

Experimental and Numerical Investigations of the Factors Affecting the S-type Pitot Tube Coefficients in GHG Emission Monitoring

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**Measurement Challenges and Metrology
for Monitoring CO₂ Emissions from Smokestacks**

Korea GHG Inventory

- High proportion (90%) of greenhouse gas emissions arising from the energy and industrial fields such as heavy / petrochemical / semiconductor and power plant

Greenhouse Gas

CO₂

Carbon dioxide

- Industry, transportation,
use of energy
(coal and oil)

SF₆

Hexafluoride

- Insulators

PFCs

Perfluorocarbon

- Semiconductors
(inert liquids for cleaning)

HFCs

Hydrofluorocarbons

- Refrigerants used in air
conditioning systems

N₂O

Nitrogen dioxide

- Industrial processes
and use of fertilizers

CH₄

Methane

- Waste, agriculture
and livestock

KEPCO
E&C

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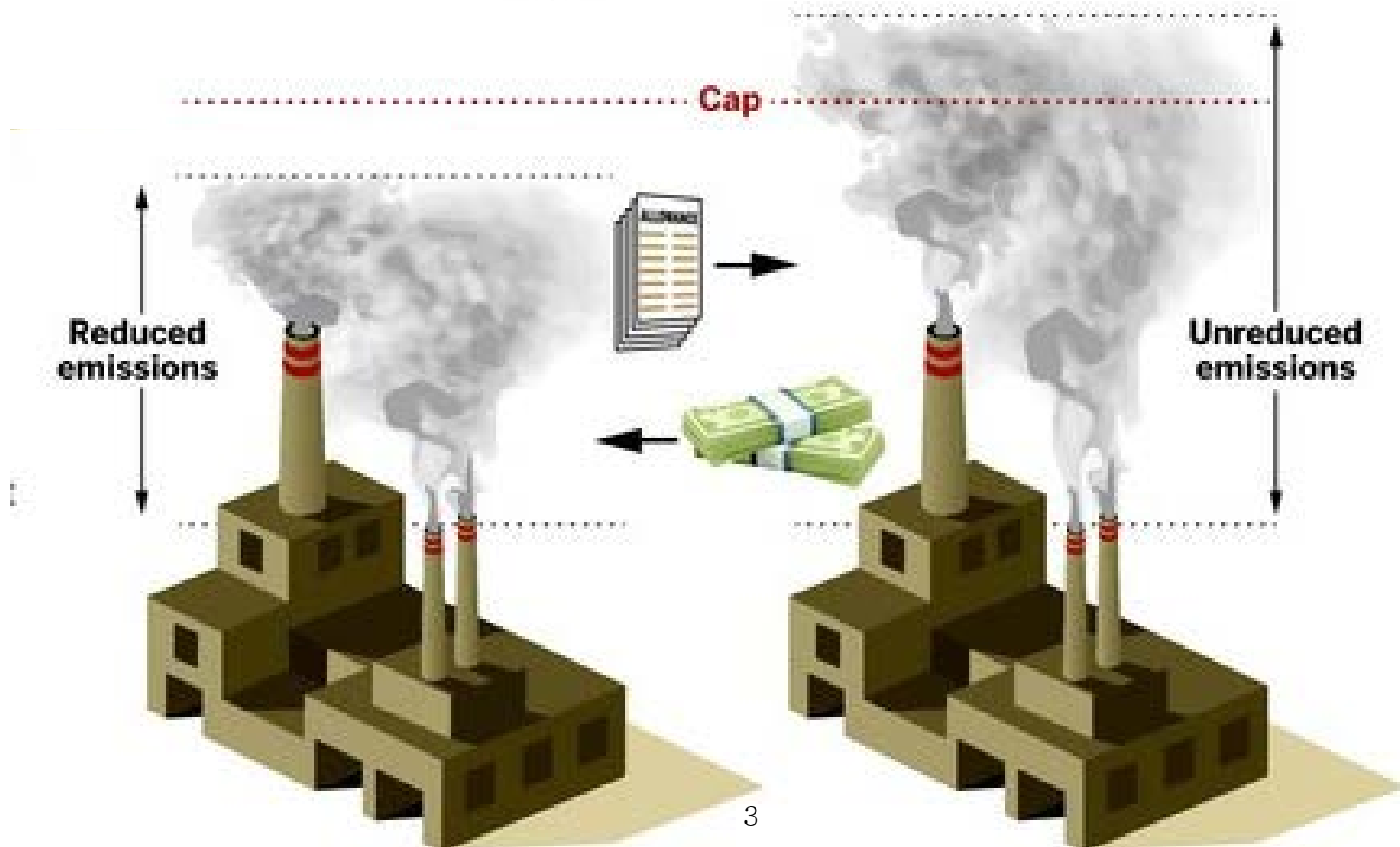
POSCO

HYUNDAI
STEEL

LG Display

Korea Emission Trading Scheme

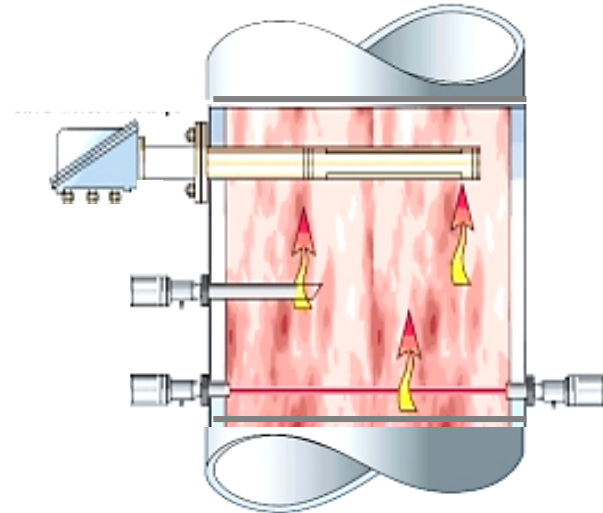
- Implementation with allocation of emission cap for each company in 2015
- To meet the cap of emissions, company with increasing emissions should buy emission allowance from other emission-reduced company



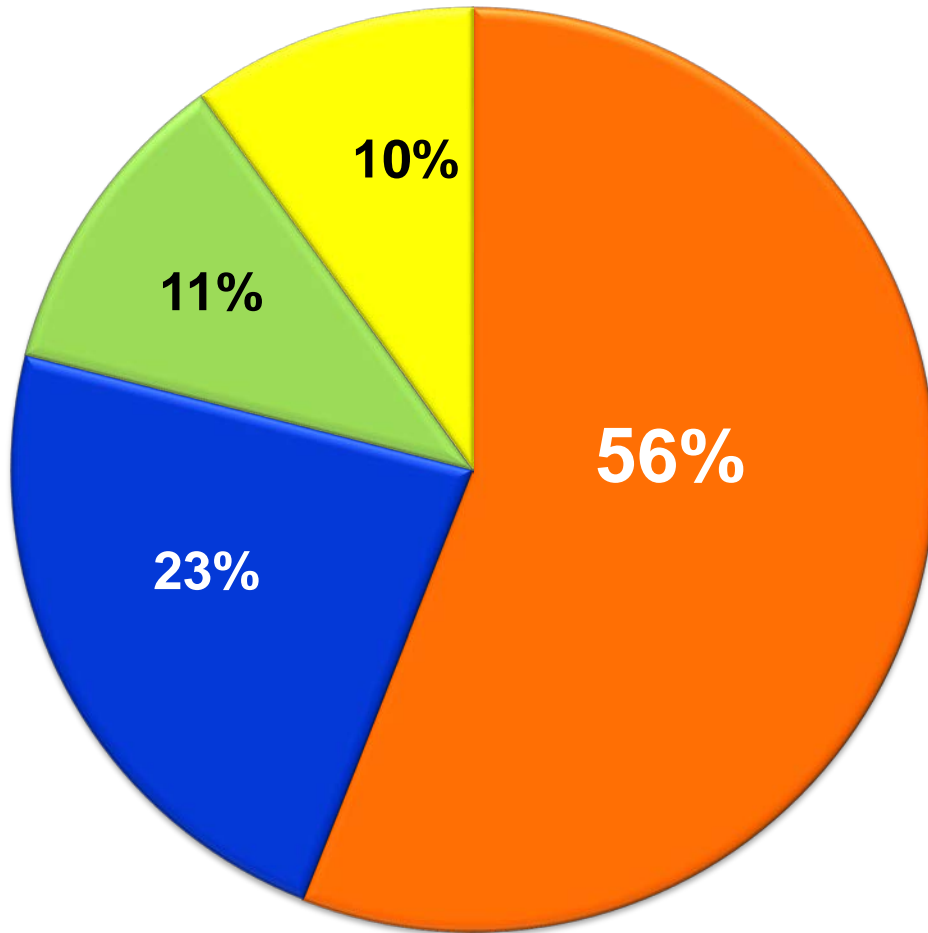
Continuous Emission Measurement

- Directly measure GHG emissions by monitoring concentrations and volumetric flow rate an exhaust gas
- Accurate and actual emissions measurements by U.S. EPA and Korea Ministry of Environment

$$E_{CEM} = \sum_{i=1}^N E_{5\text{min},i} = \sum_{i=1}^N \left(\bar{C}_i \times Q_{5\text{min},i} \times \frac{MW_{gas}}{22.4L} \right)$$



Instruments for Stack Flow Velocity in KOREA



■ S-type Pitot tubes

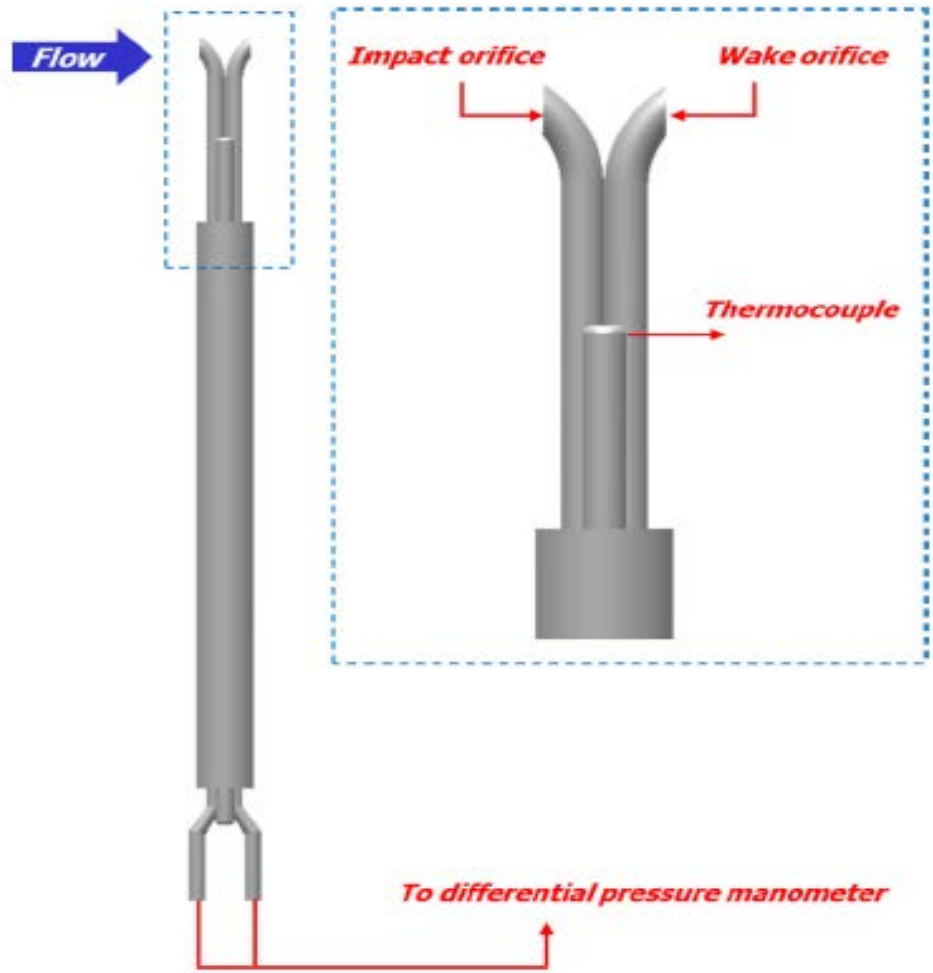
■ Thermal flowmeter

■ Ultrasonic flowmeter

■ Averaging Pitot tubes

S-Type Pitot tube

- Large pressure orifices($\Phi=5\sim 10\text{mm}$) & Strong tubes for high dust environments like industry stack (ISO 10780, KS M9429, EPA method2)
- Measurement differential pressure between an impact(total pressure) and wake orifice(static pressure) based on Bernoulli equation



$$V = C_{P,S} \sqrt{\frac{2\Delta P}{\rho}}$$

V : flow velocity in the stack gas(m/s)

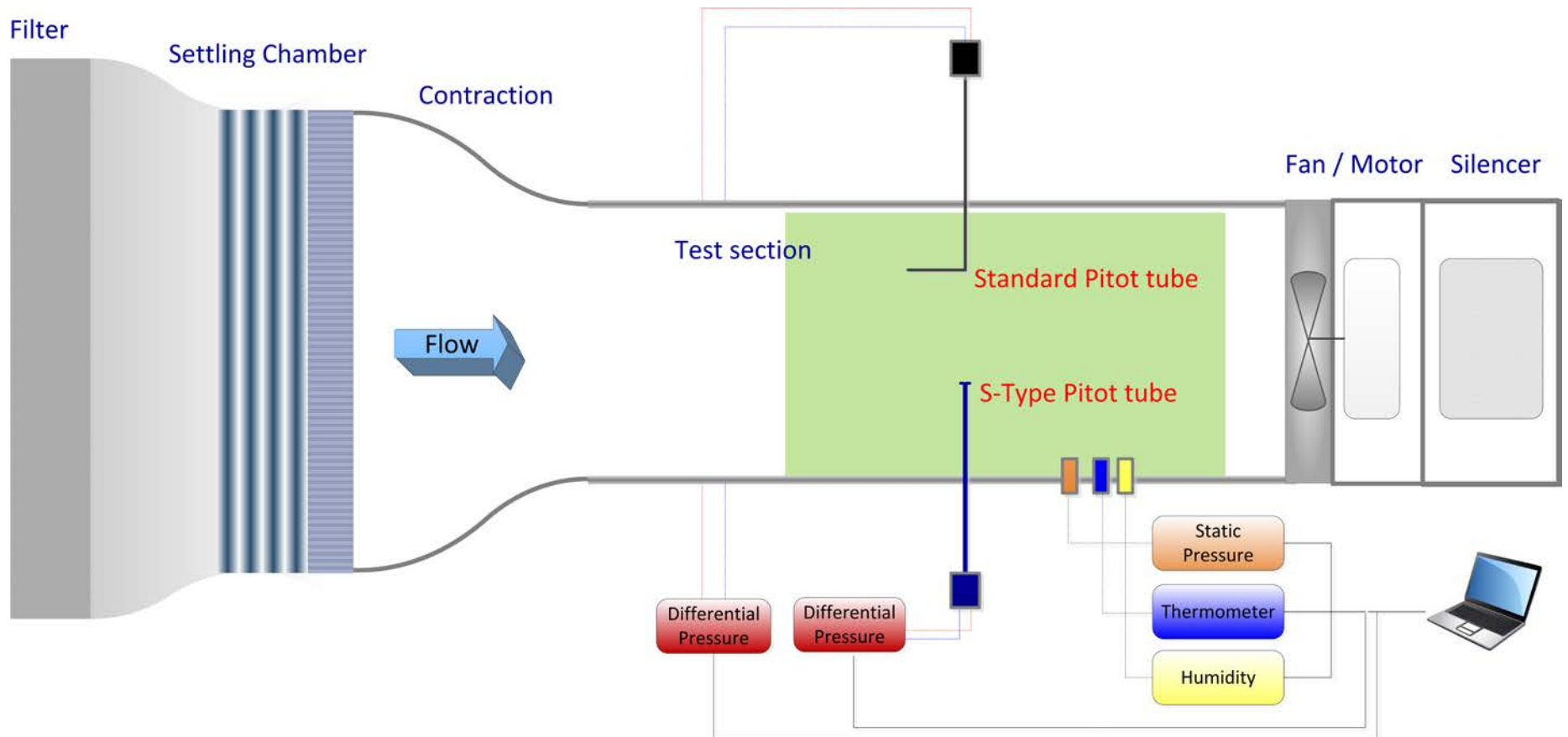
$C_{P,S}$: S type Pitot tube coefficient

ΔP : differential pressure between
impact and wake orifice (Pa)

ρ : density of the stack gas (kg/m^3)

Calibration for S Pitot Tube Coefficient (C_p)

- Calibration against L-type Pitot tube in the wind tunnel of the national metrology institute or the accredited calibration laboratories.



