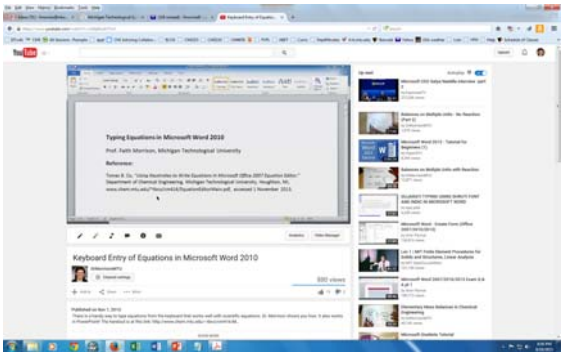


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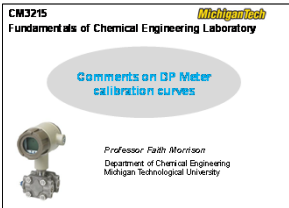
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Calibrate Rotameter and Orifice Meter and Explore Reynolds #

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What is an Orifice Flow Meter?

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- Obstruct flow
- Build upstream pressure
- $\Delta p_{orifice}$ is a function of Q

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Orifice Flow Meters

Orifice plate: (view straight-on)

Flowrate, Q → p_1 p_2 → Q

Pressure drop across the orifice
 $\Delta p_{orifice}$ is correlated with flow rate (mechanical energy balance)

(SI-SO, steady, ρ const., no rxn, no phase chg, T const., no heat xfer)

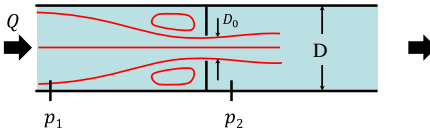
$$\frac{\Delta p}{\rho} + \frac{\Delta(\langle v \rangle^2)}{2} + g\Delta z + F = \frac{W_{s,on}}{\dot{m}}$$

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Orifice Flow Meters

MEB: Apply MEB between upstream point (1) and a point in the *vena contracta* (2):



$$\frac{\Delta p}{\rho} + \frac{\Delta(\langle v \rangle^2)}{2} + g\Delta z + F = \frac{W_{\text{son}}}{\dot{m}}$$

$\Delta p_{\text{orifice}} = \frac{p_2 - p_1}{\rho} + \frac{\langle v \rangle_2^2 - \langle v \rangle_1^2}{2} = 0$

Macroscopic mass balance:

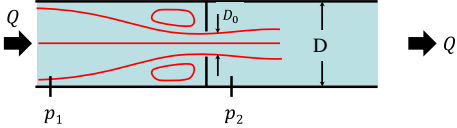
$$\frac{\langle v \rangle_1 \pi D^2}{4} = \frac{\langle v \rangle_2 \pi D_0^2}{4}$$

Combine and eliminate $\langle v \rangle_2$


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Orifice Flow Meters

Apply MEB between upstream point and a point in the *vena contracta*; combine with mass balance:



$$Q = \frac{\pi D^2}{4} \sqrt{\frac{2(\Delta p_{\text{orifice}})}{\rho} \left(\frac{D^4}{D_0^4} - 1 \right)}$$

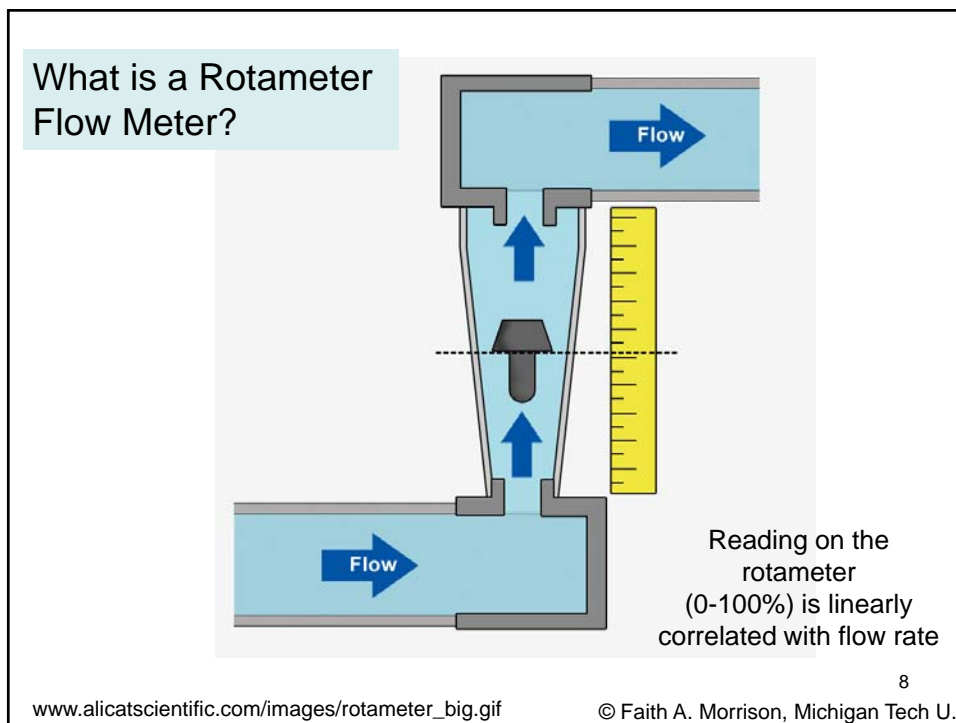
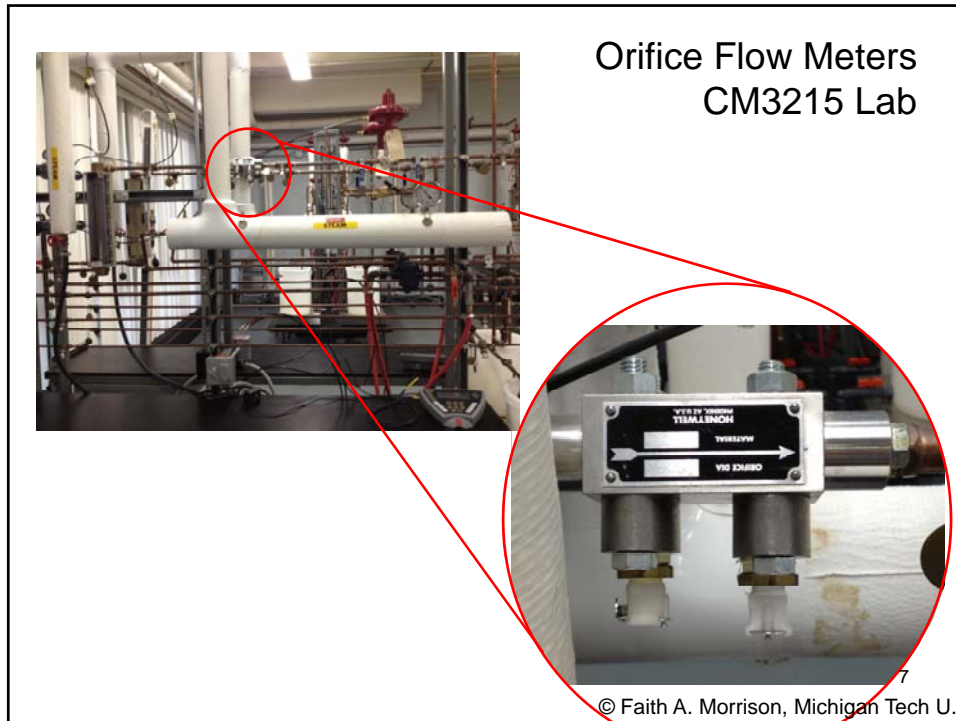

