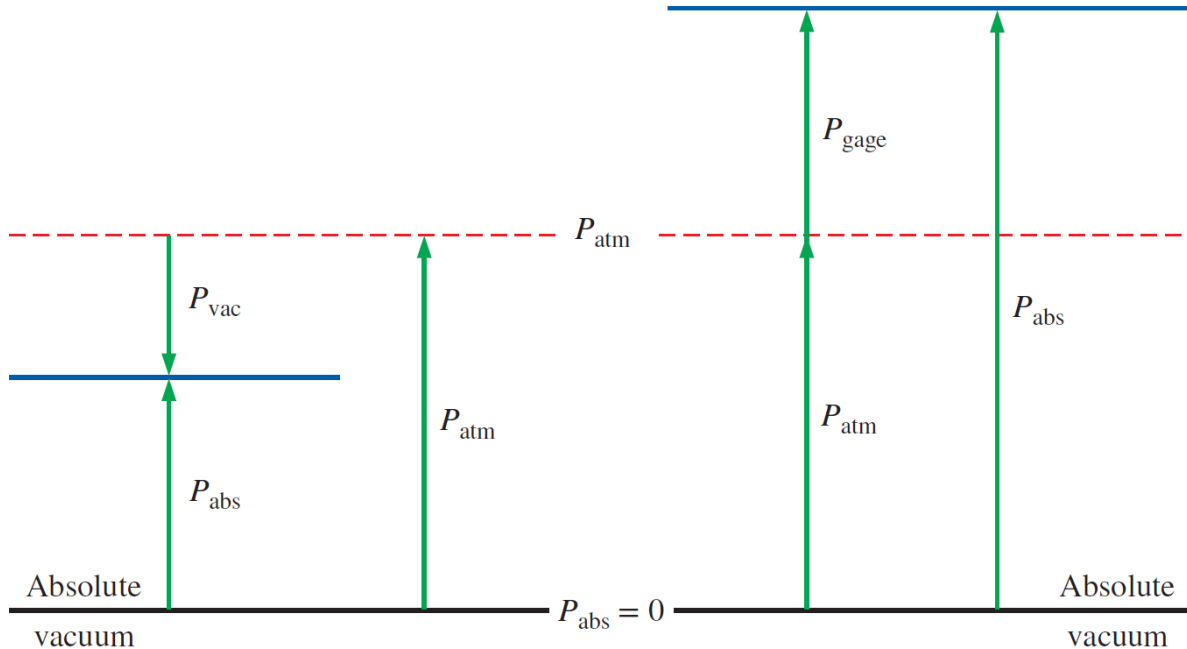




# Measurement techniques of pressure, velocity and flow rate

# Fundamental principles of pressure measurement

Relative pressure (gage, vacuum), absolute pressure, barometric (atmospheric) pressure



## Fundamental definitions of pressure

Pressure defined by means of basic SI units and hydrostatic pressure definition

$$p = \frac{F}{S} = \frac{mg}{L^2}$$

$$(Pa) = \frac{(N)}{(m^2)} = \frac{(kg) \left(\frac{m}{s^2}\right)}{(m)(m)} = \frac{(kg)}{(m)(s^2)}$$

$$p = h\rho g$$

$$(Pa) = (m) \left(\frac{kg}{m^3}\right) \left(\frac{m}{s^2}\right) = \frac{(kg)}{(m)(s^2)}$$

# Fundamental definitions of pressure for moving fluid

Total pressure, static pressure, dynamic pressure, velocity

$$p_{total} = p_{stat} + p_{dyn}$$

$$p_{dyn} = \frac{1}{2} \rho v^2$$

# Basic classification of devices for pressure measurement

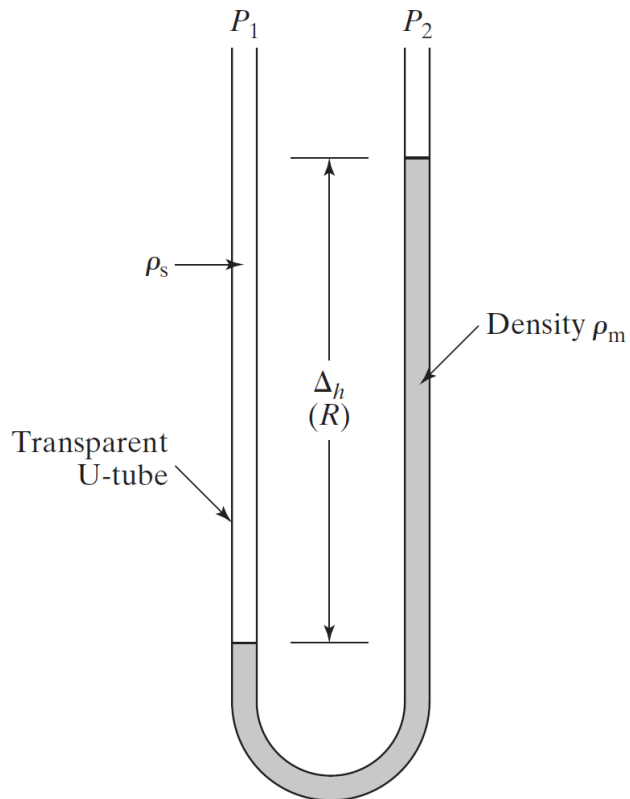
- Manometers filled with a fluid (hydrostatic gages)
  1. Bell-type manometers (the stroke of the bell is proportional to pressure)
  2. Piston-type manometers, e.g., dead-weight testers (Pascal's law)
  3. Column-type manometers (weight of a liquid column)
  
- Mechanical gages or manometers (strain of a flexible element)
  1. Bourdon-type gages (Bourdon tube)
  2. Bellows-type gages
  3. Diaphragm-type gages
  
- Pressure transducers (a change of an electrical quantity)
  1. Strain-gage pressure transducers
  2. Capacitive pressure transducers
  3. Piezoelectric pressure transducers
  4. LVDT pressure transducers

## Basic classification of devices for vacuum pressure measurement

- Compression vacuum gage (hydrostatic, mechanical, used for calibration)
- Thermal conductivity vacuum gage (thermal conductivity is proportional to the gas pressure, electrical output)
- Ionization vacuum gage (the rate of ionization of the gas is proportional to its pressure, electrical output)

