

Detergent Processing:

1- Surfactant: most common surfactant linear alkyl benzene sulfonate (LAS)
adv. of LAS:

- available in large vol.
- relatively cheap
- good safety & biodegradability profile.
- solid @ room temp.

2- Product forms:

Powders:

- main process to form a concentrated aqueous slurry of raw material & spray dry (countercurrent) tower.

Compact Powders:

agglomeration used to compact powders to the right density

Tablets:

liq detergents
liq pouches
synder bars

⇒ Sachets have an adv. of providing good moisture barrier protection when compared to cartons: a lot of cartons made with an internal polymer layer to provide some resistance to moisture ingress.

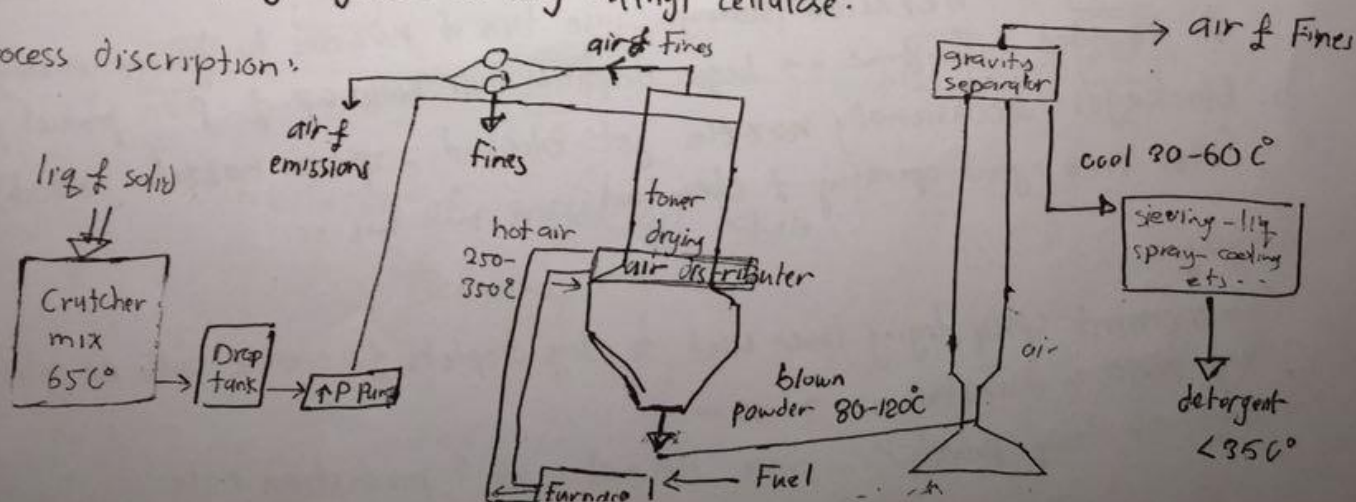
Detergent Powder processing:

Spray Drying

the spray dried granules are often known as blown powder, the core compounds:

1. anionic surfactant - most often (LAS)
2. builder - Zeolite or STPP
3. inorganic salts - sodium sulfate - sodium carbonate - sodium silicate.
4. Polymers - polyacrylate - carboxy methyl cellulose.

Process description:



Slurry making $\rightarrow$ Pumping $\rightarrow$ Atomization $\rightarrow$ Drying $\rightarrow$ Cooling & Classification

Slurry making:

obj: make homogeneous slurry of constant composition & aeration with min. moisture.

1. Crusher (cont. or batch mixer) $\rightarrow$ incorporate powder & liq raw material @ $T=65^\circ\text{C}$ transfer to
2. drop tank: further mixing, slurry aged & crystallization take place.
filtration to achieve homogenization & ensure spray nozzle don't block

Sodium Tripolyphosphate Products:

STTP: good @ controlling water hardness & provide buffer capacity.

it hydrates hexahydrate during slurry making & after making process.

hydration have a big impact on viscosity:

too much hydration $\rightarrow$ extremely high viscosity

too little hydration $\rightarrow$ poorly hydrated blown powder that tend to pick up moisture & hydrate on storage.

