What is digital density measurement using the oscillating U-tube principle?

The example of a tuning fork shows that by applying a mechanical impulse one can generate a sound with a characteristic pitch. This sound is the result of the oscillation created by deflecting the prongs of the tuning fork. A determining factor in the pitch of the note obtained, and thus of the oscillating frequency, is the mass of the tuning fork.

Digital density measurement puts this relationship to use by means of the U-tube oscillation principle. The extremely fine capillaries are made to oscillate by a piezoelectric or magnetic transducer with a characteristic frequency. The resulting resonant frequency of the U-tube will depend on the mass of the filled sample. This frequency can be measured very accurately and used to calculate the density of the sample. The physical relationship of oscillation frequency (the reciprocal of the period of oscillation) to density is very simple and linear. Accordingly, calibration is only possible with two standards as a rule: air and water.

What is density?

Density \( \rho \) is a characteristic property of materials and indicates the relationship of mass \( m \) to volume \( V \).

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\rho = \frac{m}{V}
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It is measured in g/cm\(^3\) or kg/m\(^3\).

For high-precision measurements, the most significant influencing factor is the temperature of the sample. It is essential therefore that modern density meters are equipped with efficient temperature control of the measurement room.

A temperature change of 0.1 °C consequently has an influence on density of between 0.1 and 0.3 kg/m\(^3\), depending on the substance.

Density measurement is often also used for determining the concentrations of mixtures of fluids. Strictly speaking, this applies to mixtures of two substances, also known as binary systems. Extensive concentration tables can be created in DS7800 for our customers to facilitate everyday measurements. However, digital density measurement can also be of significant benefit in analysing complex solutions such as beer or fruit juices.

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<tr>
<th>Temperature [°C]</th>
<th>Ultra-pure water [kg/m³]</th>
<th>Air [kg/m³]</th>
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Relationship of density to temperature

What are the advantages of digital density measurement?

Today there are still two alternative procedures for measuring density commonly in use. The areometer, better known as a hydrometer, works on the Archimedean principle of buoyancy in proportion to mass. An areometer is low-cost but difficult to read, particularly in highly viscous or dark samples. Additionally, large sample volumes of at least 100 ml are required. A high degree of precision (max. 0.001 g/cm\(^3\)) requires precise temperature regulation.

The pycnometer provides a gravimetric determination of density. This can achieve higher degrees of precision than the hydrometer. Owing to complex weighing procedures, however, measurement by this method can take hours and requires trained personnel.

The advantages of density measurement using the oscillating U-tube include both good repeatability and high precision. These devices are easy to use and enable measurements to be made simply in a matter of minutes at a defined, regulated temperature.

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For over 200 years A. Krüss Optronic has been famous worldwide for innovative optic-electronic measuring instruments of the highest precision.

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**DS7800 | Density Meter**

**User-friendly measurement using oscillating U-tube technology**

Digital density meters with up to five decimal places for measuring density, relative density and concentration of aqueous solutions in a range of 0.0000 – 1.9999 g/cm³. Measuring method is based on established oscillating U-tube technology. The U-tube made of glass is monitored through the window to ensure that no gas bubble falsifies measurement results.

The device has a high-precision recirculation air-temperature control based on a Peltier element. Calibration is performed with pure water and dry air. A dry-air unit and a peristaltic pump for sample handling are included.

Tubing material is also optionally available in a chemical resistant design. Injection filling, e.g. for higher viscosity specimens, is also possible.

An integrated SQL database stores up to 99 user-defined measurement methods and the last 999 measurement values with all relevant data, such as date, time and user. You can select the stored results by means of various filters and export data in XLS or CSV format on a USB flash drive, print directly or via a network via an Ethernet interface. If there is access to the Internet, remote maintenance and fault diagnosis are also possible.

Optional user management functionality with three authorisation levels protects the settings from being changed unintentionally. The DS7800 thus meets all GLP requirements and is ideal for use in FDA-regulated situations.

Special KrüssLab software also enables the instrument to be controlled from a PC. This exactly replicates the intuitive touchscreen of your Krüss unit, allowing you to “operate” it directly from the PC. Measured values are copied from the device into the KrüssLab database. You then have permanent access to more than the last 999 results. And you can access this data even when the Krüss unit is switched off. The DS7800 density meter functions in accordance with the guidelines of ASTM D4052 and D5002.

