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*lecture n°4:*

*Basics of solid-liquid separation processes*

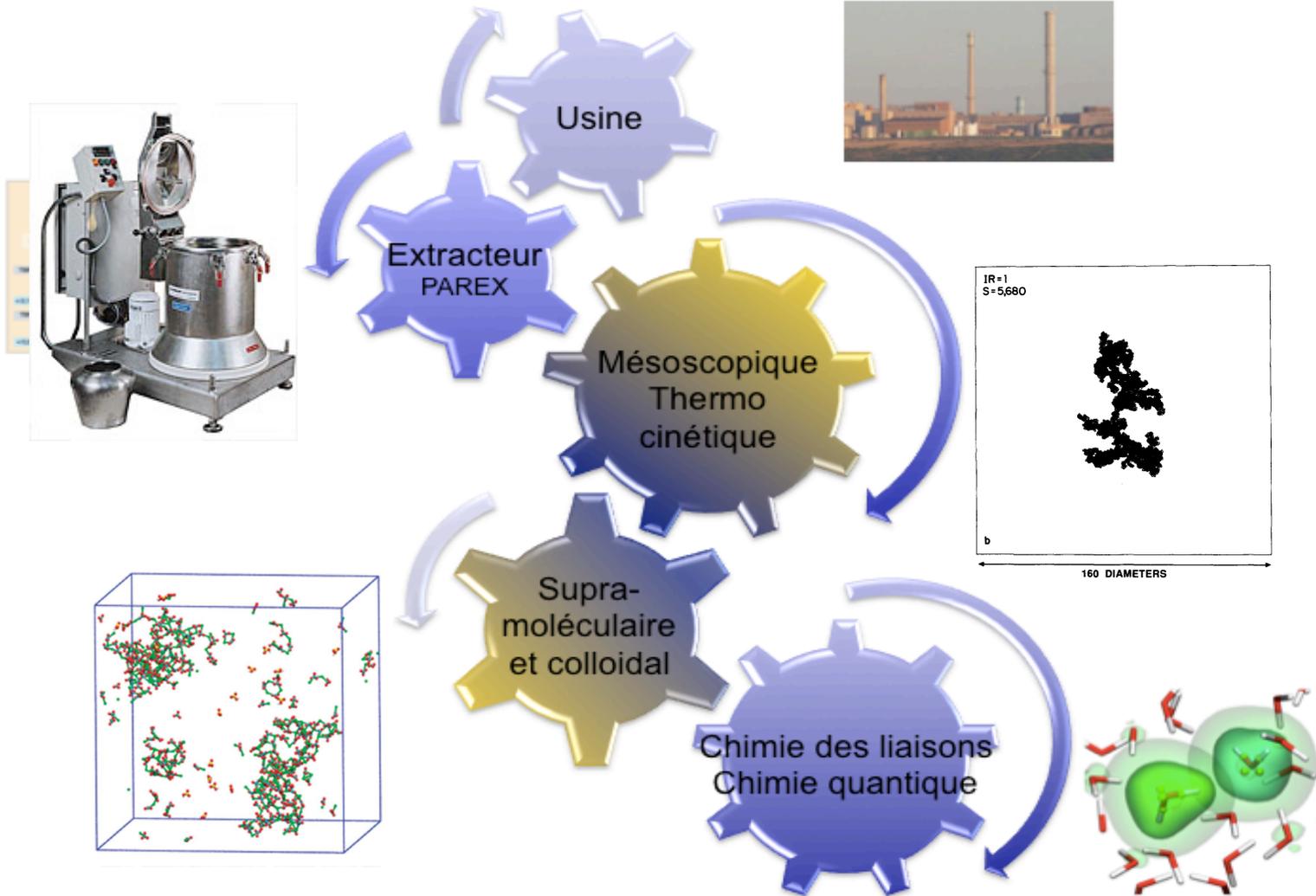
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# An intrinsic multi-scale approach :





- The three scales of liquid-solid separation :
- Nucleation and growth
- Coagulation and flocculation driving sedimentation
- Solid-liquid separation at engineering scale

