RNG GAS QUALITY & HYDROGEN

Western Gas Measurement Short Course

SoCalGas™

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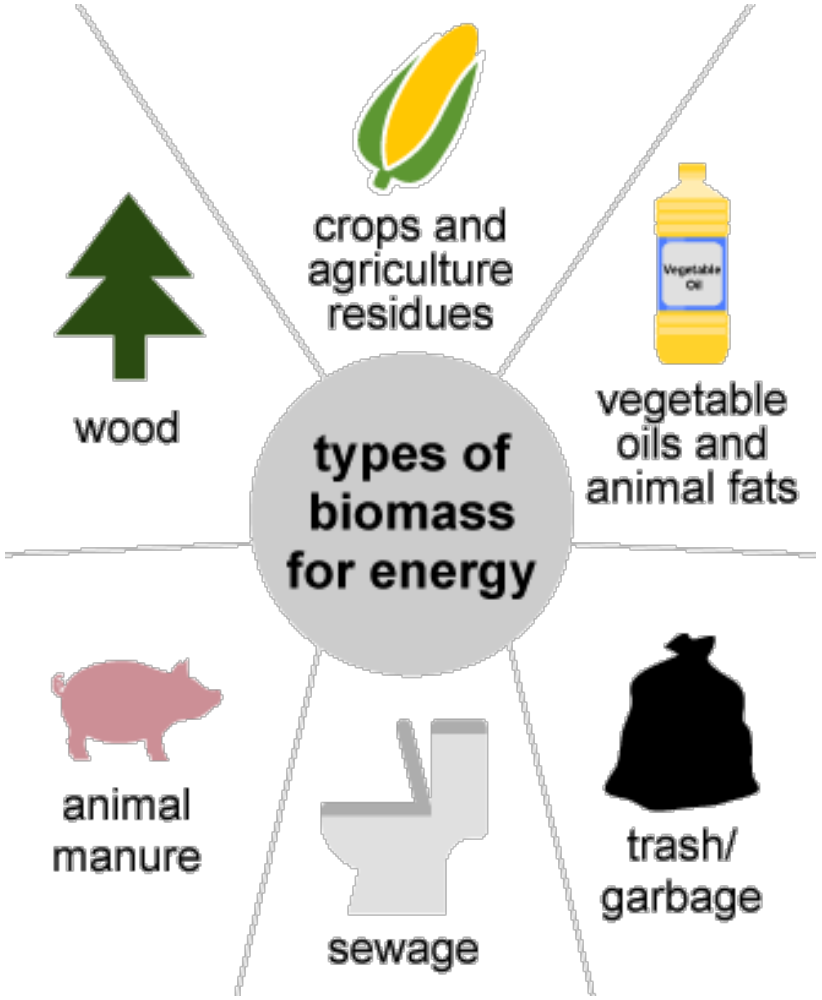
What is RNG

- Biomethane
  - Made from organic biostock
  - Same energy density as traditional NG.
  - Made from Anaerobic Digestion or thermal gasification
    - Accelerated decomposition of organic matter



Pipeline Gas Quality Specifications

Parameter	Limits
High Heating Value	970 – 1150 BTU/cf
Water	7 lb/MMscf or 20°F @ P > 800 psig
Hydrogen Sulfide	0.25 gr. H2S/Ccf (4 ppm_v)
Mercaptan Sulfur	0.3 gr. S/ Ccf (5 ppm_v)
Total Sulfur	0.75 gr. S/ Ccf
Carbon Dioxide	3 vol %
Inerts	4 vol %
Oxygen	0.2 vol %
Hydrocarbons	45°F at 400 psig or P < 400 psig 20°F at 400 psig or P > 800 psig
Interchangeability	1279-1385 Wobbe Number AGA 36 Lifting, Flashback, Yellow Tipping
Temperature	50-105 °F

Rule 45

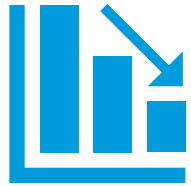
Trigger Levels

Concentration of measured value of a consitutuent requiring periodic testing and analysis

Lower Action Level

Concentration of of measure value of a constituent requiring periodic testing and analysis

Required supplier shut-off if exceeded > 3 times in 12-month period



Upper Action Level

Concentration of measured value of a constituent requiring immediate shut-off of supplier

Health Protective Constituents (Cancer Risk)

Component (mg/m^3)	Trigger Level	Lower Action Level	Upper Action Level
1,4 - Dichlorobenzene	4.3	42	100
Arsenic	0.002	0.004	0.01
Cadmium	0.002	0.0032	0.008
Chromium	0.002	0.0048	0.012
Ethylbenzene	20	190	490
n-Nitroso-di-n-propylamine	0.028	0.24	0.61
Vinyl Chloride	0.63	6.3	15

Health Protective Constituents (Non Cancer Risk)

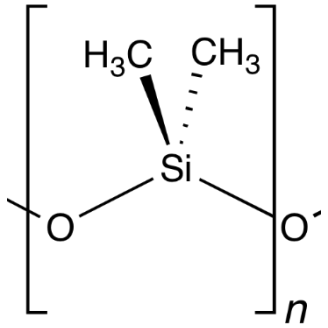
Component (mg/m^3)	Trigger Level	Lower Action Level	Upper Action Level
Alkyl Thiols (Mercaptans)	17 PPM_V	170 PPM_V	860 PPM_V
Antimony	0.062	0.62	3.1
Chlorocarbons (as Cl)	4.9	50	250
Fluorocarbons (as F)	7.4	75	370
Hydrogen Sulfide	63	860	4300
Lead	0.047	0.47	2.3
Silicon Compounds (as Si)	0.49	5	25
Sulfur Compounds (as S)	13	130	640

