
FELIX INSTRUMENTS – APPLIED FOOD SCIENCE

SALES TRAINING

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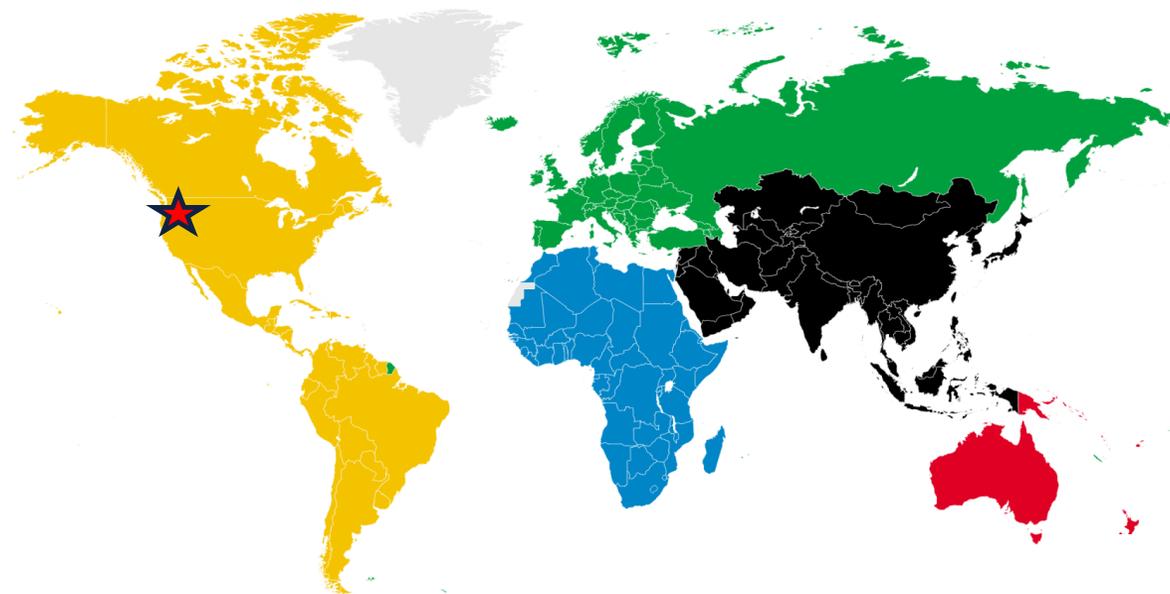
OVERVIEW

- Introduction to Felix Instruments
- Explanation of each product
 - Why it's important
 - How it works
 - Use cases and Applications
 - Advantages
- Sales opportunities



