

# Natural gas and gaseous fuels applications

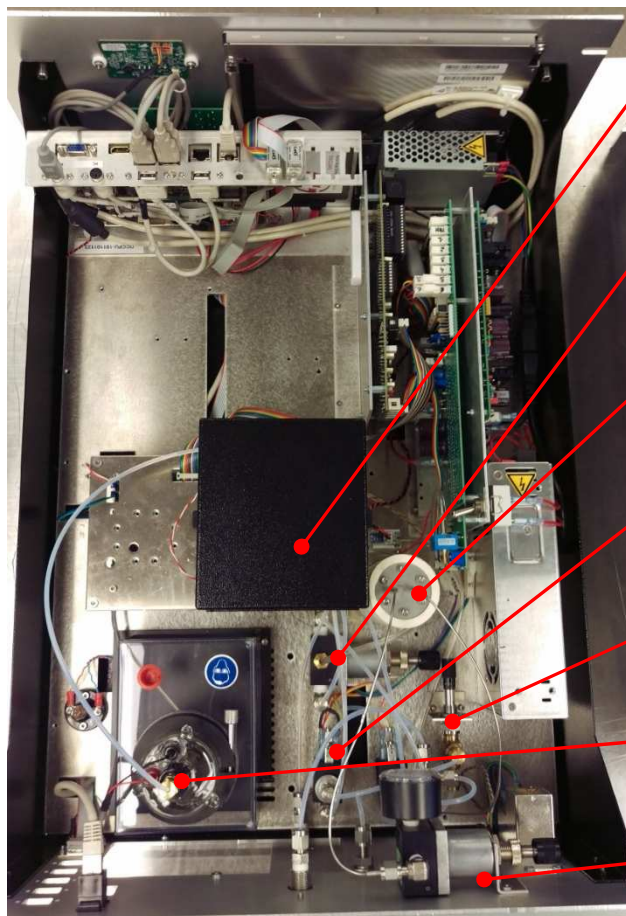


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# Outline

- MEDOR<sup>®</sup> technology
- Different versions
- Performance test
- Applications for natural gas and gaseous fuels
- chromENERGY / chromaTCD
- Peripherals
- Customer reference

# MEDOR<sup>®</sup> Analyser Technology



Oven (inside) : injection valve, sampling loop and metallic capillary chromatographic column

Pressure regulator to adjust carrier gas flow (piezzo valve for energyMEDOR version)

Calibration system (permeation tube inside the oven)

Selection valve (solenoid valve)

Adjustment valve to set the sampling flow

MEDOR<sup>®</sup> Electrochemical Wet cell Detector

Pressure regulator to adjust the flow of the calibration system

# MEDOR<sup>®</sup> Analyser

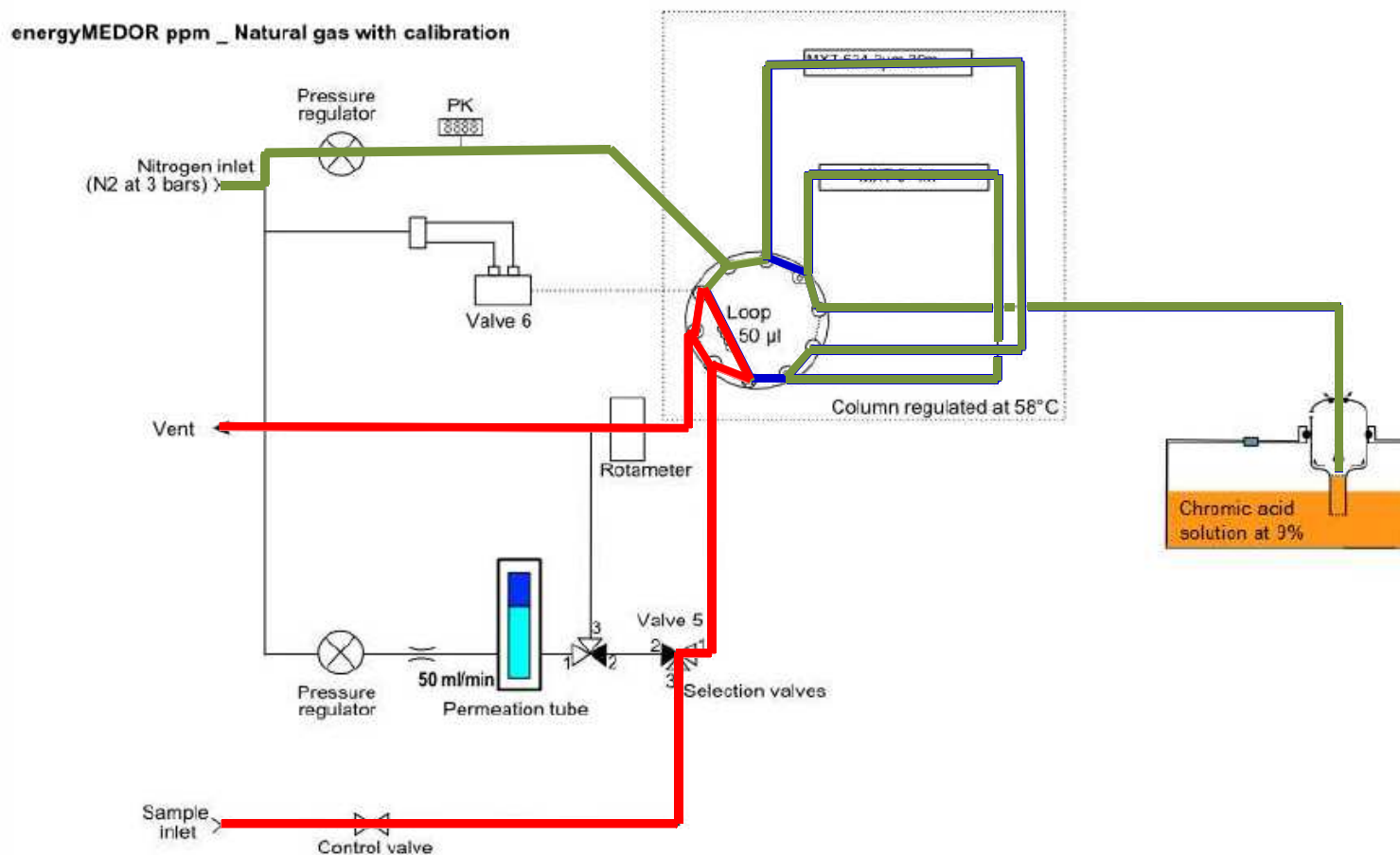
## Principle of analysis

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- Normal operation
  - Carrier gas travels through the columns and into detector (5ml/min)
  - Sample gas travels through the loop.
- Injection step
  - Sample volume is injected into the columns.
- The sulfur compounds are more or less retained by the column's support and exit the column with different retention times according to their affinity for the absorbent material.
- They are then detected by the wet cell where a gas-liquid reaction happens. The identification of the compounds is based on their retention time of elution from the column.

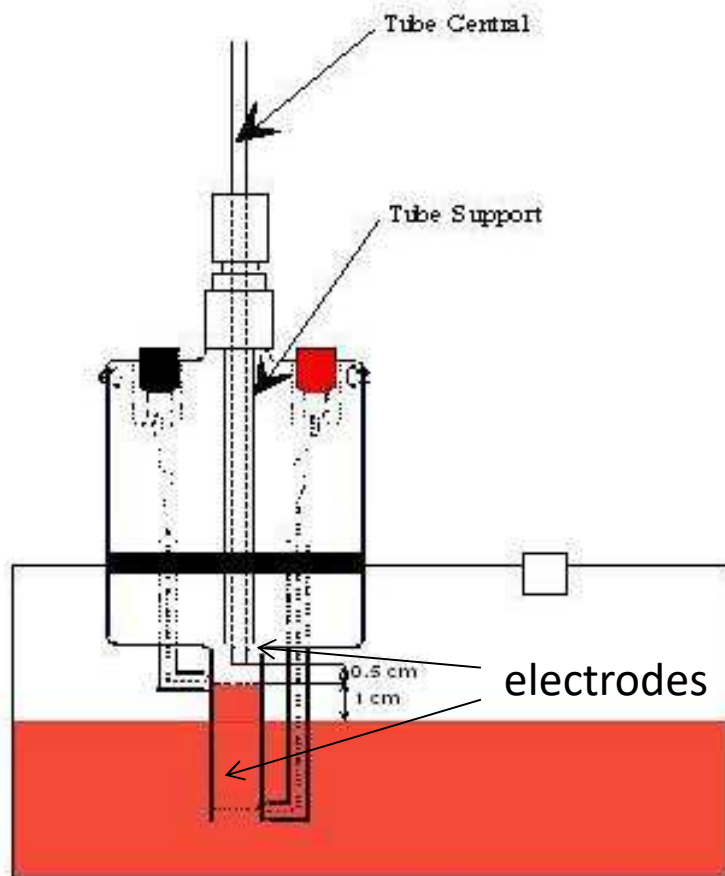
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## Principle of analysis



