

KH20

Krypton Hygrometer

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- Measures water vapor fluctuations only
- Signal offset drift precludes use for absolute water vapor measurements

KH20 Specifications

- Frequency response
→ 100 Hz
- Voltage output range
→ 0 to 5 Vdc
- Current consumption
→ 20 mA max at 12Vdc unregulated power supply

KH20 Measurement Theory

- Uses krypton lamp
 - Emits two absorption lines
 - Major line at 123.58 nm
 - Minor line at 116.49 nm
- Both of these lines are absorbed by water vapor, and minor line by oxygen (small)

KH2O Measurement Theory

•Voltage output V of KH2O

- Without the response of oxygen

$$V = V_0 e^{-k_w x \rho_w}$$

$$\rho_w = \frac{1}{-k_w x} (\ln V - \ln V_0)$$

- V_0 output with no absorption
- k_w effective water vapor absorption coefficient
- X path length between source and detector tubes
- ρ_w water vapor density



KH2O Measurement Theory

•Vapor flux E can be calculated

$$E = \overline{w' \rho_w'}$$

- w vertical wind speed
- overbar time average
- prime fluctuations about the mean

where,

$$\rho_w' = \rho_w - \overline{\rho_w}$$

$$\rho_w' = \frac{1}{-k_w x} (\ln V - \overline{\ln V})$$



KH2O Measurement Theory

•Voltage Output V of KH2O

- With the Response of Oxygen

$$V = V_0 e^{-k_w x \rho_w} e^{-k_o x \rho_o} \quad \text{Oxygen (O}_2\text{) correction term}$$

$$\rho_w' = \frac{1}{-k_w x} (\ln V - \overline{\ln V}) - \frac{k_o}{k_w} \rho_o'$$

- k_o effective oxygen (O₂) absorption coefficient



KH2O Measurement Theory

- Oxygen fluctuations are caused by pressure and temperature changes
- Using ideal gas law we obtain oxygen density

$$\rho_o = \frac{C_o M_o P}{RT}$$



KH2O Measurement Theory

- Differentiating the oxygen density we obtain the density fluctuations

$$\rho_o = \frac{C_o M_o P}{RT}$$

$$\rho'_o = \left[\frac{C_o M_o}{RT} \right] P' - \left[\frac{C_o M_o P}{RT^2} \right] T'$$

KH2O Measurement Theory

- Effect of pressure change in oxygen density change is negligible

$$\rho'_o = \cancel{\left[\frac{C_o M_o}{RT} \right]} P' - \left[\frac{C_o M_o P}{RT^2} \right] T'$$

KH2O Measurement Theory

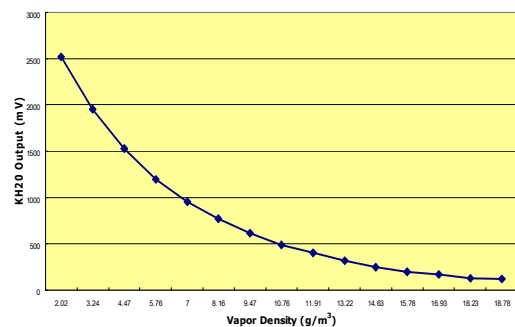
- Recall vapor flux E

$$E = \overline{w' \rho'_w}$$

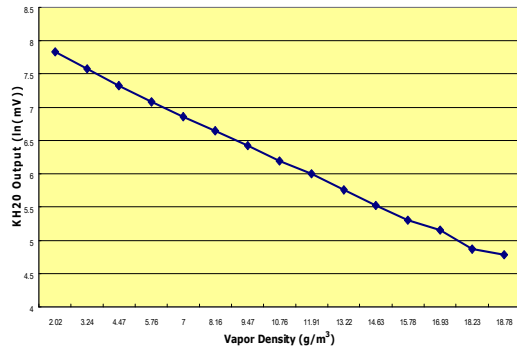
- With the oxygen correction term, we obtain

$$LE = L_v \frac{\overline{w' (\ln V)}}{k_w x} + L_v \left[\frac{C_o M_o P}{RT^2} \right] \left[\frac{k_o}{k_w} \right] \overline{w' T'}$$

KH2O mV Signal Output vs. Vapor Density



KH2O In(mV) Output vs. Vapor Density



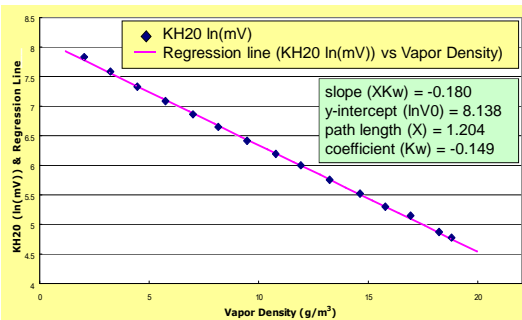
Regression Report for

KH2O In(mV) vs. Vapor Density

	Value	Stand. Error
y- intercept (ln(V ₀))	8.138	0.015
slope (XK _w)	-0.179	0.001

Regressed Output (ln(mV))	Residuals	Standardized Residuals
7.775	0.055	2.207
7.557	0.023	0.939
7.336	-0.006	-0.256
7.105	-0.025	-1.016
6.883	-0.023	-0.925
6.675	-0.025	-1.009
6.440	-0.020	-0.814
6.209	-0.019	-0.765
6.003	-0.003	-0.112
5.768	-0.008	-0.323
5.545	0.005	0.192
5.309	-0.009	-0.369
5.103	0.047	1.902
4.870	0.000	0.001
4.771	0.009	0.348

KH2O In(mV) & Regression Line vs. Vapor Density



Final Calibration Values

	Vapor Range (g/m ³)	Slope XK _w	Y-Intercept ln(V ₀)	Coefficient K _w	% difference
Full Range	2.02 ~ 18.78	-0.179	8.138	-0.149	0
Dry Range	2.02 ~ 9.47	-0.189	8.193	-0.157	5.280
Wet Range	8.16 ~ 18.78	-0.176	8.084	-0.146	-2.042

Diagnosing KH20



•Visual Inspection

- Make sure the optical window is clean
- Make sure the UV light is emitted from the source tube (the longer of the two tubes and on top)
 - *Note: Minimize exposure*
- If you see faint or flickering blue light
 - check the current drain
 - current drain of around 5 mA indicates the source lamp problem
 - Typical current drain for KH20 is 15~20 mA

KH20 Maintenance



- Old KH20 used to suffer permanent damage when exposed to water
 - corrosion; loss of vacuum

•Managing the Scaling of KH20

- Clean when the window scaling is detected (low output signal)
 - Use distilled water and cotton swab to clean
- Use the scaled calibration coefficient when scaled