



Critical On-line Process Monitoring using Ion Chromatography

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Process IC: Thermo Scientific Dionex Integral Process Analytical (PA) System

- Optimize process operations by improving process monitoring
- Easily migrate from lab instrument to plant floor
- Stand-alone sample preparer (SP) and stream selector (SS) modules
- Accommodates IC and HPLC instruments
- Dionex IC ease of use- eluent generation and electrolytic suppression
- Thermo Scientific[™] Chromeleon 7 Process Analyzer software
- 35+ years of experience



Confidence in hardware, support, and results



Process analysis: industries and applications

Pharmaceutical/Biopharmaceutical – Reaction monitoring, collection based on purity, bioreactors, water purity, cleaning validation

Power – lons in cooling water and steam condensate

Semiconductor – Water quality, critical components in plating baths, contaminants in rinse baths



Environmental/Utilities – Water treatment plant inflow/outflow (pesticides, by-products), remediation/reclamation process confirmation

Chemical/Petrochemical – Reaction process/endpoint determination, control reactant concentrations, waste stream discharges



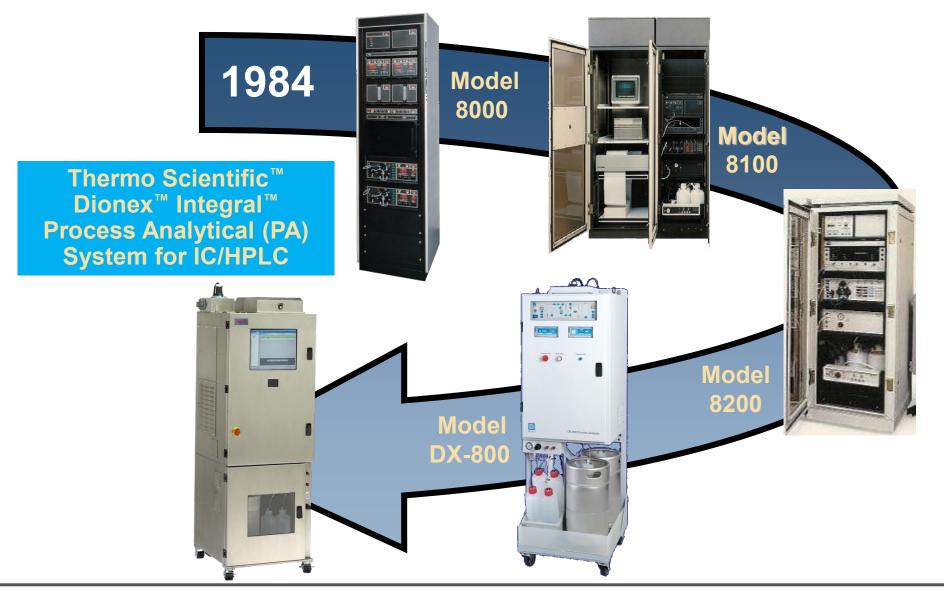
Biofuels/Biorefineries – Critical media components and costly enzymes, SO₄ and CI in final product



Food/Agriculture – Bottled water, food components, soft drink and juice formulation control



Over 35 years of experience with on-line IC and HPLC





Thermo Scientific Dionex Integral PA Migration Path

Process knowledge begins in the lab. Process analytical technology (PAT) should too!



Migrate PAT with the process.

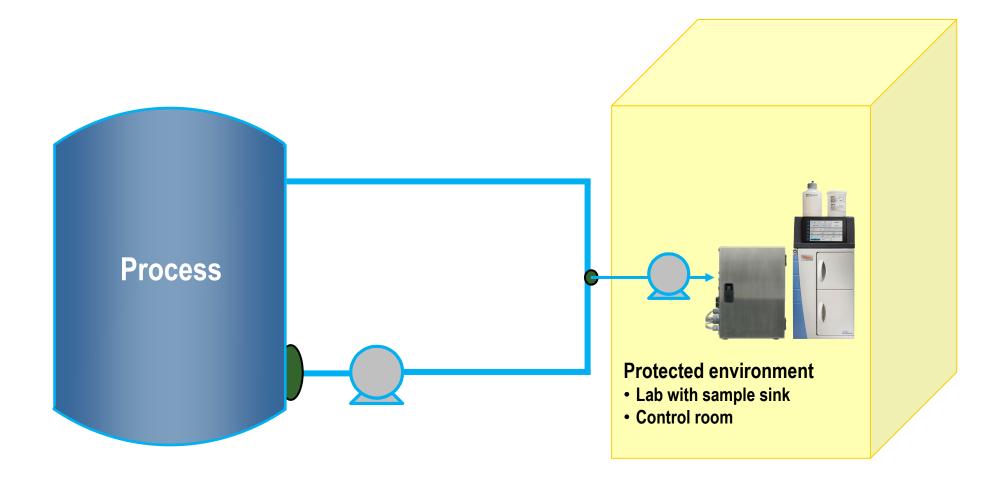


- More timely, frequent process analysis provides more process detail
 - Rapid identification of transient upsets and trends
 - Improved understanding of what impacts your process
- Enable use of process automation and control
- Reduced
 - Process variability
 - Process cycle times
 - Risk of exceeding regulatory limits
 - Risk of operator exposure to dangerous chemicals
- Improved product quality and yields



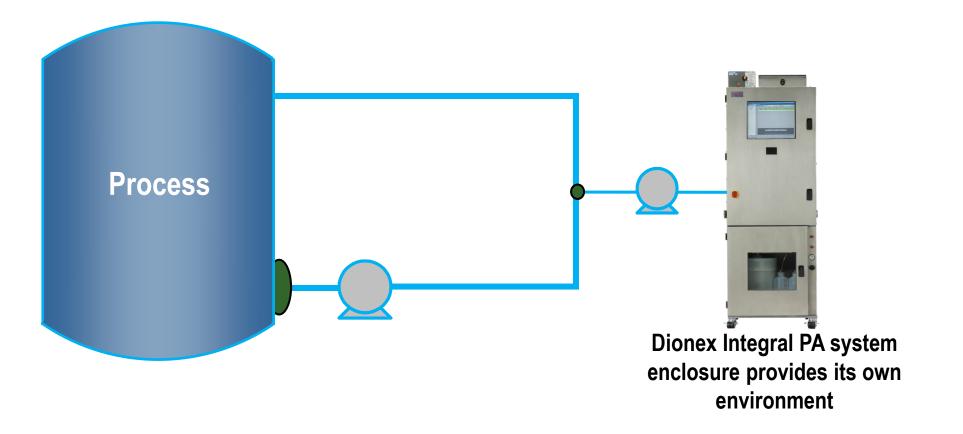
- Eliminate down time waiting on lab results
 - Increase process equipment usage
 - Decrease process cycle times
- Use labor to produce product, not delivering samples to the lab
- Eliminate equipment damage from corrosive process conditions
- Increased reaction yields
- Regenerate process resins on breakthrough; not time
- Eliminate production of out of specification product

