

Broadband Outdoor Radiometer Calibration Longwave

BORCAL-LW 2017-05

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08/15/2017 to 10/06/2017

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Introduction

This report compiles the calibration results from a Broadband Outdoor Radiometer Calibration (BORCAL). The work was accomplished at the Radiometer Calibration Facility shown on the front of this report. The calibration results reported here are traceable to the World Infrared Standard Group (WISG).

This report includes these sections:

- Control Instruments - a group of instruments included in each BORCAL event that provides a measure of process consistency.
- Results Summary - a table of all instruments included in this report summarizing their calibration results and uncertainty.
- Instrument Details - the calibration certificates and application notes for each instrument.
- Environmental and Sky Conditions - meteorological conditions and reference irradiance during the calibration event.

Control Instrument History

Figure 1. Eppley PIR Control Instrument History (K0 Coefficient)

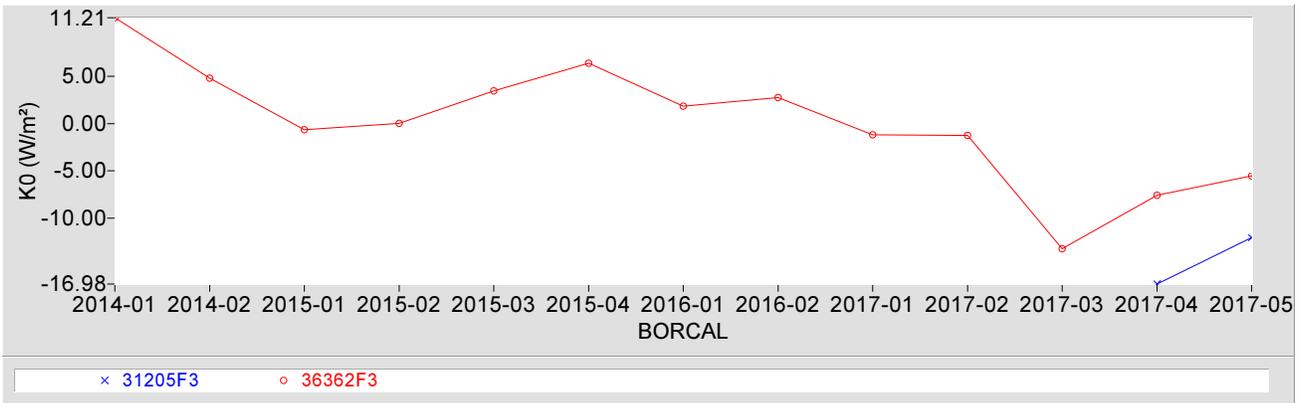


Figure 2. Eppley PIR Control Instrument History (K1 Coefficient)

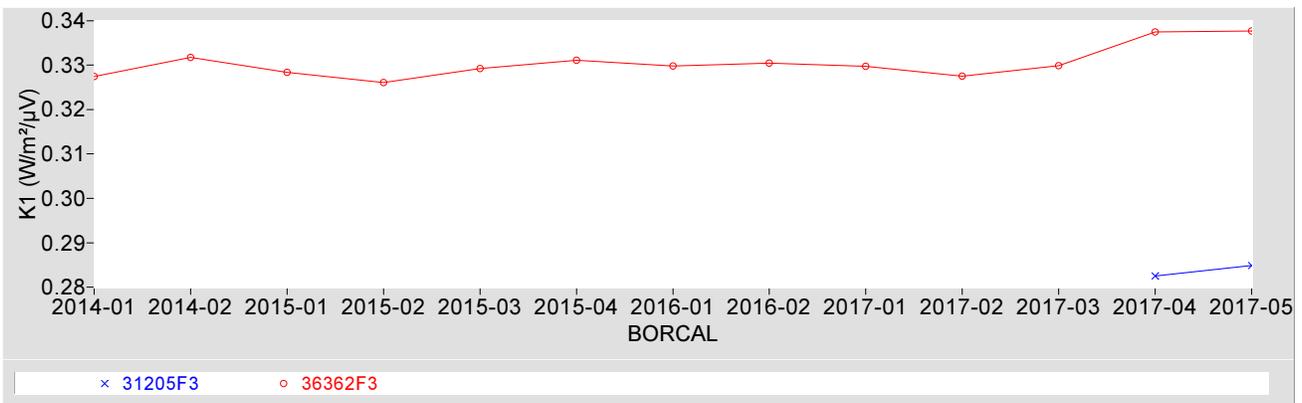


Figure 3. Eppley PIR Control Instrument History (K2 Coefficient)

