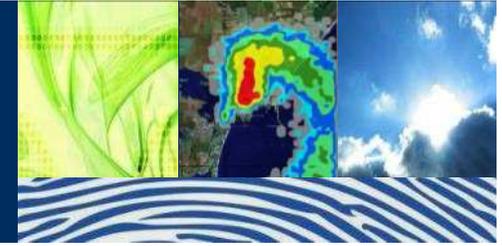




# RQ Box Solutions

Odor & VOC Pollution Monitoring



## RQ BOX Solutions

eNose Technology for Environmental Applications



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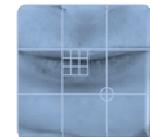
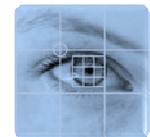


# Company Profile

## Corporate Mission

### ▶ Alpha M.O.S

- A world leader in the manufacture of human sense digitization systems
  - Smell, taste, sight
- Alpha M.O.S offers multi-organoleptic solutions and services
  - Analyzers
  - Chemical and sensory analysis laboratory services
  - Customized industrial solutions
- French distributor of advanced GC and LC instruments





# Company Profile

## Company Vision

- ▶ To help industrials handle their sensory evaluation challenges by:
  - Offering a full range of services and advanced e-sensing technologies
  - Correlating instrumental measurement with human perception
  - Delivering easy-to-use, cost effective and automated solutions
  - Providing decision tools for multiple industries





# Company Profile

## Facts & Figures

- ▶ Founded in 1993 by Jean-Christophe Mifsud
- ▶ 1<sup>st</sup> company to introduce e-noses to the market
- ▶ Leading provider of multi organoleptic systems
  - Over 1400 instruments sold worldwide
  - Deployed in over 20 countries
  - Strongly committed to research and innovation
- ▶ 60+ highly qualified experts
  - More than 50% PhD and Engineers
- ▶ Traded on the Paris Stock Exchange





# eNoses & Regulations



French Regulations





# eNoses & Regulations

## French Regulations

- ▶ French regulations for rendering and composting plants
  - 1<sup>st</sup> regulations in the world to recognize the relevance of e-noses for environmental follow up
  - Include the use of e-noses for continuous odor monitoring
  - Allows longer intervals between on-site campaign of odor measurements

### Regulations references



#### Composting plants

Ministerial circular of 2009, March 6 - Article 27

Circular related to the decree of 2008, April 22

#### Rendering plants

Decree of 2003, February 12 – Article 46



French regulation - composting



French regulation - rendering

### Composting regulation



#### Article 27

#### Fréquence des mesures de débit d'odeur

Le débit d'odeur des principales sources odorantes doit être mesuré à une périodicité fixée dans l'arrêté préfectoral, qui pourra également préciser la saison ou les conditions atmosphériques dans lesquelles cette mesure doit être réalisée. [...]

[...] La fréquence minimale de ces contrôles sur site peut en outre être allongée en cas de mise en place d'un nez électronique, dans la mesure où une phase d'étalonnage ou d'apprentissage de ce nez aura permis d'établir des corrélations avec les valeurs en concentration d'odeur mesurées ou directement avec la gêne ressentie par les riverains.

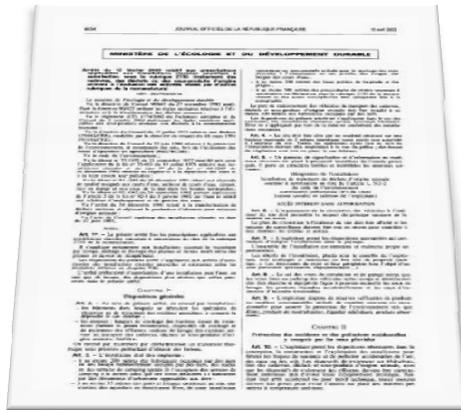
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- ▶ Odor flow rates must be measured at a periodicity fixed by decree
- ▶ Longer interval of time allowed between measurements if an e-nose is implemented

Need to correlate instrumental measurement with:

- measured odor concentrations
- or nuisance level felt by nearby residents

### Rendering regulation



French decree of 2003, February 12  
Article 46

- ▶ Longer intervals of time allowed between odor measurements in case of continuous monitoring with e-noses

### REQUIRED PERIODICITY OF ODOR MEASUREMENT

Odor concentration range (ou <sub>E</sub> .m <sup>-3</sup> )		
0 - 5000	5 000 – 100 000	> 100 000
1 year	6 months	3 months
<b>3 years</b>	<b>2 years</b>	<b>1 year</b>

With continuous odor monitoring (e-noses)





# RQ Box Solutions



RQ Box At A Glance

RQ Box

RQ Box Anywhere





# RQ Box Solutions

## RQ Box At A Glance

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### Why use an air quality monitoring system?

