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Fluid Network Analysis II
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## Pipe Systems and Design

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- 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)


## Typical HVAC piping systems


[Source: Kreider, K. F. (ed.), 2001. Handbook of Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning, CRC Press, Boca Raton, FL.]

## Pipe Systems and Design



- Common piping materials \& joints
- Steel: Black or galvanized
- More commonly used for larger piping sizes
- May be joined by welding or thread/flanged fittings
- Copper:
- Typically for pipe sizes 75 mm and smaller
- Joined with soldering, brazing or pressure seals
- Plastic: PVC (polyvinyl chloride), CPVC (chlorinated PVC), or PE (polyethylene)
- Widely used within waste \& vent piping systems
- Joined with socket-type fittings or solvent cements


## Common pipe jointing methods




Mechanical (groove) joint

(Source: Carrier Corporation, 2005. Distribution Systems: Water Piping and Pumps, Technical Development Program.)

## Pipe Systems and Design



- Piping system consists of: (a) pipe sections, (b) pipe circuits, and (c) equipment components
- A piping system must be analyzed for:
- Pressures
- Temperatures
- Critical circuits (for pressures \& temperatures)
- Equipment in the piping system network must be analyzed and designed for:
- Entering \& leaving pressures, pressure loss, entering \& leaving temperatures, temp. change

Example of HVAC piping system schematic


## 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


## Friction loss for water in commercial steel pipe (Schedule 40)



Fig. 14 Friction Loss for Water in Commercial Steel Pipe (Schedule 40)
(Source: ASHRAE Handbook Fundamentals 2017, Chp. 22)

## Friction loss for water in copper tubing (Types K, L, M)



Fig. 15 Friction Loss for Water in Copper Tubing (Types K, L, M)

## Friction loss for water in plastic pipe (Schedule 80)



Fig. 16 Friction Loss for Water in Plastic Pipe (Schedule 80)

## Pipe Systems and Design

- Valve and fitting losses
- May be greater than pipe friction alone

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

- $K_{L}=$ loss coefficient ( $K$ factor) of pipe fittings
- Geometry and size dependent
- May be expressed as equivalent lengths of straight pipe
- Valve coefficient $\left(A_{v}\right)$ :
- Volume flow rate $Q=A_{v} \sqrt{\Delta p / \rho}$

Table 2.5 Loss Coefficients for Fittings

(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 $2.5 \mathrm{~m} / 100 \mathrm{~m}$ pipe length
- Velocity limit $1.2 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$ for pipe $<50 \mathrm{~mm}$ dia., pressure drop limit $400 \mathrm{~Pa} / \mathrm{m}$ for pipe $>50 \mathrm{~mm}$ 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


## HVAC Water Systems

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



## HVAC Water Systems

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

Basic components of HVAC water (hydronic) system


2-pipe direct and reverse return systems


2-pipe direct return


2-pipe reverse return

4-pipe system (dual temperature)


Series circuit with load pumps


## HVAC Water Systems

Typical piping details at equipment

- Chillers
- Valves, thermometers, pressure gauges
- Fan coil or AHU (air handling unit) coil
- Balancing, control, shutoff \& drain valves
- Pumps
- Balancing, shutoff, check \& drain valves
- Strainers, flexible connectors

Typical water-cooled chiller piping details


Typical chilled or hot water coil piping detail

Bypass Line used with 3-way_ (not required mixing valve only

Typical pump piping detail


## HVAC Water Systems

System piping arrangements

- Parallel and series chiller evaporators
- Single water-cooled chiller loop
- Multiple water-cooled chiller loop
- With dedicated pumps
- With manifold pumps
- Primary-secondary chilled water system
- Primary-only, variable-flow chilled water system

Single water-cooled chiller system piping


Multiple water-cooled chillers with dedicated pumps


Multiple water-cooled chillers with manifold pumps


Primary-secondary piping system


- Secondary pumping station
- One pump active, the other standby (lead-lag)
- Pumps are VFD-equipped if all coils are 2-way
- Matches secondary flow to coil loads
- Hydraulic decoupler maintains constant primary flow


## Multiple chiller variable flow chilled water system (primary-secondary)



Primary-only variable-flow system


## Practical Design Issues



- 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, $\mathrm{kg} / \mathrm{s}$
$c_{p}=$ specific heat of water, $\mathrm{kJ} /(\mathrm{kg} \cdot \mathrm{K})$
$\Delta t=$ 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, $\mathrm{L} / \mathrm{s}$
$\rho_{w}=$ density of water, $\mathrm{kg} / \mathrm{m}^{3}$

## Practical Design Issues

Design issues

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



## Practical Design Issues



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)


