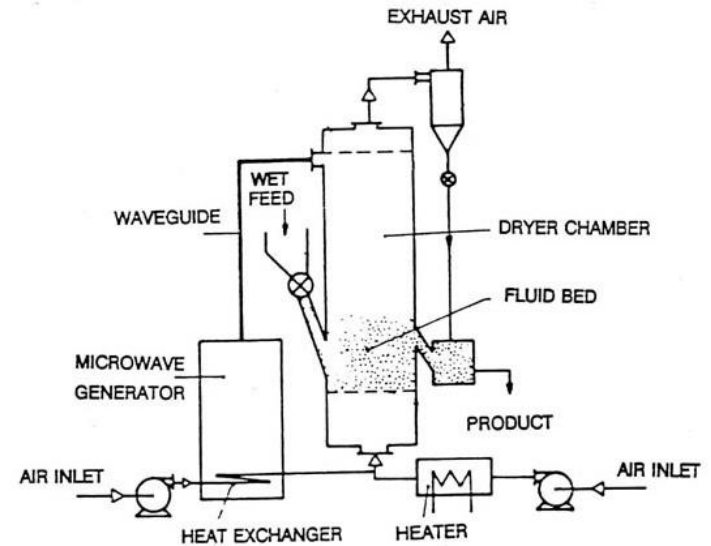
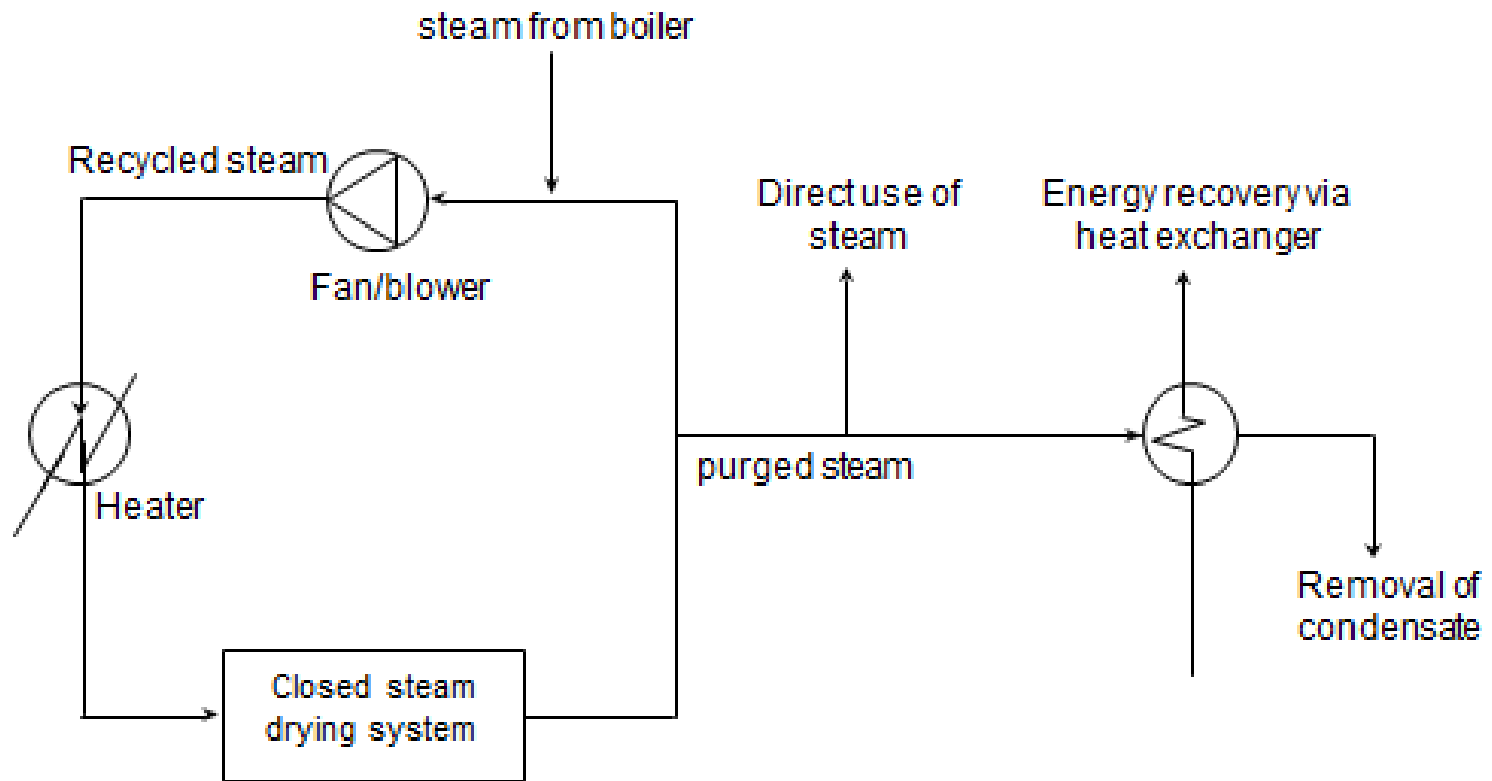


