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Basics On Newsprint Manufacture
&
Newsprint Types
Session 2:
Basics on newsprint manufacture
Overview of the modern technology used to make newsprint

Newsprint types
Standard newsprint
Improved newsprint
Directory paper
Bulky paper...
Basics of newsprint manufacture

- Paper and paper industry historical data
- Evolution of the width and speed of the paper machines
- Papermaking basics
- Different types of fibres
- Papermaking operations
- Different types of pulps
- Better technology: better newsprint
- Introduction to paper recycling and deinking
- Soft calendering: a new way to optimize paper properties
- Comparison of newsprint types: standard, improved,...
Paper and Paper Industry Historical Data

1000 BC: Paper in some Chinese graves.

105 AD: In China, Tsai Loun
First paper made with textile fibres.

610 AD: Technique introduced in Japan.

751: Technique in the Middle-East.

1450: Gutenberg's Bible.

1798: First paper machine by Nicolas Robert.

1800-1860: Mechanisation of the processes.

1840: First wood mechanical pulp (Keller).

1840-1880: Wood pulp is used
(both mechanical and chemical).

1860-1950: Speed and width increase of the paper machines.

1820: Speed 5 m/min, Width 85 cm
1930: Speed 500 m/min, Width 770 cm

1950-Today:
Further increase of PM speed and widths.
New pulps and additives: TMP, DIP, new filler material, new additives and chemicals.
New sheet formation: twin wire formers.
Further automation.
Environmental concerns.
The First Paper Machine
by Nicolas Robert
in 1798
FIGURE 1: The best-effort speeds of tissue, newsprint, and publication paper machines generally tend to double about every 30 years.
Operating speed is the average sustained speed during 24 hrs of continuous operation.

Maximum operating speed (m/min)

- Newsprint machine
- Magazine paper machine
- Fine paper machine

Year

1900 1920 1940 1960 1980 2000
**FIGURE 2:** The widths of paper machines have steadily increased during the past century, but there have been periods of 20 to 30 years when no width increases occurred.
Papermaking Basics

1. Mix in water

2. Drain

3. Press

4. Dry
Schematic representation of the structure of a cellulose molecule

Formation of hydrogen bonds between two cellulose molecules
Figure 18. An annual growth ring is clearly illustrated in this transverse section of *Pithecodendron*. To the lower side, small, thick-walled tracheids of the latewood can be seen. Beyond the ring boundary, the cells are larger and have thinner walls. The cell walls turn at more or less radial pitch after being cut off from the vascular cambium. A crack can be seen traversing the wood at right angles to the ring boundary. (p. 550)
Figure 20. Vessel member walls are not always covered in pits. In this view of a cluster of vessels in red beech, some walls show prolific vessel to vessel pitting while others are completely devoid of pits. (x 1250)
THREE-DIMENSIONAL STRUCTURE OF WOOD

Figure 56. Transverse section through compression wood in Pinus radiata. Note the helical checks and finer variations in the cell walls. (× 1650).
Softwood fibers magnified about 50 times.

Hardwood fibers magnified about 50 times.
Overview of papermaking operations

Logs → Lumber mill → Lumber

Chipper → Grinder → Chip storage

Pulpers to separate fibers

Measure, blend, clean and screen

Refiners

Pulp washing, cleaning, screening and bleaching

Headbox → Forming section → Press section → Dryers

Calender → Reel

Web modification and/or converting
Figure 4.4. Chipper and chipper detail

- Drive motor
- Rotation
- Log chute
- Chipper flywheel
- Knives
- Chip detail
- Log chute
- Chips
- Knife
- Chipper flywheel
- Log
BASICS OF NEWSPRINT MANUFACTURE

DIFFERENT TYPES OF PULP

- Mechanical pulps (1):
  - Stone Ground Wood pulp (SGW)
  - Rotary stone to grind the wood.
  Addition of water (cooling effect)
  Advantages: yield (≈98%), opacity, dim. stability, printability
  Disadvantage: poor mechanical prop., yellowing, high energy consumption
  In decline since 1970.