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## Wet cell detector



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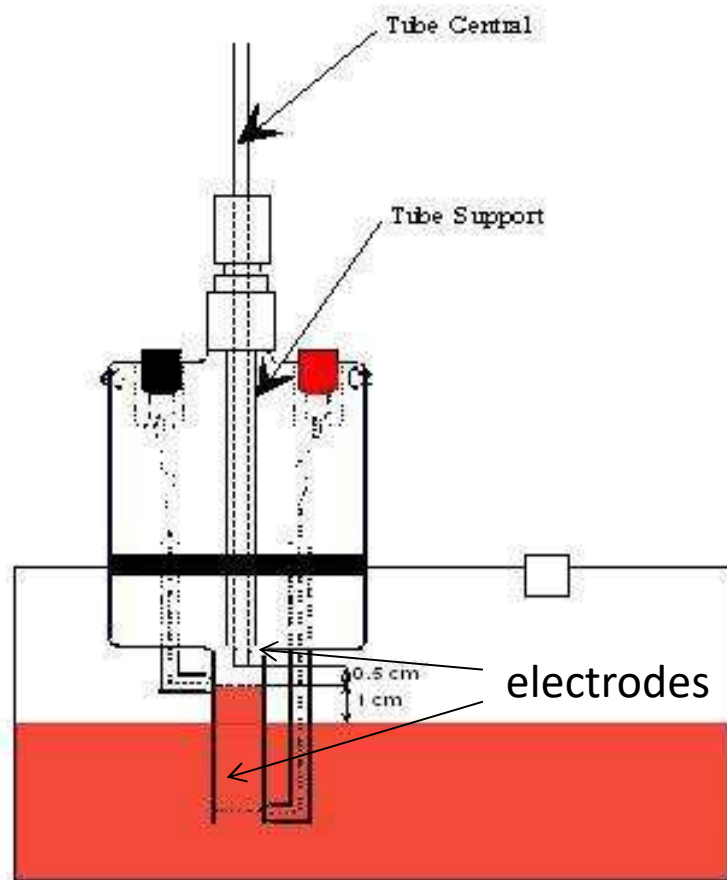
### Technical characteristics:

- Glass container.
- A solution of Chromium (VI) oxide in distilled water .
- Two platinum electrodes are arranged vertically in parallel and are connected to an amplifier for data acquisition.
- A tube fitted with the electrode is dipped into the solution such that the liquid is retained by capillary action within the tube.



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## Wet cell detector



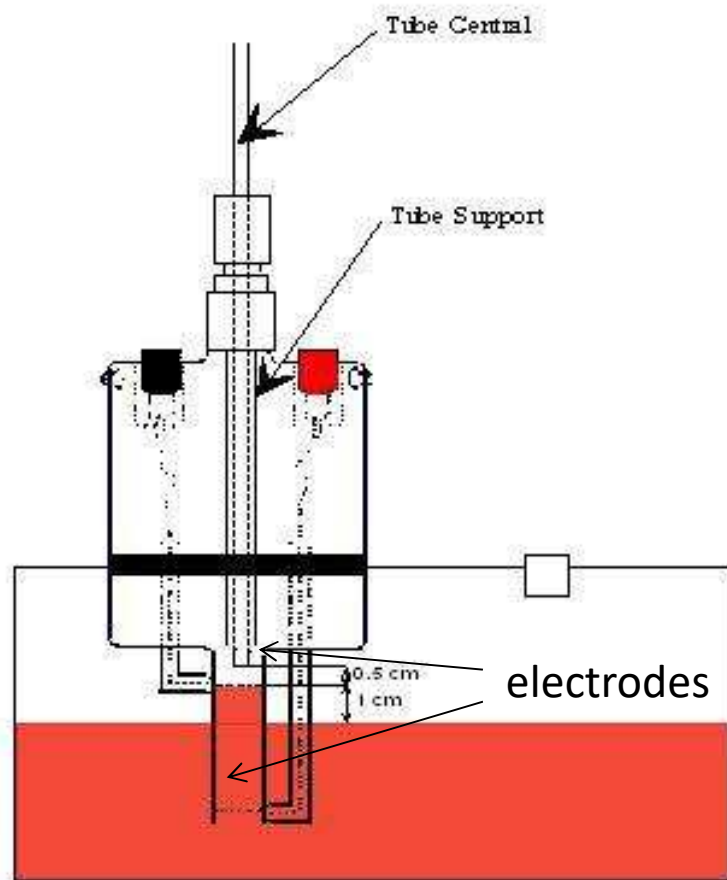
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### Technical characteristics:

- The gas flow from the GC column is discharged through the narrow tube immediately above the upper grid center.
- Each sulfur sequentially elutes and react
- The redox reaction occurs at the electrode creating a potential difference between the two electrodes.
- Thus a current can be measured to quantify the amount of sulfur species in the gas

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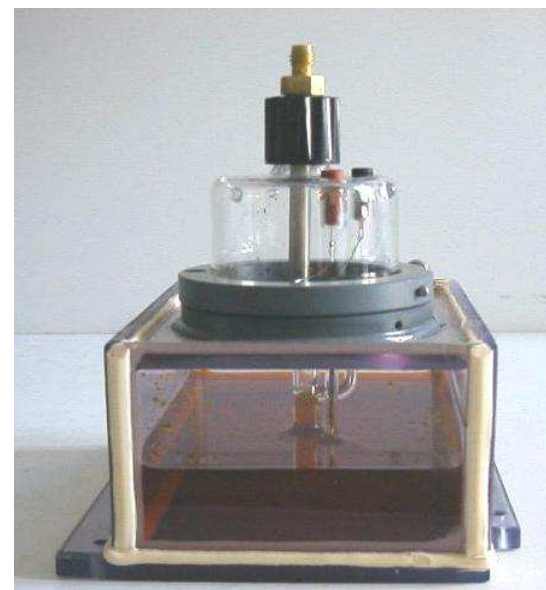
## Wet cell detector



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### Key points:

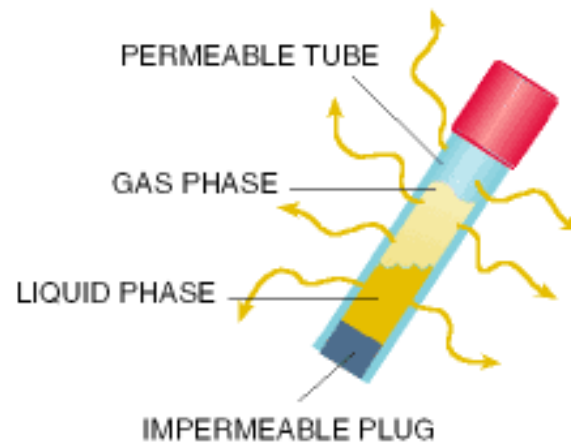
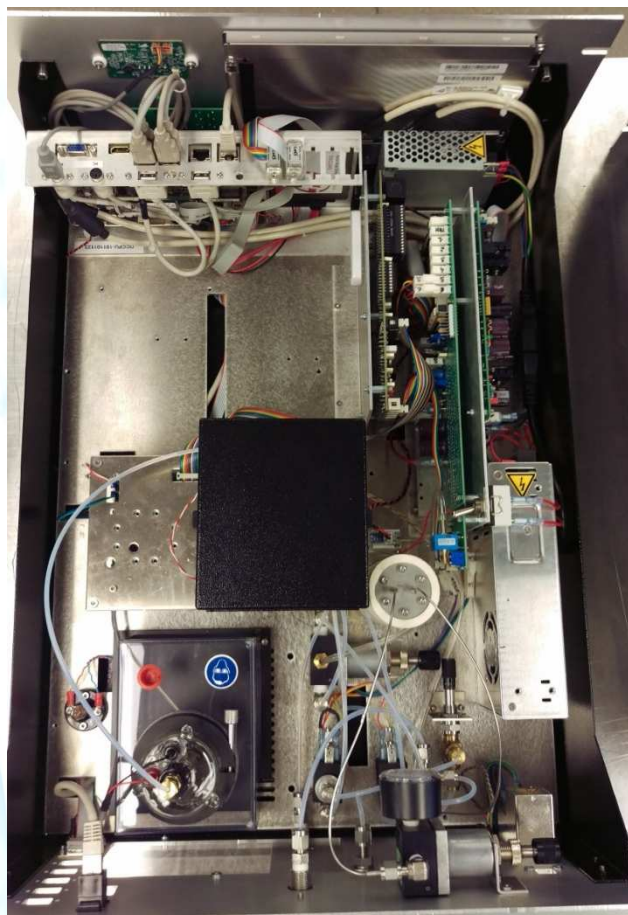
- Only very low maintenance is necessary - addition of water to the detector every 3 months.
  - Low evaporation rate
    - Small diameter
    - Small carrier gas flow (5ml/min)





# MEDOR<sup>®</sup> Analyser

## Calibration – Permeation tube



Gas phase goes through the permeable membrane:

- Constant temperature ( $\pm 0.1^\circ \text{C}$ )
- Constant flow rate

Allows automatic calibration of the instrument and validation of the results

No need of cylinder!



