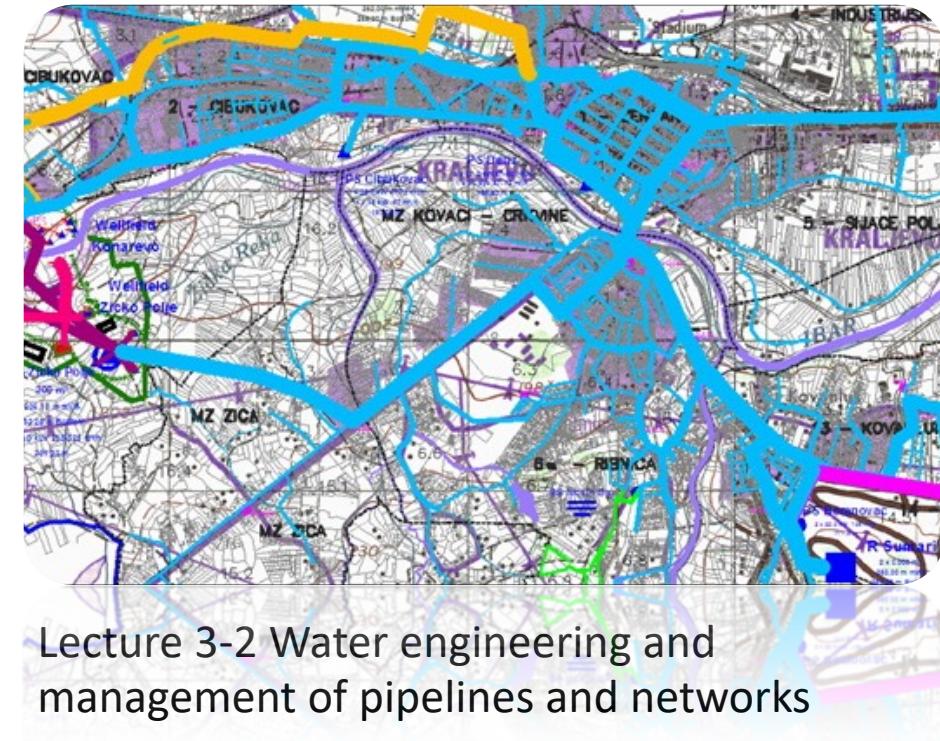


# Water Resources Engineering and Management

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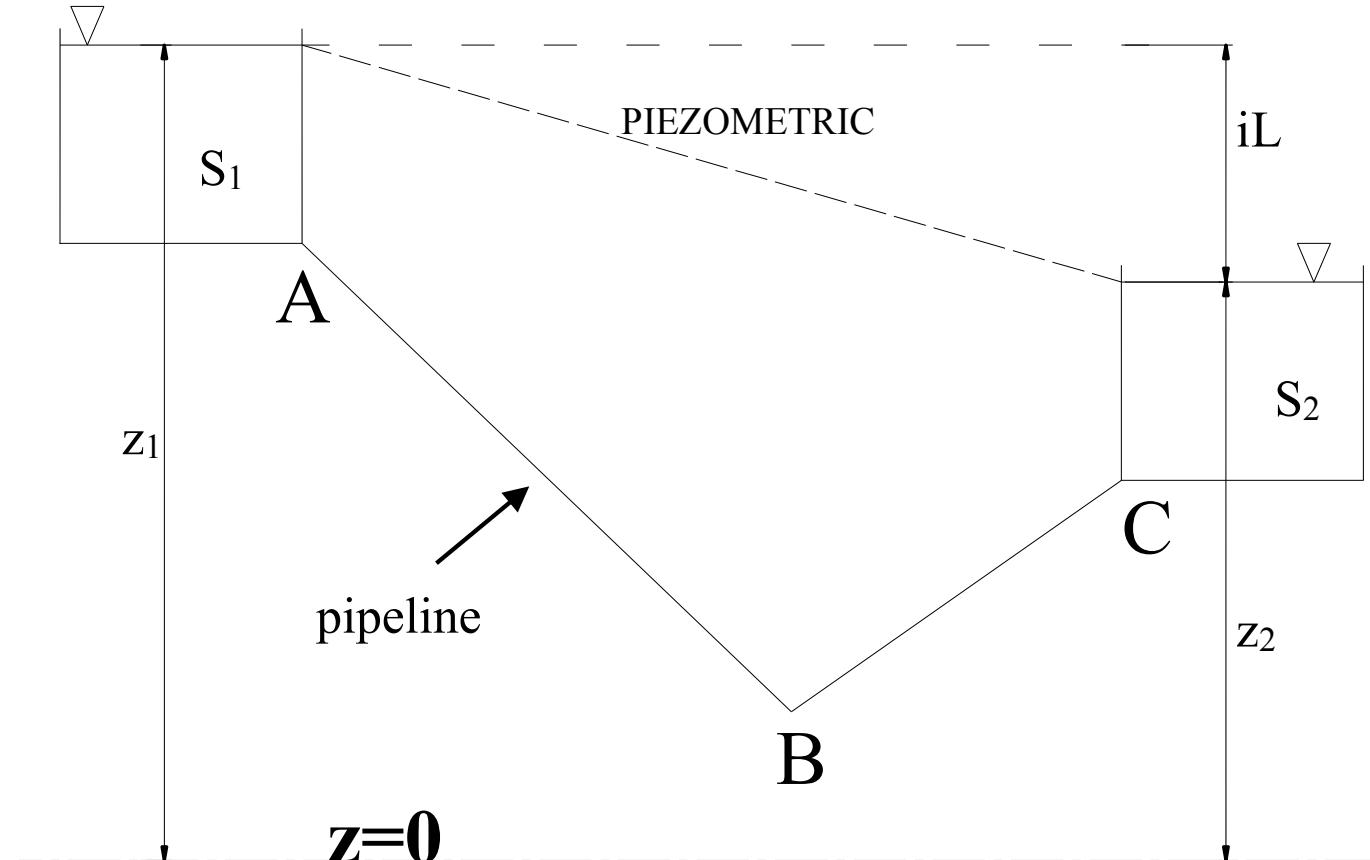
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Lecture 3-2 Water engineering and  
management of pipelines and networks

