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The process control of a sulphuric acid plant needs good and reliable detection of gas phase SO<sub>2</sub>. To measure SO<sub>2</sub> is a challenge due to the corrosive environment and high concentration of SO<sub>2</sub>.

Several places in the process needs to be monitored and to transport the sample gas is difficult. A large dynamic range is needed as the SO<sub>2</sub> concentration can vary between 15% volume and a few mg/m<sup>3</sup>.

Most systems installed need a lot of maintenance, sometimes as often as every day.

The OPSIS DOAS system is different and provides sulphuric acid plants with an accurate analyser that can measure in temperatures up to 1000°C and with a maximum pressure of 1 Bar (G).

The system operates with a minimum of maintenance. A typical service interval with an OPSIS system is 3 to 6 months. The OPSIS DOAS system is a noncontact method, using an optical measurement path that operates across a duct. The optical light is transported in an optical fibre to the analyser and one analyser can operate several paths.

Besides the measurements of  $SO_2$ , additional gases such as  $SO_3$ ,  $H_2O$  and  $O_2$  can be measured.

#### RETURN OF INVESTMENT

The cost of investing in an OPSIS DOAS system, to measure  $SO_2$  and other gases, is small compared to the amount of money that can be saved by having better control of the process. The cost of the OPSIS DOAS system is also small compared to the amount of money that are spent on maintaining old systems based on extractive techniques.

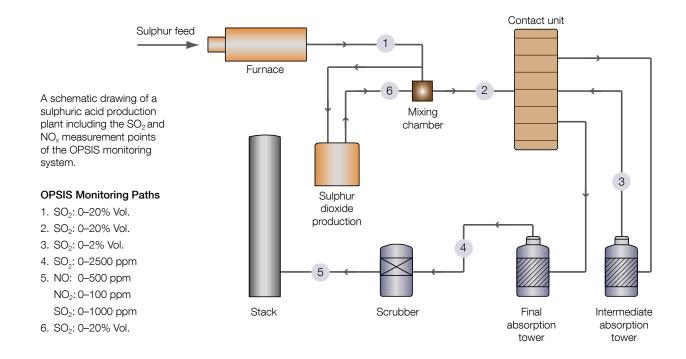
#### **TEST AND APPROVALS**

The OPSIS system has been tested and approved by a number of internationally recognized institutes and authorities. The system meets the European directive for power plants and is approved by German TÜV, British MCERTS and U.S. EPA. Full details are available on request.

#### **OPSIS PRODUCT PORTFOLIO**

OPSIS has a full product portfolio for measurements of gases in a sulphuric acid production plant. It includes systems for continuous emissions monitoring, process control as well as for air quality monitoring. The total solution also includes highly skilled service and support.

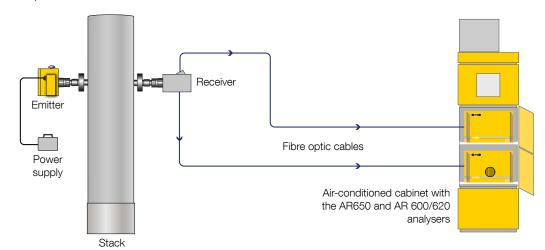
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### SYSTEM OVERVIEW

An OPSIS system layout for monitoring in a sulphuric acid production plant



**QAL 1 CERTIFICATION: BEST PERFORMANCE** LONGEST CALIBRATION INTERVAL

#### PERFORMANCE DATA

(typical data which may vary depending on application)

Compound	Max. measurement range (1 m path) <sup>(1)</sup>	Lowest measurement range according to EN 15267	Min. detectable quantities (monitoring path 1 m, measurement time 30 sec.)
UV/IR DOAS Analysei	r Models AR600 / AR602Z / AR602Z	/Hg / AR602Z/N / AR602Z/NH	g / AR620
SO <sub>2</sub> emission	0-5000 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	0-75 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	0.5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
SO <sub>2</sub> process	0-100% Vol.	_	0.1% Vol.
SO <sub>3</sub> (2)	0–1000 g/m <sup>3</sup>	_	0.3 g/m <sup>3</sup>
NO <sup>(3)</sup>	0–2000 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	0-150 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	0.5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
NO <sub>2</sub>	0–2000 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	0–20 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	0.5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
H <sub>2</sub> O	0-100% Vol.	0-30% Vol.	0.1% Vol.
Hg <sup>o</sup>	0-1000 μg/m <sup>3</sup>	0-45 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	0.5 μg/m <sup>3</sup>
FTIR DOAS Analyser	Models AR650 / AR650/N		
SO <sub>2</sub>	0–1000 g/m <sup>3</sup>	_	30 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
SO <sub>3</sub>	0–1000 g/m <sup>3</sup>	_	30 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
CO	0–10000 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	0-75 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
H <sub>2</sub> O	0-100% Vol.	0-30% Vol.	0.1% Vol.
CO <sub>2</sub>	0-100% Vol.	0-20% Vol.	0.1% Vol.
CH <sub>4</sub>	0–10000 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	0-20 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	0.5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
HF	0–1000 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	0-1.5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	0.1 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
HCI	0-5000 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	0-15 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	0.5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
LD500 Laser Diode G	as Analyser		
CO	0-100% Vol.	_	0.1% Vol.
CO <sub>2</sub>	0-100% Vol.	_	0.1% Vol.
H <sub>2</sub> O	0-100% Vol.	_	0.1% Vol.
H <sub>2</sub> S	0-100% Vol.	_	0.1% Vol.
$O_2$	0–21%	_	0.1% Vol.
Temperature	0-1400°C	_	10°C

- (1) This data refers to a light path of 1 m. For longer paths the maximum range is proportionally smaller. Products are available to create shorter paths in very wide stacks.
- (2) Maximum SO<sub>2</sub> concentration 500 mg/m<sup>3</sup> × m. (3) Maximum SO<sub>2</sub> concentration 5 g/m<sup>3</sup> × m.
- Recommended monitoring path length: 1 to 5 m.
- · After wet scrubbers or when the particulate concentration is high, the monitoring path length may have to be reduced.
- For span and zero drift, please refer to QAL1 documents.
- Linearity error (of measurement range, better than): ±1%.
- Max. length of fibre optic cable: please refer to product sheet P9 and P16 Besides the compounds above, the OPSIS system monitors the following gases: hydrogen bromide (HBr), bromine ( $Br_2$ ), iodine ( $I_2$ ), hydrogen cyanide (HCN), phosgene (COC $I_2$ ), and others.



### **Continuous Emissions Monitoring** and Process Control by OPSIS

Combines the benefits of UV/FTIR DOAS and TDL technology

Best performance according to QAL 1 certification

Longest calibration interval according to QAL 1 certification

Automatic QAL 3 check as option

No sampling required, non-contact measurement system

One analyser can operate several monitoring paths

Operates with a minimum of maintenance

Low energy consumption

Gas calibration only once per year

Internationally approved

Thousands of systems installed worldwide

Serviced by highly skilled service network

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Please contact your OPSIS supplier to discuss your particular system requirements, including the compounds you wish to monitor. Separate product and other industrial application sheets are available. Specifications subject to change without notice.

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