

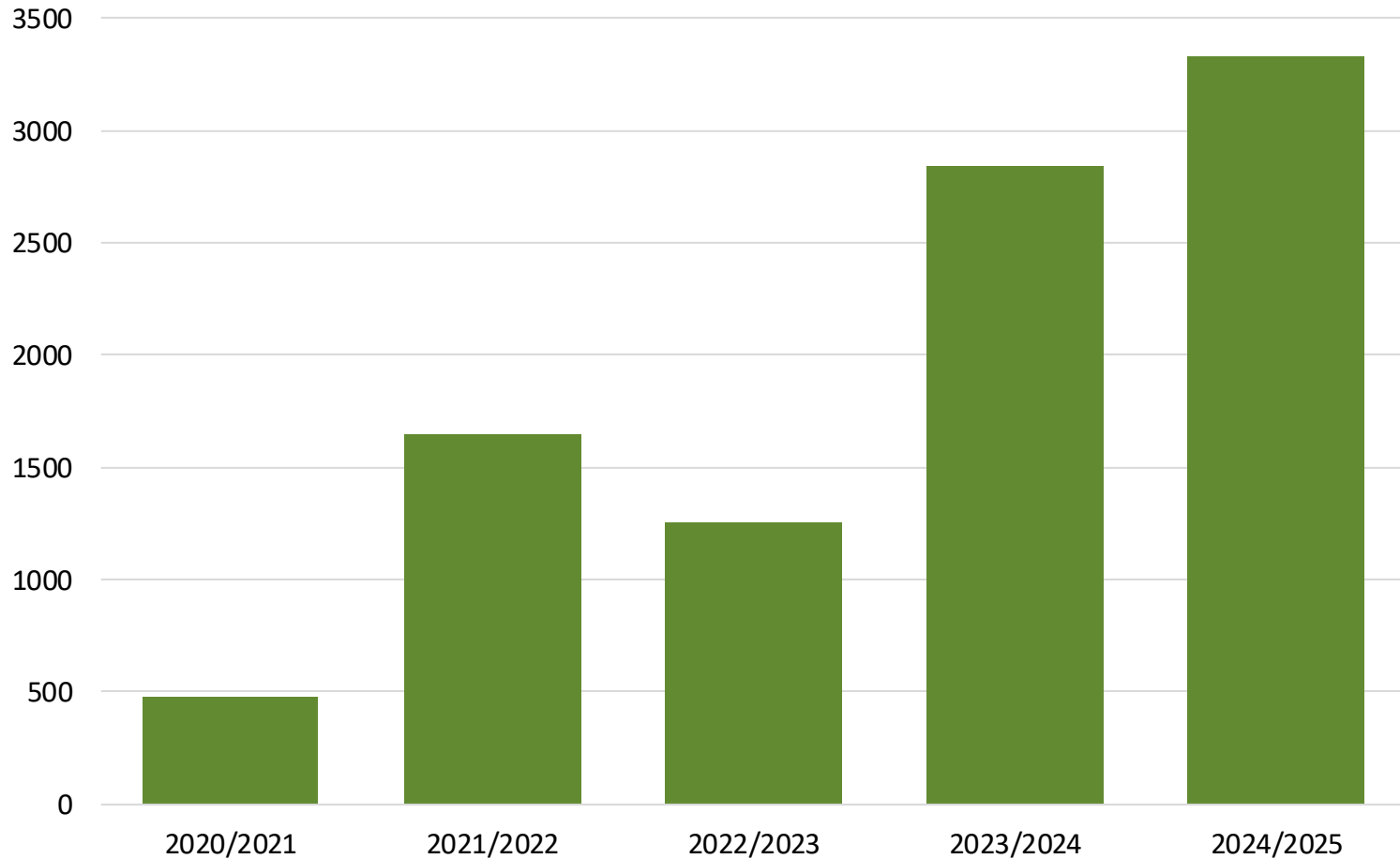


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# Cooking up New In-House Organic Sulfur Calibration Materials