- ▶ Achieve and maintain compliance with regulations
- ▶ Better understand the odor issues
- ▶ Get relevant data to improve communication with:
  - Nearby residents
  - Associations
  - Authorities
- ▶ Be alerted when emissions limits are exceeded
- ▶ Anticipate nuisance and treat emissions before they affect nearby residents
- ▶ Optimize the performance of odor treatment facilities
- ▶ Know how to adjust process operations in order to reduce odor emissions





# RQ Box Solutions

RQ Box At A Glance

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## Continuous monitoring of olfactory nuisance and gas emissions



Waste . Industry . Composting . Water . Rendering

ODOURS

VOC

H<sub>2</sub>S

NH<sub>3</sub>

MERCAPTANS



### RQ Box e-nose

- ✓ Odor diagnosis
- ✓ Continuous emission measurement
- ✓ Dynamic 4D odor mapping
- ✓ Real-time alerts
- ✓ Control of odor treatment facilities



SINGLE- OR MULTI-SITE(S), LOCAL OR REMOTE MONITORING

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# RQ Box Solutions

## RQ Box At A Glance

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### Why use RQ Box?

- ▶ Know at all time the levels of emissions
- ▶ Have at all times the history of emissions
- ▶ Dynamically visualize emissions dispersion in the surroundings
  - Know at all times if the surrounding residential areas are impacted
  - Instantly assess the level of nuisance
- ▶ Rely on instrumental measurements
  - Communicate justifiable information and respond to odor complaints
  - Make decisions upon reliable data





# RQ Box Solutions

## RQ Box At A Glance

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### Why use RQ Box?

- ▶ Be automatically alerted when concentration limits are exceeded
  - Flashing light, alert siren, etc.
- ▶ Save water, additives and energy in odor treatment systems
  - RQ Box automatically activates the system when needed
  - RQ Box automatically adjusts the amount of additive to the measured odor level
- ▶ Assess the odor abatement factor of the treatment plants
- ▶ Get the necessary information to adapt production methods
  - Better understand the origin and the nature of odors

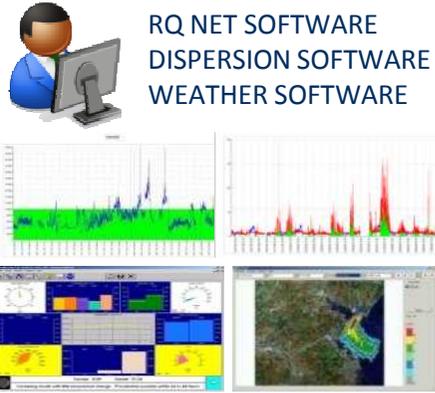




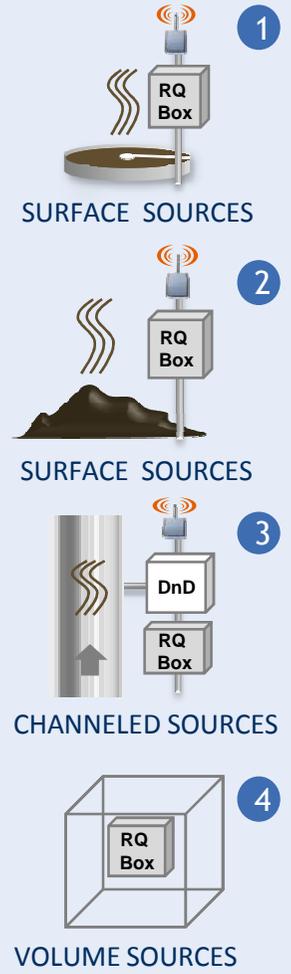
# RQ Box

## Overall Architecture

### MONITORING CENTER



### FIELD-INSTALLED MEASURING DEVICE





# RQ Box

Field-installed measuring device

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## RQ Box Analyzer



### « Air Quality » Box

- ▶ 6 detectors
- ▶ Air pumping system
- ▶ Dust filter
- ▶ 868 MHz RF communication (European band)
- ▶ Servomechanism electronic card





