LB 491

Density, Concentration and Solids Content

Non-contacting measurement
Non-contacting measurement technology made by Berthold

Berthold density measurement systems are used for the continuous process control on pipelines and in vessels. Density, concentration and solids content are determined in a non-contacting manner, without affecting the flow properties of the measured material.

Successful applications can be found in a wide range of industries and in particular when facing extreme measurement conditions:

- Extreme temperatures
- High pressure
- Dust
- Corrosive or abrasive media

The measurement can be performed on liquids and mixtures of any type, including acids, bases, solutions, emulsions and suspensions. The bulk density of solid matters such as granulates or powders can also be determined.

Measuring principle and function

Gamma radiation is attenuated as it passes through a pipeline. This attenuation is measured by a detector. The extent to which the radiation is attenuated is dependent on the density of the medium in the pipeline. The higher the density, the less radiation reaches the detector. In this way, density, concentration and solids content can be determined reliably in a non-contacting manner – regardless of pressure, temperature, viscosity, conductivity and chemical properties.

This results in the high reliability and low maintenance requirements of the radiometric measuring systems, even under severe operating and environmental conditions.
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### Measuring configuration

#### Flexible adjustment to measurement geometry and task

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#### 90° irradiation

- Standard solution
- Ideal for large pipe diameters and major density fluctuations
- Easy installation due to preassembled mounting device
- Lowest activities possible

#### 30° or 45° oblique irradiation

- Highest accuracy for small measuring ranges
- Easy installation due to preassembled mounting device

#### S- or U-shaped measuring path

- For the smallest pipe diameters
- For the slightest changes in density
- Optimal adjustment of the measuring path to the measurement task

#### Vessel measurement

- Transmission measurement with source in dip pipe (a) or backscatter measurement (b)
- Measurement of density profiles
- Optimal adjustment to the measurement task possible
Technologically always one step ahead!

**Highest sensitivity**
Berthold detectors are particularly sensitive to Gamma radiation. The advantages:
- Increased measurement accuracy and faster response times
- Significantly lower source activity
- Longer service life
- Use of smaller shieldings resulting in lower acquisition and transportation costs for source and shielding
- Low dose rate – less than 1 µSv/h

**Unparalleled long-term stability**
A measurement that is stable and reliable over many years is an important quality criterion for the selection of radiometric systems. Accordingly, considerable effort was put into the development and optimization of this detector property. Today, we can proudly say that Berthold detectors provide the best long-term stability.

A patented procedure for automatic drift compensation compensates for temperature influence and ensures a high sensitivity and consistent measuring accuracy over the entire lifetime of the system and years of operation without the need for recalibration.

The stability of the CrystalSENS is ≤ 0.002% per °C, tested over a temperature range of –40 … + 60°C.
Uni-Probe LB 491
A universal field device for a variety of applications

A versatile compact device
- Versatile detector for various applications
- Compact field device with integrated transmitter
- Communication via HART, Foundation Fieldbus or Profibus PA
- Communication can be switched from Bus to HART at any time
- Solid system for standard applications
- Can also be used for mass flow measurements

Robust compact device for high demands
The Uni-Probe LB 491 density measurement system is a proven compact device fitted with a robust stainless steel housing. It is inexpensive, reliable, precise and requires very little source activity. It features all common communication possibilities such as HART, Profibus PA and Foundation Fieldbus.
**Monitored current output**

A monitored current output provides you with a high level of safety. It ensures that the correct measured values are displayed. The device constantly compares the actual flowing current with the target value. A failure current is generated if any deviations are detected. A watchdog timer monitors the functionality of the CPU at the same time.

**Mass flow**

In combination with a flow rate measurement, the Uni-Probe LB 491 can also be used to determine the mass flow rate (t/h). The flow rate signal is directly transferred to the Uni-Probe as a 4-20 mA current signal before being internally offset against the density. The result is a reliable and precise mass flow measurement that combines all the benefits of the non-contacting measurement technology.
Tough performers noted for their precision

**CrystalSENS**

Small, compact scintillation detector with particularly high sensitivity and stability despite its small size. Available in various scintillator materials, sodium iodide or polymer, as well as various scintillator sizes. This diversity allows for optimal adjustment of the detector properties to the measurement task, especially in terms of sensitivity, speed, mechanical stability, etc.

**SuperSENS**

Point detector with extraordinarily high sensitivity and measuring accuracy. Ideally suited for applications that in the past required very high source activities. Perfect for thick-walled pipes and vessels or for large vessel diameters. The extremely large scintillation volume is many times greater than that of conventional detectors resulting in a threefold to fourfold increase of the sensitivity. By using the SuperSENS, the service life of existing sources can be extended for several years.

**Inline density meter LB 379**

The measuring unit LB 379 combines the radioactive source and the detector in one unit. Its compelling advantage is the use of low-energy isotopes such as Am-241. The LB 379 provides the best accuracy for measurements that involve only minor changes in density.

