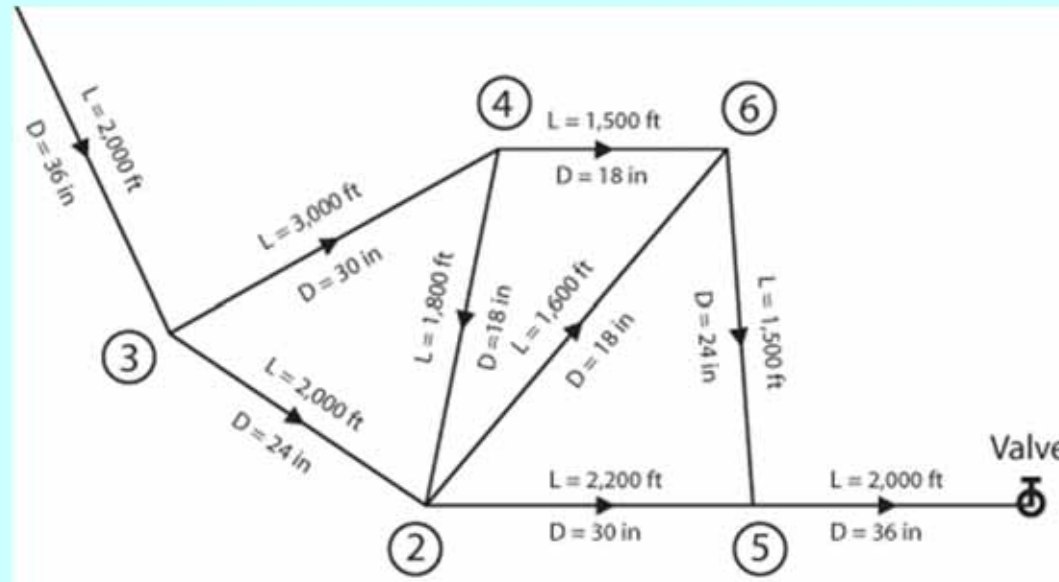


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## Fluid Network Analysis II



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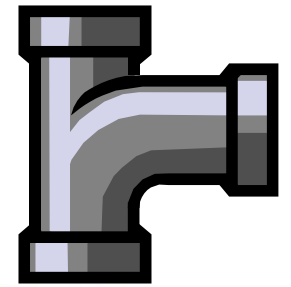
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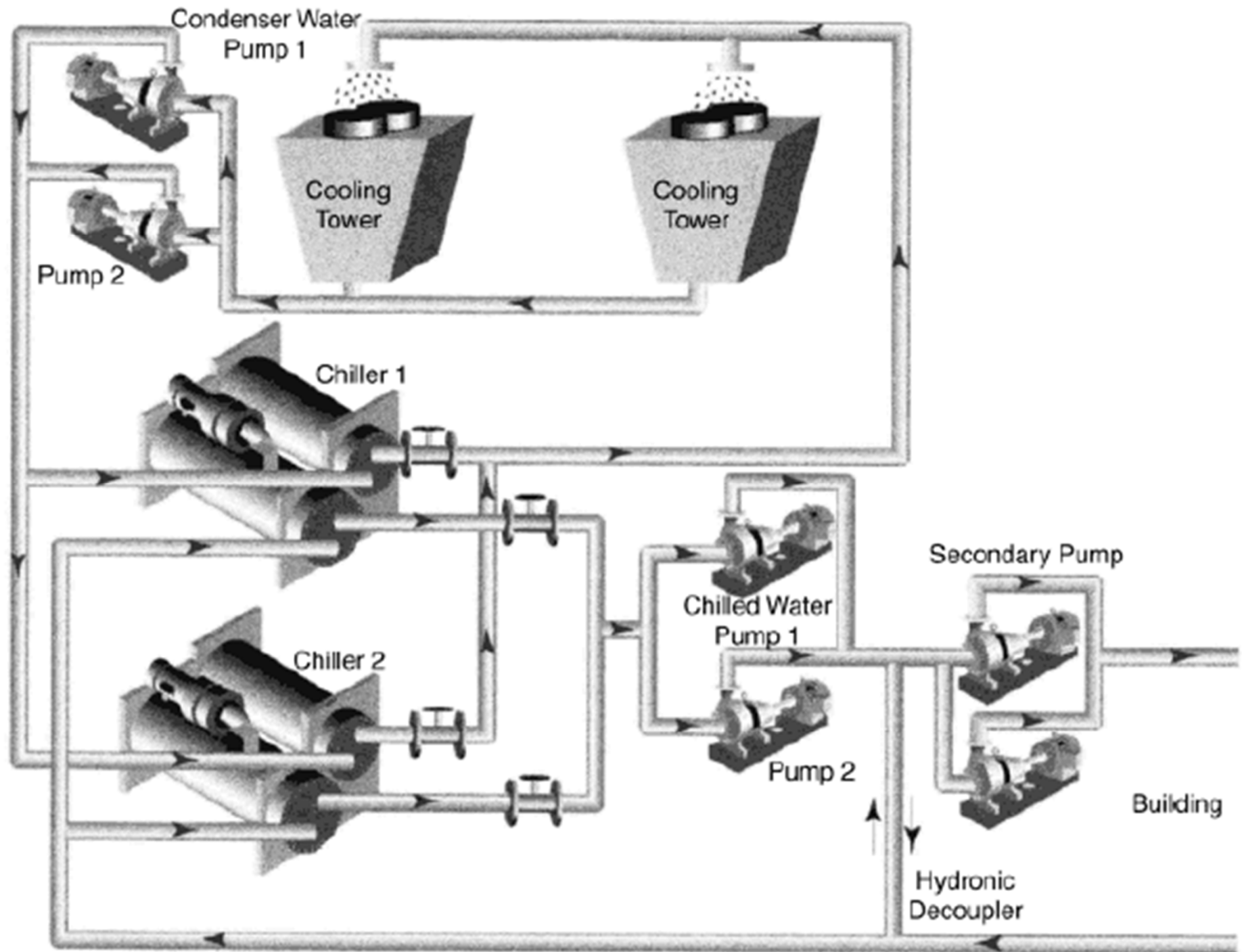


- Pipe Systems and Design
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# Pipe Systems and Design

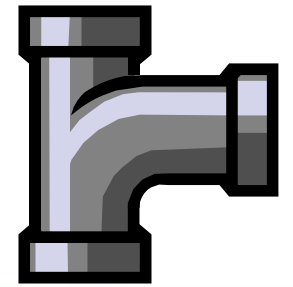


- Common types of HVAC piping systems
  - Chilled water (CHW) system
  - Condenser water (CW) system
  - Sea water system
  - Hot water supply system
  - Steam pipes, gas pipes
- Similar systems in other building services
  - Water supply & distribution (plumbing)



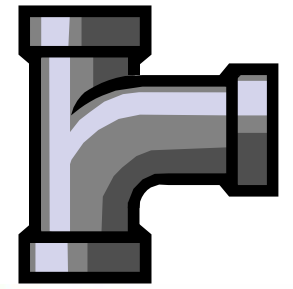
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# Pipe Systems and Design



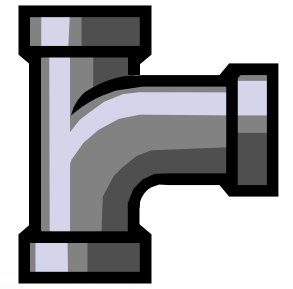
- Two major concerns:
  - Size the pipe (e.g. from charts & tables)
  - Determine the flow-pressure relationship
    - To analyse the system, e.g. to find out pump pressure
    - By using manual or computer-based methods
- Calculations for pipelines or pipe networks
  - Can be very complicated for branches & loops
  - Basic parameters: pipe diameter, length, friction factor, roughness, velocity, pressure drop

# Pipe Systems and Design



- Pipe network analysis
  - Physical features are known
  - Solution process try to determine flow & pressure at every node
- Pipe network design
  - Variables are unknown
  - Try to solve & select pipe diameters, pumps, valves, etc.

# Pipe Systems and Design



- Basic equations
  - Darcy-Weisbach Equation (for fully developed flows of all Newtonian fluids)

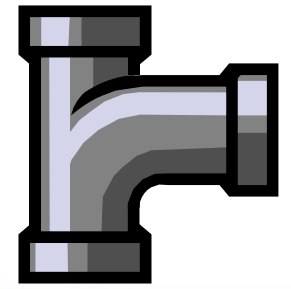
$$\Delta p = f \left( \frac{L}{D} \right) \left( \frac{\rho V^2}{2g} \right) \quad \text{or} \quad \Delta h = f \left( \frac{L}{D} \right) \left( \frac{V^2}{2g} \right)$$

- Colebrook-White Equation (for transition region):

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{f}} = 1.14 + 2 \log(D / \varepsilon) - 2 \log \left[ 1 + \frac{9.3}{\text{Re}(\varepsilon / D) \sqrt{f}} \right]$$

- \* The equation is implicit in  $f$  (appears on both sides), so iterations are required to solve for  $f$ .

# Pipe Systems and Design



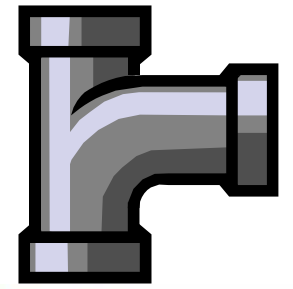
- Basic equations (cont'd)
  - [Hazen-Williams Equation](#) (alternative to Darcy-Weisbach formula; empirical)

$$\Delta p = 6.819L \left( \frac{V}{C} \right)^{1.852} \left( \frac{1}{D} \right)^{1.167} (\rho g)$$

- $C$  = roughness factor (typically,  $C = 150$  for plastic or copper pipe,  $C = 140$  for new steel pipe,  $C < 100$  for badly corroded or very rough pipe)



# Pipe Systems and Design



- Basic equations (cont'd)

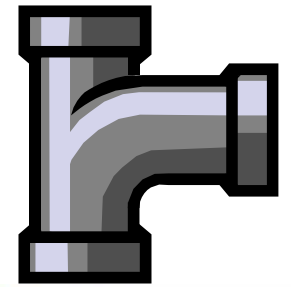
- Exponential formula:

- The previous equations (Darcy-Weisbach or Hazen-Williams) can be expressed by an exponential form to generalise the theory

$$\Delta h = KQ^n$$

- $Q$  = volume flow rate;  $K$ ,  $n$  = coefficient & exponential
      - Values for the coefficient and  $n$  change, depending on which equation is used

# Pipe Systems and Design



- Valve and fitting losses

- May be greater than pipe friction alone

$$\Delta p = K_L \rho \left( \frac{V^2}{2} \right) \quad \text{or} \quad \Delta h = K_L \left( \frac{V^2}{2g} \right)$$