## RQ Box

Field-installed measuring device

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### DnD System



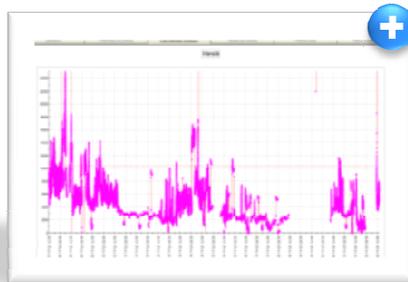
### « Dry and Dilute » System

- ▶ Sampling device
- ▶ Heated transfer line
- ▶ Drying and dilution device
- ▶ RQ Box power supply with safety shutdown system

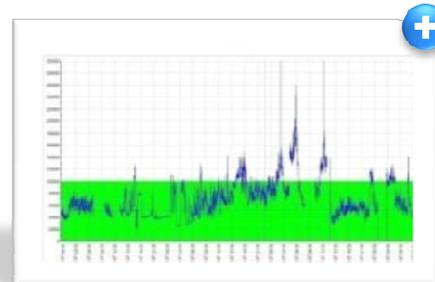


## RQ Net Software

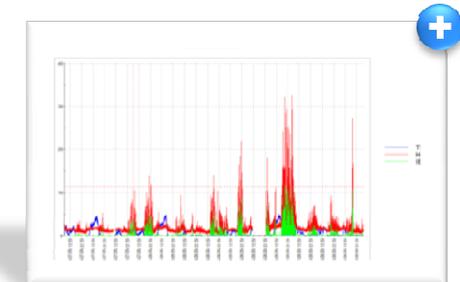
- ▶ RQ Box data acquisition and processing
  - Continuous monitoring for each emission source
    - Odor, VOC, NH<sub>3</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>S or mercaptans
  - Results presentation in graphs, control charts or tables
  - Calculated frequency of occurrence of out-of-tolerance values by period



