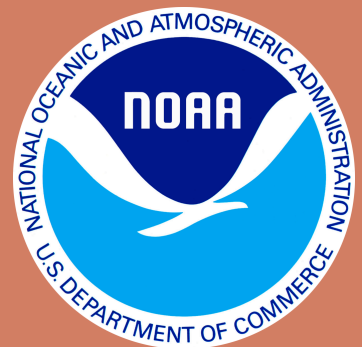


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**Overview of on-going and  
campaign-specific  
measurements in Colorado NE  
Front Range**



# Long-term measurement locations

## CAR Aircraft Profile

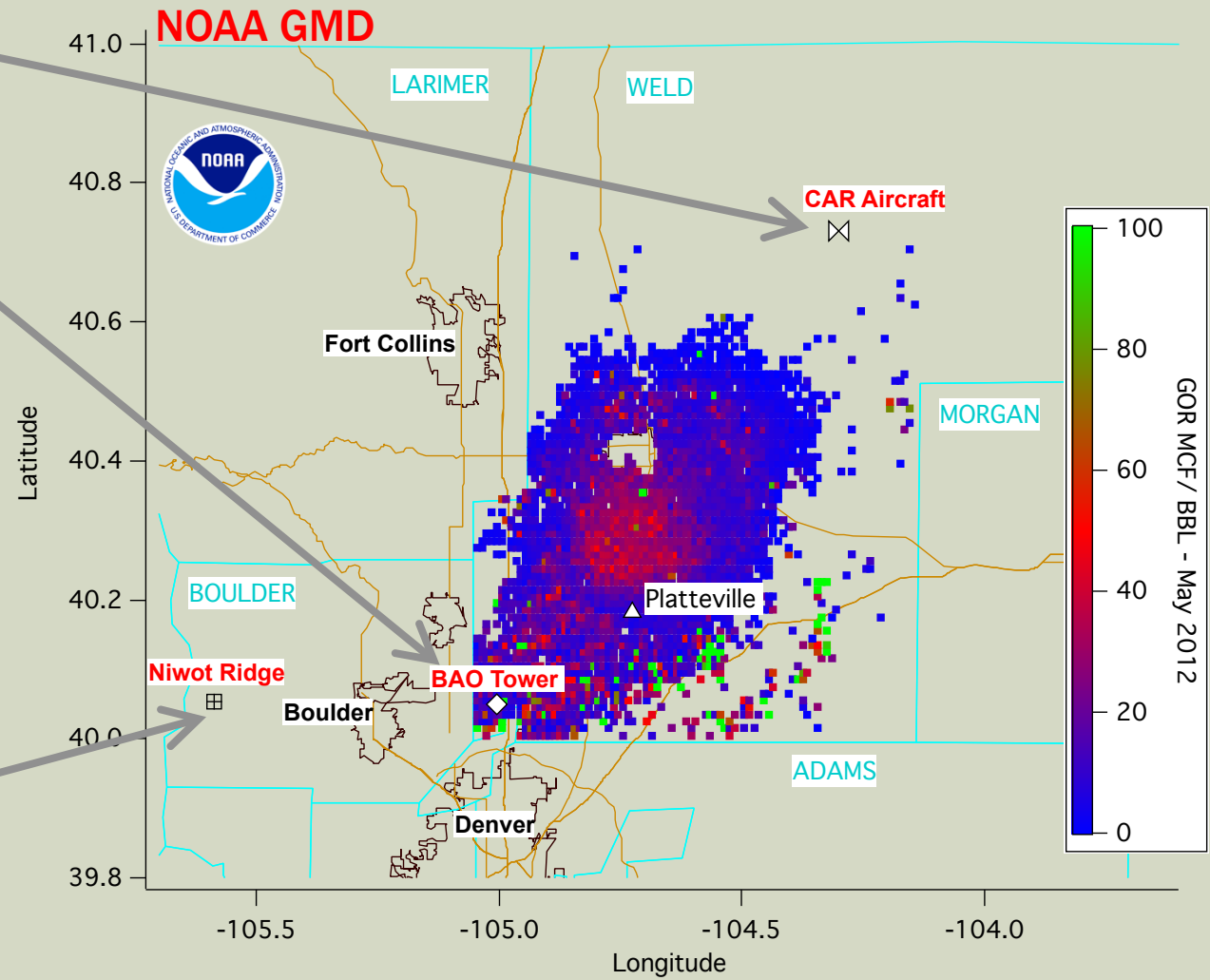
- Flasks
- Every 2 weeks

## BAO 300m tower

- In situ  $\text{CO}_2$ , CO at 3 levels (22, 100, 300 magl)
- In situ  $\text{O}_3$  at 2 levels (surface and 300 magl)
- Daily flasks (300m)
- PSD Dan Wolfe manages met data

