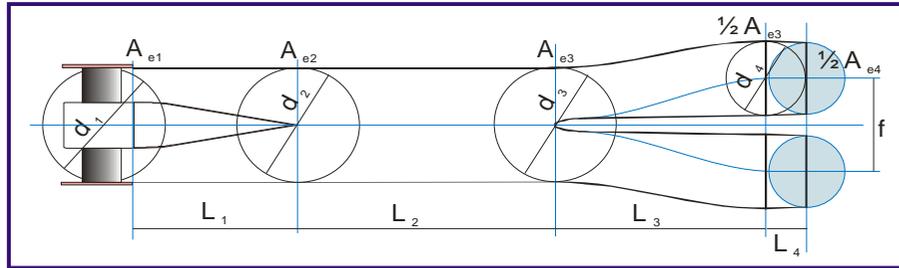


Drag and Loss calculation for extension piping in EDF installations



The picture above shows the principal lay-out and dimensional parameters, which can be accommodated in the calculation. The air flow is from left to right. On the left is the exit from the fan, followed by a section which either reduces the pipe diameter or the air flow velocity, depending on the ratio of d_1 to d_2 . The length of this section is L_1 . L_2 is basically a straight duct, which follows L_1 and leads to the exit nozzle. L_3 is the length of a bifurcated section if this is required. The cross section areas are designated with A_1 to A_4 and the appropriate diameters with d_1 to d_4 . The individual dimensions of the parameters must be inserted in the green fields. Dimensions are given in metric. A very important factor in the calculations is the static thrust of the EDF, measured in the basic condition, i.e. without any extension or thrust tube. A_1 is the area of the fan annulus (FSA) which is provided by the manufacturer. The other areas are derived from the chosen diameters or "equivalent".

$A_{e1} = 94 \text{ cm}^2$ $d_1 = 120 \text{ mm}$ $L_1 = 160 \text{ mm}$
 $A_{e2} = 113.1 \text{ cm}^2$ $d_2 = 120 \text{ mm}$ $L_2 = 450 \text{ mm}$
 $A_{e3} = 113.1 \text{ cm}^2$ $d_3 = 120 \text{ mm}$ $L_3 = 220 \text{ mm}$
 $A_{e4} = 78.5 \text{ cm}^2$ $d_4 = 100 \text{ mm}$ $L_4 = 50 \text{ mm}$

$1/2 A_{e3} = 47 \text{ cm}^2$ $d (1/2 A_{e3}) = 77.4 \text{ mm}$ **for bifurcated duct only**

static thrust = 50 N Velocity pressure $A_{e1} = 5319.1 \text{ Pa [N/m}^2]$ Velocity = 94.2 m/s

Losses in this context are calculated as pressure losses in the air flow caused by friction and flow separation as well as conversions of velocity into static pressure and visa versa.

The first step is the calculation of the losses of the pipe section which follows immediately after the fan housing. One can either reduce the diameter of the pipe to conserve the same cross section area as the fan annulus, which usually results in the minimum of losses. Keeping the same diameter over the whole pipe length constitutes a diffusion of the air flow and causes a loss of pressure as shown below. If A_{e1} and A_{e2} are of the same value the diffusion factor below will be 1.

Diffusion factor = $A_{e1}/A_{e2} = 1.20$ Velocity in $A_{e2} = 78.1 \text{ m/s}$ Velocity pressure = $3662.3 \text{ Pa [N/m}^2]$
 Diffusion static pressure rise = $1656.8 \text{ Pa [N/m}^2]$ Diff.n loss = $331.4 \text{ Pa [N/m}^2]$

Friction loss for diffuser = $177.3 \text{ Pa [N/m}^2]$ Re-No.: = 656270 Lambda from table = 0.015

Friction loss for main pipe = $343.3 \text{ Pa [N/m}^2]$ Re-No.: = 656270 Lambda from table = 0.015

Flow division loss = 58.6 Pa [N/m²] "zeta" division= 0.016

Friction loss for bifurcated ducts = 434.2 Pa [N/m²] Re-No.: = 466460 Lambda from table = 0.017

Total pressure loss for exhaust ducting with straight pipe and bifurcation = 1344.8 Pa [N/m²]
Remaining total pressure for velocity conversion = 3974.3 Pa [N/m²]
Maximum possible exit velocity = 81.4 m/s
Contraction ratio (max pipe cross section to nozzles) = 0.96

Static thrust after loss deductions (for the same power input as without duct!) 43.1 N

In this case the static thrust loss is around 14%. To regain the same thrust as without duct a power increase of around 20% is required