# Water engineering: hydraulic design and verification of pipelines

The 'used pipes' criterion for pipelines design

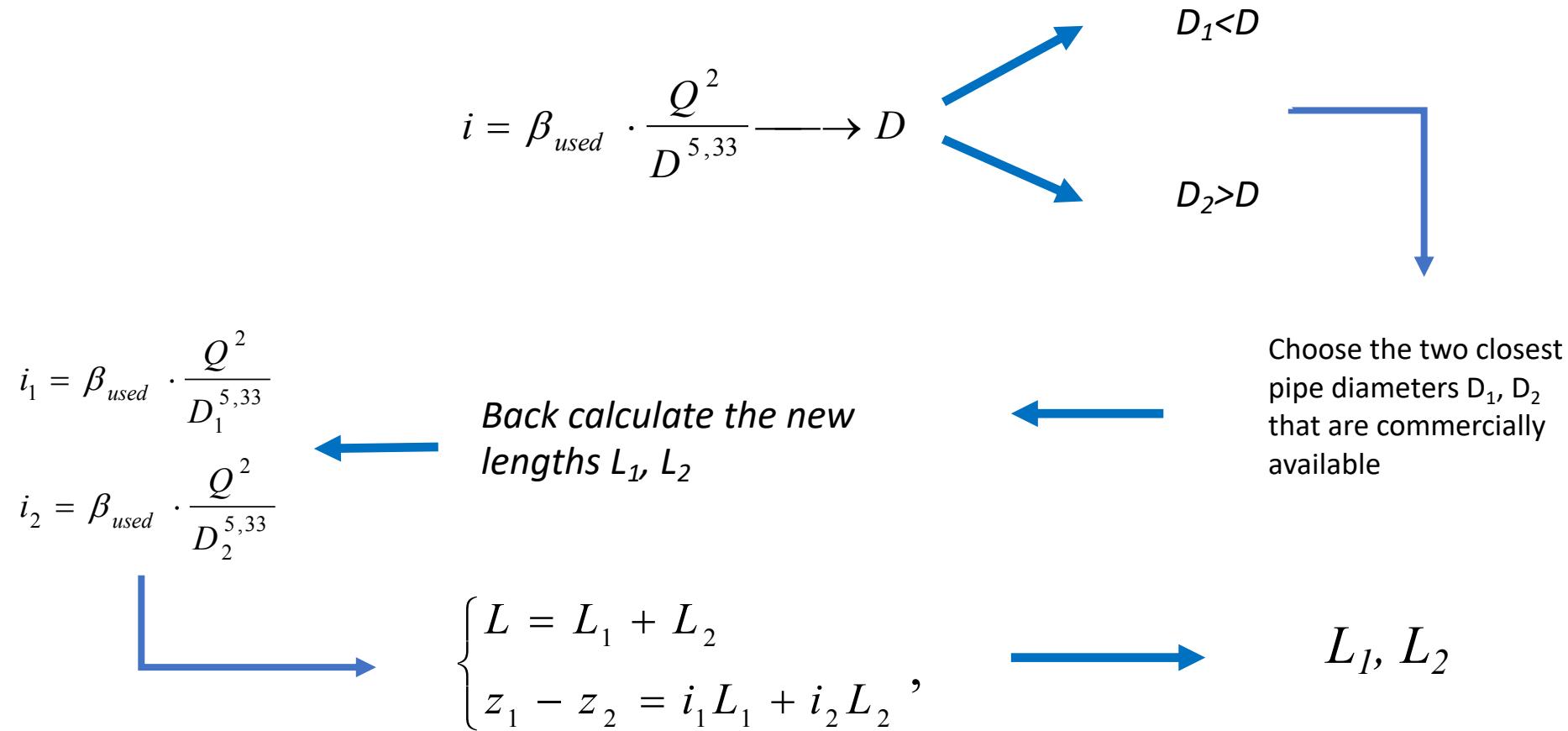


Energy balance equation

$$z_1 - z_2 = iL$$

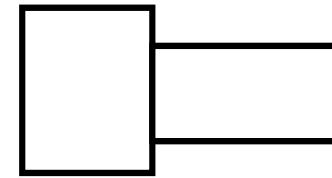
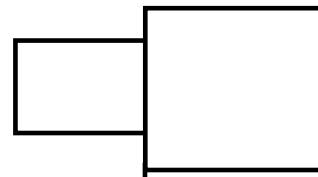
$$z_1 - z_2 = \beta' \frac{Q^2}{D^{5.33}} L$$

The diameter  $D$  is therefore



NOTE: since we are dealing with pipe hydraulically long the local head loss due to the discontinuity in presence of the different diameters, is not considered.

We must decide about the arrangement of the two reaches. Each solution has both advantages and disadvantages.



CASE 1. First  $L_1 D_1$  and then  $L_2 D_2$  (Figure 4.2)

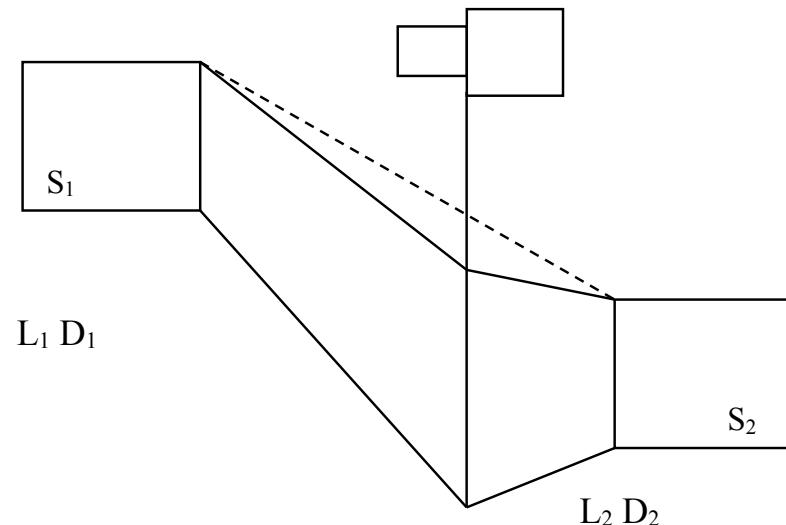


Figure 4.2

CASE 2. First  $L_2 D_2$  and then  $L_1 D_1$  (Figure 4.3)

