Select and price substrates with AMPTS II Light
Simplify the selection and pricing of substrates

Determine a substrate’s true energy content
The AMPTS II Light allows users to determine the biomethane potential, anaerobic biodegradability and dynamic degradation profile of any biomass substrate. This in turn will allow users to select and price a substrate according to its true energy content of biomass, thus helping to ensure a good control of substrate economy for biogas plants.

Compare your results and reports
The AMPTS II Light supports all anaerobic biodegradability, biochemical methane potential (BMP) and specific methanogenic activity (SMA) test protocols, allowing for the standardisation of measurement procedures, data interpretation and reports.

In addition to providing automatic gas volume measurements and data logging, significantly reducing time, labour and skill demands for these analyses, it also allows for data from different tests and operators to be easily compared. Thus, operators are able to compare all results and reports, and better monitor changes in substrate energy content over time and with each delivery.

Take control of selecting and pricing substrates
The high quality of the data obtained from the AMPTS II Light can be used to extract important kinetic information of the degradation process, which in turn can be used for selecting and pricing substrates according to their true energy content of biomass. This in turn will help biogas operators and substrate suppliers to better control their substrate economy, having a positive impact on overall profitability.

Explore the potential of available substrates
The AMPTS II Light is a well-engineered instrument developed for biogas plant operators for the rapid evaluation of biomethane or biogas potential from various biomass substrates.

The AMPTS II Light will allow operators to fully explore the biomethane or biogas potential of all available substrates and make better business decisions based upon the true value of a substrate.
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**Outstanding real-time performance**

The AMPTS II Light is an efficient analytical instrument for conducting various anaerobic batch fermentation tests including biomethane potential assays in real time, having sampling, analysis, recording and report generation fully integrated and automated. A multi-channel analyser consisting of six parallel reactors and the same number of measurement channels (flow cells) attached to a data acquisition system, allows for the real-time investigation of different samples.

**Temperature and pressure compensation**

The real-time temperature and pressure compensation feature of the AMPTS II Light ensures that the impact of measurement conditions can be minimised and data presentation standardised. The temperature and pressure are measured every time a flow cell opens, allowing the user to derive exact kinetic information compensated for any variation of ambient temperature and pressure over time, while considering the vapour content of the gas. The normalised volumes are presented under dry conditions at 0 °C and 1 atm.

**Stable and reliable operation**

The internal software of the AMPTS II Light runs on an embedded ARM CPU utilising the Linux operating system. This provides for an unmatched stability, data protection and minimum downtime. Thus, users will never experience data loss under normal operating conditions, which is always a risk with PC based solutions. Software updates issued by Bioprocess Control can be installed by the user in a controlled and easy manner.

**Network ready and easy access**

The AMPTS II Light is designed to allow easy access from a remote location. Through the use of standard protocols and connections, the AMPTS II Light behaves like any other unit on an internal network, secured by a user definable password.

All interactions with the software are conducted through a web browser using any computer. Thus, experiment monitoring can be carried out with any kind of smartphone or tablet.

The analytical capacity of AMPTS II Light can be easily expanded by connecting multiple instruments together with an Ethernet switch. With this feature, each AMPTS II Light can be operated alone or connected in parallel for analytical capacity expansion, entirely depending on user needs.
A software application designed for anaerobic batch fermentation tests

The AMPTS II Light web-based software application has been specially designed for carrying out biomethane potential and anaerobic biodegradability tests. This application, which is easy to understand and navigate, allows users to set up an experiment, monitor its progress and download the results with little effort.

Moreover, all data is in a format that allows for easy analysis. The AMPTS II Light software application is simply a natural extension of an already universal hardware platform that has been designed for carrying out biomethane potential and anaerobic biodegradability tests.

A simple and intuitive experiment setup

The Experiment Settings feature of the software application allows users to prepare an experiment by calculating and setting up individual data for each batch test. The user enters values for the total amount of sample, volatile solids (VS) or COD content of inoculum and substrate, inoculum to substrate ratio, total reactor volume, and expected methane content of the produced gas. The software then automatically calculates and generates experiment guidelines for the amount of substrate and inoculum needed in each batch test.

