

# LI-6800

Portable Photosynthesis System

Advancements in  
Gas Exchange and  
Fluorescence Research





# Advancements Designed for You

The culmination of years of innovation, the LI-6800 Portable Photosynthesis System is part of a new era of photosynthesis learning and discovery. The sensor head design gives you automated control over all your leaf's environmental conditions—temperature, CO<sub>2</sub> concentration, humidity, light, and flow rate—for unprecedented measurements of plant physiology. The new plumbing in the sensor head, along with tighter tolerances on gas analyzers and the CO<sub>2</sub> mixer, are all part of Rapid Sensing™ Technology. These advancements unlock new research possibilities for you.

## Fast Survey Measurements

Achieves stability in as little as 45 seconds for the fastest survey measurements of any portable photosynthesis system—without sacrificing data accuracy or precision.

## Rapid Response Curves

With the patented air flow division inside the sensor head, a rapid exchange of air from the leaf chamber to the gas analyzers makes new techniques like the RACiR™ Method possible.

## One Measurement, Many Parameters

The LI-6800 records many parameters simultaneously—like assimilation, stomatal conductance, and intercellular CO<sub>2</sub> concentration—giving you datasets with a more complete picture of your plant's physiology.



# The Ultimate Experience

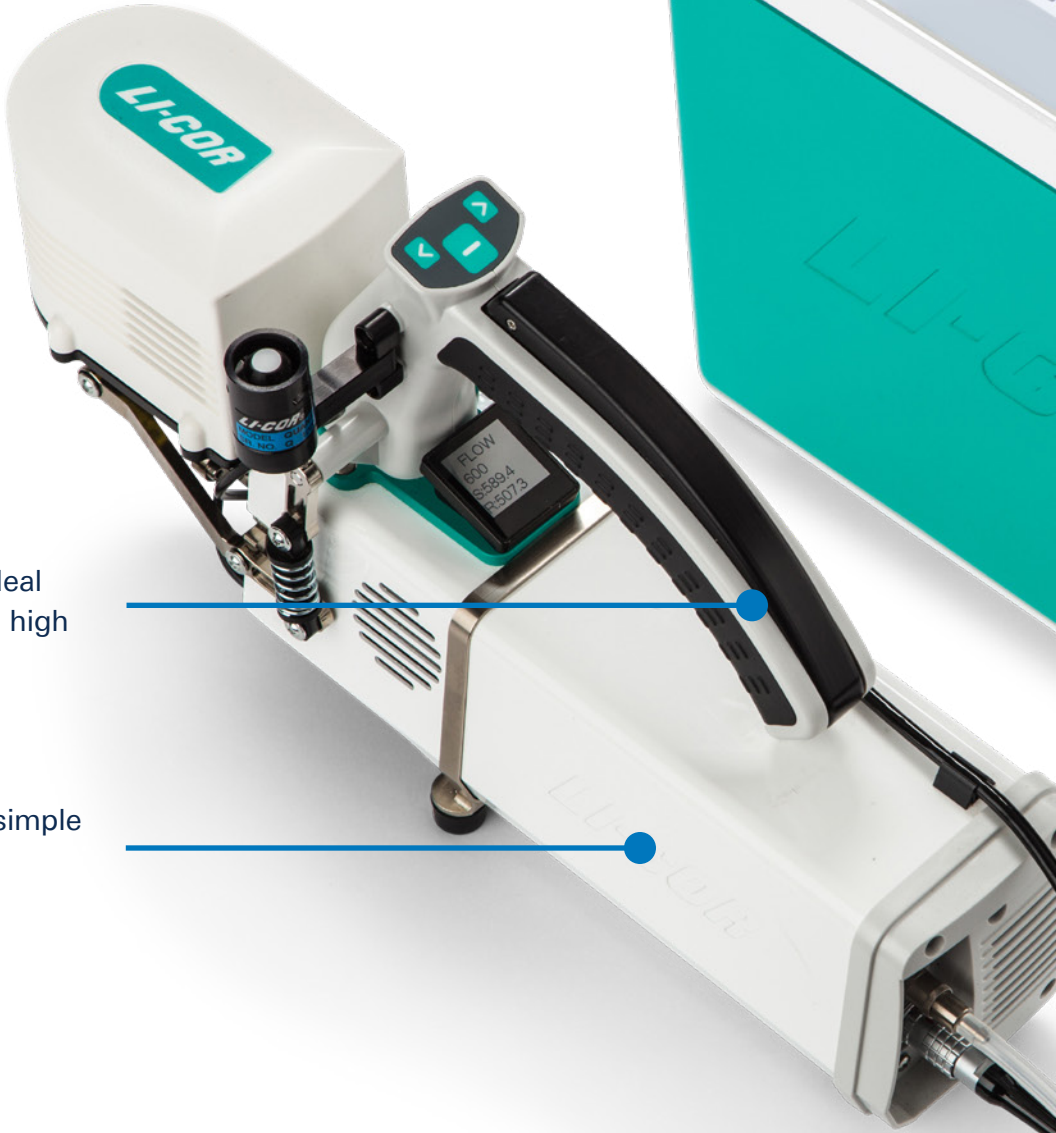
Rugged and dependable, the LI-6800 is ready to collect data wherever your research takes you.

Interchangeable leaf aperture inserts provide different measurable leaf area options.



Sensor head achieves an ideal balance of light weight and high performance.

User-cleanable optics and simple maintenance procedures minimize downtime and maintenance costs.





On-screen messages alert you to issues with the selected control ranges and measurements—so you can collect consistent, high-quality data.

Large touchscreen shows plots in real time and tracks the progress of each measurement.

Bluestem™ Software lets you remotely control the console, making teaching and training easy.

# Survey Measurements at a Fast Pace

The goal of survey measurements is to characterize a population by sampling a lot of leaves in a short period of time. Maximizing sample size means taking less time per leaf—without sacrificing data quality.