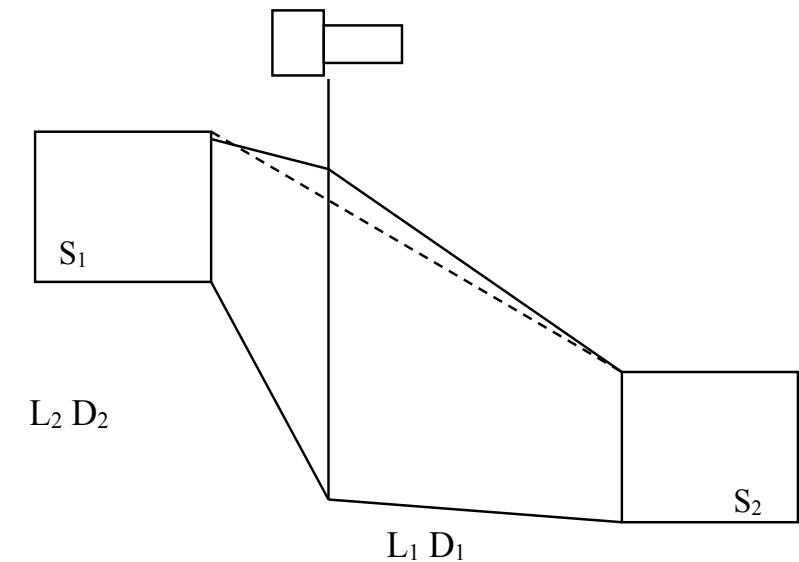
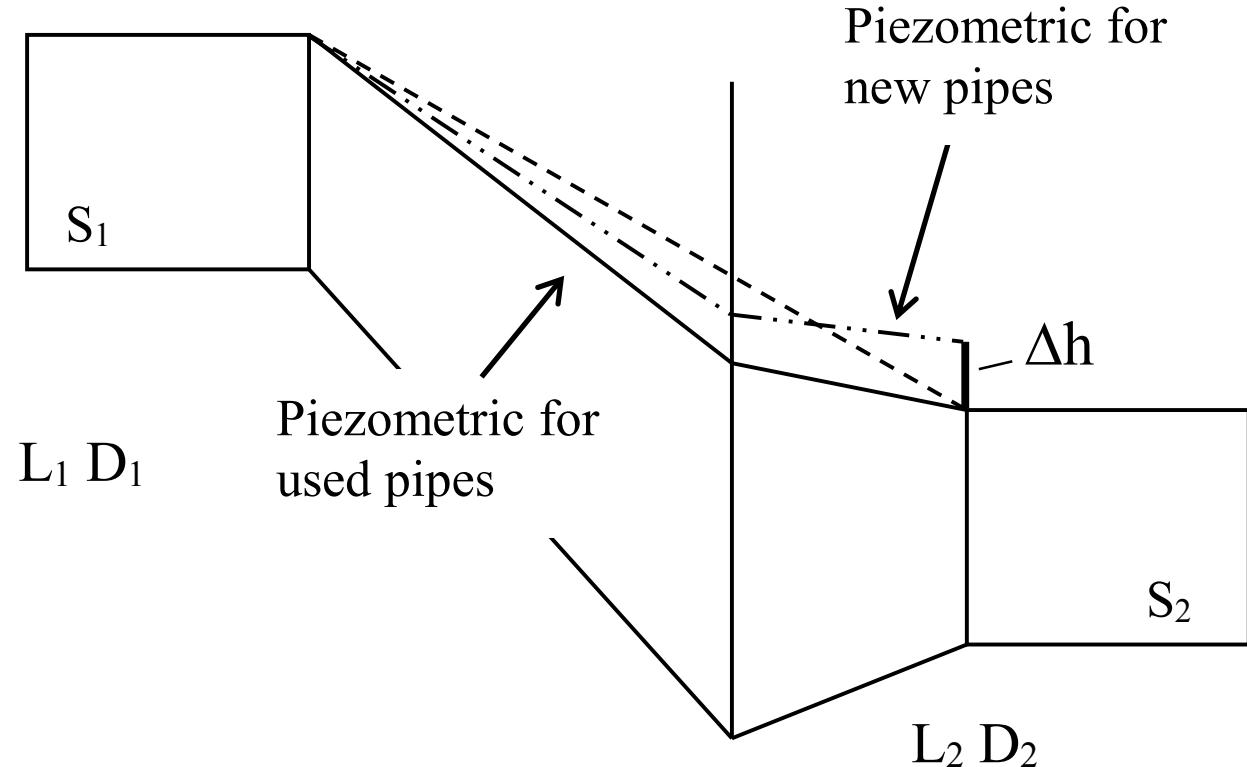


Figure 4.3

# Hydraulic management of the pipeline

New versus Old (worn out) pipe hydraulic grade line



$$\Delta z = \Delta h + iL = \Delta h + i_{1N} L_1 + i_{2N} L_2 ,$$

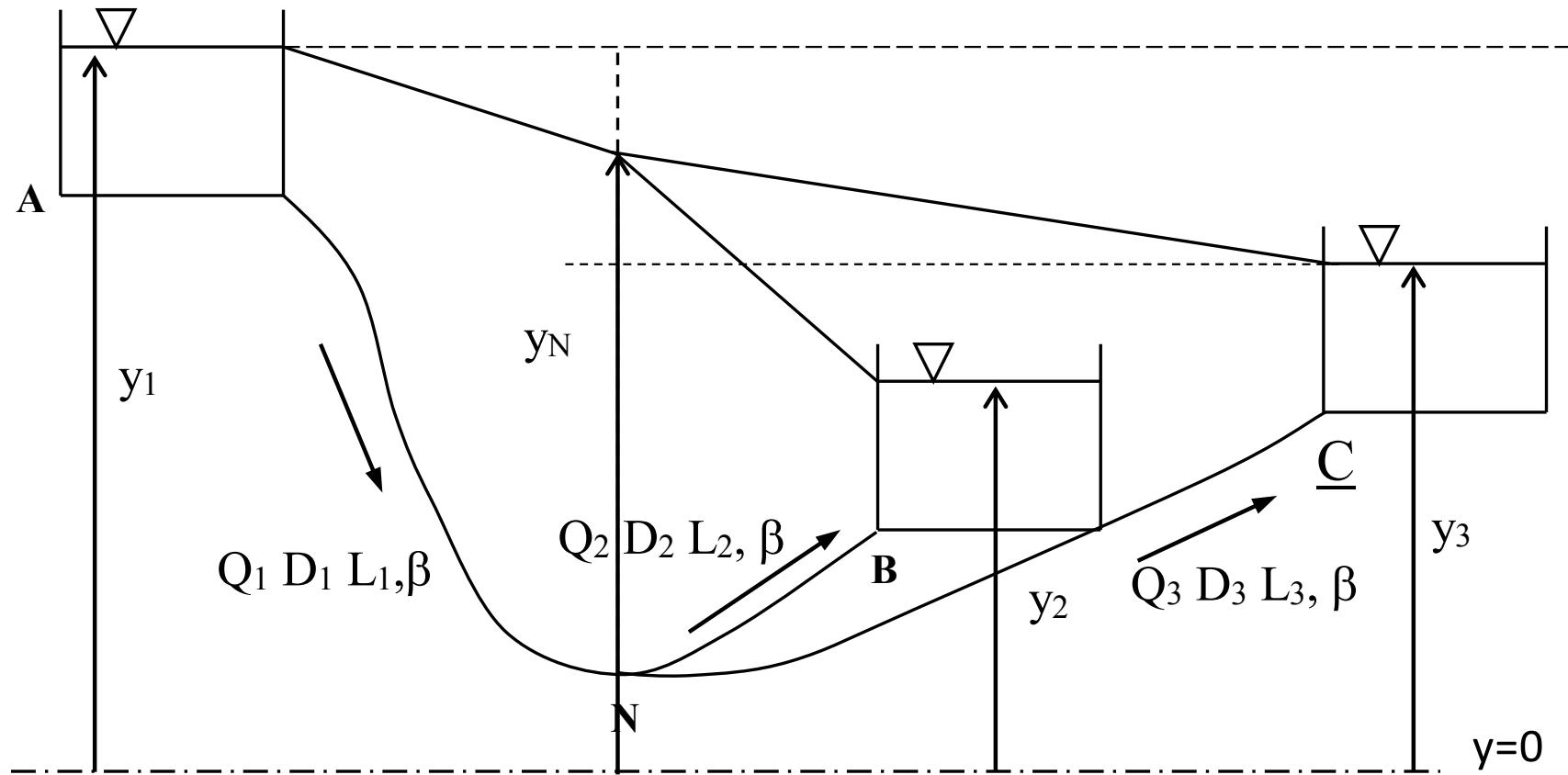
$$i_{1N} = \beta_{new} \cdot \frac{Q^2}{D_1^{5,33}}$$

