

Title (en)

Method for the in situ and continuous high-sensitivity measuring of concentrations of gas and volatile products, and apparatus for carrying it out.

Title (de)

Verfahren zum in situ und ununterbrochenen Messen mit hoher Empfindlichkeit von Gaskonzentrationen und flüchtigen Produkten und Vorrichtung zur Ausführung des Verfahrens.

Title (fr)

Procédé de mesure de grande sensibilité des concentrations de gaz et produits volatils in situ et en continu et appareil de mise en oeuvre.

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Abstract (en)

[origin: US4442353A] Continuous monitoring of variations in the concentrations of individual components in gaseous mixtures such as, more particularly, gases released from volcanic vents, is achieved in the field with consistently high precision, namely about 2 ppm, over extended periods of time, while the time lag for detecting a variation is minimized. On-site measurements are made with a portable apparatus, comprising a sampling probe from which the gas is led to an expansion enclosure maintained at a regulated pressure of about 10⁻² to 10⁻¹ millibar. From this enclosure, the gas is metered by means of a piezoelectric valve into the analyzing chamber of a quadrupole mass-spectrometer. Several units operating in the field, directly over the volcanic vents, may be connected to a central data processing station, so as to derive useful correlations for predicting future volcanic activity, for monitoring geothermal sources, and for detecting gas-release anomalies for purposes of geophysical exploration.

Abstract (fr)

Procédé et appareil de mise en oeuvre pour la mesure de grande précision des concentrations de gaz et produits volatils de tous sites naturels ou non. La sonde (5) reçoit en permanence les gaz à des pressions susceptibles de varier jusqu'à plus de 5 atmosphère. Sous le contrôle de la vanne (12) et de la pompe (13) les gaz sont admis à une pression de l'ordre de 10⁻² atmosphère. Une fraction est introduite par dépression dans la chambre de mesure (19) du spectromètre de masse (20), la chambre (19) étant maintenue à 10⁻¹ atmosphère. Les mesures transmises par le câble (38) sont effectuées en vue de détecter en permanence toute variation des concentrations.

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