### FLOW IN PIPES, PIPE NETWORKS

**Continuity equation** – mass balance (G54)



$$\overline{u}_1 S_1 = \overline{u}_2 S_2$$

Bernoulli equation – mechanical-energy balance (G71 – 74)

$$\kappa_{1}^{2} \frac{\overline{u}_{1}^{2}}{2} + \frac{p_{1}}{\rho} + gh_{1} = \kappa_{2}^{2} \frac{\overline{u}_{2}^{2}}{2} + \frac{p_{2}}{\rho} + gh_{2} + e_{z}$$
Turbulent flow:  $\kappa \rightarrow 1$  mechanical-energy loss  
Laminar flow:  $\kappa^{2} \frac{\overline{u}^{2}}{2} \rightarrow 0$  (neglectable)  $e_{z} = \frac{p_{1} - p_{2}}{\rho} = \frac{-\Delta p}{\rho} = \frac{\Delta p_{z}}{\rho}$ 

# Mechanical-energy loss for flow in pipe

#### Mechanical-energy loss due to skin friction for incompressible fluid (liquids) (G90 – 96)

$$e_z = \lambda \frac{l}{d} \frac{\overline{u}^2}{2}$$

#### **Friction factor** $\lambda$ ·

Laminar flow:

**Turbulent flow:** 

 $\lambda = \frac{A}{Re} \quad \text{(pipe with circular cross-section } A = 64\text{)} \\ d_e = \frac{4S}{O} = 4 \frac{cross-sectional area of chanel}{wetted perimeter of chanel} \\ \lambda = f(Re, k^*) \quad \text{(noncircular cross-section G105)}$ 

Reynolds number

 $\overline{u}d
ho$ Re =

 $k^* = \frac{\kappa_{av}}{d}$  r

relative roughness of pipe wall

#### Values of constant A for various shapes of cross-section

Shape of cross-section		Charact. length	Hydraulic diameter	Equation for computation of parameter A	A
Circle		d	d		64
Annulus	$\alpha = 10^{-2}$ $\alpha = 10^{-1}$ $\alpha = 0.5$	$\alpha = \frac{d_1}{d_2}$	$d_2 - d_1$	$A = 64 \frac{(1-\alpha)^2}{1+\alpha^2 + \frac{1-\alpha^2}{\ln\alpha}}$	80,11 89,37 95,25
Slit			2 <i>h</i>		96
Rectangle	$h/b = 10^{-2}$ $h/b = 10^{-1}$ h/b = 1	b t	$\frac{2bh}{b+h}$	$A = \frac{96}{\left(1 + \frac{h}{b}\right)^2} \frac{1}{\left[1 - \frac{192h}{\pi^5 b} \sum_{n=1,3,5}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^5} \operatorname{tgh}\left(\frac{n\pi b}{2h}\right)\right]}$	94,71 84,68 56,91
Ellipse	b/a = 0,1 b/a = 0,25 b/a = 0,5		$\frac{4ab}{a+b}$	$A = \frac{128\left[1 + \left(\frac{b}{a}\right)^2\right]}{\left(1 + \frac{b}{a}\right)^2}$	106,84 87,04 71,11
Isosceles triangle	$\beta = 60^{\circ}$ $a = b$ $\beta = 90^{\circ}$	a b	$\frac{a\sin\beta}{1+\sin\frac{\beta}{2}}$	$A = \frac{48 \left[1 + tg^{2} \left(\frac{\beta}{2}\right)\right] (B+2)}{(B-2) \left[tg\frac{\beta}{2} + \sqrt{1 + tg^{2} \left(\frac{\beta}{2}\right)}\right]^{2}}  kde  B = \sqrt{4 + \frac{5}{2} \left(\frac{1}{tg^{2} (\beta/2)} - 1\right)}$	53,33 52,71

Dependence of friction factor  $\lambda$  on Reynolds number and relative

roughness of pipe k\*



# Values of absolute roughness k<sub>av</sub> of pipes from different materials

Type resp. material of pipe	k <sub>av</sub> [mm]
glass, brass, copper, drawn tubing	$0,0015 \div 0,0025$ $0.03 \div 0.06$
seamless, steel drawn tubes, new	$0.04 \div 0.1$
steel tubes, slightly corroded	0,15 ÷ 0,4
steel tubes, corroded	$0,5 \div 1,5$
steel tubes, galvanized	$0,1 \div 0,15$
cast iron, new	$0,2 \div 0,6$
cast iron, corroded	$1 \div 1,5$
cast iron asphalt dipped	$0,1 \div 0,15$
PVC	0,002
concrete, smooth	$0,3 \div 0,8$
concrete, rough	1÷3
asbestos cement tubes	$0,03 \div 0,1$