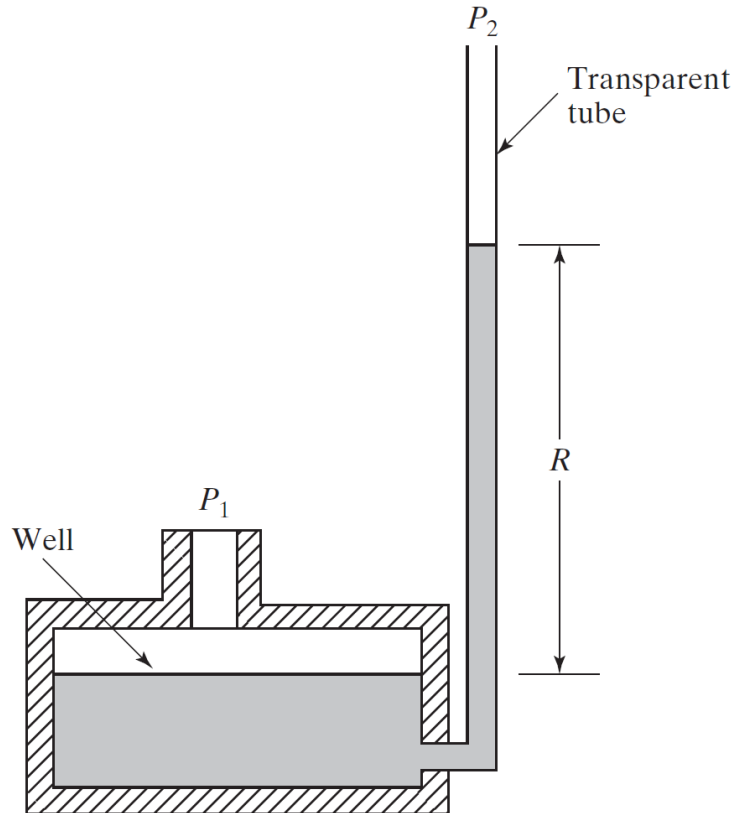
# Pressure measurement

## U-tube manometer



# Pressure measurement

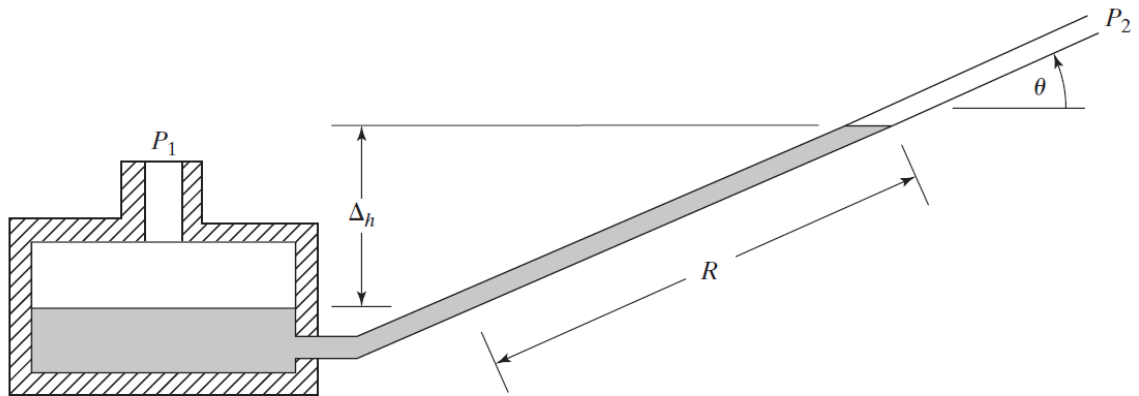
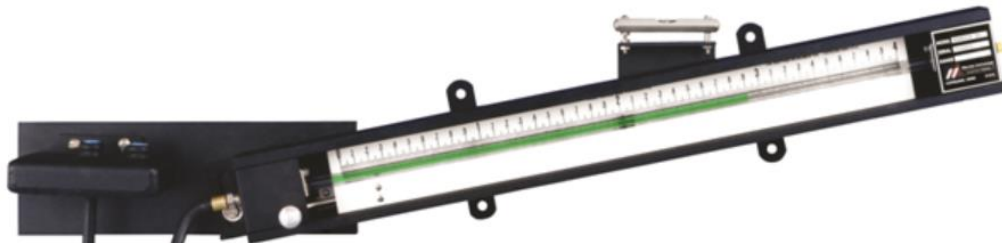
Well manometer





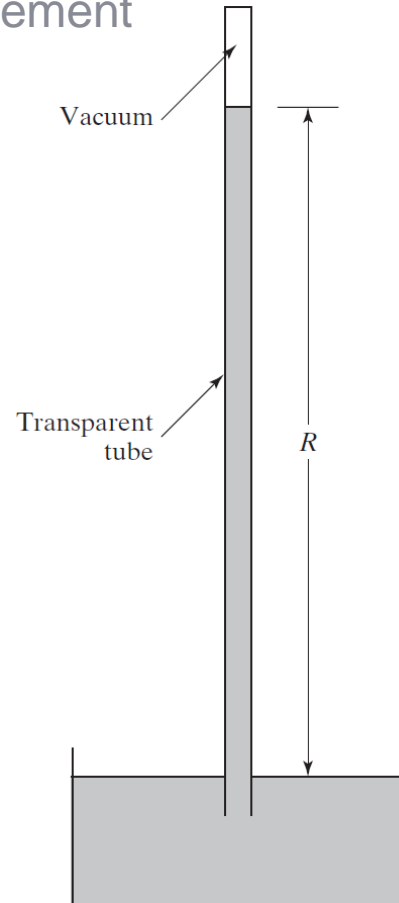
# Pressure measurement

Inclined manometer (range setup, higher accuracy)



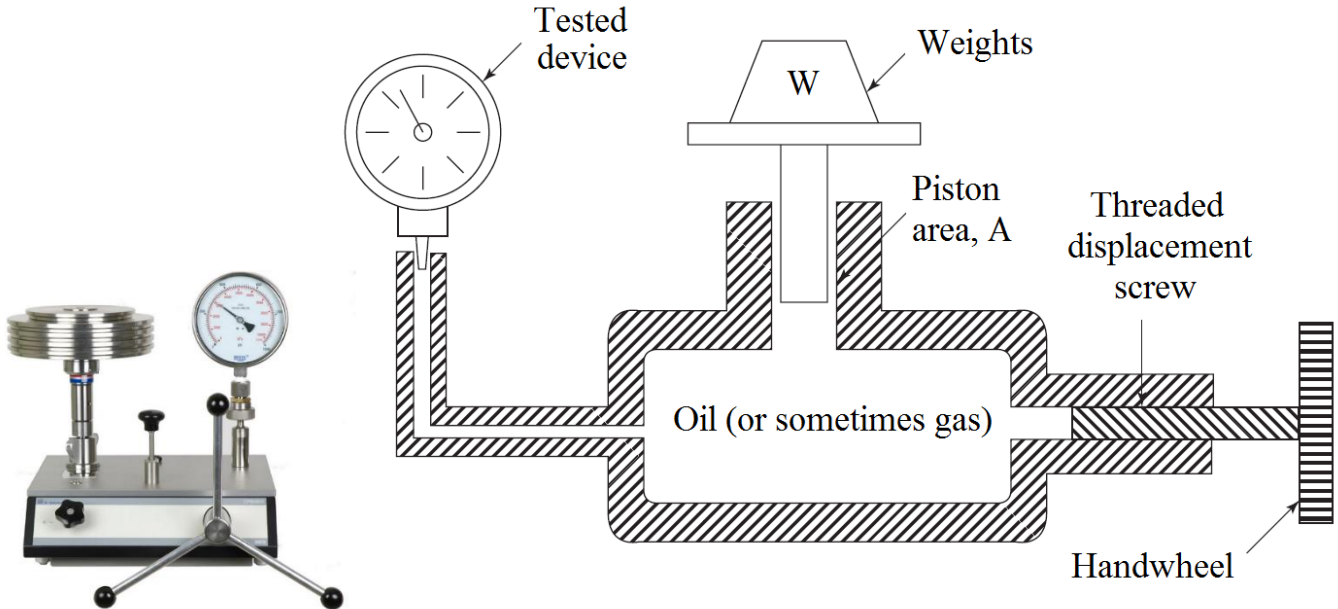
# Pressure measurement

Mercury barometer



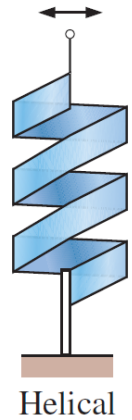
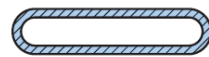
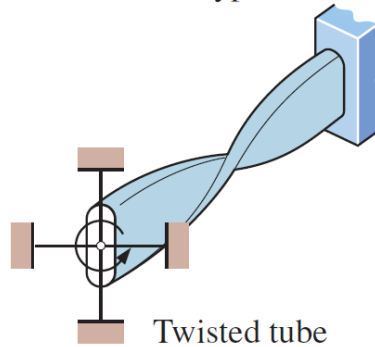
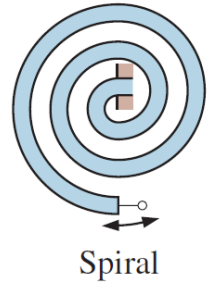
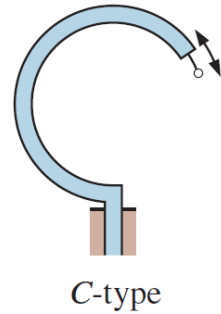
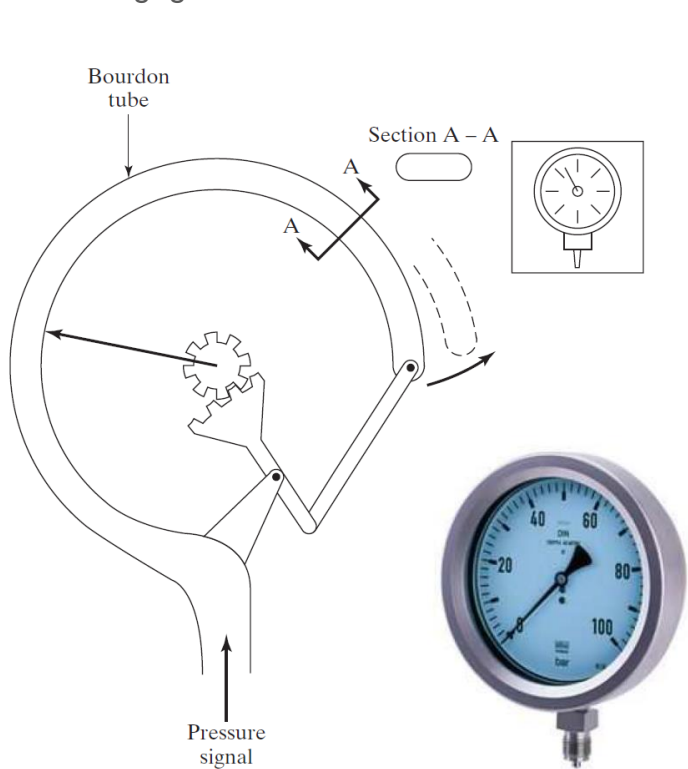
# Pressure measurement

