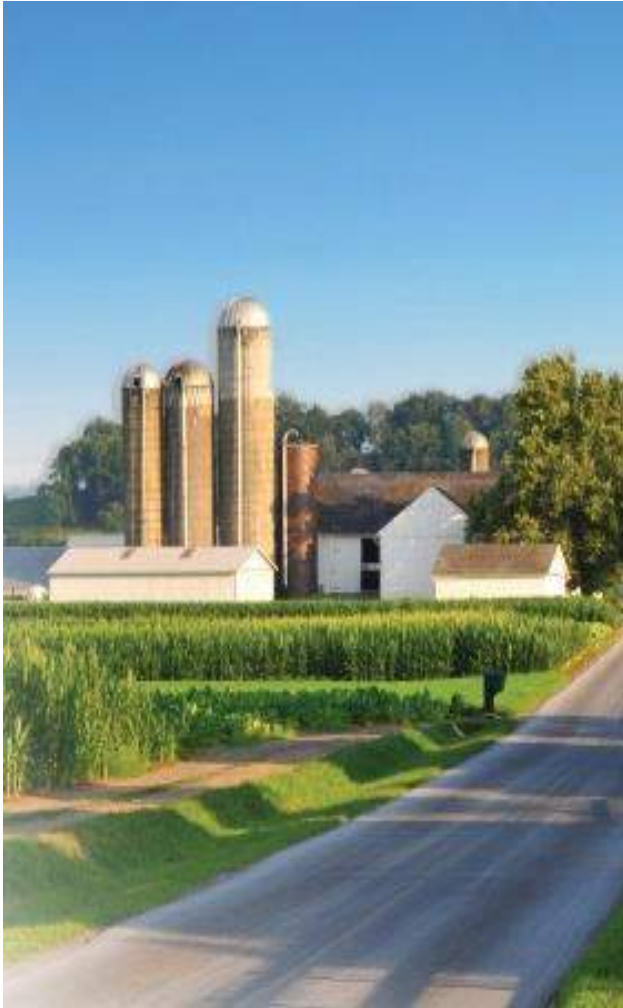


# Picarro Green House Gas (GHG) analyzers



- Chosen by the world's most discerning scientists and accepted across federal and state agencies
- Featuring real-time continuous data streamed directly to your network
- Designed for easy deployment in remote locations
- Ruggedly built to require minimum maintenance

# Environmental testing of each analyzer

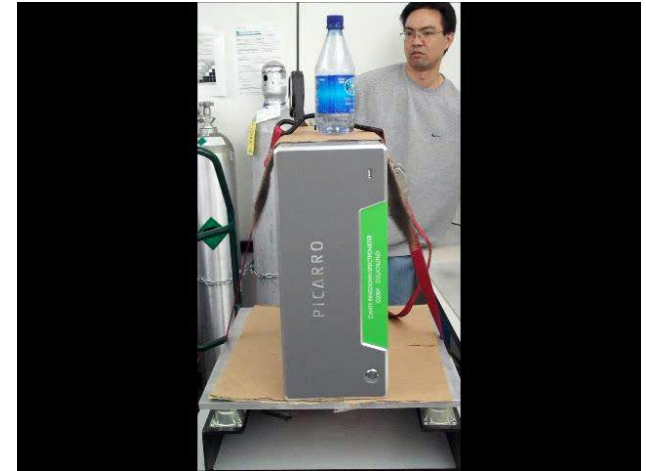
1. Thermal soak at  $-10$  &  $50$  °C (2 hrs)
  - Measure cylinder for 15 minutes after removal to check performance
2. Thermal ramp up and down between  $20$  &  $40$  °C
  - Ramp  $5$  °C / 10 min
  - Soak every  $5$  °C for 20 min
  - Measure cylinder during thermal ramp & track drift



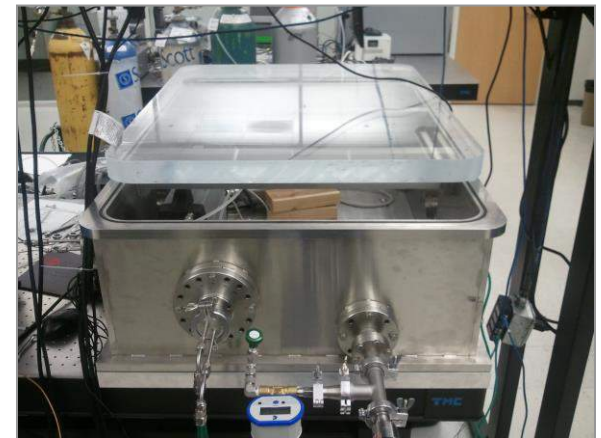
Picarro Environmental Test Chamber

# Tests for field conditions

- We stress-tests all instruments
  - Drop Test
  - Vibration test
  - Thermal test
- Flight analyzers undergo a pressure test to ensure proper function at altitude



**Picarro Vibration Test**



**Picarro Pressure Test Chamber**

# High precision data in real time

## Example for G2301

Guaranteed Performance Specifications, in air	CO <sub>2</sub>	CH <sub>4</sub>	H <sub>2</sub> O
<b>Precision (1-σ of: Raw 5 sec / 5 min avg data)</b> <i>Guaranteed over operating conditions specified below</i>	< 70 ppb / 25 ppb	< 0.5 ppb / 0.22 ppb	< 80 ppm / 30 ppm
<b>Max Drift at STP (over 24 hrs / 1 month)</b> <i>*(peak-to-peak, 50-minute average)</i> <i>Guaranteed over operating conditions specified below</i>	< 120 ppb / 500 ppb	< 1 ppb / 3 ppb	< 100 ppm ± 0.5% of reading
<b>*Automated Determination of Dry Mol Fraction</b>	Included	Included	n/a
<b>Operating Range</b>	0 - 1000 ppm	0 - 20 ppm	0 - 7 %v (39 °C dew pt) non-condensing
<b>Guaranteed Specifications Range</b>	300 - 700 ppm	1 - 3 ppm	0 - 3 %v (25 °C dew pt) non-condensing
<b>Measurement Interval (Data Rate)</b>	< 5 seconds	< 5 seconds	< 5 seconds
<b>Gas Response: Rise/Fall time (10-90 % / 90-10 %)</b>	< 3 seconds	< 3 seconds	< 3 seconds
<b>Measurement Cell Control</b>	Temperature: +/- 0.005 °C & Pressure: +/- 0.0002 atm		

\* Picarro calculates drift by subtracting the min from the max of 50 min averages taken over 30 hrs of testing

\*Comparison between NOAA, LSCE, MPI, EMPA and FMI in Rella et al. 2012

# Picarro Green House Gas (GHG) analyzers

## Advantages and Benefits

- High-precision, low drift measurements
- Multiple gas species in a single analyzer
- High reliability
- Easiest to use, up and running in minutes
- Requires no sample preparation
- Continuous measurements & sample flow
- Field & laboratory deployable