DESIGN | ENGINEER | BUILD

All instruments built in
Camas, WA USA

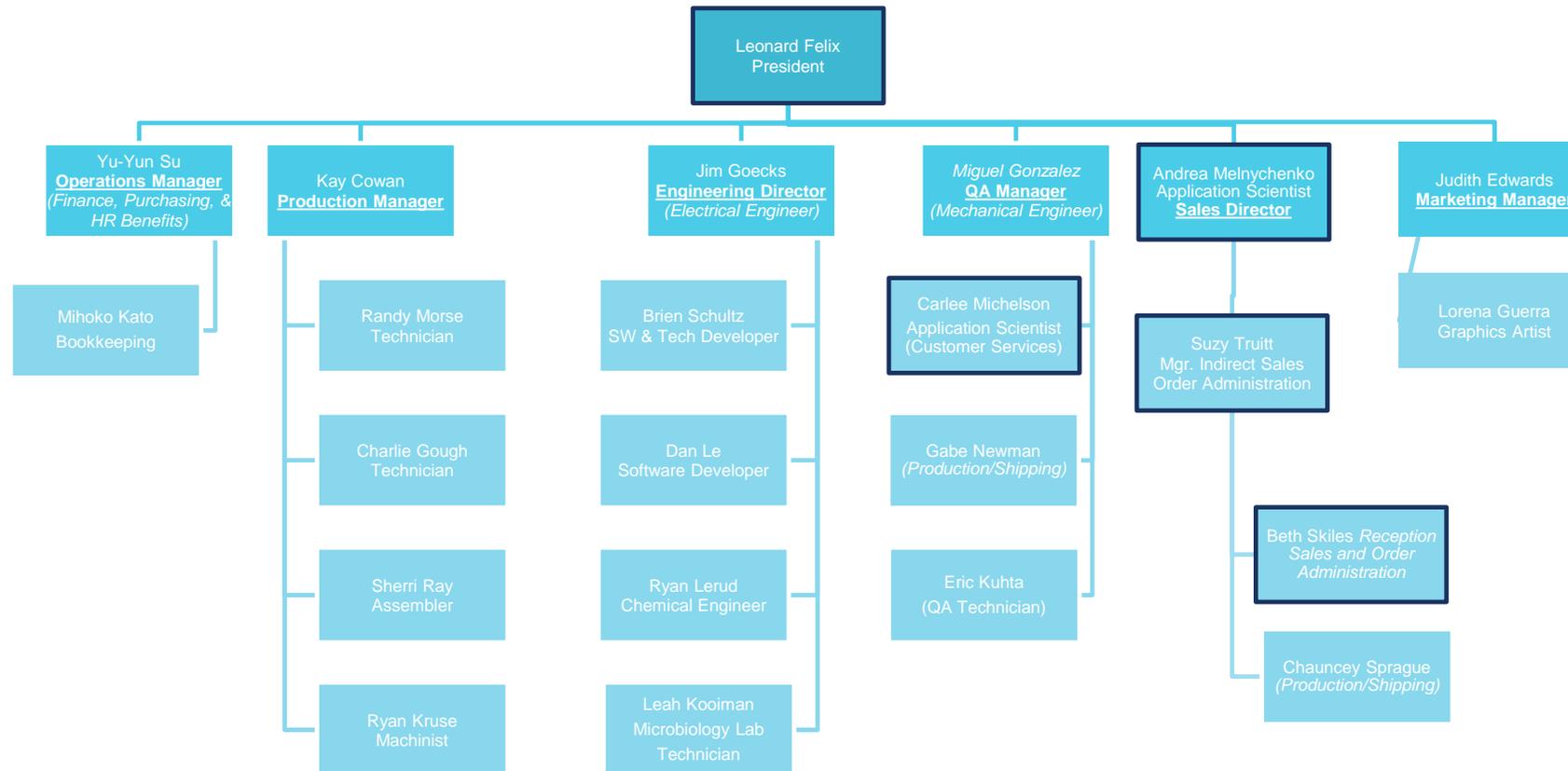


ABOUT FELIX INSTRUMENTS – APPLIED FOOD SCIENCE

- Engineering, Manufacturing, and Business under one roof
- Started in 2012
- Subsidiary of CID Bio-Science, Inc.
 - Portable Instrumentation for Plant Physiology Measurement
 - Founded in 1989
- Created to expand our market to commercial food producers



OUR COMPANY



FULL FELIX INSTRUMENTS PRODUCT LINE

F-750



Produce Quality Meter

F-900



Portable
Ethylene Analyzer

F-950



Three Gas Analyzer

F-920



Check It! Gas Analyzer

Bringing plant science technology from the laboratory and into the hands of the commercial produce industry.

All Felix Instruments feature:

- SD Card for internal data-logging
- GPS for mapping sample locations

NEW FELIX INSTRUMENTS PRODUCTS

Gas Analyzers for CO₂, O₂... and ethylene!

F-940



Store It! Gas Analyzer

F-960



Ripen It! Gas Analyzer

Launching Summer 2016

GAS ANALYZERS



F-900 Portable Ethylene Analyzer



F-950 Three Gas Analyzer

RIPENING GASES – WHY THEY ARE IMPORTANT

C₂H₄: Many fruits ripen faster with **ethylene** present

- Ethylene is **made** by fruits **and sensed** by fruits
- Ethylene can quickly lead to **decay** and **spoilage** in sensitive commodities
- Ethylene can be added to **stimulate ripening** or degreening

CO₂: Produce respire **carbon dioxide** as it breaks down sugars for energy.

