

# Take Gas Analysis Mobile — *Without Sacrificing Results*

## Key Learning Objectives:

- Learn how to determine composition and calorific value of natural gas
- Learn how to take typical laboratory analysis mobile and get reproducible results
- Learn how to configure analysis in accordance with ASTM, GPA, and ISO methods

## Who Should Attend:

- (lab) technicians in (petro)chem and natural gas performing gas chromatographic analysis and in particular gas analysis
- (lab) managers in (petro)chem and natural gas in charge of (contract) labs performing gas chromatographic analysis and in particular gas analysis
- R&D personnel developing solutions where they have a need to analyze gases
- Academics developing solutions in alternative fuels, fuel cells etc having the need to analyze gases

**LIVE WEBCAST: Tuesday, July 23, 2013 at 9:00 am EDT**

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## Event Overview:

The natural gas (NG) market is broken into four discrete segments: exploration, liquefaction, transportation, and regasification. All four of these segments require diligent and accurate characterization of the NG to ensure maximum efficiency in investment and operational expenditures.

Come learn about and discuss the most critical characterizations of NG characterization utilizing a gas chromatograph (GC). Since the two key aspects of characterization are diligence and accuracy, the benefits taking the analysis onsite with micro GC analysis can offer unprecedented performance in both of the two critical aspects mentioned.

The following applications will be discussed in detail and supported by real-world data:

- Exploration: mud logging characterization; up to C12 qualification and quantification
- Liquefaction: calorific value determination
- Transportation: gas composition during loading
- Regasification: calorific value validation and odorant addition monitoring

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# TAKING GAS ANALYSIS MOBILE

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**Moderator  
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# Agilent Lab Quality... When and Where You Need It



What if you could take your laboratory equipment to the sample?



# The Agilent 490 Micro GC Family



## 490 Micro GC Family

Basic cabinets, 19" rack and Field Case



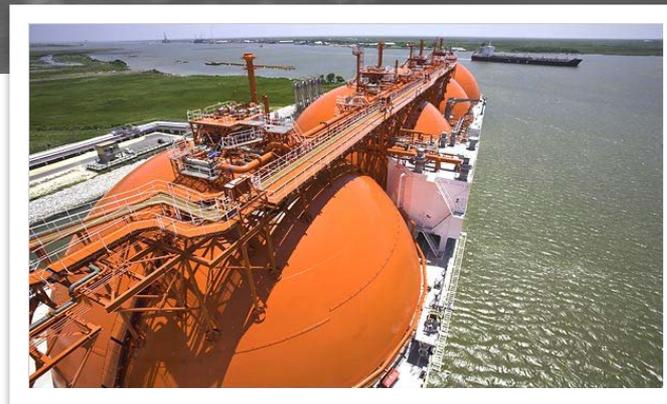
490 Micro GC Basic cabinets  
2-Channel and 4-channel

The **field case** provides “on-the-go”  
measurements



# Natural Gas

- Permanent gases
- Hydrocarbons
- Odorants



Compound	Typical Concentration (%) <sup>[1]</sup>
Methane	70 - 90
Ethane	0 - 20
Propane	
Butane	
Carbon dioxide	0 - 8
Oxygen	0 - 0.2
Nitrogen	0 - 5
Hydrogen sulphide	0 - 5
Other: Helium, Argon, Neon, Xenon, Hydrogen	Traces

Reference [1]: <http://naturalgas.org>



**Micro-Gasifier for  
Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG)  
sample introduction**

# *Measure* **2** *Mitigate*

What are we measuring?

What are we trying to mitigate?



Measure 2 Mitigate



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# Importance of Accurate Testing Throughout the Process?

