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Abstract:

The effect of liquid-level height (H) on floc growth during flocculation has been investigated in unbaffled square stirred tanks with a fixed bottom width (D). Firstly, flocculation tests were performed by using an in-situ recognition system for floc morphology to evaluate flocculation performance within each tank at three typical shear rates of $G_{ave} = 10, 30$ and 70 s^{-1} . Then, turbulent flow fields generated under all flocculation-test conditions were predicted by Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD) simulations, followed by a detailed discussion based on

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