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### Part A

a) Resistivity of Metals depends on their temperature.  
A metallic resistance element changes its resistance with temperature in a very specific manner.  
A resistance temperature detector (RTD) can also be called a resistance thermometer. The increasing electrical resistance of conductors with increasing temperature. When the temperature of an object increases or decreases, the resistance also increases or decreases proportionally.

A resistive material with leads attached and usually placed into a protective sheath.

Resistance at any particular temperature

$$R = R_0 [1 + \alpha_1 T + \alpha_2 T^2 + \dots + \alpha_n T^n]$$

$$R_t = R_0 [1 + \alpha t]$$

### Working

An RTD works by using a basic principle, as the temperature of a metal increases,

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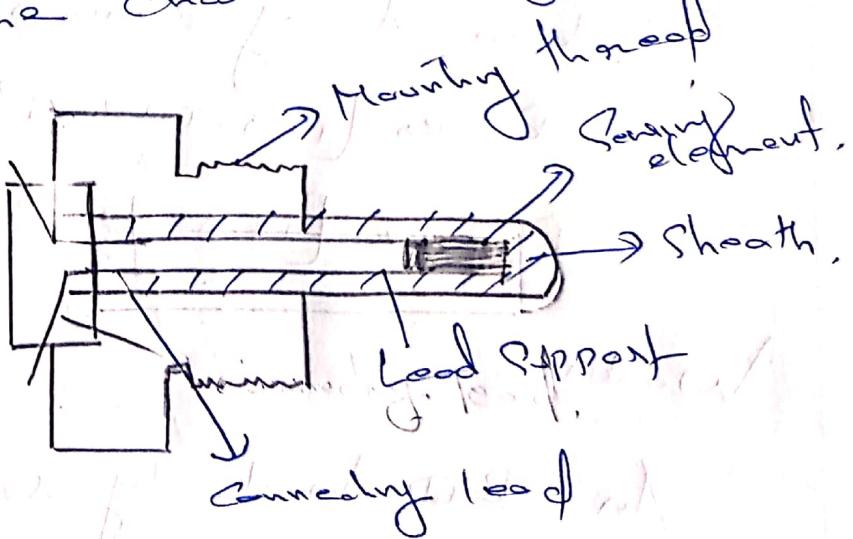
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Ques: How does the resistance to the flow of

electricity. RTD consists of a resistance element and insulated copper wires.

The most common RTDs have 3 or 4 wires. The resistive element is a temperature sensing element of the RTD.

An electric current is passed through the sensor, the resistance element is used to measure the resistance of the current being passed through it. As the temperature of the resistance element increases, the electric resistance also increases. The resistance value can be converted into temperature based on the characteristics of the element.



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### Pneumatic Pyrometers

The Pneumatic Probe was invented in 1893 for use in blast furnace. It is superior to Suction in that duct in the Combustion.

Gases do not plug it at early and that it can measure very high temperature such as in ~~the~~ turbojet engines & rockets. This Pyrometer can detect higher gas temperatures that can be aspirating  $T_c$  because the thermocouple does not need to reach the gas temperature.

The Pneumatic probe can handle very heavily laden with dust because it does not have a radiation shield, which is prone to plug.

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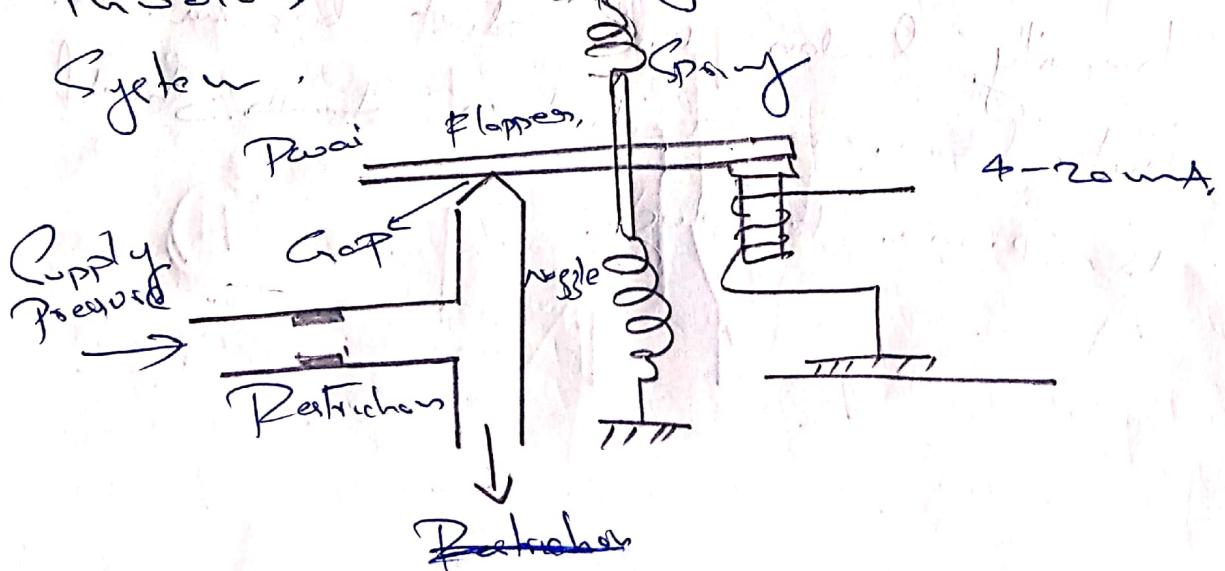
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### I/P Converter, as electronic to

