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Drying and Storage

Course Description

Theory of drying, sun drying, principles of air flow, drying agricultural products by heated air, moisture content determination, relationship of moisture and temperature, equilibrium moisture content, design of dryers storage

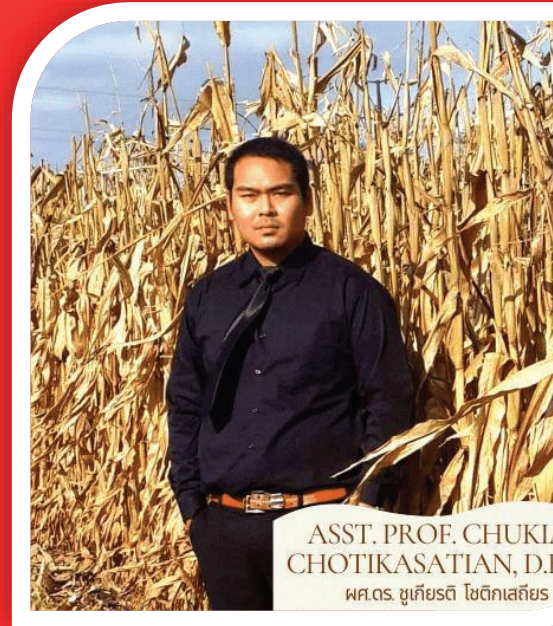
Professional Interest Statement:

- Monitoring CO_2/O_2 concentrations to assess biological activity and reduce post-harvest losses
- Establishing verification criteria for unacceptable insect infestation levels
- Supporting fumigation and grain storage management decisions
- Developing agricultural product drying and intelligent drying systems

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Lecture 8 – General Principles of Dryer Design

Study Questions – Lecture 8

- 1. What factors must be considered when selecting a dryer?*
- 2. How is airflow rate determined in bulk drying?*
- 3. What components contribute to total pressure loss?*
- 4. How is fan power calculated?*
- 5. What are the main components of heat energy in drying systems?*



Lecture 8 – Importance and Theory of Drying

Outline – Lecture 8

- 1. Importance of Dryer Design*
- 2. Criteria for Selecting Dryers*
- 3. Design Factors and Airflow Calculation*
- 4. Pressure Drop in Drying Systems*
- 5. Fan Selection and Power Requirement*

Why is Importance of Dryer Design?



- ✓ Different dryers use distinct heat transfer methods:
 - Convection: Hot air dryers
 - Radiation: Infrared and microwave dryers
 - Mixed (Convection & Radiation): Bin dryers, cross-flow, concurrent-flow, counter flow, spray dryers, and fluidized bed dryers
- ✓ Dryer selection depends on the product type, whether the material is solid or wet, the required batch capacity, and hot air temperature conditions

Methods for Selecting Dryer Types:

1. Material Properties

Consider the physical state (solid/wet), size, and weight of the material

Porosity & Penetration:

- For solid materials like cereal grains with low porosity, pure infrared drying is unsuitable as it cannot penetrate thick layers
- Forced hot air with material movement (e.g., cross-flow) is required

Heat Sensitivity: High temperatures can negatively impact quality, such as causing cracks or altering chemical composition, color, and odor

Drying Time: This is determined by the rate of moisture reduction under specific temperatures and air velocities, which can be obtained from lab tests or literature



Methods for Selecting Dryer Types:

2. Production Costs

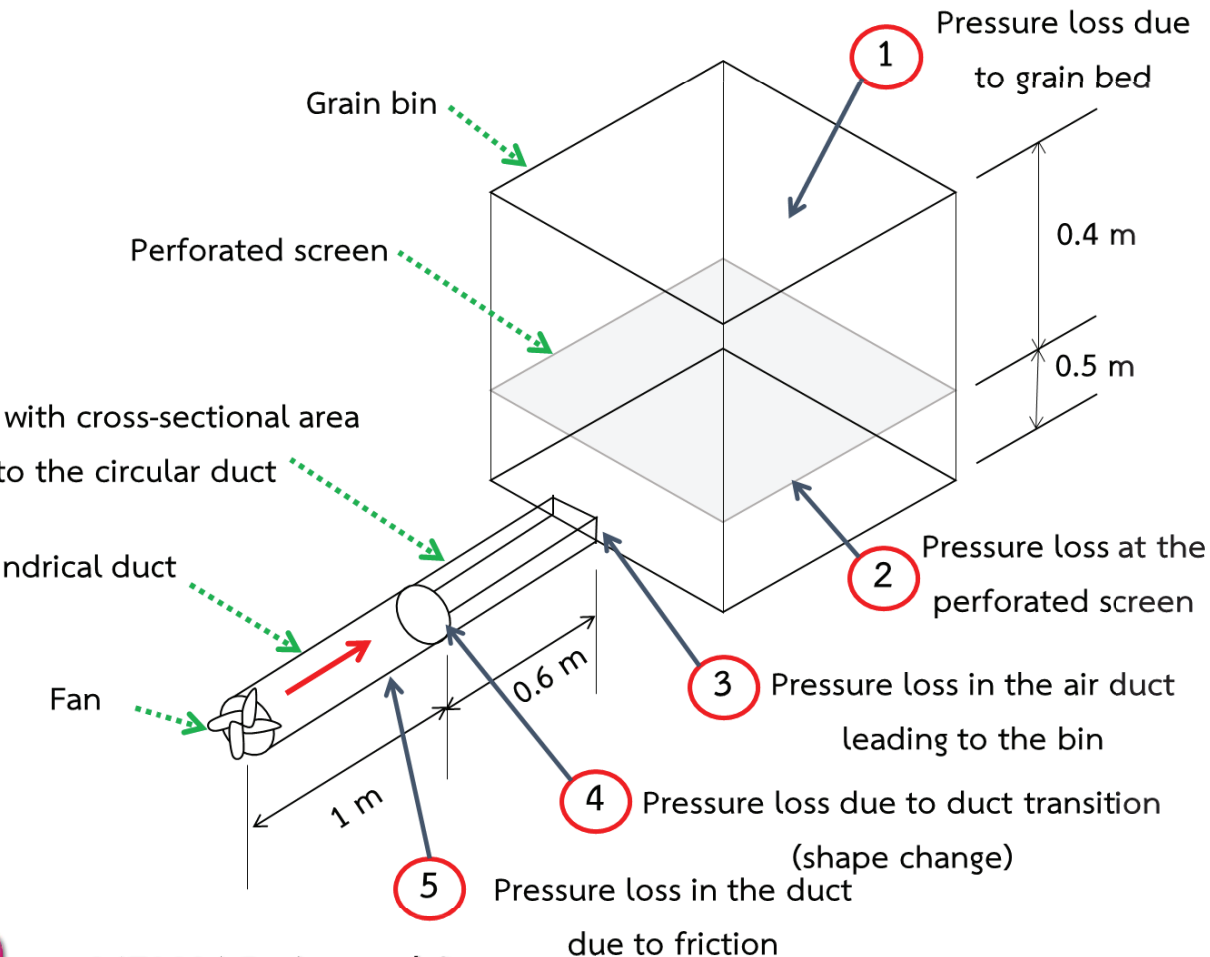


- ✓ The chosen dryer must have a cost suitable for the dried product, ensuring a fast payback period
- ✓ Design must account for maintenance and the availability of replacement parts in the market
- ✓ Case Study (Heat Pump Dryer for Chrysanthemum): Initial investment: 150,000 Baht
 - Despite the high initial cost, selling the high-value dried product yielded an estimated payback period of just 3 months and 17 days

Example 1

Fan Horsepower Calculation

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Calculate the appropriate fan horse
for a bin dryer structure

Given Data:

- Capacity of corn: 5,000 kg
- Density: $550 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m}^{-3}$
- Air velocity in duct: $15 \text{ m} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$
- Inlet airflow rate range:
 $30 - 40 \text{ m}^3 \cdot (\text{min}^{-1}) \cdot (\text{m}^{-3})_{\text{bulk}}$

Example 1 (Cont.)

