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Nitrogen Treatment

# Nitrogen Set Up – Large Scale

Liquid Nitrogen Dewar:  
~ 110,000 liters of gas

Home made “bubbler” for  
humidification with high flow  
and low flow meter sets

Teledyne Portable  
Oxygen Sensor

Rentokil 6 m<sup>3</sup> PVC  
reusable bubble





# Nitrogen Set Up – Medium Scale

Home made “bubbler” for humidification with high flow and low flow meter sets

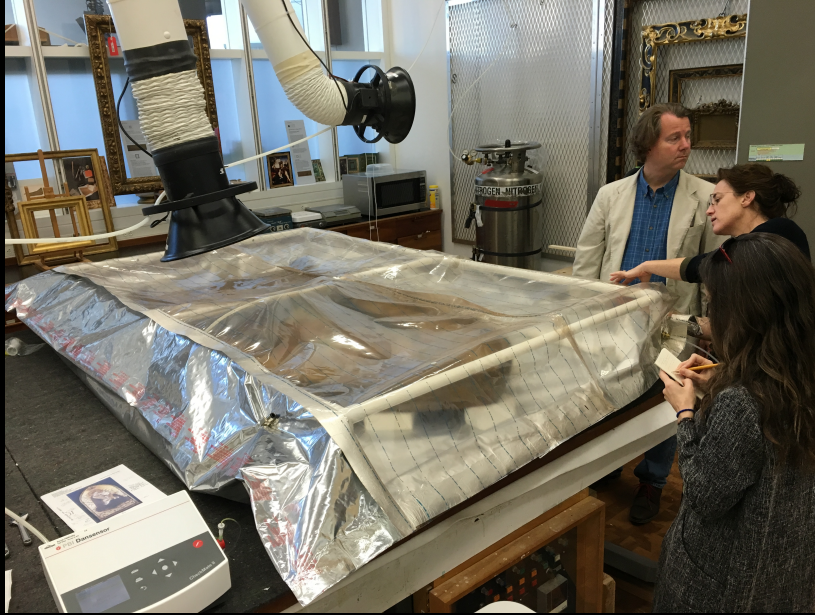
Liquid Nitrogen Dewar: ~ 110,000 liters of gas



Heat sealed Aclar and Marvelseal bubble

PBI Dansensor  
Checkmate 2  
Oxygen sensor  
(syringe sampling)