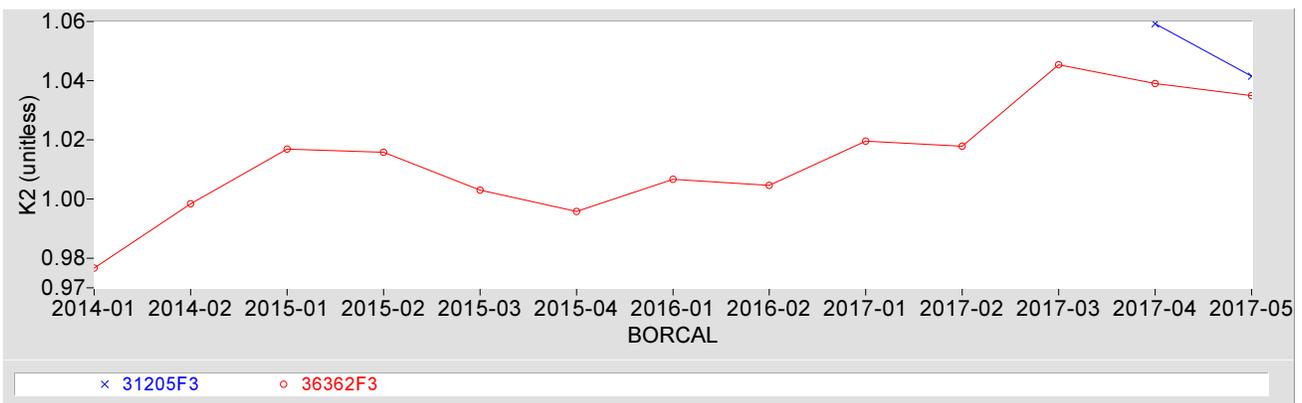
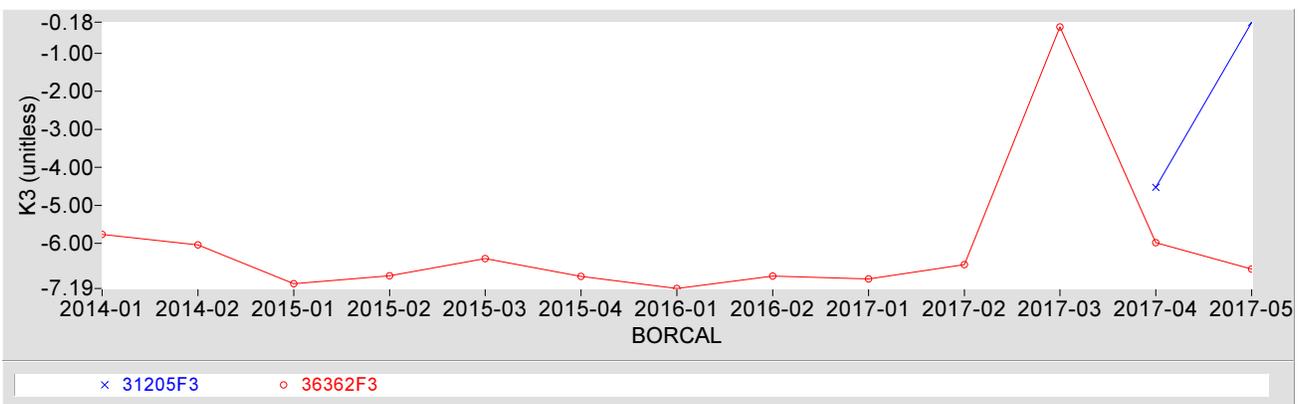


Figure 4. Eppley PIR Control Instrument History (K3 Coefficient)



Results Summary

Table 1. Results Summary

Instrument	K0 (W/m ²)	K1 (W/m ² /μV)	K2	K3	Kr * (K/μV)	U95 (W/m ²)	Page
040740 Kipp & Zonen CG4	-10.8	0.12537	1.0369	0.00	7.044e-4	±3.0	A1-2
26169F3 Eppley PIR	-14.1	0.22895	1.0470	-3.91	7.044e-4	±2.9	A1-5
33974F3 Eppley PIR	-11.9	0.28100	1.0430	-5.84	7.044e-4	±3.0	A1-8

Note: Environmental Conditions for BORCAL starts on page A1-11.

* Kr used to derive K0,K1,K2, and K3

Appendix 1

Instrument Details

Calibration Certificates: 3 pages for each radiometer (4 including Environmental Conditions)

Environmental Conditions for BORCAL: Last Page of a Calibration Certificate. Note: This appears only once, at the end of Appendix 1.



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Metrology Laboratory

Calibration Certificate

Test Instrument: Pyreometer
Manufacturer: Kipp & Zonen
Model: CG4
Serial Number: 040740
Calibration Date: 10/6/2017
Due Date: 10/6/2018
Customer: Bryan Fabbri
Environmental Conditions: see page 4
Test Dates: 8/15-31, 9/1-30, 10/1-6

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Table 1. Traceability

Measurement Type	Instrument	Calibration Date	Calibration Due Date
Data Acquisition	NREL Data Acquisition System Model RAP-DAQ, S/N 2005-998	04/12/2017	04/12/2019
Data Acquisition	NREL Data Acquisition System Model RAP-DAQ, S/N 2005-999	04/12/2017	04/12/2019
Infrared Irradiance ‡	Eppley Downwelling Pyreometer Model PIR, S/N 31233F3	03/14/2017	03/14/2021

‡ Through the World Infrared Standard Group (WISG)

Number of pages of certificate: 4

Calibration Procedure: BORCAL-LW-P00-Calibration and QA Procedure; available upon request.

Setup: Radiometers are calibrated outdoors, using the atmosphere as the source. Pyranometers and pyreometers are installed for horizontal measurements, with their signal connectors oriented north, if their design permits.

Calibrated by: Afshin Andreas

Ibrahim Reda, Technical Manager

Date

For questions or comments, please contact the technical manager at:

ibrahim.reda@nrel.gov; 303-384-6385; 15013 Denver West Parkway, Golden, CO 80401, USA

Calibration Results

040740 Kipp & Zonen CG4

The incoming irradiance (W_{in} , W/m^2) of the test instrument during calibration is calculated using this Measurement Equation:

$$W_{in} = K_0 + K_1 \cdot V + K_2 \cdot W_r + K_3 \cdot (W_d - W_r) \quad [1]$$

where,

K_0, K_1, K_2, K_3 = calibration coefficients,
 V = thermopile output voltage (μV),
 $W_d = \sigma \cdot T_d^4$ = dome irradiance (W/m^2),
 where, T_d = dome temperature (K),

$W_r = \sigma \cdot T_r^4$ = receiver irradiance (W/m^2),
 where, $\sigma = 5.6704e-8 \text{ W}\cdot\text{m}^{-2}\cdot\text{K}^{-4}$,
 $T_r = T_c + K_r \cdot V$ = receiver temperature (K),
 T_c = case temperature (K),
 K_r = efficiency coefficient (K/ μV).

