



DESIGN AND FABRICATION OF SOLAR WATER DISTILLER

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ABSTRACT: The objective of this project is to develop a solar water distiller which can clean water from almost any source, portable, reasonably priced. A reliable estimate was produced based on the outcomes of the project calculations to Prototype the distiller and trough concentration system's most efficient geometry, one that will improve condensation/evaporation and recycle waste heat to cut down on thermal losses. This was accomplished using a setup that included a parabolic solar trough and a specifically designed distillation unit. In order to heat the arriving unclean water before it is sprayed into our conventional system, the sun's incoming solar radiation is channelled and concentrated into a receiver pipe using a parabolic trough. built distillation equipment, where it evaporates and then condenses back into pure drinking water.

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1. INTRODUCTION:

Basically no safe drinking water left on the planet purification. Only 1% of the water on Earth is fresh and liquid, and almost all of it is contaminated with pathogens and hazardous substances. Purification of water supply is crucial because of this.

Additionally, natural or man-made disasters can quickly undermine or ruin Along with food and breathing, water is a basic need for humans. There is standard filtration systems. This creates a very difficult scenario for people attempting to prepare for such situations and maintain keeping their loved ones and themselves protected from the numerous illnesses and hazardous substances found in unclean water. To obtain pure water, everyone wants to figure out how to use the available energy sources to solve the aforementioned issue. Fortunately, these issues can be resolved. This technique not only has the ability to eliminate a huge range of pollutants in a single step, yet is easy economical, and environmentally safe. That is solar usage.

2. LITERATURE REVIEW:

Malik et. al. [1] established a link between the rate of heat transfer between glass and water (hewg) and the rate of Lewis's link led to the development of the convective heat transfer coefficient from water to glass (hcwg).

Sampathkumar et. al. [2] carried performed a thorough analysis of different active solar still designs and identified various variables influencing how well these solar panels operate. They performed thermal modelling for various active single slope solar distillation system types and highlighted the potential for other study areas.

Mario and Giovanni et. al. [3] created a straightforward solar still using tubes (Fig. 8) to desalinate seawater. It evaporates portion is made up of horizontal, thin-walled plastic or glass tubes having an inner diameter of 0.10 to 0.25 m that are half filled with sea water, which absorbs sun radiation.

E. Delyannis et. al. [4] conducted a historical analysis of desalination methods and the use of renewable energy with an a focus on the use of solar energy for desalination and came to the conclusion that what is a new development for us will be history for the next generation.

Kabeel et. al. [5] The most economical solar still was chosen after conducting a cost analysis of 17 popular solar still designs. The best average and maximum daily productivity are found in one slope and pyramid-shaped solar stills. The maximum average yearly production of solar stills is 1533 L/m², while the lowest average annual productivity is 250 L/m² for modified still equipped with sun tracking equipment. The waste water will be distilled.

Velmurugan et al. [6] created a system and added fins, sawdust, black rubber, sand, pebbles, and sponges to the basin. When compared to the standard single slope, they discovered that the evaporation rate rose by 53% with the additional surfaces.

Kumar and Tiwari et. al. [7] the deep basin hybrid (PV/T) active solar still's calculated internal heat transfer coefficients. They used thermal models created by several researchers to analyse the interior heat transfer coefficients based on outside experimental observations of hybrid (PV/T) solar stills for the composite climate of New Delhi. They came to the conclusion that, when comparing the findings with experimental observations, the Kumar and Tiwari model (KTM), as opposed to the other models, gave a better validation of the results. Convective heat transfer coefficients were found to be 0.78 and 2.41 W/m²-K on average annually at 0.05 m of water depth for passive and hybrid (PV/T) active solar stills, respectively.

Ganeshan and Nirmala khandan et. al. [8] exploited the laws of natural gravity and the principle of vacuum to create a solar still that maintained a vacuum in the evaporation chamber. created a model using the head of the barometric pressure. They obtained a yield of 7.5 L/m² -day of evaporation area using only direct solar radiation, demonstrating the correlation between the theoretical model's predictions and the measured performance data. The system produced 12 L/m² of fresh water per day with the addition of a 6 m² (PV/T) panel, with an efficiency range of 65% to 90%. An average of 2930 kJ/Kg of fresh water was determined to be the specific energy feed.

