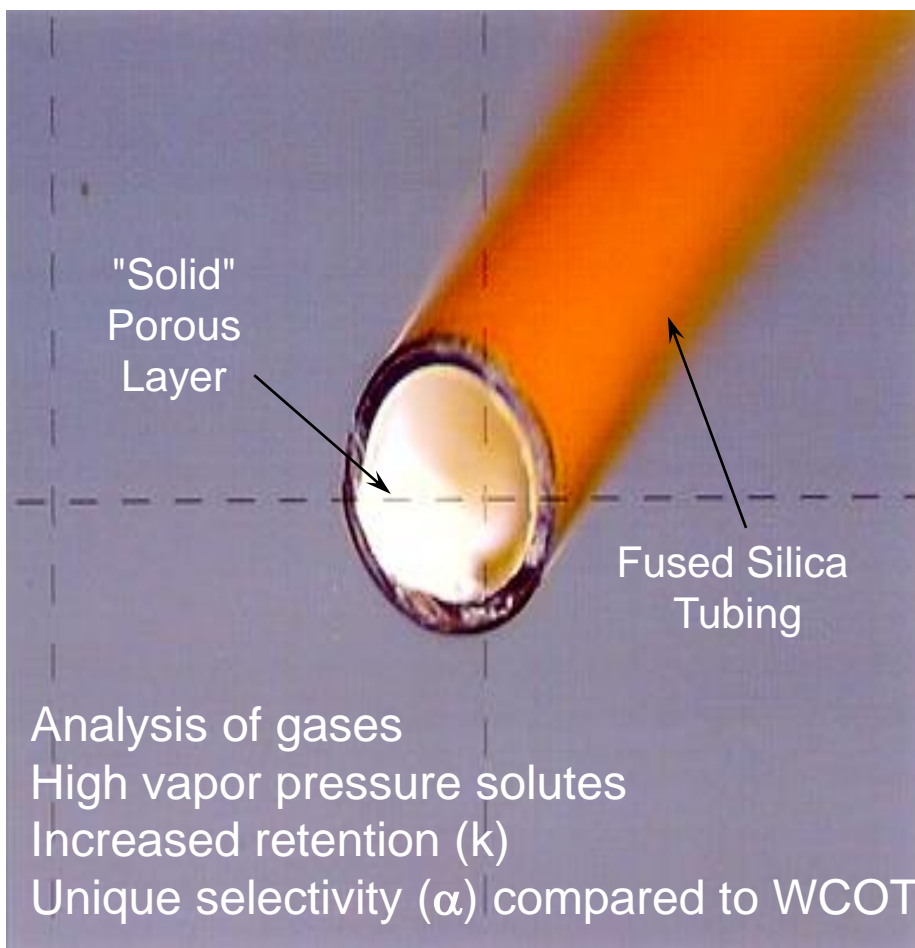


# **New Specialized GC Columns for the Petroleum Industry**

- Integrated Particle Trap PLOTs**
- DB-Sulfur SCD**

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# Porous Layer Open Tubular (PLOT) Columns



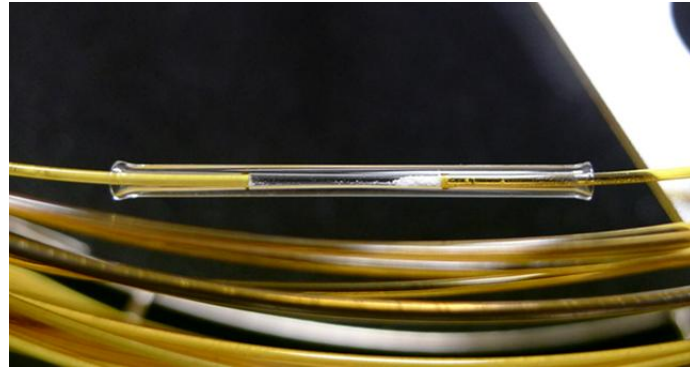
## Challenges:

- ❖ Stationary phase particle shedding
- ❖ Detector spikes impacts results
- ❖ Changes restriction interferes with instrument control/tuning
- ❖ Risks switching valves, CFT devices & connectors
- ❖ Can not be combined with GCMS

# Solutions for PLOT Column issue--- stationary phase particle shedding

## 1. Install a particle trap on the end of the column

- Drawbacks: set-up time, prone to leaks, clog, add labor cost...



## 2. Install inline filters

- Drawbacks: eventually clog and cause flow restriction over time

## 3. Just live with it - *majority of analysts*

# What is an Integrated Particle Trap PLOT Column?

PLOT columns with 2.5 meter integrated particle traps on both ends virtually eliminates the classic particle shedding problem

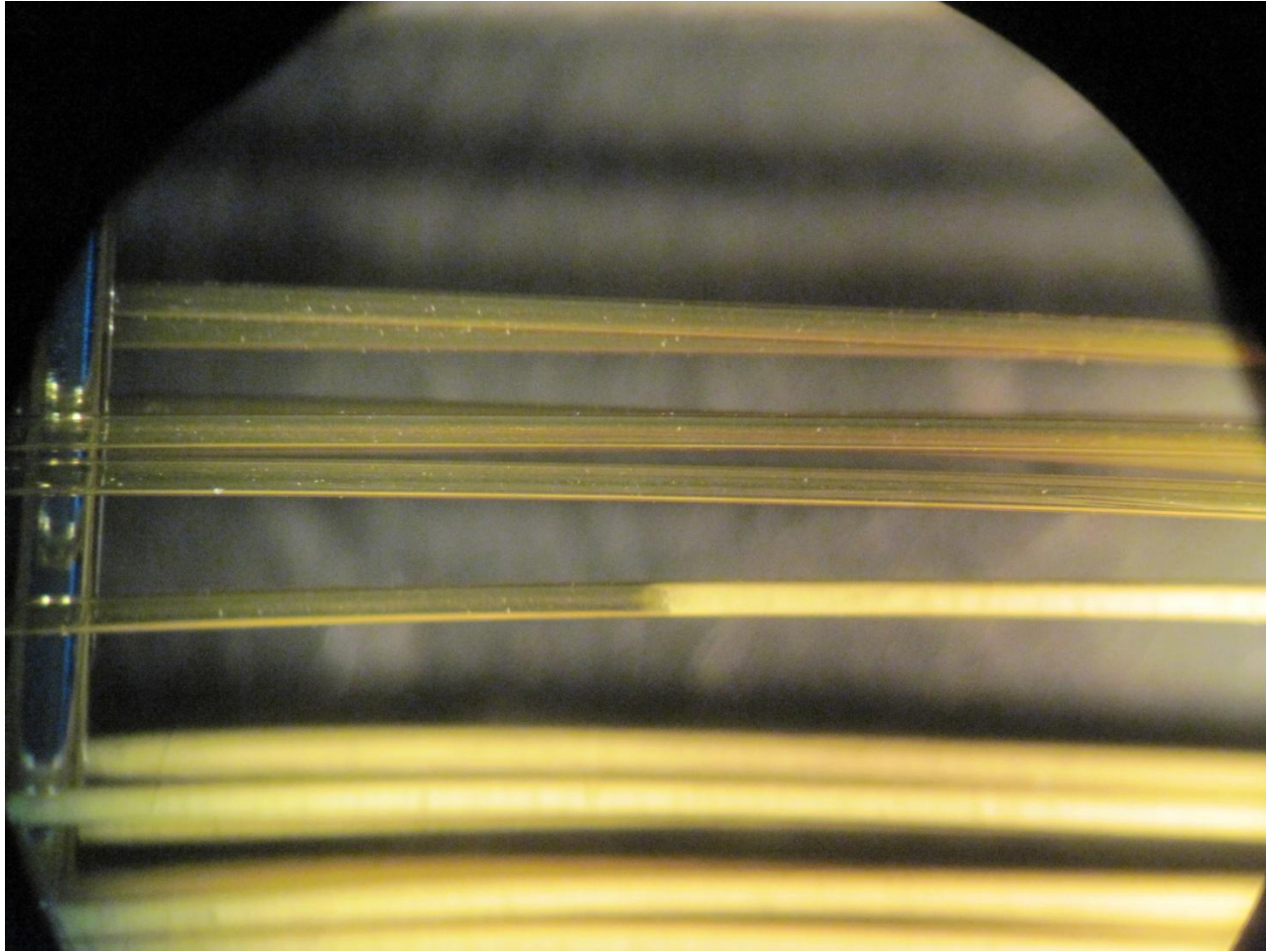
**2.5m Integrated particle trap at front and back end of the column**

**PLOT column part**

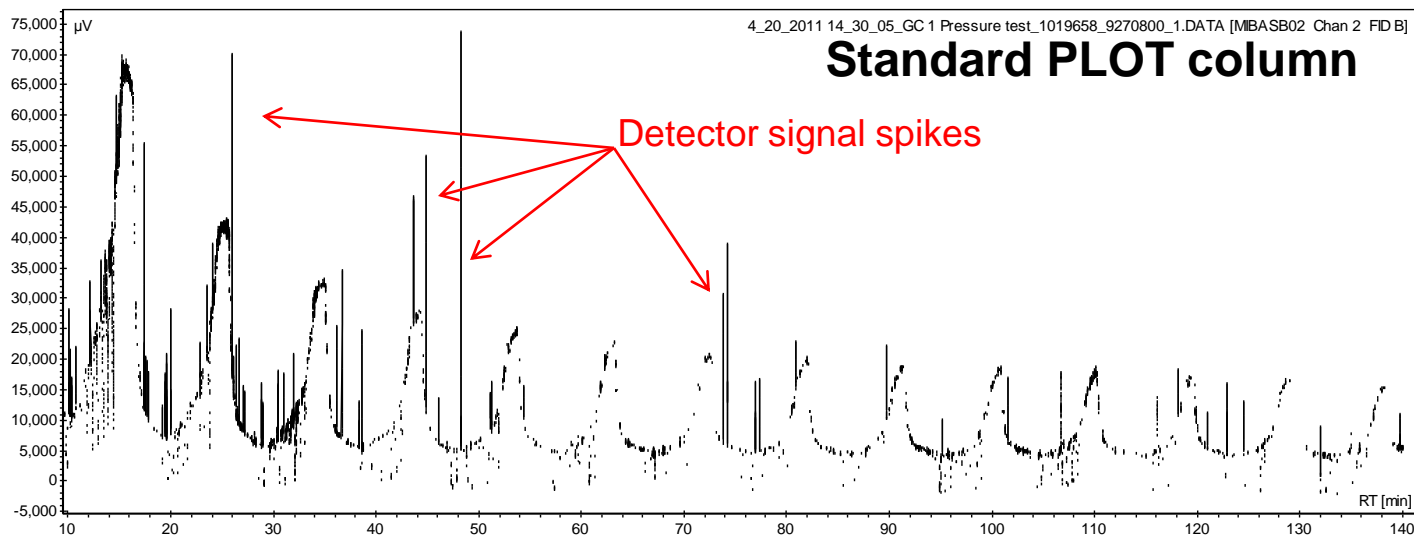


- Particle traps are integrated – no unions and/or fittings
- Compatible with capillary GC, GC/MS and valve switching GC systems including Capillary Flow Technology (CFT)
- Similar selectivity, plates and peak shape performance to existing Agilent J&W PLOT columns

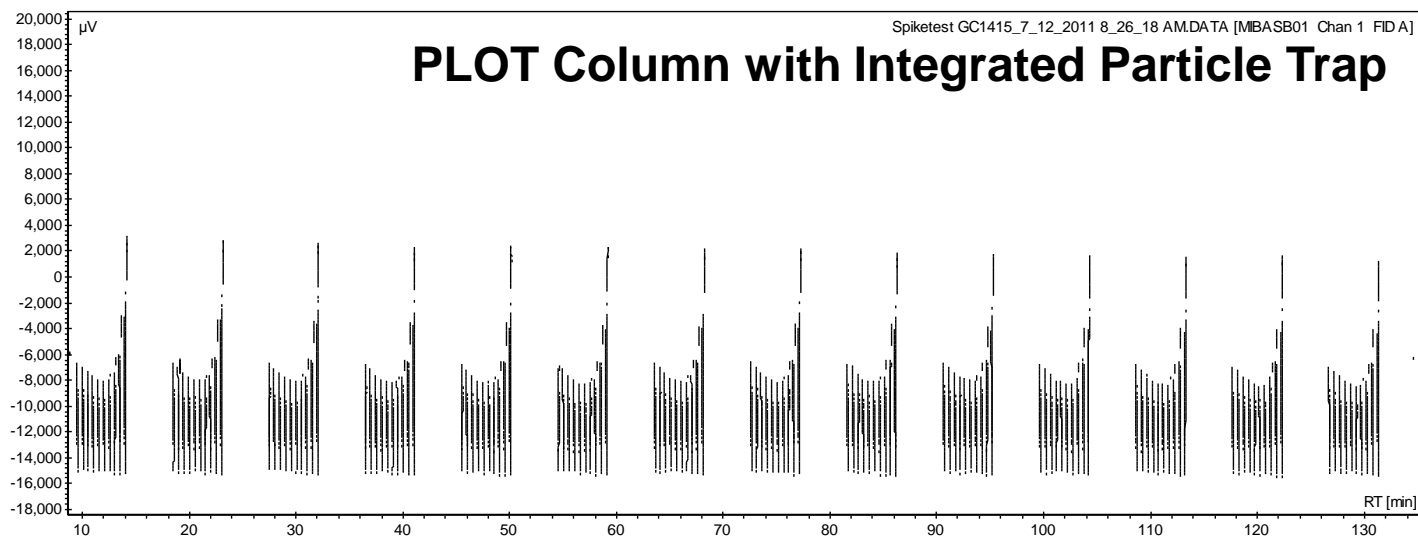
# The Column and Integrated Particle Trap



# No Detector Spikes Observed on PT Columns with Repeated Temperature and Pressure Cycling



- Temperature: 150°C + 20°C/min → 250°C; 15 times
- Pressure 3x optimum
- Each run switch off/on carrier gas 10 times



*The unusual “chromatogram” shows the detector signal profile of the temp and pressure cycling*

# FID Baseline Testing from 220°C to 280°C

**Column: PoraBond Q PT, 25m×0.25mm,3um  
(30 meter total length)**

Carrier : Helium, 36cm/s @220 °C

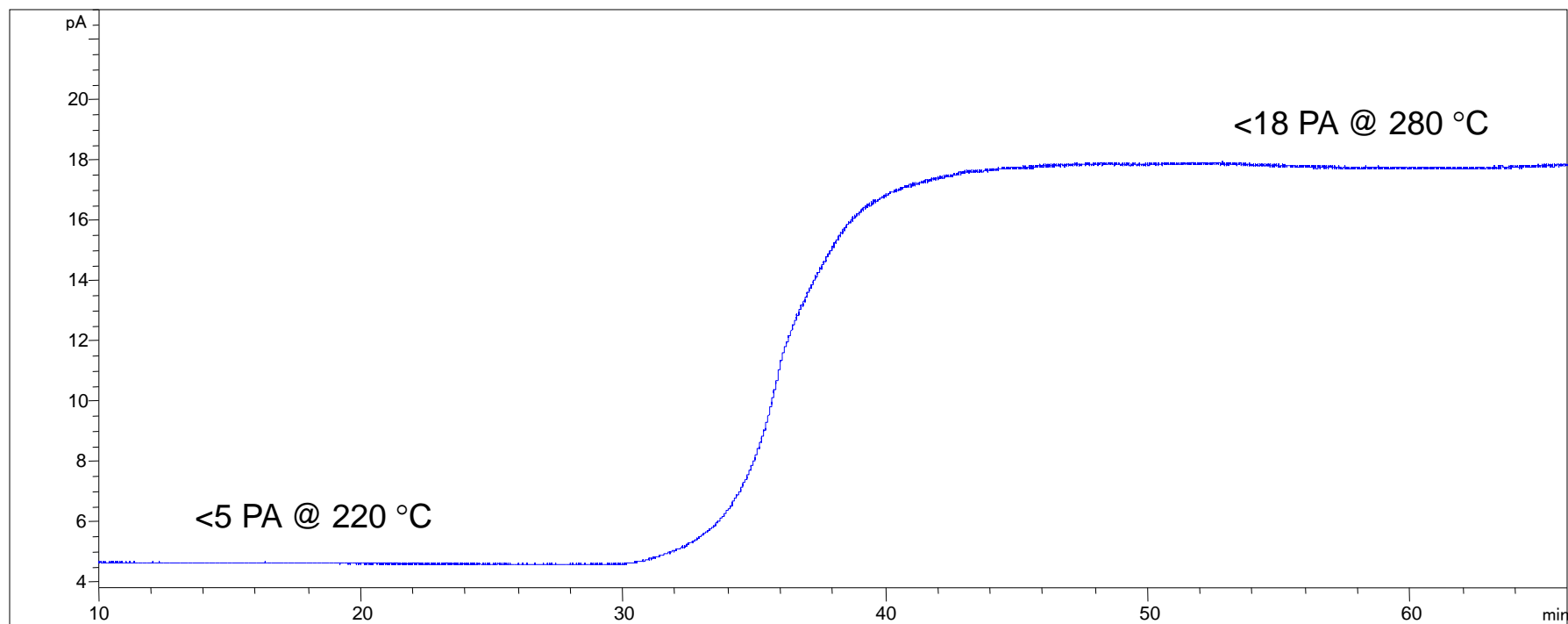
Oven: : 220 °C for 30 min

220 °C - 280 °C at 10°C/min

280 °C for 30 min

Detector: FID, 300 °C

**No spikes**



# MSD! Baseline Testing from 220°C to 280°C

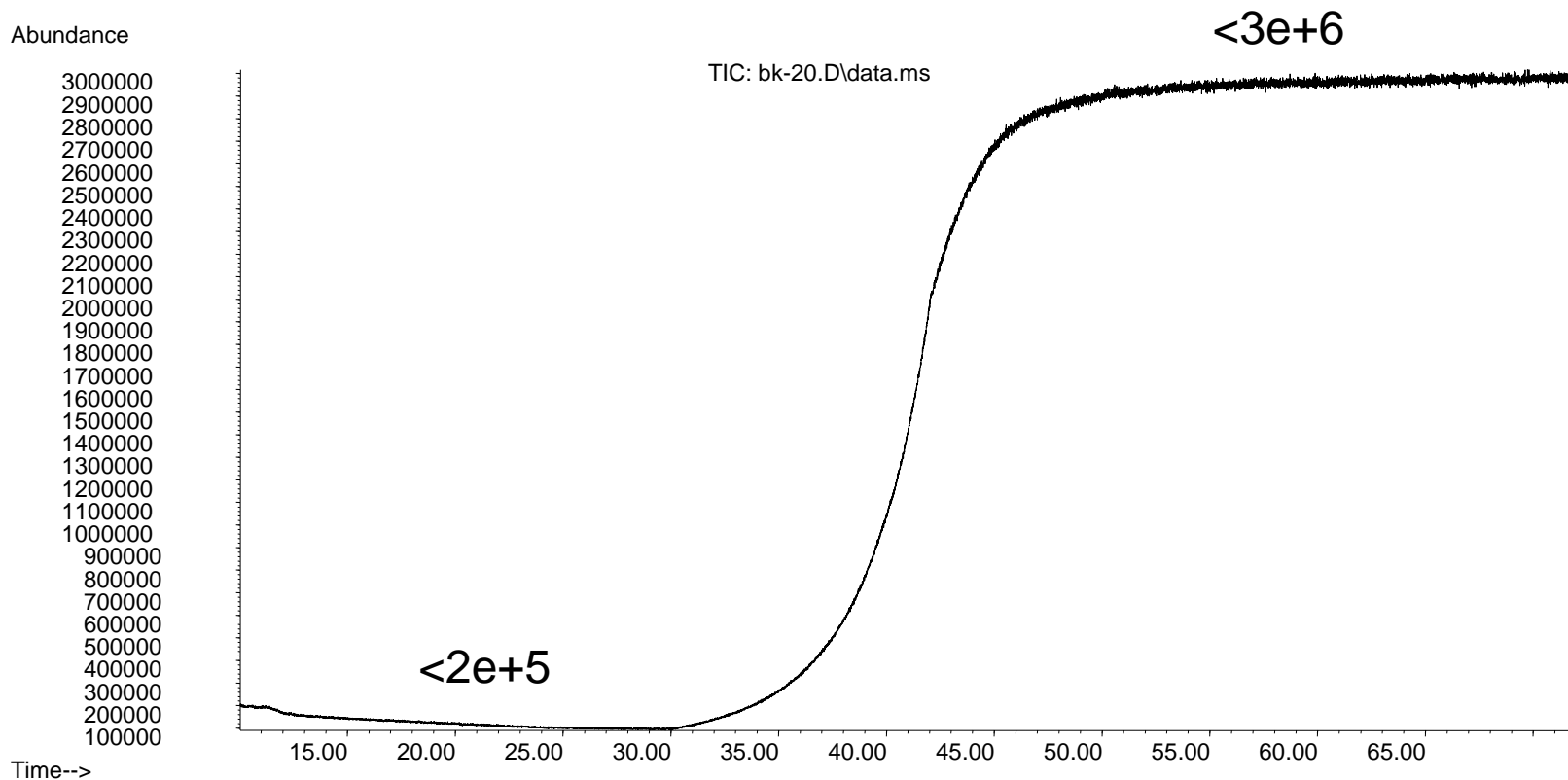
Column: PoraBond Q PT, 25m×0.25mm,3um  
(30 meter total length)