Dead-weight tester – mostly used for calibration of other manometers



# Pressure measurement

## Bourdon gage



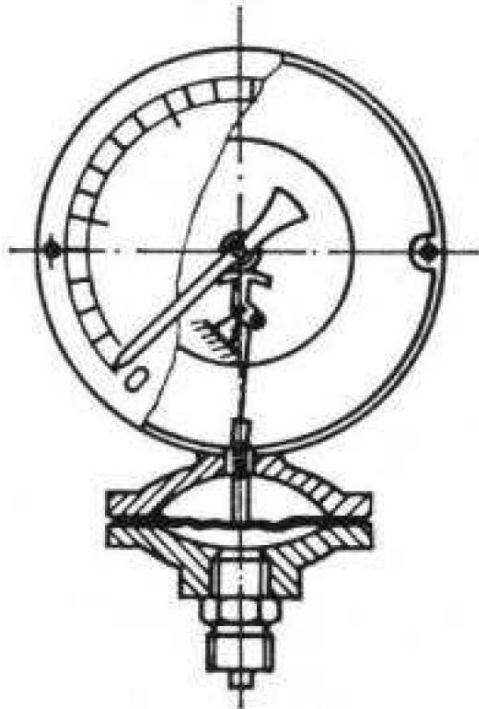
## Pressure measurement

Bourdon gage – a principle similar to the party noise-maker



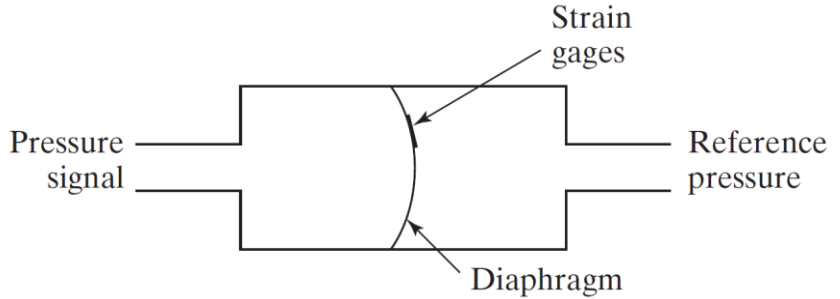
# Pressure measurement

Diaphragm pressure gage

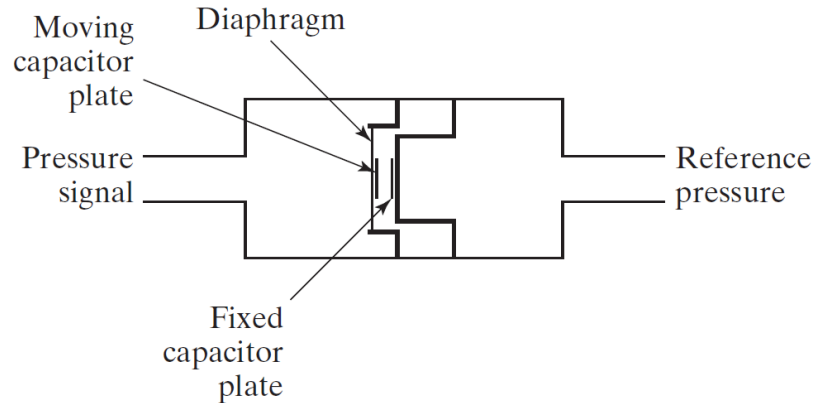


# Pressure measurement

Strain-gage pressure transducer

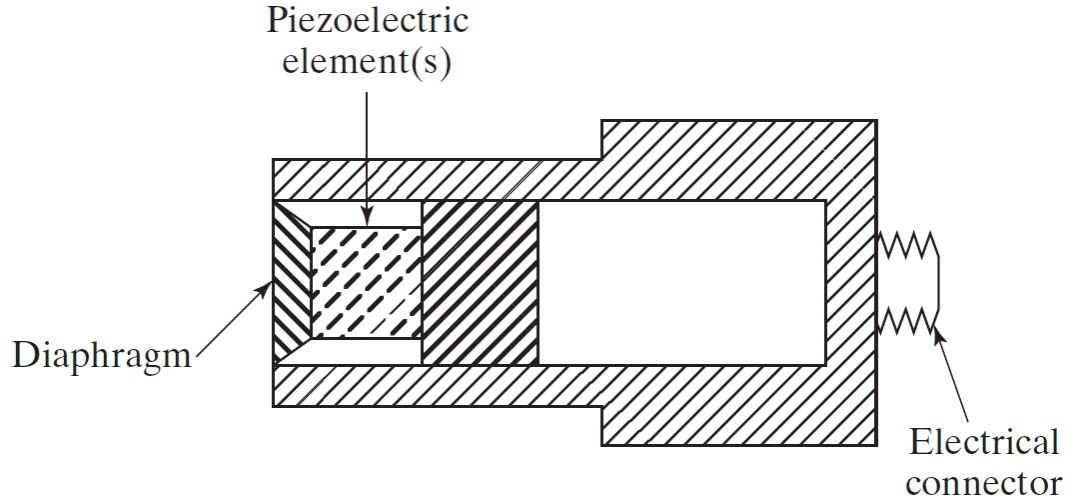


Capacitive pressure transducer



# Pressure measurement

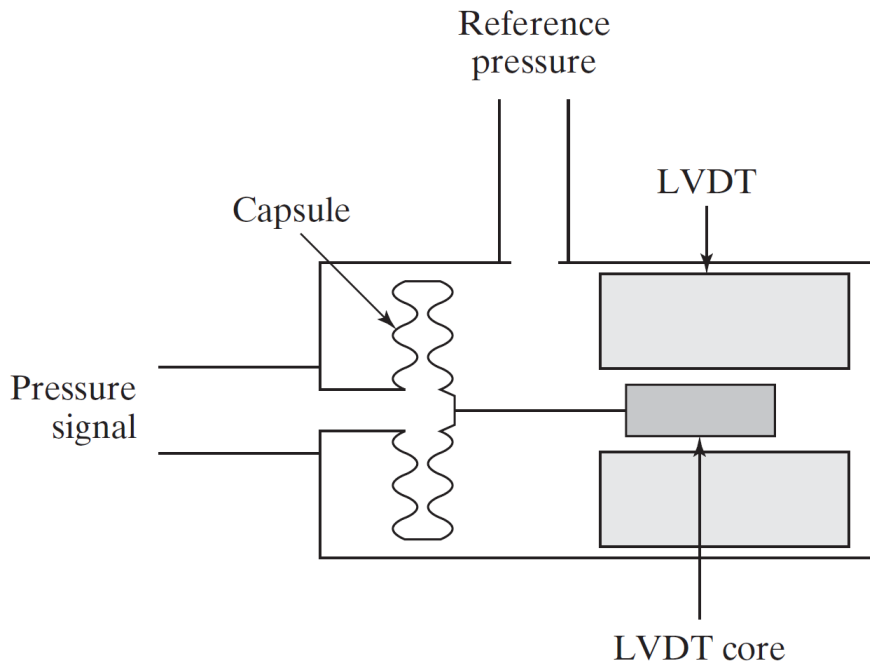
## Piezoelectric pressure transducer





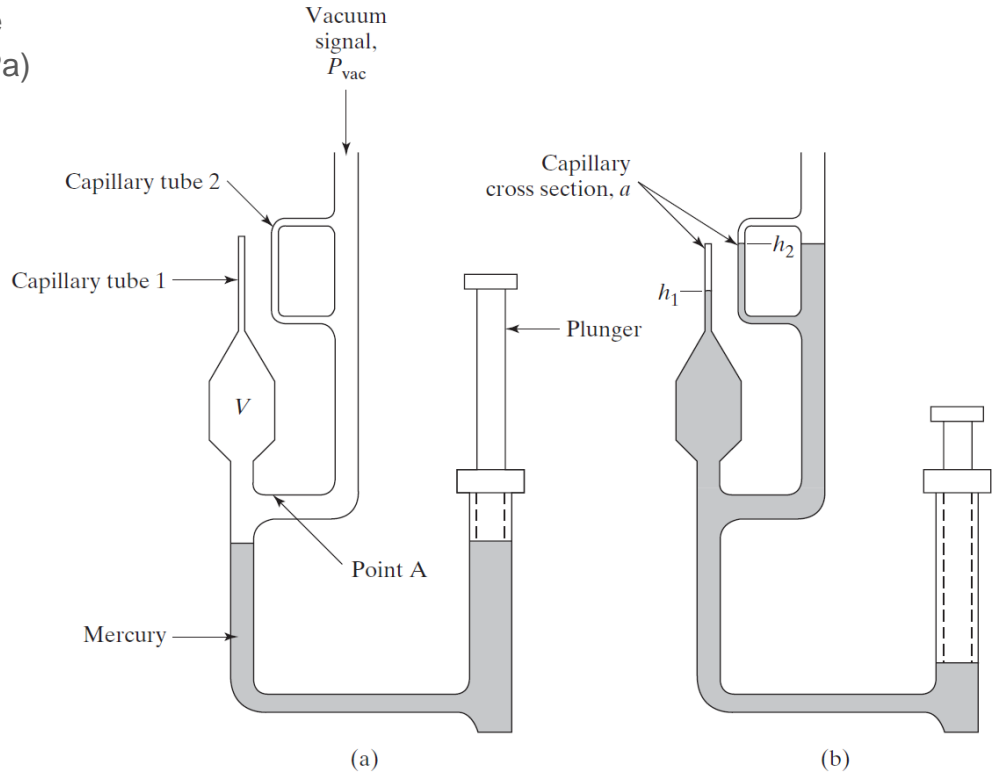
# Pressure measurement

LVDT pressure transducer (Linear Variable Differential Transformer)