Integrity Protective Constituents

Component	Trigger Level	Lower Action Level	Upper Action Level
Ammonia	0.0004 %	0.001 %	0.0025 %
Carbon Monoxide	0.03 %	TBD	TBD
Hydrogen	0.1%	1%	5%
Mercury	0.08 mg/m^3	TBD	TBD
Siloxane (mg Si/m^3)	0.05	0.1 mg	0.3
Biologicals	0.2 micron		

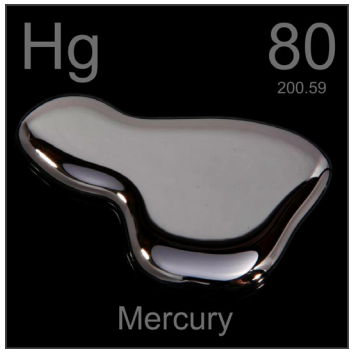
Examples

Siloxane



- Made into high and low viscosity fluids, gums and elastomers.
- Oxidized to silicon dioxide upon combustion
  - Can damage I.C. Engines and turbines
  - Can foul burner tips
  - Can deactivate catalyst

Mercury



- Occurs naturally in gas and oil deposits
- Are contained in waste streams used for RNG
- If found in LNG can lead to failure of aluminum heat exchangers.
  - Mercury embrittlement
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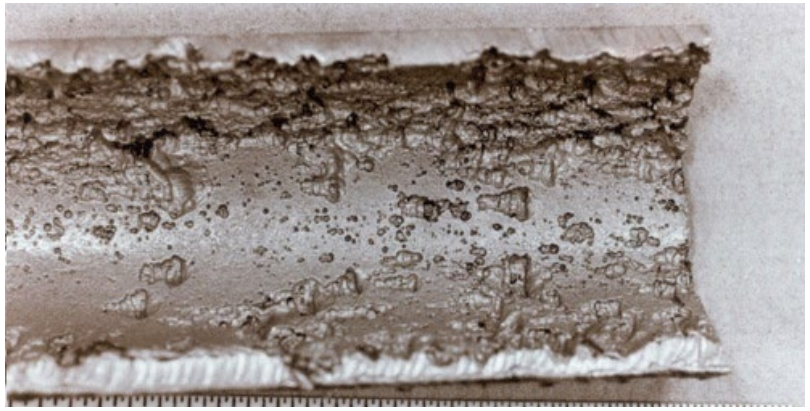
- Human exposure

H_2S

- Created and accumulated as part of the digestion process.
- Highly Corrosive
  - Can weaken and damage pipelines, valves and other equipment
- Health Effects
  - Headaches, skin complications, respiratory complications
  - Can be lethal at high concentrations



