

Freude Number in Water Treatment

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FREUDE NUMBER AND CRITICAL DEPTH

$$E = \underbrace{\frac{P}{\rho} + z + \frac{v^2}{2g}}_y$$

$$E = y + \frac{v^2}{2g} = y + \frac{Q^2}{2gA^2}$$

For critical depth to occur $Fr = \frac{Q^2 B}{gA^3} = 1$

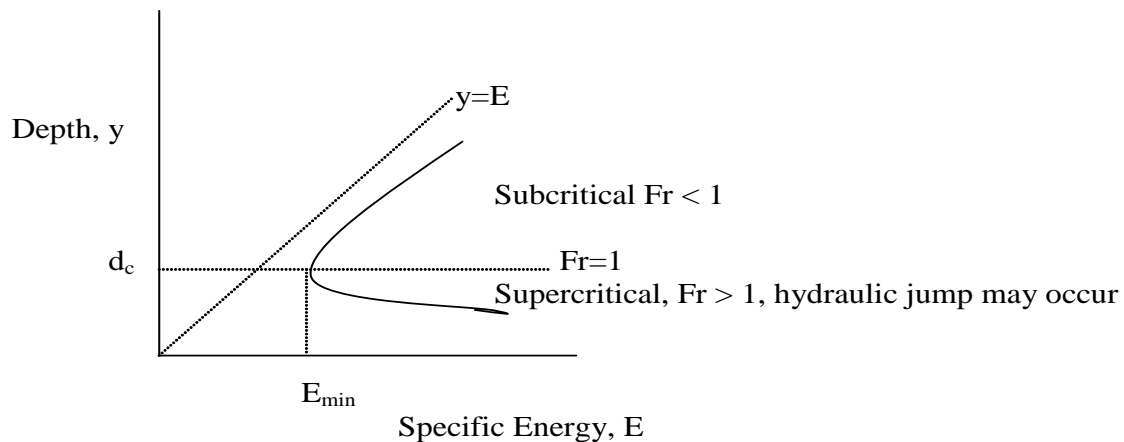
For rectangular channels

$$A = By$$

$$\frac{Q^2 B}{gB^3 y^3} = 1, \text{ from which}$$

$$y_c = \left[\frac{Q^2}{B^2 g} \right]^{1/3}$$

At d_c Freude number = 1



FREUDE NUMBER

Ref: (p. 165 Degremont. Water Treatment Handbook), Freude Number Definition

Freude Number makes it possible to assess the stability of a circulation process when the flow is affected primarily by gravitation and the forces of inertia:

$$Fr = \frac{v^2}{gD_H} = \frac{v^2}{g(4R_H)}$$

D_H = equivalent hydraulic diameter = $4R_H$.

The more stable the circulation, the more uniform the velocity distribution over the whole section of the tank. Stable circulations have high Freude number

p. 582 (Bird) Blending of Miscible Fluids Freude Number Definition

$$Fr = \frac{DN^2}{g}$$

D = diameter of impeller

N = rate of rotation of impeller

P 108 (Bird)

$$Fr = \frac{v^2}{gD}$$

D = diameter of tube, (for flow around a sphere diameter of the sphere)

(p. 30 Huisman Sedimentation) Use of Freude Number in Sedimentation

The stability of the settling zone can be promoted by augmenting a ratio between inertial forces and gravity, expressed by the dimensionless Freude number:

$$Fr = \frac{v^2}{gR_H} = \frac{\text{Inertial forces}}{\text{gravity}}$$

In sedimentation tanks short circuiting can be avoided if $Fr > 10^{-5}$.

In sedimentation tanks scour is commonly not a problem when

$$Re = \frac{vR_H}{\nu} < 2000 \text{ and } Fr = \frac{v^2}{gR_H} > 10^{-5}.$$

Freude Number in Rectengular Sedimentation Tanks

$$v_0 = \frac{Q}{BH}, R_H = \frac{BH}{B + 2H}$$

$$Fr = \frac{Q^2}{g} \frac{B + 2H}{B^3 H^3}$$

$$S_0 = \text{surface loading} = \frac{Q}{BL}$$

$$Fr = \frac{S_0^2 L^2}{gH^3} \left(1 + \frac{2H}{B} \right)$$

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Freude Number in Circular Sedimentation Tanks

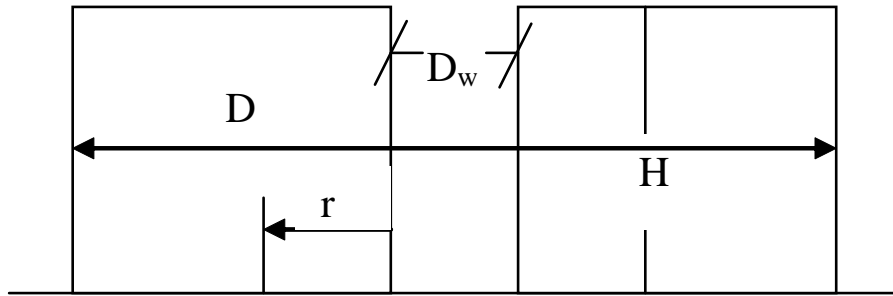


Fig 1. Circular horizontal flow tank (D_w 5 to 10 % of D)

$$R_H = \frac{2\pi r H}{2\pi r} = H$$

$$v = \frac{Q}{\pi D H}$$

$$v^2 = \frac{Q^2}{\pi^2 D^2 H^2}$$

$$Fr = \frac{Q^2}{g \pi^2 D^2 H^3}$$

For circular horizontal flow sedimentation tanks near the outer circumference.

$$Fr_{\min} = \frac{Q^2}{\pi^2 g D^2 H^3} = \frac{S_0^2 D^2}{16 g H^3},$$

and near the outer center:

$$Fr_{\max} = \frac{Q^2}{\pi^2 g D_w^2 H^3} = \frac{S_0^2 D^4}{16 g D_w^2 H^3} \text{ in which } D_w = 5 \text{ to } 10\% \text{ of } D.$$

with normal tank depth of 3m

$$Fr_{\min} = 0.02 \times 10^{-9} D^2$$

$$Fr_{\max} = 4 \times 10^{-9} D^2$$

Freude number must be $> 10^{-5}$. For large tanks of diameter 50 m:

$$Fr_{\min} = (0.005) 10^{-5}, \quad Fr_{\max} = 10^{-5}$$

Minimum Freude number can be less than 10^{-5} in large tanks.