Calibration for S Pitot Tube Coefficient (C_p)

- Determination by comparing the differential pressure of standard pitot tube and S-type Pitot tube

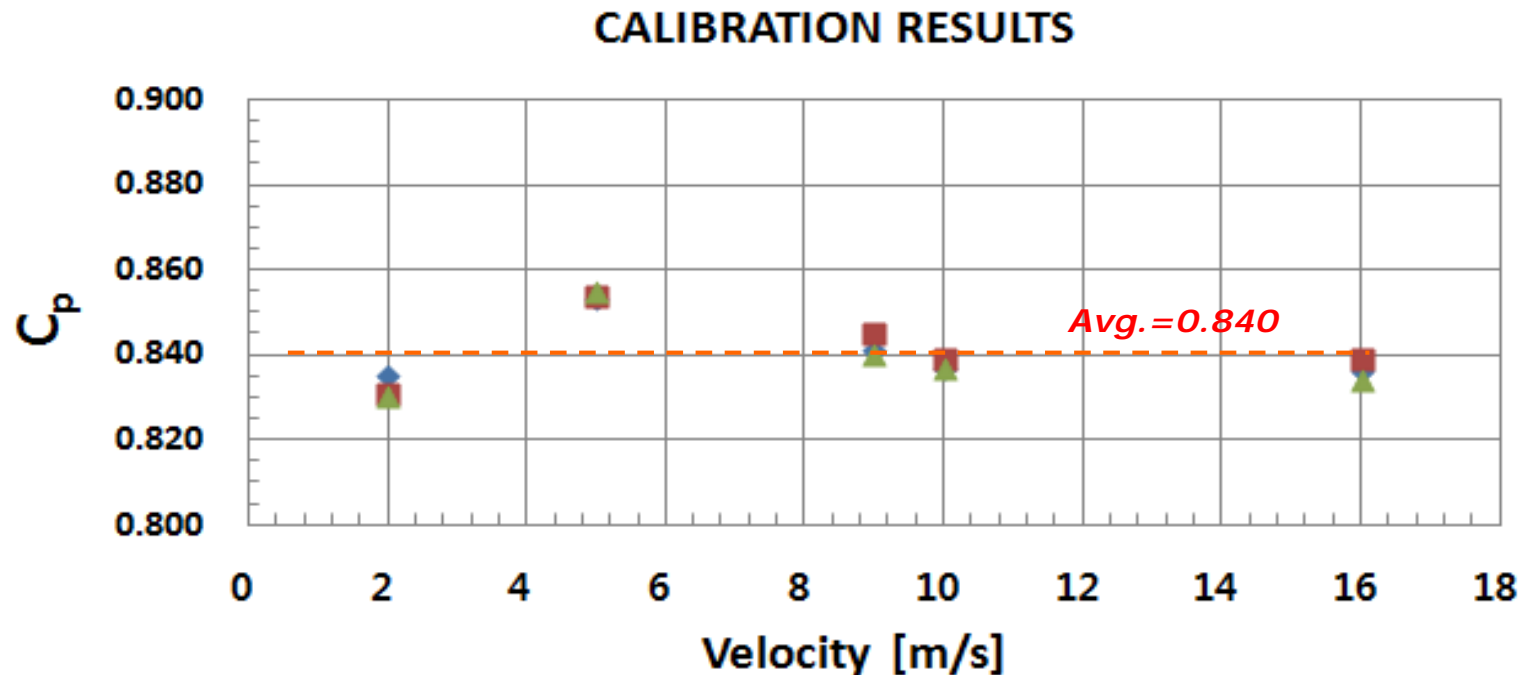
$$C_{P,S\text{-type}} = C_{P,Std} \left(\frac{\Delta P_{Std}}{\Delta P_{S\text{-type}}} \right)$$

$C_{p,s\text{-type}}$: S Pitot tube coefficient

$C_{p,std}$: Standard Pitot tube coefficient

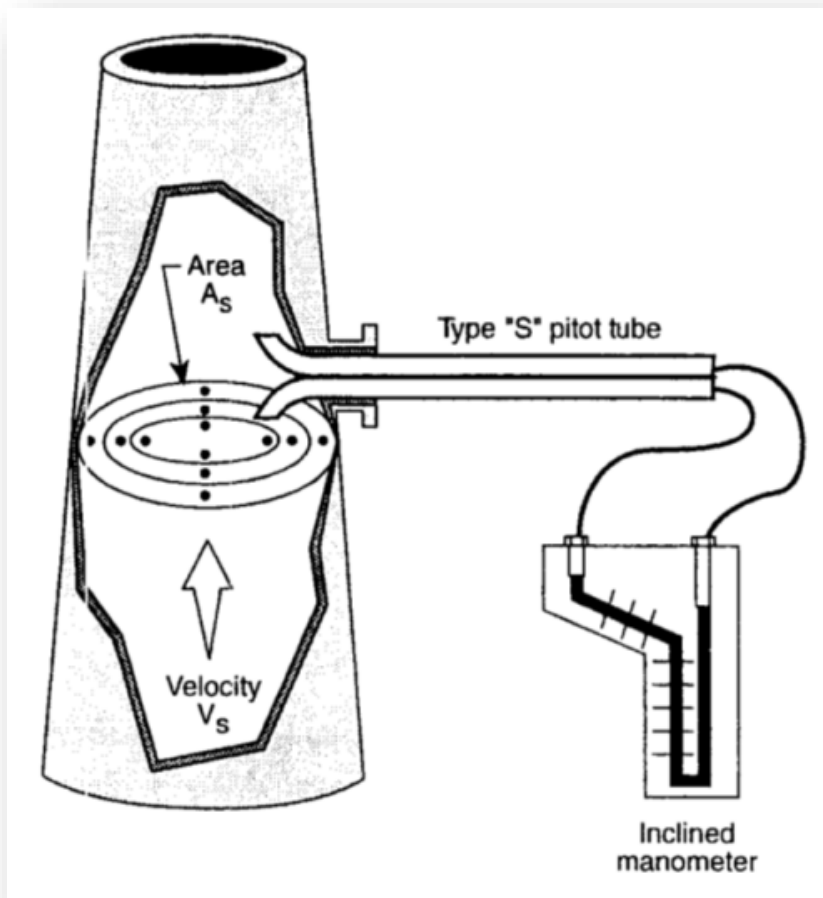
$\Delta P_{s\text{-type}}$: differential pressure of S Pitot tube

ΔP_{std} : differential pressure of Standard tube

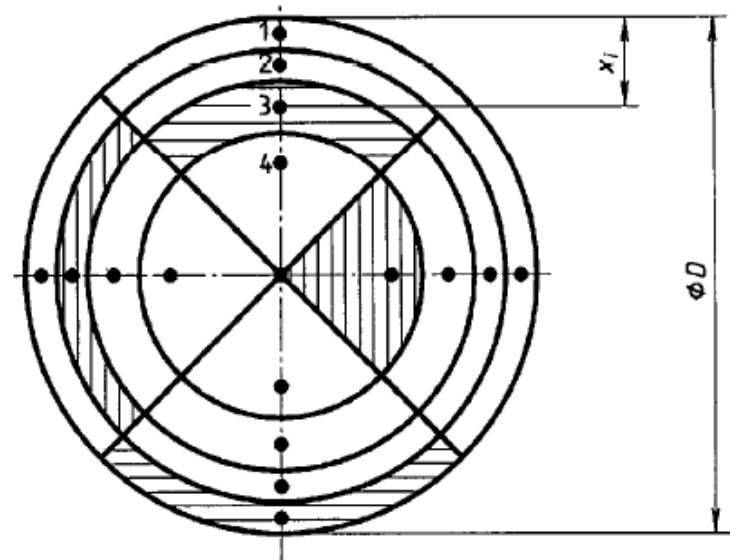


Velocity Measurements in the Stack

- As the diameter of stacks increases, the sampling traverse point for measuring velocity distributions in the stack should increase according to the ISO 10780 and EPA method.



Stack Diameter $2R$ (m)	radius	numbers	Distance from center of stack				
			r_1	r_2	r_3	r_4	r_5
< 1	1	4	0.707 R	-	-	-	-
1 ~ 2	2	8	0.500 R	0.866 R	-	-	-
2 ~ 4	3	12	0.408 R	0.707 R	0.913 R	-	-
4 ~ 4.5	4	16	0.354 R	0.612 R	0.791 R	0.935 R	-
> 4.5	5	20	0.316 R	0.548 R	0.707 R	0.837 R	0.949 R



On-site Measurement



*Combined Heat and Power Plant
Guhjang Energy, KOREA*

On-site Measurement



On-site Measurement

- S-type Pitot tube is usually installed and inserted in harsh environment such as tall stack height and high gas temperature

Average velocity: 15 m/s
Temperature: 400 K
Water content: 8.5 %



On-site Measurement

- Difficult to observe the inside of the stack and verify the precise installation of the S-type Pitot tube

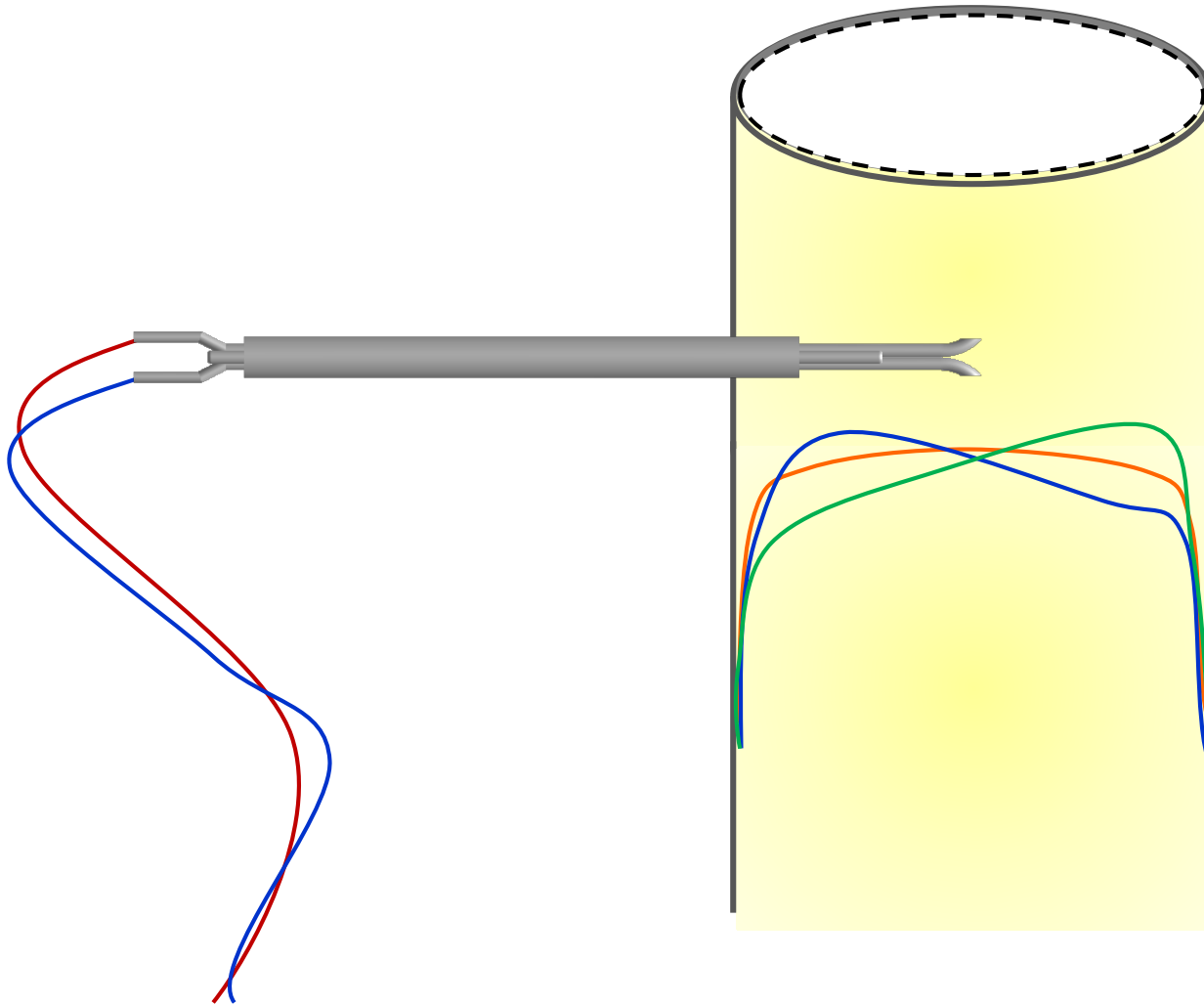


What Happens Inside the Stack?



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- Flow velocity of emission gas can be altered due to the unstable process in particular industrial condition of plant