On-line IC/LC with Dionex Integral PA Migration Path for PAT





On-line IC/LC with Dionex Integral PA system enclosure





Thermo Scientific[™] Stream Selector (SS) and Sample Preparer (SP) modules

Configurations and performance

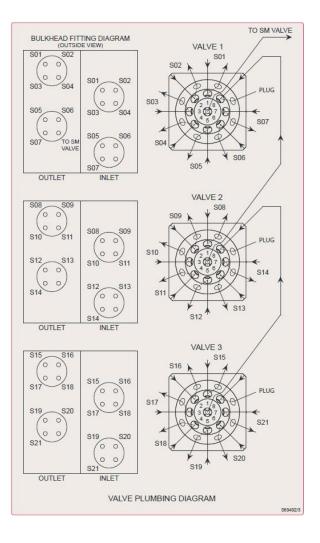




Stream Selector (SS) module for Dionex Integral PA system

- Multiplex sample streams to single analyzer
 - Up to 21 sample streams per analyzer
 - Save cost by sharing analyzer across multiple streams
- Stand-alone module for lab, pilot plant, process







Sample Preparer (SP) module for Dionex Integral PA system

- Automated sample/standard preparation
 - Sampling
 - Dilution
 - Reagent addition
 - Analyte isolation/preconcentration (SPE)
- Automated calibration
 - Generate calibration curve from stock standard
- Stand-alone module for lab, pilot plant, process
- Available configurations
 - SP1 module: Concentration / direct injection
 - SP2 module: Dilution / direct injection
 - SPx module: Base unit for custom configurations



Vertical for external or stand-alone (door removed)

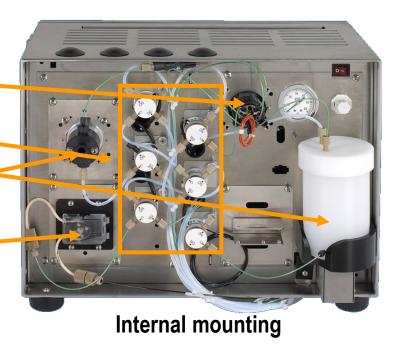


Horizontal for internal mounting



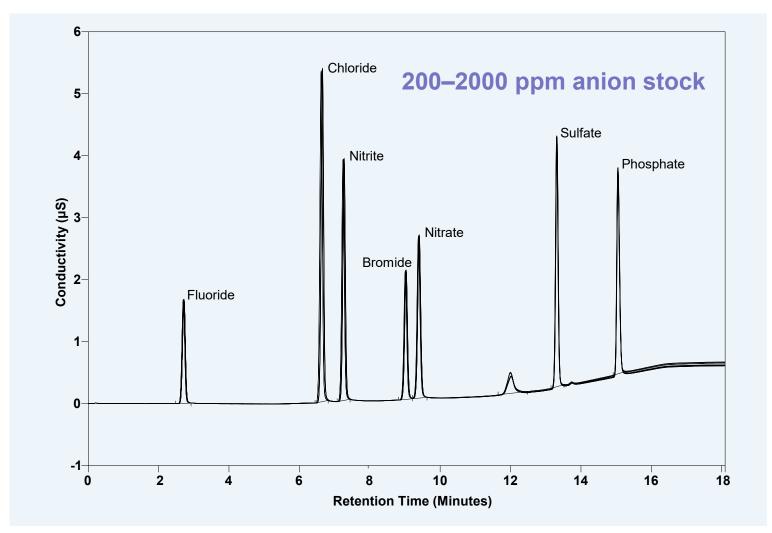
SP module configuration options

- Valves
 - PEEK & SST rotary valves
 - 2-position (10port, 6 port) and multi-position
 - 100-psi PEEK solenoid valves (up to 10)
- Dilution vessels with magnetic stirrer
 - 250 mL HDPE
 - 50mL PEEK, heated (up to 40° C)
- Pumps
 - Precision metering pumps
 - Peristaltic pumps
- Miscellaneous
 - Sensors
 - Leak detection
 - Sample flow
 - Ambient temperature
 - Pressure (gas or process)
 - Vial cooler for standard or reagent
 - TTL inputs, analog inputs, relays, DC power output





SP module performance data – 1:1000 dilution



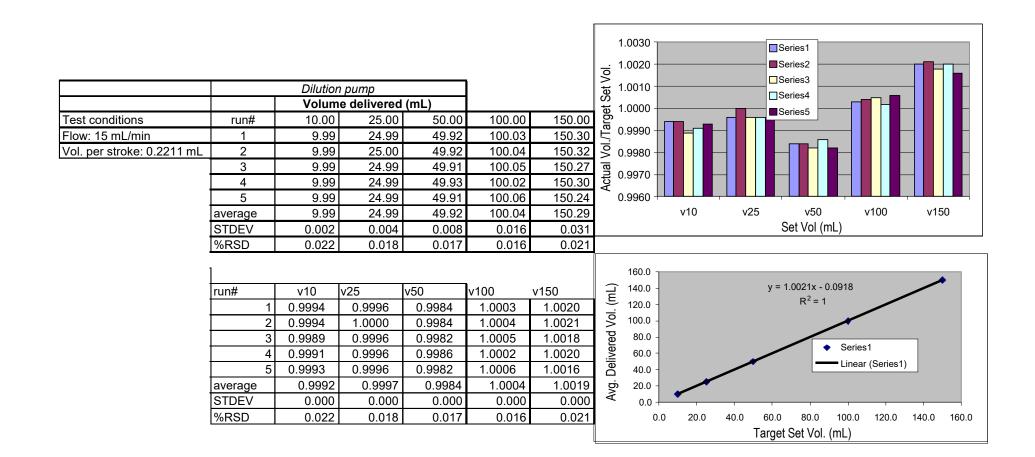
Overlay of 30 consecutive runs, direct injection (10 µL) after dilution