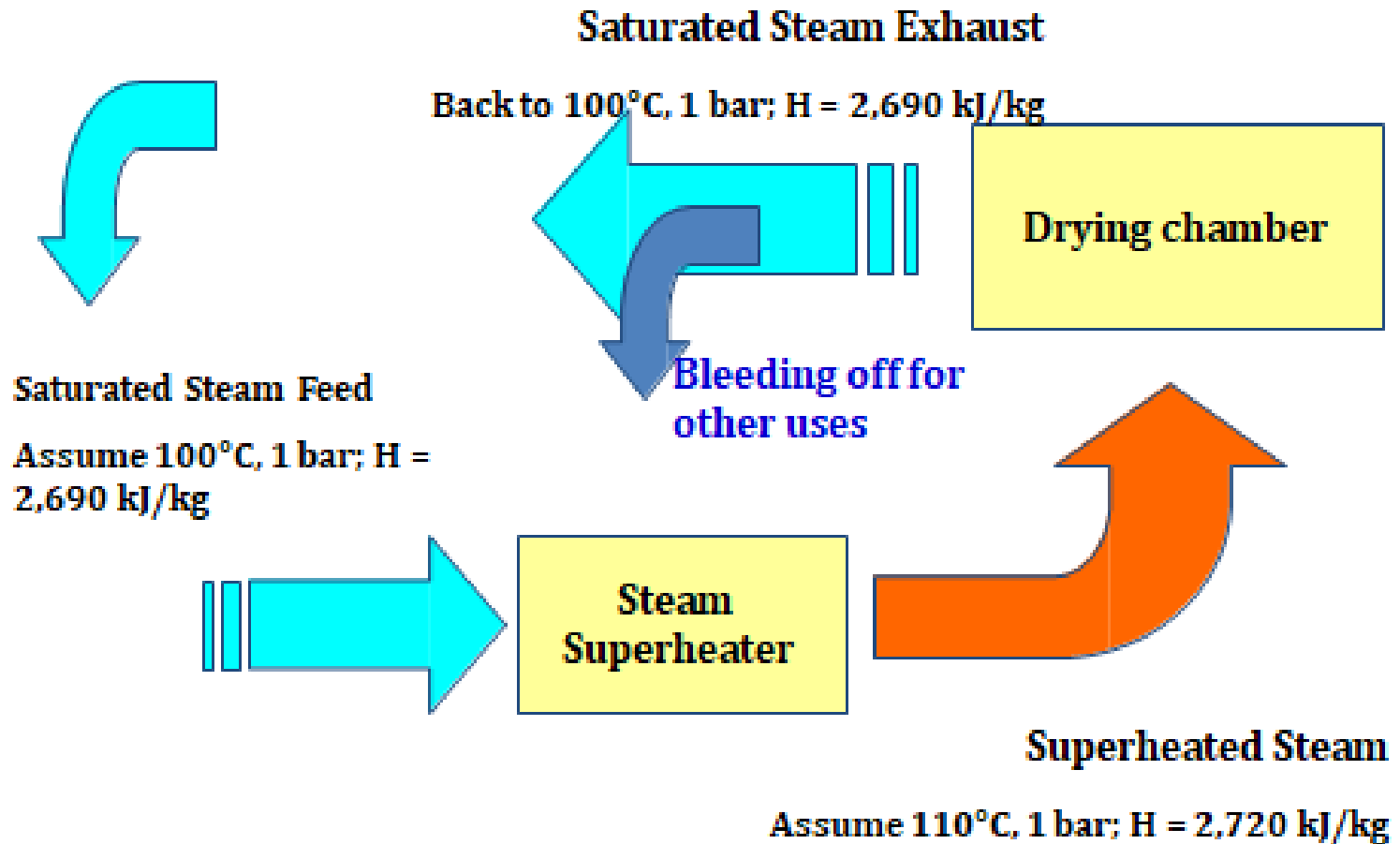
Fig. Microwave dryer for particulate materials

