Mixing

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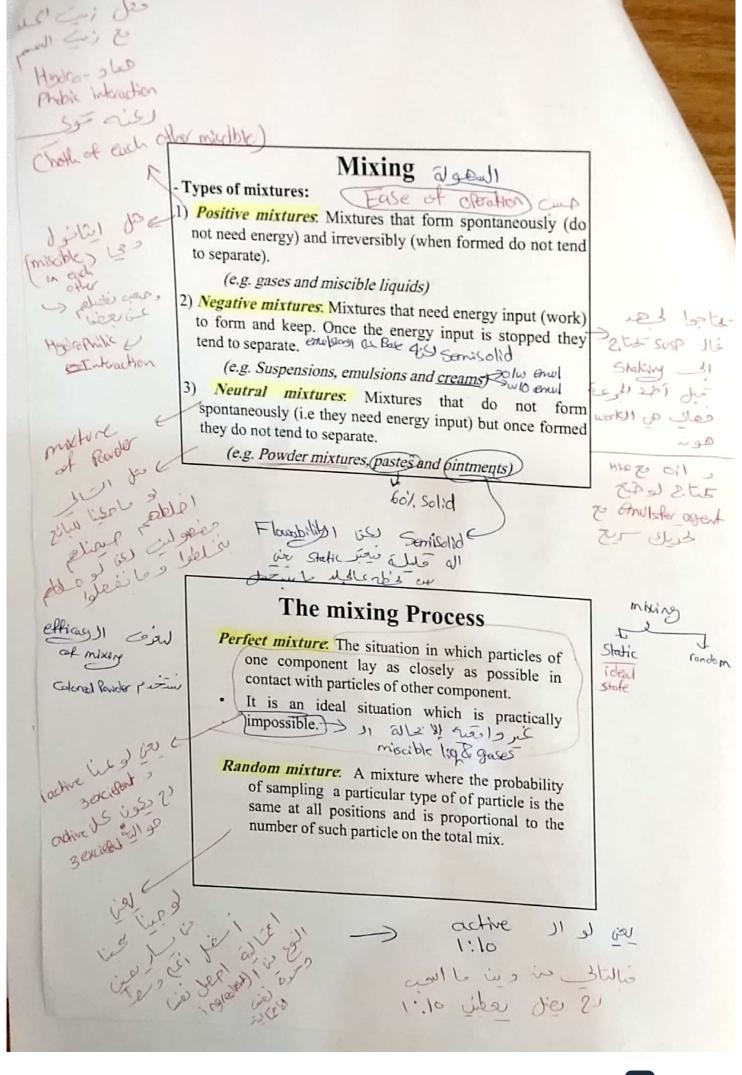
- Mixing may be defined as a unit operation that aims to treat two or more components, initially in an unmixed or partially mixed state, so that each unit (particle, molecule etc.) of the components lies as nearly as possible in contact with a unit of each of the other components.
- This may be:

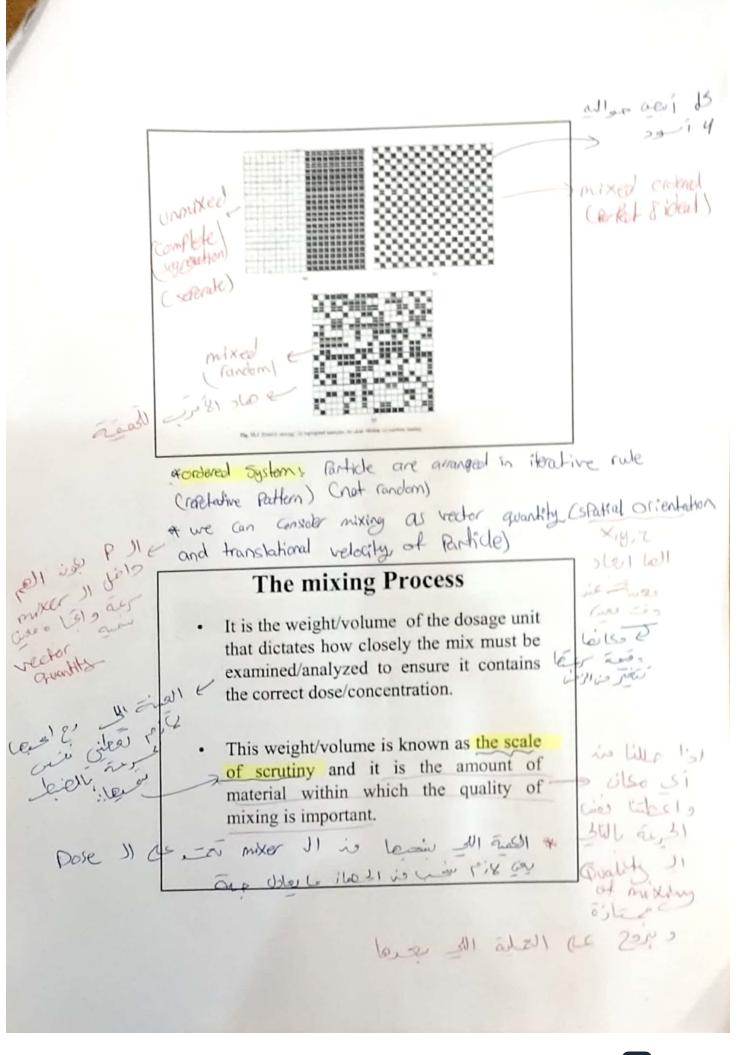
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- 1) Mixing of Powdered materials (e.g. tablets, capsules, dry powder inhalers). San Powder in pow
- 2) Mixing of miscible liquids (e.g. solutions) or immiscible (e.g. emulsions).
- 3) Mixing of insoluble solid and liquid (e.g. Suspensions).
- Mixing of semisolids or dispersion of particles in semisolids (e.g. pastes and ointments).

