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Agenda

	Mercredi 23 Avril	Jeudi 24 Avril
AASQA	Corse, Atmo SUD, AirPL, Atmo BFC, Atmo Occitanie, Martinique	AURA, HDF, Atmo GE, Atmo normandie, LigAIR, Air Breizh
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10:30h-11h	Pause	Pause
11h-12h	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CRDS Technologie • Considération Application • Questions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CRDS Technologie • Considération Application • Questions
12h-13h	Pause Déjeuner	Pause Déjeuner
13h-14h	Formation pratique : G / PI2103 Logicielle	Formation pratique : G / PI2103 Logicielle
14h-15h	Formation pratique: G / PI2103 « Hardware »	Formation pratique: G / PI2103 « Hardware »
15h-15h30	Pause	Pause
15h30-17h	Discussion et Question Générale	Discussion et Question Générale

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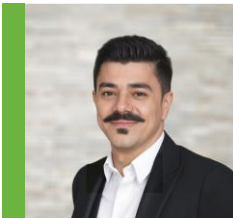
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Overview Picarro Analyzers

GHG analysis

G2301 : CO₂, CH₄, H₂O
G2311-f: CO₂, CH₄, H₂O (flux)
G2401 : CO₂, CH₄, CO, H₂O
G2401-m: CO₂, CH₄, CO, H₂O (flight)
PI5310 : N₂O, CO, H₂O
G2508 : N₂O, CO₂, CH₄, (NH₃), H₂O
G2509 : N₂O, CO₂, CH₄, NH₃, H₂O

Suitable for concentration analysis in the atmosphere. Analyzers are optimized for atmospheric concentrations.

Trace gas analyses

PI2103 : NH₃, Ammonia
PI2114 : H₂O₂, Hydrogen Peroxide
G2307 : H₂CO, Formaldehyde
SI2205 : HF, Hydrogen Fluoride
SI2108 : HCl, Hydrogen Chloride
SI2104 : H₂S, Hydrogen sulfide
PI2910/PI2920: C₂H₄O, Ethylene Oxide

Suitable for trace gas detection with a specified lower detection limit, for industrial and atmospheric use.

Isotopic analyzers

G2131-i : δ¹³C of CO₂
G2201-i : δ¹³C of CO₂ & δ¹³C of CH₄
G2210-i : δ¹³C of CH₄ & [C₂H₆]

L2130-i : δ¹⁸O & δ²H of H₂O
L2140-i : δ¹⁸O, δ¹⁷O, δ²H & ¹⁷O-excess

Suitable for field-based monitoring and laboratory application, can be used with different peripherals.

Analyzers for Hazardous Air Pollutants



Ammonia (NH_3)



Ethylene Oxide ($\text{C}_2\text{H}_4\text{O}$)



Formaldehyde (H_2CO)



Hydrogen Chloride (HCl)



Hydrogen Fluoride (HF)

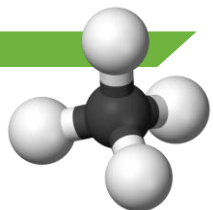


Hydrogen Sulfide (H_2S)

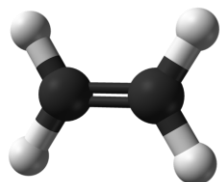
VOC measurements with BB-CRDS

- Development of Broadband CRDS for VOC
 - Analyzer capable of a scanning wide frequency range
 - Up to 40 compounds measured at the same time
 - Measurement interval < 5 sec
- 50x more sensitive than FTIR, 50x faster than GC
- Creating a large VOC library

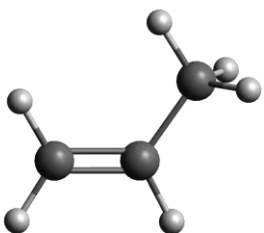
Multiple VOCs across a wide frequency range



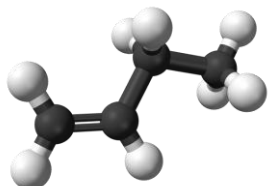
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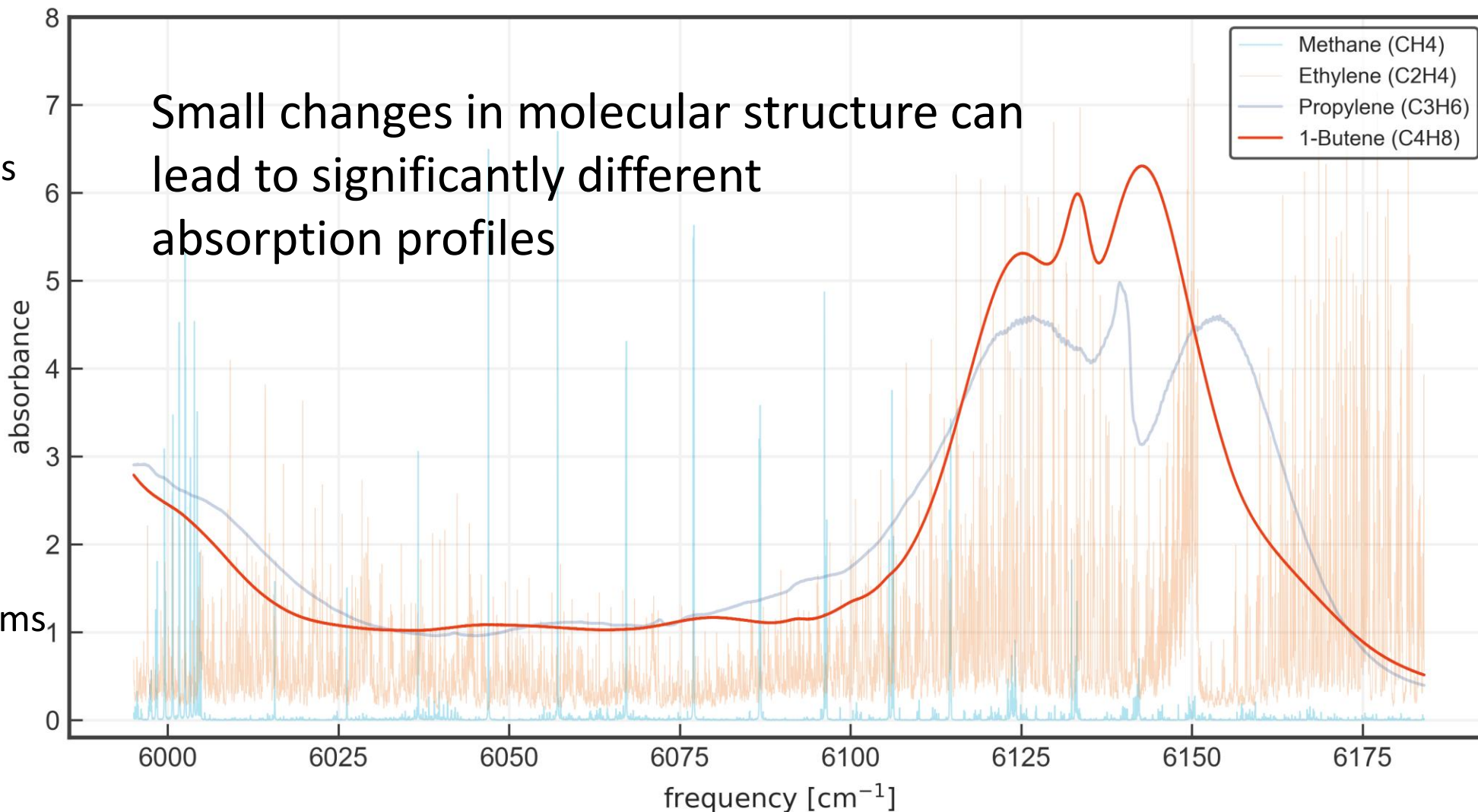
Ethylene: 6 atoms



