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Balanced Flow Meter

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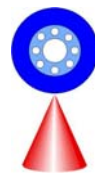
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Agenda

A+ FlowTek Background with NASA & Balanced Flow Meter

Basic Equations of Fluid Flow

- Equation of Continuity
- Macroscopic Momentum Balance
- Macroscopic Mechanical Energy Balance
- The Bernoulli Equation for any Real Fluid

Physical Properties

- Extended Lee-Kesler Equation of State (EoS), Patent Pending
- QMC DYFLO Modeling
- Flow Meter Error Detection

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- Design Concepts
- Sizing Basis and Hole Layouts
- Restriction Orifice Plate with no Cavitation
- Test Results



Technical Background

- **QMC established in 1996 for advanced monitoring & control (health management, sensor validation, etc.)**
- **Founders developed ABB Instrumentation and DuPont's flow meter sizing programs**
- **A+ FlowTek established in 2002 for commercialization of several co-patents with NASA and QMC**
- **First commercial Balanced Flow Meter sale in 2004**



Technical Background – con't

- **Paul Van Buskirk, MSChE - Developer of QMC software**
- **William Heenan, PhD - Flow metering and error detection**
- **C. B. Boyd Kilgore, BA - Specialist of compressors**
- **Carl Yaws, Ph.D. - Specialist of physical properties**
- **Roger G.E. Franks, MSME - Specialist of dynamic simulation**
- **Walter Bare, Ph.D. - Specialist of Refinery**
- **Anthony R. Kelley, MSEE, MSIT - NASA Avionics**



Supporting Technical Experience

- **A+ FlowTek Meter Sizing Program**
- **QMC Program**
(Data Mining, Model, Audit, Monitor, Control, Optimization)
- **QMC Engineering Program**
(Equipment Sizing & Specification)
- **QMC MIMT© Program**
(Flow & Sensor Error Detection)
- **QMC DYFLO Program**
(Dynamic & Steady State Flow Simulator)
- **QMC Extended Lee-Kesler Physical Property Program**
- **QMC Yaws Physical Property Program**
- **QMC SPC Program**
(Statistical Analysis)
- **ABB Genie Program**
- **DuPont ETAP Suite**



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Traditional Flow Meters

	Differential Pressure	Positive Displacement	Turbine	Open Channel	Thermal	Variable Area
Application	Clean liquids, steams, and gases	Clean, non-corrosive liquids and gases	Clean, steady, medium to high-speed flowing liquids or gases	Clean, free-flowing streams or partially filled pipes	Clean gases of known heat capacity	Clean liquids and gases where high accuracy is not required
Fluids	L, G, S	L, G	L, G	L	L, G	L, G
Disadvantage	Permanent pressure drop depends on primary element; orifice plates subject to wear	moving parts subject to wear, requires clean fluids	Moving parts subject to wear, requires clean fluids	Weirs and flumes require obstruction; pressure loss depends on technology	Limited use for liquids; low to medium accuracy	Low accuracy; many do not have output
Advantage	Low cost; well understood	Accurate; measures low flow rates and viscous flows	Reliable; well understood	Limited accuracy, depending on technology	Low cost; measures mass flow	Low cost; many do not require power
Principle of Operation	Flow rate proportional to amount of pressure drop created by constriction in pipe	Fluid trapped into compartments of known volume and emptied; flow rate determined by counting how often this happens	Flow rate proportional to speed of spinning rotor	Level or depth used to determine flow with weirs and flumes; area velocity measures flow rate and level or depth	Flow rate proportional to speed with which heat dissipates in the fluid	Flow rate indicated by how high the fluid lifts a float

Source: Flow Research, Inc.



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New Technology Flow Meters

	Coriolis	Magnetic	Ultrasonic	Vortex	Multivariable Differential Pressure	Balanced Flow Meter
Application	Clean, medium to high speed liquids and gases in pipes of 2 inches or less	Clean, conductive liquids flowing through a full pipe	Clean, swirl-free liquids and gases of known profile	Clean, low-viscosity, swirl-free, medium to high speed fluids	Clean liquids (L), steams (S), and gases (G)	Liquids, gases, slurries, certain 2-phase fluids, high velocity flows, low to high viscosity fluids, etc.
Fluids	L, G, S	L	L, G, S	L, G, S	L, G, S	L,G,S
Disadvantage	Price; limited line sizes	Doesn't meter nonconductive fluids	Transit time requires relatively clean fluids	Affected by vibration; somewhat intrusive	Permanent pressure drop- depends on primary element	Minimally intrusive, dependent on beta ratio
Advantage	Accurate	Non-intrusive; minimal pressure drop	Nonintrusive; minimal pressure drop	Minimal pressure drop; accurate	Reduced cost; integrated solution	Significant improvement in accuracy and pressure recovery
Principle of Operation	Mass flow proportional to amount to twist in tube	Flow rate proportional to amount of voltage generate when liquid moves through a magnetic field	Flow rate determined by difference in time it takes an ultrasonic pulse to travel upstream vs. downstream	Flow rate proportional to number of vortices generated by buff body	Measures mass flow by inferential method, measuring pressure and temperature	Flow rate proportional to the SQRT of pressure drop created by area change in pipe
Source: Flow Research, Inc.						NASA