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The mixing Process

- For example, if the unit dose of tablets is 200 mg (containing 100 mg active drug) then 200 mg sample from the mix needs to be analyzed.
- The number of particles in scale of scrutiny depends on sample weight,

particle size and particle density. J 20 151

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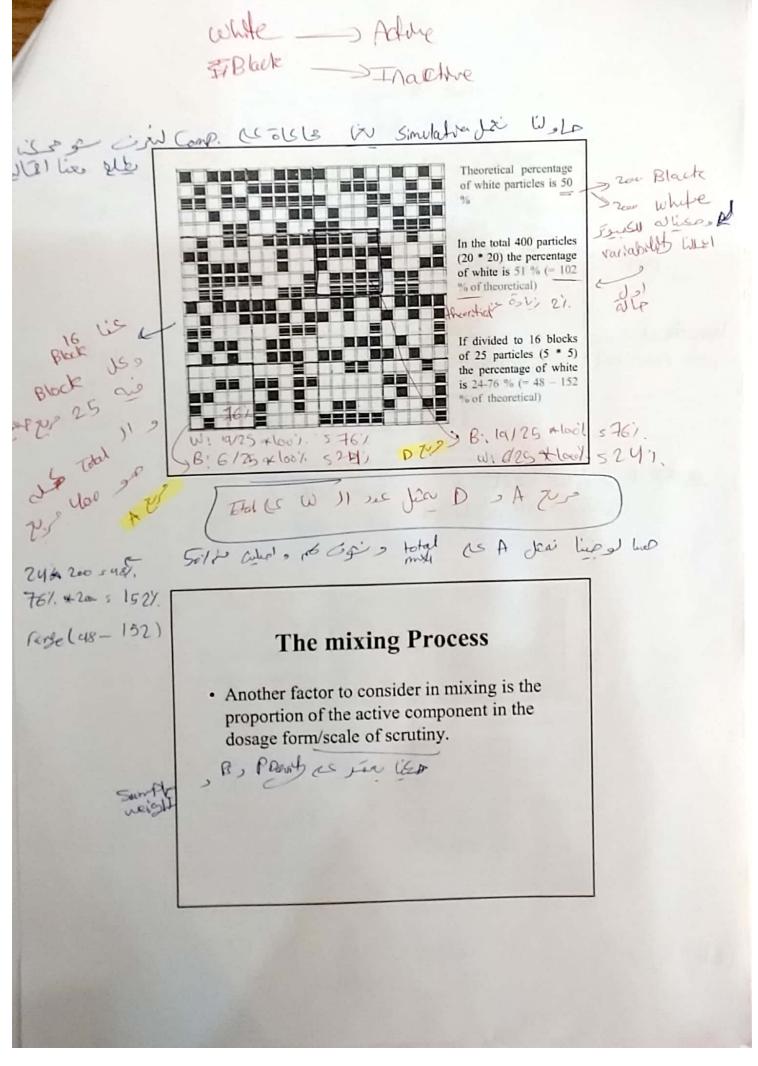
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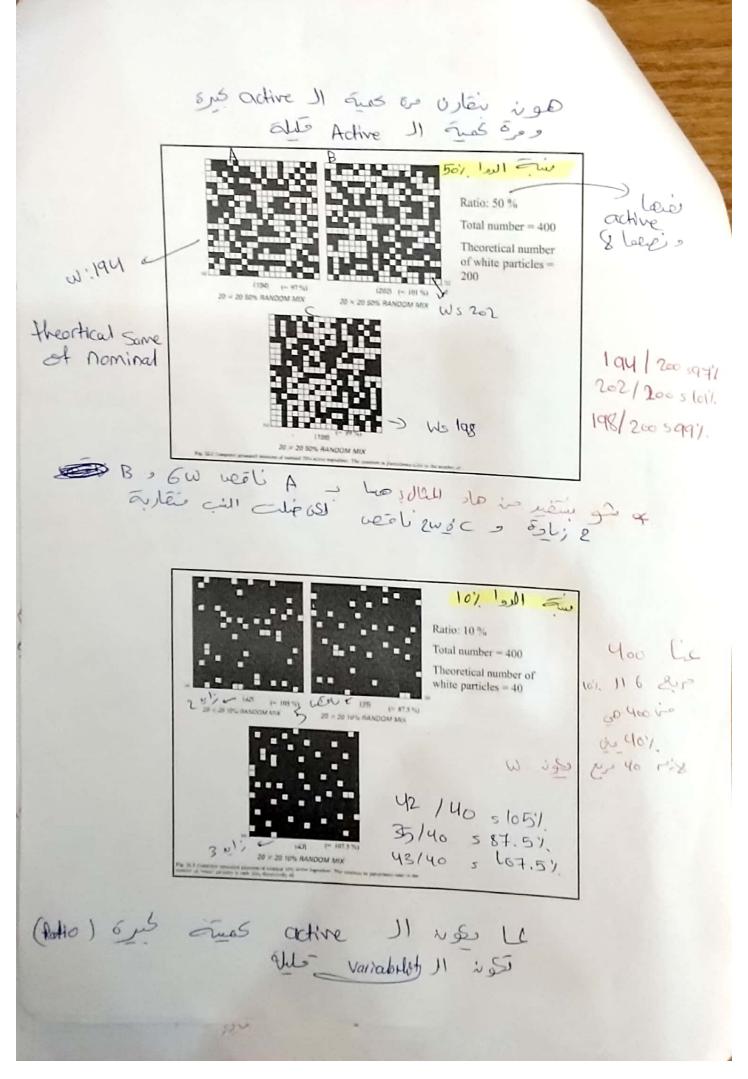
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5	0	13	84
6	1	10	93
7	1	6	113
8	2	5	92
9	0	12	104
10	1	13	90
Mean	0.9	9.9	99.6
Standard deviation	0,78	3.38	11.18
% CV	86.86	34.17	11.23
Deviation from theoretical content	±100%	±50% 5-15	±16% (4-116)

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The mixing Process

> The variation in component percentage between different samples taken from a mixture increases: الله المانامة المان

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- as the amount (number of particles) in scale of scrutiny decreases.

 2. as the proportion of a component in mixture decreases.

The mixing Process

- This indicates that:
 - the lower the percentage of active ingredient in mixture, the more difficult it is to achieve an acceptably low deviation in active content.
 - The more particles are present in dose (scale of scrutiny) the lower the deviation of content -> The number of particles can be increased by decreasing particle size (This can be done by milling).

