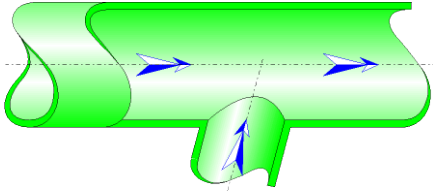




## Combining sharp-edged junction Circular Cross-Section (IDELCHIK)



### Model description:

This model of component calculates the minor head loss (pressure drop) generated by the flow in a combining sharp-edged junction.

The head loss by friction in the inlet and outlet piping is not taken into account in this component.

### Model formulation:

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Cross-sectional area of the lateral branch (m<sup>2</sup>):

$$F_s = \pi \cdot \frac{D_s^2}{4}$$

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Cross-sectional area of the common branch and the straight branch (m<sup>2</sup>):

$$F_c = \pi \cdot \frac{D_c^2}{4}$$

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Volume flow rate in the common branch (m<sup>3</sup>/s):

$$Q_c = Q_s + Q_{st}$$

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Mean velocity in the lateral branch (m/s):

$$w_s = \frac{Q_s}{F_s}$$

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Mean velocity in the straight branch (m/s):

$$w_{st} = \frac{Q_{st}}{F_c}$$

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Mean velocity in the common branch (m/s):

$$w_c = \frac{Q_c}{F_c}$$

Mass flow rate in the lateral branch (kg/s):

$$G_s = Q_s \cdot \rho$$

Mass flow rate in the straight branch (kg/s):

$$G_{st} = Q_{st} \cdot \rho$$

Mass flow rate in the common branch (kg/s):

$$G_c = Q_c \cdot \rho$$

Reynolds number in the lateral branch:

$$Re_s = \frac{w_s \cdot D_s}{\nu}$$

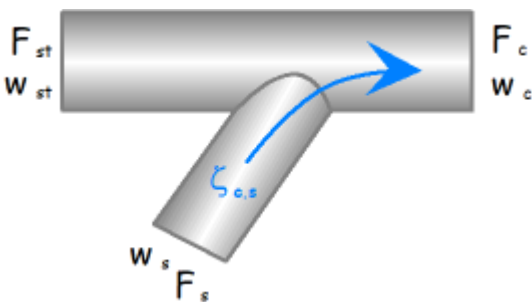
Reynolds number in the straight branch:

$$Re_{st} = \frac{w_{st} \cdot D_c}{\nu}$$

Reynolds number in the common branch:

$$Re_c = \frac{w_c \cdot D_c}{\nu}$$

Pressure loss coefficient of the lateral branch (based on mean velocity in the common branch):



■  $Re_c \geq 4000$

$$\zeta_{c,s} = A \cdot \zeta'_{c,s} \quad ([1] \text{ diagram 7.1 7.2 7.3 7.4})$$

with:

Values of A

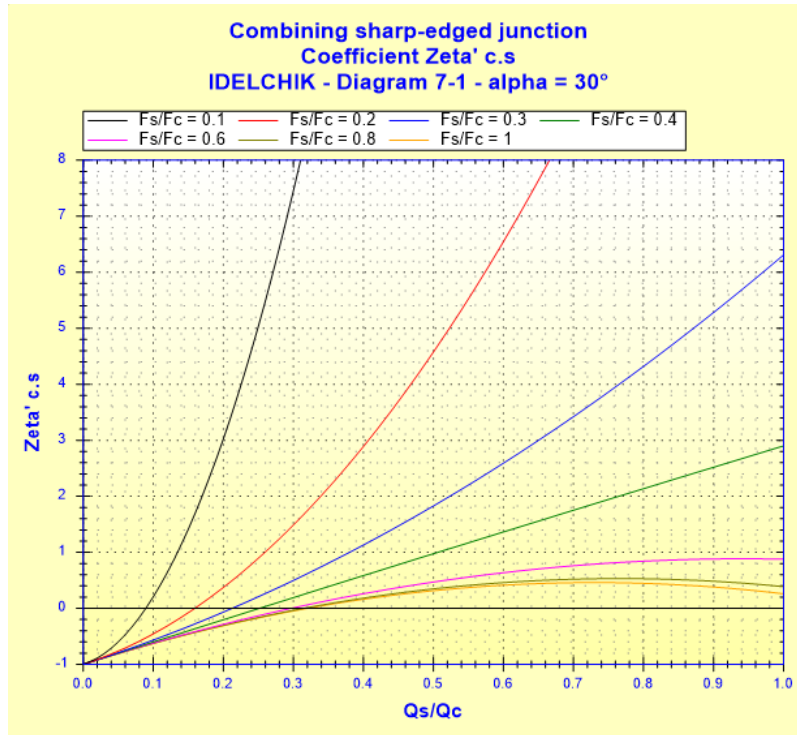
$F_s / F_c$	$\leq 0.35$	$> 0.35$	
$Q_s / Q_c$	$\leq 1$	$\leq 0.4$	$> 0.4$
<b>A</b>	<b>1</b>	$0.9 \cdot \left(1 - \frac{Q_s}{Q_c}\right)$	<b>0.55</b>