Carrier : Helium, 34cm/s @220 °C

Oven: : 220 °C for 30 min  
220 °C - 280 °C at 5°C/min  
280 °C for 30 min

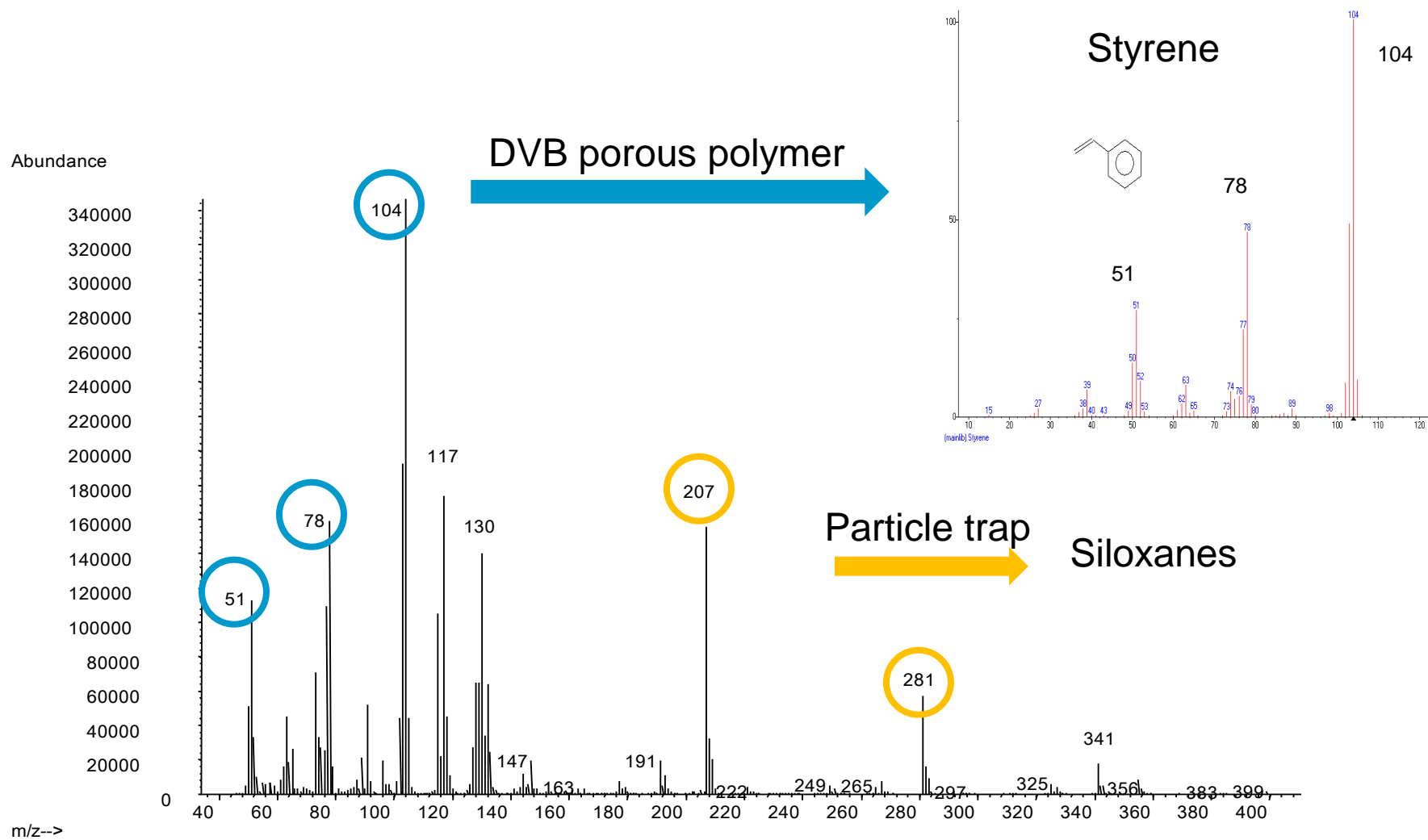
Detector: **MSD**, 280 °C Transfer line, full Scan at m/z 40-300

**No spikes**





# “Clean” Mass Spectrum, PoraBond Q PT at 280°C



# Similar Selectivity

## Solvent Analysis

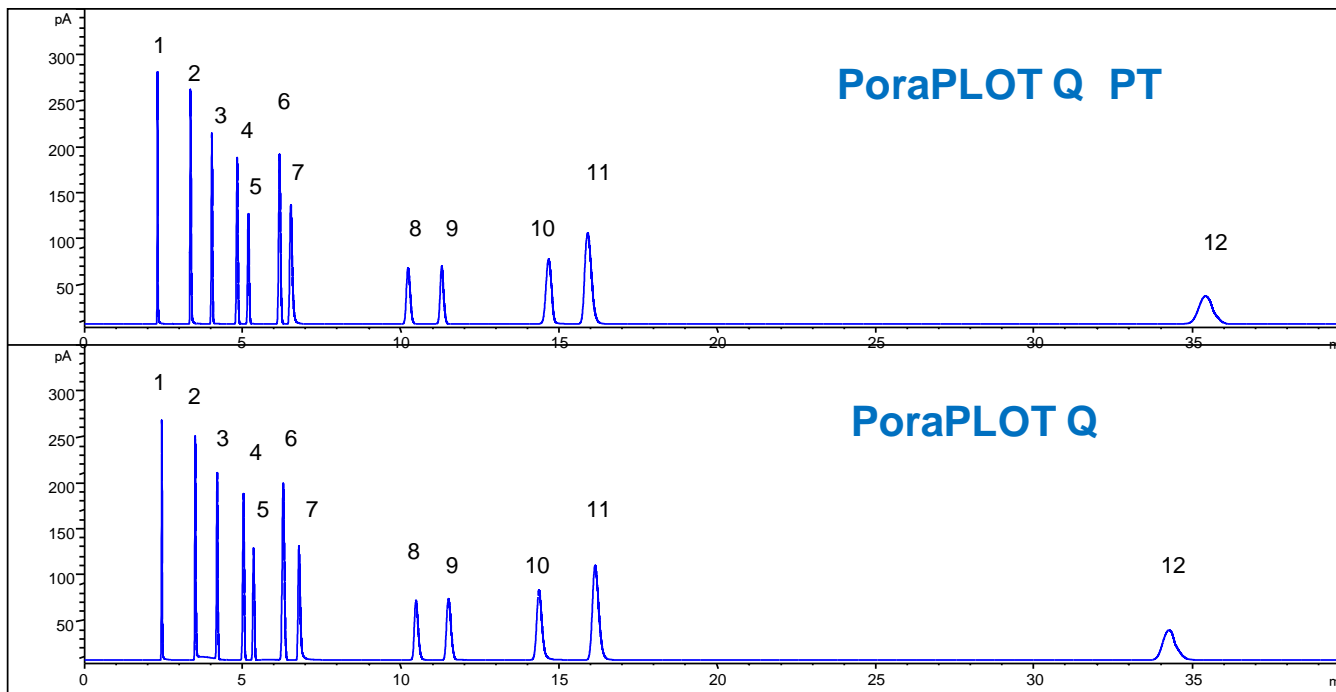
Carrier : Helium, 5.25 mL/min

Oven: 150°C

Inlet: 200 °C, split ratio=60:1

Detector: FID 250°C

Inj. Vol: 0.2uL



1. Methanol
2. Ethanol
3. Acetonitrile
4. Acetone
5. Methylene Chloride
6. Diethyl ether
7. 1-propanol
8. Trichloromethane
9. Ethyl acetate
10. Hexane
11. Benzene
12. Heptane

Differences observed between our standard PLOT columns and their PLOT PT counterparts shows that the variability in results is generally within the column to column reproducibility range for PLOT column manufacturing

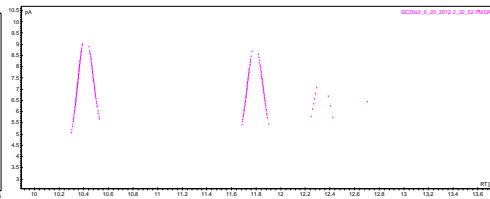
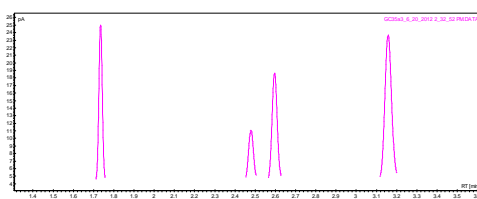
# Similar Selectivity

## Important Application C2 – C3

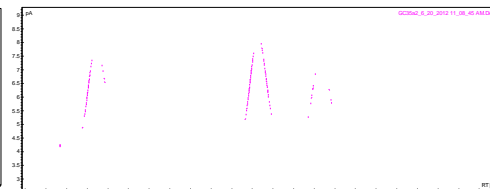
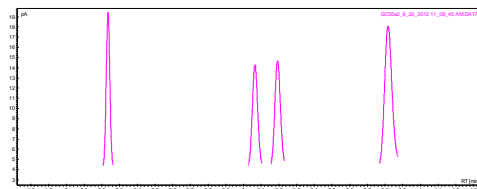
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PoraBOND Q: C3

With PT



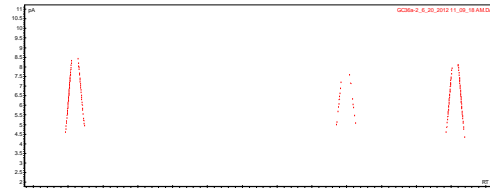
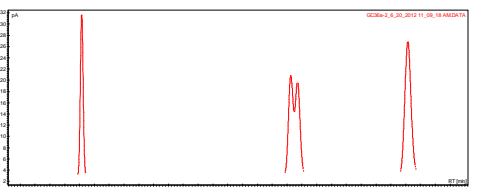
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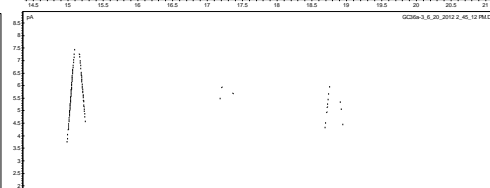
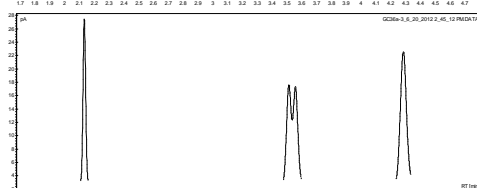
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PoraPLOT Q: C3

With PT



Without PT

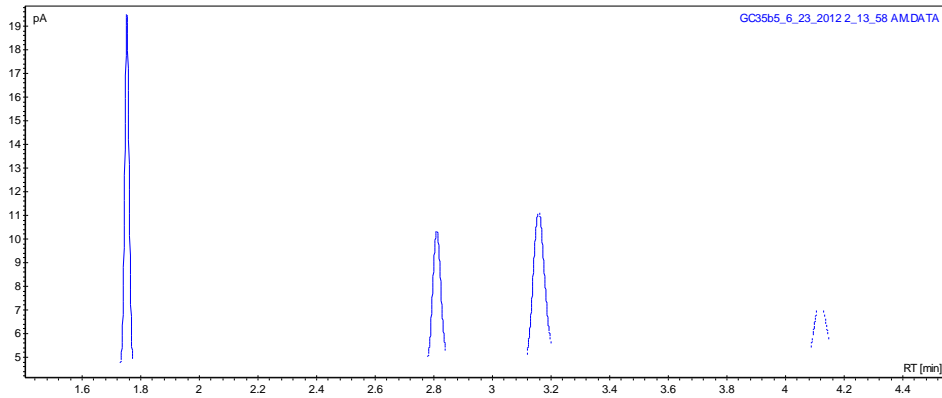


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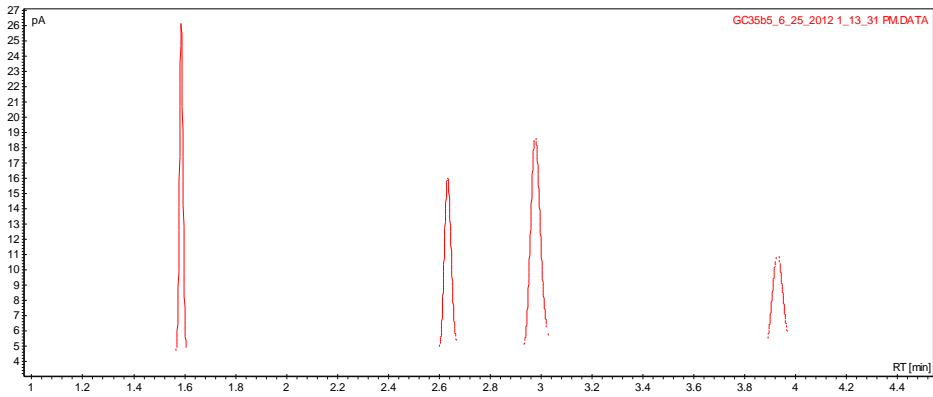
## Important Application C1 – C2

### PoraPLOT U: C1-C2

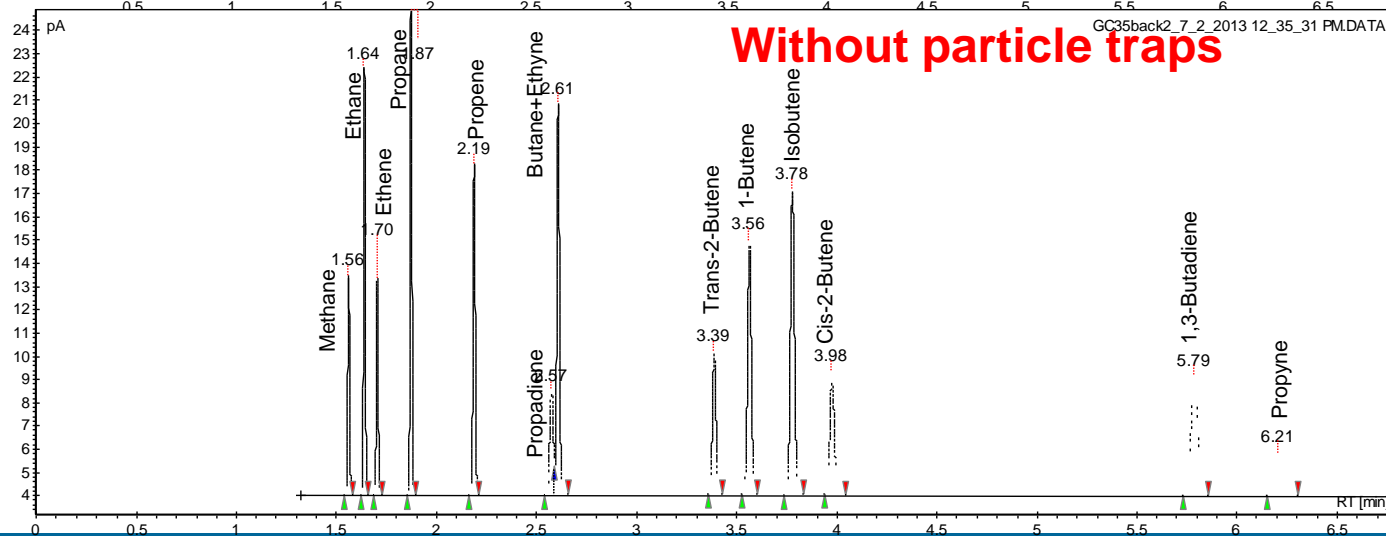
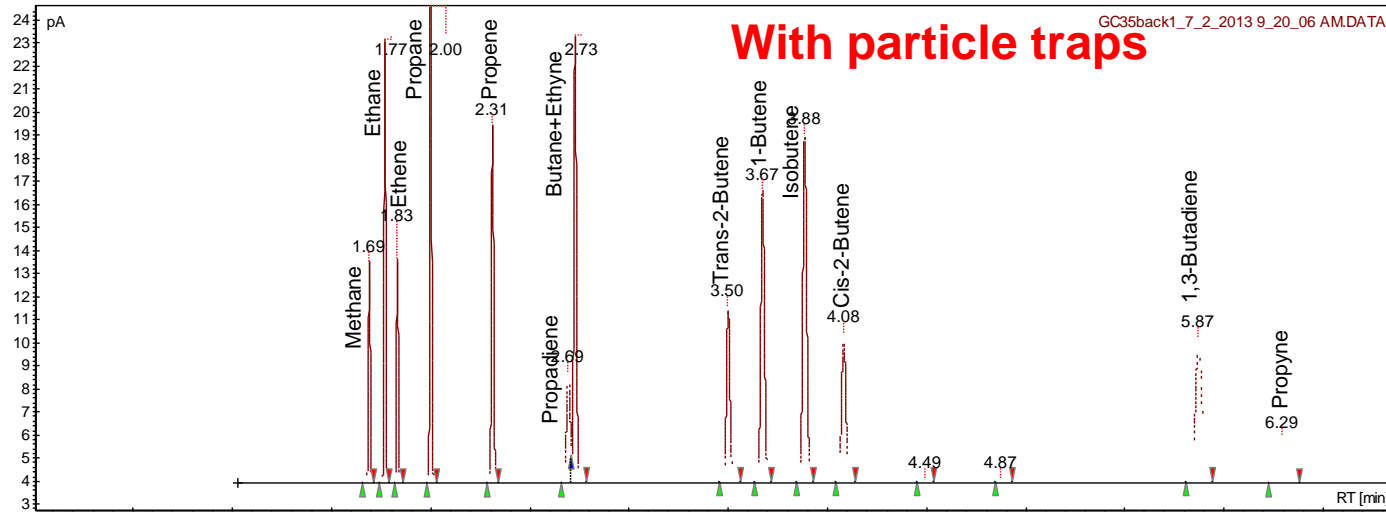
With PT



Without PT



# Influence of integrated particle traps on selectivity (Aluminum oxide PLOT)



- First test with integrated particle traps
- Second test after removal of particle traps (pressure adjusted to correct for length difference)