- \* It is also known as known to convert to Pressure converted.
- \* I/P converter is a very important element in Process control.
- \* I/P converter gives us a linear way of translating the 4-20mA current into a 0.2 to 1 kg/cm<sup>2</sup> Signal.  
[ 3-15 PSI Signal ]
- \* Figure below shows a simple circuit to construct I/P converter
- \* The basic principle of this design involves the use of a Flapper/nozzle system.



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A high current produces a high pressure  
So that the device is direct acting

Adjustment of the springs and perhaps  
the position relative to the pivot to  
the position relative to the pivot to  
which they are attached allows the  
unit which ~~are~~ to be calibrated  
so that  $0.2 \text{ atm}$  corresponds to  $0.2 \text{ kg/cm}^2$   
and  $20 \text{ mA}$  corresponding to  $1 \text{ kg/cm}^2$

### P/I Converter or Pneumatic-Electric

#### Converter

This is also known as Pressure to  
Current conversion.

→ This transducer converts the measurement  
input which is in the form of  $0.2$  to  
 $1 \text{ kg/cm}^2$  (Pneumatic) to electrical output.

→ Figure shows P/I converter design,

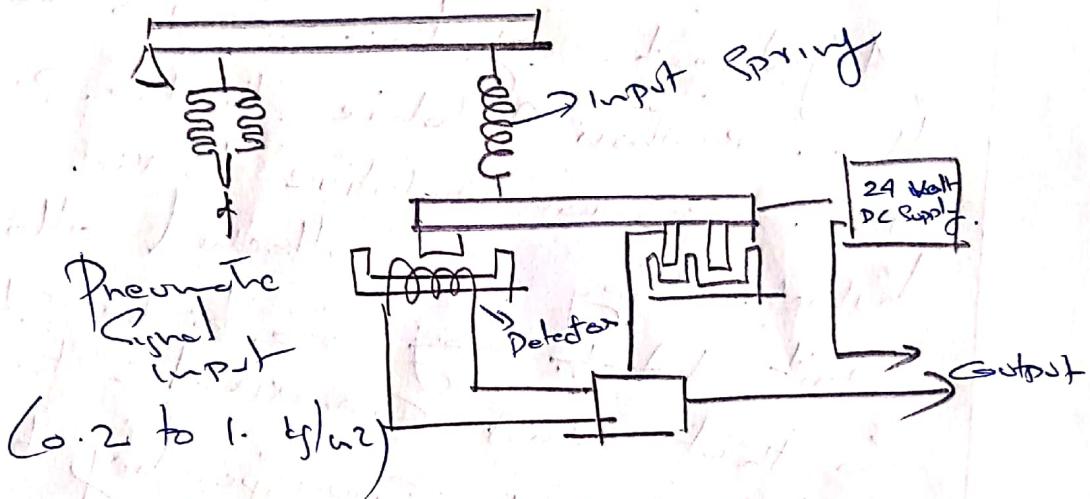
→ Here a change in pneumatic input

Signal ( $0.2$  to  $1 \text{ kg/cm}^2$ ) brings change

in air gap of the detection assembly

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### Thermocouple Gauge

In thermocouple gauge the response time is quite fast. Its principle is based on the thermal conductivity. Figure shows the schematic of a thermocouple vacuum gauge. The hot surface is a thin metal strip whose temperature may be varied by changing the current passing through it. For a given heating current and gas, the temperature is determined by the hot surface depends on pressure. The cold surface here is the glass tube, which usually is near the room temperature.

