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Calibrating Licor-7500

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Laboratory Setup for Licor-7500 Calibration



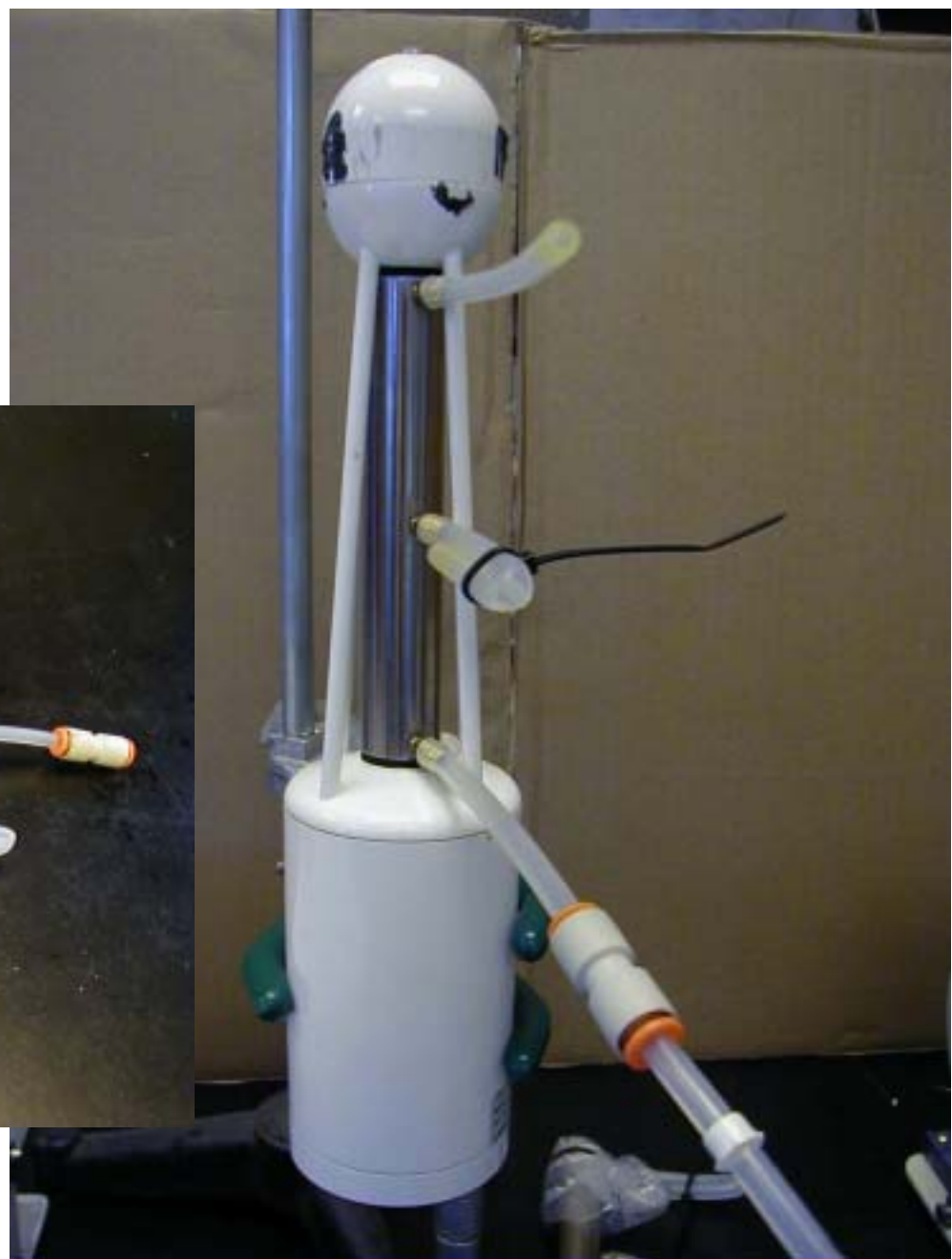
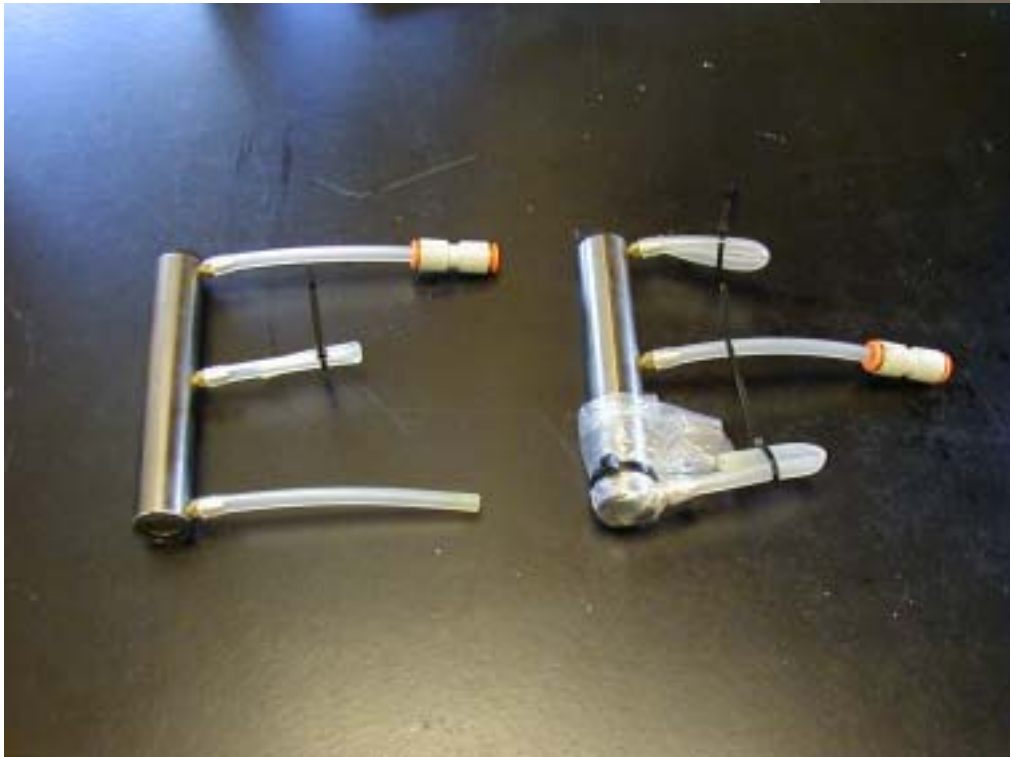
- Standard CO₂ gas tank and regulator
- Standard N₂ gas tank and regulator
- Dew Point generator
- Computer installed LI7500_win-3.0.0 software
- Accessories: calibration tunnels, power generator, power wire, computer connection wire, gas tubes and connectors, filters (soda lime) a temperature and humidity set with high confidence

