rTPC_protoTPC_flowrate_v1

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1 Executive Summary

This document shows a successful application of the rotameter calibration curves posted on the manufacturer's website. However, the use of more refined instruments to determine the flow of a gas mixture is necessary given the discrepancy between the measurement made from the individual components of the mixture and the calculations made on the basis of the rotometer in the gas mixture supply line as shown in the Section ??.

2 Calibration

2.1 Argon

Table at atmospheric pressure with stainless steel floater: $\phi_{Ar}(z)$

```
[4]: ro,cal=np.loadtxt('ARGON_602(E300)_SS_0_PSIG.dat',unpack=True) # sccm arflowSS=interpolate.interp1d(ro, cal)
```

2.2 Carbon Dioxide

Table at atmospheric pressure with glass floater: $\phi_{\text{CO}_2}(z)$

```
[5]: ro,cal=np.loadtxt('CARBON_DIOXIDE_602(E300)_GLASS_0_PSIG.dat',unpack=True) #_

→ sccm

co2flowPY=interpolate.interp1d(ro, cal)
```

Table at atmospheric pressure with stainless steel floater (used later).

```
[6]: ro,cal=np.loadtxt('CARBON_DIOXIDE_602(E300)_SS_0_PSIG.dat',unpack=True) # sccm co2flowSS=interpolate.interp1d(ro, cal)
```

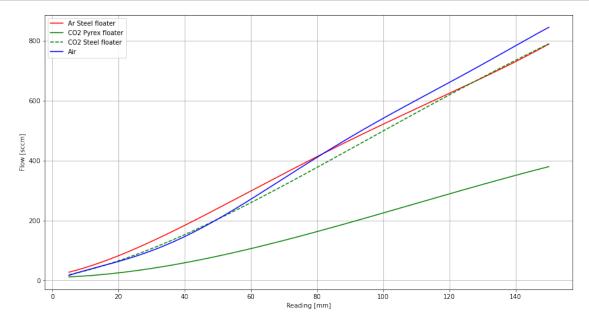
2.3 Air

Table at atmospheric pressure with stainless steel floater.

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[7]: ro,cal=np.loadtxt('AIR_602(E300)_SS_0_PSIG.dat',unpack=True) # sccm airflow=interpolate.interp1d(ro, cal)
```

2.4 Plots

```
[8]: plt.plot(x, arflowSS(x), 'r', label='Ar Steel floater')
   plt.plot(x, co2flowPY(x),'g', label='CO2 Pyrex floater')
   plt.plot(x, co2flowSS(x),'g--', label='CO2 Steel floater')
   plt.plot(x, airflow(x), 'b', label='Air')
   plt.xlabel('Reading [mm]')
   plt.ylabel('Flow [sccm]')
   plt.grid()
   plt.legend(loc='upper left')
   plt.show()
```



3 Determination of the flow prior to mixing

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Carbon Dioxide flow \phi_{\text{CO}_2}(z_1) for reading z_1 pic goes here
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```
[9]: z1=85 # reading of glass floater
inCO2Flow=co2flowPY(z1)
print(f'CO2 inflow {inCO2Flow:.Of} sccm')
```

CO2 inflow 178 sccm

Argon flow $\phi_{Ar}(z_2)$ for reading z_2

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[10]: z2=90 # reading of stainless stell floater
inArFlow=arflowSS(z2)
print(f'Ar inflow {inArFlow:.0f} sccm')
```

Ar inflow 469 sccm

Total flow prior to mixing $\phi_{\text{sum}} = \phi_{\text{CO}_2}(z_1) + \phi_{\text{Ar}}(z_2)$

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[11]: totFlow=inCO2Flow+inArFlow
print(f'Total input Flow {totFlow:.Of} sccm')
```

Total input Flow 647 sccm

Calculate CO_2 fraction $\eta_{CO_2} = \frac{\phi_{CO_2}(z_1)}{\phi_{\text{sum}}}$

```
[12]: co2frac=inC02Flow/totFlow
print(f'C02 fraction {co2frac*100:.0f}%')
```

CO2 fraction 28%

3.1 Error Estimation

This document reports that the accuracy of the tube is $\pm 5\%$ of full scale flow rate.

The full scale rate for Argon using the calibration above is 790 sccm

```
[13]: Arerr=790.*0.05 print(f'Argon flow rate measurement accuracy: {Arerr:.1f}sccm')
```

Argon flow rate measurement accuracy: 39.5sccm

The full scale rate for Argon using the calibration above is 380 sccm

```
[14]: C02err=380.*0.05
print(f'Carbon Dioxide flow rate measurement accuracy: {C02err:.1f}sccm')
```

Carbon Dioxide flow rate measurement accuracy: 19.0sccm

Therefore the total flow rate is

```
[15]: totErr=Arerr+C02err
print(f'({totFlow:.0f} +/- {totErr:.0f}) sccm')
```

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(647 + / - 58) \text{ sccm}
```

The error for the Carbon Dioxide fraction is calcualted in quadrature

```
[16]: co2fracErr=co2frac*quadrature_error_relative(np.array([inCO2Flow,totFlow]),np.