Superheated Steam Drying



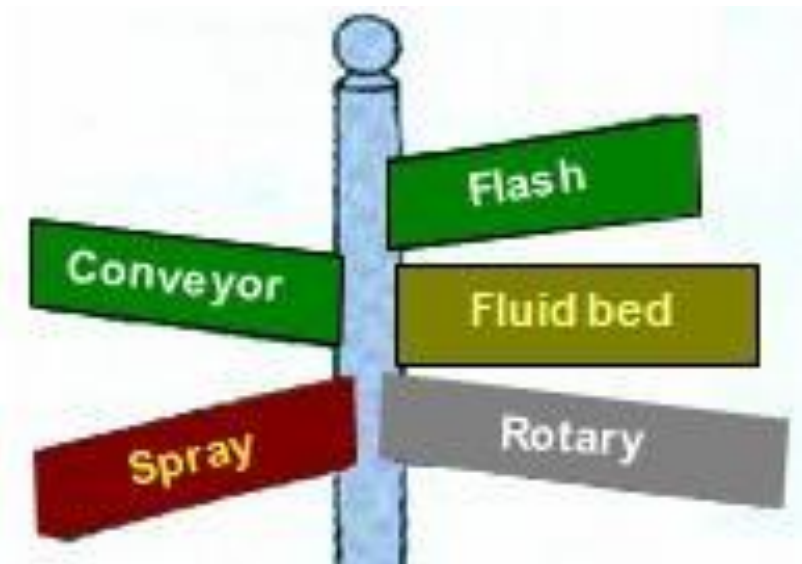
Typical SSD set-up

Superheated Steam Drying



Superheated Steam Drying

Possible Types of SSD



- Flash dryers with or without indirect heating of walls
- FBDs with or without immersed heat exchangers
- Spray dryers
- Impinging jet dryers
- Conveyor dryers
- Rotary dryers
- Impinging stream dryers