Volume and Area Calculations

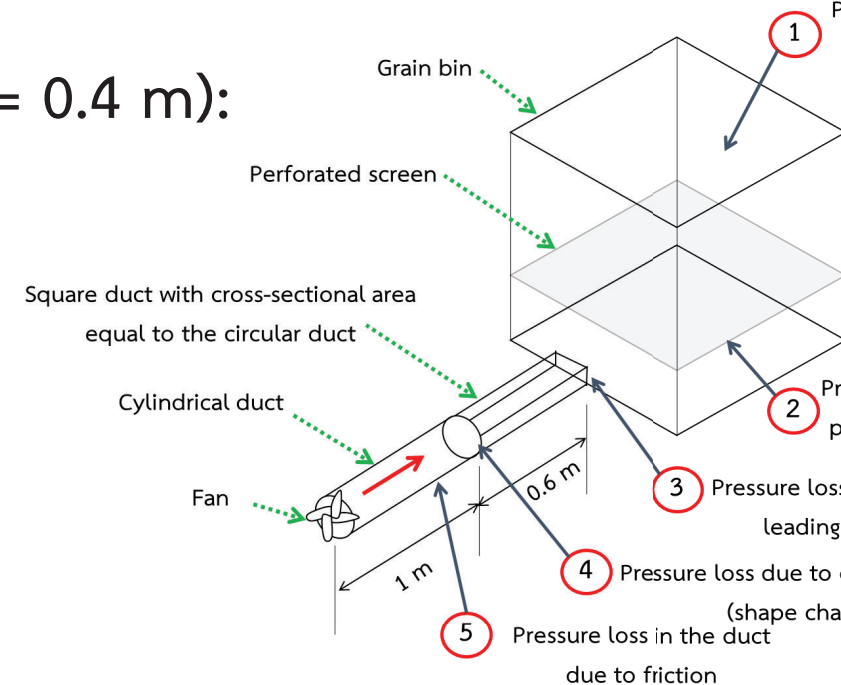


determine the physical volume and area required for the corn
ne of Corn:

$$V_{bulk} = \frac{m}{\rho} = \frac{5,000 \text{ kg}}{550 \frac{\text{kg}}{(\text{m}^3)_{bulk}}} = 9.09 (\text{m}^3)_{bulk}$$

-sectional Area of Bin (Assuming bed depth $L = 0.4 \text{ m}$):

$$A = \frac{V_{bulk}}{L} = \frac{9.09 (\text{m}^3)_{bulk}}{40 \text{ cm}} = 22.725 \text{ m}^2$$



Example 1 (Cont.)



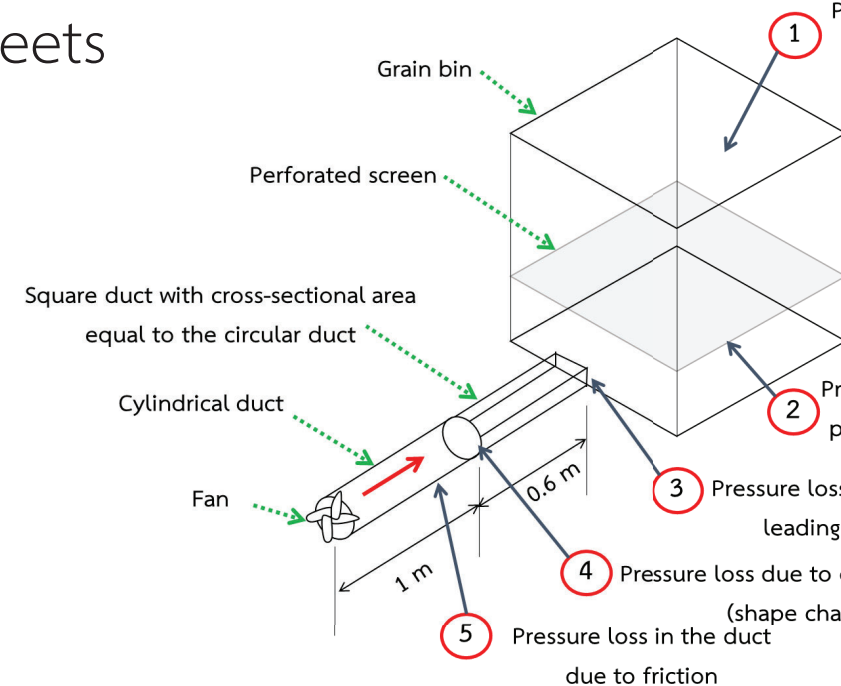
Number of Perforated Screen Sheets

cross-sectional area of the drying structure is used to determine the required number of perforated screen sheets

the standard commercial size of a perforated sheet available on the market is $1.219 \times 2.438 \text{ m}^2$ (or $4 \times 8 \text{ ft}^2$), the number of sheets required can be calculated as follows:

$$\text{Number of sheets} = \frac{22.725 \text{ m}^2}{(1.219 \times 2.438 \text{ m}^2)} = 7.646 \text{ sheets}$$

Therefore, approximately 8 sheets must be purchased



Example 1 (Cont.)

Required Airflow

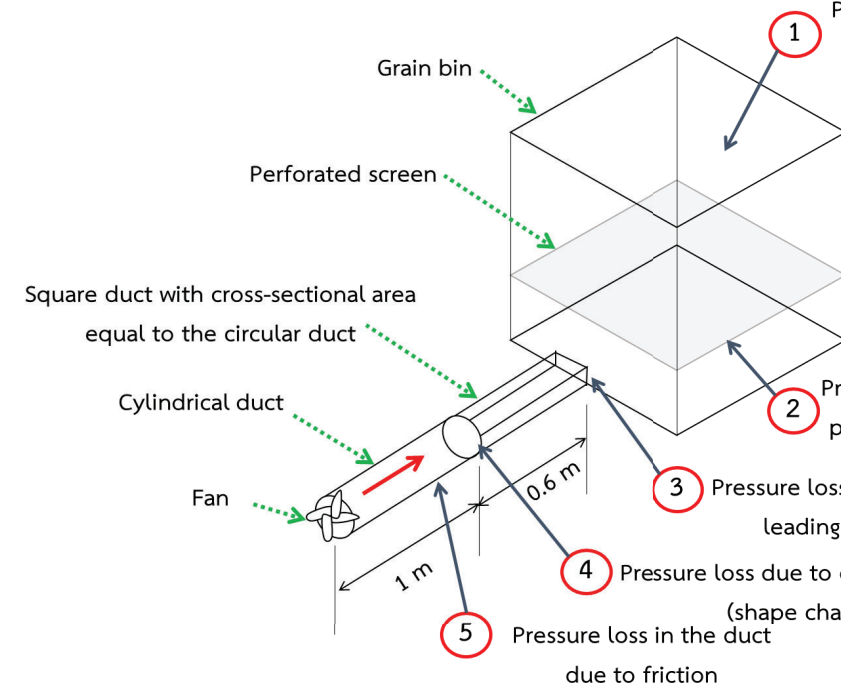


assuming that the approximate value is selected based on
minimum inlet airflow rate

using the minimum rate of $30 \text{ m}^3 \cdot (\text{min}^{-1}) \cdot (\text{m}^{-3})_{\text{bulk}}$

$$30 \text{ m}^3 \cdot (\text{min}^{-1}) \cdot (\text{m}^{-3})_{\text{bulk}} \times 9.09 (\text{m}^3)_{\text{bulk}} = \underline{272.7 \text{ m}^3 \cdot (\text{min}^{-1})}$$

$$V_{\text{bulk}} = \frac{m}{\rho} = \frac{5,000 \text{ kg}}{550 \frac{\text{kg}}{(\text{m}^3)_{\text{bulk}}}} = 9.09 (\text{m}^3)_{\text{bulk}}$$



Example 1 (Cont.)

