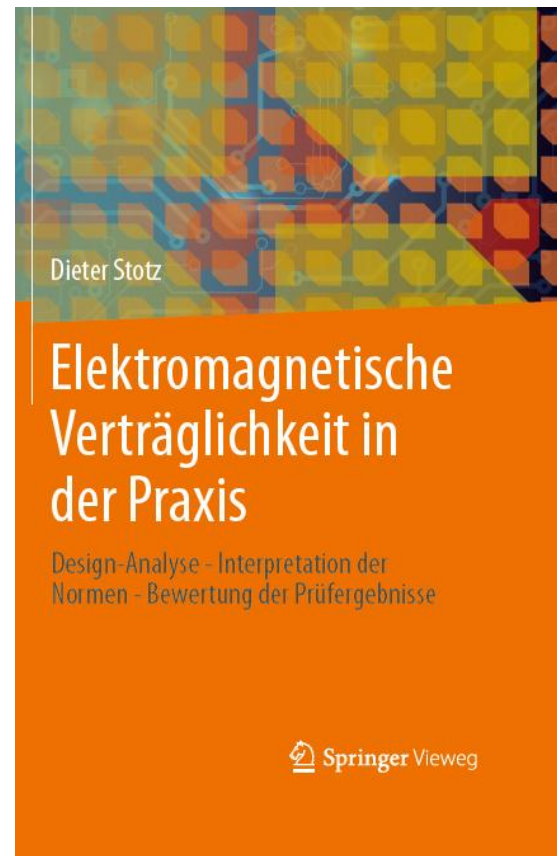


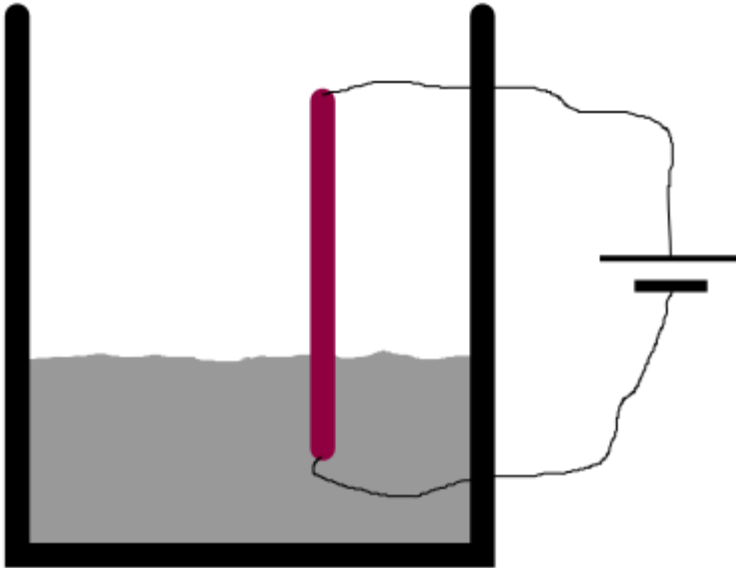


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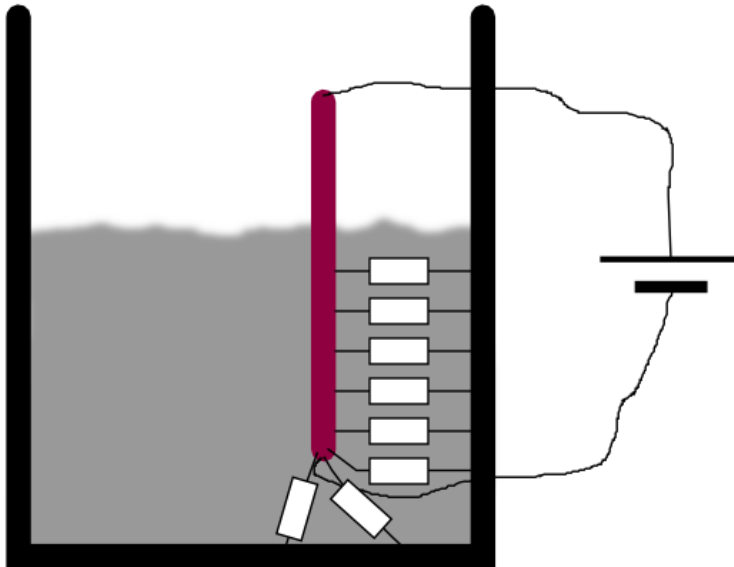