- Determine **metabolic activity** by measuring CO₂
- Artificially elevating CO₂ through **modified atmosphere packaging** or in **controlled atmosphere storage** can slow respiration rates, making produce last longer.

O₂: Produce needs **oxygen** to maintain cellular function

- Decreased O₂ can **extend lifetimes** of produce during long-term storage
- At very low O₂, **anaerobic respiration** occurs, damaging produce and causing spoilage

THE F-900 PORTABLE ETHYLENE ANALYZER



Ethylene Range: 0-200 ppm

Lower Detection Limit: 0.04 ppm

Optional Sensors



0-2000 ppm



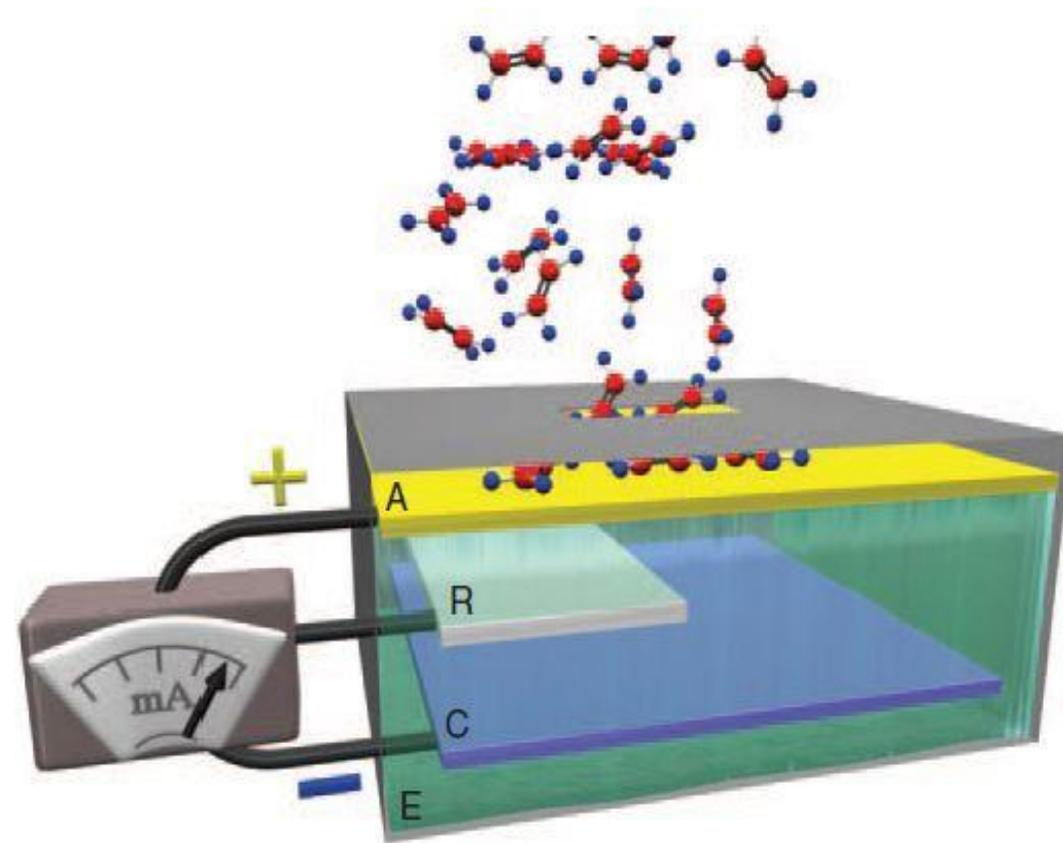
0-20%



0-100%

THEORY OF OPERATION – ETHYLENE SENSOR

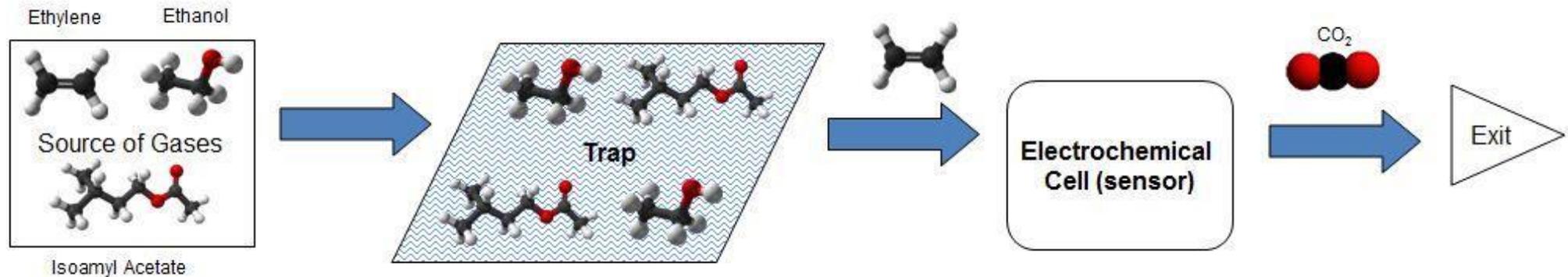
- ▶ Real-time measurement device
- ▶ Open or Closed System
- ▶ Two electrochemical sensor
 - ▶ PPB sensor: Down to 0.040 ppm (40 ppb)
 - ▶ PPM sensor: Up to 200 ppm





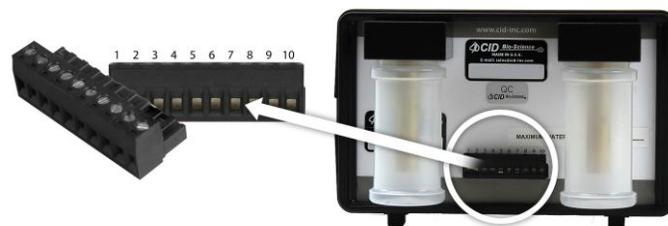
PolarCept™

Patented water filter
removes competing
gases from the sample
gas stream



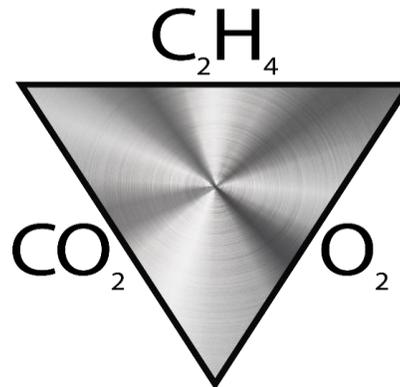
APPLICATIONS

- ▶ Continuous monitoring
 - ▶ Storage facility, greenhouse
- ▶ Inspection device
 - ▶ CA rooms, containers
- ▶ Fluxes from fruits and leaves
 - ▶ Pre-harvest, post-harvest
- ▶ Headspace accumulation
 - ▶ Small volume samples



F-950 THREE GAS ANALYZER

- Measures CO₂, O₂ and ethylene (C₂H₄) in real time
 - Ethylene from 0.5 ppm to 200 ppm
 - CO₂ from 0-20%
 - O₂ from 0-100%
- Data-logged internally
- Open or closed system measurements



APPLICATIONS – CONTINUOUS MODE

- Continuous Mode
 - Live-updating graphs of gas concentrations
 - Data saved every one second
- For measurements in a changing environment
- Use for tracking down areas of high gas accumulation



APPLICATIONS – TRIGGER MODE

- Trigger Mode
 - Continuous flow-through until stable value is reached
 - One final value is reported and recorded
- Inspection tool
- Ideal for gas levels checks of static locations



APPLICATIONS – FIXED VOLUME MODE

- Fixed Volume Mode
 - 10-15 mL samples pulled into instrument
 - Gas is recirculated and a single concentration is reported
- Measurements from Modified Atmosphere Packaged
- Measurements of headspace accumulation in jars