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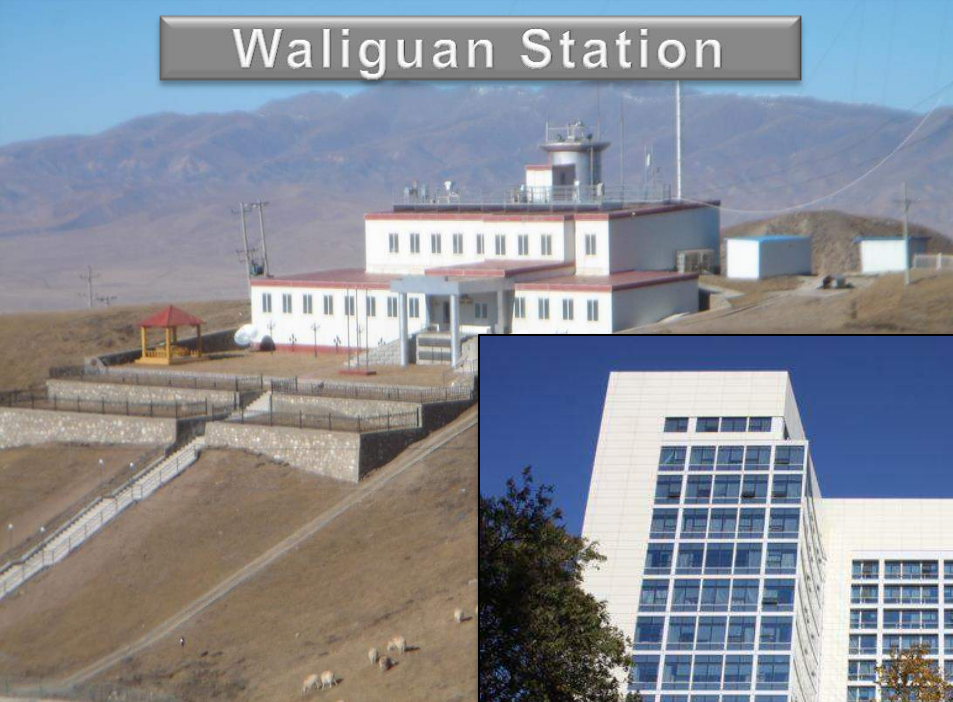
# Picarro GHG analyzers are present on all 7 continents

Two Picarro analyzers spent a summer at  
NEEM - North Greenland Ice Shield





Waliguan Station



Linan Station



CMA Headquarters in Beijing



Longfengshan Station

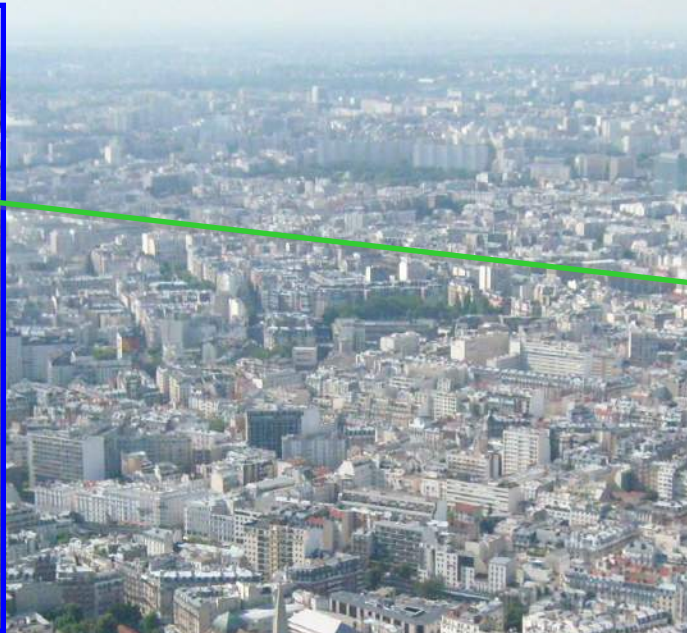


Great Wall of China

Shangdianzi Station



# LSCE – CO & CO<sub>2</sub> analysis – Eiffel Tower, Paris, France





# UK Deriving Emissions linked to Climate Change Network



Mace Head



Angus



Ridge Hill



Tacolneston



[www.metoffice.gov.uk/atmospheric-trends](http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/atmospheric-trends)



# Picarro GHG analyzer family

## Carbon Dioxide + Carbon Monoxide Analyzers

- G2302 → CO<sub>2</sub> CO H<sub>2</sub>O precision analyzer
- G2401 → CO<sub>2</sub> CO CH<sub>4</sub> H<sub>2</sub>O precision analyzer
- G2401-*m* → CO<sub>2</sub> CO CH<sub>4</sub> H<sub>2</sub>O for flight

## Carbon Dioxide + Methane Analyzers

- G2301 → CO<sub>2</sub> CH<sub>4</sub> H<sub>2</sub>O precision analyzer
- G2301-*m* → CO<sub>2</sub> CH<sub>4</sub> H<sub>2</sub>O for flight @ 1 Hz
- G2301-*f* → CO<sub>2</sub> CH<sub>4</sub> H<sub>2</sub>O for EC flux @ 10 Hz

# Picarro GHG analyzers for flight measurements



Images courtesy  
Huilin Chen  
Max Planck Institute  
Jena, Germany

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# Three NASA deployments used to verify satellite measurements



