Laboratory test HBX-Vapor Quality Sensors

under stationary conditions



Test program for the sensors is carried out under stationary laboratory conditions with ammonia at Danish Technological Institute in Aarhus.

Tests performed with 2. generation electronic used for the HBX-VQ sensors.

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With different positions, flow directions and sensors



The **8 most likely mounting configurations** in real life has been chosen for the test setup at DTI.

Sensor positioned with flow in horizontal straight pipes

Sensor positioned in 90° pipe bendings with flow going up, down or to same level – counter flow and co-current flow

2 types of in-line sensors (HBX-IN 2")

2 sizes of rod-style sensors (HBX-ROD ¾" and 1")

In-line and rod-style sensors with different flow directions



Straight line horizontal piping



- Counter flow horizontal piping
- HBX-rod ¾" co-current flow in horizontal to horizontal elbow
 - Counter flow horizontal piping

- HBX-rod ¾" counter flow in horizontal to vertical downwards elbow
 - Top inlet of P-trap







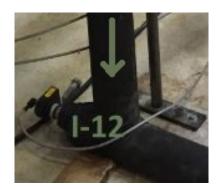




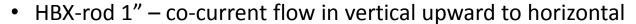
In-line and rod-style sensors with different flow directions



- HBX-rod 1" co-current flow in vertical downwards to horizontal elbow
 - Buttom inlet of P-trap



- HBX-rod 1" counter flow in horizontal to vertical upward elbow
 - Buttom riser position
 - Buttom outlet of P-trap



