Paper Machines: Approach Flow, Paper Manufacturing Basics, Press Sections and Drying

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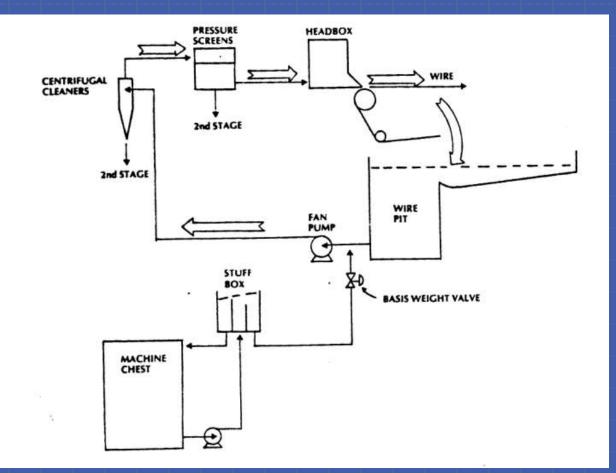


Approach Flow

 To dose exactly and mix uniformly all the different components of the final suspension to be delivered to the paper machine.

• To supply a continuous suspension flow of constant consistency, quality and flow rate at constant pressure to the headbox of the paper machine.

Approach Flow



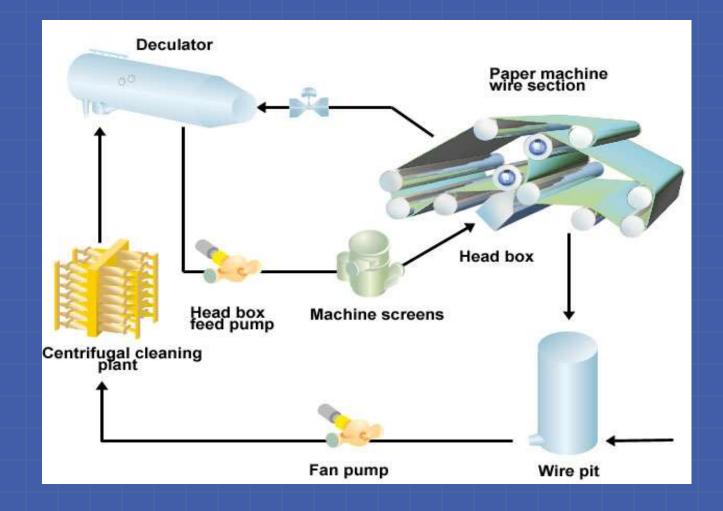
Key Approaches

Constant metering/proportioning
Uniform, effective mixing
Constant feeding

Key Elements

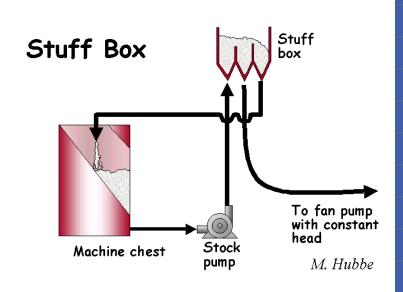
S R Box Basis Weight Valve Fan Pump/PCC Feed Pump Centricleaner Deculator Fan Pump/Head Box Feed Pump Screen Manifold

Approach Flow



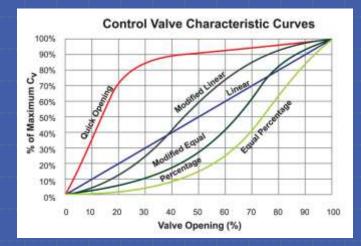
S R Box

To regulate the flow to paper machine VFD controlled pump and control valve with magnetic flowmeter sensing.



Basis Weight Valve

To control flow rate Good Flow Control characteristics V-Notch Ball Valve May be automated by sensing flow rate



