

Supplemental Material

Single-blind Inter-comparison of Methane Detection Technologies – Results from the Stanford/EDF Mobile Monitoring Challenge

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108 1. Selection process

109 The selection process for the MMC was undertaken in collaboration with scientists, project
 110 managers, and an industrial advisory board set up to advise on the commercial promise of new
 111 methane leak detection systems. The 10 technologies that participated in the MMC were chosen
 112 in three steps. In the first step, we sought applications from potential participants who submitted
 113 written answers to questions on the company, sensor technology, and commercial potential (see
 114 Appendix A). We received 28 applications from 5 countries in the 65-day period when
 115 applications were accepted. In the second step, scientists at Stanford and EDF, project managers,
 116 and the industry advisory board individually evaluated submitted applications on suitability to
 117 project goals, scientific capability of the technology, and its commercial potential. In the third
 118 step, the evaluators convened in Houston to discuss each application and select the 12 most
 119 promising technologies. Out of the 12 initially selected, 2 were unable to participate due to delays
 120 in technology development or limited capability to measure under diverse conditions. 10
 121 technologies from 9 institutions participated in the field trials. Detailed, as-reported,
 122 specifications of each of technologies are given below in Table T1.

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 127 specifications (see main text for results).

Technology (Platform)	Sensor Precision	Data Rates	Measurement Approach	Quantification Approach	Quantification Uncertainty
ABB/ULC Robotics (Drone)	2 ppb (1 Hz) Detection range: 5 ppb – 8000 ppm	Up to 10 Hz	Cavity-enhanced laser absorption spectroscopy – Methane	Modified raster scan (wind responsive)	Not available
Advisian (helicopter)	‘ppb range’ – exact numbers unavailable at time of test		Laser absorption spectroscopy – methane/ethane	Inverse dispersion modeling using concentration maps and in-situ wind data	Depends on wind speed (In this study, average error was -17%/73%)
Aeris Technologies (Vehicle)	1 ppb (1 s) for both methane and ethane	1 – 2 Hz (data log) ~ kHz (intrinsic rate)	Laser absorption spectroscopy in the mid-wave infrared	Emission rates determined using concentration, spatial, and wind information collected in-situ	Not available (see main text)

Baker Hughes (GE) (Drone)	Detection range: 1 – 50,000 ppm-m	2 Hz	Laser absorption spectroscopy produces 2D concentration heat-map	2-D concentration heat maps are combined with wind data to estimate leak size	± 10% (as provided by sensor manufacturer)
Ball Aerospace (Plane)	50 ppm-m above background < 2 m spatial resolution	10,000 Hz	Airborne differential LIDAR around 1650 nm (whisk-broom sensing approach to provide swath image of gas concentration)	Emissions quantified using methane concentration map along with local wind speeds (altitude ~ 3000 ft)	Depends on wind-speed & atmospheric stability (±50% during this study)
Heath Consultants Inc. (Vehicle)	2 ppb (1s) – methane 10 ppb (1s) - ethane	Up to 5 Hz	Off-axis integrated cavity output spectroscopy – methane, ethane	Emissions quantified by combining measurements of gas concentration, local coordinates, and wind conditions,	Not Available
Picarro (Drone and Vehicle)	3 ppb (1s) – methane 10 ppb (1s) - ethane	1 Hz (approx.)	Cavity ringdown spectroscopy – methane, ethane, water-vapor	Flux difference using upwind and downwind transect measurements	70% confidence between 0.5x – 2x
Seek Ops Inc. (drone)	10 ppb (1s) (handheld) 50 ppb (1s) (UAV)	4 Hz (typical), Up to 100 Hz	Tunable diode spectrometer in the mid-wave infrared	Point concentrations & wind data for source localization	±20% (10 – 500 scfh)
U Calgary (Vehicle)	5 ppb (10 Hz)	10 Hz	LICOR LI-7700 open-path wavelength-modulated laser spectroscopy	Data from 3 sensors (sonic anemometer, methane sensor, and vehicle position & orientation system combined to provide localization and quantification.	Not Available (see main text for data)

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129 2. Test locations and site configurations

130 Two test locations were chosen for field trials – the Methane Emissions Technology Evaluation
131 Center (METEC) in Fort Collins, CO and the Northern California Gas Yard operated by Rawhide
132 Leasing in Knights Landing, CA (40 miles north of Sacramento, CA). Technologies were
133 assigned either of the test location based on their minimum detection limits as described in their
134 application forms and conversations with the teams prior to testing. The final assignments,
135 associated minimum detection limits, and test dates are shown in the table below.

136 **SM_Table 2. Stanford/EDF Mobile Monitoring Challenge overview.** Test dates, participating
 137 teams, test locations, and self-reported detection limits from all the teams participating the
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Test Dates	Participating Teams	Location	Self-reported detection limits
9 – 13 April 2018	Heath Technologies (vehicle) Picarro Inc. (drone/vehicle)	METEC, Fort Collins, CO	1 – 5 scfh
23 – 27 April 2018	Baker Hughes GE (drone), Seek Ops Inc. (drone), Aeris Technologies (vehicle), Advisian (drone), ABB/ULC Robotics (drone)	METEC, Fort Collins, CO	5 – 10 scfh
21 – 25 May 2018	Ball Aerospace (plane), Univ. of Calgary (vehicle), Univ. of Calgary (drone)	Northern CA gas yard, Sacramento, CA	> 100 scfh

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140 *2.1. METEC, Fort Collins, CO*

141 METEC is a controlled release test facility funded by the Department of Energy (ARPA-E)
 142 MONITOR program and managed by the Colorado State University [1]. The facility consists of
 143 typical equipment found at an oil and gas production site including wellheads, separators, and
 144 tanks (see Figure S1). These are organized into five pads as shown below. The complexity of the
 145 pad varies based on the number of equipment of each type present on the pad – Pads 1 and 2 are
 146 the simplest with 1 wellhead, 1 tank, and 1 separator, each. Pad 5 is the most complex with 3
 147 separators, 3 well heads, and 3 tanks. Each equipment had multiple potential emission points
 148 made from 1/4” stainless steel tubing concealed to make leaks appear from typical components
 149 like flanges and valves.

