

PFPD Training Course – Part 5 Applications

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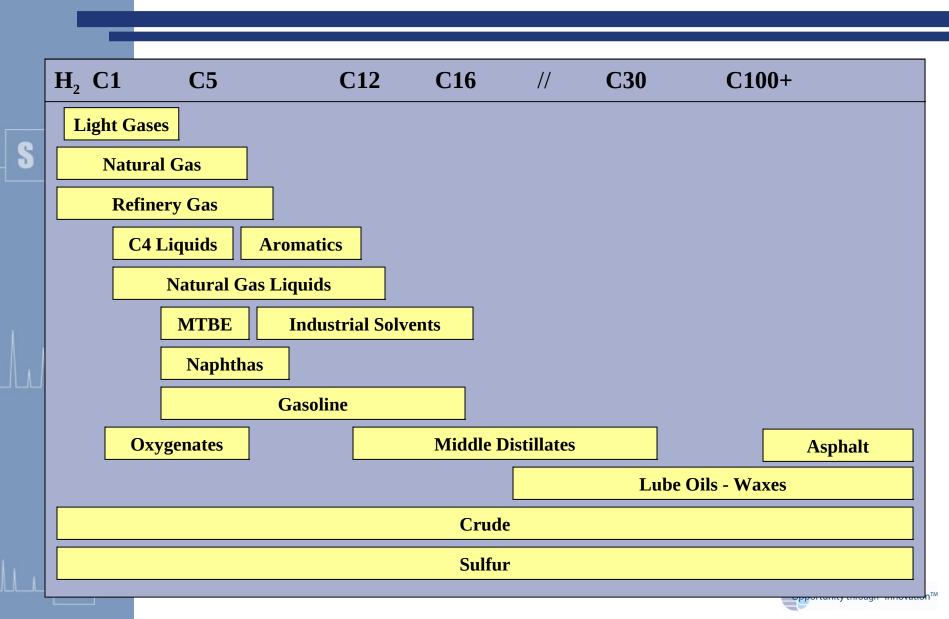
Sulfur in Petrochemical Matrices by PFPD







Hydrocarbons: C1 – C100+





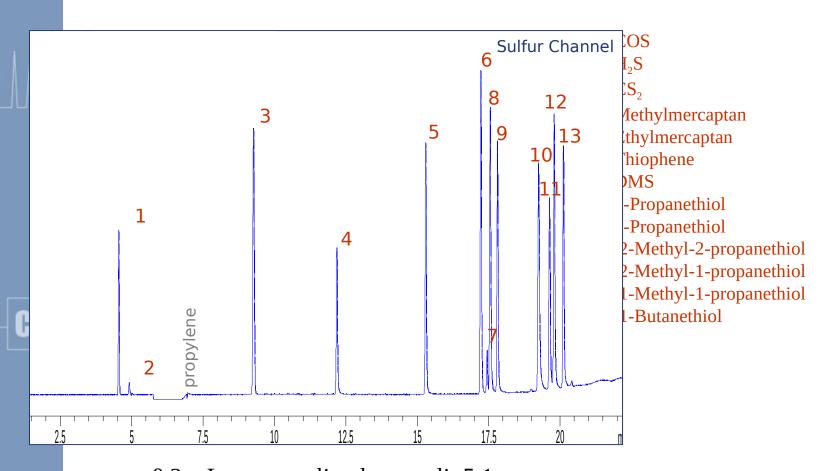
Sulfur in Petrochem Matrices

- Sulfur is present in most petrochemical matrices
- Wide range of concentrations, from subppb up to % of total weight
- Total sulfur content regulated
- Sulfur speciation important for process adjustments
- Unknowns quantified using equimolar response of PFPD





Sulfur Standards in Propylene



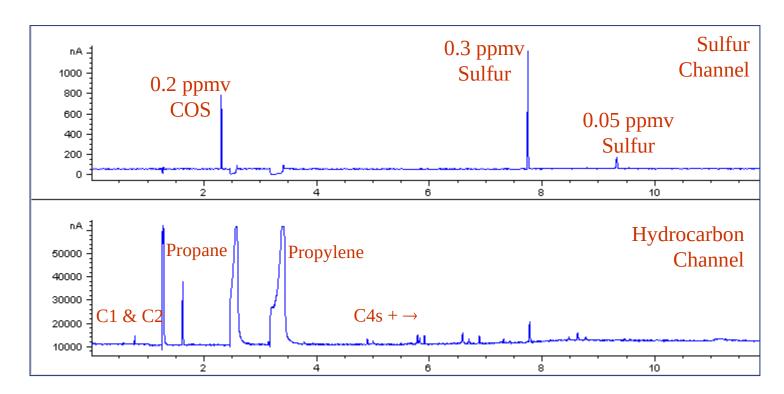
0.2 mL gas sampling loop; split 5:1. Each compound present in this propylene standard at approximately 1 ppm.





Sulfur in Propane-Propylene Mix

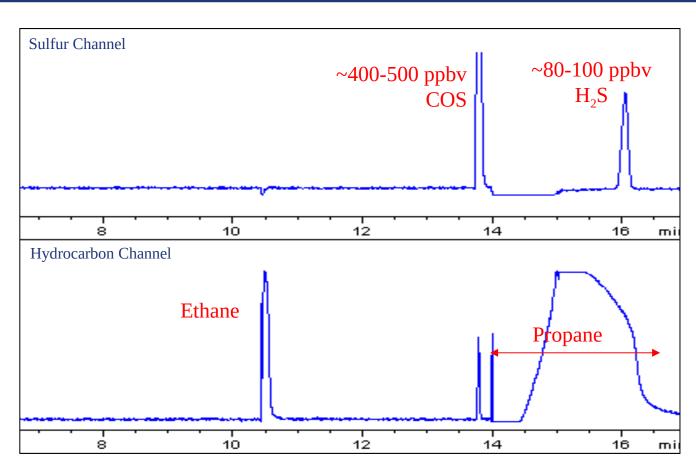
- Acquired on the OI Analytical S-PRO 3200 System
- [COS] & [S] determined with COS permeation wafer device and equimolar response of the PFPD
- 0.2 mL gas loop, 5:1 split, GasPro column, ramped oven







Sulfur in 97% Propane

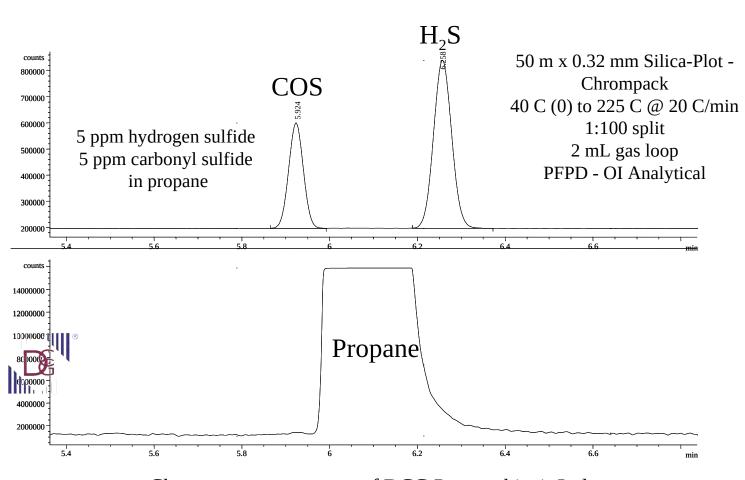


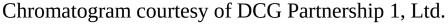
0.5 mL gas sampling loop; split 10:1. Analyzed on the OI Analytical S-PRO 3200.





COS and H₂S in Propane by PFPD

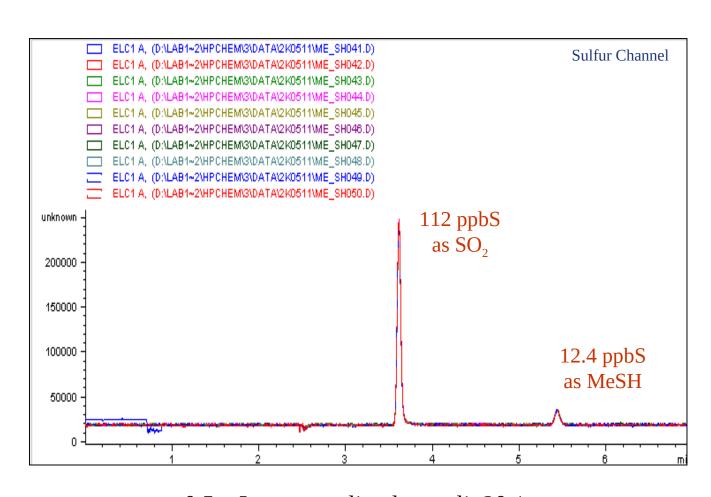








Sulfur Compounds in CO₂

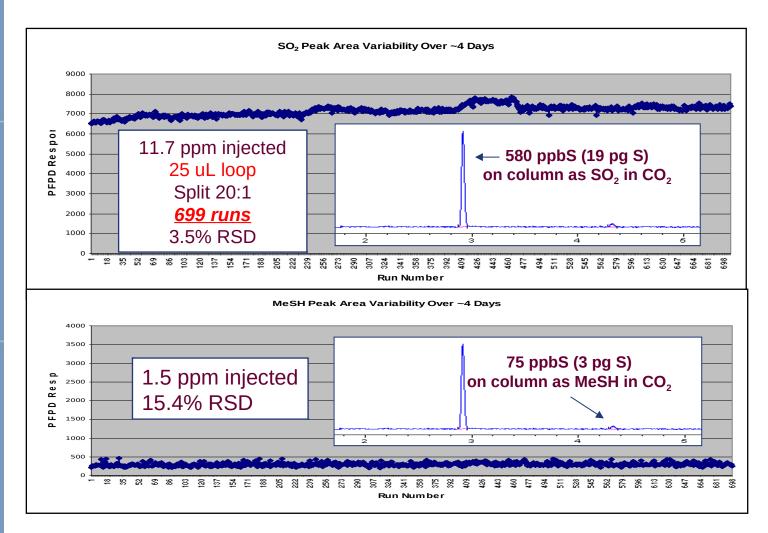


0.5 mL gas sampling loop; slit 20:1. 10 replicate analyses on the S-PRO 3200.





Sulfur in Beverage Grade CO₂



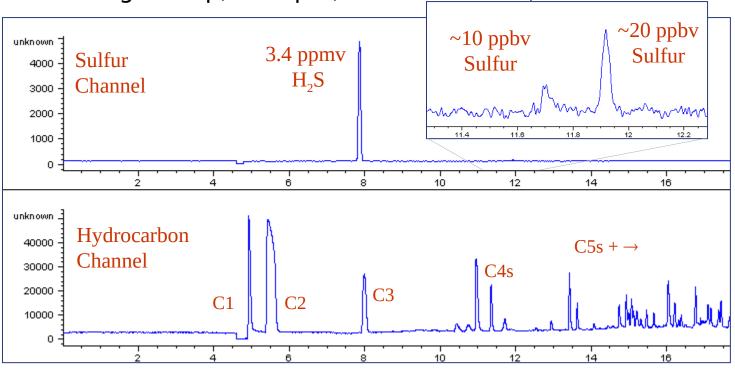




Sulfur in Pipeline Natural Gas

- Acquired on the OI Analytical S-PRO 3200 System
- [H₂S] determined with H₂S permeation wafer device
- [S] determined with COS permeation device & equimolar resp.

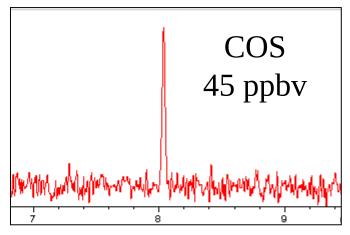
• 0.5 mL gas loop, 9:1 split, GasPro column, isothermal oven

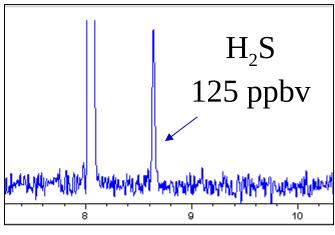






S-PRO Sensitivity



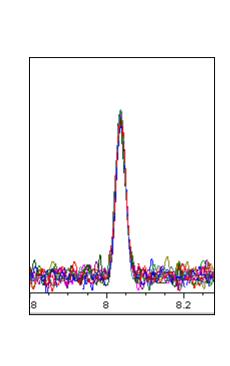


- 1 mL gas sampling loop;9:1 split ratio
- 60 m GASPRO column (30°C for 1 minute then ramped)
- H₂S is absorptive on the GASPRO column; higher DLs
- H₂S DLs similar to COS on other columns (e.g. DB1 or DB5)





Repeatability of COS at 50 ppbv



3 4 5 6 8

Run Number

9 10 **Average Count** %RSD

Peak Area Counts

173.6

180.3

188.7

175.0

193.2

170.9

186.7

186.4

177.4

195.9

182.8

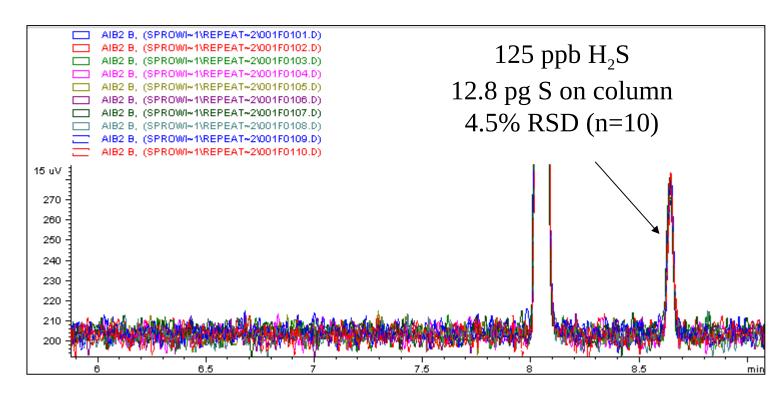
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Repeatability of H₂S at 125 ppbv

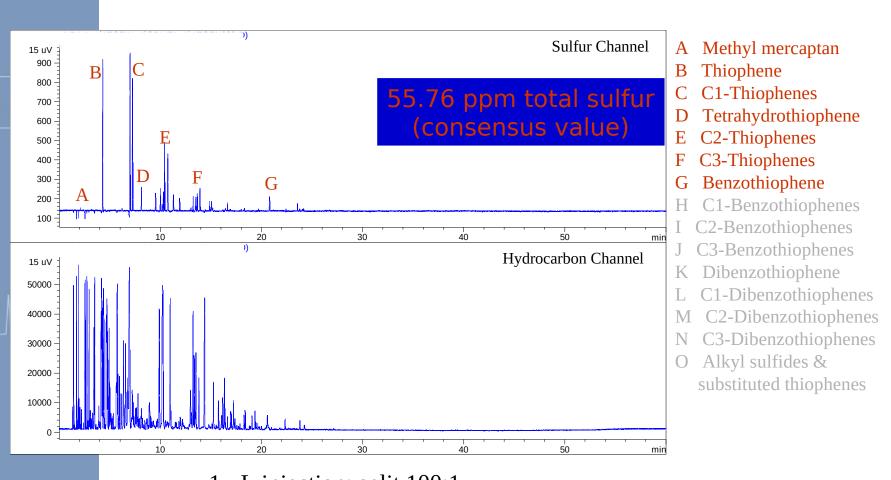
- 125 ppb H₂S from S-PRO permeation oven
- 1 mL gas sampling loop; split 9:1
- 60 m GASPRO column; 30°C for 1 minute then ramped