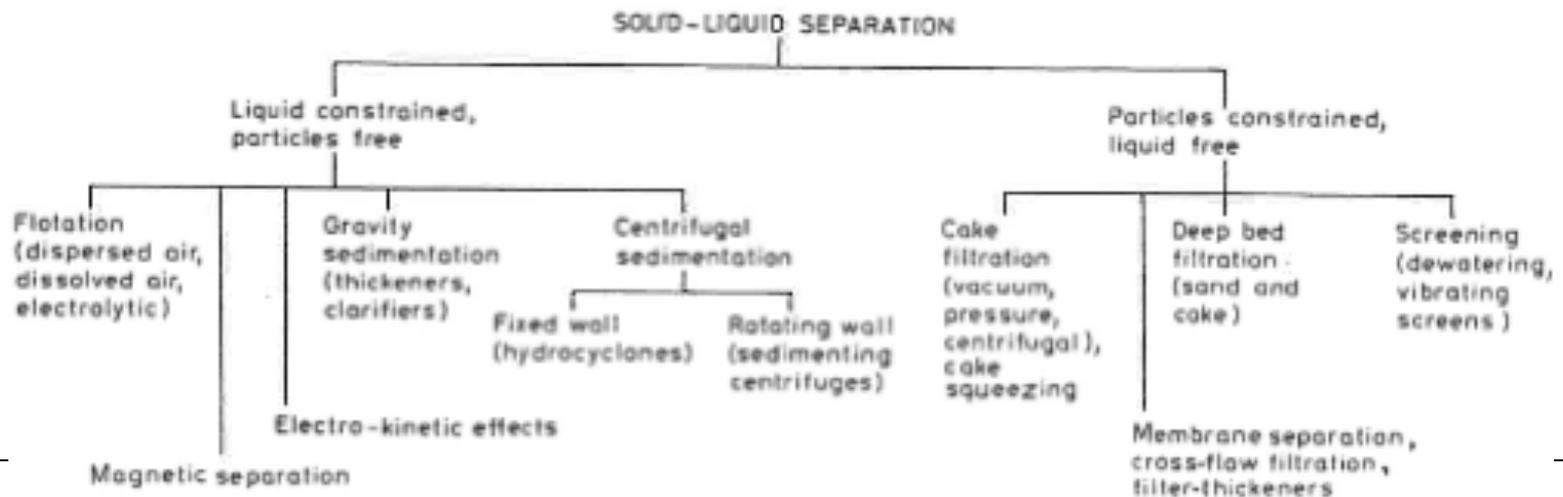


Figure 1.2. Classification of solid-liquid separation processes



# WHAT ARE INITIAL NUCLEI?

