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WORKSHOP
Temperature measurement by thermocouples

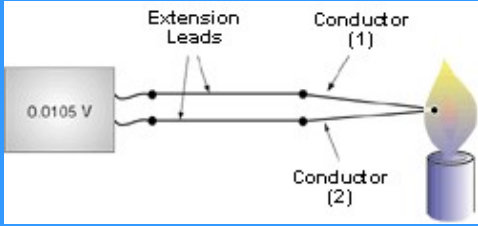
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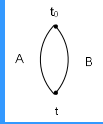
Thermocouples

- Thermocouples are the most common sensors in industrial use.
- They have a long history, the original paper on thermoelectricity by Seebeck being published in 1822.
- They consist of two dissimilar metallic conductors joined at the point of measurement.
- When the conductors are heated a voltage is generated in the circuit, and this can be used to determine the temperature.

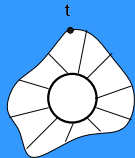


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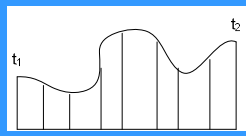
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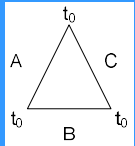
$$e_{AB} = f(t)$$



$$e = \int_t^t de = \int_t^t df(t) = f(t) - f(t) = 0$$



$$e = \int_{t_1}^{t_2} de = \int_{t_1}^{t_2} df(t) = f(t_2) - f(t_1)$$

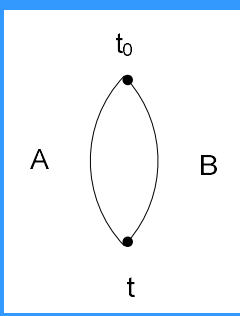


$$e_{AB}(t_0) + e_{BC}(t_0) + e_{CA}(t_0) = 0$$

- Thermovoltage is a function of temperature
- There can be no thermovoltage in closed homogeneous conductor
- The thermovoltage in an open homogeneous conductor depends only on the temperature of its ends
- The thermovoltage in a homogeneous triangle with the same temperature at its junctions must equal zero.

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Equation of Thermocouple



$$E_{AB}(t, t_0) = e_{AB}(t) + e_{BA}(t_0)$$

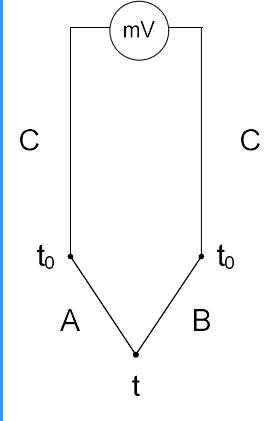
$$e_{BA}(t_0) = -e_{AB}(t_0)$$

$$E_{AB}(t, t_0) = e_{AB}(t) - e_{AB}(t_0)$$

$$E = f(\text{materijala}, t, t_0, \dots)$$

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Connection to the Voltmeter

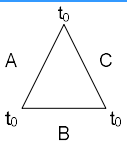


$$E = e_{AB}(t) + e_{BC}(t_0) + e_{CA}(t_0);$$

$$\rightarrow e_{CA}(t_0) = -e_{AB}(t_0) - e_{BC}(t_0)$$

$$E = e_{AB}(t) + e_{BC}(t_0) - e_{AB}(t_0) - e_{BC}(t_0)$$

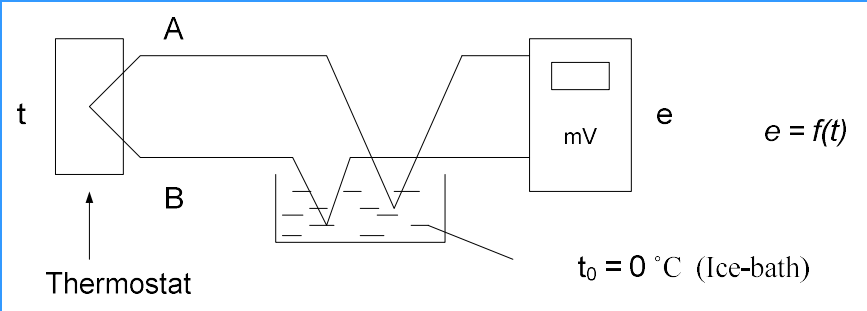
$$E = e_{AB}(t) - e_{AB}(t_0) = E_{AB}(t, t_0)$$