Peak name	Peak area RSD (n=30)	Retention time RSD (n=30)
Fluoride (200 ppb)	0.423%	0.277%
Chloride (1000 ppb)	0.377%	0.180%
Nitrite (1000 ppb)	0.391%	0.145%
Bromide (1000 ppb)	0.399%	0.082%
Nitrate (1000 ppb)	0.474%	0.074%
Sulfate (1000 ppb)	0.391%	0.034%
Phosphate (2000 ppb)	0.383%	0.027%

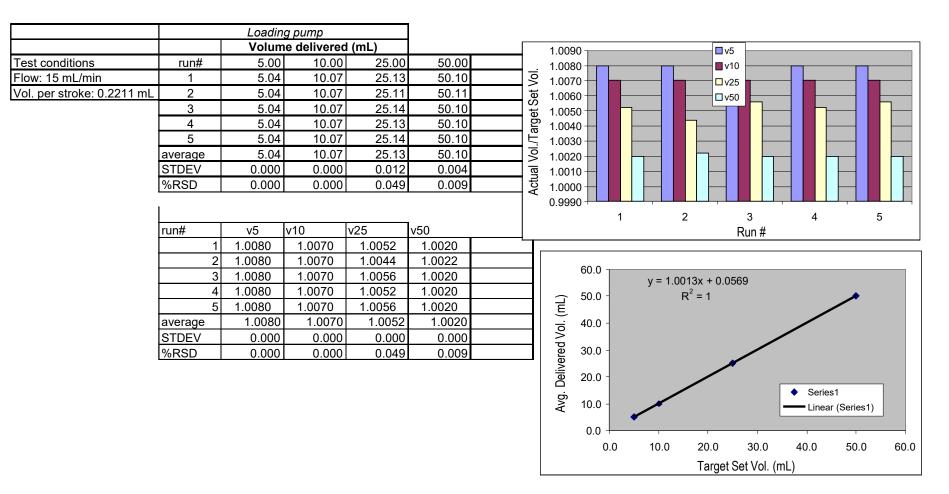
Passes general application specification of < 0.5% RSD for area





Meets target specs of <0.2% RSD (by 10x)

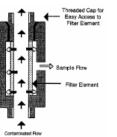




Meets target specs of <0.2% RSD (by 10x)



- United filtration: a good selection of bypass filters. Good for chemical / industrial samples. http://unitedfiltration.com/stainless-steel-exotic-and-analyzer-filters/
- Flownamics: well-known and well-regarded line of reactor probes. http://www.flownamics.com/products_fisp.php
- Trace analytics: Dialysis and filtration probes: https://www.trace.de/en/products/sampling-systems/
- GlobalFIA: some membrane-based units used for bioreactors. • http://www.globalfia.com/components-store
- Collins Swirlklean filters: Used for high-solids, industrial and wastewater samples http://collins-products.com











System configuration options

IC/HPLC with liquid, analyzer enclosure modules; external or internal SS/SP modules





Dionex Integral PA system on-line IC instrument options

Thermo Scientific[™] Dionex[™] ICS-6000 HPIC[™] system

- Single- or dual-channel
- Reagent-Free[™] IC (RFIC[™]), isocratic, gradient
- Analytical, microbore, capillary flow
- Conductivity, PAD, UV-VIS



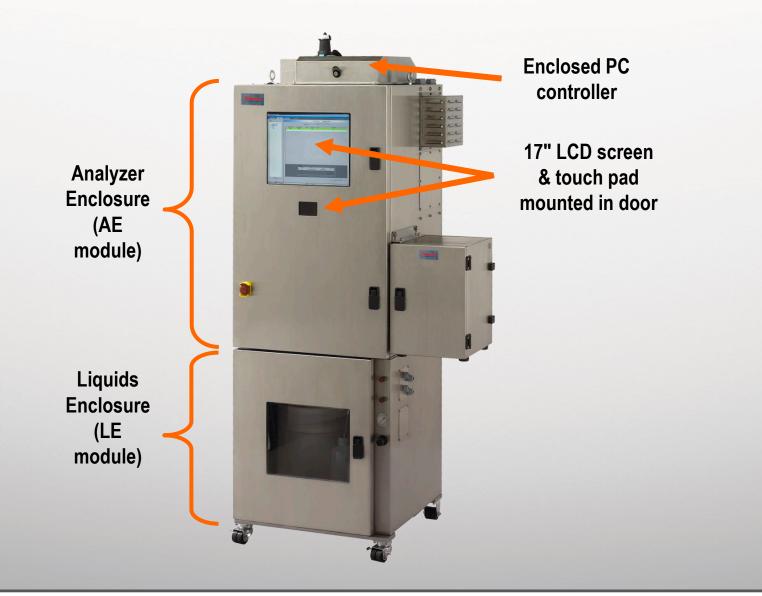
Dionex Integral PA system on-line HPLC instrument options

- Thermo Scientific[™] UltiMate[™] 3000 system
 - Single or dual channel
 - Isocratic, binary or quaternary gradient pumps
 - Micro or standard bore
 - SST or Titanium/PEEK for biocompatibility
 - RSLC (UHPLC) for high pressure and/or high flow
 - Multiple detection options
 - UV-VIS (single or multi λ , DAD), fluorescence, RI, CAD



