



MeteoLink

A Meteorological or HydroMeteorological station, normally consists of a set of sensors, depending on the required parameters and a central (conditioning, translator, data logger) unit. In high-demanding markets each of the sensors have their own specific location and required accuracy.

MeteoLink gives users the ability to 'link' these sensors into one chain and has one combined output containing measurements as well as sensor specific information, such like type, serial number and runtimes. Adding sensors, analogue or provided with a serial output, was never easier using the internal browser of MeteoLink.

MeteoLink uses two kind of nodes:

- A basic node, able to read in two RS422 signals and a sensor specific signal
- A smart node, used at the last in chain and provided with the internal browser, in which the total chain-output is created, including parameter-labelling, calculations, output format and baud-rate.

FEATURES

Basic node:

- Inputs: 2 pcs RS422 NMEA0183; 0..5 Vdc; 0/4..20 mA; serial (RS232, RS422, RS485 or CMOS)
- Output: NMEA0183 (with standardized or XDR identifier and node specific information added to this)

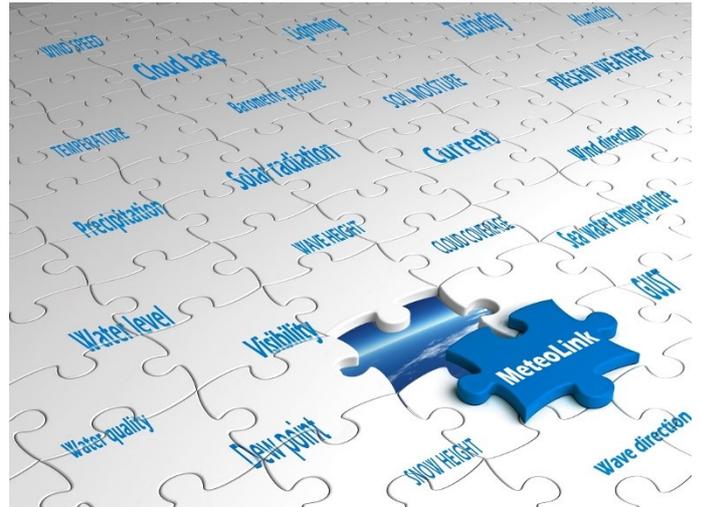
Smart node:

- Inputs: same as basic node, 0..5 Vdc, pulse and RS485 added to this
- Outputs: RS422 NMEA0183, Ethernet
- Internal Browser

Preconfigured Sensor-Nodes

- OIC-406 Temperature, humidity node
- OIC-504 Barometric smart node
- OIC-506 Barometric smart node
- OIC-604 Solar radiation node, with internal incline measurement

DNV type approved ready



Preliminary Version



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GENERAL

MeteoLink is a new concept from Observator for the interconnection of meteorological and hydrological sensors. As professionals within this field, you are aware that each sensor requires its own specific installation location to achieve its optimal performance.

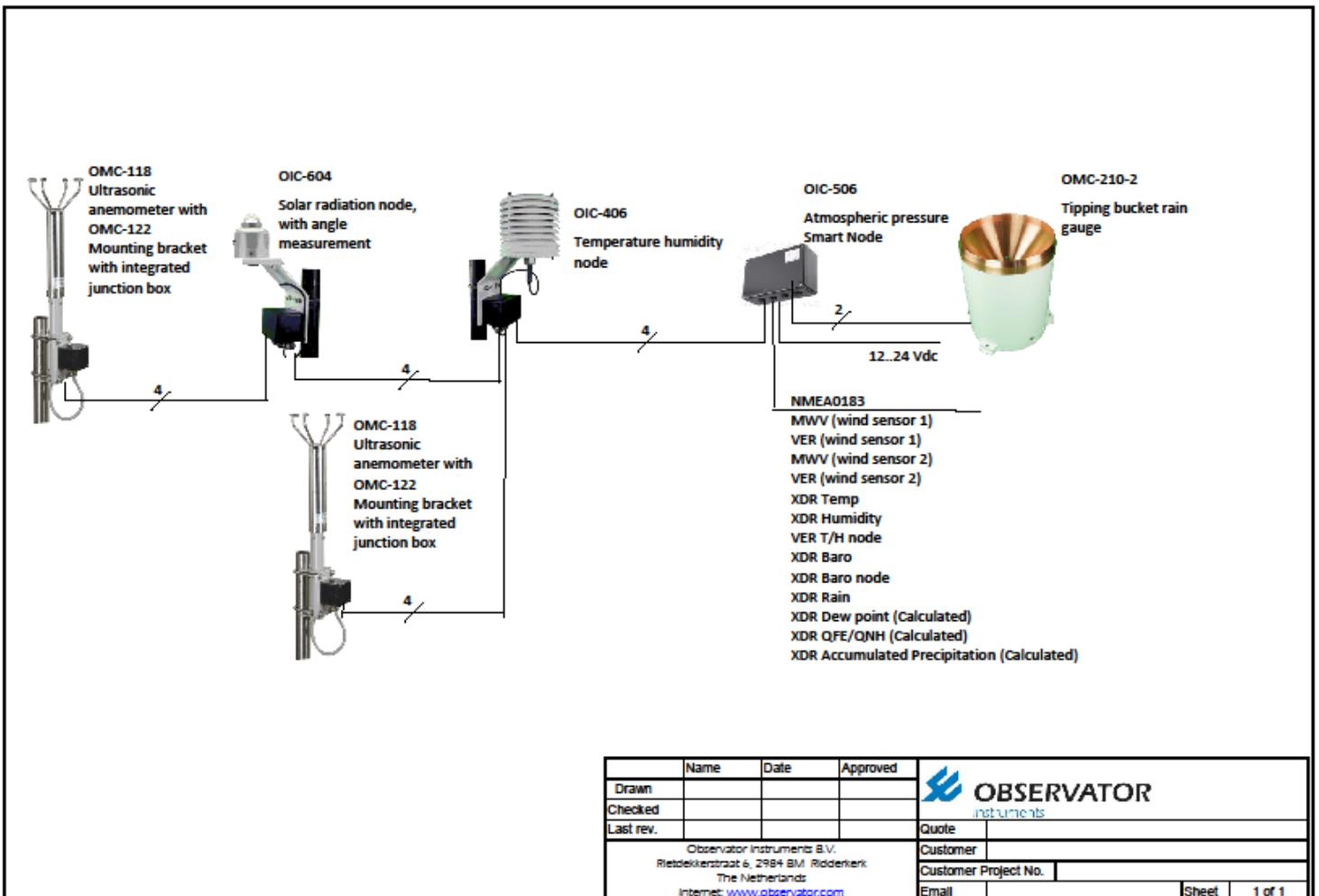
Recommendations on sensor locations are also given and recommended by organizations such as the WMO and the CAA.