BFM Technical Basis

- **Patented technology developed by NASA and A+ FlowTek, Patent serial number 10 / 750,628**
- **Design based on multi-hole orifice plate**
- **Flow proportional to SQRT of delta P**
- **100 percent increase in pressure recovery**
- **Ten-fold increase in accuracy**
- **15 to 1 reduction in acoustic power intensity**
- **Basic relation is the Bernoulli equation**
- **Key design factor is the hole distribution**
- **Permanent pressure loss, accuracy and discharge coefficient comparable with a venturi meter.**



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Technical Basis – con't

- **Bernoulli Equation**

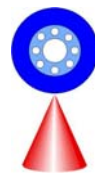
$$(P_a - P_b)/\rho + g(Z_a - Z_b)/g_c + (\alpha_a V_a^2 - \alpha_b V_b^2)/2g_c - h_{fb} = 0$$

- **Equation of Continuity**

$$(\rho AV)_a = m = (\rho AV)_b$$

- **Simplified Bernoulli Equation**

$$(P_a - P_b)/\rho + (V_a^2 - V_b^2)/2g_c = 0$$



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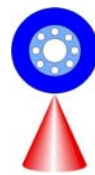
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Technical Basis – con't

The Bernoulli effect is based on a flow area change:

A known change in flow area causes a proportional pressure head change, which can be measured directly by use of a differential pressure sensor. With the known pressure change and area ratio, the flow rate can then be determined.

$$(P_a - P_b) / \rho = (m / \rho A_b)^2 (1 - (A_b / A_a)^2) / 2g_c = (m / \rho A_b)^2 (1 - \beta^4) / 2g_c$$



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Technical Basis – con't

- **Generalized orifice equation**

- Flow equation

$$m = C_o Y A_b (2g_c \rho_a (P_a - P_b) / (1 - \beta^4))^{1/2}$$

- Super-compressibility factor

$$Y = 1 - (0.41 + 0.35 \beta^4) (1 - P_b / P_a) / \gamma$$

- Area Ratio

$$A_b / A_a = (\beta)^2 = (1 + S)^{-1/2}$$

where

$$S = (2g_c \rho (P_a - P_b)) (Y C_o A_a / m)^2$$

Technical Basis – con't

- **Balanced Flow Meter general equations**

- Flow equation

$$m = C_O Y A_b (2g_c \rho_a (P_a - P_b) / (1 - \beta^4))^{1/2}$$

- Super-compressibility factor (same as venturi meter)

$$\gamma = \left(\frac{P_b}{P_a} \right)^{1/\lambda} \left\{ \frac{\lambda (1 - \beta^4) [1 - (P_b / P_a)^{1-1/\lambda}]}{(\lambda - 1) (1 - P_b / P_a) [1 - \beta^4 (P_b / P_a)^{2/\lambda}]} \right\}^{1/2}$$

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where

$$S = (2g_c \rho (P_a - P_b)) (Y C_O A_a / m)^2$$

Technical Basis – con't

- **Basic equations of fluid flow**

- Equation of Continuity

$$(\rho Av)_{a,b} = m_a = m_b = \text{Const}$$

- Total energy equation

$$m \left[\frac{u_a^2 - u_b^2}{2g_c J} + H_a - H_b \right] = 0$$

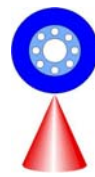
- Kinetic energy correction factor

$$\alpha v^2 = u^2$$

Technical Basis – con't

- **Basic equations of fluid flow**
 - Bernoulli equation for fluid flow, for any fluid

$$m = \rho_a A_a \sqrt{\frac{2g_c J(H_a - H_b)}{\alpha_a \left(\frac{\alpha_b \left(\frac{\rho_a A_a}{\rho_b A_b} \right)^2 - 1}{\alpha_a} \right)}}$$



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Technical Basis – con't

- The Bernoulli equation is derived from the first and second law and the Gibbs fundamental equation. Lost work is defined from momentum balances.

$$\Delta \left(H + \frac{u^2}{2g_c} + \frac{gZ}{g_c} \right)_a m + Q - W_s = 0$$

$$-TdS + \delta LW + \delta Q = 0$$

$$dU_{fluid} = T_{fluid} dS_{fluid} - P_{fluid} dV_{fluid}$$

$$\int \delta LW = LW = kv_b^2 / 2g_c$$

Technical Basis – con't

- **The Bernoulli equation can be developed from the Macroscopic Mass, Momentum, and Energy Balances**

Summary of the Macroscopic Balances for Nonisothermal Flow Systems Containing a Single Chemical Species		
Balance	Special Form	Steady State
Mass		$\Delta w = 0$
Momentum		$F = -\Delta \left(\frac{\langle v^2 \rangle}{\langle v \rangle} w + PS \right) + m_{tot} g$
Energy		$\Delta \left(U + P/\rho + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\langle v^3 \rangle}{\langle v \rangle} + \Phi - W \right)$
Mechanical Energy	Isothermal	$\Delta \left(\frac{1}{2} \frac{\langle v^3 \rangle}{\langle v \rangle} + \Phi + G \right) + W + E_v = 0$
	Isentropic	$\Delta \left(\frac{1}{2} \frac{\langle v^3 \rangle}{\langle v \rangle} + \Phi + H \right) + W + E_v = 0$

Technical Basis – con't

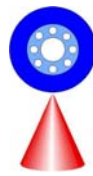
- From macroscopic balances, the Bernoulli equation is