150 Flowrates were controlled using the line pressure in the system and monitored using an Omega
 151 FMA1700 Series thermal mass flow meter calibrated for use with methane. Gas composition is
 152 calculated using a gas chromatograph at the CSU Energy Institute. Composition during these tests
 153 were in the following ranges: was 86.7% (\pm 0.9%) CH₄, 9.9% (\pm 0.1%) C₂H₆, 0.7% (\pm 0.2%)
 154 C₃H₈, 1.4% (\pm 0.6%) N₂, and 1.3% (\pm 0.01%) CO₂ based on 6 repeat gas chromatography
 155 samples. The metered rate accurately represented the release rate during single leak tests. For
 156 multiple-leak tests, each leak rate (and corresponding inlet pressure and valve position) was
 157 individually calibrated before being simultaneously released. The flow rates for individual test
 158 scenarios are provided as supplementary excel files.



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160 **SM_Figure 1: Test site configuration at METEC.** Site configuration at the Methane Emissions
 161 Technology Evaluation Center (METEC) in Fort Collins, CO, indicating typical oil and gas
 162 equipment arrange in 5 ‘pad’ configurations.

163 *2.2. Northern California Gas Yard – Knights Landing, CA*

164 The Northern California Gas Yard (Rawhide Leasing) test-site location was chosen to
 165 accommodate teams whose minimum detection limits were significantly higher than the
 166 maximum leak rate available at METEC. The test site configuration, shown in Figure S2, consists
 167 of three leak sources, each a 6 feet elevated stack of 1” diameter. The sources were within ~200 ft
 168 of each other, with each source individually metered using a Sierra Instruments QuadraTherm
 169 740i thermal mass flow meters with an accuracy of $\pm 0.75\%$ of full-scale reading. Line gas with a
 170 composition of 91% CH₄, 6% C₂H₄, 2% N₂, 1% trace gases was sourced from a 2500 psi
 171 pressurized tank. The line pressure was reduced to 50 psi using a regulator before being flow
 172 through the flow meters and the sources. Because most of the test scenarios had leak rates ranging
 173 from 50 scfh to about 400 scfh, we did not experience any substantial Joule-Thompson related
 174 cooling effect. In addition to the test-related methane emissions, the California site also had
 175 intermittent unintended methane releases from the front of the facility (see Figure S2) from a
 176 compressor station and a storage tank – the University of Calgary truck team explicitly accounted
 177 for this anomalous emissions source in their analysis by subtracting an estimate of the emissions
 178 from the test-scenario emission rate. This compressor station did not run continuously, and the
 179 source of the non-test methane emissions was identified to be the vent on the tank though a FLIR
 180 GF-320 infrared camera. The location of the vent prevented us from directly quantifying the

181 measurement. The flow rates for individual test scenarios are provided as supplementary excel
 182 files.



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184 **SM_Figure 2. Test site configuration in California.** Site configuration at the Northern
 185 California Gas Yard in Knights Landing, CA, showing the approximately locations of the three
 186 leak sources. The red circle indicates the location of the anomalous methane emissions from the
 187 facility during the test week.

188 3. Test protocols

189 Test protocols varied based on the test site, number of teams participating during the test week,
 190 and weather conditions. In general, the tests were designed to increase in complexity to
 191 progressively test the capabilities of the technologies. Table T2 shows the four major test
 192 scenarios used across all the teams and facilities.

193 **SM_Table 3. Test Protocols in the Stanford/EDF Mobile Monitoring Challenge.** General test
 194 protocols in the Stanford/EDF Mobile Monitoring Challenge, increasing in complexity from
 195 simple yes/no detection tests to complex multi-leak detection and quantification tests.

Test Name	Test Description	Number of Leaks per Test	Is Quantification Required?	Maximum Duration (minutes)
Binary Yes/No	Yes/No type detection test	0 – 1	No	10

	Pad known			
Binary Yes/No	Yes/No type detection test Pad known	0 – 1	No	5
Single Leak Quantification	Detection and quantification Pad known	0 – 1	Yes	20
Multi-Leak Quantification	Detection and quantification Pad known	0 – 3	Yes	20

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197 **Week 1 test protocols:** Two teams tested in week-1 at METEC (Heath Consultants and Picarro
198 Inc.), with each team being assigned a starting pad. For a 10-minute detection only test, both the
199 teams rotate through all four pads in a clockwise direction until each team has tested on all the
200 pads. All pads did not necessarily have leaking components, and the teams were also tested on
201 their ability to detect true negative (and false positive) tests. In addition, we also selectively
202 turned on pads to prevent wind related interference (see analysis below). While the authors
203 A.P.R., M.M., and C.B. controlled the release rates from the staging area during the test, S.S.,
204 D.R., J.E., and J.W. assisted with managing the measurement teams on the site. The team
205 managers were not aware of the leak rates or leak locations during the testing.

