

Ultrasonic Flow Metering Insertion & Clamp-on Types (emphasis on Clamp-on UFM's)

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A Brief History – Significant Milestones

- 1955 Doppler ultrasonic techniques were first implemented to detect valve heart motions
- 1963 Tokyo Keiki first introduced Doppler Ultrasonic meters to commercial markets
- 1970's saw the release of more Doppler meters onto the market, accelerating the pace of research in the industrial field
- 1972 Controlotron develops first clamp-on transit time meters
- 1976 Westinghouse LEFM; chordal transit time meters installed on Alaska Pipeline
- 1998 AGA9 standard published for custody transfer of natural gas

Early Wetted UFM Meter



Installed 1976 – TransAlaska Pipeline



Early Clamp-on UFM Meter



Doppler

Transit-Time





UFM Market Growth

According to Flow Research the Ultrasonic flowmeter market is the fastest growing of any other flowmeter type



Published by Flow Control – Flow Research Study



Market Share – Wetted versus Clamp-on



% in Units sold 2012 – Izzy's best guess

Flexim 2011 Market Segments







UFM Transit Time Standards

Liquid Flow

- ASME MFC 5M 1985 (general purpose)
- API 5.8 2005 (custody transfer, hydrocarbon liquids)
- OIML R117 (hydrocarbon liquids)
- ISO 12242 2012 (general purpose)

Gas Flow

- AGA-9 1989 (custody transfer gas)
- ISO 17089-1 (custody transfer gas)
- ISO 17089-2 (clamp on gas allocation)

Attributes of Ultrasonic Flowmeters

- Bi-directional flow measurement
- Unlimited turndown
- Very good low flow sensitivity
- Dynamic zero
- High Accuracy
 - 0.15 .25% custody transfer accuracy 1-2% installed accuracy – Clamp-on Higher accuracy possible with calibration
- Aggressive liquids no problem Clamp on
- High temperature capability Clamp on
- No pressure drop
- Retrofit installation Clamp on



Theory of Operation

Piezoelectric Crystal



Creating Ultrasonic Sound





Crystal Rings to Produce Ultrasound – 0.5 to 2 MHz

Theory of Operation



Transit Time - Wetted Transducer





$$T1 = \frac{L}{C - V \cos \emptyset}$$



WHERE:

T1 = Travel time of the acoustic pulse

between transducer B and transducer A (Figure 1)

T2 = Travel time of the acoustic pulse

between transducer A and transducer B

- C = Speed of sound in water
- V = Velocity of the water

 \emptyset = Angle between the acoustic path and the direction of water flow

L = Path length between transducers

The above equations are solved for V, independent of C, yielding:

$$V = \frac{(T1 - T2)}{(T1 \times T2)} \qquad X \qquad \frac{L}{2 \cos \emptyset}$$

Transit Time - Clamp on







Shear Wave sound transmission









Doppler in Flow Measurement



Doppler meters use sound pulse reflection principle to measure liquid flow rate, solids or bubbles in suspension in the liquid reflect the sound back to the receiving transducer. Assumption - Reflected particle representative of average flow

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Digital Signal Processing



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random noise relative to fluid signal



Uncertainties of Measurement





Volume flow of an ultrasonic flow meter

$$Q = A \cdot v_A = A \cdot \text{Re} \cdot v_l$$
$$\text{Re} = \frac{v_A \cdot d}{\eta} \text{ (Kinematic Viscosity)}$$

Laminar: K=0,75Turbulent: $K=0,91 \dots 0,97$ Assumptions: undisturbed flow

Flow Profile effects – Diametral Path



Laminar Flow Re < 2700





a) Diametrical multipath

Turbulent Flow Re > 6000 (>10.000)





Re Compensation







Flow Profile effects – Chordal Paths



Chordal paths are strategically located to average the velocity profile

Laminar Flow Re < 2700



Turbulent Flow Re > 6000 (>10.000)





Other Profile effects

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- Most flowmeters will be affected by the flow profile in a pipe
- Piping configuration, amount of straight run of pipe must be considered





Flow profile disturbance



Bends, valves, elbows, diffusers, reducers, pumps etc. change the profile of the flow.



Certain distances to such flow elements are necessary for an undisturbed flow profile.

Flow Conditioners





Tube Bundle: Used typically for turbines and orifice meters

CPA Plate: Used for UFM Gas and beginning to replace tube bundle type





AGA-9 Gas Standard requires metering section







Inflow requirements

methods of compensation for flow profile deviations

- Cross flow compensation:
- •Reflect mode or
- •Two beam Direct mode

Compensation of profile distortions:

•Two beam reflect mode



Mounting Configurations FLEXIM **Direct Mount Reflect Mount** 1. Line **Dual Beam** X arrangement



Wetted UFM's Typically Chordal Type Mostly seen in Gas Applications



UFM Utilized primarily for viscous liquids





The FH8500 multi-path ultrasonic flowmeter is the only flowmeter that integrates 36 transducers generating 18 ultrasonic beams, providing a complete 3D view of the flow velocity profile.





Profile Effect

Diametral Paths yeilding perfect flow symmetry





Dual Channel meter on 48" Pipe









2 Channel on Orifice meter run

Tube Bundle Flow Conditioner



Downstream of tube bundle (less than 10d)

Results show either profile or dimensional effect



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Encana Test





2 Orifice Meters at Fiscal point Anadarko & Encana – Flexim meter installed next to Encana meter



Profile effected by product change





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Summary of profile effects

- Diametral systems profile effects are minimized through mounting and multiple beams
- Chordal systems profile effects are minimized by aligning the paths to mathematically achieve average velocity
- For highest accuracy flow profile conditioners are recommended



UFM Types

Wetted Meters - Gas



Daniels – 4 Path



Junior Sonic





Sick - 4 + 4





Elster American Meter -6 path







Wetted UFM arriving at the CEESI Cal Lab



Wetted Meters - Liquids Hydrocarbon Meters













Graphical presentation of the accuracy tests 2.