 $\Delta p_{\text{orifice}} \equiv p_1 - p_2$

Q: What should you plot versus what to get a straight-line correlation?

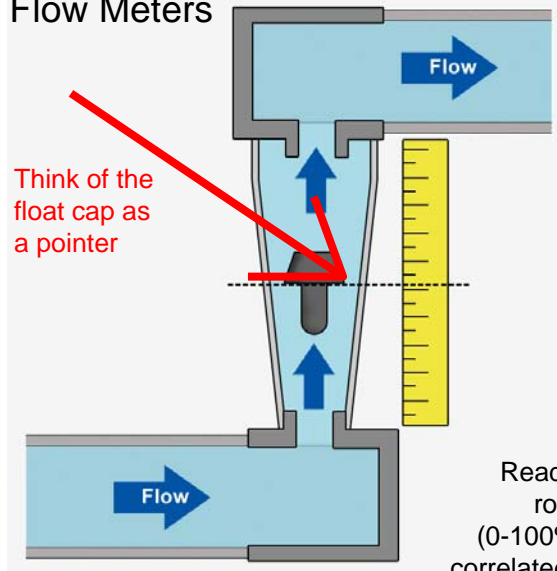
(give your answer in your prelab)

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Reference: Morrison, *An Introduction to Fluid Mechanics*, Cambridge, 2013, page 837, problem 43.



Rotameter Flow Meters



Think of the float cap as a pointer

Reading on the rotameter (0-100%) is linearly correlated with flow rate

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The diagram illustrates a rotameter flow meter. It consists of a vertical tapered tube through which fluid flows upwards. A float cap is positioned within the tube, and its vertical position is indicated by a scale on the right. Blue arrows show the flow direction from bottom to top. A red arrow points to the float cap with the text 'Think of the float cap as a pointer'. The text 'Reading on the rotameter (0-100%) is linearly correlated with flow rate' is located at the bottom right of the diagram area.

Reynolds Number

$$Re \equiv \frac{\rho \langle v_z \rangle D}{\mu}$$

This combination of experimentally measurable variables is the key number that correlates with the flow regime that is observed. In a pipe:

- Laminar ($Re < 2100$)
- Transitional
- Turbulent ($Re > 4000$)

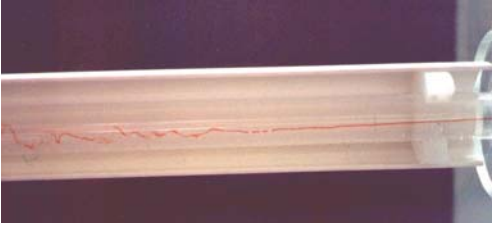
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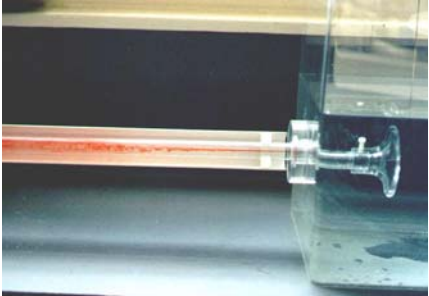
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O. Reynolds' Dye Experiment, 1883

Transitional flow



Turbulent flow



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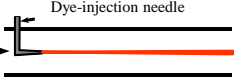
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Flow Regimes in a Pipe

