



**Bronkhorst®**

Ultrasonic Flow meter for very small flow rates

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# Introduction Bronkhorst® ES-FLOW



## Revolutionary Ultrasonic Flow Meter

- ◆ Innovative non-intrusive flow measurement technology
- ◆ Designed to measure low flow rates: 4...1500 ml/min
- ◆ Liquid independent
- ◆ Hygienic design
- ◆ Integrated PID controller





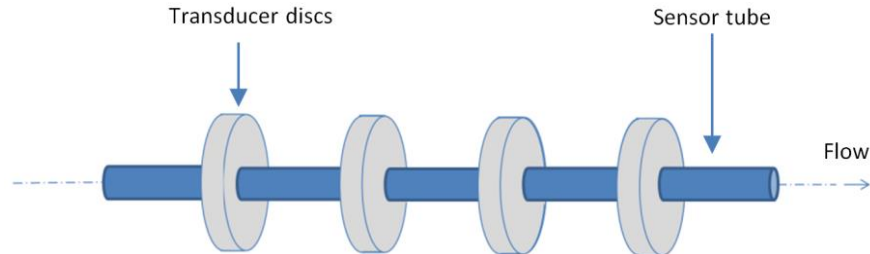
## Ultrasonic Liquid Volume Flow Meter

- ◆ Low pressure drop
- ◆ CIP cleanable
- ◆ Straight sensor tube with zero dead volume
  - ID = 1.3 mm
  - Length = 11 cm
  - Surface roughness = 0.4 Ra
- ◆ Ability to measure temperature



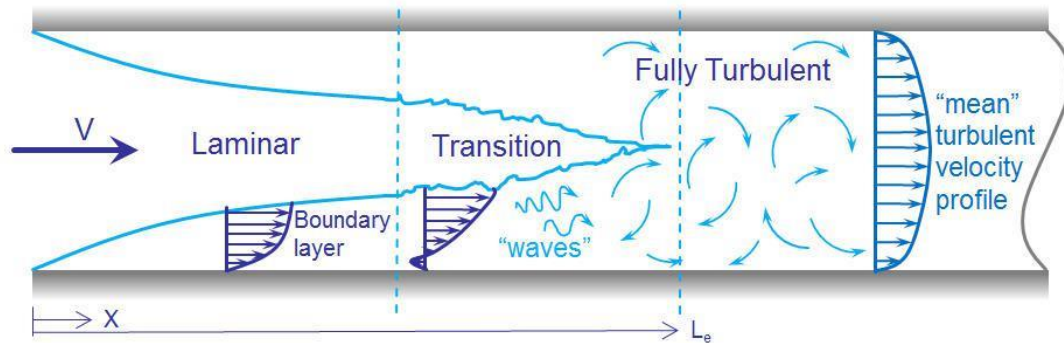
## Ultrasonic Wave - innovative measurement technology

- ◆ Straight tube with multiple transducers at the outer surface
- ◆ Ultrasonic waves are generated by radially oscillation
- ◆ All up- and down-stream combinations are recorded and processed
- ◆ Measuring time difference in nanoseconds
- ◆ Calculations of flow velocity, speed of sound & volume flow



# Benefits of the ES-FLOW™ Ultrasonic Wave Technology

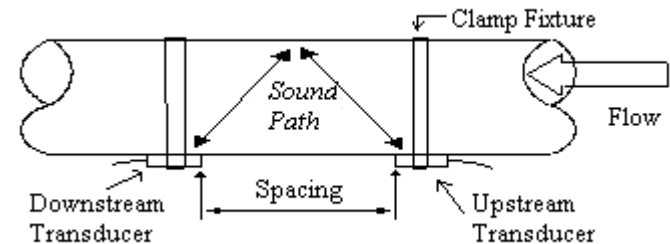
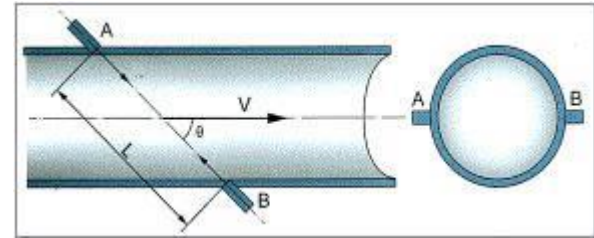
- ◆ Sound waves across the entire diameter
- ◆ Flow profile independent
- ◆ Actual speed of sound measurement (liquid independent)
- ◆ Calibration per fluid is not necessary



# How do conventional ultrasonic flow meters work?

## Transit Time

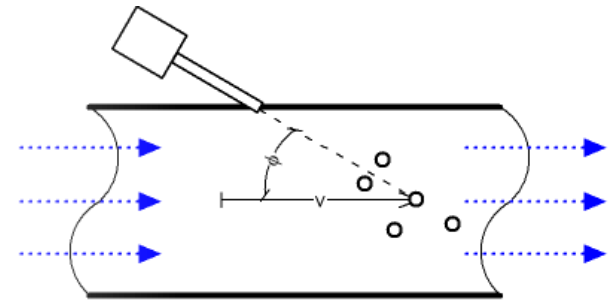
- ◆ Only possible in large bore tubes
  - ◆ Signal must traverse the pipe
  - ◆ Transducer configurations: Z, V and W
  - ◆ Transducers are usually in contact with the fluid
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- ◆ Clamp-on method
  - ◆ Installation
  - ◆ Wall thickness