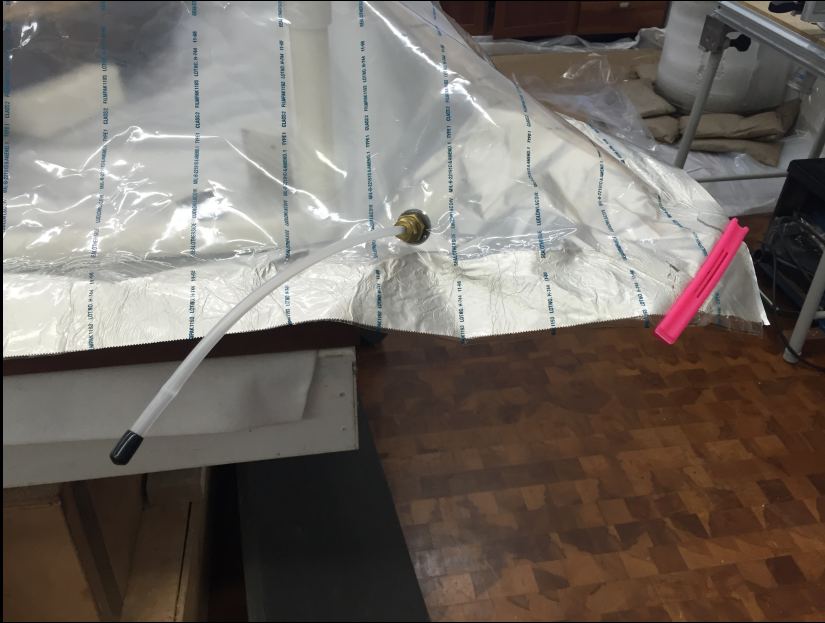
# PVC tubing frame





# Controllable Vent

## Continuous 2 lpm flow during treatment



# Liquid Nitrogen Dewar

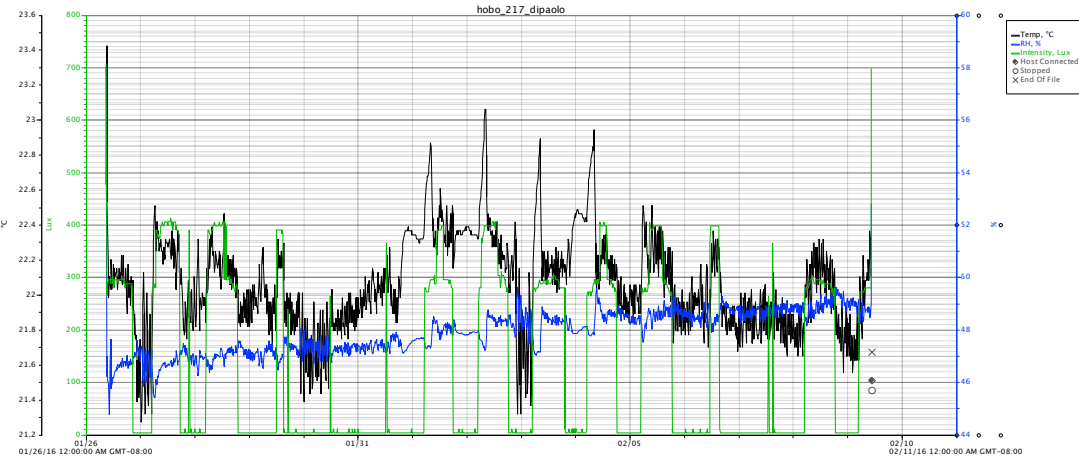
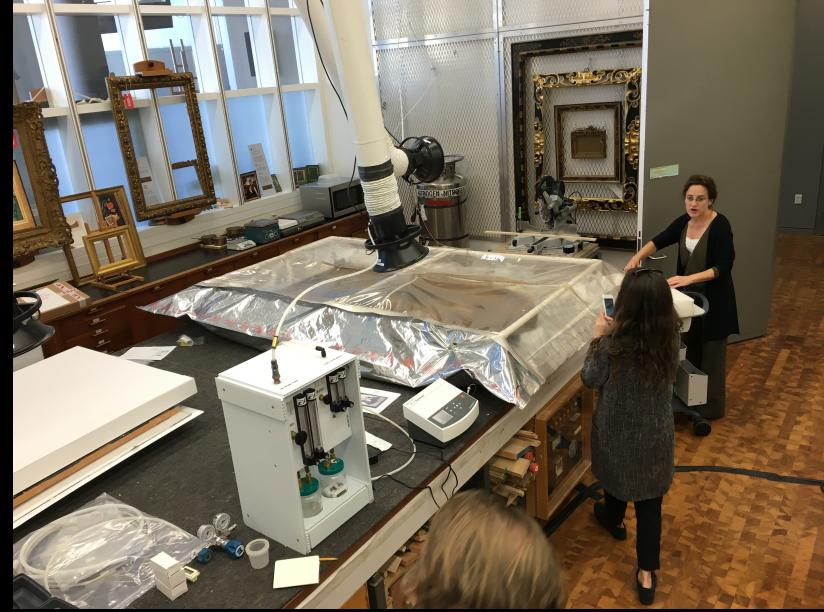


- High flow possible  
125 lpm – fast flush
- High capacity -  
(have never used  
more than one  
tank)
- Icing does occur  
during initial flush!



# HOBO monitoring

- 46- 49% RH
- 21.4°- 23.4°C.



# Monitoring Routine

Handy checklist for monitoring.

ANOXIA TREATMENT LOGSHEET

Object's: \_\_\_\_\_

Operator: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Nitrogen Tank Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Bubble Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Bubble size: \_\_\_\_\_

\* list outflow as being open, locked, or regulated with a syringe

Date/Time:	Settings:	Regulator psi	Tank Psi	Wet flow	Dry flow	Humidifier RH	Humidifier Temp	Bubble RH	Bubble Temp	Oxygen level	Tank Level	Outflow*
	Settings:											
	Re-settings:											
	Observations:											

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Dansensor Headspace Analyzer

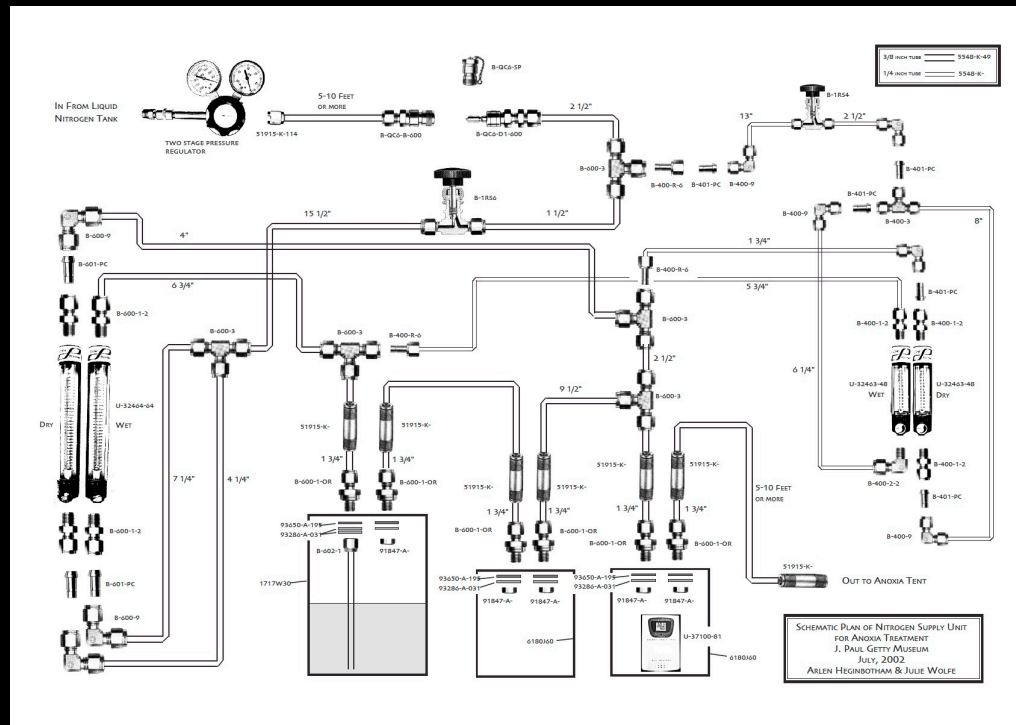
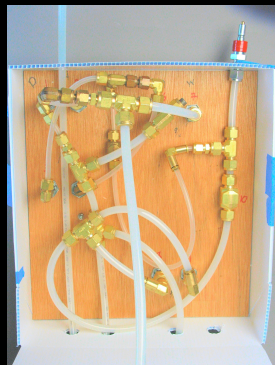
Fast, accurate, precise.

