



FLAIR – THE “FLYING DOG” SNIFFING FOR AIR POLLUTION

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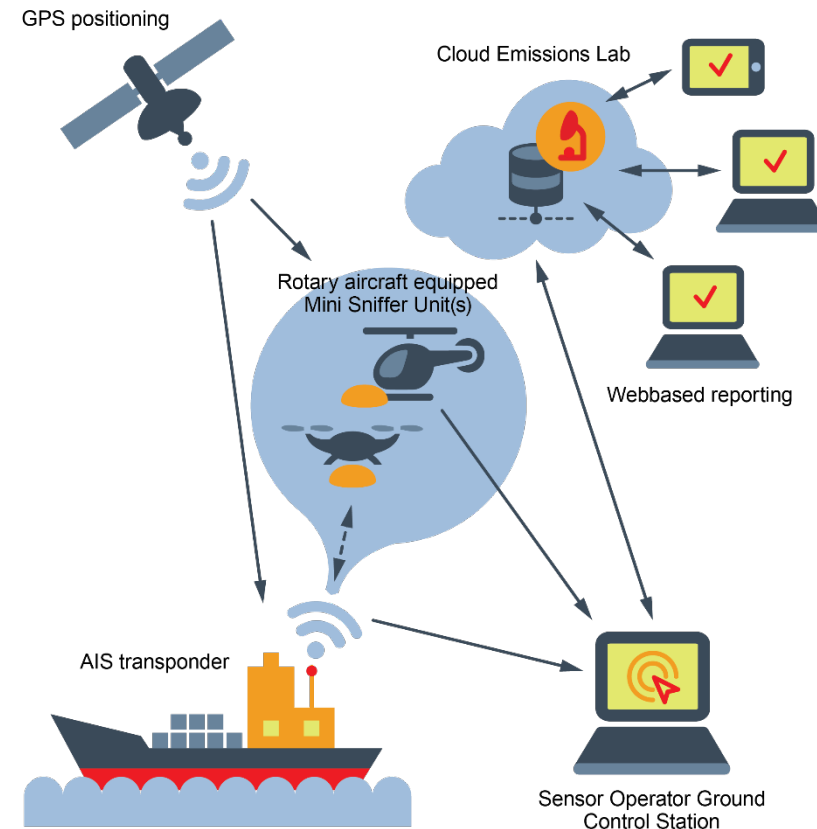
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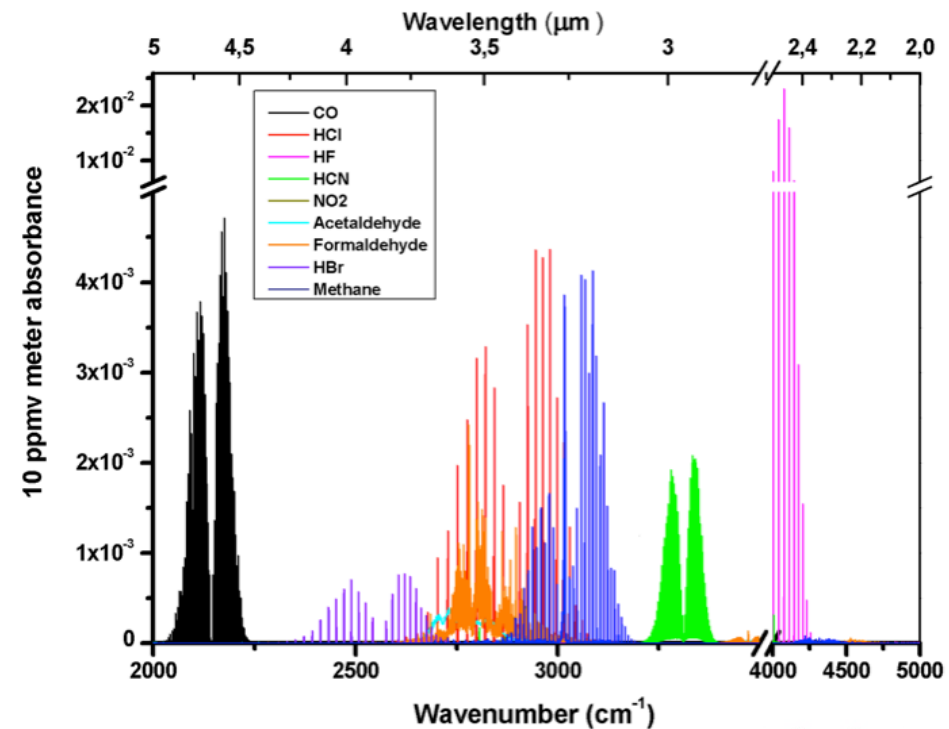
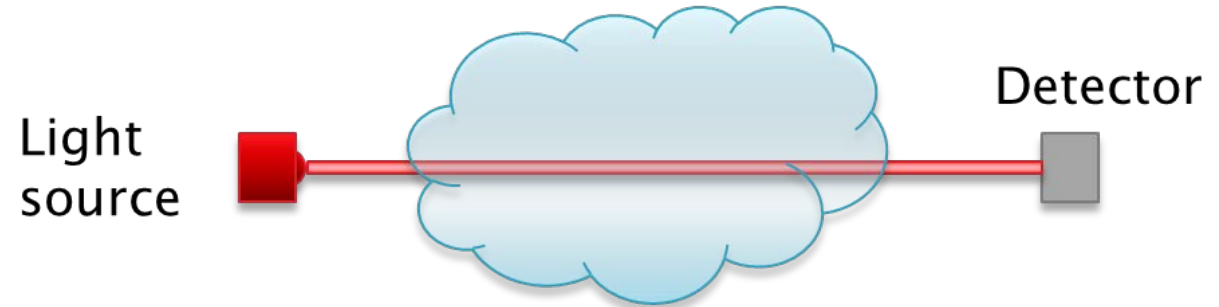
LARGE SCALE MOBILE MONITORING?

