Efficiency improvements in Solar evaporation

HOW DO YOU EVAPORATE THE WATER IN THE GLASS QUICKLY?





In other words, increase the surface area of the liquid exposed. The water being distributed over a greater area has each molecule exposed to more incoming air particles. Thus each molecule can get enough energy to fly off faster rather than waiting for each layer to evaporate, keeping the layers below trapped (in this case inside the glass)



HOW TO ACCELERATE EVAPORATION RATE FURTHER?



ADD A FAN AND INDUCE AIR MOVEMENT NEAR THE SURFACE OF THE LIQUID

(For example: clothes dry faster in a windy day)





The velocity of air on the surface of water can speed evaporation in three ways

- First, it brings in fresh unsaturated air across the water surface. With no air movement the evaporation will stop at one point when the atmosphere gets saturated with water vapor
- Secondly, it can agitate the water, breaking up the surface tension and still increasing the surface area, exposing more molecules to the atmosphere
- Thirdly , velocity and pressure have inverse relationship (this is how lift works for airplane). So, as air increases speed across the surface of water, it also lowers pressure locally. The combination of agitation and pressure drop work together to speed up the evaporation

HOW THIS PRINCIPLE IS APPLIED IN EVAPORATION OF INDUSTRIAL WASTEWATERS CONVENTIONALLY?

SOLAR PONDS



Water is spread over a large area to increase the available area for evaporation with natural wind blowing across the surface of the water

ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES OF SOLAR POND

Advantages

Operation costs : Nil

Disadvantages

Evaporation rate is very slow, not suitable for high volumes of water Requires very large area:

Imitation in availability of land
land costs are prohibitive

PAN EVAPORATION RATES

Year	Bangalore	Chennai	Kolkatta	Nagpur	New Delhi	Bombay	Ahmedabad	Srinagar	Shillong	Trivendrum
	MM/day	MM/day	MM/day	MM/day	MM/day	MM/day	MM/day	MM/day	MM/day	MM/day
Jan	3.9	3.1	1.4	4.1	2.2	2.4	6.3	0.0	1.3	3.9
Feb	4.8	4.6	2.6	5.1	4.2	3.3	7.2	0.0	1.9	4.4
Mar	6.1	5.9	4.2	5.4	7.2	4.1	8.8	1.8	3.5	5.0
Apr	5.4	7.1	5.5	6.4	9.9	4.8	9.3	2.6	4.2	4.8
Мау	5.7	8.1	4.8	7.2	10.9	5.0	12.6	3.0	3.1	4.0
Jun	3.5	7.7	3.7	5.0	10.1	3.7	14.5	5.0	2.7	2.5
July	3.1	5.4	2.5	3.5	4.7	3.0	10.1	5.1	2.2	3.3
Aug	3.2	5.5	2.7	3.3	5.0	2.2	8.5	3.8	2.2	3.9
Sep	3.5	4.8	2.3	3.9	6.1	2.9	9.9	3.6	2.1	4.4
Oct	3.4	4.1	2.5	3.8	5.1	2.8	8.7	1.8	2.1	3.9
Nov	2.9	3.1	1.9	3.6	4.0	2.7	8.1	0.9	1.7	2.9
Dec	3.9	3.0	1.6	2.9	3.5	2.3	7.0	0.0	1.4	3.7
Annual Average	4.1	5.2	3.0	4.5	6.1	3.3	9.3	2.3	2.4	3.9

SOLAR POND AREA REQUIRED TO EVAPORATE 100 CU.M/DAY

Place	Acres			
Bangalore	6.02			
Chennai	4.75			
Kolkatta	8.24			
Nagpur	5.49			
New Delhi	4.05			
Bombay	7.49			
Ahmedabad	2.65			
Srinagar	10.74			
Shillong	10.30			
Trivendrum	6.33			

HOW TO ACHIEVELARGE SURFACE AREA WATER WITHOUT ADDITIONAL LAND

SPREAD THE WATER IN THE ATMOSPHERE AND MIX FORCED AIR WITH IT



Use an water fracturing equipment capable of breaking the water droplets to micron particles and throw it in the atmosphere with forced air mixing.

This way the surface area of water exposed to air is multiplied by numerous times





THE SURFACE AREA RESULTING FROM SUCH ATOMIZATION OF A LIQUID IS CONSIDERABLE

Figure-1 shows the surface area of feed after being atomized into droplets of different sizes



Figure-1 Total surface area of on litre of feed atomized into different droplet sizes

Effective atomizers create droplet spectra from as low as 50 micron to 150 micron or larger, with a typical operational range between 75 and 110 microns. Based on the above surface area chart, surface area of one litre of water is increased to 50 to 75 square meters and hence the evaporation rate achieved will be tremendous

ALSO FIND BELOW THE DRIFT TIME OF THESE DROPLETS WHICH WILL EVAPORATION ENHANCE RATE FURTHER



Droplet Size to be reduced

Watrix rotary evaporator

Nozzle of Various Sizes

REVOLUTIONARY WATRIX ROTARY EVAPORATOR

Operation Principle



STEP 1: FEED IS CENTRIFUGALLY ACCELERATED AND SPREAD OUT AS A THIN FILM OVER A ROTATING SURFACE



STEP 2: WATER IS FRACTURED INTO DROPLETS AT THE EDGE OF THE ROTATING HUB





STEP 3: DROPLETS IMPACTS ON A HIGH SPEED ROTARY CAGE AND SHRED INTO MICRON PARTICLES





STEP 4: MIXED WITH HIGH VOLUME OF AIR USING A FAN AND THROWN INTO THE ATMOSPHERE





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Operation Principle



EVAPORATION BY MECHANICAL FORCE

Watrix rotary evaporators use mechanical centrifugal force to atomize fluids. There are several significant advantages to rotary evaporation that allow Watrix to operate where other evaporation technologies cannot



SIMPLE INTEGRATED DESIGN

No separate motors for atomizer and fan. Integrated design

This simple design combines the atomization system with the fan delivery system creating a complete, durable unit that can deliver high volumes of atomized liquid in a directed jet of air

SIMPLE MAINTENANCE

The screen mesh and cup can be easily inspected when the unit is shut down, and worn parts can be quickly replaced to reduce downtime and costs associated with failure

This is an important feature with certain challenging fluids which can erode even the toughest atomizer system









Types of Gravel Evaluated



Solar Evaporator Test: Evaporative Surfaces



Test Nozzles

Nozzle height increases the evaporation rate is also Increasing



Vertically oriented nozzle position with different riser heights (riser=1.5 ft) note windbreak fence



riser=1.5 ft



Nozzle positions with different angles and with varying riser heights were tested in 2003 (riser=1.0 ft)

Nozzle riser= 1.0ft,



Nozzle riser= 1.5 ft,





Nozzles raised at 1.5 ft





Nozzles raised at 2.0 ft



Protection from Rain



Pond Size: 50 m x 30 m (1500 sqmts)









APPLICATIONS



Evaporator rejects







Oil mills







Refineries



RO rejects



Steel industries



Fertiliser plants



Sugar industries



Pharmaceuticals



Textile industries



Mining industries



DM plant & softener regeneration wastes



Automobile and ancilleries



Distilleries and breweries



Food processing industries



Sea food processing industries



Cooling tower blowdowns



Poultry



Slaughter houses



Dairy





Sewage

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