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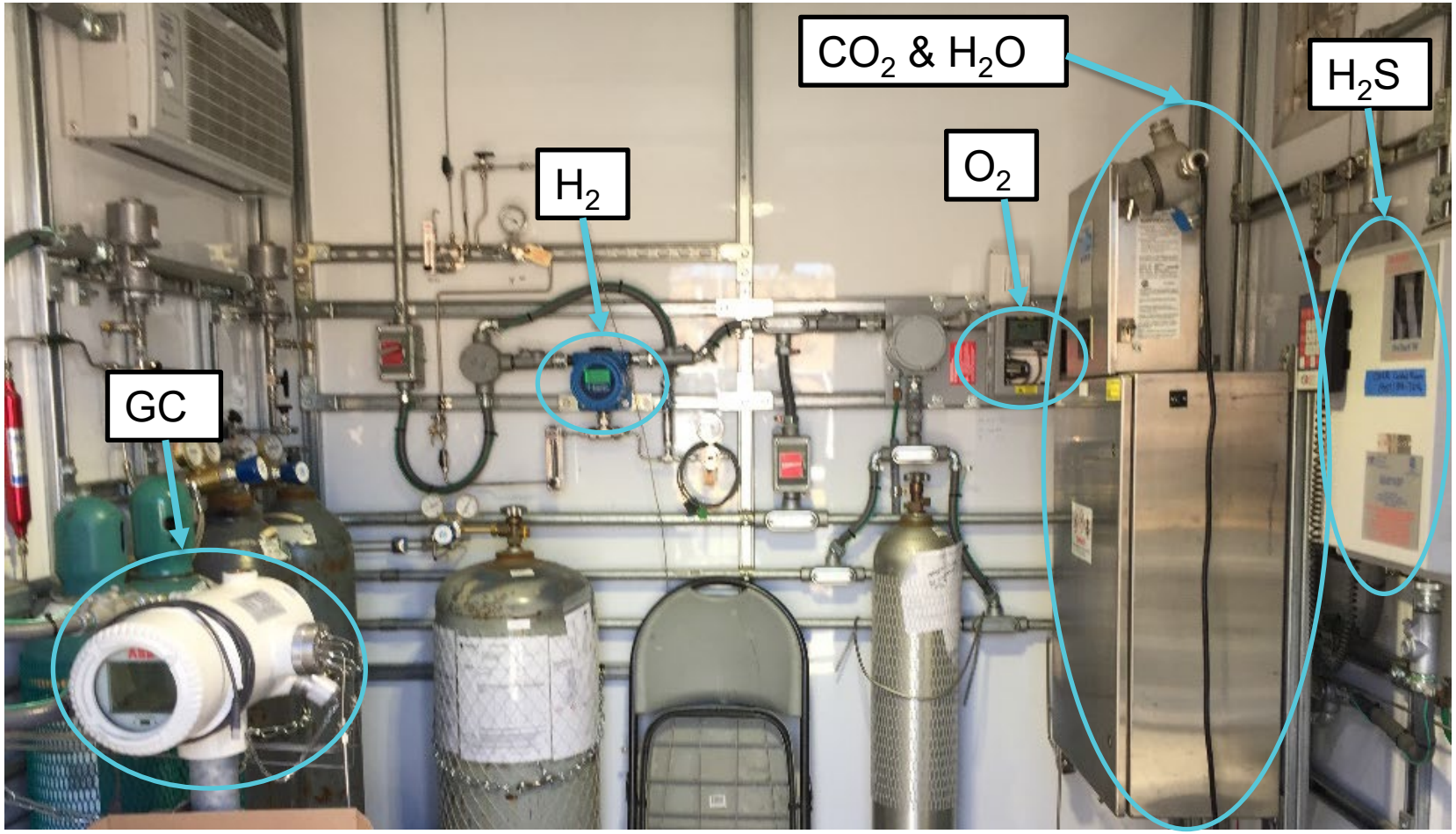
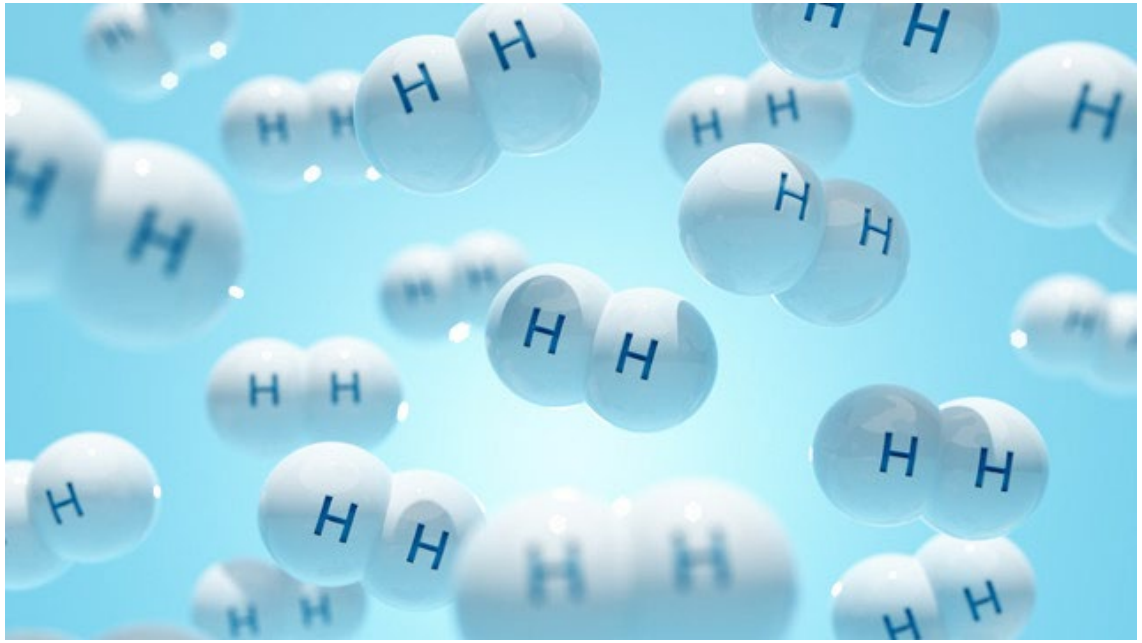


Hydrogen

- Currently considered a contaminant
- Can be purposely blended with NG to decarbonize the fuel.
- Manufactured
  - Steam Methane Reforming (SMR)
  - Electrolysis



Testing

Lab Testing

- Environmental Chamber
  - Effect of ambient conditions
    - 20°F to 120 °F
  - Linearity Check
  - Stability Check
  - C6+ separation

Field Testing

- Two sites chosen
  - RNG site
    - Known to produce Biomethane with H2
  - Transmission pipeline
    - Regular system gas
  - Compare analysis to existing approved analyzer.

