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Spettroscopia laser ad altissima sensibilità (SCAR): tecnologia abilitante alla certificazione di massa del contenuto biogenico di prodotti petroliferi



# Radiocarbon in the Environment: an increasing demand of radiocarbon analyses

Delivering the European Green Deal



Making Europe the first climate neutral continent in the world is our goal.

These proposals aim to make all sectors of the EU's economy fit to meet this challenge. They set the EU on a path to reach its climate targets by 2030 in a fair, cost effective and competitive way.

BIOGENIC ORIGIN  
OF MATERIALS

Versatility over many different matrices  
Short result turnover  
Easy deployability  
Low costs

AIR  
MONITORING

Continuous uninterrupted operation  
On-field deployability  
Low maintenance

PHARMA

DATING / RESEARCH

14C  
S C A R

# Novità normative EU - Italia

DECRETO LEGISLATIVO 9 gennaio 2026, n. 5

Attuazione della direttiva (UE) 2023/2413 del Parlamento europeo e del Consiglio, del 18 ottobre 2023, che modifica la direttiva (UE) 2018/2001, il regolamento (UE) 2018/1999 e la direttiva n. 98/70/CE per quanto riguarda la promozione dell'energia da fonti rinnovabili e che abroga la direttiva (UE) 2015/652 del Consiglio. (26G00018)

note: Entrata in vigore del provvedimento: 04/02/2026

## 1. LA STRATEGIA (Il Quadro Generale Europeo)

[Documento]  
Direttiva (UE) 2023/2413  
(Aggiornamento direttiva RED II)

[Funzione]  
Detta la visione politica. Fissa gli obiettivi vincolanti generali per la promozione dell'energia da fonti rinnovabili in tutta l'Unione Europea.

[Natura]  
Richiede che i singoli Stati membri creino leggi nazionali per raggiungere questi scopi.

## 2. L'ATTUAZIONE (La Legge Nazionale Italiana)

[Documento]  
Decreto Legislativo 9 gennaio 2026, n. 5

[Funzione]  
È la traduzione in Italia della Direttiva Europea. Fissa gli obblighi legali e i target quantitativi italiani (ad esempio, il raggiungimento del 39,4% di energia da fonti rinnovabili nei consumi finali entro il 2030).

[Natura]  
Regolamenta il mercato interno, obbligando i fornitori a immettere specifiche quote di biocarburanti.

Da "oggi"

## 3. LA REGOLA TECNICA (Il Manuale Operativo per le Industrie)

[Documento]  
Regolamento delegato (UE) 2023/1640

[Funzione]  
Risponde a un'esigenza pratica. Stabilisce l'esatta metodologia scientifica e di audit (imponendo l'uso del metodo del **radiocarbonio 14C**) per calcolare la vera quota bio nei carburanti derivati dal co-trattamento in raffineria (biomassa mescolata a fossile).

[Natura]  
È una norma "sculpta nella pietra", direttamente e immediatamente applicabile in tutta Europa senza bisogno di decreti di recepimento.

Definizione delle  
metodologie di  
calcolo

Sulla **metodologia** per determinare la quota di biocarburanti e di biogas per il trasporto derivanti da biomassa trattata con combustibili fossili in un processo comune.

“Per trovare un equilibrio tra i costi di verifica e la precisione delle prove, l’atto delegato consente agli operatori economici di usare un **metodo di prova armonizzato comune basato sul radiocarbonio ( $^{14}\text{C}$ )**, o di usare **metodi di prova propri**, caratteristici dell’impresa o del processo. Tuttavia, per garantire l’applicazione di un metodo di prova comune sul mercato, **gli operatori economici il cui metodo principale è diverso da quello del radiocarbonio dovrebbero applicare periodicamente quest’ultimo** agli output per verificare la correttezza del metodo principale. Inoltre, per consentire agli operatori economici di **abituarsi a usare il metodo del radiocarbonio** insieme a un altro metodo di prova principale, nel primo anno di applicazione di questa metodologia è previsto un certo grado di flessibilità...”

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## CAPO I

### METODI PER DETERMINARE LA QUOTA DI BIOCARBURANTI E DI BIOGAS PER IL TRASPORTO DERIVANTI DA BIOMASSA TRATTATA CON I COMBUSTIBILI FOSSILI IN UN PROCESSO COMUNE

| Metodologia                                       | Principio Fondamentale               | Caratteristiche Operative                                                                                                                |
|---------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Equilibrio di Massa</b>                        | Input Massa = Output Massa           | Sottrae umidità e impurità. Applica fattori di conversione ai prodotti considerando le perdite di processo.                              |
| <b>Bilancio Energetico</b>                        | Input Energia = Output Energia       | Basato sul Potere Calorifico Inferiore (PCI). La frazione energetica biogenica in ingresso è applicata uniformemente a tutti gli output. |
| <b>Resa (Metodo A / B)</b>                        | Correlazione Input / Output          | Confronta il rendimento solo fossile con quello misto. Richiede condizioni operative strettamente costanti e controllate.                |
| <b>Radiocarbonio (<math>^{14}\text{C}</math>)</b> | <b>Rilevazione Isotopica Diretta</b> | Misura direttamente le molecole. Usato come metodo principale o come verifica obbligatoria per calibrare gli altri tre metodi.           |

# Taratura e Regole di Tolleranza nel Co-Processing

## L'Obbligo di Controllo Incrociato (Art. 1, par. 5)

Se un operatore utilizza Equilibrio di Massa, Bilancio Energetico o Resa come metodo principale, deve utilizzare periodicamente il  $^{14}\text{C}$  come metodo di verifica sugli output.

## Frequenza dei Test (Art. 6, par. 5)

Minimo 1 volta ogni 4 mesi, oppure ogni volta che i parametri (temperatura, pressione, mix) variano di oltre il 5% rispetto alle condizioni di riferimento.



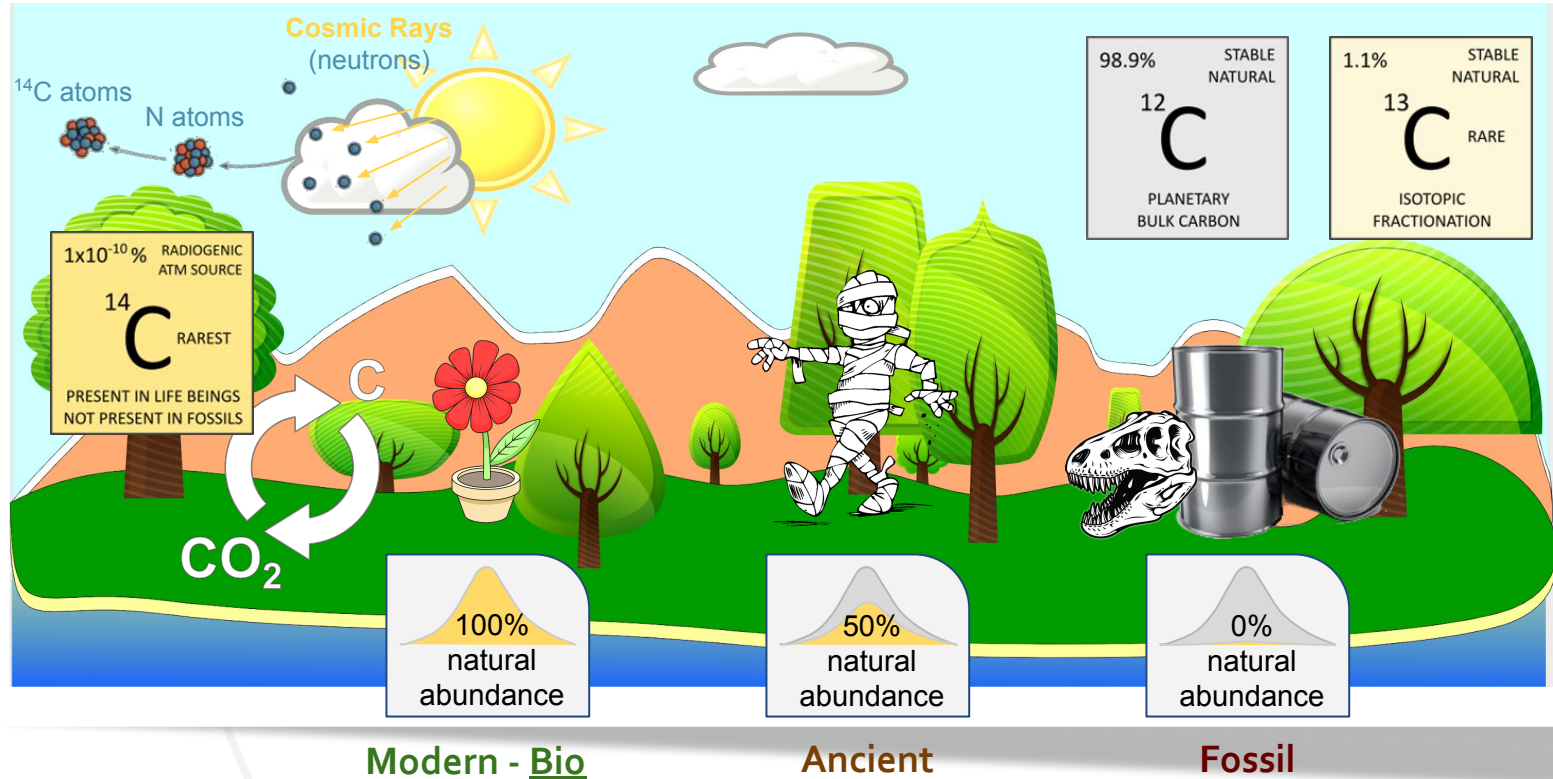
## Deviazioni e Ricalibrazione (Art. 6, par. 4)

**1% :** Deviazione massima ammessa in termini assoluti tra il metodo principale e il test al  $^{14}\text{C}$ .

**3% :** Flessibilità transitoria concessa esclusivamente nel primo anno di applicazione.

**Il  $^{14}\text{C}$  Vince Sempre:**  
In caso di discrepanza, i valori del  $^{14}\text{C}$  sono gli unici considerati validi.  
**L'operatore deve ricalibrare il sistema.**

# Introducing radiocarbon ( $^{14}\text{C}$ ): the marker of life.



**Application Example:** Measuring the radiocarbon content of a fuel (or plastic) allows to determine if it is produced from **fossil oil** or from **renewable biogenic source material**.

