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**Introduction:**

A Thermocouple is a device made of two different metals, when heat is applied a small voltage is produced. The magnitude of the voltage is dependent on the temperature difference between the two metals. During this lab we calculated calibration points and millivoltages for a Type K thermocouple. We then calibrated the thermocouple and compare them to known standard and calculated the %Error.

**Equipment:**

- Thermocouple mV/I transmitter E&H TMT122
- Hart communication device
- Ametek Calibration Instruments, AMC910
- Thermocouple leads (compatible with the transmitter)
- Supply of connecting wires.

**Procedure:**

- 1- Connect the Thermocouple Temperature transmitter as shown in Figure 1A
- 2- Prepare a calibration line (100°C -1100°C) from 0% to 100%. Record in Table 2
- 3- Start Endress & Hauser device care and configure the temperature transmitter from 100- 1100°C and type K sensor input
- 4- Using the recorded mV values one at a time and record the output
- 5- Get two unknown temperatures from instructor and calculate the error and confirm the values using table 1
- 6- Disassemble and clean work area

## Graphs and Diagrams:

Temperature (°C) vs Output (mA)

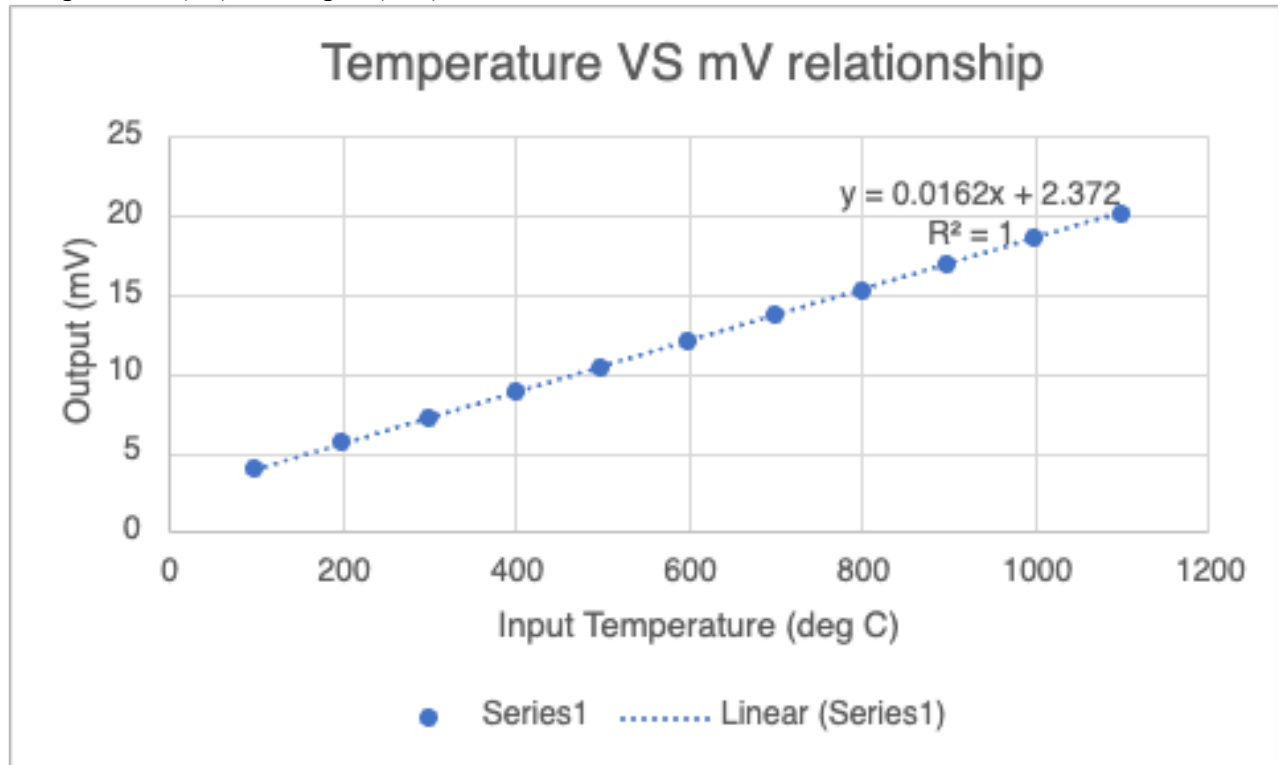
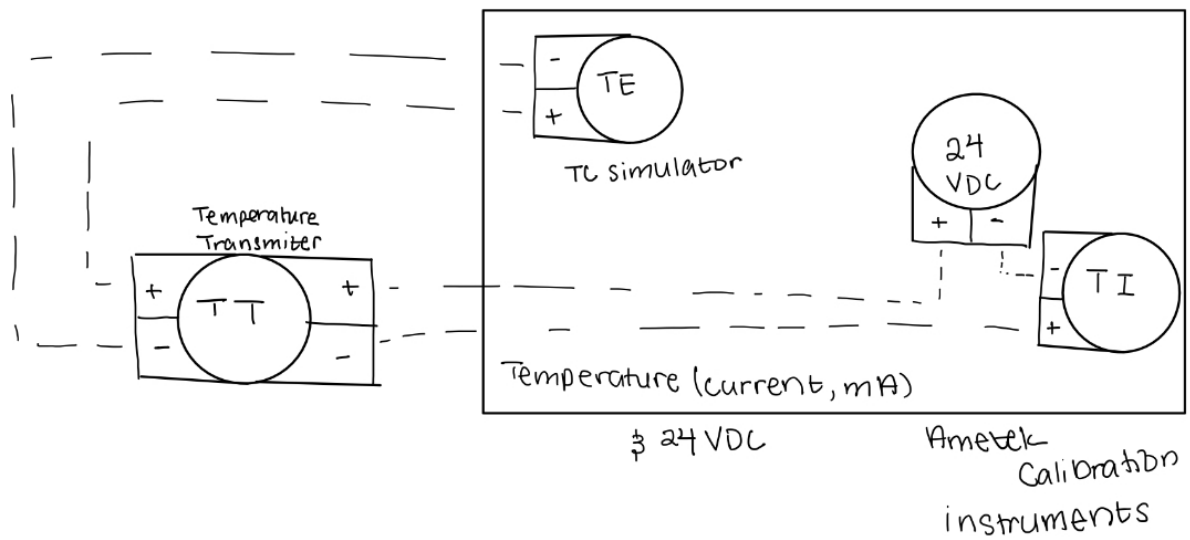