- Pressurised Ground Wood Pulp (PGW):
  - Same as for SGW but with high pressure (3-4 bars) and high temperature (120°C).
  Same advantages.
  Better mechanical properties
  Disadvantages: higher energy consumption, lower brightness
Figure 4.6. Two-pocket grinder
BASICS OF NEWSPRINT MANUFACTURE
DIFFERENT TYPES OF PULP

- Mechanical pulps (2):
  - Refiner Mechanical Pulp (RMP)
  - Wood chips go through a refiner (two discs rotating in inverse directions)
  Advantages: better mechanical properties and better bulk factor

- Thermo Mechanical Pulp (TMP):
  - Same as for RMP but with pressure
  Very popular today
  Adv.: good mechanical properties
  Disadv.: high energy consumption

- Chemi Thermo Mechanical Pulp (CTMP):
  - Same as TMP but with chemicals (Ex: sodium monosulfite)
Figure 4.11. High-yield mechanical pulp process

Figure 4.12. Disc refiner detail
Refiner used for Thermo-Mechanical Pulp (TMP) Production
BASICS OF NEWSPRINT MANUFACTURE

DIFFERENT TYPES OF PULP

- Chemical pulp:

Two processes:
- kraft or sulphate process
- sulphite process

The kraft process is the most used.

Process: Wood chips treated at high temperature and pressure with chemicals (liquor) to eliminate the lignin components of the wood.

Yield: about 50%

Advantages: nice strong fibres
Disadvantage: yield

Less and less used for newsprint (cost)
Chemical Pulp

Groundwood Mechanical Pulp
BASICS OF NEWSPRINT MANUFACTURE

DIFFERENT TYPES OF PULP

- Deinked pulp:

Raw material: recycled waste paper (old newspapers and magazines)

Advantage: cheap raw material, less energy required

Disadvantage: a lot of experience is needed to manufacture a good-quality newsprint out of deinked pulp.

Bid trend today to manufacture newsprint with recycled content (ecological image)
Waste paper treatment with the flotation or the wash deinking process

Water & Steam → Waste Paper → Chemicals

- Pulper
- Vat
- Cleaning & Deflaking
- Decker

Pulp + Ink + Chemicals

Filtrate recycling

**FLOTATION DEINKING**

- Primary flotation
- Secondary flotation
- Centrifuge

Inks + Chemicals + Ash

Yield: 90 - 95%

**WASH DEINKING**

- Wash 1
- Flotation
- Foam
- Centrifuge

Filtrate

- Wash 2
- Sedimentation
- Filtrate

- Wash 3
- Filtrate

Inks + chemicals

Yield: 80 - 85%

**DEINKED PULP**

- Fine screening & screening
- Decker
- Bleaching
- Dispersion
- Vats
- Paper Machine

Recycled paper

- Removal of small contaminants
- Adjustment to the right consistency
- Improvement of the pulp brightness
- Reduction of the size of stickies
- Homogenization of the size of ink particles adhering to the fibres
- Stock before papermaking
**Simplified mechanism of the flotation process**

- Inked pulp
- Flotation cell
- Air
- Foam collection
- Deinked pulp

**Diagram 11**

**Simplified mechanism of the wash deinking process**

- Inked pulp
- High water content
- Low water content
- Deinked pulp
- Separation element
- Filtrate

**Diagram 12**
Use of deinked pulp in West Europe (1992)

- Newsprint: 46%
- Sanitary tissues: 18%
- Printing & writing papers: 20%
- Other grades: 16%
Estimated use of deinked pulp as a percentage of total furnish for the main grades in North America and Western Europe from 1988 to 2000.

Source: Jaakkko Pöyry
Figure 5.5. Centrifugal cleaner

Cleaned or accepted stock outlet

Tangential stock inlet

Lightweight material is drawn toward the center, where it is removed from the top.