Riunione dei partecipanti alle attività

# The challenge of measuring radiocarbon concentration



Detection of radiocarbon ( $^{14}\text{C}$ ) is challenging, due to its extremely low concentration in nature.

 **100 pMC ~ 1.2 ppt**

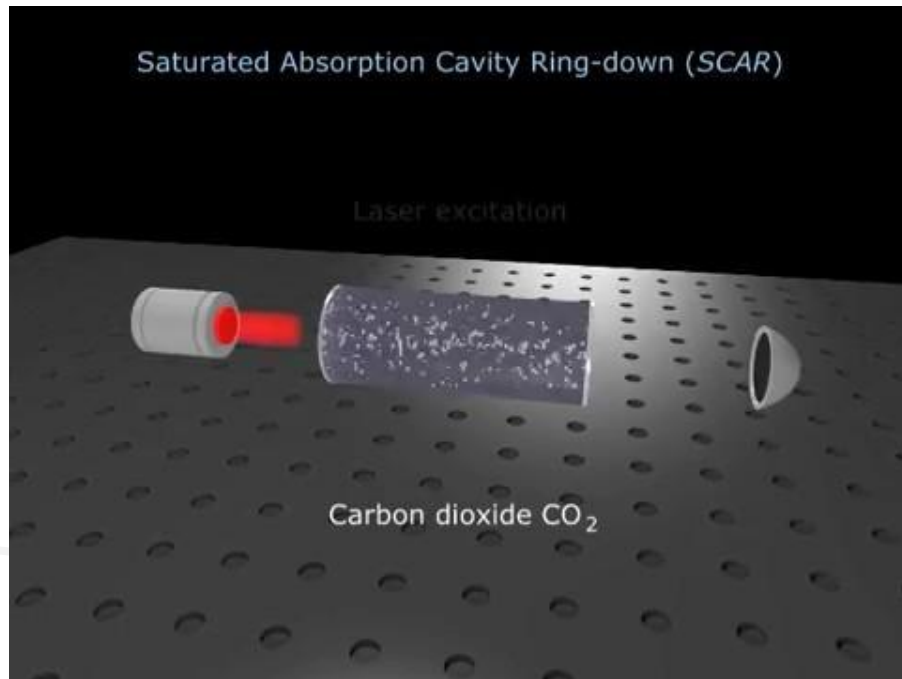
 **1 pMC ~ 12 ppq**

**$^{14}\text{C}$**   
1 atom

**$^{12}\text{C}$**   
1000 billions atoms



# Saturated-absorption Cavity Ring-down (SCAR)



Patent [WO2014170828A1](#), "Apparatus and method for measuring the concentration of trace gases by SCAR spectroscopy".

Patent [WO2017055606A1](#), "Method for measuring the concentration of trace gases by SCAR spectroscopy"

Patent [WO2016067241A1](#), "Low-noise current source"

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## Saturated-Absorption Cavity Ring-Down Spectroscopy

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## Molecular Gas Sensing Below Parts Per Trillion: Radiocarbon-Dioxide Optical Detection

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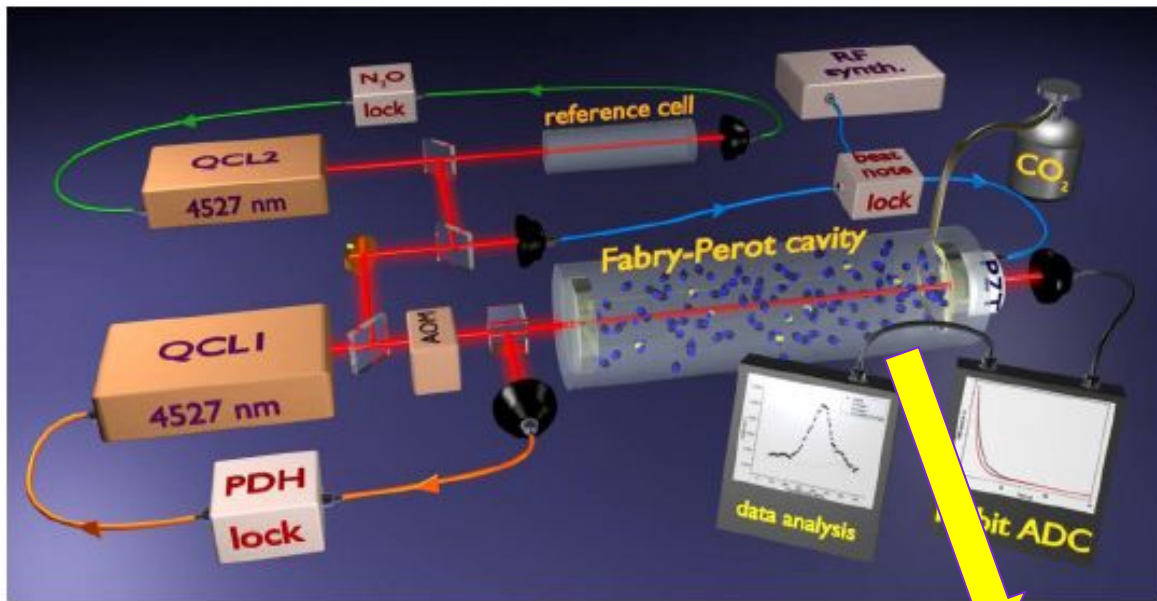
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## Spectroscopic detection of radiocarbon dioxide at parts-per-quadrillion sensitivity

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# The concept of C14-SCAR



Quantum Cascade Lasers  
Wavelength: 4.5  $\mu\text{m}$   
Output power: 100 mW

High-finesse optical cavity  
Length: 1 m    Optical path: > 20 km  
Cavity mode width: < 3 kHz

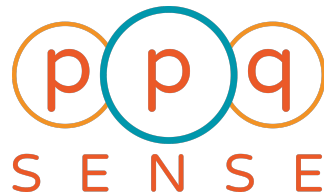
Achieved  
precision:

$4 \times 10^{-15}$

parts

per

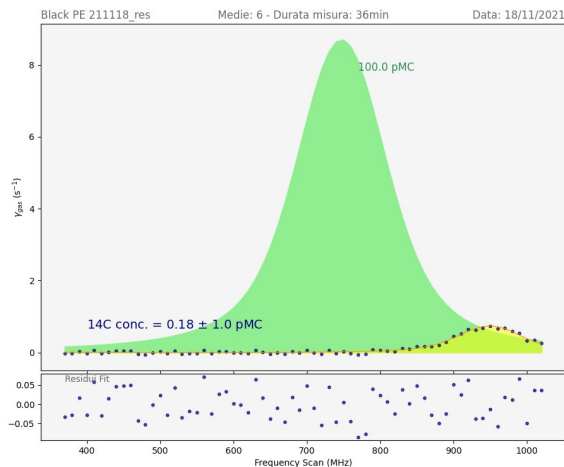
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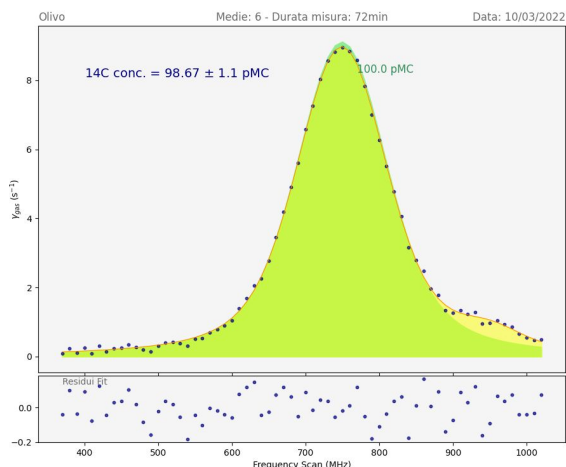
# Measuring in the 0...1 Modern range, and beyond

The method is linear across a wide dynamic range: highly enriched samples (up to 1000 modern) can be measured without any significant memory effect.