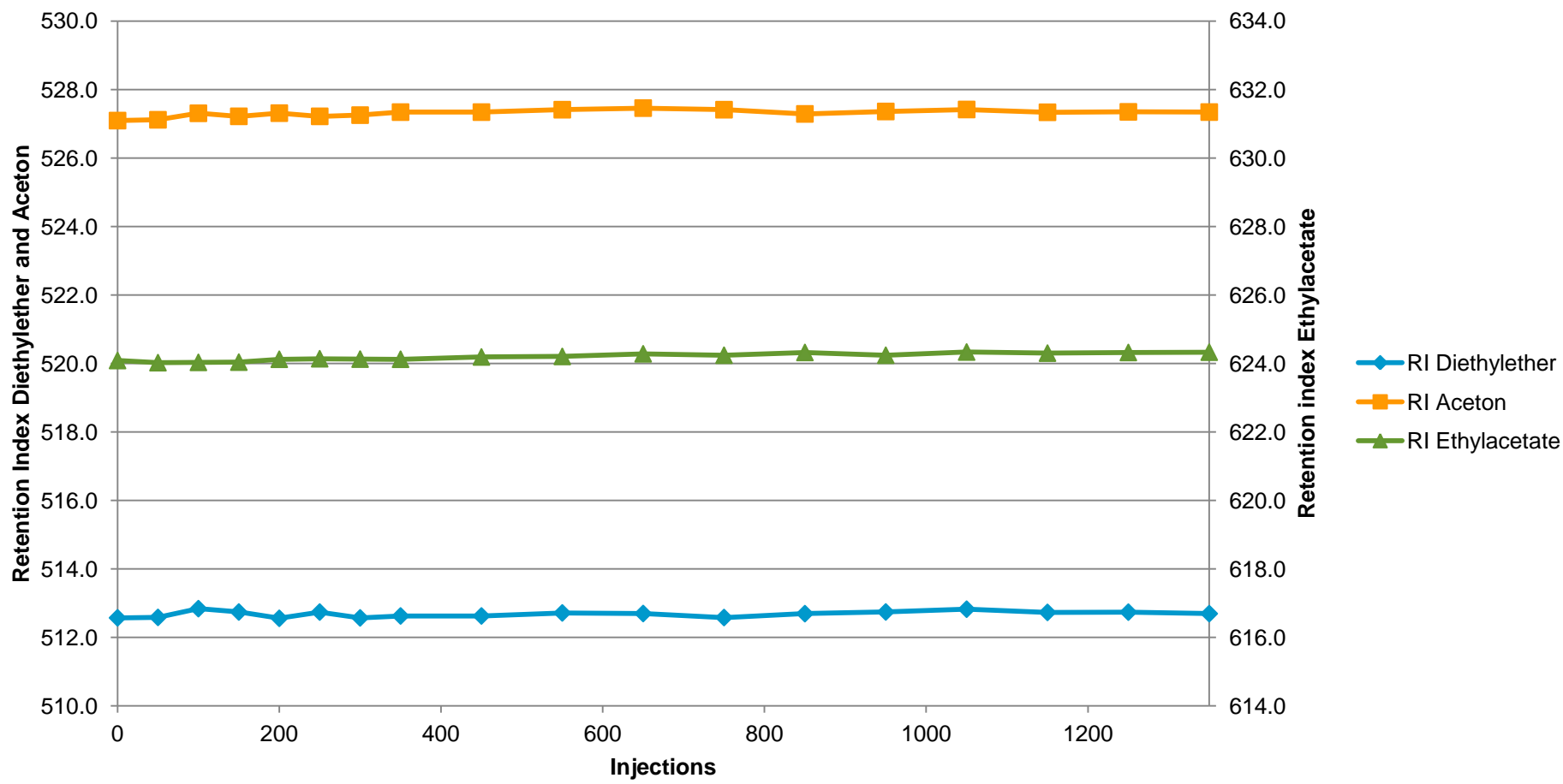
# Lifetime test: Porous Polymer PLOT PT columns

- Test done with PPQ, PPU, PBQ and HP-PLOT-Q
- Lifetime test performed by a high number of injections of methanol with 10% water
- 350 to 1350 injections are done
- After these injections, the columns are tested again
- No change in performance is observed

# Lifetime test PoraPLOT U PT

## 1350 injections Methanol / 10% water

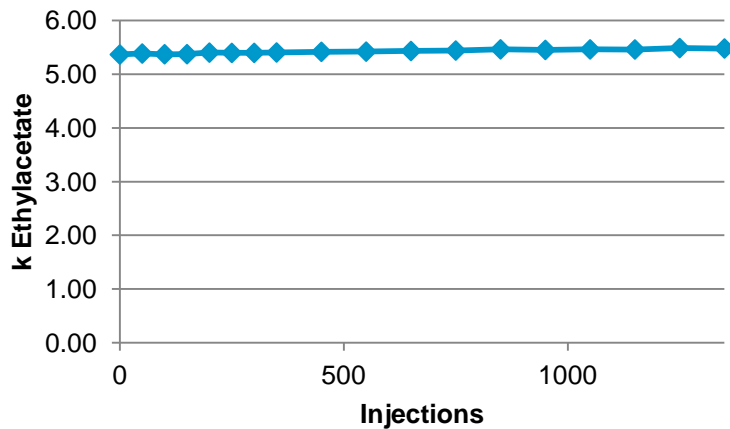
### Lifetime - Retention Index



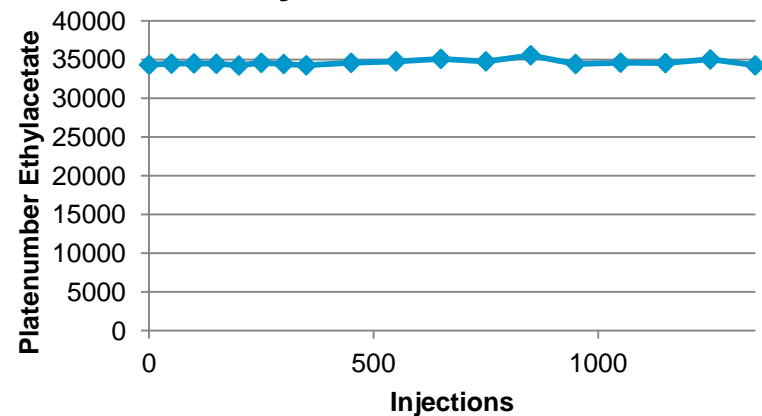
# Lifetime test PoraPLOT U PT

## 1350 injections Methanol / 10% water

### Lifetime - k Ethylacetate



### Lifetime - Platenumber Ethylacetate



**Conclusion:** No change in performance of the column after multiple injections  
(Similar results for all porous polymer PLOT PT columns)



# Lifetime Test Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> – PT

## 50m x 0.32mm

Temperature program: 40°C + 10°C/min --> 200°C (40 min.)

Carrier gas N<sub>2</sub>, 50 kPa. FID

**In 3 weeks 450 runs, 300 hours at the maximum T of 200°C.**

KCl	Before lifetime test		After lifetime test		Difference
	total	st dev	total	st dev	
6509506					
RI ethene	234.8	0.1	234.9	0.0	0.1
RI propene	347.7	0.1	347.7	0.0	0.0
RI ethyne	362.1	0.0	361.7	0.1	-0.4
RI propadiene	385.2	0.0	385.0	0.0	-0.2
RI t-2-butene	439.2	0.0	439.1	0.0	-0.1
RI 1-butene	443.5	0.0	443.5	0.0	0.0
RI isobutene	450.6	0.0	450.6	0.0	0.0
RI c-2-butene	458.7	0.0	458.7	0.0	0.0
RI propyne	485.9	0.0	485.4	0.1	-0.4
RI 1,3-butadiene	499.3	0.0	499.3	0.0	0.0
N 1,3-butadiene	153264	836	155972	1105	2707
k 1,3 butadiene	1.5	0.0	1.5	0.0	0.0
N/m 1,3-butadiene	2787	15	2836	20	49
u (cm/sec)	51.8	0.0	51.8	0.0	0.0
CFR	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0

Na <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	Before lifetime test		After lifetime test		Difference
	total	st dev	total	st dev	
6509513					
RI ethene	242.9	0.1	243.3	0.1	0.4
RI propene	357.4	0.0	357.8	0.0	0.4
RI propadiene	396.6	0.2	396.7	0.1	0.1
RI ethyne	400.0	0.0	400.0	0.0	0.0
RI t-2-butene	445.8	0.0	446.1	0.0	0.3
RI 1-butene	453.4	0.0	453.7	0.0	0.4
RI isobutene	461.8	0.0	462.2	0.0	0.5
RI c-2-butene	468.9	0.0	469.2	0.0	0.4
RI 1,3-butadiene	514.9	0.0	515.2	0.0	0.4
RI propyne	522.6	0.1	523.1	0.1	0.5
N 1,3-butadiene	150900	1001	148253	209	-2647
k 1,3 butadiene	2.4	0.0	2.5	0.0	0.0
N/m 1,3-butadiene	2744	18	2696	4	-48
u (cm/sec)	54.2	0.0	54.2	0.0	0.0
CFR	1.1	0.0	1.1	0.0	0.0

Please note: No PDMS degradation at 200°C!

# Lifetime Test Molsieve 5A

## 30m x 0.53 mm 50 $\mu$ m Molsieve 5A PT

Temperature program: 40°C + 10°C/min --> 200°C (23 min) + 10°C/min --> 300°C (5min)

Carrier gas N2, 25 kPa. TCD

**In 3 weeks 531 runs, with 204 hours at 200°C and 44 hours at the maximum temperature of 300°C.**

	Before lifetime test		After lifetime test		
9278538	Average	StDev	Average	StDev	Difference
Asym Carbonmonoxide	1.49	0.00	1.55	0.04	0.05
N methane	32177	5	31037	8	-1140
K methane	2.35	0.00	2.35	0.00	0.00
Res He/Ne	1.10	0.00	1.09	0.00	-0.02
Res Ar/O2	1.17	0.00	1.16	0.00	-0.01
CFR	1.04	0.00	1.05	0.00	0.01
9257038	Average	StDev	Average	StDev	Difference
Asym Carbonmonoxide	1.52	0.02	1.57	0.11	0.05
N methane	36336	13	35603	472	-733
K methane	2.41	0.00	2.41	0.00	0.00
Res He/Ne	0.97	0.00	1.11	0.01	0.14
Res Ar/O2	1.23	0.01	1.22	0.01	-0.01
CFR	1.11	0.00	1.11	0.00	0.01

# Lifetime Test Conclusions

After prolonged exposure at high operating temperature there is no significant change of the chromatographic performances of the Molsieve 5A and  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  columns.

The bleed of the particle traps (front end) has no negative effect on the PLOT phases.

# Ideal for Solvent Analysis by GCMS

**Column: PoraBond Q PT, 25m×0.25mm,3um  
(30m total length)**

Carrier : Helium, 43cm/s @90 °C

Oven: : 90 °C- 140 °C at 10°C/min

140 °C for 6min

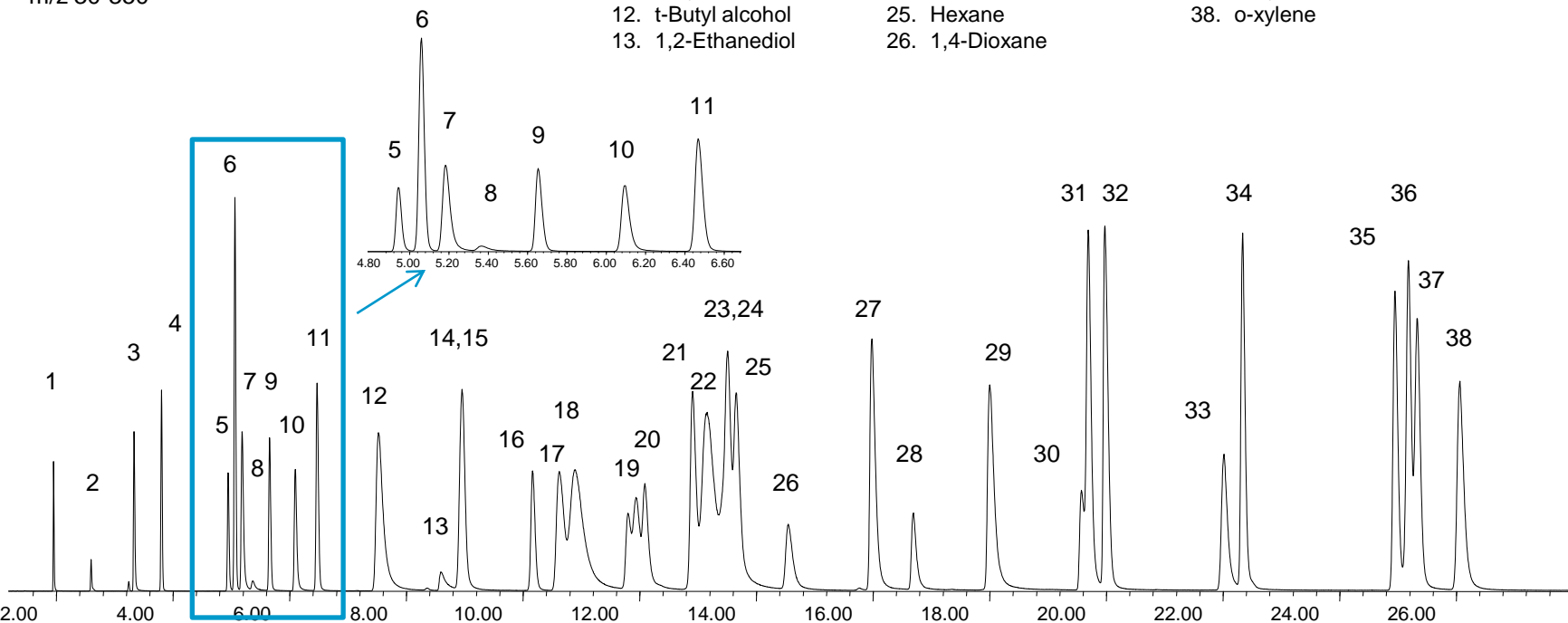
140 °C - 200 °C at 5°C/min

200 °C for 10 min

Injection: Split, 250 °C, split ratio1:160

Detector: MSD, 280 °C Transfer line, full Scan at  
m/z 30-350

- |                       |                           |                               |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Methyl Alcohol     | 14. Trichloromethane      | 27. Pyridine                  |
| 2. Acetaldehyde       | 15. 2-Butanone (MEK)      | 28. Dimethyl Formamide (DMF)  |
| 3. Ethanol            | 16. Ethyl Acetate         | 29. Isoamyl Alcohol           |
| 4. Acetonitrile       | 17. sec-Butyl alcohol     | 30. Dimethyl Sulfoxide (DMSO) |
| 5. Acetone            | 18. MTBE                  | 31. Toluene                   |
| 6. Methylene Chloride | 19. 2-chlorobutane        | 32. Heptane                   |
| 7. Isopropyl Alcohol  | 20. 1-Butanol             | 33. Paraldehyde               |
| 8. 2-Propanamine      | 21. Benzene               | 34. Chlorobenzene             |
| 9. Ethyl Formate      | 22. 1,1,1-Trichloroethane | 35. Ethylbenzene              |
| 10. 1-Propanol        | 23. 1-chlorobutane        | 36. m-Xylene                  |
| 11. Ethyl ether       | 24. Carbon Tetrachloride  | 37. p-Xylene                  |
| 12. t-Butyl alcohol   | 25. Hexane                | 38. o-xylene                  |
| 13. 1,2-Ethanediol    | 26. 1,4-Dioxane           |                               |



# Excellent Peak Shape for Alcohols by GCMS

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Carrier : Helium, 43cm/s @90 °C

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140 °C for 6min

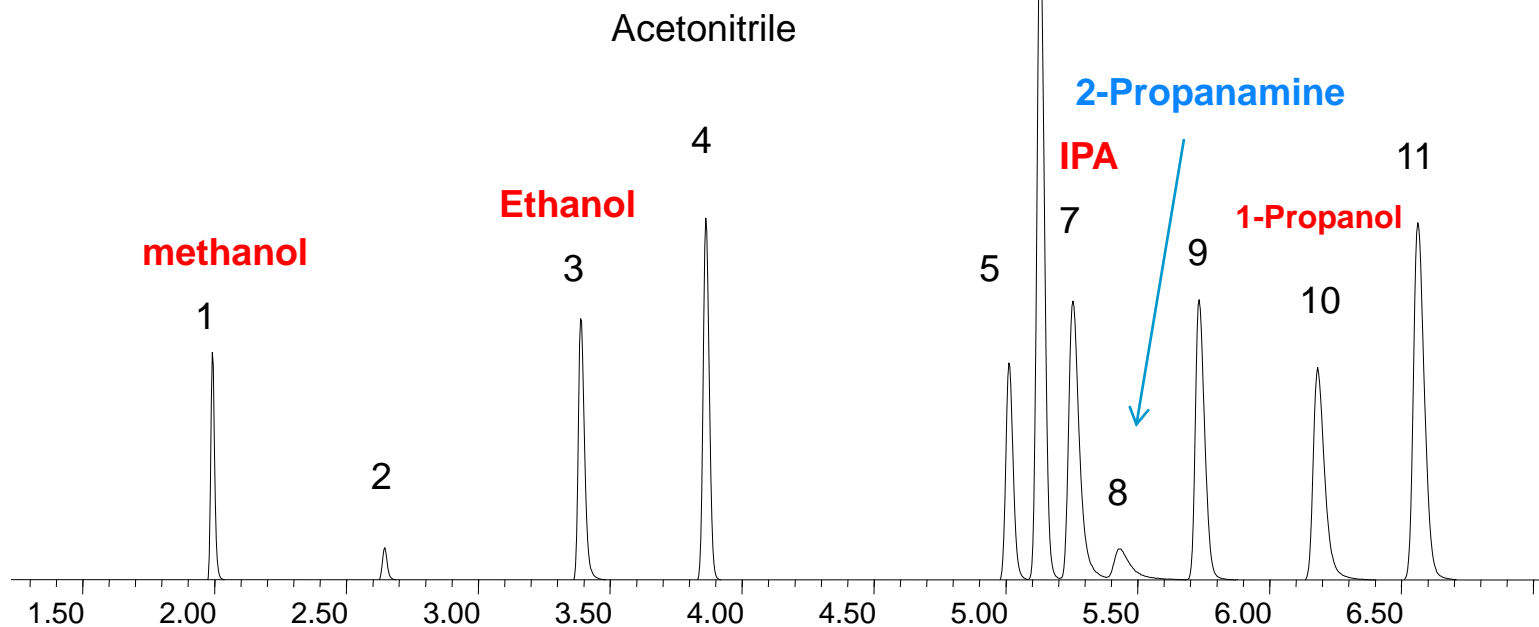
140 °C - 200 °C at 5°C/min

200 °C for 10 min

Injection: Split, 250 °C, split ratio1:160

Detector: MSD, 280 °C Transfer line, full Scan at  
m/z 30-350

1. Methyl Alcohol
2. Acetaldehyde
3. Ethanol
4. Acetonitrile
5. Acetone
6. Methylene Chloride
7. Isopropyl Alcohol
8. 2-Propanamine
9. Ethyl Formate
10. 1-Propanol
11. Ethyl ether



# Halocarbons by GCMS

**Column: PoraPLOT Q PT, 25m×0.32mm,10um (P/N CP7551PT)  
(30m total length)**

Carrier : Helium, 42cm/s @55 °C

Oven : 55 °C for 5min

55 °C - 200 °C at 12°C/min

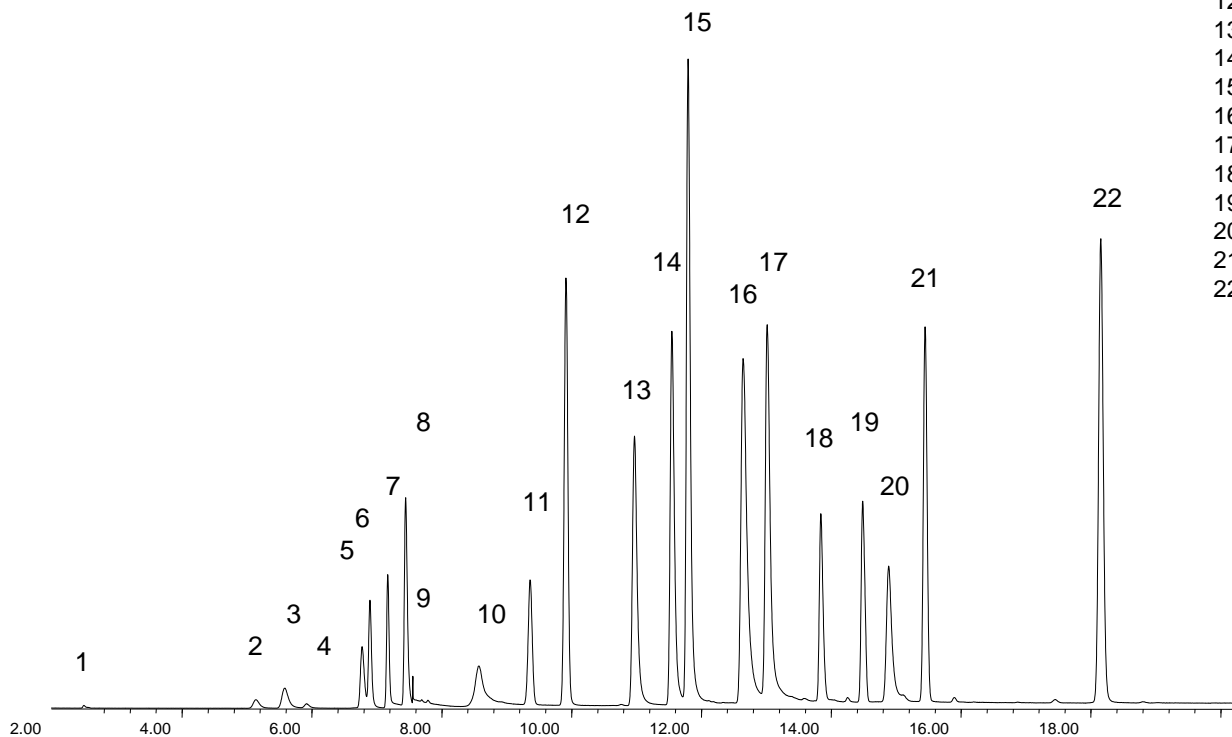
200 °C for 10min

Injection: 250 °C, splitless, 0.2min purge activation time

Detector: MSD, 280 °C Transfer line, full Scan at m/z 45-185

Sample: 1uL

1. Fluoroform (Freon-23)
2. 1,1,1-trifluoroethane (Freon-143a)
3. Pentafluoroethane (Freon-125)
4. Bromotrifluoromethane (Freon-13b1)
5. 1,1,1,2-Tetrafluoroethane (Freon-134a)
6. 1,1-difluoroethane (Freon-152a)
7. Difluorochloromethane (Freon-22)
8. 1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethane (Freon-134)
9. 1-chloro-1,1-difluoroethane (Freon-142)
10. Bromochlorodifluoromethane (Freon-12b1)
11. Ethyl Chloride (Freon-160)
12. Fluorodichloromethane (Freon-21)
13. Trichloromonofluoromethane (Freon-11)
14. 1,1-Dichloro-1-fluoroethane (Freon-141)
15. 2,2-dichloro-1,1,1-trifluoroethane (Freon-123)
16. 1,1,2-trichloro-1,2,2-trifluoroethane (Freon-113)
17. 1,2-dibromo-1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethane (Freon-114b2)
18. Trichloromethane (Freon-20)
19. 1,2-dichloroethane
20. 1,1,1-trichloro-ethane
21. Trichloroethylene
22. 1,1,2-trichloroethane