- $K_L$  = loss coefficient ( $K$  factor) of pipe fittings

- Geometry and size dependent

- May be expressed as equivalent lengths of straight pipe

- Valve coefficient ( $A_v$ ):

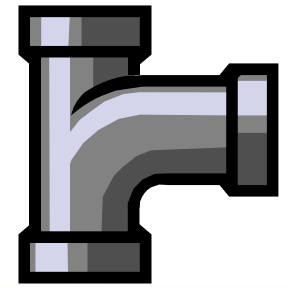
- Volume flow rate  $Q = A_v \sqrt{\Delta p / \rho}$

**Table 2.5 Loss Coefficients for Fittings**

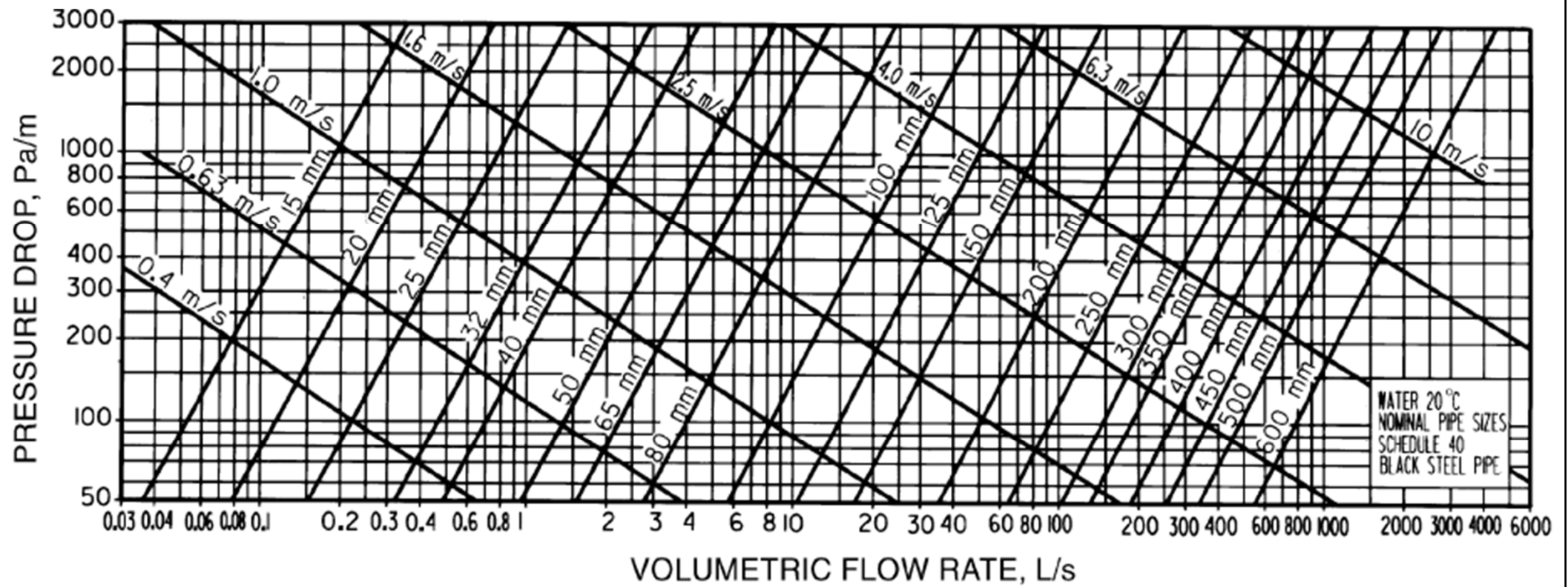
Fitting	$K_L$
Globe valve, fully open	10.0
Angle valve, fully open	5.0
Butterfly valve, fully open	0.4
Gate valve, fully open	0.2
3/4 open	1.0
1/2 open	5.6
1/4 open	17.0
Check valve, swing type, fully open	2.3
Check valve, lift type, fully open	12.0
Check valve, ball type, fully open	70.0
Foot valve, fully open	15.0
Elbow, 45°	0.4
Long radius elbow, 90°	0.6
Medium radius elbow, 90°	0.8
Short radius (standard) elbow, 90°	0.9
Close return bend, 180°	2.2
Pipe entrance, rounded, $r/D < 0.16$	0.1
Pipe entrance, square-edged	0.5
Pipe entrance, re-entrant	0.8

(Source: Larock, Jeppson and Watters, 2000: *Hydraulics of Pipeline Systems*)

# Pipe Systems and Design



- Practical design issues
  - Select a pipe size for desired total flow rate and available or allowable pressure drop, e.g.
    - Often assume 2.5 m / 100 m pipe length
    - Velocity limit 1.2 m/s for pipe < 50 mm dia., pressure drop limit 400 Pa/m for pipe > 50 mm dia.
  - Rule of thumb for practical design:
    - Assume design pipe length is 1.5 to 2.0 times actual to account for fitting losses; after pipe diameter is selected, then evaluate the influence of each fitting
  - Other considerations: e.g. noise & water hammer



**Fig. 4 Friction Loss for Water in Commercial Steel Pipe (Schedule 40)**

(Source: ASHRAE Handbook Fundamentals 2005, Chp. 36)

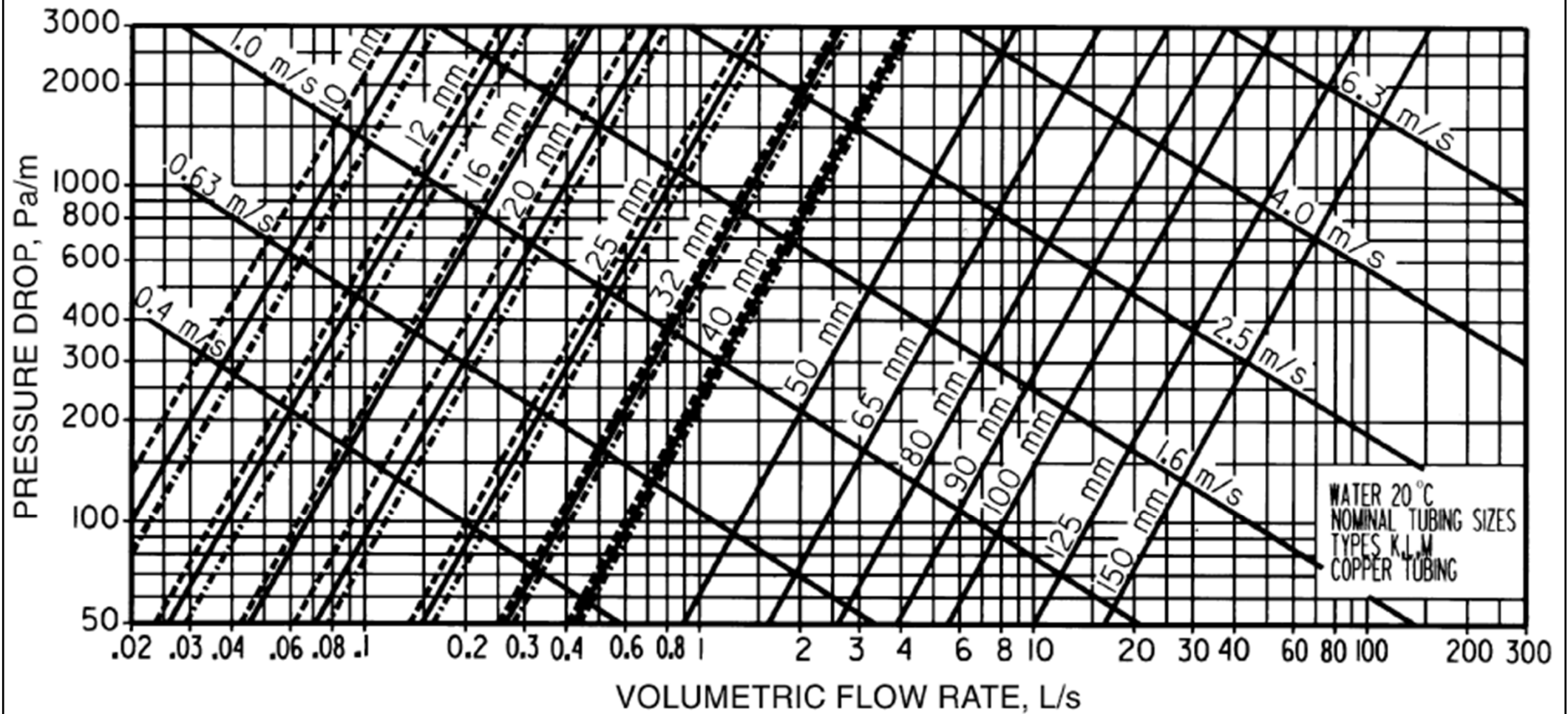
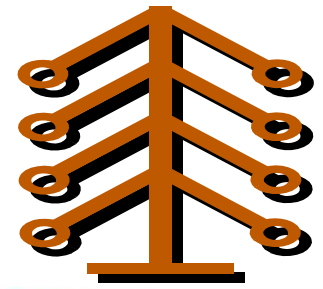