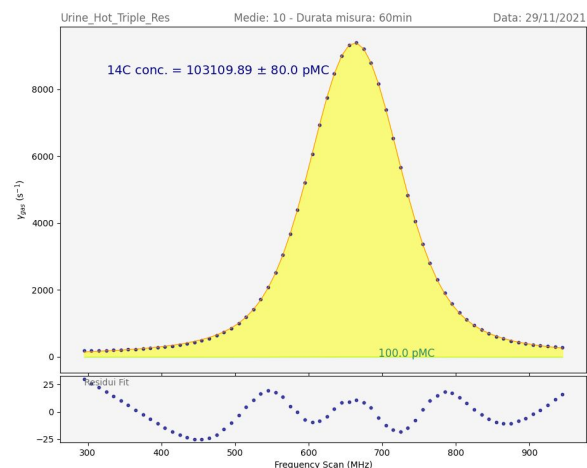
Fossil material: 0 pMC



Modern biogenic material: 100 pMC



Enriched human urine:  $\sim 10^5$  pMC



# C14-SCAR: the world first radiocarbon spectrometer

**14C**  
SCAR



- ✓ Compact and transportable Equipment  
1m<sup>2</sup> footprint; 350kg weight
- ✓ Low power consumption (< 1kW)
- ✓ Maintenance-free operation
- ✓ The best sensitivity (<1 pMC)
- ✓ Unprecedented dynamic range  
from fossil to highly enriched samples
- ✓ Fast measurements  
10 minutes, 30 minute with sample preparation
- ✓ Works with any solid or liquid material



# Sample preparation and measurement

Sampling

Focusing

Measuring

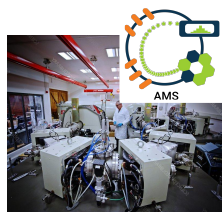


Elemental Analyzer  
By NCT / Elementar



| Solids                      | Liquids                 | Gases                                 |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Plastics<br>Wood<br>Fabrics | Fuels<br>Ethanol<br>... | Pure CO <sub>2</sub><br>Air<br>Smokes |

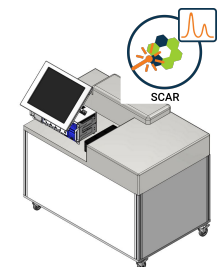
# The competition: C14-SCAR provides the best precision with a fraction of cost and size



**Accelerator Mass Spectrometry (AMS)** detects isotope ratio of  $^{12}\text{C}$ ,  $^{13}\text{C}$ ,  $^{14}\text{C}$  ions. The use has increased, but its **economic and energy costs** make only ~20 instruments available in Europe.



**Liquid Scintillation Counting (LSC)** uses  $\beta$ -decay counting, but with **insufficient precision** for monitoring applications, thus requiring large sample amounts, high isotope doses and difficult measure automation.



**SCAR** detects absorbed IR photons. It is demonstrated and sold for  $^{14}\text{C}$  quantification for many applications. Qualification for spread use require **less sample needs, better modularity and automation.**

**14C  
SCAR**

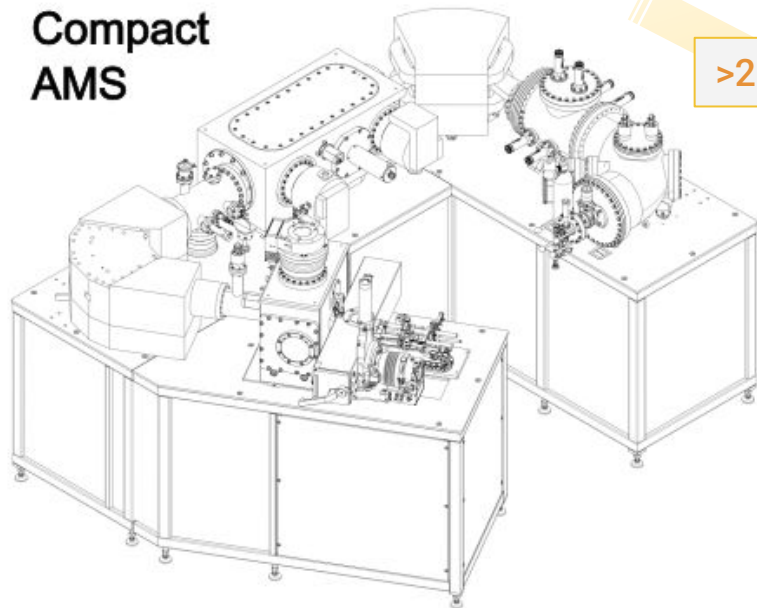
**Ionplus<sup>+</sup>  
AMS**

**HIDEX  
LSC**

|                                 |                   |             |          |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|-------------|----------|
| Size                            | ✓                 | ✗           | ✓        |
| Weight                          | ✓                 | ✗           | ✓        |
| Minimum sample needs            | ✓                 | ✓           | ✗        |
| Precision measurement           | ✓ HIGH            | ✓ HIGH      | ✗ LOW    |
| Dynamic range                   | ✓ VERY HIGH       | ✗ LOW       | ✓ HIGH   |
| Cost (€)                        | ✓ < 600 k         | ✗ 1.5 – 5 M | ✓ 150 k  |
| Sample handling and preparation | ✓ Fully automatic | ✓ automatic | ✗ manual |

# New developments: compact version

Compact  
AMS

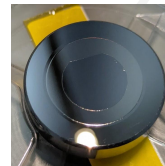


>2M€

C14-SCAR

Gen1 (2021-2025)

Better  
mirrors

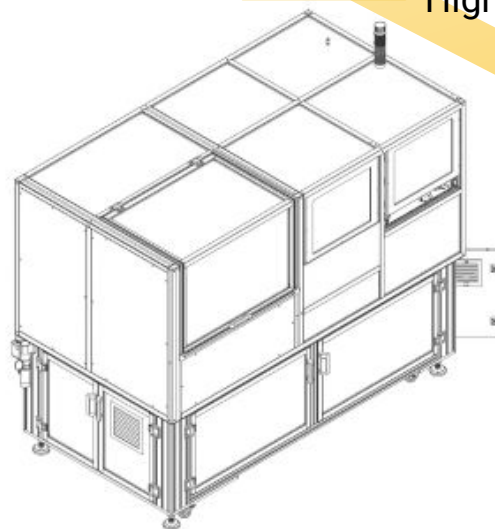


Shorter optical cavity

More compact  
Cheaper  
Higher performance

**14C**  
SCAR  
Gen2 (from 2025)

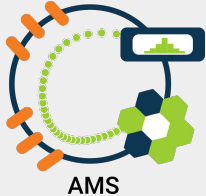
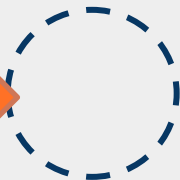
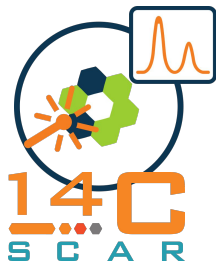
600k€



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# Method Accreditation - 1/3



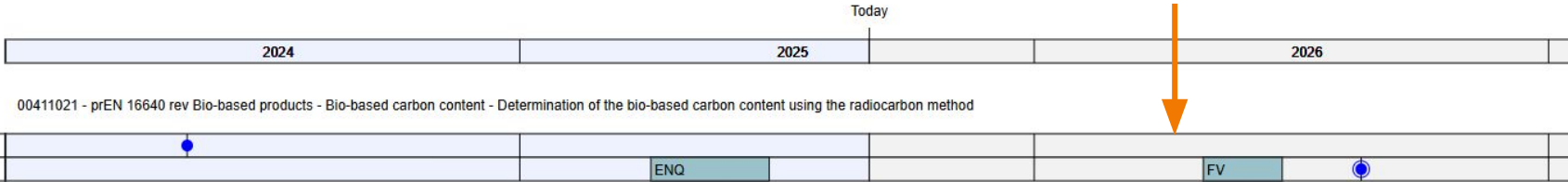
## UNI EN 16640

Bio-based products - Bio-based carbon content  
*Determination of the bio-based carbon content using the **radiocarbon** method*

| Method          | Additional requests                                               | ASD                           | RSD                           | Duration needed for measurement | Typical carbon mass needed | Equipment costs |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|
| Method A (LSC)  | - Normal laboratory                                               | 5 pMC<br>$\propto \sqrt{F}$   | 10 %<br>$\propto 1/\sqrt{F}$  | 2 h to 24 h                     | > 1g                       | Low             |
| Method B (AMS)  | - Large installation<br>- Graphite conversion device <sup>a</sup> | 0,3 pMC<br>$\propto \sqrt{F}$ | 0,3 %<br>$\propto 1/\sqrt{F}$ | 10 min to 30 min                | < 1 mg                     | High            |
| Method C (SCAR) | - Normal laboratory<br>- Gas purification device                  | 1 pMC<br>constant             | 1 %<br>$\propto 1/F$          | 10 min to 6 h                   | 1 mg to 10 mg              | Intermediate    |

