

ABB ANALYTICAL MEASUREMENT

# **Advanced Gas Leak Detection Solutions**

Novel platform reduces risk, increases safety, and decreases waste

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### **Motivation**

Why do we need *advanced leak detection*?

- Improve the integrity of natural gas infrastructure
- Respond to PIPES Act of 2020



#### Safety

- Explosion risk
- Aging infrastructure (cast iron, steel)
- Loss of life & property
- PR challenge
- Fines, penalties, criminal prosecution



#### Efficiency

- 2.2M miles of natural gas pipeline (US)
- 1M known well heads, many unknown (US)
- Faster surveys required
- Cost savings to meet regulations



#### **Environmental Conscientiousness**

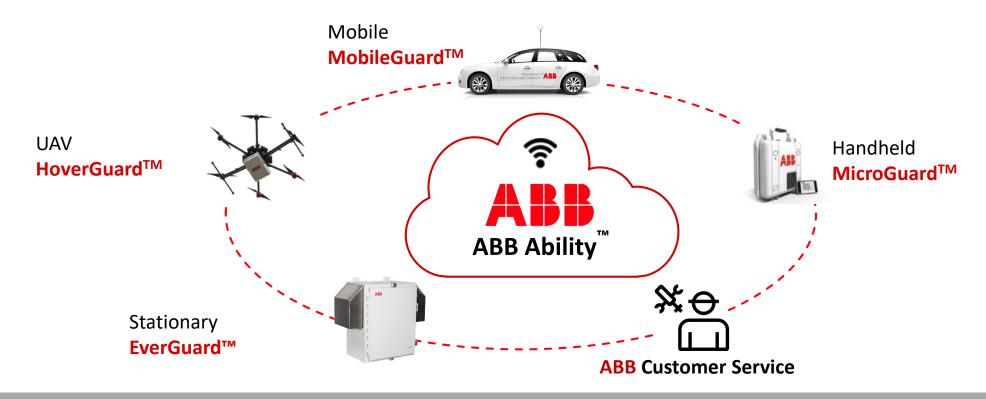
- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions
- Public pressure
- EPA Methane Challenge





# **ABB Ability** Matural Gas Leak Detection Platform

Advanced Leak Detection solutions: reduce risk, cost, and waste



Leading-edge technology combined with advanced data analytics yield compelling, cost-effective solutions

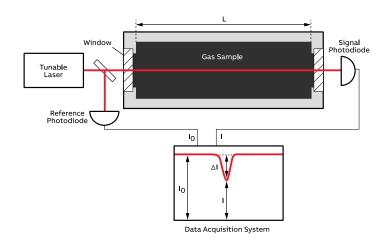


# Conventional laser system vs. ABB's core technology

ABB's patented technology provides higher sensitivity and accuracy

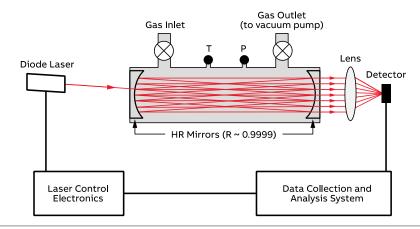
#### **Tunable diode laser absorption spectroscopy**

- First-principles measurement no calibration required
- Highly selective only target gases absorb probe wavelength
- Fast measure full spectra quickly (in 1-2 millisecond)
- Robust utilizes telecom-grade lasers and detectors
- Insufficient sensitivity cannot measure low levels in near-IR



#### **ABB patented Off-Axis ICOS (OA-ICOS)**

- Patented 4th-generation cavity-enhanced technique
- Optical cavity provides effective path length of 1 100 km
- Enables use of reliable/ rugged telecom diode lasers
- Increased dynamic range of 1,000 10,000
- Robust exact alignment not critical, enabling mobile monitoring
- Improves TDLAS with increased sensitivity, ruggedness, range





