

Why Standard Gases?

-WCC-SF₆ activities at AMY-

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1. Why Standard Gases?



What is the standard?



Liberty leading the people, 1830, Ferdinand Eugene Victor Delacroix

Etymology: Stand + Hard

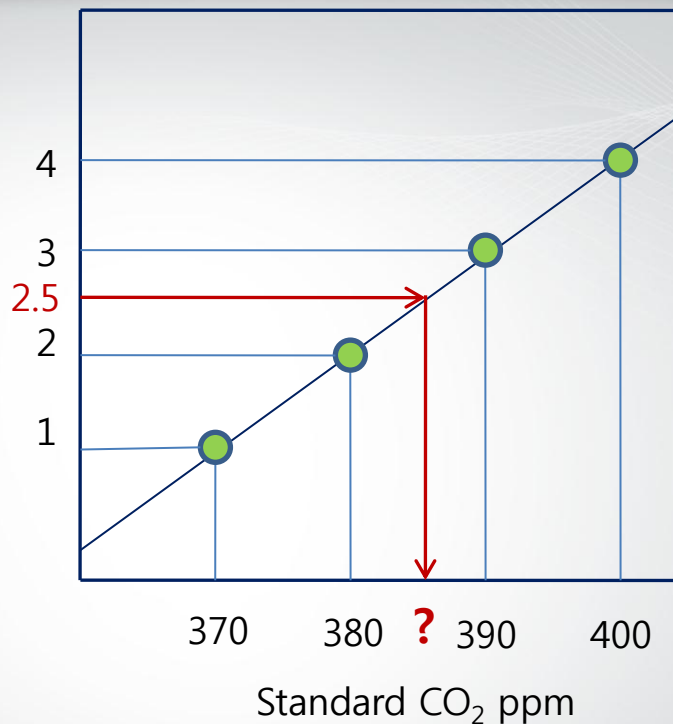
- Flag or conspicuous subject to serve as a **rallying point** for a military force
- it is derived from Frankish word "**standhard**"
- it was called because a flag was fixed to a pole
- And pole stuck in the ground to stand upright.

What is the standard gas?

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Unknown
Samples

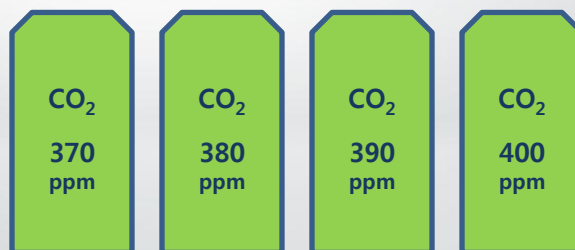
Signal from the instruments



385 ppm

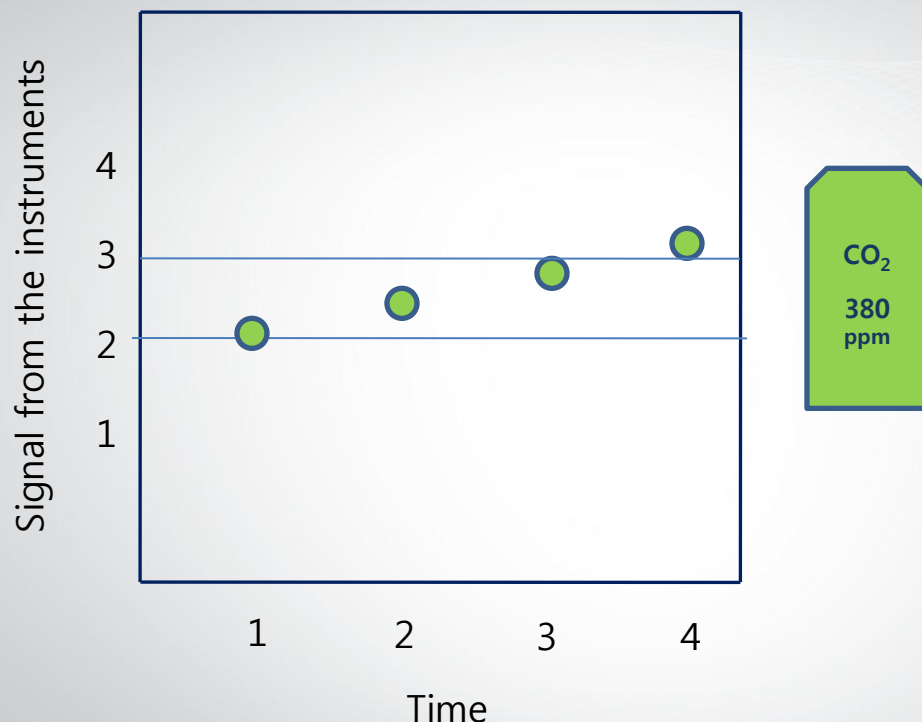
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known
Samples



- Standard gases establish **known analyzer responses** to a certified chemical component
- Sample is only **determined by calibration** with reference standard

What is the standard gas?