# Coal to Chemical Process Gas Analysis

Carrier : H<sub>2</sub>, 36cm/s @32 °C

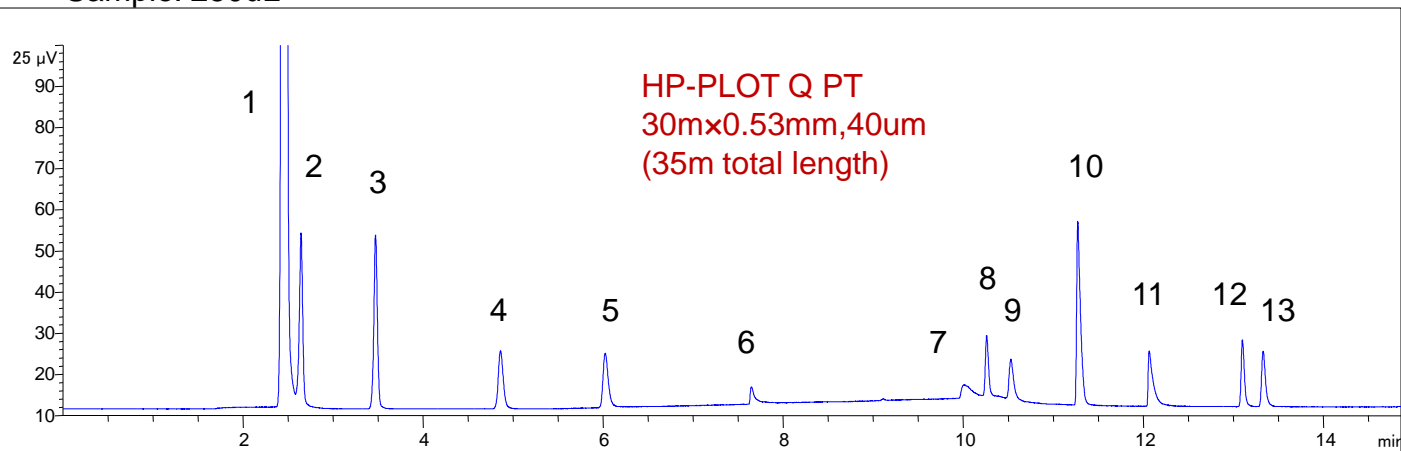
Oven: : 32 °C for 5 min

32 °C - 180 °C at 15°C/min

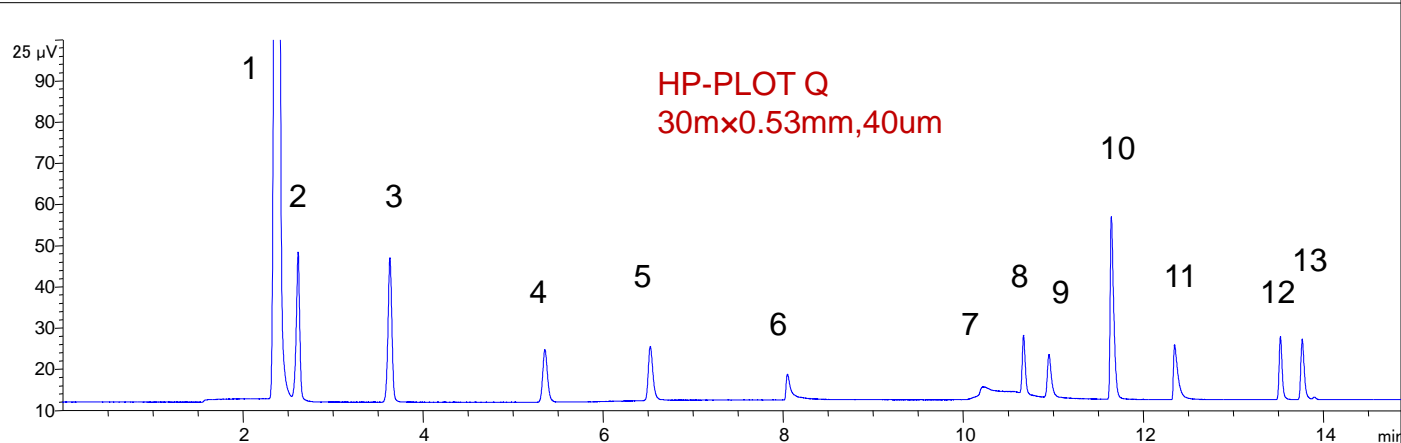
Injection: 170 °C , split ratio 5:1

Detector: TCD, 250 °C

Sample: 250uL



1. Carbon monoxide
2. Methane
3. Carbon dioxide
4. Ethylene
5. Ethane
6. Hydrogen sulfide
7. Water
8. Propylene
9. Propane
10. Dimethyl ether
11. Methanol
12. 1-Butene
13. Butane



# Coal to Chemical Process Gas Analysis

## Identify compounds by MSD

**Column: HP-PLOT Q PT, 30m×0.32mm,20um (P/N 19091P-Q04PT)  
(35m total length)**

Carrier : Helium, 1mL/min

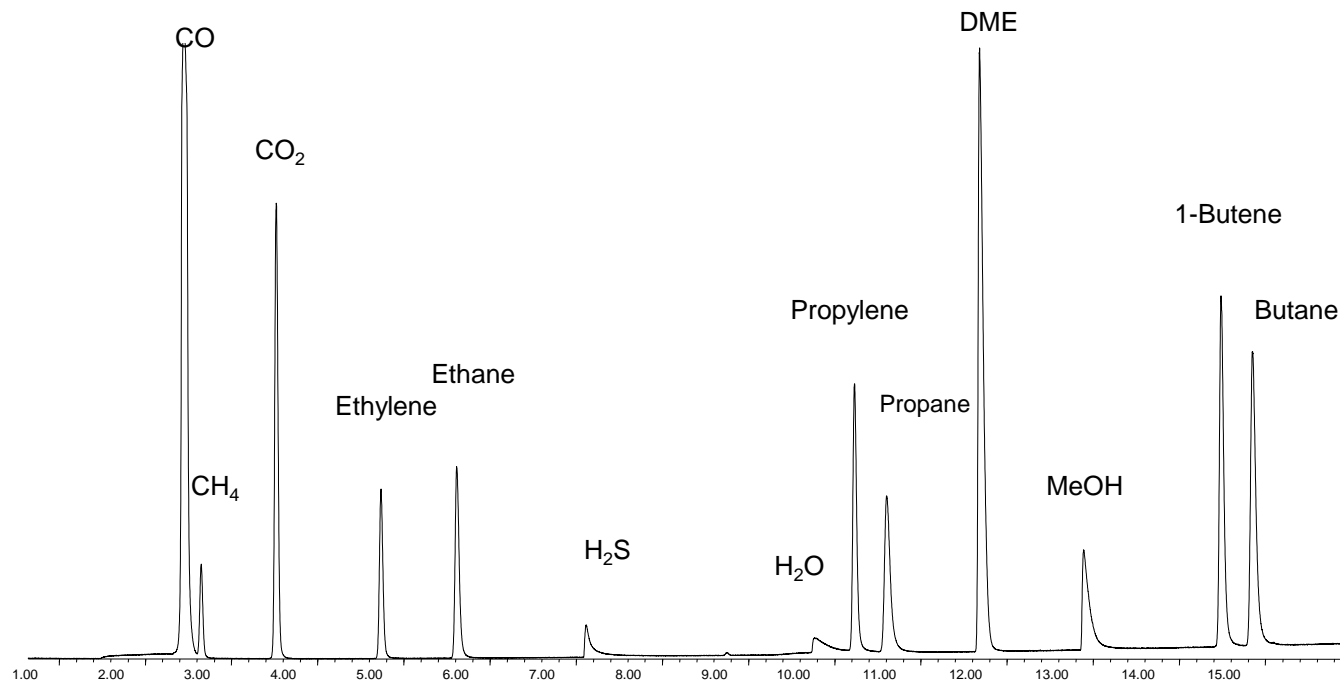
Oven: : 32 °C for 3 min

32 °C - 180 °C at 15°C/min

Injection: 170 °C , split 5:1

Detector: MSD, 280 °C Transfer line, full Scan at m/z 10-100

Sample: 250uL





# Excellent Peak Shape of Hydrogen Sulfide on HP-PLOT U PT Column

- |                     |                   |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Carbon monoxide  | 7. Propylene      |
| 2. Methane          | 8. Propane        |
| 3. Carbon dioxide   | 9. Dimethyl ether |
| 4. Ethylene         | 10. Methanol      |
| 5. Ethane           | 11. 1-Butene      |
| 6. Hydrogen sulfide | 12. Butane        |

**HP-PLOT U PT, 30m×0.53mm,20um**  
(35m total length)

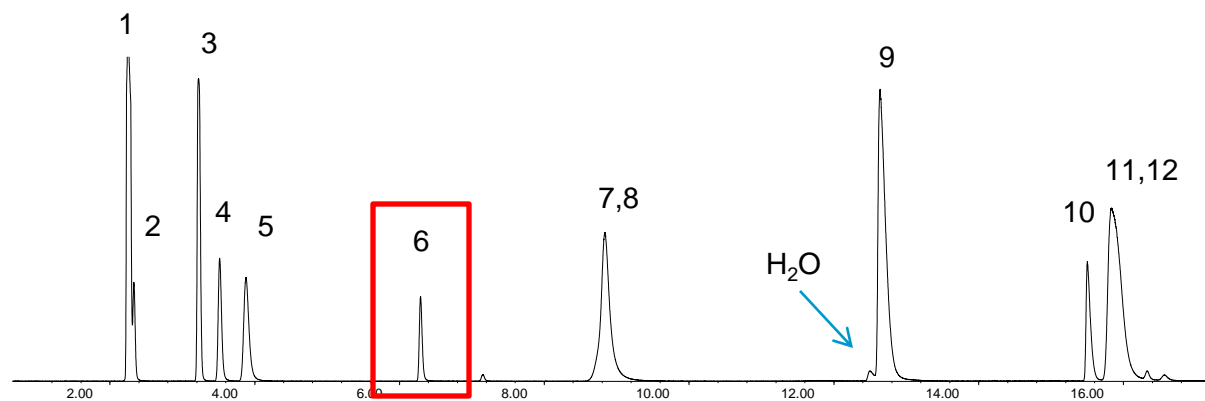
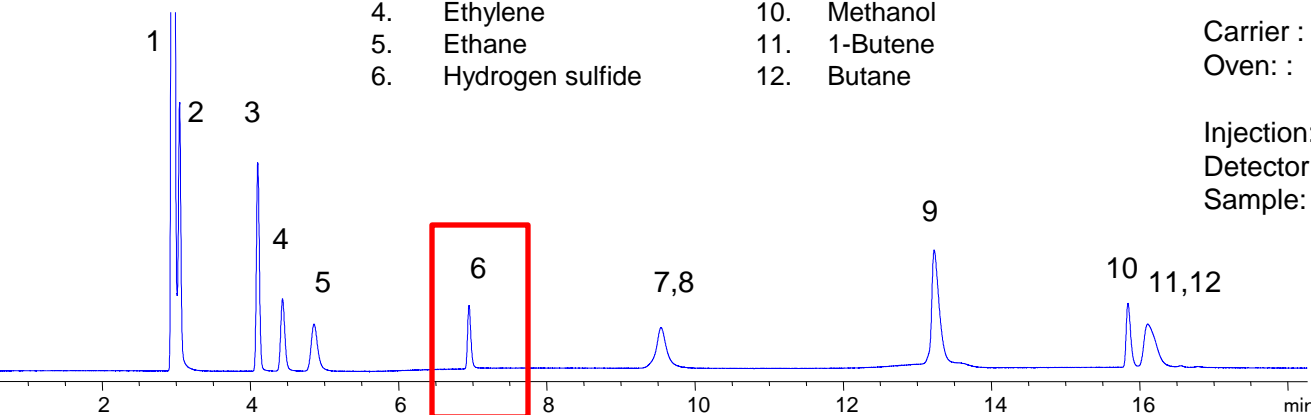
Carrier : H<sub>2</sub>, 40cm/s @32 °C

Oven: : 32 °C for 5 min, 32 °C - 70 °C at 30°C/min  
70 °C for 5 min, 70 °C - 140 °C at 10°C/min

Injection: 170 °C , split ratio 5:1

Detector: **TCD**, 250 °C

Sample: 250uL



**HP-PLOT U PT, 30m×0.32mm,10um**  
(35m total length)

Carrier : H<sub>2</sub>, 35cm/s @32 °C

Oven: : 32 °C for 5 min, 32 °C - 70 °C at 30°C/min  
70 °C for 5 min, 70 °C - 140 °C at 10°C/min

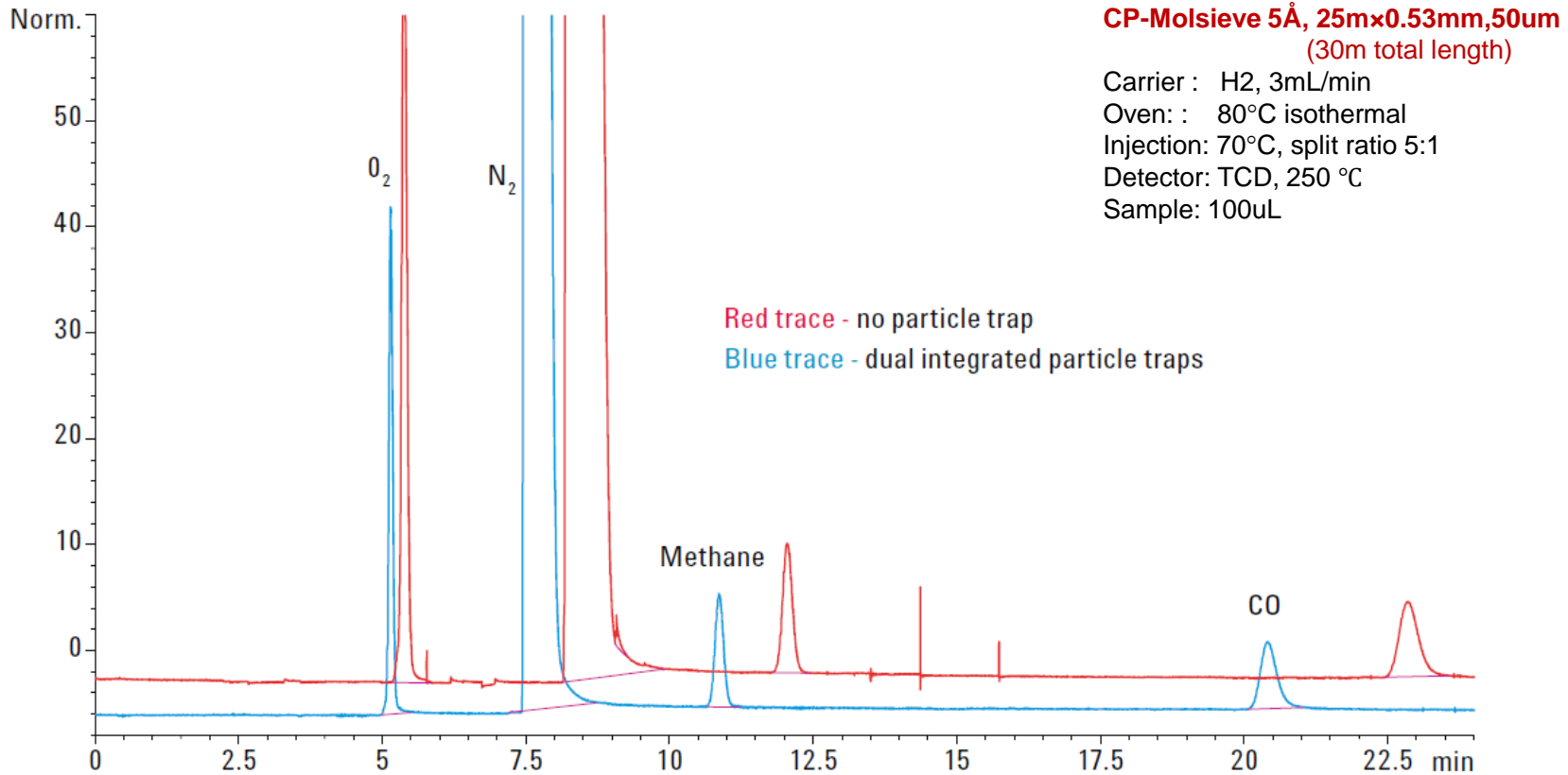
Injection: 170 °C , split ratio 5:1

Detector: **MSD**, 280 °C Transfer line,  
full Scan at m/z 10-100

Sample: 250uL



# No spikes at Fixed Gases Analysis on CP-Molsieve 5Å PLOT PT column



CP-Molsieve 5Å showing spikes when particle traps are removed (Red trace).  
No spikes with manufacturer integrated particle trap (Blue Trace).