$$i_{2N} = \beta_{new} \cdot \frac{Q^2}{D_2^{5,33}}$$

→  $\Delta h$

To be induce by  
pressure valve,  
micro-turbine,  
etc.

# Multiple pipelines: hydraulic design



Calculate the set of diameters  $D_1, D_2, D_3$  to carry the assigned flow rates  $Q_1, Q_2, Q_3$  given  $y_1, y_2, y_3$ .

Write the equations of motion

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} y_1 - y_N = \beta \frac{Q_1^2}{D_1^n} L_1 \\ y_N - y_2 = \beta \frac{Q_2^2}{D_2^n} L_2 \\ y_N - y_3 = \beta \frac{Q_3^2}{D_3^n} L_3 \end{array} \right.$$

Notice the number of unknowns:  $D_1, D_2, D_3, y_N$ !

We need one additional equation: any idea?

NOTE: The continuity equation  $Q_1 = Q_2 + Q_3$  is in this case useless as it declares an identity

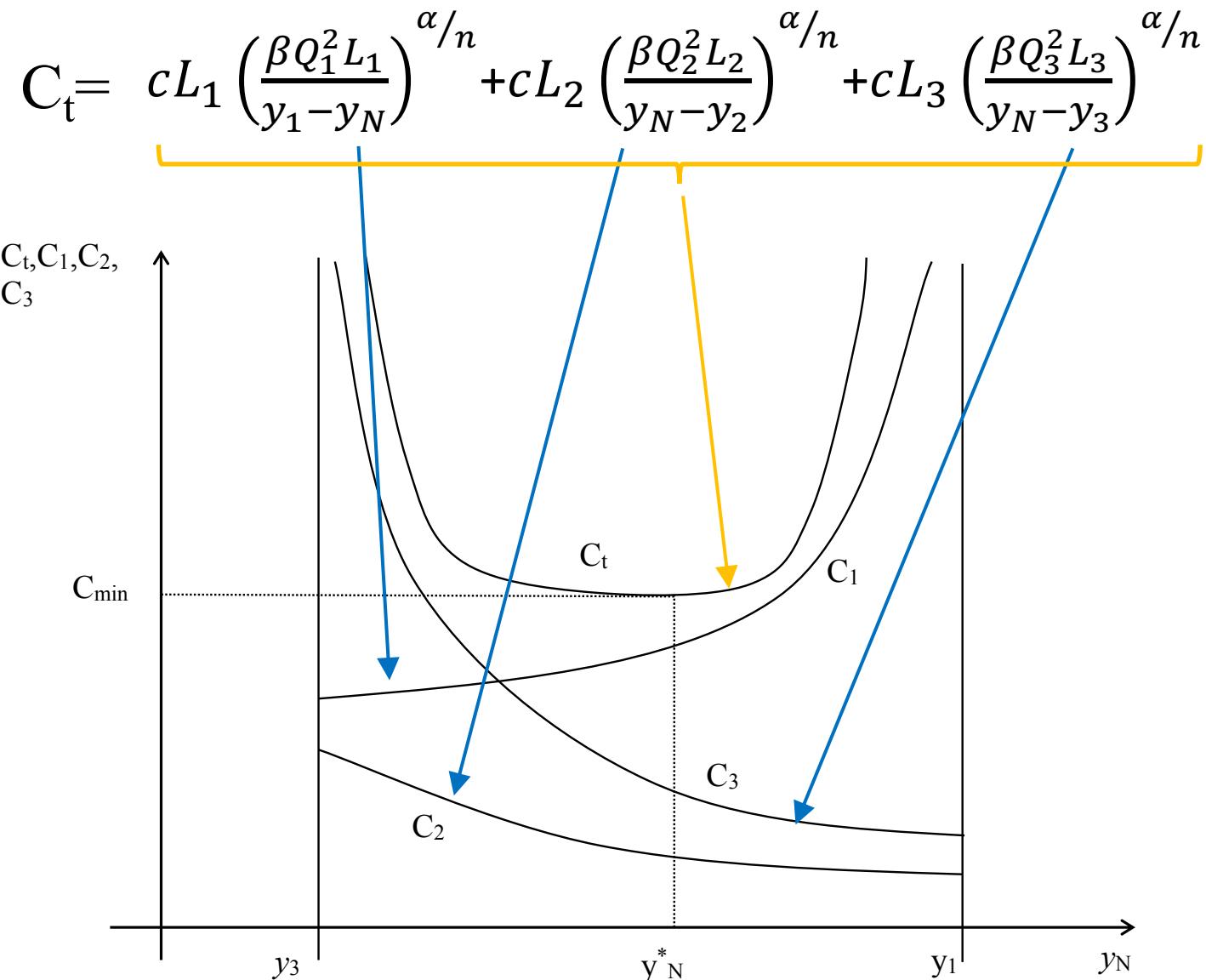
## Economic criterion to solve the problem

$$C_i = c \cdot D_i^\alpha \cdot L_i \quad \text{Cost of a single pipe}$$

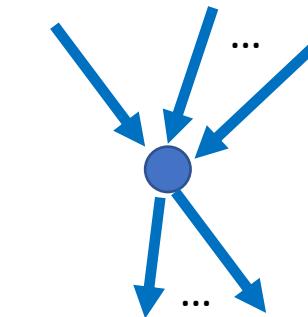
$$C_t = C_1 + C_2 + C_3 \quad \text{Total cost}$$

$$D_i = \sqrt[n]{\frac{\beta Q_i^2 L_i}{|y_i - y_N|}}$$

Express D from motion equations and substitute in  $C_t$



The minimum of the total cost function found by imposing its first derivatives with respect to  $y_N$  is zero returns the additional equation that can be used to solve the problem

$$\sum_{in} \frac{D_i^{\alpha+n}}{Q_i^2} = \sum_{out} \frac{D_j^{\alpha+n}}{Q_j^2}$$