Expected function of Standard gas

-Injection of same concentration but difference response from Instrument

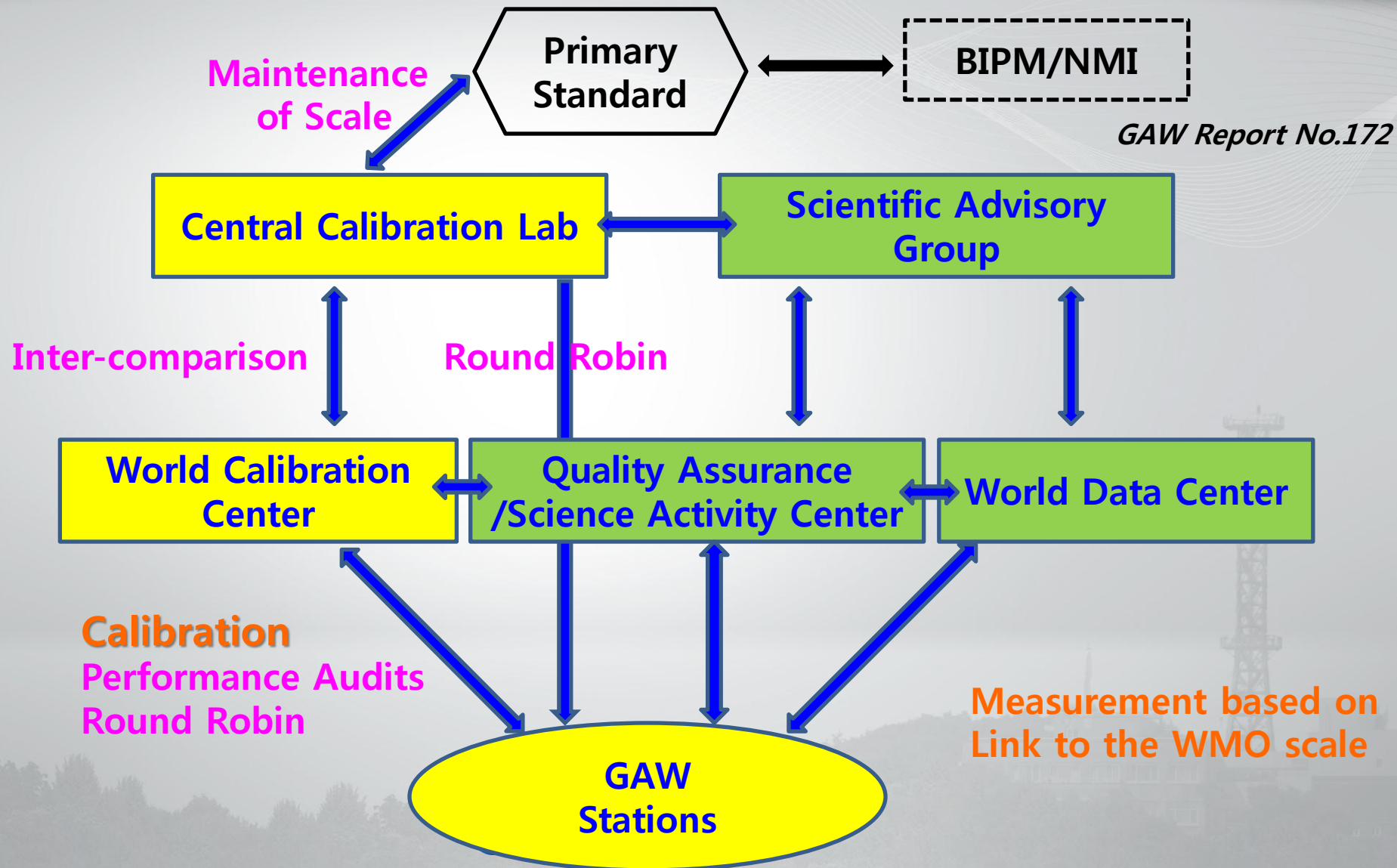
-Because we know it should have same response,

We can use it to check repeatability, reproducibility, bias...

