

High Vacuum System Engineering Calculations
2.75" Conflat High Vacuum System
Design Iteration #3
Transitional Flow with Argon at 20C

CONDUCTANCE CALCULATIONS – TRANSITIONAL FLOW
(For Use with Argon Plasma Systems and System Purging @ 10⁻² Torr)

1.) Diffusion Pump

→ Max Pumping Speed of Diffusion Pump (Air) @ 10⁻² torr

→ $S_{diff(k)} = 100 \text{ l/sec}$

2.) Transitional Flow Conductance for Diffusion Pump to 2.75" Conflat Adapter Plate

→ Conductance of Pipes in Transitional Flow

$$C_k = C_m \left(0.0736 \frac{D}{\lambda} + \frac{1+1.25D/\lambda}{1+1.55D/\lambda} \right)$$

C_k = transitional flow conductance

C_m = conductance for molecular flow = $C_{adapter} = 55.942 \text{ l/s}$

D = diameter (cm) = 3.556

λ = mean free path at average pressure ($P=10^{-2}$ torr) (cm) = 0.5

$C_k = 75.297 \text{ l/sec}$

→ $C_{k(adapter)} = 75.297 \text{ l/sec}$

3.) Transitional Flow Conductance for 2.75" Conflat 4-Way Cross

→ Conductance of Pipes in Transitional Flow

$$C_k = C_m \left(0.0736 \frac{D}{\lambda} + \frac{1+1.25D/\lambda}{1+1.55D/\lambda} \right)$$

C_k = transitional flow conductance

C_m = conductance for molecular flow = $C_{cross} = 24.442 \text{ l/s}$

D = diameter (cm) = 3.556

λ = mean free path at average pressure ($P=10^{-2}$ torr) (cm) = 0.5

$C_k = 32.899 \text{ l/sec}$

→ $C_{k(cross)} = 32.899 \text{ l/sec}$

4.) Transitional Flow Conductance for 2.75" Conflat Gate Valve

→ Conductance of Pipes in Transitional Flow

$$C_k = C_m \left(0.0736 \frac{D}{\lambda} + \frac{1+1.25D/\lambda}{1+1.55D/\lambda} \right)$$

C_k = transitional flow conductance

C_m = conductance for molecular flow = $C_{gate_valve} = 49.311 \text{ l/s}$

D = diameter (cm) = 3.556

λ = mean free path at average pressure ($P=10^{-2}$ torr) (cm) = 0.5

$C_k = 66.372 \text{ l/sec}$

$$\rightarrow C_{k(\text{gate_valve})} = 66.372 \text{ l/sec}$$

5.) Total System Conductance

→ Conductance of Pipeline

$$\frac{1}{C_{k(\text{pipeline})}} = \frac{1}{C_{k(\text{adapter})}} + \frac{1}{C_{k(\text{cross})}} + \frac{1}{C_{k(\text{gate_valve})}}$$

$$\frac{1}{C_{k(\text{pipeline})}} = \frac{1}{75.297} + \frac{1}{32.899} + \frac{1}{66.372}$$

$$C_{k(\text{pipeline})} = 17.023 \text{ l/sec}$$

$$\rightarrow C_{k(\text{pipeline})} = 17.023 \text{ l/sec}$$

→ Effective Pumping Speed of the System

$$\frac{1}{S_{e(k)}} = \frac{1}{C_{k(\text{pipeline})}} + \frac{1}{S_{\text{diff}(k)}}$$

$$S_{e(k)} = \frac{C_{k(\text{pipeline})} \times S_{\text{diff}(k)}}{C_{k(\text{pipeline})} + S_{\text{diff}(k)}}$$

$$C_{k(\text{pipeline})} = 17.023 \text{ l/s}$$

$$S_{\text{diff}(k)} = 100 \text{ l/s}$$

$$S_{e(k)} = 10.523 \text{ l/s}$$

$$\rightarrow S_{e(k)} = 14.547 \text{ l/sec}$$