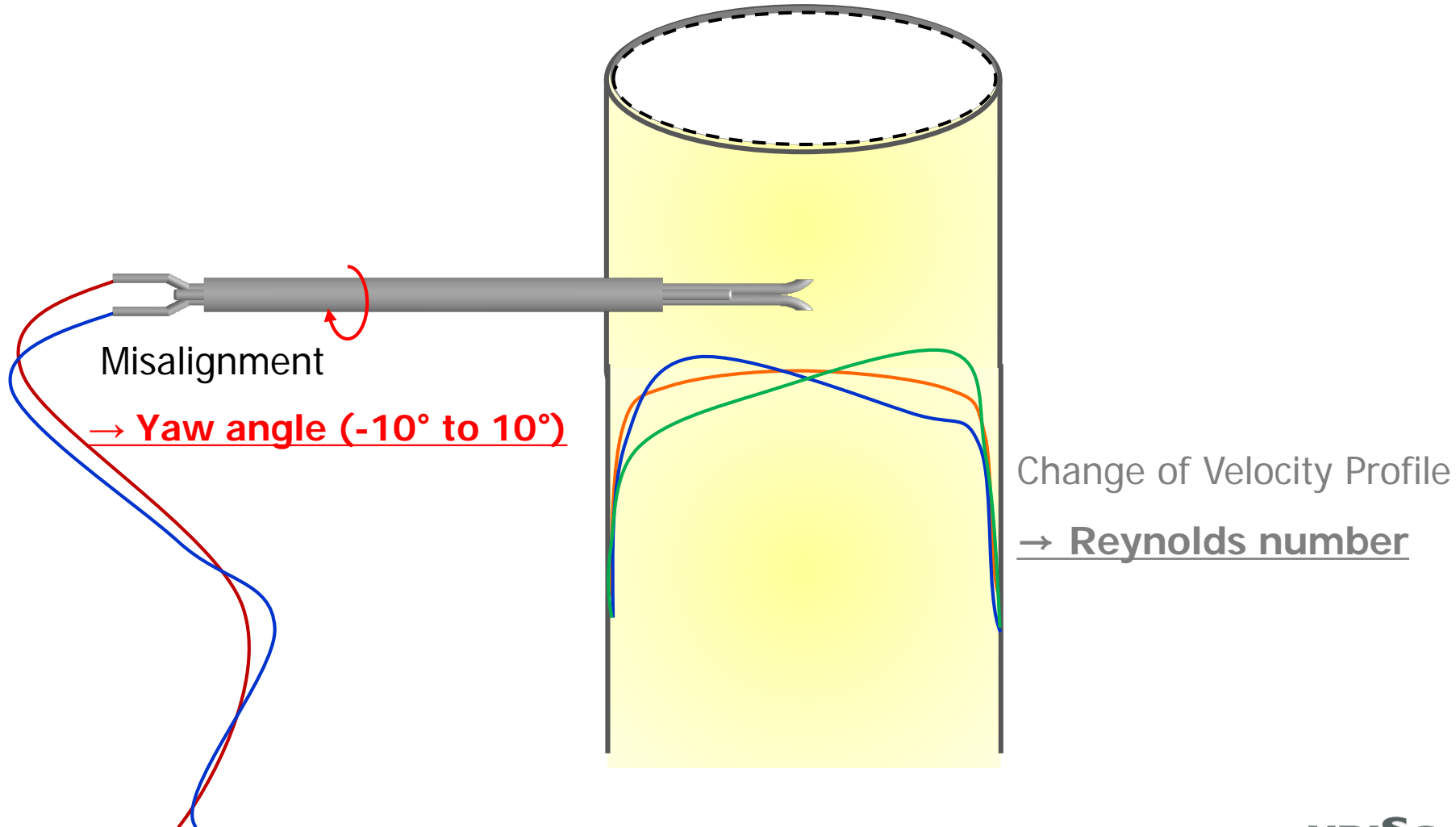


Change of Velocity Profile

→ Reynolds number

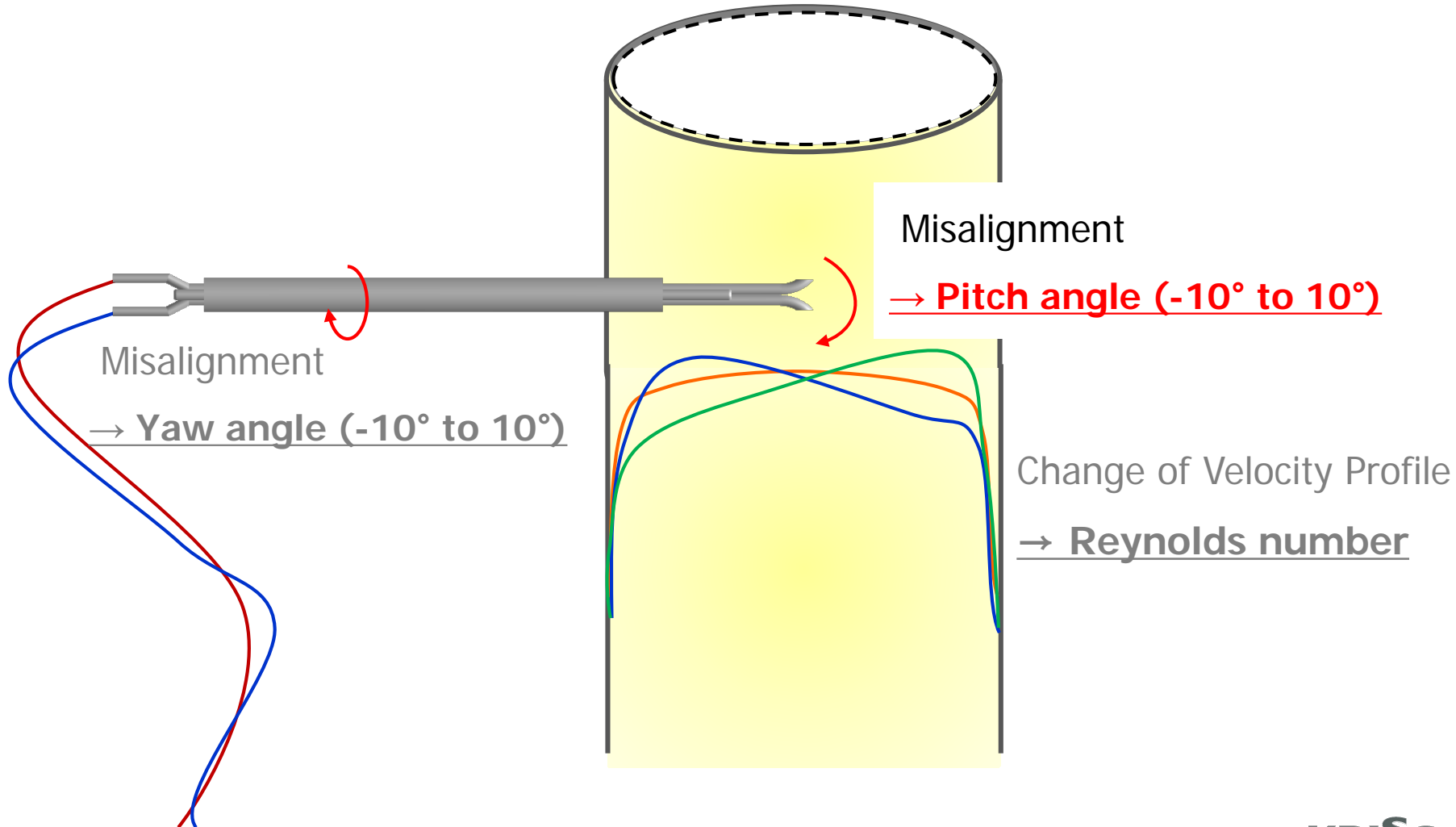
What Happens Inside the Stack?

- Yaw angle misalignment can occur during installation of S-type Pitot tube from outside of the stack due to the difficulty of observation



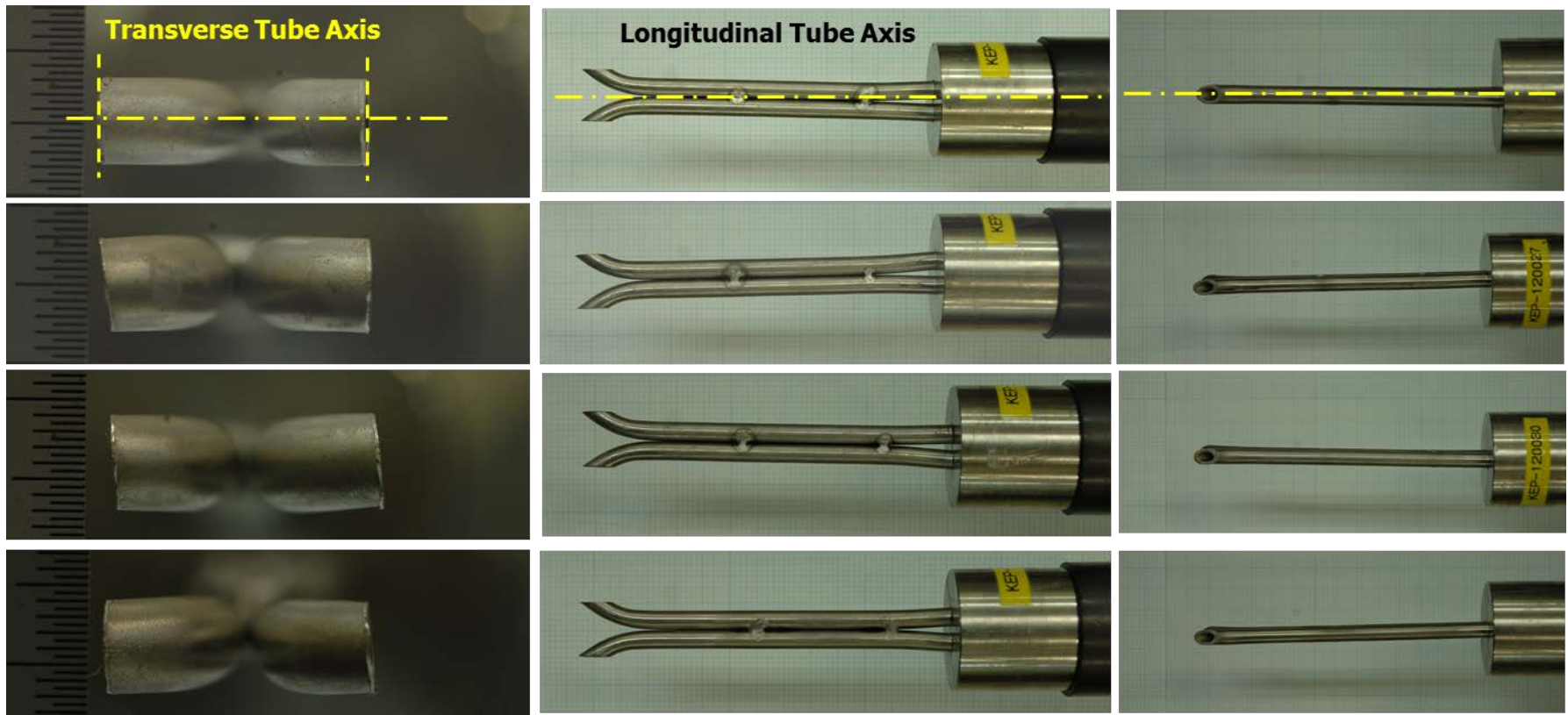
What Happens Inside the Stack?

- Pitch angle misalignment of S-type Pitot tube can result due to the deflection of the long S-type Pitot tube in large diameter stacks.



Manufacture Quality

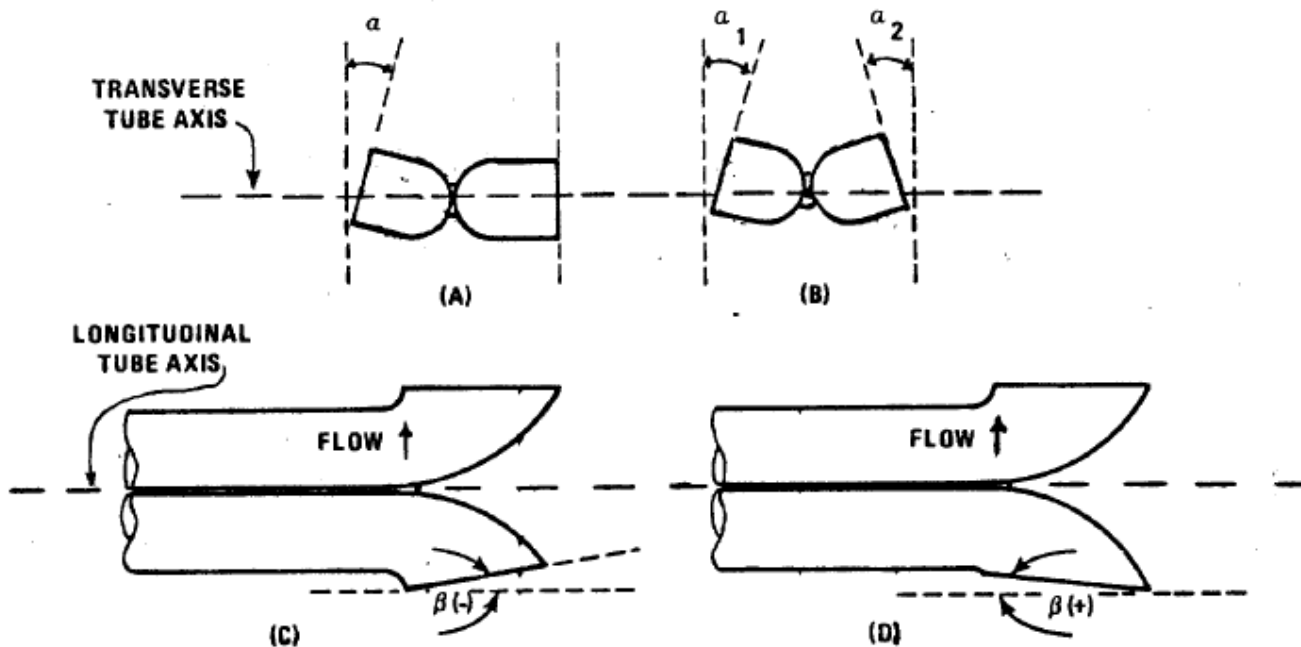
- The geometry of the S-type Pitot tube can be changed by the manufacturing quality of the manufacturer(company) due to not-strong regulation for standard geometry of S-type Pitot tube



Manufacture Quality

- Vollaro et al. (EPA, 1976) investigated the effect of impact opening misalignment on the S-type Pitot tube coefficient

→ 2% Error with impact opening misalignment



Objective

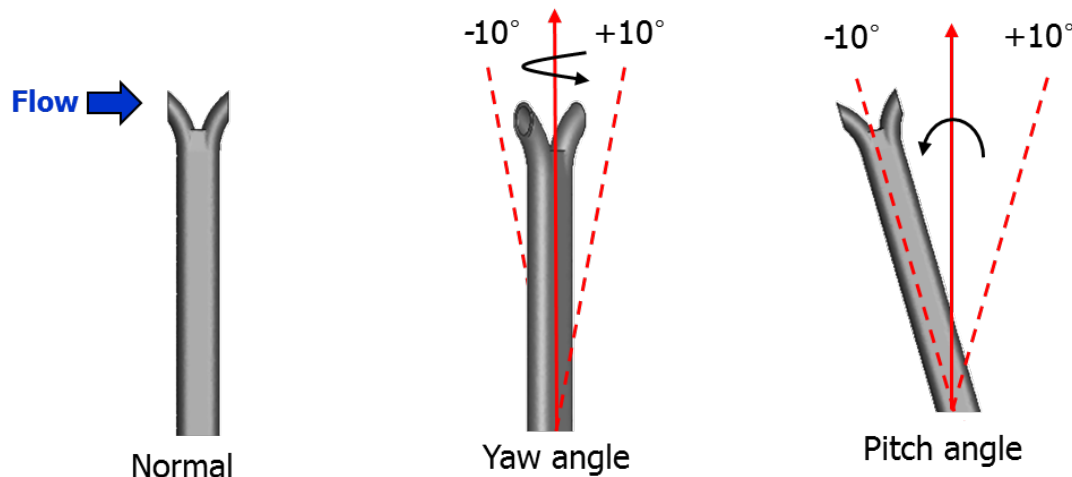
- Evaluate the effect various factors on the S-type Pitot tube coefficients for accurate and reliable measurement GHG emission in industrial stack

1. Reynolds number effect

Velocity = 2 to 15 m/s

$Re_D = 3,000$ to $22,000$ (D: distance between two orifices)

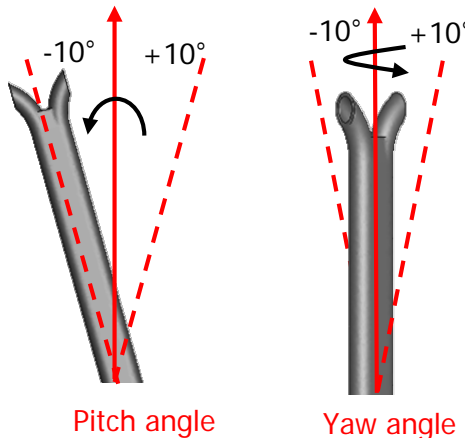
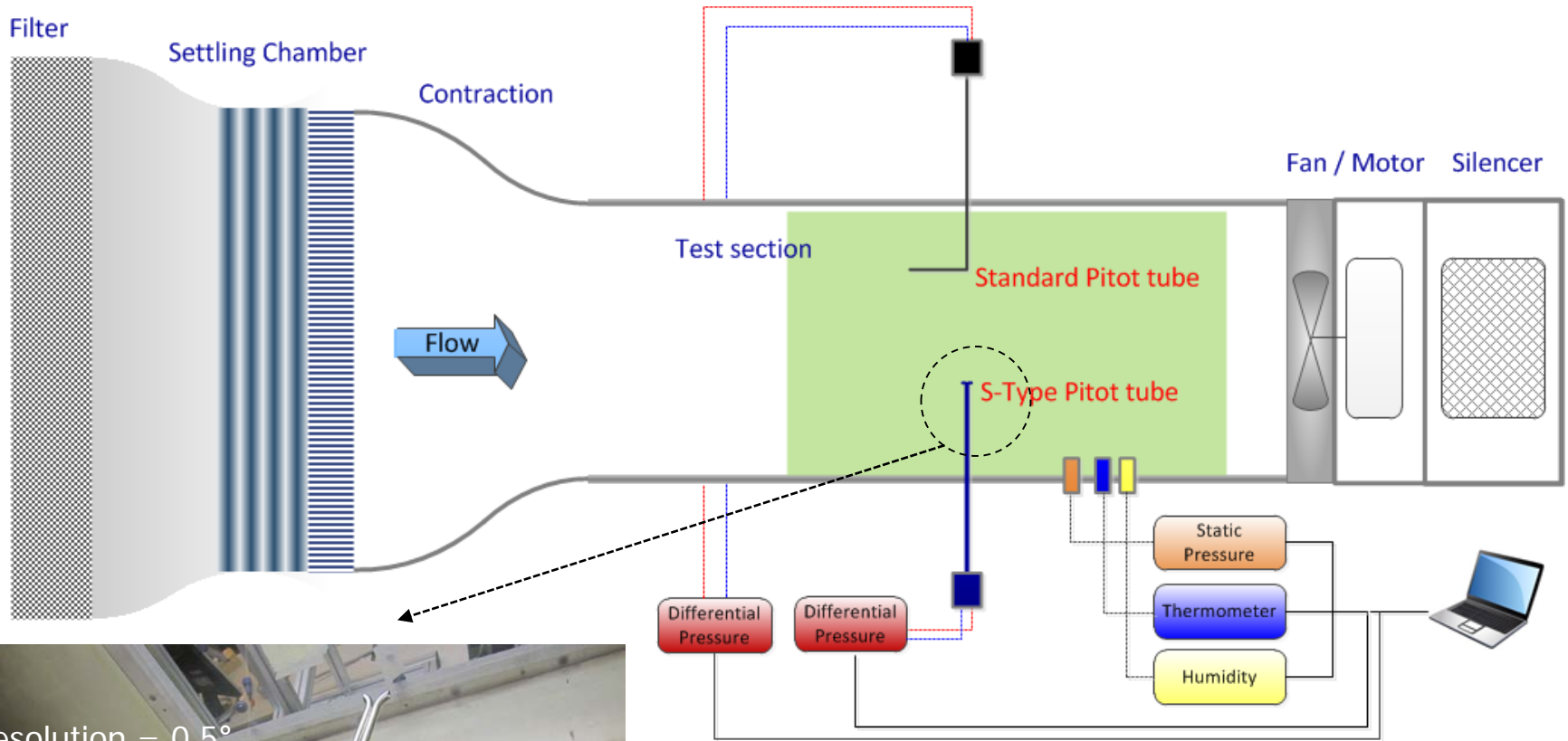
2. Misalignment effect