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MASCOT

Fan Pump

Why such name? Pulsation free





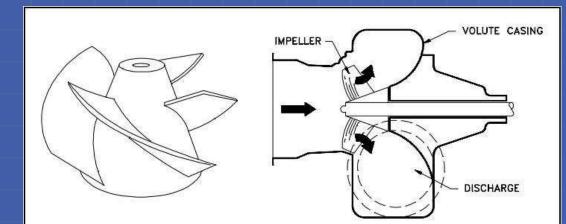


Open Impeller

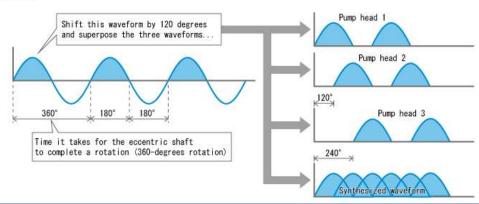
Closed Impeller

or, Mixed flow impeller

Fan Pump Impeller

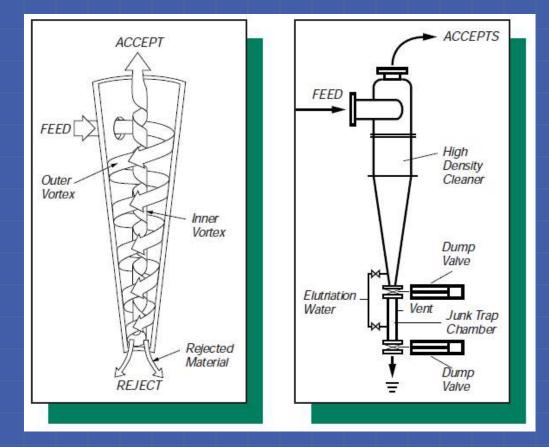


(Fig. 2)



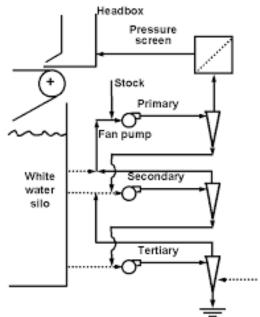
Centricleaner

Cleaning by Centrifugal Action



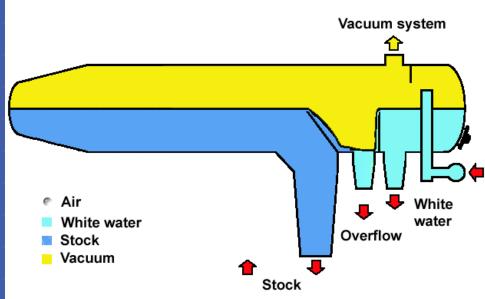
Centricleaner

Cleaning by centrifugal action Bigger, heavier particles removed from bottom Smaller, lightweight particles from top



Deculator

To remove excess air in pulp Why to remove How to remove

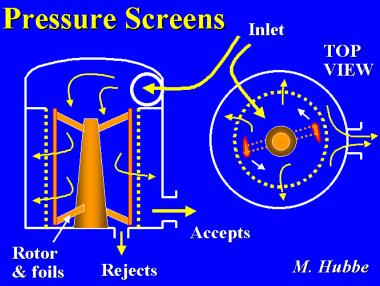


Fan Pump

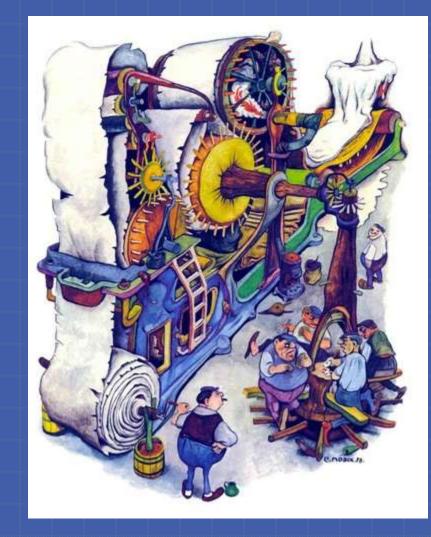
Again? Double Dilution. Why double dilution?

Screening

Why screening What to look in designing screening system 2 or 3 stage screening Cascading Pressure Screen

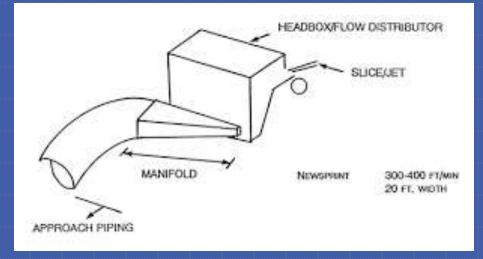


Paper Machine



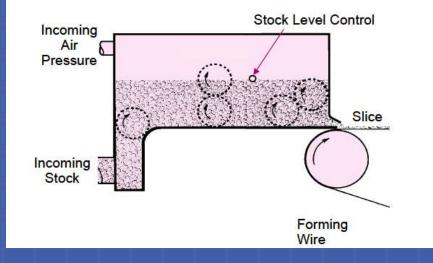
Manifold

Part of headbox or part of approach flow Pulp enters from a circular pipe Has to be distributed evenly throughout the deckle