Laminar

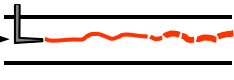
Re < 2100

- smooth
- one direction only
- predictable



Transitional


2100 < Re < 4000



Turbulent

Re > 4000

- chaotic - fluctuations within fluid
- transverse motions
- unpredictable - deal with average motion
- most common



$$Re \equiv \frac{\rho \langle v_z \rangle D}{\mu}$$

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Data may be organized in terms of two **dimensionless** parameters:

Flow rate { **Reynolds Number**

$$\text{Re} \equiv \frac{\rho \langle v_z \rangle D}{\mu}$$

(This is a definition)

Pressure Drop { **Fanning Friction Factor**

$$f = \frac{\frac{1}{4} \Delta p_{\text{pipe}}}{\frac{L}{D} \left(\frac{1}{2} \rho \langle v_z \rangle^2 \right)}$$

(This comes from applying the definition of friction factor f to pipe flow)

ρ = density
 $\langle v_z \rangle$ = average velocity
 D = true pipe inner diameter
 μ = viscosity
 $(p_0 - p_L)$ = pressure drop
 L = pipe length

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Flow rate

Pressure Drop

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For now, we measure this

In a few weeks, we measure this as well

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Experimental Notes

- Measure orifice pressure drop $\Delta p_{\text{orifice}}$ with Honeywell DP meter (low pressure drops) or Bourdon gauges (high pressure drops)
- Determine **uncertainty** for all measurements (reading error, calibration error, error propagation)
- DP meter has valid output only from 4-20mA – above 20mA it is **over range (saturated)**
- What is lowest **accurate** Δp that you can measure with the Honeywell DP meter? With the Bourdon gauges? Consider your **uncertainties**. (At what point will the *error* be 100% of your signal? What's your tolerance for %error?)
- True triplicates must include **all** sources of random error (All steps that it takes to move the system to the operating condition must be taken for each replicate. Thus, setting the flowrate with the needle valve and the rotameter must be done for each replicate.)
- Watch level of Tank-01 (there is no **overflow** protection)

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Report Notes

- Design your graphs to communicate a point clearly (chart design); you may make multiple graphs with the same data if they are needed to make your point.
- The axes of your graphs must reflect the correct number of significant figures for your data.
- Calculate averages of triplicates (needed for replicate error)
- **Do not use the averages** in calibration-curve fitting (use unaveraged data and LINEST).
- Use LINEST to determine confidence intervals on slope and intercept
- True inner diameter of type L copper tubing may be found in the *Copper Tube Handbook* (see lab website). The sizes $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, and $\frac{3}{8}$ are called *nominal pipe sizes*.

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Lab: Calibrate Rotameter and Explore Reynolds Number

- Pump water through pipes of various diameters
- Measure flow rate with pail-and-scale method

• Calibrate the rotameter

• Calibrate the orifice meter (measure

$\Delta p_{\text{orifice}}(Q)$)

• Calculate Re for each run

• Determine if flow is laminar, turbulent, transitional

• Use appropriate error analysis, sig figs

Calibrate Flowmeters and Explore Reynolds Number

Pre-laboratory Assignment
Familiarize yourself with Reynolds number, rotameters, and orifice meters. Find an accurate calibration curve for the Honeywell DP meter at your lab station (your own calibration curve or one from the archive) and have the equation in your lab notebook. Prepare a safety section in your laboratory notebook detailing all safety issues associated with this laboratory. Prepare the data tables in your notebook you will use for data acquisition. All sheets of paper must be affixed on all four sides with clear tape before the start of lab.

Answer these questions as part of your prelab (write the answer in the notebook):

objectives as discussed in **Data Analysis** below.

Experimental Procedures

Overall procedure:

1. Prepare the work station for isothermal water flow (see Procedure A in the appendix).
2. Turn on Ohaus electronic scale (Model CD-33; WI-09) that is attached to the balance under Tank 1 by plugging in the AC/DC power converter (120 VAC \rightarrow 9VDC 500 mA) into the AC outlet. When the Ohaus scale is on it will show the following on its screen: "Weight 4.160 kg (for example)." Press "Tare" key. It will show "0.000 kg."
3. Ready the Honeywell DP meter (see

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PreLab Assignment

- Familiarize yourself with Reynolds number, rotameters, and orifice meters.
- Find a good estimate of the calibration curve for the DP meter at your lab station (cycle 2) and have the equation and plot in your lab notebook.
- Prepare a safety section
- Prepare data acquisition tables
- Answer these questions in your lab notebook:
 1. What should you plot (what versus what) to get a straight line correlation out of the orifice meter calibration data?
 2. In this experiment we calibrate the rotameter for flow directed through $\frac{1}{2}$ ", $\frac{3}{8}$ ", and $\frac{1}{4}$ " pipes (nominal sizes); will the calibration curve be the same for these three cases, or different?
 3. What is "dead heading" the pump?