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Mathematical treatment of mixing process

- · There will be always some variation in the composition of samples taken from random mixtures.
- · The aim during formulation and processing is to minimize this variation to acceptable levels by selecting appropriate:
- PG scale of scrutiny

 - particle size
 mixing procedure Proces + machine

Mathematical treatment of mixing process

· For random mix, if we consider that particles are all of same size, shape and density then:

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In mix, if we consider that particles are all of same
and density then:

$$SD = \sqrt{\frac{p(1-p)}{n}}$$

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The combined in total mix

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 As p increases, %CV decrease Example:

$$n = 100\ 000, p = 0.5 \Rightarrow SD = 1.58 \times 10^{-3}, \%CV = 0.32\%$$

 $n = 100\ 000, p = 0.001 \Rightarrow SD = 9.99 \times 10^{-5}, \%CV = 10\%$

· The scale of scrutiny can be increased by increasing the amount of additives in the mixture but this will lead to a

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Evaluation of degree of mixing

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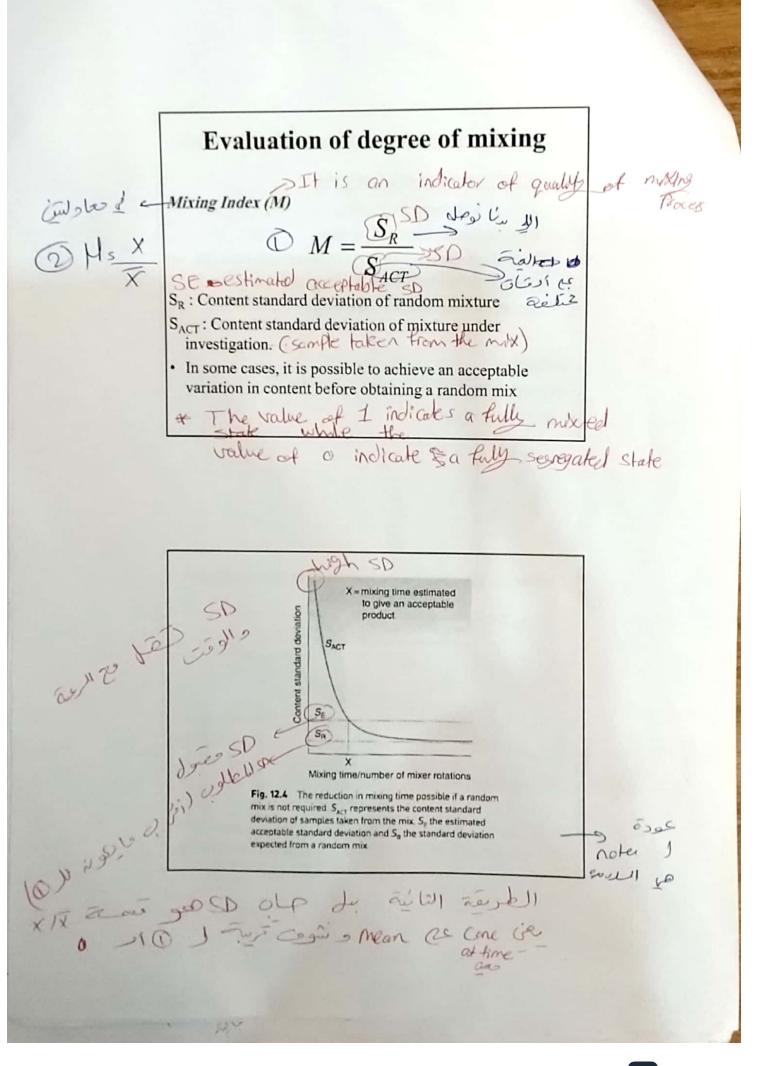
- · To follow a mixing process:
 - To indicate the degree of mixing
 - To indicate when sufficient mixing has occurred and determine the suitable mixing time
- · To assess the efficiency of a mixer

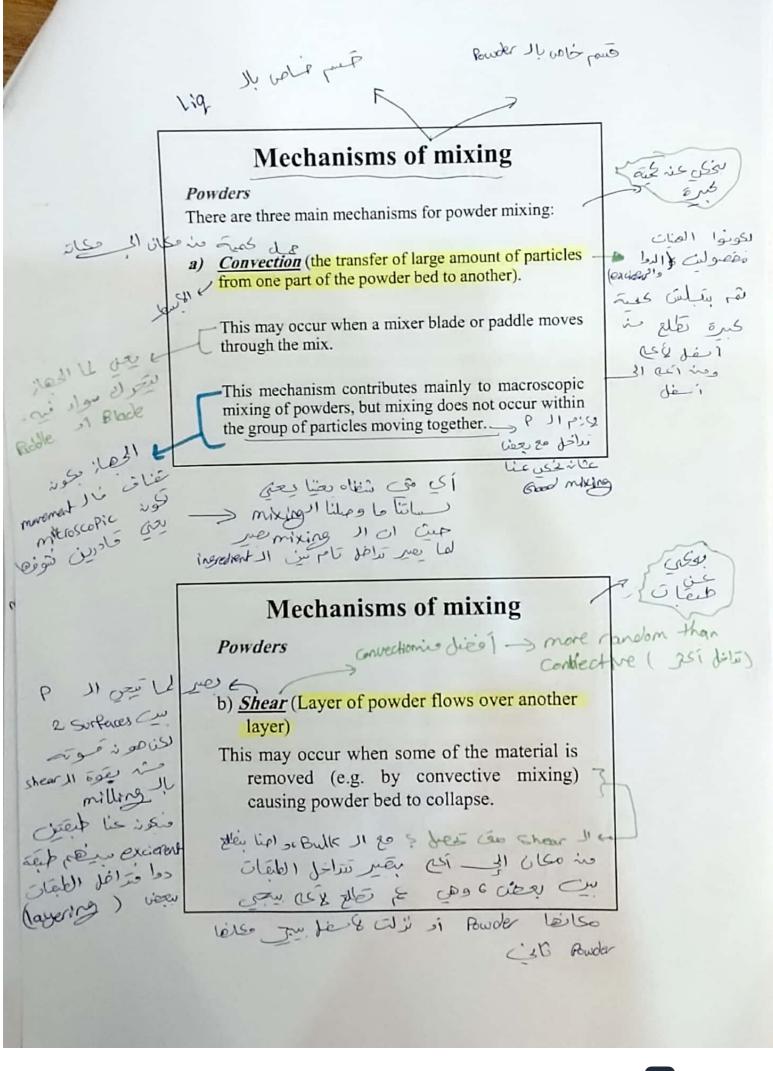
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- Thief sampling

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Mechanisms of mixing

Powders

(c) <u>Diffusion</u> (mixing of individual particles)

This mechanism is necessary to form true random mixture.

When a powder bed is forced to move or flow it will dilate (the particles become less tightly packed and the voids between them increase). This allows particles to fall under gravity trough the voids created.