Badran and Al-Tahaineh et. al. [9] added a flat plate collector to a traditional passive solar still and recorded a 36%

increase in efficiency. a rise in output.

El-Sebaai et. al. [10] We combined a single effect solar still with a shallow solar pond (SSP) in order to boost the daily production. As a result, we found that the daily output and efficiency of the still with the SSP were, on average, 52.36% and 43.80% higher than those achieved without the SSP, respectively.

Shankar and Kumar [11] investigated the effects of climatic factors, design considerations, and operational considerations on the instantaneous energetic and exergetic efficiencies of a single slope passive solar still and found that the instantaneous energy efficiency increases from 0.4 to 10.7% with an increase in value from 0.014 to 0.115, decreases by 21.8% and 36.7% respectively with a decrease in absorptivity of basin liner from 0.9 to 0.6, and increases marginal.

Arjunan et. al. [12] analysed the solar situation in India and came to the conclusion that the country, which is tropical, receives an average daily With 250 to 300 bright sunny days per year, different regions of the country experience solar radiation between 4 and 7 kWh per square metre. receiving around 5000 trillion kWh of sun radiation every year as a result. The most appealing and straightforward method, especially for small-scale units, is solar distillation. Conventional desalination techniques harm the environment by utilising high grade conventional electricity as well.

Suleiman and Tarawneh et. al. [13], In order to assess the performance of a double slope solar still, the water depth was varied, Researchers at Mutah University examined the productivity of soil with four different soil thicknesses (0.5 cm, 2 cm, 3 cm, and 4 cm) and salty water TDS of 5000 ppm under the same meteorological conditions, and they discovered that the productivity is greatly influenced by the climatic, design, and operating variables. While the performance characteristics showed a strong correlation between the water productivity and the intensity of the incident solar radiation, the increased water productivity is also significantly impacted by the reduced water depth.

Medugu and Ndatuwong [14] developed a solar still, tested it in Mubi, Nigeria, and performed a heat transfer study theoretically. internal mass transfer systems, and this solar still. The results of the theoretical analysis were then compared to the measured performance. They noticed that when solar radiation and feed water temperature rise, so too does the instantaneous efficiency. The still's distillation efficiency was 99.64% or higher, which was in direct conformity with the theoretical calculations.

Akash et. al. [15] the effectiveness of a double slope single basin solar still using absorbing materials in an effort to increase productivity and found that using absorbing black rubber mat increased distilled water production by 38%, using black ink increased productivity by 45%, and using black dye (being the best absorbing material) increased output by 60%. 2.1 LITERATURE GAP:

They have designed 14 litre capacity solar water distiller and we have designed for a capacity of 20 litres. As per the literature review 14 litre can produce 1.5 litres of pure water and by our calculations 20 litres can produce more than 2 litres. We can't take more water as due to oxidation; formation of fungus can occur and this will lead the water to stink and have bad smell. And the estimation cost of the researchers was 15 thousand and we can do it in 13 thousand because They have used black silica as base material and we are using the tar as our base material as

it is cheaper and can be used for a long time. We are using stainless steel as it is much cheaper, Durable, corrosion resistant and high strength.

3. BASIC PRINCIPLE OF SOLAR STILL:

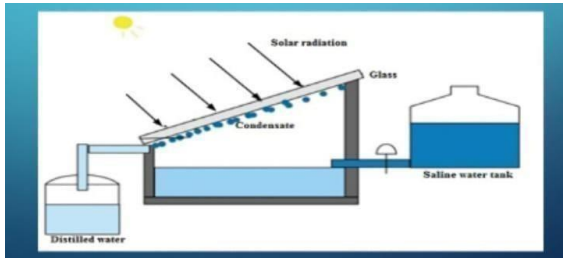


Figure 1: Simple water distillation process.

The fundamentals of solar water distillation are straightforward but efficient since distillation mimics how rain falls in nature. The energy from the sun heats water to the point of evaporation. As it evaporates and condenses on the glass' surface for collecting, water vapour rises. Through this process, microbiological organisms and contaminants like salts and heavy metals are removed. The water produced by the solar water distiller is even purer than the best.

rain-generated power.