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Comments on DP Meter
calibration curves



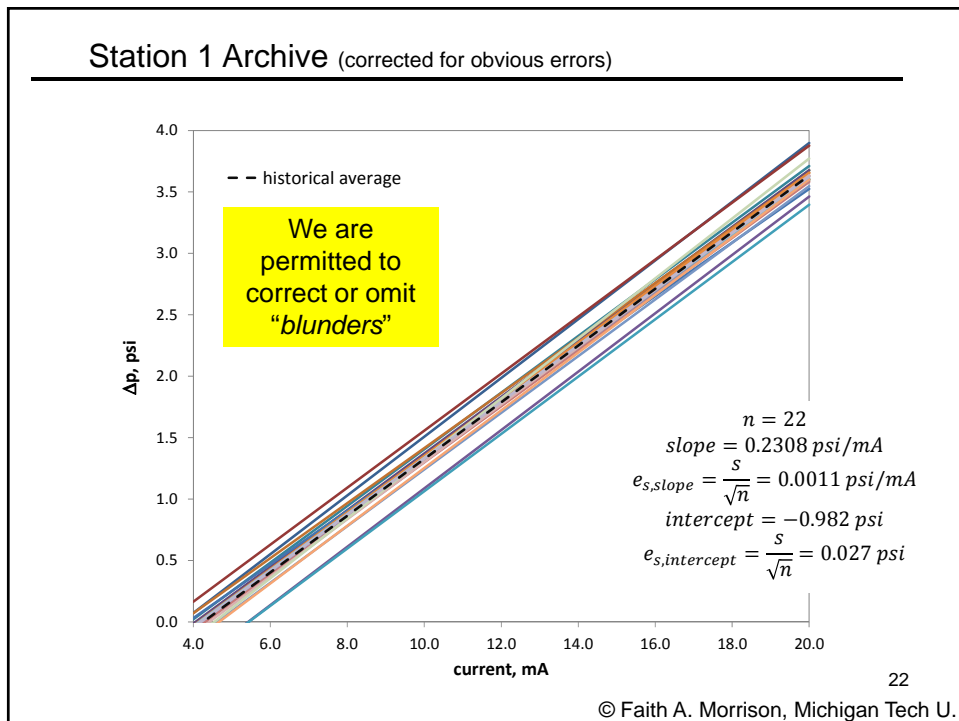
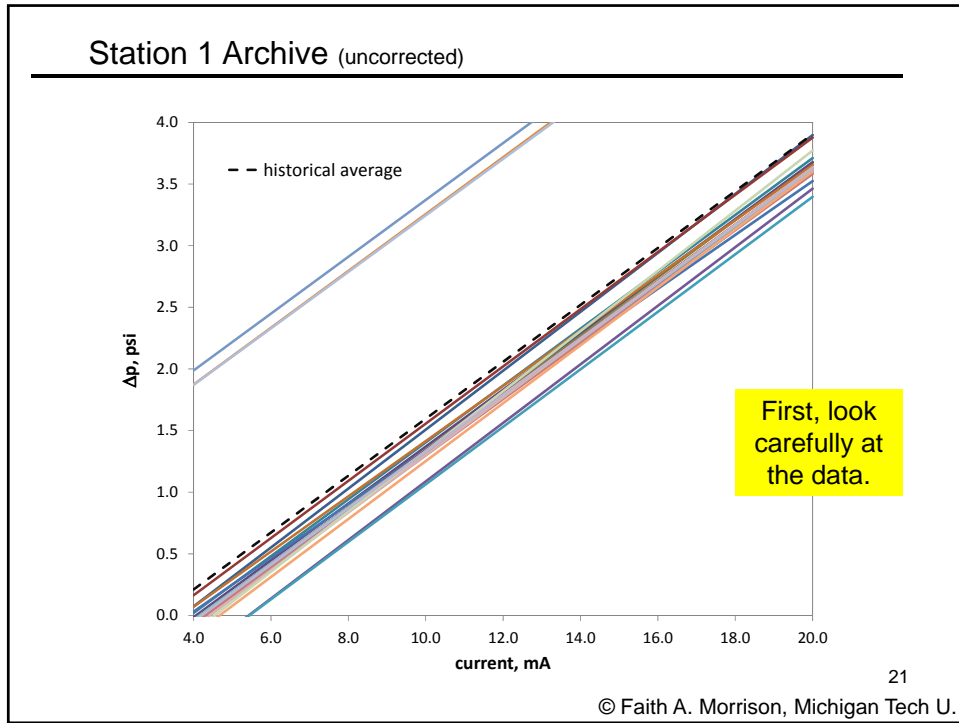
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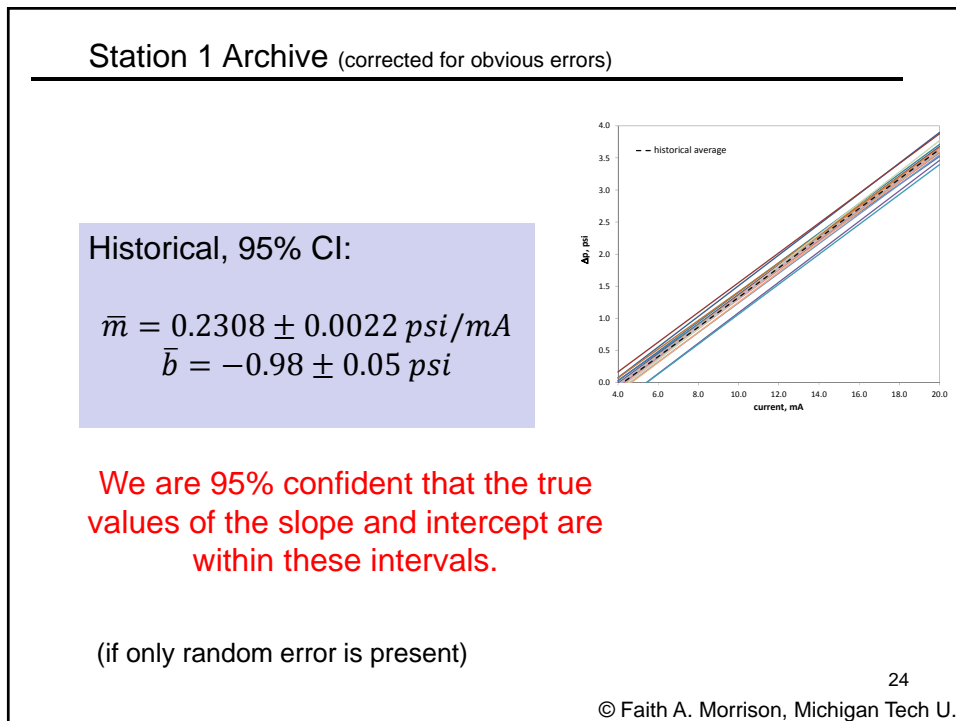