NEW GAS ANALYZERS – F-920 CHECK IT! GAS ANALYZER



- Measure CO2 and O2
- 0-100% range for both sensors
- Displays results in under 6 seconds
- Single-mode for rapid measurement
- Ideal for MAP bags or inspection

NEW GAS ANALYZERS – F-940 STORE IT! GAS ANALYZER

- CO₂, O₂, and Ethylene (C₂H₄)
- CO₂ and O₂ 0-100%
- Ethylene 0-10 ppm
- Lower detection limit 0.1 ppm
- All modes and functionality of F-950
- Improved response time (15 seconds)
- Ideal for measurements of ethylene-sensitive commodities



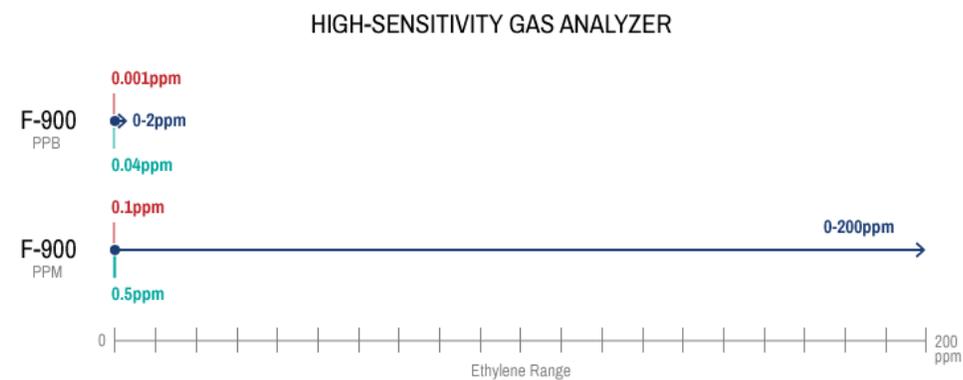
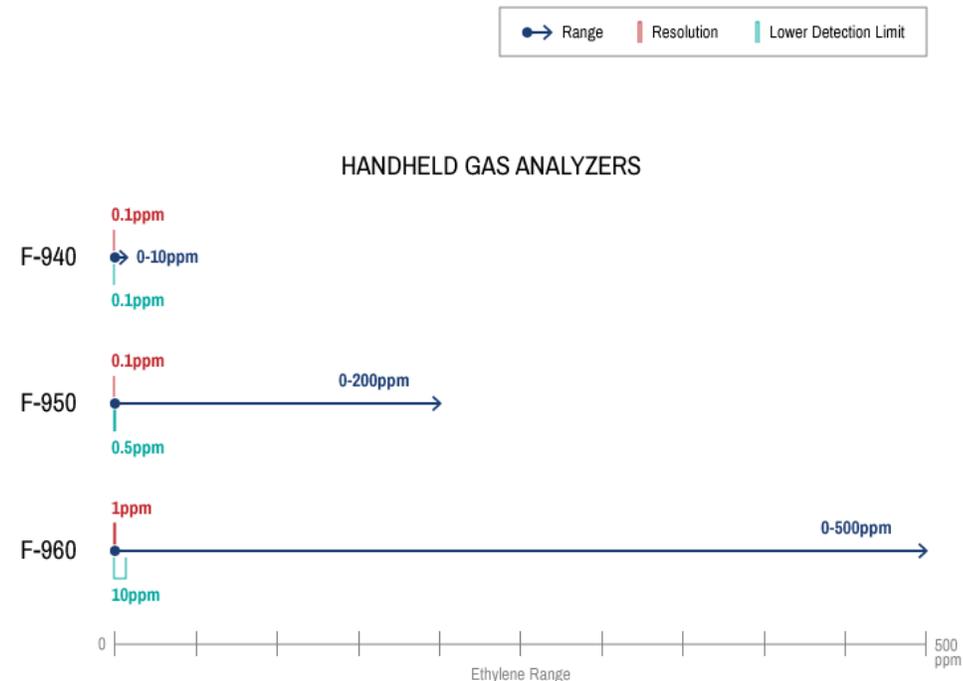
NEW GAS ANALYZERS – F-960 RIPEN IT! GAS ANALYZER



