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# PURPOSE



Calibration at different Bronkhorst pressure values

Evaluating different molecular sieves for capturing methane:

- Z3

- Z4

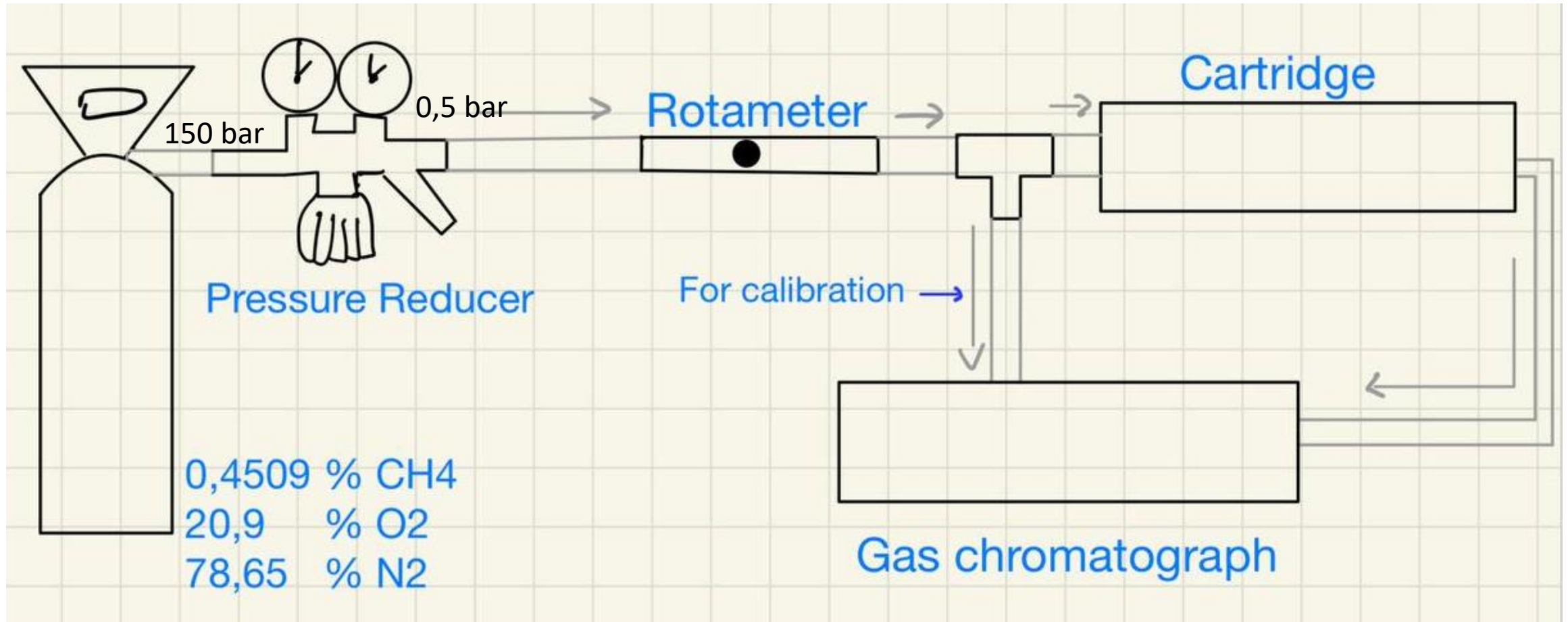
- Z5

- Z10

Performance after high temperature regeneration

Performance after regeneration with vacuum pump

# MEASUREMENT SETUP



# GC CLIBRATION FOR 4509 ppm METHANE



Bronkhorst pressure = 100 mbar

	PPU AREA	PPU CONVERSION FACTOR		MS AREA	MS CONVERSION FACTOR
AVERAGE	5080	$8,875 \cdot 10^{-5}$	AVERAGE	1907	$2,365 \cdot 10^{-4}$
DEV. STD	37	$6,6 \cdot 10^{-7}$	DEV. STD	11	$1,3 \cdot 10^{-6}$
AVG DEV. STD	16	$2,9 \cdot 10^{-7}$	AVG DEV. STD	4,8	$5,9 \cdot 10^{-7}$

Bronkhorst pressure = 60 mbar

	PPU AREA	PPU CONVERSION FACTOR		MS AREA	MS CONVERSION FACTOR
AVERAGE	5091	$8,858 \cdot 10^{-5}$	AVERAGE	1894	$2,380 \cdot 10^{-4}$
DEV. STD	46	$8,0 \cdot 10^{-7}$	DEV. STD	15	$1,9 \cdot 10^{-6}$
AVG DEV. STD	20	$3,6 \cdot 10^{-7}$	AVG DEV. STD	6,7	$8,5 \cdot 10^{-7}$

Bronkhorst pressure = 30 mbar

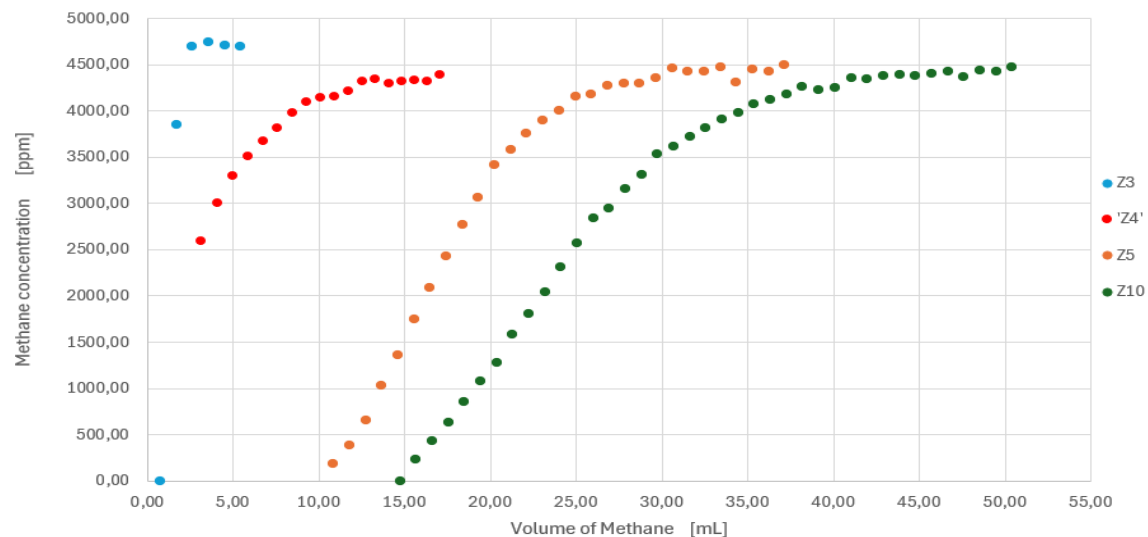
	PPU AREA	PPU CONVERSION FACTOR		MS AREA	MS CONVERSION FACTOR
AVERAGE	5144	$8,766 \cdot 10^{-5}$	AVERAGE	1932	$2,333 \cdot 10^{-4}$
DEV. STD	48	$8,3 \cdot 10^{-7}$	DEV. STD	15	$1,9 \cdot 10^{-6}$
AVG DEV. STD	22	$3,7 \cdot 10^{-7}$	AVG DEV. STD	6,9	$8,4 \cdot 10^{-7}$

# FIRST SERIES OF MEASUREMENTS

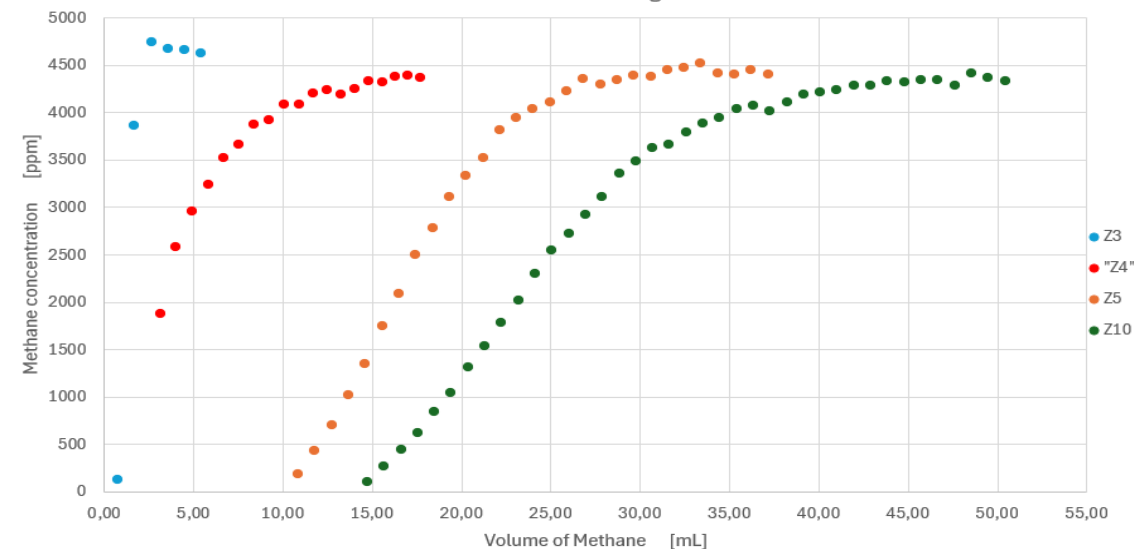


High temperature regenerated cartridges:

PPU Integrals



Molecular Sieve Integrals



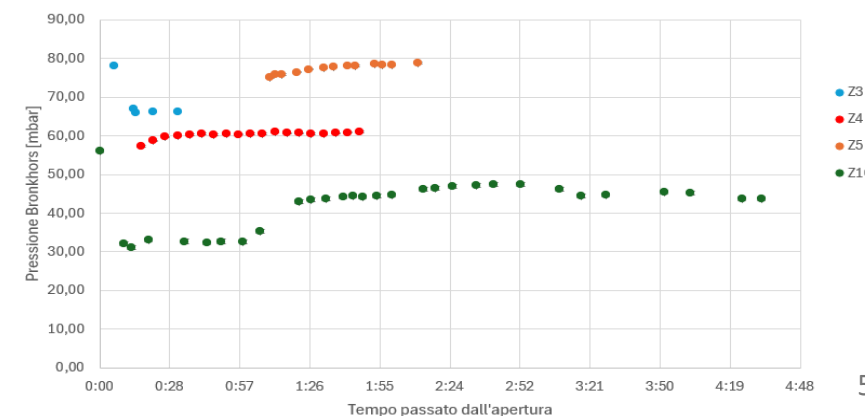
Absorbed methan before peak appearance:

$$Z3 = 0,75 \text{ mL} \quad Z4 = 3,13 \text{ mL}$$

$$Z5 = 10,86 \text{ mL} \quad Z10 = 14,73 \text{ mL}$$

Overall error of 20% due to rotameter measures

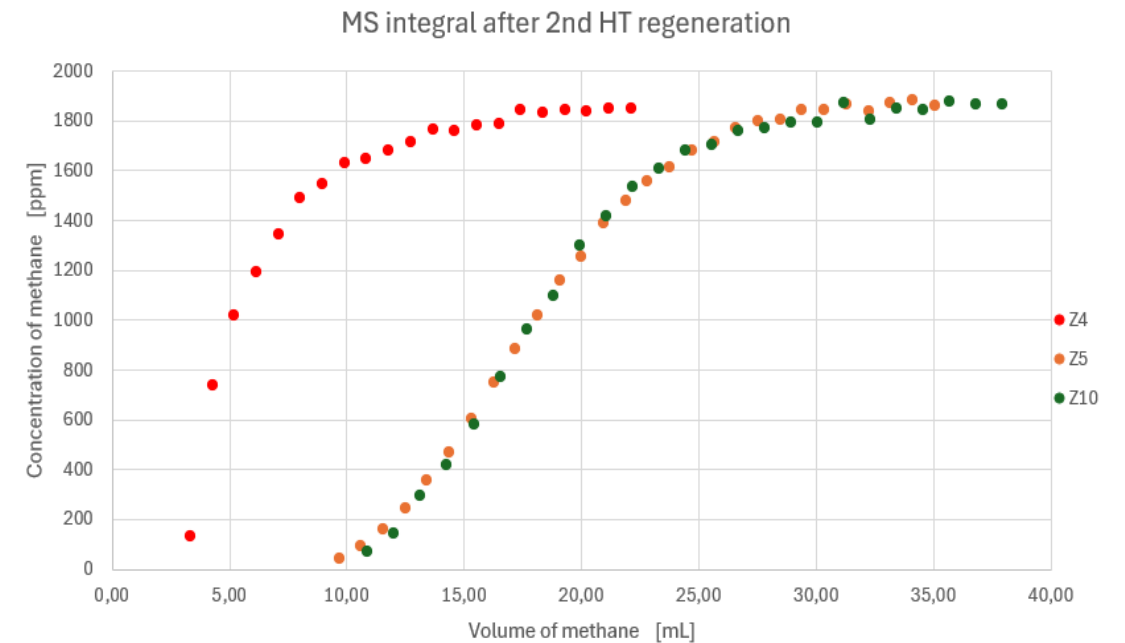
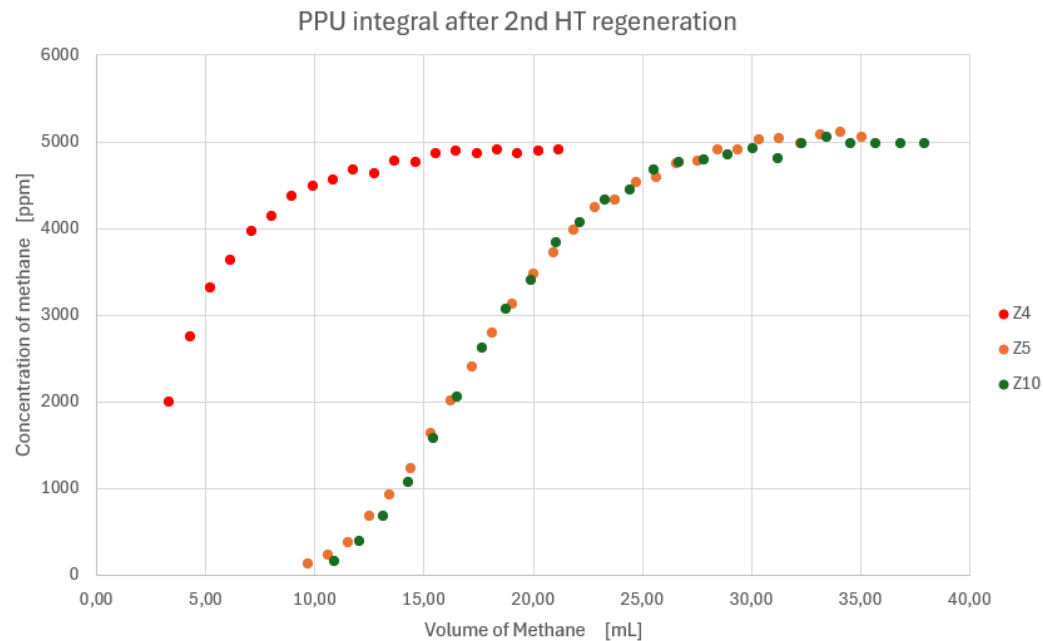
Bronkhorst pressure



# SECOND SERIES OF MEASUREMENTS



High temperature regenerated cartridges:



Absorbed methane before peak appearance:

$$Z3 = \text{---} \quad Z4 = 3,33 \text{ mL}$$

$$Z5 = 9,68 \text{ mL} \quad Z10 = 10,90 \text{ mL}$$

→ Z10 not completely regenerated

Overall error of 20% due to rotameter measures

# RESULTS OF FIRST WEEK

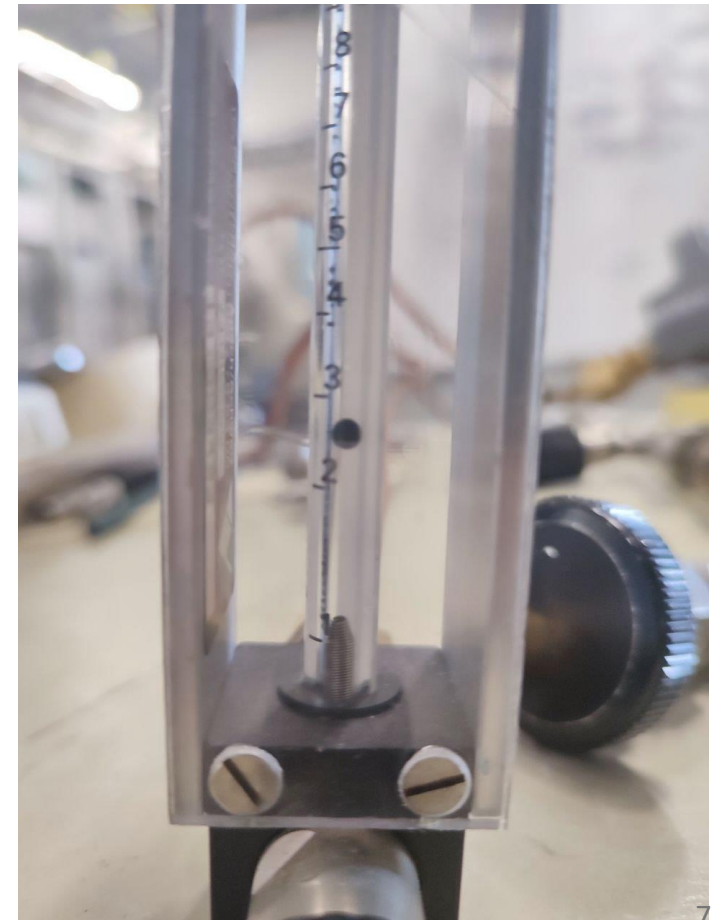


Performance of Z5, Z10 are much better than Z3, Z4

Z3, Z4 excluded from further measurements

Overall error around 20% due to rotameter measures on flowed Methane.

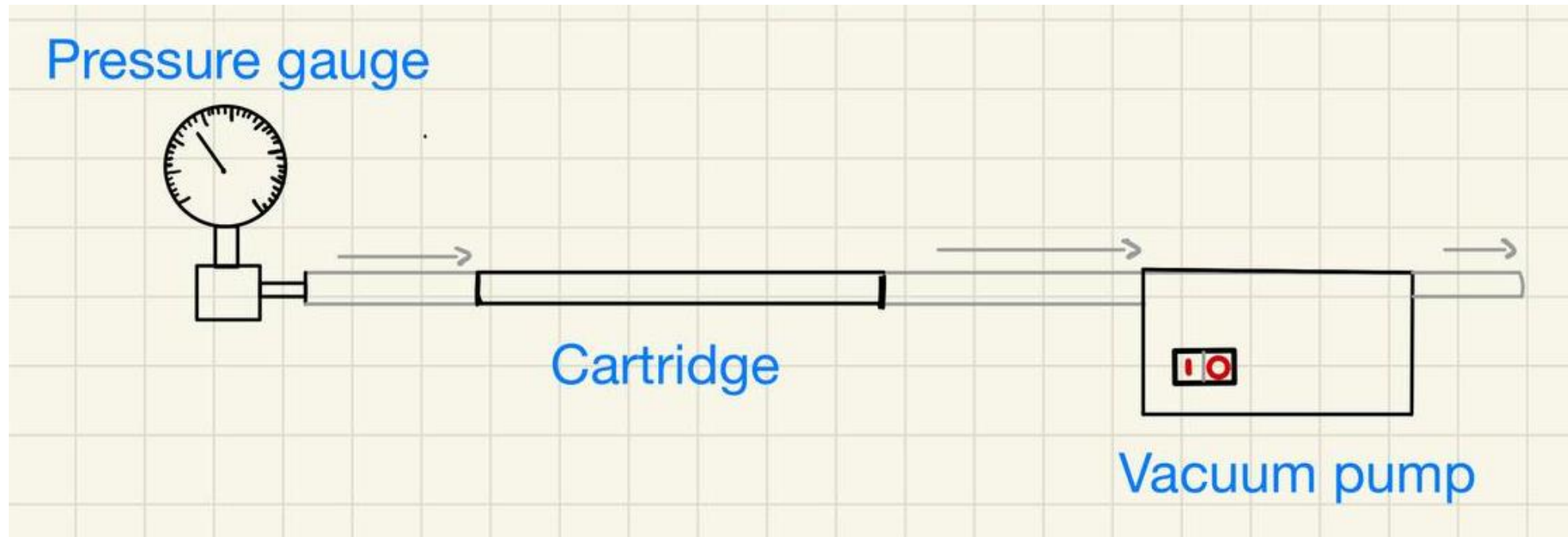
0,5 L/h error on a 2,5 L/h measure



# VACUUM PUMP REGENERATION



SETUP:





# VACUUM PUMP REGENERATION

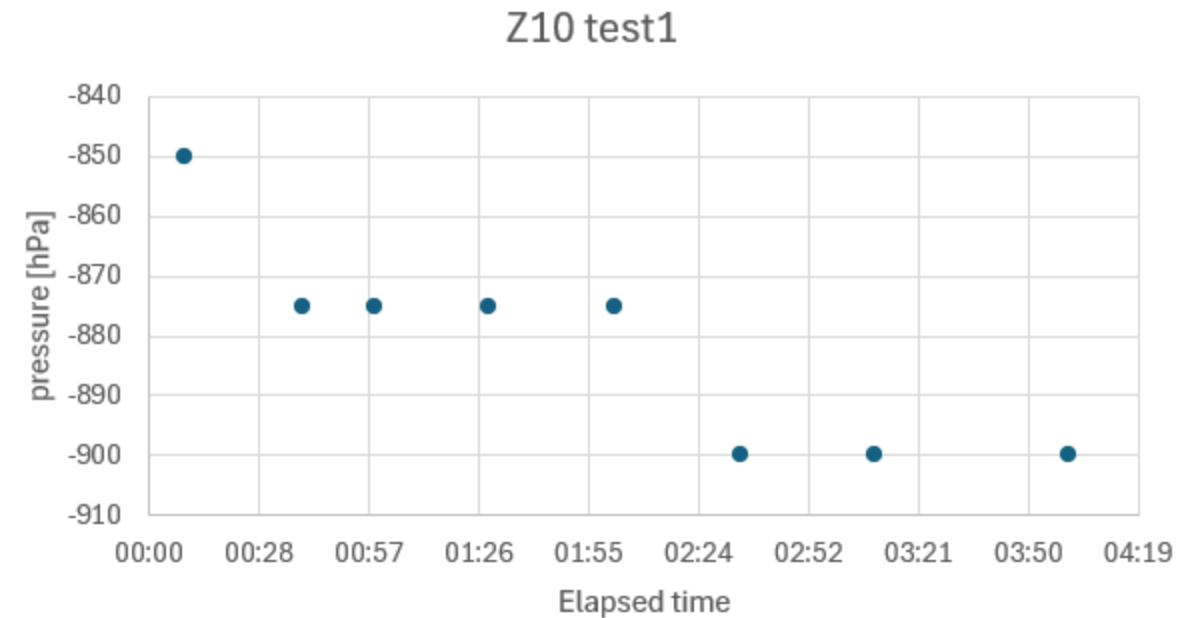


After the activation of the pump the pressure goes from a difference of 0 with respect to the atmosphere pressure to a value between **-970 mbar** and **-960 mbar**

At the beginning the pressure gauge was not enough sensitive to measure this changes.

Pressure range was (-1, +5)

From 09/05 we had new pressure gauge that measures in the range (-1,1) with a sensitivity of *10 mbar*



Measurements with 1° pressure gauge



# LONG VACUUM REGENERATIONS

FPA = First Peak Appearance of CH<sub>4</sub> in the chromatogram

	Cartridge	Regeneration time	Methane before FPA	Time before FPA	Saturation methane	Saturation time	Bronkhorst pressure
*	Z5	19 h	14,6 mL	46 min	36 ÷ 40 mL	2 h 51 min	35 → 44 mbar
	Z10	17 h	11 mL	35 min	35 ÷ 39 mL	2 h 41 min	38 → 49 mbar
	Z5	4 h	13 mL	45 min	36 ÷ 39 mL	2 h 56 min	37 → 48 mbar
→	Z10	4 h	8,4 mL	30 min	30 ÷ 34 mL	2 h 45 min	38 → 49 mbar
	Z5	3 h	10 mL	40 min	30 ÷ 34 mL	2 h 50 min	38 → 48 mbar
	Z10	3 h	8 mL	40 min	30 ÷ 34 mL	2 h 45 min	45 ÷ 47 mbar
→	Z5	2h	11 mL	55 min	29,5 ÷ 33,5 mL	2 h 55 min	44 → 52 mbar

\*measurements corrupted by interruptions during the flow

→ Last Z10 analysis before valve replacemente

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# LONG VACUUM REGENERATION



With long vacuum regeneration:

- Z5 : seems to have the same performance, but the value of methane may be overestimated (*rotameter inclined* → *higher flux*)
- Z10 : is not completely regenerated, it absorbs less than what it did in previous measurements

$$Z5 \text{ long vacuum regeneration efficiency} = \frac{12,5}{10,86} \approx 112 \%$$

$$Z10 \text{ long vacuum regeneration efficiency} = \frac{9,1}{14,73} \approx 64 \%$$

# SHORT VACUUM REGENERATION

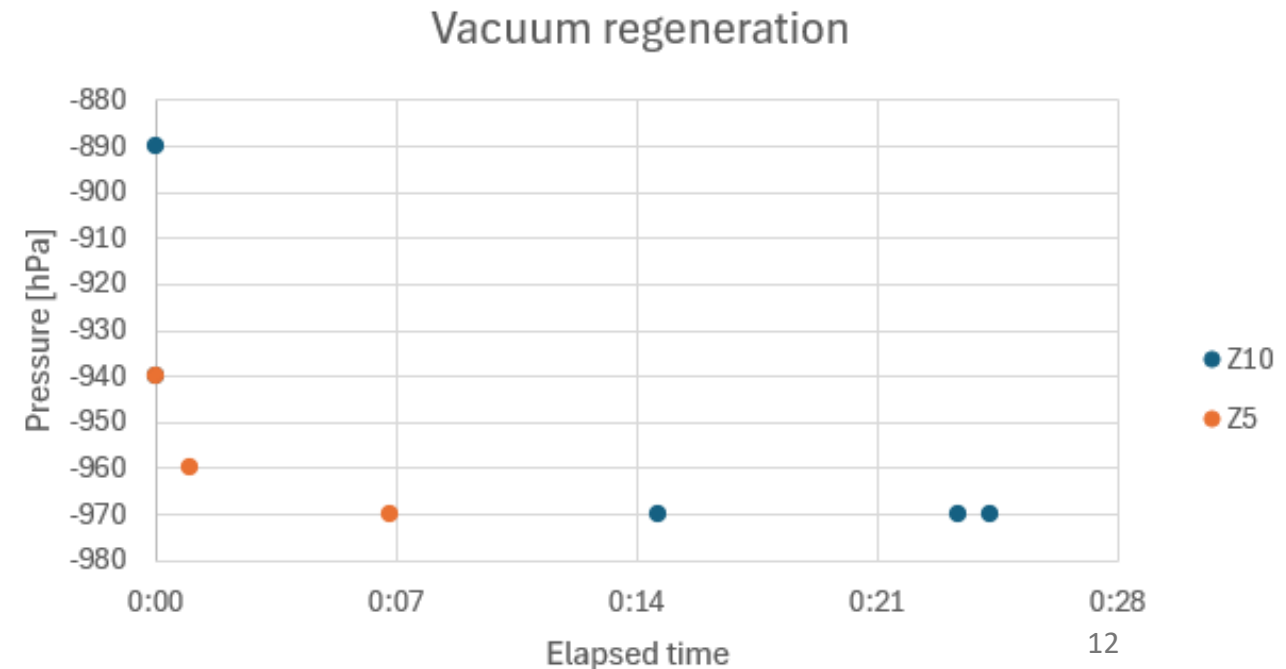
Next approach: stopping regeneration when pressure in the cartridge gets to the minimum value

Minimum value is measured with no cartridge in the setup.

Target value for pressure is between **-970 mbar** and **-960 mbar**

This target value is reached pretty soon for both cartridges.

It also depends on the presence of leaks



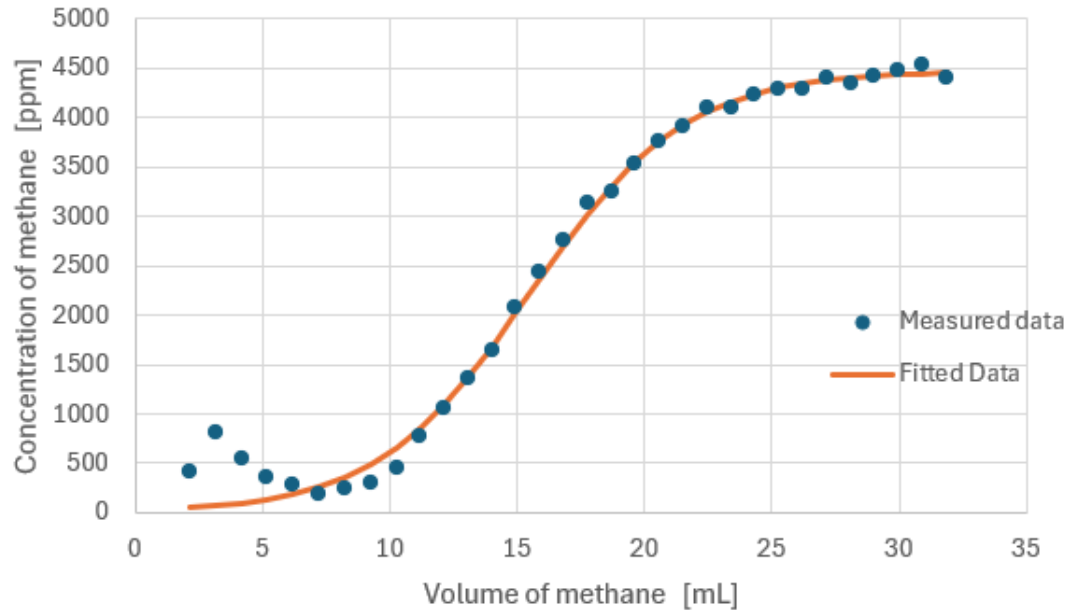
# Z5 SHORT VACUUM REGENERATIONS



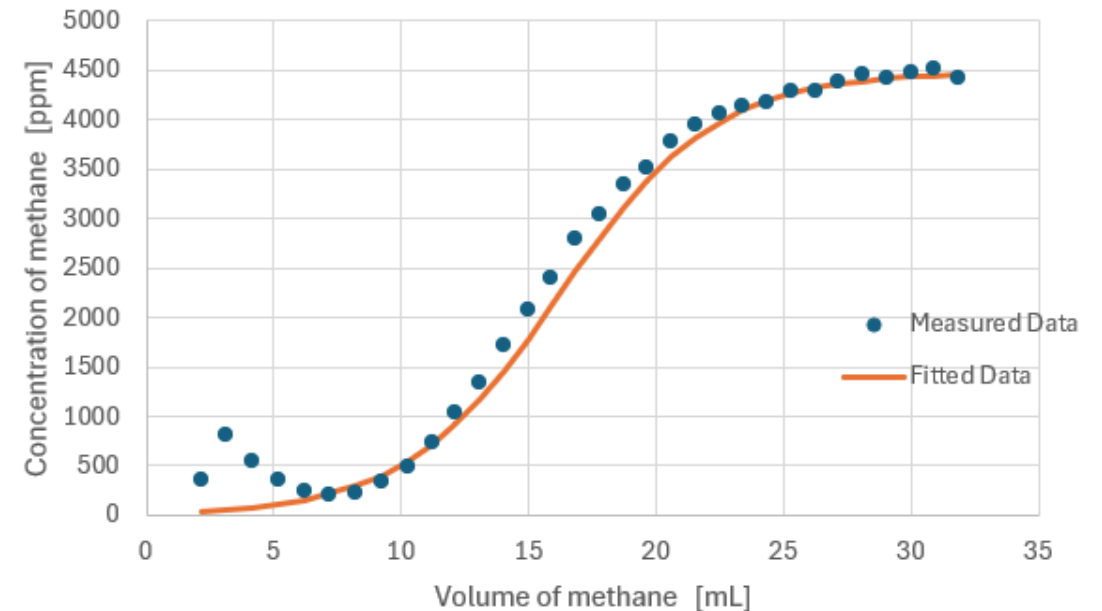
Z5 reaches the target value of pressure in 40 minutes, then it gets filled with the gas mixture