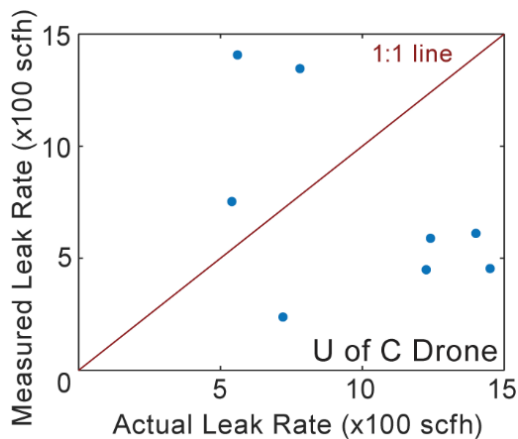
206 **Week 2 test protocols:** Five teams tested in week-2 at METEC – ABB/ULC, Advisian, Aeris,
207 BHGE, and SeekOps. Each team was initially assigned a pad and were rotated clockwise to the
208 next adjacent pad every 30 – 40 minutes. Therefore, under a 10-minute test scenario, each team
209 tested for 3 different leak scenarios on a given pad before moving on to the next pad. This
210 rotation frequency was chosen to minimize the time spend in moving between the pads while also
211 providing for frequent enough rotation such that the weather conditions did not dramatically
212 change before each team tested on all 5 pads (approx. 1 hour). Like week 1, team managers (S.S.,
213 D.R., J.E., and J.W.) did not know the test scenarios assigned by the authors A.P.R, M.M, and
214 C.B. In order to account for changing weather conditions, the test scenarios were adjusted in real-
215 time by assigning leaks on pads that minimized inter-pad interference.

216 **Week 3 test protocols:** Three teams tested in week-3 at the Northern California Gas Yard in
217 Knights Landing, CA – Ball Aerospace, University of Calgary Truck, and the University of
218 Calgary Drone. Because of airspace conflict with local crop-dusters, the drone system was only
219 able to fly on one of the days of the test and hence statistically significant results could not be
220 obtained. Both the aerial and truck team on this week were tested simultaneously during each test
221 scenario because their survey protocols did not present any logistical difficulty. Furthermore,

222 conducting simultaneous measurements also increased the sample size of test scenarios. Because
223 the teams were measuring the same leak during each test, there was no possibility of interference.

224 4. Results from the University of Calgary drone system

225 The University of Calgary’s UAV-based system, developed in collaboration with Ventus
226 Geospatial, is fitted with a Boreal Laser GasFinder 2 open path laser spectrometer. This sensor is
227 integrated into a C-Astral Bramor UAV that employs a catapult launcher for take-off and a
228 parachute to land. Additional details on the technology can be found in Barchyn et al. [2]. The
229 UAV also collects data on wind direction, speed, and UAV coordinates at 4 Hz frequency, has a
230 flying time of about 2 hours, and requires open fields for launch and landing. We were able to test
231 the performance of the drone on only one of the days (5/9/2018) because of flight restrictions
232 associated with the use of crop dusters in the surrounding rice paddies. While we do report results
233 from this testing, the sample size is too small ($n = 8$) to draw statistical inferences from the drone-
234 based sensor results. Figure S3 shows the quantification parity chart for the UAV technology ($n =$
235 8) – although we observe a leak under-estimation at leak rates > 1000 scfh, small sample size
236 prevents us from drawing any definitive conclusions. Further testing is required to fully
237 characterize this technology.



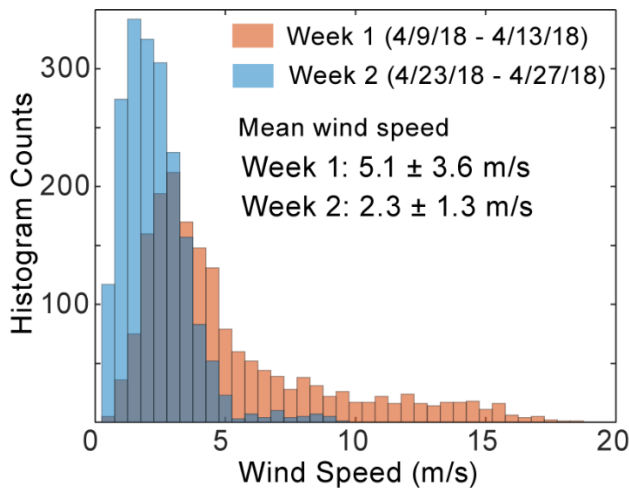
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240 **Mobile Monitoring Challenge.** Quantification parity chart between actual and measured leak
241 rates. The drone technology was tested only on one of the days due to airspace restrictions
242 resulting in a small sample size.

243 5. Interference Analysis

244 The orientation of the pads at METEC and the simultaneous testing of technologies can
245 potentially result in inter-pad leak interference. For example, consider that winds are blowing

246 from the north and that there is a leak on pad 5 but not on pad 1 (Figure S1). A technology testing
 247 on pad 1 could detect methane from the leak on pad 5 dispersed downwind and result in a false
 248 positive identification. This is especially important consideration when wind speeds are high.
 249 Figure S4 shows a histogram of the 5-minute average wind speed collected during testing at
 250 METEC in both weeks 1 and 2. Tests conducted during week 1 observed an average wind speed
 251 of 5.1 m/s, compared to 2.3 m/s in week 2. Winds greater than 15 mph were experienced less than
 252 2% of the time in week 2, compared to 23% of the time in week 1.