- CO₂, O₂, and Ethylene (C₂H₄)
- CO₂ and O₂ 0-100%
- Ethylene 0-500 ppm
- Lower detection limit 10 ppm
- All modes and functionality of F-950
- Improved response time (15 seconds)
- Ideal for forced ripening applications

BLOG POST AND INFOGRAPHIC

- Ethylene Range Chart
- Blog post “How to choose the best gas analyzer for you”



CALIBRATIONS

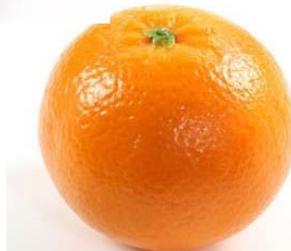
Instrument	Sensor	Zero	Span	Full
F-900	PPB Ethylene	Daily	Weekly	Annually
F-900	PPM Ethylene	Daily	Bi-annually	Annually
F-900	CO2 PPM	Weekly	Bi-annually	Annually
F-900	CO2 PERCENT	Bi-annually	Bi-annually	Annually
F-900	O2	Weekly	Bi-annually	Annually
F-950	PPM Ethylene	Daily	Bi-annually	Annually
F-950	CO2 PERCENT	Bi-annually	Bi-annually	Annually
F-950	O2	Bi-annually	Bi-annually	Annually

COMPETITORS

	F-900	F-950	EMS MACView	Mocon	OxyBaby
Ethylene range	0.04-200 ppm	0.5-200 ppm	0-5 ppm	Not available	Not available
CO2	Optional 0-2000 ppm Optional 0-20%	0-20%	Not available	0-30%	0-100%
O2	Optional 0-100%	0-100%	Not available	0-100%	0-100%
Calibration	Weekly, Bi-annually	Annually	Weekly	Annually	Annually

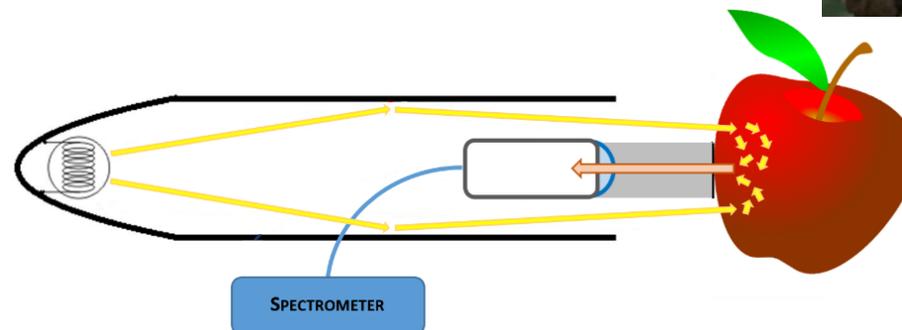
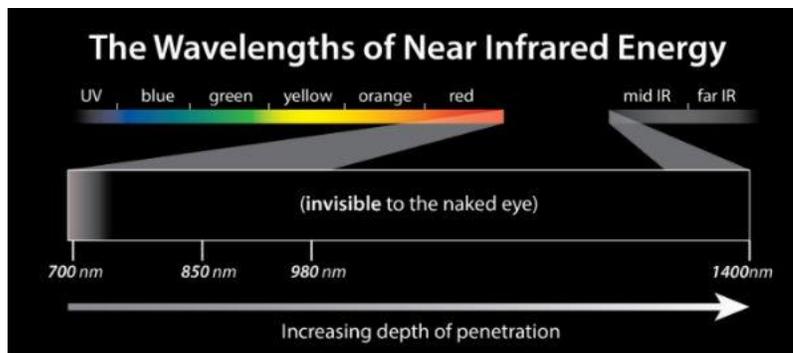
F-750 PRODUCE QUALITY METER – WHY WE NEED IT

- Fruit is complex
 - Sugars
 - Acids
 - Dry Matter
- Molecules inside the fruit change as fruit ripens
- Consumers prefer different types of flavors
- Need a non-destructive, standardized way to measure quality!



