


**Accurate, quick and simple:
Innovative level measurement of malt and grain**

Point level detection	Continuous measurement
Detection of a certain position	Detection of level throughout the whole measurement range.
Position is defined by mounting position or length of probe	Differentiation between contacting and non-contacting methods
Protection and switching tasks	Control tasks Inventory management



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Level measurement technologies

Vision	Force	Pressure	Electrical	Radiation
Sight glass	Membrane	Air bubble	Elec./Mec.	Radar
Float gauges	Buoyancy	Hydrostatic	Resistance	Nuclear
Perpendicular	Weight	Differential pressure	Conductivity	Optical
	Float	Hydrostatic tank scaling	Capacitance	Ultrasonic
	Magnetic float		Thermal	TDR
	Displacement		Servomotor	Laser
			Paddle	
			Vibration	

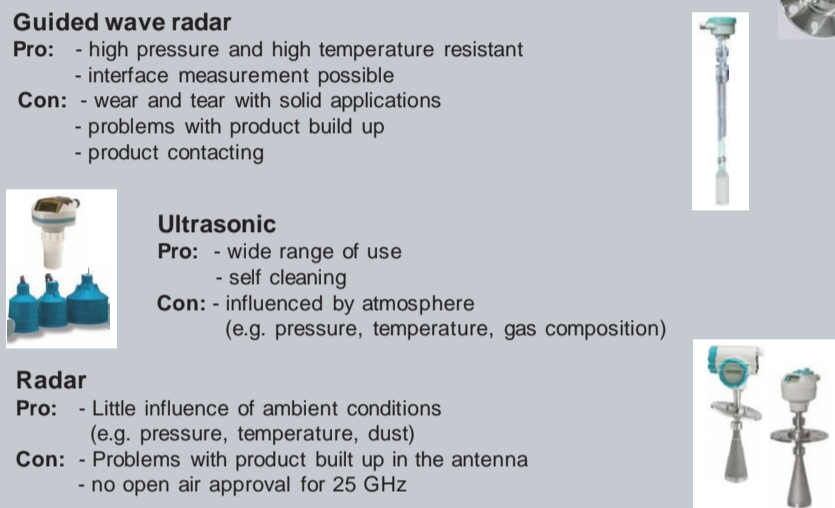
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Continuous level measurement – Pro and Con

Guided wave radar
Pro: - high pressure and high temperature resistant
 - interface measurement possible
Con: - wear and tear with solid applications
 - problems with product build up
 - product contacting

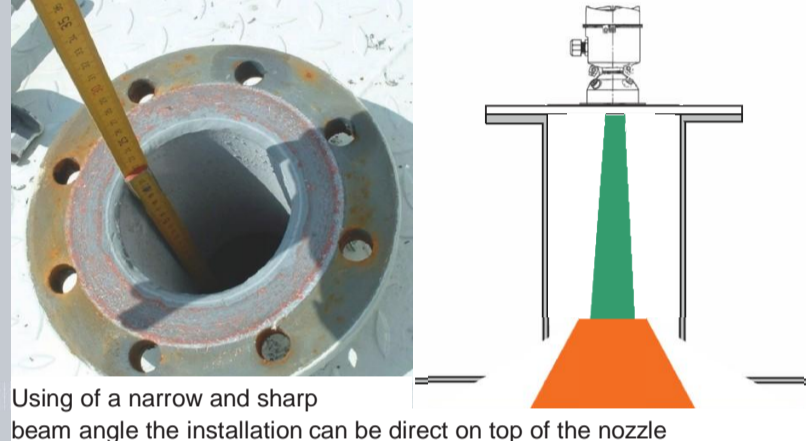
Ultrasonic
Pro: - wide range of use
 - self cleaning
Con: - influenced by atmosphere (e.g. pressure, temperature, gas composition)

Radar
Pro: - Little influence of ambient conditions (e.g. pressure, temperature, dust)
Con: - Problems with product built up in the antenna
 - no open air approval for 25 GHz



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Silo: Interference of standpipe
Criteria: Beam angle