Test Report

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KROHNE

Wetted Meters - Liquids

Water and General Purpose Meters

Siemens (Danfoss)



Master Meter



Kamstrup BTU Meters







Wetted Meters - Steam





Krohne - superheated



Clamp-On Meters – Gas and Liquid



Flexim

- Siemens (Controlotron)
- GE (Panametrics)
- E&H
- Dynasonics

Flexim - Class 1 Div 2 Portable



PermaLok mounting



Nema 4x (also C1D2)



Ex Housing



Ex Stainless Steel





Where's the Grease?

No more maintenance associated with dry-out of coupling grease

Permanent Couplant Pads





... external measurement of internal flow



PermaLok®

FLEXIM's PermaLok Track Mount System



PermaLok® Track Mounting System for the FLEXIM Ultrasonic Transducers

RUGGED COST EFECTIVE MOUNTING

FLEXIM recognizes the need for a track mounting system that provides complete protection for the transducer - not only for extreme environments like offshore platforms but for all applications. The protection provided by the PermaLok track system eliminates the maintenance and reliability issues associated with Clamp-on meters. The PermaLok track contains all of the mounting elements to lock in the transducer, effectively securing the transducer coupling in place. Used with the FLEXIM permanent coupling pads the transducer mount becomes permanent. It's as solid as a spool meter without the inconvenience and cost of the spool, and with no internal liquid contact - hence "maintenance free". The cover and pipe mating surfaces are equipped with gaskets to make the track water tight. Used with recommended backfill grease the PermaLok enclosure can be made completely water resistant for underground direct burial applications.

FEATURES

- 304 stainless steel material including strap bands
- CCS Neoprene/EPDM/SBR Blend gasket material
- O-ring gasket for transducer cable
- Single and dual track types to support different mounting requirements
- Optional Feature Brackets epoxy welded to the pipe eliminates the need for straps.







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Ultrasonic Metering Diagnostics A window to the process

Signal Waveforms







Data Set

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Diagnostic Statistics and Quality Indicators

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Sound Velocity used for Fluid Identity

Sonic Velocities of Some Fluids (@ 60°F)





Special HPI Variables

- A number of new variables that are unique to the HPI meter are available to the user:
 - SonicID: Temperature corrected speed of sound of the liquid. This variable allows the meter to know which liquid is being sensed for Multi-Liquid systems.
 - DBC (density @ base conditions), S.G. (specific gravity) and API gravity: These are all expressions of the same basic parameter (mass per unit volume of the liquid being sensed).
 - VCF & VCP: Temperature and Pressure Volume correction factors used to publish standard volumetric rate and totals.
 - Liquid: If enabled, the meter publishes which of a series of liquids is currently being sensed based on SonicID.



Special HPI Variables

- VSC: Computed Liquid Viscosity based on currently sensed liquid and measured temperature.
- Normalized Volumetric Flowrate and Totals (+ and -)
 - These are derived by multiplying the actual rate and totals by the temperature and pressure volume correction factors. The volume correction factors are computed in accordance with industry standard algorithms such as TP-25, ASTM1250 and D4311.
 - The meter 'knows' which algorithm to apply since it knows the liquid currently being sensed by means of its SonicID variable.



Concentration Measurement

NaOH





Concentration Measurement

H2SO4 between temperatures 60 ... 180°F





case study_

By Jack Sine & Izzy Rivera



Major power generator on the East Coast was having a serious problem with premature tube failure in the feedwater heater in one of its 400-megawatt pulverized coal plants. The company has asked not to be identified, but says it thinks the nature of the problem may be widespread and would like to share the solution with the rest of the industry.

"We were getting hot spots in the water wall," says Tim, the plant's chief engineer. "We were pretty sure this was contributing to the tube failure, and maybe the only cause. We could measure the temperature at various spots on the water wall easily enough, but we thought the problem might be caused by inconsistent water flow, so what we needed was to find a way to measure the flow of the return water.

However, there were two problems with measuring the water flow. The first was that the company didn't want to cut into the pipe to generate the flow measurement. The second was that the return water was condensed from steam and under pressure, so the pipe temperature was around 650 F.



ing accurate readings. A clamp-on transducer mounted directly on the pipe can only operate up to around 400 F. The WaveInjector utilizes a mounting structure that removes the transducer from the pipe and positions it on waveguide plates. It also enables a set of standard transducers to operate accurately at temperature ranges from -256 F up to 750 F.





Duke Energy – Feedwater Downcomers





Aeration Diagnostic



Lab Calibrations of Clamp-on



CEESI Calibration Lab - Iowa



Gas Accuracy Testing on Multiple Pipe Sizes

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4 Inch

8 Inch



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🔺 12 Inch

• 20 Inch

... external measurement of internal flow

20 Inch

3rd party calibration results





Average values for above results: Press: 968.07 Psia Density: 3.3114 lbm/ft³ Temp: 521.17 °R Compressibility factor: 0.87439

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ATMOS builds a 24" Spool Calibrated at CEESI Iowa





CEESI Calibration 8/2012

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X Verification Points

DELFT Calibration Lab Customer Acceptance Testing





... external measurement of internal flow

DELFT Calibration Results



Delft Calibration Lab 3/16/2006 FLEXIM 7407 2 Beam with M2N7 Transducers Average of 3 runs at each rate