Screen Pressure Loss

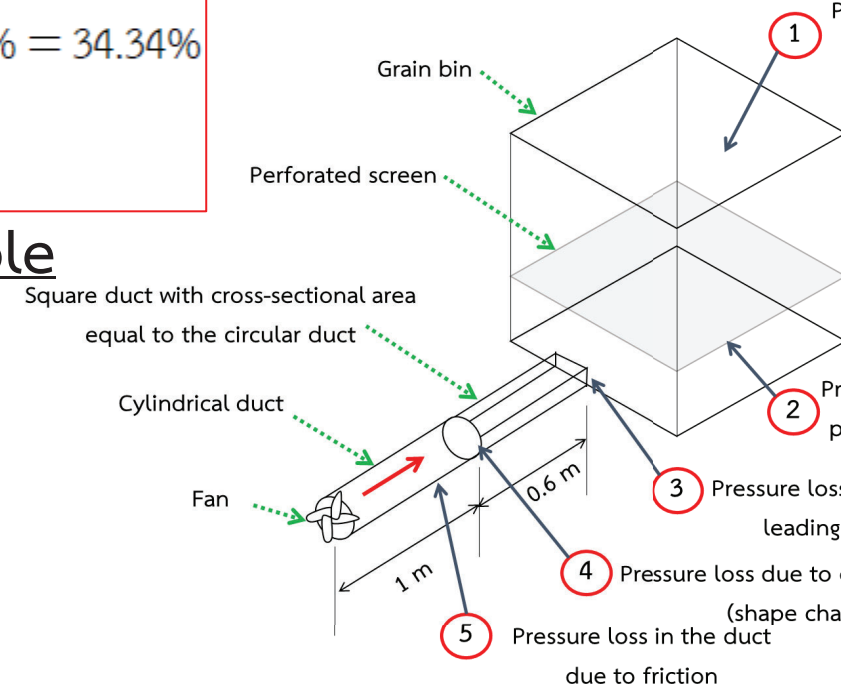
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Screen Pressure Loss: Standard screen (No. 14, 1.40 mm hole diameter) yields an area ratio (O_f) of 34.34%

$$\frac{\text{Total area of all holes}}{\text{Surface area of plate}} \times 100\% = \frac{\pi \times (1.4 \text{ mm})^2 \times 144 \frac{\text{hole}}{\text{inch}^2}}{4 \times \frac{25.4 \times 25.4 \text{ mm}^2}{\text{inch}^2}} \times 100\% = 34.34\%$$

$O_f < 10\%$, pressure loss at the screen is negligible



Example 1 (Cont.)

Duct Sizing



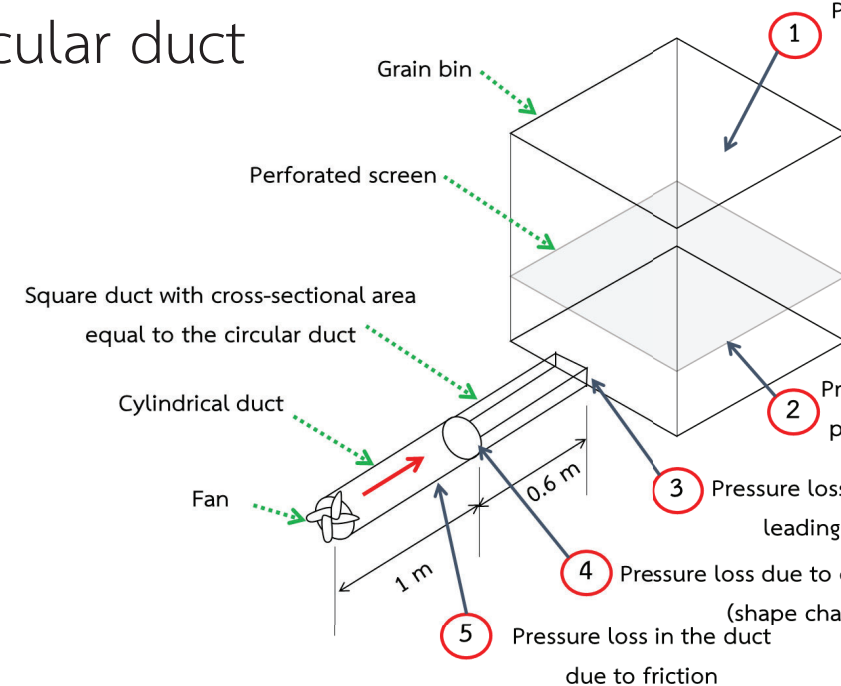
Dimensions:

$$A_{pipe} = \frac{Q_{air}}{v} = \frac{272.7 \frac{m^3}{min}}{15 \frac{m}{s}} = 0.303 m^2$$

Use a square duct with cross-sectional area equal to the circular duct

$$width = \sqrt{0.303 m^2} = 0.55 m$$

$$diameter = \sqrt{\frac{0.303 m^2 \times 4}{\pi}} = 0.62 m$$



Example 1 (Cont.)

Total Static Pressure

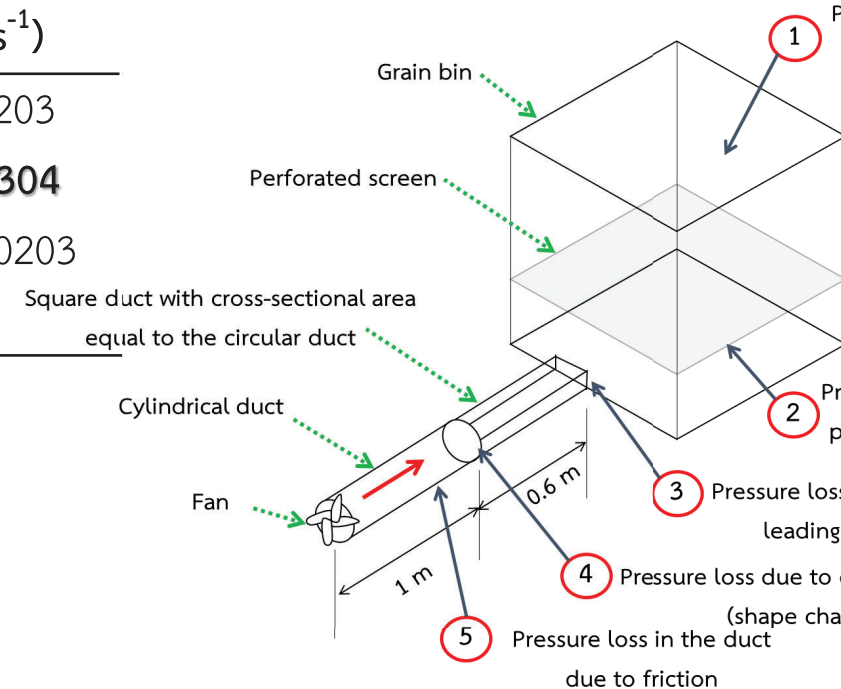


Pressure Drops: Higher airflow rates result in significantly higher pressure drops across grain bed, duct transitions, and friction

Pressure loss due to grain bed

$$\frac{aQ^2}{\ln(1 + bQ)}$$

Grain	a (Pa·s ² ·m ⁻³)	b (m ² ·s·m ³)	Q (m ³ ·m ⁻² ·s ⁻¹)
Barley	2.14×10 ⁴	13.2	0.0056-0.203
Shelled corn	2.07×10⁴	30.4	0.0056-0.304
Shelled corn (low airflow)	9.77×10 ³	8.55	0.00025-0.0203



Example 1 (Cont.)