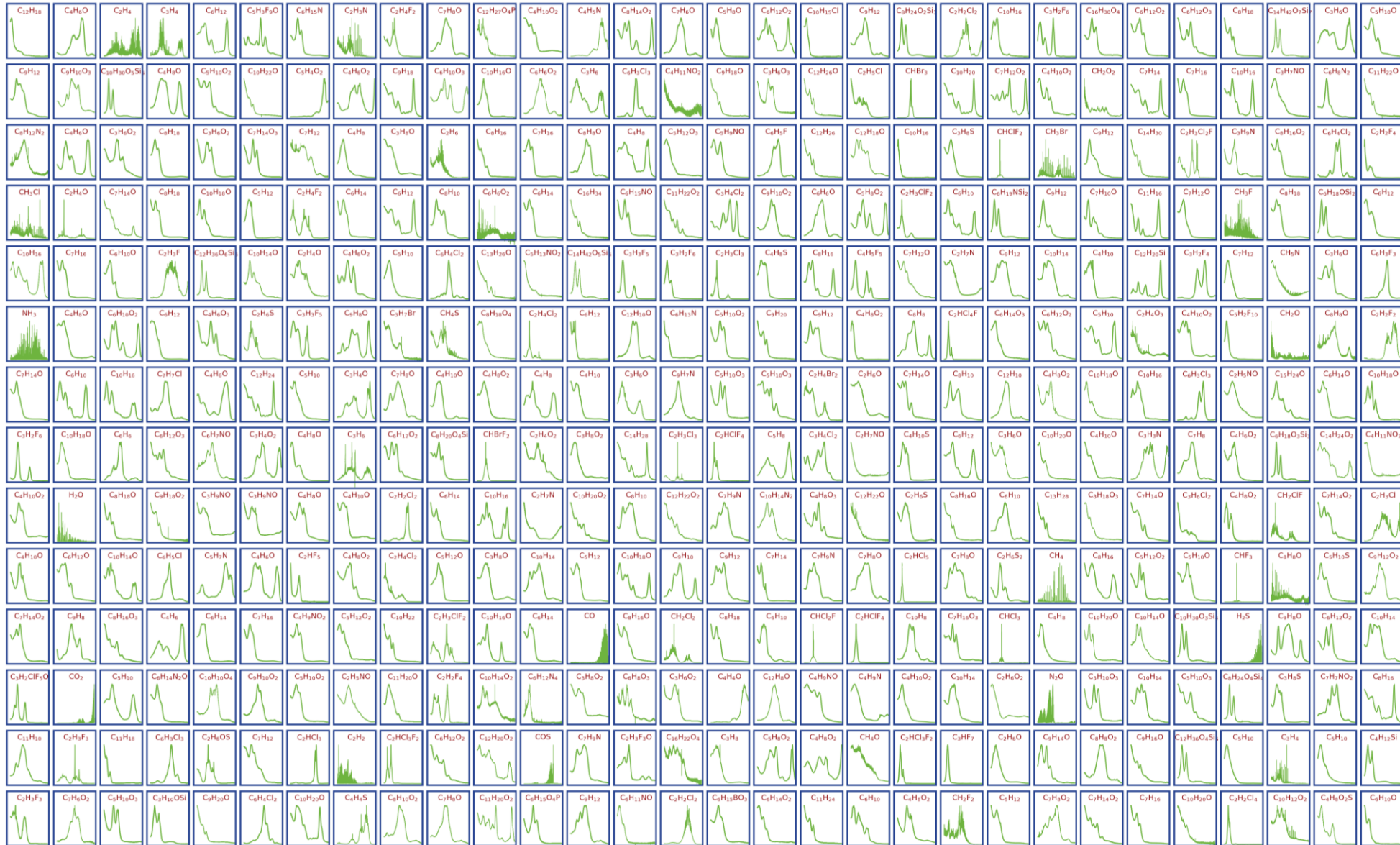
Propylene: 9 Atoms



Butene: 12 Atoms



Spectral Library: **600** compounds and counting...



Picarro's Ammonia Analyzers

Model	CO ₂	CH ₄	N ₂ O	H ₂ O	NH ₃
G/SI/PI2103	(s)			(s)	X
G2508	X	X	X*	X	(s)
G2509	X	X	X*	X	X

- X: primary measurement
- s: secondary measurement
- *: additional corrections for NH₃>2ppm

G2509, 5-Species Analyzer

G2509



5 species:

- CO₂ (ppb precision)
- CH₄ (ppt precision)
- N₂O (ppb precision)
- NH₃ (ppt precision)
- H₂O

- **Optimized NH₃ performance:**
 - Response time
 - Coating for sampling handling parts
 - Increased flow rate (1.3 L/min instead of 240 mL/min)
 - Accurate ammonia measurements up to 10 ppm
- **Extended CH₄ range (up to 800ppm)**
- **Surrogate gas validation**
 - Proven as 'customized G2508' since 2018
- ★ **Updated water vapor correction for NH₃**
- ★ **Added averaging intervals for N₂O**

G2509, 5-Species Analyzer

G2509 Performance Specifications and Typical Performance in Air						
Specification	N ₂ O	CH ₄	CH ₄ High Range	CO ₂	NH ₃	H ₂ O
Precision Raw (1σ)	<25 ppb + 0.05% of reading Typical = 5.0 ppb*	<10 ppb + 0.05% of reading Typical = 0.3 ppb*	<100 ppb + 0.15% of reading Typical = 20 ppb*	<600 ppb + 0.05% of reading Typical = 240 ppb*	<5 ppb + 0.05% of reading Typical = 0.16 ppb*	<500 ppm
Precision 1 min (1σ)	<10 ppb + 0.05% of reading Typical = 1.1 ppb*	<7 ppb + 0.05% of reading Typical = 0.1 ppb*	<40 ppb + 0.15% of reading Typical = 7 ppb*	<300 ppb + 0.05% of reading Typical = 74 ppb*	<3 ppb + 0.05% of reading Typical = 0.07 ppb*	<250 ppm
Precision 5 min (1σ)	<5 ppb + 0.008% of reading Typical = 0.6 ppb*	<5 ppb + 0.02% of reading Typical = 0.1 ppb*	<20 ppb + 0.10% of reading Typical = 3 ppb*	<200 ppb + 0.05% of reading Typical = 38 ppb*	<1 ppb + 0.05% of reading Typical = 0.04 ppb*	<100 ppm
Guaranteed Spec Range	0.3–200 ppm***	1.5–12 ppm	0–800 ppm	380–5000 ppm	0–300 ppb	0–3 %
Operating Range	0–400 ppm***	0.5–15 ppm	0–800 ppm	0.02–2 %	0–10 ppm***	0–7 %
Measurement Rate	<8 secs	<8 secs	<8 secs	<8 secs	<8 secs	<8 secs
Typical Gas Response (Rise-Fall 10-90%, 90-10%)	~8 secs	~8 secs	~8 secs	~8 secs	<2 min**	~8 secs
Report Dry Mole Fraction	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A

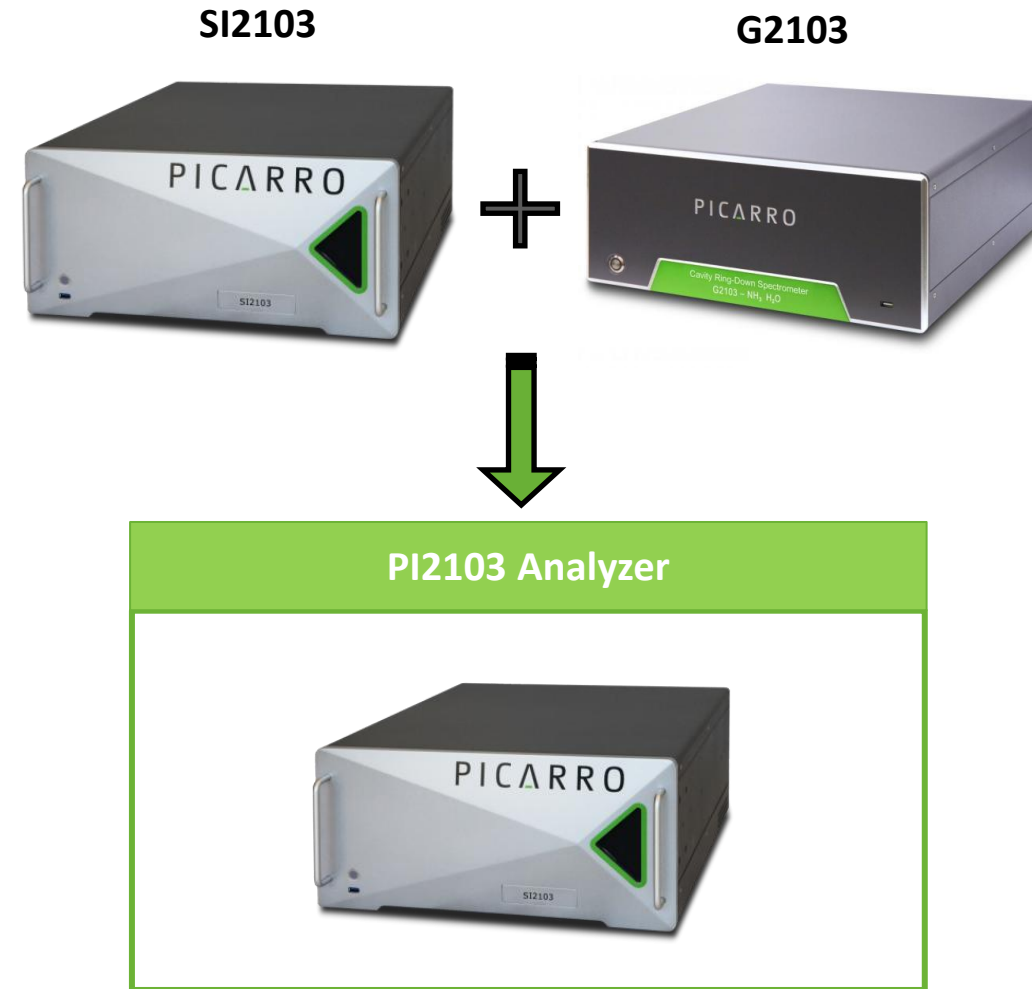
G / SI / PI 2103, Single-species NH₃ analyzer

- **Superior NH₃ performance**

- ppt precision (100 ppt, 1-σ in 100 sec*) and lower detection limit
- Virtually no drift (less than ± 0.5 ppb/month)
- Large concentration range (up to 50 ppm with extended range mode)
- Short response times (<1 min for 0 – 20 ppb)
- Surrogate gas validation of calibration

- **PI2103: Improved NH₃ analyzer**

- Built with the best of the two existing NH₃ analyzers
- Faster (1 Hz) measurements from G2103
- More stable OS (Linux) and upgraded sample handling from SI2103



PI2103, Single-species NH₃ analyzer

PI2103 Performance Specifications	Typical Performance***	Specifications****
Lower Detection Limit (3 σ , 300 sec)	0.03 ppb	<0.09 ppb
Zero Drift* (peak-to-peak, 50-minute average)	± 0.04 ppb (72 hrs)	$\pm 0.15/\pm 0.5$ ppb (72 hrs/1 month)
Precision (1 σ , 1 sec) Precision (1 σ , 10 sec) Precision (1 σ , 300 sec)	0.19 ppb 0.058 ppb 0.010 ppb	0.50 ppb + 0.1% of reading 0.17 ppb + 0.05% of reading 0.03 ppb + 0.02% of reading
Measurement Interval	1 sec	1 sec
Response Time (0–20 ppb)** (Rise/Fall Time 10–90% / 90–10%)	<2 min	<2 min
Measurement Range	Guaranteed range 0–500 ppb Operational range 0–10 ppm Extended range 0–50 ppm (Optional)	Guaranteed range 0–500 ppb Operational range 0–10 ppm Extended range 0–50 ppm (Optional)

Main Applications for Picarro NH₃ Analyzers

G/SI/PI2103

- Ammonia monitoring at urban and rural stations
- Studying indoor air quality
- Investigating particulate matter formation
- Quantifying livestock emissions
- Quantifying vehicle emissions

G2508

- GHG soil flux studies (recirculation)
- GHG incubation experiments (recirculation)

G2509

- Ammonia monitoring at urban stations
- Quantifying GHG and ammonia emissions of livestock
- Fertilizer studies

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Please provide the following information:

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- EventLogs and Private Data from time that problem occurred
- Remote Access information (Teamviewer / Anydesk)