4. Solar Still Operation:

The still is filled with cleaning water until the basin is halfway full. Solar radiation can enter the still through the glass top, but is primarily absorbed by the base's blackened surface. To increase solar absorption, this inside surface is made of a substance that has been blackened. As the water warms up, the amount of moisture in the air that is trapped between the water's surface and the glass lid rises. The glass cover's inside becomes condensed with the heated water vapour that had been evaporating from the basin. At this stage, The original water's minerals and microorganisms are not removed. Condensed water drips from an inner collection trough and out to a storage bottle through an inclined glass lid. For effective cleaning of the basin water and to remove extra salts left over from the evaporation process, feed water that roughly exceeds distillate production should be added each day. If the still produced 3 litres of water, 9 litres of makeup water should be added; the remaining 6 litres should be left in the still as extra to flush the sink.

5. Solar distillation plant design:

5.1 Developing of solar still:

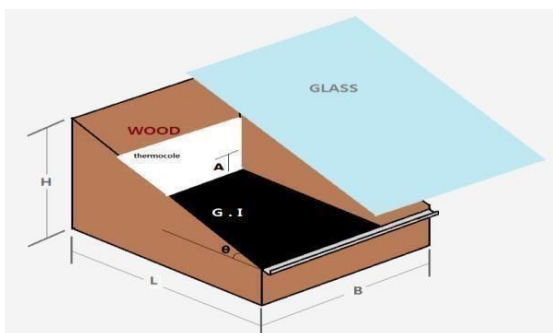


Figure.2 Solar Distillation System of the model. The base of the solar still is constructed from a G.I. box that is 4'x 3 x 10 cm in size. A second wooden box is inserted with this one in Image 2. Here, the dimensions are as follows: length L=64 cm, breath B=124 cm, height H=30 cm, opposite side =13 cm, and angle =154. Between the G.I. box and the

wooden box, this also has a thermocol box with in. The thickness of the is 16 cm. The channel is set in a way that water that is slipping off of glass will fall into it as a result of gravity. The wooden box is fastened with a frame made of fibre sticks so that glass can rest on it. The model's creation is now complete. According to convenience, holes have been built for the water's input, brackish water's outlet, and pure water's outlet. We the inlet of the right wall above is the outlet, the outlet of brackish water at the right bottom of the model (as seen from the front), and the outlet of pure distiller water at the end of the channel.

Still Basin:

The system's component where the water that will be distilled is kept is this one. It must consequently be able to absorb solar energy. Thus, it is essential that the material has strong absorption or very low reflection and transmittance. These are the standards for choosing the materials for basins. The following types of basin materials are available: Leather sheet, Ge silicon, mild steel plate, and RPF are the following: (reinforced plastic) 5. G.I. (galvanised iron) (galvanised iron).

5.2 Side Walls:

In general, it gives the still rigidity. However, in terms of technicality, it offers thermal resistance to the heat transfer that occurs from the a system to the environment. In order to support its own weight as well as the weight of the top cover, it must be composed of a material with a low thermal conductivity value (refer fig.no.2). Ones that can be used include: 1) wood, 2) concrete, 3) thermocol, and 4) RPF (reinforced plastic). We used a composite wall made of wood on the outside and thermocol on the interior for improved insulation. Wood is 8 mm thick (k =thermal conductivity=0.6 W/m 0C) and water thermal insulation is 15 mm thick (k =thermal conductivity=0.02 W/m 0C). : Supports for Top Cover:



Figure.3 Working model of solar distillationsystem.

The top cover's supporting structure is an optional addition. It can therefore be employed if necessary. Fiber stick has been used by us as a aid for holding glass(size: 5 mm X 5mm). The only modification to our model is the requirement to make it as vacuumed as feasible. There fore, we made an effort to keep it airtight by applying tape to the glass's corners and the box's edges, which are the most likely places for hot air from inside to escape out. The primary factors in the design of these solar desalination systems are the cost, efficiency, convenience of building, and availability of materials. Figure 3 presents a schematic. Slabs of 1.5-inch-thick polystyrene foam were used to build the basin's base and side walls.

6. DESIGN OF SOLAR STILL:

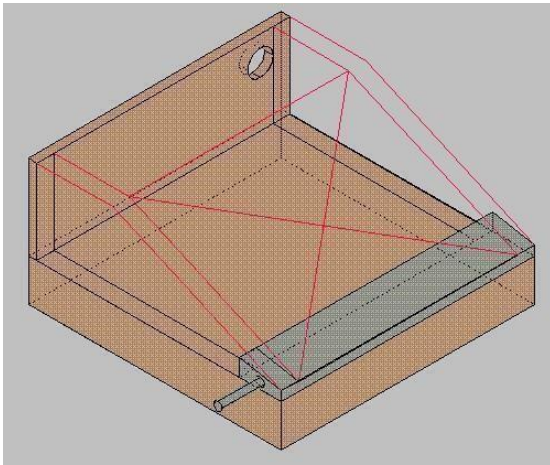


Figure.4: Schematic diagram of solar distillation device.