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Mechanisms of mixing

Liquids

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a) Bulk transport

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- The movement of a large portion of the material being mixed from one position in the system to another.

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Mechanisms of mixing

Liquids

b) Turbulent mixing

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- The haphazard movement of molecules when forced to move in turbulent manner, which means random fluctuation of the fluid speed and movement direction, so that the fluid has different instantaneous velocities at different locations at the same time.

 It can be seen as a composite of different eddies (small portions of fluid moving as a unit) of various sizes. The large ones tend to break into smaller and smaller sizes until they are no longer distinguishable.

- Turbulence is a highly effective mechanism for جماع منز له الله mixing. dies i &

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(molecular level reached = good mixing

Mechanisms of mixing

Liquids

c) Molecular diffusion

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The molecular diffusion is the primary mechanism responsible for mixing at the molecular level.

- This mechanism produces well mixed liquids if there is sufficient time.

- Considerable time is needed if this is the only mixing mechanism.

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Powder segregation (demixing)

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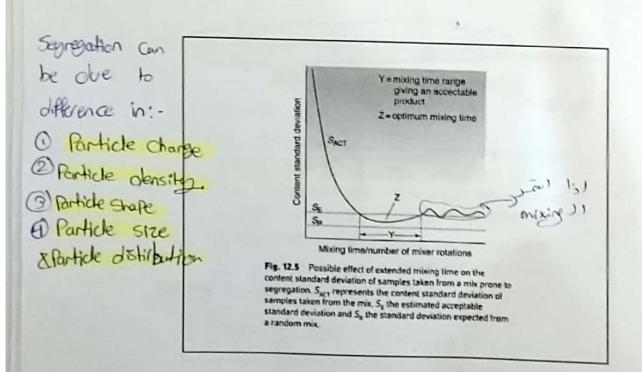
• It may cause a random mixture to change to non-random or may be responsible that a random

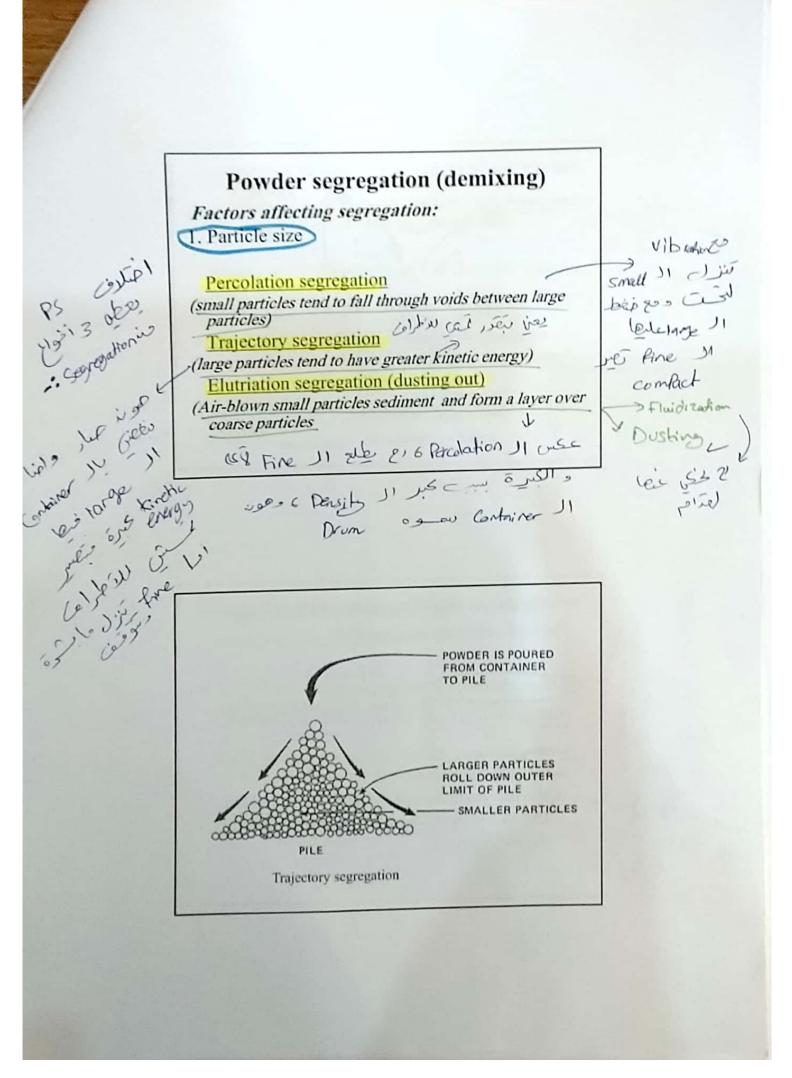
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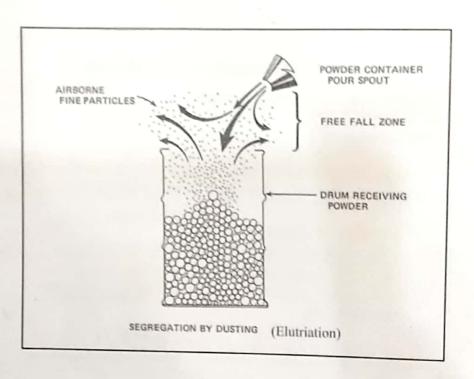
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 Segregation is more likely to occur if powder bed is subjected to vibration and when the particles have greater flowability.

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Powder segregation (demixing)

Factors affecting segregation:

2. Particle density

Segregation occurs due to density differences.

3. Particle shape

Spherical particles are easier to be mixed but also to segregate than irregular or needle shaped particles.

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Approaches to solve the problem of segregation

- Selection of particular size fractions to achieve drug and excipients of the same particle size range.
- > Chose narrow size range
- Milling of the components so that there size becomes small and same.
- Controlled crystallization during production of drug or excipient to give particles of particular size or shape.
- Selection of excipients which have similar density to the drug.

Approaches to solve the problem of segregation

- Granulation of powder mixture.
- Reduce the extent to which the powder mass is subjected to vibration or movement after mixing.
- Using equipments where several processes can be carried out without transferring the mix.
- · Production of an ordered mix.