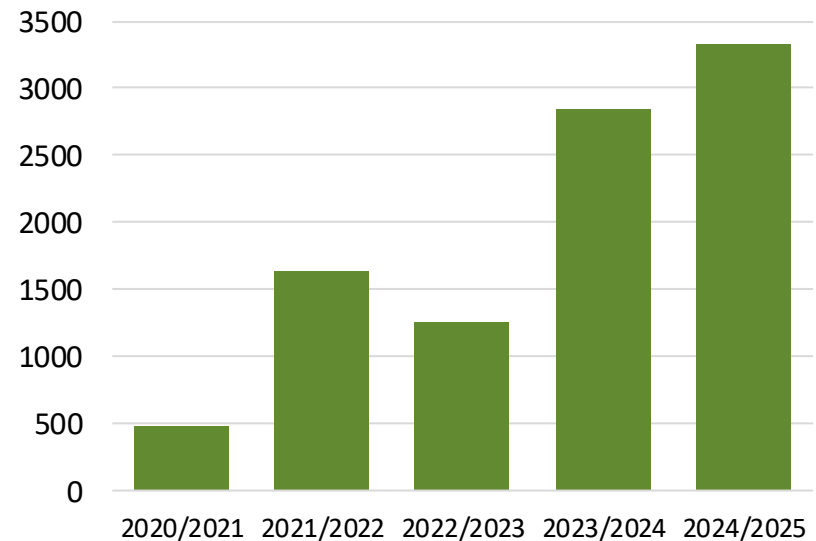
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IAEA-S-1	12.94	-0.30	0.03	0.15mg
IAEA-S-2	12.94	+22.62	0.08	0.15mg
IAEA-S-3	12.94	+32.49	0.08	0.15mg



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USGS42 Tibetan Human Hair	4.4	+7.84	0.25	429\$ USD for 0.5g
USGS43 Indian Human Hair	4.5	+10.46	0.22	429\$ USD for 0.5g
USGS88 marine collagen from wild-caught fish	0.46	+17.10	0.44	275\$ USD for 0.5g
USGS89 porcine collagen	0.28	+3.86	0.56	275\$ USD for 0.5g
USGS90 millet flour from Tuscany, Italy	0.13	-15.14	0.67	275\$ USD for 0.5g
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B2157 Wheat flour	0.092	-2.38	0.80	171\$ CAD for 5g
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B2157 Wheat flour	0.092	-2.38	0.80	171\$ CAD for 5g	<b>21.7mg</b>
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# What makes a good standard material?

- Powdered
- Homogenous – both isotopically and grain size
- Similar matrix to samples
- Easy to obtain in bulk
- Cheap!
  