Selection of Fluid Bed Dryer

Some case studies

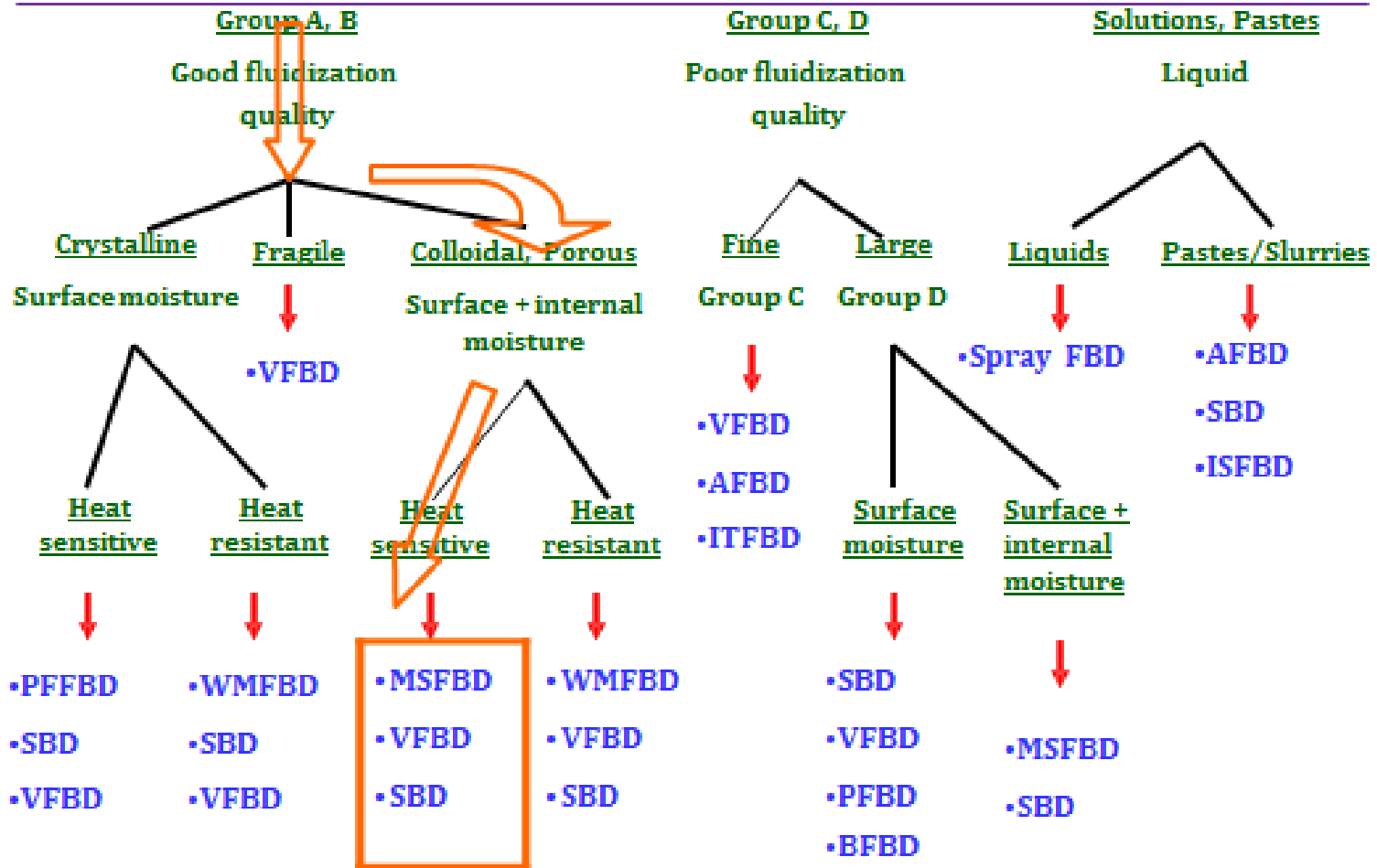


FBD Selection Example – Drying of Yeast

- Good fluidization quality when dry
- Contains surface and internal moistures
- Heat sensitive
- Mono-sized, particle size = 200 μ m (aeratable)
- Note other dryer types can also be used for this application



FBD Selection Example – Drying of Yeast



FBD Selection Example – Drying of Yeast

- FBD to be selected from following alternates:
 - Multi-stage fluidized beddryer
 - Vibrated Fluidized beddryer
 - Spouted Fluidized beddryer