F-750 PRODUCE QUALITY METER – HOW IT WORKS

- Non-destructive tool for rapid quality assessment
- Acts like a high-powered flashlight – light enters fruit and returns to F-750
- Measures light interactance with groups of molecules
- NIR and visible spectrometer 310-1100 nm
- Builds models tailored to specific commodities
- Measures internal qualities of produce in under 6 seconds



Lets you see tissue instead of skin

F-750 PRODUCE QUALITY METER – CALIBRATION

- Equipped with generic demonstration models
 - Users build their own custom model
1. Scan fruits and vegetables to create a training set
 2. Make destructive, reference measurements from scanned fruits
 3. Use the F-750 Model Builder Software package to marry the training set scans to the reference values and create a model with accuracy metrics
 4. Use the new model to measure hundreds of samples non-destructively

QUICK START GUIDE

F-750 Produce Quality Meter

QUICK-START GUIDE

Model building

- Online!
- Available under F-750 “Manuals”

1 Gather samples across a range of maturity



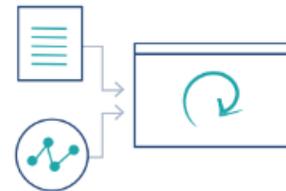
2 Create training set and scan samples



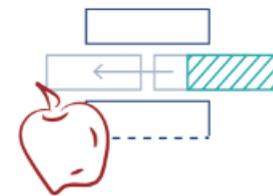
3 Destructively measure samples



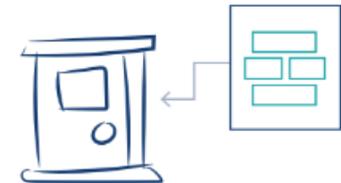
4 Load training set and reference values



5 Build model



6 Load model onto F-750



7 Validate model



8 Start taking measurements non-destructively!



F-750 PRODUCE QUALITY METER - USES

- Use as a crop management tool
- Time harvest with periods of peak quality
- Assign incoming produce to various controlled atmosphere storage
- Assess quality at import locations
- Assign produce to specific retail markets
- Inspection tool for retail outlets



F-750 PRODUCE QUALITY METER - ADVANTAGES



- Non-destructive measurements
- No technique required once models are built
- Models are specific to the qualities and commodities of the user
- Improved fruit quality means produce can sell for a higher cost
- Consistency builds brand or commodity appreciation

F-750 COMPETITORS

	F-750	NIRvana
Wavelength	303- 1070 nm	350-1100 nm
Resolution	8-13 nm	8-13 nm
Battery life	16,000 samples	Full day of operation

New instruments may compete in the future, but all released until now do not have the functionality and flexibility of the F-750

CONFERENCES TO PRESENT FELIX INSTRUMENTS

- Tradeshows
 - Produce Marketing Associations
 - Regional produce conferences
- Academic Conferences
 - Horticultural conferences
 - Postharvest conferences
- Commodity-specific events



World Conference on Horticultural Research
17-20 June 1998 in Rome, Italy



Postharvest Unlimited
ISHS International Conference
10-13 June 2014 • Cyprus



KEY CUSTOMERS

- **Companies focused on Brand and Quality**

- Quality Assurance Managers
- Fieldmen
- Crop consultants
- Warehouse Managers
- Research and Development Staff
- Importers
- Exporters
- Fruit Surveyors

- **Academic fruit and vegetable Researchers**



SALES OPPORTUNITIES

- Customer visits
- **Evaluations are key!**
- Commodity-specific brands
- Regional knowledge of the marketplace
- Annual maintenance recommended for all
 - Revenue opportunity after sale if performed by distributor
- Model Building Service for revenue

FELIX INSTRUMENTS DIRECT SALES PIPELINE

Send Pricing Quickly

Phone call with
Application Scientist

Follow up!

RESOURCES

Sales Team Website

sales.felixinstruments.com

- Brochures
- Photos
- Graphics
- Logos
- Videos
- Certificates
- Press Releases
- Manuals
- Specifications Documents
- Training
- Newsletters

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