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254 **SM_Figure 4. Wind speed distribution at METEC during the Stanford/EDF Mobile**
 255 **Monitoring Challenge.** Histogram of the 5-minute wind speed collected at METEC during the
 256 two weeks of testing. Winds greater than 15 mph were observed 23% of the time during week,
 257 and less than 2% the time during week 2.

258 By analyzing the wind speed and direction across each of the tests, we can classify each pad using
 259 a two-digit code. The first digit corresponds to the leak configuration on the pad under
 260 consideration (0 for no leak, and 1 for leak), and the second digit corresponds to interference
 261 potential (0 for no interference, and 1 for potential interference). Each pad can be classified under
 262 one of four options:

- 263 L00: No leak on current pad and no leak on any upwind pad
- 264 L01: No leak on current pad and leak on at least one upwind pad
- 265 L11: Leak on current pad and leak on at least one upwind pad
- 266 L10: Leak on current pad and no leak on any upwind pad

267 As an example, consider a scenario where there are leaks on pads 3 and 5, and no leaks on pads 1,
 268 2, and 4 (Figure S1). When winds are blowing from the west, pads 4 and 5 are downwind of pad

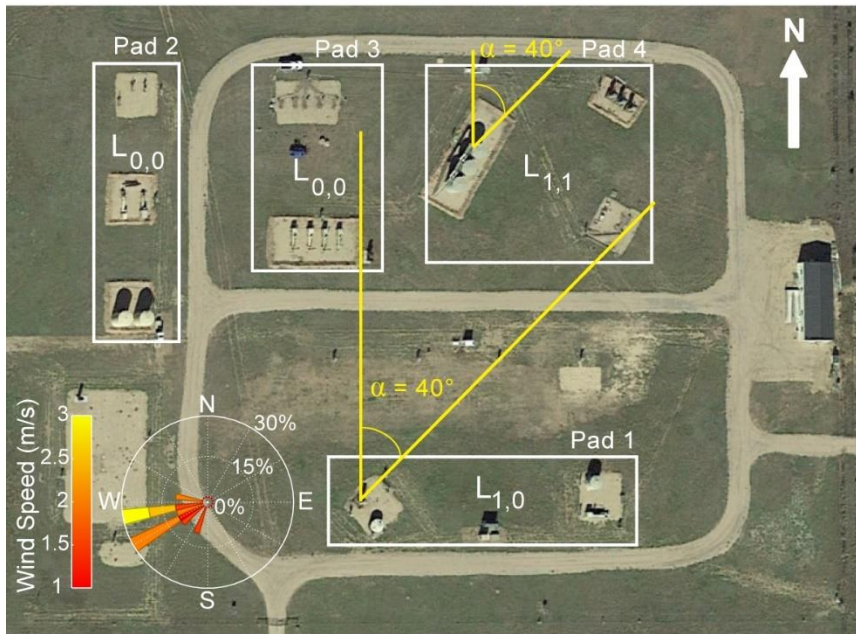
269 3 that has a leak. Therefore, pad 4 would be designated as L01, and pad 5 as L11. Pad 3, being
270 upwind, will be designated L10. Pads 1 and 2 will be designated as L00 as they do not have leaks
271 and there is no potential for interference from westerly winds.

272 In our analysis, interference was determined by a combination of vector-averaged wind speed and
273 wind direction during each test duration (5, 10, or 20 minutes). For each leak, we considered a
274 40° cone centered on the leak along the average wind direction. In cases where the 40° cone did
275 not include at least 50% of the wind vectors in the leak interval, we expanded the cone-angle until
276 50% of wind vectors is contained in that angle. If there was another leak or pad within this cone,
277 we concluded that there was possible interference on the downwind pad.

278 Inter-pad interference not only depends on the wind-speed, wind-direction, and leak rate, but also
279 detection limits of the technology and dispersion characteristics. However, whether a technology
280 can detect 0.1 ppm and 1 ppm under specific weather and atmospheric conditions becomes a
281 subjective analysis. To be fair to all technologies and avoid uncertainty around dispersion
282 modeling, we analyzed interferences under three scenarios – no interference, weak interference,
283 and strong interference. These are described below:

284 **No interference scenario:** Interference is negligible. All leaks are either assigned L00 or L10 –
285 this scenario is identified as the ‘base-case’ scenario in the main text and reproduced here for
286 comparison.