D7493 : Standard Test Method for Online Measurement of Sulfurs Compounds In Natural Gas and Gaseous Fuels by Gas Chromatograph and Electrochemical Detection



Russian GOST certification for MEDOR<sup>®</sup>



In compliance with ISO 19739:2004  
Determination of sulfur compounds using gas chromatography annex D

— Different version of MEDOR<sup>®</sup>:

- *H<sub>2</sub>S/TS MEDOR*
- *THT MEDOR*
- *energyMEDOR*



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## H<sub>2</sub>S analysis

### H<sub>2</sub>S MEDOR<sup>®</sup>

- Electrochemical detection
- Carrier gas: Air or nitrogen
- Sampling: Loop
- H<sub>2</sub>S in two minutes
- LDL down to 1 ppb for low range
- Standard analysis range:
  - 0-1 / 0-10 / 0-100 ppm
  - Low % range in option



H<sub>2</sub>S MEDOR  
Ref: M51022



H<sub>2</sub>S MEDOR  
Ref: M51022-ATEX-Z1

## H<sub>2</sub>S and Total Sulfur analysis

### H<sub>2</sub>S TOS TS MEDOR®

- Electrochemical detection
- Carrier gas: Air or nitrogen
- Sampling: Loop
- New Backflush system
- H<sub>2</sub>S and TS\* in two minutes
- Standard analysis range:
  - 0-1 / 0-10 / 0-100 ppm
  - Low % range in option

\*TS: Total sulfur by sum H<sub>2</sub>S + TOS



H<sub>2</sub>S TOS TS  
Ref: M51022-TS



H<sub>2</sub>S TOS TS  
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# Measurement of H<sub>2</sub>S and Total sulfur content in 2 minutes

H<sub>2</sub>S TS MEDOR® is :

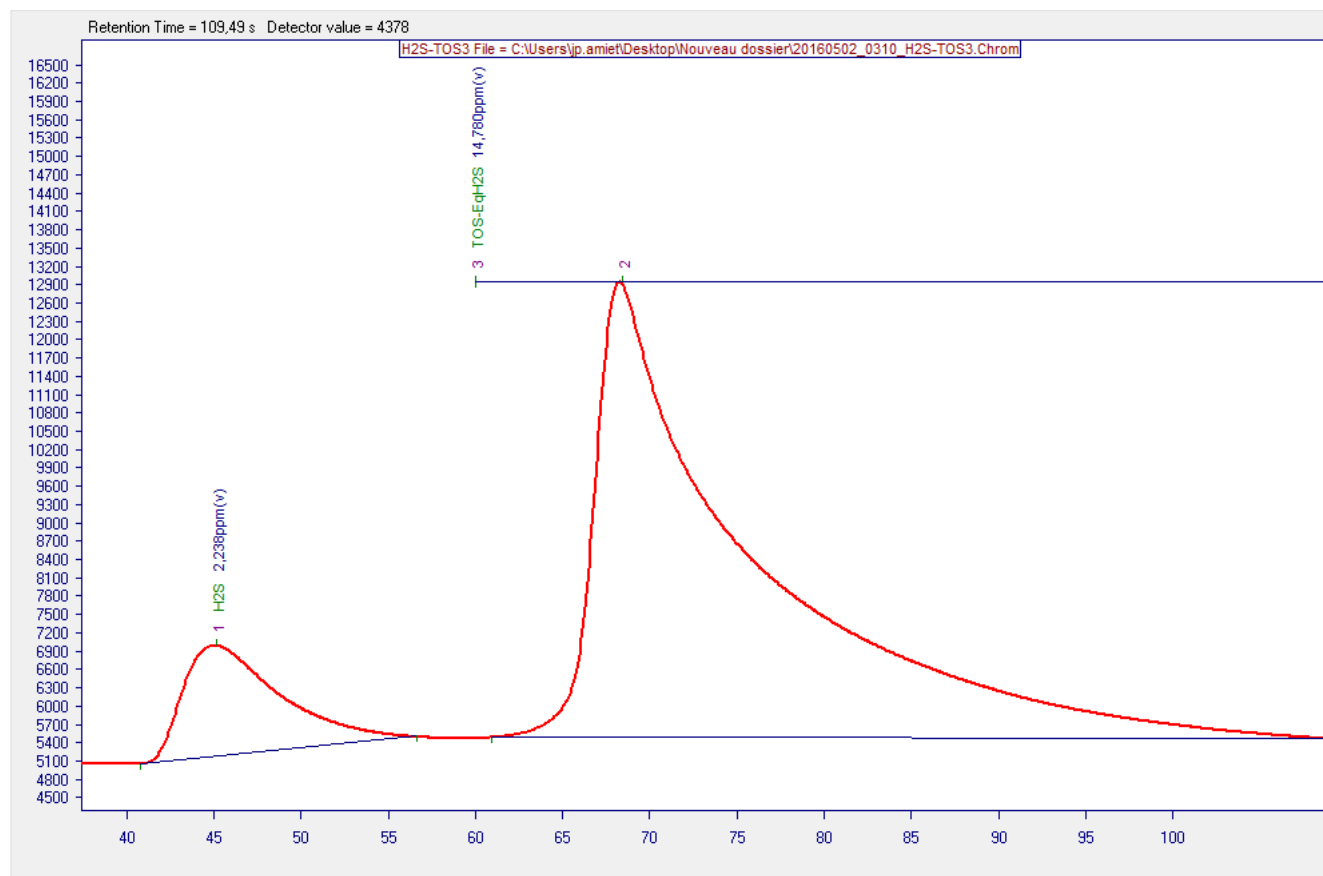
- Designed for process control application
- Online continuous sampling
- Very specific to sulfur compounds (no interference)
- Very Low maintenance
- No conversion for total sulfur measurement
- Automatic validation
- GC instrument which Allows quantification and identification of H<sub>2</sub>S and TOS
- Fast measurement: Total measurement is 2 minutes



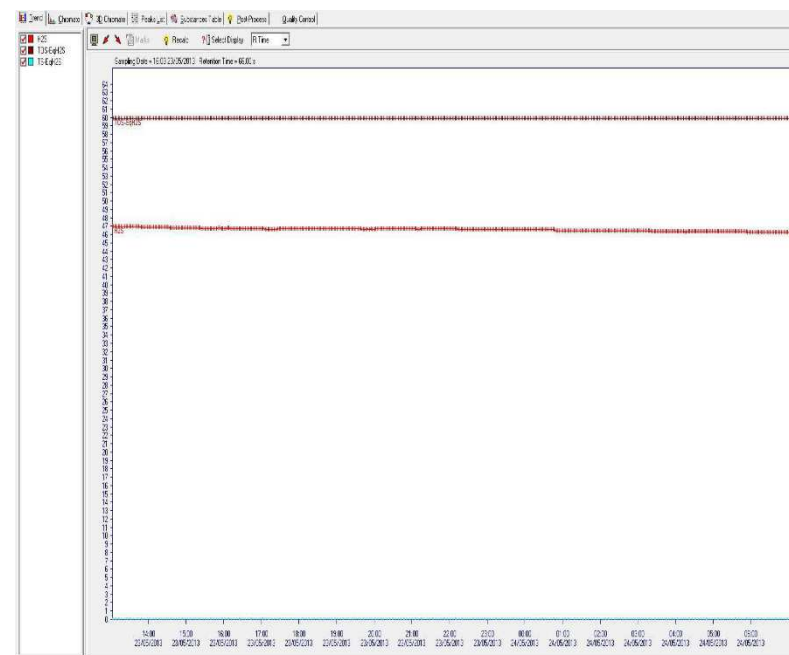
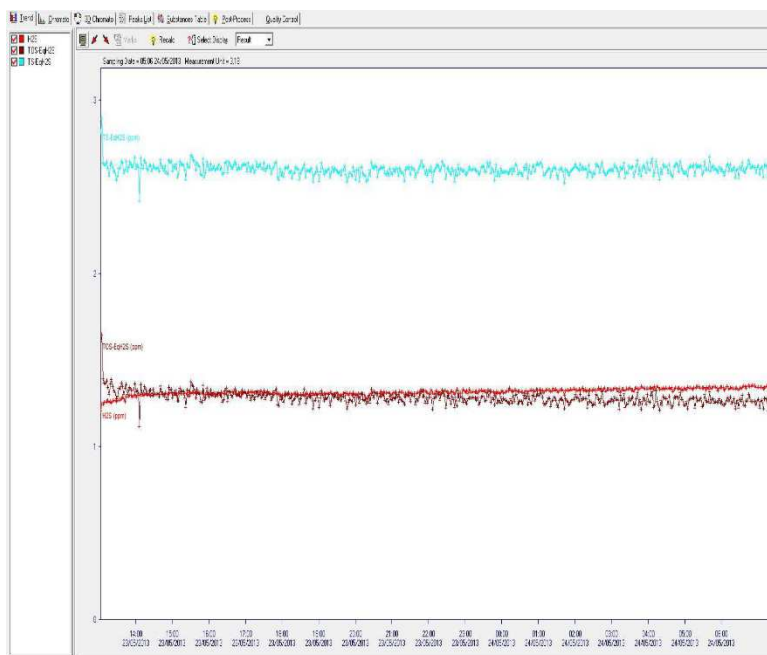
*H<sub>2</sub>S TOS TS*  
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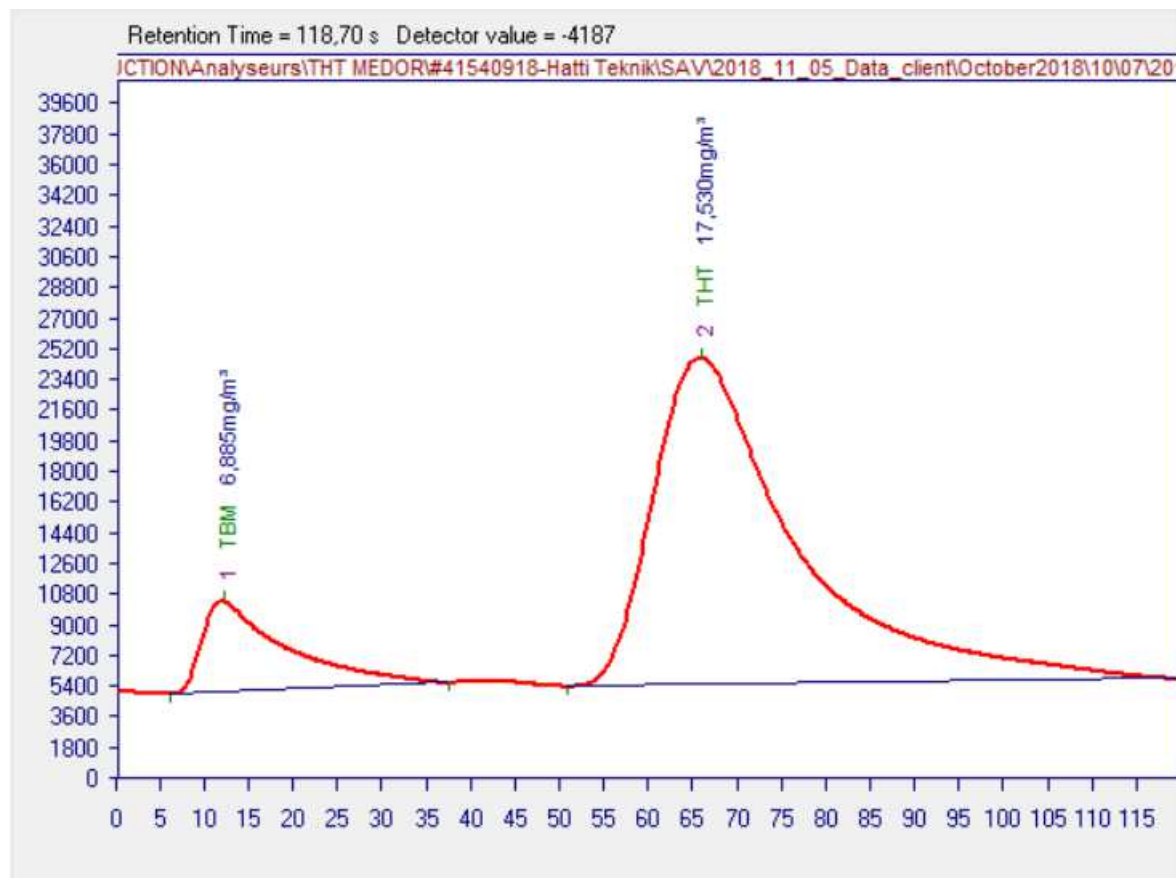
## THT MEDOR<sup>®</sup>

