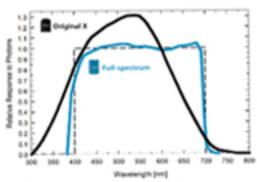
Quantum Sensors and Meters

The photosynthetically active radiation measurement tool of choice for lighting researchers

Apogee Instruments Quantum Sensors are the tool of choice for researchers and agricultural professionals measuring photosynthetically active radiation (PAR) all over the world. Apogee offers two types of quantum sensors to measure the traditional 400-700 nm PAR range: our high accuracy Full-spectrum Quantum and our less accurate, but more economical, Original X Quantum. Our Apogee ePar Sensor is used to measure the extended PAR range of 400-750 nm (see page 8). Consult our spectral response graph and table with photosynthetic photon flux density (PPFD) errors to decide which model is right for your application. which model is right for your application.



Above: Spectral response of original X quantum sensor (black) and full-spectrum quantum sensor (blue) compared to defined response of plants to radiation (dashed).

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Radiation Source	Original (SQ-100X Series) PPFD Error [%]	Full-Spectrum (SQ-500 Series) PPFD Error [%]
Sun (clear sky)	0.0	0.0
Sun (cloudy sky)	0.2	0.1
Reflected from Grass Canopy	5.0	-0.3
Transmitted below Wheat Canopy	7.0	0.1
Cool White Fluorescent (T5)	7.2	0.1
Metal Halide	6.9	0.9
Ceramic Metal Halide	-8.8	0.3
High Pressure Sodium	3.3	0.1
Blue LED (448 nm peak, 20 nm full-width half-max)	14.5	-0.7
Green LED (524 nm peak, 30 nm full-width half-max)	29.6	3.2
Red LED (635 nm peak, 20 nm full-width half-max)	-30.9	8.0
Red LED (667 nm peak, 20 nm full-width half-max)	-56.7	2.8
Red, Blue LED Mixture (84 % Red, 16 % Blue)	-21.2	-3.9
Red, White LED Mixture	-29.7	-2.0
Cool White LED	7.3	0.5
Warm White LED	-7.8	0.2



Accurate, Stable Measurements

Cost-effective, original X quantum sensors work well for broadband radiation sources (sun, high-pressure sodium, metal halide, cool white fluorescent lamps). Fullspectrum sensors are good for all light sources, including LEDs. Both sensors offer a self-cleaning, cosine-corrected head that is fully-potted for a waterproof design.

Output Options

Sensors are available in multiple analog options: attached to a hand-held meter with a digital output; as a "smart" sensor that uses USB communication and custom software; SDI-12 or Modbus protocols; or with Apogee's new µCache device.

Full-spectrum Models		
SQ-500	Self-powered 0 to 40 mV	
SQ-512	0 to 2.5 V	
SQ-514	4 to 20 mA	
SQ-515	0 to 5 V	
SQ-520	USB	
SQ-521	SDI-12	
SQ-522	Modbus	
MQ-500	Meter, separate sensor	
MQ-501	Meter, attached sensor	
MO-510	Meter, underwater calibration	

Original X Models

SQ-100X	Self-powered 0 to 400 mV
SQ-202X	Amplified 0 to 2.5 V
SQ-204X	Amplified 4 to 20 mA
SQ-205X	Amplified 0 to 5.0 V
SQ-420X	USB
SQ-421X	SDI-12
SQ-422X	Modbus
MQ-100X	Meter, attached sensor
MQ-200X	Meter, separate sensor
MQ-210X	Meter, underwater calibration

Line Quantum Models (0 to 250 mV)

SQ-301X MQ-301X 10 Sensors Sun Calibration Meter, 10 Sensors Sun Calibration



Case Study

The Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research models algal species in the Kuwait Bay. The study helps advance our understanding of the frequent algal bloom and fish kill incidents particularly occurring during the summer season. They used an Apogee MQ-510 underwater full-spectrum quantum sensor for continuous PAR field measurements.