The enthalpy representation is,

$$m = \left(\frac{2g_c \Delta H}{\left(\frac{k + \alpha}{(\rho A)^2} \right)_b - \left(\frac{\alpha}{(\rho A)^2} \right)_a} \right)^{1/2} = \left(\frac{2g_c \Delta H}{\left(\frac{k + \alpha}{((\partial H / \partial P)_s A)^2} \right)_b - \left(\frac{\alpha}{((\partial H / \partial P)_s A)^2} \right)_a} \right)^{1/2}$$

The Gibbs free enthalpy representation is,

$$m = \left(\frac{2g_c \Delta G}{\left(\frac{k + \alpha}{(\rho A)^2} \right)_b - \left(\frac{\alpha}{(\rho A)^2} \right)_a} \right)^{1/2} = \left(\frac{2g_c \Delta G}{\left(\frac{k + \alpha}{((\partial G / \partial P)_T A)^2} \right)_b - \left(\frac{\alpha}{((\partial G / \partial P)_T A)^2} \right)_a} \right)^{1/2}$$



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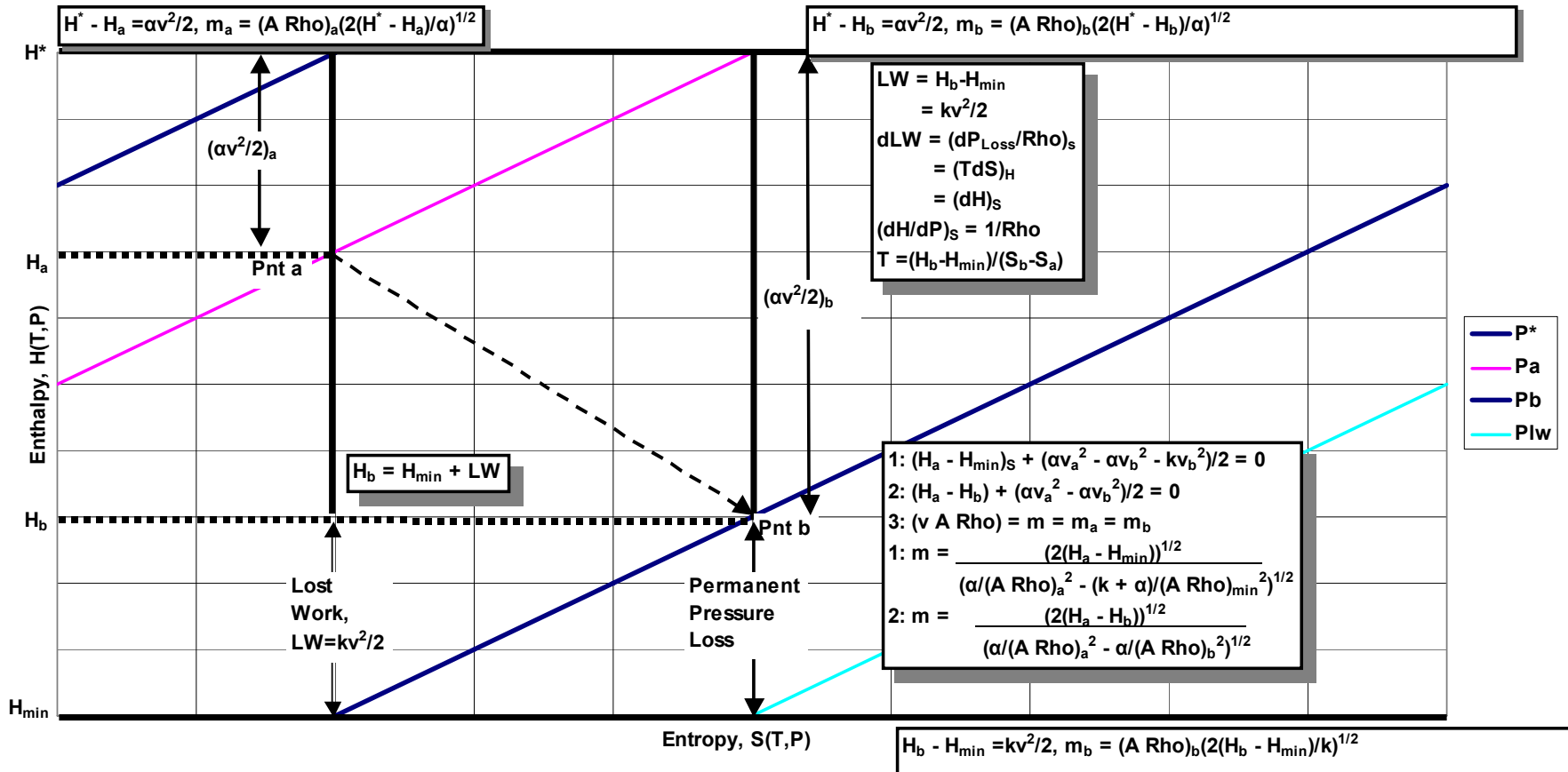
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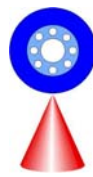
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Technical Basis – con't