Pumping:

as a result of low moisture content & short mixing time, slurry may have inorganic lumps (block atomization nozzles) to reducing this is to pump mix into filter & provide disintegrator to break up before passing to main slurry pump.

Atomization:

obj: to create drops small enough to dry in spray drying tower

done with ~~off~~ high P nozzles distributed @ 1 or more levels within tower.

2 major problem in spray nozzles:

1. nozzle wear: abrasive slurry cause tips of nozzles to become enlarged & rounded with time $\rightarrow$ bigger drops - wall build up & poor product prep.
2. blockages: occasionally nozzles get blocked - spare nozzles - suitable filter size / good operating & clean-out. can min this.

Drying:

Counter current spray drying tower used to dry droplets & operate with an inlet temp 300°C - diameter is 3-10 m
high air temp provide / improve thermal η & $\uparrow$ production rate

Oil shale 8-

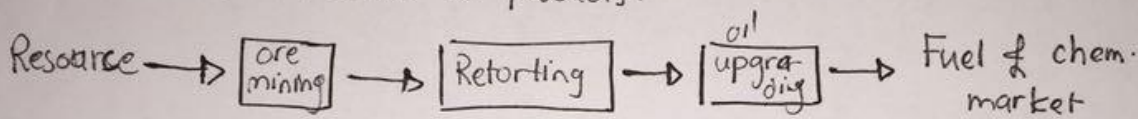
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Major Facol Points of Current oil shale RD & D :

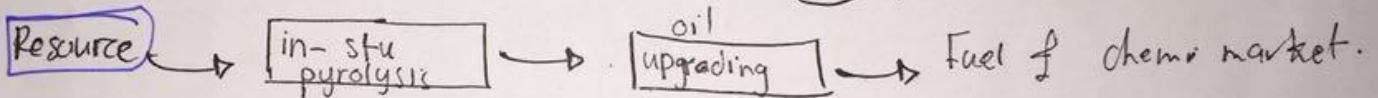
- 1- Improving Recovery Efficiency.
- 2- Improving process energy Efficiency.
- 3- Reducing external energy requirements.
- 4- Reducing net water requirements.
- 5- Protecting ground water from surface operations
- 6- Integrating oil shale development with other energy economic development activity.

* للآردن منابع زكية هائلة
لصناعة صخر الزيتي في
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* Conversion of oil shale to products.



1. [surface]



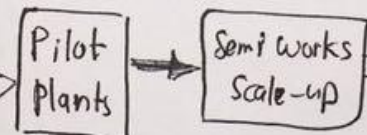
2. [In-situ]

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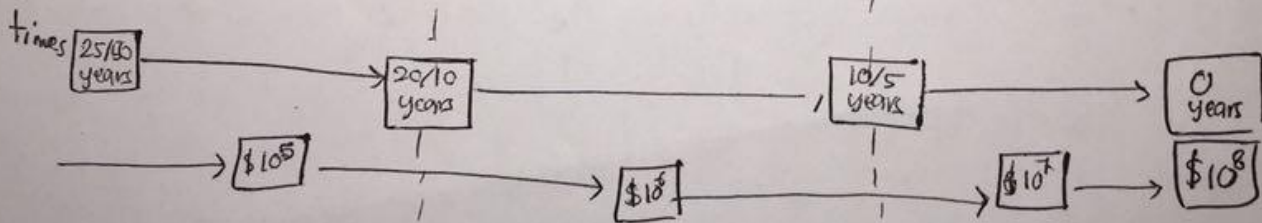
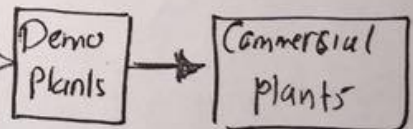
1. Lab Phase



