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Measuring and modeling the impact of droughts on the Amazon carbon cycle

Amazonia

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Samples collected by extraction N=1489 (+600 in 2019)



08/05/2017 02/08/201	7 23	8/11/2017	12/03/2018	18/07/2018



Aerodyne TILDAS dual-laser







Samples on Aerodyne TILDAS dual-laser (N=1285, also extracted)









Precision and Stability



 δ^{13} C of CO₂ in *TARGET* tank (treated as unknown)



1.96 * standard error of d13c, N= 1863







Aircraft Vertical Profiles from the Amazon Basin



Rio Branco profile collected by L. Gatti and co-workers, using V3 PFP including the ASICA air dryer



12 Sep 2019 ...Amazon Fires

 CO_2 : ±0.2 ppm $\delta^{13}C: \pm 0.03\%$





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= release of 'light' carbon with relatively much ^{12}C => C3 plants or fossil fuels (-24‰ — -30‰) = C4 plants (-12‰) sign of fires ? To be judged through CO...





















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