With the LI-6800, you get accurate measurements with high repeatability—fast. Rapid Sensing™ Technology allows for fully automated, highly responsive control of the leaf environment. The leaf chamber achieves stability in as little as 45 seconds, so you can get more measurements in less time.

## Field-Proven

The LI-6800 can complete a survey measurement in under a minute, with batteries that last all day. One 8-gram cartridge can provide up to 8 hours of continuous CO<sub>2</sub> conditioning. Comfort in the field is essential, which is why we made the LI-6800 lightweight with a balanced sensor head and a supporting console harness.

*“The response time is amazing, it’s easy to download data, and the batteries are lighter and last longer. The LI-6800 starts up and is ready to go, whether in the field or lab.”*

– Dr. Jason Kilgore, Washington & Jefferson College



# Full Control at Your Fingertips



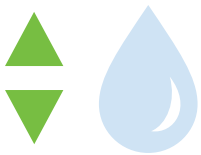
## Flow Control Over a Larger Leaf Area

The instrument precisely measures and controls air flow for the system over a range of up to 2.5 liters per minute (0-2 liters per minute through the sample chamber), giving you unprecedented control over chamber conditions. With this wide range of flow control and improved mixing, you can make measurements on a larger leaf area. A chamber with a larger leaf area allows for a higher signal-to-noise ratio for a given flux, giving you greater confidence in the data.



## CO<sub>2</sub> Control for Advanced A-C<sub>i</sub> Curves

The LI-6800 automatically controls CO<sub>2</sub> concentrations in the air stream by removing ambient CO<sub>2</sub> with a scrubbing chemical and adding it from a CO<sub>2</sub> source. The instrument quickly locks in and holds CO<sub>2</sub> concentrations at any setpoint between 0 and 2000  $\mu\text{mol mol}^{-1}$  with an incredibly fast response time from the CO<sub>2</sub> mixer. This powerful CO<sub>2</sub> control makes advanced techniques like the RACiR™ Method available to you.



## Water Vapor Control for Greater Stability

The instrument rapidly adjusts to the humidity setting you specify and precisely controls water vapor over the course of a measurement. The automatic humidity control maintains a constant vapor pressure deficit (VPD) between the leaf and chamber air to eliminate stomatal response to VPD.



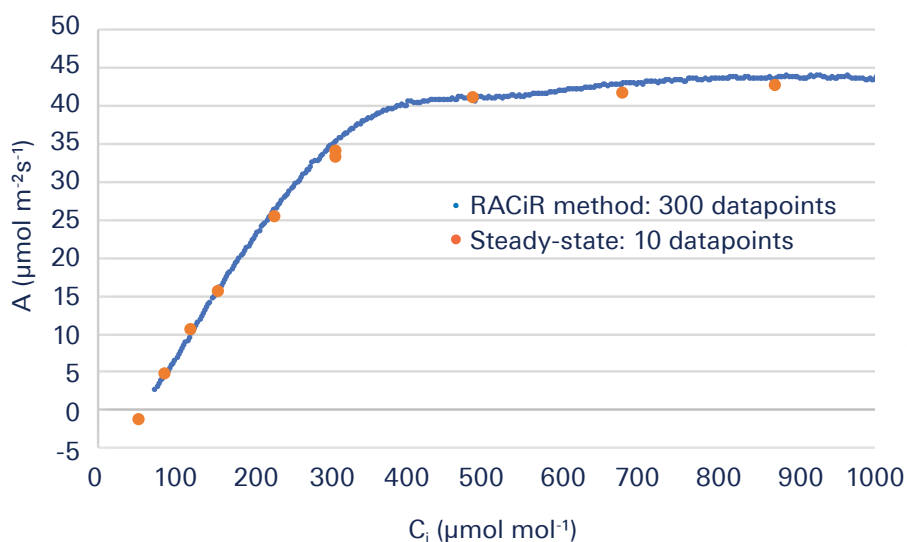
## Temperature Control for Repeatability

A Peltier cooler controls temperature of the leaf, air, or the heat exchanger according to your settings. Temperature quickly reaches the chosen setpoint, and is held steady from the moment it stabilizes to the end of a measurement, over a range of  $\pm 10$  °C from ambient. A constant temperature reduces variability in replicate measurements, increasing precision.

# Rapid A-C<sub>i</sub> Response Method

Advancements to the sensor head from Rapid Sensing Technology made the Rapid A-C<sub>i</sub> Response (RACiR™) Method possible. Unlike any other portable photosynthesis system, the patented air flow division is inside the sensor head, immediately before the flow meter, leaf chamber, and gas analyzers. The proximity of the flow split to the gas analyzers means short time delays between changing the concentration of CO<sub>2</sub> and measuring it. This lets you make measurements under rapidly changing CO<sub>2</sub> concentrations, to quickly generate CO<sub>2</sub> response curves.

Traditional CO<sub>2</sub> response curves measure assimilation (A) and calculate intercellular CO<sub>2</sub> (C<sub>i</sub>) at a series of steady-state CO<sub>2</sub> concentrations. It can take 30-40 minutes to make measurements for each response curve. With RACiR, non-steady-state measurements are taken while ramping the concentration of CO<sub>2</sub> reference very quickly. This means you can generate CO<sub>2</sub> response curve data in less time and with many more data points (which may reduce error for parameter estimation). Under ideal field conditions, you could screen about 70 plants in an 8-hour field day with a single LI-6800 system.<sup>1</sup>



**Figure 1.** Comparison of a steady-state response curve (orange) and the RACiR Method (blue) on a single sunflower leaf (*Helianthus spp.*). The steady-state curve took 25 minutes, while the RACiR Method took 10 minutes at a ramp rate of 100 μmol/mol<sup>1</sup>. In ideal conditions, a RACiR curve for parameter estimation can take as little as 5 minutes.

