Isotopic N₂O Analyzer
(δ¹⁵N, δ¹⁵Nα, δ¹⁵Nβ, δ¹⁸O)
User Manual

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WARNING! This Analyzer contains a Class IIIB laser inside
The Class IIIB laser inside this analyzer complies with 21CFR1040.10 and 21CFR1040.11.
Take appropriate precautions to ensure that the laser is off when the analyzer cover is removed.
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1 System Overview

The Los Gatos Research (LGR) Isotopic N₂O Analyzer measures N₂O isotopes in parts per billion (ppb).

Standard Components

This section lists the components of the Isotopic N₂O Analyzer. Make sure that you have all of the system components before you begin the installation.
For the basic free-flow system you should have:

- Isotopic N₂O Analyzer
- Analyzer power cord
- User guide (this document)
- USB flash drive
- Serial port connection cable (null modem type)
- Exhaust Muffler

Optional Components

External Pump System (optional):

- External pump (KNF N920, KNF N940, or Edwards XDS-35i)
- Pump connection kit
- Pump slave power cord

Multiport Inlet Unit (optional):

- Multiport Inlet Unit
- Power Cable
- 25-pin connection cable for control signal

Batch Injection System (optional):

- Syringe injection port
- 140 ml syringe

If you have not received all of these components, contact LGR at 1-650-965-7772 or support@lgrinc.com.
System Overview

Isotopic N$_2$O Analyzer Front and Back Panels

Figures 1 and 2 show the front and back panels of the isotopic N$_2$O analyzer.

**Figure 1: Front Panel**

**Figure 2: Back Panel**
Power Connections

This section describes the power connections for the analyzer. Figures 3 and 4 show the power connection and Table 1 describes the connections. Connect to the main power using the fused power-entry module on the back panel (see Figure 3).

Figure 3: AC Power Entry Module

Figure 4 shows the external pump power outlet.

Figure 4: External Pump Power Port
System Overview

**Table 1: Power Connections and AC Voltage Selection Switch Description**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Connector</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>AC Power In</td>
<td>Connects the analyzer to power supply.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AC Voltage Selection</td>
<td>Toggles the input voltage to the analyzer’s power supply between 115 VAC and 230 VAC, determined by the country where the analyzer is used. Setting an incorrect voltage may damage the analyzer. When changing the supply voltage verify that both the: Analyzer is powered off or not connected to power. AC voltage selection on the analyzer matches the AC voltage being supplied from your power supply.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EXT. Pump Power</td>
<td>Provides power to an external pump when operating the analyzer.</td>
</tr>
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</table>

**NOTE** If you require a different power source, please contact LGR.
Data Input/Output (I/O) Ports

The analyzer's interface connection ports are on the back panel. These connection include:

- **USB port** – For transferring data to USB memory devices. You can also transfer data files from the hard drive by using the built-in File-Transfer Program.
- **Ethernet port** – To connect to a local area network (LAN) or an external data directory.
- **Serial port** – For real-time digital measurement output.
- **Analog port** – Provides a DC voltage that is proportional to the measured N₂O isotope concentration.
- **VGA port** – Connects to an external monitor.
- **25-pin data port** – To connect to the Multiport Inlet Unit (MIU) (optional).

Figure 5 shows the data interface connection ports.

![Figure 5: Data Interface Ports](image-url)
System Overview

Plumbing Diagram

Figure 6 shows the plumbing diagram.

![Plumbing Diagram](image)

**Figure 6:** \( \text{N}_2\text{O Isotope Analyzer Plumbing Diagram} \)

Gas Inlet/Outlet Connections

Figure 7 shows the gas inlet and outlet ports of the analyzer. These ports are plugged for protection during shipping.

In normal mode (Internal Pump):

- The gas to be measured is connected to the Inlet Port (¼” Swagelok).
- The Internal Pump Exhaust Port (¼” Swagelok) is open.
- The outlet to the External Pump (3/8” Swagelok) is capped with the provided plug.
- The acceptable inlet gas pressure range is 0 – 10 psig.

In normal operation mode, the internal pump draws a sample through the analyzer from the inlet, and the pump is exhausted through a small (¼” Swagelok) port. This exhaust port can either be connected to the provided muffler to expel the analyzer exhaust into the room air, or the exhaust can be routed to an appropriate ventilation system via ¼” tubing. For high flow mode operation (optional), the external pump port must be connected to a high flow dry pump.

![Gas Inlet and Outlet Connections](image)

**Figure 7:** \( \text{Gas Inlet and Outlet Connections} \)
Swagelok connections should be tightened to ¼” to ½” turn past finger tight, leaving a gap of >3.5 mm, as shown in Figure 8. Use a 9/16” wrench for ¼” fittings and an 11/16” wrench for 3/8” fittings.

**Figure 8: Swagelok Connection Gap**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Swagelok Fitting Size</th>
<th>Recommended Wrench Size</th>
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<tr>
<td>1/4”</td>
<td>9/16”</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3/8”</td>
<td>11/16”</td>
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</tbody>
</table>
2 System Setup

Connect the Analyzer

Install the Isotopic N₂O Analyzer:
1. Connect to the main power by connecting to the fused power-entry module on the back panel. See Figure 3.
2. Connect the gas inlet/outlet connections in normal mode (see Figure 7):
   • Connect the gas to be measured to the ¼” inlet port.
   • Verify that the:
     • Internal pump exhaust port (¼” Swagelok) is open.
     • Outlet to the optional external pump is capped with the provided plug.
3. Connect the data interface cables (Figure 5).
3 Run the Analyzer

This section describes the Isotopic N₂O Analyzer screens and explains how to use them.

Initialize the Analyzer

To initialize the Isotopic N₂O Analyzer:
Press the power switch on the front of the analyzer to the ON position.
The internal computer initializes and a screen (Figure 9) displays as the program loads.

Figure 9: Start-up Screen in Busy Mode
Run the Analyzer

The Launch Service screen displays (Figure 10) when the initialization is complete.

Figure 10: Launch Service Screen

4. Click on the N2O Isotope button.
   If you don’t make a selection within 120-seconds, the analyzer automatically defaults to Main Panel Numeric display (see Figure 14).

5. Click on the maintenance SERVICE button if you need more time or need to choose a file maintenance menu (see Figure 10).

| Important! | Once a month, the analyzer automatically performs a thorough file system integrity check during startup. This maintenance takes approximately one to two minutes before it continues to load the software. Do not turn off the computer during the monthly maintenance! |

Thermal Stabilization

Run the analyzer for four hours before collecting data. This allows the internal temperature to stabilize. The exact final cell temperature will be analyzer specific (~ 45°C).
The Auto Launch Screen

The **Auto Launch** and **Maintenance** settings are available when you click the **Service** button from the **Launch Service** screen. From this interface you can:

- Change the auto launch delay timing.
- Transfer files from the internal hard drive to an external storage device connected via USB by clicking **Files**.
- Restore the analyzer’s factory settings by clicking **Restore**.