3. Manufacturing Quality

S-type Pitot tube calibration data of 4 major manufacturers in KOREA

Experiment apparatus

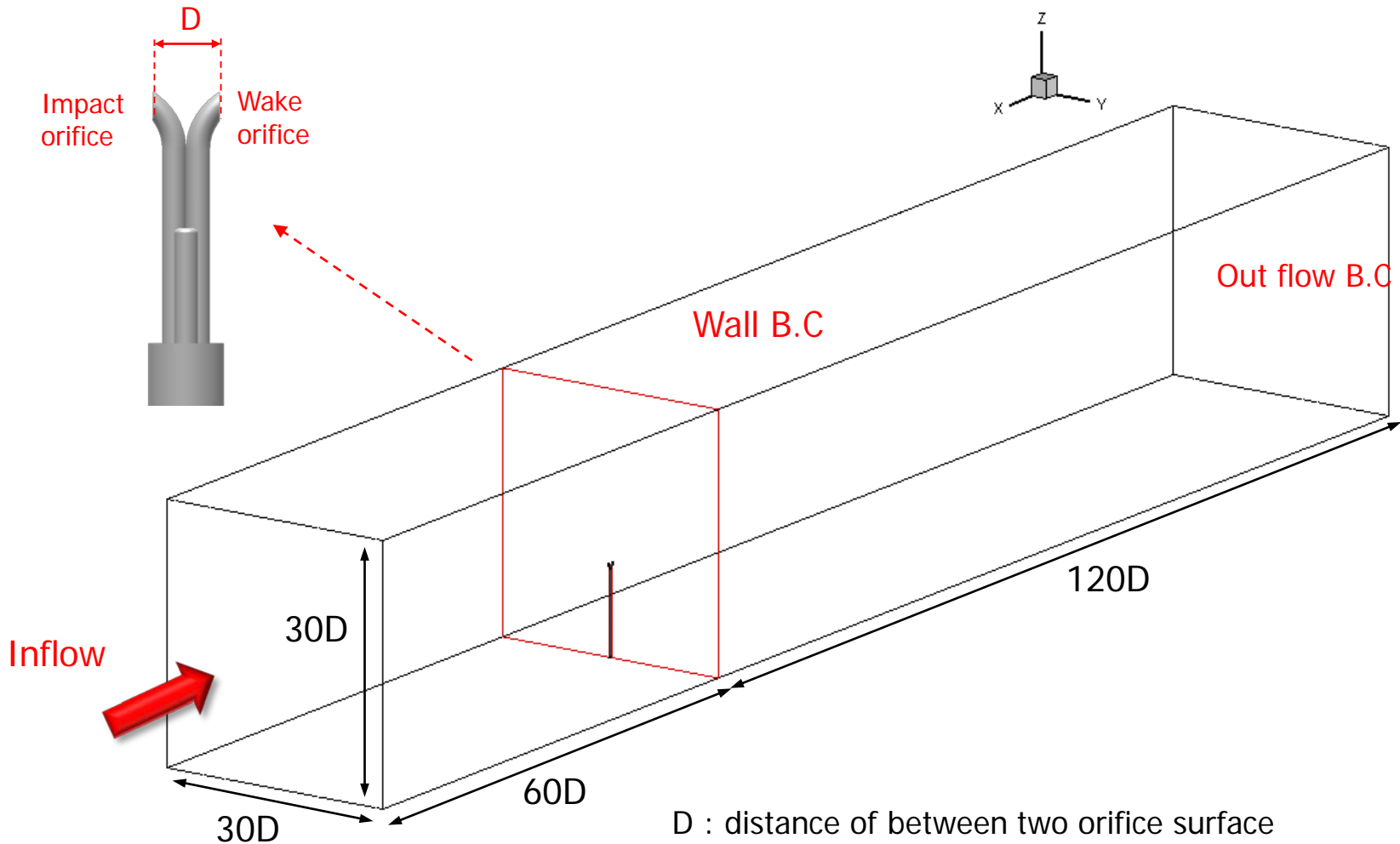


KRIS Subsonic Wind Tunnel

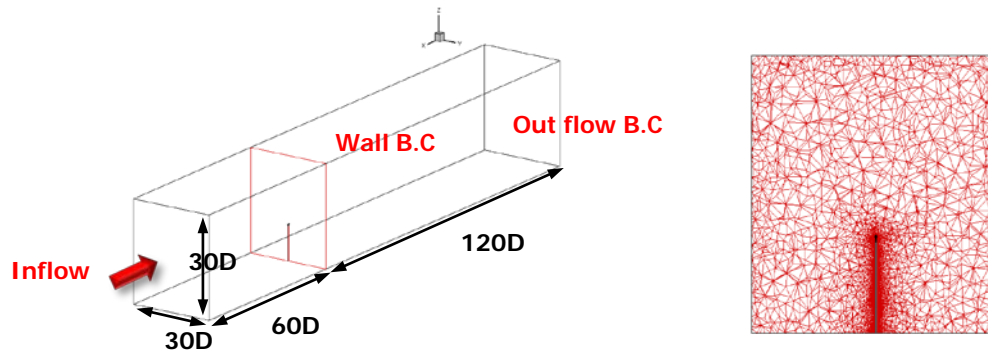
Wind tunnel Type	Open-Suction type
Velocity range	2 m/s to 15 m/s
Test section area	0.9 m X 0.9 m
Uncertainty (%)	0.60 % to 1.1%

Numerical Simulation

- To understand flow phenomena around S-type Pitot tube when misalignment and distortion of geometries were present



Numerical Simulation



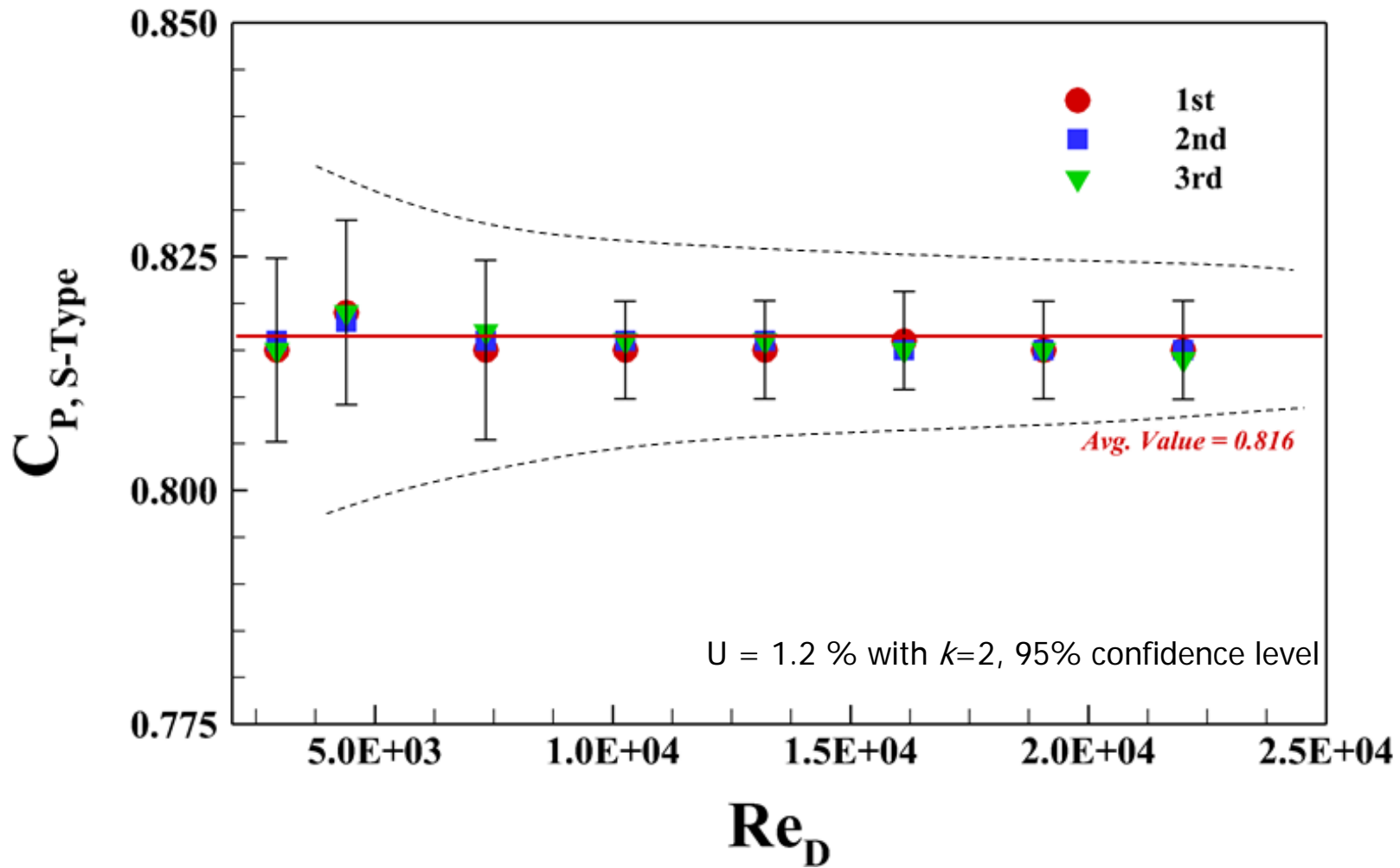
Numerical Method

Equation	3-D Incompressible Navier-Stokes Eq. (ADINA 8.7.1)
Meshes	Unstructured mesh (Tetrahedral type) 875,000 meshes, $\Delta = 3.5 \times 10^{-2}D$
Boundary Conditions	Inflow B.C : Turbulent flow (turbulence intensity = 2%) Wall B.C : no-slip Outflow : Pressure out
Turbulence Model	Detached Eddy Simulation model - Spalart – Allmaras model ($\mu_t = \rho u f_{u1}$)

The effects of Reynolds number

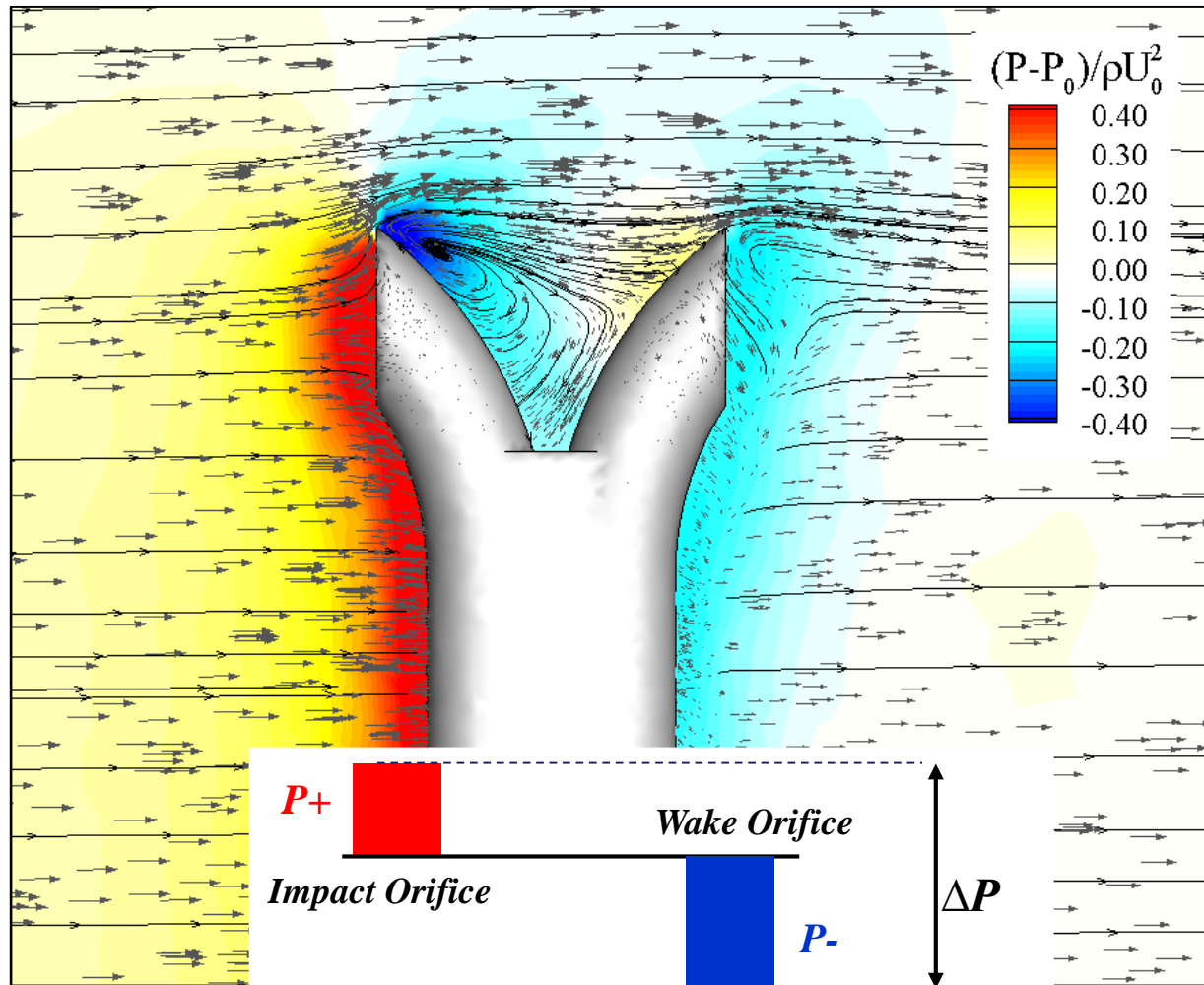
The effects of Reynolds number

- The deviation of each value from the average value of S-type Pitot tube coefficients was less than 0.3% within entire range of Reynolds numbers
- The effect of Reynolds number on S-type Pitot tube coefficients is negligible compared to the total uncertainty of measurements



The effects of Reynolds number

- Due to complicated geometry between the impact and wake orifices, the separated flows are developed to a vortical structure behind impact orifice
- The flow phenomena around S-type Pitot tube appear identically regardless of the change of Reynolds number