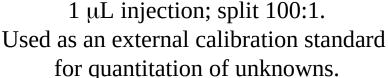






ASTM Round Robin Gasoline #10

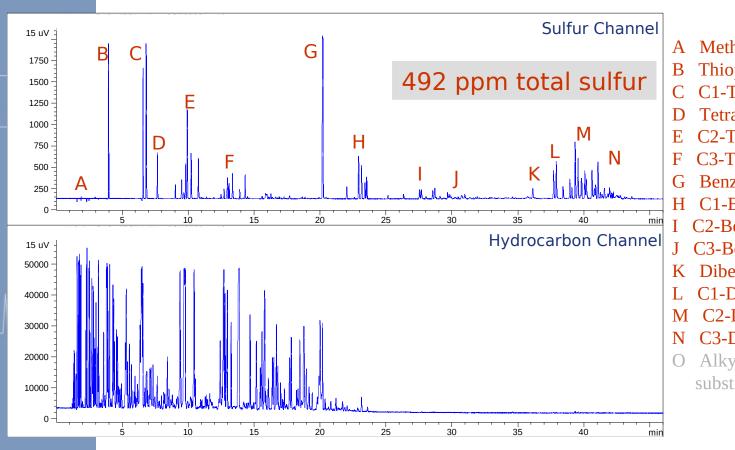








Gasoline Before Sulfur Treatment



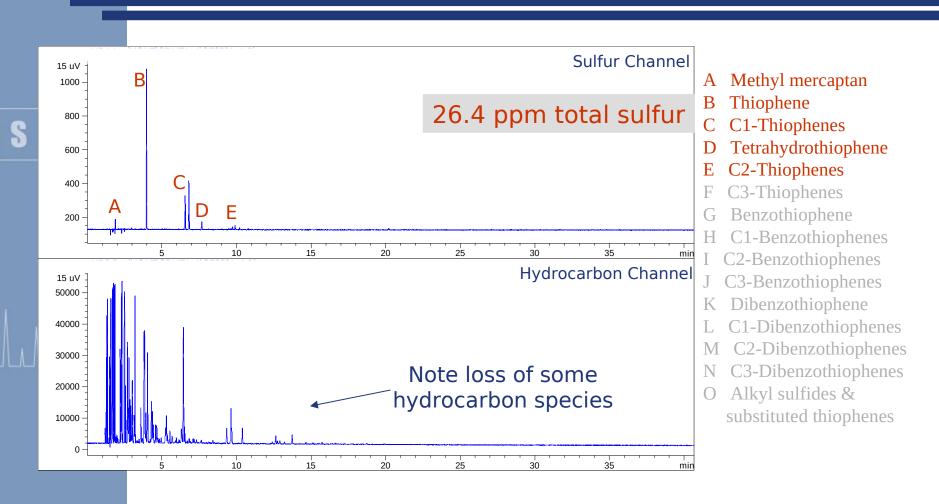
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- C3-Thiophenes
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- Alkyl sulfides & substituted thiophenes

1 μL injection; split 100:1. Quantified using ASTM RR gasoline #10 as an external calibration standard.





Gasoline After Sulfur Treatment



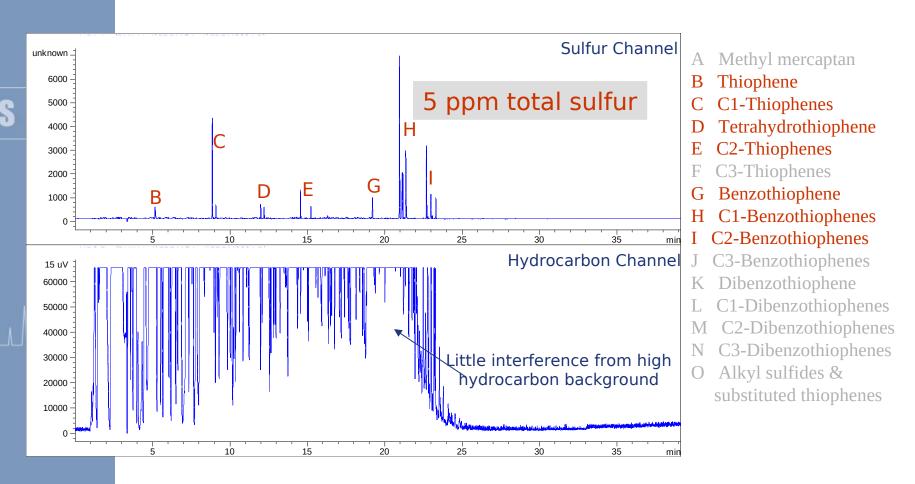
1 μL injection; split 100:1.

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Low Level Gasoline: 5 ppm Total Sulfur

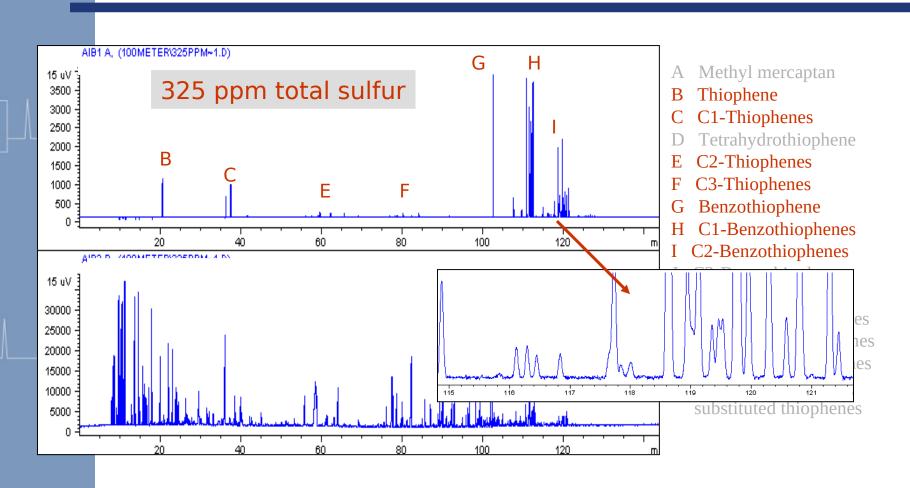


 $1 \mu L$ injection; split 10:1. Concentration reported by client as 5 ppm.





"DHA-Type" Analysis of Unknown Gas

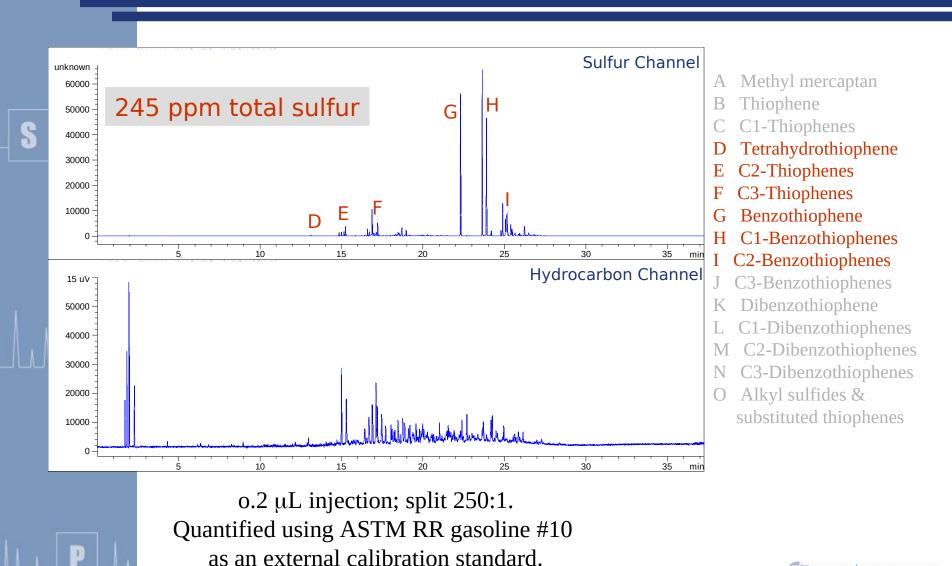


 $1~\mu L$ injection; split 50:1. Quantified using thiophene as an external standard.





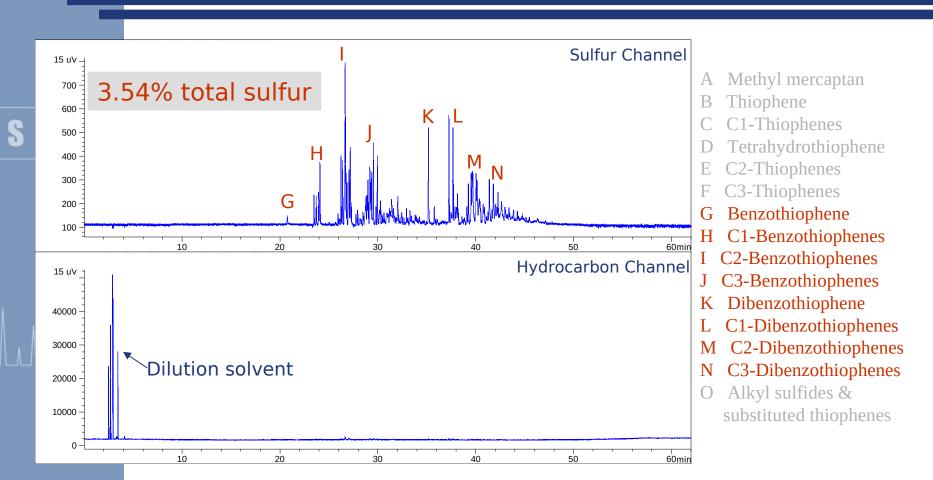
Total Sulfur in LCO







High Level Total Sulfur in Diesel



Diluted 1:100 with hexane; 1 µL injection; split 100:1.

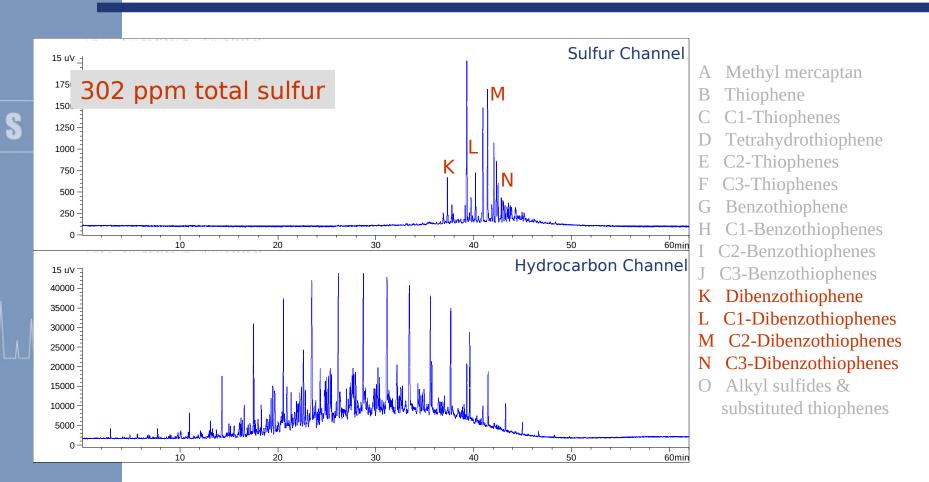
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Mid-Range Total Sulfur in Diesel

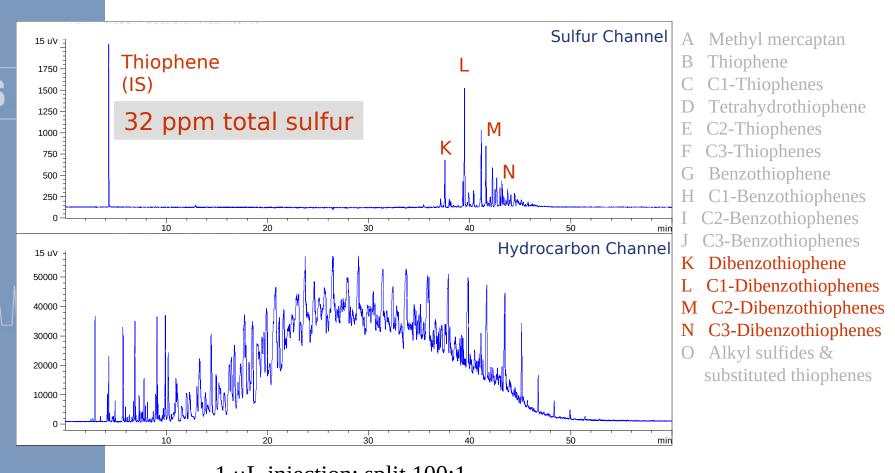


1 μL injection; split 100:1. Quantified using ASTM RR gasoline #10 as an external calibration standard.





Total Sulfur in Diesel Quantified by IS

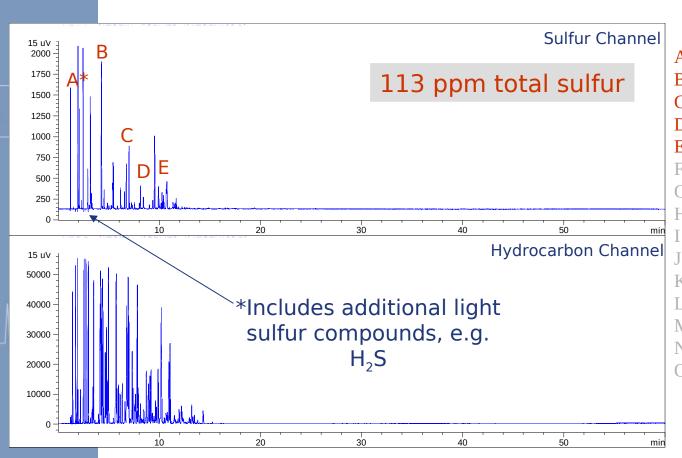


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Naptha Stabilizer Bottoms



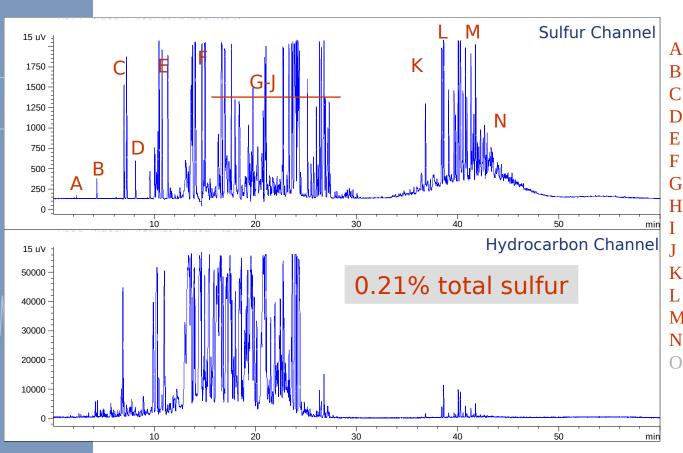
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- K Dibenzothiophene
- L C1-Dibenzothiophenes
- M C2-Dibenzothiophenes
- N C3-Dibenzothiophenes
- O Alkyl sulfides & substituted thiophenes

 $1 \,\mu L$ injection; split 250:1. Quantified using ASTM RR gasoline #10 as an external calibration standard.