Figure 11 shows the auto launch window.

![Auto Launch Screen](image)

**Figure 11:** Auto Launch Screen
File System Integrity Check

Once a month, the analyzer automatically performs a file system integrity check following initialization after startup. Figure 12 shows the screen you see while the integrity check runs. The integrity check runs for one to two minutes before launching the analyzer’s control software.

⚠️ Do not turn off the computer while the integrity check is running.

Figure 12: File System Integrity Check Screen
Main Panel

Whenever the analyzer is turned on or rebooted, the Main Panel defaults to the Numeric Display (Figure 14).

The analyzer draws in gas and the numeric display shows N₂O isotopes in parts per billion (ppb) mixing ratio units (see Figure 14).

User Interface Control Bar

The User Interface Control Bar is displayed at the bottom of the screen (see Figure 13 and Figure 14) and lets you easily control the operation of the analyzer by using the icons described below.

![Figure 13: User Interface Control Bar](image)

- **Display** – Controls how the data is displayed in the Main Panel. Data is displayed in the Main Panel in one of the three ways described below. Click on the Display button to change how the data is displayed.

- **Numeric Display** – Default display—this display appears when the analyzer is turned on or rebooted. Displays the numeric readout of the last measurement (see Figure 14).
- **Spectrum Display** – Displays the raw and fitted spectral scans (see Figure 15).
- **TimeChart Display** – Displays the concentration over time (see Figure 16).

- **Rate** – Lets you adjust the rate at which data is written to the log file.
- **Parameter Window** – Displays the clock time, current log filename, gas temperature, gas pressure, cavity ring-down time, and remaining space on the hard drive.
- **File Transfer** – Allows easy transfer of files onto USB storage devices.
- **Setup** – Accesses additional configuration and service menus.
- **Exit** – Exits the application and shuts down the analyzer.
Main Panel Display

Click Display to change the Main Panel display (see Figure 14). Clicking Display multiple times lets you cycle through the main panel displays. When the analyzer is launched, it defaults to the Numeric display. The three display functions are:

- Numeric
- Spectrum
- TimeChart

This section describes the main panel displays.

Numeric Display

This is the default display. It appears when the analyzer is first turned on or re-initialized. Figure 14 shows the numeric readout of the last measurements of N2O isotopes in parts per billion (ppb) mixing ratios.

Figure 14: Main Panel in Numeric Display
Spectrum Display

Click Display on the User Interface Control Bar to switch to Spectrum display.

The Spectrum display consists of two plots (see Figure 15):

- The top plot shows the voltage from the photodetector as the laser scans across the N₂O isotope absorption features.
- The bottom plot shows the corresponding optical absorption displayed as black circles.

The measured N₂O isotope concentrations are shown in parts-per-billion (ppb).

Figure 15: Main Panel in Spectrum Display
Run the Analyzer

**TimeChart Display**

1. Click Display to switch to *TimeChart* display.
   Figure 16 shows a *TimeChart* display with a continuous record of N$_2$O isotope measurements. A 10-point running average (in black) is shown going through the raw data (shown in color).

2. Click on the drop-down box in the lower-right corner of either window to change displays of N$_2$O isotope concentrations.
   The data is saved to a file (displayed at the left corner of the *Parameter* window).

*Figure 16: Main Panel in TimeChart Display*
**Rate Control**

You can change the rate at which data is written to the log file:

1. Click on Rate button (clock icon) on the *User Interface Control Bar* (Figure 13).
   The *Rate Control Adjustment* panel appears (Figure 17).

2. Click on the rate radio buttons (Figure 17) to select the rate.
   Data is acquired at 1 Hz rate and averaged for a selected interval (1 to 100 seconds) before being written to the data file and plotted on the time-chart. Longer averaging periods (or equivalently, slower data acquisition rates) will yield better measurement precision than shorter averaging periods.

Figure 17 shows the *Data Rate Control Adjustment Screen*.

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**Figure 17:** *Data Rate Control Adjustment Screen*
Run the Analyzer

File Transfer Menu

Click on the Files button in the User Interface Control Bar (Figure 13) to access the File Transfer menu.

Use the File Transfer menu to access data collected by the analyzer.

- Each time the analyzer is re-started, the most recent file name is displayed in the form of: N2Oiso_2015_06-12_f0001.txt, where the:
  - First 6 characters represent the analyzer model (N2Oiso)
  - Next 10 characters represent the date (yyyy-mm-dd)
  - Last four numbers are a serial number

- The serial number counts upward to provide up to 10,000 unique file names each day.
- If the analyzer is left in continuous operation, a new data file will automatically be created every 24 hours to keep data file sizes manageable.

Standard Data File

- Data columns with time
- Water concentration
- N$_2$O isotope concentration
- Cell pressure
- Cell temperature

Figure 18 shows a typical standard-data file.

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<th>Time</th>
<th>[N$_2$O] ppm</th>
<th>[N$_2$O] ppm sd</th>
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<th>d15N sd</th>
<th>d18O</th>
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Figure 18: Typical Standard-Data File
Run the Analyzer

The Time column reports the time stamp of each recorded measurement; its format is set in the
File Settings menu of the Setup panels (see Figure 24). Also reported are:

- H₂O (ppm)
- N₂O isotope (ppm)
- d15Na
- d15Nb
- d180
- d15N
- SP
- Cell pressure (Torr)
- Cell temperature (Celsius)
- Ambient Temperature (Celsius)
- Ring-Down Time (microseconds)

For each of these measurements there is an adjacent column reporting the standard error of the
measurement (designated with a _sd tag).

- The standard deviation is zero when the analyzer is running at 1 Hz, as no averaging of data
  has taken place.
- At speeds slower than 1 Hz, the standard error of the average is reported.
- At the end of each data file are encoded listings of settings used by the analyzer for that data
  file.
- The settings are stored for diagnostic or troubleshooting purposes.

Transfer Data Files

To transfer data files from the analyzer hard disk to a USB storage device:
1. Insert a USB storage device into a USB port.
2. Click on the Mount USB button (Figure 19).
3. Transfer data files from the analyzer hard disk to a USB storage device by dragging and
dropping the files from hard disk pane to the USB device pane.
   The directory windows defaults to the local drive on the left screen and the USB memory
device on the right.
4. Navigate through folders, create directories, and delete files and directories, or use the left
   mouse button to highlight one or multiple files in the windows and drag and drop to copy the
   files between the directories.
   When you have finished transferring files:
5. Click the Unmount USB button.
   Wait for the Safe to Remove USB Memory Device message before removing the USB memory
device.
Run the Analyzer

6. Click Close to exit the Daily Directory and Archive of Data Files screen.

**NOTE**

Removing the USB memory device before seeing the Safe to Remove pop-up message may result in loss of data.

