

ICAD HONO / NO₂ Analyzer

PATENTED, FAST, ACCURATE AND DIRECT NITROUS OXIDE AND NITROGEN DIOXIDE DETECTION



ICAD-UV1-200L series featuring 19" rack housing and OLED display.

The ICAD (*I*terative *C*avity enhanced *D*OAS) HONO / NO₂ measurement system uses direct optical absorption spectroscopy in the spectral range between ~ 360 to 390 nm. By measuring the absorption spectrum and applying the ICAD algorithm, the unique and characteristic absorption structures of HONO and NO₂ are directly identified and separated from other overlapping absorptions like water vapour (H₂O) or O₄. This gives the advantage of direct HONO and NO₂ measurements (in comparison to LOPAP and CLD) without interferences to other substances or the need of drying mechanism which introduce new interferences (e.g., LOPAP, CLD, CRD, CAPS).

As the ICAD system relies not on absolute intensities, but rather characteristic differential absorption structures, it has no absolute zero-point drift and is almost completely insensitive to temperature variations, vibrations and light source degradation as found for other optical instruments. It is thus the perfect tool for accurate and precise long-term measurements, but also for mobile applications requiring a wide measurement range, high precision and fast response times. The operation is simple as no consumable gases are required. Data display is directly available with any WiFi or LAN device or over the RS232 interface. Patents: DE102015000423; EP3329251; US15/748,923; China ZL201680057099.6, EP3325928

SPECIFICATIONS

Measurement range**1	HONO 0 - 500 ppb	NO ₂ 0 - 2000 ppb	Temperature range of operation	-10 to +40 °C
Limit of Detection (at 10 s)**1	0.2 ppb	0.4 ppb	Temperature sensitivity	< 0.01 ppb / °C
Limit of Detection (at 1000 s)**1	20 ppt	40 ppt	Power consumption	< 40 W, 12 V (typ.)
Precision (1σ at 10s)	0.1 ppb or 2%	0.2 ppb or 2%	Start-up time	< 1 min (typ.)
Zero Drift **3	< 0.2 ppb/month	< 0.3 ppb/month	Cross sensitivity	No significant cross sensitivities **5
Response Time (10% - 90%)**2	2 s at 2 l/min		Weight	~ 11.7 kg
Detection of HONO / NO ₂	Direct spectroscopic measurement		Dimensions	19" Rack housing: 13.5 x 48.3 x 65.6 cm
Sample flow	1.0 to 2.5 l/min		Consumable gases	No gases needed for operation
Path length characterization	Helium gas (1 to 2 years interval)		Other detectable gases	CO ₂ (optional NDIR sensor)
Calibration / Characterization of absorption path	HONO or NO ₂ calibration gas not needed**4		Processing unit	Internal embedded PC, with data analysis and measurement software
Mechanical stability	Insensitive to vibrations		Data communication	LAN/WiFi/RS232/M2M/OPCUA;Bayern-Hessen Protocol; Voltage/Current Output

COMMENTS:

*1 Custom specifications with different measurement range are possible. By reducing the measurement range better precision and LOD can be achieved.

*2 Response: Different measurement cell types are available, allowing different response times. Smaller measurement cells allow a much faster response time, but result typically in a lower precision.

*3 Upper limit. Drift is negligible due to twice daily automated reference measurements.

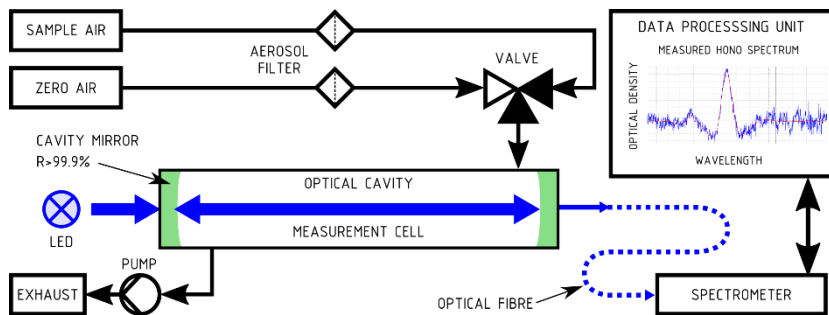
*4 Regular automatic determination of the absorption path by light source modulation.

*5 No significant spectroscopic cross sensitivity with respect to: Carbon oxides, Methane, Hydrogen, Sulfide, Sulfur Dioxide, Chlorine, Chlorine Dioxide, Hydrogen Cyanide, Hydrogen Chloride, Phosphine, Hydrogen, Ammonia, Acetylene, Nitromethane, Ethylene, Ethanol, Methyl Mercaptan, Ethyl Mercaptan, Formaldehyde, Ozone < 1ppm

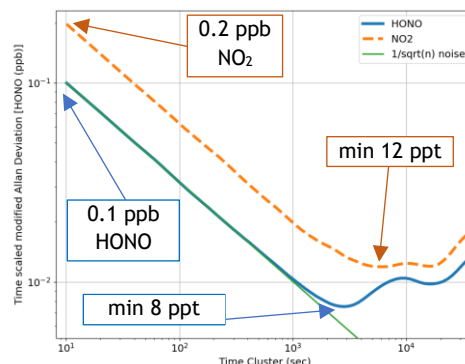
APPLICATIONS

- High precision HONO / NO₂ measurements (science, research, background air pollution monitoring)
- Urban air quality monitoring (outdoor, streets, tunnels, street canyons, mobile measurements)
- Indoor air quality and workplace monitoring
- Mobile, quick & precise HONO / NO₂ pollution study, mobile personal exposure studies e.g., for workspaces, pedestrians
- Emission monitoring (e.g., stacks)

THEORY OF OPERATION



Flow scheme and Measurement Principle of the ICAD HONO / NO₂ measurement system.



Time scaled Allan Deviation for HONO and NO₂ measurements.

ADVANTAGES

BENEFITS

High measurement accuracy

INNOVATION

- Direct spectroscopic HONO and NO₂ measurement
- High sensitivity, low measurement error
- High dynamic measurement range, optionally adaptable cell length
- No zero-point or calibration drift, 100% reproducibility
- No interferences
- No water vapour dryer needed

Favourable initial and operating costs

- Simultaneous observation of HONO and NO₂
- Simple and robust setup
- No consumables (e.g., gases)
- Long lifetime
- Fast response within seconds

Simple operation

- No calibration gas (HONO, NO₂) required
- High stability (not sensitive to shocks, vibration, temperature)
- Light weight
- Low power consumption and 12V operation
- Multiple Interfaces: WiFi, LAN, HTTP, RS232, Analogue Volt./Cur.

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