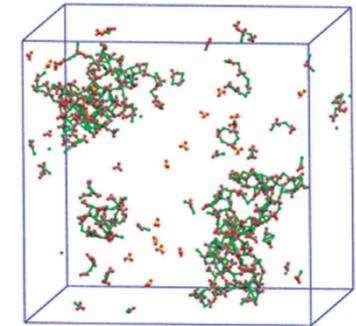
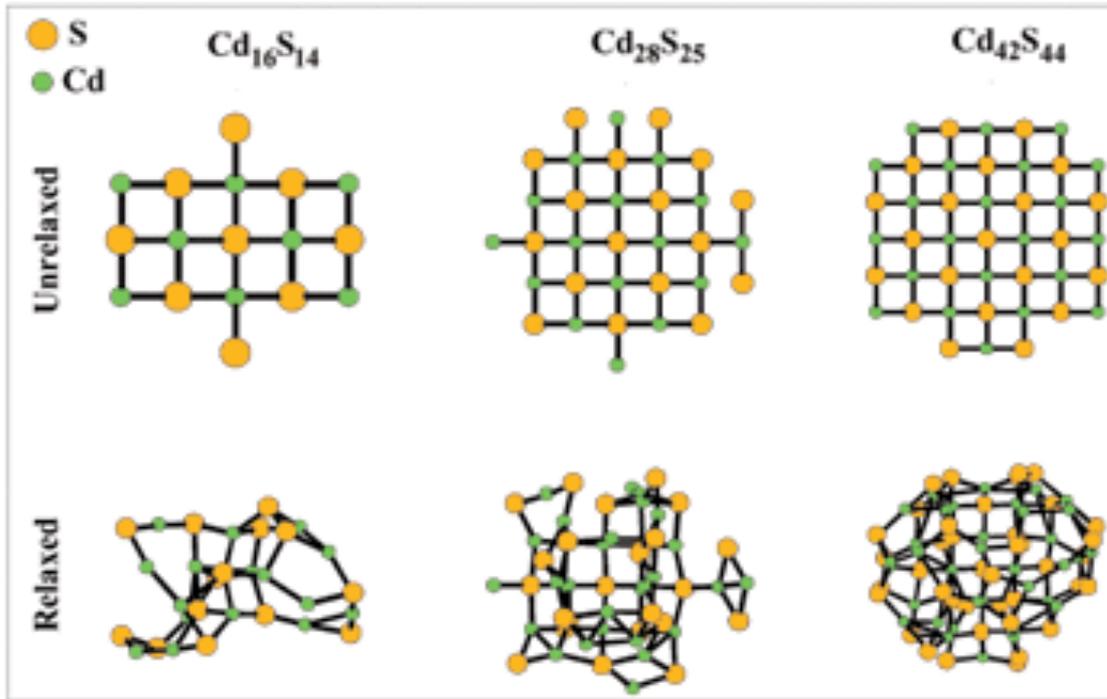
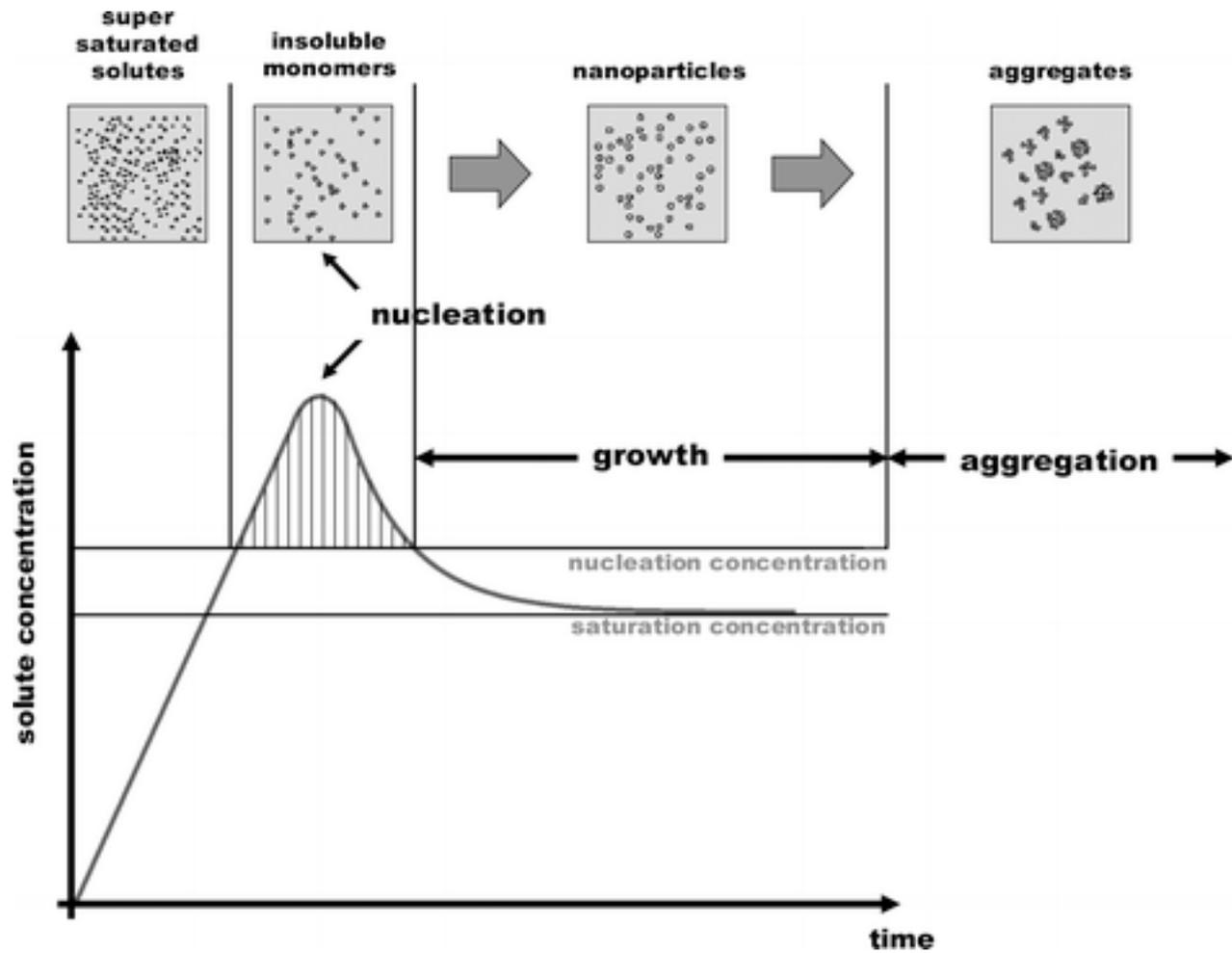