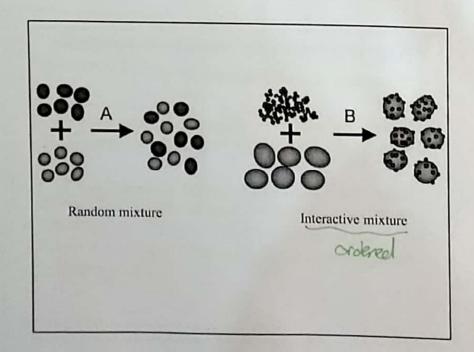
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Ordered mixing ہے مرت علمنا بر

- It is termed also adhesive or interactive mixing.
- · In this case, very small particles may become adsorbed onto the active sites of large particles.
- This minimizes the segregation between small (adsorbed) particles and large (carrier) particles.
- Ordered mixing is most likely to occur when the adsorbed particles are very small so that the adsorption force is higher than the gravitational force trying to separate the components.

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Application of ordered mixing

- Dry antibiotic formulations (fine antibiotic powder is blended with and adsorbed onto the surface of large sucrose or sorbitol particles.
- · Dry powder inhaler formulations
- Direct compression formulations
- Formulation of potent drugs

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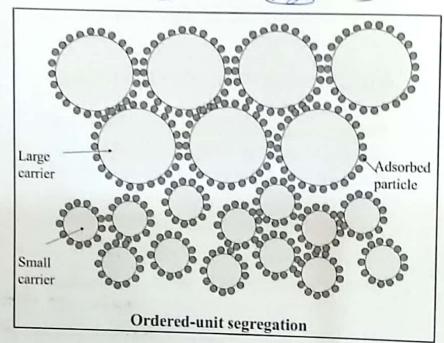
Segregation in ordered mixes

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- · The carrier particles vary in size.
- In this case segregation occurs within the carrier particles according to size. The small particles have higher specific surface area than the large and so higher content of adsorbed material.

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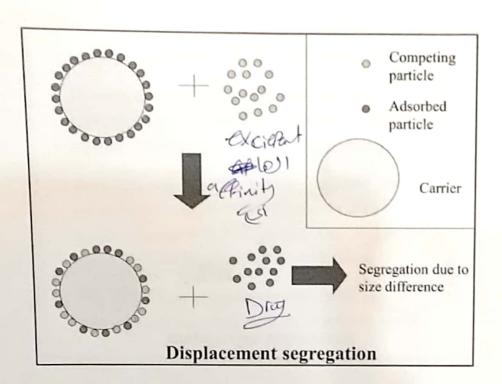


Segregation in ordered mixes

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displacement segregation

- There is competition for the active sites on the carrier.
- This occurs when a component is added to an ordered mixture that competes with the adsorbed material for the site on the carrier and displaces it

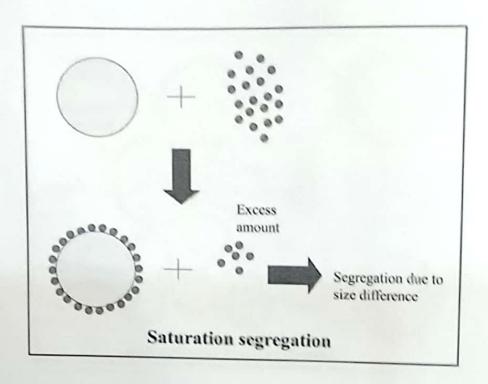


Segregation in ordered mixes

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- · There are insufficient carrier particles
- If the added amount of small-sized material is higher than the capacity of the carrier particles then the excess amount will be free (not adsorbed) and it segregate due to size difference.

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Practical considerations in Powder mixing

- · When mixing formulations where the proportion of active drug is low, a more even distribution may be obtained by building up the amount of material in the mixture sequentially (geometric dilution).
- · The volume of powder mixture in the mixer should be appropriate. Both overfilling and underfilling may reduce mixing efficiency. Doff , Should no Zam 2, 6
- مل الله على الله الله · The mixer should produce the mixing mechanism appropriate for the formulation:
- Potent drugs: diffusion is necessary
 - Cohesive material: shear mixing

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Practical considerations in Powder mixing

- In order to determine suitable mixing time, the mixing process should be checked by removing and analyzing representative samples after different mixing intervals.
- Static charges may be generated during mixing that result in reduction in diffusive mixing. This is enhanced by low humidity in atmosphere. The mixer should be suitably earthed to dissipate the static charge.
- Vibrations may cause segregation in normal mixes and dislodging of adsorbed particles in ordered mixes.

NEUTRAL PARTICLE (electrical charge evenly distributed over particle)

PROCESSING AND/OR DRY PARTICLE MOVEMENT CAUSES POLARIZATION OF FINE PARTICLES (static electric forces)

POLARIZATION CAUSES ACCLOMERATION OF FINE PARTICLES (electrical retharges inducted by one particle on another van der Waals forces)

Figure 22 Effect of electrical forces on fine particles.

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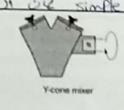
- · Mixing containers are mounted so that they can rotate about an axis.
- · Commonly used for mixing of free flowing powders and are not suitable for cohesive powders.
- · Commonly used for mixing granules with lubricant, glidant and external disintegrant.

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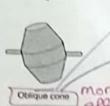
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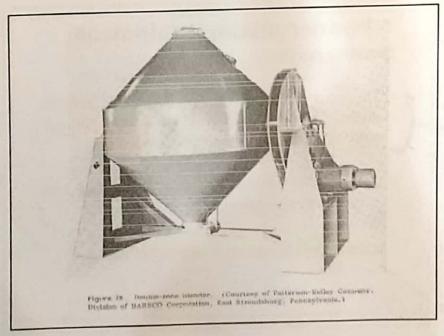
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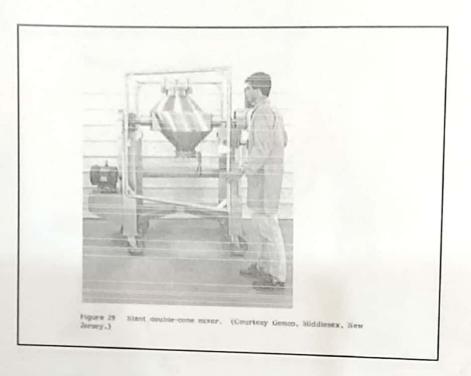


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Tumbling mixers

 The shear mechanism occurs because of velocity gradient produced while diffusion occur through voids produced during powder flow.

The addition of prongs, baffles or rotating bars helps convective mixing.