Head Box

Schematic



Headbox

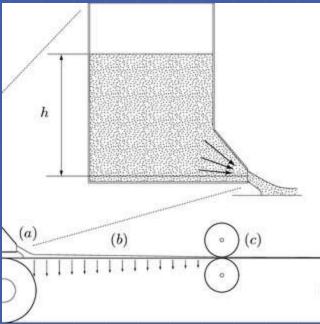
Pulp enters from a circular pipe Needed to spread on full width of wire Uniform spreading Turbulence generation to have a good formation

Getting Good Results

- No surging of feed entering the Headbox
- No dead (no flow) areas inside the Headbox
- No sharp internal corners or edges to catch the stock
- Maintain a uniform fiber dispersion
- Eliminate entrained air
- Distribute stock uniformly across the full width of the machine

Headbox: Open/Close

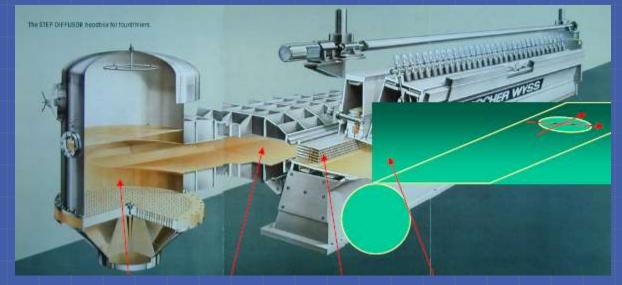
Open Headbox Jet/Wire Ratio Head: v²=2gH High machine speed ~ high head Troubles with High Head Pressurized Headbox



Headbox

Pressurized Headbox

Air Cushion Headbox Hydraulic Headbox

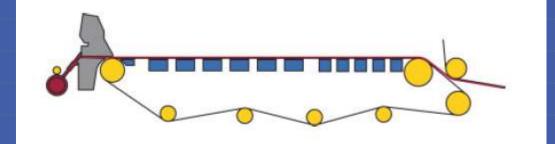


Wire Table

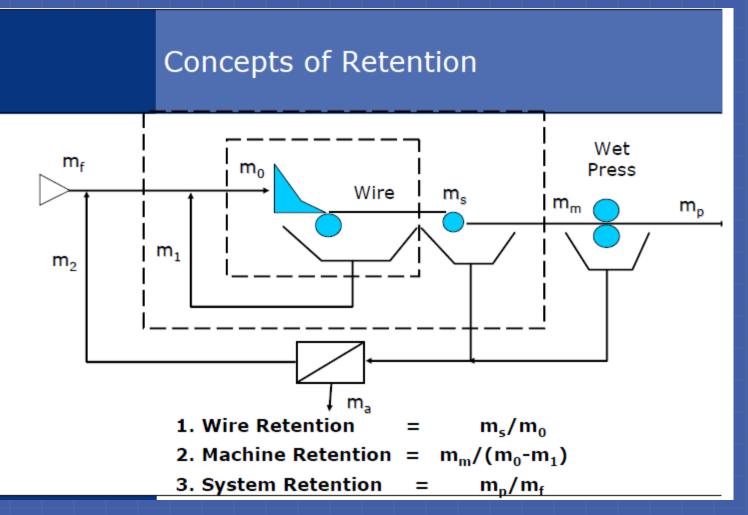
To allow dewatering maintaining desired properties Formation **GSM** control Strength **Inter-fiber bonding Two-sidedness Better retention** Better dryness Transa a

Wire

An endless wire mesh to hold pulp, allow the water from it to drain easily by gravity, vacuum and/or pressing.



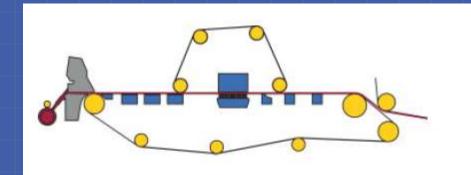
Retention



First Pass Retention
$$FPR(\%) = \frac{HBcons(\%) - WWcons(\%)}{HBcons(\%)} * 100$$

