

## ERROR OF AVERAGE VELOCITY FLOW MEASUREMENT IN VENTILATION SYSTEM CHANNELS

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**Summary.** Influence estimation on exactness of measuring average velocity turbulent flow of radius setting velocity sensor is produced. Analytical dependences, relating the measuring error with the Reynolds number are got. The expressions for determination radiuses of average velocity in ring cylindrical channel are established.

**Key words:** industrial discharges, velocity, Reynolds number, velocity, flow.

### INTRODUCTION

One of the most important problem of ventilation systems parameters control of anthropogenic dangerous objects is determination of harmful discharges total volume. It is set depending of gas flow volume of stream in ventilation pipes, directly carrying out the harmful discharges.

Methods and instrumentation of measuring flow rate are various [1, 2], but aerodynamic method [3] is the most reliable and it obtain the most application. The flow rate is determined by average velocity value, found on difference between total and static pressure,

$$Q = u_0 S ,$$

where:  $u_0$  is average velocity;  $S$  is cross-sectional area of vent channel.

The velocity sensor is set on the length no less than 20 hydraulic diameters of channel from entrance [3, 4], in order to have the formed velocity profile in control section. The flow measurement accuracy also depends on the place of setting sensor on channel section, as velocity flow is unevenly distributed on channel section. In addition, velocity distribution depends on the Reynolds number [2, 5, 6], i.e. from the average velocity or flow rate. And, if for the round cylindrical channels the recommendation on location of velocity sensors at the developed turbulent flow are present [3], then for the ring channels such information is absent in literature. At the same time, ring cylindrical channels are used frequently as outlet for vent systems, for example, the discharge of

the ventilation systems of atomic power units in the emergency-repair mode is carried out through such channels.

Analytical dependences, relating the measuring error of average velocity with the radius of sensor location in round cylindrical pipe and Reynolds's number at the turbulent flow mode are established in the presented work. Also, the expressions for the estimation of zero systematic error radius of average velocity measuring in ring cylindrical channel are determined.

Velocity distribution at turbulent flow in round cylindrical pipe for gas flow at velocities up to 70 m/s and Reynolds numbers  $Re > 10^4$ , looks like [5, 6]

$$\frac{u}{u_0} = \frac{(n+1)(n+2)}{2} \left(1 - \frac{r}{r_0}\right)^n, \quad (1)$$

where:  $u_0$  is flow average velocity;  $n$  - index of degree, depending on Reynolds number (for example,  $n=1/7$  for  $Re=10^5$ );  $r$  is radius of arbitrary point, counted out from the pipe axis;  $r_0$  is pipe radius.

Reynolds number:

$$Re = \frac{u_0 d}{\nu}$$

Here  $\nu$  is kinematics viscosity.

Dimensionless deviation of velocity from average value

$$\varepsilon_u = \frac{u - u_0}{u_0} = \frac{u}{u_0} - 1,$$

therefore systematic error of average velocity measuring with a glance of (1), represented in percents, will make

$$\delta_u = \left| \frac{(n+1)(n+2)}{2} \left(1 - \frac{r}{r_0}\right)^n - 1 \right| \times 100, \%. \quad (2)$$

Calculations show that at setting the sensor in pipe center the error exceeds 20% for  $Re=10^5$ .

The value of average velocity radius can be determined, putting the  $u = u_0$  in expression (1),

$$r^* = \frac{d}{2} \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{2}{(n+1)(n+1)} \right)^{\frac{1}{n}} \right]. \quad (3)$$

For determination of average velocity radius at the arbitrary Reynolds numbers we will use the experimental data [6] of values of degree in distributing index (1) of velocity on the pipe section. The  $n$  values for the row of Reynolds numbers  $Re$  are presented in table.1.