Gas Tanks and Regulators

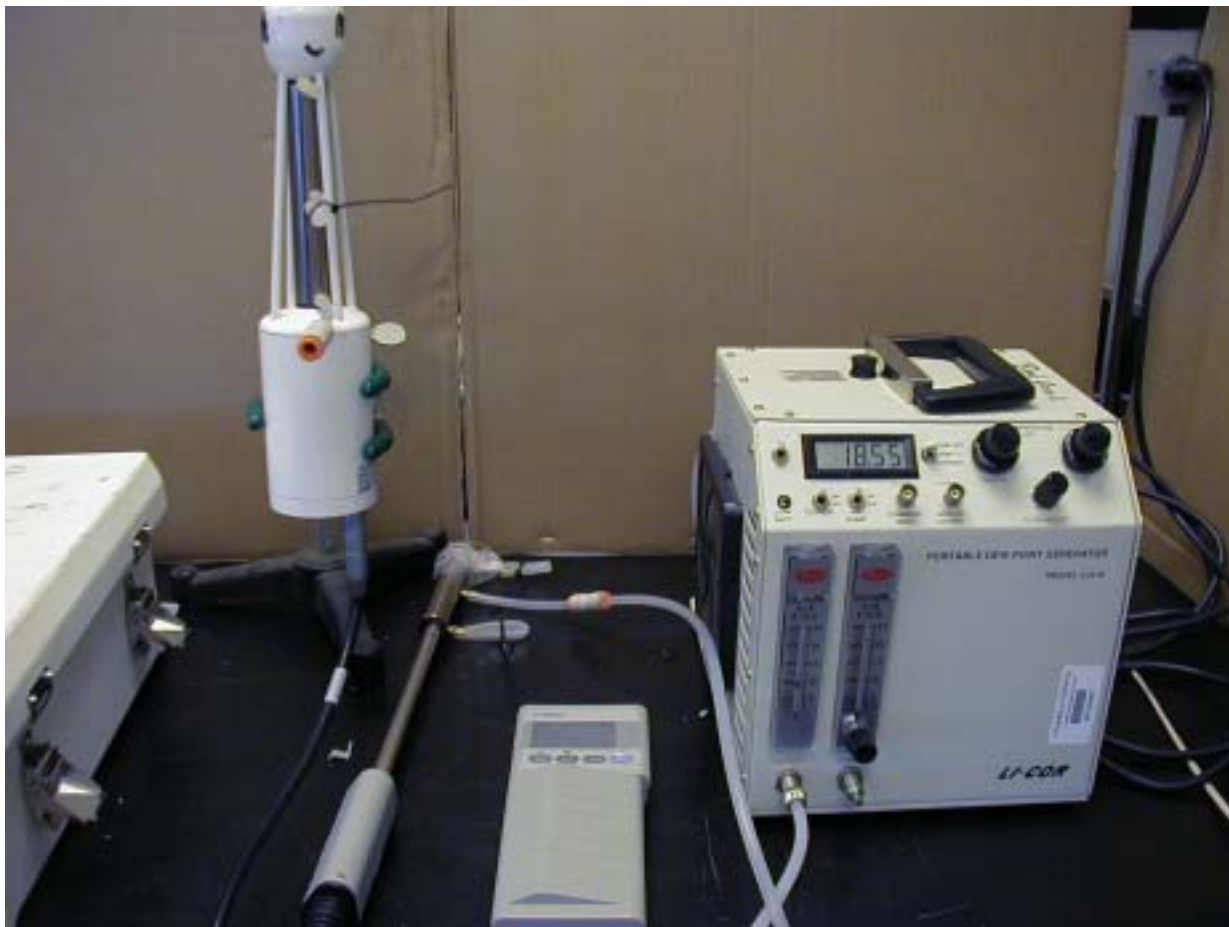


- Higher CO₂ concentration, lower accuracy. e.g. $\pm 2\%$
- Recommend [CO₂] 500 – 1000 ppm