MobileGuard™

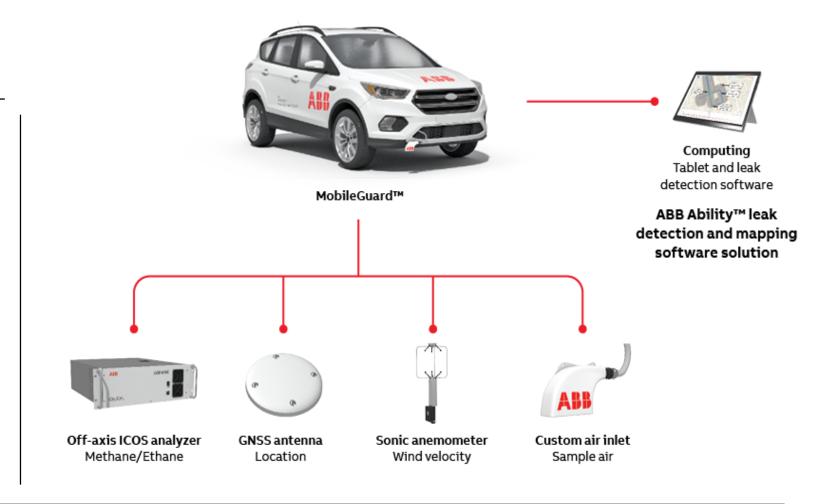
Mobile Gas Leak Detection Technology



### **MobileGuard™ solution**

#### **Main Features**

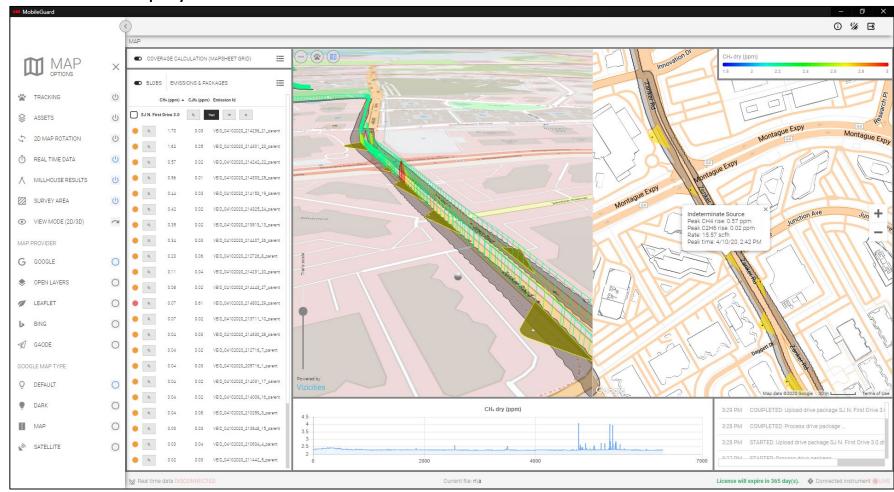
- Fast, reliable estimates of leak location & size
- Source attribution (thermogenic vs biogenic)
- Real-time visualization
- Real-time analyses
- Real-time remote monitoring of vehicles
- Cloud storage / sharing
- Digital reports generated automatically
- "Big data" analytics
- Customer owns all data





