Based on the world’s first gas chromatographic interface for stable isotope analysis, the Isochrom, the GC5 sets new standards in sensitivity and longevity for compound specific stable isotope analysis. The seamless interfacing of the GC5 module to the IsoPrime100 mass spectrometer provides selective, sensitive and accurate on-line $\delta^{13}C$, $\delta^{15}N$, $\delta D$ and $\delta^{18}O$ measurements of individual organic components in complex sample matrices.

Ultra high sensitivity
The direct coupling design of the GC5 interface to the IsoPrime100 IRMS produces exceptional levels of performance for extremely low sample element concentrations with sub ng quantaties for analysis. However, high sensitivity is only useful when isotopic linearity can be depended on, and the GC5 yields incredibly linear results over diverse sample concentrations.

Longlife micro furnace technology
Fundamental to the GC5 is the unique design of the furnace for determination of $\delta^{13}C$, $\delta^{15}N$, $\delta D$ and $\delta^{18}O$ at temperatures up to 1450°C using dedicated reactor designs for optimal performance. A robust quartz micro reactor is utilised for C, N and H isotope analysis which maintains chromatographic integrity of the separated compounds through the combustion/pyrolysis phase of analysis. Optimised furnace reagents mean that the furnace longevity is unsurpassed giving reliable quality results for hundreds of samples without recharging.

The “heart cutting” technique provides 100% switching of the column eluent between to GC5 interface and the on-board Flame Ionisation Detector (FID) to provide the highest selectivity of sample peaks from even the most complex chromatograms. This technique extends significantly the lifetime of the reactor without loss of sample to the FID.

Flexible Pyrolysis analysis
The patented ChromeHD technology serves for unbeatable reproducibility in H/D analysis of complex mixtures using our robust quartz reactor design, a brand new reactor configuration provides the conversion of oxygen to CO in an inert nickel tube with a minimized blank $\delta^{18}O$ signal and the highest possible performance.

State of the art gas chromatography
The IsoPrime GC5 Interface is designed around Agilent Technologies, Inc., market leading GC separation technology. The Standard GC5 interfaces with an Agilent 7890A gas chromatograph with split/splitless injector and FID. The system can be extended with a second programmable temperature vapouriser or cool-on-column injector for full flexibility, while full flexibility can be achieved with the Agilent Multimode inlet.
**GC5 Chromatographic Interface**

Extended productivity and capabilities
A choice of versatile autosamplers is available. Add the Agilent 7693A automatic liquid sampler with up to 150 possible sample positions, or choose the versatile CTC combiPAL or Gerstel MPS for liquid, headspace and SPME. Purge and trap, thermal desorption and gas sampling loops are also available if required.

**GC-MSD-IRMS**
A specialised version of the GC5 is available for coupling with the Agilent 5975C series GC/MSD, allowing the simultaneous isotope ratio measurement and real-time structural identification of complex mixtures.

**High class software**
The Windows® based IRMS software allows full instrument control from a PC with Continuous monitoring of real time conditions of the GC in both numerical and graphical form. The powerful continuous flow data processing (CFDP) package within IonVantage has numerous class leading integration, peak detection and background correction options available to fully automate the data gathering process.

**Applications**
GC-IRMS is an important technique for soil science (organic matter origin), medical (deuterium labeling) and geological (oil/source rock correlation) applications. There are obvious advantages in the ability to separate complex mixtures of components in environmental samples, extracts of natural products and petroleum fractions, etc. In addition, the use of a combination of isotopes provides a strong argument in the identification of the origin of steroids and poly aromatic hydrocarbons (PAH), etc. used in doping, adulteration and in forensic studies.

**Class leading hybrid GC-MSD-IRMS configuration**

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