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THE FORMACS™ HT

CARBON & NITROGEN ANALYZER

Enhance efficiency, accuracy, and reproducibility in laboratory workflows

FORMACSTM HT TOC / TN Analyzer

The FORMACSTM HT TOC / TN analyzers provide fast, reliable analysis of Total Organic Carbon (TOC) and Total Nitrogen (TN) in liquid samples using high temperature catalytic combustion.

The units are designed to measure and handle the concentration of nitrogen and / or carbon fractions from various sample matrices. The analyzer can be operated as stand-alone analyzer, but for complete automation a random access autosampler is available.

The instrument is supplied customized for the sample type and optimized from a range of different catalysts and operation temperatures allowing the analysis of all carbon and nitrogen fractions present in the sample. The fractions can be measured sequentially or simultaneously with automated sample pretreatments such as acidification and purging.

A variety of options and accessories are available such as the PRIMACSTM MCS add-on module for Carbon determination in solid materials, the ND25 Total Nitrogen detector and the possibility of measuring Nitrates and Nitrites to provide a true Kjeldahl alternative.

The FORMACSTM HT analyzer meets the latest requirements for any laboratory from low level up to extended high concentration ranges.

Application fields:

- Drinking water
- Waste water
- Surface water
- Sea water
- High saline waters
- Process control
- Pharmaceutical industry
- Soil extracts
- Others

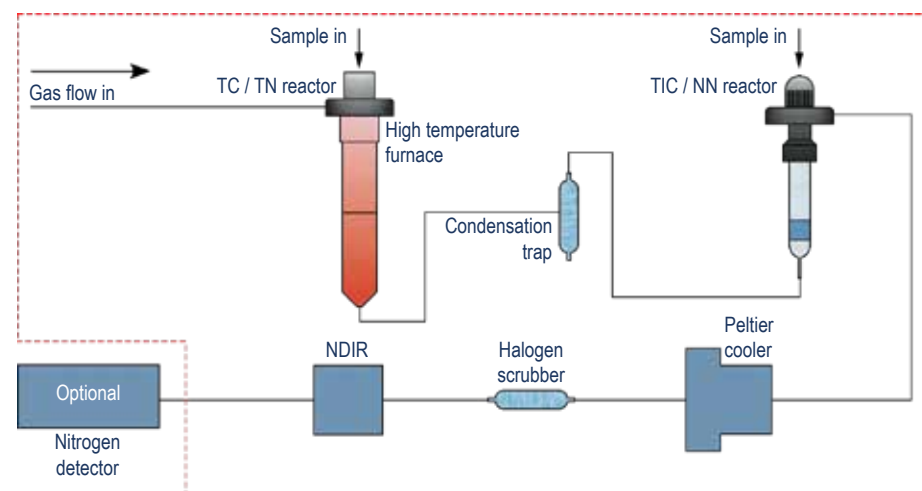


Features

- Stand-alone TOC operation or with auto-sampler
- Homogenization by automated stirring (rod or magnetic)
- Robust rotary septumless injection ports
- Integrated Peltier cooler for optimum moisture removal
- Large variety of vial sizes including septum-closed vials
- Allows a true system blank analysis
- Methods according to EN-ISO 20236, EN 1484, ISO 8245, EPA 9060A, Standard Methods 5310B and various other international and local standards

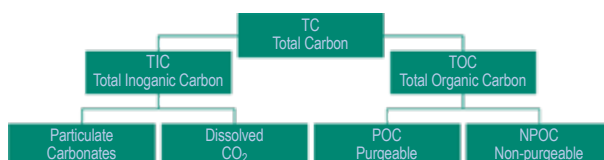
Principle of operation

The FORMACSTM HT analyzer can be operated as stand-alone analyzer. A random access auto sampler is available for complete automation.



The FORMACSTM HT Analyzer measures Total Organic Carbon (TOC) by analyzing the Total Carbon (TC) and the Total Inorganic Carbon (TIC). Total Carbon (TC) is obtained by injection of the sample into a high temperature combustion furnace.

Carbon Fractions



TC is converted to Carbon dioxide (CO₂) at temperatures up to 950°C by catalytic oxidation. The CO₂ formed is subsequently dispersed into the carrier gas and the CO₂ concentration is measured by a non-dispersive infrared detector (NDIR).

