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Carbon Isotope Analysis Available While Drilling

A new detection tool developed by Geolog International enables to measure the carbon isotope ratio of hydrocarbon gases on-site, while drilling.

Typically, oil companies collect gas samples during the drilling phase, at certain intervals, and send them to remote laboratories for analysis. The results indicate the origin of the gas, the type of kerogene and the maturity of the source rock. This procedure can take up to 6 months and provides a discontinuous measurement of the isotopic ratios.

The new system enables to carry out such measurements and obtain results in Real-Time. 

\(^{13}\text{C} \) ratio measured on methane enables to recognize biogenic, mixed and thermogenic origin of methane. It can give indication of the approaching of a reservoir and provide information about the status of the seal.

The new Geolsotopes tool, for the first time, is able to measure the \(^{13}\text{C} \) isotopic ratio on ethane, in situ. Methane and ethane isotopes ratio enable to assess origin and migration of the gas.

![Geolog's Geolsotopes gas detection system.](image)

The system has already been deployed on a series of ultra-deepwater operations, where it has provided results which has enabled quick decision-making. A crucial advantage considering the intrinsic cost of operating time in deepwater projects.

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![Isotopic ratios chart correlating methane ratios with the origin of the gas.](image)