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HVAC System design

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Air conditioning systems

• liquid (water or water with additives), are suitable for controlling only the internal temperature and not the humidity; they are sized based on the sensible load, they are usually used for heating and cooling.

They can be of three different types:

- radiators (winter use only)
- fan coils (winter and summer use)
- radiant panels (winter for heating and summer for cooling).
- ② direct expansion systems (winter and summer use and for small and medium powers).
- all-air systems, are suitable for controlling both the temperature and the internal humidity; can be divided in turn
 - single duct
 - double duct
 - constant or variable flow rate
- Mixed systems air and water
 - water part controls the temperature
 - air part controls the humidity

Radiators

Classical use for heating, heat exchange by

- radiation about 30 %
- convection about 70 %

The thermal output depends on the difference between the average temperature of the radiator and the ambient air

$$\Phi = c(\Delta \theta_m)^n$$

c is a typical coefficient of the radiator

 $n \sim 4/3$ for convection in turbulent regime

 $\Delta\theta_m$ average temperature difference between the radiator and ambient air:

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heat output change with temperature

The difference between the average temperature of the radiator and the air can be expressed as:

$$\Delta heta_{\mathsf{a}} = \left\lceil rac{(heta_{\mathsf{m}} + heta_{\mathsf{r}})}{2} - heta_{\mathsf{air}}
ight
ceil$$

 θ_m inlet temperature

 θ_r outlet temperature

according to UNI EN 442 the heat flux is calculated in nominal conditions with $\Delta\theta_a=\Delta\theta_n$ with $\theta_{aria}=20^\circ$:

$$\left. egin{aligned} heta_m &= 85^{\circ} C \\ heta_r &= 75^{\circ} C \end{aligned} \right\} \quad \Longrightarrow \quad \Delta heta_n = 60 \ \mathrm{K}$$

$$\begin{cases} \theta_m = 75^{\circ} C \\ \theta_r = 65^{\circ} C \end{cases} \implies \Delta \theta_n = 50 \text{ K}$$

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heat power change with temperature

temperature different from the nominal one

$$c = rac{\Phi_n}{(\Delta heta_n)^n}$$
 $\Phi(\Delta heta_a) = c(\Delta heta_a)^n = \Phi_n \left(rac{\Delta heta_a}{\Delta heta_n}
ight)^n$

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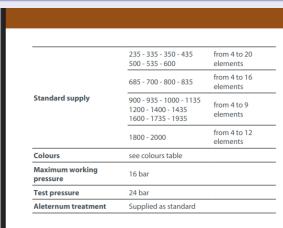
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	Heat output									
Model	ΔT 20	ΔΤ 30	ΔT 40	ΔT 50	ΔT 60	ΔΤ 70				
	W/sect.	W/sect.	W/sect.	W/sect.	W/sect.	W/sect.				
235	9,6	16,0	23,1	30,6	38,6	46,9				
335	12,5	21,1	30,5	40,5	51,1	62,3				
350	13,0	21,8	31,5	41,9	52,9	64,4				
435	15,2	25,6	37,1	49,4	62,5	76,1				
500	16,9	28,5	41,3	55,1	69,7	85,0				
535	17,8	30,1	43,6	58,2	73,6	89,8				
600	19,5	32,9	47,8	63,8	80,8	98,6				
685	21,6	36,6	53,3	71,2	90,2	110,2				
700	22,0	37,3	54,2	72,5	91,8	112,2				
800	24,5	41,6	60,6	81,1	102,8	125,8				
835	25,4	43,1	62,8	84,1	106,7	130,5				
900	27,0	45,9	67,0	89,7	113,9	139,3				

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	W/sect.	W/sect.	W/sect.	W/sect.	W/sect.	W/sect.					
935	27,9	47,5	69,2	92,7	117,7	144,0					
1000	29,6	50,3	73,4	98,3	124,9	152,8					
1135	33,0	56,2	82,0	110,0	139,8	171,2					
1200	34,6	59,9	87,5	115,7	149,3	182,8					
1400	39,7	67,9	99,2	133,3	169,6	207,9					
1435	40,7	69,5	101,6	136,4	173,5	212,7					
1600	45,1	77,1	112,6	151,2	192,3	235,6					
1735	48,9	83,4	121,8	163,4	207,8	254,6					
1800	50,7	86,4	126,3	169,4	215,4	263,9					
1935	54,5	92,9	135,7	181,9	231,3	283,3					
2000	56,4	96,1	140,2	188,1	239,0	292,7					

Mass water flow

After sizing the radiator the required water flow can be computed

$$\Phi(\Delta\theta_a) = \Phi_n \cdot \left(\frac{\Delta\theta}{\Delta\theta_n}\right)^n = \dot{m} \cdot c \cdot \Delta\theta_{mr}$$

con

- \dot{m} mass water flow(water or additivate water).
- c specific heat capacity (4,187 kJ/kgK for water)
- $\Delta heta$ inlet and outlet temperature difference $\Delta heta_{mr} = heta_{\it i} heta_{\it r}$.