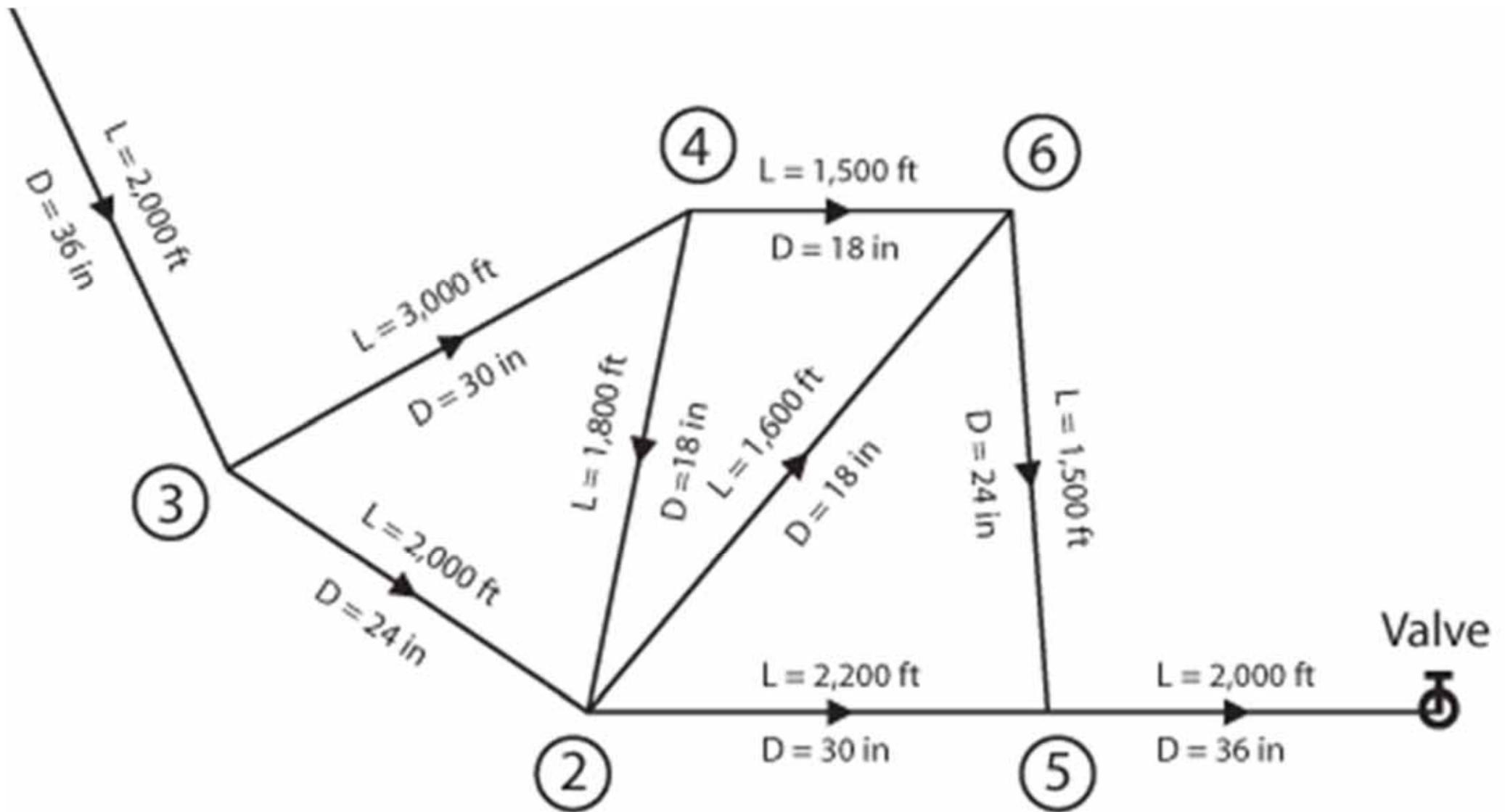
Fig. 5 Friction Loss for Water in Copper Tubing (Types K, L, M)

(Source: ASHRAE Handbook Fundamentals 2005, Chp. 36)

# Pipe Network Analysis



- Often a complex mathematical problem
  - Solving entire set of non-linear equations
  - Large networks are usually analysed by computers
- Basis of the computer solutions
  - Basic principles of fluid mechanics
  - Suitable equations that embody them
  - Interrelate the pipe discharge & pressure at each node of the network

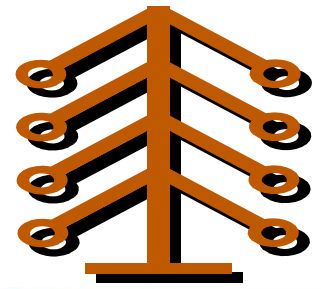


## Pipe network analysis

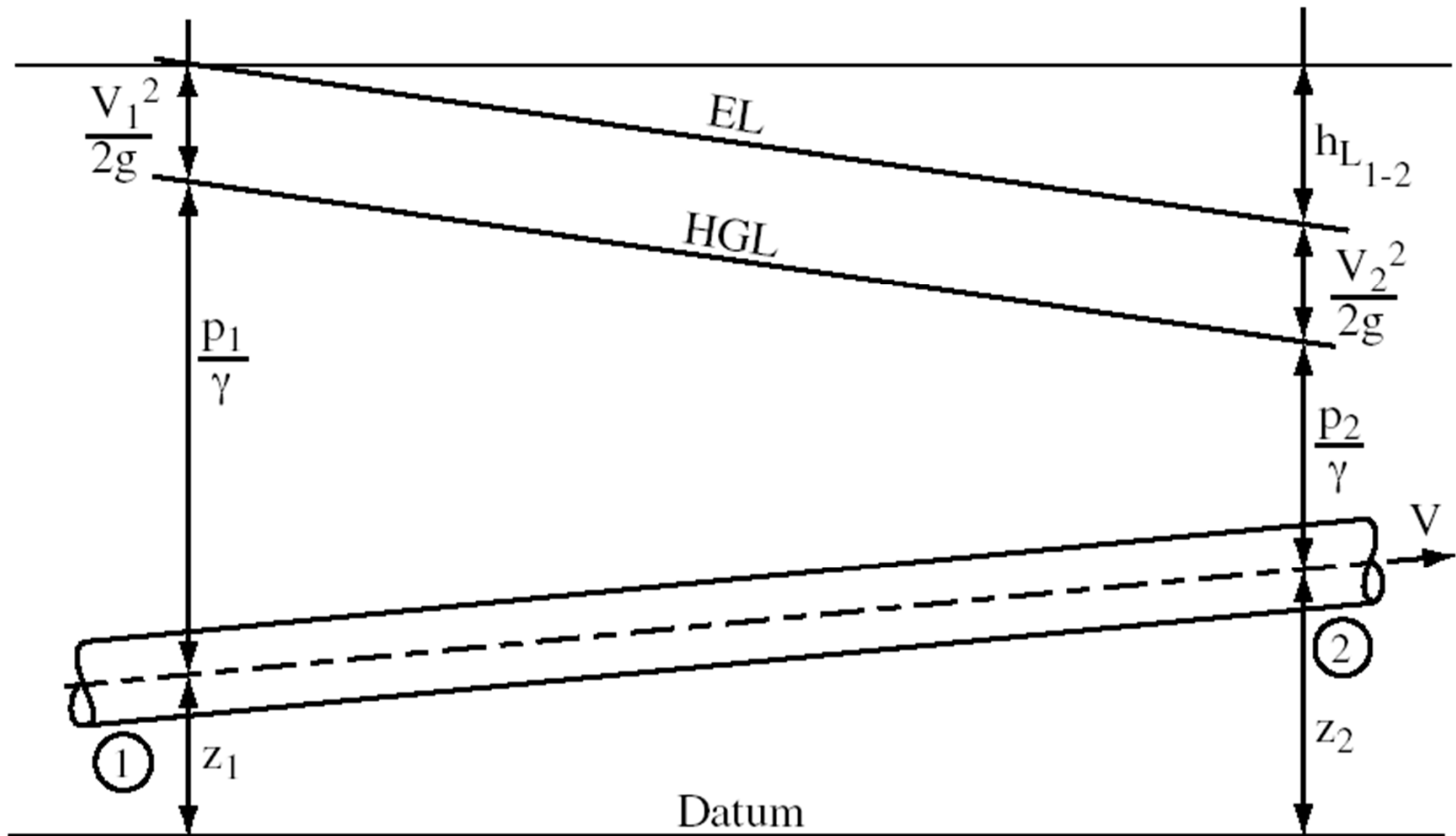
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# Pipe Network Analysis



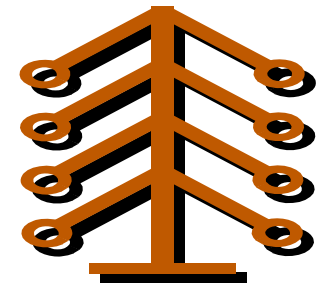
- Basic principles of fluid mechanics
  - 1) Conservation of mass (continuity principle)
  - 2) Work-energy principle (Darcy-Weisbach or Hazen-Williams)
  - 3) Fluid friction & energy dissipation
- The task is to
  - Describe the hydraulic system accurately and efficiently by means of equations
  - Solve these simultaneous equations effectively



## Energy Line (EL) and Hydraulic Grade Line (HGL)

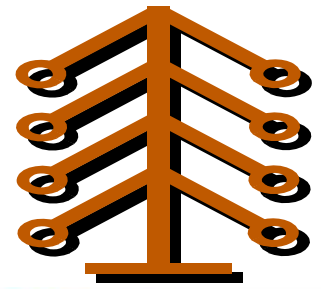
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# Pipe Network Analysis



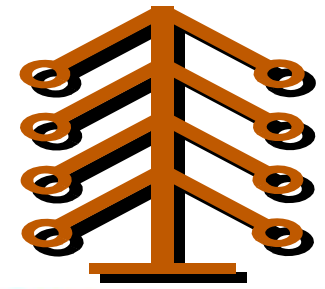
- Methods to solve steady flow problem in a pipe network
  - Hardy Cross method
    - Adapted from structural engg.
    - Oldest systematic method; suited for hand computations
    - Convergence problems for large systems
  - Newton method
    - Linear algebra matrix operations
    - Perform iterative set of calculations (using computers)