- 1) Standard gases make unknown samples known
- 2) Standard gases can check monitoring system and analysis performance

**Traceability
Compatibility**

Traceability and compatibility



Compatibility goal in GAW



New compatibility goal, Beijing 2013

Compatibility:

Comparison results are compatible, within a specified numerical value

Components	Compatibility goal	Extended Compatibility goal	Range in unpolluted troposphere
CO ₂	± 0.1 ppm (N.H.) ± 0.05 ppm (S.H.)	± 0.2 ppm	360-450 ppm
CH ₄	± 2 ppb	± 5 ppb	1700-2100 ppb
CO	± 2 ppb	± 5 ppb	30-300 ppb
N ₂ O	± 0.1 ppb	± 0.3 ppb	320-335 ppb
SF ₆	± 0.02 ppt	± 0.05 ppt	6-10 ppt
H ₂	± 2 ppb	± 5 ppb	450-600 ppb
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Main aims WCC-SF₆ pursue are Traceability and compatibility

2. Experiments using Standard gases at AMY

History of SF₆ monitoring activities at AMY

Korea
Global Atmosphere
Watch Center

1) SF₆ has been monitored from 2007 at AMY

→ not that long

2) Western part of Korea downwind area from China and affected by industrial area in Korea

→ can show high concentrations

3) one point calibration every 6 hour with KRISS scale

→ not link to WMO scale,

→ not have enough STD to cover the range

4) But it has been changed to WMO scale from 2013

→ can have problem of continuity from previous data

5) using GC-μECD

→ can show non-linear performance

6) Data has been uploaded to WDCGG from 2012

→ can be tracked and changed easily



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Instruments performance

WMO scale
FB03447
9.595 ppt

And

Sample
Collected by
AMY

Number of measurements*	Peak area	Ratio Value $S_i \cdot 2 / (R_i + R_{i+1})$	Instrumental Drift [%]
STD1	473.04		
S1	541.89	1.1454	0.03
STD2	473.17		
S2	541.80	1.1439	0..20
STD3	474.10		
S3	541.31	1.1427	-0.17
STD4	473.29		
S4	541.72	1.1465	-0.34
STD5	471.70		
S5	541.99	1.1483	0.12
STD6	472.27		

Average

1.1454

Standard deviation

0.0022(0.19%)

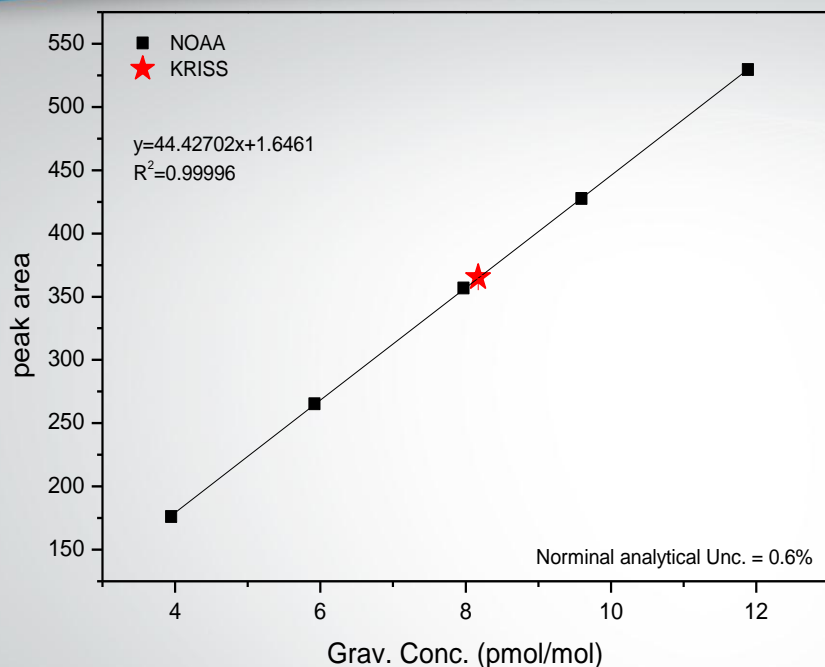
0.018 ppt

The operating sequence alternated between standard gas and ambient measurement.

* 3 injection per a measurement



Link to WMO scale?