Heavy Catalytic Naptha Before Merox



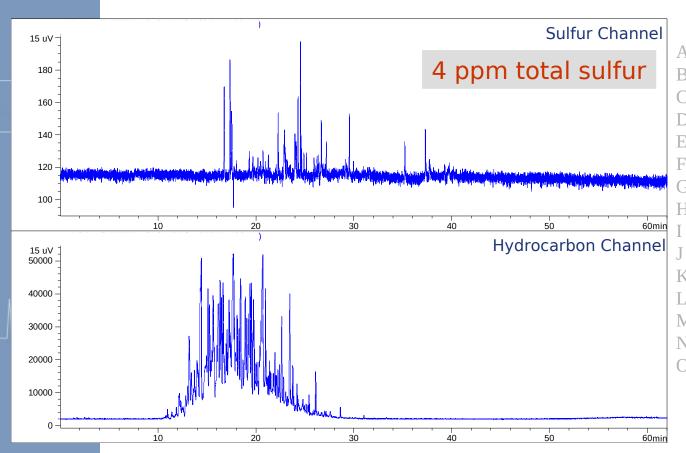
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Low Level Sulfur in Jet Fuel by PFPD



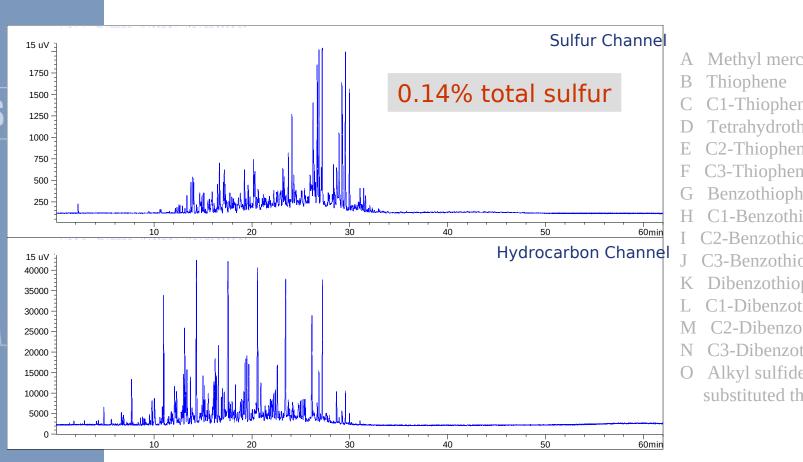
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1 μL injection; split 10:1. No reference was available for identification of sulfur peak groupings in jet fuel.





High Sulfur Content in Jet Fuel



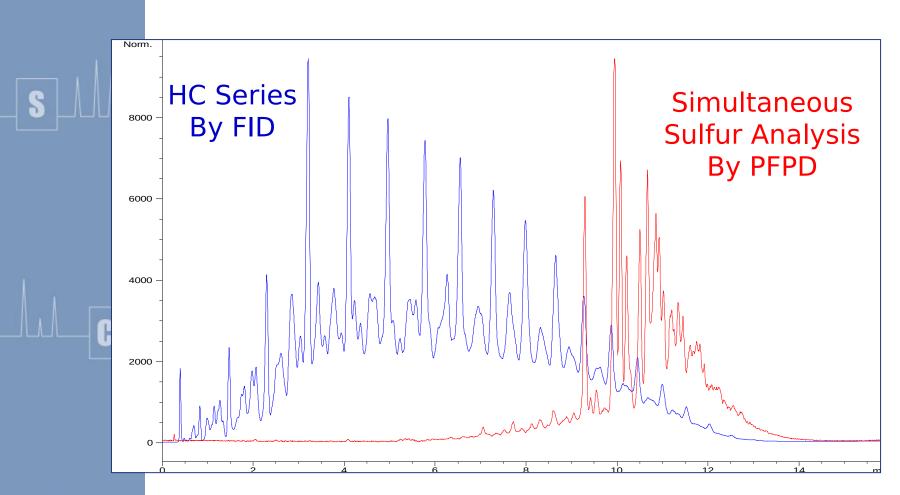
1 μL injection; split 100:1. No reference was available for identification of sulfur peak groupings in jet fuel.

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Sulfur by Simulated Distillation

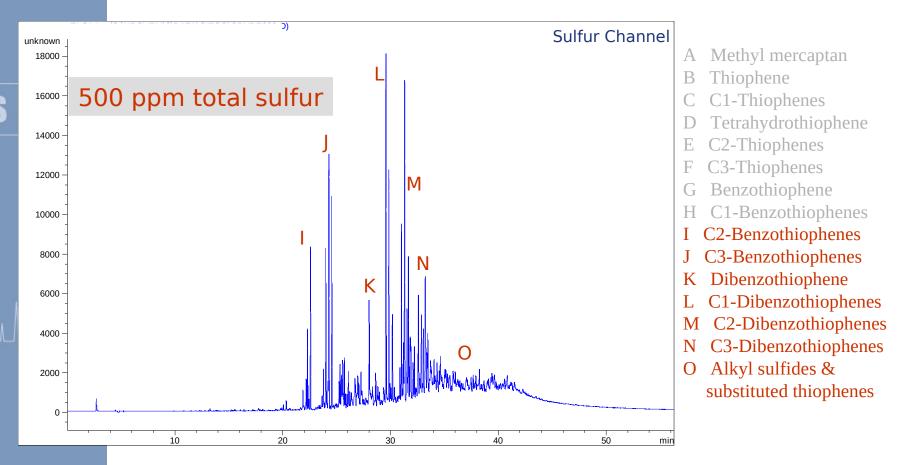


Reference standard for ASTM Method D2887-02 used as a calibration standard for simulated distillation.





Total Sulfur in Crude Oil by PFPD



Diluted 1:10 with hexane; 1 µL injection; split 25:1.

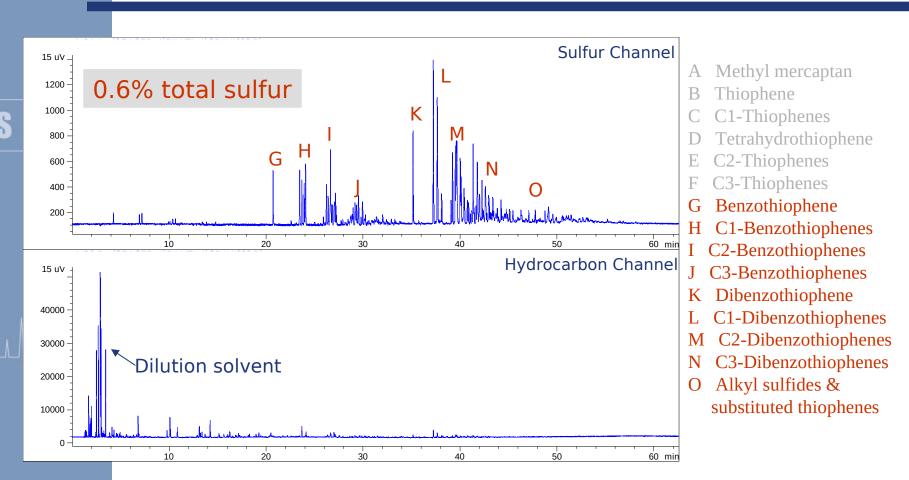
Quantified using ASTM RR gasoline #10

as an external calibration standard.





Synthetic Crude



Diluted 1:10 with hexane; 1 µL injection; split 100:1.

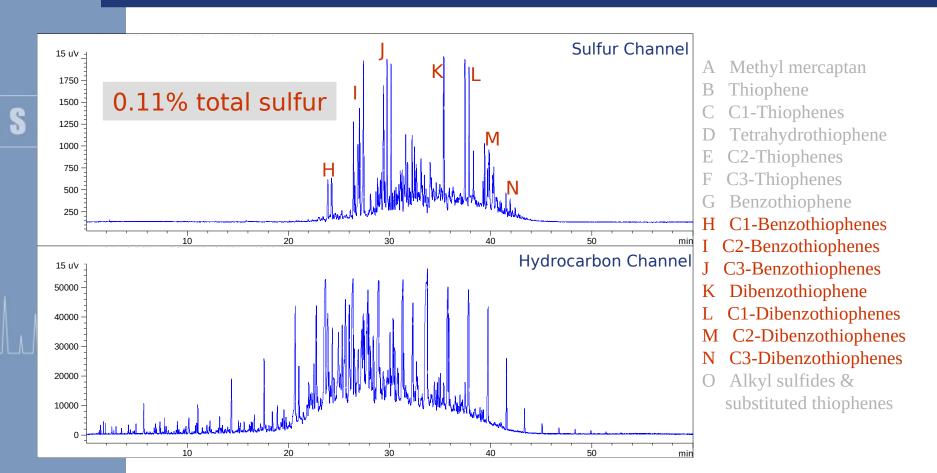
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High Sulfur Content Furnace Oil

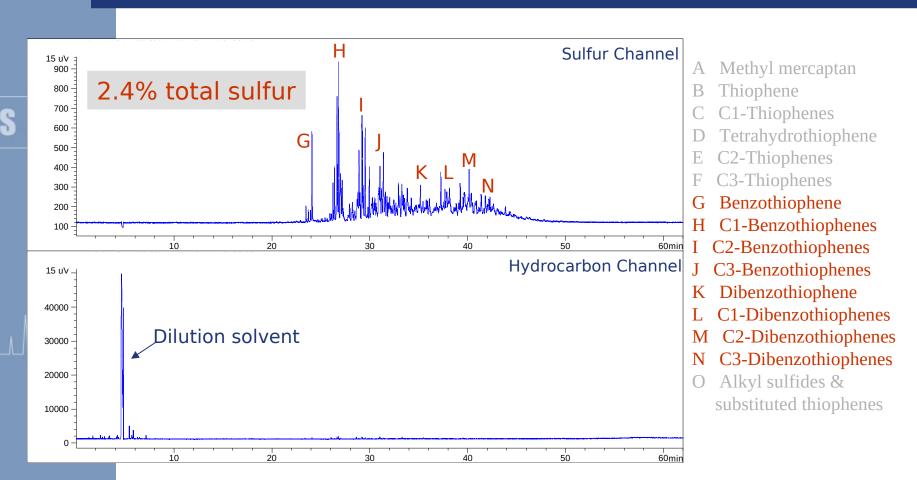


1 μL injection; split 250:1. Quantified using ASTM RR gasoline #10 as an external calibration standard.





Coker Light Gas Oil by PFPD



Diluted 1:50 with isooctane; 1 µL injection; split 100:1.

Quantified using ASTM RR gasoline #10

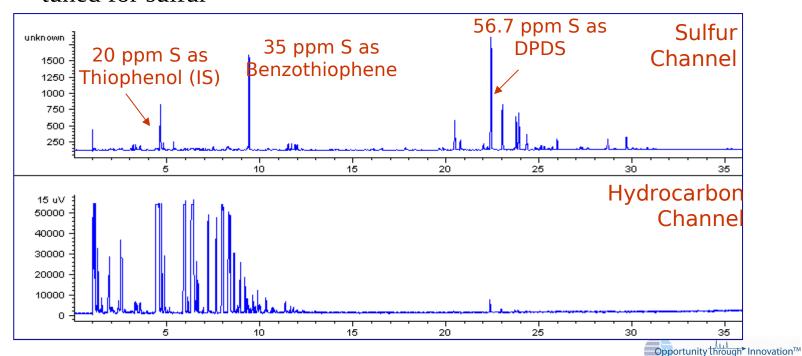
as an external calibration standard.





Sulfur in an Acidic Product

- 20 ppm S as thiophenol added as Internal Standard
- Two speciated sulfur peaks identified and quantified
- Total sulfur measured at 270 ppm sulfur
- 0.2 μL injection; split 50:1; DB-5MS column; 3 mm combustor; tuned for sulfur





Analysis of Thiophene in Benzene by ASTM Standard Method D4735-09







ASTM Standard D4735 - 96

"Standard Test Method for Determination of Trace Thiophene in Refined Benzene by Gas Chromatography"

First re-approved in 2000

Re-approved again in 2002 With modifications to include PFPD

Re-approved in 2009 with addition of Interlaboratory Study and new precision statement for PFPD





ASTM Standard D4735 - 96

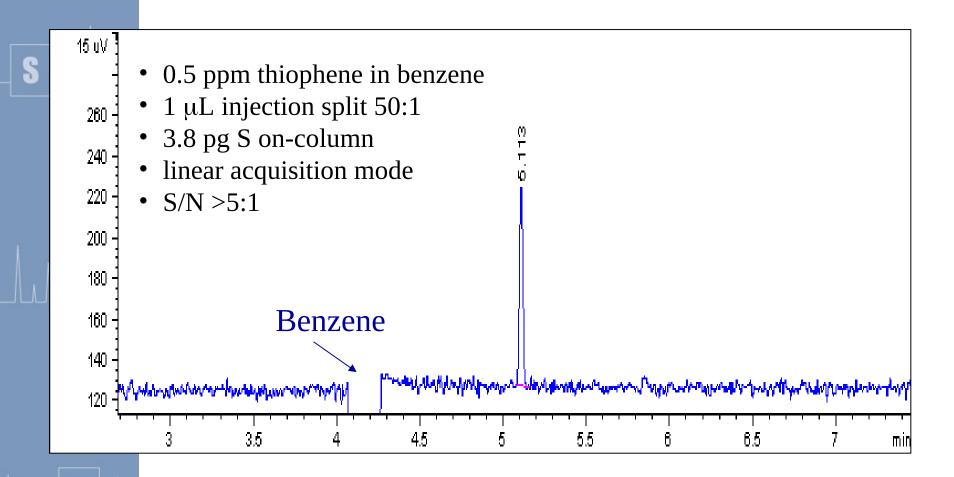
 Section 5.3 Detector – "Any flame photometric detector (FPD) can be used, provided it has sufficient sensitivity to produce a minimum peak height twice that of the base noise . . ."