TIC is determined by injecting the sample into a reactor containing acid, converting inorganic carbon (IC) to CO₂. The NDIR measures the CO₂ concentration formed during acidification. The TOC concentration is calculated by automatically subtracting the TIC from the TC.

In addition, Non Purgeable Organic Carbon (NPOC) can be measured by automatic acidification and purging of the sample. TIC and the Purgeable Organic Carbon (POC) are then removed. NPOC remains in the sample and is measured directly by injecting the sample into the high temperature combustion furnace. The NPOC equals the TOC if the POC concentration is insignificant (TOC = NPOC + POC).

Optionally, the FORMACSTM HT can be configured to measure POC directly. POC is purged from the liquid sample. The carrier gas + POC are injected in the high temperature combustion furnace and measured by NDIR.



TN & TKN analysis

The ND25 detector can be added to the FORMACSTM HT Analyzer for Total Nitrogen (TN) analysis.



NO₂ and NO₃ Reactor

A wide concentration range of TN can be measured with high accuracy in a short analysis time using chemiluminescence detection (CLD).

The sample is injected into the high temperature furnace where it is catalytically combusted. Oxidative pyrolysis causes the chemically bound nitrogen to be converted to Nitric Oxide (NO). In the ND25 detector, NO reacts to form metastable Nitrogen dioxide. The photons emitted from the rapid decay of the metastable nitrogen dioxide are detected by a photomultiplier tube.

The FORMACSTM HT analyzer also provides a unique cost-effective and safer alternative for Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen (TKN) analysis, by an integrated NN-reactor for the analysis of Nitrate + Nitrite (NN).

The TKN value is determined in two steps, i.e. the analysis of TN and the analysis of NO₃ + NO₂ via chemical reduction, where NO₃ and NO₂ are reduced to NO and detected via CLD detection. The TKN value is obtained automatically by subtraction: TKN = TN - NN.

This unique alternative method of TKN analysis results in a very fast analysis time (5 min.) and eliminates the use of hazardous digestion acids.

The FORMACSTM HT TOC/TN analyzer combines the automation of TOC, TN and TKN all in one system.

Features

- Simultaneous TOC and TN measurements
- CLD detector for analysis of TN and NO₂ + NO₃
- Excellent alternative for Total Kjeldahl Analysis
- Low detection limits
- Fast analyses using no hazardous reagents
- No sample preparation required
- Wide dynamic range
- Low maintenance unit
- Methods according to EN-ISO 20236, EN 12260, ISO 11905-2, ASTM D5176-91 - and various other international and local standards

PRIMACSTM MCS TOC module for solid samples



The FORMACSTM HT TOC analyzer can be extended with the PRIMACSTM MCS module which consists of two integrated reactors for both TC and TIC analysis without any sample preparation. The TC is determined by catalytic oxidation of the sample at 1100°C, which converts the Carbon to CO₂. TIC is determined by acidification of the sample in a separate reactor, which converts IC to CO₂. The PRIMACSTM MCS uses the NDIR detector of the FORMACSTMseries for the detection of CO₂. The PRIMACSTM MCS analyses TC, TIC and TOC. The software calculates the TOC concentration of the samples by subtraction - (TC - TIC = TOC).

Features

- Automatic balance interfacing
- Sample weights up to 3 grams
- Range of 1 mg to 40 mg absolute carbon
- Unique vertical sample introduction system
- Reusable quartz sample crucibles
- Economical concept
- Requires minimal bench space
- Integrated TC and TIC reactors
- No sample pretreatment required
- Methods according to EN 15936, ISO 10694, EN 13639 and various other international and local standards



Data Acquisition & Instrument Control

The analyzer is controlled by Skalar's flexible HTAccess V5 data acquisition software.

HTAccess V5 is a user-friendly software package, which operates in Windows 11 environment. Accurate data processing, reporting, automated quality control features and enhanced analytical tools such as analysis methods with optimized validated settings for a specific analysis and dynamic automatic dilutions are included in this software package.

