

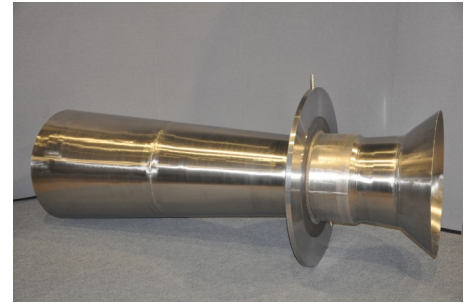
# The World's Leading Venturi Manufacturer and Leading Flow Engineer Introduce the First New Proven Venturi Meter Design in 30 Years

The AMITY design objective was to have meters perform to the ASME PTC throat tap nozzle design (ASME-PTC-6, 1996). This meter is used for high accuracy performance tests in nuclear power plants. The success of this design is based on established metering principles. The AMITY meters have met these criteria while competitive meters have not produced data to support this performance level.

The AMITY throat metering section replicates the PTC-6 design. Test data confirms that the AMITY "S" and "T" designs have similar PTC-6 published calibration results, leading to the following conclusions,

- The history of calibration tests on nuclear meters can be applied to the Amity designs.
- Tests to date are within  $\pm 0.15\%$  of expected performance for a single tapping.
- Extrapolation easily meets The PTC-6 requirements (ASME PTC-6A, 2000).
- An un-calibrated accuracy of  $\pm 0.25\%$  is supported, with a future potential of  $\pm 0.15\%$ .

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Amity's 36" AVM-T-I Insert Style Venturi Meter

## DESIGN OBJECTIVES

- Size and Compute dimensions with The FLOW CONSULTANT (2010) PC software using customer specific line conditions.
- Compute and manufacture critical dimensions based on pressure and temperature corrections presented in Miller *Flow Measurement Engineering Handbook* (GENERIC SOLUTION (pg 9.107-9.117 3rd Edition))
- Minimize overall pressure loss using the Gibson method to design the recovery cone
- Streamline the flow through inlet and throat sections to minimize overshoot
- Design to scale and mathematic equations using MathCad to provide high accuracy and repeatability
- Check and verify designs using Amity CFD program
- Continually update discharge coefficient equations based on newly obtained laboratory data to provide increased accuracy

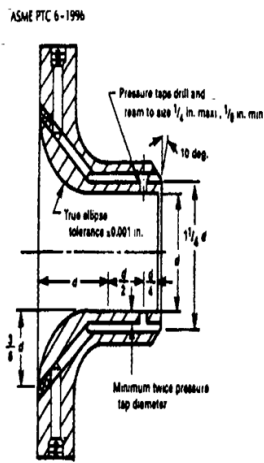


Figure 1 ASME PTC-6 Nozzle

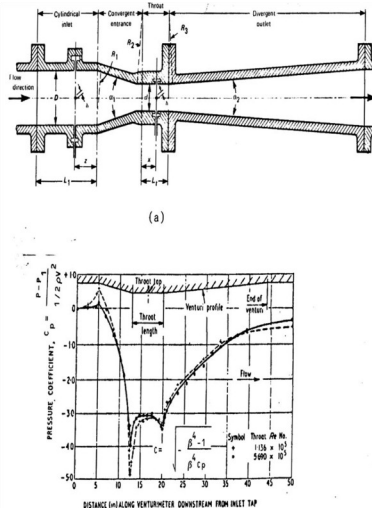


Figure 2 ASME Venturi Pressure Profile

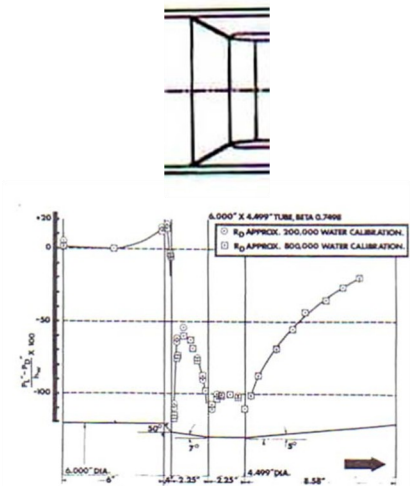


Figure 3 Halmi (1973) Pressure Profile

The ASME PTC-6 nozzle is illustrated in Figure 1. The elliptical entrance section pressure profile is essentially a smooth favorable pressure gradient (Rivas, R.A. and Shapiro, 1954) as it enters the throat. The pressure profile and geometry for the ASME Venturi is shown in Fig. 2 and that of the dual entrance cone HALMI (1973) in Fig. 3. Note that the ASME Venturi and HALMI dual cone have a distinct pressure transition into the throat region; this has been eliminated in the AMITY design.