- A more detailed picture of air quality
- Access areas that are difficult or dangerous to reach:
 - Chemical fires or leaks
 - Wildfires or volcanic eruptions
 - Explosives related molecules
 - Ship emissions
- More cost-effectively than missions on manned research aircraft



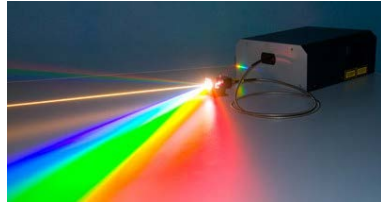
GAS SENSING VIA INFRARED SPECTROSCOPY

- Laser beam – one wavelength
- Different laser beams – different frequencies
- Ensuring highly sensitive detection
- Real-time molecular detection in complex gas mixtures, wide wavelength coverage needed

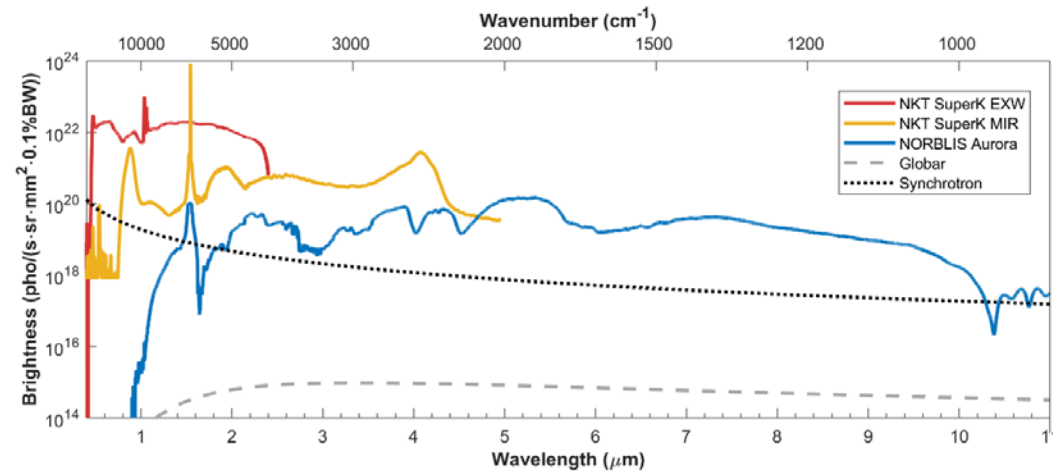
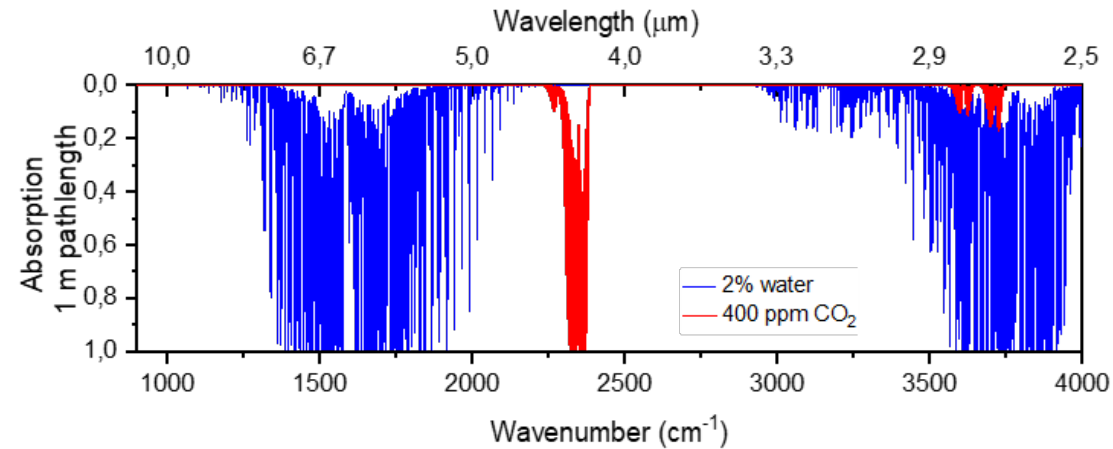


