



# ASVCO2 GEN 2 USER MANUAL

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## Overview

There is a current need to quantify the daily to inter-annual variability in air-sea CO<sub>2</sub> fluxes and understand the mechanisms controlling these fluxes. The carbon group at the Pacific Marine Environmental Laboratory (PMEL) within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) has mounted sensors on moored buoys to provide high resolution time-series measurements of atmospheric boundary layer and surface pCO<sub>2</sub>. This data is used to evaluate the temporal variability in air-sea CO<sub>2</sub> fluxes and to assist in examining the mechanisms controlling CO<sub>2</sub> fluxes. NOAA has made improvements to a design originally developed by MBARI, and previously worked with Battelle to manufacture the MAPCO<sub>2</sub> system<sup>1</sup>.

The latest ASVCO<sub>2</sub><sup>2</sup> sensor is designed to measure the partial pressure CO<sub>2</sub> concentration of sea water and surrounding air. From these measurements an evaluation of the temporal variability in air-sea CO<sub>2</sub> fluxes can be used to assist in identifying the associated air-sea exchange mechanisms.

This ASVCO<sub>2</sub> sensor is a modification of the original pCO<sub>2</sub> system developed by PMEL and Battelle in 2009. By eliminating non-pCO<sub>2</sub> capabilities (e.g., SSTC, Iridium, etc.), this sensor is a dependant sensor which requires other data-logging and telemetry systems. Additionally to calculate pCO<sub>2</sub> and fCO<sub>2</sub>, sea surface temperature and salinity measurements are required.

## Specifications

Power Requirements	
Voltage Requirement	6 - 18V DC
Average Run Current per sample (~18.167 minutes)*	90mA
Average Run Current (1 sample/hour)*	27mA
Peak Current per sample*	685mA
Sleep Current * * *	4mA
Communication	
Digital Format - Command	RS-232

<sup>1</sup> Sutton, A.J., C.L. Sabine, S. Maenner-Jones, N. Lawrence-Slavas, C. Meinig, R.A. Feely, J.T. Mathis, S. Musielewicz, R. Bott, P.D. McLain, J. Fought, and A. Kozyr (2014): [A high-frequency atmospheric and seawater pCO<sub>2</sub> data set from 14 open ocean sites using a moored autonomous system](#). Earth Sys. Sci. Data, 6, 353–366, doi: 10.5194/essd-6-353-201.

<sup>2</sup> Sabine, C., A.J. Sutton, K. McCabe, N. Lawrence-Slavas, S.R. Alin, R.A. Feely, R. Jenkins, S. Maenner, C. Meinig, J. Thomas, E. van Ooijen, A. Passmore, and B. Tilbrook (2020): [Evaluation of a new carbon dioxide system for autonomous surface vehicles](#). J. Atmos. Oceanic Tech., 37(8), 1305–1317, doi: 10.1175/JTECH-D-20-0010.1.

Digital Format - Console	USB (Virtual Serial Port)
Measurement	
Average Sample Run Time	18 minutes, 30 seconds
Sampling Frequency	2 hertz

\* Running at 12V DC nominal

\*\* Sleep current is not optimized, so unit should be shut off between runs.

Operational Theory

The ASVCO2 Sensor has six states of operation during a standard sample. The following diagram depicts the states in order of operation with an attempt at graphically indicating the lengths of each state. The *config* and *rest* states are overly exaggerated to fit the text within the blocks, while the *equilibrate* state is underexaggerated due to size restrictions.

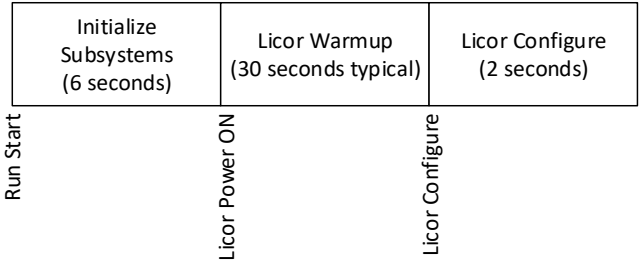
Note: In the state diagrams following, any words in red indicate variable times that can be set by the user. Some of these variables are used in other states (i.e., warmup, pumpon, etc.), and can affect the operation of the system significantly.

Full Run

CONFIG	ZERO	SPAN	EQUILIBRATE	AIR	REST
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Config State

The *config* state configures the sensor for the requested run. When a run is requested, all sensor variables are locked.



### Zero Position (ZP) State

During the *Zero* state, the flow control module is commanded to run atmospheric air through the dryer and the soda lime, creating an air sample devoid of CO<sub>2</sub> with extremely reduced relative humidity. This sample is used to provide a reference setting to the Li-COR NDIR CO<sub>2</sub> sensor.

Zero Pump ON (30 seconds typical)	Sample (30 seconds typical)	Zero Pump OFF* (15 seconds typical)	Sample (30 seconds typical)	Zero Calibration (15 seconds typical)	Sample (Post Cal) (30 seconds typical)
Zero, Pump ON	Sample Start	Pump Off	Sample Start	Zero Commanded	Sample Start

### Span Position (SP) State

The *Span* State is used to calibrate the Li-COR NDIR CO<sub>2</sub> sensor with a known CO<sub>2</sub> concentration sample. The flow control unit is commanded to route the bottled CO<sub>2</sub> standard through the dryer and into the Li-COR

Span FLOW ON (30 seconds typical)	Sample (30 seconds typical)	Span Pump OFF* (15 seconds typical)	Sample (30 seconds typical)	Span Calibration (15 seconds typical)	Sample (Post Cal) (30 seconds typical)
Span, Flow OPEN	Sample Start	Flow CLOSED	Sample Start	Span Commanded	Sample Start

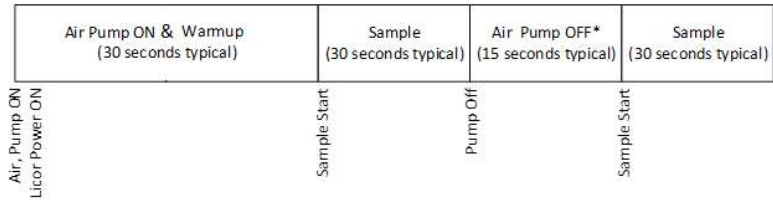
### Equil Position (EP) State

The *equil* (equilibration) state is where the seawater CO<sub>2</sub> concentration is measured. A clean air sample (from the atmosphere) is bubbled in the equilibrator to equalize the partial pressures of the water sample and the trapped air. This is typically the longest state in the process as the equilibration process requires a significant amount of time.

Equilibrate Pump ON (570 seconds typically)	Warmup (30 seconds typical)	Sample (30 seconds typical)	EQUIL Pump OFF* (15 seconds typical)	Sample (30 seconds typical)
Licor Power OFF Equil, Pump ON	Licor Power ON	Sample Start	Pump Off	Sample Start

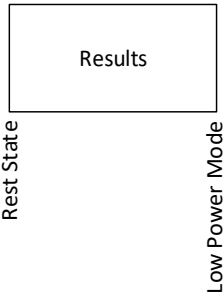
Air Position (AP) State

The *air* state is where the atmospheric CO2 is measured. The flow controller routes the atmospheric air through the dryer and into the Li-COR for measurement. After the atmospheric CO2 is measured, the sensor recalibrates the O2 sensor.



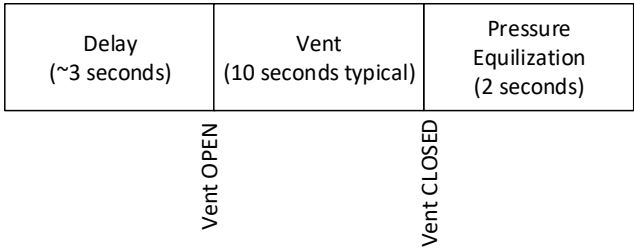
Rest State

At the conclusion of the sample, the sensor is put into the *rest* state. The flow controller closes all valve entries from exterior to prevent water damage to the sensing system.



Pump Off (Substate)

In the previous states, a sub-state labeled "Pump OFF\*" was shown. The following timing diagram shows the components of the pump-off sub-state:



## Purge State (Optional)

The purge state is added to a run by running the “TSP” or “TSQP” commands. This state is used to help remove any moisture buildup in the tubing. PURGE TIME and VENT TIME are variable. Following the purge, the system is put into rest state.