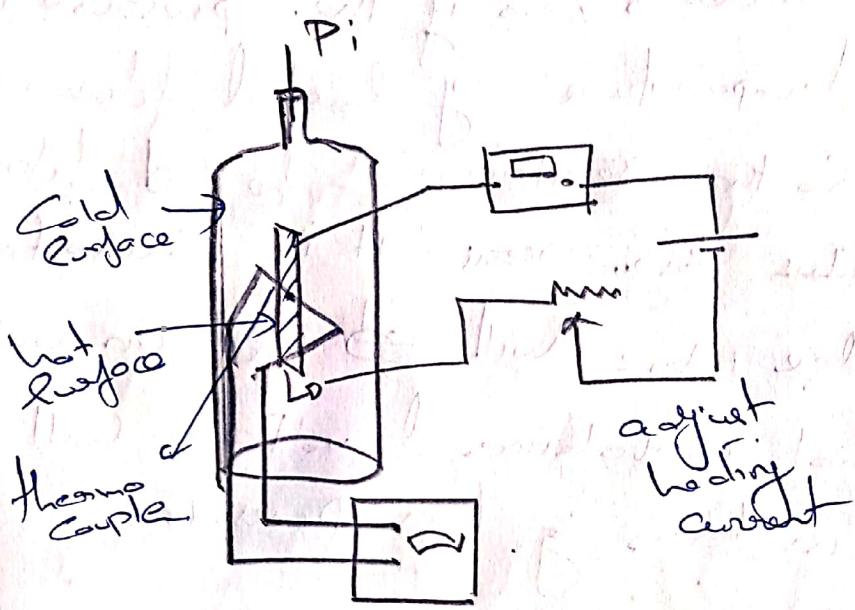
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## Pironi Gauge

In the resistance thermometer gauge, the function of heating and temperature measurement are combined in a single element. The resistance element is in the form of four coiled tungsten wires connected in parallel and supported inside a glass tube to which the gas is admitted. Again the cold surface is a glass tube.

Here also the principle is at low

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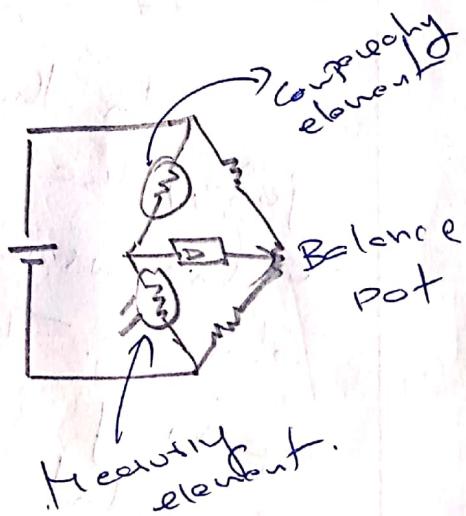
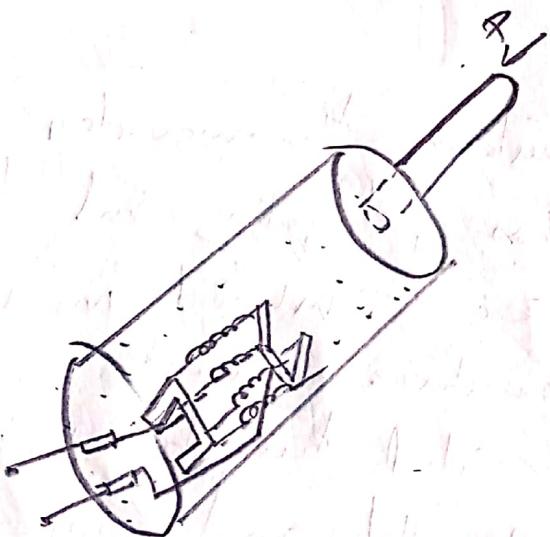
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At low temperature the effective conductivity of the gas decreases, so if the pressure is low the temperature of heated filament will rise, so the resistance of heated filament also rises. Thus the bridge is connected to a bridge, we will get an unbalanced voltage. That unbalanced voltage will be calibrated in terms of low pressure.



### Part C

#### Hot Wire Anemometer

Popular for the measurement of unsteady flow of gases.