	V <sub>c,max</sub>	J <sub>max</sub>	V <sub>TPU</sub>
Steady-state	123.5 ± 3.1	219.8 ± 9.9	14.1 ± 0.7
RACiR	121.5 ± 5.8	234.4 ± 20.8	13.6 ± 1

**Table 1.** Estimates (mean ± SE) of V<sub>c,max</sub>, J<sub>max</sub> and V<sub>TPU</sub> that compare steady-state and RACiR methods on field-grown sunflower leaves (n=3). Error bars overlap between both methods for all three parameters.

1. Stinziano JR, Morgan PB, Lynch DJ, Saathoff AJ, McDermitt DK, and Hanson DT. (2017) The rapid A-C<sub>i</sub> response: photosynthesis in the phenomic era. *Plant, Cell & Environment*, 40:1256-1262. doi: 10.1111/pce.12911.



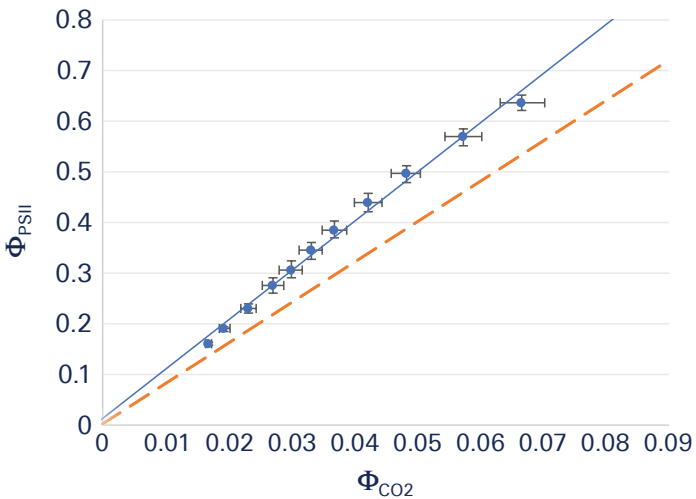


# Combined Gas Exchange and Fluorescence

Gas exchange measurements are useful to characterize leaf-level CO<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>O flux, stomatal conductance, and more, but this is only part of the story.

Chlorophyll *a* fluorescence measurements provide additional information about photosynthetic processes, including the light-driven electron transfer rate (ETR) and non-photochemical quenching (NPQ). NPQ protects leaves from the harmful effects of excess light absorption.

Measuring chlorophyll *a* fluorescence and gas exchange simultaneously provides a more complete picture of the coupled energy-producing and energy-consuming reactions of photosynthesis. The ratio between  $\Phi_{\text{PSII}}$  from fluorescence and  $\Phi_{\text{CO}_2}$  from gas exchange (Figure 2) is a measure of how efficiently a plant uses absorbed light energy to assimilate CO<sub>2</sub>. Having this knowledge opens the door to understanding how environmental stresses, like drought or heat, can disrupt this coordination.



**Figure 2.** The ratio between  $\Phi_{\text{PSII}}$  and  $\Phi_{\text{CO}_2}$  (i.e., the slope) approximates a plant's efficiency of using absorbed photons to assimilate CO<sub>2</sub>.  $\Phi_{\text{CO}_2}$  is the ratio of gross CO<sub>2</sub> assimilation to absorbed photons.  $\Phi_{\text{PSII}}$  is the proportion of absorbed light used to produce energy. A ratio of 8 photons per CO<sub>2</sub> fixed (orange) in C3 plants is the theoretical minimum.<sup>3</sup> These measurements show a ratio of 9.7 photons per CO<sub>2</sub> assimilated (blue). So, tobacco\* was relatively efficient at converting light energy into chemical energy. Combined measurements can reveal if a specific strain assimilates CO<sub>2</sub> efficiently—without confounding variables.

Combined gas exchange and chlorophyll *a* fluorescence measurements provide clarity of leaf-level mechanisms, like estimating mesophyll conductance, the role of alternative electron sinks, or regulating NPQ to improve yield.<sup>2</sup> Whether you work in a lab, greenhouse, or field, the LI-6800 can help you answer far-reaching questions related to food production, ecosystem health, and the impacts of changing environments.

2. Kromdijk J, Glowacka K, Leonelli L, Gabilly ST, Iwai M, Niyogi KK, and Long SP. (2016) Improving photosynthesis and crop productivity by accelerating recovery from photoprotection. *Science*. 354 (6314): 857-861.

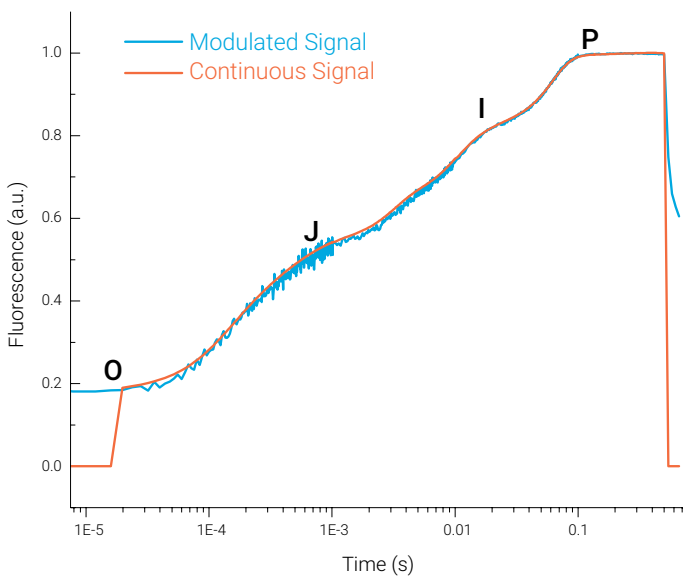
3. Edwards GE, and Baker NR. (1993) Can CO<sub>2</sub> assimilation in maize leaves be predicted accurately from chlorophyll fluorescence analysis? *Photosynthesis Research*. 37: 89-102.