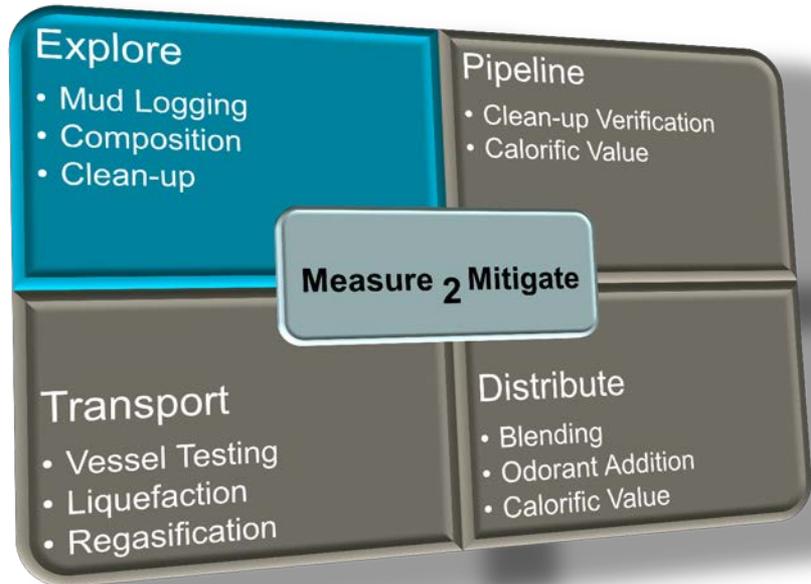
## Pricing/Profitability Determination

1. Quantity of gas
2. Amount of processing to make it 'pipe' ready
3. Amount of transportation

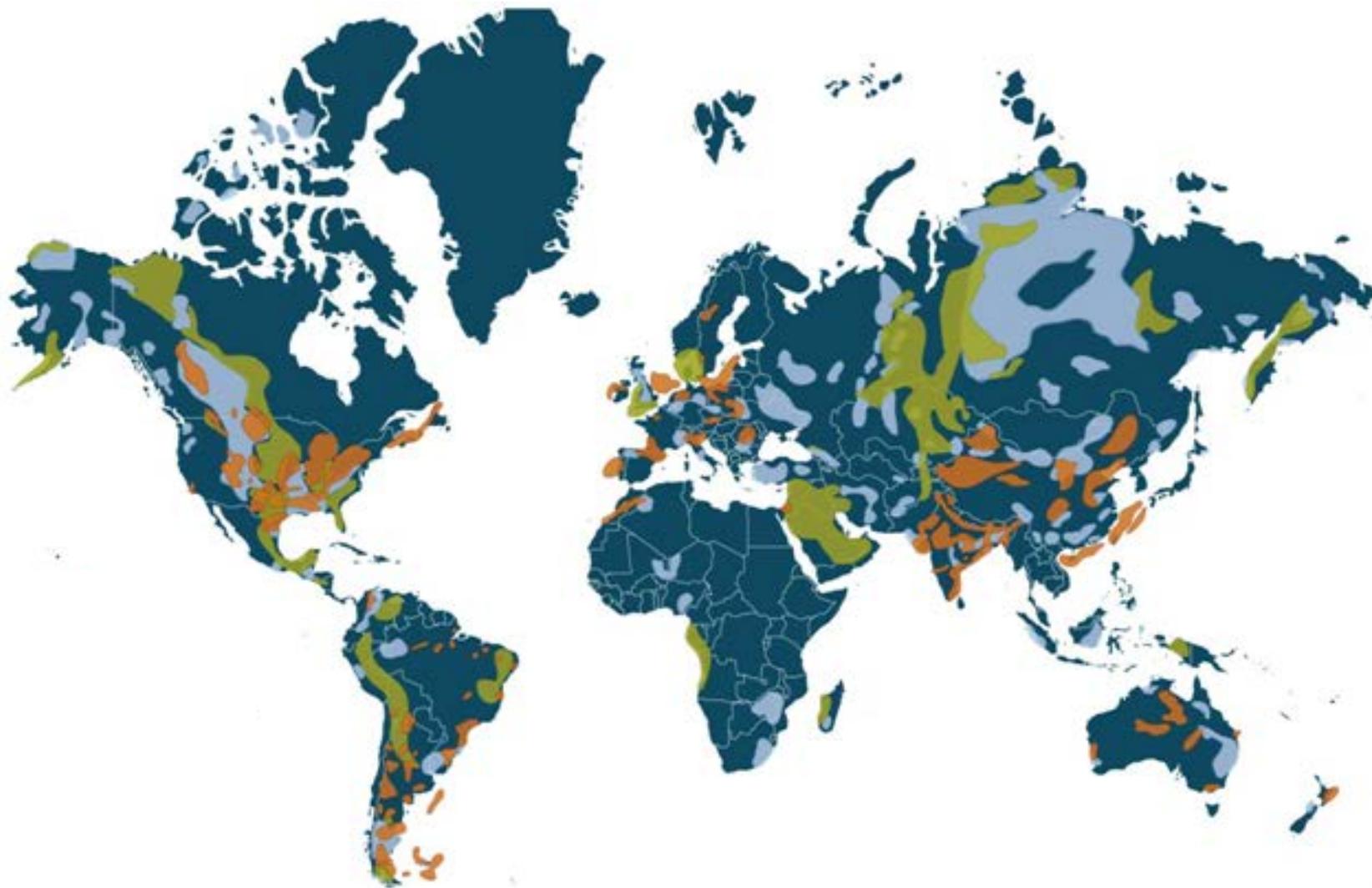
### **For example:**

- lowest will be 'well head' customers
- Highest will be 'residential' customers

# Phase 1 – Exploration

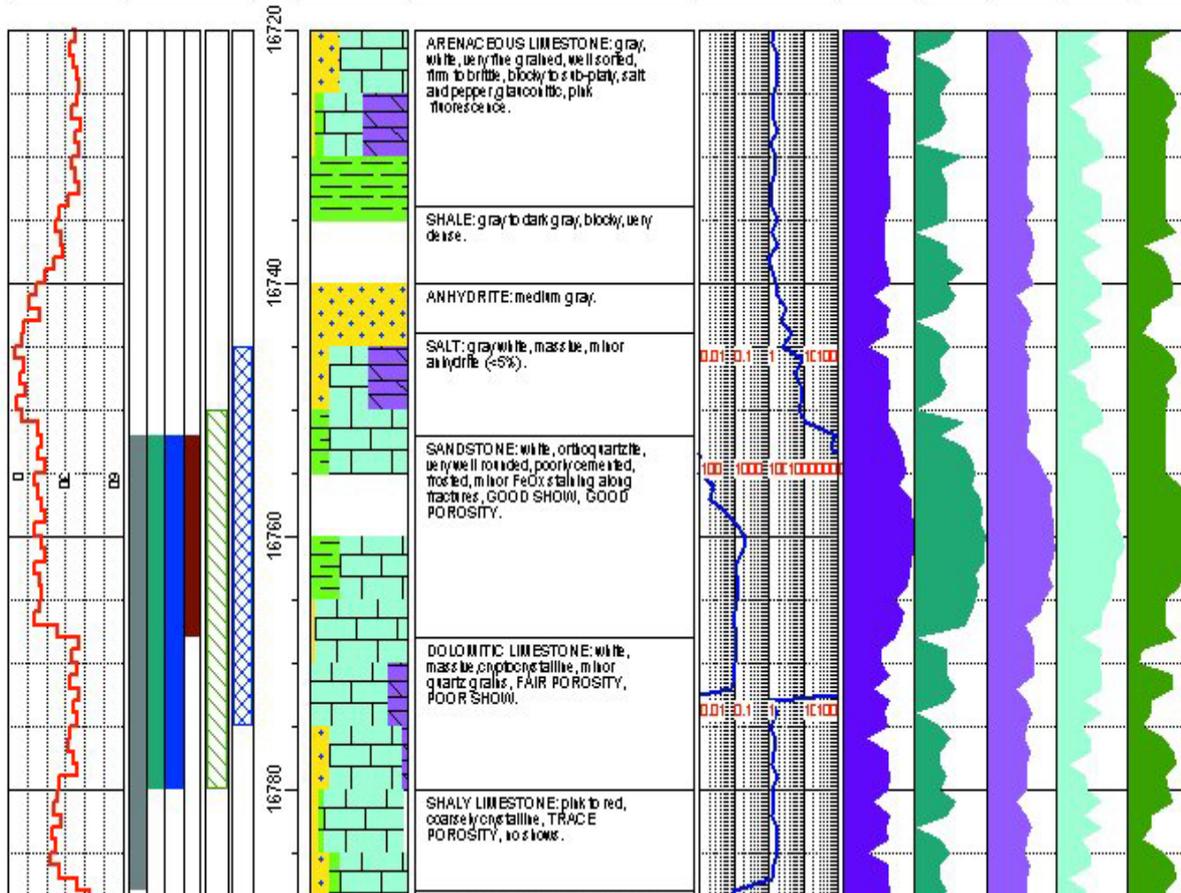


# Where is the Starting point?



# Mud Logging

DRILL RATE (Min./Foot)		TRACE FOOT TRAC. GOOD CORES Lst.			Depth	Cuttings Lithology %	LITHOLOGY DESCRIPTION	TOTAL GAS			METHANE (0.001 - 1.0)	ETHANE (0.001 - 1.0)	PROPANE (0.01 - 10)	BUTANES (0.01 - 10)	PENTANES (0.01 - 10)
0	60							0.1	10	1000					



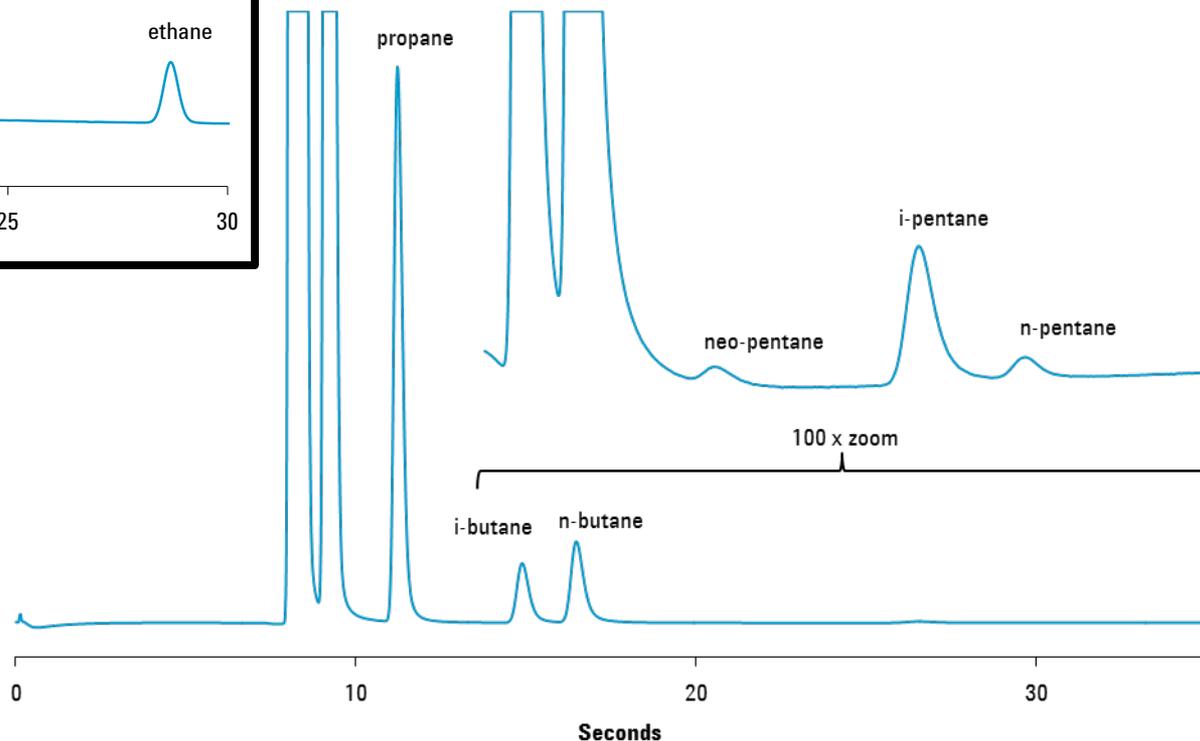
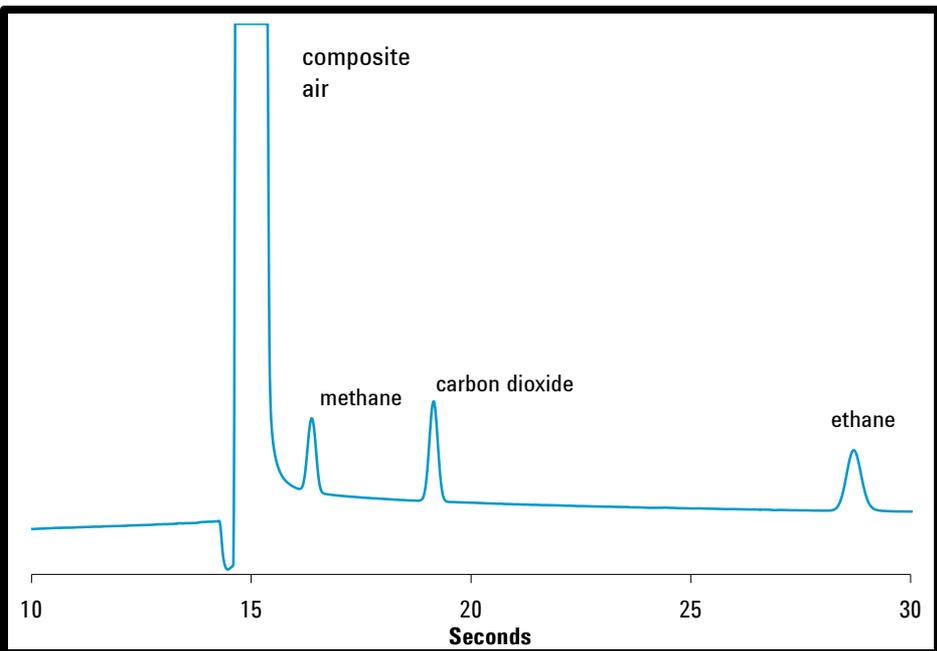
Fast

Accurate

Robust

Simple

# What can you do in 30 Seconds?



# 490-PRO Micro GC

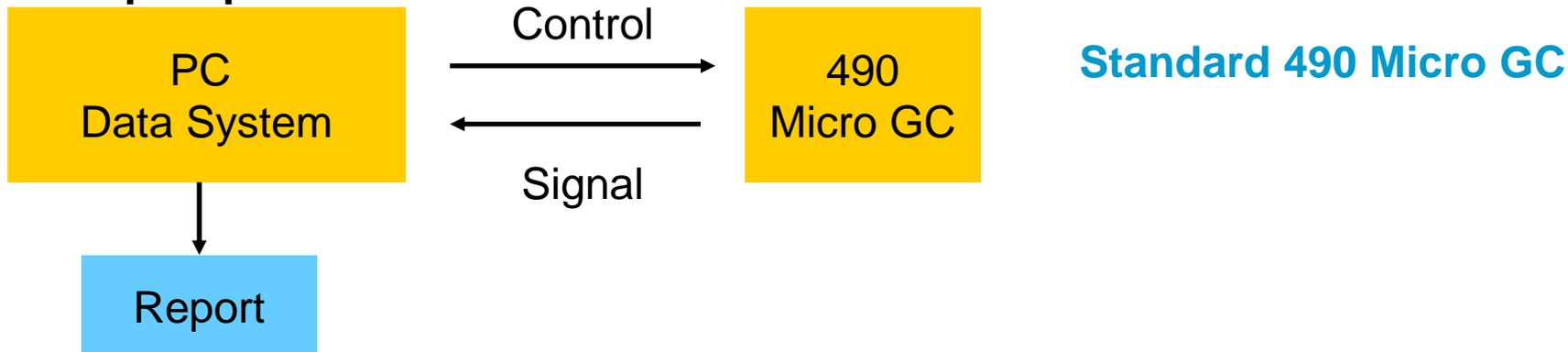
A Fast, Small Form Factor, High Performance Gas Measurement Platform Designed for Unattended Operation and supports Industrial networks