Inside a wing pod of the Alpha Jet



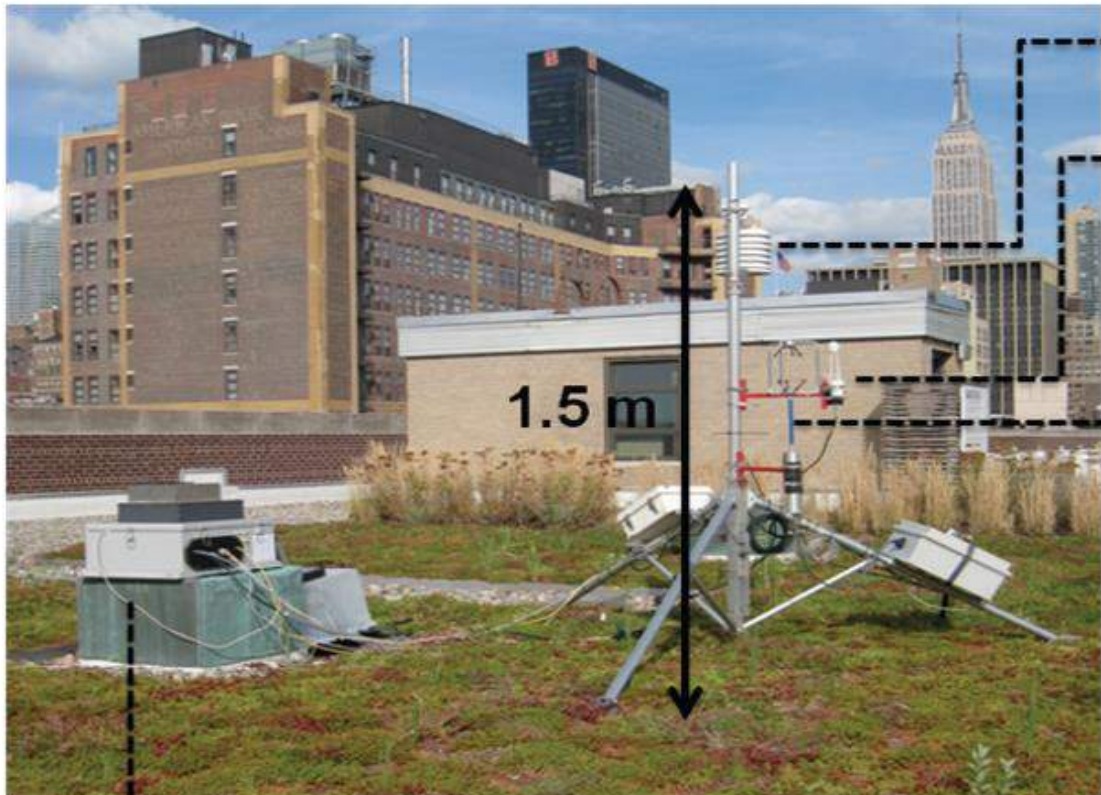
SIERRA UAV



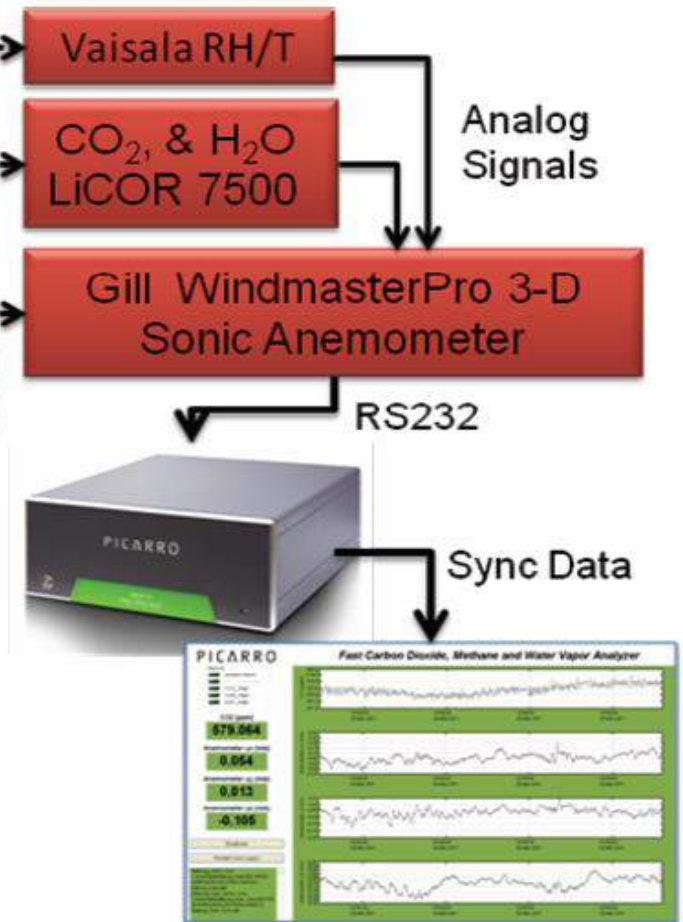
Railroad Valley Playa, NV desert

# Wade McGillis, Columbia University

## Eddy Covariance measurements on a roof top in NYC



Picarro in a Peltier thermoelectric temperature box with 2m inlet tube



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# Two other important GHG have come into focus:

Methane and N<sub>2</sub>O have a high global warming potential (GWP) on a short term

GWP = Global Warming Potential

Gas	GWP 20 years	GWP 100 years	GWP 500 years	Radiative Forcing (W m <sup>-2</sup> )
CO <sub>2</sub>	1	1	1	1.66
CH <sub>4</sub>	72	25	7.6	0.48
N <sub>2</sub> O	114	289	153	0.16

} Important contribution !

Source: IPCC AR4, 2007

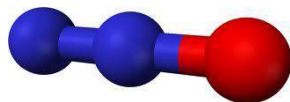


# Picarro (GHG) analyzer, including 5 species: The new G2508

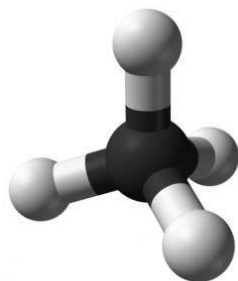


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# Measure critical greenhouse gases with one analyzer



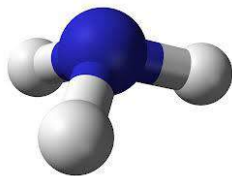
**N<sub>2</sub>O:** < 5 ppb precision in 5 min



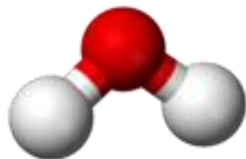
**CH<sub>4</sub>:** < 5 ppb precision in 5 min



**CO<sub>2</sub>:** < 200 ppb precision in 5 min



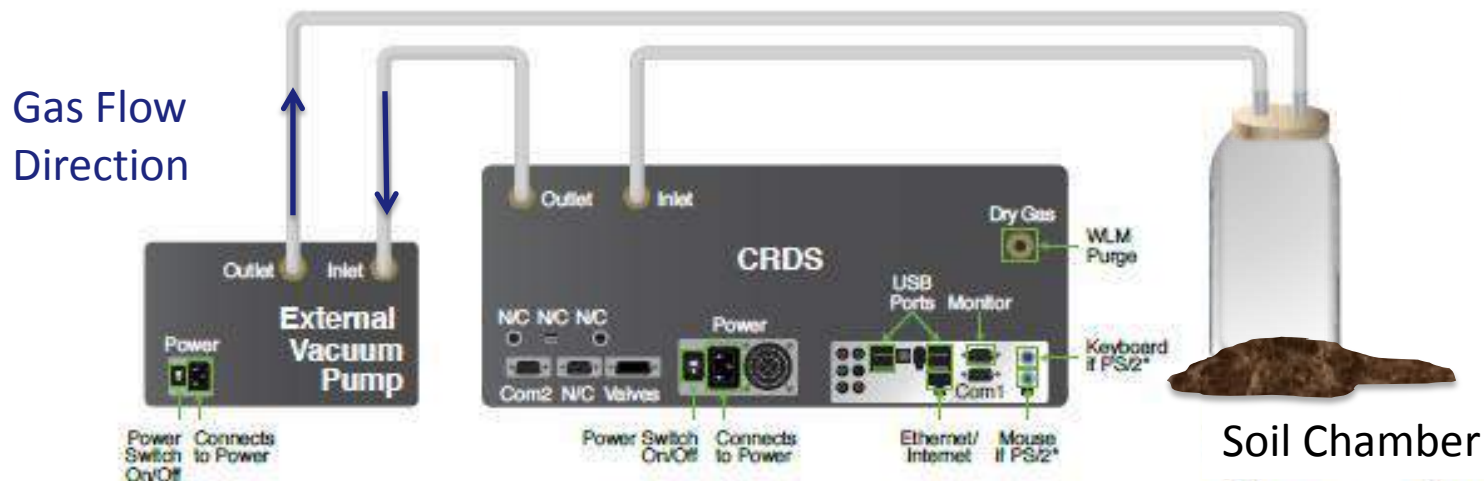
**NH<sub>3</sub>:** < 1 ppb precision in 5 min