GAS SENSING VIA INFRARED SPECTROSCOPY

“white light laser”



- Innovative supercontinuum source
- Ultra-bright emission across the entire spectrum of interest
- Complete picture of the air quality
- Challenge of water vapor



FLAIR TECHNICAL CHALLENGES

- Low weight
- Small size
- Mechanically robust
- Low electrical power
- High optical power
- High gas sensitivity
- High spectral resolution
- High spatial resolution / speed of response
- Reasonable cost



ACHIEVEMENTS

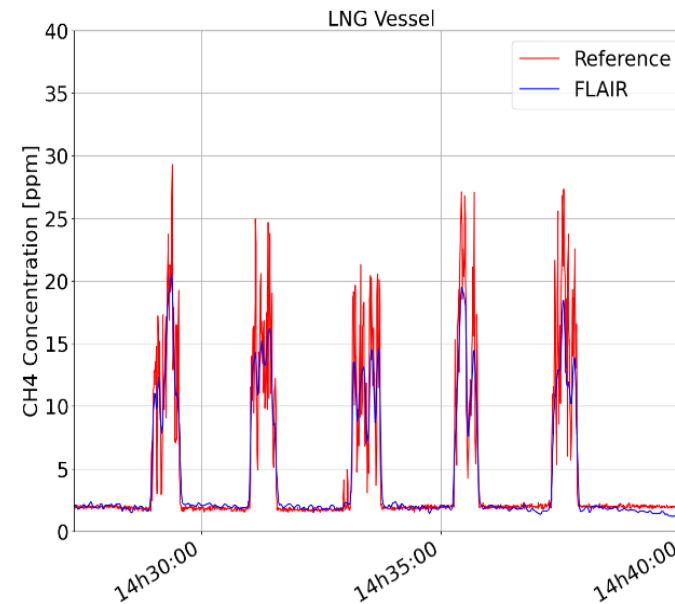
- Validation against tower reference sensors
- Detection of a controlled methane leak



ACHIEVEMENTS

- FLAIR sensor monitoring CH_4 and H_2O at 1 Hz measurement rate

- Helicopter flight with positions of the vessels (23 July 2020)
- 55 vessels measured in 4 hours