Valve Position [ABABAA] Pump ON (40 seconds)	Valve Position [BAABBA] Pump OFF (PURGE TIME)	Valve Position [BABAAA] Pump OFF (20 seconds)	Valve Position [BBBAAA] Pump ON (VENT TIME)
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Valve Position [ABBAAA] Pump ON (VENT TIME)	Valve Position[REST MODE] Pump OFF (60 seconds)	Valve Position [BBBABBB] Pump OFF (PURGE TIME)	Valve Position [ABBAAB] Pump ON (VENT TIME)
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## User Interface(s)

### I. Physical Interface - Bulkhead Connectors

The ASVC02 Gen 2 sensor has a single 8-pin Subconn MCBH8M bulkhead connector used for all power and communications. See Section II. for communication setup.

Pin #	Function	Limits/Notes
1	GND	System Ground
2	Tx	RS232 Transmit (to user)
3	Rx	RS232 Receive (from user)
4	+V	Input Voltage (6-18VDC)
5	+5VDC	USB Power (+5VDC)
6	D-	USB Data (Negative)
7	D+	USB Data (Positive)
8	GND	USB Ground

**Subconn MCBH2M Bulkhead Connector Pins**

Mating parts for bulkhead connector:

Part Number	Qty	Description
MCIL8F	1	Mating Cable
MCDLS Snap Ring	1	Locking Sleeve Snap Ring
MCDLS-F	1	Locking Sleeve

## II. Physical Interface - PCB

The ASVC02 Gen2 sensor has two interfaces, command port (RS232) and console port (USB), used to connect to users and control systems.

### Command Port

The command port (Connector receptacle J1 on the PCB) is a combination power and serial port which is intended for M2M communications, i.e. control by autonomous vehicle or buoy controller.

Pin #	Function	Limits/Notes
1	GND	System Ground
2	Tx	RS232 Transmit (to user)
3	Rx	RS232 Receive (from user)
4	+V	Input Voltage (6-18VDC)

**Command Port Connector Pins**

RS232 Property	Setting
Baud Rate	115,200
Data bits	8
Parity	None
Stop bits	1
Flow Control	None
Termination Character(s)	CR & LF (\r\n)

**Command Port Serial Connection Settings**



Console Port

The Console port (USB) was designed for system configuration and testing during the manufacturing phase. A USB-to-Serial integrate circuit allows the ASVC02 to show up as a Virtual COM port on a PC.

USB Property	Setting
Baud Rate	115,200
Data bits	8
Parity	None
Stop bits	1
Flow Control	None
Termination Character(s)	CR & LF (\r\n)
Console Port Serial Connection Settings	

### III. Hotkeys (Console Port Only (USB))

When the system is woken up (by sending any character) from Low Power Mode (LPM) it enters a wait state where it is looking for a user command for the next 5 seconds, or it will go back to the LPM. The following commands are available during this wait state:

<b>Command</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Definition</b>
?	Show Help Menu	Show List of Hotkey Commands
R	Start Sample Run	Start a full cycle pCO <sub>2</sub> measurement run with normal sample periods
u	Start sample, quick test	Start a quick pCO <sub>2</sub> measurement test with fast sample periods
O	Calibrate O <sub>2</sub> Sensor	Pump atmospheric air through O <sub>2</sub> sensor for 30 seconds and calibrate ADC for 20.947 %O <sub>2</sub> .
T	Console Terminal Mode	Enter the console terminal for full-featured configuration menu.
t	Get Time	Get the current RTC time.
S	Current Sampling Mode	Which Mode the system is currently in (Fast, Normal or Deploy) <i>(Not currently implemented)</i>
s	Current Sampling Schedule	Show the current scheduler functions with start times <i>(Not currently implemented)</i>
d	Get System Settings	Return a list of configurable system settings.
A	Air Mode (Purge)	Runs Air Mode to purge Licor of possible condensation
q	Return to Sleep Mode	Exit program and return to LPM.

### IV. The Terminal: Console & Command Port Commands

The Terminal can be entered through both the Console Port (USB) or the Command Port (RS232). To enter from the Console port, a wakeup key (any key) followed by a "T" will bring up the terminal. From the Command port, a wakeup key (any key) will automatically enter the Terminal.

Once the terminal is entered, a '>' will be shown. If the sensor has previously been assigned a serial number, the serial number will precede the '>'.

Both ports will return to sleep after a period of inactivity. For the both console (USB) and command(RS232), this is approximately 60 seconds.

The following commands are available from the **Terminal**:

**System Commands (Read Only):**

<i><b>Command</b></i>	<i><b>Action</b></i>	<i><b>Definition</b></i>
?	Show Help Menu	Show List of Hotkey Commands
Ctrl-C (ASCII 0x03)	Reset System	Restart System
q	Exit Terminal Mode	Exit Terminal and return to Low Power Mode
report	Get System Settings	Return a list of configurable system settings.
ver	Show Firmware Version	Show the firmware version running on this device
i2cfail	Show the number of I2C failures	Show the number of I2C failure/restarts since power-up
startup	Show the number of system startups	Show the number of systems startups since the device was programmed

### System Commands

<i>Command</i>	<i>Action</i>	<i>Definition</i>
serial	Show Serial Number	Show the device serial number
serial= XXXXXXXX	Set the serial number	Set the device serial number [18 characters max] [For PMEL Devices, this should be ASVCO2xxxx. Xxx can be 12 char long]
sreset	Software Reset	Reset the device by using the software reset (Quick response)
time	Show current time	Show the current RTC time (ISO-8601 format)
time= yy mm dd hh mm ss	Set current time	Sets the current datetime (yy mm dd hh mm ss)
Baud	Show Serial Baudrate	Shows the current buadrate setting
baud= X	Set Serial Baudrate	Set the serial port baudrate (2400, 4800, 9600, 19200, 28800, 38400, 57600, 115200)

### TELOS Compliant Commands

<i>Command</i>	<i>Action</i>	<i>Definition</i>
cshow	Show COM Data	Report dummy TELOS COM data
gps	GPS Data	Always reports -2 for PCO2 Sensor
time	Sensor Date & Time	Time in format (yy mm dd hh mm ss)
time=	Set Sensor Date & Time	Time in format(yy mm dd hh mm ss)
idata	Iridium Data	Show the iridium (real-time) data
sdata	Sample Data	Show the high frequency data set

who	Serial Number	Show the system serial number
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### pCO<sub>2</sub> Configuration Commands

<b>Command</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Definition</b>
span	Show the Span Gas Concentration	Show the span gas concentration ( $\mu\text{mol mol}^{-1}$ ) stored in memory
span= XXXXX.XX	Set the span gas concentration	Set the span gas concentration in $\mu\text{mol mol}^{-1}$ . (Default: 300 $\mu\text{mol mol}^{-1}$ )
span2	Show the Secondary Span Gas Concentration	Show the Secondary Span gas concentration ( $\mu\text{mol mol}^{-1}$ ) stored in memory
span2= XXXXX.XX	Set the Secondary Span gas concentration	Set the secondary span gas concentration in $\mu\text{mol mol}^{-1}$ .
spandiff	Show the Span Pressure Difference (kPa)	Show the minimum pressure difference between SPON and SPOFF that allows for automatic span calibration during a run. If this pressure difference is not exceeded, the calibration (span) gas cylinder is likely empty..
spandiff= XXX.XX	Set the span pressure difference	Set the pressure difference that determines if the system span calibrates during a run. In kPa. [default= 0.4kPa]
equil	Show equilibration pump time	Show the length of the equilibration pump time in seconds
equil= SSS	Set the equilibration pump time	Set the length of the equilibration pump time in seconds
warmup	Show the LICOR warmup time	Show the length of the LICOR warmup time in seconds
warmup= SSS	Set the length of the LICOR warmup	Set the LICOR warmup time length in seconds
pumpon	Show the pump on time	Show the length of pump on time during a sample cycle in

		seconds. Pump on time also controls the flush time for the span gas. CO2 is not sampled during the pump on time.
pumpon= SSS	Set the pump on time	Set the length of pump on time during a sample in seconds
pumpoff	Show the pump off time	Show the length of pump off time during a sample in seconds. Pump off times encompasses: 1) a pressure settle period (set as a constant in the firmware of 3 sec), 2) user defined vent period (see below), 3) followed by 2nd pressure settle period (length of this period is pumpoff time minus (vent time + 3 secs)
pumpoff= SSS	Set the pump off time	Set the length of pump off time during a sample in seconds
sampleco2	Show the data sample length time	Show the length of time the sample is collected during a sample in seconds in its current state.
sampleco2= SSS	Set the data sample length time	Set the length of time the sample is collected during a sample in seconds in its current state.
vent	Show the vent delay time	Show the length of delay time between vent open/close events in seconds
vent= SSS	Set the vent delay time	Set the length of delay time between vent open/close events in seconds
heater	Show the LICOR heater state	Show the current ON/OFF state of the LICOR Heater
heater= X	Set the LICOR heater state	Set the LICOR heater state (0=OFF, 1=ON). Heater default state is OFF since the heater is not used in the field.