Total Static Pressure

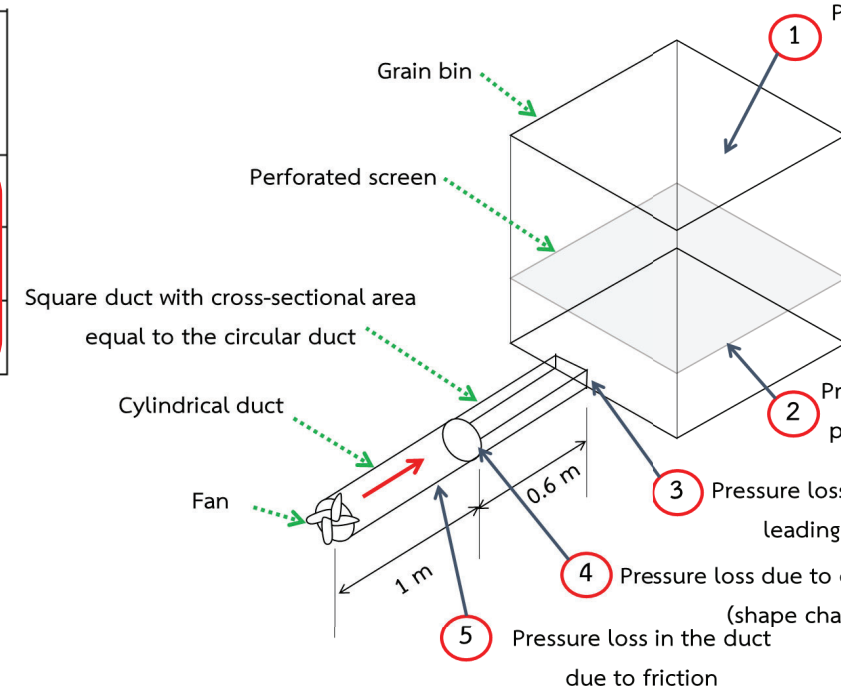


Pressure loss due to grain bed (Cont.)

Condition 1, the airflow rate must be simulated within the range of $\frac{\text{m}^3 \cdot (\text{min}^{-1}) \cdot (\text{m}^{-3})}{\text{bulk}}$ based on a corn bed cross-sectional area of m^2 and a bed height of 0.40 m, respectively

Q ($\text{m}^3 \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$)	A (m^2)	Q ($\text{m}^3 \cdot \text{m}^{-2} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$)	ΔP ($\text{Pa} \cdot \text{m}^{-1}$)	L (m)	ΔP (Pa)
0.60	22.725	0.165	314.06	0.40	125.62
0.60	22.725	0.220	491.20	0.40	196.48
0.60	22.725	0.275	699.97	0.40	279.99

A high airflow rate in the system will result in a correspondingly higher pressure loss



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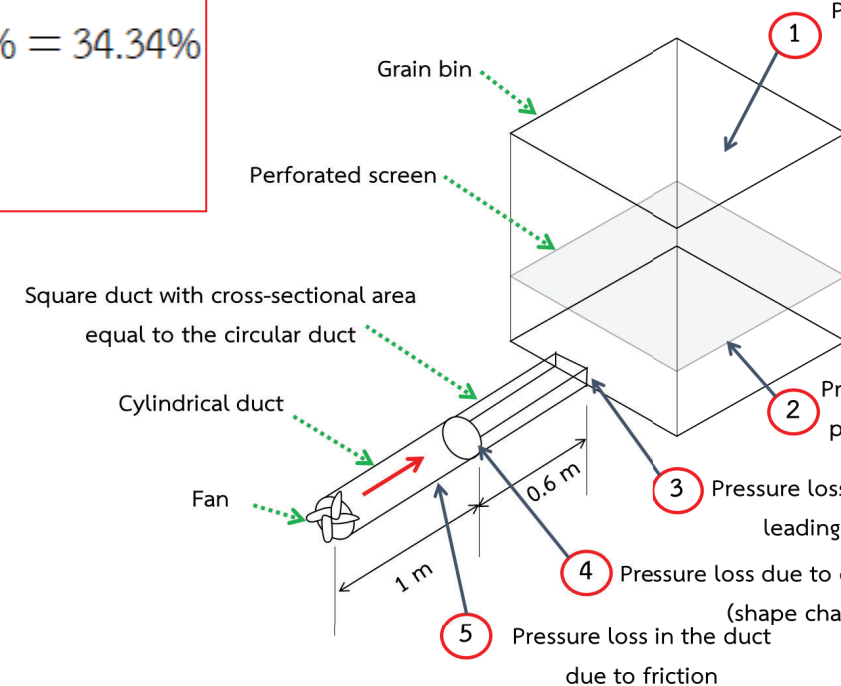
Total Static Pressure

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Pressure loss at perforated screen: Since $(O_f) < 10\%$, pressure loss at the screen is negligible

$$\frac{\text{Total area of all holes}}{\text{Surface area of plate}} \times 100\% = \frac{\pi \times (1.4 \text{ mm})^2 \times 144 \frac{\text{hole}}{\text{inch}^2}}{25.4 \times 25.4 \text{ mm}^2 \left(\frac{\text{inch}^2}{\text{mm}^2} \right)} \times 100\% = 34.34\%$$



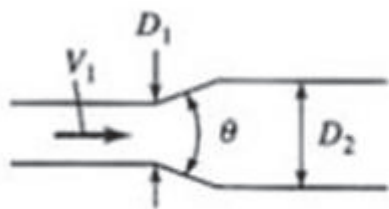
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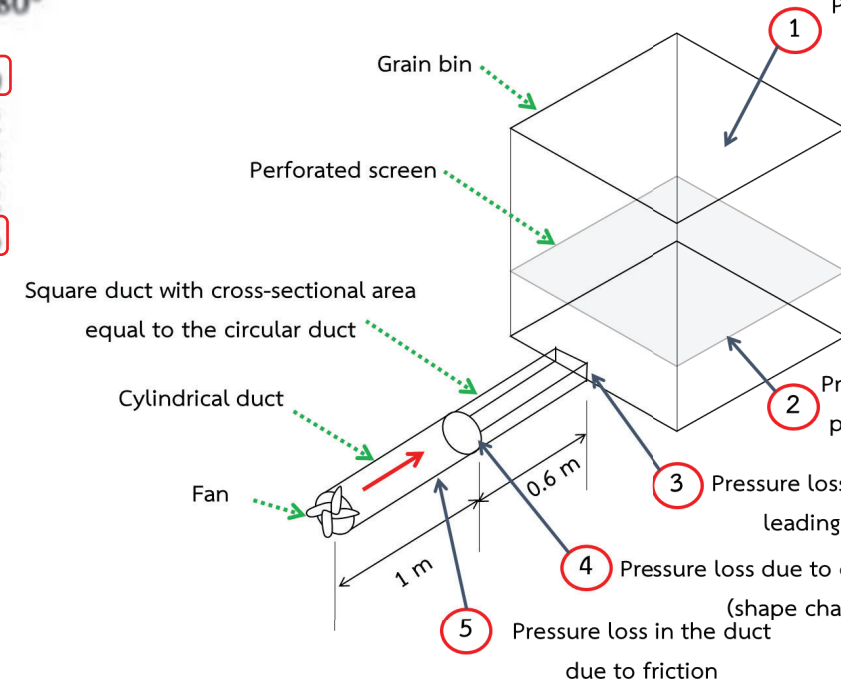


pressure loss in the air duct leading to the bin & 4. duct transition (shape change)

$$\Delta P = K \left(\frac{V}{1.29} \right)^2$$



D_1/D_2	K_E $\theta = 10^\circ$	K_E $\theta = 180^\circ$
0.0		1.00
0.20	0.13	0.92
0.40	0.11	0.72
0.60	0.06	0.42
0.80	0.03	0.16