- Graphically, the enthalpy representation is,

Head-Meter Enthalpy-Entropy Plot





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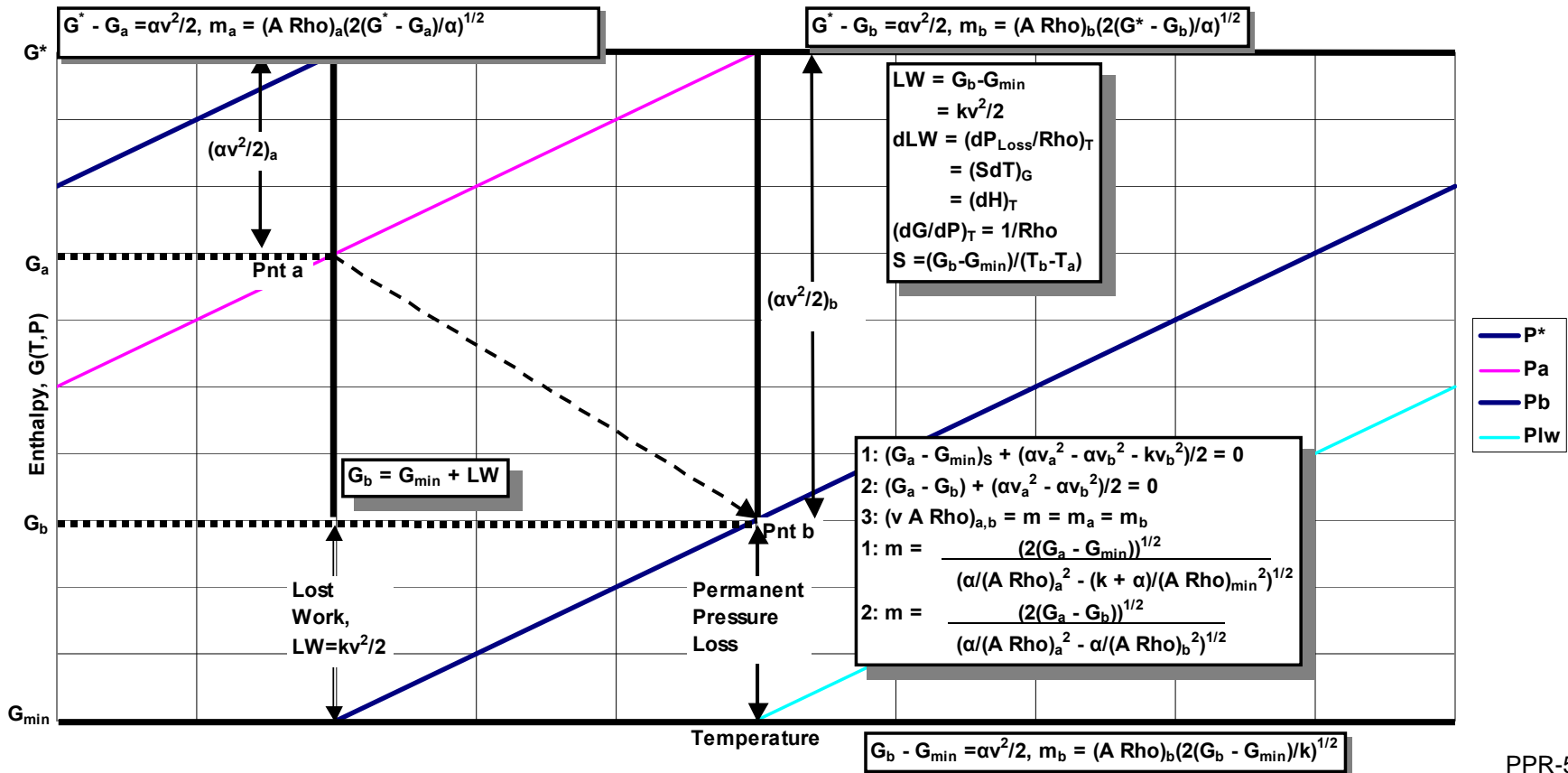
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Head-Meter Gibbs Free Enthalpy-Temperature Plot





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Technical Basis – con't

- The discharge coefficient C_D and thermodynamic efficiencies

$$\eta_{eff} = \frac{v_{b,f}^2}{v_{b,ideal}^2} = \frac{(m/\rho)_{b,f}^2}{(m/\rho)_{b,ideal}^2} = \frac{H_b^* - H_{b,f}}{H_a^* - H_{min,S}} = \frac{\alpha v_{b,f}^2}{\alpha v_{b,f}^2 + kv_{b,f}^2} = \left(\frac{\alpha}{\alpha + k} \right)_b$$

$$C_D \equiv \frac{m_{actual}}{m_{ideal}} = \frac{(\rho Av)_{friction}}{(\rho Av)_{ideal}}$$

$$C_D = \frac{\rho_{b,f}}{\rho_{min,S}} \left(\frac{\alpha}{\alpha + k} \right)^{1/2} = \frac{\rho_{b,f}}{\rho_{min,S}} (\eta_{eff})^{1/2}$$

Technical Basis – con't

- Plate hole layout basic equation

$$\kappa\rho AV^n = \text{Constant for each hole}$$

- Velocity distribution, as one example,

$$V_R/V_{\max} = (1 - R/R_w)^{1/7}$$

- Radial areas

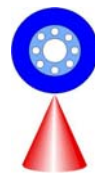
$$A_0 + A_1 + A_2 + \dots + A_n = \beta^2 A_{\text{pipe}}$$

- Radial area ratios @ $\kappa_1\rho = \text{Constant}$ and $n = 1$

$$A_1/A_i = V_i/V_1$$

- Radial velocity ratios

$$V_i/V_1 = ((1 - R_i/R_p)/(1 - R_1/R_p))^{1/7}$$



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- Base area (A_1) at R_1

$$A_1 = (\beta^2 A_{\text{pipe}} - A_0) / (1 + ((1 - R_1/R_p) / (1 - R_2/R_p))^{1/7} + \dots \\ \dots + ((1 - R_1/R_p) / (1 - R_n/R_p))^{1/7})$$