Analyzers

Standalone

Gas Chromatographs

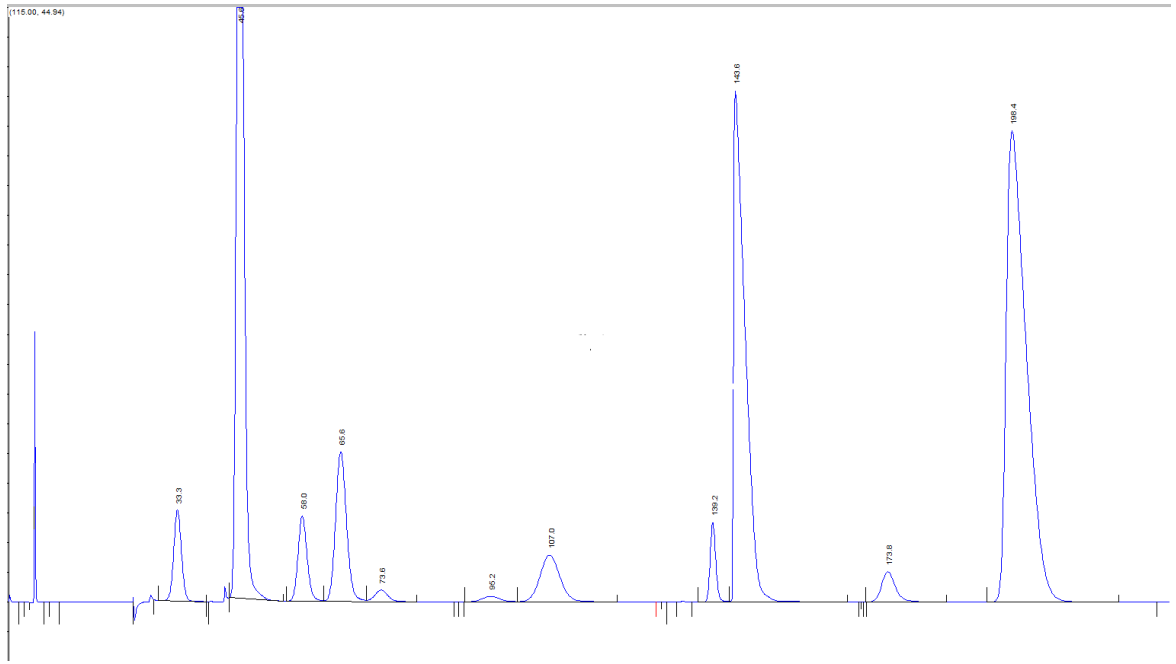
Lab Testing

Environmental Chamber

Simple Standards

Methane	Ethane	Propane	Hydrogen	HHV
Mole %				BTU
79.9	0.02	0.01	20.07	876
89.9	.06	0.3	10	945
94.6	0.2	0.1	5.1	1012
96.6	2	1	0.4	1042
87.9	8	4	0.1	1137

Gas Chromatograph Testing

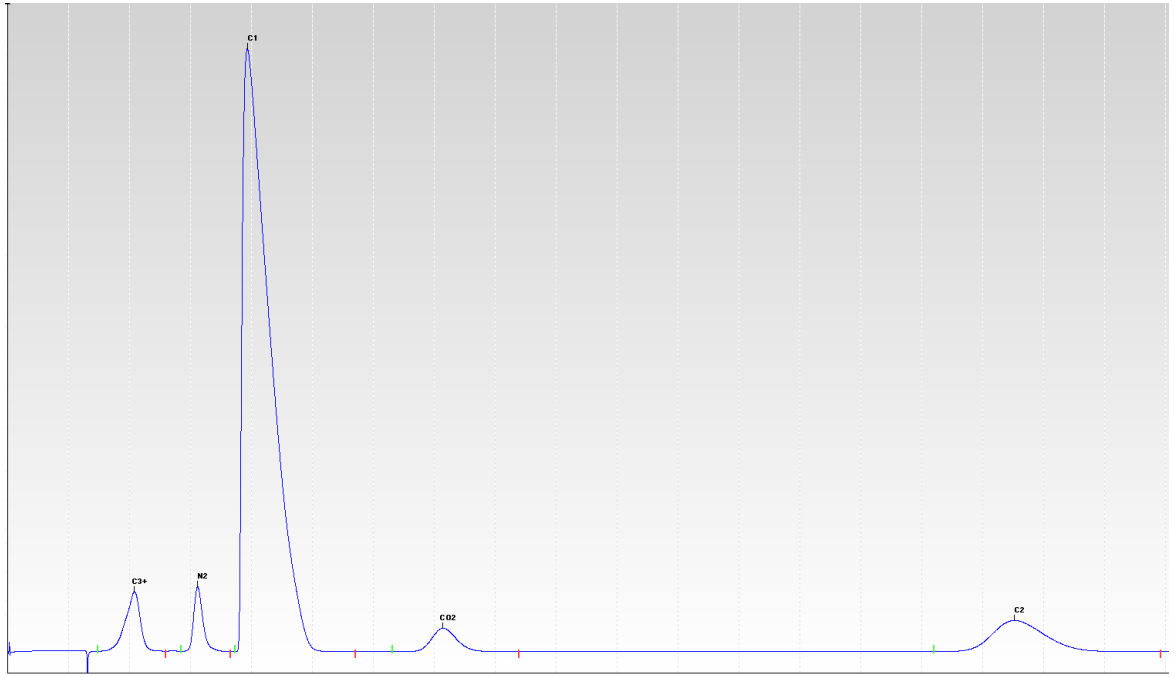


GC Standards

Component	Calibration	C6+ Valve Cut	Min. Detection Limit
Methane	87.98	79.76	88
Ethane	5	10	5
Propane	1	3	1
i-Butane	0.3	0.3	0.3
n-Butane	0.3	0.6	0.3
i-Pentane	0.1	0.03	0.1
n-Pentane	0.1	0.3	0.1
neo-Pentane	0.1	0.03	0.1
n-Hexane	0.07	0.1	0.07
Nitrogen	2.5	5	2.5
Carbon Dioxide	2	0.5	2
Helium	0.05	0.03	0.01
Hydrogen	0.5	0.25	0.1
2,2-dimethylbutane	0	0.1	0

Chromatograms

Lights (N2, CO2, Methane, Ethane)