# Pipe Network Analysis

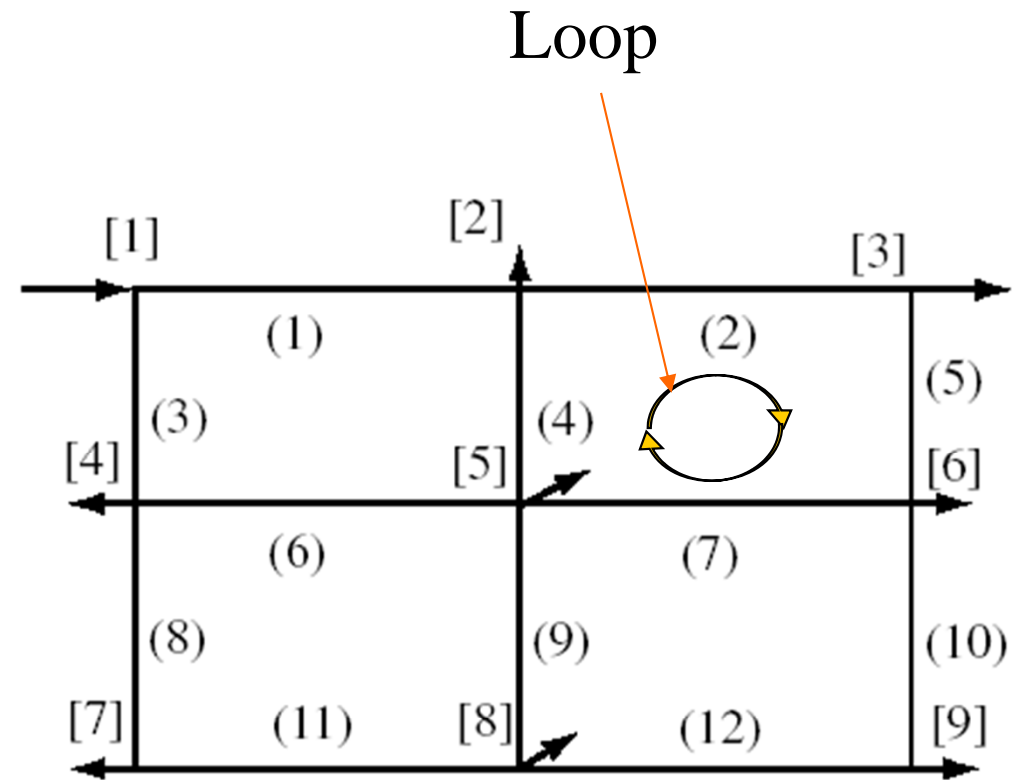
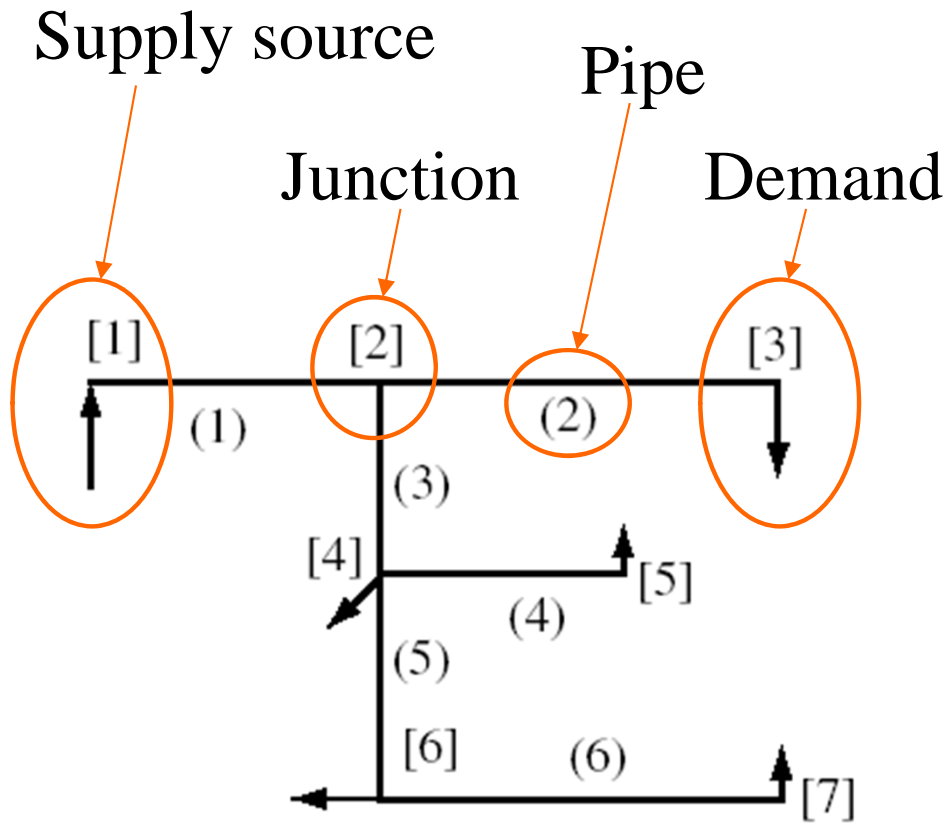


- Define an appropriate pipe system
  - Decide what features are important & to retain
    - No hard rules; requires much insight & judgment
  - Determine which demands should be specified
    - Analysis for a range of system demands
  - For large systems, require some “skeletonization”
    - Not all pipes or nodes are included in the analysis
    - Some may be lumped at a single node
- After studying the entire system, more detailed analysis may be done within a building or area

# Pipe Network Analysis



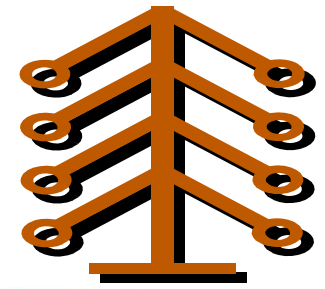
- Basic relations between network elements
  - Junction Continuity Equations
    - Summing volume flows at each junction (or node)
  - Energy Loop Equations
    - Summing initial energy within a network loop with the friction losses within that loop
  - Basic parameters:
    - $NP$  = number of pipes
    - $NJ$  = number of junctions
    - $NL$  = number of loops
  - Branched system and looped system



**Figure 4.1** (a) A small branched system.  
6 pipes, 7 nodes

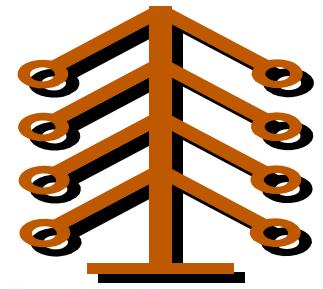
(b) A small looped system.  
12 pipes, 9 nodes

# Pipe Network Analysis



- Equations for steady flow in networks
  - ***Q-equations*** (pipe charges are the unknowns)
  - ***H-equations*** (heads are the unknowns)
  - ***$\Delta Q$ -equations*** (corrective discharges are the unknowns)
- When the equations are established, may use Newton method to solve them
  - Linear algebra matrix operations
  - Determine Jacobian matrix
  - Iterative procedure to calculate desired discharges

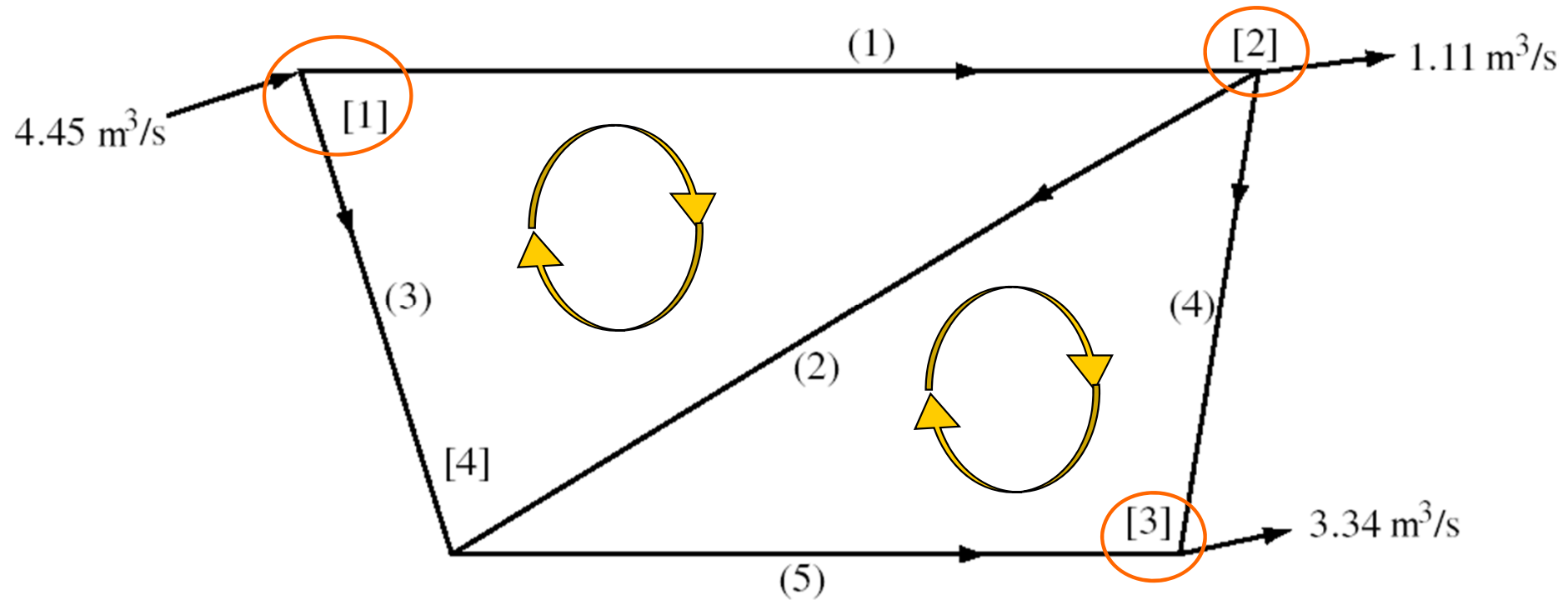
# Pipe Network Analysis



- $Q$ -equations (assume flow as unknowns)
  - Based on continuity
    - Flow into a junction = Flow out of the junction
    - $QJ_j - \sum Q_i = 0$      $QJ_j$  = flow out (demand)  
 $Q_i$  = flow in from pipe  $i$
  - Based on work-energy principles
    - Sum of the head loss around each loop is zero
    - $\sum h_{fi} = \sum K_i Q_i^n = 0$      $h_{fi}$  = head loss  
 $K_i, n$  = coefficients



## Example of $Q$ -equations for a simple network



$$\text{Node [1]: } Q_1 + Q_3 - 4.45 = 0$$

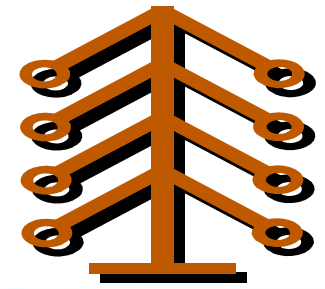
$$\text{Node [2]: } -Q_1 + Q_2 + Q_4 + 1.11 = 0$$

$$\text{Node [3]: } -Q_4 - Q_5 + 3.34 = 0$$

$$\text{Loop 1-2-3: } K_1 Q_1^n + K_2 Q_2^n - K_3 Q_3^n = 0$$

$$\text{Loop 4-5-2: } K_4 Q_4^n - K_5 Q_5^n - K_2 Q_2^n = 0$$

# Pipe Network Analysis



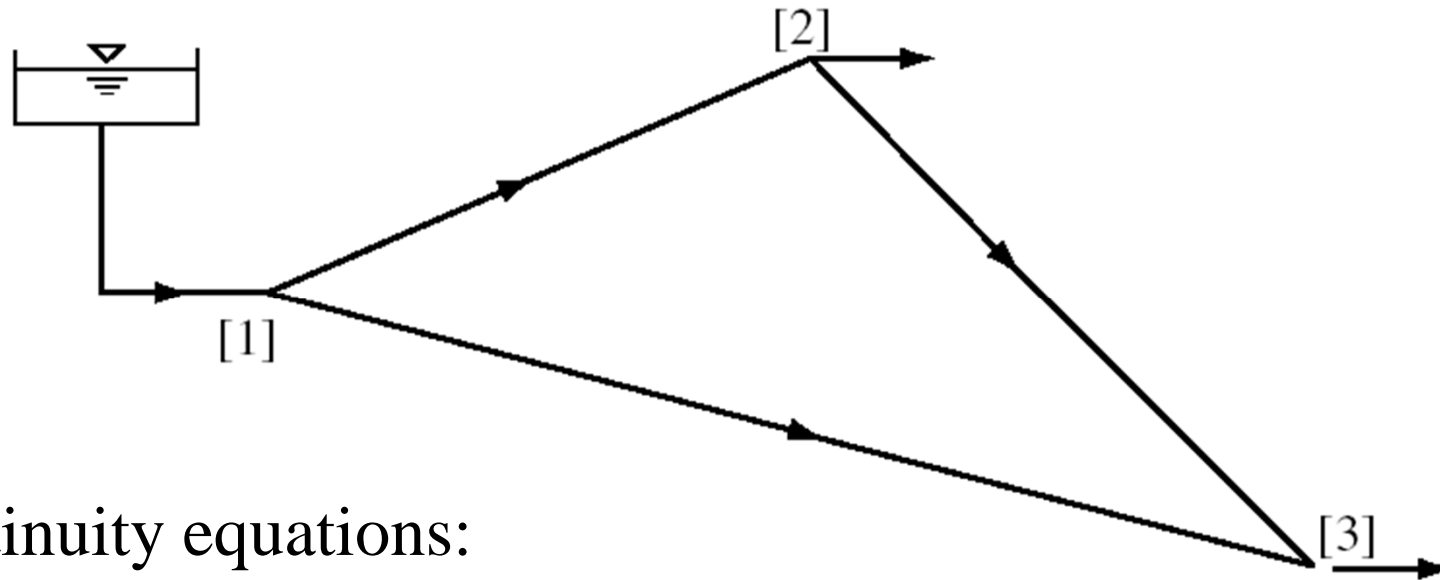
- H-equations (assume head as unknowns)
  - Solve the exponential equation for the flow

$$Q_{ij} = (h_{f\ ij} / K_{ij})^{1/n_{ij}} = [(H_i - H_j) / K_{ij}]^{1/n_{ij}}$$

- Subscript  $ij$  = for the pipe from node  $i$  to node  $j$
- Substitute the above into junction continuity equ.