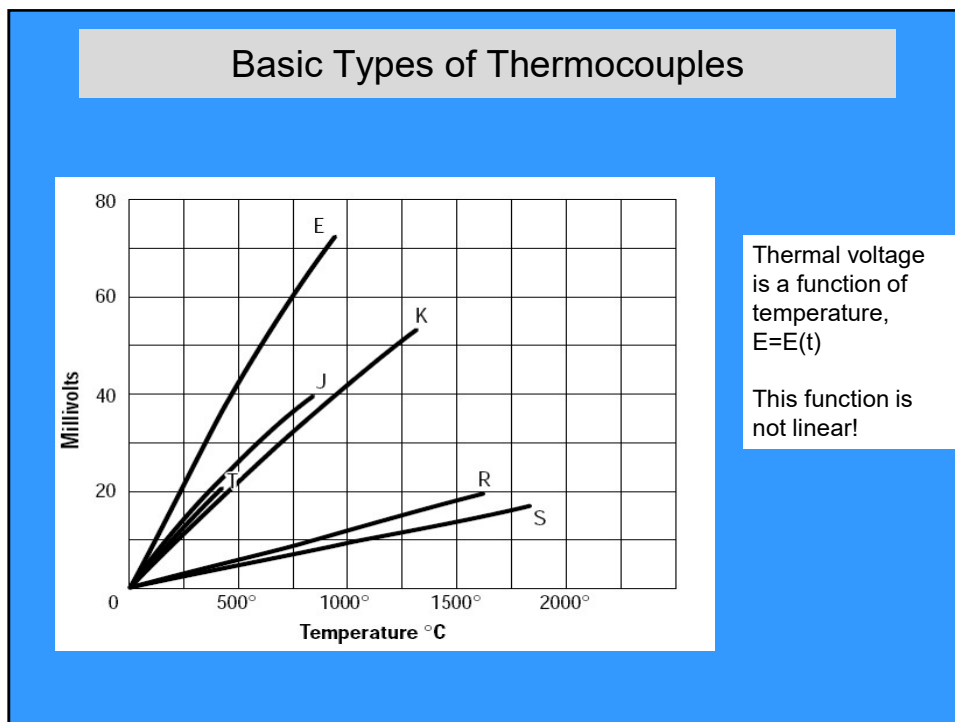
$$e_{AB}(t_0) + e_{BC}(t_0) + e_{CA}(t_0) = 0$$

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Generation of the $e=f(T)$ Tables



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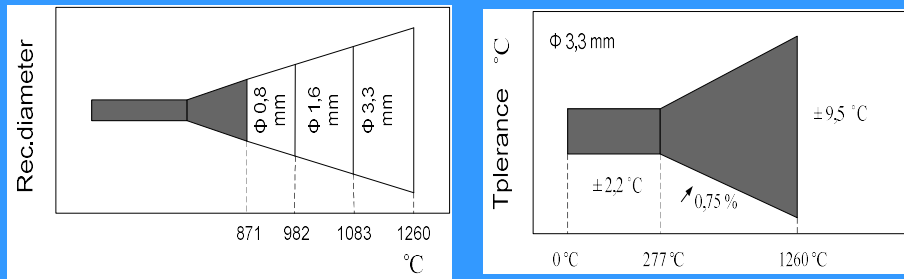
Thermocouple Classes and Tolerances

Standardized tolerances and approximate accuracies achievable with calibration

Type	Range	Tolerance (from standard polynomial)		Calibration
T	-250 / +400 °C	± 1 K	0 / 100 °C	0,1 K
		± 1 %	100 / 400 °C	0,2 K
J	-200 / +800 °C	± 3 K	0 / 300 °C	0,5 K
		± 1 %	300 / 850 °C	1 K
K	-200 / +1100 °C	± 3 K	0 / 400 °C	0,5 K
		± 0,75 %	100 / 400 °C	1 K
S	0 / +1400 °C	± 1 K	0 / 1100 °C	0,5 K
		± 2 K	1100 / 1400 °C	1-2 K

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Diameter, Temperature Range and Tolerance



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Thermocouple Classes and Tolerances

IEC Tolerance Class EN 60584-2; JIS C 1602

IEC Code		Class 1	Class 2	Class 3 ¹
J	Temp Range	-40 to 375°C	-40 to 333°C	Not Established
	Tolerance Value	±1.5°C	±2.5°C	
	Tolerance Value	±0.4% Reading	±0.75% Reading	
K N	Temp Range	-40 to 375°C	-40 to 333°C	-167 to 40°C
	Tolerance Value	±1.5°C	±2.5°C	±2.5°C
	Tolerance Value	±0.4%	±0.75% Reading	±1.5% Reading
T	Temp Range	-40 to 125°C	-40 to 133°C	-67 to 40°C
	Tolerance Value	±0.5°C	±1°C	±1°C
	Tolerance Value	±0.4% Reading	±0.75% Reading	±1.5% Reading
E	Temp Range	-40 to 375°C	-40 to 333°C	-167 to 40°C
	Tolerance Value	±1.5°C	±2.5°C	±2.5°C
	Tolerance Value	±0.4% Reading	±0.75% Reading	±1.5% Reading
R S	Temp Range	0 to 1100°C	0 to 600°C	Not Established
	Tolerance Value	±1°C	±1.5°C	
	Tolerance Value	±[1 + 0.3% x (Rdg-1100)]°C	±0.25% Reading	
B	Temp Range	Not Established	600 to 1700°C	600 to 800°C
	Tolerance Value		±4°C	±4°C
	Tolerance Value		±0.25% Reading	±0.5% Reading

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Thermocouple Reference Function and Coefficients

Type J Thermocouples - coefficients, c_i , of reference equations giving the thermoelectric voltage, E , as a function of temperature t_{90} , for the indicated temperature ranges. The equations are of the form:

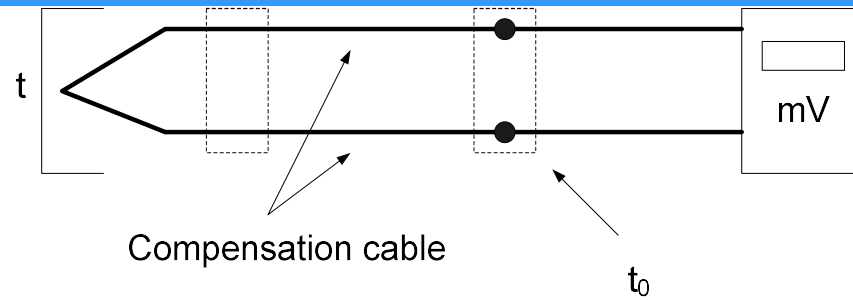
$$E = \sum_{i=0}^n c_i (t_{90})^i$$

where E is in microvolts and t_{90} is in degrees Celsius.

Temperature Range:	-210 to 760°C	760 to 1,200°C
$C_0 =$	0.000 000 000 0 ...	$2.964\ 562\ 568\ 1 \times 10^5$
$C_1 =$	$5.038\ 118\ 781\ 5 \times 10^1$	$-1.497\ 612\ 778\ 6 \times 10^3$
$C_2 =$	$3.047\ 583\ 693\ 0 \times 10^{-2}$	3.178 710 392 4
$C_3 =$	$-8.568\ 106\ 572\ 0 \times 10^{-5}$	$-3.184\ 768\ 670\ 1 \times 10^{-3}$
$C_4 =$	$1.322\ 819\ 529\ 5 \times 10^{-7}$	$1.572\ 081\ 900\ 4 \times 10^{-6}$
$C_5 =$	$-1.705\ 295\ 833\ 7 \times 10^{-10}$	$-3.069\ 136\ 905\ 6 \times 10^{-10}$
$C_6 =$	$2.094\ 809\ 069\ 7 \times 10^{-13}$	
$C_7 =$	$-1.253\ 839\ 533\ 6 \times 10^{-16}$	
$C_8 =$	$1.563\ 172\ 569\ 7 \times 10^{-20}$	

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Compensation cable



If, for practical reasons, the length of a thermocouple has to be increased this shall be made by the use of the correct extension or compensating cable. Extension cable consists of conductors made of nominally the same materials as the thermocouple conductors while compensating cable is made from a different pair of alloys. The cables are manufactured to match the emf/temperature characteristic of the thermocouple itself but over a restricted temperature range, no wider than -40 °C to $+200\text{ °C}$. Manufacturing tolerances are specified in EN IEC 60584-3.

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Case When $t_0 \neq 0^\circ\text{C}$ (almost always in measurement)

Let the reference junction temperature $t_0' > t_0$; The difference is then:

$$\begin{aligned} E_{AB}(t, t_0) - E_{AB}(t, t_0') &= (iz(4)) \rightarrow e_{AB}(t) - e_{AB}(t_0) - e_{AB}(t) + e_{AB}(t_0') = \\ &= e_{AB}(t_0') - e_{AB}(t_0) = E_{AB}(t_0', t_0) \Rightarrow \\ \Rightarrow E_{AB}(t, t_0) &= E_{AB}(t, t_0') + E_{AB}(t_0', t_0) \end{aligned}$$

For this E we have reference tables

This is E we are measuring

This E we must add on the basis of t'

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Case A $t_0 \neq 0^\circ\text{C}$ (Tables $t = f[E(t, t_0 = 0)]$ are not valid)

$t_0' \neq t_0 = 0^\circ\text{C}$

Case A1:

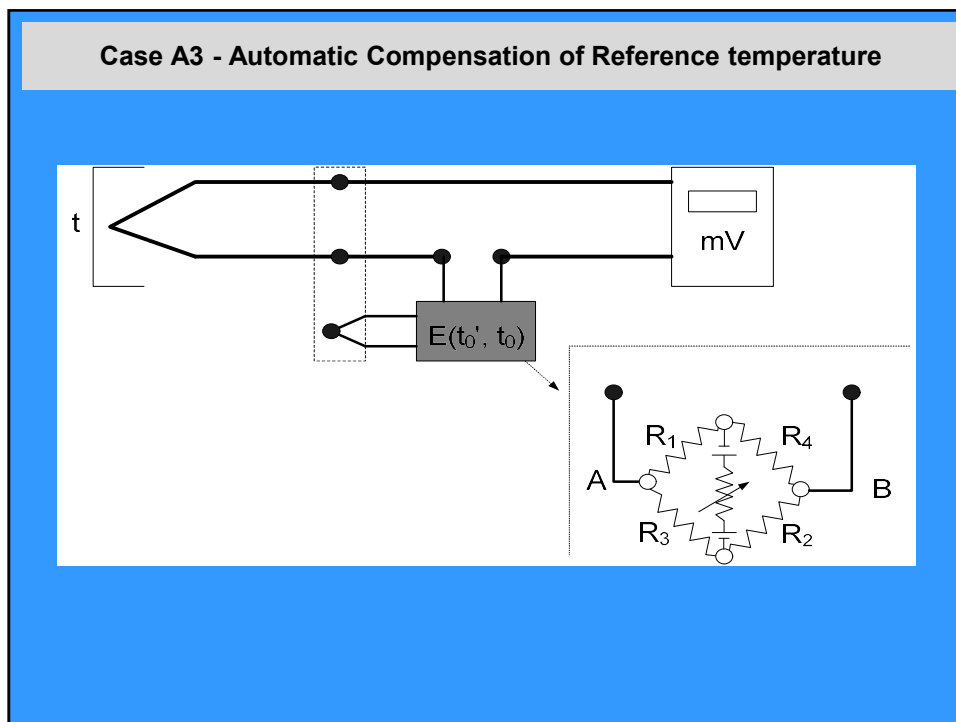
1. We measure $E(t, t_0')$
2. We measure t_0'
3. From tables we convert : $t' = f[E(t, t_0')]$
4. We add $t = t' + t_0'$