Branches entering node

Branches exiting node

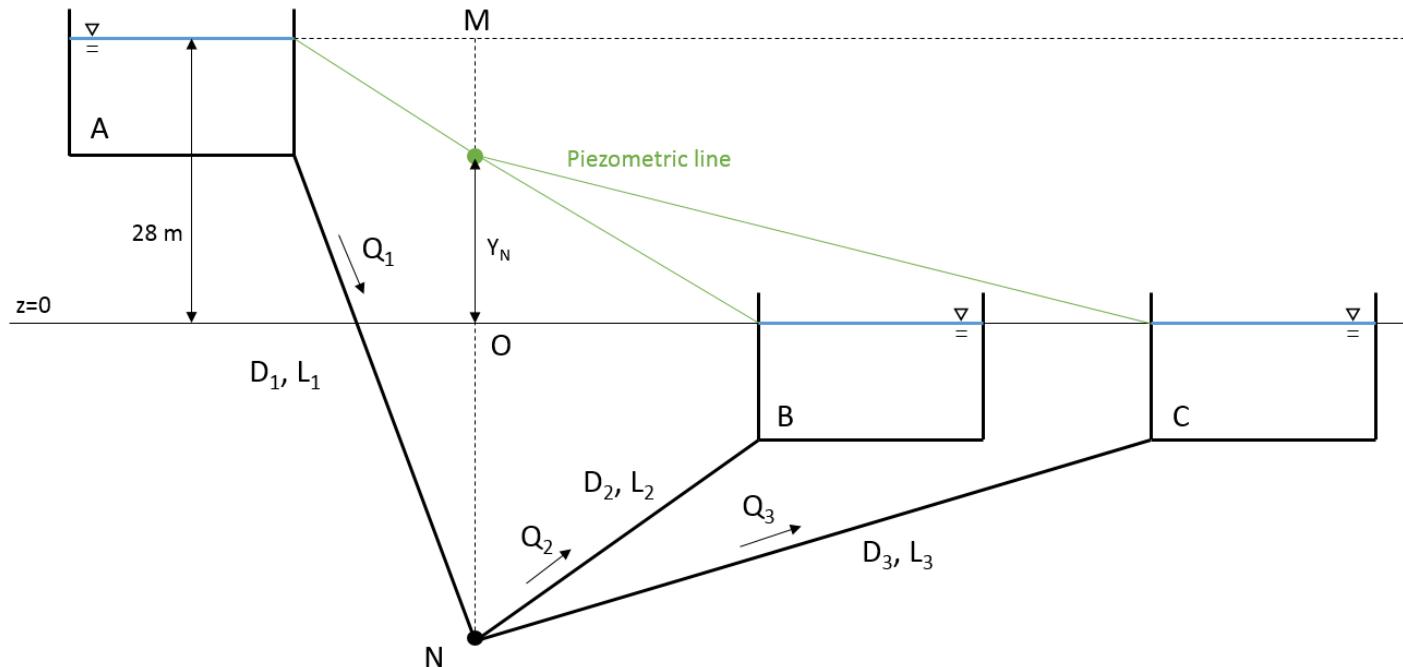
$D_i = \sqrt[n]{\frac{\beta Q_i^2 L_i}{y_1 - y_N}} \rightarrow D_i$

One single equation in the unknown  $y_N$ .

# Example

Reservoir A supplies water to the reservoirs B and C with the following proportions:  $Q_2 = \frac{4}{10} \cdot Q_1$  and  $Q_3 = \frac{6}{10} \cdot Q_1$ .

Calculate the diameters  $D_1, D_2$  and  $D_3$  of the relative pipes using the minimum cost condition. A similar example is explained in the Lecture 4.



$$Q_1 = 40 \text{ l/s} ; L_1 = 1300 \text{ m} ; L_2 = 600 \text{ m} ; L_3 = 1000 \text{ m}$$

### Steps:

- For each pipe, express the diameter as a function of head loss.

The head loss can be expressed for each pipe using the Darcy-Weisbach formula:

$$Y_A - Y_H = i_1 \cdot L_1 = \beta' \cdot \frac{Q_1^2}{D_1^{5,33}} \cdot L_1$$

$$Y_H = i_2 \cdot L_2 = \beta' \cdot \frac{Q_2^2}{D_2^{5,33}} \cdot L_2$$

$$Y_H = i_3 \cdot L_3 = \beta' \cdot \frac{Q_3^2}{D_3^{5,33}} \cdot L_3$$

By rearranging the equations, we find:

$$\rightarrow D_1 = \sqrt[5,33]{\frac{\beta' \cdot Q_1^2 \cdot L_1}{28 - Y_N}} = \frac{0.361}{\sqrt[5,33]{28 - Y_N}}$$

$$\rightarrow D_2 = \sqrt[5,33]{\frac{\beta' \cdot Q_2^2 \cdot L_2}{Y_N}} = \frac{0.2214}{\sqrt[5,33]{Y_N}}$$

$$\rightarrow D_3 = \sqrt[5,33]{\frac{\beta' \cdot Q_3^2 \cdot L_3}{Y_N}} = \frac{0.284}{\sqrt[5,33]{Y_N}}$$

- Use the minimum cost condition to compute the piezometric head at the node  $Y_N$ .

The minimum cost condition is expressed as follows:

$$\sum_{i,in} \frac{D_i^{1.09+5.33}}{Q_i^2} = \sum_{j,out} \frac{D_j^{1.09+5.33}}{Q_j^2}$$

Thus,

$$\frac{D_1^{1.09+5.33}}{Q_1^2} = \frac{D_2^{1.09+5.33}}{Q_2^2} + \frac{D_3^{1.09+5.33}}{Q_3^2}$$

$$\frac{1.44 \cdot 10^{-3}}{(28 - Y_N)^{1.2} \cdot 1.6 \cdot 10^{-3}} = \frac{61.8 \cdot 10^{-6}}{Y_N^{1.2} \cdot 256 \cdot 10^{-6}} + \frac{309 \cdot 10^{-6}}{Y_N^{1.2} \cdot 576 \cdot 10^{-6}}$$

$$\frac{0.9}{(28 - Y_N)^{1.2}} = \frac{0.241}{Y_N^{1.2}} + \frac{0.536}{Y_N^{1.2}}$$

