Fan System

## A Numerical Analysis on the System Impedance in a Fan Cooling System

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#### Abstract

To seek the fan operating point on a cooling system with fans, it is very important to determine the system impedance and it has been usually examined with the fan tester(wind tunnel) based on ASHRAE standard and AMCA standard. This leads to a large investment in time and cost, because it could not be executed until the system is made actually. Therefore it is necessary to predict the system impedance curve through numerical analysis so that we could reduce the measurement effort. This paper presents how the system impedance curve (pressure drop curve) is computed by CFD in substitute for experiment. In reverse order to the experimental principle of the fan tester, pressure difference was adopted first as inlet and outlet boundary conditions of the system and then flow rate was calculated.

가 Heat Exchanger, Pipe Duct 1.  $([1]\sim[5])$ Fan System ( Fan ) System Fan Impedance Curve (P-Q System 가 System Fan system System System System (System Impedance Curve) System CFD(Computational Fluid Dynamics) System . System System Fan Tester System Heat Sink, Fin Digital Display LG 가 E-mail: noc7@lge.com System System TEL: (02)526-4189 FAX: (02)572-3086 Inlet Total Pressure LG Digital Display 가 Static Pressure Outlet LG Digital Display

N-S (Navier-Stokes) Equations Flow Rate

Pressure

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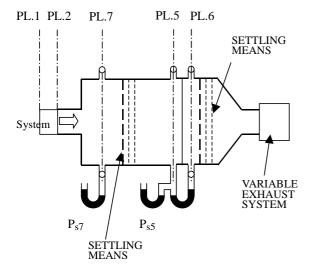
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Impedance Curve System

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가 System System 가 P-Q (Pressure - Mass Flow Rate) System Pressure System Inlet Outlet Static Pressure Q System . System Static



### FLOW AND PRESSURE FORMULAE

$$\begin{split} Q_5 &= 1096Y \sqrt{\Delta P/\rho_5} \sum (CA_6) \qquad P_v = P_{v2} \\ Q &= Q_5 \left(\frac{\rho_5}{\rho}\right) \qquad \qquad P_{t1} = 0 \\ V_2 &= \left(\frac{Q}{A_2}\right) \left(\frac{\rho}{\rho_2}\right) \qquad \qquad P_{t2} = P_{s7} + P_v \\ P_t &= P_{t2} - P_{t1} \\ P_{v2} &= \left(\frac{V_2}{1096}\right)^2 \rho_2 \qquad \qquad P_s = P_t - P_v \end{split}$$

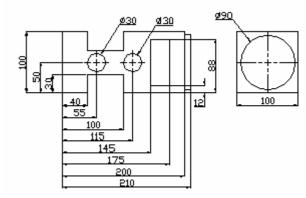
**Fig.1** AMCA STANDARD 210-74 ASHRE STANDARD 51-75: Outlet chamber setup-multiple nozzles in chamber.



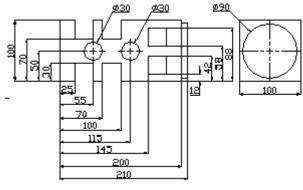
(a) System A



(b) Fan Tester & System



(c) Flow Domain (System A)



(d) Flow Domain (System B)

Fig.2 System and experimental equipment

가 System 가 System Outlet . ASHRAE Standard **AMCA** Standard Reservoir Reservoir **ASHRAE** Duct Standard AMCA Standard[6] Fan Friction Loss 3.1 Tester  $\Delta P = f \frac{l}{D} \frac{\rho V^2}{2}$ Fig 1. Fan Tester (3.1)Fan Tester PL.5 PL.6  $\Delta P$  = Friction Loss f = Friction FactorPL.7 Static Pressure l =Length of Duct D = Diameter of Duct1. PL.2 Total Pressure Dynamic  $\rho = \text{Dansty}(\text{Air}_{25^{\circ}\text{C}} = 1.184\text{Kg/m}^3)$ Pressure 가 PL.1 Total Pressure 가 System V = VelocityPL.2 Total Pressure 가 PL.2 Dynamic 3.1 0.01~0.1 Pressure 7 System Dynamic Pressure 가 1~2m/s Duct Static Pressure 가 System PL.2 Static Duct 5 Friction Loss Pressure 7 Static Pressure 1Pa Duct System Friction Loss 가 가 Fig 2. (a), (b), (c), (d) 가 System Fan Tester System (b) System Impedance 가 System 200mm, 100mm, 100mm Case 30mm, 30mm, 100mm 100mm 30mm, System 3.1

System Impedance 가 가 System System Inlet 가 Fig 3 System Inlet 가 ASHRAE Standard **AMCA Standard** System Total Pressure Inlet 0 Pa(Gage Pressure = 0 Pa, ) System Inlet System 가 System Inlet (Total Gage Pressure = 0Pa) 가 System Inlet