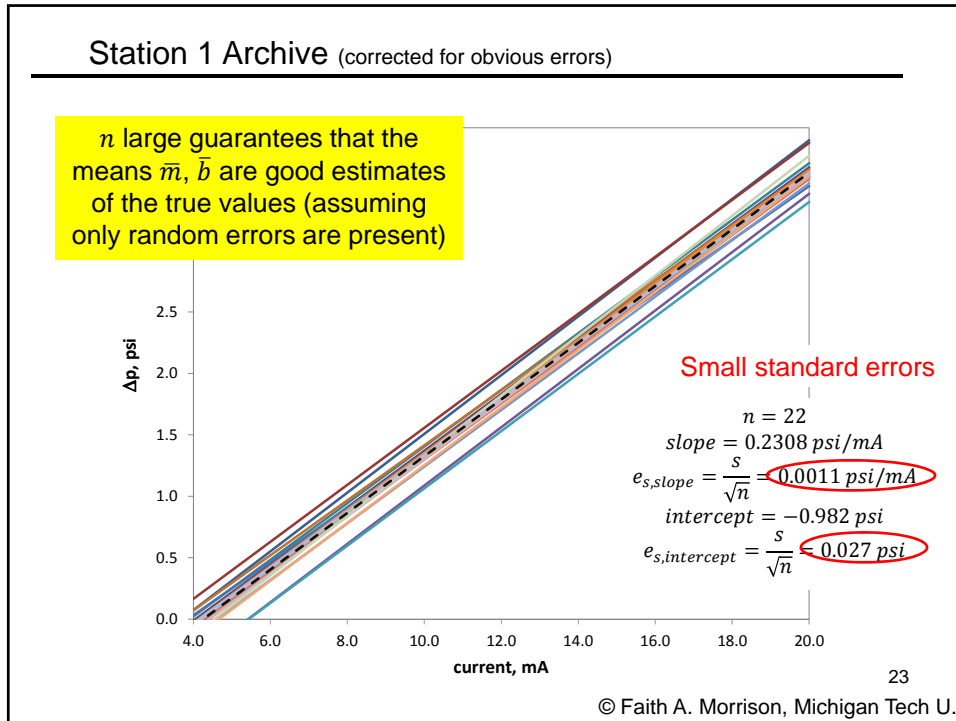
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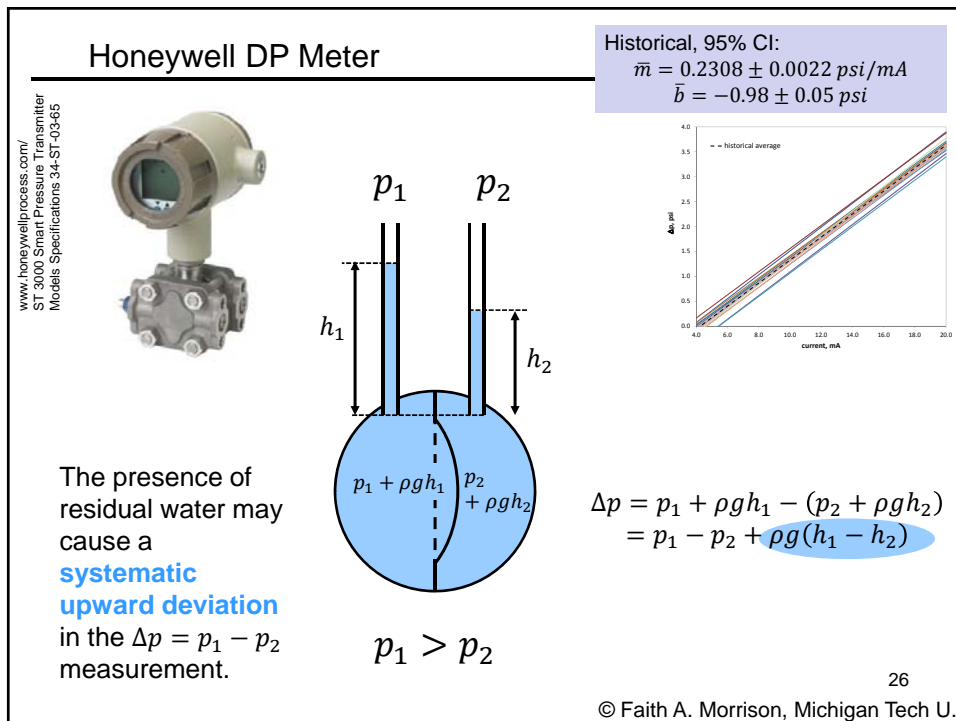
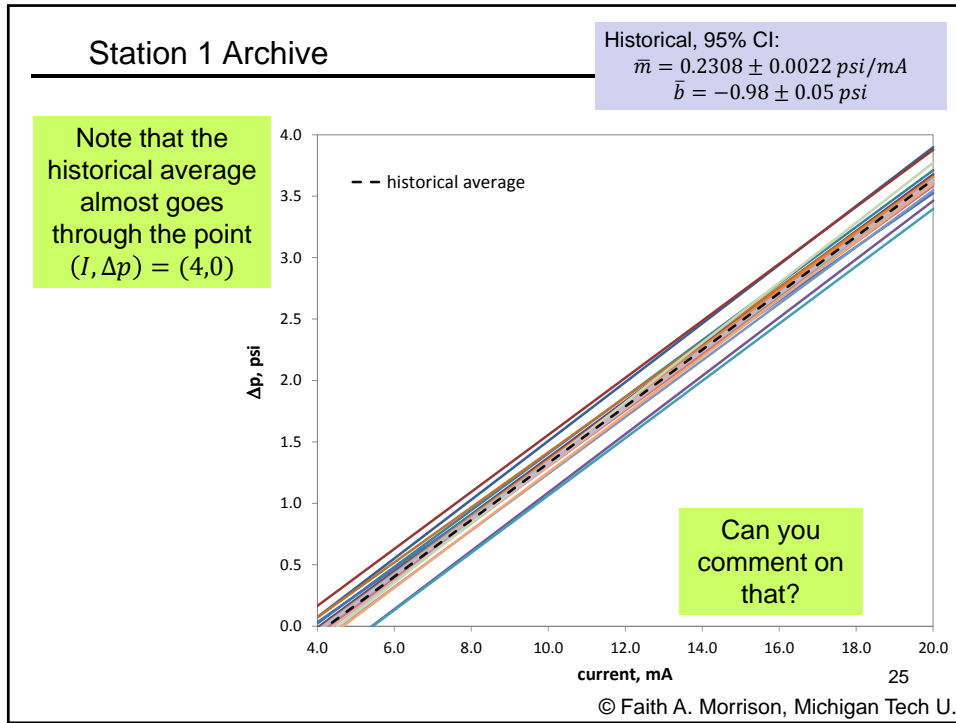
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Station 1 Archive