Measuring Liquid Levels



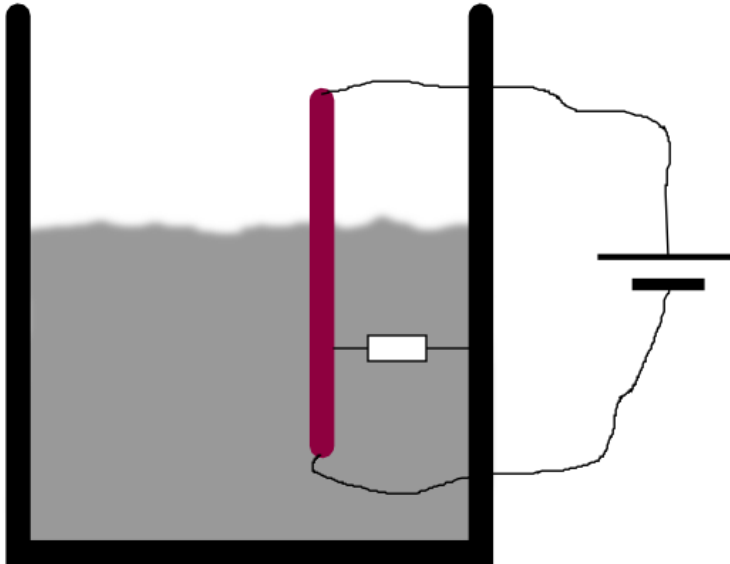
- Potential difference between rod's ends
- Current through rod
- Medium with conductivity
- Conductive vessel
- Wires and rod isolated

Measuring Liquid Levels



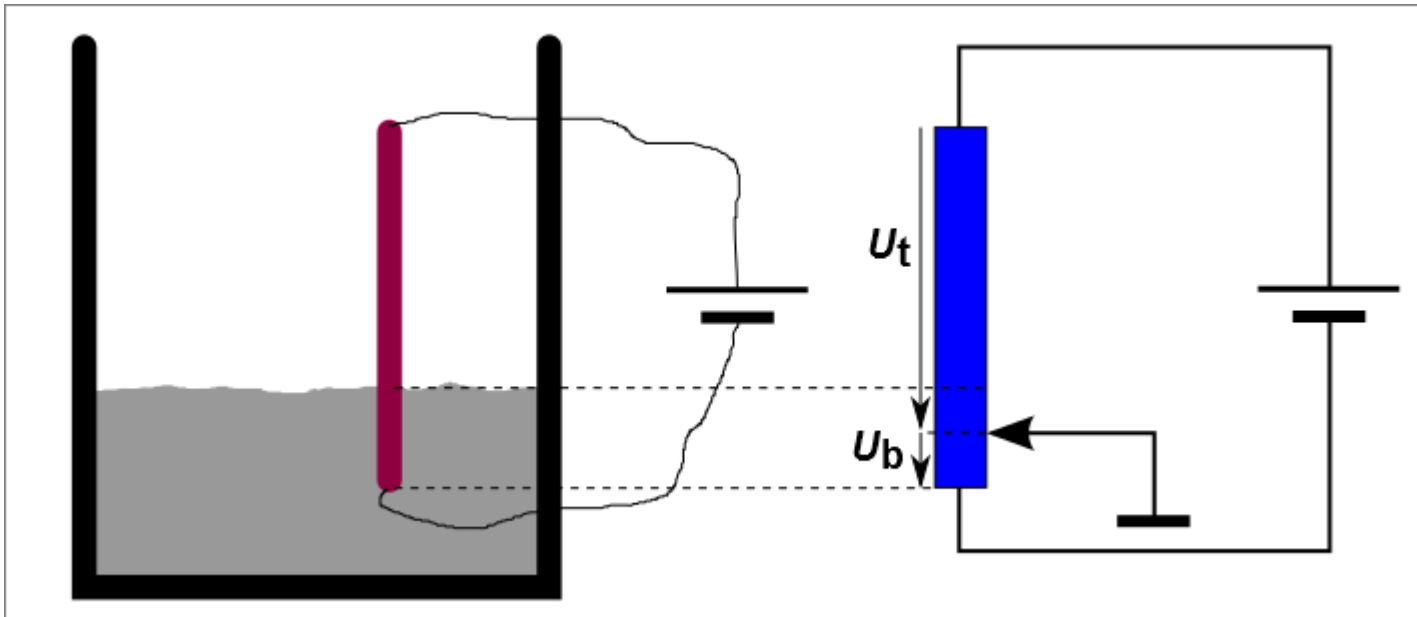
- Distributed resistors caused by the medium
- Conductivity to the vessels bottom

