CHE302 LECTURE II
MEASUREMENT, TRANSMITTERS AND FILTERING

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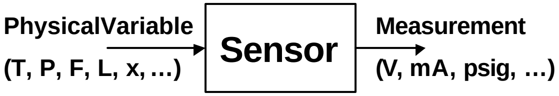
INTRODUCTION TO SENSOR

- **What is Sensor?**
  - **Sensor converts the physical quantity to signal that can be recognized by other components such as display, transmitter and etc.**



- **Sensor types**
  - **Temperature: thermocouple, RTD, thermister**
  - **Pressure: bellows, bourdon tube, diaphragm**
  - **Flow rate: orifice, venturi, magnetic, ultrasonic, Coliolis effect**
  - **Liquid level: float, differential pressure**
  - **pH: pH electrode**
  - **Viscosity: pressure drop across venturi or vane deflection**
  - **Composition: density, conductivity, GC, IR, NIR, UV**

MEASUREMENT DEVICE

- **Transducer: Sensor+Transmitter**
  - **Transmitter generates an industrial standard signal from the sensor output.**
  - **Standard instrumentation signal levels**
    - **Voltage: 1~5VDC, 0~5VDC, -10~+10VDC, etc.**
    - **Current: 4~20mA (long range transmission with driver)**
    - **Pneumatic: 3-15psig**
  - **Signal conversion**
    - **I/P or P/I transducer: current-to-pressure or vice versa**
    - **I/V (I/E) or V/I: current-to-voltage or vice versa**
    - **P/E or E/P: pressure-to-voltage or vice versa**
- **Analog-to-Digital (A/D) converter**
  - **Continuous signal converted to digital signal after sampling**
  - **Specification: sample rate, resolution (8bit, 12bit, 16bit)**

TRANSMITTERS

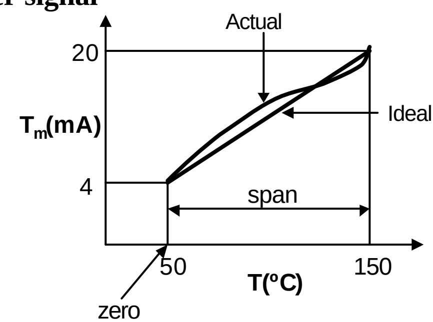
- **Transmitter Gain (K_m): adjustable**
  - **Amplification ratio: (output span)/(input span)**
- **Span and Zero: adjustable**
  - **Span: magnitude of range of transmitter signal**
  - **Zero: lower limit of transmitter signal**

Ex) Temp. Transmitter

$$K_m = \frac{(20\,mA - 4\,mA)}{(150°C - 50°C)} = 0.16\ [mA/°C]$$

span=100'C

zero=50'C



- **Other functions: square-root extractor, …**

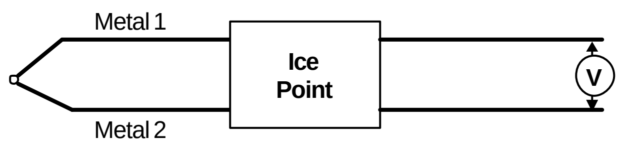
TEMPERATURE SENSORS

Principle	Type	Usable range (ºC)	Remarks
Thermal Expansion	Gas expansion Liquid Bimetal	-230~600 -200~350 -50~500	N2 Oil
Resistance	Pt-100 Thermistor	-200~500 <300	Accurate, linear, self heating Cheap, inaccurate, nonlinear
EMF	Thermocouple	-200~1600	Low sensitivity
	IC temp. sensor	-100~150	High voltage, accurate, linear
Radiation	Pyrometer	Very wide	Noncontacting, need accurate calibration

Temperature Sensor Attributes			
Criteria	**Thermocouple**	**RTD**	**Thermistor**
Cost-OEM Quality	Low	High	Low
Temperature Range	Very wide -450ºF +4200ºF	Wide -400ºF +1200ºF	Short to medium -100ºF +500ºF
Interchangeability	Good	Excellent	Poor to fair
Long-term Stability	Poor to fair	Good	Poor
Accuracy	Medium	High	Medium
Repeatability	Poor to fair	Excellent	Fair to good
Sensitivity (output)	Low	Medium	Very high
Response	Medium to fast	Medium	Medium to fast
Linearity	Fair	Good	Poor
Self Heating	No	Very low to low	High
Point (end) Sensitive	Excellent	Fair	Good
Lead Effect	High	Medium	Low
Size/Packaging	Small to large	Medium to small	Small to medium

Temperature Sensor Advantages/Disadvantages		
Sensor	**Advantages**	**Disadvantages**
Thermocouple	•Self-powered •Simple •Rugged •Inexpensive •Wide variety •Wide range	•Non-linear •Low voltage •Reference required •Least stable •Least sensitive
RTD	•Most stable •Most accurate •More linear than thermocouple	•Expensive •Current source required •Small •Low absolute resistance •Self heating
Thermistor	•High output •Fast •Two-wire ohms measurement	•Non-linear •Limited range •Fragile •Current source required •Self heating
Infrared	•No contact required •Very fast response time •Good stability over time •High repeatability •No oxidation/corrosion to affect sensor	•High initial cost •More complex/support electronics •Spot size restricts application •Emissivity variations affect readings •Accuracy affected by dust, smoke and background radiation