### Logging Commands

<i>Command</i>	<i>Action</i>	<i>Definition</i>
ts	Take sample	Start a sample run immediately
tsq	Take sample – Quiet Mode	Start a sample run immediate: only show only display start and stop of run on Command port. No other messaging. Can send an “sdata” or “idata” command after the run is complete.  Start indicated by “Starting Sample - Quiet Mode” Complete indicated by “Sample Complete”
tsp	Take sample w/Purge	Start a sample run immediately and run the purge routine when complete.
tspq	Take sample w/Purge – Quiet Mode	Same as “tsq” with the purge routine run prior to completion.

### Test Mode Commands

<i>Command</i>	<i>Action</i>	<i>Definition</i>
test	Enter TEST mode	Put system in TEST mode
stream	Stream Data	Stream system data (any key to exit)
norm	Enter Normal Mode	Return from TEST mode into Normal mode

### Flow Control Module Commands - Requires System in TEST MODE

<i>Command</i>	<i>Action</i>	<i>Definition</i>
flowon	Turn Flow Control Module ON	Set relay to apply power to the Flow Control Module(MUST BE IN TEST MODE)

flowoff	Turn Flow Control Module OFF	Clear the relay to cut power to the Flow Control Module(MUST BE IN <b>TEST MODE</b> )
fpulse	Flow Control Pulse Length	Sets the flow control pulse length (10-100ms)
fcurrent	Flow Control Current Setting	Sets the flow control current setting (0-7)
flowpass	Flow Control Passthrough	Allows direct UART access to the Flow Controller in the field
fpurge	Flow Control Purge	Run the purge routine

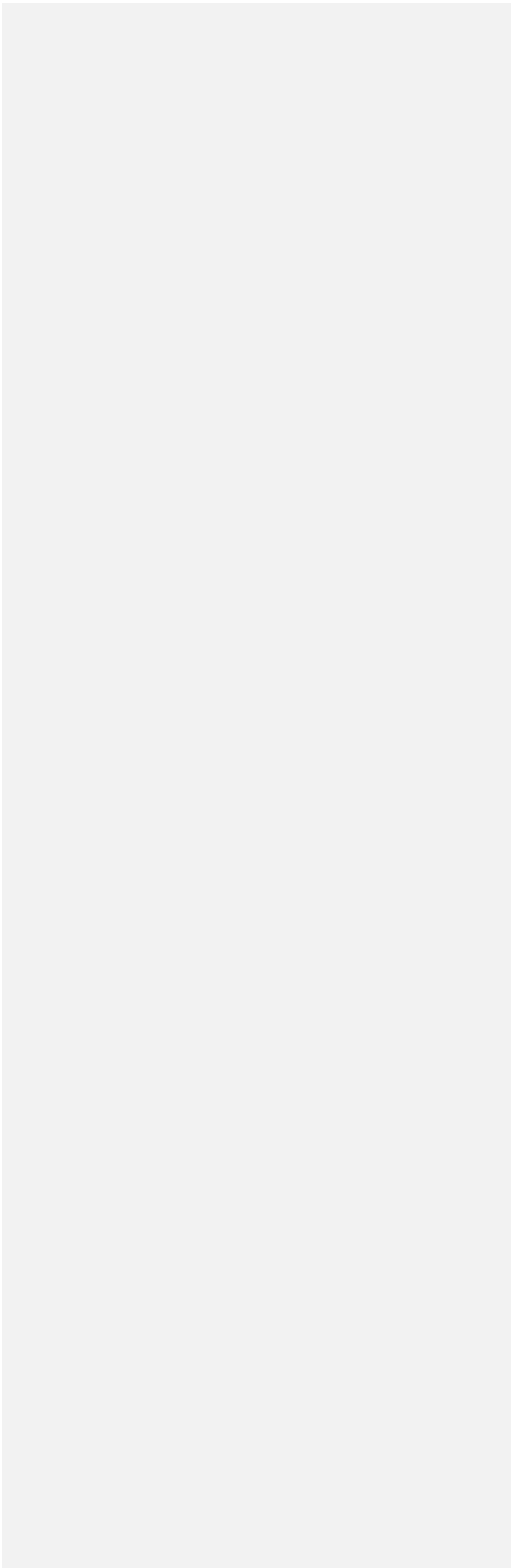
#### Valve Setting Commands - Requires System in TEST MODE

<b>Command</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Definition</b>
tpos	Start data streaming	Starts in REST mode, use following keys to cycle between modes (MUST BE IN <b>TEST MODE</b> )
<i>q</i>	Exit	Exit TPOS mode
<i>p</i>	Toggle Pump	Toggles Pump OFF/ON in positions that utilize the pump
<i>a</i>	AIR Positions	Cycles through AIR Positions (APON, APOFF).
<i>e</i>	EQUILIBRATE Positions	Cycles through EQUIL Positions (EPON, EPOFF).
<i>r</i>	REST position.	Sets REST position.
<i>z</i>	ZERO Positions	Cycles through ZERO positions (ZPON, ZPOFF, ZPPCAL).
<i>s</i>	SPAN positions	Cycles though SPAN positions (SPON, SPOFF, SPPCAL).
<i>0</i>	Perform ZERO Cal	Send the Licor a re-zero command
<i>1</i>	Perform SPAN Cal	Runs the LI-COR SPAN





		Calibration
2	Performs SECONDARY SPAN Cal	Runs the LI-COR SECONDARY SPAN Calibration



### Licor Testing Commands – Requires System in TEST MODE

<b>Command</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Definition</b>
licoron	Turn LICOR ON	Set relay to apply power to LICOR (MUST BE IN <b>TEST MODE</b> )
licoroff	Turn LICOR OFF	Clear relay to remove power to LICOR (MUST BE IN <b>TEST MODE</b> )
licorcfg	Configure LICOR	Run LICOR initial configuration (MUST BE IN <b>TEST MODE</b> )
likzero	READ CO2KZERO	Read co2kzero value from LI-830
likzero= n.nnnnnnnn	SET CO2KZERO	Set co2kzero value on LI-830
likspan	READ CO2KSPAN	Read co2kspan value from LI-830
likspan= n.nnnnnnnn	SET CO2KSPAN	Set co2kspan value on LI-830
likspan2	READ CO2KSPAN2 (Secondary Span)	Read co2kspan2 (Secondary Span) value from LI-830
likspan2= n.nnnnnnnn	SET CO2KSPAN2	Set co2kspan2 value on LI-830
lisample	Sample the LICOR	Read a LICOR sample (MUST BE IN <b>TEST MODE</b> ) ( <i>Not currently implemented</i> )
heateron	Turn LICOR heater ON	Turn LICOR Heater on (requires high current input) (MUST BE IN <b>TEST MODE</b> )
heateroff	Turn LICOR heater OFF	Turn LICOR heater off (MUST BE IN <b>TEST MODE</b> )
lipass	LICOR COMS passthrough	Create a tunnel to the LICOR to directly talk to the sensor through the terminal (MUST BE IN <b>TEST MODE</b> )
liver	LICOR firmware version	Read the LICOR firmware version number.

#### Oxygen Sensor Commands - Requires System in TEST MODE

<i><b>Command</b></i>	<i><b>Action</b></i>	<i><b>Definition</b></i>
O2	Read O2 Sensor	Read the O2 Sensor value in %. (MUST BE IN <b>TEST</b> MODE)
O2volt	Read O2 Sensor Voltage	Read the O2 sensor voltage in volts. (MUST BE IN <b>TEST</b> MODE)
o2cal	Calibrate O2 Sensor	Run the O2 Calibration Routine. (MUST BE IN <b>TEST</b> MODE)
anaon	Turn the analog port ON	Apply power to the analog voltage reference. (MUST BE IN <b>TEST</b> MODE)
anaoff	Turn the analog port OFF	Clear power to the analog voltage reference. (MUST BE IN <b>TEST</b> MODE)

#### Relative Humidity Sensor Commands - Requires System in TEST MODE

<i><b>Command</b></i>	<i><b>Action</b></i>	<i><b>Definition</b></i>
rh	Read the RH sensor	Read the relative humidity sensor in %RH. (MUST BE IN <b>TEST</b> MODE)

### Real-time Clock Commands

<i>Command</i>	<i>Action</i>	<i>Definition</i>
rtccal	Set RTC Calibration	Turns on the 32kHz signal on the RTC output used for calibrating the crystal. System then waits for next field to be entered:
XXXXX.XX	Program the RTC	Enter the actual frequency of the crystal measured to auto-calculate the RTC offset for most accurate timing
treg	RTC Register Value	Shows hex values of RTC registers (for debugging purpose)
tcon	Charge RTC Cap	Applies voltage to the RTC SuperCap
tcoff	Stop Charge RTC Cap	Turns RTC SuperCap off
tcal	Autocal RTC RC Osc	Autocalibrates the RTC oscillator

## Manufacturer Configuration Commands

To access these commands you need to first unlock them using the “mconfig” command, you then have USB= 60sec & RS232 = 10sec to enter the commands before your access expires and you need to reenter the “mconfig” command.