Measuring Liquid Levels



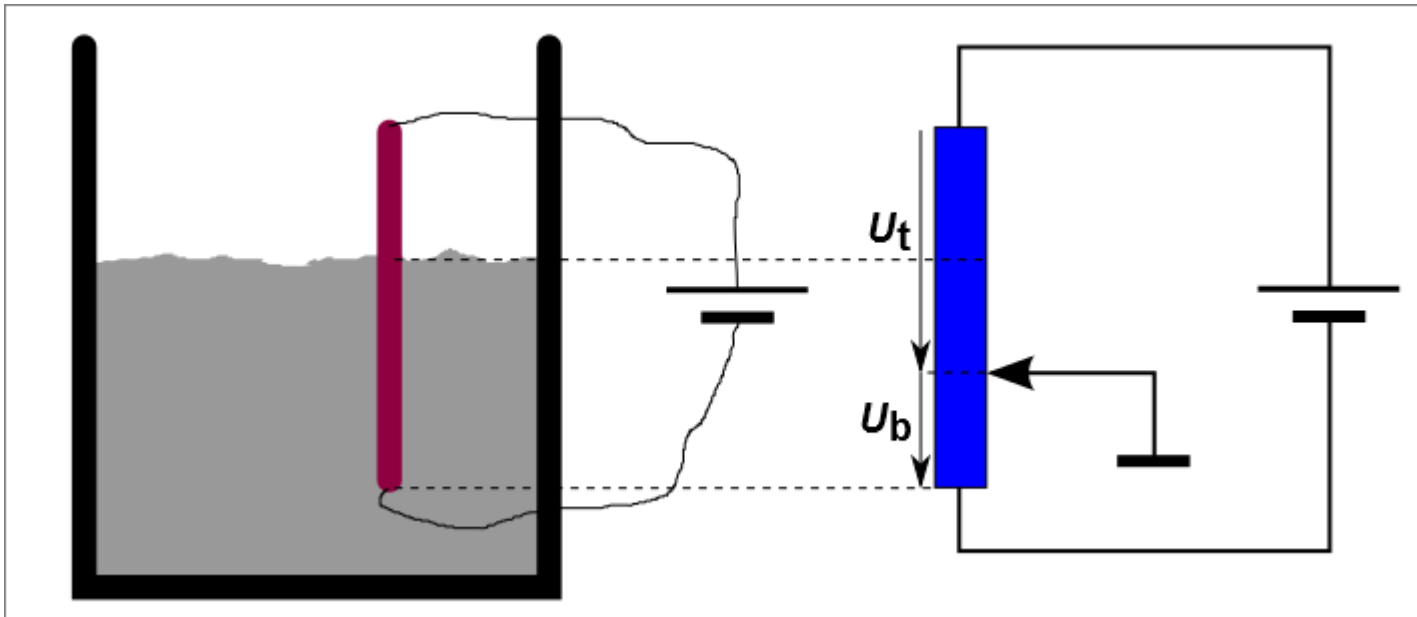
- Reducing to a central resistor
- Emphasis of the conductivity
- Half height between rod's bottom and liquid's surface