Figure 1. Residuals for calc. vs ref. irradiance using $K_0 > 0$ Coefficients

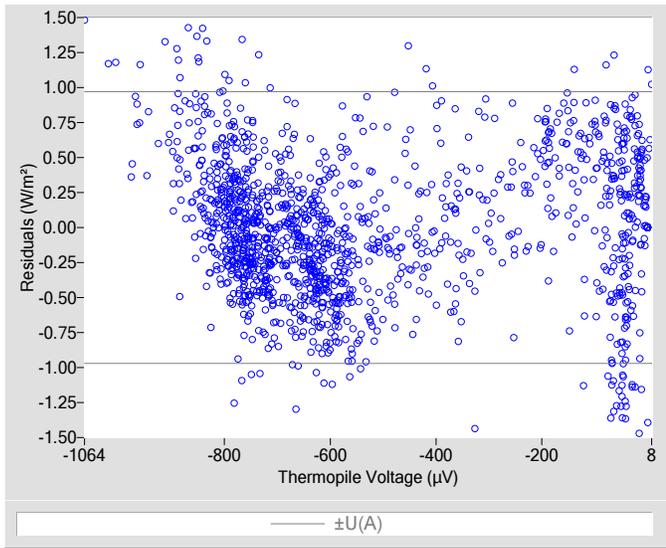


Figure 2. Residuals for calc. vs ref. irradiance using $K_0 = 0$ Coefficients

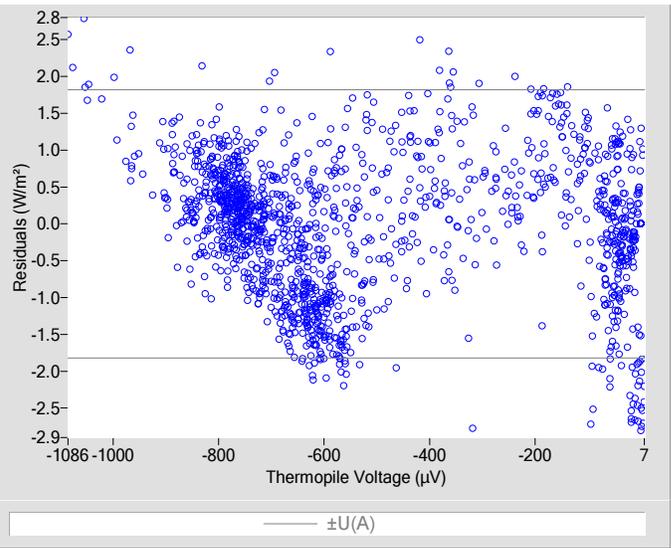


Table 2. Calibration Coefficients for $K_0 > 0$

K_0	-10.8
K_1	0.12537
K_2	1.0369
K_3	0.00
K_r used to derive coefficients	$7.044e-4$

Table 3. Calibration Coefficients for $K_0 = 0$

K_0	0.0
K_1	0.12312
K_2	1.0055
K_3	0.00
K_r used to derive coefficients	$7.044e-4$

Table 4. Uncertainty using $K_0 > 0$ Coefficients

Type-B Standard Uncertainty, $u(B)$ (W/m^2)	± 1.4
Type-A Standard Uncertainty, $u(A)$ (W/m^2)	± 0.49
Combined Standard Uncertainty, $u(c)$ (W/m^2)	± 1.5
Effective degrees of freedom, $DF(c)$	+Inf
Coverage factor, k	1.96
Expanded Uncertainty, U_{95} (W/m^2)	± 3.0

Table 5. Uncertainty using $K_0 = 0$ Coefficients

Type-B Standard Uncertainty, $u(B)$ (W/m^2)	± 1.4
Type-A Standard Uncertainty, $u(A)$ (W/m^2)	± 0.93
Combined Standard Uncertainty, $u(c)$ (W/m^2)	± 1.7
Effective degrees of freedom, $DF(c)$	+Inf
Coverage factor, k	1.96
Expanded Uncertainty, U_{95} (W/m^2)	± 3.4

Figure 3. History of instrument (K0 Coefficient)



Figure 4. History of instrument (K1 Coefficient)

