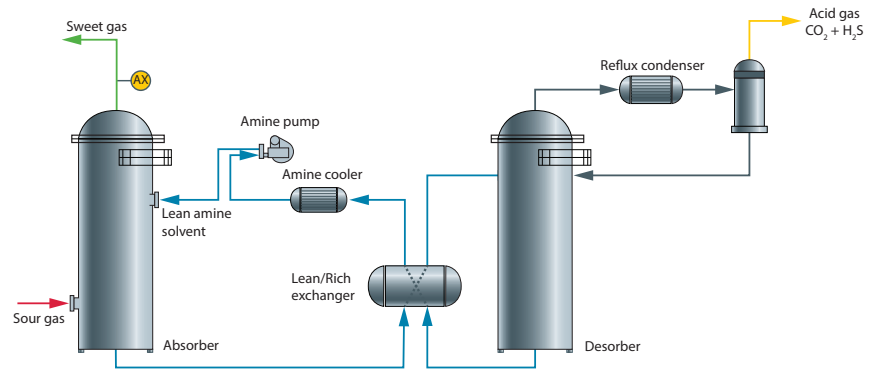


# LNG: H<sub>2</sub>S in LNG amine unit

## Benefits at a glance

- Fast response to H<sub>2</sub>S concentration changes
- Patented differential spectroscopy technique measures H<sub>2</sub>S at low ppmv levels in natural gas
- Low maintenance and OPEX costs – no cylinders of carrier and combustion gases or lead acetate tape
- Laser-based measurement is highly selective and accurate for H<sub>2</sub>S in natural gas



Amine treatment unit

## Amine treatment and gas sweetening

Raw natural gas extracted from different geological formations contains varying amounts of acid gases (H<sub>2</sub>S and CO<sub>2</sub>). The H<sub>2</sub>S concentration in gas intended for cryogenic liquefaction into liquefied natural gas (LNG) must be reduced below 4 ppmv. Amine treatment units are commonly used in gas processing plants to scrub H<sub>2</sub>S from natural gas.

## Reduction and control of H<sub>2</sub>S optimization

In operation, sour gas is contacted with an aqueous amine solution which removes H<sub>2</sub>S by chemical reaction and absorption. Measuring the H<sub>2</sub>S concentration in sweet gas at the outlet of an amine treatment unit ensures the gas meets specifications for LNG cryogenic liquefaction.

## Endress+Hauser's solution

Tunable diode laser absorption spectroscopy (TDLAS) is a SpectraSensors technology that has proven highly effective for this critical gas processing measurement. TDLAS analyzers have an exceptionally fast response to changes in H<sub>2</sub>S concentration, an important performance characteristic for monitoring the efficiency of the amine treatment process and quality of the resulting natural gas product. Endress+Hauser's patented differential spectroscopy technique enables detection and quantitation of low ppm levels of H<sub>2</sub>S in the outlet gas stream of an amine treatment unit. Laser and detector components are isolated and protected from the process gas and entrained contaminants avoiding fouling and corrosion and ensuring stable long-term operation and accurate measurements in the field.

### Application data

Target components (Analyte)	H <sub>2</sub> S in amine treatment unit outlet for LNG production
Typical measurement ranges	0-10, 0-20, ppmv
Typical repeatability	±250 ppbv or ±2% of full scale
Typical accuracy	±500 ppbv at 4 ppmv or 16 ppmv
Measurement update time	<5 seconds
Principle of measurement	Differential tunable diode laser absorption spectroscopy (TDLAS) (H <sub>2</sub> S scrubber included)
Validation	Binary cal gas bottle with methane or nitrogen background (Nitrogen is optional with auto-validation)

### Typical background stream composition

Component	Minimum (Mol%)	Typical (Mol%)	Maximum (Mol%)
Hydrogen sulfide (H <sub>2</sub> S)	0	<2 ppmv	10 ppmv
Water (H <sub>2</sub> O)	0	<1 ppmv	10 ppmv
Nitrogen (N <sub>2</sub> )	0	0.1	3
Oxygen (O <sub>2</sub> )	0	0	1
Carbon dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> )	0	1	3
Methane (C1)	50	95	100
Ethane (C2)	0	3	20
Propane (C3)	0	1	15
Butanes (C4)	0	0.5	5
Pentanes and heavier (C <sub>5</sub> +) )	0	0.4	2

The background stream composition must be specified for proper calibration and measurement performance. Specify the normal composition, along with the minimum and maximum expected values for each component, especially H<sub>2</sub>S, the measured component. Other stream compositions may be allowable with approval from Endress+Hauser.