Same hardware as the 490 Micro GC

# 490 Micro GC versus 490-PRO

## Set up / Operation



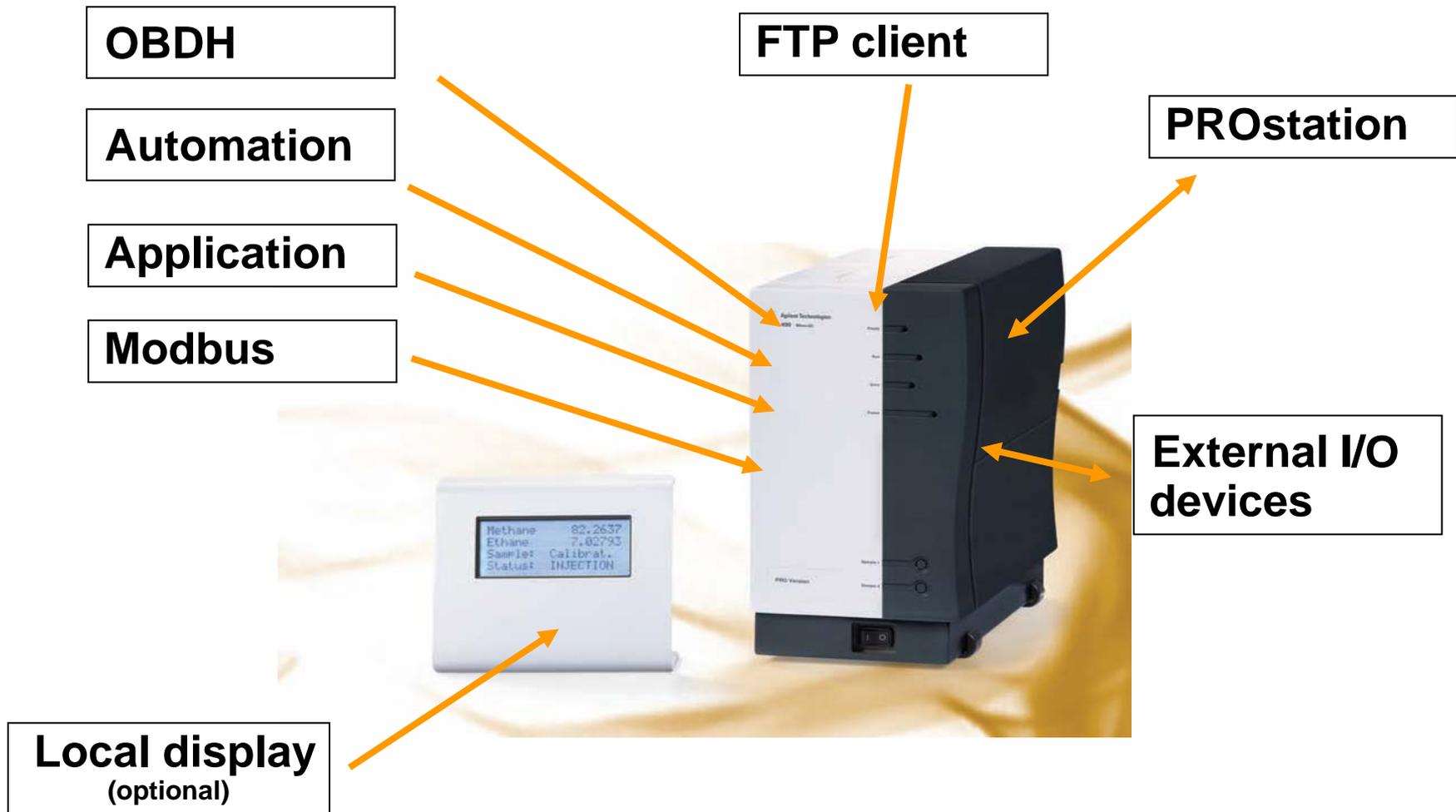
## Set up



## Operation



# 490-PRO Micro GC



# On Board Data Handling

## Built into the 490-PRO Micro GC:

- Peak integration
- Peak identification
- Peak calibration
- Peak grouping

## This means that for routine measurements:

- Full autonomous operation (no operator required)
- No external data handling software required
- No PC needed to generate results

# 490-PRO Micro GC – *Fully Automated Operation*

## Sequential measurement runs that include:

- sample type
- valve/sample position
- flush time
- calibration level

## Calibration and/or verification analysis

- after a desired # of samples
- based on a specific time
- on demand via remote command
- automatic (re)calibration if verification values “fail”

# 490-PRO Micro GC – Fully Automated Operation

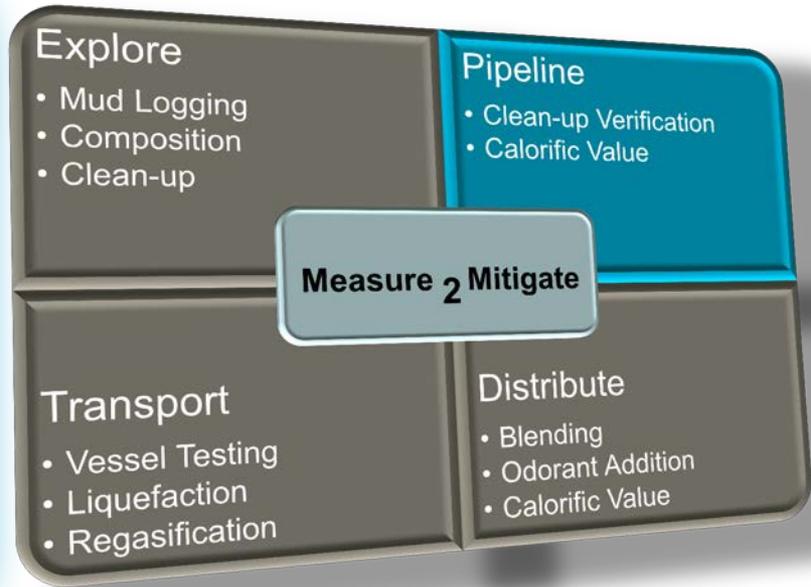
## Stream selection and control:

- Electrically actuated multi-position valves
- Solenoids based stream selectors

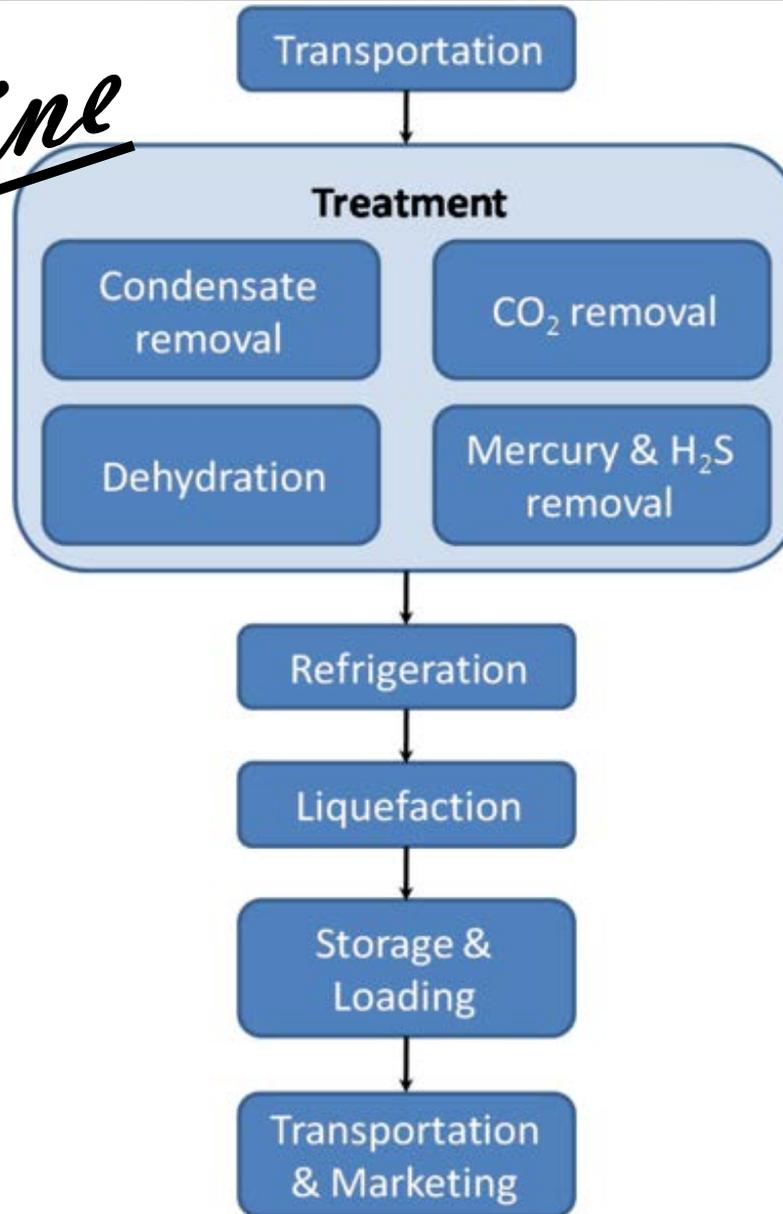
## Remote Communication:

- MODBUS
- Digital input
- 4-20 mA
- ftp server

# Phase 2 – Pipeline



# Pipeline



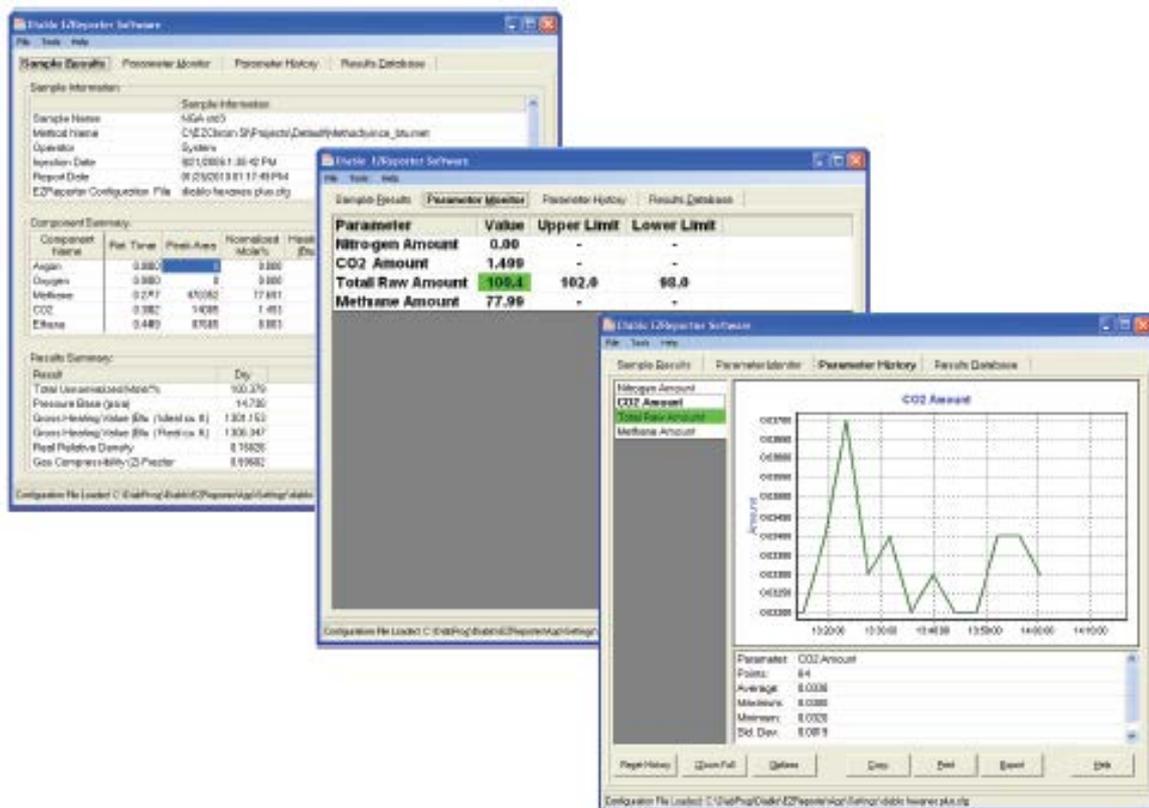
# Calorific Value = $MJ/m^3$



- The CV of natural gas is measured continually using process gas chromatographs.
- Process gas chromatographs separate natural gas into its constituent compounds (i.e. methane, ethane, carbon dioxide, etc.) and measure the amount of each in the gas. The physical characteristics of each component, as defined by ISO 6976, are programmed into the chromatograph and an overall CV is derived from the measured composition.
- The determination of the CV of gas is carried out in accordance with international standards
- The calorific value of natural gas is measured at reception terminals
- All domestic customers and most industrial customers are billed on the basis of the daily CV averages