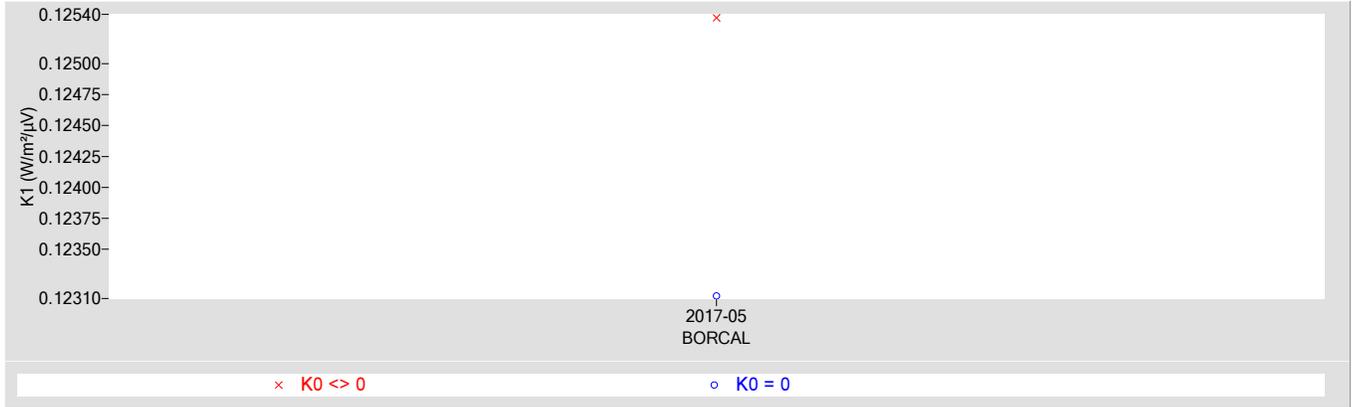
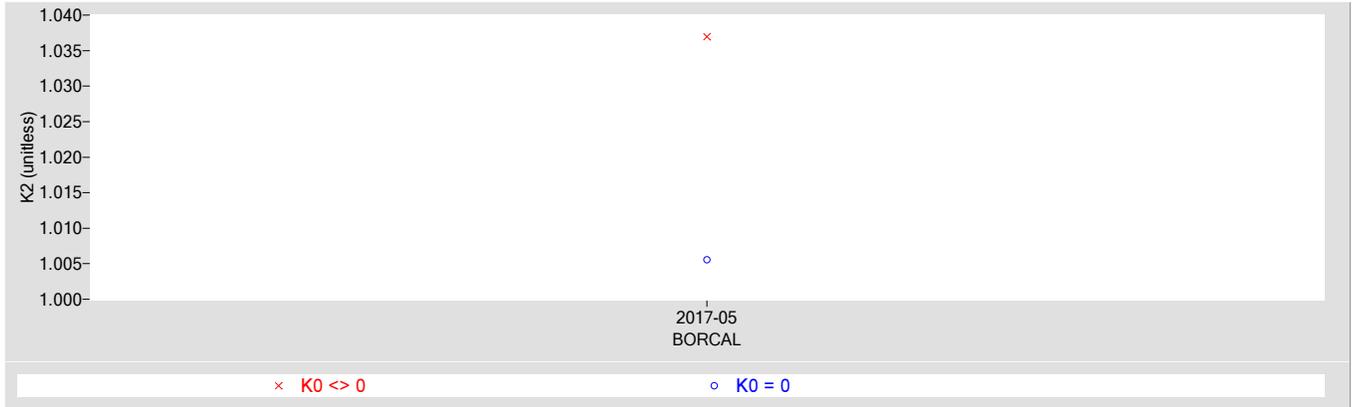


Figure 5. History of instrument (K2 Coefficient)



References:

- [1] Reda, I.; Stoffel, T. (2010). Pyregeometer Calibration for DOE-Atmospheric System Research Program using NREL Method (Presentation). 9 pp.; NREL Report No. PR-3B0-47756; <http://www.nrel.gov/docs/fy10osti/47756.pdf>.



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Calibration Certificate

Test Instrument: Downwelling Pyrgeometer **Manufacturer:** Eppley
Model: PIR **Serial Number:** 26169F3
Calibration Date: 10/6/2017 **Due Date:** 10/6/2018
Customer: Bryan Fabbri **Environmental Conditions:** see page 4
Test Dates: 8/15-31, 9/1-30, 10/1-6

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Setup: Radiometers are calibrated outdoors, using the atmosphere as the source. Pyranometers and pyrgeometers are installed for horizontal measurements, with their signal connectors oriented north, if their design permits.

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Ibrahim Reda, Technical Manager

Date

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Calibration Results

26169F3 Eppley PIR

The incoming irradiance (W_{in} , W/m^2) of the test instrument during calibration is calculated using this Measurement Equation:

$$W_{in} = K_0 + K_1 * V + K_2 * W_r + K_3 * (W_d - W_r) \quad [1]$$

where,

K_0, K_1, K_2, K_3 = calibration coefficients,
 V = thermopile output voltage (μV),
 $W_d = \sigma * T_d^4$ = dome irradiance (W/m^2),
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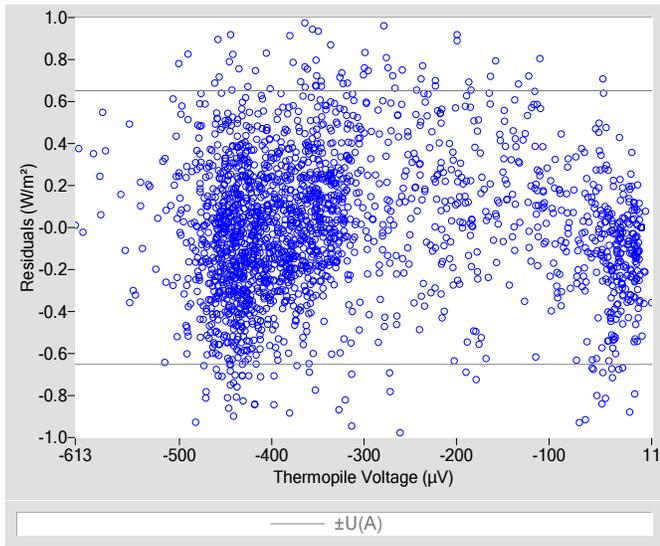


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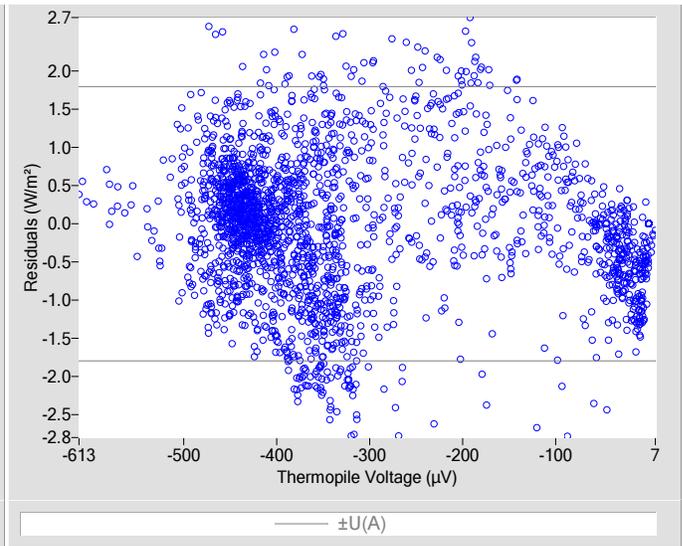