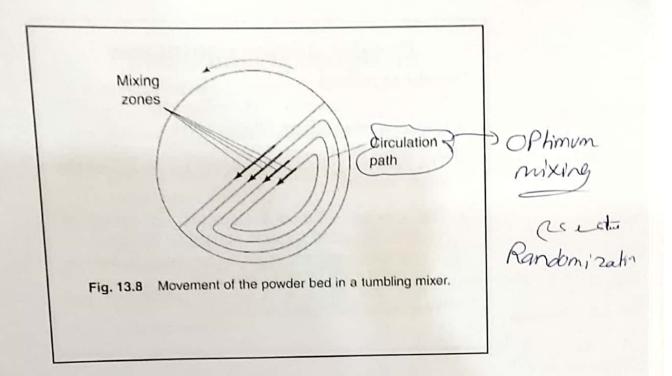
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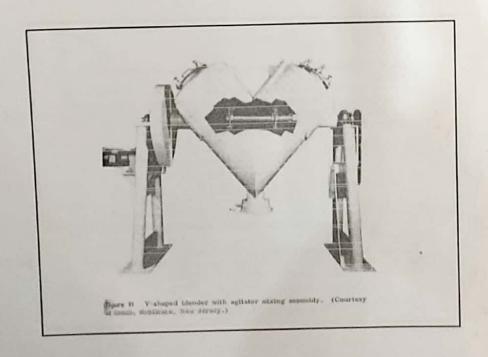
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Slow movement -> not good mixing high speed (centrifugation) -> not 200d why





Tumbling mixers

• Capacity ranges from 50 g to 100 kg.

- The material typically occupies 1/2 to 2/3 of the mixer volume.
- · The mixing efficiency depends on speed of rotation. Speed of rotation should be suitable:
 - Very high speed will cause the powder to be held on the mixer walls by centrifugal force.
 - Very low speed will generate insufficient bed expansion and little shear mixing.

Table 9 Effect of Powder Fill on Blending Time of Double-Cone Volume percent of blender

| Percent Blending done in double-cone blenders and times measured to obtain comparable blends. Uniform blend not attainable with this fill level. Source: Sweitzer, G. R., Blending and Drying Efficiency Double Cone vs. V-Shape, GEMCO, Newark, New Jersey.

Tumbling mixers

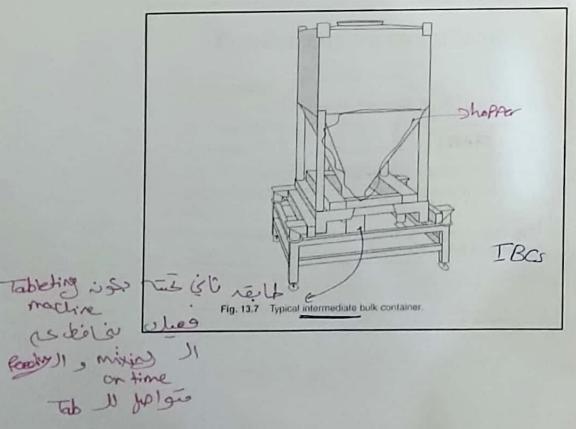
· Intermediate bulk containers (IBCs) are containers used both as mixing bowl and to either feed the hopper of a tablet or capsule machine or as the hopper itself.

· The Turbula shaker mixer Switzerland) is a more sophisticated form of tumbling mixer that uses inversional motion in addition to the rotational motion leading to more efficient mixing.

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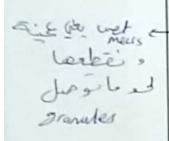
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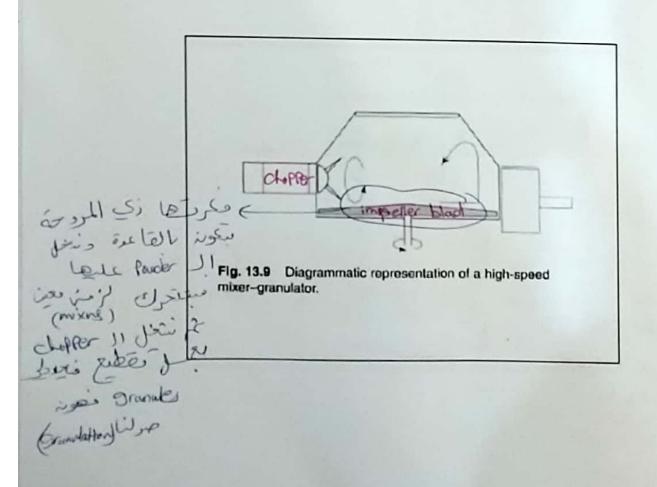
• They are used both for mixing and granulation.

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• It contains centrally mounted impeller blade that Binders

rotate at high speed throwing the material towards the mixing bowl.

- · The side-mounted chopper blade helps in granulation.
- · Care if material fractures easily.
- · Not normally used for blending lubricants.



Agitator mixers

- These types of mixers depend on the motion of a blade or paddle though the product, and hence the main mixing mechanism is convection.
- · There are three main designs of agitator mixers:
 - Ribbon mixer
 - Planetary (Orbital) mixer
 - Nautamixer

Powder mixing equipment

Ribbon mixers

 Mixing is achieved by the rotation of helical blades in a cylindrical tank.

Advantages

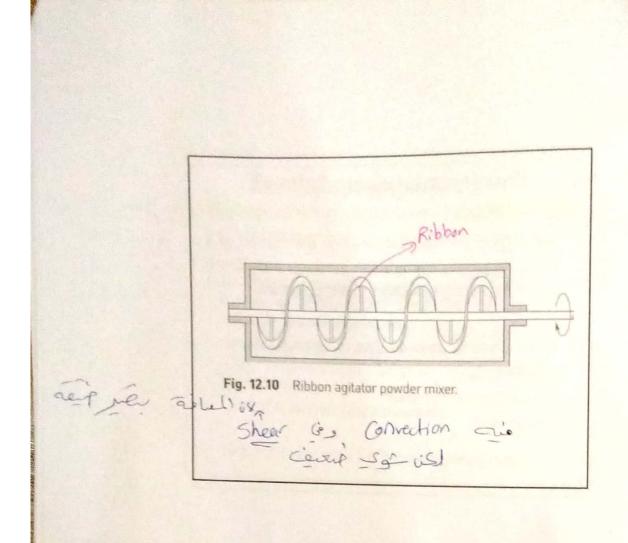
- · Suitable for mixing of poorly flowing materials.
- Segregation is less likely to occur than in tumbling mixer

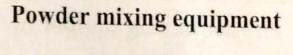
Disadvantages

- Dead spots are difficult to eliminate.
- The shearing action caused by movement of the blades may be insufficient to break up drug aggregates.