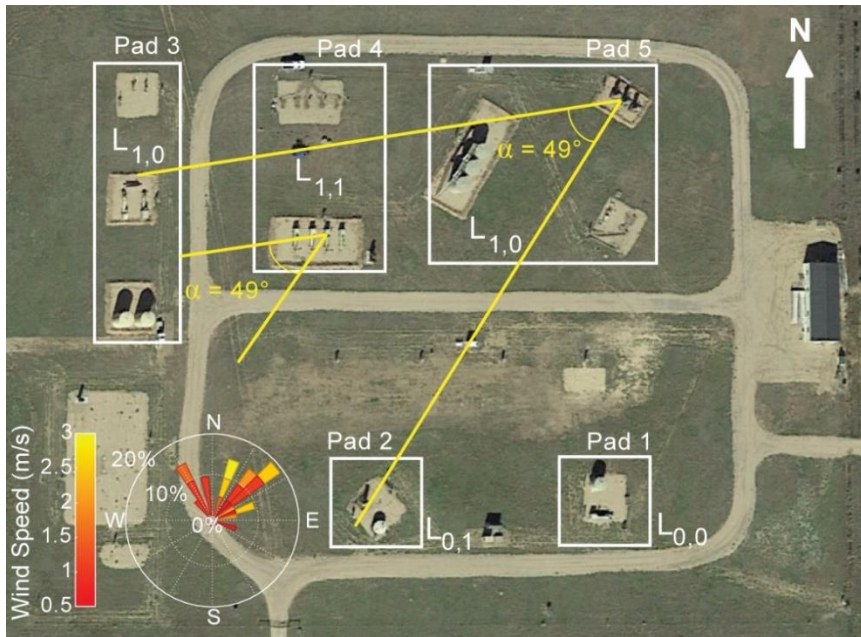
287 **Weak interference scenario:** Interference is considered only for those tests where the average
288 wind speed was greater than or equal to 2 m/s. Figure S5 shows an example of a weak-
289 interference scenario with leaks on pads 1 and 4, and a mean wind speed of 2 m/s along 202.6
290 degrees. The 40° cone contains 80% of all the wind vectors during the 10-minute test duration. In
291 this scenario, data from pads with potential interference issues (pad 4) were discarded before
292 teams’ performance was analyzed.



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294 **SM_Figure 5. An example of weak-interference scenario during Week-1 of testing at**
 295 **METEC.** The 10-minute binary yes/no detection test scenario had a 2 m/s average wind from
 296 202.6° and leaks on pads 1 and 4. Because pad 4 could experience potential interference from pad
 297 1, the results from pad 4 were discarded from statistical analysis. Here, the 40° cone contained
 298 80% of all wind vectors in the 10-minute test period.

299 **Strong interference scenario:** Interference is considered for all tests, irrespective of average
 300 wind speed. This represents the most conservative analysis where all tests with any possibility of
 301 interference are removed from overall statistics. Figure S6 shows an example of a strong
 302 interference analysis with leaks on pads 3, 4, and 5. The wind speed averaged 1.4 m/s from 58.6
 303 degrees. Because the 40° did not contain at least 50% of the wind vectors during the 20-minute
 304 test interval, we expanded it to 49°. In this scenario, all results from pads with potential
 305 interference (Pad 2 and Pad 4) were discarded prior to analyzing teams' performance.



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307 **SM_Figure 6. An example of strong-interference scenario during Week-2 of testing at**
 308 **METEC.** The 20-minute detection and quantification test scenario had a 1.4 m/s average wind
 309 from 58.6° and leaks on pads 3, 4, and 5. Because pad 2 and pad 4 could experience potential
 310 interference from pad 5, the results from pad 2 and pad 4 were discarded from statistical analysis.
 311 Here, the 40° cone did not contain at least 50% of wind vectors in the 20-minute test interval and
 312 was therefore expanded to 49°.

313 No interference analyzes were performed for teams tested on week 3 in California because of the
 314 simplified test set-up (only 3 potential leak sources), large release rates, and that the teams were
 315 tested simultaneously on each leak removing the possibility of interfering sources.

316 6. Results from interference analysis

317 The main effect of the weak and strong interference analysis across all technologies is a reduction
 318 in sample size because of discarding potentially interfering test scenarios. In presenting results
 319 from the interference analysis, we consider performance of each team across four possible
 320 parameters – true positives (TP), true negatives (TN), false positives (FP), and false negatives
 321 (FN) arrange in a matrix. In addition, we also consider the fraction of TP leaks across level-1,
 322 level-2, and level-3 type detection.

323 In each of the analysis presented below, we did not find any statistically significant difference in
 324 the performance of the teams in the weak- and strong-interference scenarios, compared to the
 325 base-case scenario. While the performance of the teams can be affected by many factors

326 including environmental conditions, this analysis shows that inter-pad interference from wind was
 327 not one of them. Any difference observed in the teams' performance is likely more impacted by
 328 the algorithms that process raw concentration data into useful information such as leak location,
 329 flux rate, and the ability to reject noise. The base-case scenario results, presented in the main
 330 manuscript, assume zero interference. Results from each of the teams are presented below.

331 *6.1. Heath technologies*

332 No statistically significant change in Heath's performance was observed under mild or strong
 333 interference scenarios. This happened because test scenarios during high-wind days were
 334 staggered to avoid direct interference downwind of the plumes (e.g., leaks only on Pads 2 and 4
 335 when winds blow from the North).

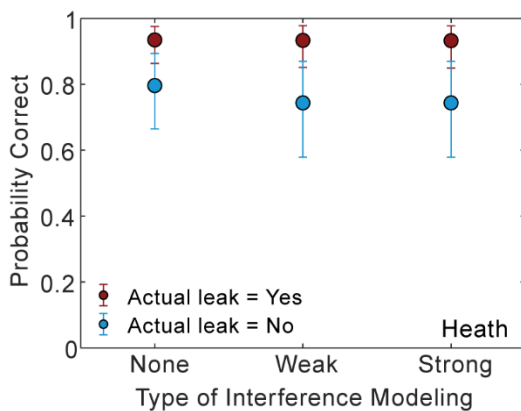
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<i>Heath Consultants</i>	Base-Case Scenario		Weak Interference Scenario		Strong Interference Scenario	
	Yes (measured)	No (measured)	Yes (measured)	No (measured)	Yes (measured)	No (measured)
Leak (actual)	0.93 (86)	0.07 (6)	0.93 (70)	0.07 (5)	0.93 (69)	0.07 (5)
No Leak (actual)	0.26 (11)	0.74 (43)	0.26 (10)	0.74 (29)	0.26 (10)	0.74 (29)