2. Field Testing Phase.



3. Commercial Phase :

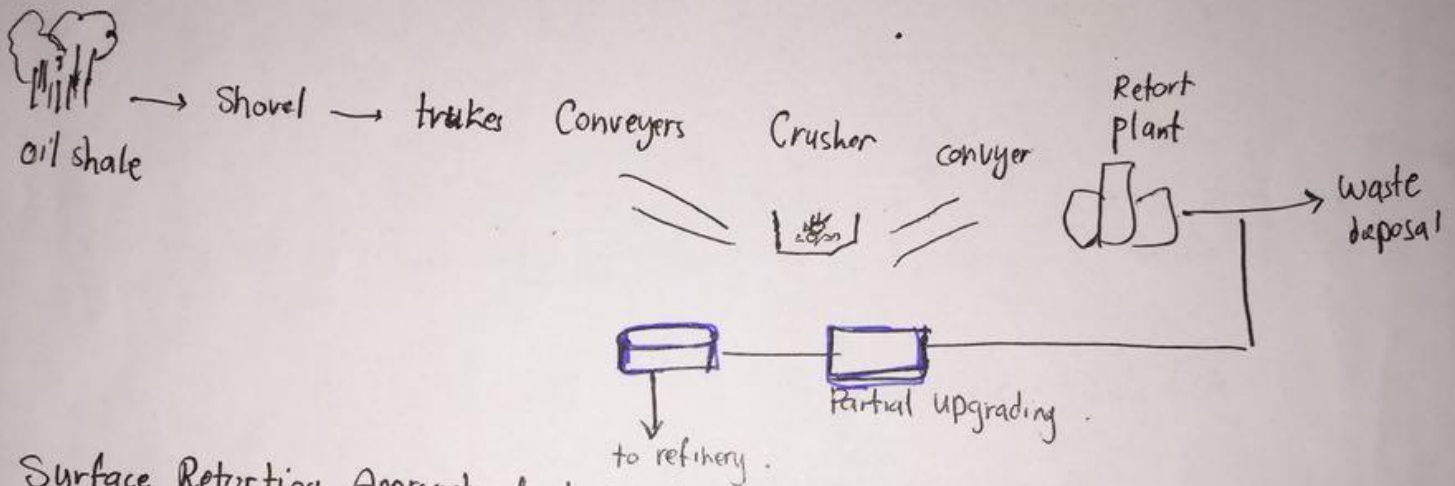


Evolution of Major oil shale Technology.

Surface Mining:

Despite the economical & technical adv of various surface mining approaches; they have been generally dismissed for oil shale activities in sensitive areas due to associated environmental impacts that may include:

- 1- Surface area disturbance of associated habitats @ mine & storage sites.
- 2- over burden, spent shale management requirement & cost (transport-handle-storage)
- 3- Risk to surface & ground water quality associated with potential run-off.
- 4- Air quality impact from fugitive dust & equipment
- 5- Habitat disturbance due to noise from mining & transport & crushing.



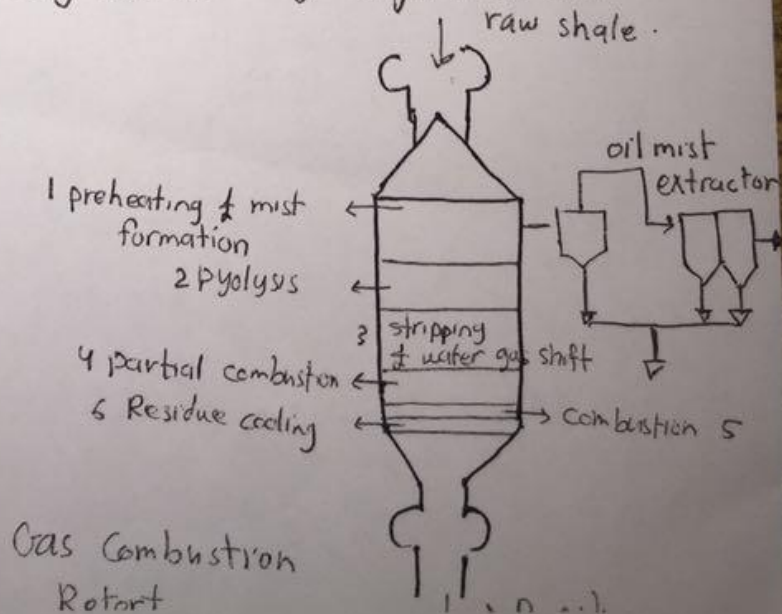
Surface Retorting Approach & technology:

3 major steps:

1. oil shale mining & preparation.
2. Pyrolysis of oil shale to produce Kerogen oil.
3. upgrading Kerogen oil to produce refinery feed stock & high value chem.