**Fields of application:**

Determination of mixing ratios, quality and quantity inspection in the following industries:

**Drinks industry:** Beer, flavourings, fruit juice, syrups, sugar, soft drinks, spirits, milk drinks.

**Chemical industry:** Acids, alkalis, salts, solvents, goods inward and final inspections, inspections of raw ingredients, monitoring of mixing ratios.

**Food industry:** Jams, preserves, honey, glucose or fructose syrups, jelly, mustard, ketchup, sauces, soups, convenience products, mayonnaise, ice cream, baby food, confectionery production, milk products.

**Automotive industry:** Oils, lubricants, battery acid, antifreeze.

**Metalworking:** Cooling lubricants and their emulsion solutions with water.

**Petrochemicals:** Oils, lubricants, quality control of fuels and additives.

**Cosmetics and pharmaceuticals:** Creams, ointments, pastes, emulsions, lotions, beauty products, perfumes, aromas, solvents, cleaners, shampoos, soaps, infusion solutions, urine, quality control of liquid medications and agents.

**Wine-growing:** Grape juice, cider, wine, champagne, liqueur.

**Sugar industry:** %Brix, purity of sugar and the products from which it is derived, syrup concentrations.

**Features at a glance:**

- Density measurement based on the oscillating U-tube principle
- Bright touchscreen display with intuitive operation in 6 languages
- Fast, efficient measuring in minutes (typically 1-3 min) plus temperature regulation
- Very efficient integrated Peltier temperature regulation (10-40 °C) with high precision
- Desiccation unit and peristaltic pump included
- Can be filled using the integrated peristaltic pump or by injection
- Resistance to samples: all parts that come into contact with samples are made of glass or PTFE
- Luer or UNF couplings
- Compact powder-coated metal casing
- Includes built-in air pressure sensor
- Low consumables costs
- Output of all important measurement data
- User management functionality (password-protected) can be activated
- Integral SQL database for data storage
- USB interface for data export and firmware updates and for connecting keyboard or barcode scanner
- RS-232 interface for serial printer
- Ethernet interface for direct connection to a PC (with possibility of remote maintenance via internet)
- PDF Export
- Direct printing possible on a PostScript-enabled network printer
- Full cGMP/GLP capability: password protection, data backup, automatic printout or data output in CSV-Format
- Meets the relevant international standards such as Pharmacopoea, OIML, ASTM
- Calibration certificate in accordance with N.I.S.T.
- IQ/OQ/PQ-start-ups possible
- Extremely low-maintenance and long life
- 3-year warranty on registration

**Includes the following accessories:**

- Desiccation cartridge
- Rinsing and filling pump
- Tube set - standard: 4 pc. adapter connection, Specimen tube, Pump tubing, 10 pc. syringe 5 ml Luer, 1 T-piece
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Main measurement display
This is where measurements are taken and the result and other parameters are displayed.
- Measurement value and unit
- Sample temperature
- Air pressure
- Method selected
- Status information

Method parameters
In this menu the measurement parameters are set.
- Target temperature
- Temperature compensation
- Measurement unit
- User-defined units

Results menu
The last 999 measurements are stored in the results menu along with all associated settings and parameters. Columns can be displayed or hidden and the results filtered, printed or exported.
- Date and time
- Method
- User
- Sample number
- Target and actual temperature
- Measured value
- Unit
- etc.

Specifications
- Measurement range: 0.0000–1.9999 g/cm³
- Accuracy: 0.0001 g/cm³
- Repeatability: 0.0001 g/cm³
- Sample volume by manual injection: 0.9 ml
- Temperature range: 10–40 °C
- Temperature stability: ±0.02 °C
- Measurement time: approx. 5 min
- Ambient temperature: 10–40 °C
- Calibration: Automatic menu-driven calibration with dried air and distilled water
- Manufacturer’s calibration: 4–10 sampling points for air, water with 9 temperatures
- Case: Cast aluminium, powder-coated
- Display: LCD TFT 5.7”, 640x480 pixel colour display (VGA)
- Interfaces: RS-232 (printer), USB (data export, firmware updates), Ethernet (LIMS, remote monitoring)
- Power supply: 90–264 V, 50/60 Hz
- Power consumption (measuring mode): 25 W
- Power consumption (max.): 100 W
- Methods: 99 freely definable methods
- Result storage: 999 last measurements
- Printer port: serial
- User administration: activatable
- Password protection: activatable
- LIMS access: possible
- Dimensions in cm: 22.0 x 22.0 x 43.0
- Weight: 5.3 kg

Parts that come into contact with sample:
The following materials come into contact with samples and with cleaning fluid:

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<td>Tube adapter</td>
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