

# Chemical Engineering 374

*Fluid Mechanics*  
*Fall 2013*

Bernoulli Equation



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$$\frac{dQ}{dt} + \frac{dW_s}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} \left[ \underbrace{\rho \left( u + \frac{1}{2} v^2 + gz \right) V}_{e} \right] + \left[ \underbrace{\rho v A \left( u + \frac{P}{\rho} + \frac{1}{2} v^2 + gz \right)}_{e_{\text{mech}}} \right]_{\text{out}} - \left[ \right]_{\text{in}}$$

Can rearrange to familiar **(Accumulation) = (In) - (Out) + ("Generation")**

**Simplify**

- Steady State
- $W_s = 0$
- $Q = 0$
- No friction (viscous effects)
  - This and no Q give const. u
- Incompressible  $\rightarrow$  constant density

$$\left( \frac{P}{\rho} + \frac{1}{2} v^2 + gz \right)_{\text{in}} = \left( \frac{P}{\rho} + \frac{1}{2} v^2 + gz \right)_{\text{out}}$$

Or

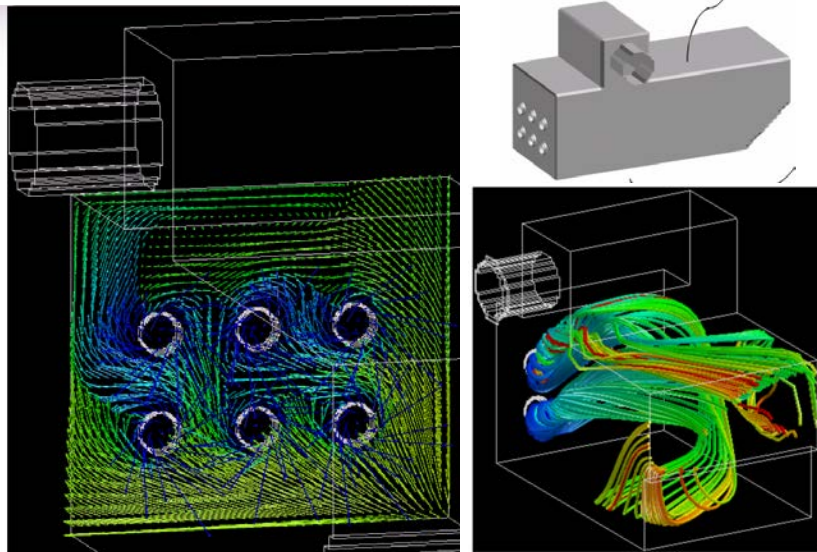
$$\Delta \left( \frac{P}{\rho} + \frac{1}{2} v^2 + gz \right) = 0$$