([1] table 7-1)

- Angle  $\alpha = 30^\circ$

$$\zeta'_{c.s} = 1 + \left( \frac{Q_s}{Q_c} \cdot \frac{F_c}{F_s} \right)^2 - 2 \cdot \left( 1 - \frac{Q_s}{Q_c} \right)^2 - 1.74 \cdot \frac{F_c}{F_s} \cdot \left( \frac{Q_s}{Q_c} \right)^2$$

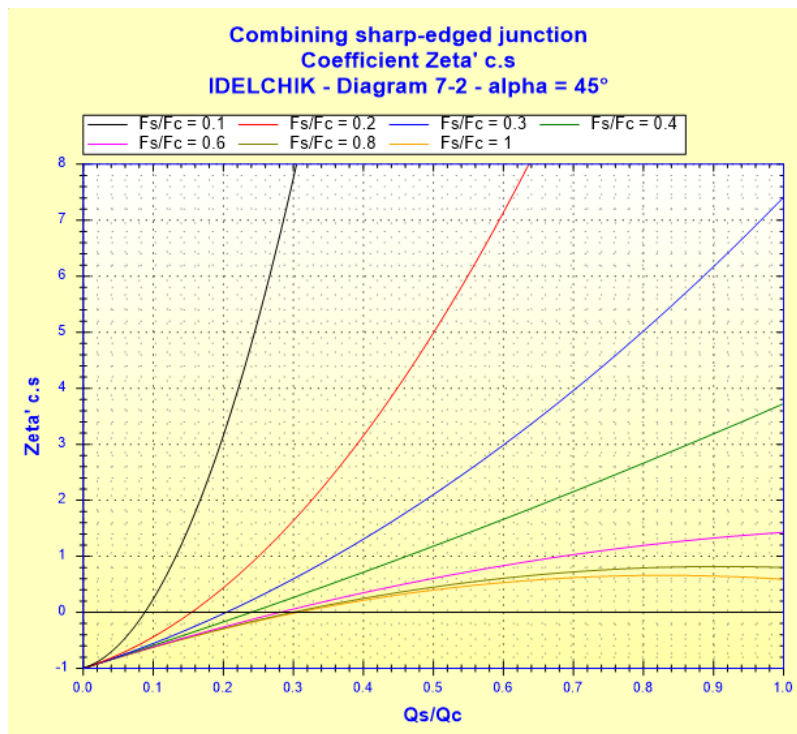
([1] diagram 7.1)



- Angle  $\alpha = 45^\circ$

$$\zeta'_{c.s} = 1 + \left( \frac{Q_s}{Q_c} \cdot \frac{F_c}{F_s} \right)^2 - 2 \cdot \left( 1 - \frac{Q_s}{Q_c} \right)^2 - 1.41 \cdot \frac{F_c}{F_s} \cdot \left( \frac{Q_s}{Q_c} \right)^2$$

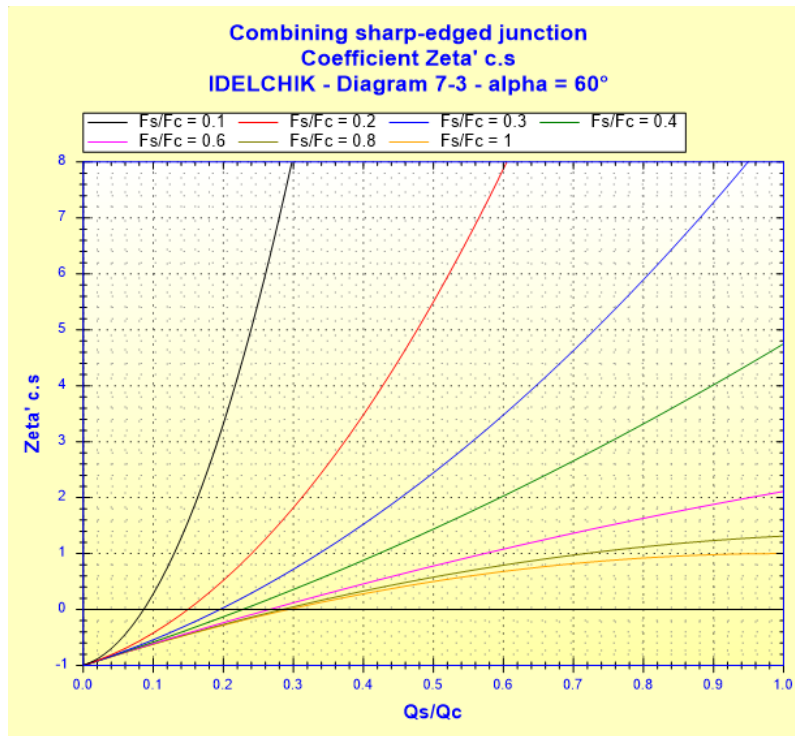
([1] diagram 7.2)