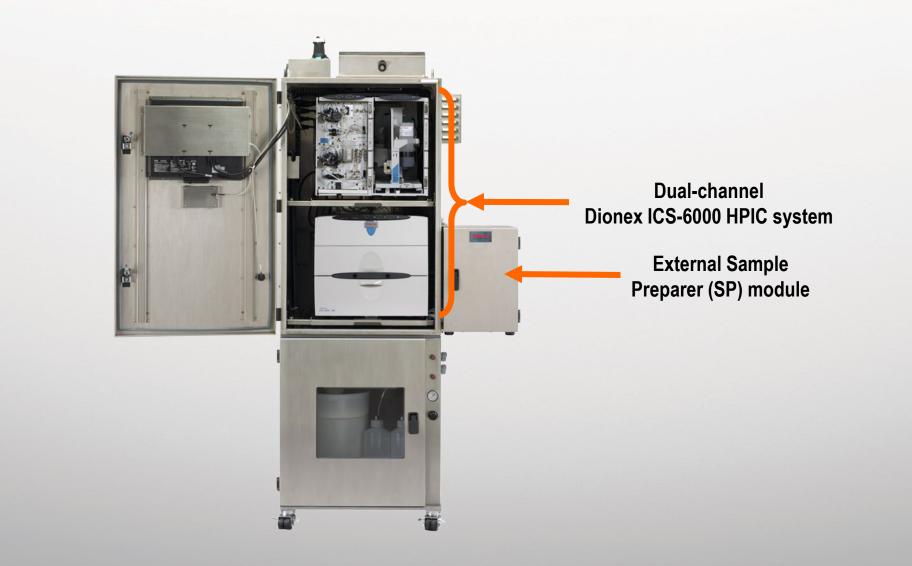
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Dionex Integral PA system enclosure options



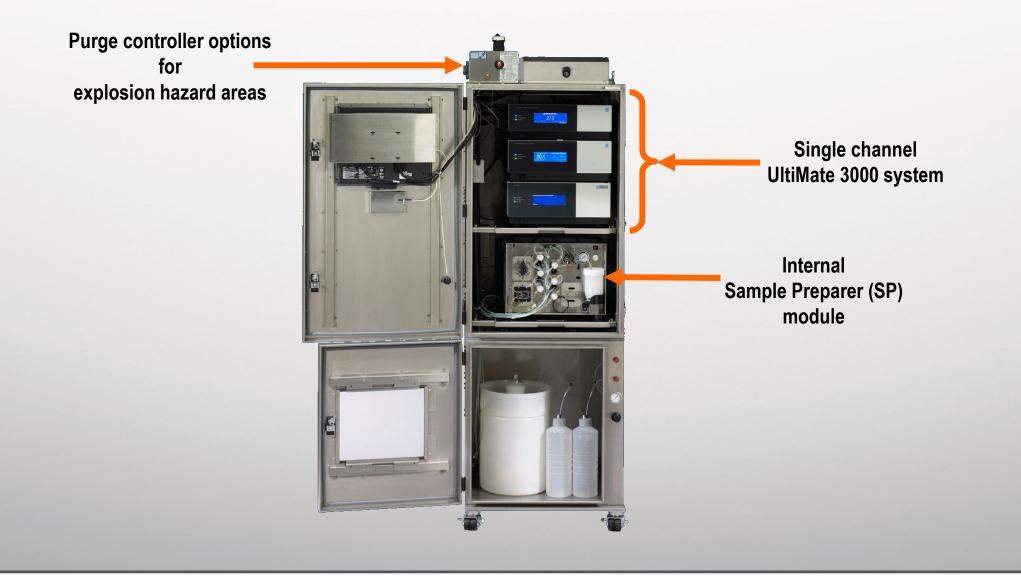


Dionex Integral PA system enclosure with ICS-6000 HPIC system





Dionex Integral PA system enclosure with UltiMate 3000 system



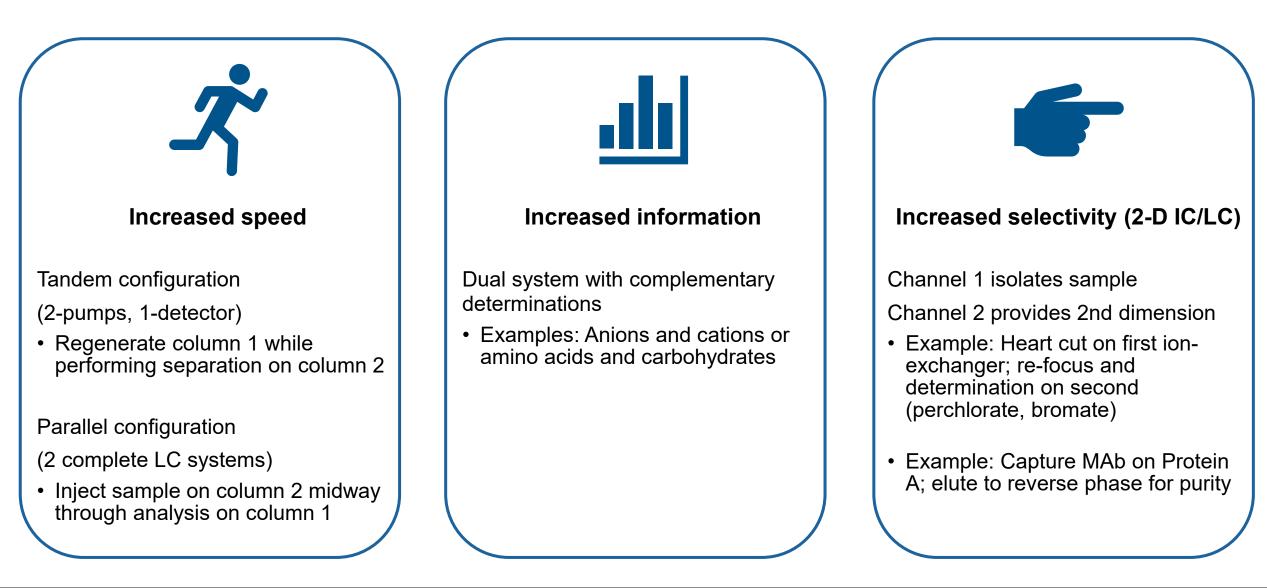


Hazardous environment implementations

- Allows operation of "general use" equipment in hazardous environments
- Implementation always involves customer engineering and plant safety review
- Example: Custom Pepperl+Fuchs purge implementation for C1D1