- Subsequent radial areas

$$A_i = A_1 ((1 - R_1/R_p) / (1 - R_i/R_p))^{1/7}$$

- Hole diameters

$$D_i = (4A_i / \pi N)^{1/2}$$

Technical Basis – con't

- Typical hole layout ($\beta \approx 0.6$)



18" NDP



Physical Properties

Extended Lee-Kesler Equation of State (ELK-EoS), Patent Pending

- **Based on a modified Taylor Series using argon, octane and water as reference fluids**
- **Accuracies over 100,000 data points for 1,700 organic and inorganic compounds show errors within the experimental error of 3 to 5 percent**
- **Errors can be further reduced by accurate volumetric data and adjustment of the ELK-EoS Q Factor. Errors are less than the original experimental data.**
- **ELK-EoS applies to volumetric, thermodynamic and transport properties of pure components, their mixtures and across multiple fluid-fluid phases.**

Physical Properties

Extended Lee-Kesler Equation of State (ELK-EoS), Patent Pending

$$z_{fluid} = z^{(0)} + z^{(1)} + z^{(4)} - \left(\Theta / \Theta^{(0)} \right) \left(z^{(1)} - z^{(2)} - z^{(3)} + z^{(4)} \right)$$

where

$$z^{(1)} = ((\omega - \omega^{(0)}) / (\omega^{(R)} - \omega^{(0)})) (z^{(R)} - z^{(0)})$$

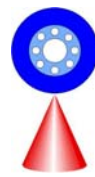
$$z^{(2)} = ((\sigma - \sigma^{(0)}) / (\sigma^{(R)} - \sigma^{(0)})) (z^{(R)} - z^{(0)})$$

$$z^{(3)} = ((\omega - \omega^{(0)}) / (\omega^{(W)} - \omega^{(0)})) (z^{(W)} - z^{(0)})$$

$$z^{(4)} = ((\sigma - \sigma^{(0)}) / (\sigma^{(W)} - \sigma^{(0)})) (z^{(W)} - z^{(0)})$$

and with the Modified Benedict-Webb-Rubén EoS,

$$z = (P_r V_r / T_r) = 1 + B/V_r + C/V_r^2 + D/V_r^5 \\
+ c4/(T_r^3 V_r^2) (\beta + \gamma/V_r^2) \exp(-\gamma/V_r^2)$$



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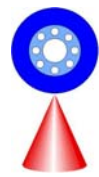
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Physical Properties

QMC DYFLO Modeling

- **DYFLO, developed by DuPont for dynamic simulation of all processes for design, control and optimization.**
- **The Balanced Flow Meter is implemented into a rigorous steady state and dynamic modeling system for handling multi-component and multi-phase systems.**
- **For systems that deviate from ideal gas or incompressible liquids, the DYFLO modeling tool is preferred.**
- **All macroscopic mass, momentum, energy, and power equations are rigorously calculated within DYFLO on a steady state and dynamic basis.**
- **DYFLO will also perform cavitation analysis and phase calculations within the 2-phase dome based on the spinodal curve.**



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Flow Meter Error Detection

- **The Balanced Flow Meter system with multi-variable (T,P) and multi-location pressure and temperature taps can be equipped for self-calibration and total error minimization.**
- **The error minimization routine is the Modified Iterative Measurement Test© (MIMT), as copyrighted by the AIChE.**
- **MIMT© is also used for total plant mass balancing and metering error minimization.**
- **With the MIMT© algorithm, coupled with the performance of the Balanced Flow Meter and the ELK-EoS, errors for flow measurement are negligible and self-calibrating.**



Experimental Results

The Balanced Flow Meter Measurement device has been tested and verified. This new and unique device utilizes a patented (10/750,628) multi-hole layout design, and provides:

- **Over one-hundred percent (100%) increase in pressure recovery**
- **A ten-fold increase in accuracy**
- **A fifteen-to-one (15 to 1) reduction in power intensity (i.e. noise reduction) when compared to a standard knife-edged orifice meter.**
- **Results show that the Balanced Flow Meter plate approaches the performance of a venturi meter.**

Experimental Results

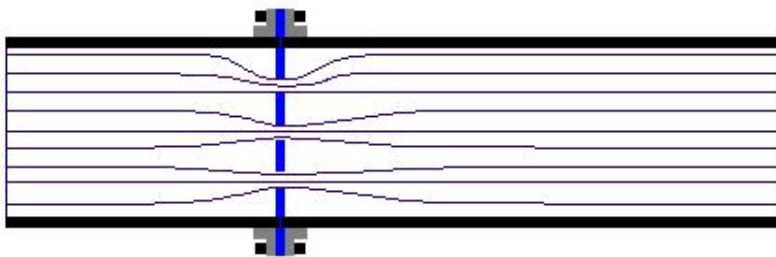
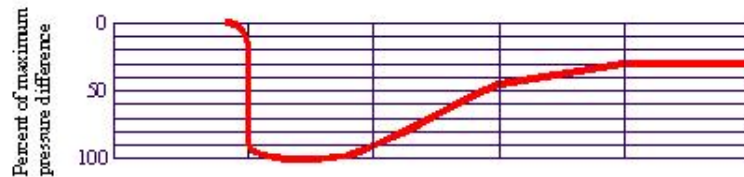
Kinetic energy and momentum correction factors for the Balanced Flow Meter (BFM) versus the standard knife-edged orifice plate