- Angle  $\alpha = 60^\circ$

$$\zeta'_{c.s} = 1 + \left( \frac{Q_s}{Q_c} \cdot \frac{F_c}{F_s} \right)^2 - 2 \cdot \left( 1 - \frac{Q_s}{Q_c} \right) - \frac{F_c}{F_s} \cdot \left( \frac{Q_s}{Q_c} \right)^2$$

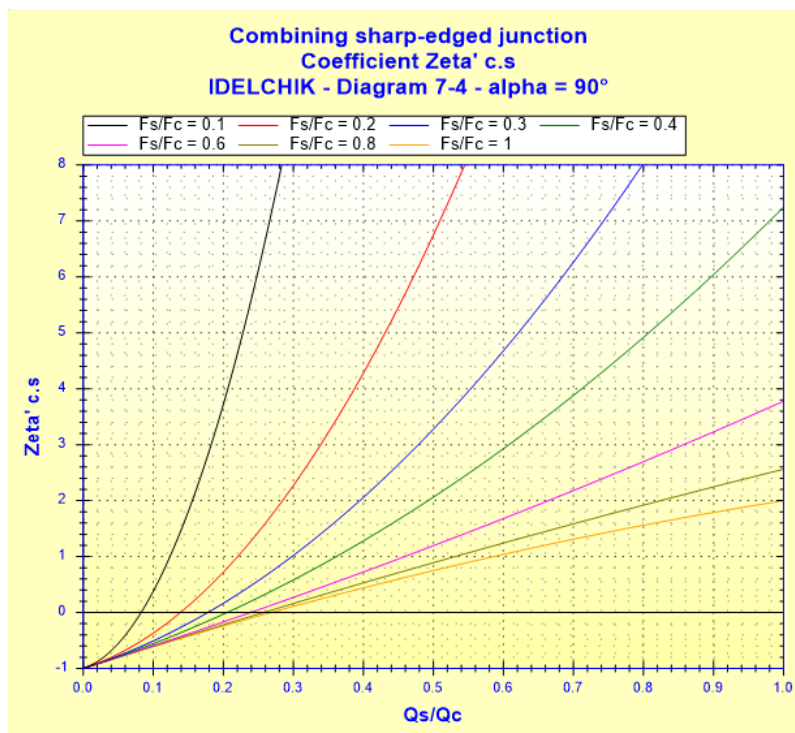
([1] diagram 7.3)



- Angle  $\alpha = 90^\circ$

$$\zeta'_{c.s} = 1 + \left( \frac{Q_s}{Q_c} \cdot \frac{F_c}{F_s} \right)^2 - 2 \cdot \left( 1 - \frac{Q_s}{Q_c} \right)$$

([1] diagram 7.4)



For any angles  $\alpha$  between  $30^\circ$  and  $90^\circ$ , the coefficient  $\zeta'_{c.s}$  is obtained by linear interpolation between the values of  $\zeta'_{c.s}$  calculated at  $30^\circ$ ,  $45^\circ$ ,  $60^\circ$  and  $90^\circ$ .

■  $Re_c \leq 2000$

$$\zeta_{c.s} = 2 \cdot \zeta_{c.s}^t + \frac{150}{Re_c} \quad ([1] \text{ equation } \S 30)$$

with

$$\zeta_{c.s}^t = A \cdot \left[ 1 + \left( \frac{Q_s}{Q_c} \cdot \frac{F_c}{F_s} \right)^2 - 2 \cdot \frac{F_c}{F_{st}} \cdot \left( 1 - \frac{Q_s}{Q_c} \right)^2 - 2 \cdot \frac{F_c}{F_s} \cdot \left( \frac{Q_s}{Q_c} \right)^2 \cdot \cos(\alpha) \right] + K_s \quad ([1])$$

equation 7.1)

with :

Values of A

$F_s / F_c$	$\leq 0.35$	$> 0.35$	
$Q_s / Q_c$	$\leq 1$	$\leq 0.4$	$> 0.4$
<b>A</b>	<b>1</b>	$0.9 \cdot \left( 1 - \frac{Q_s}{Q_c} \right)$	<b>0.55</b>