- ✓ Gives a **legal validity** to the SCAR method
- ✓ Enables **normative adoption**
- ✓ Makes SCAR a **reference method** for calibrating other techniques

Timeline:



# Method Accreditation - 2/3

The results of the AMS-SCAR blind intercomparison measurements over the 58 sets of samples are reported in the table below.

| Campaign   | Samples                      | Document                                                                                                                                         | SCAR result (pMC) | AMS result (pMC) | Absolute Deviation (pMC) | Relative Deviation (%) | RMS error (pMC) |
|------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| A<br>2019  | SES1                         | RISE preliminary test                                                                                                                            | 48                | 47               | 1                        | 2.1%                   | 2.65            |
|            | SES4                         |                                                                                                                                                  | 37                | 38               | -1                       | -2.7%                  |                 |
|            | 9F026397 (plastic)           |                                                                                                                                                  | 100               | 95               | 5                        | 5.1%                   |                 |
|            | 9F020347-1 (plastic)         |                                                                                                                                                  | 28                | 30               | -2                       | -6.9%                  |                 |
|            | 9F020347-2 (plastic)         |                                                                                                                                                  | 1                 | 3                | -2                       | -100.0%                |                 |
| B<br>2021  | BP1                          | RISE acceptance test & Report                                                                                                                    | 48,74             | 49,2             | -0,46                    | -0,9%                  | 0,33            |
|            | BP2                          |                                                                                                                                                  | 89,5              | 89,4             | 0,1                      | 0,1%                   |                 |
| C*<br>2021 | Avionic Fuel Blend_1         | Published paper: Biogenic Fraction Determination in Fuel Blends by Laser-Based 14CO2 Detection                                                   | 5,6               | 4,74             | 0,86                     | 16,6%                  | 0,85            |
|            | Avionic Fuel Blend_2         |                                                                                                                                                  | 74,6              | 76,04            | -1,44                    | -1,9%                  |                 |
|            | Upgraded Pyrolysis Bio-oil_1 |                                                                                                                                                  | 37,8              | 38               | -0,2                     | -0,5%                  |                 |
|            | Upgraded Pyrolysis Bio-oil_2 |                                                                                                                                                  | 46,8              | 47               | -0,2                     | -0,4%                  |                 |
| D<br>2022  | EVA "vegan" sole             | Published paper: Material Circularity: A Novel Method for Biobased Carbon Quantification of Leather, Artificial Leather, and Trendy Alternatives | 0,2               | 0,4              | -0,2                     | -66,7%                 | 1,45            |
|            | Desserto "Cactus Leather"    |                                                                                                                                                  | 24,1              | 23,58            | 0,52                     | 2,2%                   |                 |
|            | Coated patent leather        |                                                                                                                                                  | 47,1              | 48,09            | -0,99                    | -2,1%                  |                 |
|            | Mix synthetic-natural fabric |                                                                                                                                                  | 61                | 62,3             | -1,3                     | -2,1%                  |                 |
|            | Fully syntan tanned leather  |                                                                                                                                                  | 65,6              | 67,62            | -2,02                    | -3,0%                  |                 |
|            | Soft milled leather "Rave"   |                                                                                                                                                  | 92,6              | 90,12            | 2,48                     | 2,7%                   |                 |
|            | Vachetta leather "Toiano"    |                                                                                                                                                  | 94,8              | 96,01            | -1,21                    | -1,3%                  |                 |
| E<br>2022  | Diesel                       | Internal document                                                                                                                                | 3,8               | 4,5              | -0,7                     | -16,9%                 | 0,53            |
|            | Gasoline 1                   |                                                                                                                                                  | 2,8               | 2,6              | 0,2                      | 7,4%                   |                 |
|            | Gasoline 2                   |                                                                                                                                                  | 0                 | 0,7              | -0,7                     | -200,0%                |                 |
|            | Jet A                        |                                                                                                                                                  | 1,2               | 1,5              | -0,3                     | -22,2%                 |                 |
| F<br>2023  | SampleA                      | Support Letter                                                                                                                                   | 69,1              | 70,08            | -0,98                    | -1,4%                  | 1,39            |
|            | SampleB                      |                                                                                                                                                  | 80                | 82,22            | -2,22                    | -2,7%                  |                 |
|            | SampleC                      |                                                                                                                                                  | 75,5              | 78,05            | -2,55                    | -3,3%                  |                 |
| G<br>2023  | s_861                        | Internal report                                                                                                                                  | 0,76              | 0,05             | 0,71                     | 175,3%                 | 0,61            |
|            | s_923                        |                                                                                                                                                  | 26,04             | 25,33            | 0,71                     | 2,8%                   |                 |
|            | s_855                        |                                                                                                                                                  | 57,62             | 56,8             | 0,82                     | 1,4%                   |                 |
|            | s_1088                       |                                                                                                                                                  | 80,34             | 79,9             | 0,44                     | 0,5%                   |                 |
|            | s_1049                       |                                                                                                                                                  | 101,53            | 100,92           | 0,61                     | 0,6%                   |                 |
|            | s_932                        |                                                                                                                                                  | 115,52            | 115,5            | 0,02                     | 0,0%                   |                 |

|           |                               |                                                                                                                                          |        |        |       |         |      |
|-----------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|--------|-------|---------|------|
| H<br>2023 | PP 1                          | Published paper: A laser-based saturated-absorption cavity ring-down technology for precise biobased content analysis of plastic samples | 1,08   | 0,49   | 0,59  | 75,2%   | 0,65 |
|           | PP 2                          |                                                                                                                                          | 0,3    | 0,75   | -0,45 | -85,7%  |      |
|           | PP 3                          |                                                                                                                                          | 0,56   | 0,73   | -0,17 | -26,4%  |      |
|           | PLA drinking straw            |                                                                                                                                          | 70,42  | 70,22  | 0,2   | 0,3%    |      |
|           | Plastic 2 kg bag              |                                                                                                                                          | 29,33  | 31,31  | -1,98 | -6,5%   |      |
|           | Compostable green plastic bag |                                                                                                                                          | 23,73  | 23,91  | -0,18 | -0,8%   |      |
|           | Compostable black plastic bag |                                                                                                                                          | 28,95  | 29,39  | -0,44 | -1,5%   |      |
|           | Compostable 10 kg plastic bag |                                                                                                                                          | 27,39  | 28,21  | -0,82 | -2,9%   |      |
|           | 140 L plastic bag             |                                                                                                                                          | 27,14  | 26,67  | 0,47  | 1,7%    |      |
|           | Recyclable plastic bag        |                                                                                                                                          | 0,23   | 0,79   | -0,56 | -109,8% |      |
|           | PCL plastic thread            |                                                                                                                                          | 0,17   | 0,28   | -0,11 | -48,9%  |      |
|           | Degradable plastic bag        |                                                                                                                                          | 29,29  | 30,08  | -0,79 | -2,7%   |      |
|           | (R)C-PLA plastic bag          |                                                                                                                                          | 95,99  | 96,4   | -0,41 | -0,4%   |      |
|           | PLA plastic bag dog excrement |                                                                                                                                          | 10,26  | 9,83   | 0,43  | 4,3%    |      |
|           | Sugar cane plate              |                                                                                                                                          | 101,61 | 102,15 | -0,54 | -0,5%   |      |
|           | PLA 2 dL plastic cup          |                                                                                                                                          | 100,63 | 101,49 | -0,86 | -0,9%   |      |
|           | PLA 4 cL plastic cup          |                                                                                                                                          | 102,63 | 102,2  | 0,43  | 0,4%    |      |
| I<br>2024 | C-PLA spoon                   | Internal report                                                                                                                          | 97,07  | 96,52  | 0,55  | 0,6%    | 1,37 |
|           | 50 mL plastic cup             |                                                                                                                                          | 0,78   | 0,1    | 0,68  | 154,5%  |      |
|           | White plastic plate           |                                                                                                                                          | 0,29   | 0,17   | 0,12  | 52,2%   |      |
|           | Plastic spoon 1               |                                                                                                                                          | 0,28   | 0,03   | 0,25  | 161,3%  |      |
|           | Plastic spoon 2               |                                                                                                                                          | 0,56   | 0,13   | 0,43  | 124,6%  |      |
|           | Rubbish bag                   |                                                                                                                                          | 2,24   | 1,44   | 0,8   | 43,5%   |      |
|           | 1 L plastic bag               |                                                                                                                                          | 0,21   | 0,64   | -0,43 | -101,2% |      |
|           | Mater Bi - A3                 |                                                                                                                                          | 70,7   | 69,5   | 1,2   | 1,7%    |      |
| J<br>2024 | Plastic - A4                  | Internal report                                                                                                                          | 59,5   | 61,95  | -2,45 | -4,0%   | 0,33 |
|           | Shopper plastic - B2          |                                                                                                                                          | 30,3   | 30,5   | -0,2  | -0,7%   |      |
|           | Plastic - C2                  |                                                                                                                                          | 37,35  | 37,6   | -0,25 | -0,7%   |      |
|           | Horse bone from 1812          |                                                                                                                                          | 96,55  | 96,98  | -0,43 | -0,4%   |      |
| SampleC   | Bone blank, no 14C            | Internal report                                                                                                                          | 0,3    | 0,0    | 0,3   | 200,0%  |      |
|           | SampleC                       |                                                                                                                                          | 152,49 | 152,72 | -0,23 | -0,2%   |      |

\* The SCAR measurements performed in this test are not blind and are not included in Table G.4.

|           |       |     |
|-----------|-------|-----|
| Total rms | 1,01  | pMC |
| Max Dev   | 2,48  | pMC |
| Avg       | -0,27 | pMC |

# Method Accreditation - 3/3

## AMS Round Robin

The results of performed assessment show a good consistency between method B (AMS) and method C (SCAR).

