

### Practical Selection and Usage of Coriolis Meters for Gas Measurement

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### Overview of Coriolis Meters



### Coriolis Flowmeter Pros and Cons

### Key Advantages

- Best-in-class direct mass flow, volume flow, and/or density measurement
- Non-obstructed flow path
- No moving parts
- Low / No maintenance required
- No flow conditioning or straight runs required
- Can provide limited multiphase flow measurement
- Excellent repeatability and turndown
- Advanced diagnostics to monitor meter AND process health



### Some Constraints

- Not for line sizes over 16 inches in diameter
- Large external meter envelope
- Some designs result in high pressure drop at high flowrates
- Not as suitable as a Multi-Phase Flow Meter
	- Wet gas above Lockhart-Martinelli Parameter 0.75
	- Entrained gas in liquid Gas Void Fraction above 15% by volume

### Principle of operation - Bent Tube Meter Design



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### Principle of Operation

• Process fluid enters the sensor and flow is split with half the flow through each tube

• Drive coil vibrates tubes at natural frequency

• Pick-off coils on inlet and outlet sides generate raw measurement signals





### Coriolis Meter Principle of Operation Physics of Coriolis Force That Creates Twist During Flow

• Coriolis Principle: As a mass moves toward or away from the center of rotation (P) inside a rotating tube, the particle generates inertial forces on the tube.



- A Coriolis meter measures mass directly
- Measurement is not affected by changes in fluid properties and velocity profile

### Coriolis Meter Principle of Operation Signal Processing



### Coriolis Meter Raw Sensitivity Varies with Design

- Raw Sensitivity Depends on Tube<br>Geometry<br>• Signal to Noise Ratio Depends on<br>Raw Sensitivity and Stability<br>• Signal to Noise Ratio Depends on<br>Raw Sensitivity and Stability **Geometry**
- Signal to Noise Ratio Depends on Raw Sensitivity and Stability
- Calibration Flexibility, Immunity to Secondary Effects, and Diagnostic Capabilities Depend on **Fig. 15 Tall Tube** Signal to Noise Ratio



### Coriolis Flow Performance – Zero Stability and Flat Spec or rated accuracy



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### AGA Section 6.1 Minimum Performance Requirements



**Corilois Meter Performance Specification** 

### Direct Density Measurement

Density measurement is based on the natural frequency

- As the mass increases, the natural frequency of the system decreases
- As the mass decreases, the natural frequency of the system increases





### **Clean vs. Dirty** & Meter Health Diagnostic

### Direct Temperature Measurement

- **Three wire platinum Resistance Temperature** Detector (RTD)
- Measures tube temperature on inlet side of sensor



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### AGA Report Background



### AGA Report No. 11 / API MPMS Ch. 14.9 Measurement of Natural Gas by Coriolis Meter



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### Coriolis Meter Principle of Operation How Flow Calibration Factor (FCF), Zero, and ΔT Relates to Mass Flow **of Operation**<br>
• FCF (and ΔT Relates to Mass Flow<br> **=** mx + b<br> **e = FCF (ΔT) + zero**<br>
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mass flow, determined with the initial calibration<br>
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• The Zero accounts for offset observed at no-flow conditions<br>
• A change in FCF means the relatio signal (ΔT) and the actual mass flow rate has changed Adjusted FCF • A change in FCF means the relationship between the flow

### Conversion of Mass to Volume at Standard Conditions



### Base Density, Molar Weight, Base Compressibility, and Specific Gravity Are All Determined by Gas Composition

Manufacturers are responsible for initial flow calibration of Coriolis AGA 11 Sensor Mass Flow Calibration<br>Established on Water<br>Section 7 – Gas Flow Calibration Requirements<br>Manufacturers are responsible for initial flow calibration of Coriolis<br>meters prior to delivery. <u>Calibration with an a</u> (e.g.. water) is valid with Coriolis sensor designs where the transferability of the alternative calibration fluid, with an added uncertainty relative to gas measurement, has been demonstrated by the manufacturer through tests conducted by an independent flow calibration laboratory. When the transferability of the manufacturer's calibration fluid to gas cannot be verified, the meter shall be flow calibrated on gas as per the requirements in Section 7.1

### Calibration Fluid Flexibility

### "Calibration fluid flexibility" is a capability that allows a traceable liquid calibration to be used for traceable gas measurements

- Meters may be calibrated for natural gas in liquid laboratories
	- Liquid calibration recognized in AGA Report No. 11 (aka.: API MPMS Ch. 14.9)
	- Must demonstrate acceptable provenance for each Coriolis meter design
	- Advantages of liquid calibration:
		- Meets manufacturers accuracy spec and AGA 11 direct from the meter factory
		- Factory calibration (e.g., water) = Low cost
		- Direct Shipment from meter factory to installation site = Fast project execution
		- Better reference standard uncertainty possible with liquid labs
		- Portable liquid flow calibration rig can be used for traceable onsite calibration at field locations
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	- Potential to reduce Lost and Unaccounted For (LAUF) gas with improved measurement
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	- Similar to practice used by gas ultrasonic flow meters Meter calibration traceability chain tied directly through gas calibration standards