Figure 1B:



## Tables and Results:

**Table 1: Thermocouple calibration Line (“Hill”) Data**

Thermocouple Type: K type

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100%	1100°C – 44.618 mV
90%	1000°C – 40.786 mV
80%	900°C – 36.767 mV
70%	800°C – 32.642 mV
60%	700°C – 28.459 mV
50%	600°C – 24.239 mV
40%	500°C – 19.936 mV
30%	400°C – 15.645 mV
20%	300°C – 11.412 mV
10%	200°C – 7.299 mV
0%	100°C – 3.217 mV
Ref.	22°C – 0.879 mV

**Table 2: Thermocouple Calibration**

Transmitter Make: Hart Communication Device

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% Of Range	INPUT	OUTPUT	
	Corrected mV	Actual mA	Ideal mA
0% (100°C)	3.217	3.99	4.00
10%	7.299	5.61	5.60
20%	11.412	7.22	7.20
30%	15.645	8.84	8.80
40%	19.936	10.45	10.40
50%	24.239	12.07	12.00
60%	28.459	13.67	13.60
70%	32.642	15.29	15.20
80%	36.767	16.92	16.80
90%	40.786	18.55	18.40
100% (1100°C)	44.618	20.15	20.00

$$\%Errors = \frac{Deviation [^{\circ}C]}{Span [^{\circ}C]} \times 100$$

$$Deviation[^{\circ}C] = maximum Deviation [^{\circ}C]$$

$$\%Errors = 0.9375\%$$

**Table 3: Unknown Test Reading**

Table 3 – “Unknown”	Temperature #1	Temperature #2
Output Meter Reading (mA)	7.9751	15.9730
Calculated Temperature	348.4	848.3
True Temperature (given by transmitter)	350°C	850°C
Error (% of Reading)	0.46%	0.20%
Error (% of Span)	0.16%	0.17%

**Sample Calculations:**

$$\%Errors = \frac{Deviation [^{\circ}C]}{Span [^{\circ}C]} \times 100$$

$$\%Errors = \frac{20.15 - 20.00}{20 - 4} \times 100$$

$$\%Errors = 0.9375\%$$

$$Output Reading (in \% of Span) = (Meter reading - 4 mA) \div 16 mA \times 100$$

$$Output Reading (in \% of Span) = (7.9751 mA - 4 mA) \div 16 mA \times 100$$

$$Output Reading (in \% of Span) = 24.84$$

$$Calculated Temperature = \% of Span \times (Temperature Span) + LRV of Temp Range$$

$$Calculated Temperature = 0.2484 \times (1000) + 100$$

$$Calculated Temperature = 348.4$$

$$Deviation (Error) = Measured Value - True Value$$

$$Deviation (Error) = 348.4 - 350$$

$$Deviation (Error) = 1.6$$

$$Error (in \% of Reading) = Deviation \div True Temperature \times 100$$

$$Error (in \% of Reading) = 1.6 \div 350 \times 100$$

$$Error (in \% of Reading) = 0.46\%$$

$$Error (in \% of Span) = Deviation \div Temperature Span \times 100$$

$$Error (in \% of Span) = 1.6 \div 1000 \times 100$$

$$Error (in \% of Span) = 0.16\%$$

**Conclusion:**

After completing this lab, we noticed our numbers are very close to the expected value. Our %Error is only 0.9375% which can be because we can not calculate mV more accurately, for example our TC temperature reading for our reference point was 21.71 °C but the closest value we were able to calculate was for 22°C.