A low number of outliers (1) was observed, and the average discrepancy (with sign) is very close to 0 (-0,27 pMC), suggesting that no systematic bias is present between the two methods.

The **agreement** between the two methods of the more recent campaigns is settling on a level lower than 1 pMC, while the total RMS deviation over the full set of results is **1,01 pMC**.

**Table FG.2 — Performance data for 14C methods**

| Sample        | $n$ | $l$          | $o$ | $\bar{x}$               | $s_R$                      | $CV_R$ |
|---------------|-----|--------------|-----|-------------------------|----------------------------|--------|
|               |     |              | %   | %<br>m/m                | %<br>m/m                   | %      |
| 1             | 10  | 8            | 20  | 10,2                    | 1,8                        | 17,7   |
| 2             | 10  | 9            | 10  | 14,4                    | 1,5                        | 10,6   |
| 3             | 10  | 9            | 10  | 96,7                    | 0,8                        | 0,9    |
| 4             | 10  | 9            | 10  | 94,0                    | 1,4                        | 1,5    |
| 5             | 10  | 9            | 10  | 97,3                    | 2,3                        | 2,3    |
| 6             | 4   | 3            | 25  | 96,0                    | 1,7                        | 1,8    |
| 7             | 10  | 10           | 0   | 98,0                    | 1,0                        | 1,1    |
| 8             | 10  | 9            | 10  | 95,0                    | 1,4                        | 1,5    |
| 9             | 11  | 10           | 9,1 | 12,2                    | 1,2                        | 10,1   |
| 10            | 10  | 9            | 10  | 73,2                    | 2,0                        | 2,7    |
| 11            | 10  | 9            | 10  | 94,1                    | 1,8                        | 1,9    |
| 12            | 11  | 11           | 0   | 99,3                    | 0,8                        | 0,8    |
| Meas #<br>116 |     | Outl #<br>11 |     | $\sigma_{\Delta_{avg}}$ | <b>1.54</b><br><b>2.30</b> |        |

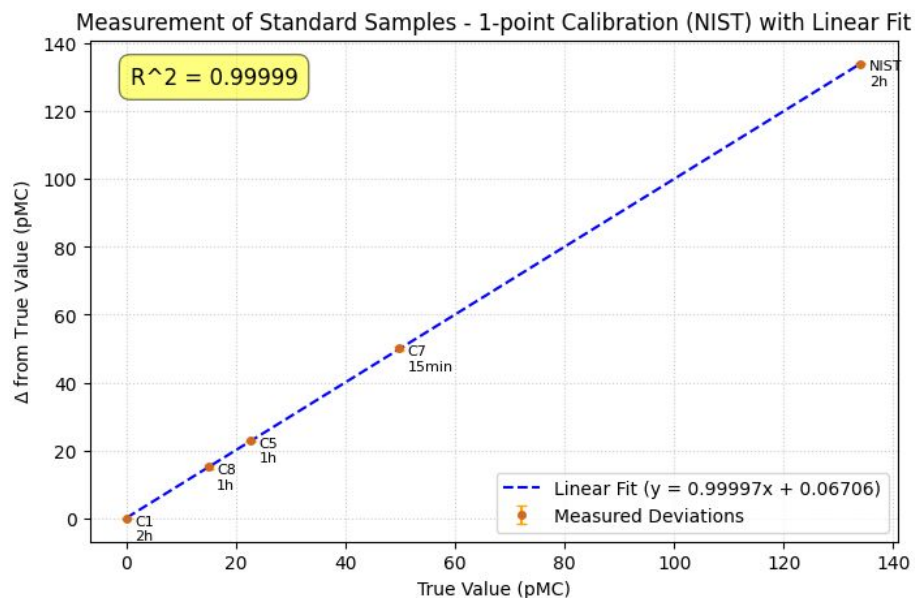
- $n$  is the number of laboratories
- $l$  is the number of outlier free individual analytical values
- $o$  is the percentage of outlying values
- $\bar{x}$  is the overall means
- $s_R$  is the reproducibility standard deviation
- $CV_R$  is the coefficient of the variation of the reproducibility

|                                           | EN<br>16640:2017<br>Table G.2 | SCAR<br>vs AMS<br>Table G.4 |
|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| # of measurements                         | 116                           | 58                          |
| # of outliers                             | 11                            | 1                           |
| # of individual instruments involved      | >11                           | >7                          |
| Reproducibility<br>$\sigma_{avg}$ or RMSE | <b>1.54 pMC</b>               | <b>1.01 pMC</b>             |
| Reproducibility $\Delta_{max}$            | <b>2.30 pMC</b>               | <b>2.48 pMC</b>             |

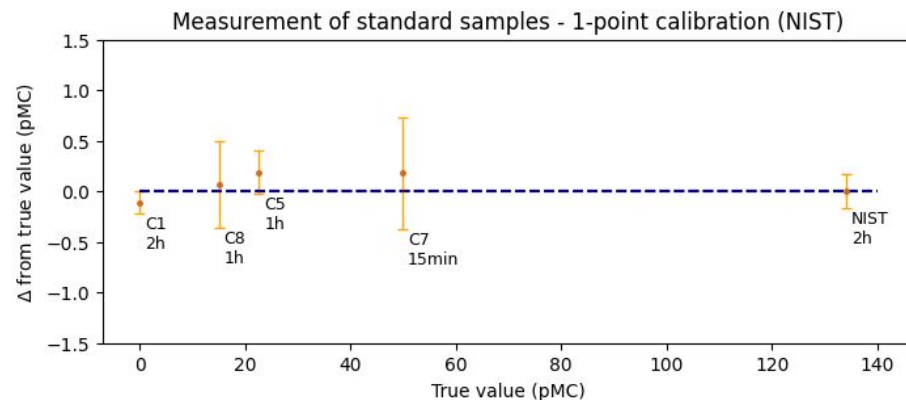
Comparison between the total average reproducibility standard deviation of Method B (1.54 pMC), as retrieved by averaging over the  $S_R$  column of table G.2 and the total average discrepancy between Method B and Method C (1.18 pMC).

# Performances overview: accuracy

## Measurements of Standard Samples 1-point calibration against NIST sample

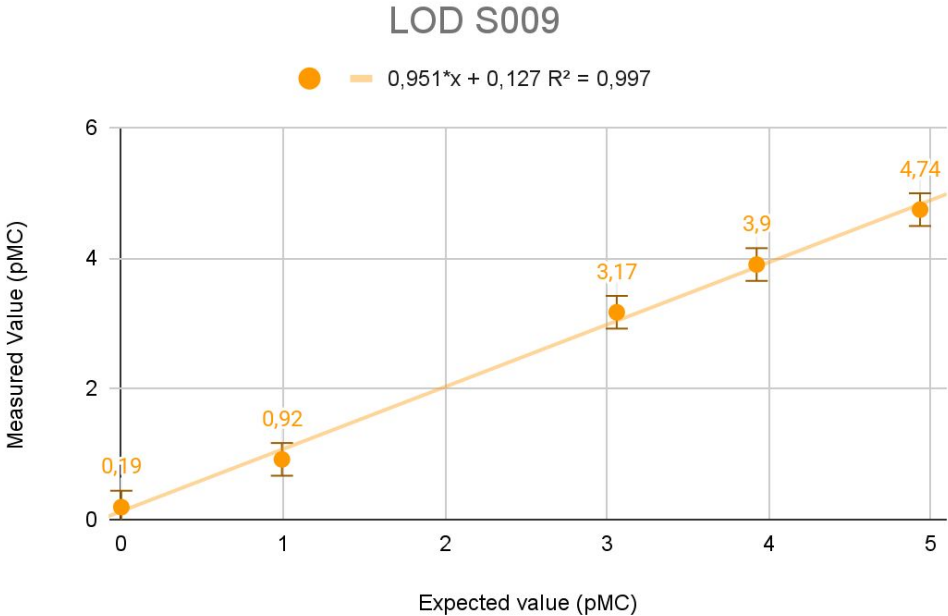


| Sample  | Value (pMC) | Meas (pMC) | Error (pMC) | Abs Dev (pMC) |
|---------|-------------|------------|-------------|---------------|
| C1      | 0,00        | -0,108     | 0,112       | -0,11         |
| C8      | 15,01       | 15,08      | 0,43        | 0,07          |
| C5      | 22,69       | 22,87      | 0,21        | 0,18          |
| C7      | 49,86       | 50,03      | 0,55        | 0,17          |
| NIST    | 134,06      | 134,06     | 134,05      | 0,00          |
| RMS Dev |             |            |             | 0,14          |