## Niwot Ridge

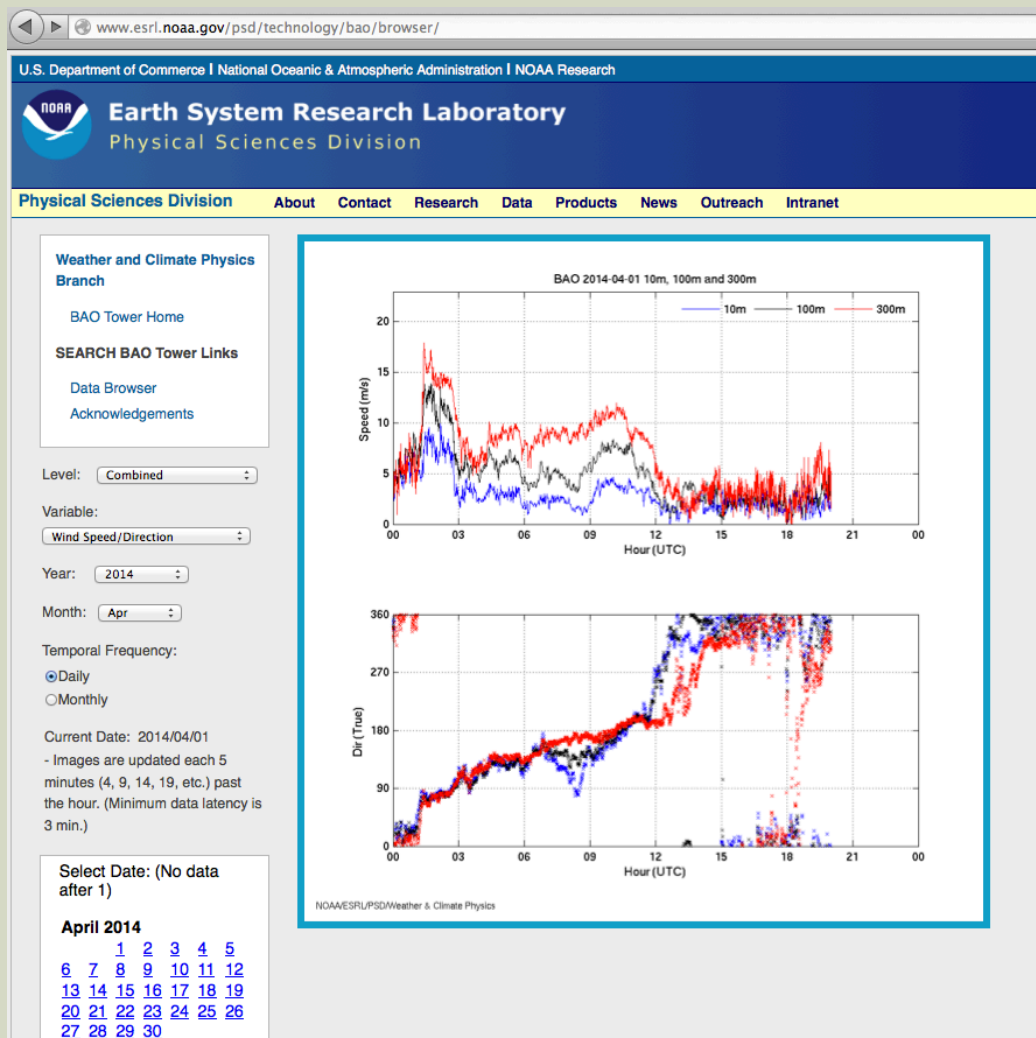
- In situ  $\text{O}_3$  (2 locations)
- Daily flasks