\* Experimental conditions: Measured on non-stressed tobacco (*Nicotiana spp.*) plants grown in greenhouse conditions under 0.5% O<sub>2</sub> (which suppresses photorespiration).

# Induction Kinetics

Induction kinetics (OJIP) curves serve as a means of rapidly assessing exquisite photo-physical details of a key pigment-binding protein complex, PSII, in which photosynthesis is initiated. The different transitions of an induction curve (termed "OJIP transient") can be used to measure environmental stress in plants.

The LI-6800 fluorometer is unique in that it can measure both modulated and continuous fluorescence during induction, and it is the only portable photosynthesis system with a fluorometer capable of supporting important functions such as induction kinetics combined with gas exchange measurements over the same leaf area.



**Figure 3.** Fluorescence induction (OJIP) transient plotted on a logarithmic time scale, measured on a dark-adapted leaf. The transitions at J and I provide information on reduction of molecules involved in electron transport from PSII.

The photophysical reactions underlying an OJIP transient occur over a range of time scales. To characterize OJIP kinetics, fluorescence measurements must be made on time scales ranging from microseconds to milliseconds. The LI-6800 fluorometer can acquire modulated and continuous fluorescence signals ranging from 4 microseconds to hundreds of milliseconds.

Unique to the LI-6800 is the ability to measure induction kinetics at any saturation pulse intensity. It also does not rely on fixed time points. The actual data are fit to determine the OJIP inflection points.

# Light Sources

## Light Source for Combined Gas Exchange and Fluorescence

Use Multiphase Flash™ Fluorescence to accurately estimate maximum fluorescence yield ( $F_m'$ ) in leaves that are difficult to light saturate. An accurate estimate of  $F_m'$  is important to compute many other parameters, including nonphotochemical quenching (NPQ), quantum efficiency (qE), and the electron transport rate (ETR).<sup>4</sup>

The Multiphase Flash Fluorometer is the most powerful fluorometer available in a combined gas exchange and fluorescence system. Choose a 6-cm<sup>2</sup> or 2-cm<sup>2</sup> leaf area by swapping apertures.

The fluorometer provides uniform illumination intensities up to 2500  $\mu\text{mol m}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$ . Variation in light intensities is less than 10% of the mean over 90% of the leaf area. This high uniformity translates to more uniform leaf biochemical status, minimizing artifacts that can cause errors.

The LI-6800 fluorometer can also modulate the measuring light at frequencies up to 250,000 times per second using pulse amplitude modulation (PAM). This high frequency modulation provides the ability to fully characterize the fluorescence induction transient (OJIP) of a leaf with high resolution.

4. Loriaux SD, Avenson TJ, Welles JM, McDermitt DK, Eckles RD, Riensche B, and Genty B. (2013) Closing in on maximum yield of chlorophyll fluorescence using a single multiphase flash of sub-saturating intensity. *Plant, Cell & Environment*, 36:10. doi: 10.1111/pce.12115.



## Light Sources for Gas Exchange Chambers

You can independently control red and blue light emitting diodes (LEDs) on the Small Light Source, and red, blue, green, and white LEDs on the Large Light Source. The LEDs operate with low power consumption and have little effect on leaf temperature. An integrated silicon photodiode measures PAR output from the LEDs, providing real-time feedback to control leaf chamber illumination.

You can add a light source below the plant—in addition to the light source above the plant—to evenly illuminate the entire sample area. This also helps light both sides of thick plant material like cacti.

The Small Light Source is compatible with the Clear-top Leaf Chamber. The Large Light Source is compatible with the Large Leaf and Needle Chamber, Small Plant Chamber, and Bryophyte Chamber.



# Expand Your Research Possibilities

From large sunflower leaves to small grasses, you have options for measuring leaves of different morphology. By swapping chambers you unlock near endless potential from one instrument.



## Clear-top Chamber

*Works with the Small Light Source.*

Uses ambient light for gas exchange measurements. Options include 3x3, 2x3, or 1x3 cm, using interchangeable apertures. Can be used with two Small Light Sources to illuminate both sides of the leaf. (P/N: 6800-12A)



## Large Leaf and Needle Chamber

*Works with the Large Light Source.*

Ideal for leaves and needles big enough to cover most or all of the 36-cm<sup>2</sup> area leaf aperture. Can be used with two Large Light Sources to illuminate both sides of the leaf or sprig. (P/N: 6800-13)



## Soil CO<sub>2</sub> Flux Chamber

Used to measure the rate of diffusion of CO<sub>2</sub> from the soil surface. This 20 cm diameter chamber uses technology from the patented LI-COR soil solution, the global standard in soil chamber technology. (P/N: 6800-09)



## Small Plant Chamber

*Works with the Large Light Source*

Enables measurements of whole *Arabidopsis thaliana* plants, other small rosettes, or short canopies such as turf grass, in 65 mm (2.5 inch) diameter pots or 38 mm (1.5 inch) diameter Cone-Tainers™. (P/N: 6800-17)



## Bryophyte Chamber

*Works with the Large Light Source*

Used to measure CO<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>O gas exchange from mosses, hornworts, liverworts, and lichens. (P/N: 6800-24)



## Insect Respiration Chamber

Measures CO<sub>2</sub> respiration from insects, very small animals, seeds, or small fruits. (P/N: 6800-89)



## Custom Chamber Adapter

Choose your own application. Construct a chamber to meet your needs and mount it to the sensor head. (P/N: 6800-19)

# Software That Works with You

The software included with LI-6800 Portable Photosynthesis System provides valuable functions to get more from your instrument, your research, and the time you invest.

## Warmup Tests

Warmup tests ensure the LI-6800 is performing at its best. The LI-6800 warmup tests are almost entirely automated and take only minutes to complete. Once you begin the warmup tests, you're free for other tasks.