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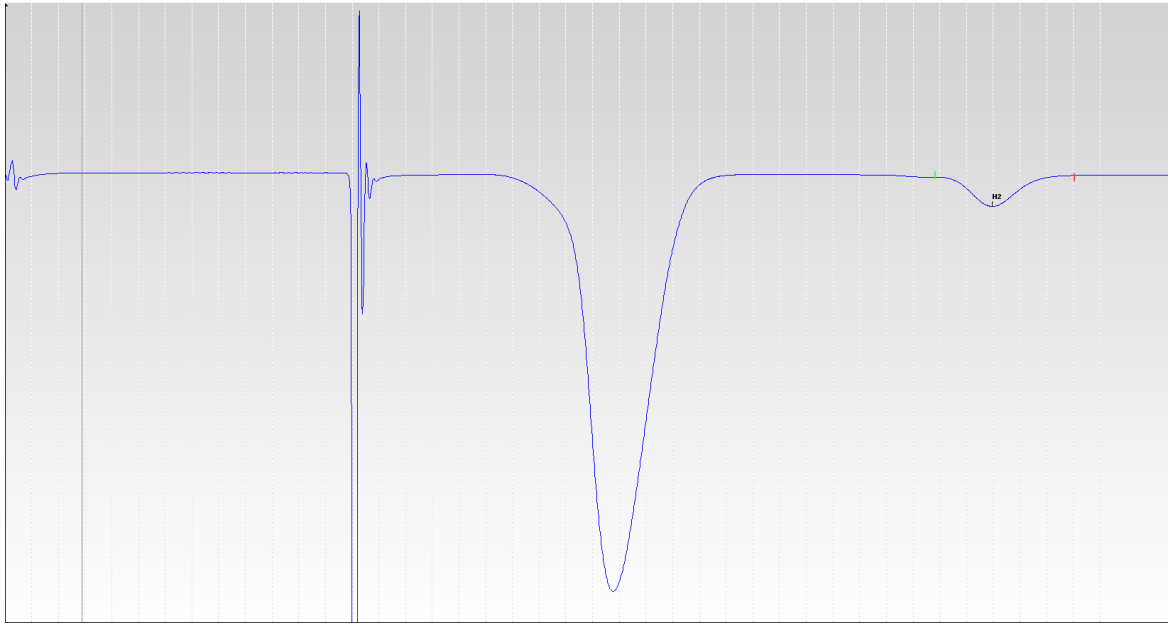
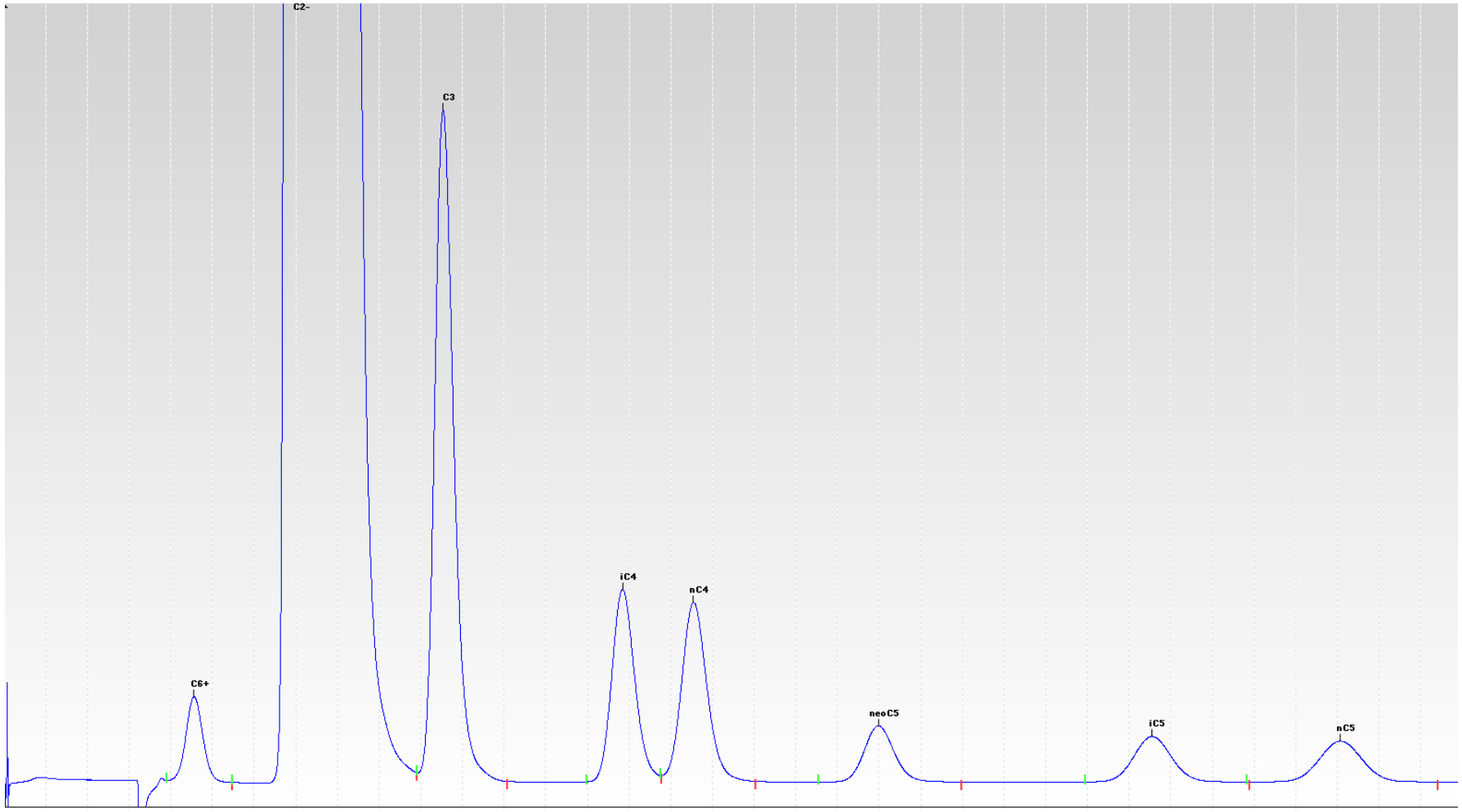