Thermo Scientific Chromeleon 7 Process Analyzer Software

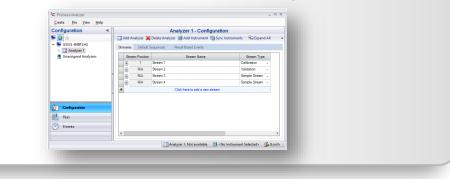




Chromeleon 7 Process Analyzer Software

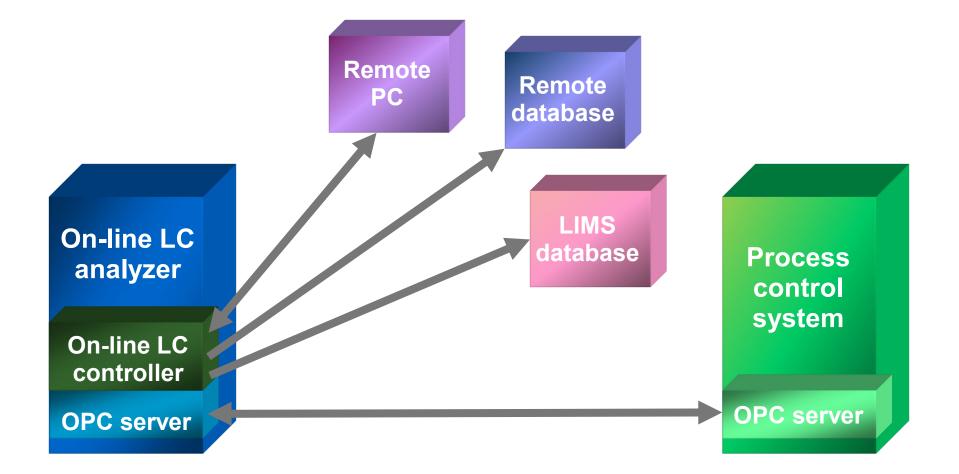
- Control of Dionex Integral Process Analyzer
 - Up to four instruments in parallel per analyzer
- Based on Thermo Scientific[™] Chromeleon[™] Chromatography Data System (CDS) software, version 7.3
 - Electronically transfer methods from development to on-line monitoring
- Designed for regulatory compliance
 - Validated, security, e-signatures, audit trail, automated system suitability
- Intelligent analyzer control for results-based decisions

- User-customizable options
 - Results Based Events (RBE), alarms, alarm actions, control panels, reports
- Overlap sample preparation for faster sample throughput
- Supports Microsoft[™] Windows[™] 10 operating system
- Support for Open Platform Communication (OPC) will be added in upcoming revision





On-line LC data integration with remote systems





On-line IC applications for high purity waters





What is "high-purity" water?

- Power plant cooling waters
 - ppb-levels moving to ppt-levels
 - Matrix challenges from additives (amines, borate, lithium)
- Pharmaceutical grade
 - ppb-levels
- Semiconductor grade
 - ppt-levels to ppq-levels



"First do no harm..."

- Considerations for trace ion analyses
 - Don't contaminate the sample!
 - Grab samples
 - Continuous, closed streams
 - No dead legs allowed! They grow crud and bugs.
 - Filtration is rarely, but sometimes needed
 - Sample pressure and sample flow need to be considered

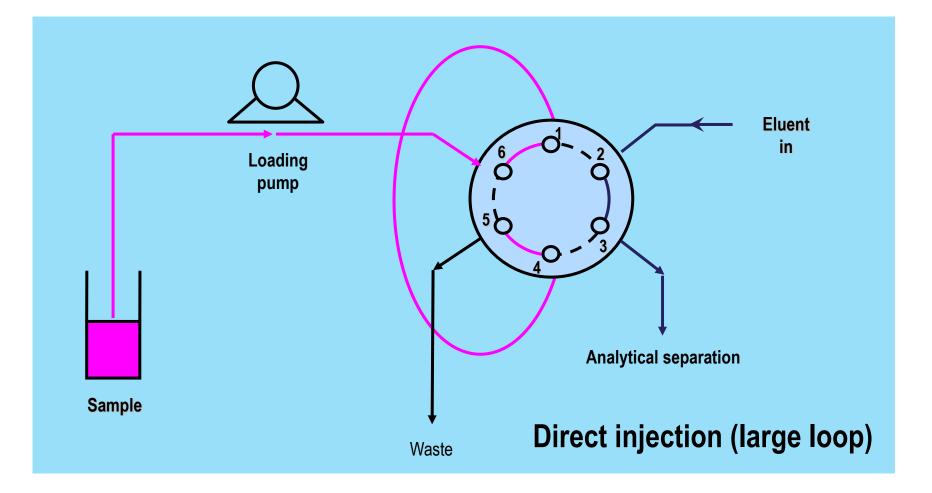


Plumbing approaches to trace analysis

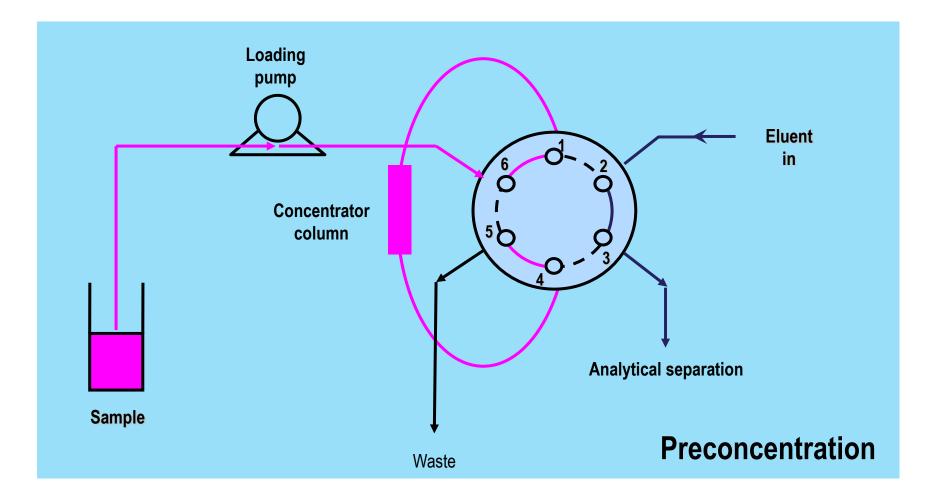
Direct injection vs. preconcentration

- Direct injection is appropriate for mid ppb-level determinations
- Preconcentration is required for sub-ppb determinations
- Preconcentration approaches:
 - Deliver through sampling/loading pump
 - Deliver with carrier stream
 - Deliver with purified carrier stream
- Calibration approaches:
 - Stock dilution
 - Mass loading (Autoprep)

