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Introduction

ISO 6974 describes methods of analysis of natural gas and methods for calculating component mole fractions and uncertainties. ISO 6974 is intended for the measurement of H_2, He, O_2, N_2, CO_2 and hydrocarbons, either as individual components or as a group, for example all hydrocarbons above C_5, defined as C_{6+}. This approach is suitable for a range of end applications, including calibrating gas mixtures and providing natural gas composition and uncertainty data to be used in the calculation of calorific value and other additive physical properties of the gas. Details of these end applications are provided in ISO 6974-3 and subsequent parts of ISO 6974.

This part of ISO 6974 gives guidelines for the gas chromatographic analysis of natural gas and methods of data processing to determine compositions of component mole fractions.

ISO 6974-2 describes the steps required to calculate the uncertainty of each component mole fraction.

ISO 6974-3 and subsequent parts of ISO 6974 describe different gas chromatographic methods. These methods cover both daily practice in the laboratory and on-line field applications. In this part of ISO 6974, Annex A provides a comparison of the characteristics of the analytical methods described in ISO 6974-3 and subsequent parts of ISO 6974.

In cases where only component mole fractions are required, it is intended that this part of ISO 6974 be used in conjunction with a gas chromatographic method of analysis, e.g. ISO 6974-3 or subsequent parts of ISO 6974. In cases where component mole fractions and associated uncertainties are required, it is intended that this part of ISO 6974 be used in conjunction with ISO 6974-2, in addition to a gas chromatographic method of analysis.

This part of ISO 6974 describes all the essential steps for setting up an analysis, including outlining the structure of the analysis, defining the working ranges and establishing the analytical procedure. When the working ranges of the components have been defined, an evaluation is carried out to determine whether components are to be considered as

— main components or groups of components to be analysed using direct measurement (directly measured components),

— components or groups of components to be analysed using indirect measurement, by reference to a different reference component in the calibration gas mixture (indirectly measured components), or

— components that are not measured and whose mole fraction can be assumed to be constant (components not measured).

This part of ISO 6974 provides for the use of three types of method: single operation, multiple operation with bridging and multiple operation without bridging. The last of these methods is a special case of a single operation method.

This part of ISO 6974 describes the conventional normalization approach for calculating processed mole fractions from raw mole fractions (see 5.5). When conventional normalization is used for multiple operations without bridging methods, the uncertainties of the calculated mole fractions will be conservative. If a more accurate assessment of uncertainty is required, an alternative approach for normalization, using the generalized least squares (GLS) method, can be used; this is described in Annex B, which is intended to be used when calculating uncertainties in accordance with ISO 6974-2. Further alternative approaches are available for calculating processed mole fractions, including methane-by-difference (see Annex C) and data harmonization (see Reference [1]).

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1 Scope

This part of ISO 6974 gives methods for calculating component mole fractions of natural gas and specifies the data processing requirements for determining component mole fractions. This part of ISO 6974 provides for both single and multiple operation methods and either multi-point calibration or a performance evaluation of the analyser followed by single-point calibration. This part of ISO 6974 gives procedures for the calculation of the raw and processed (e.g. normalized) mole fractions, and their associated uncertainties, for all components. The procedures given in this part of ISO 6974 are applicable to the handling of data obtained from replicate or single analyses of a natural gas sample.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO/IEC Guide 98-3, *Uncertainty of measurement — Part 3: Guide to the expression of uncertainty in measurement (GUM:1995)*

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

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

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

3.1
response
y
output signal of the measuring system for a component that is measured as peak area or peak height

3.2
reference component
component present in a certified reference gas mixture (CRM) (see 3.10), which is used to calibrate the analyser response to other similar components in the sample which are not themselves present in the CRM

NOTE For example, if the CRM contains hydrocarbons up to and including *n*-butane, but no pentanes or higher, then *n*-butane contained in the CRM can be used as a reference component for the quantification of pentanes and heavier components in the sample. The reference component should have a response function that normally is a first-order polynomial with zero intercept, i.e. a straight line through the origin.

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