# Performances overview: LOD

| Expected Value (pMC) | Result (pMC) | Error (pMC) | Discrepancy (pMC) |
|----------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------------|
| 0,00                 | 0,19         | 0,34        | 0,19              |
| 0,99                 | 0,92         | 0,28        | -0,07             |
| 3,06                 | 3,17         | 0,32        | 0,11              |
| 3,93                 | 3,9          | 0,13        | -0,03             |
| 4,94                 | 4,74         | 0,22        | -0,20             |
|                      |              | AVG         | 0,001             |
|                      |              | SD          | 0,152             |



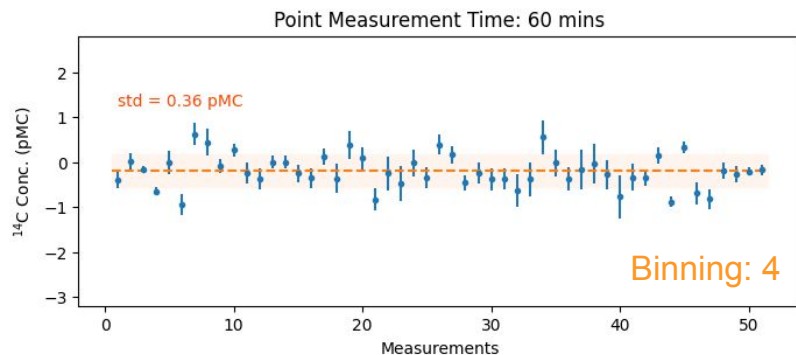
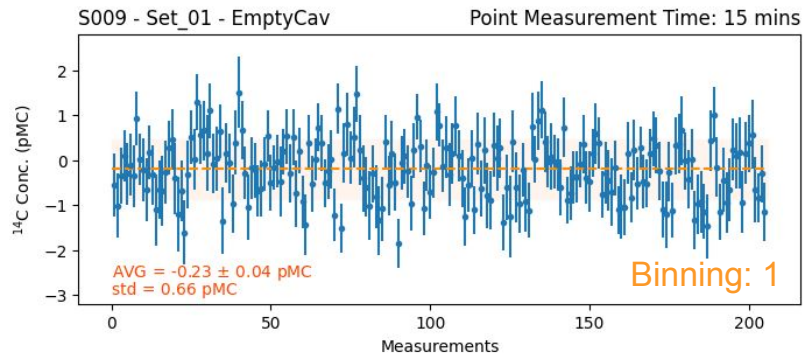
| Linear Regression Parameters  |                   |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| Slope (m)                     | $0,951 \pm 0,032$ |
| Intercept (q)                 | $0,127 \pm 0,102$ |
| LOD ( $3 \text{ err}_q / m$ ) | 0,32 pMC          |

Measurement time: 2h

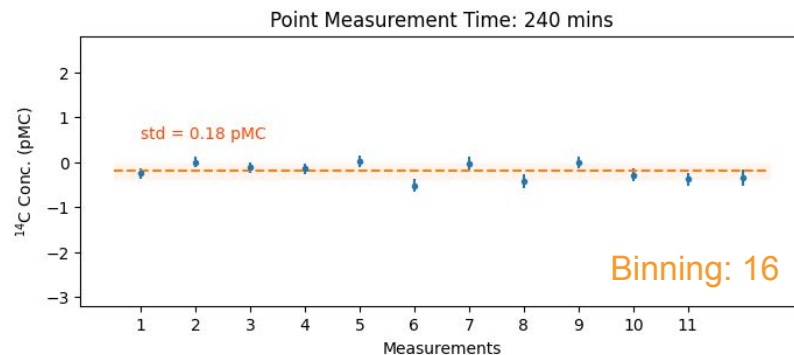
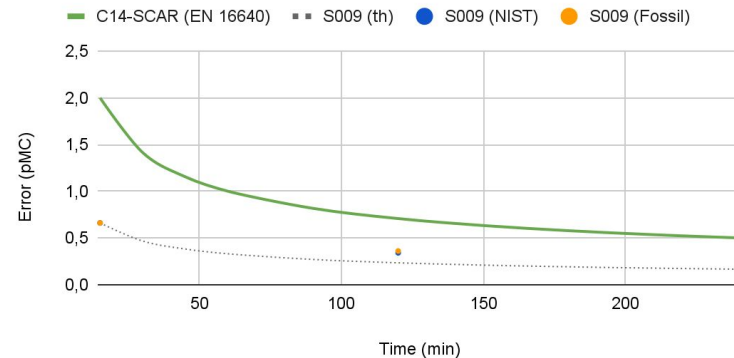
LOD = 0.32 pMC

# Performances overview: stability and precision

51h-long (205 measurements) on empty cavity. Precision scales with the measurement time.



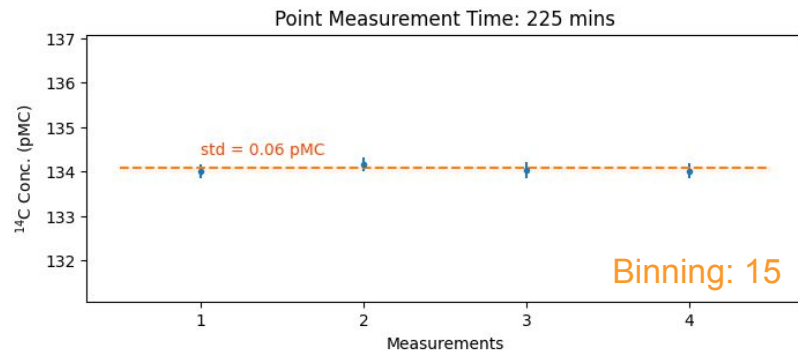
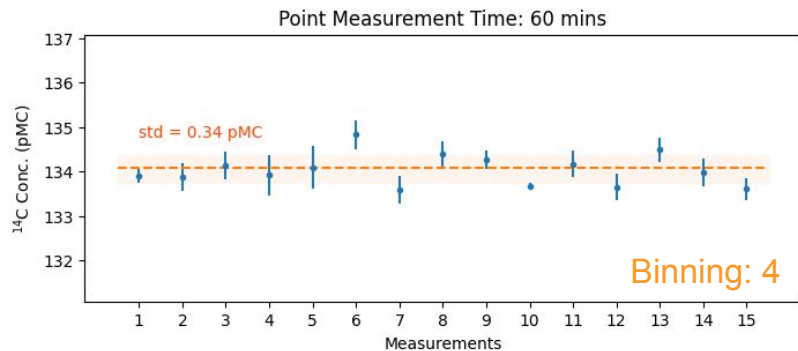
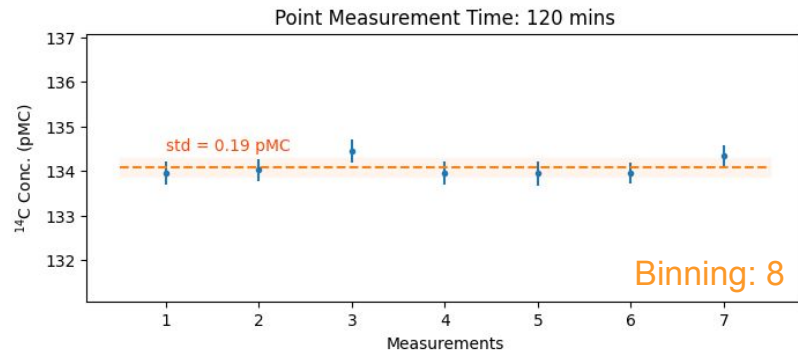
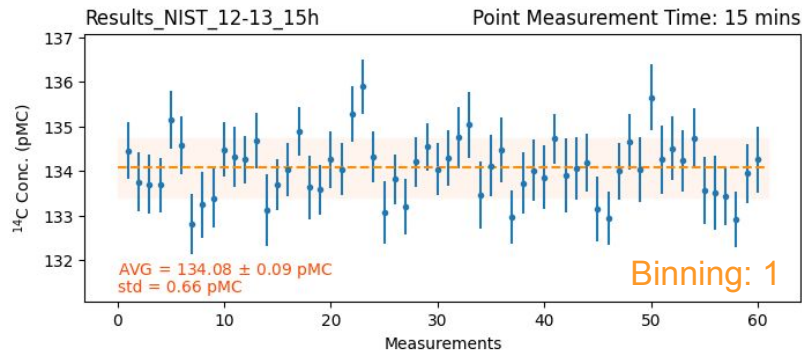
## Error vs Measurement Time



# Performances overview: stability and precision

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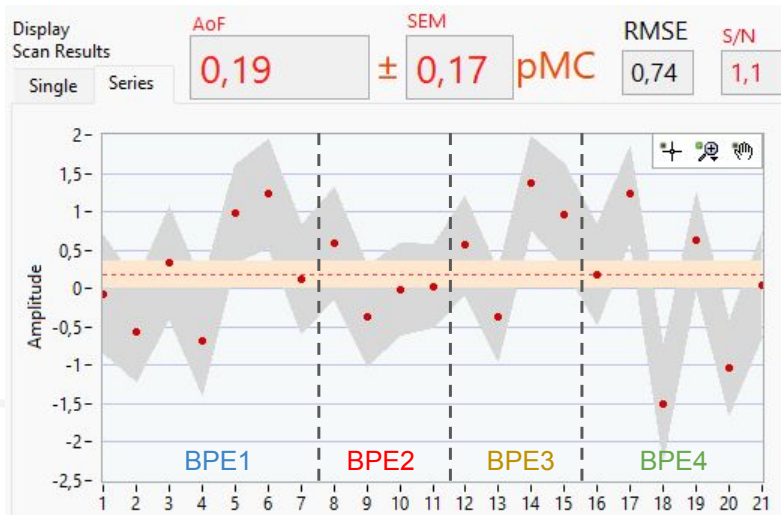
15h-long (60 measurements) on NIST standard. Precision scales with the measurement time.