Heavy material is thrown to the outside wall, where it settles to the bottom and is removed.

Reject discharge
Figure 6.1. Fourdrinier paper machine

- Headbox
- Stock inlet
- Dandy roll
- Wire
- Slice
- Calender stack
- Rewinder
- Slitter knives
- Reel
- Size press
- Dryers
- Presses
- Couch roll
- Fourdrinier
Figure 6.11. Fourdrinier wet-end parts
Figure 6.21. Roll and blade-type twin-wire former
Figure 6.25. Press section design
Fourdrinier (single-wire) paper machine

Hybride former

Double-wire paper machine (Gap former)
Basics of papermaking

SHEET FORMATION

- One of the basic characteristics

- Can be checked visually by transmitted light --> appearance of light and dark areas.

- On the wet part of the paper machine, fibres tend to cling together to form flocculations. The purpose of the headbox is to break these flocculations. Bad formation may be compensated by a good compressibility

- Wire marking: depends on the type of wire. Can have a visual effect on printed solids and halftones.
BETTER TECHNOLOGY:
BETTER NEWSPRINT

Newsprint composition:
In 1950, newsprint = 70% SGW + 30% chemical pulp
Today's trend: very few chemical pulp, use of TMP and deinked pulp

Width and speed of the machines:
typical today: 8.5m and 1500 m/min
(needs less personnel than an old 3.6 m wide machine running at 500 m/min and produces 7 times more)

Twin-wire formers:
better drainage capacities (water elimination) --> greater speeds

Better press sections:
Better paper surface --> printability, compressibility, absorption
BETTER TECHNOLOGY: BETTER NEWSPRINT

Twin formers + better furnish:
No linting --> offset process possible for newspapers (up to 4+4)
Better dimensional stability
Better mechanical properties

New process control systems:
uniformity of the properties (MD and CD)

Problem: different grammages, reel diameters and reel widths
--> problems to optimize at the winding station

A lot of different possible raw materials and equipments to manufacture newsprint
--> a lot of different newsprints but general improvement of the quality
Soft-calendering

History of the process:
- In the 70s: first use for board and wood-free grades.
- In the mid-80s: alternative to hard-nip calendering in newsprint manufacture, because of the rapid progress being made in hot roll technology and soft roll covers.

Advantages:
- improved print quality
- improved strength
- higher moisture contents
- suitability for recycled fibres
- good control of two-sidedness

After hard-nip calendering:
- paper thickness constant
- paper density varies

After soft-nip calendering:
- paper thickness varies
- paper density constant

--> Constant paper density means better print quality because the ink will penetrate evenly into the paper (without mottling)
Soft-calendering

Hard or soft nip?

A **hard-nip** crushes fibres and breaks inter-fibre bonds

--> reduction of the strength of the paper.

In a **soft-nip**: "soft" treatment of the paper fibres and better fibre bonding because of the use of thermo rolls

--> the tensile index can be increased by up to 15%.

--> the amount of chemical pulp and virgin fibres can be reduced, which pays back.

**Parameters:**

The following parameters influence the quality of the final paper:

- speed (generally fixed by the paper machine)
- temperature (generally 130-140°C, great influence on roughness)
- linear load (up to 350 kN/m for a TMP furnish)
- moisture level of base paper
- external moistening
- dimensions of calendering rolls
- type of soft roll covers
Fig. 1: Comparison of calendering effects.

Fig. 2: Nip pressure at 1000 kN/m, Ø 1000 mm.
Figure 7.14. Supercalender design
NipCoMat Soft Calender
Different types of newsprint

Standard Newsprint:
- Generally produced on twin-wire machines and is machine-finished.
- Adjusted to a suitable smoothness for all newspaper printing methods (offset, letterpress, flexo).
- Main components: TMP, Deinked pulp, groundwood pulp and small amounts of chemical pulp.
- Main grammages: 40, 45 and 48.8
- Basic use: Daily and weekly newspapers, periodicals, catalogues and magazines printed in coldset offset, letterpress or flexo.