 - Mono-sized,
 - Particle size = **200 μ m (aeratable); density = ???**

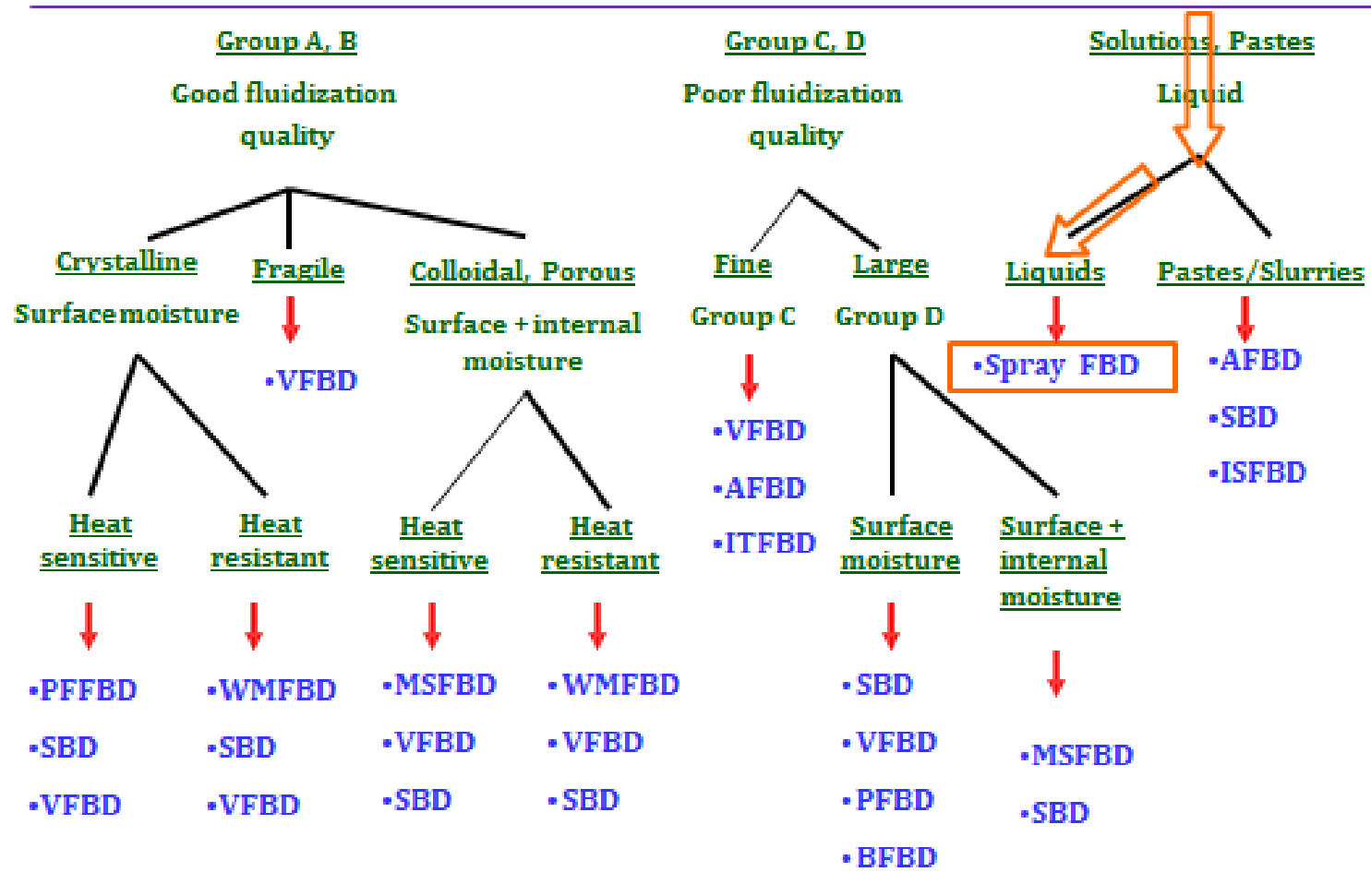
 - **Use a multistage fluidized bed dryer**
 - Can consider well mixed fluidized bed dryer followed by plug flow fluidized dryer and cooler at the final stage

FBD Selection Example – Drying of Dairy Products

- Solution
- Liquid
- Note: Aside from physical form ,mode of operation, capacity required, heat sensitivity affect the dryer choice. In fact the initial and final M.C., drying kinetics, toxicity, fragility of material also influence dryerselection.