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water mass flow

Once computed the mass flow the piping can be sized using specified velocities which depend on:

- pressur losses
- noise
- corrosion
- air

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recommended water velocity

1.5 - 2.5

Recommended	Recommended velocity (m/s) for hot and chilled water networks								
	pipes main	pipes secondary	branches to heating bodies						
steel pipes	1.5 - 2.5	0.5 - 1.5	0.2 - 0.7						
copper pipes	0.9 - 1.2	0.5 - 0.9	0.2 - 0.5						

0.5 - 1.5

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0.2 - 0.7

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plastic pipes

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Types of fluid flow

laminar flow

- regular flow
- low velocities
- low pressure drops or head loss
- reduced heat exchange

turbulent flow

- high velocities
- chaotic motion
- high pressure drops and strong heat exchange

dimensionless groups

Reynolds number

- heat exchanges and pressure drops are computed using correlations
- Re fundamental parameter for calculating flow type
- ratio between inertial forces and viscous forces
- for each geometry determines whether the motion is laminar or turbulent

$$Re = \frac{\rho \cdot u \cdot \cancel{L}^{2} \cdot \cancel{\mu}}{\mu \cdot \cancel{\mu}/L \cdot \cancel{L}^{2}} = \frac{\rho \cdot u \cdot L}{\mu}$$

- *u* speed
- ρ density
- μ dynamic viscosity kg/(m s)
- laminar flow Re < 2000 in round ducts and pipes.
- transition 2000 ≤ *Re* < 4000
- turbulent 4000 ≤ Re

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Steady Flow Energy Equation

relationship between pressure and velocity in a duct

$$(p_2 - p_1) + \frac{1}{2}\rho \cdot (u_2^2 - u_1^2) + g \cdot \rho \cdot (z_2 - z_1) + \Delta p_l = 0$$

- *u* velocity
- p pressure
- z elevation
- Δp_l pressure loss

Steady Flow Energy Equation

total pressure

$$P_t = p + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \rho \cdot u^2$$

$$P_{t,1} - P_{t,2} = \rho \cdot g \cdot (z_2 - z_1) + \Delta p_I$$

- the pressure difference between inlet and outlet depends on head losses and height difference
- the formula is valid for closed-circuit and open-circuit systems
- for closed-circuit systems the elevation head term disappears
- Δp_l takes into account the losses along the pipe and fittings discontinuities

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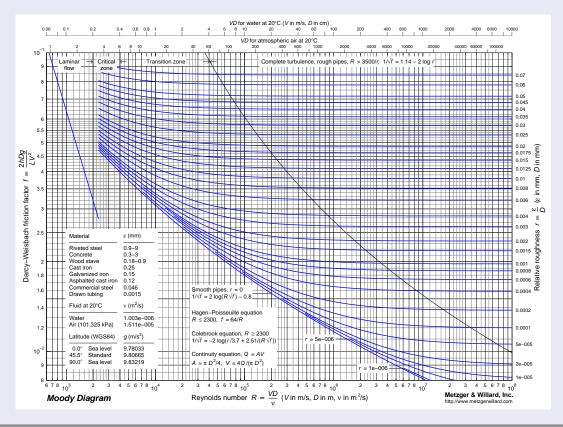
pressure loss

Friction Factor

$$\frac{\Delta p}{L} = r = F_a \frac{1}{D} \rho \frac{v^2}{2}$$

- r [Pa/m] pressure drop per unit length $\frac{\Delta p}{I}$
- L length of the duct
- D diameter of the duct
- ρ density of the fluid
- v velocity of the fluid
- F_a friction factor
- pressure drops are proportional to the square of the velocity of the fluid
- depend on the flow regime, laminar or turbulent
- can be calculated with diagrams or formulas

Moody diagram



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f and Re

• laminar flow f is affected mainly by the viscous force of the fluid flow is a function of Re only.

$$f = \frac{64}{Re}$$

• smooth tube Re > 4000 surface roughness submerged in laminar sublayer, f decreases vith Re

$$f = \frac{0.316}{Re^{0.25}}$$

- with an increase of *Re* laminar becomes thinner than roughness. *f* increases
- if $Re > Rouse \ limit \ f$ depends on relative roughness ϵ/D only

friction factor

can be obtained with Colebrook equation:

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{F_a}} = -2 \cdot log\left(\frac{k}{3,7 \cdot D} + \frac{2,51}{Re\sqrt{F_a}}\right)$$

where

k absolute roughness

Re Reynolds number

- implicit formulation
- difficult to be used for computing head losses
- other formulas are available in explicit form

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Absolute roughness

low roughness

$$0.002 < k < 0.007$$
 mm

- copper
- plastic water pipe

medium roughness

$$0.02 < k < 0.09 \text{ mm}$$

- steel
- galvanized steel

high roughness

$$0.2 < k < 1.0 \text{ mm}$$

- scaled steel
- corroded steel
- concrete

Alternative formulas

Swamee-Jain

$$F_a = 0.25 \cdot \left[log \left(\frac{k/D}{3.7} + \frac{5.74}{Re^{0.9}} \right) \right]^{-2}$$

Haaland

$$\frac{1}{F_a} = -1.8 \cdot log \left[\left(\frac{k/D}{3.7} \right)^{1.11} + \frac{6.9}{Re} \right]$$