*Figure 19: Typical Daily Directory and Archive of Data Files.*
Archived Files

The internal drive directory (Figure 20 left pane) contains archive and daily directories. The archive directory contains compressed files that the analyzer generates daily (Figure 21). Each file is a single zip archive that contains all the data files recorded on a given day named using the following convention: \texttt{ddMMYYYY.zip}.

A new directory is created every day that the analyzer operates.

![Archive Directory](image)

**Figure 20: Archive Directory**

To access a .txt file, click on the date in the archive directory. The analyzer displays the files for that date.
Run the Analyzer

**Daily Directories**

Examples of files in each daily directory is shown in Figure 21.

![Figure 21: Archive of Daily Files](image-url)
The File Transfer Error screen (Figure 22) displays when either the:

- User forgot to insert a USB device or,
- The device was not recognized.

You may try again with a correctly inserted USB device.
Run the Analyzer

Setup Panel

The Setup menu has function tabs at the top of the screen that allows you to configure the analyzer and access service mode. These tabs let you:

- Manage file saving settings
- Adjust the current time/date settings
- Configure the serial output
- Configure analog output
- Calibrate the analyzer to a local gas standard
- Enable the laser offset adjustment
- Configure the optional Multi-Port Inlet Unit (MIU)

To enter setup mode click the Setup button on the user interface control bar. See Figure 23.

![Setup Button](image)

**Figure 23:** Setup Button

The analyzer displays the setup menu. See Figure 24.

![Setup Menu with Time/Files Tab Selected](image)

**Figure 24:** Setup Menu with Time/Files Tab Selected
**Time/Files Tab**

The *Time/Files* tab (Figure 25) lets you adjust the timestamp format of the data files and the new file creation interval (when running continuously). Use the *Time/File* menu to change how the data reported at the RS-232 port is configured. Standard settings are provided for:

- Baud Rate
- Parity
- Stop Bits

The actual rate of serial output is equal to the Logged File Rate (i.e. 1 Hz) divided by the Rate specified in the *Time/Files* menu.

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**NOTE**

Use a null modem serial cable to connect the serial port of the analyzer to an external computer.

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The available timestamp formats are shown below in Table 3.

*Table 3: Available Time Stamp Formats.*

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Time Stamp</th>
<th>Format</th>
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<tr>
<td>Absolute Local American</td>
<td>mm/dd/yyyy, hh:mm:ss.sss</td>
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<tr>
<td>Absolute Local European</td>
<td>dd/mm/yyyy, hh:mm:ss.sss</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Absolute GMT American</td>
<td>mm/dd/yyyy, hh:mm:ss.sss</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Absolute GMT European</td>
<td>dd/mm/yyyy, hh:mm:ss.sss</td>
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<tr>
<td>Relative Seconds After Power On</td>
<td>sssssss.sss</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Relative Seconds in Hours, Minutes, Seconds</td>
<td>hh:mm:ss.sss</td>
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</table>
Run the Analyzer

**Clock Set Panel**

The *Clock Set* panel lets you adjust the current time and date settings of the analyzer (Figure 25). The time zone and daylight savings enable/disable may also be set here.

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**Figure 25: Time File Settings Menu Functions**
**Calibration Tab**

Los Gatos Research recommends periodic referencing rather than calibration to ensure measurement accuracy and consistency. When calibration is necessary, follow this procedure.

Figure 26 shows the calibration process as a flow chart.

![Calibration Flow Chart]

*Figure 26: Calibration Flow*
Run the Analyzer

Calibration Procedure
1. Connect reference gas supply to inlet on back of analyzer.
2. From the Setup menu, click on the Calibration tab. See Figure 27.
3. In Reference Gas Settings, select the checkbox next to the gases you wish to calibrate.
4. Enter the known concentration for the local gas standard.

NOTE
N₂O isotopes must be calibrated all at the same time. Check each N₂O boxes as shown in Figure 27. H₂O may be calibrated separately.

Figure 27: Calibration Setup Screen.

5. Open the reference gas valve.
6. Click the Next button to begin the calibration.

NOTE
The time of latest calibration is stored in the analyzer configuration files for future reference.
Leave the local standard gas connected for a short time to verify a successful calibration: Click OK. The analyzer resumes normal measurement mode.
Verify that the displayed concentration correctly corresponds to the standard gas.

7. When calibration is complete, click the CLOSE button.
Note on Mirror Ring-Down Time

The measurement cell mirrors are protected from contamination by an internal inlet filter, but over time and with continued use the mirrors may gradually decline in reflectivity. This will not create significant error in the mixing ratio measurement, because the mirror reflectivity is continually monitored and the measurement is compensated using the mirror ring-down time. However, if a significant change occurs in the mirror ring-down time (for example, greater than 20% reduction in ring-down time), the precision of the isotopic measurements may be reduced. Users should occasionally take note of the ring-down time and request analyzer service (mirror cleaning kit) from LGR if a significant reduction in ring-down time occurs.

Laser Adjust Tab

Use the Laser Adjust tab to manually adjust the laser’s wavelength to compensate any cumulative drift (Figure 28). Laser adjustment may be needed for the following reasons:

- The laser’s wavelength has drifted beyond the target range of the analyzer.
- The analyzer is operated outside the recommended temperature range.
- The spectrum display shows offset between absorption peaks and target lines.

![Figure 28: Laser Adjust Tab.](image-url)
Manually Adjust the Laser Offset

1. From the Setup menu, select the Laser Adjust tab.
2. Select the *Disable Laser Frequency Lock* to allow manual control of the laser.
3. Adjust the laser voltage using the arrow buttons to shift the peaks until they are centered on their respective target lines.
5. Click **Close** to exit the menu and return to the Main panel.

Figure 29 shows the *Laser Adjust* tab with the laser voltage adjusted so that the absorption features are centered on the target lines.

![Figure 29: Laser Offset](image)
Manifold Menu for Multi-Port Inlet Unit Tab (Optional)

This panel (Figure 30) configures the control of the optional Multi-port Inlet Unit (MIU) if present. If the MIU is not present, it should be disabled in this menu.

Figure 30: Control Panel for the (Optional) Multi-Port Inlet Unit
Run the Analyzer

**DCS Tab**

Use this tab to enable or disable the Dilution Control System (DCS)

Figure 31 shows the DCS Tab.