## Practical Design Issues



- 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

Flow measurements methods


## Practical Design Issues



- 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)


## Practical Design Issues



- System design process
- "A Guide to HVAC Building Services Calculations" - water flow distribution systems
- 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


## Practical Design Issues



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

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

- Colebrook-White Equation (for transition region):

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

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


## Practical Design Issues



- Basic equations (cont'd)
- Hazen-Williams Equation (alternative to DarcyWeisbach formula; empirical)

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

- $C=$ 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)


## Practical Design Issues



- Basic equations (cont'd)
- Exponential formula:
- The previous equations (Darcy-Weisbach or HazenWilliams) can be expressed by an exponential form to generalise the theory

$$
\Delta h=K Q^{n}
$$

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


## Pipe Network Analysis

- 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 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


Pipe network analysis (deterministic)


## 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)


## 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:
- $N P=$ number of pipes
- $N J=$ number of junctions
- $N L=$ number of loops
- Branched system and looped system


## Branched system and looped system

Supply source
Pipe


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)
- UQ-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

$$
Q J_{j}-\sum Q_{i}=0 \begin{aligned}
& Q J_{j}=\text { flow out (demand) } \\
& Q_{i}=\text { flow in from pipe } i
\end{aligned}
$$

- Based on work-energy principles
- Sum of the head loss around each loop is zero
$\cdot \sum h_{f i}=\sum K_{i} Q_{i}^{n}=0 \quad \begin{aligned} & h_{f i}=\text { head loss } \\ & K_{i}, n=\text { coefficients }\end{aligned}$


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



Node [1]: $Q_{1}+Q_{3}-4.45=0$
Node [2]: $-Q_{1}+Q_{2}+Q_{4}+1.11=0$
Node [3]: $-Q_{4}-Q_{5}+3.34=0$
Loop 1-2-3: $K_{1} Q_{1}{ }^{n}+K_{2} Q_{2}{ }^{n}-K_{3} Q_{3}{ }^{n}=0$
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

$$
\left.Q_{i j}=\left(h_{f i j} / K_{i j}\right)^{1 / n_{i j}}=\left[\left(H_{i}-H_{j}\right) / K_{i j}\right)\right]^{1 / n_{i j}}
$$

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

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \left.Q J_{j}-\sum\left\{\left[\left(H_{i}-H_{j}\right) / K_{i j}\right)\right]^{1 / n_{i j}}\right\}_{\text {in }} \\
& \left.+\sum\left\{\left[\left(H_{i}-H_{j}\right) / K_{i j}\right)\right]^{1 / n_{i j}}\right\}_{\text {out }}=0
\end{aligned}
$$

Example of H -equations for a simple network

Continuity equations:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& Q_{12}+Q_{13}=Q J_{1}=Q J_{2}+Q J_{3} \\
& Q_{21}+Q_{23}=-Q J_{2} \quad\left(\text { or }-Q_{12}+Q_{23}=-Q J_{2}\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

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

$$
\begin{aligned}
& {\left[\frac{H_{1}-H_{2}}{K_{12}}\right]^{1 / n_{12}}+\left[\frac{H_{1}-H_{3}}{K_{13}}\right]^{1 / n_{13}}=Q J_{2}+Q J_{3}} \\
& -\left[\frac{H_{1}-H_{2}}{K_{12}}\right]^{1 / n_{12}}+\left[\frac{H_{2}-H_{3}}{K_{23}}\right]^{1 / n_{23}}=-Q J_{2}
\end{aligned}
$$

## Pipe Network Analysis

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

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

$$
Q_{i}=Q_{0 i}+\sum \Delta Q_{k}
$$

- Energy equation becomes

$$
\sum K_{i}\left\{Q_{0 i}+\sum \Delta Q_{k}\right\}^{n_{i}}=0
$$

- 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

$$
[D]=\left[\begin{array}{ccccc}
\frac{\partial F_{1}}{\partial x_{1}} & \frac{\partial F_{1}}{\partial x_{2}} & \cdot & \cdot & \frac{\partial F_{1}}{\partial x_{n}} \\
\frac{\partial F_{2}}{\partial x_{1}} & \frac{\partial F_{2}}{\partial x_{2}} & \cdot & \cdot & \frac{\partial F_{2}}{\partial x_{n}} \\
\cdot & \cdot & \cdot & & \cdot \\
\frac{\partial F_{n}}{\partial x_{1}} & \frac{\partial F_{n}}{\partial x_{2}} & \cdot & \cdot & \frac{\partial F_{n}}{\partial x_{n}}
\end{array}\right]
$$

## Pipe Network Analysis

- 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 multidimensional Taylor series expansion to evaluate the individual equation