These commands are used for NetCDF generation

<b>Command</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Definition</b>
mconfig= PMEL	Allow Access to Manufacture Commands	Simple password protection for remainder of Manufacturer Configuration Commands (use “mconfig= PMEL” to see the values)
ssct	Read secondaryspan_calibrated_temperature	Show the Licor temp at the time that the Secondary Span Coefficient was set.
ssct= x.xxx	Write secondaryspan_calibrated_temperature	Record the Licor temp at the time that the Secondary Span Coefficient was set.
sscsc	Read secondaryspan_calibrated_spanconcentration	Show the concentration of the span gas used during the Secondary Span calibration routine. (This is the concentration for the mid-level span1 gas).
sscsc= x.xx	Write secondaryspan_calibrated_spanconcentration	Record the concentration of the span gas used during the Secondary Span calibration routine. (This is the concentration for the mid-level span1 gas).
lssc	Read last_secondaryspan_calibration	Show the date of the last secondary span calibration.
lssc= YYYY-MM-DDThh:mm:ssZ	Write last_secondaryspan_calibration	Record the datetime of the secondaryspan calibration.
lsstds	Read last_secondaryspan_temperaturedependantslope	Show the date of the last Secondary Span temperature dependant slope determination.
lsstds= YYYY-MM-DDThh:mm:ssZ	Write last_secondaryspan_temperaturedependantslope	Record the date of the last Secondary Span temperature dependant slope

		determination.
sstds	Read secondaryspan_temperaturedependantsl ope	Show the secondary span's temperature dependant slope, which is defined as the Licor's linear fit between the Secondary Span Coefficient and detector temperature between 0 and 40 deg C. presented as change in secondary span coefficient value per deg. C. This slope may be applied during the post processing of the data to improve measurement accuracy.
sstds= x.xxxxxxx	Write secondaryspan_temperaturedependantsl ope	Record the secondary span's temperature dependant slope, which is defined as the Licor's linear fit between the Secondary Span Coefficient and detector temperature between 0 and 40 deg C. presented as change in secondary span coefficient value per deg. C. This slope may be applied during the post processing of the data to improve measurement accuracy.
sstdsf	Read secondaryspan_temperaturedependantsl opefit	Show the R <sup>2</sup> linear fit of the secondary span's temperature dependency determination.
sstdsf= x.xxx	Write secondaryspan_temperaturedependantsl opefit	Record the R <sup>2</sup> linear fit of the secondary span's temperature dependency determination.
sscrh	Read secondaryspan_calibrated_RH	Show the RH of the gas stream in the licor when the Secondary Span Coefficient was set.
sscrh= x.xx	Write secondaryspan_calibrated_RH	Record the RH of the gas stream in the licor when the Secondary Span Coefficient was set.
sscsm	Read	Show the serial number of the

	secondariespan_calibrated_spanserialnum ber	span gas (S0) bottle used while setting the secondary span.
sscssn=	Write secondariespan_calibrated_spanserialnum ber	Record the serial number of the span gas (S0) bottle used while setting the secondary span.
ssconc	Read ASVCO2_secondariespan_concentration	Show the concentration of the secondary span gas used to set the Secondary Span Coefficient. This will be the highest concentration gas. An example might be 2500 $\mu\text{mol}$ $\text{mol}^{-1}$ .
sssn	Read ASVCO2_secondariespan_serialnumber	Read the serial number of the secondary span gas (S1) bottle used while setting the secondary span.
sssn=	Write ASVCO2_secondariespan_serialnumber	Record the serial number of the secondary span gas (S1) bottle used while setting the secondary span.
ssn	Read ASVCO2_span_serialnumber	Read the serial number of the span gas (S0) bottle used in the ASVCO2 system
ssn=	Write ASVCO2_span_serialnumber	Record the serial number of the span gas (S0) bottle used in the ASVCO2 system
avalid	Read last_ASVCO2_validation	Show the last time that the ASVCO2 system was validated against a suite of WMO certified gas standards.
avalid= YYYY- MM- DDThh:mm:ssZ	Write last_ASVCO2_validation	Record the last time that the ASVCO2 system was validated against a suite of WMO certified gas standards.
pbias	Read pressure_bias	Show the bias of the Licor pressure sensor. Obtained when the ASVCO2 system is open to the atmosphere (APON state) and its pressure is compared to a certified barometer. This bias is applied during the post processing process to

		determine the partial pressure of CO <sub>2</sub> .
pbias= x.xx	Write pressure_bias	Record the bias of the Licor pressure sensor. Obtained when the ASVCO <sub>2</sub> system is open to the atmosphere (APON state) and its pressure is compared to a certified barometer. This bias is applied during the post processing process to determine the partial pressure of CO <sub>2</sub> .
lpbm	Read last_pressure_bias_measured	Show the date of the most recent pressure bias determination.
lpbm= YYYY-MM-DDThh:mm:ssZ	Write last_pressure_bias_measured	Record the date of the most recent pressure bias determination.
atrhs	Read ASVCO <sub>2</sub> _ATRH_serial	Show the serial number of the internal ASVCO <sub>2</sub> AT/ RH sensor.
atrhs= ssssssss	Write ASVCO <sub>2</sub> _ATRH_serial (Currently User Disabled)	Placing the system in [TESTMODE] will save the attached ATRH sensor's serial number
o2s	Read ASVCO <sub>2</sub> _O <sub>2</sub> _serial	Show the serial number of the internal ASVCO <sub>2</sub> oxygen sensor.
o2s= ssssssss	Write ASVCO <sub>2</sub> _O <sub>2</sub> _serial	Record the serial number of the internal ASVCO <sub>2</sub> oxygen sensor.
mfr	Read ASVCO <sub>2</sub> _manufacturer	Show the manufacturer of the ASVCO <sub>2</sub> system.
mfr= ssssssssssssssss	Write ASVCO <sub>2</sub> _manufacturer	Record the manufacturer of the ASVCO <sub>2</sub> system.



## DATA Format

All data reported during a run is returned with the "Data:" tag and has the following form:

**DATA: State,TS,SN,CO2(ppm),Li\_temp,Li\_pres,Li\_RawSample,Li\_RawReference,RH(%),RH\_T(C),O2(%)**

Where:

State – Current pCO<sub>2</sub> sample mode  
 TS – Timestamp (in ISO-8601 format, YYYY-MM-DDTHH:MM:SSZ)  
 SN – Serial Number of pCO<sub>2</sub> sensor  
 CO<sub>2</sub>(ppm) – CO<sub>2</sub> concentration in parts per million (ppm)  
 Li\_temp(C) – LICOR CO<sub>2</sub> sensor chamber temperature in degrees C  
 Li\_pres(kPa) – LICOR CO<sub>2</sub> sensor chamber pressure in kilopascals  
 Li\_RawSample – LICOR CO<sub>2</sub> sensor raw data measurements  
 Li\_RawReference – LICOR CO<sub>2</sub> reference data  
 RH(%) – Relative humidity percentage  
 RH\_T(C) – Relative Humidity sensor temperature measurement in degrees C  
 O<sub>2</sub>(%) – Percentage Oxygen measured

Example:

**DATA: APOFF , 2021-03-29T23:25:29.5Z, ASV1007, 438.470, 21.157, 101.506, 5488897, 5920678, 43.409, 20.468, 20.907**

## STATS Format

All statistical data (mean and standard deviation of measurements) reported during a run is returned with the "STATS:" tag and has the following form:

**STATS:**

**State,SN,TimeStamp,Li\_Temp\_ave(C),Li\_Temp\_sd,Li\_Pres\_ave(kPa),Li\_Pres\_sd,CO2\_ave(PPM),CO2\_SD,O2\_ave(%),O2\_SD,RH\_ave(%),RH\_sd,RH\_T\_ave(C),Rh\_T\_sd,Li\_RawSample\_ave,Li\_RawSample\_sd,Li\_RawDetector\_ave,Li\_RawReference\_sd**

Where:

State – Current pCO<sub>2</sub> sample mode  
 SN – Serial Number of pCO<sub>2</sub> sensor  
 TS – Timestamp (in ISO-8601 format, YYYY-MM-DDTHH:MM:SSZ)  
 Li\_Temp\_ave(C) – Licor mean temperature (degrees C)  
 Li\_Temp\_sd – Licor temperature standard deviation (degrees C)  
 Li\_Pres\_ave(kPa) – Licor mean pressure (kPa)  
 Li\_Pres\_sd – Licor pressure standard deviation (kPa)  
 CO<sub>2</sub>\_ave(PPM) – Licor mean CO<sub>2</sub> (ppm)  
 CO<sub>2</sub>\_SD – Licor CO<sub>2</sub> standard deviation (ppm)  
 O<sub>2</sub>\_ave(%) – Mean Oxygen (%O<sub>2</sub>)  
 O<sub>2</sub>\_SD – Oxygen standard deviation (%O<sub>2</sub>)  
 RH\_ave(%) – Mean Relative Humidity (%RH)  
 RH\_sd – Relative Humidity Standard Deviation (%RH)  
 RH\_T\_ave(C) – Mean Relative Humidity Temperature (degrees C)  
 Rh\_T\_sd – Relative Humidity Temperature standard deviation(degrees C)

Li\_RawSample\_ave – Licor Mean Raw1 reading  
 Li\_RawSample\_sd – Licor Raw1 reading standard deviation  
 Li\_RawDetector\_ave – Licor Mean Raw2 reading  
 Li\_RawReference\_sd – Licor Raw2 reading standard deviation

Example:

STATS: SPON , ASV1007, 2021-03-29T23:10:50Z, 20.573, 0.021, 102.904, 0.006, 503.835, 0.605, 20.984, 0.051, 43.421, 0.051, 20.194, 0.011, 5422553, 601, 5925315, 457

### LOG Format (only available in Console/USB)

All mode and engineering data are returned with the “LOG:” tag. The messages are designed to be human-readable and have no specific format. They are prepended with the timestamp for diagnostic purposes.

Example:

LOG: 2019-05-22T11:24:39Z, Start ZERO PUMP ON  
 LOG: 2019-05-22T11:24:40Z, Start Pump 30 seconds  
 LOG: 2019-05-22T11:25:10Z, Sample - Real Time  
 LOG: 2019-05-22T11:25:11Z, Sample Data 30 seconds

### DRY Format

At the end of each sample, the dry Atmospheric and Water CO2 measurements are computed and displayed to the user using the “DRY:” tag and the following format. **NOTE: If spandiff is not met, the DRY field will not be displayed.**

DRY: TS, SW\_xCO2(dry), Atm\_xCO2(dry)<CR><LF>

DRY: YYYY-MM-DDTHH:MM:SSZ, xxx.xxx, yyy.yyy<CR><LF>

Where:

YYYY - Four-digit year  
 MM - Two-digit month  
 DD - Two-digit day  
 HH - Two-digit hour (24-hour clock)  
 MM - Two-digit minute  
 SS - Two-digit seconds  
 xxx.xxx - Floating point Seawater pCO2 value (ppm)  
 yyy.yyy - Floating point Atmospheric air pCO2 value (ppm)

Example:

DRY: TS, SW\_xCO2(dry), Atm\_xCO2(dry)  
 DRY: 2019-05-21T15:13:31Z, 198.01, 253.79

## REPORT Format

Sending the hotkey command “d” or the console command “report” returns the system variables.

The format is as follows:

```
ASVCO2v2<CR><LF>
serial= CCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCC<CR><LF>
ver= CCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCC<CR><LF>
startup= UUUUUUUUUUUUUU<CR><LF>
gps= -2<CR><LF>
time= YYYY-MM-DDTHH-MM-SSZ<CR><LF>
span= FFFF.FFFF<CR><LF>
spandiff= F.FFFF<CR><LF>
equil= UUUU<CR><LF>
warmup= UUUU<CR><LF>
pumpon= UUUU<CR><LF>
pumpoff = UUUU<CR><LF>
sampleco2= UUUU<CR><LF>
vent= UUUU<CR><LF>
heater= U<CR><LF>
sample= UUUU<CR><LF>
LI_ser = CCC-CCC<CR><LF>
LI_ver = C.C.C<CR><LF>
LI_ccva1= F.FFFFF<CR><LF>
LI_ccva2= F.FFFFF<CR><LF>
LI_ccva3= F.FFFFF<CR><LF>
LI_ccva4= F.FFFFF<CR><LF>
runtime= HH:MM:SS<CR><LF>
secondaryspan_calibrated_temperature= F.FFF<CR><LF>
secondaryspan_calibrated_spanconcentration= F.FF<CR><LF>
last_secondaryspan_calibration= YYYY-MM-DDTHH:MM:SSZ<CR><LF>
last_secondaryspan_temperaturedependantslope= YYYY-MM-DDTHH:MM:SSZ<CR><LF>
secondaryspan_temperaturedependantslope= F.FFFFFFFF<CR><LF>
secondaryspan_temperaturedependantslopefit= F.FFF<CR><LF>
secondaryspan_calibrated_rh= F.FF<CR><LF>
secondaryspan_calibrated_spanserialnumber= CCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCC<CR><LF>
ASVCO2_secondaryspan_concentration= FFFF.FF<CR><LF>
ASVCO2_secondaryspan_serialnumber= CCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCC<CR><LF>
ASVCO2_span_serialnumber= CCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCC<CR><LF>
last_ASVCO2_validation= YYYY-MM-DDTHH-MM-SSZ<CR><LF>
pressure_bias= F.F<CR><LF>
last_pressure_bias_measured= YYYY-MM-DDTHH-MM-SSZ<CR><LF>
ASVCO2_ATRH_serial = CCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCC<CR><LF>
ASVCO2_O2_serial= CCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCC<CR><LF>
ASVCO2_manufacturer= NOAA/PMEL
```

Where:

**ASVC02v2** is the sensor version

**serial=** The sensor serial number (up to 20 characters)

**ver=** Firmware Version Number (up to 20 characters)

**startup=** Number of time system has been started (ASCII represented unsigned integer)

**gps= -2** (Constant used in PMEL systems)

**time=** ISO-8601 Timestamp format. UTC Time.

**span=** Span CO2 Concentration (ppm, ASCII represented floating point)

**equil=** Equilibration time (seconds, ASCII represented unsigned integer)

**pumpont=** Pump ON time (seconds, ASCII represented unsigned integer)

**pumpoff=** Pump OFF time (seconds, ASCII represented unsigned integer)

**sampleco2=** CO2 sample time (seconds, ASCII represented unsigned integer)

**vent=** Sensor vent time (seconds, ASCII represented unsigned integer)

**heater=** Heater Set state (0=OFF, 1=ON)

**sample=** Licor Sampling Frequency (Hz, ASCII represented unsigned int)

**LI\_ser** = Licor Serial Number

**LI\_ver** = Licor Firmware Version

**LI\_ccva1** = Licor CO2 calibration value #1

**LI\_ccva2** = Licor CO2 calibration value #2

**LI\_ccva3** = Licor CO2 calibration value #3

**LI\_ccva4** = Licor CO2 calibration value #4

**runtime=** Estimated time for a full sample (seconds)

**secondariespan\_calibrated\_temperature=** Temperature recorded during secondary cal (degC)

**secondariespan\_calibrated\_spanconcentration=** CO2 Concentration used at secondary cal (ppm)

**last\_secondariespan\_calibration=** Datetime of secondary cal

**last\_secondariespan\_temperaturedependantslope=** Datetime of secondary span fit calc

**secondariespan\_temperaturedependantslope=** Slope of secondary cal temperature fit

**secondariespan\_temperaturedependantslopefit=** Offset of secondary cal temperature fit

**secondariespan\_calibrated\_rh=** RH at secondary cal (%RH)

**secondariespan\_calibrated\_spanserialnumber=** RH sensor serial number used for secondary cal

**ASVC02\_secondariespan\_concentration=** Secondary span conc used for calculation co2 (ppm)

**ASVC02\_secondariespan\_serialnumber=** Serial number of secondary span gas

**ASVC02\_span\_serialnumber=** Serial number of span gas onboard sensor

**last\_ASVC02\_validation=** Datetime of last validation

**pressure\_bias=** Pressure bias of calculation

**last\_pressure\_bias\_measured=** Datetime of last pressure bias measurement

**ASVC02\_ATRH\_serial** = ATRH used Serial Number

**ASVC02\_O2\_serial=** Onboard O2 sensor Serial Number

**ASVC02\_manufacturer=** NOAA/PMEL

Note:

LI\_ser, LI\_ver, LI\_ccva1, LI\_ccva2, LI\_ccva3, LI\_ccva4, are all directly read from the Licor on the first Licor config/power-up.