Atsui-saal

$$f^* = 0.11 \cdot \left(\frac{k}{D} + \frac{68}{Re}\right)^{0.25}$$

$$f^* > 0.018$$
 $F_a = f^*$
 $f^* < 0.018$ $F_a = 0.85 \cdot f^* + 0.0028$

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simplified formulas

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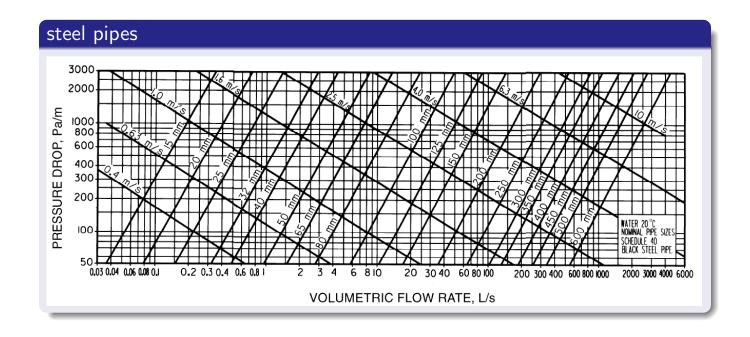
practical formulas for F_a with different tube material low roughness $2\mu m < k < 7\mu m$ (Cu, PE)

$$F_a = 0,316 \ Re^{-0,25}$$

medium roughness $20\mu m < k < 90\mu m$ (acciaio)

$$F_a = 0.07 Re^{-0.13} D^{-0.14}$$

high roughness 0,2mm < k < 1mm Colebrook equation or alternatives



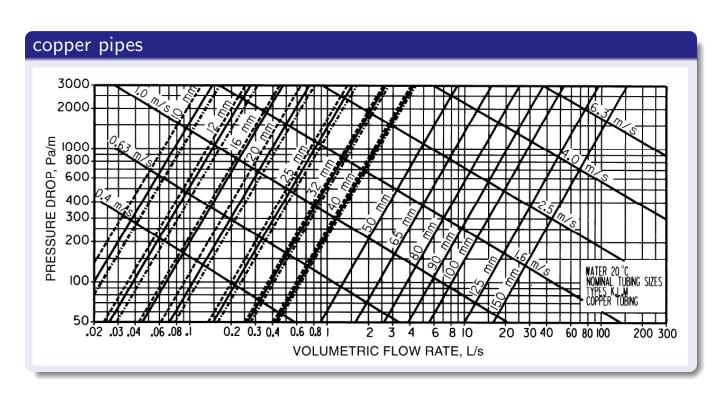
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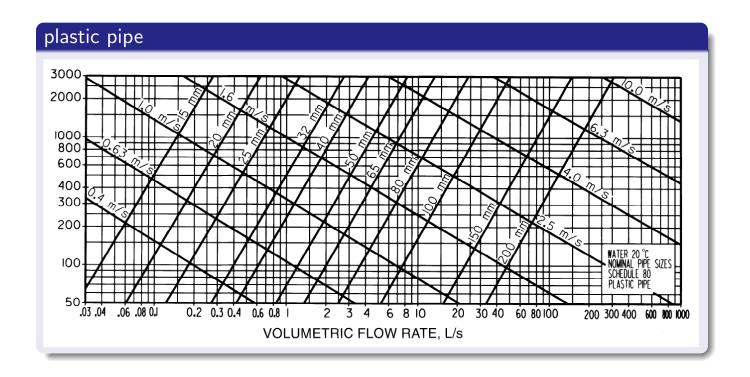
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Friction chart from ASHRAE





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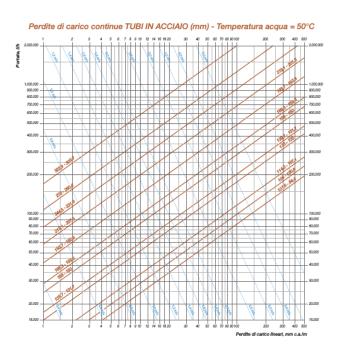
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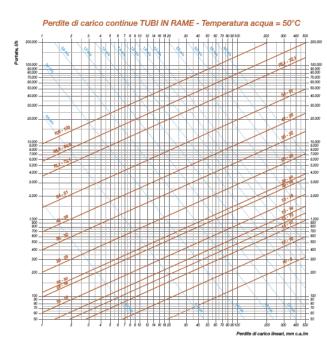
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Friction chart

from Caleffi





pipe fitting losses

- circuits with bends fittings valves
- resistance coefficients are introduced

Computing methods

- direct
- equivalent length
- kv factors kv and kv₀₀₁

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direct method

pressure loss in fittings

$$z = \xi \cdot \rho \cdot \frac{u^2}{2}$$

ξ loss coefficient

total pressure loss

$$\Delta z = L \cdot r + (\sum \xi) \cdot \rho \cdot \frac{u^2}{2}$$

typical pressure loss coefficients

quaderni caleffi

Diametro interno tubi rame	, PEad, PEX	8+16 mm	18+28 mm	30+54 mm	>54 mm	
Diametro esterno	tubi acciaio	3/8"+1/2"	3/4"+1"	1 1/4"+2"	>2"	
Tipo di resistenza localizzata	Simbolo					
Curva stretta a 90° r/d = 1,5		2,0	1,5	1,0	0,8	
Curva normale a 90° r/d = 2,5		1,5	1,0	0,5	0,4	
Curva larga a 90° r/d > 3,5		1,0	0,5	0,3	0,3	
Curva stretta a U r/d = 1,5		2,5	2,0	1,5	1,0	
Curva normale a U r/d = 2,5		2,0	1,5	0,8	0,5	
Curva larga a U r/d > 3,5		1,5	0,8	0,4	0,4	
Allargamento			1	,0		
Restringimento			0	,5		
Diramazione semplice con T a squadra	=		1	,0		
Confluenza semplice con T a squadra	$\overline{}$		1	,0		
Diramazione doppia con T a squadra	-		3	,0		
Confluenza doppia con T a squadra	\rightarrow	3,0				
Diramazione semplice con angolo inclinato (45°-60°)	$\overline{}$	0,5				
Confluenza semplice con angolo inclinato (45°- 60°)	=		0	,5		
Diramazione con curve d'invito	~~	2,0				
Confluenza con curve d'invito	\sim		2	,0		