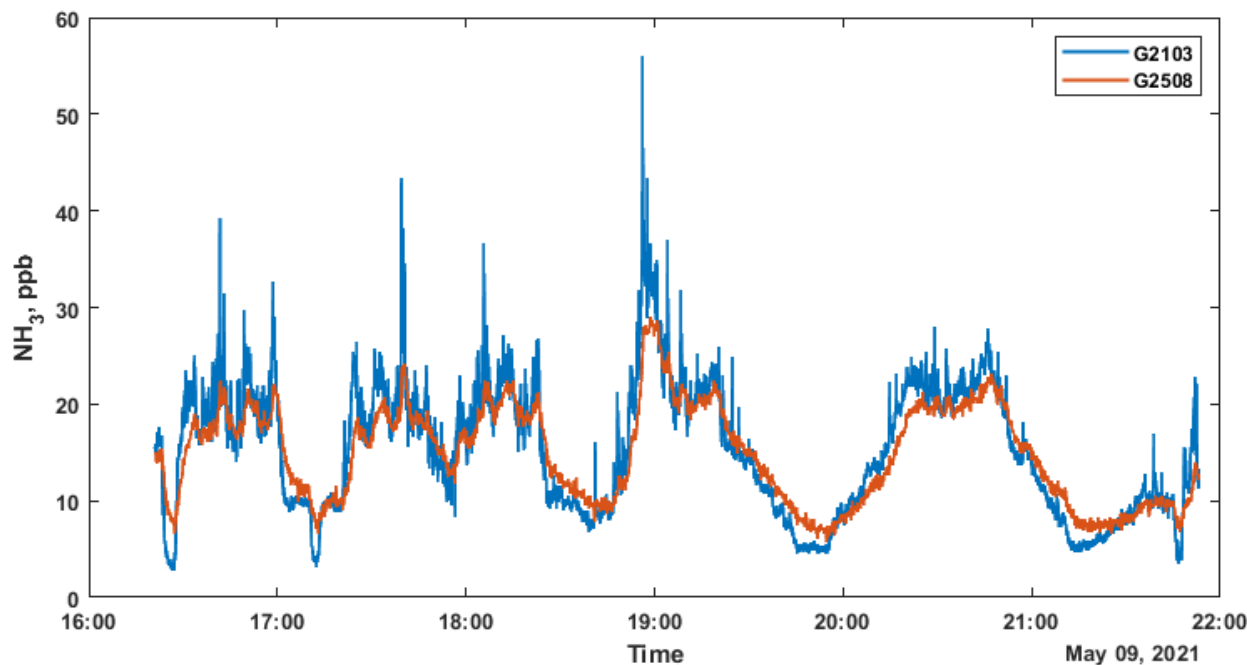
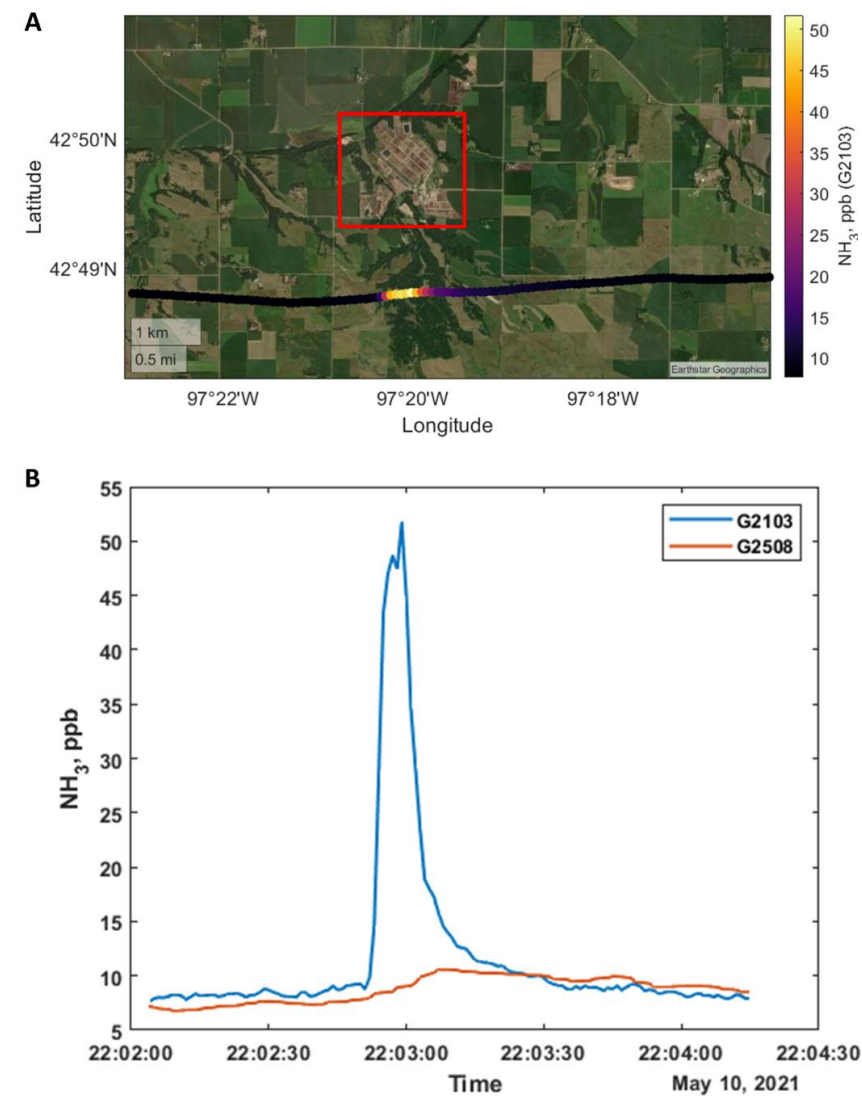
Case Studies

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Use Case 1: Measuring Boundary Layer NH₃

Flight Campaign

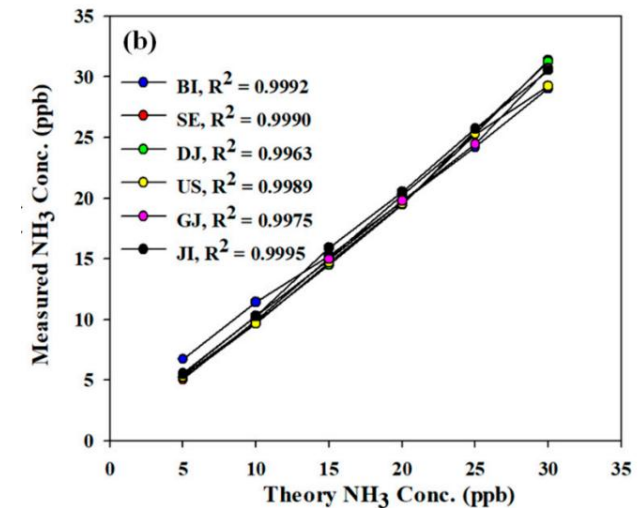
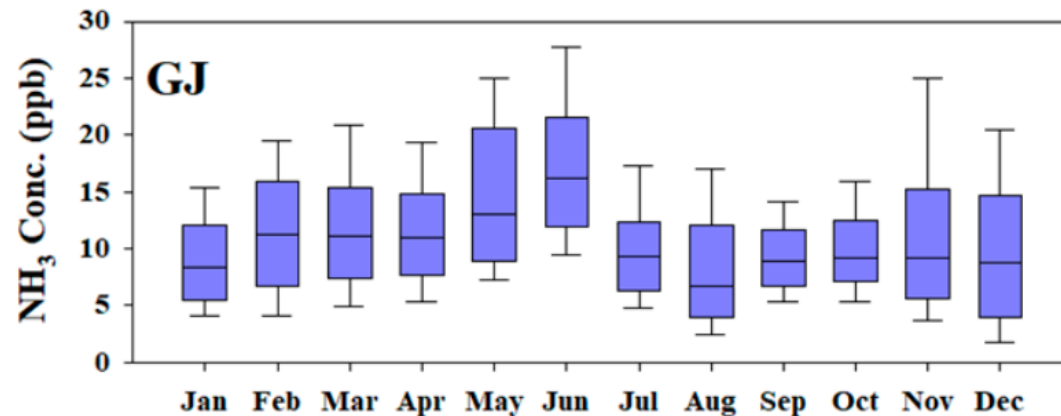
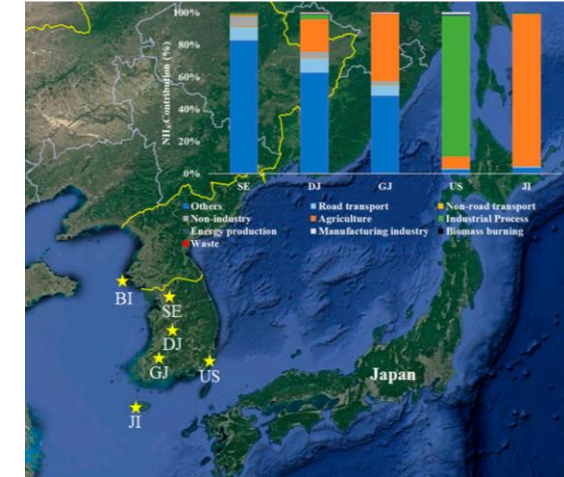
With targeted regions included dense livestock operations, conventional row cropping, and non-developed forests.