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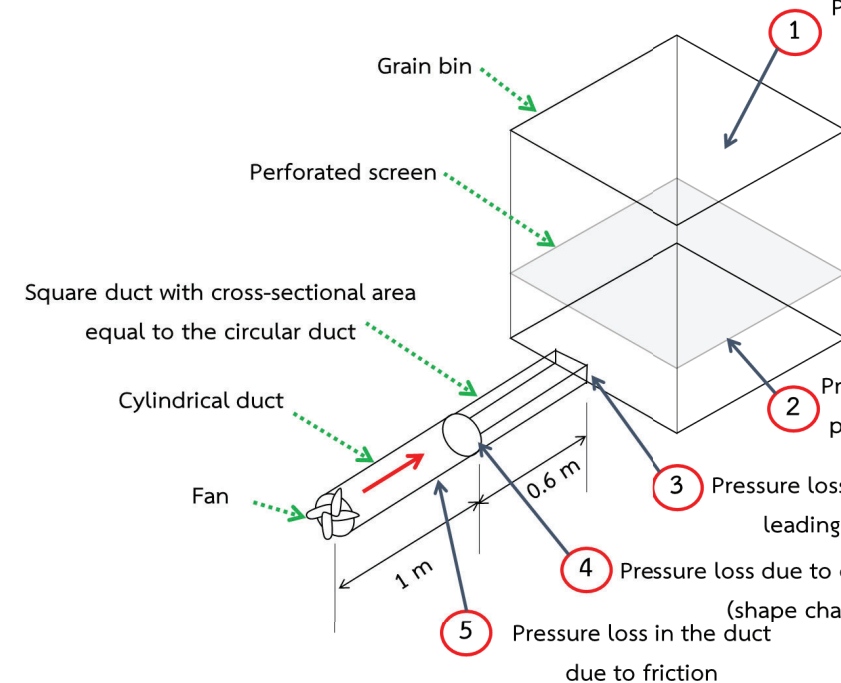
Total Static Pressure



pressure loss in the air duct leading to the bin & 4. duct transition (shape change)

$$\Delta P = K \left(\frac{V}{1.29} \right)^2$$

Q_{air} ($m^3 \cdot s^{-1}$)	A_{pipe} (m^2)	$V = Q_{air} / A_{pipe}$ ($m \cdot s^{-1}$)	ΔP (Pa) Position 3	ΔP (Pa) Position 4
3.75	0.303	12.38	92.04	14.73
5.00	0.303	16.50	163.63	26.18
6.25	0.303	20.63	255.68	40.91



Example 1 (Cont)

Total Static Pressure

5. Pressure loss in the duct due to friction:

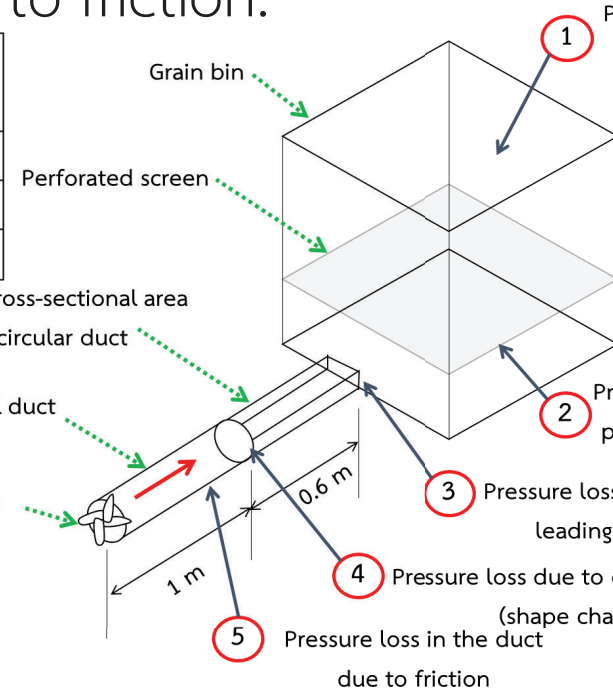
The duct has a diameter of 0.62 m and a length of 1 m

Q_{air} ($m^3 \cdot s^{-1}$)	A_{pipe} (m^2)	$V = Q_{air} / A_{pipe}$ ($m \cdot s^{-1}$)	ΔP ($Pa \cdot m^{-1}$)	ΔP (Pa)
3.75	0.303	12.38	2.2	2.2
5.00	0.303	16.50	3.8	3.8
6.25	0.303	20.63	5.2	5.2

Square duct with cross-sectional area equal to the circular duct

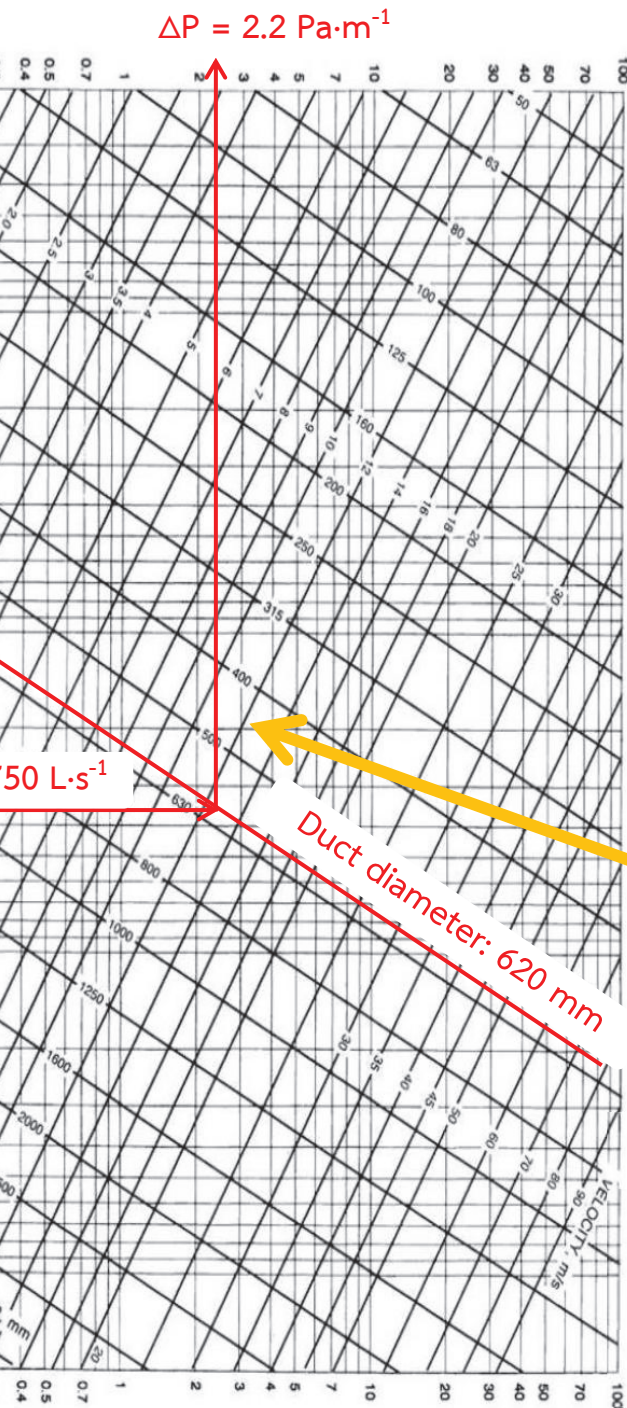
Cylindrical duct

Fan



The pressure loss in the straight duct per 1 m length

References: Captiveair, n.d.