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The basic stem consists of an electrically heated wire suitably mounted in the flowing fluid. Due to change in velocity of fluid flow, the heat lost by the hot wire will also change.

\* The relation between this loss of heat and fluid flow can be derived.

\* This heat loss changes the temp and at. as consequences resistance of the hot wire changes.

\* This generally changes the current through the hot wire for the constant voltage supply.

\* There are two basic techniques.

1) By measuring resistance keeping the current constant.

2) By measuring the current keeping the temperature constant.

\* The thermo element is generally made of platinum wire having a diameter of 0.008 to 0.003 cm. and a length of 0.1 to 1 cm depending

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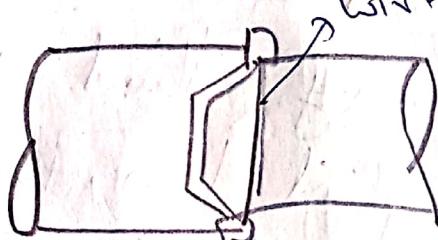
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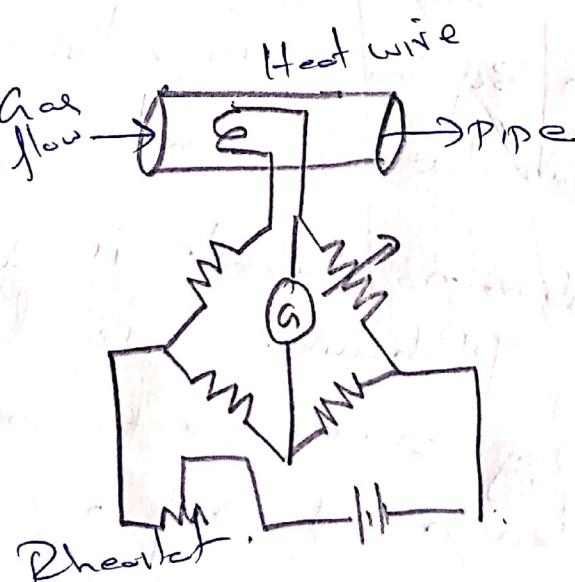


Constant Current Method

In constant current method, the anemometer is placed in the stream of fluid whose flow rate needs to be measured.

The current of constant magnitude is passed through the wire. The Wheatstone bridge is also kept on the pipe.

Constant Voltage



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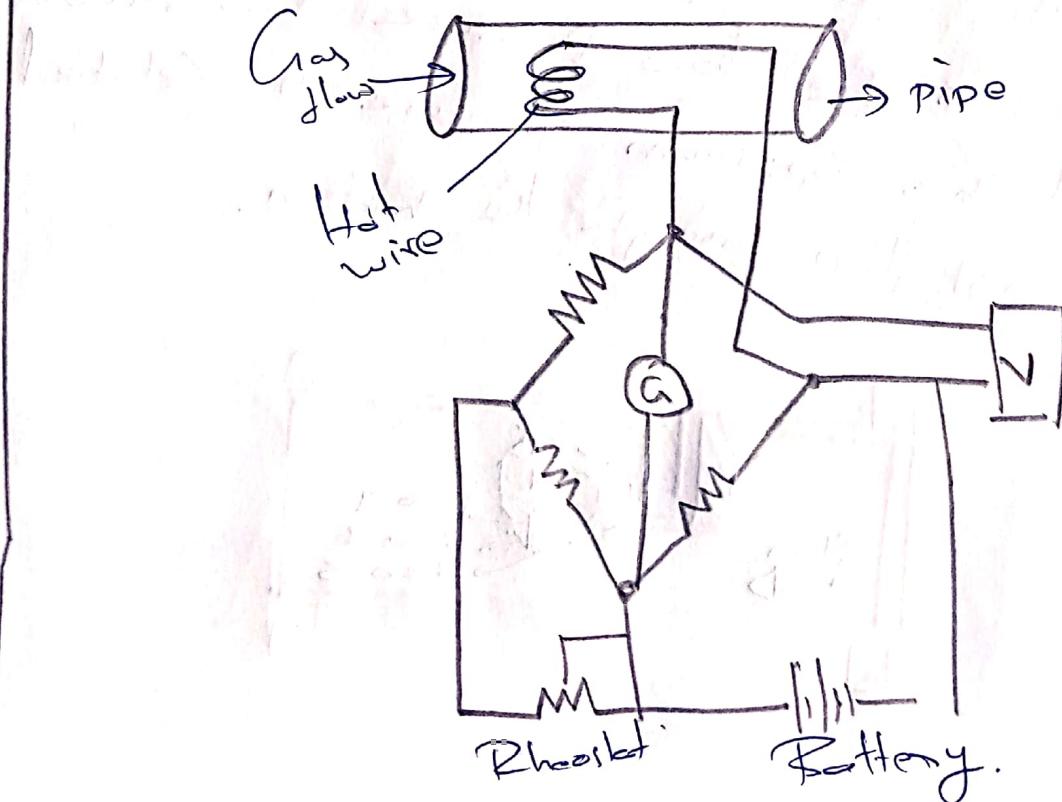
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### Constant temperature method