#### **EXAMPLE:** Friction loss for flow in pipe

56  $I \cdot s^{-1}$  of liquid with temperature 25°C flow in horizontal slightly corroded steel tubes with length 600 m with inside diameter d = 150 mm. Determine value of pressure drop and loss due to skin friction in pipe. *Liquid:* 

a) water

b) 98 % aqueous solution of glycerol ( $\rho = 1255 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m}^{-3}$ ,  $\mu = 629 \text{ mPa} \cdot \text{s}$ )

# **EXAMPLE:** Friction loss for flow in pipe with noncircular cross-section

Determine value of pressure drop in heat exchanger pipe in pipe with annulus cros-section. 98 % aqueous solution of glycerol with temperature 25°C ( $\rho = 1255 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m}^{-3}$ ,  $\Box \mu = 629 \text{ mPa} \cdot \text{s}$ ) has mass flow rate 40 kg $\cdot \text{min}^{-1}$ . Outside diameter of inside tube is d<sub>1</sub> = 32 mm and inside diameter of outside tube is d<sub>2</sub> = 51 mm. Length of exchanger is L = 25 m.

#### Friction losses in expansion, contraction, pipe fittings and valves (G98-102)



Type of Fitting or Valve	Frictional Loss, Number of Velocity Heads, K <sub>f</sub>	Frictional Loss, Equivalent Length of Straight Pipe in Pipe Diameters, L <sub>e</sub> /D	
Elbow, 45°	0.35	17	
Elbow, 90°	0.75	35	
Tee	1	50	
Return bend	1.5	75	
Coupling	0.04	2	
Union	0.04	2	
Gate valve			
Wide open	0.17	9	
Half open	4.5	225	
Globe valve			
Wide open	6.0	300	
Half open	9.5	475	
Angle valve, wide open	2.0	100	
Check valve			
Ball	70.0	3500	
Swing	2.0	100	
Water meter, disk	7.0	350	

 TABLE 2.10-1.
 Friction Loss for Turbulent Flow Through Valves and Fittings

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#### Contraction





$$\zeta_2 = 0.5 \left( 1 - \frac{S_2}{S_1} \right)$$

Expansion





#### Gradual expansion (diffuser)



 $0 < \varphi < 40^\circ \implies \zeta_1 = \zeta_r + \zeta_t$ 



#### Pipe entrance

















A – Check valve, screwed

- **B** Back straight-way valve
- C Check valve, casted
- **D** Back angle valve
- E Check angle valve
- **F** Check oblique valve
- **Š** Gate valves

#### **EXAMPLE:** Determination of pump head pressure

Determinate head pressure of pump which give flow rate 240 I·min<sup>-1</sup> of water with temperature 15 °C. Water is pumping up to storage tank with pressure over liquid surface 0.2 MPa. Pipes are made from slightly corroded steel tubes with outside diameter 57 mm and thickness of wall 3 mm.



### Basic cases for pipe design

#### Calculation of pipe diameter at given flow rate without demand of loss (the most frequently case G107)

$$S = \frac{V}{\overline{u}} \qquad d = 1$$

$$d = \sqrt{\frac{4S}{\pi}}$$

TABLE 2.10-3. Representative Ranges of Velocities in Steel Pipes

		velocity	
Type of Fluid	Type of Flow	ft/s	m/s
Nonviscous liquid	Inlet to pump	2-3	0.6-0.9
	Process line or pump discharge	5.7	1.7
Viscous liquid	Inlet to pump	0.2 - 0.8	0.06-0.25
-	Process line or pump discharge	3	0.9
Gas air	Process line	53	16
Steam 100 psig	Process line	38	11.6

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# Calculation of flow rate at given loss and pipe diameter

