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Powder Technology Handbook

Edited by Koichi Iinoya, Keishi Gotah, and Ko Higoshitani, English Translation of Japanese handbook published in 1986, 2nd Ed., 1991.

This "sort of encyclopedia" is a rather unique and comprehensive guide to a wide-ranging technological and scientific field of world importance. Editing and translation are excellent. In nearly eight-hundred pages, this handbook introduces to English readers nearly 40 years of important Japanese research and development in the many subjects covered.

As in any other publication of this type, there are problems of classification, emphasis, and duplication; but, the three editors here appear to have maintained a reasonable balance and control. As an encyclopedia, 40 authors cover 70 items. They are classified into six divisions whose imbalance can be attributed to the specialized separation of sciences and technologies under this handbook umbrella. The titles of six divisions are: I. Particle Characterization and Measurement; II. Physical and Chemical Properties of Powder; III. Transport Phenomena and Related Topics; IV. Preparation of Powder; V. Powder Handling Operations; and VI. Instrumentation.

The oldest and most developed technologies (Powder Handling Operations Section) are described in about one-third of the text. Here, one finds varied items such as crushing and grinding, classification and separation, conveying and storage, crystallization and filtration, dewatering and drying, mixing and kneading, molding and firing in ceramic operations, thickeners and clarifiers, fluidized particle reactors. The next largest classification (Physical and Chemical Properties Section) is analytical. Here, newer measuring techniques, small-scale analysis, and physical-chemical modeling have revived interest in powder handling operations, which always have been a demand-art at very large scales. As an offshoot of new measuring techniques, these arts are becoming a modern technology for creating new materials at intermediate scales. In Section II, one finds items such as powder mechanics, adhesion and mechanical strength of sintered contacts, fluidity, permeation, adsorption, moisture content, rheology of slurries, electrical and magnetic properties, and vibrational and acoustic properties.

Nearly as large a section as Section II (Transport Phenomena and Related Topics Section) treats the more difficult actions and changes occurring where condensed-state particulates are used or formed in systems of commercial and environmental interest. Here, small-scale actions are magnified to anticipate what can become obvious at a large scale. A reader is introduced to items such as thermal and turbulent diffusion, agglomeration in fluids, impact and bounce, deposition and separation, condensation and vaporization, solution and dissolution, electrophoretic and optical phenomena, mechano-chemistry....all matters of new materials research and essential to development of new materials processing.

Three sections (Sections I, IV and VI) occupy text space not much more than action Section III. Section I is concerned primarily with small-scale geometry and distributed values of a major characterizing variable, particle size. Section IV treats more action items and can be considered an extention of Section III. Here, one finds aerosol generation, dispersion and sampling, electric charge control, coating and encapsulation, and specialized particulate generation by physical-chemical reactions. The final section (Instrumentation) concerns practical and standard test procedures for controlling powder processing.

Typical solid materials processes at particle sizes greater than 10^{-3}m have become today larger bulk processes with smaller particle sizes of 10^{-2}m. Now particle sizes of 10^{-6}m are handled routinely in fine chemicals manufacture. Super molecules of 10^{-9}-m size encapsulate larger particles and adhere to 10^{-8}-m pore walls of 10^{-4}-m catalysts constructed by sol-gel techniques. There is a continuum of scales between 10^{-10}m and 10^{-3}m, which appear to conceal states and actions as complex as one can easily observe in our technological landscape between 10^{-3}m and 10^{+3}m. This powder technology handbook should be of general use to the vocational classifications of mineral engineering, chemical engineering, environmental engineering, materials science, materials processing, ceramic engineering, soil mechanics, geoengineering, food processing, even activities as diverse as pharmaceutical manufacture (pills) and production of construction materials (cement and polymer composites).

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The Kinematics of Mixing: Stretching, Chaos, and Transport

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Until recently, methods to describe the operations of mixing, blending, or stirring of fluids have been based largely on deductions from dynamic equations expressing balances of mass and momentum. Usually the transport of mass by molecular diffusion and turbulent convective motions play key roles. The content of this book, however, is based on another method that introduces the notion of chaos in a low-dimensional dynamical system as the descriptive framework. The development relies on a correspondence between the motion of fluid in physical space and the trajectory of points in the phase space of a general dynamical system. Accordingly, the concept arises of producing chaotic particle trajectories in a deterministic flow field by passive convection. Thus, molecular diffusion certainly yields mixing, although the process is slow and turbulent flows yield fast mixing. However, there are many mixing problems in chemical engineering, planetary science, and other fields for which neither molecular diffusion nor turbulence is responsible for the mixing that occurs. For example, diffusion is absent in the mixing of fluids that are insoluble in each other. In the case of very viscous fluids, the energy cost of producing turbulent motions is uneconomic and is avoided. If the substance to be blended contains long-chain polymers, turbulence may be further undesirable as the accompanying large deformation rates could break the polymeric molecular bonds.

This book, containing much original work of the author, is unique in providing a unified treatment of relationships