![DCS Tab]

*Figure 31: DCS Tab*

See Appendix D for detailed instructions on setting up and operating the DCS.
Shut Down the Isotopic N₂O Analyzer

To shut down the isotopic N₂O analyzer, complete the following steps:

1. Click the Exit button on the User Interface Control Bar. See Figure 32.

   The Exit button prompts you to verify that you want to shut down the analyzer to prevent accidental button presses from causing interruption in data acquisition.

   ![Figure 32: User Interface Control Bar Exit Button](image)

2. Click the OK button to halt data acquisition, close the current data file and display the shutdown screen(Figure 33)

   ![Figure 33: Analyzer Shutdown Prompt](image)
Run the Analyzer

3. After the *You may turn off the instrument* message displays (Figure 34) you can safely shut off power to the analyzer by pushing the OFF switch on the front of the analyzer.

![Analyzer Final Shutdown Screen](image)

*Figure 34: Analyzer Final Shutdown Screen*
4 Maintenance

Daily Operation Checklist

Table 2 describes maintenance tasks that should be performed on a regular basis to keep your isotopic N₂O Analyzer operating smoothly.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Frequency</th>
<th>Task</th>
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<tr>
<td>Every 1 – 2 days</td>
<td>• On the Spectrum screen, verify that the spectrum is correct. The spectrum must look like the screen in Figure 15. Familiarize yourself with the normal appearance of this characteristic spectrum. It is the best diagnostic of analyzer performance. Any deviations from normal could indicate a problem with the analyzer.</td>
</tr>
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</table>
| Every 3 – 6 days | • Log the transmitted intensity in the upper display panel of the spectrum screen. Any decrease in transmitted intensity could be indicative of dirty mirrors.  
  • Log the analyzer pressure. Any decrease in pressure could be indicative of an obstruction in the flow system. |

Mirror Ring –Down Time and Maintenance

The measurement cell mirrors are protected from contamination by an internal inlet filter, but over time and with continued use the mirrors may gradually decline in reflectivity. This will not create significant error in the mixing ratio measurement, because the mirror reflectivity is continually monitored and the measurement is compensated using the mirror ring-down time. However, if a significant change occurs in the mirror ring-down time (for example, greater than 20% reduction in ring-down time), the precision of the isotopic measurements may be reduced. Users should occasionally take note of the ring-down time and request analyzer service (mirror cleaning kit) from LGR if a significant reduction in ring-down time occurs.
Appendix A: About Gas Analyzers and Laser Absorption Spectroscopy

Conventional Laser Absorption Spectroscopy

For gas measurements based on conventional laser-absorption spectroscopy (Figure 35), a laser beam is directed through a sample and the mixing ratio (or mole fraction) of a gas is determined from the measured absorption using Beer’s Law, which may be expressed:

\[
\frac{I_v}{I_o} = e^{-S\chi LP \phi_v}
\]

Where:

- \(I_v\) is the transmitted intensity through the sample at frequency \(v\)
- \(I_o\) is the (reference) laser intensity prior to entering the cell
- \(S\) is the absorption line strength of the probed transition
- \(L\) is the optical path length of the laser beam through the sample
- \(\chi\) is the mole fraction
- \(P\) is the gas pressure
- \(\phi_v\) is the line-shape function of the transition at frequency \(v\)

In this case,

\[
\int \phi(v)dv = 1
\]

If the laser line width is much narrower than the width of the absorption feature, high-resolution absorption spectra may be recorded by tuning the laser wavelength over the probed feature.

![Figure 35: Typical Laser Absorption Spectroscopy Setup](image)
Integration of the measured spectra with the measured values of:

- Gas temperature
- Gas pressure
- Path length
- Line strength of the probed transition

Lets you determine the mole fraction directly from the relation:

\[ \chi = \frac{-1}{S L P} \int \ln \left( \frac{I_v}{I_o} \right) dv \]

Use this equation to determine gas concentrations, even in hostile environments without using calibration gases or reference standards. These values are measured:

- Mixtures containing several species
- Flows at elevated temperatures and pressures

**LGR’s Off-Axis Integrated-Cavity Output Spectroscopy (Off-Axis ICOS)**

Off-Axis ICOS uses a high-finesse optical cavity as an absorption cell as shown in Figure 36. Unlike multi-pass detectors, which are typically limited to path lengths of less than two-hundred meters, an Off-Axis ICOS absorption cell effectively traps the laser photon so that, on average, they make thousands of passes before leaving the cell.

As a result, the effective optical path length may be several thousands of meters using high-reflectivity mirrors and thus the measured absorption of light after it passes through the optical cavity is significantly enhanced. For example, for a cell composed of two 99.99% reflectivity mirrors spaced by 25 cm, the effective optical path length is 2500 meters.

*Figure 36: Schematic Diagram of an Off-Axis ICOS Instrument*
About Analyzers and Laser Absorption Spectroscopy

Because the path length depends only on optical losses in the cavity and not on a unique beam trajectory (like conventional multi-pass cells or cavity-ring-down systems), the optical alignment is very robust allowing for reliable operation in the field. The effective optical path length is determined routinely by simply switching the laser off and measuring the necessary time for light to leave the cavity (typically tens of microseconds).

As with conventional tunable-laser absorption-spectroscopy methods:

- The wavelength of the laser is tuned over a selected absorption feature of the target species.
- The measured absorption spectra is recorded and used to determine a quantitative measurement of mixing ratio directly and without external calibration when combined with the recorded:
  - Measured gas temperature and pressure in the cell
  - Effective path length
  - Known line strength
Appendix B: Accessing Data Using an Ethernet Connection

Appendix B explains how to access the analyzer data directory as a Windows Share using an Ethernet connection on a local area network (LAN).

The data files stored on the internal hard disk drive of the analyzer can be accessed as a Windows Share over a Local Area Network (LAN) Ethernet connection. For this function to operate the analyzer must:

- Be connected to a Local Area Network (LAN) via the RJ-45 Ethernet connection on the rear panel.
- Receive a response to a DHCP (Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol) request when the analyzer is booted. If the analyzer does not receive a reply, the analyzer:
  - Disables the Ethernet port.
  - Does not attempt another DHCP request until the analyzer is restarted.