$$kE_{cf} = \alpha = \frac{\int u^3 dA}{v^3 A}$$

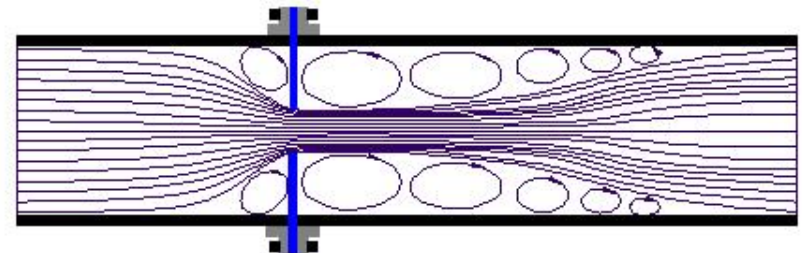
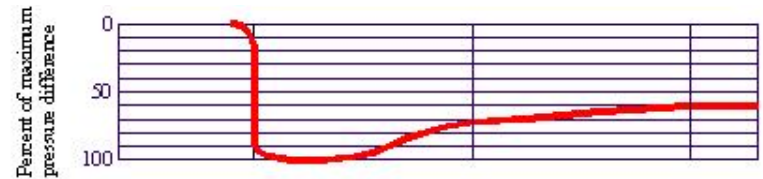
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$$mom_{cf} = \beta = \frac{\int u^2 dA}{u^2 dA}$$

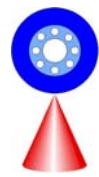
Orifice Plate



α, β can be calculated for the BFM



α, β cannot be calculated for the orifice plate since velocity profiles are random/chaotic and α (mass flow).



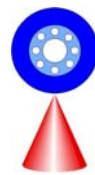
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Client Designs





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Experimental Results

Balanced Flow Meter plate performance, from minimum flows to sonic

BETA	0.25	0.500	0.521	0.650	0.500,fouled	0.500,elbow
Avg Cd	0.892	0.882	0.881	0.911	0.824	0.848
Cd Dev	0.032	0.001	0.009	0.010	0.038	0.008
Avg K Val	287.1	16.3	13.2	4.0	15.65	18.63
K Dev	20.8	0.60	0.53	0.16	1.23	0.38

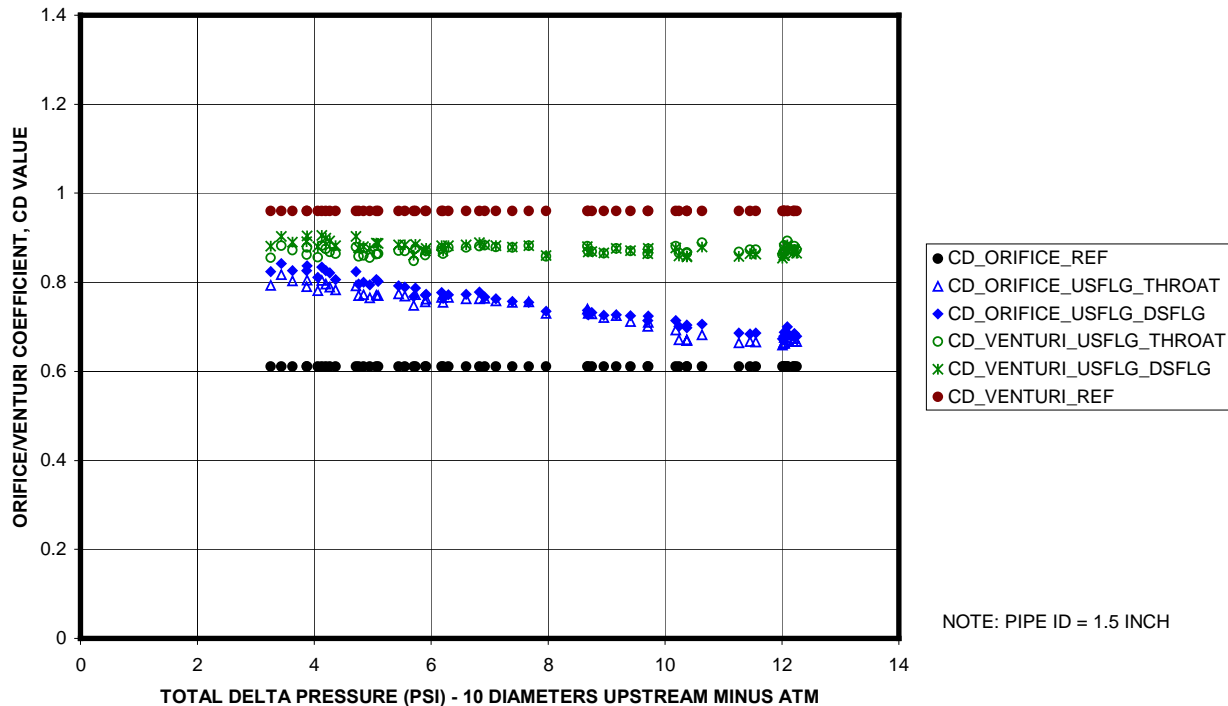
BETA	0.25	0.500	0.521	0.650
Venturi K, Cd=0.96	134.2	5.8	4.7	1.3
Venturi K, Cd=0.80	255.9	12.9	10.7	3.5
BFM K	287.1	16.3	13.2	4.0
Orifice K	669.4	31.5	25.7	7.4

Note: Venturi values do not include downstream losses.