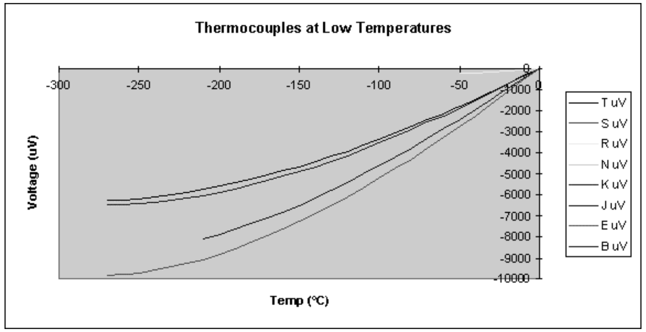
THERMOCOUPLE

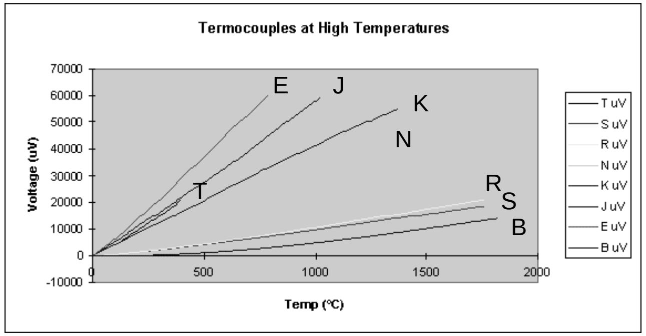


- **Thermocouple Types**
  - **Chromel- alumel (K- type): most popularly used**
  - **Iron- constantan (J- type): higher electromotive force (emf)**
  - **Chromel- constantan (E- Type): cryogenic temperature**
  - **13% Rh. Pt – Pt (R- type): high temperature (> 900 ºC)**
- **Typical emf is about 0.041mV/ºC for K type**
  - **Needs signal amplification**
- **Ice point can be a ice bath or an electronic device to compensate the ambient temperature.**

Thermocouple type	Overall Range (°C)	EMF (mV/ °C)
B (Platinum/Rhodium)	100~1800	0.01
E (Chromel/Constantan)	-270~790	0.068
J (Iron/Constantan)	-210~1050	0.054
K (Chromel/ Alumel)	-270~1370	0.041
N (Nicrosil / Nisil)	-260~1300	0.038
R (Platinum/Rhodium)	-50~1760	0.01
S (Platinum/Rhodium)	-50~1760	0.01
T (Copper/Constantan)	-270~400	0.054

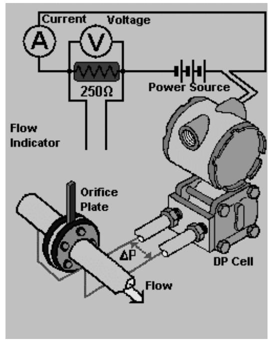
- B,R,S: high temp. low sensitivity, high cost
- S: very stable, use as the standard of calibration for the melting point of gold (1064.43℃).
- N: improved type K, getting more popular
- T: cryogenic use
- Ref: http://www.watlow.com/reference/refdata/TOP
  http://www.picotech.com/applications/thermocouple.html





FLOW MEASUREMENT (1)

- **Differential Pressure Cell**

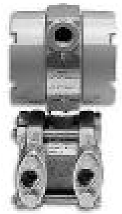


$$Q = \frac{C_d A_2}{\sqrt{1-(A_2/A_1)^2}}\sqrt{\frac{2 g_c \Delta P}{r}}$$

- **ΔP: Delta P across the orifice**
- **A_1: area of flow pipe**
- **A_2: area of orifice**
- **C_d: orifice coefficient**

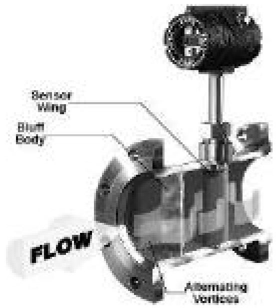
– Maximum pressure drop should be < 4% of the total line pressure

– Selection of orifice size and delta P range is very important for the reading precision



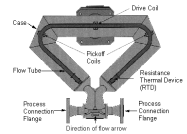
FLOW MEASUREMENT(2)

- **Vortex Flow Meter**
  - **The vortices create low and high pressure zones behind the bluff body.**
  - **The vortex meter uses a piezoelectric crystal sensor to detect the pressure exerted by the vortices on the sensing wing.**
  - **The piezoelectric crystal converts this vortex shedding frequency into electrical signals.**