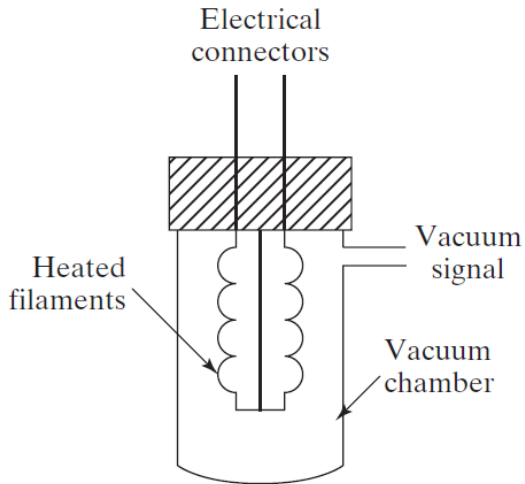
# Very low pressure (vacuum) measurement

McLeod vacuum gage  
(range of  $10^3$  to  $10^{-4}$  Pa)

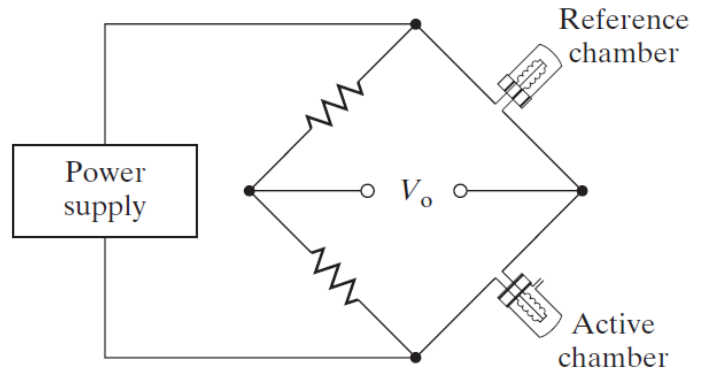


# Very low pressure (vacuum) measurement

Pirani thermal-conductivity vacuum gage  
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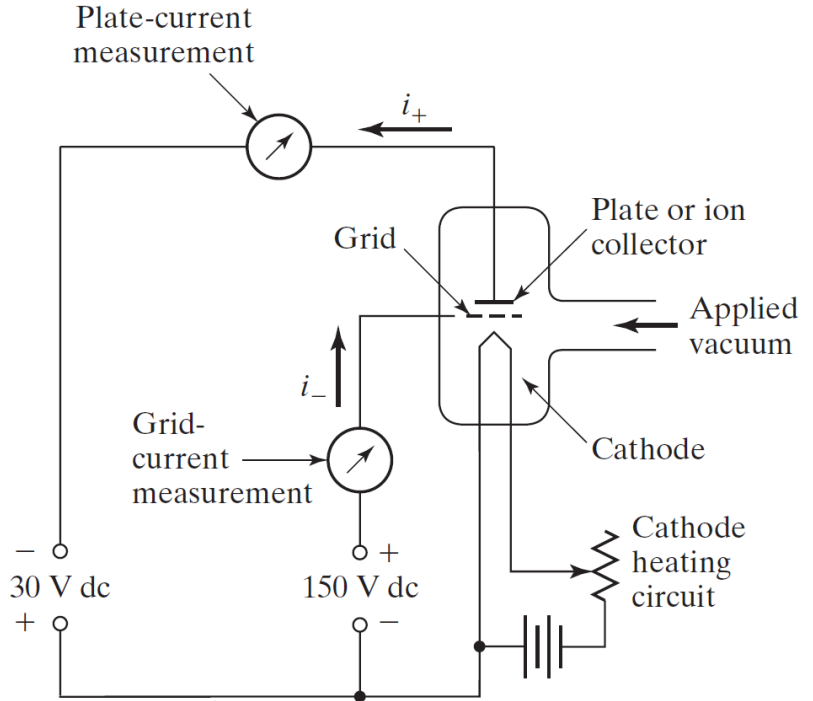
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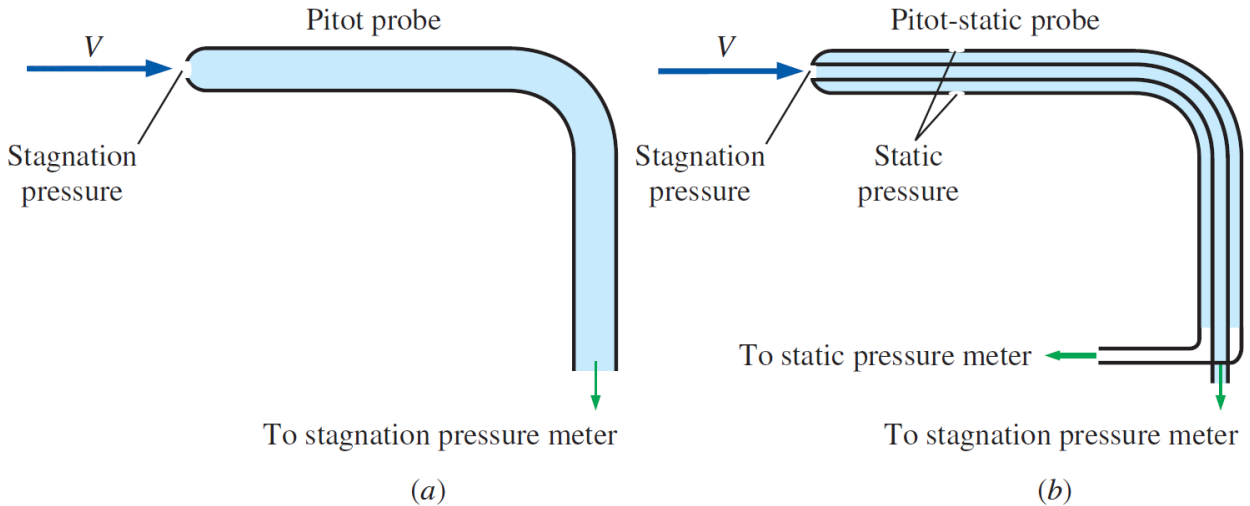
# Very low pressure (vacuum) measurement

Ionization Vacuum Gage  
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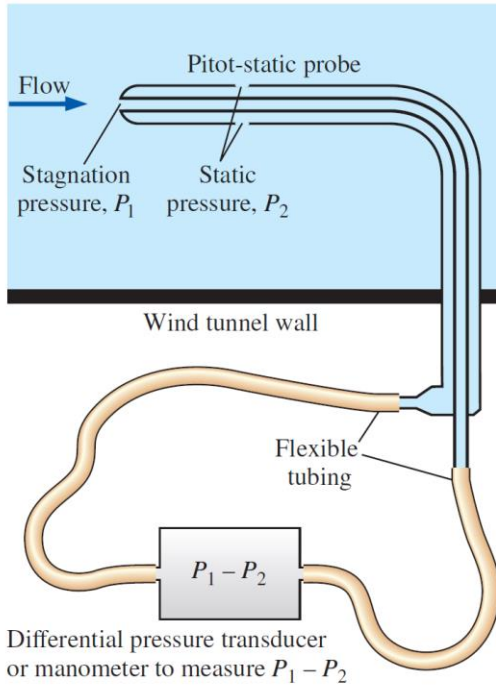
# Measurement of **velocity** and flow rate

## Pitot and Pitot-Static probe



# Measurement of **velocity** and flow rate

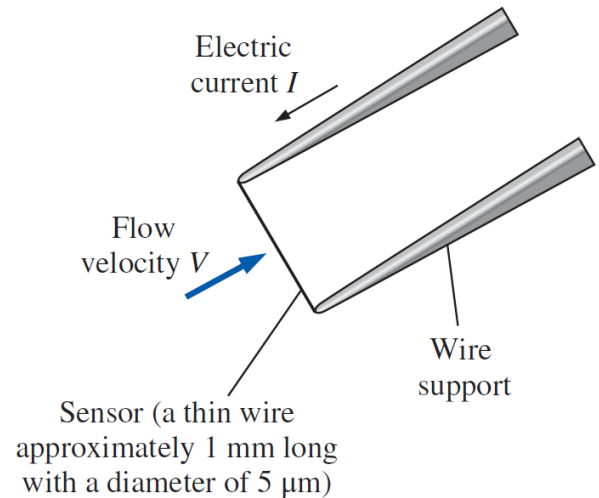
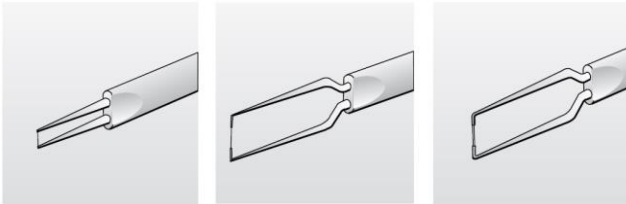
## Pitot-Static probe