## Data and Graphing Options

See your data in real time, the way you want to. Select from dozens of parameters to be shown as numerical data or have the data plotted to a live graph. Change environmental conditions and watch the effect immediately.

## Flow Control Diagrams

The flow control diagram provides a visually interactive way for you to monitor and adjust all parameters affecting flow through the LI-6800. This allows you to observe the flow path as changes are made to the system. You can also evaluate in real-time the extent of system leaks in your measurement.

## Auto Programs

The LI-6800 includes customizable auto programs that allow you to set conditions across a selected range. The instrument automatically controls and changes the conditions and logs data for you. Auto programs make advanced techniques, such as nested environmental controls, possible.<sup>5</sup>

## Background Programs

Background programs offer unparalleled experimental flexibility. Design your own automated programs to run in the background alongside other programs. For example, create a program to record ambient conditions, such as light or temperature, over 24-hours. A second program can mirror those conditions in the leaf chamber.

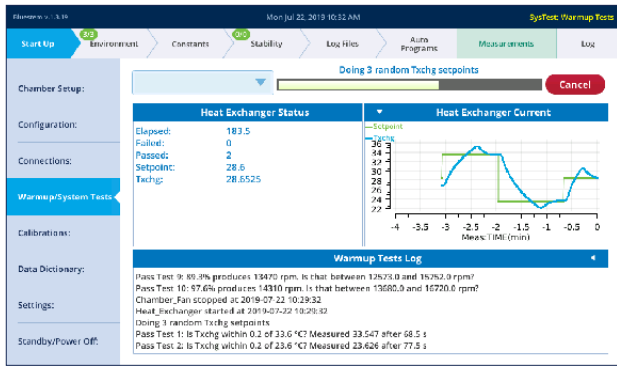
## Auxiliary Channels

Auxiliary channels offer exceptional versatility in your research. The LI-6800 can control and accept data from additional peripheral components and sensors. Peripheral devices can be easily programmed in the user interface and can even be included in and controlled by auto programs.

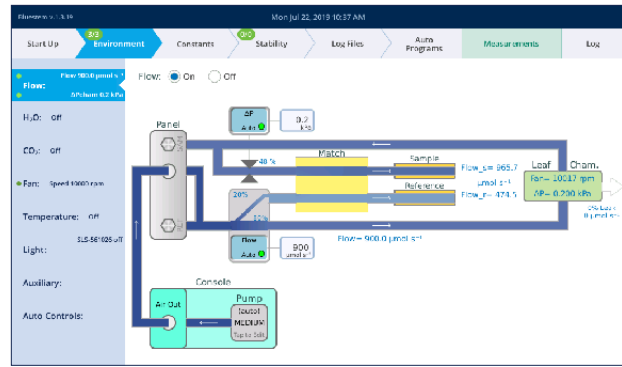
## VNC Client Control

A virtual network computing (VNC) client allows you to remotely control the LI-6800 using a computer, tablet, or smartphone. In the classroom, you can run an experiment and project the display onto a screen to demonstrate, in real-time, the principles you are teaching.

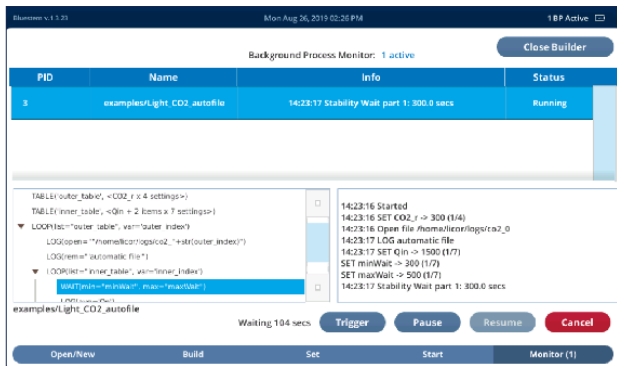
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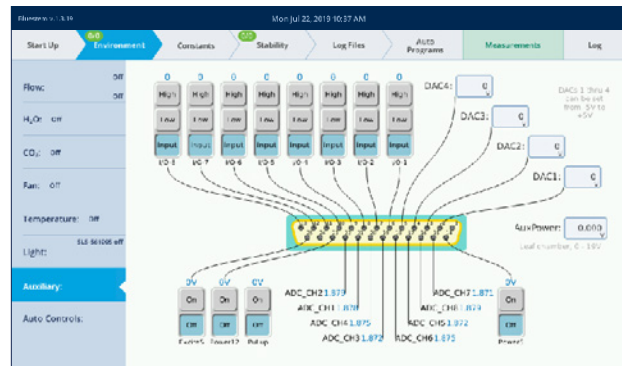
Automated warmup tests are completed in just a few minutes.



Visually monitor and adjust the flow of CO<sub>2</sub> through the system.



Explore new research possibilities by creating your own automated background programs.



Multiple peripheral devices can be controlled through auxiliary channels.



# What Makes the LI-6800 Exceptional?

## Analyzer Location

Unlike other photosynthesis systems, the LI-6800 has infrared gas analyzers located in the sensor head. Placing the infrared gas analyzers in the sensor head provides faster and more precise gas concentration control.

## Patented Flow Design

The LI-6800 delivers the highest flow rate of any portable photosynthesis system on the market. A high flow rate expands your research options by enabling the use of larger chambers. The patented flow is split between reference and sample at the sensor head.<sup>6</sup> This ensures differences in measurements are the result of the leaf sample, and minimizes diffusional and sorption error.

## Rapid A-Ci Response (RACiR) Method

The air flow design and sensor head advancements result in little delay between when CO<sub>2</sub> concentration is altered and when it is recorded. This lets you make measurements under rapidly changing CO<sub>2</sub> concentrations, to quickly generate CO<sub>2</sub> response curves.