Table 2. Calibration Coefficients for $K_0 > 0$

K_0	-14.1
K_1	0.22895
K_2	1.0470
K_3	-3.91
K_r used to derive coefficients	7.044e-4

Table 3. Calibration Coefficients for $K_0 = 0$

K_0	0.0
K_1	0.22430
K_2	1.0073
K_3	-3.54
K_r used to derive coefficients	7.044e-4

Table 4. Uncertainty using $K_0 > 0$ Coefficients

Type-B Standard Uncertainty, $u(B)$ (W/m^2)	± 1.4
Type-A Standard Uncertainty, $u(A)$ (W/m^2)	± 0.33
Combined Standard Uncertainty, $u(c)$ (W/m^2)	± 1.5
Effective degrees of freedom, $DF(c)$	+Inf
Coverage factor, k	1.96
Expanded Uncertainty, U_{95} (W/m^2)	± 2.9

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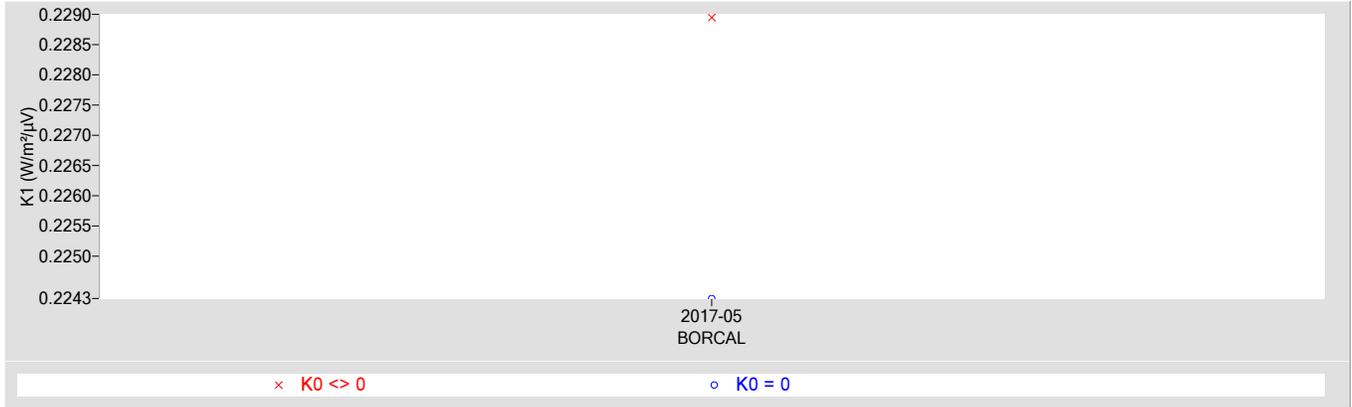


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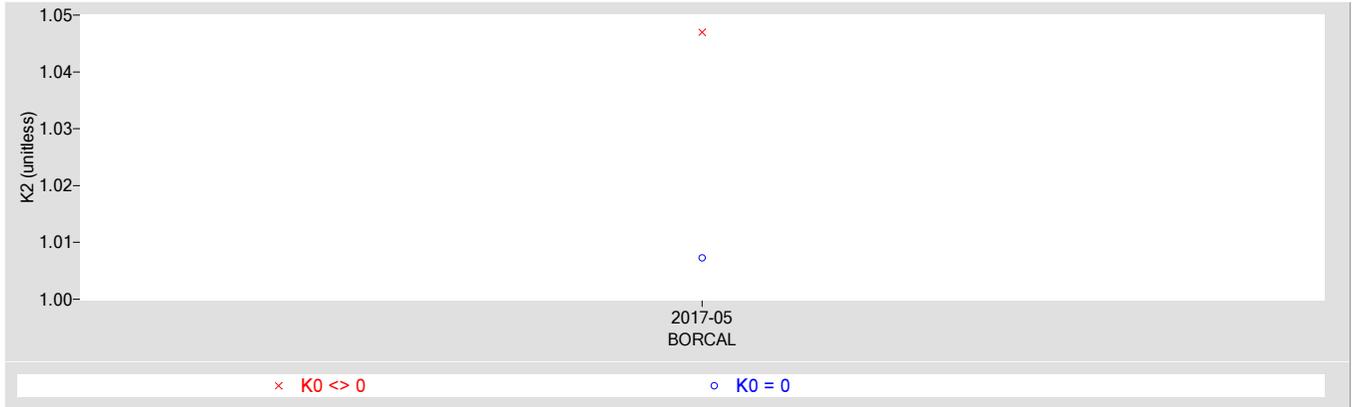
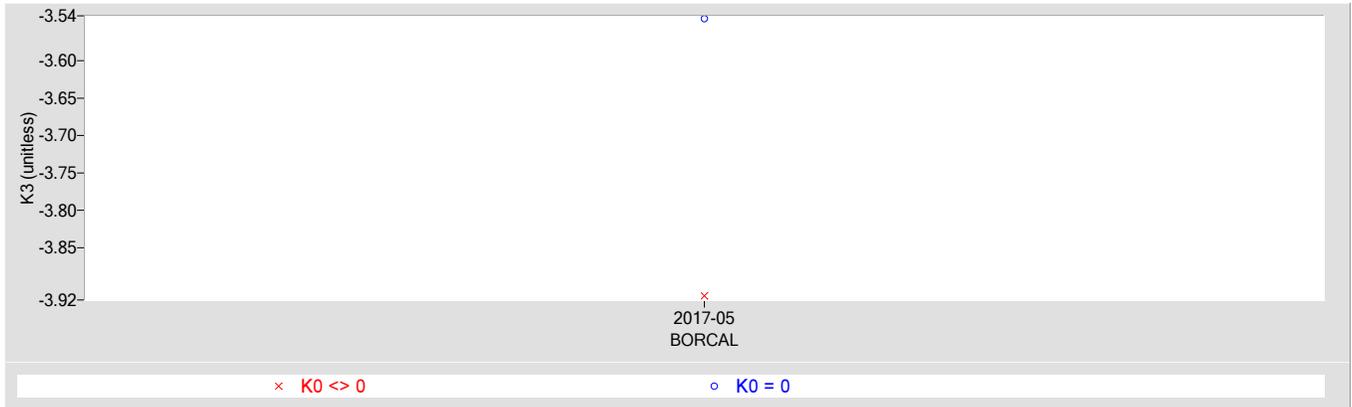