Background plot: gas to oil production ratio based on COGCC well production statistics

# Real-Time Data Browser at BAO

- <http://www.esrl.noaa.gov/psd/technology/bao/browser/>



40.05 ° N ; 105.01 ° W

BAO Tower  
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# BAO 300m Ozone data

Real-time O3 data from BAO 300magl level

<http://www.esrl.noaa.gov/psd/technology/bao/browser/>

July 2013  
BAO 300m  
GMD 1min Ozone data

1min, 5min and hourly  
averages are available at

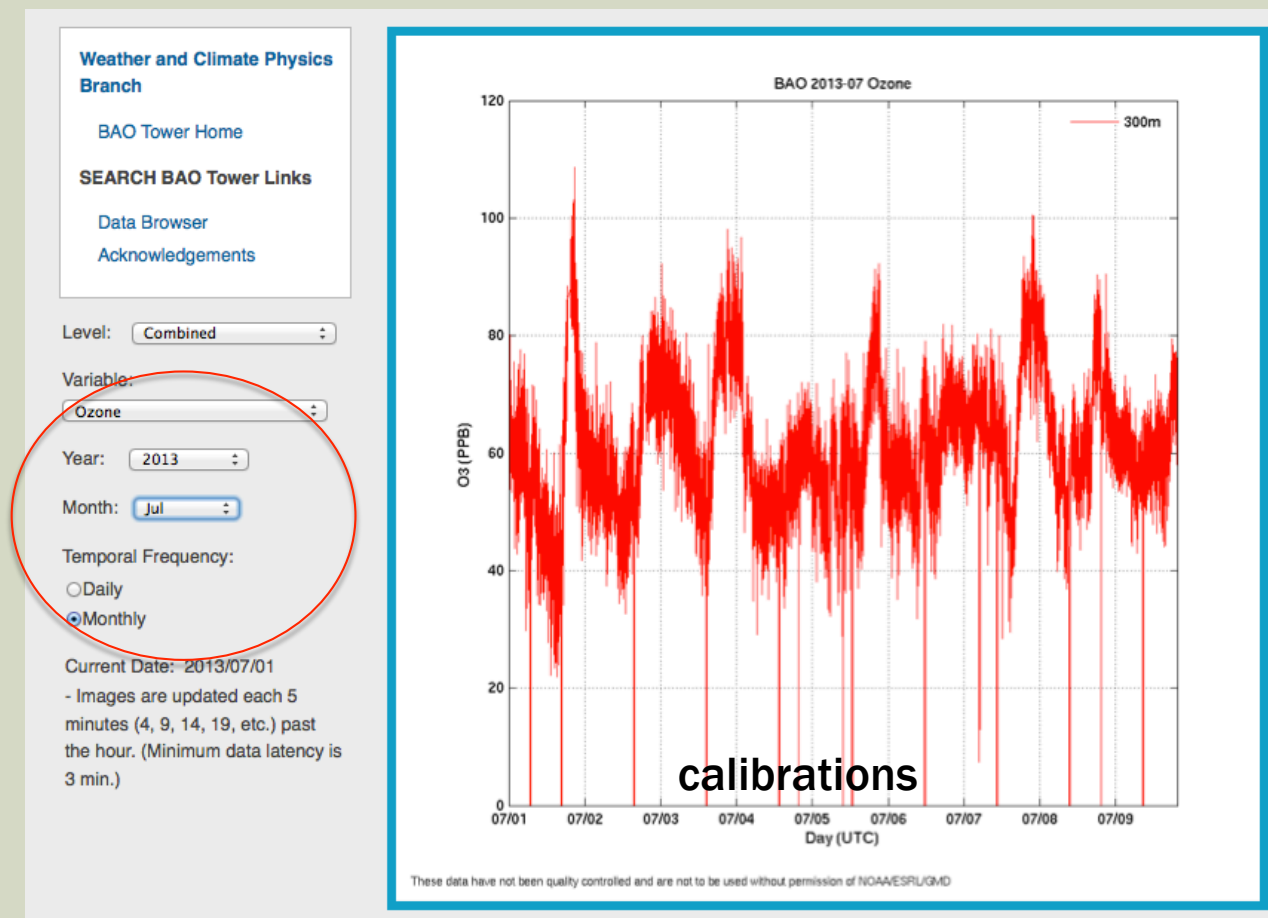
<ftp://ftp.cmdl.noaa.gov/ozwv/SurfaceOzone/>