0.5 ppm Thiophene by PFPD







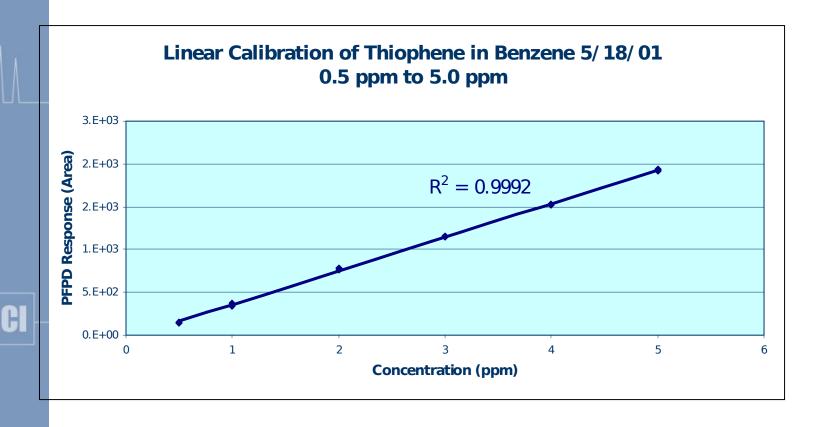
Thiophene Calibration Repeatability

Calibration Level	% RSD (n = 3)
0.5 ppm	3.7
1.0 ppm	6.1
2.0 ppm	1.9
3.0 ppm	0.6
4.0 ppm	0.2
5.0 ppm	0.6





Thiophene Linear Calibration Plot







Thiophene Calibration Results

- Log/log plot (cited by original method)
 - R² = 0.9995
- Quadratic plot (PFPD in quadratic mode)
 - $-R_2 = 0.9997$
- Linear plot (PFPD in linear mode)
 - $-R_2 = 0.9992$

All three plot techniques result in excellent and equivalent calibration curves





Precision Measured as %RSD

Thiophene Calculated Concentrations (ppm)				
Run #1	0.51	0.97	2.98	4.91
Run #2	0.49	0.96	2.92	4.96
Run #3	0.50	0.96	2.97	4.97
Run #4	0.49	0.98	2.98	5.01
Run #5	0.49	0.97	2.97	4.98
Run #6	0.49	0.97	2.96	4.99
Run #7	0.50	0.99	2.99	4.96
Average	0.50	0.97	2.97	4.97
%RSD	1.4%	1.3%	0.8%	0.6%





Thiophene Accuracy as % Recy

Expected Concentration (ppm)	Avg. Measured Concentration (n = 7)	% Recovery
0.50	0.50	99.1
1.0	0.97	97.2
3.0	2.97	98.9
5.0	4.97	99.3







Comparison of Thiophene QC Data

Intermediate Precision Data From D4735 - 96		
Thiophene Conc. (mg/kg)	Intermediate Precision (mg/kg)	
0.80	0.040	
1.80	0.078	
Intermediate Precision Data From D4735 - 02		
Thiophene Conc. (mg/kg)	Intermediate Precision (mg/kg)	
·		
(mg/kg)	(mg/kg)	
(mg/kg) 0.50	(mg/kg) 0.010	

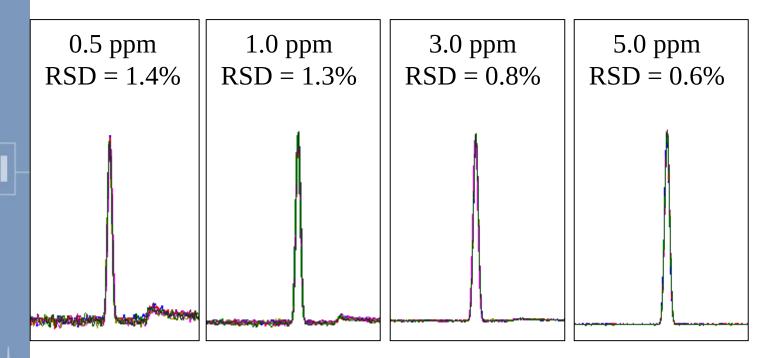
The new PFPD precision is ~3-4 times better than the original FPD precision





Thiophene Precision on the PFPD

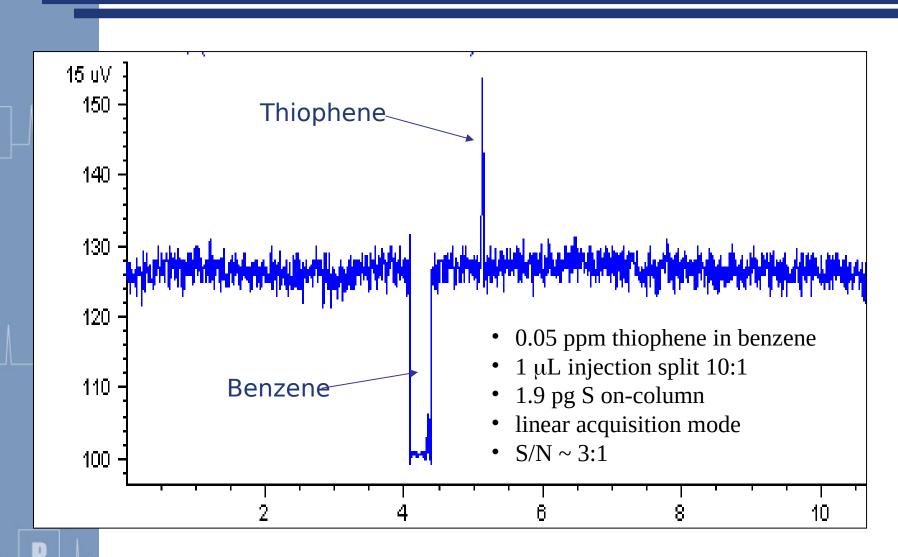
- Overlaid chromatograms
- 4 concentrations
- 7 replicate analyses over ~ 1 week







Improved Sensitivity on the PFPD







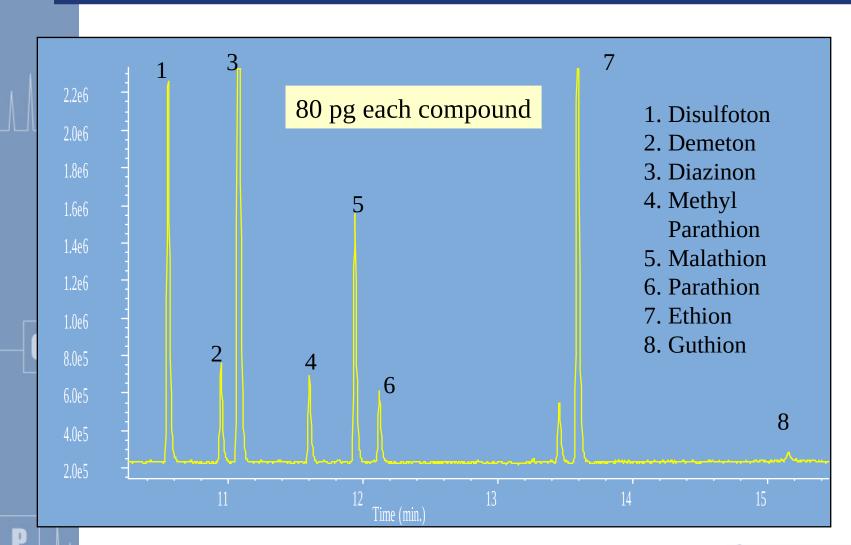
Organophosphorus Pesticides by PFPD





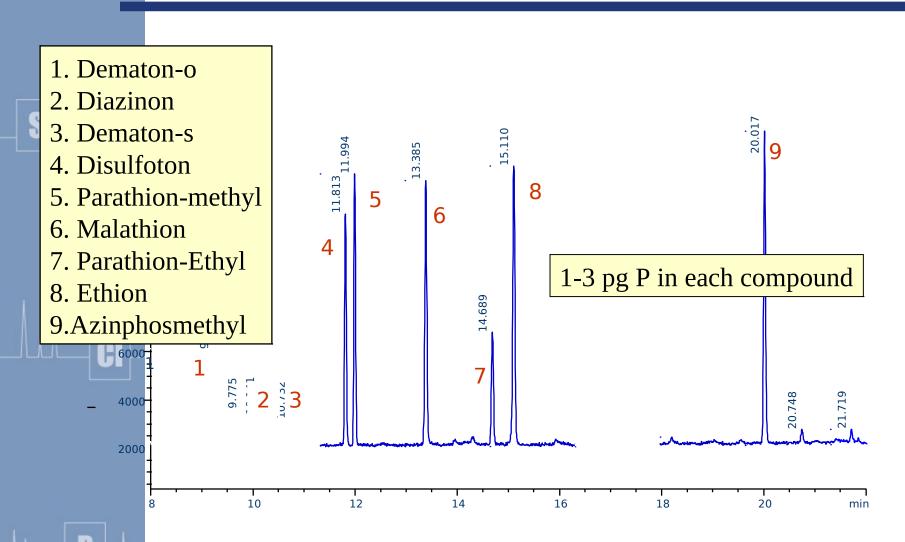


OP Pesticides by PFPD - Sulfur Mode





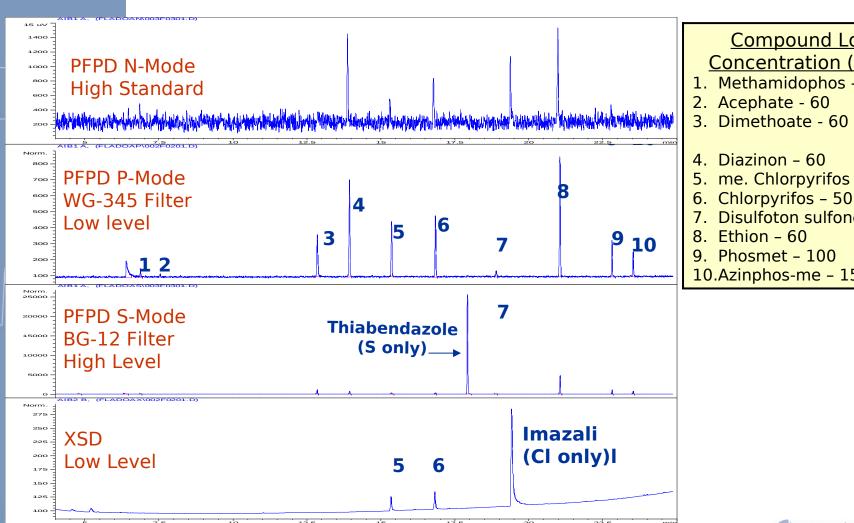
OP Pesticides by PFPD – Phosphorus Mode







Pesticide Mix on PFPD & XSD

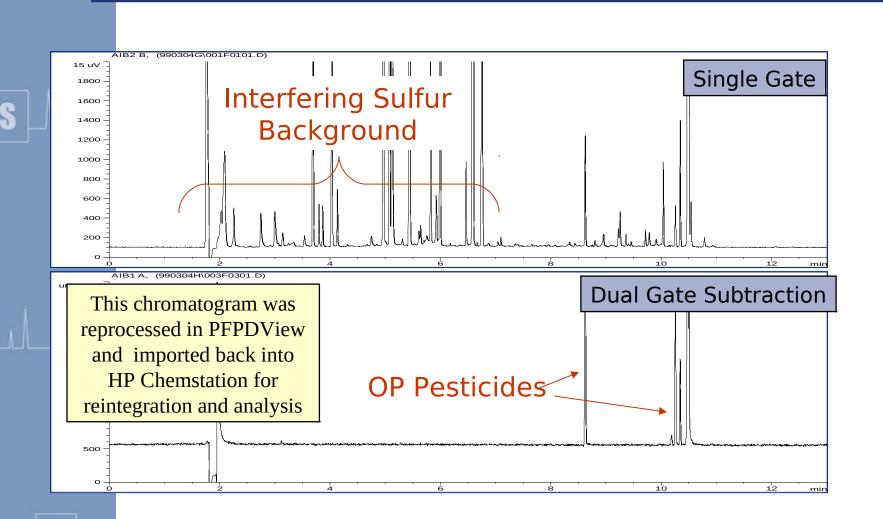


Compound Low Concentration (ppb)

- 1. Methamidophos 100
- 5. me. Chlorpyrifos 50
- 7. Disulfoton sulfone 50
- 10.Azinphos-me 150



Garlic Extract on PFPD



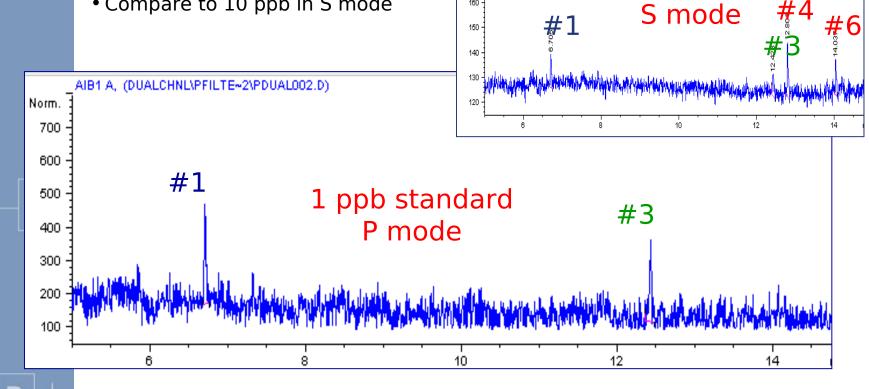




Lowest Concentration Phosphorus

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- Two compounds detected at 1 ppb
- #1 with unknown number of P atoms
- #3 with 2 P atoms
- Compare to 10 ppb in S mode



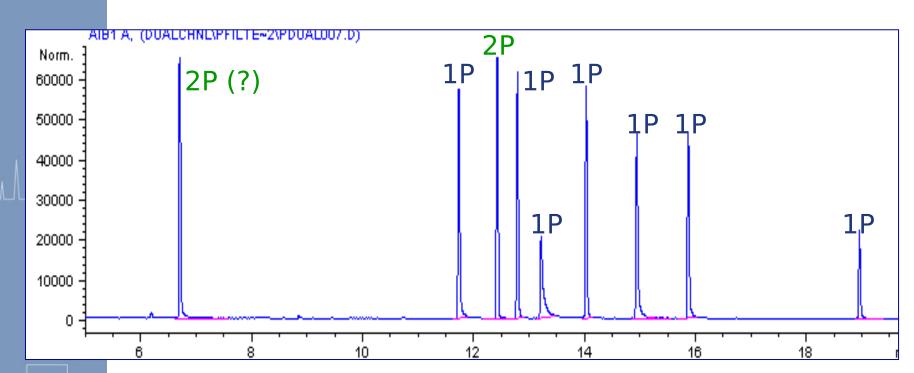


10 ppb standard



Elemental Confirmation

- Chromatogram of 100 ppb mix has all 9 stds
- Labeled with # of P atoms on each compound
- Areas closely match wt % of P in each