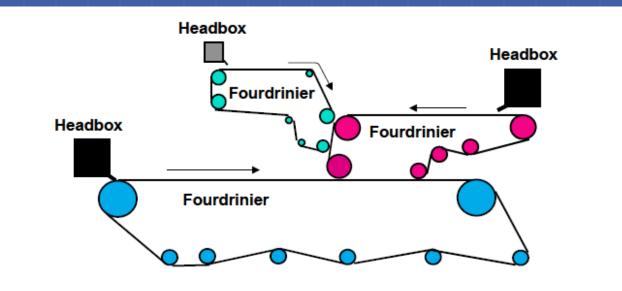
Wire Table

Use of Dandy Double wire



Wire Table

For Multi-Layer Paper and Board



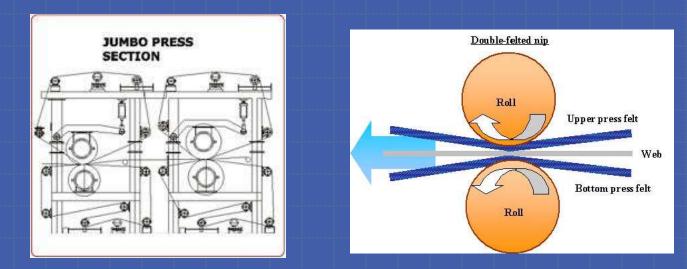
Wire Part

Dewatering at wire part by Gravity Mild Vacuum Dandy/ top wire Higher Vacuum

How to dewater more?

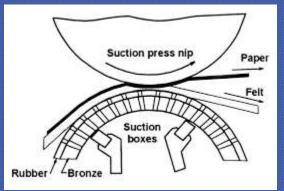
Press Section

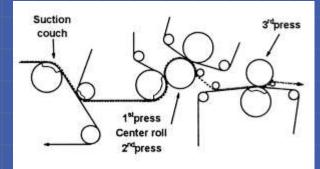
Squeeze the wet web of paper Pressing- gently or with force? Pressing- Single or multi-stage



Press Sections

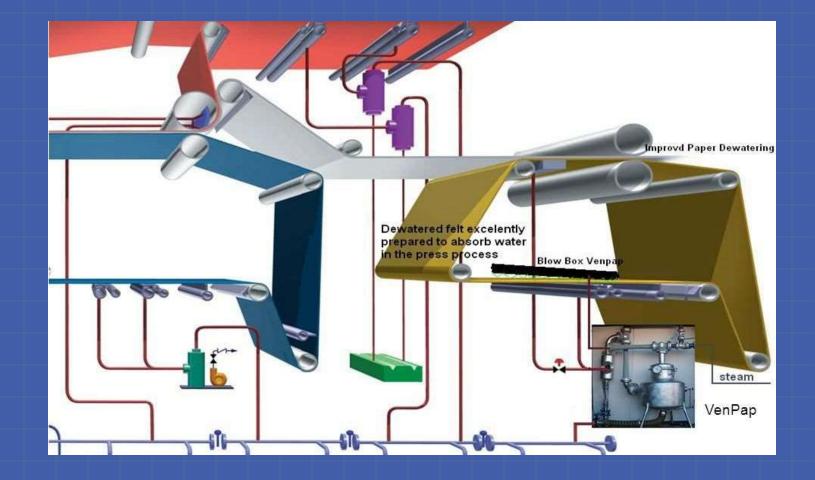
Straight Through Press
Double Felted Press
Inverted Press
Jumbo Press
Bi-Nip Press
Tri-Nip Press
Shoe Press
Suction Press







Felt Conditioning



Vacuum Pump

To generate vacuum Low vacuum- Centrifugal blower Turbine blower Roots Blower Water Ring Vacuum Pump Oil Ring Vacuum Pump

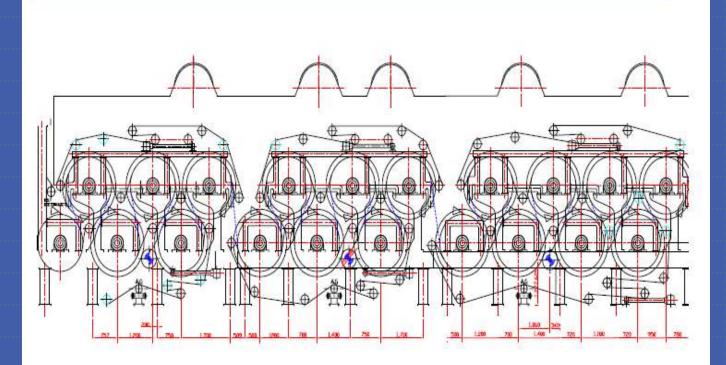
Capacity- air flow Capacity- gauge vacuum level