We are in error because $t(e_t + e_{t_0'}) \neq t(e_t) + t(e_{t_0'})$
 Error is small for $t_0' \approx t_0$

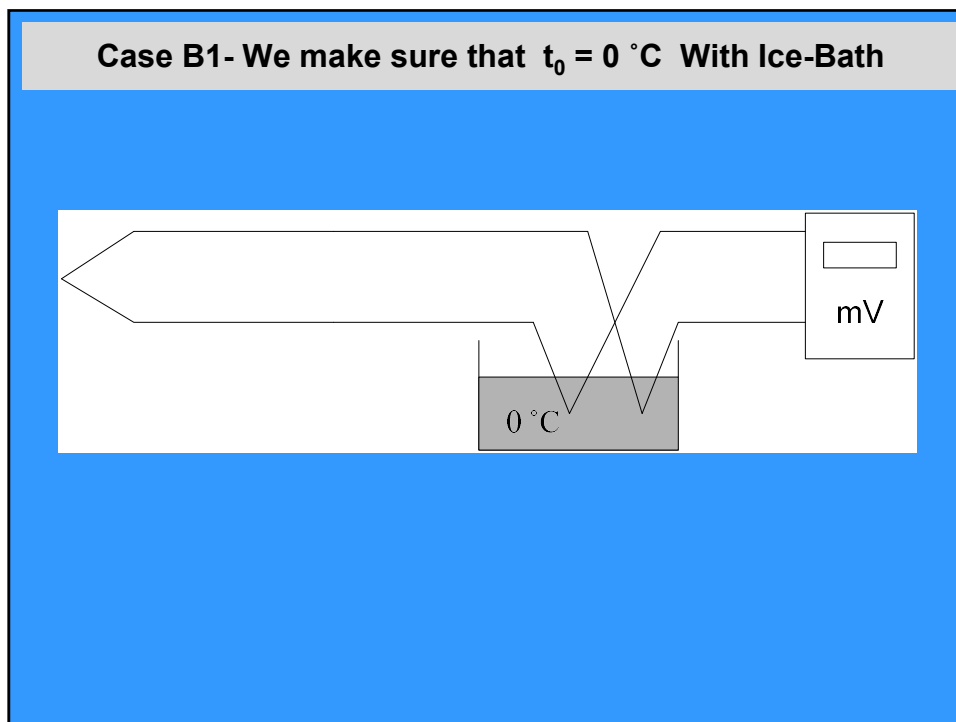
Case A2:

1. We measure $E(t, t_0') = e'$
2. We measure t_0'
3. From tables we find: $t' = f[E, t_0', t_0] = e_0'$
4. We add $e = e' + e_0'$
5. From tables we find $t = f(e)$ (this is fully correct)