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Model:	PIR	Serial Number:	33974F3
Calibration Date:	10/6/2017	Due Date:	10/6/2018
Customer:	Bryan Fabbri	Environmental Conditions:	see page 4
Test Dates:	8/15-31, 9/1-30, 10/1-6		

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Calibration Results

33974F3 Eppley PIR

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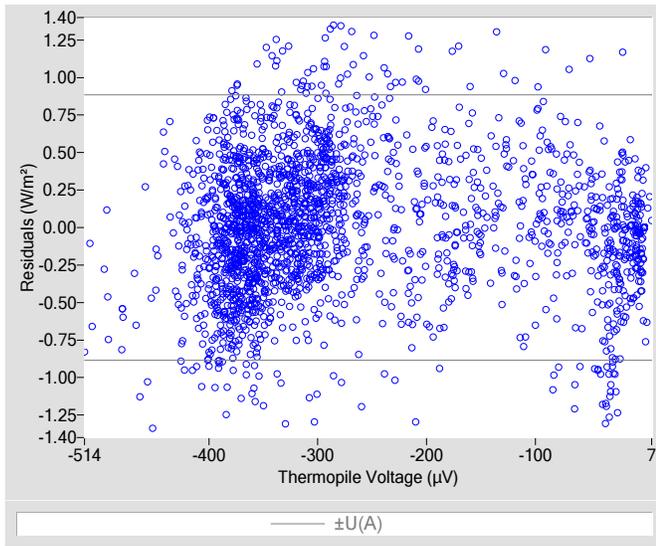


Figure 2. Residuals for calc. vs ref. irradiance using $K_0 = 0$ Coefficients

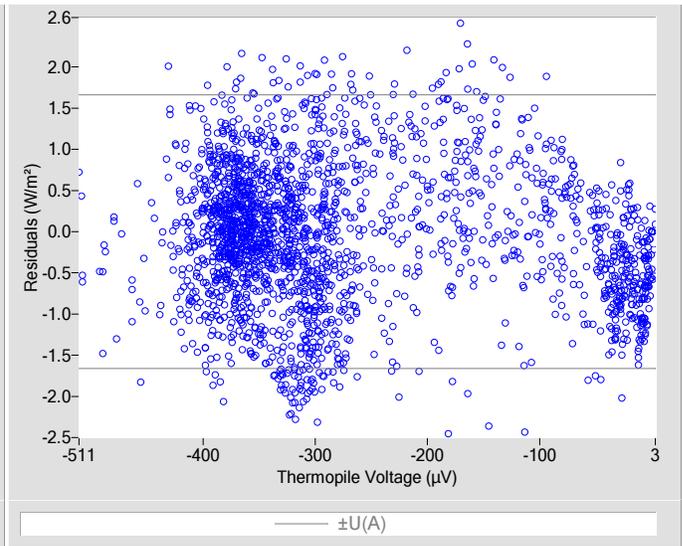


Table 2. Calibration Coefficients for $K_0 > 0$

K_0	-11.9
K_1	0.28100
K_2	1.0430
K_3	-5.84
K_r used to derive coefficients	7.044e-4

Table 3. Calibration Coefficients for $K_0 = 0$

K_0	0.0
K_1	0.27514
K_2	1.0092
K_3	-5.11
K_r used to derive coefficients	7.044e-4

Table 4. Uncertainty using $K_0 > 0$ Coefficients

Type-B Standard Uncertainty, $u(B)$ (W/m^2)	± 1.4
Type-A Standard Uncertainty, $u(A)$ (W/m^2)	± 0.45
Combined Standard Uncertainty, $u(c)$ (W/m^2)	± 1.5
Effective degrees of freedom, $DF(c)$	+Inf
Coverage factor, k	1.96
Expanded Uncertainty, U_{95} (W/m^2)	± 3.0

Table 5. Uncertainty using $K_0 = 0$ Coefficients

Type-B Standard Uncertainty, $u(B)$ (W/m^2)	± 1.4
Type-A Standard Uncertainty, $u(A)$ (W/m^2)	± 0.85
Combined Standard Uncertainty, $u(c)$ (W/m^2)	± 1.7
Effective degrees of freedom, $DF(c)$	+Inf
Coverage factor, k	1.96
Expanded Uncertainty, U_{95} (W/m^2)	± 3.3

Figure 3. History of instrument (K0 Coefficient)



Figure 4. History of instrument (K1 Coefficient)