- MEDOR<sup>®</sup> specific version for automatic monitoring of THT in natural gas with TBM in option
  - Automatic calibration using permeation tube : DMS or THT
  - Very low maintenance
  - Online instrument
  - Cycle time 3 to 5 minutes



Model: M31022

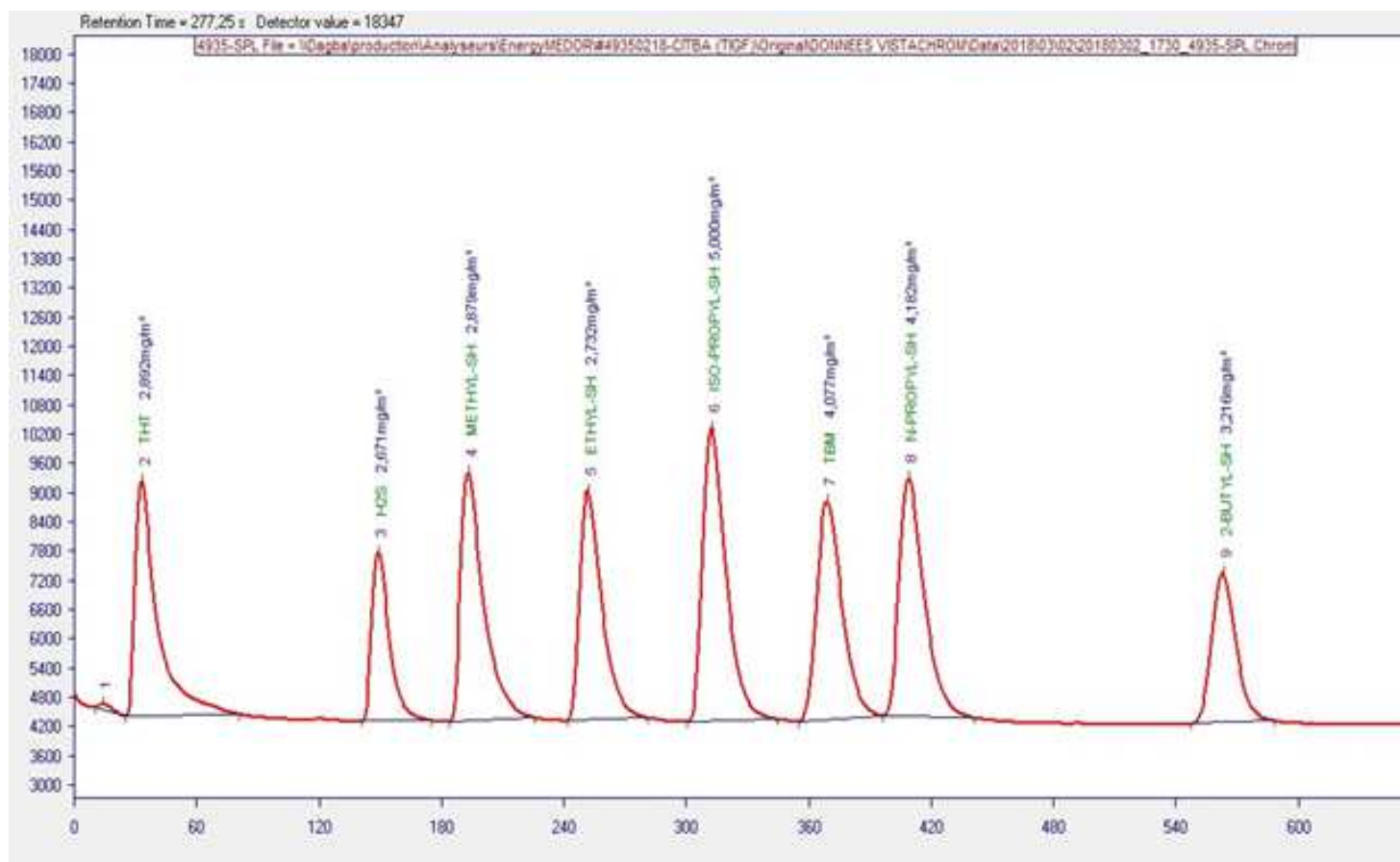
# THT MEDOR®



- energyMEDOR® version for automatic monitoring of all sulfur compounds
  - H<sub>2</sub>S, Mercaptans (RSH): MM/EM/IPM/TBM/NPM and MES
  - Total mercaptans and total sulfurs by sum
  - In option: 2 BM, IBM, NBM
  - MEDOR® Electrochemical wet cell Detector : SSD
  - Carrier gas: nitrogen
  - Cycle time from 12 minutes to 20 minutes



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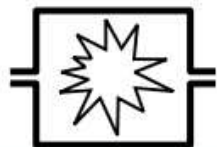
# Different enclosure

- Rack for non hazardous area
- Hazardous area zone 2 or zone 1
  - Exp
  - Exd



# MAIN IEC PROTECTION TECHNIQUES

## FLAMEPROOF "d"



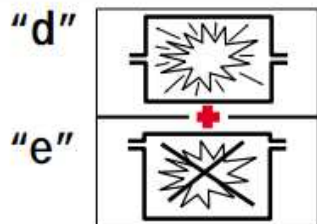
- **ZONE 1**
- Contain internal explosion
- Control external temperature of enclosure
- Similar to NEC® explosion proof

## INCREASED SAFETY "e"



- **ZONE 1**
- High impact resistant enclosures—FRP, GRP, sheet steel/aluminum
- Will not hold static charge
- Use approved components
- Control internal and external temperature
- Maintain minimum of IP 54 ingress protection
- No arcs, no sparks

## FLAMEPROOF PLUS INCREASED SAFETY "de"



- **ZONE 1**
- Location of arcing has "d" protection (flameproof)
- Connection terminals have "e" protection (increased safety)
- Typical use in switches, lighting, power outlets—where arcs can normally occur
- Control internal and external temperature

# MAIN IEC PROTECTION TECHNIQUES

## NON-SPARKING "n"



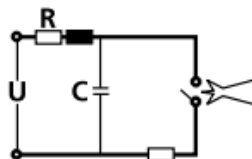
- **ZONE 2**
- Equipment has no normally arcing parts
- Thermal effects incapable of ignition
- nA=non sparking
- nk=restricted breathing
- nC=hermetically sealed non incandive

## PRESSURIZED APPARATUS "p"



- **ZONE 1**
- Expels ignitable vapor/gas
- Maintains positive enclosure pressure

## INTRINSIC SAFETY "ia"-"ib"



- **ia ZONE 0 & 1**
- **ib ZONE 1**
- Incapable of releasing enough energy to cause an explosion

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# Performance tests

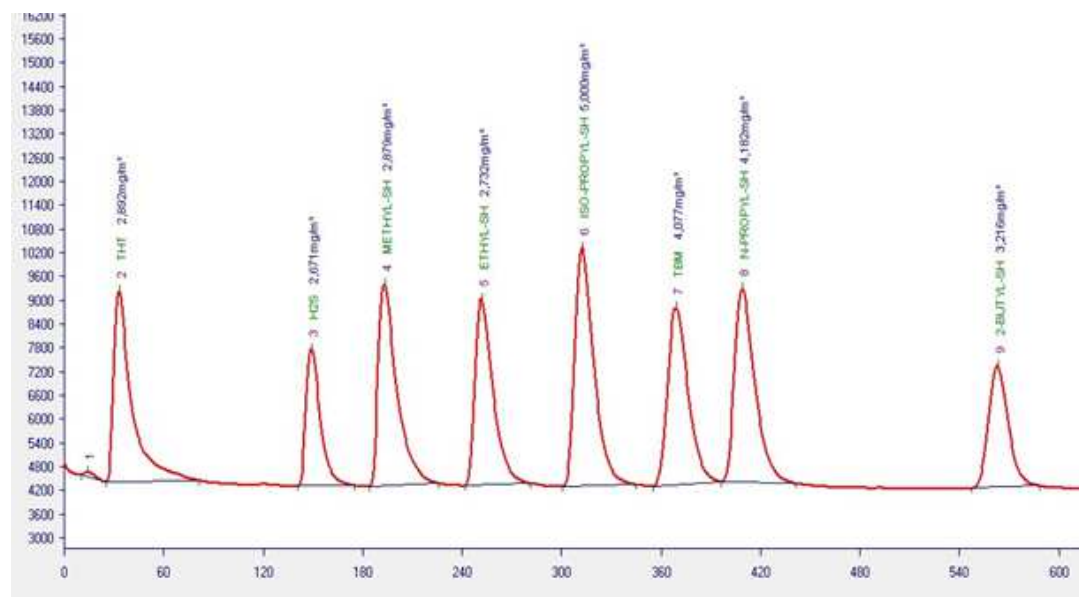
- Analysis of 8 compounds in standard using DMS permeation tube as calibration:
  - ✓ Stability tests
  - ✓ Linearity tests
- Analysis of 14 compounds available upon request