$$1.11 \cdot (28 - Y_N)^{1.2} = 1.287 \cdot Y_N^{1.2}$$

$$\frac{(28 - Y_N)^{1.2}}{Y_N^{1.2}} = 1.1583$$

$$\frac{28 - Y_N}{Y_N} = 1.193$$

→  $Y_N = 12.77 \text{ m}$

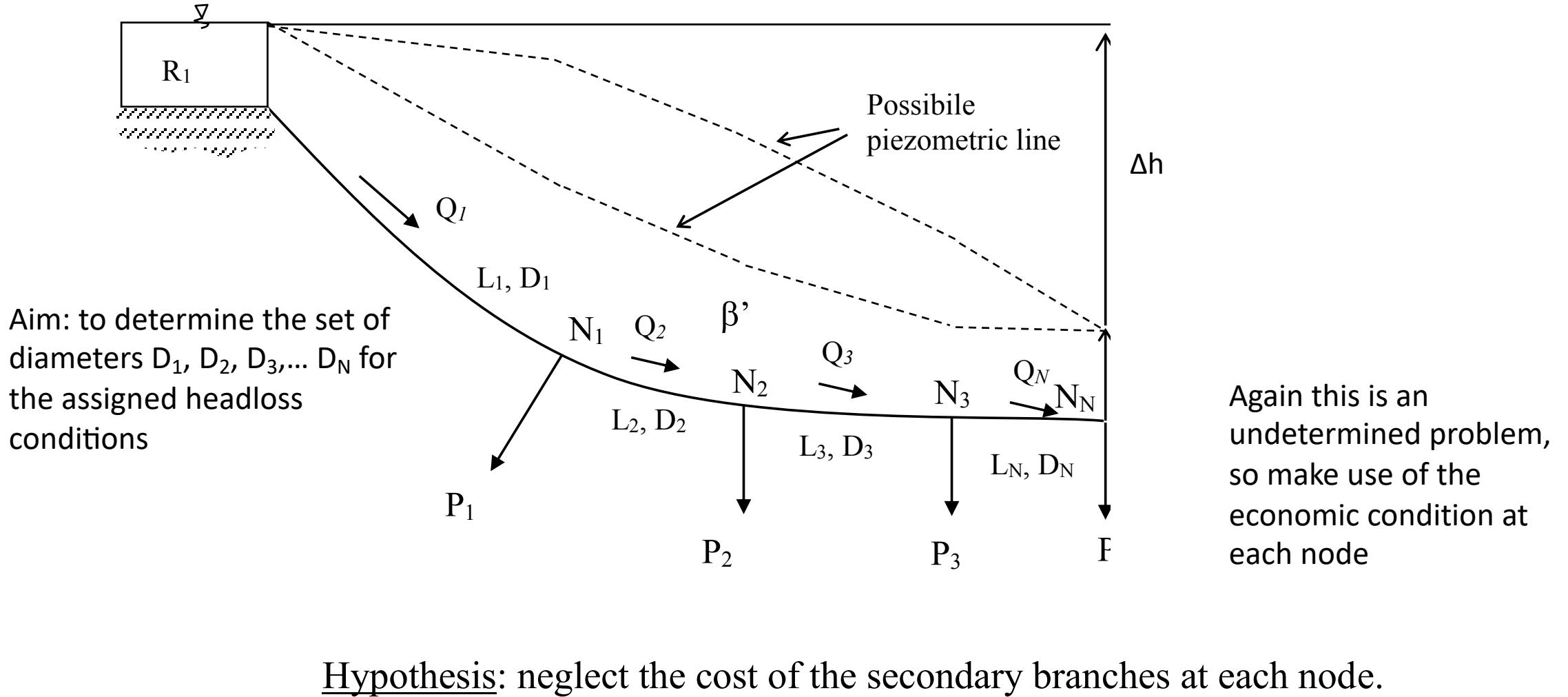
- Use  $Y_N$  to compute the diameters  $D_1$ ,  $D_2$  and  $D_3$ .

→  $D_1 = \frac{0.361}{\sqrt[5.33]{28-12.77}} = 0.216 \text{ m}$

→  $D_2 = \frac{0.2214}{\sqrt[5.33]{12.77}} = 0.137 \text{ m}$

→  $D_3 = \frac{0.284}{\sqrt[5.33]{12.77}} = 0.176 \text{ m}$

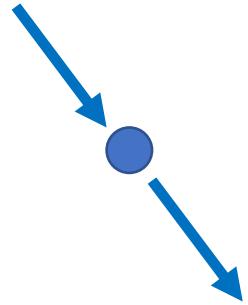
# Design of open branched networks



$$Q_{i+1} + P_i = Q_i$$

Continuity at each node

This transitive property leads therefore to the following relation



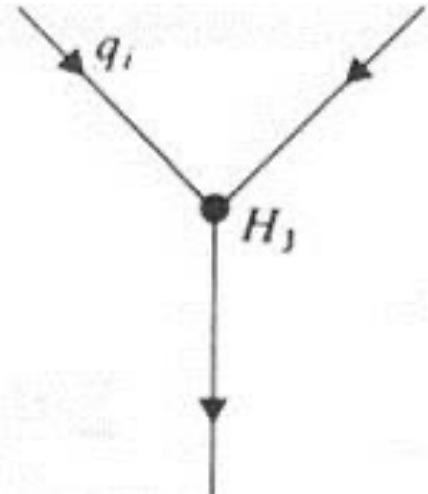
$$\frac{D_1^{\alpha+n}}{Q_1^2} = \frac{D_2^{\alpha+n}}{Q_2^2} = \frac{D_3^{\alpha+n}}{Q_3^2} = \dots = \frac{D_N^{\alpha+n}}{Q_N^2} = A$$

$$D_i = a \sqrt[3]{Q_i}$$

assuming  
 $n=5$  and  $\alpha=1$   
 where  $a = \sqrt[6]{A}$ .

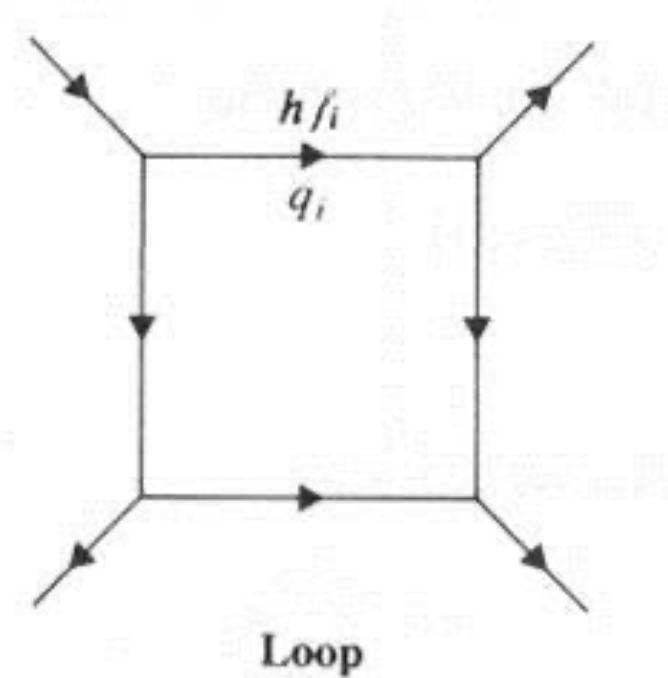
From energy balance one finds that  $a^5 = \beta \frac{\sum_i Q_i^{1/3} L_i}{\Delta h} \rightarrow a \rightarrow D_i$

# Pipe loops: hydraulic management



Node

$$\sum_{i=1}^n q_i = 0$$



$$\sum_{i=1}^m h_{fi} = 0$$

Sign Convention is that clockwise flow in loop is positive

- The "loop" or "head balance" method (Hardy Cross, 1936)
  - This is used when the total volume rate of flow through the network is known but the heads or pressures at junctions within the network are unknown.