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True Positives	Base-Case	Weak-Interference	Strong Interference
Level 1	0.41(35)	0.40 (28)	0.39 (27)
Level 2	0.47 (40)	0.47 (33)	0.48 (33)
Level 3	0.12 (11)	0.13 (9)	0.13 (9)

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342 **SM_Figure 7. Interference analysis of Heath Consultants' performance.** The fraction of
 343 correctly identified tests for true positives (red), and true negatives (blue) across the three
 344 scenarios considered in this analysis. The error bars correspond to 95% confidence intervals
 345 associated with finite sample sizes.

346 *6.2. Picarro Inc.*

347 We observed minor differences in the weak and strong interference scenarios for true negative
 348 and false negative rates for Picarro. For example, the fraction of true negative detections
 349 increased from about 61% in the base-case scenario to 67% in the weak and strong-interference
 350 scenarios, while the correspond false negative detections decreased. However, the error in these
 351 two cases overlapped and cannot be assumed to be a significant difference in performance.

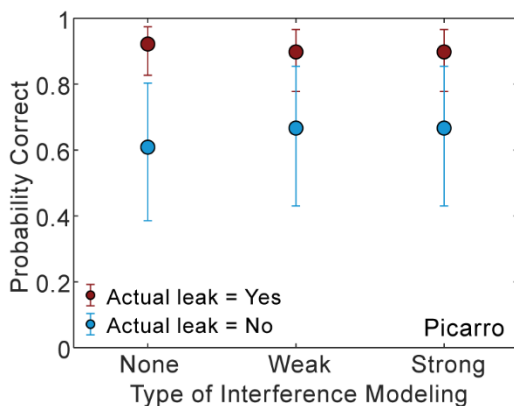
352 **SM_Table 5. Interference results from Picarro Inc.** Performance of Picarro Inc. in the weak-
 353 interference and strong-interference scenarios, compared to the base-case scenario. The results
 354 are presented as percentages, with the sample size in parenthesis.

<i>Picarro</i>	Base-Case Scenario		Weak Interference Scenario		Strong Interference Scenario	
	Yes (measured)	No (measured)	Yes (measured)	No (measured)	Yes (measured)	No (measured)
Leak (actual)	0.92 (59)	0.08 (5)	0.90 (44)	0.10 (5)	0.90 (44)	0.10 (5)
No Leak (actual)	0.39 (9)	0.61 (14)	0.33 (7)	0.67 (14)	0.33 (7)	0.67 (14)

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True Positives	Base-Case	Weak-Interference	Strong Interference
Level 1	(0)	0.0 (0)	0.0 (0)
Level 2	0.25 (15)	0.30 (13)	0.30 (13)
Level 3	0.75 (44)	0.70 (31)	0.70 (31)

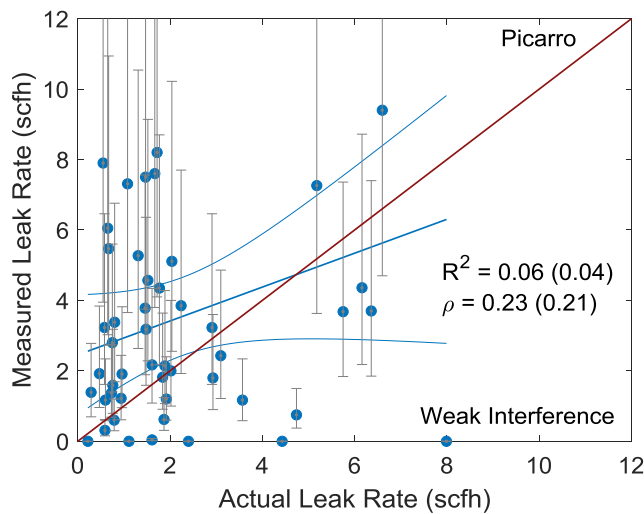
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358 **SM_Figure 8. Interference analysis of Picarro Inc.’s performance.** The fraction of correctly
 359 identified tests for true positives (red), and true negatives (blue) across the three scenarios
 360 considered in this analysis. The error bars correspond to 95% confidence intervals associated with
 361 finite sample sizes.

362 Results from quantification are non-trivially different only for Picarro and is therefore shown
 363 here. The weak- and strong-interference case shows marginal improvement in R^2 value – the
 364 base-case results are shown in parenthesis in Figure S9. The average error increased from -0.89
 365 scfh (95% C.I. [-1.8, 0.01]) in the base-case scenario to -1.29 scfh (95% C.I. [-2.4, -0.19]),
 366 demonstrating a clear over-estimation bias.



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368 **SM_Figure 9: Quantification parity chart for Picarro under the weak- and strong-**
 369 **interference scenarios.** While there was marginal improvement in R^2 , the average error also
 370 increased from -0.9 scfh to -1.3 scfh. The parameter values in parenthesis represent base-case
 371 scenario.

372 *6.3. Seek Ops Inc.*

373 There are no statistically significant changes to Seek Ops’ performance in the weak- and strong-
 374 interference scenario compared to the base-case.