The principal obj of retort process:

1. high product yield
2. high thermal eff.
3. short residence time in retort (< 1 hr)
4. high process / operational reliability.
5. low environmental impact.



Recent Innovation:

→ more recent direct gas heat → Fluidized bed heating Process
injection of sys-gas from coal gasifier
Hydrogen donor solvent Technology

In-Situ Technology:

- adv:
- 1- Potential surface & ground water impacts of leachates from overburden, shale & spent shale.
 - 2- water requirement for mining, reclamation, dust control & spent shale disposal are largely eliminated.
 - 3- Emissions of Criteria air pollutant can be significantly reduced.
 - 4- Depending on the source of heating energy, life cycle, carbon emissions could be reduced.

New Approaches to In-Situ: Variation of traditional ↑

- 1- Reduction in energy use
- 2- Reduction in net water use
- 3- Higher production yield
- 4- Effective carbons management
- 5- Improvement in thermal efficiencies.

disadvantages:-

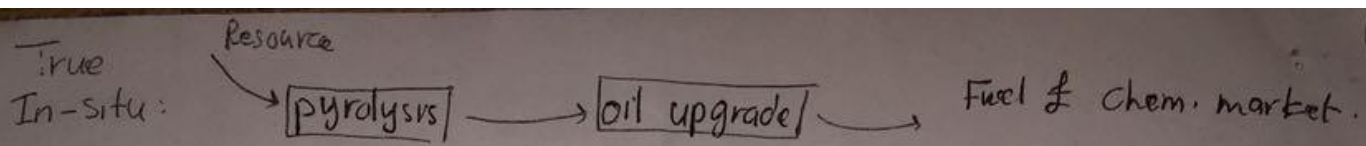
- 1- require greater heating time
- 2- Product recovery / heterogeneous.
- 3- heating leave residual carbon
- 4- Combustion use some of the shale itself as fuel for heating the rest of formation
- 4- production η relatively low
- 5- inefficient heating & creashion of unwanted stream

New Approach Classified:

1. Down hole heaters
2. Direct Current heating
3. Hot gas Injection

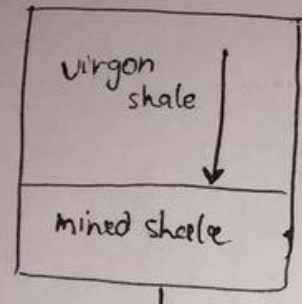
In-Situ Combustion Approach:-

- True in-situ (TIS): there is minimal or no disturbance of the ore bed.
- Modified in-situ (MIS): ore bed is rubblelized either through direct blasting or after partial mining to create void space.
- both → Forced major challenges related:
1. Sustaining & controlling subsurface combustion
 2. generation of subsurface pollutants
 3. direct & communicating heat through target shale formation.
 4. degradation of subsurface environment.



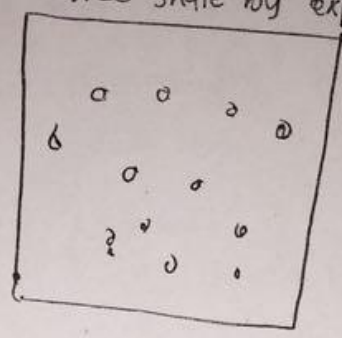
Modified In-situ:

step ①
Create void mining

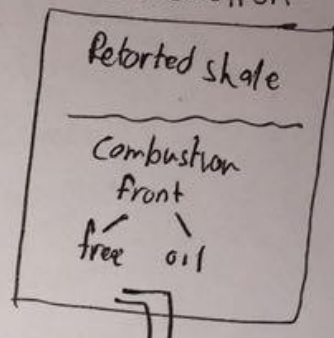


mined shale to surface retorts

step ②
Reblaze shale by explosions



step ③
Combustion.



shale oil to refinery

Oil shale:

sedimentary rock embedded with organic material called kerogen 20% bitumen 80% kerogen.