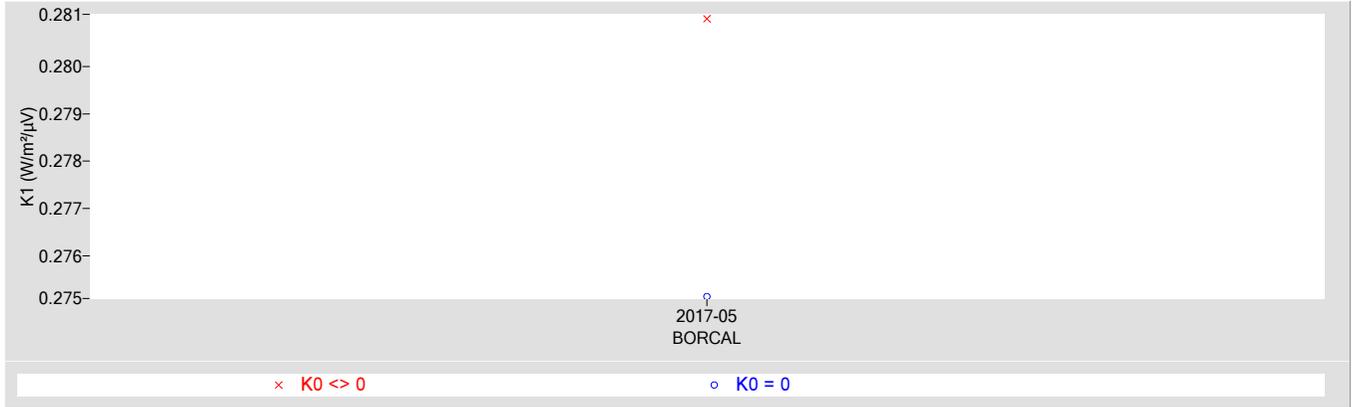


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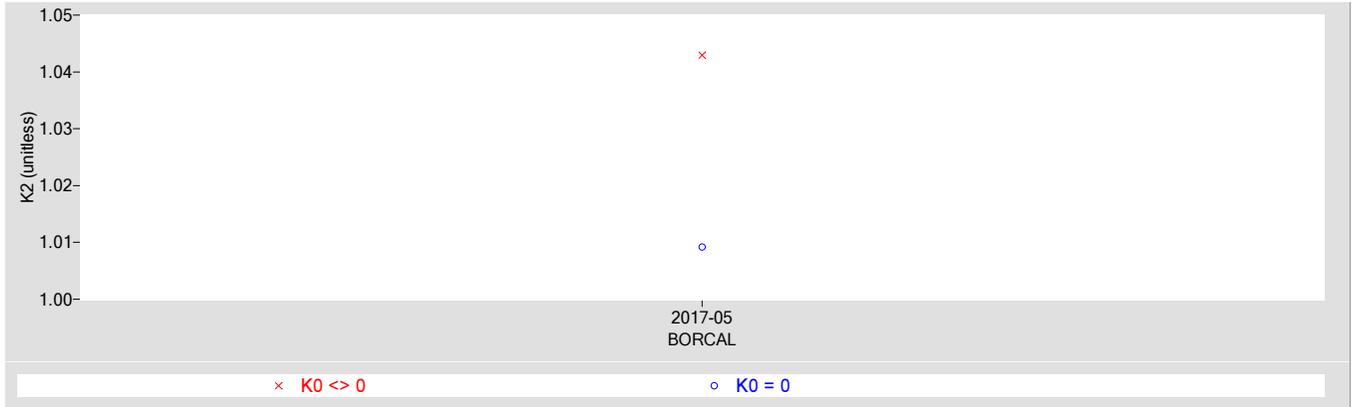
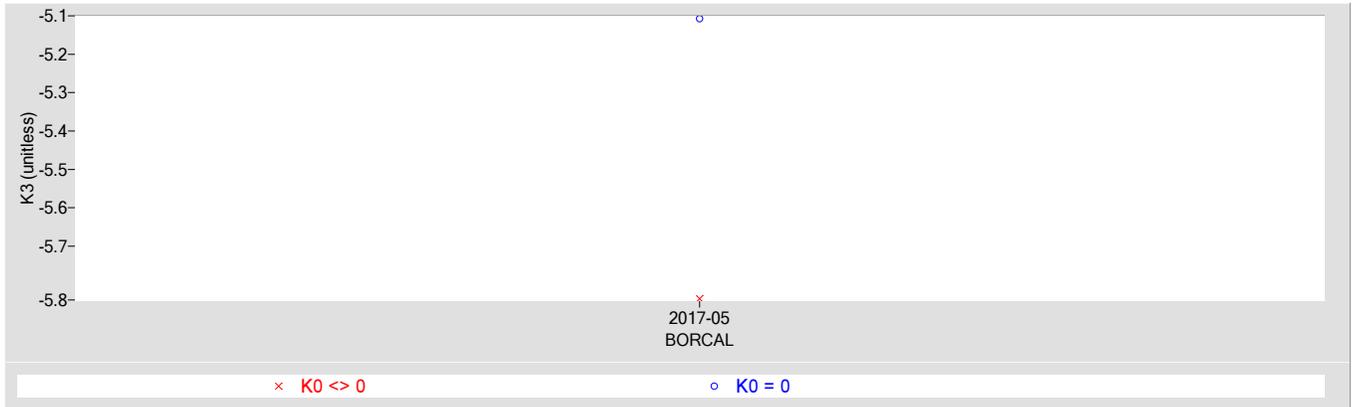


Figure 6. History of instrument (K3 Coefficient)



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Environmental and Sky Conditions for BORCAL-LW 2017-05