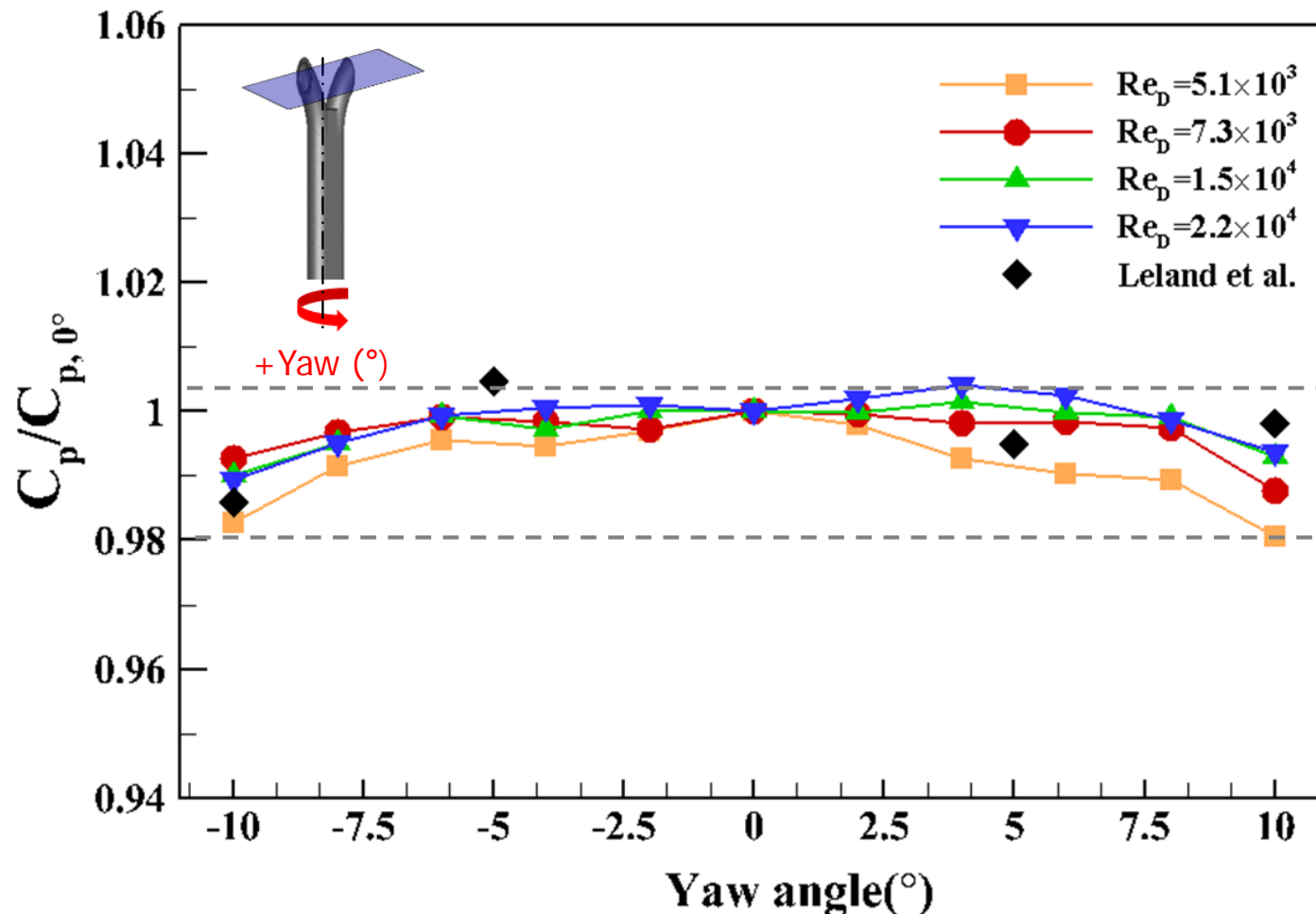


$Re_D = 10,000$

The effects of Yaw angle misalignment

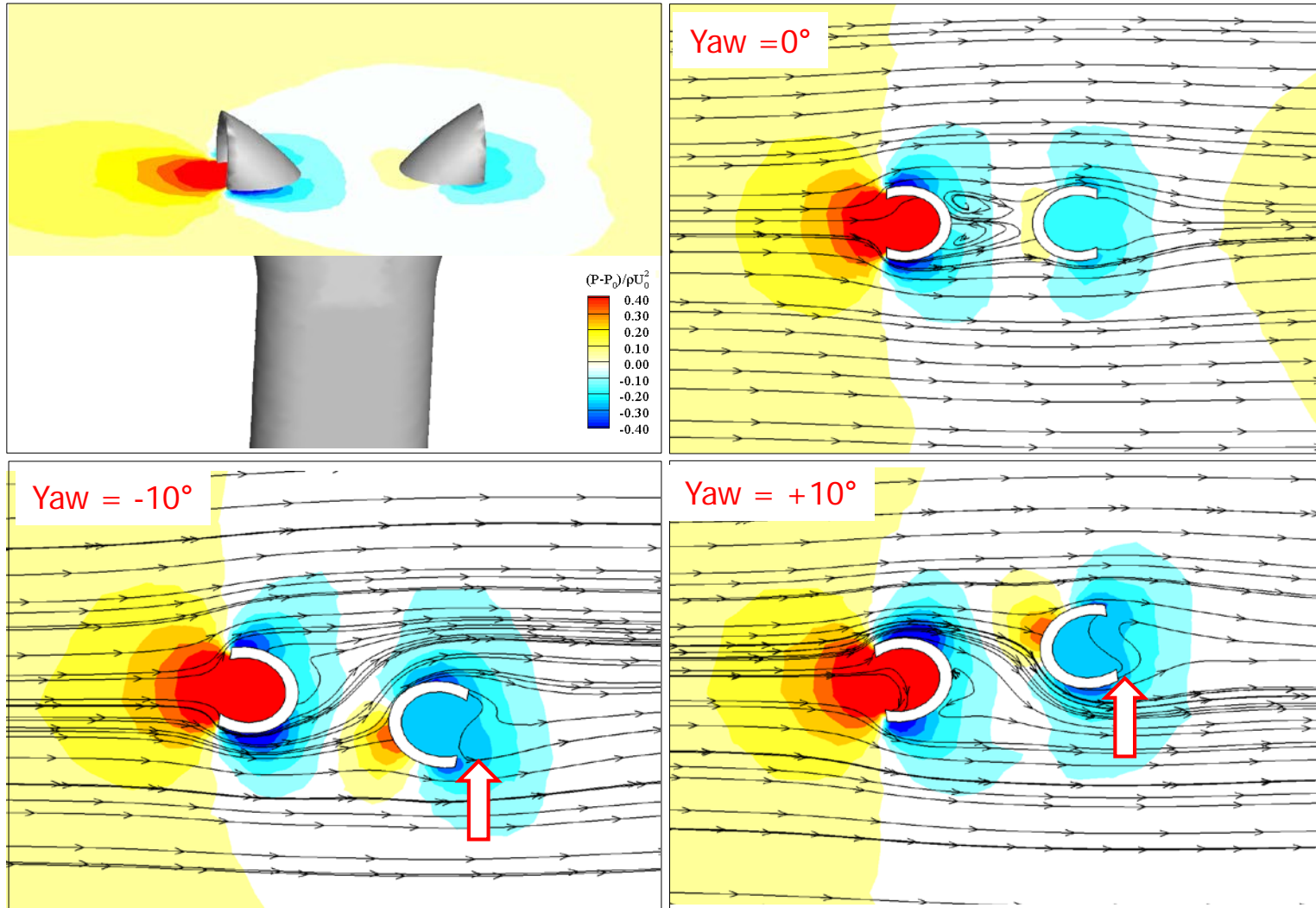
The effects of Yaw angle misalignment

- S-type Pitot tube coefficients (C_p) at each yaw angle are normalized by S-type Pitot tube coefficients ($C_{p,0^\circ}$) at a yaw angle of 0°
- The normalized S-type Pitot tube coefficients decreased by up to -2% as the yaw angle increases to $\pm 10^\circ$ with symmetric tendency



The effects of Yaw angle misalignment

- Pressure values near wake orifice decrease due to the enhancement of separated flow from orifice surface, which shows symmetry \pm yaw angle

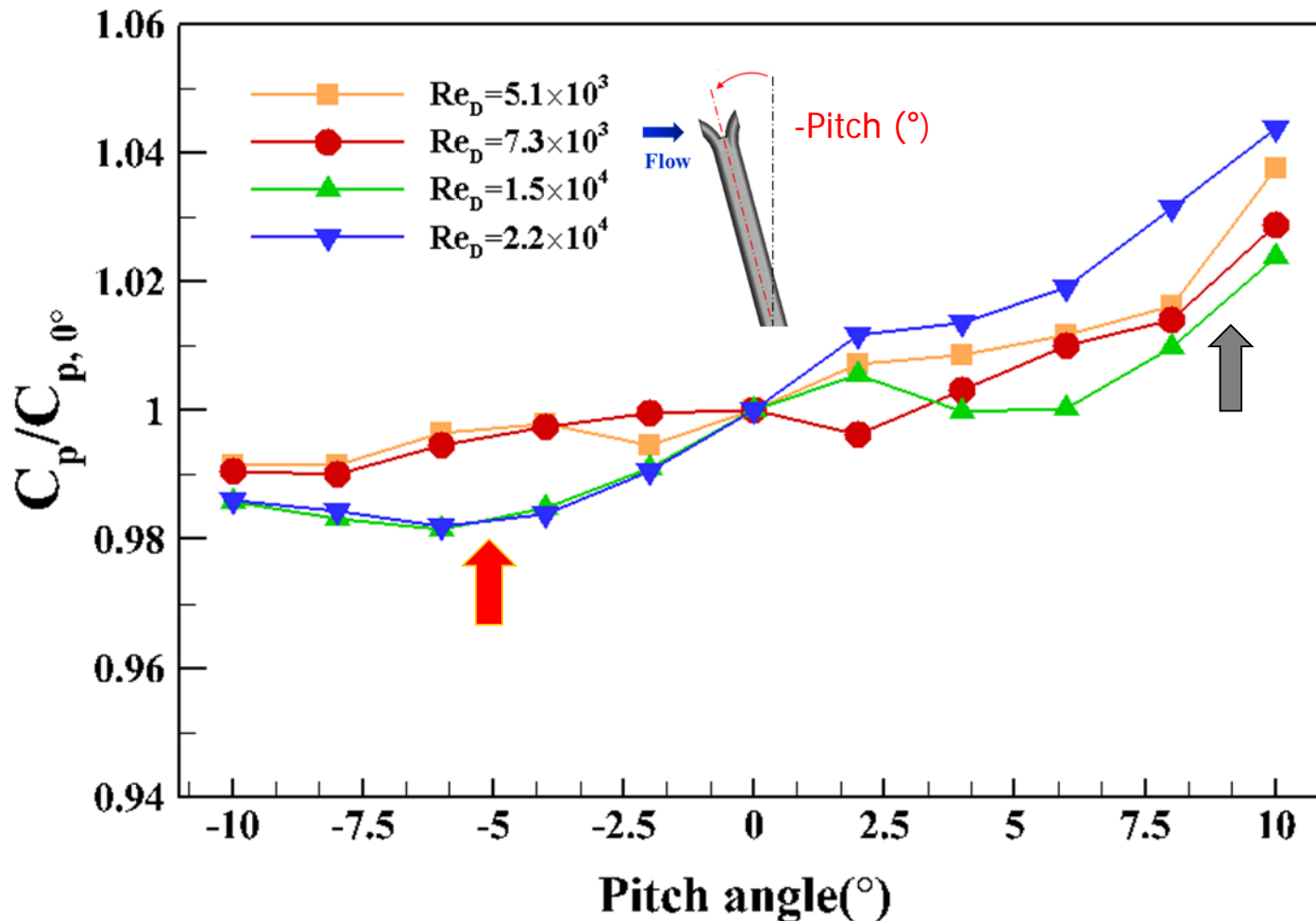


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The effects of Pitch angle misalignment

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- The normalized S-type Pitot tube coefficients increase up to 4 % as the pitch angle increases to $+10^\circ$
- In negative Pitch angles, S-type Pitot coefficients decrease to -2% , which can occur in industry stacks due to deflection of long S type Pitot tube



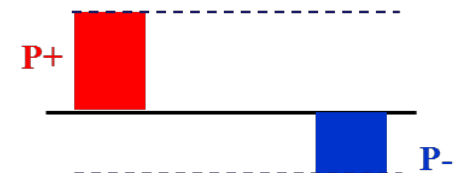
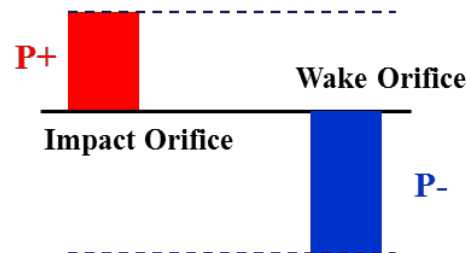
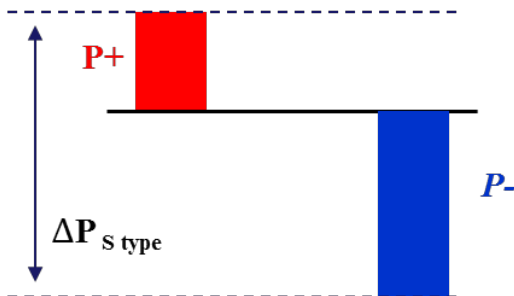
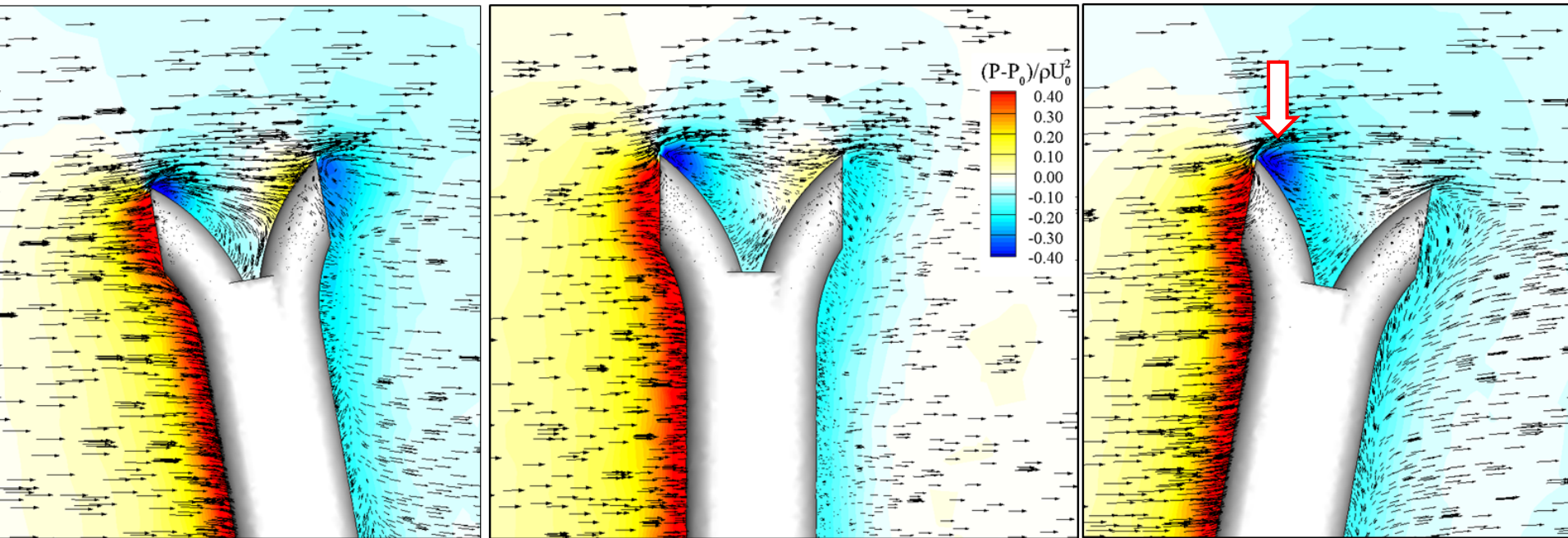
The effects of Pitch angle misalignment

- In the positive pitch angle, the incoming flow separate strongly at the upper edge of the impact orifice due to tilted geometry
- Recovery of the pressure distribution near wake orifice

Pitch angle = -10°

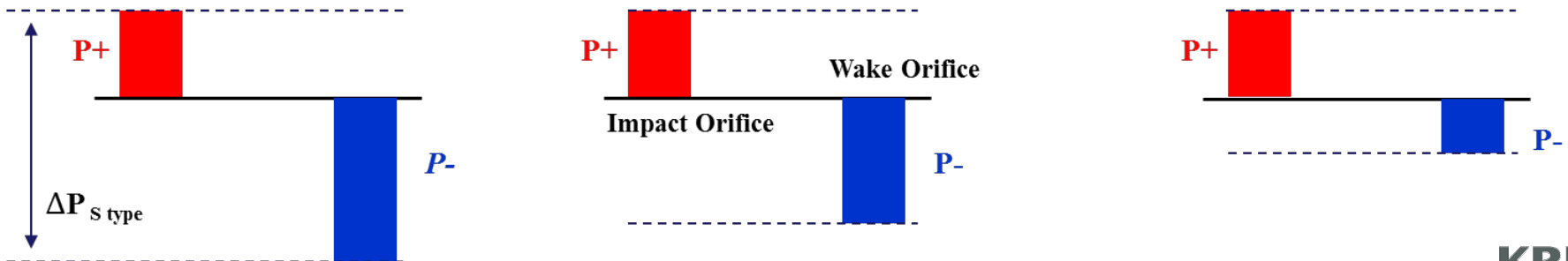
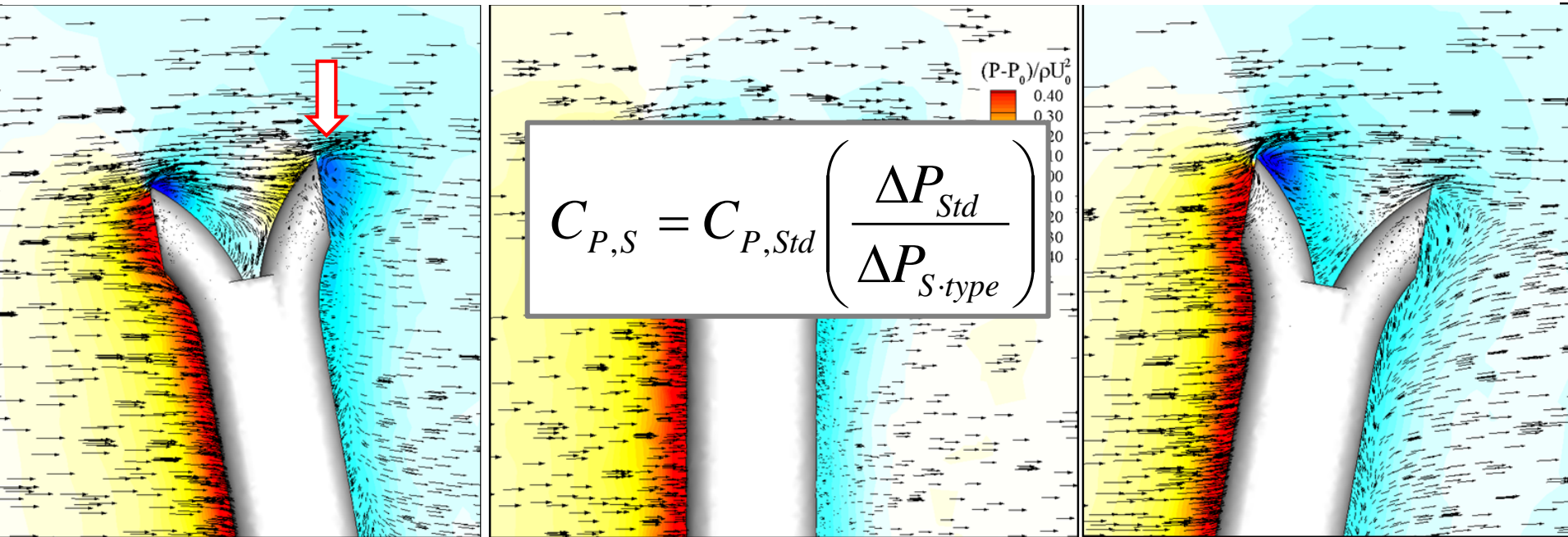
Pitch angle = 0°