After 1° regeneration:

Z5 PPU after 1 vacuum regeneration of 40 minutes



Z5 MS after 1 vacuum regeneration of 40 minutes



Fit function:

$$\textit{sigmoid} = \frac{L}{1 + e^{-(x-x_0) \cdot k}}$$

$L$  = saturation level

$x_0$  = x value to reach  $\frac{L}{2}$

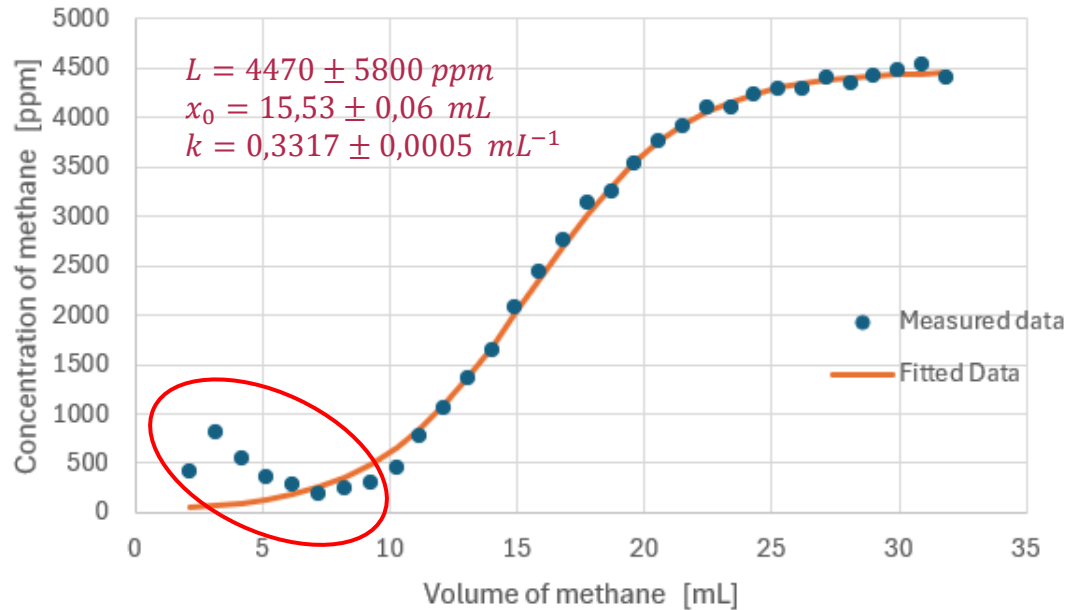
$k$  = slope of the curve

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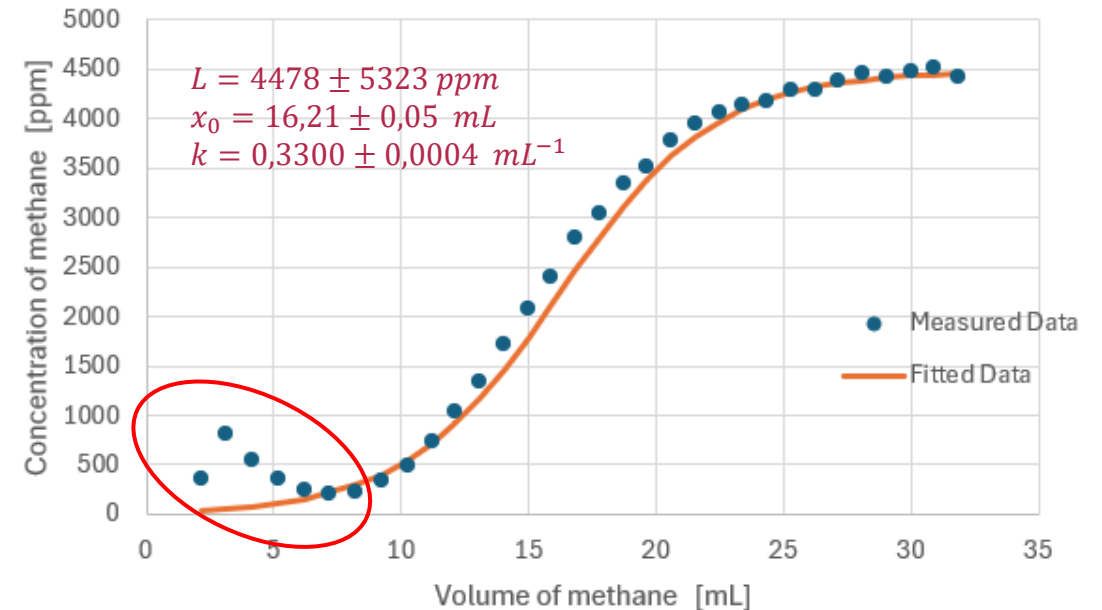
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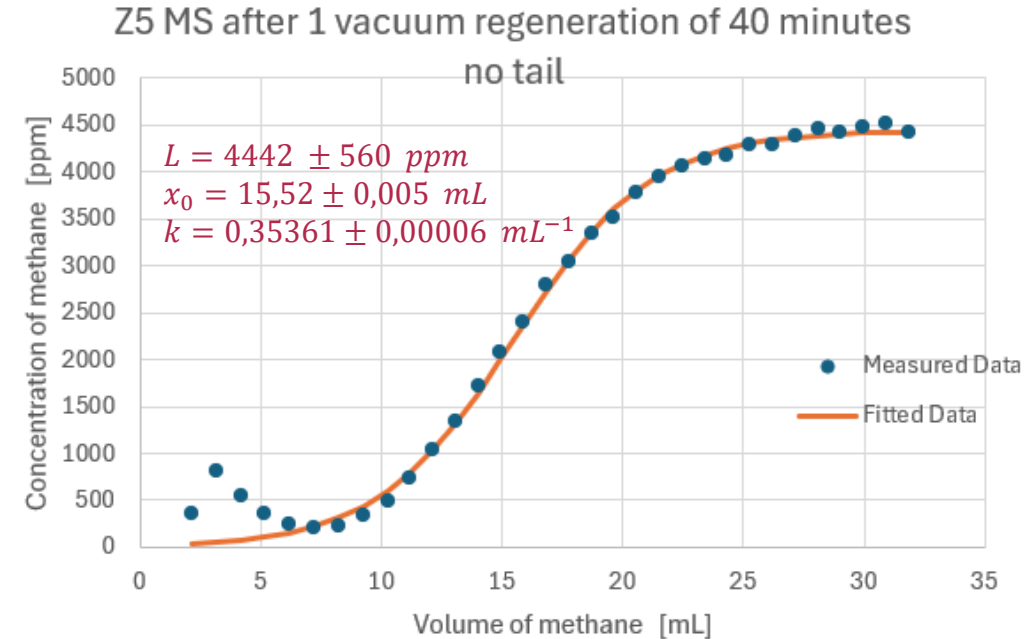
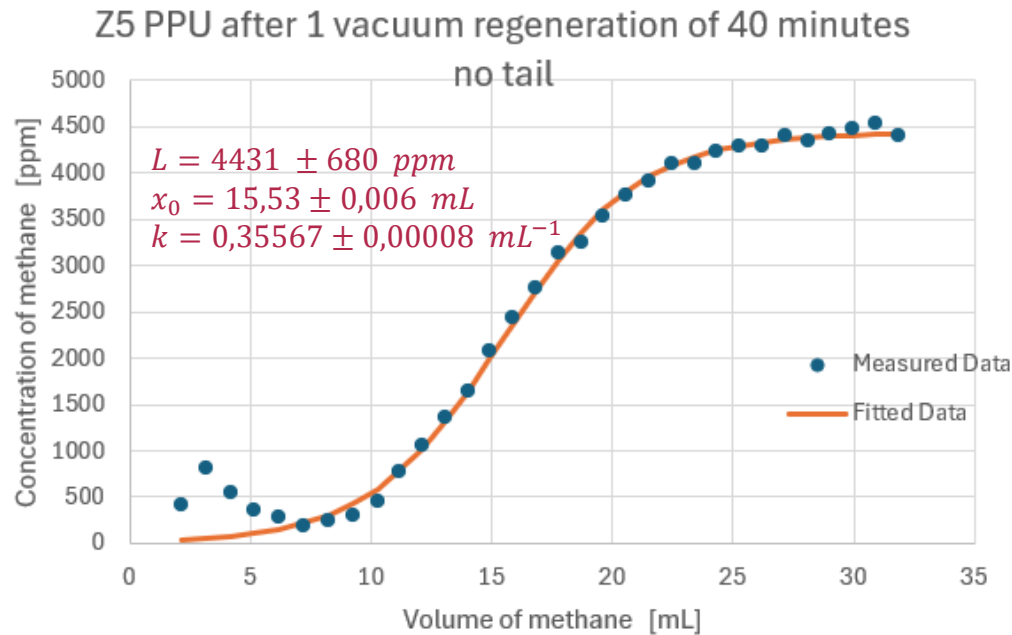
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# Z5 SHORT VACUUM REGENERATIONS



## Fit without the tail points



Huge error on  $L$

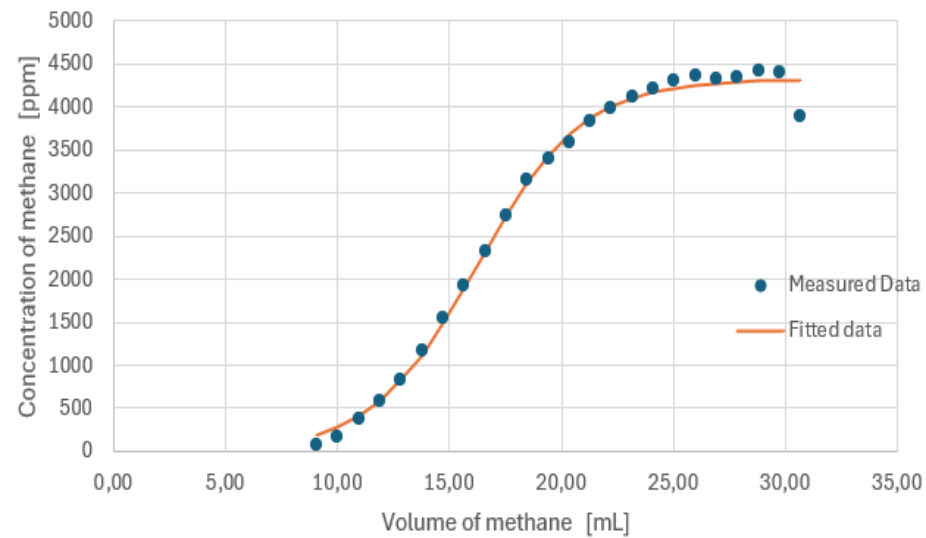
Besides the anomaly, the minimum corresponds to **7,20 mL** of methane