$$QJ_j - \sum \{ [(H_i - H_j) / K_{ij}]^{1/n_{ij}} \}_{in} + \sum \{ [(H_i - H_j) / K_{ij}]^{1/n_{ij}} \}_{out} = 0$$

## Example of $H$ -equations for a simple network



Continuity equations:

$$Q_{12} + Q_{13} = QJ_1 = QJ_2 + QJ_3$$

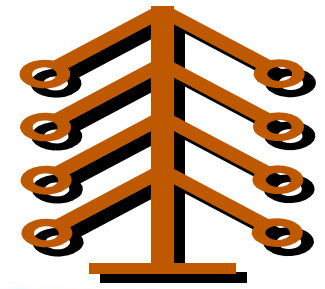
$$Q_{21} + Q_{23} = -QJ_2 \quad (\text{or} \quad -Q_{12} + Q_{23} = -QJ_2)$$

$H$ -equations (by substituting the  $Q$  above):

$$\left[ \frac{H_1 - H_2}{K_{12}} \right]^{1/n_{12}} + \left[ \frac{H_1 - H_3}{K_{13}} \right]^{1/n_{13}} = QJ_2 + QJ_3$$

$$-\left[ \frac{H_1 - H_2}{K_{12}} \right]^{1/n_{12}} + \left[ \frac{H_2 - H_3}{K_{23}} \right]^{1/n_{23}} = -QJ_2$$

# Pipe Network Analysis



- $\Delta Q$ -equations (corrective flows as unknowns)

- To obtain these equations, replace the flow in energy loop equations by an initial  $Q_{0i}$ , plus the sum of all initially unknown corrective flow

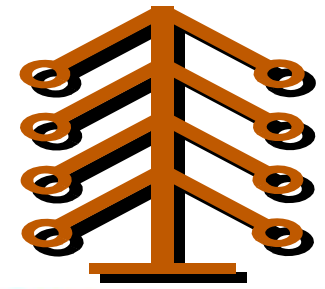
$$Q_i = Q_{0i} + \sum \Delta Q_k$$

- Energy equation becomes

$$\sum K_i \{ Q_{0i} + \sum \Delta Q_k \}^{n_i} = 0$$

- Nos. of equations can be reduced, but the equations are nonlinear & contain many terms

# Pipe Network Analysis



- Solving the network equations

- Newton iterative formula:

$$\{x\}^{(m+1)} = \{x\}^{(m)} - [D]^{-1} \{F\}^{(m)}$$

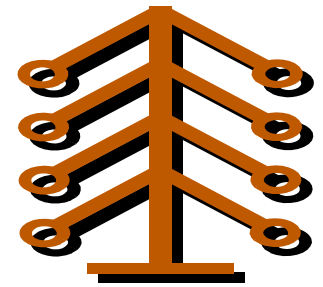
- $\{x\}$  = entire column vector of unknowns
- $\{F\}$  = entire column vector of equations
- $[D]^{-1}$  = inverse of matrix  $[D]$ , the Jacobian

$$\{x\} = \begin{Bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ x_n \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$\{F\} = \begin{Bmatrix} F_1 \\ F_2 \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ F_n \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$[D] = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial x_2} & \cdot & \cdot & \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial x_n} \\ \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial x_2} & \cdot & \cdot & \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial x_n} \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \frac{\partial F_n}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial F_n}{\partial x_2} & \cdot & \cdot & \frac{\partial F_n}{\partial x_n} \end{bmatrix}$$

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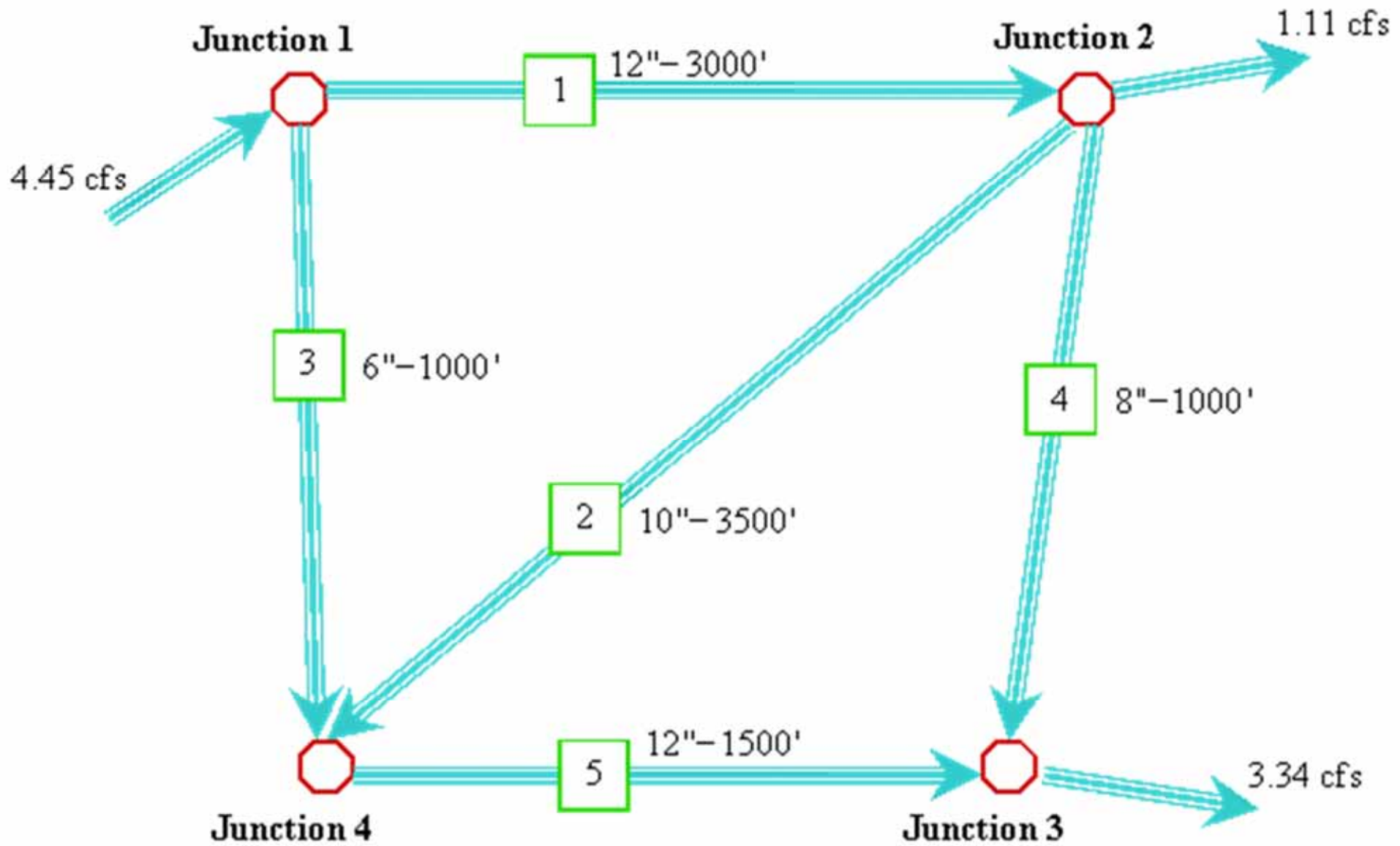


- Solving the network equations (cont'd)
  - Newton method solves a system of nonlinear equations by iteratively solving a system of linear equations. The iterative formula is:

$$\{x\}^{(m+1)} = \{x\}^{(m)} - \{z\}$$

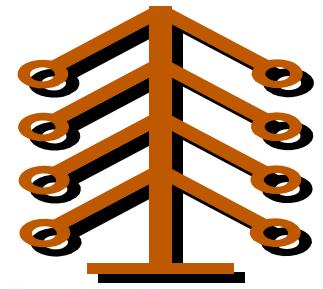
- $\{z\}$  = solution vector, solved by  $[D]\{z\} = \{F\}$
- The solution is developed by using a multi-dimensional Taylor series expansion to evaluate the individual equation