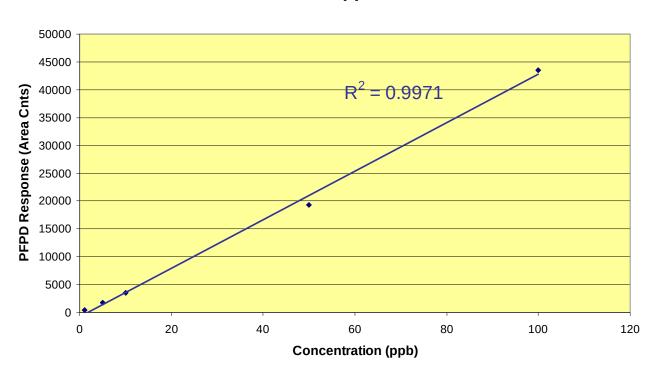






Calibration Over Linear Range

Sulfotepp Calibration in Phosphorus Mode 4 - 10 msec Phosphorus Gate 1 - 100 ppb

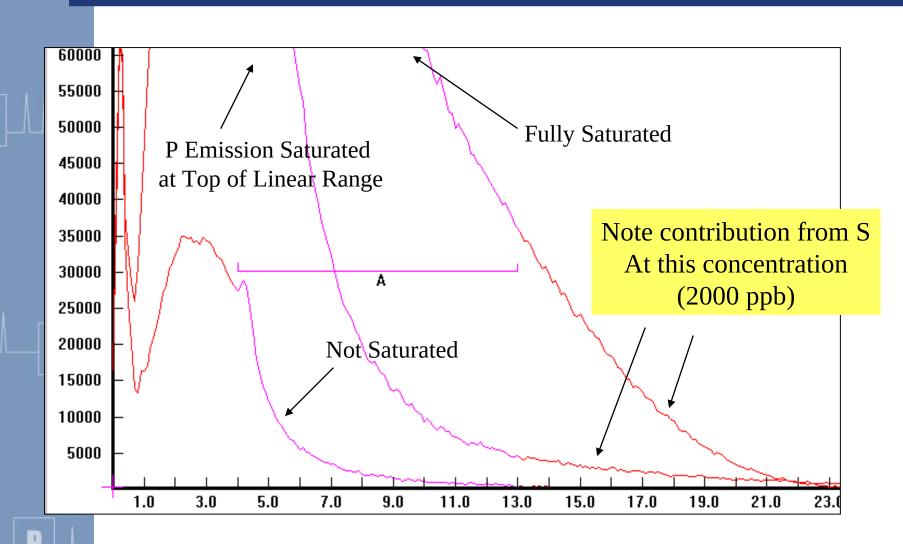








Identify The Linear Range For P

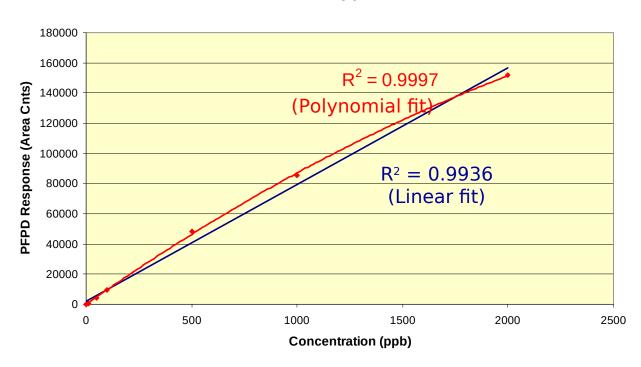






Calibration Over Linear Range

Sulfotepp Calibration in Phosphorus Mode 6-10 msec Phosphorus Gate 1 - 2000 ppb







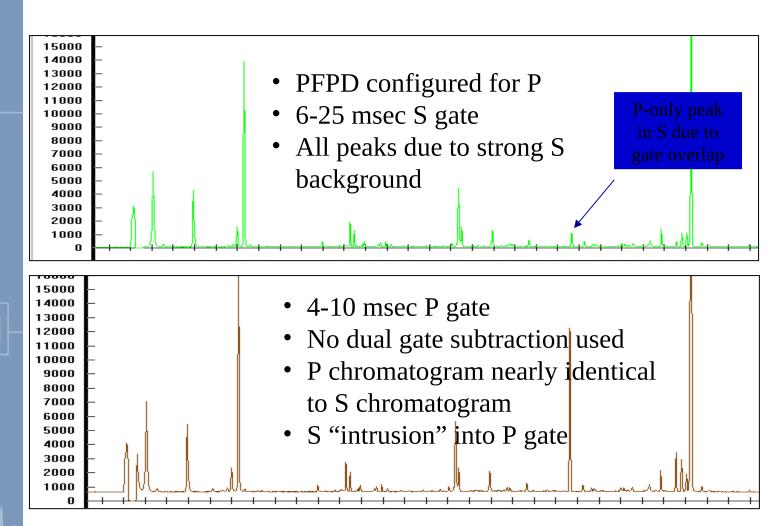
Summary of P-Mode Results

- 10x lower detection levels in P mode
 - 1 ppb in P mode
 - 10 ppb in S mode
- Choice of proper gate can extend calibration range
 - 4-10 msec gate: 1-100 ppb
 - 6-10 msec gate: 1-2000 ppb
- Watch for contributions from sulfur at high concentrations, even in "P only" mode
 - Especially important for matrices with lots of sulfur background, such as onion or garlic





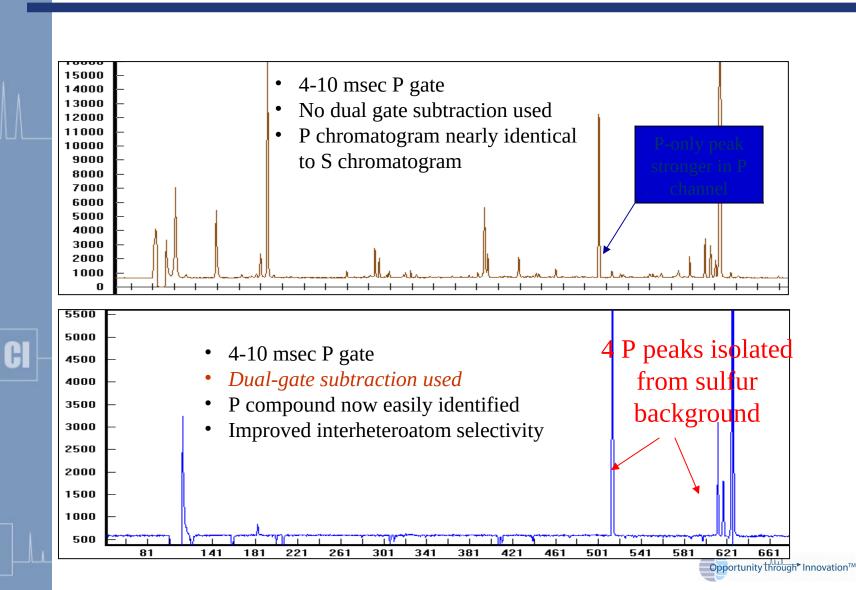
Garlic Matrix in P Mode







Garlic Matrix in P Mode





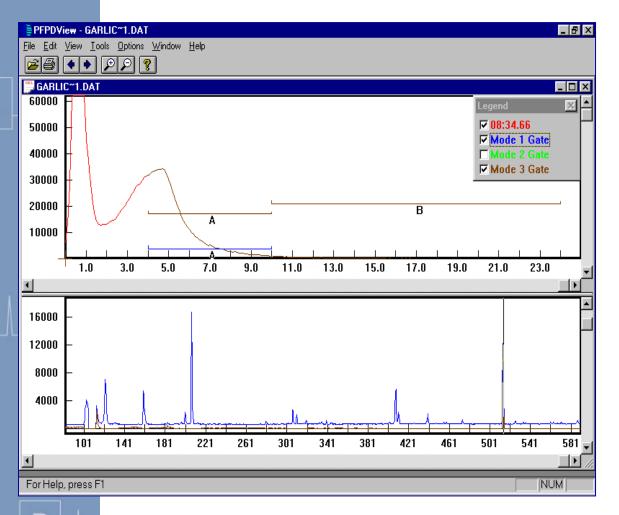
Dual-gate Subtraction

- Advanced selectivity technique that can be used to remove sulfur background (matrix) for phosphorus identification
- Semi-quantitative, depends on relative concentrations of S and P
- Can improve calibration curves
- Conditions are optimized using PFPDView software
 - Optional software package with PFPD





PFPDView Software

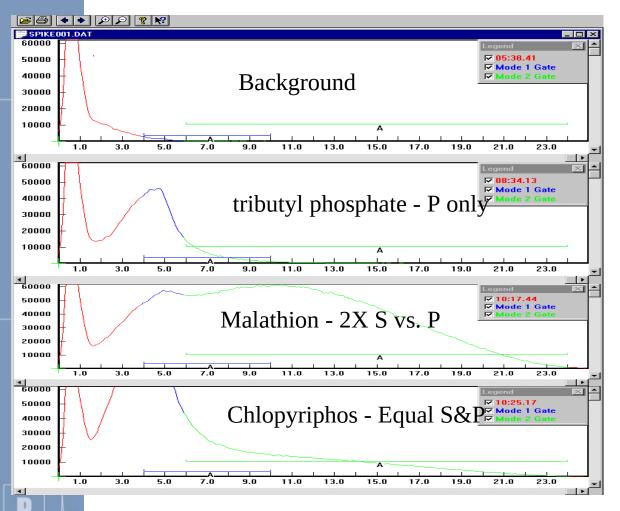


- Allows post-run optimization of dual gate parameters
- View emission profiles of individual peaks to confirm S or P
- Also used for troubleshooting





PFPDView For Unknowns

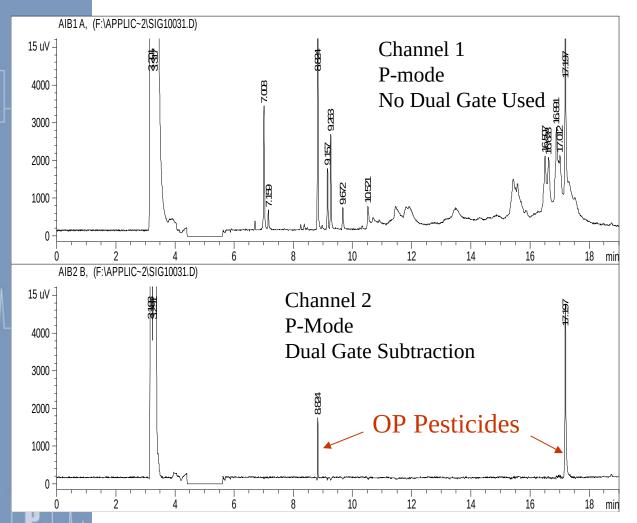


- Get heteroatom composition information using PFPDView
- Elemental composition of the unknowns
- Blue = P
- Green = S





Dual Gate Subtraction



- Onion extract; no clean-up
- Large interfering sulfur background
- Ch1 No subtraction
- Ch2 sulfur background subtracted using PFPDView & dual gating





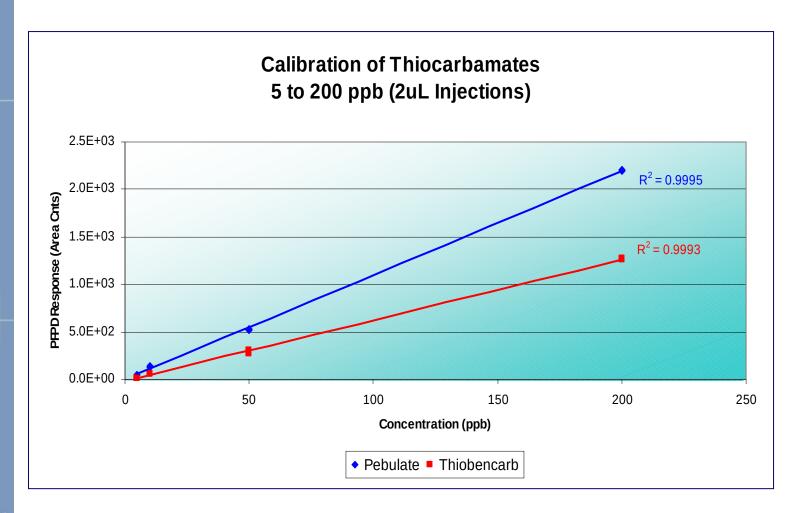


Carbamate Pesticides by PFPD





Calibration Curves 5 - 200 ppb

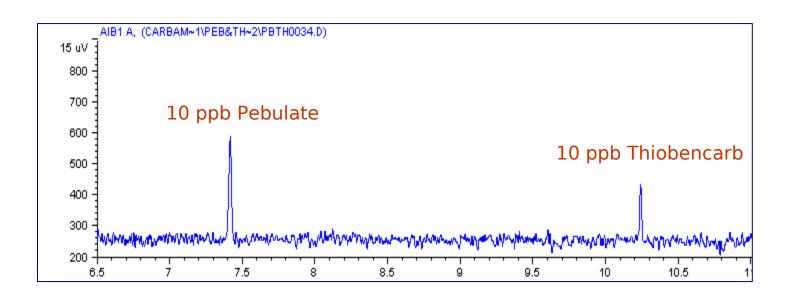






10 ppb Pebulate & Thiobencarb

- 2 μL injection; pulsed splitless mode
- Injector temperature 250°C
- HP-5 column, 30m x 0.32 mm ID x 0.25 μm film
- 60°C for 1 minute, 20°C /min to 300°C, hold 1 minute





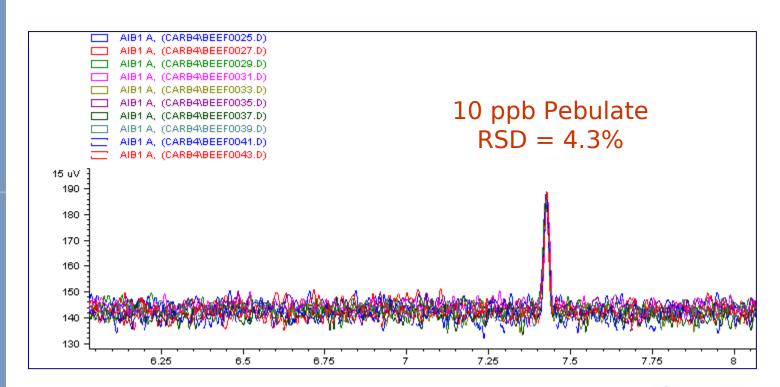






Repeatability at 10 ppb

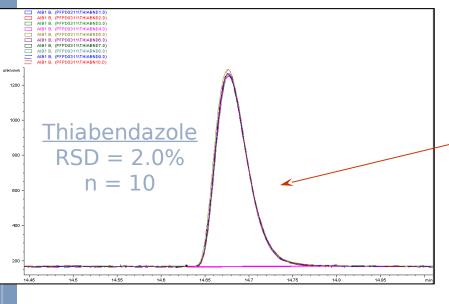
- 10 ppb Pebulate RSD = 4.3% (n=10)
- 10 ppb Thiobencarb RSD = 6.9% (n=10)