**H<sub>2</sub>O:** < 100 ppm precision in 5 min

# Experimental Set Up

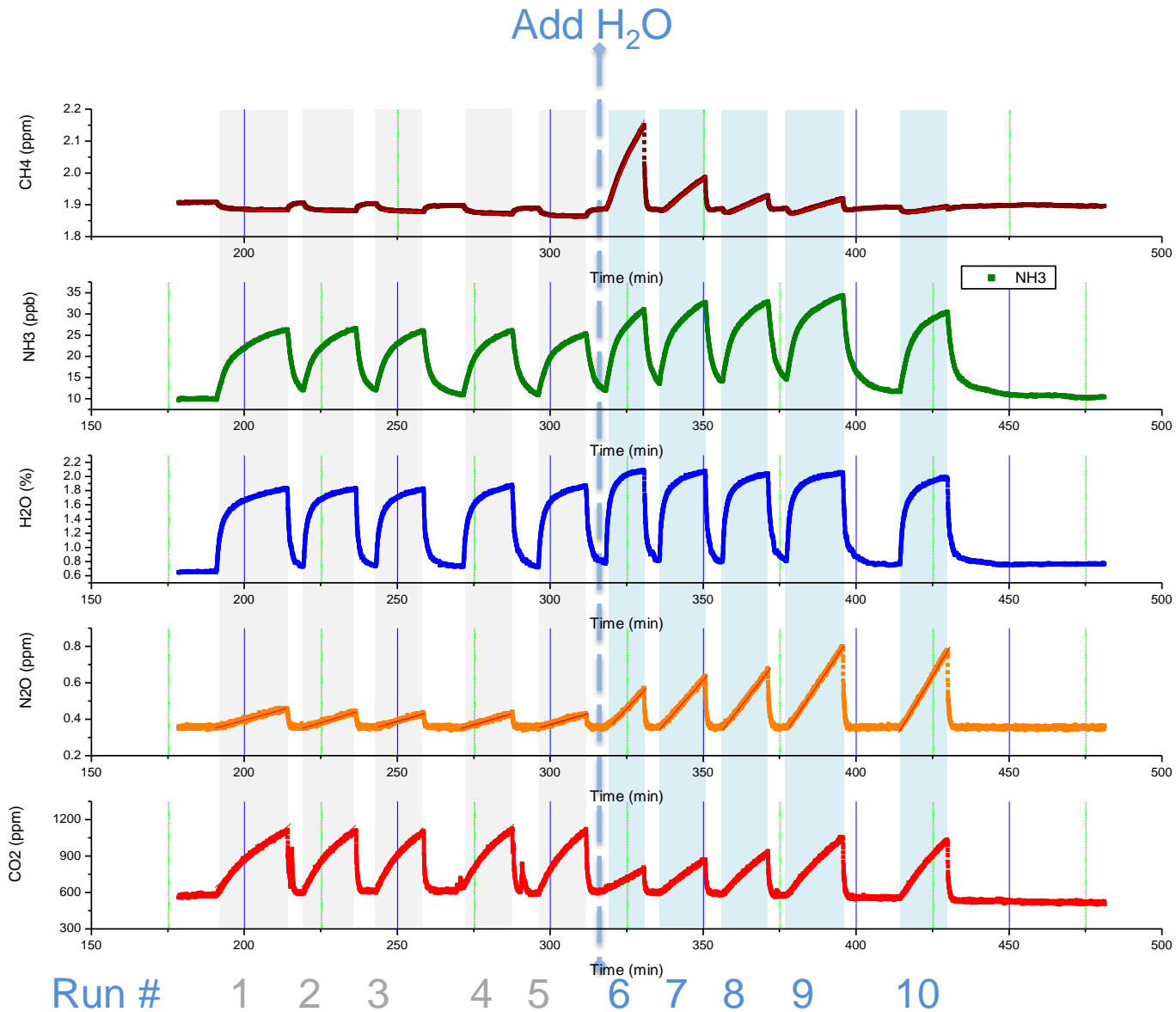
- Analyzer: Picarro G2508
- Gas flow rate: 100 sccm
- Data measurement rate: 7 seconds
- Configuration: The analyzer was attached to a glass sample chamber with two modified VCR stainless steel attachments in a closed-system configuration as shown below
- Total system volume = 495 mL





# Laboratory Soil Flux: CH<sub>4</sub>, NH<sub>3</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>O, N<sub>2</sub>O, CO<sub>2</sub>

Shaded areas indicate periods where chamber was closed



# Measuring GHG from a Salt Marsh in Palo Alto, CA

Serena Moseman from Univ. of Rhode Island



# Picarro stable isotopes analyzers

- Nitrogen isotope  $^{15}\text{N}$ , and its isotopomers
- Carbon isotope  $^{13}\text{C}$  on carbon dioxide and methane
- Water isotopologues  $\text{H}_2^{18}\text{O}$  and  $\text{HD}^{16}\text{O}$



# Nitrogen isotopomers $\delta^{15}\text{N}^\alpha$ and $\delta^{15}\text{N}^\beta$ and $\text{N}_2\text{O}$ measurements at ambient concentrations

## Analyzer: Picarro G5101-i (Mid-IR Laser source)

Guaranteed Performance Specifications			
Target Species	Precision 1- $\sigma$		Concentration Range (ppm $\text{N}_2\text{O}$ in Air)
	10 min avg	100 sec avg	
$\text{N}_2\text{O}$ (Concentration)	< 0.05 ppb	< 0.1 ppb	0.3 - 2
$\delta^{15}\text{N}$ , $\delta^{15}\text{N}^\alpha$ , $\delta^{15}\text{N}^\beta$	< 0.5 ‰	< 1 ‰	0.3 - 2

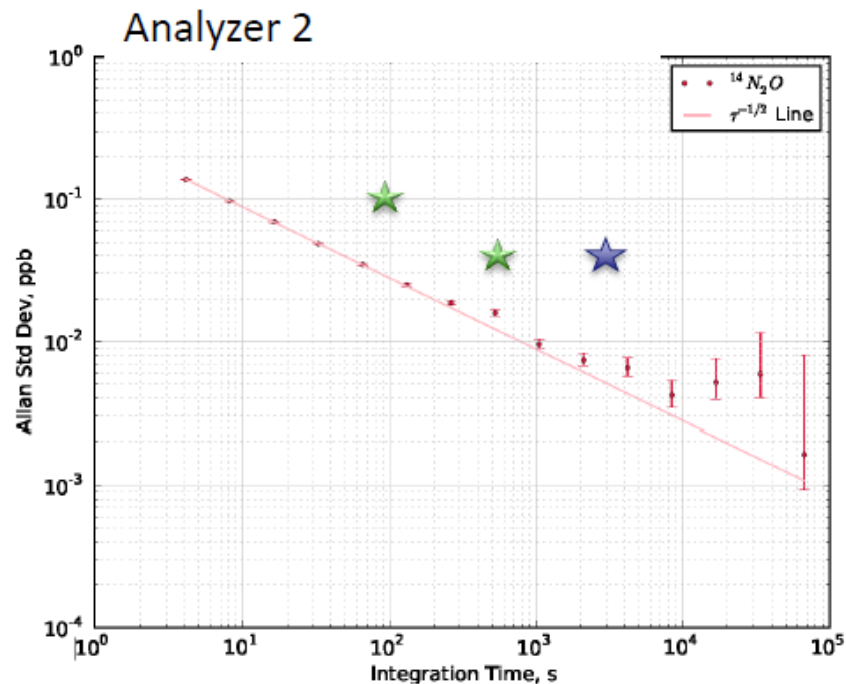
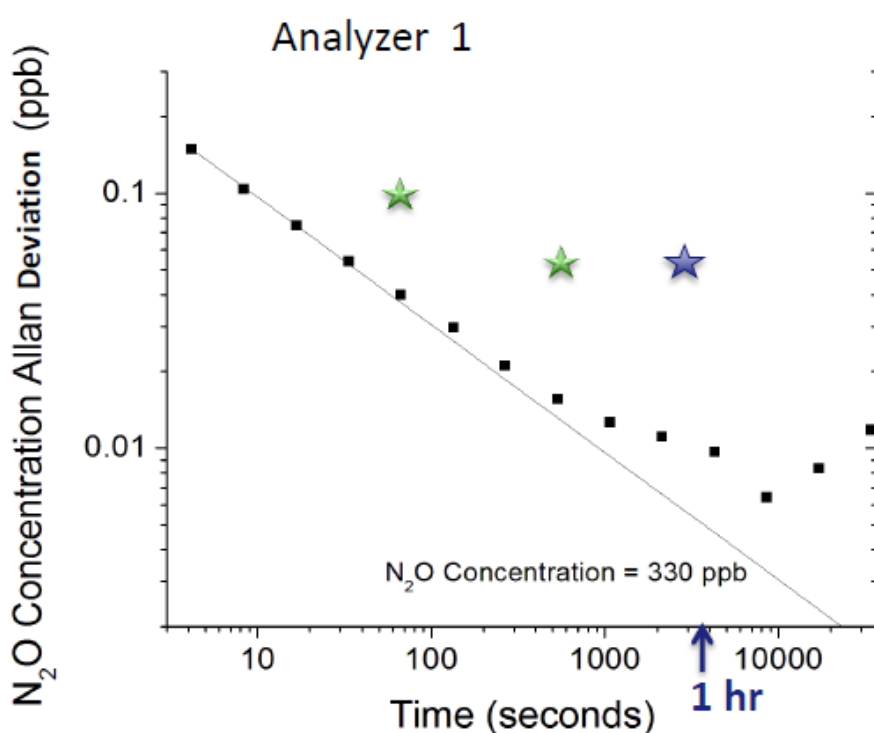