Experimental Results – con't

Balanced Flow Meter calibrations

ORIFICE/VENTURI COEFFICIENT (Cd) PLOT
 Balanced Inline and Staggered beta 0.500 Flat side upstream.xls





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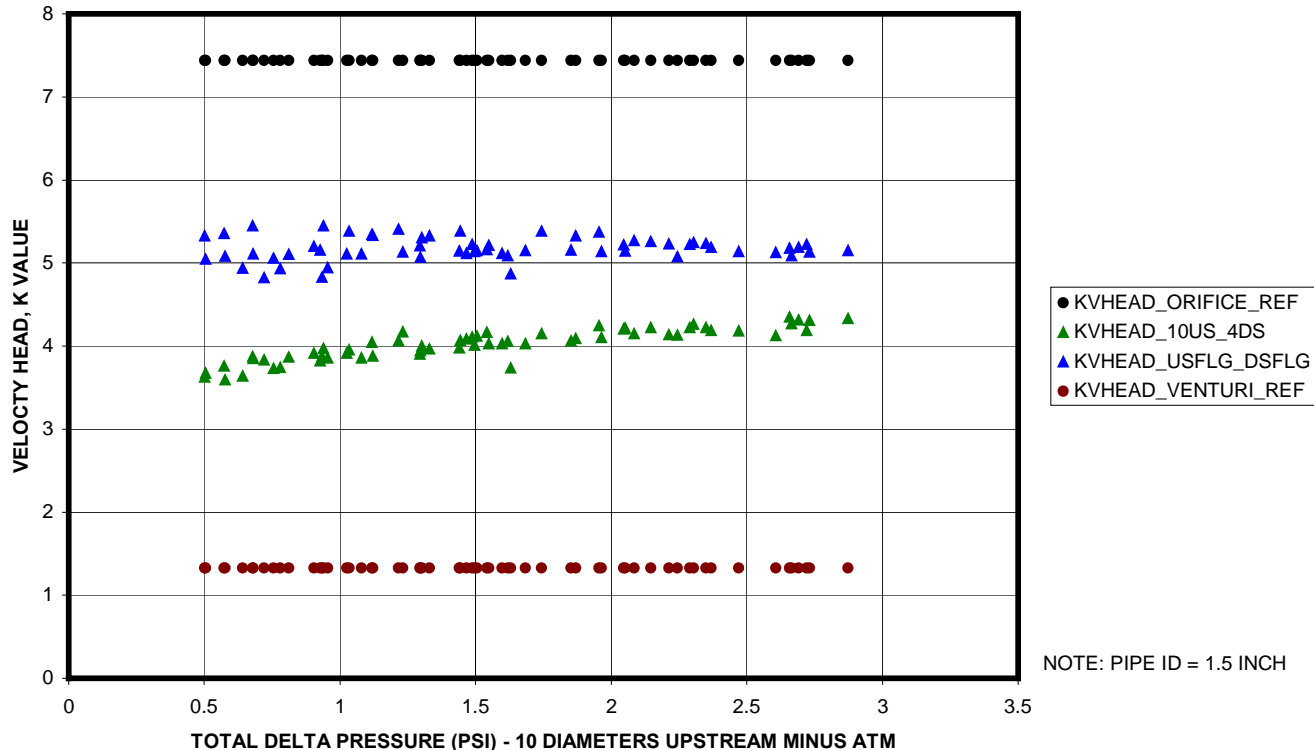
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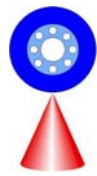
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VELOCITY HEAD LOSS CONSTANT (K) PLOT

