



Aerodyne Mini-TILDAS CO₂ Isotope Monitor

Unprecedented precision and time response for $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ and $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ isotope ratios in a compact, transportable package.



Features:

- < 0.10 ‰ precision for $\delta^{13}\text{C}$, $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ in 1 s
- < 0.03 ‰ precision for $\delta^{13}\text{C}$, $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ in 100 s
- Fast time response (10 Hz)
- Direct measurement of CO₂ isotopes in air without sample processing
- Option for sample-reference valve-switching scheme for enhanced sensitivity with discrete samples
- Dual laser package allows simultaneous measurement of water isotopes or ¹²C¹⁷O¹⁶O or “clumped” CO₂: ¹³C¹⁸O¹⁶O.

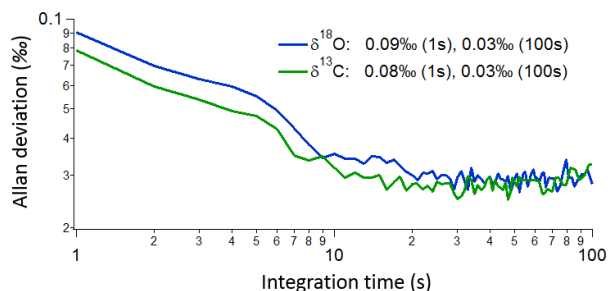
Rugged, field-ready instruments

Direct absorption spectroscopy allows for highly specific and accurate gas detection

Mid-IR detection enables maximum measurement sensitivity

TILDAS Technology

Aerodyne instruments use tunable infrared laser direct absorption spectroscopy (TILDAS) at mid-IR wavelengths to probe molecules at their strongest “finger-print” transition frequencies. We further enhance sensitivity by employing a patented multi-pass broad-band absorption cell that provides optical path lengths up to 76 m. Direct absorption spectroscopy allows for fast (<1 sec) absolute trace gas concentrations without need for elaborate calibration procedures. Moreover, TILDAS instruments are free of measurement interference from other molecular species, enabling extremely specific detection.



Applications

- Determination of atmospheric sources, sinks, and transport through CO₂ isotopic ratios.
- Biosphere exchange.
- Laboratory measurements of discrete samples.
- Mobile measurements aboard aircraft, marine, and ground-based platforms.
- Carbon capture and sequestration monitoring.
- Breath analysis.

Aerodyne CO₂ Isotope Advantages

- Measurement precision comparable to much larger and more expensive IRMS instruments.
- Time response up to 10 Hz enables eddy covariance studies.
- Powerful TDLWintel software provides flexible instrument control, and real-time data analysis.
- Valve control capable of complex scheduling and automatic background and calibrations.
- 19” rack mountable for easy installation.
- Turn-key design allows unattended operation in remote field sites.

Performance Specifications:

Isotope ratio precision (1σ)*

	1 sec	100 sec
$\delta^{13}\text{C}$	0.1 ‰	0.03 ‰
$\delta^{18}\text{O}$	0.1 ‰	0.03 ‰

*Accuracy before calibration is typically 20%

Species Precision (1σ @ 400 ppm CO_2)

	1 sec	100 sec
CO_2	25 ppb	10 ppb

Time Response

1-10 Hz data rate

0.05 s minimum Rise/Fall time ($1/e$)
(depends on vacuum pump)

Dynamic Range (air)

	min	max
CO_2	0 ppm	5,000 ppm

Enhanced Measurement Options

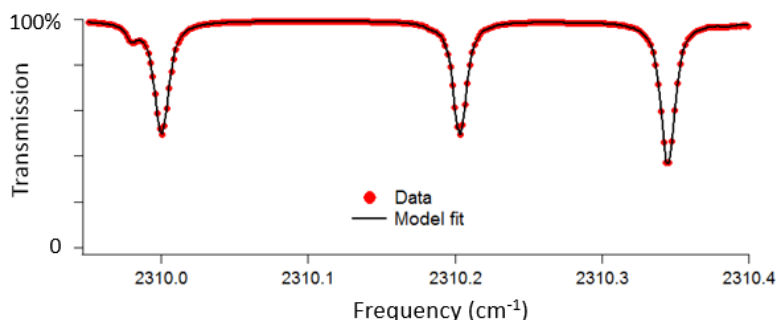
16 channel valve control for complex sampling
Low volume multi-pass cell for limited sample size

Using the dual laser package:

Simultaneously measure the isotopologues of water (H^{16}OH , H^{18}OH , H^{16}OD).

Simultaneously measure $^{12}\text{C}^{17}\text{O}^{16}\text{O}$ and the "clumped" CO_2 isotopologue $^{13}\text{C}^{18}\text{O}^{16}\text{O}$.

Experimental spectrum acquired at 1 Hz



Installation

19" rack mountable or benchtop

Instrument Operations

Operating temperature: 10 to 35 °C

Sample flow rate: 0 to 20 slpm

Instrument Components

Core instrument
Thermoelectric chiller
Keyboard, mouse, and monitor
Vacuum pump (customer specified)
Inlet sampling system (customizable)

Data Outputs

RS-232, USB drive, ethernet

Size, Weight, Power

Dimensions: 440 mm x 660 mm x 6U (267mm) (W x D x H)

Weight: 35 kg (core instrument) + 15 kg (chiller) + pump weight

Electrical Power: 250 W, 120/240 V, 50/60 Hz (without pump)

Aerodyne specializes in collaboration and custom design. Please contact us if you would like to discuss additional measurement options and applications.

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