## Measurement of **velocity** and flow rate

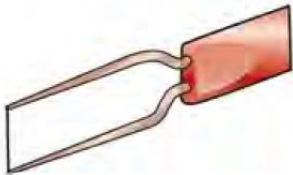
Thermal (Hot-Wire and Hot-Film) Anemometers – 2 possible working modes (CTA/CCA)

- **CTA** (Constant Temperature Anemometry) **for velocity measurement**
- **CCA** (Constant Current Anemometry) **for temperature measurement**

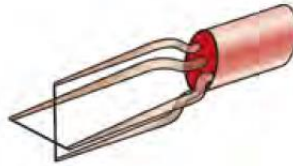


# Measurement of **velocity** and flow rate

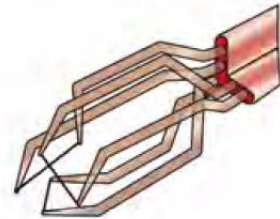
Thermal (Hot-Wire and Hot-Film) Anemometers – CTA/CCA



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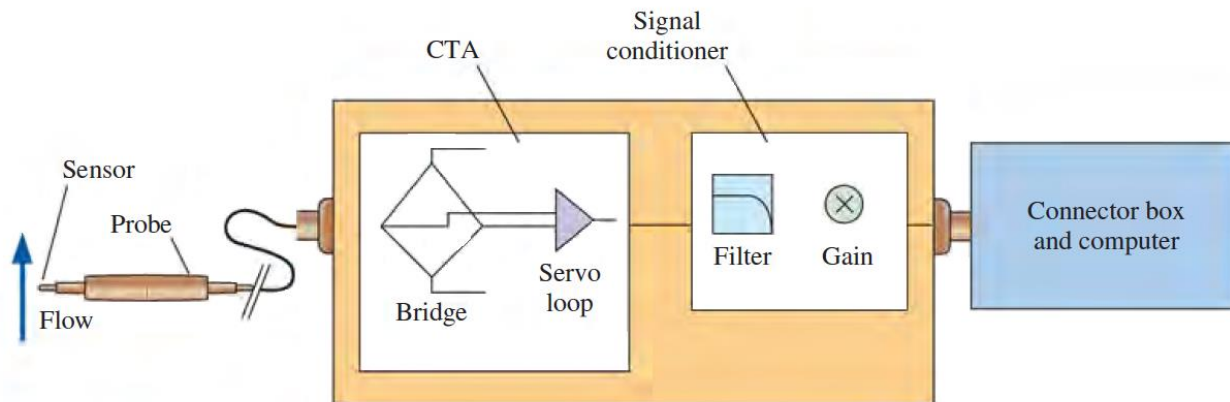


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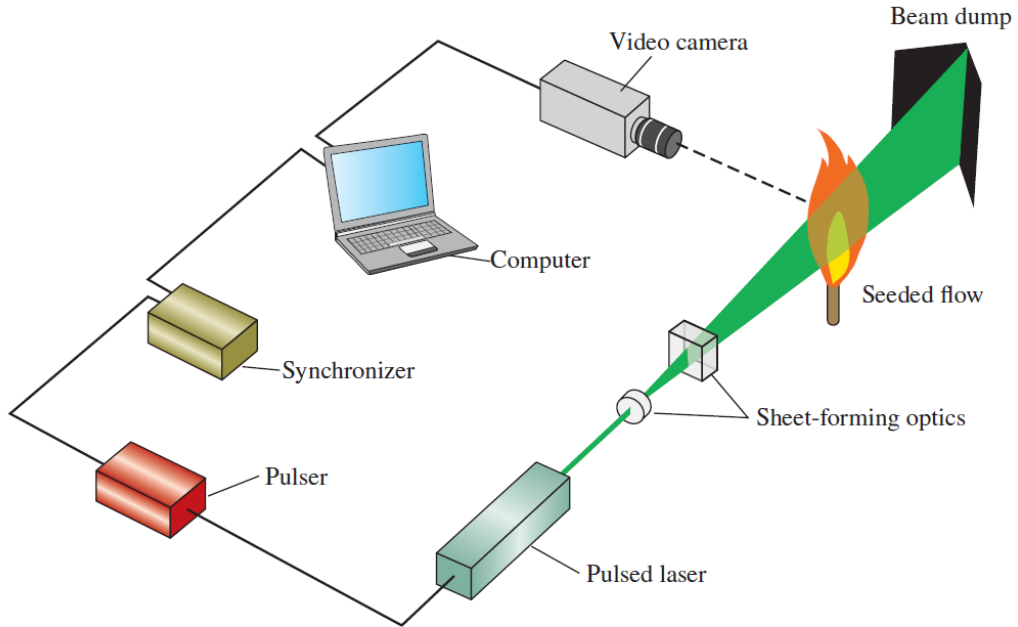
# Measurement of **velocity** and flow rate

Thermal (Hot-Wire and Hot-Film) Anemometers – CTA/CCA



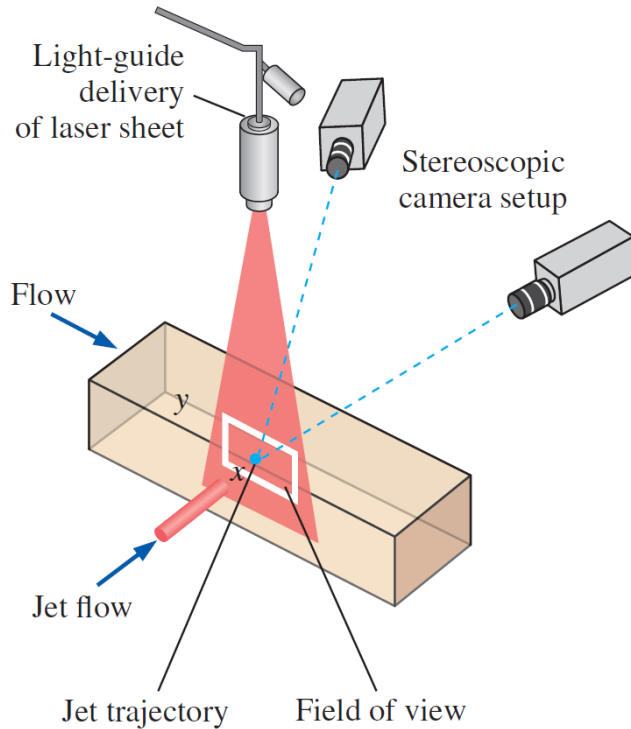
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PIV (Particle Image Velocimetry) – a planar method



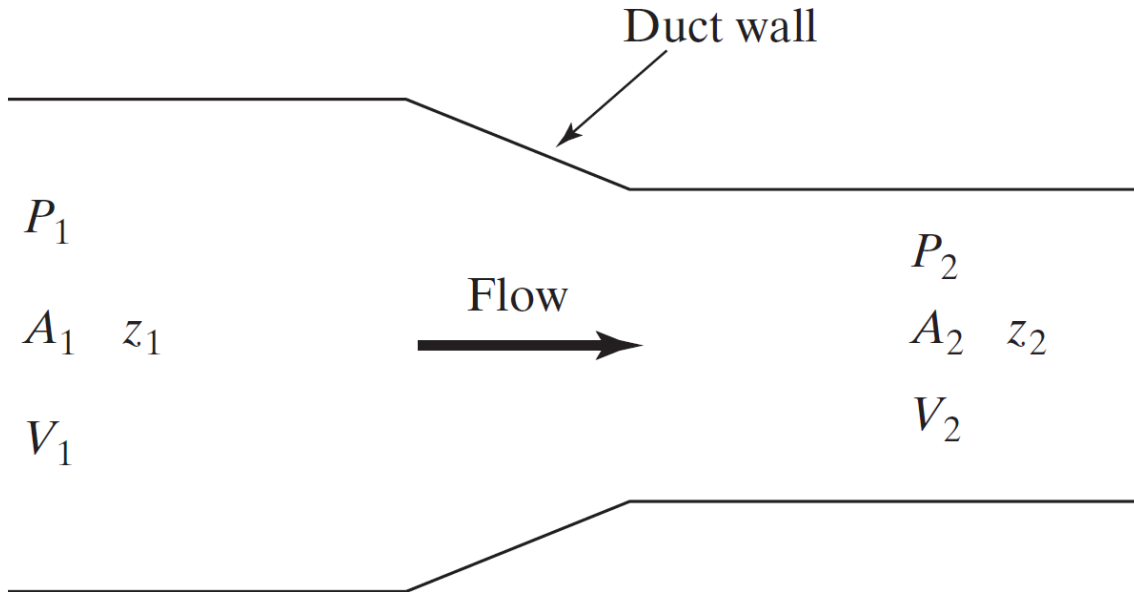
# Measurement of **velocity** and flow rate