3 major categories:
for origin of organic material

terrestrial - lacustrine - marine

↓
organic material
plant-animal
live in land

↓
fish
brackish
water algae
remains

↓
salt water
algae

Deposits of oil shale generally found @ shallow depth < 900m

⇒ Quality factor :-

1. richness / grade (L/ton)
2. organic material content
3. hydrogen content
4. moisture content
5. conc. of contaminants : N, S & metals.

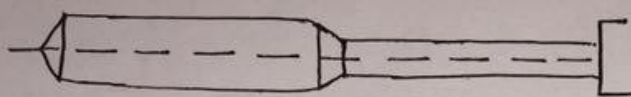
Commercially attractive richness / grades of oil shale contain 100 L/ton or more.
percentage of organic carbon in ore.

$$\text{yield} = \frac{\text{vol. of shale oil}}{\text{vol. of oil shale.}}$$

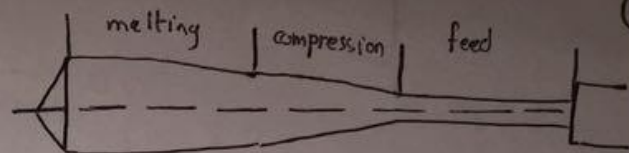
Screw Configurations



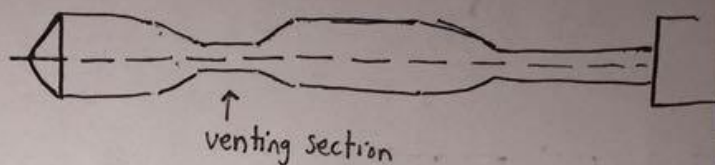
PVC type for amorphous polymers



Nylon type for crystalline polymers with sharp melting point



traditional 3 zone screw.



3 zone screw with venting.

Different types $\Rightarrow$ for different materials.

Venting:- necessary to allow moisture to escape which affect the quality of output

Filter:- fine gauze to remove inhomogeneous material & any contaminations

Breaker Plate:- plate with large holes to prevents dead spots; straightens the spiralling melt & assists the build up of back Pressure in order to remove mixing to break twist forming of molecules.

Extruder die:- determining the desired shape of the extrudate. (subsequent shape downstream) its externally heated & ensures that flow channel changes shape smoothly from the barrel shape $\rightarrow$ product shape.

$\rightarrow$ the latter type ensures constant melt velocity @ the die exit

Main Problem with a die is Material Swell: Polymers are long chains save thermomechanical stresses. arises from the elastic prop. of the melt, together with draw down of the material $\rightarrow$ necessary & ensuring straight product.

* determination of product dimensions usually trial & error process.

* in some cases; shapping plate (template) is necessary to define the shape

$\Rightarrow$ opening of the die is a high resistance to the flow, so we need high pressure to force flow toward the die $\rightarrow$ Screw pump

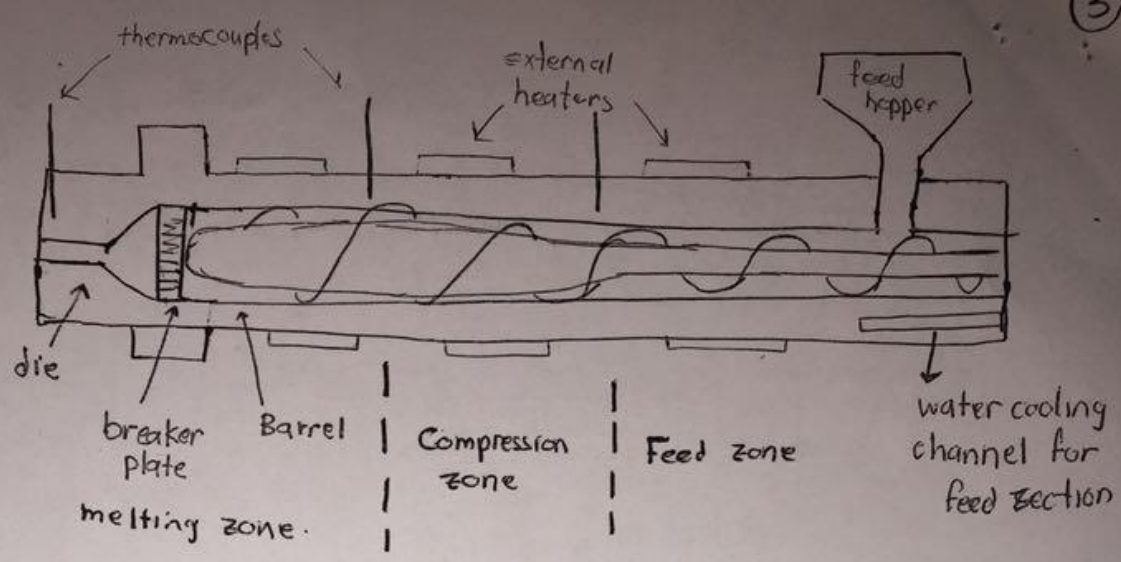
to match screw & die designs to obtain an optimum output:

* Cooling needs to be rapid to maintain shape & water bath is used.

* its better to extrude @ low temp $\rightarrow$ reduced production & necessary for higher pressures.

* output rate (Q) depends on pressure drop (proportional relation).

Single Screw Extruder



- temp range: $200 - 300^{\circ}\text{C}$
- screw speed: $50 - 150 \text{ rpm}$
- output rate: $10 - 1000 \text{ kg/hr}$
- Pressure: 40 MPa $\rightarrow$ controlled by a transducer in metering zone & valve before die.
- screw diameter: $20 - 150 \text{ mm}$
- length/diameter ratio: $25 - 30$

$\Rightarrow$ Feed zone :-

- Preheating - supplying the correct quantity of material to the next zone.
- Important to avoid overfeeding or starving this zone.
- Operation is influenced by the shape & fractional Prop. of feedstock & screw geometry

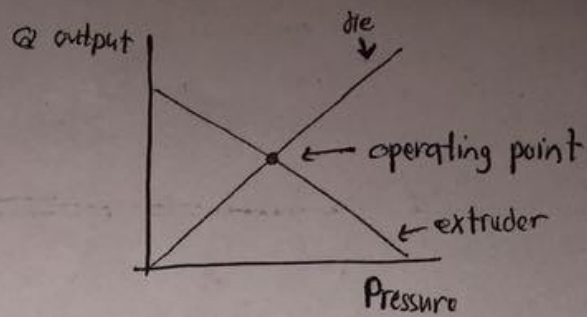
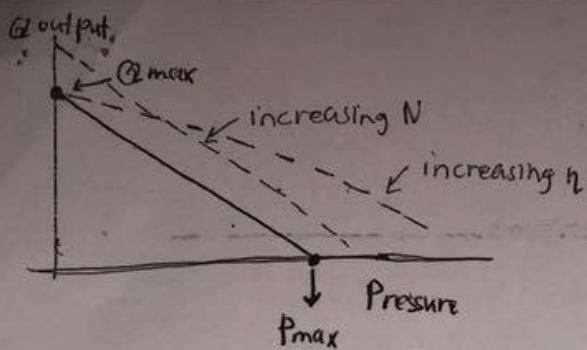
$\Rightarrow$ Compression zone :-

- moving air (compaction) & melting polymer.
- melting achieved by friction & conductive heating & aided by reduction in material thickness.

$\Rightarrow$ Melting Zone :-

- Producing a homogenous melt (distributive mixing) & maintaining a constant temp & Pressure @ die.

twin screw $\Rightarrow$ required for some materials (PVC) to produce adequate mixing



* Injection Molding Process :-

- thermoplastic in form of granules or powder passed through feed hopper into the barrel where it's heated & become soft.
- then forced through nozzle into relatively cold mould.
- after sufficient time to become solid; the mould is open.
- the article is ejected & the cycle is repeated.

major adv.

- * wide range of products
- * the ease with which automation can be introduced.
- * high production rates & the manufacture of articles with close tolerances.

injection machine → Plunger type. its Problems:

1. little mixing (homogenization) of molten plastic.
2. difficult to meter accurately the shot size because its on vol. basis
3. pressure @ nozzle can vary quite considerably from cycle to cycle
4. presence of the torpedo causes a significant pressure loss.
5. flow prop. of the melt are pressure sensitive; varying in mould filling

Stages during injection molding:—

Pause → Clamp → inject → Holding pressure → screw back → complication cooling opening → ejection

- * screw rotate backward to collect material in the front.
- * when shot size fill; stop rotate & use the screw as a piston to inject material to the moulding part.