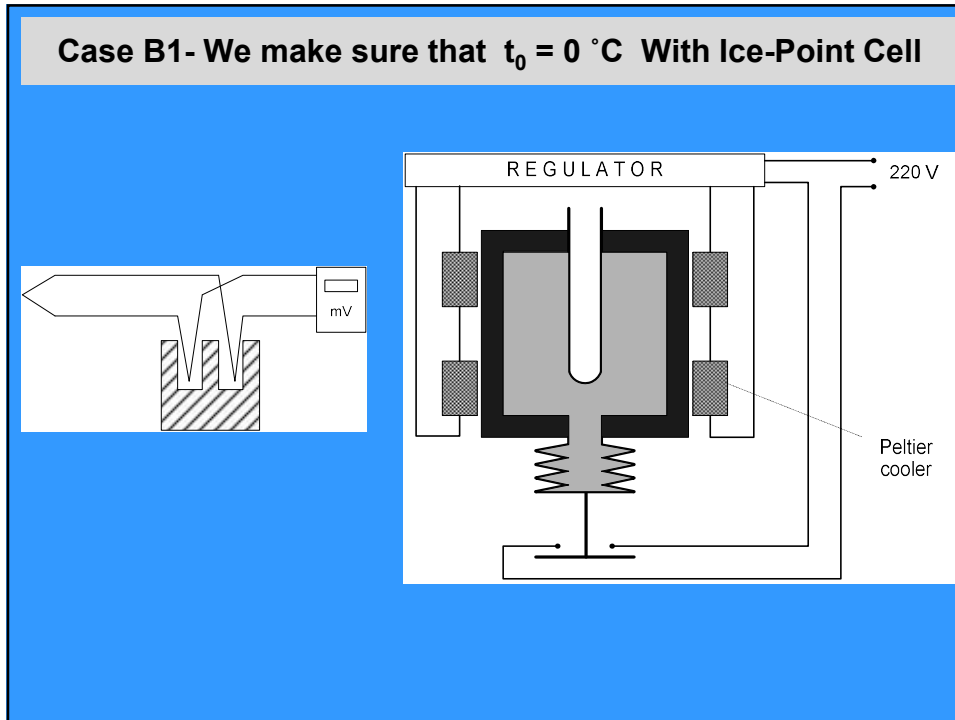
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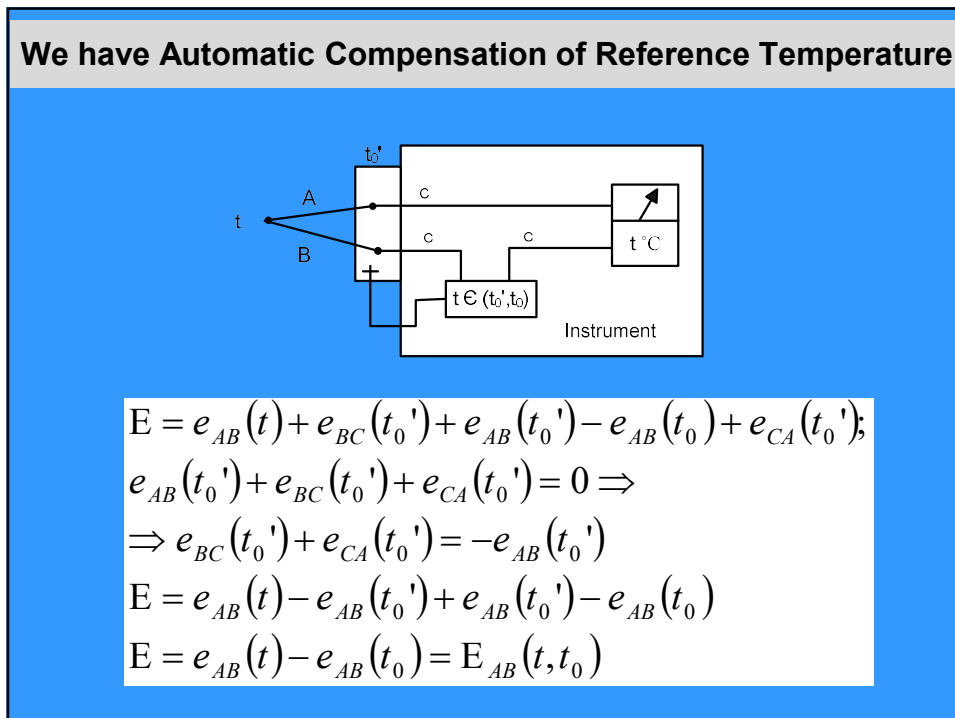
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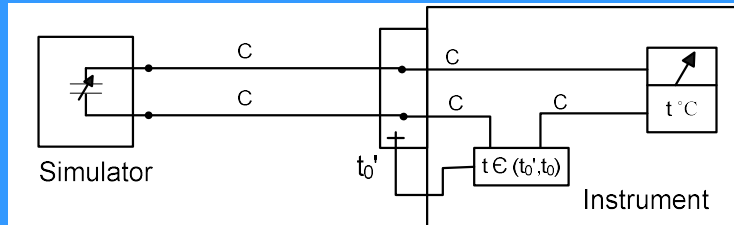


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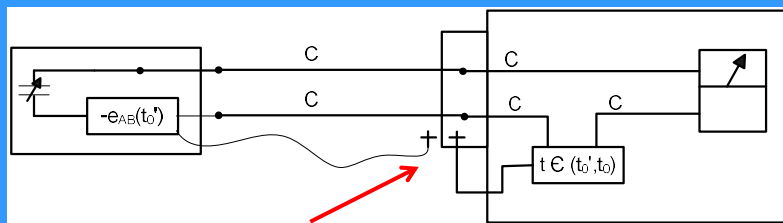
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Calibration – Simulation With Copper Cables



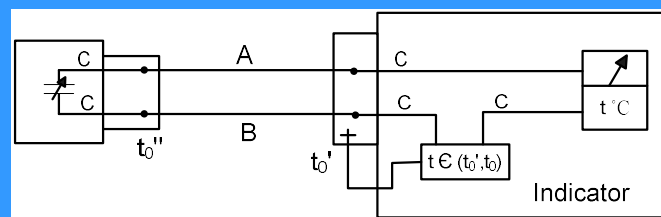
$$E = e_{AB}(t) + e_{AB}(t_0') - e_{AB}(t_0)$$

$$E = e_{AB}(t) - e_{AB}(t_0) + e_{AB}(t_0') = E_{AB}(t, t_0) + e_{AB}(t_0')$$



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Calibration – Simulation With Thermocouple Cables



$$E = e_{AB}(t) + e_{CB}(t_0'') + e_{BC}(t_0') + e_{AB}(t_0') - e_{AB}(t_0) + e_{CA}(t_0') + e_{AC}(t_0'');$$