$e_{\text{mech}}$  is conserved

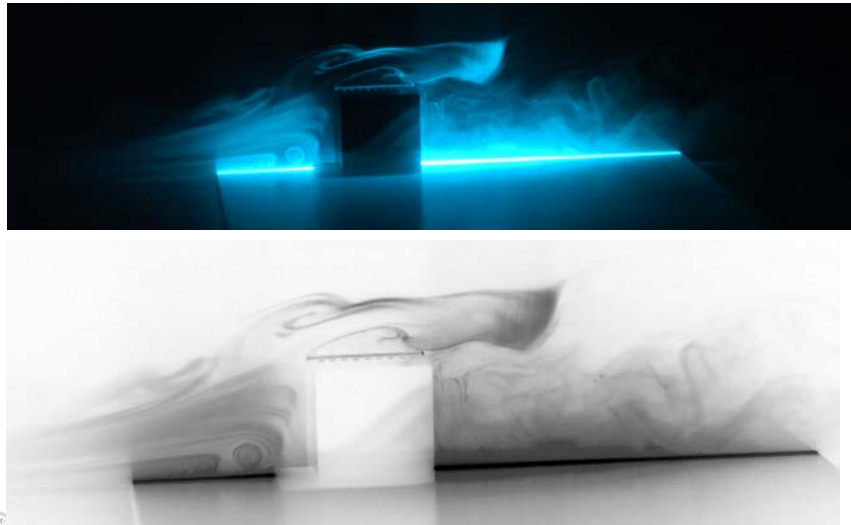


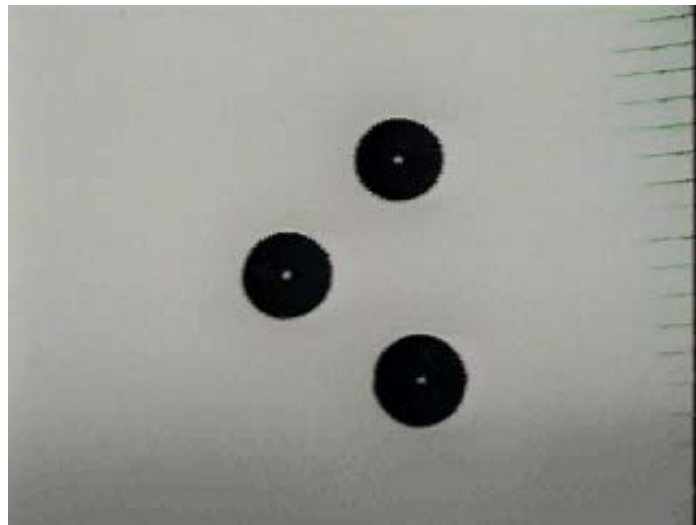
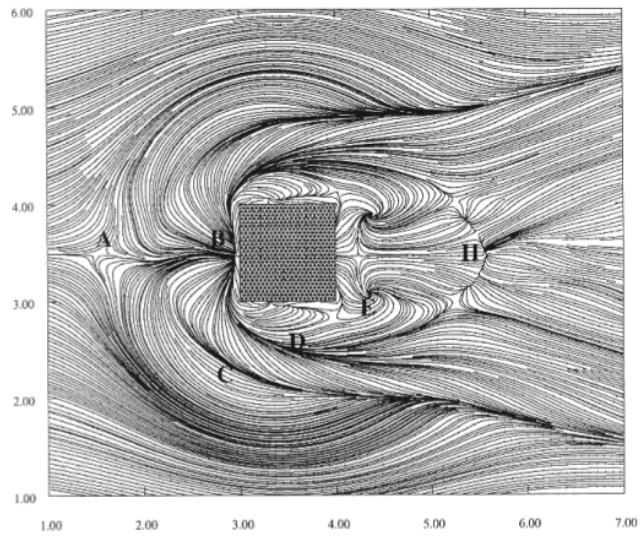
# Streamlines

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- Consider streamlines, then mechanical energy on a streamline is constant.
- Can derive the Bernoulli equation by making the same set of assumptions and “dot” the momentum equation (force balance equation, not covered yet) with displacement along a streamline.
- Cengel and Boles give a simpler derivation in terms of Newton’s Second Law (force balance), again along a streamline.
- Other forms of Bernoulli’s equation exist
  - Unsteady
  - Compressible
  - As usual, back up in the derivation when making assumptions.



## Bernoulli Equation and Pressure

$$\left( \frac{P}{\rho} + \frac{1}{2}v^2 + gz \right) = C$$

### Units

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{P}{\rho} & (=) \frac{N}{m^2 \cdot kg/m^3} (=) \frac{kg \cdot m}{s^2 \cdot m^2 \cdot kg/m^3} (=) \frac{m^2}{s^2} \\ & (=) \frac{J}{kg} (=) \frac{kg \cdot m^2}{kg \cdot s^2} \end{aligned}$$

B.E. units are energy per unit mass

But since the mechanical energy is constant, can multiply through by density to give units of pressure.

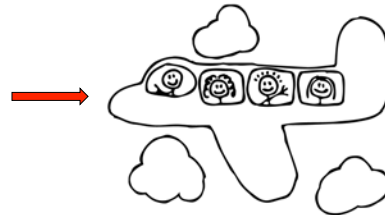
$$\left( P + \frac{1}{2}\rho v^2 + \rho gz \right) = C$$



## Application

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- You are an airplane.
- Measure your velocity.
- How?



- Apply Bernoulli Equation  $\left(\frac{P}{\rho} + \frac{1}{2}v^2 + gz\right)_1 = \left(\frac{P}{\rho} + \frac{1}{2}v^2 + gz\right)_2$
- You have a bunch of variables
  - One is unknown.
  - The rest are either: *known*, *measured*, *controlled*
  - You have a constraint, what is it?



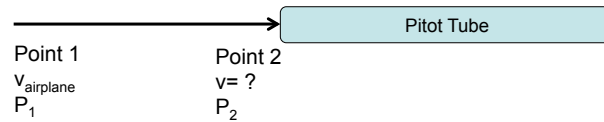
## Pitot Tube

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# Pitot Tube

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- Note the correlation between points and the device.
- Note the streamline.
- Note the control over  $v_2$
- What is the principle: how does it work?



