

Section - 4

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Basic Principle of OTEC \rightarrow

The principle of Ocean thermal energy conversion (OTEC) is that there is a temperature difference b/w water at the bottom of the sea and the water at the top.

The absorption of solar radiation in the water varies and can be expressed by Lambert's law: -

$$-\frac{dI_y}{dy} = \mu I$$

$$\text{Or, } I_y = I e^{-\mu y}$$

Where, I_y = Radiation intensity at depth y from water surface and falls exponentially with depth.

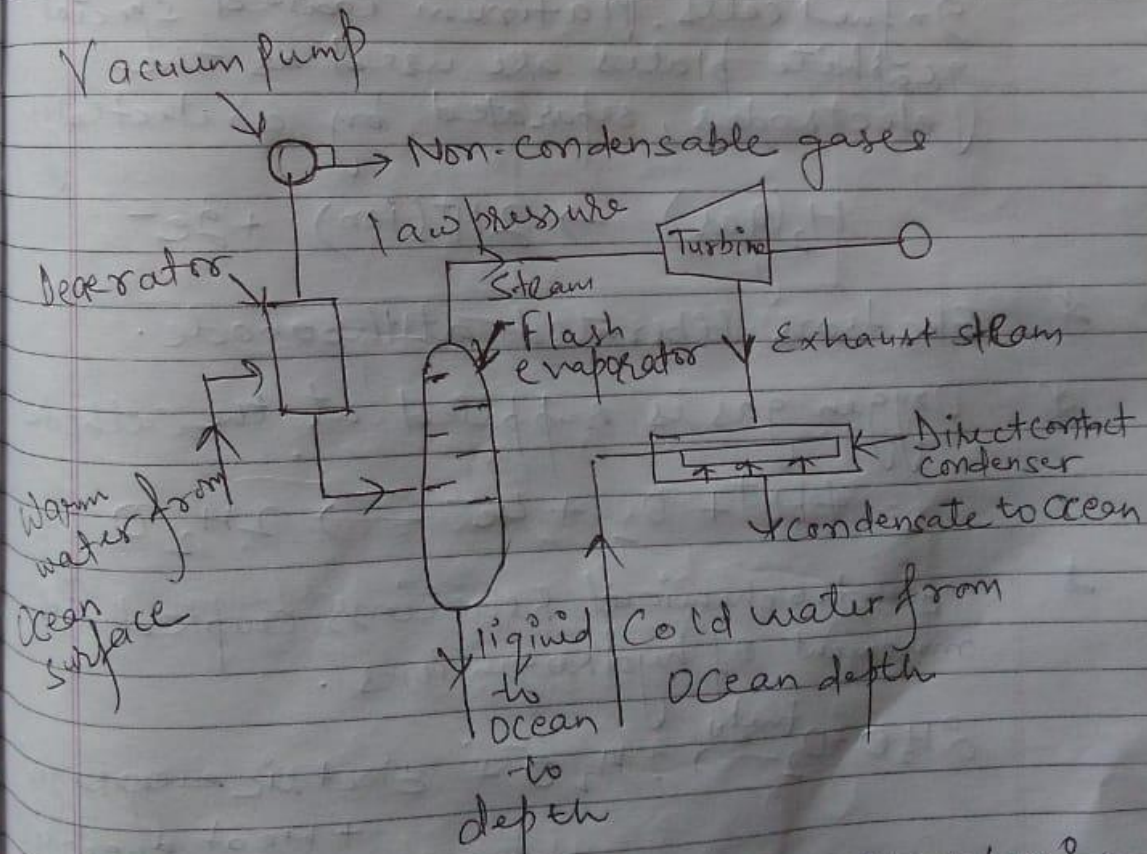
I = Radiation intensity at water surface

μ = Extinction or absorption coefficient.

* Open OTEC Cycle

In this system, the warm water from ocean surface is admitted through the deaerator to the flash evaporator which is maintained under high vacuum.

As a result, a low pressure steam is generated due to throttling effect and remainder liquid is discharged back to the ocean at high depth.



Open OR Claude cycle OTEC system