- Example of vessel powered by LNG (Liquid Natural Gas)
- 5 times Crossing plume



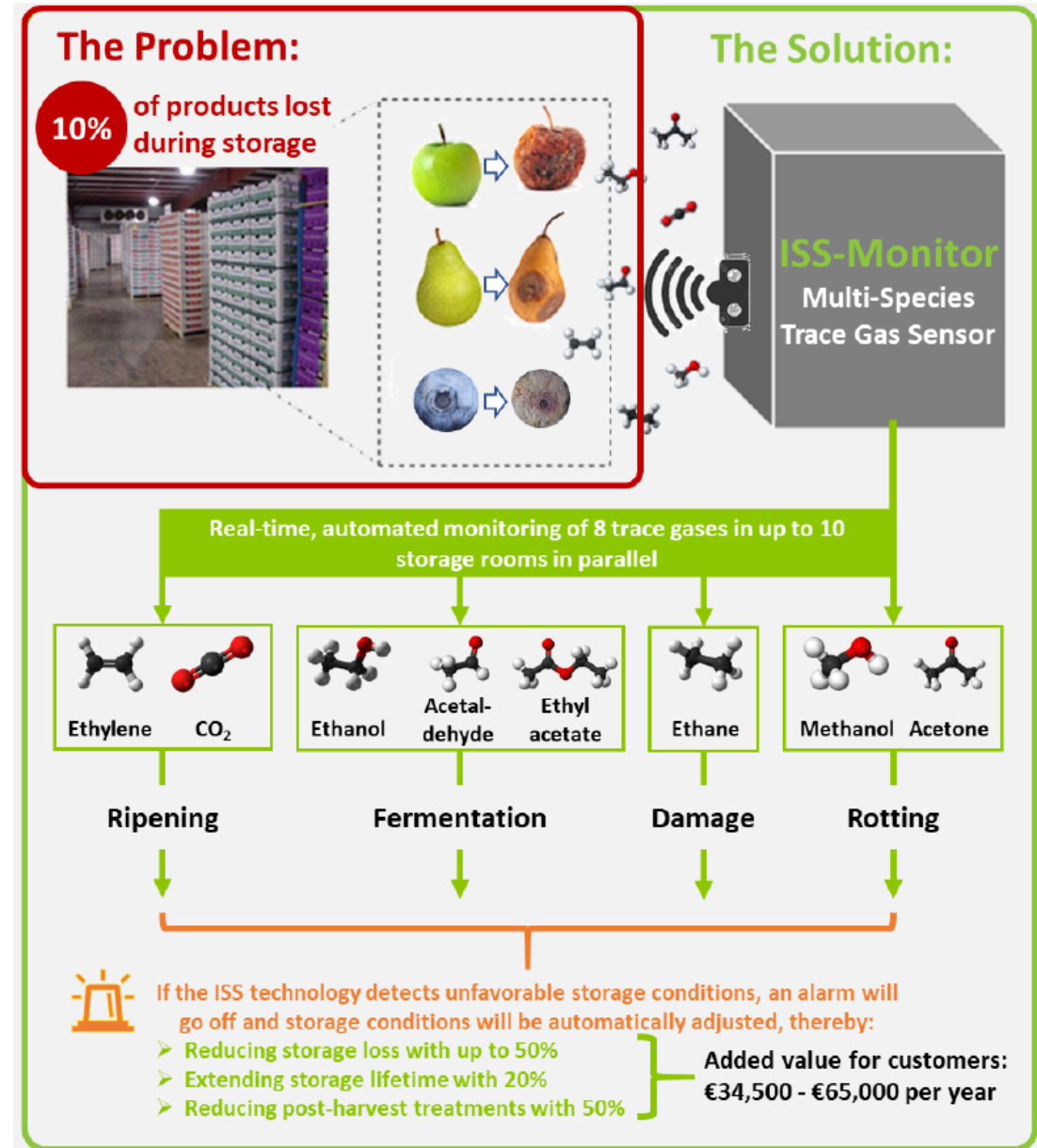
FUTURE RESEARCH

<https://cordis.europa.eu/project/id/958840>

MAX-FRESH

Real-time, automated monitoring of 8 trace gasses for quality control of fresh agricultural products in storage facilities

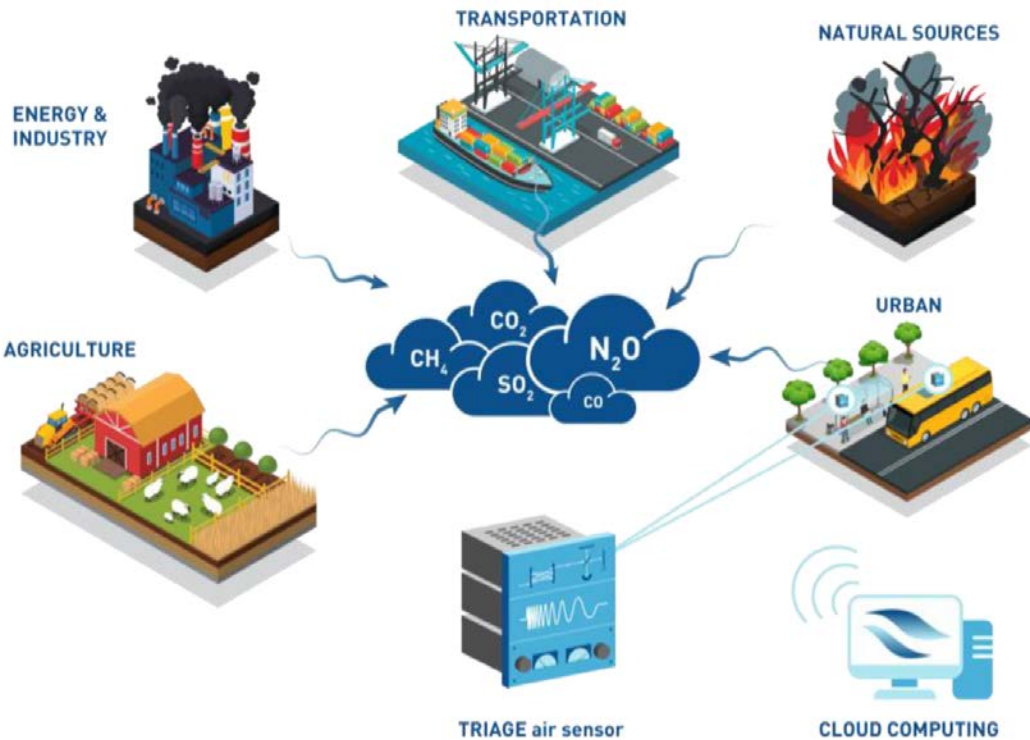
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*ulTRa-broadband InfrARed Gas sensor for pollution
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THE FLAIR CONCEPT