Pitch angle = $+10^\circ$



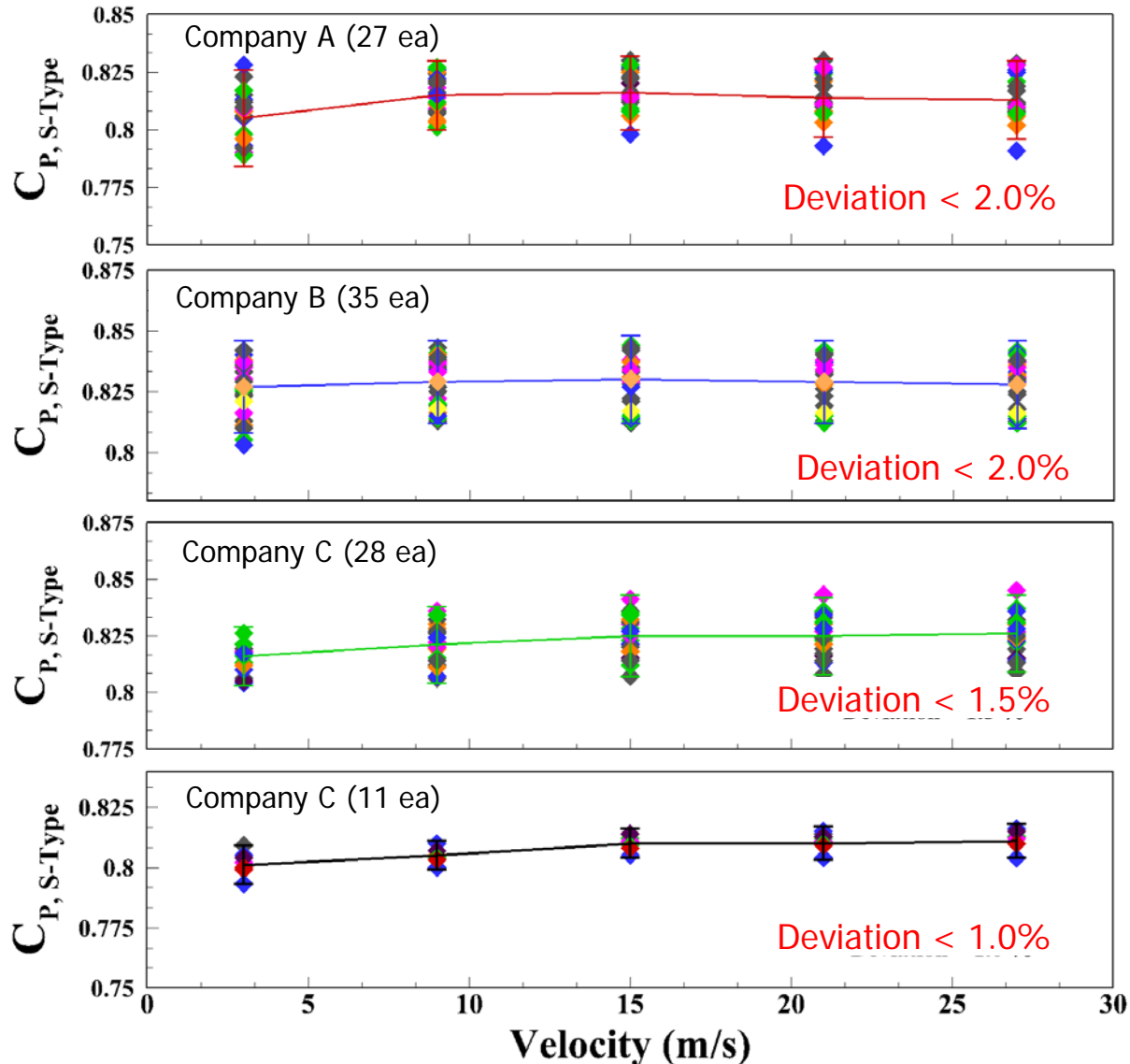
The effects of Pitch angle misalignment

- In the negative pitch angle, low pressure distributions are observed near wake orifice because a vortical structure grows behind the wake orifice
- S-type Pitot tube coefficients decrease for negative yaw angle by the definition of S-type Pitot tube coefficient



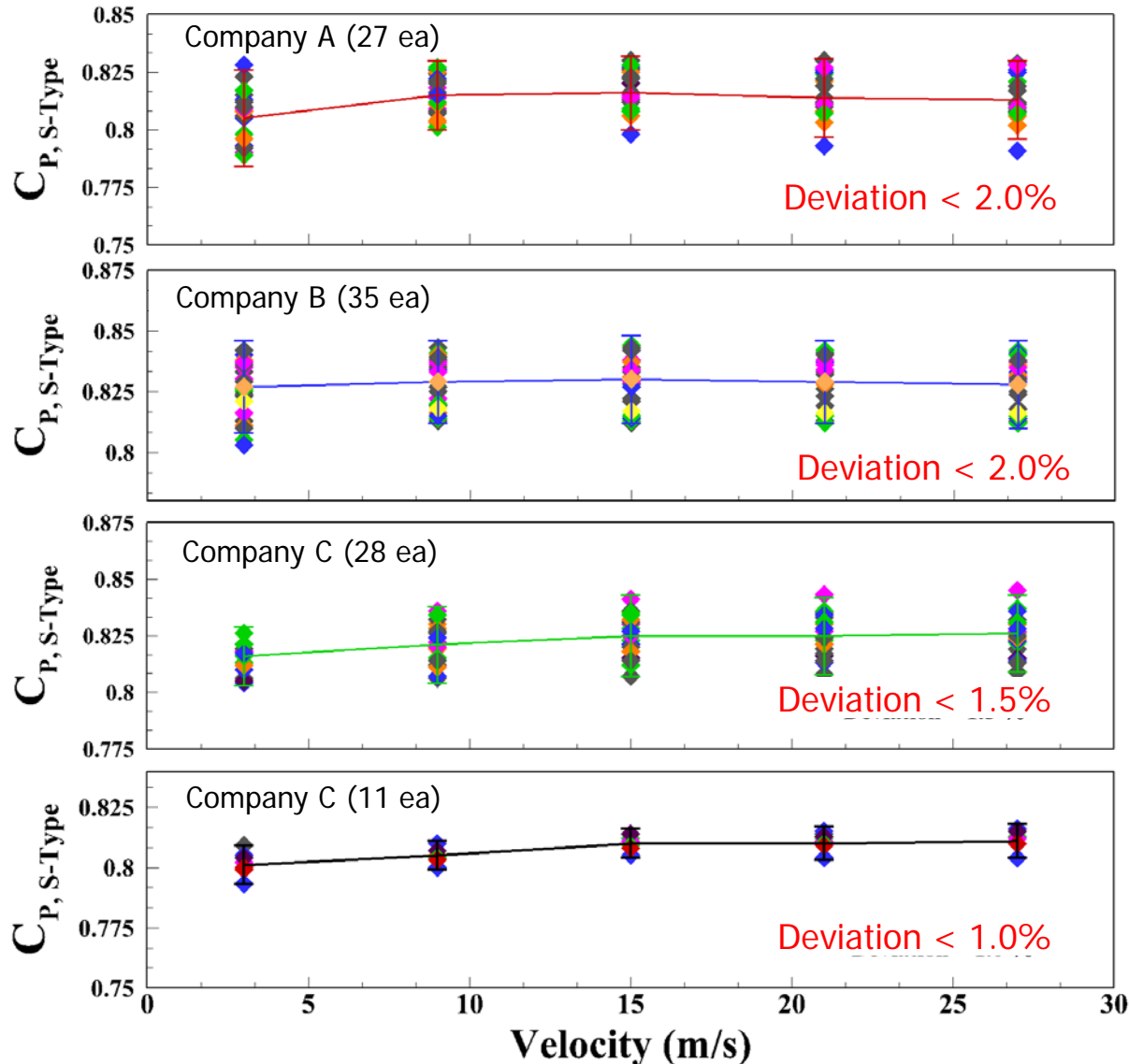
Manufacturing Quality

- 101 ea of S-type Pitot tubes of 4 major manufacturers in KOREA were calibrated in accredited calibration laboratory (Korea Environment Corporation) in 2011



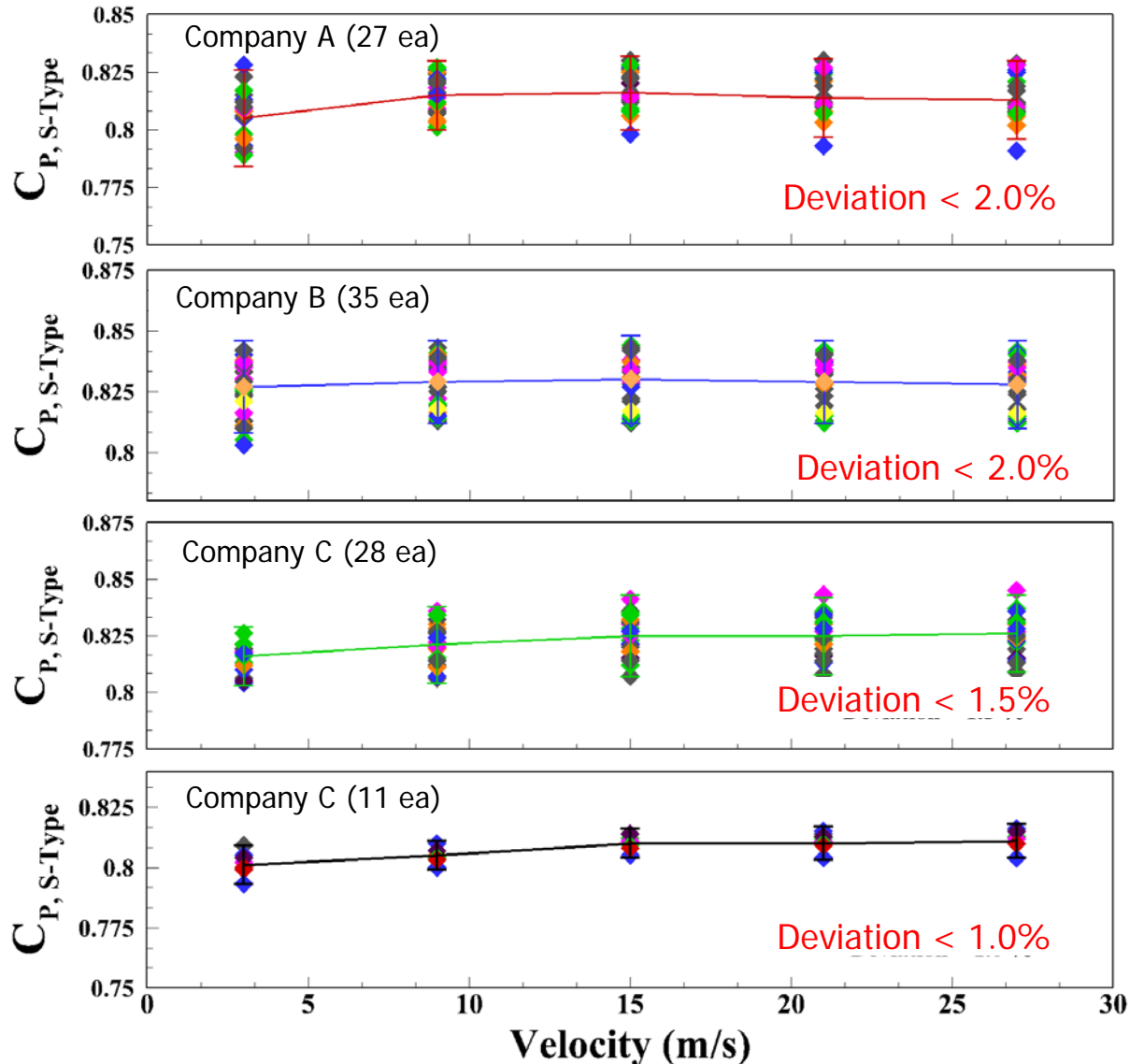
Manufacturing Quality

- The deviations of the S-type Pitot tube coefficients for the same product of one company vary from 1% to 2%



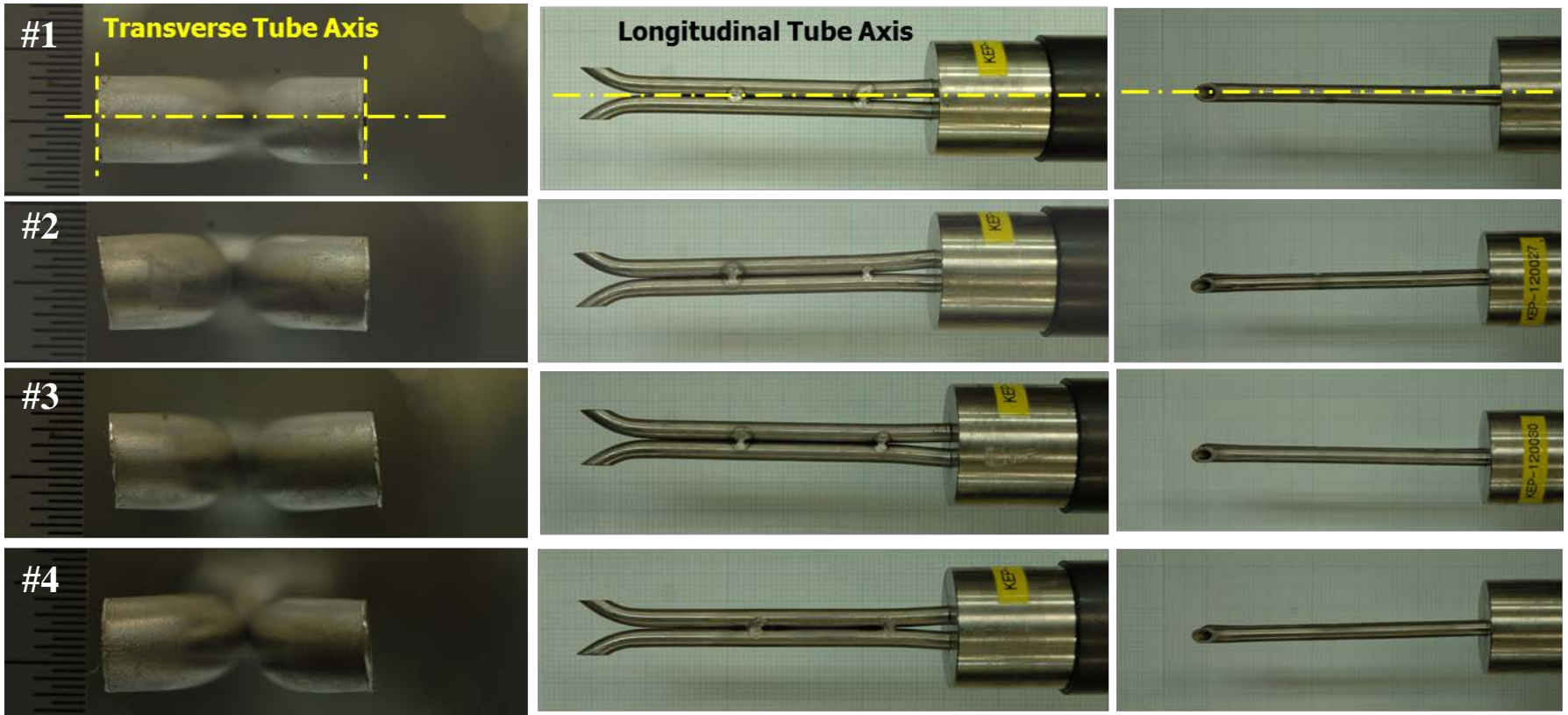
Manufacturing Quality

- Difference in the level of manufacturing quality of company due to not-strong regulation for standard geometry of S-type Pitot tube