$$e_{BC}(t_0') + e_{CA}(t_0') = -e_{AB}(t_0')$$

$$e_{AC}(t_0'') + e_{CB}(t_0'') + e_{BA}(t_0'') = 0$$

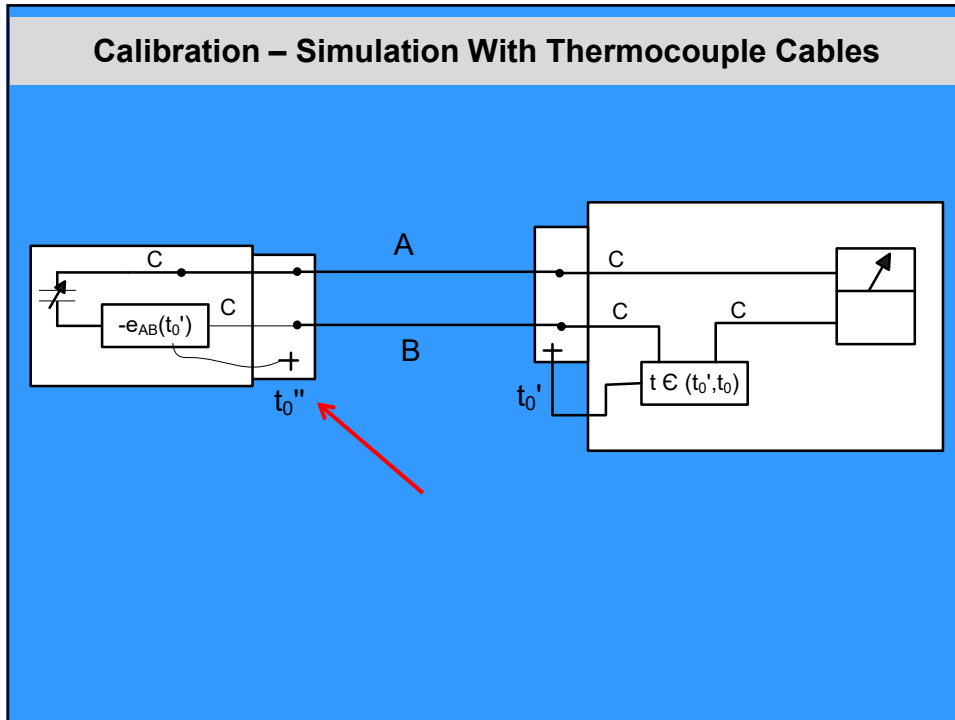
$$-e_{BA}(t_0'') = e_{AC}(t_0'') + e_{CB}(t_0'')$$

$$e_{AB}(t_0'') = -e_{BA}(t_0'')$$

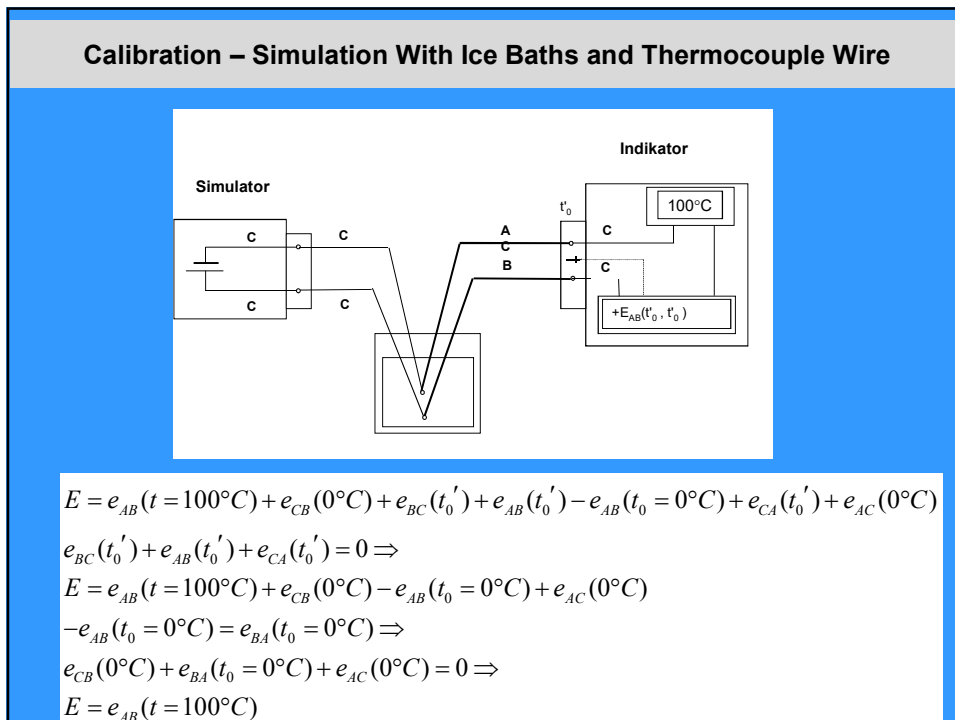
$$E = e_{AB}(t) + e_{AB}(t_0'') - e_{AB}(t_0') + e_{AB}(t_0') - e_{AB}(t_0)$$