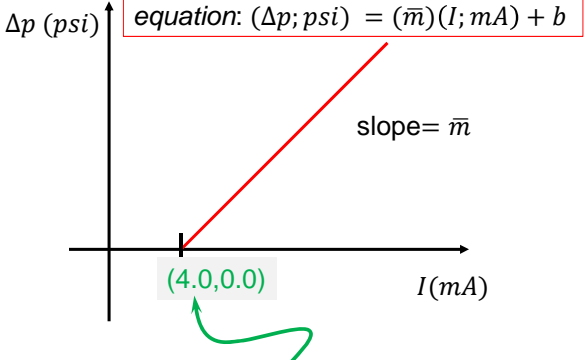
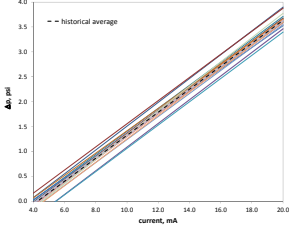
(identify a systematic error; correct the calibration curve)

Historical, 95% CI:
 $\bar{m} = 0.2308 \pm 0.0022 \text{ psi/mA}$
 $\bar{b} = -0.98 \pm 0.05 \text{ psi}$

equation: $(\Delta p; \text{psi}) = (\bar{m})(I; \text{mA}) + b$

slope = \bar{m}

$(4.0, 0.0)$

If we know **this point** is on our correlation line, we can solve for a value of b , independent of the systematic offset in the data.

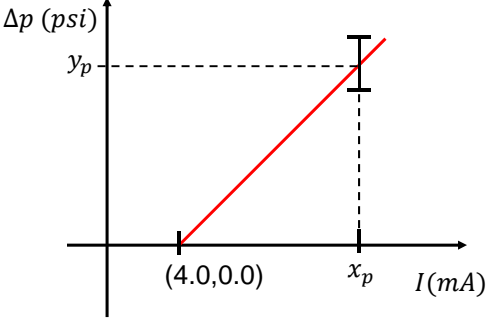
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Another Error-Related question:

$(\Delta p; \text{psi}) = (\bar{m})(I; \text{mA}) + b$

What's the **lowest** accurate Δp ?

Can we measure
 $\Delta p = 10 \text{ psi}$?
 1 psi ?
 0.1 psi ?
 0.01 psi ?
 0.001 psi ?
 0.0001 psi ?

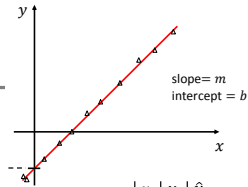


When will the **value** be indistinguishable from the **noise** (error)?

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From *Error Analysis Lecture 5* on LINEST:

Ordinary, Least Squares, Linear Regression



What are the error limits on a value of y obtained from the equation $y = \hat{m}x + \hat{b}$?

Answer:

at $x_p, y_p = (\hat{m}x_p + \hat{b}) \pm 2s_{y_p}$

$$s_{y_p}^2 = s_{y,x}^2 \left(\frac{1}{n} + \frac{(x_p - \bar{x})^2}{SS_{xx}} \right)$$

(This is the final result of the algebra indicated on previous slide see Appendix B of the handout.)

for $n - 2 \leq 6$,
replace "2" with $t_{0.025, n-2}$

Use this for error limits on the fit.

