# NCAR Airborne Oxygen Instrument (AO2)

#### Flow control:



#### O<sub>2</sub> sensor



- Vacuum ultraviolet absorption technique
- Xe lamp (147 nm) and Csl detector
- Adapted from shipboard design (Stephens et al., 2003)
- Active pressure and flow control to 10<sup>-6</sup>
- Switches every 2.5 seconds between sample and WT gas
- 5-second 1-sigma precision of ± 2 per meg

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#### System components:





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## Systematic offsets from HIPPO Medusa flask samples



• Introduction of a small amount of fractionated cabin air at the HIMIL inlet

- Drying of calibration lines and wetting of inlet lines during flight
- Flasks agreed very well with stations, so pinned to smoothed flask values
- Both issues will be addressed prior to ORCAS. Plan to verify in ARISTO

ARSV L.M. Gould Atmospheric  $O_2 / CO_2$ System installed in June of 2012







### ARSV L.M. Gould Atmospheric O<sub>2</sub> and CO<sub>2</sub> Latitudinal Gradients