# Performances overview: overall repeatability

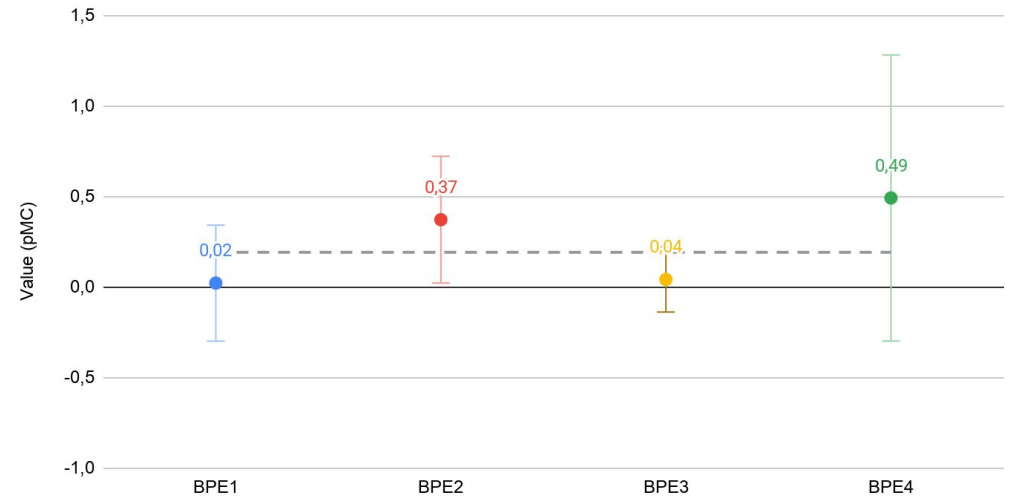
SCAR009

Repeated measurement cycle (preparation, burning and measuring) on a Fossil sample



Repeated measurements on fossil sample

AVG=0.26; RMSE=0.24



The repeatability of the full process gives an overall standard deviation similar to that obtained within a series of repeated measurements on the same sample (see previous slides).



Use cases

# C14-SCAR instruments delivered in 3 years



**RI  
SE**

- Biogenic fraction determination in materials
- ASTM D6866 certified C14-SCAR lab



- Nuclear safety analyses
- Installing C14-SCAR in an hot-lab (high radioactivity)



- Atmospheric radiocarbon dioxide studies
- Automatic continuous monitoring system



- New developments of SCAR technique
- Sub-ppq sensitivity by using new super-mirrors



- Biobased content in fabrics/plastics/leather
- Measurement service for fashion brands



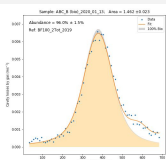
- Dating applications



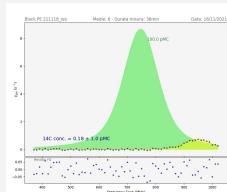
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- Atmospheric radiocarbon dioxide studies
- Part of the international ICOS network

**RISE**  
Research Institutes of Sweden



**Biodiesel/Diesel Mixtures**  
**Plastics**

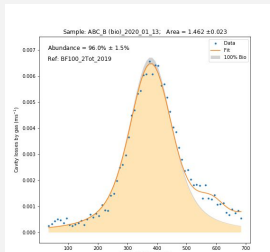


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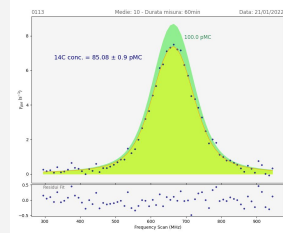
Bio-fuels for aviation



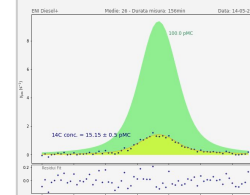
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Analysis of  
commercial  
bio-fuels



**14C**  
**SCAR**

Collaborations and  
Measurement services

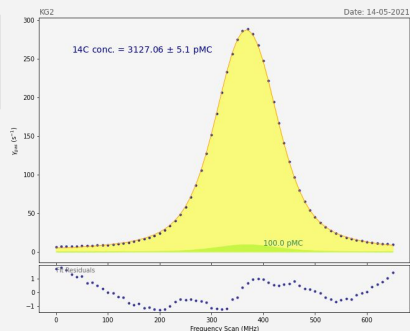
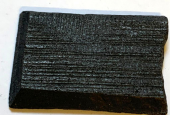


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Materials and air from nuclear power plant

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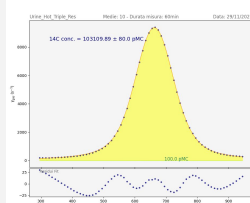


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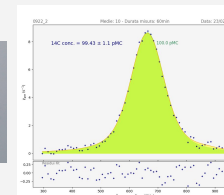
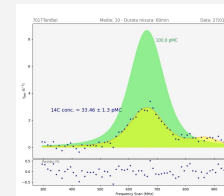


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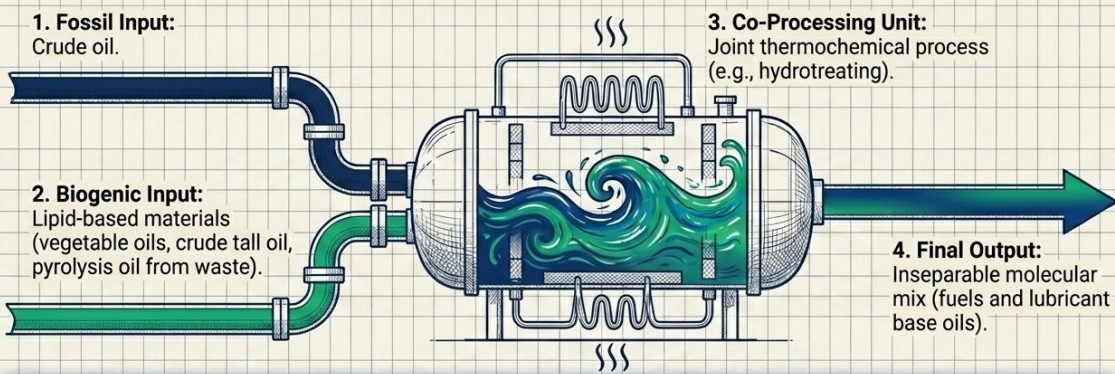


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Determination of biogenic  
carbon content in materials



# Real-time monitoring of a refinery

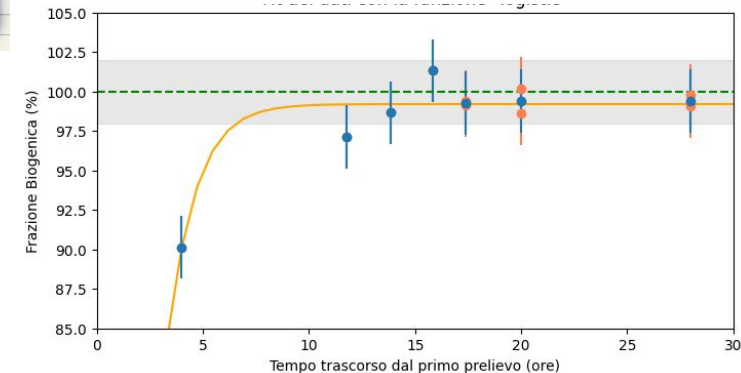
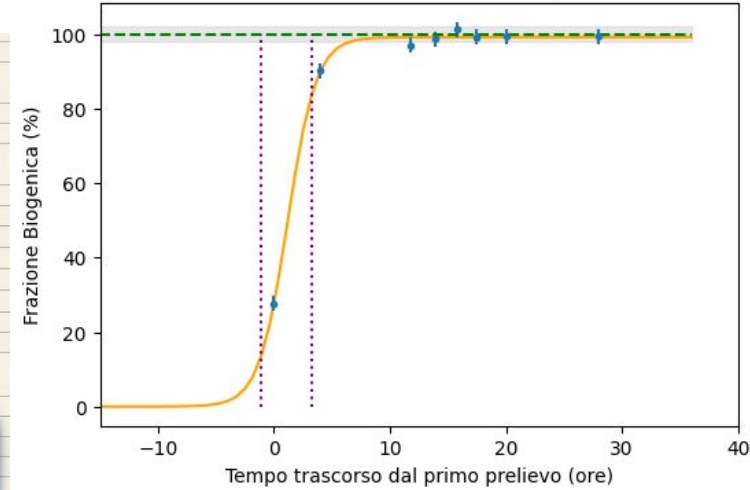


## The Technical Problem (EU Reg. 2023/1640):

Once fossil and biogenic molecules blend in the reactor, it is impossible to distinguish them visually or chemically in a traditional way. The operator must scientifically determine how much biomass ended up in the final lubricant and how much was lost (exhaust gases, wastewater, solid residues).