## Doppler Effect

- ◆ Require particles or bubbles for reflection, cannot be used with pure fluids,
- ◆ Transducers are usually in contact with the fluid
- ◆ Accuracy is sensitive to velocity profile
- ◆ Flow rate must be high enough to keep the solids suspended



## Five Key Features of the ES-FLOW

- ◆ One sensor for multiple liquids
- ◆ Hygienic design
- ◆ Vibration insensitive
- ◆ Integrated PID controller and fast response
- ◆ Installation in any direction and user friendly, 'plug-and play' device

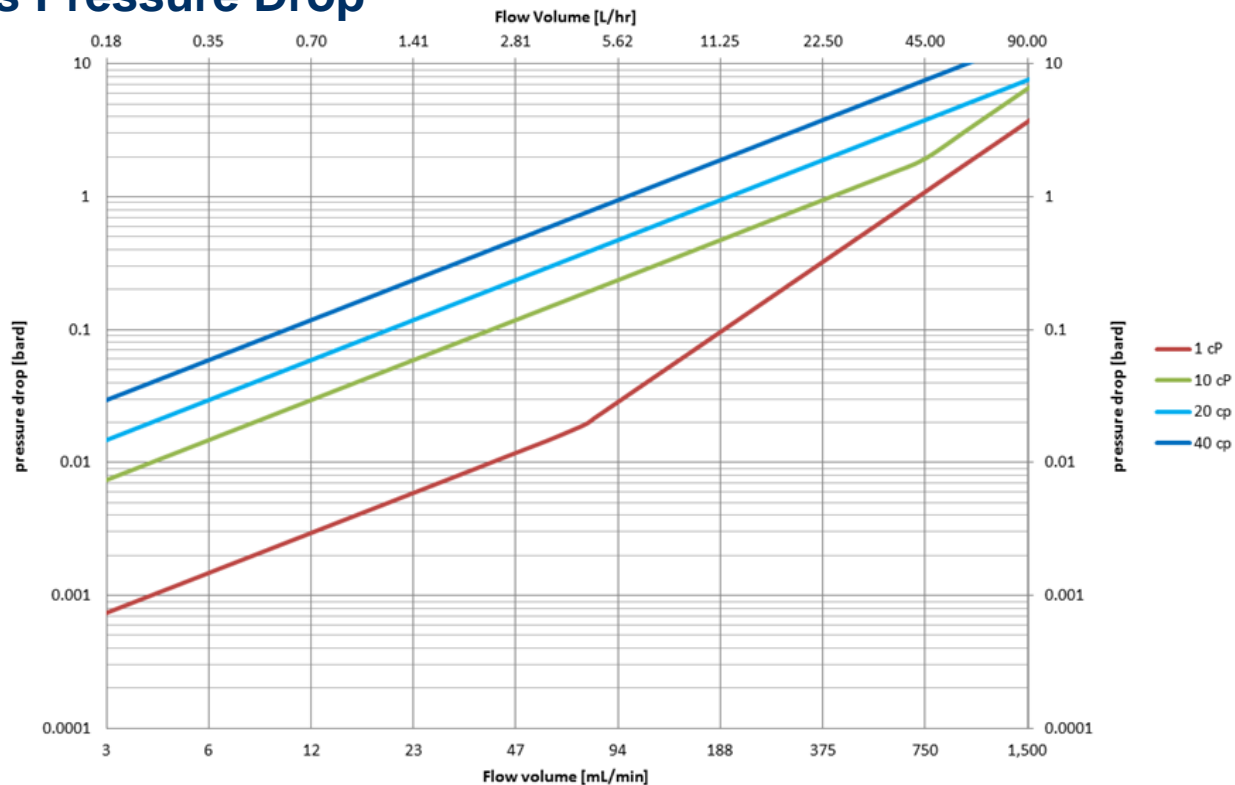


## Current specifications

◆ Flow range	: Capacity 4...1500 ml/min
◆ Accuracy	: $\pm 1\%$ Rd $\pm 1$ ml/min
◆ Repeatability	: $\leq 0.1\%$ Rd $\pm 0.05$ ml/min
◆ PC-board	: Integrated PID Controller
◆ Outputs	: Digital, Analog or Pulse
◆ Fieldbus	: Modbus, Profibus DP, DeviceNet & Flowbus (M12 5-pin connector)
◆ IP class	: IP67
◆ Material wetted parts	: SS316L
◆ Seals	: None
◆ Response time (t98%)	: $\leq 200$ msec
◆ Refresh (cycle) time	: $\leq 10$ msec