Heavies (C3 and above)



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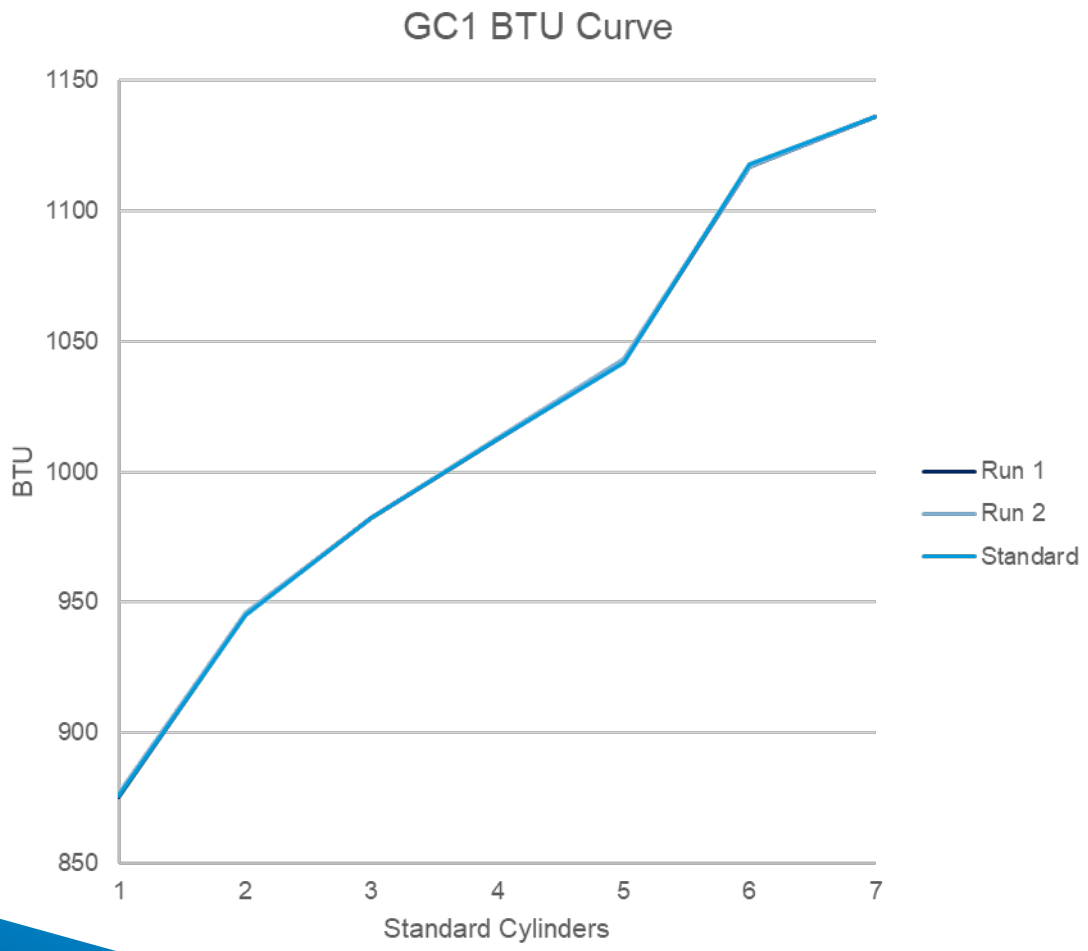