BAO Tower OZONE

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# BAO (continued)



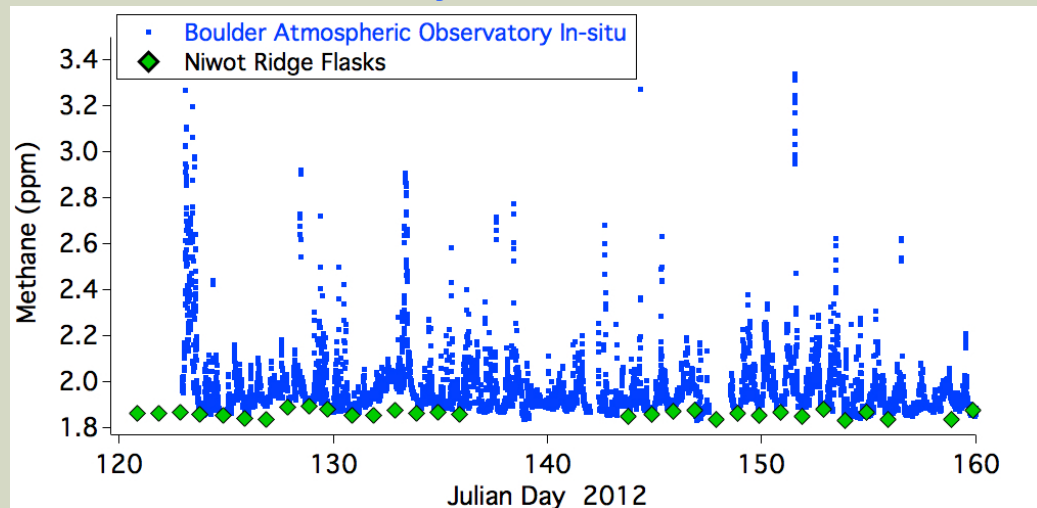
BAO is part of GMD's US Tall Tower Network  
Contact: Arlyn E. Andrews ([arlyn.andrews@noaa.gov](mailto:arlyn.andrews@noaa.gov))

- In situ CO<sub>2</sub> and CO rotating: 22, 100 and 300m
- Middle of the day discrete air sampling in glass flasks from 300 m level and analyzed at
  - GMD CCG MAGICC: CO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub>, N<sub>2</sub>O, SF<sub>6</sub>, CO, H<sub>2</sub>,
  - GMD HATS: halocarbons, hydrocarbons, etc

BAO May 2012, Methane time series

We will try to have a Picarro at BAO during the campaign to measure continuous CH<sub>4</sub>, cycling between 3 levels.

See example of in situ CH<sub>4</sub> in May 2012 to the right.



## Niwot Ridge

- Continuous Ozone  
3035 masl (NWR c1)  
3523 masl (Tundra lab)
- Daily flask
- O<sub>3</sub> Contact:  
Audra McClure  
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## CAR Aircraft

- 12 flasks
- In-situ Ozone, T, RH
- collected along vertical profile up to ~ 8,000 masl
- Biweekly
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# GMD Mobile Laboratory