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# Performance tests

Hydrogen sulphide	$\text{H}_2\text{S}$
Methyl Mercaptan (MM or MTM)	$\text{CH}_3\text{-SH}$
Ethyl Mercaptan (EM or ETM)	$\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{-SH}$
Dimethyl Sulphide (DMS)	$\text{CH}_3\text{-S-CH}_3$
(iso) 2-Propyl Mercaptan (IPM)	$(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{-CH-SH}$
ter Butyl Mercaptan (TBM)	$(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{-C-SH}$
(N) 1-Propyl Mercaptan (NPM)	$\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{-SH}$
TetraHydroThiophene (THT)	$\text{C}_4\text{H}_8\text{S}$



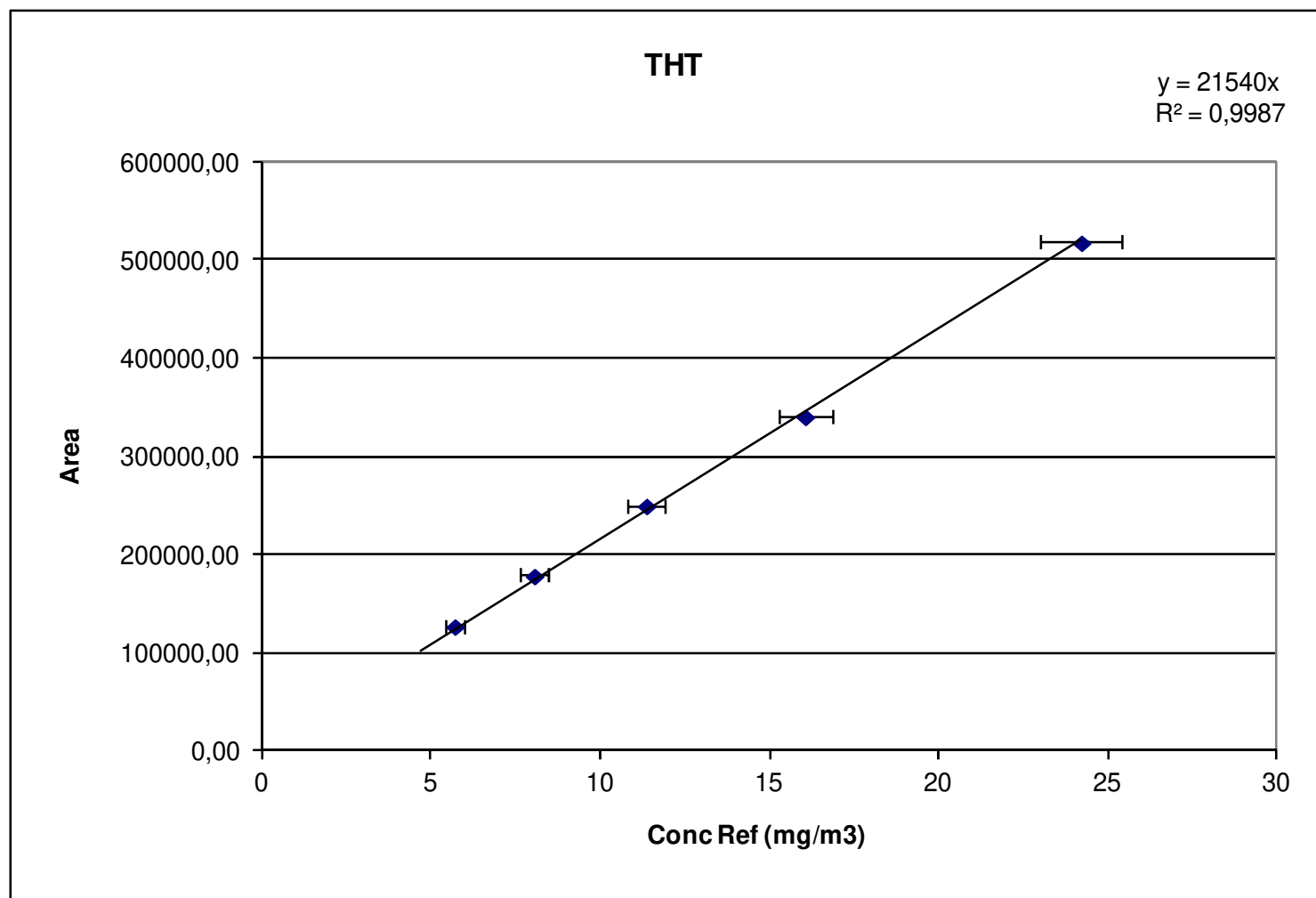
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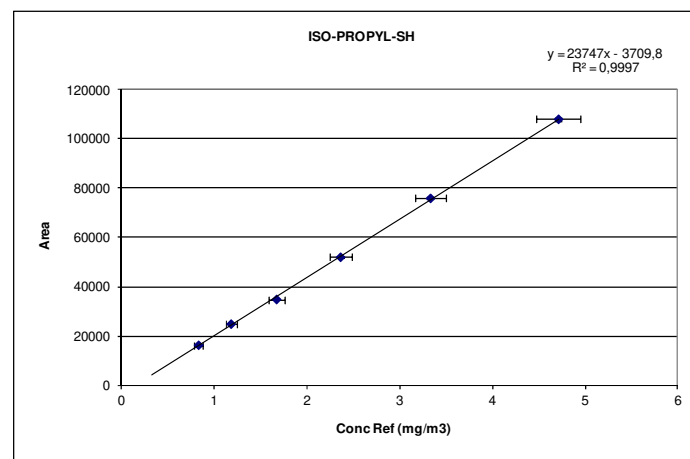
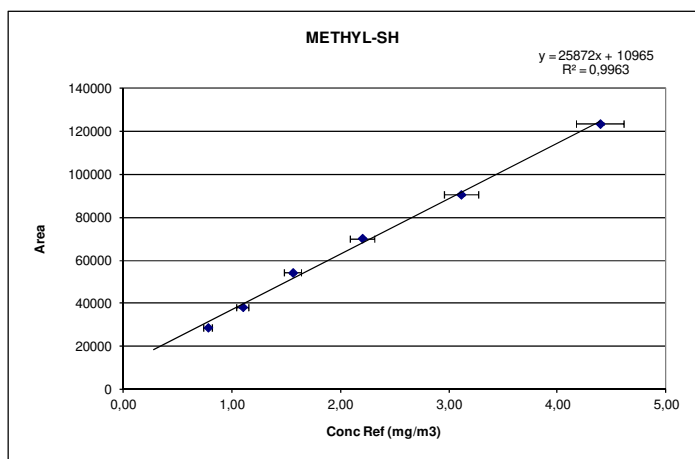
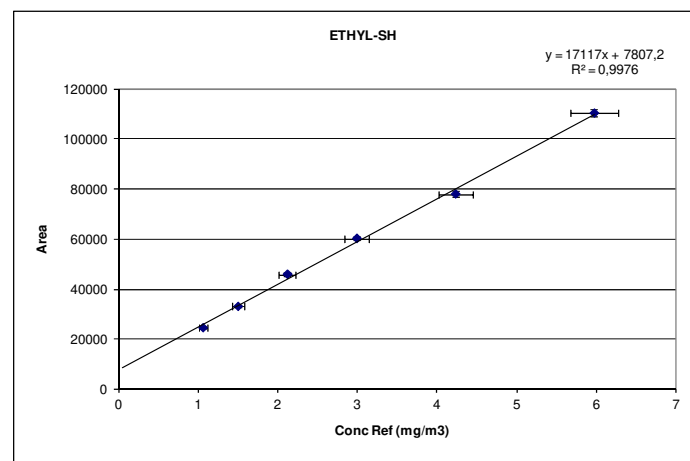
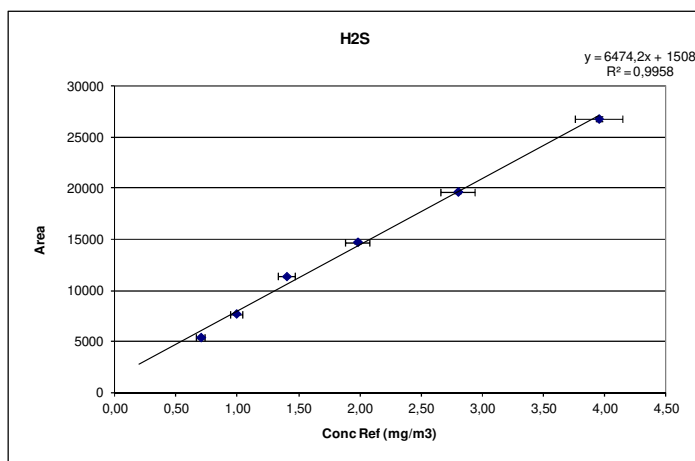
# Stability tests