# Agilent J&W

## PLOT PT Columns

### Available PLOT PT columns:

- Porous polymers:
  - PoraPLOT Q
  - PoraBOND Q
  - PoraBOND Q HT
  - HP-PLOT Q
  - GS-Q
  - PoraPLOT U
  - HP-PLOT U
- **NEW!** Aluminum oxide
  - HP-PLOT Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> S
  - HP-PLOT Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> M
  - HP-PLOT Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> KCl
  - GS-Alumina
  - GS-Alumina/KCl
  - CP-Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> KCl
  - CP-Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>
- **NEW!** Molsieve
  - CP-Molsieve 5A

Custom PLOT PT columns are available for these phases

Phase type	Part number	Description	Dimensions
PLOT Q	CP7348PT	PoraBOND Q PT	25m x 0.25mm x 3µm
	CP7351PT	PoraBOND Q PT	25m x 0.32mm x 5µm
	CP7352PT	PoraBOND Q PT	50m x 0.32mm x 5µm
	CP7353PT	PoraBOND Q PT	10m x 0.53mm x 10µm
	CP7354PT	PoraBOND Q PT	25m x 0.53mm x 10µm
	CP7550PT	PoraPLOT Q PT	10m x 0.32mm x 10µm
	CP7551PT	PoraPLOT Q PT	25m x 0.32mm x 10µm
	CP7554PT	PoraPLOT Q PT	25m x 0.53mm x 20µm
	CP7557PT	PoraPLOT Q-HT PT	25m x 0.32mm x 10µm
	115-3432PT	GS-Q PT	30m x 0.53mm
	19091P-QO3PT	HP-PLOT Q PT	15m x 0.32mm x 20µm
	19091P-QO4PT	HP-PLOT Q PT	30m x 0.32mm x 20µm
	19095P-QO3PT	HP-PLOT Q PT	15m x 0.53mm x 40µm
19095P-QO4PT	HP-PLOT Q PT	30m x 0.53mm x 40µm	
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	19095P-UO4PT	HP-PLOT U PT	30m x 0.53mm x 20µm
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> KCl deactivated	CP7515PT	CP-Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> /KCl PT	50m x 0.32mm x 5µm
	CP7517PT	CP-Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> /KCl PT	25m x 0.53mm x 10µm
	CP7518PT	CP-Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> /KCl PT	50m x 0.53mm x 10µm
	19091P-K15PT	HP-PLOT Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> KCl PT	50m x 0.32mm x 8µm
	19095P-K23PT	HP-PLOT Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> KCl PT	30m x 0.53mm x 15µm
	19095P-K25PT	HP-PLOT Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> KCl PT	50m x 0.53mm x 15µm
	115-3352PT	GS-Alumina/KCl PT	50m x 0.53mm
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> Na <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> deactivated	CP7565PT	CP-Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> /Na <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> PT	50m x 0.32mm x 5µm
	CP7568PT	CP-Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> /Na <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> PT	50m x 0.53mm x 10µm
	19091P-S12PT	HP-PLOT Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> S PT	25m x 0.32mm x 8µm
	19091P-S15PT	HP-PLOT Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> S PT	50m x 0.32mm x 8µm
	19095P-S23PT	HP-PLOT Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> S PT	30m x 0.53mm x 15µm
	19095P-S25PT	HP-PLOT Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> S PT	50m x 0.53mm x 15µm
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> with proprietary deactivation	115-3532PT	GS-Alumina PT	30m x 0.53mm
	115-3552PT	GS-Alumina PT	50m x 0.53mm
	19095P-M25PT	HP-PLOT Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> M PT	50m x 0.53mm x 15µm
Molsieve	CP7534PT	CP-Molsieve 5A PT	30m x 0.32mm x 10µm
	CP7536PT	CP-Molsieve 5A PT	25m x 0.32mm x 30µm
	CP7538PT	CP-Molsieve 5A PT	25m x 0.53mm x 50µm
	CP7539PT	CP-Molsieve 5A PT	50m x 0.53mm x 50µm

# Conclusions

## Agilent's integrated particle trap technology for PLOTs—

- Similar selectivity to non-PT PLOT columns
- Virtually eliminates problems due to particle shedding
- Possible to use MS detection, valves and CFT worry-free

**Now Let's Switch Gears...**

**New DB-Sulfur SCD  
for GC-SCD Analysis of  
Sulfur Compounds**

# Why so much focus on Sulfur?

## Sulfur Compounds

- can be corrosive to equipment, pipe lines, reactors
- can inhibit or destroy catalysts employed in downstream processing
- can impart undesirable odors to products
- in fuel pollutes the air (Environmental regulations require lower levels)



# Challenges for Sulfur Analysis

Low levels often require maximum sensitivity

Matrix interference from the hydrocarbons present

Highly reactive and polar molecules

# Detectors for Sulfur Analysis

**Why not use an FID or MSD?**





# Sulfur Detection

Detector	GC-FPD	GC-PFPD	GC-SCD
Supplier	Agilent	OI	Agilent
MDL Sulfur	3.6 pg/sec	1 pg/sec	<0.5 pg/sec
Selectivity	10 <sup>6</sup>	10 <sup>6</sup>	10 <sup>7</sup>
Dynamic Range	10 <sup>3</sup>	10 <sup>3</sup>	10 <sup>5</sup>
Quenching	yes	yes	no
Equimolar response	No	No	yes
Packed Col Compatible	yes	No, < 1ml/min	yes
Other Elements	P, Sn	P	N
Cost	\$	\$\$	\$\$\$

# SCD for Sulfur Analysis

Basis for several ASTM methods

Very sensitive but....

- Slow to stabilize
- “tricky” to operate
- Prone to “coking” in the ceramic reaction tubes with resulting costly maintenance and slow recovery



Method	Description
ASTM D6228	Volatile sulfur in C1, C2, C3 and C4 monomers and LPG
ASTM D6628	Volatile Sulfur in NGA, fuel gas
ASTM D5504	Sulfur in gas fuels by SCD
ASTM D5623	Sulfur in light petroleum liquids by SCD

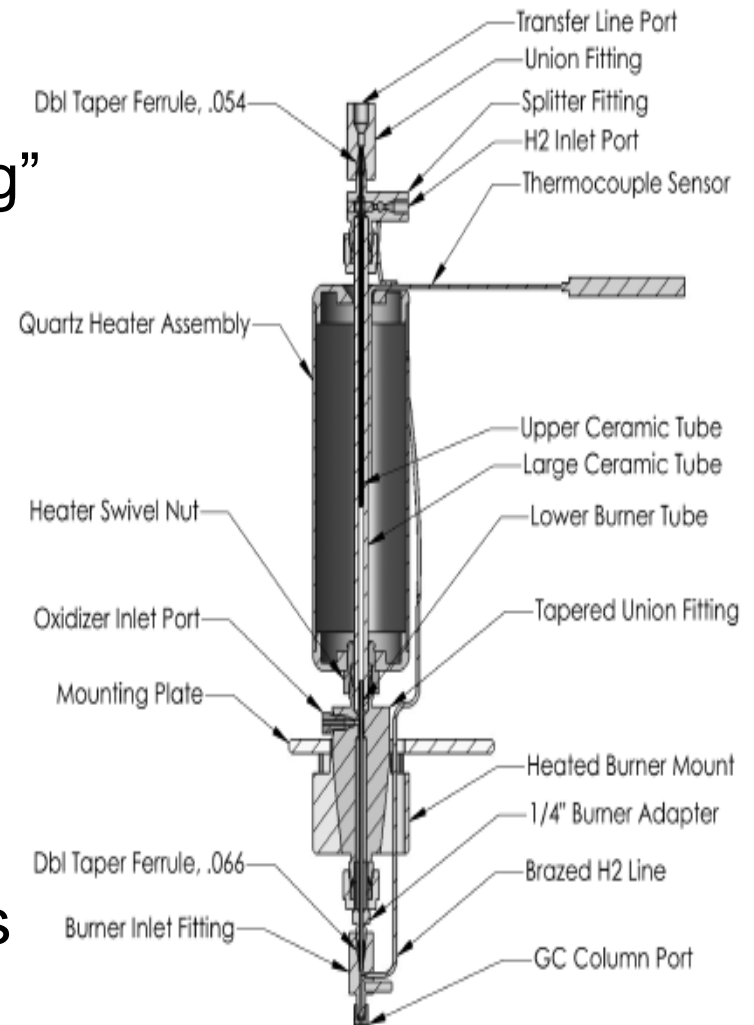
# About SCD Maintenance....

Ceramic reaction tube fouling/ “coking”

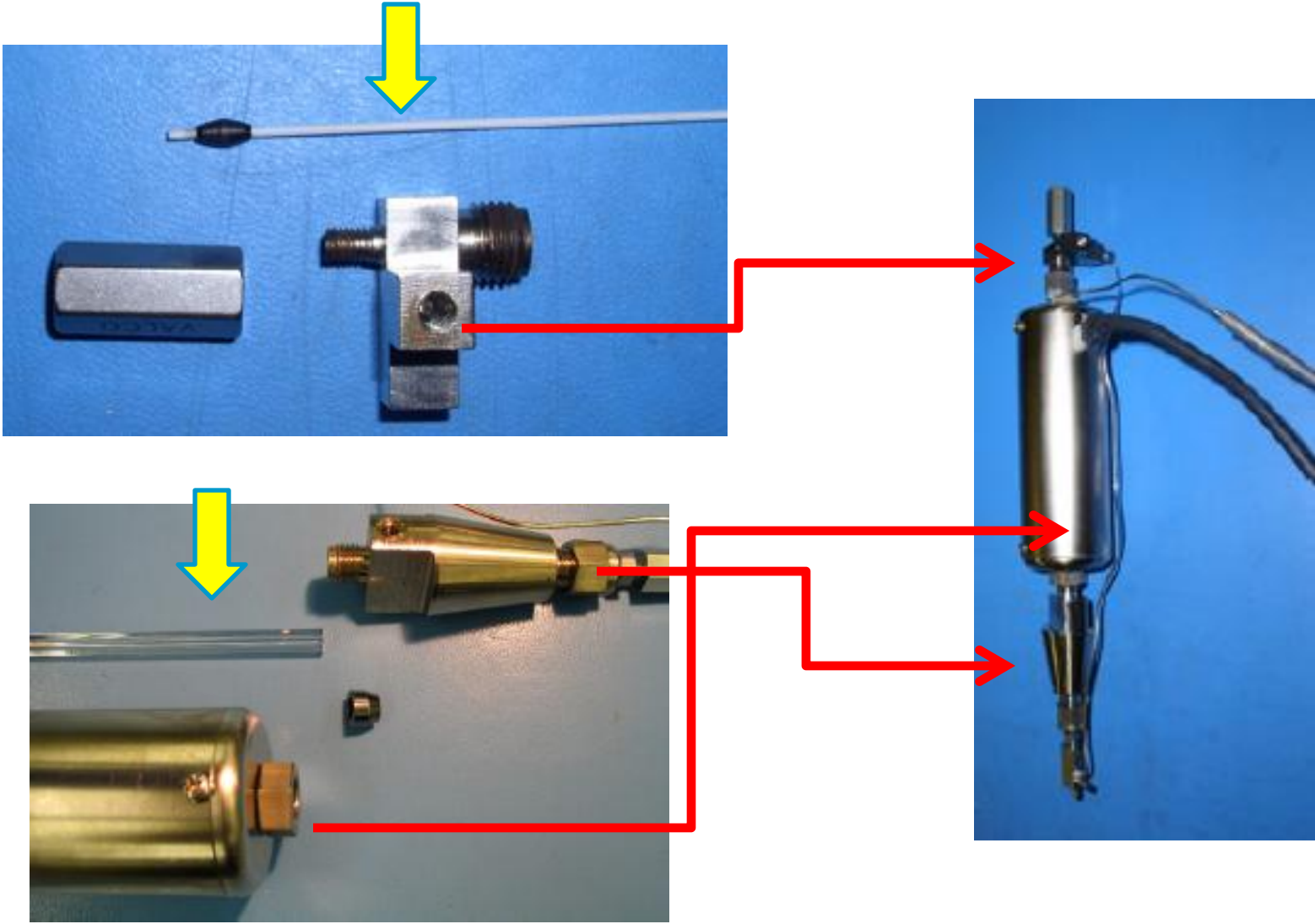
Typical costs in the US:

- Price per incident preventative maintenance service call for GC-SCD: \$1755 USD
- Cost of SCD ceramics:  
G6602-67000 \$356 USD
- Dual plasma burner kit:  
G6602-60037 \$459 USD.

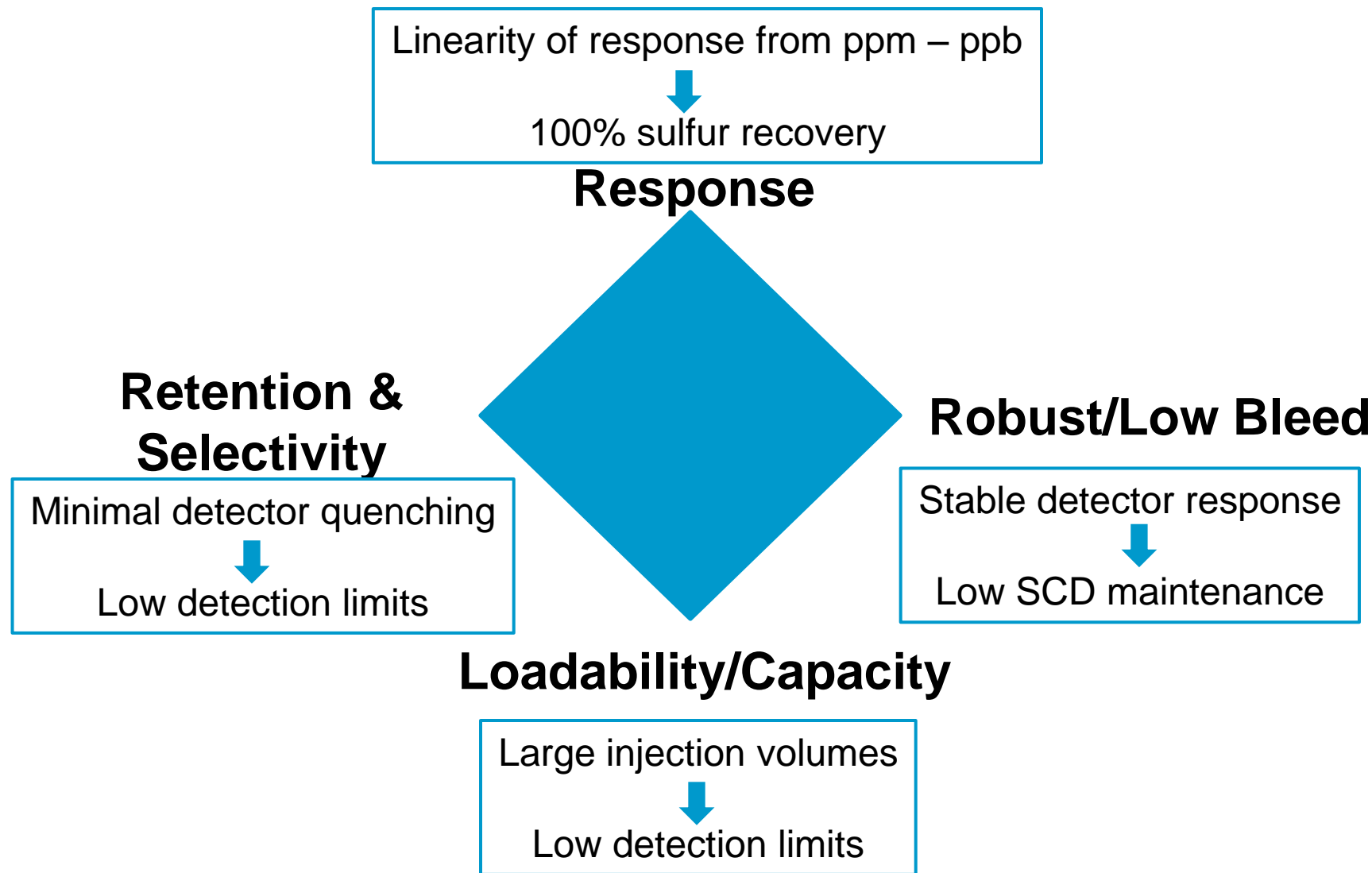
*Plus* the self repair time of 4 hours and several days to stabilize.



# SCD Ceramic Combustion Tubes & Burner



# What is required of GC column for Sulfur Analysis?



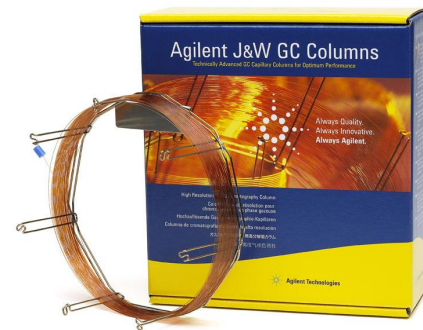
# Introducing DB-Sulfur SCD

New optimized low polarity column with low bleed and exceptional inertness to sulfur even at trace levels

Developed with Dow Chemical and other leading companies

Excellent for a broad range of sulfur compounds from light sulfur gasses to sulfur containing hydrocarbons out to C24

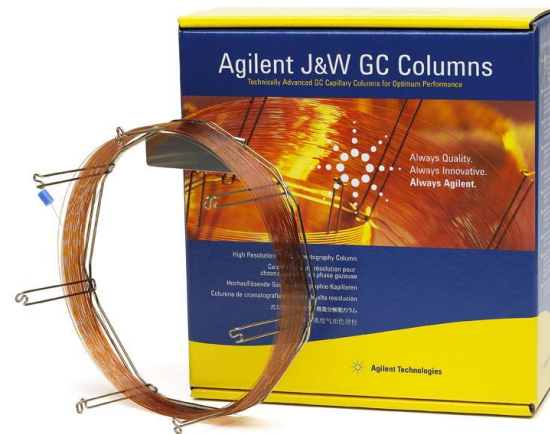
Optimized for the lowest possible contribution to SCD reaction tube fouling.



# DB-Sulfur SCD

Easy to change from existing columns but with:

- Greatly improved SCD performance
- Increased stability
- Less frequent burner tube maintenance



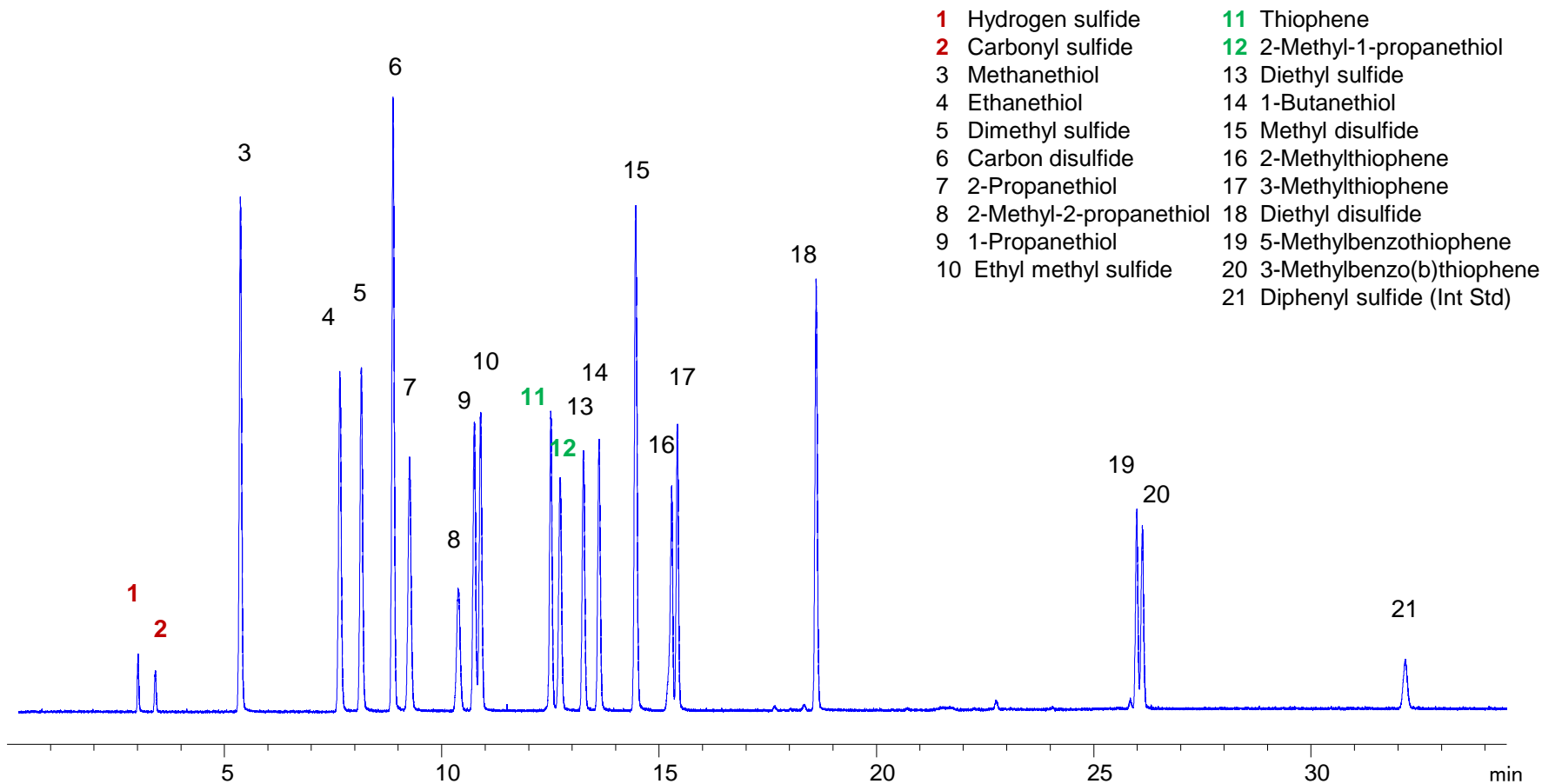
Part Number	Description	Temperature limits
G3903-63001	DB-Sulfur SCD 60m, 0.32mm, 4.2um	250°/270°C
G3903-63002	DB-Sulfur SCD 40m, 0.32mm, 0.75um	270°/290°C
G3903-63003	DB-Sulfur SCD 70m, 0.53mm, 4.3um	250°/270°C
G3903-63004	DB-Sulfur SCD 40m, 0.32mm, 3um	250°/270°C