Diametro interno tubi rame	, PEad, PEX	8+16 mm	18÷28 mm	30+54 mm	>54 mm
Diametro esterno	tubi acciaio	3/8"+1/2"	3/4"+1"	1 1/4"÷2"	>2"
Tipo di resistenza localizzata	Simbolo				
Valvola di intercettazione diritta	- ₩-	10,0	8,0	7,0	6,0
Valvola di intercettazione inclinata	->>-	5,0	4,0	3,0	3,0
Saracinesca a passaggio ridotto	-1201-	1,2	1,0	0,8	0,6
Saracinesca a passaggio totale	-1261-	0,2	0,2	0,1	0,1
Valvola a sfera a passaggio ridotto	-0xx1-	1,6	1,0	0,8	0,6
Valvola a sfera a passaggio totale	-0xx1-	0,2	0,2	0,1	0,1
Valvola a farfalla	⊣~ ⊢	3,5	2,0	1,5	1,0
Valvola a ritegno	4	3,0	2,0	1,0	1,0
Valvola per corpo scaldante tipo diritto	-6-	8,5	7,0	6,0	10-00-0
Valvola per corpo scaldante tipo a squadra	− ₹	4,0	4,0	3,0	7.
Detentore diritto	− ₽−	1,5	1,5	1,0	_^
Detentore a squadra	− ₹	1,0	1,0	0,5	(22)
Valvola a quattro vie	- 	6,0		4,0	
Valvola a tre vie	-&-	10,0		8,0	
Passaggio attraverso un radiatore			3	,0	
Passaggio attraverso una caldaia			3	.0	

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equivalent length

virtual length of pipe

$$L_{tot} = L + \sum L_{E}$$

Ltot virtual length of pipe

L real length of pipe

L_E equivalent length

total pressure losse

$$\Delta z = L_{tot} \cdot r$$

equivalence

direct method

$$\Delta p_c = \xi \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \rho \cdot u^2$$

$$\Delta p_c = r \cdot L_E$$

$$r = \xi \cdot \frac{\rho \cdot u^2}{2 \cdot D}$$

$$L_E = \frac{\xi \cdot D}{F_A}$$

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pressure loss in valves

Flow coefficient K_{ν}

$$G = K_{\nu} \sqrt{\Delta p}$$
 $G [\text{m}^3/\text{h}]; \Delta p [\text{bar}]$

for reduced flow rates and pressures $K_{v0.01}$

$$G = K_{v0,01} \sqrt{\Delta p \cdot 100}$$
 $G [l/h]; \Delta p [bar]$

 K_{ν} volumetric flow rate in m^3/h obtained with $\Delta p = 1~\mathrm{bar}$. $K_{\nu 0,01}$ volumetric flow rate in $\mathrm{l/h}$ with $\Delta p = 0,01~\mathrm{bar}$.

imperial units

Flow coefficient C_v

$$G=C_{v}\sqrt{\Delta p}$$
 $G \ [\mathrm{GPM}]; \ \Delta p \ [\mathrm{psi}]$

 C_{ν} volumetric flow rate in gpm obtained with $\Delta p = 1 \text{ psi.}$

gpm gallon per minute

psi pounds square inch, 1 psi =6894.8 Pa

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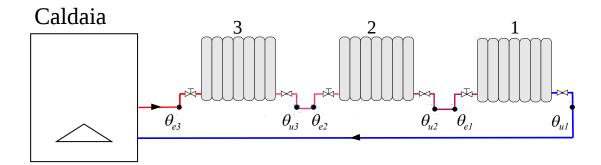
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pipe layout

There are several ways to connect heating terminals to the generator: for domestic plants, 3 layouts are mainly used:

- one pipe
- two pipes
- manifold, dual distribution manifolds (also calle "modul")

one pipe distribution



Temperature

$$\begin{array}{lll} \Delta\theta_{a3} &=& \left(\theta_{e3}+\theta_{u3}\right)/2-\theta_{aria} \\ \Delta\theta_{a2} &=& \left(\theta_{e2}+\theta_{u2}\right)/2-\theta_{aria} \\ \Delta\theta_{a1} &=& \left(\theta_{e1}+\theta_{u1}\right)/2-\theta_{aria} \\ \Delta\theta_{a3} &>& \Delta\theta_{a2}>\Delta\theta_{a1} \end{array}$$

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one pipe distribution

Characteristics

- low installation cost
- requires special attention in connecting radiators
- four way valves or bypass
- temperature drop computed on the whole ring
- the temperature of the radiator changes along the ring
- requires high flow rates to minimize the temperature differences

- il bypass allows the fluid to pass over each radiator
- two flows, one in the radiator and the other in the bypass