In Excel:

- $s_{y,x} = \text{STEYX}(y\text{-range}, x\text{-range})$
- $SS_{xx} = \text{DEVSQ}(x\text{-range})$
- $\bar{x} = \text{AVERAGE}(x\text{-range})$

i	x_i	y_i	\hat{y}_i
1	x_1	y_1	\hat{y}_1
2	x_2	y_2	\hat{y}_2
\vdots	\vdots	\vdots	\vdots
n	x_n	y_n	\hat{y}_n

The error limits on a Δp obtained from the line:

$$\Delta p = \Delta p_{\text{predicted from calibration curve}} \pm 2s_{y_p}$$

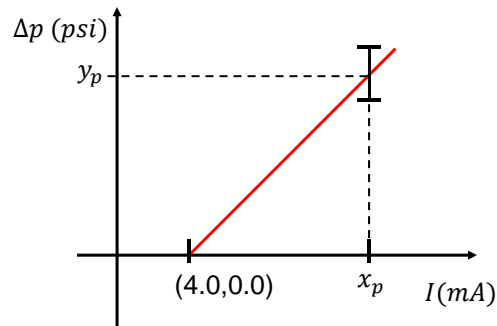
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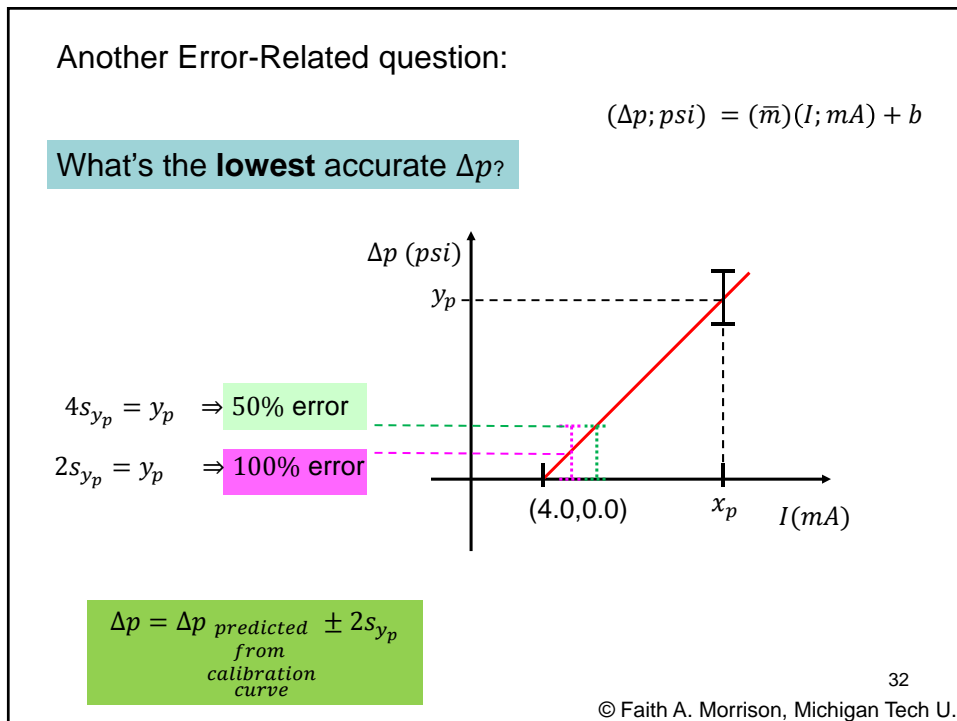
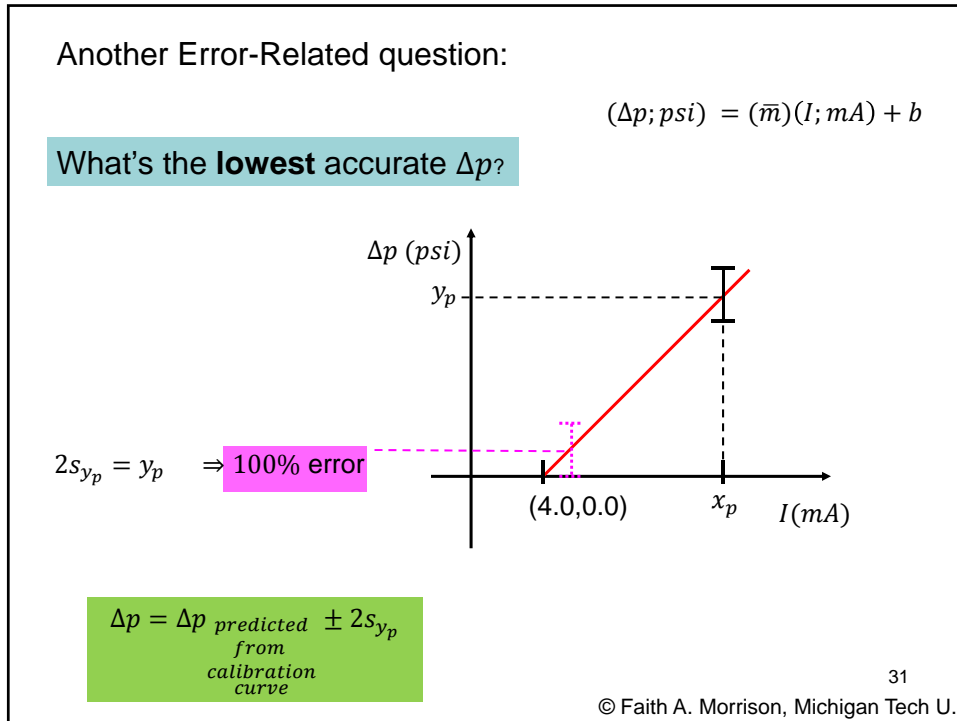
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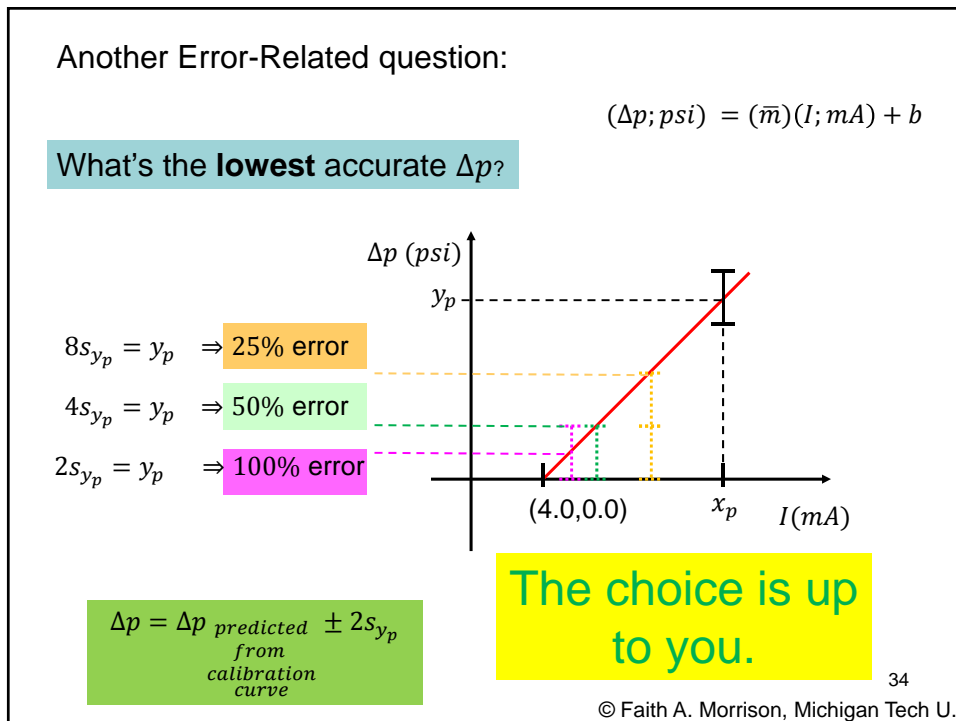
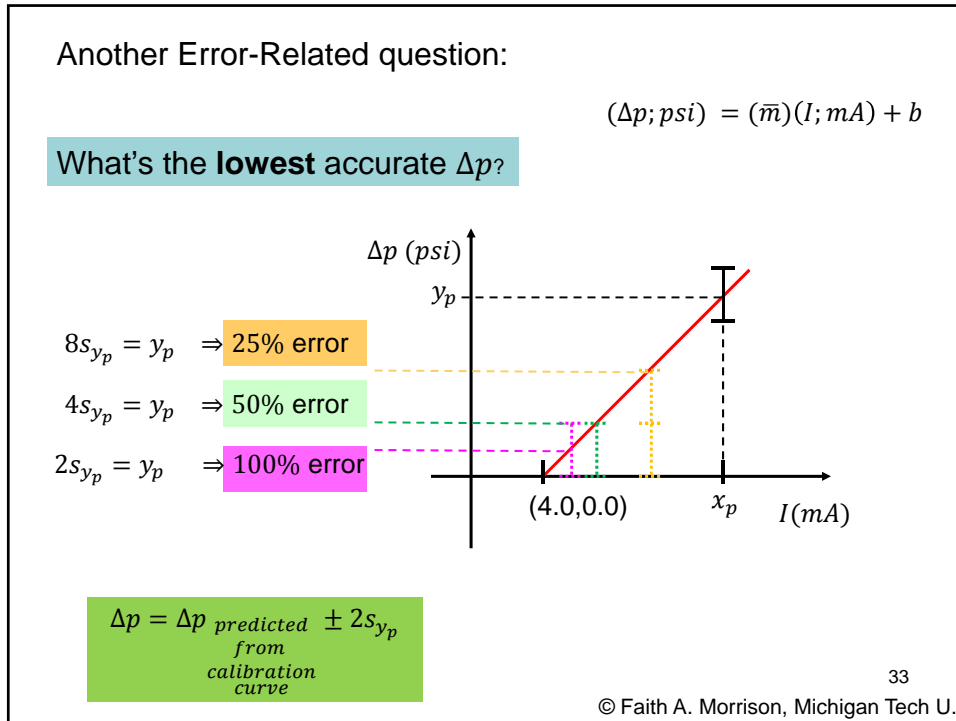


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- **Note that the units of Δp are *psi* not *psig*.** You've subtracted two numbers:

$$\Delta p = p_1 - p_2$$

For example:

$$p_1 = 5\text{psig} = 6\text{psia}$$

$$p_2 = 0\text{psig} = 1\text{psia}$$

$$\Delta p = 5\text{psi} = 5\text{psi}$$

- The lowest number you can accurately report depends on your tolerance for uncertainty (25% max relative error is a good rule of thumb $\Rightarrow \Delta p_{min} \approx 8s_{y_p}$)

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Pay attention to pressures, and Δp 's: we measure many different pressures and Δp 's and often there is confusion

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