→array([CO2err,totErr]))

print(f'CO2 fraction ({co2frac*100:.0f} +/- {co2fracErr*100:.0f})%')
```

CO2 fraction (28 +/- 4)%

4 Determination of the flow of a gas mixture

4.1 Calculate correction for different gas mixture - Version 1

There are few reasons to believe that this approach works correctly given this and this. However, it's the method recommended by the manufacturer.

According to this document, the recipe to determine the flow rate of a gas mixture ϕ_{mix} is to calculate the weighted average of the gas factors f_i

$$F = \sum_{i} f_i \frac{v_i}{V_{\text{tot}}}$$

and to multiply the calibration for air $\phi_{air}(z)$ by it

$$\phi_{\rm mix}(z) = F\phi_{\rm air}(z)$$

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[17]: Ar_factor=0.851
C02_factor=0.808
```

The weights are given by the fractional volume of the mixture $\eta = \frac{v_i}{V_{\rm tot}}$.

By indicating the mixture fraction by $\eta_{Ar} = 1 - \eta_{CO_2}$, F is given by

The mix factor is 0.83916

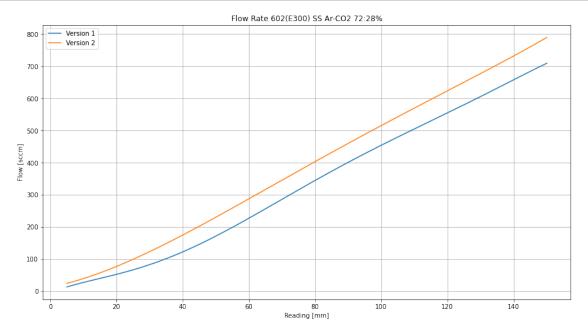
4.2 Calculate correction for different gas mixture - Version 2

There is another way to calcualte the flow rate of a gas mixture and is as follows

$$\phi_{\text{mix}}(z) = \eta_{\text{Ar}}\phi_{\text{Ar}}(z) + \eta_{\text{CO}_2}\phi_{\text{CO}_2}(z)$$

[19]:
$$mixflow=interpolate.interp1d(x,(1.0-co2frac)*arflowSS(x)+co2frac*co2flowSS(x))$$

4.3 Plots



4.4 Readout of the SS floater

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[21]: inSS=105 outSS=55
```

Determine input flow post mixing with calculation "version 1"

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[22]: inFlowV1=airflow(inSS)*mix_factor
print(f'Gas Mixture inflow {inFlowV1:.0f} sccm')
```

Gas Mixture inflow 480 sccm

Determine input flow post mixing with calculation "version 2"

```
[23]: inFlowV2=mixflow(inSS)
print(f'Gas Mixture inflow {inFlowV2:.0f} sccm')
```

Gas Mixture inflow 543 sccm

Determine output flow

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[24]: outFlow=airflow(outSS)*mix_factor
print(f'Gas Mixture outflow {outFlow:.0f} sccm')
```

Gas Mixture outflow 199 sccm

Determine return fraction

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[25]: print(f'Return fraction {outFlow/inFlowV1*100.0:.0f}%')
```

Return fraction 41%

4.5 Error Estimation

The error on the "version 1" calcuation is obtained from the full scale rate for the gas mixture using the calibration above and is as follows:

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[26]: mix_maxrate=airflow(150.)*mix_factor
print(f'Max flow rate for mixture {mix_maxrate:.0f} sccm')
mixerrV1=mix_maxrate*0.05
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Max flow rate for mixture 709 sccm

The error on the "version 2" is determined in quadrature

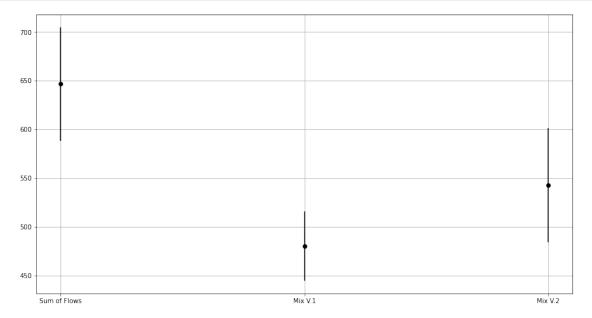
Therefore the input and output flow rate of the mixture are

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[28]: print(f'Input ver.1: ({inFlowV1:.0f} +/- {mixerrV1:.0f}) sccm')
print(f'Input ver.2: ({inFlowV2:.0f} +/- {mixerrV2:.0f}) sccm')
print(f'Output: ({outFlow:.0f} +/- {mixerrV1:.0f}) sccm')
```

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Input ver.1: (480 +/- 35) sccm
Input ver.2: (543 +/- 59) sccm
Output: (199 +/- 35) sccm
```

4.6 Plot

Put everything together



Section ??

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