FIG. 2: Representation of (a) unrelaxed and (b) relaxed cubic CdS nanoparticles.

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D. Gebauer, H. Cöelfen, P. Baglioni*

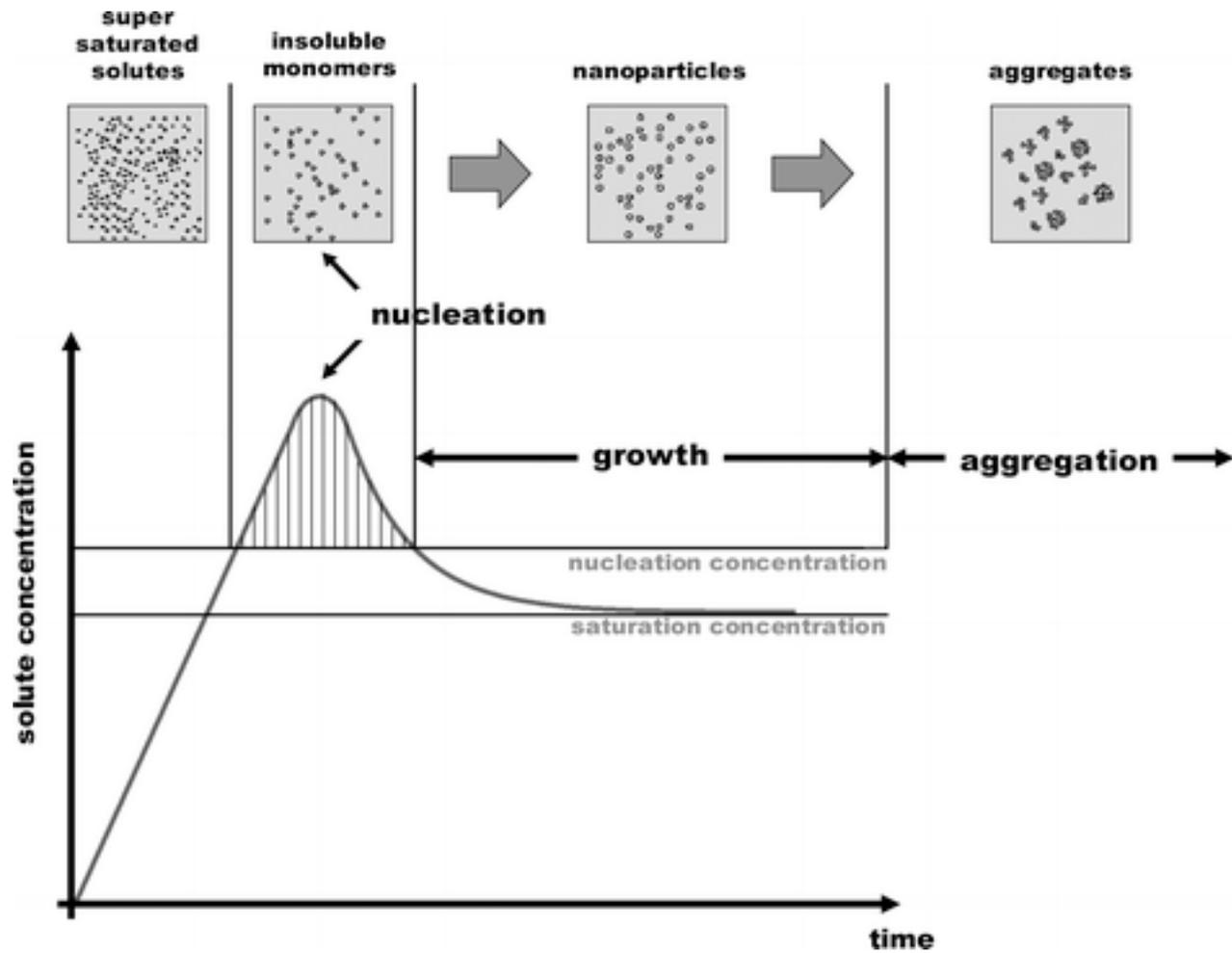


# Nucleation and growth



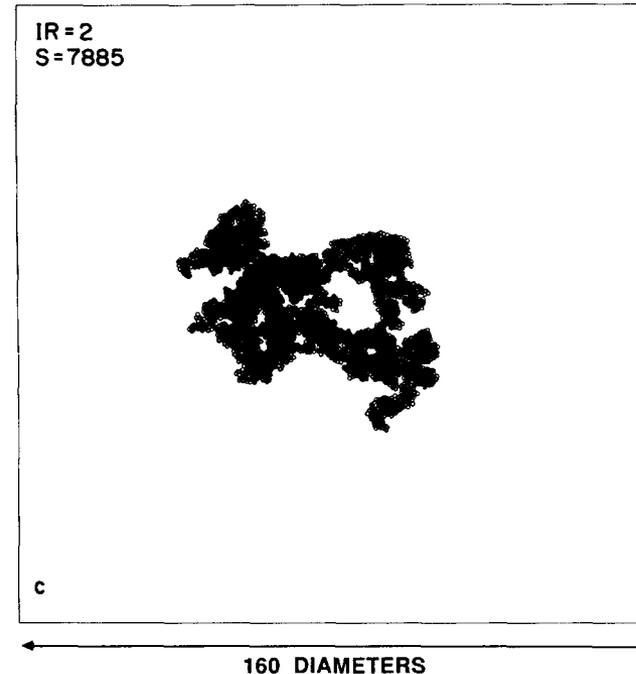
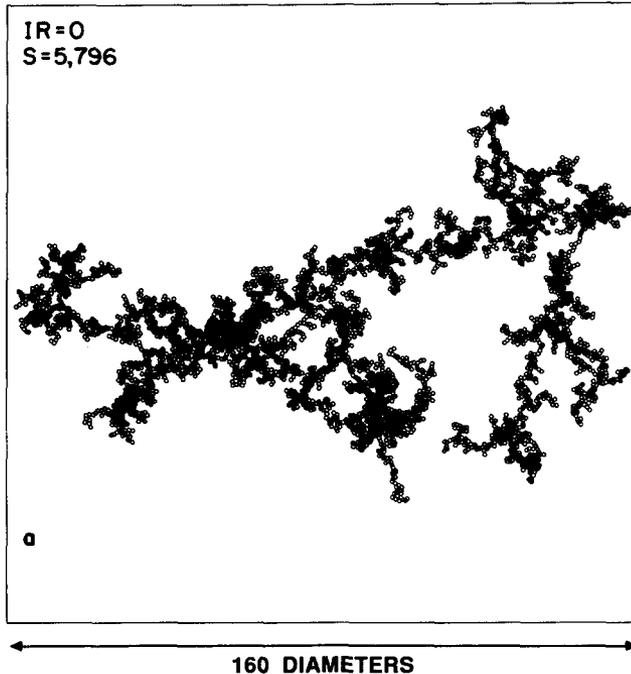