Specification	Condition
Detector	μECD
Detector temp.	350 °C
Oven temp.	35°C 75min 30°C/min 170°C 10min
Column	Alumina-F1 80/100 12ft*1/8 inch SUS
Sample loop	10 mL
Carrier flow	P-5, 95 mL/min
Sample flow	100 mL/min

Scale	Cyl. No.	C _{NOAA-scale} [pmol/mol]	C _{calibrated} [pmol/mol]	Residual	
				[pmol/mol]	[%]
NOAA Scale	FB03441	3.946	3.929	0.017	0.44
	FB03443	5.920	5.933	-0.013	-0.22
	FB03444	7.972	7.992	-0.020	-0.25
	FB03447	9.595	9.587	0.008	0.09
	FB03450	11.887	11.879	0.008	0.07
KRISS standard	D068069	8.164	8.186	-0.022	-0.27

The difference
between WMO and KRISS
is
within the compatibility goal
0.05 ppt

One point calibration?

Calibration method	Multi-point (nominal value)	Two-point	One-point [KIT]	Difference	
				multi-1point	multi-2point
Concentration of CRMs (NOAA)	3.9~11.9	8, 9.6	8 [9.6]		
#D068069 (KRISS)	8.173	8.169	8.164	0.009 [0.12%]	0.005 [0.06%]
DS-13 (KIT)	10.019		[10.026]	-0.007 [-0.07%]	
DS-19 (KIT)	10.166		[10.173]	-0.007 [-0.07%]	

One point calibration is reliable but

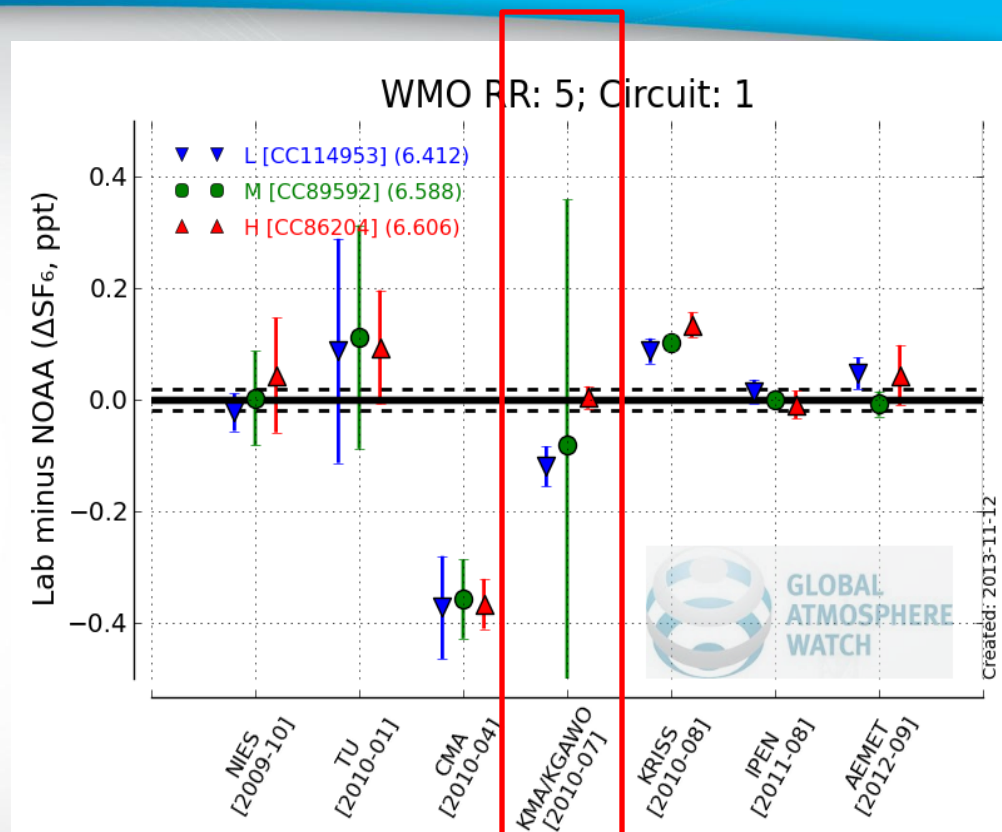
Pros and Cons

- get more samples (because AMY operating sequence CRM-S1-S2-S3-S4-S5-CRM..)
- use as a target tank concept
- chose the standard gas which has similar with targeting value
- miss certain level high or low

Example of an wrong calibration case

	Low	Mid	High
NOAA	6.412	6.588	6.606
KMA	6.3	6.5	6.6
KMA-NOAA	-0.112	-0.088	-0.006

Specification	Condition
Detector	μ ECD(G1530A)
Detector temp.	350 °C
Oven temp.	35°C
Column	Alumina-F1 80/100 12ft*1/8 inch SUS
Sample loop	20.5 mL
Carrier flow	P-5, 95 psi
Sample flow	100 mL/min



But one point calibration with 8.50 ± 0.03 ppt
Targeting levels are between 6.4 to 6.7 ppt though

These results were published..