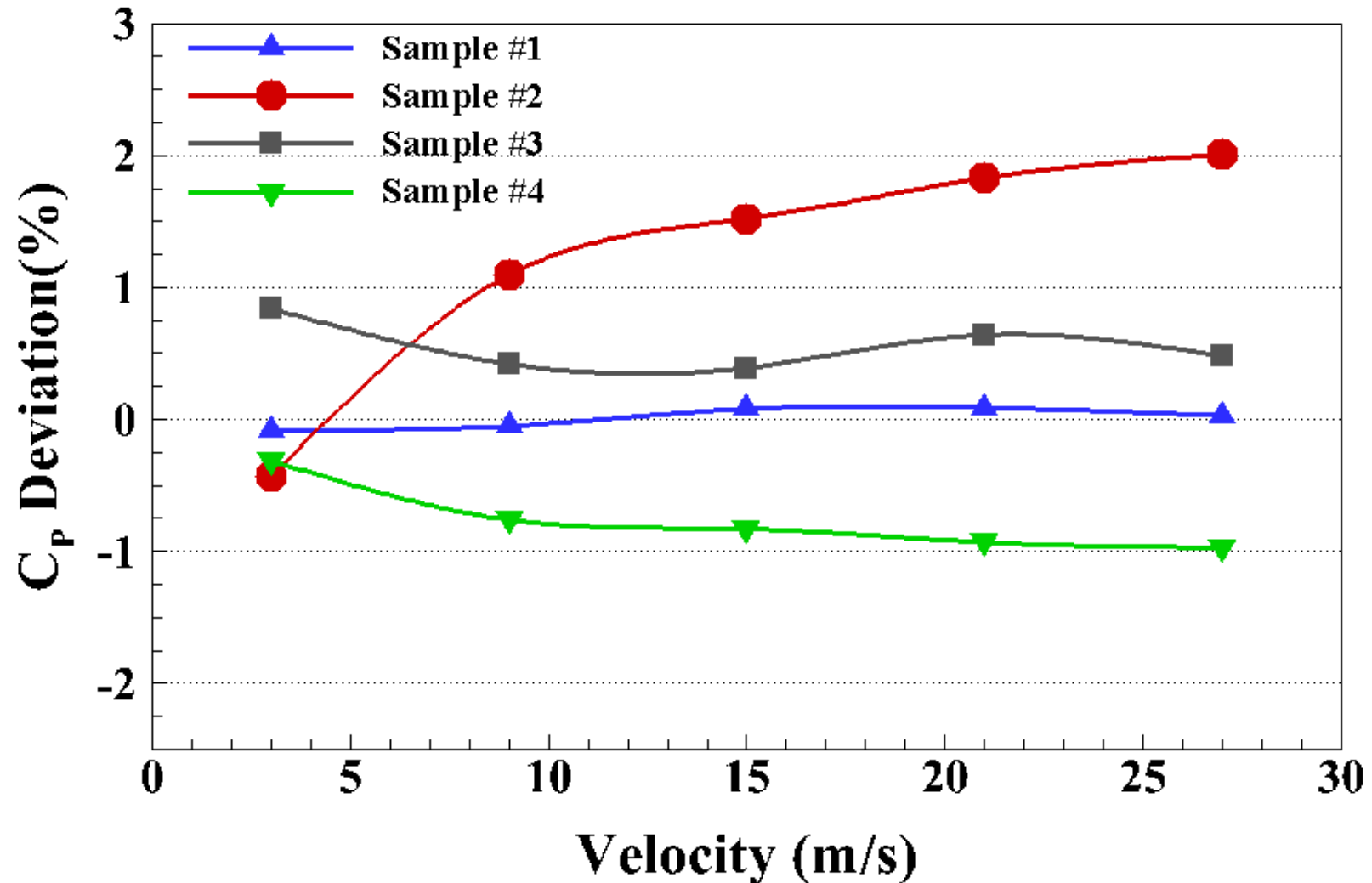
Manufacturing Quality

- 4 S-type Pitot tubes manufactured as same model by one company
- S-type Pitot tube calibration for comparison of 4 S-type Pitot tube coefficients



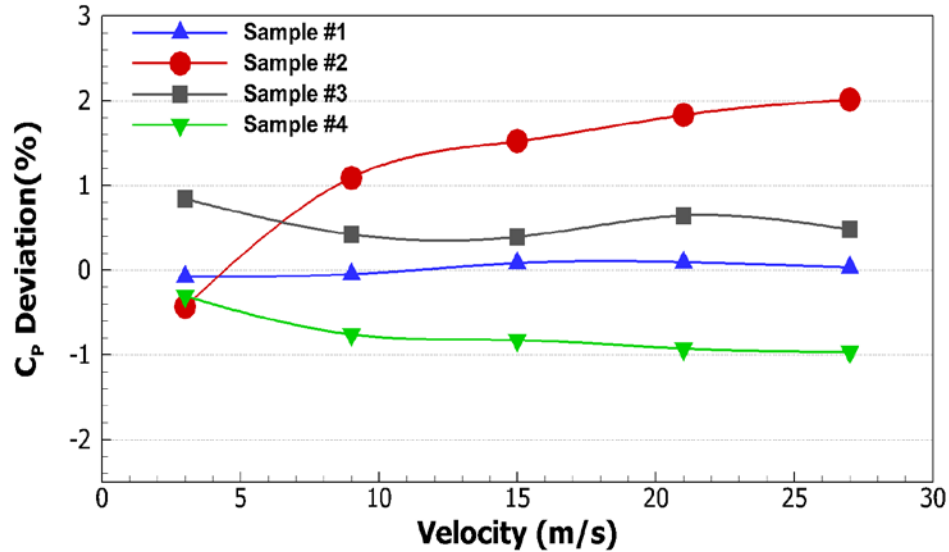
Manufacturing Quality

- Different deviations of each S-type Pitot tube coefficients within velocity range



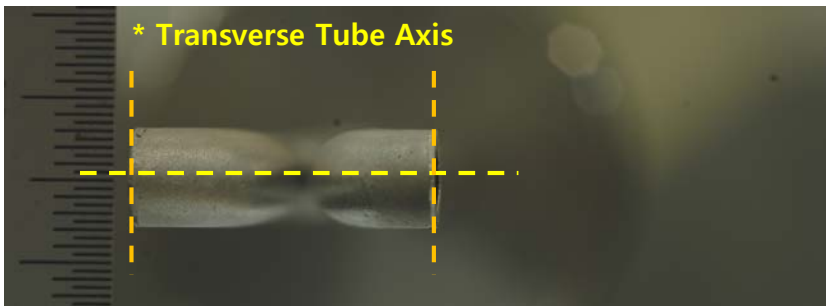
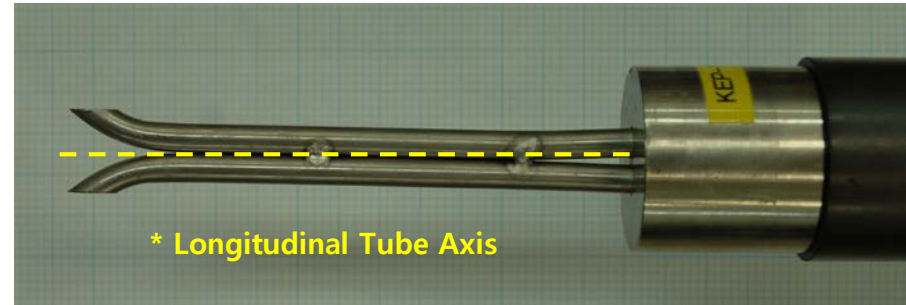
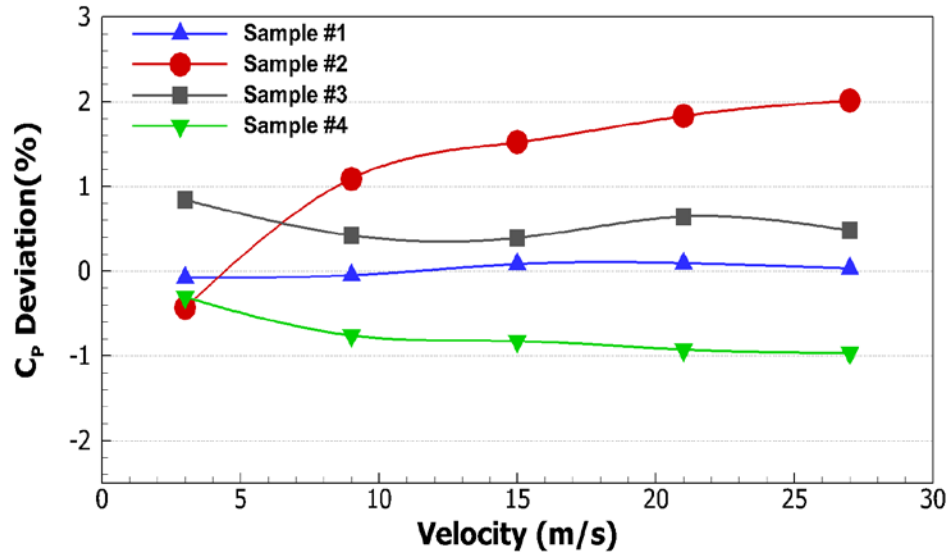
Manufacturing Quality

- To examine the cause for various deviation distributions of the same S-type Pitot tube model, detailed geometry of 4 S-type Pitot tube are compared



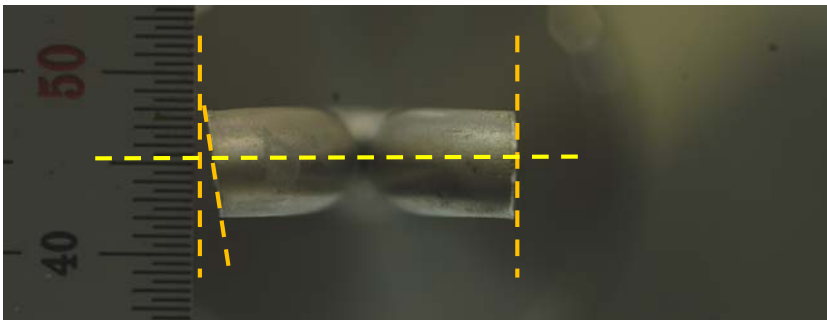
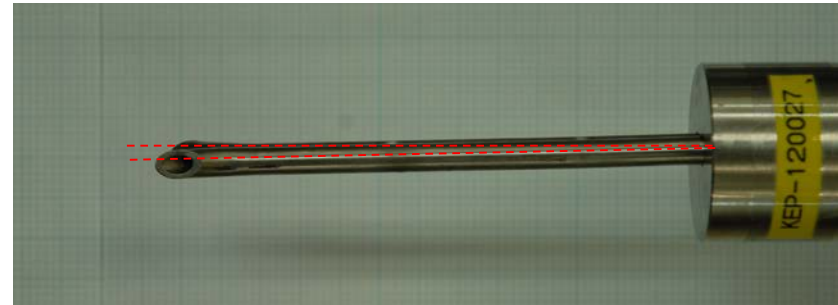
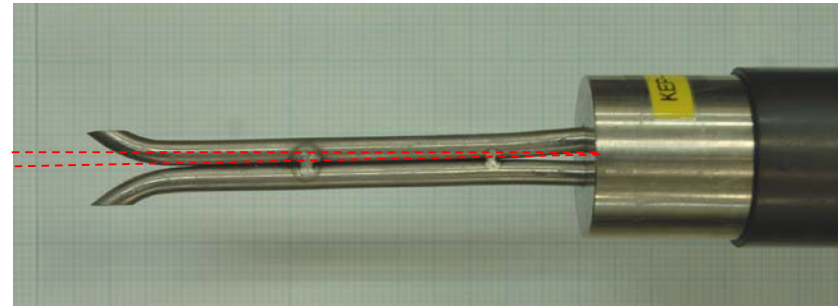
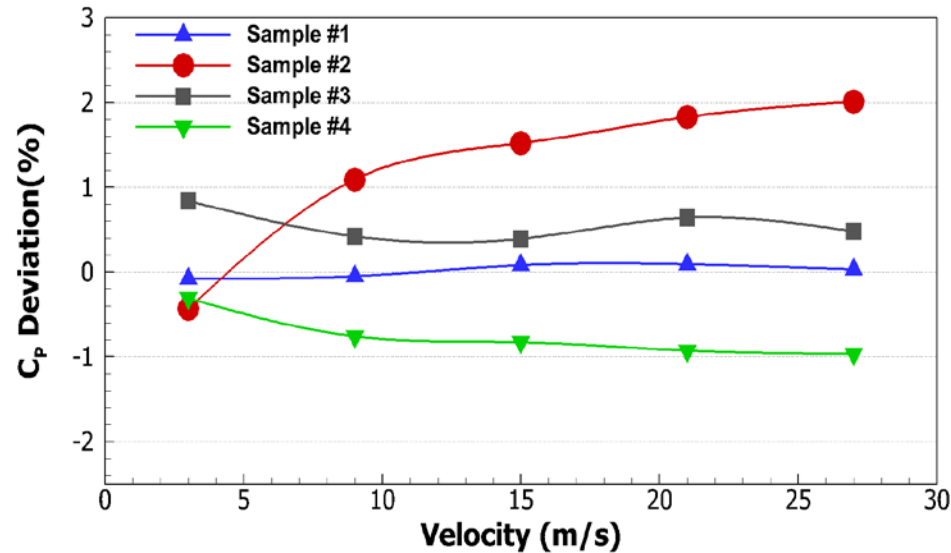
Manufacturing Quality : Sample #1

- Transverse tube axis is perpendicular to the surface of two orifices, longitudinal tube axis is parallel to S-type pitot tube



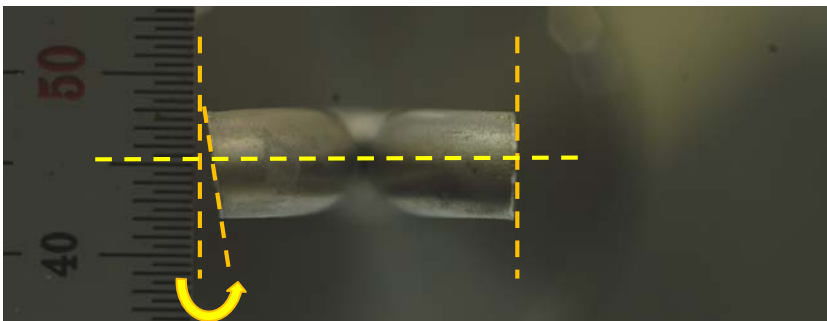
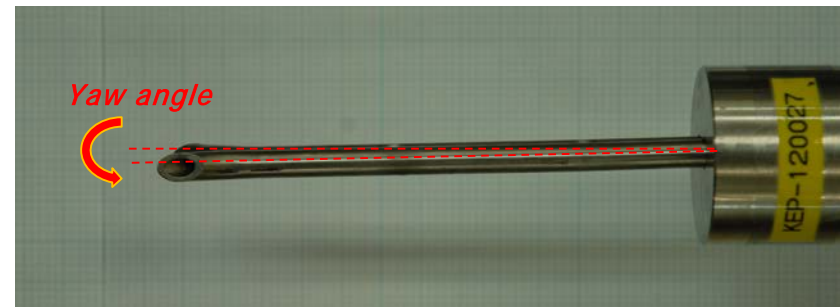
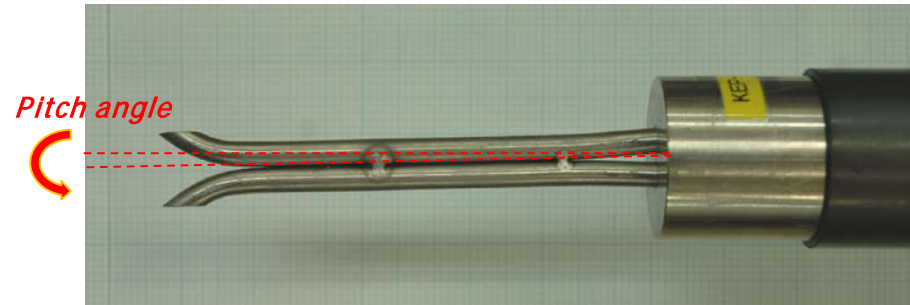
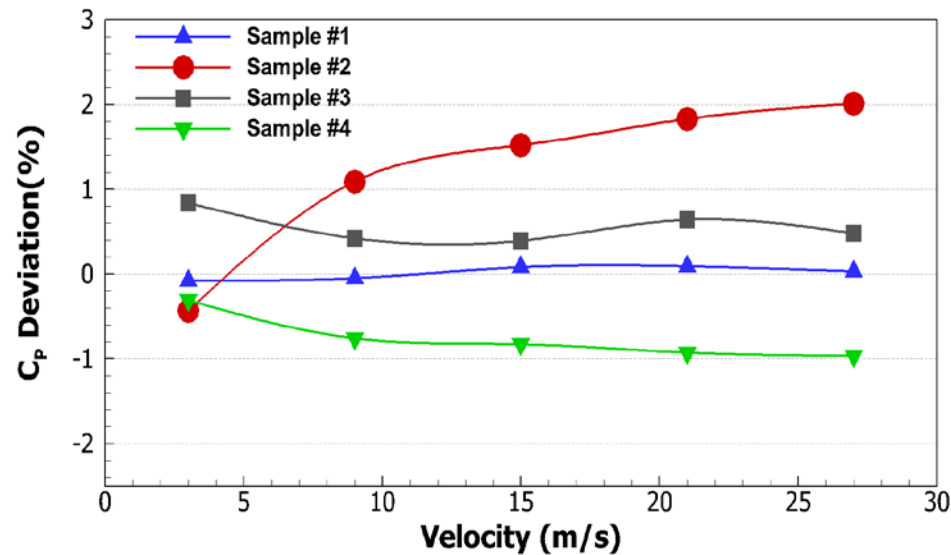
Manufacturing Quality : Sample #2