But... \$7,500.00

No consumables



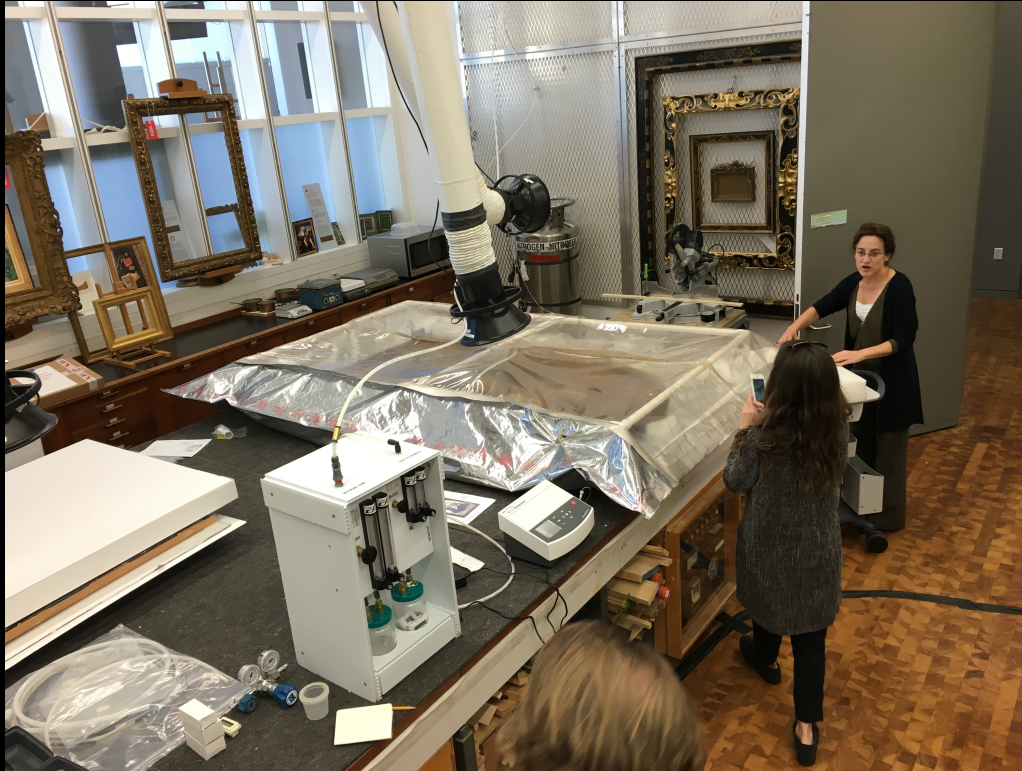
About a week to build our bubbler and order equipment.





# Set Up Time

Normally 1-2 days to set up because we don't do it often!





# Flush Time

2-5 hours to 0.05% with periodic vacuum assist

Up to 125 liters per minute

## Nitrogen Flush Worksheet

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Approx Bubble Size

Height (cm)	x	Width (cm)	x	Length (cm)	=			Volume in Liters
50	x	150	x	250	=	1875000	divided by 1000	1875

### Flush Flow

Dry flow (Lpm)	+	Wet flow (Lpm)	=	Total Flow
50	+	50	=	100

### Time to Flush Bubble

Volume in Liters	divided by	Total flow	Time to change air one time	x	6	=	Approx. flush time (min)	Approx. flush time (hours)
1875	divided by	100	=	19	x	6	113	1.9

## Nitrogen Flush Worksheet

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Approx Bubble Size

Height (cm)	x	Width (cm)	x	Length (cm)	=			Volume in Liters
200	x	200	x	200	=	8000000	divided by 1000	8000

### Flush Flow

Dry flow (Lpm)	+	Wet flow (Lpm)	=	Total Flow
50	+	50	=	100

### Time to Flush Bubble

Volume in Liters	divided by	Total flow	Time to change air one time	x	6	=	Approx. flush time (min)	Approx. flush time (hours)
8000	divided by	150	=	53	x	6	320	5.3



# Kill Time

Wood Boring Insects Our Normal Target  
2 weeks above 21° C



*Eufrilletta* sp.



*Anobium* sp.

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