Calibration Tunnel



Dew Point Generator

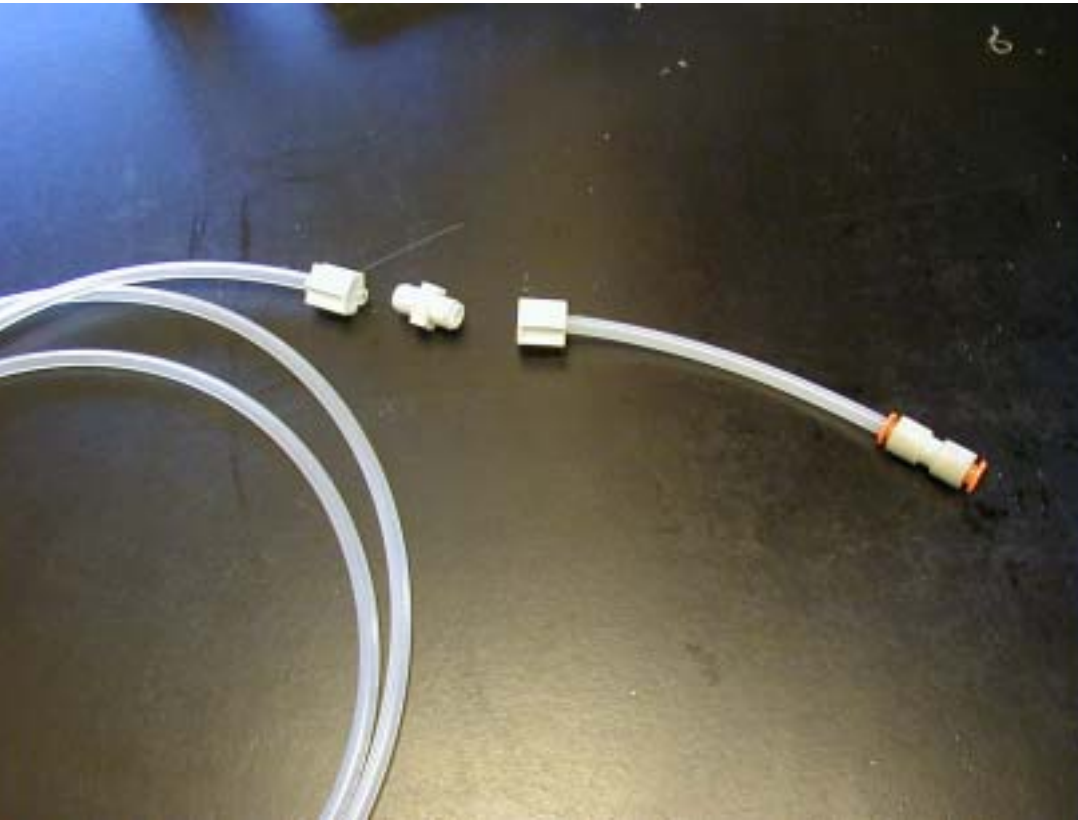




Set up Dew Point Temperature

For the water vapor span, a convenient standard to use is a dew point generator such as the LI-COR LI-610. To avoid condensation problems choose a dew point temperature that is about 3 to 5 °C below the ambient temperature. Also, since water vapor sorbs and desorbs from surfaces, allow plenty of time for the reading to stabilize. It is important not to rush through the water vapor calibration. If it is more convenient, CO₂ and water vapor zero and span calibrations can be done separately. *In general, if reliable calibration standards are not available or if there is not enough time to do the job properly, it is better to leave the zero and span settings alone than to rush through the procedure and make incorrect settings.*

Tubes and Connectors



Camera Cleaner Kit



Power and connection wires



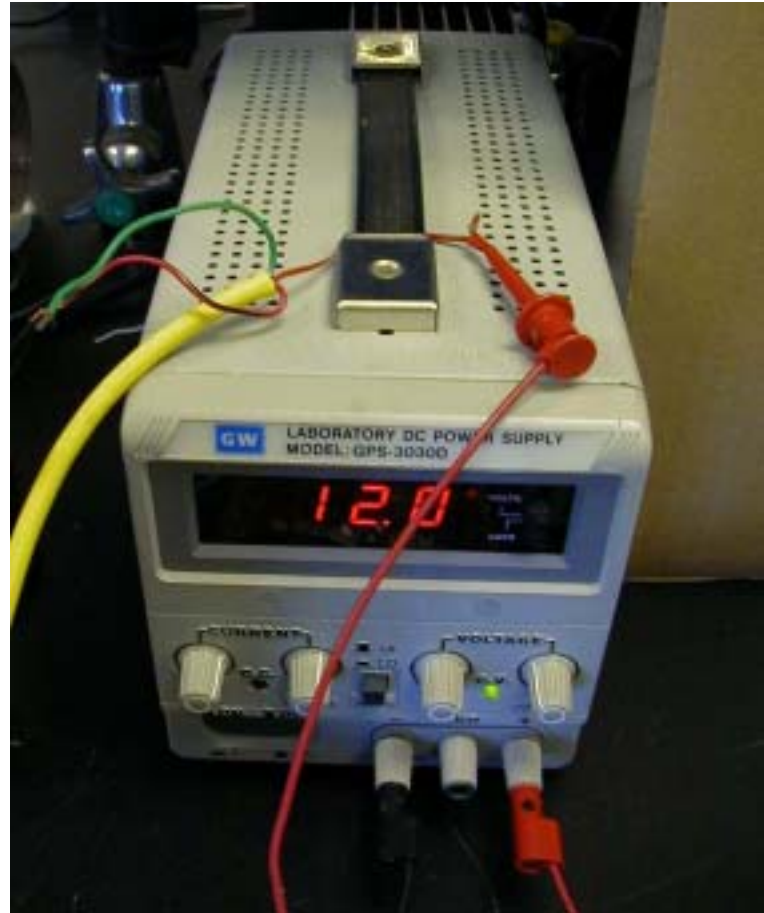
Licor H₂O Dew Point generator

- Set up Dew Point temperature = humidity < 85%
- An independent temperature and humidity set
- Dew Point Generator needs half hour to warm up.
- Check the water lever, keep it in the middle (read the manuals)