- Deviation of S-type Pitot tube coefficient increases up to 2% as the velocity increase



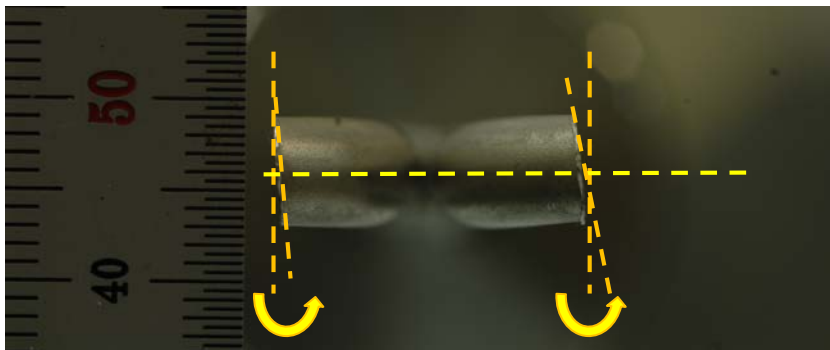
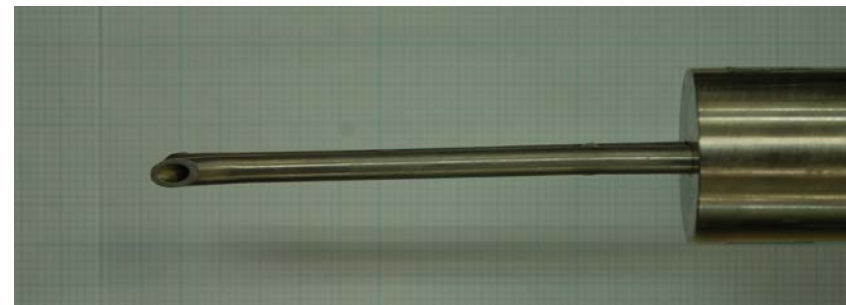
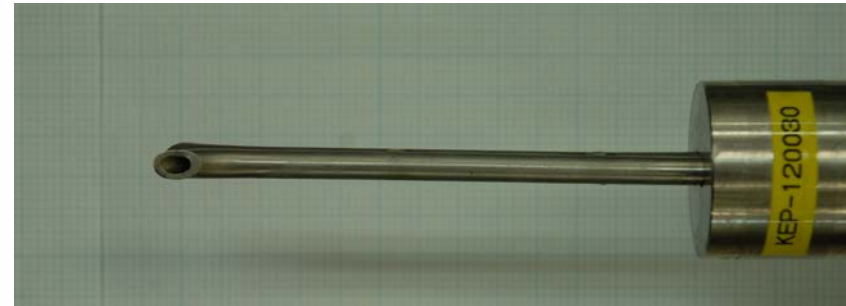
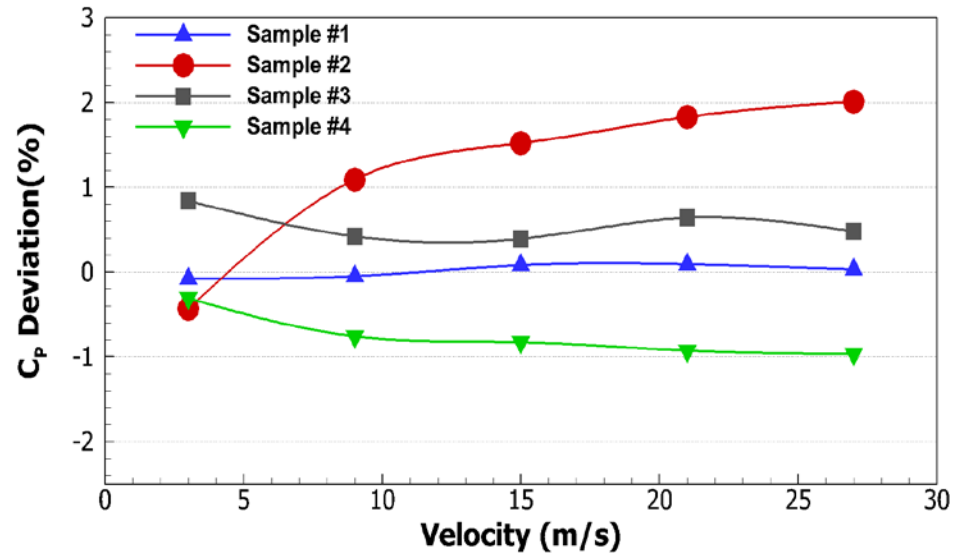
Manufacturing Quality : Sample #2

- Tilted longitudinal tube axes can induce pitch and yaw angle misalignment
- Asymmetric twisted surfaces of the impact and wake orifices



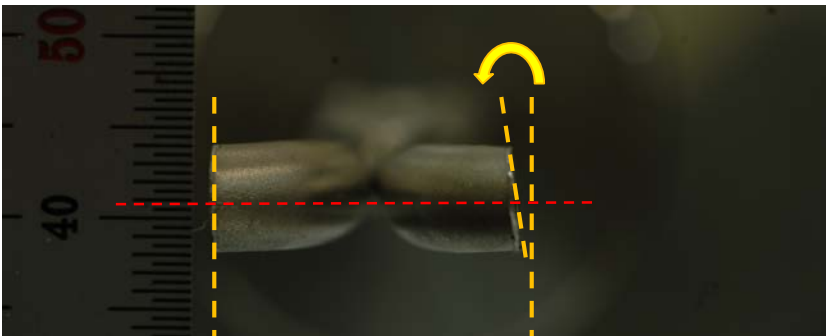
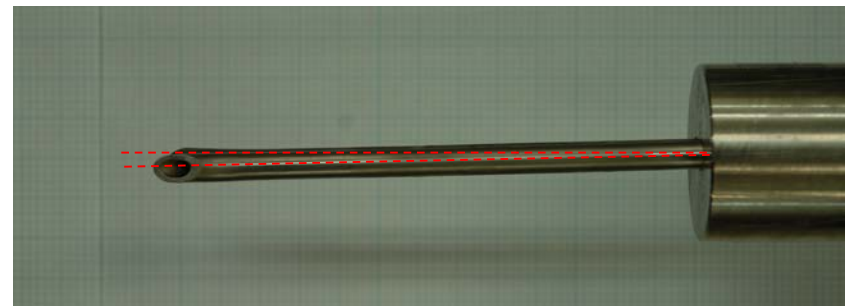
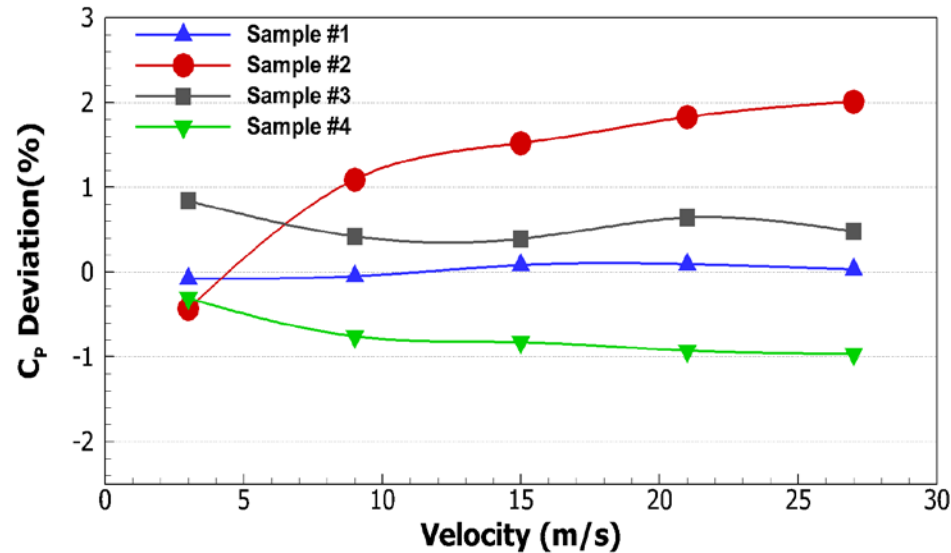
Manufacturing Quality : Sample #3

- Asymmetric twisted surfaces of the impact and wake orifices



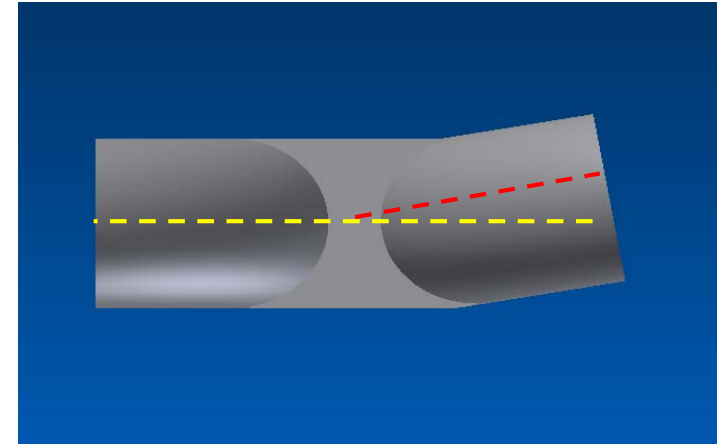
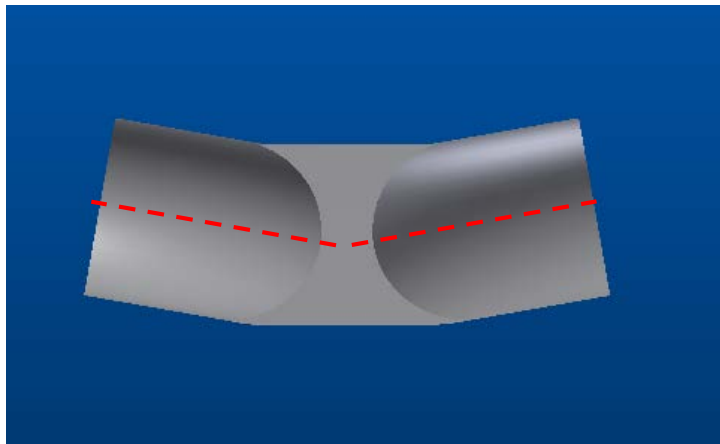
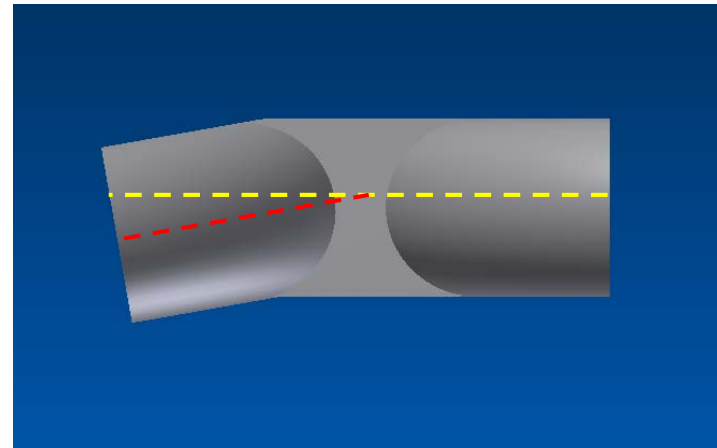
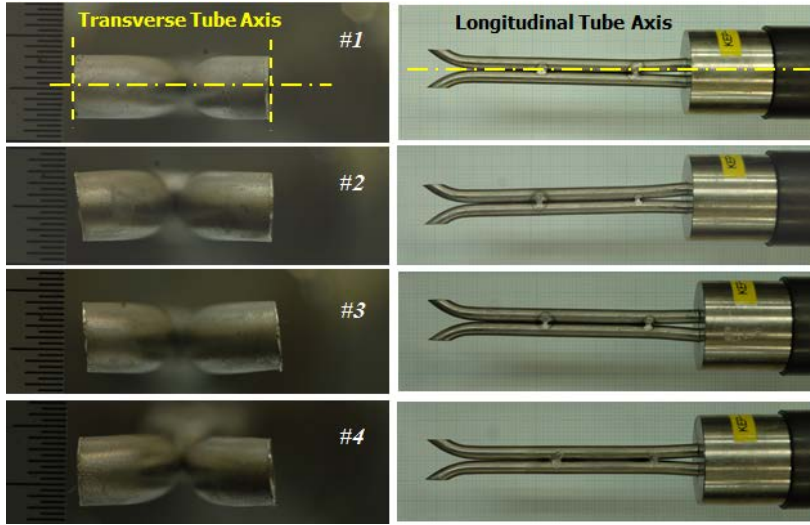
Manufacturing Quality : Sample #4

- Asymmetric twisted surfaces of the impact and wake orifices with tilted longitudinal tube axes



Future work : Numerical simulation

- Combined and complicated effect of deformed geometry of S-type Pitot tube



Uncertainty Evaluation

- 9th ISFFM, Kang et al. "Uncertainty Analysis of Stack Gas Flow Measurement with S-Type Pitot Tube for Estimating GHG Emissions"

$$Q = V \times A \times \frac{T_{\text{std}}}{T_s} \times \frac{P_s}{P_{\text{std}}} \times (1 - X_w) \times 300$$



Uncertainty Evaluation

- Largest uncertainty component is the velocity distribution inside the stack in uncertainty budget

Symbol	Value	unit	Uncertainty component		Sensitivity coefficient	Combined uncertainty contribution
			Type A %	Type B %		
C_p	0.826	-	-	0.55	1	0.55 %
ΔP	136.4	Pa	0.80	1.09	0.5	0.68 %
ρ	1.33	kg/m ³	0.0054	1.05	0.5	0.53 %
D	2500	mm	-	0.23	2	0.46 %
P_s	756	mmHg	0.0019	0.13	1	0.13 %
T_s	409	K	0.0046	0.24	1	0.25 %
$1-X_w$	91.5	%	0.0016	0.30	1	0.30 %
ΔV_D	14.8	m/s	1.54	-	1	1.54 %
Q	12972.5	m ³ /min (5min)				
<i>Combined uncertainty of the flow rate measurement</i>						1.94 %
95 % confidence level, $k=$						2
Expanded Uncertainty, $U =$						3.88 %

Conclusion

- S-type Pitot tube is mainly applied to measurement stack velocity for CEM in KOREA
- The effect of Reynolds numbers, misaligned installations and manufacturing quality on S-type Pitot tube coefficients were investigated by wind tunnel experiments and numerical simulation
- As long as S-type Pitot was manufactured properly, the change of Reynolds number has no effect on S-type Pitot tube coefficients
- S-type Pitot tube coefficients decreased by up to -2% as yaw angle misalignments occurred between -10° and $+10^\circ$
- The maximum deviation of S-type Pitot tube coefficient is approximately -2% for negative pitch angle (deflection of Pitot tube), 4% for positive pitch angle
- The deviation of S-type Pitot tube coefficients for the same manufactured products varied from 1% to 2% due to insufficient manufacturing quality control. It can cause additional errors with misalignment effect