# An example of simple pipe network analysis (using MathCAD)



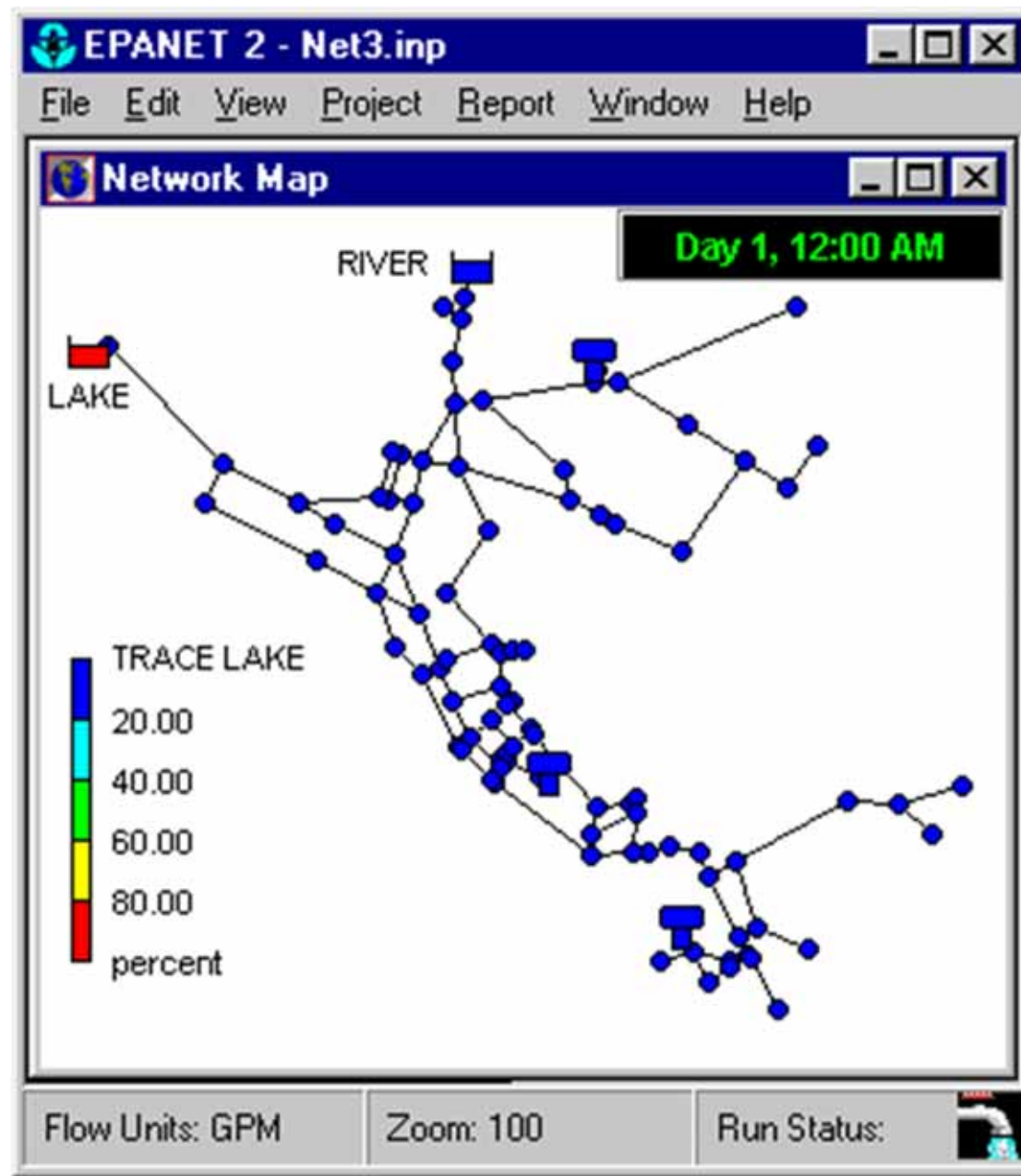
**Figure 1: A Small Pipe Network**

# Pipe Network Analysis



- Computer solutions to networks
  - Implement using equation solver package e.g. MathCAD, or computer programs e.g. FORTRAN
  - Other pipe analysis software are available, e.g. EPANet (for water supply & distribution)
    - <http://www.epa.gov/nrmrl/wswrd/dw/epanet.html>
  - Simple demon. of piping simulation software:
    - <http://www.vcity.ou.edu/demoModules/piping/home.htm>

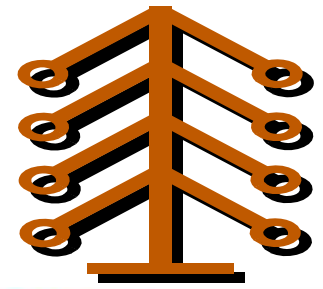




## EPANET 2.0 interface

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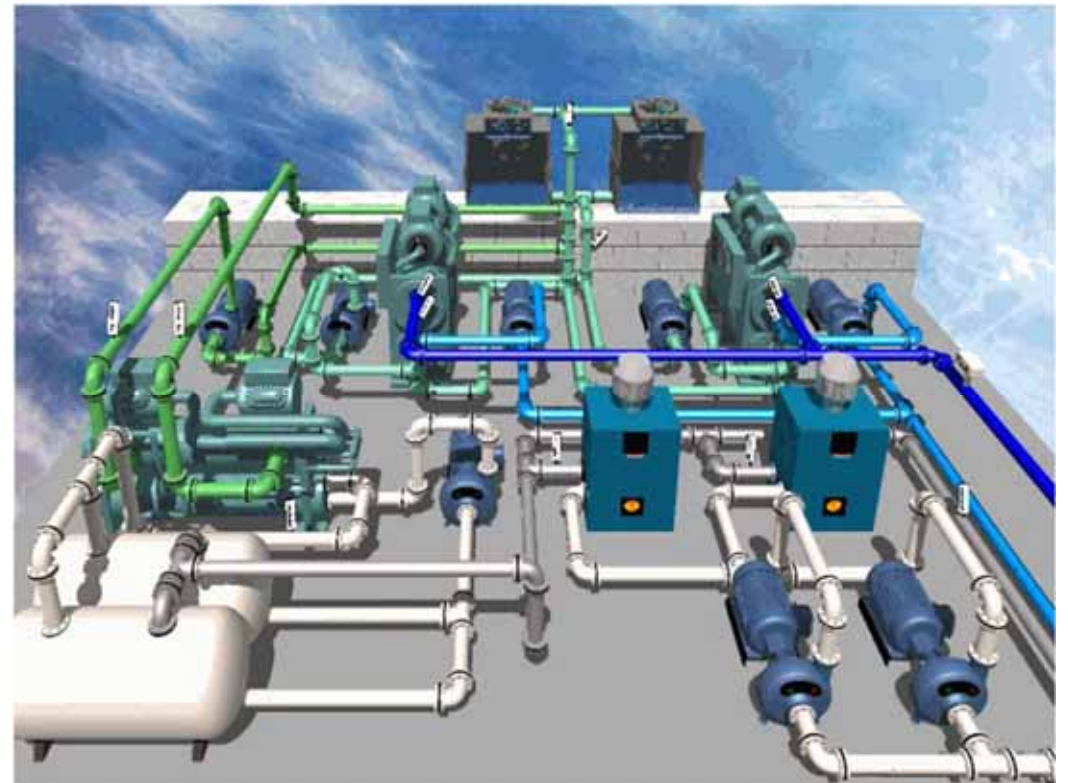


- After the analysis is done, the next step is to verify by measurements in actual system (network verification) & identify deficiencies
  - Such as for designing water supply systems
- Application to HVAC systems
  - At present, large network analysis is not common in HVAC, except district cooling system (DCS)
  - But the technique can be applied to studies of water systems, air systems and building infiltration



# Water Systems in HVAC

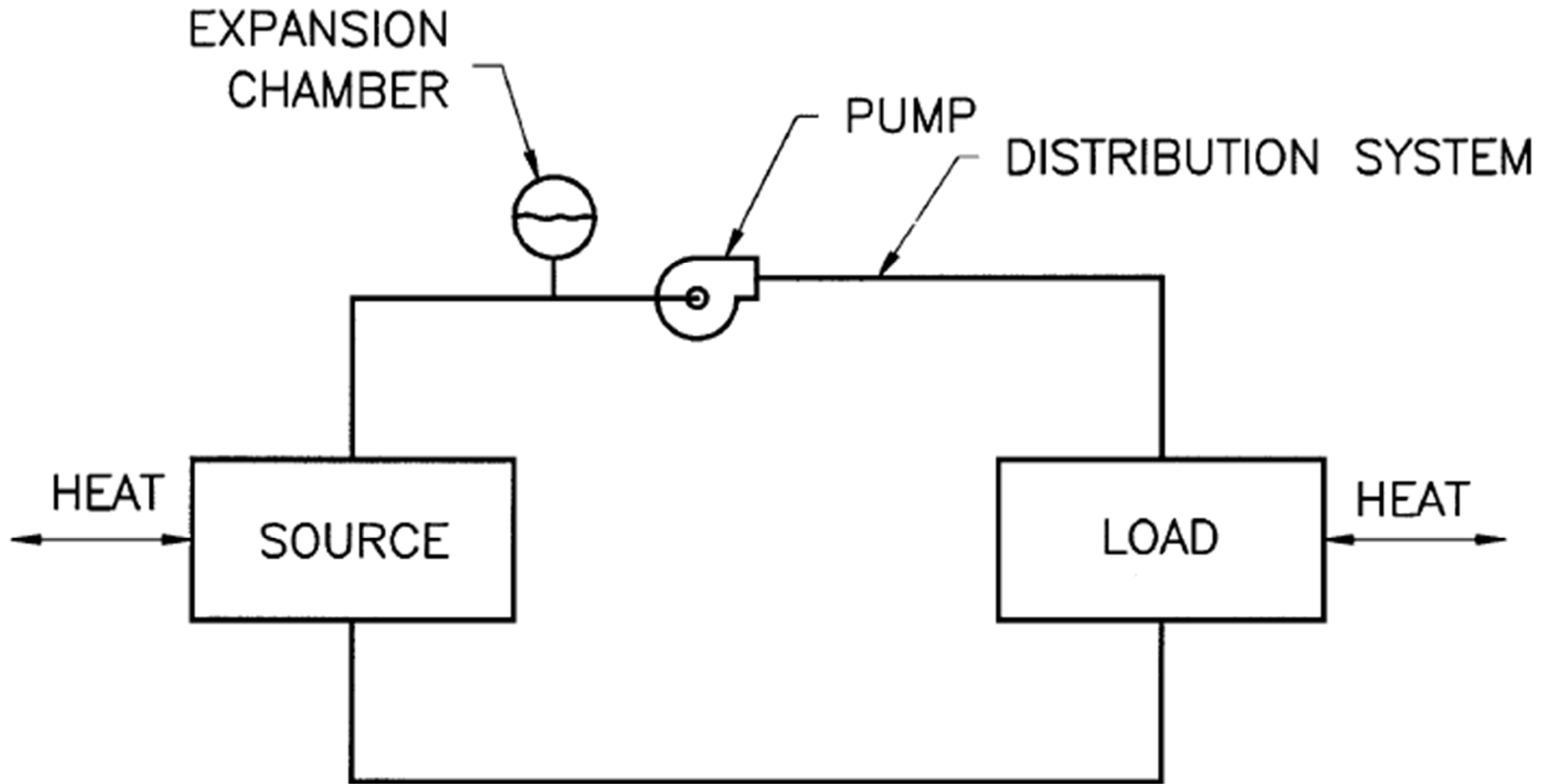
- HVAC water systems can be classified by
  - Operating temperature
  - Flow generation
  - Pressurization
  - Piping arrangement
  - Pumping arrangement