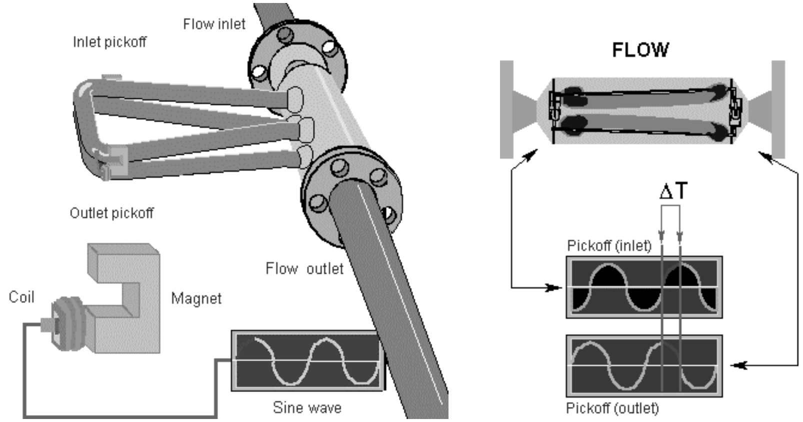


- **Electromagnetic Flow Meter**
  - **Electrically conducting fluid passing through a magnetic field created by the device.**

CORIOLIS FLOWMETER (3)



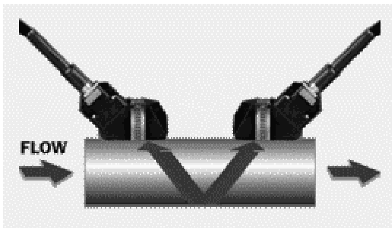
- Flow rate is measured by Coriolis effect (1835)
- Mass flowrate, vol. flowrate, temp. and density are simultaneously measured.



http://wwwemersonprocess.com/micromotion/tutor/default.html

FLOW MEASUREMENT (4)

- **Ultrasonic Flow Meter**
  - High accuracy
  - No contact with flow



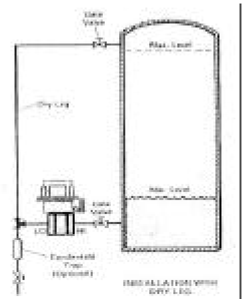
- **Positive Displacement Flow Meter**
  - Turbine, gear, wheels
- **Thermal Dispersion Flow Meter**
  - Flow over heating coil will change temperature

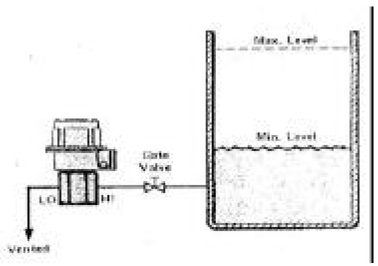
SELECTION OF FLOWMETERS

Requirement	Orifice	Positive displacement	Vortex	Electro-Magnetic	Acoustic	Coriolis
accuracy	±2~4% offullspan	±0.2~0.5% ofrate	±1.0% ofrate	±0.5% ofrate	±1~5% offullspan	±0.5% ofrate
Press. loss	medium	high	medium	none	none	low
Initial Cost	low	medium	high	high	high	very high
Maintenance cost	high	medium	medium	low	low	low
Application	Clean, dirty liq.; some slurry	Clean viscous liq.	Clean, dirty liq.;	Clean, dirty viscous conductive liq. and slurry	Dirty, viscous liq. and slurry	Clean, dirty viscous liq. andsome slurry
Upstreampipe size	10~30	None	10 to 20	5	5 to 30	none
Viscosityeffect	high	high	medium	none	none	none
Rangeability	4 to1	10 to 1	10 to 1	40 to 1	20 to 1	10 to 1

LEVEL MEASUREMENT

- **Float level sensor**
- **Ultrasonic level sensor**
- **Use of DP cell**
  - Measure fluid head as Delta P
  - Various implementation





OTHER MEASUREMENTS

- **Composition measurements**
  - Expensive
  - Long time delay
  - High to maintenance cost
  - – Gas Chromatography
  - – IR, NIR, Raman, UV spectrophotometer
  - – pH sensor electrode: concentration of [H+]
- **Secondary Measurements**
  - – Density or temp. for binary composition
- **Soft Sensors**
  - – Estimated by a model based on other measurements

FILTERING

- **Noise Source**
  - – Process nature (turbulence, vibration, oscillation…)
  - – Various noise source from environment
  - – Power line, electromagnetic force, etc.
- **Removing noise**
  - – Analog filter

$$t_F \frac{dy_F}{dt} + y_F = y$$

Measured output (y); Filter time constant (t_F); Filtered output (y_F)

  - – First-order filter analogy

$$t_F \frac{y_F - y_F^{0}}{\Delta t} + y_F = y$$

Previous filtered output (y_F^{0})

$$y_F = a y_F^{0} + (1-a)y \quad \text{where} \quad a = \frac{t_F/\Delta t}{1+t_F/\Delta t} \; (0 < a < 1)$$

- – The filter behaves as an interpolation between the measured output and previous filtered output.
- – If a =1, the measured output is ignored. (constant)
- – If a =0, the filtered output is same as the measured output (no filtering)
- – If t_F =0, a =0 and no filtering is achieved.
- – If t_F =¥, a =1 and the measured output is ignored.

  Þ As t_F increases, heavier filter is applied.

Lighter filtering ⟵⟶ Heavier filtering