Odor concentration plot



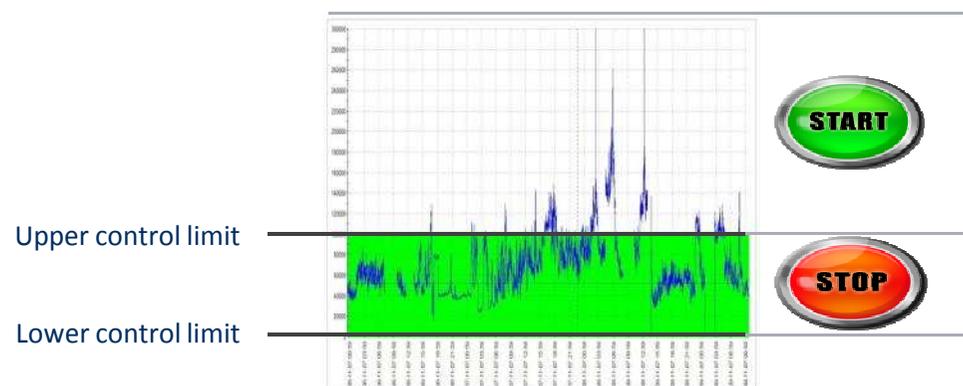
Control chart for odor flow rate

H<sub>2</sub>S, NH<sub>3</sub>, VOC concentration plots

RQ Net Software

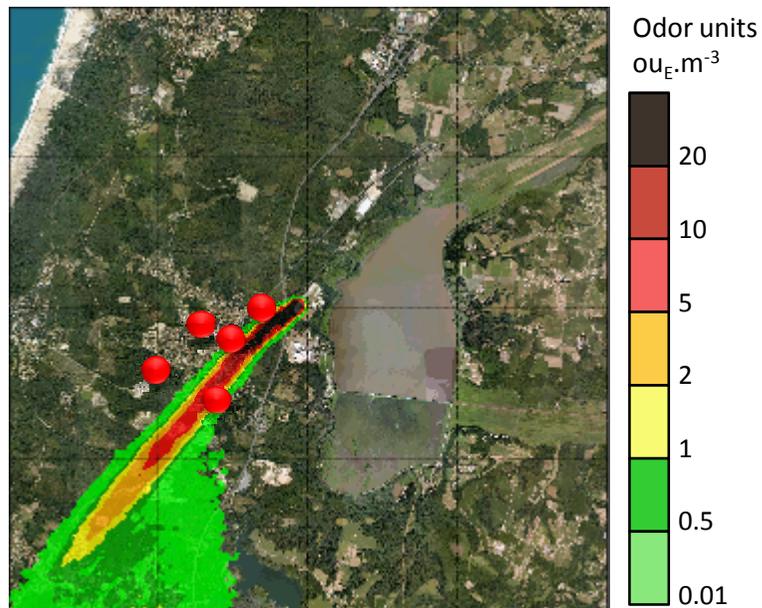
▶ Automatic control of external systems

- Activation of alert systems
  - Flashing lights, alert sirens, etc.
- Control of odor treatment facilities
  - Deodorizing process, ventilation, etc.
- Control charts with upper and lower limits



## 4D Dispersion Software

- ▶ Dynamic and continuous modeling of the odor/pollutant dispersion



- Data input for modeling:

- topographic data
- weather data
- odor/pollutant concentrations

- Past episodes analysis with the replay feature

- Concentrations at points of interest



# Success Stories

SUEZ SITA - Donzère, France

Waste storage



## SUEZ SITA - Donzère, France

Continuous monitoring of odors in correlation  
with the perception of local residents



### ► Landfill site in France

- 150.000 tons of waste processed/year
- ISO 14001 certified

### ► Project objective: better understand the odor issues

- Investigate process operations to identify the odor sources
- Correlate perception of residents with instrumental measurements
- Improve communication with local residents



### ► Solution: 3 complementary approaches

#### ■ RQ Box Solution

- 1 analyzer to monitor the waste storage area
- RF communication
- 1 weather station located on site
- 4D atmospheric dispersion modeling software

#### ■ Daily local resident surveys to assess potential discomfort

- Surveys conducted by the customer: daily phone calls

#### ■ Daily record of site operations

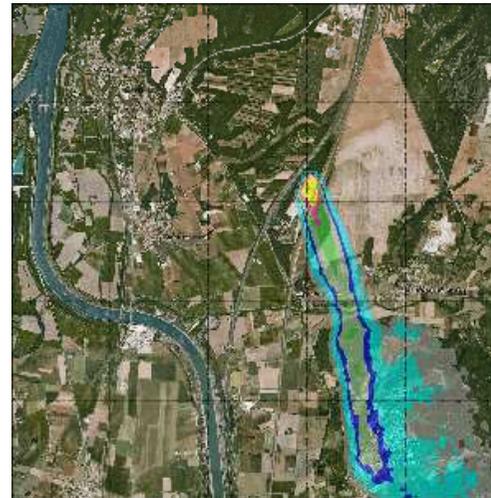


### ► Main results

- A 60-day correlation study for odor impact
- 100% correlation between instrumental measurements and residents perception

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Daily record of neighborhood complaints



Odor dispersion plume (Fast-forward)

OU<sub>E</sub>/m<sup>3</sup> Odor Concentration

OU<sub>E</sub> = European Odor Units

20

10

5

2

1

0.1

Discrimination threshold

Clearly perceived by 50% of the population

Recognition threshold

Recognized by 50% of the population

Detection threshold

Detected by 50% of the population

No odor detected



# Success Stories

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## ► Conclusions

- Olfactory nuisance forecast, up to 2 hours in advance
  - Starting point for corrective actions at the source of odor
  - Possible integration with future odor control systems for optimized performance
- Improved communication with municipal authorities & local residents
  - Quantified data available for meetings
- Authorization for site extension
  - Proven control of emissions to the relevant authorities
- Increasing number of RQ Box installations within the Suez group





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