 $\left| e_{z} = \lambda \frac{l}{d} \frac{\overline{u}^{2}}{2} \right| \Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{2e_{z}d}{\overline{u}^{2}l}$ **Given:** mechanical-energy loss  $e_{\tau}$ dimensions of pipe  $(l, d, k_{av})$ liquid density  $\rho$  and viscosity  $\mu$  $\lambda Re^{2} = \frac{2e_{z}d}{\overline{u}^{2}l} \frac{\overline{u}^{2}d^{2}\rho^{2}}{\mu^{2}} = \frac{2e_{z}\rho^{2}d^{3}}{\mu^{2}l} \quad \Leftarrow \quad \left[\lambda = f\left(Re,k^{*}\right), Re = \frac{\overline{u}d\rho}{\mu}\right]$  $Re\sqrt{\lambda} = \frac{d}{\mu}\sqrt{\frac{2e_z\rho^2 d}{l}}$  $\left|\frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda}} = f\left(Re\sqrt{\lambda}, k^*\right)\right|$  $Re\sqrt{\lambda} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda}} = Re \implies \overline{u} = \frac{\mu Re}{d\rho}$ 



# Calculation of pipe diameter at given loss and flow rate

**Given:** flow rate  $\dot{V}$   $\bar{u} = \frac{4V}{\pi d^2}$ mechanical-energy loss  $e_z$  pipe length lliguid density  $\rho$  and viscosity  $\mu$ 

 $Re^{5}\sqrt{\lambda} = \frac{\rho}{\mu} \sqrt[5]{\frac{128\dot{V}^{3}e_{z}}{\pi^{3}l}}$ 

 $\lambda = \frac{2e_z d}{\overline{\mu}^2 l} = \frac{\pi^2 e_z d^5}{8\dot{V}^2 l}$  $\lambda = f(Re, k^*), k^* = \frac{k_{st\bar{t}}}{d}$  $Re = \frac{\bar{u}d\rho}{\mu} = \frac{4\dot{V}\rho}{\pi d\mu}$ 

 $=\frac{4V\rho}{\pi k_{str}\mu}$ Re · k\*

 $\left|1/\sqrt[5]{\lambda} = f\left(Re^{5}\sqrt{\lambda}, Rek^{*-1}\right)\right|$ 

 $Re^{5}\sqrt{\lambda} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt[5]{\lambda}} = Re \implies d = \frac{\mu Re}{\overline{\mu}\rho}$ 

 $1/\sqrt[5]{\lambda} = f\left(Re\sqrt[5]{\lambda}, Rek^{*-1}\right)$ 



#### **EXAMPLE:** Calculation of flow rate

84 % aqueous solution of glycerol ( $\rho = 1220 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m}^{-3}$ ,  $\mu = 99.6 \text{ mPa} \cdot \text{s}$ ) is in tank with height of liquid surface over bases 11 m. Glycerol gravity outflow to second tank with height of liquid surface over same bases 1 m. Pipe is made from steel with outside diameter 28 mm and thickness of wall 1.5 mm and its length is 112 m. Determine volumetric flow rate of glycerol. Losses of fittings and valves are neglectable.

#### **EXAMPLE:** Calculation of pipe diameter

Solution of ETHANOL ( $\rho = 970 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m}^{-3}$ ,  $\mu = 2,18 \text{ mPa} \cdot \text{s}$ ) gravity outflow from open tank with flow rate 20 m<sup>3</sup> \cdot h<sup>-1</sup> via pipe with length 300 m to second open tank. Liquid surface in upper tank is 2.4 m over liquid surface of second tank. Which pipe diameter is necessary for required flow rate. Pipe is made from steel with average roughness 0.2 mm. Losses of fittings and valves are express as 10 % from pipe length.

## Design of pipe networks

**Procedure of solving:** 

Bernoulli equation for all pipes
 Continuity equation for all nodes
 Solve system of equations



### **Compressible flow of gases**

#### Isothermal compressible flow (G107-110)





State equation for ideal gas  $\frac{p}{\rho} = \frac{RT}{M}$ ,  $T = const. \Rightarrow d\rho = \frac{M}{RT} dp$ 





#### **EXAMPLE:** Pressure drop for flow of Methane

Methane flow in long-distance (3 km) pipe from storage tank withhead pressure 0.6 MPa. Pipe is made from slightly corroded steel tubes with outside diameter 630 mm and thickness of wall 5 mm. Determine pressure drop for Methane mass flow rate 40 kg·s<sup>-1</sup>. Suppose isothermal flow with temperature 20 °C (dynamic viscosity of Methane is  $1,1\cdot10^{-5}$  Pa·s).