When both conditions are met, the data directory can be accessed using a Windows computer on the same LAN:

1. Click **Start > Run**, and type the following into the **Open** field:
   \LGR\-XX\-XXXX
   (where XX-XXXX is the serial number of the analyzer.)
2. Click **OK**.
   In a short time (usually between 10 and 60 seconds for the first access), a Windows Share directory window displays a subdirectory **lgrdata**.
3. Double-click on the **lgrdata** directory, to see a listing of the data files stored on the internal hard disk drive of the analyzer.
4. Open or transfer any of the data files as you would with any Windows share drive.
Additional Notes

The analyzer shared data directory may not be visible by browsing for it in Windows Network Neighborhood. If it is, it is in the LGR workgroup. The computer name will be LGR-XX-XXXX, where XX-XXXX is the analyzer serial number.

You can open the data file that is currently being written into by the analyzer without interrupting the analyzer operation (a snapshot of the file as it was displayed when you opened it). Notice that the current data file is only updated occasionally (every four KB of data), so a new data file will appear empty until enough data is collected and written to the disk.

If a LAN is not available, plug the analyzer into a simple standalone broadband router (such as, Netgear Model RP614) to enable the analyzer to obtain a DHCP address from the router when the analyzer is started. You can then plug any Windows computer into the same broadband router and access the data directory.

A crossover Ethernet cable will NOT allow an external computer to access the shared data directory, as the analyzer will not obtain a DHCP address upon booting up and will shut down its Ethernet interface.

You might be able to access the shared analyzer data directory from computers running operating systems other than Windows. The analyzer uses a Samba server to share the data directory, which might be accessed by any appropriate Samba client application.
Appendix C: Wireless Router Setup (Optional)

The LGR Analyzer can be ordered with an optional ZyXEL portable wireless router. If you ordered the wireless router option, it is factory installed on the back of the analyzer. Appendix C explains how to configure the wireless router to connect other devices to the analyzer.

Router Modes

There are three ways or modes to set up the wireless router:

- **Wireless Router Mode** – This is the default mode of the wireless router. Use this mode to connect devices wirelessly to the analyzer. The router issues IP addresses for the analyzer and the wireless devices (Figure 38).

- **Access Point Mode** – Use this mode to connect the analyzer to an existing network over a LAN connection. This mode does not issue IP addresses but allows wired and wireless devices on an existing network to access the analyzer via a LAN connection (Figure 40).

- **Client Bridge Mode** – Use this mode to connect the analyzer wirelessly to an existing network. This mode does not issue IP addresses but allows wired or wireless devices on an existing network to connect wirelessly to the analyzer (Figure 42).

Use one of these methods to make the analyzer wirelessly accessible. For wireless control of the analyzer using a remote device, install the appropriate VNC (virtual network client) software on your remote device.
Configure the Router for Wireless Router Mode

To configure the wireless router for wireless Router Mode, slide the mode switch on the router to the Router (Figure 37).

Figure 37: Switch On Wireless Router (Set to Wireless Router Mode)

Figure 38 shows a wireless router configuration. In Wireless Router Mode, the wireless router:

- Forms its own network
- Issues IP addresses to the analyzer and client devices using DHCP (Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol)

This mode is primarily intended for standalone operation of the analyzer in the field.

Configure your wireless devices to connect to the analyzer:

1. Install VNC (virtual network client) software on your wireless device
2. Join the wireless router network. See Appendix D for detailed instructions.
Configure the Router for Access Point Mode

To configure the wireless router for Access Point mode, slide the mode switch on the router to the AP position (See Figure 39).

Figure 39: Switch on Wireless Router Set to AP Mode

Figure 40 shows a router in AP mode that connects wired and wireless devices to the analyzer. In this mode the:

- Wireless router is connected to an existing local area network (LAN) using a standard Ethernet jack,
- Analyzer and wireless client devices are issued IP addresses by the DHCP server on that LAN.

This mode is primarily intended for connecting wired and wireless devices to the analyzer on an existing network, such as in a laboratory or other large facility environment.

Figure 40: Wireless Connection Diagram in AP Mode

To connect wired and wireless devices to the analyzer, you must install VNC (virtual network client) software on the device.
Configure the Router for Client Bridge Mode

To configure the wireless router for Client Bridge mode, slide the mode switch to the AP position (Figure 41).

Figure 41: Switch On Wireless Router Set to AP for Client Bridge Mode

Figure 42 shows a router in Client Bridge mode. In Client Bridge Mode the:

- Wireless router is connected to an existing local area network (LAN) via a wireless link
- Analyzer and wireless devices are issued IP addresses via the DHCP server on that LAN

This mode is primarily intended for connecting the analyzer to an existing LAN in situations where a wired connection to the LAN is not available (for example, on the roof of a facility, or in an outbuilding).

Set Up the Client Bridge Mode Configuration

1. Connect the computer to the wireless router using a standard Ethernet cable (wired) connection.
2. Manually set a static IP address for the computer, by following the steps below for the appropriate operating system.
Windows XP:

a. Click on Start > Control Panel (set for Classic View) > Network Connections.
b. Right click on Local Area Connections and click on Properties. In Properties, scroll down the list and highlight Internet Protocol (TCP/IP) and click Properties.
c. Select Use the Following IP Address.
d. Type 192.168.100.10.
e. Click on the Subnet Mask box and it will fill in automatically with 255.255.255.0.
f. Click OK at the bottom then click on Close to close the Properties window.

Windows Vista and Windows 7:

a. Click on Start > Control Panel > Network and Internet > Network Sharing Center.
b. On the left side of Network and Sharing Center, click on Manage Network Connections (in Vista) or Change Adapter Settings (in Windows 7).
c. Right click on Local Area Connection and click on Properties.
d. In this window, highlight Internet Protocol Version 4 and click Properties.
e. Select Use the Following IP Address and type in 192.168.100.10.
f. Click on the Subnet Mask box and it will fill in automatically with 255.255.255.0.
g. Click OK and then Close on the Properties window.

Macintosh Apple Computer

a. Click the Apple Icon in the top right corner.
b. Select System Preferences.
c. Click on Network then Ethernet.
d. Click on the dropdown box next to Configure IPv4 and set it to Manually.
e. For the IP Address enter 192.168.100.10.
f. Click on the Subnet Mask box and enter 255.255.255.0.
g. Click Apply.

3. Open a browser and access the router interface by typing 192.168.100.1 in the address bar.

Changing Your Computer Back to DHCP

After setting up the Router, change your computer back to the way it was:

- In Windows, change the setting to get an IP Address and a DNS Server Address Automatically.
- In Macintosh, change the Configure IPv4 setting to Use DHCP.
Wireless Router Setup

To set up the Wireless Router:

1. Flip the switch on the side of the wireless router from *Router Mode* to *AP Mode* (Figure 43).

   ![Image of switch being changed](image)

   *Figure 43: Set Switch on AP*

2. Open a browser window
3. Enter 192.168.100.1
4. Press Enter
   
   The *Authentication Required* dialog appears (Figure 44).
5. Log in to the server.
   a. In the *User Name* field, enter *admin*.
   b. In the *Password* field, enter *1234*.
   c. Click on *Login*.