# Velocity Measurement

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- Velocity measurement
- Total pressure is constant along a streamline
- Measure pressure at two points on the same streamline
  - Where the velocity is desired
  - At a point where the velocity has stagnated
- $P_{\text{stagnation}} = P_{\text{static}} + P_{\text{dynamic}}$
- Stagnation pressure is the pressure to bring the fluid to zero velocity without friction.

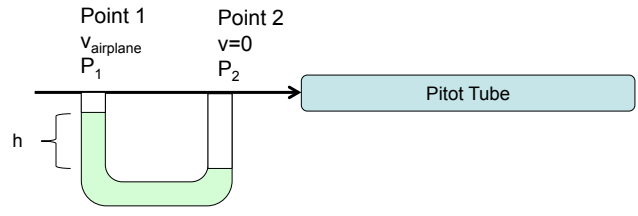
$$\left(\frac{P}{\rho} + \frac{1}{2}v^2 + gz\right)_1 = \left(\frac{P}{\rho} + \frac{1}{2}v^2 + gz\right)_2$$

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$$\left(P + \frac{1}{2}\rho v^2\right)_1 = \left(P + \frac{1}{2}\rho v^2\right)_2 \quad \rightarrow \quad v = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\rho}(P_2 - P_1)}$$



# How to measure $P_2 - P_1$

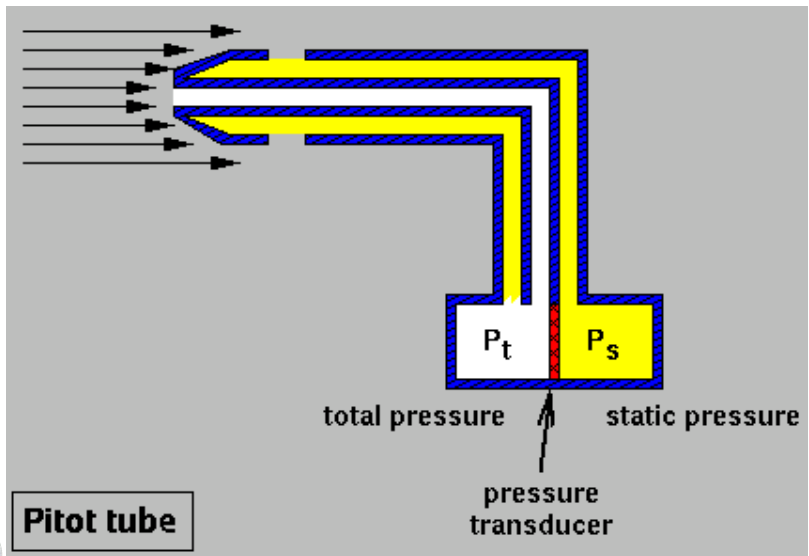


$$P_2 - P_1 = \rho gh$$

- Use a manometer,
- Or a pressure transducer, etc.
- Note, the real device is not laid out like this, but is analysed like this.



# Pitot Tube



## Velocity Measurement

- Problem solving with the Bernoulli equation amounts to:
  - Splitting configuration into points, evaluating P,v,h at one point and two of P,v,h at the other, and solving for the unknown with B.E.
  - Countless examples, all boil down to this.
  - Often involve multiple applications → two B.E. in two unknowns.



- Real flows are not ideal, and have friction losses.
- Friction results in a variation in internal energy (u).
- Rather than include  $\Delta u$ , include a friction loss term  $F$
- For constant height and velocity, friction causes pressure drop.
  - Bigger fans, pumps, turbines needed for the same flow!
  - Minimize the pressure drop (friction).

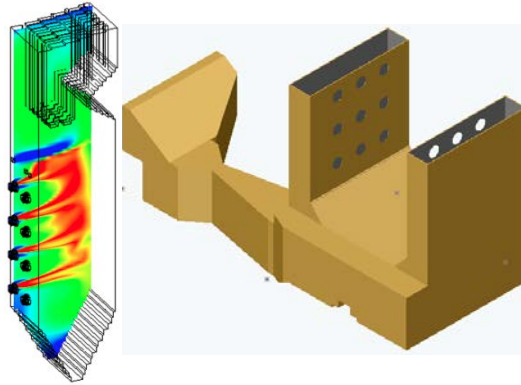
$$\Delta \left( \frac{P}{\rho} + \frac{1}{2}v^2 + gz \right) = 0 \quad \longrightarrow \quad \Delta \left( \frac{P}{\rho} + \frac{1}{2}v^2 + gz \right) = -F$$