	Concentration (mg/m3)						
	H <sub>2</sub> S	MM	EM	IPM	TBM	THT	DMS STD
Mean	3,16	9,06	6,02	8,05	5,18	27,20	6,04
SD	0,011	0,031	0,072	0,048	0,031	0,146	0,021
Relative Error (%)	1,50	0,84	0,21	2,06	0,96	0,51	0,19
Repeatability (%)	0,72	0,68	2,38	1,20	1,21	1,07	0,71
Reference concentration	3,11 (+/-4%)	9,14 (+/-4%)	6,01 (+/-4%)	8,22 (+/-4%)	5,13 (+/-4%)	27,06 (+/-4%)	6,03 (+/-10%)

# Linearity tests



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# Linearity tests

	Repeatability (%)		Relative reproducibility (%)	
	Performance criteria	Obtained value	Performance criteria	Obtained value
H <sub>2</sub> S	3	0,72	25	1,50
MTM (or MM)	2	0,68	10	0,84
ETM (or EM)	4	2,38	30	0,21
IPM	10	1,20	20	2,06
TBM	7	1,21	25	0,96
THT	4	1,07	20	0,51

## Metrology conclusions

- energyMEDOR performance complies with EN ISO 19739
- Values are much better than the standard requirement

energyMEDOR® is designed to continuously identify and quantify individual target sulfur species in gaseous fuel with automatic calibration and validation:

- Accurate
- Repeatable
- Linear
- ppb to %
- Online continuous sampling
- Sulfur specific (no interference) 9 compounds in standard
- Odor unit calculation
- Low maintenance (less than 1 day per year)
- Automatic validation and calibration



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## CHROMATOTEC APPLICATIONS FOR NATURAL GAS AND GASEOUS FUELS MARKET

- NG Sales metering station/ Custody transfer
- Pipeline integrity monitoring
- Natural gas odorisation control
  - Odorant verification
  - Odorant injection control
- LPG odorisation control
- NG/LNG/LPG deodorization control
- Thermal power plant turbine integrity
- Liquid hydrocarbons: diesel / crude oil / condensates quality control



# NG FISCAL METERING STATION

Quality control of natural gas at fiscal metering station or custody transfer:

- Sulfur compounds at low ppm
  - energyMEDOR® for sulfurs contents: H<sub>2</sub>S, Mercaptans (RSH):MM/EM/IPM/TBM/NPM and MES
  - Total mercaptans and total sulfurs by sum

1. H<sub>2</sub>S
2. Methyl Mercaptan
3. Ethyl Mercaptan
4. N Propyl Mercaptan
5. Iso Propyl Mercaptan
6. Tertiary Butyl Mercaptan
7. THT
8. Mercaptans (2+3+4+5+6)



## Applications of the energyMEDOR H2S/TS MEDOR: (Integrity Monitoring)

- During the extraction of raw NG and following processing, Midstream companies are required to track the level of H<sub>2</sub>S and TS (*total sulfur*).
- If the concentration of either exceed the required levels the Midstream provider will shut down the gathering line until the required levels are met.

Gas transportation company can check the amount of H<sub>2</sub>S from the gathering lines

- Every two minutes
- Can close quickly when the H<sub>2</sub>S limit that is present over the limit

## ODORISATION CONTROL

### WHY MONITOR ODOR IN NATURAL GAS ?

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- Public Safety: Natural gas is colorless and odorless in its most pure form
- Natural Gas when extracted can contain sulfurs such as  $H_2S$  that when in the presence of moisture can produce sulfuric acid that can degrade the pipeline
- Note: MEDORs monitor up to 21 Bcf/d NG (6000 Million Cubic Meters). Total Gas consumption per day is estimated at 76.7Bcf/d.

# ODORISATION CONTROL

Non odorized gas may be dangerous!

Natural gas is  
odorless and  
must be odorized  
with sulfurized  
compounds





# ODORISATION CONTROL REQUIREMENTS

There is a need to measure and control precisely the level of odorant species in natural gas:

- Adjust the amount of sulfur in the gas
- Control of odorant passivation
- Aids in detection of leaks





# ODORISATION CONTROL CURRENTLY IN THE USA

- According to the law in the US:
  - Gas has to be odorized by local distribution company
  - Gas must be checked periodically
- The operator fills a box with a known sample volume:
  - Smell the gas
  - Decides if the amount of odorant is sufficient

The sniff test is commonly used to check odorization levels



# ODORISATION CONTROL REQUIREMENTS

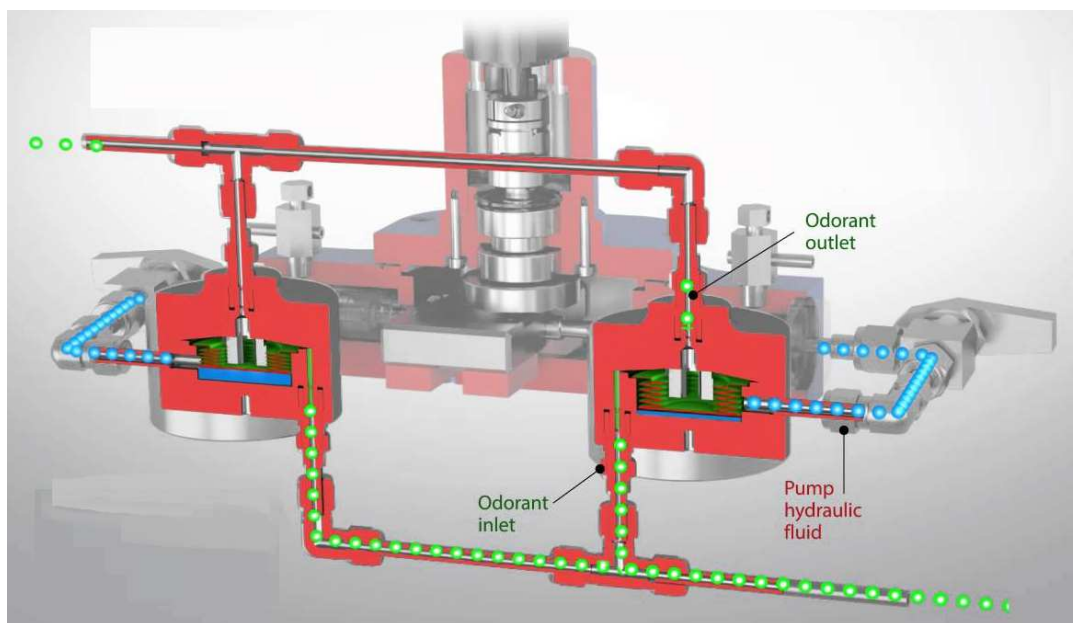
NG is required to be readily detected by a person with a normal sense of smell. To achieve this, Odorant is injected into the natural gas in a mass ratio between 0.5-1.0#/MMCF of gas (8 to 16 mg/m<sup>3</sup>).

- There are 2 suppliers of odorant in the NA market
  - Arkema (spotleak) 7 grades
  - Chevron Phillips (Scentinel) 21 mixtures

# ODORISATION CONTROL APPLICATIONS

The energyMedor is used for 2 applications:

- Odorant verification
- Odorant injection control



# ODORISATION CONTROL APPLICATIONS

## **APP1 :Odorant verification**

The energyMEDOR monitors downstream (with the option of upstream, “2 stream”) of the injector. The data is the actual concentration of odor present. \*OR\* End of line monitoring, the energyMEDOR provides the concentration of odorant that is present (this accounts for odor fade in the pipeline)

# ODORISATION CONTROL APPLICATIONS

## APP2 : Odorant Injection control

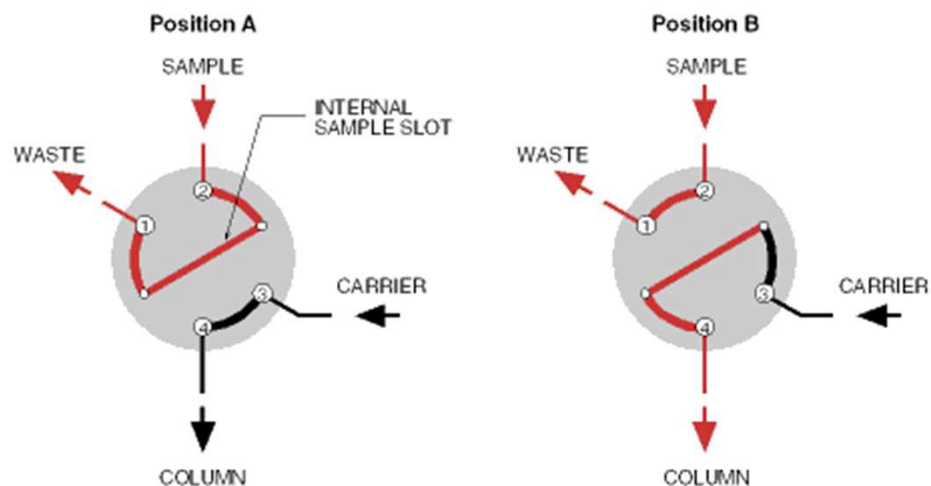
The energyMEDOR monitors downstream (*with the option of upstream, "2 stream"*) of the injector. The output of the energyMEDOR is monitored by a PLC or directly input to the Odorizer via a feed back loop. The Odorizer monitors the output concentration of the energyMEDOR and adjusts the injection rate of odorant accordingly.