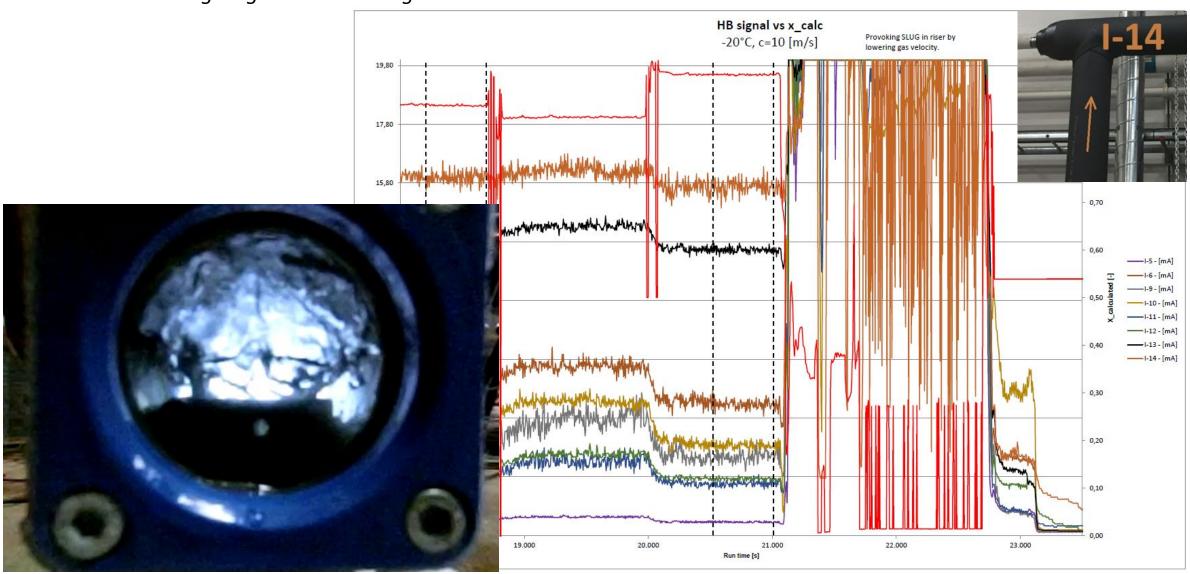
Top riser position







Sensor detecting slug in riser at low gas velocities conditions





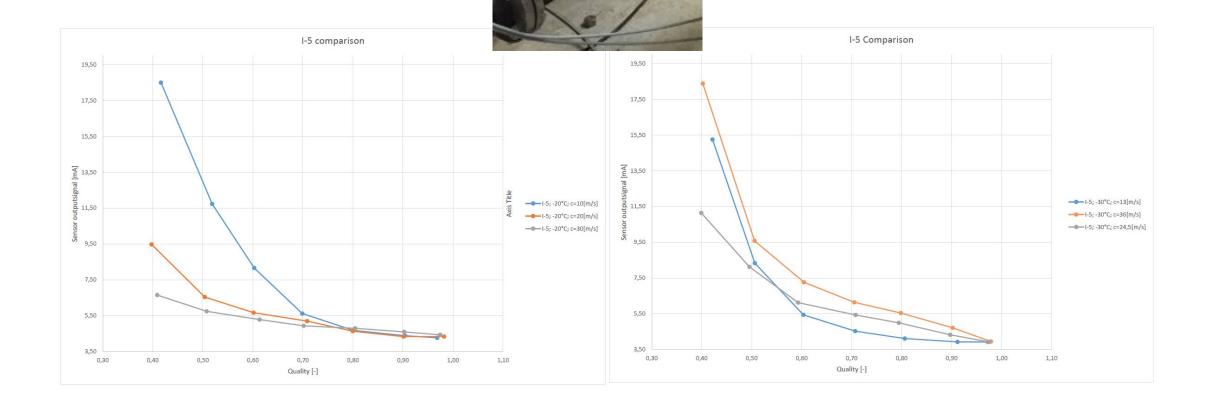
Test result: Sensor output values (average) for in-line sensor HBX-IN 2"

Temperature: ÷20°C

Flow velocity: 10, 20 and 30 m/s

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Some results and conclusions



The sensors are very quick and reacts without time delay

In-line sensor measures all, rod-style sensor needs to be positioned for best representative measurement

The sensors sees the gas and liquid mixtures in the range of X from 0,4 to 1

The position of the sensor in the piping at the outlet of an evaporator is sensitive (liquid in buttom of pipe)

Different output values for different temperatures and flow directions (counter flow and co-current flow)

Site test



Of the sensor installed in "real system" under real conditions

A site test was carried out at a **cold store in Denmark using tunnel freezers**.

Each tunnel have four evaporators and thus four risers. At the top of each riser a HBX-rod sensor is installed.

The sensors shows a clear picture of what is going on inside the riser.

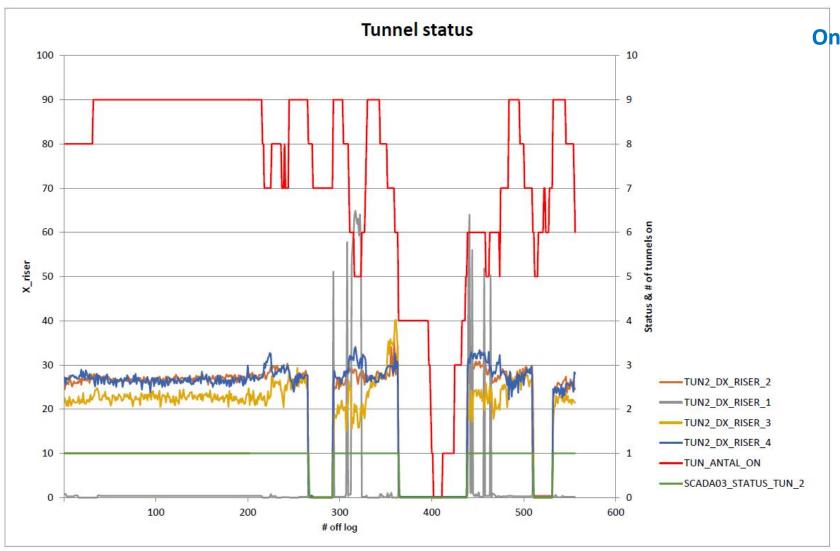




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One evaporator is not performing