## Stereo PIV (Particle Image Velocimetry)



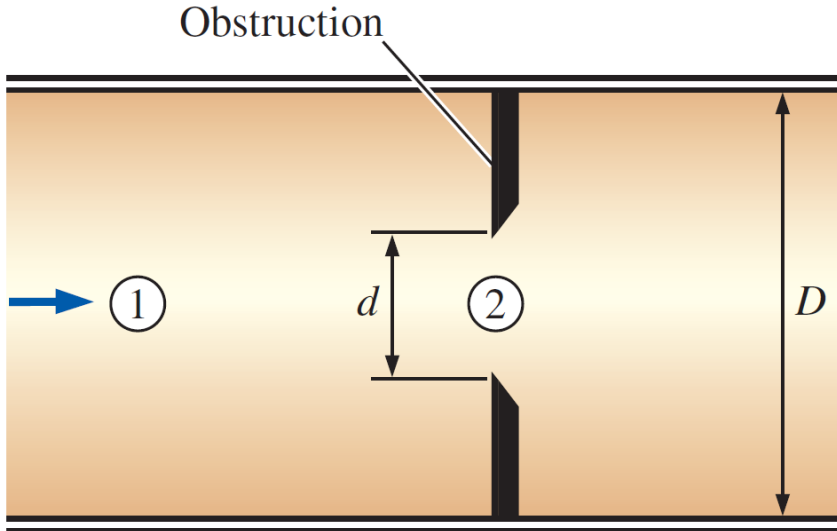
# Measurement of velocity and flow rate

Obstruction Flowmeters: Orifice, Venturi and Nozzle Meters (ISO 5167)



# Measurement of velocity and flow rate

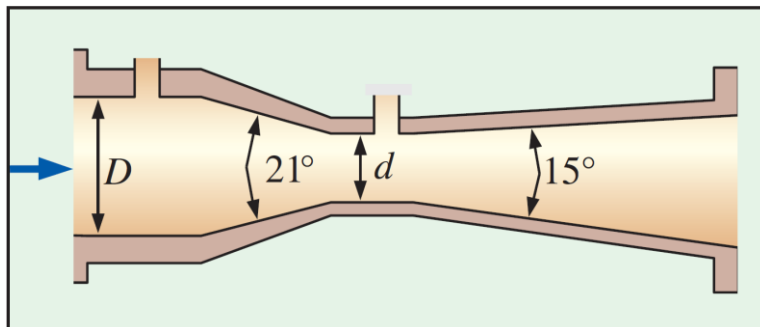
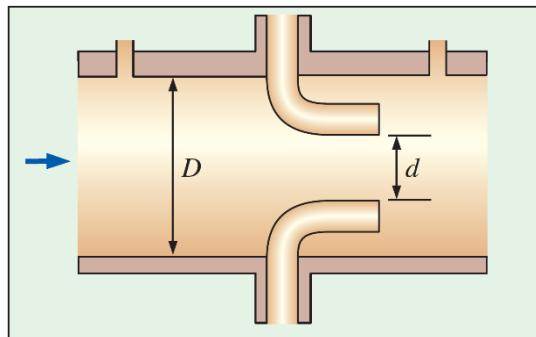
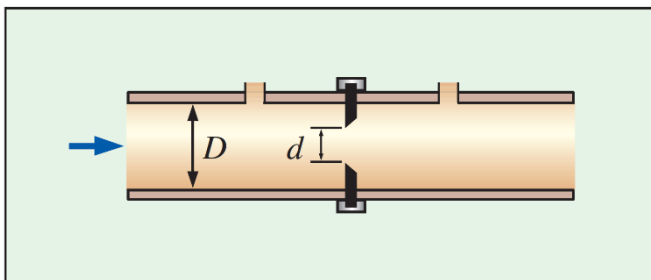
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It is necessary to perform calibration and eventually make corrections for actual flow rate. It is also used for mass flow rate measurements (compressibility factor).

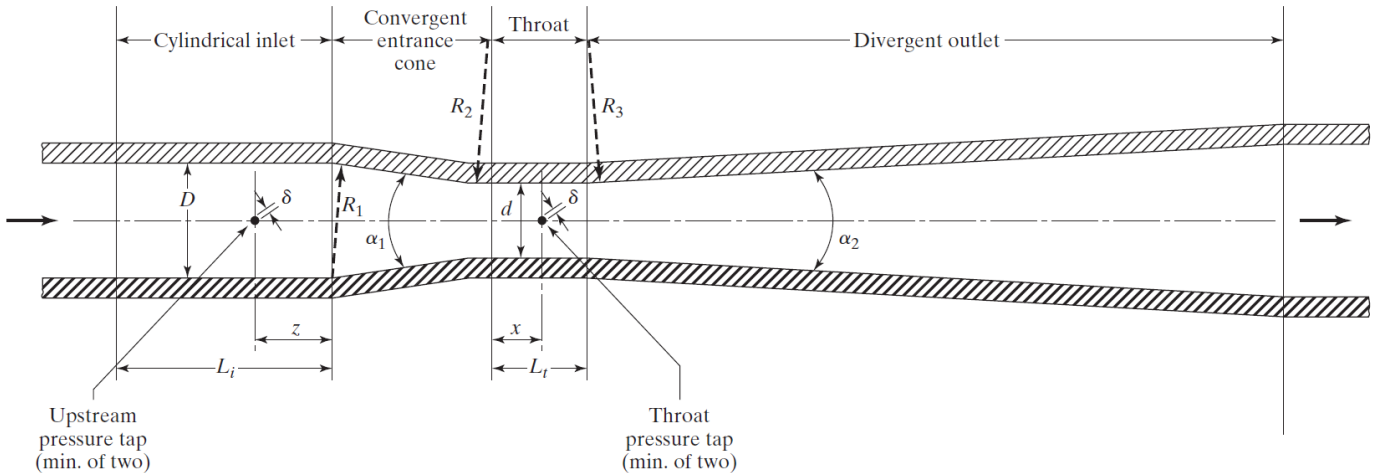
# Measurement of velocity and flow rate

Obstruction Flowmeters: Orifice, Venturi and Nozzle Meters (ISO 5167-1 to 4)



# Measurement of velocity and flow rate

## Obstruction Flowmeters: Venturi tube (ISO 5167-4)



$L_i > D$  or  $L_i > (D/4 + 250 \text{ mm (10 in.)})$   
 $z = D/2 (+0.0 D, - D/4)$ , minimum of 2 taps  
 $L_t \geq d/3$   
 $x = 0.5 d \pm 0.02 d$ , minimum of two taps  
 $4 \text{ mm (5/32 in.)} \leq \delta \leq 10 \text{ mm (25/64 in.)}$  and  $\delta < 0.1D$  or  $0.13 d$

$R_1 = 1.375 D \pm 20\%$   
 $R_2 = 3.625 d \pm 0.125 d$   
 $5d \leq R_3 \leq 15 d$   
 $\alpha_1 = 21^\circ \pm 1^\circ$   
 $7^\circ \leq \alpha_2 \leq 15^\circ$

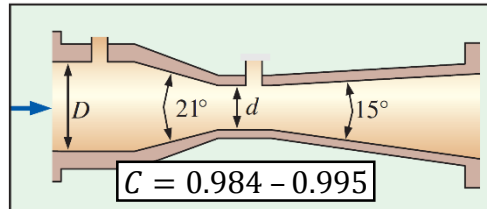
# Measurement of velocity and flow rate

Obstruction Flowmeters: Venturi tube (ISO 5167-4)

TABLE 10.1 Discharge Coefficients for Venturi Tubes

Rough-Cast Entrance Cone and Rough-Welded Sheet-Metal Cone	Machined Entrance Cone
$C = 0.984 \pm 1.0\%$	$C = 0.995 \pm 1.0\%$
$4 \text{ in.} \leq D \leq 48 \text{ in.}$	$2 \text{ in.} \leq D \leq 10 \text{ in.}$
$0.3 \leq \beta \leq 0.75$	$0.3 \leq \beta \leq 0.75$
$2 \times 10^5 \leq \text{Re} \leq 2 \times 10^6$	$2 \times 10^5 \leq \text{Re} \leq 2 \times 10^6$

Source: ASME (1989).