375 **SM_Table 6. Interference results from SeekOps.** Performance of Seek Ops Inc. in the weak-
 376 interference and strong-interference scenarios, compared to the base-case scenario. The results
 377 are presented as percentages, with the sample size in parenthesis.

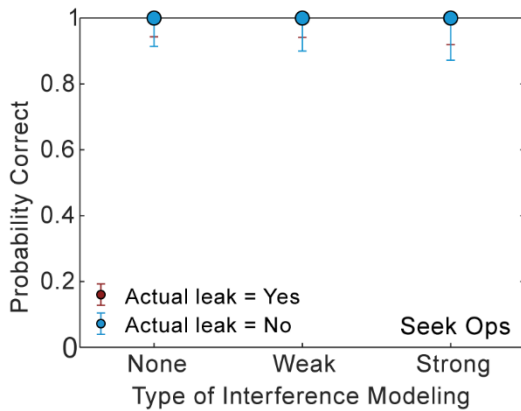
<i>Seek Ops</i>	Base-Case Scenario	Weak Interference	Strong Interference
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<i>Inc.</i>			Scenario		Scenario	
	Yes (measured)	No (measured)	Yes (measured)	No (measured)	Yes (measured)	No (measured)
Leak (actual)	1.0 (63)	0.0 (0)	1.0 (61)	0.0 (0)	1.0 (44)	0.0 (0)
No Leak (actual)	0.0 (0)	1.0 (41)	0.0 (0)	1.0 (35)	0.0 (0)	1.0 (27)

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True Positives	Base-Case	Weak-Interference	Strong Interference
Level 1	0.68 (41)	0.64 (39)	0.73 (32)
Level 2	0.16 (10)	0.36 (22)	0.18 (8)
Level 3	0.16 (10)	0.0 (0)	0.09 (4)

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381 **SM_Figure 10. Interference analysis of SeekOps' performance.** The fraction of correctly
 382 identified tests for true positives (red), and true negatives (blue) across the three scenarios
 383 considered in this analysis. The error bars correspond to 95% confidence intervals associated with
 384 finite sample sizes.

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386 6.4. Aeris Technologies

387 There are no statistically significant changes to Aeris's performance in the weak- and strong-
 388 interference scenario compared to the base-case.

389 **SM_Table 7. Interference results from Aeris Technologies.** Performance of Aeris

390 Technologies in the weak-interference and strong-interference scenarios, compared to the base-
 391 case scenario. The results are presented as percentages, with the sample size in parenthesis.

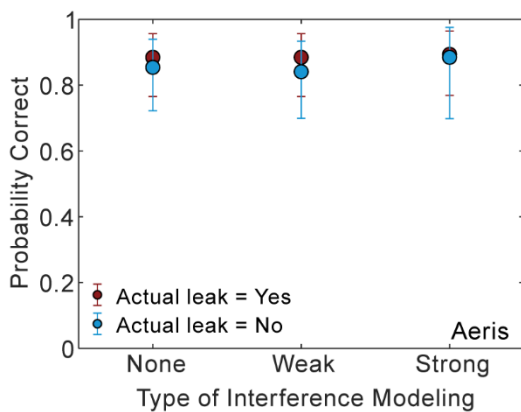
<i>Aeris Technologies</i>	Base-Case Scenario	Weak Interference Scenario	Strong Interference Scenario
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	Yes (measured)	No (measured)	Yes (measured)	No (measured)	Yes (measured)	No (measured)
Leak (actual)	0.88 (46)	0.12 (6)	0.88 (46)	0.12 (6)	0.89 (42)	0.11 (5)
No Leak (actual)	0.15 (7)	0.85 (41)	0.16 (7)	0.84 (37)	0.12 (3)	0.88 (23)

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True Positives	Base-Case	Weak-Interference	Strong Interference
Level 1	0.57 (26)	0.57 (26)	0.60 (25)
Level 2	0.17 (8)	0.17 (8)	0.17 (7)
Level 3	0.26 (12)	0.26 (12)	0.23 (10)

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395 **SM_Figure 11. Interference analysis of Aeris Technologies' performance.** The fraction of
 396 correctly identified tests for true positives (red), and true negatives (blue) across the three
 397 scenarios considered in this analysis. The error bars correspond to 95% confidence intervals
 398 associated with finite sample sizes.

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400 6.5. Advisian

401 There are no statistically significant changes to Advisian's performance in the weak- and strong-
 402 interference scenario compared to the base-case.

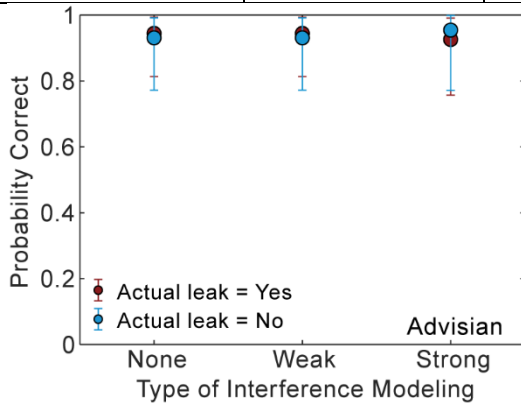
403 **SM_Table 8. Interference results from Advisian.** Performance of Advisian in the weak-
 404 interference and strong-interference scenarios, compared to the base-case scenario. The results
 405 are presented as percentages, with the sample size in parenthesis.