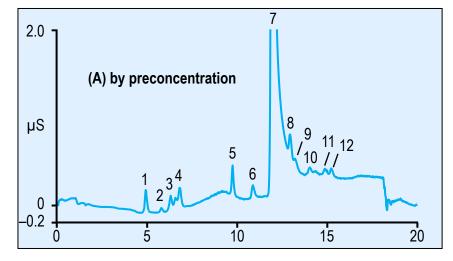


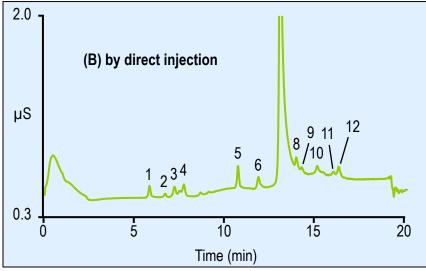










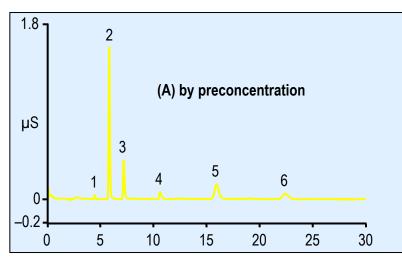


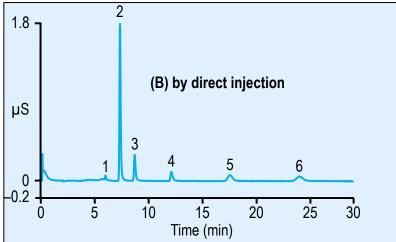
Column:	Thermo Scientific™ Dionex™ IonPac™ AS15, 5-µm
Eluent:	7–60 mM KOH (EG)
Temperature:	30 °C
Flow rate:	0.7 mL/min
Inj. volume:	(A) 8 mL, pre-concentrated
	on TAC-ULPI
	(B) 1 mL
Detection:	Suppressed conductivity,
	Thermo Scientific™ Dionex™ ASRS™ ULTRA II,
	2 mm, recycle mode

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Peaks:			Α	В
	1.	Fluoride	0.1	0.5 μg/L (ppb)
	2.	Glycolate	0.2	1
	3.	Acetate	0.2	1
	4.	Formate	0.2	1
	5.	Chloride	0.1	0.5
	6.	Nitrite	0.1	0.5
	7.	Carbonate		
	8.	Sulfate	0.4	2
	9.	Oxalate	0.2	1
	10.	Bromide	0.4	2
	11.	Nitrate	0.1	0.5
	12.	Phosphate	0.6	3



Cations in HPW: concentrator vs. large loop





Column:	Thermo Scientific™ Dionex™ IonPac™
	CG16, CS16, 3 mm
Eluent:	30 mM MSA (EG)
Temperature:	40 °C
Flow rate:	0.5 mL/min
Inj. volume:	(A) 8 mL, preconcentrated on TCC-LPI
	(B) 1 mL
Detection:	Suppressed conductivity,
	Thermo Scientific™ Dionex™ CSRS™
	ULTRA II, external water mode

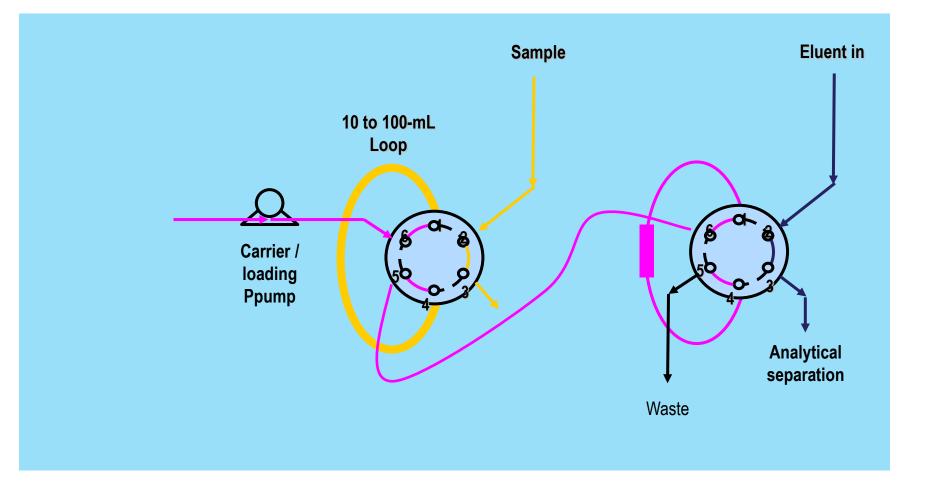
Peaks:		Α	В
1.	Lithium	10	50 µg/L (ppb)
2.	Sodium	40	200
3.	Ammonium	50	250
4.	Potassium	100	500
5.	Magnesium	50	250
6.	Calcium	100	500



Plumbing issues with trace analysis

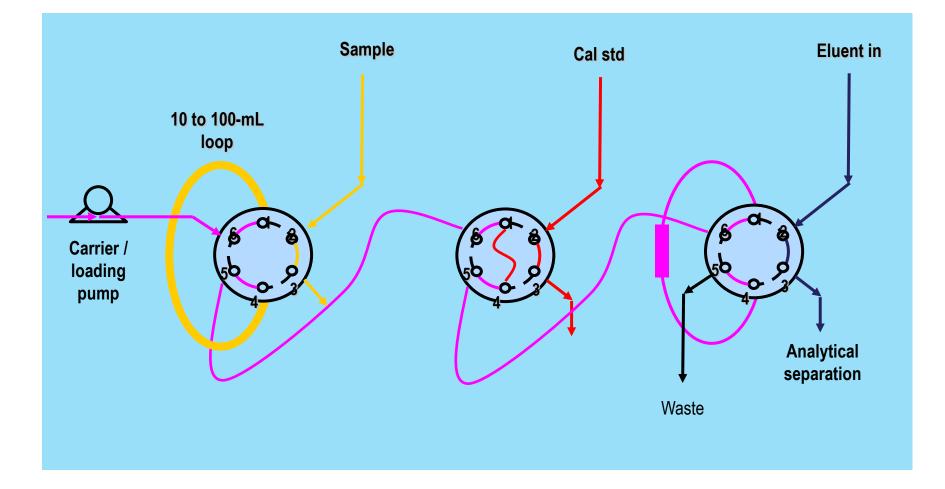
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 - Direct injection is appropriate for mid ppb-level determinations
 - Preconcentration is required for sub-ppb determinations
- Preconcentration issues when loading sample:
 - Deliver through sampling pump: *Potential blank from pump*
 - Deliver with carrier stream: Need clean carrier source
 - Deliver with purified carrier stream: Flow rate can be limiting