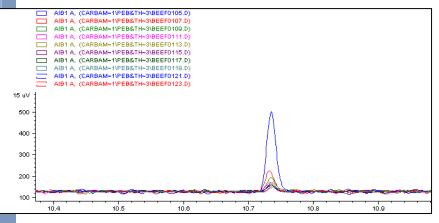




Thiabendazole



Repeatability at 100 ppb Restek Siltek™ Uniliner® in the injection port RSD = 2.0% (n = 10)



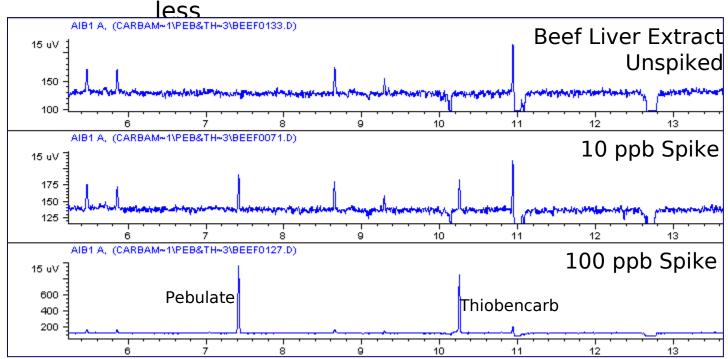
Without the special liner significant breakdown prevented reliable analyses of thiabendazole





PFPD: Carbamates in Beef Fat

- Direct injection GC PFPD
 - Pulsed Flame Photometric Detector
 - Sulfur selective & Equimolar
 - 2 μL injection; splitless
- Pebulate & Thiobencarb at 10 ppb or

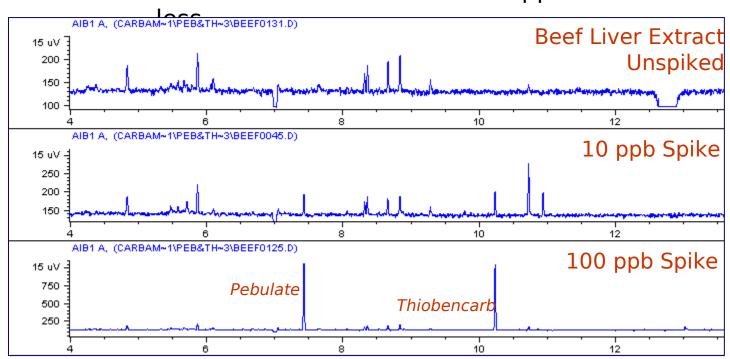






PFPD: Carbamates in Beef Muscle

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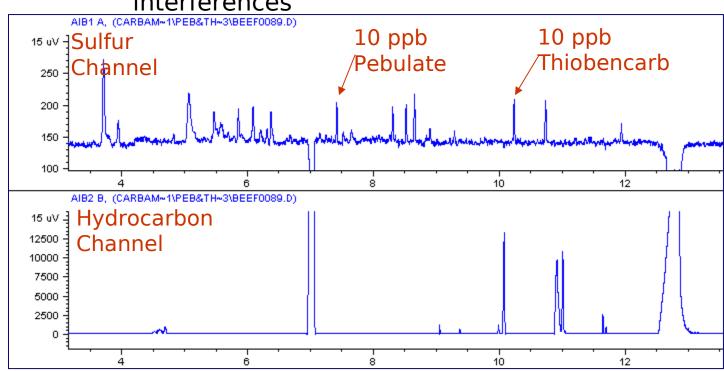






Two Simultaneous Signals

- 10 ppb spike in beef liver extract
- S channel to quantify S compounds
- HC channel to monitor potential interferences

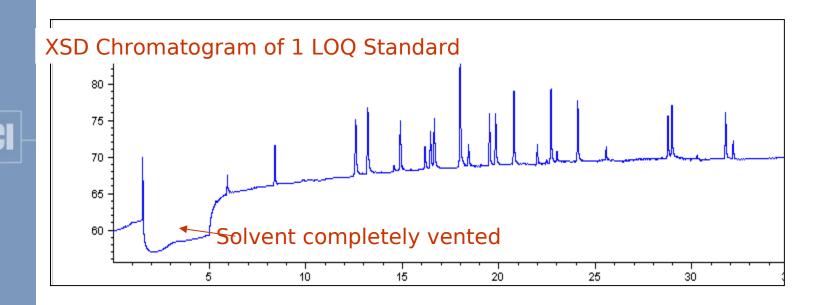






Chlorinated Pesticides by XSD™

- Direct injection GC XSD™
 - Halogen Specific Detector
 - 1 μL injection; split 9;1
- 1 LOQ Standard
- Solvent venting option for chlorinated solvents

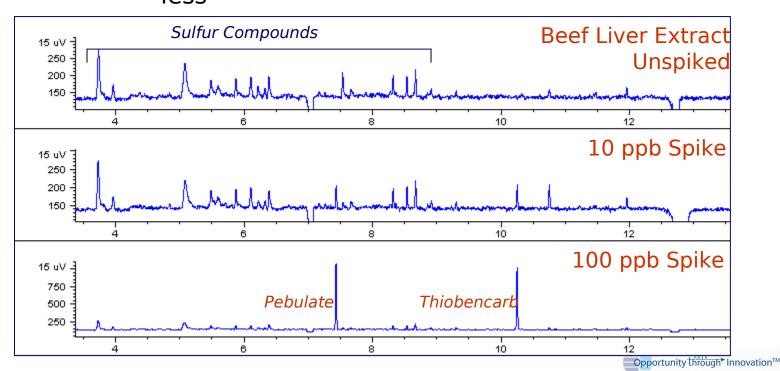






PFPD: Carbamates in Beef Liver

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 - Sulfur selective & Equimolar
 - 2 μL injection; splitless
- Pebulate & Thiobencarb at 10 ppb or less





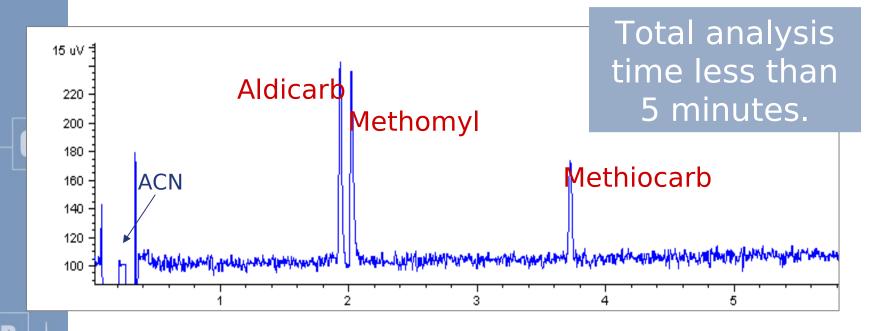
Analysis of Aldicarb, Methomyl, and Methiocarb by GC/PFPD in Under 5 Minutes!





Chromatogram at 100 ppb

- 100 ppb each aldicarb, methomyl, and methiocarb
- Linear acquisition mode
- S/N of 10 or better

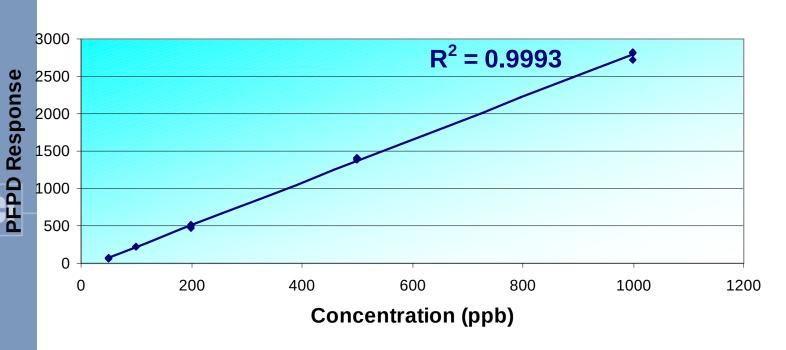






Aldicarb Calibration Curve

Calibration of Aldicarb on the PFPD 50 to 1000 ppb







Calibration Summary





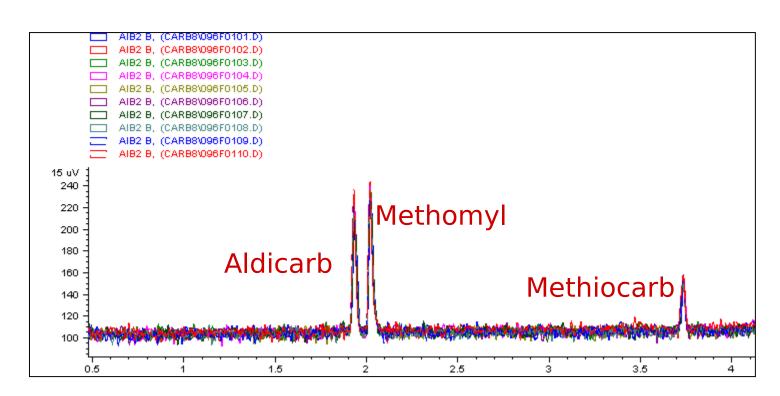
Compound	Calibration Range	R ²
Aldicarb	50 – 1000 ppb	0.9993
Methomyl	50 – 1000 ppb	0.9990
Methiocarb	50 – 2000 ppb	0.9987





Repeatability at 100 ppb

- Overlaid chromatograms; n = 10
- 100 ppb
- 1 μL splitless injections; 4 m column











Repeatability Summary

%RSD for 10 Replicate Analyses At Different Concentrations

Compound	100 ppb	500 ppb	1 ppm
Aldicarb	5.5	4.0	2.5
Methomyl	6.1	6.8	3.9
Methiocarb	9.4	6.2	3.2





Carbamate Conclusions

- Thiocarbamates thermally labile
- Usually analyzed by LC methods
- GC with PFPD works well for selected thiocarbamate pesticides
- Faster, simpler, more sensitive
- Monitor for hydrocarbon interferences
- Use with XSD for simultaneous measurement of Cl pesticides





Food & Flavor Analysis by PFPD







Introduction

- Sulfur compounds are an important component of flavor analysis
- Responsible for specific and distinctive flavors in many foods & beverages
- Difficult to analyze and identify because present at minimal concentrations
- MS or FID commonly used, but not sensitive enough to detect sulfur compounds at trace levels







GC Configuration MS/FID/PFPD

FID

PFPD

Agilent FID in Front for Sulfur Marking

OI Analytical PFPD in Back For Quantitation

6890N GC with 5973N MS

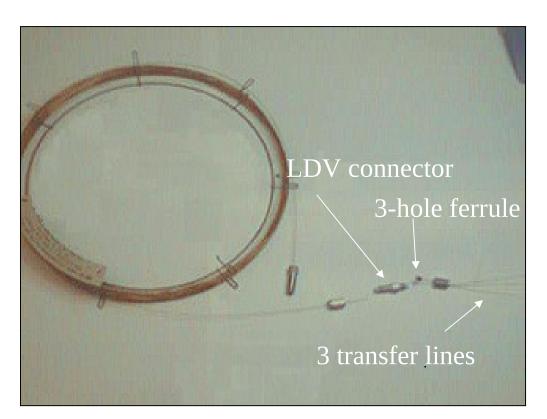




Column Configuration for 3 Detectors



Standard installation at injection port

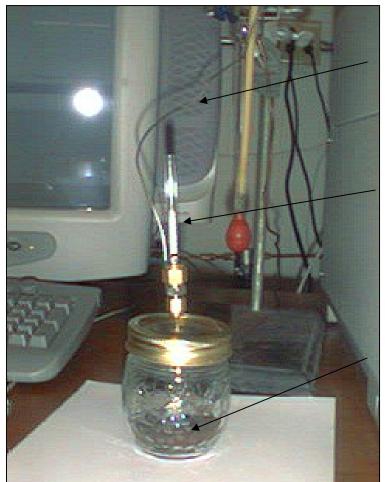


Detector end split using low dead volume connector and a 3-hole ferrule





Headspace Apparatus



Line carrying He purge gas

GC inlet liner packed With 100 mg Tenax

~20 grams coffee

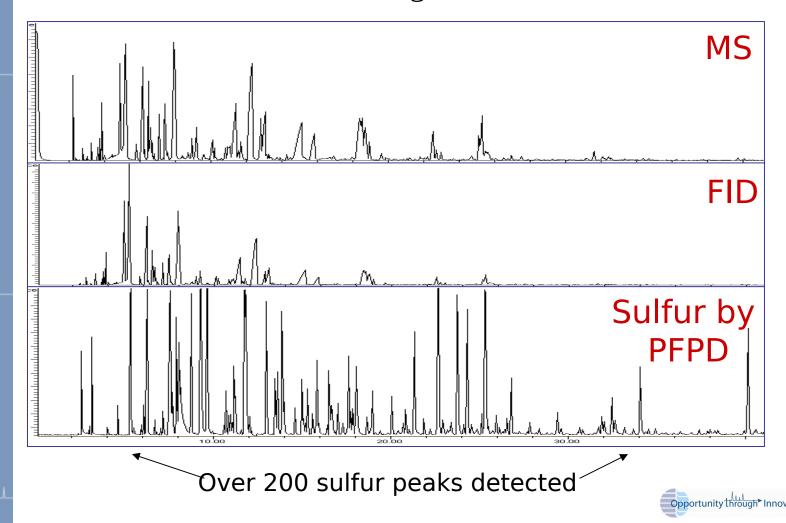






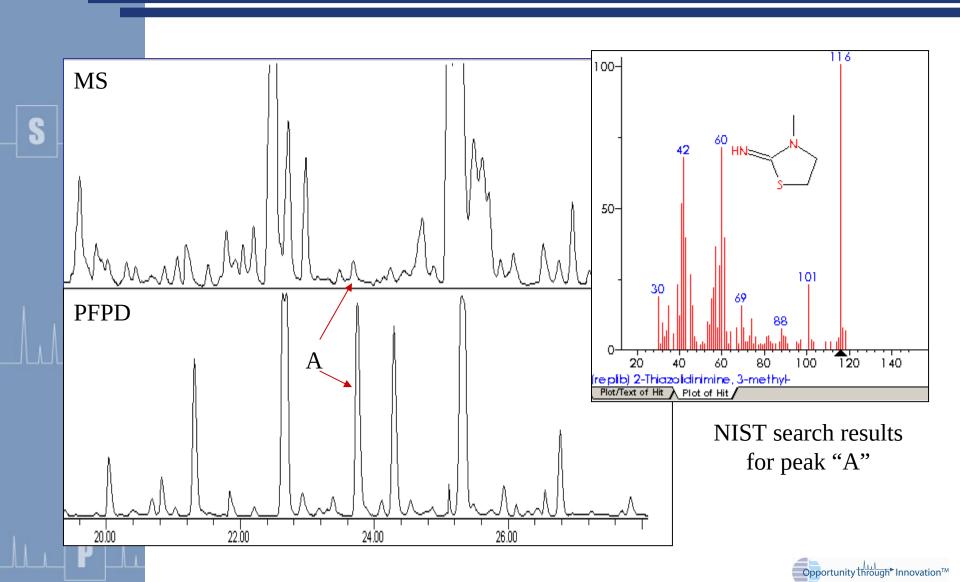
Coffee Headspace by MS/FID/PFPD

3 Simultaneous Chromatograms From Coffee "A"



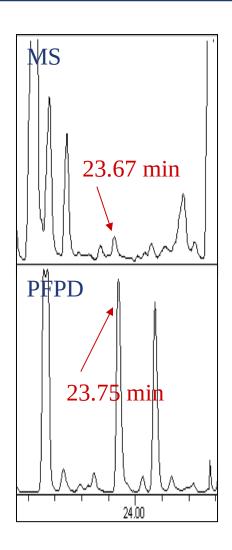


PFPD Used To Identify Sulfur RTs





Compound Retention Times

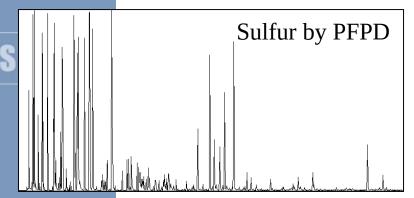


- MS and PFPD (and FID) chromatograms very slightly offset by 4-5 seconds
 - Reproducible
- Due to fact that MS is under vacuum and PFPD and FID are under slightly positive pressure
- Offset easily determined with a standard prior to analysis of unknowns