1. assume values of  $q_i$  to satisfy
2. calculate  $h_{fi}$  from  $q_i$
3. if  $\sum h_{fi} = 0$  then solution is correct
4. if  $\sum h_{fi} \neq 0$  then apply a correction to  $q_i$  factor and return to step 2

- Correction factors can be computed from:
- This arises from a binomial expansion.

$$\delta q = - \frac{\sum h_{fi}}{2 \sum \frac{h_{fi}}{q_i}}$$

$$h_f = \frac{fLu^2}{2gD}$$

We can say for a given pipe:  $h_f = kQ^2$

$$Q = (q_i + \delta q)$$

Introduce a correcting term in Q

the true head loss is then:

$$H_{fi} = k(q_i + \delta q)^2$$

Binomial Theorem

$$H_{fi} = kq_i^2 \left[ 1 + 2\frac{\delta q}{q_i} + \frac{2(2-1)}{2!} \left(\frac{\delta q}{q_i}\right)^2 + \dots \right]$$

for  $\delta q_i \ll q_i$ , we have:

$$H_{fi} = k q_i^2 \left[ 1 + 2 \frac{\delta q}{q_i} \right]$$

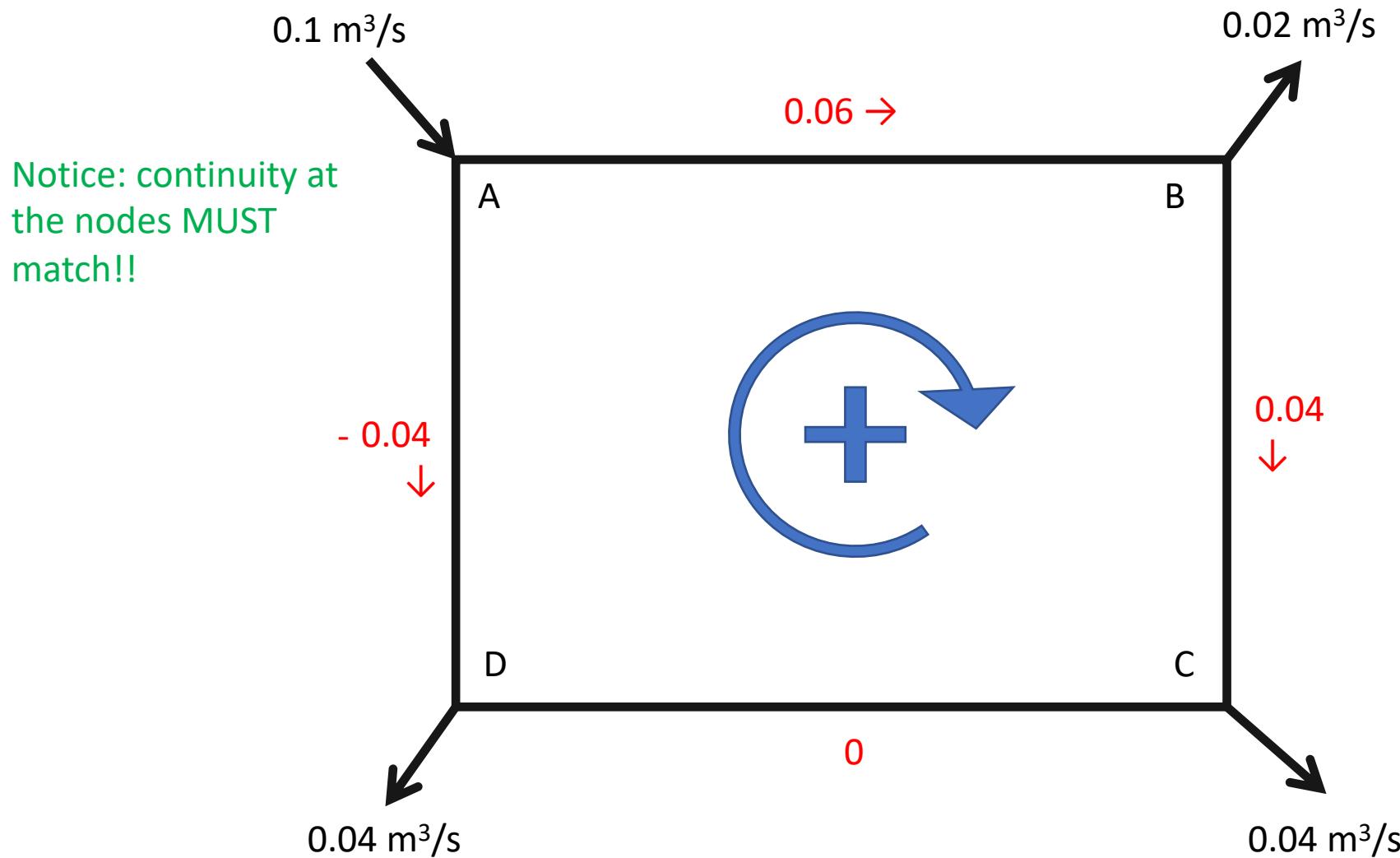
$$\sum H_{fi} = 0 = \sum k Q_i^2 + 2\delta q \sum k \frac{q_i^2}{q_i}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \sum h_{fi} + 2\delta q \sum \frac{h_{fi}^2}{q_i}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \delta q = - \frac{\sum h_{fi}}{2 \sum \frac{h_{fi}}{q_i}}$$

Then introduce the correction (with sign!) and iterate

## Example: single loop



The initial estimate for this example is shown in red on the figure.