- \* In this arrangement the wire is heated by the electric current.
- \* The hot wire when placed in the fluid stream, the heat transfer from wire to the fluid
- \* thus if the temperature of the wire changes which also changes their resistance.
- \* it works on the principle that the temperature of the wire remains constant.



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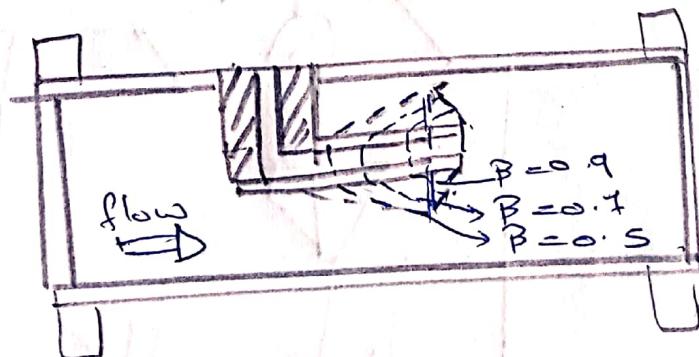
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## Venturi Meter

- \* In a Venturi-Cone meter, a conic is positioned in the centre of a metering tube.
- \* This cone reduces the cross sectional area available for the process flow and, much like an orifice generates a low pressure region downstream of the flow element.
- \* The square root of the difference between the low pressure downstream and the upstream pressure is related to the flow through the meter.



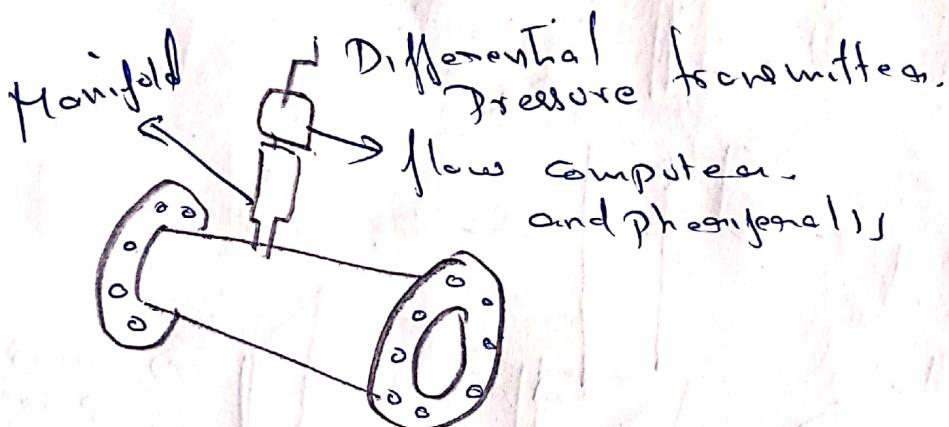
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# Principle of Operation

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  - \* The V. Cone flow meter is a differential Pressure type flow meter.
  - \* The principle theory is Bernoulli's theorem.
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For a constant flow, the pressure in a pipe is inversely proportional to the square of the velocity in the pipe.
  - \* The DP created by a V cone FM will increase and decrease exponentially with the flow velocity. As the contraction takes up more of the pipe's gross sectional area, less more diff. press. will be created at the same flow rate.

