

Optical Instruments for Environmental Monitoring

# QSP-2000, Quantum Scalar Sensors Measuring Downwelling Irradiance over PAR'(400-700nm)

Scalar PAR sensors in our new QSP-2000 series, feature Biospherical's patented spherical collector. This unique design ensures uniform directional response over 3.7 pi steradians. A stainless-steel encased, optical light-pipe funnels flux from the collector to a silicon photodetector that has a flat quantum response over PAR (Photosynthetically Active Radiation; 400–700 nm).

The most noteworthy improvement in this new series is the capability of direct connection to a PC or laptop computer. Our **QSP-2100** sensors contain imbedded calibration information. and data are transmitted directly into the computer. This new low-power circuitry requires no batteries, relying instead on power from the host computer's serial comport. 'Our new **QSP-2150** sensor output's an ASCII data stream, upon power-up.

**QSP-2200** linear/cpcrqi output models, feature high-quality, low-drift, electrometer-grade amplifiers and are compatible with most commercially available dataloggers.

**QSP-2300** and **QSP-2350**, logarithmic-cpcmi 'output versions are also available. This sensor type is designed specifically for integration with CTD systems'and dataloggers requiring a limited-range of signal input.



The new QSP-2000 is rugged and compact.

## **Key Features**

- Designed to measure downwelling PAR (400-700 nm) irradiance to depths of 2000 meters
- 1.9 cm (3/4") diameter solid Teflon® spherical irradiance collector

- Compact, rugged, and low-cost
- QSP-2100 includes operating software allowing direct connection to a PC, or laptop computer

### **Specifications**

#### **Optical Features**

Scalar Irradiance Collector: 1.9 cm (3/4") diameter solid Teflon® sphere optically connected to the main housing by a 4.0 cm stainless-encased quartz light pipe.

**Photodetector:** Blue-enhanced, high-stability silicon detector with dichroic blocking filters.

**PAR Spectral Response:** Equal (better than ±10%) quantum response from 400. 700 nm with response sharply attenuated above 700 nm and below 400Åm. Spectral response-induced errors will cause less than 5% errors in naturally occurring light fields.

**Directional Response:** Each instrument's directional response is optimized before final calibration. Front-to-side (approximately 85° from head on) response over all angles is equal (± 6%). Individual detector response plots are available as an option.

#### **Optical Features** (Cont.)

**Sensitivity:** When purchased alone, the sensor is calibrated in quanta/(cm<sup>2</sup>·sec))/volt. Nominal sensitivity is 1 volt =  $1 \times 10^{17}$  quanta/(cm<sup>2</sup>·sec) (slightly less than full sunlight). Noise level is typically less than 1 millivolt, temperature coefficient of the dark signal is less than 10 microvolts/°C, and response temperature coefficient is less than 0.15%/°C.

#### Electronic Features Measured Signals:

PAR Dynamic Range:  $1.4 \times 10^{-5}$  µE/(cm<sup>2</sup>·sec) to 0.5 µE/(cm<sup>2</sup>·sec)

**Environmental** 

**Temperature Range:** -2°C to 35°C

Fully calibrated with lamps traceable to NIST, each digital sensor contains imbedded calibration factors.

#### **Calibration**

Each QSP-2000 sensor is calibrated using a National Institute of Standards and Technology- (NIST) traceable 1000watt type FEL Standard of Spectral Irradiance using procedures recommended by NIST. Annual recalibration is strongly recommended.

#### Mechanical Features

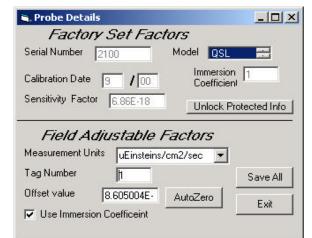
**Collector:** Solid PTFE sphere, epoxy mounted to a machined aluminum base

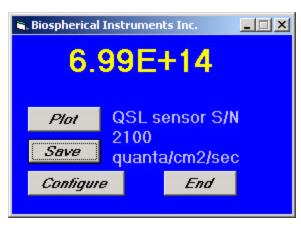
#### Housing:

Hard-anodized aluminum, rated to 2000 meters

#### **Dimensions:**

*Diameter:* 5.0 cm *Height:* 15.0 kcm *Weight:* 1.1 kg





\*Specifications subject to change without notice

BSI's new operating software, LOGGER-2100 logs and displays calibrated data in either Quanta or µEinsteins .

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