- Decent sulfur content



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-1.8‰



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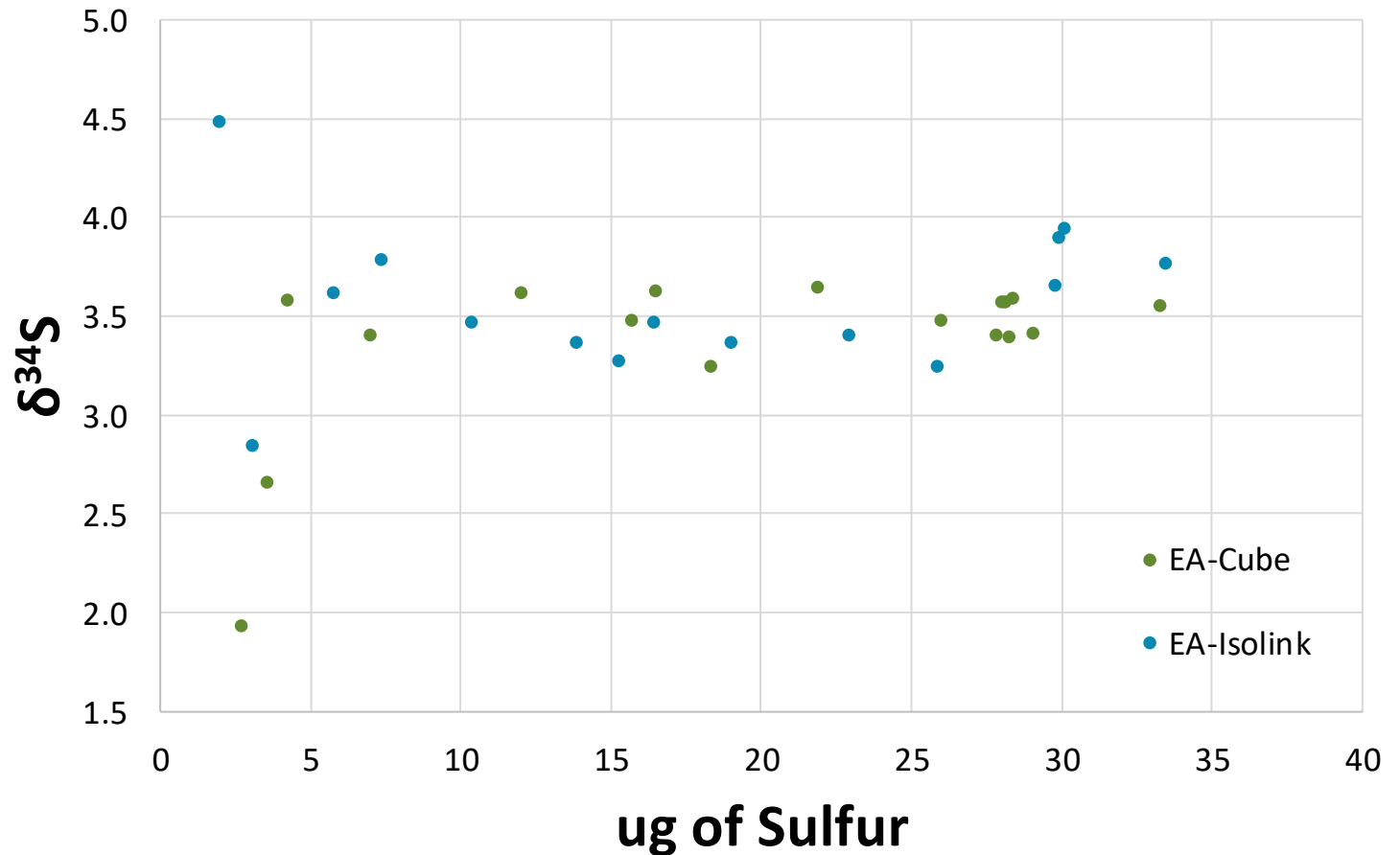