# DB-Sulfur SCD:

## sulfur standards in Toluene

### Good resolution of H<sub>2</sub>S and COS at room temperature

Thiophene and 2-Methyl-1-propanethiol can be baseline separated

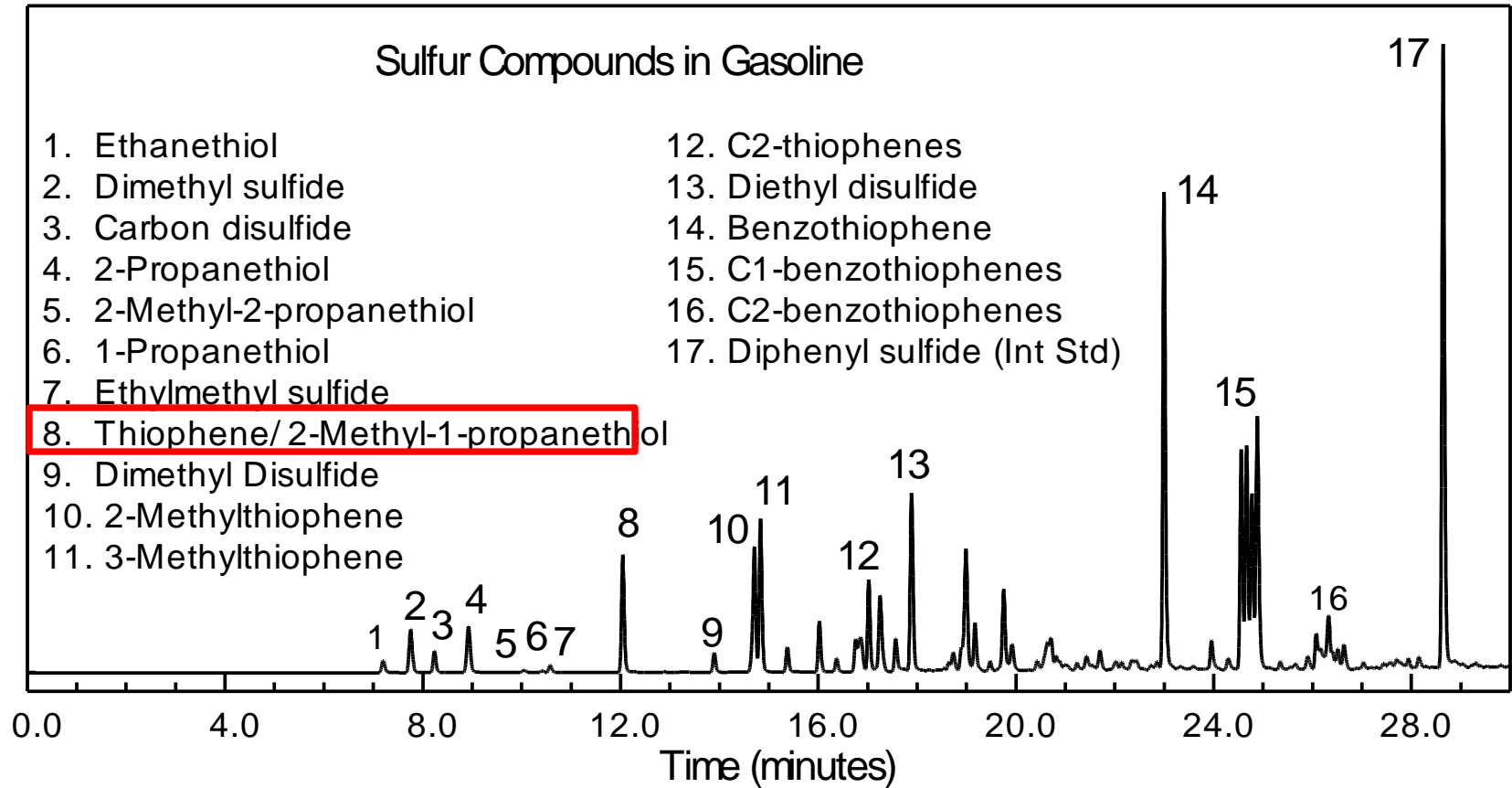


Column: Agilent J&W DB-Sulfur SCD, 60 m x 0.32 mm, 4.2 µm (p/n G3903-63001)



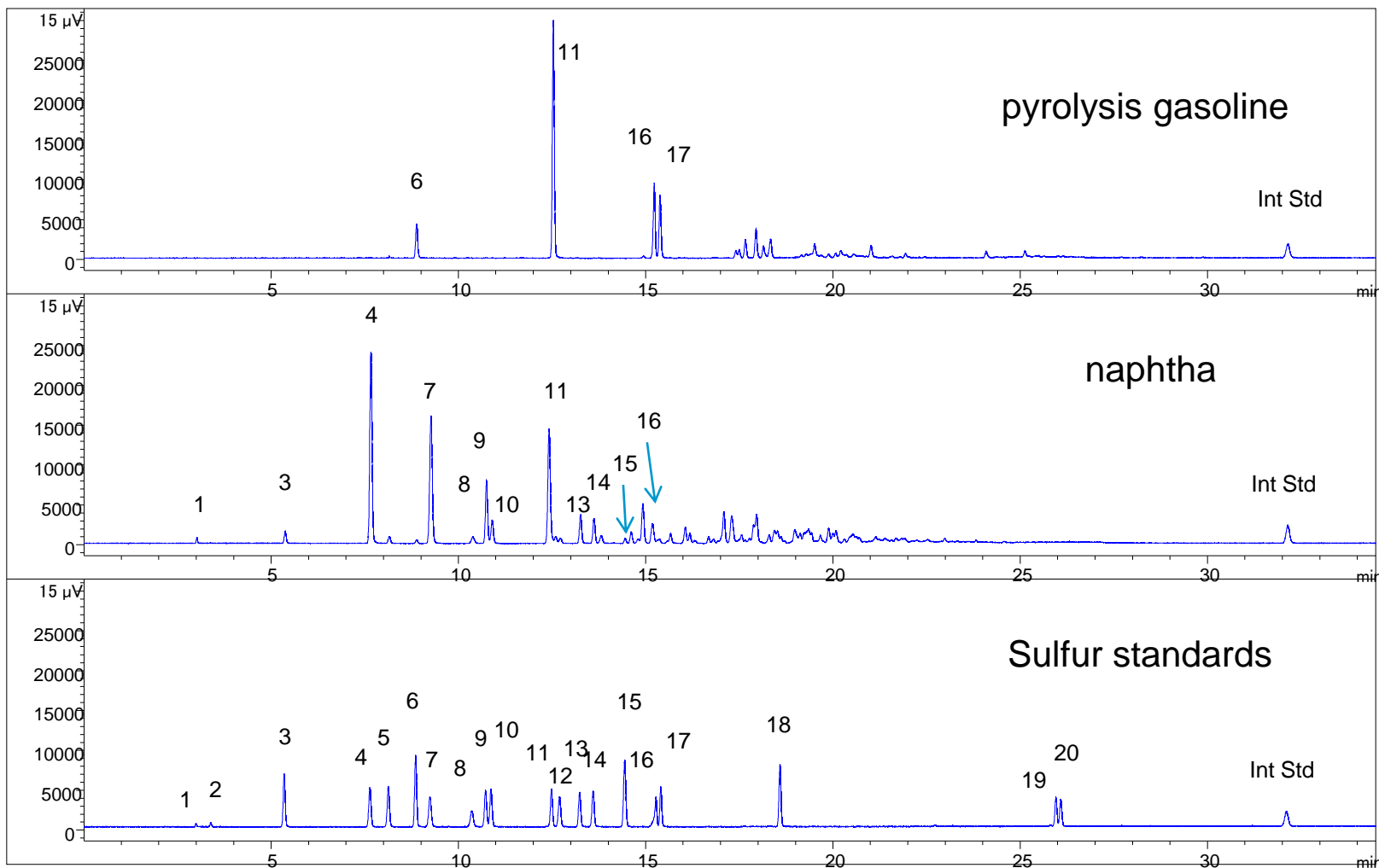


# Typical chromatogram of Sulfur compounds in Light Petroleum Liquids by ASTM D5623



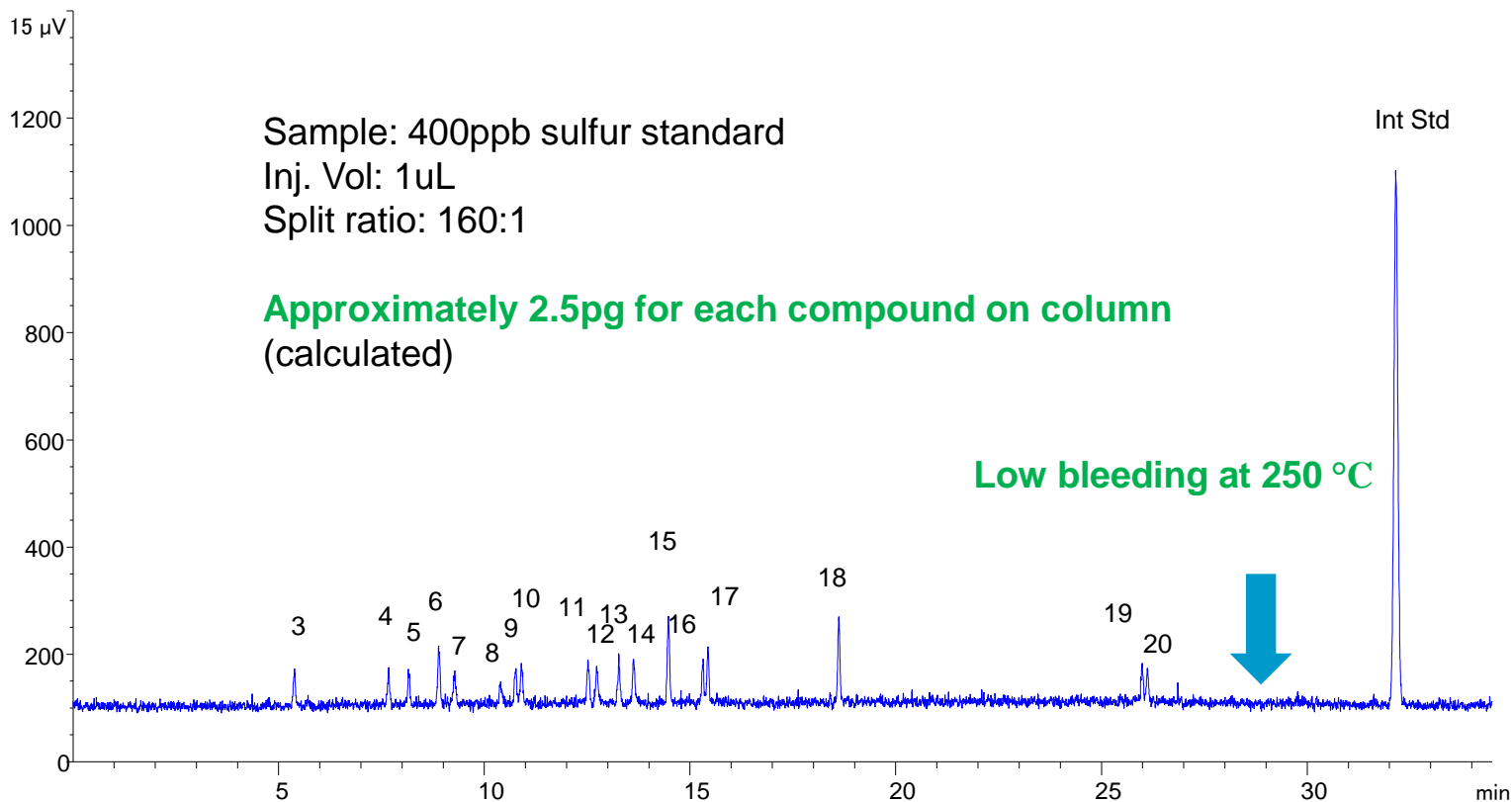
... the industry standard

# DB-Sulfur SCD: Real Samples



# DB-Sulfur SCD: Sulfur Sensitivity

Peak No.	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
S/N	3.0	3.1	2.7	4.4	2.8	2.1	2.9	3.3	3.5	3.0	3.8	3.5	6.3	3.2	4.4	6.3	3.1	2.9

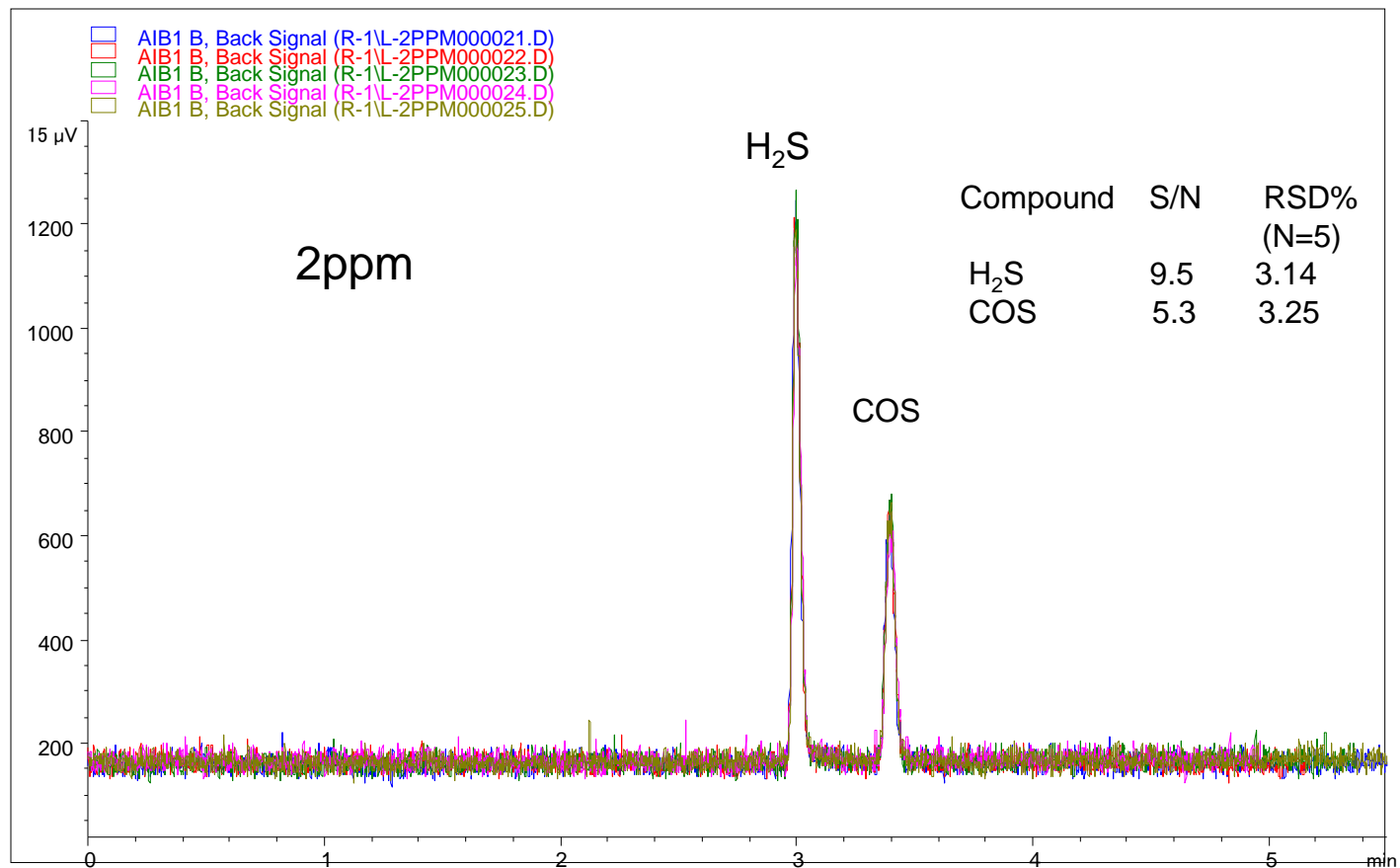


# Repeatability

N=6

No	Compound	10 ppm	1ppm	0.1ppm
		RSD%	RSD%	RSD%
1	Methyl mercaptan	2.94	4.46	5.12
2	Ethyl mercaptan	2.53	3.00	4.38
3	Methyl sulfide	2.53	2.79	4.79
4	Carbon disulfide	2.13	3.29	5.43
5	2-Propanethiol	2.49	3.98	4.85
6	2-Methyl-2-propanethiol	2.89	4.47	4.41
7	1-Propanethiol	2.81	3.88	4.91
8	Ethyl methyl sulfide	2.34	4.17	5.24
9	Thiophene	2.24	3.06	3.49
10	2-Methyl-1-propanethiol	1.87	2.31	5.86
11	Diethyl sulfide	2.00	2.97	4.80
12	1-Butanethiol	2.46	3.36	6.47
13	Methyl disulfide	3.62	4.15	4.23
14	2-Methylthiophene	3.59	4.62	5.95
15	3-Methylthiophene	2.85	3.90	4.90
16	Diethyl disulfide	2.74	3.16	6.34
17	3-Methylbenzothiophene	2.48	4.87	5.29
18	5-Methylbenzo(b)thiophene	2.42	4.25	7.37

# DB-Sulfur SCD: Sulfur Sensitivity

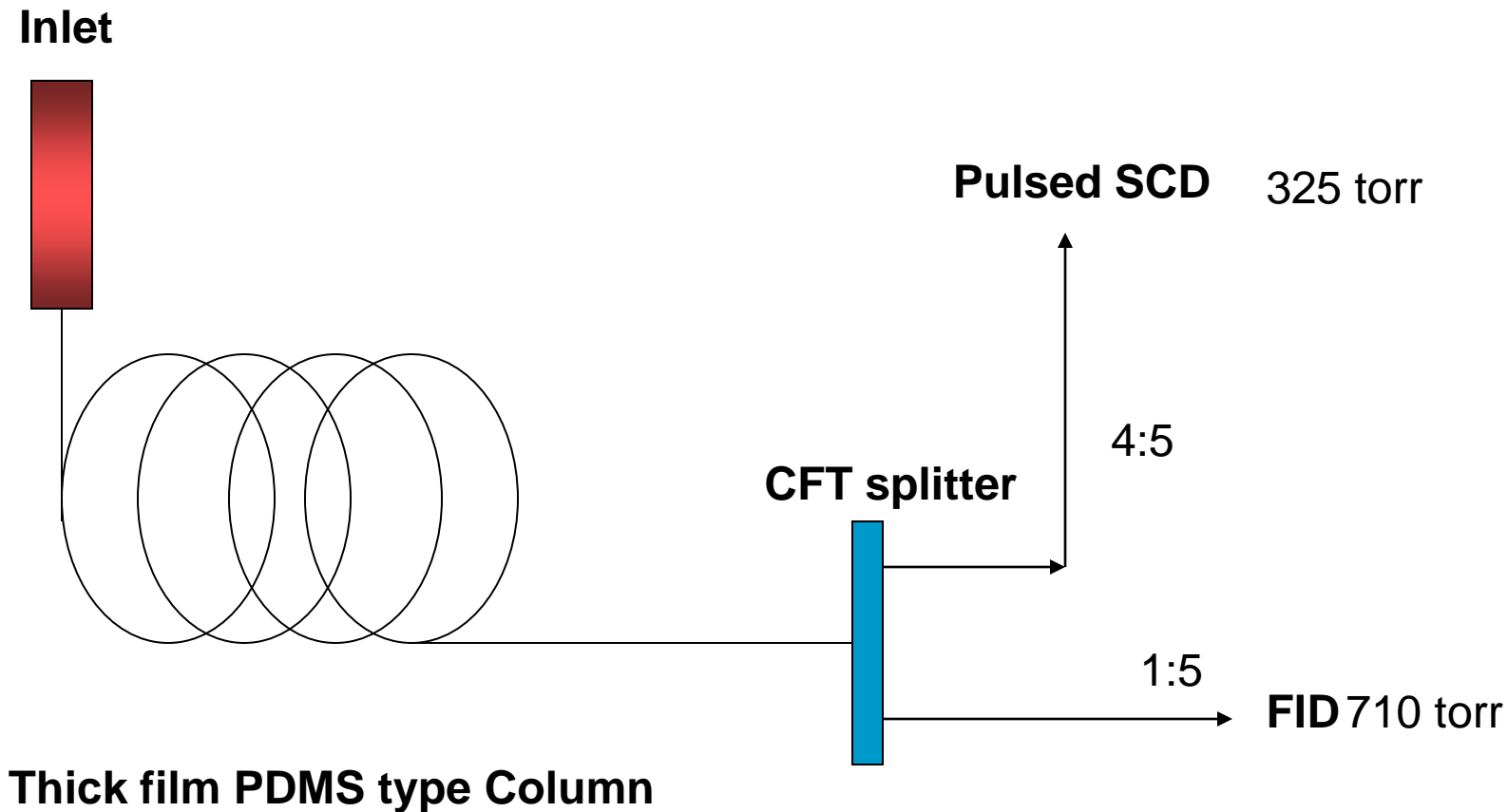


# Linearity

Compound	Concentration Range	Linearity (R <sup>2</sup> )
Hydrogen sulfide	2ppm-25ppm	0.9976
Carbonyl sulfide	2ppm-25ppm	0.9990
Methanethiol	0.1ppm-10ppm	0.9987
Ethanethiol	0.1ppm-50ppm	0.9998
Dimethyl sulfide	0.1ppm-10ppm	0.9991
Carbon disulfide	0.1ppm-10ppm	0.9990
2-Propanethiol	0.1ppm-50ppm	0.9999
2-Methyl-2-propanethio	0.1ppm-10ppm	0.9989
1-Propanethiol	0.1ppm-10ppm	0.9990
Ethyl methyl sulfide	0.1ppm-50ppm	0.9998