- Specification & Purpose
  - “Odorized” ppm of sulfurs energy, cooking
  - “Non Odorized” **ppb of sulfurs** chemicals, blowing agent
  - “Deodorized” low ppb of sulfurs

**Propellant, Blowing agent, Refrigerant**

# LPG SAMPLING VALVE

- 2 position Valve regulated in temperature and controlled by Vistachrom allow :
  - vaporisation of LPG using very low volume :
    - equal or less than 1  $\mu$ l
    - Advantages:
      - very low consumption of liquefied gas
      - representative sample analysed

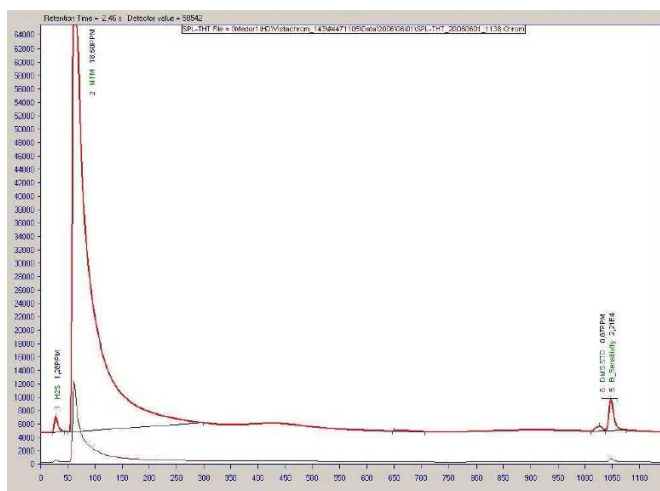




# LPG ODORISATION

## LPG odorisation control for human safety:

- **Ethyl-Mercaptan is used to odorized LPG in ppm range**
  - energyMEDOR ppm analyze automatically with validation Ethyl-Mercaptan



# LPG DEODORISATION

storage → tower → storage (products)



Molecular  
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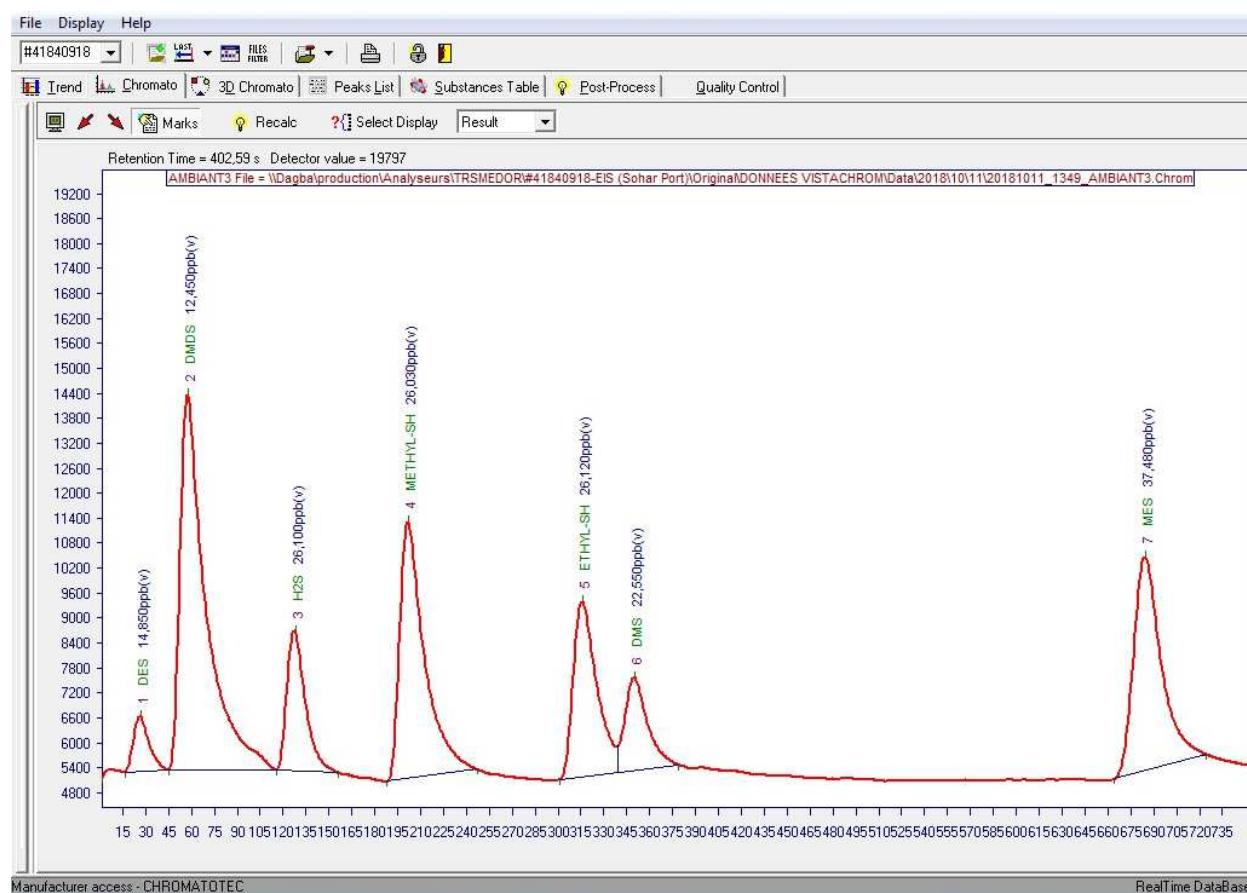


Deodorized=De-sulfurized (low ppb level)

- Sulfur at low ppb level
  - Gas Chromatography
    - energyMEDOR ppb with LPG sampling valve
      - LDL down to 1 ppb in automatic



# PPB ANALYSIS OF SULFURS





## AEROSOL



## **Turbine integrity for natural gas thermal power plant:**

- **Turbine can accept a level of sulfurs and in order to prevent the damage of the turbine H<sub>2</sub>S and total sulfurs is required to be monitored**



## SULFURS IN LIQUID HYDROCARBONS: DIESEL / CRUDE OIL / CONDENSATES

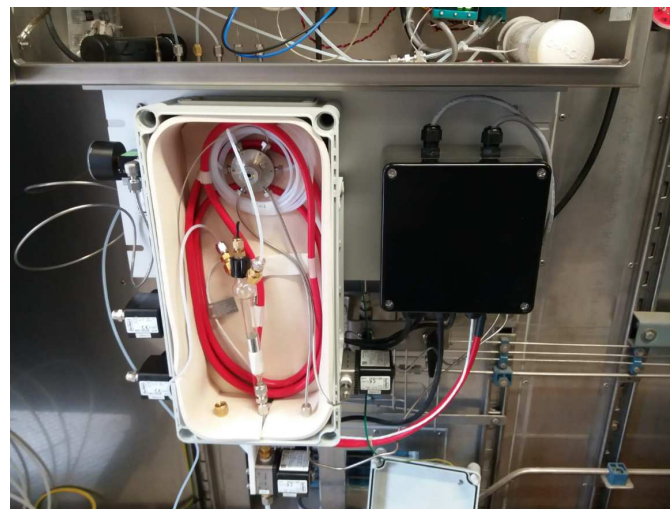
Quality control of liquid hydrocarbons:

diesel

crude oil

condensates

- With liquid sampling system to extract dissolved sulfur and H<sub>2</sub>S/TS MEDOR





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Specific instrument dedicated to hydrocarbons measurement in natural gas

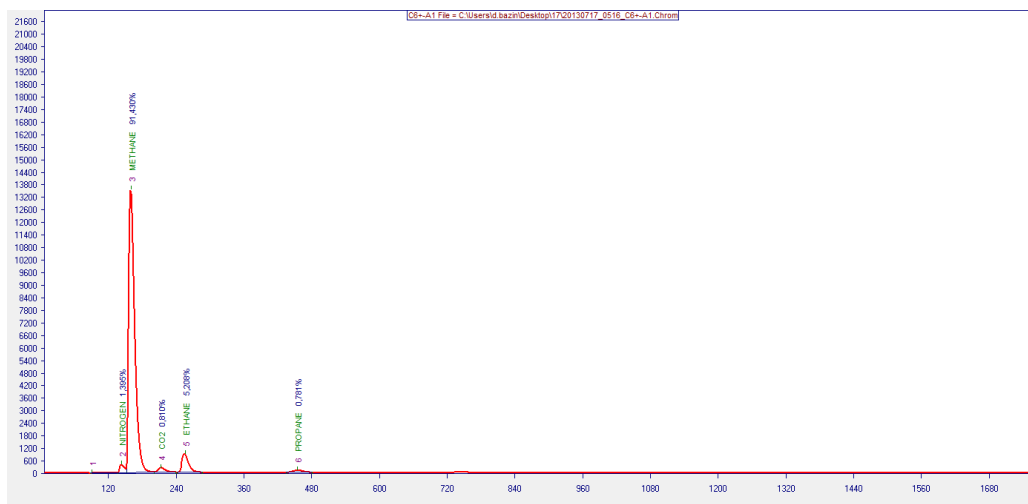
The instrument is composed by:

- GC-TCD detector
- Loop
- Columns for separation
- Embedded supervisor with Windows 7 based computer
  - Specific software module for:
    - Calorific values
    - WOBBE index
  - Possibility to receive data from other analyzer: flowmeter,  $T^{\circ}$ ,  $P^{\circ}$  etc.
  - Total energy calculation
  - Communication of the data by Modbus
- Possibility to adjust result units



Measure of the 11 main components of natural gas: C1 to C6+  
Calculation of calorific value following ISO 6976

Substance	Result	Unit	Start (s)	R.Time (s)	Max	Stop (s)	Area	Type	FWMH
NITROGEN	1,395	%	136,70	143,70	483	152,20	3640,2	ST	10,30
METHANE	91,431	%	152,20	160,60	13646	201,65	168704,0	E	11,20
CO2	0,810	%	201,65	213,20	331	239,40	3075,8	ST_E	12,80
ETHANE	5,208	%	242,40	256,00	1006	287,00	12578,8	ST_E	12,70
PROPANE	0,781	%	434,60	455,15	207	480,50	2184,5	ST_E	19,50



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## CHROMATOTEC complete solution for hazardous area

- Gas generator
- Sampling
- Temperature control for analyzers
- Exemple of integration