# Z5 SHORT VACUUM REGENERATIONS

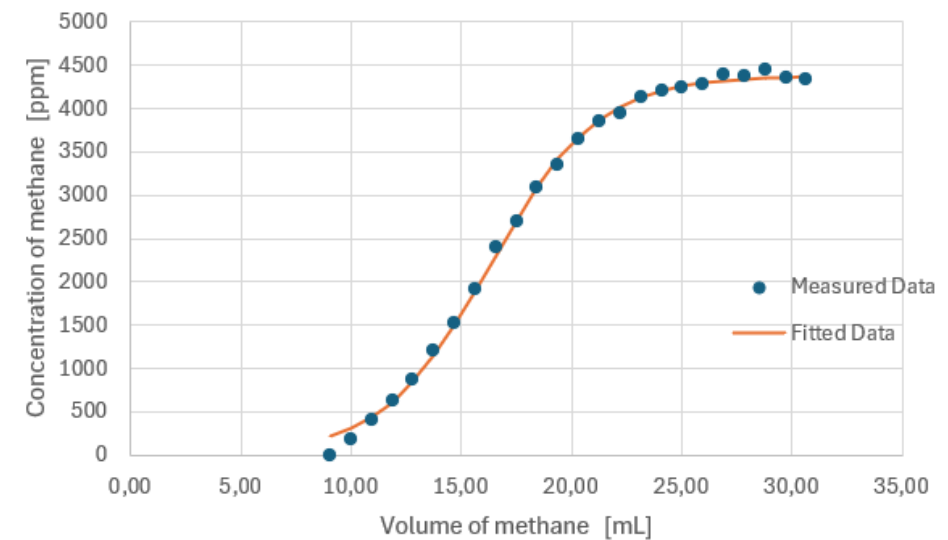


2° regeneration of 40 minutes:

Z5 PPU after 2 vacuum regeneration of 40 minutes



Z5 MS after 2 vacuum regeneration of 40 minutes



$$x_{0 PPU} = 16,214 \pm 0,014 \text{ mL}$$

$$x_{0 MS} = 16,303 \pm 0,005 \text{ mL}$$

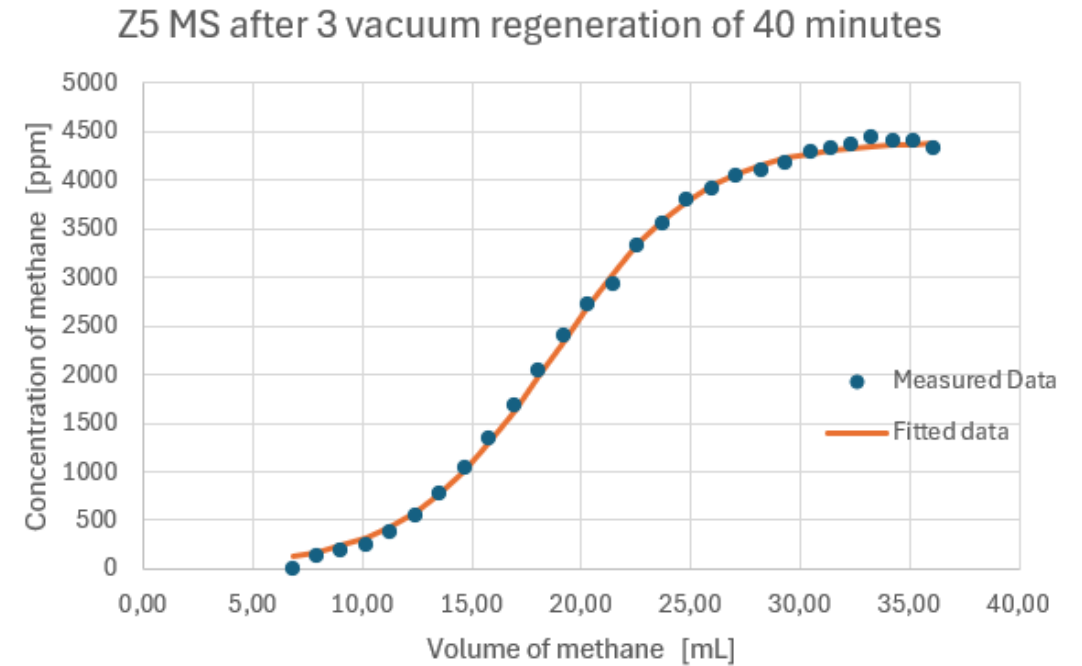
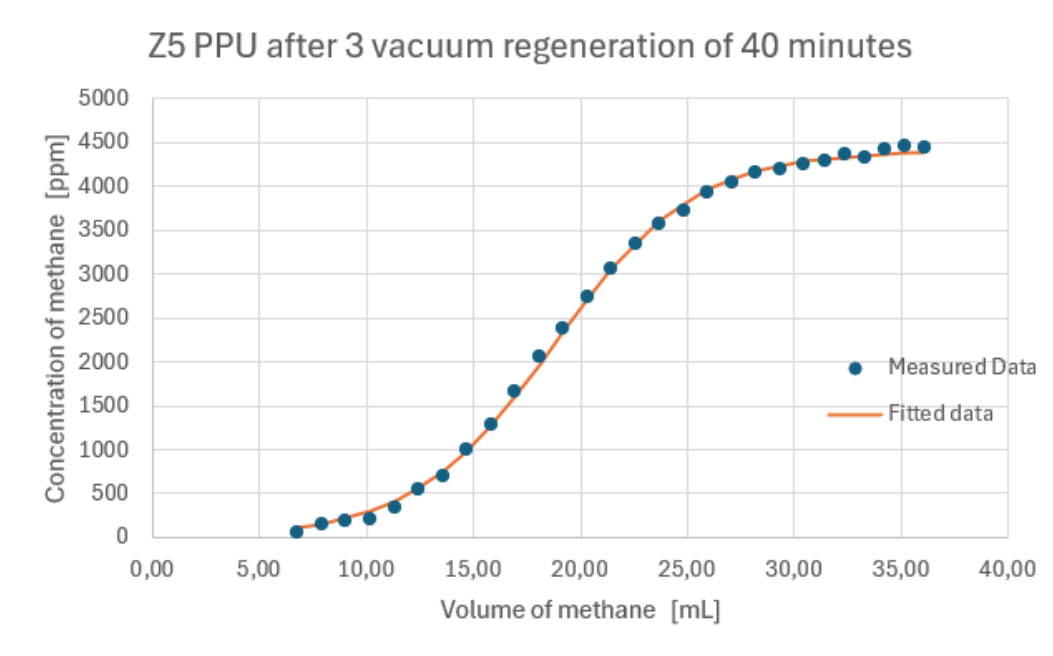
$$FPA = 10,01 \text{ mL}$$



# Z5 SHORT VACUUM REGENERATIONS



3° regeneration of 40 minutes:



$$x_{0 PPU} = 18,774 \pm 0,005 \text{ mL}$$

$$x_{0 MS} = 18,759 \pm 0,007 \text{ mL}$$

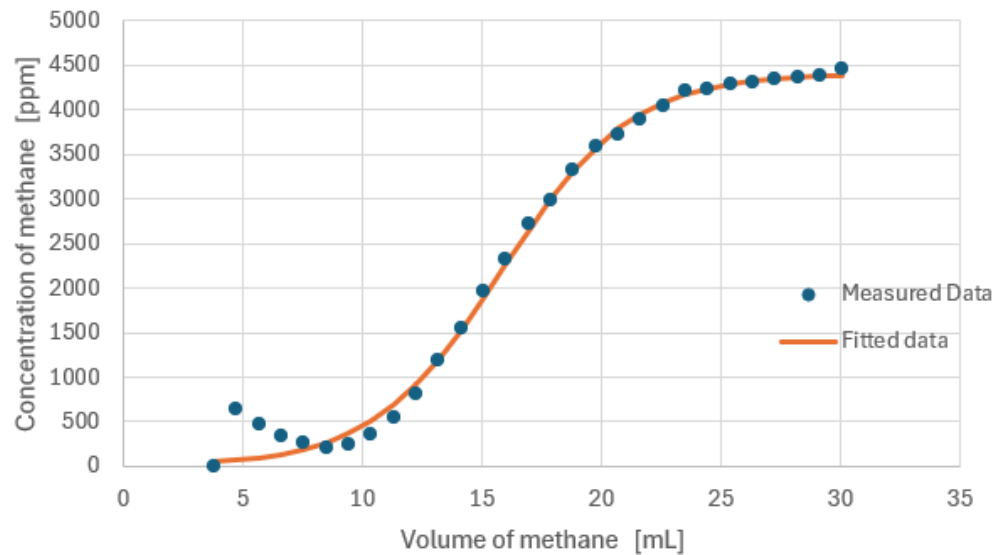
$$FPA = 7,93 \text{ mL}$$

# Z5 SHORT VACUUM REGENERATIONS

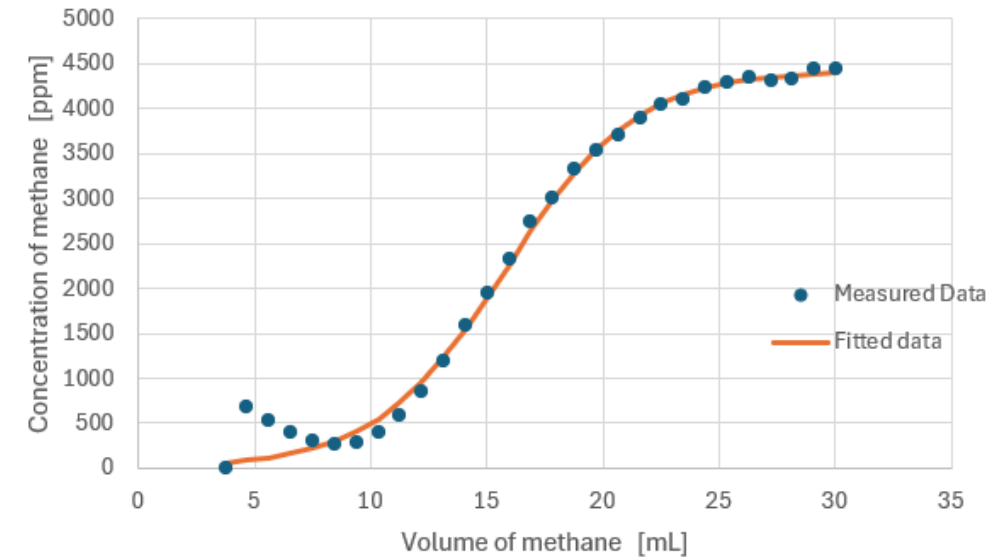


4° regeneration of 40 minutes:

Z5 PPU after 4 vacuum regeneration of 40 minutes



Z5 MS after 4 vacuum regeneration of 40 minutes



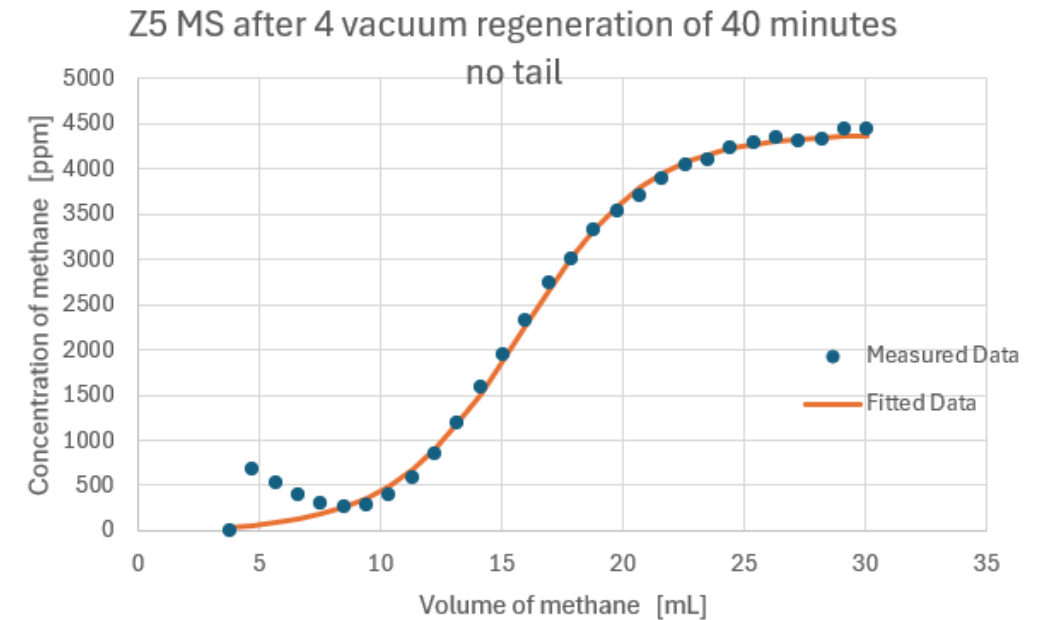
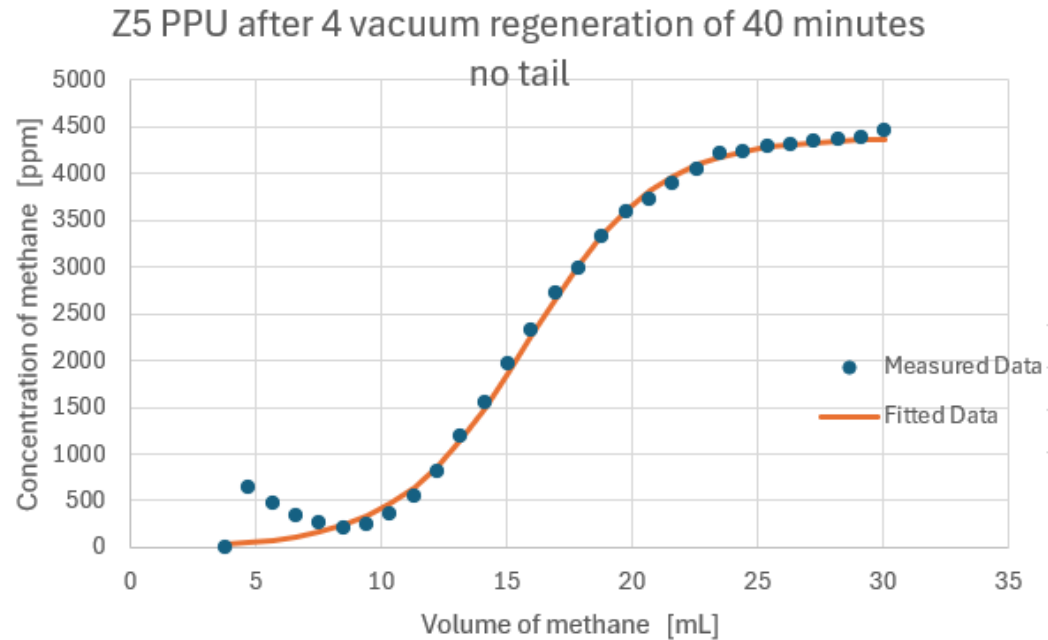
$$x_{0 PPU} = 15,82 \pm 0,03 \text{ mL}$$

$$x_{0 MS} = 15,82 \pm 0,04 \text{ mL}$$

$$\text{minimum} = 9,40 \text{ mL}$$

# Z5 SHORT VACUUM REGENERATIONS

4° regeneration of 40 minutes **without tail:**



$$x_{0 PPU} = 15,798 \pm 0,006 \text{ mL}$$

$$x_{0 MS} = 15,781 \pm 0,005 \text{ mL}$$

$$\text{minimum} = 9,40 \text{ mL}$$

# Z5 SHORT VACUUM REGENERATIONS



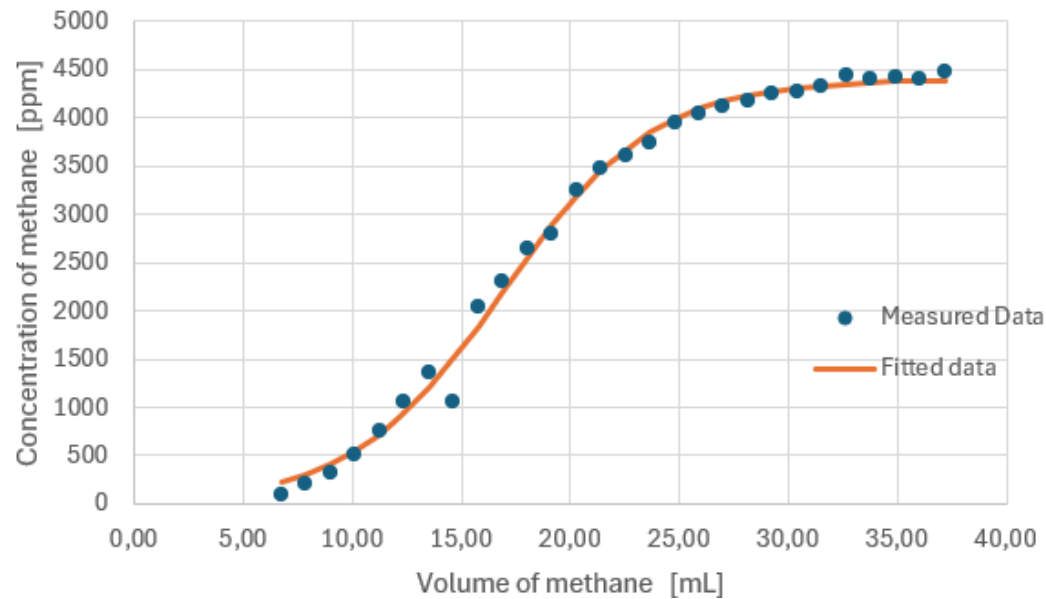
Regeneration	FPA / minimum	$x_{0\ PPU}$ [mL]	$x_{0\ MS}$ [mL]
1	7,20 mL	$x_0 = 15,53 \pm 0,06$	$x_0 = 16,21 \pm 0,05$
		$x_0 = 15,53 \pm 0,006$	$x_0 = 15,52 \pm 0,005$
2	10,01 mL	$x_{0\ PPU} = 16,214 \pm 0,014$	$x_{0\ MS} = 16,303 \pm 0,005$
3	7,93 mL	$x_{0\ PPU} = 18,774 \pm 0,005$	$x_{0\ MS} = 18,759 \pm 0,007$
4	9,40 mL	$x_{0\ PPU} = 15,82 \pm 0,03$	$x_{0\ MS} = 15,82 \pm 0,04$
		$x_{0\ PPU} = 15,798 \pm 0,006$	$x_{0\ MS} = 15,781 \pm 0,005$

# Z10 SHORT VACUUM REGENERATIONS



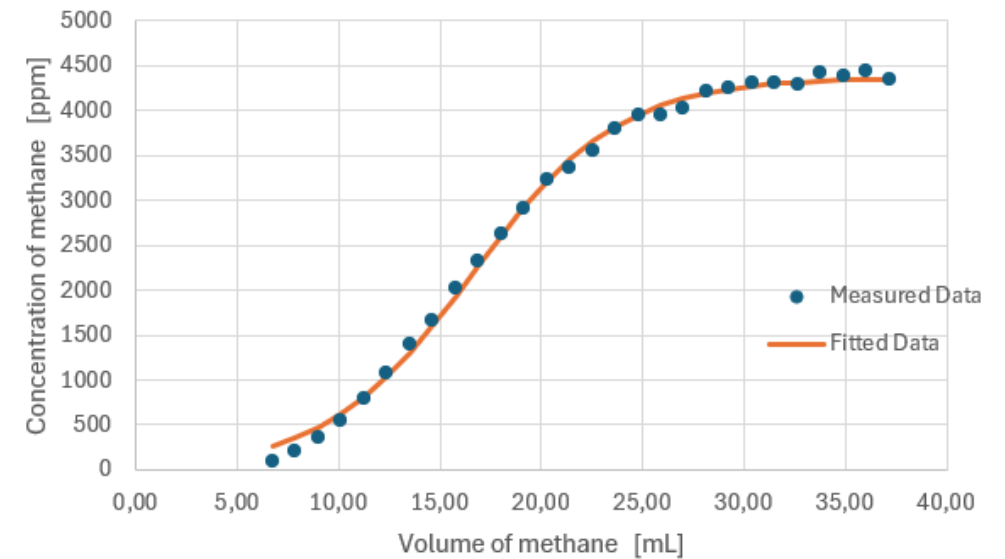
1° regeneration, 25 minutes :