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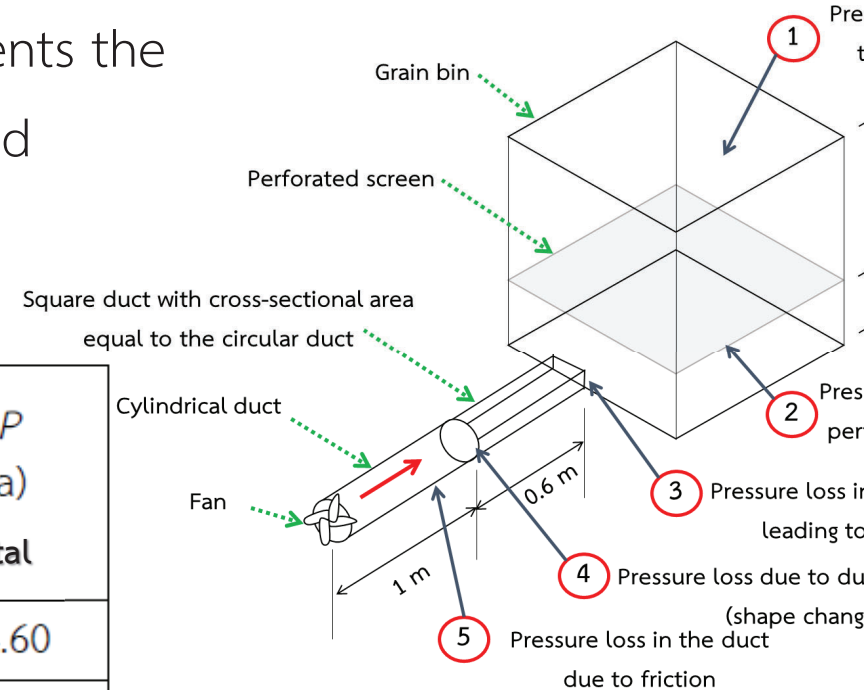
Total Static Pressure

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al pressure loss is presented in the table, which represents the
the pressure losses at positions 1–5 under the simulated
range of 30–40 $\text{m}^3 \cdot (\text{min}^{-1}) \cdot (\text{m}^{-3})_{\text{bulk}}$

ΔP (Pa)	ΔP (Pa)	ΔP (Pa)	ΔP (Pa)	ΔP (Pa)	ΔP (Pa)
Position 1	Position 2	Position 3	Position 4	Position 5	Total
125.62	Negligible	92.04	14.73	2.2	234.60
196.48		163.63	26.18	3.8	390.10
279.99		255.68	40.91	5.2	581.77



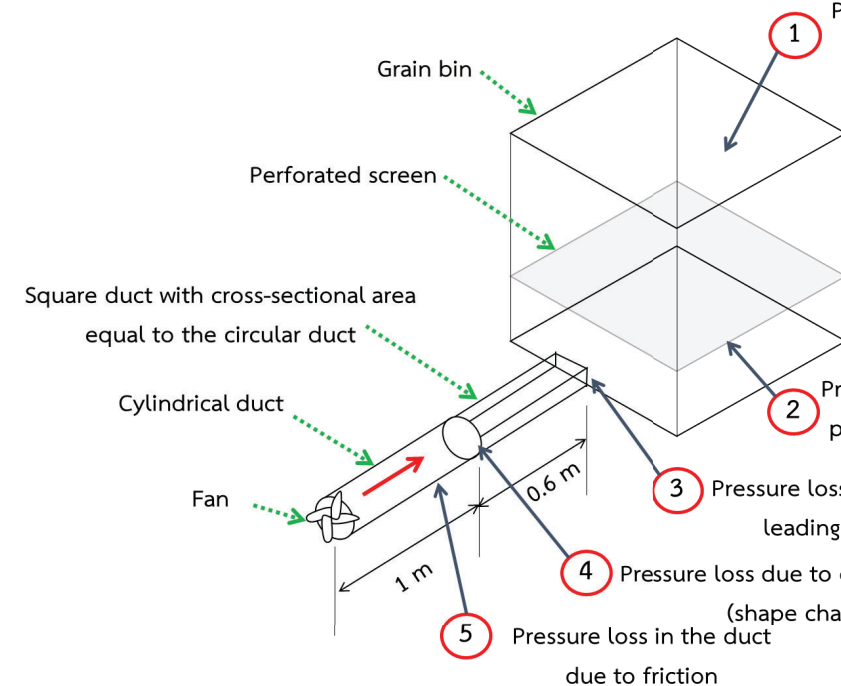
Example 1 (Cont.)

The Static Pressure Loss

Static pressure loss can be calculated as the sum of pressure losses at positions 1 and 5

ΔP (Pa) ที่ตำแหน่ง 1	ΔP (Pa) ที่ตำแหน่ง 5	ΔP (Pa) ความดันสถิต
125.62	2.2	127.82
196.48	3.8	200.28
279.99	5.2	285.19

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Example 1 (Cont.)

The Electrical Power of the Fan

static pressure value is then used to determine the electrical
of the fan, as shown in the figure

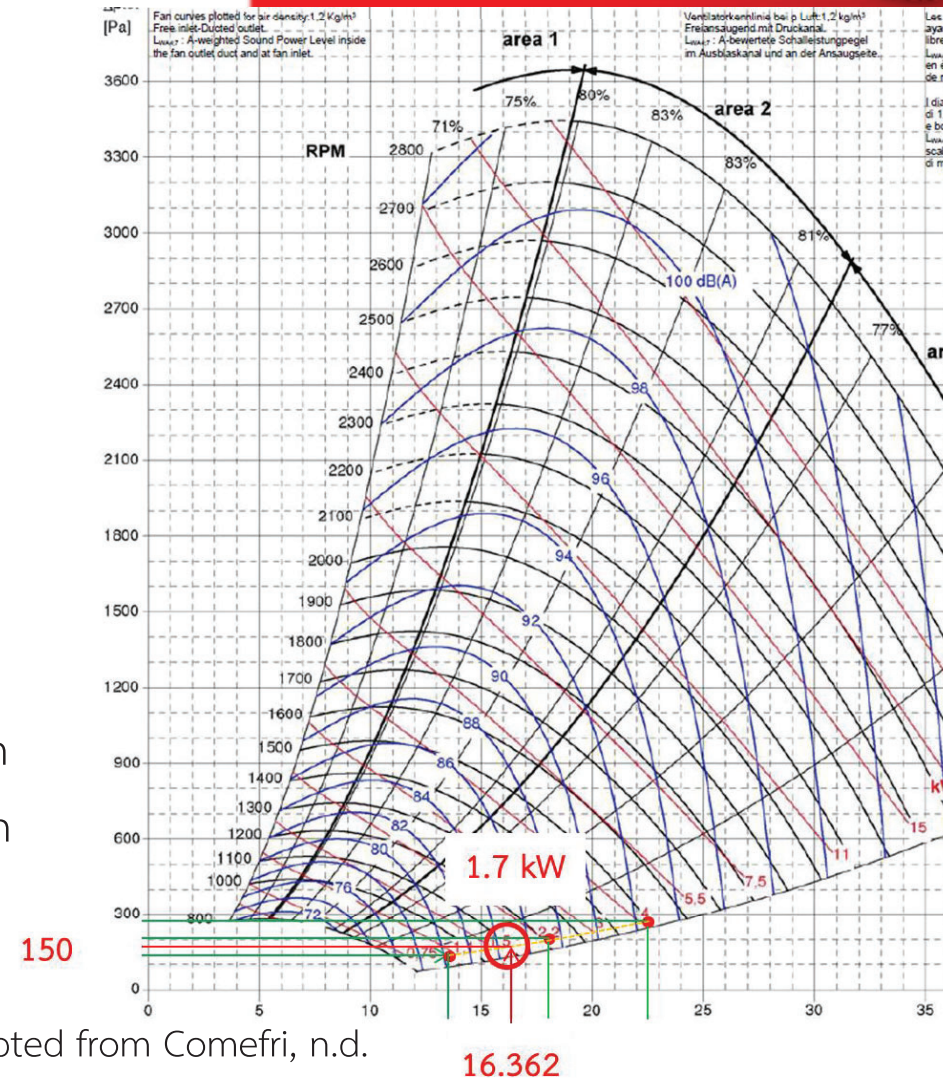
ΔP (Pa) ที่ตำแหน่ง 1	ΔP (Pa) ที่ตำแหน่ง 5	ΔP (Pa) ความดันสถิต	W_s (kW)
125.62	2.2	127.82	1.1
196.48	3.8	200.28	2.2
279.99	5.2	285.19	4.0