Power generator: 12 V DC

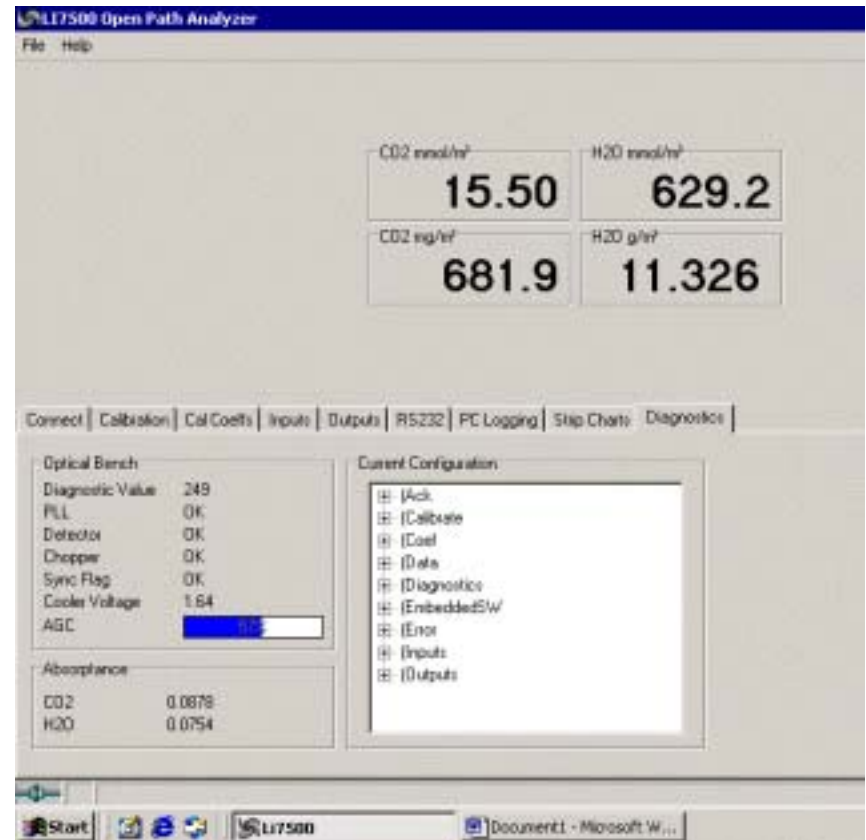
- Check and separate the two connectors before turn on the power
- Red and white: + (positive); Green: - (negative)



Computer software Li-7500 v3.0.0

Output->Bandwidth->5Hz
(save as it!!!)

Check Diagnostic. AGC should be 65%. If 100%, something must be wrong. Check the reading right after swapping tubes every time.



Zero and Span

Zero before Span!!!

Flow rate should not too large!!!

- CO₂ and H₂O filter connected with N₂ tank
- Connect to N₂ tank and zero CO₂ and H₂O channel, respectively.
- Make sure flow through the calibration hood is adequate. Air in the CO₂ tank is dry, if the dew point is above -30 C something may be wrong.



Tips

!!! clean up the sensors of Li-7500 first of all (using Camera care kit).

!!! Never unscrew the top screw of Li-7500. It may cause the alignment problem. Air inside of Li-7500 should be CO₂- and H₂O-free, by two bottles of chemicals.

!!! Zero before Span

!!! Flow rate should not too large



Output – 5 Hz

The screenshot displays the 'LI7500 Open Path Analyzer' software interface. At the top, the title bar reads 'LI7500 Open Path Analyzer' with standard window controls. Below the title bar is a menu bar with 'File' and 'Help'. The main display area shows four data boxes arranged in a 2x2 grid:

CO2 mmol/m ³ 15.70	H2O mmol/m ³ 626.6
CO2 mg/m ³ 690.9	H2O g/m ³ 11.279

Below the data display is a navigation bar with tabs: 'Connect', 'Calibration', 'Cal Coeffs', 'Inputs', 'Outputs', 'RS232', 'PC Logging', 'Strip Charts', and 'Diagnostics'. The 'Outputs' tab is active. The interface is divided into several control panels:

- D/A Converter #1:** Source is 'H2O mmol/m³', 0V = 0.00, 5V = 1000.00.
- D/A Converter #2:** Source is 'CO2 mmol/m³', 0V = 10.00, 5V = 25.00.
- Delay Time (ms):** 230 + (0 / -) * 6.579 = 230.000 ms.
- Bandwidth:** Radio buttons for 5 Hz, 10 Hz (selected), and 20 Hz.
- SDM Address:** A numeric keypad showing '7'.
- Values To Update:** A list of checkboxes: Dac1 (checked), Dac2 (checked), Delay (checked), Bandwidth (checked), and SDM Address (checked). Below this list are 'Update Selected' and 'Cancel All' buttons.

The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the Start button, several icons, the 'LI7500' application icon, a 'Document1 - Microsoft W...' window, and the system tray with the time '1:27 PM'.