   ![Authentication Required dialog](image)

   *Figure 44: Authentication Dialog*
6. On the left side of the screen, click on **Wireless>Basic Settings** (Figure 45).

   ![ZyXEL Wireless>Basic Settings Screen](image_url)

   **Figure 45:** ZyXEL Wireless>Basic Settings Screen

7. Change the wireless mode from **AP** to **Client**, then click **Apply** at the bottom of the page (Figure 46).

   ![Wireless Basic Settings – Changing Wireless Mode to Client](image_url)

   **Figure 46:** Wireless Basic Settings – Changing Wireless Mode to Client

8. An encryption warning displays (Figure 47). This means the wireless router connection must be either in WPA or WPA2 mode, but not both. Click **OK**.

   ![Encryption Warning Message](image_url)

   **Figure 47:** Encryption Warning Message.
9. Click on Wireless > Site Survey. The ZyXEL setup wizard displays (Figure 48).

![ZyXEL MWR102 wireless setup wizard](image)

**Figure 48: Wireless > Site Survey Screen**

10. Click on Site Survey to bring up a list of local wireless networks (Figure 49).

11. Select the bubble to the right of your network.

12. Click **Next** at the bottom of the page.

![Wireless site survey](image)

**Figure 49: List of Local Wireless Networks**
Wireless Router Setup

The Wireless Site Survey dialog appears (Figure 50).

13. Input the security settings of your wireless router.

![Wireless Site Survey Security Settings Screen](image)

*Figure 50: Wireless Site Survey Security Settings Screen*

14. Click **Connect**. The *Connect successfully* message appears (Figure 51).

![Connected Successfully Message Screen](image)

*Figure 51: Connected Successfully Message Screen*
Wireless Router Setup

Complete the Setup

1. Close your browser window and change your computer back to DNS.
2. Connect the analyzer to the LAN port of the ZyXEL router.
   The router connects to your main wireless router through the bridge you created.

To connect your wired and wireless devices to control the analyzer, install VNC (virtual network client) software on the device. Set up Devices for Remote Access Using VNC Software (Optional)

Three types of devices that can be connected to the analyzer through the Wireless Router to access information:

- Android OS based devices (smart phones, tablet, etc.)
- iOS based devices (smart phones, tablets, laptops, etc.)
- Windows based devices (smart phones, tablets, laptops, etc.)

Each of these devices uses VNC (Virtual Network Client) software to connect the analyzer through the router. Follow the instructions below to install and setup VNC software on the type of device you are connecting to the analyzer through the router.

Set Up VNC Software on Android Devices

1. On the Android device, go to Settings>WiFi>Connect to Wireless Network.
2. Connect to the wireless SSID network: Enter the ZyXEL wireless router (in this case, ZyXEL-0335CB) as shown in Figure 52. For ultraportable analyzers, the ZyXEL wireless router is inside the analyzer and may be accessed by opening the case.

![Wireless Router Sticker](image)

Figure 52: Wireless Router Sticker
3. Select SSID.
4. Enter the wireless password from the sticker on the router (Figure 52).

NOTE
Every router has a different, unique SSID number and wireless password.

5. Click **Connect** (Figure 53).

![Password Connection Screen](image)

**Figure 53:** **Password Connection Screen**

6. A verification message appears showing that the Android device is connected to the router (Figure 54).

![Connectivity Confirmation Screen](image)

**Figure 54:** **Connectivity Confirmation Screen**

7. Ensure that the IP address of the Android device is correct by holding your finger down on the network connection icon. The IP address of the Android device is either 192.168.100.100 or 192.168.100.101.

NOTE
Remember the IP Address of the Android device because it will be necessary to refer to it in Step 11.
Wireless Router Setup

8. Install VNC software/connect with VNC software by searching and installing from the store: in the Google Play store, search for Android-vnc-viewer and install the application by tapping on the Install button (Figure 55). Internet connection is required for this step.

Complete instructions for installing the “Android-vnc-viewer,” can be found online at: http://code.google.com/p/android-vnc-viewer/wiki/Documentation

![Android-vnc-viewer Install Screen](image)

Figure 55: Android-vnc-viewer Install Screen

9. Open the VNC application on the Android device by clicking on the VNC application icon (Figure 56).

![VNC Application Icon](image)

Figure 56: VNC Application Icon
10. The Android VNC screen appears (Figure 57).

![Wireless Router Setup](image)

**Figure 57:** VNC Application Installation Setup Screen

11. In the Address field, type the correct address of the analyzer (either be 192.168.100.100 or 192.168.100.101) that you recorded in in Step 7; the IP Address of the analyzer will be whichever address the Android device is not.

For example, if the IP address of the Android device that was displayed in Step 7 is 192.168.100.101, then the IP address of the analyzer will be 192.168.100.100.

12. In the Password field, type lgrvnc.

13. Tap the Connect button to connect the Android device to the analyzer. The analyzer software interface screen displays on the device; the screen size is adjustable to fit the screen of the device (Figure 58).

![Analyzer Software Interface Display](image)

**Figure 58:** Analyzer Software Interface Display with Size Adjustment for Android Devices
Set up VNC Software on iOS Devices

1. On the iOS device (iPad, iPhone, etc.), go to Settings>WiFi>Connect to Wireless Network.
2. Connect to the wireless SSID network listed on the router sticker, in this case, ZyXEL-0335CB (Figure 59). The ZyXEL Wireless Router is installed inside the analyzer and may be accessed by opening the case.

3. Select your SSID network, in this case ZyXEL-0335CB (Figure 60).
Wireless Router Setup

The *Enter Password* screen appears (Figure 61).

4. In the *Password* field, enter the wireless password on the sticker on the router, in this case, B08CDB18, and click **Join**.

![Figure 61: Router Connection Screen](image)

The Network Connections screen (Figure 62) confirms that the iOS device is connected to the router.

![Figure 62: Router Connection Confirmation Screen](image)

5. Click on the Network to check the IP address (192.168.100.100 or 192.168.100.101) of the device as shown in Figure 63.

![Figure 63: Device IP Address Confirmation Screen](image)

**NOTE**

Remember the IP Address because you will need Step 10.
Wireless Router Setup

6. Install VNC software/connect with VNC software by searching and installing it from the App store. Mocha VNC Lite for iOS is the software used in this example (Figure 64).