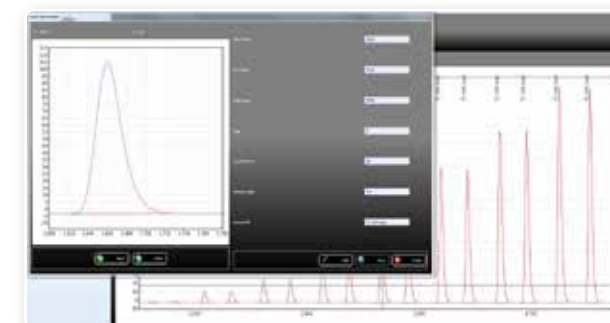
Once the analyzer has been configured to the laboratory preferences and the analysis methods have been validated, the operator simply creates a new analysis table, imports the sample ID's and selects per sample the validated analysis method. A method contains the optimized settings such as oven temperature, injection volume, sample time etc. for a specific analysis. The advantage is that each individual sample can be run with optimized conditions.

During the run the analysis progress can be followed in the analysis window. Each peak is automatically marked and identified in the graphical display of the run with realtime editing functions. The dual channel software displays the peaks and results of Carbon and Nitrogen analysis simultaneously. In case multiple calibration curves are stored, the software automatically selects the best-fit curve for every individual sample. Samples can be added or deleted during an analysis run and the running sequence can be changed in case of priority samples.

Analysis results can be exported to LIMS or Excel, including the statistical data of the analysis such as the calibration curve, CV values and average concentrations. Export and print layouts can be customized by the user.

Features

- Specific optimized validated analysis methods per individual sample
- User defined alarm levels for safe and unattended operation
- User defined access levels to prevent unauthorized actions, like modifying validated analysis methods
- Automatic preparation of working standards
- Extended dilution functions with dynamic dilution factor
- Real-time graphs of analysis integration data for calibration
- Dual or single screen views of Carbon and Nitrogen
- Possibility of opening multiple analysis runs
- Availability of peak editing mode, during or after analysis, for optimizing analysis data before reporting
- Possibility of using Quality samples and creating QC Charts
- Possibility of exporting results during analysis
- Windows 11 compatible



Peak Information Window

Other Skalar TOC & TN Analyzers

Skalar offers a variety of TOC and TN analyzers that are available for liquid or solid samples, all based on international standard regulations.

Liquid Samples

FORMACSTTM HT-i TOC Analyzer

The FORMACSTTM HT-i TOC / TN analyzers provide fast, reliable analysis of TOC and TN in liquid samples by direct sample injection in a high temperature catalytic combustion furnace. The FORMACSTTM HT-i units are especially designed for particulate laden samples (suspensions) like waste waters, but can handle the concentration of nitrogen and/or carbon fractions from various other sample matrices as well.



Solid Samples

PRIMACSTTM SNC-100 TOC - TN / Protein Analyzer

The PRIMACSTTM SNC-100 is a flexible solid sample analyzer with integrated 100-position autosampler for determination of Nitrogen (N) / Protein, Total Carbon (TC), Total Elemental Carbon (TEC), Total Inorganic Carbon (TIC) and Total Organic Carbon (TOC). The analyzer provides fast, accurate and low level analysis for these parameters in applications such as soil & plant, sludges & sediments, animal feed & grain, food, malt, fertilizer etc.



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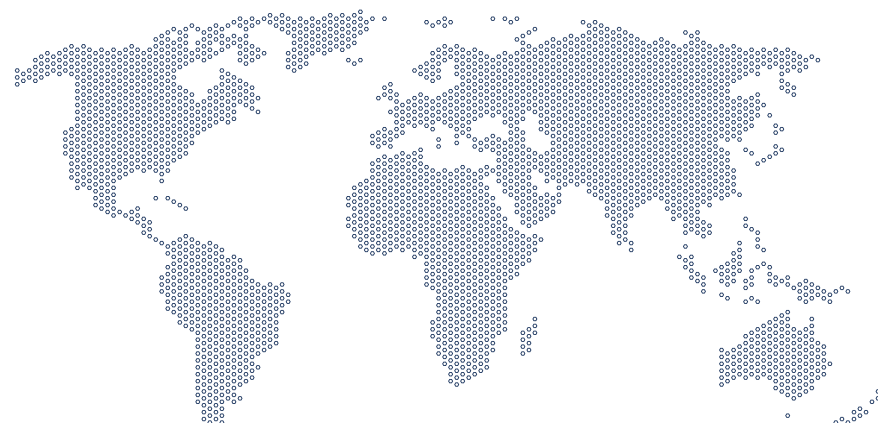
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