* Blown Film Process :-

one of the most significant polymer processing method.

several billion pounds of polymer (polyethylene) are processed annually by this technique.

Product used with low profit margins:

grocery sacks - garbage bags - flexible packaging.

↳ Polymer chem. & molecular structure:-

1. vital in establishing film prop.
2. bubble geometry resulting from process conditions also significant.
3. molecular orientation & crystalline structure controlled by bubble dimensions.
4. affect prop. such: tensile - strength - impact toughness - clarity.

molten polymer: exit the die vertically as freely extruded bubble (50 feet / 15m) high

↳ process variable:

[screw speed - nip speed - internal bubble air vol. - cooling rate (first-line height)]

↳ bubble geometry:

not specifically hardware because hardware directly affected the bubble's geometry.

shape depends on combined influence of several process parameters.

usually has a small diameter & thickness as it moves upward toward solidification.

• Frozen-in remains virtually constant.

Parameters describe bubbles geometry:

[die diameter - die gap - first line height - stalk - bubble diameter (BD)
(initial)]
[film thickness - layflat width (LF)]

→ the die face in molten state is cooled & reaches temp when it becomes a solid.

→ first line height: the distance between die face & where solidification takes place

↳ Process variable:

~ melt speed - nip speed

~ internal bubble vol. - cooling rate

melt speed:-

upward velocity as it exit the die gap.

Controlled by screw speed (not same) because its linear & screw speed is rotational.

nip speed:-

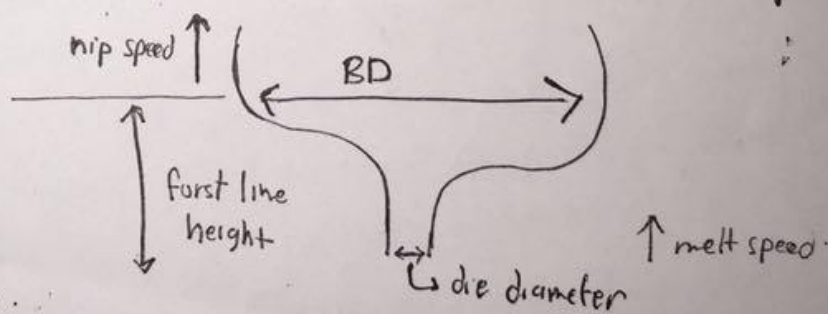
velocity of polymer as it travels through nip roller. (film speed - line speed - take off)

internal bubble vol:- alternative of (P)

amount of air contained inside bubble between die face & nip rollers.

cooling rate:-

by speed @ rate impinges on bubble & the temp. of air.

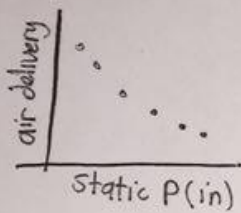


bubble cooling:-

- * by blowing large vol of air on film as it exits the die.
- * bubble kept inflated to remove more heat from film as it travel up in tower.
- * deserves much attention.
- * in many blown film its the limiting factor to max. throughput.
- * improve the efficiency of this process (removal of heat)

Process variable responsible for η :

1. air speed : as volumetric flow rate (ft^3/min) $\uparrow$, more heat removed - capillary
2. air temp : 3. air humidity



[as static P on blower $\uparrow$, blower η $\downarrow$]

Factors affect static P:

- the number - length - diameter of cooling hoses - flow restrictions within
- * the importance of insulator between air ring & die
often underestimated but missing, damaged or poorly chosen insulator will $\rightarrow$ allow die transfer large amount of heat thru. air ring & into cooling air.
so $\downarrow$ production η

line control:

to maintain min. variation in all measurable film quantities (position & time)

variable control process:

- melt quality - film thickness (gauge) - viscosity of material - frost line height
- layflat width - BD (measured using laser micrometer)

$\Rightarrow$ blow molding (batch & continuous)