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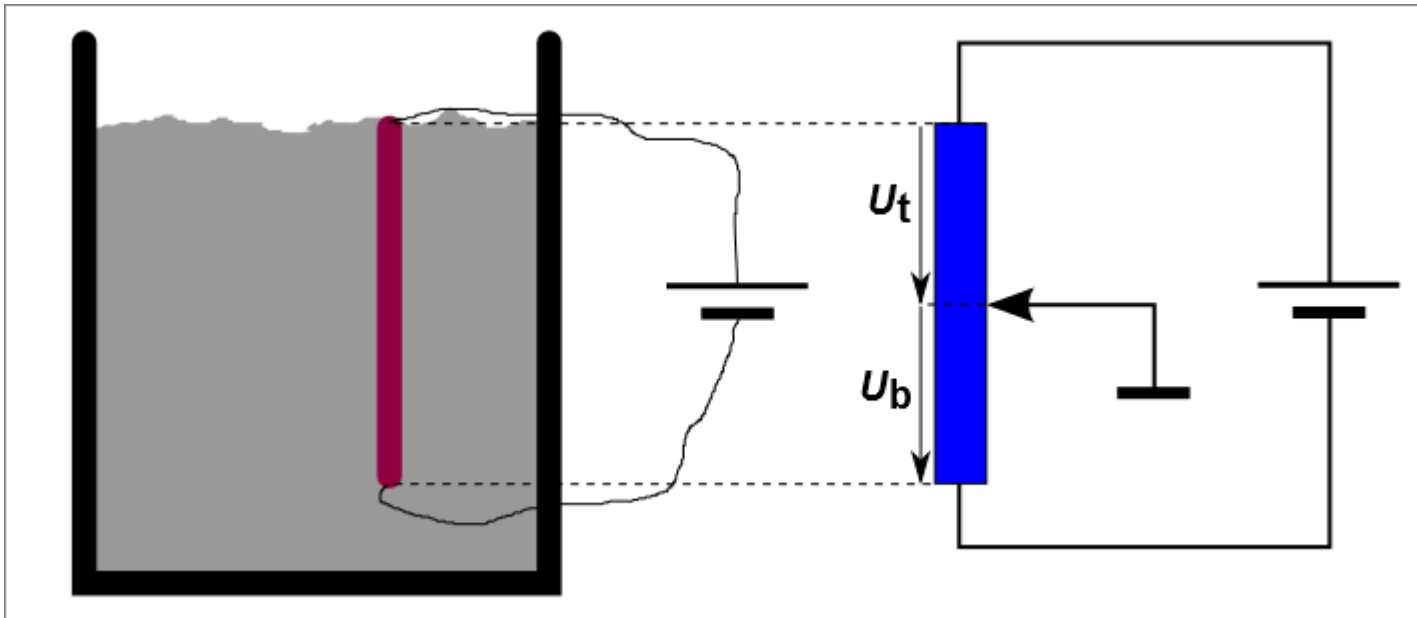
- Potentiometer equivalent circuit
- Partial voltages