Autoprep / mass loading approach for calibration





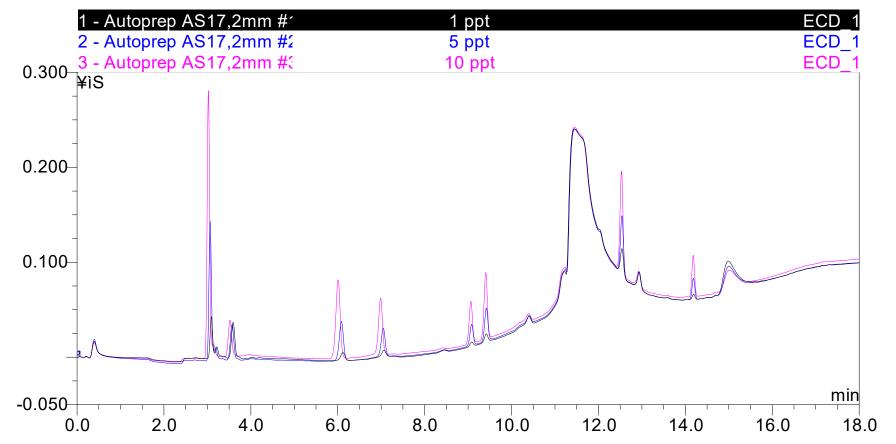
Dionex Integral PA system with ICS-3000 system semiconductor installation

- ICS-3000 system w/ Sample Preparer SP1 module
- Trace anions for ppt-level
- Autoprep with 40-mL sample
 - Carrier delivery of sample
 - Mass loading approach for calibration





20 mL preconcentration volume, AS17 with CRD





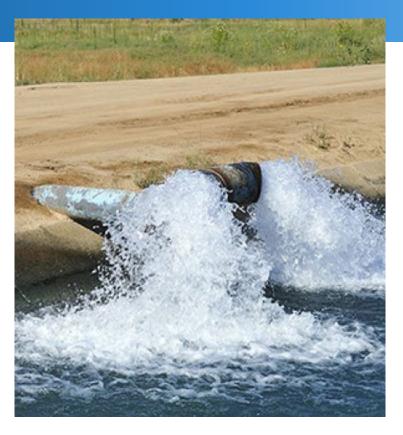
Trace configuration summary

- Trace analysis possible with Autoprep configuration using 10-mL to 100-mL sample / carrier loop
- Need to load larger volumes (up to 75 mLs) for sub-ppt determinations
- Loop materials can vary, but performance tradeoffs
 - Perfluoroalkoxy (PFA) popular in semiconductor but leaches F for extended flushdown period
 - PEEK good for smaller volumes but SO₄ blank is a problem at <20 ppt levels
 - Polyethylene (HDPE) loop used successfully in customer installations; inexpensive solution compared to large quantity of PFA



On-line IC application example in environmental

Monitoring perchlorate removal in ground water remediation





Perchlorate monitoring at ground water remediation site

• Project summary:

- Ground water contaminated with perchlorate
- EPA pilot project to test remediation methods
- On-line IC monitors perchlorate at ppb levels
- Goal:
 - Provide on-line monitoring of remediation process effectiveness