Due to the low energy (comparable to that of X-rays), the measuring unit can be operated on a licence-free basis in several countries. The system is flanged to the pipeline and is completely made of stainless steel.
Application examples

Solids content measurement in the thickener

Mining

Large volume thickening tanks are used in mining to concentrate the ore or minerals contained in sludge. Solids settle on the bottom of the thickener and from there they will be removed from the vessel via an underflow outlet. The sludge leaving the thickener should have a fairly high solids content. However, pumps and pipes can become clogged if too many solids are withdrawn at once.

Solution: Solids content measurement with SmartSeries LB 414

The solids content in the underflow is monitored continuously by the radiometric density measurement SmartSeries LB 414. The robust stainless steel device provides reliable measurements with excellent accuracy and reproducibility over many years. The integrated control panel allows for easy and quick start-up. Measured values are displayed on-site.

Multiphase level measurement in the separator

Oil and gas production

Due to the density difference, different product layers form in the separator – from bottom to top: Sand, water, emulsion, oil, foam and gas. The density profile is measured via the height of the separator to determine the thickness of the individual product layers.

Solution: Density measurement with SENSseries LB 480

Several density detectors are installed outside the vessel to determine the density distribution over the entire measurement range. The detectors are approved in accordance with SIL2 or SIL3 and operate very stable and safe over the entire operating time. Due to the precise mapping of the separation process, the addition of emulsion breakers can be optimized. In addition, the separation of oil and gas is optimized.
Berthold Technologies is a company rich in tradition and the only provider of radiometric measurement technology worldwide with an in-house source production. This opens up unique opportunities for our customers. The sources are manufactured to customer specifications and can be adapted perfectly to the respective application requirements.

Our standard range includes:

- Point and rod sources
- Dip pipe sources for installation in a vessel
- Various isotopes such as Cs-137, Am-241, Co-60 or Cm-244
- Various, often customized shieldings, from materials such as lead, tungsten or stainless steel

This diversity enables us to always choose isotopes and shieldings that represent the most cost-efficient solution for the respective application while ensuring the best measurement result at minimum radiation exposure. We will be happy to design special solutions for your special applications. Please contact us.

Maximum safety

The SSC source capsules made by Berthold have been tested according to ISO 2919 and exceed even the highest classification C66646. They are extremely robust and withstand temperatures up to 1200°C. The triple encapsulation of the isotope ensures maximum safety even in extreme measurement environments.

Radioactive isotopes

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<td>660 keV</td>
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<td>Co-60</td>
<td>1200 keV</td>
<td>~ 5 years</td>
<td>Ideal when thick steel walls or large distances have to be irradiated</td>
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<td>Am-241</td>
<td>60 keV</td>
<td>~ 430 years</td>
<td>Measures low differences in density or even individual elements in the mixtures of substances</td>
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Tailor-made – the best solution for your needs

Sources and shieldings are individually designed by our project engineers for each application. The measurement is designed in such a way that only the source activity that is actually needed will be used and, at the same time, a long service life of the source is guaranteed. For example, Co-60 can be used for more than 10 years without having to replace the source. Thanks to the high sensitivity of our detectors, the source activity in Berthold systems is significantly lower than that of other systems available on the market. A dose rate of less than 1 µSv/h is typically sufficient to perform reliable density measurements.

Levels of radiation?

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**Competence in radiation protection**

Every company working with radiometric measurements is automatically faced with the issue of radiation protection. Therefore, it is good to have a team of in-house experts on this matter. Our experts in the Radiation Protection division deal with the tasks related to dose rate measurement. The transfer of knowledge is direct and synergies are to your benefit. We at Berthold take special responsibility when it comes to training our customers. We offer training and workshops for Radiation Safety Officers.

- Use of various isotopes: Cs-137, Am-241, Co-60, Cm-244
- Various options available
- Maximum safety due to the use of extremely temperature and corrosion resistant source capsules
- Use of various shielding materials such as lead, tungsten or stainless steel
- Project-specific calculation of the source activity according to the ALARA principle
- Small in size and with best shielding effect
- In-house production facility for sources allows customer-specific manufacturing and individual designs
Berthold is unparalleled when it comes to developing custom-made solutions that exactly meet the requirements of your measurement task. Moreover, we offer even further benefits that are not listed in your specifications.

Highest measuring accuracy combined with lowest source activities and a great variety of communication standards make our measurement systems unique. In addition, our „Berthold modular system“ includes both control room devices and compact devices.

Whatever measurement task you are facing – we can offer you the best solution.
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We are there for you! Worldwide.

Our sales engineers are looking forward to your request. Regardless of what you want to measure or where the measurement is taking place, we will provide you with the right system for each measurement task and we know how to configure it so that it perfectly suits your needs. From a wide variety of possible options, our application engineers will choose the right one for you.

With over 60 years of experience, a team of 350 employees worldwide and product innovations that set technical standards, we see ourselves as the experts for radiometric measurement solutions.

All our products are designed and manufactured in Germany. At Berthold, you will always get quality products „made in Germany“.

BERTHOLD TECHNOLOGIES’ PERFECT SOLUTIONS FROM A SINGLE SOURCE.

Berthold Technologies’ engineers and service technicians are always there when you need them. Our global network of offices ensures fast and above all very competent assistance in case you need any. No matter where your production site is located, our qualified personnel will be with you in no time at all.

You can take our word for it.