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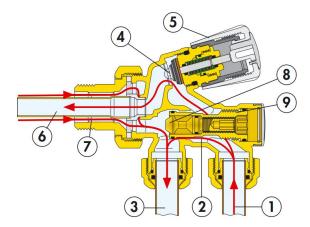
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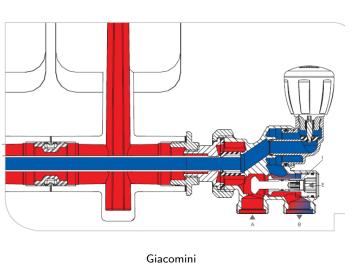
four way valve

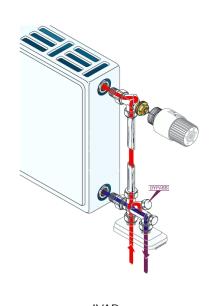
- allows to regulate the flow inside the radiator.
- again twou flows can be identified, one in the radiator and the other in the bypass of the valve.



from Caleffi

four way valve





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pipe sizing

each circuit is analyzed at once:

• heat Φ_A heat exchanged along the whole ring it is the sum of the heat exchanged by each Φ_T heat emitter (radiator or fan coil).

$$\Phi_A = \sum_J \Phi_T$$

- 2 selection of $\Delta\theta_A$, temperature difference, between 10 and 15 K.
- **3** compute mass flow rate, G_A :

$$G_A = \frac{\Phi_A}{c \cdot \Delta \theta_A}$$

with the mass or volumetric flow rate select pipe diameters

pressure loss

once sized the pipes compute totale loss:

$$\Delta p_A = r_A \cdot L_A + \sum_i \Delta p_i + \sum_j \xi_j \cdot \rho \cdot \frac{v_A^2}{2}$$

 Δp_A total loss of the ring

r_A pressure loss for unit length

L_A pipe length of ring

 Δp_i pressure loss for each emitter

 ξ_i pressure loss coefficient

v_A fluid velocity

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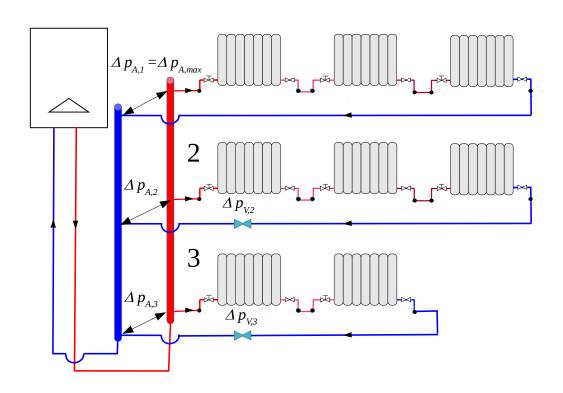
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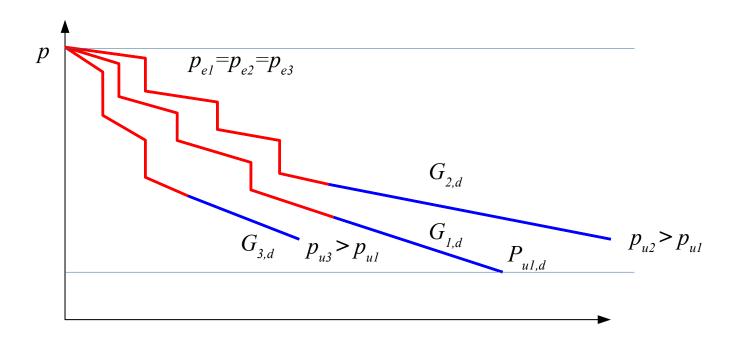
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layout with additional circuits



One pipe circuits in parallel

Design pressure distribution



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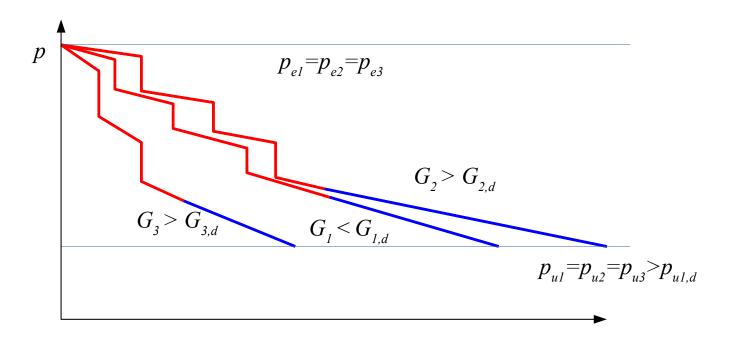
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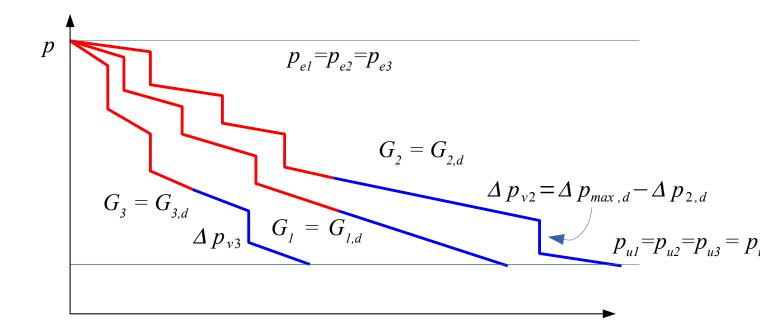
One pipe circuits in parallel

Design pressure distribution



One pipe circuits in parallel

Design pressure distribution, with additional balancing valves



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Sizing different rings in parallel

- pressure losses are different for each ring:
- ullet Additional pressure loss ΔP_V for the rings with lower pressure loss

$$\Delta p_{V,i} = \Delta p_{A,max} - \Delta p_{A,i}$$

ullet compute the k_{v} or the k_{v001} of the balancing valve

$$K_{V,i} = \frac{G_i}{\sqrt{\Delta P_{V,i}}}$$

 Without valves, the fluid flow is large in the rings with lower pressure loss.