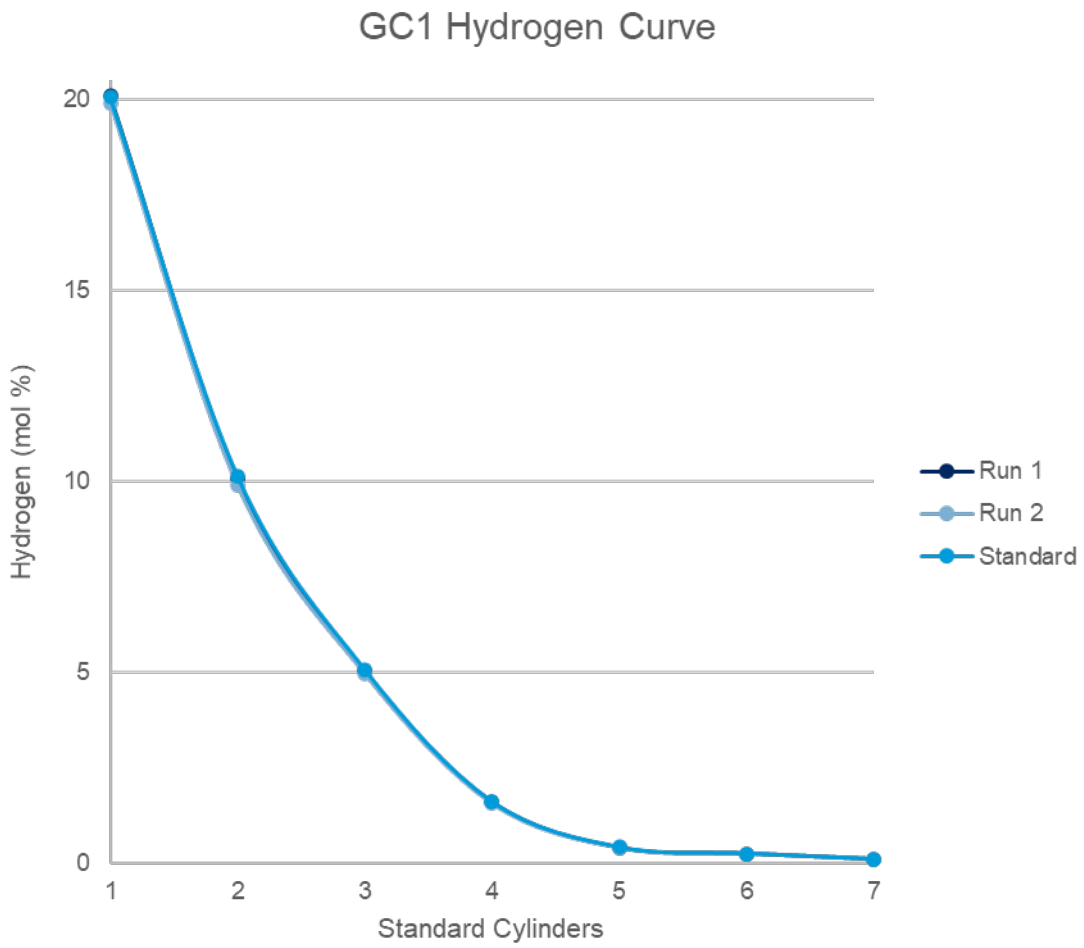

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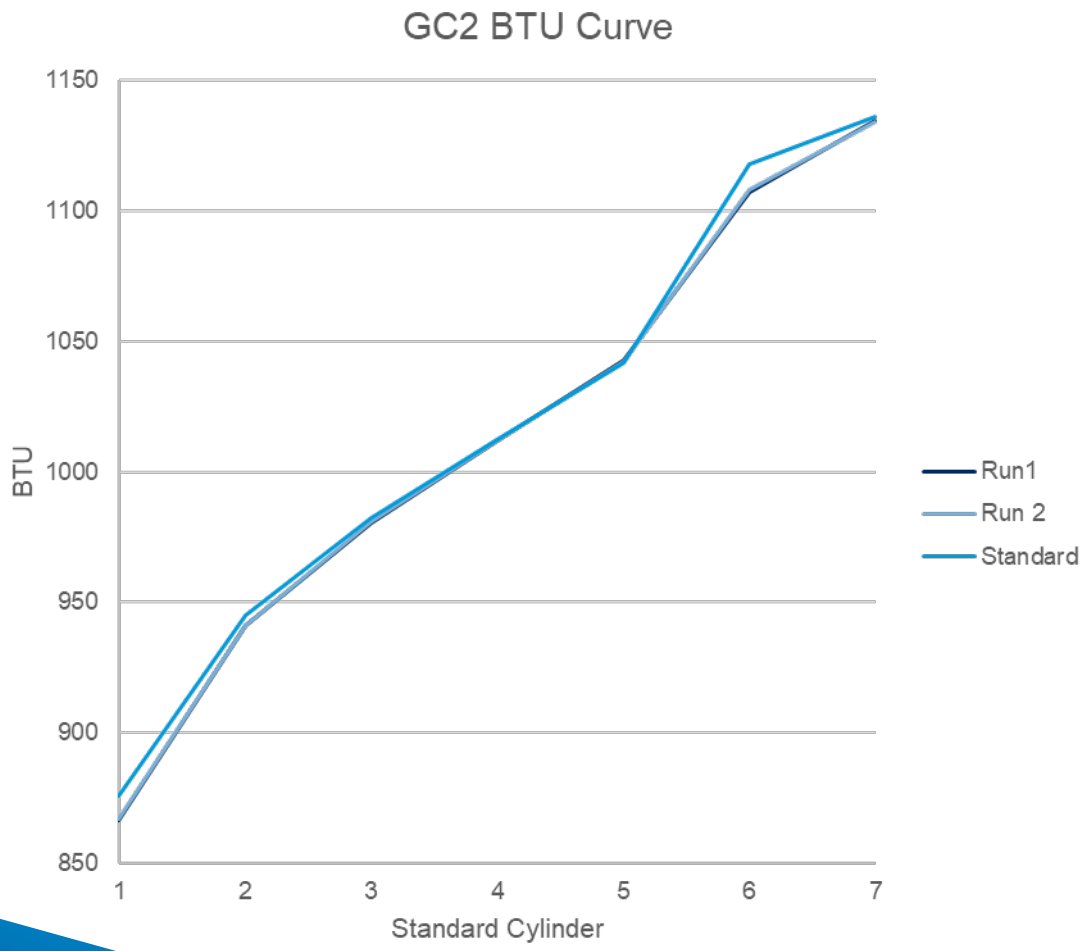