Balanced Inline beta 0.650.xls





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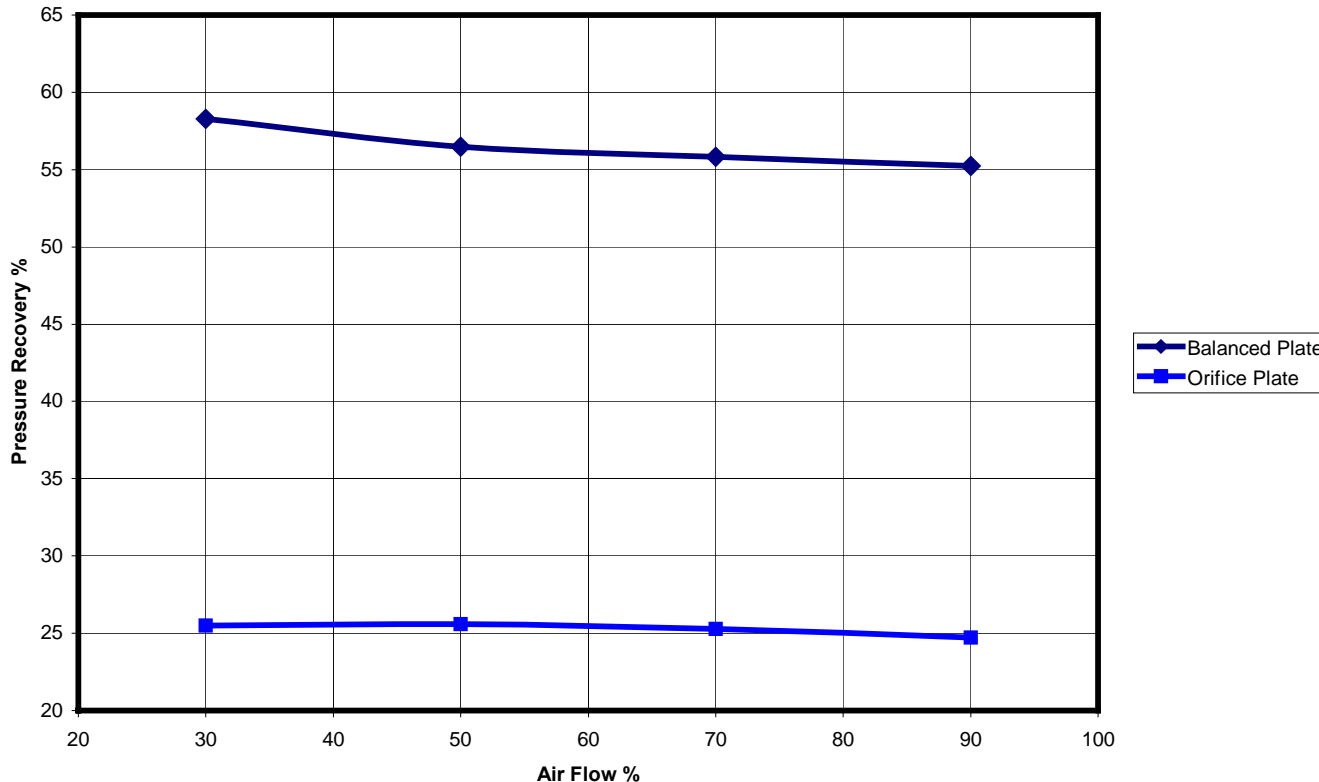
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Pressure Recovery versus Flow

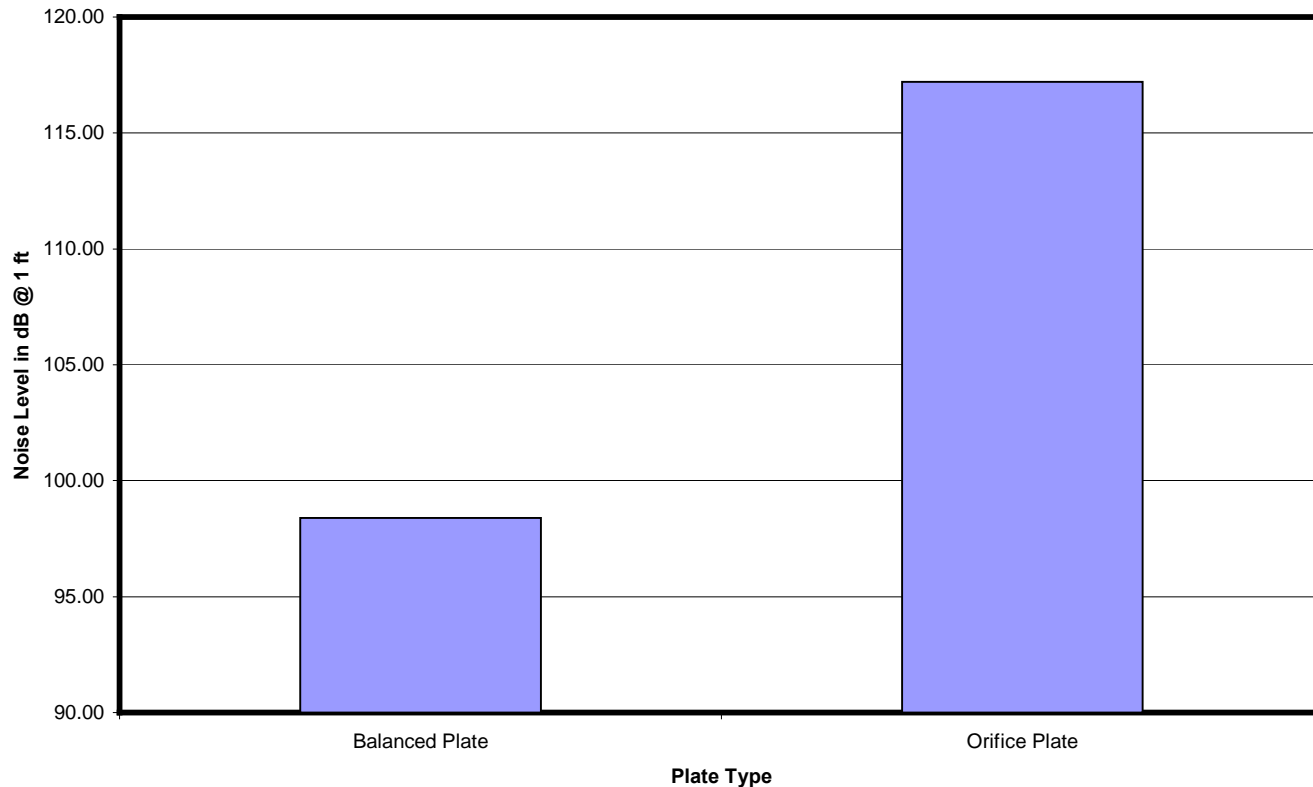
Pressure Recovery % versus Air Flow %

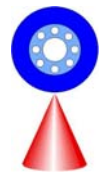


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Acoustical Noise Levels

Flow Meter Noise @ 1 ft and 90% Air Flow





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