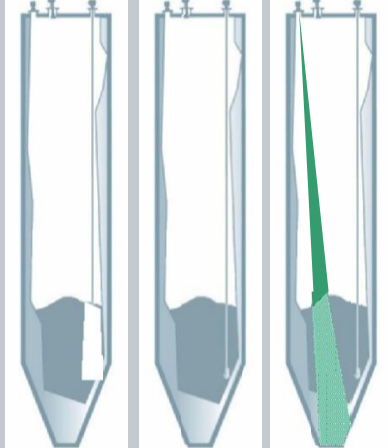


Using of a narrow and sharp beam angle the installation can be direct on top of the nozzle

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Silo: Measurement down to 0 %
Criteria: Beam angle

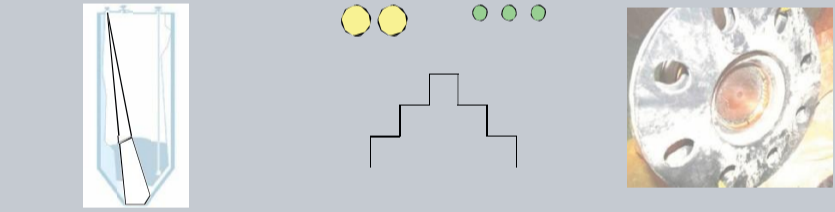
4° Beam angle, non contacting
 Achievable with 78 GHz and Lens antenna
 The smaller the beam the lesser the risk, to "stick" on a build up reflection
 Measurement down to the discharge point possible and only minor reflections in the conical section with silo heights up to **100 m!**



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Narrow beam angle	Short wave length	Lens antenna
Measurement down to the discharge point	Direct product reflection (less indirect signals)	Efficient purging
Minor reflections of obstructions / product build up	High reflection quality	Antenna extensions are not necessary
No disturbing by the nozzle		



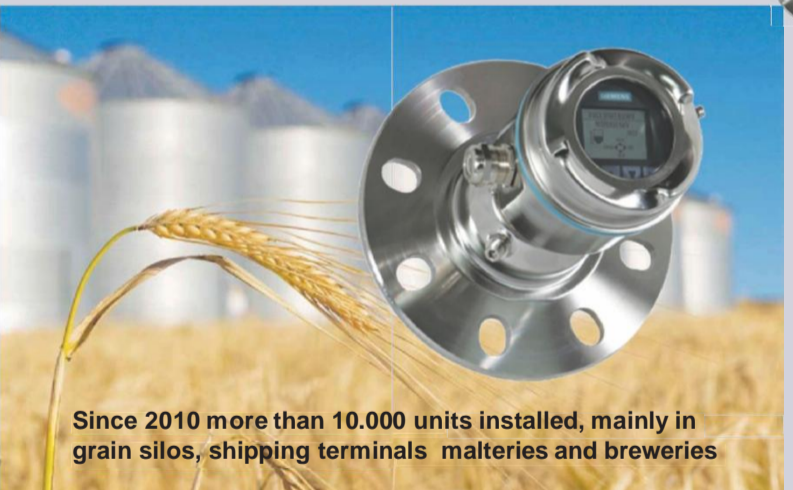
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	Electro-mechanic	Ultrasonic	Guided wave radar	Radar 25 GHz	Radar 78 GHz
easy mounting	Green	Green	Red	Green	Green
product build up	Green	Green	Red	Yellow	Green
obstructions	Red	Yellow	Green	Yellow	Green
dust during filling	Red	Green	Green	Green	Green
no dust during filling	Red	Green	Green	Green	Green
gas composition	Green	Yellow	Green	Green	Green
temperature	Green	Yellow	Green	Green	Green
pressure	Green	Yellow	Green	Green	Green
indirect reflections	Green	Red	Green	Red	Green
maintenance	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
measurement down to 0%	Green	Yellow	Red	Yellow	Green

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Since 2010 more than 10.000 units installed, mainly in grain silos, shipping terminals malteries and breweries

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