# EZReporter for calorific value calculations

- Option number G3582A#105
- External software compatible with Agilent CDS
- Key parameters available:
  - In printed format
  - As an export
  - For monitoring incl min/max values
  - For trend analysis



## Product description

EZReporter for calorific value / BTU calculations

## Compatible with

Agilent EZChrom 3.3.2.,  
Agilent OpenLAB CDS EZChrom Edition and  
Agilent OpenLAB CDS ChemStation Edition

## Supported standards

GPA 2172-09  
ASTM D 3588-98 (2003)  
ISO 6976 (1995)

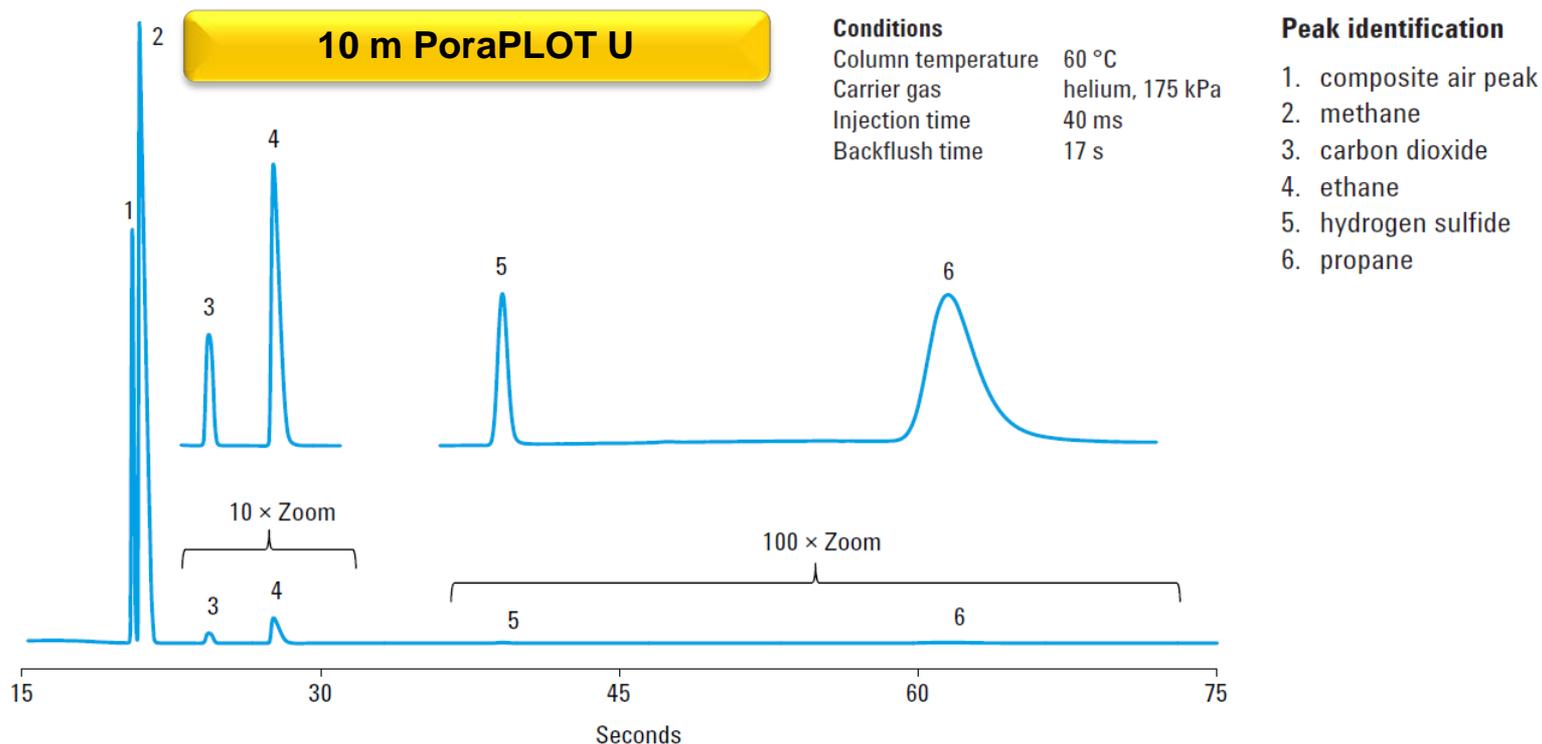
# Natural Gas Analyzer portfolio

Analyzer characteristics	Natural Gas Analyzer A	Natural Gas Analyzer A Extended	Natural Gas Analyzer B	Natural Gas Analyzer B Extended
Option number	G3882A#120	G3882A#121	G3882A#122	G3882A#123
Micro GC cabinet	Dual with 2 channels	Quad with 3 channels	Dual with 2 channels	Quad with 3 channels
Column channels installed	HayeSep A 40 cm, without back flush  CP-Sil 5 CB 6 m, without back flush	HayeSep A 40 cm, with back flush  CP-Sil 5 CB 4 m, with back flush  CP-Sil 5 CB 8 m, without back flush	PoraPLOT U 10 m, with backflush  CP-Sil 5 CB 6 m, without back flush	CP-MolSieve 5A 10 m, with backflush and retention time stability option  PoraPLOT U 10 m, with backflush  CP-Sil 5 CB 6 m, without back flush
Analysis	Hydrocarbons C1-C9  Carbon dioxide, Air	Hydrocarbons C1-C12  Carbon dioxide, Air	Hydrocarbons C1-C9  Carbon dioxide, Air  Hydrogen sulfide	Hydrocarbons C1-C9  Carbon dioxide, Air  Hydrogen sulfide  Permanent gases (N <sub>2</sub> , O <sub>2</sub> , He & H <sub>2</sub> )
Typical analysis time	100 s (until C7) 400 s (until C9)	100 s (until C7) 240 s (until C12)	75 s (until C7) 400 s (until C9)	75 s (until C7) 400 s (until C9)

# Natural Gas Analyzer B

- **Natural gas**; composition primarily CH<sub>4</sub>, Air, CO<sub>2</sub>, C<sub>2</sub> – C<sub>9</sub> hydrocarbons
- Dual channel cabinet with 2 column channels
- Heated sample line and injectors

- PPU equipped with Backflush functionality
- UltiMetal treated sample lines: ready for H<sub>2</sub>S analysis
- Part number **G3582A + G3582A#122**



# Natural Gas Analyzer B

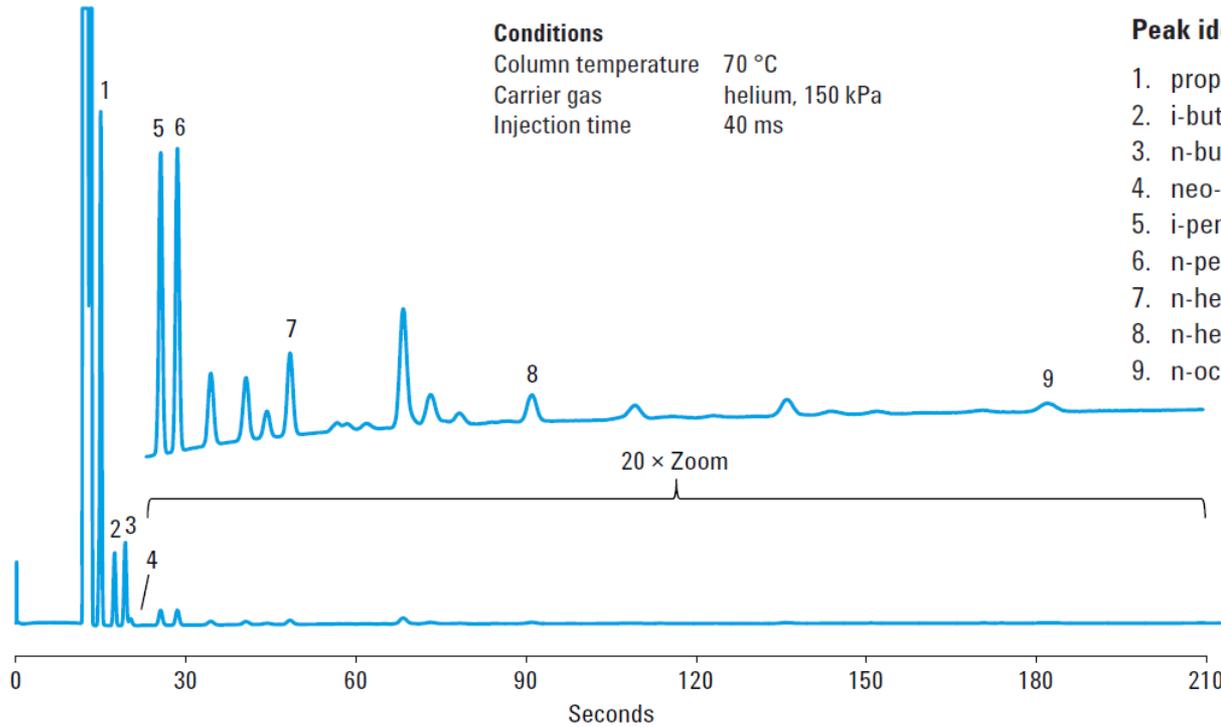
6 m CP-Sil 5 CB

## Conditions

Column temperature 70 °C  
Carrier gas helium, 150 kPa  
Injection time 40 ms

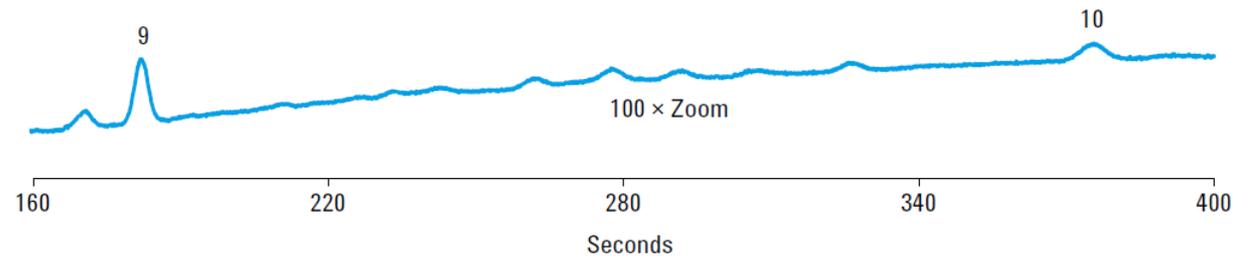
## Peak identification

1. propane
2. i-butane
3. n-butane
4. neo-pentane
5. i-pentane
6. n-pentane
7. n-hexane
8. n-heptane
9. n-octane