6. U.S. Patent Nos.: 8,610,072 / 8,692,202 / 8,910,506 / 9,482,653 / 9,678,050

## Induction Kinetics (OJIP) Curves

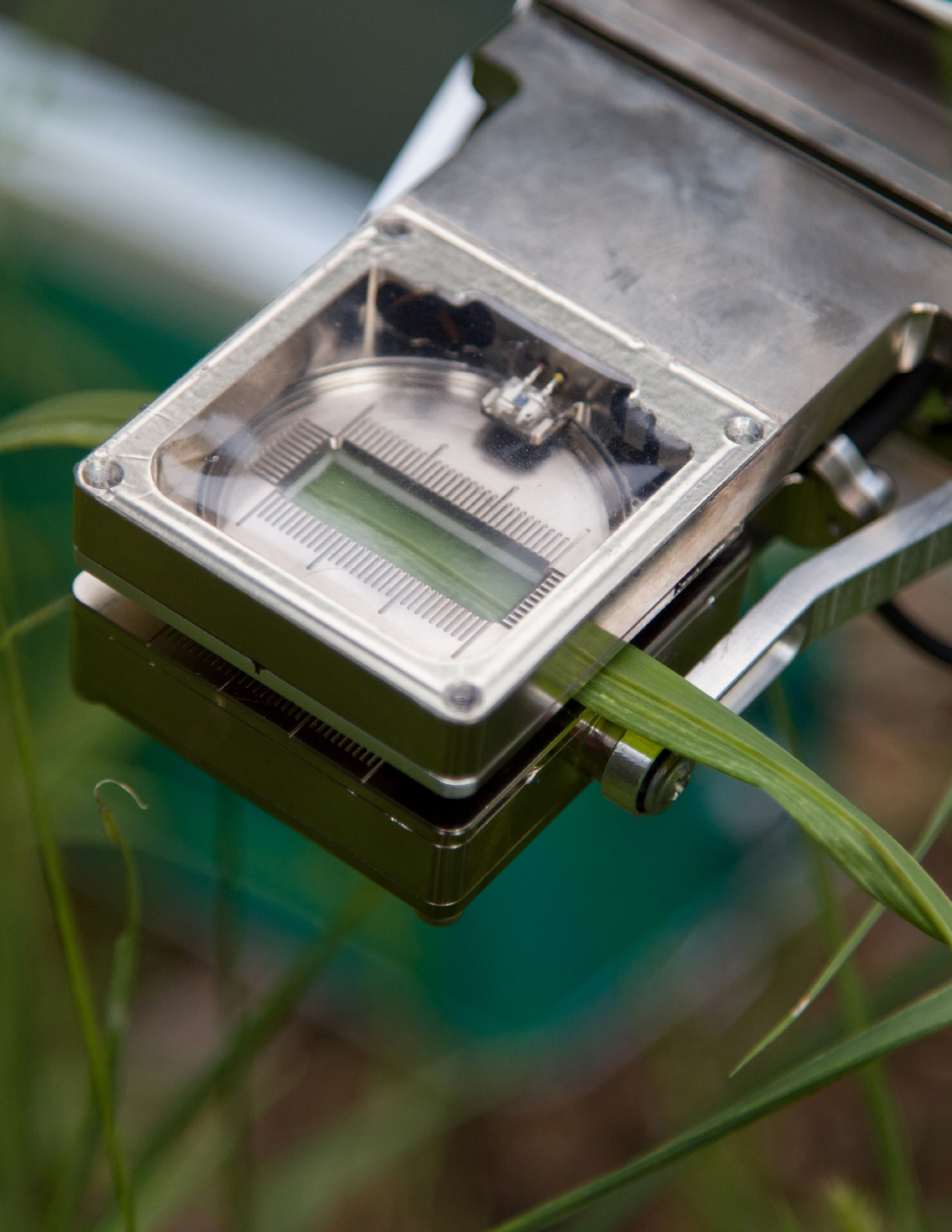
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## Leak Rate Quantification

The LI-6800 is the only system to incorporate secondary flow measurements after both analyzers to let you evaluate in real-time the extent of system leaks. This gives you a complete picture of system flow and potential leaks.

## Modern and Versatile Software

The LI-6800 software was designed to be user friendly while providing valuable functions. Discover new applications, customize your experiments, view and process data, or teach others about the instrument and the science behind it. Both researchers and students can have the confidence to dive in and start using the LI-6800.



# Specifications

## CO<sub>2</sub> Gas Analyzer

**Type:** Absolute non-dispersive infrared gas analyzer

**Measurement Range:** 0 – 3100  $\mu\text{mol mol}^{-1}$

**Precision (signal noise) at 400  $\mu\text{mol mol}^{-1}$**

- RMS with a 4-second signal averaging:  $\leq 0.1 \mu\text{mol mol}^{-1}$

**Accuracy:** Within 1% of reading at 200  $\mu\text{mol mol}^{-1}$  or above,  $\pm 2 \mu\text{mol mol}^{-1}$  at  $< 200 \mu\text{mol mol}^{-1}$

**Orientation Sensitivity:**  $\leq \pm 1 \mu\text{mol mol}^{-1}$  variation at 400  $\mu\text{mol mol}^{-1}$  from any orientation

## H<sub>2</sub>O Gas Analyzer

**Type:** Absolute non-dispersive infrared gas analyzer

**Measurement Range:** 0 – 75  $\text{mmol mol}^{-1}$

**Bandwidth:**

**Precision (signal noise) at 10  $\text{mmol mol}^{-1}$**

- RMS with 4-second signal averaging:  $\leq 0.01 \text{mmol mol}^{-1}$

**Accuracy:** within 1.5% of reading at  $> 5 \text{mmol mol}^{-1}$ ;  $\pm 0.08 \text{mmol mol}^{-1}$  at  $< 5 \text{mmol mol}^{-1}$

## Temperatures

**Operating temperature range:** 0 – 50 °C

**Storage temperature range:** -20 °C – 60 °C

**Temperature control range**

- Leaf temperature:  $\pm 10 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  from ambient with 3x3 cm chamber
- Setpoint resolution: 0.1 °C