Change of flow rate with different pressures

Simple formula for computing the flow rate with different pressure losses

$$r = \frac{\Delta p}{L} = F_a \frac{1}{D} \rho \frac{u^2}{2}$$

tubi di media scabrezza

$$F_a=0,07~Re^{-0,13}~D^{-0,14}\sim u^{-0,13}$$

$$\Delta p\sim u^{1,87}$$

$$G\sim u\sim \Delta p^{\frac{1}{1,87}}$$

$$G'=G\left(\frac{\Delta p'}{\Delta p}\right)^{\left(\frac{1}{1,87}\right)}$$

considering possible fittings

$$G' = G\left(\frac{\Delta p'}{\Delta p}\right)^{0.525}$$

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Two pipe systems

Direct Return

- classical distribution
- used togheter with other distribution systems
- layout requires balancing of flow rtes
- heat emitters near the generator are subjected to higher pressures diffeneces
- balancing valves are required

reverse return

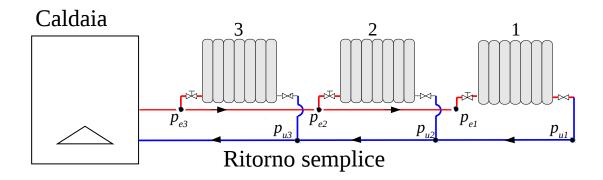
- classical distribution
- used togheter with other distribution systems
- In a reverse-return system, the piping lengths for each branch circuit, including the main and branch pipes, are almost equal
- pressure difference is almost constant
- higher pipe length, cost and space problems

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two pipes direct return



differential pressure

$$egin{align}
ho_{e3} > &
ho_{e2} & >
ho_{e1} \
ho_{u3} < &
ho_{u2} & <
ho_{u1} \
ho_{d2} = (
ho_{e3} -
ho_{u3}) > \Delta
ho_2 = (
ho_{e2} -
ho_{u2}) > \Delta
ho_1 = (
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ho_{d2} = (
ho_{e2} -
ho_{u2}) > \Delta
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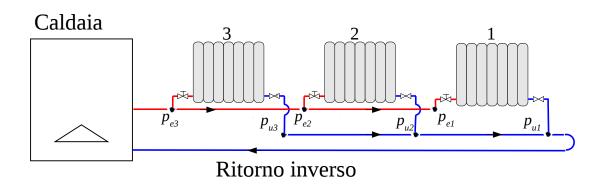
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two pipes reverse return



available differential pressure

$$p_{e3} > p_{e2} > p_{e1}$$

 $p_{u3} > p_{u2} > p_{u1}$

$$\Delta p_3 = (p_{e3} - p_{u3}) \simeq \Delta p_2 = (p_{e2} - p_{u2}) \simeq \Delta p_1 = (p_{e1} - p_{u1})$$

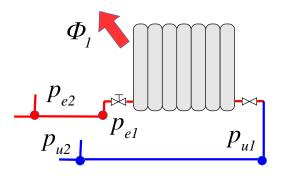
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sizing and balancing

first terminal

- compute flow rate and pipe diameter
- 2 size the terminal computing design pressure lossess $\Delta p_{1,d}$

$$G_1 = \frac{\Phi_1}{c_l \cdot (\theta_{e1} - \theta_{u1})}$$
$$\Delta p_1 = r_1 \cdot L_1 + \sum_j \xi_{1,j} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \rho \cdot u_1^2$$



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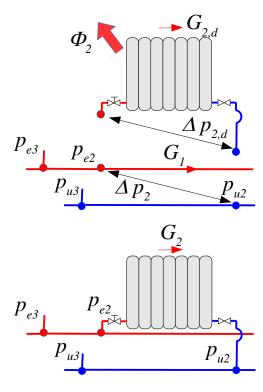
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second terminal

- 1 compute available pressure difference
- 2 size the terminal computing the design pressure loss $\Delta p_{2,d}$
- 3 balnce the system using the available pressure difference Δp
- 4 if the new flow rate is too large, add an additional pressure loss $\Delta p_{v,2}$

$$\Delta p_2 = \Delta p_1 + r_{21} \cdot L_{21} + \sum_j \xi_{21,j} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \rho \cdot u_{21}^2$$
 $G_2 = G_{d,2} \cdot \left(\frac{\Delta p_2}{\Delta p_{d,2}}\right)^{0.525}$
 $\Delta p_{v,2} = \Delta p_2 - \Delta p_{2,d}$