Big advantage  
compared to IRMS



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# Allan deviation for ambient N<sub>2</sub>O measurements



Both analyzers perform better than the Picarro specifications and the GAW inter-laboratory uncertainty recommendations

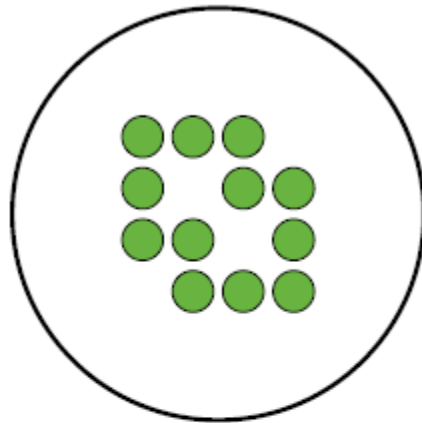
★ Picarro Guaranteed Specification

★ GAW Specification

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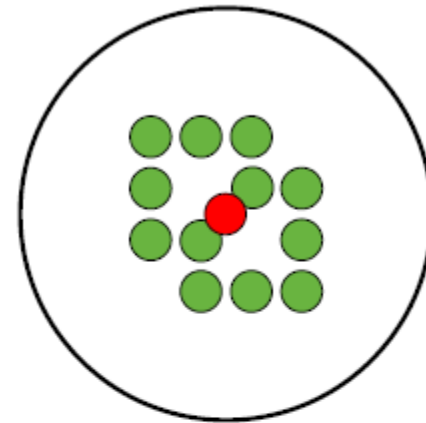
# Carbon Isotopes

Carbon 12



~ 98.9 %

Carbon 13



~ 1.1 %

Naturally occurring  
Safe, non-radioactive  
One is heavier than the other  
Different behaviors – simple tracers  
Measure Precise Enough – Spot the difference!



## Photosynthesis: $^{12}\text{C}$ is biochemically preferred



- Plant  $^{13}\text{C}$  values depend on:
- Metabolic Pathway (C3 or C4)
  - Species
  - Environment

# Carbon isotopes: $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ in $\text{CO}_2$ and $\text{CH}_4$


- **Excellent precision** for both  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  measurements simultaneously.
- **Most stable results:** Excellent temperature, pressure stability.
- Two  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ - $\text{CH}_4$  modes: High Precision for the best results for near-ambient applications and High Dynamic Range for higher concentrations.
- Know all the concentrations:  $^{12}\text{CO}_2$ ,  $^{13}\text{CO}_2$ ,  $^{12}\text{CH}_4$ ,  $^{13}\text{CH}_4$ ,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$
- No drying needed. No  $\text{CO}_2$  removal needed for  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ - $\text{CH}_4$  measurement.
- **Get a complete isotopic picture of your samples for maximum carbon cycle insight.**

CRDS Analyzer for Isotopic  
Carbon in  $\text{CO}_2$  and  $\text{CH}_4$   
Model G2201-*i*



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# ChemDetect™ and interferences



Detect interference in complex gas matrix often found in oil & gas operations

ChemDetect™ is a new layer of analysis to detect any species that influences the optical spectrum. ChemDetect™ looks at three types of spectral distortion

- Abnormally large fit residuals
- Changes in the baseline level
- Changes in the baseline slope

The purpose of ChemDetect™ is to alert a user to the possibility that the measurements are being affected by unexpected gas matrixes.



# Picarro G2201-i : One Analyzer with many applications and solutions



## Costech EA or CM



Bulk sample analysis  
for isotope labs

## Closed System



Ecology, soil &  
agriculture  
Science

## SSIM2



Small, high-  
concentration  
samples

## OI 1030W



Oceanography  
hydrology

## Mobile Kit



Fugitive  
emissions,  
energy  
exploration

# Picarro Combustion Module + CRDS : Measures Bulk $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ in $\text{CO}_2$ in everything that burns

- Portable – easily moved from lab to field
- Unique combination of high precision and ease-of-use
- High throughput – 148 samples in 24 hours
- Fix costs are 2x to 3x less than EA-IRMS,
- Continuous costs 5x to 10x less



# Picarro Combustion Module + CRDS application: Honey Fraud detection

Honey is one of a number of natural products that are regularly tested for adulteration with lower cost sweeteners such as High Fructose Corn Syrup (HFCS) and cane sugar. Such frequent adulteration poses a problem for scrupulous honey producers and importers who end up operating at a cost disadvantage. The problem is significant enough that U.S. Customs and Border Protection agents regularly test for adulteration in honey shipments.