Example:

```

ASVCO2v2
serial= ASV2001
ver= v1.8-12-g001ac12
startup= 2
gps= -2
time= 2000-01-06T18:29:15Z
span= 500.000000
spandiff= 0.400000
equil= 600
warmup= 30
pumpon= 30
pumpoff= 15
sampleco2= 30
vent= 10
heater= 0
sample= 2
LI_ser= CGA-5180
LI_ver= 1.0.4
LI_ccva1= 0.10000
LI_ccva2= 1.80000
LI_ccva3= 0.45000
LI_ccva4= 18.00000
runtime= 00:18:30
secondaryspan_calibrated_temperature= 27.300
secondaryspan_calibrated_spanconcentration= 2102.80
last_secondaryspan_calibration= 2021-08-04T09:32:23Z
last_secondaryspan_temperaturedependantslope= 2021-08-01T17:11:32Z
secondaryspan_temperaturedependantslope= 9.10000100
secondaryspan_temperaturedependantslopefit= -3.810
secondaryspan_calibrated_rh= 47.20
secondaryspan_calibrated_spanserialnumber= CO2SP1a800
ASVCO2_secondaryspan_concentration= 2101.32
ASVCO2_secondaryspan_serialnumber= CO2SP2a210132
ASVCO2_span_serialnumber= CO2SP2a05119
last_ASVCO2_validation=
pressure_bias= 2.3
last_pressure_bias_measured= 2021-08-01T16:43:11Z
ASVCO2_ATRH_serial = RH218139aa80
ASVCO2_O2_serial = T23Aca8ad
ASVCO2_manufacturer= PMEL/EDD

```

## SLEEP Format

**SLEEP** indicates the microcontroller is in low-power “sleep” mode. This is the only mode where power-off is considered safe.

## COEFF Format

During the run, the ASVCO2 sensor will report the coefficients generated by the Licor and the O2 sensors in both the Console and Command ports. These coefficients are needed during the data QC process and are important for the interpretation of raw data, the ability to re-calculate xCO2 from raw counts, and should be stored with the archived data. The format of the string for the Licor is:

The coefficients are returned as follows

```
COEFF: Licor -
COEFF: CO2LastZero: DD MMM YYYY
COEFF: CO2kzero: f.ffffffE+dd
COEFF: CO2LastSpan: DD MM YYYY
COEFF: CO2LastSpan2: YYYY-MM-DD
COEFF: CO2kspan: f.ffffffE+dd
COEFF: CO2kspan2: f.ffffffE+dd
COEFF: O2 -
COEFF: co2cal= f.fff
```

Where:

f.fff is a single precision float number

f.ffffffE+dd is a double precision number in exponential format

DD is the two digit day

MM is the two digit month

YYYY is the four digit year

### Example:

```
COEFF: Licor -
COEFF: CO2LastZero: 13 APR 2021
COEFF: CO2kzero: 1.20267850E+00
COEFF: CO2LastSpan: 06 APR 2021
COEFF: CO2LastSpan2: 2020-11-10
COEFF: CO2kspan: 5.45022040E+03
COEFF: CO2kspan2: 1.00100000E+02
COEFF: O2 -
COEFF: o2cal= 3.219
```

The ASVCO2's xCO2 values during the different states within a measurement run are calculated using the coefficients as detailed below. "Old" designates the coefficients stored on the licor from the last time the licor was calibrated, this will be the previous measurement run unless the system experienced a calibration error flag. The secondary span is calibrated and set in the lab before each instrument deployment.

```
ZPON- old zero, old span, lab secondary span
ZPON - old zero, old span , lab secondary span
ZPPOFF - new zero, old span , lab secondary span
SPON - new zero, old span , lab secondary span
SPOFF - new zero, old span , lab secondary span
SPPCAL- new zero, new span , lab secondary span
```

EPON - new zero, new span , lab secondary span  
 EPOFF - new zero, new span , lab secondary span  
 APON - new zero, new span , lab secondary span  
 APOFF - new zero, new span , lab secondary span

## V. TELOS/Post-Sensing data

After a “ts” or “tsq” command is sent and the sensor completes a run, the sample data and the TELOS compliant “iridium” data are stored for future use. Only the previous run is stored; once another “ts” or “tsq” is commanded the memory is cleared.

### “sdata” Format

The high frequency data (2Hz) is collected in memory during the run (ts/tsq) so that the data can be retrieved after the run using the “sdata” command. “ts” or “tsq” must be run before this data is valid. The data has the following format:

**"State,TS,CO2(ppm),Li\_Temp(C),Li\_Pres(kPa),Li\_Raw,Li\_Ref,RH(%),RH\_T(C),O2(%),xCO2(dry),xCO2(wet),co2kzero, co2kspan, co2kspan2, errors"**

Where:

State – Current pCO2 sample mode  
 TS – Timestamp (Integer values in 0.5second increments)  
 CO2(ppm) – CO2 concentration in parts per million (ppm)  
 Li\_Temp(C) – LICOR CO2 sensor chamber temperature in degrees C  
 Li\_Pres(kPa) – LICOR CO2 sensor chamber pressure in kilopascals  
 Li\_Raw – LICOR CO2 sensor raw data measurements  
 Li\_Reference – LICOR CO2 reference data  
 RH(%) – Relative humidity percentage  
 RH\_T(C) – Relative Humidity sensor temperature measurement in degrees C  
 O2(%) – Percentage Oxygen measured  
 xCO2(dry) - Calculated Atmospheric CO2 values  
 xCO2(wet) - Calculated Water CO2 values  
 co2kzero - Licor CO2 kzero coefficient  
 co2kspan - Licor CO2 kspan coefficient  
 co2kspan2 - Licor CO2 kspan2 coefficient  
 errors - Error Flags (string)

### “idata” Format

The real-time data, or “Iridium” data is collected during the run when the STATS are computed. After a run is complete, the “idata” command can be sent to retrieve the STATS data. “ts” or “tsq” must be run before this data is valid.. The data has the following format:

**"State,Li\_Temp\_ave(C),Li\_Temp\_sd,Li\_Pres\_ave(kPa),Li\_Pres\_sd,CO2\_ave(PPM),CO2\_SD,O2\_ave(%),O2\_S,RH\_ave(%),RH\_sd,RH\_T\_ave(C),Rh\_T\_sd,Li\_RawSample\_ave,Li\_RawSample\_sd,Li\_RawDetector\_ave,Li\_RawReference\_sd, SW\_xCO2(dry),Atm\_xCO2(dry),co2kzero,co2kspan,co2kspan2,eFlags"**

**Commented [1]:** @Matthew.Casari@noaa.gov maybe we need a table at the beginning summarizing all these data output options? Do we have a preferred data option?

\_Assigned to Matthew Casari - NOAA Federal\_

**Commented [2R1]:** @noah.lawrence-slavas@noaa.gov I'm not following what you're asking for. What do you mean by preferred data option?

\_Reassigned to Noah Lawrence-Slavas - NOAA Federal\_

**Commented [3R1]:** You have added the sdata and idata commands, which behave very differently from the rest of the data formats you are talking about here. This section needs some clarification for how / when the user sees these formats, i.e. report, idata and sdata need to have commands sent to retrieve them. I believe all the other data formats are just printed to the screen after the ts command is given at various times during a measurement cycle. I think a brief headed paragraph explaining this would be very helpful for this section.

Where:

State – pCO<sub>2</sub> sample mode  
 Li\_Temp\_ave(C) – LICOR CO<sub>2</sub> sensor chamber temperature in degrees C (mean)  
 Li\_Temp\_sd - Standard deviation of Licor Temperature  
 Li\_Pres\_ave(kPa) - Licor Pressure measured (mean) (kPa)  
 Li\_Pres\_sd - Standard Deviation of Licor Pressure measured  
 CO<sub>2</sub>\_ave(PPM) - CO<sub>2</sub> concentration measured (PPM) (mean)  
 CO<sub>2</sub>\_sd- Standard Deviation of CO<sub>2</sub> concentration measured  
 O<sub>2</sub>\_ave(%) - Percentage Oxygen measured (mean)  
 O<sub>2</sub>\_sd(%) - Standard deviation of % Oxygen measured.  
 RH\_ave(%) - Percent Relative Humidity measured (mean)  
 RH\_sd - Standard Deviation of Relative Humidity  
 RH\_T\_ave(C) - Relative Humidity Sensor Temperature (degC) (mean)  
 RH\_T\_sd - Standard Deviation of Relative Humidity Temperature  
 Li\_RawSample\_ave - Licor Raw Sample values(mean)  
 Li\_RawSample\_sd - Standard deviation of Licor Raw Sample values  
 Li\_RawReference\_ave -Licor Raw Reference values (mean)  
 Li\_RawReference\_sd - Standard Deviation of Licor Raw Reference  
 SW\_xCO<sub>2</sub>(dry) – pCO<sub>2</sub> value for Seawater  
 Atm\_xCO<sub>2</sub>(dry) – pCO<sub>2</sub> value for Atmosphere  
 co2kzero - Licor CO<sub>2</sub> kzero coefficient  
 co2kspan - Licor CO<sub>2</sub> kspan coefficient  
 co2kspan2 - Licor CO<sub>2</sub> kspan2 coefficient

## NetCDF Template Notes

For the Netcdf template we have added a state called 'summary' to the other states (i.e. SPON,SPOFF....). The 'summary' state includes the Dry xCO<sub>2</sub> values, the Licor calibration coefficients, the error flags, and the O<sub>2</sub>cal information for each run. Additionally the NETCDF template includes a 'none' state that is used as a filler value for when the ASVCO<sub>2</sub> system is not running.