**NOTE**
Internet connection is required for this step. Complete instructions for installing Mocha VNC Lite for iOS can be found online at: [http://www.mochasoft.dk/iphone_vnc_help2/help.htm](http://www.mochasoft.dk/iphone_vnc_help2/help.htm).

7. Open the application and click on **Configure**. (Figure 65)

8. The configure screen prompts you for the server IP address and your password (Figure 66).
9. Enter the analyzer’s address in the VNC server address field (192.168.100.100 or 192.168.100.101), from Step 6. The IP address of the analyzer is whichever address the device is not. For example, if the IP address of the device that was displayed in Step 6 is 192.168.100.101, then the IP address of the analyzer will be 192.168.100.100.

10. In the VNC Password field, type \textit{lgrvnc}.
11. Tap \textbf{Connect}. The Setup Configuration screen displays (Figure 67).

\begin{figure}[h]
\centering
\includegraphics[width=\textwidth]{setup_config.png}
\caption{Setup Configurations Screen}
\end{figure}

12. Tap the \textbf{IP Config} you set up, to connect the iOS device to the Analyzer. The analyzer software interface display will display on the device (Figure 68); the screen size is adjustable to fit the screen of the device.

\begin{figure}[h]
\centering
\includegraphics[width=\textwidth]{analyzer_interface.png}
\caption{Analyzer Software Interface Screen (Size Adjustment for iOS Devices)}
\end{figure}
Set Up VNC Software on Windows Devices

1. On your Windows device, open wireless router options.
2. Locate the sticker on the router as pictured below (Figure 69).

![Wireless Router Sticker](image)

Figure 69: Wireless Router Sticker

3. Click on the Wireless Network Connections icon in the bottom left part of the screen (Figure 70) to open the Windows Wireless Networks dialog (Figure 71).

![Wireless Connections Icon](image)

Figure 70: Wireless Connections Icon
4. Select the SSID network number listed on the router sticker, in this case **ZyXEL-0335CB** (Figure 69 through Figure 71) to display the *Connect to a Network* dialog.

5. In the Security key field, type in the wireless password. (Figure 72)

6. Click **OK**.
Wireless Router Setup

The Connection Status dialog displays (Figure 73).

7. Check the connection to make sure the device is connected through the Wireless Router by selecting Router (Figure 74).

Figure 73: Current Connectivity Screen

Figure 74: Wireless Network Connection Screen
8. Check the IP address of the Windows device:
   a. Right click on the ZyXEL-0335CB network connection.
   b. Click on Status (Figure 75)

![Current Connectivity Screen](image)

*Figure 75: Current Connectivity Screen*
Wireless Router Setup

The Wireless Network Connection Status dialog displays (Figure 76).

Figure 76: Wireless Network Connection Status Window
9. Click on the **Details** button to display the *Network Connection Details* window (Figure 77).

![Network Connection Details Window]

Figure 77: **Network Connection Details Window**

10. Check the **IPv4 Address** of the Windows device, which should be either **192.168.100.100** or **192.168.100.101**; in this case, the Windows device IP address is **192.168.100.101** (Figure 78).


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**NOTE**

Complete instructions for installing Real VNC Viewer for Windows can be found online at: [http://www.realvnc.com/products/vnc/documentation/5.0/guides/user/Chapter1.html](http://www.realvnc.com/products/vnc/documentation/5.0/guides/user/Chapter1.html)
12. Open the program by clicking on the **Connect** button (Figure 78).

![Real VNC Viewer Installation Screen]

**Figure 78: Real VNC Viewer Installation Screen**

13. Enter the IP address of the **analyzer** (192.168.100.100 or 192.168.100.101).

In the example in Step 10, the IP address of the Windows **device** is 192.168.100.101, therefore, the IP address of the analyzer is 192.168.100.100 and therefore, 192.168.100.100 mu.
Appendix D: Dilution Control System (Optional)

This section describes the Dilution Control System (DCS), and explains how to set up and operate the DCS:

- Automatically dilutes the sample stream with zero-air whenever the concentration rises above target (2, 5, or 10 ppm), and maintains the target concentration at that level.
- Has a response time constant of approximately 2 minutes, so a sudden rise in concentration will cause the concentration to over-range for up to 2 minutes while the DCS adjusts the concentration to target.

When transitioning from a large concentration to a lower concentration of gases, be aware that there may be a memory effect resulting from residual source gas in the analyzer. Make sure that the residual source gas from the previous sample has had time to exit the system. Residual gas can also be removed by switching inlet lines, using short line lengths, and flushing lines with zero-air.

Connect the DCS

This section describes the DCS hardware and how to connect it. The numbers in this list correspond to the numbers in Figure 79.
1. Control Cable
2. Sample line
3. Zero-air line connects to house air supply
4. Line to sample supply

![DCS Connection Diagram](image.png)
Dilution Control System

Figure 80 shows the DCS-200 front panel.

![DCS Front Panel](image)

Figure 80:  DCS Front Panel

Figure 81 shows the DCS back panel. The N₂O sample and the zero-air (N₂O free) flow in through the gas inlets and are mixed in the DCS. Both the sample and the zero-air must:

- Be pressurized to between 15 and 50 PSIG
- Have a sample gas flow capability of 200 SCCM
- Have a zero-air flow capability of 2.2 SLPM

![DCS Back Panel](image)

Figure 81:  DCS Back Panel

Optional Tee Connector

The diluted gas flows into analyzer through a tee-connector (provided with the DCS-200) that allows for steady flow past the inlet to the analyzer (Figure 82).

![Inlet Tee Configuration for the DCS](image)

Figure 82:  Inlet Tee Configuration for the DCS

**Warning!**

If you do not use the inlet tee, and connect the gasses directly to the analyzer, the mass flow controllers will not maintain proper dilution.
Depending on the sample concentration the mass flow controllers adjust the amount of dilution:

- Sample flow can vary from 0 to 200 SCCM
- Zero-air flow can vary from 0 to 2.2 SLPM

Flow through the measurement cell should remain steady at approximately 180 SCCM or less, with the excess flow vented out the inlet tee.

**Optional External Throttle Valve**

An optional external throttle valve (Figure 83) lets you adjust the flow into the analyzer between dynamic dilution and batch mode operation. Use the throttle valve to restrict the:

- Total flow into the analyzer to less than 200 SCCM
- Source gas to less than 180 SCCM for proper dynamic dilution control

![Figure 83: External Throttle Valve](image)

Set a higher flow rate when the analyzer is operating in batch mode, where high flow yields faster batch measurement.