A software application specially designed for anaerobic batch fermentation tests
Total control throughout an experiment

The Control feature of the AMPTS II Light software application allows users to control both the mixing of reactors and status of each batch test in real-time during an ongoing experiment.

Users can control the interval, speed, rotation direction and on/off time of mechanical agitation to ensure each reactor is operated under optimum mass transfer conditions. Users can also easily start, pause and stop data acquisition of an ongoing experiment at any time by means of a simple to use cell control feature, which also indicates the status of a cell at all times. Overall, this allows users to have optimal control of all reactors and batch experiments at all times with the simple click of a virtual button from the software user interface.

See your experiment in real-time and anywhere

The Graph feature of the AMPTS II Light software application and embedded web server allows users to see their experiment in real-time and from anywhere. Users can easily monitor the accumulated gas volume and flow rate of each reactor in real time by selecting and viewing only the one they wish to see.

Moreover, all values displayed are, if selected, adjusted for gas solubility and/or initial headspace composition and all gas volumes normalized to 1 atmospheric pressure, 0 °C and zero moisture content. This flexibility and precision allows users to always know the status of an experiment, as well as the data being produced.
The AMPTS II Light is currently used by energy producers, organic waste handlers, wastewater treatment plants, food producers, bio-ethanol producers and bio-hydrogen producers.

The AMPTS II Light can be used in various industrial analyses including, but not limited to, biomethane and biogas production potential analysis, anaerobic respiration, biodegradability tests, anaerobic toxicity assays and determining the true dynamic degradation profile of any biomass substrate.
Technical specifications

Sample incubation unit
Maximum number of reactors per system: 6
Reactor material: glass
Standard reactor volume: 2000 ml
Dimension: 59 x 34 x 28 cm
Temperature control: up to 95°C (203°F) (precision of 0.2°C)
Mixing in the reactor: mechanical agitation (adjustable interval, speed and rotation directions), maximum speed 200 rpm

Carbon dioxide absorption unit
Carbon dioxide trap bottles: 6
Volume of carbon dioxide trap bottles: 500 ml
Dimension of unit: 44 x 30 x 6 cm
Absorption liquid: 3 M NaOH with pH indicator, 80 ml per bottle (not included)
Absorption efficiency: >98%

Flow cell array and DAQ unit
Working principle: liquid displacement and buoyancy
Up to 6 cells running in parallel
Built-in pressure and temperature sensor
Measurement resolution: 9 ml (standard) or 2 ml (optional)
Detection capacity: up to 30 l cumulative gas per channel for each batch test with 9 ml flow cell; up to 6.5 l cumulative gas per channel for each batch test with 2 ml flow cell
Measuring range for instant gas flow rate: 9 to 110 ml/min for 9 ml flow cell; 2 to 24 ml/min for 2 ml flow cell
Integrated data acquisition (maximum capacity 2 x 10⁴ flow cell openings)
Dimension: 51 x 44 x 18 cm
Housing: plastic
Measuring precision: CV≤ 1%

Software and System
- A software application specially designed for anaerobic batch fermentation tests including biomethane potential and anaerobic biodegradability tests
- Web-based software running on an embedded server
- Online real-time gas flow and volume display
- Automatic real-time pressure and temperature compensation
- Real-time gas flow and volume normalisation
- User-friendly guidelines for experiment setup
- Possibility of multiplexing, allowing for simultaneous batch analysis at different start-up times
- Online system logger for operational diagnosis
- Power supply: 12 V DC / 5 A (Flow cell array and DAQ unit), 24 V DC / 2.7 A (mechanical agitation)
- Usage: indoor
Bioprocess Control is a market leader in the area of low gas flow analytical instruments for biotechnology related applications. We invest in innovation and development of smart instruments that allow for more efficient, reliable and higher quality research and analysis, leading to significant reductions in time and labour. We ensure the highest product quality throughout our portfolio, and focus on being service minded and always meeting the needs of our customers.

The company’s flagship product, the Automatic Methane Potential Test System (AMPTS), has become the preferred analytical instrument around the world for conducting various anaerobic batch fermentation tests. Bioprocess Control’s product portfolio offers academic and industrial actors working with biogas, animal feed, wastewater, and other fields exciting products for low gas flow measurements, substrate analyses and process simulations.