Sulfur values ranged from **-3.7 ‰** to **+4.9 ‰**

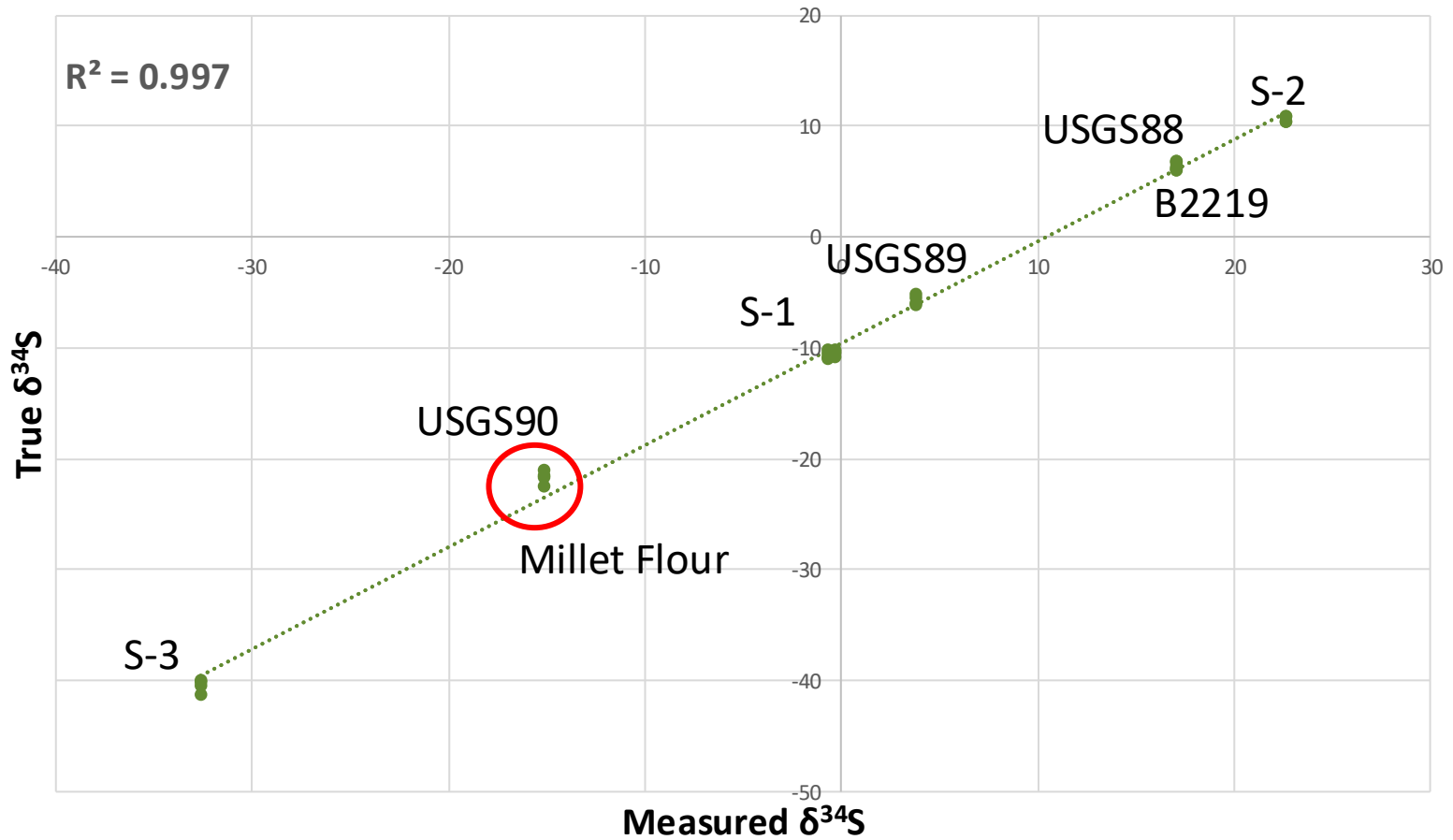
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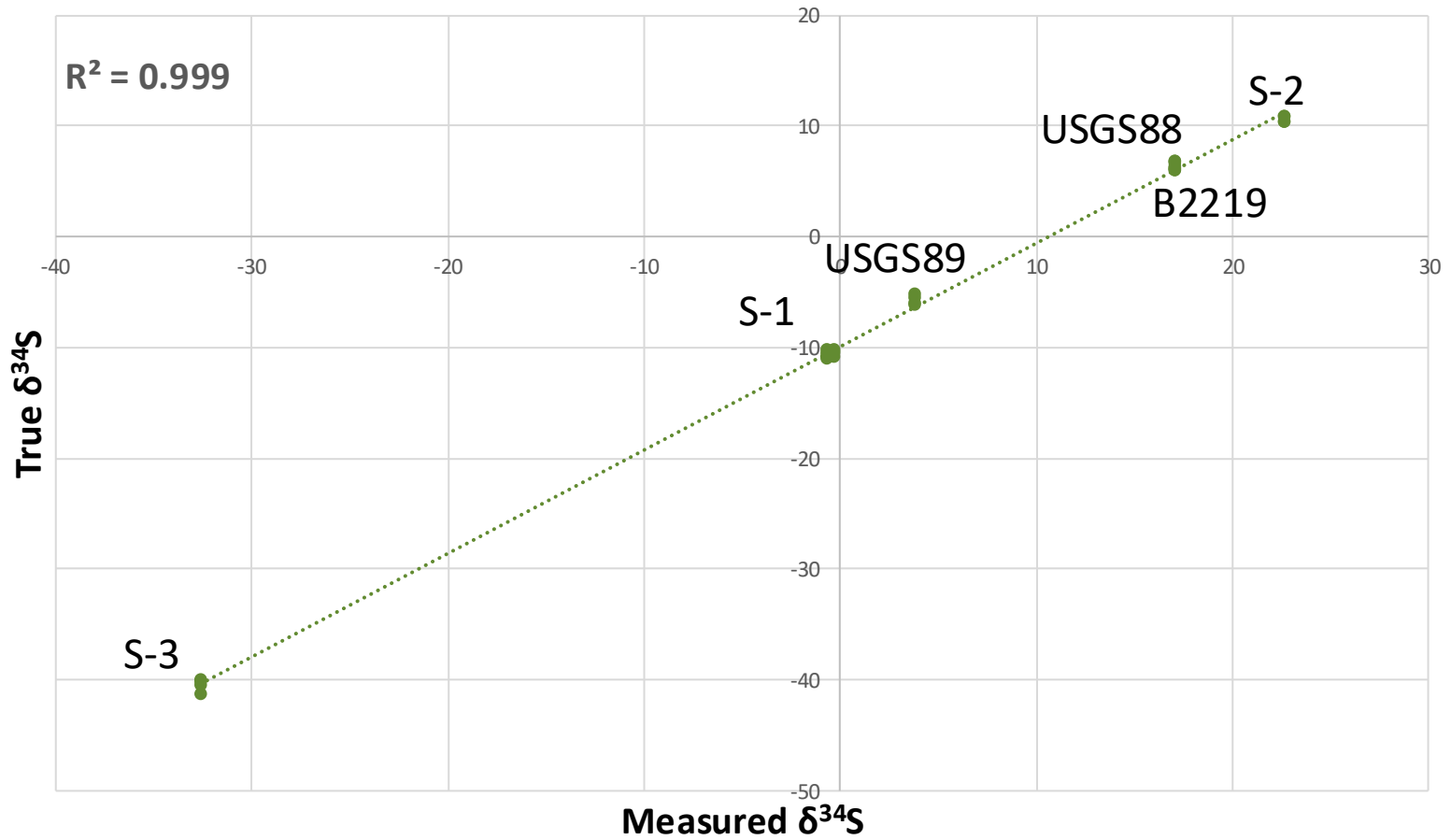
# Is Garlic Powder Isotopically Homogenous?