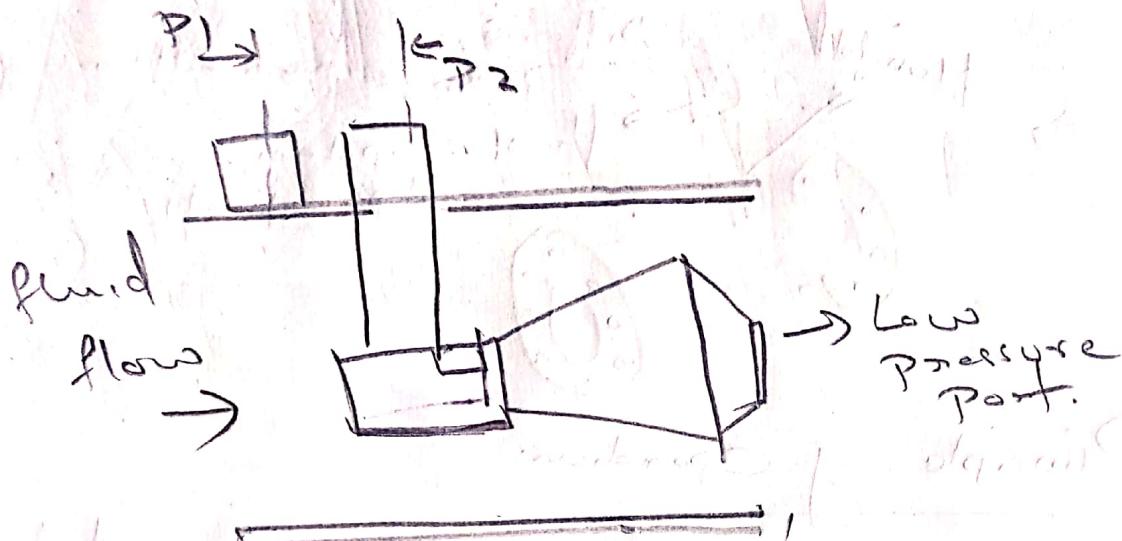
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$$Q = 29.808 \times \frac{\beta^2 \times D^2 \times \sqrt{\Delta P}}{\sqrt{1 - \beta^4}}$$

$$\Delta P = \frac{Q^2 \times (1 - \beta^4)}{88.517 \times \beta^4 \times D^4}$$

Q  $\rightarrow$  Water flow in GPM.

D  $\rightarrow$  Inside diameter of the process

Pipe is in inches.

d  $\rightarrow$  Outside diameter of the cone

in inches.

~~DP  $\rightarrow$  Pressure drop at the~~

~~full flow in PSD~~

B  $\rightarrow$  Beta ratio defined by  $\beta = \frac{d^2 - a^2}{D}$ .

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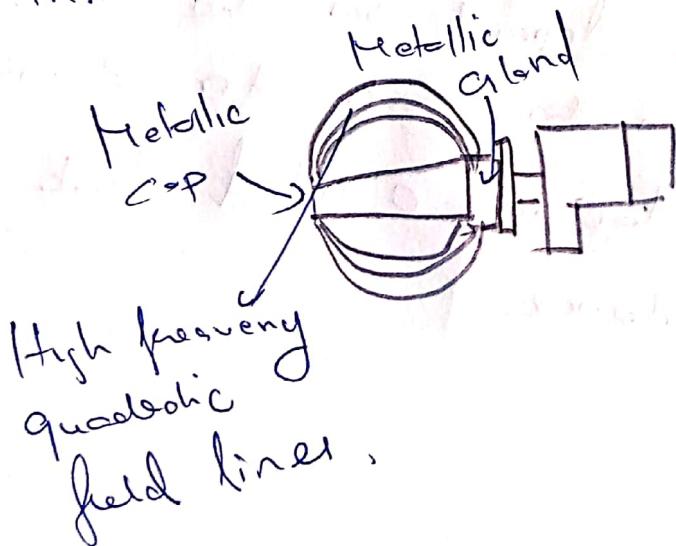
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## a) Field Effect level switches

- \* Field effect Probe creates a field between a metallic cap cast into a Ryton probe and the metal in the tank or in the probe gland and probe housing.
- \* When a conductive or nonconductive liquid, slurry, or solid material breaks the field lines, the high frequency current increases, and the relay tips.  
This probe should be installed horizontally with a small downward angle if installed on sloping surfaces.



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ii) Thermal level switch

Thermal level sensors used in on/off (i.e., binary) form. The principle of these sensors is based on the difference in the thermal conductivity of the process material and air. The simplest of these designs is where the sensor is used to detect a low level.

Two types

a) The principle of capacitive level measurement is based on the change of charge of a capacitor. The probe and the tank wall form a capacitor whose capacitance is dependent on the amount of product in the tank. An empty tank has a lower, a filled tank a higher capacitance.

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