FBD Selection Example – Drying of Dairy Products

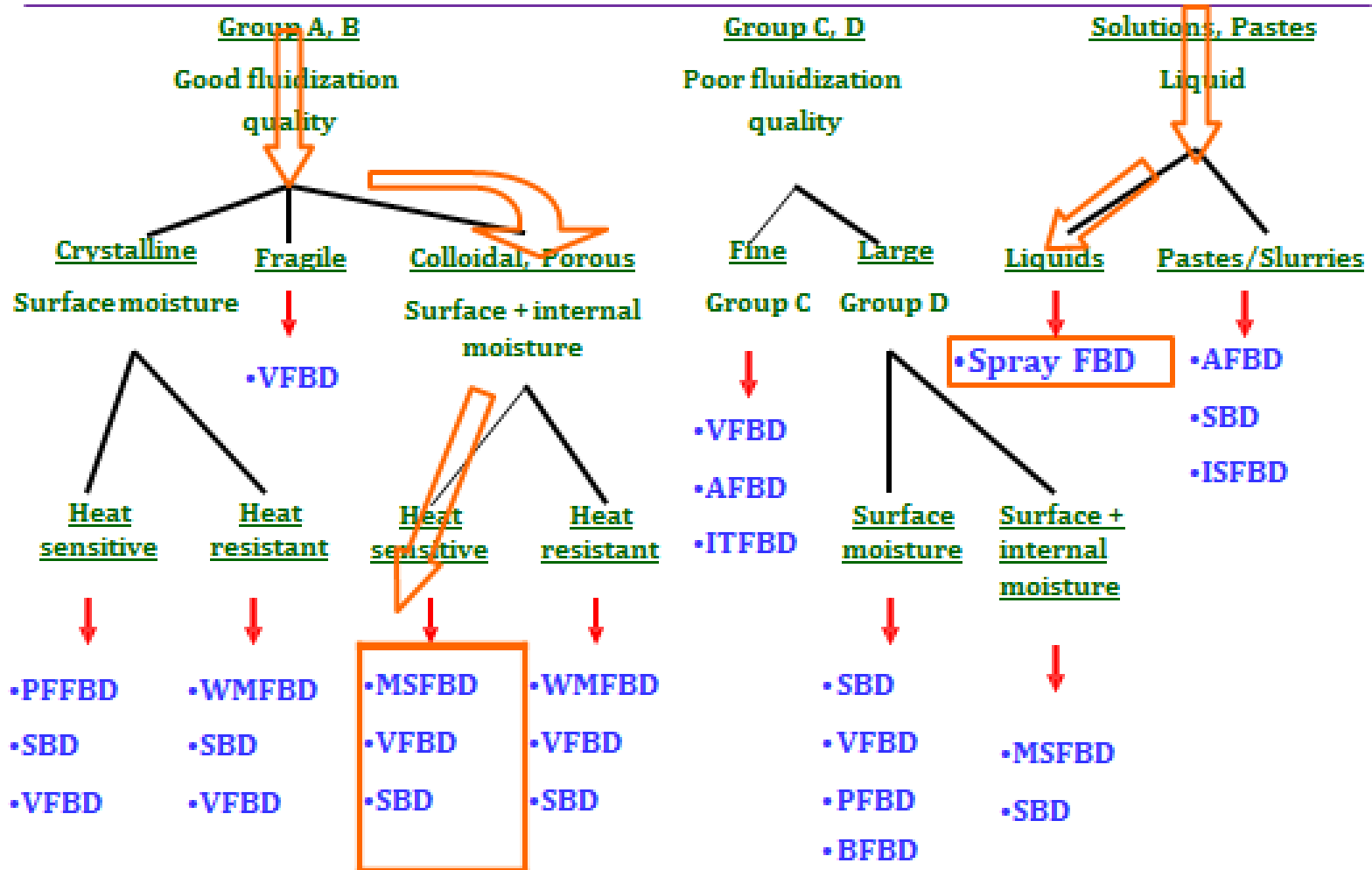


FBD Selection Example – Drying of Dairy Products

- FBD to select:
- **Spray – FBD**
- What type of FBD?
- **Note following:**
- Powders contain internal moisture, porous
- Heat sensitive



FBD Selection Example – Drying of Dairy Products



FBD Selection Example – Drying of Dairy Products

FBD to select:

- **Multi stage fluidized bed dryer**
- **Vibrated fluidized bed dryer**
- **Spouted bed dryer**

- Poly dispersed
- **Use vibrated fluidized bed dryer**
- Need to sieve products; fines recycled, coarse crushed and recycled, sized product collected

