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Introduction

Ammonia is a common trace impurity found in biomethane. It is a product from the anaerobic digestion of biomass, formed from the breakdown of amino acids during the production of biogas. As an impurity in biogas and biomethane, ammonia is corrosive when it dissolves in the presence of water, damaging process equipment and leads to an increase in anti-knock processes in combustion engines when used as a fuel for vehicles. Ammonia is detrimental to the environment and as an air pollutant forms particulates which are damaging to public health. Additionally, when present in the combustion of biomethane, ammonia can lead to the formation of nitrogen oxides (NO_x), which are regulated pollutants as they are toxic and affect air quality. Therefore, the presence of ammonia in biogas and biomethane is undesirable to gas distributors and their customers.

Measuring ammonia content in mixtures of methane at the trace level (i.e. mg m^{-3}) is technically difficult due to the adsorptive nature (i.e. “stickiness”) of ammonia. Particularly spectral NH_3 measurements can be severely hampered by spectral interferences from the matrix gas components, which further increases the complexity of these measurements. Measurements in biogas or biomethane are also dangerous due to the potentially explosive nature of methane, when mixed with an oxidizer like ambient air.

This method supports the implementation of specifications for biomethane and biogas such as EN 16723-1^[8] and EN 16723-2^[9] when used in the natural gas grids and when using it as a transportation fuel. Implementation of these specifications require fit-for-purpose measurement methods with known performance and acceptable metrological traceability to support the trade of renewable gases as well as conformity assessment. Currently, methods are referenced in standards such as EN 16723-1 which have not been validated for use with biomethane and biogas. This document describes measurement methods that meet these requirements and can be implemented by laboratories and industry, also those seeking accreditation on the basis of, e.g. ISO/IEC 17025.

The methods described are based on commercially available spectroscopic analysers, specific to the measurement of ammonia. They have been shown to perform at an acceptable level when quantifying the ammonia content of biomethane at the 10 mg m^{-3} level, as specified in, e.g. EN 16723-1.

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1 Scope

This document describes several test methods for measuring the ammonia amount fraction in natural gas and biomethane at the trace level ($\mu\text{mol mol}^{-1}$). The suitable handling and sampling of pressurised mixtures of ammonia in methane that are applied to several different ammonia measurement systems are described. The measurement systems are comprised of readily available commercial spectroscopic analysers that are specific to ammonia. These NH_3 analysers are considered as a black box in terms of their operation, which is dependent on the instructions of the manufacturer. The document describes suitable calibration and measurement strategies to quantify ammonia in (bio)methane around and above the 10 mg m^{-3} ($14 \mu\text{mol mol}^{-1}$) level and applies to analysis within absolute pressure ranges of 1 bar – 2 bar, temperatures of 0°C – 40°C and relative humidity $<90\%$.

References are also made to additional standards that are applied either to natural gas analysis or air quality measurements. In this document the matrix gas is always methane or biomethane and the measurand is the amount fraction NH_3 .

NOTE 1 bar = $0,1 \text{ MPa}$ = 10^5 Pa ; 1 MPa = 1 N/mm^2 .

2 Normative references

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ISO 6143, *Gas analysis — Comparison methods for determining and checking the composition of calibration gas mixtures*

ISO 6145-1, *Gas analysis — Preparation of calibration gas mixtures using dynamic methods — Part 1: General aspects*

ISO 7504, *Gas analysis — Vocabulary*

ISO 9169, *Air quality — Definition and determination of performance characteristics of an automatic measuring system*

ISO 10715, *Natural gas — Gas sampling*

ISO 10723, *Natural gas — Performance evaluation for analytical systems*

ISO 14912, *Gas analysis — Conversion of gas mixture composition data*

ISO 14532, *Natural gas — Vocabulary*

ISO 16664, *Gas analysis — Handling of calibration gases and gas mixtures — Guidelines*

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