Dryer Section

To dry the paper by thermal heat application Conventional- Contact drying Extensions- Hot Air impingement (Hood) Extensions- IR Drying

Typical Dryer Part

Dryer Part



Dryer

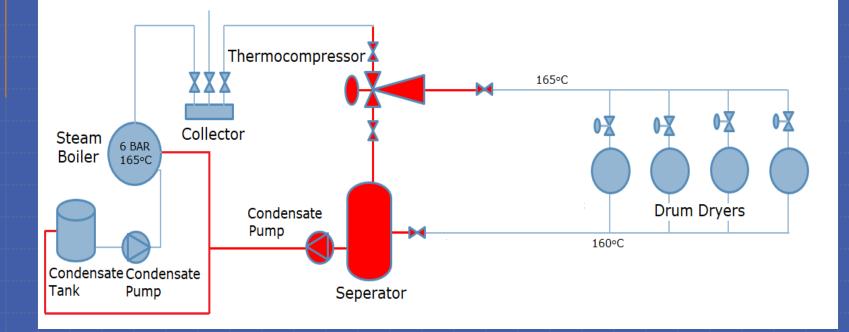
Material of construction Diameter Increasing drying rate Pocket ventilation Dryer screening

Yankee Dryer

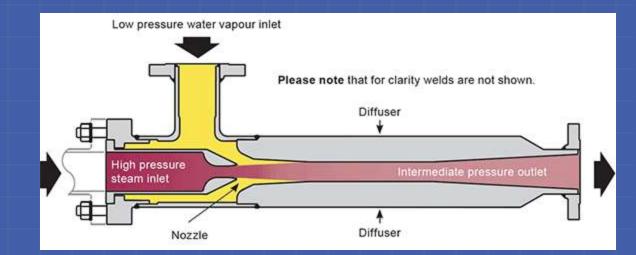
Large diameter Single side heating One side glaze (MG)



Condensate Management

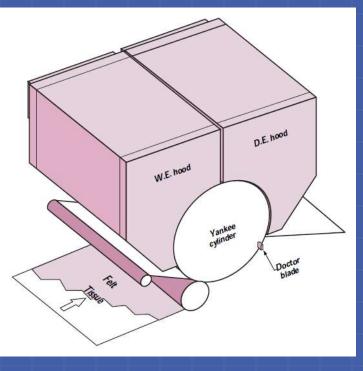


Thermocompressor



Hood

To impinge hot air To remove moist air To increase production rates To reduce energy consumption



Calendering

Paper web is run between in order to further smooth it out, which also gives it a more uniform thickness.



Calendering

Objectives-Caliper variation control Improvement in surface smoothness Improving printability Reduced two sidedness

Soft Nip Calendering

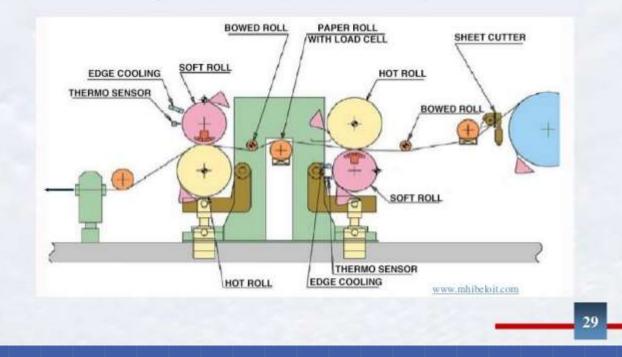
Two-nip soft calender

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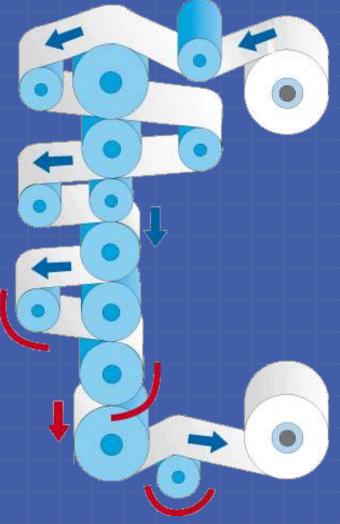
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This kind of soft calender is typical for copy and other uncoated woodfree papers. Sometimes only one nip is needed, if base paper is not symmetrical.



Supercalendering

For better gloss Better smoothness of paper Better printability



Questions?

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