## Peak identification

9. n-octane
10. n-nonane



# Natural Gas Analyzer B Extended

- Natural gas with **detailed Permanent Gas Analysis**
- Quad channel cabinet with 3 column channels

- Channel 1 & 2 identical to Natural Gas Analyzer B (#122)
- Separate carrier gas inlet to have the flexibility to change between helium and argon
- Part number **G3582A + G3582A#123**

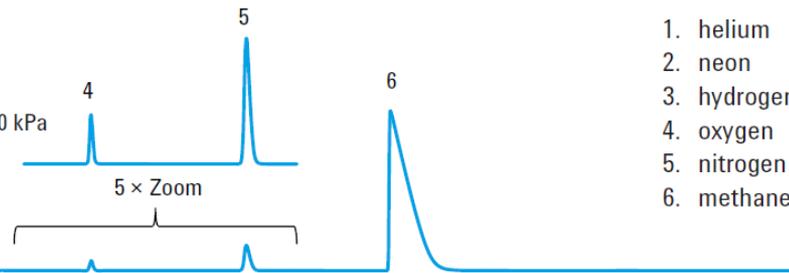
10 m MoISieve 5A

## Sample 1

Helium carrier gas

### Conditions

Column temperature 80 °C  
Carrier gas helium, 200 kPa  
Injection time 40 ms  
Backflush time 11 s



## Peak identification

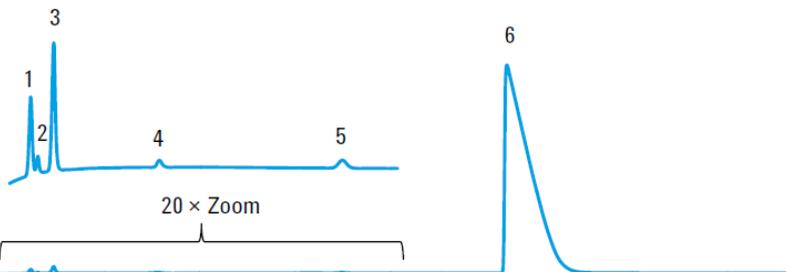
1. helium
2. neon
3. hydrogen
4. oxygen
5. nitrogen
6. methane

## Sample 2

Argon carrier gas

### Conditions

Column temperature 80 °C  
Carrier gas argon, 200 kPa  
Injection time 40 ms  
Backflush time 11 s

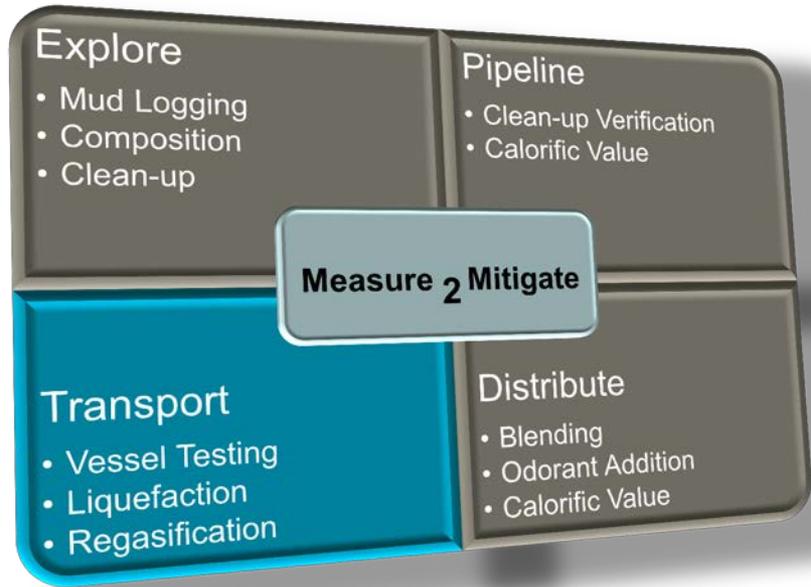


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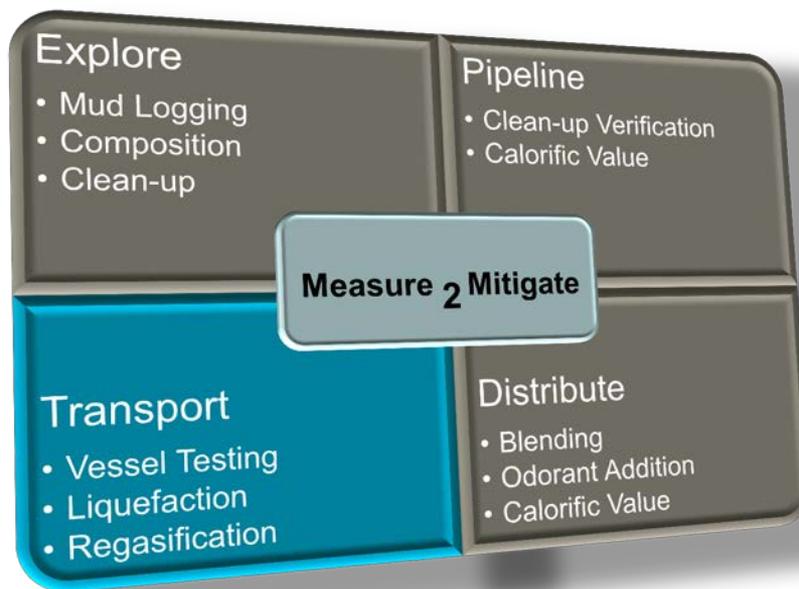


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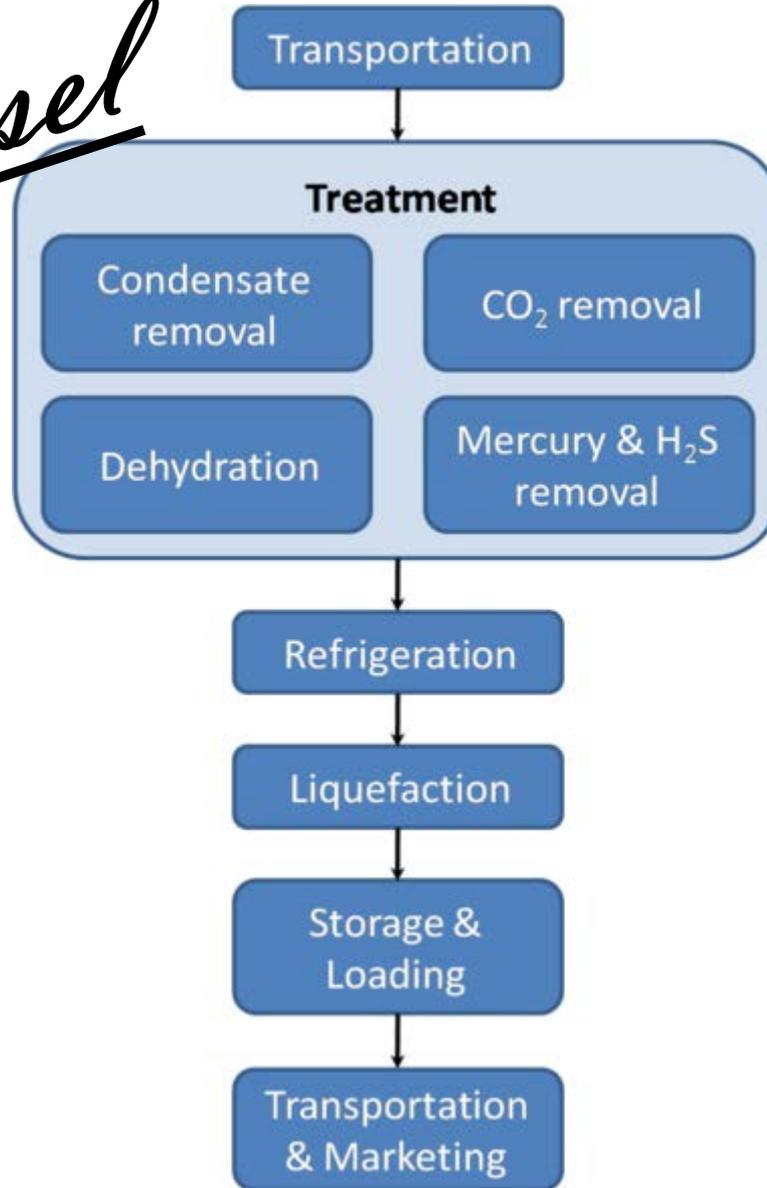
# Phase 3 - Transportation