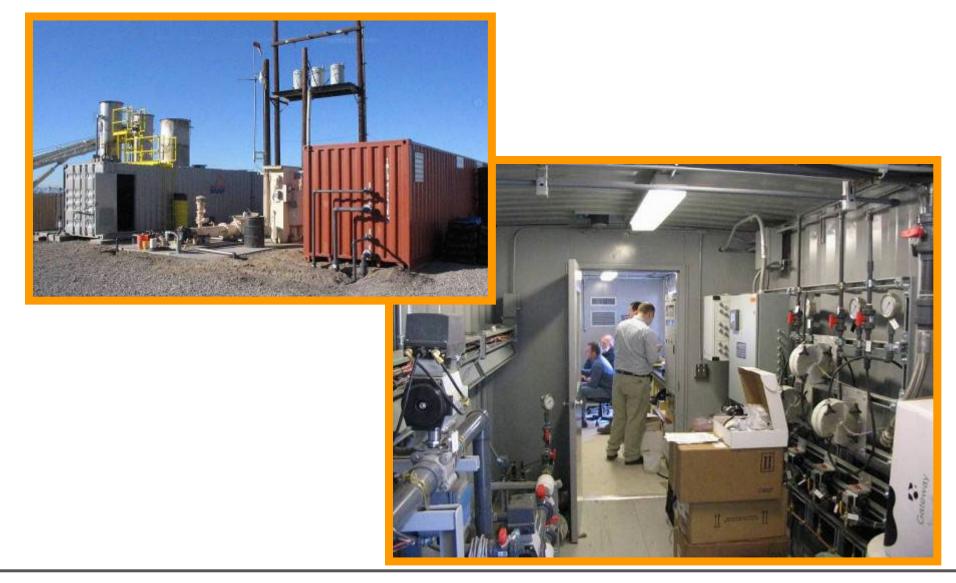


Cal DHS / EPA target locations



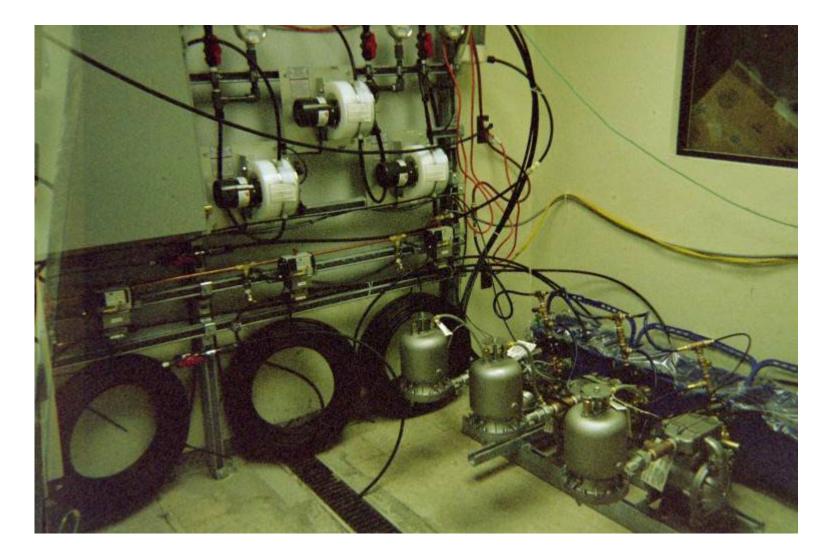


Southern California remediation site





Sampling pumps, valves, and filters





Analyzer and sampling control

- Allen Bradley LSC 5/05 PLC
- RS View software
- Matrikon data manager
- Chromeleon PA oftware and workstation
 - Chromeleon OPC server
 - Analyzer status
 - Analyzer control
 - Analysis results reporting
 - Meilhaus ME630 16Ch Relay TTL I/O Board
 - Valve control
 - Pump solenoid control
 - Filter motor control



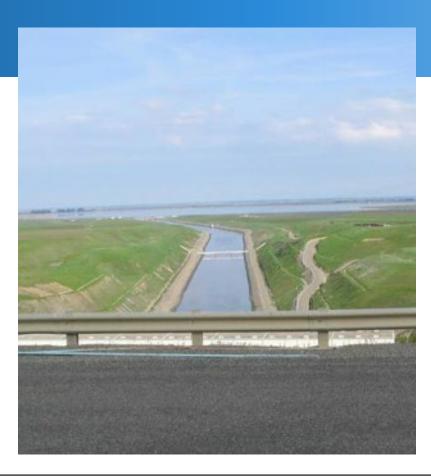
Motorized tangential filters

- Sample sumps, filters, and valves controlled by analyzer program
 - Timing defined by user
 - Steps and timing can be different for each sample
- Filters set for intermittent duty cycle
 - Analysis on 30-minute cycle
 - Filters ran warm unless bypass sample flow was maintained at high flow rate



On-line LC application example in water utility

Bromide in water utility feed stream





Monitoring bromide in the California aqueduct

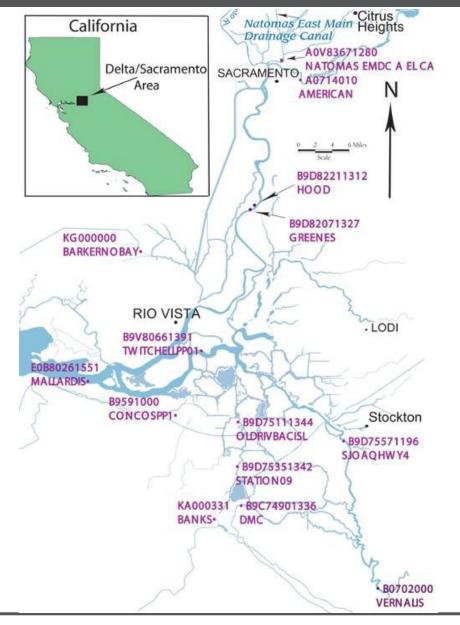
- 2/3 of water consumption occurs south of Sacramento
- 2/3 of precipitation occurs north of Sacramento
- The California Delta (near Sacramento) is the crossroads for transportation from storage to points-of-use
 - Subject to high salinity and bromide from seawater intrusion
 - TOC levels can elevate from broad land areas and agricultural runoff
 - MQWI program of the CA DWR monitors quality for downstream municipal customers



MQWI monitoring stations

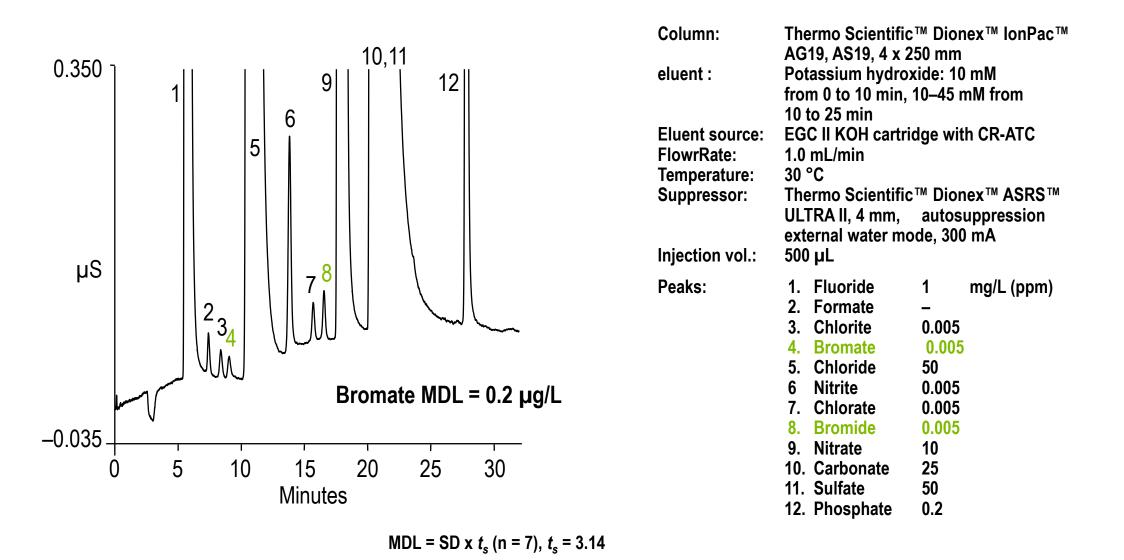
• 11 sites

- Weekly & monthly manual sampling
- 4 on rivers
- 6 in delta
- 1 urban
- Program in place to make near-realtime quality results available to "customers"





Bromide and bromate in drinking water



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Summary

- Dionex Integral systems based on 35+ years on-line IC/HPLC experience
- Unmatched versatility and value
 - Both IC and HPLC options
 - Integral Migration Path: On-line IC/LC whenever and wherever needed
 - Lower investment risk; reconfigurable for future systems / applications
 - Single- or dual-channel capabilities in one enclosure
 - Coordinated multi-system operation for unattended operation
 - Scheduled reporting for timely, automated results
- Numerous examples of successful on-line IC/LC applications
 - Significant return on investment