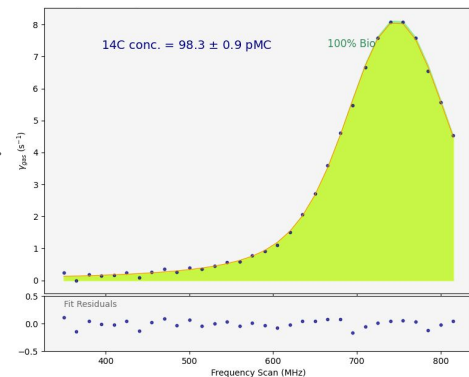
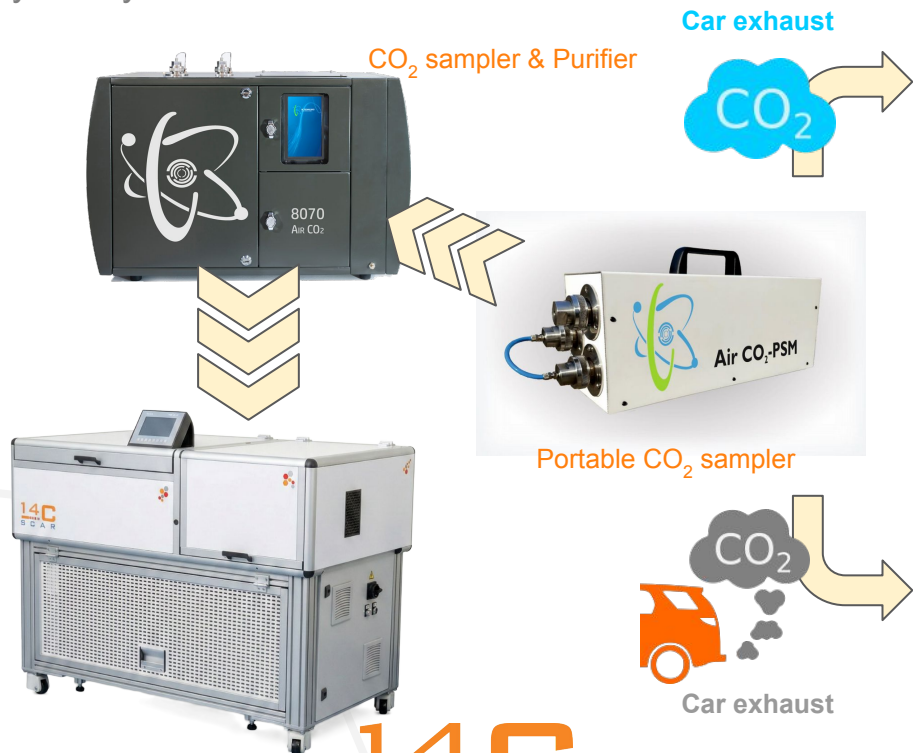
C14-SCAR is the only technology that can enable these types of applications, offering several unique advantages:

- Rapid results: Turnover in less than one hour.
- Versatile deployment: Suitable for on-field or in-situ use.
- Low maintenance: Minimal upkeep required.
- Cost-effective: Low deployment and operational costs.

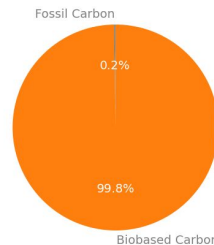


# Atmospheric $^{14}\text{C}$ monitoring by SCAR

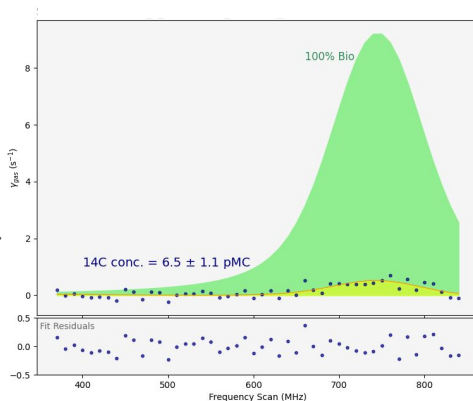
Atmospheric  $\text{CO}_2$  can be directly sampled from air and analyzed by C14-SCAR



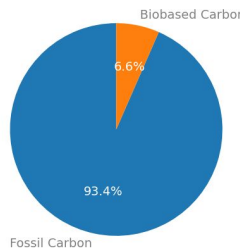
Atmospheric reference value: 98.5 pMC



Biobased Carbon Content: 100%



Atmospheric reference value: 98.5 pMC

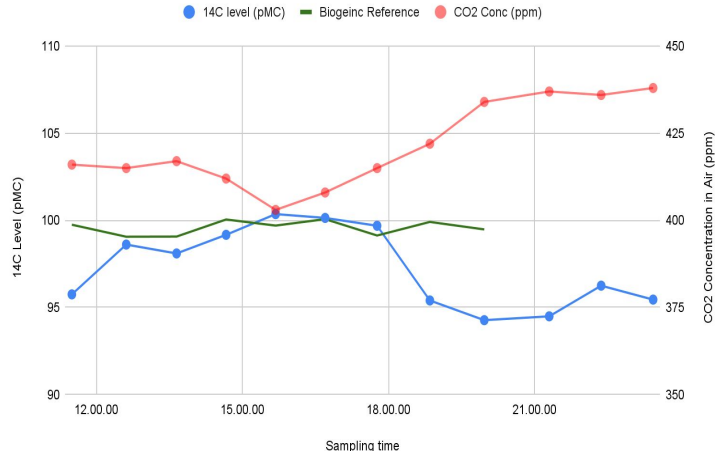


Biobased Carbon Content: 7%

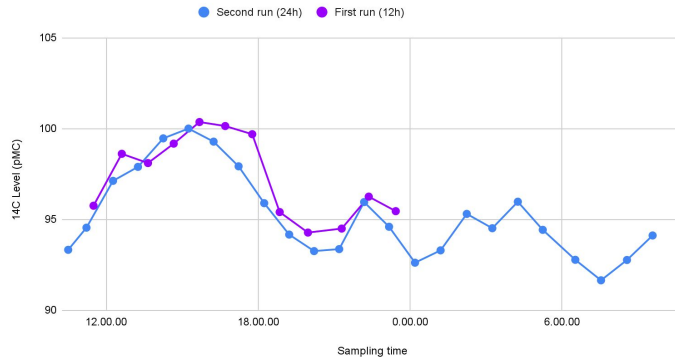
The whole process is automatic, with no cryogenics involved

# Quasi-continuous atmospheric monitoring

14C mole fraction in Air, Real-time sampling (March 5th 2025)



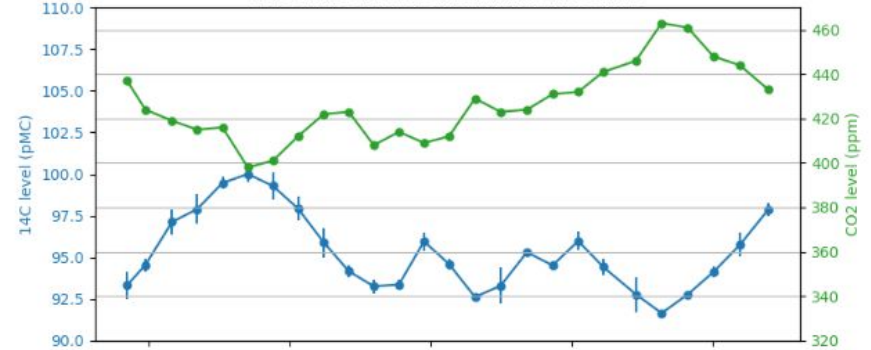
14C mole fraction in air, Real-time sampling (March 5th, and 6-7th 2025)



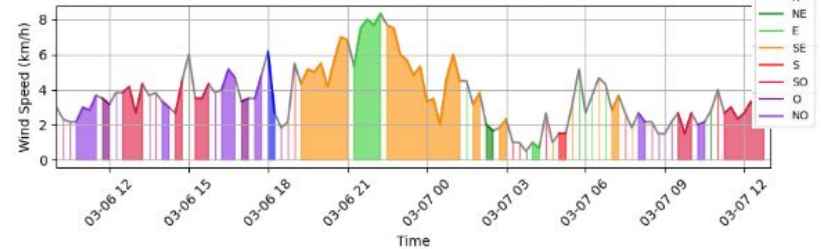
Temperature vs. time



14C and CO2 levels in ambient air vs time



Plot of Wind Directions vs. Time



14C  
S C A R

Thank you!