### NMi Euroloop Testing of Meters to Prove Liquid Cal is Suitable for Gas Measurement



\*Manufacturer Dependent (meter shown as example)

### Sensor Calibration Established on Water 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Testing and Certification



### Calibration Adjustment Methods Described in AGA 11



### Multi-Point Piecewise Linear Interpolation (PWL)



- Correction applied at selected linearization points is equal and opposite to the average of the as-found values at the same flow rate
- Correction values applied between neighboring points are determined by linear interpolation between the two points
- Correction above the highest flow rate point are held constant
- Correction below the lowest point is based on linear interpolation to zero error at zero flow to allow meter zero adjustment to control accuracy below  $Q_t$

# Results with PWL – 1-inch Meter CMF100



### Averages at Each Flow Rate  $\|\cdot\|$

### **Observations**

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- The evaluation of these indicators will guide the operator in

### Prior AGA 11 Coriolis Verification Practice

### – Meter Zero Verification

- Corrosion, erosion, mounting stress, flow tube damage, and coating
- Catch-all diagnostic
- Works well, but very broad indicator

### – Meter Diagnostics Check

- Diagnostics
	- –Electronics
	- –Processing and memory
	- –Measurement system health (COO
		- »Within normal limits
		- »Catastrophic failure

Pass/Fail Not quantitative



### Perform In-Situ Verifications Quickly and Easily to Increase Confidence and Reduce Downtime



### SMV is Easy to Use

- On-demand
- One button/command
- No extra equipment
- Formal report
- Less than 2 minutes
- process or measurement
- Scales with host systems
- Evaluate meter under "as installed" conditions



### New AGA 11 Coriolis Verification Practice

- Meter Transmitter Verification The meter transmitter verification should coincide with  $\bullet$ the meter zero check. It should include the following procedures:
	- o Verify the sensor calibration and correction factors in the configuration of the transmitter to be unchanged from most recent calibration.
	- o Verify all transmitter diagnostic indicators to be in the normal state.
- Coriolis Sensor Verification Sensor diagnostics may be available that continuously. on-command or procedurally verify the performance of the sensor and/or infer change in measurement performance. Users should consult the meter manufacturer for the availability of these types of diagnostics.
- Temperature Verification The Coriolis transmitter monitors a temperature element bonded to the flow tubes of the Coriolis sensor to correct for Young's modulus of the flow tubes. Although transmitter diagnostics on this element exist, they typically identify only catastrophic failures; e.g., element open, element short, and an opening in the compensation loop.

Use a temperature reference placed in an upstream thermowell or temporarily placed tightly against the upstream flow splitter/inlet and insulated, to verify the temperature indicated by the Coriolis meter to be within the published uncertainty of the Coriolis meter's temperature measurement plus the accuracy of the temperature reference.

Meter Zero Verification - A change in the meter zero value can be used as an indicator  $\bullet$ of change in the metering conditions. This can be caused by contamination and coating of

### AGA11 Section 9 AGA11 Section 9<br>- Meter Verification Cont.<br>• Meter Verification @ a minim

### $\cdot$  Meter Verification  $\omega$  a minimum entails...

- Meter Transmitter Verification
	- Diagnostics
- Coriolis Sensor Verification
	- Diagnostics
		- –Flow Tube Structure Diagnostic (FCF)
- Temperature Verification

Compare to upstream temperature reference.

### – Meter Zero Verification

Per AGA, check within 4 weeks of installation and quarterly during first year.

### –Zero Verification Tool

### AGA11 Section 9.2 AGA11 Section 9.2<br>— Periodic Flow Performance Testing<br><sup>Should flow performance testing be required several options exist.</sup>

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- 1) Remove from service and send to the manufacturer or third party lab.
- 2) In-situ flow test as outlined in this section or in accordance with AGA6, Field Proving of Gas Meters Using Transfer Methods
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 Periodic Flow Performance Testing<br>
Should flow performance testing be required several options exist...<br>
1) Remove from service and send to the manufacturer or third party<br>
lab.<br>
2) In-situ flow test scale system or certified meter using an alternate fluid. Must have certification of transferability (3<sup>rd</sup> party)

When a Meter Under Test (MUT) is tested against a field reference, the MUT should not be adjusted if the performance is found to be within the uncertainty of the field reference

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### Unique Attributes of Coriolis Technology Resolves common measurement problems Unique Attributes of Coriolis Technology<br>
Resolves common measurement problems<br>
Mater calibration transfers to gas<br>
- Reduced meter flow calibration and verification costs<br>
- Out-of-box <u>+</u> 0.25 - 0.35% accuracy on gas<br>
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### • Water calibration transfers to gas

