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#### **Introduction**

- Submarine Atmosphere- Unique environment-Sailor extended exposure.
- Hard to detect- exposure to hazardous chemical and biological agents.
- Sailors on Navy submarines need equipment to detect these easily and fast.
- Dräger tubes being used currently.
  - Manually operated pumps
  - Human error

- Evaluate *Dräger CMS* response
  - □ To known concentrations of applied gasses
  - □ To the interference gas (Hydrogen, the submarines normal background) introduced.
  - □ Two tests for applied gasses, five trials each.
- Hydrogen(H<sub>2</sub>) Background tested
  - □ 300ppm
  - Submarine background varies from 200ppm-10,000ppm

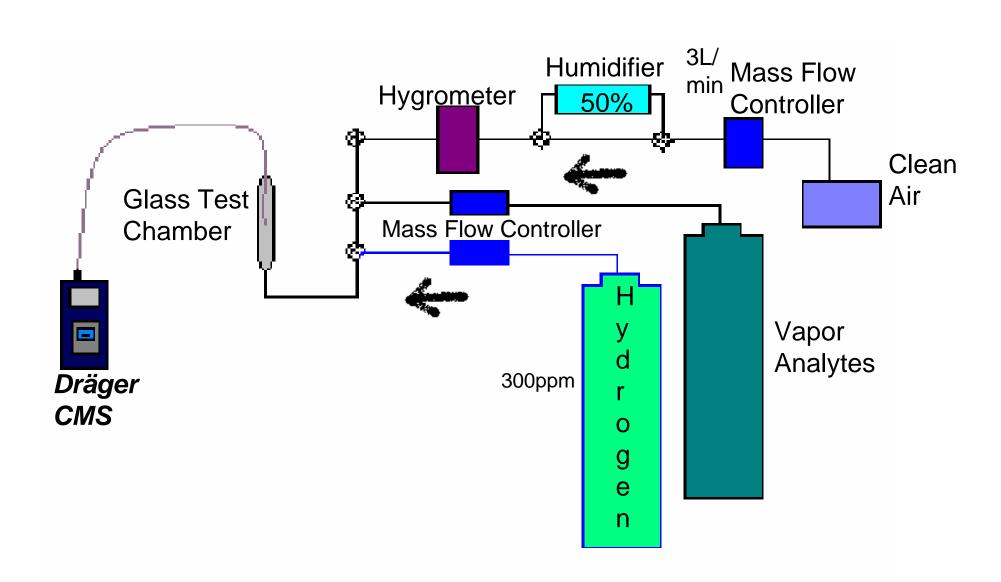
Dräger CMS (Chip Measurement System)an electronic based analyzer with integrated Data Recorder and remote system.

Chips-Substancespecific colorimetric measuring chips:



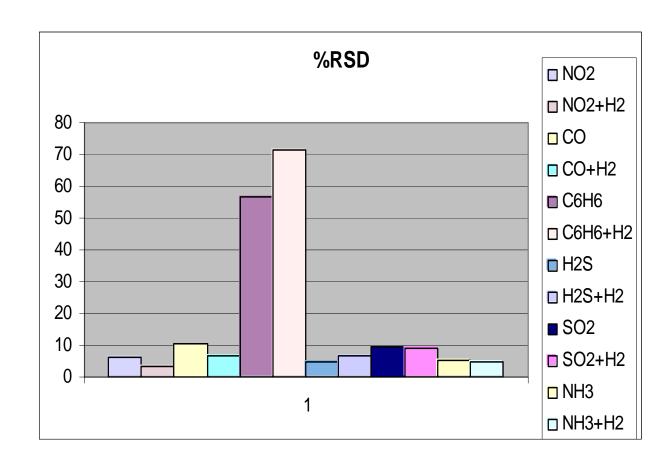


## Vapor Generation System



# **Dräger CMS Results**Data/results

% Relative Standard Deviation



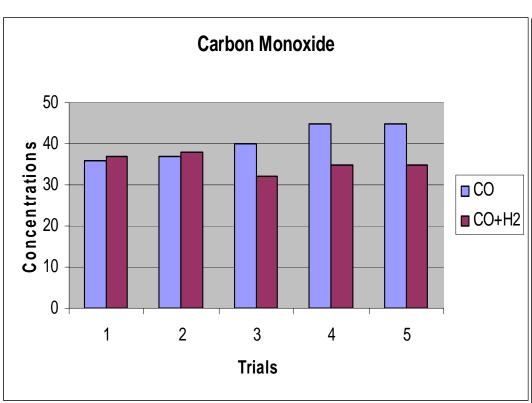
## Table1

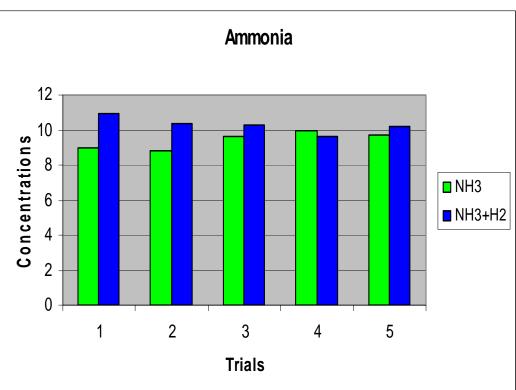
Tests $C_{alc_{Ulations}}$	Tests Without H <sub>2</sub>	Tests With H <sub>2</sub>	Tests Without H <sub>2</sub>	Tests With H <sub>2</sub>	Tests Without H <sub>2</sub>	Test With H <sub>2</sub>		Tests Without H <sub>2</sub>	Tests With H <sub>2</sub>
Chemical name	Nitrogen Dioxide	Nitrogen Dioxide	Benzene	Benzene	Hydrogen Sulfide	1	ogen fide	Sulpher Dioxide	Sulpher Dioxide
C <sub>ONCONFRATION</sub> Tested	бррт	бррт	1ppm	1ppm	10ppm	10p	pm	15ppm	15ppm
Standard Deviation	0.36ppm	0.19ppm	0.68ppm	0.82ppm	0.51ppm	0.68	ppm	1.13ppm	1.08ppm
%RSD	6.22%	3.27%	56.49%	71.47%	4.78%	6.77%		9.76%	9.13%
Student's T-Test	95% chance No significant Difference		95% chance No significant Difference		95% chance No significant Difference		95% chance No significant Difference		

### Table 2

Tests Calculations	Tests Without H2	Tests With H2	Tests Without H2	Tests With H2	
Chemical name	Carbon Monoxide	Carbon Monoxide	Ammonia	Ammonia	
Concentration Tested	50ppm	50ppm	10ppm	10ppm	
Standard Deviation	4.28ppm	2.30ppm	0.50ppm	0.47ppm	
%RSD	10.54%	6.50%	5.33%	4.53%	
Student's T-Test	95% chance there IS a significant difference		95% chance there IS a significant difference		

#### Hydrogen Interference





#### Conclusion



- Stable and Reproducible results
- %RSD <10%
  - □ Except for the pump failure on Benzene
- Suggested Hydrogen interference in Ammonia and Carbon Monoxide tests.
- Overall, reliable in testing known analytes in known concentrations.

- Future
  - a universal detector vs. individual sample for one analyte.
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