

Leaf-&-Air-Temperature

Type LAT-B3 (Broadleaf)

Technical Specifications

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Leaf temperature sensor type LAT-B3, magnet-mounted on leaf surface.

The LAT-B3 (Leaf-&-Air-Temperature Broadleaf type) is a precise dual-probe sensor for continuous measurements of leaf surface and ambient air temperatures. Absolute air temperature (T_{air}) and leaf temperature (T_{leaf}) are measured via two precise micro thermistor probes. Sensor-individual matching of the two probes, ensures high measurement precision of leaf-to-air temperature difference ($\Delta T_{leaf-air}$). The leaf-to-air temperature difference ($\Delta T_{leaf-air}$) can be calculated from concurrent values of the two probes. Designed for broad leaves, the sensor is mounted on the leaf by means of a ultra-light-weight magnetic clamp mechanism.

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Name	LAT-B3 : Leaf-&-Air Temperature Sensor, broadleaf type
Application positioning	Mounting position: Leaf surface Dual-probe spacing: User-configurable distance between T_{leaf} and T_{air} probes max. 35 mm
Suitable leaf size and thickness	Standard sensor size for leaves of: Length > 1.4 cm length Width between 0.8 to 20 cm (for larger leaf widths on request). Stable magnet-mounting possible for leaf thickness < 0.7 mm
Measurement range	-25 to + 70°C
Accuracy	Sensor dependent: Tolerance of Absolute Tair & Tleaf: ± 0.4 °C in temperature range between +5°C to+40°C ± 0.8 °C in temperature range between -25°C to+70°C Tolerance of leaf-to-air temperature difference ($\Delta T_{leaf-air}$): ± 0.2° in temperature range between -25°C to+70°C Logger dependent, @ 25 °C: e.g. CR300 series: ± 0.01 °C e.g. DL18 Logger: ± 0.03 °C
Resolution	Logger dependent, @ 25 °C: e.g. CR300 series: 0.25 * 10 ⁻⁴ °C e.g. DL18 Logger: 0.35 * 10 ⁻³ °C
Size and weight	Diameter 12 mm, weight ca. 0.9 g
Output signal type	Supplied with 2500 mV, output signal is between 0 to 2500mV
Power supply	Excitation voltage Vex usually switched 2500 mV, power up 100ms max. Power consumption negligible.
Operating conditions	Air temperature: -25 to 70 °C, air humidity: 0 to 100%
Cable length	0.5m + 4.5m plug-in extension, plug-in extension up to max. 50 m possible

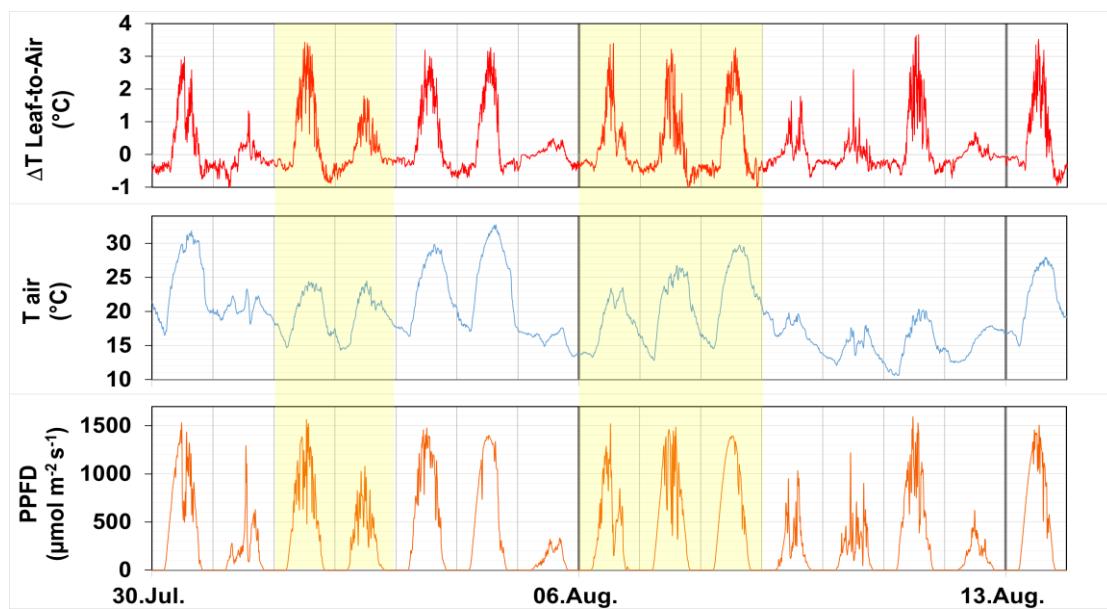


Fig. 1: Comparison of temperature difference between leaf surface and ambient air ($\Delta T_{\text{leaf-air}}$), air temperature (T_{air}) and solar radiation (PPFD).

Upper: Diurnal variations in temperature difference between upper leaf surface and ambient air ($\Delta T_{\text{leaf-air}}$, measured via LAT-B sensor) of a sun exposed leaf of a mature beech tree at the experimental site “Kranzberger Forst” of the TU Munich.

Middle: Diurnal variations in air temperature (T_{air} , measured via LAT-B sensor), at canopy height (27m above ground)

Lower: Diurnal variations in solar radiation above canopy, given in photosynthetic photon flux density (PPFD)