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*) Ink hold-out
**) Ink requirement, g/m²

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# PAPER ANALYSIS

**Norske Skog**  
**Nordenfjelske Treforedling**  
**PAPER LABORATORY**  

**Mill** : NSI  
**Quality** : AVIS STANDARD  
**Grammage** : 48.8 g/m²

**Comment**: PRODUSERT FOR GUARDIAN, TILSATT FYLLSTOFF.

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**Dip**: Yes/No  
**Starch**: Yes/No
Different types of newsprint

Directory paper:
- Main use: telephone books and various catalogues
- High pagination: lower grammage
  --> 40 g/m² and below.
- To go below 40 g, requires well-refined mechanical pulp and high-quality filler addition to maintain opacity.

Bulky Newsprint:
Mainly used for pocket books printed in offset or letterpress. Also for newspaper supplements and advertising inserts.

Bulk factor = \( C(\mu m) / G(g/m²) \)
with C: caliper and G: grammage
For standard newsprint: \( \approx 1.5 \)
For bulky: \( \approx 1.8-2.4 \)
Different types of newsprint

Improved Newsprint:

Basic properties:
- high brightness
- good opacity
- better printability (can be used in heatset offset)
- high bulk and stiffness
- good runnability and low linting

Differences with standard grades: better brightness and surface

Major use: daily newspapers with high quality colour printing, newspaper supplements, advertising inserts and direct mail, books and comics

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Reel diameters

The preferred diameters for newsprint reels are as follows:
- 1000 mm
- 1070 mm
- 1150 mm
- 1250 mm.

Recommendations for reel core and chuck specifications

4.1. Core properties for a reel up to 1.7 m in width
1. Inner diameter: 76.2 + 0.4 mm; -0.0 mm.
2. Outer diameter: maximum 107 mm (to enable fixed splicing).
3. Weight: ≤4 kg/m (to avoid heavy waste).
4. Moisture content: 6...9 percent.
5. Crush strength (compression strength): >2000 N/100 mm (other strength properties also important, though less common in practice due to lack of standard measuring methods).
6. Elasticity modulus: >2700 N/mm². Not critical at normal web widths (1.6 m), but becomes critical at web widths of 2.5 m.
7. Linearity (warpage): ≤2 mm/m.
8. Out-of-roundness: maximum 0.5 mm.
9. Deformation on core: Acceptable on inner diameter to a certain extent without major fibre damage, not on outer diameter. The reel must be demountable and replaceable.
10. Before the reuse of a reel, core damage must be evaluated.
11. Information to be listed inside core: manufacturer, type of core, identification code.

4.2. Chuck properties

Expanding chucks
1. Nominal diameter: preferable 75 mm.
2. Expansion movement: high, preferably 82...85 mm in diameter.
3. Contact surface: 5000 mm², central drive; 2000 mm², belt drive.

Conical chucks
1. Contact surface: Long type of chucks recommended.

4.3. Information needed for core selection

In order to enable an optimum choice of core the following data concerning the reel and the reel stand should be given to the core manufacturer. This is of utmost importance in more problematic cases, such as extremely short conical chucks, big reel diameters or widths.
1. Maximum web width (cm)
2. Maximum reel diameter (cm)
3. Maximum reel weight (kg)
4. Paper caliper (µm)
5. Chucking thrust force (kp/cm² or kPa)
6. Maximum press speed (m/s)
7. Maximum deceleration rate (m/s²)
WOODCONTAINING PRINTING PAPERS

- CWF
- UWF
- MWC
- LWC
- MFC
- ST - SURFACE TREATED/SIZED
- SC
- IMPR NEWS
- SUPER IMPR NEWS
- NEWS - STANDARD/SOFTCALENDERED/NIPPLED/MIRGEN RIBER/DIP
- BP
- PRICE
- QUALITY

NORNEWS