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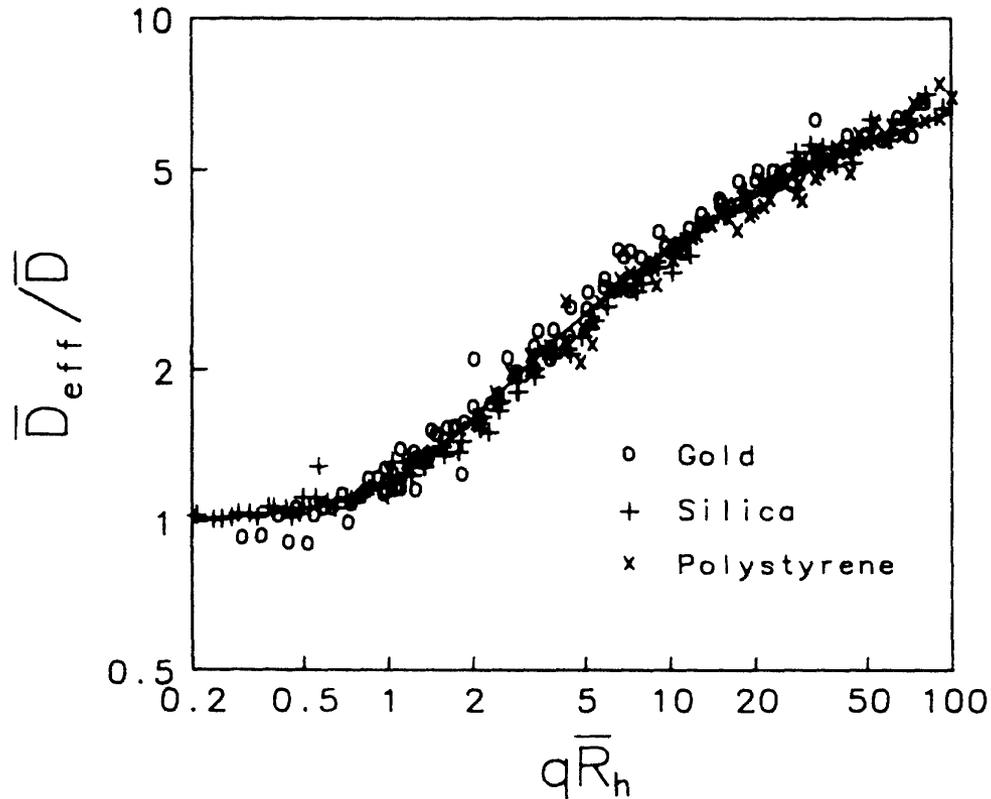