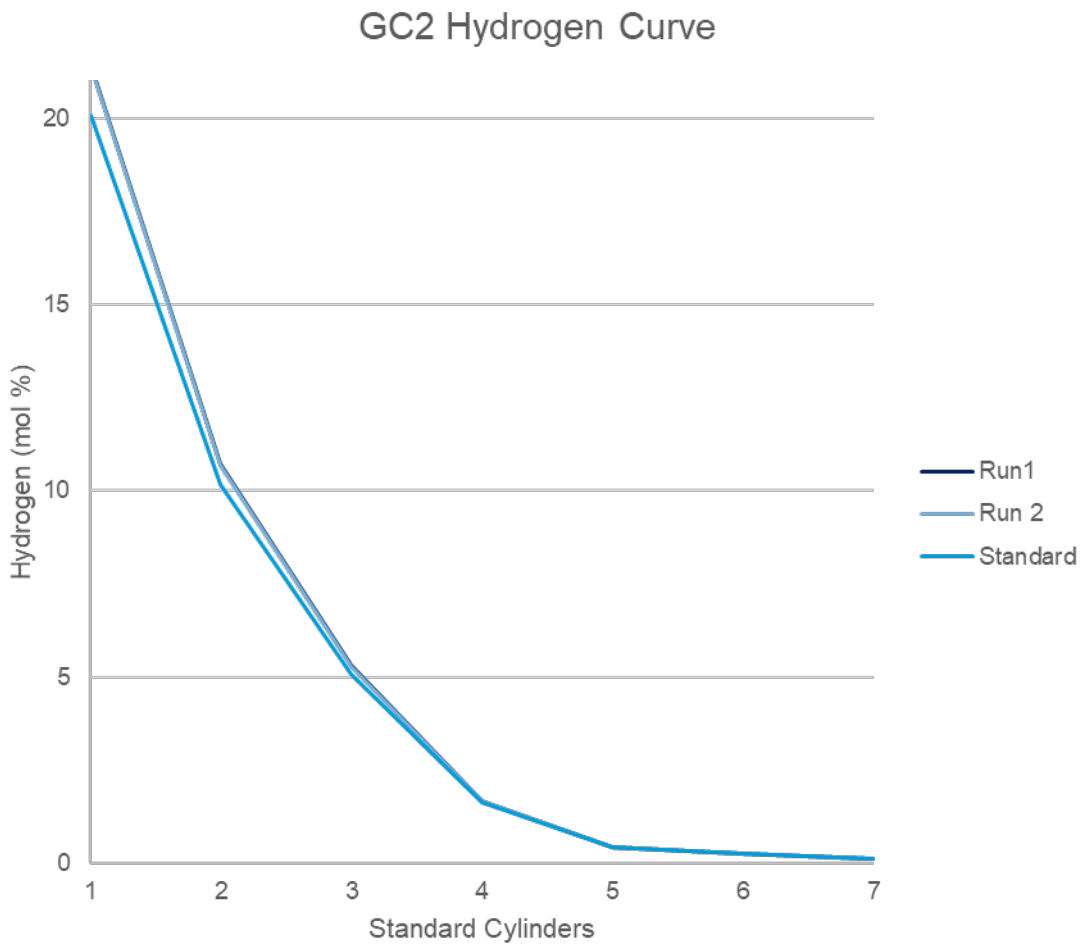
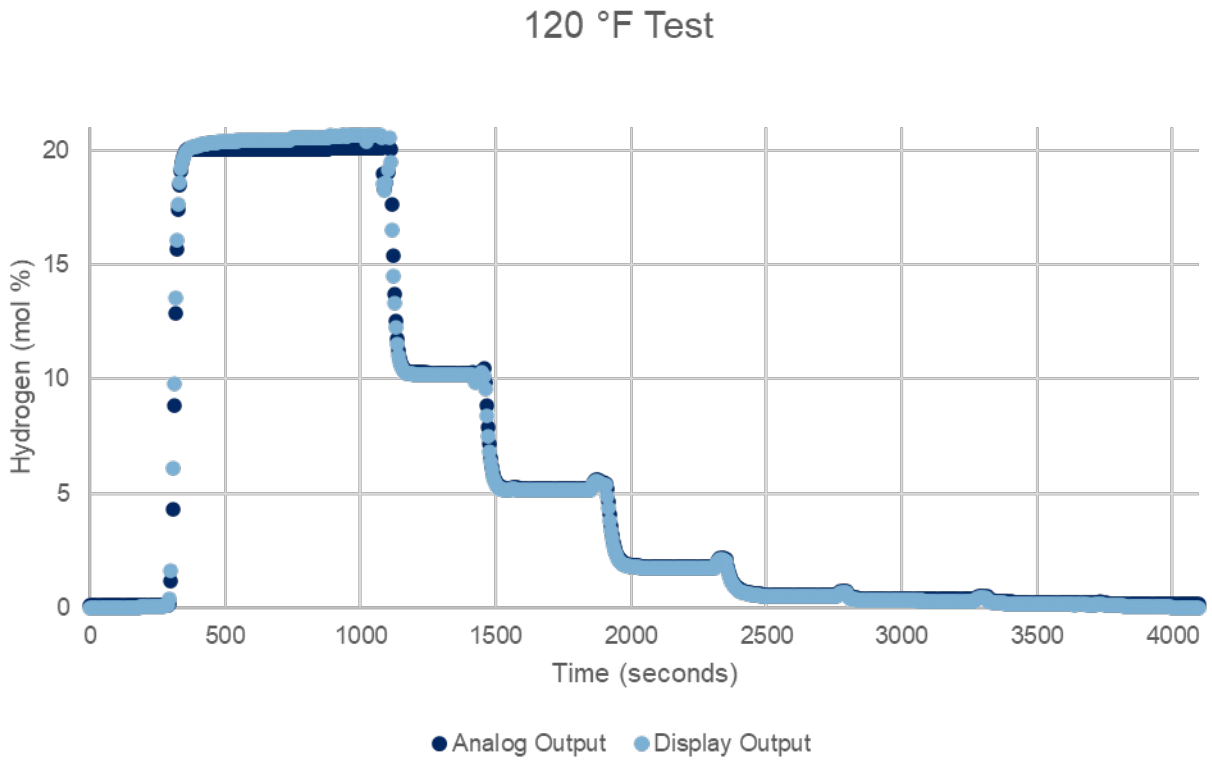




Stand-alone Hydrogen Analyzer



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