## ERROR FLAGS Format

At the end of each run, a string containing eight (8) bit-field error code flags is printed. The format of this string is as follows:

**FLAGS: [0x0001] [ 0x0002] [0x0004] [0x0008] [ 0x0010] [0x0020] [0x0040] [ 0x0080]**

Where [0x0001], etc. correspond to the error sub-types (as documented below in the Error Format subsection). Each bit-field is represented as a hexadecimal value. The flag is the bit-wise **OR** of the errors within the sub-type. For example, a string:

**FLAGS: 0000 0000 0400 0000 0000 0000 0201 0000**

Would show errors in the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> flags.

A breakdown of these errors would be:



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[0x0001][0x0000] - PCO2 General Errors: NONE  
[0x0002][0x0000] - PCO2 Zero Errors: NONE  
[0x0004][0x0400] - PCO2 Span Errors: **PCO2 Span Diff Not Met – Span Cal Skipped**  
[0x0008][0x0000] - PCO2 Span2 Errors: NONE  
[0x0010][0x0000] - PCO2 Equilibration & Air Errors: NONE  
[0x0020][0x0000] - RTC Errors: NONE  
[0x0040][0x0201] - Flow Controller, RH & O2 Errors: **RH I2C Failure + FLOW Failed to Init**  
[0x0080][0x0000] - Licor Errors: NONE

The 3<sup>rd</sup> flag corresponds to the PCO2 Span errors. In this case, 0400 is the “Span Diff Not Met – Span Cal Skipped” error, which indicates that the pressure in the Licor was not sufficiently high enough to allow Span calibration.

The 7<sup>th</sup> flag was 0201. The 7<sup>th</sup> flag, or the 0x0040 sub-types (Flow Control, RH & O2 errors) shows a compound error of 0x0200 | 0x0001 (OR'ed). When split, 0x0200 is a RH I2C Failure and 0x0001 is FLOW Failed to Init. This would indicate a RH connection error, typically when the RH sensor is not attached to the pCO2 sensor, and a Flow initialization error typical of when the Flow Control is not electrically attached to the pCO2 board.

## ERROR CODE Format

Any errors that occur during a system run will be displayed as follows:

**ERR: [ERROR\_CODE] [ERROR\_DESCRIPTION]**

The ERROR\_CODE is broken down as follows:

**[ERROR\_CODE] = [ERROR\_SUBCLASS][ERROR\_VALUE]**

Where:

ERROR\_SUBCLASS and ERROR\_VALUE are two 16-bit value in hexadecimal form, concatenated together.

The following is a list sub-classes of errors (First 4 hexadecimal digits in error code):

- [0x0001] – PCO2 General Errors
- [0x0002] – PCO2 Zero Errors
- [0x0004] – PCO2 Span Errors
- [0x0008] – PCO2 Span2 Errors
- [0x0010] – PCO2 Equilibration & Air Errors
- [0x0020] – RTC Errors
- [0x0040] – Flow Controller, RH & O2 Errors
- [0x0080] – Licor Errors

A list of all errors values (last 4 hexadecimal digits) follow in the next section.

EXAMPLE:

The following message would indicate that the Li-COR NDIR Sensor failed during an attempt to calibrate the sensor with the Span gas:

**ERR: 00040040 PCO2 Span Failed**

This would be broken down as:

ERROR\_SUBCLASS = 0x0001

ERROR\_VALUE = 0x0040

So the subclass fall under PCO2 General Errors, and the Error Value indicates PCO2 Span Fail

## ERROR Codes

### PCO2 General Errors (0x0001)

(XXXX 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000)

CODE	Error String	Description
0001 <b>0001</b>	00010001 PCO2 Licor Init Fail	Error starting the Li-8x0 Sensor
0001 <b>0002</b>	00010002 PCO2 Flow Init Fail	Error starting the Flow Control Module
0001 <b>0004</b>	00010004 PCO2 RH Init Fail	Error starting the Relative Humidity Sensor
0001 <b>0008</b>	00010008 PCO2 DL Init Fail	N/A
0001 <b>0010</b>	00010010 PCO2 Config Fail	PCO2 Sensor Configuration Error
0001 <b>0020</b>	00010020 PCO2 Zero Fail	PCO2 Sensor Failure During Zero state
0001 <b>0040</b>	00010040 PCO2 Span Fail	PCO2 Sensor Failure During SPAN state
0001 <b>0080</b>	00010080 PCO2 Span2 Fail	PCO2 Sensor Failure During SPAN2 state
0001 <b>0100</b>	00010100 PCO2 Equil Fail	PCO2 Sensor Failure during Equilibration state
0001 <b>0200</b>	00010200 PCO2 Air Fail	PCO2 Sensor failure during Atmospheric air sampling state
0001 <b>0400</b>	00010400 PCO2 Rest Fail	PCO2 Sensor failure to enter rest state
0001 <b>0800</b>	00010800 PCO2 Deploy Fail	PCO2 Sensor failure to enter deploy state.
0001 <b>1000</b>	00011000 PCO2 Flow REST Fail	PCO2 Flow Control Module failure to enter rest mode
0001 <b>2000</b>	00012000 PCO2 Flow DPLY Fail	PCO2 Flow Control Module failure to enter deploy mode
0001 <b>4000</b>	00014000 PCO2 Invalid Mode	PCO2 Invalid state/mode commanded

### PCO2 Zero Errors (0x0002)

(0000 XXXX 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000)

CODE	Error String	Description
0002 <b>0001</b>	00020001 PCO2 Licor Zero Fail	Error zeroing the Li-8x0 Sensor
0002 <b>0002</b>	00020002 PCO2 Zero Flow	PCO2 Failure to set Zero flow with pump on in flow

	ZERO_ON Fail	controller
00020004	00020004 PCO2 Zero SAMPLE 1 Fail	PCO2 failure to read sample from Licor for Zero setting
00020008	00020008 PCO2 Zero Flow ZERO_OFF Fail	PCO2 Failure to set Zero flow with pump off in flow controller
00020010	00020010 PCO2 Zero Flow PRECAL Fail	PCO2 Failure to set pre-calibration mode for zero in flow controller
00020020	00020020 PCO2 Zero SAMPLE 2 Fail	PCO2 failure to sample pre-calibration
00020040	00020040 PCO2 Zero CAL Fail	PCO2 failure to calibrate Licor
00020080	00020080 PCO2 Zero Flow POSTCAL Fail	PCO2 failure to set post calibration mode
00020100	00020100 PCO2 Zero SAMPLE 3 Fail	PCO2 failure to sample post zero calibration

### PCO2 Span Errors (0x0004)

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CODE	Error String	Description
0004 <b>0001</b>	00040001 PCO2 Licor Span Fail	Error Spanning the Li-8x0 Sensor
0004 <b>0002</b>	00040002 PCO2 Span Flow SPAN_ON Fail	PCO2 failure to set span mode with open flow from gas canister
0004 <b>0004</b>	00040004 PCO2 Span SAMPLE 1 Fail	PCO2 failure to sample with flow open during span
0004 <b>0008</b>	00040008 PCO2 Span Flow SPAN_OFF Fail	PCO2 failure to close flow from canister during span
0004 <b>0010</b>	00040010 PCO2 Span Flow PRECAL Fail	PCO2 failure to set pre-calibration mode (vent)
0004 <b>0020</b>	00040020 PCO2 Span SAMPLE 2 Fail	PCO2 failure to sample during pre-calibration during span
0004 <b>0080</b>	00040080 PCO2 Span CAL Fail	PCO2 failure to calibrate Licor SPAN
0004 <b>0100</b>	00040100 PCO2 Span Flow POSTCAL Fail	PCO2 failure to set post-calibration mode for SPAN
0004 <b>0200</b>	00040200 PCO2 Span SAMPLE 3 Fail	PCO2 failure to sample after calibration for span
0004 <b>0400</b>	00040400 PCO2 Span Diff Not Met – Span Cal Skipped	The differential pressure (spandiff) was not exceeded (indicating that the span cylinder is likely empty), and the Span calibration was skipped.