([1] table 7-1)

$$K_s = 0$$

■  $2000 < Re_c < 4000$

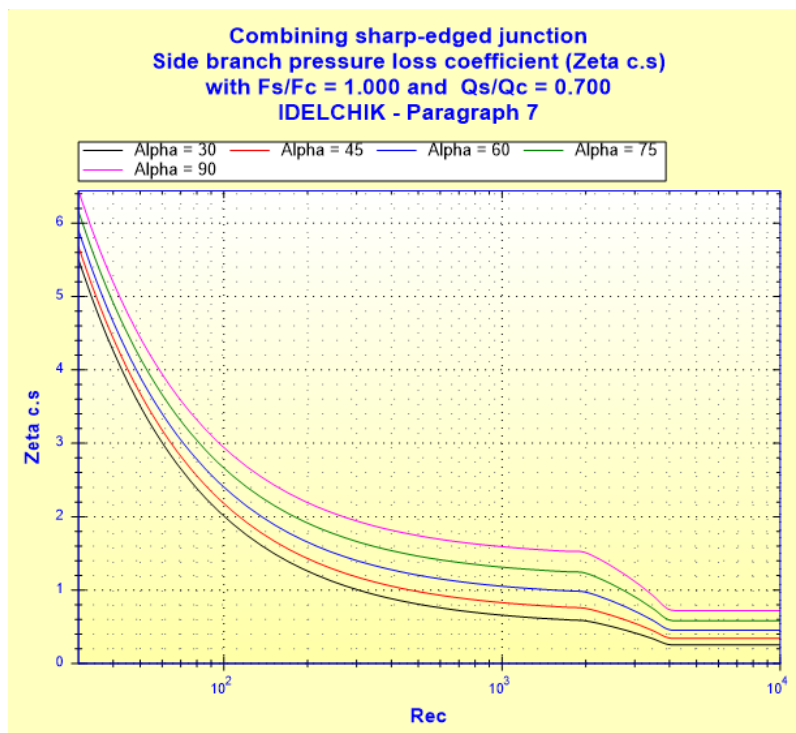
linear interpolation

$$\zeta_{c.s} = \zeta_{c.s}^l \cdot \left( 1 - \frac{Re_c - 2000}{2000} \right) + \zeta_{c.s}^t \cdot \left( \frac{Re_c - 2000}{2000} \right)$$

with:

$\zeta_{c.s}^l$  = laminar coefficient obtained with  $Re_c = 2000$

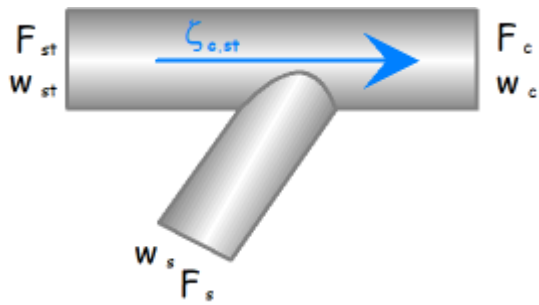
$\zeta_{c.s}^t$  = turbulent coefficient obtained with  $Re_c = 4000$



$\zeta_{c.s}$  for  $Re_c < 4000$  and with

$F_s/F_c = 1$  and  $Q_s/Q_c = 0.7$

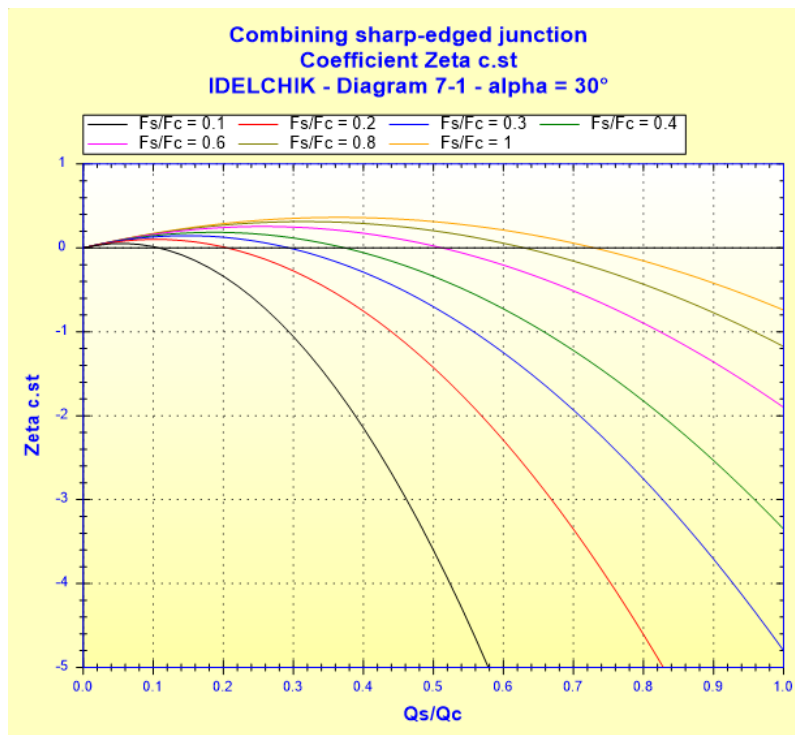
Pressure loss coefficient of the straight branch (based on mean velocity in the common branch):



