Overview

Campbell Scientific’s IRGASON fully integrates the open-path analyzer and sonic anemometer. Designed specifically for eddy-covariance flux measurements, the patented design is easier to install and use than separate sensors and provides increased measurement accuracy.

The IRGASON simultaneously measures absolute carbon dioxide and water vapor, air temperature, barometric pressure, and three-dimensional wind speed and sonic air temperature.

Benefits and Features

- Combined support structure causes less flow distortion than two separate sensors
- Truly colocated gas analyzer and sonic anemometer avoids flux loss due to sensor separation
- Synchronized gas analyzer and sonic anemometer measurements avoid the need to correct for time lag
- Low power consumption
- Measurements are temperature compensated without active heat control
- Low noise
- Maximum output rate of 50 Hz with 25 Hz bandwidth
- Angled windows to shed water and are less tolerant to window contamination
- Field rugged
- Field serviceable
- Factory calibrated over wide range of CO\(_2\), H\(_2\)O, pressure, and temperature in all combinations encountered in practice
- Extensive set of diagnostic parameters
- Fully compatible with Campbell Scientific dataloggers; field set-up, configuration, and field zero and span can be accomplished directly from the datalogger
- Sonic Temperature: Determined from 3 acoustic paths; corrected for crosswind effects
- Rain: Innovative signal processing and transducer wicks considerably improves performance of the anemometer during precipitation events

IRGASON Outputs

- \(U_x\) (m/s)
- \(U_y\) (m/s)
- \(U_z\) (m/s)
- Sonic Temperature (°C)
- Sonic Diagnostic
- \(\text{CO}_2\) Density (mg/m\(^3\))
- \(\text{H}_2\text{O}\) Density (g/m\(^3\))
- Gas Analyzer Diagnostic
- Ambient Temperature (°C)
- Atmospheric Pressure (kPa)
- \(\text{CO}_2\) Signal Strength
- \(\text{H}_2\text{O}\) Signal Strength
- Source Temperature (°C)

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General Specifications
- Operating Temperature Range: -30° to +50°C
- Calibrated Pressure Range: 70 to 106 kPa
- Input Voltage Range: 10 to 16 Vdc
- Power @ 25°C: 5 W (steady state and power up)
- Measurement Rate: 100 Hz
- Output Bandwidth: 5, 10, 12.5, 20, or 25 Hz; user programmable
- Output Options: SDM, RS-485, USB, analog
- Auxiliary Inputs: air temperature and pressure
- Weight
  - IRGASON Head and Cables: 2.8 kg (6.1 lb)
  - EC100 Electronics: 3.2 kg (7.1 lb)
- Cable Length: 3.0 m (10.0 ft) from IRGASON to EC100

Gas Analyzer Specifications
- Path Length: 15.37 cm (6.05 in)

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<td><strong>Accuracy</strong>&lt;sup&gt;d&lt;/sup&gt;</td>
<td>1%&lt;sup&gt;e&lt;/sup&gt;</td>
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<td><strong>Precision RMS (maximum)</strong>&lt;sup&gt;f&lt;/sup&gt;</td>
<td>0.2 mg/m³ (0.15 μmol/mol)</td>
<td>0.004 g/m³ (0.006 mmol/mol)</td>
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<td><strong>Calibrated Range</strong></td>
<td>0 to 1000 μmol/mol&lt;sup&gt;g&lt;/sup&gt;</td>
<td>0 to 72 mmol/mol (37°C dewpoint)</td>
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<td><strong>Zero Drift with Temperature (maximum)</strong></td>
<td>±0.55 mg/m³/°C (±0.3 μmol/mol/°C)</td>
<td>±0.037 g/m³/°C (±0.05 mmol/mol/°C)</td>
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<td><strong>Gain Drift with Temperature (maximum)</strong></td>
<td>±0.1% of reading/°C</td>
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<td><strong>Cross Sensitivity (maximum)</strong></td>
<td>±1.1 x 10⁻⁴ mol CO₂/mol H₂O</td>
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Sonic Anemometer Specifications
- Measurement Path
  - Vertical: 10.0 cm (3.9 in)
  - Horizontal: 5.8 cm (2.3 in)
- Transducer Diameter
  - 0.64 cm (0.25 in)
- Range
  - u<sub>x</sub>: ±30 m s<sup>-1</sup>
  - u<sub>y</sub>: ±60 m s<sup>-1</sup>
  - u<sub>z</sub>: ±8 m s<sup>-1</sup>
  - T<sub>s</sub>: -50° to +60°C
  - Wind Direction: ±170°
- **Accuracy**<sup>h</sup>
  - Offset Error
    - u<sub>x</sub>, u<sub>y</sub>: <±8.0 cm s<sup>-1</sup>
    - u<sub>z</sub>: <±4.0 cm s<sup>-1</sup>
  - Wind Direction: ±0.7° while horizontal wind at 1 m s<sup>-1</sup>
- Gain Error
  - Wind Vector within ±5° of horizontal: <±2% of reading
  - Wind Vector within ±10° of horizontal: <±3% of reading
  - Wind Vector within ±20° of horizontal: <±6% of reading
- Measurement Precision RMS
  - u<sub>x</sub>, u<sub>y</sub>: 1 mm s<sup>-1</sup>
  - u<sub>z</sub>: 0.5 mm s<sup>-1</sup>
  - Sonic Temperature: 0.025°C
  - Wind Direction: 0.6°

Barometer Specifications
- **-BB Basic Barometer**
  - Total Accuracy: ±3.7 kPa at -30°C, falling linearly to ±1.5 kPa at 0°C (-30° to 0°C), ±1.5 kPa (0° to 50°C)
  - Measurement Rate: 10 Hz
- **-EB Enhanced Barometer (Vaisala PTB110)**
  - Total Accuracy: ±0.15 kPa (-30° to +50°C)
  - Measurement Rate: 1 Hz

Ambient Temperature Specifications
- Manufacturer: BetaTherm 100K6A11A
- Total Accuracy: ±0.15°C (-30° to +50°C)

<sup>a</sup>Subject to change without notice.
<sup>b</sup>A temperature of 20°C and pressure of 101.325 kPa was used to convert mass density to concentration.
<sup>c</sup>Assumes the gas analyzer was properly zero and spanned using the appropriate standards; CO₂ span concentration was 400 ppm; H₂O span dewpoint was at 12°C (16.7 ppt); zero/span temperature was 25°C; zero/span pressure was 84 kPa; subsequent measurements made at or near the span concentration; temperature is not more than ±6°C from the zero/span temperature; and ambient temperature is within the gas analyzer operating temperature range.
<sup>d</sup>Standard deviation of calibration residuals.
<sup>e</sup>Assumes the gas analyzer was properly zero and spanned using the appropriate standards; CO₂ span concentration was 400 ppm; H₂O span dewpoint was at 12°C (16.7 ppt); zero/span temperature was 25°C; zero/span pressure was 84 kPa; subsequent measurements made at or near the span concentration; temperature is not more than ±6°C from the zero/span temperature; and ambient temperature is within the gas analyzer operating temperature range.
<sup>f</sup>Nominal conditions for precision verification test: 23°C, 86 kPa, 400 μmol/mol CO₂, 12°C dewpoint, and 20 Hz bandwidth.
<sup>g</sup>0 to 3,000 μmol/mole available upon request.
<sup>h</sup>The accuracy specification for the sonic anemometer is for wind speeds <30 m s<sup>-1</sup> and wind angles between ±170°.