<i>Advisian</i>	Base-Case Scenario		Weak Interference Scenario		Strong Interference Scenario	
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No

	(measured)	(measured)	(measured)	(measured)	(measured)	(measured)
Leak (actual)	0.94 (34)	0.06 (2)	0.94 (34)	0.06 (2)	0.93 (25)	0.07 (2)
No Leak (actual)	0.07 (2)	0.93 (7)	0.07 (2)	0.93 (27)	0.05 (1)	0.95 (21)

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True Positives	Base-Case	Weak-Interference	Strong Interference
Level 1	0.50 (17)	0.50 (17)	0.44 (11)
Level 2	0.26 (9)	0.26 (9)	0.32 (8)
Level 3	0.24 (8)	0.24 (8)	0.24 (6)



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408 **SM_Figure 12. Interference analysis of Advisian’s performance.** The fraction of correctly
 409 identified tests for true positives (red), and true negatives (blue) across the three scenarios
 410 considered in this analysis. The error bars correspond to 95% confidence intervals associated with
 411 finite sample sizes.

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414 6.6. ABB/ULC Robotics

415 There are no statistically significant changes to ABB’s performance in the weak- and strong-
 416 interference scenario compared to the base-case.

417 **SM_Table 9. Interference results from ABB/ULC Robotics.** Performance of ABB/ULC
 418 Robotics in the weak-interference and strong-interference scenarios, compared to the base-case
 419 scenario. The results are presented as percentages, with the sample size in parenthesis.

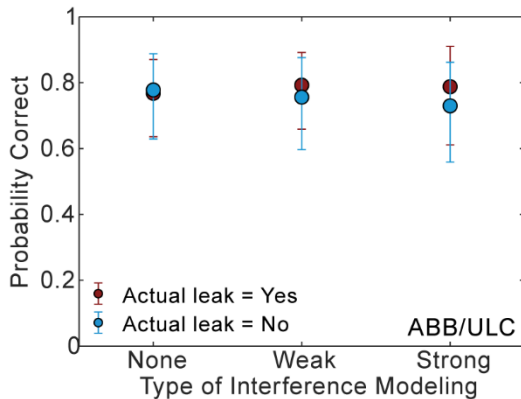
<i>ABB/ULC Robotics</i>	Base-Case Scenario		Weak Interference Scenario		Strong Interference Scenario	
	Yes (measured)	No (measured)	Yes (measured)	No (measured)	Yes (measured)	No (measured)

Leak (actual)	0.77 (43)	0.23 (13)	0.79 (42)	0.21 (11)	0.79 (26)	0.21 (7)
No Leak (actual)	0.22 (10)	0.78 (35)	0.24 (10)	0.76 (31)	0.27 (10)	0.73 (27)

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True Positives	Base-Case	Weak-Interference	Strong Interference
Level 1	0.0 (0)	0.0 (0)	0.0 (0)
Level 2	0.0 (0)	0.0 (0)	0.0 (0)
Level 3	1.0 (35)	1.0 (31)	1.0 (26)

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423 **SM_Figure 13. Interference analysis of ABB/ULC Robotics' performance.** The fraction of
 424 correctly identified tests for true positives (red), and true negatives (blue) across the three
 425 scenarios considered in this analysis. The error bars correspond to 95% confidence intervals
 426 associated with finite sample sizes.

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428 6.7. Baker Hughes – GE (BHGE)

429 There are no statistically significant changes to Baker Hughes's performance in the weak-
 430 interference and strong-interference scenario compared to the base-case.

431 **SM_Table 10. Interference results from Baker Hughes GE.** Performance of Baker Hughes
 432 (GE) in the weak-interference and strong-interference scenarios, compared to the base-case
 433 scenario. The results are presented as percentages, with the sample size in parenthesis.

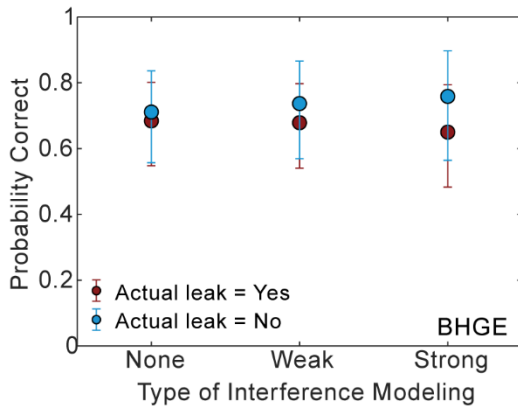
<i>Baker Hughes GE</i>	Base-Case Scenario		Weak Interference Scenario		Strong Interference Scenario	
	Yes (measured)	No (measured)	Yes (measured)	No (measured)	Yes (measured)	No (measured)
Leak (actual)	0.68 (39)	0.32 (18)	0.68 (38)	0.32 (18)	0.65 (26)	0.35 (14)

No Leak (actual)	0.71 (32)	0.29 (13)	0.74 (28)	0.26 (10)	0.76 (22)	0.24 (7)
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True Positives	Base-Case	Weak-Interference	Strong Interference
Level 1	0.31 (12)	0.29 (11)	0.0 (0)
Level 2	0.18 (7)	0.18 (7)	0.0 (0)
Level 3	0.51 (20)	0.53 (20)	1.0 (26)

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437 **SM_Figure 14. Interference analysis of Baker Hughes' (GE) performance.** The fraction of
 438 correctly identified tests for true positives (red), and true negatives (blue) across the three
 439 scenarios considered in this analysis. The error bars correspond to 95% confidence intervals
 440 associated with finite sample sizes.

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