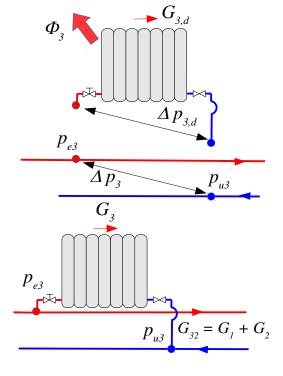
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sizing and balancing

third terminal

- compute flow rate as the sum of the one of the two previous terminals
- 2 size pipe diameter using the pressure loss Δp_3
- 3 size the terminal and compute the design pressure loss $\Delta p_{3,d}$
- 4 balance the flow rate using the available pressure Δp_3
- 5 add a pressure loss if the fow rate is too large $\Delta p_{V,3}$

$$G_{32} = G_1 + G_2$$
 $\Delta p_3 = \Delta p_2 + r_{32} \cdot L_{32} + \sum_j \xi_{32,j} \cdot rac{1}{2} \cdot \rho \cdot u_{32}^2$ $G_3 = G_{d,3} \cdot \left(rac{\Delta p_2}{\Delta p_{3,2}}
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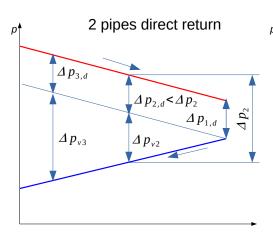
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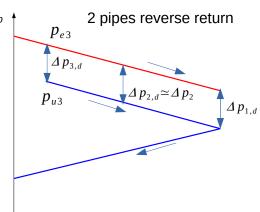
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two pipes direct and reverse return





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Caratteristiche

- used in new installations
- terminals connected in parallel
- sizing similar to the two pipes system
- requires balancing for correct function

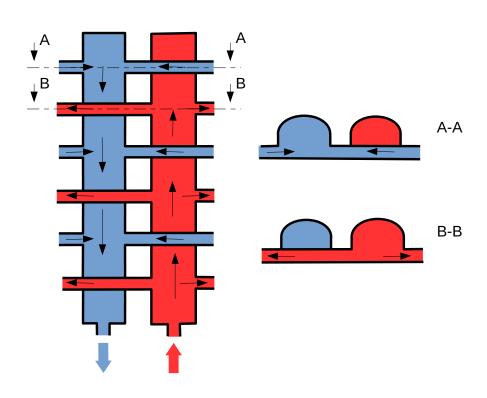
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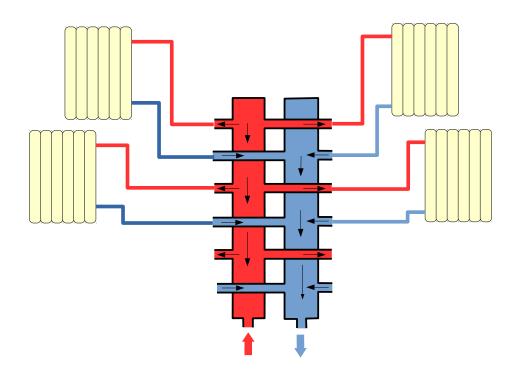
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Plant system



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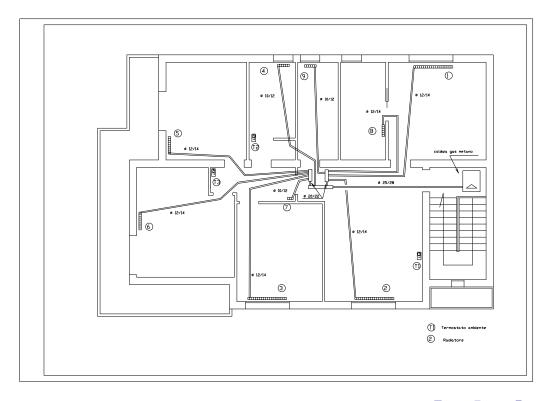
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Cco-planar manifold

example



co-planar manifold



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co-planar manifold

fixed pipe diameter

- Pipe diameter is fixed
- each terminal must be balanced
- different flow rates and different temperature differences
- size the terminals using the mean temperature difference

sizing with predefined diameter and temperature difference

- set pipe diameter
- balance each terminal
- compute the additional pressure loss
- the pressure loss can be obtained with a different pipe diameter

Radiator valves and lockshields

- Radiators are equipped with valves and lockshield
- lockshield can be used to balance water rings
- radiator valves can be either manual or with thermostatic control heads

manual control

- the position of an obturator sets the pressure loss
- they are used to open or close a circuit, it is not possible to control the temperature

thermostatic control

- the opening of the obturator is controlled by a thermostatic head
- when the room temporature approaches the set value the obturator closes
- this can lead to unbalanced plants

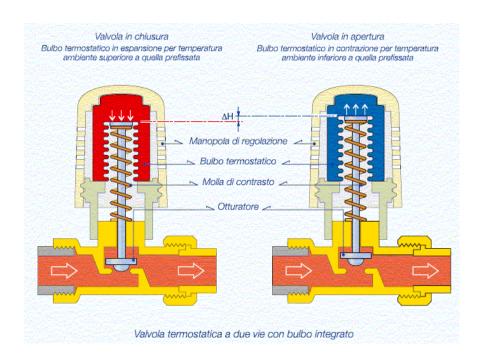
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Thermostatic valve head

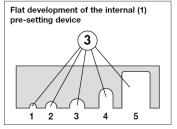


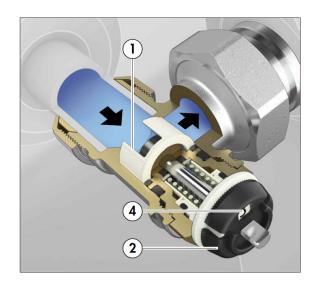
Operating principle

The convertible radiator valves are equipped with an internal device (1) for pre-setting the head loss hydraulic characteristics. Specific passage cross sections (3) can be selected by means of the control nut (2), in order to generate the required resistance to the motion of the medium.