$$E = e_{AB}(t) - e_{AB}(t_0) + e_{AB}(t_0'') = E_{AB}(t, t_0) + e_{AB}(t_0'')$$

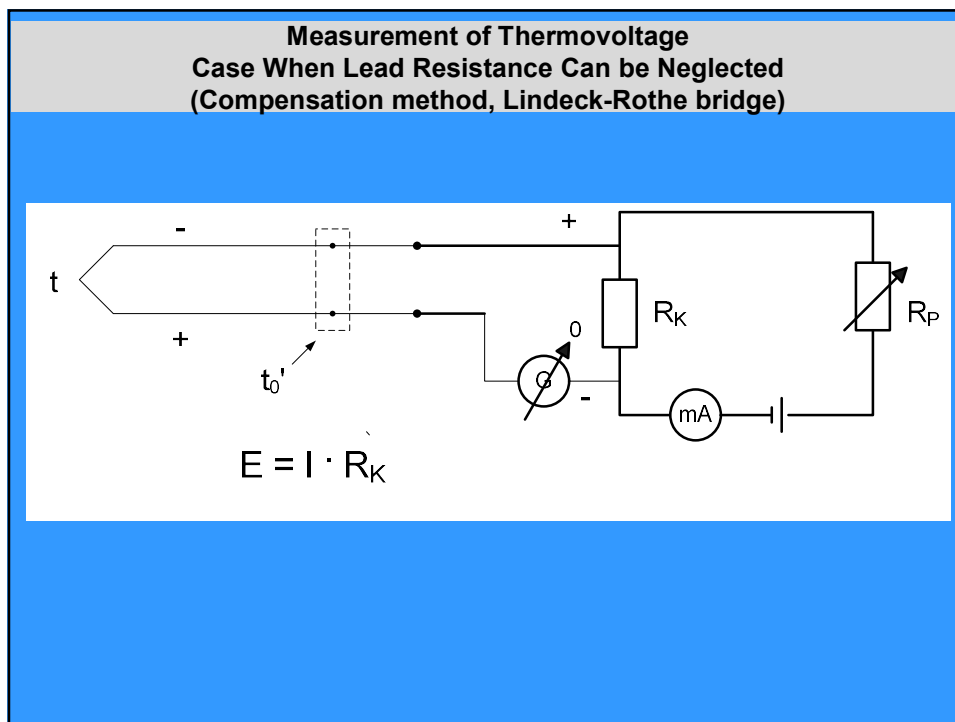
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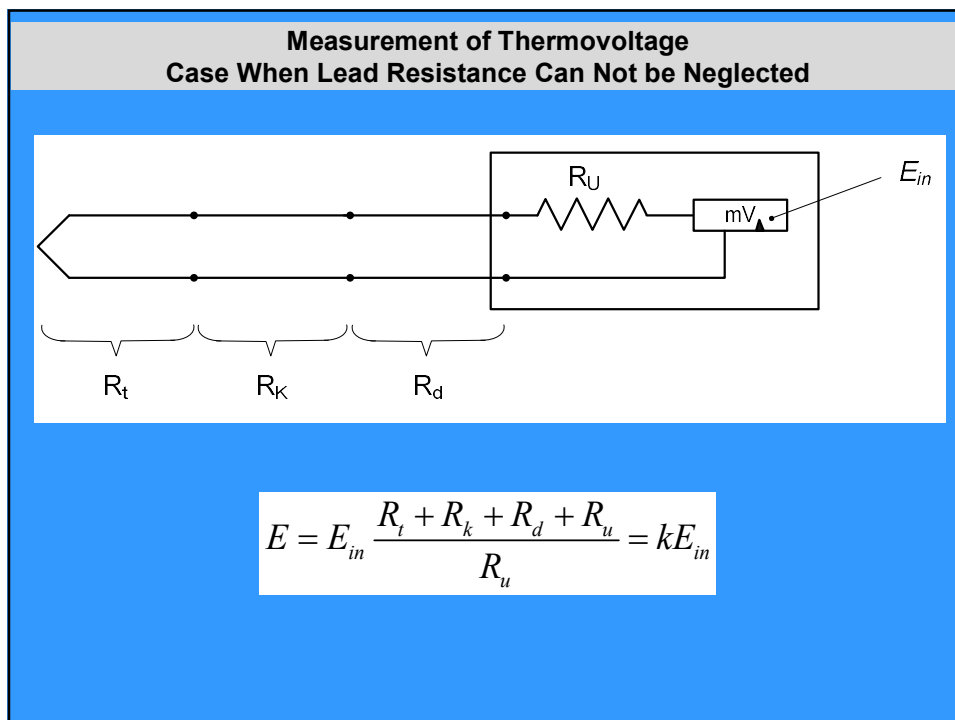
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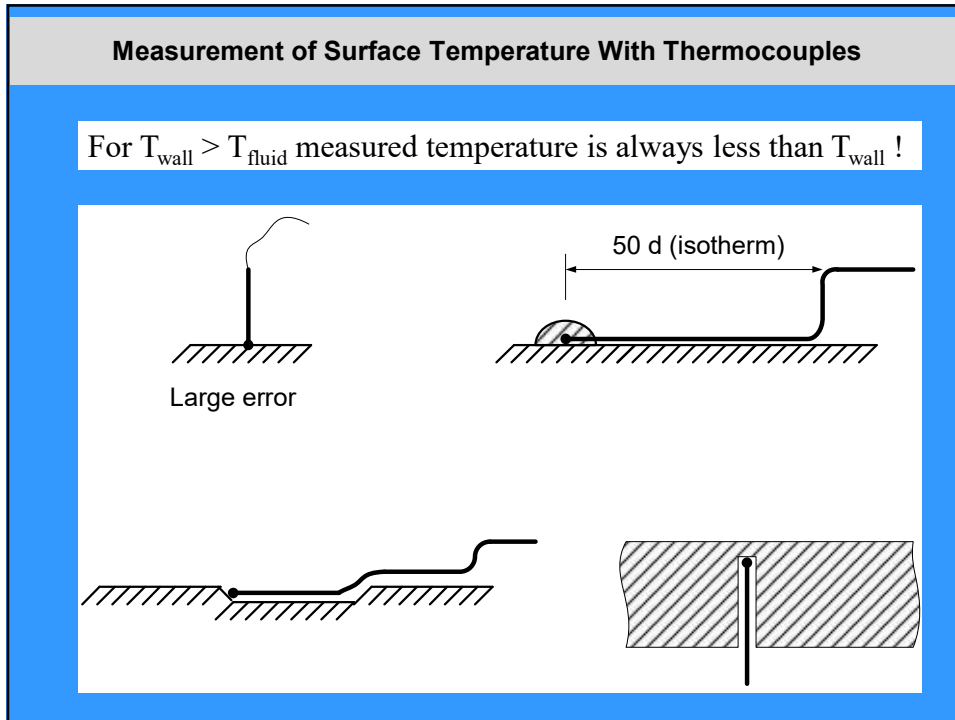