■  $Re_c \geq 4000$

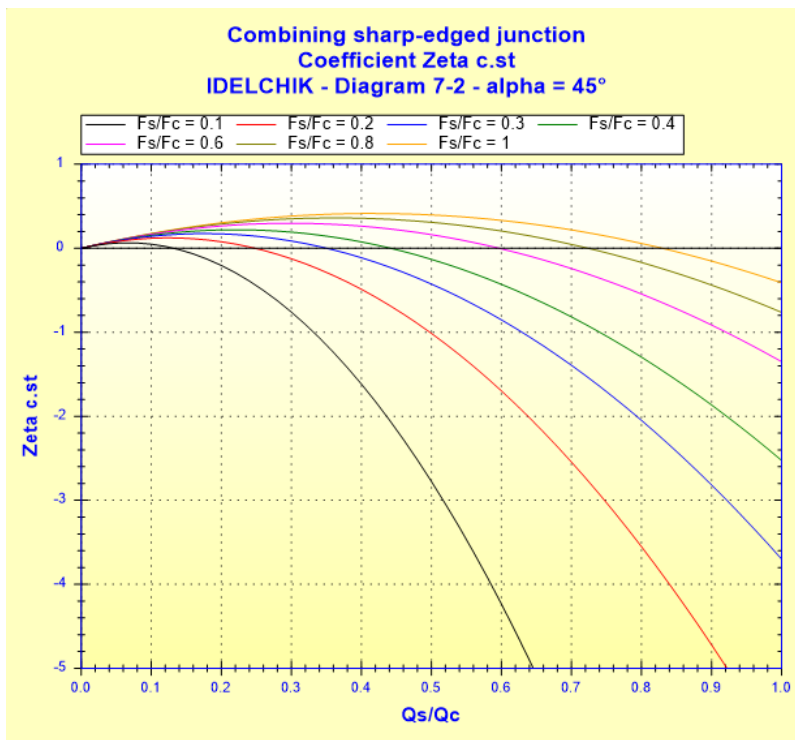
● Angle  $\alpha = 30^\circ$

$$\zeta_{c.st} = 1 - \left(1 - \frac{Q_s}{Q_c}\right)^2 - 1.74 \cdot \frac{F_c}{F_s} \cdot \left(\frac{Q_s}{Q_c}\right)^2 \quad ([1] \text{ diagram 7.1})$$



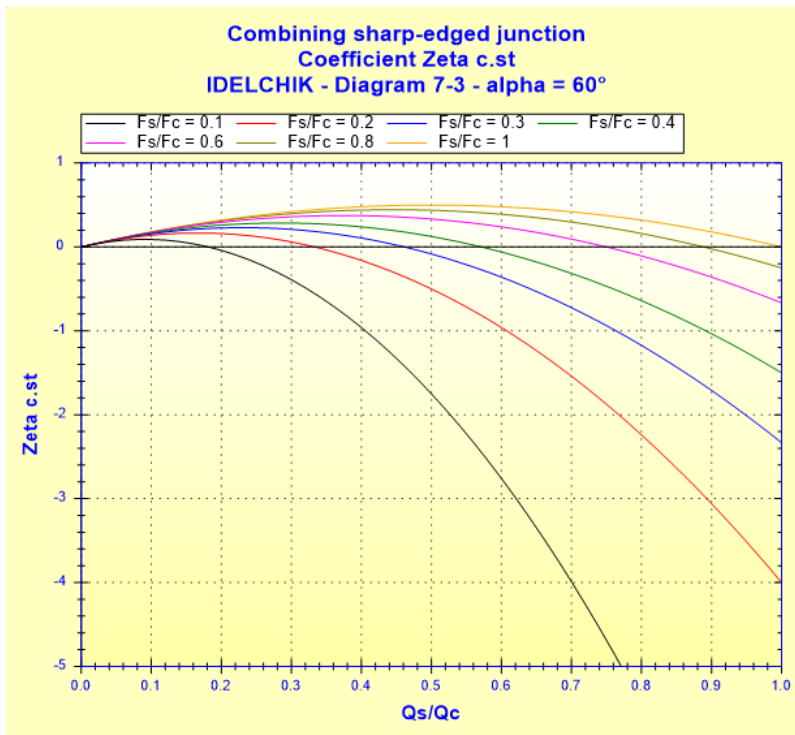
● Angle  $\alpha = 45^\circ$

$$\zeta_{c.st} = 1 - \left(1 - \frac{Q_s}{Q_c}\right)^2 - 1.41 \cdot \frac{F_c}{F_s} \cdot \left(\frac{Q_s}{Q_c}\right)^2 \quad ([1] \text{ diagram 7.2})$$