# **Graphical User Interface**

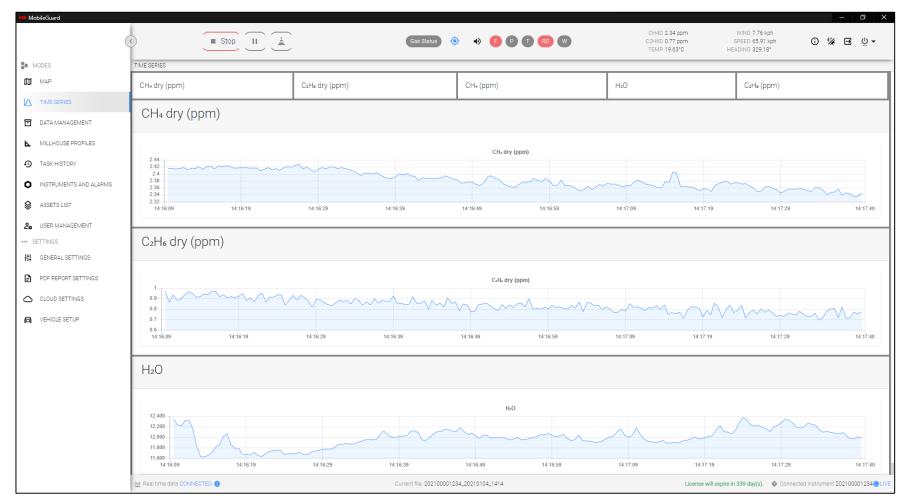
Data rich, comprehensive RT display





# **Graphical User Interface**

### Time charts of raw data



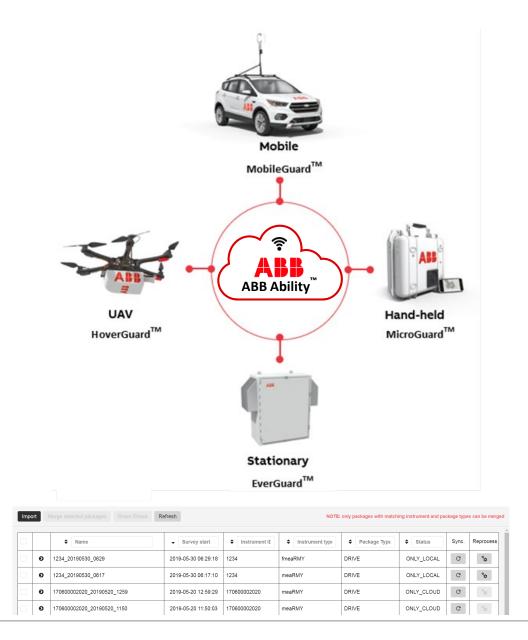


# **Cloud storage and analytics**

Cybersecure data sharing and archival

#### **Microsoft Azure and Google Drive**

- Drive, walking packages uploaded automatically
- All data: customer owned and controlled
- Set sharing access per user
- Unlimited reprocess capability: Command Center
- Secure: ISO27001 info security certified





# MicroGuard™

Portable Gas Leak Detection Technology

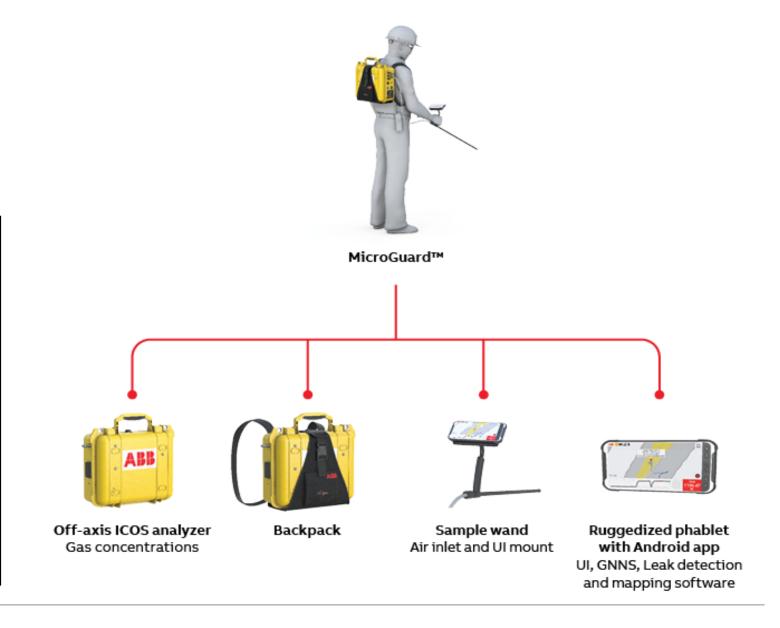


### MicroGuard<sup>™</sup> Solution

### Next-generation leak emission pinpointing

#### **Overview**

- Fast, sensitive, precise:
   detects even hidden leaks far from source
- Reduces find times from 45 min to < 5 min</li>
- Fastest response (2.5 Hz)
- Fastest data rate (10 Hz)
- Wireless user interface (tablet/smartphone)
- Automatic generation of investigation report
- Supplements MobileGuard<sup>™</sup> to yield comprehensive, effective solution
- Cloud storage / sharing / analytics