Table 1. Values of degree index in velocity distributing

Re	$4 \cdot 10^3$	$2,3 \cdot 10^4$	$10^5$	$1,1 \cdot 10^6$	$3,2 \cdot 10^6$
$n$	1/6	1/6,6	1/7	1/8,8	1/10

Tabular data is approximated on least-squares method by the next dependence

$$n = 0,252 - 2,29 \times 10^{-2} \lg \text{Re} . \quad (4)$$

Taking into account approximation dependence (4) it is possible to determine relation between average velocity radius with the Reynolds number for round cylindrical channel. However, as calculations show, the average velocity radius practically does not depend on the Reynolds number and matters  $\approx 0,76r_0$  in the range of  $\text{Re} = 10^5 \div 10^6$ , which is working band for industrial vent systems.

We will present next algorithmic expression for determining the power dependence for the velocity profile in ring cylindrical channel

$$\frac{u}{u_m} = \begin{cases} \left( \frac{r - r_1}{r_m - r_1} \right)^n, & r_1 \leq r \leq r_m; \\ \left( \frac{r_2 - r}{r_2 - r_m} \right)^n, & r_m \leq r \leq r_2; \end{cases} \quad (5)$$

where:  $u_m$  is maximum velocity;  $r_1, r_2$  are radiuses of internal and external surfaces;  $r_m$  is maximum velocity radius.

We use next empiric dependence for the maximum velocity radius [7]

$$\frac{r_m - r_1}{r_2 - r_m} = \left( \frac{r_1}{r_2} \right)^{0,343} . \quad (6)$$

Because average velocity

$$u_0 = \frac{Q}{\pi(r_2^2 - r_1^2)},$$

and flow rate

$$Q = 2\pi \left( \int_{r_1}^{r_m} u r dr + \int_{r_m}^{r_2} u r dr \right),$$

in recognition (5) possible to get

$$\frac{u_0}{u_m} = \frac{2}{(n+2)(n+1)} \frac{r_2 + r_1 + nr_m}{r_2 + r_1} . \quad (7)$$

On basis of (7) we will transform dependence (5) to the form

$$\frac{u}{u_0} = \frac{(n+2)(n+1)}{2} \frac{r_2 + r_1}{r_2 + r_1 + nr_m} \times \begin{cases} \left( \frac{r - r_1}{r_m - r_1} \right)^n, & r_1 \leq r \leq r_m; \\ \left( \frac{r_2 - r}{r_2 - r_m} \right)^n, & r_m \leq r \leq r_2. \end{cases}$$

Putting equality  $u=u_0$  here, we determine expression for two average velocity radiuses

$$r_1^* = r_1 + (r_m - r_1)A^{\frac{1}{n}}, \quad (8)$$

$$r_2^* = r_2 - (r_2 - r_m)A^{\frac{1}{n}}, \quad (9)$$

where:

$$A = \frac{2}{(n+2)(n+1)} \frac{r_2 + r_1 + nr_m}{r_2 + r_1}.$$

Rough estimation of Reynolds's number influence on the radius of zero systematic error of velocity measuring is possible to execute on the basis of approximation dependence (4). However calculations show that, as well as in the case of round cylindrical channel, in the working range of industrial vent systems Reynolds numbers, the value of average velocity radius changes not substantially.

## CONCLUSIONS

Thus, the accuracy of average velocity measuring of turbulent stream substantially depends on the radius of sensor location. At the sensor location on the radius of average velocity measuring error practically does not depend on the Reynolds number in the range of  $Re = 10^5 \div 10^6$ . From two radiuses of average velocity in ring cylindrical channel, radiuses of internal and external surfaces determined coming from correlation, in practice it is recommended to use greater, where because of less radial gradient of velocity weaker the error of sensor setting shows up on exactness of average velocity measuring.

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#### **ПОГРЕШНОСТЬ ИЗМЕРЕНИЯ СРЕДНЕЙ СКОРОСТИ ПОТОКА В КАНАЛАХ ВЕНТИЛЯЦИОННЫХ СИСТЕМ**

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**Аннотация.** Произведена оценка влияния на точность измерения средней скорости турбулентного потока радиуса установки датчика скорости. Получены аналитические зависимости, связывающие погрешность измерения с числом Рейнольдса. Установлены выражения для определения радиусов средней скорости в кольцевом цилиндрическом канале.

**Ключевые слова:** промышленные выбросы, скорость, число Рейнольдса, расход.