inlet airflow rate of $30 \text{ m}^3 \cdot (\text{min}^{-1}) \cdot (\text{m}^{-3})_{\text{bulk}}$, as calculated
the required electrical power can be determined as shown in
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onal speed of 1,100 rpm.

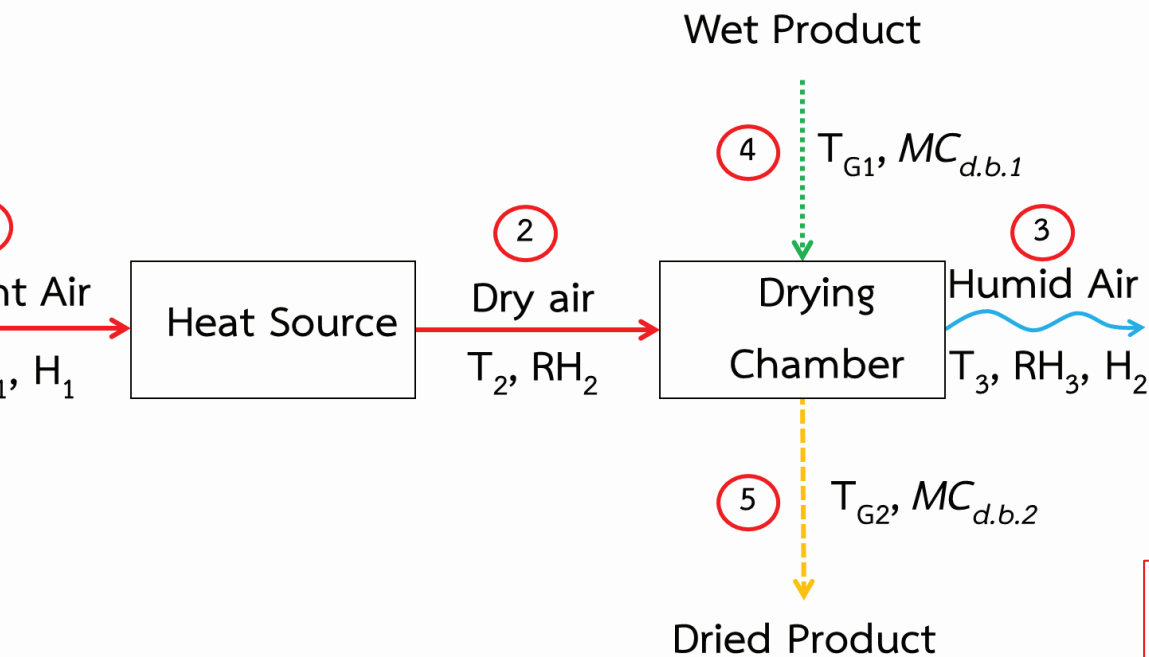
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Calculation of Airflow, Heat, and Fuel



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Total Heat Required (q_t):

$$q_t = m_{dry\ air} \times c_h \times (T_2 - T_1)$$

$$c_h = c_d + (c_v \times H_1)$$

$$q_t = m_{dry\ air} \times [c_d + (c_v \cdot H_1)] \times (T_2 - T_1)$$

m = the mass flow rate of dry air or airflow rate ($\text{kg}^{-1}_{dry\ air} \cdot \text{h}^{-1}$)

c_h = specific heat of humid air ($\text{kJ} \cdot (\text{kg}^{-1})_{dry\ air} \cdot ^\circ\text{C}$)

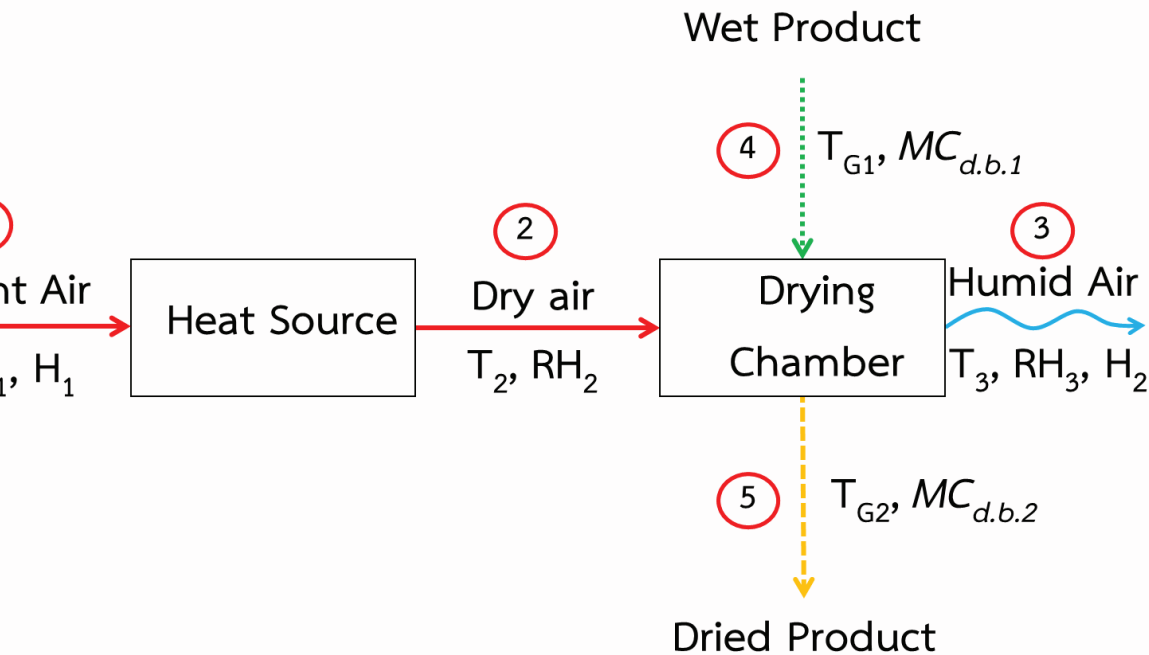
c_d = specific heat of dry air ($\text{kJ} \cdot (\text{kg}^{-1})_{dry\ air} \cdot ^\circ\text{C}$), which has an approximate value of $1.01 \text{ kJ} \cdot (\text{kg}^{-1})_{dry\ air} \cdot ^\circ\text{C}$

c_v = specific heat of water vapor ($\text{kJ} \cdot (\text{kg}^{-1})_{water} \cdot ^\circ\text{C}$), which has an approximate value of $1.88 \text{ kJ} \cdot (\text{kg}^{-1})_{water} \cdot ^\circ\text{C}$

t = drying time (h)