# Powerplant windbox

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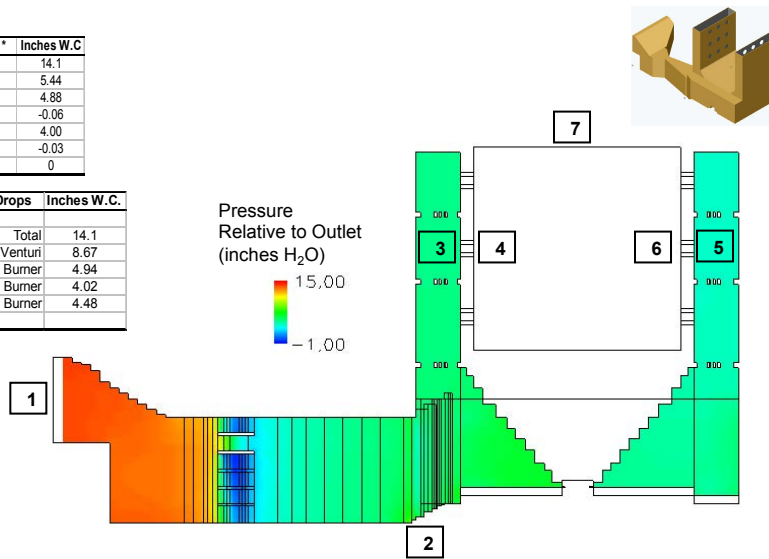


# Windbox Pressure Drop

Location *	Inches W.C
1	14.1
2	5.44
3	4.88
4	-0.06
5	4.00
6	-0.03
7	0

Pressure Drops	Inches W.C.
Total	14.1
Venturi	8.67
RW Average Burner	4.94
FW Average Burner	4.02
Average Burner	4.48

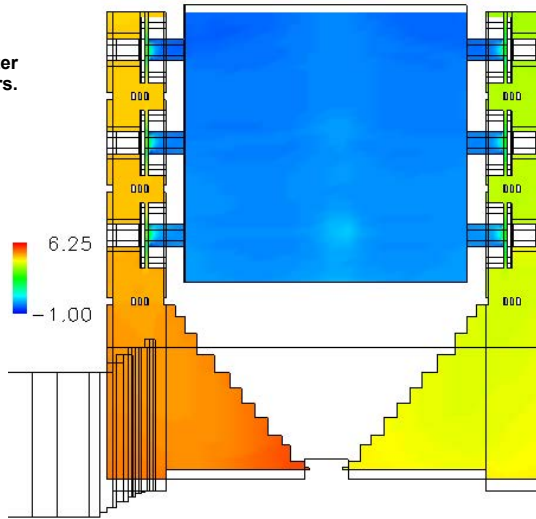
Pressure  
Relative to Outlet  
(inches H<sub>2</sub>O)



## Windbox Pressure Profile

Side view through the center column of burners.

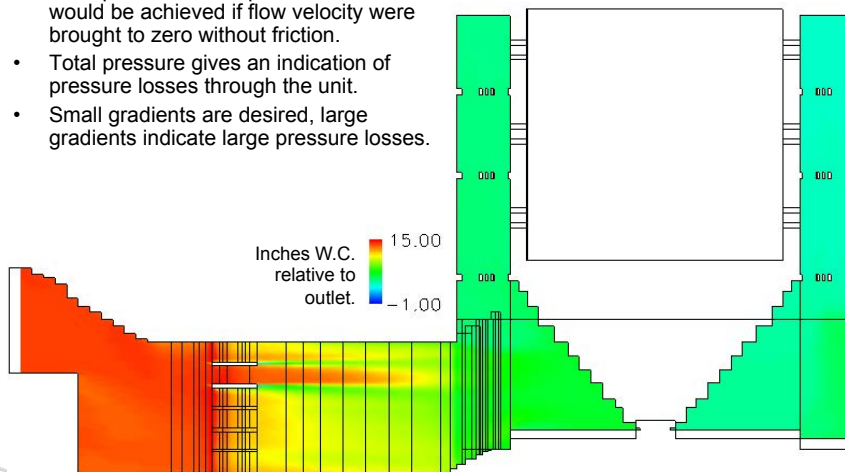
Pressure Relative to Outlet (inches H<sub>2</sub>O)



## Total Pressure

- Total pressure is the pressure that would be achieved if flow velocity were brought to zero without friction.
- Total pressure gives an indication of pressure losses through the unit.
- Small gradients are desired, large gradients indicate large pressure losses.

Inches W.C. relative to outlet.



# Total Pressure

View through center  
burners.

Inches W.C.  
relative to  
outlet.