**PCO2 Span2 Errors (0x0008)**(0000 0000 0000 **XXXX** 0000 0000 0000 0000)

CODE	Error String	Description
0008 <b>0001</b>	00080001 PCO2 Licor Secondary Span Fail	N/A (Future Use)
0008 <b>0002</b>	00080002 PCO2 Secondary Span Flow SPAN_ON Fail	N/A (Future Use)
0008 <b>0004</b>	00080004 PCO2 Secondary Span SAMPLE 1 Fail	N/A (Future Use)
0008 <b>0008</b>	00080008 PCO2 Secondary Span Flow SPAN_OFF Fail	N/A (Future Use)
0008 <b>0010</b>	00080010 PCO2 Secondary Span Flow PRECAL Fail	N/A (Future Use)
0008 <b>0020</b>	00080020 PCO2 Secondary Span SAMPLE 2 Fail	N/A (Future Use)
0008 <b>0040</b>	00080040 PCO2 Secondary Span CAL Fail	N/A (Future Use)
0008 <b>0080</b>	00080080 PCO2 Secondary Span Flow POSTCAL Fail	N/A (Future Use)
0008 <b>0100</b>	00080100 PCO2 Secondary Span SAMPLE 3 Fail	N/A (Future Use)

### PCO2 Equilibrate & Air Errors (0x0010)

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CODE	Error String	Description
00100002	00100002 PCO2 Equil Flow EQUIL_ON Fail	PCO2 failure to set equilibration mode with pump on
00100004	00100004 PCO2 Equil SAMPLE 1 Fail	PCO2 failure to sample during equilibration mode
00100008	00100008 PCO2 Equil Flow EQUIL_OFF 1 Fail	PCO2 failure to shut pump and valves during equilibration mode
00100010	00100010 PCO2 Equil Flow VENT Fail	PCO2 failure to set vent state during equilibration
00100020	00100020 PCO2 Equil Flow EQUIL_OFF 2 Fail	PCO2 failure to shut pump during equilibration mode
00100040	00100040 PCO2 Equil SAMPLE 2 Fail	PCO2 failure to sample during equilibration while vented
00100200	00100200 PCO2 Air Flow EQUIL_ON Fail	PCO2 failure to set atmospheric air pump mode
00100400	00100400 PCO2 Air SAMPLE 1 Fail	PCO2 failure to sample during atmospheric pumping
00100800	00100800 PCO2 Air Flow AIR_OFF 1 Fail	PCO2 failure to
00101000	00101000 PCO2 Air Flow VENT Fail	PCO2 failure to vent during air mode
00102000	00102000 PCO2 Air Flow AIR_OFF Fail	PCO2 failure to turn pump off during air mode
00104000	00104000 PCO2 Air SAMPLE 2 Fail	PCO2 failure to sample while vented during air mode

### RTC Errors (0x0020)

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CODE	Error String	Description
00200002	00200002 RTC Alarm Before Current Time	Alarm is set for before the actual current time

00200004	00200004 RTC Alarm After Current Alarm	Alarm is set for before the expected alarm
00200008	00200008 RTC Alarm Repeat = 0	N/A
00200010	00200010 RTC Invalid Month	Month is outside of 1-12
00200020	00200020 RTC SQW Invalid Pin	Invalid pin to set square wave for RTC on
00200040	00200040 RTC Alarm Invalid Pin	Invalid pin to set alarm pin
00200080	00200080 RTC Msg Too Long	Message too long for RTC transmission
00200100	00200100 RTC Msg Length > Buffer	Message length is longer than buffered data
00200200	00200200 RTC Msg Length Too Short	Message length is shorter than buffered data
00200400	00200400 RTC I2C Transmission Error	I2C transmission error between microcontroller and RTC
00200800	00200800 RTC I2C Receive Error	I2C receive error between microcontroller and RTC
00201000	00201000 RTC I2C Hang	I2C is inoperable

#### Flow Controller, RH & O2 Errors (0x0040)

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CODE	Error String	Description
00400001	00400001 FLOW Failed to Init	Failed to Initialize the Flow Controller
00400002	00400002 FLOW Failed on Startup	Flow controller failed on startup
00400004	00400004 FLOW Invalid Flow State	Invalid command state for flow controller
00400008	00400008 FLOW Mode Set Failure	Failure to set mode in flow controller
00400010	00400010 FLOW Message NACK	NACK received from flow controller



00400020	00400020 FLOW Message Not Sent	Failed to send message to flow controller
00400040	00400040 FLOW Mode Not Received	Timeout after sending message to flow controller
00400100	00400100 RH Sensor Error	N/A
00400200	00400200 RH I2C Failure	RH Sensor I2C fail to connect
00401000	00401000 O2 Sensor Failure	N/A

## Licor Errors (0x0080)

CODE	Error String	Description
00800002	00800002 Invalid Sensor Type	Invalid Licor type specified
00800004	00800004 Invalid XML Parent Tag	Failure generating Licor XML parent tag
00800008	00800008 Invalid XML Child Tag	Failure generating Licor XML child tag
00800010	00800010 Invalid XML LVL3 Tag	Failure generating Licor XML level 3 tag
00800020	00800020 Invalid XML Combo	Failure generating Licor XML combination
00800040	00800040 Invalid XML Level 1	Failure validating Licor XML Level 1 tag
00800080	00800080 Invalid XML Level 2	Failure validating Licor XML Level 2 tag
00800100	00800100 Invalid XML Level 3	Failure validating Licor XML Level 3 tag
00800200	00800200 Invalid XML Level 4	Failure validating Licor XML Level 4 tag
00800400	N/A	N/A
00800800	N/A	N/A
00801000	N/A	N/A

## Appendix A

### Acronyms

ADC - Analog-to-digital Converter

ASVCO<sub>2</sub> – Autonomous Surface Vehicle Carbon Dioxide [Sensor]

CO<sub>2</sub> – Carbon Dioxide

GPS – Global Positioning System

H<sub>2</sub>O – Water

ISO-8601- Date Time standard [[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ISO\\_8601](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ISO_8601)]

kPa – kilo-pascals

LPM – Low Power Mode

mA – milli-amp

M2M - Machine to Machine

MBARI – Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute

NOAA - National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

O<sub>2</sub> - Oxygen

PCB - Printed Circuit Board

pCO<sub>2</sub> – Partial pressure of Carbon Dioxide

PMEL - Pacific Marine Environmental Laboratory

ppm – Parts per million (equivalent to  $\mu\text{mol mol}^{-1}$ )

RH – Relative Humidity

RTC - Real-time Clock

Span – Calibration of CO<sub>2</sub> sensor with precision WMO certified CO<sub>2</sub> concentration sample

uA – micro-amp

VDC – Volts Direct Current

XML – Extensible Markup Language

WMO – World Meteorological Organization

Zero – Calibration of CO<sub>2</sub> sensor with known concentration of  $\sim 0.0 \mu\text{mol mol}^{-1}$

## Appendix B

### Li-Cor Configuration

The following is the list of the Li-Cor configurations set prior to a sample. All have a root of li830.

Parent	Child	Value	XML
rs232	co2	true	<li830><rs232><co2>true</co2></rs232></li830>
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rs232	celltemp	true	<li830><rs232><celltemp>true</celltemp></rs232></li830>
rs232	cellpres	true	<li830><rs232><cellpres>true</cellpres></rs232></li830>
rs232	ivolt	true	<li830><rs232><ivolt>true</ivolt></rs232></li830>
rs232	echo	false	<li830><rs232><echo>echo</echo></rs232></li830>
rs232	strip	false	<li830><rs232><strip>>false</strip></rs232></li830>
rs232	flowrate	false	<li830><rs232><flowrate>>false</flowrate></rs232></li830>
rs232	raw	true	<li830><rs232><raw>true</raw></rs232></li830>
cfg	outrate	0.0	<li830><cfg><outrate>0.0</outrate></cfg></li830>
cfg	heater	false	<li830><cfg><heater>>false</heater></cfg></li830>
cfg	pcomp	true	<li830><cfg><pcomp>true</pcomp></cfg></li830>
cfg	filter	0.0	<li830><cfg><filter>0.0</filter></cfg></li830>
cfg	bench	14	<li830><cfg><bench>14</bench></cfg></li830>
cfg	alarms	false	<li830><cfg><alarms>>false</alarms></cfg></li830>
cfg	span	0.0	<li830><cfg><span>0.0</span></cfg></li830>

Appendix C  
Flow Diagrams