- Carbon isotopic fractionation is related to CO<sub>2</sub> uptake and enzymatic processes (C3 or C4 plants)
- Bees feed on C3 plants with a  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  of approx.  $-27$  permil and produce a protein, that is found in the honey
- Corn is a C4 plant with a  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  of approx.  $-11$  permil



adding corn syrup to honey will lead to an increase in  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$



## Process

- 6 honey samples and the protein extracted from each sample were sourced from a honey importer for analysis
- The CO<sub>2</sub> resulting from combustion of samples was collected via Picarro's Liaison high throughput interface
- $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  was measured on the Picarro CM-CRDS

Sample	Protein (‰)	Honey (‰)	C4 Sugars (%)
Sample 1	-26.57	-27.35	-4.6
Sample 2	-26.79	-27.57	-4.6
Sample 3	-26.27	-25.45	5.0
Sample 4	-26.21	-27.84	-9.8
Sample 5	-26.55	-26.19	2.1
Sample 6	-27.80	-27.45	1.9

## Comments

- These results show that an AOAC method can be run on a Picarro CM-CRDS
- Negative values should be reported as 0%
- Values above 7% are indicative of significant amounts of C4 sugars
- All six honey samples were unaltered following these criteria

# Another example: Sparkling waters, is the CO<sub>2</sub> really natural?

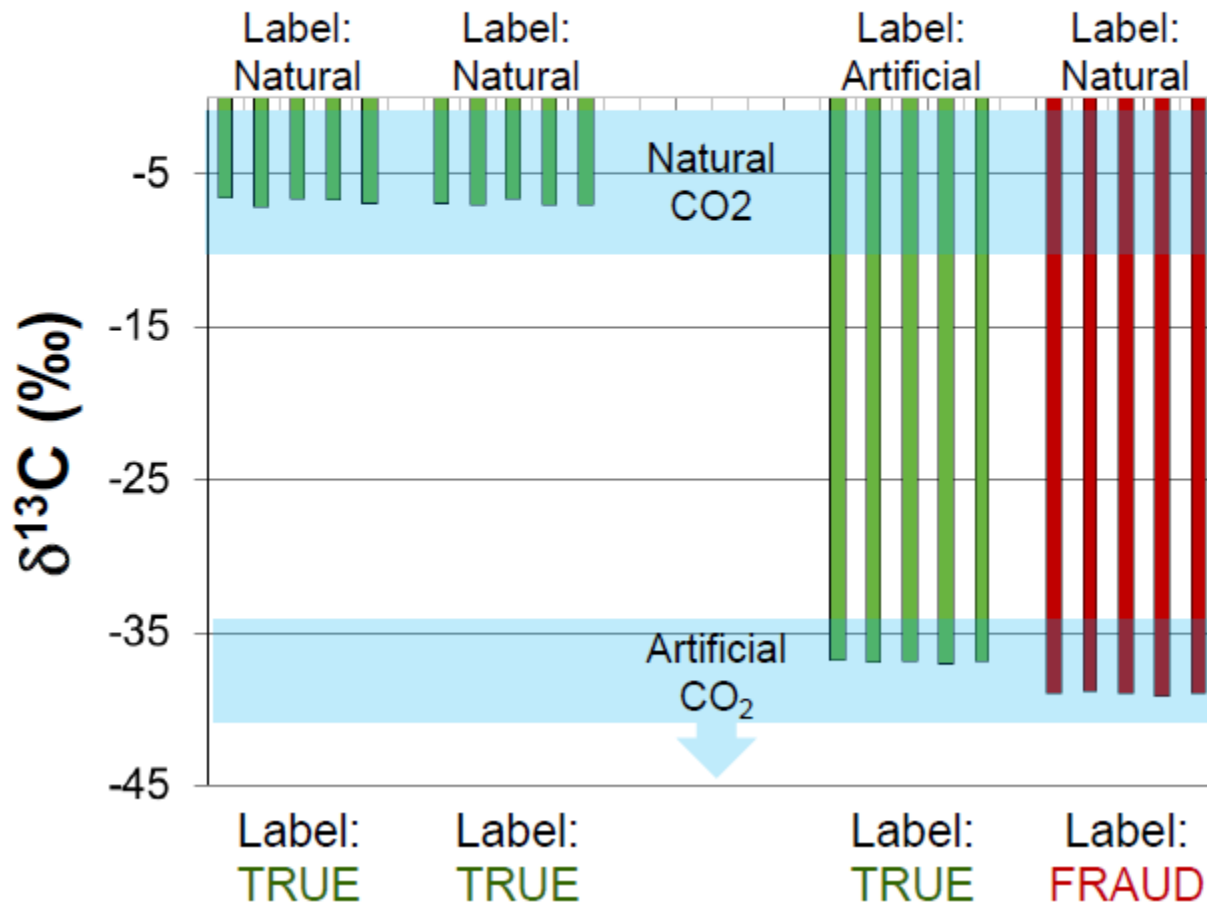
- Problem: Sparkling waters advertised as “Natural” are not
- Question: Is this sparkling water natural?
- Several waters, labeled as “Natural” and “Artificial” were measured for their carbon isotopes to test a single isotope detection method.



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# Not in all the cases...

- Single isotope measurement compared to known natural ranges proves label fraud in a sparkling water





# B2221: Simultaneous $\delta D$ and $\delta^{13}C$ :

## World's First and Only Integrated Solution for Simultaneous Bulk $^{13}C$ + D Isotope Analysis

- Combust one sample. Measure both  $^{13}C$  + D ratios.
- Comparable precision to IRMS at one-third the upfront investment.
- Much faster than IRMS. 20 minutes for both  $^{13}C$  + D analyses.
- One analyzer replaces two IRMS systems.
- Easy sample prep. Runs 99 replicates unattended in 33 hours.

Precision from replicate to replicate:

- $1\sigma < 0.3$  permil for  $\delta^{13}C$ , and  $< 3$  permil for  $\delta D$

