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1 DESCRIPTION

1.1 Purpose

This document specifies the command, control, and configuration details for operating the soil heat flux sensors. It includes a detailed discussion of all necessary requirements for operational control parameters, conditions/constraints, set points, and any necessary error handling. All Level 0 Data Products generated by the sensor should be identified.

1.2 Scope

The HFP01SC: Self-Calibrating Heat Flux Sensor™ will be used to measure soil heat flux, providing the information of how much energy is being stored in and lost from the soil. The sensor capable of operating under the environment extremes found across the NEON site. There is no firmware required for this sensor.

A complete set of the Level 0 data products generated in this document can be found in appendix.

The soil heat flux assembly will consist of following Data Generating Device (DGD) based on Data Generating Device DGD List and Hierarchies doc (AD [06]):

DGD Agile PN	DGD Agile Description
CF03900001	Assembly, Soil Heat Flux Splitter 2, 30 Feet

This document specifies the command, control, and configuration that is needed for operating this sensor. It does not provide implementation details, except for cases where these stem directly from the sensor conditions as described here.

2 RELATED DOCUMENTS AND ACRONYMS

2.1 Applicable Documents

Applicable documents contain information that shall be applied in the current document. Examples are higher level requirements documents, standards, rules and regulations.

AD [01]	NEON.DOC.000001	NEON Observatory Design (NOD) Requirements
AD [02]	NEON.DOC.000291	NEON Configured Sensor List
AD [03]	NEON.DOC.005003	NEON Scientific Data Products Catalog
AD [04]	NEON.DOC.005005	NEON Level 0 Data Products Catalog
AD [05]	NEON.DOC.000814	NEON ATBD-Soil Heat Flux
AD [06]	NEON.DOC.001104	Data Generating Device DGD List and Hierarchies



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2.2 Reference Documents

Reference documents contain information complementing, explaining, detailing, or otherwise supporting the information included in the current document.

RD [01]	NEON.DOC.000008 NEON Acronym List	
RD [02]	NEON.DOC.000243 NEON Glossary of Terms	
RD [03]	HFP01SC Self Calibrating Heat Flux Sensor™ USER MANUAL HFP01SC Manual v0710	
RD [04]	Application and Specification of Heat Flux Sensors Version 9904	

2.3 Acronyms

Acronym	Explanation
ATBD	Algorithm Theoretical Basis Document
C ³	Command, Control, and Configuration Document
SOP	Standard Operating Procedures
QA/QC	Quality Assurance/Quality Control
TIS	Terrestrial Instrument System
LO	Level 0
L1	Level 1
ENG	NEON Engineering group
CI	NEON Cyberinfrastructure group
DPS	NEON Data Products group
CVAL	NEON Calibration, Validation, and Audit Laboratory

3 INTRODUCTION

The HFP01SC is selected to measure soil heat flux applied in the soil arrays. The related soil heat flux Level 0 data products acquired from soil heat flux assembly are listed in Table 3 in appendix. A description of how sensor readings shall be converted to soil heat flux in units of W m⁻² is presented in the associated ATBD (AD [05]).

4 OVERVIEW OF SENSOR CONFIGURATION

The HFP01SC: Self-Calibrating Heat Flux Sensor™ configurations are presented in

Table 1.

Table 1. Sensor configuration settings.

Parameter	Default Setting
Heater	Off
Soil heat flux sensor voltage (V_s): Acquisition rate	0.1 Hz



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Voltage across the current sensing resistor (V_{cur}):	0.1 Hz
Acquisition rate	

5 COMMAND AND CONTROL

5.1 Error handling

Given that the soil heat flux sensor has no built-in error handling, no command and control interface is required for the sensor.

5.2 Automated calibration

The HFP01SC is a combination of a heat flux sensor and a film heater. The automated calibration is performed by activating the film heater that is mounted on top, resulting in a new calibration factor. The calibration cycle shall be carried out every 13 hours. The calibration heater shall be turned on for 3 minutes at the start of calibration cycle. While the calibration heater is turned on, the voltage output of sensor (V_s : NEON.DOM.SITE.DP0.00040.001.01798.HOR.VER.000) and the voltage across the current sensing resistor (V_{cur} : NEON.DOM.SITE.DP0.00040.001.01800.HOR.VER.000) are measured. The V_s and V_{cur} at time of 0, 180, and X second after the calibration heater is turned on will be used in calculating the new sensor sensitivity; where X is the time required for the effect of the heater on the measurements to dissipate, which is specified in the CI database. A description of how to calculate sensor sensitivity is presented in the associated ATBD (AD [06]). Table 2 specifies the command and control structure for the heater.

Table 2. Truth table for controlling sensor.

Control	Condition	Data acquisition system	Output to CI
parameter(s)		action	
Automated	every 13	Turn calibration heater on	Calibration Heater flags
Calibration	hours		(NEON.DOM.SITE.DP0.00040.001.017
		Measure sensor voltage	99.HOR.VER.000)
		and voltage across the	V_s
		current sensing resistor	(NEON.DOM.SITE.DP0.00040.001.017
			98.HOR.VER.000)
			V_{cur}
			(NEON.DOM.SITE.DP0.00040.001.018
			00.HOR.VER.000)
Automated	calibration	Turn calibration heater off	Calibration Heater flags
Calibration	heater on for		(NEON.DOM.SITE.DP0.00040.001.017
	3 minutes	Measure sensor voltage	99.HOR.VER.000)
		and voltage across the	V_s
		current sensing resistor	(NEON.DOM.SITE.DP0.00040.001.017
			98.HOR.VER.000)
			V_{cur}



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6 ASSEMBLY INTEGRATION

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7 APPENDIX

7.1 List of Level 0 data product

Table 3. List of Level 0 data product numbers associated with this document

DGD Agile PN	DPNumber	fieldName	description	Acquisition frequency (Hz)	dataType	units
	NEON.DOM.SITE.DP0.00040.001.01798.HOR.VER.000	SHFVoltage	Soil heat flux sensor voltage	0.1	real	volt
CF03900001	NEON.DOM.SITE.DP0.00040.001.01799.HOR.VER.000	SHFCalHeaterFlag	Calibration heater flag indicating whether the heater was operational to perform a self-calibration, (1 = on, 0 = off)	0.1	integer	
	NEON.DOM.SITE.DP0.00040.001.01800.HOR.VER.000	curVoltage	Voltage across the current sensing resistor	0.1	real	volt

7.2 Assembly schematic drawing

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