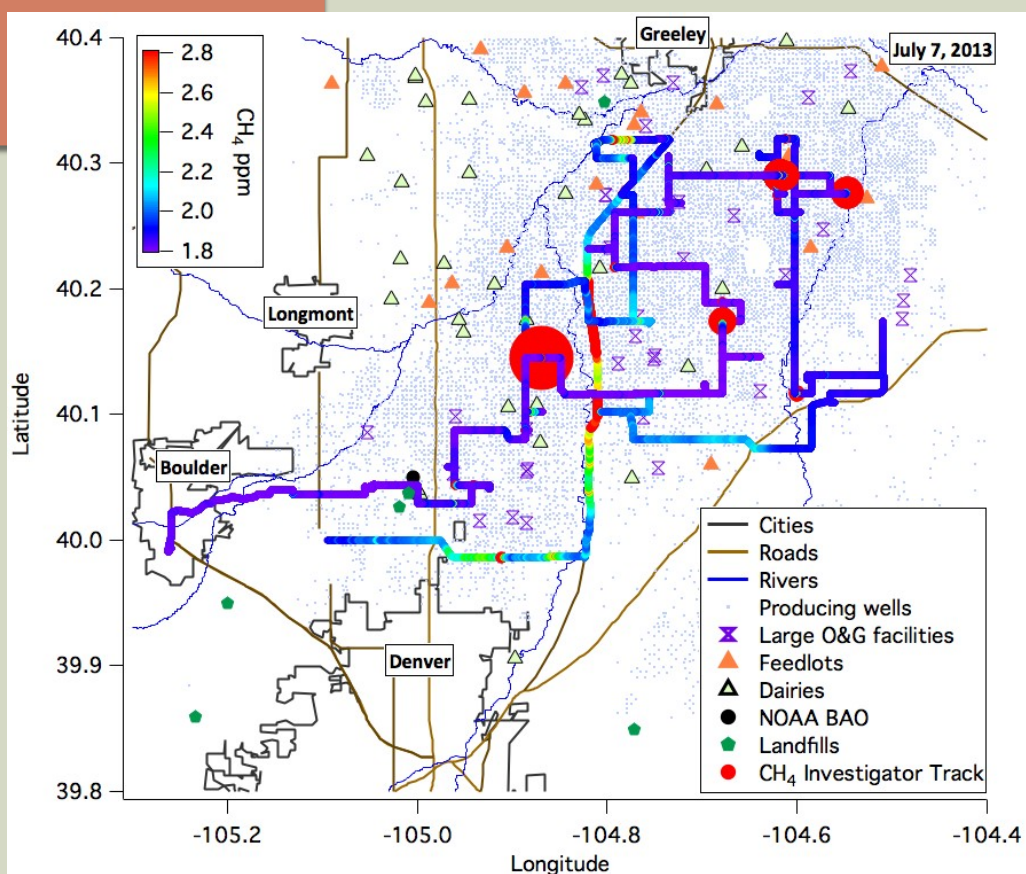


## GMD Mobile Lab

- In situ CO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub>, CO, H<sub>2</sub>O (Picarro)
- In situ Ozone (2B)
- GMD Flasks
- Met 2D sonic

Example of in situ CH<sub>4</sub> during a ML survey (day and nighttime data)

- Daytime and nighttime drives
- CH<sub>4</sub> (<sup>13</sup>CH<sub>4</sub>) gradients and CH<sub>4</sub> hotspots
- O<sub>3</sub> gradients
- Repeated dense surveys in small region to map CH<sub>4</sub> leaks
- Compare different leak detection tools (FLIR,...)
- NSF support (AirWaterGas project)
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# NOAA Tethered Ozone and Met Profiles in FRAPPE

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- NOAA will operate a profiling ozone/met tethersonde at one site.
- Profiles from the surface to 1,000/2,000 ft. depending on FAA clearance and wind speed.
- Winds > 10mph: free flying ozonesonde balloons that cut away at low altitudes
- A profile can be completed every 30 minutes.
- Ozone and met available in real time.
- Surface ozone will be measured continuously at the tethersonde site and at Niwot Ridge.
- The tethersonde will operate on 10 selected days, 16 profiles/day.

## **Tethersonde specifications:**

Ozone Absolute accuracy:	$\pm 2$ ppbv
Temperature accuracy:	$\pm 0.2$ C
Humidity accuracy	$\pm 3\%$
Pressure accuracy	$\pm 0.5$ mb
GPS Altitude	$\pm 5$ m
Data Frequency:	$\pm 1$ hz



# Supporting Regional Assessments of CH<sub>4</sub> Emissions with Ground-Based Isotopic Measurements and FLIR (Forward Looking InfraRed) Imaging

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## Combining Real-Time Mobile CH<sub>4</sub> Measurements with Infrared Imaging Leak Verification and Isotopic Fingerprinting