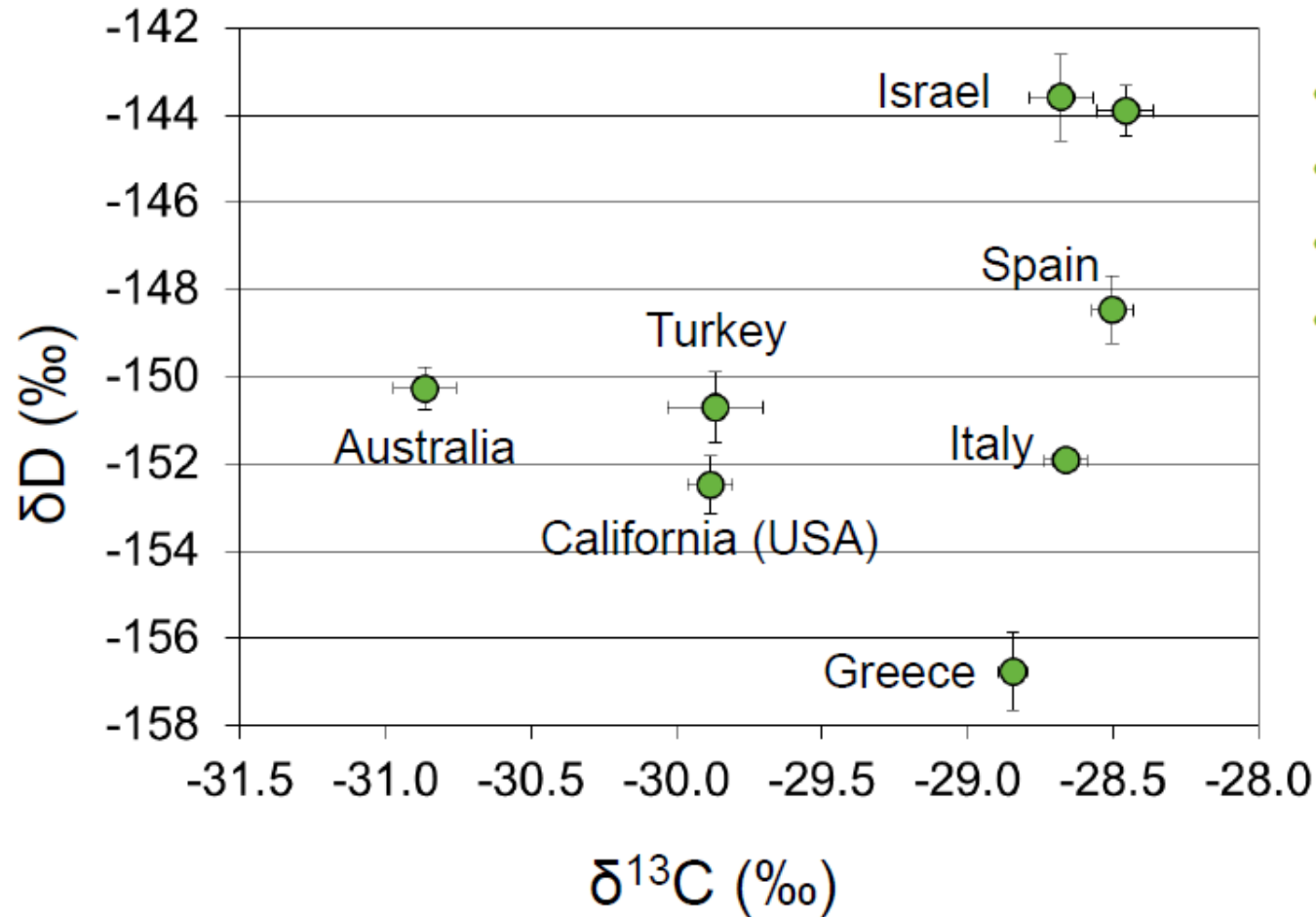


# Application:

Isotopic  $\delta D$  and  $\delta^{13}C$  can be used to determine the origin of Olive Oil



# Simultaneous $\delta D$ and $\delta^{13}C$ Results



- 8 Olive Oils
- 7 Locations
- n = 4
- 15 minutes each rep.



# PICARRO L2130-*i* $\delta\text{D}/\delta^{18}\text{O}$ Ultra High-Precision Isotopic Water Analyzer



The quantum leap to per meg level precision

- One analyzer for solids, liquids, and vapor: lab precision and field robustness
- Typical precision of 11 per meg for  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  and 38 per meg for  $\delta\text{D}$  simultaneously for liquid samples
- Allan variance of 10's per meg for averaged  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  and  $\delta\text{D}$  vapor measurements
- Calibrate once per day while measuring with sub per mil certainty

A0211: High  
Precision Vaporizer

A0212: High  
Throughput Vaporizer

A0325: Autosampler for  
liquid injection

A0101: Standards  
Delivery Module

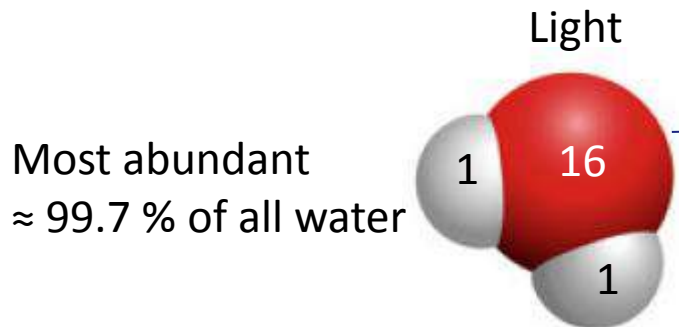
A0214: Micro-  
Combustion Module™

A0213: Induction  
Module

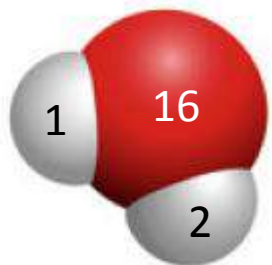
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# Stable water isotopologues:

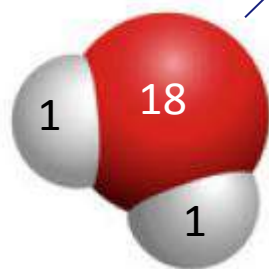
Tool to understand the hydrological cycle of the Present and Past and its link with climate



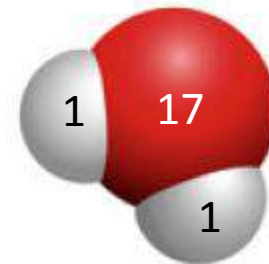
Three rare heavy isotopologues



0.018 %



0.204 %



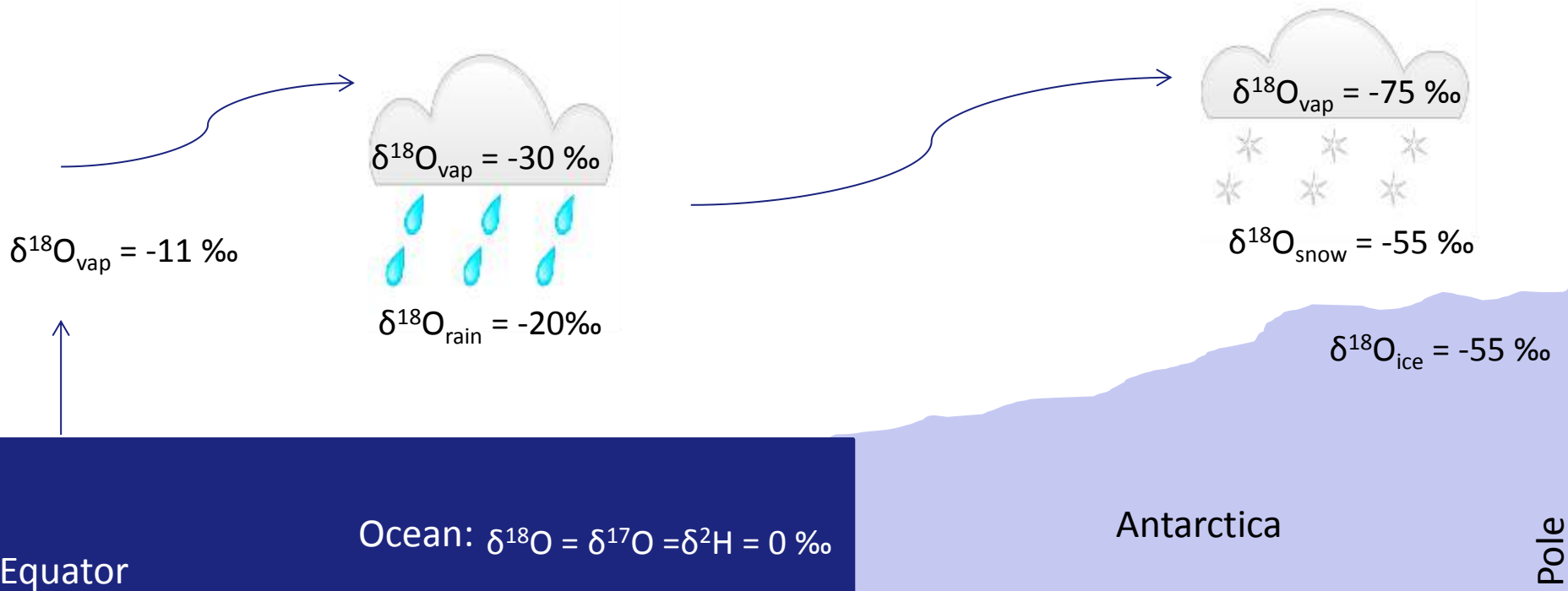
0.037 %

## Isotopic fractionation:

Heavy water isotopologues are preferably condensing from vapour to liquid water (rain) or ice crystals (snow)