A) G2103 data downwind of a cattle feedlot point source, with the source outlined in red. B) Time series of G2103 and G2508 measurements downwind of the same source. G2508 was interpolated to 1 hz by setting values to the most recent G2508 measurement to match the 1hz frequency of the G2103. C) Time series of NH₃ observations from G2103 and G2508

Use Case 2: Ammonia measurements in Korea

- 6 sampling sites
- Teflon tubing (short than 1.5m, heated below 40°C)
- External 47mm Teflon filter, weekly replacement
- Semi-annual calibration (dilution of 10ppm NH_3 standard gas with zero air)



Song et al., 2024, *Distribution and Characteristics of Ammonia Concentration by Region in Korea, Atmosphere*

Use Case 3: NH₃ Measurements in a Cattle Barn (G2103)

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Negligible influence of livestock contaminants and sampling system on ammonia measurements with cavity ring-down spectroscopy

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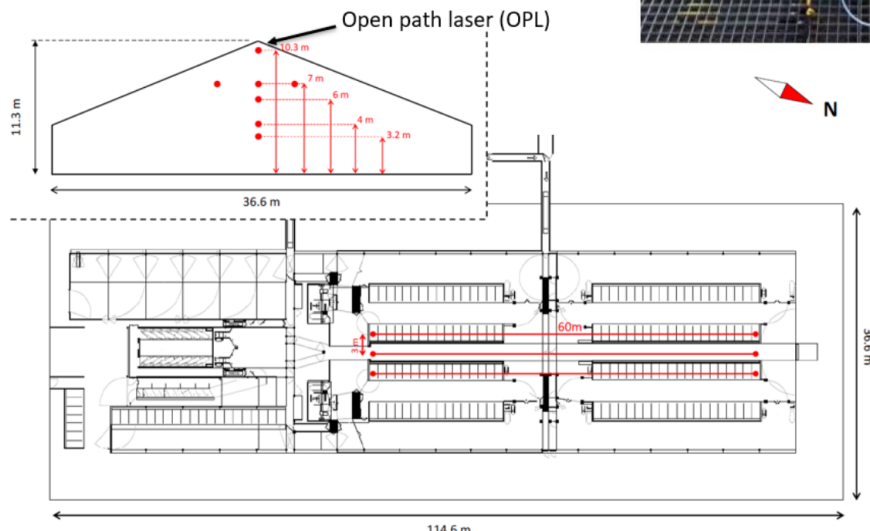
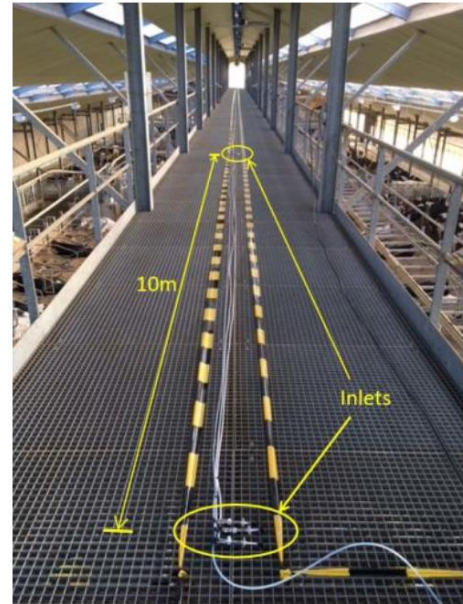
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Key findings

- Excellent linearity
- No significant H₂O, CO₂, CH₄ and VOC interferences on NH₃ data
- Negligible effect of particulate filter
- CRDS analyzer provides fast, precise and accurate observations of NH₃ in cattle barns
- Good response time

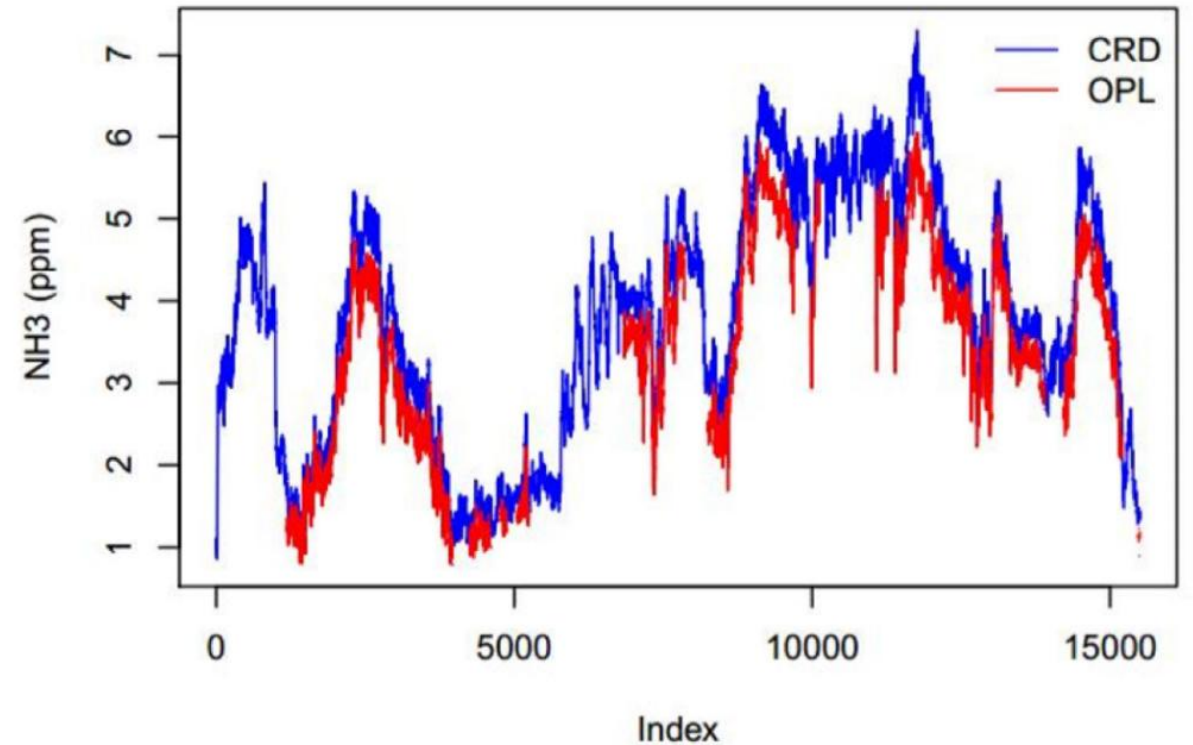
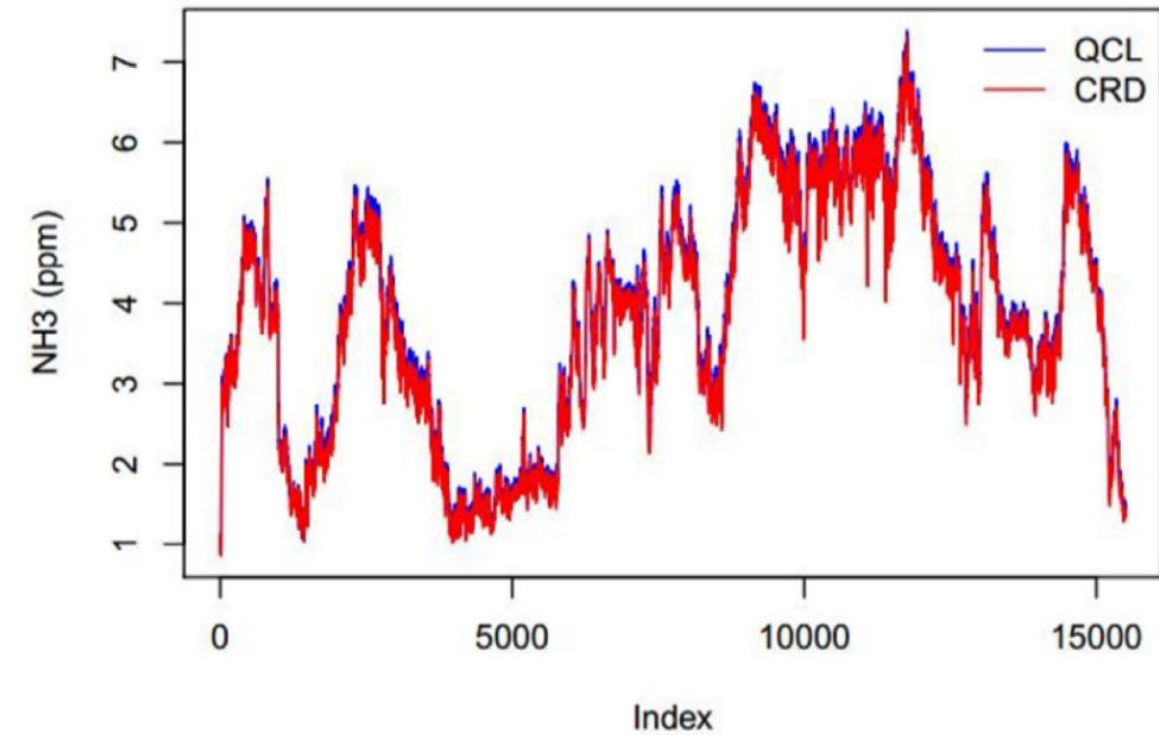
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Use Case 4: NH₃ & GHG Measurements in a Dairy Barn



- Investigating ammonia abatement techniques for livestock (Flemish research Institute for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (ILVO) in Belgium)
- G2509 analyzer optimized for ammonia measurements (Teflon sample handling parts, increased flow rate of about 1.3L/min)
- Performance comparison between G2509, an open-path tunable diode laser (OPL) and a closed-path quantum cascade laser (QCL)
- The air was measured at multiple inlets inside the dairy barn

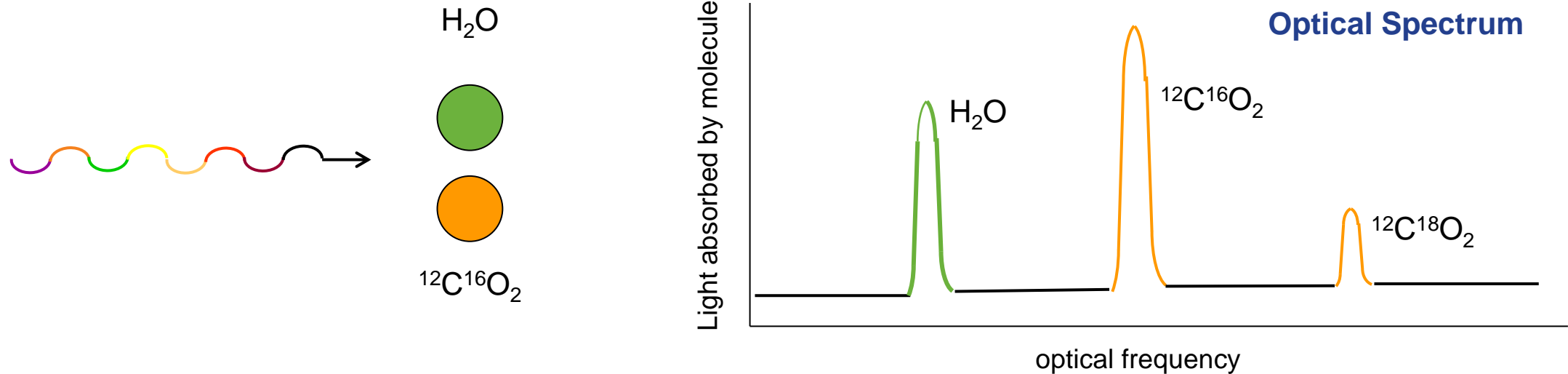
Use Case 4: NH₃ & GHG Measurements in a Dairy Barn