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Vessel





# Gas composition analysis during tank loading

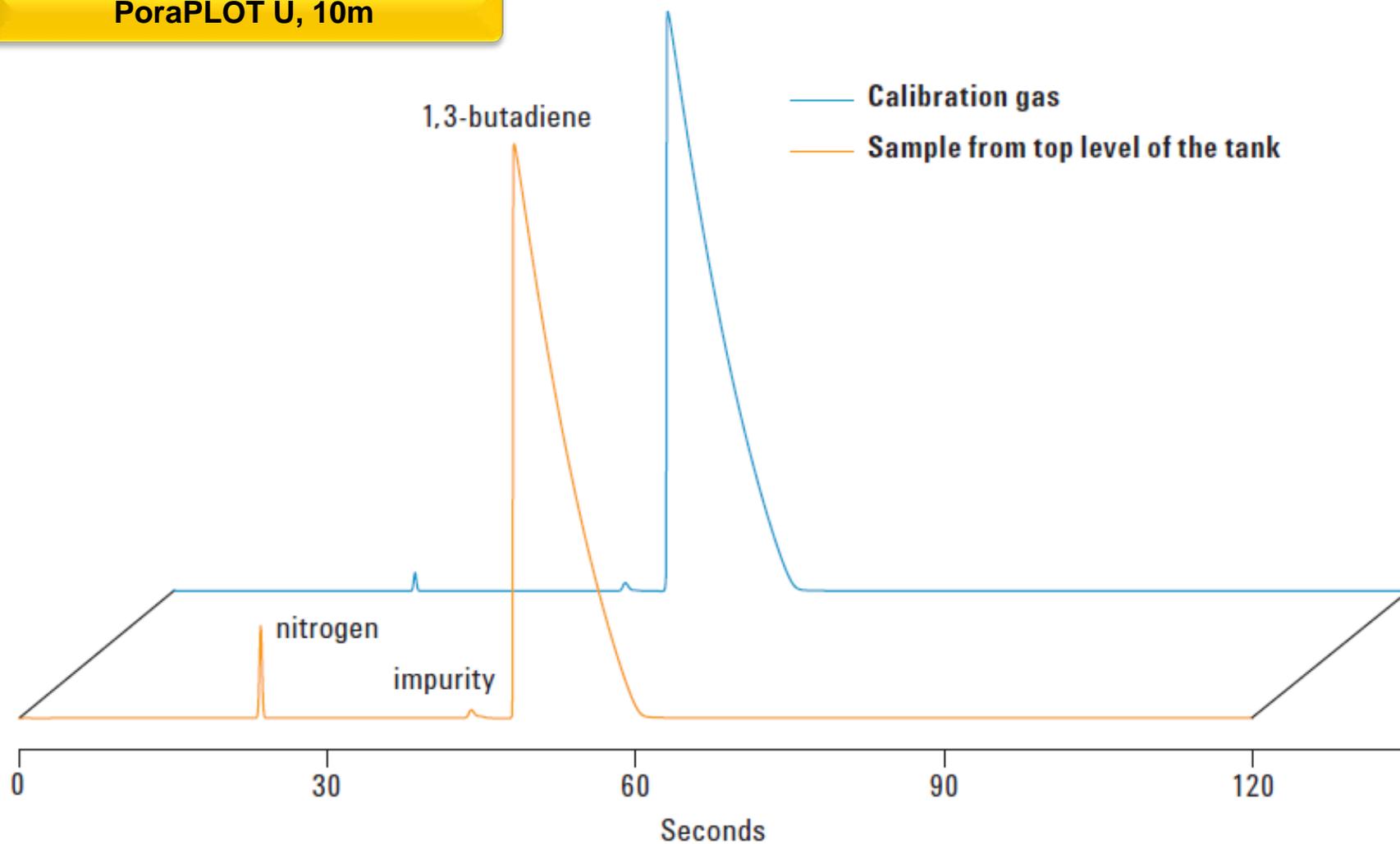
- Tank flushed with nitrogen
- Gaseous compounds loaded (heavier than nitrogen, sinks to the bottom)
- Micro GC analysis to check tank is 100 % filled
- Tank chilled and filled with liquefied compound



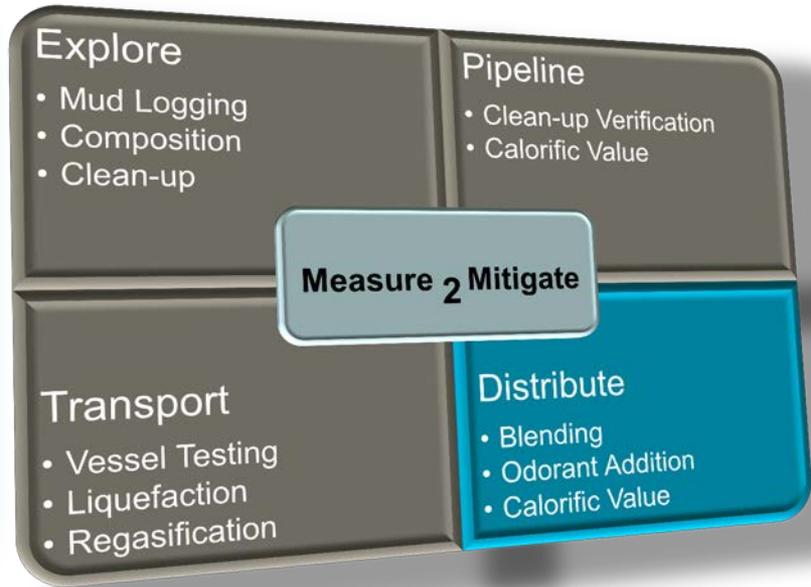
- Samples from three stages in the tank are taken with 10 ml gas tight
- Injection on the (optional) luer-lock front inlet
- Micro GC equipped with portable field case

# Gas composition analysis during tank loading

PoraPLOT U, 10m



# Phase 4 - Delivery



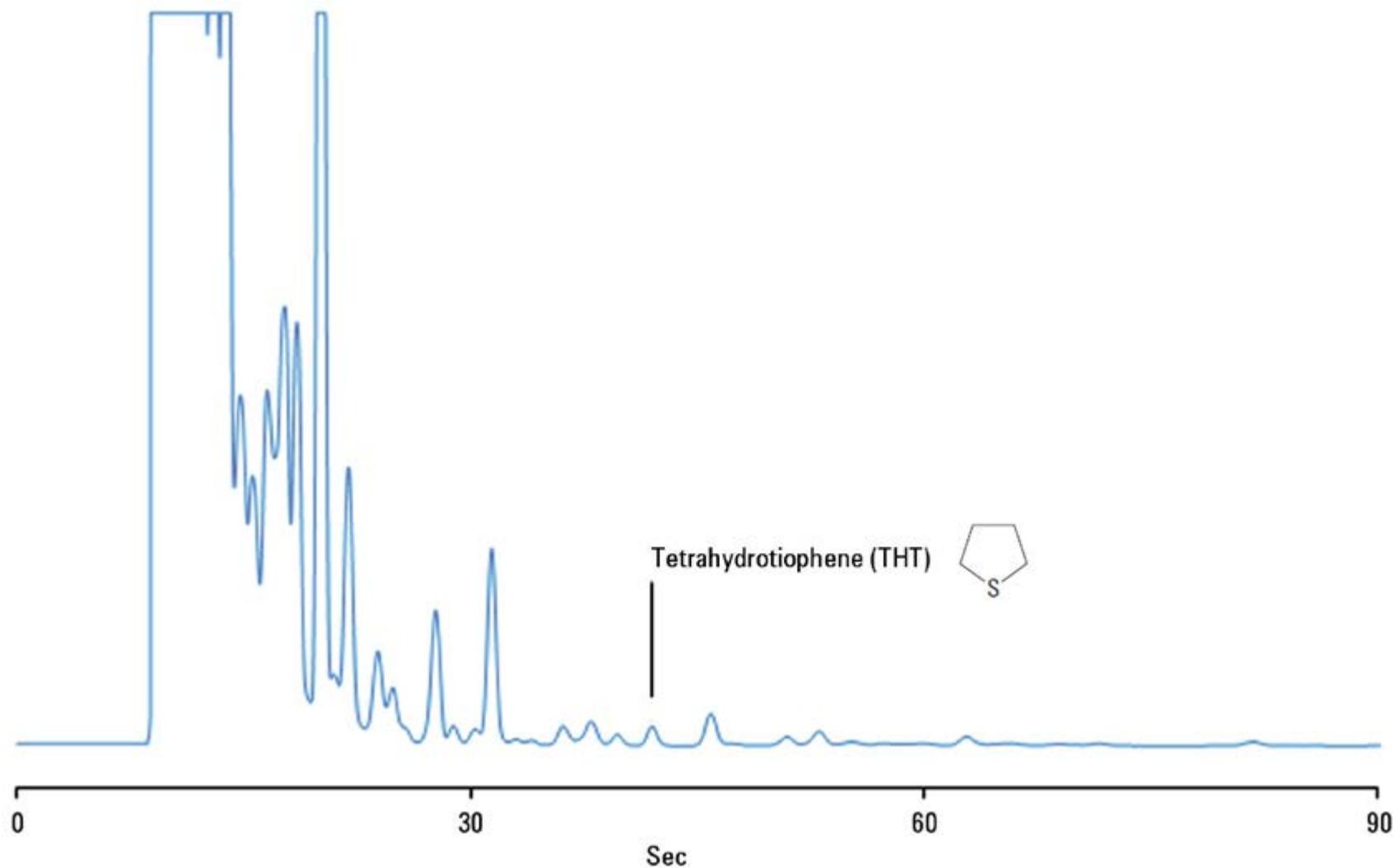
# Delivery

*On its way out of the terminal, the gas undergoes any number of treatment processes needed to bring its specifications in line with regulatory and end user requirements.*

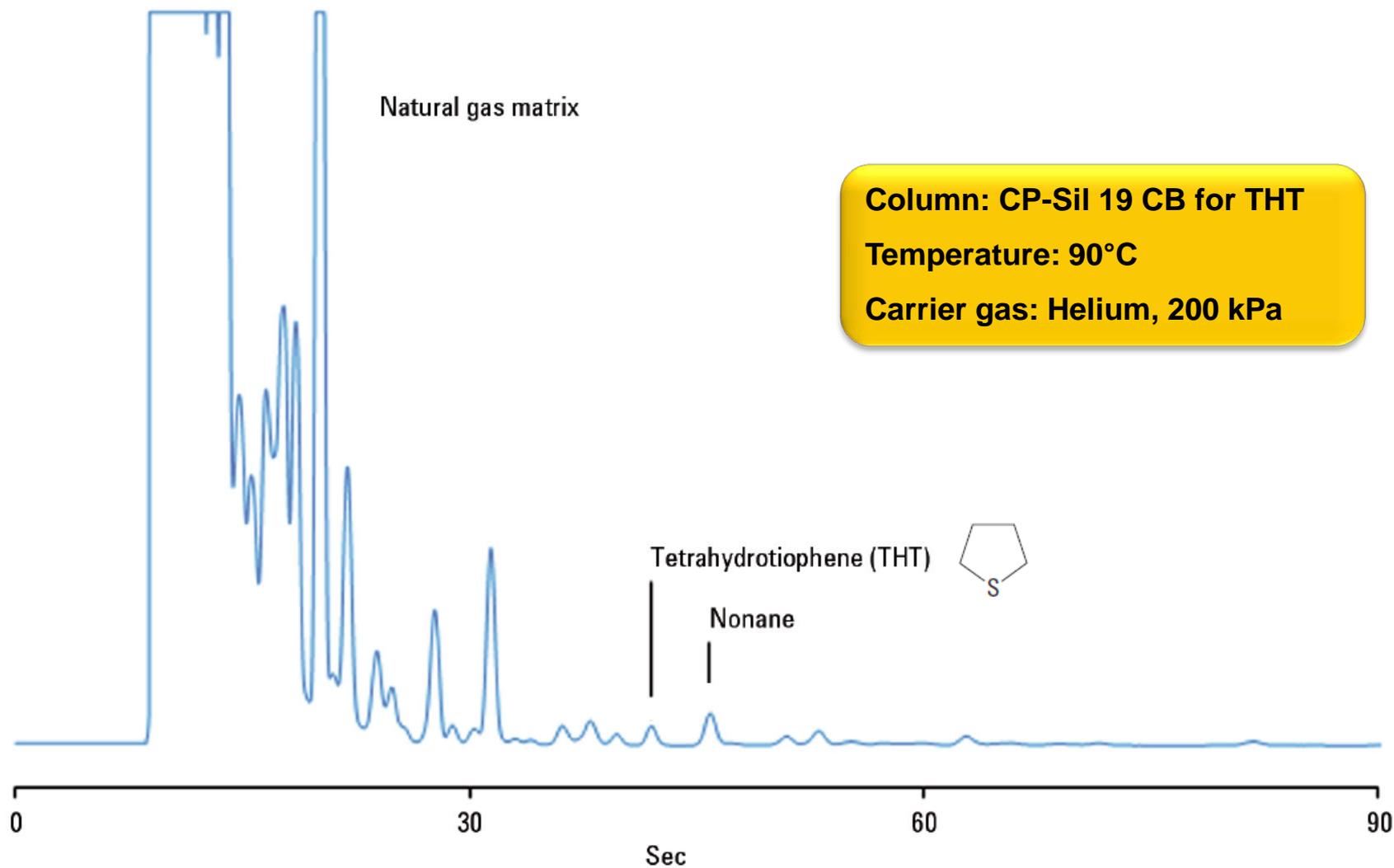
*Its heating value, for example, may be adjusted by altering nitrogen, butane or propane content or blending it with other gases.*