MeteoLink provides the opportunity to be compliant with these installation recommendations and also offers the flexibility to use a chain of sensors also allows all measurement devices and sensors, within the chain, to be individually field replaceable, resulting in a lower cost of ownership.

A complete MeteoLink system may, for example, consists of 3 basic nodes and 1 smart node resulting in a chain of sensors for gathering up to 24 measurement parameters. Depending on the application and installation it may be decided to achieve this with one or more linked chains.

Although the heart of MeteoLink is based on two PCB's, which can be to use separately as signal condition units, Observator offers several preconfigured sensor nodes. These might easily be chained together in order to produce a customized installation with one central power supply and one combined output.

Besides measurement and calculated outputs sensor node specific data is also collected, such as hardware and software versions as well as runtime and sensor specific status data.



Example of a small MeteoLink configuration

Preconfigured Sensor Nodes

PRECONFIGURED SENSOR-NODES



OIC-406 Temperature Humidity node

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The OIC-406 is MeteoLink's Temperature & Humidity node and is provided with a field replaceable heated probe. Commonly this node, which includes a basic node-pcb, is placed second in the chain and is also able to read in two additional NMEA based sensors. The power supply to these additional sensors (except for heating) is supplied from this node.

- Temperature range: $-40^{\circ}..+100^{\circ}\text{C}$
- Accuracy: $\pm 0.1^{\circ}\text{C}$
- Humidity: $0..100\%\text{RH}$
- Accuracy: $\pm 0.5 \%\text{RH}$
- Long term drift: $<1\%\text{RH}/\text{annum}$



OIC-604 Global Solar Radiation Node

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The OIC-604 is MeteoLink's Global solar radiation node and is provided with a field replaceable pyranometer. The node is further provided with a clinometer. The node should be mounted on a movable platform such as a vessel, measurements taken at an angle of $>5^{\circ}$ will not be transmitted and the last value within $0..5^{\circ}$ will be represented in the XDR output. The node is provided with an additional single NMEA input and therefore able to be used in a MeteoLink chain.

- Range: $0..1600 \text{ W}/\text{m}^2$
- Second class: ISO9060

Preconfigured Sensor Nodes

OIC-506 Barometric pressure (smart) node

The final component in a MeteoLink chain is a Smart Node. This node may be programmed using the RJ45 connector via the internal browser. In this node non-predefined sensors signals, such as digital or analogue signals are converted, labeled and scaled. Furthermore, some parameter specific calculations may be added to the output string. The custom string converter within the smart node offers to possibility to connect any sensor with a serial output and a selection may be made as to which part of the sensor output should be present in the combined NMEA output string.

Since barometric pressure sensor(s) are usually placed close to the processing unit (conforming to CAP437) this Smart node can be supplied with one or two barometric pressure sensors within the unit.

- The OIC-506 is MeteoLink's standard smart node with a single atmospheric pressure sensor
- The OIC-506-2 is MeteoLink's standard smart node with a dual atmospheric pressure sensor
- The OIC-506-E and OMC-506-2-E are the same but with a LAN connection to allow custom signal optimization.

- Range: 800..1100 hPa
- Resolution: 0.01 hPa
- Accuracy: 0.3 hPa (@20°C)
- Temperature range: -40..+80°C
- Long term stability: 0.1 hPa/annum



OIC-504 Barometric pressure (smart) node

Same as above but with a other specification:

- Range: 800..1100 hPa
- Resolution: 0.01 hPa
- Accuracy: 0.03 hPa (@20°C)
- Temperature compensated of the full range of -40..+85°C
- Long term stability: 0.03 hPa/annum

More Preconfigured sensor-nodes will follow in due course. On request from other meteorological sensor suppliers Observer are able to include their sensors to this product line.



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