We set up a tabulation of the results and calculate the flow velocities from the estimated flows and pipe diameters:

Pipe	$q_i$ ( $\text{m}^3/\text{s}$ )	L (m)	D (m)	u (m/s)	$h_{fi}$ (m)	$h_{fi}/q_i$
AB	0.06	1000	0.150	3.40		
BC	0.04	1000	0.125	3.26		
CD	0	1000	0.125	0		
DA	-0.04	1000	0.150	2.26		

Pipe	$q_i$ ( $\text{m}^3/\text{s}$ )	L (m)	D (m)	u (m/s)	$h_{fi}$ (m)	$h_{fi}/q_i$
AB	0.06	1000	0.150	3.40	59.58	
BC	0.04	1000	0.125	3.26	68.32	
CD	0	1000	0.125	0	0	
DA	-0.04	1000	0.150	2.26	-28.14	

Pipe	$q_i$ ( $\text{m}^3/\text{s}$ )	L (m)	D (m)	u (m/s)	$h_{fi}$ (m)	$h_{fi}/q_i$
AB	0.06	1000	0.150	3.40	59.58	992.97
BC	0.04	1000	0.125	3.26	68.32	1707.94
CD	0	1000	0.125	0	0	0
DA	-0.04	1000	0.150	2.26	-28.14	703.49

This is given by this divided by  
this

Note the minus signs cancel in  
the division

We now work out the correction factor which involves summing each of the last two columns:

Pipe	$q_i$ ( $\text{m}^3/\text{s}$ )	L (m)	D (m)	u (m/s)	$h_{fi}$ (m)	$h_{fi}/q_i$
AB	0.06	1000	0.150	3.40	59.58	992.97
BC	0.04	1000	0.125	3.26	68.32	1707.94
CD	0	1000	0.125	0	0	0
DA	-0.04	1000	0.150	2.26	-28.14	703.49

$$\Sigma = \begin{matrix} 99.76 \\ 3404.40 \end{matrix}$$

The two sums go into the correction factor calculation:

$$\delta q = -\frac{\sum h_{fi}}{2 \sum \frac{h_{fi}}{q_i}} = -\frac{99.76}{2 \times 3404.40} = -0.015$$

The correction factor is then *added* to the original estimate of flow for *every* pipe in the system. For example the new flow in AB becomes  $0.06 + -0.015 = 0.045$ , and the calculation re-worked:

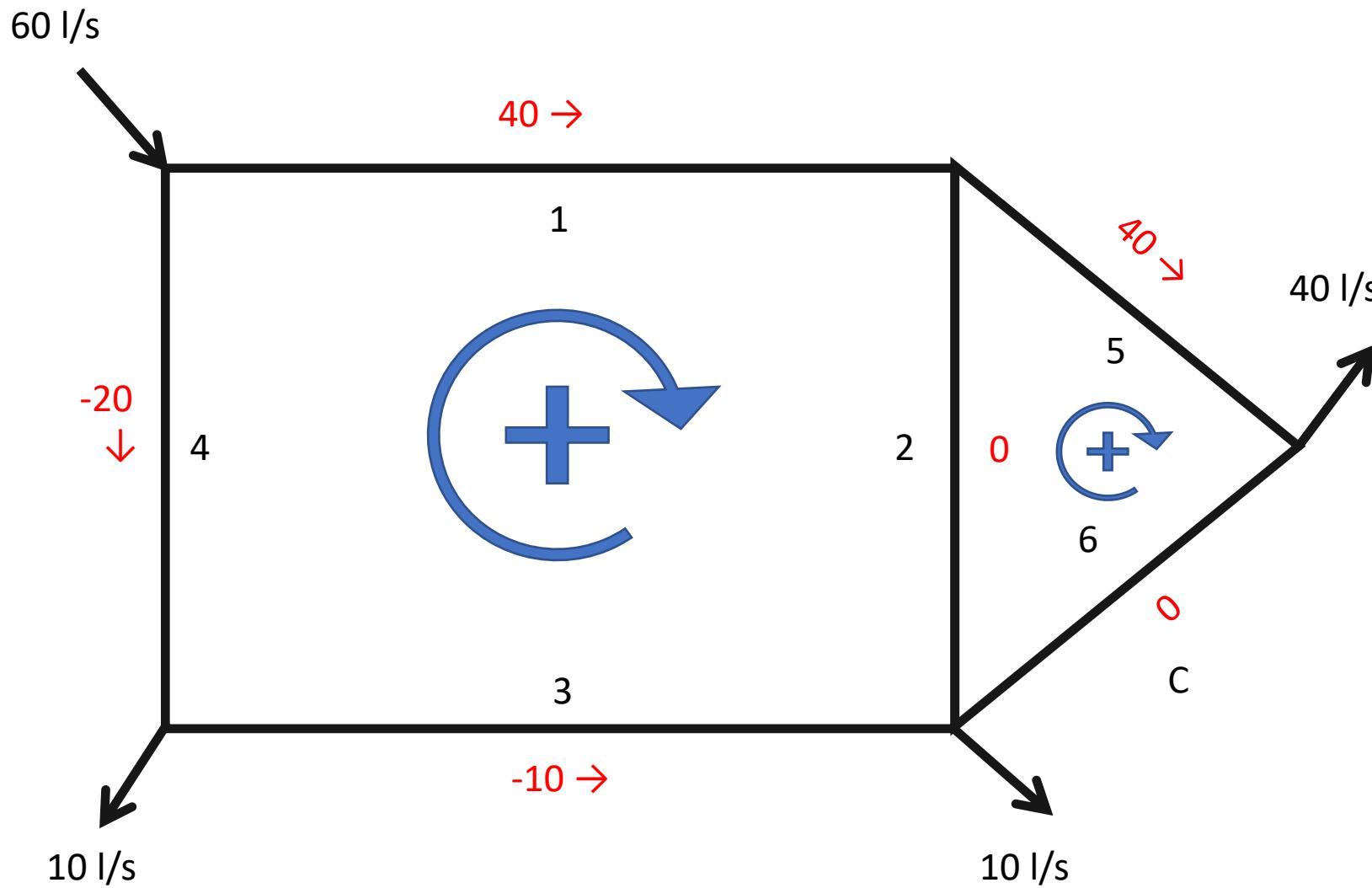
Pipe	$q_i (m^3/s)$	L (m)	D (m)	u (m/s)	$h_{fi} (m)$	$h_{fi}/q_i$
AB	0.045	1000	0.150	2.57	35.49	782.69
BC	0.025	1000	0.125	2.07	29.38	1159.01
CD	-0.015	1000	0.125	1.19	-10.66	727.30
DA	-0.055	1000	0.150	3.09	-50.13	917.20

$$\Sigma = \quad 4.09 \quad 3586.20$$

This time  $\delta q$  comes out as -0.001.

The process continues until the sum of the penultimate column,  $\Sigma h_{fi}$  is close to zero and the correction factor is negligibly small. Usually three or four iterations are sufficient to achieve this in simple loops – in fact the second iteration just above is pretty close already.

## Example: complex loops



Left Hand Loop				Right Hand Loop			
Pipe	$q_i$ (litres/s)	$h_{fi}$ (m)	$h_{fi}/q_i$	Pipe	$q_i$ (litres/s)	$h_{fi}$ (m)	$h_{fi}/q_i$
1	40	28.5	0.71	5	40	28.5	0.71
2	0	0	0	6	0	0	0
3	-10	-2.2	0.22	2	0	0	0
4	-20	-8	0.40				

$$\Sigma =$$

$$18.3$$

$$1.33$$

$$\Sigma =$$

$$28.5$$

$$0.71$$

These two must always be equal and opposite – same pipe in the two loops, but opposite sign conventions