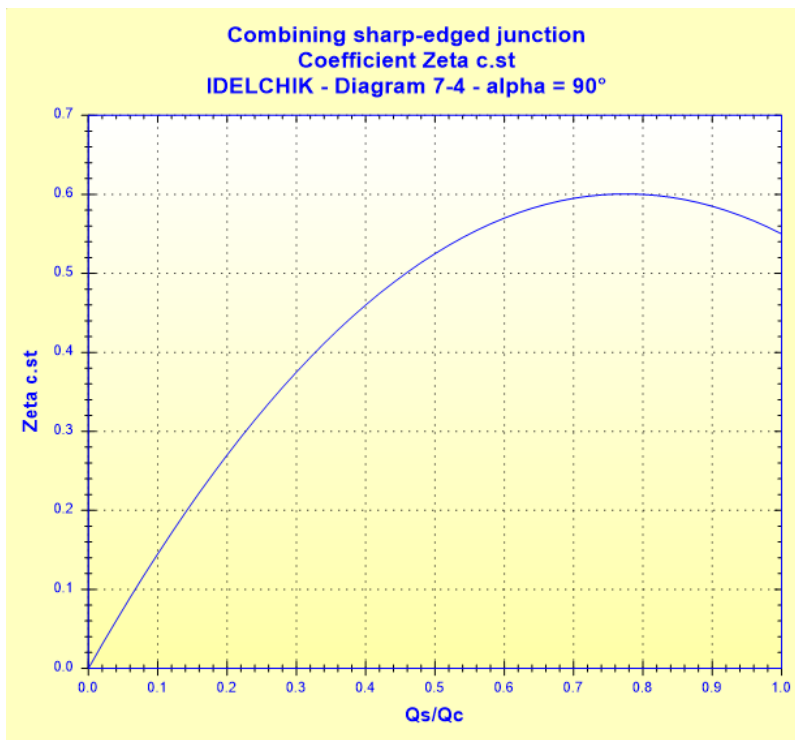
- Angle  $\alpha = 60^\circ$

$$\zeta_{c.st} = 1 - \left(1 - \frac{Q_s}{Q_c}\right)^2 - \frac{F_c}{F_s} \cdot \left(\frac{Q_s}{Q_c}\right)^2 \quad ([1] \text{ diagram 7.3})$$



- Angle  $\alpha = 90^\circ$

$$\zeta_{c.st} = 1.55 \cdot \frac{Q_s}{Q_c} - \left(\frac{Q_s}{Q_c}\right)^2 \quad ([1] \text{ diagram 7.4})$$



For any angles  $\alpha$  between  $30^\circ$  and  $90^\circ$ , the coefficient  $\zeta_{c.st}$  is obtained by linear interpolation between the values of  $\zeta_{c.st}$  calculated at  $30^\circ$ ,  $45^\circ$ ,  $60^\circ$  and  $90^\circ$ .

■  $Re_c \leq 2000$

$$\zeta_{c.st} = 2 \cdot \zeta'_{c.s} + a_0 \cdot \left(1 - \frac{Q_s}{Q_c}\right)^2 - \left(1.6 - 0.3 \cdot \frac{F_s}{F_c}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{F_c}{F_s} \cdot \frac{Q_s}{Q_c}\right)^2 \quad ([1] \text{ equation } \S 30)$$

with:

Values of  $a_0$

$F_s / F_c$	$\leq 0.35$	$> 0.35$	
$Q_s / Q_c$	$\leq 1$	$\leq 0.2$	$> 0.2$
$a_0$	$1.8 - \frac{Q_s}{Q_c}$	$1.8 - 4 \cdot \frac{Q_s}{Q_c}$	$1.2 - \frac{Q_s}{Q_c}$

([1] table 7-6)

$$\zeta'_{c.s} = 2 \cdot \zeta^t_{c.s} + \frac{150}{Re_c} \quad ([1] \text{ équation } 7.6)$$

with:

$$\zeta^t_{c.s} = A \cdot \left[ 1 + \left(\frac{Q_s}{Q_c} \cdot \frac{F_c}{F_s}\right)^2 - 2 \cdot \frac{F_c}{F_{st}} \cdot \left(1 - \frac{Q_s}{Q_c}\right)^2 - 2 \cdot \frac{F_c}{F_s} \cdot \left(\frac{Q_s}{Q_c}\right)^2 \cdot \cos(\alpha) \right] + K_s$$