Competitive Analysis

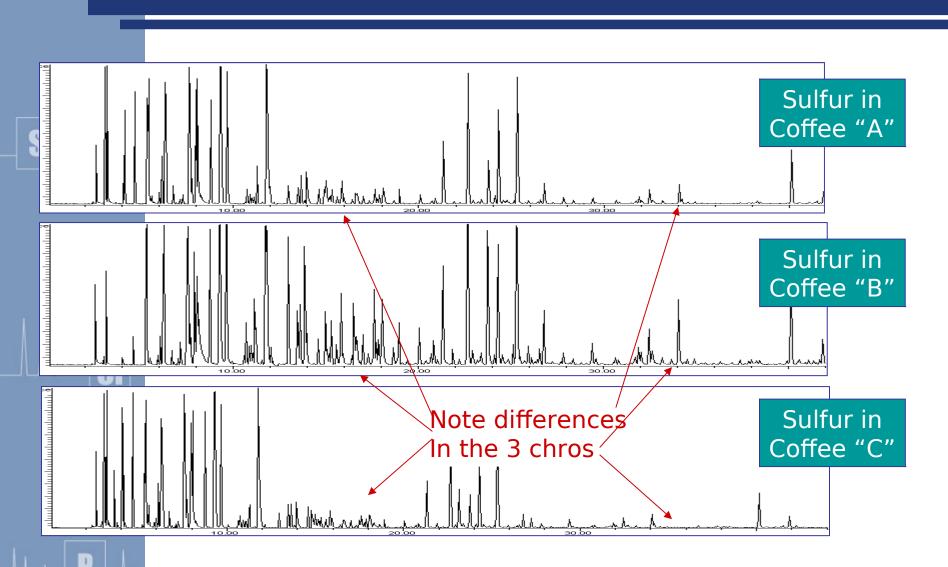


- •The sulfur chromatogram, or "fingerprint" is unique for each coffee blend
- Can be used to identify differences between specific blends
- Determine which sulfur compounds contribute distinctive flavor and aroma





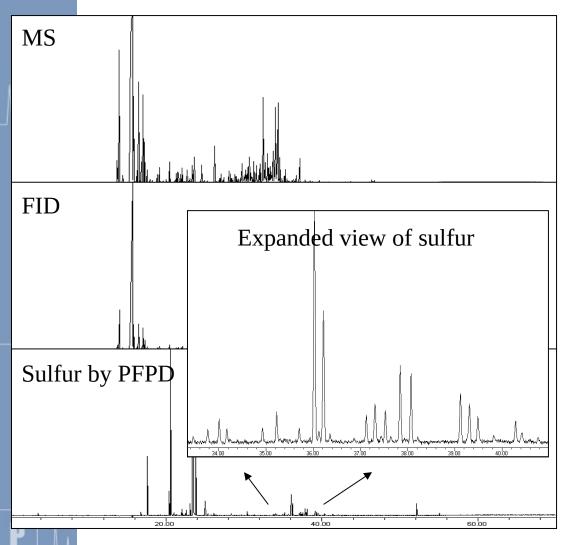
Competitive Analysis of 3 Coffees







Sulfur in Galbanum Oil by PFPD

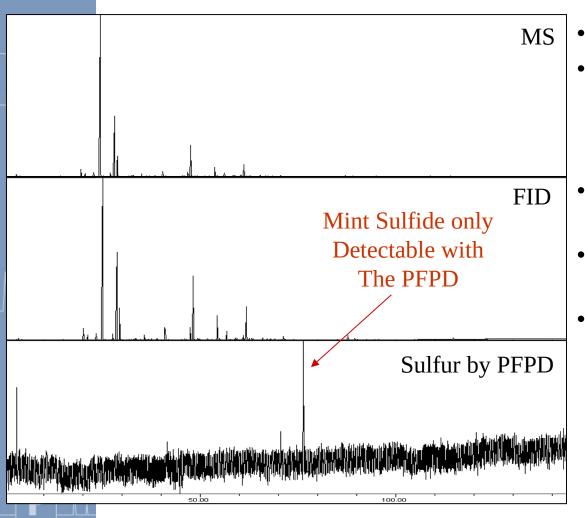


- Essential oil distilled from the galbanum plant
- Green, fresh leafy odor, dry woody undertones, pine highlights
- Used in production of fragrances
- Using an FPD only 4 sulfur peaks were detected





Sulfur in Fishwort Oil

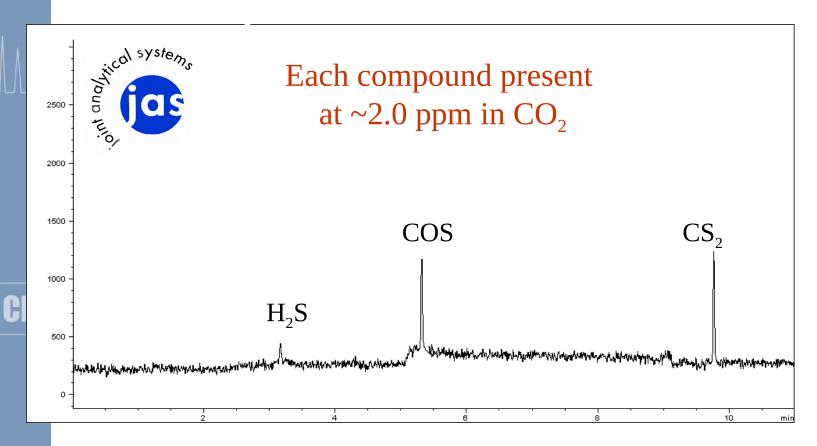


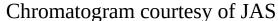
- 0.1 μL injection
- Essential oil distilled from the fishwort, or "Chinese Lizard Tail", plant (2 varieties)
- Corriander aroma or lemon/orange odor
- Used in production of flavors
- Using an FPD no sulfur peaks were detected





