

Maximizing Byproduct Recovery

Squeezing out the most from your turpentine, methanol, soap, and CTO Acidulation systems.



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Turpentine Collection Sources

Primary

Continuous Digester Vent Condensing System

Batch Digester Relief System

Batch Blow Heat Accumulator
Secondary Condenser

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- Chip Bin Vent Condensers
- Evaporator Hotwells
- Stripper Feed Tank/Foul Condensate Tank



Digester Relief Systems

Keys to collection

Two stage systems: Primary condenser condensate is 205F, Secondary condenser condensate is 120F

Single stage systems: Condenser condensate temperature is 120F

Ensure the cyclone drains!



Batch Blow Heat Accumulator

Keys to good turpentine and methanol recovery

Do not vent

Meet OEM temperature targets: 205F and 120F

Avoid level control issues and overflowing top

Maintain the temperature profile targets in tank



Secondary Turpentine Collection Points

- “Hot top” chip bins using flash steam
- Evaporator hotwells- mills with downflow continuous cooking
- Foul condensate or stripper feed tanks



Turpentine Decanting and Storage

Keys to Maximizing yield

- Design matches flowrate
- Interface level - Weirbox
- Decanting temperature
- NCG Vacuum balance



Methanol Collection

- Every Kraft mill has a methanol target collection number...7.2 lbs/ton and 11.2 lbs/ton.
- Methanol and turpentine are found in the same places – flash point.
 - Turpentine Underflow
 - Accumulator condensate
 - Evaporator hotwells



Methanol Stripping

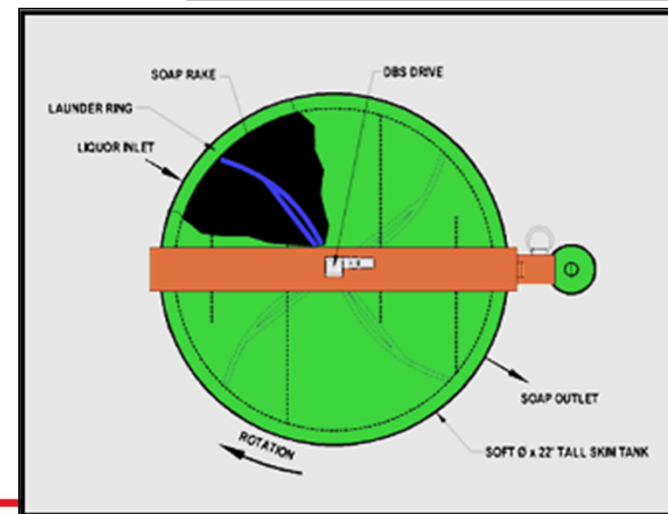
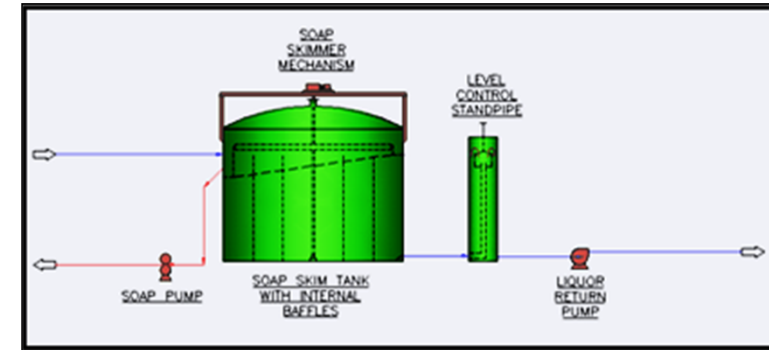
- Methanol stripping has three important control loops
 - Condensate feed temperature
 - Steam to condensate ratio
 - Reflux control temperature



Evaporator Soap Skimming

Reasons for lower recovery

- Poor tank geometry
- Operating outside of the design % liquor solids
- Not controlling the proper soap bed depth
- Changing liquor mix
- Air addition?



Weak Tank Soap Skimming

Reasons for Lower Recovery

- Incorrect liquor solids
- Level control (side valve design)
- Mixing liquors
- Low retention



CTO Acidulation Plants

Keys to good reaction and quality

- Minimize inlet liquor component
- Fiber is your enemy
- Acid dilution control
- Redundant mixing
- Temperature control ahead of decanter or centrifuge



Questions?