**Chamber exhaust air temperature and temperature control block**

- Type: Thermistor
- Range: -10 – 60 °C
- Accuracy:  $\pm 0.15 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$

**Leaf temperature sensor**

- Type: Type E fine-wire thermocouple
- Sensitivity range: -10 – 60 °C
- Accuracy:  $\leq \pm 0.5 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  total;  $\pm 0.2 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  cold junction reference;  $\pm 0.3 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  thermocouple when within  $\pm 10 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  of cold junction temperature

## Communication

**RJ-45 Ethernet; TCP/IP for networks and computers:** 1

**Head connections:** 2

**Accessory connections:** 2

## Air Flow Rates

**Bulk flow rate range:** 680 – 1700  $\mu\text{mol s}^{-1}$  at SATP<sup>†</sup>

**Leaf chamber flow rate:** 0 – 1400  $\mu\text{mol s}^{-1}$  at SATP<sup>†</sup>

## Pressure

**Console pressure sensor**

- Operating Range: 50 – 110 kPa
- Accuracy:  $\pm 0.4 \text{ kPa}$
- Resolution: 1.5 Pa typical
- Signal noise:  $\leq 0.004 \text{ kPa}$  peak-to-peak with 4-second signal averaging

**Chamber pressure sensor**

- Range: -2 – 2 kPa
- Resolution:  $< 1 \text{ Pa}$  typical
- Signal noise: 1 Pa peak-to-peak with 4-second signal averaging
- Setpoint resolution: 1.0 Pa
- Control Range: 0 – 200 Pa (dependent on flow rate through the chamber)

## Batteries

**Weight:** 0.435 kg

**Capacity:** 6800 mAh

**Type:** Lithium Ion

**Storage:** -20 – 60 °C;  $\leq 80\% \text{ RH}$

## CO<sub>2</sub> Control

**CO<sub>2</sub> control range:** 0 –  $> 2000 \mu\text{mol mol}^{-1}$  (with pump set to low; dependent on bulk flow rate)

**CO<sub>2</sub> cartridge type:** 8 gram

**Cartridge lifetime:**  $> 8$  hours after puncture (dependent on setpoint)

**CO<sub>2</sub> Scrubber:** Soda lime

## H<sub>2</sub>O Control

**H<sub>2</sub>O control range:** 0 – 90% RH (non-condensing)

**Humidifier substrate:** Pall Stuttgarter Masse ceramic substrate (Pall Corporation)

**Desiccant:** Silica gel (BASF Sorbead® Orange CHAMELEON®)

## Light Measurement

**Chamber and light source PAR sensors:**

- Sensitivity range: 0 – 3000  $\mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$
- Resolution:  $< 1 \mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$
- Calibration accuracy:  $\pm 5\%$  of reading; traceable to the U.S. National Institute of Technology (NIST)

**External LI-190R PAR Sensor:**

- Detector: Silicon photodiode
- Sensitivity: 5 – 10  $\mu\text{A}$  per 1000  $\mu\text{mol s}^{-1} \text{ m}^{-2}$
- Calibration accuracy:  $\pm 5\%$  of reading; traceable to NIST

## Console

**Processor:** 800 MHz ARM® Cortex™ A8

**Memory:** 512 MB RAM; 8 GB Flash memory

**Display:** Sunlight-readable TFT LCD with capacitive touch screen

- Resolution: 1024 x 600 pixels
- Dimensions: 26 cm diagonally

**Size:** 18.5 x 27.5 x 21 cm; (L x W x H)

**Weight:** 6.1 kg

**Power requirements:** 12 – 18 VDC or 24 VDC

## Sensor Head

**Size with 3x3 cm chamber:** 37 x 11.5 x 21.6 cm (L x W x H)

**Weight:** 2.15 kg without chamber

**Display resolution:** 128 x 128 pixels

**Display dimensions:** 3.15 cm corner-to-corner

**Sensor head inputs**

- Leaf temperature thermocouple: 2
- LI-190R light sensor: 1

**Sensor head light source connections:** 1

# Specs Exclusive to the LI-6800

## Analyzers in the Sensor Head

Unique to the LI-6800 are two absolute CO<sub>2</sub> and two absolute H<sub>2</sub>O non-dispersive infrared gas analyzers located in the sensor head.

## CO<sub>2</sub> Analyzers

CO<sub>2</sub> analyzer precision: Within 0.1  $\mu\text{mol mol}^{-1}$  RMS with 4-second averaging at 400  $\mu\text{mol mol}^{-1}$

## H<sub>2</sub>O Analyzers

H<sub>2</sub>O analyzer precision: Within 0.01  $\text{mmol mol}^{-1}$  RMS with 4-second averaging at 10  $\text{mmol mol}^{-1}$

## System

Bulk flow rate range:  
680 – 1700  $\mu\text{mol s}^{-1}$  at SATP†

Chamber pressure control:  
Capable of 0.2 kPa above ambient;  
user settable

Light source uniformity:  
 $\pm 10\%$  variation over 90% of aperture

Chamber temperature control range:  
10 °C above or below ambient

## Fluorometer

Modulation frequency: 1 Hz – 250 kHz

Measuring light peak wavelength:  
625 nm

Red actinic and saturating flash peak wavelength: 625 nm

Blue actinic peak wavelength: 475 nm

Far-red peak wavelength: 735 nm

Actinic light output:

- 0 – 3000  $\mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$  total at 25 °C
- 0 – 1000  $\mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$  blue at 25 °C
- 0 – 2000  $\mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$  red at 25 °C

Saturation light:

0 – 16,000  $\mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$  at 25 °C

Far-red light:

0 – 20  $\mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$  at 25 °C

### Small Light Source

Total output range: 0 – >2000  $\mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$  at 25 °C

Blue output range: 0 – >400  $\mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$  at 25 °C