Calculation of Airflow, Heat, and Fuel

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The heat used for water evaporation:

$$q_e = G_d \times (MC_{d.b.1} - MC_{d.b.2}) \times h_g$$

- The **sensible heat** is the amount of heat required to raise the temperature of the grains to the temperature of the drying chamber (T_{G2})
- This amount of heat can be calculated using the following equation:

$$q_s = (G_d \times c_d \times (T_{G2} - T_{G1})) + (G_d \times c_w \times (T_{G2} - T_{G1}) \times \dots)$$

$$q_t = q_e + q_s$$

Dry mass of the material (kg)

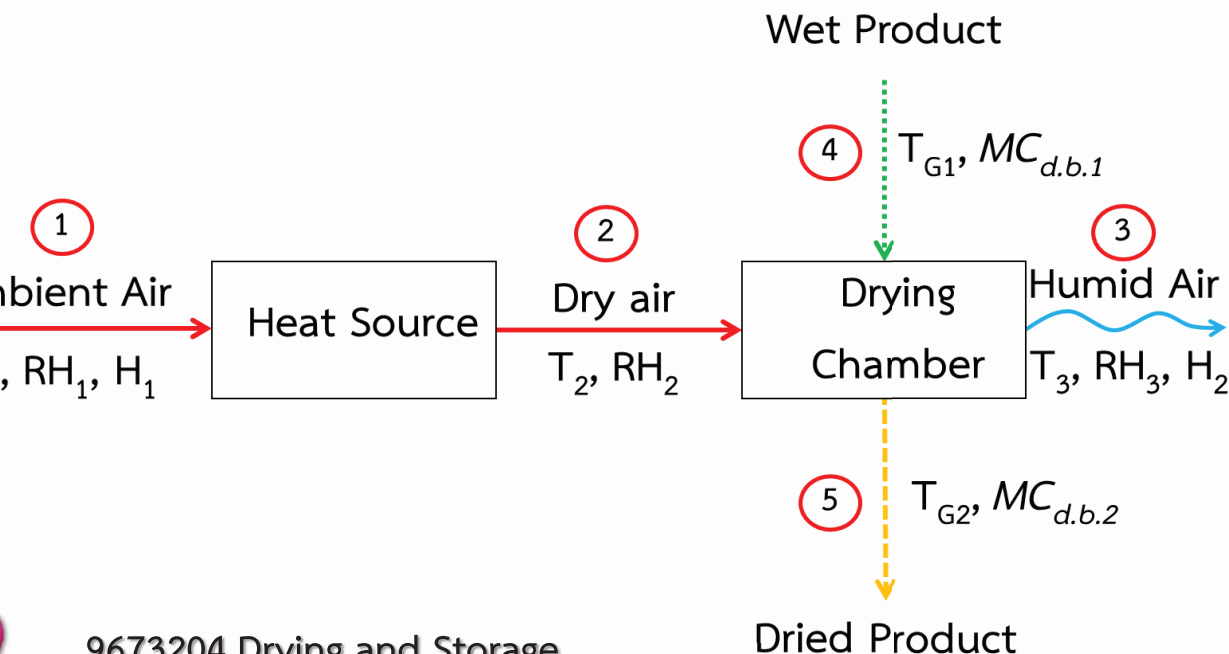
Latent heat of vaporization of water ($\text{kJ} \cdot (\text{kg}^{-1})$) = 2,280 $\text{kJ} \cdot (\text{kg}^{-1})$

Specific heat of water ($\text{kJ} \cdot (\text{kg}^{-1}) \cdot ^\circ\text{C}$) = 4.19 $\text{kJ} \cdot (\text{kg}^{-1}) \cdot ^\circ\text{C}$

Calculation of Airflow, Heat, and Fuel

Required mass flow rate of dry air, or airflow rate, can be determined from the following equation:

$$\frac{(G_d h_g (MC_{d.b.1} - MC_{d.b.2})) + (G_d c_d (T_{G2} - T_{G1})) + (G_d c_w MC_{d.b.1} (T_{G2} - T_{G1}))}{(c_d + (c_v H_1))(T_2 - T_1) t}$$



In cases where drying relies on fuel energy, the fuel consumption rate ($F, \text{kg} \cdot \text{h}^{-1}$) can be calculated from the following equation:

$$F = \frac{q_t}{\eta \eta_e c_f}$$

η is the thermal efficiency of the heating system

η_e is the thermal efficiency of the heat exchanger
 c_f is the heating value of the fuel ($\text{kJ} \cdot (\text{kg}^{-1})$)

Example 2



paddy rice at 60°C. Air is blown into the drying chamber at a mass flow rate of $0.052 \text{ kg}_{\text{dry air}} \cdot (\text{kg}^{-1})_{\text{dry solid}} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$, and the drying time is 20 h. Given that the dry mass of rice is $6 \text{ kg}_{\text{dry solid}}$, calculate the total heat supplied to the air. The ambient air conditions are 30°C and 65% relative humidity.

Solution: The problem states that the air has a temperature of 30°C and a relative humidity of 65%. By plotting these values on the psychrometric chart, the corresponding humidity ratio can be obtained $(H) = 0.0175 \text{ kg}_{\text{water}} \cdot (\text{kg}^{-1})_{\text{dry air}}$

Airflow rate can be determined from the following equation:

$$\dot{m}_{\text{dry air}} = 0.052 \text{ kg}_{\text{dry air}} \cdot (\text{kg}^{-1})_{\text{dry solid}} \cdot \text{s}^{-1} \times 6 \cdot \text{kg}_{\text{dry solid}} \times 3,600 \text{ s} \cdot \text{h}^{-1} = 1,123.2 \text{ kg}_{\text{dry air}} \cdot \text{h}^{-1}$$

Total heat supplied to the air can be calculated from the following equation:

$$q_t = 1,123.2 \times [1.01 + (1.88 \times 0.0175)] \times (60 - 35) \times 20 = 585.69 \text{ kJ}$$

Summary

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1. Basic dryer design calculations involve selecting duct size, fan size, required airflow, electrical power, and heat quantity.
2. Selecting a fan with excessively high airflow may not be beneficial due to the high pressure losses generated across different system parts (e.g., grain bed, duct, screens).
3. In practical operations, other factors such as initial moisture content and the specific type of agricultural product must also be considered.



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What factors must be considered when selecting a dryer?

How is airflow rate determined in bulk drying?

What components contribute to total pressure loss?

How is fan power calculated?

What are the main components of heat energy in drying systems?

Assignment – Lecture 8



1. When drying cereal grains, ambient air (15.6°C , 70% RH) is heated to 26.6°C . A fan supplies an airflow of $0.4 \text{ m}^3 \cdot \text{min}^{-1}$ into the drying chamber for 8 h. If the dry weight of the cereal grains is $8 \text{ kg}_{\text{dry solid}}$, calculate the required thermal values.
2. Calculate the appropriate fan horsepower for the structure in Example 1, given 6,000 kg of paddy (bulk density $750 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m}^{-3}$) in a bin, a duct air velocity of $10 \text{ m} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$, and an inlet airflow of $20 - 30 \text{ m}^3 \cdot (\text{min}^{-1}) \cdot (\text{m}^{-3})_{\text{bulk}}$
3. Based on your calculation in Question 2, compare the fan horsepower with Example 1 and explain the reasons for the differences.



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