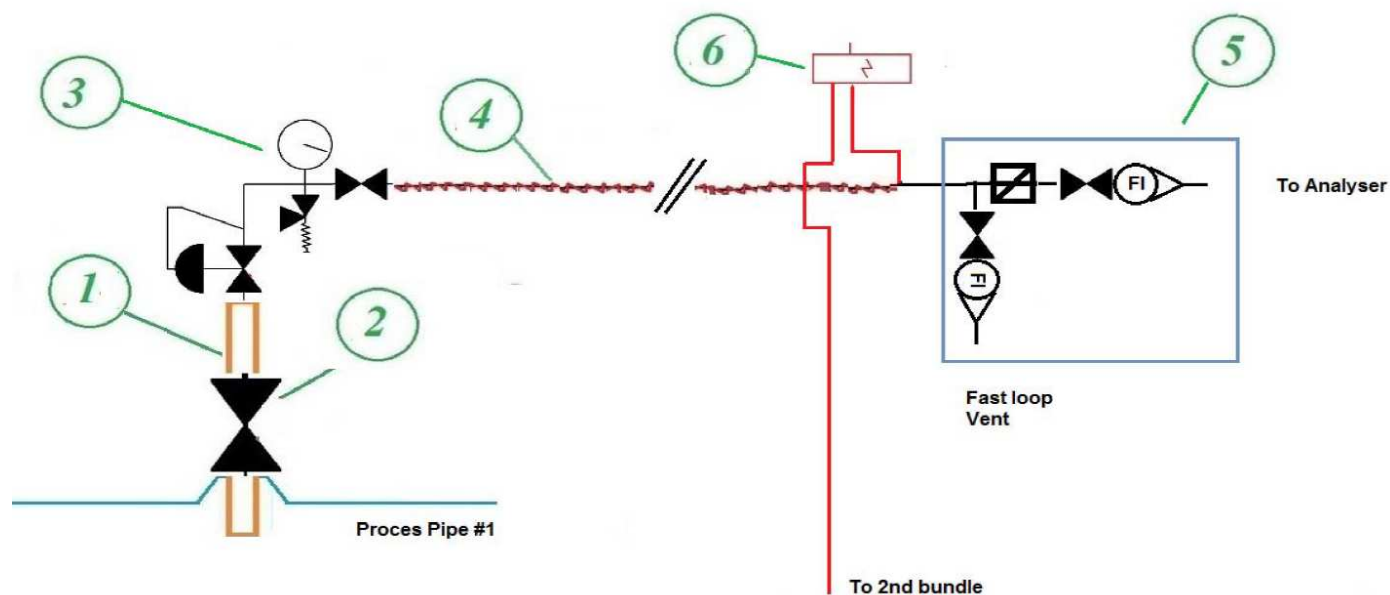
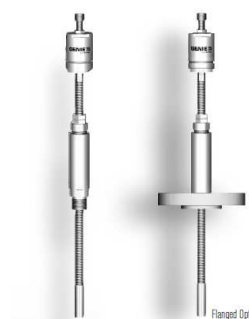


# Gas Generators

- MEDOR<sup>®</sup> is a fully autonomous autoGC-ED with
  - embedded nitrogen generator wall mounted
  - internal calibration
  - No cylinder are required for operation
  - Very simple installation
- MEDOR<sup>®</sup> Exp required only power supply and instrument air for purge and for nitrogen generator inlet
- MEDOR<sup>®</sup> Exd required only power supply
  - Nitrogen generator can have ATEX compressor or instrument air can be used

# Sampling

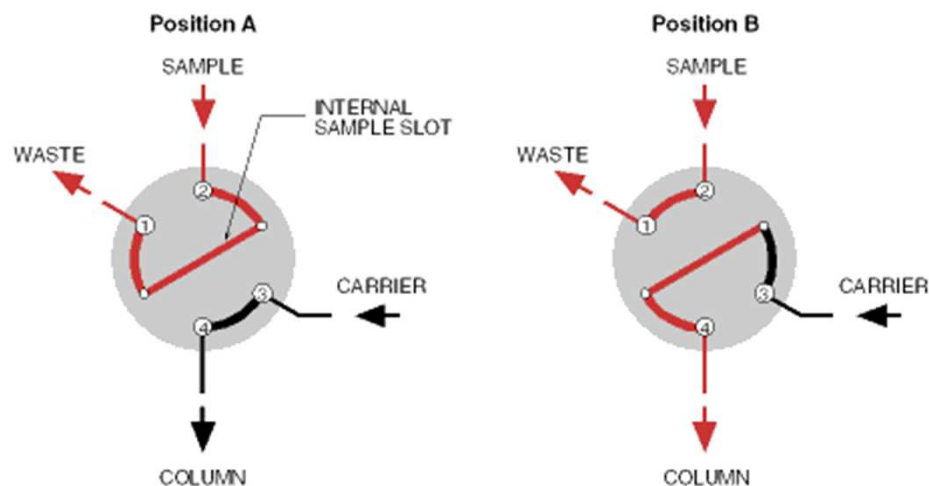
- Sampling system from the probe to the analyzer designed with a french partner
  - For natural gas





# Sampling for LPG and/or high concentration

- 2 position Valve regulated in temperature and controlled by Vistachrom allow :
  - vaporisation of LPG or liquified gas using very low volume :
    - equal or less than 1  $\mu$ l
    - Advantages:
      - very low consumption of liquefied gas
      - representative sample analysed
  - Injection of very low volume for high concentration of sulfurs :
    - very high ppm or % range
    - Advantages: no need of dilution gas



# Temperature control for analyzers

## ➤ ATEX Air conditioned cabinet for analyzers integration

### Advantages:

- stability of temperature
- need only electricity
- High level of protection for analyzer, cylinder and sampling

### Disadvantage:

- Need a cabinet
- price



# Temperature control for analyzers

## ➤ VORTEX cooler system

Advantages:

- price
- no need of external cabinet

Disadvantages:

- Air consumption (several hundreds liter/min)

Operation with ambient temperature up to + 55° C



## ➤ Internal heater

Operation with ambient temperature down to – 20° C

## ➤ Purge controller

Additional purge flow when high temperature is reached

Operation with ambient temperature up to + 40° C



## Autonomous solution



- MEDOR Ex and chrom Ex range work on 24 V DC
- Internal nitrogen generator controlled by MEDOR and certified for hazardous area:
  - Using instrument air or with ATEX compressor
- Work with solar panel

# Key benefits & conclusions

## Embedded Supervisor Windows<sup>®</sup> based

- All technical data stored in Real Time Data Base
- Remote control access for easier maintenance
- Intelligent system with tunable and interactive alarms levels
- Full traceability with on board archiving of results and chromatograms
- QC Set up and control of threshold alarms
- Data export by MODBUS / 4-20 mA / 0-10 V
- Time stamp results



# CHROMATOTEC historical sales for hazardous areas

## Protection mode EX p

- CSA us Field certification\* Class 1 division 2 in June **2009**



Instrument installed in California USA for odorisation control



- CSA international Field certification\* Class 1 division 2 in January **2012**



Instrument installed in Singapore LNG terminal for odorisation control



\* Field certification : Certification by unit after production. Need to perform a certification for each unit.



### Protection mode EX p

- CSA international Class 1 division 2  
in January **2013**



Instrument installed in United Emirates at metering station after refinery

- ATEX zone 1 Field certification in **2014** with VORTEX cooler of **6 MEDOR Ex**



Instruments for LPG process control





# CHROMATOTEC historical sales for hazardous areas

## Protection mode EX p

- CSA us energy MEDOR Exp in 2014
- ATEX zone 1 Type certification\* in 2015

- Type certification number 15E135
- ATEX quality assurance certification number 15E135



Instrument for South California Gaz USA, odorisation control

- CSA us Field certification Class 1 Division 2 December 2015



Instrument for odorisation control at metering station,



Instrument for South California Gaz USA,  
odorisation control

*\*Type certification : the production (Chromato-Sud) is certified to produce ATEX zone 1 and 2 certified instruments. No need to certify each instrument after production they are already certified.*

## Some customer reference

Singapore LNG terminal:

- Unloading metering of LNG terminal
- THT MEDOR in hazardous area



## Some customer reference

Odor in ambient air in Chile at LPG odorization station: GASMAR

TRS MEDOR Exd for odor in  
ambient air at ppb level



## Some customer reference

Odorisation control in South Korea at Kogas



2 MEDOR with 6 streams multiplexor



# Some customer reference

- Thermal power plant in Tunisia

H2S TS MEDOR high ppm for turbine integrity protection

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de l'Électricité et du Gaz



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# Some customer reference

- Natural gas Sales metering station in Egypt

H2S TS MEDOR 0 - 10 ppm



# Some customer reference

- Condensates Sales metering station in Egypt

H<sub>2</sub>S TS MEDOR 0 - 10 ppm  
with liquid sampling system





# Some customer reference

## energyMEDOR Exd ATEX

- H<sub>2</sub>S, mercaptans, Total Sulfur in sales metering station
- Flameproof certified version

**Amber  
Grid**



## Some customer reference



## Conclusions

- Chromatotec is the provider of autoGC analyzers with calibration, sampling device, shelters and generators
- Chromatotec will provide full support to his partners for on-site installation and application
- Chromatotec develop in continue his product for oil and gas application

## Conclusions nat. Gaz

- Detectors are highly sensitive to sulfur compounds at ppm or ppb level
- Very clear separation of the compounds
- Instruments are fully automatic rugged industrial analyzers that need very low maintenance.
- All in one solution for Gas Monitoring with pack energyMEDOR & ChromEnergy
- Complete solution for natural gas analysis
- Good stability of the results and a validation of the results with standard permeation tube.



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Thank you for your attention !