Red output range: 0 – >1600  $\mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$  at 25 °C

Red peak wavelength: 660 nm

Blue peak wavelength: 453 nm

Uniformity:

- $\pm 10\%$  over 90% of the aperture with white top gasket, typically
- $\pm 10\%$  over 77% of the aperture with black gasket, typically

Power consumption at 2000  $\mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$ : <5 W

Operating temperature range:  
0 – 50 °C

Size: 6.6 × 5.9 × 5.8 cm (L × W × H)

Weight: 0.21 kg

### Large Light Source

Total output range: 0 – >2500  $\mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$  at 25 °C

Blue output range: >2000  $\mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$  at 25 °C

Green output range: >1000  $\mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$  at 25 °C

Red output range: >2400  $\mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$  at 25 °C

White output range: >1500  $\mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$  at 25 °C

Blue peak wavelength: 453 nm

Green peak wavelength: 523 nm

Red peak wavelength: 660 nm

White color temperature: 4000 K

Uniformity:  $\pm 10\%$  over 90% of the aperture

Power consumption: 15 W at 2000  $\mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$  equal parts red, green, blue, and white

Operating temperature range:  
0 – 50 °C

Size: 11.7 × 11 × 13 cm (L × W × H)

Weight: 0.54 kg

† SATP is defined as Standard Ambient Temperature (25 °C) and Pressure (100 kPa).

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### Multiphase Flash™ Fluorometer

Modulated light: Software controlled and software selectable frequencies of 1 Hz – 250 kHz

Measuring light peak wavelength:  
625 nm

Red actinic and saturating flash peak wavelength: 625 nm

Blue actinic peak wavelength:  
475 nm

Far-red peak wavelength: 735 nm

Actinic light output

- 0 – 3000  $\mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$  total at 25 °C
- 0 – 1000  $\mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$  blue at 25 °C
- 0 – 2000  $\mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$  red at 25 °C

Saturation light: Software controlled intensity; 0 – 16,000  $\mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$  at 25 °C

Far-red light: Software controlled intensity; 0 – 20  $\mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$  at 25 °C

Fluorescence signal temperature dependence: -0.25% per °C

Uniformity:  $< \pm 10\%$  over 92% of the aperture with white top gasket

- $< \pm 10\%$  over 90% of the aperture with black top gasket

Power consumption:

- <18 W at 25 °C with 3000  $\mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$  actinic light
- <60 W at 25 °C with 16,000  $\mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$  saturating flash

Leaf area: 6 cm<sup>2</sup> or 2 cm<sup>2</sup>; Round apertures

Size: 16.6 × 11.5 × 13.6 cm (L × W × H)

Weight: 0.86 kg

# Ordering Information

## LI-6800F Portable Gas Exchange and Fluorescence System

A complete gas exchange and fluorescence system. This package is ideal for field or lab work that includes fluorescence measurements. Includes:

- Console, sensor head, and cable assembly
- Multiphase Flash™ Fluorometer
- Instrument case
- Accessories case
- Carrying harness
- Tripod and panhead mount
- Lithium ion batteries (3)
- AC to DC power supply (110 to 240 VAC input; 24 VDC output; capable of charging 2 batteries in the console)
- Single-bay battery charger
- Silica gel, soda lime, and Pall Stuttgarter Masse for gas conditioning
- 8-gram CO<sub>2</sub> cartridges (3 boxes of 25)
- Spares kit

## LI-6800S Portable Photosynthesis System

A complete gas exchange system with components for field and survey measurements. This basic package is ideal for measurements under natural light conditions. Includes:

- Console, sensor head, and cable assembly
- Clear-top leaf chamber
- Instrument case
- Carrying harness
- Tripod and panhead mount
- Lithium ion batteries (3)
- AC to DC power supply (110 to 240 VAC input; 24 VDC output; capable of charging 2 batteries in the console)

## LI-6800P Portable Photosynthesis System

A complete gas exchange system. This package is ideal for basic lab or survey measurements with natural or controlled light. Includes:

- Console, sensor head, and cable assembly
- Clear-top leaf chamber and small light source
- Instrument case
- Accessories case
- Carrying harness
- Tripod and panhead mount
- Lithium ion batteries (3)
- AC to DC power supply (110 to 240 VAC input; 24 VDC output; capable of charging 2 batteries in the console)
- Single-bay battery charger
- Silica gel, soda lime, and Pall Stuttgarter Masse for gas conditioning
- 8-gram CO<sub>2</sub> cartridges (3 boxes of 25)
- Spares kit

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- 8-gram CO<sub>2</sub> cartridges (3 boxes of 25)
- Spares kit

## Light Sources and Chambers

Description	Part number
Multiphase Flash™ Fluorometer	6800-01A
Small Light Source	6800-02
Clear-top Chamber with Apertures	6800-12A
Large Light Source	6800-03
Small Plant Chamber	6800-17
Bryophyte Chamber	6800-24
Large Leaf and Needle Chamber	6800-13
Custom Chamber Adapter	6800-19
Insect Respiration Chamber	6800-89
Soil CO <sub>2</sub> Flux Chamber	6800-09

## Accessories

Part	Description	Part number
Sub-sampling kit	To collect gas samples from the intake or exhaust gas stream	9968-210
CO <sub>2</sub> Tank Adapter Kit	To connect an external CO <sub>2</sub> tank to the CO <sub>2</sub> injector	9968-109
Console Aux Power Cable	For external battery connection to LI-6800	9968-242
Light Source Extension Cable	Used to control a second light source (6800-02 or 6800-03) attached to LI-6800 sensor head	9968-243
One Sided Gasket Kit (6 cm <sup>2</sup> )	Hardware kit with custom gasket for one sided leaf gas exchange measurements using the LI-6800	9968-313
Monopod	Monopod for LI-6800 sensor head	609-15792

## Training

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— Proverbs 3:5,6

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