([1] équation 7.1)

with:

Values of A

$F_s / F_c$	$\leq 0.35$	$> 0.35$	
$Q_s / Q_c$	$\leq 1$	$\leq 0.4$	$> 0.4$
$A$	1	$0.9 \cdot \left(1 - \frac{Q_s}{Q_c}\right)$	0.55

([1] table 7-1)



$$K_s = 0$$

■  $2000 < Re_c < 4000$

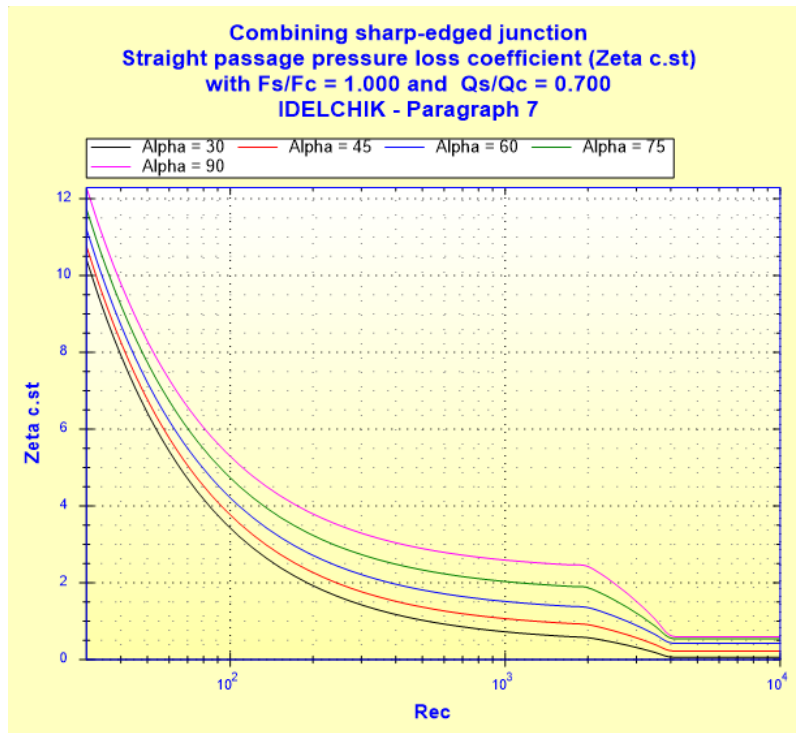
linear interpolation

$$\zeta_{c.s} = \zeta_{c.s}^l \cdot \left(1 - \frac{Re_c - 2000}{2000}\right) + \zeta_{c.s}^t \cdot \left(\frac{Re_c - 2000}{2000}\right)$$

with:

$\zeta_{c.s}^l$  = laminar coefficient obtained with  $Re_c = 2000$

$\zeta_{c.s}^t$  = turbulent coefficient obtained with  $Re_c = 4000$



$\zeta_{c.s}$  for  $Re_c < 4000$  and with

$F_s/F_c = 1$  and  $Q_s/Q_c = 0.7$

Pressure loss in the lateral branch (Pa):

$$\Delta P_{c.s} = \zeta_{c.s} \cdot \frac{\rho \cdot W_c^2}{2}$$

Pressure loss in the straight branch (Pa):

$$\Delta P_{c.st} = \zeta_{c.st} \cdot \frac{\rho \cdot W_c^2}{2}$$

Head loss of fluid in the lateral branch (m):

$$\Delta H_{c.s} = \zeta_{c.s} \cdot \frac{W_c^2}{2 \cdot g}$$

Head loss of fluid in the straight branch (m):

$$\Delta H_{c.st} = \zeta_{c.st} \cdot \frac{W_c^2}{2 \cdot g}$$

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Hydraulic power loss in the lateral branch (W):

$$Wh_s = \Delta P_{c.s} \cdot Q_s$$

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Hydraulic power loss in the straight branch (W):

$$Wh_{st} = \Delta P_{c.st} \cdot Q_{st}$$

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**Symbols, Definitions, SI Units:**