- Reduced meter flow calibration and verification costs
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### • No flow conditioning or piping requirements

- Elimination of errors due to flow profile disturbances and the cost of monitoring for their occurrence
- Major concern in use of Ultrasonic, Turbine, Orifice

### • No errors caused by pulsations and noise radiated from flow regulation

- Flow pulsations cause error in every flow technology except Coriolis Turbine and Rotary also incur mechanical damage when subjected to pulsating flows
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### • No over-registration or damage due to flow surges

– High rate-of-change during fuel gas start-up… "flow surge"

### Reynolds Number



### Asymmetrical Profile







### AGA 11 – Gas Operating Conditions<br>"Upstream Piping and Flow Profiles" "Upstream Piping and Flow Profiles"

### No Flow Conditioning or Special Piping Required

### Performance with Lab Uncertainty



### GERG Installation Requirements "No Error Effects from Regulator Location"



## Micro Motion- Pulsation Immunity<br>GERG - No Gas Pulsation Error Concerns Micro Motion- <u>Pulsation</u> Immunity<br>GERG - No Gas Pulsation Error Concerns<br>Effect of flow pulsations on a Micro Motion meter **Algon** Real Meter for...



Manufacturer dependent

- Ideal Meter for…
	- Gas leg of separators
	- Fuel gas measurement to reciprocating engines
	- Measurement at or near inlet and outlet of reciprocating compression
	- Measurement near regulation; i.e. flow through regulator pulsates at low flows



# AGA11 – Gas Velocity and Filtration<br>• Coriolis flow tubes typically do not erode from high gas velocities

- Coriolis flow tubes typically do not erode from high gas velocities (example Orifice Plate)
- Gas velocities & pressure drop similar to other measurement technologies (Orifice, Turbine)
- Meter should be protected from abrasive particles
- Flow tube coating/debris build-up appears as zero offset (zero offset affects low-end not high-end performance)

### Large Diameter Coriolis and Pressure Drop





USM vs. Coriolis Maximum Flow Capacity Comparison performed w/Gulf Coast @ 800 psi and 60 Deg F Gas Flowing Density = 2.717 lb/cf

### Effect of Pressure on Coriolis Meters

- Internal pressure changes the shape of the flow tube
	- Tube ovality becomes round
	- Tube bends straighten
- Changes in flow tube shape increases stiffness of flow tube
- Changes in flow tube stiffness can affect sensor calibration
- Magnitude of effect varies by meter size and design



### Example of Pressure Effect Compensation Large Meter Gas Test Results

- All data collected on natural gas using meter factory calibration on water
- $\bullet\;$  Data shown **with** and  $\textbf{without}$  standard  $\textsf{F}_{\textsf{P}}$  pressure compensation
- Max deviation of all compensated data < 0.25%



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### Gas Sizing Best Practices - Coriolis Meter Turndown<br>High Pressure = High Turndown High Pressure = High Turndown



### Installation Best Practices Orientation & Piping Requirements

- No special upstream or downstream piping requirements
- Vertical line installations
	- Flow tubes in flag position
	- Flow direction down preferred for gas (especially for WET GAS!!!)
	- Flow direction up preferred for liquid
- Horizontal line installations
	- Flow tubes up preferred for gas
	- Flow tubes down preferred for liquid



### AGA11 - Installation Best Practices<br>Piping Alignment and Support Piping Alignment and Support

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- upstream and downstream flanges of meter
- Meter flow tube case is sacred ground
	- Case should not be used to support the meter or other equipment
- Proper alignment of piping & flanges
	- Use of fabrication spool piece when fabricating piping in the field (slip-fit desired)



## **AGA11 - Installation Best Practices<br>Piping Operational Requirements<br>• Upstream and Downstream Block Valves<br>• Bypass to Eliminate Interruption of Service<br>• Pressure Port Upstream of Sensor<br>• Temperature Port <u>Upstream</u> of** AGA11 - Installation Best Practices<br>Piping Operational Requirements Piping Operational Requirements

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- - Avoid Joules Thomson Effect issues downstream



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### Natural Gas Industry Coriolis Sweet Spots

### • Custody Transfer

- Natural gas city, commercial, Gathering Lines<br>and industry gates
	- Pay and check meters **compressor Station**
- Gathering stations
- Specialty gas
	- Pure and unusual gas mixtures

### • Fiscal

- Fuel gas
- Gas storage

### • Operations

- Efficiency control
- Injection meters



### The "Coriolis" Effect….

- $\rightarrow$  Safety Improvement
	- Reduction in human intervention into equipment, the process, and hazardous situations
- $\rightarrow$  Accurate and Efficient Asset Management
	- Reduction in measurement and control uncertainty
	- Operating cost reduction
- $\rightarrow$  Sustainability of Operations
	- Improvement in system performance and reliability