System Fig 3
Fan Tester Duct

 $P+V^2/2=0$   $P+V^2/2=0$   $P+V^2/2=0$ 

a = the vertical and horizontal length of virtual inlet space

b = the flow directional length of virtual inlet space

Fig.3 Computation domain and boundary conditions

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3.2
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                                      Inlet 가
        System
Outlet 가
             Duct
           Inlet
                                      Total Pressure
                                                                                                        가 AR=1
                                                             AR=0.16~0.83
                                                                                     2%
                                                                                                    Error 가
      Outlet
                                   Static Pressure
                                                                             가
                                                                   Inlet
      가
               N-S
                                                                                     System
                             Inlet
                                        Outlet
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                                                                               Error 가
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  P-Q
                Outlet
                                     P
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        Q
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                                                                 AR=1
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                                                                                        System
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  3.3
                                                             System
                                                                       Inlet
                                                                                                    b=50mm
  System
                                   Fig 3.
                      Duct
                               System Inlet
                                가
                                   System
                                   가
Boundary Condition
                         Inlet
                                                  Outlet
                                                                    PRESSURE (mm-H<sub>2</sub>O)
                                         Wall Boundary
                                                                                WITHOUT INLET SPACE
                       Inlet
                                 가
Condition
                   (Total Gage Pressure = 0Pa)
                                 FLUENT 6.0[7]
                      Unstructured
                                                 System
           가
                                     Duct
Inlet
                        Outlet
                                                                                                              0.5
                                                                                                                     0.6
      System
                                                                                        FLOW RATE (m³/min)
   40
                    Standard k-
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                 4.
  Fig 4., 5.
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                        System
                                                                    PRESSURE (mm-H<sub>2</sub>O)
              System
                                         . FLUENT 6.0
              Inlet
                                           OPa(
                        Total Pressure
                    Outlet
                                 Static Pressure
10Pa(1.02\ mm\ H_2O)
                           -50Pa(5.1 \text{ mm } H_2O)
  가
                            가
                                   Exit Boundary
System
           Static Pressure
                                             Flow Rate
               P-Q
   Q
                                          . System Inlet
                                                                                0.1
                                                                                               0.3
                                                                                                              0.5
                                                                                                                     0.6
    가
                                                                                        FLOW RATE (m³/min)
           가
                                          가
                                                                                    (b) System B
                                           /가
Inlet
                  (AR= System Inlet
  (a^2))7 \ 0.04, 0.16, 0.64, 0.83, 1.0
                                                                 Fig.4 System impedance curve as aspect ratio
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(b/Dh=0.5)

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 $Hydrometer(D_h = System Inlet$ / System Inlet Outlet Duct 100mm System System Fig 5. (a), (b) Inlet 가 System Inlet System 5. b/D<sub>h</sub> 가 2, 1, 0.5, 0.4, 0.25 . Fig 4. AR=0.83 Outlet Duct 100mm Lamp Projection TV, Projector 2%  $b/D_h = 0.4$ Lamp Fan 가 b/D<sub>h</sub> =0.25 Inlet 가 Error 가 System System 가 Lamp Case System System Inlet 가 AR=0.8,  $b/D_h=0.4$ Outlet 100mm Duct  $(AR=0.8, b/D_h=0.4)$ 가 가 Fig 6. (a) Lamp Case Lamp System (b) System  $b/D_{h} = 1$   $b/D_{h} = 0.5$   $b/D_{h} = 0.4$   $b/D_{h} = 0.25$ PRESSURE (mm - H<sub>2</sub>O) WITHOUT INLET SPACE 0.4 0.5 0.3 FLOW RATE (m³/min) (a) System A (a) Lamp and Lamp Case EXPERIMENT - EXPERIMENT  $b/D_h = 2$   $b/D_h = 1$   $b/D_h = 0.5$   $b/D_h = 0.4$   $b/D_h = 0.25$  WITHOUT INLET SPACE PRESSURE (mm - H<sub>2</sub>O) **EXPERIMENT** COMPUTATION PRESSURE (mm·H<sub>2</sub>O)

**Fig.5** System impedance curve as flow directional length of the virtual inlet space (AR=0.83)

(b) System B

FLOW RATE (m³/min)

(b) System Impedance Curve (AR=0.8,  $b/D_h$ =0.4)

Fig.6 Case study (Lamp cooling system)

FLOW RATE (m³/min)

0.5

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6.

ASHRAE Standard AMCA Standard Fan Tester System System Mockup System System System Impedance 1. ASHRAE Standard AMCA Standard System System Inlet 가 (Total Gage Pressure = 0Pa) 가 2. Outlet Duct **Duct Outlet** 가 3. Duct Outlet 가 Static Pressure 7 Flow Rate System Impedance 2% AR = 0.8 $b/D_{h}=0.4$ 

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