Z10 PPU after vacuum regeneration of 25 minutes



$$x_{0 PPU} = 16,92 \pm 0,03 \text{ mL}$$

Z10 MS after vacuum regeneration of 25 minutes



$$x_{0 MS} = 16,605 \pm 0,014 \text{ mL}$$

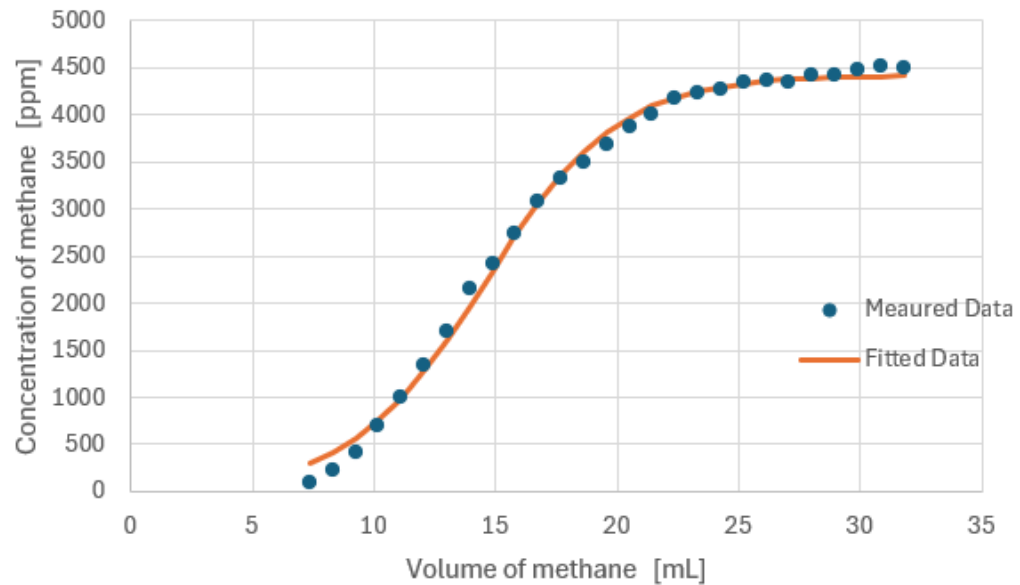
$$FPA = 6,74 \text{ mL}$$

# Z10 SHORT VACUUM REGENERATIONS

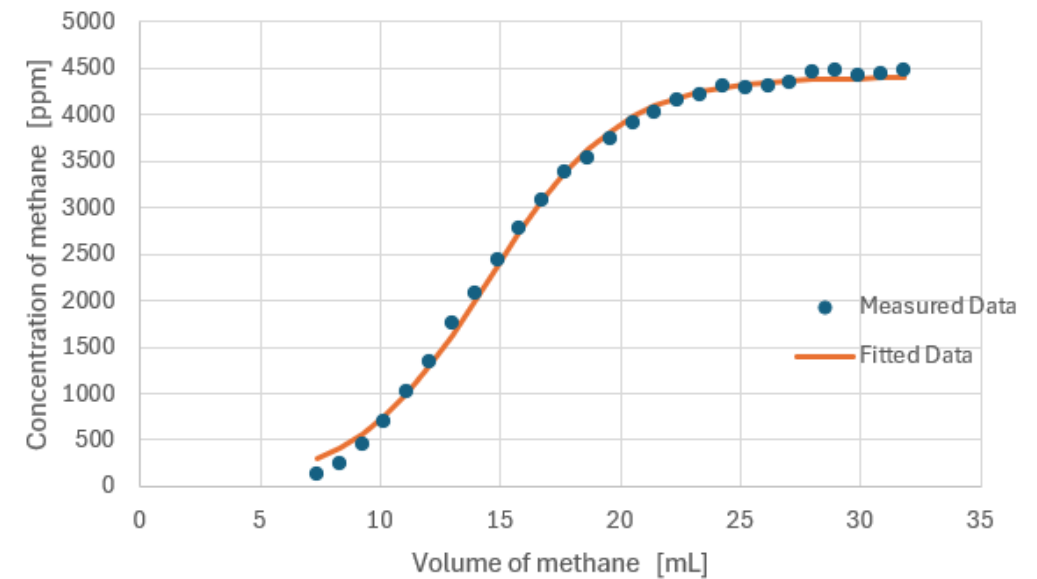


2° regeneration, 1 hour :

Z10 PPU after vacuum regeneration of 1 hour



Z10 MS after vacuum regeneration of 1 hour



$$x_{0 PPU} = 14,549 \pm 0,011 \text{ mL}$$

$$x_{0 MS} = 14,456 \pm 0,008 \text{ mL}$$

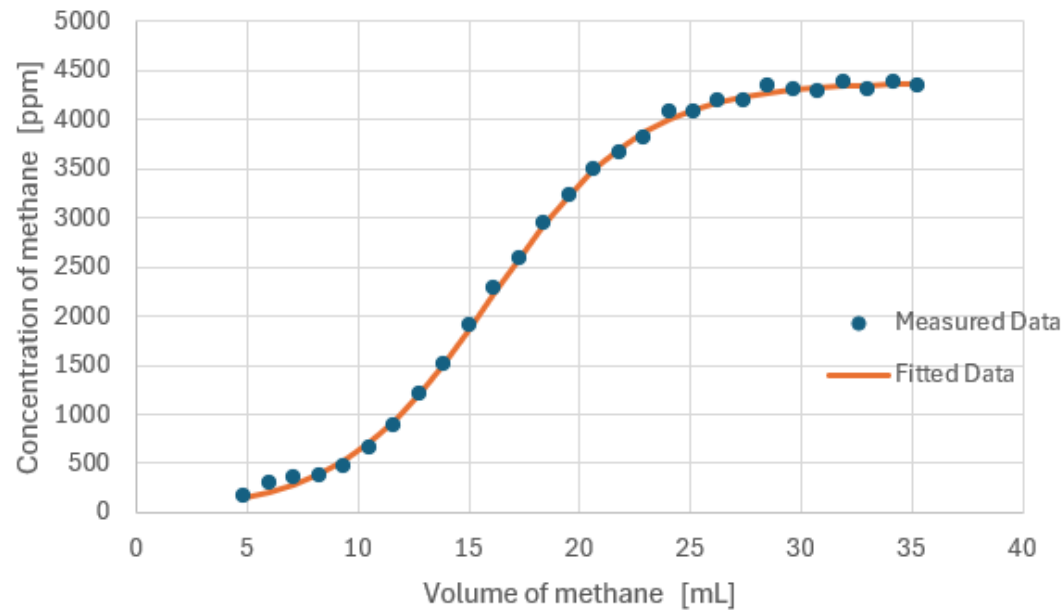
$$FPA = 7,40 \text{ mL}$$

# Z10 SHORT VACUUM REGENERATIONS

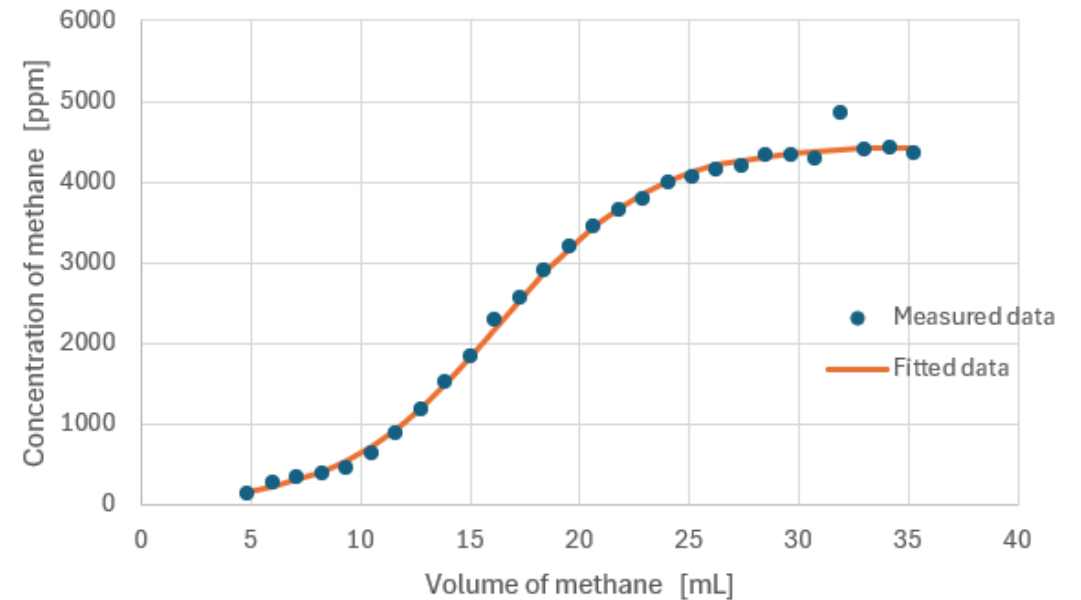


3° regeneration, 40 minutes :

Z10 PPU after vacuum regeneration of 40 minutes



Z10 MS after vacuum regeneration of 40 minutes



$$x_{0 PPU} = 16,017 \pm 0,004 \text{ mL}$$

$$x_{0 MS} = 16,281 \pm 0,023 \text{ mL}$$

$$FPA = 4,90 \text{ mL}$$

# Z10 SHORT VACUUM REGENERATIONS



Regeneration	FPA / minimum	$x_{0\ PPU}$ [mL]	$x_{0\ MS}$ [mL]
1 (25 min)	6,74 mL	$x_{0\ PPU} = 16,92 \pm 0,03$	$x_{0\ MS} = 16,605 \pm 0,014$
* 2 (1 hour)	7,40 mL	$x_{0\ PPU} = 14,549 \pm 0,011$	$x_{0\ MS} = 14,456 \pm 0,008$
3 (40 min)	4,90 mL	$x_{0\ PPU} = 16,017 \pm 0,004$	$x_{0\ MS} = 16,281 \pm 0,023$

\* Longer regeneration time due to a leak found in the pressure gauge connection to the cartridge



# COMBINED SHORT VACUUM REGENERATIONS



	Regeneration	FPA / minimum	$x_0_{PPU}$ [mL]	$x_0_{MS}$ [mL]
Z5	1 (40 min)	7,20 mL	$x_0 = 15,53 \pm 0,06$	$x_0 = 16,21 \pm 0,05$
			$x_0 = 15,53 \pm 0,006$	$x_0 = 15,52 \pm 0,005$
	2 (40 min)	10,01 mL	$x_0_{PPU} = 16,214 \pm 0,014$	$x_0_{MS} = 16,303 \pm 0,005$
	3 (40 min)	7,93 mL	$x_0_{PPU} = 18,774 \pm 0,005$	$x_0_{MS} = 18,759 \pm 0,007$
	4 (40 min)	9,40 mL	$x_0_{PPU} = 15,82 \pm 0,03$	$x_0_{MS} = 15,82 \pm 0,04$
			$x_0_{PPU} = 15,798 \pm 0,006$	$x_0_{MS} = 15,781 \pm 0,005$
Z10	1 (25 min)	6,74 mL	$x_0_{PPU} = 16,92 \pm 0,03$	$x_0_{MS} = 16,605 \pm 0,014$
	2 (1 hour)	7,40 mL	$x_0_{PPU} = 14,549 \pm 0,011$	$x_0_{MS} = 14,456 \pm 0,008$
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# SHORT VACUUM REGENERATION