If the analyzer has both batch mode and dynamic dilution, toggle the throttle valve between:

- Full open for batch mode
- ¾ turn from off for dynamic dilution

The flow rate can be measured at the inlet if needed.
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<th>NOTE</th>
<th>The provided BNC connection cable connects the analyzer to the DCS-200 so that the analyzer is able to maintain the proper diluted concentration.</th>
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<td>If the sample to be measured will always remain below 2, 5, or 10 ppm, it is not necessary to connect the zero-air and the zero-air port must be capped. If the analyzer has not been configured for batch operation, the valve is internal and pre-set. No adjustment is needed.</td>
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DCS Setup and Operation

The DCS Tab

If your analyzer is equipped with a DCS you will see a DCS tab on the setup screen (Figure 84).

- Click on the DCS tab to access the DCS control screen.
- Use the DCS control panel to configure DCS.

Figure 84 shows and describes the DCS setup screen.

Enable/Disable the DCS

- When the DCS is disabled, the control signal remains fixed so that the DCS has 100% sample gas flow and 0% zero-air flow.
- When the DCS is enabled, the analyzer uses a feedback system to adjust the flow to yield a 2, 5, or 10 ppm sample (user selected) in the measurement cell.
- 2, 5, or 10 ppm is the concentration in the cell after dilution, not the inlet sample concentration of the DCS. The data files contain a column with an approximate value for the inlet sample concentration calculated from the measured cell concentration and the internally commanded dilution ratio.

![Figure 84: DCS Tab and Control Panel](image)
Appendix E: Batch Mode Operation (Optional)

Your isotope analyzer can be factory equipped with a batch injection system (Figure 85). This system allows you to introduce individual samples to the analyzer using syringe injection.

Figure 85: Batch Injection System
Hardware Setup

Batch mode hardware includes:

- A syringe injection port (Figure 86)
- A zero-air inlet (1/4” Swagelok) port (Figure 86)
- A Syringe for batch injection (Figure 87) and needle

Connect Zero Air (N₂O free air) to the Zero-Air port on the back panel (Figure 86). Zero air flow should be between 5 and 10 psig.

![Figure 86: Batch Injection Mode Ports](image1)

![Figure 87: Syringe for Batch Injection](image2)
Batch Mode Operation

Software Setup

To select batch injection:

1. Click on the Rate button on the left side of the User Interface Control Panel (Figure 88).

   ![Rate Button](image)

   Figure 88: Click the Rate Button

   The Operating Mode pop-up menu displays. See Figure 89.

2. Select either:
   
   a) Syringe Injection for >60 ml samples of N₂O (<10 ppm of N₂O)
   b) Syringe Injection (Dilution x10) for >10 ml samples of N₂O (>3 ppm of N₂O)

3. Click Save.

   ![Rate Selection Menu](image)

   Figure 89: Rate Selection Menu

   NOTE: When you select Dilutionx10 the sample will be diluted by filling the cavity with zero air before measurement. The zero-air must be a mixture of N₂ and O₂. Using only N₂ will give a systemic change in the N₂O absorption line-shape resulting in systemic errors in the isotope measurement.
The *Batch Injection Measurement* screen displays (Figure 90). This screen combines the three *Main Panel* display modes on one screen:

- Numeric
- Spectrum
- TimeChart

The *Batch Mode Status* display (bottom right), shows the status of the current batch mode test, as shown in Figure 90.
Batch Mode Operation

**Batch Mode Processing**

In batch processing mode the analyzer:
1. Initiates the batch injection procedure.
2. Evacuates the cavity.
3. Flushes the cavity with zero air twice before requesting the sample.
4. Prompts you to inject sample (of >60 ml) gas into the syringe port.
   You have 120 seconds inject the sample.

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**NOTE**

If you take longer than 120 seconds to complete the injection, the *Failed Injection* message displays and instructs you to restart the injection process.

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Figure 91 shows the *Batch Injection Measurement screen* displays as a flow diagram to show the batch measurement procedure.

**Figure 91: Batch Injection Flow**
Changing the Septum on the Syringe Injection Port

The septum on the syringe injection port require periodic replacement. Depending on use, a septum should last a minimum of 100 injections.

To replace the septum:

1. Make sure the analyzer is in slow mode (Figure 89). Remove the septum nut from the injection port as shown in Figure 92.

2. Remove the septum from the septum nut using the provided septum puller.
3. Remove the new septum from the package.
4. Use a needle to center the septum by inserting the needle through the septum nut and septum to (Figure 93). Make sure the septum is installed so that the Teflon side (white) is facing out (i.e. will contact the injection port surface) as shown in Figure 93.
5. Push the septum down the needle into the septum nut.
Batch Mode Operation

6. Re-install the entire assembly on the syringe port.
7. Hand tighten the septum-nut firmly (Figure 94).

8. Remove the needle.

*Figure 94: Install the Septum Nut*
5  Warranty

Warranty Details

Each Los Gatos Research Inc. (LGR) analyzer is warranted by LGR to be free from defects in material and workmanship; however, LGR’s sole obligation under this warranty shall be to repair or replace any part of the analyzer which LGR’s examination discloses to have been defective in material or workmanship without charge and only under the following conditions, which are:
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2. The analyzer has not been maintained, repaired or altered by anyone was not approved by LGR.
3. The analyzer was used in the normal, proper, and ordinary manner and has not been abused, altered, misused, neglected, involved in an accident or damaged by an act of God or other casualty.
4. The purchaser, whether it is a distributor or direct customer of LGR or a distributor’s customer, packs and ships or delivers the analyzer to LGR (at LGR’s main office in Mountain View, CA) within 30 days after LGR has received written notice of the defect. Unless other arrangements have been made in writing, transportation to LGR is at customer expense.
5. No-charge repair parts may be sent at LGR’s sole discretion to the purchaser for installation by purchaser.
6. LGR’s liability is limited to repair or replace any part of the analyzer without charge if LGR’s examination discloses that part to have been defective in material or workmanship.

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Further information concerning this warranty may be obtained by writing or telephoning the Warranty Manager at LGR Customer Service.

LGR provides direct assistance in the use and application of all of its analyzers through email, telephone, and if necessary, in person. Training and installation services are available anywhere in the world.

Please contact us for more details.
**Warranty**

**Warranty Returns**

If your product is defective, you may return it during its designated warranty period for a prompt exchange or repair. To return a product, please contact one of our sales representatives at sales@lgrinc.com to request a Return Material Authorization (RMA) number. Requests for refunds and exchanges cannot be processed without a valid RMA number. Please have the following information available when requesting an RMA number:

- Part Number
- Serial Number (Located on the back panel of the analyzer)
- Description of the Problem

The company-issued RMA number must be prominently displayed on the return package. No returns will be accepted “collect” or “C.O.D.” On all warranty returns, LGR will pay the shipping charges on the return of the merchandise to the customer.

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