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CRDS Theory

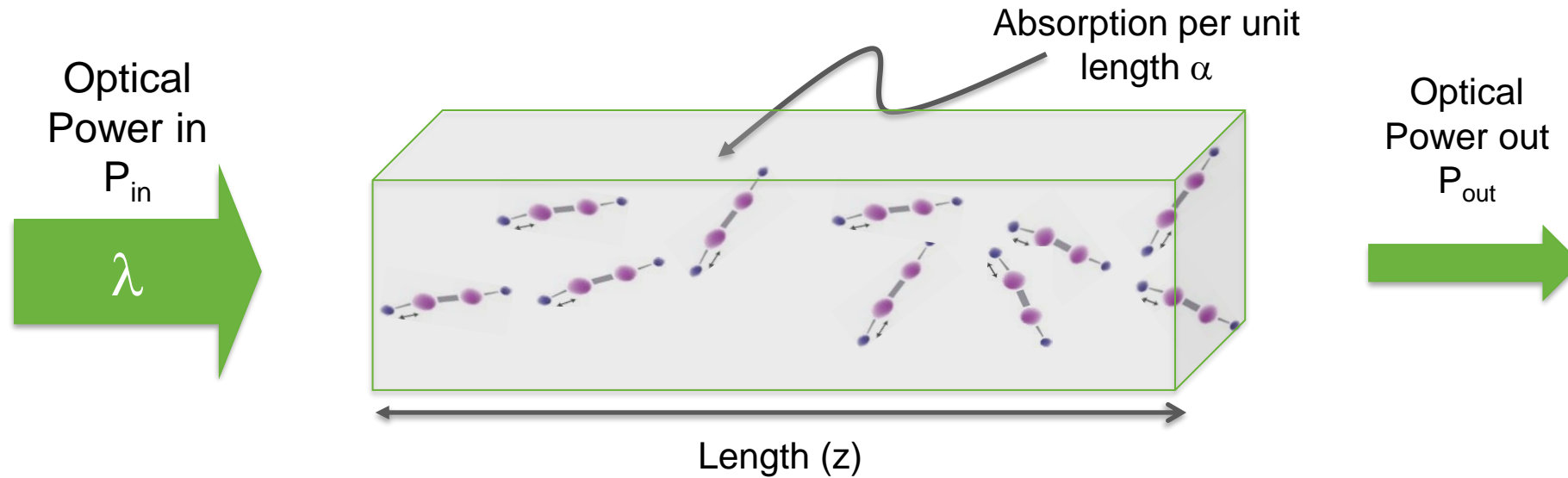
Resonant Optical Spectroscopy



Each type of molecule has a unique optical absorption

1. Molecules absorb at optical frequencies where they resonate mechanically
2. A spectrum is measured by changing the frequency of light passing through a sample and measuring the amount of light absorbed
3. A spectrum of a given species of molecule usually consists of a number of absorption features
4. By measuring an isolated absorption feature of a species, its concentration can be determined

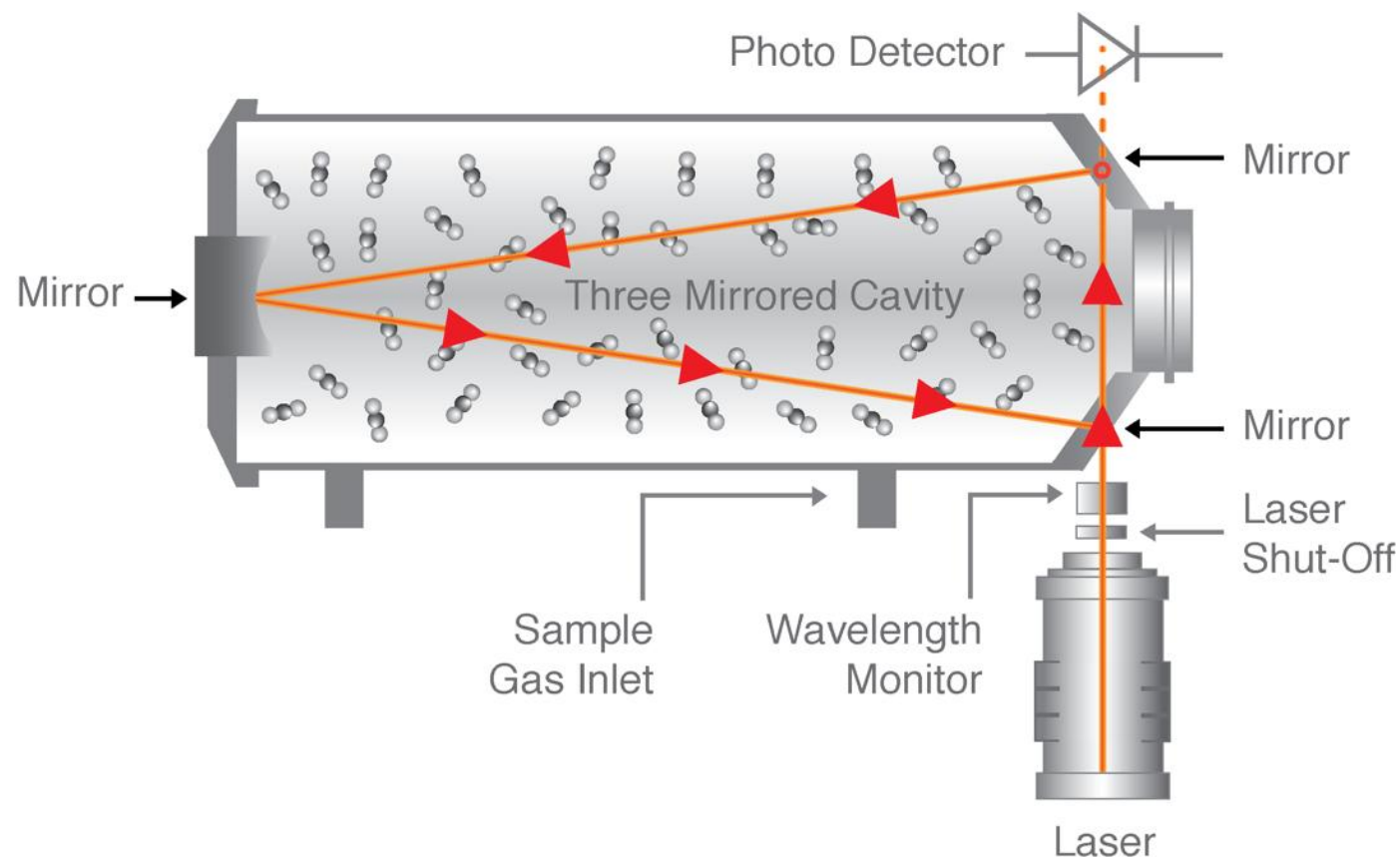
Beer-Lambert Law for Optical Absorption



$$P_{out} = P_{in} e^{-(\alpha_{molecule} + \alpha_{everything\ else})z}$$

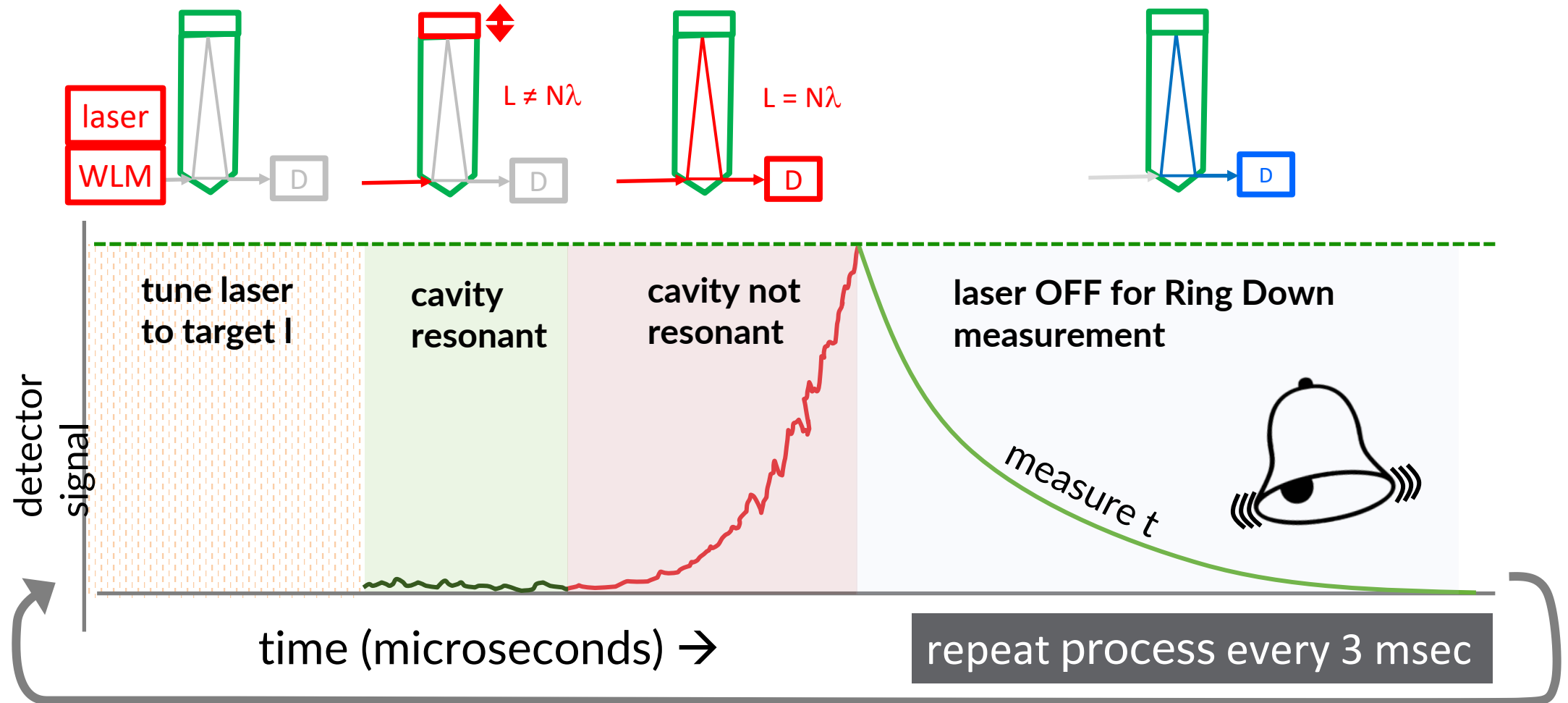
- **Maximize $\alpha_{molecule}$:** Pick λ where the target molecule absorbs strongly
- **Minimize $\alpha_{everything\ else}$:** Pick λ where all the other molecules don't absorb, and take care so that there is no loss of signal in your optics
- **Maximize z :** Get the longest path length you possibly can