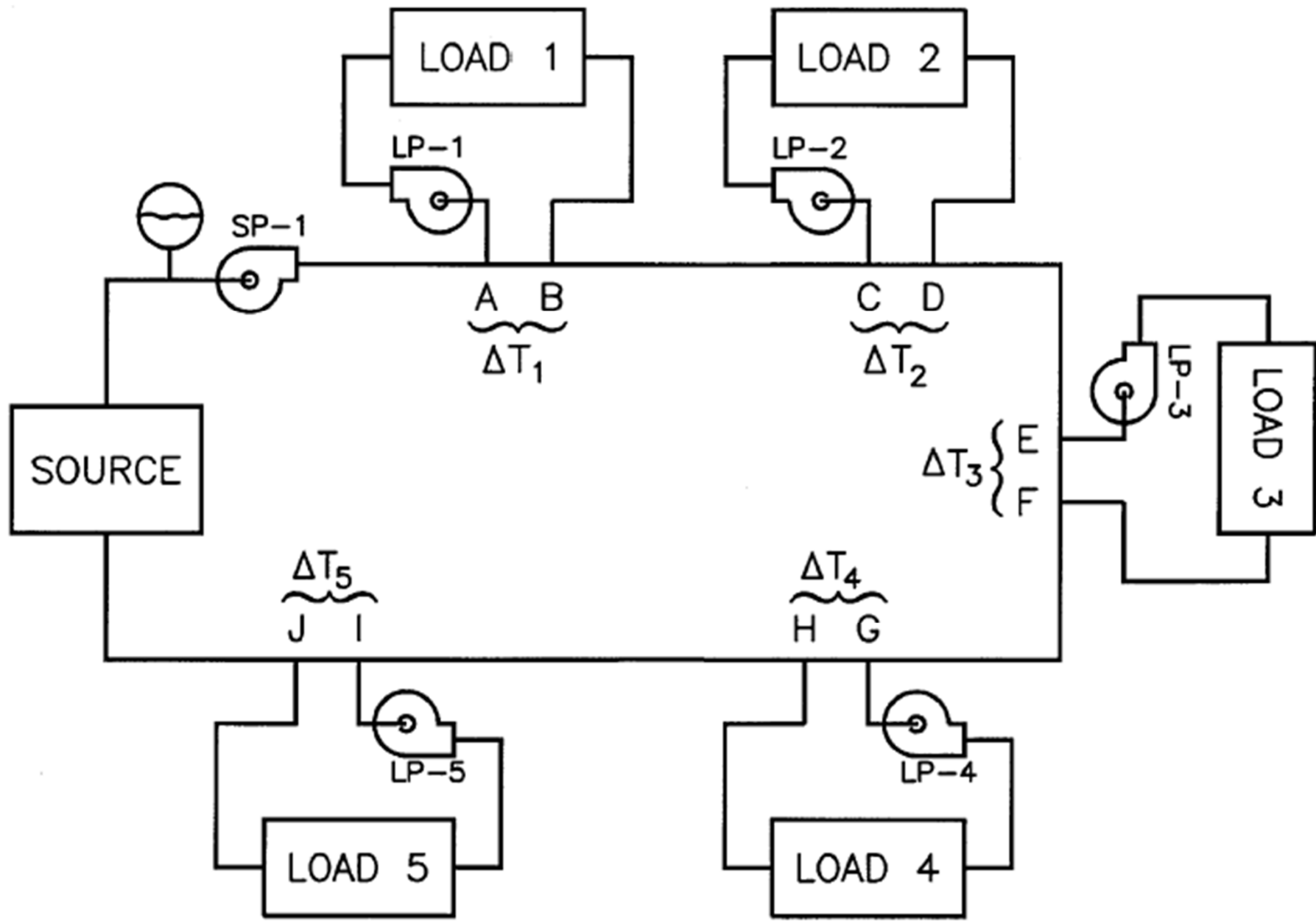
# Water Systems in HVAC

- Open water systems, e.g. using cooling tower
- Closed water systems
  - Chilled water (CHW) system [4-13 °C, 825 kPa]
  - Condenser water (CW) system
  - Dual temperature water system
  - Low temp. water (LTW) system [Max. 120 °C, < 1100 kPa]
  - Medium temp. water (MTW) system [120-125 °C, < 1100 kPa]
  - High temp. water (HTW) system [ $> 175$  °C,  $> 2070$  kPa]
- Once-through system, e.g. sea water system



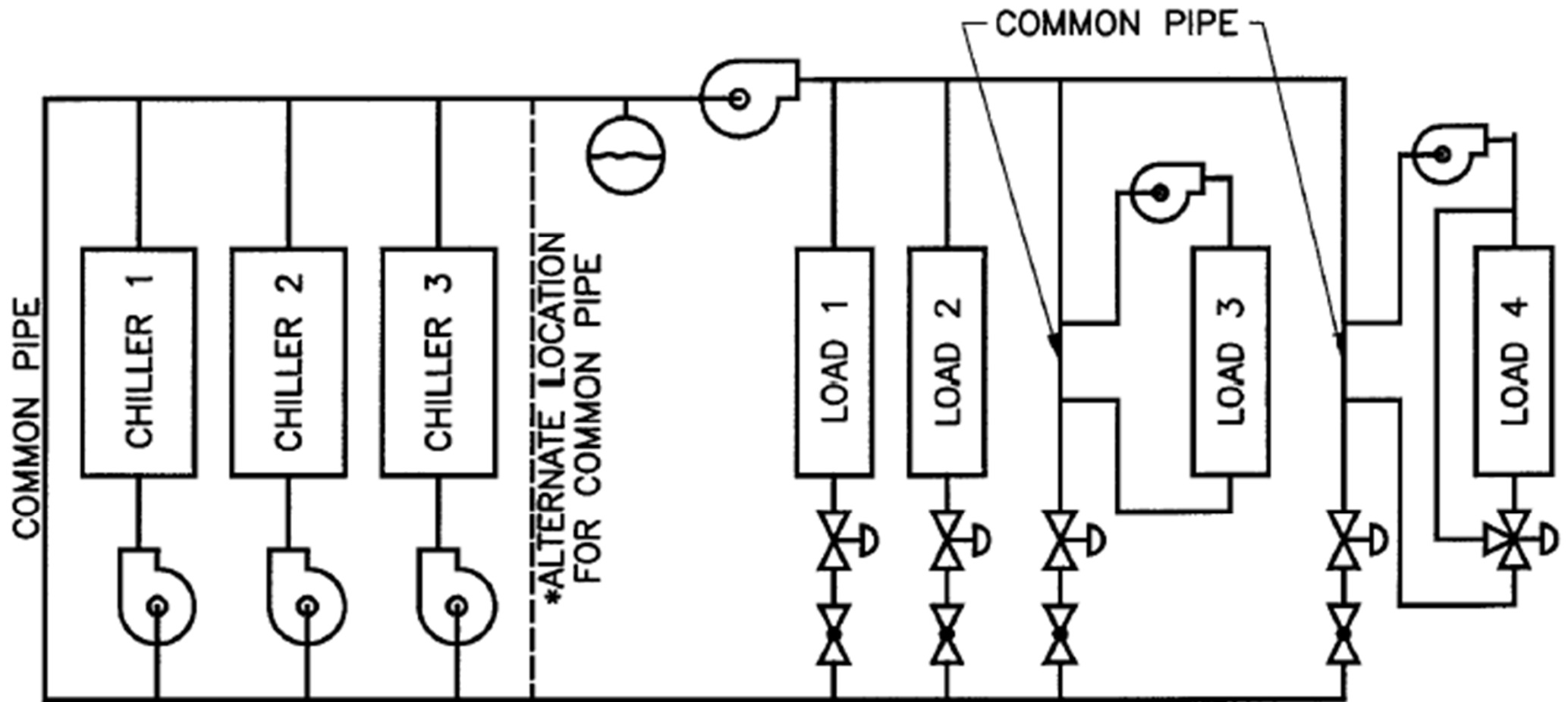
Basic components of water (hydronic) system

(Source: *ASHRAE HVAC Systems and Equipment Handbook 2004*)



