







Analyzers for Agricultural Greenhouse Gas Emissions ABB Measurement & Analytics











Off-Axis Integrated Cavity Output Spectroscopy

Technology principle

- Based on absorption spectroscopy.
- Portion of laser power transmits through the front mirror.
- Effective path-length up to kilometers, compared to <1 meter to just a few meters for most TDLAS and 50 meters for Herriot cells.
- Allows for very low detection limit.
- Robust exact alignment, gas pressure, and gas temperature are not critical.
- Vacuum inside the cavity/plumbing reduces crossinterference and eliminates use of scrubbers.
- OA-ICOS unique off-axis geometry enables multiple lasers to be used + alternating their transmission, for multicomponent measurement with a single cell.
- High tolerance for background gas composition and changes. All advantages of conventional TDLAS, plus a wide dynamic range.



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Anatomy of an OA-ICOS analyzer



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Product offering



Greenhouse gas analysis with ABB OA-ICOS instruments

Typical configuration for field applications

Exact configuration is case-dependent but will typically include:

- ABB OA-ICOS gas concentration or isotopic analyzer (either rackmount or portable) for CO₂, CH₄, N₂O, H₂O, CO, NH₃.
- External power supply (except for GLA131 series microportable models using internal battery).
- Soil flux chamber(s) custom-made or from specialized suppliers such as EoSense, Li-Cor, LICA, DMR Ecoflux.
- Multiplexer if several chambers are monitored (ABB or 3rd party).
- Data logger (ABB or 3rd party).





Typical customers:

- University researchers and other scientists in the fields of environmental, atmospheric, agricultural, geology, biology, forestry or carbon sequestration.
- Meteorological and environmental agencies.
- Geographic institutes.

Greenhouse gas analysis with ABB OA-ICOS instruments Benefits

• Pre-calibrated, highly sensitive and inherently stable.

- Robust against cross-interference and matrix effects.
- Highly cost-effective: no consumables required and 2-year factory warranty.
- Proven robustness of OA-ICOS enables *in-situ* soil flux measurements in most extreme conditions and harsh environments, "*from the Arctic to the Amazon*".
- Compact portable analyzers facilitate surveys in remote locations.
- Multiplexing capability.
- Some versions can be used @10Hz for eddy covariance applications.
- Field-serviceability enables on-site maintenance and cavity cleaning operations without requiring expensive and time-consuming factory repair.



Soil flux measurements





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Plant and soil respiration







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(a) Field Measurement Setup



(b) Laboratory Validation Setup





Sample plant
Transpiration chamber
OA-ICOS
Pump
High purity nitrogen tank
Dew Point Generator
Inset picture of setup

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