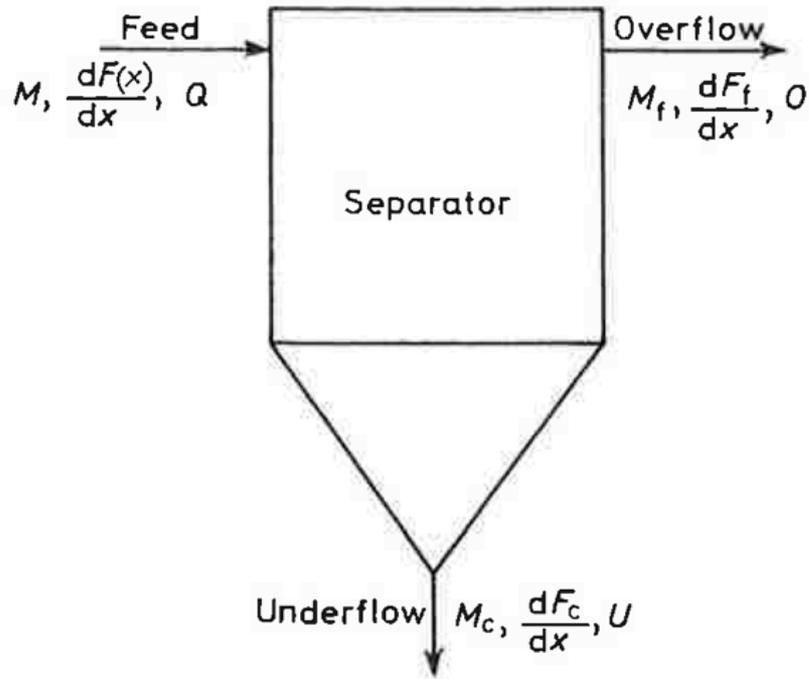
# (BALLISTIC), DLA, RLA... WITH REORGANISATION



*Macroscopic : FLOCCULATION, COAGULATION, COMPACTION/ » RIPENING »*

P. Meakin, R. Jullien: J. Chem. Phys 89, 246-258





$$M = M_c + M_t$$

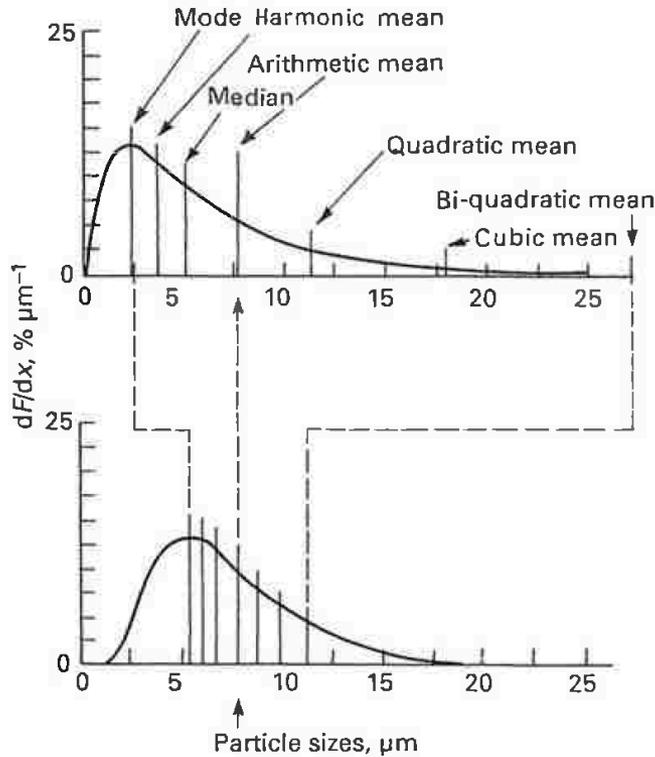
$$M \frac{dp}{dx} = M_c \cdot \frac{dp_c}{dx} + M_t \cdot \frac{dp_t}{dx}$$

Figure 3.1. Schematic diagram of a separator



# MODELLING : « SIZE » DISTRIBUTION COUNTS !

## CHARACTERIZATION OF PARTICLES SUSPENDED IN LIQUIDS



$$x_{st} = \sqrt{\frac{18 \cdot \eta V_s}{g \cdot \Delta \rho}}$$

Figure 2. A1.1. Two different size distributions with the same arithmetic mean.