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In viewing a Nozzle-Venturi three distinct sections are noted

- The favorable pressure gradient entrance to the throat section.
- The cylindrical throat region.
- The adverse pressure gradient recovery cone region.

Each of these regions was designed using technical papers and a Computational Fluid Dynamic (CFD) program. A CFD analysis being used to determine optimum design criteria for the inlet section, throat (or metering section), and to confirm the Gibson (1961) recovery cone derivation.

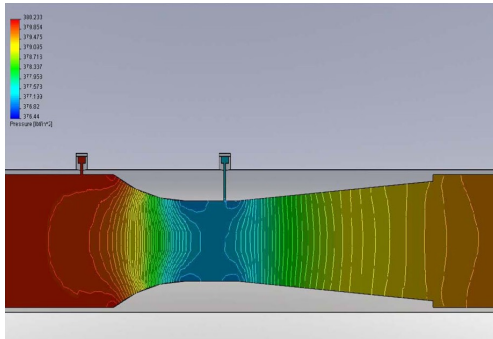


Figure 4 Amity S Design

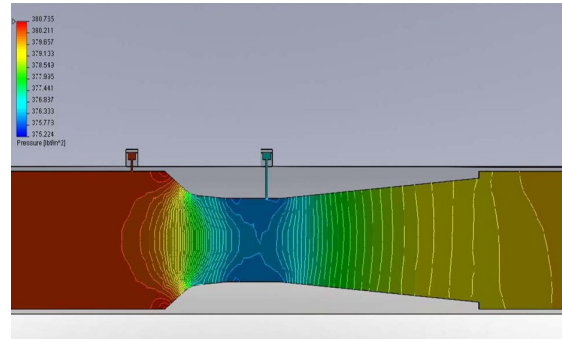


Figure 5 Amity T Design

Illustrated above are the resulting CFD's for the two basic AMITY designs.

**S-Design** A cylindrical radius is the inlet geometry. The entrance to the PTC-6 throat section is critical to insure boundary layer development length is in accordance with the PTC-6 theoretical extrapolation requirement (Keyser and Murdock, 1990). AMITY S-design use an inlet geometry of the Standardized Torodial Throat Nozzle (ASME/ANSI MFC-7M, 1990), extensive data and CFD studies show excellent entrance to the throat results for this geometry.

**T-Design** A Halmi double cone entrance with a unique cone angles and a throat entrance developed based on test results in Holland (Miller 1989), with confirming CFD studies.

Recovery cone geometry for both S and T is designed in accordance with the analysis developed by Gibson (1960) and results confirmed using CFD studies.

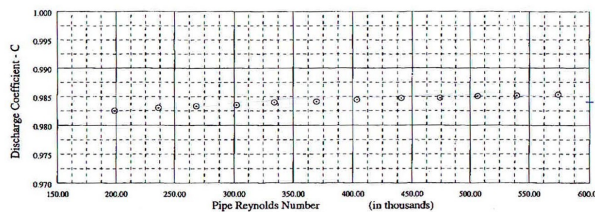


Figure 6 Typical Calibration Data

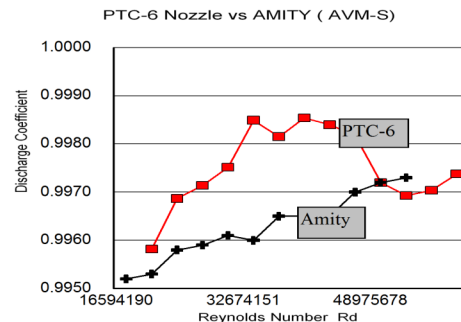


Figure 7 Comparison to PTC-6 Data

**Calibration** Shown in Figure 6 is a typical calibration curve and in Figure 7 a comparison of data to a PTC-6 nozzle calibration.

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