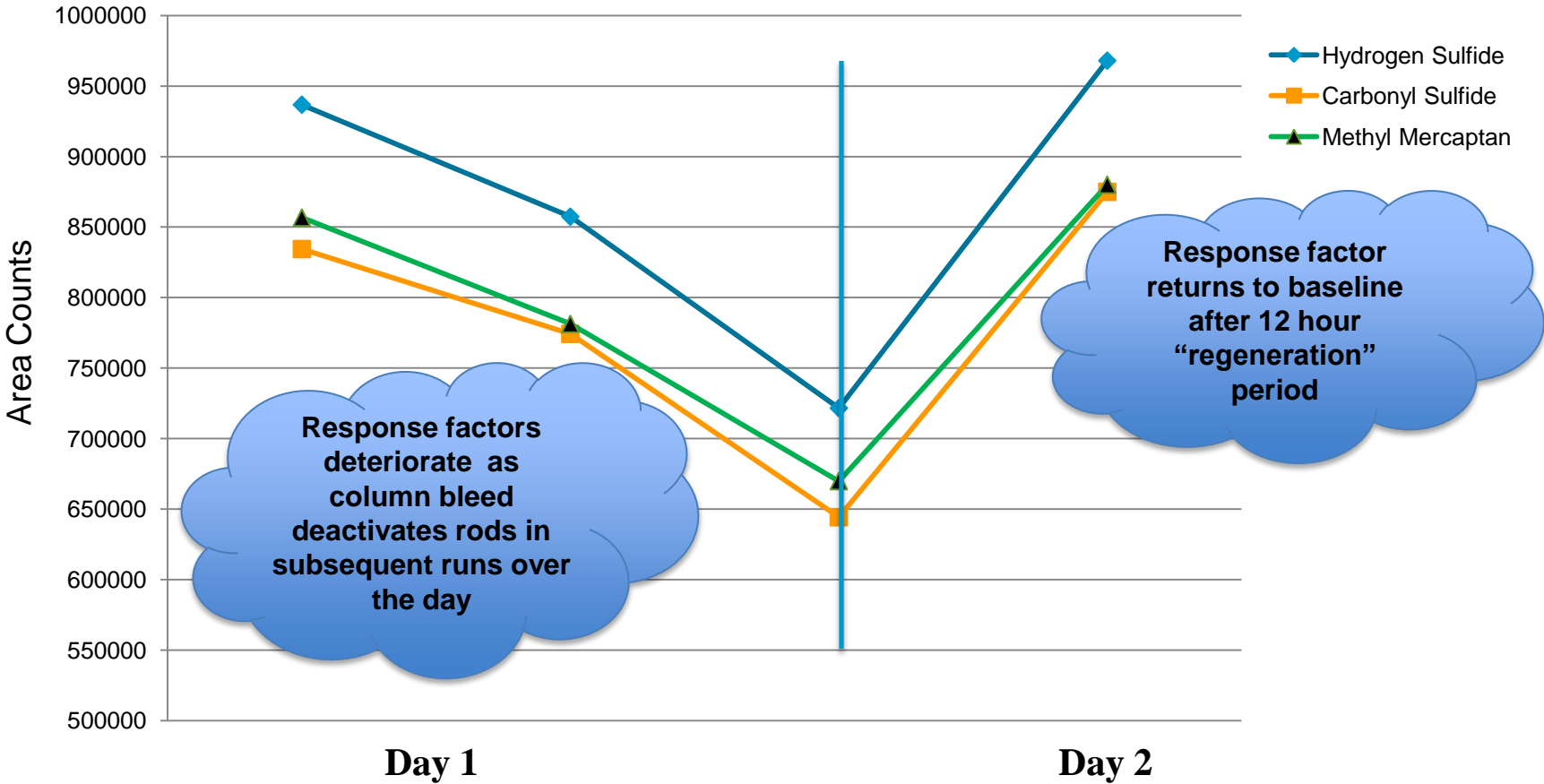
Compound	Concentration Range	Linearity (R <sup>2</sup> )
Thiophene	0.1ppm-50ppm	0.9997
2-Methyl-1-propanethiol	0.1ppm-10ppm	0.9991
Diethyl sulfide	0.1ppm-10ppm	0.9992
1-Butanethiol	0.1ppm-10ppm	0.9990
Methyl disulfide	0.1ppm-10ppm	0.9987
2-Methylthiophene	0.1ppm-50ppm	0.9991
3-Methylthiophene	0.1ppm-50ppm	0.9996
Diethyl disulfide	0.1ppm-10ppm	0.9990
5-Methylbenzothiophene	0.1ppm-10ppm	0.9984
3-Methylbenzothiophene	0.1ppm-50ppm	0.9988

# Configuration to test SCD Quenching Issue



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# Traditional PDMS column– SCD Ceramic Reaction Tube Deactivation

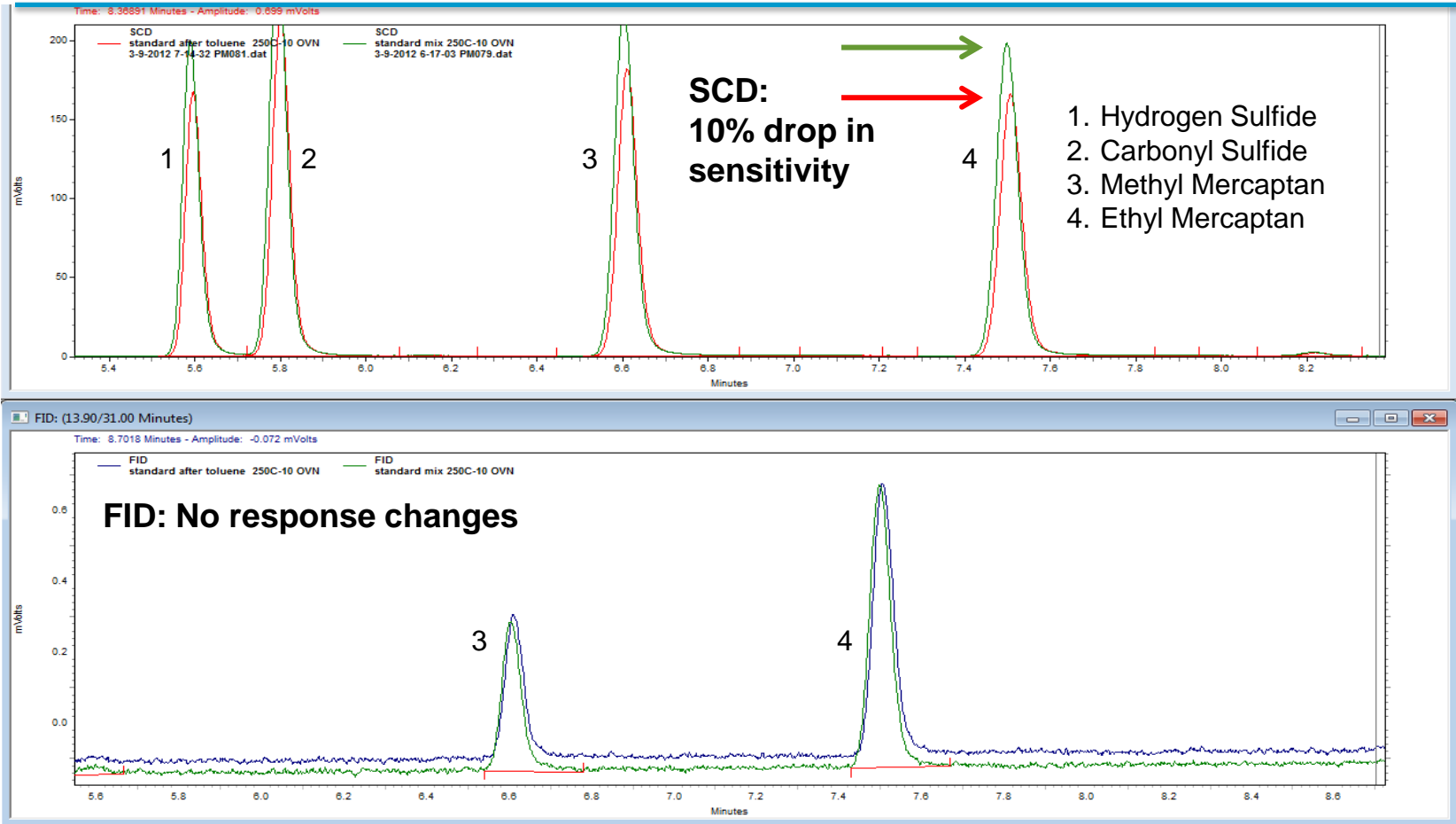


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# Traditional PDMS column- Coking (desensitization) of Reactor Tubes

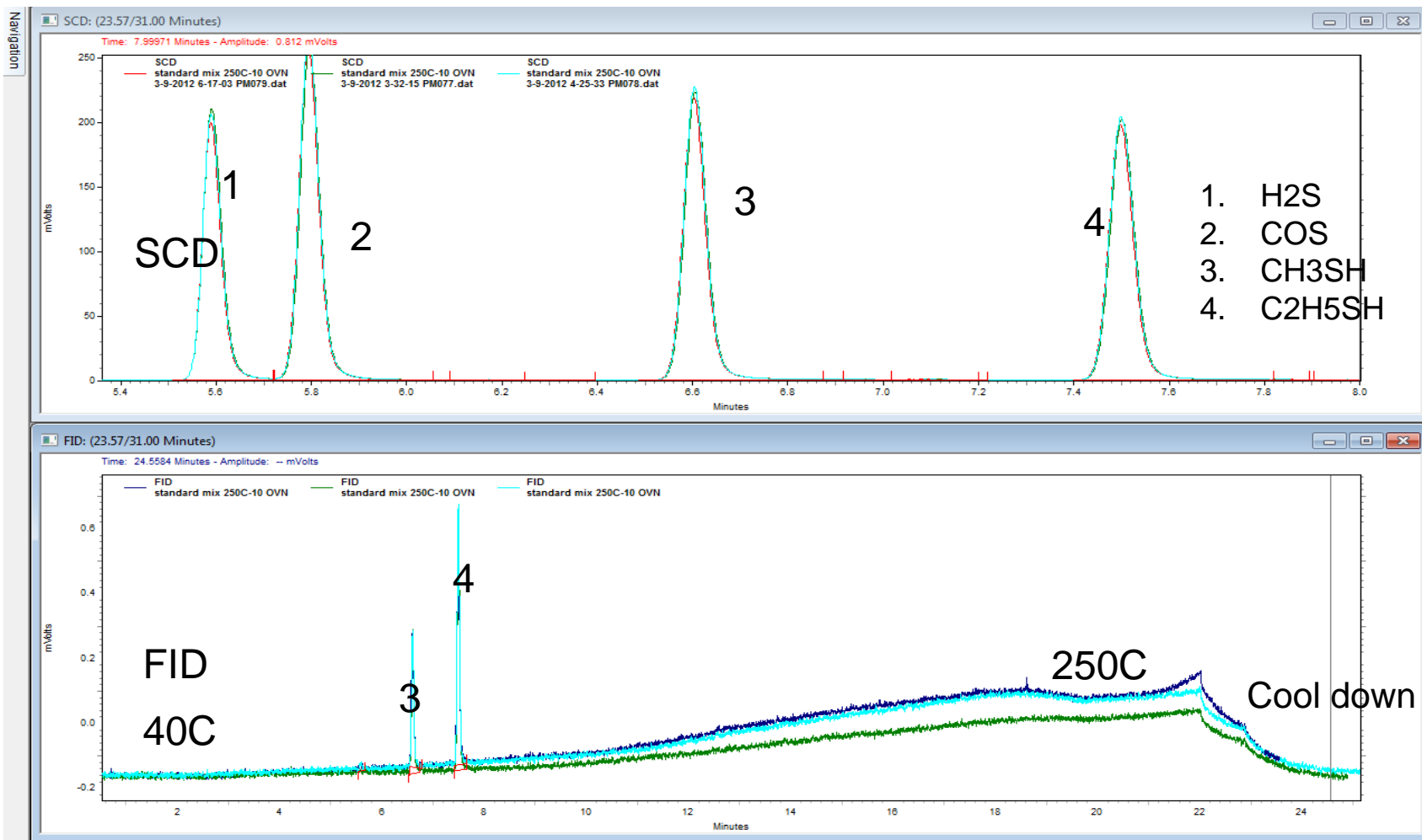
Overlay of before (green) and after 2 x 2 uL neat toluene Injection (red)



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# New DB-Sulfur SCD column

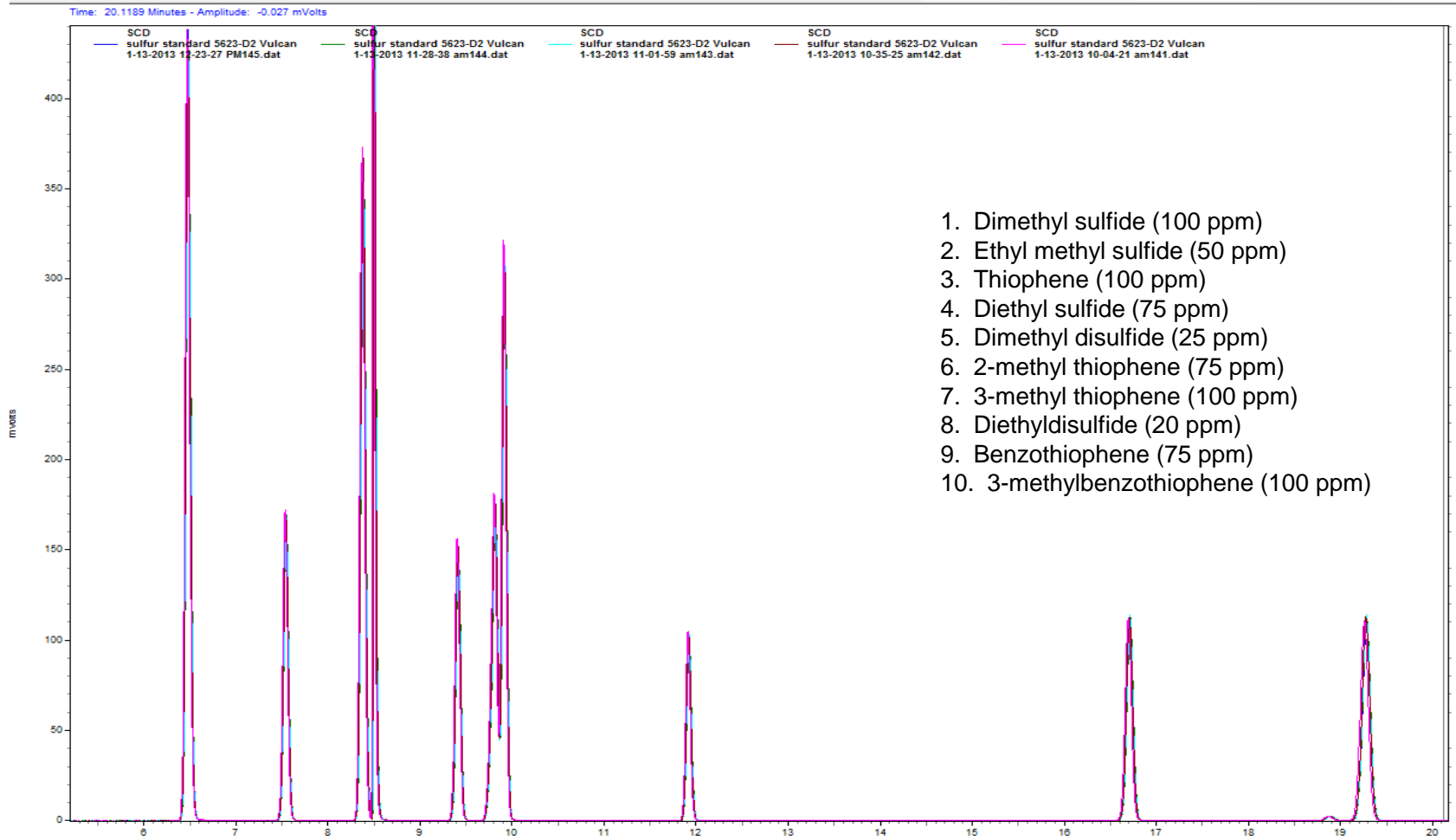
Last Three Runs of the day (n=20, 100 ppmv std)



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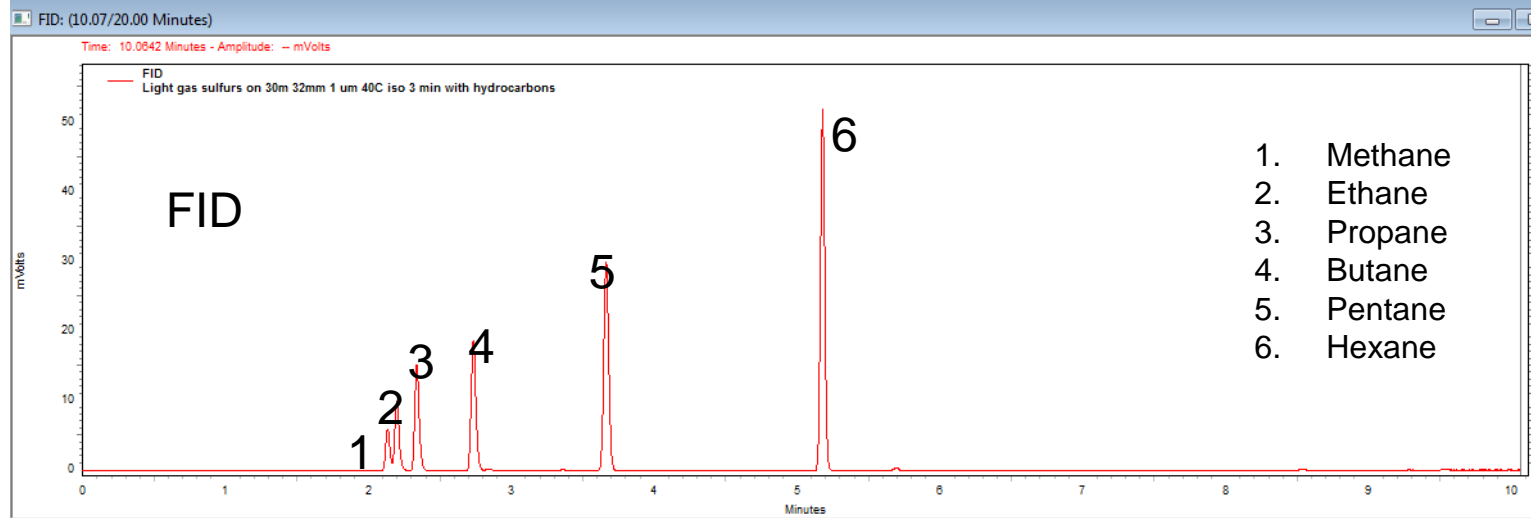
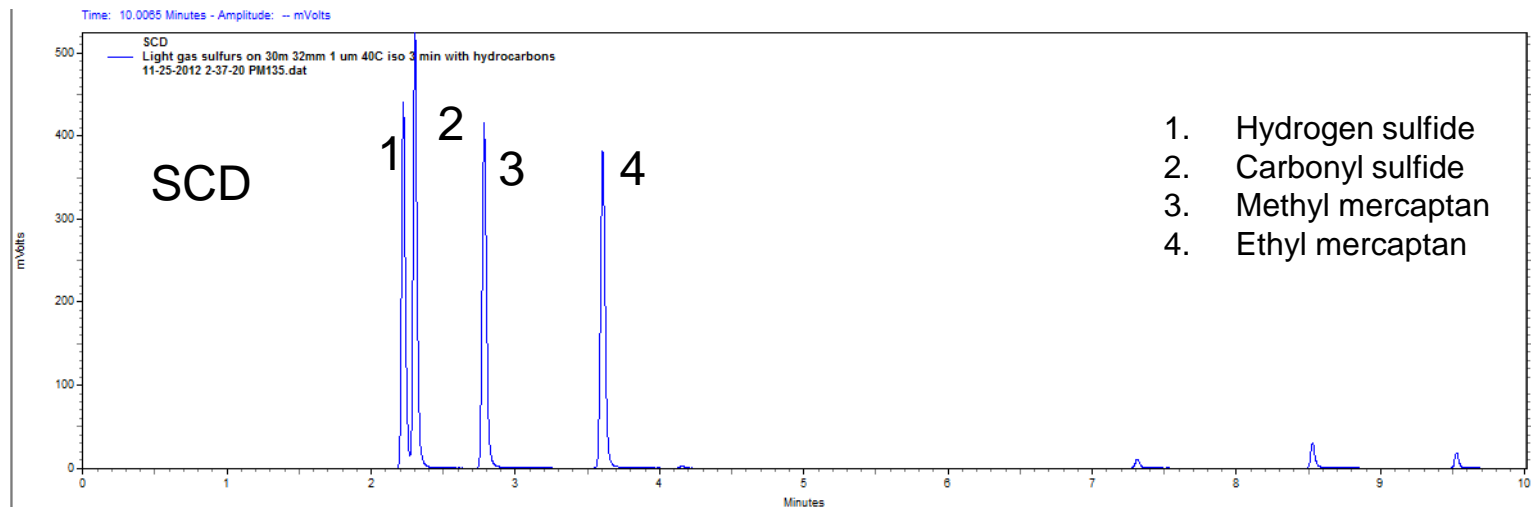