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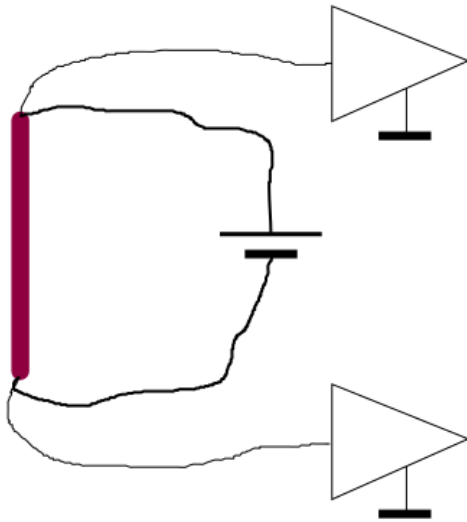
- Increasing Liquid Level

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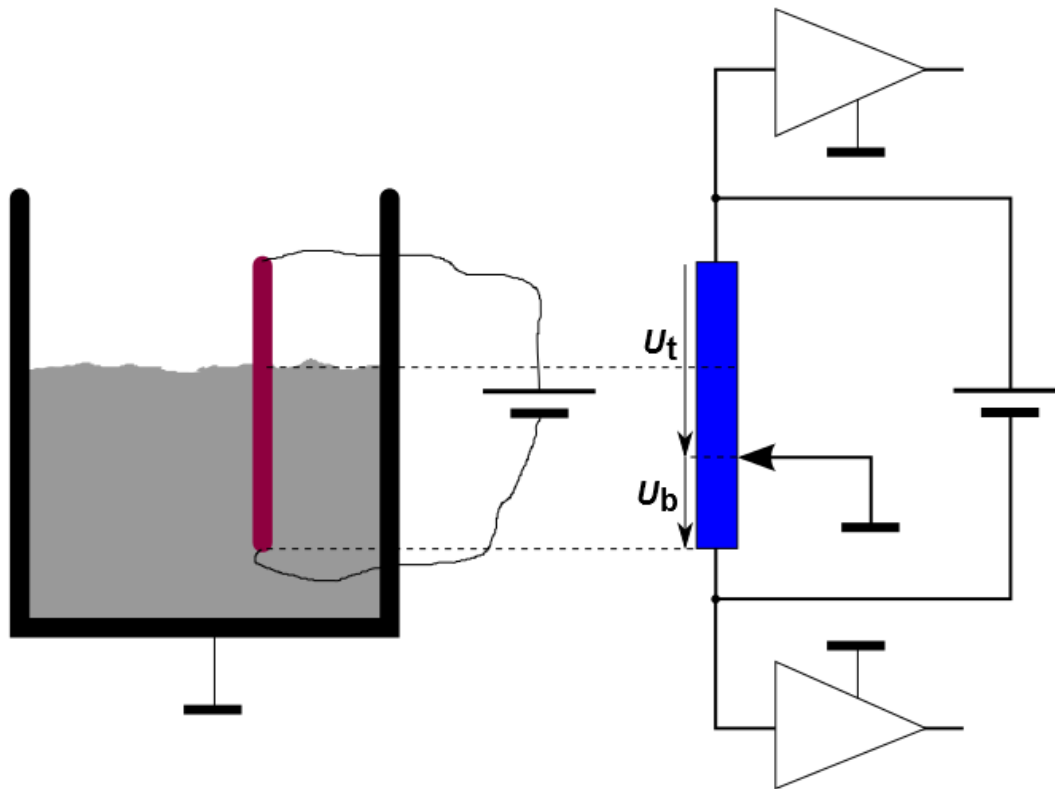
- Increasing Liquid Level
- $2 \frac{U_b}{U_b + U_t}$