The solar-powered prototype was nevertheless constructed from affordable components. This device's operation is straightforward. The distinctive quality of this gadget is special. It has unique features like a water depth regulation mechanism and a modular architecture. The basin region, which is the first part of the solar still device, is where solar energy is absorbed to create heat. The vicinity of basin is dependent on the intended result. Typically, it is advised to generate 2 to 5 gallons of water. Thermal circuit was created to determine basin size (refer to Section 4).

7. DESIGN:

within the distiller to speed up evaporation at cooler temperatures and hence boost productivity. Just one more thing. The distiller we're suggesting has the ability to heat water at a lower temperature using latent heat that is released during condensation. This is accomplished through the use of a creative staged still design. The basic configuration of the system is as follows; however, before moving on, we'd like to mention a few assumptions that we made for the Design. The working pressure needs to be decreased: The figure is taken to represent the typical size of a rural household. The census statistics have also been used to confirm data. The solar constant is 1.4 kW/m², but because of losses caused by the atmosphere, we can think of the 1.1 kW/m² of solar radiation is expected. Water has a specific heat of 4.2 kJ/kg. 2260 kJ/kg is the difference between the latent heats of condensation and vaporisation. Low heat transfer losses are ensured by using a manually driven vacuum pump to lower air pressure inside the distillation chamber at operating temperatures of roughly 60°C. Water has a 20 kPa vapour pressure at 60 degrees Celsius. A conversion efficiency of only about 20%. Aperture Area = Energy needed to distil 10 litres of water / Solar energy = Available per m² * Conversion efficiency = (11 kg/day) * 4.3 kJ/kg °C * (60-30) °C / (1.1 kW/m² * 3650 s/hour * 6 hours/day) * (0.2) = 0.266 m² Therefore, the distillation process requires a total area of 0.26 m².

8. OBSERVATIONS:

One hour is needed for the drop to enter the canal. It takes a drop 30 minutes to escape the channel. The initial brackish water input is 14 litres. 1.5 litres of pure water were obtained at the experiment's conclusion. The condensate's temperature is 29 degrees. Pure water has a TDS of 81 ppm.

9. RESULT OF SOLAR STILL: The amount of water in the tank and the amount of solar radiation affect how much distilled water is produced. The radiation when increases in both output and output.

The amount of water in the tank and solar radiation are inversely related. The proportion of water vaporisation energy to latent heat of vaporisation still determines the daily solar output. Solar still

OVERALL = Solar Energy's overall efficiency. h_v = the vaporization's enthalpy

A = Basin area

Water output is MOUT.

10. CONCLUSION:

The basic need for all of us to live normally on earth are water and energy. Solar energy is limitless, abundant, and cost-free. In addition to being green. For emerging and poor nations to meet their energy needs, the tech based on solar energy is complicated. One of the best uses of renewable energy in daily life is the use of solar energy in distillation. The best output produced by stills is solar distillation, which is also the most user friendly in terms of operation, maintenance, $MOUT = OVERALL \cdot GA / h_v$ repair. The creation of a solar-powered alternative for tiny communities that have trouble accessing clean water. For solar powered water distillation to be as effective as possible, efficient functioning is required. The optimization of several distillation process parameters is examined in this research. This suggests that March and April are the months with the highest output. The need for drinkable water continues to be one of the world's most pressing problems, and solar distillation provides significant and practical solutions. Low-cost solar stills provide quick and efficient answers for supplying safe distillation water consistently year after year. Single-basin solar stills are simple to construct, cheap, and very efficient in distilling water with a high total dissolved salt content and at eliminating microorganisms like cholera and E. Coli. Based on tried-and-true solar still designs, single basin solar stills can be constructed with readily accessible hardware. The amount of water produced on average per square metre each solar hour is 0.5 litres.

Solar stills can help consumers immediately by resolving long-term issues brought on by water-borne illnesses. Solar stills are the only practical option.

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