Sulfur in Beverage Grade CO₂

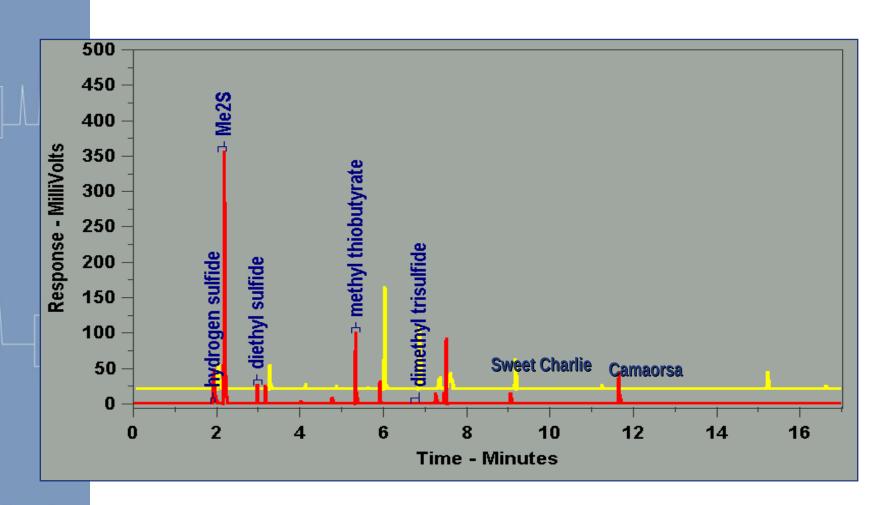








Sulfur in Strawberry by PFPD

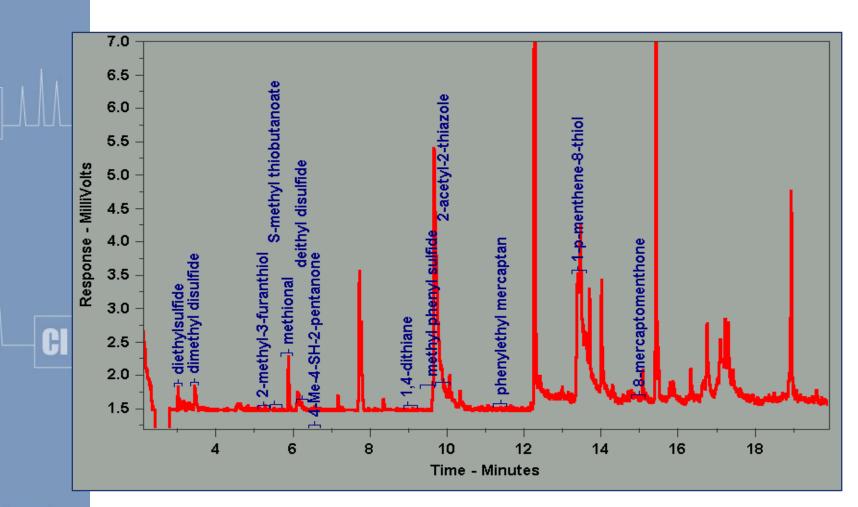








Sulfur in Grapefruit by PFPD

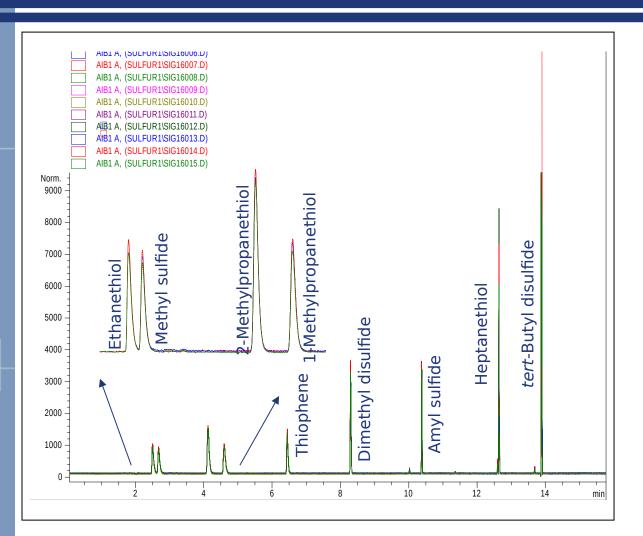








Sulfur in Beer by Headspace

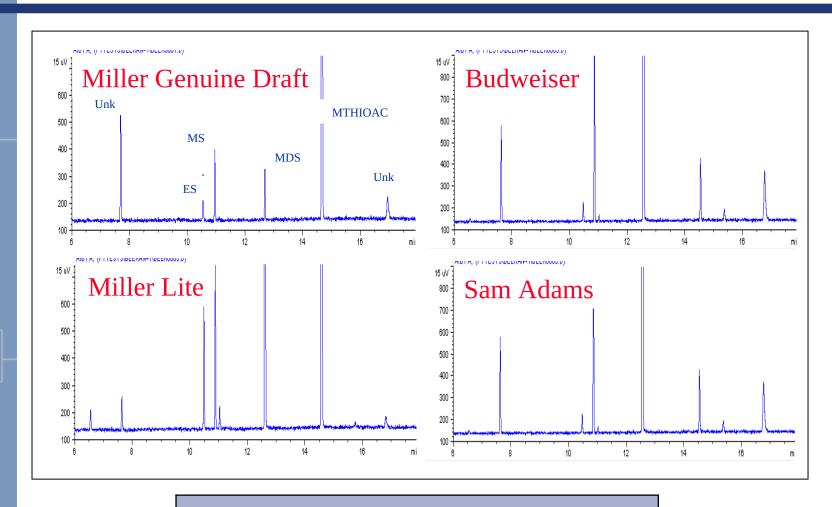


PFPD repeatability at 10 ppb better than 10%





Sulfur in Beer by PFPD

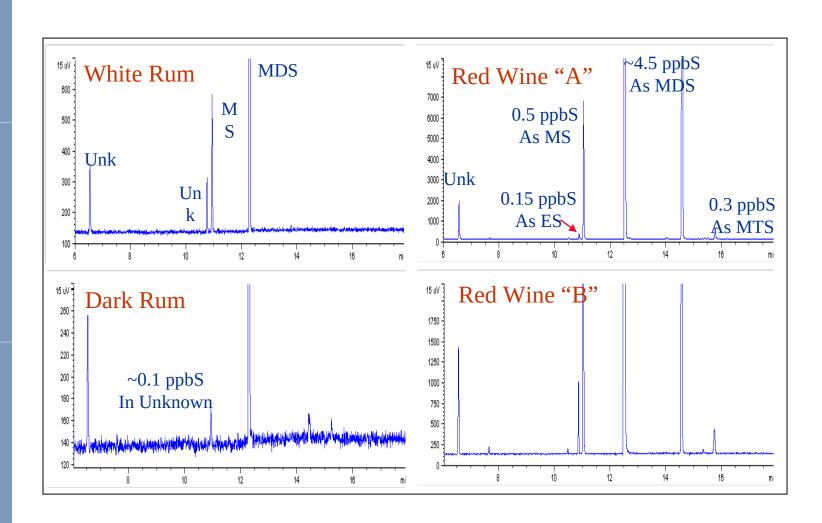


Sulfur concentrations in beers tested ranged from 0.1 ppbS to ~4 ppbS





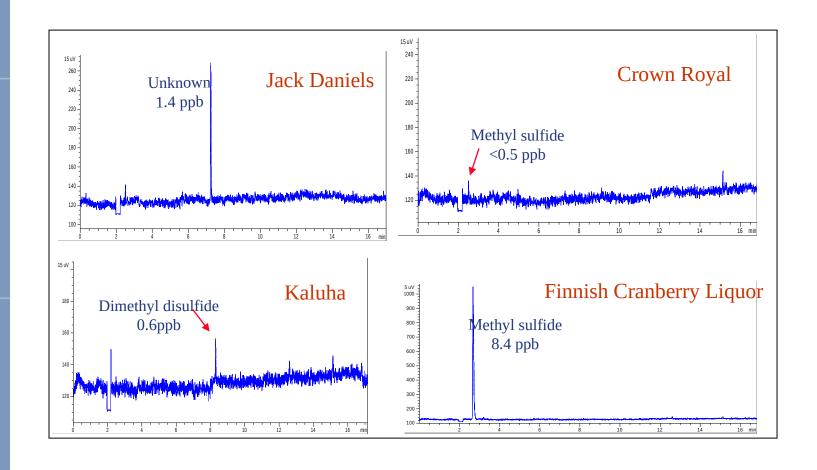
Sulfur in Wine and Rum by PFPD







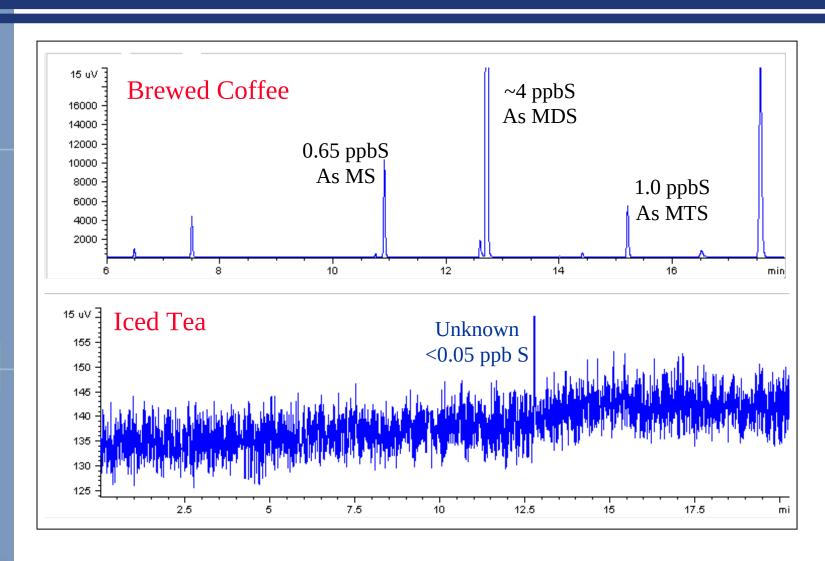
Sulfur in Liquor by PFPD







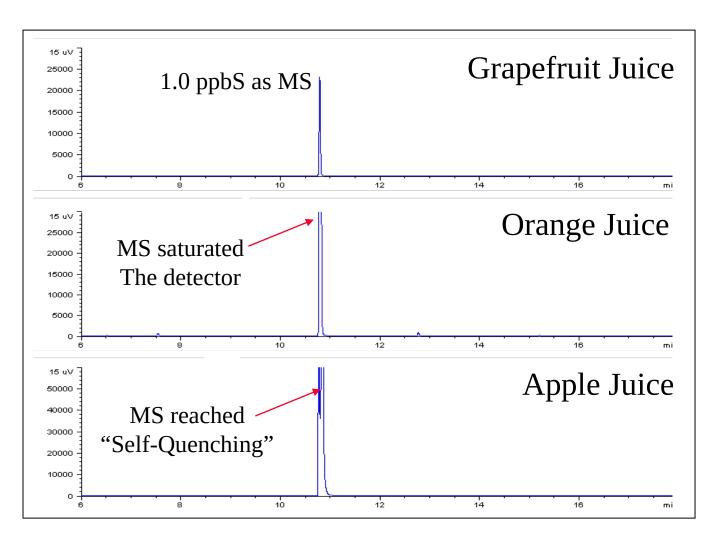
Sulfur in Coffee & Tea by P&T/PFPD







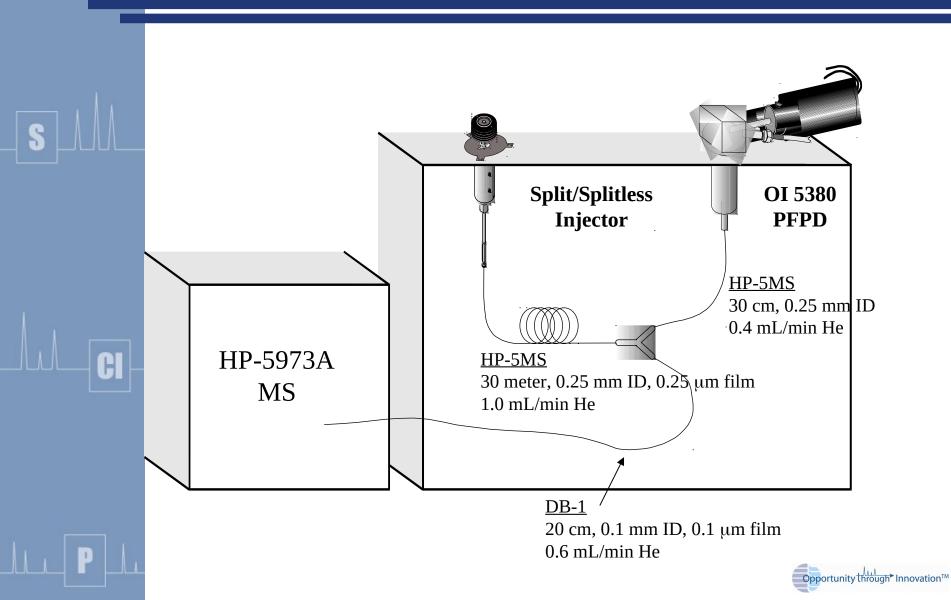
Sulfur in Juice by P&T/PFPD







PFPD-MS Configuration





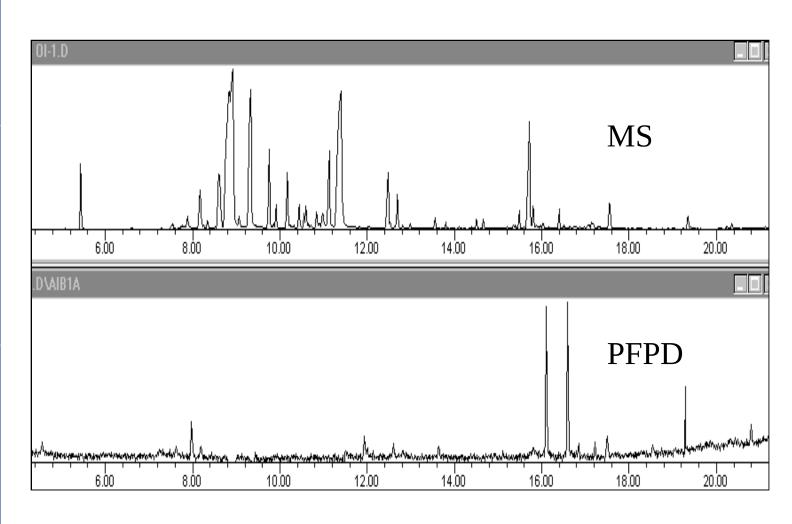
Twister™ by Gerstal, Inc.







Sulfur in Cola by PFPD/MS with Twister™

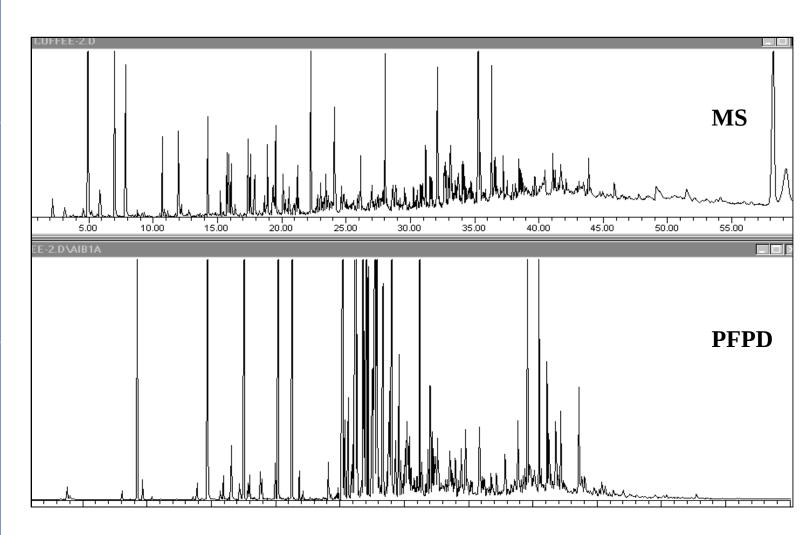








Sulfur in Coffee by PFPD/MS with Twister™







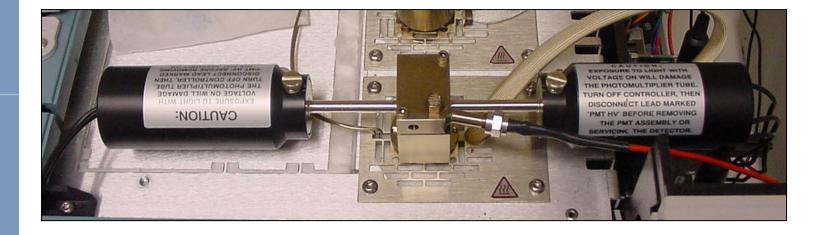
Other Applications by PFPD







Chemical Warfare Analyses



- A 2-headed PFPD for simultaneous, selective P and S detection
- One body/combustor, two filter/PMTs
- One side filter and gates optimized for S
- One side filter and gates optimized for P





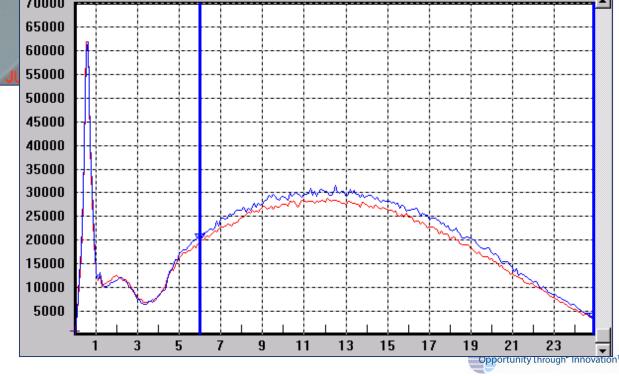


Dual-Headed PFPD



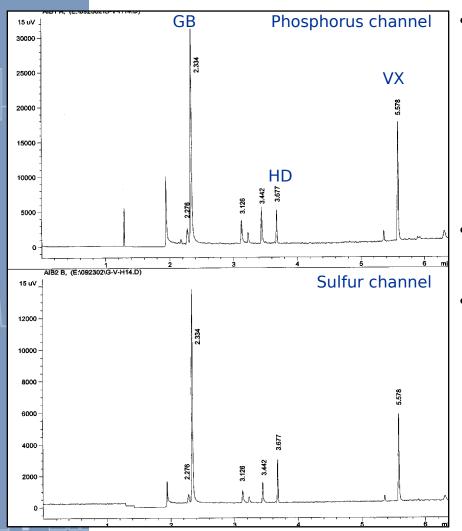
This one configured for S on both "sides"







CW Agent Detection with PFPD



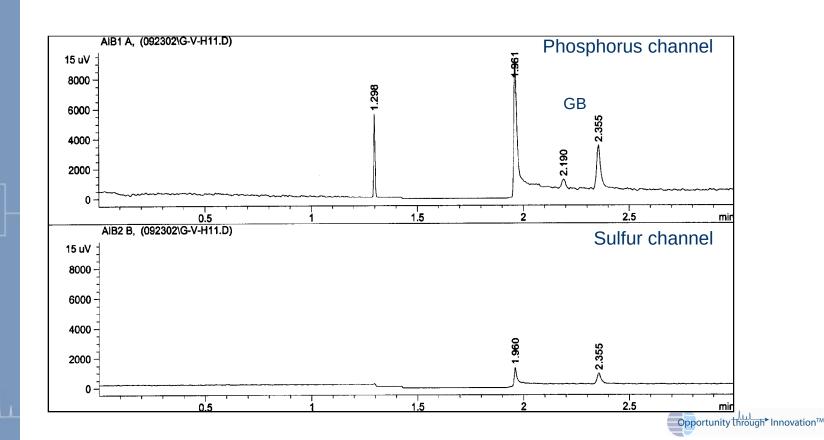
- Typical GB, VX and HD chromatogram
 - HP 6890 with PFPD configured to favor phosphorus response
 - HP-5 30-m x 0.32-mm-od x 25μm film with He flow of 2.5 mL/min; ramped from 40° to 230°C
 - P gate: 4-15 msec; S Gate: 6-24.9 msec
 - 39 pg GB; 39 pg VX; 50 pg HD
- Excellent peak shapes and responses illustrate detector potential for multielement-based multi-agent analysis
- Background peaks lower in S channel than P channel, although S gate opens only two msec after P gate
 - Proper gate settings allow enhanced discrimination against background constituents.





P Detectivity and GB Limit of Detection

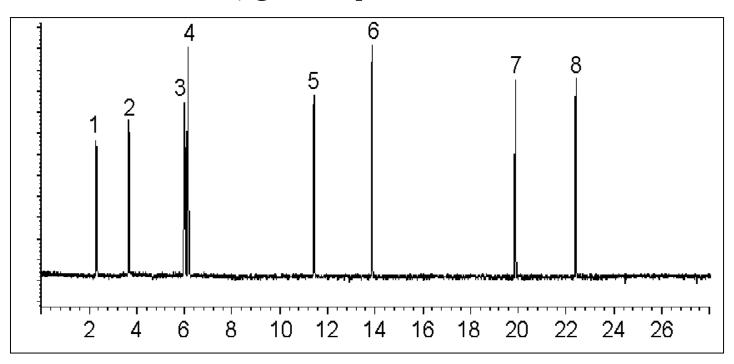
- Response from a 1.9 pg injection of GB, assuming S/N of three as the LOD
 - GB LOD \approx 400 fg
 - Phosphorus detectivity ≈ 43 fg P/sec
- PFPD was configured for general use; LOD and detectivity can be improved by optimizing for P response





Reduced Sulfur in Pulp Mill Effluent

200 μg S/L aqueous standard



Chromatogram courtesy of NCASI







End of Part 5