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Standard Name	approx. %S	n	avg	SD
Agar	0.33	12	<b>18.5</b>	0.45
Gelatine from cold water fish skin	0.50	22	<b>16.9</b>	0.39
Gelatine from bovine skin	0.24	12	<b>6.0</b>	0.26
Altius Garlic Powder	0.82	12	<b>3.7</b>	0.30
Kirkland Garlic Powder	1.01	12	<b>-3.0</b>	0.60

# Thank you!

And since I have some extra time....



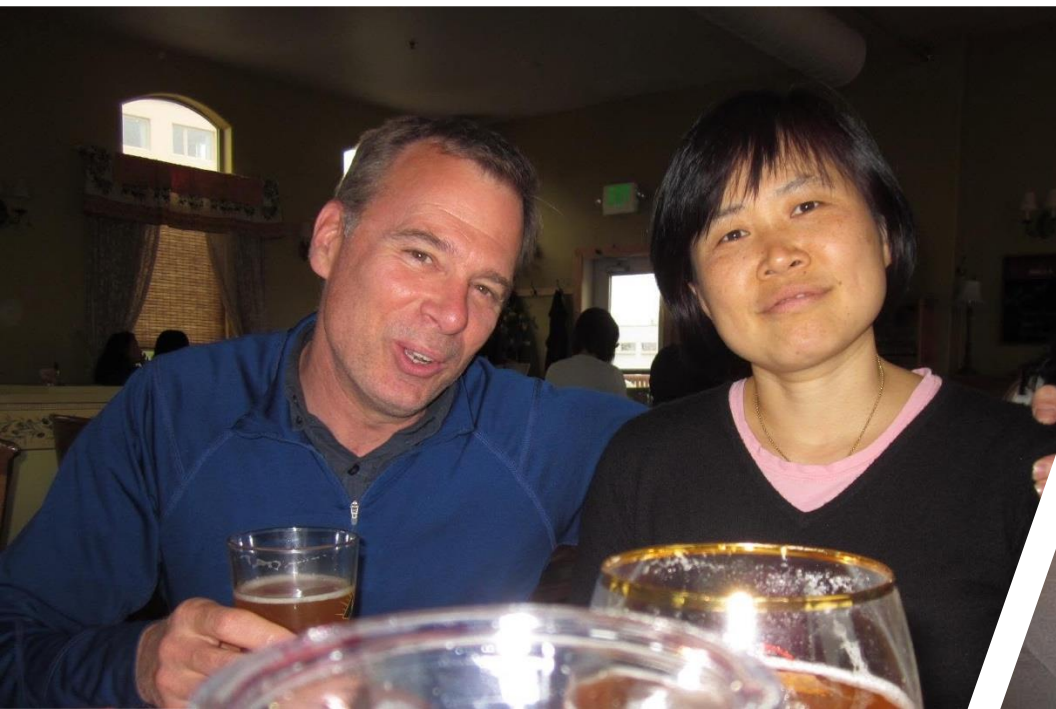
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