Each passage cross section determines a specific Kv value for the creation of the head loss, which corresponds to a setting position

on a graduated scale (4). Depending on the position in the system, the valve can be pre-setted so as to obtain an immediate balancing of the hydraulic circuit, valid for both manual and thermostatic operation.





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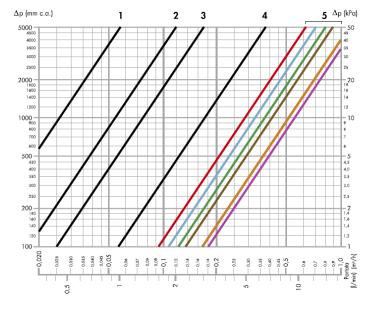
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Characteristic pressure loss diagram

Manual control

Valvole termostatizzabili preregolabili con manopola manuale



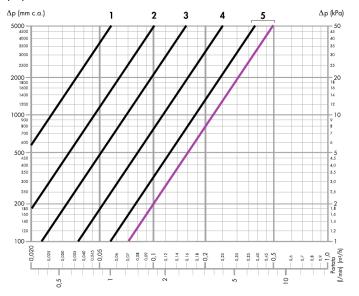
			Kvs (m³/h)						
		3/8" squadra	3/8" diritta	1/2" squadra	1/2" diritta	3/4" squadra	3/4" diritta		
	1	0,08	0,08	0,08	0,09	0,12	0,12		
olazione	2	0,17	0,17	0,17	0,19	0,22	0,22		
Posizione di preregolazione	3	0,25	0,25	0,25	0,27	0,41	0,41		
Posizione	4	0,55	0,55	0,55	0,56	0,95	0,93		
	5	1,30	0,90	1,40	1,00	1,80	1,70		

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Characteristic pressure loss diagram

Thermostatic control

Valvole termostatizzabili preregolabili con comando termostatico banda proporzionale 2K



		Kv (m³/h) (Banda proporzionale 2K)**						
		3/8" squadra	3/8" diritta	1/2" squadra	1/2" diritta	3/4" squadra	3/4" diritta	
	1	0,08	0,08	0,09	0,09	0,12	0,12	
olazione	2	0,15	0,15	0,16	0,16	0,20	0,20	
Posizione di preregolazione	3	0,22	0,22	0,23	0,23	0,32	0,32	
Posizione	4	0,35	0,35	0,36	0,36	0,50	0,50	
	5	0,50	0,50	0,55	0,55	0,72	0,72	

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Sizing with predefined pipe diameter and temperature difference

procedure

- for each circuit compute the flow rate
- 2 define pipe diameter and fluid velocity u_i
- 3 compute pressure losses, do not consider the pressure loss of valves
- with preset valves, add the pressure loss with full open valve
- for each circuit determine the required pressure loss
- of find the set position of the valve

Sizing with predefined pipe diameter and temperature difference

procedure

- $u_j = \frac{G_j \cdot 4}{d_i^2 \cdot \pi} \text{ fluid velocity}$
- **3** $\Delta p_{c,j} = r_j \cdot L_j + \sum_k \frac{1}{2} \cdot \rho \cdot u_i^2$ circuit pressure loss
- $oldsymbol{\Phi} \Delta p_{tot,max} = \Delta p_{c,max} + \Delta p_V$ maximum pressure loss
- **6** $k_{V,j} = \frac{G_j}{\sqrt{\Delta p_{V,j}}}$ using a diagram $\Delta p_{V,j}$

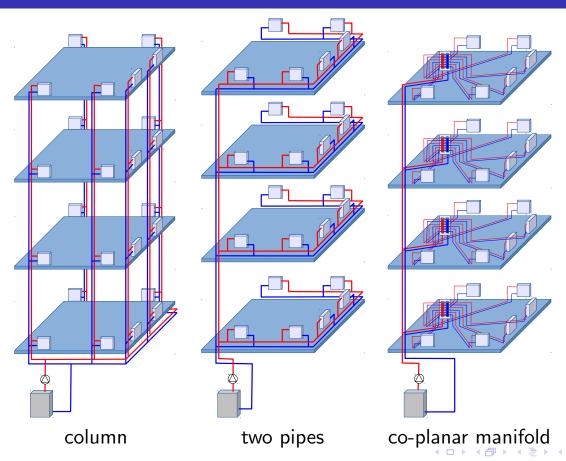
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Vertical distribution plants



radiant systems

Inlet temperature for heating $30 \div 45^{\circ} C$, Can be used for cooling during summer season Can be installed in:

floor for heating and cooling, the preferred solution in domestic homes.

wall heating and cooling, furniture problems

ceiling ideal solution for cooling

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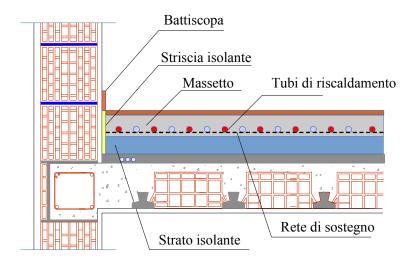
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heated floor

- pipes enbedded in concrete slab.
- pipes in plastic material must be fixed during installation
 - metal net with clips
 - on preformed insulation material







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heated floors

Manifold