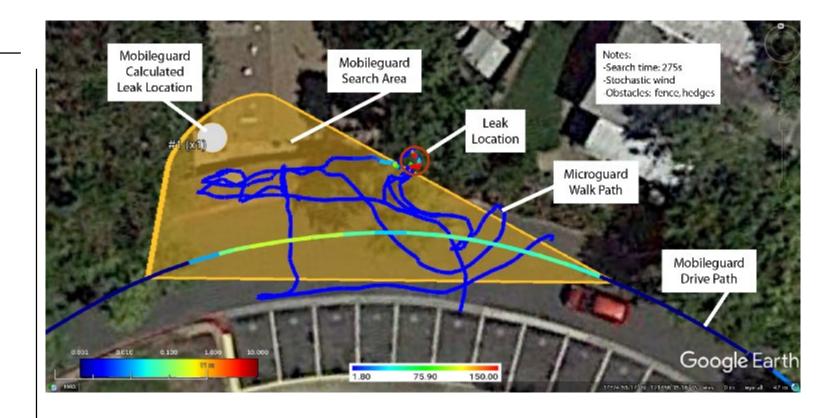


### MicroGuard™

Example Field Results (w/ MobileGuard<sup>TM</sup> map)

#### **Walk Package Results**

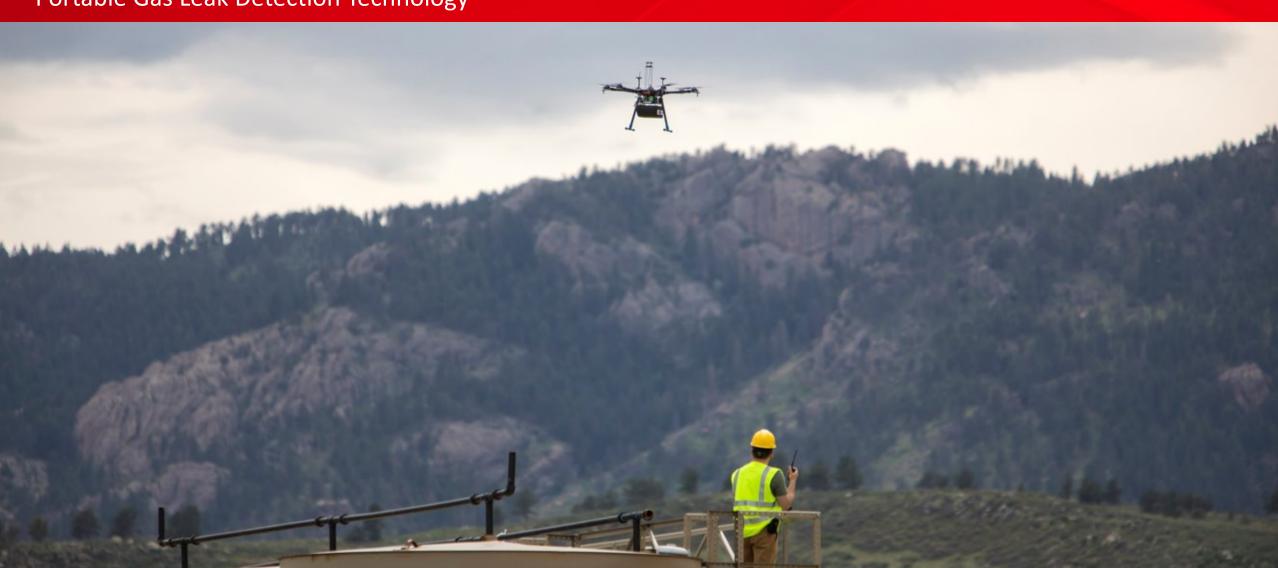
- 4.5minute search time
- Obstacles added difficulty
- Emission source located 15m from estimated location