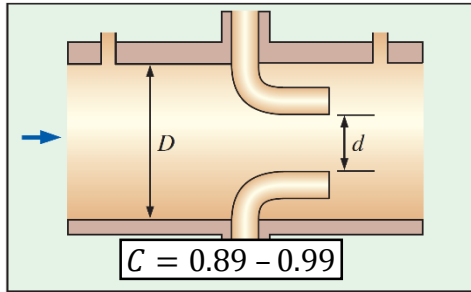
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Obstruction Flowmeters: Venturi tube (ISO 5167-4)

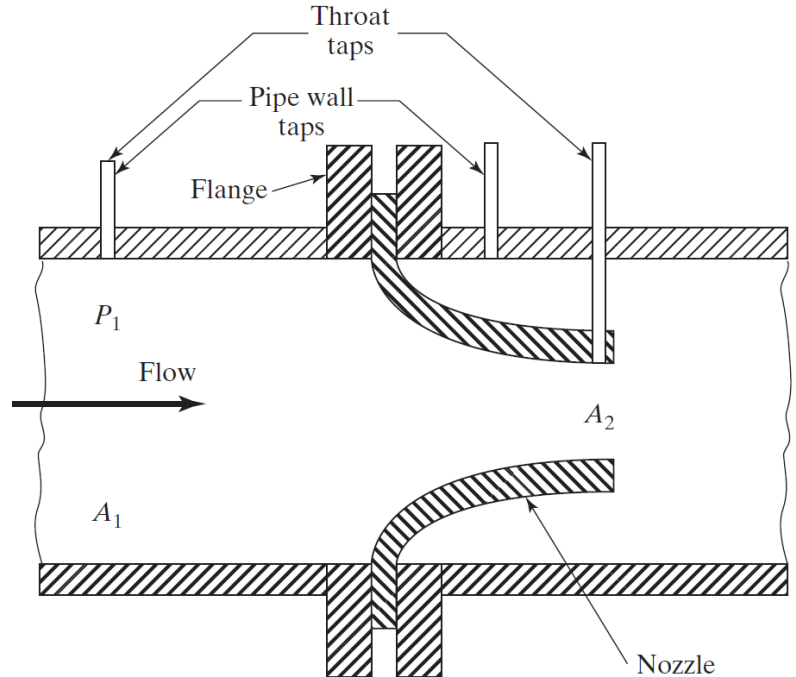


# Measurement of velocity and flow rate

Obstruction Flowmeters: Flow nozzle (ISO 5167-3), different designs

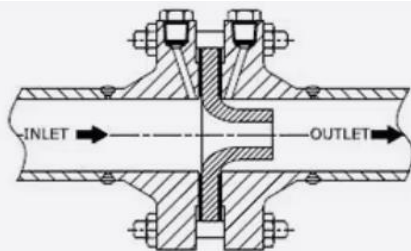


$$C = 0.9975 - 0.00653 \sqrt{\left(\frac{10^6 \beta}{Re_D}\right)}$$

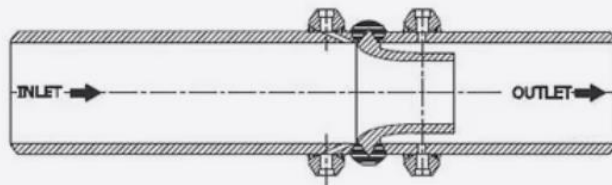


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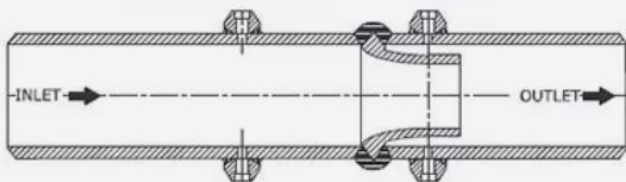
Obstruction Flowmeters: Flow nozzle (ISO 5167-3)



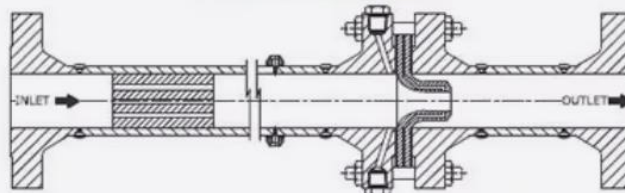
Flow Nozzle Mounted Between Flanges



ISA 1932, WELDIN TYPE



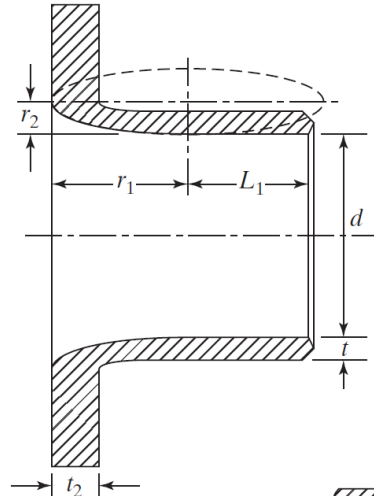
Long Radius High Beta, Weldin Type



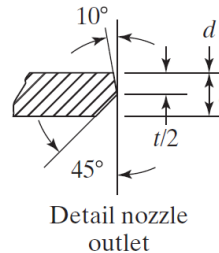
Flanged Mounted With Throat Tap As Per PTC-6

# Measurement of velocity and flow rate

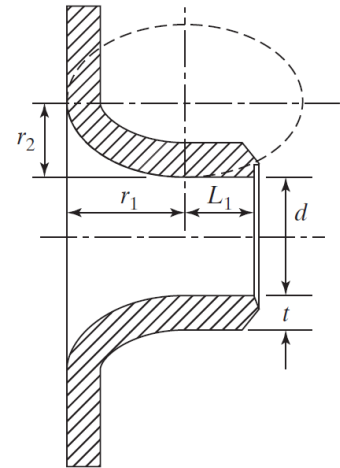
Obstruction Flowmeters: Flow nozzle (ISO 5167-3), e.g., the long-radius nozzle



High  $\beta$  nozzle  
 $0.50 \leq \beta \leq 0.80$   
 $r_1 = D/2$   
 $r_2 = (D - d)/2$   
 $L_1 \leq 0.6 d$  or  $\leq D/3$   
 $2t \leq D - (d + 6 \text{ mm [0.25 in.]})$   
 $3 \text{ mm [0.13 in.]} \leq t_2 \leq 0.15 D$



Detail nozzle outlet

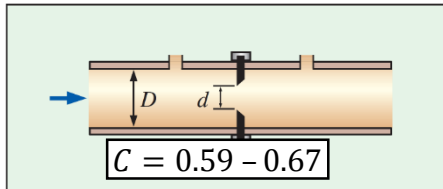
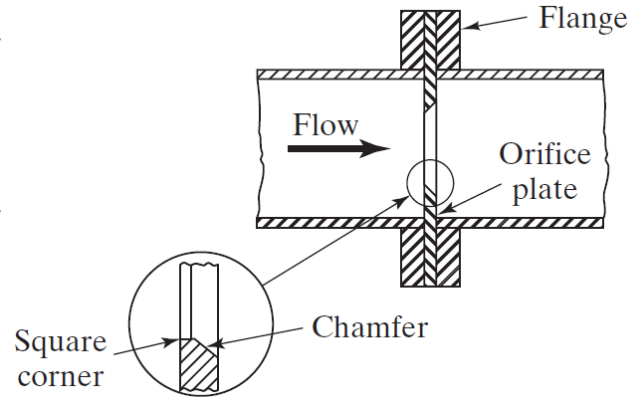
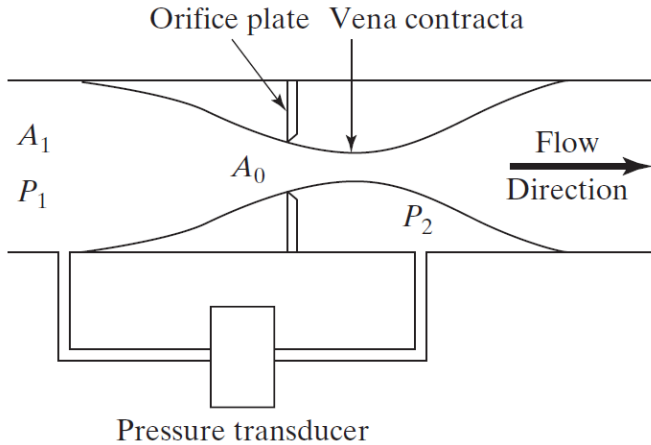


Low  $\beta$  nozzle  
 $0.20 \leq \beta \leq 0.50$   
 $r_1 = d$   
 $0.63 d \leq r_2 \leq 0.67 d$   
 $0.6 d \leq L_1 \leq 0.75 d$   
 $3 \text{ mm [0.13 in.]} \leq t \leq 12 \text{ mm [0.5 in.]}$   
 $3 \text{ mm [0.13 in.]} \leq t_2 \leq 0.15 D$