Thus, leaving the remaining water vapour depleted in heavy isotopologues with respect to Ocean water

$$\delta = \frac{R_{sample}}{R_{reference}} - 1 \quad \text{expressed in } \text{‰} \text{ relative to a reference Ocean water, } R = \text{atomic ratio}$$



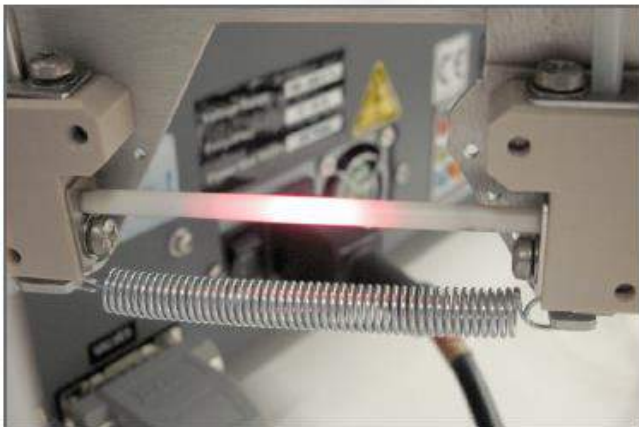


# Picarro Peripherals for L2130-i:

## Micro-Combustion-Module



High precision vaporizer



# ChemCorrect™: identifies contaminated samples

- ChemCorrect™:
  - Identifies and flags contaminated samples with absorption features in the same region as the water spectra, e.g., methanol and ethanol

ChemCorrect™ - Tue, Aug 31, 2010, 14:18:17

Source: C:\Documents and Settings\ghsiao\My Documents\ChemCorrect\UC B Dawson\HBDS01\_HT\_IsoWater\_20100729\_081827.csv  
Instructions: C:\Documents and Settings\ghsiao\My Documents\ChemCorrect\ChemCorrectV15\chemcorrect\_inst\_avg\_orgeval\_03.csv

Sample	Name	Calibrated d(18_16) Mean	Calibrated d(D_H) Mean	CH <sub>3</sub> OH	CH <sub>4</sub>	Other
52	BSMOW	5.05	8.90			
52	BSMOW	4.97	11.57			
53	SPW3	-31.48	-248.12			
54	BWW	-4.90	-41.35			
1	GG361	8.03	-24.10			
2	GG362	7.93	-23.41			
3	GG363	7.84	-22.38			
4	GG364	8.04	-22.19			
5	GG365	7.95	-22.58			
6	GG366	-1.37	-34.22			5.92617
7	GG367	-1.45	-35.39			
8	GG368	-1.49	-34.95			
9	GG369	-1.47	-34.68			
10	GG370	-1.53	-34.95			
11	GG371	-8.88	-55.25	0.00412		
54	BWW	-4.52	-32.67			
12	GG372	-9.18	-55.67	0.00426		
13	GG373	-9.43	-56.99	0.00430		
14	GG374	-7.57	-50.31	0.00288		
15	GG375	-8.42	-53.62	0.00365		
16	GG376	-3.39	-36.59	0.00464		199.77347
17	GG377	-3.07	-34.44	0.00446		194.38678
18	GG378	-3.30	-34.71	0.00460		190.91787
19	GG379	-3.34	-34.34	0.00456		193.01276
20	GG380	-3.22	-34.45	0.00456		193.27813
21	GG381	2.91	-12.27			
22	GG382	3.04	-11.95			

Reload Spreadsheet Plot Exit





**Collecting rain isn't hard  
but how do you measure it in real time?**



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# Continuous analysis of $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ and $\delta\text{D}$ values of water by diffusion sampling cavity ring-down spectrometry: a novel sampling device for unattended field monitoring of precipitation, ground and surface waters

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# High-Precision and High-Throughput Vaporizers

	High-Precision Vaporizer (A0211)	High-Throughput Vaporizer (A0212)
$\delta^{18}\text{O}$ precision ( $1\sigma$ ) by injection/sample	0.1 ‰ / 0.05 ‰*	0.2 ‰ / 0.1 ‰
$\delta\text{D}$ precision ( $1\sigma$ ) by injection/sample	0.5 ‰ / 0.3 ‰*	0.6 ‰ / 0.4 ‰
$\delta^{18}\text{O}/\delta\text{D}$ Drift (peak to peak, in 24 hrs)	< 0.6 ‰ / < 1.8 ‰	< 0.2 ‰ / 0.8 ‰
Volume by injection/sample**	$\leq 2 \mu\text{L}$ / $\leq 12 \mu\text{L}$	$\leq 5 \mu\text{L}$ / $\leq 30 \mu\text{L}$
Maximum TDS	$\leq 200 \text{ g/kg}$	$\leq 40 \text{ g/kg}$
Analysis time per injection	4 or 9 minutes	< 2 minutes
Analysis time per sample	24 or 54 minutes	< 12 minutes
Daily throughput (per 24 hrs)	360 or 160 injections	750 injections

\*Precision and drift are specified for the high-precision mode.

\*\*By sample calculations are based on running 6 injections, with the first 2 discarded and standard deviation calculated for the last 4.

# Picarro G2201-i

Performance Specifications	CO <sub>2</sub> Isotope-only mode	CH <sub>4</sub> Isotope-only mode	Simultaneous mode
<b>δ<sup>13</sup>C Precision (1-σ, 1 Hr window, 5 min. average)</b>			
δ <sup>13</sup> C-CO <sub>2</sub>	< 0.12 ‰	-	< 0.16 ‰
δ <sup>13</sup> C-CH <sub>4</sub>	-	High Precision mode: < 0.8 ‰ High Dynamic Range mode: < 0.4 ‰	High Precision mode: < 1.15 ‰ High Dynamic Range mode: < 0.55 ‰
<b>δ<sup>13</sup>C Maximum Drift (peak-to-peak, 1 hr average interval average over 24 hrs at STP)</b>			
δ <sup>13</sup> C-CO <sub>2</sub>	< 0.6 ‰	-	< 0.6 ‰
δ <sup>13</sup> C-CH <sub>4</sub>	-	High Precision and High Dynamic Range modes: < 1.5 ‰ at 10 ppm CH <sub>4</sub>	High Precision and High Dynamic Range modes: < 1.5 ‰ at 10 ppm CH <sub>4</sub>
<b>Concentration Precision (1-σ, 30 sec. average)</b>			
CO <sub>2</sub>	200 ppb + 0.05 % of reading ( <sup>12</sup> C) 10 ppb + 0.05 % of reading ( <sup>13</sup> C)	1 ppm + 0.25 % of reading ( <sup>12</sup> C)	0-2.2 %
CH <sub>4</sub>	50 ppb + 0.05 % of reading ( <sup>12</sup> C)	High Precision mode 5 ppb + 0.05 % of reading ( <sup>12</sup> C) 1 ppb + 0.05 % of reading ( <sup>13</sup> C) High Dynamic Range mode: 50 ppb + 0.05 % of reading ( <sup>12</sup> C) 10 ppb + 0.05 % of reading ( <sup>13</sup> C)	High Precision mode 5 ppb + 0.05 % of reading ( <sup>12</sup> C) 1 ppb + 0.05 % of reading ( <sup>13</sup> C) High Dynamic Range mode: 50 ppb + 0.05 % of reading ( <sup>12</sup> C) 10 ppb + 0.05 % of reading ( <sup>13</sup> C)
H <sub>2</sub> O	100 ppm		