# HoverGuard™

Portable Gas Leak Detection Technology

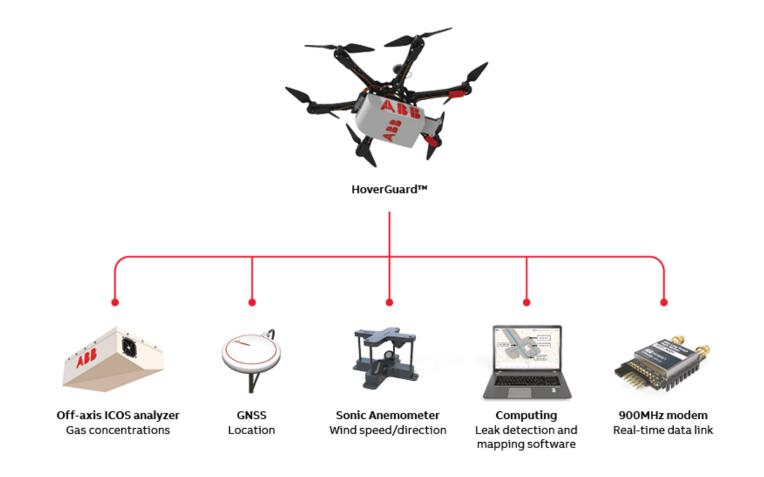


### **HoverGuard™ Solution**

#### Primary components

#### **Main Features**

- High sensitivity detects leaks far from source
- Fast response (2.5 Hz) enables measurements while flying at high speed
- Fast data rate (10 Hz) allows high spatial res
- Proprietary software provides estimates of leak origin and size (emissions rate)
- Patented technology provides high accuracy measurements at the precise UAV location
- Advanced analytics and mapping software provide real-time results
- Software generates advanced digital reports easily shareable via cloud connectivity
- Cybersecurity gives customers confidence their data and systems always remain safe





# **Controlled Releases (blind studies) at METEC**

### **Invited Testing**

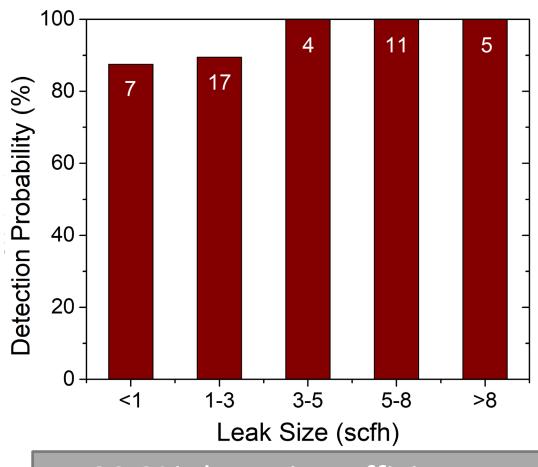
- METEC is a controlled release facility in Fort Collins, CO designed to simulate natural gas infrastructure in the US
- Used for controlled testing of leak detection technologies
- ABB sensors tested by 2 UAV-based service providers
- Measurements recorded while flying safely 5-10 m above assets