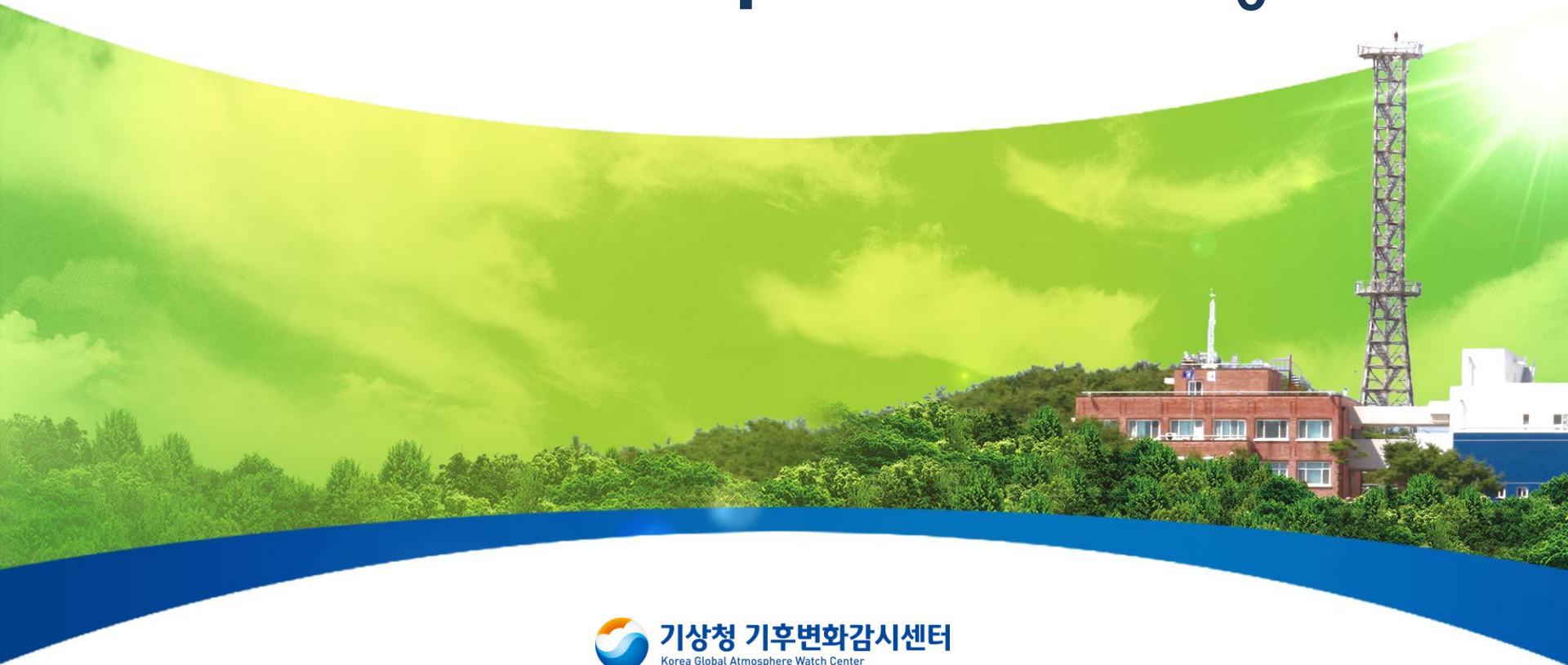
-as "Guideline for the analysis of SF₆ at ambient level using GC-micro ECD(Korean version)

To check your system performance and analysis method

- 1)The diagnostic procedure of the analysis system to secure test conditions
- 2)Test method

-English version will be published within this year

3. Next Step of WCC-SF₆



Main aims WCC-SF₆ pursue are

Traceability and compatibility

- comparison(next presentation from KRISS)**

 - Various monitoring method

 - Calibration method

 - Log book

- Round Robin Test/ Inter-comparison experiments**

 - Check your system and performance

- Education courses(discussion session)**

 - Improve your system and performance

Thank you



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