$D_s$	Diameter of the lateral branch (m)
$D_c$	Diameter of the common branch and the straight branch (m)
$F_s$	Cross-sectional area of the lateral branch (m <sup>2</sup> )
$F_c$	Cross-sectional area of the common branch and the straight branch (m <sup>2</sup> )
$Q_s$	Volume flow rate in the lateral branch (m <sup>3</sup> /s)
$w_s$	Mean velocity in the lateral branch (m/s)
$Q_{st}$	Volume flow rate in the straight branch (m <sup>3</sup> /s)
$w_{st}$	Mean velocity in the straight branch (m/s)
$Q_c$	Volume flow rate in the common branch (m <sup>3</sup> /s)
$w_c$	Mean velocity in the common branch (m/s)
$G_s$	Mass flow rate in the lateral branch (kg/s)
$G_{st}$	Mass flow rate in the straight branch (kg/s)
$G_c$	Mass flow rate in the common branch (kg/s)
$Re_s$	Reynolds number in the lateral branch ( )
$Re_{st}$	Reynolds number in the straight branch ( )
$Re_c$	Reynolds number in the common branch ( )
$\alpha$	Angle of the lateral branch (m)
$\zeta_{c.s}$	Pressure loss coefficient of the lateral branch (based on mean velocity in the common branch) ( )
$\zeta_{c.st}$	Pressure loss coefficient of the straight branch (based on mean velocity in the common branch) ( )
$\Delta P_s$	Pressure loss in the lateral branch (Pa)
$\Delta P_{st}$	Pressure loss in the straight branch (Pa)
$\Delta H_s$	Head loss of fluid in the lateral branch (m)
$\Delta H_{st}$	Head loss of fluid in the straight branch (m)
$Wh_s$	Hydraulic power loss in the lateral branch (W)
$Wh_{st}$	Hydraulic power loss in the straight branch (W)
$\rho$	Fluid density (kg/m <sup>3</sup> )
$\nu$	Fluid kinematic viscosity (m <sup>2</sup> /s)
$g$	Gravitational acceleration (m/s <sup>2</sup> )

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**Validity range:**

- angle of the lateral branch: between 30° and 90°

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**Example of application:**

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**Fluid characteristics**

Fluid: Water @ 1 atm [HC]  
Ref.: IAPWS IF97

Temperature: T 20 °C  
Pressure: P 1.013 bar

Density:  $\rho$  998.2061 kg/m<sup>3</sup>  
Dynamic Viscosity:  $\mu$  0.00100159 N.s/m<sup>2</sup>  
Kinematic Viscosity:  $\nu$  1.00340E-06 m<sup>2</sup>/s

Density  Dyn. Visc.  Kn. Visc.

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**Geometrical characteristics**

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Straight passage pressure loss  $\Delta P_{st}$  0.002749586 bar  
pressure loss  $\Delta H_{st}$  0.0281 m of fluid Calculate

$G_{st}$  4.9910 kg/s  
 $Q_{st}$  0.005 m<sup>3</sup>/s  
 $w_{st}$  1.288 m/s (Turbulent)

$G_s$  0.9982 kg/s  
 $Q_s$  0.001 m<sup>3</sup>/s  
 $w_s$  0.685 m/s (Turbulent)

$G_c$  5.9892 kg/s  
 $Q_c$  0.0060 m<sup>3</sup>/s  
 $w_c$  1.546 m/s (Turbulent)

Side branch pressure loss  $\Delta P_s$  -0.00171981 bar  
 $\Delta H_s$  -0.0176 m of fluid

$D_s$  0.0431 m  
 $D_c$  0.0703 m

**Complementary results**

Designation	Symbol	Value	Unit
Side branch cross-section area	$F_s$	0.001458963	m <sup>2</sup>
Straight passage cross-section area	$F_{st}$	0.003881508	m <sup>2</sup>
Common channel cross-section area	$F_c$	0.003881508	m <sup>2</sup>
Cross-sections area ratio 'Side branch / Common channel'	$F_s/F_c$	0.3758754	
Flow rate ratio 'Side branch / Common channel'	$Q_s/Q_c$	0.1666667	
Side branch Reynolds number	$Re_s$	29441.51	
Straight passage Reynolds number	$Re_{st}$	90251	
Common channel Reynolds number	$Re_c$	108301.2	
Coefficient A (Table 7-1)	$A$	0.75	
Coefficient of local resistance (Diagram 7-1 7-2 7-3 7-4)	$\zeta_{cs}$	-0.192277	
Coefficient of local resistance (Diagram 7-1 7-2 7-3 7-4)	$\zeta_{cs}$	-0.1442078	
Coefficient of local resistance (Diagram 7-1 7-2 7-3 7-4)	$\zeta_{cat}$	0.2305556	
Side branch pressure loss coefficient (based on $w_c$ )	$\zeta_{cs}$	-0.1442078	
Straight passage pressure loss coefficient (based on $w_c$ )	$\zeta_{cat}$	0.2305556	
Side branch hydraulic power loss	$W_{hs}$	-0.171981	W
Straight passage hydraulic power loss	$W_{hst}$	1.374793	W

## References:

[1] Handbook of Hydraulic Resistance, 3rd Edition, I.E. Idelchik