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Relationship between velocity gradient and energy dissipation rate

$$G = \sqrt{\frac{\varepsilon}{\nu}}$$

Relationship between velocity gradient and energy loss based on a change in the pressure coefficient. Note that the pressure coefficient here is equivalent to a minor loss coefficient.

$$\varepsilon = C_p \frac{V^3}{2\theta}$$

Energy dissipation estimate for a cell located just downstream from the 180 degree bend in a flocculator.

$$\varepsilon_{cell} = \frac{1}{b} \left( \frac{Q}{a \cdot b} \right)^3 \frac{C_p}{2\eta_{cell}}$$

Gcell for hydraulic flocculator

$$G_{cell} = \frac{1}{b^2} \left( \frac{Q}{a} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \sqrt{\frac{K_{cell}}{2\nu\eta_{cell}}}$$

G<sub>cell</sub> for hydraulic flocculator

$$G\theta_{cell} = \sqrt{\frac{\eta_{cell} Q K_{cell}}{2\nu a}}$$

Floc Baffle Spacing

$$b = \left( \frac{1}{\bar{G}_{cell}} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left( \frac{Q}{a} \right)^{\frac{1}{4}} \left( \frac{K_{cell}}{2\nu\eta_{cell}} \right)^{\frac{1}{4}}$$

Shear (Velocity Gradient)

$$\tau = \mu \frac{dv}{dy}$$

Relationship between G and Head loss

$$\bar{G} = \sqrt{\frac{g h_l}{\nu \theta}} \quad \text{Suspension Turbidity } T = 0.3279 \times C_{alum} - 2.0839 \quad \text{Alum Dose } D = (1 + \log_{10} T) \times 15 \quad \text{Alum Flowrate}$$

$$Q_{alum} = \frac{D \times Q_{flow}}{C_{alum}} \quad \bar{G}_{mix} = \sqrt{\frac{g \cdot h_l \cdot Q}{\nu \cdot h \cdot a \cdot b}} \quad G_{max} = \left( \frac{Q}{a \cdot b} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \sqrt{\frac{K}{2 \cdot \nu \cdot b}} \quad \text{Maximum shear}$$

$$G_{max, design} \approx \frac{1}{d_{flow}} \sqrt{\frac{8 \cdot \tau_{flow}}{C_D \cdot \rho_w}} \quad \theta_{mix} = \frac{a \cdot h \cdot b}{Q} \quad \text{Degree of Flocculator Mixing} \quad G\theta = \sum_i \bar{G}_{mix,i} \cdot \theta_{mix,i}$$

Height of water as flocculators drain

$$h_{water} = h_{previous} + \frac{(Q_{outflow} - Q_{inflow}) \times \Delta t}{base \times width}$$

Force on baffle during tank draining

$$F_{over} = \left( \frac{1}{2} \rho g W_{horizontal} \right) \cdot [h_i^2 - h_o^2]$$

ratio between baffle spacing and height of horizontal channel above or below a baffle (to avoid short circuiting when b is large)

$$f_{over} = \frac{h_{water} - overlap}{2b}$$

Number of baffles based on Gtheta

$$n_{baffles} = \frac{G_{max}^{max} \cdot t_{settle}}{G_{min} \cdot h_{min}}$$

headloss through a floc tank

$$h_{adloss} = n_{baffles} \frac{K \omega^2}{2g}$$

Maximum flow rate our flocculators can deliver

$$Q_{max} = w \cdot \left( \frac{h}{2 \epsilon_{critical}} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot G_{min}^{\frac{2}{3}} \cdot \left( \frac{2 \rho W_{floc}}{K} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

Floc baffle spacing - NOT BASED ON ACTIVE VOLUME

$$b = \frac{Q}{w} \cdot \left( \frac{K}{2 \epsilon_{critical}^2 \rho h} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

Headloss (Only minor loss)

$$h_i = h \cdot \frac{v^2}{2g}$$