With long vacuum regeneration:

- Z5 :                    seems to have the same performance
- Z10 :                  irregular behaviour, but efficiency drops.

$$\text{Average Z5 short vacuum regeneration efficiency} = \frac{8,64}{10,86} \approx 80 \%$$

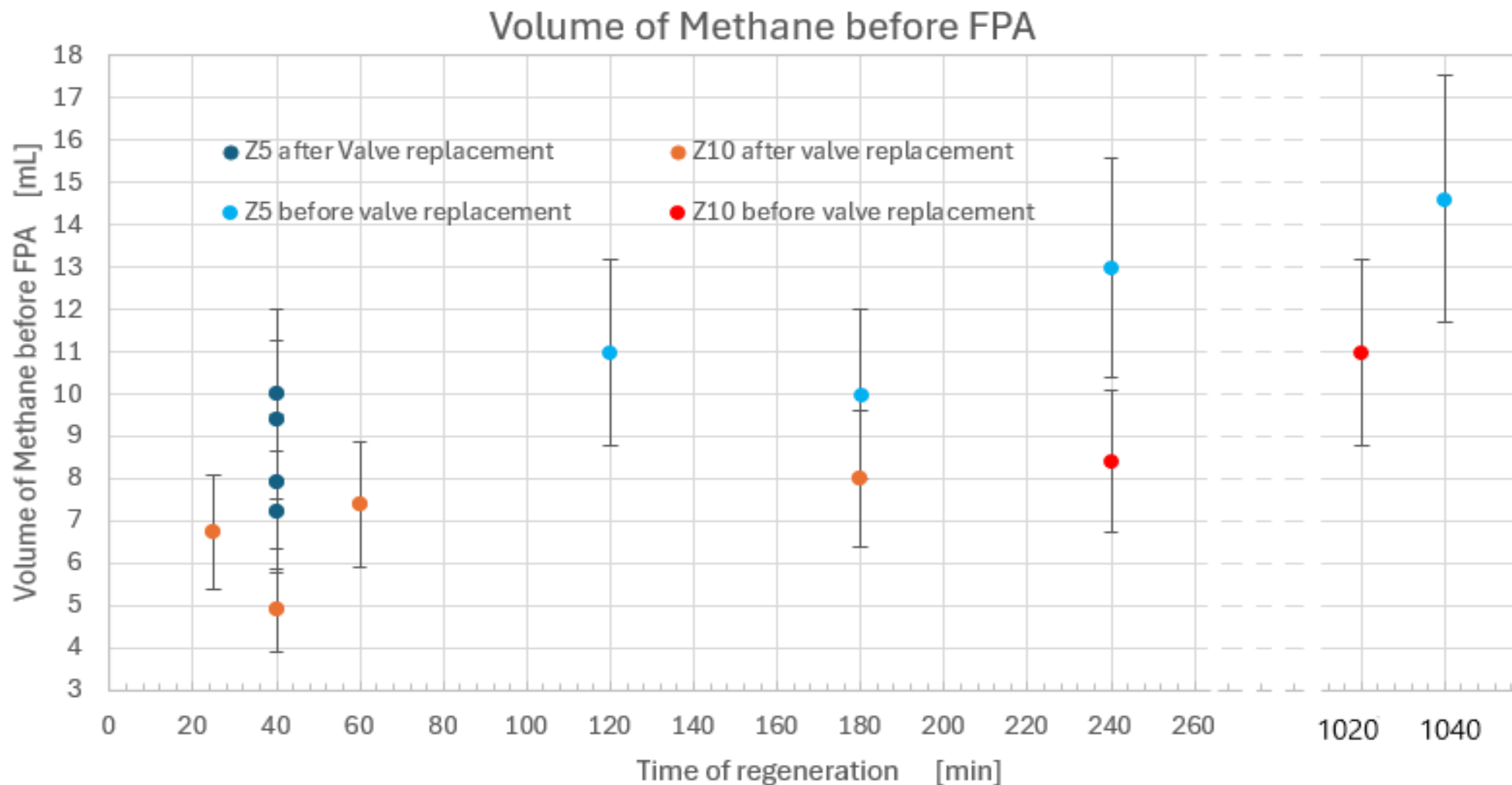
$$\text{Average Z10 short vacuum regeneration efficiency} = \frac{6,35}{14,73} \approx 43 \%$$

(10,86 mL and 14,73 mL are respectively the values of methane before first peak appearance in the chromatogram for Z5 and Z10 after full high temperature regeneration)

# VACUUM REGENERATION REVIEW



FPA = First Peak Appearance of CH<sub>4</sub> in the chromatogram

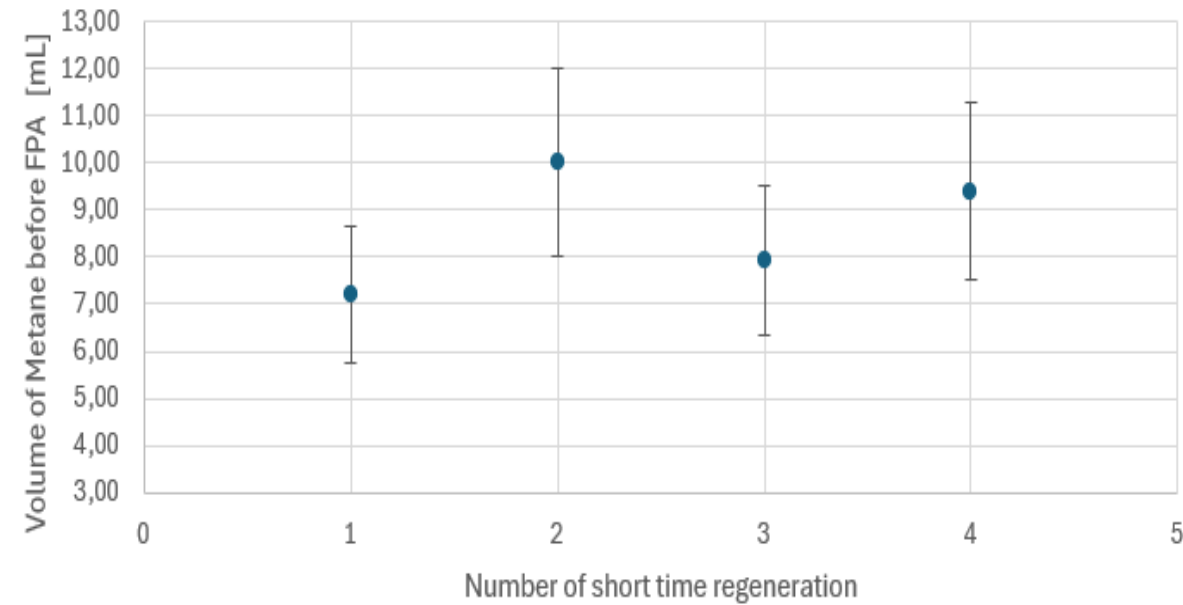


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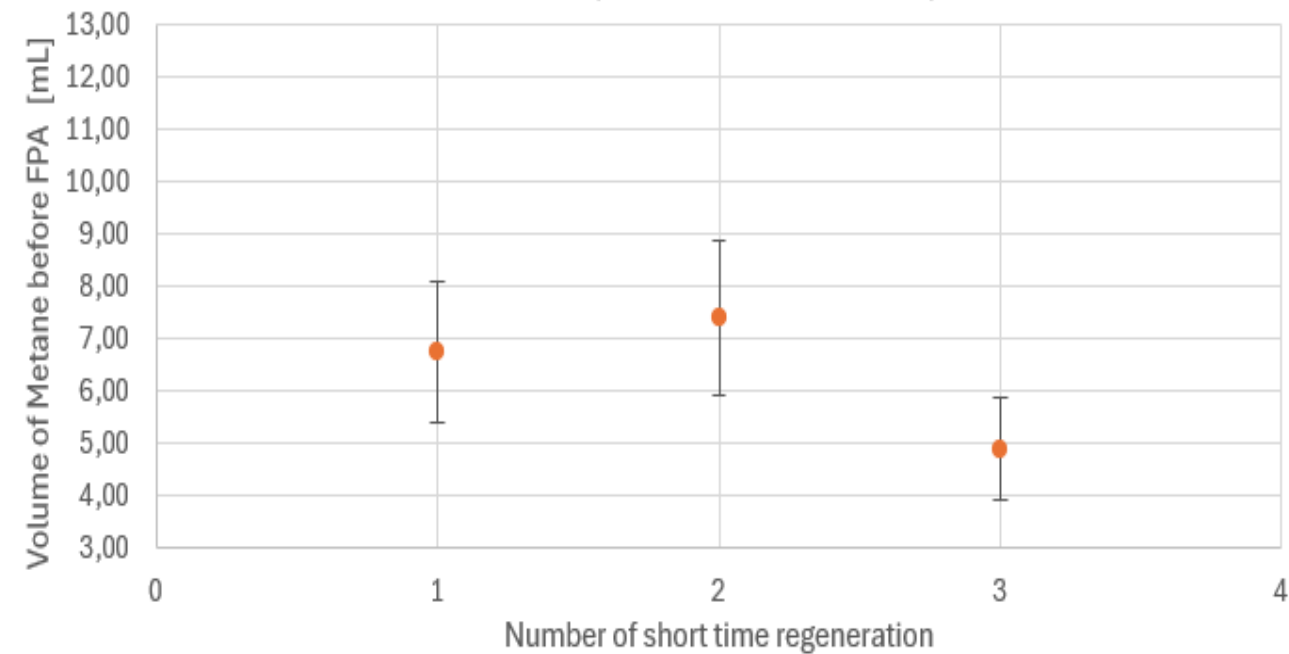


FPA = First Peak Appearance of CH<sub>4</sub> in the chromatogram

Z5 Volume of methane VS Number of short vacuum regeneration of 40 minutes



Z10 Volume of methane VS Number of short vacuum regeneration (25, 60, 40 minutes)



# VALVE REPLACEMENT



**10/05:** Replacement of one valve for both Z5 and Z10

**Z5 :** valve replaced between the 2 hours vacuum regeneration and the first 40 minutes vacuum regeneration

**Z10:** valve replaced between the 4 hours vacuum regeneration and the 3 hours vacuum regeneration