# Key Features & Specifications

## Flow Rate vs Pressure Drop



## Advantages compared to other flow measurement technologies

Possibility of measuring non-conductive liquids

Low pressure drop

Easy installation & insensitive for vibrations

Medium independent & no conversion factors

Modest pricing and good accuracy level

Hygienic design and integrated PID controller





## Food, Beverage & Pharma

H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> for sterilization

Concentrated additives

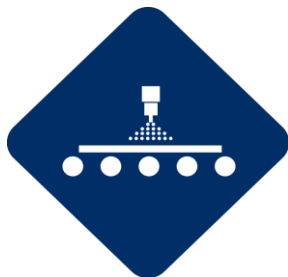
Water solutions & demineralized water



## Chemical

Catalyst & Reagent Dosing

R&D & pilot-plant applications



**Surface  
treatment**

Thermal spraying

Powder in liquid





## Miscellaneous

Fuel consumption

Colorant dosing for packaging

## Bronkhorst, Performance for Life

- ◆ Development & manufacturing of flow meters and controllers
- ◆ Leader in **low flow** fluidics handling technology
- ◆ HQ located in NL
- ◆ Over 450 employees world wide

## Innovation

- ◆ Market-driven approach in development and process improvement
- ◆ 20% of employees active in R&D and Engineering
- ◆ 15% of annual turnover is invested in R&D

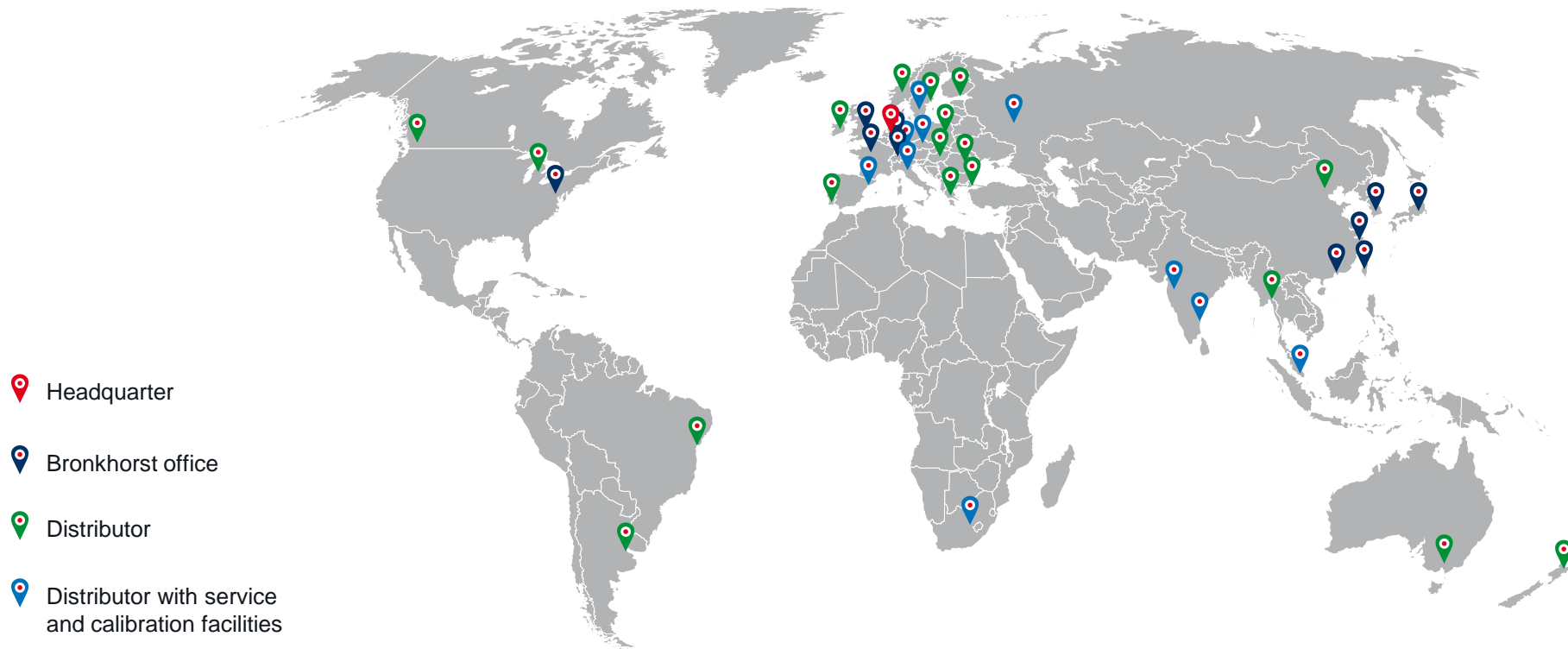


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# Flow Measurement Principles



Thermal Mass Flow



Coriolis Mass Flow



Ultrasonic Volume Flow

# Conclusion

## ES-FLOW

- ◆ Versatile & robust liquid flowmeter
- ◆ Suitable for low flow rates
- ◆ Liquid independent
- ◆ Straight sensor tube with zero dead volume

## Bronkhorst®

- ◆ Your partner in low flow fluidics handling
- ◆ Helps innovating and optimizing your processes
- ◆ 35 years of knowledge & experience
- ◆ Wide range of products and multiple flow measurement techniques
- ◆ Complete solution from one supplier





# **Bronkhorst®** **Performance for Life**

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