Calibration Facility: Solar Radiation Research Laboratory

Latitude: 39.742°N

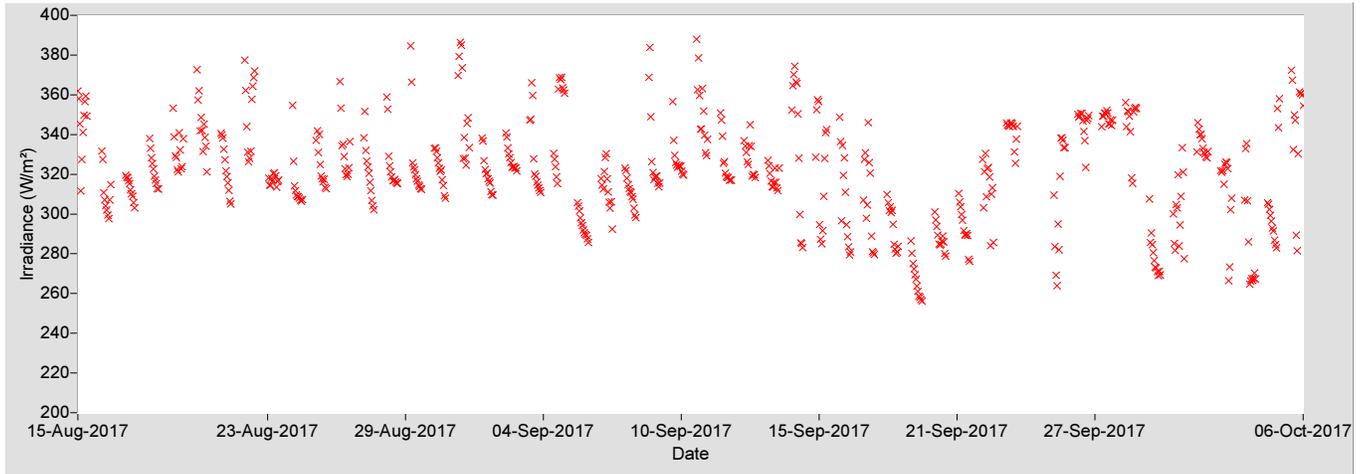
Longitude: 105.180°W

Elevation: 1828.8 meters AMSL

Time Zone: -7.0

Reference Irradiance (hourly averages):

Figure 6. Reference Irradiance



Meteorological Observations (hourly averages):

Figure 7. Temperature

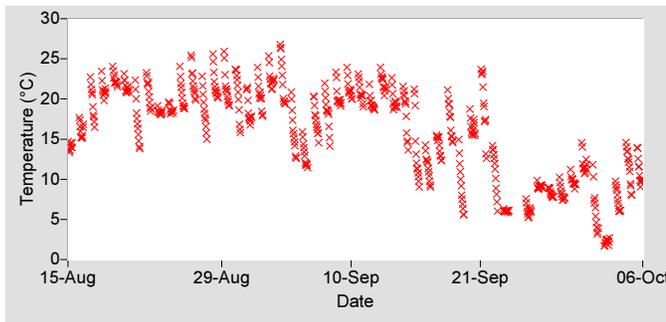


Figure 8. Humidity

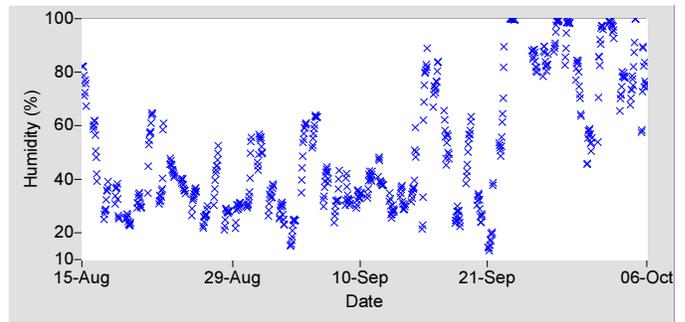


Figure 9. Pressure

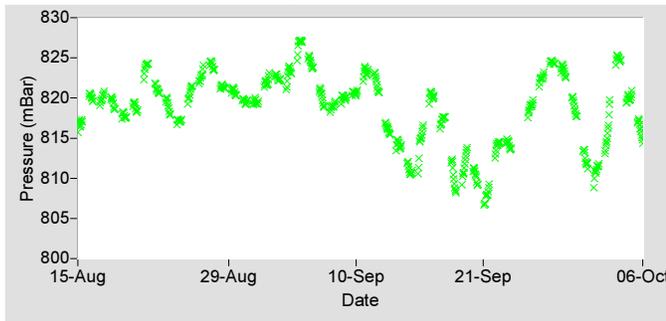


Figure 10. Estimated Precipitable Water Vapor (PWV)

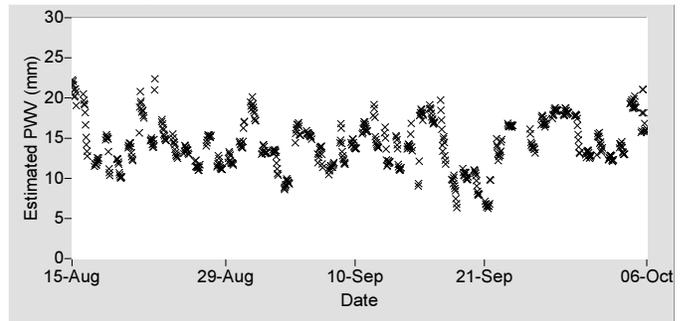


Table 6. Meteorological Observations

Observations	Mean	Min	Max
Temperature (°C)	15.75	1.45	27.03
Humidity (%)	51.53	12.90	99.99
Pressure (mBar)	818.7	806.5	827.3
Est. Precipitable Water Vapor (mm)	14.3	6.0	23.0

For other information about the calibration facility visit: <http://www.nrel.gov/esif/solar-radiation-research-laboratory.html>

Appendix 2

BORCAL Notes

Instrument, Configuration, and Session Notes for the BORCAL

BORCAL Notes

Facility: Solar Radiation Research Laboratory

Comments:

Avg. Station Pressure & Temperature is for Denver, CO, which is used for the Solar Position Algorithm (SPA).