CRDS: Time, not Absorbance



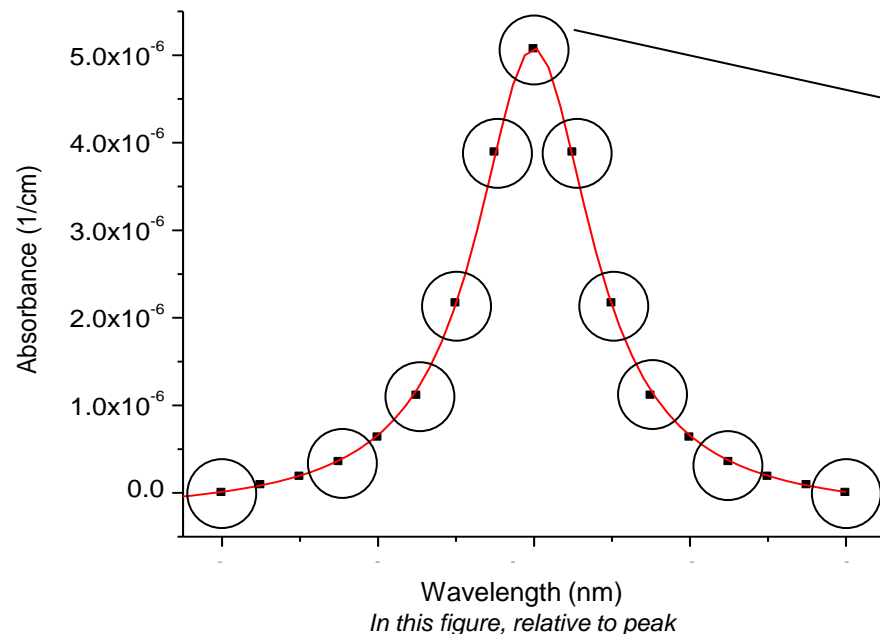
- CRDS utilizes the unique infrared absorption spectrum of gas-phase molecules to quantify the concentration of (and sometimes isotopes of) H_2O , CO_2 , CH_4 , N_2O , CH_2O , NH_3 , etc.
- Measure decay rate, rather than absolute absorbance
- Small 3-mirrored cavity ~ 35 cc
- Long effective path-length (> 10 km)
- Time-based measurement
- Laser is switched on and off, and scanned across wavelengths

CRDS: Principle of Operation

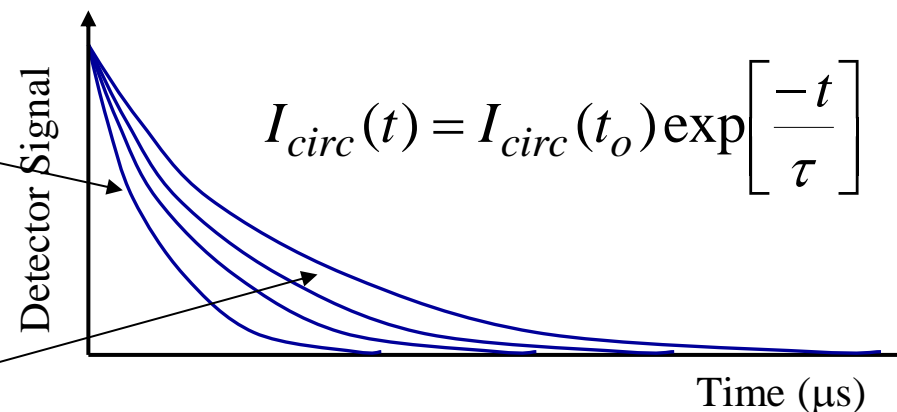


Turning Ring-Down Times into Concentrations

1. Select wavelength using λ -monitor



2. Measure decay time using CRDS



3. Calculate loss (a)

$$\alpha = 1/c\tau$$

I = light intensity in cavity

c = speed of light

t = cavity ring-down time

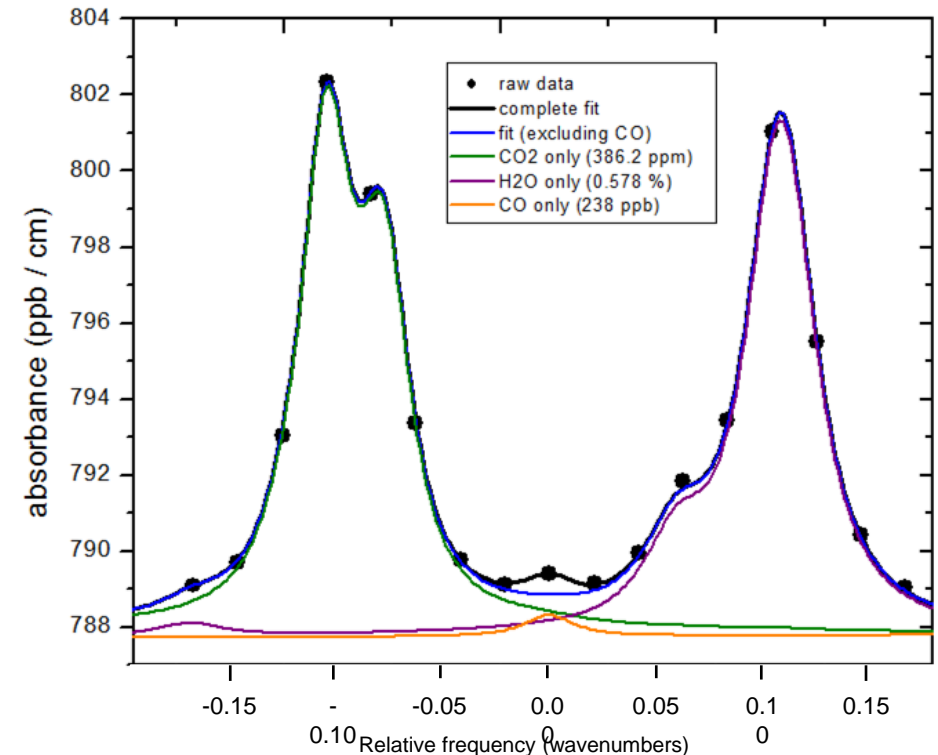
a = cavity loss per unit length (ppm/cm)

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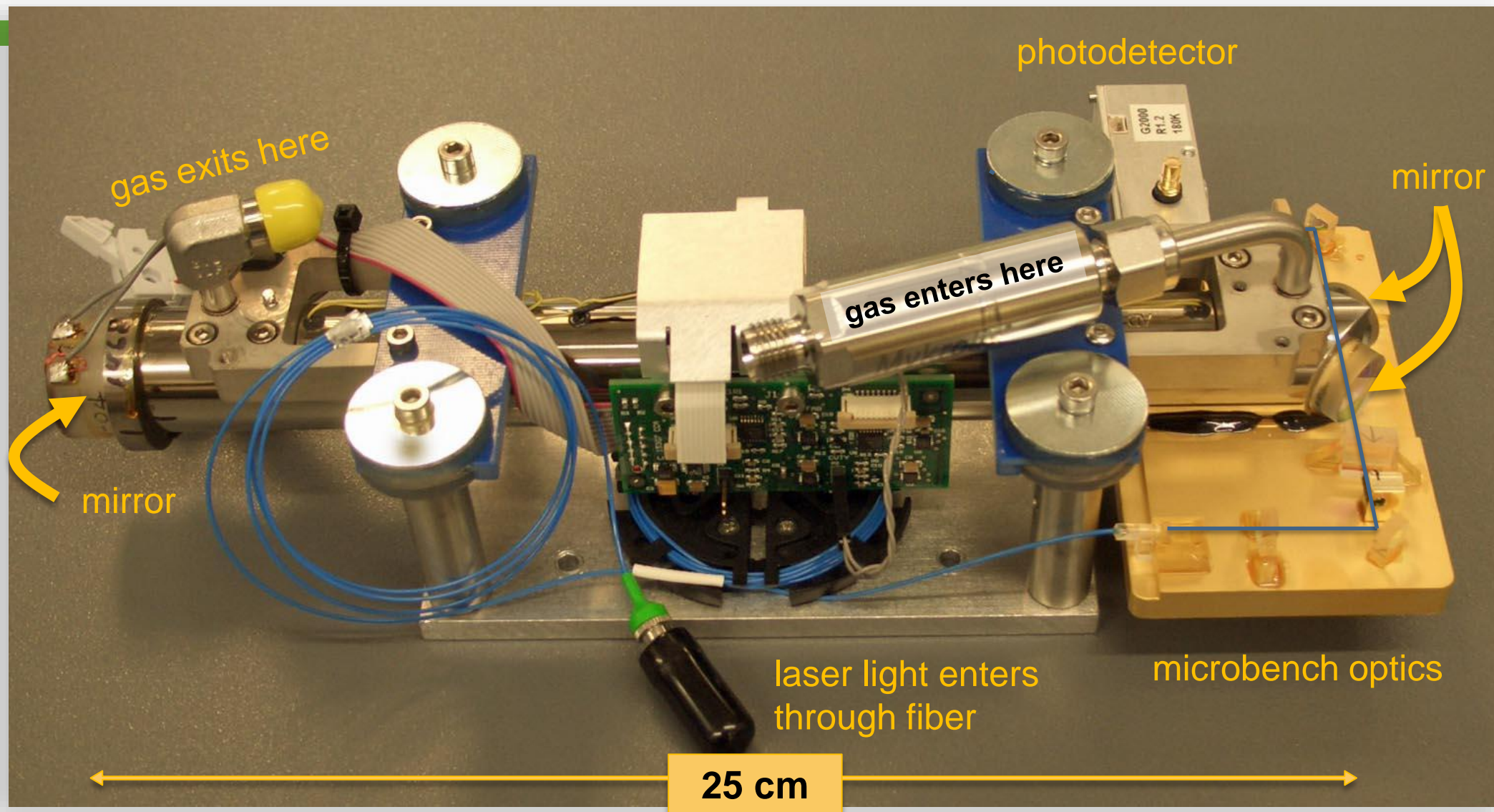
Gas concentration is proportional to the area under the curve, given constant T and P