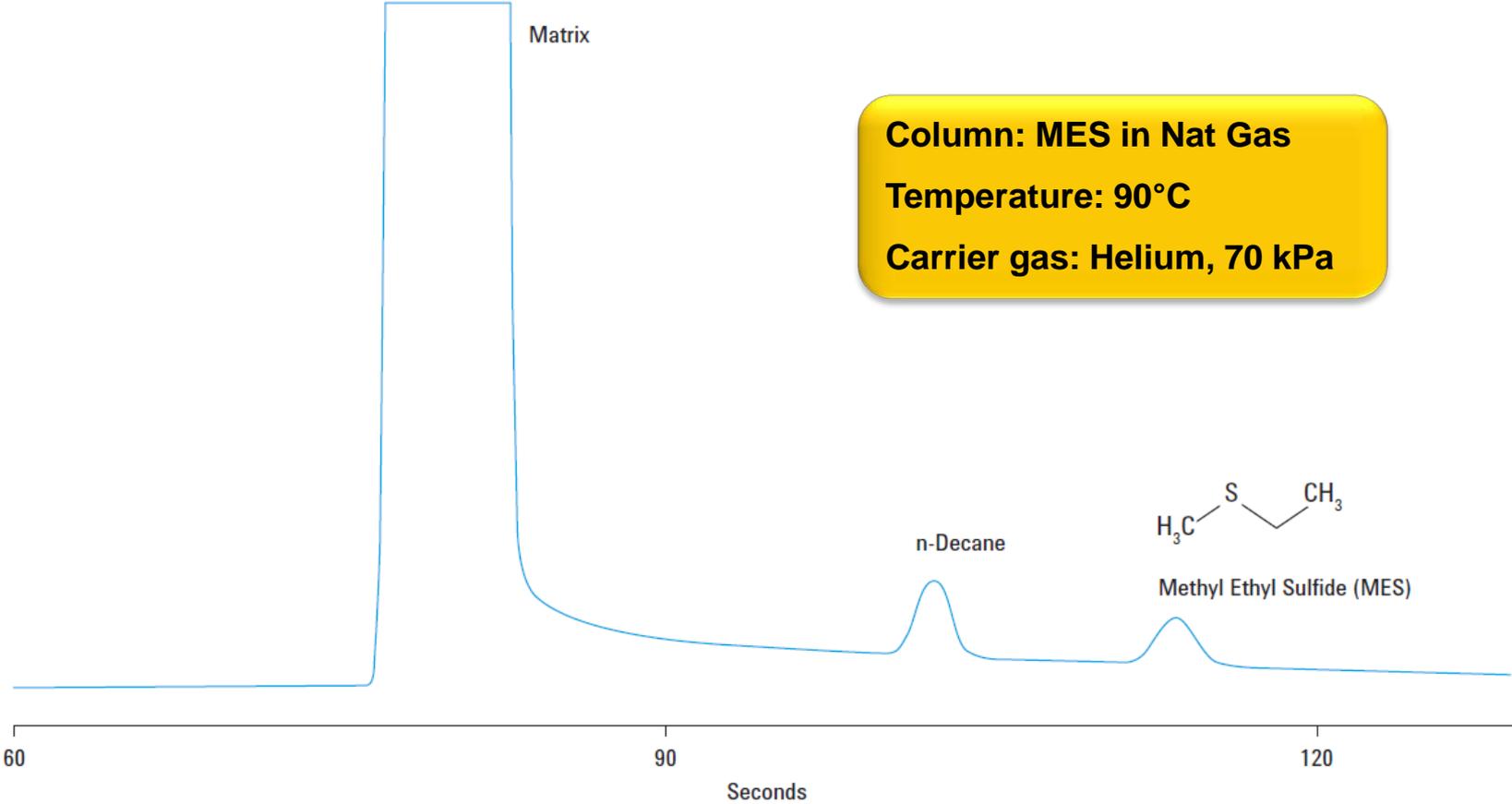
# Natural Gas: *THT* (odorant)



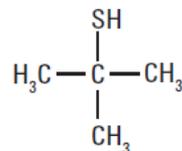
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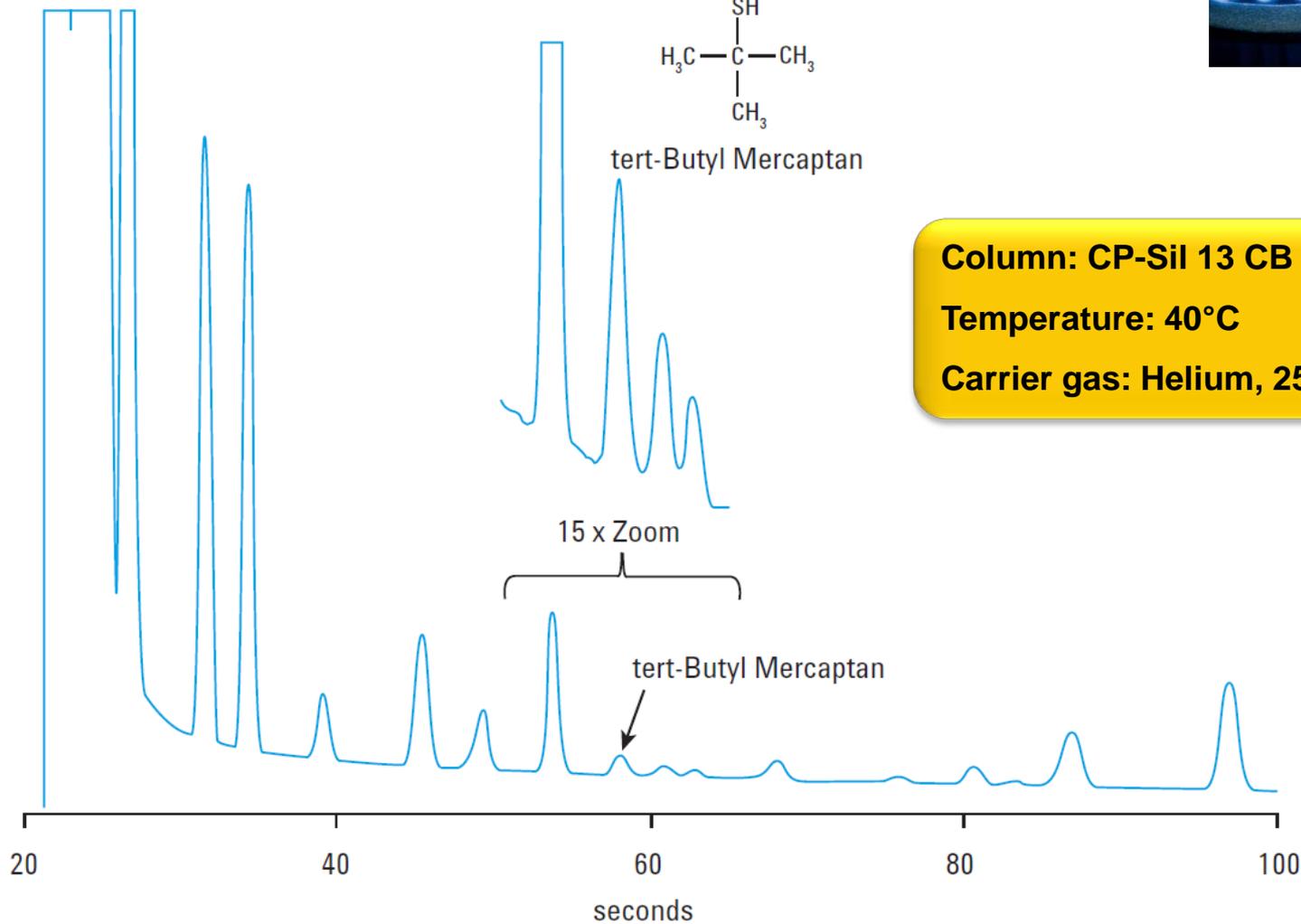
# Natural Gas: *MES*



# Natural Gas: *Tert-Butyl Mercaptan (TBM)*



tert-Butyl Mercaptan

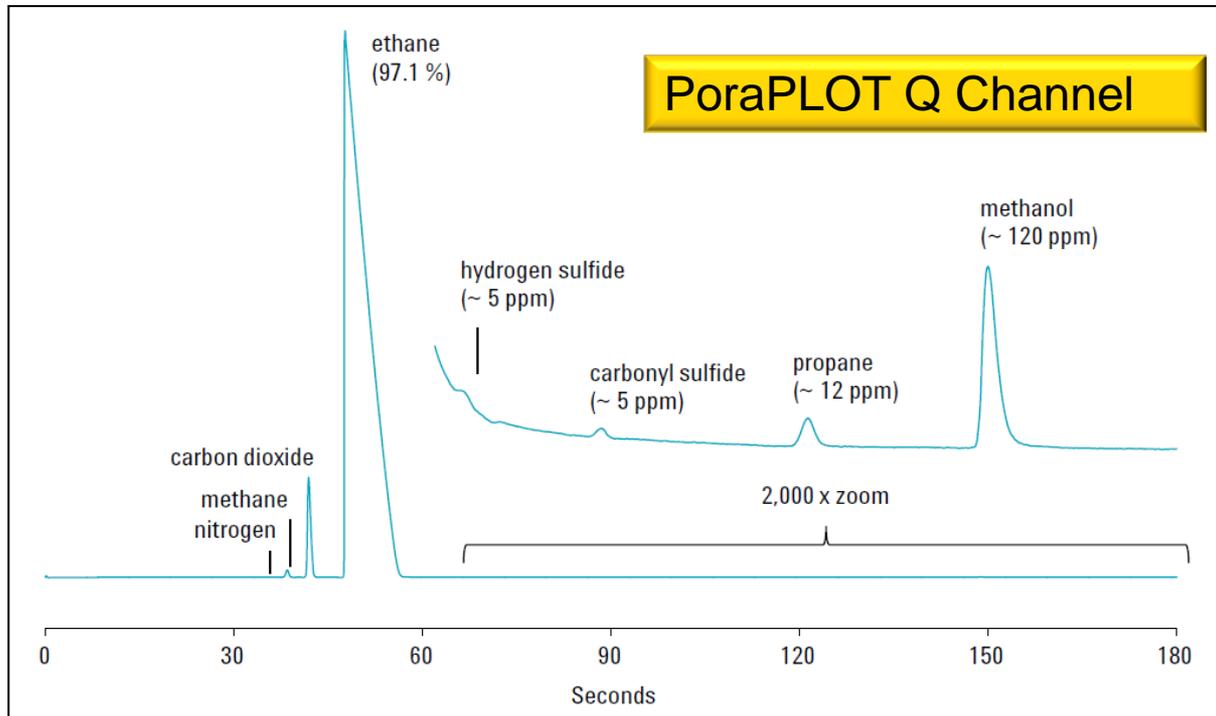


**Column: CP-Sil 13 CB for TBM**

**Temperature: 40°C**

**Carrier gas: Helium, 250 kPa**

# Liquefied ethane stream



## Single analysis for:

- Composition analysis
- Trace levels of H<sub>2</sub>S for pipeline corrosion
- Trace levels methanol for catalyst protection
- Auto ranging micro TCD → high and low levels in single run