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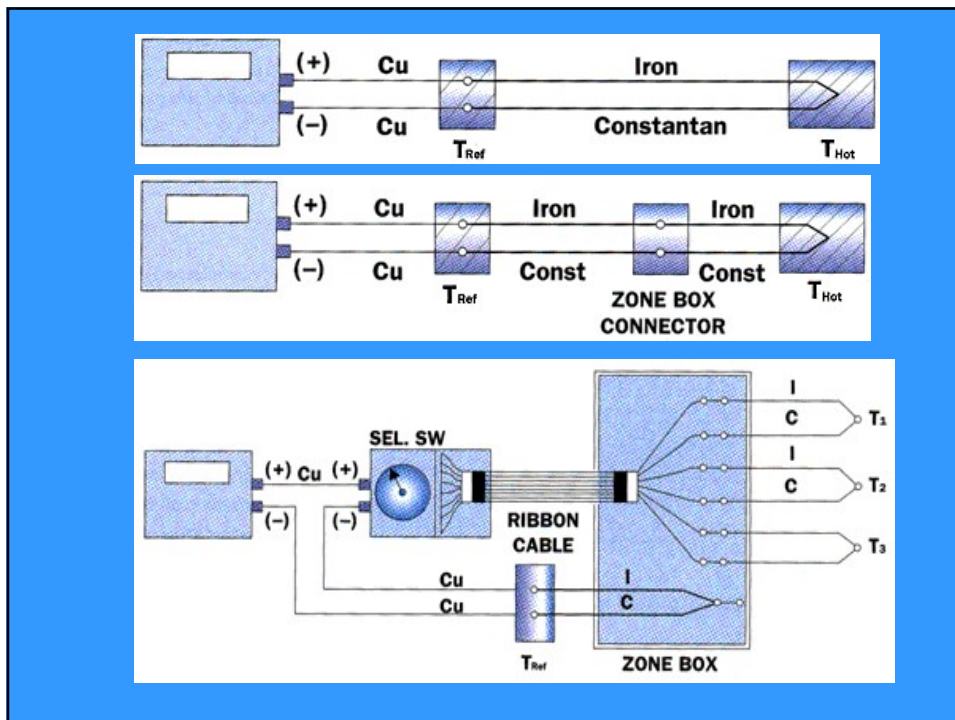
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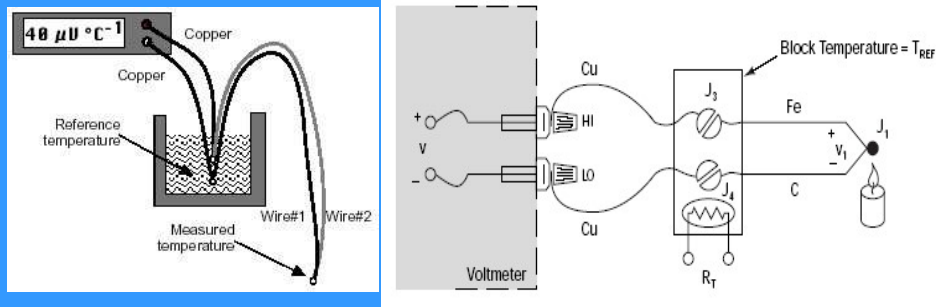


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Thermocouple – Calibration Lab and Industrial Principle



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