# Sulfides and Thiophenes (n=5)



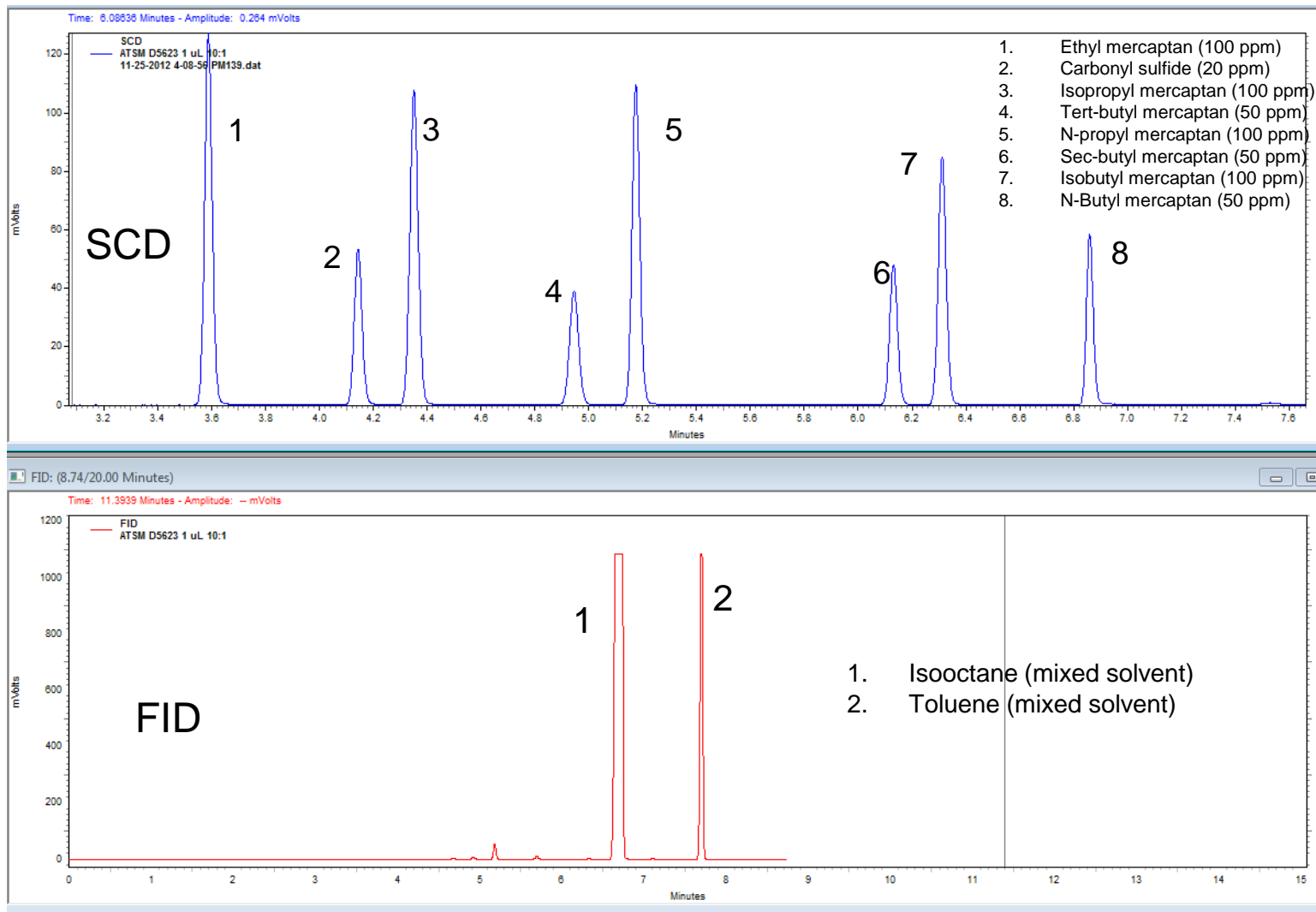
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# Chromatograms of 50 ppm<sub>v</sub> each of sulfides and mercaptans and 500 ppm<sub>v</sub> each of hydrocarbons in nitrogen



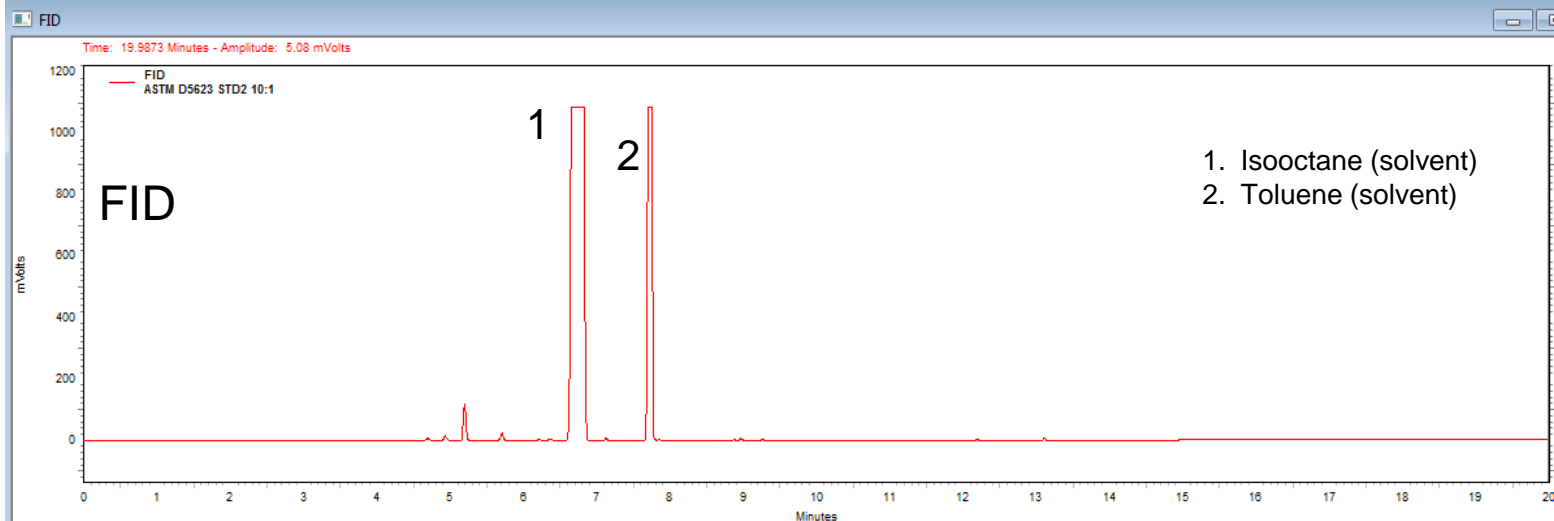
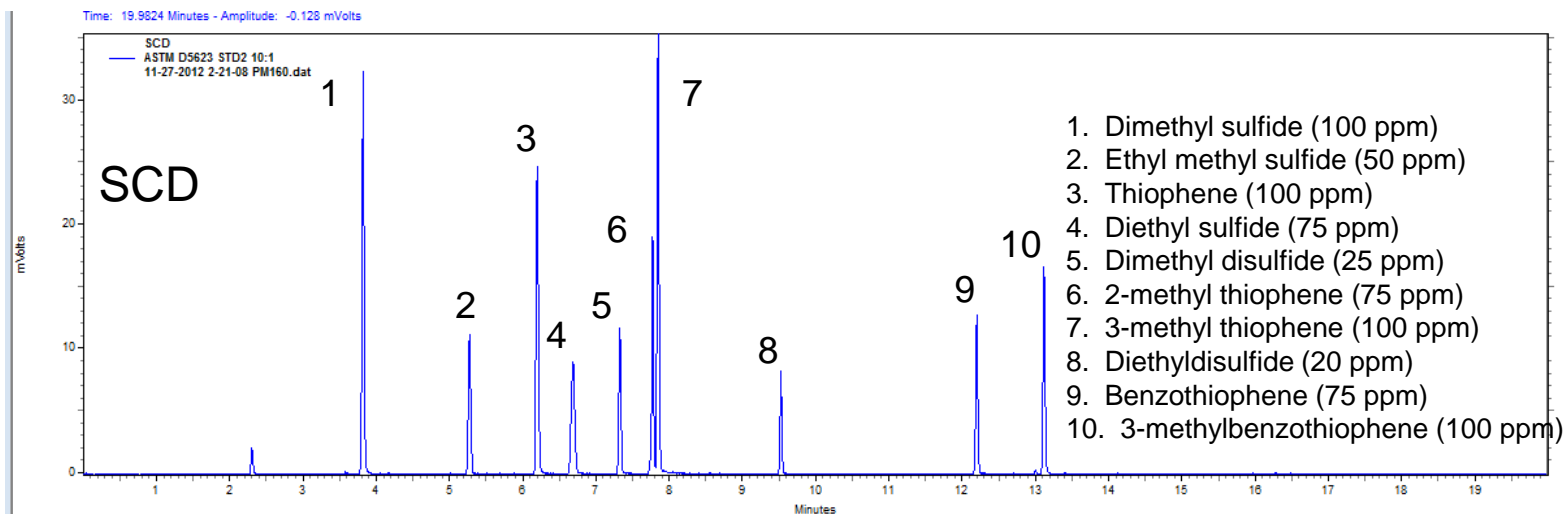
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# Chromatogram of carbon disulfide and alkyl mercaptans



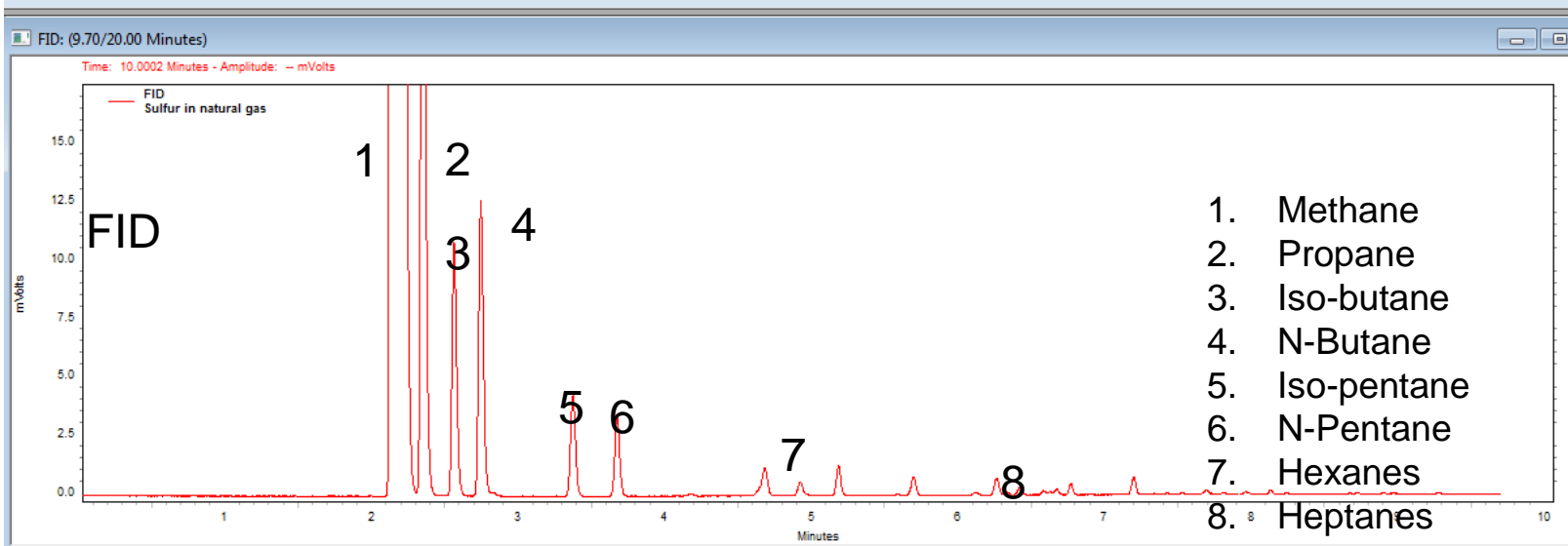
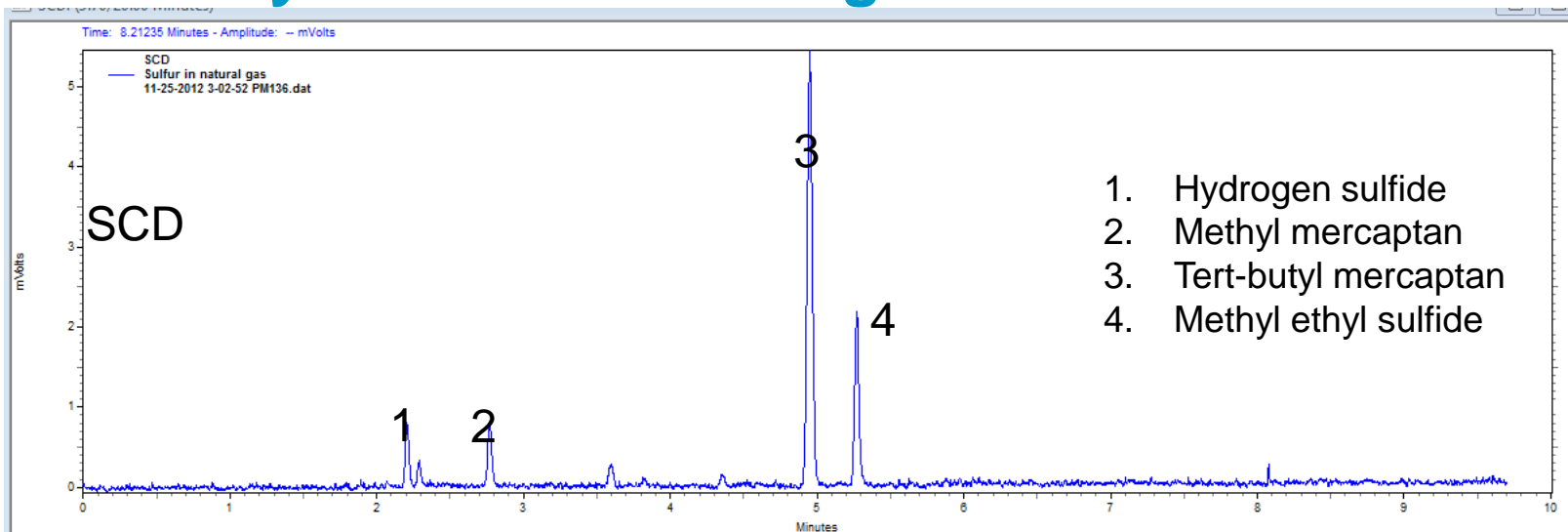
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# Chromatogram of sulfides, disulfides, thiophene, alkyl thiophenes, benzothiophene, and alkyl benzothiophenes



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# Chromatogram volatile sulfur odorants in commercially available natural gas



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# Conclusions

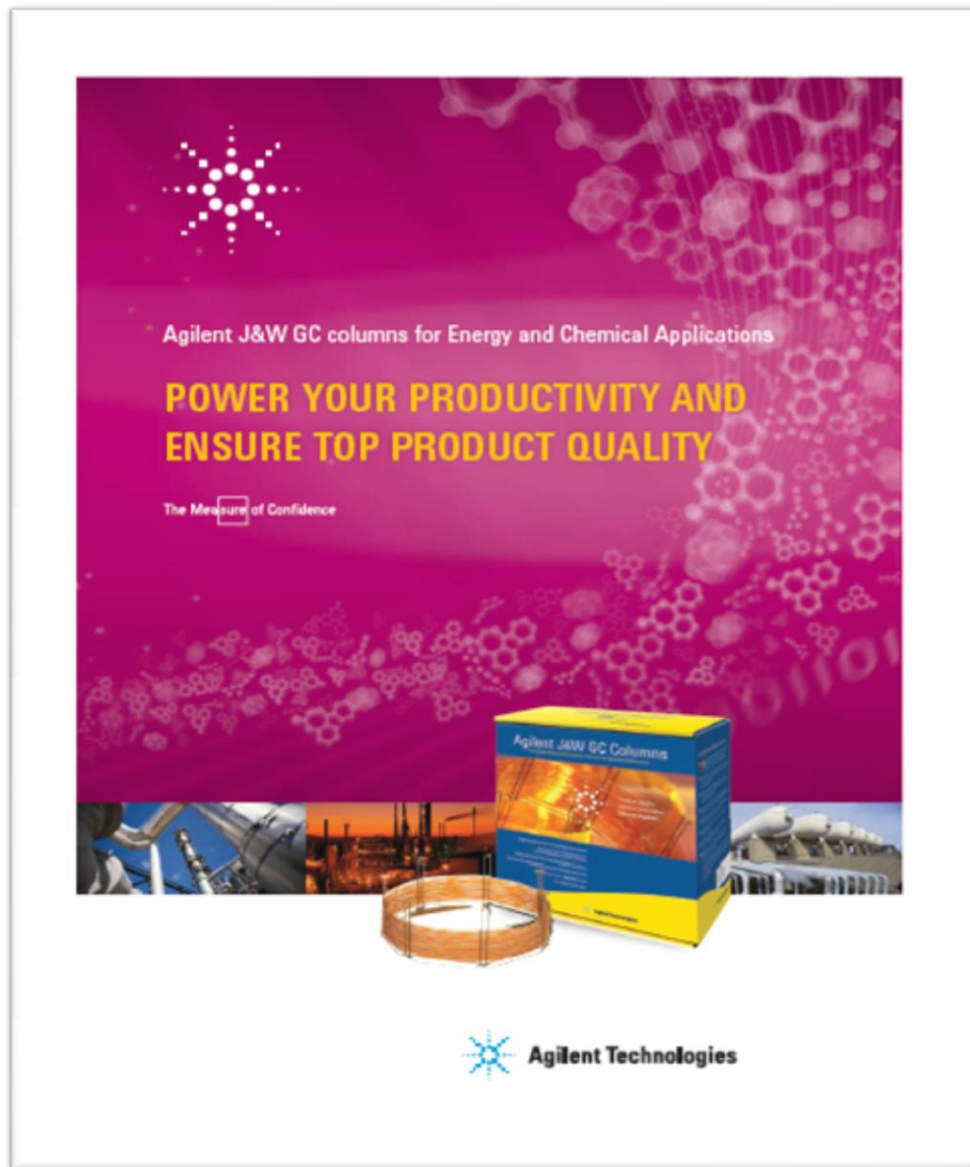
The new Agilent J&W DB-Sulfur SCD with low bleed and excellent inertness can provide:

- Excellent resolution and peak shape
- Excellent linearity at ppm to ppb levels
- Excellent repeatability
- Less ceramic tube fouling/less detector maintenance
  - Before – detector maintenance every 3 weeks
  - Now – over 6 months, no SCD maintenance!

# Application Notes and Literature:

ASTM D5623 and ASTM D5504

Brochure number 5991-2977EN



# New Column Summary

## PLOT PT columns

- Similar selectivity to non-PT columns
- Virtually eliminates problems due to particle shedding
- Possible to use MS detection, valves and CFT worry-free

## DB-Sulfur SCD columns

- Perfect for dependable volatile sulfur compound analysis utilizing the SCD