Advanced Drying Methods

Advanced Drying Methods

Atmospheric freeze drying

Heat pump drying Hybrid drying

Intermittent drying Spray freeze
drying

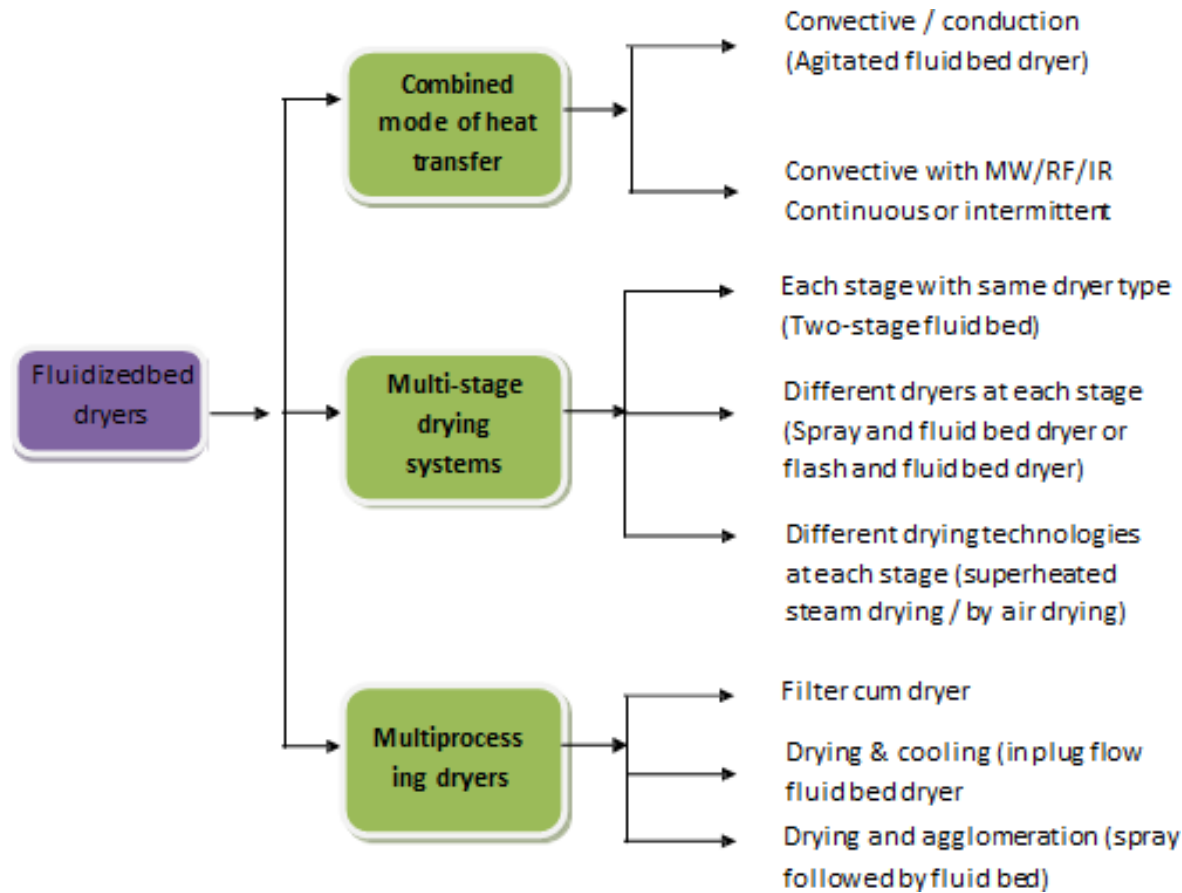
Pulse combustion dryers

Multi-stage dryers

Multi-processing dryers

Advanced Drying Methods

Hybrid Drying Technologies



- Very important step (after establishing need to dry and optimal flow sheet for nonthermal dewatering)
- Wrong choice leads to severe penalties – start-up costs, downtime and need to replace
- User must do “homework” first; vendors valuable thereafter
- Several dryers may do the job – same quality, cost etc.
- Selection does depend on cost of fuel, relative cost of different energy sources; geographical location; legislative regulations; emission control; safety, etc.
- Consider new technologies as well – when available and proven
- Expert systems now available (e.g. SPS) to aid in selection – still a combination of art (experience) and science!
- Selection may be dominated by just one criterion in some cases eg. quality for pharma products
- Several different dryers can do same job at same cost in some cases
- Choice can depend on geographic location, cost of energy etc

- Energy is an important point to be considered in drying which is highly energy intensive unit operation
- Different routes can be used to minimize the energy losses
- Carbon foot prints can be minimized by making the drying system energy efficient
- Developing energy intensive methods with sustainability – need to develop innovative drying techniques
- Some of the advanced/innovative ways of drying are discussed

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