DISTRIBUTION AND RIGHT AVERAGE IMPORTANT

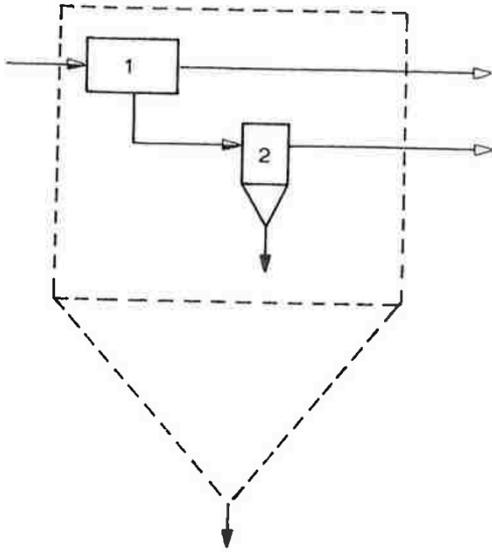


Figure 3.16. A concentrator with a separator in series

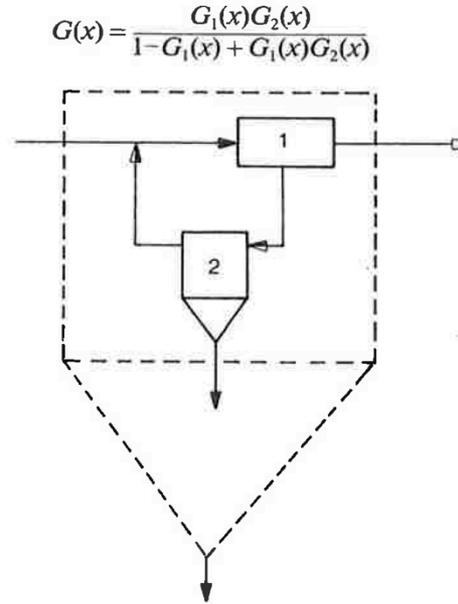


Figure 3.17. A concentrator with a separator in series, with feedback

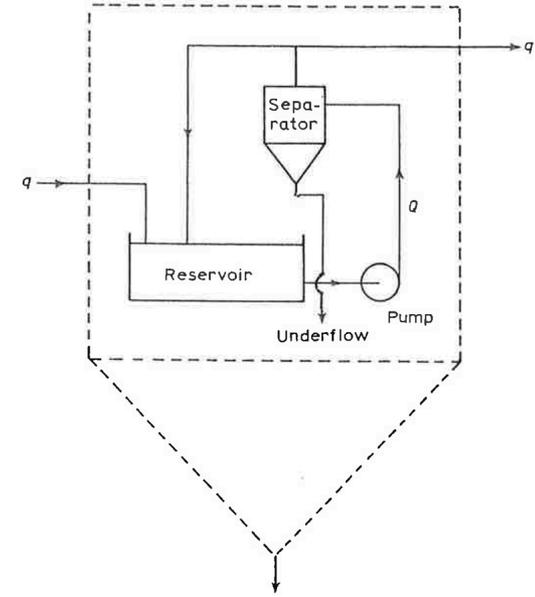
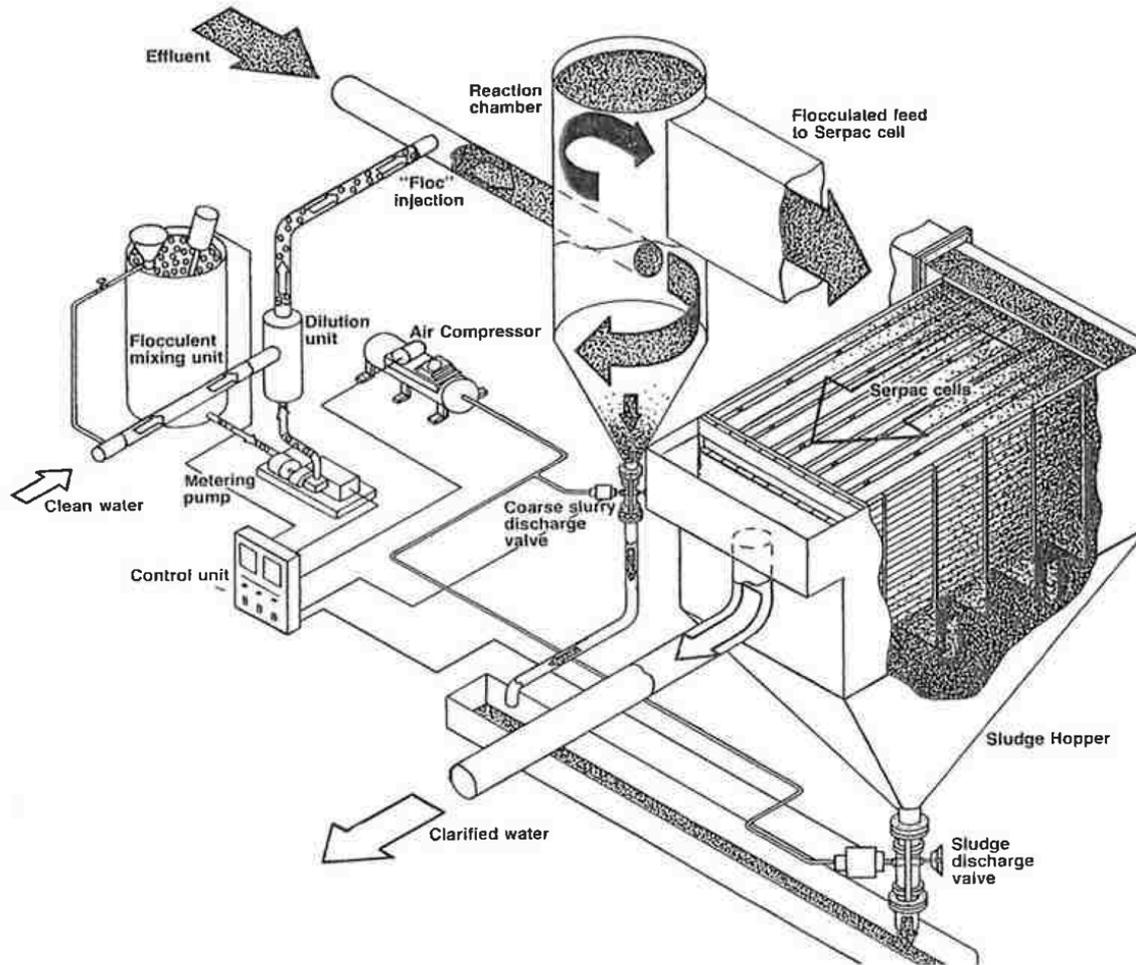


Figure 3.18. A multiple pass system



# ITERATIVE PROCEDURES : PLANT MAP



L. Svarosky : « solid-liquid separation » Butterworth – 4th ed. 2001



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