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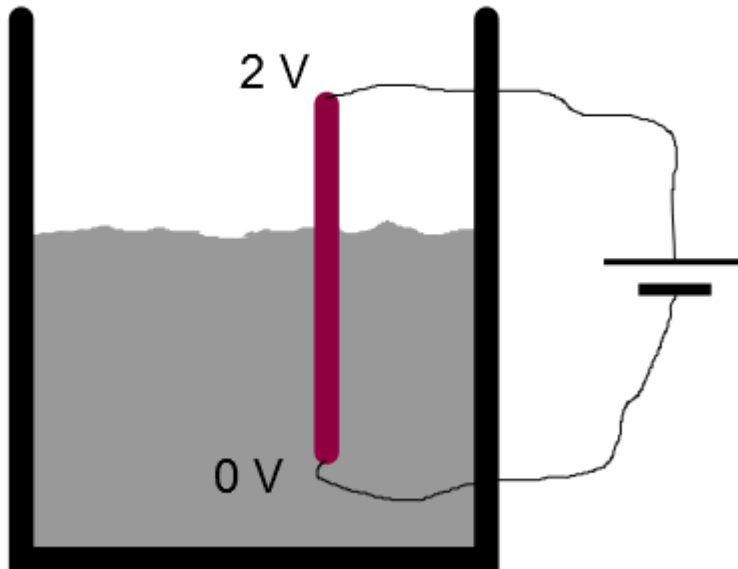
- Four wire measurement
- High impedance of the system
- Potential freedom of the rod
- Technology of the rod (internal wires in a hollow hose)

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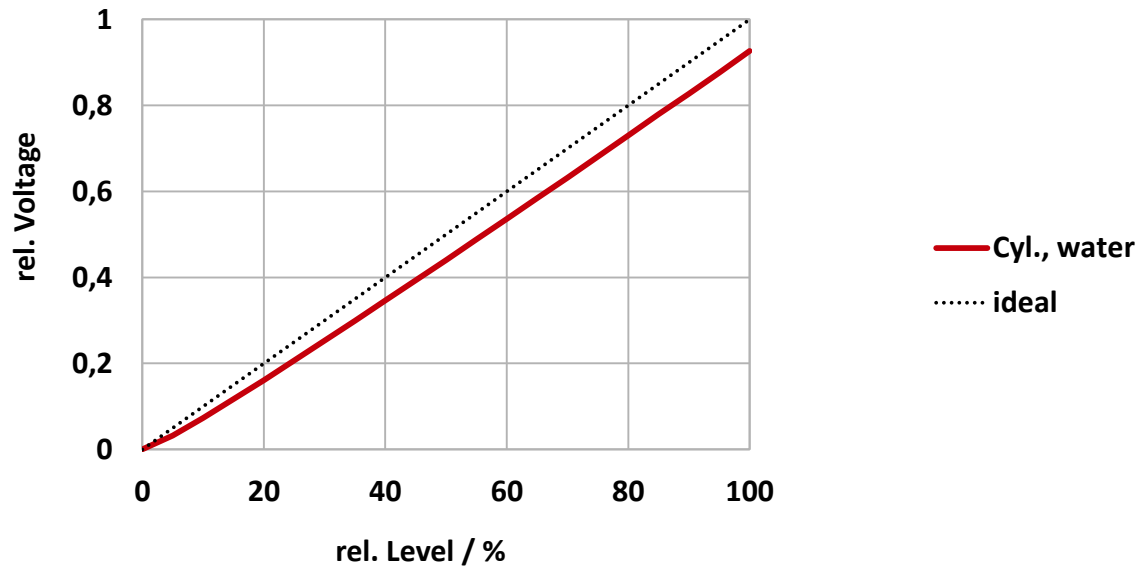
- Principle of the measurement
- AC energizing

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- Simplification for simulation (vessel is potentially free)
- Potential difference between the rod's ends is 2 Volts to get normalized values.

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- Diagram with Excel or other utilities
- Comparison to the ideal curve



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Next part will be:

Level measurement on liquids – Extensions (special cases in the field) with the following themes:

- **Conical vessel shapes**
- **Temperature gradient and inhomogeneous conductivity**
- **Measurement systems with finite internal impedances**
- **Poor conductivity and AC measurement**
- **Very high conductivity, similar to metal**
- **Effects by foam generating media**