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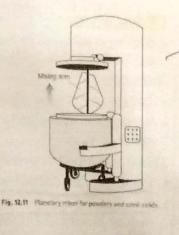
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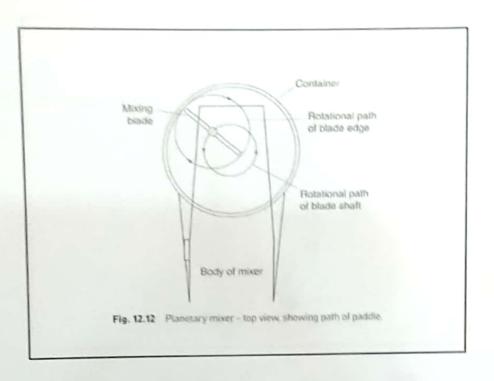


planetary mixers

- The rotational path of paddle is similar to that of a planet.
- · It is used:
 - for mixing powders and semisolids
 - Wet massing (granulation)



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Powder mixing equipment

Nantamixer

- · It consists of a conical vessel that contains inside a helical conveyor that conveys the material up to near the top where it cascades back into the mass.
- · This mixer combines convective, shear and diffusion mixing

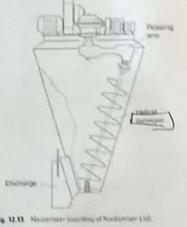


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Fluidized bed mixers

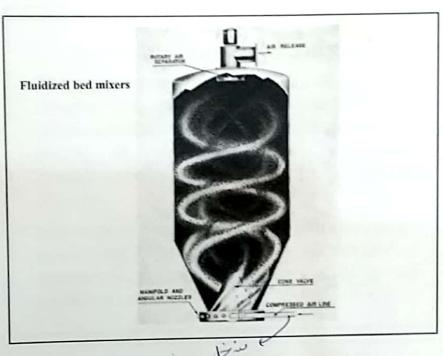
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- · The fluidized bed equipment is used mainly in:
 - Drying
 - Granulation
 - Coating
- However it can be used for mixing of powders before granulation.
- Blown air fluidized and mixes the powder.
- · Fluidization is very efficient mixing process.
- · Diffusion of particles occur.

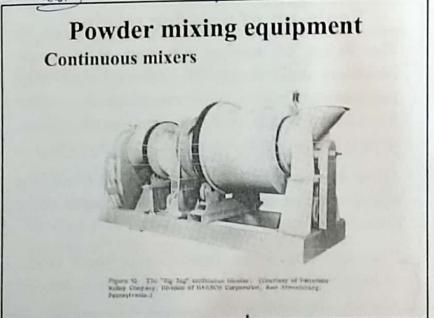
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Scale-up of powder mixing

- · The extent of mixing achieved at a small laboratory scale during development work may not necessarily be mirrored when the same formulation is mixed at a full production scale, even if the same mixer design is used for both.
- · Often, mixing efficiency and the extent of mixing is improved on scale-up owing to increased shear forces.
- This is likely to be beneficial in most cases, although when blending lubricants care is needed to avoid overlubrication.

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Scale-up of powder mixing

- · The optimum mixing time and conditions should therefore be established and validated at a production scale, so that the appropriate degree of without segregation, obtained is mixing component overlubrication damage to or particles.
- appropriate, so that the 'robustness' process is established.

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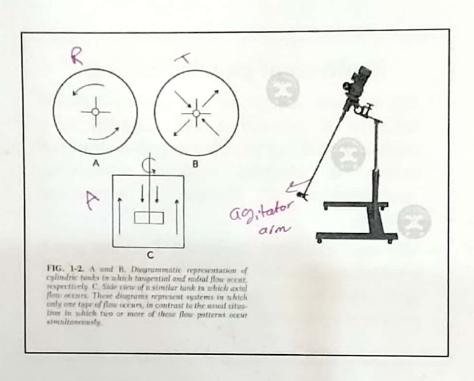
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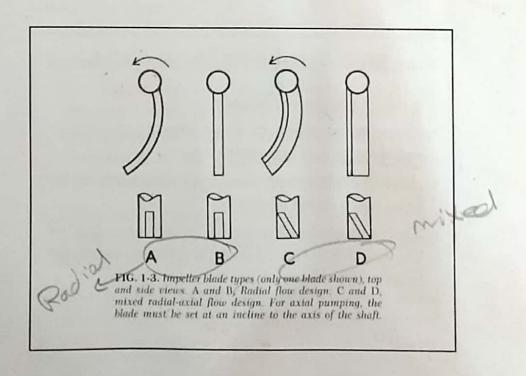
Propeller (Impeller) mixers

- · Three basic types of flow may be produced: -radial, axial and tangential.
- · Angled blades cause fluid to circulate in both an axial and a radial direction.
- · The ratio of the diameter of propeller to that of the vessel is 1:10 - 1:20 and it typically rotates at speeds of 1 - 20 rps.

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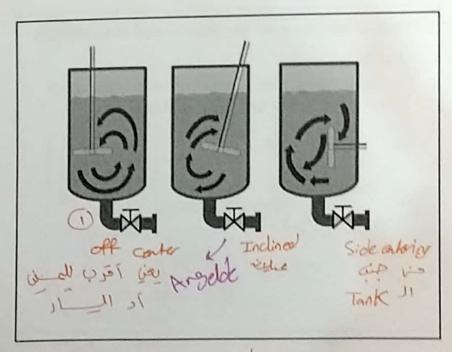