### Mobile Picarro $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ of CH<sub>4</sub> Analyzer



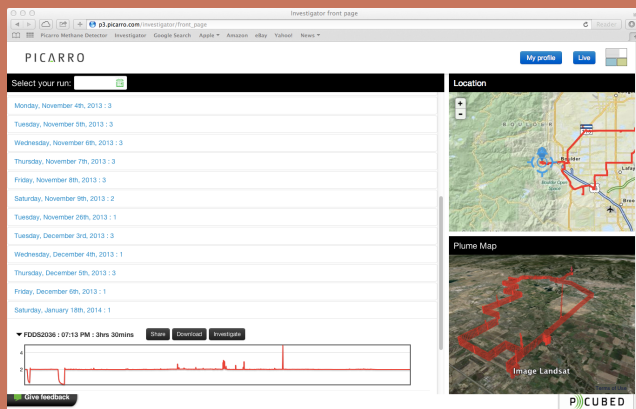
- 4-wheel drive platform
- GPS
- Sonic Anemometer
- Wireless package
- Cloud Computing
- Real-time air and Mega-Core measurements

### FLIR Camera

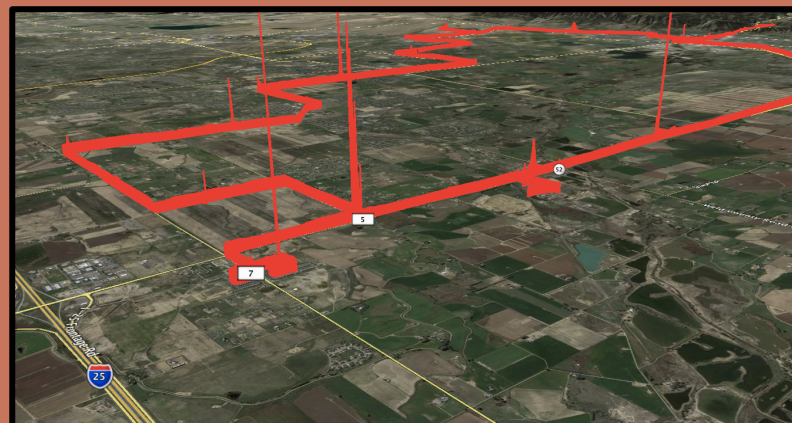


Thermal Infrared gas leak detection using the Regional Air Quality Council Optical Gas Imaging (OGI) Camera Loan Program (as available)

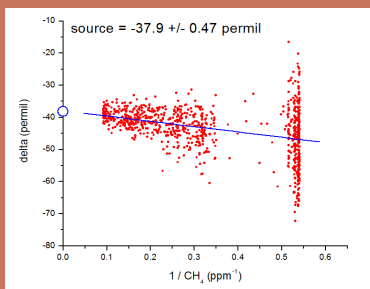
# Examples of Outputs



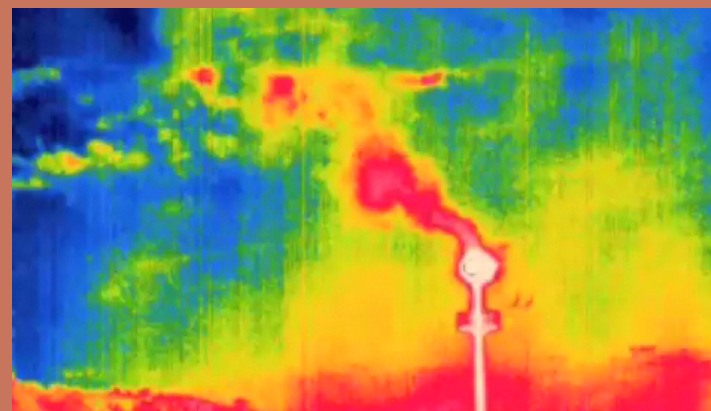
Real-Time analysis of ambient air and collection of 'Mega-Core', samples of transects that can be analyzed in detail for  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  of  $\text{CH}_4$  in post processing.



Generate maps with measured  $\text{CH}_4$  concentration over study area along accessible roads. All data are archived and KML files aid visualization.



Use 'Keeling-plot' identification of isotopic source signatures to distinguish methane from natural gas and oil from landfills, feedlots, wetlands, etc. and use mass spectrometer analysis for air flask samples for  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  and  $\delta\text{D}$  of  $\text{CH}_4$



Use RAQC FLIR Camera to detect and verify point sources as found with infrared imagery.