*“The 490-PRO Micro GC provides outstanding accuracy and longevity, requiring no maintenance over long periods of time. Two Micro GC’s, installed by QC LAB in 1994, are still functioning and providing over 450 analyses per day, without any repair or loss of service.”*

**Serge Syz, QC LAB Inc, Calgary, Canada**

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# Versatility of Multi-Channel Simultaneous Analysis

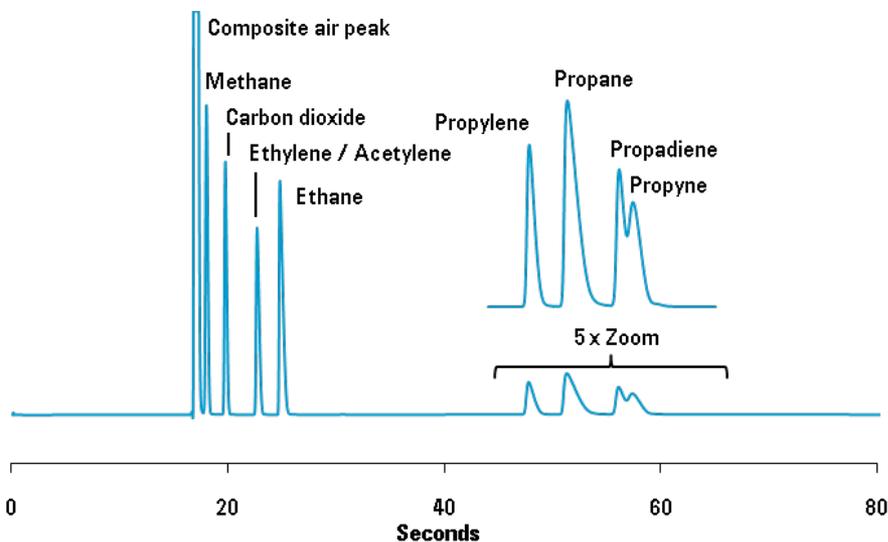
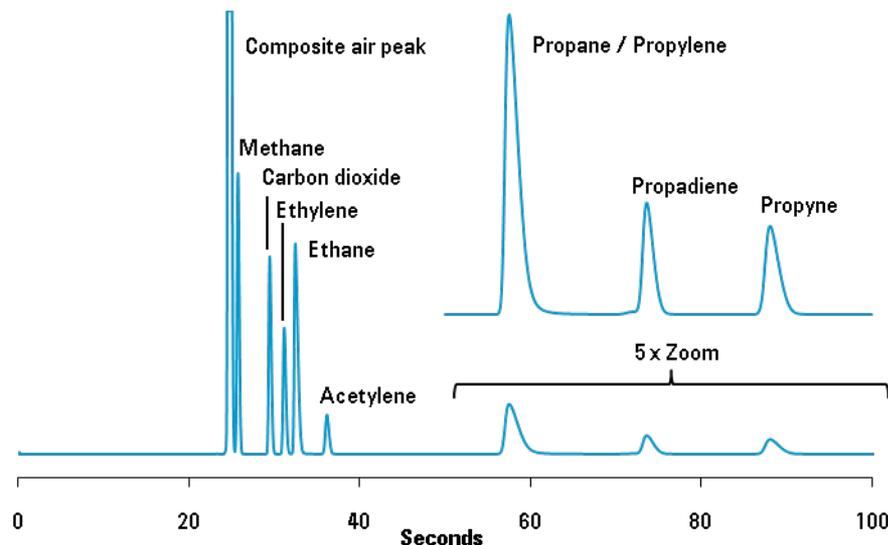
## CP-PoraPLOT U

- Separate ethane, ethylene and acetylene
- Propane and propylene will co elute

## CP-PoraPLOT Q

- Propane and propylene separated
- Co elution of ethylene and acetylene

Array of chemistry to fit unique application

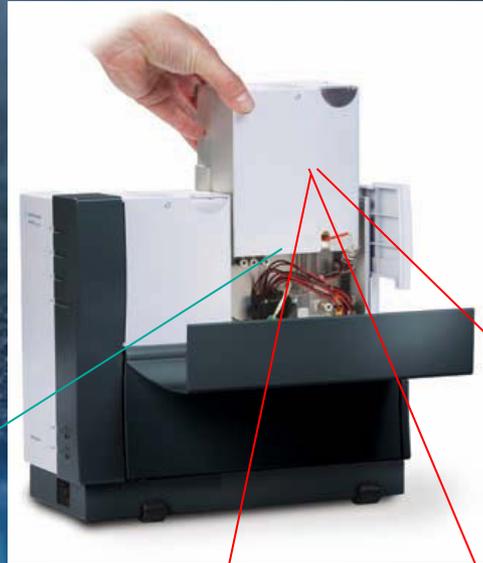


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# Advantages of Using a Micro GC in the Nat Gas Market

- **Micro GCs offer unprecedented speed**
- **Micro GCs can be deployed throughout the entire process**
- **Micro GCs are flexible and can be 'fit for purpose'**
- **Data is used for both compliance and control**
- **The data is actionable AND defensible**

# Unique Features of a Micro GC

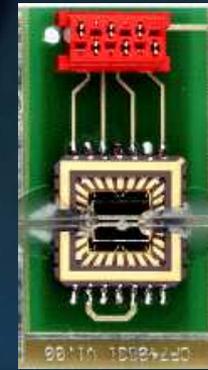
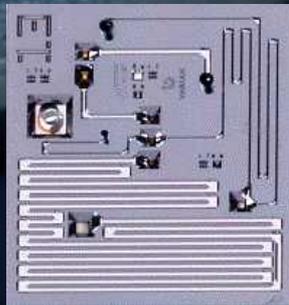


**MICRO EGC**

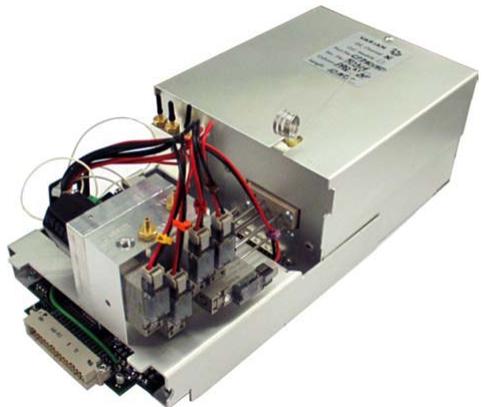
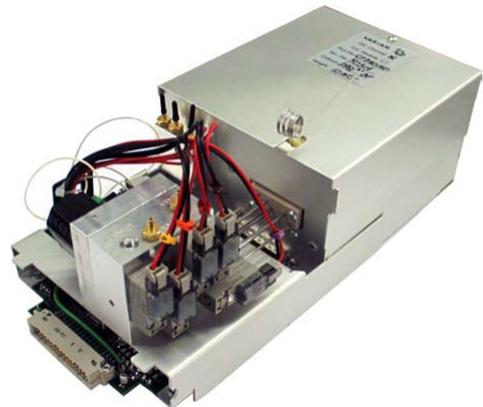
**CHIP INJECTOR**

**GC COLUMN**

**MICRO TCD**



# Flexibility is Essential



# Agilent 490 Micro GC column type overview

Application overview		
Column short name	Column type	Application
MS5A	CP-MolSieve 5Å	Permanent gases (N <sub>2</sub> / O <sub>2</sub> separation), methane, CO, (20m required for O <sub>2</sub> / Ar baseline separation). Natural gas and Biogas analysis.
HSA	Hayesep A	Hydrocarbons C1-C3, N <sub>2</sub> , CO <sub>2</sub> , air, volatile solvents, Natural gas analysis.
5CB	CP-Sil 5 CB	Hydrocarbons C3-C10, aromatics, organic solvents, SO <sub>2</sub> . Natural gas analysis.
19CB	CP-Sil 19 CB	Hydrocarbons C4-C10, volatile solvents, BTEX.
52CB	CP-Wax 52 CB	Polar volatile solvents, BTEX.
AlOx	CP-Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	Light hydrocarbons C1-C5 saturated and un-saturated. Refinery gas analysis.
PPU	PoraPLOT U	Hydrocarbons C1-C6, halocarbons/freons, anesthesia gases, H <sub>2</sub> S, CO <sub>2</sub> , volatile solvents. Biogas analysis. Separation of ethane, ethylene and acetylene.
PPQ	PoraPLOT Q	Hydrocarbons C1-C6, halocarbons/freons, anesthesia gases, H <sub>2</sub> S, CO <sub>2</sub> , volatile solvents. Separation propylene and propane, coelution of ethylene and acetylene.
COX	CP-COX	CO, CO <sub>2</sub> , H <sub>2</sub> , Air (coelution of N <sub>2</sub> and O <sub>2</sub> ), CH <sub>4</sub> .
19CB THT	CP-Sil 19 CB for THT	THT and C3-C6 <sup>+</sup> in Natural gas.
13CB TBM	CP-Sil 13 CB TBM	TBM and C3-C6 <sup>+</sup> in Natural gas.
MES NGA	MES for NGA	MES in Natural gas.

# Agilent GC Portfolio

## Micro GC



GC



GC-MS



Sample  
Handling



Column  
Technology

**We stand ready!**