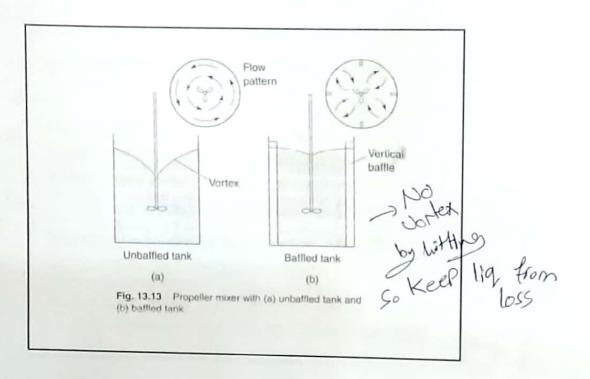
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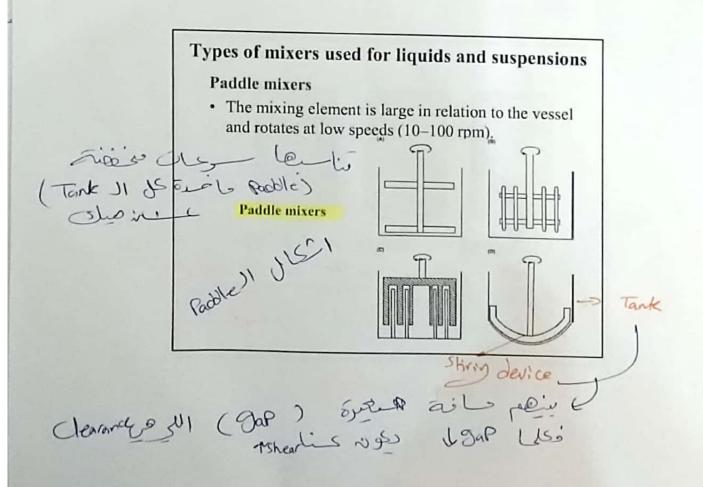
Depression

- A vortex forms when the centrifugal force imparted to the liquid by the propeller blades causes it to back up around the sides of vessel and create a depression at the shaft.
- An off-center mounting of propeller and vertical baffles discourage the formation of vortex.
- Propellers are more efficient when they run at high speed in liquids with low viscosity.



Uses: To prevent Vortexing



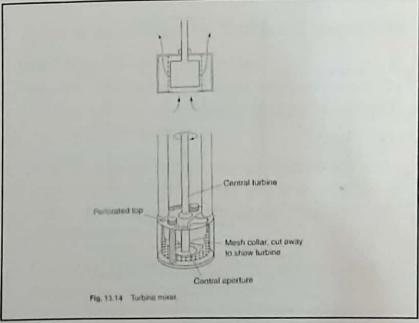


Turbine mixers

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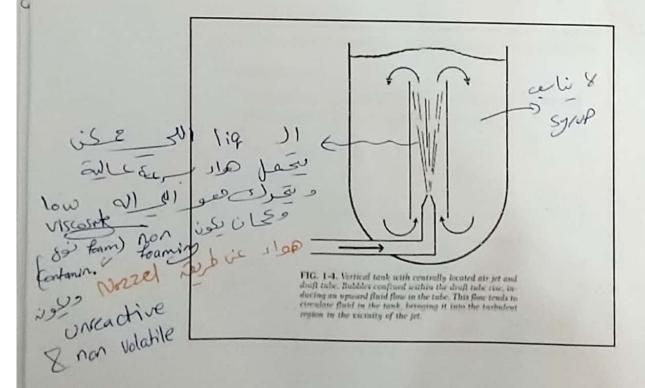
- Turbine mixers may be used for more viscous liquids than those mixed by propeller.
- The impeller has four flat blades surrounded by perforated inner and outer diffuser ring.
- The rotating impeller draws the liquid into the mixer head and forces the liquids through the perforations
 - They can produce stable emulsions.

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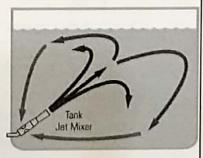
معاد بدخل Air jet mixers

- These mixers utilize jets of air or some other gases.
- The liquid must be of low viscosity, nonfoaming, unreactive with the gas employed and reasonably nonvolatile.



Types of mixers used for liquids and suspensions Fluid jet mixers

- When liquids are to be pumped into a tank for mixing, the power required for pumping is often used to accomplish the mixing.
- The fluids are pumped through a nozzle arranged to permit good circulation of the material through the tank.
- It is also possible to pump the liquid from the tank through the jet into the tank.

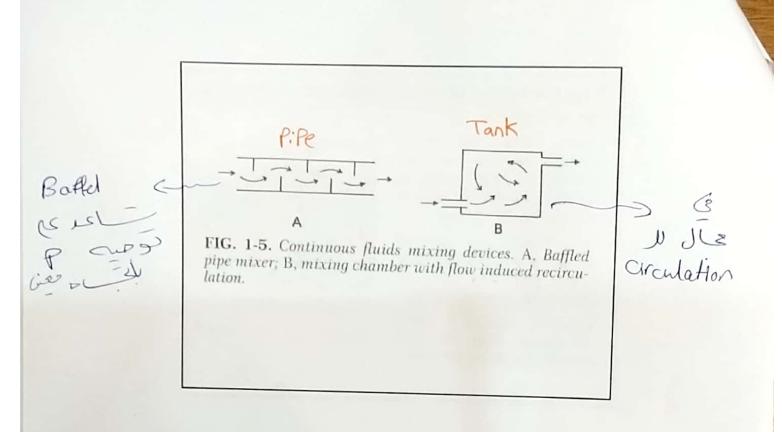


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Types of mixers used for liquids and suspensions

Inline mixers (Continuous mixing)

- In this case, mobile, miscible components are fed through an inline mixer designed to create turbulence in a flowing fluid stream.
- It can be accomplished essentially in two ways: in a tube (pipe) through which the fluids flow, or in a chamber in which a considerable amount of hold up and recirculation occur.
- Controlling the feeding rate of raw materials is necessary to ensure uniform mixtures.



On an industrial scale, solutions are prepared in large mixing vessels with ports for mechanical stirrers.

•When heat is desired, thermostatically controlled mixing tanks may be used.

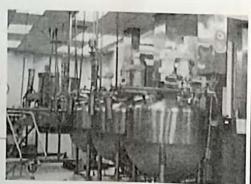


FIGURE 13.1 Large-scale pharmaceutical mixing vessels. (Courtesy of Schering Laboratories.)

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Mixing of semisolids

- Semisolids, unlike liquids and powders, do not flow easily.
- The suitable mixers must have rotating elements with narrow clearances between them selves and the mixing vessel to avoid dead spots

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Types of mixers for semisolids

1) Planetary mixers Zin is which arm I die la

2) Sigma blade mixer

> asles asp 3) Vessels (tanks) with counter-rotating mixing bars

- · It is very difficult using primary mixers to_ completely disperse powder particles semisolid base so that they are invisible to the eye.
- · The mix is usually subjected to the further action of a roller mill or colloid mill, so as to 'rub out' these particles by the intense shear generated by rollers or cones set with a very small clearance between them.

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