$D$  = Upstream pipe inside diameter

# Measurement of velocity and flow rate

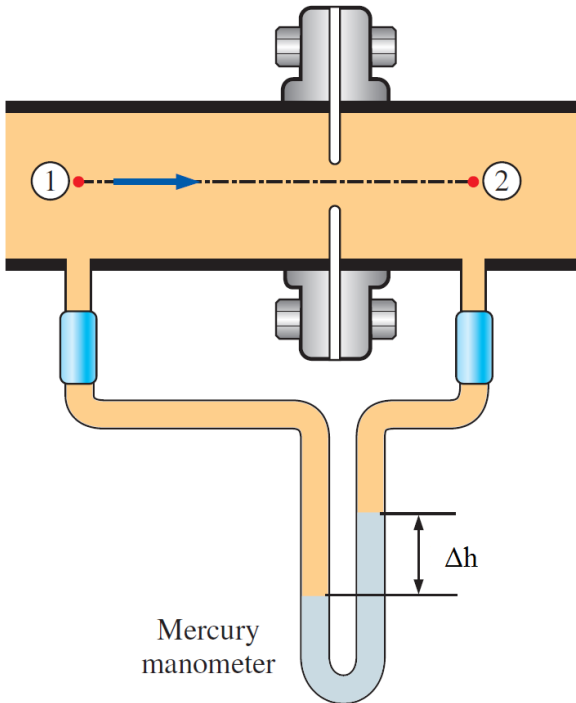
Obstruction Flowmeters: Orifice plate (ISO 5167-2), different designs



$$C = 0.5959 - 0.0312\beta^{2.1} - 0.184\beta^8 + \frac{97.71\beta^{2.5}}{Re_D^{0.75}}$$

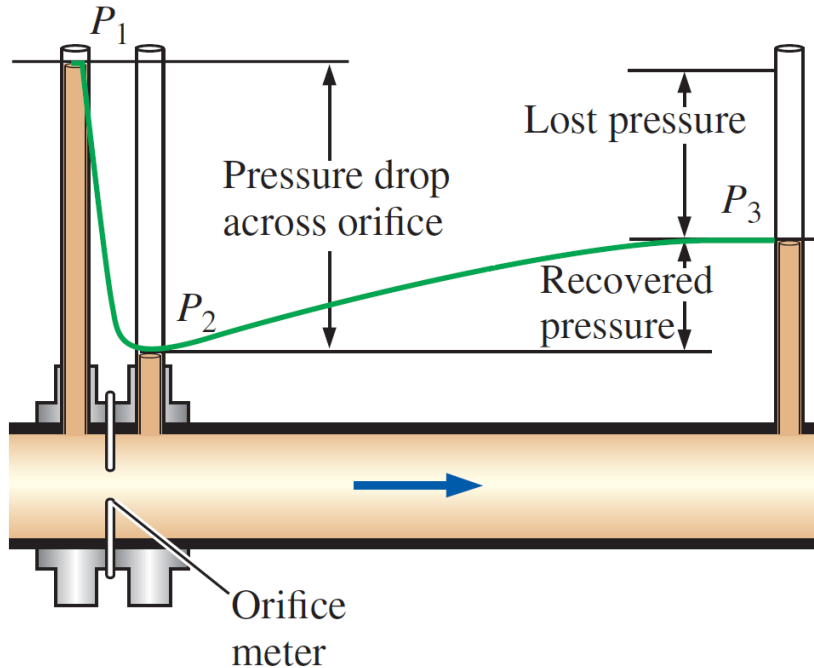
# Measurement of velocity and flow rate

## Obstruction Flowmeters – Orifice (ISO 5167-1(2))



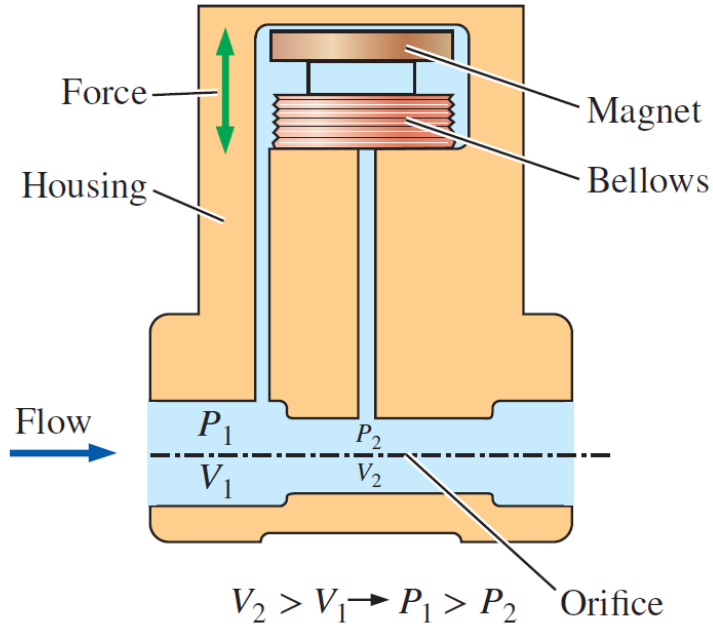
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Obstruction Flowmeters – Orifice (ISO 5167-1(2)) – Pressure drop vs pressure loss



# Measurement of velocity and flow rate

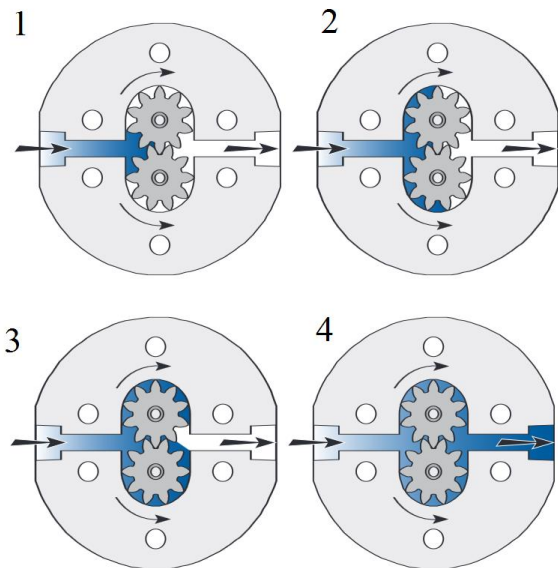
Obstruction Flowmeters: A practical example





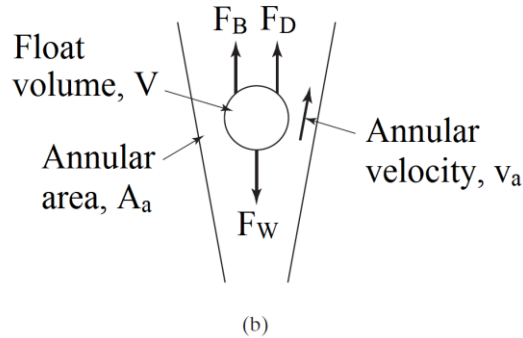
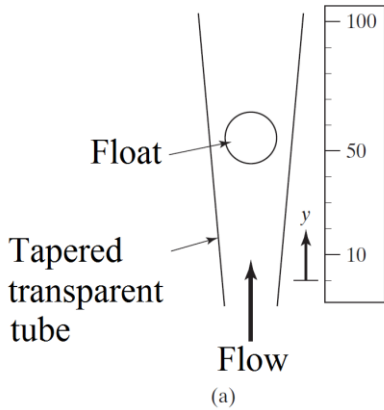
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## Positive Displacement Flowmeters



# Measurement of velocity and flow rate

## Variable-Area Flowmeters (Rotameters)



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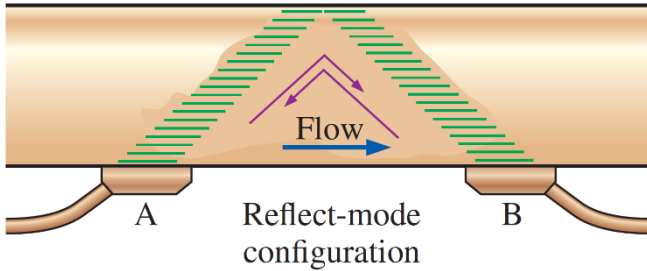
Turbine flowmeters (propeller flowmeters)



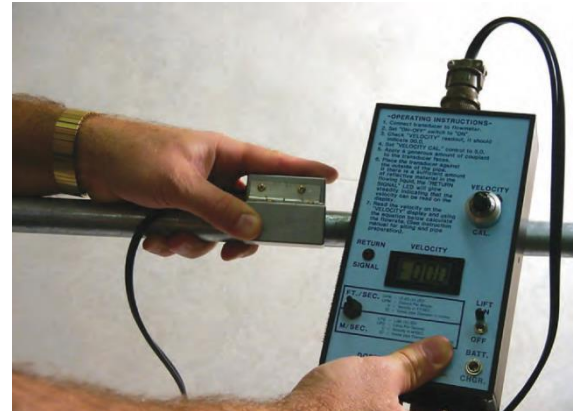
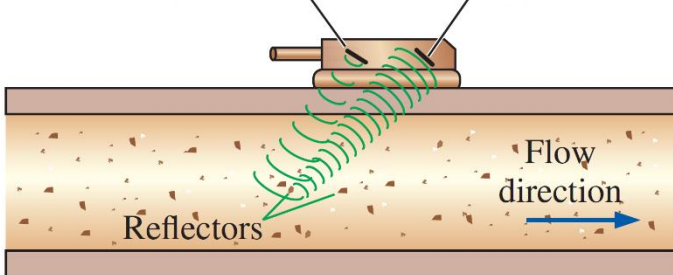
# Measurement of velocity and flow rate

## Ultrasonic flowmeters

Top view



Transmitting element      Receiving element





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