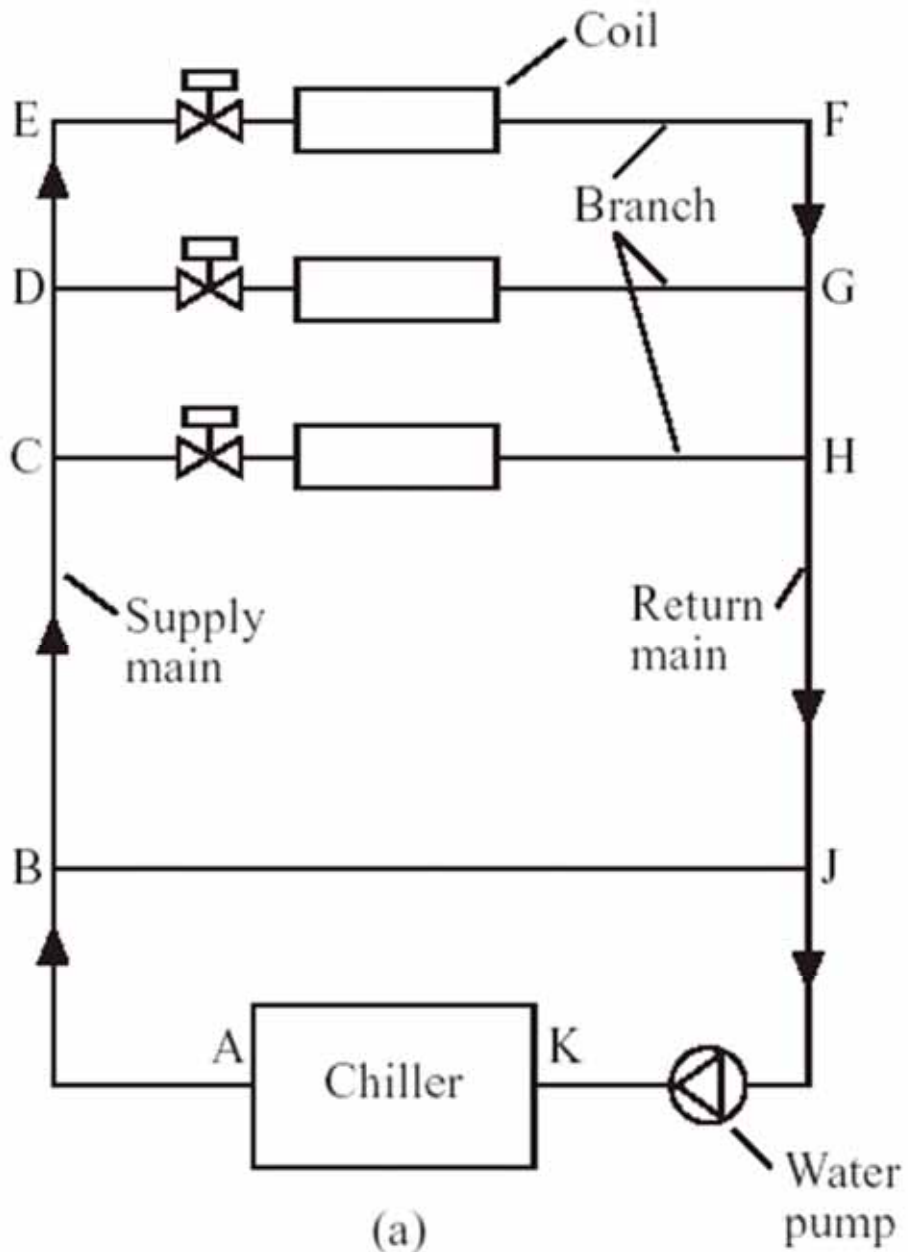
Series circuit with load pumps

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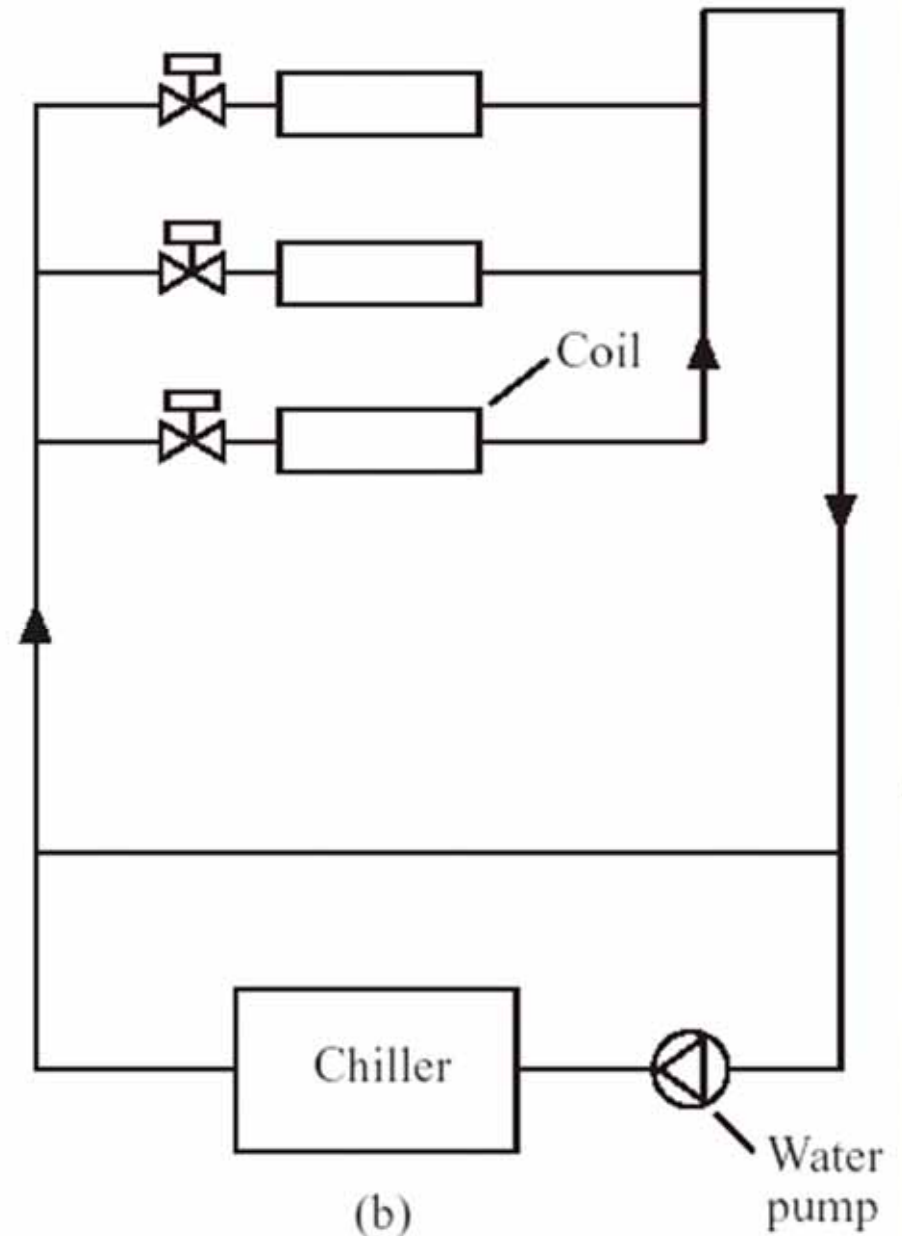


Multiple chiller variable flow chilled water system

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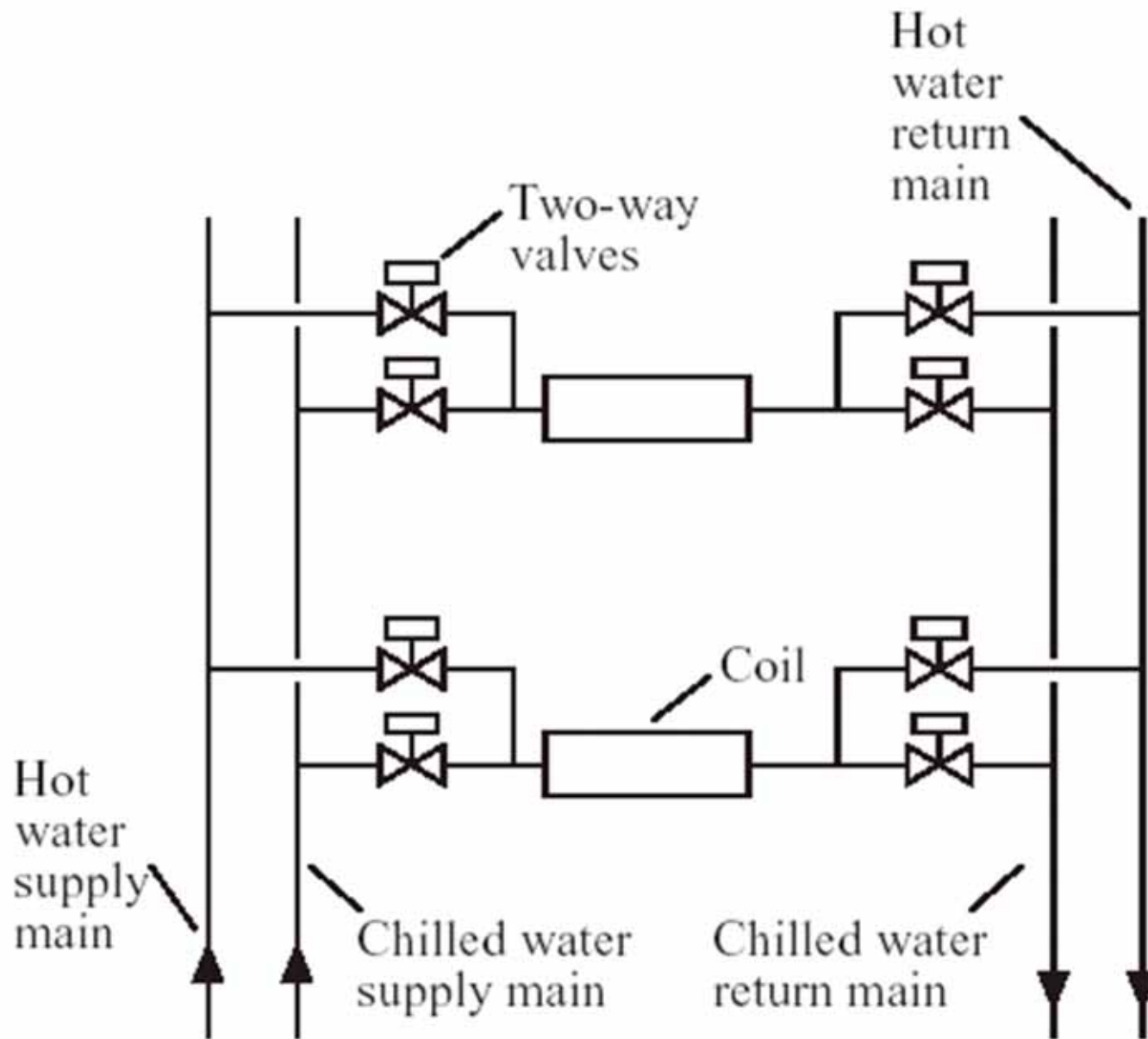
2-pipe direct return



2-pipe reverse return

(Source: ASHRAE HVAC Systems and Equipment Handbook 2004)





4-pipe system (dual temperature)

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# Water Systems in HVAC

- Heat transfer in water systems
  - Terminal units/devices that convey heat from/to water for heating/cooling
  - Common heat exchangers
    - Water-to-air finned coil
    - Water-to-water
  - Heating load devices, e.g. radiators
  - Cooling load devices, e.g. fan coil units (FCU)

## Calculate Heat Transferred to or from Water:

$$q_w = 1000 \dot{m} c_p \Delta t$$

*where*

$q_w$  = heat transfer rate to or from water, W

$\dot{m}$  = mass flow rate of water, kg/s

$c_p$  = specific heat of water, kJ/(kg·K)

$\Delta t$  = water temperature increase or decrease across unit, K

1000 = constant to change kJ in  $c_p$  to J

$$q_w = \rho_w c_p Q_w \Delta t$$

*where*

$Q_w$  = water flow rate, L/s

$\rho_w$  = density of water, kg/m<sup>3</sup>



# Water Systems in HVAC

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- Design issues
  - Design water temperature
  - Flow rate
  - Piping layout
  - Pump selection
  - Terminal unit selection
  - Control method



# Water Systems in HVAC

- Design principles
  - Constant flow? Variable flow? Intermittent flow?
  - Direct return piping or reverse return piping
  - Direct return riser & reverse zone piping
- Design factors
  - Pump speed controls
  - Pressure distribution
  - System balancing
  - Thermal expansion & joints (or loops)



# Water Systems in HVAC

- Piping materials
  - Chilled water: black & galvanized steel
  - Hot water: black steel, hard copper
  - Condenser water: black steel, galvanized ductile iron, PVC
- Flow rate measurements
  - Venturi, nozzle & orifice flowmeters
  - Variable area flowmeters (rotameters)
  - Turbine flowmeters



# Water Systems in HVAC

- Other design considerations
  - Makeup water (from city water or wells)
  - Safety relief valves (for pressurised systems)
  - Air elimination (e.g. by air separator/vent)
  - Drain (at low points) & shutoff (for isolation)
  - Balance fittings (allow balancing of sub-circuits)
  - Strainers (remove dirt)
  - Insulation (reduce heat loss & condensation)
  - Condensate drains (to drainage system or recover)



# Water Systems in HVAC

- Practical design process (see reference)
  - See “*Practical Guide to HVAC Building Services Calculations*” - water flow distribution systems: overview of system design process
    - W1 Pipe sizing – general
    - W2 Pipe sizing – straight length
    - W3 Pipe sizing – pressure drop across fittings
    - W4 System resistance for pipework – index run
    - W5 Pump sizing
    - W6 Water system pressurisation