Generating Stable Spectrograms

1. A high-quality **absorption measurement**
 - CRDS delivers a precise and accurate measurement of the optical loss
2. A clean stable **frequency axis**
 - An accurate and precise tool for determining the laser wavelength
3. Precise **temperature control**
 - Engineered control loops
4. Precise **pressure control**
 - Engineered control loops



Nuts and Bolts



Inside the Box

Warm Box
(Wavelength Monitor)

Laser
Cards

Hot Box
(Cavity and
Sample Handling)

Optical
Amplifier



Power Supply

Computer

Logic Board

Power Board

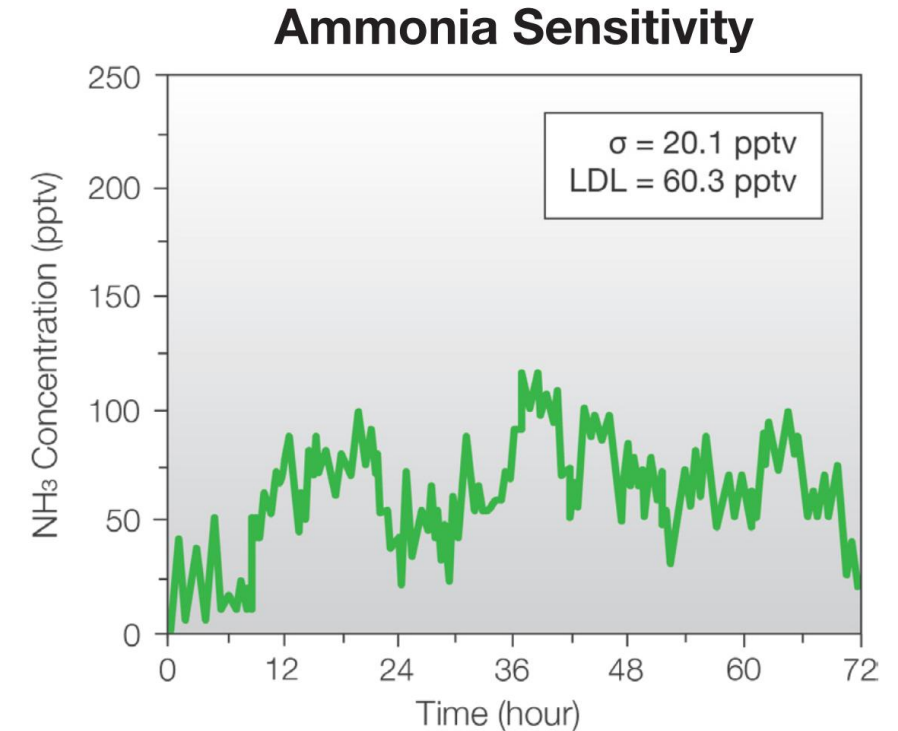


Hard Drive

Application Considerations

Surrogate Gas Validation (PI2103/G2509)

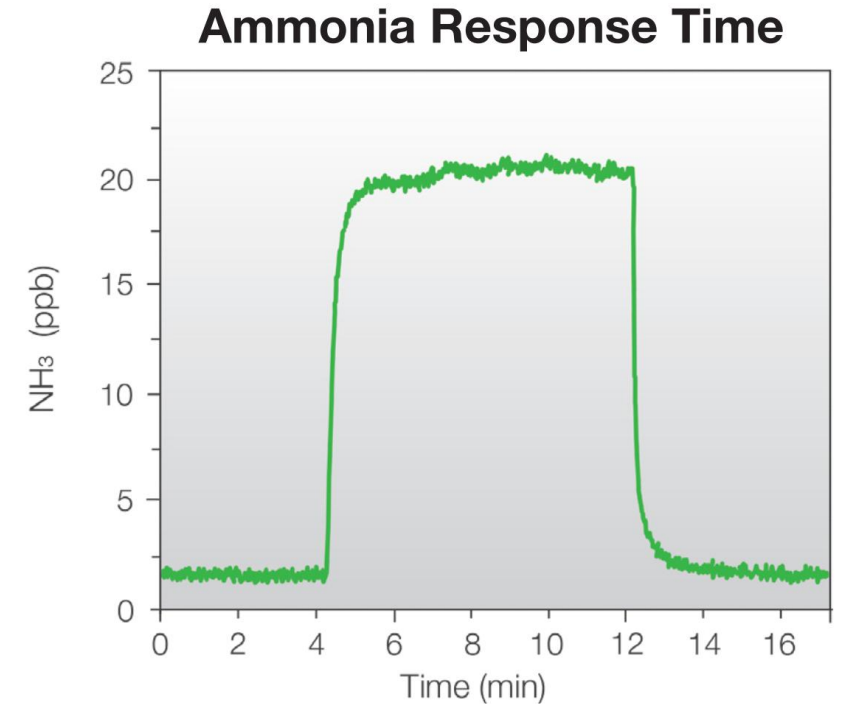
- Wavelength monitor constantly corrects drift (water vapor is measured as reference line)
- Surrogate gas validation (monthly to yearly)
 - Carbon dioxide acts as surrogate gas: non-reactive, easily commercially available, adsorption spectrum adjacent to ammonia
 - Avoids common accuracy issues of ammonia calibration standards (adsorption and stability)
 - Verify zero-drift with zero-air measurement (Phosphoric Acid Impregnated Charcoal (PAIAC) as NH_3 scrubber)
- [Surrogate Gas Validation Tech Document](#)



Typical noise zero drift of the PI2103 analyzer over 72 hours.

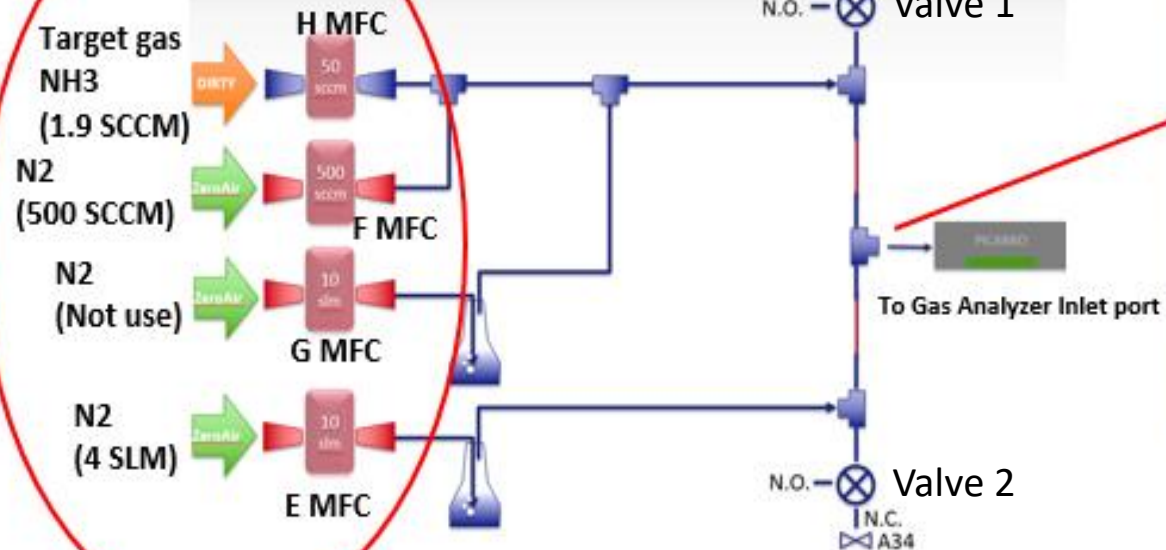
Analyzer Response Time

- Minimizing dead volumes
 - Compact measurement cavity of 30mL
- Use of material with low adsorption of NH_3
 - Teflon/PTFE for tubing and connectors
 - Coatings for stainless steel components
- Increased flow rate (>1.5L/min)
- Response time (0-20ppb), 10-90%, 90%-10 rise/fall time: <2min
- Every analyzer is tested to guarantee the specified response time