**ULC Robotics** 



**Advisian (WorleyParsons)** 





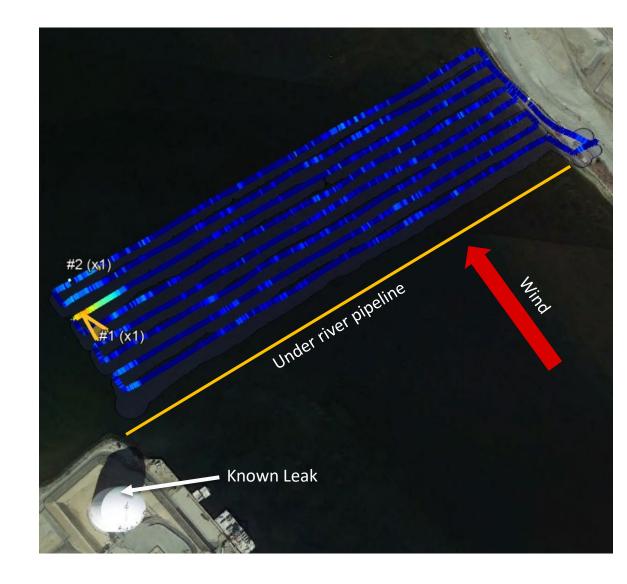
90.2% detection efficiency



# **US Pipeline Inspection**

### Live Pipeline Use

- Under-river pipeline accidentally over pressurized
- Inspection required for possible damage
- Conventional method: looking for bubbles was performed
- ABB sensor results compared to bubble method
- ABB sensor identified a known leak at SW storage facilities

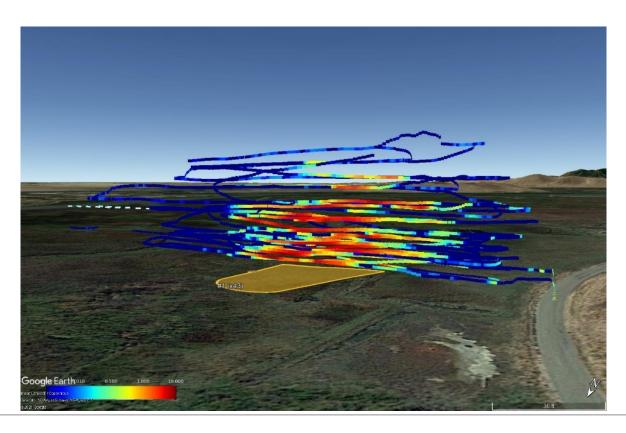


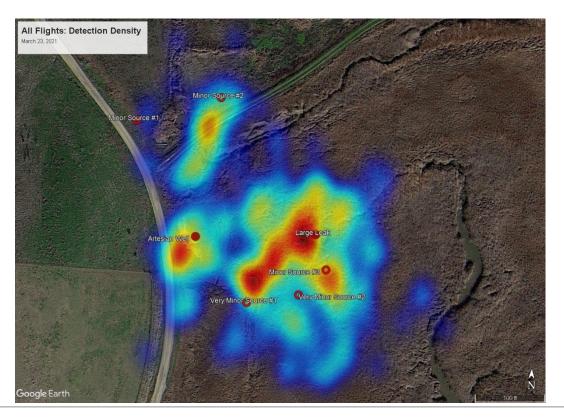


# Finding large undocumented emissions sources

Collaboration with Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory (University of California Berkeley)

- Only one known previously (Artesian well)
- Detection of multiple unknown sources







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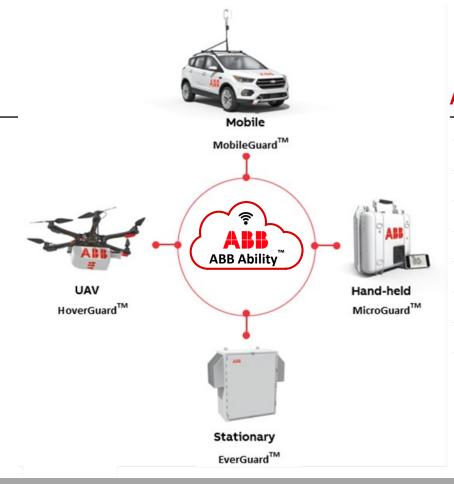




# Summary: ABB Ability™ Gas Leak Detection Ecosystem

#### **Benefits**

- Proven performance
- Cybersecure
- Customer owns all data
- Detects hidden leaks
- Full featured HW and SW
- Service and reliability
- Comprehensive solutions
- Cost-effective
- Product offering
- Survey-as-a-Service offering (select areas)



#### **Advantages**

- More efficient surveying
- Finds even hidden leaks
- Source attribution (detects CH<sub>4</sub>/C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>6</sub>)
- Integration of data/maps
- Full data ownership and custody
- No warm-up time
- Service, serviceability, & stability
- Fast ROI

ABB advanced leak detection solutions go beyond detection to find, attribute, and quantify more leaks faster



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