An example of simple pipe network analysis (using MathCAD)


## Pipe Network Analysis

- Computer solutions to networks
- Implement using equation solver package e.g. MathCAD, or computer programs e.g. FORTRAN
- Spreadsheet for Pipe Network Analysis https://cheguide.com/pipe_network.html
- Other pipe analysis software are available, e.g. EPANet (for water supply \& distribution)
- https://www.epa.gov/water-research/epanet

Spreadsheet for Pipe Network Analysis


## Spreadsheet for Pipe Network Analysis

| 4 | A | B | C | D | E | F | G | H | I | J | K | L |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 93 | Iteration |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 94 | 5 | Pipe | Flow | Length | Diameter | e/D | Velocity | Reynold's | Friction |  |  |  |
| 95 |  |  | m3/s | m | m |  | $\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{s}$ | Number | Factor, f | K | hL | $\mathrm{nHL} / \mathrm{Q}$ |
| 96 |  | 1 | 0.205 | 300 | 0.30 | 0.00087 | 2.90 | 869910 | 0.019 | 199 | 8.34 | 81.42 |
| 97 |  | 2 | 0.095 | 250 | 0.25 | 0.00104 | 1.94 | 483995 | 0.021 | 435 | 3.93 | 82.61 |
| 98 |  | 5 | 0.080 | 350 | 0.20 | 0.00130 | 2.54 | 507484 | 0.022 | 1949 | 12.38 | 310.66 |
| 99 |  | 3 | 0.125 | 125 | 0.20 | 0.00130 | 3.99 | 797381 | 0.021 | 689 | 10.82 | 172.72 |
| 100 |  | 6 | 0.033 | 350 | 0.20 | 0.00130 | 1.05 | 210734 | 0.022 | 2010 | 2.20 | 133.09 |
| 101 |  | 7 | 0.030 | 125 | 0.20 | 0.00130 | 0.95 | 189174 | 0.022 | 722 | 0.64 | 42.90 |
| 102 |  | 4 | 0.095 | 300 | 0.20 | 0.00130 | 3.02 | 604994 | 0.021 | 1663 | 15.02 | 316.17 |
| 103 |  | 8 | 0.008 | 125 | 0.15 | 0.00173 | 0.44 | 66630 | 0.025 | 3455 | 0.21 | 54.24 |
| 104 |  | 9 | 0.087 | 350 | 0.20 | 0.00130 | 2.78 | 555021 | 0.022 | 1944 | 14.78 | 339.04 |
| 105 |  | 10 | 0.063 | 125 | 0.15 | 0.00173 | 3.55 | 533211 | 0.023 | 3133 | 12.36 | 393.64 |
| 106 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 107 |  | Coeffi | nt Matrix |  |  |  | Inverse |  |  |  | F | Q |
| 108 |  |  | 707.16 | -172.72 | -54.24 |  | $1.53 \mathrm{E}-03$ | $4.32 \mathrm{E}-04$ | 1.53E-04 |  | 0.00 | 0.00000 |
| 109 |  |  | -172.72 | 659.37 | -133.09 |  | $4.32 \mathrm{E}-04$ | $1.68 \mathrm{E}-03$ | 2.69E-04 |  | 0.00 | 0.00000 |
| 110 |  |  | -54.24 | -133.09 | 920.01 |  | $1.53 \mathrm{E}-04$ | $2.69 \mathrm{E}-04$ | 1.13E-03 |  | 0.00 | 0.00000 |

EPANET software for modelling water distribution systems


## Pipe Network Analysis

- 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

Pipe network of a district cooling system (DCS)


## Heat rejection and chilled water networks of a district cooling system



## Pipe Network Analysis

- Videos for illustration:
- CE234--Lecture9--Pipe Networks (23:50) https://youtu.be/UEiOw1tWmJw
- Hardy Cross Method (7:32) https://youtu.be/pxCWxGHKo2M
- Hardy Cross Method for Pipe Networks - CE 331 - Class 12 (10 Feb 2020) (35:30) https://youtu.be/1G8ckwcL3jg
- Pipe network analysis in Excel using Hardy cross method (English) (19:21) https://youtu.be/M8f1FNgeq7o


## Further Reading

- ASHRAE, 2017. ASHRAE Handbook Fundamentals 2017, Chp. 22 - Pipe Design, American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers Inc., Atlanta, GA.
- Example: Analysis of Complex Pipe Networks with Multiple Loops and Inlets and Outlets http://ibse.hk/MEBS7014/Abbreviated_HardyCross.pdf
- Spreadsheet for Pipe Network Analysis https://cheguide.com/pipe_network.html


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