Typical response time for a 10-90% and 90-10% 20 ppb ammonia challenge

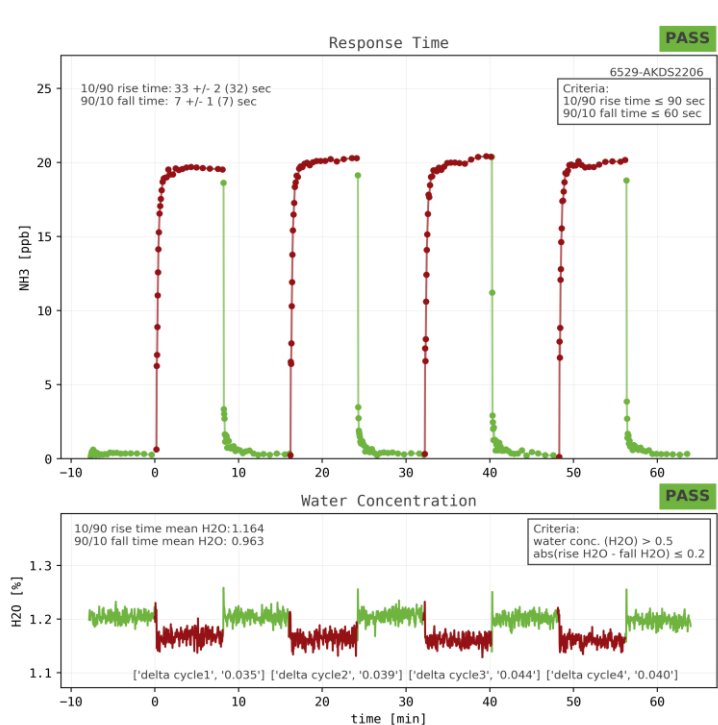
Response time testing at Picarro



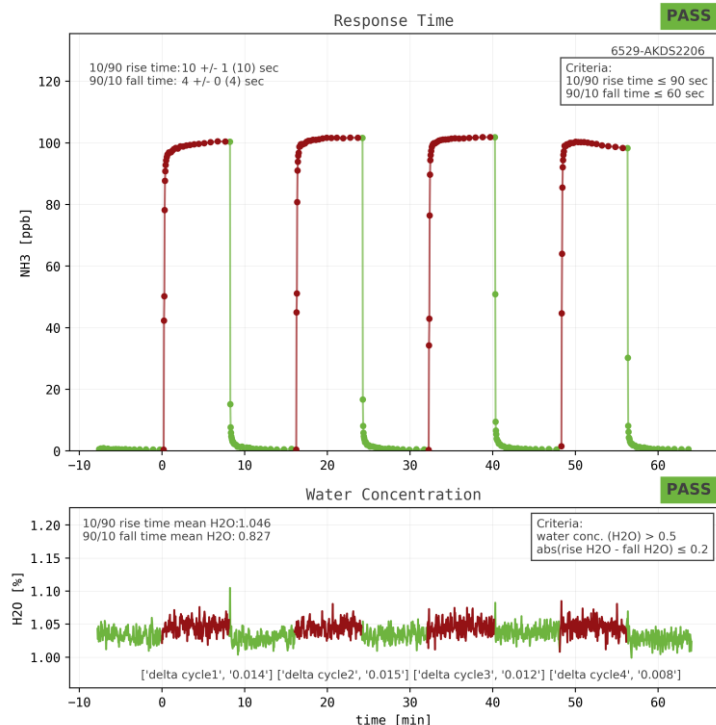
- Tubing: 1/4" Teflon (not heated)
- Abs. humidity: 1%

The sample gas is never in contact with the three-way valves (metal surfaces)!

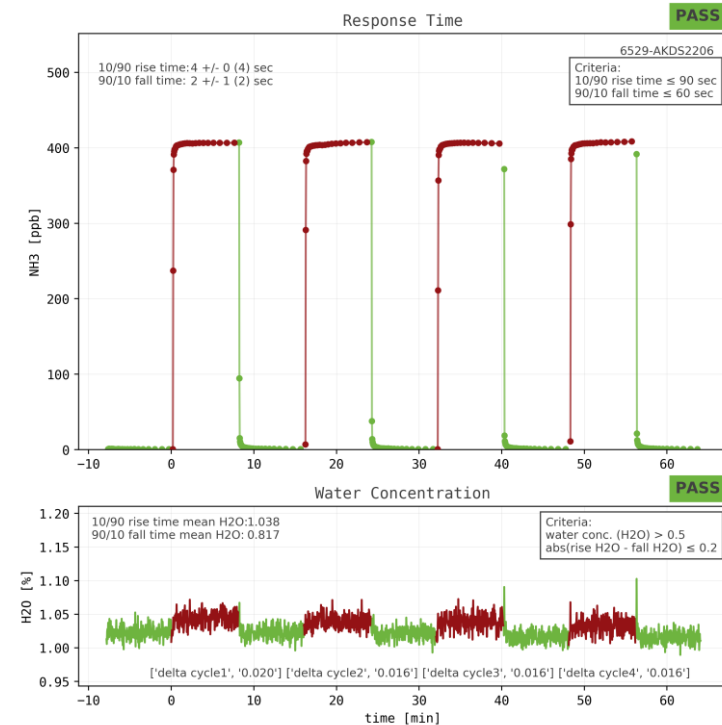
PI/G2103 response time in humid air (1% H₂O)



20 ppb

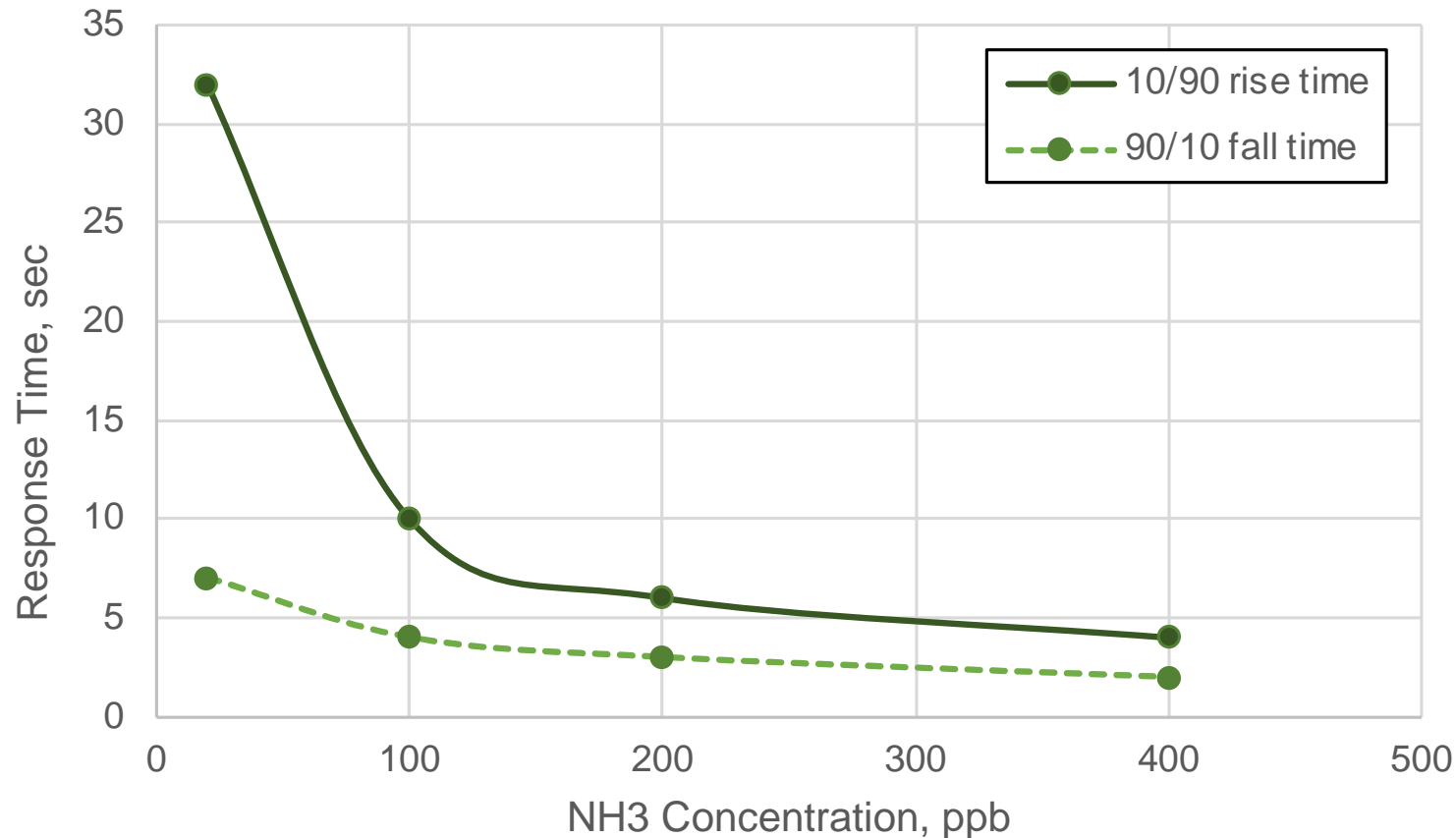


100 ppb



400 ppb

PI/G2103 response time in humid air (1% H₂O)



The 10 to 90% response time depends on the NH₃ concentration:

The higher the NH₃ concentration, the faster the response time.

Sample Gas Handling for Ammonia Measurements

- Use appropriate material: PTFE (Teflon), PFA, Silconert 2000 coated, PFTE coated
- Keep inlet tubing as short as possible
- Consider heating sample line tube to $\sim 45^{\circ}\text{C}$
- An additional assist pump may be required when working with long tubing
- Note: Ammonia dissolves in condensed water!

Field Deployment

- Transportation
 - Horizontal position
- Protection against harsh weather conditions
 - Shelter for instrument, e.g., enclosures
- Battery: Deep cycle battery
- External filter recommended
 - Recommended pore size and frequency of filter replacement varies for applications



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Hands-On Training

Topics: Software

- GUI
- User data vs. private data
 - Instrument Status
 - Outlet valve for troubleshooting
- Data file viewer
- Setup Tool
- Quick introduction to Controller
- Connecting Picarro 16-port manifold or other valve systems
- Analyzer shutdown options

Topics: Inside the Analyzer

- Opening the Box
- Maintenance (Video tutorials:
<https://www.picarro.com/environmental/environmental-video-tutorials>)
 - Filter replacement
 - Fan replacement
 - Replacing Pump diaphragms
- Resetting cables

Consumables G2103/PI2103

Part number hardware	Short description	Frequency
C0360	Drierite	Before shutdown under high humidity levels
-	External particulate filter (3µm)	Depends on particulate load, often every 1-4 week replacement for ambient monitoring
S1021, S3174	Particulate filter (0.45µm) (Teflon for NH ₃ , HF, and HCl).	After 12 months, (if higher dust load every 3 to 6 months)
S2068	Complete fan kit	Expected after 3 to 5 years
S2009	External vacuum Rebuild Kit	Expected after ~15'000 hours (approx. 2 years cont. running)

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